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PREFACE TO S—SH.

THIS half-volume, containing the words from the beginning of S to the end of Sh, includes 9,431 Main words, 3,470 Combinations explained under these, and 4,192 Subordinate entries; in all 17,093. The obvious combinations, illustrated by quotations but not requiring explanation, number 3,551 more, making a total of 20,644. Of the Main words, 1,671 are marked † as obsolete, and 477 are marked ‖ as alien or not fully naturalized.*

The half-volume may be divided naturally into two portions, which differ markedly with regard to the etymological character of the words included. The words from *S* to *Sgraffito* form a fairly typical specimen of the composition of the English vocabulary; all its linguistic sources are copiously represented, and probably in something like their average proportions. The words of classical and French origin, taken together, outnumber all the rest, and (notwithstanding the greater average length of the articles on native words) occupy at least as much space. When we turn to the words with initial SH (which is practically a distinct letter from S) we find that classical and French derivatives are all but entirely wanting (the few instances being due to exceptional circumstances), and adoptions from Scandinavian are also absent. Although there are a considerable number of words adopted from various other languages, or of obscure origin, the *Sh* division of the vocabulary is essentially of Old English etymology. It would not be possible to find elsewhere in the Dictionary an equal number of consecutive pages in which the proportion of native words is at all nearly so high.

The article on the verb *set* is, it will be observed, by far the longest in the Dictionary. This is due in part to the multitude of senses and idiomatic uses of the simple verb, and in part to the abundance of its fixed combinations with adverbs (as *set in*, *set out*, *set up*), which in languages of more synthetic structure are represented by compound verbs. There are twenty-two of these combinations, each of them virtually a separate word, which has undergone an extensive sense-development of its own; *set up* (to quote the extreme case) has forty-four distinct senses, several of which have subdivisions. The other articles are not of extraordinary length, but many of them (e.g. *shape* sb. and vb., *sheet* sb.[1] and sb.[2], *shoot* vb., *show* sb. and vb.) exhibit very noteworthy changes and ramifications of the meaning of words. The quotations for words like *science*, *scientific*, and the many derivatives of the Latin *sentire* (from *sensate* to *sentimentally*) contain much illustration of the history of English and European thought. The article on the verb *shall* has cost a great deal of labour, as the collected material was very inadequate, and had to be largely supplemented by special research. Imperfect as the article must necessarily be, it is hoped that it will be of service not only in throwing light on the process by which the modern use of the auxiliary has been developed, but also as a guide to the precise interpretation of many passages in earlier writers.

The whole of the S material collected up to that time was sub-edited in 1881–2 by the late Mr. P. W. Jacob. The portion down to *Sancy* was re-subedited, and the new material incorporated, by Mr. J. Brown, M.A., Kendal, in 1902–5, and that from *Sand* to *Shy* was similarly re-subedited by the late Mr. J. Bartlett, B.A., in 1902–6.

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* The following figures show the comparative scale of this work and some other Dictionaries:—

	Johnson.	Cassell's 'Encyclopædic' and Suppl.	'Century' Dict. and Suppl.	Funk's 'Standard' (ed. 1895).	Here.
S–Sh. Words recorded	1589	9034	10,500	10,429	20,644
Words illustrated by quotations	1228	2708	3260	814	15,760
Number of quotations	4910	4111	8935	1180	94,497

In the corresponding portion of Richardson the number of quotations is 3932.

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ADDITIONS AND EMENDATIONS.

Sabbatical *a.* 2. Earlier example:—1599 PONT *Right Reckoning of Years* 2 These Sahbaticall yeares.

Sabbatine *a.* Earlier example:—1674 BREVINT *Saul & Sam.* xiii. 281 Sabbatine bull.

Sagamite. Earlier example:—1698 *Hennepin's Contn. New Discov. Amer.* xxviii. 106 Sagamite, or Pap made of Indian Corn.

Salient *a.* 3. The source of this use is Aristotle, *Hist. Anim.* VI. iii, Τοῦτο δὲ τὸ σημεῖον πηδᾷ καὶ κινεῖται ὥσπερ ἔμψυχον, 'this point [representing the heart in the egg] leaps and moves as alive.'

Saliva. Earlier instance (in anglicized form):—*c* 1400 *Pety Job* 40 in 26 *Pol. Poems* 122 Thow woldest suffer neuer more Me to swolowe my salyue?

Salsitude. Earlier occurrence:—1623 COCKERAM I, *Salcitude*, brine liquor that is salt. *Ibid.* II, *Brine*, salsitude.

Saltation. Earlier occurrence:—1623 COCKERAM I, *Saltation*, dancing.

Samcloth. Earlier occurrence:—*a* 1450 *Glossary* (*MS. Harl.* 1002), *Hoc perzoma*, a samcloth.

Sanable *a.* Earlier occurrence:—1623 COCKERAM I, *Sanable*, which may be healed.

Sanguine *a.* 5. Earlier instance of *sanguine stone*:—1486 *Bk. St. Albans, Her.* a iii, The .v. stone is calde a Loys, a sanquine stone or sinamer hit is calde in armys. Also ellipt. as sb.:—*Ibid.*, Aloys is calde sinamer or sanquine in armys.

Sarrasin. Earlier example:—1621 LODGE *Summary Du Bartas* I. 135 That graine, which we call Sarazin Wheate, or Turky Wheate.

Saucer 4. Earlier example:—13.. *Seuyn Sag.* (W.) 2784 With eghen that war ful bright and clere, And brade, ilkone, als a sawsere.

Sauciate *v.* Earlier example:—1644 HAMMOND *Of Conscience* 27 Any such act of willfull sinne . . is a naturall meanes . . of sauciating and wounding the soule.

Scævity. Earlier occurrence:—1623 COCKERAM, *Scæuitie*, vnluckinesse.

Scale *sb.*[2] 3. Earlier example:—*c* 1450 *ME. Med. Bk.* (Heinrich) 208 Þe scales of notes ant ryndes.

Scarlet *sb.* 4 a. For quot. *a* 1683 substitute the following:—*c* 1610 BEAUM. & FL. *Philaster* v. i. (1622) 70 Doe the Lords bow, and the regarded scarlets, Kisse their gumd gols, and cry we are your seruants?

Scarlet *a.* 4. Earlier example of *scarlet whore*:—1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* I. viii. 29 Forthwith he gane in charge vnto his Squire That scarlot whore to keepen carefully.

Scart *sb.*[1] In list of Forms dele '9 scrath (?error)' and read 'See also SCRATH'.

Schiller. The Ger. word has been used by English entomologists in the literal sense: 1835 J. DUNCAN *Beetles* 87 The elegant tribe of *Cetonidæ* . . are generally of a fine green, often accompanied with a delicate schiller or play of colour.

Scholiastic. Pronunciation: For 'skŏu·liæstik' read 'skōuliæ·stik'.

School *sb.*[1] 19. Additional example of *school-butter*:—1618 FLETCHER *Loyal Subj.* v. iv, *Anc.* He was whipt like a top, I never saw a whore so lac'd: Court schoole-butter? Is this their diet?

Screaling. Earlier example:—1594 BLUNDEVIL *Exercises* IV. (1597) 270, *Descr. of P. Plancius his Map*, This Countrey is inhabited of Dwarfes called in Latine *Pigmei*, being in height 4 foote as those be of Groynland, which are called Screlings [*printed* Serelings, *edd.* 1622, 1637 Sereelings].

Scuddle *v.*[2] Earlier example:—1577 GRANGE *Golden Aphrod.* G iv, The Goddesses..skuddelyng and sekyng to defende themselues.

Sea-swallow 3. Delete quot. 1902 (where the word denotes a kind of swallow or swift).

Seed *sb.* 5 a. Earlier example:—1620 *Observ. Making Fit Rooms Silkworms* 5 The Silk-wormes comming of ten ounces of seed..must [etc.].

Seeker 1 b. The date and authorship of the first quotation seem to be highly questionable. The passage quoted from Pagitt 1645 appears to contain the earliest known example of the use of the word as the designation of a sect, though the opinion there described was held by the three brothers Legate (*c* 1600), whose followers were called Legatine-Arians. (See C. Burrage, *The Early English Dissenters*, 1912, I. 214–6, 259–61, and App. A.)

Sentimentalize *v.* 1. Earlier example:—1764 *Let. to W. C.* 5 Aug., Orig. Lett. (1788) 14. In the mean time we will philosophize and sentimentalize; the last word is a bright invention of the moment in which it was written, for yours or Dr. Johnson's service.

Sepal. The etymology should be as follows:—[ad. F. *sépale*, mod.L. *sepalum* (N. J. de Necker, *Phytologie philosophique*, 1790, p. 55, and *Corollarium ad Philosophiam botanicam Linnæi*, 1790, p. 18). Necker derives the word from Gr. σκέπη covering; as he refused to acknowledge the distinction between the calyx and the corolla (using the term *perigynanda* to comprise both), *sépale* (*sepalum*) in his use denotes the petals as well as what are now called 'sepals'.]

Servetist. Earlier example:—1621 LODGE *Summary Du Bartas* I. 9 The ancient and moderne Diuines, who haue disputed against the Arians, and Seruetists.

Shiner 1 b. The word in the quotation is perhaps a misprint for *shiver* (pulley).

-ship. At end of first paragraph delete 'and perhaps . . . region'. The alleged OE. *landsceap* is due to a misreading: see Napier *Contrib. OE. Lexicogr.* (1906) 41.

Shirley. For '*Obs.* or *spurious*' read '*Obs.*' The bird, a South American tanager, was named by G. Edwards (*Glean. Nat. Hist.*, 1764, III. 276) from *Shirley*, the family name of Earl Ferrers, to whom the specimen described belonged.

Shittle *a.* The form *shuttle* survives *dial.*; see SHUTTLE *a.*, where additional quotations are given.

Shoe *sb.* 6 c. The following examples of *shoe-thong* should have been given:—*c* 1000 *Ags. Gosp.* John I. 27 Ne eom ic wyrðe þæt ic unbinde his sceo-þwang. *c* 1200 ORMIN 10387 Þatt he ne wass nohht god inoh Cristess shoþwang tunnhindenn. *c* 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 137 Ac ich nam noht ne forðen wurðe þat ich un-cnutte his sho þuong.

KEY TO THE PRONUNCIATION.

I. CONSONANTS.

b, d, f, k, l, m, n, p, t, v, z *have their usual values.*

g as in *g*o (gō[u]).
h ... *h*o! (hō[u]).
r ... *r*un (rʊn), ter*r*ier (te·riəɹ).
ɹ ... her (həɹ), far*th*er (fā·ɹðəɹ).
s ... *s*ee (sī), ce*ss* (ses).
w ... *w*en (wen).
hw ... *wh*en (hwen).
y ... *y*es (yes).

þ as in *th*in (þin), ba*th* (baþ).
ð ... *th*en (ðen), ba*th*e (bē[ɪ]ð).
ʃ ... *sh*op (ʃɒp), di*sh* (diʃ).
tʃ ... *ch*op (tʃɒp), di*tch* (ditʃ).
ʒ ... vi*s*ion (vi·ʒən), dé*j*euner (dezʒöne).
dʒ ... *j*udge (dʒʊdʒ).
ŋ ... si*ng*ing (si·ŋiŋ), thi*nk* (þiŋk).
ŋg ... fi*ng*er (fiŋgəɹ).

(FOREIGN.)
ą as in *French nasal*, *en*viron (ąṅvi·roṅ).
lʸ ... It. sera*gl*io (serā·lʸo).
nʸ ... It. sig*n*ore (sinʸō·re).
χ ... Ger. a*ch* (aχ), Sc. lo*ch* (loχ, loχʷ).
χʸ ... Ger. i*ch* (iχʸ), Sc. ni*ch*t (nèχʸt).
γ ... Ger. sa*g*en (zā·γĕn).
γʸ ... Ger. le*g*en, re*g*nen (lē·γʸĕn, rē·γʸaĕn).

II. VOWELS.

ORDINARY.

a as in Fr. *à la* mode (a la mod[e]).
ai ... ·aye = *yes* (ai), Isa*i*ah (əizai·ă).
æ ... m*a*n (mæn).
ɑ ... p*a*ss (pɑs), ch*a*nt (tʃɑnt).
ɑu ... l*ou*d (lɑud), n*ow* (nɑu).
ʌ ... c*u*t (kʌt), s*o*n (sʌn).
e ... y*e*t (yet), t*e*n (ten).
e ... sarv*ey sb.* (sē·ɹve), Fr. attach*é* (ataʃe).
‖ę ... Fr. ch*e*f (ʃęf).
ə ... ev*e*r (evəɹ), nat*i*on (nā·ʃən).
əɪ ... *I*, *eye*, (əi), b*i*nd (bəind).
‖ə ... Fr. ea*u* de vi*e* (ə də vī).
i ... s*i*t (sit), m*y*stic (mistik).
i ... Psyche (səi·kí), react (ri¡æ·kt).
o ... ach*o*r (ē[ɪ]·koɹ), m*o*rality (moræ·lĭti).
oi ... *oi*l (oil), b*oy* (boi).
o ... her*o* (hī·ro), z*o*ology (zo¡ɒlŏdʒi).
ǫ ... w*ha*t (hwǫt), w*a*tch (wǫtʃ).
ǫ, ǫ[•] .. g*o*t (gǫt), s*o*ft (sǫft).
‖ö ... Ger. K*ö*ln (köln).
‖*o* ... Fr. p*eu* (pō).
u ... f*u*ll (ful), b*oo*k (buk).
iu ... d*u*ration (diuɹ·ʃən).
u ... unt*o* (ʊ·ntu), fr*u*gality (fru-).
iu ... Matth*ew* (mæ·þiu), virt*ue* (vɔ·ɹtiu).
‖ü ... Ger. M*ü*ller (mü·lĕr).
‖ũ ... Fr. d*u*ne (dũn).
ₒ (see iₒ, eₒ, oₒ, uₒ) } see Vol. I, p. xxiv, note 3.
ᵢ, ᵘ (see ēᵢ, oᵘ) }
' as in able (ē·b'l), eaten (ēt'n) = voice-glide.

LONG.

ā as in *a*lms (āmz), b*a*r (bāɹ).

ō ... c*u*rl (kōɹl), f*u*r (fōɹ).
ē (ēₒ)... th*e*re (ðēₒɹ), p*ea*r, p*a*re (pēₒɹ).
ē (ē[ɪ])... r*ei*n, r*ai*n (rē[ɪ]n), th*ey* (ðē[ɪ]).
ę̄ ... Fr. f*ai*re (fę̄ɹ).
ɔ̄ ... f*ir* (fɔ̄ɹ), f*er*n (fɔ̄ɹn), *ea*rth (ɔ̄ɹþ).

ī (īₒ)... b*ie*r (bīₒɹ), cl*ea*r (klīₒɹ).
ī ... th*ie*f (þīf), *ee* (sī).
ō (ōₒ)... b*oa*r, b*o*re (bōₒɹ), gl*o*ry (glōₒ·ri).
ō (ōᵘ)... *so*, *sow* (sōᵘ), *soul* (sōᵘl).
ǭ ... w*a*lk (wǭk), w*a*rt (wǭɹt).
ǭ ... sh*o*rt (ʃǭɹt), th*o*rn (þǭɹn).
‖ȭ ... Fr. *coeur* (kȭr).
‖ȭ ... Ger. G*ö*the (gȭtĕ), Fr. *jeû*ne (zȭn).
ū (ūₒ) .. p*oo*r (pūₒɹ), m*oo*rish (mūₒ·riʃ).
iū, ⁱū ... p*u*re (piūₒɹ), l*u*re (lⁱūₒɹ).
ū ... t*wo* m*oo*ns (tū mūnz).
iū, ⁱū ... f*ew* (fiū), l*u*te (lⁱūt).

‖ũ̄ ... Ger. gr*ü*n (grũ̄n), Fr. j*us* (ʒũ̄).

OBSCURE.

ă as in *a*mœb*a* (ămī·bă).

ĕ ... *a*ccept (ĕkse·pt), mani*a*c (mē[ɪ]·niĕk).

ŏ ... datum (dē[ɪ]·tŏm).
ĕ ... m*o*ment (mōᵘ·mĕnt), sev*e*ral (se·vĕrăl).
ĕ ... separate (*adj.*) (se·părĕt).

ė ... add*e*d (æ·ḋėd), *e*state (ėstē[ɪ]·t).

ĭ ... van*i*ty (væ·nĭtl).
ĭ ... r*e*main (rĭmē[ɪ]·n), b*e*lieve (bĭlī·v).
ŏ ... th*eo*ry (þī·ŏri).

ŏ ... v*io*let (vəi·ŏlĕt), par*o*dy (pæ·rŏdi).
ǫ̆ ... *au*thority (ǫ̆þo·rĭti).
ę̆ ... c*o*nnect (kę̆ne·kt), am*a*zon (æ·mázę̆n).

iŭ, ⁱŭ verd*u*re (vɔ·ɹdiŭɹ), measu*re* (me·ʒⁱŭɹ).
ŭ ... alt*o*gether (ǫltŭge·ðəɹ).
iŭ ... circ*u*lar (sɔ·ɹkiŭlăɹ).

• ǫ the *o* in *soft*, of medial or doubtful length.

‖ Only in foreign (or earlier English) words.

In the ETYMOLOGY,

OE. *e*, *o*, representing an earlier *a*, are distinguished as ę, ǫ (having the phonetic value of ę and ǫ, or ǫ, above); as in *ęnde* from *andi* (OHG. *anti*, Goth. *andei-s*), *męnn* from *mann*, *ǫn* from *an*.

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS, SIGNS, &c.

a. [in Etymol.] ... = adoption of, adopted from.
a (as *a* 1300) ..... = *ante*, before.
a., *adj.*, adj..... = adjective.
absol., absol. ..... = absolutely.
abst. ..... = abstract.
acc. ..... = accusative.
ad. [in Etymol.]... = adaptation of.
adv., adv. ..... = adverb.
advb. ..... = adverbial, -ly.
AF., AFr. ..... = Anglo-French.
Anat. ..... = in Anatomy.
Antiq. ..... = in Antiquities.
aphet. ..... = aphetic, aphetized.
app. ..... = apparently.
Arab. ..... = Arabic.
Arch. ..... = in Architecture.
arch. ..... = archaic.
Archæol. ..... = in Archæology.
assoc. ..... = association.
Astr. ..... = in Astronomy.
Astrol. ..... = in Astrology.
attrib. ..... = attributive, -ly.
bef. ..... = before.
Biol. ..... = in Biology.
Boh. ..... = Bohemian.
Bot. ..... = in Botany.
Build. ..... = in Building.
c (as *c* 1300) ..... = *circa*, about.
c. (as 13th c.)..... = century.
Cat. ..... = Catalan.
catachr. ..... = catachrestically.
Cf., cf. ..... = *confer*, compare.
Chem. ..... = in Chemistry.
cl. L. ..... = classical Latin.
cogn. w. ..... = cognate with.
collect. ..... = collective, -ly.
colloq. ..... = colloquially.
comb. ..... = combined, -ing.
Comb. ..... = Combinations.
Comm. ..... = in commercial usage.
comp. ..... = compound, composition.
compl. ..... = complement.
Conch. ..... = in Conchology
concr. ..... = concretely.
conj. ..... = conjunction.
cons. ..... = consonant.
Const., *Const.* ... = Construction, construed with.
Cryst. ..... = in Crystallography.
(D.) ..... = in Davies (Supp. Eng. Glossary).
Da. ..... = Danish.
dat. ..... = dative.
def. ..... = definite.
deriv. ..... = derivative, -ation.
dial., *dial.* ..... = dialect, -al.
Dict. ..... = Dictionary.
dim. ..... = diminutive.
Du. ..... = Dutch.
Eccl. ..... = in ecclesiastical usage.
ellipt. ..... = elliptical, -ly.
e. midl. ..... = east midland (dialect).
Eng. ..... = English.
Ent. ..... = in Entomology.
erron. ..... = erroneous, -ly.
esp., esp. ..... = especially.
etym. ..... = etymology.
euphem. ..... = euphemistically.
exc. ..... = except.
f. [in Etymol.] ... = formed on.
f. (in subordinate entries) ..... = form of.
fem. (*rarely* f.) ... = feminine.
fig. ..... = figurative, -ly.
F., Fr. ..... = French.
freq. ..... = frequently.
Fris. ..... = Frisian.
G., Ger. ..... = German.
Gael. ..... = Gaelic.
gen. ..... = genitive.
gen. ..... = general, -ly.
gen. sign. ..... = general signification.
Geol. ..... = in Geology.
Geom. ..... = in Geometry.
Goth. ..... = Gothic (= Mœso-Gothic).
Gr. ..... = Greek.
Gram. ..... = in Grammar.
Heb. ..... = Hebrew.
Her. ..... = in Heraldry.
Herb. ..... = with herbalists.
Hort. ..... = in Horticulture.
imp. ..... = Imperative.
impers. ..... = impersonal.
impf. ..... = imperfect.
ind. ..... = Indicative.
indef. ..... = indefinite.
inf. ..... = Infinitive.
infl. ..... = influenced.
int. ..... = interjection.
intr. ..... = intransitive.
It. ..... = Italian.
J., (J.) ..... = Johnson (quotation from).
(Jam.)..... = in Jamieson, Scottish Dict.
(Jod.)..... = Jodrell (quoted from).
L. ..... = Latin.
(L.)(in quotations) = Latham's edn. of Todd's lang. ..... = language. [Johnson.
LG. ..... = Low German.
lit. ..... = literal, -ly.
Lith. ..... = Lithuanian.
LXX. ..... = Septuagint.
Mal. ..... = Malay.
masc. (*rarely* m.) = masculine.
Math. ..... = in Mathematics.
ME. ..... = Middle English.
Med. ..... = in Medicine.
med.L. ..... = mediæval Latin.
Mech. ..... = in Mechanics.
Metaph. ..... = in Metaphysics.
MHG. ..... = Middle High German.
midl. ..... = midland (dialect).
Mil. ..... = in military usage.
Min. ..... = in Mineralogy.
mod. ..... = modern.
Mus. ..... = in Music.
(N.) ..... = Nares (quoted from).
n. of action..... = noun of action.
n. of agent ..... = noun of agent.
Nat. Hist. ..... = in Natural History.
Naut. ..... = in nautical language.
neut. (*rarely* n.) = neuter.
NF., NFr. ..... = Northern French.
N. O. ..... = Natural Order.
nom. ..... = nominative.
north. ..... = northern (dialect).
N. T. ..... = New Testament.
Numism. ..... = in Numismatics.
obj. ..... = object.
Obs., *obs.*, obs. ... = obsolete.
occas. ..... = occasional, -ly.
OE. ..... = Old English (= Anglo-Saxon).
OF., OFr. ..... = Old French.
OFris. ..... = Old Frisian.
OHG. ..... = Old High German.
OIr. ..... = Old Irish.
ON. ..... = Old Norse (Old Icelandic).
ONF. ..... = Old Northern French.
Opt. ..... = in Optics.
Ornith. ..... = in Ornithology.
OS. ..... = Old Saxon.
OSl. ..... = Old Slavonic.
O. T. ..... = Old Testament.
OTeut. ..... = Original Teutonic.
orig. ..... = original, -ly.
Palæont. ..... = in Palæontology.
pa. pple. ..... = passive or past participle.
pass. ..... = passive, -ly.
pa. t. ..... = past tense.
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perh. ..... = perhaps.
Pers. ..... = Persian.
pers. ..... = person, -al.
pf. ..... = perfect.
Pg. ..... = Portuguese.
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phonet. ..... = phonetic, -ally.
phr. ..... = phrase.
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prob. ..... = probably.
pron. ..... = pronoun.
pronunc. ..... = pronunciation.
prop. ..... = properly.
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pr. pple. ..... = present participle.
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refash. ..... = refashioned, -ing.
refl., refl. ..... = reflexive.
reg. ..... = regular.
repr. ..... = representative, representing.
Rhet. ..... = in Rhetoric.
Rom. ..... = Romanic, Romance.
sb., *sb.* ..... = substantive.
Sc. ..... = Scotch.
sc. ..... = *scilicet*, understand or supply.
sing. ..... = singular.
Skr. ..... = Sanskrit.
Slav. ..... = Slavonic.
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subord. cl. ..... = subordinate clause.
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suff. ..... = suffix.
superl. ..... = superlative.
Surg. ..... = in Surgery.
Sw. ..... = Swedish.
s.w. ..... = south western (dialect).
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Typog. ..... = in Typography.
ult. ..... = ultimate, -ly.
unkn. ..... = unknown.
U.S. ..... = United States.
v., vb. ..... = verb.
v. str., or *w.* ..... = verb strong, or weak.
vbl. sb. ..... = verbal substantive.
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S—SEA-EEL.

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NOTE.

THIS part includes 4387 Main words, 1794 Special Combinations explained under these, and 2139 Subordinate entries; in all 8320. The *obvious combinations* recorded and illustrated number 1227, making a total of 9547. Of the Main words 966 (22 %) are marked † as obsolete, and 302 (7 %) are marked ‖ as alien or not fully naturalized.

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	Johnson.	Cassell's 'Encyclopædic'.*	'Century' Dict.	Funk's 'Standard'.	Here.
Words recorded, *S* to *Sea-eel*	753	4714	5409	5508	9184
Words illustrated by quotations	552	1213	1383	370	7048
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* Including the Supplement of 1902.

The number of quotations in the corresponding portion of Richardson is 1707.

Of the words here treated those of Old English origin, leaving out of account derivatives and compounds, form only a small minority. The Scandinavian derivatives also are not very numerous; among them are *same*, *scale* sb.[1], *scant*, *scar*, *scare*, *scathe*, *score*, *scout* sb.[1], *scrap* sb.[1], and perhaps *scour* vb.[1] and *scrape*. By far the largest number of the words come from French, and there are many words either taken directly from Latin and Greek or through the medium of learned adoptions in French. Modern Dutch, German, and Italian are more abundantly represented than usual, chiefly by words with initial *sch-*. The few Celtic words inserted are merely 'aliens' and (except perhaps *Sassenach*) of very rare occurrence. There are several words from Hebrew (including *Sabaism*, *sabbath* and its derivatives, *Satan*), and a considerable number from various Asiatic, African, and American languages.

An exceptional feature of this Part is the absence of long articles. *Sea* occupies 21 columns, but only four of these are concerned with the senses of the simple word, the rest being taken up with the combinations, which are so numerous that only a selection could be given. The next longest article, on *say* vb., fills 11 columns, an unusually small space for an important native verb. Although, however, none of the words included in this Part have developed such a variety of meanings as to require exceptionally large space, there are many of which the sense-history presents features of remarkable interest; see, e.g., *sabbath*, *sable*, *sad*, *safe*, *salt*, *sanction*, *satisfactory*, *scaffold*, *scale* sb.[1], sb.[3], sb.[5], *scalp*, *scandal*, *scantling*, *scavenger*, *scene*, *scheme*, *science*, *scope*, *score*, *scour* vb.[1], *screen*. The quotations for *same* give evidence of some curious changes in the use and construction of the word. The varying relation in use between the three synonymous and etymologically identical adjs. *Scotch*, *Scots*, and *Scottish* is illustrated by an abundance of examples.

Of the etymological notes perhaps the most important is that on the word *scientific*, the true history of which has not before been given in any English dictionary. Other words of which the correct derivation now appears for the first time are *Sabian*, *salse*, *salvatella*, *saphena*, *sash* sb.[1], *sashoon*, *sale*, *savannah*; new etymological facts or suggestions will also be found under *sabras*, *sack* sb.[3], *sackbut*, *sad*, *safflower*, *saffron*, *sap* sbs. and vbs., *sarsaparilla*, *satrap*, *scold*, *scone*, *scoop*, *scorn*, *scour* vb.[1] and vb.[3], *screen*, *screw*.

ADDITIONS AND EMENDATIONS.

Sabbatical *a.* 2. Earlier example:—1599 PONT *Right Reckoning of Years* 2 These Sabbaticall yeares.

Sabbatine *a.* Earlier example:—1674 BREVINT *Saul & Sam.* xiii. 281 Sabbatine bull.

Sagamite. Earlier example:—1698 HENNEPIN *Contn. New Discov. Amer.* xxviii. 106 Sagamite, or Pap made of Indian Corn.

Salient *a.* 3. The source of this use is Aristotle, *Hist. Anim.* VI. iii, Τοῦτο δὲ τὸ σημεῖον πηδᾷ καὶ κινεῖται ὥσπερ ἔμψυχον, 'this point [representing the heart in the egg] leaps and moves as alive.'

Saliva. Earlier instance (in anglicized form):—*c* 1400 *Pety Job* 40 in 26 *Pol. Poems* 122 Thow woldest suffer neuer more Me to swolowe my salyue?

Salsitude. Earlier occurrence:—1623 COCKERAM 1, *Salcitude*, brine liquor that is salt. *Ibid.* II, *Brine*, salsitude.

Saltation. Earlier occurrence:—1623 COCKERAM 1, *Saltation*, dancing.

Samcloth. Earlier occurrence:—*a* 1450 *Glossary* (*MS. Harl.* 1002), *Hoc perzoma*, a samcloth.

Sanable *a.* Earlier occurrence:—1623 COCKERAM 1, *Sanable*, which may be healed.

Sanguine *a.* 5. Earlier instance of *sanguine stone*:—1486 *Bk. St. Albans*, *Her.* a iii, The .v. stone is calde a Loys, a sanquine stone or sinamer hit is calde in armys. Also ellipt. as sb.:—*Ibid.*, Aloys is calde sinamer or sanquine in armys.

Saucer 4. Earlier example:—13.. *Seuyn Sag.* (W.) 2784 With eghen that war ful bright and clere, And brade, ilkone, als a sawsere.

Sauciate *v.* Earlier example:—1644 HAMMOND *Of Conscience* 27 Any such act of willfull sinne . . is a naturall meanes . . of sauciating and wounding the soule.

Scævity. Earlier occurrence:—1623 COCKERAM, *Scævitie*, vnluckinesse.

Scale *sb.*[2] 3. Earlier example:—*c* 1450 *ME. Med. Bk.* (Heinrich) 208 Þe scales of notes ant ryndes.

Scarlet *sb.* 4 a. For quot. *a* 1683 substitute the following:—*c* 1610 BEAUM. & FL. *Philaster* v. i. (1622) 70 Doe the Lords bow, and the regarded scarlets, Kisse their gumd gols, and cry we are your seruants?

Scart *sb.*[1] In list of Forms dele '9 scrath (? error)' and read 'See also SCRATH'.

Schiller. The Ger. word has been used by English entomologists in the literal sense: 1835 J. DUNCAN *Beetles* 87 The elegant tribe of *Cetonidæ* . . are generally of a fine green, often accompanied with a delicate schiller or play of colour.

Scholiastic. Pronunciation: For 'skɔ̃ʷliæstik' read 'skoʊliæ'stik'.

School *sb.*[1] 19. Additional example of *school-butter*:—1618 FLETCHER *Loyal Subj.* v. iv, *Anc.* He was whipt like a top, I never saw a whore so lac'd: Court schoole-butter? Is this their diet?

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS, SIGNS, &c.

a. [in Etymol.] ... = adoption of, adopted from.
a (as *a* 1300) ..... = *ante*, before.
a., *adj.*, adj..... = adjective.
absol., absol. ..... = absolutely.
abst. ..... = abstract.
acc..... = accusative.
ad. [in Etymol.]... = adaptation of.
adv., adv. ..... = adverb.
advb. ..... = adverbial, -ly.
AF., AFr. ..... = Anglo-French.
Anat. ..... = in Anatomy.
Antiq...... = in Antiquities.
aphet..... = aphetic, aphetized.
app..... = apparently.
Arab. ..... = Arabic.
Arch. ..... = in Architecture.
arch. ..... = archaic.
Archæol...... = in Archæology.
assoc. ..... = association.
Astr. ..... = in Astronomy.
Astrol. ..... = in Astrology.
attrib. ..... = attributive, -ly.
bef. ..... = before.
Biol. ..... = in Biology.
Boh. ..... = Bohemian.
Bot...... = in Botany.
Build...... = in Building.
c (as *c* 1300) ..... = *circa*, about.
c. (as 13th c.)..... = century.
Cat..... = Catalan.
catachr. ..... = catachrestically.
Cf., cf..... = *confer*, compare
Chem. ..... = in Chemistry.
cl. L. ..... = classical Latin.
cogn. w. ..... = cognate with.
collect...... = collective, -ly.
colloq. ..... = colloquially.
comb. ..... = combined, -ing.
Comb. ..... = Combinations.
Comm. ..... = in commercial usage.
comp. ..... = compound, composition.
compl. ..... = complement.
Conch...... = in Conchology.
concr. ..... = concretely.
conj. ..... = conjunction.
cons. ..... = consonant.
Const., *Const.* ... = Construction, construed with.
Cryst. ..... = in Crystallography.
(D.) ..... = in Davies (Supp. Eng. Glossary).
Da. ..... = Danish.
dat. ..... = dative.
def. ..... = definite.
deriv. ..... = derivative, -ation.
dial., *dial.* ..... = dialect, -al.
Dict. ..... = Dictionary.
dim. ..... = diminutive.
Du. ..... = Dutch.
Eccl. ..... = in ecclesiastical usage.
ellipt. ..... = elliptical, -ly.
e. midl. ..... = east midland (dialect).
Eng. ..... = English.
Ent. ..... = in Entomology.
erron. ..... = erroneous, -ly.
esp., esp..... = especially.
etym. ..... = etymology.
euphem. ..... = euphemistically.
exc..... = except.
f. [in Etymol.] ... = formed on.
f. (in subordinate entries) ..... = form of.
fem. (*rarely* f.) ... = feminine.
fig. ..... = figurative, -ly.
F., Fr..... = French.
freq. ..... = frequently.
Fris. ..... = Frisian.
G., Ger. ..... = German.
Gael. ..... = Gaelic.
gen. ..... = genitive.
gen. ..... = general, -ly.
gen. sign. ..... = general signification.
Geol. ..... = in Geology.
Geom...... = in Geometry.
Goth. ..... = Gothic (= Mœso-Gothic).
Gr. ..... = Greek.
Gram...... = in Grammar.
Heb. ..... = Hebrew.
Her. ..... = in Heraldry.
Herb. ..... = with herbalists.
Hort. ..... = in Horticulture.
imp. ..... = Imperative.
impers. ..... = impersonal.
impf. ..... = imperfect.
ind...... = Indicative.
indef. ..... = indefinite.
inf. ..... = Infinitive.
infl. ..... = influenced.
int. ..... = interjection.
intr. ..... = intransitive.
It. ..... = Italian.
J., (J.) ..... = Johnson (quotation from).
(Jam.)..... = in Jamieson, Scottish Dict.
(Jod.)..... = Jodrell (quoted from).
L. ..... = Latin.
(L.)(in quotations) = Latham's edn. of Todd's
lang. ..... = language. [Johnson.
LG..... = Low German.
lit. ..... = literal, -ly.
Lith. ..... = Lithuanian.
LXX. ..... = Septuagint.
Mal. ..... = Malay.
masc. (*rarely* m.) = masculine.
Math...... = in Mathematics.
ME..... = Middle English.
Med. ..... = in Medicine.
med.L. ..... = mediæval Latin.
Mech. ..... = in Mechanics.
Metaph. ..... = in Metaphysics.
MHG. ..... = Middle High German.
midl. ..... = midland (dialect).
Mil. ..... = in military usage.
Min. ..... = in Mineralogy.
mod. ..... = modern.
Mus. ..... = in Music.
(N.) ..... = Nares (quoted from).
n. of action..... = noun of action.
n. of agent ..... = noun of agent.
Nat. Hist. ..... = in Natural History.
Naut...... = in nautical language.
nent. (*rarely* n.) = neuter.
NF., NFr. ..... = Northern French.
N. O. ..... = Natural Order.
nom. ..... = nominative.
north. ..... = northern (dialect).
N. T. ..... = New Testament.
Numism. ..... = in Numismatics.
obj. ..... = object.
Obs., *obs.*, obs. ... = obsolete.
occas. ..... = occasional, -ly.
OE..... = Old English (= Anglo-Saxon).
OF., OFr. ..... = Old French.
OFris. ..... = Old Frisian.
OHG..... = Old High German.
OIr..... = Old Irish.
ON. ..... = Old Norse (Old Icelandic).
ONF. ..... = Old Northern French.
Opt...... = in Optics.
Ornith. ..... = in Ornithology.
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In OE. *s* was pronounced (s) initially and finally, and medially when it was either contiguous with a voiceless consonant or began the second element of a compound; medially between voiced sounds it was pronounced (z). The southern dialect had in ME., and possibly in late OE., the peculiarity of voicing the initial *s* (in native words) as well as the initial *f* and *þ*. This phonetic habit extended to Kent as late as 1340, as is shown by spellings like *zenne* (OE. *synn*, sin) in the *Ayenbite of Inwyt*; it is now confined to the south-western dialects.

In mod. English the general rule is that *s* is pronounced (s) at the beginning of a word or of the second element of a compound, and when doubled or in contact with a voiceless consonant. Between vowels, and when phonetically final, a single *s* is mostly (z). But there are many anomalies and uncertainties, especially in classical derivatives: cf., e.g., *absurd* (ăbsə·ɹd), *observe* (ʃbz-); with regard to some words usage is divided, as in *absolve* (ăbs-, ăbz-), and the words in *-ive*, e.g. *effusive*, *evasive*. Even *ss* is in some words sounded (z), as in *dissolve* (against *dissent*, *dissect*, etc.), *dessert*, *possess*.

The phonetic combinations (sy), (zy), when rapidly pronounced, are very similar in acoustic effect to the simple consonants (ʃ), (ʒ), the position of the tongue for these being intermediate between the positions for (s) or (z) and (y). Hence in some words where earlier Eng. had (sy) or (zy), written either as *s* (before diphthongal *u*) or as *si*, the modern language has (ʃ) or (ʒ), so that the letter has acquired these two new values. Examples are *sure*, *sugar*, *censure*, *mission* (mi·ʃən), *Asia* (ē·ʃă), *treasure* (-ʒŭɹ, -ʒɔɹ), *evasion* (-ʒən). In some varieties of vulgar speech this tendency is carried much further, as in the pronunciations (ʃū), (prʃʒū·m) for *sue*, *presume*.

S is silent in a few words adopted from Old French, as in *aisle*, *isle* (hence also pseudo-etymologically in *island*); in the Law French *mesne*, *demesne*, a silent *s* was inserted by false analogy.

1. The letter and its sound.

c 1000 Ælfric *Gram.* ii. (Z.) 6 *Semivocales* syndon seofan: *f, l, m, n, r, s, x*. *c* 1460 *Pol. Rel. & L. Poems* 2 An S. for Salisbery, without any avision. 1709 Steele *Tatler* No. 77 ₱ 1 Some [lispers] never uttered the letter H; and others had as mortal an Aversion for S. 1842 *Gentl. Mag.* May 480/2 The letter S was the device of Henry of Lancaster.

2. The shape of the letter; an object having this shape.

1426 Lydg. *De Gull. Pilgr.* 17952 Every .a. y-crokyd is, lyche a crose highe in the top. 1614 B. Jonson *Barth. Fair* II. ii, I doe water the ground in knots, as I goe like a great Garden-pot, you may follow me by the S. S.s I make. 1688 R. Holme *Armoury* III. xvi. (Roxb.) 58/1 The seuerall parts of a Viol...The S'es of the belly or round holes. 1894 *Outing* (U. S.) XXIII. 407/1 Make an S of wire, sharpened at one end. 1898 Hawkis *Old Violins* 77 One 'ſ' is a shade lower than the other, a practice so common with Strad.. that it must have been intentional. 1899 *Blackw. Mag.* 331/2 Round the great S the river made She battled her blind way.

b. *Collar of S, S's, SS.*, or *Esses*: see Collar *sb.* 3 c.

c. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *S-necked*, *-shaped* adjs.; *S-curve*, *-hook*, *-perforation*, *-piece*.

1839 *Civil Eng. & Arch. Jrnl.* II. 139/1 He is compelled to connect by a *S curve. 1844 *Ibid.* VII. 152/1 An *S hook of iron must be fitted into the eye of the valve. 1896 *Royal Nat. Hist.* V. 89 The foregoing assemblage of *S-necked or Cryptodiran tortoises. 1851 D. Wilson *Prehist. Ann.* (1863) I. II. iv. 391 Produce the appearance of an *S or Ogee perforation. 1891 Kipling *Light that Failed* viii, Uncouth brick and zinc mysteries supported by iron stanchions and clamped by *S-pieces. 1837 Kirby *Richardson's Fauna Bor.-Amer.* IV. 8 The third becoming a broken or *S-shaped band.

3. Used like the other letters of the alphabet to denote serial order; applied e.g. to the nineteenth (or more usually the eighteenth, either I or J being omitted) group or section in classification, to the eighteenth sheet of a book or quire of a MS., etc.

4. Abbreviations. a. S. = various proper names, as Samuel, Sarah, etc.; = Saint; so SS. = Saints; †= Sir (prefixed to the name of a knight or a priest); = Society (L. *societas*), as in F.R.S., Fellow of the Royal Society, F.S.A., Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries, S.P.G., Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, etc.; *Mus.* = Solo; *Chem.* = Sulphur; *Anat.* and *Zool.* = sacral (vertebra); *Her.* (also *l.c.*) = Sable; = snow (in ship's log-book). S. B. = smooth bore (gun). S. M. = Silver Medallist (in shooting competition). S.S. = Steam ship.

a 1400 *Wyclif's Bible* IV. 690 S. Lucie virgyn. 1535 Joye *Apol. Tindale* (Arb.) 4 His felowe called Hijpinus pastour of .s. nicholas parisshe in Hambourg. 1549 Latimer *6th Serm. bef. Edw. VI* (Arb.) 166, I am goynge to S. Tomas of Acres to the sermon. 1591 Harington *Orl. Fur., Apol. Poetrie* ₱ vij b, If S. Philip Sidney had counted this a fault. 1628 Sir J. Campbell in *Thanes of Cawdor* (Spalding Cl.) 271, I rest, your loueing father S. J. Campbell of Calder. 1648 Herrick *Hesper.* 172 (*title*), To his Valentine, on S. Valentines day. 1724 *Explic. Foreign Words Mus.* 66 The letter *S* is used as an Abbreviation of the Word Solo. 1828–40 Berry *Encycl. Herald.* I, *S.* This letter..signifies sable, or black. 1885 *Daily News* 12 May 5/1 The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, familiarly known as the S. P. G. 1899 *Ibid.* 21 July 11/1 Who..was to have the honour of figuring in future records, with the letters 'S. M.' attached to his name. 1903 Sir M. G. Gerard *Leaves fr. Diaries* iv. 104 In 1870 our armament was still the old 12-pr. S. B. gun and 24-pr. howitzer.

b. S. = South; also S.E., SE., South-east, etc. Also †S.S. = South Sea (Company).

1708 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 4418/3 The Wind was, this Morning ..at 10, at S. and S. S. E. 1720 De Foe *Capt. Singleton* xvi. (1840) 273 After that it blew..S. W. by S. then S. W. by W. 1768 *Ann. Reg.* 178 Transferring 50*l.* new S. S. annuities,..at the S. S. house, as if it had been his own. 1840 Marryat *Olla Podr.* III. 10 [The wind] is S. W. and by W. ½ W. 1884 H. A. Moriarty in *Encycl. Brit.* XVII. 277/1 A point of destination bore W. S. W. 10 miles; a current ran S. E. by S. 4 miles an hour.

c. s. = L. *solidus* and so used for shilling(s; † = Scilicet; = second (of time).

1387 *E. E. Wills* (1882) 1 Also y be-qnethe genet my dowter 2*l.* s. *a* 1450 Myrc *Festial* 122 iv. 300 Ther was a man on a time þat lant to anothur man iiii s of money to an certeyn day. 1540 Palsgr. *Acolastus* Prol. B iij b, Suche as opteyne vyctory (.s. in some great enterpryse). *a* 1548 Hall *Chron., Hen. VIII* 241 b, A Subsedy, of twoo .s. of landes. 1579 E. K. *Gloss. Spenser's Sheph. Cal.* July 33 Lurdanes s. Lord Danes. 1664 Pepys *Diary* 4 July, My wife..have lain out 25*s.* upon a pair of pendantes for her eares. 1702 De Foe *Shortest Way w. Dissenters* 21 To talk of 5*s.* a Month for not coming to the Sacrament, and 1*s.* per Week for not coming to Church, this is such a way of converting People as never was known. 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* xxxviii, The best coals at — *s.* per chaldron. 1884 H. A. Moriarty in *Encycl. Brit.* XVII. 274/1 The chronometer showed 9ʰ 43ᵐ 15ˢ·5 as a mean. 1884 F. J. Britten *Watch & Clockm.* 24 It [*sc.* a watch] is found to have lost 8 s.

'S, a euphemistic shortening of *God's* in certain oaths (now *Obs.* or *arch.*); written continuously with the following word, as in 'Sblood, 'Sdeath, 'Sfix, 'Slife, etc.

s', a colloquial shortening of *sal*, northern dialect form of Shall *v.* when occurring in unstressed positions. Written continuously with the preceding noun or pronoun, usually in the incorrect form **'s.**

's, representing a shortened pronunciation of various monosyllables when unstressed. (Written continuously with the preceding word.)

1. = *is*: see Be *v.* Now only *colloq.* and *poet.*

1584 Lyly *Sappho* III. ii. 75 Whats he so swaggers in the Van? O! thats a roring Englishman. 1611 Beaum. & Fl. *Philaster* I. i, But I'le suppress him, he's a factious spirit. 1699 Dampier *Voy.* (1729) II. I. 19 In some Places there's very strong Clay. 1741 Richardson *Pamela* II. 356 The Devil's in't if we are not agreed in so clear a case. 1821 Byron *Sardan.* III. I. 401 Again the love-fit's on him.

2. = *has*: see Have *v. colloq.*

a 1845 Hood *Parental Ode* 38 He's got a knife!

3. = Us *pron.* Now *dial.* exc. in *let's* = let us (*colloq.*).

1588 Shaks. *L. L. L.* v. ii. 228 If you desire to dance, let's hold more chat. 1634 Milton *Comus* 599 But com let's on. 1662 Cokaine *Trag. Ovid* v. v, Let us go home, send for a Priest of Hymens, And presently each Couple on's be married. 1741 Richardson *Pamela* II. 300 But come, I must love him! Let's find him out. 1893 Crockett *Stickit Minister* 100 What'll ye gie's?

4. = His *poss. pron.*, q.v. *Obs.* exc. *dial.*

5. = As. *Sc.* and *north. dial.*

1718 Ramsay *Christ's Kirk* III. 49 I've done my best..As well's I may. 1786 Burns *To a Haggis* i, A grace As lang's my arm. 1861 Quinn *Heather Lintie* (1863) 85 Let us crack the news As soon's we greet.

-s, *suffix*, forming adverbs, was originally *-es*, identical with the suffix of the genitive singular of many neuter and masculine sbs. and adjs. Several of the adverbs in *-es* that existed in OE. are genitives either of sbs. (neut. or masc.) as *dæges* by day, *nédes* Needs, *þances* voluntarily, or of neuter adjs., as *sóðes* truly; on the analogy of these, *-es* was added, with adv.-forming function, to feminine nouns, as in *nihtes* by night, *endebyrdes* in order. OE. had also advs. compounded of *tó* prep. and a genitive governed by it, as *tó-gegnes* (see To-gains), *tó-middes* (see To-mids); side by side with these there existed parallel and synonymous advs. like *on-gegn* Again, *on-middan* Amid, in which the dat. or accus. was governed by a prep. Hence there arose in early ME. mixed forms such as *ayeines*, *amiddes*; and the frequent coexistence of the two forms of the same adv., one with and the other without *s*, led to the addition of *s* to many advs. as a sign of their function. In some instances the extended form prevailed, as in *eftsoons*; in others it survived only in dialects, as in *oftens*, *gaylies* (Sc.). See also the articles -ling², -li(n)gs, -ward, -wards, -way, -ways.

In *once*, *twice*, *thrice*, *hence*, *since*, etc., the suffix is written differently. In Against, Alongst, Amongst, Amidst, and the dialectal *onst* (see Once), the original *-es*, *-s* has become *-st*.

Sa, obs. f. See *v.*, Soe *sb.*; obs. or dial. f. So.

Sa', obs. var. of Save *v.* in *God sa' me* and similar phrases.

1604 Dekker *Honest Wh.* A 4, Yet so god sa mee shees mine owne sister. *Ibid.* G 3 b, Thats all so god sa me, I thirst after. 1668 Shadwell *Sullen Lovers* IV. 61 As God shall sa'me, she is a very ingenious Woman. 1819 Scott *Ivanhoe* xxxiv, Friend Isaac, will you pleasure us in this matter, and our day shall be truly kept, so God sa' me?

Sa. *Her.* Abbreviation of Sable *sb.*²

1780 Edmondson *Heraldry* I. *Arms Abbies* etc., Augustine's [St.] Monastery, Canterbury. Sa. a cross ar. 1828–40 Berry *Encycl. Herald.* II, *Abberbury*..or, a fesse embattled sa. 1871 Burke *Peerage*, etc. 195/2 Sa., a naked man, ppr.

Saa(e, Saac(ke, obs. ff. Soe, Sake.

Saad(e, obs. forms of Sad; pa. t. of Say *v.*, q.v.

Saaf(e, saaff, obs. ff. Safe and Save *prep.*

Saage, Saake, obs. f. Sage *a.*, Sack *sb.*

Saald, obs. pa. t. of Sell *v.*

Saale, Saand, obs. ff. Sale *sb.*, Sand *sb.*

Saap(pe, obs. forms of Sap *sb.*

Saar, Saara, obs. forms of Sore *adv.*, Sahara.

Saarce, -cyn, obs. forms of Searce, -cino.

Saat(e, obs. forms of pa. t. of Sit *v.*

†Sab. *Her. Obs.* Abbreviation of Sable *sb.*²

1660 M. Carter *Honor rediv.* 249 Bernards Inne Beareth party per pale indented Ermin and Sab. a Cheveron Gul. fretty.

Sab, obs. form of Sahib.

Sabadilla (sæbădi·lă). [a. Sp. *cebadilla*, dim. of *cebada* barley.] = Cevadilla. Also *attrib.*

1812 J. Smyth *Pract. of Customs* (1821) 208 Sabadilla seed, Indian Caustic Barley, very useful in Medicine. 1836 J. M. Gully *Magendie's Formul.* (ed. 2) 71 Boil the seeds of the sabadilla with alcohol. 1876 Duhring *Dis. Skin* 596 Powdered sabadilla..may be sprinkled throughout the hair with good result.

Hence **Sabadi·llia, Sabadi·lline,** *Chem.*, an alkaloid obtained from sabadilla seeds.

1836 J. M. Gully *Magendie's Formul.* (ed. 2) 70 M. Couerbe ..has severally named them [*i. e.* the principles in sabadilla] sabadilline, veratrin [etc.]. 1857 Miller *Elem. Chem.* (1892) III. 503 Three other poisonous bases, sabadillia, colchinia, and jervia, are found, along with veratria, in the *Veratrum album*. 1887 A. M. Brown *Anim. Alkaloids* 29 Anemonine, pelterine, sahadilline.

Sabæan, Sabean (sæbī·ăn), *a.* and *sb.* [f. L. *Sabæ-us*, Gr. Σαβαῖ-ος (f. *Saba*, Σάβα, Arabic سبا *Saba'* = Heb. שְׁבָא *Shᵉbā*, the ancient name of the

people of Yemen; by Gr. and Roman writers imagined to be the name of the capital city) + -AN.

In one passage (Isa. xlv. 14) the Eng. Bible, following the LXX and the Vulgate, uses *Sabeans* for the quite different tribal name סְבָאִים *Sᵉbāīm*. Another instance of this is in Ezek. xxiii. 42, but the marginal reading in 1611 is *drunkards*, which the Revised Version (1884) adopts in the text.]

A. *adj.* Of or belonging to the ancient population of Yemen in Arabia. In poetic use, often with allusion to the ancient renown of the spices brought from Yemen.

a 1586 SIDNEY *Ps.* xlv. iv, The fragrant riches of Sabean grove, Mirrh, Aloes, Cassia. 1623 MASSINGER *Bondman* iv. iii, Whole Hecatombes or Sabæan Gums. 1698 FRYER *Acc. E. India & P.* 115 Two skins of Sabæan Asses. 1700 DRYDEN *Cinyras & Myrrha* 323 Sabæan Fields afford her needful Resl. 1830 TENNYSON *Adeline* v, Dripping with Sabæan spice On thy pillow. 1883 I. TAYLOR *Alphabet* I. 345 The Himyaritic or Sabean Alphabet.

B. *sb.* One of the ancient inhabitants of Yemen.

1607 TOPSELL *Four-f. Beasts* 239 The Sabeans by reason of continual vse of Mirrhe and Frankinsens, grow to a loathing of that sanour. 1611 BIBLE *Joel* iii. 8 They shall sell them to the Sabeans, to a people farre off.

Sabæan, erroneous form of SABIAN.

Sabahdaur, variant of SUBADAR.

Sabaism (sē·bē₁iz'm). Also 8–9 **Zabaism,** 9 **Sabeism, Sabiism, Sabism, Tsabaism, Sabæism.** [f. Heb. צָבָא *çābā* host (after the presumed etymology of SABIAN) + -ISM. Cf. F. *sabéisme, sabaïsme, sabisme.*] The worship of 'the host of heaven'; star-worship. Also sometimes used for SABIANISM in its various historical applications.

1727–41 CHAMBERS *Cycl.* s. v., *Sabaism* consisted in the worship and adoration of the stars. 1794 SULLIVAN *View Nat.* II. xliv. 281 The first variation from the purer zabaism consisted in the ophilatreia, or worship of the serpent. 1839 YEOWELL *Anc. Brit. Ch.* xiii. (1847) 148 The worship of the celestial bodies, or Sabæism, as it is termed. 1841 *Penny Cycl.* XX. 295/2 The religious books of Tsabaism were written in Syriac. 1859 J. M. ARNOLD *Ishmael* 36 The more corrupt form of superstition, which in a measure co-existed with Sabeism. 1878 A. FORNANDER *Polynesian Race* I. 36 Glimpses of Cushite Zabaism.

Sabalo (sæ·bălo). *U.S.* [a. Sp. *sábalo* shad.] The tarpon, *Megalops atlanticus.*

In recent U. S. Dicts.

‖ Sabaoth (sæ·be₁ō₂uþ). Also 6 **sabbaoth.** [L. *Sabaōth* (Vulg.), a. Gr. Σαβαώθ (LXX. and New Testament), a. Heb. צְבָאוֹת *çᵉbāōth* pl. of צָבָא *çābā* army.] A Hebrew word (lit. 'armies', 'hosts'), retained untranslated in the English New Testament (as in the original Greek and in the Vulgate) and the *Te Deum*, in the designation *The Lord of Sabaoth*, for which in the original Old Testament passages the English versions have the rendering 'The Lord of Hosts'.

The Gr. and L. forms being indeclinable, and therefore not easily recognizable as genitives, a frequent early form in Eng. was *The Lord Sabaoth.*

a 1325 *Prose Psalter, Te Deum* 6 Holy! holy! holy! Lord God Sabaoth. 1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* IX. xxviii. (1495) 364 On the saterdaye in Albis..in the gospell we ben taughte to trauelle in the vyneyerde of our lorde Sabaoth. 1535 COVERDALE *Rom.* ix. 29 The Lorde of Sabbaoth [1611 Sabaoth]. — *Jas.* v. 4 The cryes of them which haue reped, are entred in to the eares of the Lorde Sabaoth [1611 the Lord of Sabaoth].

¶ Confused with *sabbath.* (See also SABBATH *β.*)

1596 SPENSER *F. Q.* VII. viii. 2 But thence-forth all shall rest eternally With Him that is the God of Sabaoth hight: O! that great Saboath God, grant me that Sabaoths sight.

Sabarcane, variant of SARBACANE.

Sabat(e, -tille, obs. ff. SABBATH; SAPODILLA.

†Sa·batine. *Obs.* In quots. **sab(b)atyne.** [a. Pr. *sabatina*, dim. of *sabata* : see SABATON and -INE.] A kind of buskin.

c 1460 in *Archæologia* XVII. 295 First ye must set on sabatynes and tye them upon the shoo. *c* 1538 *Ibid.* XLIII. 248 A payr of sabbatynes; and a payre of syndalls.

Sabatine, obs. variant of SABBATINE.

†Sabaton. *Obs.* Also 4–5 **sabatoun,** 5 **sabatton,** 9 **sabbaton.** [a. Pr. *sabató* (mod. Pr. *sabatoun* shoe), augmentative of *sabata* = F. *savate*, Sp. *zapata* boot (also *zapato* shoe), Pg. *sapata*, It. *ciabatta* shoe. Cf. med.L. *sabbatum.*

The ultimate origin of the Rom. word is obscure. It exists in Arabic (*sabbāt, çabbāt*, etc., Dozy II. 625), in Berber (*sapāt*, ibid.), and in Basque (*zapata*), but is prob. in all these a loan-word from Spanish.]

A broad-toed armed foot-covering worn by warriors in armour.

c 1330 R. BRUNNE *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 10026 Hym self was armed fynly wel Wyþ sabatons [Wace *cauces de fer*], & spores, & iaumbers of stel. 13.. *Gaw. & Gr. Kn.* 574 Þenne set þay þe sabatounz vpon þe segge fotez. *c* 1420 ? LYDG. *Assembly of Gods* 346 Gauntlettes on hyr handys, & sabatouns on hyr fete. *c* 1450 J. METHAM *Wks.* (E.E.T.S.) 36 This forsayd knyght Blak sabatouns weryd. 1485 *Materials Reign Hen. VII* (Rolls) II. 21 For making of a paire of sabatons of clothe of golde IIII s. 1543 GRAFTON *Contn. Harding* 594 The hernayes..was all ouer gylte frome the heade peece to the sabatons. 1869 BOUTELL *Arms & Arm.* x. (1874) 206 At the commencement of the 16th century, the pointed sollerets were succeeded by broad sabbatons, cut off square or rounded at the toes.

‖ Sabbat (saba). In 7–8 **sabat.** [Fr.; a special application of *sabbat* SABBATH.] A 'witches' sabbath'; see SABBATH 3. Also *attrib.*, and *fig.*

1652 J. WRIGHT tr. *Camus' Nat. Paradox* VII. 153 In this Desart corner, which..seemeth onely fit for a Sabat or Assembly of Sorcerers. 1658 tr. *Bergerac's Satyr. Char.* xiii. 54 As to the sabat-voyages, this is my beliefe; they noint themselves with some somniferous oyles, and as while they wake they easily fancy to be carried astride upon a broome through the chimny, into a Hall, where is feasting, dancing, and where they kisse the Goate's brich. 1763 H. WALPOLE *Let. to Montagu* 15 Aug., My youthfullity, which bears me out even at a sabat. I dined last week at Lady Blandford's, with her, the old Denbigh, the old Litchfield, and Methuselah knows who. 1861 LYTTON *Str. Story* xxvi, I could have fancied myself at a witch's sabbat. 1893 LELAND *Mem.* I. 75 The book was a perfect Sabbat of deviltry and dramatic horrors.

Sabbatarian (sæbătē·riăn), *a.* and *sb.* [a. L. *sabbatāri-us* (Sp. *sabatario*, Pg. *sabbatario*), f. *sabbatum* SABBATH : see -ARIAN.] **A.** *adj.* **†a.** Of or pertaining to the Sabbath or its observance. *Obs.* **b.** Having relation to the tenets of the Sabbatarians.

a 1631 DONNE in *Select.* (1840) 105 A sabbatarian righteousness is no righteousness. 1654 H. L'ESTRANGE *Chas. I* (1655) 129 The rigour and strictnesse of Sabbatarian Ministers, in denying People recreations on the Sunday. 1668 WELLS (*title*) The Practical Sabbatarian or Sabbath Holiness crowned with Superlative Happiness. 1733 NEAL *Hist. Purit.* II. 250 These Divines, instead of softening some excesses in Bradbourne's Sabbatarian strictness, ran into the contrary extreme. 1796 MORSE *Amer. Geog.* I. 436 These are called Sabbatarian, or Seventh day Baptists. 1837 WHEWELL *Hist. Induct. Sci.* (1857) I. 224 With references to Jewish Sabbatarian notions. 1859 MILL *Liberty* 161 Another important example of illegitimate interference with the rightful liberty of the individual..is sabbatarian legislation. 1863 A. BLOMFIELD *Mem. Bp. Blomfield* I. vi. 154 He entertained rather strict, or what would now be called 'Sabbatarian' notions.

B. *sb.*

1. A Jewish observer of the (Saturday) Sabbath.

1613 PURCHAS *Pilgrimage* (1614) 149 The word *Masbothæi*, Scaliger saith, signifieth Sabbatists or Sabbatarians, because they professed to haue learned the obseruation of the Sabbath from Christ, and therein differed from the other Iewes. *a* 1641 BP. MOUNTAGU *Acts & Mon.* (1642) 454 These Esseni were yet further, more, and most rigid Sabbatarians, beyond all other sects and schismes amongst the Jewes. 1830 D'ISRAELI *Chas. I*, III. xv. 330 Sabbatarians, became a term of reproach for the Jews with the Polytheists.

2. A Christian who regards the Lord's Day as a Sabbath, deducing its obligation from the Fourth Commandment. Also, and more commonly, one whose opinion and practice with regard to Sunday observance are unusually strict.

1620 J. DYKE *Counter-poyson* 15 He is none of your precise Sabbatarians. 1656 HEYLIN *Extraneus Vapulans* 110 We are now come unto the business of the Lords day, in which our Author sheweth himself a stiffe Sabbatarian. 1718 HICKES & NELSON *J. Kettlewell* III. xxiv. 237, I don't know whether you are a Strict Sabbatarian. 1864 EASTWICK 3 *Years in Persia* I. 4, I am not a Sabbatarian, I showed it by travelling on Sunday.

3. A member of a Christian sect founded towards the close of the sixteenth century, the members of which maintained that the Sabbath should be observed on the seventh and not on the first day of the week; a Seventh-day Baptist. Cf. SABBATARY *sb.*, SABBATHARIAN.

1645 PAGITT *Heresiogr.* (1647) B j, The Sabbatarians affirme the old Jewish Sabbath to be kept, and not the Lords day. 1710 STEELE & ADDISON *Tatler* No. 257 ₱ 12 Præ-Adamites, Sabbatarians, Cameronians, Muggletonians..and the like. 1820 *Trav. Cosmo III* 445 Robert Dogs, a coal-man in London, was the first founder of the sect of Sabbatarians.

Sabbatarianism (sæbătē·riăniz'm). [f. prec. + -ISM.] Sabbatarian principles or practice.

1673-4 BP. WARD *Case of Joram* 34 [Laws] against Prophanation of the Lord's Day (I do not mean tending to Judaism or Sabbatarianism). 1876 GLADSTONE *Glean.* (1879) II. 360 The rather judaical Sabbatarianism of Scotland.. was simply a form of Protestant tradition. 1894 MAX O'RELL *J. Bull & Co.* 54 Narrow Sabbatarianism is neither Protestant nor Christian : it is a Jewish institution.

†Sa·bbatary, *a.* and *sb. Obs.* Also 6–7 **sabbatharie.** [ad. L. *sabbatārius*, f. *sabbatum* SABBATH : see -ARY. Cf. F. *sabbataire.*]

A. *adj.* Pertaining to the Sabbath.

1613 PURCHAS *Pilgrimage* (1614) 204 They are of opinion, that themselues haue a superfluous Sabbatharie soule, which on that day is plentifully sent in to them, to inlarge their heart. 1635 HEYLIN *Sabbath* II. (1636) To Rdr., This sabbatarie soule, may be a Pythagoricall μετεμψύχωσις. 1641 H. L'ESTRANGE *God's Sabbath* Pref., Had they left us no other demonstrations of their excellency that way then their Sabbatary Tracts, they should never have attained so high a repute amongst us. 1674 JEAKE *Arith.* (1696) 663 Seven..is sometime called the Sacred and Quiet, or Sabbatory [*sic*] Number.

B. *sb.* A Christian who observes the Jewish (seventh-day) Sabbath.

1596 BELL *Surv. Popery* I. III. v. 112 The sabbatharies contend with tothe and nail. 1621 *Three Quest. Answ. conc. 4th Commandm.* 3 The Sabbatharies, which heretofore would haue vs Christians obserue the Iewes Sabbath.

Sabbath (sæ·băþ). Forms: *α.* 1, 3–5 **sabat,** (3 *pl.* **sabaz**), 3 **sabadt,** 4 **sabath, -aat,** 4–5 **sabate,** 4–6 **sab(b)ot,** 4–7 **saboth,** 5 **sabott(e, sabbate, -atte, -ott,** 5–6 **sabote,** 5–7 **sabboth,** 6 **sabett, -att, -otte, othe,** *Sc.* **sabbuth,** 6– **sabbath** ; *β.* (*erron.*, by confusion with SABAOTH) 4–8 **sabaoth,** 6 **sabaothe, sabbaoth.** See also SABBAT. [ad. L. *sabbatum* (partly through OF. *sabbat, sabat*, mod.F. *sabbat* = Pr. *sabbat*, Sp. *sábado*, Pg. *sabado*, It. *sabbato*), Gr. σάββατον, ad. Heb. שַׁבָּת *shabbāth*, f. root שָׁבַת *shābath* to rest. Cf. Goth. *sabbatus, -o*, MDu. *sabaet, sabbet, sabbot*, Dn. and G. *sabbat.*

The Sp., Pg., and It. forms are the ordinary names in those langs. for Saturday; but Pr. used *dis-sapte* (:-L. *diēs sabbati*) in that sense. A popular Latin nasalized form **sambatum* (of oriental origin) appears in F. *samedi* (:-**sambati diēs*), OHG. *sambaztac* (mod. G. *samstag*) Saturday.

The confusion with SABAOTH was not peculiar to England; it occurs in MHG. and in med.Latin.

The word is now very often written (like the names of the days of the week and of festivals) with initial capital.]

1. a. In the original use : The seventh day of the week (Saturday) considered as the day of religious rest enjoined on the Israelites by the fourth (or in mediæval reckoning the third) commandment of the Decalogue. Phrases, *to keep, break the Sabbath.*

The word was never in England, as in some continental countries, a vernacular synonym for Saturday, though English writers of med.Latin used *dies Sabbati* as frequently as *dies Saturni.*

α. c 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* Matt. Capitula Lectionum § 87 From efernes sabates [L. *a vespere sabbati*]. *c* 1230 *Hali Meid.* 17 Low, godd him seolf seið þurh þe prophete : 'þeo þe habbeð from ham forcoruen flesches lustes, & haldeð mine sabaz'. 13.. *Cursor M.* 11987 (Cott.) And o lame o þaa lakes selue Wit handes made he sparus tuelue, Apon þair sabadt þus he did. 1340 *Ayenb.* 7 Þe þridde heste is bellich : 'Loke þet þon halȝi þane day of þe sabat (Zeterday)'...þis word, zeterday, þet þe iurie clepeþ sabat, is ase moche worþ ase reste...And ine þe stede of þe sabat..zet holi cherche þane sonday to loky ine þe newe laȝe. *c* 1380 WYCLIF *Serm.* Sel. Wks. I. 41 And Jesus spake to wyse men of þe lawe, and to Pharisees where it were leveful to hele in þe Sabot. 1382 — *Acts* i. 12 Thanne thei torneden aȝen to Jerusalem, fro the hil that is clepid Olyuete, the which is bisydis Jerusalem, hauynge the iurney of a saboth. 1432–50 tr. *Higden* (Rolls) IV. 267 Oure Sauioure Criste was borne ..in the nyȝhte of the holy Sabotte [orig. *sancti Sabbati*]. 1596 SHAKS. *Merch. V.* IV. i. 36 By our holy Sabbath haue I sworne To haue the due and forfeit of my bond. 1649 JER. TAYLOR *Gt. Exemp.* II. Disc. ix. 119 The Primitive Church kept both the Sabbath and the Lords day. 1727–41 CHAMBERS *Cycl.* s.v. *Week*, The Days of the Week were denominated by the Jews, from the order of their succession from the sabbath. 1871 R. W. DALE *Commandm.* iv. 106 The Christian Sunday and the Jewish Sabbath are absolutely different institutions.

β. 13.. *Cursor M.* 11987 (Göttt.) Apon þar sabaoth þus he did. *c* 1520 NISBET *N. Test. in Scots* (S.T.S.) I. 11 [Jesus] Healith the ydropysie vponn the sabaothe. *c* 1610 *Women Saints* 171 Of the Iewes, hating Circumcision, yet with them keeping their Sabaoth. 1658 PHILLIPS, *Sabaoth*,..a celebration of the seventh day of the week.

b. Since the Reformation, often applied to 'the Lord's day', i. e. the first day of the week (Sunday) observed by Christians in commemoration of the resurrection of Christ. This use was originally connected with the opinion that the sabbatic law of the Decalogue remains in force under the Christian dispensation, the date of the 'Sabbath' having by Divine appointment been changed from Saturday to Sunday; but it occasionally appears in writers who did not hold this view. In Scotland it is still very common. (Phrases as in 1 a.)

The notion that the Lord's day is a 'Christian Sabbath', or, more commonly (as in quot. 1340 under a) a substitute for the Sabbath, occurs in theological writings from the 4th c. onwards, but was not popularly current before the Reformation. In English, *Sabbath* as a synonym for 'Sunday' did not become common till the 17th century.

[*c* 1440 : see SABBATH-DAY.]

α. 1509 BARCLAY *Ship of Fools* (1874) II. 175 Amonge the whiche preceptis this was one The sabbot to Worshyp and sanctyfy alway The seuenth day of the weke called the sonday. 1594 SHAKS. *Rich. III*, III. ii. 113 *Hast.*..Come the next Sabboth, and I will conteot you. *Priest.* Ile wait vpon your Lordship. 1607 HIERON *Wks.* I. 150 Thou art laboured with from sabboth to sabboth..that thou maist be prepared for Christ. 1654 TRAPP *Comm. Ps.* xxiv. Introd., The first day of the week..which is now the Christian Sabboth. 1717 *Wodrow Corr.* (1843) II. 237 Mr. John Adamson, Sabbath was fortnight, intruded on the ministry. 1809 SYD. SMITH *Serm.* I. 74 Prayer should be offered up eminently, and emphatically..on the Sabbath. 1863 HAWTHORNE *Our Old Home* II. 100 Severe and sunless remembrances of the Sabbaths of childhood. 1888 *Ch. Times* 9 Nov. 977/2 The British Sabbath is now-a-days always on its trial. 1897 *Q. Rev.* Jan. 66 The term Sabbath as applied to the Lord's Day is unknown to the Articles, the Canons, and the Prayer-book of the Church of England.

β. 1583 STUBBES *Anat. Abus.* I. Pref. (1879) 11 To the prophanation of the Lord his sabaoth. 1591 SYLVESTER *Du Bartas* I. ii. 940 Common Blaspheming of God's Name in Oaths : Usuall profaning of his Sabbaoths. 1621 ELSING *Debates Ho. Lords* (Camden) 3 The Bill for Sabaoth.

c. *gen.* Applied occas. to the day of the week set apart for rest or worship by any religious body, e. g. to the Friday as observed by Mohammedans.

1613 PURCHAS *Pilgrimage* (1614) Table, Sabath..of Saracens on Friday..; of Peguans on Monday. 1704 J. PITTS *Acc. Mohammetans* 42 Friday is their Sabbath, or Gemahgune.

d. Applied to the sabbatical year of the Israelites.

1382 WYCLIF *Lev.* XXV. 4 The seuenthe forsothe 3eer of the loond shal be the saboth of the restynge of the Lord. [So in later versions.]

2. *transf.* and *fig.* A time or period of rest; a cessation from labour, trouble, pain and the like.

α. 1592 Sylvester *Du Bartas* I. vii. 446 He would, this Sabbath should a figure be Of the blest Sabbath of Eternity. 1611 Bible *Heb.* iv. 9 There remaineth therefore a rest [*marg.* keeping of a Sabbath] to the people of God. 1681 Dryden *Abs. & Achit.* 913 He..safe enjoys the Sabbath of his Toils. 1737 Pope *Hor. Ep.* I. i. 3 Why will you break the Sabbath of my days? 1795 Southey *Pauper's Funeral* 8 Yes, I will weep; but not that thou art come To the cold sabbath of the silent tomb. 1854 Neale *Hymn*, '*Oh, what the joy*', Those endless Sabbaths the blessed ones see. 1860 Tyndall *Glac.* I. ii. 20 It was Sunday, and the scene was itself a Sabbath, with no sound to disturb its perfect rest.

β. 1398 Trevisa *Barth. De P. R.* IX. xxviii. (1495) 364 Whan we come to the Sabaoth of endles rest thenne we shall haue joye. 1598 Sylvester *Du Bartas* II. ii. IV. *Columnes* 132 Th'eternall sacred Sabbaoth. 1610 G. Fletcher *Christ's Vict.* I. vi, To keep an everlasting Sabbaoths rest.

3. A midnight meeting of demons, sorcerers and witches, presided over by the Devil, supposed in mediæval times to have been held annually as an orgy or festival. Often more explicitly *witches' sabbath*. Also Sabbat.

α. 1660 F. Brooke tr. *Le Blanc's Trav.* 312 Divers Sorcerers ..have confessed that in their Sabbaths,..they feed on such fare. 1735 Pope *Ep. Lady* 239 As Hags hold Sabbaths, less for joy than spite, So these their merry, miserable Night. 1860 J. A. Hessey *Bampton Lect.* 399 Here malignant spirits have held their sabbath or hellish revelries. 1883 *Harper's Mag.* 831/2 It might have been..a veritable Witches' Sabbath.

β. 1857 B. Taylor *North. Trav.* ai. 115 It would be far more picturesque to describe a sabaoth of Lapland witches than a prayer-meeting of shouting converts.

4. *attrib.* and *Comb.*: simple attrib., as *Sabbath devotion, dress, evening, morning, music, rite, season, service, sound, work*; *Sabbath-like* adj.: objective and objective genitive, as *Sabbath-breach* (rare −1), *-breaker, -breaking* sb. and adj., *-keeper, -keeping* sb. and adj. Also † **Sabbath-ceased** *a.*, discontinued during the Sabbath; **Sabbath-school**, (*a*) = Sunday-school; (*b*) a Jewish school held on the Saturday for giving religious instruction to children.

1784 Cowper *Task* IV. 653 To show at home By lewdness, idleness, and *sabbath-breach, The great proficiency he made abroad. 1607 Hieron *Wks.* I. 234 It cutteth the *sabboth-breaker, to heare his prophanenesse still cried out vpon. 1738 *Gentl. Mag.* VIII. 658/2 The excellent Laws against Tippling Houses, Tipplers, Sabbath-Breakers, &c. 1853 Caro. Wiseman *Ess.* I. 636 They tax Papists..with being habitual Sabbath-breakers. 1652 *Petition* in *Proc. Parl.* No. 85. 1304 Acts past against Blasphemies, prophan cursing and swearing, *Sabbath breaking, &c. 1714 Mandeville *Fab. Bees* (1733) I. 92 In the commission of the peace,..he becomes..the..constant plague to sabbath-breaking butchers. 1769 Blackstone *Comm.* IV. 63 Profanation of the lord's day, or sabbath-breaking. 1593 Nashe *Christ's T.* 30 Theyr vnrespited, and not so much as *Saboth-ceased blood-shed. 1613 Zouch *Dove* To Rdr. E 6 b, Poetry..in which diuers banc shewed their thoughts not vnfit for solemne, yea *Sabaoth deuotions. 1825 J. Wilson *Poems* II. 94 Smiling in their *Sabbath-dress. 1830 Southey *Wesley* II. 87 Having ..spent a *sabbath evening at an inn. 1854 Neale *Hymn*, '*Oh, what the joy*', There dawns no Sabbath,—no Sabbath is o'er; These *Sabbath-keepers have one, and no more. 1897 Mary Kingsley *W. Africa* 403 His rigid *Sabbath-keeping. 1824 Miss Mitford *Village* Ser. I. 28 A *sabbath-like pause of work and play, rare on a work-day. 1878 B. Harte *Man on Beach* 74 An almost Sabbath-like stillness prevailed. 1863 Geo. Eliot in Cross *Life* (1885) II. 355 Your letter was a welcome addition to our sunshine this *Sabbath morning. 1807 Wordsw. *White Doe* VII. 1761 When the bells of Rylstone played Their *sabbath music—'*God us ayde*'. 1784 Cowper *Task* I. 746 Till *sabbath-rites Have dwindled into unrespected forms. 1845 R. W. Hamilton *Pop. Educ.* vi. (ed. 2) 133 The *Sabbath school generally supplies the sanctuary with its most intelligent hearers. 1864 Sheat *Uhland's Poems* 14 Nature's *Sabbath-season reigns. 1617 Hieron *Wks.* II. 365 John..neglected not the spirituall part of the *sabbath-seruice, though bee was restrained from the outward. 1855 Longf. *My Lost Youth* 49 The early loves Come back with a *sabbath sound. 1625 Bacon *Ess., Truth* (Arb.) 500 His *Sabbath Worke, euer since, is the Illumination of his Spirit.

Sabbathaism (sæbăþē·iz'm). [f. *Sabbathai* + -ism.] The doctrines of Sabbathai Zebi (Heb. *Shabbᵉthai Çᵉbī*), a false Messiah born at Smyrna A. D. 1626.

1882-3 *Schaff's Encycl. Relig. Knowl.* II. 1129 Two Polish rabbis, who travelled extensively to propagate Sabbathaism.

Sabbatharian (sæ·băþē·rĭăn). *Hist.* [f. Sabbath + -arian. Cf. Sabbatarian.] **a.** = Sabbatarian *sb.* 3. **b.** A member of the religious sect founded by Joanna Southcott in 1801-14.

1719 Ozell tr. *Misson's Mem. & Observ.* 235 These Sabbatharians are so call'd because they will not remove the Day of Rest from Saturday to Sunday. 1882-3 *Schaff's Encycl. Relig. Knowl.* III. 2089 Sabbatharians or New Israelites,..a religious sect founded by Joanna Southcott.

Sabbatharie, -y, variant forms of Sabbatary.

Sa·bbath-day. Forms: (see Sabbath).

1. = Sabbath 1 a.

α 1300-1400 *Cursor M.* 17355 (Laud) After that sabot-day was goo Thedir come they euery-chon. *c* 1380 Wyclif *Wks.* (1880) 58 He helid a sik man vpon þe sabaat day. 1432-50 tr. *Higden* (Rolls) IV. 327 Whiche peple keped theire Sabbatte day [orig. *Sabbatum*], and hade hyt in so grete veneracion, that thei wolde not ordeyne meyte þat day. 1534 More *Treat. Passion* Wks. 1308/1 So do..their sabbot dayes begynne in the euenyng, and endure to the euenynge folowynge. 1562 Cooper *Answ. Def. Truth* ix. 75 By necessitie of their enemies constreined they [*sc.* the Jews] ..fought on the Sabboth day. *c* 1610 *Women Saints* 156 He..with the Iewes kept the Saboth day,..yet refused Circumcision. 1709 J. Johnson *Clergym. Vade M.* II. 104 Christians must not Judaize and rest on the Sabbath-day; but work on that very day; and give the preference to the Lord's day. 1726 J. Henley *Prim. Liturgy* 10 Feasts, are all Lords-days, all Sabbath-days, or Saturdays [etc.].

b. *Sabbath day's journey*: the distance (2,000 *ammōth* or 'ells' = 1225 yards) which (according to Rabbinical prescription in the time of Christ) was the utmost limit of permitted travel on the Sabbath.

1526 Tindale *Acts* i. 12 Mount olivete which is neye to Jerusalem..conteynynge a saboth dayes iorney. 1628 Earle *Microcosm., Shee Precise Hypocr.* (Arb.) 63 Her oftest Gossipings are Sabaoth-dayes iourneyes.

2. = Sabbath 1 b.

The first two quots. may perhaps not be rightly placed here, as it was the common view that the commandment 'to keep holy the Sabbath-day', in its Christian interpretation, related to the festivals of the Church in general, and not to Sunday only or eminently.

c 1440 *Gesta Rom.* x. 30 (Harl. MS.) Hope we hit is our lord thesu crist, þe which hath ordeyned for lawe, þat ech man shold kepe þe saboth day. 1513 Bradshaw *St. Werburge* II. 879 A woman which brake the commaundement Of god and holy churche hye sabbot-day dyd violate Vnlaufully wurkynge. 1575 Laneham *Let.* (1871) 12 On sunday: the forenoon occupied (az for the Sabot day) in quiet and vacation from woork, & in diuine seruis. 1605 *Vestry Bks.* (Surtees) 284 There shall be no meetinge as concerning any business about upon the Sabbath day. 1651 *St. Andrews, Newcastle-on-Tyne Par. Reg.* in *N. & Q.* 8th Ser. I. 223 Robard Fenwick..which was drowned in the Bares myll dam wher he went to swim on the Saboth day. 1725 De Foe *Fam. Instruct.* I. iii. (1841) I. 63 As soon as they come home next Sabbath-day from the sermon. 1820 Wordsw. *Prose Wks.* (1876) II. 33 The sensations of pious cheerfulness, which attend the celebration of the sabbath-day in rural places. 1830-2 Carleton *Traits Irish Peasantry* (1860) I. 146 (*Priest*) On the Sabbath day too, without my leave!

3. = Sabbath 1 c.

1704 J. Pitts *Acc. Mohammetans* 42 The *Hattech*, i.e. a Priest which is above the *Emaum*, officiates on their Sabbath-day.

4. *gen.* A Sabbath, day of sacred rest.

1755 Pope *Prol. Sat.* 12 No place is sacred, not the Church is free; Ev'n Sunday shines no Sabbath-day to me.

Sabbathine (sæ·băþəin), *a.* [f. Sabbath + -ine 1.] Affecting or pertaining to the Sabbath.

1850 T. M'Crie *Mem. Sir A. Agnew* viii. (1852) 294 The Sabbathine rules enjoin the Sons of Abraham to prepare for the Feast, by laying in a stock of provisions the day before.

Sabbathize (sæ·băþəiz), *v.* [Altered form of Sabbatize after Sabbath.] *intr.* To observe or keep a Sabbath or period of rest.

1609 Bible (Douay) 1 *Esdras* i. 58 The land quietly kept her sabbathes, al the time of her desolation she sabbathized in the application of seuentie yeares. 1622 Ainsworth *Annot. Pentat.* Gen. ii. 2 Rested: or Sabbathised, that is, kept Sabbath. 1633 W. Struther *True Happiness* 75 This dwelling in God is our spiritual sabbathizing, the type of the eternall. 1705 Hickeringill *Priest-cr.* I. Wks. 1716 III. 32 The Solemn League and Covenant..Mr. Knox did..bring into Scotland, where it is rampant to this day, and more rigid than the Inquisition in Spain, with the additional Bigotism of Sabbathising.

Sabbathless (sæ·băþlĕs), *a.* [f. Sabbath + -less.] Observing no Sabbath.

1605 Bacon *Adv. Learn.* II. xxiii. § 46 This incessant and Sabbathlesse pursute of a mans fortune leaueth not tribute which we owe to God of our time. *a* 1656 Hales *Gold. Rem.* (1688) 178 Prayer itself is Sabbathless, and admits no rest, no intermission at all. 1840 Lamb *Soun.*, '*Who first invented work*', Sabbathless Satan! he who his unglad Task ever plies. 1888 *Pall Mall G.* 31 Oct. 2/2 In 1885 Austria-Hungary in response to the bitter cry of Sabbathless toilers enacted a stringent Sunday law.

Sabbathly (sæ·băþli), *a.* [f. Sabbath + -ly 1.] Recurring every Sabbath.

1822 Galt *Sir A. Wylie* III. xvii. 139 It was a Sabbathly theme of regret.

Sa·bbathly, *adv.* [f. Sabbath + -ly 2.]

1. Every Sabbath; Sabbath by Sabbath. *Sc.*

1627 in Cramond *Ann. Banff* (1893) II. 34 Their absenceis fra the Kirk Sabbothlie at the direction of the bailyies and elderis. 1671 *Rec. Presbyt. Inverness* 29 Mar. (S. H. S. 1896) 9 They were refreshed very much by him Sabbathly. 1820 *Blackw. Mag.* VII. 467 As the Rev. Mr. F——..Sabbathly says, in the peroration of his sermons.

2. In a manner befitting the Sabbath.

1891 C. James *Rom. Rigmarole* 110 The Squire was Sabbathly solemn and imposing.

Sabbatian (sæbē·ĭăn), *sb.*1 [f. *Sabbati-us* (see below) + -an.] A member of a sect founded by Sabbatius (originally a convert from Judaism), who seceded from the Novatianists before 380, having adopted Quartodeciman views.

1708-22 Bingham *Orig. Eccles.* XX. iii. § 5 The Marcianists ..kept the Sabbath also a fast. So did also the Sabbatians, Lampetians [etc.]. 1727-41 Chambers *Cycl.* s.v., The Sabbatians are recorded by ecclesiastical historians, as having a great abhorrence of the left-hand. 1882-3 *Schaff's Encycl. Relig. Knowl.* III. 2090 By his followers, the Sabbatians, he was honored as a martyr.

Sabbatian (sæbē·ĭăn), *a.* and *sb.*2 [f. **Sabbatius* (mod.L. form of *Shabbethai*: see Sabbathaism) + -an.] **A.** *adj.* Pertaining to Sabbathaism.

1892 tr. *Grätz's Hist. Jews* V. 152 The Sabbatian mystics.

B. *sb.* A believer in Sabbathaism.

1892 tr. *Grätz's Hist. Jews* V. 159 At Venice..a quarrel broke out between the Sabbatians and their opponents.

Hence **Sabba·tianism** = Sabbathaism.

1892 tr. *Grätz's Hist. Jews* V. Index, Sabbatianism, revival of, v. 219. 1898 Zangwill *Dreamers Ghetto* vi. 205 Sabbatianism did not play much part in my early life.

Sabbatic (sæbæ·tik), *a.* and *sb.* [ad. F. *sabbatique* (= Sp. *sabático*, Pg., It. *sabbatico*), ad. med.L. **sabbaticus*, a. Gr. σαββατικός, f. σάββατ-ον Sabbath: see -ic.] **A.** *adj.* Of or pertaining to the Sabbath; resembling or appropriate to the Sabbath. *Sabbatic year* = *sabbatical year* (Sabbatical *a.* 2 a).

1649 Jer. Taylor *Gt. Exemp.* II. Disc. ix. 119 Strict and necessary rest..was one great part of the Sabbatick rites. 1650 *Vind. Hammond's Addr.* § 16. 6 The servant..is to be set free from that servitude..in the seventh, or sabbatick year. 1660 Jer. Taylor *Duct. Dubit.* II. ii. rule vi. § 46 They kept their first Sabbatick rest upon the very day in which their redemption was completed. *a* 1711 Ken *Preparatives* Poet. Wks. 1721 IV. 30 Sabbatick Dawn, a Priest of old, By sound of Trumpet told. 1737 Whiston *Josephus, War* VII. v. § 1 They call it the sabbatick river. 1862 Lewin *Jerusalem* 87 Provisions in the little garrison from the effect of the sabbatic year, began to run short. 1882 J. Parker *Apost. Life* I. 99 Grant Sabbatic peace to every soul.

† **B.** *sb.* A sabbatic year. *Obs.*

1650 *Vind. Hammond's Addr.* § 16. 6 The Jubilee, which is the great Sabbatick (made up of seven times seven).

Sabbatical (sæbæ·tikăl), *a.* Also 8 sabbathical. [f. mod.L. **sabbatic-us* (see prec.) + -al.]

1. Pertaining to or appropriate to the Sabbath.

1645 *City Alarum* 20 The formerly mentioned are but our working dayes abuses, now follow es our seventh and Sabbaticall errour, wherein we seeme to rest. 1799 Corry *Sat. Lond.* (1803) 94 The Curate is so far from being prepared for his sabbatical avocation, that he is engaged during the week in some worldly pursuit. 1849 H. Miller *Footpr. Creat.* xv. (1874) 295 It seems, besides, to throw light on the prominence of the Sabbatical command. 1877 Mrs. Oliphant *Carita* II. xxxi. 291 This, too, was a kind of solemn sabbatical exercise. 1892 A. Birrell *Res Judic.* ii. 38 A sabbatical calm results from the contemplation of his labours.

b. *Sabbatical river*: an imaginary river celebrated in Jewish legend, which was said to observe the Sabbath. Similarly *Sabbatical pool*: see quot. 1649.

The legend of the 'sabbatical river' existed in two discrepant forms: cf. quots. 1671 (after Josephus) and 1849.

1613 Purchas *Pilgrimage* (1614) 519 This was the issue of their Pilgrimage to the Sabbaticall streame, which they supposed to finde in this Persian Gulfe. 1649 Jer. Taylor *Gt. Exemp.* III. xiv. 51 The sabbaticall pool in Judea, which was dry six dayes, but gushed out in a full stream upon the sabbath. 1672 Stillingfl. *Serm.* viii. (1673) 151 The famous Sabbatical River..which for 6. days bear's all before it..: the admirable nature of that River is, that it keeps the Sabbath and rests all that day. 1849 Longf. *Kavanagh* XI. (1857) 221 And must my life, then, be always like the Sabbatical river of the Jews, flowing in full stream only on the seventh day?

c. Of the nature of a Sabbath or period of rest.

1836 Sir H. Taylor *Statesman* XI. 79 It were to be wished that he should set apart from business, not only a sabbatical day in each week, but if it be possible a sabbatical hour in each day!

2. a. *Sabbatical year*: the seventh year, prescribed by the Mosaic law to be observed as a 'Sabbath' in which the land was to remain untilled and all debtors and Israelitish slaves were to be released. Also *allusively*.

1635-56 Cowley *Davideis* II. Note 8 From hence contracts, and the account of Sabbatical years and Jubilees bare date. 1705 Hickeringill *Priest-cr.* I. Wks. 1716 III. 24 Neither Seventh Days..nor Sabbath Days, nor Sabbatical Years..is now any more obligatory to us. 1828 E. Irving *Last Days* p. viii, May it prove unto us as a sabbatical year of rest!

b. *Sabbatical millenary, millennium*: the last of the seven thousands of years which (on the analogy of the seven days of the creation) were supposed to form the destined term of the world's existence.

1646 Sir T. Browne *Pseud. Ep.* VI. i. 278 He conceaveth the Elementall frame shall end in the seventh or Sabbaticall millenary. 1814 J. Christie *Ess. Early Idol.* 11 The supposed continuance of this earth as many thousand years, the last thousand of which, it was reported, would be a Sabbatical Millenium.

Hence **Sabba·tically** *adv.*, **Sabba·ticalness**.

1727 Bailey vol. II., *Sabbaticalness*, the Being of the Nature or Quality of a Sabbath. 1847 Disraeli *Tancred* II. xv, He sabbatically abstains from the debate or the rubber.

Sabbatine (sæ·băţəin), *a. Hist.* [ad. med.L. *sabbatīn-us* (and Sp. *sabatino*), f. *sabbat-um* Sabbath, Saturday.] **a.** *Sabbatine preacher*: one appointed to preach on Saturdays. **b.** *Sabbatine bull*: a bull of Pope John XXII, proclaiming, as a reward for the wearing of the scapular, a plenary indulgence available on the first Saturday after the death of him who gains it. So *Sabbatine indulgence*.

1772 Nugent tr. *Hist. Fr. Gerund* I. 437 Friar Gerund appeared a Priest *in facie ecclesiæ*, and Sabatine Preacher in full form. 1826 T. Coleman *Indulgences*, etc., *Order Mt. Carmel* 15 That the so celebrated name of the Sabbatine Bull might not be forgotten. 1886 *Month* Dec. 473 The second of these privileges..is..the Sabbatine Indulgence. It is a plenary..Indulgence..available on the first Saturday after the death of him who gains it, releasing him then and there from Purgatory and admitting him straightway to the joys of Heaven.

Sabbatism (sæ·băţiz'm). *rare.* [ad. late L. *sabbatismus*, Gr. σαββατισμός, n. of action f. σαβ-

βατίζειν to keep the Sabbath, f. σάββατ-ον SABBATH: see -ISM.]

1. A sabbatical rest: in allusions to Heb. iv. 9.

1582 N. T. (Rhem.) *Heb.* iv. 9 Therefore there is left a sabbatisme [Vulg. *sabbatismus*, Gr. σαββατισμός; *Wycl.* 1382 a saboth halowynge; 1611 a rest; 1881 *Revised* a sabbath rest] for the people of God. 1647 J. COTTON *Sing. Ps.* iii. 11 There is now remaining to us another Sabbatisme, or day of rest, now in the dayes of the Gospel, different from the seventh day of rest. 1886 S. Cox *Expositions* II. xxvii. 376 This Divine sabbatism, this pure eternal rest.

2. The formal observance of the Sabbath.

1611 BROUGHTON *Require of Agreement* 13 In the Iubilee the Maiestie of God will be a remission, and redemption, and ending of Sabbatisme to Israell. *a* 1711 KEN *Preparatives* Poet. Wks. 1721 IV. 29 Sabbatism. To a Seventh Day God Jews restrain'd, For Joy, Rest, Praise ordain'd. 1879 FARRAR *St. Paul* (1883) 117 Sabbatism had been elevated above faith and purity.

Hence **Sabbati·smal** *a.*, characterized by holy rest.

1881 J. C. BURNS in *I. Bruce's Serm.* Biog. 102 Very peaceful, Sabbatismal, these years were.

Sabbatist (sæ·bătist). [f. L. *sabbat-um* SABBATH + -IST.] = SABBATARIAN.

1857 BADEN POWELL *Chr. without Judaism* 161 Some Sabbatists..keep holy the seventh day of the week. 1865 J. GILL tr. *Bovet's Banished Count* xxi. 222 The Sabbatists observed the Seventh day of the week instead of the first.

Sabbatization (sæbătəizē·ʃən). [f. next + -ATION.] The action of sabbatizing: **a.** Observance of the Sabbath, Sabbath-keeping. **b.** The conversion (of Sunday) into a Sabbath.

1644 LAUD *Troub. & Tryal* xxxv. (1695) 345 Those Men who stand so strictly upon the Morality of the Sabbath, do by a gross and carnal Sabbatization, three times out-go the Superstition of the Jew. 1827 G. S. FABER *Orig. Expiat. Sacr.* 202 He actually mentions the non-sabbatisation of the patriarchal religionists as a circumstance quite indisputable. 1882 *Ch. Times* 11 Aug. 544 The Sabbatization of Sunday came in comparatively late.

Sabbatize (sæ·bătəiz), *v.* Also SABBATHIZE. [ad. L. *sabbatīz-āre*, ad. Gr. σαββατίζειν, f. σάββατον SABBATH: see -IZE. Cf. F. *sabbatiser*.]

1. *intr.* To keep the Sabbath; to observe a specified day as a day of rest.

1608 WILLET *Hexapla Exod.* 247 They are also commanded to keepe the Sabbaths rest, to Sabbatize. *a* 1716 BLACKALL *Wks.* (1723) I. 214 We do not so Sabbatise as we should do, if we give only one Day of the Week to God, and the other six Days to the Devil. 1881 BLACKIE *Lay Serm.* ii. 105 A Samaritan..made it a point..in whatever attitude the first moment of the day had found him, in that position to remain..: if sitting, then to Sabbatise in the sitting attitude.

b. *fig.* To enjoy or undergo a period of rest analogous to a Sabbath.

1382 WYCLIF 1 *Esdras* i. 58 Al the time of ther forsaking he [*i.e.* the land] sabatisede, in the apliyng of seuenti 3er. 1596 BELL *Surv. Popery* I. III. v. 109 Although the mind regenerate do sabbatize in the Lord. 1625 GILL. *Sacr. Philos.* II. 140 But if there were no incarnation..neither our understanding, nor our senses could have any object wherein to rest and sabbatize. *a* 1711 KEN *Edmund* Poet. Wks. 1721 II. 89 It was the Day which Jesus canoniz'd, When he from all his Dolours sabbatiz'd.

2. *trans.* To observe or keep as a Sabbath; to assimilate to a Sabbath.

1609 BIBLE (Douay) *Lev.* xxv. 2 Thou shalt sabbatize the sabbath to the Lord. 1880 *W. Smith's Dict. Chr. Antiq.* II. 1052/2 The teodency to sabbatize the Lord's day is due chiefly to the necessities of legal enforcement. 1906 H. BEGBIE *Priest* xvi. 256 Silvia is inclined to Sabbatize the week-days.

†**3.** To give sabbatical rest to. *Obs. rare*—1.

1701 BEVERLEY *Apoc. Quest.* 8 For the Type is Sacrifice Honourably Sabbatiz'd, and at Rest in the Antitype, Our Lord Jesus Christ, our great Sacrifice Sabbatizing All Sacrifice by the sacrifice of Himself.

Hence **Sa·bbatizing** *vbl. sb.* Also **Sa·bbatizer,** in quot. one who observes the Jewish Sabbath.

1613 PURCHAS *Pilgrimage* (1614) 122 The Jewes on their Sabbaths..did vse..to drink somwhat more largely (a Sabbatising too much, by too many Christians imitated). 1683 HICKES *Case Inf. Bapt.* 61 Let the Adversaries of Infant-Baptism consider..Whether rejecting of it..they do not teach others, especially Atheists, pure Deists, and Sabbatizers..a way to deny all the rest. *a* 1711 KEN *Preparatives* Poet. Wks. 1721 IV. 20 Wear Jesus Yoke,..Twill prove a Sabbatising to your Mind. 1742 J. GLAS *Lord's Supper* ii. (1883) 76 Our sabbatizing, or resting from our own works on the first day of the week is a sign of the truth of the promise of entering into his rest. 1855 *People's Sunday* 5, I shall, therefore, further show the complete absence of scripture authority for the doctrines of our Sabbatizing brethren.

Sabbaton, -tyne: see SABATON, SABATINE.

‖ **Sabbe·ka.** *Antiq. rare*—1. [Biblical Aramaic שַׂבְּכָא or סַבְּכָא *sabbᵉkā*.] An ancient musical instrument mentioned in the Book of Daniel; in the English Bible erroneously called SACKBUT, q. v.

1844 WHITTIER *Ezekiel* ix, They listen, as in Babel's throng The Chaldeans to the dancer's song, Or wild sabbeka's nightly play.

‖ **Sabdariffa** (sæbdări·fă). [mod.L.; in Lobel *Plantarum Hist.* (1576) 375; of obscure origin.] An East Indian rose-mallow, *Hibiscus Sabdariffa* (Linnæus 1759), cultivated for its acidulous calyxes.

1866 *Treas. Bot.* 1002/2 Sabdariffa. *Hibiscus Sabdariffa*, called Red Sorrel in the West and Rozelle in the East Indies, where it is used in tarts, jellies and salads, and to form a cooling drink.

Sabe: see SAVEY.

Sabean, Sabeism: see SABÆAN, SABAISM.

Sabel, obs. form of SABLE.

†**Sabeline,** *sb. Obs.* Also 3 **sablyne,** 7 **sabelline.** [a. OF. *sabeline* (12th c. in Godef.), ad. med.L. *sabelīna* (*pellis*), sable (fur), f. *sabellum* SABLE *sb.*[1] Cf. ZIBELINE.] The fur of the sable.

a 1200 *Moral Ode* 364 (Egerton MS.) Ne scal þer beo fon ne grei ne cunig ne ermine ne ocquerne ne martres cheole ne bener ne sabeline [*c* 1275 *Jesus MS.* sablyne]. †1700 *Cruel Mother* in Child *Ballads* (1882) I. 221/2 We neither wore the silks nor the sabelline. 1876 PLANCHÉ *Cycl. Costume* I. 439 *Sable, sabelline*, the skin of an animal of the weasel or marten kind.

Sabeline: see SABELLINE *a.*[1]

‖ **Sabella** (săbe·lă). *Zool.* [mod.L. (Gmelin *Linnæus Syst. Nat.*, ed. 12, 1788), perh. f. *sabulum* sand.] A tubicolous annelid of the family *Sabellidæ*.

a 1851 DALYELL *Powers Creator* (1853) II. 175 Different species or varieties of the Sabella are found on the shores and in the seas of Scotland. *Ibid.*, *Sabella alveolaria*.—The Honeycomb Sabella. 1851 MEDLOCK tr. *Schoedler's Bk. Nature* II. 530 There are besides, the Sabellas, or *pencil, fan*, and *comb-worms* (Sabella). 1863 WOOD *Illustr. Nat. Hist.* III. 699 We now come to another pretty tube-inhabiting annelid, which is called Sabella, because it lives in the sand and forms its tube of that substance. Several species of Sabella are found on the British coasts, the most common of which is the Shore Sabella (*Sabella alveolaria*).

Sabellian (săbe·liăn), *a.*[1] and *sb.*[1] *Theol.* [ad. eccl. L. *Sabelliān-us*, f. *Sabelli-us* (see B): see -AN.]

A. *adj.* Pertaining to the Sabellians (see B) or their doctrine.

1577 HANMER *Anc. Eccl. Hist.* VII. v. 126 Of the Sabellian heresie..The Sabellian heretickes. 1720 WATERLAND *Eight Serm.* 4 Under the Sabellian Interpretation I include all that belongs to Men of Sabellian Principles. 1848 R. I. WILBERFORCE *Doctr. Incarnation* ix. 259 The Sabellian theory is, that there exists no real diversity of Persons in the Ever-Blessed Trinity.

B. *sb.* One who accepts the view of Sabellius (an African heresiarch of the third century) that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are merely different aspects or modes of manifestation of one Divine person. Cf. MODALIST.

1402 *Pol. Poems* (Rolls) II. 92 He is callid an heretike that heresies sowith, as Arrians, Wyclyfanes, Sabellyanes, and other. 1556 CLEMENT in Strype *Eccl. Mem.* III. App. lxi. 214 From all Arians, Eutichians, Manichians, Sabellians..and all other heretikes. 1685 RYCAUT tr. *Platina's Lives Popes* 52 The Sabellians..asserted that the Father, Son, and holy Ghost were but one Person. 1702 ECHARD *Eccl. Hist.* (1710) 619 Tho' those who then held this opinion were call'd Sabellians, yet the heresie itself was more ancient than Sabellius. 1850 ROBERTSON *Serm.* Ser. III. iv. (1872) 45 Sabellians, or worshippers of one person under three different manifestations.

Sabellian (săbe·liăn), *a.*[2] and *sb.*[2] *Hist.* [f. L. *Sabell-us* + -IAN.] **a.** *adj.* Pertaining to a group of related peoples who inhabited certain parts of ancient Italy, comprising the Sabines, Samnites, Campanians, and others. **b.** *sb.* A person belonging to any of these peoples.

In Latin poetry *Sabellī* is commonly used as a synonym of *Sabīnī*. The use of *Sabellian* by modern writers is somewhat arbitrary.

1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* I. 64 Of Samnites, whom the Greekes called Sabellians and Saunites, The Colonie Bonianum, the old. 1841 W. SPALDING *Italy & It. Isl.* I. 277 The territory of those Sabellian tribes [*sc.* the Sabines, Marsians, Pelignians, Vestinians, and Samnites], which are here classed together, includes the central heights and valleys of the Apennines. 1880 *Encycl. Brit.* XIII. 445/2 Oscan is..a useful term to designate the nation or group of tribes composed of the Samnites, together with their descendants or offshoots, the Campanians, Lucanians, and Bruttians. The name Sabellians, used by the Roman poets, has been employed by some modern writers in much the same signification.

Sabellianism (săbe·liăniz'm). [f. SABELLIAN *a.*[1] and *sb.*[1] + -ISM.] The doctrinal conception of the Trinity as held by the followers of Sabellius; belief in the Sabellian doctrine of the Trinity.

1668 H. MORE *Div. Dial.* Schol. (1713) 549 Sabellianism, which allows the Consubstantiality or Coequality in the Trinity. 1852 ROBERTSON *Serm.* Ser. IV. xi (1876) 104 A heresy known by the name of Sabellianism or Modal Trinity. 1907 ILLINGWORTH *Doctr. Trin.* vii. 127 To avoid Tritheism on the one hand,..and Sabellianism on the other.

Sabellianize (săbe·liănəiz), *v.* [f. SABELLIAN + -IZE.] *intr.* To adopt Sabellian views.

1833-40 J. H. NEWMAN *Church of Fathers* (1842) 171 We have bid farewell to contentious deviations of doctrine,.. neither Sabellianizing nor Arianising. 1833 — *Arians* v. i. (1876) 356 Not only did he [Athanasius] reluctantly abandon his associate, the unfortunate Marcellus, on his Sabellianizing but [etc.].

Sabellic (săbe·lik), *a.* [f. L. *Sabellus* SABELLIAN *a.*[2] + -IC.] Pertaining to the language or the nationality of the Sabellians.

1880 *Encycl. Brit.* XIII. 126/1 The Sabellic inscriptions. 1902 GILES in *Encycl. Brit.* XXXIII. 898/2 The Sabellic alphabet,..found in a few inscriptions.

Sabellid (săbe·lid), *a.* and *sb. Zool.* [f. SABELLA + -ID.] **A.** *adj.* Pertaining to or connected with the family *Sabellidæ*, of which the genus *Sabella* is the type.

1900 *Nature* 6 Dec. 140/1 A paper..on the sabellid worms collectively designated as Polychætes.

B. *sb.* An individual of the family *Sabellidæ*.

1893 *Jrnl. Mar. Zool.* Nov. 13 On the method of dispersion and fertilization of ova in some sabellids. 1896 BENHAM in *Camb. Nat. Hist.* II. 286 The beautiful branchial crowns of various Sabellids.

Sabelline (săbe·ləin), *a.*[1] Also (in Dicts.) **sabeline.** [ad. med.L. *sabellinus*, f. *sabellum* SABLE *sb.*[1]] Of the colour of sable fur.

1888 *Longm. Mag.* July 297 Bird and beast must assume alike the uniform grey sabelline tint of external nature.

Sabelline (săbe·ləin), *a.*[2] *Zool.* [f. SABELLA + -INE[1].] Pertaining to the genus *Sabella* or to the family *Sabellidæ* (Cent. Dict. 1891).

Sabellite, variant of SABELINE *Obs.*

Sabellite (sæbe·ləit). *Zool.* [f. SABELLA + -ITE[1].] A fossil sabella, or some similar worm (*Cent. Dict.* 1891).

Sabelloid (săbe·loid), *a.* and *sb. Zool.* [f. SABELLA + -OID.] **a.** *adj.* Of or resembling the annelidan *Sabellidæ* (Cent. Dict. 1891). **b.** *sb.* One of the *Sabellidæ* (ibid.).

Saber, obs. or U.S. form of SABRE.

Sabian (sē[1]·biăn), *sb.* and *a.* Also 7-8 **Zabian,** 7-8 **Sabean,** 8 **Zabæan, Tsabæan,** 8-9 **Sabæan, Tsabian.** [f. Arab. صابي *ṣābiʾ* + -AN.

According to Nöldeke, the word represents the pr. pple. of the Aramaic צבא *ṣ'baʕ* to baptize (the ץ being changed into א as is usual in the Mandæan and cognate dialects). In the actual form in which the word occurs in Arabic, it has the appearance of being derived from the same root as the Hebrew צבא *ṣābā* host (see SABAOTH); hence, as certain sects claiming the name of Sabians were alleged to be worshippers of the stars, the name was (already by Maimonides in the 12th c.) interpreted as referring to 'the host of heaven'.]

A. *sb.*

1. An adherent of a religious sect mentioned in three passages of the Koran (ii. 40, v. 73, xxii. 17), and by later Arabian writers.

In the Koran the Sabians are classed with Moslems, Jews, and Christians, as believers in the true God. On account of the toleration extended by Moslems to them, the name of Sabians was, some centuries after Mohammed, assumed not only by the Gnostic half-Christian Mandæans (whose religion is perhaps akin to that of the true Sabians), but also by certain actual polytheists. The statement of some Arabic writers is that the Sabians were professedly Christian, but secretly worshippers of the stars. (Cf. SABAISM.)

1661 BOYLE *Style of Script.* (1675) 35 For want of knowing the Religion of the antient Zabians...Of those Zabiists..I find a deep and general silence in Classick Authors. 1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) X. 462/1 The fourth [*sc.* apartment of hell] named *al Sair*, [Mohammedans assign] to the Sabians. 1841 *Penny Cycl.* XX. 295/2 That the unity of the Deity was however still acknowledged in the religious system of the Tsabians is manifest from the way in which this religion is spoken of in the Korán.

b. Used for MANDÆAN (see quot. 1883).

1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) X. 458/2 The Sabians have several books which they attribute to some of the antediluvian prophets. 1883 K. KESSLER *ibid.* (ed. 9) XV. 467/2 *note*, In their dealings with members of other communions the designation they [*i.e.* the Mandæans] take is Sabians.

2. In erroneous use: A worshipper of 'the host of heaven'; a star-worshipper.

1716 PRIDEAUX *O. & N. Test. Connected* I. III. (1718) I. 140 The remainder of this sect still subsists in the east under the same name of Sabians...That which hath given them the greatest credit among the people of the east is, that the best of their astronomers have been of this sect...For the stars being the gods they worshipped, they made them the chief subject of their studies. 1864 COL. GREENWOOD in *Athenæum* 23 July 115/3 Bishop Cumberland and Bishop Warburton..agree that Cain..and his descendants were Sabæans. Abraham and Moses were Sabæans till Jehovah revealed himself to them.

B. *adj.* Pertaining to the Sabians (in the various applications of the name: see A).

1796 MORSE *Amer. Geog.* II. 571 The Sabean Christians have, in their religion, a mixture of Judaism and Mahometanism. 1859 J. M. ARNOLD *Ishmael* 35 In a Sabian Almanac ..it is stated: 'They fast in it seven days..in honour of the great Lord, the Sun, the Lord of all Good.' 1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 128/1 It is quite inappropriate to call star-worshippers in general Sabians or Zabians or to speak of a distinct Sabian religion, as older writers do.

Sabianism (sē[1]·biăniz'm). Also 9 **sabæanism.** [f. prec. + -ISM.] The religion of the Sabians; chiefly in erroneous use, worship of 'the host of heaven', star-worship. Cf. SABAISM.

1788 GIBBON *Decl. & F.* V. l. 194 Sabianism was diffused over Asia by the science of the Chaldæans and the arms of the Assyrians. 1816 G. S. FABER *Orig. Pagan Idol.* I. 31 Astrolatry or Sabianism; that is to say, the worship of the Sun, the Moon, and the Host of Heaven. 1871 PROCTOR *Light Sci.* 333 Sabæanism, or star-worship.

Sabicu (sæbikū'). A timber tree, *Lysiloma Sabicu*, native of Cuba, the wood of which is greatly valued for its hardness and durability; the wood of this tree. Also *attrib.*

1866 *Treas. Bot.* 704/1 The valuable hard timber known as Sabicù, Savacù or Savicò wood. *Ibid.*, Sabicu timber is imported..from Cuba. 1875 *Encycl. Brit.* I. 68/2 *Acacia formosa* supplies the valuable Cuba timber called sabicu. 1879 *Man. Artillery Exerc.* 588 A number of 5-in. sabicu shifting rollers.

Sabiism: see SABAISM.

Sabill, obs. f. SABLE. **Sabin(e,** var. ff. SAVIN.

Sabine (sæ·bəin), *a.* and *sb. Hist.* [ad. L. *Sabīn-us* adj. and sb.] **A.** *adj.* Of or pertaining to the Sabines: see B.

1697 DRYDEN *Æneid* VIII. 842 Sabine dames. 1756 C. SMART tr. *Horace, Sat.* I. ix. (1826) II. 75 An old Sabine sorceress. 1841 W. SPALDING *Italy & It. Ist.* I. 220 The .. valley of the Hernici .. separates the Sabine heights from the group of mountains anciently inhabited by the Volscians. 1908 O. CRAWFORD in *19th Cent.* Jan. 69 Liquor that Horace drank and sang of on his Sabine farm.

B. *sb.* One of a race of ancient Italy who inhabited the central region of the Apennines.

1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) III. 61 Tacius kyng of Sabyns was i-slawe by assent of Romulus. 1533 BELLENDEN *Livy* I. iv. (S.T.S.) I. 29 Ane huge nowmer of Sabinis with þare wyiffis, barnis, & servandis. 1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* I. 65 The Sabines..dwell hard by the Veline lakes. 1783 W. GORDON tr. *Livy's Rom. Hist.* (1823) I. xxxviii. 70 The Sabines fled to the Mountains. 1841 W. SPALDING *Italy & It. Ist.* I. 46 The Sabines, as it is..conjectured, had a settlement covering the Capitoline and Quirinal Hills.

b. *transf.* in allusion to the proverb *Sabini quod volunt somniant*, 'the Sabines dream what they will' (Festus).

1610 HOLLAND *Camden's Brit.* 542 Grimsby, which our Sabins, or conceited persons dreaming what they list, and following their owne fansies, will have to be so called of one Grime a merchant.

Sabino (səbī·no). [app. altered form of Sp. *sabina* SAVIN.] **a.** The bald or deciduous cypress, *Taxodium distichum* (Treas. Bot., Suppl., 1874). **b.** The Mexican swamp cypress, *Taxodium mucronatum* (Webster Suppl., 1902). **c.** The wood of a species of *Talauma* (Encycl. Brit. XIX. 532/2, 1885).

Sabir: see SAMBUR.

Sable (sē·b'l), *sb.*[1] Forms: α. 4 **sabylle**, 5 **sabulle**, 5–6 **sabill**, 5–7 **sabel**, 6 **sabil(le**, 7 **sabell**, 4– **sable**. β. 7 **cebal**. [a. OF. *sable*, *saible* sable fur, also quasi-*adj.* In *martre sable* ('sable marten') as the name of the animal and its fur, med.L. *sabelum*, *sabellum* sable fur, Icel. *safal*, *safali* sable (the animal), sable-fur, Du. *sabel* sable-fur. The OF. word was prob. adopted from Slavonic: cf. Russian соболь, Polish, Czech *sobol* (whence G. *zobel*, Da., Sw. *sobel*), Lith. *sabalas*, Hung. *zsboly*, the sable. See also ZIBELLINE, which represents a Romanic derivative from the same Slavonic word.

The rare 17th c. form *cebal* is of obscure origin; it may possibly be a shortening of one of the Rom. forms cited s.v. ZIBELLINE.]

1. A small carnivorous quadruped, *Mustela zibellina*, nearly allied to the martens, and native of the arctic and sub-arctic regions of Europe and Asia. Also *Russian*, *Siberian sable*. In ME. the animal and its fur are called also *martrix sable*, *martryn sable*, after OF. *martre sable*.

The American sable, *Mustela Americana*, native of the arctic and sub-arctic regions of North America, is now regarded as a geographical variety of the Old World species. The *red* or *Tatar sable* is the Siberian mink, *Putorius sibiricus*.

1423 Jas. I *Kingis Q.* clvii, The bugill, draware by his hornis grete; The martrik sable, the foyn3ee, and mooy mo. 1463–4 *Rolls of Parlt.* V. 504/2 That noo Knyght..nor noo Wyf of eny such Knyght..were eny manere Cloth of Gold ..or eny Furre of Sables. 1585 T. WASHINGTON tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* II. xxiii. 62 Furres of martirs, Zebelins, Sables,..and other fine skins. 1668 CHARLETON *Onomast.* 19 *Mustela Zibellina*,..the Cebal, or Sable. 1719 DE FOE *Crusoe* (1840) II. xvi. 326 They..catch sables and foxes. 1877 COUES *Fur Anim.* iii. 95 The Sable is principally trapped during the colder months.

b. *Painting.* A pencil made of the sable's hair (*Cent. Dict.* 1891).

2. The skin or fur of the sable.

14.. LYDG. *Life Our Lady* (MS. Bodl. 75, fol. 72 b) Ne martres sable [*Caxton and other texts* Ne martyrn ne sabyl]..Was noon founde in her garment. 1508 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* IV. 20 Item, put in the samyn (goun) sevin score of mertrikis of the Kingis and pairt of sabilles. 1553 EDEN *Treat. Newe Ind.* (Arb.) 20 The riche furres called *Zibellini*, which we call Sables. 1638 SIR T. HERBERT *Trav.* (ed. 2) 180 Raw silks, exchang'd for sables. 1717 LADY M. W. MONTAGU *Let. to C'tess Mar* 30 Jan., This lady was in a gown..lined and faced with sables. 1835 *Court Mag.* VI. p. vi/2 When we say furs, we should rather say fur, for sable is the only one adopted by ladies of high fashion. 1893 F. F. MOORE *Gray Eye or So* III. 211 Mrs. Mowbray's set of sables had cost..seven hundred guineas.

3. A superior quality of Russian iron, so called from being originally stamped with a sable.

1815 J. SMITH *Panorama Sci. & Art* I. 12 That kind [of iron] called old sable. 1839 URE *Dict. Arts* 462 Those [files] made from the Russian iron, known by the name of old sable, called from its mark CCND, are excellent.

4. *attrib.* and *Comb.* **a.** simple attrib., as *sable-skin*; (made of the hairs of the sable) *sable-brush*, *-pencil*; (used for taking the sable) *sable-trap*; (made of the fur of sable) *sable-coat*, *muff*, *tippet*. Also objective, as *sable-hunter*.

1873 E. SYON *Workshop Receipts* Ser. I. 2/1 Chinese white ..may be applied with a fine *sable-brush. 1753 HANWAY *Trav.* (1762) I. III. I. 228 It is common to see a great man sit in his *sable-coat in the height of summer. 1719 DE FOE *Crusoe* (1840) II. xvi. 335 They were the *sable-hunters of Siberia. 1784 KING *Cook's 3rd Voy.* VI. ii. III. 220, I had a present..of a handsome *sable muff. 1811 *Self Instructor* 518 The latter kind are called *sable pencils. 1719 DE FOE *Crusoe* (1840) II. xv. 316, I was curious to see the *sable-skins. 1882 H. LANSDELL *Through Siberia* I. 208 A good sable skin fetches from 50*s.* to £10. 1686 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 2202/4 Lost.., a *Sable Typpet. 1784 J. BELKNAP in *B. Papers* (1877) II. 188 We saw..abundance of *sable-traps, and one bear-trap.

b. Sable-mouse [= Ger. *sobelmaus*] = LEMMING.

1699 SIR P. RYCAUT in *Phil. Trans.* XXI. 110 In the Year 1697, these Sable-Mice were first observ'd. 1700 W. KING *Transactioneer* 81 Sable-Mice..are so fierce and angry that if a stick be held out at them, they will bite it.

Sable (sē·b'l), *sb.*[2] and *a.* Also 4–5 **sabyll(e**, 5–6 **sabill**. [a. F. *sable* sable (as heraldic term: in Godef. cited only from 15th c.), whence Sp., Pg. *sable*, MDu., Du. *sabel*. The identity of the word with SABLE *sb.*[1] is commonly assumed, though some difficulty is presented by the fact that the fur of the sable, as now known, is not black but brown.

Some have conjectured that it may have been customary to dye sable-fur black (as is now often done with sealskin), perh. in order to heighten its contrast with ermine, with which it was often worn.

The development by which the heraldic term has become a general (poetical or rhetorical) synonym for 'black' is peculiar to English.]

A. *sb.*

1. *Her.* Black, as one of the heraldic colours; in engraving represented by horizontal and vertical lines crossing each other. Abbreviated *S*, *Sa.*, † *Sab.*

1352 *Wynnere & Wastoure* 157 The thirde banere one bent as of blee whitte With sexe galeys I see of sable with inn. ?*a* 1400 *Morte Arth.* 771 His hede and hys hals ware.. Oundyde of azure,..Hys feete ware floreschede alle in fyne sabylle. 1470–85 MALORY *Arthur* XII. vi. 601 A shelde alle of Sabel. 1489 CAXTON *Faytes of A.* IV. xvii. 280 That other colour is blak that men calle in armoyrie sable. 1562 LEIGH *Armorie* (1597) 87 b, These [Ogresses] are Pellets of guns, and are neuer of other colour, then Sable. 1611 COTGR., *Sable*,..the colour sables, or blacke, in Blason. 1864 BOUTELL *Her. Hist. & Pop.* XV. 175 Changing the tincture of the field of his shield from sable to azure.

2. The colour black; black clothing, also, esp. as a symbol of mourning. *poet.* and *rhetorical.*

c 1374 CHAUCER *Compl. Mars* 284 Now haue ye cause to clothe yow in sable. 1390 GOWER *Conf.* III. 372 A Peire of Bedes blak as Sable Sche tok and heng my necke aboute. *c* 1470 *Gol. & Gaw.* 20 Thair baneris schane with the sone, of siluer and sabill. 1508 DUNBAR *Gold. Targe* 126 Thare was Pluto..In cloke of grene, his court usit no sable. 1602 SHAKS. *Ham.* I. ii. 242 *Ham.* His Beard was grisly? No. *Hor.* It was, as I haue seene it in his life, A Sable Siluer'd. 1728 POPE *Dunc.* II. 262 The King of dykes! than whom no sluice of mud With deeper sable blots the silver flood. 1855 LONGF. *Hiaw.* VIII. 38 Painted was he with his warpaints,..Spots of brown and spots of sable.

† **b.** Blackness, darkness. *Obs.*

1503 DUNBAR *Thistle & Rose* 56 The purpour sone,..Doing all sable fro the hevynnis chace. 1774 tr. *Helvetius' Child of Nature* II. 336 The sable of death was spread upon his face. 1782 COWPER *Conversat.* 872 Let no man charge me that I mean To clothe in sable every social scene.

3. *pl.* Mourning garments; a suit of black worn as an emblem of grief. *poet.* or *rhetorical.*

1602 SHAKS. *Ham.* III. ii. 138 Nay then let the Diuel weare blacke, for I'le haue a suite of Sables. 1676 OTWAY *Don Carlos* V. i, You'll find her all in rueful Sables clad. 1795 WOLCOT (P. Pindar) *Pindariana* Wks. 1812 IV. 164 Her gloomy sables change to pink and gold. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* lvii, Her little boy sate by her side in pompous new sables. 1867 'OUIDA' *C. Castlemaine* (1879) 18 The sables she wore were not solely for the dead Earl.

b. *fig.*

1655 tr. *Com. Hist. Francion* I. 1 Already had the Night worn out neare half her Sables. *a* 1708 BEVERIDGE *Priv. Th.* I. 101 This Hatred..puts on the mournful Sables of Grief and Sorrow. 1746 HERVEY *Medit.* (1818) 162 Then the earth, disrobed of all her gay attire, must sit in sables, like a disconsolate widow. 1882 MRS. OLIPHANT *Lit. Hist. Eng.* I. 58 Thus Cowper kept on his sables, his melancholy countenance [etc.].

4. A book-name of several species of pyralid moths, esp. of the genera *Botys* and *Ennychia*.

1832 RENNIE *Conspect. Butterfl. & M.* 149 The Wavy-barred Sable (*Ennychia anguinalis*). *Ibid.* The Silver-barred Sable (*E. cingulata*).

5. In full *sable antelope*. A large stout-horned antelope, *Hippotragus* (*Ægocerus*) *niger*, native of South and East Africa, the male of which is of a deep-black colour.

1850 R. G. CUMMING *Hunter's Life S. Afr.* (1902) 95/1 An old buck of the sable antelope, the rarest and most beautiful animal in South Africa. 1895 J. G. MILLAIS *Breath fr. Veldt* (1899) 294, I saw the head and horns of a grand sable, looking straight at me. 1900 GROGAN & SHARP *Cape to Cairo* V. 49, I saw two grand bull sable browsing.

6. *Comb.*, parasynthetic and instrumental, as *sable-bordered*, *-cinctured*, *-coloured*, *-hooded*, *-lettered*, *-robed*, *-spotted*, *-stoled*, *-suited*, *-vested*, *visaged* adjs.

a 1758 RAMSAY *Death R. Alexander* i, Thou *sable-border'd sheet begone! 1744 ARENSIDE *Pleas. Imag.* III. 97 Learning's garb, With formal band, and *sable-cinctur'd gown. 1588 SHAKS. *L. L. L.* I. i. 233 It is besieged with *sable coloured melancholie. 1596 R. L[INCHE] *Diella* (1877) 75 Night puts on her mistie sable-coloured vayle. 1770 W. HODSON *Ded. Temple Solomon* 13 The dreary Realms Of *sable-hooded Night. 1810 SCOTT *Lady of L.* III. vi, In vain, the learning of the age Unclasp'd the *sable-letter'd page. 1599 T. M[OUFET] *Silkwormes* 54 Like *sable-robed Ants. 1857 RUSKIN *Pol. Econ. Art* ii. (1868) 104 Walled towers..*sable-spotted with cannon-courses. 1629 MILTON *Hymn Nativity* xxiv, The *sable-stoled Sorcerers bear his worshipt Ark. 1590 GREENE *Orl. Fur.* (1599) G 3 b, Phœbus, put out thy *sable suited wreathe. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* II. 962 With him Enthron'd Sat *Sable-vested Night. 1608 *Merry Devil of Edmonton* Prol. 24 The silent *sable visagde night.

B. *adj.* In 6–7 also **sables**.

1. *Her.* Of a black colour; black.

1470–85 MALORY *Arthur* V. ix. 176 The knyght bare in his sheld thre gryffons of gold in sable charbuncle. 1610 HOLLAND *Camden's Brit.* 193 In a shield sables, they beare for their armes six Swallowes argent. 1875 FORTNUM *Maiolica* ix. 79 Paly gules and or, on a fess argent a dog in the act of bounding sable.

2. *gen.* Black. Chiefly *poet.* and *rhetorical.* **a.** Of material objects, persons, animals, etc. Now, as applied to negroes, slightly *jocular*.

1485–1509 in Grose *Antig. Rep.* (1809) IV. 408 The margent sylver and the notis sabill. 1508 DUNBAR *Tua Maritit Wemen* 447 According to my sable weid I mon haif sad maneris. 1589 GREENE *Menaphon* (Arb. 81) He apparailed himselfe in armour, colour sables, as mourning for his Mistres. 1595 R. JOHNSON 7 *Champions* (1608) 72 The walles [were] behung with sable mourning cloth. 1655 FULLER *Ch. Hist.* II. iii. § 29 This Year the English have cause to write with Sable letters in their Almanack,..that [etc.]. *a* 1700 DRYDEN *Theodore & Honoria* 272 Last came the Fellon on the Sable Steed. 1769 SIR W. JONES *Palace Fortune* Poems (1777) 22 His few gray locks a sable fillet bound. 1815 *Ann. Reg., Chron.* 63 The ceremonies were performed by a sable archbishop. 1822 SOUTHEY *Vis. Judgm.* VIII. Poet. Wks. 1838 X. 232 He of the sable mail, the hero of Cressy. 1890 'R. BOLDREWOOD' *Miner's Right* (1899) 56/1 When the middle passage is safely passed and the death-scared sable crowd 'sold and delivered'.

b. Of sky, sea, land, night, and the like.

1500–20 DUNBAR *Poems* xlvi. 2 Aurora did vpspring, With cristall ene chasing the cluddis sable. *c* 1586 C'TESS PEMBROKE *Ps.* CXXXIX. vi, Doe thou (by best, O secret night, In sable vaile to cover me. 1615 BRATHWAIT *Strappado* (1878) 15 Whose storie, Shall..shew it selfe..more bright, Then chast Latona on the sablest night. 1633 P. FLETCHER *Purple Isl.* VII. xxxii, So when the South (dipping his sablest wings In humid Ocean) sweeps..Th' aire, earth, and seas. 1634 MILTON *Comus* 221 Was I deceiv'd, or did a sable cloud Turn forth her silver lining on the night? 1735 SOMERVILLE *Chase* II. 415 The Night Wrapt in her sable Veil forbids the Chace. 1810 SCOTT *Lady of L.* II. xxxiv, As flashes flame through sable smoke. 1853 C. BRONTE *Villette* vi, Down the sable flood we glided.

c. Of agencies personified.

1726 POPE *Odyss.* XX. 308 Your future thought let sable Fate employ. 1749 SMOLLETT *Regicide* IV. ii, Ha! Did'st thou say, revenge? Hail, sable pow'r.

d. Of dark-coloured liquids. *rare.*

1791 COWPER *Iliad* IV. 58 Quick flowed a sable current from the wound. *Ibid.* XXI. 200 The other as it flew Grazed his right elbow: sprang the sable blood. 1808 SCOTT *Marm.* VI. Introd. 13 They..Caroused in seas of sable beer.

† **3.** Mournful. *Obs.*

1603 CHETTLE *Eng. Mourn. Garm.* D 3, Nor doth the siluer tonged Melicert, Drop from his honied muse one sable teare. 1613 R. CAWDREY *Table Alph.* (ed. 3), *Sable*,.. mournefull. 1708 *Repl. to Swift's Bickerstaff detected* S.'s Wks. 1755 II. 1. 167 A long sable elegy. 1780 COWPER *Lett.* 6 Apr., Such a sable state of mind as I labour under.

† **Sa·ble**, *sb.*[3] *Obs.* Also 7 **zable**, 7–8 **sabel**; and see SHABLE. [Prob. a. Du. or early mod.Ger. *sabel* (later Ger. *säbel*): see SABRE.] = SABRE *sb.*

1617 J. TAYLOR (Water P.) *Fight at Sea* Wks. (1630) III. 34/1 Some with Sabels, which we call Fauchions..and some with Half pikes. 1652 J. WRIGHT tr. *Camus' Nat. Paradox* III. 50 Stanislas..came with his Sable in his Hand. 1674 *Phil. Trans.* IX. 184 They use Musquets, Bows and Arrows, Zables, Javelins; and for their Trumpets they employ great Elefants-teeth. 1682 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 1765/1 The Moneys.. has on one side a Hand with a naked Sable in it. 1706 PHILLIPS (ed. Kersey), *Sable*, or *Sabre*.

Sable (sē·b'l), *sb.*[4] [ad. Pg. *savel*.] An Indian fish; = HILSA. Usually *sable-fish*.

1810 T. WILLIAMSON *East India Vade M.* II. 154 The *hilsah*, (or sable fish,) which seems to be mid-way between a mackarel and a salmon,..is, perhaps, the richest fish with which any cook is acquainted. 1846 J. T. THOMPSON *Hindu Dict., Ilēēsh*..the Hilsa or Sable. 1883 F. DAY *Indian Fish* 34 (Fish. Exhib. Publ.) An anadromous shad termed 'Pulla' in the Indus,..'Sable-fish' by the Madrassees,.. [and] 'Hilsa' or 'ilisha' in Bengal.

Sable (sē·b'l), *v.* Chiefly *poet.* [f. SABLE *a.*] *trans.* To blacken or darken. Also, to clothe in 'sables'. Now *rare*.

1610 G. FLETCHER *Christ's Tri.* I. xxxvi, And sabled all in blacke the shadie skie. 1640 FULLER *Joseph's Coat*, *David's Sin* XXXII. (1867) 213 Sepian juice did sink Into his spongy paper, sabling o'er The same. 1726 POPE *Odyss.* XX. 103 Airy terrors sable ev'ry dream. 1800 MOORE *Anacreon* lix, Sabled by the solar beam, Now the fiery clusters teem. 1890 *Temple Bar* Sept. 14 She is probably no longer sobbing and sabled.

Hence **Sa·bled** *ppl. a.*, clad in black.

1804 *Something Odd* II. 88 The sabled gentleman fancies himself struck with the sublimities of Miss Gervaise.

† **Sableize** (sē·b'l,əiz), *v. Obs. rare*[−1]. [f. SABLE *a.* + -IZE.] *trans.* To make black.

1611 DAVIES *Sco. Folly*, etc. 237 Some Chroniclers that write of Kingdomes States Do so absurdly sableize my White With Maskes and Enterludes by Day and Night.

Sableness (sē·b'lnės). [f. SABLE *a.* + -NESS.] Blackness; † mournfulness, gloom.

1607 *Schol. Disc. agst. Antichr.* I. iii. 128 This was a signe of some sablenes, of some saddnes. 1839 *Fraser's Mag.* XX. 63 The funereal sableness of the far-stretching forests. 1884 G. P. LATHROP *True* xi. 117 The sable driver subsided completely into the depths of his sableness.

†Sabliere[1]. *Arch. Obs.* [a. F. *sablière*, of obscure origin.] 'A piece of wood as long as a beam but not so thick' (Phillips 1696).

†Sabliere[2]. *Obs.* [a. F. *sablière* sand-pit, f. *sable* sand :—L. *sabulum*.] A sand-pit or gravel-pit.
1706 in Phillips.

Sably (sē'·bli), *adv.* [f. Sable *a.* + -ly[2].] Darkly, blackly.
1831 *Fraser's Mag.* III. 336 The sably snowy swan. 1887 Mrs. C. Reade *Maid o' Mill* II. xxxviii. 285 A funeral train streams sably down Ewshot Hill.

Sablyne, variant of Sabeline *Obs.*

‖ Sabot (sabǫ). [F. *sabot* (OF. in 13th c. *çabot*, mod.Picard *chabot*) prob. related in some way to *savate* shoe, Pr. *sabata* : see Sabaton.]

1. A wooden shoe made of a single piece of wood shaped and hollowed out to fit the foot.
1607 R. C[arew] tr. *Estienne's World of Wonders* 299 Woodden shoes properly called sabots. 1673 C. Hatton in *H. Corr.* (Camden) 118 A sabot having a great bracelet of beades passed through y^e^ heel. 1765 H. Walpole *Let. to Y. Chute* 3 Oct., Two fellows were sweeping it [*sc.* the Dauphin's bedchamber] and dancing about in sabots to rub the floor. 1792 A. Young *Trav. France* 18 The ploughmen.. have neither sabots nor feet to their stockings. 1846 Church *Misc. Writ.* (1891) I. 92 Captains in the imperial armies.. resumed their sabots and baggy breeches. 1888 Miss Braddon *Fatal Three* I. iv, Two boys in blouses and sabots.
attrib. 1800 Weems *Washington* viii. (1877) 62 The Sabot or wooden shoed nation, the French.

b. A kind of shoe having a thick wooden sole and 'uppers' of coarse leather.
1840 Barham *Ingol. Leg.* Ser. I. *Bagman's Dog*, He'd a 'dreadnought' coat, and heavy *sabots* With thick wooden soles turn'd up at the toes. 1879 Beerbohm *Patagonia* iii. 43 [He] would now and then wear a pair of sabots made with the skin of the hind legs of the guanacho.

2. *Mil.* a. A wooden disc attached to a spherical projectile by means of a copper rivet for the purpose of keeping it evenly in place in the bore of the piece when discharged. b. A metal cup fixed by means of metal straps to a conical projectile, to cause it to 'take' the rifling of the gun.
1855 Norton in *Mech. Mag.* LXII. 88 Expanding self-cleansing sabot for rifle-shot. 1859 F. A. Griffiths *Artill. Man.* (ed. 8) 86 The 'bottoms' or 'sabots' of all naval shells are hollowed out. *Ibid.* 97 Wooden Bottoms, or Sabots. 1860 Tennent *Story Guns* (1864) 209 The shot, unprotected by a sabot, may have shifted its place. 1866 *Cornh. Mag.* Sept. 355 An egg-shaped bullet, its base embedded in a *papier mâché* sabot. 1868 *Rep. to Govt. U. S. Munitions of War* 63 The fulminate which is put in a card-board *sabot* next the charge.

3. *Mech.* The iron shoe or point of a pile (Knight *Dict. Mech.* Suppl., 1884); an iron shoe used to protect the end of a file for working metal (*Cent. Dict.* 1891); a cutting armature at the end of a tubular boring-rod.
1884 *Public Opinion* 3 Oct. 432 The system of sinking shafts..by means of hollow iron tubes with cutting sabots.

4. A brace connected with the pedal of a harp and used for shortening the string.
1891 in *Century Dict.*
Hence **Sa·boted** *ppl. a.*, shod with sabots.
1862 Simeon in *Macm. Mag.* Mar. 421 The bloused and saboted driver. 1885 *Pall Mall G.* 28 Aug. 11/2 Colonies of greasy, sabotted Frenchmen. 1905 *Daily Chron.* 27 Mar. 4/5 His blue-bloused and sabotted gardeners.

†Sabras. *Obs.* Also 3 sabraz, 5 saberas, saberace. [? a. Pr. *saboratz*, pa. pple. of *saboras* to season.] A decoction or infusion.
a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 364 Þe on uorgeð al þet he luued of metes & of drunches, & drinkeð hitter sabraz uorto akoueren his heale. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 440/1 Sabrace, *sabracia*. *c* 1480 *Sloane MS.* 73, lf. 211 Tak thi lether and basche it wel in this sabras. *Ibid.*, That that saberas be wel drunken up in to the lether. *Ibid.*, Poure thi sabrace al aboven the lether.

Sabre (sē'·bəɹ), *sb.* Also 8 sabir, 9– *U.S.* saber. [a. F. *sabre* (17th c.), an unexplained alteration of *sable* (Oudin 1640 : cf. Sp. *sable*) a. G. *sabel* (now *säbel*), whence Sable *sb.*[2] The ultimate source is prob. to be sought in some Oriental language; forms with initial (ʃ) are found in Hungarian *száblya* (whence perh. It. *sciabla*, Shable) and Polish *szabla*; the Russian сабля may be from German.]

1. A cavalry sword having a curved blade specially adapted for cutting.
1680 Otway *Orphan* II. iii. 514 With my good Sabir drawn ..I..clove the Rebel to the Chine. 1697 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 3291/1 The Chief Officers..came with their Sabres in their Hands. 1791 Mrs. Radcliffe *Rom. Forest* xii, He received himself the stroke of a sabre on his head. 1845 Darwin *Voy. Nat.* iii. (1879) 41 My companions were well armed with pistols and sabres. 1889 Gunter *That Frenchman* x, Several pairs of foils, and sabers.

b. Put for : Military force.
1851 Gallenga *Italy* 91 The Milanese were long since under the rule of the sabre.

2. A cavalry 'unit'; a soldier armed with a sabre.
1829 Napier *Penins. War* (1878) II. 484 General total,.. 56,239 sabres and bayonets in the field. 1895 Sir E. Wood *Cavalry in Waterloo Camp.* v. 120 Somerset's Heavy Brigade :—..Total paper strength 1,220 sabres.

3. An implement used for removing scum from the surface of molten glass.
1832 G. R. Porter *Porcelain & Gl.* 202 Removing with a broad copper sabre any scum that may have formed on the surface of the glass. 1839 Ure *Dict. Arts* 590 The bucket is skimmed by means of a copper tool called a sabre.

4. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *sabre-cut*, *-shaped* adjs.; **sabre-bayonet**, a weapon which can be used either as a sabre or a bayonet; **sabre-bill**, a South American dendrocolaptine bird of the genus *Xiphorhynchus*; **sabre-cut**, (*a*) a blow with a sabre; (*b*) a cut or scar left by the stroke of a sabre; **sabre-fish**, *U.S.*, the cutlass-fish, *Trichiurus lepturus*; **sabre-wing**, a humming-bird of the genus *Campylopterus* (and related genera).
1863 T. E. C. *Battlefields of the South* I. 252 Many more were destroyed with the *sabre-bayonet when our men closed in upon them. 1859–62 Sir J. Richardson, etc. *Mus. Nat. Hist.* 319 The Brazilian *Sabre-bill (*Xiphorhynchus procurvus*). *c* 1820 S. Rogers *Italy* (1839) 216 On his wan cheek a *sabre-cut. 1828 Miss Mitford *Village* Ser. III. 49 Against Justice and Constable, treadmill and stocks, the sabre-cut was a protection. 1883 Stevenson *Treas. Isl.* II. vii, The captain..with his..sabre-cut cheek. 1863 *Chamb. Encycl.* V. 192/2 The Silvery Hair-tail..is called *Sabre-fish in Cuba. 1888 Goode *Amer. Fishes* 255 The Cutlass-fish.. is known..on the coast of Texas as 'Sabre-fish'. 1796 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) III. 442/2 [Of a part of a plant.] *Sabre-shaped. 1841 *Penny Cycl.* XXI. 423/1 The rostrum [of *Rhynchocinetes*]..is very large, sabre-shaped, and dentilated on both edges. 1895 A. H. Cooke *Molluscs* (Camb. Nat. Hist. III.) 236 Laterals simple, sabre-shaped. 1861 Gould *Humming-B.* II. pl. 43 *Campylopterus pampa*, Wedge-tailed *Sabre-wing. 1893 Newton *Dict. Birds* 446 The group known as 'Sabre-wings'.

b. **Sabre-toothed lion** or **tiger**, a large extinct feline mammal of the genus Machairodus, with long sabre-shaped upper canines. Also **sabre-tooth** *a.* and *sb.*
1849 *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* IV. 909/2 The great extinct sabre-toothed tiger. 1880 Dawkins *Early Man Britain* iii. 57 The great sabre-toothed lion, *Machairodus*. 1896 Kipling *Seven Seas, Ung* iii, He..pictured the sabre-tooth tiger dragging a man to his lair. *Ibid.* v, Hath he..followed the Sabre-tooth home?

Sabre (sē'·bəɹ), *v.* [f. Sabre *sb.* Cf. F. *sabrer*.] *trans.* To strike, cut, or wound with a sabre.
1790 Burke *Fr. Rev.* Wks. V. 399 And now you send troops to sabre and to bayonet us into a submission to fear and force. 1845 Disraeli *Sybil* VI. xii, The people were fired on and sabred. 1873 Clery *Min. Tact.* x. (1877) 123 Ponsonby's cavalry..sabred the gunners and stabbed the horses.
absol. 1865 Carlyle *Fredk. Gt.* XVIII. xiii. (1872) VIII. 50 The Seidlitz cavalry went sabring till, for very fatigue, they gave it up.
Hence **Sa·brer** [cf. F. *sabreur*], one who cuts down with a sabre.
1831 Gen. P. Thompson *Exerc.* (1842) I. 416 When men and women were massacred at Manchester..did they dream it was love for the sabrers, that produced an after compliance with their mandates?

Sabre, obs. f. Sambur, Indian elk.

Sabred (sē'·bəɹd), *a.* [f. Sabre *sb.* + -ed[2].] Furnished or armed with a sabre.
1760–72 H. Brooke *Fool of Quality* (1792) IV. 162 An arrangement of sabred Hussars with their fierce-looking mustachoes. 1866 *Daily Tel.* 16 Jan. 7/4 There were the Guardsmen, whiskered, mustachio'd, padded, epauletted, sabred. 1883 E. F. Knight *Cruise Falcon* (1887) 61 A gentleman most gorgeously uniformed and sabred.

Sabretache (sæ·bəɹtaʃ). Also **sabretasch**(e, **-tash**. [a. F. *sabretache*, ad. G. *säbeltasche*, f. *säbel* sabre, Sable *sb.*[2] + *tasche* pocket.] A leather satchel suspended on the left side by long straps from the sword-belt of a cavalry officer.
A MS. letter of 1812 has the word in the corrupt form *zappadash*. The Dicts. incorrectly give (sē'·bəɹtoʃ).
1812 *Sporting Mag.* XXXIX. 167 A pouch belt and a sabre-tache. 1841 Lever *C. O'Malley* xv, As strapping a fellow as ever carried a sabretasch. 1858 Sir E. Cust *Ann. Wars* p. viii, The Volume has been so managed that it may not be too much for the pocket, or the sabretash. 1858 Carlyle *Fredk. Gt.* VII. i. (1872) II. 237 He is withal a kind of soldier..a man of many sabre-tashes. 1901 *Scotsman* 7 Nov. 5/8 The King has been graciously pleased to approve the abolition of the sabre tache.

‖ Sabreur (sabrör). [Fr.; agent-n., f. *sabrer* to Sabre.] One who fights with a sabre; usually applied to a cavalry soldier distinguished rather for bravery than for skill in war.
1845 W. H. Maxwell *Hints to Soldier* 77 The humbler but no less gallant sabreur of New Ross. 1854 Badham *Halieut.* 418 Our expert sabreur rushes to the conflict, and, carefully avoiding the sweep of his opponent's tremendous tail, soon effects his purpose, by stabbing the luckless leviathan at all points.

Sabuline (sæ·biuləin), *a.* [f. L. *sabul-um* sand: see -ine[2].] = Sabulous. In recent Dicts.

Sabull, obs. form of Sable.

Sabulose (sæ·biulōus), *a.* [ad. L. *sabulōsus* : see Sabulous and -ose.]

1. *Bot.* (See quot.)
1866 *Treas. Bot.* 1003/1 *Sabulose*, growing in sandy places.

2. = Sabulous. In mod. Dicts.

†Sabulo·sity. *Obs.* [ad. L. type **sabulōsitāt-em* : see next and -ity.] Sandiness.
1721 in Bailey; and in later Dicts.

Sabulous (sæ·biuləs), *a.* [ad. L. *sabulōs-us*, f. *sabul-um* sand : see -ous.] Sandy; consisting of or abounding in sand; arenaceous.
1632 Lithgow *Trav.* (1906) 226 The austiere conspicuosity of the sabulous and stony Desarts. 1670 R. Wittie in *Phil. Trans.* V. 1076 Water..strained from all sabulous mixture. 1793 Smeaton *Edystone L.* § 103 The quantity and species of sabulous matter that entered into the texture of the limestone. 1822 G. Woodley *Scilly Isl.* II. iii. 289 This part of the Island..appears rather to have gained from the sea by these sabulous accumulations. 1881 *Academy* 1 Oct. 252 The author [E. W. White] is terribly fond of long words. To him..plains are sabulous..parrots are psittacs.

b. *Med.* Applied to a granular secretion, esp. in the urinary organs.
1670 W. Simpson *Hydrol. Ess.* 137 The one Water layes a stony Foundation for a Fabrick of Sabulous diseases. 1694 Salmon *Bate's Dispens.* (1713) 170/2 It..dissolves any tartarous or sabulous Coagulation in the Reins or Ureters. 1836–41 Brande *Chem.* (ed. 5) 1389 Sabulous depositions in the urine are of various characters. 1881 *Trans. Obstetric Soc. Lond.* XXVII. 39 Sabulous matter, mixed with mucus.

c. *Anat.*, applied to the acervulus cerebri, or gritty substance of the pineal body of the brain (*Cent. Dict.* 1891).
Hence **Sa·bulousness**, the state or quality of being sabulous. 1727 in Bailey vol. II.

‖ Saburra (săbʊ·ră). *Med.* [L. *saburra* sand, cogn. w. *sabulum* : see prec.] Foul granular matter deposited in the body, esp. in the stomach.
1710 T. Fuller *Pharm. Extemp.* 316 This Medicament.. extirpates the Saburra..out of the whole Body. 1772 D. MacBride *Physic* II. 93 The terms Cacochylia and Saburra are used to denote the general accumulation of offensive matters in the alimentary canal. 1822–34 *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 4) I. 644 The slaty or purplish and granular saburra thrown up from the stomach.
Hence **Sabu·rral** *a.* [cf. L. *saburrālis* consisting of sand], of or belonging to saburra.
1822–34 *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 4) I. 714 An inflammatory fever passing into a saburral fever. 1876 Bartholow *Mat. Med.* (1879) 150 The saburral state of the mucous membrane.

†Sabu·rrate, *v. Obs. rare*—[o]. [f. ppl. stem of L. *saburrāre*, f. *saburra* : see Saburra.] To ballast a ship. 1623 in Cockeram. 1658 in Phillips.

Saburration (sæbʊrē'·ʃən). *Med.* [ad. mod.L. *saburrātiōn-em* (16th c.), n. of action f. L. *saburrāre* (in mod.L. sense to treat with sand) : see prec.] The application of heated sand to the body; sand-bathing, arenation.
1763 A. Sutherland *Attempts Anc. Med. Doctr.* I. 48 Saburration was a species of Bathing in antient use. The body was buried in sand and exposed to the sun. 1849 Pereira *Elem. Mat. Med.* (ed. 3) I. 16. 1860 R. Fowler *Med. Vocab., Saburration*, the application of hot sand enclosed in a bag or bladder to a part of the body.

Sabylle, obs. form of Sable.

Sac[1]. *Old Eng. Law.* Forms: 1 **saca**, 3 **sacha, sache**, 3, 6 **sak**, 2, 4, 7 **sake**, 5, 7 **sack**, (5 **saca, sacke**), 7– **sac.** [repr. OE. *saca*, accus. and genit. pl. of *sacu* str. fem., dispute, case at law, litigation, crime (see Sake), as occurring in the 11th c. phrases *saca and sócne habban* (*gifan*) 'to have (give) sac and soke', *saca and sócne wyrðe*, 'worthy of sac and soke'.
As both words occur in Scandinavian (OIcel. *søk*, *sókn*), it is not unlikely that the alliterative formula may be of Danish origin, though it has not actually been found in Scandinavian law-books.]
Properly only in *sac and soc* (or *soke*), a modernized form of the expression (see above) used in charters from the reign of Cnut onward to denote certain rights of jurisdiction which by custom belonged to the lord of a manor, and which were specified (along with others) as included in the grant of a manor by the crown.
1020–12.. [see Infangthief]. 1086 *Domesday-bk.* 280 b/1 Si tainus habens sacam et socam forisfecerit terram suam. [*Ibid.* in many other passages.] 1290 *Rolls of Parlt.* I. 15/1 Teneant predictas villas.., cum Sacha & Socha, Thol & Them [etc.]. 1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) II. 95 Sake : (a Frensche, court justice forfet ou achesoun). *c* 1460 *Oseney Regr.* 9 [tr. charter of Hen. I *c* 1130] Sake and soc, tol and teme, and infangenethefe. *Ibid.* 10 [explanation of terms] Sacke ys pleys and amendys of mysdoynges of your men in your courte, for *sacke* in Englysh is *cheson* in frensh,..and sacke also is a forfete. 1641 *Termes de la Ley* 244 The priviledge called Sake is for a man to have the amerciaments of his tenants in his owne Court. *a* 1657 [see Infangthief]. 1874 Stubbs *Const. Hist.* I. v. § 47 There existed..side by side with the hundreds and wapentakes, large franchises or liberties in which the jurisdiction..was vested in private hands. The particular rights thus exercised were termed sac and soc.

Sac[2] (sæk). [a. F. *sac* or ad. L. *saccus* (see Sack *sb.*[1]) in mod.L. applications.]

1. *Biol.* Any natural bag-like cavity with its membranous covering in an animal or vegetable organism. a. in animal bodies. *Laryngeal sacs* [mod.L. *sacculi laryngis*], membranous pouches connected with the larynx, for the reception of air.
1741 Monro *Anat. Nerves* (ed. 3) 77 The Lacteal Sac..is contracted into a slender..Pipe. 1780 Lachrymal sac [see Lachrymal *a.* 2]. 1796 Morse *Amer. Geog.* I. 205 The castor used in medicine is found in sacs formed behind the kidneys [in the beaver]. 1844 Stephens *Bk. Farm* II. 725 A small spot is discernible upon the yolk, composed of a membraneous sac containing fluid matter in which the embryo of the future chick swims. 1851 Richardson *Geol.* viii. 224 In the sea-star, the stomach is a capacious sac. 1854 Bushnan in *Orr's Circ. Sci., Org. Nat.* I. 143 In the monkeys of the old continent there are also laryngeal sacs. 1875 Houghton *Sk. Brit. Ins.* 140 The female beetle makes

a pear-shaped flexible bag of silk, in which she encloses her eggs; the sac is attached to some water weed. 1888 Rolleston & Jackson *Anim. Life* 55 The air-sacs appended to certain bronchi are nine in number. 1897 *Syd. Soc. Lex.* s.v., *Fœtal, gestation sac*,..the sac in which an embryo is enclosed in cases of extra-uterine pregnancy.

b. in plants.

1830 Lindley *Nat. Syst. Bot.* 173 The embryo has no kind of vascular connexion with the sac that contains it. 1879 Lubbock *Sci. Lect.* i. 5 Utricularia, an aquatic species [of Venus's Fly-trap *Dionæa Muscipula*], bears a number of utricles or sacs.

2. *Path.* A pouch formed by the morbid dilatation of a part, the membranous envelope of a hernia, cyst, tumour, etc.

[Cf. *hernial bag* 1736 *s.v.* Hernial *a.*]

1802 *Med. Jrnl.* VIII. 40 In consequence of the distension ..a sac or pouch is usually formed, in which the food lodges. 1804 Abernethy *Surg. Obs.* 210 It [the blood] could be entirely expressed from the aneurismal sac. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VII. 243 The same change follows the repeated tappings of the sacs.

¶ **3.** Used *occas.* for: A bag.

1869 Lubbock *Prehist. Times* xi. 339 [Among the Hottentots] milk is kept in leathern sacs.

4. *Comb.*, as *sac-bearing*, *-like* adjs.

1888 *Cath. Houssh.* 30 June 13 Sac-bearing spiders. 1849 *Sk. Nat. Hist., Mammalia* III. 186 The hood or sac-like appendage of the head.

Sac: see Sack.

Sac-à-lait. *U. S.* Also **sacalai, sacola** (*Cent. Dict.*). [Fr.: lit. 'milk bag'; perh. an etymologizing perversion of some Indian word.] A name locally applied to certain fishes of the genera *Pomoxys* and *Fundulus*.

1884 Goode *Nat. Hist. Aquatic Anim.* 407 The Crappie—*Pomoxys annularis*..is commonly called..'Sac-à-lait'..in the Lower Mississippi. *Ibid.* 466 *Fundulus grandis*, is known at Pensacola by the name of 'Sac-à-lait'.

Sacande, obs. pres. pple. of Shake *v.*

Sacar, -ing, obs. ff. Saker [2], Sacring.

Sacatra (sæ·kătră). *local U. S.* [Of obscure origin; given in Littré as French.] (See quot.)

1859 Bartlett *Dict. Amer.*, *Sacatra*, the name given in Louisiana to the offspring of a griffe and a negress. 1894 Gould *Dict. Med.*, *Sacatra*, a person of seven-eighths black and one-eighth white blood.

Sacbut, obs. form of Sackbut.

‖ **Saccade** (sakad). [Fr.] A jerk or jerky movement (in various specific applications).

1727–41 Chambers *Cycl.*, *Saccade*, in the manage, a jerk or violent check which the rider gives his horse, by drawing both the reins very suddenly. 1876 Stainer & Barrett *Dict. Mus. Terms*, *Saccade* (Fr.), strong pressure of a violin bow against the strings, which by forcing them to a level enables the player to produce three or four notes simultaneously. 1897 *Syd. Soc. Lex.*, *Saccade*, the involuntary jerking movement in the act of swallowing.

Saccage, Saccaring: see Sackage, Sacring.

Saccate (sæ·kĕt), *a.* [ad. med.L. *saccātus*, f. *saccus* Sac [2]: see -ate [2].]

1. *Bot.* Dilated into the form of a sac.

1830 Lindley *Nat. Syst. Bot.* 19 The constant tendency of the outer series to become saccate at the base, which is not uncommon in the calyx of Cruciferæ. 1861 Bentley *Man. Bot.* 237 In the Snapdragon..the lower part of the tube of the corolla becomes dilated on one side, and forms a little bag or sac, it is then termed *saccate* or *gibbous*. 1874 Cooke *Fungi* 76 In Perisporiaceæ..the asci are saccate.

2. = Encysted. So also **Sa·ccated** *a.*

1846 Smart Suppl., *Saccated*, having the water (from dropsy) encysted. 1860 Mayne *Expos. Lex.* s.v. *Saccatus*. 1889 Wagstaffe *Mayne's Med. Voc.*, *Saccate*, encysted, or contained in a membranous bag: saccated.

Saccawinkee: see Sakawinki.

†Sacchara·ceous, *a. Obs. rare*−[1]. [f. med.L. *sacchar-um* sugar + -aceous.] Containing sugar.

1689 G. Harvey *Curing Dis. by Expect.* vi. 42 In the Stomach the Rheum..converts..any such Saccharaceous Medicine, into a corroding Acid.

Saccharate (sæ·kărĕt), *sb. Chem.* [f. Saccharic + -ate [1].] A salt of saccharic acid.

1815 *Ann. Philos.* V. 265 The objection that the saccharate analyzed might contain some other body besides sugar. 1897 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* II. 948 Schobert recommended saccharate of lime as an antidote to phenol poisoning.

Sa·ccharate, *a. rare*−[0]. [f. med. L. *sacchar-um* sugar + -ate [2].] = next.

1860 in Mayne *Expos. Lex.* 1866 in *Treas. Bot.*

Saccharated (sæ·kărē·tĕd), *a.* [f. med.L. *sacchar-um* sugar + -ate [3] + -ed [1].] Containing or made with sugar; sweetened.

1784 Cullen tr. *Bergman's Phys. & Chem. Ess.* I. 319 Saccharated Magnesia. 1791 Pearson in *Phil. Trans.* LXXXI. 323 The saccharated soda immediately occasioned a slight precipitation. 1866 Aitken *Pract. Med.* II. 61 For ..children the saccharated carbonate of iron is a most valuable preparation.

Saccharic (săkæ·rik), *a. Chem.* [f. med.L. *sacchar-um* sugar + -ic. Cf. F. *saccharique*.] *Saccharic acid*: (*a*) a dibasic acid formed by the action of nitric acid on dextrose; oxalhydric acid; (*b*) a monobasic acid forming crystalline salts prepared by the action of bases on glucoses. *Saccharic ether*, an ether obtained from saccharic acid.

1800 *Med. Jrnl.* IV. 185 By a chemical analysis, those crystals were found to consist of saccharic acid. 1838 R. D. Thomson in *Brit. Ann.* for 1839. 347 Saccharic Acid..was first noticed by Scheele as being obtained from the action of acids upon mucous bodies, or sugar. 1866 Roscoe *Elem. Chem.* 325 Lactose, when oxidized, yields mucic, saccharic, tartaric, and oxalic acids. 1868 Watts *Dict. Chem.* V. 143 Saccharic ethers.

Saccharide (sæ·kărəid, -id). *Chem.* [f. med. L. *sacchar-um* sugar + -ide.] **a.** 'An ether formed by the combination of saccharose with an acid radical' (*Syd. Soc. Lex.* 1897). **b.** A compound of sugar with a base.

1857 Miller *Elem. Chem.* (1862) III. 78 A peculiar body to which he [Gélis] gives the name of saccharide. 1862 Watts tr. *Gmelin's Handbk. Chem.* XV. 316 By heating dextro-glucose with (organic) acids, compounds are formed ..which belong to the class of *Saccharides*.

Sacchariferous (sækări·fĕrəs), *a.* [f. med. L. *sacchar-um* sugar + *-fer* bearing + -ous.] Yielding or containing sugar.

1757 T. Birch *Hist. R. Soc.* IV. 380 Mr. Hooke said, that there were several sacchariferous trees mentioned by Piso and some other writers. 1799 *Nicholson's Jrnl.* III. 337 The Russian bear's-breech from Kamtschatka..has long been known among the saccharine plants. 1906 *Pall Mall G.* 19 Mar. 4/1 Fermentation will set in after a time in almost any sacchariferous liquid.

Saccharification (sæ·kărifikē·ı̆·ʃən). [Noun of action f. next.] The natural process by which starch and gum become converted into sugar.

1839 Ure *Dict. Arts* 456 The vinous fermentation precedes the saccharification. 1883 R. Haldane *Workshop Receipts* Ser. II. 12/2 Three principal methods of effecting the saccharification were in use.

Saccharify (săkæ·rifəi, sæ·kărifəi), *v.* [f. med. L. *sacchar-um* sugar + -(i)fy.] *trans.* To convert (starch) into sugar.

1839 Ure *Dict. Arts* 400 The best heat for saccharifying starch. 1897 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* IV. 273 The fluid may.. saccharify starch and digest albumin and fibrin.

Hence **Saccharifying** *vbl. sb.* (in quot. *attrib.*). Also **Sacchari·fier** (see quot.).

1839 Ure *Dict. Arts* 456 This saccharifying process advances much quicker. 1884 Knight *Dict. Mech.* Suppl., *Saccharifier*, an apparatus for treating grain and potatoes by steam under high pressure, for converting the starch into sugar previous to the alcoholic fermentation.

Saccharimeter (sækări·mĭtəı). [a. F. *saccharimètre*, f. Gr. *σάκχαρι* (= *σάκχαρον*) sugar + *μέτρον* measure: see -meter.

This form, taken from Fr., has been generally retained by English writers because the name Saccharometer had been appropriated to a different instrument.]

A form of polariscope, an instrument for testing sugars by polarized light.

1874 tr. *Lommel's Light* 349 The Saccharimeter of Soleil has the previously described double plate between the two Nicol's prisms. 1883 R. Haldane *Workshop Receipts* Ser. II. 316/2 A polarising saccharimeter.

Saccharimetry (sækări·mĕtri). [ad. F. *saccharimétrie*: cf. prec. and -metry.] = Saccharometry.

1853 *F. Knapp's Chem. Technol.* III. 434. 1858 Watts in *Graham's Elem. Chem.* (ed. 2) II. 462. 1880 *Nature* XXI. 357 Prof. Landolt's experience in saccharimetry.

Hence **Saccharime·tric, -me·trical** *a.*, pertaining to saccharimetry.

1853 *F. Knapp's Chem. Technol.* III. 435 The first saccharimetrical test was proposed by Barreswill, in the year 1844. 1876 *Jrnl. Chem. Soc.* II. 215 Influence of the Asparagine contained in the Sugar Liquors from Beets and Canes on the Saccharimetric Determination.

Saccharin (sæ·kărin). *Chem.* [f. med. L. *sacchar-um* or Gr. *σάκχαρον*, *σάκχαρ(ι)* sugar + -in.]

1. The anhydride of saccharic acid. (Discovered and named by Péligot 1880.)

1880 *Jrnl. Chem. Soc.* Abstr. 232 Saccharin is not a sugar; it does not ferment; it has not a sweet taste.

2. An intensely sweet substance obtained from coal tar, used in minute quantities for sweetening the food or drink of persons to whom sugar is injurious. Innon-technical use commonly **saccharine** (sæ·kărĭn).

1885 *Jrnl. Soc. Chem. Ind.* 608/1 The inventors [*sc.* Fahlberg and List] name the new substance 'Saccharine', although it is not related to the class of sugars, but is a derivative of benzoic acid. The scientific name of the substance is benzoylsulphimide. 1887 *Brit. Med. Jrnl.* 8 Jan. 93/2 Saccharine is not at present procurable.

Saccharine (sæ·kărən, -in), *a.* and *sb.* [Formed as prec. + -ine. Cf. F. *saccharin*.] **A.** *adj.*

1. Of, pertaining to or of the nature of sugar; characteristic of sugar; sugary.

1674 Blount *Glossogr.* (ed. 4), *Saccharine*, belonging to Sugar, sweet like Sugar. 1685 Boyle *Effects of Mot.* iv. 31 The lump [of sugar] consisted of very numerous saccharine corpuscles. 1731 Arbuthnot *Aliments* iii. (1735) 53 Manna, which is an essential saccharine Salt, sweating from the Leaves of most Plants. 1757 A. Cooper *Distiller* I. i. (1760) 6 The..Saccharine Sweetness of the Malt. 1841–4 Emerson *Ess., Circles* Wks. (Bohn) I. 132, I am gladdened by seeing the predominance of the saccharine principle throughout vegetable nature. 1879 Geo. Eliot *Theo. Such* xiii, Bovis had never said inwardly that he would take a large allowance of sugar, and..he was naturally disgusted at the saccharine excesses of Avis. 1880 Baring-Gould *Mehalah* viii, She precipitated herself against a treacle barrel and upset it. A gush of black saccharine matter spread over the floor.

b. *Saccharine fermentation* = Saccharification.

1801 W. Nicholson tr. *Fourcroy's Syn. Tables Chem.* xi, The saccharine fermentation. I first described under this name the spontaneous formation of sugar in vegetable matters left to themselves. 1839 Ure *Dict. Arts* 456 The saccharine fermentation, in which starch and gum are changed into sugar.

2. Composed chiefly of sugar; of a plant, containing a large proportion of sugar; also, of urine, containing sugar in excess of what is normal.

Saccharine diabetes, diabetes characterized by excess of saccharine matter in the urine.

1720 T. Fuller *Pharm. Extemp.* 109 A Saccharine Draught. *a* 1793 G. White *Selborne, Observ. Veget.* (1875) 359 All the maples have saccharine juices. 1845 Budd *Dis. Liver* 257 Albuminous urine and saccharine urine. 1874 Garrod & Baxter *Mat. Med.* (1880) 27 This salt has considerable power in checking the formation of sugar in saccharine diabetes. 1889 Barnard *Noted Breweries* I. 16 In the mashing process the starch of the malt is converted into a saccharine liquid, called wort.

†**3.** *Chem. Saccharine acid*: oxalic acid. *Obs.*

1784 Cullen tr. *Bergman's Phys. & Chem. Ess.* I. 311 The residuum consisted of crystallized saccharine acid. 1802 T. Thomson *Chem.* II. 103 At first, however, it was called the acid of sugar, or the saccharine acid.

4. Resembling sugar. **a.** *Geol.* Of rocks: Granular in texture = Saccharoid *a.*

1833 [see Saccharoid]. 1854 Hooker *Himal. Jrnls.* I. xvii. 406 Beds of saccharine quartz. 1858 Geikie *Hist. Boulder* xii. 242 Where they pass through limestone, they sometimes convert it into a white saccharine marble.

b. *Bot.* Covered with shining grains like those of sugar (*Cent. Dict.* 1891).

5. *fig.* Chiefly in playful or sarcastic use: Sweet.

1841–4 Emerson *Ess., Prudence* Wks. (Bohn) I. 95 The abundant flow of this saccharine element of pleasure in every suburb. 1858 O. W. Holmes *Aut. Breakf-t.* (1865) 31 You will be saccharine enough in a few years. 1863 Ld. W. P. Lennox *Biog. Remin.* I. 179 A saccharine smile beamed upon the royal countenances. 1872 M. Collins *Two Plunges* I. v. 98 Those sweet, soft, saccharine sylphs. 1890 *Spectator* 1 Feb. 169/2 Too saccharine, is our short judgment on these poems.

B. *sb.* Saccharine matter, sugar.

1841 Catlin *N. Amer. Ind.* (1844) II. lviii. 226 They live.. without saccharine and without salt. 1856 Olmsted *Slave States* 670 Chemical analysis proves that a large amount of saccharine is still wasted.

Hence **Sa·ccharineish** *a.*, somewhat saccharine. **Sacchari·nity**, sweetness.

1857 *Tait's Mag.* XXIV. 6/2 Swedish turnips..being of a saccharineish and sugarish taste. 1868 Helps *Realmah* xii. (1876) 313 The polite stranger assiduously presents the fallacious palliative of the consequential saccharinity. 1888 *Nature* XXXVIII. 573/1 A streaky distribution of brine and water or of syrup and water, in which portions of greatest and least salinity or saccharinity are within half a millimetre of one another.

Saccharine: see Saccharin 2.

Saccharinic (sækări·nik), *a. Chem.* [f. Saccharin + -ic.] = Saccharic.

1881 *Jrnl. Chem. Soc.* Abstr. 149 Saccbarin..is the anhydride, $C_6H_{10}O_5$, of a new acid, $C_6H_{12}O_6$, which the author [*sc.* Scheibler] calls saccharinic acid. 1894 Muir & Morley *Watts' Dict. Chem.* IV. 420/2 *Saccharinic acid.*

Saccharite (sæ·kărəit). *Min.* [Named by E. F. Glocker in 1845 (G. *saccharit*), from its resemblance to sugar: f. Gr. *σάκχαρ(ι, σάκχαρ-ον* sugar + -ite.] A granular, massive mineral, at first referred to andesite, but now considered a mixture.

1859 Page *Handbk. Geol. Terms*, *Saccharite*..is found in veins in serpentine, in the chrysoprase mines, near Frankenstein in Silesia. 1862 Dana *Min.* 175 Saccharite resembles a granular feldspar, of a white or greenish-white color.

Sa·ccharize, *v. rare*−[1]. [Formed as prec. + -ize.] *intr.* To undergo saccharine fermentation.

1764 Grainger *Sugar Cane* i. 179 Poor tastes the liquor; coction long demands, And highest temper 'ere it saccharize. *Note*, It is hoped the reader will pardon the introduction of the verb saccharize.

Hence **Saccharization**, the conversion (of starch) into sugar. 1902 in *Cassell's Encycl. Dict.* Suppl.

Saccharo- (sæ·kăro), comb. form of Gr. *σάκχαρ-ον* sugar, forming compounds (usually written with hyphen) with the sense 'partly saccharine and partly (something else)'; 'containing sugar and (something else)'.

1839 Ure *Dict. Arts* 97 Mashing is the operation by which the wort is extracted..from the malt, and whereby a saccharo-mucilaginous extract is made from it. *Ibid.* 401 The saccharo-starchy matter. 1842 R. Kane *Elem. Chem.* (1849) 818 Saccharo-humine and saccharo-humic acid. 1889 *Nature* XXXIX. 433 Saccharocolloids. 1896 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* I. 407 Saccharo-farinaceous elements.

Saccharoid (sæ·kăroid), *a.* and *sb.* [f. Gr. *σάκχαρ-ον* sugar + -oid.]

A. *adj. Geol.* Having a granular texture resembling that of loaf-sugar.

1833 Lyell *Princ. Geol.* III. 11 Saccharoid gypsum. *Ibid.* 79 Saccharoid, Saccharine. When a stone has a texture resembling that of loaf-sugar. 1833–4 J. Phillips in *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) VI. 560/1 Its frequent high state of granular or saccharoid crystallization. 1865 Bristow tr. *Figuier's World bef. Deluge* ii. 72 Limestone becomes granular and saccharoid—it is changed into marble.

B. *sb. Chem.* **a.** (See quot. 1868.) **b.** A saccharine substance.

1868 Watts *Dict. Chem.*, *Saccharoid*, a name given by Kane to a sweetish substance, probably identical with orcin, produced by the decomposition of Heeren's pseudo-erythrin

(ethylic orsellinate). 1882 *Athenæum* 2 Dec. 738/2 Non-nitrogenous food (stearoids and saccharoids).

Saccharoidal (sækăroi·dăl), *a.* [Formed as prec. + -AL.] = SACCHAROID *a.*

1838 W. F. AINSWORTH *Res. Assyria*, etc. 26 The chalk is indurated, compact, granular, or saccharoidal, at the foot of Taurus. 1852 TH. ROSS tr. *Humboldt's Trav.* I. xi. 391 We find also saccharoidal limestone in gneiss of the most ancient formation. 1863 DANA *Man. Geol.* 383 'Ferruginous' brown and red, coarse, friable sandstone, in some parts white and 'saccharoidal'.

Saccharometer (sækărǫ·mĭtəɹ). [f. Gr. *σάκχαρο-ν* sugar + -METER. Cf. SACCHARIMETER.]

1. A form of hydrometer for estimating the amount of sugar in a solution by specific gravity; used esp. in brewing to ascertain the amount of saccharine or fermentable matter in wort.

1784 J. RICHARDSON (*title*) Statistical Estimates of the Materials of Brewing, showing the use of the Saccharometer. 1836–41 BRANDE *Chem.* (ed. 5) 1257 An instrument not quite correctly called a saccharometer, since it is influenced by all the contents of the wort, and not by the sugar only. 1880 *Act* 43 & 44 *Vict.* c. 24 § 21 The gravity of the wort or wash..can be ascertained by the prescribed saccharometer.

2. Used for SACCHARIMETER. *rare.*

1866 HERSCHEL *Fam. Lect. Sci.* (1871) 392 An elegant instrument called the saccharometer, by which the quantity of sugar contained in a given solution is ascertained by simple inspection of the tint.

Saccharometry (sækărǫ·mĕtri). [Formed as prec. + -METRY.] The process of determining the quantity of sugar in a solution.

1871 *Jrnl. Bot.* IX. 253 A paper on Saccharometry, giving the results of the determination of sugar in..sugar-beet.

‖ **Saccharomyces** (sæ:kărǫmə·sīz). Also anglicized -myce. [mod.L., f. Gr. *σάκχαρο-ν* sugar + *μύκης* mushroom.] A genus of ascomycetous fungi, including the yeast-fungi; a fungus of this genus, esp. the yeast-plant. Also *attrib.*

1873 B. STEWART *Conserv. Force* vii. 185 The..yeast-plant (saccharomyce). 1879 *Encycl. Brit.* IX. 96/1 We then place the flask in a chamber kept at the particular temperature which is most favourable to the development of 'saccharomyces'. The saccharomyces-cells..will multiply at a greater rate than the foreign cells. 1882 VINES tr. *Sachs' Bot.* 249 The genus *Saccharomyces*, which causes the alcoholic fermentation in saccharine fluids, consists of separate cells of an ellipsoidal form with smooth and thin walls.

Saccharon (sæ:kărɒn). Also -one. *Chem.* [f. Gr. *σάκχαρ-ον* sugar: see -ON.]

1. A white crystalline substance obtained by the oxidation of saccharin; the lactone of saccharonic acid.

1897 in *Syd. Soc. Lex.*

2. An oily liquid obtained by the reduction of saccharin.

In recent Dicts.

Saccharonic (sækărǫ·nik), *a. Chem.* [f. SACCHARON + -IC.] Of, pertaining to or derived from saccharon. *Saccharonic acid*, an acid formed by oxidation of saccharin by means of nitric acid.

1894 in MUIR & MORLEY *Watts' Dict. Chem.* IV. 421/1.

Saccharose (sæ:kărōus). *Chem.* [f. Gr. *σάκχαρ-ον* sugar + -OSE.] Any one of the group of sugars having the common formula $C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}$.

1876 tr. *Schützenberger's Ferment.* 32 Saccharose or cane sugar is changed, when hydrated, into two isomeric molecules. 1887 *Encycl. Brit.* XXII. 623/1 'Sugar' is now a collective term for two chemical genera named saccharoses (all $C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}$) and glucoses (all $C_6H_{12}O_6$).

Saccharous (sæ:kărəs), *a. rare.* [f. med.L. *sacchar-um* sugar + -OUS.] Saccharine, sugary.

1896 *Lancet* 21 Mar. 787/2 The crisp and saccharous tartlet. 1897 in *Syd. Soc. Lex.*

Saccharum (sæ:kărŭm). [a. med.L. *saccharum* SUGAR.] An invert sugar prepared from cane sugar, used chiefly in brewing.

1839 URE *Dict. Arts* 397 In which mixture there is about one twelfth part of solid saccharum. 1885 *Act* 48 & 49 *Vict.* c. 51 § 7 Saccharum, glucose, or other saccharine substance.

Saccharumic (sækărū·mik), *a. Chem.* [app. f. med.L. *sacchar-um* sugar + HUMIC *a.*, a synonym of *ulmic.*] Derived from or containing sugar and ulmic acid. *Saccharumic acid*, an acid formed by the action of baryta on dextrose.

[1842: see SACCHARO-*humic.*] 1875 in *Watts' Dict. Chem.* and Suppl.

Sacche, obs. form of SACK.

† **Sacchola·ctate.** *Chem. Obs.* Also sacco-, and SACLACTATE. [f. SACCHOLACT-IC + -ATE 4.] A salt of saccholactic acid.

1807 J. MURRAY *Syst. Chem.* IV. 755 Index, Saccho-lactates. 1815 *Ann. Philos.* V. 268 Saccolactate of lead. 1826 HENRY *Elem. Chem.* II. 417 A genus of salts which are called *saccholactates* or *saclactates.*

† **Sacchola·ctic,** *a. Chem. Obs.* Also SACLACTIC. [a. F. *saccholactique*, f. *saccho-* contracted for SACCHARO- + L. *lact-*, *lac* milk: see LACTIC *a.*] *Saccholactic acid*, mucic acid (prepared from sugar of milk).

1790 KERR tr. *Lavoisier's Elem. Chem.* 281 The saccholactic acid discovered by Scheele. 1826 HENRY *Elem. Chem.* II. 191 Saccholactic or mucic acid.

† **Sa·ccholate.** *Chem. Obs.* Also saccholat, *erron.* saccolate. [a. F. *saccholat*, f. *sacchol(actique)*: see -ATE 1.] = SACCHOLACTATE.

1790 KERR tr. *Lavoisier's Elem. Chem.* 280 Saccholat of lime. 1802 PYE *New Chem. Nomencl.* 32 Saccholates. 1807 T. THOMSON *Chem.* (ed. 3) II. 302 The compounds which it forms with earths, alkalies, and metallic oxides, are denominated *saccolates*. 1815 *Ann. Philos.* V. 270 Saccolate of ammonia. 1819 BRANDE *Chem.* 438 Saccholates.

Sacchulmic (sækv·lmik), *a. Chem.* [f. med.L. *sacch(arum)* sugar + ULM(IN) + -IC.] *Sacchulmic acid*: an acid obtained by treating sacchulmin with alkaline solutions.

1842 [see SACCHULMIN]. 1858 *Fownes' Chem.* (ed. 7) 354 Ulmic acid, the sacchulmic acid of Liebig, dissolves freely. 1894 in MUIR & MORLEY *Watts' Dict. Chem.*

Sacchulmin (sækv·lmin). *Chem.* Also -ine. [f. med.L. *sacch(arum)* sugar + ULMIN.] A brown substance obtained in the decomposition of sugar by dilute acids.

1842 R. KANE *Elem. Chem.* (1849) 817 When sugar is acted upon by a very dilute acid..two brown substances are formed...For these bodies the names *sacchulmine* and *sacchulmic acid* may be retained. 1858 *Fownes' Chem.* (ed. 7) 354 By long-continued boiling with water, sacchulmic acid is converted into sacchulmin.

Sacciferous (sæksi·fĕrəs), *a. Anat., Zool.* and *Bot.* [f. L. *sacc-us* SAC 2 + *fer* bearing + -OUS.] Bearing a sac.

1880 in WEBSTER *Suppl.* [Bot.].

Sacciform (sæ:ksifǫm), *a.* [ad. mod.L. *sacciform-is*, f. *sacc-us* SAC 2: see -FORM.] Having the form of a sac or pouch; sac-shaped.

1836 *Penny Cycl.* V. 311/1 The sacciform branchiæ of the Ascidiæ. 1861 HULME tr. *Moquin-Tandon* II. VII. ix. 372 Another animal becomes developed, which has the form of a locomotive sac. These young sacciform larvæ..continue to live for a certain time. 1890 HUMPHRY *Old Age* 149 The calibre of the ducts..becomes increased and their terminal parts, or acini, become dilated and sacciform.

Saccine (sæ:ksin), *a. rare*−1. [f. L. *sacc-us* sac + -INE 2.] Composed of sacs or air-cells.

1853 KANE *Grinnell Exp.* xl. (1856) 366 The saccine vegetation of the confervas.

‖ **Saccolabium** (sækolē·biŭm). [mod.L., f. *sacco-* (assumed combining form of *sacc-us* SAC 2) + L. *labium* lip.] A genus of plants (N.O. *Orchidaceæ*); also a plant of this genus.

1850 in OGILVIE. 1882 *Garden* 30 Dec. 584/1 The Saccolabiums are also there in great numbers.

Saccoon (săkū·n). *Fencing.* ? *Obs.* exc. *Hist.* Also 8 segoon. [Oral adoption of F. *seconde* (sə*g*ōnd).] = SEOONDE.

1708 in Ashton *Soc. Life Q. Anne* I. 135 (There were the lively Gauls..) ready to wound every Pillar with their Canes, as they pass'd by, either in Ters, Cart, or Saccoon. 1761 COLMAN *Jealous Wife* IV, We'll go through the whole exercise: carte, tierce, and segoon, Captain! 1889 DOYLE *Micah Clarke* 72 In quarte, tierce, or saccoon, the same holds good.

Saccular (sæ:kiŭlăɹ), *a.* [f. SACCUL-US + -AR.] Of the nature of or resembling a sac.

1861 J. R. GREENE *Man. Anim. Kingd., Cælent.* 48 The generative products are lodged in saccular processes. 1870 ROLLESTON *Anim. Life* Introd. 34 A heart of saccular shape. 1880 J. W. LEGG *Bile* 346 The ducts may show uniform or saccular dilatations.

† **Saccula·rian.** *Obs.* [f. late L. *sacculāri-us* (f. *saccul-us* dim. of *saccus* bag) + -AN.] One of a class of jugglers mentioned in the Digest.

1652 GAULE *Magastrom.* 362 They were also called Saccularians; because..they would charm and convey the money out of others purses into their owne.

Sacculate (sæ:kiŭlēt), *a.* [f. SACCUL-US + -ATE 2.] = next.

1870 ROLLESTON *Anim. Life* 138 The sacculate character of the digestive tract.

Sacculated (sæ:kiŭlētĕd), *a.* [Formed as prec. + -ED 1.] Composed of or divided into saccules.

1835–6 *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* I. 220/2 The circumference of each of these vessels is distended into three sacculated pouches. 1853 MARKHAM tr. *Skoda's Ausculi.* 70 Patients in whom the pleuritic fluid existed in a sacculated form. 1879 WRIGHT *Anim. Life* 10 In the kangaroos the whole extent of the stomach is sacculated. 1897 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* IV. 435 In some cases [of pyonephrosis] the kidney becomes completely sacculated.

Sacculation (sækiŭlē·ʃən). [f. SACCUL-US + -ATION.] The formation of or division into saccules; an instance of this.

1869 E. A. PARKES *Pract. Hygiene* (ed. 3) 509 Distention and sacculation of the colon. 1898 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* V. 70 A sacculation of a small bronchus is fatally exposed to an accumulation of secretion during periods of catarrh.

Saccule (sæ:kiŭl). [Anglicized form of SACCULUS.] A small sac, cyst, or bag; esp. the smaller of the two vesicles or sacs in the membranous vestibule of the internal ear.

1836–9 *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* II. 537/1 The component parts of the membraneous labyrinth [of the ear] are:—1. The common sinus. 2. The membraneous ampullæ...3. The saccule. 1880 BASTIAN *Brain* iv. 76 In close relation with the pedal ganglia or ganglion, there are two minute saccules to which an auditory function is usually ascribed. 1888 ROLLESTON & JACKSON *Anim. Life* 464 It developes within a sac, which then bursts, disclosing a large arm with peculiar suckers, and a terminal saccule.

† **Sa·cculet.** *Obs. rare*−1. [f. L. *saccul-us* + -ET.] = SACCULUS 1.

1694 WESTMACOTT *Script. Herb.* 4 Dry Almond-Cakes.. are used by some Barbers..in Sweet-waters,..Sacculets and Beautifying Medicines.

‖ **Sacculina** (sækiŭlə·nă). *Zool.* [mod.L., f. *saccul-us*: see SACCULUS.] A genus of degenerate cirripeds parasitic on crabs; an animal of this genus.

1876 *Beneden's Anim. Parasites* 59 The most singular.. of all these cirrhipedes, are the Gallæ, which appear under the tail of crabs or the abdomen of paguri, and which zoologists designate under the names Peltogaster or Sacculina. *Ibid.* 60 A curious opinion..is that the Peltogaster of the Pagurus has become a Sacculina on the crab; the host having been transformed, its acolyte has done the same thing under the same influence. 1883 H. DRUMMOND *Nat. Law in Spir. W.* (1884) 341 This simple organism is known to the naturalist as a Sacculina.

Sacculine (sæ:kiŭlain), *a.* [ad. mod.L. *sacculinus*, f. *saccul-us* little bag: see SACCULUS and -INE.] Of or belonging to the genus SACCULINA.

1883 H. DRUMMOND *Nat. Law in Spir. W.* 344 But instead of rising to its opportunities, the sacculine Nauplius, having reached a certain point turned back.

‖ **Sacculus** (sæ:kiŭlŏs). Pl. **sacculi** (sæ:kiŭlə̄i). [L.; dim. of *saccus* SAC 2.]

† 1. A small bag containing medicaments (see quot. 1693). *Obs.*

1621 BURTON *Anat. Mel.* II. iv. I. v, Sacculi or little bagges of hearbs,..and the like applied to the head. 1661 LOVELL *Hist. Anim. & Min.* 163 Applied with mints and southernwood in a sacculus it helps..paines. 1693 tr. *Blancard's Phys. Dict.* (ed. 2), *Sacculi Medicinales*, several Simples, according to the Nature of the Disease, compounded and beaten together, and tied up in little Bags, to be applied to the part affected.

2. *Anat., Biol.* A small sac; a pouch-like dilatation of an organ.

1748 *Phil. Trans.* XLV. 528 A large Sacculus, formed out of the very Coats of the Intestines. 1857 MILLER *Elem. Chem.* (1862) III. 514 The oils appear to exist ready formed in the plant, being enclosed in little sacculi. 1859 HUXLEY *Oceanic Hydrozoa* 70 Sacculi without involucra, and ending in a single filament. 1877 — *Anat. Inv. Anim.* iii. 141 In the *Calycophoridæ*..complex organs..terminate each lateral branch of a tentacle. Each consists of an elongated sacculus, terminated by two filamentous appendages. 1897 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* III. 972 Often a thin layer of muscle is spread over the whole surface of a sacculus.

Sace, obs. Sc. form of CEASE *v.*

1572 *Satir. Poems Reform.* xxxi. 207 God will haue his will, but mair, Fulfillit or he sace.

Sace, obs. form of SAUCE, SEARCE.

‖ **Sacellum** (săse·lŏm). Pl. **sacella** (săse·lă) [L., dim. of *sacr-um* shrine, neut. of *sacer* holy.]

1. *Eccl. Arch.* (See quot. 1842.)

1806 J. DALLAWAY *Obs. Eng. Archit.* 119 In that church [Winchester Cathedral] is an unrivalled series of sepulchral sacella. 1842 GWILT *Archit.* Gloss., *Sacellum*...In old church architecture, the term signifies a monumental chapel within a church, also a small chapel in a village. *a* 1845 BARHAM *Ingol. Leg.* Ser. III. *Ld. Thoulouse*, The sounds that were heard To proceed now and then from the father's *sacellum*. 1881 W. STEPHENS *Diocese Chichester* 167 *note*, A very beautiful sacellum, with an altar in it, on the south side of the nave.

2. *Roman Antiq.* A small, roofless temple consecrated to some deity. Also, see quot. 1842.

1832 GELL *Pompeiana* I. iv. 49 The Pantheon..may be.. considered as a place of feasting..under the protection of some deity, who, from his more elevated sacellum, was supposed to..patronize the banquet. 1842 GWILT *Archit.* Gloss., s. v. *Sacellum*, Small sacella, too, were used among the Egyptians, attached frequently to the larger temples. 1848 LYTTON *Harold* I. i, A small sacellum, or fane to Bacchus.

Sa·cerdoce. *rare*−1. [a. F. *sacerdoce*, ad. L. *sacerdōtium*: see SACERDOCY.] = SACERDOCY.

1829 [J. R. BEST] *Pers. & Lit. Mem.* 378 In this connection, or alliance..of the sacerdoce and empire, the Church ..becomes itself secularized.

Sacerdocy (sæ:səɹdōsi). [ad. L. *sacerdōtium* priestly office, f. *sacerdōt-*, *sacerdōs* priest: see SACERDOTAL *a.*] a. The sacerdotal character, spirit, or system. b. A priestly function or office.

1657–83 EVELYN *Hist. Relig.* (1850) II. 21 And so it continued till the Levitical sacerdocy was fixed and confined to Aaron and his posterity. 1843 C. WORDSWORTH *Theoph. Angl.* (1850) 167 Let him [*sc.* the Bishop] make restitution ..lest under pretext of sacerdocy the pride of power should creep in. 1844 R. M. BEVERLEY *Ch. Eng. Exam.* (ed. 2) 101 He held true and real Levitical sacerdocy to be a constituent part of the clerical character. 1851 *Ecclesiologist* XII. 274 The sacerdocy of the whole machine being an emanation from the vagaries of a Presbyterian preacher. 1877 MRS. CHAPMAN *Ht. Martineau's Autobiog.* III. 78 Literature remained ever to her a Sacerdocy.

‖ **Sace·rdos.** *Obs.* [See SACERDOTAL.] The Latin word for 'priest'; in quot. used as a plural.

c 1590 GREENE *Fr. Bacon* vii. 121 No, no, out with your blades, and hamper these lades,..And teach these Sacerdos, that the Bocardos..are meet for themselues.

Sacerdo·tage. *jocular.* [f. L. *sacerdōt-* (see next) with allusion to *dotage*. Cf. *anecdotage.*] a. Derisively used for: The sacerdotal order, or the partisans of sacerdotalism. b. Sacerdotalism as characteristic of a religion in its 'dotage'.

1859 LONGSTAFFE in *Archæol. Æliana* IV. 11 (*art.*) The Hereditary Sacerdotage of Hexham. 1875 W. CORY *Lett. & Jrnls.* (1897) 382 Your representatives will have a sharper strife with the Sacerdotage. 1884 A. LANG *Custom & Myth* (1885) 27 A people fallen early into its sacerdotage and priestly second childhood.

Sacerdotal (sæsəɹdō·tăl), *a.* and *sb.* Also 7 *erron.* -ial. [a. F. *sacerdotal*, ad. L. *sacerdōtāl-is*,

sacerdōt-, *sacerdōs*, f. *sacri-*, *sacer* holy, sacred (neut. pl. *sacra* sacrifices) + *dō-* ablaut-var. of *da-* in *dare* to give. The etymological sense of the sb. is thus 'one who offers sacrifices'.]

A. *adj.*

1. Of or belonging to the priests or priesthood; of or pertaining to a priest; befitting or characteristic of a priest; priestly.

c 1400 MAUNDEV. (1839) vi. 66 That Cytee [*sc.* Ebron] was also Sacerdotalle, that is to seyne, seyntuarie, of the Tribe of Juda. *c* 1450 *Mirour Saluacioun* 1181 Encense is oblacionne ȝe wote is sacerdotale. 1547 *Bk. Marchauntes* C vj b, The .C vi. byshop was a woman. ..I would wit than if shee were chosen *Via Spiritus sancti*... Item whereby cam the sacerdotall Carecte, & many other thynges whyche for this tyme I let pas [etc.]. 1632 LITHGOW *Trav.* I. 24 Perugia, a Sacerdotall Vniuersity. 1638 JUNIUS *Paint. Ancients* 179 A consular, sacerdotal, and triumphall familie. 1654 R. CODRINGTON tr. *Justine* xx. 288 The Priestess..having on her the Sacerdotial ornaments. 1737 WATERLAND *Rev. Doctr. Eucharist* v. Wks. 1823 VII. 93 The ancient Fathers are still more particular in expounding the sacerdotal consecration, and the Divine sanctification consequent thereupon. 1739 CIBBER *Apol.* (1756) I. 110 A cholerick sacerdotal insolence. 1821 BYRON *Sardan.* II. i, That's a sacerdotal thought, And not a soldier's. 1838 PRESCOTT *Ferd. & Is.* (1846) I. Introd. 10 Priests..arrayed in their sacerdotal robes, not unfrequently led the armies to battle. 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* iii. I. 326 Thus the sacerdotal office lost its attraction for the higher classes. 1874 GREEN *Short Hist.* viii. § 3. 488 They had none of the sacerdotal independence which Rome had at any rate preserved.

Comb. 1845 S. AUSTEN *Ranke's Hist. Ref.* II. 7 The destructive forces..which this sacerdotal-military state had certainly not been able to neutralise or destroy.

b. Holding the office of a priest.

1681–6 J. SCOTT *Chr. Life* (1747) III. 223 He is a Sacerdotal King, *i. e.* a King that holds his Regal Power in the right and vertue of his Priestly intercession. 1870 DISRAELI *Lothair* xlvi, His Lordship was a sacerdotal orator of repute.

2. Now often used as the epithet of doctrines that assert the existence in the Christian church of an order of priests charged with sacrificial functions and invested with supernatural powers transmitted to them in ordination.

1871 MORLEY *Crit. Misc.* Ser. I. *Carlyle* (1878) 173 It led to the sacramental and sacerdotal developments of Anglicanism. *a* 1884 M. PATTISON *Mem.* (1885) 166 High sacerdotal doctrines were openly proclaimed.

†**B.** *sb.* [Cf. med.L. *sacerdōtāle*.] Priestly function.

a 1640 J. BALL *Answ. Canne* I. (1642) 133 Since they made their new office or sacerdotall, thus they make their catechumine.

Hence **Sacerdo·tally** *adv.*, †**Sacerdo·talness.** Also †**Sacerdota·lity**, priestly character.

1668 H. MORE *Div. Dial.* v. xi. (1713) 447 *Philoth.*..That is also a farther Intimation of their Sacerdotality. 1727 BAILEY vol. II, *Sacerdotalness*, Priestliness, or Likeness to a Priest. 1836 E. HOWARD *R. Reefer* ii, He has most sacerdotally put down all the jollity. 1864 *Reader* III. 671/3 Why does not some scientific man, clothing himself for the moment sacerdotally.., heave back the charges.

Sacerdotalism (sæsəɹdōə·tăliz'm). [f. SACERDOTAL *a.* + -ISM.]

1. The sacerdotal spirit or system; the principles or practice of the priesthood. Chiefly in unfavourable sense: Pursuit of the interests of the priestly order in opposition to those of the laity; undue assumption of authority on the part of the priesthood.

1847–54 WEBSTER, *Sacerdotalism*, the spirit of the priesthood. 1860 H. B. WILSON in *Ess. & Rev.* 150 A self-satisfied sacerdotalism..might succeed in keeping peace within the walls of emptied churches. 1869 *Pall Mall G.* 7 Jan. 4 A people so imbued with detestation of sacerdotalism or priestly assumption of power as are the English. 1877 FROUDE *Short Stud.* (1883) IV. I. xi. 128 In the eyes of Europe, the cause in which Becket fell was the cause of sacerdotalism. 1880 L. OLIPHANT *Gilead* xvii. 494 The influence for evil of the rival sacerdotalisms as they exist in Turkey.

2. The assertion of the existence in the Christian church of a sacerdotal order or priesthood having sacrificial functions and invested with supernatural powers.

1856 R. A. VAUGHAN *Mystics* (1860) I. 237 These sermons of Tauler assert so audaciously against sacerdotalism, the true priesthood of every Christian man. 1881 *Ch. Q. Rev.* XII. 434 Sacerdotalism, i. e. the belief in certain individuals ordained in a certain way being the exclusive instrument, in the Divine covenant, of sacramental graces. 1905 *Ch. Times* 22 Sept. 337/3 True sacerdotalism is all one with true Churchmanship.

Sacerdotalist (sæsəɹdōə·tălist). [f. SACERDOTAL *a.* + -IST.] One who advocates or defends sacerdotalism.

1865 *Pall Mall G.* 29 Sept. 10/2 The sacerdotalists are grievously mistaken if they take all this for the proof of a latent belief in sacramental theories. 1874 H. R. REYNOLDS *John Bapt.* v. § 1. 293 The awful emphasis laid by the sacerdotalist on the efficacy of that ordinance [*sc.* baptism]. 1896 *Bp.* STUBBS *Visit. Charges* (1904) 304 The advocate of religious education, the opponent of divorce and simony, the maintainer of the sanctity of Sunday, are all alike sacerdotalists.

Sacerdotalize (sæsəɹdōə·tăləiz), *v.* [f. SACERDOTAL *a.* + -IZE.] *trans.* To make subservient to sacerdotalism. Hence **Sacerdo·talized** *ppl. a.*, **Sacerdo·talizing** *vbl. sb.*

1865 *Pall Mall G.* 29 Sept. 10/2 As to the sacerdotalizing of the English poor by any such means as these [etc.]. 1883 MAINE *Early Law* ii. 26 The existing very imperfectly sacerdotalised customary law of the Hindus in the Punjab. 1899 *Sp.* in *Times* 12 May 15/1 The policy of the Bishops seemed to be to sacerdotalize the Church and substitute their own authority for that of the law.

†**Sacerdote.** *nonce-wd.* In 7 sacerdott. [ad. L. *sacerdōt-em.*] A priest.

1685 in Maidment *Bk. Sc. Pasquils* (1868) 285, I swear on word of Sacerdott.

†**Sacerdotical,** *a. Obs. rare*—1. [f. L. *sacerdōt-em* + -ICAL.] = SACERDOTAL.

1641 J. TRAPPE *Theol. Theol.* 69 As in the New, the Gospels are regall..the Epistles more Sacerdoticall.

Sacha, obs. form of SAC[1].

‖ **Sachamaker.** *Obs.* Also 8 sacka-maker. [app. a derivative or a corruption of *sachama* SACHEM.] = SACHEM, SAGAMORE.

1682 *Pennsylv. Archives* I. 47 Indyan Sachamakers. 1683 PENN *Wks.* (1782) IV. 311 Another made a speech to the Indians, in the name of all the Sachamakers or kings. 1701 C. WOLLEY *Jrnl. New York* (1860) 54 They have the greatest Sachim or Sacka-maker, i. e. King.

Sache, obs. form of SAC[1], SACK *sb.*[1]

Sachel, -ell, -elle, obs. forms of SATCHEL.

Sachem (sē·tʃĕm, sæ·tʃĕm). Also 7 sachama, sachema, sachim, 9 saquem. [a. Narragansett *sachem* = Delaware *sakima*, Micmac *sakumow*, Penobscot *sagamo* (whence SAGAMORE).]

1. The supreme head or chief of some American Indian tribes.

The alleged distinction between *sachem* and *sagamore* (quot. *a* 1817) appears to be erroneous.

1622 *Relat. Plantation Plymouth, New Eng.* 49 They brought vs to their Sachim or Gouernour. 1677 W. HUBBARD *Narrative* 5 Miantonimoh the chief Sachem or Lord of the Narhagansets. 1683 PENN *Wks.* (1782) IV. 310 Their government is by kings, which they call sachamia. 1685 R. BURTON *Eng. Emp. America* 117 Sachema. 1710 LUTTRELL *Brief Rel.* (1857) VI. 571 Four Indian sachems, or kings of the 5 Indian nations, lately arrived here. *a* 1817 T. DWIGHT *Trav. New Eng.*, etc. (1821) I. 119 Their principal chiefs were called Sachems; their subordinate ones, Sagamores. 1858 LONGF. *M. Standish* I. 52 Let them come, if they like, be it sagamore, sachem, or pow-wow. 1865 LEVER *Luttrell of Arran* xiii, He was a great Saquem, delivering the laws of his tribe.

2. *jocularly* applied to a prominent member of a society, etc.; a 'chief'.

1773 J. ADAMS *Wks.* (1854) IX. 335 It is whispered that the Sachem has it in contemplation to go home soon. [*Note.* Adams refers to some one prominent in Mass. politics.]

3. *U. S. Politics.* One of a body of twelve high officials in the Tammany Society of New York. *Grand sachem*, the head of this body.

1890 *Nation* 20 Mar. 236/1 The tribulations of Tammany's former Grand Sachem, the Sheriff. 1890 *Boston* (Mass.) *Jrnl.* 23 Apr. 2/3 Among the Sachems unanimously re-elected by Tammany Hall are [etc.].

Hence **Sa·chemdom, Sa·chemship,** the position or 'realm' of a sachem; **Sa·chemic** *a.*, of or pertaining to a sachem.

1765 T. HUTCHINSON *Hist. Mass.* I. v. 459 Two cantons or sachemdoms of the cape Indians. 1771 SMOLLETT *Humph. Cl.* 26 Oct., A little traffic he drove in peltry during his sachemship among the Miamis. *a* 1817 T. DWIGHT *Trav. New Eng.*, etc. (1821) II. 18 Alexander, the eldest son of Massasoit, died..and left the Sachemdom to Philip. 1876 BANCROFT *Hist. U. S.* II. xxxvi. 395 The forests beyond the Sace, New Hampshire, and the country as far as Salem, constituted the sachemship of Penacook. 1885 *Riverside Nat. Hist.* (1888) VI. 163 The sachemic office was hereditary.

Sachemore, obs. form of SAGAMORE.

‖ **Sachet** (saʃe). [Fr. *sachet* (from 12th c.; in ONF. *saquet*: see SACKET), dim. of *sac*:—L. *saccus* bag, SACK *sb.*[1] Cf. It. *sacchetto*.]

†**1.** A small bag, a wallet. *Obs. rare.*

1483 CAXTON *Gold. Leg.* 224/2 He..ete..twyes a day of the same loof and alwaye on the morn he fond it hool in his sachet. 1487 — *Bk. Gd. Manners* I. xvii. (W. de W. *c* 1515) E v b, In stede of a celyer he [*sc.* Diogenes] had but a lytell sachet.

2. A small perfumed bag or satchel.

1838 *Times* 3 July 5/6 The 'letter of felicitation' forwarded by the Sultan to her Majesty on the occasion of her coronation..was put in an envelope..and the whole enclosed in a crimson cloth sachet or bag, somewhat resembling a lady's small reticule. 1880 DISRAELI *Endym.* xxi, You will not perhaps be able to find your pocket-handkerchiefs at first. They are in this sachet.

3. A dry perfume made up into a packet for placing among articles of clothing, etc. (see quot. 1892).

1855 PIESSE *Perfumery* vii. 145 Besides the sachets mentioned there are many other substances applied as dry perfumes, such as scented wadding. 1856 *Athenæum* 18 Oct. 1268 He is scented like a sachet. 1892 G. W. ASKINSON *Perfumes* xvi. 208 Expensive sachets are sold in silk bags. ..Cheap sachets are sold in envelopes or in round boxes. *attrib.* 1855 PIESSE *Perfumery* vii. 137 Sachet Powders.

Sacheverell (sătʃe·vĕrĕl). ?*Obs.* or *U. S.* Also -el. [Said to have been named by the inventor on account of the popularity of Dr. Sacheverell: see next.] (See quots.)

1769 FRANKLIN *Lett.* Wks. 1840 VI. 325 This is seen in narrow stove chimneys, when a sacheverell or blower is used. 1785 GROSE *Dict. Vulg. Tongue, Sacheverel*, the iron door, or blower to the mouth of a stove, from a divine of that name, who made himself famous for blowing the coals of dissention, the latter end of the reign of Queen Ann.

Sacheverellite (sătʃe·vĕrĕləit). [f. *Sacheverell* (see below) + -ITE.] One who adopted the extreme High Church and Tory views of Dr. Henry Sacheverell, an English clergyman whose condemnation for 'seditions libel' in 1709 excited great popular indignation. Also *attrib.* or *adj.*

1710 *Chuse which you Please* 4 A Sacheverellite swears to Her Majesty only as Queen de Facto. *Ibid.* 7 The Sacheverellite Clergy have long groan'd under this their Subjection to the State.

Saciate, Sacietie, -ty, obs. ff. SATIATE, SATIETY.

Sack (sæk), *sb.*[1] Forms: 1 sacc, sæcc, 3–4 sac, seck(e, (3 sec, 6 *north.* seik), 3–6 sakke, 3–7 sacke, 4–5 sak, sekke, 4–6 sek, (5 sac, cek, sache, sake, saccke, *Sc.* secke, 7 *Sc.* seck), 5– sack. [OE. *sacc* masc., ad. L. *sacc-us* bag, sack, sackcloth (F. *sac*, from 11–12th c., Pr. *sac*, Sp., Pg. *saco*, It. *sacco*), a. Gr. *σάκκος*, ad. Heb. (? Phœnician) שַׂק *saq* = Jewish Aramaic סַק *saq*, סַקָּא *saqqā*, Syriac ܣܩܐ *saq*, ܣܰܩܳܐ *saqâ*, Assyrian *saqqu*. The word appears in most of the Teut. langs.: Goth. *sakkus* sackcloth is prob. from Greek, but in the other langs. the proximate source is Latin: MDu. *sak* (Du. *zak*), OHG. *sac*, *sach*, acc. pl. *secchi* (MHG. *sac*, mod.G. *sack* bag), ON. *sekk-r* sack (Sw. *säkk*, Da. *sæk*). The ON. and some of the OHG. forms, and perh. the OE. *sæcc* (confined to the sense 'sackcloth') indicate a prehistoric type **sakki-z*: cf. med.L. '*saccia*, *σάκκος*' in a Lat.-Gr. glossary.

The word is found also as Irish and Gael. *sac*, Welsh *sach*, Hungarian *zsák*, Russian САКЪ *sak'*, Polish, Czech, Serbian, Albanian *sak*, which are all directly or indirectly from the Latin or Greek.]

I. 1. A large bag oblong in shape and open at one end, usually made of coarse flax or hemp, used for the storing and conveyance of corn, flour, fruit, potatoes, wood, coal, etc.

c 1000 ÆLFRIC *Gen.* xliii. 25 He..bead his þeȝnum þæt hiȝ fyldon hira saccas mid hwæte. *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 2223 Quan men ðo seckes ðor un-bond, And in ðe coren ðo æȝtes fond. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 5090 Your seckes sal i fil o gift. *c* 1385 CHAUCER *L. G. W.* 195 (*Dido*) Sakkes ful of gold. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 64/1 Cek, or Cekclothe, or poke, *saccus*. *14.. Tretyce* in *W. of Henley's Husb.* (1890) 50 To kepe þe corne þat falithe when it is put into þe sekkis. *a* 1529 SKELTON *Bk.* 3 *Foles* Wks. 1843 I. 200 Pecunyous fooles, that..weddeth these olde wyddred women, whych hath sackes full of nobles. 1573 TUSSER *Husb.* (1878) 176 Good huswifes be mending and peecing their sackes. 1753 *Scots Mag.* Aug. 421/2 Five men in sacks run for a guinea. 1840 HOOD *Up the Rhine* 222 What do you think, Margaret, of having your head caught in a baker's sack, hot from the oven [as a cure for a 'blight in the eyes']. 1864 TENNYSON *En. Ard.* 63 The younger people.., With bag and sack and basket.., Went nutting.

b. With reference to the punishment of drowning in a sack. *The sack*: the punishment (awarded in ancient Rome to a parricide) of being sewn in a sack and drowned.

c 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* iii. (*Andreas*) 211 Þe Iuge..gert hynd þe ȝounge man rath, and put hym in a sek to mere. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Merch. T.* 956 And if I do that lakke Do strepe me and put me in a sakke And in the nexte ryuer do me drenche. 1500–20 DUNBAR *Poems* xlii. 87 Gud Fame wes drownit in a sek. 1538 ELYOT *Dict.* Add. s. v. *Culeus*. 1678 R. L'ESTRANGE *Seneca's Mor., Clemency* (1696) 441 Caligula, in five years condemn'd more People to the Sack, then ever were before him. 1820 SCOTT *Monast.* x, Didst thou think me fool enough to wait till thou hadst betrayed me to the sack and the fork!

c. *transf.* and *fig.*

a 1300 *Sarmun* in *E. E. P.* (1862) 2 Þi felle wiþ-oute nis bot a sakke. 1426 LYDG. *De Guil. Pilgr.* 12791 Ther Sak, ther wombe, (I vndertake,) Off hem ther goddys they do make. 1559 *Mirr. Mag., Edw. IV*, vi, A man is but a sacke of stercory. 1581 SIDNEY *Apol. Poetrie* (Arb.) 45 Although perchance the sack of his owne faults, lye so behinde hys back. [Cf. SACKET, quot. 1549.]

†**d.** (See quots.) Cf. WOOLSACK. *Obs.*

1539 *Act* 31 *Hen. VIII*, c. 10 § 8 Suche of them as shall happen to be under the saide degree of a Baron, shall sitt.. at the uppermost parte of the sakkes in the middes of the saide Parliament Chamber. 1577 HARRISON *England* II. viii. (1877) I. 174 In the middest [of the House of Lords].. lie certeine sackes stuffed with wooll or haire, whereon the judges of the realme, the master of the rols, and secretaries of estate doo sit.

†**e.** *Sack and seam*: pack-horse traffic. *Obs.*

1631 in *N. Riding Rec.* (1885) III. II. 312 [Two yeomen presented for stopping up the King's highway for] sacke and seame. 1829 BROCKETT *N. C. Words* (ed. 2), *Sack-and-seam-road*, a horse road—properly a pack-horse road over moors.

2. A sack with its contents; also the amount usually contained in a sack; hence taken as a unit of measure or weight for corn, flour, fruit, wool, coal, etc.

1314–15 *Rolls of Parlt.* I. 313/1, LI saks & X peres de leine. 1427–8 *Rec. St. Mary at Hill* 69 For iij sak lyme to þe same mason..vj d. 1479 in *Eng. Gilds* (1870) 425 That they bryng their sakkes of juste mesure. 1494 *Act* 11 *Hen. VII*, c. 4 § 2 Be it also enacted that ther be but only ..xiiij lb. to the stone of Wolle and xxj stone to the sakke. 1565 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* I. 334 The conservatour sall haif..of euer ilk sek of gudis twa sturis. 1609 SKENE *Reg. Maj., Dav. II* 44 There salbe ane maister of the Trone, quha sall receaue fra the King, ane pennie for ilk seck of woll (quhilk conteines twentie foure stanes). 1687 A. LOVELL tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* I. 229 Having taken out of her ten sacks of Carobs, they..let her go. 1704 *Lond. Post* 14–17 Apr.

2/1 Last Week 6 Sacks of Cocoa-Nuts were seiz'd by a Custom-house Officer, being brought up to Town for so many sacks of Beans. **1846** J. BAXTER *Libr. Pract. Agric.* (ed. 4) II. 443 Of corresponding Prices per Load, Quarter, Sack, and Bushel. **1859** TENNYSON *Enid* 263 An ancient churl,..Went sweating underneath a sack of corn. **1872** RAYMOND *Statist. Mines & Mining* 143, 90 pounds is the weight taken per sack of interior ores.

3. Proverbs and proverbial phrases. † *To buy a cat in the sack* [cf. F. *acheter chat en sac* Cotgr.]: to buy an article without first inspecting it. *To bring, carry (more) sacks to the mill*: see MILL *sb.*1 1 b. † *To cover oneself with a wet sack* [= F. *se couvrir d'un sac mouillé*, 16th c.]: to make vain excuses.

c **1380** WYCLIF *Sel. Wks.* III. 422 To bye a catte in þo sakke is bot litel charge. **1546** J. HEYWOOD *Prov.* (1867) 47, I promise you an olde sacke axeth much patchyng. **1579** TOMSON *Calvin's Serm. Tim.* 340/2 Therefore the Papists couer them selues with a wet sack, when they say [etc.]. *a* **1651** CALDERWOOD *Hist. Kirk* (1843) II. 404 Where they alledge we sould have beene occasioun to caus our sonne follow his father hastilie, they cover themselves theranent with a wett seck.

b. in various similative phrases.

1426 LYDG. *De Guil. Pilgr.* 5127 Swych wer foul & blake of syht Lych to a colyers sak. *c* **1440** *Jacob's Well* 263 þou faryst as a saccke wyth-oute botome, þere may no-thyng abyde þer-in. **1470–85** MALORY *Arthur* X. xv. 437 Kyng Marke..tombled adoune out of his sadel to the erthe as a sak. **1886** HALL CAINE *Son of Hagar* II. xvi, Tom was drawn wet as a sack to the opposite bank.

4. slang. *To give* (a person) *the sack*: to dismiss from employment or office; *transf.* to discard, turn off (a lover). So *To get the sack*: to receive one's dismissal.

The phrase has been current in Fr. from the 17th c.: cf. '*On luy a donné son sac*, hee hath his pasport giuen him (said of a seruant whom his master hath put away)' (Cotgr.). Cf. Du. *iemand den zak geven*, to give one the sack (already in MDu.), *den zak krijgen*, to get the sack.

1825 C. M. WESTMACOTT *Eng. Spy* I. 178 You munna split on me, or I shall get the zack for telling on ye. **1837** DICKENS *Pickw.* xx, I wonder what old Fogg 'ud say, if he knew it. I should get the sack, I s'pose—eh? **1840** THACKERAY *Shabby Genteel Story* v, The short way would have been..to have requested him immediately to quit the house; or, as Mr. Gann said, 'to give him the sack at once'. **1902** BESANT *Five Yrs.' Tryst* 12 Frivolity and even lightness of conversation were sure to be followed by the sack.

†II. 5. Sackcloth, esp. as the material of penitential or mourning garments. Also, a piece or a garment of sackcloth. *Obs.*

c **1000** ÆLFRIC *Saints' Lives* I. 538 He aras þa of þære flora and of þam wacan sæcce þe he lange an-uppan dreorig wæs sittende. *c* **1200** *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 139 [John the Baptist chose] stiue here to shurte and gret sac to curtle. *?a* **1366** CHAUCER *Rom. Rose* 457 She [*sc.* Poverty] nadde on but a streit old sak. **1382** WYCLIF *Dan.* ix. 3 To preye and byseche in fastyngis, sac, and ashe. **1422** tr. *Secreta Secret., Priv. Priv.* 198 This kynge Ezechie..hym clothid in a sake, he Put hym-Selfe to Penaunce. **1483** CAXTON *Gold. Leg.* 231 b/2 His bedde was alle enuyronned with asshes and hayre and with a sacke. **1535** COVERDALE 2 *Esdras* xvi. 2 Gyrde youre selues with clothes of sack & hayre. **1589** NASHE *Martins Months Mind* H 1, Away with silke, for I will mourne in sack, Martin is dead. **1594** GREENE & LODGE *Looking-gl.* (1598) H 3 b, Lords,..see it straight proclaim'd, That man and beast..For fortie daies in sacke and ashes fast. *c* **1620** Z. BOYD *Zion's Flowers* (1855) 35 For Silks I will with rugged Sack be clad.

†6. Some kind of material for ladies' dresses: = SACKING *sb.*3 **2.** *Obs.*

1595 *Acc. Bk. W. Wray* in *Antiquary* XXXII. 317, j pece stro coler seck, xxvis.; and viij yeardes checker seckynge, vjs. viijd...lte' j pece ashe coler seckynge, xxjs.

III. *attrib.* and *Comb.*

7. a. simple attrib., as *sack-band, -barrow, -hoist, -weight*; **b.** objective, as *sack-bearer, -maker, -making*; in names of mechanical contrivances, as *sack-emptier, -holder, -lifter*; **c.** similative, as *sack-formed, -shaped* adjs.; *sack-like* adj. and adv.

c **1460** *Towneley Myst.* xii. 167 Hold ye my mare..Whylst I..lawse the *sek band. **1638** PENKETHMAN *Artach.* H j, For Salt, Yeast, Candle, and Sack-bands 2*d.* **1850** OGILVIE, *Sack harrow. **1565** COOPER *Thesaurus, Saccarius*, a *sackebearer. **1835–6** *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* I. 693/2 It is by a *sack-formed process of the mantle filled with this yellowish matter that the peduncle is first formed. **1884** KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.* Suppl., **Sack Emptier*. **1875** *Ibid.*, **Sack-hoist*, an adaptation of the wheel and axle to form a continuous hoist for sacks. **1880** J. W. HILL *Guide Agric. Implements* 468 Combined *Sack Holder and Barrow. *Ibid.* 469 This Machine is an efficient *Sack Lifter, Loader, Unloader, and Shooter. **1826** KIRBY & SP. *Entomol.* III. xxxi. 257 The *sack-like cases in which the larva resides. **1898** G. MEREDITH *Odes Fr. Hist.* 71 Sack-like droop bronze pears. **1780** *Westm. Mag.* VIII. Suppl. 730/2 *Sack and sacking-maker. **1885** *Manch. Exam.* 10 Jan. 5/1 A young woman named Mary Dawson, sackmaker..was found guilty of a robbery from the person. **1839** SOWERBY *Conchol. Man.* 21 The head..is placed above a *sack-shaped body. **1429** *Rolls of Parlt.* IV. 359/2 The *sak weyght is sold for XII Marc.

8. Special comb.: **sack-bag** (see quot.); **sack coal**, screened coal for delivery in sacks; **†sack custom**, a toll on sacks of wool; **sack-doodling** *ppl. a.*, quasi-*arch.* [cf. G. *dudelsack* bagpipe], that plays on the bagpipes; **sack-filter**, a form of filter used in sugar-refining (Knight *Dict. Mech.* 1875); **†sack gown** *Sc.*, a sackcloth garment worn by an offender when doing public penance; **sack-pants** *U.S.*, loosely fitting trousers; **sack pipe** ? *U.S.* [after G. *sackpfeife*], a bagpipe (*Cent. Dict.*); **sack race**, a race in which each competitor is enveloped in a sack, the mouth of which is secured round his neck; so *sack racing, running*; also *sack-racer*; **sack-sailed** *a.* (nonce-word), having sails made of sackcloth; **sack-shoot**, an inclined plane or trough for delivering sacks to a lower level; **sack-tackle**, tackle for hoisting sacks; **sack tree** (see quot. 1866).

1885 WARREN & CLEVERLY *Wand.* '*Beetle*' 10 The *sack-bag, a sort of canvas holster, an ever-ready receptacle for items forgotten in packing. **1898** *Westm. Gaz.* 9 June 1/3 *Sack coal..has..been kept up to 1s. 2d. a cwt. *a* **1513** FABYAN *Chron.* VII. 595 V^t^ al straungers y^t^ caryed any walles out of this londe, shuld pay xliii. s. iiii. d. for a *sakke custome. **1824** SCOTT *Redgauntlet* let. xi, Stop though, thou *sack-doudling son of a whore! **1693** in G. Lorimer *Leaves fr. Bk. West Kirke* vi. (1885) 51 [In September 1693 Wm. MacMorran, a cobbler, confessed to a grave breach of morals. He was appointed to] buy ane *sack goun to stand in at the kirk door..on Sabbath next. **1856** KANE *Arct. Expl.* II. x. 98 An extra jumper and *sack-pants for sleeping. **1884** *Harper's Mag.* Jan. 303/1 The champion *sack-racer of the world. **1801** STRUTT *Sports & Past.* IV. iii. 277 *Sack Running, that is, men tied up in sacks, every part of them being enclosed except their heads. **1882** CHR. ROSSETTI *Ballad of Boating* Poems (1904) 56/2 The *sack-sailed boat. **1902** *Westm. Gaz.* 5 May 7/3 A *sack-shoot at the north side of the warehouse. **1825** J. NICHOLSON *Operat. Mechanic* 140 A granary..with..bins..to contain the different sorts of grain which is raised up by the *sack-tackle. **1849** BALFOUR *Man. Bot.* Index, *Sack-tree. **1866** *Treas. Bot.*, *Lepurandra*, the Sack-tree of Western India, a tree..now..called *Antiaris saccidora*...It is a gigantic tree..having a strong tough fibrous inner bark..of which the natives.. make capital sacks.

Sack (sæk), *sb.*2 Forms: 6 sak, 6–7 sac, sacke, 6– sack. [a. F. *sac* (in phr. *mettre à sac*), ad. It. *sacco* (= Sp. *saco*, Pg. *saque*), of doubtful origin.

By some scholars it is regarded as identical with *sacco* bag, SACK *sb.*1, or as a verbal noun from the derivative verb *saccare* to put in a bag, with reference to the putting up of plunder into bags or sacks. This is possible, but evidence is wanting.]

The action of SACK *v.*2; sackage, plundering; esp. in phr. *to put to sack*, †*to put to* or *unto the sack* (*obs.*).

1549 *Compl. Scot.* xiv. 114 Thai gat entres vithout in the toune, and pat it to sac. **1567** TURBERV. *Disprayse of Women* in *Epitaphes*, etc. 61 b, Helen that to vtter sack, both Greece and Troie brought. **1577–87** HOLINSHED *Hist. Scot.* 246/1 The said earle of March..comming to the said towne, tooke it, slue all the Englishmen found within it, put their goods to the sacke, and after set the towne on fire. **1581** STYWARD *Mart. Discipl.* II. 141 Graunt not license to thy souldiers to put all to sacke. **1598** BARRET *Theor. Warres* I. ii. 11 Licence graunted to fall vnto the sacke and spoile. **1610** HEALEY *St. Aug. Citie of God* III. xxviii. 147 Many also of the noblest cities and townes were put vnto the sacke. *c* **1645** HOWELL *Lett.* vi. 75 Before the Sac of Troy, 'twas said and sung up and down the streets. **1777** WATSON *Philip II* (1793) II. XIII. 136 He despaired to reduce so strong a place by sack and storm. **1808** SCOTT *Marm.* IV. xxxii, Or..call The burghers forth to watch and ward, 'Gainst southern sack and fires to guard. **1849** MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* V. I. 614 Those inhabitants who had favoured the insurrection expected sack and massacre. **1873** SYMONDS *Grk. Poets* vii. 191 The storm..was a punishment for their impiety and pride during a sack of Troy. **1893** F. ADAMS *New Egypt* 40 But Memphis was gone, having suffered a hundred sacks and dilapidations.

b. *transf.* and *fig.*

a **1586** SIDNEY *Arcadia* III. (1622) 353 Alas sorrow, now thou hast the full sacke of my conquered spirits. **1590** GREENE *Neuer too late* Wks. (Grosart) VIII. 105 Hast thou had the spoile of my virginitie, and now wouldest thou haue the sacke of my substaunce?

c. Plundered goods. *rare.*

1859 TENNYSON *Enid* 694 He found the sack and plunder of our house All scatter'd thro' the houses of the town.

Sack (sæk), *sb.*3 *Obs.* exc. *Hist.* Forms: *α.* 6 *north.* wyn seake, *Sc.* wyne seck, vyne sekk; *β.* 6 seck(e; *γ.* 6 sakke, 6–7 sacke, 6– sack. [Early 16th c. *wyne seck*, ad. F. *vin sec*, 'dry wine'. Cf. G. *sekt*, earlier (17th c.) *sek*, Du. *sek*.

Vin sec is given by Sherwood 1632 (but not by Cotgrave 1611–32) as the Fr. equivalent of 'sacke'. According to Littré, *vin sec* meant only 'dry wine' in the current Eng. sense, i. e. wine 'free from sweetness and fruity flavour'; there appears to be no ground for the assumption made in Grimm's *Deutsches Wörterbuch*, s.v. *Sekt* (and in earlier German dictionaries from the 17th c. onwards), that it at some time meant 'wine from *dried* or partially dried grapes'. Some difficulty therefore arises from the fact that *sack* in English, as well as *sekt* in German, was often described as a sweet wine (so already in our earliest quot.), though Shakspere's mention of 'sack and sugar' shows that it was not always such even in the 16th c. It is possible that before the recorded history of the name begins it had already been extended from the 'dry' wines of a certain class to the whole class, and had afterwards come to be applied esp. to those wines of the class which were originally excluded. But evidence is wanting. The Sp. **vino seco*, It. **vino secco*, usually cited by etymologists, appear not to be recognized by the lexicographers of the respective langs.

The form *sack* is not a normal development from the original *seck*. It may perhaps be explained by the fact that in the 16th c. *seck* was a provincial form of SACK *sb.*1; persons who were accustomed to regard 'seck' as a mispronunciation of *sack* may have applied the supposed correction to the name of the wine. It is not, in the present state of the evidence, probable that there was ever any confusion with the OF. *vin de sac* ('*Saccatum*, vin de huffet, vin de sac', in a gloss quoted by Godefr.), OHG. *sacwin* (written *saicwin*), MDu. *sacwijn*, which according to early explanations meant a beverage made by steeping the lees of wine in water, and then straining through a bag.]

1. A general name for a class of white wines formerly imported from Spain and the Canaries.

α. **1536–7** *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 691 Et in vino Clareto et le Wyn seake. **1547** SALESBURY *Welsh Dict.*, Seck win, *secke*. **1558** *Aberdeen Reg.* (1844) I. 311 Ane bot of wyne seck. *a* **1578** LINDESAY (Pitscottie) *Chron. Scot.* (S.T.S.) II. 320 Burdeous vyne gave v schilling the pynt and vyne sekk vij schilling.

β, γ. **1531–2** *Act* 23 *Hen. VIII*, c. 7 § 3 It is further enacted ..that no Malmeseis Romeneis Sakkes nor other swete Wynes ..shalbe rateiled aboue .xij. d. the galon. **1542** BOORDE *Dyetary* x. (1870) 255 Also these hote wynes, as malmesye, wyne course, wyne greke, romanysk, romny, seck [etc.]..be not good to drynke with meate. **1555–6** *Rec. St. Mary at Hill* 403 Item, payde in Claret wyne, sacke and sugar.. iij s. xj d. **1592** GREENE *Conny Catch.* II. Wks. (Grosart) X. 93 Haue with you for a pottle of burnt Secke. **1596** SHAKS. 1 *Hen. IV* (Qo. 1598) II. iv. 516 If sacke and sugar be a fault, God helpe the wicked. **1601** — *Twel. N.* II. iii. 206 Ile go burne some Sacke. **1607** DEKKER & WEBSTER *Northw. Hoe* I. B 1, Come weele ha some mvld Sack. **1620** [see *canary wine*: CANARY *sb.*]. **1622** R. HAWKINS *Voy. S. Sea* xliii. 103 Since the Spanish Sacks hane beene common in our Tavernes..our Nation complaineth of Calenturas [etc.]. **1623** MARKHAM *Eng. Housew.* ii. 149 Your best Sacks are of Seres in Spaine, your smaller of Galicia and Portugall; your strong Sacks are of the Ilands of the Canaries, and of Malligo. **1663** DRYDEN *Wild Gallant* I. i, My Business is to drink my Morning's-draught in sack with you. **1686** [see MALAGA]. **1769** MRS. RAFFALD *Eng. Housekpr.* (1778) 165 Grate sugar round your dish, and serve them up with sack for sauce. **1771** MRS. HAYWOOD *New Present* 227 The racy taste of Canary, now commonly called Sack.

b. With qualifying word, chiefly with words indicating the place of production or exportation, as *Canary, Malaga, Palm* [= Palma], *Sherris* or *Sherry* [= Xeres: see SHERRY] *sack*.

1597 SHAKS. 2 *Hen. IV* (Qo. 1600) IV. iii. 104 A good sherris sacke hath a two fold operation in it. **1625** HART *Anat. Ur.* I. v. 45 A cup of good sherry Sacke, Malago, or Canary. **1632** Canary sack [see CANARY *sb.* 7]. *c* **1660** *New Mad Tom* 51 in *Roxb. Ballads* II. 261 A cup of old Malaga Sack. **1680** MORDEN *Geog. Rect., Spain* (1685) 176 Hence come our Sherry-Sacks. **1735–7** BERKELEY *Querist* § 151 Men of nice palates have been imposed on,..by mead for palm sack. **1756** ROLT *Dict. Trade* s.v. *Canary islands*, Palma..is remarkable for its produce of wine, called palm-sack, or Canary.

c. The following passage is often alluded to as a proverbial type of flagrant disproportion, esp. where there is an absurd excess of what is unsubstantial or unimportant over what is solid.

1596 SHAKS. 1 *Hen. IV* (Qo. 1598) II. iv. 592 O monstrous! but one halfepeniworth of bread to this intollerable deale of sack?

2. *attrib.* and *Comb.*: **a.** simple attrib., as *sack-pot*; **b.** objective, as *sack-guzzler*; **c.** instrumental, as *sack-sopped* adj.; **d.** spec. in the names of beverages, etc., made with sack, as **sack-cream, -mead, -posset, -whey.** Also SACK-BUTT.

1665 R. MAY *Accomplisht Cook* (ed. 2) 283 To make a *Sack Cream. **1767** *Mrs. Glasse's Cookery* 361 Sack cream like butter. **1823** BENTHAM *Mem. & Corr.* Wks. 1843 X. 536 Then came..the ultra-servile *sack-guzzler, Southey. **1769** MRS. RAFFALD *Eng. Housekpr.* (1778) 331 To make *Sack Mead. To every gallon of water pour four pounds of honey, boil it.., then put it in your cask, and to thirteen gallons of the above liquor, add a quart of brandy or sack. **1599** B. JONSON *Cynthia's Rev.* II. iv, Shee composes a *sack posset well. **1747** MRS. GLASSE *Cookery* 80 To make an Excellent Sack-Posset. Beat fifteen Eggs..; then put three quarters of a Pound of White Sugar into a Pint of Canary [etc.]. **1851** THACKERAY *Eng. Hum.* V, His genius had been nursed on sack posset, and not on dishes of tea. **1857** J. MARRYAT *Pottery & Porcelain* (ed. 2) 143 Of the *sack-pots one at Strawberry Hill was dated 1647. **1593** G. HARVEY *Lett. & Sonn.* Wks. (Grosart) II. 345 Thy Clarret spirite, And *sack-sopt miseries of thy Confutations. **1736** *Gentl. Mag.* VI. 619/2 Drink plentifully of small, warm *Sack-Whey.

Sack (sæk), *sb.*4 Also 7, 9 sac, 8– sacque. [Cf. G. *französischer sack* (Grimm), Du. *zak*, both applied in the 18th c. to a French fashion of gown then worn by ladies. This, with Pepys' spelling (quot. 1668–9), would seem to indicate adoption from F. *sac*, but the Fr. lexicographers do not recognize the word in this sense.

It is possible that both the senses below, or sense 2 only, may have originated as transferred uses of SACK *sb.*1 To place them under that word would however be inconvenient, on account of the marked divergence of application, and the fact that the pseudo-Fr. spelling *sacque* is still frequent in both senses.

Sense 2 is given by M. Heyne (in *Grimm*) as a modern tailors' use of G. *sack* (also *sackpaletot* 'sack' overcoat); but this may possibly be from English.

In the following quot. *sackes* may denote some article of clothing, but its sense is obscure, and it is not certain that it is English:—

1390–1 *Earl Derby's Exp.* (Camden) 112 Et eiusdem pipours et thrumpours pro vj. sackes de fostyon ex precepto domini, lx s.]

1. A loose kind of gown worn by ladies. ? *Obs.* Also, from the 18th c., an appendage of silk attached to the shoulders of such a dress, and forming a train (see quot. 1882).

1599 PEELE *Sir Clyomon* xv, But there's Frumpton's wench in the friere sack [*orig. ed.* scake], it will do thee good to see What canvosing is at the milking-time between her and me. **1601** B. JONSON *Poetaster* IV. i, This straight-bodied citty attire (I can tell you) will stirre a Courtiers blood, more, then the finest loose Sackes the Ladies vse to be put in. **1634** SIR T.

HERBERT *Trav.* 199 The women [of Macassar, or the Celebes]..weare a large long cawle or sack, like net-worke, which as a garment hides them wholy. 1668–9 PEPYS *Diary* 2 Mar., My wife this day put on first her French gown, called a Sac. 1748 H. WALPOLE *Let. to Conway* 27 June, The Prince himself..leading Madame l'Ambassadrice de Venise in a green sack with a straw hat. 1762 GOLDSM. *Cit. W.* lxxvii, I can assure you, my Lady Traill has had a sacque from this piece this very morning. 1775 *Lond. Mag.* July 343/1 Flowing loosely down her back Draw with art the graceful sack. 1782 MME. D'ARBLAY *Diary* 8 Dec., I can't bear a sacque. *a* 1845 BARNAM *Ingol. Leg.* Ser. III. *Wedding Day*, The flowered silk sacques, which they wore on their backs. 1852 THACKERAY *Esmond* II. xv, How am I to go trapesing to Kensington in my yellow satin sack before all the fine company? 1882 CAULFEILD & SAWARD *Dict. Needlework*, *Sac* (*Sack* or *Sacque*), an old term, still in use, denoting a superfluous, but decorative, piece of a dress material fastened to the shoulders at the back of the gown in wide, loose plaits, and descending to the ground, of such a length as to form a train. The gown itself is always complete without this appendage.

attrib. 1770 CHATTERTON *Let.* 8 July, Wks. 1803 III. 444 Direct for me at Mrs. Angel's, Sack-maker, Brooke Street, Holborn. 1896 *Daily News* 25 June 6/6 The last two, being children, were attired in pretty old-fashioned sacque frocks.

2. A loose-fitting coat the back of which is not shaped to the figure, but hangs more or less straight from the shoulders. Also *attrib.*

1847 LONGF. in *Life* (1891) II. 90 In fair weather he wears a brown linen sack. 1883 D. C. MURRAY *Hearts* I. 33 He wore a velvet sacque to paint in. 1883 C. F. WOOLSON *For the Major* v, Miss Honoria disapproved of the rector because he occasionally wore a sack-coat. 1883 HOWELLS *Woman's Reason* II. xxi. 204 The two women laughed together, and began to pull up their sacks, which had dropped from their shoulders into their chairs behind them. 1892 *Daily News* 3 May 2/4 The sack-back coat is now rapidly finding its way to the lower social strata. 1896 *Ibid.* 19 Mar. 6/5 Sacque jackets divide the honours with capes. 1903 *Westm. Gaz.* 18 June 4/2 The sac bolero..gives size to the slender and veils that of the stout.

Sack (sæk), *v.*[1] [f. SACK *sb.*[1] : cf. L. *saccāre* to strain through a bag (med.L. also to put into a bag), MDu. *sacken* (Du *zakken*), G. *sacken* to put into a bag.]

1. *trans.* To put into a sack; to pack or store (goods) in sacks. Also with *up*.

c 1386 CHAUCER *Reeve's T.* 150 Whan the Mele is sakked and ybounde. *c* 1430 *Pilgr. Lyf Manhode* III. xl.(1869) 156, I sakke as michel sum time as tweyne or thre poore men mihten wel fille here sakkes with. 1510–20 *Everyman* (Greg) 396 In chestes I am locked so fast, Also sacked in bagges. *a* 1710 BETTERTON (J.), Now..The grist is sack'd, and every sack well bound. 1772 R. GRAVES *Spir. Quixote* (1783) I. 206 The Tinker, however, sacked up his budget, and his companion her bundle. 1844 STEPHENS *Bk. Farm* II. 505 The pickled wheat is then sacked up and carried to the field in carts. 1845 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* VI. II. 321 It threshes, cleans, and finally sacks the grain. 1882 *Rep. to Ho. Repr. Prec. Met. U.S.* 321 The ore..is being sacked for shipment. 1891 ATKINSON *Moorland Par.* 65 The corn would be threshed, dressed, and sacked, nobody knew how.

b. To put (a person) in a sack to be drowned.

1425 *Rolls of Parlt.* IV. 298/2 Ye said Erle lete sakke hym forthwith, and drounyd him in Thamyse. 1530 PALSGR. 696/2 He shall nat be hanged, but he shall be sacked and throwen in to Seyne. 1823 BYRON *Juan* VI. civ, A foolish or imprudent act Would..have..ended in his being..sack'd, And thrown into the sea. 1836 WILLIS *Summer Cruise in Medit.* xliii. (1852) 257 A Turkish woman was sacked and thrown into the Bosphorus this morning.

c. *Sporting.* To 'bag' (game).

1838 COL. HAWKER *Diary* (1893) II. 140 Shot 29 geese and sacked every bird.

†2. To heap up in or as in a sack. *Obs.*

1599 PEELE *Sir Clyom.* xv, He, whose heart more hard than flint Hath sack'd on me such hugy heaps of ceaseless sorrows here. 1612 T. JAMES *Jesuits' Downf.* 22 It was an old state principle of Machiavell, to packe and sack vp sackes of money to..binde mens tongues therewith.

3. *colloq.* To 'pocket'.

1807 E. S. BARRETT *Rising Sun* I. 59 All complained that he sacked the receipts, without letting them touch one farthing. 1830 GALT *Lawrie T.* II. ii. (1849) 47 To sack a reasonable profit. 1836 W. IRVING *Astoria* I. 213 The money advanced had already been sacked and spent. 1888 CHURCHWARD *Blackbirding* 210 We sold the oil to one of the merchants, and sacked the dollars.

4. To put into a case or sack-like covering. *rare.*

1880 L. WALLACE *Ben-Hur* IV. xiii. 253 At the corners they placed pillows..sacked in cloth blue and crimson.

5. *slang.* **a.** To 'give the sack' to; to dismiss or discharge (a person) from his employment or office. Chiefly *passive.*

1841 in *Cath. News* 3 June (1899) 15/5 He said he had just come from Glasgow, and had been 'sacked'. 1865 *Daily Tel.* 3 Nov. 2/1 If..the solicitor by whom he was employed, had made up his books, he (the plaintiff) would have been 'sacked six months ago'. 1890 'R. BOLDREWOOD' *Col. Reformer* (1891) 363 The committee ought to be sacked.

b. To beat in a contest. (Cf. SACK *v.*[2])

1820–3 CARLETON *Traits Irish Peasantry* (1864) I. 275 The terms of defeat or victory..were called sacking and boggiog..'Twas young Brady that didn't sack him clane.. and went nigh to bog the priest himself in Greek. 1841 E. FITZGERALD *Lett.* (1889) I. 71 F. Tennyson says that he and a party of Englishmen fought a cricket match with the crew of the Bellerophon..and sacked the sailors by 90 runs. 1846 in *Brasenose Ale* 80 The pluckiest crew on Isis stream..Is the one that has sacked the Christ Church Boat, And distanced all the rest.

6. *Lumber-trade.* See quot. 1860 s. v. SACKING *vbl. sb.*[1]

1860 [see SACKING *vbl. sb.*[1] 1]. 1893 *Scribner's Mag.* June 715/1 And thus, wading and 'sacking' logs, the rear crew works..from daylight to dark.

7. *intr.* To bulge or 'bag'.

1799 [implied in SACKING *vbl. sb.*[1] 1].

Sack (sæk), *v.*[2] Also 6 *Sc.* **sact.** [f. SACK *sb.*[2] Cf. Pr., Sp., Pg. *saquear*, It. *saccheggiare.*]

1. *trans.* To give over (a city, town, etc.) to plunder by the soldiery of a victorious army; to strip (a person or place) of possessions or goods; to plunder, despoil.

a 1547 SURREY *Ecclesiastes* v. Wks. 1815 I. 76 The plenteous houses sackt; the owners end with shame Their sparkled goods. *a* 1548 HALL *Chron., Hen. V* 45 The toune was sacked to the greate gayne of the Englishemen. 1563 WINJET *Vincent. Lirin.* To Marie Q. Scottis, Wks. (S.T.S.) II. 5 That al the enimeis thairof..suld nocht mak thame be force and plane violente to sact it, or onyways subdew it. 1567 *Satir. Poems Reform.* v. 52 Spair not to gif thame all ane syse, Quhome ze beleif the King did sact. 1574 tr. *Marlorat's Apocalips* 44 He wil be sacked of all his goods or be throwen into prison. 1634 HEYWOOD *Maidenh. Lost* I. Wks. 1874 I. 111 We sack't the Citty after nine Moneths siege. 1807 J. BARLOW *Columb.* III. 13 They sack the temples, the gay fields deface. 1840 DICKENS *Barn. Rudge* lxxi, People..are flying from the town which is sacked from end to end. 1855 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* xix. IV. 295 From Bow to Hyde Park..there was no parish in which some quiet dwelling had not been sacked by burglars. 1879 GREEN *Read. Eng. Hist.* xvii. 83 The monastery was sacked by the Danes.

b. said of an inanimate agent.

1571 *Satir. Poems Reform.* xxv. 119 Gif fyre may pair buildings sacke, Or bullat beat paim downe. 1817 SHELLEY *Rev. Islam* VII. xxxviii, When I woke, the flood Whose banded waves that crystal cave had sacked Was ebbing round me.

†2. To take as plunder or spoil. *Obs. rare*—[1].

1590 tr. *P. Ubaldino's Disc. conc. Span. Invas.* 21 The Englishmen departed,..hauing sacked 22000. duckets of gold,..and 14. coffers of mooueables.

fig. 1590 GREENE *Never too late* II. Wks. (Grosart) VIII. 155 Thou seekest not only to sacke mine honour, but to suck my bloud.

Sack, obs. form of SAC[1].

Sackage (sæ·kėdʒ), *sb.* Now *rare.* Also 6–7 **saccage.** [a. F. *saccage*, according to Hatz.-Darm. a verbal noun f. *saccager* : see SACKAGE *v.*]

1. The action, or an act, of sacking (a city, etc.).

1577–87 HOLINSHED *Chron.* III. 1097/1 For the defense and safegard of this citie from spoile and saccage. 1583 BABINGTON *Commandm.* (1590) 226 In sackages of Cities. 1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* I. xv. xviii. 443 Howbeit Cato survived not the rasing and saccage of Carthage, for he died the yeare immediatly following this resolution. 1654 tr. *Martini's Conq. China* 190 The sackage endured from the 24. of November till the 5. of December. 1755 T. H. CROKER *Orl. Fur.* XXXIII. xli, Ravenna is in sackage laid. 1808 SOUTHEY *Chron. Cid* 386 Some among us, says he, in this city, count from the sackage of the Jews. 1875 TENNYSON *Q. Mary* II. ii, To guard and keep you whole and safe from all The spoil and sackage aim'd at by these rebels.

†2. Booty, plunder. *Obs. rare*—[1].

1609 HOLLAND *Amm. Marcell.* XXIV. viii. 251 When the saccage therefore was divided and dealt,..himselfe tooke for his share a dumbe boy.

†Sa·ckage, sa·ccage, *v. Obs.* [a. F. *saccager*, prob. ad. It. *sa cheggiare*, f. *sacco* SACK *sb.*[2]] *trans.* To put to sack; to plunder.

1585 T. WASHINGTON tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* I. vii. 5 b, Their intent was to..haue good means to saccage vs. *Ibid.* xii. 13 b, The houses..hauing been twise saccaged [orig. *deux fois saccagees*] and spoyled by the Spaniardes. 1628 *Priv. Mem. Sir K. Digby* (1828) 28 Before they went out of it they saccaged the town. 1662 J. BARGRAVE *Pope Alex. VII* (1867) 94 They..set upon the barch [? *read* bank] where the money was, and sackaged all. 1687 A. LOVELL tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* I. 6 It..having been..saccaged and ruined by a Roman Army.

Hence **†Sa·ccaging** *vbl. sb.*, **†Sa·ccagement.**

1585 T. WASHINGTON tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* II. xiii. 48 b, The saccaging..continued 3. daies. *Ibid.* IV. xxxvi. 160 The ruine, saccagement, & desolation of their countrey. 1654 tr. *Martini's Conq. China* 90 After the saccaging and burning of so many Provinces.

Sackalever (sækălī·vă). Also **sacoleva.** [ad. It. *saccaleva*. Cf. F. *sacolève.*] A small lateen-rigged sailing vessel used in the Levant.

1819 T. HOPE *Anastasius* (1820) I. xii. 223 Meaning myself to go by land as far as Gallipoli, where the sacoleva was to ballast. 1878 TRELAWNY *Shelley* (1887) 83 A Turkish sackalever.

Sackbut (sæ·kbʊt). Forms: 6–7 **sagbut, -bot,** 6 **sagbout, saggebut,** 7 **sagbutt,** 6–7 **shagbot(e,** (6 **shakbott, shagbush,** 7 **-but**), 6 **sackbot,** 7 **-butt, sacke-but,** 7 **sacbutt,** 8–9 **sacbut,** 7– **sackbut.** [a. F. *saquebute*, earlier *saqueboute, -botte*, etc.; not found as the name of a musical instrument earlier than the latter half of the 15th c., but presumably identical with ONF. *saqueboute*, explained in the 14th c. as a lance furnished with 'an iron hook for pulling men off their horses' ('un gran de fer pour les garchons *saquier* jus de leurs quevaulz'). In the modern Norman dialect the word means a squirt. The first element is clearly ONF. *saquier* (= Sp., Pg. *sacar*) to pull, draw (which accounts for all the senses of the compound); the etymology of the second element is obscure; some scholars connect it with *bouter* to push.

The Sp. *sacabuche* (cf. the 16th c. Eng. form *shagbushe*), sackbut, also tube used as a pump, and the Pg. *sacabucha, -buxa*, with the same meanings, appear to be corrupt adoptions of the Fr. word. The Pg. word is identical in form with a word meaning a hook for drawing the wad from a gun, regularly f. *saca-r* to draw + *bucha, buxa*, wad. Possibly the Fr. word may, when adopted into Pg., have undergone assimilation to the native word and then passed in the altered form into Sp.; but evidence is wanting.]

1. An obsolete musical instrument; a bass trumpet with a slide like that of a trombone for altering the pitch.

The word is to most readers known only from its occurrence in Dan. iii, where it is a mistranslation of Aramaic *sabbᵉkā*, which the LXX and Vulgate render (doubtless correctly) by Gr. *σαμβύκη*, L. *sambūca*, the name of a stringed instrument (see SAMBUCA). Coverdale 1535 (for what reason is not clear) renders the word by *shawmes*, thus taking it to denote a wind instrument; the Geneva translators, accepting this view, seem to have chosen the rendering 'sackbut' on account of its resemblance in sound to the Aramaic word. In this they have been followed by the 'Authorized' (1611) and 'Revised' (1885) Versions.

1533 ELYOT *Cast. Helthe* (1539) 51 The entrayles..be exercised by blowyng, eyther by constraint, or playeng on shaulmes, or sackbottes. 1536 WRIOTHESLEY *Chron.* (Camden) I. 44 And shalmes, sagbuttes, and dromeslawes playing also in barges going before him. 1560 BIBLE (Genev.) *Dan.* iii. 5 The cornet, trumpet, harpe, sackebut, psalteries, dulcimer, and all instruments of musicke. 1577–87 HOLINSHED *Chron.* III. 930/2 In which barge were shalmes, shaghushes, and diverse other instruments. 1638 BUATON *Anat. Mel.* II. ii. III. (ed. 5) 249 As he that playes upon a Sagbut by pulling it up and downe alters his tones and tunes. 1674 PLAYFORD *Skill Mus.* Pref. 3 The sound of a Sackbut or Trumpet, should skip from Concord to Concord. 1675 SHADWELL *Psyche* I. Wks. 1720 II. 16 Voices, Flagellets, Violins, Cornets, Sackbuts, Hautboys; all joyn in Chorus. 1797 SOUTHEY *Tri. Woman* 108 And shrill were heard the flute, The cornet, sackbut, dulcimer, and lute. 1808 SCOTT *Marm.* IV. xxxi, And sackbut deep, and psaltery. 1862 LONGF. *Wayside Inn* Prel. 213 In vision or in trance He heard the solemn sackbut play.

† b. A player on the sackbut. *Obs.*

1539 *Rutland MSS.* (1905) IV. 293 To Doctre Lee's shawmes and shagboshes that playt before my Lorde of Suffolke, iijs. iiijd. 1540 in *Vicary's Anat.* (1888) App. xii. 241 Item, for Pilligrine, sagbut, wages, xls. 1647 HAWARD *Crown Rev.* 25 Six Sackbuts: Fee *le peice*, 24. 6. 8.

¶ 2. *Roman Antiq.* Used to render L. *sambuca* : see SAMBUCA 2. *rare*—[1].

1756 HAMPTON *Polybius* (1773) III. 131 These vessels.. carried to the walls certain machines called Sackbuts.

Hence **†Sa·ckbuter,** a player on the sackbut.

1503 in *Cal. Doc. rel. Scotl.* (1888) 347 [Warrant..to deliver ..a banner..to..the K.'s five trumpetters, and also to Johannes and Edward], shakbotters.

†Sa·ck-butt. *Obs.* [f. SACK *sb.*[3] + BUTT *sb.*[2]] A butt of sack.

1600 HEYWOOD *2nd Pt. Edw. IV*, Wks. 1874 I. 93 Will no man thrust the staue into a sack-but? 1623 MARKHAM *Eng. Housew.* ii. 149 The depth of euery Sack-Butt is the foure pricks next to the puncheon. 1657 TRAPP *Comm. Ezra* ix. 6 But he is past grace that is past shame, and can blush no more then a sackbut.

punningly. 1623–4 MIDDLETON & ROWLEY *Sp. Gipsy* II. i, *Al.*..You must not look to have your Dinner serv'd in with Trumpets. *Cor.* No, no, Sackbuts shall serve us. 1623 FLETCHER *Rule a Wife* V. v, I' th' celler..He will make dainty musick among the sack-butts.

Sackcloth (sæ·k,klɒ̄ɬ). Forms: 4 **sekk-clathe, sekklath,** 5 **sekclath, -cloth, cekclothe, sak clothe,** 6 **sack(e)cloth(e, sacclothe, sack-cloath,** 6– **sackcloth.** [f. SACK *sb.*[1] + CLOTH.]

1. A coarse textile fabric (now of flax or hemp) used chiefly in the making of bags or sacks and for the wrapping up of bales, etc.; sacking.

1373–4 *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 578 In Sekklath empt. in villa et in patria, xxvjs. iiijd. *c* 1420 ? LYDG. *Assembly of Gods* 290 Ceres, the goddesse, in a garment Of sak clothe..Embrowderyd with sheues & sykelys bent. 1423 JAS. I *Kingis Q.* cix, Als like 3e bene, as..sek-cloth is vnto fyne cremesye. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 64/1 Cek, or cekclothe, or poke, *saccus.* 1484–5 *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 415 Sol. pro ix uln. de Sekclath pro altaribus ecclesiæ, ijs. iijd. 1548 THOMAS *Ital. Dict.* (1567), *Canauaccio*, canuasse or sackeclothe. 1623 MARKHAM *Cheap Husb.* I. iv. (ed. 3) 50 Cloath him temperately, as with a single cloth, of canuase or sacke-cloth. 1896 *Daily News* 21 Apr. 6/4 The latest novelty in dress materials is sackcloth..It is common hemp sacking,..but let no one imagine for a single moment that it is cheap. The open canvas ground is intended to be lined with the richest..silks and satins, and itself forms a groundwork for elaborate embroideries.

b. As the material of mourning or penitential garb; also (in contrast with 'purple' or 'gold') as the coarsest possible clothing, indicative of extreme poverty or humility. *In sackcloth and ashes* (Biblical): clothed in sackcloth and having ashes sprinkled on the head as a sign of lamentation or abject penitence. †Also with *a* (cf. SACK *sb.*[1] 5).

The penitential 'sackcloth' of the Bible (Heb. *saq*, Gr. *σάκκος*) was a dark-coloured fabric of goats' or camels' hair.

13.. *St. Alexius* 191 in Horstm. *Altengl. Leg.* (1881) 178 All hir bodi scho made bare & did apon hir a sekk-clathe. 1526 TINDALE *Matt.* xi. 21 They had repented longe agon in sack cloth and asshes. 1535 COVERDALE *Ps.* xxxiv. 13 When they were sick, I put on a sack cloth. 1553 EDEN *Treat. Newe Ind.* (Arb.) 5 He whiche cloteth [*sic*] an ape in purple, & a king in sacke-cloth. 1575 GASCOIGNE *Flowers* Wks. 51, I was in sack-cloth I, now am I clad in gold, And weare such robes, as I my selfe take plesure to behold. 1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* I. iii. 14 And to augment her painfull penaunce more,..shee..next her wrinkled skin rough sacke-

cloth wore. 1649 JER. TAYLOR *Gt. Exemp.* I. Disc. iv. 128 S. Lewis King of France wore sack-cloth every day unless sicknesse hindred. 1726 AYLIFFE *Parergon* 47 And being clad in Sackcloth, he was to lie on the Ground, and..implore God's Mercy. 1788 GIBBON *Decl. & F.* xlviii. V. 55 While he groaned and prayed in sackcloth and ashes, his brother.. smiled at his remorse. 1829 LYTTON *Devereux* IV. v, I should have gone into a convent and worn sackcloth. *a* 1839 PRAED *Poems* (1864) II. 356 The low and great, Who in their sack-cloth or their purple, creep Beneath the summit of the viewless steep. 1885 'H. CONWAY' *Fam. Affair* xxvi, He knew that for all that had befallen she was mourning in mental sackcloth and ashes.

†**c.** *pl.* [See CLOTHES.] Garments of sackcloth. 1594 GREENE & LODGE *Looking-gl.* (1598) H 4, He sits him down in sack-cloathes, his hands and eyes reared to beauen.

d. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *sackcloth-bag*, *-garb*, *-mourner*, *-prophecy*, etc.; *sackcloth-clad* adj. 1679 C. NESSE *Antichrist* 127 The sackcloth-prophecy of the witnesses. *Ibid.* 221 A sackcloth-mourner. *Ibid.* 229 Italy it self had several sackcloth-witnesses. *Ibid.* 232 That famous sackcloth-prophet John Wickliffe. 1812 BYRON *Ch. Har.* II. lxxviii, Ere his sackcloth garb Repentance wear. 1843 LYTTON *Last Bar.* I. iii, It's ill-leaping now-a-days in a sackcloth-bag. 1855 MILMAN *Lat. Chr.* XIV. viii. (1864) IX. 287 The sackcloth-clad bare-foot friar.

†**2.** A material for ladies' dresses. Cf. SACK *sb.*[1] 6. 1571 in Feuillerat *Revels Q. Eliz.* (1908) 136 Sackclothe stripte with sylver. [1896: see 1.]

Hence **Sa·ckclothed** *a. rare*, clad in sackcloth. 1641 Bp. HALL *Mischief Faction* Rem. Wks. (1660) 69 To be joviall when God calls to mourning,..to glitter when he would have us sackcloth'd and squalid, he hates it to the death. 1829 I. TAYLOR *Enthus.* ix. 250 A healthy force of mind utterly incompatible with..the petty solicitudes of sackclothed abstinence.

Sacked (sækt), *a. nonce-wd.* [f. SACK *sb.*[4] + -ED[2].] Wearing a sack. 1847 DISRAELI *Tancred* II. xiv, Gentlemen in wigs, and ladies powdered, patched and sacked.

Sacked (sækt), *ppl. a.* [f. SACK *v.*[2] + -ED[1].] That has been given up to sack; plundered, ravaged. 1593 SHAKS. *Lucr.* 1740 Who like a late sack't Iland vastlie stood Bare and vnpeopled. 1632 LITHGOW *Trav.* v. 200 Semblable to that sacked Lacedemon in Sparta. 1697 DRYDEN *Æneid* IX. 350 Two large Goblets..which, when old Priam reign'd, My conqu'ring Sire at sack'd Arisba gain'd. 1864 LOWELL *Fireside Trav.* 239 An old woman..who looked as sacked and ruinous as everything around her.

Sacked Friar: see SACK-FRIAR.

†**Sa·cken,** *a. Obs. rare.* [f. SACK *sb.*[1] + -EN[4].] Made of sackcloth. *Sacken gown, sark, weed* = *sack gown*: see SACK *sb.*[1] 8. 13.. *S. Eng. Leg.* (MS. Bodl. 779) in *Archiv Stud. neu. Spr.* LXXXII. 334/47 Þat was a sakken curtil & a pilche also & a blak froccke þer-vppon. 1710 *Brit. Apollo* III. No. 20. 2/2 Sacken bottom'd Beds. 1779 D. GRAHAM *Jocky & Maggy's Courtship* Writ. 1883 II. 20 And wha can bide the shame, whan every body looks to them, wi' their sacken sarks or gowns on them. 1780 W. FORBES *Dominie* 6 In case they wear the sacken-weed For fornication. *Ibid.* 13 He'll get the dud an' sacken gown.

Sacker (sæ·kəɹ). [f. SACK *v.*[2] + -ER[1].] One who sacks or plunders. 1589 RIDER *Bibl. Schol.*, A sacker, *populator, direptor.* 1824 J. SYMMONS tr. *Æschylus' Agam.* 71 O sacker of Troy town divine! 1907 A. LANG *Hist. Scot.* IV. xiv. 360 He made no effort to discourage the sackers of Shawfield's house.

Sacker, variant of SAKER.

Sacket (sæ·kĕt). Also 5 **sakett**, 6 **sakket**, 9 **sackit**. [a. OF. *saquet*, dim. of *sac* SACK *sb.*[1]; cf. SACHET.]

1. A bag. *Obs.* exc. *dial.* *c* 1440 *Alphabet of Tales* 307 A grete sakett full of mony in his hand. 1520 M. NISBET *N. T. Scots* Luke x. 4 Tharfor will ye nocbt bere a sacket [*Wycl.* sachel], nouthir scrippe, nouthir schonne. 1549 *Compl. Scot.* xvi. 138 Euerye man of this varld baris tua sakkettis vithi bym [viz., one before him containing his neighbour's faults, the other behind containing his own; see Phædrus *Fab.* IV. x]. 1632 LITHGOW *Trav.* x. 449 My Linnen, Letters, and Sacket was lying in my hostery. 1741 *Compl. Fam.-Piece* I. i. 34 Fill with this Powder a little square Bag or Sacket of Sarsenet. 1834 SMART *Rhymes* 102 (E. D. D.) It was a weel-filled weighty sacket.

2. *dial.* as a term of reproach or abuse: see E. D. D. (Cf. G. *sack* in similar use.) 1868 R. M. FERGUSSON *Village Poet* (1897) 155 Ye needna craw, ye sneerin' sackit. 1889 BARRIE *Window in Thrums* xxi, 'If he ever comes back, the sacket (rascal)'. T'nowhead said to Jess, 'we'll show 'im the door gey quick'.

Sa·ck-friar. Also **Sacked Friar.** [SACK *sb.*[1] 5. Cf. MDu. *sacbroeder*, G. *sackbruder*, OF. *frere au sac.*] A member of a mendicant order of the 13th and early 14th c., called 'Fratres de Pœnitentia Jesu Christi' or 'de Saccis' (also *Saccati*, *Sacciłæ*, *Saccini*, *Sacci*), who were clothed in sackcloth. *c* 1400 *Rom. Rose* 7462 So been Augustins and Cordileres, ..and eek Sakked Freres. 1553 in *Archæologia* (1775) III. 131 It. rec[t]. of theyrs of Christopher Cornwall, for ferme of a parcell of grounde..sometyme parcell of the sakfryers by yere xvi[s]. 1772 PEGGE *ibid.* 125 Memoir concerning the Sac-Friars, or Fratres de Poenitentia Jesu Christi, as settled here in England. 1867 C. F. R. PALMER *Life F. T. Howard* 53 The Order of Sacked Friars was put down in 1307.

Sackful (sæ·kful), *sb.* [f. SACK *sb.*[1] + -FUL.] As much as would fill a sack; hence, hyperbolically, a great quantity, large amount. 1484 CAXTON *Fables of Æsop* V. v, I haue a sak ful of scyences and wyles. *a* 1619 FOTHERBY *Atheom.* II. viii. § 4 (1622) 287 Not..by the sackfull, but by the whole Barnefull. 1623-4 MIDDLETON & ROWLEY *Sp. Gipsy* I. v, This little ape gets money by the sack-full. 1653 HOLCROFT *Procopius, Goth. Wars* IV. 127 The Enemy fortified the breach with sack-fuls of Sand. 1718 R. FRAMPTON in T. Evans *Life* (1876) 149 A sackfull of canting books. 1724 SWIFT *Drapier's Lett.* Wks. 1755 V. II. 150 Wood..goes about with his sack-fulls of dross, odiously misrepresenting his prince's countenance. 1882 *Harper's Mag.* July 200 They had there found a number of broken mummies and a large heap of papyri. Of these last they offered him a sackful.

†**Sa·ckful,** *a. Obs. rare*[−1]. [f. SACK *sb.*[2] + -FUL.] Given to plundering. *c* 1611 CHAPMAN *Iliad* II. 601 Now will I sing the sackfull troopes Pelasgian Argos held.

Sacking (sæ·kiŋ), *vbl. sb.*[1] [f. SACK *v.*[1] + -ING[1].]

1. The action of SACK *v.*[1], in various senses. 1568 GRAFTON *Chron.* II. 362 The businesse that there was in chargyng and ladyng of shippes with haye, sackyng of Bisket [etc.]. 1799 G. SMITH *Laboratory* I. 6 To prevent the sacking of the paper. 1860 *Harper's Mag.* XX. 452 Another frequent and laborious part of the drive is sacking... When the logs have been lodged upon the shore..three or four men seize each log with their cant-dogs and absolutely lift or drag it along the mud and sand a considerable distance. 1887 RAYMOND *Statist. Mines & Mining* 98 Sacking, 41 sacks per ton, 20 days' labor, at $3.

†**2.** *cant.* The occupation of a prostitute. *Obs.* 1591 GREENE *Disc. Coosnage* (1592) C 1 b, Sacking law, lecherie. *Ibid.* C 2, In sacking Law The Bawd if it be a woman [is called] a Pandar. 1592 — *Disput.* Ded. A 2, The sacking and crosbyting lawes, which strumpets vse. *Ibid.* A 4 b, Why Nan, are you growne so stiffe, to thincke..that your sacking can gaine as much as our foysting?

Sacking (sæ·kiŋ), *vbl. sb.*[2] [f. SACK *v.*[2] + -ING[1].] The action of plundering (a city, etc.). 1560 DAUS tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* 74 Whan newes were brought into Spayn of the sacking of Rome. 1638 *Penit. Conf.* vii. (1657) 177 At the sacking of Jericho the spoils were devoted to the Lord. 1653 H. COGAN tr. *Pinto's Trav.* xlix. 192 Yet for all that he could not keep the cabbins from sacking. 1783 JUSTAMOND tr. *Raynal's Hist. Indies* IV. 184 The sacking of Panama in 1670 by John Morgan the English pirate. 1837 W. IRVING *Capt. Bonneville* I. 223 Sackings, burnings, plunderings, scalpings.

Sacking (sæ·kiŋ), *sb.*[3] Also 6 **seckynge.** [f. SACK *sb.*[1] + -ING[1].] OE. had *sæccing* of equivalent formation, occurring with the sense 'bed' (Vulg. *grabatum*) in Mark vi. 55.]

1. A closely woven material of flax, jute, hemp, or similar material, used chiefly in the making of sacks, bags, etc. Also, a piece of such material. 1707 LD. RABY in Hearne *Collect.* 14 Sept. (O.H.S.) II. 42 His Horses stand with..Sackings instead of Cloaths. 1753 HANWAY *Trav.* (1762) I. VII. lxxxviii. 406 Sacking of different qualities for bags..is..exported. 1810 *Hull Improv. Act* 62 Such sack shall be made of linen called Sacking. 1833 HT. MARTINEAU *Cinnamon & Pearls* V, If his dress has always been sacking, his ignorant choice will be of sacking still. 1844 G. DODD *Textile Manuf.* V. 168 The flax fabrics woven in Ireland are chiefly fine and coarse linens, canvas, sacking, and damask. *a* 1849 POE *Murders in Rue Morgue* Wks. 1895 III. 70 They were both then lying on the sacking of the bedstead. 1881 *Daily News* 23 Aug. 3/6 There is less doing in ropes..and sackings.

†**2.** A material for ladies' dresses. (Cf. SACK *sb.*[1] 6, SACKCLOTH 2.) *Obs. rare.* 1589 *Acc. Bk. W. Wray* in *Antiquary* XXXII. 79, iii yeards & a d. striped seckynge, iis. xjd. 1595 [see SACK *sb.*[1] 6].

3. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *sacking-cloth, goods, -maker*; parasynthetic, as *sacking-bottomed* adj. 1707 *Rec. Baron Court of Stitchill* (S.H.S.) 158 To pay ..10sh. 8d...for 8 ells of sacking-cloth. *c* 1710 in Ashton *Soc. Life Q. Anne* I. v. 75 New sacking bottom'd Bedsteads at 11s. a piece. 1780 *Westm. Mag.* Suppl. 730/1 James Allen,..Wantage, Berks, sacking-maker. 1797 *Indenture Doncaster* (MS.), George Needham, sacking-manufacturer. 1881 WHITEHEAD *Hops* 61 The hops are picked into bins, long, light, wooden frames, with sacking bottoms. 1886 *Daily News* 15 Sept. 2/4 Canvas, and sacking goods meet with a fair sale at firm prices. 1895 MRS. B. M. CROKER *Village Tales* (1896) 185 He was..put in leg-irons, and a convict sacking-coat.

Sackit, variant of SACKET *dial.*

Sackless (sæ·klĕs), *a.* Forms: 1–2 **sacléas**, 2 **sacclæs, saclese**, 3 **sac(c)les, sakelease**, 4–6 **sa(c)kles**, 4–5 **sa(c)keles**, (4 **saklas**, 5 **saklace**), 6 **saikles(s(e, sackelesse**, 6–7 **sakelesse, sacklesse**, 8 **saickless**, 7–**sakeless**, 8– **sackless.** [Late OE. *sacléas* (see SAC[1] and -LESS); perh. after ON. *saklauss* (Sw. *saklös*, Da. *sagløs*). Cf. MDn. *sakeloos.* OE. *sacléas* occurs as adv. in the sense 'without cause' (*gratis*, Vulg.) in the Lindisfarne Gospels, John xv. 25. Cf. ON. *saklaust* adv. in the same sense.]

†**1.** Secure from accusation or from dispute; unchallenged, unmolested. *Obs.* *c* 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* Matt. xxviii. 14 And gif ðis gehered bið from ðen groefa we ge-trewað him & sac-leaso iwih we gedoeð [Vulg. *et securos vos faciemus*]. *a* 1067 *Charter of Eadweard* in Kemble *Cod. Dipl.* IV. 199 Ich keðe eu ðat Ælfred hauet ysseld Gise biscop his land at Hlytton sacleas and clæne. *a* 1122 *O. E. Chron.* an. 1106, Eadgar æþeling þe litle ær..was ge faren..þone let se cyng syððan sacleas faran. *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 926 Oc al ðat euere fel him to, Sac-les he let bin welden it so. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* XII. x. 13 Turnus..behaldis the cite, Sakles of batale, fre of all sic striffe. 1819 SCOTT *Ivanhoe* xxxiii, Theow and Esne art thou no longer,..Folkfree and Sacless art thou in town and from town, in the forest as in the field.

2. Not guilty, innocent. Const. *of.* Now *arch.* *a* 1000 *Laws Ethelred* III. c. 3 (Schmid), Swerian..þæt hig nellan nænne sacleasan man forsecgan ne nænne sacne forhelan. *c* 1200 ORMIN Ded. 202 He ȝaff hiss aȝhenn lif..To þolenn dæþþ o rodetre sacclæs wiþþutenn wrihhte. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 2440 And sco vnsoght saccles o sin. *a* 1352 MINOT *Poems* (Hall) ii. 3 Þare slogh ȝe many sakles, als it was sene. *c* 1450 *Mirour Saluacioun* 1286 And marye son be thaym slayne saklest yᵗ eure was manne. 1535 STEWART *Cron. Scot.* (Rolls) I. 73 Saikles he wes, tha wist weill of sic thing. 1599 NASHE *Lenten Stuffe* 35 There was..a deale of whinyards drawne about him, and many sackelesse wights..run through the tender weambs. 1632 LITHGOW *Trav.* III. 122 Curst be the hands, that sakelesse Troianes slay. 1670 *Deposit. York Castle* (Surtees) 177 As for the bewitchinge of any of his children, shee is sacklesse. 1725 RAMSAY *Gentle Sheph.* v. iii, They'd smoor the sakeless orphan in her bed. 1831 *Blackw. Mag.* XXX. 386 That you are sackless of this murder who shall testify? 1882 MISS YONGE *Unknown to Hist.* I. 11 Poor Lady she is, in all sooth, if sackless: poorer still if guilty. 1897 W. BEATTY *Secretar* viii. 62 My father would be sackless of all intent to make his market out of the misfortunes of his queen. *absol. a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 68 Þe treowe is misleued, & te sakelease ofte bilowen, uor wone of witnesse. 13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* B. 716 Schal synful & saklez suffer al on payne. 14.. *Gosp. Nicod.* (Galba) 950 ȝe childer of Irrael, listens me, þat has þis sakles slayne. *c* 1560 A. SCOTT *Poems* (S.T.S.) XXVI. 46 Thay sklander saikles, & thay suspectit.

b. *Sc.* and *north. dial.* Innocent of wrong intent, guileless, simple; also, of a thing, harmless. Hence, in disparaging sense, feeble-minded; lacking energy, dispirited. (Cf. INNOCENT *a.* 3, 3 b.) *a* 1600 MONTGOMERIE *Sonn.* li, 3it thoght thou [the nigbtingale] sees not, sillie, saikles thing! The piercing pykis brods at thy bony breist. 1804 R. COUPER *Poetry* I. 228 Ill fated Du!..December's snaw, Fell saickless at thy side. 1847 E. BRONTE *Wuthering Heights* XXII, 'It looks melancholy, does it not, Ellen?' 'Yes,' I observed, 'about as starved and sackless as you—your cheeks are bloodless.' 186*a* [C. C. ROBINSON] *Leeds Dial.* Gloss. s.v., A poor sackless feal [= fool]. 1872 J. HARTLEY *Yorksh. Ditties* Ser. I. 81 Shoo'll..ax him if he knows who's writing that is? An' he'll luk at it as sackless as if he didn't know it wor bis own.

†**3.** Of an accusation or penalty: Having no just cause; brought against or inflicted on an innocent person. *Obs.* *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 4625 Þi saccles scam wel it is kyd. *c* 1470 HENRY *Wallace* VI. 215 The saklace slauchter off hir, blith and brycht. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* VI. vii. 14 Wrangusly put to deid for cryme saikles. 1525 *St. Papers Hen. VIII*, IV. 418, I denunce..all..the committaris of the said saikles murthuris. 1572 *Satir. Poems Reform.* xxxii. 2 Quhat murther & oppressionn, Quhat saikless slauchter.

Hence †**Sa·cklessly** *adv.*, innocently, without just cause. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 11563 And vtewit mani barntem Did he sacclesli o lijf. 1483 *Cath. Angl.* 316 2 Saklesly, *inculpabiliter.* 1525 *St. Papers Hen. VIII*, IV. 417 How our Soverane Lordis trew liegis..ar saikleslie part murdrist, part slane. 1535 STEWART *Cron. Scot.* (Rolls) III. 201 Wallace..Quhilk saiklislie of ony gilt or cryme,..sufferit bes the deid. *a* 1578 LINDESAY (Pitscottie) *Chron. Scot.* (S.T.S.) II. 211 He was bruited behind his back sacklislie. *c* 1626–7 in *Sel. Biog.* (Wodrow Soc.) I. 352 Because of my carriage towards her, who suffered sakelessly for his cause.

Sacklet (sæ·klĕt). *rare.* [f. SACK *sb.*[1] + -LET.] A little sack. 1844 TUPPER *Crock of G.* XXVI, Bridget..had made one of its [*sc.* a glove's] fingers into a very tidy little leather sacklet. 1847 R. HILL in Gosse *Nat. Jamaica* (1851) 466 The cutting just disclosed the uppermost of the blood-cells, but nothing of the sacklets that contained the honey.

Sacky (sæ·ki), *a.* [f. SACK *sb.*[4] + -Y.] Of a garment: Hanging more or less loosely from the shoulders; not fitted to the waist. 1891 C. JAMES *Rom. Rigmarole* 51 A sacky frock-coat. 1906 *Daily Chron.* 25 Apr. 8/4 In the..dust coat the straighter and more sacky cuts will still predominate.

†**Saclactic** (sæklæ·ktik), *a. Chem. Obs.* Also **sac(c)hlactic.** = SACCHOLACTIC. So †**Sacla·ctate** = SACCHOLACTATE. 1794 G. ADAMS *Nat. & Exp. Philos.* I. App. (Amer. ed.) 542 The saclactic and the lactic acids. 1802 PYE *New Chem. Nomencl.* 32 Sach-lactic radical. 1826 Saclactate [see SACCHOLACTATE]. 1897 *Syd. Soc. Lex.*, *Sacchlactate*, *Sacchlactic acid.*

Sacola, variant form of SAC-À-LAIT. *U. S.*

Sacoleva: see SACKALEVER.

Sacque: see SACK *sb.*[4] **Sacra,** pl. of SACRUM.

Sacrad (sē·kræd), *adv.* [f. SACR-UM + -AD: see DEXTRAD.] Term proposed by Barclay for: Towards the sacrum, or the lower part of the body. 1803 BARCLAY *New Anat. Nomencl.* 166 Sacrad will signify towards the sacral aspect. 1808 — *Muscular Motions* 315 If rotatory motions were to be admitted immediately sacrad and atlantad of the atlas. 1814 WISHART tr. *Scarpa's Treat. Hernia* i. 25 A little lower than [*note* Sacrad of] the ring it is attached to the spine.

Sacrafice, -ies, -ise, obs. forms of SACRIFICE.

Sacraire, variant of SACRARY *Obs.*

Sacrait, obs. Sc. form of SECRET.

Sacral (sē·krăl), *a.*[1] *Anat.* [ad. mod.L. *sacrālis*, f. SACR-UM: see -AL.] Pertaining to the sacrum. 1767 GOOCH *Treat. Wounds* I. 423 Pain in the groins, *pubes* and sacral region. 1827 ABERNETHY *Surg. Wks.* I. 111 Disease had taken place in the bone..and had affected the sacral nerves. 1872 MIVART *Elem. Anat.* 27 Five or six sacral vertebræ coalesce to form the sacrum.

b. Used by Barclay for: Belonging to the lower part of the body. (Cf. SACRAD.) 1803 BARCLAY *New Anat. Nomencl.* 120 Instead of the words *Superior* and *Inferior*, I would therefore propose *Atlantal* and *Sacral.* 1808 — *Muscular Motions* p. xx, An aspect..towards the region where the sacrum is situated [is] *sacral.* 1814 WISHART tr. *Scarpa's Treat. Hernia* i. 20

The superior one [i. e. portion of the external oblique] is larger than the inferior [*note* Sacral] portion.

c. quasi-*sb.* = *sacral vertebra.*

1854 Owen *Skel. & Teeth* in *Orr's Circ. Sci., Org. Nat.* I. 200 In the..ignana the pleurapophyses of the first caudal incline backwards as much as those of the second sacral do forwards. 1890 Coues *Ornith.* II. iv. 208 These sacrals proper are at or near the middle of the whole sacral mass.

Sacral (sē'krăl), *a.*[2] *Anthropology.* [f. L. *sacr-um* sacred thing, rite, etc. (neut. sing. of *sacer* sacred) + -AL. Cf. G. *sacral.*] Of or pertaining to sacred rites and observances.

1882 A. J. Evans in *Archæologia* XLVIII. 77 A sacrificial knife, the use of which was possibly not unconnected with the sacral functions of these Naronese Seviri. 1899 J. S. Reid in *Classical Rev.* July 312/1 They found it, not in the living language,..but in sacral or legal formulæ alone. 1901 A. J. Evans in *Jrnl. Hellen. Stud.* XXI. 181 Sacral Gateways or Portal Shrines. 1901 F. W. Maitland in *Soc. Eng.* (illustr. ed.) I. 415 The arms..possibly..have been in use for this sacral purpose [*sc.* trial by battle].

Sacralege, obs. form of SACRILEGE.

‖ **Sacralgia** (sēkræ'ldʒiă). *Path.* [mod.L., f. SACR-UM + Gr. ἄλγ-ος pain.] Pain in the sacrum.

1891 in *Century Dict.*

Sacrament (sæ'krămĕnt), *sb.* Forms: 3–6 **sacrement,** (*pl.* 2 **sacramens,** 3 **sacra-, sacremenz,** 4 **sacremens**), 4 **sakermente,** 5 **sacramen, sacriment, sakyr-, sacurment,** 5–6 **sacramente,** 2– **sacrament.** [a. F. *sacrement* (12th c. in Hatz.-Darm.), ad. L. *sacrāmentum* (whence the Fr. popular form *serment* oath), f. *sacrāre* to consecrate, set apart religiously, to secure by a religious sanction, f. *sacr-, sacer* holy, dedicated, set apart: see SACRED *a.*

In accordance with the functions of the suffix *-mentum* (see -MENT), the etymological sense of L. *sacrāmentum* would be either (1) a result of consecration, or (2) a means of consecrating, dedicating, or securing by a religious sanction. The latter of these notions is that which seems to be present in the classical uses of the word: (1) the military oath, oath or solemn engagement in general; (2) the caution-money deposited by the parties to a lawsuit; hence (3) a civil suit or process. In Christian Latin from the 3rd century the word was the accepted rendering of Gr. *μυστήριον* MYSTERY[1]. This use is evidently not based on either of the specific applications above mentioned, but is the result of a recourse to the etymological meaning. In early Christian language *sacramentum* and the synonymous *μυστήριον* were applied indiscriminately to any ritual observance of the Church, or to any spiritually symbolic act or object; but they were also often applied in an eminent sense to the two most important observances, baptism and the Lord's Supper or Eucharist. For the later history of the use, see below in sense 1.]

1. *Eccl.* Used as the common name for certain solemn ceremonies or religious acts belonging to the institutions of the Christian church.

The English use before the Reformation adopts the enumeration of seven sacraments (believed to have been first formulated by Peter Lombard in the 12th c.; the same list is recognized in the Eastern Church): viz., Baptism, Confirmation, the Eucharist, Penance, Extreme Unction, Order, Matrimony. As late as the 14th c., however, there were still traces in English of the wider application of the word formerly current; while the seven sacraments were viewed as eminently entitled to the name, it could be applied in a more general sense to certain other rites (see quot. *c* 1315). From the 16th c., Protestants generally have recognized two sacraments only, viz. baptism and the Lord's Supper.

The formal definition of *sacrament* depends on the answer to the question what is the distinctive feature common to the seven or to the two 'sacraments', on account of which they form a separate class from all other observances. Those who accept the number seven, and many of those who admit only two sacraments, say that the sacraments differ from other rites in being channels by which supernatural grace is imparted. By those Protestants who deny that baptism and the Lord's Supper in themselves convey supernatural grace, the specific difference of the 'sacraments' from other observances is regarded as consisting in their paramount obligation as having been expressly commanded by Christ Himself, and in the special spiritual benefits obtainable by their faithful use.

By some of the English Puritans and Nonconformists, the word was avoided as being associated with opinions regarded by them as superstitious; the usual term applied by them to baptism and the Lord's Supper was *ordinance.*

c 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 51 Þe halie sacramens þe me sacreð in alesnesse of alla sunfulle. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 268 Al þet holi chirche redeð ant singeð, ant alle hire sacramenz strencðeð on gostliche. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 12894 A I Ion..nan was worthier þan þou Hand to lai on auete iesu, To giue him þat hali sacrament. *c* 1325 Shoreham 1. 183 Al hit beþ cherche sacremens þet tokeneþ holi þynges, As hali water, and haly bred, Liȝt, and belryngynges To leste; And of alle oþer sacremens þes seuene beþ þe greste. 1340 *Ayenb.* 14 Þe zeve sacremens þet byeþ ine holy cherche. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Merch. T.* 75 Mariage is a ful greet sacrement. *c* 1460 *Wisdom* 1115 in *Macro Plays* 72 Aude now ye be reformyde by þe sakyrment of penaunce. *c* 1440 *Alphabet of Tales* 186 He toke his sacramentis of holy kurk and dyed. 1460 *Rolls of Parlt.* V. 375/2 By the sacrament of matrymonie. *c* 1475 *Harl. Contin. Higden* (Rolls) VIII. 491 A pestilence ..folowede soone after at Cantebrigge, causynge moche peple to dye as sodenly as madde men withowte the sacramentes of the churche. 1509 Fisher *Hen. VII,* Wks. (1876) 273 The true byleue that he had in god, in his chirche & in the sacramentes therof, whiche he receyued all with meruaylous deuocion, namely in the sacrament of penaunce, the sacrament of the auter, & the sacrameot of anelynge. 1604 *Bk. Com. Prayer, Catechism,* Q. What meanest thou by this word *Sacrament*? *A.* I mean an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace given unto us [etc.].

1647 Clarendon *Hist. Reb.* I. § 198 [They suffered] the Sacraments themselves to be administered where the people had most mind to receive them. 1657 *Penit. Conf.* iv. 49 The Sacrament of Penance will supply all other defects. 1864 J. H. Newman *Apol.* 416 The fact of a parishioner dying without the Sacraments through his fault is terrible to him.

b. *In sacrament*: sacramentally. *rare.*

1628 *R. Field, Of the Church* III. App. 205 The crucified body of Christ thy sonne, which is here present in mystery, and sacrament.

2. *spec.* (with *the*). The Lord's Supper, Eucharist or Holy Communion. Often called *the sacrament of the altar, the Blessed Sacrament,* and (esp. formerly) *the Holy Sacrament.* Phr. *To receive, take the sacrament,* to communicate.

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 268 Al þe deofles strencðe melteð þuruh þe grace of þe holi sacrament,..þet ȝe iseoð ase ofte ase þe preost messeð & sacreð þet meidenes bearn, Jesu. 1303 R. Brunne *Handl. Synne* 10198 Þe folk þat to þe preste went For to receyne þe sacrament. *a* 1340 Hampole *Psalter* vi. 1 Comunynge of sacrament of þe autere. 1340 *Ayenb.* 31 Þe sacrement of þe wyefde. 1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) V. 231 He ordeynede..þat þe grayel and þe offertorie schulde be i-seide to fore þe sacrement [orig. *ante sacrificium*]. *c* 1440 *Alphabet of Tales* 339 He had a gude frend, a preste, þat said a mes for hym and offred þe sacrament for hym. 1500–20 Dunbar *Poems* ix. 86 Anis in the ȝeir to tak the sacrament. 1509 Fisher *Hen. VII,* Wks. (1876) 273 The sacrament of the auter he receyued at myd-lent, & agayne vpon eester day. 1534 More *Treat. Passion* Wks. 1337/2 Onelye this blessed sacrament is called and knowne by the name of sacrament alone. 1610 R. Field *Of the Church* App. to 4 bks. I. 34 The true presence of Christs body & bloud in the blessed Sacrament. 1647 Clarendon *Hist. Reb.* I. § 199 The obliging all persons to come up to those rails to receive the Sacrament. 1712 Arbuthnot *John Bull* III. viii, They never had a quiet night's rest, for getting up in the morning to early sacraments. 1804 Southey in *Ann. Rev.* II. 202 They received the sacrament weekly. 1835 Alison *Hist. Europe* (1847) IV. 136 A courageous priest.. at the hazard of his life, often administered to her the Sacrament.

b. The consecrated elements, esp. the bread or Host.

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 68 Ut of chirche þurle ne holde ȝe none tale mid none monne, auh bereð wurðschipe þerto, uor þe holi sacrament þet ȝe iseoð þer þurh. 1395 Purvey *Remonstr.* (1851) 40 The sacrament of the auteer, which is whight and round, visible and palpable. 1419 in S. Bentley *Excerpt. Hist.* (1831) 30 The box or vessell in the whiche the precious sacrement is in. 1548–9 (Mar.) *Bk. Com. Prayer, Communion,* Without any eleuacion, or shewing the Sacrament to the people. 1645 Evelyn *Diary* 26 Mar., The Sacrament being this day expos'd, and the reliques of the Holy Crosse. 1660 F. Brooke tr. *Le Blanc's Trav.* 216 The people never behold the blessed Sacrament, but they bow their face to the ground.

c. *To take* or *receive the sacrament* (*to do* something, or *upon* a matter): to receive Holy Communion as a confirmation of one's word.

1591 Shaks. 1 *Hen. VI,* IV. ii. 28 Ten thousand French haue tane the Sacrament, To ryue their dangerous Artillerie Vpon no Christian soule but English Talbot. 1594 — *Rich. III,* I. iv. 208. 1601 — *All's Well* IV. iii. 156 Ile take the Sacrament on't. 1681 *Trial S. Colledge* 65 *Mr. Lun.* I will take the Sacrament upon it, what I say is true. 1691 Luttrell *Brief Rel.* (1857) II. 191 The Irish under col. Clifford had took the sacrament to fight it out to the last man. 1749 Fielding *Tom Jones* II. vi, Notwithstanding the positiveness of Mrs Partridge, who would have taken the sacrament upon the matter, there is a possibility that the schoolmaster was entirely innocent. *Ibid.* XVII. iv. 1876 Tennyson *Harold* IV. i, *Harold.* Morcar and Edwin, will ye upon oath, Help us against the Norman? *Morcar.* With good will; Yea, take the Sacrament upon it, king.

†d. used in oaths. *Obs.*

1500–20 Dunbar *Poems* XXXIV. 41 Ane fleschour awoir be the sacrament, And be Chrystis blud maist innocent, Nevir fatter flesch saw man with E. 1573 *New Custom* I. ii, Sacrament of God, who hath heard suche a knaue? 1575 *Gamm. Gurton* I. iii. 27 Gogs sacrament, I would she had lost tharte out of her bellie!

3. In widened application: a. Something likened to the recognized sacraments, as having a sacred character or function; a sacred seal set upon some part of man's life; the pledge of a covenant between God and man.

a 1340 Hampole *Psalter* xvii. 1 Þis psalme contens þe sacrament of all chosen men. 1399 Gower *Praise of Peace* 30 The pes is as it were a sacrement Tofore the god. 1563 *Homilies* II. *Common Prayer & Sacram.* 146 b, And so was circumcision a sacrament, whiche preached vnto the outwarde senses the inwarde cuttyng away of the foreskyn of the harte, and sealed and made sure in the hartes of the circumcised, the promise of god. 1613 Purchas *Pilgrimage* (1614) 42 Hereunto the Lord addeth the Rainbow, a new Sacrament, to seale his mercifull Couenant with the earth, not to drowne the same any more. 1679 Crowne *Ambit. Statesman* IV. 65 Nature gives man a Sacrament In his own blood, never to hurt a woman. 1841 Emerson *Lect., Man the Reformer* Wks. (Bohn) II. 243 Economy is a high, humane office, a sacrament, when its aim is grand. 1899 W. R. Inge *Chr. Myst.* vii. 258 To the true mystic, life itself is a sacrament.

b. A type, token, sign, or aymbol. Const. *of.*

Derived from the accepted definition of a sacrament as a 'sign of grace'. Quot. 1660 exhibits an attempt to assign to the word a general sense in which the specific applications are included.

1534 More *Treat. Passion* Wks. 1331/1 For they make theym wene, that..it is none other but a bare sacrament onelye, that is to wytte a token, a figure, a sygne or memoriall of his bodye and hys blonde crucified and shed. 1563 *Homilies* II. *Repair. Ch.* 85 The Temple..was a figure, a Sacrament, or a signification of Christe. 1660 Jer. Taylor *Worthy Communicant* I. § 3. 61 When Jonathan shot his arrows beyond the boys, he then by a sacrament sent salvation unto David. 1875 E. White *Life in Christ* IV. xxvii. (1876) 486 This second death is never set forth as a sacrament of immortality. 1904 A. R. Whitham *Epist. Consolations* vii. 87 Doubtless also those mysterious contents of the inner sanctuary..were copies of heavenly realities..; signs and sacraments they must have been of God's mercy and justice.

c. A mystery; something secret or having a secret meaning. [After L. *sacramentum,* used by Tertullian and in the Old Latin and Vulgate Bibles as a rendering of *μυστήριον.*]

1382 Wyclif *Dan.* ii. 30 This sacrament, or hid trewthe [Vulg. *sacramentum hoc*]. — 1 *Tim.* iii. 16 And opynly it is a greet sacrament of pite. 1388 — *Rev.* i. 20 The sacrament [1382 mysterie, or priuytee] of the seuene sterris. *c* 1400 tr. *Secreta Secret., Gov. Lordsh.* 51 God..make cleer ȝoure vnderstondynge to persayue þe sacrament of þis science. *a* 1600 Hooker *Frag. on Sacraments* in *Eccl. Pol.* (1888) II. 550 In a word Sacraments are God's secrets, discovered to none but his own people. 1607 Topsell *Four-f. Beasts* Ep. Ded. A 4 b, Seeing God hath vsed them as Sacraments or Mysteries to containe his will. 1867 Manning in *Ess. Relig. & Lit.* II. 362 All the words of Scripture are so many sacraments (or mysteries).

4. An oath or solemn engagement, esp. one which is ratified by a rite. (Chiefly as a Latinism.)

1387–8 T. Usk *Test. Love* I. vi. (Skeat) I. 165 This..haue I saide for no harme, ne malyce of tho persones, but onely for trouth of my sacrement in my leigeaunce. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 703 Here I aske you hertely þat ye may het here, With a solemne sacrement on þis sure gode, All þe forward to fulfille, þat ye first made. 1430–40 Lydg. *Bochas* VIII. xv[ii]. (1494) D iv, He dyd varye From his promyse made by sacremente. 1461 *Rolls of Parlt.* V. 483/1 And tofore theym make ooth and Sacrament convenient, to be true and lowly Subgettes. 1596 Spenser *F. Q.* V. i. 25 This doubtfull causes right Can hardly but by Sacrament be tride, Or else by ordele, or by blooddy fight. 1611 B. Jonson *Catiline* I. i. Wks. (1616) 693 Nothing wants, then, But that we take a solemne sacrament, To strengthen our designe. 1646 Sir T. Browne *Pseud. Ep.* I. vii. 25 Nor are the deepest sacraments or desperate imprecations of any force to perswade where reason only, and necessary medimns must induce. 1752 Young *Brothers* II. i, Those whom I swore, before they parted hence, In dreadful sacraments of wine and blood, To bring back such reports, as shou'd destroy him. 1801 Eliz. Helme *St. Marg. Cave* (1819) I. 78 An infant at whose baptism she [as sponsor] had taken a sacrament to sustain and instruct in the best manner she was able. 1832 *Blackw. Mag.* XXXII. 609 Bound by no sacrament of military obedience to the state. 1890 R. Bridges *Shorter Poems* I. 7 Have not the young flowers been content, Plucked ere their buds could blow, To seal our sacrament?

5. *Roman Law.* The *sacramentum* or pledge which each of the parties deposited or became bound for before beginning a suit.

1880 Muirhead *Gaius* IV. § 12 The procedure in those *legis actiones* was in one or other of five modes,—by sacrament, by petition for a judge [etc.]. 1886 — in *Encycl. Brit.* XX. 682/1 He required sureties from the parties for the eventual payment by him who was unsuccessful of the sacrament he had offered to stake.

6. *attrib.* (sense 2), as *sacrament-wine*; †**sacrament-box,** a pyx; †**sacrament-cloth,** a cloth or veil for covering the pyx; †**sacrament-house,** a tabernacle; **sacrament-money,** the alms collected at Holy Communion, formerly used as a fund for poor-relief; **Sacrament Sunday,** the Sunday on which the Lord's Supper is celebrated (in Scotland formerly only once or twice a year).

c 1440 *Alphabet of Tales* 112 On þe morn sho went vnto þe preste, and askid of hym how many hostis war in þe *sacrament-box in þe kurk. 1535–6 *Rec. St. Mary at Hill* 369 Item, ffor dressyng of ij *sacrament Clothes. 1853 Rock *Ch. of Fathers* IV. xii. 206 Over the cup itself was cast the Sacrament cloth, or piece of thin, cloud-like muslin,—*pannus nebulatus.* 1552 *Inscr. in Deskford Old Ch., Banffs.,* This present loueable vark of *sacrament hous maid..the yeir of god 1551. 1716 *Rules Disposal Sacrament-Money* 3 In the appropriating all *Sacrament Money to the Poor only..they have the concurrent Sense of the whole Church of England ..for above an 100 Years after the Reformation. 1860 Mrs. W. P. Byrne *Undercurrents* II. 77 *note,* That fund known as the 'Sacrament money' is a relic of this venerable custom. 1796 C. Simeon in Carus *Life* vi. (1847) 121 Sunday, 26th.—*Sacrament Sunday at Moulin. 1897 'Ian Maclaren' *Dr. of Old School* I. 37 Black he wore once a year, on Sacrament Sunday, and, if possible, at a funeral. 1698 in *14th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. III. 141 Theres a discovery of a designe to have poysoned his Majesty in the *sacrament wine on Christmas day.

Sacrament (sæ'krămĕnt), *v. rare.* [ad. med.L. *sacrāment-āre* to bind by an oath, f. *sacrāmentum* SACRAMENT *sb.* Cf. Sp., Pg. *sacramentar.*]

1. *trans.* To bind by an oath or solemn engagement. Const. *to* or †*to do,* also *against.*

Frequent in Sydney Smith.

1621–37 Laud *Serm.* (1847) 55 When desperate men have sacramented themselves to destroy, God can prevent and deliver. 1804 Syd. Smith *Serm.* II. 218 A nation of free men, sacramented together. 1834 Emerson in *Corr. Carlyle & E.* (1883) I. iii. 34 A friend of mine and of yours remarked, ..'that people were not here as in England sacramented to organized schools of opinion, but were a far more convertible audience'. 1860 — *Cond. Life* vii. 160 All those who are..by many an oath of the heart, sacramented to you.

2. To make sacred, consecrate.

1829 Southey in *Q. Rev.* XLI. 212 The prince was assured, also,..that..his name was sacramented in the hearts of the people. [Literal rendering from Pg.] 1844 *N. Brit. Rev.* I. 128 Chivalry might well be engaged in the service of religion, for religion sacramented profession.

Sacramental (sækrămĕ'ntăl), *a.* and *sb.* [a.

F. *sacramental* (now *sacramentel*) or ad. late L. *sacrāmentāl-is*, f. *sacrāment-um*: see SACRAMENT and -AL.] **A.** *adj.*

1. Pertaining to, or of the nature of, a sacrament of the Church.

c 1400 LOVE *Bonavent. Mirr.* (1908) 302 In this gostly mete and sacramentale commemoracioun of oure lord Jesu. 1451 CAPGRAVE *Life St. Aug.* (E. E. T. S.) 25 In þe time of baptising, whan þe principal sacramental wordes wer said. 1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 15 Penaunce, bothe sacramentall, whiche is secrete, and also solemne or open penaunce. 1532 MORE *Confut. Tindale* Wks. 384/1 What meaneth he other then that..we bee borne againe by the sacramentall water and the sacramentall worde? 1597 HOOKER *Eccl. Pol.* v. lviii. § 2 To make complete the outward substance of a sacrament, there is required an outward forme, which forme sacramentall elements receiue from sacramentall words. 1643 MILTON *Divorce* Pref., Wks. 1851 IV. 16 Afterwards it was brought so Sacramentall, that no adultery or desertion could dissolve it. 1737 WATERLAND *Rev. Doctr. Eucharist* v. 136 But as there is a Sacramental Feeding and a Spiritual Feeding; and as the Spiritual is the nobler of the two [etc.]. 1899 W. R. INGE *Chr. Myst.* vii. 255 There are three requisites..for the validity of a sacramental act.

b. *transf.* with reference to non-Christian religions rites.

1851 D. WILSON *Archæol. Scot.* I. v. 102 The petty persecutions with which the natives sought to revenge the destruction of their sacramental stone. 1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 137/2 Mystic sacrifices of this sacramental type prevailed also among the heathen Semites.

c. *fig.*

1874 GEO. ELIOT *Coll. Breakf. P.* 582 The sacramental rites of fellowship In common woe. 1877 DOWDEN *Stud. Lit.* (1890) 246 The little action of laying her head upon her father's knee was endowed with sacramental efficacy.

d. *spec.* Pertaining to the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

1552 *Bk. Com. Prayer, Communion*, The Sacramentall bread or wyne. 1635 QUARLES *Embl.* v. x. (1718) 285 Daily fed With sacred wine, and sacramental bread. 1704 NELSON *Fest. & Fasts* iii. ii. (1739) 472 It was their Office to deliver the Sacramental Elements..to the People. 1827 in *Haggard's Eccl. Rep.* II. 32 Any the smallest portion of the sacramental alms collected at Queen Square Chapel within my parish. 1855 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* xviii. IV. 181 The laws which instituted the Sacramental Test were passed without the smallest difficulty. 1862 H. MARRYAT *Year in Sweden* II. 274 Sacramental safe of Götland marble. 1863 *Chambers' Bk. Days* I. 732/1 A person came to my father (a clergyman) and asked him for a 'sacramental shilling'—i. e. one out of the alms collected at the Holy Communion, to be made into a ring and worn as a cure for epilepsy.

e. Of religious doctrine and the like: Based upon the sacraments; characterized by insistence upon the importance of the sacraments.

1871 [see SACERDOTAL *a.* 2]. 1879 R. T. SMITH *Basil Gt.* x. 116 There is no doubt that he held sacramental doctrine. 1898 ILLINGWORTH *Div. Immanence* vi. 142 The religion of the Incarnation .. was essentially and fundamentally sacramental.

f. Applied, in Scotland, to communicants.

1818 CHALMERS in Hanna *Mem.* (1850) II. 198, I cannot leave Glasgow till Tuesday..owing to my having to meet a few more sacramental people on Monday.

2. Of the nature of, relating to, or expressed by an outward sign or symbol (see SACRAMENT 3 b).

1534 MORE *Treat. Passion* Wks. 1334/2 The verye naturall bodye and bloude of Christ in the forme of breade and wyne, be bothe sacramentall sygnes, because they sygnifye and also sacramental thinges because they be sygnified. 1605 BACON *Adv. Learn.* II. xi. § 3 That Ceremonies, Characters, and Charmes doe worke, not by any Tacite or Sacramentall contract with euill spirits, but [etc.]. 1653 JER. TAYLOR *Serm. for Year, Winter* xii. 155 Though I cannot think that Nature was so sacramentall, as to point out the holy and mysterious Trinity by the triangle of the heart. 1664 H. MORE *Myst. Inig.* 221 Their whole Camp was but one living and moving Sacrameotal Image of Christ and his Body. 1845 S. AUSTIN *Ranke's Hist. Ref.* III. 307 Eck explained the sacrifice as merely a sacramental sign, in remembrance of that which was offered up on the cross. 1874 STUBBS *Const. Hist.* I. vii. 167 In a further stage the land becomes the sacramental tie of all public relations.

3. Of an oath, obligation, etc.: Peculiarly sacred; ratified by a religious sanction.

In quots. 1460 and 1644 the reference may be to an oath confirmed by the taking of the sacrament (see SACRAMENT 2 c).

1460 CAPGRAVE *Chron.* (Rolls) 250 In this Parlement the lordes desired of the Kyng to make his sacramental oth byfore the puple. 1644 K. CHAS. I in Rushw. *Hist. Coll.* III. II. 753 That holy Religion which, when We receiv'd the Crown and Scepter of this Kingdom, We took a most solemn Sacramental Oath to profess and protect. 1697 EVELYN *Numism.* iii. 78 Contrary to the most Sacramental Obligations. 1863 GEO. ELIOT *Romola* xxvii, The fulfilment of her father's lifelong ambition about this library was a sacramental obligation for Romola.

†**b.** 'Sworn'; pledged as if by an oath. *Obs.*

1665 GLANVILL *Def. Van. Dogm.* 79 Depriving themselves ..of their Liberty in Philosophy by a sacramental adherence to an Heathen Authority.

c. ? Bound by a soldier's oath (with secondary allusion to sense 1). *poet. nonce-use.*

1784 COWPER *Task* II. 349 He..trains, by every rule Of holy discipline, to glorious war, The sacramental host of God's elect!

4. *Roman Law.* Belonging to an action in which a *sacramentum* or pledge was deposited by each of the parties beforehand.

1861 MAINE *Anc. Law* iii. 48 The alien..could not sue by the Sacramental Action. 1886 MUIRHEAD in *Encycl. Brit.* XX. 683/1 Forfeiture of the sacramental cattle, sheep or money that would follow a verdict that an oath had been unjust.

5. *jocular.* Of a form of speech: Sacred to the occasion, 'consecrated'.

1896 *Daily News* 26 Feb. 3/3 With regard to the wager of a guinea the right hon. gentleman had not the presence of mind at the time to utter the sacramental word 'done'. 1898 *Times* 29 Oct. 11/4 As Lord Rosebery remarked last night in coyly introducing the sacramental quotation, many things besides Waterloo have been won in the playing-fields of Eton.

B. *sb.*

1. *Eccl.* A rite, ceremony, or observance analogous to a sacrament, but not reckoned among the sacraments; e.g. the use of holy water and of holy oil, the sign of the cross.

1529 *Petition of Commons* in Froude *Hist. Eng.* (1856) I. 194 To exact and take of your humble servants divers sums of money for the sacraments and sacramentals of Holy Church. 1536 CROMWELL in Merriman *Life & Lett.* (1902) II. 27 That the sacramentes and sacramentalles be duely and reuerently ministred in their parishes. 1654 JER. TAYLOR *Real Pres.* 77 The Eucharist it self was in the external and ritual part, an imitation of a custome and a sacramental already in use among the Jews. *a* 1662 HEYLIN *Laud* Introd. (1668) 10 Marriage, Orders, Confirmation, and the Visitation (though not the Extream Unction) of the Sick being retained under the name of Sacramentals. 1850 S. WILBERFORCE in *Life* (1886) II. ii. 65 Craving after confession and absolution, &c. as sacramentals. 1892 *Month* Nov. 440 Sacramentals are certain outward signs and usages instituted by the Church, which are the occasion of grace and blessing to those who piously use them.

†**2.** Occas. used for: Something which pertains to a sacrament; a constitnent part of a sacrament.

1619 W. SCLATER *Exp.* 1 *Thess.* i. 6 (1630) 52 Comes it [*sc.* sitting at Holy Communion] vnder the Mandate, *Hoc facite*? then is it amongst the Sacramentals of the Supper. For (*hoc facite*) compriseth not Circumstantials, but Sacramentals. 1633 T. MORTON *Discharge* 80, 81 That which wee are taught of him here, is, that these words Cup, and Testament, although they be Sacramentalls, yet are they not to be called The Sacramentals.

Sacramentalism (sækrămĕ·ntăliz'm). [f. prec. + -ISM.] = SACRAMENTARIANISM.

1861 GOLDW. SMITH *Lect. Mod. Hist.* Pref. 4 Sacerdotalism, sacramentalism [etc.]. 1881 FROUDE *Short Stud.* IV. 186 The revival of sacramentalism..found a voice in Keble.

Sacramentalist (sækrămĕ·ntălist). *rare.* [f. SACRAMENTAL + -IST.]

1. = SACRAMENTARIAN B. 1.

1840 tr. *Löwenberg's Persecut. Lutheran Ch. in Prussia*, In this sense I am..a Lutheran, and herein I separate myself from all sects, whether Papists, Sacramentalists, Anabaptists, or others.

2. One who holds 'high' doctrine in regard to the sacraments.

1880 SHORTHOUSE *J. Inglesant* v, [Hobbes *loq.*] We, doubtless, and not they, are the true sacramentalists, that is, the seekers for the hidden and the Divine truth. It is for this reason that I take the Sacrament in the English Church.

Sacramentality (sæ:krămentæ·lĭti). [-ITY.] Sacramental character.

1660 JER. TAYLOR *Duct. Dubit.* II. iii. Rule 9 § 31 He therefore that takes this [the wine] away, takes away the very Sacramentality of the mystery. 1843 NEALE & WEBB *Symbolism Ch.* Introd. Ess. 26 Sacramentality is that characteristic which so strikingly distinguishes ancient ecclesiastical architecture from our own. 1887 C. W. WOOD *Marriage* 31 The sacramentality of the contract depends solely on two facts.

Sacramentally (sækrămĕ·ntăli), *adv.* [f. SACRAMENTAL + -LY 2.]

1. In a sacramental manner; after the manner of a sacrament.

c 1380 WYCLIF *Sel. Wks.* II. 170 þis oost is breed in his kynde, as ben oþer oostes unsacrid, and sacramentaliche Goddis bodi. *c* 1422 HOCCLEVE *Learn to die* 25 How a man sacramentally Receyue me shal wel and worthyly. 1533 MORE *Answ. Poysoned Bk.* Wks. 1065/2 Thys is ment..of theym that receyue the sacrament, not onelye sacramentallye, but also effectually. 1609 DOWNAM *Chr. Liberty* 15 You haue been..by baptisme sacramentally vnited to the body of Christ. 1736 CHANDLER *Hist. Persec.* 191 The Counsellor must absolve him sacramentally. 1884 A. R. PENNINGTON *Wiclif* viii. 253 When it has come to be sacramentally the body of Christ, it is still bread substantially.

†**2.** By way of oath or solemn obligation. *Obs.*

1599 NASHE *Lenten Stuffe* 34 In generous reguerdonment whereof he sacramentally obliged himselfe, that [etc.]. 1654 'PALAEMON' *Friendship* 26 Did not the satisfying of Curius his Lust cost him the lives of his dearest and Sacramentally-combined Partners?

Sacramentalness. *rare.* [-NESS.] The quality of being sacramental (see the adj.).

1633 D. R[OGERS] *Treat. Sacram.* I. 66 Pollute not..the Sacramentalnesse and Symbolicalnesse of the things of God by your unsutablenesse. 1664 H. MORE *Myst. Inig.* 222 The Sacramentalness of the Jewish Church in reference to the Christian.

Sacramentarian (sækrămĕntē·rĭăn), *a.* and *sb.* [f. mod.L. *sacrāmentāri-us* SACRAMENTARY + -AN.] **A.** *adj.*

1. *Hist.* Relating to the views held by the 'Sacramentarians' in regard to the Eucharist (see B. 1).

1640 BP. HALL *Chr. Moder.* II. viii. 53 As for the Sacramentarian quarrels, Lord, how bitter have they beene. 1674 HICKMAN *Hist. Quinquart.* (ed. 2) 50 The Sacramentarian Controversie. 1837–9 HALLAM *Hist. Lit.* II. i. § 24 He boasts that Luther predicted the deaths of Zwingle, Carlostadt, and Œcolampadius as the punishment of their sacramentarian hypothesis. 1845 J. H. NEWMAN *Ess. Developm.* 287 Ernesti seems to consider the [Syrian] school, in modern language, Sacramentarian.

2. *gen.* Relating to the sacraments (or to 'high' doctrine in regard to them).

1865 LECKY *Ration.* I. 287 Among the Protestants the same tendency is displayed with equal force in the rapid destruction of what is termed the sacramentarian principle. 1878 BAYNE *Purit. Rev.* iii. 85 He [Laud] does not seem to have gone much upon sacramentarian symbolism.

B. *sb.*

1. *Hist.* A name given by Luther to those Protestant theologians (esp. Zwingli and Œcolampadius) who maintained that it is merely in a 'sacramental' or metaphorical sense ('sacramentaliter sive *μεταφυμικῶς*', Zwingli) that the bread and wine of the Eucharist are called the body and blood of Christ. Hence used in the 16th c. (by opponents) as a general name for all deniers of the doctrine of the Real Presence.

1535 in Froude *Hist. Eng.* (1856) II. ix. 403 The anabaptists and sacramentarians. 1537 in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. III. III. 128 That the Kyng his Hyghtnes and Cownsell to be become Sacramentarians. 1624 BEDELL *Lett.* ii. 47 The vehement speeches of Luther and some of his followers against those whom they call the Sacramentarians. 1782 PRIESTLEY *Corrupt. Chr.* II. ix. 194 Cranmer, whilst he was a Lutheran, consented to the burning of John Lambert and Ann Askew..; and when he was a sacramentarian he was the cause of the death of Joan Bocher, an Arian. 1903 *Cambr. Mod. Hist.* II. x. 333 Zwingli..made this Sacrament purely symbolical...In this he was followed by the later Sacramentarians.

2. *Hist.* A nickname given to the early Methodists at Oxford. (See quot. 1733.)

1733 *Oxf. Methodists* 7 The young Gentlemen..thought it requisite to Communicate as often as they had Opportunity; which at Oxford is once a Week; and hence their Ill-willers gave them the Name of Sacramentarians. 1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) XI. 623/2 To the name of *Methodists* two others were quickly added, viz. those of *Sacramentarians* and the *Godly club*.

3. One who holds 'high' doctrine as to the sacraments.

1651 BIGGS *New Disp.* P 214 The transubstantial migration of the grapy juice of the papall Sacramentarians. 1870 SPURGEON *Treas. Dav.* Ps. l. 10 Ye Ritualists, ye Sacramentarians.

Sacramentarianism. [f. prec. + -ISM.] 'High' doctrine in regard to the sacraments (cf. prec. B. 3).

1882 *Athenæum* 9 Sept. 335/1 The advance of sacerdotalism and sacramentarianism. 1903 *St. George* VI. 191 The Broad-Church Sacramentarianism of Mr. Shorthouse.

Sacramentarist. *rare*$^{-1}$. = SACRAMENTARIAN B. 1.

1828 PUSEY *Hist. Eng.* I. 16 An edict of 1534..which directed the immediate expulsion of Anabaptists and Sacramentarists from Bremen.

Sacramentary (sækrămĕ·ntări), *a.* and *sb.* Now *rare.* Also 6 **-arie**, *Sc.* **-aire.** [ad. med. and mod.L. *sacrāmentāri-us* (= F. *sacramentaire*; as sb. = G. *sacramentirer, sacramenter*, both used by Luther), f. L. *sacrāmentum*: see SACRAMENT and -ARY.]

A. *adj.* Pertaining to the sacraments of the Church: **a.** *Hist.* = SACRAMENTARIAN A. 1. Of a person: Holding sacramentarian views.

1563 HARDING *Answ. to Jewel* v. vi. (1564) 98 Berengarius first beganne openly to sowe the wicked sede of the sacramentarie heresie. 1600 J. HAMILTON *Facile Traict.* 327 Thir sacramentaire Ministers, to hyde this trew worscheping of God be sacrifice..hes mutilat this passage. 1830 COLERIDGE *Table-t.* 20 May, Arnauld, and the other learned Romanists, are irresistible against the low Sacramentary doctrine.

b. Relating to 'high' doctrine in regard to the sacraments.

1561 T. NORTON *Calvin's Inst.* IV. 149 These Sacramentarie doctors [orig. *les Papistes, quant à leur nombre de sept Sacremens*]. 1884 G. SMITH *Short Hist. Chr. Missions* II. vi. 74 All missionary effort which did not proceed on sacerdotal and sacramentary lines.

c. *gen.*

1594 NASHE *Unfort. Trav.* L 1, Ile hire them that make their wafers or sacramentary gods, to minge them after the same sort. 1641 T. EDWARDS *Reas. agst. Independ.* Ep. Ded. 2 The controversie of that age was concerning the Sacrament of the Lords Supper, being generally stiled *Bellum Sacramentarium*, and the Sacramentary Controversie. 1647 TRAPP *Comm. Gal.* v. 26 It was this vice [i. e. vainglory] that..bred the Sacramentary war that is not yet ended. 1837 *Penny Cycl.* VII. 196/2 The question as to the sacramentary efficacy which has been sometimes attributed to the rite [of circumcision].

B. *sb.*

1. *Hist.* = SACRAMENTARIAN B. 1.

1538 CROMWELL in Merriman *Life & Lett.* (1902) II. 148 Certain persones denyeng the holy sacrament of Christes blessed body and blud of suche opinion as commonly they calle Sacramentaries. 1651 C. CARTWRIGHT *Cert. Relig.* I. 86 The Divisions that are between old and new Sacramentaries. 1732 NEAL *Hist. Purit.* I. 29 The king began to discover his zeal against the Sacramentaries (as those were called who denied the corporal presence of Christ in the Eucharist). 1858 FROUDE *Hist. Eng.* III. xv. 339 A few years later, a sacramentary had ceased to be a criminal.

†**2.** One who holds 'high' doctrine as to the sacraments. *Obs. rare*$^{-1}$.

1595 HUBBOCKE *Apol. Infants Unbapt.* 30 Zwinglius..calleth them sacramentaries who attribute so much grace to the sacrament, so much vertue to Baptisme of it selfe.

3. [med.L. *sacrāmentārium*.] An early form of office-book in the Western Church, containing the rites and prayers belonging to the several sacraments.

1624 USSHER *Answ. Jesuit Irel.* 200 Such is the prayer.. in Grimoldus his Sacramentarie. 1685 STILLINGFL. *Orig. Brit.* iv. 230 The Sacramentary of Gregory. 1832 W. PALMER *Orig. Liturg.* I. 308 The Sacramentary comprised the collects and the canon or prayers that never varied. 1844 LINGARD *Anglo-Sax. Ch.* (1858) I. vii. 293 *note*, The blessing..may be found in most sacramentaries.

†**Sacramentated,** *ppl. a. Obs. rare*⁻¹. [f. med.L. *sacrāmentāt-us* (f. *sacrāmentum* SACRAMENT) + -ED.] Made into a sacrament, received in the sacrament.

1651 HOWELL *Venice* 283 Impious Priests..who ev'ry day receave the Sacramentated Redeemer, peradventure more unworthily then Judas.

Sacramenter. *rare.* Also 6 **-our.** [f. SACRAMENT *sb.* + -ER¹. In sense 2 after G. *sacramenter* (Luther).]

†1. ? One who is frequent in attendance at the sacrament. *Obs.*

1536 in W. A. J. Archbold *Somerset. Relig. Ho.* (1892) 63 Doctour Tregonwell sertefying cornyshemen to be very good subjectes and sacramentours.

2. = SACRAMENTARIAN B. 1.

1845 S. AUSTIN *Ranke's Hist. Ref.* III. 187 They too exhorted the council to have nothing to do with the 'Sacramenters'.

†**Sacramenting,** *ppl. a. nonce-wd.* [-ING 2.] ? That celebrates the Mass.

1687 R. L'ESTRANGE *Brief Hist. Times* I. 15 The short-English of the Device, was, to make as Arrant, a Jugling, sacramenting Rascal of me, (saving the Then Kings Evidences) as ever Renounc'd God upon the Holy Altar.

Sa·cramentism. *rare*⁻¹. [f. SACRAMENT *sb.* + -ISM.] = SACRAMENTARIANISM.

1840 GLADSTONE *Ch. Princ.* 187 It is not any blind sacramentism..that she would inculcate.

†**Sa·cramentize,** *v. Obs. rare*⁻¹. [f. SACRAMENT *sb.* + -IZE.] *intr.* To administer the sacraments. Hence **Sacramentizing** *vbl. sb.* or *ppl. a.*

1655 FULLER *Ch. Hist.* XI. v. § 65 Ministers..lawfully ordained..both to Preach and Sacramentize. *Ibid.* vii. § 19 That the Governing part should be in the hands of the Bishops; the Teaching and Sacramentizing in the Presbyters.

†**Sacramently,** *adv. Obs. rare.* [f. SACRAMENT *sb.* + -LY².] Sacramentally.

In quot. 1624 perh. a misprint for *sacramentally*.

c 1425 *Orolog. Sapient.* vi. in *Anglia* X. 369/8 He is..after þe manhede sacramently to me presente. *Ibid.* 377/28 Þere beþ summe þatte in this borde receyue me sacramently. 1624 DARCIE *Birth of Heresies* xxi. 86 All sacred signes ordained by God in the Israelitish Church, though they really and sacramently represented that which was by them figured..yet did [etc.].

Sacrarial (säkrē·riăl), *a. Ornith.* [f. SACRARIUM² + -AL.] Of, pertaining to, or connected with the sacrarium of birds. 1890 COUES *Ornith.* II. iv. 211.

‖**Sacrarium**¹ (säkrē·riŏm). Pl. **sacraria** (-riă). [L. *sacrārium*, f. *sacr-*, *sacer* sacred, holy: see -ARIUM.]

1. *Roman Antiq.* Any place in which sacred objects were deposited and kept; the adytum of a temple; also, a small apartment in a house where the images of the penates were kept.

'In the time of the emperors, the name sacrarium was sometimes applied to a place in which a statue of an emperor was erected' (*Smith's Dict. Grk. & Rom. Antiq.*, 1842, s.v.).

a 1746 HOLDSWORTH *Rem. Virgil* (1768) 291 The Lituus and Trabea of Romulus and the Ancilia were kept in the Sacrarium of the Salii. 1842 GWILT *Archit.* § 253 In more magnificent houses there were the sacrarium, the venereum, the sphæristerium [etc.].

b. *gen.* A repository for what is sacred. In quot. *fig.*

1890 J. MARTINEAU *Seat Author. Relig.* III. ii. 300 If either Church or Scripture could be constituted a *sacrarium* for secluding all that is simply divine.

2. *Eccl.* a. That part of a church immediately surrounding the altar or communion table; also called the sanctuary.

[1708-22 J. BINGHAM *Orig. Eccles.* VIII. vi. § 2 The Latins called it [*sc.* the chancel] *sacrarium*, 'the sanctuary': as in the first Council of Bracara, which forbids laymen to come into the sanctuary to communicate.] 1727 *Acc. Ceremonies Coronations* 31 In the midst of the Area or Sacrarium before the Altar. 1846 *Ecclesiologist* Apr. 134 By the sacrarium we mean the part of the church immediately set apart for the celebration of the highest mysteries, into which ..none but the clergy would ever, under ordinary circumstances, be allowed to enter: the part, in short, which in a common English church is within the altar-rails. 1887 *Pall Mall G.* 16 Nov. 5/4 The tablet..instead of being within the sacrarium, will be at the entrance to the chancel. *attrib.* 1848 B. WEBB *Cont. Ecclesiol.* 173 There are sacrarium-rails, no screen.

b. In Roman Catholic use = PISCINA 2.

1848 *Ecclesiologist* Dec. 157 *note*, Sacrarium in the present Roman ritual means exclusively the piscina. 1853 ROCK *Ch. of Fathers* IV. xii. 167 The piscina, or sacrarium.

‖**Sacra·rium**². *Ornith.* [mod.L., f. SACR-UM + -ARIUM.] (See quot.)

1890 COUES *Ornith.* II. iv. 209 Such is the general character of a bird's complex sacrarium, as I name the whole mass of bones that are ankylosed together.

†**Sacrary.** *Obs.* Also 4-7 **sacrarie,** 5 **sacraire, -ayre, sacrear, sacrarye.** [a. OF. *sacraire, -eire, sacrarie*, ad. L. *sacrārium* (see SACRARIUM¹); cf. Sp. *sagrário*, It. *sacrario*.]

1. *gen.* A place where sacred objects are kept; a sacred building or apartment; a temple, shrine, sanctuary.

1382 WYCLIF 1 *Cor.* ix. 13 Thei that wirchen in the sacrarie, that is, a place where hooly thingis ben kept, eten tho thingis that ben of the sacrarie. 1412-20 LYDG. *Chron. Troy* II. 3823 Þei token al þat cam to her honde,..Reliques sacrid, þe holy eke vessels,..oute of þe sacrarie. 1490 CAXTON *Eneydos* xv. 59 This Yarbas..had..made an hondred temples wythin his royalme, wyth an hondred othre sacraryes, in whiche he had consecrated the fyre brennyng without ceasse. *c* 1557 ABP. PARKER *Ps.* lxxviii. 226 Hys sacrary, which once in Sylo stoode. 1620 J. KING *Serm.* 24 *Mar.* 27 The dilapidation of any of Gods Oratories and Sacraries, his Heauens vpon earth, goeth to his heart like swords. 1652 GAULE *Magastrom.* 256 The sacrary of Serapis, in Alexandria, was burnt.

b. *fig.*

13.. *Minor Poems fr. Vernon MS.* xxiii. 425 Heil þou holy sacrarie, Vr askynges euer heryng [*Ave secretarium exaudicionis*]. 14.. LYDG. *Life Our Lady* lxvii. (1484) I v b, God chase thy wombe for his tabernacle And halowed it so clene in euery coost To make hit sacraryе for his owen ghoost. 1615 T. ADAMS *Myst. Bedlam* i. (1634) 12 The purified heart is Gods Sacrary, his Sanctuary, his House, his Heauen. 1668 M. CASAUBON *Credulity* (1670) 135 A more venerable..man..who would open all sacraries and fountains of Truth, should appear upon earth. 1676 NEEDHAM *Pacquet Adv.* 50 That draws a Reverence to the Throne itself; which should be religiously fenced about, not only as the Sacrary of Royalty, but as the Sanctuary also of other Princes.

2. *spec.* In a Christian church: = SACRARIUM 2 a.

1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) VI. 155 By schewynge of God he fonge [*read* fonde] a greet deel of þe cros in Seynt Peter his sacrarie. 14.. *Nom.* in Wr.-Wülcker 721/1 *Hoc sacrarium*, a sacrear. 1482 *Monk of Evesham* xiii. (Arb.) 35 Abowte the sacrarye of the same auter y knowe wele y left my selfe. 1560 BECON *Catech.* v. Wks. I. 455 b, The ashes to be reposed in the sacrary among the other reliques. 1727 *Acc. Ceremonies in Coronations* 22 The Bishops to their Seats on the North side of the Area or Sacrary.

†**Sacrate,** *a.* (*ppl. a.*) *Obs.* Also 6 **sacrat.** [ad. L. *sacrāt-us*, pa. pple. of L. *sacrā-re*: see next.] Consecrated, dedicated to God or a divinity; hallowed, sacred.

1432-50 tr. *Higden* (Rolls) VI. 401 Seynte Edburga, a virgyn sacrate to God. 1513 BRADSHAW *St. Werburge* I. 2783 She..cast her sacrat vayle..to fle from the traytour. 1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 264 Hauyng no reuerence to that moost blessed eyes, nor to yᵉ heuenly visage & sacrate mouth. *a* 1533 LD. BERNERS *Gold. Bk. M. Aurel.* (1546) Gg j, Thou doest complayne..of the sacrate senate. 1544 *Exhort. Prnier* A iij b, The holy and sacrate cuppe of the precious and blessed blood, which was shedde for vs vppon the crosse. *a* 1572 KNOX *Hist. Ref.* Wks. 1846 I. 301 Becaus we wold attempt nothing without the knowledge of the sacrate authoritie,..it was concluded, that..we should attempt the favouris..of the Quein then Regent, to a godly Reformatioun.

†**Sacrate,** *v. Obs. rare.* [f. L. *sacrāt-*, ppl. stem of *sacrāre*: see SACRE *v.*] *trans.* To consecrate, dedicate.

1653 WATERHOUSE *Apol. Learning* 51 His mind..called on him to write his memorial on the Marble of some Monument sacrated to Learning. 1660 — *Arms & Arm.* 82 Some are allowed what others are not, because they are of more conspicuity then others are, and therefore sacrated and separate from vulgar familiarities. 1755 AMORY *Mem.* (1769) I. 72 By the most dreadful prophanation, she [*sc.* Rome] sacrates her temples to Satan.

†**Sacra·tion.** *Obs. rare.* [ad. L. *sacrātiōn-em*, n. of action f. *sacrāre*: see prec.] Consecration.

1627-77 FELTHAM *Resolves* II. xxxvi. 233 Why then should it not as well from this, be auoided as from the other find a Sacration? 1628 W. SCLATER *Three Serm.* (1629) 18 The worst mens speeches and actions receiue a kinde of sacration by their recording in holy writ.

[**Sacratyle, -til,** erron. form of SERRATILE.

1541 R. COPLAND *Guydon's Quest. Chirurg.* D ij b, And other [bones] ben sacratyles [1579 G. BAKER *Guydo's Quest.* 11 b, sacratils] or sawe wyse, as the skull of the heade.]

Sacrayre, variant of SACRARY *Obs.*

†**Sa·cre,** *sb. Obs.* [a. OF. *sacre*, of twofold formation: (1) in sense 1, ad. L. *sacrum*, orig. neut. of *sacer* adj., sacred; (2) in sense 2, a verbal noun from *sacre-r* to consecrate (see SACRE *v.*).]

1. A religious observance or festival; *pl.* rites of worship.

a 1500 *Chaucer's Dreme* 2135 Which tent was church perochiall Ordaint was in especiall For the feast and for the sacre Where archbishop, and archdiacre Song ful out the seruise. 1542 UDALL *Erasm. Apoph.* 59 b, She customably resorted to all places, where any solemnitee of sacres or martes was. *Ibid.* 340 b, The sacres of Ceres. 1548 — *Erasm. Par. Luke* i. 17 The ministring of the sacres and holy rites in the temple.

2. Consecration. a. The coronation of a sovereign. b. The festival of Corpus Christi. *rare.*

1584 [CARD. ALLEN] *Def. Eng. Cath.* 51 They [*sc.* the bishops] doubted also lest she [*sc.* Elizabeth] would refuse in the verie time of her sacre, the solemne diuine ceremonie of vnction (accustomed in the consecration of al Christian princes). 1653 URQUHART *Rabelais* II. xxii, The next day was the great festival of Corpus Christi called the Sacre.

†**Sa·cre,** *a. Obs. rare.* [ad. L. *sacr-*, *sacer.*] Sacred.

1513 MORE *Rich. III* (1883) 60 The sacre magesty of a prince. *a* 1548 HALL *Chron., Hen. VIII* 199 There dyd swere that they woulde obey the sacre & holy counsels, & woulde follow the Decrees of the Fathers. 1577-87 HOLINSHED *Chron.* III. 924/2 The..decrees and constitutions of the sacre and holie church.

†**Sa·cre,** *v. Obs.* Forms: *Inf.* 3-7 **sacre,** (3 **sacri,** 5 **sacryn, sakyre, sakor**). *Pa. t.* and *pa. pple.* 3-4 **sacrede,** 3-5 **sacrid,** 4 **sakred,** (*Sc.*) **sacryt,** 4-5 (*Sc.*) **sacrite,** 5 **sacride, sakird, sakyrd** (e, **sakeret, sacryed,** (*Sc.*) **sacrit,** 5-6 **sacryd,** 6 (*Sc.*) **sacreit,** 3-7 **sacred**; also *pa. pple.* 3 **i-sacret,** 3-5 **i-sacred,** 4 **y-sacred** (e, 5 **y-, i-sacryd.** [a. F. *sacre-r* (12th c. in Hatz.-Darm.), = Pr., Pg. *sagrar*, It. *sacrare*, *sagrare*, ad. L. *sacrāre*, f. *sacr-*, *sacer* sacred.]

1. *trans.* a. To consecrate (the elements, or the body and blood of Christ) in the Mass.

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 268 Ase ofte ase þe preost messeð & sacreð þet meidenes bearn, Jesu. 1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 7209 Vor prustes mid vnclene honden..sacrieþ godes fless & is blod. 1340 *Ayenb.* 235 Þet bodi of our lorde Iesu crist þet þe prestes sacreþ and onderuongeþ and hetakeþ oþren. 1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) VIII. 9 Anon þey brouȝte an obley þat was i-sacred. *c* 1485 *Digby Myst.* III. 2068, I sakor þe body of ower lord Iesu cryst.

absol. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 34 Efter þe messecos, hwon þe preost sacreð, þer uorȝiteð al þene world, & þer beoð al vt of bodi. *c* 1400 *Apol. Loll.* 30 It semiþ hem to preche, it is profit to bles, it is congrew to sacre. *c* 1460 *Play Sacram.* 363 He hath oftyn sacred as yt ys skylle.

b. To celebrate (the Eucharist).

a 1240 *Lofsong* in *Cott. Hom.* 207 Þe holi sacrement..þet ðe preost sacreð. *c* 1450 *St. Cuthbert* (Surtees) 7038 To sacre þe haly sacrement. 1535 STEWART *Cron. Scot.* (Rolls) II. 424 King Druskene with his lordis ilkone Into the tempill present at the mes, Solempnitlie quhen it sacreit than wes.

c. To sacrifice. *rare*⁻¹.

c 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 612 Wið-uten ilc seuend clene der ðe he sacrede on an ancter. *Ibid.* 938 Ðre der he toc, ilc ðre ȝer hold, And sacrede god on an wold.

d. ? To worship. *rare*⁻¹.

1390 GOWER *Conf.* III. 243 Hire god Moloch that with encense He sacreth, and doth reverence In such a wise as sche him bad.

2. To consecrate (a king, bishop, etc.) to office. Const. with compl. object (in *pass.*, subject); also *to* (an office), *to, into* (bishop).

c 1290 *Beket* 301 in *S. Eng. Leg.* I. 115 Þat dai of þe Trinite hischop i-sacret he was And onder-feng þis dignete. 1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 10719, & maister Richard þe grant in is stede was ido & wende uorþ to rome to sacri him þer to. *a* 1375 *Joseph Arim.* 300 Ihesu..sacrede bim to Bisschop wiþ boto bis hondes. *c* 1420 *Chron. Vilod.* 1586 To sacre hurre abbas of þe abbay of Wynchestre. *a* 1450 MYRC *Festial* 12 And sakeret hym byschoppe. *c* 1450 *St. Cuthbert* (Surtees) 6494 Aftir warde, at ȝorke cite, Sakird solemply was he Of archebischop theodere. 1504 LADY MARGARET tr. *De Imitatione* IV. v. 267 Beholde nowe thou arte made a preste and sacreyd to doo his holye mysteryе. *a* 1548 HALL *Chron., Hen. IV* 9 b, Henry Plantagenet..was at Westminster with great solemnitee and royal pompe, sacred, enoynted and crouned King by the name of Kyng Henry the fourth. 1606 G. W[OODCOCKE] tr. *Justin, Epit. Emp.* LI 5 b, Rodolph the second, eldest son of Maximilian, was sacred Emperour in the yeare 1577. 1631 WEEVER *Anc. Funeral Mon.* 251 Petronius was sacred to this Ecclesiasticall dignitie by Archbishop Honorius. *a* 1648 LD. HERBERT *Hen. VIII* (1683) 53 This Prince was Sacred (to use the French term) at Reymes 25 of January, 1515.

b. Said of the vessel used in anointing. *rare*⁻¹.

1644 EVELYN *Diary* 6 June, The Holy Ampoule, the same with that which sacres their Kings at Rhemes, this being the one which anoynted Hen. IV.

c. To unite in the sacrament of marriage; to celebrate (a marriage).

c 1425 *Brut* 365 And þere the Bischop of Worcestre wedded & sacred ham to-gedir, as holy churche it wolde. *Ibid.* 368 Þere was this lady weddid and sacryd to þe King of Denmark with moche solempnite. *c* 1440 *Jacob's Well* 53 And ȝif it [an unlawful marriage] be sacryd, þer owyth be lawe to be made a denorce. 1485 CAXTON *Chas. Gt.* 198 And the bysshop sacred and blessed them.

3. To hallow, bless, sanctify, make holy.

c 1380 WYCLIF *Wks.* (1880) 480 ȝif freris founden wordis to sacre þe armes of a prest. *c* 1394 *P. Pl. Crede* 286 Seyntes y-sacred opon erþe. 1530 TINDALE *Answ. More* Wks. (1573) 253/1 The bishop sacreth the one [oyle] as well as the other. 1545 RAYNOLD *Byrth Mankynde* Prol. C j, To sacre, halow, yea and with theyr holye poeticall spiryte to breath ouer this booke. 1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* X. vi. I. 274 They vsually lay three egs, whereof they take one of them to sacre and blesse (as it were) the other eggs and the nest, and then soon after they cast it away. 1621 BP. MOUNTAGU *Diatribæ* 251 To thinke, that God had sacred that Number [ten] above all other. 1627-77 FELTHAM *Resolves* II. lix. 283 Prayer does sacre all our Actions.

4. To dedicate (a person) *to* a deity; chiefly *passive.*

13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* B. 1139 For when a sawele is saȝtled & sakred to dry3tyn, He holly haldes hit his. *c* 1450 *Godstow Reg.* 49 With hys two dowhters there I-sacryd to god. 1621 BP. MOUNTAGU *Diatribæ* 514 A yeerely Feast was there kept in honour of Diana, whereat all the young maides in the Countrey aboue fine yeeres old, and vnder ten, were sacred, and dedicated vnto Diana. *a* 1641 — *Acts & Mon.* (1642) 204 He promiseth forgivenesse of sins by washings, and in this sort, as yet he sacreth men to Wittnes, where he signeth his soldiers in the forehead.

b. To dedicate (something) *to* (a particular person, a deity, or some special purpose).

c 1477 CAXTON *Jason* 84 b, Whan Jason..had sacred his shyp unto the Goddesse Pallas and to the goddesse of the see. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* VI. i. 160 And, O thow blissit woman, onto the Wise walit men [I] sall dedicat and sacre. 1587 A. DAY *Daphnis & Chloe* (1890) 9 Diuers flutes..which the auncient

Shepheards had often tofore-time sacred vnto the Nimphes for their greatest offrings. 1591 SYLVESTER *Du Bartas* I. v. 558 Here with solemn vowes I sacre Unto thy glory..My Heart and Art, my Voyse, Hand, Harp, and all. 1608 *Ibid.* II. iv. *Schisme* Ded. 12 This Tract I sacre unto Sackvil's Name. 1620 Capt. SMITH *New Eng. Trials* Ep. Ded., How euer you please to dispose of him, that humbly sacreth himselfe and best abilities to his Countries good.

c. To make (a class of thing, as a tribe of animals, etc.) sacred *to* a deity.

1633 Br. HALL *Occas. Medit.* § 65 The ancients have sacred this Bird [the owl] to wisdome.

5. To take a solemn oath. *rare*—[1].

c 1380 *Sir Ferumb.* 1405 'Ȝe', said he, 'þat wil y do, do say me now þy wille'. 'Þat wil y noȝt', quaþ sche þo, 'til þou me han sakred tille'. Þan Olyuer huld vp his hant; trewely for to holde By his power þat couenant.

6. *nonce-use.* To cremate as a religious act.

1665 Sir T. HERBERT *Trav.* (1677) 46 Their Funerals are of the old stamp..sacring the Corps to Ashes in a holy fire.

Sacre: see SACRY, SAKER, SAKRE.

Sacré (sakre), *v.* [f. F. *sacré*, lit. 'sacred', used *elliptically* as an oath.] *intr.* To utter the French exclamation 'sacré'.

1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* I. v. iv. 248 Vengeful Gardes Françaises, *sacre*ing, with knit brows, start out on him. 1856 WHYTE MELVILLE *Kate Cov.* xxiii, The Frenchman *sacréd*, and fumed, and stormed.

Sacrear, variant of SACRARY *Obs.*

Sacred (sē'·krĕd), *a.* and *sb.* Forms: see SACRE *v.* [f. SACRE *v.* + -ED[1].

The original ppl. notion has (as the pronunciation indicates) disappeared from the use of the word, which is now nearly synonymous with the L. *sacer*. A similar change of meaning has taken place in the corresponding Romanic forms, F. *sacré* (which prob. influenced the English use), Sp., Pg. *sagrado*.]

A. *adj.*

†1. Of the Eucharistic elements: Consecrated.

c 1380 WYCLIF *Wks.* (1880) 465 But non in þe reume of englond stryuen manye of þe sacrid oost. *c* 1450 *Mankind* 383 in *Macro Plays* 25 By cokkys body sakyrde, I haue such a peyn in my arme. *Ibid.* 605 For Cokkes body sakyrde, make space!

2. (Followed by *to*.) **a.** Consecrated *to*; esteemed especially dear or acceptable *to* a deity.

13.. *K. Alis.* 6777 That on [tree] to the sonne..That othir ..Is sakret [*MS. Laud* sacrified] in the mone vertue. *c* 1407 LYDG. *Reson & Sens.* 4408 Two tren..The ton y-sacryd to the mone, The tother halwed to Phebus. *c* 1430 — *Min. Poems* (Percy Soc.) 214 This fowle is sacred unto Jupiter. 1719 *Free-thinker* No. 116 P 1 The First of May has been, and will be Sacred to Love in all polite Nations. 1788 LEMPRIÈRE *Classical Dict.* (1792) s. v. *Jupiter*, The oak is sacred to him because he first taught mankind to live upon acorns. 1874 DEUTSCH *Rem.* 439 The dove sacred to Venus.

b. Dedicated, set apart, exclusively appropriated *to* some person or some special purpose.

1667 MILTON *P. L.* III. 208 To destruction sacred and devote. *Ibid.* IX. 924 Had it bin onely coveting to Eye That sacred Fruit, sacred to abstinence. 1721 in *Collect. Epitaphs* (1802) 10 Sacred to the memory of Samuel Butler. 1729 BUTLER *Serm.* Wks. 1874 II. 79 The sacrifice being over, he retires alone to a solitude sacred to these occasions. 1784 COWPER *Task* VI. 571 Scenes Sacred to neatness and repose. 1811 PINKERTON *Mod. Geog., Egypt* (advr. ed. 3) 756 The papyrus, sacred to literature. 1821 SHELLEY *Epipsych.* 492 A pleasure-house Made sacred to his sister and his sponse. 1842 GWILT *Archit.* § 245 The parts [of a Roman house] which were sacred to the use of the family were the peristyle [etc.].

3. Of things, places, of persons and their offices, etc.: Set apart for or dedicated to some religious purpose, and hence entitled to veneration or religious respect; made holy by association with a god or other object of worship; consecrated, hallowed.

1412–20 LYDG. *Chron. Troy* II. 3822 Reliques sacrid, þe holy eke vessels. 1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* II. xii. 37 Said then the Palmer; 'Lo! where does appeare The sacred soile where all our perills grow'. 1611 SHAKS. *Wint. T.* II. i. 183, I haue dispatch'd..To sacred Delphos, to Appollo's Temple, Cleomenes and Dion. 1678 CUDWORTH *Intell. Syst.* I. iv. 510 Some pools have been made sacred for their immense profundity and opacity. *a* 1704 T. BROWN *Lond. & Lacedem. Oracles* Wks. 1709 III. iii. 147 Their [the Jewish Priests'] sacred Garments were of Linnen. 1744 AKENSIDE *Ode, On Leaving Holland* 36, I trace the village and the sacred spire. 1819 SCOTT *Ivanhoe* xxxiv, Thou art..one of those disorderly men, who, taking on them the sacred character without due cause, profane the holy rites. 1820 SHELLEY *Hymn Merc.* lxxxviii, By sacred Styx a mighty oath to swear. 1839 THIRLWALL *Greece* VI. 77 A circular building, called the Philippeum,..within the sacred precincts in which the Olympic games were celebrated. 1857 WILKINSON *Egypt Time of Pharaohs* 9 The sacred boats of the dead. 1883 H. YULE in *Encycl. Brit.* XV. 330/2 Thus the Bo-tree (or pippal), so sacred among the Buddhists of Ceylon, is still cherished near mosques. 1885 J. H. MIDDLETON *ibid.* XIX. 607/2 The other [vase], from Cyprus, has the Assyrian sacred tree, with similar guardian animals.

b. *Sacred book, writing*, etc.: one of those in which the laws and teachings of a religion are embodied. *Sacred history*: the history contained in the Bible. *Sacred number*: a number (esp. seven) to which is attributed a peculiar depth of significance in religious symbolism. *Sacred poetry*: poetry concerned with religious themes. *Sacred music*: music which accompanies sacred words or which has a certain solemn character of its own. *Sacred concert*: a concert of sacred music.

1593 SHAKS. 2 *Hen. VI*, I. iii. 61 His Weapons [are] holy Sawes of sacred Writ. *a* 1604 HANMER *Chron. Irel.* (1633) 59 Who for the space of certaine yeeres, brought him up in sacred letters. 1629 MILTON *Christs Nativ.* iii, Say Heav'nly Muse, shall not thy sacred vein Afford a present to the Infant God? 1697 DRYDEN *Virg. Bucol.* IV. 5 The last great age, foretold by sacred rhymes, Renews its finish'd course. 1709–29 V. MANDEV *Syst. Math., Arith.* 8 Seven is a Sacred Number, chiefly used in Holy Scripture. 1781 COWPER *Hope* 449 The sacred book no longer suffers wrong, Bound in the fetters of an unknown tongue. 1784 — *Task* VI. 634 Ten thousand sit Patiently present at a sacred song. 1845 *Encycl. Metrop.* IX. Sub-introd. 73 Sacred History is that narrative of events, commencing from the creation of the world, which is recorded in the Bible, and is so called, because it is assumed to be written under divine superintendence, and is evidently associated with the being, perfections, and plans of Deity. 1853 (*title*) Catalogue of the Library of the Sacred Harmonic Society. *a* 1854 H. REED *Lect. Eng. Lit.* vi. (1878) 211 The relation in which sacred poetry stands to revealed teaching and Holy Writ. 1877 MONIER WILLIAMS *Hinduism* i. 13 India..has only one sacred language and only one sacred literature, accepted and revered by all adherents of Hinduism alike.

c. *rarely* of a deity: Venerable, holy.

1697 DRYDEN *Virg. Georg.* III. 461 Now, sacred Pales, in a lofty Strain I sing the Rural Honours of thy Reign.

d. Applied as a specific defining adj. to various animals and plants that are or have been considered sacred to certain deities.

1783 LATHAM *Synopsis Birds* I. II. 526 Sacred Cuckow... Inhabits Malabar, where the natives hold it sacred. 1790 J. WHITE *Jrnl. Voy. N. S. Wales* 193 We this day shot the Sacred Kings-Fisher. 1840 tr. *Cuvier's Anim. Kingd.* 243 The Sacred Ibis (*I. religiosa*). 1866 *Treas. Bot.* 120/2 Bamboo, sacred, of the Chinese, *Nandina domestica*. *Ibid.* 781/2 *Nelumbium speciosum*, the Sacred Lotus. 1870 NICHOLSON *Man. Zool.* lxxxiii. (1875) 657 The Sacred Monkey of the Hindoos (*Semnopithecus entellus*). 1877 J. GIBSON in *Encycl. Brit.* VI. 131/2 The Sacred Beetle of Egypt, *Ateuchus sacer*. 1879 C. P. JOHNSON *ibid.* IX. 154/2 The Sacred Fig, Pippul, or Bo, *Ficus religiosa*.

4. *transf.* and *fig.* Regarded with or entitled to respect or reverence similar to that which attaches to holy things.

1560 DAUS tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* 247 In so sacred a senate [*sc.* the Council of Trent: orig. *in tam augusto conventu*]. 1591 SHAKS. 1 *Hen. VI*, IV. i. 40 He..Doth but vsurpe the Sacred name of Knight, Prophaning this most Honourable Order. 1596 — *Tam. Shr.* I. i. 181 Sacred and sweet was all I saw in her. *a* 1645 WALLER *At Pens-hurst* II. 26 Goe boye and carve this passion on the barke Of yonder tree, which stands the sacred marke Of noble Sidneys birth. 1656 COWLEY *Misc., On Death of Crashaw* 2 Poet and Saint! to thee alone are giv'n The two most sacred Names of Earth and Heav'n. 1712 STEELE *Spect.* No. 456 P 3 There is something sacred in Misery to great and good Minds. 1754 GRAY *Progr. Poesy* 94 Ope the sacred source of sympathetic Tears. 1813 SHELLEY *Q. Mab* IV. 108 Ere he can lisp his mother's sacred name. 1842 BROWNING *K. Vict. & K. Chas.* 1st Yr. II, Ay, call this parting—death! The sacreder your memory becomes. 1853 C. BRONTE *Villette* xxi, To a feather-brained school-girl nothing is sacred. 1863 HAWTHORNE *Our Old Home* II. 114 But the most sacred objects of all [at Greenwich Hospital] are two of Nelson's coats, under separate glass cases. 1878 R. W. DALE *Lect. Preach.* ix. 292 To you America must be sacred as well as Judea.

b. *esp.* as an epithet of royalty. Now chiefly *Hist.* or *arch.*; formerly often in the phrase *His* (*her, your*) *most Sacred Majesty*.

1590 SHAKS. *Com. Err.* V. i. 133 Iustice most sacred Duke against the Abbesse. 1599 — *Hen. V*, I. ii. 7 God and his Angels guard your sacred Throne, And make you long become it. 1634 FORD *Perk. Warbeck* III. iv, Sacred King, Be deafe to his knowne malice! 1639 MRQ. OF HAMILTON in *H. Papers* (Camden) I. 76 Most sacred Sonuraigne. *a* 1645 WALLER *Danger His Majesty Escaped* 54 Yet the bold Britans still securely row'd, Charles and his vertue was their sacred load. 1726 SWIFT *Gulliver* I. vii, That his sacred Majesty, and the Council, who are your Judges, were [etc.]. 1757 *Acts Gen. Assembly Georgia* (1881) 127 We therefore pray your most Sacred Majesty that it may be Enacted.

c. in sarcastic use.

1820 SHELLEY *Œdipus* I. 5 And these most sacred nether promontories Lie satisfied with layers of fat. *Ibid.* II. i. 107 That her most sacred Majesty should be Invited to attend the feast of Famine. 1865 M. ARNOLD *Ess. Crit.* Pref. 17 To obtain from Mr. Bentham's executors a sacred bone of his great, dissected Master.

5. Secured by religious sentiment, reverence, sense of justice, or the like, against violation, infringement, or encroachment.

1530 PALSGR. 696/2 Touch it not, it is sacred. *a* 1548 HALL *Chron., Edw. V* 8 b, Syth that tyme, was neuer so vndeuonte a kynge that euer enterprised that sacred prinilege to violate. 1603 SHAKS. *Meas. for M.* IV. iii. 149, I am combined by a sacred Vow. 1667 SOUTH *Serm.* (1697) II. 29 The sacredest Bonds which the Conscience of Man can be bound with. 1682 Sir T. BROWNE *Chr. Mor.* III. § 19 Let thy Oaths be sacred. 1781 COWPER *Charity* 28 The rights of man were sacred in his view. 1793 HORSLEY *Serm.* (1811) 187 Maintaining what in the new vocabulary of modern democracy is named the sacred right of insurrection. 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* vi. II. 139 He assured them that their property would be held sacred. 1855 *Ibid.* xii. III. 210 Strong desires and resentments which he mistook for sacred duties.

transf. 1697 DRYDEN *Virg. Georg.* IV. 280 No buzzing Sounds disturb their Golden Sleep, 'Tis sacred Silence all.

b. Of a person (hence of his office): Having a religiously secured immunity from violence or attachment; sacrosanct, inviolable.

1565 COOPER *Thesaurus, Sacrosancta potestas*, the sacred and vnuiolable power of the Tribunes. 1618 BOLTON *Florus* I. v. (1636) 14 The Augurship became sacred among the Romans. 1879 FROUDE *Cæsar* V. 48 The persons of Saturninus and Glaucia were doubly sacred, for one was tribune and the other prætor.

c. With *from*: Protected by some sanction *from* injury or incursion.

1788 GIBBON *Decl. & F.* xl. IV. 63 No place was safe or sacred from their depredations. 1845 STEPHEN *Comm. Laws Eng.* (1874) II. 479 He is himself sacred from punishment of every description. 1847 TENNYSON *Princess* II. 152 Lapt In the arms of leisure, sacred from the blight Of ancient influence and scorn.

d. *fig.* Devoted to some purpose, not to be lightly intruded upon or handled.

1867 BAKER *Nile Tribut.* I. 15 Thus I had a supply when every water-skin was empty, and on the last day I divided my sacred stock amongst the men.

6. Accursed. [After L. *sacer*; freq. translating or in allusion to Virgil's *auri sacra fames* (*Æn.* III. 57).] Now *rare*.

1588 SHAKS. *Tit. A.* II. i. 120 Our Empresse with her sacred wit To villainie and vengance consecrate. 1596 SPENSER *F. Q.* V. xii. 1 O sacred hunger of ambitious mindes. 1600 DEKKER *Fortunatus* Wks. 1873 I. 95 If through golds sacred hunger thou dost pine. 1615 G. SANDYS *Trav.* 122 Hither the sacred thirst of gaine..allureth the aduenturous merchant. 1700 DRYDEN *Cock & Fox* 254 For sacred hunger of my Gold I die. 1728–46 THOMSON *Spring* 124 A feeble race! yet oft The sacred sons of vengeance; on whose course Corrosive famine waits, and kills the year. 1864 BURTON *Scot Abr.* II. i. 62 Smitten with a sacred rage for topography.

7. Special collocations. **†Sacred artery** (see quot.). **Sacred axe**, a mark on Chinese porcelain, supposed to designate warriors. **Sacred band**, *Gr. Hist.*, a body consisting of 300 young nobles, who formed part of the permanent military force of Thebes from B.C. 379. **Sacred bark** [Sp. *cáscara sagrada*], the bark of *Rhamnus Purshianus* of California, used as a tonic aperient. **Sacred college** (see COLLEGE *sb.* 1). **†Sacred elixir** = *sacred tincture*. **†Sacred Empire**, the Holy Roman Empire. **Sacred fire** [L. *sacer ignis*, see HOLY FIRE], erysipelas. **Sacred malady** [L. *sacer morbus*], epilepsy (*Syd. Soc. Lex.* 1897). **Sacred month, place** (see quots.). **†Sacred tincture** [= mod.L. *tinctura sacra*: see Chambers *Cycl. Supp.* (1753) s.v. *Aloes*], a preparation of rhubarb and aloes. **†Sacred vein** [L. *vena sacra*] (see quot.). **Sacred War** (see WAR).

1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr.* s.v. *Artery*, **Sacred Artery*, a branch of the great Arteries descendent branch, goes to the Marrow which is in the *Os Sacrum*. 1866 CHAFFERS *Marks Pottery & Porcelain* (ed. 2) 389 The *sacred axe; a [Chinese] mark found on green porcelain. 1868 J. MARRYAT *Pottery & Porcelain* ix. (ed. 3) 274 The sacred axe is assigned to warriors. 1770 LANGHORNE *Plutarch's Lives, Pelopidas* II. 335 Gorgidas as some say, first formed the **sacred band*. 1891 *Century Dict.*, **Sacred bark*. 1897 in *Syd. Soc. Lex.* 1707 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) XVI. 591/1 **Sacred Elixir*. 1811 A. T. THOMSON *Lond. Disp.* (1818) 660 Tincture of Rhubarb and Aloes; formerly, Sacred Elixir. 1617 MORYSON *Itin.* I. 284 It was decreed..that hereafter in the *sacred Empire the under written pieces of money should be coyned. 1693 *Emilianne's Hist. Monast. Ord.* xiv. 127 In the year 1089 ..the *Sacred Fire.., having spread it self into several parts of Europe. 1872 W. N. MOLESWORTH *Hist. Eng.* II. 361 Among the other expedients that had been suggested in this convention [of Chartist delegates, 1838] was that of observing what was called a '*sacred month', during which the working classes throughout the whole kingdom were to abstain from every kind of labour, in the hope of compelling the governing classes to concede the charter. 1727–52 CHAMBERS *Cycl.* s.v., In the civil law, **sacred* place chiefly denotes that, where a person deceased has been interred. 1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) XIV. 393/1 Aloetic wine, or *sacred tincture. 1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr.* s.v. *Vein*, **Sacred vein* (*vena sacra*) the second branch of the flank veine running to the *Os sacrum*, and thence getting this name.

†B. *sb. pl.* [after L. *sacra* neut. pl.] *Obs.*

1. Sacred rites or solemnities.

1624 HEYWOOD *Gunaik.* 26 Her Sacreds and Festivalls were called Angeronalia. 1665 J. WEBB *Stone-Heng* (1725) 60 They might..also behold whatever Sacreds were solemnized within the Court of their great Jupiter Capitolinus. 1669 GALE *Crt. Gentiles* I. II. iii. 35 These Sacreds were first celebrated in the East by these She-priests of Bacchus. 1741 WATTS *Improv. Mind* I. iii. § 3 By his manuscripts we are more acquainted in this last century with the Turkish sacreds than any one had ever informed us. 1749 *Phil. Trans.* XLVI. 216 The Romans became extremely fond of the Mithriac Sacreds.

2. Things consecrated or offered in sacrifice to the gods.

1608 TOPSELL *Serpents* 24 This snake the holy dishes.. Did hast to touch, like as it would the sacreds tast. 1624 HEYWOOD *Gunaik.* I. 47 The sacreds that were made to these, were by such as having escaped any dangerous desease, or pestilent sicknesse, had hin spared by the fates.

3. Sacred utensils or vessels.

1665 J. WEBB *Stone-Heng* (1725) 219 The Heads of Bulls ..have been found in and about our Antiquity, together with other Sacreds peculiarly appertaining to the Ministration of Their Idolatrons Rites. 1669 GALE *Crt. Gentiles* I. I. x. 56 Hieroglyphic Leters, i. e. Leters engraven in sacreds.

Sacredly (sē'·krĕdli), *adv.* [-LY[2].]

1. With religious or strict care; inviolably; with rigid attention to the truth.

1561 T. NORTON *Calvin's Inst.* I. viii. (1634) 26 The originall booke [of the Law] itselfe was appointed to be sacredly kept in the Temple. *a* 1677 HALE *Prim. Orig. Man.* II. i. 130 Authors..kept sacredly and inviolably in certain Archives. 1706 HEARNE *Collect.* 14 Jan. (O.H.S.) I.

163 Observing these Oaths..sacredly. 1871 MACDUFF *Mem. Patmos* ix. 112 The sealing further implied that its contents were sacredly locked and concealed from public gaze.

2. In a sacred or religious manner.

1694 POMFRET *On Death Q. Mary* 137 Next mighty Pan, was her illustrious Lord, His high Vicegerent, sacredly ador'd. 1884 *Chr. Commw.* 20 Mar. 535/2 [Paul's] only offering was the sum total of his Gentile converts, whom he sacredly and joyfully offered unto God.

Sacredness (sē·krédnés). [-NESS.] The condition or quality of being sacred (see the adj.).

1681–6 J. SCOTT *Chr. Life* II. vii. Wks. 1698 I. 416 When we consider how he is secluded by the infinite sacredness of his own Majesty from all immediate converse and intercourse with us. 1689 *Consid. Success. & Allag.* 33 The Sacredness of an Oath makes it a strong Tie to bind us. 1797 MRS. RADCLIFFE *Italian* xvi, Ellena immediately admitted the sacredness of the promise which she had formerly given. 1856 FROUDE *Hist. Eng.* (1858) I. iv. 349 Such was the mystical sacredness which clung about the ordained clergy. 1868 J. S. MILL in *Morn. Star* 13 Mar., The sacredness of property is connected, in my mind, with feelings of the greatest respect. 1885 *Law Times* LXXX. 111/1 When the rule was first invented there was a sort of reason for it, as a certain sacredness attached to real estate.

Sacrefice, -fis(e, -fy, obs. ff. SACRIFICE, -FY.

Sacreit: see SACAE *v.* and SECRET *a.*

Sacrelage, -leger, -legie, obs. ff. SACRILEGE, SACRILEGER, SACRILEGY.

Sacreng, Sacret, obs. ff. SACRING, SAKERET.

Sacri, sacrid: see SACRE *v.*

† Sacri·colist. *Obs.*–° [f. L. *sacricol-a* sacrificer (formed as next + *col-ĕre* to tend, worship) + -IST.] (See quot.)

1727 BAILEY vol. II, *Sacricolist*, a devout Worshipper.

† Sacri·ferous, *a. Obs. rare*–°. [f. L. *sacrifer*, f. *sacri-*, *sacer* sacred (*sacra* neut. pl., sacrifices) + *-fer*: see -FEROUS.] (See quot.)

1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr.*, *Sacriferous*, that bears holy things.

† Sacrifi·able, *a. Obs. rare.* [a. F. *sacrifiable*, f. *sacrifier*: see SACRIFY *v.*] = SACRIFICABLE.

1603 FLORIO *Montaigne* I. xxix, For these wretched sacrifiable people..all ful of glee, singing, and dancing with the rest, they present themselves to the slaughter.

† Sacri·fic, *a.*[1] *Obs. rare*–°. [ad. L. *sacrificus*, f. *sacri-*, *sacer* sacred (*sacra* neut. pl., sacrifices) + *-ficus*: see -FIC.] = SACRIFICAL.

1727 BAILEY vol. II, *Sacrifick*, used in Sacrifices.

Sacri·fic, *a.*[2] *Anat. rare.* [f. mod.L. SACR-UM + -FIC.] 'Entering into the composition of the sacrum': as, a sacrific vertebra' (*Cent. Dict.* 1891).

† Sacri·ficable, *a. Obs. rare*–[1]. [f. L. *sacrificāre* to sacrifice, f. *sacrific-us* SACRIFIC *a.*: see -ABLE.] Capable of being offered as a sacrifice.

1646 SIR T. BROWNE *Pseud. Ep.* v. xiv. (1658) 310 Yet might it [Jephthah's vow] be restrained in the sence, for whatsoever was sacrificable, and justly subject to lawfull immolation.

† Sacri·fical, *a. Obs.* [ad. L. *sacrificālis*, f. *sacrific-us* SACRIFIC: see -AL.] Pertaining to or employed in sacrifice.

1608 PANKE *Fal of Babel* 28 The blessed chalice of the aultar..hath the verie sacrifical blood in it that was shed vpon the Crosse. 1686 WAKE *Expos. Doctr. Ch. Eng.* 65 When we examine the first Institution of this holy Communion, we cannot perceive either in the words or action of our Blessed Saviour, any Sacrifical Act or Expression. 1756 WATSON in *Phil. Trans.* XLIX. 502 A priestess of Bacchus, which in one hand holds the sacrifical knife. 1796 BURKE *Regic. Peace* iii. Wks. 1802 IV. 510 The sacrifical ministers (who were a sort of intruders in the worship of the new divinity).

Sacrificant (sākri·fikănt). *rare.* [ad. L. *sacrificant-em*, pr. pple. of *sacrificāre*: see SACRIFY *v.*] One who offers up as a sacrifice.

1665 J. WEBB *Stone-Heng* (1725) 103 The Sacrificants might..behold both the Altar and Signum. 1885 J. FITZGERALD tr. *Schultze's Fetichism* vi. § 7 The sacrificant takes away the flesh of the victim.

Sacrifica·tion. *rare*–[1]. [ad. L. *sacrificātion-em*, n. of action of *sacrificāre*: see SACRIFY *v.*] The action of making a sacrificial offering.

1694 MOTTEUX *Rabelais* v. (1737) 232 And to kind Nature make Sacrification.

Sacrificator (sæ·krifikē·tə1). *rare.* [a. L. *sacrificātor*, agent-n. f. *sacrificāre*: see SACRIFY *v.* Cf. F. *sacrificateur*.] One who sacrifices. Also *fig.*

?1548 tr. *Viret's Expos. XII Art. Chr. Faith* E j b, He is called Christe bycause of the same oyntment, by the whyche he hathe ordeyned hym prophete, kynge, and sacrificatour. 1646 SIR T. BROWNE *Pseud. Ep.* v. xiv. 255 It is not probable the Priests..would have permitted it, and that not onely in regard of the subject or sacrifice it selfe, but also the sacrificator. 1818 BENTHAM *Ch. Eng., Ch. Eng. Catech. Exam.* 361 The Noble Reformer, in the character of Arch-Sacrificator. 1859 *All Year Round* No. 28. 30 Here was evidently a grand Sacrificator, and an unexceptionable Altar.

So **† Sa·crificatory** *a.*, sacrificing, belonging to sacrifice. **† Sa·crificature,** the office or function of sacrificing.

1581 J. BELL *Haddon's Answ. Osor.* 344 He seeth no market of pardons,..no sacrificatory masses. 1593 NASHE *Christ's T.* 22 The sky-perfuming prayers, & profuse sacrificatory expences of ful-hand oblationers. 1612 W. SCLATER *Minister's Portion* 9 A second sort [of tithes] which wee may call sacrificatory. 1699 BURNET 39 *Art.* vii. (1700) 99 Those Sacrificatory Phrases that they use in speaking of the Messiah. 1779 HORNE *Disc.* (1799) I. 107 Such were the ritual observances regarding sacrificature. *a* 1812 MCLEAN *Comm. Heb.* x. (1847) II. 80 The sacrifice of Christ's body once offered has for ever abrogated the whole of the Mosaic sacrificature. 1827 G. S. FABER *Orig. Expiat. Sacr.* 64 This grossly-corrupt mode of sacrificature is alluded to and justly castigated by Solomon.

Sacrifice (sæ·krifəis), *sb.* Forms: 3–5 **sacrifise, sacrefice, -fise,** 4 **sacrifijs, -fies, -fys(e, sacrefis, -fyse, saker-, sacerfyse, sacrafies, -fyse,** 4–5 **sacrafice,** 4–6 **sacrifis,** 5 **sacrafise, sacryfyce, sacurfyce,** 5–6 **sacrifyce,** 6 **sacryfice,** 4– **sacrifice.** [a. F. *sacrifice* (12th c. in Hatz.-Darm.) = Pr. *sacrifici*, Sp., Pg. *sacrificio*, It. *sagrifizio*, ad. L. *sacrificium*, f. *sacrific-us* SACRIFIC *a.*]

1. Primarily, the slaughter of an animal (often including the subsequent consumption of it by fire) as an offering to God or a deity. Hence, in wider sense, the surrender to God or a deity, for the purpose of propitiation or homage, of some object of possession. Also applied *fig.* to the offering of prayer, thanksgiving, penitence, submission, or the like. Phrases, † *to do, make sacrifice*; also, † *to put in sacrifice*, to devote as a sacrificial victim.

In the primary use, a 'sacrifice' implies an 'altar' on which the victim is placed. Hence the figurative uses are often associated with references to a metaphorical altar.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 1064 And for his offrand was Rightwys, Godd tok to quen [*read* queme] his sacrifijs. *Ibid.* 3142 Bot now es he asked,..Til godd til make of sacrifise. *c* 1300 *St. Margarete* 92 And wende to his false godes, to do sacrifise. 1340 *Ayenb.* 187 Þer hyeþ manie men..makeþ sacrefices naȝt to god. 1390 GOWER *Conf.* III. 250 He let do make a riche feste With a sollempne Sacrifise In Phebus temple. *a* 1450 MYRC *Festial* 205 Then sawe Maudelen mony pepyll comyng towart þe tempyll and þe lorde of þat contre, forto haue don ofryng and sacrefise to hor mawmetys. 1471 CAXTON *Recuyell* (Sommer) I. 304 By this edicte.. many estrangers nobles and other were putte in sacrefice and had their blood shedde in egipte. 1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 195 Yᵉ sayd women called & entyced the iewes to theyr sacrifices. *c* 1595 CAPT. WYATT *R. Dudley's Voy. W. Ind.* (Hakl. Soc.) 42 Wee did dailie aborde make sacrifice to God, in great devotion calling upon Him in hartie prayer for them. 1687 A. LOVELL tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* III. 65 Their Sacrifices are never bloody. 1727–41 CHAMBERS *Cycl.* s.v., Divines divide Sacrifices into bloody, such as those of the old law; and bloodless, such as those of the new law. 1774 PENNANT *Tour Scot. in* 1772, 181 An altar for sacrifices to the immortal gods. 1876 J. P. NORRIS *Rudim. Theol.* II. i. 147 Sin cannot be undone without Suffering; and we find Sacrifice instituted to give continual expression to it.

† **b.** A slaying as for a sacrifice. *Obs. rare*–[1].

1585 T. WASHINGTON tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* I. xxi. 27 b, A cruel sacryfice vppon the person of Iohn Chabas.

2. That which is offered in sacrifice; a victim immolated on the altar; anything (material or immaterial) offered to God or a deity as an act of propitiation or homage.

c 1250 *Kent. Serm.* in *O. E. Misc.* 27 Stor þet me offrede wylem be þo ialde laghe to here godes sacrefise. *a* 1325 *Prose Psalter* l. 18 [li. 17] Trubled gost is sacrifice to God. 13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* B. 507 Noe..heuened vp an auter & halȝed hit fayre, & sette a sakerfyse þer-on of vch a ser kynde. *c* 1380 WYCLIF *Sel. Wks.* III. 517 Þere sacrifises shulden not be ȝoven to him, but taken fro him,..and anoþer trewe man..shulde be ordeyned to resceyve siche sacrifices. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 12137 My maydynhed I merk to myghtifull goddis: Accepte hit as sacrifise, & my saule to! 1456 SIR G. HAYE *Law Arms* (S. T. S.) 32 Tribulacioun is worthy sacrifice. 1594 MARLOWE & NASHE *Dido* IV. ii, Come seruants, come bring forth the Sacrifize, That I may pacifie that gloomy Ioue, Whose emptie Altars haue enlarg'd our illes. 1606 G. W[OODCOCKE] *Hist. Ivstine* XI. 46 Before any saile departed from the shore, he slue sacrifices, making his prayer for victory by battell. 1613 SHAKS. *Hen. VIII*, II. i. 77 Make of your Prayers one sweet Sacrifice. 1678 DRYDEN *All for Love* I. i, Does the mute sacrifice upbraid the priest? 1710 PRIDEAUX *Orig. Tithes* ii. 81 The Skins of the Sacrifices..were to be given to the Priests. 1807 ROBINSON *Archæol. Græca* III. iv. 213 Only the larger sacrifices, as oxen, were thus adorned. 1845 MAURICE *Mor. & Met. Philos.* in *Encycl. Metrop.* II. 556/1 Those daily sacrifices which each man brought to the door of the tabernacle.

3. *Theol.* The offering by Christ of Himself to the Father as a propitiatory victim in his voluntary immolation upon the cross; the Crucifixion in its sacrificial character.

c 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xiii. (*Marcus*) 72 Þe sacrifice þat he mad for man one þe rud-tre. *a* 1450 MYRC *Festial* 261 For a calfe þat was offerd yn sacurfyce yn þe old law for synne, yn tokenyng þat Cryst schuld come, þat schuld be offurt yn sacryfyce for synne of þe pepull yn þe auter of þe crosse. 1560 DAUS tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* 313 b, Ther be in al ii sacrifices of christ, the one, blody upon the crosse, thother, wherin..he himself offred up unto his father, his body and blud. 1681–6 J. SCOTT *Chr. Life* (1747) III. 463 In consideration of Christ's Death and Sacrifice, he would freely forgive all penitent and believing Sinners their personal Obligation to eternal Punishment. *a* 1769 RICCALTOUN *Notes Galat.* Wks. 1772 III. 127 A Sacrifice there was, and still is, the way God in his wisdom chose to condemn and put away sin and by which the pardon of sin was conveyed. 1825 J. MONTGOMERY *Hymn*, '*Go to dark Gethsemane*', Mark that miracle of Time,—God's own sacrifice complete. 1861 W. THOMSON in *Aids to Faith* viii. 337 The sacrifice of the death of Christ is a proof of Divine love, and of Divine justice.

b. Applied to the Eucharistic celebration: (*a*) in accordance with the view that regards it as a propitiatory offering of the body and blood of Christ, in perpetuation of the sacrifice offered by Him in His crucifixion; (*b*) in Protestant use, with reference to its character as an offering of thanksgiving (cf. sense 1).

1504 LADY MARGARET tr. *De Imitatione* IV. i. 262 For if the sacryfyce of this holy sacrament were done onely but in one place and but of one preest in all the worlde, with howe great desyre wene ye the people wolde go to that plase and to that preest to here the godly mysteryes done of hym. 1548 RIDLEY *Answ. Queries touching Mass* iii, The Representation and Commemoration of Christ's Death and Passion, said and done in the Mass, is called the Sacrifice, Oblation or Immolation of Christ. 1560 DAUS tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* 44 He exhorteth the people to flee from the accustomed sacrifices of the masse. 1704 NELSON *Fest. & Fasts* II. ix. (1739) 579 The Christian Sacrifice wherein Bread and Wine are offered. 1884 *Cath. Dict.* (1897) 814/1 In the sacrifice of the Mass, 'the immutatio', as the Fathers technically call the sacrificial act, is not the destruction but the production of the victim. 1899 B. J. KIDD 39 *Art.* (1901) II. II. xxxi. 245 Nor does it (Art. xxxi. § 2) condemn the sacrifice of the Mass but the sacrifices of Masses. 1901 GORE *Body of Christ* iii. 201 Only by communion can we in any effective sense share the eucharistic sacrifice.

4. The destruction or surrender of something valued or desired for the sake of something having, or regarded as having, a higher or a more pressing claim; the loss entailed by devotion to some other interest; also, the thing so devoted or surrendered. Cf. SELF-SACRIFICE.

1592 SHAKS. *Rom. & Jul.* v. iii. 304 As rich shall Romeo by his Lady ly, Poore sacrifices to our enmity. 1601 in Moryson *Itin.* II. (1617) 151 The lively affections you beare to her person (for which you desire to bee made a Sacrifice). 1651 HOBBES *Leviath.* II. xxviii. 166 The benefit which a Soveraign bestoweth on a Subject, for fear of some power.. are not properly Rewards..but are rather Sacrifices, which the Soveraign..makes. 1742 GRAY *Eton* viii, To bitter Scorn a sacrifice. 1841 W. SPALDING *Italy & It. Isl.* III. 86 An eager sacrifice of means to an end. 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* x. II. 647 Clarendon saw that he was not likely to gain anything by the sacrifice of his principles. 1868 FREEMAN *Norm. Conq.* (1877) II. x. 474 One more ecclesiastical appointment must, at some slight sacrifice of chronological order, be recorded.

b. A victim; one sacrificed to the will of another; also, a person or thing that falls into the power of an enemy or a destructive agency. Now *rare.*

1697 tr. *D'Less D'Aunoy's Trav.* (1706) 60 They are caused to make Vows, when 'tis often the Father or Mother, or some near Relation, who pronounce them for them, whilst the little Sacrifice disports herself with Sugar-plums, and lets them dress her how they will. 1732 NEAL *Hist. Purit.* I. 25 The two greatest sacrifices were John Fisher bishop of Rochester, and Sir Thomas More. 1779 *Mirror* No. 1 (1787) I. 5, I was prevented from falling a sacrifice to that languid inactivity which a depression of spirits never fails to produce. 1821 *John Bull* 15 Apr. 143/3 The organ fell a sacrifice to the devouring element. 1827 ROBERTS *Voy. Centr. Amer.* 95 On one occasion an acquaintance had.. nearly fallen a sacrifice to one of these animals.

5. A loss incurred in selling something below its value for the sake of getting rid of it. Hence (*nonce-use*), an article sold 'at a sacrifice'.

1844 DICKENS *Chimes* ii. (1845) 53 Its patterns were Last Year's and going at a sacrifice. 1849 THACKERAY *Pendennis* lxi, He bought a green shawl for Mrs. Bolton, and a yellow one for Fanny: the most brilliant 'sacrifices' of a Regent Street haberdasher's window.

6. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *sacrifice-maker*; **sacrifice allowance** (see quot.); **sacrifice hit** *Baseball* (see quot.); **sacrifice market,** a market in which goods are sold below cost price, a 'dumping ground'; **sacrifice-offerer,** one who immolates himself (said of Christ); **sacrifice price,** a price entailing loss on the seller.

1891 *Labour Commission* Gloss., **Sacrifice Allowance*, a weekly sum paid by workmen's unions to those men who are discharged from work because they take an active part in their organisation or are too weak to make the average. These latter are called *sacrificed* men. 1896 KNOWLES & MORTON *Baseball* Gloss., **Sacrifice-hit.*—When the batsman purposely makes a hit upon which he is retired, but which advances a base-runner. ?1548 tr. *Viret's Expos. xii Art. Chr. Faith* E iv, He is the true..prophete and the Soueraygne *sacrifice maker, whyche was figured by the kynges, and prophetes of Israell. 1888 *Pall Mall G.* 13 Jan. 2/1 Americans..would make this a *sacrifice-market at first, simply to kill all our manufacturers. *a* 1560 BECON *Chr. Acct.* Wks. II. 153 Our mediatour, our satissfyer or *sacrifyce offecer [? *read* offerer]. 1888 *Pall Mall G.* 12 June 11/2 A 'clearance sale', in fact, at '*sacrifice prices'.

Sacrifice (sæ·krifəis), *v.* Forms: see the sb.; also 3 **sacrefize,** 7 **sacrifize.** [f. SACRIFICE *sb.*]

1. *trans.* To offer as a sacrifice; to make an offering or sacrifice of. Const. *to.*

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 3262 For quas lnue he wild not warn To sacrifise his auen barn. *a* 1425 *Ibid.* 3201 (Trin.) Þe sheep he sacrifised & brent. 1471 CAXTON *Recuyell* (Sommer) I. 308 The egypciens cryed vnto hercules sacrefice sacrefice hym, whan hercules cam in to the temple he sacrefised hym. 1555 EDEN *Decades* 158 When hee had fyrst sacrifyced them to his Zemes. *a* 1631 DONNE *Paradoxes* (1652) 68 Though he sacrifize Hecatombs. 1646 SIR T. BROWNE *Pseud. Ep.* v. viii. 246 The Picture of ..Abraham sacrificing his son. 1697 DAMPIER *Voy.* (1699) 485 If they Sacrifice their Enemies it is not necessary they should Eat them too. 1875 JOWETT *Plato* (ed. 2) V. 94 There are nations in which mankind still sacrifice their fellow men.

† **b.** *nonce-uses.* To slay or burn in the manner of a sacrifice; to burn in a sacrifice.

1602 in Moryson *Itin.* II. (1617) 258, I..tooke Ocanes brother prisoner..(whom I sacrificed in the place) and so

passed by. 1634 Sir T. Herbert *Trav.* 39 They sacrifice him [a dead man] to ashes, in costly perfumes.

2. *intr.* To offer up a sacrifice.

c 1290 *S. Eng. Leg.* I. 69/43 Anonre ore godes, ich rede, a-non and heom sacrefise. 1377 Langl. *P. Pl.* B. xii. 118 Saul, for he sacrifised, sorwe hym be-tydde. *a* 1400-50 *Alexander* 1082 Pare leogis him lefe þe kynge & logis all a neuen, And sacrifyce þar efsones to many sere godis. 1484 Caxton *Fables of Æsop* v. x, I..toke on me for to sacryfyce and to synge before the goddes. 1628 J. Hume *Jewes Deliv.* i. 10 They were wont to immolate and sacrifice vnto their heathenish Gods. 1784 Cowper *Task* i. 411 An idol, at whose shrine Who oft'nest sacrifice are favnur'd least. 1818 Shelley *Homer's Castor & P.* 13 The sailors..sacrifice with snow-white lambs.

b. *Eccl.* To celebrate the Encharist.

1661 tr. *Erasm. Life Colet* in *C.'s Serm.* 74 Whereas it is the custome in England for Priests to consecrate the host, and receive it almost every day, he was content to sacrifice on Sundays and Holi-days, or some few days beside.

3. *trans.* To surrender or give up (something) for the attainment of some higher advantage or dearer object. Const. *to.*

1706 Phillips (ed. Kersey), *To Sacrifice*,..to quit or leave a Thing upon some Consideration. 1710 Swift *Jrnl. to Stella* 23 Sept., Dence take Lady S——; and if I know D——y, he is a rawboned-faced fellow..; she sacrifices two thousand pounds a year, and keeps only six hundred. 1720 Ozell *Vertot's Rom. Rep.* I. v. 298 The first Obligation which a Roman lay under..was to sacrifice his Life in Defence of the Public Liberty. 1837 Keightley *Hist. Eng.* I. 416 Henry [VIII]..was never known to sacrifice an inclination to the interest or happiness of another. 1875 Jowett *Plato* (ed. 2) V. 126 Everything seems to have been sacrificed to a false notion of equality. 1879 Harlan *Eyesight* vii. 97 Generally, the only men who can be persuaded to wear protecting glasses are those who have already sacrificed one eye to their objections.

b. To permit injury or ruin to the interests of (a person) for the sake of some desired object. Also *refl.* Const. *to.*

1751 Johnson *Rambler* No. 145 ₱ 13 Instead of sacrificing each other to malice and contempt. 1838 Thirlwall *Greece* xviii. III. 49 Pericles..was charged with sacrificing the Samians to private feelings. 1849 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* vii. II. 222 Could it then be doubted that, if the Churchmen would even now comply with his wishes, he would willingly sacrifice the Puritans? 1870 Mozley *Univ. Serm.* iv. (1876) 88 How will persons sacrifice themselves to their objects! 1873 Black *Pr. Thule* xviii, He is too much an artist to sacrifice himself to his clothes. 1891 Kipling *Light that Failed* vii, It isn't got at by sacrificing other people,..you must sacrifice yourself.

† Sacrificeable, *a. Obs.* Also 5 sacrefysable. [f. Sacrifice *v.* + -able. Cf. Sacrifiable, Sacrificable.] Proper to be sacrificed.

1483 Caxton *Gold. Leg.* 333/2 The oxe is a moralle beest ..and it is a best sacrefysable. 1603 Holland *Plutarch's Mor.* 1299 If they [*sc.* kine and oxen] have but one haire blacke or white, they be not sacrificeable.

Sacrificed (sæ·krifəist), *ppl. a.* [f. Sacrifice *v.* + -ed 1.]

† 1. Made sacred; sanctified. *Obs.*

1504 Lady Margaret tr. *De Imitatione* iv. i. 261 All cristen people..kysses the sacryfyced bones [orig. *sacra ossa*] of sayntes, wrapped in clothes of Sylke and Golde.

2. Offered as a sacrifice.

1597 Hooker *Eccl. Pol.* v. lxvii. § 7 What merit force or vertue soeuer there is in his sacrificed body & blond. 1626 Bacon *Sylva* § 400 It is reported by one of the Ancients, of credit, that a Sacrificed Beast hath lowed, after the Heart hath been severed. 1681-6 J. Scott *Chr. Life* (1747) III. 184 This Address is performed by the presenting his sacrificed Body to the Father in Heaven. 1715 Leoni *Palladio's Archit.* (1742) II. 77 The Entrails of sacrificed Beasts. 1768 S. Bentley *River Dove* 14 Still yearly, to popular Rage, A sacrific'd Bull is the Sport.

3. Given up or abandoned for the sake of others.

1884 M. Arnold in *Pall Mall G.* 1 Dec. 6/2 Those classes which, in comparison with the great possessing and trading classes—who may be called the fortunate classes—may be called the sacrificed classes. 1891 [see Sacrifice *sb.* 6].

Sacrificer (sæ·krifəisəɹ). [f. Sacrifice *v.* + -er 1.]

1. One who offers up a sacrifice.

1563 Winzet *Four Scoir Thre Quest.* § 25 Wks. (S. T. S.) I. 90 Quhy teche ze..that the wordis of sanctificatioun of the sacrament of our Lordis body and bluid ar nocht to he pronounceit to the end, that thair suld be any transubstantiatioun thairby, or be the intent of the sacrificear [*Edinb. MS.* sacrifiar]? 1597 *Cert. Prayers* in *Liturg. Serv. Q. Eliz.* (Parker Soc.) 672 We..live and die the sacrificers of our souls for such obtained favour. 1643 Milton *Divorce* Pref. (1644) 2 A famous man in Israel could not but oblige his conscience to be the sacrificer..of his innocent and only daughter. 1742 Blair *Grave* 140 Like..victim..That throbs beneath the sacrificer's knife. 1848 R. I. Wilberforce *Doctr. Incarnation* xii. (1852) 305 The earthly sacrificer truly exhibits to the Father that body of Christ which is the one only Sacrifice for sins. 1884 Whiton in *Chr. World* 4 Sept. 663/2 Paul boldly intimates, that if Christ is the only sacrificer and sufferer for humanity, then something is lacking in the saving work of the Saviour.

2. *spec.* A sacrificial priest.

1547 *Bk. of Marchauntes* e v b, It is much better to here ..Helie alone than all the sacryficers of Baal. ?1548 tr. *Viret's Expos. xii Art. Chr. Faith* E iv, Whyche was figured by the kynges and prophetes of Israell, and by the sacrificers of the Leuites. 1605 Willet *Hexapla Gen.* 168 The great sacrificer and high priest Melchisedech. 1693 J. Edwards *Author. O. & N. Test.* 385 He being a Jewish priest, a legal sacrificer. 1727 De Foe *Hist. Appar.* iii. (1840) 24 The patriarchal heads of families, who..were the only sacrificers at that time, as Abraham and as Job were. 1865 J. H. Ingraham *Pillar of Fire* (1872) 518 The chief sacrificer advanced, leading a Hebrew boy,..whom he laid on the altar.

Hence **† Sa·crificership,** the office of a sacrificer.

1562 T. Norton *Calvin's Inst.* Table of Matters s.v. *Orders*, Of Priesthode or sacrificership.

Sacrifical (sækrifˑʃăl), *a.* [f. L. *sacrifici-um* + -al. Cf. the older Sacrifical; also 16th c. F. *sacrificial.*]

1. Pertaining to or connected with sacrifice.

1607 Shaks. *Timon* t. i. 81 Raine Sacrificiall whisperings in his eare. 1656 Blount *Glossogr.*, *Sacrificial* (*sacrificialis*) of or belonging to a Sacrifice, Offeriog, or Oblation. 1737 Waterland *Rev. Doctr. Eucharist* i. 53 This Observation will be of use, when we come to consider the Encharist in its Sacrificial View. 1799 Gilpin *Serm. Country Congregat.*, etc. III. xxxviii. (R.), The law may be explained as an institution..threatening judgment on every transgression; at the same time, accepting, in mercy, certain sacrificial atonements. 1856 Emerson *Eng. Traits*, *Stonehenge* Wks. (Bohn) II. 123 The *sacrificial stone*, as it is called, is the only one in all these blocks, that can resist the action of fire. 1864 Max Müller *Chips* (1867) I. 104 Innumerable sacrificial utensils. *Ibid.* 110 All this would be embodied in the sacrificial formulas known in later times principally by the name of Yagush.

b. *Sacrificial mound*: a prehistoric mound built by the natives of certain parts of America and containing a hearth or altar, on which are found relics exhibiting traces of the action of fire.

1862 D. Wilson *Preh. Man* I. xii. 370 The name of sacrificial mounds has been conferred on a class of ancient monuments..peculiar to the New World.

2. Self-sacrificing. *nonce-use.*

1890 'R. Boldrewood' *Col. Reformer* (1891) 160 'That's all very well', said the sacrificial parent, 'but five or six hours are not so easy to dispose of at sixty odd'.

3. *Comm.* Involving 'sacrifice' or loss to the vendor.

1895 *Daily News* 24 Dec. 6/2 Jewelled trimmings..will be sold at much reduced prices during next week's sacrificial sales. 1902 *Daily Chron.* 19 June 7/2 The first Monday in July, the traditional date for the opening of the summer sales, when ladies demand sacrificial prices.

Hence **Sacrifi·cialness.** *rare*—0.

1727 Bailey vol. II, *Sacrificialness*, the being of the Nature of a Sacrifice.

Sacrificing (sæ·krifəisiŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. Sacrifice *v.* + -ing 1.] The action of the verb Sacrifice.

1601 in Moryson *Itin.* II. (1617) 152 The vttermost of our endeuours and seruices, euen to the sacrificing of our liues. *a* 1639 W. Whateley *Prototypes* I. iv. (1640) 32 Sacrificing was a profession of their owne guiltinesse. 1727-41 Chambers *Cycl.* s.v. *Sacrifice*, The manner of sacrificing among the ancient Hebrews, is amply described in the books of Moses. 1742 J. Glas *Treat. Lord's Supp.* III. iv. (1883) 114 The apostle sets forth Christ's death as the true of the sacrificing of the passover.

b. *attrib.*

c 1586 C'tess Pembroke *Ps.* lxv. i, Thou my sinns..Dost turne to smoake of sacrificing flame. 1604 E. G[rimstone] *D'Acosta's Hist. Indies* v. xxx. 426 They presently tooke the sacrificing rasors, the which they washed and clensed from the blood of men. 1631 Weever *Anc. Funeral Mon.* 618 Two sacrificing dishes of smooth and pollished red earth. 1672 R. Veel *New Court-Songs* 35 My winged Feet, each Sacrificing day, Lead me to gaze upon her, more than pray. 1709 Hearne *Collect.* 2 Dec. (O. H. S.) II. 319 Roman sacrificing Axes.

Sacrificing (sæ·krifəisiŋ), *ppl. a.* [f. Sacrifice *v.* + -ing 2.] That offers sacrifice; that makes sacrifices.

1826 T. Coleman *Indulgences*, etc. *Order Mt. Carmel* 61 He..for another Memento of the sacrificing priest, grants, to the souls in Purgatory, rest and peace in the kingdom of glory. 1848 R. I. Wilberforce *Doctr. Incarnation* xii. (1852) 293 He [the High Priest] was the type of Him who stretched out His sacrificing arms upon the Cross.

Hence **Sa·crificingly** *adv.*

1601 Chester *Love's Mart.*, *Dialogue* (New Shaks. Soc.) 128 And in a manner sacrificingly, Burne both our bodies to reuiue one name.

† Sacrificul(e. *Obs. humorously pedantic.* [a. F. *sacrificule* (Rabelais), ad. L. *sacrificulus* an extension of *sacrificus* Sacrific *a.*] A priest.

The misapprehension in quot. 1604 is found also in a Fr. glossary to Rabelais.

1604 R. Cawdrey *Table Alph.*, *Sacrificule*, a little offering. 1653 Urquhart *Rabelais* II. vi, I mumble off little parcels of some missick precation of our sacrificuls.

† Sacrifi·culist. *Obs.* [f. L. *sacrificul-us* (see prec.) + -ist.] A sacrificing priest.

1652 Gaule *Magastrom.* 309 This, said the soothsaying sacrificulists, presaged victory to the Bœotians. *Ibid.* 352, 365.

† Sacrificy. *Obs. rare.* In 6 sacrificie. [ad. L. *sacrificium.*] = Sacrifice *sb.*

c 1511 *1st Eng. Bk. Amer.* (Arb.) Introd. 36/1, I [am] preste after the outshewyng of sacrificie of the auters.

† Sa·crifier. *Obs.* [f. Sacrify *v.* + -er 1.] A sacrificing priest.

1382 Wyclif *Isa.* xix. 3 Thei shul aske..ther deuel clepers and ther deuel sacrifieres [Vulg. *ariolos*]. 1547 *Bk. of Marchauntes* e v b, The Pharisiens, sacrifiers, Scribes, and docters. 1553 Bale *Vocacyon* 7 Baals..sorcerouse sacrifiers. 1563 [see Sacrificer 1].

† Sa·crify, *v. Obs.* [a. OF. *sacrifi-er* (12th c.), ad. L. *sacrificāre*, f. *sacrific-us* : see Sacrific.]

1. *trans.* To offer as a sacrifice.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 10389 Þam hale þan sacrified he, And delt þam siþen al thre. 1390 Gower *Conf.* III. 336 And forth unto the temple he com.., Hise yiftes forto sacrifie. 1484 Caxton *Fables of Auian* xxvii, Thow shalt be take.. and shalt be sacryfyed to theyre goddes. 1588 A. King tr. *Canisius' Catech.* in *Cath. Tractates* (S. T. S.) 181 Melchizedec sacrifeit breid and wyne in figure of the bodie and blond of our lord. 1590 Spenser *F. Q.* II. xii. 49 A mightie mazer bowle of wine was set As if it had to him been sacrifide.

refl. 1490 Caxton *Eneydos* xxiv. 87 Alwayes she doubted her self in noo wyse, that her suster wolde..sacryfye hir self with funerailles mortalle, by fyre horrible.

2. *intr.* To offer sacrifice.

a 1325 *Prose Psalter* liii[i]. 6 Y shal sacrifye to þe wyþ gode wylle. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* v. (*Johannes*) 295 Þa.. to þe tempil of dyane drew hym rndly, ore þai fane, for to strenze hym to sacrify. 1382 Wyclif *Exod.* x. 11 Go ze oonly men, and sacryfye to the Lord. *c* 1425 Wyntoun *Cron.* III. i. 120 He sulde..Deuotly to God sacryfy. 1555 W. Watreman *Fardle Facions* I. v. 52 That there might be none occasion of filthinesse, when they shold ministre or sacrifie.

3. *trans.* To offer sacrifice to.

1474 Caxton *Chesse* III. v. (1883) 124 As he sacrefyed his goddes he receyuyd lettres from the senate of rome. 1491 — *Vitas Patr.* (W. de W. 1495) I. lv. 111 [He] was broughte..in to a temple of ydolatrye..for to adoure and sacrefye the ydolles.

4. *nonce-use.* To consecrate.

1819 W. Tennant *Papistry Storm'd* (1827) 167 Whan the great Kirk was sacrify'd.

Hence **† Sa·crifying** *vbl. sb.*

13.. *K. Alis.* 272 (Bodl. MS.) To goddes I made sacrifeynge. *c* 1374 Chaucer *Boeth.* iv. met. vii. 114 (Camb. MS.) The sory preest yenith in sacryfyinge the wrechched kuttynge of throte of the douhter.

Sacrilege (sæ·krilėdʒ), *sb.*1 Forms: 3–4 **sacrilage,** 4 **sacre-, sacrylage, sacrilegge,** 4–6 **sacrylege,** 5 **sacrilag,** 6 **sacrileage,** *Sc.* **sacralege,** 6–7 **sacriledge, -lidge,** 7 **sacrileg,** 3– **sacrilege.** [a. OF. *sacrilege* (12th c. in Hatz.-Darm.; mod. F. *sacrilège*) = Sp., Pg., It *sacrilegio*, ad. L. *sacrilegium*, f. *sacrileg-us* one who steals sacred things or commits sacrilege, f. *sacri-*, *sacer* sacred + *-leg-*, *legĕre* to gather, after the phrase *sacrum* or *sacra legere* to purloin sacred objects, to commit sacrilege.]

1. The crime or sin of stealing or misappropriating what is consecrated to God's service. In ecclesiastical use, extended to include any kind of outrage on consecrated persons or things, and the violation of any obligation having a sacramental character, or recognized as under the special protection of the Church. Also, an instance of this offence.

In mediæval writings the classification of 'sacrilege' as a branch of ayarice, which is based on the primary meaning of the term, is somewhat inconsistently combined with an enumeration of the varieties of sacrilege implying the wider sense explained above. Cf., e. g. *Ayenbite* pp. 40–41 Chaucer's *Parson's Tale* ₱ 727–9.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 27840 O couaitise..cums..sacrilege, to reue or stele Of halud thing. *Ibid.* 27946. 1303 R. Brunne *Handl. Synne* 8608 Þey þat hane cherches broke, And stole þo þynges þat were þer-ynne, 'Sacrylage' men calle þat synne. 1382 Wyclif 2 *Macc.* iv. 39 Many sacrilegis don in the temple. *c* 1440 *Jacob's Well* 160 An-oþer is sacrilege, þat is, brekyng of þe sacrament of holy cherche. 1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 18 Some..for theyr pryde and sacrilege, god suffreth oftentymes to make an ende lyke as a beest. 1632 Sanderson *Serm.* 381 The stinke of their divelish sacrilege in robbing the Church. 1649 Howell *Pre-em. Parl.* 9 Rufus (who came to such a disastrous end, as to be shot to death in lieu of a Buck for his sacrileges). 1734 tr. *Rollin's Anc. Hist.* XIX. (1827) VIII. 326 After this adding sacrilege to profanation he carried away the altar of incense. 1827 Southey *Hist. Penins. War* II. 239 In consideration of the sacrileges which the enemy committed.. they were enlisting the peasantry. 1838 Arnold *Hist. Rome* (1846) I. xxi. 457 An unscrupulous sacrilege, which appropriated the very offerings to the Gods, so made, to his own individual uses. 1875 Manning *Mission H. Ghost* ix. 235 The very books that are used in the worship of God are Sacred. The man who steals them is guilty of sacrilege.

b. *spec.* in popular use as a name for robbery from a church or other place of worship.

The term is not technically used in Eng. Law, though formerly special penalties were imposed for the offence. From the 17th c. a robbery from a church has been regarded legally as a 'larceny' or a 'burglary' according to the circumstances.

1820 *John Bull* 17 Dec. 8/2 Norwich.—Sacrilege is now very common, the churches of Carbrook and Eaton were broken into; out of the former the thieves stole all the plate, communion cloth and surplice. *Mod. newspaper*, Sacrilege at Middleton.

2. *transf.* and *fig.* The profanation of anything held sacred.

1390 Gower *Conf.* II. 371 The cause why that he so doth Is forto stele an herte or tuo,..And as I seide it hier above, Al is that Sacrilege of love. 1529 More *Dyalogue* IV. Wks. 267/1 That it is as Luther sayth, great sinne and sacrilege to go about to please god by good woorkes, and not by onely fayth. ?1548 tr. *Viret's Expos. XII Art. Chr. Faith* B j b, That were a greate blasphemie & sacrilege to haue suche an opinion of God as to think that [etc.]. 1623 Fletcher *Rule a Wife* v. i, 'Tis sacrilege to violate a wedlock, You rob two Temples. *a* 1678 Marvell *Upon Appleton House*, T'were Sacrilege a man to admit To holy things, for heaven fit. 1858 Froude *Hist. Eng.* xix. IV. 193 To kill a herald was, by the law of arms, sacrilege. 1874 Micklethwaite *Mod. Par. Churches* 204 Almost every stone..is a historical monument, which it would be sacrilege to remove or destroy.

† Sacrilege, *sb.*2 *Obs.* [ad. L. *sacrileg-us*: see Sacrilege *sb.*1] One who is guilty of sacrilege.

1491 Caxton *Vitas Patr.* (W. de W. 1495) I. xl. 61 b/2 Yf

ony defaylled there that hadde not ben atte theyr laste seruyce, They were reputed and holden as Sacryleges. 1556 Olde *Antichrist* 74 They bewray themselues..to be theues and sacrileges. 1585 T. Washington tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* IV. xxxiii. 155 He was aswel condemned to death, as if he had bin a murtherer, or sacriledge.

Sacrilege (sæ·krilédʒ), *v.*¹ *rare.* [f. Sacrilege *sb.*] *trans.* To commit sacrilege upon. Hence †**Sa·crileging** *ppl. a.*

1554 Latimer in Strype *Eccl. Mem.* (1822) III. II. 293 Wherfor stande from the aulter you sacrileginge (I shulde have said you sacrificinge) preistes. 1578 Florio *1st Fruites* 73 The ende of warre is this,..churches are profanizated and sacrileged. 1778 *Hist. Eliza Warwick* I. 10 Lord Huntley will not be tempted to sacrilege the temple—to storm a convent. 1866 J. B. Rose tr. *Ovid's Met.* 92 Thou didst rend Pentheus, and him thy rites who sacrileged Lycurgus.

Sacrileger (sæ·krilédʒəɹ). *arch.* Also 4 **sacrelegir, sacrilegeer,** 5 **sacrilegier,** 6 **sacre-, sacryleger, sacriledger, -leager.** [f. Sacrilege *sb.*¹ or *v.* + -er¹.] One who commits sacrilege.

c 1380 Wyclif *Sel. Wks.* III. 273 Curseden (*read* curseder] sacrelegires þan bodily þeves þat hreken chirchis and stelen chalicis, vestementis, or nevere so moche gold out of hem. 1395 Purvey *Remonstr.* (1851) 49 A sacrilegeer, that is, a theef of holi thingis. ?*a* 1500 in Becon *Relig. Rome* (1563) 253 Al sacrilegiers, yᵗ is to say, al yᵗ wrongfulliche doen away any thing halowed. *a* 1500 in Arnolde *Chron.* (1811) 175 All sacrelegers whiche goodes of chirchis perteyning.. aweye taken. 1614 Raleigh *Hist. World* IV. I. § 4 II. 162 [They] for refusall were exposed as Sacrilegers, and accursed to all their Neighbour-Nations. 1642 Bp. Morton *Presentm. of Schismatic* 25 Thou Sacrileger art as ill as the Idolater is. 1838 G. S. Faber *Inquiry* 444 These impostors, sacrilegers, and idolaters, ought..to be removed from their degree. 1883 *Cornh. Mag.* Apr. 453 The adulterer and the sacrileger.

Sacrilegious (sækrilī·dʒəs), *a.* [f. L. *sacrilegi-um* Sacrilege *sb.*¹ + -ous.]

1. Committing sacrilege; guilty of sacrilege.

1582 N. T. (Rhem.) *Acts* xix. 37 These men being neither sacrilegious nor blaspheming your Goddess. *c* 1586 C'tess Pembroke *Ps.* lxxiv. iii, Lord,..This sacrilegious seed Roote quickly out. 1610 Holland *Camden's Brit.* (1637) 102 He might without processe of condemnation be killed as a sacrilegious person. 1696 De la Pryme *Diary* (Surtees) 319 The wicked sacrilegous, non-conformists. 1791 Mrs. Radcliffe *Rom. Forest* ii, Reproving the sacrilegious mortal who thus dared to disturb their holy precincts. 1854 Milman *Lat. Chr.* IV. viii. (1864) II. 422 His conduct..contrasted..with that of the sacrilegious Iconoclast Leo. 1864 Bevce *Holy Rom. Emp.* xix. (1875) 341 Leave the church lands to the grasp of sacrilegious spoilers.

absol. 1682 Norris *Hierocles* 8 The Offerings which they hang up in the Temple, serve only to enrich the Sacrilegious.

2. Involving sacrilege.

1621 Burton *Anat. Mel.* t. ii. t. i. (1624) 35 The like happened to Brennus..vpon such a sacrilegious occasion. 1673–4 Br. Ward *Case of Joram* 1 The Sacrilegious and Bloody Martyrdom of our late most Excellent Sovereign. 1736 Bolingbroke *Patriot.* (1749) 11 A most sacrilegious breach of trust. 1844 Thirlwall *Greece* VIII. lxiv. 275 He ..repeated his sacrilegious devastations in the sanctuary of Apollo. 1867 Freeman *Norm. Conq.* (1877) V. xxiv. 380 The practices introduced by Flambard..were deemed to be sacrilegious.

Hence **Sacrile·giously** *adv.*, **Sacrile·giousness.**

1609 Bp. W. Barlow *Answ. Nameless Cath.* 355 Then is he Sacrilegiously false. 1727 *Philip Quarll* (1816) 66 Those villians had most sacrilegiously rifled and ransacked his babitation. 1727 Bailey vol. II, *Sacrilegiousness.* 1848 Lytton *Harold* I. i, In the center of which had been sacrilegiously placed an altar to Thor.

Sacrilegist (sækrilī·dʒist). [f. Sacrilege *sb.*¹ + -ist.] One addicted to or guilty of sacrilege.

1621 Bp. Mountagu *Diatribæ* 102 To the third Generation, neuer yet did prosper, nor euer shall, the Sacrilegist. 1683 O. U. *Parish Ch. no Conventicles* 6 He doth..charge us.. with being Sacrilegists, worse than the worst of Conventiclers. 1866 Annie Harwood tr. *E. de Pressensé's Jesus Christ* I. iii. 98 A sacrilegist never hesitating to elevate his creatures to the priesthood. 1898 Watts-Dunton *Aylwin* (1900) 109/1 Secrecy is the first thing for us sacrilegists to consider.

†**Sacrilegy.** *Obs.* Forms: 4–5 **sacri-, sacry-, sacrelegi(e, -legy(e,** 6 **sacralagie.** [ad. L. *sacrilegium.*] = Sacrilege *sb.*¹

13.. *Ipotis* 251 (Vernon MS.) in Horstm. *Altengl. Leg.* (1881) 344 In sacrilegye he sungede sore. *c* 1380 Wyclif *Wks.* (1880) 132 What eucre þoo haldest to þe..ouer symple liflode & streit cloþing..is þefte, raueyne & sacrelegie. 1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) III. 463 3if 3e despiseþ God wytyngly, þanne 3e beeþ i-holde in þe synne of sacrelegy. *c* 1449 Pecock *Repr.* III. xix. 409 It is raueyn, it is sacrilegi [*sacrilegium est*], that is to seie thefte of holi good. 1529 Rastell *Pastyme, Hist. Pap.* (1811) 40 Banished for sacralagie.

Sacring (sē·krin), *vbl. sb.* Now only *literary.* Also 3–6 **sacringe,** 4 **sakryng, -ring,** 4–6 **sacryng(e, sakeryng(e,** 5 **sacryn, sacreng, sakering(e, saycrying, sac(o)aring,** *Sc.* **sacryne.** [f. Sacre *v.* + -ing¹.]

1. The consecration of the eucharistic elements in the service of the mass. Sometimes more fully, the *sacring of (the) mass.*

1297 R. Glouc. (Rolls) 6818 Rist atte sacringe he stod as be lowe In þe churche at westmunstre. 13.. *Coer de L.* 222 And whenc the belle began to ryng The preest scholde make the sakeryng, Out of the kyrke sche wolde away. *c* 1375 *Lay Folks Mass Bk.* (MS. B) 400 Þen tyme is nere of sakring, A litel belle men oyse to ryng. *c* 1380 Wyclif *Serm.* Sel. Wks. I. 137 Bitwene þe sacringe of þe masse and þe þridde Agnus Dei. *c* 1451 Agnes Paston in *P. Lett.* I. 217 And on Friday after sakeryng, one come fro cherch warde, and schoffe doune all that was thereon. 1482 Caxton *Trevisa's Higden* IV. xxxii. 222 b, The gravel and the offretory sholde be sayde to fore the sacrynge [*MSS.* sacrement; L. *sacrificium*]. 1550 Cranmer *Defence* 101 What made the people to runne..from altar to altar, and from sakeryng (as they called it) to sakeryng? *a* 1571 Jewel *On Thess.* iii. 5–10 (1594) 90 It is a small matter to looke vp and holde vp thy handes at the sacring. 1584 R. Scot *Discov. Witchcr.* xv. xxvii. (1886) 376 Words..written in the canon, or rather in the saccaring of masse. 1626 *Scogin's Jests* (? 1680) 12 By and by the Bells were tolled for sacring, and Scogin hied him to Church lustily and merry. 1871 Rossetti *Poems*, tr. *Villon's Mother's Service to our Lady* ii, Oh help me, lest in vain for me should pass..The blessed Host and sacring of the Mass.

†**b.** *concr.* Used for: The consecrated elements.

c 1290 *S. Eng. Leg.* I. 358/105 Muche folk þare was in Rome þat in guode bi-leue nere Ne bi-lieueden nouȝt þat þe sacringe ore louerdes licame were. 1448 M. Paston in *P. Lett.* I. 72 [The Parson of Oxened] being at messe in one Parossh Chirche, evyn at levacion of the sakeryng.

2. The ordination and consecration of persons to certain offices, as those of bishop, king, queen, etc.

1297 R. Glouc. (Rolls) 2318 Ac him sulf him crounede & made him king so His sacringe was lute worþ & napeles it was ydo. *c* 1380 Wyclif *Wks.* (1880) 393 Þe clerkis han many grete & smale perquisitiuys,..as..for halowynge of chapels..& for sacrynge of ordres, & fulle many mo. *c* 1450 *Merlin* vi. 105 We wolde that his sacringe and coronacion be respite to Penticoste. 1496 *Dives & Paup.* (W. de W.) VII. xviii. 305/1 Yf the offycer of yᵉ bysshop axe of custome ony gyft..in sacrynge of byssbopes..yf they yᵗ sholde be.. sacred gyue theym suche gyftes..is it symonye. 1672 Temple *Ess., Govt.* Wks. 1731 I. 98 The Sacring of the Kings of France (as Loysel says) is the Sign of their Soveraign Priesthood, as well as Kingdom. 1814 Southey *Roderick* XVIII. 107 For acclamation and for sacring now One form must serve. 1902 *Q. Rev.* July 356 The fullest development of the service for the sacring of the French Kings is contained in the Coronation Book of Charles V.

†**3.** *gen.* The action of consecrating. *Obs.*

1610 W. Folkingham *Art of Survey* Ep. Ded. 2, I will screw-vp this Key with the prostrate sacring of my selfe ..at the Shrine of your gracious Clemencie. 1613 Purchas *Pilgrimage* II. viii. 136 Elias Leuita describeth the forme of sacring or hallowing their Teraphim in this sort.

4. *Comb.* as *sacring time,* Sacring-bell.

1482 Caxton *Trevisa's Higden* VIII. xix. 414 The lyeutenaunt..forth with commanded that euery man shold kepe his wepen in his hond sacryng tyme and other. 1577–87 Holinshed *Chron.* III. 946/2 Those that..held not vp their hands at the sacring time. 1594 T. Bedingfield tr. *Machiavelli's Florentine Hist.* (1595) 198 The time of the execution should be at the sacring time of Masse.

†**Sa·cring,** *a. Obs. rare.* Also 6 *Sc.* **sacrand.** [f. Sacre *v.* + -ing².] In senses of the vb.

In quot. 1508 used for the vbl. sb. attrib.: see next.

1508 Dunbar *Flyting* 160 And quhen thow heiris ane guse cry in the glenois, Thow thinkis it swetar than sacrand bell of sound. 1644 Bulwer *Chirol.* 138 Because it hath a sacring and sanctifying signe.

Sacring-bell. [Sacring *vbl. sb.*]

1. A small bell rung at the elevation of the host.

1395 *E. E. Wills* (1882) 5, I bequethe a chales and a paxbred,..and a sacrynge belle. 1449 *Churchw. Acc. Yatton* (Somerset Rec. Soc.) 90 For a rop for the sacryng bell, iiiid. 1502 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* (1900) II. 343 Item, for tua small sacryne bellis, tane at ane cremar. 1584 R. Scot *Discov. Witchcr.* v. iii. (1886) 76 He heard a little saccaring bell ring to the elevation of a morrowe masse. 1846 R. Hart *Eccl. Rec.* 225 The sacring bell, which was rung at the elevation of the host. 1884 *Sunday at Home* Feb. 102/2 No latticed confessional—no sacring bell.

¶ **2.** In post-Reformation times, sometimes applied to a small bell rung to summon parishioners to morning prayers, or to mark the point in the Communion Service at which the people should go up to communicate.

1598 Drayton *Heroic Ep.* III. 71 Who would not rise to ring the Mornings Knell, When thy sweet Lips might be the sacring Bell? 1641 I. H. *Petit. agst. Pocklington* 2 He hath caused a Bell to be hung up in his Chancell, called a Sacring Bell, which the Clarke always rings at the going up to second Service. 1766 Entick *London* IV. 75 A lantern, which..incloses the sacring-bell, to call the parishioners to prayers.

Sa·cripant. *rare.* [a. F. *Sacripant,* ad. It. *Sacripante,* a character in Boiardo's *Orlando innamorato.*] A boastful pretender to valour.

1830 W. Taylor *Hist. Surv. Germ. Poetry* II. 320 He is surprised by a nymph..who is at length seized by the supervening Itifal, a Sacripant of knighthood.

Sacrist (sē·krist). Also 7 **sachriste.** [a. OF. *sacriste* (= It. *sacrista*), ad. L. *sacrista,* f. *sacer* sacred (*sacra* neut. pl. sacred objects) + *-ista*: see -ist.] An official charged with the custody of the sacred vessels, relics, vestments, etc., of a religious house or a church.

In English cathedrals the 'sacrist' (sometimes called 'sacristan') is always in orders, often a minor canon.

1577–87 Holinshed *Chron.* III. 1241/2 Frier Combe, a sacrist of that house of Westminster. 1635 Pagitt *Christianogr.* III. (1636) 103 Two Sacrists, carrying two silver Lanthorns. 1656–61 [See Sacristan 1]. 1665 S. Bing in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. II. IV. 23 It is said the Sacrist [of St. Paul's] is out of town, and there will be no Communion as customarily. *a* 1670 Spalding *Troub. Chas. I* (Bannatyne Cl.) I. 111 To the which committee..was summoned..the principall of the King's Colledge of Old Aberdein, the four regents, canonist, doctor of medicine, civilist, sacrist, and cantor. 1726 Ayliffe *Parergon* 216 A Sacrist or Treasurer which are not Dignitaries in the Church of Common Right, but only by Custom. 1883 *Daily News* 19 Sept. 1/1 [Died.] Mr. W. Sanders, for many years Sacrist and Librarian of Westminster Abbey.

Sacristan (sæ·kristăn). Also 4–5 **-ane,** 7 **-on.** See also Sexton. [ad. med.L. *sacristānus* (whence mod.F. *sacristain*), f. *sacrista* Sacrist: see -an.

OF. had the semi-popular forms *segrestain,* etc., whence Eng. Sexton.]

1. a. The Sexton of a parish church. *Obs.* or *arch.* **b.** = Sacrist.

c 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xvii. (*Martha*) 245 Quhene I mad me bowne þat holy body to lay done, & to þe sacristane to kepe gafe, quhene 3e raysit me fra slepe. 1483 *Cath. Angl.* 315/1 A Sacristane, *sacrista, edilis.* 1563 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* I. 246 And als the Sacristanis, beand Vicaris of the said paroche kirk, wer in use..to mak and uphald the glassin windoes of the said kirk. 1608 *Vestry Bks.* (Surtees) 213 Item: that the Sacriston shall not presume to breake anye grave in the church without the consent of the Churchwardins. 1656–61 Blount *Glossogr.*, *Sacrist* or *Sacristan,* a Sexten or Vestry-Keeper in a Church, or Religious house. 1763 Del Pino *Span. Dict.*, *Escolano,* the sacristan..that has charge of the vestments and holy vessels of the church. 1800 Coleridge *Christabel* II. 8 The sacristan, Who duly pulls the heavy bell, Five and forty beads must tell Between each stroke. 1854 J. D. H. Dale *Sacristan's Man.* Pref. 10 The Pope's Sacristan is a Bishop. 1870 Dickens *E. Drood* i, The Sacristan locks the iron-barred gates that divide the sanctuary from the chancel.

2. In a nunnery, a sister charged with a function corresponding to that of sacrist. Cf. Sacristine.

c 1440 *Alphabet of Tales* 319 Sho was sacristan of þe kurk and sho had grete deuocion vnto our Ladie. 1896 tr. *Huysman's En Route* vii. 92 A sacristan-sister, tall and pale and rather bent, entered like a shadow.

Hence **Sa·cristanes·as** *nonce-wd.* = Sacristine.

1866 *Cornh. Mag.* XIV. 440 The sacristaness was going through the corridor..on her way to ring the bell for matins.

†**Sacristanry.** *Obs.* [f. Sacristan + -ry. Cf. OF. *segrestainerie* Sextonry.] = Sacristy.

1483 *Cath. Angl.* 315/1 A Sacristanry, *sacristarium.*

‖ **Sacristine** (sæ·kristīn). [F. *sacristine,* altered form of *sacristaine* fem. of *sacristain* Sacristan.] A female sacristan.

1832 Moore in *Mem.* (1854) VI. 286 Rogers..told a story of a young girl who had been sacristine..in a convent.

Sacristy (sæ·kristi). [a. F. *sacristie,* a. med.L. *sacristia,* f. *sacrista* Sacrist.] The repository in a church in which are kept the vestments, the sacred vessels and other valuable property.

[1630 Wadsworth *Further Observ. Pilgr.* 6 Betweene this house and the high Altar stands the Sacristia, within which is the Custodia of the holy Eucharist (as they call it). 1644 Evelyn *Diary* 8 Nov., Through this we went into the Sacristia, where..one of the Order preach'd.] 1656 Blount *Glossogr.* *a* 1668 Lassels *Voy. Italy* (1698) II. 93 In the Sacristy of this church I saw the chains in which St. Peter was fettered. 1845 S. Austin *Ranke's Hist. Ref.* III. 630 The Lübekers took the confiscated church treasures out of the sacristies. 1846 *Ecclesiologist* Jan. 5 Sacristies, or, as they are more usually called now, Vestries. *Ibid.* 6 The proper situation of a Sacristy is on the north side of the chancel, towards its eastern part.

Sacrit(e, obs. Sc. pa. t. and pple. of Sacre *v.*

Sacro-¹ (sæ·krō, sē·krō), assumed as combining form of L. *sacer* sacred, in various nonce-words, as **sacro-pictorial** *a.*, relating to sacred portraiture; **sacro-seoular** *a.*, partly sacred and partly secular; **sacro-seric** *a.* (*jocular*), sacred and silken.

1849 [K. H. Digby] *Compitum* II. 357 All which form a code of *sacropictorial law. 16.. Dorothy Osborne *Lett. to Sir W. Temple* (1888) 18 The Priory is a low-built *sacro-secular edifice. 1772 Nugent tr. *Hist. Fr. Gerund* II. 372 The *sacro-seric vestments which adorn the priest in the celebration of the sacrifice of the mass.

Sacro-² (sē·krō), *Anat.*, used as combining form of L. (*os*) *sacrum* Sacrum, prefixed (usually with hyphen) to various adjs., forming compounds with the sense 'pertaining jointly to the sacrum and (some other part indicated by the second element)', as in *sacro-caudal, -coccygeal, -coccygean, -costal, -cotyloid, -cotyloidean, -femoral, -iliac, -inguinal, -ischiac, -ischiadic, -ischiatic, -lumbal, -lumbar, -pectineal, perineal, -pubic, -rectal, -sciatic, -spinal, -vertebral* adjs. Also **sacro-me·dian** *a.*, the epithet of the artery running along the median line of the sacrum (*Cent. Dict.* 1891).

1831 R. Knox *Cloquet's Anat.* 193 *Sacro-coccygeal Articulation. *Ibid.*, Anterior Sacro-coccygeal Ligament. 1875 Sir W. Turner in *Encycl. Brit.* I. 822/1 At the time of birth the sacro-coccygeal part of the spine is concave forwards. 1840 E. Wilson *Anat. Vade M.* (1842) 110 The posterior *sacro-coccygeal ligament. 1890 Coues *Ornith.* II. iv. 211 These 'sacral ribs' or *sacrocostals are furthermore distinguished by being devoid of the epipleural or uncinate processes, with which other true ribs are furnished. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VI. 865 *Sacro-femoral or 1st lumbar area. 1831 R. Knox *Cloquet's Anat.* 193 Irregular fibres placed before the *sacro-iliac articulation. 1886 J. M. Duncan *Dis. Women* (ed. 3) 438 Rheum of a sacro-iliac joint. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VI. 865 *Sacro-inguinal or 12th dorsal area. 1790 R. Bland in *Med. Commun.* II. 437 Where the *sacro-ischiatic ligaments cross. 1870 Rolleston *Anim. Life* 18 The sacroischiatic notch of anthropotomy. 1859 *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* V. 207/1 The bones composing the *sacro-lumbar articulations. 1876 Gross *Dis. Bladder* 20 The pain shoots along..to the sacrolumbar region. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VI. 454 The *sacro-perineal region. 1841 Ramsbotham *Obstet. Med.* 23 The antero-posterior, *sacro-pubic, or conjugate [diameter]. 1753 Chambers *Cycl. Supp.*, *Sacro-sciatic ligaments...The small *sacro-sciatic, or internal sciatic ligament. 1782 A. Monro *Anat. Bones, Nerves,* etc. 146 Two strong ligaments which are extended to the *os ischium*; and are therefore called

sacro-sciatic. 1893 A. S. Eccles *Sciatica* 55 The cause of obstinate sacro-sciatic tenderness. 1831 R. Knox *Cloquet's Anat.* 193 *Sacro-vertebral Ligament. 1872 Mivart *Elem. Anat.* 57 The sacro-vertebral angle is generally replaced by almost a straight line.

Sacrosanct (sæ·krosæŋkt, sē·krɔ-). Also 7 **-sainct, -sant, sackersaint.** [ad. L. *sacrōsanctus*, properly two words, *sacrō* abl. of *sacrum* sacred rite (neut. of *sacer* sacred) and *sanctus* pa. pple. of *sancīre* to render holy or inviolable. Cf. F. *sacro-saint*, earlier *-sainct* (whence some 17th c. Eng. forms), Sp., Pg. *sacrosanto*, It. *sacro-, sagrosanto*.] Of persons and things, esp. obligations, laws, etc.: Secured by a religions sanction from violation, infringement, or encroachment; inviolable, sacred.

1601 Holland *Pliny* I. 178 Armed as he was with his sacrosanct and inuiolable authoritie. 1603 — *Plutarch's Mor.* 1332 Which [Isles] he found to have very few inhabitants, and those all were by the Britaines, held for sacrosainct and inviolable. 1637 Heylin *Answ. Burton* 80 Perhaps you thinke, because Mass. Prinne is of a factious Tribunitian spirit, he must be Sacrosanct and uncontrolable. 1659 H. L'Estrange *Alliance Div. Off.* 291 What confederacy can be imagined more noble, more sacrosant, than that between Man and Wife? 1787 Jefferson *Writ.* (1859) II. 331 Let them establish your fundamental rights by a sacrosanct declaration. 1871 Morley *Crit. Misc.* Ser. I. 270 Truth, which alone of words is essentially divine and sacrosanct. 1891 C. E. Norton *Dante's Purgat.* xxix. 184 O Virgins sacrosanct. 1895 Sala *Life & Adv.* II. lvi. 327 Beyond this sacrosanct city the railway was only available for about fifty miles.

transf. 1880 *World* 16 June, When the persons of hares and rabbits have ceased to be sacrosanct, what guarantee of inviolability is there for the grouse?

Hence **†Sacrosanctified,** **†Sacrosanctious** *adjs.* = Sacrosanct; **Sacrosanctness** = next.

1621 Quarles *Argalus & P.* (1678) 57 Where plighted faith, and Sacro-sanctious vow Hath given possession, dispossess not thou. *a* 1693 *Urquhart's Rabelais* III. ii. 28 The Sacro sanctified Domicile of your Celestial Brain. 1876 Cartwright *Jesuits* 206 The Pontifical utterances of which the dogmatic sacrosanctness is open to no doubt.

Sacrosanctity (sæ·krɔ-, sē·krɔsæŋkti). [f. Sacrosanct *a.*, after *sanctity*.] The condition of being sacrosanct; inviolability; sacredness.

1650 H. More *Observ.* in *Enthus. Tri.*, etc. (1656) 94 His bold entitling of his own writings to the Sacrosanctity of Mysteries. 1831 H. Coleridge in *Blackw. Mag.* XXIX. 521 Protected by the sacro-sanctity of an Ambassador. 1900 E. Lummis *Speaker's Chair* 34 All they did was to wrap themselves in their sacrosanctity, and 'curse for their tithes'.

Sacrosant, obs. form of Sacrosanct.

Sacrum (sē·krŭm). *Anat.* Pl. **sacrums, sacra.** [Subst. use of neut. sing. of L. *sacer* sacred: see *os sacrum* s.v. Os.] A composite, symmetrical, triangular bone which articulates laterally with the ilia, forming the dorsal wall of the pelvis and resulting from the ankylosis of two or more vertebræ between the lumbar and coccygeal regions of the spinal column.

1753 Chambers *Cycl. Supp.* s.v. *Sacro-sciatic*, The false transverse apophyses of the sacrum. 1797 Abernethy *Surg. & Physiol. Ess.* III. 137 The medulla spinalis, or a substance of an apparently similar nature, was continued into the sacrum. 1845 Todd & Bowman *Phys. Anat.* I. 140 The spinal column, in man,..rests upon the sacrum. 1881 *Trans. Obstet. Soc. Lond.* XXII. 74 There are [in a double-headed human monster] two well-developed sacra, placed side by side. 1886 J. M. Duncan *Dis. Women* (ed. 3) 438 A clergyman's wife was thrown out of a little pony phaeton, and fell on her sacrum. 1890 Coues *Ornith.* II. iii. 138 The numerous anchylosed..vertebræ compose the *sacrum*.

†Sa·cry. *Obs.* Forms: 4 **sacre, sakare, sacry.** [ME. *sacrē*, app. due to a confusion of Secree (the 'secret of the Mass') with F. *sacré* pa. pple. of *sacrer*: see Sacre *v.*] The consecration of the Mass; = Sacring *vbl. sb.* 1.

1303 R. Brunne *Handl. Synne* 7297 Here 3yt a messe, Al holy, and no lesse, And nat symple, a sakare, For byt ys nat y-now for þe. *Ibid.* 7949 For euery prest, aftyr þe sacré, He parteþ þere Goddys body yn þre. 13.. *Metr. Hom.* (Vernon MS.) in *Archiv Stud. neu. Spr.* LVII. 282 [He said] Ihesu was not þat oble þat was raised atte sacre. 1463 *Bury Wills* (Camden) 29 To do the chymes goo at y^e^ sacry of the messe of Jhū.

b. *attrib.* **Sacry bell** = Sacring-bell.

c 1430 Lydg. *Mtn. Poems* (Percy Soc.) 255 Than gon to chirche or heare the sacry belle. *c* 1460 *Promp. Parv.* (Winch.) 388 Sacrybelle, *tintinabulum*.

Sacryt, obs. Sc. pa. t. and pple. of Sacre *v.*

Sact, obs. Sc. form of Sack *v.*[2]

Sad (sæd), *a.* and *adv.* Forms: 1–3 **sæd,** 3 **saƀ, sead, sed,** 5–7 **sade,** 4 **saad, zed,** 4–5 **said,** 4–6 **sadd(e,** 3– **sad.** [Com. Teut.: OE. *sæd* = OS. *sad*, MDu. *sat* (Du. *zat*), OHG., MHG. *sat* (mod.G. *satt*), ON. *saðr* (rare: superseded by *sadd-r*, pa. pple. of the derived verb *seðja* to satiate), Goth. *saþ-s* (pl. *sadai*) :—OTeut. **saðo-* full, satiated :—WIndogermanic **sətó-* in **n-sətó-s*, Gr. ἄ-ατος insatiate (cf. L. *sat, satis* enough, *satur* satisfied, full, OIrish *sathech* satiated); the word is a pa. pple. with suffix *-tó-* from the root **sā-* to satisfy; cf. Gr. ἄδην (:—**sn-dām*), enough. A parallel form from the strong grade of the root (with unaccented suffix) is Goth. *sōþ* (:—pre-Teut. **sāto-m*) satisfaction, whence *gasōþjan* to satisfy.]

A. *adj.*

I. Of persons and immaterial things.

†1. Having had one's fill; satisfied; sated, weary or tired (of something). Const. *of* (in OE. *genitive*) or *infinitive*.

a 1000 *Riddles* vi. (Gr.), Ic eom anhaga iserne wund,.. beadoweorca sæd, ecgum werig. *c* 1000 *Ags. Ps.* (Th.) lxxvii. 29 Swiðe ætan, and sade wurdan. *c* 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 75 Ich nam noht 3iet sad of mine sinnes, and forþi ne mai ich hie noht forlete. *c* 1205 Lay. 9345 Claudien þe kæisere Sað wes of þon compe. *a* 1240 *Ureisun* 30 in *Cott. Hom.* 193 Vor heo neuer ne beoð sead þi ueir to iseonne. *a* 1250 *Owl & Night.* 452 (Jesus MS.) Ich..skente hi myd myne songe Ac noþeles nouht ouer longe; Hwenne ich iseo þat men beoþ glade, Ich nelle þat hi beon to sade. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 23436 Þof þat þou euer apon him se, Of bim sadd [*Edinb.* said] sal þou neuer be. *a* 1310 in Wright *Lyric P.* vii. 29 For selden y am sad that semly forte se. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Can. Yeom. Prol. & T.* 324 Yet of that Art they kan nat wexen sadde ffor vn-to hem it is a bitter sweete. 1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) I. 9 Now men beþ al sad [orig. *modernorum saturitatem*). *c* 1407 Lydg. *Reson & Sens.* 1265 Al our lyf..Ys but a maner exile here, Of which he ought[e] to be sad. *a* 1450 *Le Morte Arth.* 716 To serve hym was there no man sad.

†2. Settled, firmly established in purpose or condition; steadfast, firm, constant. *Obs.*

c 1315 Shoreham VII. 298 So þat hyt was god and sad, Al þys world, þat was ymad Of hym þat can. 1340 *Ayenb.* 83 Non ne is aryȝt preus..þet ne ys..zed and stable uor to nolȝy. *c* 1350 *St. John* 349 in Horstm. *Altengl. Leg.* (1881) 38 When saynt John herd..how sad trowth in þam was set [etc.]. *c* 1350 *Will. Palerne* 1371 Al saxoyne was set wiþ wel sadde lawes. *c* 1374 Chaucer *Boeth.* III. pr. x. 70 (Camb. MS.) Ther may no man dowte that ther nis som blysfulnesse þat is sad [L. *solidam*] stydefast and parfyt. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xlii. (*Agatha*) 36 As quincyane persawing had þat scho wes of wil sa sad. 1382 Wyclif 2 *Pet.* i. 19 We han a sadder [Vulg. *firmiorem*] word of the prophet. *c* 1412 Hoccleve *De Reg. Princ.* 4784 Ther may no prince in his estate endure, Ne ther-yn any while stande sad, But he be loued. *c* 1450 *St. Cuthbert* (Surtees) 234 Sho sall he to þe a sadde frende. *c* 1450 *Godstow Reg.* 64 þat her graunt shold be sure & sad, she strengthid hit with her seele. 1493 *Festivall* (W. de W. 1515) 75 b, Be ye stable & sadde in the fayth. 1553 Becon *Reliquet of Rome* (1563) 175 b, All christen people that will be saued, must haue sad beliefe in the holy Sacrament. 1590 Spenser *F. Q.* III. xi. 45 More eath to number with how many eyes High heven beholdes sad lovers nightly theeveryes. 1667 Milton *P. L.* VI. 541 Settl'd in his face I see Sad resolution and secure.

†3. Strong; capable of resisting; valiant. *Obs.*

1382 Wyclif *Rom.* xv. 1 Forsothe we saddere [Vulg. *nos firmiores*] owen for to susteyne..the feblenesse of syke men. 1388 — *Ezek.* xxxiv. 16 Y schal make sad that that was sijk. ? *a* 1400 *Morte Arth.* 3289 The secunde sir..Was sekerare to my sighte, and saddare in armes. *c* 1400 Maundev. (1839) xiv. 159 And it [the diamond] maketh a man more strong and more sad agenst his Enemyes. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 1277 þan pollux full pertly aprochet in hast With seuyn hundrithe sad men assemblit hym with, ffrochit into þe frount & a fray made. *c* 1475 *Partenay* 4876 Noble knightes ten, Stronge, hable, and light, men sad and myghty.

†4. Orderly and regular in life; of trustworthy character and judgement; grave, serious. Often coupled with *wise* or *discreet*. *Obs.*

c 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xxvi. (*Nycholas*) 175 In thewis sad-dare þane wes he ere. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Man of Law's T.* 37 In Surrye whilom dwelte a compaignye Of chapmen riche and therto sadde and trewe. 1429 *Rolls of Parlt.* IV. 338/2 Ye Kyng shall..come to sadder yeres of discretion. 1440 in Glew *Hist. Walsall* (1856) 106 One of the sadest and weldesposed Prest of Saynt John's Gylde. *c* 1450 *Godstow Reg.* 98 He shold behote, afore good men and sadde in Wycombe, openly. 1486 *Act* 3 *Hen. VII*, c. 4 Twelve sad and discreet Persons, of the Cheque Roll of the King's honourable Houshold. 1490 Caxton *Eneydos* xxix. 113 Sadde of behauoure, and of symple contenaunce. 1551 Robinson tr. *More's Utop.* II. vii. (1895) 225 A sad and an honest matrone [orig. *grauis et honesta matrona*]. 1562 in W. H. Turner *Select. Rec. Oxford* (1880) 292 The..wyseste Baylliffs and other sadd and discreate cytezens. 1579 Northbrooke *Dicing* (1843) 167 What woman nowe-a-dayes (that is sadde and wyse) will be knowne to haue skill of dauncing, &c.? 1605 Bacon *Adv. Learn.* II. xxiii. § 5 Of this wisedome it seemeth some of the auncient Romanes in the saddest and wisest times were professors. 1632 Lithgow *Trav.* II. 71 The solid, and sad man, is not troubled with the floods and ebbes of Fortune. 1665 Powell in Wood *Life* (O. H. S.) II. 48 An old donation of the College to a sad priest that preaches on that day.

†b. Of looks, appearance: Dignified, grave, serious. *Obs.*

c 1350 *Will. Palerne* 228 Of lere ne of lykame lik him nas none, ne of so sad a semblant þat euer he say wiþ eiȝyen. 13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* A. 887, & þe alder-men so sadde of chere, Her songe þay songen neuer þe les. *c* 1369 Chaucer *Dethe Blaunche* 860 And whiche eyen my lady had, Debonayre, good, glad, and sad. *c* 1400 *Rom. Rose* 4627 She, demurely sad of chere.

†c. Profoundly or solidly learned (*in*). *Obs.*

c 1400 *Destr. Troy* 1485 A philosoffer,..In þe Syense full sad of þe seuyn Artes. 1523 *Act* 14 & 15 *Hen. VIII*, c. 5 Those persons that be profounde, sad, & discrete, groundly lerned, and depely studied in Phisicke.

d. Of thought, consideration: Mature, serious. *Obs.* exc. *arch.* in the phrase *in sad earnest*, which as now used belongs rather to sense 5.

1485 *Surtees Misc.* (1888) 43 The said Maire, after sad and mature examinacion of the said recordes..decreed [etc.]. *c* 1500 *Three Kings' Sons* 24 And so, aftir sad deliberacion, he answerd the messengere yn this maner. 1540 *Act* 32 *Hen. VIII*, c. 42 The said Maistres or Governours..aftre their sadd discretions,..shall [etc.]. 1637 Rutherford *Lett.* (1862) I. xcix. 253, I w^d^. I c^d^. begin to be a Christian in sad earnest. 1643 J. M. *Soveraigne Salve* 38 At least they may deigne this last motive the honour of a deep and sad thought or two. 1649 Bp. Hall *Confirm.* (1651) 73 They are exceeding weighty and worthy of sad consideration. 1771 Smollett *Humph. Cl.* 5 May, An attack that made me shed tears in sad earnest.

5. Of persons, their feelings or dispositions: Sorrowful, mournful.

? *a* 1366 Chaucer *Rom. Rose* 211 She was cleped Avarice. ..Ful sad and caytif [orig. *megre et chetive*] was she. *c* 1450 Holland *Howlat* 187 Ay sorowfull and sad at evin song and houris. *c* 1470 Henry *Wallace* IV. 188 Malancoly he was of complexioun,..Sorowfull, sadde, ay dreidfull but plesance. 1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 87 Consyderyng some persones to be iocunde and mery, some sadde and heuy. *a* 1548 Hall *Chron., Hen. VII* 56 This Ambassade was sent..to visite & comforte the kyng, beyng sorowful & sad for the death of so good a quene & spouse. *a* 1553 Udall *Royster D.* III. iii. (Arb.) 43 But why speake ye so faintly, or why are ye so sad? *R. Royster.* Thou knowest the prouerbe, bycause I can not be had. 1611 Bible *Gen.* xl. 6 And Ioseph came in vnto them in the morning, and looked vpon them, and behold, they were sad. 1667 Milton *P. L.* x. 18 Th' Angelic Guards ascended, mute and sad For Man. 1678 Bunyan *Pilgr.* I. 196, I was very sad, I think sader than at any one time in my life. 1725 Pope *Odyss.* IX. 72 With sails outspread we fly th'unequal strife, Sad for their loss, but joyful of our life. 1754 Gray *Poesy* 77 The sad Nine in Greece's evil hour. 1860 Tyndall *Glac.* I. xii. 88, I felt a little sad at the thought. *a* 1878 P'cess Alice *Mem.* (1884) 63, I ought not to make you sadder, when you are sad enough already.

absol. 1588 A. King tr. *Canisius' Catech., Cert. Devout Prayers* 39 The hop and comforter of all sad, haue mercie on me. 1784 Cowper *Tiroc.* 665 Behold that figure, neat, though plainly clad; His sprightly mingled with a shade of sad.

b. *Phrase.* (Possibly suggested by the older association of *sad* and *wise*: see 4.)

1798 Coleridge *Anc. Mar.* VII. *ad fin.*, A sadder and a wiser man He rose the morrow morn. 1814 Scott *Wav.* lxiii, 'A sadder and a wiser man', he felt [etc.]. 1877 Mrs. Forrester *Mignon* I. 175 When he takes his way homewards, he is a sadder and a wiser man.

c. Of looks, tones, gestures, costume, etc.: Expressive of sorrow.

c 1386 Chaucer *Knt.'s T.* 2127 With a sad visage he siked stille. *a* 1400–50 *Alexander* 5052 With sare sighingis & sadd for sake of his wirdis. 1508 Dunbar *Tua Maritt Wemen* 447 According to my sable weid I mon haif sad maneris, Or thai will se all the suth. 1535 Coverdale *Matt.* vi. 16 When ye fast, be not sad [1611 of a sad countenance] as y^e^ ypocrytes are. 1634 Milton *Comus* 235 Where the love-lorn Nightingale Nightly to thee her sad Song mourneth well. 1660 F. Brooke tr. *Le Blanc's Trav.* 221 A sad pale countenance. 1671 Milton *P. R.* I. 43 Them amidst With looks agast and sad he thus bespake. 1792 S. Rogers *Pleas. Mem.* I. 320 His sad inquiring eye. 1819 Scott *Ivanhoe* xxxvi, Two halberdiers, clad in black,..and others, in the same sad livery. 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* xii, Poor little Amelia, with rather a sad wistful face.

d. Of times, places, actions, etc.: Characterized by sorrow, sorrowful.

13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* B. 525 Ne þe swetnesse of somer, ne þe sadde wynter. 1617 Moryson *Itin.* I. 243 We passed a sad night in this place, and never bad more need of Job his patience then heere. 1662 J. Davies tr. *Mandelslo's Trav.* 252 This was the saddest night we had in all our Voyage. 1667 Milton *P. L.* XI. 478 Immediately a place Before his eyes appeard, sad, noysom, dark, A Lazar-house it seemd. 1722 De Foe *Relig. Courtsh.* I. i. (1840) 10 'Tis a sad life, for a woman to have no help from her husband in things that are good. 1881 Lady Herbert *Edith* 201 His was one of the saddest lots I have ever known in life. 1888 Lowell *Heartsease & Rue* 149 It gives me a sad pleasure to remember that I was encouraged in this project by my friend the late Arthur Hugh Clough.

†e. Morose, dismal-looking. *Obs.*

1593 Shaks. *Rich. II*, v. v. 70 And how com'st thou hither? Where no man euer comes, but that sad dogge That brings me food, to make misfortune liue?

f. Causing sorrow; distressing, calamitous, lamentable. In early use partly fig. of sense 7, 'heavy'.

c 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xii. (*Mathias*) 189, & [of] þat sad ded þe ranowne Sowne rane throw al þe towne. 1567 *Gude & Godlie B.* (S. T. S.) 33 Him will he scurge with plagues sad and sair. 1637 B. Jonson *Sad Sheph.* I. ii, A sadder chance hath given allay Both to the Mirth and Music of this day. 1654 Fuller *Two Serm.* 8 It is not improbable that this Psalm [xi] might be composed on the sad murther of the Priests by Saul. 1667 Milton *P. L.* I. 135 With sad overthrow and foul defeat. 1688 Penton *Guard. Instruct.* (1897) 22 It quickly appear'd how sad is the condition of a Gentleman without Learning. 1712 Addison *Spect.* No. 536 P 2 'Tis sad so considerable a part of the Kingdom..should be of no manner of use. 1793 Cowper *To Mary* 33 Partakers of thy sad decline, Thy hands their little force resign. 1823 Byron *Juan* XIII. ix, Of all tales 'tis the saddest—and more sad Because it makes us smile. 1859 Tennyson *Guinev.* 492 How sad it were for Arthur, should he live To sit once more within his lonely hall!

6. Deplorably bad; chiefly as an intensive qualifying terms of depreciation or censure. Often *jocular*. *Sad dog*: cf. Dog *sb.* 3 b, and 5 e above.

1694 Echard *Plautus* 60, I am the saddest shiftless creature upon earth. 1697 Dampier *Voy.* (1699) 30 His French Sea-men were the saddest creatures that I was ever among; for tho we had bad weather that required many hands aloft, yet the biggest part of them never stirr'd out of their Hammocks, but to eat or ease themselves. 1706 Farquhar *Recruit. Officer* III. ii, *Sil.* You are an ignorant, pretending, impudent Coxcomb. *Bras.* Ay, ay, a sad Dog. *c* 1710 Celia Fiennes *Diary* (1888) 71 A sad poore thatch'd place. 1727 Gay *Begg. Op.* I. viii, Our Polly is a sad slut. 1748 Smollett *Rod. Rand.* xvi, I suppose you think me a sad dog,..and I do confess that appearances are against me. 1771 Mrs. Haywood *New Present* 252 Red brick should not

be used [for scouring fire-irons] for it makes sad work. 1819 SHELLEY *Peter Bell 3rd* VI. xii, All Peter did on this occasion Was, writing some sad stuff in prose. 1819 BYRON *Juan* II. CXXVII, Heaven knows what cash he got or blood he spilt, A sad old fellow was he, if you please. 1835 J. MACDONALD in Tweedie *Life* iii. (1849) 249, I am a sad coward. 1836–7 DICKENS *Sk. Boz, Charact.* vii, The sad-dog sort of feeling came strongly upon John Dounce. 1892 *Daily News* 25 Jan. 5/3 Unpolished granite..is a sad harbourer of soot and dust.

II. In various physical senses.

7. Of material objects. † **a.** Solid, dense, compact; massive, heavy. *Obs.* [So early mod.G. *satt.*]

13.. *K. Alis.* 5587 Two grete ymages..of golde sad. *c* 1330 R. BRUNNE *Chron.* (1810) 198 With iren nayles sad..his fete was schod. 1340 HAMPOLE *Pr. Conse.* 3189 Þe mast veniel syns sal þar bryn langly, Als wodde brinnes, þat es sadde and hevy. *c* 1350 *Will. Palerne* 1072 No strengþe him wiþstod of sad stonen walles. 1388 WYCLIF *Exod.* XXXVIII. 7 Forsothe thilke auter was not sad [Vulg. *solidum*], but holowe. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 440/1 Sad, or hard, *solidus*. *c* 1450 *Cov. Myst.* XXIV. (Shaks. Soc.) 236 In feyth it is an holy ston, Ryth sad of weyth and hevy of peys. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* XI. xi. 47 The schaft was sad and sound, and weill ybaik. 1587 HARRISON *England* III. i. (1878) II. 2 The flesh of buls..is of sadder substance and therefore much heauier as it lieth in the scale. 1611 COTGR., *Fourmage de taulpe*, heauie or sad cheese. 1625 LISLE *Du Bartas, Noe* 29 This kind of timber..growes so sad and hard that it cannot rot. *c* 1638 STRAFFORD in Browning *Life* (1891) 219 To those that..tell you..I am but as a feather, I shall be found sadder than lead. 1641 BEST *Farm. Bks.* (Surtees) 147 Short barley-strawe..is the best for stoppinge of holes ..because it is sadder, and not soe subjeckt to blowe out with everie blast of winde, as other light and dry strawe is. *fig.* *c* 1400 *Rom. Rose* 6907 For sadde hurdeos that men taken Make folkes shuldres aken. *c* 1400 *Apol. Loll.* 45 Wo worþ 3ow þat tiȝen mynt, aneis, & comyn, & ilke herbe, & leuen þe sadder þings of þe lawe, dome, feiþ, & mercy. *c* 1485 *Digby Myst.* (1882) IV. 1328 The wordes of Andrewe beyn sadd & ponderose. 1611 BEAUM. & FL. *Knt. Burn. Pestle* IV. i, Damsel right faire, I am on many sad adventures bound, That call me forth into the wildernesse.

† **b.** Solid as opposed to liquid. *Obs.*

c 1380 WYCLIF *Serm.* Sel. Wks. II. 259 Þer mete was þer bileve þat þei hadden of sadde þingis, and þer drynke was þer bileve þat þei hadden of moist þingis. 1382 — *Heb.* V. 13 To whom is nede of mylk, and not sad mete [Vulg. *solido cibo*].

† **c.** Firmly fixed. *Obs.* exc. *dial.*

1338 R. BRUNNE *Chron.* (1810) 305 St[r]engþ suld non haf had, to perte þam þorgh oute, So wer þei set sad with poyntes rounde aboute. *a* 1375 *Joseph Arim.* 258 Þenne he seos Ihesu crist in a sad Roode. 1382 WYCLIF *2 Tim.* ii. 19 Þat þe sad foundement [Vulg. *firmum fundamentum*] of God stondiþ. *a* 1400 *Leg. Rood* (1871) 137 Þeo a staf stondeþ sad, Whon ȝe fongen flesch in godes hous, þat staf is Cristes Crouche.

d. Of soil: Stiff, heavy. ? *Obs.* exc. *dial.*

1340–70 *Alex. & Dind.* 912 For to sowe & to sette in þe sad erthe. *c* 1420 *Pallad. on Husb.* II. 173 Vynes preueth best yf they Be sette anoon aftir the spade or plough, Er then the lond be woxen sadde or tough. 1600 SURFLET *Country Farm* V. XVIII. 702 Nauets and turneps delight in a light and fine mould, and not in a churlish and sad ground. 1707 MORTIMER *Husb.* (1721) I. 66 Chalky Lands are naturally cold and sad. 1712 J. MORTON *Nat. Hist. Northampt.* 44 The Clay-land..is the toughest, or most tenacious, and the most dense of all our Soils; upon this Account, on the Thrapston Side, they call it Sad-land. 1889 *N. W. Linc. Gloss.* s.v., Land is *sad* when the frosts of winter have not mellowed it.

e. Of bread, pastry, etc.: That has not 'risen' properly; heavy. Now *dial.*

1688 R. HOLME *Armoury* III. 317/1 Bakers Terms in their Art... Sad, heavy, close Bread. 1747–96 MRS. GLASSE *Cookery* XIII. 191 It makes the crust sad, and is a great hazard of the pie running. 1824–9 LANDOR *Imag. Conv.* Wks. 1846 I. 82 Let him place the accessaries on the table lest what is insipid and clammy, and (as housewives with great propriety call it) sad, grow into duller accretion and meriter viscidity the more I masticate it. 1889 SKEINE *Mem. E. Thring* 51 Of what meagre straw and doughy brick was our weekly batch! It was what bakers call 'sad'.

† **f.** Of a number of persons or things: Forming a compact body. *Obs.*

a 1400–50 *Alexander* 2614 Þe multitude ware to me meruaile to reken, þat sammed was on aiþir side many sadd thousand. *Ibid.* 5559 Þai sett in a sadd sowme & sailid his kniȝtis. *c* 1430 *Chev. Assigne* 119 Of sadde leues of þe wode wrowȝte he hem wedes.

8. Of colour: Dark, deep. In later use, influenced by sense 5: Not cheerful-looking; neutral-tinted, dull, sober.

The Ger. *satt* and MDu. *sat* (Du. *zat*) have the sense 'dark' or 'deep' as applied to colours, as a direct development from the primary sense 'full' (see sense 1 above).

c 1412 HOCCLEVE *De Reg. Princ.* 695 And where be my gounes of scarlet, Sanguyn, murreye, & blewes sadde & lighte. *c* 1425 *Cast. Persev.* (Stage direction) in *Macro Plays* 76 Þe liij dowteris schul be clad in mentelys;..Trewthe in sad grene, & Pes al in blake. *c* 1483 CAXTON *Dialogues* 14/38 Yelow, reed, Sad blew [Fr. *entreperi*], morreey. *a* 1539 in *Archæologia* XLVII. 53 Noo more to use rede stomachers but other sadder colers in the same. 1578 HUNNIS *Hyvef. Hunnys* RXXVII 92 Colours lyght and sad. 1600 SURFLET *Country Farm* VI. XXII. 802 Russet wines: In the number wherof, are contained the red wines, or sad, and light red. 1609 C. BUTLER *Fem. Mon.* (1634) 105 The second Summer, this light yellow is changed to a sad. 1658 ROWLAND tr. *Mouffet's Theat. Ins.* 936 Long and slender shanks of a very sad black colour. 1686 PLOT *Staffordsh.* 201 First of a dark greenish colour, growing sadder by degrees as the plant decays, till it approaches a black. 1799 G. SMITH *Laboratory* II. 311 Dubbing, of the down of a sad grey cat. 1836 *Backwoods of Canada* 241 The leaves are of a sad green, sharply notched, and divided in three lobes. 1855 BRIMLEY *Ess.*, *Tennyson* 99 Sad greys and browns. 1867 O. W. HOLMES *Guard. Angel* iii, She had always..been dressed in sad colors. 1883 STEVENSON *Treas. Isl.* xiii, The general colouring was uniform and sad.

† **b.** Dark-coloured, sober-coloured. *Obs.*

1560 BECON *Catech.* VI. Wks. I. 536 If they be olde women and maryed; not lyght apparell, but sad raiment pleaseth a godly husband. 1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* I. xii. 5 Arayd in antique robes downe to the grownd, And sad habiliments. 1668 PEPYS *Diary* 24 Aug., My wife is upon hanging the long chamber..with the sad stuff that was in the best chamber. 1711 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 4919/4 A Man..between 20 and 30 years of Age, pale Visage and sad Hair.

† **9.** Of sleep: Sound, deep. *Obs.*

a 1350 *St. Nicholas* 329 in Horstm. *Altengl. Leg.* (1881) 15 Sodanly he fell on full sad slepe. 1377 LANGL. *P. Pl.* B. V. 4 Þanne waked I of my wynkynge and wo was with-alle, þat I ne hadde sleped sadder and yseiȝen more. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 679 Medea..Persauyt..þat all sad were on slepe. *c* 1450 *Mankind* 585 in *Macro Plays* 22 Ȝe may here hym snore; he ys sade a-slepe. 1485 CAXTON *St. Wenefr.* 20, I couerd my hede and fylle in to a sadde slepe.

† **10.** Of blows: Heavy, delivered with vigour. [So early mod.G. *satt.*]

c 1350 *Will. Palerne* 2775 He..set hire a sad strok so sore in þe necke, þat sche top ouer tail tombled ouer þe hacches. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 1263 One caupet with hym kenely,.. And set hym a sad dynt. 1470–85 MALORY *Arthur* XI. iv. 576 And there they dasshed to gyders many sadde strokes. 1503 HAWES *Examp. Virt.* XI. XIX, But I my swerd in my hand had Strykynge at hym with strokes sad. *a* 1578 LINDESAY (Pitscottie) *Chron. Scot.* (S. T. S.) I. 222 The strampe of Mr Patrickis was so sade wpoun his brotheris footte.

† **b.** Of a fire: Violent. *Obs.*

c 1420 *Chron. Vilod.* 1911 Hurre thou3t þat hurre chaufere ..Was set ouer a feure bothe gret & sadde.

† **c.** Of rain: Heavy. *Obs.*

1638 SIR T. HERBERT *Trav.* (ed. 2) 30 Heaven it self at that instant weeping so abundantly, that I never saw a sadder raine and of lesse continuance. *c* 1645 HOWELL *Lett.* (1650) I. 184 In a sad shower of rain.

III. 11. *Comb.* in many adjs., chiefly parasynthetic, as *sad-avised* (quasi-*arch.* after BLACK-A-VISED), *-coloured, -eyed, -faced, -hearted, -natured, -paced, -seeming, -tuned, -voiced*; **sad-cake** *dial.* and *U.S.*, an unleavened cake.

1878 BESANT & RICE *Monks Thelema* III. 124 She did not writhe as she walked; she was not *sad-avised. 1889 J. NICHOLSON *Folk Sp. E. Yorksh.* 79 *Sad keeaks and dip form a favourite breakfast. 1660 BLOUNT *Boscobel* II. (1680) 27 His Majesty..cloathed in a short Juppa of *sad coloured cloath. 1818 SCOTT *Hrt. Midl.* iv, A decent suit of sad-coloured clothes. 1599 SHAKS. *Hen. V*, I. ii. 202 The *sad-ey'd Justice with his surly humme. 1588 — *Tit. A.* V. iii. 67 You *sad facde men, people and sons of Rome. 1593 — 3 *Hen. VI*, II. v. 123 *Sad-hearted-men, much ouergoe with Care. *a* 1568 ASCHAM *Scholem.* I. (Arb.) 36 This *sadde natured, and hard witted child. 1599 MARSTON *Sc. Villanie* I. Proem., Stay his quick iocund skips, and force him runne A *sad pas't course. *a* 1633 AUSTIN *Medit.* (1635) 131 So all is Joy againe; till this *Sad-seeming Tydings come. 1597 SHAKS. *Lover's Compl.* 4 And downe I laid to list the *sad tun'd tale. 1844 MRS. BROWNING *Wine of Cyprus* VI, I am *sad-voiced as the turtle Which Anacreon used to feed.

B. *adv. Obs.* exc. *poet.*

† **1.** Firmly, strongly, fixedly. *Obs.*

c 1380 *Sir Ferumb.* 353 Loke þat þou be armed sad & hele þy bare scolle. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 2078 He þat set is full sad on a soile euyn,..Hym þar not hede to be hurt with no hegh falle. *c* 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* VII. 59 Nowe potage ware in askes mynge, & kepe In oil barelles or salt tubbis done; Saad cleyed wel, they saaf beth leyd to slepe. *c* 1475 *Partenay* 3859 Adieu, my suete loue prented in hert sad!

† **2.** Heavily, with force. *Obs.*

? *a* 1400 *Arthur* 605 Þey fowȝt euer sore & sadde; Men nyst ho þe betere hadde. *c* 1420 *Avow. Arth.* XXV, He stroke him sadde and sore. 1629 Z. BOYD *Balms of Gilead* 41 (Jam.) The longer the stroake be in comming it commeth down the sadder. *a* 1743 RELPH *Misc. Poems* (1747) 4 Up flew her hand to souse the cowren lad, But ah, I thought it fell not down owr sad.

† **3.** Steadfastly. *Obs.*

c 1440 *Partonope* 1863 These covenauntis to holde surely and sadde. *a* 1450 MYRC *Instr. Par. Priests* 260 Teche hem alle to leue sadde, þat hyt þat ys in þe awter made, Hyt ys verre goddes blode.

† **4.** Seriously, soberly, discreetly. *Obs.*

14.. *How Gd. Wyfe taught Dau.* 198 in *Q. Eliz. Acad.* (1869) 50 And þus thi freodes wylle be glade þat thou dispos þe wysly and sade.

† **5.** Thoroughly, truly, certainly. *Obs.*

c 1380 WYCLIF *Serm.* Sel. Wks. I. 56 Maister, þei seiden, we witen wel þat þou art sad trewe. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 3605 In sorow may be sene who is sad wise. *c* 1475 *Partenay* 874 Ful wel thay sad knew it the fayry was. *Ibid.* 950 Merueles,..I se ful sad; Neuer humain ey saw to it egal!

6. Sorrowfully.

1667 MILTON *P. L.* IV. 28 Sometimes towards Eden..his grievd look he fixes sad. 1819 KEATS *Lamia* II. 49 Why will you plead yourself so sad forlorn?

b. *Comb.* = *sadly-*.

1593 SHAKS. *Lucr.* 1590 Which when her sad beholding husband saw. 1613 W. BROWNE *Brit. Past.* II. iv, Their sad-sweet glance.

Sad (sæd), *v.* Forms: see the adj. [f. SAD *a.* Cf. SADE *v.*]

1. *trans.* To make solid, firm, or stiff; to compress. *Obs.* exc. *dial.* Cf. SADDEN *v.* 1.

1382 WYCLIF *Acts* iii. 7 And anoon the groundis and plauntis of him ben saddid to gidere [Vulg. *consolidatæ sunt*]. 1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* VII. lviii. (1495) 272 The matere is thycked and sadded and not obedyente to dygestyon. 14.. *Tretyce* in *Walter of Henley's Husb.* (1890) 47 Sowe your wyntur corne tymely so þt your lande may be sadid & your corne rotyd afore þt grete wyntur com. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 440/1 Saddyn, or make sadde, *solido, consolido.* 1496 *Dives & Paup.* (W. de W.) VI. XXI. 268/2 The lende by suffraunce of god may sadde the ayer and make hym a bodye of the ayer. 1807 HOGG *Mtn. Bard, Sandy Tod* III Sandy..Then the hay, sae rowed an' saddit, Towzled up that nane might ken.

† **2.** To make steadfast, establish, confirm (*in*).

1377 LANGL. *P. Pl.* B. X. 242 Austyn þe olde here-of he made bokes, And hym-self ordeyned to sadde vs in hileue. *c* 1425 *Orolog. Sapient.* I. in *Anglia* X. 333/2 Þe sowle þat is not 3it fullye saddete and stablete in þe moste parfyte degre of loue. *c* 1450 tr. *De Imitatione* III. l. 120 My mynde is saddid [orig. *solidata est*] in god, & groundid in crist.

† **3.** To darken (a colour). *Obs.*

1573 *Art of Limming* 4 Two parts azure and one of cereuse and sadded with the same azure or with blacke incke. 1634 J. B[ATE] *Myst. Nat.* 124 You may allay your Orpment with chalke, and sadde it with browne of Spain [etc.].

† **4.** To make sorrowful; to sadden. *Obs.*

1608 MARSTON *Antonio's Rev.* IV. iii, May it not sad your thoughts. 1643 PRYNNE *Sov. Power Parl.* I. (ed. 2) 24 The Lords hearing of these proceedings were much sadded. 1692 *Covt. Grace Conditional* 73 The Hearts of your Friends [are] exceedingly sadded. 1810 *The Age: A Poem* 3 When nature's visage sads the sight.

† **b.** To make dull or gloomy. *Obs.*

1610 G. FLETCHER *Christ's Vict.* I. ix, As when a vapour ..sads the smiling orient of the springing day.

† **c.** *intr. To sad it*: to talk in a sad manner.

1663 KILLIGREW *Parson's Wedd.* II. v. 95 While you sad it thus to one.

Sad, obs. form of SAID, SHED.

Sadaiceus, obs. pl. of SADDUCEE.

† **Sa'dded,** *ppl. a. Obs.* [f. SAD *v.* + -ED 1.] In senses of the verb: **a.** Solidified; compacted. **b.** Confirmed, strengthened. **c.** Saddened, made sorrowful.

c 1520 NISBET *N. T. in Scots, Rom.* XV. 1 Bot we saddit men aw to sustene the febilnes of seek men, and nocht pleise to our self. 1610 G. FLETCHER *Christ's Tri.* I. XXXVIII, The sadded aire hung all in cheerlesse blacke. 1654–66 EARL ORRERY *Parthen.* (1676) 693 The sadded Soldiers marched in the first Ranks. 1680 LACY *Prol. to 'Love Lost in the Dark'*, Which keeps our sadded Hearts in deep suspence.

Saddeli, -ly, obs. forms of SADLY.

Sadden (sæ'd'n), *v.* [f. SAD *a.* + -EN.]

1. *trans.* To make solid, firm, or stiff; to compress, render cohesive; to press or beat *down* into a compact mass. Now *dial.*

1600 G. PLAT in Worlidge *Syst. Agric.* (1669) 44 Also the roots of the Corn will spread better..if the ground be saddned a little in the bottom of every hole. 1641 BEST *Farm. Bks.* (Surtees) 77 Hee woulde have the water sattle away, and the grownd somewhat saddened. 1649 BLITHE *Eng. Improv.* xvii. 102 For your Lime after it is once Slacked, and Melted, it is of a very cold Nature; for it will sadden your Land exceedingly. 1688 R. HOLME *Armoury* III. 73/1 Treading it [*sc.* Hay] is to sadden it down either in the Mow or Rick, &c. 1707 MORTIMER *Husb.* (1721) I. 94 If Marle sadden Land, or make it stiff or binding, you must dung it well. 1813 T. BATCHELOR *Gen. View Agric. Bedf.* 342 (E. D. D.), The soil below will, instead of being brought up, be trampled and saddened.

† **b.** *intr.* To become stiff or solid. *Obs.*

1641 BEST *Farm. Bks.* (Surtees) 77 If there bee any winds aloft without raine, the grownd will sadden and the fields waxe dry. 1764 *Museum Rust.* I. XCII. 407 After which the ground began to sadden. 1764 ELIZA MOXON *Eng. Housew.* (ed. 9) 117 Then take them off the fire and let them stand a little to sadden.

2. *trans.* To render sad or sorrowful; to depress in spirits. Also, to give a sad appearance to.

1628 FELTHAM *Resolves* II. [I.] LVIII. 166 He smarts, and pines, and sadneth his incumbred soule. 1717 POPE *Eloisa to Abelard* 167 Her gloomy presence saddens all the scene. 1797 MRS. RADCLIFFE *Italian* I, With a heart saddened by disappointment. 1824 W. IRVING *T. Trav.* I. 28 Its beauty was saddened by care and anxiety. 1863 GEO. ELIOT *Romola* XX, Her round face much paled and saddened since he had parted from it. 1884 *Graphic* 4 Oct. 358/2 It saddens me to enter a Government bureau at the present day.

b. *intr.* To become sad or gloomy.

1718 POPE *Iliad* XIV. 558 Troy sadden'd at the View. 1727–46 THOMSON *Summer* 979 And Mecca saddens at the long delay. 1751 SMOLLETT *Per. Pic.* XVIII, Her countenance saddened in a moment. 1818 KEATS *What the Thrush said* 12 He who saddens At thought of idleness cannot be idle. 1859 FITZGERALD tr. *Omar* XXXIX, Better be merry with the fruitful Grape Than sadden after none, or bitter, Fruit. *fig.* 1795 COLERIDGE *Æolian Harp* 7 And watch the clouds, that late were rich with light, Slow saddening round.

3. *Dyeing* and *Calico-printing.* To tone down (colours) by the application of certain chemicals.

1791 HAMILTON *Berthollet's Dyeing* II. II. III. V. 196 These substances however saddened the crimson colour and gave it less lustre than alum. 1866 *Chamb. Encycl.* VIII. 414/2 *Saddening*, a peculiar method of applying certain mordants in dyeing and printing cloths, so as to give duller shades to the colours employed. 1873 E. SPON *Workshop Receipts* Ser. I. 30/2 Winch 30 minutes, and lift for saddening. 1874 SIR W. CROOKES *Handbk. Dyeing & Calico-print.* 53 For saddening olives, drabs, clarets, &c.,..it [*sc.* copperas] has been generally discarded in favour of a nitrate of iron.

Saddened (sæ'd'nd), *ppl. a.* [f. SADDEN *v.* + -ED 1.] Made sad.

1700 DRYDEN *Iliad* I. 768 The Limping Smith observ'd the sadden'd Feast. 1842 MANNING *Serm.* XI. (1848) I. 146 There is something peculiarly touching in the saddened tone of these few words. 1874 LISLE CARR *Jud. Gwynne* I. ii. 47 A bright flush swept over her..rather saddened face. 1879 FARRAR *St. Paul* (1883) 58 The Resurrection of Christ had scattered every cloud from their saddened souls.

Saddening (sæ·d'niŋ), *ppl. a.* [-ING 2.]

†**1.** That saddens or renders stiff. *Obs.*

1653 BLITHE *Eng. Improv. Impr.* 135 In..working it [lime] into the Land..it seems & appeares to be Coldest, and most sadning of Land of any Soyl whatsoever.

2. Causing sadness.

1742 COLLINS *Oriental Ecl.* IV. 24 And shrieks and sorrows load the saddening wind. 1804 J. GRAHAME *Sabbath* 705 He never longs to read the saddening tale Of endless wars. 1856 FROUDE *Hist. Eng.* (1858) II. vii. 190 The circumstances under which this session opened were..grave and saddening. 1884 *Chr. Commw.* 23 Oct. 21/3 It is saddening to hear that the Sunderland engineers have been on strike for 60 weeks.

Saddil, obs. form of SADDLE.

†**Sa·dding,** *vbl. sb. Obs.* [f. SAD *v.* + -ING 1.] The action of making sad.

1643 W. GREENHILL *Axe at Root* 35 Those Nations are remisse in Justice: besides the sadding of those are innocent, they abound in Delinquents and dangers. 1645 RUTHERFORD *Tryal & Tri. Faith* xxiv. 277 There is a sadding of the spirit,..which is forbidden.

†**Sa·dding,** *ppl. a. Obs.* [f. SAD *v.* + -ING 2.] a. That makes sad. b. Becoming sad.

1650 BAXTER *Saints' R.* IV. vi. § 7 (1654) 154 Are these such sadding and madding thoughts? *a* 1839 GALT *Demon Destiny* v. (1840) 34 Alas! my son, the sadding matron cried.

Saddish (sæ·diʃ), *a.* [f. SAD *a.* + -ISH.] Somewhat sad (see the adj.). Also *Comb.*

1647 W. BROWNE *Potex.* II. 265 Our Heroe..put off as well all his saddish Ornaments, as his triumphant. 1686 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 2192/4 A saddish coloured stuff Sute. 1848 J. H. NEWMAN *Loss & Gain* 336 His companion..in a hesitating, saddish voice, said that he was an Englishman.

Saddle (sæ·d'l), *sb.* Forms: 1 sadol, 3–6 sadel, 4–6 sadill, 5–6 sadell, sadil, 5 saddill, sadille, -yl, -yll(e, -elle, -ul, 5, 9 *Sc.* saidle, 5–7 sadle, 6– saddle. [Com. Teut.: OE. *sadol, -ul* masc. = MDu. *sadel* (mod.Du. *zadel, zaal*), OHG. *satal, -ul* (MHG. *satel*, mod.G. *sattel*), ON. *sǫðull* (Sw., Da. *sadel*):—OTeut. **satulo-z.*

Possibly adopted in OTeut. from some other Indogermanic language, and if so perh. a derivative of the root **sod-*, ablaut-var. of **sed-* (see SIT *v.*), whence the synonymous L. *sella* (:-**sedlā*), OSl. *sedlo* (Russian СѢДЛО *sʻedlo*, Pol. *siodło*). No known language, however, has a corresponding derivative from the *o* grade of the root.]

I. 1. A seat for a rider to be used on the back of a horse or other animal; esp., a concave seat of leather having side flaps and fitted with girths and stirrups. Also an analogous kind of seat for use on a cycle.

For the saddle, for riding purposes. *In the saddle,* on horseback. *To lose one's saddle,* to become unhorsed.

Beowulf 1038 (Gr.) Eahta mearas..þara anum stod sadol ..þæt wæs hildesetl heahcyninges. *c* 1205 LAY. 6473 Æt his sadele an æx. *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 3949 Vp-on hise asse his sadel he dede. *c* 1330 *Arth. & Merl.* 3871 (Kölbing) Mani in sadles held hem stille, & mani al so of hors felle. *c* 1385 CHAUCER *L. G. W.* 1199 Vpon a thikke palfrey paper white With sadel rede..Sitte Dido. 1484 CAXTON *Chivalry* 65 Lyke as by the sadyl a knyght is sure upon his hors. 1596 SHAKS. *1 Hen. IV*, II. i. 6, I prethee Tom, beate Cuts Saddle, put a few Flockes in the point. 1640 tr. *Verdere's Rom. of Rom.* III. 182 [They] let fly..with such a force, that they had almost lost their saddles. 1650 FULLER *Pisgah* IV. v. § 31. 91 Vea, such was his persevering beauty (fair in the Cradle and Saddle too)—that it lasted unto his old-age. 1672 PETTY *Pol. Anat.* (1691) 56 The 16,000 Families have for the Coach and Saddle near 40 M. Horses. *a* 1745 SWIFT *Direct. Servants, Groom,* Contrive that the Saddle may pinch the Beast in his Withers. 1837 W. IRVING *Capt. Bonneville* I. 113 Taking a couple of horses, one for the saddle, and the other as a pack-horse. 1859 TENNYSON *Elaine* 96 Sir King, mine ancient wound is hardly whole, And lets me from the saddle. 1887 BURY & HILLIER *Cycling* (Badm. Libr.) 340 A suitable saddle is a necessity for the comfort of the cyclist. *fig.* 1630 *R. Johnson's Kingd. & Commw.* 42 Nothing awes a great River so much as a bridge;..a bridge is the saddle to ride the Sea-horse.

b. With qualifying word indicating a particular kind of saddle; esp. *great saddle,* a saddle for the 'great horse' (see HORSE *sb.* 21).

For *hunting, pad, portmanteau, running, war saddle,* etc. see the first element. Also PACKSADDLE, SIDE-SADDLE.

1508 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scott.* IV. 119 Item, for v French sadilles to giff away; ilk sadill xxviij *s.* 1581 *Will of Wylteshire* (Somerset Ho.), Scottissh sadell. 1598 FLORIO, *Scrignuto naso,* a camoset, a flat-nose, a nose like a scotch-saddle. 1607 MARKHAM *Cavelarice* VI. ix. 49 [*margin*] The great horse saddle. *Ibid.* 50 Next vnto this saddle is the Morocco saddle..,and these two Saddles for seruice in the warres, are..sufficient. 1644 EVELYN *Diary* 1 Apr., The designe is admirable, some keeping neere an hundred brave horses, all managed to y^e greate saddle. 1665 SIR T. HERBERT *Trav.* (1677) 314 Saddles..high and close, like our great Saddle. 1688 R. HOLME *Armoury* III. 345/1 A Burford Saddle, hath the Seat plain, and the Skirts plain and streight. 1701 P. WARWICK *Mem. Chas. I,* 66 He rid the great horse very well; and on the little saddle he was ..a laborious hunter, or field-man.

†**c.** *Saddle curule* [nonce-use, tr. L. *sella curulis*], the curule chair.

1533 BELLENDEN *Livy* I. iii. (S.T.S.) I. 47 He cled him with riche & riall abilzementis, þat he was wourthy to sett in þe sadill curall. *Ibid.* 25, 181.

2. Figurative phrases. a. *In the saddle,* in a position of active management and guidance of affairs, in office; also, in readiness for work. Similarly *to get into the saddle. To cast out of saddle,* to deprive of office or position.

1660 PEPYS *Diary* 3 Mar., He told me he feared there was new design hatching, as if Monk had a mind to get into the saddle. 1675 tr. *Machiavelli's Prince* vii. (Rtldg. 1883) 52 Such as by the favour of fortune..have got into the saddle. 1738 NEAL *Hist. Purit.* IV. 225 The Presbyterians being now again in the saddle. 1819 SCOTT *Ivanhoe* XXV, I have known when my bare word would have cast the best man-at-arms among ye out of saddle and out of service. 1879 *19th Cent.* 668 All the states of Italy accepted the new Pope; and Rodrigo Borgia, once in the saddle, was not a man to be easily dislodged. 1881 R. G. WHITE *Eng. Without & Within* xiv. 323 The phrase 'in the saddle'—as an expression of readiness for work, is a peculiarly English phrase. 1891 S. C. SCRIVENER *Our Fields & Cities* 28 Otherwise the happy-go-lucky..system of production could not keep itself in the saddle to any durable extent.

b. †*To be beside the saddle*: to be beside the mark. (Cf. CUSHION *sb.* 10 b.) †*To put* or *set beside the saddle*: to put 'out of the running', to defeat the plans or ruin the career of. (Cf. CUSHION *sb.* 10 c.) †*To sit beside the saddle*: ? to abandon oneself to despair.

1568 GRAFTON *Chron.* II. 873 The French king..fearing least when he had almost runne his race, King Henry would put him beside hys sadell, whome he did halfe suspect to be a back friend of hys. 1579-80 NORTH *Plutarch, Tiberius & Caius* (1656) 693 If he could obtain it [*sc.* the Consulship], he was fully bent to set Caius beside the saddle. *a* 1590 GREENE *Metamorph.* Wks. (Grosart) IX. 81 Well, howsoeuer it be, Lucidor shall be mine, hee shall haue my heart, and I his, or else I will sit beside the saddle. 1644 VICARS *God in Mount* (1844) 19 As that no power either of Prince or Parliament, shall ever be able to set us, hereafter, beside the saddle. 1664 J. WEBB *Stone-Heng* (1725) 36 This Doctor is besides the Saddle, what is now in Use is not our Enquiry.

c. (*I will*) *either win the saddle or lose the horse* (or vice versa): said by one engaging in an adventure of which the issue will be either highly profitable or ruinous. Hence in various similar phrases.

1579 W. WILKINSON *Confut. Fam. Love* 62 b, He hath both ieoperded the horse, and lost the saddle. 1594 NASHE *Unfort. Trav.* Wks. 1883-4 V. 131 Whatsoeuer two resolute men will goe to dice for it, and win the bridle or lose the saddle. 1596 SPENSER *F. Q.* IV. v. 22 But Blandamour.. litle prays'd his labours evill speed, That for to winne the saddle lost the steed. 1603 BRETON *Packet Mad Lett.* 7 But my state being so downe the winde..I wil..thrust my selfe into some place of sernice in the warres, where I will either winne the Horse, or lose the Saddle. 1678 CUDWORTH *Intell. Syst.* I. v. § 42. 894 They..resolve either to 'win the saddle or loose the Horse'.

d. *To lay* or *set the saddle upon the right horse* (and similar phrases): to lay the blame on the right person.

1635 in Sainsbury *Cal. of Court Min. E. I. Co.* (1907) 15 [Resolving how they might] sett the saddle upon the right horse. 1652 COLLINGES *Caveat for Prof.* (1653) ii. C 1, You have laid the saddle upon the wrong Horse. *a* 1653 GOUGE *Comm. Hebr.* xi. 37 To remove this scandal, the apostle setteth the saddle on the right Horse, and sheweth, that [etc.]. 1690 WOOD *Life* 25 July (O.H.S.) III. 336 E. G. with child, layd on the tapster, who said that 'set the saddle on the right horse'. 1727 DE FOE *Syst. Magic* I. iii. (1840) 83 But let us bring things to a right understanding, do Satan justice, and set the saddle upon the right devil. 1752 MRS. C. LENNOX *Female Quixote* (1820) II. VII. xii. 154 I'll clear myself, and put the saddle upon the right horse! 1839 HOOD *Tale of a Trumpet* xlviii, And the cat at last escapes from the bag—And the saddle is placed on the proper nag.

e. *To put* (one) *to every corner of* or *to all the seats of* (one's) *saddle*: to compel to try every expedient. *Sc.*

1825 SCOTT in Lockhart *Life* (1837) VI. 24, I have the dregs of Abbotsford House to pay for..so I must look for some months to be put to every corner of my saddle. 1825 JAMIESON *Dict.* s.v., *To put one to a' the seats o' the Saddle,* to nonplus, to gravel one, S.

f. In proverbial similative phrases.

1566 KNOX *Hist. Ref.* Wks. (1846) I. 242 Als seimlye a sight..as to putt a sadill upoun the back of ane unrewly kow. 1663 *Aron-bimn.* 88 But for this pretence of pulling down Antichrist, it is a saddle that will fit any back. 1677 W. HUGHES *Man of Sin* II. xii. 215 That becometh him as handsomely (according to our Proverb) as A saddle doth a Cowes back.

3. That part of the harness of a shaft-horse which takes the bearing of the shafts (see quot. 1851); a cart- or gig-saddle.

[1377: see *cartsaddle* vb., CART *sb.* 6. *c* 1425 *Voc.* in Wright-Wülcker 665/33 *Hoc dorsilollum,* cartsadylle.] 1794 [see HOUSING *sb.*² 2 b]. 1837 MARRYAT *Olla Podr.* XXXVI, The shaft horse neither felt his saddle nor his belly-band. 1851 H. STEPHENS *Bk. of the Farm* (ed. 2) I. 430 The shaft-horse requires bridle, collar, haims, saddle, and breeching, to be fully equipped..The saddle—as saddle and breeching together are commonly called—is placed on the horse's back immediately behind the shoulder. 1856 'STONEHENGE' *Brit. Rural Sports* III. III. iv. 543/1 The supporting and backing part [of gig harness] consists of the Pad or Saddle..This has two rings for the reins, called the Terrets, and a Hook for the bearing rein. 1875 [see PAD *sb.*³ 2 b]. 1882 J. PHILIPSON *Harness* 25 The pad is sometimes used instead of a saddle for single harness.

II. Something resembling a saddle in shape or position.

4. *Physical Geogr., Mining,* etc. a. A depression in a hill or line of hills. [So G. *sattel.*] b. A long elevation of land with sloping sides; a ridge, esp. one connecting two hills; also, a similar formation of ice or snow.

1555 EDEN *Decades* 350 A lowe longe lande, and a longe poynt, with a saddle throwgh the myddeste of it. 1697 DAMPIER *Voy.* (1699) 267 A very high Hill..with a Saddle or bending on the top. 1779 FORREST *Voy. New Guinea* 159 [We] discerned other land, bearing from N. W. to W. N. W. forming in saddles and hummocs. 1833 M. SCOTT *Tom Cringle* xix, There was a long narrow saddle or ridge of limestone about five hundred feet high. 1839 MURCHISON *Situr. Syst.* I. 134 The carboniferous strata are thrown into partial saddles and curvatures. 1860 TYNDALL *Glac.* I. xvi. 108 The..glacier..being terminated by a saddle which stretches across from mountain to mountain. 1862 MERIVALE *Rom. Emp.* (1865) V. xl. 23 The Palatine is connected with the Esquiline by the low ridge or saddle of the Velia. 1871 L. STEPHEN *Playgr. Eur.* (1894) 130 We stepped at last on to the little saddle of snow. 1876 GREEN *Phys. Geol.* ix. § 3. 347 When the beds have been bent into the form of arches these are called Anticlinals or Saddles.

5. In mechanical uses. a. *Naut.* A block of wood, hollowed out above and below, fastened to a spar to take the bearing of another spar attached to it.

1512-13 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* IV. 463 Item..for viij greit treis to mak the sadillis to the greit schip and Margret..xlviij *s.* 1769 FALCONER *Dict. Marine* (1780), *Saddle,* a small..wooden block,..nailed on the lower yard-arms, to retain the studding-sail booms in a firm and steady position. 1882 NARES *Seamanship* (ed. 6) 178 To get the heel of the boom..down in the saddle.

b. *Bridge-construction.* (*a*) A block on the top of a pier to carry the suspension cables. (*b*) A frame used in the construction of a pontoon-bridge (see quot. 1853).

1831 J. HOLLAND *Manuf. Metal* I. 108 On the extreme height of the suspension piers are placed the cast iron blocks or saddles. 1853 SIR H. DOUGLAS *Milit. Bridges* (ed. 3) 30 The Saddle [of a pontoon bridge] is a frame of fir timber, which is placed centrally over the axis of a pontoon..and serves to receive the ends of the balks. 1868 *Daily Tel.* 14 Apr., A fresh pontoon was brought alongside, fresh saddles were lashed to it, another length of balks..was dropped into the saddle. 1876 *Encycl. Brit.* IV. 301/2 Suspension Bridges.—The chains where they pass over the piers rest on saddles.

c. A 'seat' or support on which a gun is placed for bouching.

1862 F. A. GRIFFITHS *Artil. Man.* (ed. 9) 190 Saddle [for Armstrong gun], with Tightening Screws. 1875 in KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.*

d. (See quot. 1888.)

1888 *Lockwood's Dict. Mech. Engin.* s.v., The seatings or supports which carry horizontal cylindrical boilers..are called saddles. 1899 *Daily News* 9 Mar. 5/3 The saddles that held the six thirty-ton boilers in place broke.

e. *Telegraphy.* A bracket to support the wire on the top of a pole or ridge.

1867 R. S. CULLEY *Pract. Telegr.* (ed. 2) 122 The saddle or bracket must be fixed with screws. 1885 *Ibid.* (ed. 8) 148 At the top of the pole a galvanised iron roof is fixed, and over it a cast-iron saddle, into which the insulator bolt fits. 1884 *Law Times Rep.* LI. 161/2 The attachments to buildings were made..by means of standards or ridge saddles attached to the roofs.

f. *Railways.* (? *U.S.*) (*a*) The bearing resting on the journal of an axle in the axle-box. (*b*) A chair for a rail. 1875 in KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.* 459, 2011.

g. In various machines: The base of a slide rest, drilling head, etc., which slides along its support.

1869 W. J. M. RANKINE *Cycl. Mach. & Hand-Tools* Plate H 8 The self-acting motion for the saddles is arranged as follows. 1869 *Eng. Mech.* 24 Dec. 355/1 The saddle (which carries the wood) is drawn to the hand-wheel end of the machine. 1879 *Cassell's Techn. Educ.* IV. 264/2 The lower part of the slide-rest is termed the 'saddle'. 1888 *Lockwood's Dict. Mech. Engin., Saddle,* the base of a slide rest. ..Similarly, the sliding plate which carries the drill spindle and gear wheels of a radial drill.

h. (*a*) A saddle-shaped electrical conductor. (*b*) A concave pad to be applied to a limb that is to be electrified.

1838 FARADAY *Exper. Researches* (1844) II. 5 A plate of copper..was bent into a saddle shape,..a jacket of sheet caoutchouc was put over the saddle. 1849 NOAD *Electricity* (ed. 3) 492 If, then, we wish to administer *direct* shocks to a paralytic limb, say the leg, we apply a sponge director or saddle..to the hip.

i. In various applications: see quots.

1750 BLANCKLEY *Nav. Expositor, Saddles* are used by the Smiths to turn Thimbles hollow on. 1833 LOUDON *Encycl. Arch.* 492 To pebble-pave the byres..with proper cribstone and saddle (the former partitions off the crib; and the latter the gutter behind). 1856 MORTON *Cycl. Agric., Provincialisms, Saddle,* (Fife), that part of stall between manger and grip. 1873 E. SPON *Workshop Receipts* Ser. I. 61/2 [Varnish making.] A saddle, which is a sheet of plate-iron, or tin, 12 in. broad, and turned up 1½ in. at each side..to prevent the spilling of the varnish during the time of taking..out. 1875 T. SEATON *Fret Cutting* 76 There are two very efficient aids to the saw...The first is the bench saddle...It is a piece of wood with reverse shoulders; the under shoulder hooks against the side of the bench,..the upper shoulder catches any piece of wood laid against it for sawing. 1884 W. S. B. MCLAREN *Spinning* 250 *Saddles,* the steel bars in a gill box on which the fallers travel. 1887 *Archit. Publ. Soc. Dict., Saddle,* a term used in Suffolk for a thin piece of wood fixed on the floor between the jambs of a door and under it.

6. *Cookery.* In full *saddle of mutton.* A 'joint' of mutton, venison, etc., consisting of the two loins and conjoining vertebræ.

1747 MRS. GLASSE *Cookery* 4 The Saddle of Mutton (which is the two Loins). *Ibid.* 24 To French a Hind Saddle of Mutton. It is the two Rumps. 1789 MRS. PIOZZI *Journ. France* II. 338 A saddle of mutton, or more properly a chine. 1806 PIKE *Sources Mississ.* (1810) 75 Hams and saddles of venison. 1844 H. STEPHENS *Bk. of the Farm* II. 99 When cut double, forming the chine or saddle. 1859 *All Year Round* No. 29. 57 Nowhere can the equal of a

Sussex haunch or saddle be obtained. 1890 L. C. D'Oyle *Notches* p. ix, They took merely the skins and 'saddle' of the antelope they killed.

7. Applied to certain parts of animals. **a.** A natural saddle-like marking on the back of the Harp Seal. Cf. Saddle-back *sb.* 4 c.

1784 Pennant *Arctic Zool.* I. 165 The Newfoundland Seal-hunters call it the Harp, or Heart Seal, and name the marks on the sides the saddle. 1884 Goode, etc. *Nat. Hist. Aquatic Anim.* 62.

b. *Conchol.* † (*a*) A saddle-oyster (see 10); (*b*) see quot. 1851.

1815 S. Brookes *Introd. Conchol.* 156 Saddle, *Anomia Sella.* 1851 Woodward *Mollusca* 78 The shell..is an extremely elongated cone,..divided into cells or chambers by a series of partitions (*septa*)..When they are folded, the elevations are called 'saddles'. 1894 *Geol. Mag.* Oct. 436 Shell (east) discoidal, with somewhat inflated whorls;..outer saddle only partly known.

c. (See quot.)

1872 L. Wright *Poultry* xvii. 205 *Saddle*, the posterior part of the back, reaching to the tail, in a cock, answering to the cushion in a hen; often, however, applied to both sexes, cushion being more restricted to a great development, as in Cochins, while 'saddle' may be applied to any breed.

8. *Bot.* A ridge separating the fovea and foveola in the leaves of *Isoetes*.

1882 Vines tr. *Sachs' Bot.* 475 Above the fovea and separated from it by the 'saddle', lies a smaller depression.

III. attrib. and Comb.

9. Simple attrib., as *saddle-flap, -girt, -girth, -horn* (Horn *sb.* 21 b), *-lap, -lashing, -nail*, †*-panel* (Panel *sb.*1 1), *-place, -pommel, -soap, -spring, -strap, -stuffing, -tack, -withers*; *saddle-like* adj.; with the sense 'used for riding', as *saddle-ass, -colt, -horse, mare, -ox, pony*; with the meaning 'saddle-shaped', as *saddle flange, key*; in the names of affections incident to the use of the saddle, as *saddle-bruise, raw, soreness*; also appositive, as (sense 5 a) *saddle-crutch*, (sense 4) *-glacier*, (sense 5 g) *-piece*; objective, as *saddle-maker, -making*.

1657 J. Watts *Vind. Ch. Eng.* 112 God once opened the mouth of Balaams *Saddle-asse. 1709 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 4523/4 He had..a white Spot on his Back, that came by a *Saddle-bruise. 1707 Mortimer *Husb.* (1721) I. 208 The first Year *Saddle-Colts should only be walked. 1867 Smyth *Sailor's Word-bk.* s. v. *Saddles*, We have a *saddle-crutch for the main or driver boom on the taffarel. 1888 *Lockwood's Dict. Mech. Engin.*, **Saddle Flange*, a curved flange hollowed out to fit a boiler, a pipe, or other cylindrical vessel. 1844 H. Stephens *Bk. of the Farm* II. 219 The *saddle-flaps should be sponged clean of mud. 1813 J. C. Hobhouse *Journey* (ed. 2) 712 We..found the stream as high as the *saddle-girts. 1813 Scott *Rokeby* VI. xxxiii, And, bursting in the headlong away, The faithless *saddle-girths gave way. 1884 *Pall Mall G.* 10 June 11/1 The summit of the [Kangla] pass..is crowned by a noble *saddle glacier. 1890 L. C. D'Oyle *Notches* 73, I..threw the rein of his horse up over the *saddle-horn. 1662 Gerbier *Principles* 32 To accustome the Neapolitan great *Saddle-Horse to raise their Neck. 1867 Trollope *Chron. Barset* I. xxvii. 238 He hired a saddle-horse..and started after breakfast. 1888 *Lockwood's Dict. Mech. Engin.*, **Saddle Key*, a key whose inner face is hollowed to fit its shaft. 1803 *Scott's Minstrelsy* III. 266 He louted owr his *saddle lap, To kiss her ere they part. 1822 A. Cunningham *Tradit. Tales, Last Ld. of Helvellyn* (1887) 217 My fathers have fought to the saddle-laps in English blood for the men of the house of Maxwell. *c* 1860 H. Stuart *Seaman's Catech.* 1 The muzzle and *saddle lashings of guns. 1784 J. King *Cook's Voy.* III. VI. iii. 238 On each side of this break the land is quite low; beyond the opening rises a remarkable *saddle-like hill. *c* 1500 *Melusine* 43 Raymondyn sent for a *Sadlemaker, to whom he said: 'My frend..ye muste cutte this hyde in fourme of a thonge'. 1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 142/1 The saddle-maker has to consider the ease and comfort of both horse and rider. *Ibid.*, *Saddle-making and the cutting and sewing of bridles. 1707 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 4312/3 Lost.., a bay *Saddle Mare. 1875 Knight *Dict. Mech.*, **Saddle-nail*, a short nail having a large, smooth head, used in making saddles. 1824 W. J. Burchell *Trav. S. Africa* Index, s.v. *Oxen*, *Saddle Oxen; their rate of travelling. 1465-6 *Durh. Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 90 Pro ij *Sadillpanell empt. pro le fissheman, ij s. iiij d. 1725 Bradley *Fam. Dict.* s. v. *Saddle*, Some stuff their Saddle-Pannels with well dry'd Moss. 1825 J. Nicholson *Operat. Mechanic* 322 When the screw is turned round, the *saddle-piece will slide uniformly along the triangular bar. 1890 Slingo & Brookes *Electr. Engin.* xvii. 600 The channelling [for underground cables] consists of blocks of bituminous concrete made in six-foot lengths and jointed by a saddle-piece of the same material. 1707 Mortimer *Husb.* (1721) I. 209 Whoever..takes not off his [horse's] *Saddle 'till he is cold, and then rubs the *Saddle-place well. 1593 Markham *Horsemanship* B 3 b, Casting the raynes thereof ouer the *Saddle pomell. 1900 H. Sutcliffe *Shameless Wayne* xxiv. (1905) 308 His return blow..grazing the Lean Man's saddle-pummel as it fell. 1887 Anstey in *Macm. Mag.* Feb. 261/2 My riding was interrupted for a while. Brutus was discovered..to have a *saddle-raw. 1889 *Field* 7 Dec. LXXIV. 793/2 The *saddle soap made by Messrs. B——. 1907 *Daily Chron.* 1 Mar. 7/5 *Saddle soreness is provoked if every stroke of the pedals extends the leg to the utmost. 1887 Bury & Hillier *Cycling* (Badm. Libr.) 340 The combined *saddle-springs recently introduced. 1753 Chambers *Cycl. Supp.*, **Saddle-straps* ..are used to hold the girths fast to the saddle. 1890 'R. Boldrewood' *Col. Reformer* (1891) 193 Cut a straight sapling while we rouse out the saddle-straps for a splice. 1871 Kingsley *At Last* xiii, We saw the husk carded out ..for..*saddle-stuffing. 1821 *Blackw. Mag.* IX. 132 Hogg should purchase a pennyworth of *saddle-tacks, and..nail the ears of the Gude Grey Catte to his stable-door. 1725 Bradley *Fam. Dict.* s.v. *Saddle*, The *Saddle-Withers should be low.

10. Special comb., as **saddle-band** *Sc.*, ? the band of a pedlar's pack; **saddle-bar**, (*a*) *Glazing*, each of the small horizontal iron bars (fitting over the upright stanchions) to which the lead panels are secured; (*b*) *Saddlery* (see quot. 1875); **saddle-billed** *a.*, an epithet applied to the stork *Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis*, from the recurved shape of its bill; †**saddle bitten** *a.*, galled with a saddle; **saddle-blanket** *U.S.*, a small blanket used, folded, as a saddle-cloth; **saddle boiler**, a boiler of concave form for use with heating apparatus; **saddle-bracket**, (*a*) a receptacle for a saddle when not in use; (*b*) *Telegr.* = 5 e above; **saddle carp** (see quot.); **saddle-carpenter**, one who makes the frames or trees of saddles; **saddle-case**, † (*a*) the housing of a saddle (*obs.*); (*b*) a travelling case for a saddle; †**saddle-charge**, ? a saddle load; **saddle clip** (see quot.); †**saddle drum**, ? a small drum carried on the saddle; **saddle-eaves** *pl.*, jocularly used for the side of a saddle; **saddle-fast** *a.*, firmly seated in the saddle; **saddle-gall**, a sore produced on the back of a horse by the chafing of the saddle; **saddle-galled** *a.*, chafed with the saddle; affected with saddle-gall; **saddle-grafting** (see quot.); †**saddle-hill**, a saddle-back hill; **saddle-house**, † (*a*) a saddle-cloth (*obs.*); (*b*) a building in which saddlery is kept; **saddle-iron** *Sc.*, a stirrup; **saddle-joint**, (*a*) *Mech.* (see quot. 1875); (*b*) *Building* (see quot. 1901); (*c*) *Anat.* (see quot. 1897); **saddle leaf** *U.S.*, the saddle-tree, or American tulip-tree (*Cent. Dict.* 1891); **saddle-leather**, the leather composing a saddle; also, leather specially prepared for saddle-making; **saddle-mat**, a mat used in the Western U. S. as a saddle-cloth; **saddle-nose**, (*a*) a flat or snub-nose; (*b*) see quot. 1897; **saddle-nosed** *a.*, having a saddle-nose; also, of a bird 'having a soft nasal membrane saddled on the bill' (*Cent. Dict.*); **saddle-oyster**, a name given to certain anomioid bivalves, the shape of which resembles that of a saddle; **saddle-pin**, the pin of a cycle saddle which fits into a socket on the cycle frame; **saddle pistol**, a holster pistol; **saddle-plate**, the bent plate which forms the arch of the furnace in steam boilers of the locomotive type (*Cent. Dict.*); **saddle-quern** (see quot.); **saddle-rack** = *saddle-bracket* (a); **saddle-rail**, **-reed** (see quots.); †**saddle-rings**, circular marks on the back of a horse caused by the abrasion of the saddle; **saddle-roof**, a saddleback roof; **saddle-room**, a room in which saddlery is kept when not in use; **saddle-rug**, a saddle-cloth made of carpeting (*Cent. Dict.*); **saddle sealing**, hunting and catching the saddleback seal; **saddle seat** *dial.*, a horse for riding purposes; **saddle-shaped** *a.*, resembling a saddle in shape; *Geol.*, anticlinal; **saddle-shell** = *saddle-oyster*; **saddle-sick** *a.*, *Sc.*, indisposed through riding; †**saddle side**, the concave lower side (of the liver); **saddle-skirts** *pl.*, the lowermost parts of a saddle; also, the part of a horse's flanks covered by these; **saddle-sore** *a.*, chafed with the saddle; †**saddle-speck**, a mark caused by the abrasion of the saddle; **saddle spot** = prec.; hence **saddle-spotted** *a.*; **saddle-stead** *poet.*, the place of the saddle; **saddle-stone**, (*a*) *Arch.*, the stone forming the angle at the summit of the coping of a gable; (*b*) 'an old name for a variety of stone containing saddle-shaped depressions' (*Cent. Dict.*); **saddle-stool** = *saddle-bracket* (a); **saddle-tank** (see quot. 1871); also *attrib.* as **saddle-tank engine** (see quot. 1888); †**saddle tore** (see quot.); **saddle wire** *Telegr.*, the wire running along the tops of telegraph posts. Also Saddle back, -bag, -bow, -cloth, -tree.

a 1604 in Row *Hist. Kirk* (1842) 463 It [*sc.* the ministrie] will die in thy hand Therefor the backe shall beare the *saddle-band. 1825 J. Nicholson *Operat. Mechanic* 638 Frames [in lead-work] intended to receive these lights are made with bars across, to which the lights are fastened.. called *saddle-bars. 1874 Micklethwaite *Mod. Par. Churches* 293 It is now most common to place the saddle-bars outside the glass. 1875 Knight *Dict. Mech.*, *Saddle-bar*, the side-bar, side-plate, or spring-bar of a saddle-tree, one on each side connecting the pommel and cantle. 1877 *Nature* 17 May 54/1 The additions to the Zoological Society's Gardens..include..a *Saddle-billed Stork. 1592 Greene *Conny Catch.* II. Wks. (Grosart) X. 80 He..made him spotted in the backe, as if he had been *saddle bitten. 1885 B. Harte *Maruja* vi, His quick eye was attracted by a *saddle-blanket. 1881 *Encycl. Brit.* XII. 228/2 The *saddle boiler is very efficient in form, steady and sure in its working. 1885 *Bazaar* 30 Mar. 1254/2 Wanted, saddle boiler ..to heat small greenhouse. 1844 H. Stephens *Bk. of the Farm* I. 190 The riding-horse-stable should have *saddle-brackets. 1876 Preece & Sivewright *Telegraphy* 210 If a wire is to be run along the top of the pole, brackets.. named saddle-brackets, or simply saddles, are..used. 1888 G. B. Goode *Amer. Fishes* 416 When there is a row of large scales down the back it [*sc.* the King Carp] is called the '*Saddle Carp'. *a* 1720 W. Gibson *Diet of Horses* viii. (ed. 3) 125 A Country where there is perhaps the most expert *Saddle-Carpenters and Saddlers in the World. 1753 Chambers *Cycl. Supp.*, **Saddle-case*. See the article *Housing*. 1895 *Army & Navy Co-op. Soc. Price List* 497 Tin-lined Saddle Cases for Ladies' Saddles. *a* 1500 *Lat. & Eng. Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 609/35 *Sauma*, a *Sadylcharge. 1884 Knight *Dict. Mech.* Suppl., **Saddle Clip*, a clip which straddles the spring and axle. 1617 Purchas *Pilgrimage* (ed. 3) 593 *Saddle drummes of gold set with stones, vsed in Hawking. 1663 Butler *Hudibras* I. i. 412 But after many strains and heaves, He got up to the *saddle-eaves. 1805 Scott *Last Minstr.* III. vi, Still sate the warrior *saddle-fast. 1726 *Dict. Rust.* (ed. 3), **Saddle-gall*. 1831 Youatt *Horse* 169 For saddle galls there is no better application than [etc.]. 1680 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 1555/4 One brown bay Nag..having been lately *Saddle-galled. 1898 Doyle *Trag. Korosko* i, The saddle-galled donkeys. 1824 Loudon *Encycl. Gard.* § 2032 *Saddle-grafting is performed by first cutting the top of the stock into a wedge-like form, and then splitting up the end of the scion..; it is then placed on the wedge, embracing it on each side. 1773 *Cook's 1st Voy.* II. vii. in *Hawkesworth's Voy.* III. 419 There is,..very near the shore, a remarkable *saddle-hill. 1431-2 *Durh. Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 231 Et in j nova hakney-sadyll et j nova *Sadyllehouse. 1799 *Hull Advertiser* 12 Oct. 1/1 A very excellent Mansion House with coach house, saddle house and stabling. 1870 E. Peacock *Ralf Skirl.* III. 101 The Squire sought out Bob in the saddle-house. 1822 Galt *Gilhaize* I. 3 His father having a profitable traffic in *saddle-irons and bridle-rings among the gallants of the court. 1875 Knight *Dict. Mech.*, **Saddle-joint*, a form of joint for sheet-metal..One portion overlaps and straddles the vertical edge of the next. 1897 *Syd. Soc. Lex.*, *Saddle-joint*, a joint in which the articulating bony surfaces are convex in one direction and concave in the other. 1901 R. Sturgis *Dict. Archit.* s. v. *Joint, Saddle Joint*. In a weathered course of masonry,..a joint formed between two adjoining stones whose ends are cut higher than the surface of the weathering between. These projections at the ends are usually sloped or rounded away from the joint ..so as to shed water from the mortar. 1832 Tennyson *Lady of Shalott* III. iii, Thick-jewell'd shone the *saddle-leather. 1883 *Century Mag.* Aug. 523/1 Mats, called 'cocas',..are much sought after by California ranchmen as *saddle-mats. 1626 Bacon *Sylva* § 27 The Raising gently of the Bridge of the Nose [of an infant], doth preuent the Deformity of a *Saddle Nose. 1897 *Syd. Soc. Lex.*, *Saddle-nose*, a nose the bridge of which has sunk, in consequence of necrosis of the nasal bones. 1598-9 Hakluyt *Voy.* I. 101 His wife..had cut and pared her nose betweene the eyes, that she might seeme to be more flat and *saddle-nosed. 1742 C. Jarvis *Quix.* I. III. ii. 86 An Asturian wench, broad-faced, flat-headed, and saddle-nosed. 1856 Woodward *Mollusca* 256 *P[lacuna] sella*, called, from its shape, the '*saddle-oyster', is remarkably striated. 1896 *Westm. Gaz.* 28 Apr. 5/2 He carried the despatches in the *saddle-pin of his bicycle. 1881 Greener *Gun* 376 The Double-grip *Saddle Pistol. Side-lever action Saddle Pistol. 1872 J. Evans *Anc. Stone Impl.* x. 226 The name of *saddle-quern has been given to this form of grinding apparatus [*sc.* a bed-stone slightly hollowed on its upper surface and a large oval pebble for a muller]. 1890 A. T. Fisher *Through the Stable* xii. 93 *Saddle-racks are usually fixed to the walls of a saddle-room. 1875 Knight *Dict. Mech.*, **Saddle-rail*, a railway rail which has flanges straddling a longitudinal and continuous sleeper. *Ibid.*, **Saddle-reed*, small reeds used in the place of cord to form the edges of gig-saddle sides. 1694 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 3017/4 Stolen..a brown bay Mare with a bald Face, *Saddle-rings [etc.]. 1875 Knight *Dict. Mech.*, **Saddle-roof*, a double gabled roof. 1883 *B'ham Weekly Post* 18 Aug. 8/6 He procured a loaded gun from the *saddle-room. 1888 *Encycl. Brit.* XXIV. 527/1 The majority of the vessels, after prosecuting the '*saddle' sealing at Newfoundland or Greenland, proceed direct to Disco. 1895 'Hugh Haliburton' *Dunbar* 70 Farmers that hed a *saddle seat,..Keep nae beast noo but cats an' mice. 1833-4 J. Phillips *Geol.* in *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) VI. 594/2 The limestone is uplifted into a *saddle-shaped or anticlinal ridge. 1870 Rolleston *Anim. Life* 17 Being concave from side to side and therefore saddle-shaped. 1900 B. D. Jackson *Gloss. Bot. Terms*, *Saddle-shaped*, applied to such valves of Diatoms as those of *Coscinodiscus*. 1863 J. G. Wood *Nat. Hist.* III. 419 *Saddle-shell, *Anomia ephippium*. 1823 Galt *Entail* vii, Weel do I ken what it is to be *saddle-sick mysel'. 1844 Mrs. Carlyle *Let.* 7 July, New Lett. & Mem. 1903 I. 140 The girls were dreadfully saddle-sick. For me, my old habit of riding, I suppose, had saved me. 1615 Crooke *Body of Man* 1 The inward face of the Liuer which is the lower, is..hollow, vnequall, and is called the *Simus* or *saddle side, that it may giue way to the stomacke strutting..with plenty of meat. 1610 Markham *Maister-p.* II. xliv. 286 Of Wennes or Knobs growing about the *saddle skirts. *a* 1656 Ussher *Ann.* VI. (1658) 153 Pharnabazus..rid his horse into the very sea, up to his saddle-skirts. *a* 1725 Thoresby *Diary* (1830) I. 295 We missed the deepest of the Wash..though we rode to the saddle-skirts for a considerable way. 1907 *Daily Chron.* 22 Oct. 8/4 Nicholas *saddle-sore by this time, and the mare too weary to shy. 1685 *Loud. Gaz.* No. 2062/4 Lost n black Coach Mare.., hath a small *Saddle-speck. 1668 *Ibid.* No. 272/4 A Baye Mare, no white, save some *Saddle spots. 1676 *Ibid.* No. 1098/4 Stolen.., a large brown bay Coach Gelding,..*saddle-spotted. 1876 Morais *Sigurd* II. 133 And his war-gear clanged and tinkled as he leapt to the *saddle-stead. 1843 *Civil Eng. & Arch. Jrnl.* VI. 320/1 Modern gables too are generally awkwardly terminated at the eaves by..*saddle-stones. 1856 'Stonehenge' *Brit. Rural Sports* 583/2 Hooks and *saddle-stools, or brackets, for the saddles or harness. 1871 *Young Gentleman's Ann.* Dec. 28 Other engines of this class [*sc.* tank-engines], however, carry their water in a tank (called a *saddle-tank) which rests on the top of the boiler. 1888 *Lockwood's Dict. Mech. Engin.*, *Saddle Tank Engine*, a locomotive engine in which the water tank envelops the top and sides of the boiler. 1681 Colvil *Whigs' Supplic.* (1741) 13 A Pistol..at either *Saddle tore. *Note.* Saddle tore, *Sndale Bow.* 1876 Preece & Sivewright *Telegraphy* 253 The most important circuit is generally worked upon the *saddle wire.

Saddle (sæ·d'l), *v.* Forms: 1 sadolian, sadelian, 3–6 sadel, (6 -ell), 4–5 sadyl(l, (5 -ylle), 4–7 sadle, (5 sadulle, sadil, 6 -ill), 6– saddle. [OE. *sadolian*, f. *sadol* SADDLE *sb.*; cf. MLG. *sadeln*, MDu. *sadelen*, Du. *zadelen*, OHG. *satalôn* (MHG. *satelen*, mod.G. *satteln*), ON. *sǫðla* (Sw. *sadla*, Da. *sadle*).]

1. *trans.* To put a riding-saddle upon (a horse or other animal); also *to saddle up*. Also *absol.*

c 1000 ÆLFRIC *Gram.* XXVIII. (Z.) 165 *Sterno*..ic sadelize hors. *c* 1205 LAY. 13512 Fortiger hæhte his sweines sadeli his blonken. *a* 1300 *K. Horn* 763 (Cambr. MS.) Horn sadelede his stede. *c* 1320 *Sir Beues* 757 (MS. A.) Beues let sadlen is ronsi. 1388 WYCLIF 1 *Kings* xiii. 13 And he seide to hise sones, Sadle ȝe an asse to me. And whanne thei hadden sadlid, he stiede, and ȝede after the man of God. *c* 1420 *Sir Amadace* (Camden) XXVIII, Quen Sir Amadace hade etun, To sadulle his horse was noȝte forȝetun. 1485 *Rutland Papers* (Camden) 4 A spare coursar lad in hand.. sadlet with a saddell of estate. 1587 TURBERV. *Trag. T.* iv. 69 b, He sadled vp his horse, and roade in post away. 1637 J. WILLIAMS *Holy Table* 206 What needs the Writer saddle up his Horse. 1761 GRAY *Odin* 2 Uprose the king.. And saddled strait his coal-black steed. 1839–55 W. IRVING *Wolfert's Roost* 47, I almost determined..to..saddle my horse, and ride off. 1901 *Daily Chron.* 27 Aug. 5/5, I then asked him to saddle-up my horse while I was dressing.

†**b.** *intr.* or *absol.* To inure a colt to the saddle.

1656 *Markham's Perfect Horseman* 19 When to Saddle.

c. *To saddle and bridle* fig., to subject to control.

1864 LOWELL *Fireside Trav.* 133 The cover [of the kettle] was chattering with the escaping steam, which had thus vainly begged of all men to be saddled and bridled, till James Watt one day happened to overhear it.

†**2.** *trans.* To ride, bestride (an animal). Also *transf. Obs.*

1550 BALE *Eng. Votaries* II. 18 b, Take that benefyce to you (sayth he to the priest) but saddle nomore the nonne. 1585 JAS. I *Ess. Poesie* (Arb.) 68 Vpon Alhallow ene, Quhen our gude nichtbors rydis..Some sadland a sho ape, ..Some hotcheand on a hemp stalk. 1598 R. DALLINGTON *Meth. Trav.* X 2 b, No maruell then, the bridle being left in their owne [French wives'] hands, though sometimes they be saddled, and their husbands know not. 1713 PETIVER in *Phil. Trans.* XXVIII. 184 Its lower Leaves are like the Garden Poppy, which higher saddle or ride the Stalk.

3. *intr.* To get into the saddle. In Colonial use *to saddle up.*

1835 BURNES *Trav. Bokhara* (ed. 2) II. 198 We dressed ourselves..and saddled at three P.M. 1849 E. E. NAPIER *Excurs. S. Africa* II. 12 Another term of Colonial import is that of 'saddling-up', and 'off-saddling'. 1863 W. C. BALDWIN *Afr. Hunting* ii. 33 We saddled and went in pursuit. 1865 KINGSLEY *Herew.* I. i. 61 Ay, every churl who owns a manor, must needs arm and saddle and levy war. 1890 'R. BOLDREWOOD' *Col. Reformer* (1891) 206 Bothwell, myself, and the six troopers, saddled up and departed.

4. *trans.* To charge or load *with* (a burden); now only *fig.* to load *with* (something) as a burden.

1693 DRYDEN *Persius* v. 207 The Slaves thy Baggage pack, Each saddled with his Burden on his Back. 1728 VANBRUGH & CIBBER *Prov. Husb.* I, His Estate..was left him saddled with two Joyntures, and two weighty Mortgages upon it. 1731 BAILEY vol. II. s.v., To saddle,..to embarrass, as to saddle a Cause. 1767 A. YOUNG *Farmer's Lett. to People* 162 But Mr. Justice..saddles the parish with whatever burthen he thinks proper. 1775 SHERIDAN *Duenna* I. iv, I'll saddle him with this scrape. 1837 LOCKHART *Scott* (1839) III. ix. 295 The earnest wish of Scott and Ballantyne to saddle the publisher of the new poem with part of their old 'quire stock'. 1858 SURTEES *Ask Mamma* xliv. 196 The chances then, are, that he is saddled with a sort of old man of the sea. 1874 L. STEPHEN *Hours in Library* (1892) I. iv. 157 We are perhaps inclined to saddle Scott unconsciously with the sins of a later generation. 1895 *Law Times Rep.* LXXIII. 691/1 Otherwise a testator would be able to saddle people with duties of an onerous description.

b. ? To secure *for* (a burdensome task). *rare*—1.

1826 SCOTT *Jrnl.* 25 Oct., Sotheby..endeavoured to saddle me for a review of his polyglot Virgil.

5. To put (a burden) *upon* (another's back).

1808 COBBETT *Pol. Reg.* XIV. 547 The men..who, if they serve us but for a few years, are saddled upon our devoted ass-like backs for life. 1812 *Sporting Mag.* XL. 153, I should not wonder if that Bully Mitchell saddles this poisoning upon me. 1820 L. J. JENNINGS in *Croker Papers* I. vi. 158 The whole of the Bergami family had .. been saddled upon the Princess. 1881 BESANT & RICE *Chapl. Fleet* III. 248, I found her only too eager to marry anyone upon whom she could saddle her debts.

6. a. *Masonry.* To work (a joint) so as to form a 'saddle' projecting above the horizontal surface of the stones joined. **b.** *Carpentry.* To join or fit together by HALVING.

1823 P. NICHOLSON *Pract. Build.* 311 A process by workmen called saddling the joints. 1897 *Westm. Gaz.* 3 Sept. 2/1 These consist of one log laid upon another, saddled in at the corners.

7. To bend downwards in the middle.

1803 *Sporting Mag.* XXI. 327 Saddling the cards..is bending the sixes, sevens, eights, and nines, in the middle longways. 1880 *Standard* 10 Dec., Walls are cracked and roofs 'saddled' in every direction.

8. (See quot.)

1731 BAILEY vol. II. s.v., To saddle,..to furnish, as to saddle a spit.

†**9.** Comb.: **Saddle-goose**, a nickname for a fool; **saddle-nag**, a stable-boy, groom. *Obs.*

1526 SKELTON *Magnyf.* 1834 Sym Sadylgose was my syer, and Dawcocke my dame. 1646 J. HALL *Poems* 7 Who would employ his Sadle-nagg to come And hold a trencher in the Dining-roome?

Saddleback (sæ·d'lbæk), *sb.* and *a.* [f. SADDLE *sb.* + BACK *sb.*] **A.** *sb.*

1. †a. *Archery.* A saddle-backed feather. *Obs.* **b.** A saddle-backed hill. (Cf. SADDLE-BACKED *a.* 1.)

1545 ASCHAM *Toxoph.* II. (Arb.) 133 The swyne backed fashion..gathereth more ayer than the saddle backed, and therefore the saddle backe is surer for daunger of wether. 1869 E. A. PARKES *Pract. Hygiene* (ed. 3) 289 A saddleback is usually healthy..so are positions near the top of a slope. 1907 *Gentl. Mag.* Mar. 247 A regular saddleback of grey Silurian blocks the wayfarers path.

†**2.** A back (of an animal) having a depression in the middle of it. *Obs.*

1625 PURCHAS *Pilgrims* II. 1694 Certaine beasts..much like unto a Deere, hauing a Saddle-backe like unto a Camell.

3. *Arch.* A roof of a tower, having a gable at two opposite sides connected by a ridge-roof; a packsaddle roof.

1849 FREEMAN *Archit.* 238 The gabled tower..does not seem to occur; but we meet with the form usually called a saddle-back. 1861 BERESF. HOPE *Eng. Cathedr. 19th C.* 243 The due and moderate use of the gabled tower of the German style..may be adopted,..so too may the saddle-back. 1893 C. HODGES in *Reliquary* Jan. 15 The finish of the tower was what is generally known as a saddle-back, a form common in Normandy, but rare in England.

4. A name of various birds and fishes. **a.** The Grey or Hooded Crow, *Corvus cornix*; also called *saddleback crow.* **b.** The adult or either of the Black-backed Gulls, *Larus marinus* and *L. fuscus*; also *saddleback gull.* **c.** The male of the Greenland or Harp Seal (*Phoca grœnlandica*) when three years old; in full *saddleback seal.* **d.** The *Creadion carunculatus*, a bird of New Zealand. **e.** A variety of the goose (see quot. 1885). **f.** A kind of oyster (see quot. 1876).

1847 Col. HAWKER *Diary* (1893) II. 275 A huge saddle-back gull. 1856 KANE *Arct. Expl.* I. ii. 22 The valued furs of the saddle-back seal. 1864 ATKINSON *Prov. Names Birds*, Saddleback Crow..Hooded Crow. *Corvus cornix. Ibid.*, Saddle-back, Saddleback Gull..Great Blackbacked Gull. *Larus marinus.* 1868 W. BULLER *Ess. Ornithol.* in *Trans. N. Z. Inst.* I. 5 (Morris) The Saddle-back (*Creadion carunculatus*) of the North is represented in the South by *C. Cinereus*, a closely allied species. 1872 *Daily News* 23 Aug., The decrease of the gulls would be attended with certain loss to fishermen who were often directed and piloted to the shoals by the keen-eyed saddle-back. 1872 COUES *Key N. Amer. Birds* 312 Great Black-backed Gull. Saddle-back. 1876 *Weale's Dict. Terms, Saddle-backs*, in fishery, a name given to a bastard kind of oyster by the fishers; they are considered unfit for human food. 1885 *Encycl. Brit.* XIX. 647/1 The common variety [of the goose] frequently marked with dark feathers on the back, and hence termed 'saddlebacks'. 1895 P. H. EMERSON *Birds* etc. *of Norf. Broadland* xlix. 140 A useful bird is the handsome but sluggish 'saddle-back' [*i.e.* the grey crow]. 1896 LYDEKKER *Brit. Mammals* 156 It is not till the third year that the males (then called 'Saddle-backs') assume the characteristic dark harp-shaped markings.

5. a. *Coal-mining* (see quot.). **b.** *Geol.* An anticlinal (*Cassell's Encycl. Dict.* 1887).

1883 GRESLEY *Coal-mining Terms, Saddleback*, a depression or valley in strata.

B. *adj.*

1. = SADDLE-BACKED *a.*, in various senses.

1677 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 1257/4 Stolen or strayed..one dapple gray Gelding..a little saddle-back. 1696 *Ibid.* No. 3202/4 A brown Mare,..Saddle Back, well risen on the Crest. 1862 *Ecclesiologist* XXIII. 252 Gabled or saddle-back towers. 1876 *Encycl. Brit.* IV. 472/1 [Coping] sloping to both sides from the middle..is technically termed saddle-back coping. 1897 *Daily News* 3 May 7/3 The Greek troops occupied..a saddleback hill. 1904 *Westm. Gaz.* 2 Sept. 4/1 A high saddle-back peak. 1906 *Edin. Rev.* Jan. 114 A plain..building.. with two low gable or 'saddle-back' roofs.

2. *Saddleback crow, gull, seal*: see A. 4.

3. *Mech.* (See quot.)

1844 *Civil Engin. & Arch. Jrnl.* VII. 236/2 At the bottom of the hopper there is a number of angular or 'saddle back bars', placed transversely ..; the 'saddle back bars' will have the effect of dividing the ores. 1888 *Lockwood's Dict. Mech. Engin., Saddle Back Rail*, or *Barlow Knil*, a rail whose sides curve rapidly outwards and downwards.

4. *Geol.* (See quot.)

1854 PAGE *Introd. Textbk. Geol.* § 31 When strata dip in opposite directions from a ridge or line of elevation..the axis is termed anticlinal or saddleback.

5. *Path.* (Cf. *saddle-nose*, SADDLE *sb.* 10.)

1897 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* IV. 686 As a result of cicatricial contraction of the connective-tissue..the so-called 'saddle-back' nose may be formed.

6. Put for 'horse-back'. Also *advb.*

1899 'ZACK' *On Trial* xiv. 124 If 'twon't that I can trust 'ee saddle-back..I shuld hold you had done the mare a mischief. 1904 *Westm. Gaz.* 29 Feb. 1/3 His love of saddle-back exercise.

Saddle-backed (sæ·d'lbækt), *a.*

1. Having the back, upper surface, or edge curved like a saddle; having a concavely curved outline; *spec.* in *Archery* (see quot. 1545).

1545 ASCHAM *Toxoph.* II. (Arb.) 129 Fourthly in couling or sheryng [the feather of a shaft],..whether somewhat swyne backed (I must vse shoters wordes) or sadle backed, whether rounde, or square shorne? 1599 HAKLUYT *Voy.* II. II. 126 It is a hill sadlebacked..: and..we saw a row of hils sadlebacked also. 1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* I. 238 They [dolphins] are saddle-backed. *Ibid.* 492 The Walnut tree wood soone bendeth, and is saddle-backt as it lieth. 1884 G. ALLEN *Philistia* I. 235 A saddle-backed hill.

2. Of a horse: see quot. 1831.

1675 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 967/4 Strayed or stolen.., a bright Bay Gelding,..a little Saddle-back'd. 1753 CHAMBERS *Cycl. Supp.* 1831 YOUATT *Horse* 166 Some horses have a very considerable hollow behind the withers. They are said to be saddle-backed. 1895 *Westm. Gaz.* 29 July 2/3 A thoroughbred Arab..should be..very slightly saddle-backed. To be 'saddle-backed' is to have a depression where the saddle would naturally come.

3. *Arch.* **a.** Of coping: see quot. 1842. **b.** Of a tower: Having a SADDLEBACK.

1842 GWILT *Archit.* s.v. *Coping*, Coping thicker in the middle than at the edges is called saddle-backed coping. 1870 F. R. WILSON *Ch. Lindisf.* 23 A small straight saddle-backed tower.

4. An epithet applied to birds having saddle-like markings on the back, as *saddle-backed crow*, the Grey Crow, *Corvus cornix.*

1838 HOLLOWAY *Provinc., Saddle-backed crow*, the Royston, or sea-crow, so called from its mixture of black and grey feathers. *Sussex.* 1894 R. B. SHARPE *Birds Gt. Brit.* I. 12 The Hooded, or Saddle-backed Crows. 1895 J. G. MILLAIS *Breath from Veldt* vii. 142 Here also are a big flock of saddle-backed Jabiru storks (*Mycteria senegalensis*).

Sa·ddle-bag.

1. A bag carried at the saddle; esp. one of a pair laid across the back of a horse, behind the saddle.

1796 MORSE *Amer. Geog.* I. 542 Manufactures of leather ..holsters, saddle-bags [etc.]. 1841 LANE *Arab. Nts.* I. 43 He..put his hand into his saddle-bag, and eat a morsel of bread and a date which were among his provisions. 1856 STANLEY *Sinai & Pal.* i. (1858) 67 The great saddle bags act like sails to the camels. 1857 HUGHES *Tom Brown* I. i, A visit..which the Squire made on his horse with a pair of saddle-bags containing his wardrobe.

2. *attrib.* Used to designate a fine quality of carpeting, made in sizes and designs imitating the saddle-bags carried in the East by camels; now chiefly employed as a covering for cheap classes of dining-room furniture.

1882 *Daily News* 30 May 5/7 Settees and easy-chairs upholstered in what is known as the Persian saddle-bag pattern. 1900 FLO. WARDEN *Plain Miss Cray* 80 There was ..a saddle-bag couch and two big easy-chairs. 1903 MCNEILL *Egregious English* 125 A saddle-bag suite.

Sa·ddle-bow. Now *arch.* or *poet.* [Bow *sb.*[1] Cf. OHG. *satilpogo* (MHG. *satelboge*, mod.G. *sattelbogen*).] The arched front part of a saddle-tree or of a saddle.

c 725 *Agr. Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 11/17 *Carpella*, sadulboza. *a* 1250 *Prov. Alfred* 229 in *O. E. Misc.* 116 If þu hauest seorewe, ne seye þu hit nouht þan arewe, seye hit þine sadelbowe [*a* 1275 seit þin sadilbowe] and ryd þe singinde forþ. *c* 1330 *Arth. & Merl.* 8148 (Kölbing) Wawain him ȝaue a dent of howe & cleued him to þe sadel bowe. 1470–85 MALORY *Arthur* IX. xvi, And the lady of the lake took vp her heed and henge it vp by the heyre of her sadel bowe. 1592 SHAKS. *Ven. & Ad.* 14 Vouchsafe, thou wonder, to alight thy steed, And rein his proud head to the saddle-bow. 1658 tr. *Porta's Nat. Magick* XIV. 314 We use to hang up Turkies alive by the bills, at the sadle-bow, when we ride. 1757 BURKE *Abridgm. Eng. Hist.* Wks. X. 411 The beast ..plunged, and threw his rider violently on the saddle-bow. 1805 SCOTT *Last Minstr.* I. v, Steeds..Barb'd with frontlet of steel, I trow, And with Jedwood-axe at saddlebow. 1879 'OUIDA' *Cecil Castlemaine's Gage* 7 He lifted his hat, and bowed down to his saddle-bow as he passed her.

Saddle-cloth. Forms: see SADDLE and CLOTH; also 5 **sadylclow.** A cloth placed on a horse's back beneath the saddle; †in early use = foot-cloth, housing-cloth.

1481–90 *Howard Househ. Bks.* (Roxb.) 222 Item,..paied.. for ij. yerdes and di. and. di. qrter of blak cloth, for a sadylclow for my Lord. 1523 FITZHERB. *Husb.* § 142 Spere, male, hode, halter, sadelclothe, spores. 1683 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 1786/4 A bay Mare, with..a black Saddle, and a green Saddle-Cloth. 1776 BOSWELL *Johnson* II. 349, I observed them [at Lichfield] making some saddle-cloths. 1818 SCOTT *Hrt. Midl.* v, The Laird..has had his running footman here..to see when the broidered saddle-cloth for his sorrel horse will be ready. 1845 FORD *Handbk. Spain* I. 31 There is no bed like the saddle-cloth. 1867 S. W. BAKER *Nile Trib. Abyssinia* v. 111 We were requested to mount two superb white hygeens, with saddle-cloths of blue Persian sheep-skins.

Saddled (sæ·d'ld), *ppl. a.* [f. SADDLE *v.* + -ED[1].]

1. Furnished with a saddle.

1002 in Kemble *Cod. Diplom.* VI. 147 Ic ȝeann minum hlaforde..feower hors twa ȝesadelod and twa unȝesadelode. 1890 *Daily News* 15 Feb. 2/5 A saddled horse was seen in a field without a rider.

2. As the epithet of fishes, insects, etc., having saddle-like markings.

1803 SHAW *Zool.* IV. 467 Saddled Sparus. Sparus Ephippium. *Ibid.* 596 Saddled Mackrel. Scomber Equula. 1880 SWINTON *Insect Variety* 162 The common Saddled Leaf-cricket of the Vine (*Ephippigera vitium*) has especially thick cup-shaped elytra.

Saddleless (sæ·d'lˌlĕs), *a.* [f. SADDLE *sb.* + -LESS.] Without a saddle; esp. of a horse, not furnished with a saddle. Also *rarely* of a rider: †(thrown) out of the saddle.

14.. *Sir Beues* 253–8 (MS. C.) The erle, amonge them all To the grounde be ys falle And ys sadulles. *c* 1489 CAXTON *Sonnes of Aymon* 268 But he bad no sadel upon his horse. ..Whan Reynawd sawe brayforde sadeles, he called to oger, & sayd [etc.]. *a* 1500 *Prophecy* in *Bernard. de cura rei fam.* (E. E. T. S.) 18 The Egyll and þe antelope..And Sadilles horse. 1886 G. GISSING *Isabel Clarendon* I. ii. 33 She had learned her riding on a saddleless colt.

Saddler (sæ·dlər). Forms: 4–5 **sadelere**, 5 **sadel(l)er**, 5–8 **sadler**, (5 **sedler**, **sadlare**), 5

sadyllar, -yl(l)er, 5–6 *Sc.* **sadillar,** 6 **sadiller,** *Sc.* **saiddlair, saidlar,** 7– **saddler.** [f. SADDLE *sb.* + -ER 1. Cf. MLG. *sadeler, sedeler,* MDu. *sadelare, saellaer,* OHG. *satilari* (MHG. *sateler,* mod.G. *sattler*).]

1. One who makes or deals in saddles or saddlery.

1389 in *Eng. Gilds* (1870) 42 Yese ordenaunce of fraternyte of Sadeleres and Sporyeres. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 1585 Sadlers, souters, Semsteris fyn. *c* 1500 *Melusine* 43 Raymondyn sent for a Sadlemaker, to whom he said: '..ye muste cutte this hyde in fourme of a thonge.'..The Sedler dide cutte it. *c* 1515 *Cocke Lorell's B.* 5 Here is saunder sadeler of froge strete corner. 1590 SHAKS. *Com. Err.* I. ii. 56 Oh sixe pence that I had..To pay the Sadler for my Mistris crupper. 1651 HOBBES *Leviath.* III. xlii. 315 One Power may be subordinate to another, as the art of a Sadler, to the art of a Rider. *a* 1745 SWIFT *Direct. Servants, Groom,* Come home by the Street Door with the same Bridle..dangling in your Hand, as if you came from the Sadler's. 1832 LYTTON *Eugene Aram* II. vi. 98 'How long have you had this whip?' said Walter to the saddler. 1887 BURY & HILLIER *Cycling* (Badm. Libr.) 166 Some of the cycling saddlers do not see that their iron-workers cut the threads far enough up the screw. 1904 *Daily Chron.* 7 Oct. 9/7 Sit[uation] wanted by first-class brown saddler.

2. *Mil.* An official who has charge of the saddlery in a cavalry regiment. Also *saddler corporal, sergeant.*

1865 H. M. HOZIER *Equipm. Cavalry* 30 Organisation.. of the Household Cavalry...Composition of a Regiment of Life Guards or Horse Guards...Non-commissioned Officers and Privates...Armourer Corporal, Saddler Corporal [etc.]. *Ibid.* 51 Cavalry of the Line...Composition of a Regiment of Cavalry...Second Class Staff Serjeants:—Armourer-serjeant, Saddler-serjeant [etc.]. *Ibid.* 152 Promotion to the superior grade of saddler-serjeant will be open to saddlers.

3. A saddle-horse. *colloq. U. S.*

1888 *Boston* (Mass.) *Jrnl.* 16 June 1/1 Another auction sale of choice family horses (including matched pairs and saddlers). 1893 *Columbus* (Ohio) *Dispatch* Apr. 9 A thoroughbred filly, which..bids fair to make a fine saddler.

4. The Saddleback Seal: see SADDLEBACK 4 c.

1873 M. CARROLL *Seal & Herring Fish. Newfoundl.* in Goode *Nat. Hist. Aquatic Anim.* (1884) 62 The reason why they are called Harp Seals, or 'Saddlers', is, (etc.).

5. *attrib.*

c 1449 PECOCK *Repr.* I. x. 49 Whanne that a point or a treuthe..of sadeler craft is affermed. 1483 *Cath. Angl.* 315 A Sadyller schoppe, *sellarium.* 1567 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* I. 584 Ane craftisman of the saidlar craft.

Saddlery (sæ·dlәri). [f. prec. + -Y: see -ERY.]

1. The art or occupation of a saddler.

c 1449 PECOCK *Repr.* I. x. 49 Euen as sadelarie and talarie been ij. dyuerse facultees and kunnyngis. 1872 YEATS *Techn. Hist. Comm.* 296 A new impulse was given to saddlery by the introduction of coaches.

2. *collect.* Articles made or sold by a saddler; saddles and other articles pertaining to the equipment of a horse, esp. of one used for riding.

1796 MORSE *Amer. Geog.* I. 258 Harness and saddlery of all kinds. 1833 *Reg. Instr. Cavalry* I. 77 The saddlery should be..examined. 1874 R. TYRWHITT *Sketch. Club* 156 Modern boots and saddlery are utterly intractable in a picture. 1887 BURY & HILLIER *Cycling* (Badm. Libr.) 340 A great many firms have made a speciality of cycling saddlery.

3. A place where saddles and other equipment for riding-horses are made or kept when not in use.

1841 ORDERSON *Creoleana* vi. 60 Premises..occupied as.. a saddlery. 1885 *Field* 4 Apr. 430/1 A room for drying, saddlery, &c.

Sa·ddle-tree.

1. The framework which forms the foundation of a saddle.

1411 *Nottingham Rec.* II. 86, j. sadeltre. 1483 *Act* 1 *Ric. III,* c. 12 § 2 No Merchant Stranger..shall bring into this Realm..Saddles, Saddle-trees, Horse-harness [etc.]. 1536–7 *Durh. Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 697 Cum frenis, stirropleders, sadletreys, et ceteris illis pertinentibus. 1607 MARKHAM *Cavalarice* VI. ix. 54 The greatest goodness in saddles consisteth in the saddle tree. 1714 *Fr. Bk. Rates* 81 Saddle-Trees per 100 Weight, 00 10. 1782 COWPER *John Gilpin* 49 For saddle-tree scarce reached had he, His journey to begin. 1877 W. MATTHEWS *Ethn. & Phil. Hidatsa Ind.* 19 They now make saddle-trees in somewhat the same way as we do.

Comb. 1619 *MS. Canterb. Marr. Licences,* John Worsiter of Challocke, saddle tree maker. 1723 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 6171/7 Joshua Tipping.., Saddletree-maker. 1865 H. M. HOZIER *Equipm. Cavalry* 152 Saddlers' and saddletree makers' tools.

2. = *Saddle-rack*: see SADDLE *sb.* 10.

1864 R. KERR *Gentlem. House* 294 A row of saddle-trees from 6 to 8 feet from the floor, with hooks and brackets for the bridles, girths, and stirrups under them.

3. The North American tulip tree, *Liriodendron tulipifera.*

1866 *Treas. Bot.* 688/1 The leaves [of Liriodendron] large, .. four-lobed and somewhat like a saddle in shape; hence the tree is sometimes spoken of as the Saddle-tree.

Saddling (sæ·dlin), *vbl. sb.* [f. SADDLE *v.* + -ING 1.] The action of the vb. SADDLE.

1483 *Cath. Angl.* 315/2 A Sadyllinge, *sellatura.*

b. *esp.* The action of putting on the saddle and other equipment of a racehorse preparatory to a race; also *attrib.* as *saddling bell, paddock.*

1844 J. T. HEWLETT *Parsons & W.* xxi, That is the saddling-bell. 1890 *Daily News* 11 Sept. 3/4 No horse could possibly have looked better..in the saddling paddock.

†**Sa·ddling,** *sb. Obs. rare*—1. [f. SADDLE *sb.* + -ING.] = SADDLE *sb.* 4.

1697 DAMPIER *Voy.* (1729) I. 112 The Land is low, making a saddling between 2 small Hills.

Sadducaic (sædliūkē·ik), *a.* [f. Gr. Σαδδουκαῖος (see SADDUCEE), after PHARISAIC.] Pertaining to or characteristic of the Sadducees.

1840 MILMAN *Hist. Christianity* I. vii. I. 293 The Sadducaic party. 1883 J. M. WILSON *Theory of Inspir.* 30 It is as wrong..to have the Sadducaic pride of scepticism as the Pharisaic pride of religion.

†**Sadduca·ical,** *a. Obs. rare*—2. Also 7 **Sadusaicall.** [Formed as prec.: see -ICAL.] = prec.

1601 DEACON & WALKER *Spirits & Divels* II, I alowe not your pestiferous opinions, iumping so pat with the Parepateticall and Sadusaicall sort. 1702 ECHARD *Eccl. Hist.* (1710) 121 Herod's guilty conscience, notwithstanding his Sadducaical principles, made him..suspect that it was John himself risen from the dead.

Sadducean, Sadducæan (sædiūsī·ăn), *a.* and *sb.* Also 6 **Saducian, Saducæan,** 6–7 **Saducean.** [f. late L. *Saddūcæ-us* SADDUCEE + -AN.]

A. *adj.* Of, belonging to, or resembling the Sadducees.

1593 NASHE *Christ's T.* 58 What are these Atheists but Saducæan sectaries that deny the resurrection? 1681 H. MORE *Exp. Dan.* ii. 26 This dull Sadducean Age. 1681 GLANVILL *Saducismus* II. (1726) 455 There is a latent Atheism at the root of the Saducean Principle. 1840 MILMAN *Hist. Christianity* II. i. I. 392 The unpopular Sadducean party. 1861 GOLDW. SMITH *Irish Hist.* 61 It is not surprising to find Pharisaical fanaticism..linked with Sadducean depravity and worldliness. 1880 *Encycl. Brit.* XIII. 425/1 The Sadducæan aristocracy.

†**B.** *sb.* = SADDUCEE (in both senses). *Obs.*

1547 *Bk. of Marchaundes* e iij, Full simply faining a lowting countenance selling them selfe as the Essians, Saducians, or Pharisians dyd. 1597 J. PAYNE *Royal Exch.* 8 Saduceans of this age. 1678 CUDWORTH *Intell. Syst.* 6 The Sadduceans, among the Jews, have been noted for the same.

Sadducee (sæ·diūsī). Forms: *pl.* 1 **sad(d)ucéas,** 3–4 **Saduceus,** 3–5 **Saduceis,** 4 **Sadaiceus,** 4–5 **Saducees,** 4–7 **Saduoes,** 6–8 **Sadduces;** (also 4 **Saducey** repr. L. *Sadducæi*); *sing.* 6– **Sadducee.** [ad. late L. *Saddūcæus,* a. late Gr. Σαδδουκαῖος, f. late Heb. צָדוֹק *Çaddūqī,* app. f. the personal name *Çaddūq* (LXX Σαδδούκ, Ezek. xl. 46), in Masoretic vocalization *Çādōq* (LXX Σαδώκ, 2 Sam. viii. 17, etc.; English Bible Zadok).

The prevailing modern view is that the Zadok referred to is the high-priest of David's time, from whom the priesthood of the Captivity and later periods claimed to be descended. The late Jewish notion of a post-exilian Zadok (*Çaddūq*), the founder of the sect, is now regarded as baseless; the hypothesis that the word is directly derived from *çaddīq,* righteous, is philologically untenable.]

1. A member of one of the three 'sects' (the others being the Pharisees and Essenes) into which the Jews were divided in the time of Christ. According to the New Testament and Josephus, they denied the resurrection of the dead, the existence of angels and spirits, and the obligation of the unwritten law alleged by the Pharisees to have been handed down by tradition from Moses.

In origin the Sadducees seem to have been not so much a theological or philosophical sect or school, as a political party composed of the nobility, i. e. the members and connexions of the high-priestly family.

c 975 *Rushw. Gosp.* Matt. xvi. 1, & eodun to him fariseas & sadduceas. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 19123 Þa saduceis [*Fairf.* sadaiceus, *Gött.* saduceus, *Trin.* saduces]..For þe vprising ner wald wede. *c* 1380 WYCLIF *Serm.* Sel. Wks. II. 36 Þer weren in Cristis tyme, Essey, Saducey, and Pharisey. 1382 — *Acts* xxiii. 8 Saducees [1388 Saduceis, 1534 TINDALE Saduces, 1557 (Geneva) Sadduces, 1582 (Rheims) Sadducees]. 1592 SYLVESTER *Tri. Faith* II. xxxiv, In foremost rank, heer goe the Sadduces, That doe deny Angels and Resurrection. 1635 HEYWOOD *Hierarch.* I. 3 The Atheist, Sadduce, and Mahumetan. 1727–41 CHAMBERS *Cycl., Sadduces,* or *Saddaeces.* 1879 FARRAR *Christ* (1881) 471 This wretched, dissolute Idumæan Sadducee.

2. A person of Sadducean dispositiion; a materialist, a denier of the resurrection. Also as *adj.*

1680 BAXTER *Answ. Stillingfl.* xxxiv. 58 Hobbists, Infidels, Atheists, Sadduces. 1857 BAGEHOT *Lit. Stud.* (1879) II. 282 The world is Sadducee itself; it cannot be anything else ..without ceasing to be the world.

Sadducee·ic, *a. rare*—1. [f. SADDUCEE + -IC.] = SADDUCEAN *a.*

1875 LE FANU *Willing to Die* xxxi, That smiling Sadduceeic world without a home..that..accepts..satire and pleasure in lieu of the affections.

Sadduceeism (sæ·diūsī,iz'm). Also 7 **Sadduceisme,** 9 **Sadducæism.** Also SADDUCISM. [f. SADDUCEE + -ISM. Cf. F. *Saducéisme.*]

1. The doctrine or tenets of the Sadducees.

1845 KITTO *Cycl. Bibl. Lit.* s. v. *Sadducee,* Sadduceeism. 1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 142/1 The common view that Sadducæism was essentially a philosophico-religious school is due partly to Josephus. 1891 DRIVER *Introd. Lit. O. T.* (1892) 446 An absence of national feeling and religious enthusiasm, in which the author (of Ecclesiastes) seems to be a forerunner of the later Sadduceeism.

2. The character and spirit of the Sadducees; materialistic unbelief; denial of immortality.

1661 BAXTER *Mor. Prognost.* I. xvii. 4 When they incline to Brutishness or Sadduceisme. 1849 THACKERAY *Pendennis* lxii[i], And on this and on other matters he thought he would compromise with his conscience, and that Sadduceeism was a very convenient and good-humoured profession of faith. 1872 M. COLLINS *Two Plunges for Pearl* II. viii. 126 The subtle melancholy Sadduceeism of the 'Saturday Review' is not in the spirit of the Sermon on the Mount.

So **Sa·dduceeist** [-IST], in quot. *adj.*, sceptical, indifferentist.

1888 BLACK *In Far Lochaber* viii, Your friends..are not so tolerant and Sadduceeist as some of us up here.

†**Sadducism** (sæ·diūsiz'm). *Obs.* Also 7 **Sadducisme, Saducism.** [ad. mod.L. *Saddūcismus,* either irreg. f. late L. *Saddūcæus,* or f. the personal name *Saddūc*: see SADDUCEE and -ISM.] = SADDUCEEISM 1 and 2.

1635 HEYWOOD *Hierarch.* I. 3 Atheisme and Sadducisme disputed; Their Tenents argued, and refuted. 1647 H. MORE *Song of Soul* To Rdr. 6/2 The best Antidotes against that earthly and cold disease of Sadducisme and Atheisme. 1681 GLANVILL *Sadducismus* II. 309 The Discourse may prove as useful for reclaiming men from Saducism. 1778 T. HARTLEY *Pref. Swedenborg's Heaven & H.* (1851) 21 A general disbelief of all things supernatural has..introduced Sadducism amongst us, to the denying of all spiritual visions and apparitions of angels as things incredible.

Sadducize (sæ·diūsəiz), *v. rare.* [Formed as prec. + -IZE.] *intr.* To hold the doctrines of the Sadducees. Hence **Sadducizing** *ppl. a.*

1707 ATTERBURY *Vind. Doctr. Bennet's Funeral Serm.* 31 Sadducizing Christians, I suppose they were, who said there was no Resurrection, neither Angel or Spirit, Acts 23. 8. 1854 MILMAN *Lat. Chr.* IV. viii. (1864) II. 402 His whole conduct seemed tinged with a kind of Sadducising Judaism.

Sade (sēd), *v.* Forms: 1 **sadian,** 5 **sadde,** (9 **seed**), 4– **sade.** [OE. *sadian* = MLG., MDu. *saden,* Du. (*ver*)*zaden,* OHG. *satôn* (MHG. *saten*):—WGer. **sadôjan,* f. **sado-* SAD *a.*]

†**1.** *intr.* To become satiated or weary. *Obs.*

c 888 K. ÆLFRED *Boeth.* xxxix. § 4 Me þincð eac þæt þu sadize hwæthwuzununges, & þe ðyncen to ælenge þas langan spell. *c* 1325 *Song of Yesterday* 4 in *E. E. P.* (1862) 133 Whon men beoþ muriest at heor mele With mete and drink to maken hem glade With worschipe and with worldliche wele Þei bene so sette Þei conne not sade. 14.. *Pety Job* 179 in 26 *Pol. Poems* 126 Although I can of syne nat sade, Yet *Parce michi, domine. c* 1482 HOCCLEVE *Min. Poems* xxiv. 175 Of the lake of good he felte no greef, Al whyles þat the ryng he with him hadde; But faylynge it his frendshipe gan sadde.

2. *trans.* To glut, satiate; to make weary (*of*). *Obs.* exc. *dial.* (see E. D. D.).

c 1000 *Ags. Ps.* (Th.) cxlvii. 3 He..þe ȝesadade, mid þy selestan hwæte cynnes holde lynde. 1440 in *Wars Eng. in France* (1864) II. 455 He was so sadded of the werre. 1611 COTGR., *Assouvir,*..to cloy, glut, sade. *Ibid., Rassasier,* to fill, glut, sade, satiate, satisfie. 1764 *Coles' Lat. Dict.* (ed. 17), To sade (cloy), *satio.*

Sade, obs. form of SAD *a.* and SAID *ppl. a.*

Sadel(l, Sadely, obs. ff. SADDLE, SADLY.

†**Sa·dful,** *a. Obs. rare*—1. [f. SAD *a.* + -FUL.] Sorrowful.

1658 MERITON *Love & War* IV. ii. H iv b, The service of a sadfull humour.

Sa·d-iron. [f. SAD *a.* or *v.*] A smoothing iron, properly a solid flat-iron, in contradistinction to a 'box-iron'.

1832 BABBAGE *Econ. Manuf.* xvii. (ed. 3) 153 Sad-irons and other castings. 1833 J. HOLLAND *Manuf. Metal* II. 253 Dealers commonly distinguish these useful implements by the terms 'sad-iron', 'box-iron' and 'Italian-iron'. 1899 *Daily News* 30 Oct. 2/7 Sadirons 10s. per ton (dearer).

Sadism (sā·dizm). [ad. F. *sadisme,* f. the name of the Count (usually called 'Marquis') de *Sade* (1740–1814; infamous for his crimes and the character of his writings): see -ISM.] A form of sexual perversion marked by a love of cruelty.

1888 *Pall Mall G.* 10 Sept. 4/2. 1897 *Lancet* 13 Nov. 1263/2 Crimes committed by people afflicted with what is technically known as 'sadism'.

So **Sa·dist,** 'an individual affected with sadism' (*Syd. Soc. Lex.* 1897); **Sadis·tic** *a.,* 'related to sadism' (Dunglison *Dict. Med. Sci.* 1893).

1897 *Lancet* 13 Nov. 1263/2 Several recent tragedies having probably had their origin in sadistic impulses.

Sadler, obs. form of SADDLER.

Sadly (sæ·dli), *adv.* Forms: 4 **sadd(e)li, sadlyk, saydly,** 4–5 **saddely, sadli, sadliche, -lyche,** 4, 6 **sadely,** 6 **sadlich, sadlie, -ye,** 4 **sadly.** Also 4 *compar.* **sadloker.** [f. SAD *a.* + -LY 2.]

†**1.** Heavily. *Obs.*

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 22478 Þe sterns wit þair leman leuen Fut saddli fall sal þai dun fra heuen. *c* 1400 *Rowland & O.* 1313 So sadly one his scholdire it [the blow] felle, The knyghte by-gane to knele. *c* 1435 *Torr. Portugal* 1625 Glad pluckys there he toke, Set sadly and sare. *a* 1568 *Knt. Curtesy* 77 In swoune [she] fell downe hym upon, So sadly that the Knyght awoke. *a* 1578 LINDESAY (Pitscottie) *Chron. Scot.* (S.T.S.) I. 222 Mr. Patrick Lindsay..strampit sadlie on his brotheris foott to gar him wnderstand that (etc.). 1633 BP. HALL *Occas. Medit.* cxxxvi. 335 An empty cart runs lightly away: but if it be soundly laden, it goes sadly.

†**2.** Firmly, tightly, closely. *Obs.*

1340–70 *Alex. & Dind.* 1135 Þere his burnus he bad hulden of marbre A piler sadliche i-picht or he passe wolde. 1375 BARBOUR *Bruce* XIII. 374 Knyt 3ow als sadly as 3he may. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Knt.'s T.* 1744 In goon the speres ful sadly in arrest. 1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* XVII. ii. (1495) 597 In smale trees is more hete and drynesse that bydeth the partyes therof faste and sadly togyder. *c* 1440 *York Myst.* viii. 102 Þus sall I inne it with a gynn, And sadly sette it with symonde fyne. 1470–85 MALORY *Arthur* XVIII. xxiii. 768 And whan we haue delyuerd hem, lete vs thre hold vs sadly to gyders.

†**3.** Solidly, fully; (to drink) deeply; (to sleep) soundly, heavily. *Obs.*

13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* C. 442, & þer he swowed & slept sadly

al þyȝt. 1362 LANGL. *P. Pl.* A. v. 4 Þenne Wakede I of my wink me was wo with alle þat I nedde sadloker I-slept and I-seȝe more. *c* 1380 WYCLIF *Sel. Wks.* I. 11 Þis fillyng is not voide but sadly replenchid. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Man of Law's T.* 645 This Messager drank sadly ale and wyn.

†**4.** Resolutely, vigorously, hardily. *Obs.*

c 1350 *Will. Palerne* 2751 Whan þe ludes where neiȝ lond he leped ouer borde, sadli in al here siȝt for þei him sew schold. 1375 BARBOUR *Bruce* XIII. 494 In Cambuskynneth the kyngis vittale He tuk, and sadly gert assale Schir Wiljame of Hertb, and him slew. *c* 1400 *Sowdone of Roland* 763 They went to sadly, And set ther dyntis. 1470 HENRY *Wallace* II. 84 The Perseys stwart sadly till him socht. 1471 CAXTON *Recuyell* (Sommer) I. 269 The two champions approchid eche other and smote to gyder so sadly and sore that the place redounded of her strokes. *c* 1475 *Sqr. lowe Degre* 646 The stewarde at hym full sadly fought.

†**5.** Steadfastly, firmly, fixedly, unchangingly.

c 1340 HAMPOLE *Prose Tr.* 14 Whene þe mynde es stablede sadely with-owttene changynge and vagacyone in Godd. *c* 1380 WYCLIF *Wks.* (1880) 199 þat alle brennynge charite ..be so sadly rotyd in vs. *c* 1380 *Lay Folks Catech.* (Lamb. MS.) 957 Loke þou withstande sadly þe furst begynnynge of þe temptacoun of þe fend. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Pars. T.* 124 Fro that tyme that he loueth sadly oure lord Ihesu crist [etc.]. 1493 *Festivall* (W. de W. 1515) 48 Sadly beleue the fader is full god almyghty. *c* 1530 *Crt. of Love* 877 Emprent my speche in your memorial Sadly. 1622 BACON *Hen. VII* 133 But the King finding that he did sadly, and constantly (without hesitation or varying,..) stand to that that hee had said.

†**6.** Steadily, quietly, without excitement. *Obs.*

c 1330 R. BRUNNE *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 13544 þe batailles neyghed ney & ney, Sadly passing, and softely. *c* 1391 CHAUCER *Astrol.* II. § 29 Tak thanne thyn Astrolabie with bothe handes sadly & slely. *c* 1430 *Pilgr. Lyf Manhode* I. cvi. (1869) 56 Wel j telle thee that sureliche and sadliche thou miht go.

†**7.** Seriously; in earnest; gravely, soberly. *Obs.*

c 1350 *Will. Palerne* 557 What ȝif I saide him sadly þat i sek were, & told him al treuly þe entecches of myn euele? *c* 1357 *Sc. Leg. Saints* iv. (*Jacobus*) 176 Til hym þan sancte Iames prechit, and crystis law sa sadly techit. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Shipman's T.* 76 This Marchant vp ariseth, And on hise nedes sadly hym auyseth. *c* 1440 *York Myst.* XXXII. 62 Saie me sadly þe soth. 1489 CAXTON *Faytes of A.* I. xv. 40 Mesurably and sadly demened. *a* 1548 HALL *Chron., Hen. VIII*, I. 69 Thei daunsed with Ladies sadly, and communed not with the ladies after the fashion of Maskers, but behaved themselves sadly. 1570 JEWEL *Def. Apol.* II. (1571) 161 This booke..was readde sadly vnto the people, and had in reuerence. 1599 SHAKS. *Much Ado* II. iii. 229 This can be no tricke, the conference was sadly borne. 1611 CHAPMAN *Widowes T.* III. i. (1612) F 4 b, But doe you brother sadly intend the pursuite of this triall? 1634 MILTON *Comus* 509 To tell thee sadly Shepherd, without blame, Or our neglect, we lost her as we came. 1642 JER. TAYLOR *Episc.* § xxxi, But this to them that consider things sadly, is true or false according as any man list. 1777 M. MORGANN *Ess. Dram. Char. Falstaff* 122 As a caution to the audience not to take too sadly what was intended only..'as an argument for a week'.

8. Sorrowfully, mournfully.

c 1350 *Will. Palerne* 539 Sadly sikand & sore for sorwe atte here herte. *c* 1450 HOLLAND *Howlat* 42, I herd ane petuoss appele, with ane pur mane, Solpit in sorowe, that sadly couth say [etc.]. 1535 COVERDALE *Gen.* xl. 7 Why loke ye so sadly to daye? [So 1611.] 1600 SHAKS. *Sonn.* viii. 1 Musick to heare, why hear'st thou musick sadly? 1627 MAY *Lucan* I. 583 Sadlyer barke Scyllaes doggs then they were wont. *c* 1665 MRS. HUTCHINSON *Mem. Col. Hutchinson* (1846) 13 He died in the month of May, 1630, sadly bewailed. 1697 DRYDEN *Virg. Georg.* IV. 505 Near his Paternal Stream he sadly stands, With down-cast Eyes, wet Cheeks, and folded Hands. 1856 KANE *Arct. Expl.* II. x. 107 He speaks sadly..of the fortunes of the winter. 1884 W. C. SMITH *Kildrostan* 43 There at the head of a late filled grave Sadly a youth and a maiden stood.

Comb. 1697 DRYDEN *Æneid* X. 1167 A sadly pleasing Thought. 1816 WORDSW. *Ode* 1815, 44 To..utter England's name with sadly-plausive voice.

†**b.** With regret; reluctantly. *Obs.*

1611 BEAUM. & FL. *Philaster* V. v, I must request of you One faiour, and will sadly be denyed.

9. In a manner to cause sadness; lamentably, grievously, deplorably, badly.

1658 *Whole Duty Man* Sund. iii. § 7. 29 That have provoked so great a Majesty, who is able so sadly to revenge himself upon you. 1731-8 SWIFT *Pol. Conversat.* 202 Mr. Neverout we wanted you sadly. 1753 H. WALPOLE *Let. to Mann* 27 Mar., Drawings..which I am sure will charm you, though none of them are quite well engraved, and some sadly. 1782 COWPER *Friendsh.* 87 Authors..Are sadly prone to quarrel. 1782 MISS BURNEY *Cecilia* III. viii, O, he is so ill! indeed I am sadly, sadly afraid he will never be well again! 1819 BYRON *Juan* II. lxxx, Who had already perish'd, suffering madly For having used their appetites so sadly. 1857 RUSKIN *Arrows of Chace* (1880) I. 47, I have written you a sadly long letter, but I could not manage to get it shorter. 1863 W. C. BALDWIN *Afr. Hunting* viii. 340 The flies torment us sadly. 1868 FREEMAN *Norm. Conq.* II. ix. 391 The poor girl was sadly buffeted by the indignant saint. 1879 HUXLEY *Hume* x. 196 Metaphysicians, as a rule, are sadly deficient in the sense of humour.

†**10.** Sombrely, in dark colours. *Obs.*

1607 B. JONSON *Entertainm. Theobalds* Wks. 1616 I. 887 A gloomie obscure place, hung all with black silkes, and in it only one light, which the Genius of the house held, sadly attir'd.

11. Used *predicatively*: In bad health, ill, 'poorly'. Now *dial.*

1711 SWIFT *Jrnl. to Stella* 15 May, I look better already, for faith I looked sadly. 1866 GEO. ELIOT *F. Holt* XXVII, Lyddy had said, 'Miss, you look sadly; if you can't take a walk, go and lie down'. 1898 MRS. H. WARD *Helbeck of B.* V. ii. 395 Mrs. Fountain's nobbut sadly, I unnerstan.

Sadness (sæ·dnés). [-NESS.] The condition or quality of being sad.

†**1.** Firmness, hardness, solidity. *Obs.*

1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* III. xvii, The fyſþe is sadnesse and þiknesse of þe þinge þat is sen [L. *soliditas sive densitas rei visæ*]. *c* 1400 *Lanfranc's Cirurg.* 90 þou schalt knowe by reednes & sadnesse of fleisch þat is wiþinne þe festre al aboute. *c* 1420 *Pallad. on Husb.* VI. 152 When hit [cheese] is wel confourmed to sadnesse. *c* 1485 *Cath. Angl.* 315/1 A Sadnes, *solidamen, soliditas.* 1577-87 HARRISON *England* II. xxii. 212/2 If you respect the sadnes therof, it doth proue in the end to be veric hollow & not able to hold out water. *Ibid.* 214/1 Which moulds wanting their due sadnesse are now turned into moorie plots.

†**2.** Seriousness, soberness, staidness; gravity of mind or demeanour. *Obs.*

c 1315 SHOREHAM 7 *Sacram.* 1428 For ȝeres Ne makeþ so naust þane prest ald, Ac sadnesse of maneres. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Merch. T.* 347 Another stant so in the peples grace ffor hire sadnesse, and hire benygnytee. 1451 CAPGRAVE *Life St. Aug.* (E. E. T. S.) 20 A bord on whech þei vsed to pleye certeyn games to refresch with þe sadnesse of her study. 1495 *N. Riding Rec.* (N. S.) I. 127 We trustyng in youre pollicie, sadness, wisdome, and discrecion. *c* 1515 *Cocke Lorelles B.* 13 They banysshed prayer, peas, and sadnes; And toke with them myrthe, sporte, and gladnes. 1593 SHAKS. 3 *Hen. VI*, III. ii. 77 But mightie Lord, this merry inclination Accords not with the sadnesse of my suit. 1611 SPEED *Hist. Gt. Brit.* IX. xix. (1632) 928 Other persons of approued sadnesse, prudence, pollicy and experience.

†**b.** Phr. *In sadness, in good* or *sober sadness*: in earnest, not joking. *Obs.*

1544 ASCHAM *Toxoph.* I. (Arb.) 102 But in good sadnesse Toxophile thus you se. *a* 1553 UDALL *Roister D.* IV. iii. (Arb.) 61, I haue nought to them, nor they to me in sadnesse. 1593 NASHE *Strange Newes* Wks. (Grosart) II. 245 Thou hast borrowed aboue twenty phrases and epithites from mee, which in sober sadnesse thou makst vse of as thy owne. *c* 1610 MIDDLETON, etc. *Widow* V. i. 228 Pray, in sadness, say, what is the gentleman? 1696 S. SEWALL *Diary* 13 Oct. (1878) I. 435 Seem'd to be in good sober sadness. 1705 VANBRUGH *Confederacy* III. ii, In serious sadness. 1708 MRS. CENTLIVRE *Busy Body* I. i, In sober sadness she cannot abide 'em.

†**3.** Dignity, importance. *Obs.*

1494 FABYAN *Chron.* VI. clix. 149 The sayd Lewys..causyd them to vse and were browne, and sad colours, accordynge to theyr honours and sadnes.

†**4.** Steadfastness, constancy; firmness of faith.

1377 LANGL. *P. Pl.* B. VII. 150 Catoun and canonistres conseilleth vs to leue To sette sadnesse in songewarie, for *sompnia ne cures.* 1382 WYCLIF *Coloss.* ii. 5 The sadnesse of that ȝoure bileue that is in Crist. — 2 *Pet.* iii. 17 Lest ȝe..falle awey fro ȝoure owne sadnesse [Vulg. *a propria firmitate*]. 1426 LYDG. *De Guil. Pilgr.* 11177 But yiff he hadde ffeet off led, In gret sadnesse to endure. *a* 1529 SKELTON *Dyuers Balettys* iii. 17 Saphyre of sadnes, enuayned wyth indy blew.

5. Sorrowfulness, mournfulness.

1500-20 DUNBAR *Poems* xxiii. 13 Seik to solace quben sadnes the assailis. 1588 SHAKS. *L. L. L.* I. ii. 7 How canst thou part sadnesse and melancholy my tender Iuuenall? 1611 BIBLE *Eccl.* vii. 3 By the sadnesse of the countenance the heart is made better. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* x. 23 Dim sadness did not spare That time Celestial visages. 1707 FLOYER *Physic. Pulse-Watch* 409 In a malignant Fever from Heat, there is a Delirium, Fluxes, Sadness. 1784 COWPER *Task* V. 464 Thy clime..disposes much All hearts to sadness. 1847 TENNYSON *Princess* VII. 14 Sadness on the soul of Ida fell.

b. A condition of sorrowfulness.

1602 SHAKS. *Ham.* II. ii. 147 [He] Fell into a Sadnesse. *a* 1631 DONNE *Serm.* xlv. 450 To blow away and scatter these sadnesses with a false, an illusory, and a sinfull comfort. 1737 L. CLARKE *Hist. Bible* (1740) II. v. 96 After this he thunders out woes and sadnesses against their impieties. 1818 BYRON *Juan* I. lxxii, She look'd a sadness sweeter than her smile.

c. Gloomy appearance.

1849 RUSKIN *Sev. Lamps* iii. § xii. 76 The architect not being able to secure always the same depth or decision of shadow, nor to add to its sadness by colour.

†**Sa·dore.** *Obs.* (See quot.)

1681 GREW *Museum* App. 386 Sadore, or Bitter Wood. It hath a brownish Barque.

Sa·d-tree. [f. SAD *a.* (sense 5); transl. of mod.L. *arbor tristis.*] The Night Jasmine of India, *Nyctanthes Arbor-tristis.* (Earlier called MELANCHOLY *tree.*)

1866 *Treas. Bot.* s. v. *Nyctanthes*, During the day it loses its brightness, whence its specific name *Arbor tristis* or Sad-tree. [In recent Dicts.]

Saduce(e, -ean, etc.: see SADDUCEE, -EAN, etc.

Sadue, obs. form of SHADOW.

Sadusaicall: see SADDUCAICAL.

Sae: see SAW, SAVE, SAY, SEA, SEE, SO, SOE.

Sæcular: see SECULAR.

Saefte, Sael, obs. ff. SAFETY, SEAL *v.*

Saer, obs. form of SAWYER, SEAR.

Saf, obs. form of SAFE, SAVE.

Safare, obs. Sc. form of SAVIOUR.

Safe (sēf), *sb.* Also 5, 7 save. [Originally *save*, f. SAVE *v.*; later assimilated to SAFE *a.*]

1. A receptacle for the safe storage of articles: esp. **a.** A ventilated chest or cupboard for protecting provisions from insects and other noxious animals; a meat-safe (see MEAT *sb.* 6).

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 10/1 Almery of mete kepynge, or a saue for mete, *cibutum.* 1611 COTGR., *Chasiere*,..the great, or grated Saue hung by a pulley, to the top of a Dayrie-house, or Store-house; and seruing to keepe cheese, white-meates, and other belly-timber in. 1688 R. HOLME *Armoury* III. xiv. (Roxb.) 17/2 The Arke or Safe, is a kind of little house made of wood and couered with haire cloth, and so by two rings hung in the midle of a Rome, thereby to secure all things put therein from the cruelty of devouring Rats, mice [etc.]. 1706 PHILLIPS (ed. Kersey), *Safe*, a sort of Cup-board to keep Victuals, contrived with Holes to let in the Air. 1881 B. W. RICHARDSON in *Gd. Words* XXII. 51/2 It is good practice, whenever the air of the safe is close and tainted, to have it fumigated with antiseptic gas.

b. A fire-proof and burglar-proof receptacle for plate, money, deeds, and other valuables. Usually made of steel and iron, with one or more doors secured by elaborate locks.

1838 BETHUNE *Sc. Peasant's Fireside* 70 A penknife..and a letter..were found lying near the safe, as if they had been lost by the robber. 1850 CHUBB *Locks & Keys* 17 The bank may be entered, the misnamed safe, or strong room, be entered. 1874 MICKLETHWAITE *Mod. Par. Churches* 164 An iron fire-proof safe must be built into the wall.

2. *Saddlery.* 'A piece of leather placed under a buckle, to prevent it from chafing' (Knight *Dict. Mech.* 1875).

Hence **Safed** *ppl. a.*, provided with a safe.

1881 *Blackw. Mag.* CXXIX. 176 A solidly furnished though dismal apartment, duly safed and grated.

Safe (sēf), *a.* Forms: 3-6 sauf, (3-4 sauve), 4-6 saufe, 5 saauf, 5-6 sauff(e; 3-5 saf, 4-5 saff(e, 4-6 saaf, (5 saafe, saaff); 4-6 saulf, salve, 5-7 salf(e, 6-7 salffe, saulfe; 5-7 *Sc.* saiff, 6 saif, saiv, sayfe, sailf, 6-7 saife, 7 saiffe; 3-5 (6-7 *Sc.*) save, 4- safe. [ME. *sauf, sāf*, a. F. *sauf* (fem. *sauve*) = Pr. *salv-s, sal-s*, Sp., Pg., It. *salvo* :—L. *salvus* uninjured, entire, healthy (whence *salūt-, salūs* health, *salvē* imperative, 'hail').

The L. word corresponds in root and suffix, though prob. not in ablaut-grade, to Gr. ὅλος (Ionic οὖλος) whole, Skr. *sarva* all, whole :-Indogermanic **solwo-*. The root occurs also in Irish *slán* healthy, and in OL. *sollus* whole, Welsh *holl* all, whole :-**solno-*.

With regard to the phonology in Eng. cf. *sage* (the plant) from F. *sauge*, and *gage* (*gauge*) from ONF. *gauge.*

The forms with *v* in ME. usually represent either the plural or the definite inflexion of the adj. From the 15th to the 17th c. *save* sometimes occurs (latterly only Sc.), in most instances prob. as a mere graphical alteration of *safe.*]

I. Free from hurt or damage; unharmed.

1. Unhurt, uninjured, unharmed; having been preserved from or escaped some real or apprehended danger. Chiefly (now only) with quasi-advb. force after verbs of coming, going, bringing, etc.

1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 6895 ȝif hire vet beþ þanne sauf wiþoute wemminge. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 11546 þai ferd al sauf in to þair kyth. 1340 *Ayenb.* 36 Þet hi habbe, huet cas yualle, hire catel sauf. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Can. Yeom. T.* 397 Somtyme his good is drenched in the see, And somtym comth it sauf un-to the londe. *c* 1450 *Merlin* xxvii. 559 That ye sholde yeve hym trewys saf to come and saf to go ;..be-twene this and yole. 1471 CAXTON *Recuyell* (Sommer) I. 217 Ye shall retorne saulf fro this entrepryse. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* X. i. 104 Suffyr that ȝyng Ascanyus mot be Salf [*v.r.* saufl] fra all wapynnis [L. *ab armis incolumem*], and of perrell fre. 1538 STARKEY *England* I. ii. 67 As gud maryneryes..bryng theyr schype saue out of tempestys into the sure port. 1600 in *10th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. v. 458 To retowrn saulfe without any molestacion. *a* 1674 CLARENDON *Hist. Reb.* XV. § 57 As if the principal art requisite in the captain of a ship had been to be sure to come home safe again. 1737 C. PITT in J. Duncombe *Lett.* (1773) II. 98 The papers came safe to hand. 1760-72 H. BROOKE *Fool of Qual.* (1809) III. 83 As the Moors are excellent swimmers, I suppose most of them got safe. 1785 COWPER *Let. to Lady Hesketh* Wks. 1836 V. 198 My desk..is safe arrived. 1799 T. HOLCROFT *Mem.* (1816) III. 229 [In a stiff breeze a sailor swore that] he could not keep his hair safe on his head. 1831 *Society* I. 209 He always insists on seeing us safe across the Downs. 1902 WISTER *Virginian* xix, Your..man brought us out..safe and dry.

b. Often in phr. *safe and sound.* Occas. †*sound and safe*; also *safe and sure*, †*safe and sicker*, †*quit and safe.* [F. *sain et sauf*; L. *sanus et salvus, salvus sanus, salvus et sospes*, etc.] Also †*safe and soon*, †*soon and safe.*

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 7867 Sauf and sond ai mot þou be To all þe folk es vnder þe. *c* 1350 *Will. Palerne* 2816 þei were gretli glad..þat he sauf was & sound fro þe men a-schaped. 1390 GOWER *Conf.* I. 233 So that thei mihten sauf and sone The water passe. 1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* XVII. cii. (1495) 667 Deed bodyes ben kepte sauf and sounde whan they ben bawmyd wyth confeccyons of mirra. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 440/2 Snaf, and sekyr, *salvus.* *c* 1450 MYRC *Festial* 17 And soo he ȝede sonde and saf hys way. *c* 1489 CAXTON *Sonnes of Aymon* I. 29, I shall lete you goo quyte & sauf. 1585 T. WASHINGTON tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* II. ix. 42 b, [He] was by a Dolphin brought safe and sound to the porte. 1610 HOLLAND *Camden's Brit.* (1637) 635 *Gobanium*..,keeping the ancient name, as it were, safe and sound is teamed Aber-Gevenny. 1590 SHAKS. *Com. Err.* I. i. 49 And soone, and safe, [she] arriued where I was. 1819-24 BYRON *Juan* IV. liv, I leave Don Juan for the present, safe—Not sound, poor fellow, but severely wounded. 1847 GROTE *Greece* II. I. (1862) IV. 353 He would again replace him 'safe and sound' in the fortification.

c. *To be, arrive*, etc., *safe* (or *safe and sound*): often merely a colloq. or epistolary formula for 'to be duly arrived', 'to be at one's destination', etc.

1710 SWIFT *Jrnl. to Stella* 9 Sept., I send this only to tell that I am safe in London. 1882 SALA *Amer. Revis.* II. (1885) 25, I was safe and sound in the Brevoort coach. 1887 *Century Mag.* Dec. 197/2, I promised to bring you both to lunch, safe and sound.

†**d.** (*To come*) *to safe hand*: confusedly used for 'to come safe to hand'. *Obs.*

c 1645 HOWELL *Lett.* (1655) III. xviii. 27 Your last of the fourth current came to safe hand.

†2. In sound health, well, 'whole'; *usually* healed, cured, restored to health. Also *safe and sound*; also const. *of*. *Obs.*

c 1290 *S. Eng. Leg.* 458/51 Þe Quen a-non þoruȝh is bone deliuered was of childe, In guod lif, and hire child al-so.. Þo the king i-say Þe Quene sauf, and þat child al-so. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 8170 Thoru þe, he said, sal þis mesele Be sauf and sund of al vn-hele. *c* 1350 *Will. Palerne* 868 He was al sauf & sound of alle his sor greues. 1382 WYCLIF *Luke* xviii. 42 Thi feith hath maad thee saaf [Vulg. *te salvum fecit*]. *c* 1400 *Secreta Secret., Gov. Lordsh.* 92 He þat drynkys it, with þe sauour þeroff he shall fele hele, and he shal be sauf of catarre, of Malencoly..and of many oþer syknes. *c* 1450 *St. Cuthbert* (Surtees) 3661 Þe seke man with his hand he blisse; Fra he him touched safe he was. 1486 *Bk. St. Albans* c vj b, Put som in the Roofe of her mowth and she shall be saafe. 1526 TINDALE *Luke* viii. 48 Thy fayth hath made the safe.

†3. *Theol.* [After L. *salvus* in the Vulgate.] Delivered from sin or condemnation, saved; in a state of salvation, spiritually 'whole'. *Obs.*

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 19967 All to be sauf o sin and scam, þat wald tru in his hali nam. *a* 1300–1400 *Ibid.* 20867 (Göll.) His folk all saf [*Cott.* saued] þan sal he make, And bring þaim vte of sinne and wrake. 1340 HAMPOLE *Pr. Consc.* 2959 Bot yhit has the saul mare drede þan, Til þe dome be gyven and it may se Whether it sal dampned or saufe be. 1382 WYCLIF *Acts* xvi. 31 Bileue thou in to the Lord Jhesu and thou schalt be saf [Vulg. *salvus eris*; Gr. σωθήσῃ]. 1399 LANGL. *Rich. Redeles* Prol. 81 As my soule be saff ffrom synne at myn ende. *c* 1440 HYLTON *Scala Perf.* (W. de W. 1494) I. xli, Some by sorowe..some by prechyng & techyng..shal be saaf & come to blisse. 1562 WINJET *Cert. Tractates* Wks. (S.T.S.) I. 81 God makis ws sauff be the lawar of regeneratioun [*Tit.* iii. 5].

†4. Mentally or morally sound or sane. *Obs.*

The phr. *with* (*a*) *safe conscience* was suggested by L. *salvâ conscientiâ* (cf. 5 below).

1390 GOWER *Conf.* II. 32, I mai wel with sauf conscience Excuse me of necgligence Towardes love in alle wise. 1492 In god mynde and saf memorye [see MEMORY 2 b]. 1549 LATIMER *1st Serm. bef. Edw. VI* D j, The which treasure, if it be not sufficiente, be maye lawfully and wyth a salue conscience, take taxis of hys subiectes. 1560 DAUS tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* 6 b, To revoke his sentence already taught and defended, he cannot with a safe conscience [orig. *cum bona conscientia*]. 1567 in F. J. Baigent *Crondal Rec.* (1891) 172 Any personne..beinge of the full age of twenty and one yeares, of sauff memorie. 1577 NORTHBROOKE *Dicing* (1843) 91 Fewe men or women come from playes, and resortes of men, with safe and chaste mindes. 1601 SHAKS. *Jul. C.* I. i. 14 A Trade Sir, that I hope I may vse with a safe Conscience. 1604 — *Oth.* IV. i. 280 Are his wits safe? Is he not light of Braine? 1611 — *Cymb.* IV. ii. 131 No single soule Can we set eye on: but in all safe reason He must haue some Attendants.

†5. Used in a constructiou corresponding to the L. ablative absolute (e. g. *salvâ fide, salvo jure*; so F. *sauf votre respect*) with the sense: Keeping .. safe or intact, without hurt or prejudice to .., without loss of .., making reservation of .., with due respect to .... *Obs.* (See also *safe*, SAVE *prep.*)

c 1290 *S. Eng. Leg.* 120/488 Trewenesse we þe sworen ase riȝt was, and eorþelich honour al-so, Sauue ore ordre and ore riȝte, bote þat was out i-do. 1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 1242, & þat he vor is neuen wolde, vorto abatie strif, Do hey amendement, sauue lume & lif. *c* 1374 CHAUCER *Troylus* II. 480 But elles wol I fonde, Myn honour sauf, plese him fro day to day. 1423 JAS. I *Kingis Q.* cxliii, Hir worschip sauf. 1470 HENRY *Wallace* XI. 1208 Tharfor till him is no comparisoun, As off a man, sauff reuerence off the croun. *c* 1483 CAXTON *Dialogues* 17 *Non feray, sauue le vostre grace*, I shall not, sauf your grace. *c* 1500 *Melusine* 3 Saaf theire juggement.

II. Free from danger; secure.

6. Not exposed to danger; not liable to be harmed or lost; secure.

1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) II. 227 Þey bulde hem smale cootes and cabans..þat hire lyf myȝte be more saaf. *c* 1400 *Laud Troy Bk.* (E.E.T.S.) 18201 Off no-thing were thei a-dredde; Thei wende thei hadde ben saue & sure. *c* 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* XII. 363 And wrie hem that noon ayer vppon hem shyne, So beth they sauf. 1447–8 *Shillingford's Lett.* (Camden) 88 To bryng yn stuf for the werre.. ther to be kept stronge saf and sure. 1590 SHAKS. *Com. Err.* I. ii. 105, I greatly feare my monie is not safe. 1596 — *Tam. Shr.* V. ii. 151 Whil'st thou ly'st warme at home, secure and safe. 1598 SPENSER *Daphn.* xx, Safe then and safest were my sillie sheepe, Ne fear'd the Wolfe. 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* v. I. 662 No second witness could be found...Cornish thought himself safe. *Ibid.* vii. II. 190 Apprehensions that the interests of the Anglican Church might not be safe under the rule of a man bred among Dutch Presbyterians. 1852 MRS. STOWE *Uncle Tom's C.* vii. 43 No, no, Harry darling! mother can't eat till you are safe!

quasi-*adv.* 1860 *Bohn's Handbk. Games, Billiards* 572 Either decline the chance altogether, and lay the balls safe, or make that stroke which seems most sure and easy.

b. Const. *from*, †*of* (= secure against).

1390 GOWER *Conf.* III. 153 That he mesure in his expence So kepe, that of indigence He mai be sauf. *c* 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* I. 973 Al the lond that thou hast goon aboute ffro cloudis wicke is saaf [*Bodl. MS.* saue]. *Ibid.* 982 Thy seedis with cucumber rotis grounde Let stepe, and saaf of euery mys they are. 1535 COVERDALE *Job* xxi. 9 Their houses are safe from all feare. 1577 B. GOOGE *Heresbach's Husb.* I. (1586) 33 Yf they be steeped in Capons blood, they wyll be safe from all hurtful weedes. 1697 DRYDEN *Æneid* VII. 1065 Where then he liv'd obscure, but safe from Jove. 1801 *Med. Jrnl.* V. 403 That a person once infected with the small-pox is safe from having it a second time. 1866 G. MACDONALD *Ann. Q. Neighb.* v. (1878) 66, I did not feel safe from him till I was once more in my study. 1891 HELEN B. HARRIS *Apol. Aristides* ii. 14 The hermits..petitioned him to build them a house where they might be safe from the incursions of the Arabs.

7. Of a place or thing: Affording security or immunity; not exposing to danger; not likely to cause harm or injury.

1390 GOWER *Conf.* I. 165 Neptunus..kept hire in so sauf a place Fro Polipheme and his manace, That he..Ne mihte atteigne hir compaignie. 1590 SHAKS. *Com. Err.* I. ii. 78 Answer me, In what safe place you haue bestow'd my monie. 1603 OWEN *Pembrokeshire* (1891) 112 A good and salfe roade for shippinge. 1666 *Act* 18 & 19 *Chas. II*, c. 8 § 5 The building with Bricke is not onely more comely and durable but alsoe more safe against future perills of Fire. 1680 LADY R. RUSSELL *Lett.* I. iii. 21 The Iesuits' Powder is..held most safe to be taken by the best doctors. 1697 DRYDEN *Virg. Georg.* IV. 608 A Station safe for Ships, when Tempests roar. 1789 W. BUCHAN *Dom. Med.* (1790) 129 All kinds of linen and bedding, when not frequently used, become damp. How then is it possible that beds, which are not slept in above two or three times a year, should be safe? 1861 FLOR. NIGHTINGALE *Nursing* 14 The safest atmosphere of all for a patient is a good fire and an open window. 1866 YOUNG *Fires* 59 Staircases, to be fireproof, or at least safe under the ordinary circumstances of fire. 1870 DICKENS *E. Drood* viii, That part of the world is at a safe distance.

8. Used *transf.* in the compounds SAFE-CONDUCT, SAFEGUARD, q.v.; hence with sbs. of similar meaning, as *safe convoy, custody* (cf. L. *tuta custodia*), †*stowage*; also SAFE KEEPING, SAFE WARD.

1536 CROMWELL in Merriman *Life & Lett.* (1902) II. 9 To kepe the same Offeley in your salve custodye. 1547 in *Vicary's Anat.* (1888) App. III. i. 129 Which lettres were forwyth Delyuered ouer to the sauffe Custody of Master Chamberleyn. *a* 1605 MONTGOMERIE *Misc. Poems* xlix. 22 Than grant thou vs..Thy saiv sure conduct [cf. OF. *salf et seur conduit*]. 1611 SHAKS. *Cymb.* I. vi. 192 And I am something curious, being strange, To haue them in safe stowage. 1634 MILTON *Comus* 81, I shoot from Heav'n to give him safe convoy. 1649 CROMWELL *Let.* 24 Nov. in Carlyle App. C. No. 14, I have by this Bearer returned a Safe-convoy, as you desire, for what Commissioners you think fit to send out to me. 1651 HOBBES *Leviathan* II. xxviii. 264 The safe custody of a man accused. 1766 BLACKSTONE *Comm.* II. 505 His only business being to keep the goods in his safe custody.

†b. *Safe pledge* (see quot.). *Obs.*

1684 *Cowel's Interpr.* (ed. Manley), Safe pledge, *Salvus plegius*, is a Surety given for a Man's Appearance against a day assigned, *Bracton lib.* 4. *cap.* 2. *num.* 2. where it is also called *certus plegius*.

9. Of an action, procedure, undertaking, plan, etc.: Free from risk, not involving danger or mishap, guaranteed against failure. Sometimes = free from risk of error, as in *it is safe to say* . . .

1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* III. xi. 23 Therefore, Sir knight, Aread what course of you is safest dempt. 1605 SHAKS. *Macb.* II. iii. 148 Our safest way Is to auoid the ayme. 1624 MIDDLETON *Game at Chess* II. i. 21 What haue you there? *Bl. Bs.* A Note (Sir) of State-Policie, And one exceeding safe one. 1651 HOBBES *Leviathan* II. xxvii. 151 It is safer to erre on that hand, than on the other. 1721 DE FOE *Mem. Cavalier* (1840) 43 'Tis never safe to despise an enemy. 1728 SWIFT *Charac. Mrs. Johnson* Wks. 1824 IX. 286 Perhaps she was sometimes too severe, which is a safe and pardonable error. 1752 JOHNSON *Rambler* No. 173 ₱ 11 It is always safer to err in favour of others than of ourselves. 1790 COWPER *Odyss.* XXIII. 150 To me the safest counsel and the best. 1810 SCOTT *Lady of L.* II. xxxvi, Far up the lake 'twere safest land. 1854 J. B. LANGLEY *Life-Agent's Vademecum* 53 If an assurance company has obtained 1000 policies, it is statistically safe. 1863 W. PHILLIPS *Sp.* xi. 254 This is Choate, who made it safe to murder. 1893 *Law Times* XCIV. 454/1 It is safe to say that propositions of this kind will not figure upon the Statute-book yet awhile.

†b. In stronger sense: Conducive to safety. *Obs.*

1625 BACON *Ess., Seditions* (Arb.) 407 An Embleme, no doubt, to shew, how safe it is for Monarchs, to make sure of the good Will of Common People.

c. Phr. *On the safe side* = with a margin of security against error.

1847 MARRYAT *Childr. N. Forest* xi, Be on the safe side, and do not trust him too far. 1858 *Merc. Mar. Mag.* V. 84 They should rather err on the safe side. 1893 SIR R. BALL *Story of Sun* 307 For the sake of being on the safe side, I have taken the lowest value.

d. applied *transf.* to the agent.

1874 HEATH *Croquet-Player* 53 Remember that the dead ball is not so safe a helper as your partner. 1884 *Liverpool Merc.* 18 Feb. 5/2 One is perfectly safe in saying that the position of the defendants has relatively improved.

10. Secured, kept in custody; unable to escape. Hence, not likely to come out, intervene, or do hurt; placed beyond the power of doing harm, not at present dangerous.

? *c* 1600 *Distr. Emperor* I. i. in Bullen *Old Pl.* (1884) III. 200 What, madam? is he salve asleepe? Most soundlye, Sir. 1605 SHAKS. *Macb.* III. iv. 25 But Banquo's safe? *Mur.* I, my good Lord: safe in a ditch he bides. 1610 — *Temp.* III. i. 21 My Father Is hard at study; pray now rest your selfe, Hee's safe for these three houres. 1623 — *Hen. VIII*, V. iii. 97 Receiue him, And see him safe i' th' Tower. 1618 BOLTON *Florus* III. x. (1636) 204 Cæsar was at this time absent out of Gallia;..and so the wayes cloyed up, they presumed hee was fast and safe enough. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* IX. 815 And other care perhaps May haue diverted from continual watch Our great Forbidder, safe with all his Spies About him. 1678 R. L'ESTRANGE *Seneca's Mor., Epist.* v. (1696) 490 When the Snake is Frozen, 'tis safe. 18.. *Nursery Rhyme*, *'Three children sliding on the ice,'* Ye parents that have children dear,..If you would have them safe abroad, Pray keep them safe at home.

Prov. 1573 TUSSER *Husb.* (1878) 173 Drie sunne, drie winde, Safe binde, safe finde. [Cf. FAST *adv.* 2, quot. 1596.]

11. a. Sure in procedure; not liable to fail, mislead, or disappoint expectation; trustworthy. b. Cautious, keeping to 'the safe side'.

1604 SHAKS. *Oth.* II. iii. 205 My blood begins my safer Guides to rule. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* XI. 372 Ascend, I follow thee, safe Guide, the path Thou lead'st me. 1678 CUDWORTH *Intell. Syst.* I. iii. § 37. 24 (1820) I. 367 That safe and sure-footed interpreter, Alex. Aphrodisius. 1887 A. BIRRELL *Obiter Dicta* Ser. II. 46 As a master of style and diction, Milton is as safe as Virgil. 1894 *Daily News* 3 May 5/3 The first [hymnal] is described by Canon Twells as being generally acceptable to high churches, the second to low churches, and the third to intermediate, 'sometimes called safe churches'.

12. a. With *of*: Sure to obtain. ? *Obs.*

1667 PEPYS *Diary* 23 Aug., I find most people pleased with their being at ease, and safe of a peace. 1802 SOUTHEY *La Caba* 3 Here I stand, Safe of my purpose now! 1846 THACKERAY *Let.* 9 Feb. (MS.), What I meant by 'Safe' is the best word to be applied to a play I think—safe of a real agreeable—of course I don't know how permanent—success.

b. *To be safe*, followed by inf. or †const. *for*, is predicated of a person or thing to express the certainty of the fact or event involved in the predication.

Hence used *attrib.* in colloquial phrases like 'He is a safe first' = he is safe to take a first class.

1790 GROSE *Prov. Gloss.* (ed. 2) Suppl., 'He is safe enough for being hanged.' Cumb. 1852 SMEDLEY *L. Arundel* XXVII. 204 Society had better shut up shop at once, for it's safe to be 'uprooted from its very foundations'. 1860 WHYTE MELVILLE *Mkt. Harb.* 107 He'll win it, as safe as safe! 1865 F. OAKELEY *Hist. Notes* 46 If..you had happened to enter any common-room in Oxford..you would have been safe to hear some ten or twenty voices eloquent on the subject of Tract 90. 1874 WHYTE MELVILLE *Uncle John* viii. I. 225 The foreign horse was safe to win the Two Thousand. 1882 B. M. CROKER *Proper Pride* I. vii. 137, 'I am sure a man never sent it,' said Helen. 'I'm sorry to say it of my own sex, but it's safe to be a woman'. 1894 'J. S. WINTER' *Red Coats* 50 You know the Colonel is as safe as houses to come round after church parade.

†c. ? Certain, established as fact, not to be called in question.

1788 PRIESTLEY *Lect. Hist.* I. i. 14 For want of acquaintance with history, we are apt to pronounce *a priori* many things to be impossible, which in fact really exist, and are very safe.

†13. quasi-*sb.* *In safe* (OF. *en sauf*): in a safe place, in safety. *With safe*: with safely, safely. *Obs. rare.*

c 1430 *Pilgr. Lyf Manhode* I. xvii. (1869) 13 Þe official turned him, and bar with him þe oynements, and putte hem in saaf. 1569 PRESTON *Cambises* E 3 b, If I with safe may graunt this deed, I will it not refuse.

14. Special collocations. **Safe deposit** (orig. *U. S.*), a place in which valuables are stored; also *attrib.* **Safe edge**, (*a*) a smooth edge of a file; hence **safe-edge, -edged** *adjs.*; (*b*) *Photogr.* (see quot. 1891). †**Safe lamp, lantern, light**, a safety-lamp. **Safe load**, a load which leaves a required margin of security against causing breakage or injury to a structure (cf. SAFETY 6).

1783 J. HUNTINGTON in Sparks *Corr. Amer. Rev.* (1853) IV. 27 West Point..may be made a *safe deposit where every military article may be kept in good order and repair. 1880 W. NEWTON *Serm. Boys & Girls* (1881) 338, I went down into the vaults of one of our great safe-deposit buildings. 1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 145/1 The public safes or safe-deposits erected in most of the great cities of America and in London. 1846 HOLTZAPFFEL *Turning* etc. II. 821 Some files have one or more edges that are left uncut, and these are known as *safe-edges, because such edges are not liable to act upon those parts of the work against which they are allowed to rub,..The safe-edge file is principally required in making a set-off, or shoulder [etc.]. 1884 F. J. BRITTEN *Watch & Clockm.* 230 *Safe Edged File. 1891 *Anthony's Photogr. Bull.* IV. 66 The negative to be printed from, should have an opaque border, called a safe edge, about a quarter of an inch wide made around it. 1815 DAVY *Let.* 30 Oct. in Paris *Life* (1832) II. 82, I trust the *Safe lamp will answer all the objects of the collier. 1815 — in *Phil. Trans.* CVI. 12 The first *safe lantern that I had constructed, was made of tin-plate, and the light emitted through four glass plates in the sides. 1816 — *Ibid.* 23, I have already had the honor of communicating to the Royal Society an account of a *safe light. 1868 HUMBER *Strains in Girders* 67 Breaking and *Safe Loads for Bridges, Girders, etc. 1908 *Daily Tel.* 30 Jan. 15/4 This particular chain was certified ..as being capable of standing a strain of three tons, so that its 'safe' load was 1½ ton.

15. Comb., as †*safe-bestowing*, †*-maker*, †*-making* (where 'safe' is objective); *safe-borne, -marching, -moored, -sequestered* ppl. adjs. (where 'safe' is quasi-adv.).

1575 in Feuillerat *Revels Q. Eliz.* (1908) 254 Putting in order and *safebestowinge of the garmentes. 1896 KIPLING *Seven Seas* 38 Average fifteen hunder souls *safe-borne fra' port to port. 1643 TRAPP *Comm. Gen.* xlix. 10 Others render *Shiloh, Tranquillator, Salvator*, The *Safe-maker, The Peace-maker. 1579 W. WILKINSON *Confut. Fam. Love* 13 Their ministration is the *safemaking ministration. 1755 J. N. SCOTT *Ess. Transl. Homer's Wks.* 3 *Safe-marching through the Camp. 1832 CARLYLE *Sart. Res.* III. xii, *Safe-moored in some stillest obscurity. 1725 POPE *Odyss.* V. 562 Some smooth ascent, or *safe-sequester'd bay.

†b. In verbal phrase used subst.: see quot. *Obs.*

c 1640 J. SMYTH *Lives Berkeleys* (1883) I. 96 He hath letters of safe come, safe goe, and safe staye for five dayes.

¶ *Vouch .. safe, safe vouch*: see VOUCHSAFE.

†**Safe**, *v. Obs. rare.* [f. SAFE *a.*] *trans.* To render safe or secure. Also, to conduct safely *out of*.

1602 MARSTON *Ant. & Mel.* IV. H j b, Deare Lord, what means this rage, when lacking vse: Scarce safes your life, will you in armour rise? 1606 SHAKS. *Ant. & Cl.* I. iii. 55 My more particular, And that which most with you should

safe my going, Is Fuluias death. *Ibid.* IV. vi. 26 Best you saf't the bringer Out of the hoasL *c* 1611 CHAPMAN *Iliad* V. 112 Thus he brau'd, and yet his violent shaft Strooke short with all his violence, Tydides life was safL *Ibid.* VII. 285 At which we will erect Wals, and a raueling, that may safe, our fleet and vs protect.

Safe-conduct (sēˑfkɒndŏkt), *sb.* Forms: see SAFE *a.* and CONDUCT *sb.*[1] [a. F. *sauf-conduit* (13th c.), f. *sauf* SAFE *a.* + *conduit* CONDUCT *sb.* Cf. Sp., Pg. *salvoconduto*, It. *salvocondotto*, med.L. *salvus conductus.*]

1. The privilege, granted by a sovereign or other competent authority, of being protected from arrest or molestation while making a particular journey or travelling within a certain region. Phrases, *in* or *with safe-conduct*, *under* or *upon* (*a*) *safe-conduct.*

1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 10226 To vinde him gode borewes, & sauf condut al so. *c* 1325 *Coer de L.* 3617 Ye schole gon in saff coundyte; No man schal do ye despyte. 1338 R. BRUNNE *Chron.* (1810) 260 In stede of messengeres, saue condite vs gyue, þorgh þi lond to go in þin auowrie, þat non vs robbe ne slo, for þi curteysie. 1390 GOWER *Conf.* II. 160 For he anon bem wolde assaile..His sauf conduit hot if thei hadden. 1422-20 LYDG. *Troy Bk.* I. 935 For þei of pryde, with-outen any leue Or safcondyte, han þe stronde y-take. 1433 *Rolls Parlt.* IV. 475/1 Letters of save condut. *c* 1450 *Merlin* 82 Thei hadde saf condite to returne to Tintagel. 1456 SIR G. HAVE *Law Armis* (S. T. S.) 93 Gif a man be tane presonare apon ane otheris sauf condyt. 1470-85 MALORY *Arthur* VIII. xxxii. 322 Thenne the Barons sente for syr Tristram vnder a sauf conduyte. *a* 1548 HALL *Chron., Hen. VIII* 34 Then the capitayne sent woorde that with saufeconduyte he would come and speke with the kynges counsayll. 1549 *Compl. Scot.* xiii. 107 Nor scottis men til entir on inglis grond vithout out the kyng of ingland saue conduct. 1568 GRAFTON *Chron.* II. 254 Graunting to all commers out of every Countrie safe conduyte to come and go. 1577-87 HARRISON *England* II. ii. (1877) I. 53 To be short, upon safe-conduct, the bishop commeth to the king's presence. *a* 1578 LINDESAY (Pitscottie) *Chron. Scot.* (S. T. S.) I. 83 The Earle gat saif cundit to come throw Ingland. 1677 *Govt. Venice* 238 Sixtus V, and Clement VIII, granted Safe-conduct to the Maranes, to remain, and traffick in the Town of Ancona, without being molested or disturbed by the Inquisitors. 1840 DICKENS *Barn. Rudge* lxxi, The task of conveying one female in safety through such scenes as we must encounter..is enough...If you accept the service I tender..she shall be instantly placed in safe conduct. 1879 FROUDE *Cæsar* iv. 35 He had come over under a safe conduct, and he was not detained. 1887 RIDER HAGGARD *Jess* xxi, A pass..giving you and Miss Jess Croft a safe conduct to Mooifontein.

2. A document by which this privilege is conveyed.

[1392 *Earl Derby's Exped.* (Camd.) 179/32 Pro scriptura et sigillacione vnius saueconducti Ducis de Stulpez.] ?1404 SKYDMORE *Let.* 5 July in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. II. I. 20 And ther y was and spake with hym [Owen Glendower] upon truys, and prayed of a saufconduyt under his seal to send home my wif and hir moder and thaire mayne. 1473 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* (1877) I. 67 Traistand at the said Inglisman had na saulf conduct, and tharefor he schew a conduct. 1523 SKELTON *Gart. Laurel* 503 Some shewid his salfeconduight, some shewid his charter. 1620 SIR R. NAUNTON in *Fortescue Papers* (Camden) 115 And humbly praies his Majesties signature to this safe conduct here inclosed. 1765 BLACKSTONE *Comm.* II. 401 Such goods as are brought into this country by an alien enemy..without a safe-conduct or passport. 1843 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* x. II. 576 Feversham was asked for his safe conduct. He had none. 1875 STUBBS *Const. Hist.* II. xiv. 122 The safe conduct granted them on their departure is dated on the 27th of July.

3. The action of conducting or convoying in safety; safe convoy.

1338 R. BRUNNE *Chron.* (1810) 80 He praied þam of alle þing..To haf saf condite, vnto þe New Kastelle. & Hugh did as he hight, led þam sauely welle. 1529 *Household Bk. Hen. VIII* in *Trevelyan Papers* (Camden) 152 For the costes of him and such other with him, as attended upon the salve conduct of the said moneye. 1577 E. HOGAN in *Hakluyt's Voy.* (1589) 156 For my safe conduite to the Court he had sent foure captaines. 1652 NEEDHAM tr. *Selden's Mare Cl.* 481 And give them such safe Conduct and Convoie, as they shall reasonably require.

4. *fig.*

1426 LYDG. *De Guil. Pilgr.* 112 Vn-to synnerys, that deye repentaunt, To yive pardon off hys benynge graunt, (The) Wych ys to hem, vn-to ther refut, Proteccyon and true sauff-conduit, Hem to save, that thay be nat lorn. 1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 5 b, In heuynesse, feblenes, and trouble of ennemyes, it is our conforte, our strengthe, saueconducte and peace. 1551 T. WILSON *Logike* (1580) A 3 b, This worke maie not at the first enteraunce, haue the saufe conducte and protection of your most noble roiall Maiestie. 1574 HELLOWES *Gueuara's Fam. Ep.* 267 Being as we are fallen into the most grievous sinnes, we do live, and go so contented, as though we had received of God a safeconduit to be saved. 1625 tr. *Gonsalvio's Sp. Inquis.* 146 God vnder his mighty protection, and by his owne safe-conduct, brought that holy burthen thither. 1872 LOWELL *Wks.* (1890) IV. 102 A great controlling reason in whose safe-conduct we trust implicitly.

†**Safe-conduct,** *v. Obs.* [f. prec. sb.] *trans.* To lead, convoy, or conduct safely.

In verse stressed *safe-cónduct* as well as *safe-cónduct.*

1564 JENKINSON in *Hakluyt's Voy.* (1599) I. 346 That he would..giue me..men to safeconduct me vnto the sayd Sophy. 1567 DRANT *Hor. Ep.* I. vii. D iij, If he maye he safeconducted and welcum to thy grace. 1590 MARLOWE *1st Pt. Tamburl.* I. ii, Bearing his priuie signet and his hand To safe conduct vs thorow Africa. *a* 1600 (?) HOOKER *Serm. Jude* ii. § 22 He indeed was able to Safe-Conduct a Theefe from the Crosse to Paradise. 1600 FAIRFAX *Tasso* VI. xiii. 96 This Sword (I trust) shall well safeconduct mee. 1639 AINSWORTH *Pentateuch* Contents 2 This Second Booke of Moses sheweth..the bringing out of Israel..the safe-conducting of them in the Wildernesse.

Safe-guard (sēˑfgaɹd), *sb.* For forms see SAFE *a.* and GUARD *sb.* See also SAGGAR, SAGGARD. [ME. *savegarde* (*sauf-*, *safe-*, etc.), a. F. *sauvegarde* (13th c. in Hatz.-Darm.), f. *sauve* fem. of *sauf* SAFE + *garde* GUARD *sb.* Cf. It., Sp. *salvaguardia*, Pg. *salvaguarda*, med.L. *salvagardia.*]

1. Protection, safety. Now *rare* or *Obs.* (see b).

1421 *Rolls of Parlt.* IV. 159/2 The pore Soudeors..have truly served the sauf garde of the forsaid Town. *c* 1470 HENRY *Wallace* IV. 652 Saiffgarde he gat wndir a bowand tre. 1513 MORE *Rich. III* (1641) 450 King Richard, as the fame went, might have escaped and gotten safegard by flying. *a* 1548 HALL *Chron., Hen. IV* 8 b, Besechyng the Duke to grant to him the safegarde of his lyfe. 1555 EDEN *Decades* 6 To the which they flye for safegarde if any man resorte vnto them. 1572 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* Ser. I. II. 132 That na men..tak vpoun thame the saulfgaird and protectioun of ony knawin inymeis or convoy..to thame.. ony gudis. 1598 BARCKLEY *Felic. Man* II. (1603) 89 Preferring the savegard of his people before his owne life. 1632 LITHGOW *Trav.* III. 83 A place of safeguard, called commonly the Monastery of refuge. 1634 SIR T. HERBERT *Trav.* 200 The women [of Sumatra] are for courage, Amazonian, and of such account with their tyrannique Lords, that the safeguard of their bodies are committed sometimes to their care. 1736 AINSWORTH *Lat. Dict.* s. v. *Attribute*, He attributeth to me the safe guard of the whole empire.

b. *For* (*the*) *safeguard of* (now *arch.*), † *to* (*the*) *safeguard of*, † *in safeguard of*: for the defence or protection of, in order to the safety of. Formerly freq. in phr. *for safeguard of one's life.*

[1347 *Rolls of Parlt.* II. 194/1 Pur salve garde de la pees.] 1433 *Ibid.* IV. 445/1 To walle,..and fortefie, youre seid Towne and Havyn, sufficiently..for the saufgarde of alle Marchaundises and other Goodes thedir comynge. 1440 in Slew *Hist. Walsall* (1856) 107 For the more suertye and saufgard of the tresour and euydence of that Gylde. 1467 in *Eng. Gilds* (1870) 398 For savegarde of the kynges cite. *c* 1500 *Melusine* 17 And there the lady Pressyne stablysshed a strong geaunt to the sauegarde of the tresoure. 1519 *Mem. Ripon* (Surtees) I. 315 For savegard of my lyf and for savegard of my body. 1536 in W. H. Turner *Select. Rec. Oxford* (1880) 139 For safeguard of his life he was fayne to leape from ye bridge. 1538 BALE *Thre Lawes* 2039 To sauegarde of the iust & synners ponnyshment. 1571-2 in Swayne *Sarum Churchw. Acc.* (1896) 285 Boxes for the belles ropes to run in for savegard of the ropes. 1585 T. WASHINGTON tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* II. x. 43 b, The streit of Hellespont, for the safegard wherof there are 2. strong castles. 1594 SHAKS. *Rich. III*, v. iii. 259 If you do fight in safegard of your wiues. 1620 J. WILKINSON *Coroners & Sherifes* 13 A. flyeth as much as he can for safeguard of his life. *a* 1625 SIR H. FINCH *Law* (1636) 39 To rase ones house on fire, in safegard of the neighbours houses. 1669 MRS. ALICE THORNTON *Autobiog.* (Surtees) 18 But the king, being constrained for the saveguard of his owne life, passed that fatall bill. 1727 THRELKELD *Stirpes Hibernicæ* Pref. 23 He was for the Safeguard of his Life compelled in his Age, to fly into High Germany. 1848 ARNOULD *Mar. Insur.* I. viii. I. 197 [Form of policy], To make every exertion in their power 'for the defence, safeguard, and recovery' of the property.

†**c.** *In safeguard*, in safety or security. *Obs.*

c 1440 *Brut* (E. E. T. S.) 468 Forto kepe the towne in saufgarde from oure enemys. 1472-3 *Rolls of Parlt.* VI. 5/2 The seid sommes of money..to be put in sauf gard. 1553 EDEN *Treat. Newe Ind.* (Arb.) 30 Fortresses where his men might lye in safegarde. 1611 BIBLE I *Sam.* xxii. 23 With me thou shalt bee in safegard. 1642 J. M[ARSH] *Argt. conc. Militia* 4 The King ought to provide that his Subjects have their passage throughout the Realme by all high wayes in safeguard.

†**d.** Custody or safe-keeping. *Obs.*

1528 ROY *Rede me* (Arb.) 112 They put men in soche savegarde That with in a whyle afterwarde They be sure to go no forther. 1817 SIR F. BURDETT in *Parl. Debates* 1693 The safeguard of the prisoners had originally belonged to the sheriff.

2. Protection or security afforded by a specified person (or thing). Phr. *in* or *under* (*the*) *safeguard of.* Now *rare* or *Obs.*

1456 SIR G. HAVE *Law Armis* (S. T. S.) 238 Thay ar all in the protectioun and salvegarde of the pape. 1484 CAXTON *Æsop* II. ii. (1889) 34 Who that..suhmytteth hym self vnder the saue gard or protection of the euylle. *c* 1490 *Paston Lett.* III. 366 Our Lord..have you in His blissid saufegard. 1561 T. NORTON *Calvin's Inst.* II. 136 Whome he..had receiued into his sauegard, custodie, and protection. 1600 HOLLAND *Livy* XXXI. XXVII. 789 To commit themselves under the protection and savegard of the Romanes. 1632 LITHGOW *Trav.* III. 84, I detained my selfe vnder safeguard of the Cloyster. 1657 *Whole Duty of Man* V. § 14 (1660) 117 [We] therefore should tremble to venture on the perils either of day or night without his safeguard. 1732 LEDIARD *Sethos* II. VII. 125 Under the safeguard of the colony of their nation.

†**b.** *To stand upon one's safeguard*: to stand on the defensive, to defend one's self. *Obs.*

1609 BP. W. BARLOW *Answ. Nameless Cath.* 236 If any Prince were euer forced to stand vpon his safe-guard, and fence himselfe with Lawes.

†**3.** Guarantee of safety or safe passage given by a person in authority; safe-conduct. *On safeguard*, on the strength of such guarantee. *Obs.*

c 1374 CHAUCER *Troilus* IV. 111 (139) And whan Priam his saue garde sente Thembassadours to troie streught wente. *c* 1420 ? LYDG. *Assembly of Gods* 118 For where as I my sauegard grauntyd, Ay in that cost he comonly hauntyd. 1433 *Rolls of Parlt.* IV. 475/2 Letters of save conduct and save gard. 1526 in 10*th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. v. 402 If anny man..will convey him onte of the town under any Irishman (h)is salfe garde or winges. *a* 1568 ASCHAM *Scholem.* II. (Arb.) 154 He tooke his penne and wrote his warrant of sauegard with these most goodlie wordes, *Viuat Varro vir doctissimus.* 1594 WEST *2nd Pt. Symbol.* § 45 For the ease, savegard, and passage of the inhabitants of the said townes, villages [etc.]. 1594 R. ASHLEY tr. *Loys le Roy* 81 Crassus..was slaine as he parlied on safe-guard. 1607 SHAKS. *Cor.* III. i. 9 On safegard he came to me.

†**b.** *Law.* (See quot.) *Obs.*

1670 BLOUNT *Law Dict., Safe-guard.* See *Salva-guardia. Salva Guardia*, is a Protection given by the King to a stranger, fearing the violence of some of his Subjects, for seeking His Right by course of Law.

4. A permit for safe passage: = SAFE-CONDUCT 2. Also, a guard or escort granted for the same purpose.

1633 T. STAFFORD *Pac. Hib.* I. xi. 72 Whereupon second Letters together with a safe guard were dispatched unto him. 1642 *Laws of War Army Earl Essex* A 4 b, Whosoever shall presume to violate a Save-guard, shall die without mercy. *a* 1674 CLARENDON *Hist. Reb.* VIII. § 199 So a trumpet was sent to the earl of Essex for a safe guard or pass to those two lords. 1687 T. BROWN *Saints in Uproar* Wks. 1730 I. 79 Without a farthing of money in your pockets, guides to conduct you or safeguards to protect you. 1688 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 2380/3 They..have need, for themselves and 100 Persons, of Passports and Safeguards to be sent from your Army. 1860 WOOLSEY *Introd. Internat. Law* § 147 (1875) 183 Passports and safeguards, or safe-conducts, are letters of protection, with or without an escort, by which the person of an enemy is rendered inviolable. 1861 W. H. RUSSELL in *Times* 6 June, I am obliged to see all that can be seen of the South at once, and then, armed with such safeguards as I can procure, to make an effort to recover my communications.

5. A warrant granted by a military commander to protect a place from pillage. Also, a guard or detachment of soldiers sent to protect the place.

1706 PHILLIPS (ed. Kersey), *Safe-Guard*, In Military Affairs, a Protection given by a Prince or his General, to some of the Enemy's Country, to be secur'd from being ravag'd by his Men or quartering them; also Soldiers left in such Places for that Purpose. 1707 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 4377/2 The Princess was there, and had..Safe-guards granted her for the Protection of the Place.

†**6.** A picket or outpost of soldiers. *Obs.*

1677 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 1238/4 The Mareschal d'Humieres has called in all his Safe-guards, and caused the Bridges on the Canal to be taken up. 1707 LUTTRELL *Brief Rel.* (1857) VI. 195 Vendosm has called in all the safeguards round his camp.

7. *gen.* Something that offers security from danger; a defence, protection. Now chiefly in immaterial applications: e. g. a legal proviso or a stipulation serving to prevent some encroachment; a course of action, a habit or sentiment, tending to protect the subject against some temptation; or the like. (The chief current sense.)

1471 RIPLEY *Comp. Alch., Ep. to Edw. IV* in Ashm. (1652) 109 O Honorable Lord,..The savegard of England, & maynteyner of right. 1513 MORE *Rich. III*, Wks. 47 That sacred Sainctuary, that hath bene the safegarde of so many a good mannes life. 1523 FITZHERB. *Husb.* § 18 This maner of foldynge..shall be a greate sauegarde to the shepe for rottynge. 1573 G. HARVEY *Letter-bk.* (Camden) 32 Whitch saiing I..do now recount a soverain save gard against all incumbrancis. 1584 R. NORMAN (*title*) The safegard of Sailers, or great Rutter. 1610 HOLLAND *Camden's Brit.* (1637) 701 [Vork] a singular safeguard and ornament both, to all the North parts. 1634 SIR T. HERBERT *Trav.* 88 His owne valour was his safeguard. 1776 GIBBON *Decl. & F.* xii. (1782) I. 393 Their poverty indeed became an additional safeguard to their innocence. 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* I. I. 43 No new safeguards for public liberty were devised. 1868 FREEMAN *Norm. Conq.* (1877) II. ix. 425 There was a still further reason for placing some special safeguard on that border. 1874 L. STEPHEN *Hours in Library* (1892) I. vii. 251 Admirable skill of expression is..no real safeguard against logical blunders. 1891 *Law Times* XC. 419/2 The old reticence of the Bench was a grand safeguard of its dignity.

†**8.** An outer skirt or petticoat worn by women to protect their dress when riding. (See also quot. 1706.) Also SAGGARD 1. *Obs.*

1585 HIGINS *Junius' Nomencl.* 167 *Limus*,..a kind of aray or attire reaching from the nauill downe to the feete, by this description like a womans safegard, or a bakers. 1588 in Nichols *Progr. Q. Eliz.* (1823) III. 3 A safegard with a jhup or gaskyn coate of faire cullored satten. 1590 *Lanc. Wills* (Chetham Soc.) II. 23 My cloake and savegarde. 1608 *Merry Devil of Edmonton* I. i. (Stage Direct.), The gentlewomen in cloakes and safeguardes. 1611 MIDDLETON & DEKKER *Roaring Girl* II. i. D1, Enter Mol in a freese Ierkin and a blacke sauegard. 1706 PHILLIPS (ed. Kersey) s. v., There is also a kind of Dust-gown, or upper Garment worn by Women, commonly called a *Safe-Guard*; also a coloured Stuff-Apron, and a sort of Swathing-Band for a young Child. 1789 *Append. Chron.* in *Ann. Reg.* 264 Habited in loose white gowns, with nankeen safeguards.

b. Similarly *attrib.* (see quot.).

1822 *Blackw. Mag.* XII. 69 With a safe-guard handkerchief, enveloping her turban.

†**9.** Alleged term for a 'company' of porters.

1486 *Bk. St. Albans* f vij, A Safegarde of Porteris.

10. A name for various technical contrivances for ensuring safety.

1818 *Sporting Mag.* III. 83 Purdey's Patent Safeguard, to prevent the accidental discharge of guns. 1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech., Safeguard* 1. *a.* A *rail-guard* at a switch or crossing. *b.* A contrivance attached to a locomotive for throwing stones and other obstructions off the track.

11. A name for the monitor lizards of America.

[After F. *sauvegarde*; for the origin of the appellation cf. MONITOR *sb.* 5. Shaw *Zool.* III. 215 (1802) gives the equivalent Sp. *salvaguarda* as the South American name.]

1831 CRAIGIE *Anat.* 160 The American safeguard. 1841 *Penny Cycl.* XX. 469-70. 1847-9 *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* IV. 288/1 Safe-guards (*Tejus*).

Safeguard (sē·fgārd), *v.* [f. prec. sb. Cf. F. *sauvegarder*, which Littré and Hatz.-Darm. call a 'néologisme'.] *trans.* To keep secure from danger or attack; to guard, protect, defend. Now chiefly with immaterial obj. (e.g. interests, rights).

1494 Fabyan *Chron.* II. xxix. 21 Brenne..was fayne to Sauegard hymselfe by flyght. 1501 *Surtees Misc.* (1888) 51 Suche thyng as may safegard hym yᵗ is born in England that he shall not be suspect for a Skott. 1561 *Godly Q. Hester* (1873) 17 The Quene muste sauegarde all the hole prouince. 1594 R. Ashley tr. *Loys le Roy* 111 b, Building in their countries fortresses thereby to safegard the trafficke of the East. 1616 Surfl. & Markh. *Country Farm* 64 Heat doth safegard and thicken the Milke. 1617 Hieron *Wks.* (1619–20) II. 393 The walls of Jericho could not safegard it from the invasion of Joshua. 1619 W. Sclater *Exp. 1 Thess.* (1630) 551 By auoiding ill shewes, we safegard our fame. 1634 Sir T. Herbert *Trav.* 169 The coast is safeguarded from sand and stealth by a defensive wall. 1675 Brooks *Gold. Key* Wks. 1867 V. 489 This angel secured and safeguarded them all the way through the wilderness. 1865 *Times* 23 Jan. 9/5, I am very thankful that their [my decisions'] correctness is safeguarded. 1887 *Standard* 13 May 5/3 A compromise calculated to safeguard French interests. 1889 *Edin. Rev.* Oct. 329 Nor could the troops be safeguarded against a surprise.

† **b.** To send or conduct in safety. *Obs.*

1606 G. W[oodcocke] *Hist. Justine* xv. 63 b, Demetrius ..safegarded home into Egipt, Leuticke Ptolomies son, and Menelaus his brother ransomelesse. 1634 Sir T. Herbert *Trav.* 31 With his Army to safegard him to the Kings Metropolis.

Hence **Safeguarding** *vbl. sb.* and *ppl. a.* Also **Safeguarder.**

a 1513 Fabyan *Chron.* VII. 429 Wherfore in safe-gardynge of hym selfe, he fled with a small companye to warde Walys. 1534 More *Comf. agst. Trib.* II. x. (1553) G v b, My strength and my prayse is our Lorde, he hathe bene my safegarder. 1621 Ussher *Serm.* 5 The Watchmen .. who were appoynted for the safegarding of the Church. 1658 Owen *Temptation* viii. 152 We are arrived then to the summe of this safeguarding Duty. 1862 J. Severn in *Atlantic Monthly* LXIX. 636 The French troops..have been ordered to concentrate here at once, for the safeguarding of the Eternal City.

Safe-hold. [f. Hold *sb.*¹: cf. *stronghold.*] A place of safety from attack.

1793 Anna Seward *Lett.* (1811) III. 332 That misleading enthusiasm which led her..far from the safe-holds of her native country. 1828-40 Tytler *Hist. Scot.* (1864) II. 304 The chamberlain..commenced the war by..securing the strong tower of Blacater... To this safehold the queen..now resolved to retire. 1843 Browning *Ret. Druses* III. Poems (1905) 238/1 From this safehold of mine Where but ten thousand Druses seek my life.

Safe-keeper. *rare*⁻¹. [cf. next.] A protector.

1561 T. Norton *Calvin's Inst.* I. Pref. 2 b, She assuredly trusteth that he is her safekeper and defender.

Safe-keeping, *vbl. sb.* The action of keeping safe; protection, preservation; custody.

1432 *Rolls of Parlt.* IV. 390/1 For the safe kepyng of the See. 1587 in Feuillerat *Revels Q. Eliz.* (1908) 378 The Arringes, brushinges & salffe kepinge of the robes. 1721 Strype *Eccl. Mem.* III. xiii. 123 A number of people were in boats to see her..heavy for her trouble, seeing her go under safe-keeping. 1884 *Manch. Exam.* 1 Dec. 5/1 He was willing to pay for the safe-keeping of his wife in Dr. W.'s asylum.

Safely (sē·flī), *adv.* Forms: 3–4 **sauveli**, 3–5 **saveliche**, 4–5 **-lich**, **-lych(e**, **-like**, (*compar.* **saveloker**, **-lokr**), 4–5 **salvely**, 4–6 **savely**, (5–6 **-lye**, 6 **-lie**); 3–5 **saufli**, 4–5 **saufliche**, **-lych(e**, **-like**, **sauffly**, **sawf(f)ly**, 4–6 **ssaufly**, 6 **saulfly(e**, **saulfsly**; 3–6 **safly**, 4–5 **safliche**, **saff(e)ly**, **saifly**, 6 **saf(f)eli**, *Sc.* **saiffy**, 5– **safely.** [f. Safe *a.* + -ly 2.] In a safe manner.

1. Without harm or injury occasioned or received. Often with verbs of *coming*, *going*, *keeping*, and the like, where the adj. might be used (see Safe *a.* 1).

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 4944 Lede þam sauueli [*Gött.* safly, *Fairf.* sauely] to þair land. *c* 1330 R. Brunne *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 6622 Sauelike held þey þer castels & touns. 1375 Barbour *Bruce* III. 359 The queyn..sawffly come to the castell. 1418 *E. E. Wills* (1882) 44 And also that it be put in a bagge, & asselid, and safly kepid. *c* 1440 *Generydes* 6456 Ve shall savely come and savely goo. 1456 Sir G. Haye *Law Arms* (S. T. S.) 178 How suld thai be callit sauf condytis, bot gif thai condyte thair maisteris saufly and surely? 1529 Cromwell *Will* in Merriman *Life & Lett.* (1902) I. 58 All the which parcelles of plate and houseold stuf I will shalbe savelye kept to thuse of my saide Soonne Gregorye. *a* 1533 Ld. Berners *Huon* xxi. 58 They aryuyd sanely at the port of Jaffe. 1613 Shaks. *Hen. VIII*, v. i. 70 God safely quit her of her Burthen. 1635 Hakewill *Apol.* v–vi. 116 The earth being safely delivered from that inundation. 1765 Warburton in *W. & Hurd's Lett.* (1809) 365, I hope this will find you safely returned. 1853 Miss Yonge *Heir of Redclyffe* xliii, They were safely at home again the same evening. 1859 Clough *Poems*, etc. (1869) I. 239 Your article..came safely to hand. 1868 Thirlwall *Lett.* (1881) II. 169, I send the Contemporary Review by this post. Pray let me know that it has reached you safely. 1891 *Law Times* XC. 461/2 She was in the train, lawfully.., and therefore a duty was cast upon the company of carrying her safely.

2. In a manner free from danger or hazard; securely, without risk.

1297 R. Glouc. (Rolls) I. 347 (Harl. MS.) Ȝe mowe sauflyche bet holy þyng as he dude auonge. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 686 Be-toix þe wolnes lai þe schepe, Sauueli [*Gött.* saufli, *Fairf.* sauely] moght þai samen slepe. 1390 Gower *Conf.* II. 248 And thanne he may saufliche ynowh His Oxen yoke into the plowh. *c* 1400 *Rowland & O.* 1362 Ther myghte no wapen his medys ryfe, So Savely was he dighte. 1597 Hooker *Eccl. Pol.* v. lxvii. § 12 Are we not hereby..admonished which wee may safeliest cleaue vnto? 1697 Dryden *Virg. Georg.* III. 837 Nor safely con'd they shear the fleecy Store. 1751 Johnson *Rambler* No. 162 ₱ 4 No man can safely do that by others, which might be done by himself. 1849 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* vii. II. 205 He could not safely venture to outrage all his Protestant subjects at once. 1884 *Manch. Exam.* 29 May 4/7 The demand for advances will exceed..the sum which the State can safely or conveniently lend.

b. Without risk of error.

c 1350 *Will. Palerne* 3051 But saufly þis may [i] seye & þe soþe proue. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Frankl. T.* 33 For o thinge, sires, saufly dar I seie. 1390 Gower *Conf.* I. 308 Bot I dar saufly make an oth, Mi ladi was me nevere loth. 1573 T. Cartwright *Reply to Whitgift's Answ.* 17 Howe can we doe safelyer then to follow the Apostles customes? 1647 Greaves *Roman Foot* 103 Therefore wee may the safelier give credit to them. 1710 Addison *Tatler* No. 250 ₱ 1, I can safely say, I acted according to the best of my Understanding. 1825 Coleridge *Aids Refl.* (1848) I. 26 Such a one (safeliest spoken of by the neuter pronoun). 1875 T. W. Higginson *Hist. U. S.* xxxii. 328 We can safely assume something more than this.

† **3.** In safe confinement or custody. *Obs.*

c 1420 *Brut* 429 All his prisoneris weren..brought into the Toure of Londoo, to kepe hem there-ynne saufly. 1505 *Mem. Hen. VII* (Rolls) 268 That he shuld resayve and savely kepe the said rebell. 1601 Shaks. *All's Well* IV. i. 104 Ile keepe him darke and safely lockt. 1611 Bible *Acts* xvi. 23 Charging the Iaylour to keepe them safely.

† **4.** With confidence or assurance. *Obs.*

1609 Bible (Douay) 2 *Kings* xvi. Comm., King David was here abused by false information: to which he ought not so safely to have geven credite. 1674 Campion *Art of Descant* 38 Doing that safely and resolutely which others attempt timorously and uncertainly.

Safeness (sē·fnés). [-ness.] The quality or state of being safe (in various senses).

a 1375 *Cursor M.* 18742 (Fairf.) Þe toþer [man] vs come fra heyuen toure þat broȝt us sauenes & socoure. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 440/2 Saafnesse, or salvacyon, *salvacio.* 1530 Palsgr. 265/2 Safenesse, *sauueté.* 1607 Markham *Caval.* I. (1617) 69 Besides the safenesse and no danger in the cure. 1610 Holland *Camden's Brit.* (1637) 651 Neither is this Haven famous for the secure safeness thereof. 1639 Fuller *Holy War* III. xiii. (1640) 130 The nearnesse of the way is to be measured not by the shortnesse but the safenesse of it. 1685 Baxter *Paraphr. N. T.* 2 Tim. ii. 3 The Life of a Minister or Bishop is not a Life of Ease, and Idleness, and Safeness. 1688 South *Serm.* xii. (1697) I. 546 If a Man should forbear his Food,..till he had Science and Certainty of the Safeness of what he was going about, he must starve, and die Disputing. 1889 *Spectator* 28 Dec., He must be, first of all, a man of sure judgment, or the public will not trust him long, they discerning the quality we call 'safeness' clearly enough.

Safer, obs. form of Saviour, Savour.

Safer *Sc.* = *so far* adv.: see So.

Safer(e, Saferay, obs. ff. Sapphire, Savory.

Saferen, -erne, -ero(u)n, obs. ff. Saffron.

Safety (sē·fti). Forms: 3–4 **sauvete**, **savte**, 4–5 **savetee**, **sawete**, **savite**, **-yte**, 4–6 **savete**, 5 **salvetee**, 6 **savity**, **salvetie**; 4–5 **safte(e**, **sawfte**, (5 **saefte**), 4–6 **saufte**, 5 *Sc.* **saifte**, 6 **safitie**, **safetye**, **saulftie**, **saulfty(e**, **saufftye**, **sauftie**, **salf(e)ty**, *Sc.* **saiftie**, 6–7 **safetie**, **saftie**, 7 **safty**, 6– **safety.** [a. F. *sauveté* (11th c. *salvetet*), ad. med.L. *salvitāt-em*, f. *salv-us* Safe. Cf. Pr. *salvetat*, *saubetat*, Sp. *salvedad.*]

Scanned by Spenser (and in Shaks. *Ham.* I. iii. 21 Qq.) as a trisyllable.

1. The state of being safe; exemption from hurt or injury; freedom from danger. Phr. *in safety.*

Committee of Safety: a body of 23 members appointed in Oct. 1659 by the parliamentary army to conduct the government of England during the interregnum following the practical deposition of Richard Cromwell.

13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* B. 489 Þat was þe syngne of sauyte þat sende hem oure lorde. 1375 Barbour *Bruce* III. 183 And he eftyr his mengȝe raid; And in-till saufte thaim led. *c* 1380 *Sir Ferumb.* 3410 Þay buþ in sauete. *c* 1450 *Merlin* xvii. 272 The lorde of palerne..shall lede the pray to saftee. 1539 Bible (Great) *Ps.* iv. 8 For it is thou Lorde onely, that makest me dwell in safetye. 1590 Spenser *F. Q.* II. xii. 17 Here now behoueth vs well to auyse, And of our safetie good heede to take. 1611 Bible *Prov.* xi. 14 In the multitude of counsellers there is safetie. 1617 Moryson *Itin.* I. 243 Merchants, passengers and drivers of loaded Camels, keeping together for safety against theeves. 1651 Hobbes *Leviath.* II. xvii. 87 In those things which concerne the Common Peace and Safetie. 1659 Whitelocke *Mem.* (1853) IV. 367. 1697 Dryden *Virg. Georg.* IV. 697 All Dangers past, at length the lovely Bride In safety goes, with her Melodious Guide. 1771 *Junius Lett.* lxii. (1820) 322 It is..his duty..not to hazard the safety of the Community. 1856 C. J. Andersson *Lake Ngami* 9, I arrived late in the evening at our hotel, where they had begun to entertain some doubt of my safety. 1860 Tyndall *Glac.* I. vii. 48 The least presence of mind would be sufficient to place him in safety.

Proverb. There is safety in numbers.

† **b.** Salvation (of the soul). *Obs.*

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 13093 Yee ask him if he be þat gom þat for man sauuete suld com. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xxii. (*Laurentius*) 376 Lord Ihesu, þat dengnit þe fore oure sawfte to mane be. *c* 1400 *Rom. Rose* 6869 For her soules savetee. 1675 M. Clifford *Hum. Reason* 32 Those whose Ignorance in these matters has been invincible, they left to the hands of God, without declaring a definitive Opinion either of their safety or perdition.

† **c.** *With (the) safety of*: without damage to, preserving .. unhurt. *Obs.*

1619 in *Eng. & Germ.* (Camden) 10 The King my master professeth he could neither with the saftie of his honor or conscience leave them to be consumed by the sword. 1633 Marmion *Antiquary* III. i. (1641) E 4 b, I am..a kinde of lawlesse Justicer,..that will kill any man with my safety. 1640 Shirley *St. Patrick* III. ii, That I with safetie of thy sence, Emeria, Might visit thee.

† **d.** Sometimes *pl.* = the safety of more than one person. (In quot. 1605 ? = occasions of safety.)

1605 Shaks. *Macb.* IV. iii. 30 Let not my Iealousies be your Dishonors, But mine owne Safeties. 16.. *Chevy Chase* i. (Percy MS.), God prosper long our noble king, our liffes and saftyes all! 1686 Plot *Staffordsh.* 439 To attend his or their own safeties, every one at his perill. *a* 1774 Goldsm. tr. *Scarron's Com. Rom.* (1775) II. 55 But still a more predominant regard to their safeties, obliged him to spend all his time in spurring..his own and his mistress's beast. 1814 Scott *Ld. of Isles* III. xxviii, To Allan's eyes was harder task, The weary watch their safeties ask.

† **e.** Phr. *To be safety* = to be safe (*for*). *Obs.*

1596 Spenser *State Irel.* Wks. (Globe) 623/1 The Irish were not ameanable to lawe, soe as it was not safetye for the townesmen to goe to them foorth to demaund theyr dett.

† **f.** A deliverance or rescue from peril. *Obs. rare.*

1657 Heylin *Eccl. Vind.* II. i. § 10. 111 Noah..offered unto God the sacrifice of thanksgiving..for so miraculous a safety.

g. *Billiards.* See quot. 1884. Also *attrib.*

1873 Bennett *Billiards* 386 It is, of course, a matter of judgment, when to play for a score, and when to play for safety. 1884 W. Cook *Billiards* 12 When a player, instead of playing to score, plays to leave some position in which his opponent will be unable to score in his next stroke, he is said to play for safety. 1897 *Westm. Gaz.* 18 Feb. 9/1 By some judicious safety play [he] succeeded in reaching his points without allowing his opponent to improve his position.

† **2.** Close custody or confinement. *Obs.*

1338 R. Brunne *Chron.* (1810) 236 Þe mayden Edward toke, als he was fulle curteys, In saufte did hir loke. 1592 Shaks. *Rom. & Jul.* v. iii. 183 Hold him in safety, till the Prince come hither. 1595 — *John* IV. ii. 158 Away with him! imprison him;..Deliuer him to safety.

† **3.** A means or instrument of safety; a protection, safeguard. *Obs.*

c 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xxviii. (*Margaret*) 362 For þis payne þat done is to me þe saufte of my saule sal be. 1399 *Rolls of Parlt.* III. 451/2 Syche Juggement..os myght be savete and seurtee..to the Kynges hegh Estate. 1470–85 Malory *Arthur* xiii. viii. 623 He that suffred vpon the crosse..he be vnto yow good conduyte and saufte. 1577 B. Googe *Hercsbach's Husb.* I. (1586) 12 Beside, the pargetting or seeling, is a good safetie against fyre. ?*c* 1580 in Rye *Cromer* p. lxii, The said Peere..will..in tyme be made a very competent harborough or safetie to the Coast men.. and a sound safetie to the Towne. 1689–90 Temple *Pop. Discontents* Wks. 1731 I. 260 The first Safety of Princes and States, lies in avoiding all Councils or Designs of Innovation in Ancient and Establish'd Forms and Laws. 1713 Steele *Englishm.* No. 52. 334 Political Fear and Aversion ..is generally the Safety of a People. 1793 Smeaton *Edystone L.* § 332 Two lights..not only of great benefit, but an absolute safety to all navigators on that coast.

† **4.** Used in active sense: The action of saving.

a. *Sc.* Protection. *Under safety of*, under protection of. *For the safety of*, in order to save or avert. *Obs.*

1465 in *Exch. Rolls Scotl.* VII. 321 *note*, For saufte of his lyfe. *c* 1470 Henry *Wallace* VII. 938 To saiff his lyff thre ȝer he duelt in But;..Wndir saifte off Jamys than lord Stewart. 1504 in *Charters*, etc. *Edinb.* (1871) 188 For recovering, saufte, and getting of thar merchandice. *Ibid.*, Returning fra the saufte and getting of thair saidis merchandice. 1567 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* I. 587 My Lord Regent for the sauftie of the inconvenient and danger quhilk..wes lyke to follow, enterit ane servand of his awin in Ingland.

† **b.** Saving (of money). *Obs. rare*⁻¹.

1549 Latimer *and Serm. bef. Edw. VI*, D iij, But I feare one thynge, and it is: lest for a salfety of a lytle money, you wyll put in chauntrye Pryestes, to saue theyr pentions.

5. The quality of being unlikely to cause or occasion hurt or injury; freedom from dangerousness; safeness. *With safety*, without occasioning danger or risk.

1717 Lady M. W. Montagu *Let. to Miss S. Chiswell* 1 Apr., I am very well satisfied of the safety of the experiment. 1806 *Med. Jrnl.* XV. 386 If these incisions into the abdomen can be made with safety. 1816 Buddle *Lef.* 1 June in Davy *Mem. Sir H. Davy* (1836) II. 12 The safety of the lamps is..easily proved by taking them into any part of a mine charged with fire-damp. 1895 *Daily Tel.* 18 Sept. 4/3, I have found it necessary never to go out shooting with a miscellaneous lot of 'young men from town', until I have had a report..as to their safety in the field.

b. Sureness, steadiness. ? *nonce-use.*

1841 Miss Mitford in L'Estrange *Life* (1870) III. viii. 119, I am, and always have been, a very active person..with great fearlessness and safety of foot and limb.

6. Engineering. *Factor* or *coefficient of safety*: see quots. (Cf. *safe load*, Safe *a.* 14.)

1858 Rankine *Man. Appl. Mechanics* § 247. 274 Factors of Safety are of three kinds. 1868 Humber *Strains in Girders* 56 Coefficients of Safety are numbers representing the proportions of the ultimate strength of materials to the strains that can safely be brought upon them. 1891 Anglin *Design Structures* 17 The ratio of the ultimate strength to the working strength is termed the *factor of safety* of the material.

7. *Patent Safety* (*Cab*): the original Hansom cab, which was furnished with a contrivance to prevent an upset if the cab tilted up or down.

1851 *Fraser's Mag.* XLIII. 308/2 Hansom's Patent Safety. 1864 F. W. Robinson *Mattie* II. 25 Dodging the policeman behind a Patent Safety. 1882 *Builder* 8 July 44/1 The 'Patent Safety Cab'.

8. In full *safety-bolt*. A contrivance for locking the trigger of a gun, so as to prevent accidental discharge. Also, a gun fitted with this contrivance.

1881 GREENER *Gun* 332 The safety is fixed upon strap of break-off. *Ibid.* 344 A safety bolt is fixed to this gun, which bolts the scears to the triggers. 1884 *St. James's Gaz.* 25 Aug. 6/2 The old safety-bolts..were never very general favourites. 1892 GREENER *Breech-Loader* 36 A safety,..which bolts the triggers effectually.

9. In full *safety bicycle*. The type of bicycle now in use, differing from the old 'Ordinary' in the lower position of the saddle, whereby greater safety is afforded to the rider.

Some of the earlier 'safeties' had a geared front driving-wheel still much larger than the trailing-wheel. In the present form the driving wheel is behind, and the two wheels are equal in diameter.

1877 *Bicycle Jrnl.* 4 May 16 Advt., The 'Challenge' Bicycle, and the 'Safety' Bicycle. 1884 GRIFFIN *Bicycles of Yr.* 82 The Devon Safety Roadster...One of the oldest and simplest of safety bicycles. 1885 *Field* 31 Jan. 121/3 Advt., The Club Safety has been constructed so as to contain all the merits of existing 'Safeties'.

10. *attrib.* Used very freely since *c* 1800 as a specific designation for contrivances for ensuring safety, or for implements, machines, etc., constructed with a view to safety in use; as *safety arch, bell, belt, buoy, car, cartridge, gun, hook, keel, lintel, lock, plug, rail, rein*, etc.; **safety bicycle** (see sense 9); †**safety boat**, a life-boat; **safety bolt** (see sense 8); **safety cab** (see sense 7); **safety cage**, (*a*) the wire guard of a safety lamp; (*b*) a miner's cage fitted with apparatus to prevent its falling if the rope breaks; **safety car** (see quots.); **safety distance**, the distance which suffices to ensure safety; **safety lamp**, a miner's lamp the flame of which is so protected that it will not ignite fire-damp (the kind best known is that invented by Sir H. Davy); also called †*safe lamp* (see SAFE *a.* 14) and †**safety lantern**; **safety match**, one which ignites only when rubbed on a prepared surface; **safety tube**, a tube specially contrived to furnish outlet or inlet for gases, etc. Also SAFETY-PIN, SAFETY-VALVE.

1850 OGILVIE, **Safety-arch*, a discharging arch. 1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.* 2015–18 **Safety-beam*, etc. 1875 *Encycl. Brit.* III. 539/2 *Safety bell on swinging coil (fastened to shutters or doors). 1858 SIMMONDS *Dict. Trade*, **Safety-belt*, **Safety-buoy*, a swimming belt or buoy, intended as a protection from drowning. 1850 HT. MARTINEAU *Hist. Peace* (1877) III. IV. xiv. 155 Lionel Lukin, the inventor of the *safety-boat. 1839 URE *Dict. Arts* 1079 This lamp gives so little light as to tempt rash men to remove its *safety-cage. 1867 W. W. SMYTH *Coal & Coal-mining* 172 A number of inventions, to which the name of safety-cage, in French *parachute*, has been applied. 1840 TANNER *Canals & Rail Roads U. S.* 258 **Safety car*, a machine which follows or precedes rail-road cars in their passage of inclined planes, and prevents their descent in case of accident to the machinery, or otherwise. 1881 RAYMOND *Mining Gloss.*, *Safety-car.* See *Barney.* 1881 GREENER *Gun* 505 *Safety cartridges. 1838 MARY HOWITT *Birds & Fl.*, *House-Sparrow* iv, He knows the *safety-distance to an inch. 1906 *Westm. Gaz.* 5 May 3/1 Two motor-omnibuses require 46ft. of street with a safety distance of 18ft. between each of the two omnibuses. 1839 DE LA BECHE *Rep. Geol. Cornwall*, etc. xv. 575 Accidents, however, are frequent..notwithstanding the invention of the *safety-fuse. 1884 *St. James's Gaz.* 25 Aug. 6/2 *Safety-guns..have now been brought to a high pitch of perfection. 1875 R. F. MARTIN tr. *Haurez' Winding Mach.* 95 Good *safety hooks will hold up the cage, but they allow the rope to be hurt. 1874 THEARLE *Naval Archit.* 53 The late Mr. Lang introduced what were termed '*safety keels' and are now known as 'thick garboards'. 1816 WALDIE *Let.* 25 Mar. in Paris *Life Davy* (1831) II. 110 The great and important discovery of your *Safety-lamp for exploring mines charged with inflammable gas. 1815 DAVY in *Phil. Trans.* CVI. 14 The second *safety lantern that I have had made is upon the same principle as the first. 1850 OGILVIE, **Safety-lintel*, a name given to the wooden lintel which is placed behind a stone lintel, in the aperture of a door or window. 1863 ABEL in *Lond.* etc. *Philos. Mag.* Nov. 357 Varieties..of so-called '*safety matches'. 1865 BRANDE & COX *Dict. Sci.* etc. s.v. *Lucifers*, Such matches, as not being affected by accidental friction, and as being free from poison, are called safety matches. 1828 *Lights & Shades* II. 103 The front [of the pigeon-holes in the theatre-gallery] is provided with a *safety-rail. 1815 DAVY in *Phil. Trans.* CVI. 12, I had another chimney fitted to this lantern, furnished with a number of *safety tin-plate tubes. 1841 BRANDE *Chem.* (ed. 5) 480 The escape of any uncondensed gas [should be] provided for by a *safety-tube.

Sa·fety-pin.

1. A pin for fastening clothing, bent back on itself so as to form a spring, and with a guard or sheath to cover the point and prevent its accidental unfastening. In *Archæology*, a *fibula* or brooch made on the same principle.

1857 *Prov. Patent Specif.* No. 134 Imp'ts in safety pins. 1880 DAWKINS *Early Man* 388 The peculiar brooch made of twisted wire, of the 'safety pin' kind, so abundant in the Etruskan tombs of Bologna. 1882 A. J. EVANS in *Archæologia* XLVIII. 100 As an example of a Roman safety-pin this *fibula*, so far as I am aware, is altogether unique.

2. A pin used for fastening, locking, or securing some part of a machine.

1878 *N. Amer. Rev.* CXXVII. 387 Some say that the Russians had neglected to take out the safety-pins, thus leaving the torpedoes as it were on half-cock. 1884 F. J. BRITTEN *Watch & Clockm.* 143 The object of the safety-pin is to prevent the wheel being unlocked except when the impulse pin is in the notch of the lever. 1884 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.* Suppl., *Safety Pin*, a temporary pin in a percussion fuse, to prevent the plunger from striking accidentally against the percussion powder. 1896 *Westm. Gaz.* 9 June 4/4 Lifting the cotter, or safety pin, which locked the bolt.

Sa·fety-valve.

1. A valve in a steam-boiler which automatically opens to permit steam to escape when the pressure is becoming dangerous. Also, a similar valve opening inwards, to admit air when a partial vacuum has been formed.

1815 J. SMITH *Panorama Sci. & Art* II. 134 The safety-valve..is loaded so that the steam escapes when it is stronger than the engine requires. 1832 BABBAGE *Econ. Manuf.* ii. (ed. 3) 26 The boiler of a steam engine sometimes bursts even during the escape of steam through the safety-valve.

transf. 1830 LYELL *Princ. Geol.* I. 371 The volcanos in different parts of this island are observed..to be in activity by turns, one vent often serving for a time as a safety-valve to the rest. 1876 C. D. WARNER *Wint. Nile* i. 22 The volcanic islands which serve as chimneys and safety-valves to this part of the world.

2. *fig.* An opening or channel for 'letting off steam', giving vent to excitement, getting rid of a dangerous excess of energy, or the like.

1818 LADY MORGAN *Autobiog.* (1859) 172 Our hereditary nobility have safety-valves in their rank, and in the offices of which they are the inheritors in church and state. 1825 HONE *Every-day Bk.* I. 1344 As a sort of 'safety valve',.. recourse is had..to the flinging about of..cabbage stalks. 1835 MARRYAT *Olla Podr.* XIX, I am convinced that they [*sc.* public lotteries] were beneficial, acting as safety-valves to the gambling spirit of the nation. 1861 M. ARNOLD *Pop. Educ. France* 183 What a safety-valve to the high pressure of a compulsory system is here! 1878 STUBBS *Const. Hist.* III. xviii. 276 Commercial activity..was..a safety-valve for energies shut out of their proper sphere.

†**Safe ward.** *Obs.* [WARD *sb.*] Safe-guard, safe-keeping.

1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* v. viii. (Tollem. MS.), The ye liddes..reulen and hilen and gouerne þe yen in saue warde [L. *tuta custodia*]. 1414 in *Proc. Privy Council* (1834) II. 142 That..the sauf warde of alle youre [? realm] be wel and suffissantly purveied. *c* 1420 *Avow. Arth.* XXX, Inne saue-ward that byurde bryȝte To Carlele to bringe. 1474 CAXTON *Chesse* III. VI. (1883) 129 To putte hyt in seure and sauf warde and kepynge.

Safewr, obs. form of SAPPHIRE.

Saff(e, obs. forms of SAFE, SAVE.

Saffage, obs. form of SAVAGE *a.*

Saffer(e, obs. forms of SAPPHIRE, ZAFFRE.

Saffern, -eron, obs. and dial. forms of SAFFRON.

Saffi, variant of SAPHIE, amulet.

Saffian (sæ·fiăn). Forms: 6 saphian, -ion, 8– saffian. [a. Russ. сафьянъ, corruptly a. Roumanian *saftian*, a. Turkish (Persian) سختیان *saχtiyān*. Cf. Ger. *saffian*.] A leather made from goatskins or sheepskins tanned with sumach and dyed in bright colours. Also *saffian leather*.

1591 G. FLETCHER *Russe Commw.* xix. 74 Whither the Russe marchants trade for raw silks, syndon, saphion, skins, and other commodities. *Ibid.* xxviii. 114 His buskins..are made of a Persian leather called Saphian. 1796 MORSE *Amer. Geog.* II. 460 The skins of these sheep, and skins of goats, are used in making Saffian and Morocco leather. 1834–6 P. BARLOW in *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) VIII. 551/2 A valuable Saffian or dyed Maroquin leather, almost equal to that of Turkey, is prepared at Astracan and in other parts of Asiatic Russia. 1882 J. PATON in *Encycl. Brit.* XIV. 388/1 The Germans distinguish between saffian and morocco, including under the former term leather tanned with sumach, and dyed bright colours without previous stuffing with fats...Saffians are, according to this classification, the leathers principally used for bindings and fancy purposes.

Safflor(e, obs. forms of SAFFLOWER.

Safflorite (sæ·flōrəit). *Min.* [a. G. *safflorit* (1835), f. *safflor* SAFFLOWER: see -ITE¹.] An orthorhombic arsenide of cobalt and iron.

1852 BROOKE & MILLER *Phillips' Introd. Min.* 146. 1862 DANA *Min.* 263.

Safflower (sæ·flaʊəɹ). Forms: *a.* 6 *corruptly* samfleure, -floure; *β.* 7 saf(f)lore, (erron. salfore), 8 saf(f)lor; *γ.* 7 safflowr, saflower, 8 saff-flower, 8– safflower; *δ.* 8–9 safflow. [a. Du. *saffloer* (*s* = G. *safflor*, a. OF. *saffleur, safour*, a. early It. *saffiore*, also *asfiore, asfrole, zaffrole*, etc. (Yule). The ultimate source is obscure: the Arabic عصفر *ʿuṣfur* is prob. a foreign word assimilated to اصفر *aṣfar* yellow.

The form has been influenced by association with the words *saffron* (F. *safran*) and *flower* (It. *fiore*, F. *fleur*); although safflower is a wholly different plant from saffron, the former was often used as a substitute for the latter in medicine, whence the name *bastard saffron*.]

1. The dried petals of the *Carthamus tinctorius* (see 2), also the (red) dye produced from these petals. Used in the preparation of rouge.

a. 1583 L. M[ASCALL] tr. *Bk. Dyeing* 20 Yee shall take one pound of samfleure and let it soke halfe a day [etc.]. *Ibid.*, Samfloure. *β.* 1642 *Rates Merchandizes* 47 Saflore the pound 00. 01. 00. 1662 *Stat. Ireland* (1678) 658 Safflore. 1777 G. FORSTER *Voy. round World* II. 588 Safflor, which the Portuguese employ to colour their eatables yellow. *γ.* 166. PETTY *Hist. Dyeing* in Sprat *Hist. Roy. Soc.* (1667) 298 This Mather..dyeth on Cloth a colour the neerest to our Bow-dye,..the like whereof Safflowr doth in Silk. 1799 G. SMITH *Laboratory* I. 385 Then take the safflower out of the bag. 1836–41 BRANDE *Chem.* (ed. 5) 1113 Safflower contains two colouring matters, a yellow and a red. 1877 O'NEILL in *Encycl. Brit.* VII. 571/2 Specimens of mummy cloth of a reddish colour appeared to have been dyed with safflower.

2. The thistle-like plant *Carthamus tinctorius*, extensively cultivated in Southern Europe, Egypt, India, and China for the dye obtained from its flowers (see 1); the seeds yield an oil used for lamps.

β. 1762 tr. *Busching's Syst. Geog.* V. 536 Woad, saflor, or wild-saffron, and garden-fruits.

γ. 1682 S. WILSON *Acc. Carolina* 18 Sumack growes in great abundance naturally, so undoubtedly would Woad, Madder and Sa-Flower, if planted. 1756 *Compl. Body Husb.* 535 Saff-flower, or Carthamus, is cultivated for the sake of its flower, as the Saffron is. 1900 *Jrnl. Soc. Dyers* XVI. 6 Other Philippine dye plants..are the sibucao, or sapan wood, the beri, or safflower [etc.].

δ. 1707 MORTIMER *Husb.* 131 In Oxfordshire, about Norton and Ashton, grows a sort of herb that they call Safflow or Bastard Saffron, which the Dyers use for the dying of Scarlet. 1885 STALLYBRASS tr. *Hehn's Wand. Plants & Anim.* 201 The Safflow or Zaffer..a kind of thistle native to the East Indies.

3. *attrib.*

1812 J. SMYTH *Pract. of Customs* (1821) 204 The Seeds of the Safflower Plant. 1857 E. BALFOUR *Cyc. India* 1631 Safflower Oil. *Ibid.*, Safflower Seed.

‖ **Saffo.** *rare*⁻¹. Pl. saffi. [It. 'a catchpole, a sergeant' (Florio, 1598).] A bailiff.

1605 B. JONSON *Volpone* III. viii. (1607) H 4 *Volp.* Hearke, who's there? I heare some footing, Officers, the Saffi, Come to apprehend vs!

†**Saffora.** *Obs. rare.* Also saphora. [Of unknown origin.] = BARILLA 2.

a 1618 *Rates Marchandizes* D 2, Barilia or Saphora, to make glasse. *Ibid.* K 3, Saffora to make Glasse.

Safforn(e, obs. forms of SAFFRON.

Saffranon (sæ·frănŏn). Also 8 saffranoune. [App. a var. of F. *safranum* with the same meaning, a. med.L. *safranum* SAFFRON.] = SAFFLOWER 1.

1731 *Gentl. Mag.* I. 451 As the *Jacob*,..bound from Alexandria with Hides, Coffee, Saffranon, &c. to Leghorn lay off Monte Christo, the Saffranon smothering in the Hold, on opening the Hatches the Flames burst out. 1743 R. POCOCKE *Egypt* I. iv. 39 An export of coffee, senna, saffranounes for dying, flax [etc.]. 1834 MCCULLOCH *Dict. Comm.* (ed. 2) 1001 The flowers..are sometimes sold under the name of *saffranon*.

Saffre, variant of ZAFFRE.

†**Sa·ffred,** *a.* ? *Anglo-Irish. Obs.* In 5 saffyrred, 6 saufred. [f. SAFFR(ON) + -ED².] = SAFFRONED.

1466 *Anc. Cal. Rec. Dublin* (1889) 326 Ne woman..use to werre saffyrred smokes ne saffyrred kewryches. 1582 STANYHURST *Æneis* I. (Arb.) 38 The roabe pretiouse colored lyke saufred Achantus [*croceo Acantho*]. *Ibid.* 40 With roabs of saffrod [? *read* saffred] Acanthus.

Saffrene, variant of SAFRENE.

Saffron (sæ·frən), *sb.* and *a.* Forms: *a.* 3 saffran, 4–5 saffroun, saf(f)run, 4–6 safron, 5 saffronn, safroun, -ryn, 6 saphron, saffrane, -rone, saffroune, 7 safran, 5– saffron; *β.* 5 safforn, 6 saf(f)orne, -erne; *γ.* 5 saferen, saferoun, saipheron, sapheron(e, saferon, saffyron, 5–6 safferon. [a. F. *safran* (12th c. in Hatz.-Darm.), whence also MLG. *safferân*, MDu. *saffraen* (Du. *saffraan*), MHG. *saffrân* (mod.G. *safran*). The ultimate source is Arab. زعفران *zaʿfarān* (adopted unchanged in Turkish, Persian, and Hindustāni); also Jewish Aramaic זַעֲפְרָנָא *zaʿpʿrānā*). The Arabic word with prefixed definite article, *az-zaʿfarān*, is represented by Sp. *azafran*, Pg. *açafrão*; the word without this prefix gives rise to It. *zafferano, zaffrone*, Pr. *safran, safrá*, Cat. *safrá*, F. *safran*, med.L. *safranum*, med.Gr. ζαφρᾶς, mod.Gr. σαφράνι, Russian шафранъ.

The origin of Arab. *zaʿfarān* is unknown; it is not connected with *çafrā'* fem. of *açfar* yellow. The Turkish synonym *çafrān* (Zenker; given in Redh.-Wells only as an incorrect pronunciation) may however be derived from this adj., and may be the source of some of the European forms.]

A. *sb.*

1. An orange-red product consisting of the dried stigmas of *Crocus sativus* (see 2). Now used chiefly for colouring confectionery, liquors, etc., and for flavouring; formerly extensively used in medicine as a cordial and sudorific.

Hay saffron, cake saffron: see quot. 1849.

c 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 163 Hire winpel wit oðer maked ȝelen mid saffran. *a* 1350 *St. Stephen* 318 in Horstm. *Altengl. Leg.* (1881) 32 The ferth [panier]..ful of safron semyd it right. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Sir Thopas* 19 His heer, his berd was lyk saffroun. *c* 1450 *Two Cookery-bks.* 70 Cast thereto Sapheron and salt. *c* 1460 *Play Sacram.* 177 Peper and saffyron and spycis smale. 1572 in Feuillerat *Revels Q. Eliz.* (1908) 176 Cloves and saferne. 1582 N. LICHEFIELD tr. *Castanheda's Conq. E. Ind.* 91 A bason of silver to wash his hands in, full of Saforne. 1611 SHAKS. *Wint. T.* IV. iii. 48, I must haue Saffron to colour the Warden Pies. 1685 TEMPLE *Ess., Health* Wks. 1731 I. 284 Saffron is of all others the safest and most simple Cordial. 1718 PRIOR *Pleasure* 460 Saffron and myrrh are on his garments shed. 1808 *Med. Jrnl.* XIX. 118 Syrup of saffron, a sufficient

quantity to form an electuary. 1840 Pereira *Elem. Mat. Med.* II. 674, 4,320 flowers are required to yield one ounce of saffron. 1849 Balfour *Man. Bot.* § 1068 These stigmata are either dried in the loose state, forming Hay Saffron, or compressed into masses, constituting Cake Saffron. 1860 Tristram *Gt. Sahara* vii. 119 Saffron...is a grateful addition to fried, boiled, or stewed.

Prov. phrase. 1778 T. Hutchinson *Diary* 11 Jan., Called on Bliss, who is as yellow as saffron with the jaundice.

b. *Indian saffron*: turmeric.

1727–41 Chambers *Cycl.* s.v. *Turmeric*, The Indians use it to dye their rice, and other foods, of a yellow colour; whence some call it Indian saffron. 1874 *Treas. Bot.* Suppl., *Saffron, Indian*, the roots of various species of *Curcuma*.

2. The Autumnal Crocus, *Crocus sativus*, which produces saffron.

c 1425 *Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 645/18 [*Nomina herbarum*] *Hic crocus*, safuitoun. 1551 Turner *Herbal* I. L iij b, Colchicon..bryngeth furthe a whytishe floure lyke vnto safforne in the ende of autumne. 1578 Lyte *Dodoens* II. lv. 216 Saffron..groweth plentifully also in some places of England and Irelande. 1669 Evelyn *Kal. Hort.*, Aug. (ed. 3) 23 Note, that English Saffron may be suffered to stand for increase to the third or fourth year. 1776 Withering *Brit. Plants* (1796) II. 68 *Crocus officinalis sativus*...Common or autumnal Saffron. 1782 J. Scott *Poet. Wks.* 113 Cantabrian hills the purple saffron show.

b. Bastard Saffron = Safflower 2; called also American, Dyer's, †Mock Saffron. Meadow or Wild Saffron, *Colchicum autumnale*. Spring Saffron, †Saffron of the Spring, *Crocus vernus*. African or †Cape Saffron, *Lyperia crocea*.

1548 Turner *Names of Herbes* 29 Cnecus..is called..in englisbe Bastarde saffron or mocke-saffron. *Ibid.*, Colchicum...It maye be called in englishe, wylde saffron. 1578 Lyte *Dodoens* I. xxii. 34 The seede of Bastarde Saffron.. is hoate. 1597 Gerarde *Herbal* I. lxxxi. 126 In English spring time Saffrons, and vernall Saffrons. 1599 — *Catalogus* B 2 *Crocus vernus*..Saffron of the spring. 1598 Sylvester *Du Bartas* II. i. iii. *Furies* 178 Colchis' banefull Lilly, (With us Wilde-Saffron). 1664 Evelyn *Kal. Hort.* Nov. 79 Flowers in Prime...Anemonies, Meadow Saffron [etc.]. *c* 1721 Petiver *Gazophyl.* VI. lviii. Cape Saffron with a knotty stalk. 1776 Withering *Brit. Plants* (1796) II. 69 Spring Saffron, or Crocus. 1866 *Treas. Bot.* 1004/2 Saffron, African, *Lyperia crocea*.

3. The orange-yellow colour of saffron (sense 1).

1382 Wyclif *Lam.* iv. 5 That weren nurshid in faire cloys of saffroun [Vulg. *qui nutriebantur in croceis*]. 1601 Shaks. *All's Well* IV. v. 2 Your sonne was misled with a snipt taffata fellow there, whose villanous saffron wold haue made all the vnbak'd and dowy youth of a nation in his colour. 1712 Addison *Spect.* No. 265 ₱ 9 Aurora..is robed in Saffron. 1798 Landor *Gebir* II. 212 Go early, ere the gladsome Hours Strew saffron in the path of rising Morn. 1895 Yeats *Wand. Usheen* Poems 35 When the sun once more in saffron stept.

4. *Old Chem.* = Crocus 3.

1682 tr. *Belon's Myst. Physick* Introd. 54 Draw off the Menstruum, till the Saffron of the Gold remain almost dry. 1704 J. Harris *Lex. Techn.* I, *Saffron of Steel*, or *Mars*. See *Crocus Martis*. *Ibid.*, *Crocus Martis Astringens, Binding Saffron of Steel*. 1727–41 Chambers *Cycl.* s.v., Saffron is also a name given to several chymical preparations, from the resemblance of their colour to that of the vegetable Saffron, but more usually called *Crocl*. Such are Saffron of Venus...Saffron of Mars...Saffron of Gold. 1758 Reid tr. *Macquer's Chym.* I. 368 Saffron of Mars. 1842 Francis *Dict. Arts, Saffron of Antimony*. Sesquisulphuret of antimony.

5. Short for *saffron butterfly, moth*: see B. b.

1829 J. F. Stephens *Catal. Brit. Insects* II. 171 *Lozotænia croceana*..the Saffron. 1832 J. Rennie *Conspect. Butterfl. & M.* 2 The Clouded Saffron (*Colias Edusa*, Fabricius).

6. *attrib.* and *Comb.* a. simple attrib., as *saffron bulb, colour, head, -kiln, ointment, yellow* (adj.).

1398 Trevisa *Barth. De P. R.* xvii. xli. (1495) 626 Crocomagma is callyd the superfluyte of spycery: of the whyche saffron oynement is made. *Ibid.* xix. xvi. 873 Saffron colour dieth and colloureth humours and lycours more thanne cytryne. *c* 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* III. 545 Now saffron bulbes beth to sette or sowe. 1725 Bradley *Fam. Dict.* s.v., *Saffron-kiln*, a Kiln to dry Saffron with. 1728 Douglas in *Phil. Trans.* XXXV. 572 To take up the Saffron Heads. 1832 J. Rennie *Conspect. Butterfl. & M.* 2 Wings..above deep saffron yellow.

b. objective, as *saffron-gatherer*; parasynthetic, as *saffron-coloured, -hued* adjs.

1548 Elyot *Dict.*, *Crocotularius*, a dyer of *saffron coloured garmentes. *a* 1586 Sidney *Arcadia* II. (1622) 207 But (as the Poets say) Hymen had not there his saffron coloured coat. 1828 Stark *Elem. Nat. Hist.* II. 51 Aperture white, and throat saffron-coloured. 1856 Delamer *Fl. Gard.* (1861) 42 The *saffron-gatherers in the field. 1513 Douglas *Æneis* VI. iii. 97 With *saffron hewit frute.

c. Special combinations: †**saffron-bag**, ?a bag in which saffron is kept; cf. 5; **saffron cake**, (*a*) a cake flavoured with saffron; (*b*) (see quot. 1867, cf. *cake saffron* in sense 1); **saffron cordial**, a cordial made with marigold-flowers, nutmeg and saffron; **saffron crocus**, the *Crocus sativus* (see 2); †**saffron cut** *a.*, the designation of a kind of tobacco; †**saffron noble**, ?a saffron-cake made in imitation of the coin; †**saffron sauce**, ?sauce flavoured with saffron; **saffron-tea**, 'an infusion of the flowers of *Carthamus tinctoria* [Safflower 2], used as a diuretic in febrile disorders' (*Syd. Soc. Lex.* 1897); **saffron-thistle** = Safflower 2 (*Cent. Dict.* 1891); †**saffron-tree**, the American hackberry, *Celtis crassifolia*; **saffron wood** (see quot.).

1508 Dunbar *Flyting* 172 Thy skolderit skin, hewd lyk ane *saffrone bag. 1540 Barnes *Wks.* (1573) Life 6, I haue beene slaundered to preache that our lady was but a Saffron bagge. 1747 Mrs. Glasse *Cookery* 139 To make a fine Seed or *Saffron Cake. 1867 Tristram *Nat. Hist. Bible* 479 These [stigmas of the saffron crocus] are pressed into small tablets before drying, when they form the saffron cake of the bazaars of the East. 1892 'Q.' (Quiller-Couch) *Three Ships* v. 87 A slice o' saffern-cake, crowder, to stay ye. Don't say no. 1728 E. Smith *Compl. Housew.* 229 The *Saffron Cordial. 1857 Henfrey *Bot.* § 588 The *Saffron Crocus, *C. sativus*. 1766 W. Gordon *Gen. Counting-ho.* 324, 10 hhds *saffron cut tobacco. 1593 Dee *Diary* (Camden) 45, I gave him a *saffron noble in ernest for a drinkpeny. *c* 1480 Henryson *Test. Cress.* 421 The swete meitis servit in plaittis clene, With *saipheron sals of an gude sessoun. 1716 *Petiveriana* I. 276 *Saffron-tree, Celtis Amer. fol. Citri subtus aureo fructu rubro. 1862 *Chamb. Encycl.* III. 801/1 The timber of *Elæodendron croceum*, called *Saffron-wood at the Cape of Good Hope, is much used there in building and cabinet-making.

B. *adj.* Resembling saffron in colour. In early use also, †Coloured with saffron.

1567 Maplet *Gr. Forest* 35 Cammomill..there is three kindes hereof. One which hath a Saffron flower. 1590 Shaks. *Com. Err.* IV. iv. 64 Did this Companion with the saffron face Reuell and feast it at my house to day. 1596 Spenser *State Irel.* Wks. (Globe) 622/1 [The law] which putteth away saffron shirtes and smockes. 1632 Milton *L'Allegro* 126 There let Hymen oft appear In Saffron robe. 1697 Dryden *Æneid* IV. 840 Aurora now had left her Saffron Bed. 1716 Gay *Trivia* II. 384 Nor lazy Jaundice dulls your Saffron Eye. 1871 R. Ellis *Catullus* lxviii. 136 Array'd in bright broidery, saffron of hue. 1873 Black *Pr. Thule* xxvii, The clear saffron glory of the western sky.

b. Special collocations: **saffron butterfly, moth**, collectors' names for certain lepidoptera having yellow wings; †**saffron pear**, a variety of winter pear; **saffron plum**, a West Indian and mainland sapotaceous tree (*Bumelia cuneata*) having a yellow fruit.

1704 Petiver *Gazophyl.* II. xiv, *Papilio croceus, apicibus nigricantibus*...The *Saffron Butterfly. 1829 J. F. Stephens *Catal. Brit. Insects* II. 3 *Colias Edusa*...Clouded yellow or Saffron B. 1664 Evelyn *Kal. Hort.* Oct. 76 Lombart-pear, Russet-pear, *Saffron-pear. 1884 Sargent *Rep. Forests N. Amer.* (10th Census IX.) 103 *Bumelia cuneata*...Ants' Wood. Downward Plum. *Saffron Plum.

c. *Comb.*, as *saffron-fruited, -mantled, robed* adjs.

1558 Phaer *Æneid* VI. P iv b, But saffronfrutid [*orig.* 207 *croceo fetu*] bows the stubbes therof doth ouerspreede. 1791 Cowper *Iliad* VIII. 1 The saffron-mantled morning [Ἠὼς κροκόπεπλος]. 1842–63 I. Williams *Baptistery* II. xxviii. (1874) 141 Saffron-rob'd descending Charity.

Saffron (sæ·frən), *v. rare.* Also 5 **saferon, safroun**. [f. Saffron *sb.* Cf. F. *safraner*, med.L. *saffranāre*, It. *zafferanare*, Sp. *azafranar*.] *trans.* a. To season with saffron. †Also *fig.* b. To dye with saffron; also, to give a saffron-yellow colour to.

c 1386 Chaucer *Pard. T.* 17 And in Latyn I speke a wordes fewe, To saffron [*MS. Bodl.* 686 saferon] with my predicacion. *c* 1430 *Two Cookery-bks.* 32 Safroun it wel. *Ibid.* 49 Safroun þin cofynn a-boue. 1593 Drayton *Idea, Eglog* ii. (1870) 6 The lothlie morphew saffroned the place. 1622 T. Stoughton *Chr. Sacrif.* xii. 166 In Ireland..they saffron all their wearing linnen. 1833 *Blackw. Mag.* XXXIV. 540 She saffrons the hills, and azures the mountains, to delight him.

Saffroned (sæ·frənd), *a.* Forms: 4 **saffrunde**, 5 **saffrond**, 6 **saferned**, 6–7 **safrond**, 6– **saffroned**. [f. Saffron *sb.* or *v.* + -ed. Cf. F. *safrané*.] Coloured with saffron, or having the colour of saffron; also, flavoured with saffron.

1303 R. Brunne *Handl. Synne* 3445 Wymples, kerchyues, saffrunde betyde [orig. *Les gympeus aust safrenez*]. *a* 1400–50 *Alexander* 4600 3our women has..no gay gere to glyfle in 3our e3en, Silke of Sipris, ne say ne saffrond kellis. 1559 W. Cunningham *Cosmogr. Glasse* 173 Their shirtes, and smokes are saffroned. 1585 T. Washington tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* IV. xxix. 149 b, On their head is a yelow Tulbant safrond. 1587 Mascall *Govt. Cattle, Sheep* (1627) 199 The yellow sheepe be in Asia, the which they call red Saferned sheepe. 1621 B. Jonson *Gipsies Metam.* (1641) 51 Give ns..Ribands, bells, and Safrond lynnen. 1881 *Q. Rev.* Oct. 516, I saw seven hundred dishes served...Everything in them was saffroned and peppered. 1903 Kipling *5 Nations* 22 In the saffroned bridesails scenting all the seas.

†**Sa·ffronish**, *a. Obs.* [+-ish.] = next.

1530 Palsgr. 323/1 Safronnyssbe of the coloure of safrone, *saffronneux*. 1562 Turner *Baths* 7 Thre colours one saffronish, another rede, and the thyrde grene. 1699 Evelyn *Acetaria* 44 Underneath of a pale saffronish hue.

Saffrony (sæ·frəni), *a. rare.* [f. Saffron *sb.* + -y.] Of a colour somewhat resembling saffron.

1630 Lord *Banians* 9 This woman was of complexion yealowish or Saffrony. 1688 R. Holme *Armoury* II. 39/2 The Agate is of a Saffrony or pale yellow colour. 1725 Bradley *Fam. Dict.* s.v. *Jaundice*, The Yellow Jaundice is of a Saffrony, or Lemon Colour. 1838 Granville *Spas Germ.* 378 The cheeks, formerly tallowish and saffrony, became ruddy.

Saffyr, Saffyron, obs. ff. Sapphire, Saffron.

Safir, Safitie, obs. forms of Sapphire, Safety.

Saflor, Sa-flower, obs. forms of Safflower.

Safour, obs. form of Sapphire.

Safranin (sæ·frănin). *Chem.* Also **-ine**. [f. F. *safran* Saffron *sb.* + -in 1.] a. The yellow colouring matter of saffron. b. A coal-tar colour which dyes yellowish-red.

1868 Watts *Dict. Chem.* V. 145 *Safranin* or *Saffron-yellow*..a colouring matter obtained, though not in the pure state, from saffron. 1875 *Ibid.* 2nd Suppl. 1063 *Safranine*..a red dye prepared commercially..by treating aniline with nitrous acid [etc.]. 1885 Goodale *Physiol. Bot.* 380 An alcoholic solution of safranin. 1897 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* III. 215 Solution of safranine.

Safranophile (sæfră·nofil), *a.* [Formed as prec. + -phile.] 'Having an affinity for, or staining readily with, safranin' (*Syd. Soc. Lex.* 1897).

1890 in Billings *Nat. Med. Dict.*

Safrene (sæ·frĭn). *Chem.* Also **saffrene**. [ad. G. *safren* (Grimaux and Ruotte 1869), f. (*sas*)*saf*(*as*): see Sassafras and -ene.] (See quot. 1897.)

1872 Watts *Dict. Chem.* Suppl. 1014 The hydrocarbon, safrene, has the composition $C^{10}H^{16}$. 1897 *Syd. Soc. Lex.*, *Safrene*...A volatile compound obtained by the fractional distillation of sassafras oil.

Safrol (sæ·frŏl). *Chem.* [See prec. and -ol.] (See quot. 1897.)

1872 Watts *Dict. Chem.* Suppl. 1014 Safrol is insoluble in water. 1897 *Syd. Soc. Lex.*, *Safrol*...The stearoptene of sassafras-oil...It is used therapeutically in neuralgic affections; and is used also as a perfume for soaps.

Safron, -oun, -un, -yn, obs. ff. Saffron.

Saft, obs. f. *saved* (see Save *v.*), Shaft; Sc. var. Soft. **Safur, -yr(e**, obs. forms of Sapphire.

Sag (sæg), *sb.*1 Now *dial.* Also 6–7 **sagge**. [var. of Seg, Sedge.] = Sedge.

1531 *Lett. & Pap. Hen. VIII*, V. 184 Payment to James Hole for sagge. *Ibid.* 186 Paide to James Hole, of Collam, for saggde for the brykmakrs..for savyng of the brykkes. Paide to Mychell Bynde for reede for the saide brykmakers. 1598 Florio, *Sermenti*..flags, sags, or reeds growing hy the water side. 1651 T. Barker *Art of Angling* (1653) 9 Leave about a yard, either to tye a bunch of sags or a bladder to boy up the Fish. 1688 R. Holme *Armoury* IV. iv. (Roxb.) 299/1 A Pond or pitt of water surrounded with Reeds and Sagges Vert. 1893 P. H. Emerson *Eng. Lagoons* 118 They say eels are hid up this weather..but these weren't...I think they must have worked out of the sags (hovers).

b. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *sag-bed, -bottomed, -seated*; †**sag-spear**, ?a 'spear' or stalk of sedge.

1672 W. Hughes *Amer. Phys.* 28 Like those Sag-beds which grow many together in some..boggy places in England. 1688 R. Holme *Armoury* IV. v. (Roxb.) 310/2 On a crowne three sagge-speares in Triangle O. tyed together with a Rubin G. the ends extended. 1735 Somerville *Chase* IV. 396 Ah! on that yielding Sag-bed, see, once more His Seal I view. 1890 *Gloucestersh. Gloss.*, *Sag-seated chair*, a rush-bottomed chair. 1893 *S. E. Worc. Gloss.* App., *Sags*, rushes, used for the seats of chairs, such chairs being called 'sag-bottomed chairs'.

Sag (sæg), *sb.*2 [f. Sag *v.*] The action of sagging.

1. *Naut.* Movement or tendency to leeward.

1580 Burrough in *Hakluyt's Voy.* (1599) I. 436 It is very necessary that you doe note at the ende of euery foure glasses, what way the shippe hath made,..and howe her way hath bene through the water, considering withall for the sagge of the sea to leewards, accordingly as you shall finde it growen. 1882 *Daily Tel.* 2 Sept. (Cassell), Shoving through it very slowly, with a surprising sag to leeward.

2. In a rope, wire, etc. supported at two points: The dip below the horizontal line, due to its weight; the perpendicular distance from its lowest point to the straight line between the points of support.

1861 *Ann. Reg.* 73 The 'sag' or droop of the cable from a straight line is 12 feet. 1889 Preece & Maier *Telephone* 136 A consideration which is of the highest importance for telephonic networks of wire is the length of the sag, or dip, of the wires between two supports. 1892 C. T. Dent *Mountaineering* IV. 104 The rope..should stretch from one waist-loop to the next without any sag at all.

3. A sinking or subsidence; quasi-*concr.* a place where the surface has subsided, a depression.

1872 C. King *Mountain Sierra Nev.* viii. 167 A gray canopy of cloud which stretched from wall to wall, hanging down here and there in deep blue sags. 1874 Raymond *Statist. Mines & Mining* 324 To cross with pipes a 'sag' in the divide 280 feet deep and..eight miles wide from one crest to the other. 1888 'Paul Cushing' *Blacksmith of Voe* I. ii. 61 There was a deep sag in the seat, which, however, added to the comfort of sitting in it. 1892 C. Lapworth in *Proc. Geog. Soc.* 689 Where the great continental sag sinks below the ocean level.

4. *Comm.* A decline in price.

1891 *Daily News* 4 Mar. 2/2 In the American market there is a slight but general 'sag'.

†**Sag**, *a. Obs. rare.* [f. Sag *v.*] Hanging or sagging down. Also in Comb. *sag-bellied*.

? *a* 1550 *Schole-ho. Women* 472 in Harl. *E. P. P.* IV. 123 Put me two bones in a bag..: That doon, holde it some what sag, Shake it also, that it may wag. 1648 Herrick *Hesper., Oberon's Feast* 27 Then..He..eates the sagge And well bestrutted Bees sweet bagge. 1651 Ogilby *Æsop* (1665) 208 An old Sag-bellied Toad.

Sag (sæg), *v.* Inflected **sagged, sagging**. Forms: 5–7 **sagge**, (6 **sacke**), 9 **sagg**, 6–**sag**; 8–9 *dial.* **seg(g** (see E.D.D.). [First recorded in the 15th c.; the meaning (as well as the 16th c. form *sacke*) appears to point to connexion of some kind with mod.Du. *zakken*, MLG. *sacken*, Sw. *sacka*, Norw. dial. *sakka* to subside, settle down (also *sakk* subsidence), Da. *sakke* to lag behind (the Du. and Sw. words have also the nautical sense below). With sense 3 cf. Norw. dial. *sagga* 'to walk heavily and slowly, as from weariness' (Ross), for which other dialects have *sigga, sugga*.

The Du., LG., and Sw. forms appear to admit of no etymological explanation as native words; on the other hand the Norw. dial. *sakka* may be related to *sekka* (ON. *sekkva*) to Sink. It seems possible that the word is originally WScandinavian, and has passed (? as a nautical term) into Sw., Du., LG., and (perh. through LG.) into English.

On this hypothesis the representation of the continental Teut. *kk* by *gg* would be an instance of the common uncertainty in the phonetic appreciation of foreign sounds. It is uncertain whether the Norw. dial. *sagga* abovementioned is related to the other words, and whether its resemblance in sense to the Eng. word is more than a coincidence.]

1. *intr.* To sink or subside gradually, by weight or pressure.

c 1425 *Cast. Persev.* 1294 in *Macro Plays* 116 Mankynne is soylyd & saggyd in synne! *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 440/2 Saggyn or sallyn [*read* satlyn] (satelyn, *P.*, stytlyn, *S.*), *basso.* 1599 A. M. tr. *Gabelhouer's Bk. Physicke* 96/1 Quilte the bagge least the herbes sacke the one vppon the other. 1601 Holland *Pliny* I. 492 The Cherrie tree wood is firme and fast; the Elme and the Ash are tough; howbeit, they will soone settle downward and sag, being charged with any weight, but bend they will before they break. 1630 J. Levett *Ord. Bees* (1634) 19 Leaving a shoulder on the inside to stay it and this is good to keep the crowne of Hives from sagging downewards. 1881 Darwin *Veg. Mould* iv. 215 We see in these three sections..that the old pavements have sunk or sagged considerably. 1889 *Nature* 5 Dec. 103 The crust of the earth must have sagged foot by foot as additional feet of burdens were laid upon it.

b. Of a part of the body (occas. of a person): To droop; to sink or hang *down* loosely.

1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 304 b, Thy blessed body, whiche synkynge downe, sagged & honge by y^e^ crosse. 1563–83 Foxe *A. & M.* 1114/1 At last his fernour began to grow cold and faint, & his handes sagged downward. *a* 1565 Sir T. Challoner tr. *Boeth.* I. metr. i. 12 in *Q. Eliz. Englishings* App. 150 My skynne do sagg in wrinkles slacke, my fflaggy lymbes do tremble. 1567 Golding *Ovid's Met.* XI. (1593) 263 Appollo could not suffer well his foolish eares to keepe Their human shape, but drew them wide, and made them long and deepe. And fild them full of whitish heares, and made them downe to sagge. 1592 Nashe *P. Penilesse* B 4 b, Cheeks that sag like a womans dugs ouer his chin-bone. *a* 1600 Deloney *Thomas of Reading* (1827) 73 It is, sir, your ill-favoured great nose, that hangs sagging so lothsomely to your lips. 1816 W. Taylor in *Monthly Mag.* XLI. 144 O could this wrinkled hand unlearn to sag I'd go; and from this crosier shake the union flag. 1849 Longf. *Kavanagh* xxi. 132 Except little Alfred, who was tired and cross, and sat sleepy and sagging on his father's knee. 1902 *Westm. Gaz.* 5 June 2/1 The head slowly sagged down on to the cushions.

c. 'To hang down on one side' (Phillips, ed. Kersey 1706). Of a garment: To hang unevenly, to slip out of position. Now chiefly *dial.* and *U.S.* Hence occas. of a person: †To wear 'sagging' clothes, to be dressed untidily.

1592 Nashe *P. Penilesse* A 2 b, Sir Rowland Russet-coat, their dad, goes sagging euery day in his round gascoynes of white cotton, & hath much a do..to keepe his vnthrift elbowes in reparations. *Ibid.* A 3, A paire of trunke slops, sagging down like a Shoomaker's wallet. 1600 Surflet *Country Farm* I. viii. 32 If the croisant or bodie of the moone hang sagging. 1611 Cotgr., *Glacer*, ..to flesh-bast; or stitch downe the lyning of a garment thereby to keepe it from sagging. 1624 Bp. Hall *True Peace-maker* Wks. (1625) 541 The girdle of whose equity sags downe on that side, where the purse hangs. 1703 T. N. *City & C. Purchaser* 29 To prevent a Door from sagging, or sinking at the fore corner. 1854 Miss Baker *Northampt. Gloss.* II. 193 A load of hay or corn that is badly put on the waggon, leaning on one side, and, as it is termed, top-heavy, is said to *sag.* 1877 *N. W. Linc. Gloss.* s.v., Rebecca's made my Sunda' goun sag sorely. 1878 *Masque Poets* 156 His coat is green and sags. 1883 Mrs. Rollins *New Eng. Bygones* 190 It [the bridge] sags to one side. 1885 *Harper's Mag.* May 867/1 The..gates sag apart. 1903 J. Fox jun. *Little Sheph. Kingd. Come* 345 The gate sagged on its hinges.

d. To bend or curve downwards in the middle, from its own weight or superincumbent pressure. Said, e. g., of a rope supported at two points, of a beam, plank, etc. *Naut.* opposed to Hog *v.*

1777 W. Hutchinson *Pract. Seamanship* 13 And that their bottoms not only hog upwards, but sag (or curve) downwards, to dangerous and fatal degrees. 1819 Rainbird *Agric. Suffolk* (1849) 298 (E. D. D.). 1842 Gwilt *Archit.* § 2031 The beam by its own gravity..would have a tendency to sag or bend in the middle. *Ibid.*, When the rafters are of such length that they would be liable of themselves to sag down, supports *aa* are introduced at the points where such failures would occur. 1859 Whittier *Proph. Sam. Sewall* 102 Great beams sag from the ceiling low. 1883 R. Haldane *Workshop Rec.* Ser. II. 290/1 The rod will lose its straightness, first sagging in the middle, then dropping. 1886 E. S. Morse *Jap. Homes* i. 27 One..comes to wonder why the whole ceiling does not sag.

transf. 1888 Henley *Bk. Verses* 152 The sky saggs low with convoluted cloud.

e. To bulge (*out*); to belly *in*. Chiefly *dial.*

1853 G. J. Cayley *La Alforjas* II. 151 It sagged in like a bellying sail. 1855 Robinson *Whitby Gloss.*, *Sagg'd out*, bulged out at the side, as a bowing wall. 1897 Kipling *Captains Courageous* 108 The other half come up sagging full o' big uns.

2. To decline to a lower level, through lack of strength or effort. Chiefly *fig.* (Common in U.S.)

1508 Fisher *Seven Penit. Ps.* xxxviii. Wks. (1876) 88 Yf the helpe of his grace be not redy at all seasons we must nedes sagge & bowe. 1605 Shaks. *Macb.* v. iii. 10 The minde I sway by, and the heart I beare, Shall neuer sagge with doubt, nor shake with feare. 1891 *Harper's Mag.* Sept. 644/1 Is she sagging towards Realism or rising towards Idealism? 1902 Gildersleeve in *Amer. Jrnl. Philol.* XXIII. 137 Professor Lawton..says that Parmenides sags in his flight.

b. *dial.* 'To decline in health; to begin to show signs of old age' (E.D.D.).

1784 Cullum *Hist. Hawsted* iii. 173 He begins to *sag.* To decline in his health. 1893 Zincke *Wherstead* 261 For anything to be over-poised, or metaphorically to decline in health, is to 'sag'.

c. *Comm.* To decline in price. Also with *down, away, off.*

1887 [see Sagging *ppl. a.*]. 1892 *Daily News* 11 May 3/5 Wheat..further sagged down owing to the increase in amount on passage. 1903 *Westm. Gaz.* 29 Aug. 7/1 With lack of support the market has sagged away, and closes some 2*s.* 6*d.* below last week's values. 1905 *Ibid.* 1 June 9/1 There are appreciable advances on the share figures of three months ago on those investments which sagged through last year's bad balance-sheets.

3. To drag oneself along wearily or feebly. Also *U. S.* (see quot. 1880).

1573 Twyne *Æneid* x. E e j b, Encounter them at land Whilest fearful they come forth, and their first steps do sag in sand. 1612 Drayton *Poly-olb.* xvi. 219 This said, the aged Steed sagd sadly on alone. 1880 *Webster's Suppl.*, *Sag*, to loiter in walking; to idle along; to drag or droop heavily. 1897 Rhoscomyl *White Rose* 165 'And I am not more than a third of the way along', said he to himself, as the horse sagged slower at every stride.

4. *Naut.* Of a ship or boat: To drift, be carried out of the intended course. Chiefly in the phrase *To sag to leeward.*

1633 T. James *Voy.* 93 [In tacking] we did sagge upon the maine rand of Ice. 1769 [see Sagging *vbl. sb.*]. 1794 *Rigging & Seamanship* II. 256* *To Sag to leeward*, to make considerable lee-way. 1849 *Blackw. Mag.* LXVI. 726 The want of actual headway making the Indiaman sag dead away to leeward. 1856 Kane *Arct. Expl.* II. xxix. 287 McGary hung upon his oar, and the boat, slowly but noiselessly sagging ahead. 1892 Kipling *Barrack-r. Ballads* 206 We're sagging south on the Long Trail.

†**b.** *transf.* To drift, deviate insensibly (*into, from*). *Obs.*

1639 Fuller *Holy War* iv. xix. (1640) 202 We see elective States in Christendome, though bound with the straitest laws, often sagge aside into schismes and factions. 1655 — *Ch. Hist.* ix. v. § 2 Yet such [spheres] as are excentricall can never observe equall distance in their motion, but will sagg aside to grind, and grate one the other. *a* 1661 — *Worthies* (1662) II. *Lond.* 224 No Hospital is tyed with better or stricter laws, that it may not Sagg from the intention of the Founder.

5. *trans.* in causative senses. †**a.** [From sense 4.] Of a current at sea: To cause to 'sag' or drift; to carry out of the intended course. *Obs.*

1628 Digby *Voy. Medit.* (Camden) 77 The current sagged me into the bay deeper towardes the eastward. 1635 *Voy. Foxe & James to North West* (Hakl. Soc.) 191 After he was loos'd he was sagged into the Bay.

b. [From sense 1 d.] To cause to bend downwards in the middle.

1755 Johnson, *To Sag, v. a.* To load; to burthen. 1777 W. Hutchinson *Pract. Seamanship* 13 Their bottoms were thus sagged down by the cargoes. *Ibid.*, Sagged downwards six inches by her cargo. 1869 Sir E. J. Reed *Shipbuild.* v. 93 The ultimate measures of the strengths of the ships to resist a strain tending to hog or sag, or break them across is as 5 : 4. 1892 C. Lapworth in *Proc. Geogr. Soc.* 689 The surface of this American arch is sagged downwards in the middle into a central depression which lies between two long marginal plateaux. 1902 *Westm. Gaz.* 5 July 8/3 The vessel will first be 'sagged' by being hung by the head and the stern only from two platforms, one at each end.

Sag, variant of Seg (castrated bull).

‖ **Saga**[1] (sā·gă). [ON. and Icel. *saga* wk. fem. (Sw. *saga*) narrative, story, history; corresp. (exc. in declension) to OE. *sagu* str. fem.: see Saw *sb.*[2]]

1. Any of the narrative compositions in prose that were written in Iceland or Norway during the middle ages; in English use often applied *spec.* to those which embody the traditional history of Icelandic families or of the kings of Norway.

1709 Hickes in *Pepys' Diary* (1879) VI. 201 The histories of the old Northern nations, which commonly have the title of Saga, which signifies a narration of History. 1777 Robertson *Hist. Amer.* (1783) I. 326 The credit of this story rests, as far as I know, on the authority of the Saga, or Chronicle of King Olaus..published by Perinskiold at Stockholm A. D. 1697. 1805 Scott *Last Minstr.* VI. xxii, Many a Saga's rhyme uncouth. 1897 W. P. Ker *Epic & Romance* 66 The Icelandic Sagas—the prose histories of the fortunes of the great Icelandic houses.

b. *transf.* A narrative having the (real or supposed) characteristics of the Icelandic sagas; a story of heroic achievement or marvellous adventure.

1857 Longf. *Discov. North Cape* viii, For the old seafaring men Came to me now and then, With their sagas of the seas. 1862 H. Markyat *Year in Sweden* II. 63 With this last visit terminates my saga of Gripsholm. 1891 Kipling *Light that Failed* v, Dick delivered himself of the saga of his own doings.

¶ **2.** In incorrect uses (partly as the equivalent of the cognate Ger. *sage*): A story, popularly believed to be matter of fact, which has been developed by gradual accretions in the course of ages, and has been handed down by oral tradition; historical or heroic legend, as distinguished both from authentic history and from intentional fiction.

1864 Kingsley *Rom. & Teut.* i. (1875) 1, I shall begin.. with a saga. 1869 Tozer *Highl. Turkey* II. 265 The Popular Tale is thus..distinguished from..the Myth, or Saga. 1873 Miss R. H. Busk *Sagas fr. Far East* 242 While displaying the usual exaggerations common to the Sagas of all nations, these Indian Sagas have one leading peculiarity. 1883 Kennedy tr. *Ten Brink's E. Eng. Lit.* 150 The Sagas of Guy of Warwick and Bevis of Hampton.

3. *Comb.*, as *saga-writer*; **saga-man,** a narrator of sagas, also the hero of a saga [= ON. *sǫgu-maðr*].

1823 Crabb *Technol. Dict.*, *Saga-man* (Archæol.), a tale-teller, or secret accuser. 1853 Kingsley *Hypatia* xxix, You are the hero! you are the Sagaman! We are not worthy. 1866 *Reader* 3 Mar. 221/3 All the skalds and sagamen of any note were Icelanders. 1866 Baring-Gould *Myths Mid. Ages* Ser. I. 113 An arrow..penetrated the windpipe of the king, and it is supposed to have sped, observes the Saga writer, from the bow of Hemingr.

‖ **Saga,** pl. of Sagum.

Sagacious (săgē·ʃəs), *a.* [f. L. *sagāc-em* (whence F. *sagace*), *sagax*, f. the root **sāg-* (= OTeut. **sōk-*, Seek *v.*) in *sāgīre* to discern acutely.]

†**1.** Acute in perception, esp. by the sense of smell. Const. *of. Obs.*

1607 Topsell *Four-f. Beasts* Ep. Ded. A 5, The Bees seeke out their King if he loose himselfe, and by a most sagacious smelling-sence, neuer cease till he be found out. 1656 Blount *Glossogr.*, *Sagacious*,..quick of scent, taste or sight. 1667 Milton *P. L.* x. 281 So sented the grim Feature, and upturn'd His Nostril wide into the murkie Air, Sagacious of his Quarry from so farr. 1700 Dryden *Cock & Fox* 751 With Might and Main they chas'd the murd'rous Fox,.. Nor wanted Horns t' inspire sagacious Hounds. 1732 Pope *Ess. Man* I. 214 And hound sagacious on the tainted green.

2. Gifted with acuteness of mental discernment; having special aptitude for the discovery of truth; penetrating and judicious in the estimation of character and motives, and in the devising of means for the accomplishment of ends; shrewd.

1650 Bulwer *Anthropomet.* 145 It would seem a wonder if sagacious Nature should faulter only in the forming of that part. 1682 Sir T. Browne *Chr. Mor.* I. § 6 True Charity is sagacious, and will find out hints for beneficence. 1704 Ray *Creation* I. (ed. 4) 95 The Study and Endeavours of the most sagacious Naturalists. 1756 C. Lucas *Ess. Waters* III. 125 Our very sagacious author found them in this condition. 1781 Cowper *Conversat.* 742 The world grown old, her deep discernment shows, Claps spectacles on her sagacious nose. 1794 S. Williams *Vermont* 136 He appeared to the greatest advantage, sagacious in distinguishing and observing. 1849 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* vii. II. 194 He had been urged by an adviser less sagacious and more impetuous than himself, to try a bolder course. 1863 Geo. Eliot *Romola* xix, Bardi was entirely under the ascendency of his sagacious and practical friend.

b. Of observations, sayings, actions, etc.: Resulting from or exhibiting acuteness of mental discernment; characterized by sagacity.

1831 Brewster *Newton* ix. 108 Hence he concluded that diamond 'is an unctuous substance coagulated',—a sagacious prediction, which has been verified in the discoveries of modern chemistry. 1856 Kane *Arct. Expl.* II. xv. 161 The Esquimaux examines the track with sagacious care. 1857 Miller *Elem. Chem.* (1862) III. 438 This sagacious conjecture has since been fully verified by the discoveries of Wurtz and Hofmann. 1876 Blackie *Lang. & Lit. Sc. Highl.* ii. 87 In Homer himself,..we find not a few of those sagacious, curt sentences, into which men unacquainted with books are fond of compressing their experience of human life.

3. Of animals: Intelligent.

1759 Goldsm. *Bee* No. 4 Of all the solitary insects I have ever remarked, the spider is the most sagacious. 1819 Keats *Eve St. Agnes* xli, The wakeful bloodhound rose, and shook his hide, But his sagacious eye an inmate owns.

Hence **Saga·ciously** *adv.*, **Saga·ciousness.**

1678 Cudworth *Intell. Syst.* I. i. § 28. 33 Wherefore they sagaciously apprehended, that there must needs be [etc.]. *Ibid.* iv. § 14. 250 Where this Love is not only called πολυμητις, of much-counsel or sagaciousness,..but also πρεσβυτατος. *a* 1711 Ken *Edmund* Poet. Wks. 1721 II. 102 But Edmund..Sagaciously the Pageantry suspects. 1818 Hallam *Mid. Ages* (1872) I. 64 But his measures had been so sagaciously taken, that except through that perverseness of fortune,..he could hardly fail of success. 1884 J. Hawthorne *A. Malmaison* iii, It is always a delicate matter to fathom the depth of a medical man's sagaciousness.

Sagacity (săgæ·sĭti). [ad. F. *sagacité*, ad. L. *sagācitāt-em*, f. *sagāc-em* Sagacious *a.*: see -ity.] The quality of being sagacious.

†**1.** Acute sense of smell. *Obs.*

1607 Topsell *Four-f. Beasts* 151 marg., What smelling or sagacity in Dogs is. *Ibid.* 451 This Beast is not onely enemy to the crocodile and Aspe, but also to their Egges, which she hunteth out by the sagacity of her nose. 1677 Plot *Oxfordsh.* 179 Ladies, who commonly have great sagacity in smelling, may hereby be directed in the choice of their Melitæi or Lap-dogs. 1784 Cowper *Task* VI. 616 Some [animals] show that nice sagacity of smell. 1798 Pennant *Hindoostan* II. 36 All this genus are remarkable for their voracity and their sagacity of nostril.

2. Acuteness of mental discernment; aptitude for investigation or discovery; keenness and soundness of judgement in the estimation of persons and conditions, and in the adaptation of means to ends; penetration, shrewdness.

a 1548 Hall *Chron., Hen. VII* 13 b, Both for age and prudent sagacitie, fatherly, a wyse & a grave personage, which for renuyng of the olde amitie, were commanded [etc.]. 1604 R. Cawdrey *Table Alph.*, *Sagacitie*, sharpnes of wit; witnesse. 1647 Clarendon *Hist. Reb.* I. § 24 As he had a wonderfull Sagacity in such Reflections, a thousand Difficulties and Dangers occurred to him. 1693 J. Edwards *Author. O. & N. Test.* 18 Men of skill and sagacity do sometimes foretel futurities. 1743 Emerson *Fluxions* 107 These are the general Rules, but after all, many things must be left to the Sagacity and Invention of the Artist. 1791 Mrs. Radcliffe *Rom. Forest* x, She was somewhat surprised at Peter's sagacity. 1844 Dickens *Mart. Chuz.* xxxviii, Relying on your advice as a man of great sagacity in money matters. 1849 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.*

ii. I. 182 He discerns the signs of the times with a sagacity which to the multitude appears miraculous. 1864 Pusey *Lect. Daniel* (1876) 160 It was beyond human sagacity..to predict the Roman Empire.

b. *pl.* Sagacious observations.

1866 Carlyle *Remin.* (1881) I. 103 His native sagacities.. made him the most delightful of companions. 1891 *Spectator* 13 June 829/1 Who..is always pressing her homely sagacities on the imagination of the young.

3. Of animals: Exceptional intelligence; skill in the adaptation of means to ends.

1555 Eden *Decades* 189 Are there many of such sagacitie and industrye as the lyke is not seene in beastes of greater quantitie. 1646 Sir T. Browne *Pseud. Ep.* III. iv. 112 Why they placed this invention upon the Bever..might be the sagacitie and wisedome of that animall. 1725 De Foe *Voy. round World* (1840) 337 Black cattle..by a natural sagacity, apprehensive of being swept away with the flood. 1759 Goldsm. *Bee* No. 4 The sagacity of some insects. 1837 W. Irving *Capt. Bonneville* II. 134 He had heard much of the sagacity of the beaver in cutting down trees.

Sagamité (sagămitē·). Also 8 **shaggamitie, sagamitty, sagamite**, 9 **sagamity.** [a. F. *sagamité* (Sagard, 1632), repr. Cree Indian *kisamitew*, hot drink of any kind.] **a.** A kind of gruel or porridge made from coarse hominy. †**b.** (See quot. 1748.)

1748 H. Ellis *Voy. Hudson's Bay* 188 The broth of fish, which they call shaggamitie. 1763 tr. *Father Charlevoix' Acc. Voy. Canada* 279 (Stanf.) The women come for several days and pour Sagamitty on the place. 1796 *Hist. Ned Evans* II. 103 But they were all refreshed with as much Indian corn pounded and stewed with bear's grease as they could eat, which they call sagamity. 1807 G. Heriot *Trav.* 586 Sagamité, pudding made of Indian corn. 1829 H. Murray *N. Amer.* I. vii. 375 The dishes were Sagamity or boiled Indian Corn.

Sagamore (sæ·gămōəɹ). Also 7 **sagamos, sagomo, sagomore, saggamore, segamore, sagamor**, 7–8 **sagamo**, 8 **sachemore.** [a. Penobscot *sagamo*: see Sachem 1.] = Sachem 1.

1613 Purchas *Pilgrimage* (1614) 750 He obserued a feast made by Anadabijon the great Sagamo, in his Cabin. *Ibid.* 756 When a Sagamos dieth, they blacke themselues. 1624 Capt. Smith *Virginia* VI. 240 The Massachusets call..their kings there aboues Sachems: the Penobscotes..their kings Sagamos. 1642 Lechford *Plain Dealer* (1867) 115 They are governed by sachems, kings, and saggamores, petie lords. 1675 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 1017/1 King Philip the Indian Segamore of those parts, had raised about six hundred Men in Arms. 1751 C. Gist *Jrnls.* (1893) 72 This Beaver is the Sachemore or Chief of the Delawares. 1826 J. F. Cooper *Mohicans* xxx, Uncas,..the wisest Sagamore of the Indians! 1865 Parkman *Champlain* iv. (1875) 246 But the vision of the centenarian sagamore put them all to shame.

transf. 1882 Dowden in *Academy* 30 Dec. 464/1 But readers on this side of the Atlantic cannot be supposed to owe allegiance to every local sagamore of learning or Puritan pow-wow of the old colonial days.

†**b. Sagamore's head**: ? some American tree.

1741 P. Collinson in *Mem. Bartram* (1849) 148 The butter-nut..with the Medlar and Sagamore's head.

Hence †**Sagamoreship.**

1674 Josselyn *Voy. New Eng.* 123 The three Kingdoms or Sagamoreships of the Mattachusets were very populous, having under them seven Dukedoms or petti-Sagamoreships.

‖ **Sagan** (sē·gän). *Jewish Antiq.* Also 9 **segan.** [Late (Talmudic) use of Heb. סָגָן *sāgān* or *sᵉgen* (found only in pl. *sᵉgānīm*), Jewish Aram. *sᵉgan*, a. Assyrian *shaknu* prefect (of conquered city or province). In the Bible the word denotes only a civil governor.] The deputy of the Jewish high-priest; the second highest functionary of the Temple.

In Biblical times this official seems to have been called 'second priest' (Heb. *kōhēn hammishnehʰ*): see Jer. lii. 24.

1625 T. Godwin *Moses & Aaron* I. (1641) 18 The High Priest and his Segan, resembled our Bishop and his Suffragan. 1681 Dryden *Abs. & Achit.* 866 With him the Sagan of Jerusalem, Of hospitable soul and noble stem. 1877 C. Geikie *Christ* lx. (1879) 737 The ancient hierarchy as consisting of the high priest; his deputy, or Sagan: two suffragans of the Sagans, [etc.]. 1904 *Jewish Encycl.* VI. 390/2 Every high priest had a 'mishneh' (a second) called the Segan, or 'memunneh', to stand at his right.

†**Sagapen(e.** *Obs.* Also 6 ? **sagape.** [Anglicized form of next.] = Sagapenum; also the plant producing sagapenum.

1548 Turner *Names of Herbes* 37 *Ferula*...It maye be named in englishe herbe Sagapene or Fenel gyante. 1570 Levins *Manip.* 26/37 Herbe-sagape [rimes *ape, grape*, etc.], *ferula*. 1601 Holland *Pliny* II. 67 As for our Sacopenium here in Italy, it differeth altogether from that which grows beyond sea. For the outlandish kind..is called Sagapen. 1611 Cotgr., *Ferule*,..the hearbe Ferula, Sagapene, Fennell Giant. 1651 J. F[reake] *Agrippa's Occ. Philos.* 86 The root of the reedy Hearb Sagapen. 1712 tr. *Pomet's Hist. Drugs* I. 190 Chuse your Sagapen in fine Tears, clear and transparent, of a strong smell.

‖ **Sagapenum** (sægăpī·nŭm). [Late L. *sagapēnum, -on*, a. Gr. *σαγαπηνον* a plant (prob. *Ferula persica*); also the gum obtained from it.] A gum-resin, the concrete juice of *Ferula persica*, formerly used as an antispasmodic and emmenagogue, or externally. Also *gum sagapenum.*

1579 Langham *Gard. Health* (1633) 573 Sagapenum or Serapinum..is a precious gumme, the best shineth through darke in colour yelow without and white within. 1616 Bullokar *Eng. Expos., Sagapenum*, the sappe or Gum of a plant growing in Media..vsed in Physicke against diners cold diseases. 1718 Quincy *Compl. Disp.* 125 Sagapenum.. is likewise the Tear or Gum of a Tree. 1815 Kauffman *Dict. Merchandize* Gum sagapenum. 1851–9 Hooker in *Man. Sci. Enq.* 424 Compared with assafœtida and galbanum, sagapenum is a rare and costly drug.

Sagar, obs. form of Cigar and Saker 1.

Sagaret, obs. form of Sakeret.

‖ **Sagaris** (sæ·găris). *Antiq.* Also anglicized 8 **sagar.** [Gr. *σάγαρις*, from some Eastern language.] A single-edged battle-axe used by Scythians, Persians, Amazons, etc.

1623 Bingham *Xenophon* 69 A weapon called *Sagaris*, such as the Amazons beare. 1776 J. Bryant *Mythol.* III. 140 Their chief arms were..battleaxes, and sagars. 1860 Rawlinson *Hist. Herodotus* IV. 65 The Sacæ..carried the battleaxe, or *sagaris*.

Sagarston, obs. form of Sexton.

†**Sagate,** *a. Her. Obs.*⁻¹ [ad. L. type **sagātus*, f. *sag-um* mantle.] Clothed in a mantle.

1688 R. Holme *Armoury* IV. viii. (Roxb.) 328/2 A Headpeece..Argent..Mantled with a Rockett, or Sagate Gules, lynned with white.

Sagat(e, -gates, obs. northern var. ff. Sogate(s.

Sagathy (sæ·găþi). *Obs.* exc. *Hist.* Also 8 **sagathea, saggathe, sagathee**, 8–9 **segathy**, 9 **sagathoy, -thay.** [In Fr. *sagatis* (Boiste 1840; not in Littré or Hatz.-Darm.), Sp. *sagatí*; of unknown origin.] A woollen stuff (see quot. 1727–41).

1707 *Postman* 15 Nov. in Ashton *Soc. Life Reign Q. Anne* (1882) I. 151 Broad Cloaths, Camblet, Druggits and Sagathys. 1709 *Female Tatler* No. 9/1 Any Camlets, Drugets, or Sagathies. 1710 Steele *Tatler* No. 270 P 4 Making a Panegyrick on Pieces of Sagathy or Scotch-Plod. 1727–41 Chambers *Cycl., Sagathee*,..a slight woollen stuff; being a kind of serge, or ratteen; sometimes mixed with a little silk. 1745 *De Foe's Eng. Tradesman* xxvi. (1841) I. 261 Norwich buys..serges and segathies from Devon and Somersetshire. 1804 *Monthly Mag.* 418 Not more than three persons are engaged in making..serges, duroys, sagothoys and dimities. 1811 J. T. in *Risdon's Surv. Devon* Introd. Remarks 25 Segathies, druggets, coatings, beavers, ..found a market in Spain. 1882 J. Ashton *Soc. Life Reign Q. Anne* I. 151 They [*sc.* clothes] were made of drugget and sagathay, camlet, but the majority of men wore cloth. 1884 Besant *Dorothy Forster* ii. He..went about dressed in grey sagathy and woollen stockings.

b. *attrib.* or *adj.* Made of sagathy.

1711 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 4901/4 A brown-colour'd Sagathea Wastcoat and Breeches. 1712 *Ibid.* No. 5058/4 A Led-coloured Saggathe Coat and Wastecoat. 1889 Doyle *Micah Clarke* ii. 14 Beneath my sagathy stuff jacket.

Sagay, variant of Zagaie.

Sagbo(u)t, -but(t, obs. forms of Sackbut.

Sage (sēdʒ), *sb.*¹ Forms: 4–6 **sauge**, 4–5 **sawge, salge**, (5 **sauoge**), 6 **saulge, sayge**, 5– **sage.** [ME. *sauge*, a. F. *sauge* (13th c. in Littré):— L. *salvia* (whence late OE. *saluie*, ME. Save *sb.*). Cf. Pr., Sp., It. *salvia*, Pg. *salva*; also MLG. *salvie, selve*, Du. *salie*, OHG. *salbeia, salveia* fem. (mod.G. *salbei* masc.). For the phonology in Eng. cf. Chafe *v.*, Gauge, Safe, Save.]

1. A plant of the genus *Salvia*, N.O. *Labiatæ*; esp. *S. officinalis*, an aromatic culinary herb. Hence, the leaves of this plant used in Cookery.

Sage, much esteemed formerly as a medicinal herb, is not now included in the British Pharmacopœia, but in domestic medicine is still used in the preparation of sage-tea (see 5 b).

a 1310 in Wright *Lyric P.* (Percy Soc.) 26 He is hlosme opon bleo brihtest under bis, With celydoyne ant sauge, as thou thi self sys. 1390 Gower *Conf.* III. 131 Salge is his herbe appourtenant Aboven al the remenant. *c* 1420 *Liber Cocorum* (1862) 11 Do þer to sage and persely 3oyng. 1533 Elyot *Cast. Helthe* II. xvi. (1541) 29 Sauge. It healeth, and sommewhat byndeth. 1578 Lyte *Dodoens* II. lxxvii. 250 There be two sortes of Sage, the one is small and franke, and the other is great. The great Sage is of three sortes, that is to say, greene, white, and redde. 1584 Cogan *Haven Health* xi. 33 Sage is vsed commonly in sawces, as to stuffe veale, porke, rosting pigges, and that for good cause. 1590 Spenser *Muiopotmos* 187 The wholesome saulge, and lauender still gray. 1610 Fletcher *Faithf. Sheph.* II. ii, These for frenzy be A speedy and a soueraigne remedie. The bitter Wormewood, Sage and Marigold. 1714 Gay *Sheph. Week* II. 13 Marbled with Sage the hard'ning Cheese she press'd. 1766 [Anstey] *Bath Guide* II. (1807) 77 But what's the sage without the goose? 1881 *Encycl. Brit.* XII. 289/2 Sage, *Salvia officinalis*, a hardy evergreen undershrub, belonging to the labiates, of which there are two varieties, the green-leaved and the red-leaved.

2. *Cookery.* †**a.** A force-meat, 'poltage', or sauce in which sage is the chief ingredient. *Sage yfarced*, sage stuffing. Also quasi-*adj.* in partly anglicized names of culinary preparations containing sage, as *fritter sage, sauce sage. Obs.*

?*c* 1390 *Forme of Cury* (1780) 23 Pygges in sawse Sawge. *Ibid.* 72 Sawge yfarced. *c* 1430 *Two Cookery-bks.* 28 Sauge. Take Gyngere, Galyngale, Clowys, & grynde in a morter; þan take an handfulle of Sawge, & do þer-to (etc.). *Ibid.* 41 Sauoge. Take Pigis fete clene y-pekyd; þan tak Freysshe broþe of Beff, & draw mylke of Almaundys, & þe Piggys þer-in; þen mence Sawge [etc.]. *c* 1450 *Ibid.* 72 Pigge or chiken in Sauge. *c* 1460 J. Russell *Bk. Nurture* 501 Frutur sawge.

b. *Sage and onions*: a stuffing chiefly composed of those ingredients, used for goose, duck, pork, etc. Also *sage-and-onion stuffing.*

1747 Mrs. Glasse *Cookery* 4 Some love the Knuckle [of pork] stuffed with Onions and Sage shred small. 1824 *New Syst. Cookery* 113 Ducks roasted. Stuff one with sage and onion,..crums,..and pepper and salt. 189– *Encycl. Pract. Cookery* (ed. Garrett) s.v., Sage-and-Onion Stuffing.

3. In the names of plants of other genera. **Bengal sage,** *Meriandra bengalensis* (Treas. Bot. 1866). **Bitter,** †**garlick,** †**mountain** or **wood sage,** *Teucrium Scorodonia.* **Black sage,** (*a*) *Cordia cylindrostachya*; (*b*) in California, *Trichostema lanatum* (Cent. Dict. 1891). **French sage,** *Phlomis fruticosa.* †**Jerusalem sage,** also †**sage of Jerusalem** or †**Bethlehem,** (*a*) *Pulmonaria officinalis*; (*b*) *Phlomis fruticosa.* **Seaside sage,** *Croton balsamiferum* (Treas. Bot.). †**Rock sage,** a species of *Sideritis.* **White sage,** in U. S., a woolly chenopodiaceous plant used as a febrifuge, *Eurotia lanata*; also applied to other plants of the same order, *Kochia prostrata* and *Audibertia polystachya* (Cent. Dict.). **Wild sage,** (*a*) = *bitter sage*; (*b*) see quot. 1866.

a 1387 *Sinon. Barthol.* (Anecd. Oxon.) 10/2 *Ambrosia*, wild sauge. 1548 Turner *Names of Herbs* (1881) 18 Bacchar or Baccaris is the herbe (as I thynke) that we call in english Sage of Hierusalem. 1562 Rock sage [see Ironwort]. 1578 Lyte *Dodoens* I. lxxxv. 125 Sage of Jerusalem hath rough, hearie, and large, browne greene leaues, sprinckled with diuers white spots. 1597 Gerarde *Herbal* II. ccv. 535 Wood Sage, or Garlicke Sage. *Ibid.* ccliii. 625 Of French Sage, or woodie Mullein...They are called of the learned men of our time *Verbasca syluestria*...In English it is generally called French Sage, we may call it Sage Mullein. *Ibid.* cclxxv. 663 *Pulmonaria*,..Sage of Ierusalem, Cowslip of Ierusalem, Sage of Bethlem. 1731 Miller *Gard. Dict., Scordium*,..Wild Sage, *vulgo.* 1741 *Compl. Fam.-Piece* II. iii. 374 Several other..Shrubs..are now in Flower, as the several sorts of Jerusalem Sage. 1864 Grisebach *Flora W. Ind. Isl.* 787 Black sage: *Cordia cylindrostachya.* 1865 Gosse *Land & Sea* (1874) 15 The wood germander, or bitter sage. 1866 *Treas. Bot.* s.v., Wild Sage, a name in the Cape colony for *Tarchonanthus camphoratus.*

4. ? = *Sage-brush* (see 5 b).

1807 P. Gass *Jrnl.* 127 A kind of wild sage or hyssop, as high as a man's head,..grows in these bottoms. 1837 W. Irving *Capt. Bonneville* II. 206 The country, hereabout,.. producing very little grass, but a considerable quantity of sage or wormwood. 1851 Mayne Reid *Scalp Hunt.* xxvi, A desert country, here and there covered with wild sage and mezquite. 1872 C. King *Mountain. Sierra Nev.* xiii. 265 Desert too gentle and overspread with sage to be terrible.

5. *attrib.* and *Comb.*: simple attrib., as *sage colour, juice, leaf, oil, root*; also in the names of preparations flavoured or medicated with sage, as *sage ale, bread, drink, gargle, wine*; instrumental, as *sage-covered* adj.; similative, as *sage-leaved* adj.; parasynthetic, as *sage-coloured* adj.

1584 Cogan *Haven Health* xi. 33 Much after the same manner [as the making of sage wine] is made *Sage ale. 1597 Gerarde *Herbal* II. cclii. 624 Sage ale, being brewed as it shoulde be, with Sage, Scabious, Betonie, Spikenard, Squinanth, and Fennell seedes. 1668 R. Sharrock *Let. to Boyle* 7 Apr., B.'s Wks. 1744 V. 4, I have known *sage bread do much good in drying up watry humours. 1596 *Acc. Bk. W. Wray* in *Antiquary* XXXII. 79 Sould him of the leight *sayge culler q' & d. *Ibid.*, iij yeardes of leight *sayge cullerd fustian. 1851 Mayne Reid *Scalp Hunt.* xiii, We passed over *sage-covered plains. 1747 Mrs. Glasse *Cookery* 121 *Sage Drink. 189– *Encycl. Cookery* (ed. Garrett), *Sage gargle. 1755 Wesley *Prim. Physic* cxx. 73 Hoarseness...Take a Spoonful of *Sage-juice Morning and Evening. 14.. *Med. MS.* in *Anglia* XIX. 78 Take a *sawge-leef and wryte þeron. 1661 J. Childrey *Brit. Baconica* 5 They have a slate of three sorts, blew, sage-leaf-coloured, and gray. 1747 Wesley *Prim. Phys.* (1762) 88 Apply boiled Sage leaves hot. 1884 Browning *Ferishtah* Prol., Sage-leaf is bitter-pungent—so's a quince. 1822 *Hortus Anglicus* II. 13 *C. Salvifolius.* *Sage-leaved Cistus. 1825 *Greenhouse Comp.* I. 95 *Phlomis Lychnites*...A sage-leaved whitish rugose plant. 1888 W. T. Brannt *Treat. Anim. & Veget. Fats* 539 *Sage oil, *oleum salviæ*, obtained by distillation from the leaves of the sage. 14.. *Stockholm Med. MS.* II. 867 in *Anglia* XVIII. 328 Rwe is eke a soureyn bote, To settyn abowtyn a *sawge-rote. 1579 Langham *Gard. Health* (1633) 575 Vse it as *Sage wine to consume flegme.

b. Special Comb.: **sage-apple,** a gall-apple formed on a species of sage, *Salvia pomifera*, eaten as a fruit in Crete; **sage-brush, -bush,** a collective name applied to various species of *Artemisia*, esp. *A. tridentata*; also *attrib.*; **sage-cheese,** a kind of cheese which is flavoured and mottled by mixing a decoction of sage-leaves with the cheese-curd; **sage grass,** *U. S.* = *sage-brush*; **sage-green,** a shade of dull greyish green resembling that of the foliage of the sage plant *Salvia officinalis*; hence **sage-greeny** *a.*, of the colour of sage-green; †**sage mullein** = French sage (see 3 above); **sage rose,** †(*a*) a plant of the genus *Cistus* (obs.); (*b*) a shrub, *Turnera ulmifolia*, found in the W. Indies and S. America; **sage tea,** an infusion of sage-leaves, used as a stomachic and slight stimulant; **sage tree,** (*a*) *Phlomis fruticosa*; (*b*) see quot. 1884; **sage-willow,** a dwarf grey American willow, *Salix tristis*; **sage wood** = *sage-brush.*

1832 *Veg. Subst. Food* 321 *Sage-apples. 1872 Coues *Key N. Amer. Birds* 233 Confined to the sterile plains and *sage-brush (*Artemisia*) tracts of Western U. S. 1888 Bayce *Amer. Commw.* II. II. xlvii. 217 A desert..whose lower grounds were covered with that growth of alkaline plants which the Americans call sage-brush. 1807 P. Gass *Jrnl.* 204 The *sage bushes..grow in great abundance on some parts of these plains. 1874 *Treas. Bot.* Suppl. s.v., Sage-bush, *Artemisia tridentata*. 1714 Gay *Sheph. Week* II. 16 But Marian now..Nor yellow Butter nor *Sage Cheese prepares. 1852 Dickens *Bleak Ho.* xii, It [the sea] is habitually hard upon Sir Leicester, whose countenance it

greenly mottles in the manner of sage-cheese. 1893 *Scribner's Mag.* June 801/2 To inhale the odor of..pungent aromatic things in the tall '*Sage grass'. 1825 J. NICHOLSON *Operat. Mechanic* 642 *Sage-green, pea, and sea-greens. 1884 G. ALLEN *Philistia* I. 49 Three afternoon dresses, the grey,..the *sage-greeny æsthetic one, and the peacock-blue. 1562 TURNER *Herbal* II. 161 The wilde one [Verbascum]..may be called in Englishe *Sage mullen. 1597 GERARDE *Herbal* Table, *Sage rose and his kinds, looke *Cistus*. 1864 GRISEBACH *Flora W. Ind. Isl.* 787 Sage-rose: *Turnera ulmifolia*. 1705 HICKERINGILL *Priest-cr.* II. vi. 62 As for *Sage-Tea, it being an English Drink,..I care not if they Drink it without the assistance of Mr. Say-Grace. 1824 LOUDON *Encycl. Gard.* (ed. 2) § 4141 The decoction called sage-tea is usually made from one variety, the small-leaved green, or sage of virtue. 1741 *Compl. Fam.-Piece* II. iii, There are several other Trees ..in Flower, as..Phlomis or *Sage Trees. 1753 CHAMBERS *Cycl. Supp.* App. s.v., Sage of Jerusalem, or Sage-tree. 1884 W. MILLER *Plant-n.*, Sage-tree, Brush-land, of Australia. *Psychotria daphnoides*. 1860 WORCESTER (citing G. B. Emerson), *Sage-willow,..*Salix tristis*,—called also dwarf gray-willow.

c. In the names of animals and birds found chiefly in the sage-brush districts of N. America, as **sage cock, grouse**, the largest grouse found in America, *Centrocercus europhasianus*; **sage hare** = *sage rabbit*; **sage hen**, the female of the sage grouse; **sage rabbit**, a small hare, *Lepus artemisia*; **sage sparrow**, each of the two fringilline birds *Amphispiza bilineata* and *A. belli*; **sage thrasher**, the mountain mocking bird, *Oreoscoptes montanus*.

1859 S. F. BAIRD *Catal. N. Amer. Birds* (Smithsonian Misc. Coll.) 462 *Centrocercus urophasianus* Sw. *Sage Cock. 1884 COUES *Key N. Amer. Birds* (ed. 2) 580 *Sage Grouse. 1861 G. F. BERKELEY *Sportsm. W. Prairies* ii. 25 There is a certain bird of the grouse species..called the '*sage hen'. 1859 S. F. BAIRD *Mammals N. Amer.* 602 *Lepus Artemisia*, Bachman. *Sage Rabbit. 1879 GOODE etc. *Catal. Anim. Resources U.S.* 20 *Lepus sylvaticus* Bach., var. *Nuttalli*.—Sage Rabbit. 1884 COUES *Key N. Amer. Birds* (ed. 2) 375 *Amphispiza*..*Sage Sparrows. *Ibid.* 249 *Sage Thrasher.

Sage (sēdʒ), *a.* and *sb.*[2] Also 6 **saage**, *Sc.* **saig(e, sauge**. [a. F. *sage* adj. and sb. (11th c. in Hatz.-Darm.; OF. had also *saige, savie*) :—Com. Rom. *sabio* (Pr. *satge-s, sabi-s*, Sp., Pg. *sabio*, It. *saggio, savio*) :—popular L. **sapius* (cf. L. *nesapius* ignorant) f. *sap-ĕre* to be wise (pr. pple. *sapiens* wise).]

A. *adj.* Now only *literary*.

1. Of a person: Wise, discreet, judicious. In ME. often *the sage* (following a proper name). In modern use in narrowed applications: Practically wise, rendered prudent or judicious by experience.

1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 4069 Nou it worþ iended þat Sibile þe sage sede biuore. 13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* B. 1576 As þe sage sathrapas þat sorsory coube. 1362 LANGL. *P. Pl.* A. XI. 257 For salamon þe sage þat sapience made. 1390 GOWER *Conf.* II. 383 This..Is that Sibille of whom ye wite, That alle men yit clepen sage. *c* 1460 ASHBY *Dicta Philos.* 1222 To speke litil, is knowen a man sage. 1490 CAXTON *Eneydos* liii. 148 Retourne agayn towarde eneas and make peas wyth hym yf ye be sage. *a* 1533 LD. BERNERS *Huon* lxxxvi. 274 There is no clerke lyuynge so sage that can put it in wrytynge. 1545 ASCHAM *Toxoph.* (Arb.) 45 The best learned and sagest men in this Realme..both loue shoting and vse shoting. 1562 WINJET *Cert. Tractates* i. Wks. (S. T. S.) I. 5 3our wyse, saige, and grave familiar servands. 1571 *Satir. Poems Reform.* xxvii. 11 Bott schaw thyselff both scharpe, sauge [*v.r.* saig], and sinceir. 1594 SHAKS. *Rich. III*, III. vii. 227 Cousin of Buckingham, and sage graue men, Since you will [etc.]. 1597 — 2 *Hen. IV*, IV. v. 121 All you sage Counsailors, hence. *a* 1625 SIR H. FINCH *Law* (1636) 481 The Chancellor, and Treasurer, taking to them the Iustices, and other such sage persons, as they thinke fit. *a* 1687 WALLER *Maid's Trag.* v. Wks. (1729) 348 Can you expect, that she should be so sage To rule her blood, and you not rule your rage? 1732 BERKELEY *Alciphr.* V. § 35 The wise reasoning of a certain sage magistrate. 1817 BYRON *Beppo* xxvii, For most men (till by losing rendered sager) Will back their own opinions with a wager. *Ibid.* xxxv, No wonder such accomplishments should turn A female head, however sage and steady. 1833 HT. MARTINEAU *Three Ages* ii. 70 These housekeepers, made sage by circumstance, looked and spoke with something very little like mirth. 1868 MILMAN *St. Paul's* xiii. 346 But sager Juxon..withdrew from the proud but perilous office. *a* 1872 MAURICE *Friendsh. Bks.* i. (1874) 12 If I thought of him [*sc.* Bacon], even as the sagest of book-makers and not as a human being.

b. Of advice, conduct, etc.: Characterized by profound wisdom; based on sound judgement.

1531 ELYOT *Gov.* III. xxii. (1534) 218 b, Roboaz..comtempned the sage counsayle of auncyente men, and imbraced the lyght perswasions of yonge men. *c* 1590 MARLOWE *Faust.* I. i. 97 Come..make me blest with your sage conference. 1601 SHAKS. *Twel. N.* III. iv. 413 Weel whisper ore a couplet or two of most sage sawes. 1641 MILTON *Reform.* II. 45 Little thought he of this sage caution. 1796 H. HUNTER tr. *St.-Pierre's Stud. Nat.* (1799) II. 380 The infinitely sage plans of Nature. 1875 JOWETT *Plato* (ed. 2) III. 176 He gives sage counsels about the nursing of children.

c. Of the countenance, bearing, etc.: Exhibiting sageness or profound wisdom. In mod. use commonly somewhat *ironical*.

1816 SCOTT *Antiq.* ix, Miss Oldbuck re-entered, with a singularly sage expression of countenance. 1849 DICKENS *Dav. Copp.* xix, Mr. Dick had regularly assisted at our councils, with a meditative and sage demeanour.

2. In phraseological combinations after Fr. use: †**a.** *Sage fool* (also in Fr. form *fol sage*): a jester or court fool. *Obs.* **b.** *Sage woman* (also in AF. form †*sage feme*): a midwife. *rare*.

1377 LANGL. *P. Pl.* B. XIII. 423 Ȝe lordes and ladyes..þat fedeth foles sages, flatereres and lyeres. *Ibid.* 444 A fol sage syttynge at the heyȝ table. ?*c* 1475 in *Q. Eliz. Acad.* 77 There was A grete lorde þat had A Sage fole, the whyche he lovyd Marvaylous well. 1672 [H. STUBBE] *Rosemary & Bayes* 2 Baptisme 'tis thought may be administred by a sage feme. 1833 DISRAELI *Cont. Flem.* III. xix, A sage woman of great reputation was at our house.

†**3.** Grave, dignified, solemn. *Obs.*

1564 *Brief Exam.* C iij b, I woulde haue the Ministers of Churches to vse sage vesture. 1592 NASHE *P. Penilesse* A iij, He wore..a garnish of night-caps, which a sage butten cap..ouer spread very orderly. 1602 SHAKS. *Ham.* v. i. 260 We should prophane the seruice of the dead, To sing sage Requiem, and such rest to her As to peace-parted Soules. 1632 MILTON *Penseroso* 117 And if ought els great Bards beside In sage and solemn tunes have sung, Of Turneys and of Trophies hung. 1644 — *Judgm. Bucer* Wks. 1851 IV. 301 In a point of sagest moment.

B. *sb.*

1. A man of profound wisdom; *esp.* one of those persons of ancient history or legend who were traditionally famous as the wisest of mankind; hence, one whose exceptional wisdom entitles him to a degree of veneration like that which was accorded to these. In early use sometimes with weaker sense, a wise man.

The 'seven sages of Greece' were Thales, Solon, Periander, Cleobulus, Chilon, Bias, and Pittacus, to each of whom some wise maxim is attributed by ancient writers. The 'seven sages of Rome' are the personages of a romance, of Oriental origin, which was popular throughout Europe in the Middle Ages. 'Eastern sages': often applied in hymns (after Milton) to the 'three Magi': see MAGUS 2.

13.. *Seuyn Sag.* (W.) 4, I sal yow tel,..Of the seuen sages of Rome. 1399 LANGL. *Rich. Redeles* III. 7 Me thynkyth, Sauynge souereynes and sages avise, þat þe moste mysceff ..Is demed þe dede y-do aȝeins kynde. *c* 1440 *Generydes* 88 This old fader..Of vij Saugys callid the wysest That was in Rome. 1547–64 BAULDWIN *Mor. Philos.* (Palfr.) 1 There were besides these sophistes, another kinde called sapientes, or sages, as was Thales, Solon [etc.]. 1577 tr. *Bullinger's Decades* II. x. (1592) 223 Musonius, Hierocles, and other auncient sages. 1642 tr. *Perkins' Prof. Bk.* xi. § 739. 323 Master Littleton who was an honorable sage of the Law. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* XII. 362 A Starr..proclaims him com, And guides the Eastern Sages, who enquire His place. 1735 THOMSON *Liberty* II. 222 The great Athenian Sage, And Father of Philosophy [*sc.* Socrates]. 1862 STANLEY *Jew. Ch.* (1877) I. xviii. 337 He was..but as one of the old chiefs of the hygone age—half warrior, half sage.

b. In playful or ironic use.

1751 JOHNSON *Rambler* No. 120 ¶ 2 He called for help upon the sages of physick. 1822 W. IRVING *Braceb. Hall* xxvi. 238 In vain did the sages of the village interfere. 1893 *Times* 8 May 9/3 They have cited..some of the mustiest sages of the law in confirmation of this view.

2. *Comb.*: simple attrib., as *sage-like* adj.; objective, as *sage-inspiring* adj.; instrumental, as *sage-exalted, -instructed* adjs.

1728–46 THOMSON *Spring* 209 The dissolving clouds..to the sage-instructed eye unfold The various twine of light. 1735 — *Liberty* II. 197 The Sage-exalted Chief [Xenophon]. 1745 T. WARTON *Pleas. Melancholy* 256 Tho' thro' the blissful scenes Ilissus roll His sage-inspiring flood. 1879 R. H. DOUGLAS *Confucianism* iii. 72 He alone, possessing all the sage-like qualities, shows himself..fitted to exercise rule.

Sage, obs. f. SEDGE; var. SEG *Obs.*

†**Saged**, *a.* *Obs.* *nonce-wd.* [f. SAGE *sb.*[2] + -ED[1].] Befitting a sage; characterized by wisdom.

1563 B. GOOGE *Eglogs* I. (Arb.) 31 And many a saged sawe lies hyd within thine aged brest. *Ibid.* 32.

Sageer: see SAKIA.

Sagely (sēˈdʒli), *a.* *rare*—[1]. [f. SAGE *sb.*[2] + -LY[1].] Belonging to or befitting a sage.

1867 LEGGE *Confucius* iv. 54 His gorgeous but unsubstantial pictures of sagely perfection.

Sagely (sēˈdʒli), *adv.* Also 5 **sagilly**. [f. SAGE *a.* + -LY[2].] In a sage manner.

a 1400–50 *Alexander* 3359 So bus a kyng to consaile haue a clere hert, To se at syttis him to se & sagely to wirke. *c* 1475 *Partenay* 5315 Sagilly hym ruled to intelligens. 1523 LD. BERNERS *Froiss.* I. vii. 5 The kyng..demaunding right swetely of her astate and besynesse. And she answered him ryght sagely. 1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* I. i. 29 Sober he seemde, and very sagely sad. 1671 MILTON *P. R.* IV. 285. 1714 POPE *Wife of Bath* 341 He, against this right sagely would advise. 1833 HT. MARTINEAU *Charmed Sea* v. 87 Paul explained; very sagely, how right it was. 1872 MORLEY *Voltaire* (1886) 11 If he adroitly or sagely preserved his buckler.

‖ **Sagene**[1] (saˈʒen). Also 8 **sajen**, 9 **sachine, sashen, sashine, sajene, sazhen**. [Russian сажень.] A measure of length used in Russia, equal to seven English feet.

1737 *Phil. Trans.* XL. 29 Wersts, divided each into 500 Sagenes, and each Sagene supposed to be exactly seven Feet English. 1858 SIMMONDS *Dict. Trade, Sachine, Sashen*, other names for the sagene, a Russian linear-measure. 1896 REDWOOD *Petroleum* I. 285 Boring, at 75 roubles per sagene (1 sagene = about 7 feet) for the first 100 sagenes [etc.].

Sagene[2] (sădʒīˈn). *rare.* [ad. L. *sagēna*, a. Gr. σαγήνη.] A fishing-net. In quots. *transf.* and *fig.*, a network (of railways, etc.).

1846 RUSKIN *Mod. Paint.* II. III. i. 5 At this time, when the iron roads are tearing up the surface of Europe,..when their great sagene is drawing and twitching the ancient frame and strength of England together. 1871 M. COLLINS *Mrg. & Merch.* II. i. 14 Fortunate folk who live beyond the grasping reticulation of the great railway sagene.

Sageness (sēˈdʒnĕs). [f. SAGE *a.* + -NESS.] The quality of being sage; profound wisdom.

1509 WATSON *Ship of Fools* xxxiv. (1517) H vij, He is a foole without sagenesse. 1540–1 ELYOT *Image Gov.* xiv. (1541) 24 A man..whom for his great witte and sagenes in apparance, the Emperour had in syngular fauour. 1654 GAYTON *Pleas. Notes* IV. v. 196 The sagenesse, civility, thrift, abstinence, and such like personated parts and customes at home, will be all laid aside. 1755 JOHNSON, *Sageness*, gravity, prudence. 1814 COLERIDGE *Let. to J. Kenyon* (1895) 640 Public prudence and practical sageness. 1907 *Q. Rev.* Oct. 365 If we [*sc.* Confucians] could renounce our sageness and discard our wisdom it would be better for the people a hundredfold.

Sagenite (sădʒīˈnəit). *Min.* [Named by H. B. de Sanssure, 1796: f. Gr. σαγήνη net + -ITE.] A variety of rutile in which slender crystals are interlaced, forming a network.

1802 THOMSON *Syst. Chem.* IV. 120.

Hence **Sageniˈtic** *a.*, of or belonging to sagenite (Cassell's *Encycl. Dict.*).

†**Saˈgeously**, *adv.* *Obs.* *rare*—[1]. [f. SAGE *a.* + -OUS + -LY[2].] Sagely.

c 1500 *Melusine* xxxvi. 259 Whan the knight herd her speke so sageously [Fr. *sagement*].

Sagerston, obs. form of SEXTON.

Sageship (sēˈdʒʃip). *rare.* [f. SAGE *sb.*[2] + -SHIP.] The personality of a sage; the quality of being a sage.

a 1832 BENTHAM *Deontol.* iii. (1834) I. 40 Men, who by whatever name they called their own sageships, were called by others wisest of men. 1887 F. H. BALFOUR *Leaves fr. Chinese Scrapbook* 110 (*title*) Confucius on Sageship.

†**Sagess.** *Obs.* In 5 **sagesse.** [a. F. *sagesse*, f. *sage* SAGE *a.*] Sageness, profound wisdom.

1474 CAXTON *Chesse* III. v. (1883) 119 Yf he haue not sagesse and wysedom in hym self of dyuerce wrytynges. *c* 1475 *Partenay* 6224, I hold it no gret wisdome ne sagesse To ouermoche suffre sorew and paine. 1676 GLANVILL *Ess.* VI. 13 Thus the Sagess, and grandeur of the Prince of Darkness need not be brought in question on this Occasion.

Sagewar, obs. form of SAGWIRE.

Sagey, sagy (sēˈdʒi), *a.* *rare.* [f. SAGE *sb.*[1] + -Y.] Of, pertaining to or of the nature of sage.

1747 POSTON *Pratler* I. 134 The sagy wholsome Herb of Wisdom is more stable..than the rosy fading Flower of Beauty. 1871 MRS. WHITNEY *Real Folks* iii, How sagey and doughnutty, and good it always smelt.

Sagg, variant of SAG.

Saggamore, obs. form of SAGAMORE.

Saggar (sæˈgăɹ), **seggar** (seˈgăɹ), *sb.* Forms: [7 **shrager**], 8–9 **saggar, seggar**, 9 **sagger (saggard), segger, sagre.** [Prob. a contraction of SAFEGUARD *sb.*

This explanation is supported by the existence of the form SEGGARD for *safeguard* as the name of an article of dress. The earliest recorded form, *shrager* (quot. 1686 below), seems to be a corruption due to etymological association with G. *schragen* to prop up; perhaps it may have been invented by the German workmen employed in the Staffordshire potteries.]

1. A protecting case of baked fire-proof clay in which the finer ceramic wares are enclosed while baking in the kiln; = SAGGARD **2**.

[1686 PLOT *Staffordsh.* iii. 123 If they be leaded hollow-wares, they do not expose them to the naked fire, but put them in shragers, that is, in course metall'd pots, made of marle (not clay).] 1768 WEDGWOOD *Let.* 6 Nov. in *Life* (1866) II. 83, I shall..put some men into them to make Saggars, prepare Clay, build ovens, &c. 1782 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 2) IX. 6420 *note*, The cases are called by English potters, seggars. 1807 T. THOMSON *Chem.* (ed. 3) II. 493 Cylindrical earthen vessels, formed of pounded fire-bricks and clay, called seggars. 1847 HALLIWELL, *Saggard*, the rough vessel in which all crockery, fine or coarse, is placed when taken to the oven for firing. 1879 MISS J. J. YOUNG *Ceram. Art* 77 The Japanese do not make any extensive use of seggars.

b. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *saggar-maker*; **saggar-bung**, a pile of saggars; **saggar-house**, the room where the articles to be baked are put into the saggars.

1828 *Potter's Art* II. 184 The *saggar bung Or column. 1853 URE *Dict. Arts* II. 454 When ready it is carried to the '*sagger-house'..and here it is placed in the 'saggers'. 1825 J. NICHOLSON *Operat. Mechanic* 468 The *sagger-maker is expected to know [etc.].

2. The clay of which 'saggars' are made. Also *saggar-clay*.

1839 URE *Dict. Arts* 1020 Space appointed as a depôt for the sagger fire-clay. 1842 BRANDE *Dict. Sci.* etc., *Sagger*. 1843 *Civil Eng. & Arch. Jrnl.* VI. 350/1 The sagger clay from the Staffordshire pottery was also a fire clay. 1851 GREENWELL *Coal-trade Terms Northumb. & Durh.* 45 *Sagre Clay*.—Fire-clay; a soft argillaceous shale.

Saggar (sæˈgăɹ), *v.* Also **sagger.** [f. SAGGAR *sb.*] *trans.* To place in or upon a saggar.

1839 URE *Dict. Arts* 1023 When..any piece, a soup plate for example, is to be saggered.

†**Saˈggard.** *Obs.* *rare*—[1]. [? f. SAG *v.* + -ARD.] ? One who 'sags' or hangs helplessly.

c 1440 *York Myst.* xxxvi. 82 Þou saggard [Christ on the Cross], þi selffe gan þou saie.

Saggard, variant of SAGGAR.

Saggathe, var. SAGATHY. **Sagge**, var. SAG.

Saggebut, obs. form of SACKBUT.

Sagged (sægd), *ppl. a.* *rare.* [f. SAG *v.* + -ED[1].] That has sunk in the middle; hanging loose.

1647 R. STAPYLTON *Juvenal* 185 Sagg'd cheeks, wherein such wrinkles are descry'd, As..we see scratcht in an old she-ape. 1893 'Q' (QUILLER-COUCH) *Delect. Duchy* 235 A sagged and lichen-covered roof.

Sagging (sæ·giŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. SAG *v.* + -ING 1.] The action of the verb SAG in various senses.

*c*1440 *Promp. Parv.* 440/2 Saggynge, or satlynge, *bassacio, bastatura.* 1769 FALCONER *Dict. Marine* (1780), *Sagging to leeward*, the movement by which a ship makes a considerable *lee-way*, or is driven far to leeward of the course whereon she apparently sails. It is generally expressed of heavy-sailing vessels. 1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) XVII. 420/1 Practical observations on the hogging and sagging of ships. 1868 *Rep. U. S. Commissioner Agric.* (1869) 252 The stakes also prevent the sagging of pleached or obliquely laid saplings. 1898 F. DAVIS *Silchester* 14 The sagging of some of the tesselated pavements.

Sagging (sæ·giŋ), *ppl. a.* [f. SAG *v.* + -ING 2.] That sags (in various senses of the verb).

1599 NASHE *Lenten Stuffe* 37 A sagging paire of cheeks like a sows paps that giues suck. 1650 BULWER *Anthropomet.* 178 This goodly sagging Dugs, a Pap fashion. 1859 R. F. BURTON *Centr. Afr.* in *Jrnl. Geog. Soc.* XXIX. 32 The Raz de marée, or rollers, that hurling sagging sea, so trying to small vessels upon the Mozambique coast..is here little feared. 1887 *Scott. Leader* 21 June 5 The tone on the Chicago market was dull and weak, with a 'sagging' teodency. 1897 KIPLING *Captains Courageous* 107 The long, sagging line may twitch a boat under in a flash.

†**Sa·ggish**, *a. rare* −1. [f. *sag* SOG *v.*1 + -ISH1.] ? Somewhat moist and decayed.

a 1595 SOUTHWELL 100 *Medit.* (1873) 373 As a little spark is wont to be quenched by casting wet and saggish wood upon it.

Saggy (sæ·gi), *a.*1 *Obs.* exc. *dial.* [f. SAG *sb.*1 + -Y.] Sedgy, reedy.

1609 HEYWOOD *Brit. Troy* XV. xxviii. 391 Fear gave my body winges. In a deepe Saggy couert I obscure me. 1881 *Leicestersh. Gloss.*

Saggy (sæ·gi), *a.*2 *dial.* [f. SAG *v.* + -Y.] Apt to 'sag' (see quots.).

1853 KANE *Grinnell Exp.* xlii. (1856) 391 The observatory of Sir James Ross at Leopold Island was moist and saggy. 1854 MISS BAKER *Northampt. Gloss.* II. 193 That gate wants knocking up at the hinges, it hangs so saggy. 1862 C. C. ROBINSON *Dial. Leeds* s.v. *Sag*, 'A saggy body,'—a very stout person, whose flesh appears to hang. 1881 *Leicestersh. Gloss., Saggy, adj.* said of anything drawn or bent down by weight.

Sagh(e, saȝ, obs. forms of SAW.

Saght(e, -il, etc., var. ff. SAUGHT, -LE, etc.

†**Saginary.** *Obs. rare.* [ad. L. *sagīnāri-um*, f. *sagīna*: see next.] A place where animals are fattened.

1657 TRAPP *Comm. Ps.* xvii. 14 The rich Glutton (who thought this life to be his saginary or boares-frank).

Saginate (sæ·dʒinēt), *v. rare.* [f. L. *sagīnāt-*, ppl. stem of *sagīnāre*, f. *sagīna*, process or means of fattening.] *trans.* To fatten (animals). Also *fig.* Hence **Sa·ginated** *ppl. a.*

1623 COCKERAM, *Saginate*, to fatten a beast. *Sagination*, the fattening thereof. 1633 T. ADAMS *Exp. 2 Peter* ii. 22 At last when they are saginated and franked, their turn comes to bleed. 1650 tr. *Causin's Ang. Peace* 45 The odious rejoycings of the unjust are saginated with the tears of the miserable. 1657 TOMLINSON *Renon's Disp.* 447 Chickens,..when saginated and castrated, [are] fit for Courtiers. 1791 COWPER *Iliad* XXIII. 40 Many a saginated boar [θαλέθοντες ἀλοιφῇ]. 1854 LANDOR *Lett. Amer.* 78 The [French] Emperor..has saginated the priesthood, and has winked at the miraculous apparitions that winked at him.

Sagination (sædʒinē·ʃən). *rare.* [ad. L. *sagīnātiōn-em*, n. of action f. *sagīnāre*: see prec.] The action of fattening animals for food.

1607 TOPSELL *Fourf. Beasts* 81 After their labour which bringeth leannesse, they vse to put them [*sc.* oxen] by for sagination, or..for feeding. 1823 [see prec.]. 1822 *Blackw. Mag.* XII. 12 There are very many persons whose intellect will not submit to this priestly sagination. 1833 *Fraser's Mag.* VIII. 484 We see the greedy porker before us in all the glories of sagination.

Sagirstane, obs. form of SEXTON.

†**Sagit.** *Obs. rare* −1. [Anglicized form of SAGITTA.] The sagittal sutnre.

c 1550 H. LLOYD *Treas. Health* xii. Evij, On the foreparte of the head by the ioynte Sagit.

‖ **Sagitta** (sădʒi·tă). [L., lit. an arrow.]

1. *Astr.* A northern constellation lying between *Hercules* and *Delphinus*: = ARROW *sb.* 4.

1704 in J. HARRIS *Lex. Techn.* I. [And in mod. Dicts.]

2. *Geom.* **a.** The versed sine of an arc: = ARROW *sb.* 6.

[1594: see ARROW *sb.* 6.] 1704 in J. HARRIS *Lex. Techn.* I. 1726 LEONI *Alberti's Archit.* I. 9/2 The..Line..from the middle Point of the Chord up to the Arch, leaving equal Angles on each Side, is call'd the Sagitta. 1853 SIR H. DOUGLAS *Milit. Bridges* (ed. 3) 32 The sagitta, or versed sine, of the curvature being about one fifth of the side of the triangle.

†**b.** In extended sense: The abscissa of a curve. *Obs. rare* −0. 1727-41 in CHAMBERS *Cycl.*

3. *Arch.* The key-stone of an arch.

1703 R. NEVE *Builder's Dict.* (1736). 1823 P. NICHOLSON *Pract. Build.* 592. 1849-50 WEALE *Dict. Terms.*

4. The middle horizontal stroke in the Greek letter ε. [App. an applicatlon of sense 2.]

1864 ELLICOTT *Pastoral Ep.* (ed. 3) 103 The thickened extremity of the sagitta of ε. 1881 *Dublin Rev.* VI. 134 The disputed line is really the sagitta of an epsilon.

5. *Anat.* 'The sagittal suture' (*Cent. Dict.* 1891).

6. *Zool.* **a.** One of the otoliths of a fish's ear.

1888 ROLLESTON & JACKSON *Anim. Life* 86 There are [in the ear of the perch] generally two large otoliths, a sagitta in the sacculus, an asteriscus in the recessus cochleae. 1897 PARKER & HASWELL *Text-bk. Zool.* II. 199.

b. One of the components of certain spongespicules: see quot.

1898 SEDGWICK *Text-bk. Zool.* I. 83 The Triæne consists of the rhabdome, or shaft, and the cladome, which consists of the three cladi, a straight line joining the ends of the two cladi is the chord. The sagitta is a perpendicular from the origin of the cladome to the chord.

Sagittal (sădʒi·tăl), *a.* [ad. mod.L. *sagittālis*, f. L. *sagitta* arrow: see -AL. Cf. F. *sagittal.*]

1. *Anat.* **a.** *Sagittal suture* († *addition*, † *commissure*): 'the median antero-posterior suture between the two parietal bones on the vertex of the skull' (*Syd. Soc. Lex.* 1891).

1541 R. COPLAND *Guydon's Quest. Chirurg.* F ij, There commeth .ix. [muscles to the tongue] that brede of the addycyon called sagitall of the bone named Lapheoides. 1597 A. M. tr. *Guillemeau's Fr. Chirurg.* 40 b/2 The sagittal suture, where she ioyneth her self with the Coronalle suture. 1653 URQUHART *Rabelais* I. xliv, The sagittal commissure or dart-like seame which distinguisheth the right side of the head from the left. 1882 WILDER & GAGE *Anat. Technol.* 183 In Human Anatomy the sagittal suture is confined to the articulation of the two parietals with each other, the two frontals uniting so early that they are considered as a single bone.

b. Pertalning to the sagittal suture; pertaining to or lying in 'the median longitudinal antero-posterior plane of the body, or to any plane parallel with this' (*Syd. Soc. Lex.* 1891).

1831 R. KNOX *Cloquet's Anat.* 57 Four Edges. The upper or sagittal (*margo sagittalis*) is the longest. 1854 OWEN *Skel. & Teeth* in *Ord's Circ. Sci., Org. Nat.* I. 250 The sagittal and occipital crests.

2. Pertaining to an arrow; resembling an arrow or an arrow-head in shape. *rare.*

1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr.*, *Sagittal*..; Also belonging to an Arrow. 1772 PENNANT *Genera of Birds* (1781) 16 Hoopoe. ..Tongue, short, sagittal. 1785 — *Arctic Zool.* II. 207 Feathers of the thighs long, white, crossed with sagittal bars of yellow. 1886 R. F. BURTON *Arab. Nts.* (abr. ed.) I. 148 Sagittal shots from eyelids Sagittarius threw. 1887 SOLLAS in *Encycl. Brit.* XXII. 416/2 (Fig. 13) [Forms of sponge-spicules] *h*, sagittal triod.

Hence **Sagi·ttally** *adv.*, *Anat.*, 'in the direction of the sagittal plane' (*Cassell's Suppl.* 1902).

1895 in *Funk's Standard Dict.*

†**Sagittar.** *Obs. rare.* Forms: 4 **sagittaire**, 7 **sagittar.** [a. F. *sagittaire* (12th. c. in Hatz.-Darm.), ad. L. *sagittārius.*] = SAGITTARIUS 1.

1390 GOWER *Conf.* III. 123 The Sagittaire. *Ibid.* 127 Libra ..and Sagittaire. 1604-32 [see SAGITTARY A. 2 b]. 1634 T. CAREW *Cœlum Brit.* Wks. (1824) 160 The centaure the horn'd goatfish capricorne, The snake-head gorgon, and fierce sagittar.

‖ **Sagittarius** (sædʒitē·riŭs). [L. *sagittārius* archer: see SAGITTARY. Cf. F. *sagittaire.*]

1. *Astr.* (With capital S.) The zodiacal constellation of the Archer; hence, the ninth sign of the zodiac, which the sun enters about 22 Nov.

1390 GOWER *Conf.* III. 123 The nynthe Signe..Is cleped Sagittarius. 1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* III. x. (1495) 313. 1591 PERCIVALL *Sp. Dict.*, *Sagittario*, the signe Sagittarius. 1727-47 CHAMBERS *Cycl.* s.v., The constellation Sagittarius. 1868 LOCKYER *Guillemin's Heavens* (ed. 3) 382 The bifurcation continues through the Wolf, the Altar, the Scorpion, and Sagittarius, as far as the Serpent.

b. The mythic Centaur who was fabled to have been transformed into this constellation.

1590 GREENE *Orl. Fur.* (1599) E 4 b, As though that Sagitarius in his pride, Could take braue Laeda from stoute Iupiter?

2. *Her.* A bearing representing a centaur (or perh. in early use a horseman) with a drawn bow.

1619 R. BROOKE *Catal. Kings*, etc. P 3 b, It is said, that King Stephen entring this Realme, the signe being in Sagittarius, and obtayning great victory by the helpe of his Archers, assumed the Sagitarius for his Arms. 1707 SANDFORD *Geneal. Hist.* 38 *marg.* 1868 CUSSANS *Her.* vi. (1893) 101 In addition to these [supporters] may be enumerated..the Sagittarius, or Centaur.

Sagittary (sæ·dʒitări), *sb.* and *a.* [ad. L. *sagittārius* adj., pertaining to arrows, as sb. an archer; f. *sagitta* arrow. Cf. F. *sagittaire.*] **A.** *sb.*

†1. *Astr.* = SAGITTARIUS 1. *Obs.*

1413 *Pilgr. Sowle* (Caxton 1483) v. xl. 102 The sonne entred the sygne of Sagitary that is the Archer. *a* 1547 COPLAND *Hye Way to Spyttel Hous* 89 Scorpio, pisces or sagytary. 1641 *Wit's Recr.* X 8 b, If thou wouldst please the lasse that thou dost marry The signe must ever be in Sagittary. 1683 TRYON *Way to Health* xxi. (1697) 445 Being under the Dominion of Jupiter and Mercury, in the Sign Sagitary. 1788 GIBBON *Decl. & F.* xliii. IV. 322 While the sun was in Capricorn, another comet appeared to follow in the Sagitary.

2. A centaur; *spec.* the centaur who according to mediæval romance fought in the Trojan army, against the Greeks.

1509 HAWES *Past. Pleas.* xi. (Percy Soc.) 40 Unto the Sagittary They feyne the Centures to be of lykenesse, As halfe man and halfe horse truely. 1589 GREENE *Tullies Love* To Rdr., Chiron the Sagitarie was but a fained conceipt. 1606 SHAKS. *Tr. & Cr.* v. v. 14 The dreadfull Sagittary Appalls our numbers. 1638 SIR T. HERBERT *Trav.* (ed. 2) 158 The Castle is..defended by a troop of leane fac't, beardlesse, memberless Eunuchs, who like so many angry Sagittaries guard their ladies. *a* 1859 L. HUNT *Cambus Khan* Poems (1860) 165 A chief who had a mother a seafairy And slew a terror called the sagittary.

¶ **b.** ? As the name of an inn.

For the disproof of C. Knight's conjecture that this was a name for the Arsenal at Venice, see the note on the passage in H. H. Furness *Variorum Shakspere.*

Cf. 'Centaur' as the sign of an imaginary inn at Ephesus in *Comedy of Errors* I. ii. 9.

1604 SHAKS. *Oth.* I. i. 159 Lead to the Sagitary [1st Qo., 1622 sagittar] the raised Search. *Ibid.* I. iii. 115.

3. A representation of a centaur or of a mounted archer; *spec.* in *Her.* = SAGITTARIUS 2.

1610 GUILLIM *Heraldry* I. i. (1660) 5 The Persians [bare] an Archer or Sagitary stamped on their coynes. 1849 FREEMAN *Archit.* 250 The sagittary, or mounted archer, the badge of King Stephen, is not unfrequently met with.

†4. A daric, because the figure of an archer was stamped on one side. *Obs. rare.*

Cf. Sir T. Herbert *Trav.* (ed. 2, 1638) 230, referring to Plutarch *Agesilaus.*

1665 SIR T. HERBERT *Trav.* (1677) 243 Timagoras..had received a bribe of ten thousand Dariques or Sagittaries.

5. An archer.

1832-4 DE QUINCEY *Cæsars* Wks. 1859 X. 175 The imperial sagittary [Commodus], .. whose hand was so steady and whose eye so true, that he was never known to miss. 1863 *Pilgrimage over Prairies* I. 275 Seeing how certain was my fate, remaining where I was, I darted towards the bank, to engage the fell sagittary at close quarters.

†**B.** *adj.* Pertaining to arrows. *Obs.*

a 1682 SIR T. BROWNE *Tracts* i. (1683) 82 With such differences of Reeds, Vallatory, Sagittary, Scriptory, and others they might be furnished in Judæa.

Sagittate (sæ·dʒităt), *a. Bot.* and *Zool.* [ad. mod.L. *sagittātus*, f. L. *sagitta* arrow: see -ATE 2.] Shaped like an arrow-head.

1760 J. LEE *Introd. Bot.* III. v. (1776) 191 *Sagittate*, Arrow-shaped; when they [*sc.* leaves] are triangular, hollowed at the Base, and furnished with Angles at the lower Part. 1785 MARTYN *Rousseau's Bot.* xxiii. (1794) 324 [Woad has] the stem-leaves sagittate or shaped like the head of an arrow. 1826 KIRBY & SP. *Entomol.* IV. 262 *Sagittate*... Arrow-shaped. Triangular, hollowed out at the base with posterior angles. 1840 SWAINSON *Malacol.* 390 Shell very much compressed,..sagittate. 1864 GRAY in *Reader* 30 Apr. 559/2 The linear or elongated and sagittate anthers, and petals with long canaliculate claws. 1872 COUES *Key N. Amer. Birds* 195 With sagittate dusky marks on the sides.

Sagittated (sæ·dʒităˌtēd), *a. Bot.* and *Zool.* [f. prec. + -ED 1.] = prec.

1752 J. HILL *Hist. Anim.* 403 The tongue [of Cuculus] is entire and of a sagittated figure. 1753 CHAMBERS *Cycl. Supp.* s.v. *Leaf.* 1802 SHAW *Zool.* III. II. 526 Sagittated Snake...Brown Snake, with whitish sagittated dorsal spots edged with black. 1835-6 OWEN in *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* I. 524/2 In the Sagittated Calamary this important cartilage consists of three portions.

Sagitta·to-, used as comb. form of SAGITTATE.

1806 GALPINE *Brit. Bot.* § 328 Stipulæ sagittato-cordate.

†**Sagittel(le.** *Obs. rare* −1. Also **sagytelle.** [ad. med.L. *sagittella*, dim. of L. *sagitta* arrow.] Some plant. Also *attrib.*

c 1400 *Lanfranc's Cirurg.* 91 With þe leeues of sagittel [*v.r.* sagytelle, orig. L. *sagittellæ*]. *Ibid.*, Fille it [the ulcer] ful of drie leeues of sagittelle & leie a sagittel-leef aboue.

Sagittiferous (sædʒiti·fĕrəs), *a.* [f. L. *sagittifer*, f. *sagitta* arrow: see -FEROUS.] (See quots.)

1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr.*, *Sagittiferous*, that bears or weares Arrowes. 1858 MAYNE *Expos. Lex.*, *Sagittiferus*,..*Bot.*, *Conchol.* Applied to a plant, one of the petals of which is like an arrow, as the *Pleurothallis sagittifera*, and to a shell having arrow-like spots, as the *Trochus sagittiferus*; sagittiferous.

Sagittiform (sædʒi·tifɔrm), *a. rare.* [ad. L. type *sagittiformis*, f. *sagitta* arrow: see -FORM.] Having the shape of an arrow or arrow-head.

1895 in *Funk's Standard Dict.* 1900 B. D. JACKSON *Gloss. Bot. Terms*, *Sagittiform*,..arrow-shaped. 1904 WINDLE *Rem. Prehist. Age Eng.* ii. 19 It is true that sagittiform chips are common enough in some parts of the country.

†**Sagittipotent,** *a. Obs. rare* −0. [ad. L. *sagittipotent-em*, f. *sagitta* arrow + *potent-em* POTENT *a.*] 'That can do much by shooting with Arrows, a cunning Archer' (Blount *Glossogr.* 1656).

Sagitto-, used as combining form of SAGITTATE.

1852 DANA *Crust.* II. 1299 Spiculum sagitto-capitate.

Sagittocyst (sædʒi·tōsist). *Zool.* [irreg. f. L. *sagitta* arrow + CYST *sb.*] A structure occurring in the ectoderm of turbellarian worms (see quot.).

1888 ROLLESTON & JACKSON *Anim. Life* 667 *note*, Still more rare are the structures known as sagittocysts, i. e. capsules similar to those of the nematocysts, but inclosing a needle-like rod, which is expelled on irritation of the animal.

Sago (sē··go). Forms: 6-7 **sagu**, (7 **zago**, ? erron. **sagous**), 7-8 **sagow**, 8 **sagoe, -oo, sego, seago**, 7- **sago.** [a. Malay ساڬو *sāgū.* Cf. F. *sagou*, Sp. *sagú*, Pg. *sagu*, *zagu*, It. *sagù*, G. *sago.*]

1. The tree from which sago (see 2) is obtained.

1555 EDEN *Decades* 229 In all the Ilandes of Molucca is founde cloues, ginger, breade of the roote of Sagu, ryse, goates [etc.]. 1783 JUSTAMOND tr. *Raynal's Hist. Indies* I. 143 Beside the cocoa tree, the Moluccas produce a singular kind of palm, which is called sago. 1820 CRAWFURD *Hist. Ind. Archipelago* I. 385 The sago, like other palms, is propagated from the seed or fruit.

2. A species of starch prepared from the 'pith' of the trunks of several palms and cycads, esp. *Metroxylon lævis* and *M. Rumphii*, chiefly used as an article of food.

French S., common arrowroot (*Syd. Soc. Lex.* 1897).

Japan S., the sago prepared from various species of *Cycas*. *Pearl S.*, *Portland S.*: see the epithets.

c 1580 *Sir F. Drake's Voy.* in *Hakluyt* (1600) III. 740 We receiued of them meale, which they call Sagu, made of the tops of certaine trees..whereof they make certaine cakes. *Ibid.* 742 Certaine wordes of the naturall language of Iaua. ..*Sagu*, bread of the Countrey. **1619** W. PHILLIP tr. *Schouten's Wonderf. Voy.* 75 Wee bartered for a great deale of Sagow and some Ryce, for Linnen, Beades [etc.]. **1688** BRAMSTON *Autobiog.* 381 She tasted and tryed all waters,.. and all the opiats, asses milk, and zago, to prevent consumption, but yet was wasted to the lowest degree. **1727** A. HAMILTON *New Acc. E. Ind.* II. xl. 94 The inland People subsist mostly on Sagow. **1747** MRS. GLASSE *Cookery* 120 To boil Sago. **1755** *Gentl. Mag.* XXV. 431 He allows chicken broth, salop, seago, milk-pottage, for breakfast. **1806** A. HUNTER *Culina* (ed. 3) 95 Have ready two ounces of sago sufficiently boiled. **1840** PEREIRA *Elem. Mat. Med.* II. 700 This fecula (Japan sago) is quite unknown to me; and I doubt whether it ever reaches this country. **1849** BALFOUR *Man. Bot.* § 1048 From the stems of *Cycas revoluta* and *circinalis*, a kind of Sago is made. **1861** BENTLEY *Man. Bot.* 684 *Caryota urens*... From the trunks of the old trees a kind of Sago is obtained in Assam. **1884** MARY HARRISON *Skilful Cook* 167 Simmer the sago in the milk until it thickens.

b. A prepared food made by boiling sago in water or milk, etc. ? *Obs.*

1769 MRS. RAFFALD *Eng. Housekpr.* (1778) 309 The chief ingredients in gruels, sagos, and wheys.

fig. **1769** (E. THOMPSON) *Trinculo's Trip* 40 Yes—your pap—poetick sago, Quite a soporifick pill.

3. *attrib.* and *Comb.*: as *sago* † *-bread*, *-cake*, *-flour*, *-gruel*, *milk*, *-pudding*, *-starch*; *sago-like* adj.; **sago-grain**, *transf.* a granule on the eyelid in granular ophthalmia; **sago-palm (tree)** = sense 1; **sago-spleen**, amyloid degeneration of the Malpighian corpuscles of the spleen, resembling boiled sago; **sago-tree** = sense 1.

1613 PURCHAS *Pilgrimage* v. xvi. 453 A piece of *Sagu bread. **1779** FORREST *Voy. N. Guinea* 42 A *sago cake. **1862** O'NEILL *Dict. Calico Printing* 188 Other kinds of starchy substances in occasional use for printing..as..*sago flour—which is not a flour at all, but nearly pure starch. **1873** R. B. CARTER in *Lancet* 20 Dec. 872/1 In technical nomenclature they are known as 'follicular granulations', but to-day I will call them '*sago grains'. *Ibid.*, The very existence of these 'sago grains' remained unknown until the year 1848, when they were discovered by Dr. Löffler. **1764** ELIZA MOXON *Eng. Housew.* (ed. 9) 136 To make *Sagoo Gruel. **1893** LELAND *Mem.* II. 134, I infinitely prefer the original Icelandic Saga of Frithiof to his sago-gruel imitation of strong soup. **1879** *St. George's Hosp. Rep.* IX. 159 The solitary glands of the intestine were swelled and *sago-like. **1827** *New Syst. Cookery* 287 *Sago, Rice,..or Macaroni Milks. **1769** W. STORK in J. Bartram *Jrnl.* (*Florida*) (ed. 3) p. v, *Cycas Circinalis*...*Sago Palm-tree. In Java, and the warmest parts of the East-Indies. **1820** CRAWFURD *Hist. Ind. Archipelago* I. 383 The Sago Palm (*Metroxyton sagu*). **1865** TYLOR *Early Hist. Man.* vii. 178 The art of extracting sago from their native sago-palms. **1747** MRS. GLASSE *Cookery* 106 A *Sagoe Pudding. **1764** ELIZA MOXON *Eng. Housew.* (ed. 9) 66 A Sagoo Pudding. **1873** T. H. GREEN *Introd. Pathol.* (ed. 2) 70 Amyloid degeneration of the spleen is met with in two forms—one in which the disease is limited to the Malpighian corpuscles ('*Sago Spleen'), and the other (etc.). **1681** GREW *Museum* IV. iii. 377 The *Sagous-Tree; which those that inhabit the Molucca Islands, eat instead of Bread. **1777** MILLER *Sumatra* in *Phil. Trans.* LXVIII. 162 The houses..are..thatched with the leaves of the sago-tree. **1840** PEREIRA *Elem. Mat. Med.* II. 700 *Cycas revoluta*, or the Japan Sago tree.

Sagoin (săgoi·n). Forms: 7–9 **sagouin**, (8 **sangwyn**), 9 (in Dicts.) **saguin**, 7– **sagoin**. [a. F. *sagouin*, †*sagoin*, a. Pg. *saguim*, a. Guarani *sagui*, *çagui* (= Tupi *sahy*: see SAI [1]), whence by misreading the synonym CAGUI.] A small South American monkey, *esp.* one of the genus *Callithrix*.

1607 TOPSELL *Fourf. Beasts* 18 This figure of the Sagoin, I receiued of..a very learned Apothecary of Antwerpe. **1613** PURCHAS *Pilgrimage* (1614) 838 A kind of Monkey called Sagouin. **1704** *Nieuhof's East Indies* in *Churchill's Voy.* II. 362 Those [monkeys] called sangwyns. **1774** GOLDSM. *Nat. Hist.* (1776) IV. 235 Those [monkeys] with muscular holding tails, are called Sapajous; those with feeble, useless tails, are called Sagoins. **1840** *Cuvier's Anim. Kingd.* 62 The Masked Sagouin (*Callithrix personata*, Geof.), the Widow Sagouin (*C. tugeus*, Humb.). **1852** TH. ROSS tr. *Humboldt's Trav.* I. viii. 279 They never play like the young sagoins.

† **Sa·go|ize**, *v. Obs. rare* −[1]. [f. SAGO + -IZE.] *trans.* To put on a regimen of sago as diet.

1847 *Tait's Mag.* XIV. 794 The excellence of the test may recommend a course of 'sagoizing' to all those guardians who are never done with tests and testing.

Sagomo(re, obs. forms of SAGAMORE.

Sagoone, var. SACCOON (= SECONDE, in *Fencing*).

Sagow, obs. form of SAGO.

Sagre, dial. form of SAGGAR; obs. f. SAKER [1].

† **Sagree.** *Obs. rare* −[1]. [?Connected with SHAGREEN.] The Picked Dogfish, *Squalus acanthias*.

1752 J. HILL *Hist. Anim.* 300 The Sagree...This is frequent in the Mediterranean...Willughby and Ray call it *Galeus acanthias sive spinax fuscus*, the brown, prickly Hound-fish. **1753** CHAMBERS *Cycl. Supp.* App.

Sagu, obs. form of SAGO.

‖ **Saguaro** (săgwā·ro). Also **saguara**, **suwarrow**. [?Mexican.] The giant cactus, *Cereus giganteus*, of Arizona and Mexico. *Saguaro woodpecker*, the Pitahaya woodpecker (*Centurus uropygialis*) usually nesting in the giant cactus.

1883 *Harper's Mag.* Mar. 502/2 We made haste..to cut down an example of the..saguaras, the organ-cactus. **1884** SARGENT *Rep. Forests N. Amer.* (10th Census IX.) 90 *Cereus giganteus*...Suwarrow. Saguaro. **1884** COUES *Key N. Amer. Birds* (ed. 2) 488 Saguaro Woodpecker.

Saguin, Saguire: see SAGOIN, SAGWIRE.

‖ **Sagum** (sē[1]·gŭm). *Roman Antiq.* Pl. **saga**. [L.; also *sagus*, = late Gr. *σάγος*: said to be of Gaulish origin.] A Roman military cloak; also, a woollen cloak worn by the ancient Gauls, Germans, and Spaniards.

1706 PHILLIPS (ed. Kersey), *Sagum*, a sort of Woollen Coat or Cassock for Soldiers, which the Greeks and Romans us'd, and was peculiar to the Gauls. **1800** J. DALLAWAY *Anecd. Arts Eng.* 399 A statue of Colonel Codrington..in a Roman military Sagum. **1851–9** PRICHARD in *Man. Sci. Eng.* 261 The Germans [were known] by their saga or military cassocks. **1879** FARRAR *St. Paul* (1883) 701 The scarlet sagum of the Procurator.

‖ **Sagwire** (sæ·gwəi(r). Forms: 7 **sagewar**, 8 **saguire**, 9 **sagueir**, 9– **sagwire**. [app. ad. Pg. *sagueiro*, f. *sagu* SAGO. Cf. F. *sagouier*.] The Gomuti palm, *Arenga saccharifera*, of the Indian Archipelago. Also, the toddy or palm-wine obtained from this tree.

1681 GREW *Museum* IV. iii. 377 A Sagewar-Tree; whose Flower being cut, renders a Juyce like Wine. **1792** T. FORREST *Voy. Mergui* 73 (Y.) The natives drink much of a liquor called saguire, drawn from the palm-tree. **1820** CRAWFURD *Hist. Ind. Archipelago* I. 397 One of the most useful and abundant of all the palms is the Saguire or Gomuti (*Borassus gomutus*). **1869** A. R. WALLACE *Malay Archipelago* I. 362 His palm-trees supplied him all the year round with 'sagueir', which takes the place of beer.

Sagy, variant of SAGEY.

Sajel: see SOWEL *Obs.* **Sah**, obs. pa. t. of SEE.

Sa-ha. Also 7 **sa-haw**. [? Var. of SO-HO.] A cry used in coursing.

1605 SYLVESTER *Du Bartas* II. iii. IV. *Captains* 410 With shrill *Sa-haw*, *here-here ho*, *here-again*, The Warren rings. **1885** *Sat. Rev.* 21 Feb. 235/2 We are nearly across the field when the cry of 'Sa ha' tells us that some one has seen a hare in her form.

Sahab, obs. form of SAHIB.

† **Sahagun.** *Obs. rare* −[1]. [? From *Sahagun*, a city in Castile.] ? A sword made at Sahagun.

a **1668** DAVENANT *Man's the Master* IV. (1669) 57 Suppose that with a Sahagun, or with a Rapier of Toledo, I were pierc'd like a Cullender.

Sahara (săhā·ră). Also 7 **Sarra**, 8–9 **Zaara**, 9 **Saara**, **Sahra**. [a. Arab. صحرا *çaḥrā* desert.] The great desert of Libya or northern Africa. (With capital S as proper name.)

1613 PURCHAS *Pilgrimage* (1614) 556 Lybia, he calleth Sarra, for so the Arabians call a desert. **1615** BEDWELL *Arab. Trudg.*, *Sahara*. The stonie countrey, the sands: the same almost that *Sarra* is. **1728** MORGAN *Algiers* II. iii. 246 He withdrew among his Arab Confederates in the Sahara, or Desart. **1812** BRACKENRIDGE *Views Louisiana* (1814) 28 Having some resemblance to the Stepps of Tartary, or the Saara's of Africa.

b. *transf.* and *fig.* A desert, wilderness.

1862 'SHIRLEY' [J. Skelton] *Nugæ Crit.* i. 4 During this autumnal season,..the city is a desert, a Sahara. **1865** DICKENS *Mut. Fr.* I. iv, Between Battle Bridge and that part of the Holloway district in which he dwelt, was a tract of suburban Sahara. **1893** *Lit. World* 3 Nov. 332/1 In the Sahara of contemporary verse there are sometimes..oases full of beauties and surprises.

Hence **Saha·ran**, **Saha·rian**, **Saha·ric** *adjs.*

1849 M. ARNOLD *Consolation* viii, Saharan sand-winds Sear'd his keen eyeballs. **1860** *All Year Round* No. 76. 606 We were to have one of the hottest days of a Saharan summer. **1892** LOUNSBURY *Stud. Chaucer* I. ii. 216 As well might one hope to squeeze rain from a Saharic sand-cloud. **1897** *Edin. Rev.* Jan. 129 The Saharian district.

Sahe, obs. form of SAW.

‖ **Sahib** (sā·ib). Also 7 **sab**, **sahab**, 8–9 **saib**, 9 **saheb**, **saheeb**. [Urdū, use of Arab. صاحب *çāḥib*, orig. 'friend'.] A respectful title used by the natives of India in addressing an Englishman or other European (= 'Sir'); also, in native use, an Englishman, a European. Also affixed as a title (equivalent to 'MR.' prefixed) to the name or office of a European. (See also MEM-SAHIB.)

1696 OVINGTON *Voy. Suratt* 326 Thus the distracted Husband..often in his Indian English confest, English fashion, sah, best fashion have, one Wife best for one Husband. **1698** FRYER *Acc. E. India & P.* 417 To which the subtle Heathen replied, 'Sahab (*i. e.*) Sir, why will you do more than the Creator ever meant?' **1796** ELIZA HAMILTON *Lett. Hindoo Rajah* (1811) I. 43 This Saib..purposed returning with me. **1811** MRS. SHERWOOD *Henry & Bearer* 25, I used to be so pleased when anybody bowed to me, and said 'Sahib'. **1822** *Fifteen Yrs. in India* Gloss., *Saheeb*. **1832** in *Rep. Sel. Comm. Salt Brit. India* (1836) App. 34 If a bird flies, saheb shoots it. **1834** *Baboo* II. ii. 28 (Stanf.) These English Sahebs are white-skinned white-livered lepers. **1859** LANG *Wand. India* 323 'They are strangers to me, Sahib', said the khansamah,..'but their bearers say that they are Lord Sahibs'. **1891** KIPLING & BALESTIER *Naulahka* (1892) 201 The lady sahib kissed me on both cheeks.

So **Sa·hiba(h** [Arab. *çāḥiba*[h]], mistress, lady.

1849 E. B. EASTWICK *Dry Leaves* 88 What calamity is this that the Madam Sáhebah is so fond of! **1903** *Smart Set* IX. 114/2 Oh, dear Sahiba, the gods are very wise and terrible!

Sahidic (săhi·dĭk), *a.* [f. Arab. سعيد *saʿīd*, with article *as-saʿīd*, lit. 'the Fortunate', a name for Upper Egypt + -IC.] Belonging to the dialect of Coptic spoken in Thebes and Upper Egypt, in which a version of the Bible is extant. Also quasi-*sb.*, the Sahidic language, or the Sahidic version of the Bible.

1830 TATTAM *Egypt. Gram.* 14 Sahidic words which change their termination to form the plural. *Ibid.* 49 Numbers are usually expressed in Sahidic by words. **1898** J. A. ROBINSON in *Expositor* Apr. 257 Both forms of this Version —the Bohairic (or Memphitic) and the Sahidic (or Thebaic) —take the verb in the passive sense.

Sahlite (sā·ləit). *Min.* Also **salite**. [a. G. *sahlit*, named in 1800, f. *Sahla* (*Saḷa*) in Sweden: see -ITE.] A variety of pyroxene.

1807 AIKIN *Dict. Chem. & Min.* II. 279. **1836** T. THOMSON *Min., Geol.*, etc. I. 190 The fifth and sixth minerals [analysed above] are sahlites; so named because they occur in the lead mine of Sahla in Sweden. **1878** LAWRENCE tr. *Cotta's Rocks Class.* 16 A sahlite, termed malakolite, is found separately imbedded in granular limestone.

Saht(e, sahut, etc.: see SAUGHT *Obs.*, etc.

‖ **Sai** [1] (sai). [a. Brazilian *sahy*, *çahy*; in Fr. *saï*. Cf. SAIMIRI, SAGOIN.] A South American monkey, *Simia capucina* L.

1774 GOLDSM. *Nat. Hist.* (1776) IV. 236 The Sai..is somewhat larger than the Sajou... It is also called the Bewailer. **1859** WOOD *Illustr. Nat. Hist.* I. 92 The Weeper Monkey or Sai.

‖ **Sai** [2] (sai). A bird, *Cœreba cyanea*, inhabiting tropical America.

1869–73 T. R. JONES *Cassell's Bk. Birds* III. 3 The voice of the Sai is only capable of producing a gentle twitter.

Sai, obs. form of SAY; obs. pa. t. of SEE.

Saibling (sē[1]·blĭŋ). Also **sæbling**. [a. Upper German dial. *saibling* = *salbling*, *sälbling* the char.] The European char, *Salvelinus alpinus*, introduced into N. America.

1884 GOODE, etc. *Nat. Hist. Aquatic Anim.* 503 The Saibling, which through the courtesy of the German Government is now being introduced into the United States, is the European Char in its highest state of perfection. **1896** *Roy. Nat. Hist.* V. 501 The sæbling (*Salmo salvelinus*) of the mountain-lakes of Bavaria and Austria.

‖ **Saic** (sē·ik). Forms: 7 **saich**, **saicque**, 8 **shyke**, 7–8 **saique**, 7–9 **saic**, **saick**. [a. F. *saïque*, ad. Turkish شايقا *shāīqā*.] A kind of sailing vessel common in the Levant (see quot. 1769).

1667 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 119/2 Two large Saichs laden with Horses, were taken by some of our Vessels in their passage from Napoli di Romania to Canea. **1686** tr. *Chardin's Trav. Persia* 64 The Saic lay at an Anchor. **1687** A. LOVELL tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* I. 73 They build Saiques, and other Merchants Vessels pretty well. **1704** J. PITTS *Acc. Mohammetans* 63 There are many of the Turks Merchant-Men, navigated by Greeks, which are called by the name of Shykes, somewhat like our English Ketches, of Two or Three Hundred Tun. **1715** *Comm. Jrnls.* 45/1 The Fishing-Ships and Saicks employed at Newfoundland. **1769** FALCONER *Dict. Marine* (1780), *Saic*, a sort of Grecian ketch, which has no top-gallant-sail or mizen-top-sail. **1813** BYRON *Corsair* II. iv, From Scalanovo's port to Scio's isle, The Saick was bound. **1834** [MORIER] *Ayesha* III. 31 The bark..which was called a saique, was square-rigged.

Saice, variant of SYCE.

Saickless, obs. form of SACKLESS.

Said (sed), *ppl. a.* Forms: see the vb. [Pa. pple. of SAY *v.*]

1. Named or mentioned before. (Also *abovesaid*, *aforesaid* qq. v.)

a **1300** *Cursor M.* 14978 (Cott.) Son þar went disciplis tua Vnto þe said [*Gött.* þis said] castel. *c* **1375** *Sc. Leg. Saints* xi. (*Symon & Judas*) 16 Þe sad king agaharus (L. *prædictus rex Abgarus*). **1435** *Contract Fotheringhay Ch.* (1841) 20 At my seide Lord's cost. **1457–8** *Anc. Cal. Rec. Dublin* (1889) 297 Aftyr the sayd terme to ber the saydyn v. *s.* **1486** *Bk. St. Albans* b iij b, Lay thessaid hede and the necke theruppon. **1548–9** (Mar.) *Bk. Com. Prayer*, *Collect St. Matthew* To folowe thy sayed sonne Jesus Christ. **1568** GRAFTON *Chron.* II. 251 The King of England gaue the sayde Castell to the sayde Erle. **1716** *Lond. Gaz.* No. 5450/4 The Administratrixes of the said Wilson, do hereby give Notices. **1868** T. H. KEY *Philol. Ess.* 282 The said chapter begins with an admirable extract from a work of Dugald Stewart's. **1885** *Law Times Rep.* LIII. 51/2 The said chimney belonged to the said brewery.

absol. **1648** GAGE *West Ind.* 186 Some English or Holland ships was abroad at sea..and the said were sometimes lurking about the Islands of St. John.

† b. With inflected pl. *Obs.*

Continued in Sc. until the 17th c.

1448 in Willis & Clark *Cambridge* (1886) II. 8 The Felowes of the seid college..and Thomas Sturgeon of the seides town and shire carpenter. **1527** *Lanc. Wills* (Chetham Soc.) I. 25 Tenants of the saidis landis. **1581** HAMILTON *Cert. Orth. & Cath. Conclus.* Ded. 3 And yair ye saidis ministers and ve being assemblit. **1609** SKENE *Reg. Maj., Forme Proces* 125 The officiar..may sell and assigne the saides landes.

† **2.** Spoken, uttered. In phr. (*old*) *said saw.*

1530, *c* **1570**, **1828** [see OLD D. 1 c.]. *a* **1553** UDALL *Royster D.* I. i. (Arb.) 11 Therefore an other sayd sawe doth men aduise, That they be together both mery and wise. **1581** J. BELL *Haddon's Answ. Osor.* 202 b, Accordyng to the old sayd saw Quite agaynst the heare. **1659** HOWELL (*title*) Proverbs, or Old Sayed Sawes & Adages.

† **3.** quasi-*sb.* Something said or spoken. *nonce-use.*

1578 FLORIO *1st Fruites* 18 b, So say I also. But from the said vnto the deed there is a great throw.

Said, obs. f. SAD, SIDE. **Saie**, obs. f. SAY.

Saie, obs. pa. t. and pa. pple. of SEE.

Saif, obs. Sc. form of SAFE, SAVE.

Saifare, saiffer, obs. Sc. forms of SAVER.

Saif(e, saiff(e, obs. Sc. forms of SAFE.

Saiffer, obs. form of SAPPHIRE.

Saifte, -tie, obs. Sc. forms of SAFETY.

Saiga (sə͡i·gă, sai·gă). [a. Russ. saĭga. Cf. F. *saïga*.] A kind of antelope (*Saiga tartarica*) of the steppes of Russia. Also *saiga-antelope*.

1801 SHAW *Zool.* II. II. 339 The Saiga, or Scythian Antelope. *Ibid.* 340 The Saigas are of a migratory disposition. 1896 LYDEKKER *Brit. Mammals* 305 The Saiga Antelope.

Saige, obs. f. SIEGE. **Saih,** obs. pa. t. of SEE.

Saik, obs. Sc. form of SAKE.

Saikles(se, obs. Sc. forms of SACKLESS.

Saikyr, obs. Sc. form of SAKER (cannon).

Sail (sēil), *sb.*[1] Forms: 1 *segel*, *segl*, 3 *sæil*(e, 3–4 *seil*, 3–5 *seile*, *seyle*, 3–7 *sayle*, 3–8 *saile*, 4 *seille*, *seyll*(e, 4–5 *seyl*, 4–7 *sayl*, 4–8 *sale*, 5 *ceyle*, *seylle*, 5–6 *saill*(e, *sayll*(e, 6 *sal*, *saule*, 4– *sail*. [Com. Teut.: OE. *seg(e)l* neut. (and masc.), corresp. to OS. *segel* (MLG. *segel*, MDu. *zeghel*, *zeil*, Du. *zeil*), OHG. *segal*, *segil* (MHG., mod.G. *segel*), ON. *segl* (Sw. *segel*, Da. *seil*) :—OTeut. **seglo*ⁿ.

The ulterior origin is obscure. No certainly equivalent form is known outside Teut., and the only known root of the form **seg-* (:—Indogermanic **segh-*) has only the senses 'to hold, have, conquer', which do not satisfactorily account for the meaning of the word. Some scholars refer the word to the root **sek-* (Teut. **sek-*), to cut, taking it to mean a piece of cloth cut to shape.]

1. One of the shaped pieces of canvas or other strong textile material fastened to the masts, spars or stays of a vessel, so as to catch the wind and cause it to move through the water. Also occas. a similar apparatus for propelling a wind-driven carriage.

c 888 K. ÆLFRED *Boeth.* xli. § 3 Hæt fealdan þæt seȝl & eac hwilum leczan þone mæst. *a* 900 *OE. Martyrol.* 4 Mar. 34 Ferað nu swa swa eowre seȝlas sendon ȝeseted. *c* 1205 LAY. 1101 Heo rærden heora mastes heo wunden up seiles. *c* 1290 *Beket* 1803 in *S. Eng. Leg.* I. 158 In þe schipes seile an heiȝ: þis holi man let do Ane Croiz, þat Man fer isaiȝ. 1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 2828 Hor seiles hii spredeþ in þe se & hider hii comeþ iwis. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 14829 Þair sail þai sett up o þair scipp. 1375 BARBOUR *Bruce* XVI. 692 Thai rasit salys but abaid. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Miller's T.* 346, I vndertake with-outen Mast and seyl Yet shal I sauen hire and thee and me. 1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) IV. 183 Schippes..wiþ seilles and wiþ oores. 1390 GOWER *Conf.* II. 258 Thei gon withinne schipes bord, The Sail goth up, and forth thei strauhte. *c* 1440 [see 5]. *c* 1470 HENRY *Wallace* IX. 53 The seymen than..Thair lynys kest, and waytyt well the tyd; Leyt salys fall, and has thar cours ynom. *c* 1489 CAXTON *Blanchardyn* XXXIV. 127 They made to take vp the ancres & to hale vp their saylles. 1506 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* III. 295 Item..for j^exiiij elne cammes to the schip callit the Mergreit for hir sales..summa *vli. xjs. viiijd.* 1530 PALSGR. 268/2 Seyle of a shyppe, *voille*. 1533 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* VI. 165 For xij elnis canves to mend hir saulis. 1568 GRAFTON *Chron.* II. 242 He drew vp the sayles and came with a quarter winde to haue the vauntage of the sonne. 1611 BIBLE *Isa.* XXXIII. 23 Thy tacklings are loosed..they could not spread the saile. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* III. 439 The barren plaines Of Sericana, where Chineses drive With Sails and Wind thir canie Waggons light. 1669 STURMY *Mariner's Mag.* I. 17 Now the Sail is furled, and you have the Ship in all her low Sails. *c* 1764 GRAY *Triumphs Owen* 15 The Norman sails afar Catch the winds. 1850 TENNYSON *In Mem.* CXV, The flocks are whiter down the vale, And milkier every milky sail On winding stream or distant sea. *c* 1860 H. STUART *Seaman's Catech.* 20 What is meant by small sails? Topgallant sails and royals, topmast, topgallant, and lower studding sails. *Ibid.*, What are meant by storm sails? Fore storm staysail and trysail, main staysail and trysail, and mizen trysail.

fig. a 1533 LD. BERNERS *Gold. Bk. M. Aurel.* (1537) N n ij, They lacke the reyne of knowlege, & the sayles of wisedome, & the ankers of experience. *a* 1568 ASCHAM *Scholem.* II. (Arb.) 151 Where Tullie doth set vp his saile of eloquence. 1599 SHAKS. *Hen. V*, I. ii. 274 But tell the Dolphin, I will keepe my State, Be like a King, and shew my Sayle of Greatnesse, When I do rowse me in my Throne of France.

b. *transf.* Applied to the wing of a bird. *poet.* Also *techn.* in Falconry, the wing of a hawk.

1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* I. xi. 18 He, [a dragon] catching way With his broad sayles, about him soared round. 1592 NASHE *P. Penilesse* c j b, To clippe the winges of a high towring Faulcon, who..was wont..to looke with an amiable eye vpon her gray breast, and her speckled side sayles. 1678 PHILLIPS (ed. 4), *Sails*, in Faulconry are the Wings of a Hawk. 1810 SCOTT *Lady of L.* III. iii, The mountain eagle..Spread her dark sails on the wind.

c. *transf.* Applied to something that is spread out like a sail, or that catches the wind.

1616 T. SCOT *Philomythie* (ed. 2) D 2, The Pehen drest her selfe and spred her taile, The Turky-hen aduanc'd her spotted saile. 1697 DRYDEN *Virg. Georg.* I. 246 The Fan of Bacchus, with the flying Sail. 1824 MISS FERRIER *Inher.* Ixxiii, The drooping capes, arms, sails, and tails of his cloak were all in commotion.

2. Sails collectively. Also *fig.* Often in phrases *to carry, cross, crowd, hoist, lower, make, set, shorten, strike* (etc.) *sail*, for which see also those verbs.

c 1385 CHAUCER *L. G. W.* 654 (*Cleopatra*) Fleth ek the queen, withal hire porpere sayl. *c* 1435 *Torr. Portugal* 1426, I rede we take down sayle & rowe. *a* 1548 HALL *Chron., Edw. IV* 209 The kynges shyp was good with sayle. 1567 FENTON *Trag. Disc.* v. (1898) I. 232 It ought to haue sufficed to haue revoked, and made hym cross saile, from the pursute of so bad an adventure. 1806 A. DUNCAN *Nelson* 65 The Admiral..carried all sail. 1831 SCOTT *Ct. Robt.* ii, Every way qualified to bear me through the cross currents of the court by main pull of oar and press of sail. 1853 M. ARNOLD *Scholar Gypsy* XXV, [He] snatched his rudder, and shook out more sail. 1893 LELAND *Mem.* I. 155 Our captain was a handsome, dissipated, and 'loud' young man, with rather more sail than ballast, but good-natured and obliging.

† **b.** *transf.* See quot. *Obs.*

1759 STILLINGFL. tr. *Riberg's Econ. Nat., note* in *Misc. Tracts* (1762) 45 As i have..weighed several kinds of birds, i shall here subjoyn a table..with the proportions of the weight to the sail. N.B. By sail i mean the extent of the wings and tail.

3. Phrases (senses 1 and 2). † **a.** *To bear sail*: said *lit.* of a ship; hence *fig.* to be exalted, to be prosperous, also *to bear a great, high* or *lofty sail*. *To bear (a) low sail, to be of low sail*: to demean oneself humbly; to live at a modest rate; to cut down expenses (see BEAR *v.*[1] 3 b.). *To live at a low sail*: to live humbly. *To pull down one's sail* or *sails*: to moderate one's ambitions or one's scale of expenditure. *Obs.*

a 1300 [see BEAR *v.*[1] 3 b]. 1390 GOWER *Conf.* I. 65 Bot whanne be berth lowest the Seil, Thanne is he swiftest to beguile The womman. *a* 1548 HALL *Chron., Hen. VI* 140 Whiche maie by pinchyng and bearyng a lowe saile, Waxe riche and be set at libertie. 1548 UDALL *Erasm. Par.* Pref. 18, I was utterly mynded to pulle downe my sayles againe. 1549 LATIMER *2nd Serm. bef. Edw. VI* To Rdr. (Arb.) 51 Pul downe thy sayle. 1573 TUSSER *Husb.* (1878) 211 Then waies I saught, by wisdome taught, To beare low saile, least stock should quaile. 1587 HARRISON *England* II. v. in *Holinshed* I. 164/1 How diuerse of them also coueting to beare an high saile doo insinuate themselues with yoong gentlemen and noble men newlie come to their lands. 1587 FLEMING *Concl. Holinshed* III. 1592/1 If the helpe of such as are furnished with varietie of knowledge,..had beene as forward to aduance this worke,..as some of low saile, willing to laie out their poore talent, haue affoorded what furtherance they were able [etc.]. 1601 B. JONSON *Ev. Man in Hum.* (Qo. 1) I. i, Moderate your expences (now at first) As you may keepe the same proportion still. Beare a low saile. 1602 *2nd Pt. Return fr. Parnass.* IV. iii. 1941 Schollers must frame to liue at a low sayle. 1610 HEALEY *St. Aug. Citie of God* (1620) 731 If learning had many such friends as he, it would beare an higher sayle then it doth. 1665 MANLEY *Grotius' Low C. Warres* 211 They drew in their Mooned and crescent Squadrons into the Body of the Fleet, and that one might not go before another, bore less Sayl. 1733 *Oxf. Methodists* 6 Be not high-minded; but fear...Bear no more Sail than is necessary.

† **b.** *To come to sail*: to set out on a sailing voyage; = SAIL *v.* 3. ? Also (earlier) in the same sense, *to go* or *fere to (the) sail*. (Cf. SAIL *sb.*[2])

c 1350 *Will. Palerne* 2731 þe werwolf waited wiȝtly which schip was ȝarest, to fare forþ at þat flod & fond on sone þat was gayly greyt to go to þe seile, & feiþliche fraust ful of fine wines. *Ibid.* 2745 And faire at þe fulle flod þei ferden to saile. 1633 T. JAMES *Voy.* 5 Wee came to Sayle. 1712 W. ROGERS *Voy.* 3 About twelve we fir'd a Gun, and all came to sail. 1743 BULKELEY & CUMMINS *Voy. S. Seas* 6 At Eight weigh'd, and came to Sail.

c. *Full sail*: a sail (or sails collectively) filled or distended by the wind; the condition of a ship with sails so filled. *At*, † *with full sail(s* [= L. *pleno velo, plenis velis*, F. *à pleines voiles*]: (sailing) with a strong favourable wind, at full speed; *fig.* making rapid and unresisted progress; so also *full sail* as advb. phrase. In mod. use, *in full sail* is applied to describe the condition of a ship with all sails set.

a 1533 LD. BERNERS *Huon* lx. 208 Vonder comyth a shyppe with full sayle. 1560 DAUS tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* 134 b, Sathan..shall make towardes us with full sayle [orig. *plenis velis*]. 1564 GRINDAL *Serm. Ferdinandus* D j, The doctrine of purgatorie and praying for the dead hath gone with full saile. *c* 1600 SHAKS. *Sonn.* lxxxvi, Was it the proud full saile of his great verse. 1618 BOLTON *Florus* Ded. (1636) 2 To increase in the full saile of fortune. 1648 GAGE *West Ind.* xxi. 201 So the two ships..sailed away *con Viento en Popa*, with full Sail. 1653 H. MORE *Antid. Ath.* III. xiv. § 7 Faith and Desire ought to be full-sail to make such Voyages prosperous. 1699 DAMPIER *Voy.* II. III. 39 Constant..Landwinds, by which the Wherry-men run with full sail, both to..and back again. 1715 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 5357/2 The Danish Fleet having the Wind came full sail up with the Swedes. 1758 GOLDSM. *Mem. Prot.* (1895) II. 274 Smith went full Sail to reconnoitre the Enemy. 1818 SCOTT *Hrt. Midl.* ix, Her father..often took an opportunity of going full-sail into controversial subjects. 1848 A. & H. MAYHEW *Greatest Plague of Life* xiii. 202 The stupid engravings..that had nothing at all to do with the song, for I declare if there wasn't a ship in full sail put as an illustration to 'Away, Away, to the Mountain's Brow!' 1858 W. H. HASWELL in *Merc. Marine Mag.* V. 208 The vessel was at full sail. *a* 1859 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* XXIII. V. 12 The Protestant wind, before which the Dutch armament had run full sail down the Channel, had driven King James's navy back into the Thames. 1864–8 BROWNING *Jas. Lee's Wife* II. iv, With whom began Love's voyage full-sail. 1867 SMYTH *Sailor's Word-bk., Full sails*, the sails well set, and filled by the wind. 1887 BOWEN *Æneid* I. 400 Thy vessels..the haven have entered, or bend Now full sail for its mouth.

transf. 1673 MILTON *P. R.* IV. 582 So Satan fell and strait a fiery Globe Of Angels on full sail of wing flew nigh.

d. *Under sail*: having the sails set.

c 893 K. ÆLFRED *Oros.* I. I. § 21 Þæt þæt scip wæs ealne weȝ yrnende under seȝle. 1508 KENNEDIE *Flyting w. Dunbar* 457 Quhen that the schip was saynit, et vndir saile [etc.]. 1588 SHAKS. *L. L. L.* V. ii. 549 The ship is vnder saile, and here she coms amain. 1690 LEYBOURN *Curs. Math.* 454 Suppose..you see a Ship..under Sail, making towards the Land. 1748 *Anson's Voy.* II. iv. 162 In the afternoon [we] got under sail. 1836 MARRYAT *Midsh. Easy* xiii, About ten miles distant, followed by the Harpy, under all sail. 1857 C. GRIABLE in *Merc. Marine Mag.* (1858) V. 1 Weighed anchor.., under all sail. 1867 SMYTH *Sailor's Word-bk., Under sail*, the state of a ship when she is in motion from the action of wind on her sails.

4. a. In collective sing. (also formerly † in plural), chiefly with numeral: (So many) sailing-vessels.

1436 *Rolls of Parlt.* IV. 501/1 A Navey..to ye noumbre of xii score Sailles. 1458 *Paston Lett.* I. 428 Ther were xxviij^te sayle of Spaynyards on the se. 1480 CAXTON *Chron. Eng.* ccxliv. (1482) 296 The kyng ordeyned his nauye of shippes in the hauen of southampton in to the nombre of cccxx sailles. 1568 GRAFTON *Chron.* II. 237 The Frenchmen were .xiij. sayles great and small. 1590 *Disc. Sp. Fleet inv. Eng.* 4 The whole nauie was at this present about 90. saile of all sorts. 1595 SHAKS. *John* III. iv. 2 So by a roaring Tempest on the flood A whole Armado of conuicted saile Is scattered and dis-ioyn'd from fellowship. 1633 T. STAFFORD *Pac. Hib.* II. viii. (1821) 325 Of their fiue and fourtie Saile of ships, seventeene saile onely are fitted for men of warre. 1649 W. GRAY *Surv. Newcastle* 19 The Shipping which comes into this River for Coales, there being sometimes three hundred Sayles of Ships. 1743 BULKELEY & CUMMINS *Voy. S. Seas* 3 We were informed of ten Sail of Ships cruising off and on, to the Westward. 1831 BREWSTER *Optics* XXVI. 258 He saw from the mast-head eighteen sail of ships. 1863 H. COX *Institt.* III. viii. 717 The Royal navy comprised in all twenty-seven sail.

b. A ship or other vessel, esp. as descried by its sails. *Sail ho!* 'the exclamation used when a strange ship is first discerned at sea' (Adm. Smyth).

1517 TORKINGTON *Pilgr.* (1884) 12 The Duke [Doge of Venice)..went in ther Archa triumphali, which ys in maner of a sayle of a straange facion. 1556 W. TOWRSON in Hakluyt *Voy.* (1589) 99 We spyed a saile comming towardes vs, and as soone as wee spyed him we..manned out our Skiffe. After the saile had espyed vs, he kept about. 1627 CAPT. SMITH *Seaman's Gram.* xiii. 59 A saile, how beares she or stands shee, to wind-ward or lee-ward, set him by the Compasse. 1634 SIR T. HERBERT *Trav.* 11 Our Admirall descried a Saile, and immediately made towards her. 1669 STURMY *Mariner's Mag.* I. ii. 18 A Sail, a Sail. Where? Fair by us. 1726 SWIFT *Gulliver* I. viii, I descried a Sail steering to the South-East. 1813 BYRON *Corsair* I. ii, Gaze where some distant sail a speck supplies, With all the thirsting eye of Enterprise. 1840 R. H. DANA *Bef. Mast* ii, Her decks were filled with passengers who had come up at the cry of 'Sail ho!'

5. An apparatus (consisting formerly of a sheet of canvas stretched on a frame, now usually of an arrangement of boards) attached to each of the arms of a windmill for the purpose of presenting a surface to be acted on by the wind. Also (windmill) sails collectively, surface presented by the sails.

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 65/1 Ceyle of a schyppe, or mylle, *velum. carbasus*. 1589 R. HARVEY *Plain Perc.* (1590) 3 The clacke of thy mill is..noisome.., thou hast wind at will to thy sailes. 1688 R. HOLME *Armoury* III. 340/2 The parts of a Wind-Mill...The Sail or Wind end. *a* 1700 B. E. *Dict. Cant. Crew, Sails*, Hawk's Wings; also Windmill-wings. 1759 SMEATON in *Phil. Trans.* LI. 161 The velocity of the extremities of Dutch sails,..are considerably quicker than the velocity of the wind. 1825 J. NICHOLSON *Operat. Mechanic* 122 Into these arms are mortised several small crossbars, and to them are fastened two, three, or four, long bars, ..so that the bars intersect each other, and form a kind of lattice work, on which a cloth is spread to receive the action of wind. These are called the sails. 1845 *Encycl. Metrop.* VIII. 131/2 There are usually four states in which it can be set according to the velocity of the wind..which are termed *full sail, quarter reef, sword point*, and *dagger point*. 1868 *Chamb. Encycl.* X. 218/1 The amount of sail that a windmill can carry with advantage is limited. *a* 1887 JEFFERIES *Field & Hedgerow* (1889) 86 One day pussy was ingeniously examining the machinery [of a windmill], when the wind suddenly rose, the sails revolved, and she was ground up. 1888 *Encycl. Brit.* XXIV. 599/2 *American windmills*...The sails consist of narrow boards or slats arranged radially.

6. *Zool.* **a.** The large dorsal fin of the sail-fish. **b.** One of the two large tentacles of the Nautilus, formerly believed to be used as sails.

1817 SHELLEY *Rev. Islam* VII. XXVI, A Nautilus upon the fountain played, Spreading his arure sail. 1822 RAFFLES *Let.* 30 Nov. in Lady Raffles *Mem.* (1830) 526 The only amusing discovery which we have recently made is that of a sailing fish,..I have sent a set of the sails home. 1840 *Penny Cycl.* XVII. 210/2 The first two arms [of the Argonaut] are more robust than the others, and should be so, because they serve as masts to support the sails, which, spread out, act before the wind as such. 1860 *Chamb. Encycl.* I. 390/1 The descriptions..of argonauts..employing six of their tentacula as oars, and spreading out two..as sails to catch the breeze, are now regarded as entirely fabulous.

7. *S. Africa.* A tarpaulin or canvas sheet for covering a wagon.

1850 R. G. CUMMING *Hunter's Life S. Afr.* (ed. 2) I. 220, I covered my waggon with new sails. 1891 OLIVE SCHREINER *African Farm* II. xii, He drew the sails down before and behind, and the wagon rolled away slowly.

8. *Naut.* and *Mining.* A funnel-shaped bag or orifice on the deck of a vessel or on the ground over mine-galleries, for the purpose of ventilation. Cf. WIND-SAIL.

1874 J. H. COLLINS *Metal Mining* (1875) 117 In Cornwall ..the writer has seen a zinc rain-water pipe..with a miner's jacket extended by wires at the top for a 'cap-head' or 'sail'. 1875 in KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.*

9. Obvious combinations. **a.** simple attrib., as *sail canvas, drill, pulley*, † *-rope, sewing-machine, -spread*; **b.** objective, as *sail-carrying, furler, -keeper, looser, -making, sewer, sewing, trimmer*; also *sail-bearing, -filling* adjs.; **c.** instrumental, as *sail-assisted, -dotted, -propelled*; **d.** similative, as *sail-broad, -stretched* adjs.

1593 Nashe *Unfort. Trav.* (1594) G 2 b, As the Estrich hath a sharpe goad or pricke wherewith he spurreth himselfe forward in his *saile-assisted race. *c* 1595 J. Dickenson *Sheph. Compl.* (1878) 12 And *saile-bearing pine glide through thin aire. 1667 Milton *P. L.* II. 930 At last his *Sail-broad Vannes He spreads for flight. 1482 in *Charters* etc. *Edin.* (1871) 169 Of the hundretb *sail canves ij s. 1883 *Harper's Mag.* Aug. 444/2 We believed in great beam for *sail-carrying power. 1894 *Outing* (U. S.) XXIV. 21/1 To gain stability [in a canoe] for sail-carrying. 1898 Kipling in *Morn. Post* 9 Nov. 5/1 The little strip of *sail-dotted blue. 1886 *Pall Mall G.* 17 Sept. 11/1 While at *sail drill an ordinary seaman..fell..on to the upper deck. 1887 Morris *Odyss.* XI. 8 A goodly breeze *sail-filling. *c* 1860 H. Stuart *Seaman's Catech.* 45 The *sailfurlers..get the sail out of the sailroom. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 451/2 *Seyl kepare, or rewlare, *gub*rneta. *c* 1860 H. Stuart *Seaman's Catech.* 45 *Sail loosers will go aloft at the order 'bend sails'. 1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) XVII. 431/2 A few general observations on *sail-making. 1888 *Times* 14 Jan. 16/2 *Sail-propelled training ships. 1601 Holland *Pliny* I. 390 Whereof they vse to turne for curtain rings and *saile pullies. *c* 1205 Lay. 17395 Ȝe mote uaste heom wriðen mid strongen *sæil-rapen. *c* 1475 *Pict. Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 805/7 *Hic rudens*, ..a seyllerope. 1513 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* IV. 471 Item, to iij *saill sewaris for iij wolkis wagis. 1884 Knight *Dict. Mech.* Suppl., **Sail Sewing Machine*, a large-sized sewing machine with extensive table for sewing widths of duck to form sails. 1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 823/2 In determining what *sail-spread can be safely given to a ship. 1623 Massinger *Bondman* I. iii, O're our heads with *sayle stretch'd wings, Destruction houers. *c* 1810 Adm. Patton in *19th Cent.* Nov. (1899) 724 *note*, *Sail trimmers were immediately sent to clear the sail.

10. Special Comb.: **sail-arm**, (*a*) one of the radiating beams to which the sails of a windmill are attached; a 'whip'; (*b*) one of the tentacles of a nautilus which bear the 'sails'; **sail-axle**, the axle on which the sails of a windmill revolve; **sail-boat** (*?rare*), a sailing-boat; †**sail-bond**, (*?* error for *-bonet*) = Bonnet *sb.*2 (cf. quot. 1483 there); **sail-burton** (see quot.); **sail-duck** [a. Du. *zeildoek*] = Duck *sb.*3 1; †**sail-fan**, a species of fan used in winnowing corn; **sail-fluke**, the whiff, *Rhombus megastoma*; **sail-hook**, a small hook for bolding the seams of a sail while it is being sewn; **sail-hoop**, one of the wooden rings by which fore and aft sails are secured to masts and stays (Knight *Dict. Mech.* 1875); **sail-house**, a house where sails are stored; **sail-lizard** (see quot.); **sail-loft** (see quot. 1769); **sail-maker**, one whose business it is to make, repair, or alter sails; *spec.*, on board ship, a sailor (in the U. S. navy, a warrant officer) whose duty it is to take charge of and keep in repair all sails, awnings, etc.; **sail-needle**, a large needle used in sewing canvas; **sail-room**, a room (in a ship) for storing sails; **sail-shell**, a name for the nautilus; **sail-ship**, a sailing-vessel; **sail-swelled** *a.*, having filled sails; **sail thread, twine**, thread or twine used in sewing sails; †**sail wand**, one of the rods forming the framework of a windmill sail; **sail-winged** *a.*, *poet.* [after L. *vēlivolus*], (*a*) of ships, having sails that serve as wings; (*b*) *transf.* as an epithet of the sea; (*c*) having wings like sails.

1760 J. Ferguson *Lect.* (1764) 52 The same velocity that it would move if put upon the *sail-arms. 1840 *Penny Cycl.* XVII. 210/2 In fact, the series of suckers of the sail-arms, when the membrane of the sails is wrapped about the shell, is placed exactly over the keel of it in such a manner that [etc.]. 1868 *Chamb. Encycl.* X. 218/1 A whip or radius of from 33 to 40 feet in length, firmly fastened at right angles to the *sail-axle. *a* 1835 Mrs. Hemans in H. F. Chorley *Mem.* (1837) II. 17 Neither steam-packet nor *sail-boat was attainable. 1888 F. M. Crawford *With Immortals* II. 129 The happiest moments of my life? I think they were spent in a sail-boat. *c* 1475 *Pict. Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 805/8 *Hec supera, -eris*, a *seyllebonde. 1867 Smyth *Sailor's Word-bk.*, **Sail burton*, a purchase extending from topmast-head to deck, for sending sails aloft ready for bending. 1795 *Scots Mag.* LVII. 610/1 *Sail-duck manufacturer. 1812 J. Smyth *Pract. of Customs* (1821) 145 Sail Duck. 1707 Mortimer *Husb.* 112 Four Men with either the Wicker or *Sail-fan. 1882 Tenison-Woods *Fish & Fisheries N. S. Wales* 190 *Sail-fluke. 1886 R. C. Leslie *Sea-painter's Log* x. 194 It is said..the sail-fluke gets its name from a habit of..lifting its tail out of water like a sail, running before the wind into shallow water. 1794 *Rigging & Seamanship* I. 88 *Sail-hook. 1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 155/1 The tools..of a sailmaker are..fids,..sail-hook, bobbin for twine, and sundry small articles. 1884 *St. James's Gaz.* 22 Feb. 7/1 It is apparently the inside of a *sail-house at a fishing-port. 1885 *Standard Nat. Hist.* (1888) III. 413 The *sail-lizard, *Histiurus amboinensis*, so called from the enormous perpendicular development surmounting its tail. 1769 Falconer *Dict. Marine* II. (1780), *Voilerie*, a *sail-loft, or place where sails are constructed. 1891 *Leeds Mercury* 9 Oct. 4/4 Dr. Hurst..traced the history of Methodism in America from the first meeting held in a sail-loft in New York in 1776 to the present day. 1596 Shaks. *Tam. Shr.* v. i. 80 He is a *saile-maker in Bergano. 1773 *Cook's 1st Voy.* III. xii. in *Hawkesworth's Voy.* III. 722 Every individual had been sick except the sail maker. 1497 *Naval Acc. Hen. VII* (1896) 297 *Sayle Nedylles price the c xij*d*. 1769 Falconer *Dict. Marine* Uu ij b, Sail-needles, or bolt-rope needles. 1851 H. Melville *Whale* xxii, The sail-needles are in the green locker. 1805 *Shipwright's Vade-M.* 126 *Sail-Rooms are built between decks upon the orlop or lower deck to contain the spare sails. 1905 A. R. Wallace *My Life* I. 310 The captain then had the sail-room amid-ships cleared out for men to sleep in. *c* 1711 Petiver *Gazophyl.* x. Tab. 99 Common Indian Nautilus or *Sail-shell. *a* 1850 Marc. Fuller *At Home & Abr.* (1860) 438 It went into the mail-bag of some *sail-ship, instead of steamer. 1600 Tourneur *Transf. Metam.* Iii, As *sail-swel'd barks are drone by wind. 1513 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* IV. 471 Item, for xliiij li *saill threid..xlviij s. 1486 *Naval Acc. Hen. VII* (1896) 13, vj skaynes of *Saile Twyne. 1497 *Ibid.* 185, c weyght seyle twyne—xxxiij* iiij*d*. *c* 1860 H. Stuart *Seaman's Catech.* 52 Sails are sewn with sail twine. 1342–3 *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 543 In *Saylwandis emp. et aliis reparac. factis in molend. de Hesilden—xxiiij s. *c* 1586 C'tess Pembroke *Ps.* CIV. xi, There the *saile-winged ships on waves doe glide. 1641 Milton *Ch. Govt.* II. Wks. 1851 III. 180 They should make it their Knightly adventure to.. vanquish this mighty sailewing'd monster. 1855 Singleton *Virgil* I. 236 Gazing down Upon the sail-winged ocean.

Sail (sēl), *sb.*2 [f. Sail *v.*1]

1. An act of sailing; a voyage or excursion in a sailing vessel.

1604 Shaks. *Oth.* v. ii. 268 Heere is my butt And verie Seamarke of my vtmost Saile. *a* 1619 Fotherby *Atheom.* I. ii. § 2 (1622) 12 Where in the Lawes broad Sea, with wind and tyde, Ther's happier saile, then any where beside. 1663 Gerbier *Counsel* 109 Six weeks sail from England. 1748 *Anson's Voy.* II. vi. 195 We made an easy sail for the bay. 1807–8 Syd. Smith *Plymley's Lett.* Wks. 1859 II. 163/2 The nearest of these harbours is not two days' sail from the southern coast of Ireland. 1853 W. Irving in *Life & Lett.* (1864) IV. 157 We went by way of the lakes, and had a magnificent sail (if I may use the word) down Lake Champlain in a steamer to Plattsburg. 1859 Jephson *Brittany* xii. 212 We had a delightful sail among the numerous islets. 1868 G. Duff *Pol. Surv.* 99 Hiogo and Kobé..are situated upon two bays of the inland sea, about 365 miles' sail from Yokohama. 1884 *Times* (weekly ed.) 29 Aug. 14/1 The day was beautiful and the sail was delightful.

b. *transf.* (*Sc.* and *Irish.*) A ride in a vehicle of any kind.

1830 Galt *Lawrie T.* VI. viii, I thought it my duty to take a sail in our wagon with Mr. Herbert. 1902 *Ballymena Observer* (E. D. D.), Will ye gie me a sail in the kert?

c. *To take sail*: to embark.

1904 *Westm. Gaz.* 10 May 8/1 He took sail in the capacity of a cabin-boy in a vessel bound for New Orleans.

2. *?nonce-uses.* A number sailing: **a.** of ships; **b.** of water-birds.

1608 Shaks. *Per.* I. iv. 61 Wee haue descryed vpon our neighbouring shore, a portlie saile of ships make hitherward. 1727 Swift *Country Post* Wks. 1755 III. I. 175 Yesterday a large sail of ducks passed by here.

3. Sailing qualities; speed in sailing.

In many contexts hardly to be distinguished from Sail *sb.*1

1602 Mansel *True Rep. Service* 9 The Gallies being.. quicker of saile then they. 1615 G. Sandys *Trav.* 87 A ship of better defence then saile. 1622a R. Hawkins *Voy. S. Sea* li. 122 Being of better saile then we, and the night comming on, we lost sight of her. *a* 1642a Sir W. Monson *Naval Tracts* I. (1704) 179/2 Finding his Ship but ill of Sail. 1643 *Declar. Commons, Reb. Irel.* 51 [He] could not take her [the ship], because she fled away, and was more swift in sayle then he. 1667 Milton *P. L.* VI. 534 Back with speediest Sail Zophiel, of Cherubim the swiftest wing, Came flying.

4. *Comb.* †**sail-star** = Lodestar; †**sail-stone** [= Du. *zeilsteen*] = Loadstone.

c 1511 *1st Eng. Bk. Amer.* (Arb.) Introd. 28/1 That men the northe sayle sterre or pollumarticum, or the waghen called, no more may be seen. 1595 Duncan *App. Etym.* (E. D. S.), *Magnes*, the adamant, the saile-stone. 1683 Pettus *Fleta Min.* I. (1686) 320 The Magnet is also called the Sail stone, for the Sailors look upon it as their Chief Instructor.

†**Sail,** *sb.*3 *Arch. Obs.* [app. f. Sail *v.*3 (sense 3). Cf. the synonymous F. *saillie*, f. *saillir* to project.] Amount of projection from a surface. Also Comb. *sail-over* = Oversail *sb.*

1611 Cotgrave, s.v. *Couronne*, The Corona, crowne, or member of greatest sayle, in a Cornish. 1660 H. Bloome *Archit.* A, *Projectura*, the sayle of every moulding. 1812 P. Nicholson *Mech. Exerc.* 267 Sail over, is the overhanging of one or more courses [of bricks] beyond the naked of the wall.

Sail (sēl), *sb.*4 *dial.* [? repr. OE. **sægel* var. of *sægol* staff: see Sowel.] (See quot.)

1813 Davis *Agric. Wilts* in *Archæol. Rev.* (1888) Mar., *Sails*,..upright rods of hurdles used for sheep folding. 1893 Mrs. A. Kennard *Diog. Sandals* vi. 90 There are ten 'sails' to each 'wattle hurdle'.

Sail (sēl), *v.*1 Forms: 1 *siglan*, *segl(i)an*, 3 *sæilien*, *seili(en*, *sayli*, 3–4 *seily*, *seile*, 4 *seylle*, *seille*, 4–6 *sale*, (5 *ceylyn*, *seylyn*), 5 *sayll(e*, 6 *saill*, 4–7 *sayl(e*, 3–7 *saile*, 6–7 **sail.** [OE. *siglan*, *segl(i)an* corresponds to MDu. *zeghelen*, *zeilen* (mod.Du. *zeilen*), MHG. *sigelen*, *segelen* (mod.G. *segeln*), ON. *sigla* (Sw. *segla*, Da. *seile*):—OTeut. type **segljan*, f. **seglo*^{m} Sail *sb.*1

The Teut. vb. was adopted in OF. as *sigler* to sail (whence *sigle* a sail); an altered form of the same word is believed to exist in later OF. *singler*, mod.F. *cingler* to sail (in a specified direction), whence Sp. *singlar*, Pg. *singlar*.]

I. Intransitive uses.

1. Of persons: To travel on water in a vessel propelled by the action of the wind upon sails; now often in extended sense, to travel on water in a vessel propelled by any means other than oars; to navigate a vessel in a specified direction.

c 893 K. Ælfred *Oros.* I. i. § 14 He..siȝlde ðа east be lande. *Ibid.* IV. x. § 10 Þа he hamweard seȝlde. *c* 1205 Lay. 20889 And swa heo scullen wræcchen..sæilien (*c* 1275 sayli) ouer sæ. *Ibid.* 28797 Þeo comen Sexisce men seilen to londe. *c* 1320 *Sir Tristr.* 1013 Þai seylden in to þe wide Wiþ her schippes two. 1338 R. Brunne *Chron.* (1810) 236 Now þei saile and rowe to Wales to Lenlyns. 13.. *Cursor M.* 24833 (Gött.) Forth þai sailed [*MS. Cott.* floted] on þat flode, for all to will þe wind þaim stode. *c* 1350 *Will. Palerne* 2673 Þat he may nouȝt saile swiftli as he wold. 1375 Barbour *Bruce* XX. 322 A lang way furthwarde salyt he. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Prioress' Prol.* 2 Now longe moote thou saille by the cost, Sire gentil maister gentil Marynee! 1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) VI. 163 Egbertus þe monk..hadde i-seilled about Bretayne. 1390 Gower *Conf.* II. 26 King Demephon, whan he be Schipe To Troieward with felaschipe Sailende goth. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 65/1 Ceylyn vpon watyr, *velifico*. *c* 1470 Henry *Wallace* X. 797 Thai saylyt furth by part of Ingland schor. 1470–85 Malory *Arthur* X. lxi. 517 Thenne sir palomydes sailed euen longes hunder to the costes of the see. 1471 Caxton *Recuyell* (Sommer) I. 139 He sayled and rowed vnto the cyte. 1530 Palsgr. 696/2, I loue nat to sayle by see, but when I can nat chose. 1565 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* I. 333 That nane saill in marchandice without he be honestlie abelyeit lyk ane marchand. 1585 T. Washington tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* I. ii. 2 b, We sayled along..towardes the..cape De creo. 1590 Shaks. *Com. Err.* I. i. 63 A league from Epidamium had we saild. *a* 1691 Boyle *Hist. Air* (1692) 201 An observing man, that had sailed to and fro between Europe and the East Indies. 1712 Addison *Spect.* No. 489 ₱ 1 A troubled Ocean, to a Man who sails upon it, is, I think, the biggest Object that he can see in Motion. 1798 Coleridge *Anc. Mar.* V. xix, Till noon we quietly sailed on, Yet never a breeze did breathe. 1830 Tennyson *Sea-Fairies* I Slow sail'd the weary mariners. 1836 W. Irving *Astoria* I. 41 [They] sail down that river to its supposed exit near the straits of Annian. 1860 G. Bennett *Gatherings Naturalist Austral.* 425 We sailed..one day 191 miles, another 225 miles.

fig. *c* 1374 Chaucer *Troylus* I. 606 Loue..Wiþ dessespeir so sorwfully me offendeth Þat strengþ vn-to þe deth myn herte saileth. 1551 Haddon *Exhort. Repent.* in Furniv. *Ballads fr. MSS.* I. 324 But .lv. yere after, it [the plague] sayled into Flaunders. 1623 A. Taylor in Farr *S. P. Jas. I* (1847) 203, I spent my dayes in sorrow for thy good, I sayl'd to th' cradle in teares, to the graue in blood.

b. *spec.* To make excursions in, or to manage, a sailing-boat; to practise the sport of yachting.

1898 *Daily News* 30 Aug. 4/5 She is devoted to sports and outdoor exercises...She boats and sails.

c. In figurative context. Chiefly in proverbial phrases: † *To sail all in one ship*, to 'row in the same boat', to belong to one party or class; † *to sail on another board* (see Board *sb.* 15); *to sail near* (or *close to*) *the wind*, to come very near to transgression of a law or a received moral principle.

1589 R. Harvey *Pl. Perc.* (1590) 7 You be all of one Church, saile all in one ship. 1608 D. T[uvil] *Ess. Pol. & Mor.* 123 They will alwaies saile by the Carde and Compasse of their own mind. 1823 Byron *Juan* IX. xxvi, My words, at least, are more sincere and hearty Than if I sought to sail before the wind. 1865 H. Kingsley *Hillyars & B.* iv, A certain kind of young English gentleman, who has sailed too close to the wind at home, and who comes to the colony to be whitewashed. 1883 W. E. Norris *Thirlby Hall* viii, With regard to Turf transactions again, he may sail very near the wind indeed, and be pardoned.

†d. quasi-*refl.* *Obs.*

1640 tr. *Verdere's Rom. of Rom.* III. xxviii. 116 Away they sayled them, as they hoped with a prosperous wind.

2. Of a ship or other vessel: To move or travel on water by means of sails, or (in modern use) by means of steam or any other mechanical agency.

c 1205 Lay. 25525 Þer comen seilien sone ȝeond þa sæ wide scipes uniuoȝe. *c* 1350 *Will. Palerne* 567, I sayle now in þe see as schip boute mast, boute anker or ore. 1375 Barbour *Bruce* XIX. 193 Marchand-schippis that saland war Fra Scotland to Flandriss with war. *c* 1384 Chaucer *H. Fame* II. 395 And behelde..shippis seyllynge in the see. *c* 1400 Maundev. (1839) XXX. 305 It rennethe in so grete Wawes, that no Schipp may not rowe ne seyle azenes it. 1500–20 Dunbar *Poems* lxxxviii. 29 Where many a barge doth saile, and row with are. 1530 Palsgr. 696/2, I sayle, as a shyppe doth in the see whan she is under sayle, *je single*...Some shyppe wyll sayle as faste with a syde wynde as some wyll with a full wynde. 1535 Coverdale *Isa.* XXXIII. 21 In that place..shal nether Gallye rowe, ner greate shippe sale. 1606 Shaks. *Tr. & Cr.* II. iii. 277 (Qo.) Light boates saile swift, though greater hulkes draw deepe. 1687 A. Lovell tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* I. 110 These Saiques..carry great Cargoes of Goods, but they sail not fast, unless they be before the Wind, or rather they sail no otherwise, for they cannot go upon a Wind. 1734 Pope *Ess. Man* IV. 385 Say, shall my little bark attendant sail, Pursue the triumph, and partake the gale? 1785 J. Phillips *Treat. Inland Navig.* 34 The vessels..are built so as to sail either end foremost, by removing the rudder. 1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) XVII. 376/2 It would be an easy matter to determine the form of a ship intended to sail by means of oars. 1828 J. H. Moore *Pract. Navig.* (ed. 20) 60 A ship from the Lizard, in lat. 49° 58′ N. sails S.W. by W. 488 miles. Required the latitude she is in. 1886 Gladden *Applied Chr.* I. 3 Steamships sail from every shore with the contributions of all the continents to the world's trade.

3. To begin a journey by water; to set sail, start on a voyage; to leave the port or the place of anchorage. Said both of a vessel and of the persons on board.

c 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* XXVI. (*Nycholas*) 235 Þis done, þai sailyt but bad quhare-to þare tryst wes mad. 1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) VIII. 105 Þe queen Alianore..and meny oþer compelled hym for to seille aȝen. 1493 *Ledger-bk. A. Halyburton* 2 His costis in Medilburgh bydand quhill the schip sallit. 1611 Bible *Acts* XXI. 2 And finding a ship sailing ouer vnto Phenicea, wee went abroad, and set foorth. 1777 *Cook's 2nd Voy.* I. i. I. 5 On the 13th, at six o'clock in the morning, I sailed from Plymouth Sound. 1802 in W. Selwyn *Law Nisi Prius* (1817) II. 932, I think the captain will sail to-morrow. 1847 C. Brontë *J. Eyre* XXXIV, I have taken my berth in an East Indiaman which sails on the twentieth of June. 1874 Whyte Melville *Uncle John* XIII, A friend of mine..met with an accident the very night before the steamer sailed. 1891 *Law Times* XCI. 2/2 The deceased.. wrote a letter..in which he stated that he ought to have made his will before sailing.

†b. Conjugated with *to be*. *Obs.*

1633 *Fife Witch Trial* in *Statist. Acc. Scotl.* (1796) XVIII. App. 656 Her husband being newly sailed, she craved some money of her. 1764 GOLOSM. *Hist. Eng. in Lett.* (1772) II. 84 The fleet of the prince was already sailed. 1776 T. HUTCHINSON *Diary* 20 Jan. II. 8 He says six of the seven Regiments at Corke were embarked, and he concludes the whole have been sailed some days. 1786 MRS. A. M. BENNETT *Juvenile Indiscretions* V. 111 Sir James..was sailed for India on an appointment from government. 1787 JEFFERSON *Writ.* (1859) II. 281 Should the packet be sailed, I will pray you to send my letter by the first of the vessels which you mention.

4. *transf.* To glide on the surface of water or through the air, either by the impulsion of wind or without any visible effort.

1377 LANGL. *P. Pl.* B. XVIII. 304 And now I se where a soule cometh hiderward seyllynge With glorie & with grete liȝte. 1592 SHAKS. *Rom. & Jul.* II. ii. 32 A winged messenger of heauen..When he bestrides the lazie puffing Cloudes, And sailes vpon the bosome of the ayre. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* V. 268 Down thither prone in flight He speeds, and..Sailes between worlds and worlds, with steddie wing. 1697 DRYDEN *Virg. Georg.* I. 529 Swans that sail along the Silver Flood. 1754 GRAY *Poesy* 116 Sailing with supreme dominion Thro' the azure deep of air. 1804 SCOTT *Bard's Incant.* 34 Mute are ye all? No murmurs strange Upon the midnight breeze sail by. 1820 BYRON *Mar. Fal.* IV. i. 74 The high moon sails upon her beauteous way. 1849 M. ARNOLD *Forsaken Merman* 43 Where great whales come sailing by, Sail and sail, with unshut eye, Round the world for ever and aye? 1849 THACKERAY *Pendennis* lxiii, When a man, under pecuniary difficulties,..dives out of sight, as it were, from the flock of birds in which he is accustomed to sail. 1865 MATHIAS *Sport in Himalayas* 16, I shot an immense eagle..as he was sailing in fancied security over my head. 1884 *Manch. Exam.* 19 Feb. 5/4 The flowing clouds..sail over the scene of the hay harvest in the Welsh meadow. 1884 *Pall Mall G.* 12 Aug. 4/1 As for blackcock..the wary old birds..sail in the open over the moor a hundred yards out of shot.

b. Of a vehicle: To move smoothly and without apparent propelling force.

1902 C. N. & A. M. WILLIAMSON *Lightning Conductor* 26 The car..looked so handsome as it sailed up to the hotel door that my pride in it came back.

5. Of persons, in various transferred senses.

†a. *slang.* To saunter, go casually. *Obs.*

a 1700 B. E. *Dict. Cant. Crew* s.v., *How you Sail about?* How you Santer about? 1700 T. BROWN *Amusem. Ser. & Cont.* VIII. 121 From thence I sailed into a Presbyterian Meeting near Covent-Garden.

b. To move or go in a stately or dignified manner, suggestive of the movement of a ship under sail. (Chiefly of women.) Also *occas.* of an animal.

1841 MOTLEY *Corr.* (1889) I. iv. 84 Stately *dames de la cour* would sail into the room and sail out again with their long trains sweeping after them. 1847 C. BRONTË *J. Eyre* VII, Then all the great people sailed in state from the room. 1859 G. MEREDITH *R. Feverel* XXXVIII, A rumour spread that reached Mrs. Doria's ears. She rushed to Adrian first. ..She sailed down upon Richard. 1860–1 THACKERAY *Lovel* III. 110 Lady B. sailed in.., arrayed in ribbons of scarlet. 1885 RIDER HAGGARD *K. Solomon's Mines* IV, A troop of tall giraffes, who galloped, or rather sailed off, with their strange gait.

c. *To sail in* (slang): to proceed boldly to action.

1889 *Harper's Mag.* Mar. 561/1 A man must dismiss all thoughts of..common-sense when it comes to masquerade dresses, and just sail in and make an unmitigated fool of himself. 1891 *Morn. Advertiser* 30 Mar. (Farmer), John Harvey called William Tillman a liar 150 times,..and offered to lick him 104 times. At the 104th William..thrashed John. The verdict of the jury was that William ought to have sailed in an hour and a half earlier. 1894 FISKE *Holiday Stories* (1900) 164 'I'll tell you the whole affair, if you care to listen to it.' 'Sail right in, Colonel,' cried the company.

II. Transitive senses.

6. Of persons, also of a vessel: To sail over or upon, to navigate (the sea, a river, etc.). Now somewhat *arch.*

1382 WYCLIF *Ecclus.* XLIII. 26 Who seilen the see [Vulg. *qui navigant mare*; 1388 The that seilen in the see]. *c* 1500 *Priests of Peebles* 204 Then brocht he wol, and wyselie couth it wey; And efter that sone saylit he the sey. *a* 1555 LYNDESAY *Tragedy* 104 Quhowbeit his grace Had salit the sey. 1560 ROLLAND *Crt. Venus* Prol. 146 [To sum] Ingyne hes geuin to saill the see. 1604 E. G[RIMSTONE] *D'Acosta's Hist. Indies* II. vi. 92 The river of Amazons..which our Spaniards sailed in their discoveries. 1608 SHAKS. *Per.* IV. iv. 2 Thus time we waste, & long leagues make short, Saile seas in Cockles, haue and wish but fort. *a* 1700 DRYDEN *Ovid's Met.* XII. 9 A thousand Ships were man'd to sail the Sea. 1708 J. PHILIPS *Cyder* I. 459 Now turn thine Eye to view Alcinous' Groves,..from whence, Sailing the Spaces of the boundless Deep, To Ariconium pretious Fruits arriv'd. 1725 POPE *Odyss.* V. 354 Far on the left those radiant fires to keep The Nymph directed, as he sail'd the deep. 1840 LONGF. *Wreck of Hesperus* 2 It was the schooner Hesperus That sailed the wintry sea.

†b. To visit (a region) by sailing; to sail along (a coast). *Obs.*

a 1548 HALL *Chron., Hen. VI* (1550) 88 This lusty Capitain saylyng al the cost of Susseix and Kent, durst not once take lande, til he arriued in the dounes. 1594 R. ASHLEY tr. *Loys le Roy* 123 b, In ancient times the North was sailed by the commandement of Avgvstvs.

7. With cognate object: † To perform (a voyage, etc.) by sailing (*obs.*). Also *To sail through, out*: to continue (a sailing-match, race), to the end.

c 1386 CHAUCER *Frankl. T.* 123 Where as she many a shipe and barge seigh Seillynge hir cours. 1726 SHELVOCKE *Voy. round World* Pref. 5 Such as may never have an occasion or inclination to sail such long Voyages. 1886 *Field* 4 Sept. 364/2 The match [for yachts] could not be sailed through before the close time, 6.30. 1899 *Daily News* 29 Sept. 3/2 The uninjured vessel shall sail out the race.

b. To 'sail' or glide through (the air).

1725 POPE *Odyss.* I. 126 Suhlime she sails Th' aerial space, and mounts the winged gales. 1765 BEATTIE *To Churchill* 34 He soars Pindaric heights, and sails the waste of Heaven. 1899 *Daily News* 26 June 8/3 The buzzard..is a fine-looking figure, as on broad wings he slowly sails the sky.

8. To navigate (a ship or other vessel).

1566 *Act* 8 *Eliz.* in *Hakluyt's Voy.* (1599) I. 371 But onely in English ships and sailed for the most part with English Mariners. 1675 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 1024/1 She had on board about 80 or 90 Negroes, and was sailed by Greeks. 1848 J. F. COOPER *Capt. Spike* III. 207 The Poughkeepsie was admirably sailed and handled. 1888 LOWELL *Heartsease & Rue* 177 He's a Rip van Winkle skipper,..who sails his bedevilled old clipper In the wind's eye, straight as a bee. *a* 1890 R. W. CHURCH *Oxford Movement* iii. (1891) 35 He [R. H. Froude] loved the sea; he liked to sail his own boat. 1908 *Westm. Gaz.* 28 Mar. 3/1 We were rowed and sailed by an amusing..ex-sailor.

b. To put (a toy boat) on the water and direct its course.

1863 HAWTHORNE *Our Old Home* I. 270 Schoolboys sail little boats on the river or play at marbles.

†**9.** To cause to sail, carry away sailing. *Obs.*

16.. *Balow* in *Laneham's Let.* (1871) p. clxxi, Till from myne eyes a sea sall flow, To saile my soule from mortall woe To that immortall dirtall shore.

†**10.** With adv. *To sail down*: to bring (an object) below the horizon by sailing away from it.

1847 A. M. GILLIAM *Trav. Mexico* 276 We at once determined to sit up all night, to watch that the steersman would not sail the light down. We were induced to do so for..the night previous..he saw a light-house,..and steered from the object.

†**11.** To provide with sails. *Obs.*

1600 HAKLUYT *Voy.* III. 862 It is ordeined that the shippes haue double sailes, that is, that they bee thorowly sayled, and all newe sayles [etc.].

†Sail, *v.*[2] *Obs.* Forms: 4 **sail, sayly,** 4–5 **saile, sayle,** 4–6 **saill(e, sale, saylle.** See also SAILYIE *v.* (Sc.) [Aphetic form of ASSAIL *v.*]

1. *trans.* = ASSAIL *v.* in various senses.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 9654 Ne he mai scap, ga quar he ga, þat him ne sailles ai his fa. *Ibid.* 24846 Þe see þam sailed on ilk side. 13.. *Guy Warw.* (A.) 4134 When þe dragon seye com Gij þe lyoun he forlett, & gan him sayly. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* XXXII. (*Justin*) 395 Þane, tholand god, hyre he can saile with felone feuere & gret trawale. *a* 1400–50 *Alexander* 5559 Þai sett in a sadd sowme & sailid his kniȝtes. *c* 1460 *Towneley Myst.* XX. 506 The feynd ful fast sayis you, In wan-hope to gar you fall. 1535 STEWART *Cron. Scot.* (Rolls) I. 342 That cruell cald hes saillit him so soir.

2. *absol.* quasi-*intr.* To make an assault.

c 1330 R. BRUNNE *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 4364 When alle were set in ylka bataille, & schept .. whilk of þam suld formast saile. *c* 1400 *Rom. Rose* 7338 Than was ther nought, but 'Every man Now to assaut, that sailen can'. *c* 1470 HENRY *Wallace* XI. 414 'Falowis', he said, 'agayn all at this place Thai will eocht saill'.

Hence **†Sai·lling** *vbl. sb.*[2]

13.. *A. Alis.* 7392 Aither gan so areche, With 'saylyng, and with smytyng. *c* 1330 *Arth. & Merl.* 8257 In þe first of þat seylinge þai slowen michel heþen genge. 1426 LYDG. *De Guil. Pilgr.* 24206, I [Sekenesse] overthrowe hir [*sc.* Helthe] ageyn,..And, ne were that medicyne Ys cause that she doth releve, My sayllyng shold hir often greve.

†Sail, *v.*[3] *Obs.* Forms: 3–4 **sayle,** 4 **saile, saille, sailly**; also (sense 3) 7 **sailie.** [a. OF. *sailir* to dance, also as in mod.Fr. to issue forth, sally, to project = Pr. *salir, salhir* to dance, issue forth, Sp. *salir*, Pg. *sahir* to go out, It. *salire* to ascend:—L. *salire* (pres. ind. *salio*) to leap. Cf. SALLY *v.*[2]]

1. *intr.* To dance.

1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 5633 Vor þe deuel com biuore him & hoppede & lou & saylede & pleyde & made ioye ynou. 1377 LANGL. *P. Pl.* B. XIII. 233, I can..noyther sailly ne saute, ne synge with þe gyterne.

2. To issue forth, sally.

1583 STOCKER *Civ. Warres Lowe C.* III. 93 The Souldiers of the Towne, sayling out, chased the Enemy.

3. *Arch.* To project from a surface. *To sail over* = OVERSAIL *v.*

1563 SHUTE *Archit.* Civ b, The Proiectures be like vnto their heightes but that Corona, doth sayle ouer twise his height. 1664 EVELYN tr. *Freart's Archit.* 138 That part of Corona which sailies over.

Sail, variant of SEAL; obs. form of SALE.

Sailable (sē·lăb'l), *a.* Now *rare* or *Obs.* [f. SAIL *v.*[1] + -ABLE.]

1. Of a ship, etc.: That can be sailed or navigated; that is in a conditlon to sail.

1655 MRQ. WORCESTER *Cent. Inv.* § 16 How to make a Sea-castle or Fortification Cannon-proof..yet sailable at pleasure. 1698 LANGFORD in *Phil. Trans.* XX. 410 If a Man keeps his Ship sailable.

2. Of the sea, a river, etc.: That can be sailed on, navigable.

1555 W. WATREMAN *Fardle Facions* II. ix. 196 The Gerrites..dwell vpon the floude Boristhenes, about the place wher it becometh first saileable. 1611 COTGR., *Navigable*, nauigable, sailable, passable by shipping. 1698 FRYER *Acc. E. Indin & P.* 56 The River which is Sailable round to Durmapatan.

Sailage (sē·lĕdʒ), *sb.* [f. SAIL *sb.*[1] + -AGE.]

1. The speed of a ship under sail. ? *Obs.*

1632 LITHGOW *Trav.* V. 181 Pirats..gaue vs diuers assaults to their owne disaduantages; our saylage being swifter.

2. The sails of a ship collectively. Also *transf.*

1889 *Pall Mall G.* 20 June 3/1 The machinery will..enable the vessel to go to sea without any sailage. 1904 *Harper's Mag.* May 907/1 The filaments that buoy her [the spider] up and give sailage surface to the wind.

Sailcloth (sē·lklɔ̱þ). [f. SAIL *sb.*[1] + CLOTH *sb.*]

†**1.** A piece of cloth forming or designed to form part of a sail of a vessel or a windmill. *Obs.*

c 1205 LAY. 4549 Sulkene wes þat seil-clæð. 1351–2 *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 553 Et in Saylclathis empt. pro molend. de Fery, 5*s.* 1455–6 *Ibid.* 191 In reparacionibus factis circa molend. ventriticum de Hemingh. viz. in newe sayl clas, 14*s.* 7*d.* 1562 BULLEYN *Bk. Simples* (1579) 27 The sayle clothes, the shroudes,..can not be made without it [Hempe]. 1598 HAKLUYT *Voy.* I. 163 Whatsoeuer sale-clothes are..to bee transported out of England into Prussia by the English marchants..whether they be whole cloathes or halfe cloathes, they must containe both their endes. 1888 *Encycl. Brit.* XXIV. 599/1 Sometimes the sails [of a windmill] consisted of a sail-cloth spread on a framework.

2. Canvas or other textile material such as is used for sails.

1615 THOMAS *Lat. Dict.*, *Lintearius*,..a maker of sale cloathes and other necessaries of linnen. 1626 CAPT. SMITH *Accid. Yng. Seamen* (Arb.) 790 The Boteswaine is to haue the charge of all the Cordage,..sailes,..saile-cloth [etc.]. 1691 T. H[ALE] *Acc. New Invent.* 118 Sail-Cloath, Cables, and all other sorts of Cordage. 1753 HANWAY *Trav.* (1762) I. III. XXV. 108 Sail-cloth he made of cotton.

attrib. 1806 *Gazetteer Scotl.* (ed. 2) 3 The sail-cloth manufacture produced nearly as much. 1812 *Examiner* 31 Aug. 553/2 Sail-cloth-manufacturer. 1899 *Atlantic Monthly* Aug. 197/1 There I hung up my sailcloth cap.

b. A piece of this material used as a covering.

1778 [W. MARSHALL] *Minutes Agric.* 27 July an. 1774, The Sail-cloth saved the flat stack surprisingly. 1796 MORSE *Amer. Geog.* II. 411 Protected from the sun by sail-cloths, hung across from the opposite houses. 1804 *Anna Seward's Lett.* (1811) VI. 203 The shelving roof is also painted green, the floor a mosaic sale-cloth.

3. A similar material used for ladies' dresses.

1902 *Daily Chron.* 24 May 3/3 Optimists are ordering linen dresses now, and sail cloth is in request, a coarse flax fabric that is serviceable and smart.

Sailed (sē·ld), *a.* [f. SAIL *sb.*[1] + -ED[2].

But cf. OE. *gesegled* ppl. a. in *gesegled scip* Sal. & Sat. (Gr.) 225.]

Of a vessel: Fitted with sails. Chiefly in parasynthetic derivatives, as *full-sailed, white-sailed* adjs.

c 1611 CHAPMAN *Iliad* XIX. 335 Prostrated, in most extreme ill fare, He lies before his high-sail'd fleet, for his dead friend. *a* 1628 F. GREVIL *Sidney* (1652) 221 Her Fleet could hardly be over sailed, or under ballasted. 1725 DE FOE *Voy. round World* (1840) 100 A great heavy boat which seemed to have been a large ships longboat, built into a kind of yacht, but ill masted, and sailed heavily. 1832 TENNYSON *Eleanore* iv, How may full-sail'd verse express, ..The full-flowing harmony Of thy swan-like stateliness? 1892 *Black & White* 25 June 805/2 Sailed boats lay to be loaded. 1900 *Westm. Gaz.* 16 Aug. 3/2 White-sailed yachts.

Sailer (sē·ləɹ). Also 6 **salar, saler, sayler.** [f. SAIL *v.*[1] + -ER[1]. Cf. G. *segler* sailor, sailer, Du. *zeiler*, Sw. *seglare*, Da. *seiler*.

See SAILOR, a variant spelling of this word, now restricted to a specific application and regarded as a distinct word.]

1. One who sails. Now *rare.*

a 1400–50 *Alexander* 4359 We ere na sailers on þe see to sell ne to byi. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 4589 All softe was the see to sailers þerin. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* I. iii. 43 On the huge deip quhen [= *wheen*, few] salaris did appear [Virg. *adparent rari nantes in gurgite vasto*].

†**b.** = SAILOR 1. *Obs.*

15.. *Sir A. Barton* in *Surtees Misc.* (1888) 64 The best salers in Christentie! 1585 T. WASHINGTON tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* II. i. 31 b, Cape S. Ange, very dangerous for saylers. 1605 CAMDEN *Rem.* I Furnished with shipping and Saylers.

†**c.** The Nautilus; = SAILOR 3 a. *Obs.*

1668 CHARLETON *Onomast.* 178 *Nautilus*..the Nautilus, or Sailer. 1713 PETIVER *Aquat. Anim. Amboinæ* Tab. X, *Nautilus tenuis & legitimus*...Great brittle Sayler.

2. A ship or vessel with reference to her powers of sailing.

1582 N. LICHEFIELD tr. *Castanheda's Conq. E. Ind.* I. xlix. 106 For that theyr ships were great saylers. 1624 CAPT. SMITH *Virginia* V. 185 A small Barke, but an excellent sailer. 1725 DE FOE *Voy. round World* (1840) 69 A very strong tight ship, and a pretty good sailer. 1820 SCORESBY *Acc. Arctic Reg.* II. 338 The fastest sailers lead the way. 1891 J. WINSOR *Columbus* XIX. 438 His excuse was that his principal caravel was a poor sailer.

b. A sailing vessel.

1871 R. ELLIS *Catullus* lxiv. 11 That first sailer of all (i.e. Argo) hurst ever on Amphitrite. 1883 *Chamb. Jrnl.* 35 A Steamer costs much more than a Sailer. 1908 *19th Cent.* Aug. 235 Wooden sailers were superseded by iron creatures of the engineer.

Sailf, obs. Sc. form of SAFE.

Sai·l-fish. A name applied to various fishes having a large dorsal fin: in the British Isles to the Basking shark, *Selachus maximus*; in the U. S. to species of *Histiophorus, Xiphias*, and *Carpiodes*.

1591 SYLVESTER *Du Bartas* I. v. 381 *marg.*, The sayle-Fish. 1808 FORSYTH *Beauties Scotl.* V. 356 The sail-fish, or, as it is called by the Scottish fishermen, the basking shark, frequently appears here [Northern Sea] in May or June. [1860 G. BENNETT *Gatherings Naturalist Austral.* 24 *Histiophorus*, called..by the Dutch *Zeyl-fish*, or 'Sail-fish', because it is said that it raises the dorsal fin like a fan and employs it as a sail.] 1879 GOODE, etc. *Catal. Anim. Resources U. S.* 39 *Histiophorus americanus*...Sail-fish. 1882 TENISON-WOODS *Fish & Fisheries N. S. Wales* 190 Sail-fish. *Carpiodes*. N. America.

†Sai·lful. *Obs. rare.* [f. SAIL *sb.*[1] + -FUL[1].] Enough of wind to fill the sails.

1650 W. BROUGH *Sacr. Princ.* (1659) 486 Some points of wind may serve to make the way, every ship hath not sail-ful.

Sailie, var. SAIL *v.*[3] *Obs.*, to project.

Sailing (sē·liŋ), *vbl. sb.*[1] [f. SAIL *v.*[1] + -ING[1].]

1. The action of travelling on water in a ship or other vessel which is propelled by means of sails; the action or method of directing the course of such a vessel. In modern use also in wider application: the action of travelling in or of directing the course of a ship or vessel of any kind.

For *circular, globular, oblique, parallel sailing*, see those words. *Great circle sailing*, see CIRCLE *sb.* 2 b. See also PLAIN SAILING, PLANE SAILING.

a 900 tr. *Bæda's Hist.* v. i. (Cambr. Univ. MS.), Swa reðe stormas coman þæt we [ne] mid seglinge ne mid rownesse [L. *neque velo neque remigio*] owiht fremian mihte. *c* 1330 R. BRUNNE *Chron.* (1810) 70 He had redy sailyng. 1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) IV. 175 Þe Romayns..hadde no siker seillynge wiþ oute oþer socour. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 3678 Hor sister to sese, with sailyng þai wend. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 65/1 Ceylynge, *velificacio*. 1540 *Act* 32 *Hen. VIII*, c. 14 § 1 Making them expert and connyng in the arte and science of shippmen and sayling. 1599 SHAKS. *Much Ado* III. iv. 58 There's no more sayling by the starre. 1632 LITHGOW *Trav.* I. 37 After three dayes sayling..we arriued at..Venice. *a* 1649 DRUMM. OF HAWTH. *Fam. Ep.* Wks. (1711) 146 Of all pastimes and exercises I like sailing worst. 1671 W. PERWICH *Despatches* (1903) 136 This may not turne to their account, for want of ships and cheap sailing. 1704 J. HARRIS *Lex. Techn.* I, *Mercator's Sailing*, is the Art of finding on a Plane the Motion of a Ship upon any assign'd Course. 1748 *Anson's Voy.* III. ix. 391 Provision for their subsistence, during their sailing down the river. 1769 FALCONER *Dict. Marine* (1780) s. v., *Sailing* also implies a particular mode of navigation,.. regulated by the laws of trigonometry. 1834 *Nat. Philos., Navig.* II. iv. 21 (Usef. Knowl. Soc.) This method is called middle latitude sailing. 1908 *Westm. Gaz.* 13 Aug. 5/2 The four cutters made a splendid start over a course of forty-six miles, which will provide a test on all points of sailing.

b. In particularized use: A voyage.

1535 COVERDALE *Acts* xxvii. 10, I se that this saylinge wyl be with hurte and moch dammage. 1665 MANLEY *Grotius' Low C. Warres* 413 The Frost again approaching, will not suffer any Sailings.

2. Progression, speed or style of progression, of a ship or other vessel (originally, of a sailing-vessel).

a 1687 PETTY *Treat. Nav. Philos.* 127 How Top-sails [etc.]..may be fitted to promote or hinder the Sailing upon occasion. 1721 PERRY *Daggenh. Breach* 115 Ships, more especially such as are sharp and built for Sailing. 1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) XVII. 377/2 These are very important circumstances, and would contribute much to improve the sailing of such vessels. 1836 W. IRVING *Astoria* III. 135 A vessel..remarkable for her fast sailing.

3. Departure (of a ship) from port.

1748 *Anson's Voy.* II. xi. 253 The time fixed by the Viceroy for her sailing. 1785 T. HUTCHINSON, jun. in *T. H.'s Diary* 9 June II. 418 Hearing there is a vessel upon sailing for America [etc.]. 1855 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* xv. III. 601 A fleet of transports was awaiting the signal for sailing. 1887 *Daily News* 14 Dec. 2/6 London sailings...Dec. 13. Tenedos. s, Dunkirk; Cormorant, s, Boulogne [etc.].

4. *Comb.* **a.** Simple attrib., as in *sailing day, instructions, match.* Also **†sailing cloth** = *sailing ware*; **sailing-ice** (see quot. 1820); **sailing-line,** the line on a vessel's hull which marks the level of the water when she is ballasted and rigged for sailing, but not laden or armed; **sailing-master,** an officer charged with the navigation of a vessel (in British use chiefly with reference to yachts; in the U. S. navy, a commissioned officer, usually a lieutenant, appointed to direct the navigation of a ship of war); **sailing orders,** the directions given to the captain of a vessel with regard to time of departure, destination, etc.; **sailing thwart,** the thwart at or through which the mast of a sailing-boat is stepped; **sailing ton,** the 'ton' used in measuring the capacity of sailing vessels; **†sailing ware,** ? cloth suitable for wear at sea.

1593 in *3rd Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* 7/1 *Sailing cloths [made in Somerset]. 1879 *Yachtman's Holidays* 20 Next morning promised a poor *sailing day. 1890 'R. BOLDREWOOD' *Col. Reformer* (1891) 179 When the sailing day comes..Jack must get on board. 1820 SCORESBY *Acc. Arctic Reg.* I. 229 Open ice, or *sailing-ice, is where the pieces are so separate as to admit of a ship sailing conveniently among them. 1748 *Anson's Voy.* I. ii. 15 He delivered them their fighting and *sailing instructions. *a* 1687 PETTY *Treat. Naval Philos.* 125 Our second Water-line..I call the *sailing-line, as the first was called the launching-line. 1836 MARRYAT *Three Cutt.* i, He ..is..on board as *sailing-master of the yacht. 1871 W. COLLINS *Miss or Mrs.?* ii, On one side there were the sleeping-berths of the sailing master and his mate. 1890 'R. BOLDREWOOD' *Col. Reformer* (1891) 130 Ernest caught the sound of some reference to a *sailing match. 1692 LUTTRELL *Brief Rel.* (1857) II. 545 This day another express was sent to the Downes with *sailing orders. 1748 SMOLLETT *Rod. Rand.* xxvii, About this time, Captain Oakum, having received sailing orders, came on board. 1886 *Illustr. Lond. News* 6 Feb. 142/1 You [*sc.* a governess] told me what were your sailing orders from Mrs. Meeburn. *c* 1860 H. STUART *Seaman's Catech.* 7 The man on the lee side of the *sailing thwart gathers the sail forward. 1898 *Daily News* 1 Feb. 5/2 Calculating a steam ton as equal to three *sailing tons, the tonnage has increased [etc.]. 1483-4 *Act* 1 *Rich. III*, c. 8 (end), La feisure dascun drap lanuez appellez *Sailyngware.

b. In compounds designating vessels propelled by sails, as *sailing-barge, -boat, -ship, -vessel, -yacht*; also *sailing-car, -carriage, -chariot, -waggon.*

These combinations admit of being regarded as collocations of SAILING *ppl. a.*[1] Cf. however *rowing-boat.*

1707 MORTIMER *Husb.* (1721) I. 362, I shall not here mention anything of the Sailing-Waggons, and several other Contrivances of that kind. 1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) X. 758/2 Another contrivance for being carried without draught, is by means of a sailing chariot or boat fixed on four wheels. 1883 S. C. HALL *Retrospect* II. 302 [They] would be forced to cross the channel in a sailing-packet. 1884 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech., Suppl., Sailing Car*, a car..rigged with sail..used on the railroads on the plains, by telegraph repair parties. ..Sailing chariots were tried in Holland..more than two hundred years since. 1884 *Pall Mall G.* 16 Oct. 2/1 There are still no fewer than 15,000 sailing ships registered in Great Britain. 1886 C. E. PASCOE *London of To-day* xviii. (ed. 3) 176 The Thames sailing-barge match is also an event to be noticed. 1891 *Labour Commission* Gloss. s.v. *Steam*, A *steam trawler* is a fishing vessel..propelled by means of steam power, in contra-distinction to a *sailing trawler* which is propelled by sails only.

†Sailing, *vbl. sb.*[2]: see under SAIL *v.*[2]

Sailing (sē·liŋ), *vbl. sb.*[3] *Arch.* [f. SAIL *v.*[3] + -ING[1].] The condition or fact of projecting from a surface; projection.

1563 SHUTE *Archit.* B iv b, The proiecture, or saylling out or hanging ouer of the foote of the pillor. 1664 EVELYN tr. *Freart's Archit.* II. i. 92 The Modul upon which afterward I regulate all the Members as well for their height as sailings over and projectures of their Profiles. 1728 CHAMBERS *Cycl.* s.v. *Projecture*, These the Greeks call *Ecphoræ*,.. the French *Sailles*, our Workmen frequently *Sailings over.* 1842 in GWILT *Archit.* Gloss.

Sailing (sē·liŋ), *ppl. a.*[1] [f. SAIL *v.*[1] + -ING[2].]

1. That travels on water by means of sails. (Cf. SAILING *vbl. sb.* 4 b.)

1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* I. i. 8 The sayling Pine; the Cedar proud and tall. 1709 *Brit. Apollo* II. No. 43. 2/1 To Persons in a Sailing Ship the Shoar seems to be in motion. 1855 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* xx. IV. 415 A swift sailing vessel was instantly despatched to warn Rooke of his danger.

b. In names of animals.

1781 PENNANT *Hist. Quadrupeds* II. 417 Sailing Squirrel. 1803 SHAW *Zool.* IV. II. 224 Sailing Coryphene.

2. Spreading out like a full sail.

13.. *Gaw. & Gr. Knt.* 865 Ryche robes..þat sete on hym semly, wyth saylande skyrtez. 1617 FLETCHER *Valentinian* II. vi, His fame and family have growne together, And spred together like to sayling Cedars, Over the Roman Diadem.

Sailing (sē·liŋ), *ppl. a.*[2] *Arch.* [f. SAIL *v.*[3] + -ING[2]. Cf. F. *saillant.*] Projecting. *Sailing course*: a projecting course in (usually) the upper part of a light-house or other tower-like building.

1493-4 *Rec. St. Mary at Hill* 197 Item, payd to parys for a saylyng pece for sentt stevyn ys Autyr, iiij d. 1531 *Ibid.* 37 A Rownde cobbord with a saylyng hause [? *read* hanse]. 1857 *Skyring's Builders' Prices* (ed. 47) 72 Sailing courses are generally measured in with the work, in which case take the length by the width, three or six inches, as it may appear quarter brick sailing.

Saill(e, obs. forms of SAIL.

Sailless (sē·l,lès), *a.* [f. SAIL *sb.*[1] + -LESS.] Having no sails. **a.** Of a boat, rigging, etc.

a 1618 SYLVESTER *Mem. Mortal.* xxv, But, Beauty, Graceless, is a Saile-lesse Bark. 1837 *Fraser's Mag.* XVI. 165 Oarless and sailless sped we. 1895 MARG. STOKES *Three Months in Forests France* 230 The phantom ship, sail-less, rudderless, and unmanned.

b. Of the sea: Destitute of ships, vessels, etc. Also *fig.*

1827 POLLOK *Course T.* III. (1869) 80 What nights he spent, Of tideless, waveless, sailless, shoreless woe! 1858 LONGF. *M. Standish* III. 37 The disk of the ocean, Sailless, sombre, and cold. 1859 WHITTIER *Double-headed Snake* 15 On the desolate shore of a sailless sea.

†Sai·llie. *Arch. Obs.* [a. F. *saillie*, f. *saillir* to project: see SAIL *v.*[3] Cf. SAIL *sb.*[3], SALLY *sb.*[1]] A projecting member.

1664 EVELYN tr. *Freart's Archit.* 124 Beneath the Projectures of the Stylobata Cornices and other Saillies.

Saillour: see SAILOUR *Obs.* **Sailly,** var. SAIL *v.*[3]

Sailor (sē·lər). Also 7 **saylor.** [An altered spelling of SAILER, prob. assimilated to *tailor*, in order to distinguish the designation of a regular calling from the unspecialized agent-noun. The differentiation, however, does not appear in our early examples, and was not fully established before the 19th c.]

1. One who is professionally occupied with navigation; a seaman, mariner. Also, in narrower sense, applied (like 'seaman') to a member of a ship's company below the rank of officer.

[15.., 1585, 1605: see SAILER 1 b.] *a* 1642 SIR W. MONSON *Naval Tracts* I. (1704) 214, 500 Men at Sea, whereof 340 Mariners, 40 Gunners, 120 Sailors. 1697 DRYDEN *Virg. Georg.* I. 296 Nor must the Ploughman less observe the Skies..Than Saylors homeward bent. 1706 E. WARD *Wooden World Diss.* (1708) 94 Let us e'en turn about, and view honest Jack the Sailor. 1769 FALCONER *Dict. Marine* II. (1780) Y y 3 b, It is..the office of the commissaire general to keep a list of the..sailors, able and ordinary. 1784 COWPER *Task* I. 541 She would sit and weep At what a sailor suffers. 1801 *Med. Jrnl.* V. 354 Nor has a single soldier or sailor been prevented from doing his ordinary duty. 1852 TENNYSON *Ode Death Wellington* 86 Thine island loves thee well, thou famous man, The greatest sailor since the world began. 1857 BUCKLE *Civiliz.* I. vii. 344 The credulity of sailors is notorious.

transf. 1847 EMERSON *The Humble Bee* 15 Sailor of the atmosphere.

b. *To be a good sailor* [= F. *être bon marin*]: to be exempt from sea-sickness.

1833 DISRAELI *Cont. Fleming* III. xvi, We were excellent sailors, and bore the voyage without inconvenience. 1870 MISS BRIDGMAN *Rob. Lynne* II. vi. 142 He wished people who were bad sailors would not travel. *a* 1895 LD. C. E. PAGET *Autobiog.* iii. (1896) 70 He pleaded that he was a wretched sailor.

†2. Said of a ship; = SAILER 2. *Obs.*

a 1642 SIR W. MONSON *Naval Tracts* V. (1704) 492/2, 10 or 12 Ships, choice Sailors. 1710 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 4643/4 The Ship Triton,..being the best of Sailors,..is to be sold. 1775 ROMANS *Florida* App. 62 She was a heavy schooner of about 70 tons, and a dull sailor.

3. As a name for various animals and plants.

†a. Used as a vernacular rendering of NAUTILUS.

[1668, 1713: see SAILER 2 c.] 1776 [see PEARLY *a.* 2 b]. 1815 S. BROOKES *Introd. Conchol.* 156 Paper Nautilus, Paper Sailor, *Argonauta Argo. Ibid.*, Great Sailor, *Nautilus Pompilius.*

b. *dial.* A kind of beetle, *Cantharis fusca*; 'a child's name for any Telephorus of a bluish colour' (*Cassell's Encycl. Dict.* 1887).

1854 MISS BAKER *Northampt. Gloss., Sailor*,..*Cantharis fusca.* 1863 WOOD *Illustr. Nat. Hist.* III. 472 The Telephoridæ..represented in England by the well known beetles, popularly called from their red or bluish colours, Soldiers and Sailors.

c. = *sailor-fish* (see 5 b).

1860 G. BENNETT *Gatherings Naturalist Austral.* 24 The *Histiophori*, or 'Sailors', differ, however, from the *Tetrapturi* by the greater comparative height of the dorsal fin.

d. *West Indian.* (See quot.)

1883 A. J. ADDERLEY *Fisheries Bahamas* 7 (Fish. Exhib. Publ.) At certain times of the year myriads of small fish, known as 'sailors', arrive at the field and stir up the muddy bottom to such an extent that not a single sponge can be seen.

e. *Blue sailors*: the flowers of the wild chicory.

1902 *Outing* (U. S.) June 272/2 The wild chicory, or blue sailors (*Cichorium inlybus*).

4. Short for *sailor hat.*

1898 *Westm. Gaz.* 5 May 3/2, I have tried in many shops to get a quite round sailor. 1903 *Ibid.* 2 July 4/2 Big hats very round in shape need not be avoided, nor Breton sailors.

5. *attrib.* and *Comb.*: **a.** simple attrib., as in *sailor fashion, mind, phrase, soul*; *sailor-like* adj.; appositive (quasi-*adj.*), 'that is a sailor', as in *sailor-boy, fisherman, -lad, -poet*; 'consisting of sailors', as in *sailor-train*; similative, as *sailor-looking* adj.

1855 KINGSLEY *Heroes, Perseus* I. 4 Halcyone..loved a *sailor-boy [Ceyx] and married him. 1903 C. E. OSBORNE *Fr. Dolling* vii, The sailor boys from the *St. Vincent.* 1848 J. F. COOPER *Capt. Spike* III. 160 Captain Mull was slow to yield his confidence, but when he did bestow it, he bestowed it *sailor-fashion, or with all his heart. 1883 GOODE *Fish. Indust. U. S.* 26 (Fish. Exhib. Publ.) The 20,000 or more men who may properly be designated the '*sailor fishermen' of the United States. 1842 TENNYSON *'Break, break'* ii, O well for the *sailor lad, That he sings in his boat on the bay! 1808 LAMB *Ulysses* in *Mrs. Leicester's School* (1885) 121 With such *sailor-like sayings and mutinous arguments ..they [etc.]. 1890 'R. BOLDREWOOD' *Col. Reformer* (1891) 168 Paul, with a couple of *sailor-looking men, was down at the jetty. 1894 GUNTER *King's Stockbroker* I. 7 Wondering in his *sailor mind what the deuce the whole affair means. 1812 SIR R. WILSON *Priv. Diary* I June (1862) I. 69 We are now entering the Archipelago, or, according to the *sailor phrase, the Arches. 1856 KANE *Arct. Expl.* II. xvi. 169 Every bag was, in sailor-phrase, roped and becketed. 1877 TENNYSON *Sir J. Franklin* 2 Thou, Heroic *sailor-soul, Art passing on thine happier voyage now. 1725 POPE *Odyss.* II. 441 Now descends the *sailor train.

b. Special combinations: **sailor-fish** = SAILFISH; **sailor hat,** a hat such as is worn by sailors; hence applied to a form of hat (with flat brim of even breadth all round) worn by women, and to a different form (with turned-up brim) worn by children; **sailor-man,** in uneducated and jocular use = sense 1; also *occas.* an adult sailor; **sailor-plant** *U. S.*, the strawberry-geranium, *Saxifraga sarmentosa* (Cent. Dict. 1891); **sailor-shape,** the shape worn by sailors, the shape of a sailor hat (also *attrib.* as *adj.*); so **sailor-shaped** *a.*

1885 C. F. HOLDER *Marvels Anim. Life* 70 The great sail—or *sailor—fish (*Histiophorus*) of the Mediterranean and Indian Ocean. 1790 R. TYLER *Contrast* II. ii. (1887) 39 A parcel of *sailor men and boys got round me. 1886 KIPLING *Departm. Ditties*, etc. (1899) 61 'Twas Fultah Fisher's boarding-house, Where sailor-men reside. 1897 *Daily News* 24 Sept. 6/6 Some of the new felt hats are quite *sailor-shape. 1904 *Daily Chron.* 23 Aug. 8/2 The new French sailor shape of chapeau. 1902 *M. A. P.* 29 Mar. 327/1 There were many of the large, round, and *sailor-shaped collars now so much worn.

c. Possessive combinations: **sailor's Bible** *U.S. slang*, Bowditch's *Navigator* (Cent. Dict. 1891); **sailor's choice** *U.S.*, a name given locally to various American fishes; **sailors' home** (see quot. 1867); **sailor's knot,** any of the kinds of knot (KNOT *sb.*[1] 1) used by sailors; also, a kind of knot used in tying a neck-tie; **sailor's pocket, purse** *U.S.*, the egg case of a skate or oviparous shark (in recent U.S. Dicts.); **sailor's waiter** *Naut. slang* (see quot.).

c 1860 HOLBROOK in Goode, etc. *Nat. Hist. Aquatic Anim.* (1884) 399 The '*Sailor's Choice' makes its appearance in our waters about the month of April and continues with us until November. 1879 GOODE, etc. *Catal. Anim. Resources U. S.* 46 *Lagodon rhomboides*... Sailor's Choice. 1882 JORDAN & GILBERT *Synopsis Fishes N. Amer.* 551 *Pomadasys fulvomaculatus*...Sailor's Choice; Hog-fish. 1888 GOODE *Amer. Fishes* 80 *Diabasis chromis* the 'Sailor's Choice'. 1840 R. H. DANA *Bef. Mast* 144 The establishment of 'Sailors' Homes. 1867 SMYTH *Sailor's Word-bk., Sailors' home*, a house built by subscription, for the accommodation of seamen on moderate terms. 1882 *Encycl. Brit.* XIV. 128/1 **Sailors' knots*. 1840 R. H. DANA *Bef. Mast* iii, The crew call him [the second mate] the '*sailor's waiter', as he has to furnish them with spunyarn, marline, and all other stuffs that they need.

Sailoress (sē'·lərĕs). [f. SAILOR + -ESS.] A female sailor.

1890 *Yacht Racing Cal.* 159/2 The introduction of sailoresses on board racing yachts. 1894 *Yachting* (Badm. Libr.) I. 236 Solent sailoresses.

Sailoring (sē'·lərĭŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. SAILOR + -ING¹.] The work of a sailor.

1864 C. GEIKIE *Life in Woods* i. (1874) 2 He had found the romance of sailoring [etc.]. 1886 STEVENSON *Kidnapped* xi, If ye miss that, ye must be as feckless at the sailoring as I have found ye at the fighting.

Sailorizing (sē'·lərəizĭŋ), *vbl. sb. colloq.* [f. SAILOR + -IZE + -ING¹.] The pursuits or work of sailors.

1876 DAVIS *Polaris Exp.* xi. 254 Von will find them busy on various branches of work, such as shoemaking, patching, whittling out..miniature ships, and, in fact, sailorizing of all sorts. 1880 CLARK RUSSELL *Sailor's Sweeth.* (1881) I. iv. 118 With a high barometer and a harbour always under your lee, sailorizing can't fail to be enjoyable. 1898 F. T. BULLEN *Cruise 'Cachalot'* 209 Many of the crew were quite unable to do any sailorizing, as we term work in sails and rigging.

attrib. 1882 T. G. BOWLES *Flotsam & Jetsam* xi, Translated it into sailorizing language.

Sailorless (sē'·ləlĕs), *a.* [f. SAILOR + -LESS.] Without sailors.

1816 BYRON *Darkness* 75 Ships sailorless lay rotting on the sea. 1824 GALT *Rothelan* III. vi. i. 6 The seams of the sailorless ships yawned to the sun.

Sailorly (sē'·ləli), *a.* [f. SAILOR + -LY¹.] Befitting a sailor; having the characteristics of a sailor.

1865 MRS. WHITNEY *Gayworthys* xxiv, Great asking of questions; brief sailorly answers. 1883 STEVENSON *Treas. Isl.* I. ii, He was not sailorly.

†Sailour. *Obs. rare*⁻¹. [a. OF. *sailleor*, f. *saillir* to dance: see SAIL *v.*³] A dancer.

?*a* 1366 CHAUCER *Rom. Rose* 770 Ther was many a timbestere, And saylours [*MS. Glasgow* saillouris], that I dar wel swere Couthe hir craft ful parfitly.

†Sai·lrife, *a. Obs.* In 6 **sailrif.** [f. SAIL *sb.*¹ + RIFE *a.*] Abounding in sails.

1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* I. v. 3 Quhen Iapiter, frome his hich spheir, adoun Bleat on the sailrif seis [L. *velivolum mare*].

Sails (sē'·lz). *Naut. slang.* [pl. of SAIL *sb.*¹, used as sing.] A name for a ship's sailmaker.

1864 *Hotten's Slang Dict., Sails*, the sail-maker on board ship. 1867 SMYTH *Sailor's Word-bk., Sail-maker*, a qualified person who (with his mates) is employed on board ship in making, repairing or altering the sails; whence he usually derives the familiar sobriquet of *sails*.

Sailsman (sē'·lsmăn). [f. *sail's*, genitive of SAIL *sb.*¹ + MAN *sb.*¹] A sailor; also one who manages a sailing-boat.

c 1601 KEYMOR *Observ. Dutch Fishing* (1664) 7 The Sailsmen and the Marriners..there cannot be less then 200. 1890 W. G. BLACK in *Pall Mall G.* 9 Sept. 1/3 They [the fisherfolk] live, in the main, by acting as ferrymen to steamers.. and as pleasure sailsmen.

†Sai·lworthy, *a. Obs. rare.* [f. SAIL *sb.*¹ + WORTHY.] Of weather: Admitting of the use of sails.

c 1595 CAPT. WYATT *R. Dudley's Voy. W. Ind.* (Hakl. Soc.) 36 Yt blew soe much all the daie that it neither was saileworthy, nor coulde they possiblie use theire owers. 1633 T. JAMES *Voy.* 34 It began to blow a storme not saileworthy.

†Sai·ly, *a. Obs.* [f. SAIL *sb.*¹ + -Y.] Having the appearance of a sail or sails.

1605 DRAYTON *Man in Moone* 193 His sailly Wings. 1612 — *Poly-olb.* x. 66 From Thrace when hee her tooke, And in his saylie plumes the tremhling Virgin shooke.

Sailyard (sē'·lyārd). Forms: see SAIL and YARD. [f. SAIL *sb.*¹ + YARD *sb.*]

1. *Naut.* One of the yards or spars on which the sails are spread.

c 725 *Corpus Gloss.* 588 *Antemna*, seylgerd. *c* 1050 *Suppl. Ælfric's Gloss.* in Wr.-Wülcker 182/3 *Cornua*, þa twezen endas þære seylgyrde. 1295 in *9th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. I. 258 Et in vno masto et vna seylyarde emptis pro eadem Galya. *c* 1400 MAUNDEV. (1839) xxvii. 271 Of the Mastes and the Seylle 3erdes. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 65/1 Ceyl yerde, *antenna*. 1553 EDEN *Treat. Newe Ind.* (Arb.) 13 To be hanged on the sayle yarde of the shyp. 1625 K. LONG tr. *Barclay's Argenis* IV. xv. 289 They began to run whither the wind's violence drave them, leaving some sayles to the sayle-yard. 1725 POPE *Odyss.* v. 325 With crossing sail-yards dancing in the wind. 1834 WRANGHAM *Homerics* II Distant were sail and sail-yard thrown.

†2. One of the radiating beams bearing the sails of a windmill. *Obs.*

1351–2 *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 553 In uno Saylyerde empt. pro molendino de Hesilden, iij s. viij d. *c* 1380 *Ibid.* 181 In uno Saleyerd empto pro eodem (molendino), iij s. *c* 1419 *Ibid.* 616 Canvace..pro vestura de lez Saylyerder molendini ventritici de Fery. 1426 LYDG. *De Guil. Pilgr.* 5426 The seyl yerdys off the melle, Wych tournede abouten offte, Wer clad in cloth that was not soffte. 1523 FITZHERB. *Surv.* 39 b, The mylner shall neyle vp the bordes make his shafte and the sayle yardes vpholde.

†3. *Ent.* = ANTENNA. *Obs.*

1658 ROWLAND tr. *Mouffet's Theat. Ins.* 1125 The sailyards and the nippers are of a watry red colour.

†Sai·lyie, sailȝ(i)e, *sb. Sc. Obs.* [Aphetic var. *assailȝe*, ASSAIL *sb.*] Hostile attack, assault.

c 1470 HENRY *Wallace* XI. 18 Still saxte dayis at sar sailȝe thai baid. Fortrace, and werk..Thai brak, and brynt, and put to confusioun. 1535 STEWART *Cron. Scot.* II. 13 The Romanes..maid ane sailȝe baith be se and land. *Ibid.*, Instrumentis..That neidful war to mak sailȝie or salt. 1550 LYNDSAY *Sq. Meldrum* 952 Now, vailȝe quod vailȝe, Upon the Ladie thow mak ane sailȝe. 1819 TENNANT *Papistry Storm'd* (1827) 169 Their hands wagg'd wapons a' kinkinds; And sic varietie o' graith, Gather't for sailȝie and for skaith. *Ibid.* 204 Dissim'lar men, but sim'lar minds, In formidable sailyie, Cam whurrin' in.

†Sai·lyie, sai·lȝ(i)e, *v. Sc. Obs.* [Aphetic var. *assailȝe* ASSAIL *v.* See SAIL *v.*²] **a.** *trans.* To assault, make a hostile attack upon. **b.** *intr.* To make an attempt.

c 1470 HENRY *Wallace* v. 992, I wald sailȝe..Lowmaban hous. 1533 BELLENDEN *Livy* II. vi. (S. T. S.) I. 151 And bocht my aventure was first, euery ane of þame sall sailȝe as þai best may. 1819 W. TENNANT *Papistry Storm'd* (1827) 22 He and the clerk..shall no be laith To raise the mob,.. And sailzie kirk wi' weir and wraith.

Saim, dial. and obs. form of SEAM (lard).

‖ Saimiri (saimī·ri). Also 8 **samiri** (9 in Dicts. **saimari, saimir**). [Brazilian Pg. *saimirim*, a. Tupi *çahy miri* little monkey (*çahy* SAI¹ + *miri* little).] A small South American squirrel-monkey of the genus *Chrysothrix* (formerly *Saimiris*).

1774 GOLDSM. *Nat. Hist.* (1776) IV. 236 The fifth and last of the sapajou kind, or monkies that hold by the tail, is the Samiri, or Aurora; which is the smallest and the most beautiful of all. 1780 SMELLIE *Buffon's Nat. Hist.* (1791) VIII. 199 The saimiri is commonly known by the name of the golden, orange, or yellow sapajou. 1863 HUXLEY *Man's Place Nat.* II. 97 The Saimiri (*Chrysothrix*).

Sain (sēn), *v.* Now *arch.* and *dial.* Forms: 1 **segnian, sénian, seegnian,** 2 **seinian,** 4–5 **seyne,** 4–6 **sayn(e,** 8–9 **sein,** 3–7 **saine,** 3–9 **sane,** 3– **sain**; *pa. t.* 4–5 **saynned**; *pa. ppl.* 8 **saint.** [OE. *segnian* = OS. *segnon* (MDu. *zechenen*, Du. *zegenen*), OHG. *seganôn* (MHG. *segenen*, mod.G. *segnen* to bless), ON. *signa* to sign with the cross, bless (Sw. *signa*, Da. *signe* to bless); ad. L. *signāre* to sign (in eccl. use to sign with the cross), f. *sign-um* SIGN *sb.*, whence OE. *segn* sign, banner, MLG. *segen*, MDu. *zeghen* sign of the cross, blessing (Du. *zegen* blessing), OHG. *segan* sign of the cross (MHG., mod.G. *segen* blessing).]

1. *trans.* To make the sign of the cross on (a thing or person) in token of consecration or blessing; or for the purpose of exorcizing a demon, warding off the evil influences of witches, poison, etc.

a 900 tr. *Bæda's Hist.* V. v. § 2 (1890) 396 Þa sang he orationes ofer hiene & hiene zeblætsade & zesægnade [L. *dixit orationem, ac benedixit eum*]. *c* 1000 ÆLFRIC *Saints' Lives* iii. 114 Þa stod se hælend..and mid his halzum handum husel senode. *c* 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 127 We sculen ure forheafod..mid þere halie rode tacne seinian. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* XXVII. (*Machor*) 599 With þat þe cop in hand tuk he, & sanyt It dewotly. *a* 1400 *St. John Evang.* 228 in Horstmann *Altengl. Leg.* (1881) 471 Þou..saynede þe coppe [of poison] swetely and suppede it off syne: Thow hade no harme. 1508 KENNEDY *Flyting w. Dunbar* 457 Quhen that the schip was saynit, et vndir saile, Foul brow in holl thow preposit for to pas. 1575–6 *Durham Depos.* (Surtees) 272 Then the said Umphray saynd the said Thomas and corssed hym, and spyttyd, and said; 'Away, devill', many tymes. 1701 J. BRAND *Descr. Orkney, Zetl.*, etc. (1703) 62 Especially on Hallow-Even, they use to sein or sign their Boats and put a Cross of Tar upon them...Their Houses also some use then to sein. 1802 SCOTT *Minstr. Scot. Bord.* II. 179 *note*, Many of the vulgar account it extremely dangerous to touch any thing which they may happen to find without *saining* (blessing) it, the snares of the enemy being notorious and well attested. 1887 W. STOKES tr. *Tripartite Life St. Patrick* 37 Patrick sained [Irish *senait*] the earth and it swallowed up the wizard. *Ibid.* 111 Patrick sained their hands, and their hands grew stiff.

b. *refl.* To cross (oneself).

a 900 tr. *Bæda's Hist.* IV. xxv. § 5 (1890) 348, & þa him zebæd & hine zesegnode mid Cristes rode tacne. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 7986 He..Bitaght him þan to godd at kepe, And sanid him and fel on-slepe. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* I. (*Petrus*) 521 Sanct petir sowne come in hy, and sanyt hym with þe Rycht hand. 1377 LANGL. *P. Pl.* B. v. 456 Þanne sat sleuthe vp and seyned hym swithe [*v.r.* to A. v. 229 seynide hyme faste], And made avowe to-fore god for his foule sleuthe. ?*a* 1400 *Morte Arth.* 966 Thow saynned the vnsekyrly to seke to þese mountez. *c* 1450 *Merlin* IV. 66 And she lifte vp hir hande, and hir sayned [*printed* fayned], and seide, 'A mercy god!' 1508 DUNBAR *Tua Mariit Wemen* 444, I tane me as I war ane sanct. 1588 A. KING tr. *Canisius' Cntech., Confession* 15 Needful alsua is it..to saine ws aft, putting beffoir our eyes Christ Iesus crucifide. 1728 RAMSAY *Monk & Miller's Wife* 159 Bess sain'd herself, cry'd 'Lord, be here!' 1768 ROSS *Helenore* (1789) 65 She—frae the ill o't sain'd her o'er and o'er. 1788 SHIRREFS *Poems* (1790) 332 She'd raise her hands, and sain hersel', And think you on the road to Hell. 1828 J. RUDDIMAN *Tales & Sk.* 62 I sained mysel' thrice this morning before I had seen the face o' man.

†c. *intr.* for *refl. Obs. rare.*

c 1440 *Alphabet of Tales* 7 Þan þis monke saynyd for mervell & said, 'sur, whi say ye so?' 1571 *Satir. Poems Reform.* XXVIII. 24 And with that word I went sum thing abak, And bad say on, and, with God saif me, sanit.

2. *trans.* To bless.

a 1300 *E. E. Psalter* lxii. 5 Swa sal I saine þe in life mine. 13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* B. 746 Now sayned be þou sauiour. *a* 1400 *Sir Perc.* 287 So Criste mote me sayne. *c* 1400 *Laud Troy Bk.* 6080 And with his goddis he hem sayned, And bad hem gon In here name. *c* 1460 *Towneley Myst.* VI. 106 And thou [Jacob] shal full well saynyd be. 1500–20 DUNBAR *Poems* XIII. 41 Sum sanis the Sait, and sum thaim cursis. 1616 T. SCOTT *Philomythie* (ed. 2) B 1, Against wise vigilant Statists, who like Ianus, Looke both waies squint, and both waies guard and sane vs. 1721 KELLY *Sc. Prov.* 120 God sain your Eye, Man. Spoken when you commend a Thing without blessing it. 1780 *Archie O Cawfield* XXXVII. in Child *Ballads* (1889) III. 488/2 For the man had needs to be well saint That comes thro the hands o Dicky Ha. 1818 SCOTT *Hrt. Midl.* XXIX, God sain us. 1824 BYRON *Juan* XVI. *Beware! beware* VI, Heaven sain him! fair or foul. 1848 KINGSLEY *Saint's Trag.* II. VI, Mary sain us! 1898 N. MUNRO *John Splendid* II. 19 Blow, present, God sain Mackay's soul!

b. *esp.* in conjunction with *save.*

c 1460 *Towneley Myst.* IV. 107 So now god the saif and sayne! 1710 RUDDIMAN *Gloss. to Douglas* S.V. *Sane*, Hence Scot. Bor. the expression, God safe you and sane you. *a* 1839 PRAED *Poems* (1864) I. 146 Mary, Mother, sain and save! 1842 BROWNING *In a Gondola* Poems 1863 I. 210 They trail me, these three godless knaves, Past every church that sains and saves. 1894 CROCKETT *Raiders* XI. 336 Guid save us an' sain us! I like not this day.

¶ c. app. associated by some mod. writers with L. *sānāre* to heal (see SANE *v.*).

1832 J. H. NEWMAN *Sonn.*, '*They do but grope*' in *Lyra Apost.* (1836) 47 As if such shapes and moods, which come and go, Had aught of Truth or Life in their poor show, To sway or judge, and skill to sain or wound. 1896 A. E. HOUSMAN *Shropshire Lad* XIV, There flowers no balm to sain him.

3. *trans.* To secure by prayer or enchantment *from* evil influence. Cf. BLESS *v.*¹ 3.

1670 RAY *Prov.* 293 Saine (bless) you weill fra the Devil and the Lairds bairns. 1721 KELLY *Sc. Prov.* 288 Sain your self from the Dee'l and the Laird's Bairns. 1768 ROSS *Helenore* 6 The jizzen-bed wi' rantree leaves was sain'd. 1848 KINGSLEY *Saint's Trag.* II. VIII, While angels..Will sain us from the roaming adversary With scent of Paradise.

Hence **†Sained** *ppl. a.*; **Sai·ning** *vbl. sb.*

1508 DUNBAR *Tua Mariit Wemen* 102 Than ma na sanyne me save fra that auld Sathane. 1593 NAPIER *Plain Discov. Rev. St. John* 58 Beside their daylie crossings with their right hande on their fore-heads, which they cal saning. 1888 EDMONSTON & SAXBY *Home Naturalist* 214 Jaimie instantly turned back, for he knew that they had power at such times, and the saining might be neglected.

Sain, obs. f. SAINT, SAY *v.*, SEE *v.*, SEINE (net).

Sainctify, Sainctuary, obs. ff. SANCT-.

Saind, Sc. var. SAND *sb.* (message, etc.).

Saine, obs. f. SAY *v.*, SEE *v.*, SEINE (net).

Sainfayle, obs. form of SANSFAIL.

Sainfoin (sē'·nfoin). Forms: 7 **S. Foyne, Saint-, St. Foine, sainct-foin, saintfine, -foyne,** 7–8 **St. Foyne,** 8 **St. Foin, saainfoine,** 6– **saintfoin,** 7– **sanfoin,** 8– **sainfoin.** [a. F. *sainfoin*, also **†saintfoin** (16th c.), app. f. *sain* health-giving, wholesome + *foin* hay.

The identification of the first syllable with *saint* holy, was common in Fr. in the 16th c., and in Eng. in the 17th c. Cf. *holy hay* (see HOLY 5 b), G. *heiligheu*, and Pg. *sanfeno.*]

A low-growing perennial herb, *Onobrychis sativa* (formerly *Hedysarum Onobrychis*), much grown as a forage plant. Also, locally, lucerne (*Medicago sativa*).

1626 A. SPEED *Adam out of E.* xiv. (1659) 108 A Gentleman..hath this yeer about thirty acres of S. Foyne. 1653 BLITHE *Eng. Improv. Impr.* XXVII. 187 St. Foyn is a French Grass much sowed there, upon their barren, dry, hasky Lands, and sometimes in our Gardens hath a kind of it been much sowed, called the French Honysuckel. 1669 WORLIDGE *Syst. Agric.* 27 This St. Foyn, or Holy-hay, hath in several places of England, obtained the preferrence above Clover-grass, for that it..is so great an improvement on our barren Lands. 1726 *Dict. Husb.* II. s.v., Saintfoin, or Holy-Hay, a sort of Grass otherwise call'd Medick-Fodder, Spanish Trefoil, and Snail or Horned Clover-grass. 1792 A. YOUNG *Trav. France* I. 152 Large quantities of sainfoin, which he used for fattening oxen. 1844 H. STEPHENS *Bk. Farm* II. 554 It is possible to cultivate both lucern and saintfoin as a one or more years' crop of grass in rotation with corn crops instead of red clover. 1857 KINGSLEY *Two V. Ago* III. 133 Pink saintfoin. 1886 C. SCOTT *Sheep-farming* 50 For early spring feed and summer fattening,..sanfoin, mustard, and lucern, will be found invaluable.

attrib. 1676 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 1073/4 Pure Trefoile and Santfine Seed. 1733 TULL *Horse-hoeing Husb.* xiv. 195 Cut off the St. Foin Heads an Handful deep. 1764 *Museum Rust.* I. 465 Saintfoin hay is excellent food for horses. 1792 A. YOUNG *Trav. France* I. 357 A considerable portion of these calcareous districts should be thrown into sainfoin courses. 1805 R. W. DICKSON *Pract. Agric.* I. 350 Old saintfoin lays. 1902 COANISH *Nat. on Thames* 174 The crimson of stray sainfoin clusters.

Saing fayle, variant of SANSFAIL.

†Sainse, Saynsure, obs. ff. CENSE *v.*¹ and CENSER.

1565 CALFHILL *Answ. Treat. Crosse* ii. 53 b, We haue sainsed thy saincts, we haue..honored thy Crosse. *Ibid.*, The sweete perfume of prayer should haue arisen from the saynsure of your heart to me.

Saint (sēint ; *unstressed* sənt, snt), *a.* and *sb.* Forms: *α.* 2–6 seint, 3–6 seinte, seynt(e, sainte, 4–5 saynt, (2 zeinte, 3 sæinte, 5 seyntte, 6 sseynt, sayent), 4– saint. *β.* (prefixed to a name beginning with s cons.) 3–4 ssin, 4 san, sen, 4–6 sayn, 5 sayne, sain, syn. *γ.* 3–5 sant, 4–6 sent, (3 sante, sente, 4 santt, sande, sont, 5 synt, scent, 6 santt(e), 8–9 *Sc.* saunt. *δ.* (chiefly *Sc.*) 4–8 sanct (6 -e), 5 senct, 5–6 saynct, seynct, 6–7 sainct. [a. OF. *saint, seint*, fem. *sainte, seinte* (*sancte, saente, sente*), later *sainct*, as prefix occas. *saen, sain*, mod.F. *saint* = Pr. *sanct, sant*, It., Sp., Pg. *santo* (before a cons. Pr., It., Sp. *san*, Pg. *são*) :—L. *sanctus*, properly pa. pple. of *sancīre* to enact, ratify, devote, consecrate (cf. SANCTION).

The Latin word was adopted in most of the Germanic langs. ; the variants with vowel other than *a* are due, partly to loss of stress in the prefixed position, partly to Fr. influence: OE. *sanct*, OFris. *sankt, sunkt, sant, sent, sint*, (prefixed) *sancte, sente* etc., MDu. (chiefly as prefix) *sanct, sant(e, sent(e, sint(e, sunte, sonte*, Du. *sint*, dial. *seint, sunt, sānt*, Flemish *zant*, MHG. (prefixed) *sancte, sant(e, sent(e*, mod.G. (prefixed) *Sanct, sankt*, Da. *sankt-*, Sw. *sankt(e-*.

The forms *sauynt, sauyn* (printed *sanynt, sanyn*) in the *Ayenbite* are difficult to account for.]

A. *adj.* = HOLY, in various special applications.

1. Prefixed to the name of a canonized person (see B. 2), also to the names of the archangels : now felt to be the sb. used appositively. Commonly abbreviated S. or St. (see below).

[In OE. *sanctus* and *sancte* (orig. the L. vocative) were used for the masc. and *sancta* for the fem.]

The possessive of names preceded by 'Saint ' is often used ellipt. in names of churches, as *St. Paul's, St. Peter's*. Hence various names of towns, villages, etc., as *St. Albans, St. Andrews, St. Bees* ; also the anglicized forms of some foreign place-names, as † *St. Omer's* (= F. *St.-Omer*).

α. c 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 49 Seint gregori. *c* 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 9 Ure louerd sainte powel. *c* 1250 *Kent. Serm.* in *O. E. Misc.* 26 Ure lauedi seinte Marie. 1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 8423 Þis bataile ido was A seinte peteres eue. 1340 *Ayenb.* 233 Ase zayþ saint austin. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Prol.* 173 The reule of seint Maure or of seint Beneit. 1452 *Cal. Anc. Rec. Dublin* (1889) 277 The feste of Seynte Michell the Archangle. *c* 1510 MORE *Picus* Wks. 9/2 Which is as trew as the gospell of seint John. 1599 THYNNE *Animadv.* (1875) 57 Seinte Hughe Bishoppe of Lincolne. 1828 SCOTT *F. M. Perth* v, The rites due to good Saint Valentine.

β. c 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 71 Þe godspelle þe sein lucas makede. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 16762 + to Þe swerd of sorow was at hir hert, Als sayde san symeon. *a* 1330 *Otuel* 1585 Bi sein geme. 1389 in *Eng. Gilds* (1870) 54 Ye sunday after ye Natiuite of sen Jon day, baptist. *c* 1400 *Rule St. Benet* (Prose) 42 Sain Benet leris vs in þis sentence, how we sal chese vre abbesse. *a* 1470 *Gregory's Chron.* in *Hist. Coll. Cit. Lond.* (Camden) 168 Syr Phylyppe Dymmoke, that rode in the halle i-armyde clene as Syn Jorge. 1538 STARKEY *England* I. i. 20 Aftur the mynd of Sayn Poule.

γ. c 1230 *Hali Meid.* 7 As sente pawel seiδ, Alle þinge turneδ þe gode to god. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 154 And hit sal be reddynn þanne O Ioachim and of sant tanne [*Fairf.* seynt anne]. *Ibid.* 469 Sent micheal..Rais a-gain him for to fight. *c* 1375 *Ibid.* 12863 (Fairf.) Saode Iohn nerehand him stode. 14.. in *Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* (1907) IV. 24 Synt Petyrys mynyster of Exeter. 1557 in *Shropsh. Parish Documents* (1903) 58 It' Re'd of thomas browne for sentmari day rent iij*s*.

δ. 1375 BARBOUR *Bruce* v. 336 The folk..Held to Sanct Brydis kirk thar way. *c* 1470 HENRY *Wallace* I. 282 Quha sperd, scho said to Sanct Margret thai socht. *c* 1510 MORE *Picus* Wks. 12/2 And remember these wordes of Sainct Paule also. 1562 WINJET *Cert. Tractater* iii. Wks. (S. T. S.) I. 27 Sanctis Hierome and Augustine. 1596 DALRYMPLE tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* IV. 230 Sancte Columba.

¶ Abbreviations : S. and St., *pl.* SS. and Sts.

In the 18th and 19th c. 'St.' is the form usually employed; but since about 1830 'S.' has been favoured by ecclesiologists. In place-names, and in family names derived from these, only 'St.' is used.

[*c* 1122 *O. E. Chron.* (Laud MS.) an. 963 To Eliz, þær S. Æδeldriδ liδ. *c* 1154 *Ibid.* an. 1132 On S' Petres messe dei.] *a* 1400 *Wyclif's Bible* IV. 693 Fynding of S. Steuen martir. 1535 COVERDALE *Bible*, The gospell of S. Mathew...The epistles of S. Paul. 1611 BIBLE *Transl. Pref.* ¶ 8 S. Chrysostome that lined in S. Hieromes time. 1638 SIR T. HERBERT *Trav.* (ed. 2) 33 St. Francis Shyvier the Navarrean Jesuit. 1711 SHAFTESB. *Charac.* (1737) I. 344 The storys of their giants, their dragons, and St. George's. 1850 J. H. NEWMAN *Serm. Var. Occas.* xii. (1857) 263 Those early Religious, of which St. Benedict is the typical representative. 1852 (*title*) The Homilies of S. John Chrysostom..on the Gospel of St. Matthew. 1877 J. D. CHAMBERS *Div. Worship* 177 The Octave of S. Stephen.

2. *transf.* † **a.** of heathen deities, etc. *Obs.*

c 1375 *Cursor M.* 7458 (Fairf.), I sulde him sla be seint Mahoun. *c* 1400 *Rom. Rose* 5953 By my modir seint Venus. *Ibid.* 6781 My moder fiemed him, Seynt Amour. 1588 SHAKS. *L. L. L.* IV. iii. 366 Saint Cupid then, and Souldiers to the field.

b. allusively or ironically. *Obs.* in gen. use.

St. Monday: see MONDAY 2. *St. Lubbock's day* : a jocular name for any of the bank holidays instituted by Sir John Lubbock's Act, 1871 : see BANK HOLIDAY.

1362 LANGL. *P. Pl.* A. v. 40 3e þat seche þ seynt Iame and seintes at Roome, Seche þ Seint Treuþe for he may sauen ow alle. 1540 PALSGR. *Acolastus* II. i. I ij b, That holy saynte fylgutte or saynte panchart. 1592 GREENE *Upst. Courtier* D 3 b, He sits down in the chaire wrapt in fine cloaths, as though the barber were about to make him a foot-cloth for the vickar of saint fooles. 1657 TITUS *Killing no Murder* A 3 b, As Hugh Capet, in taking the Crown, pretended to be admonish't to it in a dreame by St. Valery, and St. Richard : so I beleeve will his Highnes [*sc.* Cromwell] doe the same, at the instigation of St. Henry and St. Richard his two Sonnes. 1665 SWAN *Spec. M.* vi. § 4 (ed. 3) 214, I think the best time to try this, is upon St. Jefferies day, which is neither before Christmass nor after it. 1690 C. NESSE *Hist. & Myst. O. & N. Test.* I. 39 Our late Anti-Sabbatarians ..call'd it Saint-Sabbath.

† **3.** Prefixed to various common nonns (in collocations taken over from Latin and French), esp. *Charity, Cross, Spirit, Trinity. Obs.*

Sometimes abbreviated as in 1.

In dedications of churches there occur *St. Cross, St. Faith, St. Saviour, St. Sepulchre.*

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 21465 Bi sant drightin Mi tbinc þe wers part es mine. 1377 LANGL. *P. Pl.* B. XII. 104 Al-þough men made bokes, god was þe maistre, And seynt spirit þe sauns-parye. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Kn.'s T.* 863 But sle me first for seinte charitee. *c* 1386 — *Somptn. T.* 116 Chideth him weel, for seinte Trinitee. *c* 1440 *Generydes* 4282 He..askyd almes for seynt charite. 1470–85 MALORY *Arthur* x. i. 413 By seynt crosse said syre Vwayne he is a stronge knyght. 1553 BECON *Reliques of Rome* (1563) 206 Cause a masse to be song or sayde in the honoure of Saint Spirite. 1602 SHAKS. *Ham.* IV. v. 58 By gis, and by S. Charity, Alacke, and fie for shame. 1631 WEEVER *Anc. Funeral Mon.* 722 The Altar..was that which was first built to Saint seruice. 1710 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 4688/1 The Annual Procession..in Honour of the Saint Sudario [i. e. *il Santo Sudario*].

4. Attributive and possessive collocations of proper names with the prefix 'Saint' (St.) in sense 1.

a. Many plants, animals, and other objects have been named after saints of the calendar. For these appellations see the saints' names in their alphabetical places or the sbs. qualified by them.

b. Many diseases have been named after saints that are supposed to ward them off or relieve them.

A long list of these is given in Dunglison's *Dict. Med. Sci.* and *Syd. Soc. Lex.* For *St. Anthony's, St. Francis's fire*, see FIRE *sb.* 12. *St. Vitus' dance* : see DANCE *sb.* 6 *b*.

c. Many objects are called after a place-name or a surname beginning with 'Saint' ('St.') ; the following are some of the more important.

St. Bernard (dog), in full *Great St. Bernard dog*, a dog of a breed kept by the monks of the Hospice of the Great St. Bernard (a dangerous pass in the Alps between Switzerland and Italy) for the rescue of travellers in distress. **St. Domingo cuckoo,** etc., species of cuckoo, etc., found in San Domingo. **St. Domingo fever,** yellow fever. **St. Germain pear,** a fine dessert pear. **St. Gobain glass,** a fine kind of plate glass manufactured at St. Gobain in France. **St. Helena tea** (see quots.). **St. Johnston's ribband, tippet,** *Sc.*, a halter or hangman's rope. (*St. Johnston* = Perth.) **St. Kilda cold** (see quot.). **St. Leger,** the name of a horse-race for three-year-olds run at Doncaster : instituted by Colonel St. Leger in 1776. **St. Louis group,** a section of the mountain limestone of North America, well developed in states bordering on the upper Mississippi. **St. Lucia (Lucie) bark,** the bark of the West Indian shrub *Exostemma floribundum*, used in tanning. **St. Michael's,** the name of one of the Azores, which produced a fine quality of orange. † **St. Omer's** (corruptly *St. Thomas*) **worsted,** a kind of worsted manufactured at St. Omer's.

1839 SIR T. D. LAUDER in C. H. Smith *Dogs* (1840) II. 142 My *St. Bernard dog, Bass. 1877 *Encycl. Brit.* VII. 327/2 The Great St. Bernard Dog of the present day is a powerful animal, as large as a mastiff. 1884 *Harper's Mag.* Aug. 464/1 A big St. Bernard. 1782 LATHAM *Gen. Synopsis Birds* I. II. 541 *St. Domingo Cuckow. *Ibid.* I. 111 St. Domingo Falcon. 1793 SMELLIE tr. *Buffon's Nat. Hist. Birds* VIII. 231 The St. Domingo Chesnut .. *Columbus Dominicus*, Linn. 1822–34 *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 4) I. 644 From the depredations it has committed in the West Indies and on the American Coast, it has been called the *St. Domingo..fever. 1693 EVELYN *De La Quint. Compl. Gard.* I. 93 This *St. Germain-pear, otherwise called the Unknown Pear of the Fare, has a very tender Pulp. 1858 O. W. HOLMES *Aut. Breakf.-t.* iv. (1859) 77 Milton was a Saint-Germain with a graft of the roseate Early-Catherine. .. Russet-skinned old Chaucer was an Easter-Beurré. 1870 SAUZAY *Marvels of Glass-making* 91 *note*, According to M. Péligot the *St. Gobain glass is composed of, Silica 73·0, Lime 15·5, Soda 11·5. 1875 MELLISS *St. Helena* 239 *Frankenia portulacæfolia*, Spreng...*Beatsonia portulacæfolia*, Roxb. ; *St. Helena Tea...I find no record of the plant having been ever used as a substitute for tea. 1897 *Syd. Soc. Lex.*, *St. Helena tea*, a kind of tea made in the island of St. Helena by infusing the leaves of the plant *Beatsonia portulacifolia*. 1638 H. ADAMSON *Muse's Threnodie* (1774) 119 Hence of *St. Johnston's ribband came the word. 1816 SCOTT *Old Mort.* vii, To be sent to Heaven wi' a Saint Johnstone's tippit about my hause. 1897 *Syd. Soc. Lex.*, **St. Kilda cold*...A variety of Influenza occurring in the Hebrides, believed to be brought by strangers from ships touching at the islands. 1778 in *Baily's Racing Reg.* (1845) I. 470/1 *St. Leger's Stakes of 25 gs. each. 1825 C. M. WESTMACOTT *Eng. Spy* (1907) I. 327 This is the settling day for all bets made upon the great Doncaster St. Leger. 1863 DANA *Man. Geol.* 307 The *St. Louis limestone (250 feet thick), overlaid by ferruginous sandstone (200 feet). 1879 *Encycl. Brit.* X. 350/2 St. Louis group.—Limestones with shale, in places 250 feet. 1840 PEREIRA *Elem. Mat. Med.* II. 992 *St. Lucia Bark. 1852 MORFIT *Tanning & Currying* (1853) 94 St. Lucia Bark.. is said to be suitable for tanning. *c* 1830 *St. Michael's oranges [see ORANGE *sb.*1 1]. 1892 *Daily News* 22 Dec. 3/1 It may be that some day sweet St. Michaels may pour in upon us again. 1530 PALSGR. 269/1 *Seynt Homer's worstedde, *demy ostade*. 1552 *Inv. Church Goods* (Surtees) II. 61 A cope of read Saint Thomas worsted.

B. *sb.* A holy person.

1. One of the blessed dead in Heaven. Usually *pl.*

[*a* 1000 *Cædmon's Satan* 355 Þær habbaδ englas eadigne dream, sanctas singaδ.]

13.. *Cursor M.* 10402 (Gött.) Felausehip..Of saintes [*Cott.* halus] hye in heuen bliss. 138. WYCLIF *Sel. Wks.* III. 467 A thowsand þowsandis bene moo seintis in heven þen we kanonysen in þo kalender. *c* 1420 *Prymer* (1895) 7 (*Te Deum*) Make hem to be rewardid wiþ seyntis in endeles blis. 1592 *Arden of Feversham* I. i. 329 To line With God and his elected saints in heauen. 1657 JER. TAYLOR *Funeral Serm. Sir G. Dalstone*, The consummation and perfection of the saints' felicity shall be at the resurrection of the dead. 1781 COWPER *Truth* 150 She, half an angel in her own account, Doubts not hereafter with the saints to mount. 1851 G. RORISON *Hymn*, '*Three in One*', With the Saints hereafter we Hope to bear the palm. 1864 BP. W. HOW *Hymn*, For all Thy Saints who from their labours rest. 1875 MANNING *Mission Holy Ghost* vii. 191 A multitude who have not been canonised on earth, though they are saints in heaven.

2. *Eccl.* One of those persons who are formally recognized by the Church as having by their exceptional holiness of life attained an exalted station in heaven, and as being entitled in an eminent degree to the veneration of the faithful ; a canonized person. In Pre-Reformation use, the term implies that the persons so designated may be lawfully addressed in prayer for their intercession with God, and that miracles have been wrought through their aid after death. † *To seek, visit a saint* : to pay one's devotions at his shrine. (Cf. HALLOW *sb.*1 2.)

[*c* 1000 ÆLFRIC in Sweet *A.-S. Reader* (1894) 85 God geswutelode þæt he haliz sanct wæs swa þæt heofonlic leoht of þæt geteld astreht stod up to heofonum. *c* 1122 *O. E. Chron.* (Laud MS.) an. 979, He wæs on life eorðlic cing, he is nu æfter deaðe heofonlic sanct.]

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 28604 To godd i merci cri..And all seyntes of heuen sere. *a* 1310 in Wright *Lyric P.* xxxiv. 96 Preye we alle to oure levedy, Ant to the sontes that woneth hire by. *c* 1374 CHAUCER *Troylus* II. 69 (118) In a cave To bidde, and rede on holy seyntes lyves. *c* 1420 *Anturs of Arth.* xvii, I salle garre seke sayntes for thi sake. 1426 LYDG. *De Guil. Pilgr.* 6287 For seyntys wych that suffredeso, I wot ryht wel that they be go To paradys. 1500–20 DUNBAR *Poems* xxv. 65 We pray to all the Sanctis of hevin, That ar aboif the sterris sevin. 1588 A. KING tr. *Canisius' Catech.* in *Cath. Tractates* (S. T. S.) 206 This præsent Kalendar quhairin is comprehendit the Sanctes and martyres vith the tyme of thair death or suffering. 1614 BP. HALL *No Peace with Rome* § 21 Neither will we only glorifie God in his Saints.. but wee will magnifie the Saints..for their excellent graces. 1726 BOVS *Expos.* 39 *Art.* 146 Pardons or Indulgences, which are promis'd to those that visit such a Saint or Chapel. 1756–7 tr. *Keysler's Trav.* (1760) III. 44 The castle of St. Elmo, or St. Eramo, so called from a church dedicated to that saint. 1847 YEOWELL *Anc. Brit. Ch.* xii. 134 A considerable number of churches are called after the names of the primitive saints of our island. 1862 BURTON *Bk. Hunter* IV. 323 Technically, to make a saint, there should be an act of pontifical jurisdiction.

Proverb. 1550 BALE *Eng. Votaries* II. 105 b, These adages myght than haue bene founde true, suche saynt, suche shryne, suche bere, suche bottell.

b. A representation or image of a saint.

1563 *Homilies* II. *Agst. Images* III. Q q iij, Such a creple came and saluted this saint of Oke. 1679 *Roxb. Ball.* (1885) V. 594 And who, to furnish his own want, Can seize Gold Cross, or Silver Saint. 1817 LADY MORGAN *France* I. (1818) I. 92 Fruit in wax-work, and saints in *or moulu*. 1849 JAMES *Woodman* xv, Far readier to worship a gold angel than a painted saint. 1893 BATES *Eng. Relig. Drama* 27 As if the chiselled, painted saint himself..stepped down.. from marble niche.

c. *transf.* Applied e.g. to persons who are the objects of posthumous reverence in non-Christian religions. † Also *rarely* to heathen deities, etc.

13.. *K. Alis.* 6763 Thou schalt fynde trowes two : Seyntes and holy they buth bo. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 2000 All the buernes in the bote,..Besoght vnto sainttes & to sere goddes. *Ibid.* 12071 Þe sayntis of hell Were wode in hor werkis for wreke of Achilles. 1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* I. 4 Others..are punished by the saints whom they adore, and the holy ceremonies which they observe. 1626 METHOLD in Purchas *Pilgrimage* 999 One Saint they haue..whom they expresse by a plaine round stone. 1876 A. J. EVANS *Through Bosnia* viii. 342 There are many gay kiosques rising over the graves of Moslem saints.

3. In biblical use, one of God's chosen people ; in the New Testament, one of the elect under the New Covenant ; a member of the Christian church ; a Christian. Hence used by some religious bodies as their own designation, e.g. by some puritanical sects in the 16–17th c., and by the Mormons (see LATTER-DAY).

1382 WYCLIF 1 *Cor.* i. 2 To the halowid in Crist Ihesu, clepid seyntis. 1526 TINDALE *Acts* ix. 32 As Peter walked throughoute all quarters, he cam to the saincts which dwelt at lydda. 1567 *Gude & Godlie B.* (S. T. S.) 103 God, for thy grace,..Ceis not to send thy Sanctis sune support. 1597 HOOKER *Eccl. Pol.* v. lvi. 123 The fellowship of his Saincts in this present world. 1610 B. JONSON *Alch.* II. v, A seruant of the exil'd Brethren, That deale with widdowes and with orphanes goods And make a iust account vnto the Saints : A Deacon. 1626 — *Staple of N.* III. ii. 125 Ha' you in your prophane Shop, any Newes O'the Saints at Amsterdam ? 1658 COWLEY *Cutter Colman St.* III. i, What preaching, and houling, and fasting, and eating among the Saints ! 1704 NELSON *Fest. & Fasts* xxxiv. (1739) 419 In the beginning of Christianity, the word Saint was applied to all Believers. 1710 [H. BEDFORD] *Vind. Ch. Eng.* 170 We seem to have forgot the *Saints Reign* from 41 to 60. 1782 C. SIMEON in Carus *Life* (1847) 28 Now he scruples keeping a horse, that the money may help the saints of Christ. 1786 BURNS *Sc. Drink* viii, Godly meetings o' the saunts, By thee inspir'd. 1847 YEOWELL *Anc. Brit. Ch.* iii. 31 It is not..improbable..that St. Paul should have become acquainted with some of these captives, by means of some of the Saints in Cæsar's household. 1863 DICKENS *Uncomm. Trav.* xx, The Preface, dated Manchester, 1840, ran thus :—'The Saints in this country have been very desirous for a Hymn Book adapted to their faith and worship'. 1886 *Whitaker's Alm.* 204 Religious Sects...Saints.

b. In biblical use applied to angels.

1382 WYCLIF *Deut.* xxxiii. 2 The Lord..aperide fro the

hil of Pharan, and with hym thousandis of seyntis. 1611 BIBLE *Jude* 14 The Lord commeth with ten thousands of his Saints. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* VI. 46 Gabriel..lead forth my armied Saints.

4. A person of extraordinary holiness of life. Sometimes ironically, A person making an outward profession of piety.

1563 FOXE *A. & M.* 1258/2 *Boner*. Well mayster Countroller, I am no sainct. *Ibid.* 1374/2 Surely you would moue a Saint with your impertinent reasons. 1596 SHAKS. *Tam. Shr.* III. ii. 28 For such an iniurie would vexe a very saint. 1625 BACON *Ess., Suspicion*, What would Men haue? Doe they thinke, those they employ and deale with, are Saints? 1677 W. HUGHES *Man of Sin* II. v. 99 We have read of Canniballs that devoor the flesh of Men. Tush! They are Saints to Papists. For, They devour their God! 1732 POPE *Ep. Cobham* 246 Odious! in woollen! 'twould a Saint provoke. 1749 CHESTERF. *Lett.* ccix. (1792) II. 301, I have sometimes known Saints really religious. 1884 *Harper's Mag.* Jan. 296/1 Were you a saint at college? 1884 H. A. JONES (*title*) Saints and Sinners. *a* 1887 H. W. BEECHER *Prov. Plymouth Pulpit* 178 It will not do to be saints at meeting and sinners everywhere else.

b. Proverb.

1500-20 DUNBAR *Poems* xlvi. 35 Of 3ung sanctis growis auld feyndis but fable. 1552 LATIMER *7th Serm. on Lord's Prayer* (1562) H 4 b, The old prouerb yong saints, old denils. 1616 S. PRICE *Ephesus Warning* 73 That Prouerb inuented by the Dinell that young Saints proue old Diuels. 1655 FULLER *Serm.* iv. 4 David began to be good betimes, a young Saint, and yet crossed that pestilent Proverb, was no old devill. 1694 MOTTEUX *Rabelais* IV. lxiv. 254.

5. A nickname for: **a.** A member of a religious association at Cambridge (see quots.). Now *Hist.*

1793 *Acc. Proc. agst. W. Frend* 107, I shewed them [sc. two letters] to some of my friends, as instances of the gratitude of the saints. 1803 *Gradus ad Cantabr.* 116 *Saints*, a set of men who have great pretensions to particular sanctity of manners and zeal for orthodoxy. 1882 MRS. OLIPHANT *Lit. Hist. Eng.* III. 38 [Dean Milner] was at the head of the party vulgarly called the Saints, the preachers of world-renunciation and self-denial. Another leader of this party ..was Charles Simeon.

b. One of the party which promoted the agitation in England against slavery. Now *Hist.*

1830 N. S. WHEATON *Jrnl.* 281 The friends of negro emancipation..are already (1823–4) honoured with the nickname of 'Saints'. 1832 MARRYAT *N. Forster* xv, 'But do you think that this is likely to occur?' 'I do, most certainly, if those who govern continue to listen to the insidious advice of the party denominated 'Saints'. 1880 S. WALPOLE *Hist. Eng.* III. xiii. 196 The West Indians were furious with Stanley for doing so much; the 'Saints' were annoyed with him for doing so little.

6. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *saint-author*, *-martyr*, *-protectrice*; *saint-beseeming*, *-eyed*, *-faced*, *-holy*, *-pleasing*, *-seeming* adjs.; *saint-maker*, *-making*, *server*, *-worship*, *worshipper*; **saint's day**, a day set apart by the Church for observing the memory of a saint; **†saint's head stone**, a name for a kind of limestone.

1711 SHAFTESB. *Charac.* (1737) I. 165 A *saint-author of all men least values politeness. 1650 BAXTER *Saints' R.* I. iv. § 5. 29 That *Saint-beseeming work. 1778 *Epit. in Stretton Church Yard* in *Bye-Gones* 18 July (1894) 376 Go *saint-eyed patience from affliction's door. 1829 H. HAWTHORN *Visit Babylon* 61 Some usurious and *saint-faced Quakers. *a* 1617 BAYNE *On Eph.* (1658) 7 Such beleevers ..who will not be accounted *Saint-holy. 1604 HIERON *Answ. to Popish Ryme* B 2, Who made the Pope a *Saint-maker? 1760–72 H. BROOKE *Fool of Qual.* (1809) III. 19 A man who was called the saint-maker..married five shrews in succession, and made Grizels of every one of them. 1802 RANKEN *Hist. France* II. ii. § 2. 186 The church of Rome, desirous of engrossing this power of *saint-making. 1826 W. E. ANDREWS *Exam. Fox's Cal. Prot. Saints* 473 Fox being in want of a *saint-martyr, thought proper to canonize a self-destroyer. 1601 WEEVER *Mirr. Mart.* B 7 b, Thy sweete *saint-pleasing songs forgotten. 1711 SHAFTESB. *Charac.* (1737) I. 273 The ladys..were the *saint-protectrices to whom the champions chiefly paid their vows. *a* 1450 MYRC *Festial* 267 Pogh we halowen but few *sayntes-dayes, 3et we ben full neclygent yn oure seruyce. 1726 AYLIFFE *Parergon* 473, I cannot find..that we can trace what we call the Saints'-Days higher than the eighth or ninth Century. 1847 C. BRONTË *J. Eyre* xxi, Eliza was gone to attend a saint's-day service at the New Church. 1863 HAWTHORNE *Our Old Home* II. 100 On a Sunday or Saint's day. *a* 1641 BP. MOUNTAGU *Acts & Mon.* (1642) 395 Their *saint-seeming sanctity. 1563 MAN *Musculus' Commonpl.* 293 As the *Sainct seruers [L. *cultores diuorum*] doe in our dayes. 1763 *Museum Rust.* I. lxxxv. 379 There is frequently found in the clay very hard lyas, or *saints-head stones. 1601 WEEVER *Mirr. Mart.* E 7, Acton did march in *Saint-triumphing showes. 1677 GALE *Crt. Gentiles* III. 173 The imputation of *Saint-worship. 1775 ADAIR *Amer. Ind.* 207 The popish saint-worship. 1882–3 *Schaff's Encycl. Relig. Knowl.* III. 2098 The abuses of saint-worship. 1615 BYFIELD *Expos. Col.* i. 19 (1628) 127 Sancti-colists, Pharises and *Saint-worshippers. 1648 GAGE *West Ind.* 174 All that were there present, as well Saint-worshippers, as indeed that Idols worshippers.

Saint (sēnt), *v.* Forms: see SAINT *sb.*; also 3 *pa. pple.* **isonted**. [f. SAINT *sb.*]

1. *pass.* To be or become a saint in Heaven. *Obs.* or *arch.*

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 350 Þeo pilegrimes þet goð touward heouene, heo goð forte beon isonted. 1603 SHAKS. *Meas. for M.* I. iv. 34, I hold you as a thiog en-skied, and sainted. 1854 LONGF. *Birds of Passage, Prometheus* iv, Only those are crowned and sainted Who with grief have been acquainted.

2. *trans.* To call (a person) a saint, give the name of 'saint' to; to reckon among the saints; *spec.* to enroll among the number of saints formally recognized by the Church; to canonize.

1375 BARBOUR *Bruce* XVII. 875 This thomas, That on this vis maid martir was, Wes sanctit and myraclis did. 1553 BECON *Reliques of Rome* (1563) 180 He [sc. Pope John XXII] sainted also Thomas of Aquine the blackefrier. 1601 WEEVER *Mirr. Mart.* F 3, He praisd, ndornd, and for a martyr sainted, Whilst I (Rome's scoffe) my rites of buriall wanted. 1622 DRAYTON *Poly-olb.* xxiv. 960 There other holy Kings were likewise, who confess'd, Which those most zealous times have sainted. 1628 EARLE *Microcosm., Shee Hypocrite* (Arb.) 63 Shee doubts of the Virgin Marie's Salnation, and dare not Saint her. 1690 NORRIS *Beatitudes* (1692) 135 The most generous and brave Spirits, those whom Paganism has Deify'd, and Christianity has Sainted. 1705 ADDISON *Italy, Sienna* 391 A Shooe-Maker that has been Beatify'd, tho' never Sainted. 1830 COLERIDGE *Table-t.* 4 June, [Jeremy] Taylor..saints every trumpery monk and friar, down to the very latest canonizations by modern popes. 1842 TENNYSON *St. Simeon Stylites* 152 They shout, 'Behold a saint!' And lower voices saint me from above. 1906 *Westm. Gaz.* 19 June 5/1 The sandy shores of River Nid, where Holy Olaf's bones were laid to rest before he had been sainted.

†b. *fig.* (Also *absol.*) *Obs.*

1597 BP. HALL *Sat.* I. vii, Sure will he saint her in his Calendere. *a* 1625 FLETCHER *Hum. Lieut.* III. iii, If fortune dare play the Slut againe, I'll never more Saint her. 1632 BROME *Novella* IV. i, Lovers shall saint thee; and this day shall be For ever callenderd to Love and thee. 1727–46 THOMSON *Summer* 1481 Alfred..whose hallow'd name the virtues saint. 1728 POPE *Dunc.* II. 357 Prompt or to guard or stab, to saint or damn.

3. To cause to be regarded, or to appear, as a saint; to represent as a saint. *rare.*

1609 DANIEL *Civ. Wars* I. liii, And in the vnconceiuing vulgar sort, Such an impression of his goodnes gaue As Sainted him. 1649 MILTON *Eikon.* Pref. B 3, Though the Picture sett in Front would Martyr him and Saint him to befoole the people. 1701 *Baxter's Paraphr. N. T.* Postscr., However holy Salvian excuse them, and the Life of Bobeline saint them, the generality of Christian Writers disown them. 1853 J. HAMILTON *Lives Bunyan*, etc. 176 He fell upon a time when the Church of England contained many men whose genius and piety would have immortalized and sainted them in an earlier age.

absol. 1887 BROWNING *Parleyings, Bernard de Mandeville* ii, Brave sins which saint when shriven.

†4. To ascribe holy virtues or a sacred character to. *Obs.*

1652 FRENCH *Yorksh. Spa* xvii. 219 Whether this Well was Sainted from its real vertues, or onely supposed vertues. 1655 FULLER *Ch. Hist.* II. iv. § 22 After-Ages..over-acted their part in shrining, sainting and adoring his Relicks. 1657 REEVE *God's Plea* 90 It is an easie matter..to professe the Gospell, to Saint a fancied cause.

†b. To name (something) after a saint. *rare*—1.

1706 BAYNARD *Cold Baths* in Floyer *Hist. Cold Bathing* II. 319 A..Well, Sainted with the Name of Anne.

5. *intr.* To act or live as a saint; to live a saintly life; to play the saint. In later use chiefly with *it*.

c 1460 *Towneley Myst.* xiii. 209 *Mak*...I must haue reuerence; why, who be ich?..Bot, mak, lyst ye saynt? I trow that ye lang. 1530 PALSGR. 697/1, I praye God I saynte than. 1571 *Satir. Poems Reform.* xxviii. 204 Nane I accuse, I come not heir to Sant. *c* 1585 *Faire Em* III. 1280 Let Mistress nice go saint it where she list. 1599 SHAKS., etc. *Pass. Pilgr.* 342 Thinke women still to strine with men, To sinne and neuer for to Saint. 1619 W. SCLATER *Exp.* 1 *Thess.* (1630) 183 What need to Saint it in youth? time enough to repent in age. 1735 POPE *Ep. Lady* 15 Whether the Charmer sinner it, or saint it. 1737 RAMSAY *Prov.* (1750) 76 Neither sae sinfu' as to sink, nor sae haly as to saunt. 1880 A. I. RITCHIE *Ch. Baldred* 26 He sainted it and sinnered it in turns.

Saint, variant of CENT 2, SEYNT.

†Sai·ntage. *Obs. nonce-wd.* [f. SAINT *sb.* after *homage*.] Honour (done) as to a saint.

1657 J. WATTS *Vind. Ch. Eng.* 85 When he is before them they must do their Homage, and their saintage unto him.

Saint-bell: see SANCTUS BELL.

Saintdom (sē·ntdəm). [f. SAINT *sb.* + -DOM.] **a.** The condition or status of a saint. **b.** Saints collectively.

1842 TENNYSON *St. Simeon Stylites* 6, I will not cease to grasp the hope I hold Of Saintdom. 1862 M. NAPIER *Life of Visct. Dundee* II. 82 Nor until that great man, Wodrow, arose, was the Saintdom of Scotland properly recorded. 1887 E. JOHNSON *Antiqua Mater* 202 Patience..is a cardinal virtue of Jewish saintdom.

Sainted (sē·ntĕd), *ppl. a.* Also 6 **sancted**. [f. SAINT *v.* + -ED 1.]

1. Enrolled among the saints; canonized; that is a saint in Heaven.

1631 WEEVER *Anc. Funeral Mon.* 301 These Sainted Archbishops. *a* 1633 AUSTIN *Medit.* (1635) 224 Some others he [sc. the Pope] hath let in for Sainted Martyrs, of whom some..beleeve, that they were rather executed Traitors. 1717 POPE *Eloisa* 312 Love's victim then, tho' now a sainted maid. 1845 LONGF. *Norman Baron* x, The lightning showed the sainted Figures on the casement painted. 1855 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* XX. IV. 397 Lewis [XIV]..instituted ..a new military order of knighthood, and placed it under the protection of his own sainted ancestor [St. Louis].

2. Of sanctified or holy life or character.

1605 SHAKS. *Macb.* IV. iii. 109 Thy Royall Father Was a most Sainted King. 1760–72 H. BROOKE *Fool of Qual.* (1809) III. 15, I..pray for a blissful issue to the union of the sainted pair. 1810 SCOTT *Lady of L.* II. viii, The eve thy sainted mother died. 1826 DISRAELI *Viv. Grey* IV. iv, His virtuous and sainted wife. 1867 FREEMAN *Norm. Conq.* I. v. 302 The former home of sainted princesses.

3. Such as belongs to or befits a saint; sacred, holy.

1598 *Mucedorus* Epil. 21 Case vicious Diuels vnder sancted Rochets. 1601 SHAKS. *All's Well* III. iv. 7 Bare-foot plod I the cold ground vpon With sainted vow my faults to haue amended. 1634 MILTON *Comus* 11 Amongst the enthron'd gods on Sainted seats. 1652 FRENCH *Yorksh. Spa* xvii. 123 Let not any one judge me to be a Catholick by this my approbation of this Sainted Well. 1760 SMOLLETT *Contn. Hist. Eng.* I. 10 Bolingbroke..resided at Battersea, where he was visited like a sainted shrine by all the distinguished votaries of wit. 1817 MOORE *Lalla R., Paradise & Peri* 351 And, like a glory, the broad sun Hangs over sainted Lebanon. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* l, She rocked him in her arms, and wept silently over him in a sainted agony of tears.

Hence **†Sai·ntedly** *adv.*, in a saintly manner.

c 1789 TERRY in T. Campbell *Life of Mrs. Siddons* (1834) II. vi. 149 So saintedly beauteous is the sickness and the grief of Katharine.

Saint-errant. *ironical.* ? *Obs.* [Modelled on KNIGHT-ERRANT.] A saint who travelled in quest of spiritual adventures.

1674 JOSSELYN *Voy. New Eng.* 156 Rhode-Island a Harbour for the Shunamitish Brethren, as the Saints Errant-the Quakers..&c. 1688 H. WHARTON *Enthus. Ch. of Rome* 24 At last he [sc. Ignatius Loyola] resolved to become Saint-Errant. *Ibid.* 33 Don Quixot fancied that all Knight-Errants went to Heaven, or at least to Purgatory; and surely Saint-Errants deserved to be placed in a higher degree. 1839–40 W. IRVING *Wolfert's R.* 316 The fate of these saints-errant had hitherto remained a mystery.

Hence **Saint-errantry**, the character, practice, or spirit of a saint-errant.

1688 H. WHARTON *Enthus. Ch. of Rome* 24 Saint-Errantry was a much easier, and more certain way than Knight-Errantry. 1711 SHAFTESB. *Charac.* I. 20 If something of this militant Religion, something of this Soul-rescuing Spirit, and Saint-Errantry prevails still. 1760 STERNE *Serm.* (1764) I. 30 If we can so order it, as not to be led out of the way, by the variety of prospects, edifices, and ruins which solicit us, it would be a nonsensical piece of saint-errantary to shut our eyes. 1826 SOUTHEY *Vind. Eccl. Angl.* 173 The system of Saint-Errantry..forms as conspicuous a part of history in this age, as Knight-Errantry in the succeeding centuries.

Saintess (sē·ntĕs). [f. SAINT *sb.* + -ESS.] A female saint.

1449 in Nichols *Illustr. Manners Ant. Times* 132, Y beseche al the glorious seyntes and seyntesses in heaven [etc.]. 1509 FISHER *Funeral Serm. C'tess Richm.* Wks. (1876) 306 The moost blessyd company of sayntes and sayntesses. 1625 JACKSON *Creed* V. xxviii. § 2 Saints are not our immediate intercessors, but some Saintesse may make immediate intercession. 1737 *Gentl. Mag.* VII. 287/2 This Maid of Orleans, whom divers French Historians picture out as a Saintess. 1865 FREEMAN in W. R. W. Stephens *Life & Lett.* (1895) I. 334, I made a speech likening her to all the crowned saintesses in ecclesiastical history.

Sainthood (sē·nthud). [f. SAINT *sb.* + -HOOD.] The condition, status, or dignity of a saint; also, saints collectively.

1550 BALE *Eng. Votaries* II. 85 b, Couplynge it with the degre of hys sayntwode. 1753 *World* No. 8. 45 The supreme honour of monkish sainthood. 1818 SCOTT *Hrt. Midl.* viii, He felt no call to any expedition which might endanger the reign of the military sainthood. 1879 FARRAR *St. Paul* II. 554 The glorious prophecy of Christian sainthood.

†Sai·nting, *vbl. sb. Obs.* [-ING 1.] Enrolment among the number of the saints; canonization.

1563–83 FOXE *A. & M.* 225/2 The saincting of Thomas Becket. 1630 W. T. *Justific. Relig. now Prof.* ix. 62 Saints of the Popes Cannonizing and sayning. 1632 WEEVER *Anc. Funeral Mon.* 298 Theodore succeeded Deodat, as in seat, so in Sainting. *a* 1668 DAVENANT *Epit. to Mrs. K. Cross* 22 A Land, where many .. themselves as Saints esteem; Yet Sainting after Death prophaness deem.

attrib. 1604 HIERON *Answ. to Popish Ryme* E 2, Thou ask't so who them canonized..? You say the Pope. I aske againe, Wilt thou that sainting power maintaine?

Saintish (sē·ntiʃ), *a.* [f. SAINT *sb.* + -ISH.] Saint-like. (Chiefly contemptuous.)

1529 MORE *Dyalege* IV. Wks. 284/1 Seme he neuer so saintish with any new construccion of Christes holy gospell. 1576 GASCOIGNE *Steele Gl.* Epil., They be no diuels (I trow) which seme so saintish. 1612 T. TAYLOR *Comm. Titus* iii. 3 (1619) 618 The affectation of a Saintish puritie. 1824 *Sporting Mag.* XLIII. 375 He could not bear people to be so damned saintish. 1840 HOOK in *New Monthly Mag.* LX. 285 Don't think I am getting saintish.

†Sai·ntism. *Obs. rare*—1. [f. SAINT *sb.* + -ISM.] The principles or practice of a Puritan 'Saint' (see SAINT *sb.* 3).

1691 WOOD *Ath. Oxon.* I. 829/1 The pains he took in converting him to Godliness, *t. e.* to canting Puritanism and Saintism.

Saintite, -y, obs. forms of SANCTITY.

Sai·ntless, *a. rare.* [f. SAINT *sb.* + -LESS.]

†1. That is no saint. *Obs.*

a 1603 T. CARTWRIGHT *Confut. Rhem. N. T.* (1618) 544 That Saintlesse Saint and sinfull Souldier of the Pope, Thomas Becket.

2. That has no patron saint.

1892 *Daily News* 1 Jan. 5/5 The saintless parish church.

Sai·ntlike, *a.* [See -LIKE.] Resembling a saint or that of a saint; of saintly life, character, etc.

c 1580 JEFFERIE *Bugbears* IV. v. in *Archiv Stud. neu. Spr.* XCIX. 40 Who so Saintelike as she? 1652 HOWELL *Venice* 70 This Prince, as he was one of the stoutest, so was he the Saint-likest man of all the Dukes. *a* 1721 KEN *Preparatives* Poet. Wks. 1721 IV. 113 That I, May Saint-like live, Saint-like to die! 1809 MISS MITFORD in *L'Estrange Life* (1870) I. 75 The saintlike meekness and resignation of Lady Jane [Grey]. 1830 TENNYSON *Poems* 32 And women smile with saintlike glances Like thine own mother's.

Saintliness (sē·ntlinĕs). [f. SAINTLY + -NESS.] The condition or quality of being saintly.

1837 HOWITT *Rur. Life* VI. ii. (1862) 418 The pageantry of

processions and the merry saintlioess of festivals. 1880 R. W. Dale *Evang. Revival* 268 The inner life of saintliness in all churches has a commoo root.

Saintling (sē̆·ntliŋ). [f. Saint *sb.* + -ling.] A little or petty saint. (Usnally contemptuous.)

1622 Boys *Wks.* (1630) 780 For either they worship his saints as himselfe, or else their owne saintlings and not his saints. 1751 Lavington *Enthus. Meth. & Papists* III. (1754) 180 All the Glory, which Popish and other Saintlings propose by afflicting the Body. 1829 Lanoor *Imag. Conv., Mahomet & Sergius* Wks. 1853 I. 443/2 The blindest and tenderest young saintling that ever was whelped. 1854 Mrs. Oliphant *M. Hepburn* I. 118 In niches and smaller shrines apart, a host of little saintlings keep their place.

Saintly (sē̆·ntli), *a.* [f. Saint *sb.* + -ly 1.] Of, belonging to, or befitting a saint or saints; of great holiness or sanctity; sainted.

1660 R. Coke *Power & Subj.* 43 The Saintly King Edward Confessor. 1665-6 Pepys *Diary* 17 Jan., The same weake silly lady as ever, asking such saintly questions. 1781 Cowper *Truth* 105 Which is the saintlier worthy of the two? 1819 Keats *Eve of St. Agnes* v, Wing'd St. Agnes' saintly care. 1847 De Quincey *Sp. Mil. Nun* Wks. 1854 III. 53 Solitary Arab's tent, rising with saintly signals of peace, in the dreadful desert. 1868 Milman *St. Paul's* xi. 274 There might..be found Farrers and Bernard Gilpins, of most saintly lives.

†Sai·ntly, *adv. Obs.* [-ly 2.] Holily.

1532 More *Confut. Tindale* Wks. 720/2 Babble he neuer so sayntely. 1653 Ld. Vaux tr. *Godeau's St. Paul* 209 Doe not think your selves so saintly disposed, as is requisite.

Sainto·logy. [f. Saint *sb.* + -ology.] Hagiology. So **Sainto·logist,** a hagiologist.

1848 *Blackw. Mag.* LXIII. 184 Do you know that we have historical painters for modern saintology. 1885 Beveridge *Culross & Tulliallan* I. ii. 65 The later saintologists had a rage for burying all their great saints together. 1892 *Public Opinion* (N.Y.) 5 Nov., The angelology and the saintology of orthodoxy.

†Sai·ntrel. *Obs.* [a. OF. *sainterel,* dim. of *saint.* Cf. Santrel.] A saintling.

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 451/2 Seyntrelle, *sanctillus, sanctilla.*

Saints-, saint's bell: see Sanctus bell.

Saintship (sē̆·ntʃip). [f. Saint *sb.* + -ship.]

1. The condition or status of a canonized saint.

1631 Heylin *St. George* 206 From thence to prove St. George's Saintship. 1639 Fuller *Holy War* III. xxii. 150 After his [*sc.* Dominic's] death, Pope Honorius for his good service bestowed a Saintship on him. 1700 Osborn *Let.* in Maundrell *Journ. Jerus.* (1707) T 4 b, His Body being found so entire would have entitled him to Saintship. 1818 Bentham *Ch. Eng.* 35 Saint Dunstan,..whose Saintship consisted in pulling the unclean spirit by the nose. 1866 Rogers *Agric. & Prices* I. vii. 138 The veneration for Becket's memory, acknowledged by his elevation to the honour of saintship.

2. The condition of being a saint or saintly person; saintliness of life or character.

1613 Purchas *Pilgrimage* 328 These must be believed for this Saint-ship, although they lie neuer so shamefully. *a* 1675 Glanvill *Ess. Philos. & Relig.* VII. (1676) 31 Each Sect confin'd the Church, Saintship, and Godliness to it self. 1732 Pope *Ep. Bathurst* 349 The Dev'l was piqu'd such saintship to behold. 1812 Byron *Ch. Har.* I. xi, Whose..eyes..Might shake the saintship of an anchorite. 1859 Geo. Eliot *A. Bede* ii, He had felt sure that her face would be mantled with the smile of conscious saiotship. 1871 Lowell *Pope* Wks. 1890 IV. 11 From the compulsory saintship..of the Puritans men rushed..to the opposite cant of sensuality.

3. With possessive pron. prefixed, used as a kind of title. Often *ironical.*

1606 Warner *Alb. Eng.* XV. xcviii. 389 Their Saintships are as capable thereof as sinfull men. 1668 H. More *Div. Dial.* IV. xxvii. 151 Where he did his Devotions to his Saintship with prayer and fasting in most humble manner. 1717 De Foe *Mem. Ch. Scot.* 15 They pulled St. Giles out of his Throne,..threw his Saintship into the Dirt. 1850 P. Crook *War of Hats* 8 Beside his saintship stands the holy nun, who broke her vows. 1893 A. Walters *Lotos Eater in Capri* vii. 149, I feel bound to throw what light I can upon his saintship's rather obscure personality.

Saint-Simonian (sē̆·nt-, sē̆nt,simō·niăn), *a.* and *sb.* Also **St.-** [f. *Saint-Simon* (see below) + -ian.]

a. *adj.* Belonging to or characteristic of the socialistic system propounded by the Comte de Saint-Simon (1760–1825), who advocated state control of all property and a distribution of the produce according to individual vocation and capacity. **b.** An advocate of this system. Also **Saint-Simonist, -Simonite** (sə̆i·mŏnist, -əit) in the same sense. Hence **Saint-Simo·nianism, -Si·monism,** advocacy of or adherence to this system.

1831 *Monthly Repos.* Mar. 189 The exposition of the Saint Simonian faith or doctrine. *Ibid.* Apr. 279 The St. Simonite faith. *Ibid.* Feb. 82 The French sect of Saint Simonites and the 'New Christianity' of its Founder. 1832 *John Bull* 6 Feb. 46/3 Massacre of old men and women in the Midi—Abbé Chatel—and Saint Simonists. 1841 Mary Hennell in C. Bray *Philos. Necess.* II. 610 St. Simonianism and Fourierism. *Ibid.* 562 The completion of the St. Simonian doctrine is to be found in the future full development of the religious sentiment which it contemplates. *Ibid.* 555 *note,* The St. Simonians complain that Guizot in reviewing the course of history has borrowed the ideas of their master. 1848 Mill *Pol. Econ.* II. i. § 4 (1865) I. 264 The two elaborate forms of non-communistic Socialism known as St. Simonism and Fourierism. 1863 Fawcett *Pol. Econ.* II. i. 122 St. Simonism, even if it alleviated poverty would introduce greater evils.

†Saintuaire. *Obs.* Also 4 sa(y)ntuare, seyntwar(e, *Sc.* sanctwar, 5 sayntware. [a. OF. *saintuaire, santuaire,* semi-pop. ad. late L. *sanctuārium* (see Sanctuary).] Sanctuary.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 688 And ilk waand þat þai þere bare He sperd wit-in þer santuare [*Gött., Trin.* seyntwar(e]. *Ibid.* 8274 þat hali arke þai bare A-bute, wit all þair santuare. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* vii. (*Jacobus Minor*) 65 He of þe apostolis all In-to þe sanctwar can ga. 1390 Gower *Conf.* I. 14 The libraire Which longeth to the Saintuaire. *a* 1400–50 *Alexander* 1567 Of þe saynt-ware many sere thingis.

Saintuary, obs. form of Sanctuary.

†Sainty. *Obs. rare* −1. In 6 seynty. ? A mock-affectionate formation on Saint *sb.*

a 1529 Skelton *E. Rummyng* 583 There was a pryckemedenty, Sat lyke a seynty, And began to paynty, As thoughe she would faynty.

Saip, Sc. var. Soap. **Saipheron,** obs. f. Saffron.

Sair, Sc. var. Savour, Serve *v.,* Sore.

Saircenett, obs. form of Sarsenet.

Sais: see Say and See *v.*; var. Syce.

Saise, Saisen, etc., obs. ff. Seize *v.,* Seisin.

Saisin, variant of Sasin, Indian antelope.

†Saisne. *Obs. rare.* Also sasne. [a. OF. *Saisne* :−L. *Saxonem* Saxon.] = Saxon.

c 1450 *Merlin* xii. 176 Thei were in grete affray, and without counscile of the saisnes, that all day rode thourgh the londe. *Ibid.* 172 We haue herde the trouthe that the sasnes of the kyn of Aungier, of Saxoyne, be entred in-to oure londes and in-to oure heritages.

Sait, obs. Sc. f. Seat *sb.,* Set *ppl. a.*; obs. pa. t. of Sit *v.*

Saite (sē̆·ɪ̯əit), *sb.* and *a.* [ad. L. *Saītē-s* sb. and adj., a. Gr. Σαΐτης, f. Σάϊς, Sais: see -ite.]

a. *sb.* An inhabitant of Sais. **b.** *adj.* = Saitic *a.*

1678 Cudworth *Intell. Syst.* 342 *marg.,* Theopompus affirmeth the Athenians to have been a Colony of the Saites. *Ibid.* 479. 1866 *Chamb. Encycl.* VIII. 432/1 Many fine statues of basalt of the 26th or Saite dynasty.

Saithe (sē̆ɪ̯þ). *Sc.* Forms: 7 sheath, 7–9 seath, 8 seeth, 8–9 saith, seth, 9 se(e)the, seythe, 9– saithe. [a. ON. *seið-r* (Edda Gl.), mod. Norw. *seid, sei,* Icel. *seið,* *seiði* fry of codfish. Cf. Gael. *saigh, saighean* (*saoidhean, saoithean*), the coal-fish; Irish *saoidhean* (Dinneen) the young of any fish, esp. of the codfish or coal-fish.] The mature coal-fish. Also *attrib.*

1632 Lithgow *Trav.* x. 500 Ling, Turbet and Seaths. *c* 1680 in *Macfarlane's Geogr. Collect.* (S. H.S.) III. 248 It is called Shetland, because in old time, there were many Sheath-fish caught about its Coast. 1710 Sibbald *Hist. Fife & Kinross* 52 *Asellus Niger,* the Cole-fish of the North of England; our Fishers call it a Colman's-Seeth. 1792 *Statist. Acc. Scotl.* IV. 79 The fish commonly taken on this coast, are cod,..whitings, saiths or cuddies. 1793 *Ibid.* VII. 397 The tenants have from their landlords..a halfpenny for a seth (colefish). 1836 Yarrell *Brit. Fishes* (1841) II. 251 Among the Scotch islands the Coalfish is called Sillock,..Sethe, Sey, and Grey Lord. 1863 Johns *Home Walks* 114 Shoals of small fish, principally Sethe and Lythe. 1873 Black *Pr. Thule* xxvii, He proposed he should go ashore and buy a few lines with which they might fish for young saithe or lythe over the side of the yacht. 1892 *Gentlew. Bk. Sport* I. 67 The process of making a saithe-fly is very simple. 1895 *Athenæum* 14 Sept. 349/2 The angler may easily make a large catch either of mackerel or of pollack, seythe or herrings.

Saitic (sē̆ɪ̯i·tik), *a.* [ad. L. *Saītic-us,* a. Gr. Σαϊτικός, f. Σαΐτης: see Saite and -ic.] Of or pertaining to Sais, the ancient capital of Lower Egypt. *Saitic dynasties:* the 26th and four following dynasties of the kings of Egypt. Hence *Saitic period, art,* etc.

1678 Cudworth *Intell. Syst.* 506 That excellent Monument of Egyptian Antiquity, the Saitick Inscription often mentioned, I am all that Was, Is, and Shall be. 1826–7 G. C. Renouard in *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) XVIII. 411/2 The third [mouth of the Nile], called the Saïtic. 1836 G. Higgins (*title*) Anacalypsis, an attempt to draw aside the veil of the Saitic Isis; or, an inquiry into the origin of languages, nations, and religions. 1884 Amelia B. Edwards in *Encycl. Brit.* XVII. 21/2 The Saitic period (Dynasties xxvi. to xxx.) is distinguished by the minute finish and artistic beauty of its sculptured sarcophagi.

Saitt, obs. Sc. f. Seat *sb.*; obs. pa. t. of Sit *v.*

Saiv, obs. Sc. form of Safe.

Saixe, variant of Sax (a slater's tool).

Sajene, variant of Sagene.

‖ **Sajou** (saʒū·). [Fr., shortened from *sajouassu* (Buffon), a. Tupi *saiuassu,* f. *sai* (*sahy, çahy*) monkey (see Saï) + *-uassu* augmentative suffix.] One of various small South American monkeys, varieties of Sapajous, and Capuchin monkeys.

1774 Goldsm. *Nat. Hist.* III. 236 The third [of the sapajous] is the Sajou; distinguished from the rest of the sapajous by its yellowish, flesh-coloured face. 1855 W. S. Dallas in *Orr's Circ. Sci., Zool.* II. 503 The White-throated Sajou (*Cebus hypoleucos*).

Sak, obs. form of Sac 1, Sack *sb.*1, *sb.*2

Sakawinki (sækăwi·ŋki). Also 8–9 saccawinkee, 9 sakka winkee. [Corruptly a. Du. *sagwijntje,* dim. of *sagwijn*: see Sagoin.] A South American monkey, the White-headed Saki, *Pithecia pithecia* or *capillamentosa.*

1769 E. Bancroft *Guiana* 135 The Saccawinkee is the smallest of the Ape tribe in Guiana. 1796 Stedman *Surinam* II. xvi. 13 So very delicate is the saccawinkee, and so sensible of the cold, that scarcely one of them is brought to Europe alive...The Dutch call them the *shagarintee,* from their being chagrined at the smallest trifle. 1845 *Encycl. Metrop.* XXIII. 396/1 *Pithecia Capillamentosus,* Spix;..Native of French Guiana, where it is called the Sakka Winkee, and also of Brazil. 1903 Des Voeux *Colonial Service* I. 90 One or two sakawinki or marmoset monkeys.

Sake (sē̆k), *sb.* Forms: 1 sacu, 2– sake; also 4–5 sak(k, (4 saac, sack, 5 saacke, 6 sacke), 4–6 *Sc.* saik, sayk, (5 saike, salk, 6 saek, sayck). [OE. *sacu* str. fem. = OFris. *sake, seke* affair, thing, sake, OS. *saka* lawsuit, enmity, guilt, thing (MLG., MDu. *sake* lawsuit, affair, cause, reason, guilt, Du. *zaak* lawsuit, cause, sake, thing), OHG. *sahha* cause, sake, thing (MHG. *sach(e,* mod.G. *sache* thing, affair), ON. *spk* crime, accusation, action at law, cause, sake (Sw. *sak,* Da. *sag* in the same senses; also, influenced by Ger., thing) :−OTeut. **sakā,* related to the str. vb. **sak-,* represented by OE. *sacan* to quarrel, fight, claim at law, accuse, OS. *sakan* to accuse, OHG. *sahhan* to strive, quarrel, rebuke. From the same root are OE. *sæc(e* (:−**sakjā*), Goth. *sakjô* (:−**sakjōn*), strife. An ablaut-variant of OTeut. **sak-* is probably the **sōk-* represented by Seek *v.,* q.v. for the cognates outside Teutonic.

The only use surviving in mod.Eng. ('for the sake of') has not been found in OE., and was prob. adopted from ON. It existed, however, in OHG. and OFris., and there is a possibility that it may have been in OE., though not evidenced in the literature. It seems to have arisen from the use of the sb. to denote a litigant's cause or case (see 1 b). Cf. L. *causā.*]

†I. As an independent substantive. *Obs.*

1. Contention, strife, dispute; in OE. also, a contention at law; a suit, cause, action.

Beowulf 154 Grendel wan hwile wið Hroðgar, heteniðas wæg..singale sæce. *a* 1000 *Laws of Hlothhære & Eadric* 8 Ǯif man oþerne sace tihte. *c* 1000 Ælfric *Gen.* xiii. 7 Wearð.. sacu betwux Abrames hyrdemannum and Lothes. *c* 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 95 He ne remde ne of hitere speche nes, ne he sake ne asterde. *c* 1205 Lay. 26290 And æðmodliche hine beden þat he wið Romleode summe sake arerde. *a* 1250 *Owl & Night.* 1160 Oþer þu bodest cheste an sake. *c* 1320 *Sir Beues* (A.) 3510 So þai atonede wiþ oute sake.

2. A charge or accusation (of guilt); a ground of accusation. *Without sake,* without good reason (= L. *sine causa*).

c 1200 Ormin 10211 Her he forrbæd te cnihhtess ec.. To sekenn sakess o þe follc, To rippenn hemm & ræfenn. *a* 1300 *E. E. Psalter* iii. 7 Alle to me witherwendand With-outen sake or any skil [Vulg. *omnes adversantes mihi sine causa*]. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 27483 If þou man gas þin offrand to mak, And þi broþer haf gain þi sak. *c* 1300 *Harrow. Hell* 37 (Digby MS.) Hi nomen me wiþouten sake, Bounden min honden to mi bake. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* ii. (*Paulus*) 167 Nero, mesure þi gret foly, and sla na man fore-owt sake. *a* 1400 *Pistill of Susan* 204 We schul presenten þis pleint,..And sei sadliche þe soþ, rigt as we haue sene, O Sake.

3. Guilt, sin; a fault, offence, crime. Often coupled with *sin.*

Beowulf 2472 Ða wæs synn and sacu Sweona and Ǯeata, ..wroht ǯemæne. *a* 1000 *Phœnix* 54 (Gr.) Nis ðær on ðam londe..synn ne sacu. *c* 1200 Ormin 1127 Þa lakess mihhtenn clennsenn hemm Off sakess & off sinness. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 11553 For he moght find nan wit sak, On þe sakles he suld ta wrake. *Ibid.* 29022 Fasting flemes flexsli sakes. 13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* A. 800 þat gloryous gyltlez þat mon con quelle, With-outen any sake of felonye. *c* 1400 A. Davy *Dreams* 90 And so shilde fro synne & sake! *a* 1400–50 *Alexander* 3213 þat slo3e so þaire souerayne þat neuire sake hadd.

b. *Without sake,* without guilt, fault, or blame (both as adj. and as adv. phrase). Hence *transf.* = without physical blemish.

a 1250 *Owl & Night.* 1430 Heo mai hire guld at-wende arihte weie þurh chirche-bende, an mai efte habbe to make hire leof-mon wiþ-ute sake. *a* 1272 *Luve Ron* 62 in *O. E. Misc.* 95 Him waxeþ þouhtes monye and fele hw he hit may witen wiþ-vten sake. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 4043 He [Joseph] was fair, wit-outen sake. *Ibid.* 6067 And siþen sal ilk hus in-take A clene he lambe, wit-vten sake. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xxiv. (*Alexis*) 33 þat noble wyf anna,..treuly to god seruit ay in þe tempil, nycht & day, foure schore of 3ere, forout sak.

4. *nonce-use.* Regard or consideration for some one. [After *for the sake of* in sense 5.]

1590 Spenser *F. Q.* I. v. 12 Tho mov'd with wrath, and shame, and Ladies sake.

II. Phr. *For the sake of* (also †*for sake of*); *for* (one's, a thing's) *sake.*

In the latter of these forms, the word which precedes *sake* is a possessive (noun or pronoun); but down to the middle of the 19th c. the *'s* of the possessive of common or abstract nouns was very commonly omitted (doubtless owing to the difficulty of pronouncing the two sibilants in succession), and from the 17th to the early 19th c. the two sbs. were often connected by a hyphen, as if forming an attributive compound. The omission of the *'s* is now obsolete, but it is still not uncommon to write *for conscience sake, for goodness sake, for righteousness sake,* etc., without the apostrophe which is ordinarily used to mark the possessive of words ending in a sibilant.

The paragraphs marked β contain illustrations of the omission of the *'s*; some of the early examples there placed must be explained by the fact that the sbs. occurring in them (e.g. *soul*) had originally no *s* in the genitive.

5. Out of consideration for; on account of one's interest in, or regard for (a person); on (a person's) account.

a 1225 *Leg. Kath.* 98 For hare sake ane dale ha etheold of hire ealdrene god. *a* 1250 *Owl & Night.* 1589 þat gode

wif..al for hire louerdes sake haueþ daies kare & niȝtes wake. *a* 1300 *K. Horn* 1454 Þis tur he let make Al for þine sake. 1375 BARBOUR *Bruce* VII. 244 Scho said, 'all that traualand ere, For saik of ane, ar velcom here'. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* ii. (*Paulus*) 596 Fore I hafe schawit hym quhat he mone thole for þe sayk of me. 1530 TINDALE *Gen.* xviii. 31, I will not distroy them for twenties sake. *Ibid.* 32, I will not destroy them for .x. sake. 1590 SHAKS. *Mids. N.* II. ii. 103 And run through fire I will for thy sweet sake. 1595 J. KING *Queens Day Serm.* in *On Jonas* (1618) 703 Hee spareth our countrie for his anointeds sake. 1784 COWPER *Task* VI. 637 Content to hear..Messiah's eulogy for Handel's sake! 1875 JOWETT *Plato* (ed. 2) I. 277 For my own sake as well as for yours, I will do my very best. 1884 J. PAYN *Some Lit. Recoll.* 6 When it became necessary for him to exert himself for the sake of his family.

β. 1338 R. BRUNNE *Chron.* (1810) 135, & þus quathe he his þing, for his soule sake. *Ibid.* 292 For þe comon sake. 1390 GOWER *Conf.* II. 229 For Thetis his moder sake. *a* 1400–50 *Alexander* 1813 And for þaire souerayne sake þam send to þe galawis. *c* 1420 *Avow. Arth.* xvii, This socur thou hase send me, For thi Sune sake! *c* 1450 *Mirour Saluacioun* 4087 Crist descendid to helle fro the heven for mankynde sake.

† **b.** Occas. with unfavourable notion: On account of enmity to; because of the guilt of. *Obs.*

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 162 Herode kyng wit wogh For crist sak þe childer slogh. *c* 1375 *St. Andreas* 96 in Horstm. *Altengl. Leg.* (1881) 5/1 Or els I sall for þi god sake Ger hang þe right oo swilk a tre Als þou sais suld so honorde be. 1530 TINDALE *Gen.* iii. 17 Cursed be the erth for thy sake.

c. When the preceding genitive is pl., the pl. *sakes* is often used.

1530 TINDALE *Gen.* xviii. 26, I will spare all the place for their sakes. 1567 *Gude & Godlie Ball.* (S. T. S.) 181 All the exempillis of the Law Ar writtin..For our saikis. 1588 SHAKS. *L. L. L.* v. ii. 765 For your faire sakes haue we neglected time. 1596 — *Tam. Skrew* v. ii. 15 For both our sakes I would that word were true. 1716 ADDISON *Freeholder* No. 9 P 14 We desire you will put yourself to no farther Trouble for our sakes. 1864 TENNYSON *En. Ard.* 505 'Then for God's sake', he answer'd, 'both our sakes, So you will wed me, let it be at once'.

6. Out of regard or consideration for (a thing); on account of, because of (something regarded in the light of an end, aim, purpose, etc.); often = out of desire for, in order to attain, etc.

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 4 Ve schullen..wel witen þe inre [riwle] & þe uttre vor hire sake. 1390 GOWER *Conf.* II. 217 For lucre and nought for loves sake. 1393 LANGL. *P. Pl.* C. v. 99 For consciences sake. 1593 Q. ELIZ. *Boeth.* v. pr. iv. 110 For argumentes sake, mark what wold follow. 1643 BURROUGHES *Exp. Hosea* vii. (1652) 281 Men in their prosperity are not regarded for any thing in themselves, but for their prosperities sake, for their moneys sake, for their cloaths sake. 1691 WOOD *Ath. Oxon.* II. 689 This year.. one Fabian Philipps..was a Student and Sojournour in the University for the sake of the Bodleian Library. 1693 *Humours Town* 56 One that drinks for drink's sake. 1711 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 35 P 10 He pursues no Point either of Morality or Instruction, but is Ludicrous only for the sake of being so. *a* 1770 JORTIN *Serm.* (1771) I. i. 10 It is doing mischief for mischief's sake. 1790 PALEY *Horæ Paul.* Wks. 1825 II. 132 The business for the sake of which the journey was undertaken. 1816 KIRBY & SP. *Entomol.* (1818) I. ix. 289 The icteric oriole is kept by the Americans in their houses for the sake of clearing them of insects. 1875 JOWETT *Plato* (ed. 2) III. 63 Flattering of rich men for the sake of a dinner. 1875 T. W. HIGGINSON *Hist. U. S.* ix. 66 There was no persecution for opinion's sake.

β. ?*a* 1500 *Chester Pl.* ii. 274 Adam, husband, I red we take thes figg-leaves for shame sake. 1535 COVERDALE *Matt.* xiv. 9 Neuertheles for y^e ooth sake [*Mark* vi. 26 for the oothes sake]. 1571 DIGGES *Pantom.* III. xi. R iv, I shall for breuitie sake set foorth one onely rule generall. 1594 HOOKER *Eccl. Pol.* Pref. i. § 1 To suffer all things, for that worke sake which we couet to performe. 1605 BACON *Adv. Learn.* I. vii. § 16 It was mooued by some after supper, for entertainement sake. 1621 BP. MOUNTAGU *Diatribæ* 404 We are pitied, for fashion-sake of many, relieved of none. 1731 in *Swift's Lett.* (1766) II. 127 To flatter a man, from whom you can get nothing,.. is doing mischief for mischief-sake. 1754 RICHARDSON *Grandison* (1810) IV. xiv. 111 For sex-sake, for example-sake, Lucy, let it not be known. 1784 COWPER *Let. to Unwin* Wks. 1836 V. 57, I am writing in the greenhouse for retirement sake. 1815 *Edin. Rev.* XXV. 398 Imagery or mere declamation, that is, speaking for speaking-sake. 1833 *Tracts for Times* No. 10. 3 It is our duty to reverence them for their office-sake. 1853 J. H. NEWMAN *Lect. Turks* I. (1854) 13, I shall call..the populations..Tartars, for convenience-sake. 1865 SWINBURNE *Chastelard* IV. i, For sweet marriage-sake.

† **b.** Because of, by reason of, through; in return or requital for. *Obs. rare.*

1340–70 *Alex. & Dind.* 283 But say þou nouht, sire king, for sake of enuie þat me were loþ of our lif ludus to teche. *a* 1400–50 *Alexander* 2022 And for þe sake of þi sede þou sent w^t þi lettre, Loo, here a purse full of pepire my powere to ken. *c* 1400 *Laud Troy Bk.* 8902 Some of hem her deth schal take, Er it be nyȝt, for that wounde sake. 1622 MABBE tr. *Aleman's Guzman d'Alf.* I. 158 Fearing lest for my sinnes-sake..I might be taken in some trap.

c. *For one's name('s) sake*, out of regard for one's name; also *for name sake.*

This has been suggested as the origin of NAMESAKE, q.v.

1526 TINDALE *Acts* ix. 16, I wyll shewe hym howe grett thynges he must suffer for my names sake. 1599 *Warn. Faire Wom.* II. 915, I love you for your name-sake. 1638 BRATHWAIT *Barnabees Jrnl.* III. (1818) 97 Thence to Harrington, be it spoken! For name-sake I gave a token To a beggar. 1685 BAXTER *Paraphr. N. T.* Matt. xix. 29 All.. that lose and forsake any thing here, for my Name-sake.

7. In exclamatory phrases of adjuration, as *for God's sake, for goodness' sake.*

For further illustration see GOODNESS 5, GOD *sb.* 11, MERCY *sb.* 4, PITY *sb.* 2 c.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 4800 And i yow pray, for drightin sak [*Gött.* for goddes sake]. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Sompn. T.* 24 Now spede yow hastily for cristes sake. *a* 1533 LD. BERNERS *Huon* lxxxviii. 279 For goddes sake aduyse you well that ye come not there. 1535 COVERDALE *Ps.* vi. 4 Oh saue me, for thy mercies sake. 1879 HOWELLS *L. Aroostook* xvi, Hold on, for Heaven's sake! 1885 'F. ANSTEY' *Tinted Venus* 32 'For goodness' sake, say something', he cried wildly.

† **8.** With a pronominal adj. in place of the possessive. *For that sake*, for the sake of that, on that account, for that reason. *For any sake*, in any case, at all events. *For many sakes*, out of consideration for many things. *Obs.*

Quot. 1879 appears to be an unauthorized extension of this use.

13.. *S. Eng. Leg.* (MS. Bodl. 779) in *Archiv Stud. neu. Spr.* LXXXII. 321/512 A frere hadde I-trespased & for þat ilke sake a disciplyne he cholde habbe. *c* 1350 *Will. Palerne* 2019 Per-fore for soþe gret sorwe sche made, & swor for þat sake to suffur alle peynes. *a* 1425 *Cursor M.* 3771 (Trin.) She sent him soone into aram To hir broþer þat het laban þere to soiourne for þat sake Til his broþer wraþþe wolde slake. 1597 SHAKS. *Lover's Compl.* 322 Aye me I fell, and yet do question make, What I should doe againe for such a sake. 1754 RICHARDSON *Grandison* (1810) IV. xlii. 317 He shall, for many sakes, find it very difficult to provoke me. 1824 MISS FERRIER *Inher.* xv, For any sake let us have one night of peace and rest. 1879 L. S. BEVINGTON *Key-notes* 133 Men are aglow to live for some great sake, Or die, if need be.

9. Phr. † *For sake('s) sake*: (*a*) euphemistically = 'for God's sake', in adjurations; (*b*) for the sake of some person understood; (*c*) for its own sake. *Obs.* Also, *For old sake's sake*: for the sake of old friendship.

1665 R. HOWARD *Four Plays, Committee* III. 101 Run after him, and save the poor Fellow for Sakes sake. 1690 DRYDEN *Amphitryon* II. i, Meaning some Body, that for sake-sake shall be nameless. 1728–9 MRS. DELANY *Life & Corr.* (1861) I. 191 Cupid knows he is only civil to me for sake's sake. 1742 RICHARDSON *Pamela* III. 86 But alas, Madam, he was not so well pleased with my Virtue, for Sake's sake, as Lady Betty thinks he was. 1857 HUGHES *Tom Brown* I. iii, I've a been long minded to do't for old sake's sake. 1863 KINGSLEY *Water-Bab.* v. 216 Yet for old sake's sake she is still, dears, The prettiest doll in the world. 1886 STEVENSON *Dr. Jekyll* 17, I continue to take an interest in him for old sake's sake as they say.

10. *Sakes alive!* and simply *Sakes!*: a vulgar exclamation expressing surprise. *dial.* and *U.S.*

1846 MRS. KIRKLAND *West. Clearings* 78 'Law sakes alive!' was the reply, 'I ain't no how'. 1860 BARTLETT *Dict. Amer.* (ed. 3) s.v., 'La sakes!' 'massy sakes!' 'sakes alive!' are very common exclamations among the venerable matrons of the interior parts of the country. The first two expressions are evidently corruptions of 'for the Lord's sake!' 'for mercy's sake!' 1883 *Harper's Mag.* Dec. 91/2 Good sakes alive!—what harm? 1896 J. DE BOYS in *Pall Mall Mag.* Apr. 548 Clever! Sakes! You call *him* clever!

Sake, *v.* Aphetic form of FORSAKE.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 17183 And sua ur sinnes for to sake [*Gött.* to forsake]. *c* 1400 *Rule St. Benet* (Verse) 592 Trew charite so for to sake. *c* 1420 *Metr. St. Kath.* (Halliw.) 11 For sche sakyth owre lay!

Sake, obs. form of SAC[1], SACK *sb.*[1], SHAKE.

‖ **Saké** (sæ·kĕ). Forms: 7 **saque**, 8 **sakki**, 9 **saki, sake, saké.** [Japanese *sake.*] A Japanese fermented liquor made from rice. (Hence used by the Japanese as a name for alcoholic liquors generally.)

1687 A. LOVELL tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* III. 112 Their ordinary drink is a kind of Beer (which they call Saque) made of Rice. 1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) IX. 71/1 Sakki, or rice-beer, is clear as wine, and of an agreeable taste: taken in quantity, it intoxicates for a few moments, and causes head-ach. 1878 MISS J. J. YOUNG *Ceramic Art* 170 Saki, or Sake, is the chief alcoholic drink of Japan, and is made from rice. 1901 HOLLAND *Mousmé* 315 Oblige me with a glass of whisky sake.

attrib. 1884 GORDON in *Mission. Herald* (Boston) 310/2 (Stanf.) A little beyond lives a young saké brewer. 1885 E. GEEY *Bakin's Captive Love* I. (1904) 12 Raising the saké-bottle from the hot-water vessel. *Ibid.* III. 26 Acquaintances recently made in the saké-shops.

† **Saked**, *a. Obs.* [f. SAKE *sb.* + -ED[2].] Guilty.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 1223 Vnseli caym þat ai was saked [*Gött.* þat was forsakid]. *Ibid.* 27471 And if he wat and warnis noght O ded es he saked if it be wroght.

Sakeen, variant of SKEEN (Himalayan Ibex).

Sakelease, -les(s: see SACKLESS.

Saker[1] (sē·kəɹ). Forms: 5 **sagre**, 6 **sagar**, 5–9 **sacre**, 6– **saker.** [a. F. *sacre*, ad. Sp., Pg. *sacro*, It. *sagro*, prob. a. Arab. صقر *ṣaqr.*

In form the Sp., Pg. and It. word coincides with the adj. repr. L. *sacer* SACRED; it has in consequence been supposed to mean 'sacred falcon' (cf. mod. scientific Latin *Falco sacer*), and Diez ingeniously conjectured that the designation was suggested by a confusion between Gr. ἱέραξ falcon and ἱερός sacred.]

A large lanner falcon (*Falco sacer*) used in falconry, esp. the female, which is larger than the male, the latter being distinguished as *sakeret.*

'A related falcon of western North America, *Falco polyagrus* or *F. mexicanus*, is known as the *American saker*' (Cent. Dict. 1891).

c 1400 MAUNDEV. (Roxb.) xxv. 117 Laneres, sagres [(1839) xxii. 338 *reads* Sacres], sperhawkes. 1486 *Bk. St. Albans* d iv, There is a Sacre and a Sacret. And theis be for a knyght. *c* 1530 LD. BERNERS *Arth. Lyt. Bryt.* (1814) 327 Some behelde the tournes and tournynges of the sakers and gerfawcons. 1580 HOLLYBAND *Treas. Fr. Tong, Vn Sacret*, the tiercelet of a Saker. 1606 BRETON *Sidney's Ourania* H 1 b, The princely Sagar and the Sagaret. 1623 MIDDLETON & ROWLEY *Span. Gipsy* II. i. 102 Let these proud sakers and gerfalcons fly. 1668 CHARLETON *Onomast.* 65 *Falco Sacer*..the Saker, or British Falcon. 1755 SMOLLETT *Quix.* (1803) IV. 87 As a saker or jerfaulcon darts down upon a heron. 1873 TRISTRAM *Moab* xii. 226 The Saker (*Falco sacer*) is much prized here, and is well known as distinct from the peregrine and the lanner. 1888 *Daily News* 25 Aug. 3/4 A fine Asiatic hawk (a Saker).

Saker[2] (sē·kəɹ). Now *Hist.* or *arch.* Also (6 **sakir**, *Sc.* **saikyr**), 6–7 **sacre**, (**sakar**, 7 **sacar**, 9 erron. **sacker**). [a. F. *sacre* (= It. *sagro*), a transferred use of *sacre* SAKER[1]. (Cf. *falconet, musket.*)] An old form of cannon smaller than a demi-culverin, formerly much employed in sieges and on ships.

1521 LD. DACRES in *Archæologia* XVII. 205 First of grete peces, a Saker, Two Faucons, viij small Serpentyns. 1546 *St. Papers Hen. VIII*, XI. 145 M^r. Seymour,..beyng chased furst by that knave coward Burley, and put in gret dawnger with the shot of a sacre. 1549 *Compl. Scot.* vi. 41 Mak reddy 3our cannons,..saikyrs, half saikyrs, and half falcons. 1556 J. HEYWOOD *Spider & F.* liii. 23 Potgoons, sakirs, cannons, double and demie. 1624 CAPT. SMITH *Virginia* v. 197 He found small hope to recouer any thing, saue a Cable and an Anchor, and 100 good Sacars. 1652–62 HEYLIN *Cosmogr.* III. (1682) 226 Culverin, Sakar, Minion, and other the like Ordnance of Brass. 1713 DERHAM *Phys. Theol.* I. iv. 28 According to my own Observations made with one of Her Majesties [Qu. Anne] Sakers,..a Bullet..flies [etc.]. 1881 PALGRAVE *Visions of Eng.* 135 Shooting from musket and saker a scornful death-tongue of flame. 1881 GREENER *Gun* 21 Four sizes of cannon..called respectively, cannons, culverins, sackers and falconets.

b. *attrib.* as *saker shot*, etc.

1547 *Acts Privy Council* (1890) II. 133 Sacre-wheles shod and unshod, three payr. *c* 1556 TOWRSON in *Hakluyt's Voy.* (1599) II. II. 38 The 14 day we came within Saker-shot of the castle. *c* 1595 CAPT. WYATT *R. Dudley's Voy. W. Ind.* (Hakl. Soc.) 60 With a fayre saker shott they strake the verie blade of his leadinge staff into manie peeces. 1666 in *10th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. v. 8 Captain John Bartlett..returneing into his Majestie's store 40 saker shott, being six poundes weight. 1669 STURMY *Mariner's Mag.* v. xii. 65 A Saker-bore Piece of Iron. *a* 1690 RUSHW. *Hist. Coll.* III. II. 281 [1643] A Demi-Culverin, Four small Drakes in one Carriage, a Sacre-Cut [see CUT *sb.*[3] 30 a].

† **Saker**[3]. *Obs. rare*—[1]. [App. of Fr. origin: cf. '*sacquerelle*, a dock for a horses tayle' (Cotgr.); also *saquarelle* 1553 in Godefr.] = DOCK *sb.*[2] 2 a.

1607 MARKHAM *Caval.* v. (1617) 31 This done you shall buckle on his breast plate, and his crooper,..then you shall lace on his saker or docke.

Sakeret (sē·kərĕt). *Obs.* or *arch.* Forms: 5 **sacrette**, 5–7 **sacret**, 6 **sagaret**, 7 **sakret, sacaret, sakaret**, 8– **sakeret.** [a. F. *sacret*, dim. of *sacre* SAKER[1].] The male of the 'saker'.

c 1400 MAUNDEV. (1839) xxii. 238 Faukons gentyls, Lanyeres, Sacres, Sacrettes. 1486 Sacret, 1606 sagaret [see SAKER[1]]. 1610 W. FOLKINGNAM *Art of Survey* iv. iii. 83 Hawlkes: as the Falcon,..Saker, Sakret, Marline. 1655 WALTON *Angler* i. (1661) 13 Of the first kind [*sc.* long-winged hawks], there be chiefly in use amongst us..the Saker and Sacaret. 1688 R. HOLME *Armoury* II. 236/1 A Sacret or Sakaret is the male of a Saker or Sacre. 1721 BAILEY *Sakeret*, the Male of a Saker Hawk. And in later Dicts.

Sakeret, obs. var. pa. t. and pa. pple. of SACRE *v.*

Sakerfyse, obs. form of SACRIFICE.

Sakering(e, -yng(e, obs. forms of SACRING.

Sakett, obs. form of SACKET.

† **Sa·kful**, *a. Obs.* [OE. *sacfull*, f. *sacu* SAKE + *full* -FUL.] **a.** Contentious, quarrelsome. **b.** Guilty, criminal.

c 1000 ÆLFRIC *De octo vitiis* in *Lamb. Hom.* 301 Se seofoþa unþeaw is þæt se cristena mann beo sacfull [*c* 1175 *Ibid.* 113 sacfull]. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 26678 Bot þai na be samen partenar Sekand til an sakful dede.

Saki (sā·ki). [a. F. *saki* (Buffon), app. incorrectly a. Tupi *çahy*: see SAI.] A South American monkey of the family *Cebidæ*, of either of the two genera *Pithecia* or *Brachyurus*; also with various defining names.

1774 GOLDSM. *Nat. Hist.* (1776) IV. 236 Of the sagoins with feeble tails, there are six kinds. The first and the largest, is the Saki. 1780 SMELLIE *Buffon's Nat. Hist.* (1791) VIII. 201 The saki, which is commonly called the fox-tailed monkey,..is the largest of the sagoins. 1896 H. O. FORBES *Hand-bk. Primates* I. 183 The hairy Saki. *Pithecia monachus. Ibid.* 185 The white-headed saki. *Pithecia pithecia.* 1898 *Daily News* 22 Aug. 5/1 An interesting South American Saki monkey known as *Pithecia chiropotes.*

Saki, variant of SAKÉ.

‖ **Sakia** (sā·kiă). Forms: 7 **saki**, 8 **sakiah**, 9 **sakie, sackiyeh, sageer, sakhyia, sak(i)yeh, sakieh, sakia.** [Arab. ساقية *sāqiyah*, fem. pr. pple. of *saqā* to irrigate. In North Africa the *q* is pronounced (g), whence the form *sageer.*] A machine for drawing water for irrigation, consisting of a large vertical wheel to which a number of earthen pots are attached, and to which motion is imparted by a horizontal wheel turned by oxen or asses.

1687 A. LOVELL tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* I. 139 Eight Sakis turned all by Oxen, that discharge Water into a great Bason. 1796 MORSE *Amer. Geog.* II. 603 (Stanf.) One of the ways in which the water is generally raised is by the Sakiah, or Persian wheel. 1832 *Veg. Subst. Food* 21 The Nubian cultivators..employ sakies, or water-wheels, for the purpose of irrigating the fields during the summer. 1836

Lane *Mod. Egypt.* (1848) II. 163 Another machine..almost the only one used for the irrigation of gardens in Egypt, is the 'sâkiyeh'. 1844 Kitto *Phys. Hist. Palestine* vii. 295 The *Sackiyeh*,..which is usually in all places called 'the Persian Wheel'. 1866 Baker *Albert N'Yanza* II. 37 Saat ..works away with his spoon like a Sageer (water wheel),.. the soup disappearing like water in the desert. 1873 Leland *Egypt. Sketch-Bk.* 50 A *sakhyia* or water-wheel, turned by oxen or donkeys. 1885 C. G. W. Lock *Workshop Receipts* Ser. IV. 93/1 In Egypt, under the name of *sakia*, this machine is in common use.

attrib. 1873 W. Corv *Lett. & Jrnls.* (1897) 324 The two characteristic sounds are the sakyeh creak, and the chattering of villagers at sunset.

Sakin, variant of Skeen (Himalayan Ibex).

Sakir, obs. form of Saker [2] and Sacre *v.*

Sakke, obs. form of Sack *sb.*[1], *sb.*[3]

Sakket, Sakki, obs. ff. Sacket, Saké.

Saklace, -las, -les, obs. ff. Sackless.

Sakor, variant of Sacre *v.*

†Sa·kre. *Obs. rare.* Also **sacre, sakar.** [Of obscure origin.] Some kind of sea-going vessel.

1546 *St. Papers Hen. VIII,* XI. 255 He toke occation to aske me..whethur I wolde goo to Callayes or Boulloigne by land, orelles in the gallyes with hym, or in the sakre which was taken by the gallyes, the which the King his masters pleasour was should be delyveryd agayne. *Ibid.,* [The writer replied] neither seyeng that I wold receave the saied sacre, nor that I wold refuse her. 1590 Nash *Pasquil's Apol.* B 4, Penrie..was built but for a Flie-boate, to take and leaue, when the skyrmish is too hote for him to tarrie, he may sette vp his sayles and runne away...Tantara, tantara, is he fled indeede? let me sende a Sakar after him.

Sakred, obs. var. pa. t. and pa. pple. of Sacre *v.*

Sakret, variant of Sakeret.

Sakring, -ryng, obs. forms of Sacring.

Sakyre, obs. variant of Sacre *v.*

‖ Sal [1] (sæl). *Chem., Alch.,* and *Pharm.* [L. (masc. and nent.) = salt.]

†1. = Salt *sb.*[1] (in various senses). *Obs.*

c 1386 Chaucer *Can. Yeom. Prol. & T.* 257 Sal tartre, Alkaly, and sal preparat. 1460–70 *Bk. Quintessence* 12 Sal comen preparate. *a* 1686 Meverell in *Baconiana Physiol.* (1670) 117, I can truly and boldly affirm, that there are no such principles as Sal, Sulphur, and Mercury, which can be separated from any perfect Metals. 1674 Jeake *Arith.* (1696) 662 All Sublunary Bodies consist of the three principal Substances, Sal, Sulphur, and Mercury.

2. With qualifying word: **†sal anatron** = Anatron; **sal attincar** = Altincar; **†sal lambrot,** corrupt form of *sal* Alembroth; **†sal marine** [med.L. *sal marinus*], common salt (see Marine *a.* 1 b); **sal mirabile (-is)** [mod.L., 'wonderful salt', so named by Glauber], Glauber's salts, sulphate of soda; **sal soda, †sode** [med.L. *sal sodæ*], crystallized sodium carbonate; **†sal-tartre** [med.L. *sal tartari*], salt of tartar. See also *sal* Alembroth, *sal* Alkali, *sal* Polychrest; Sal-ammoniac, Sal enixum, Saleratus, Sal-gem, Sal-nitre, Sal-petre, Sal-prunella, Sal volatile.

1775 Ash, **Salanatron,* Anatron, a kind of native salt. 1471 Ripley *Compl. Alch.* Adm. v. in Ashm. (1652) 190 *Sal Attinckarr. 1678 Phillips (ed. 4), **Sal Lambrot,* or *Sale-brot.* 1670 W. Simpson *Hydrol. Ess.* 7 They..become determined into a saline Body; in one place into Allom, in another in *Sal-marine. 1875 *Ure's Dict. Arts* III. 739 Sal marine is common salt (chloride of sodium). 1719 Quincy *Compl. Disp.* 33 Glauber's *Sal Mirabilis, which is made of common Salt and Vitriol. 1879 *Encycl. Brit.* X. 675 Glauber's Salt,..formerly known as 'sal mirabile Glauberi'. 1471 Ripley *Comp. Alch.* Adm. v. in Ashm. (1652) 190 Sal Peter, *sal Sode, of these beware. 1884 A. Watt *Soap-making* 93 The dried sal-soda is produced by passing currents of hot air through the crystals until they fall into a powder. 1890 *Anthony's Photogr. Bull.* III. 129 Sal soda gives detail and bromide gives contrast. *c* 1386 *Sal tartre (see 1 above). 1471 Ripley *Comp. Alch.* Adm. v. in Ashm. (1652) 190 Sal Tarter, sal Comyn, sal Geme most clere. 1610 B. Jonson *Alch.* I. iii, I, I know, you'haue arsnike, Vitriol, sal-tartre, argaile, alkaly, Cinoper. 1683 Pettus *Fleta Min.* II. 121 Sal Tartar.

†b. Short for Sal volatile. *Obs.*

1703 Rowe *Ulyss.* Epil., Your Sal, and Harts-horn Drops.

Sal [2] (sāl). Also **saul.** [Hindī *sāl* = Skr. *śāla.*] A valuable timber tree of India, *Shorea robusta* yielding the resin dammar. Also *attrib.*

1789 Saunders in *Phil. Trans.* LXXIX. 80 Saul timber, bamboo, and plantains. 1800 *Suppl. Chron.* in *Asiat. Ann. Reg.* 131/2 The forest, thro' which we passed, consisted of saul trees, set saul, bamboos. 1866 *Chamb. Encycl.* VIII. 435/2 Great sal forests exist along the southern base of the Himalaya Mountains. 1873 Miss R. H. Busk *Sagas fr. Far East* 331 His death..took place under a Shala-grove, or grove of sal-trees. 1875 Bedford *Sailor's Pocket Bk.* ix. (ed. 2) 336 The Teak and Saul of India. 1901 *Harper's Mag.* CII. 775/2 The gate was of solid sal-wood.

Sal, obs. f. Sail; obs. north. f. Shall, Soul.

‖ Sala [1] (sā·la). [It., Sp., Pg. *sala* : see Salle.] A hall or large apartment; *spec.* a dining-hall.

1611 Coryat *Crudities* 205 Hee had entred with his whole troupe of men into the Sala where the Duke sat. *a* 1668 Lassels *Voy. Italy* (1670) II. 54 Passing from hence through the *Sala* again, I was led into the great room hard by. 1774 Wraxall *Tour North. Europe* iii. (1776) 26 The grand sala or dining-room (of the palace of Rosenbourg). 1851 Mayne Reid *Scalp Hunt.* vii, [In Mexico] The ball room was a long oblong *sala,* with a 'banquette' running all round it.

‖ Sala [2] (sā·la). [Hindī, Skr. *sālā* house.] An Indian rest-house or inn.

1871 Alabaster *Wheel of Law* 265 We find two Salas or travellers' rest-houses. 1890 H. S. Hallett 1000 *Miles* 257 Passing through the village we put up at the *sala* or rest-house, which is situated on the banks of the Meh Wung.

Salaam (sălā·m), *sb.* Also 7 **salame, sallam, salema, salom, selame,** 7–8 **selam,** 7–9 **salam,** 8 **schalam,** 8–9 **salem.** [Arab. سلام *salām* (hence in Pers. and Urdū) = Heb. שלום *shālōm* peace.] The Oriental salutation (*as*)*salām* (*ʿalaikum*), Peace (be upon you). Hence applied to a ceremonious obeisance with which this salutation is accompanied, consisting (in India) of a low bowing of the head and body with the palm of the right hand placed on the forehead.

1613 Purchas *Pilgrimage* (1614) 546 He..presenteth himselfe to the people to receive their Salames or good morrow. 1634 Sir T. Herbert *Trav.* 113 Some of the bridemaids came out unto us, and after a Sallam or Congee began a Morisko. 1687 A. Lovell tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* I. 152 When they give one another the Selam, after the Prayer of Kouschlouk. 1779 Forrest *Voy. N. Guinea* 214 Tuan Hadjee got up, and, without making the ordinary selam, went abruptly out of the hall. 1800 *Suppl. Chron.* in *Asiat. Ann. Reg.* 152/2 On being informed that I was a Brahman, he made me some very respectful salems. 1835 Willis *Pencillings* II. xlvii. 65 We were received with a profusion of Salaams by the sultan's perfumer. 1837 *Lett. fr. Madras* (1843) 114 Good morning, sar: great chief, salam! 1849 E. E. Napier *Excurs. S. Africa* I. 287 After a long chat, I made my salaam, and went to inspect a most conspicuous object on a neighbouring height. 1867 'Ouida' *Under Two Flags* II. viii. 213 The Moor rose instantly, with profound salaams, before her. 1892a Kipling & Balestier *Naulahka* 181 'Salaam, Tarvin Sahib', he murmured.

b. *transf.* Respectful compliments.

1786 Han. More *Let. to Lady Middleton* 14 June, Pray present my proper salams (is that spelt right?) to Mrs. Bouverie. 1899 Kipling *Stalky* 267 Rutton Singh sends his best salaams.

c. *attrib.* and *Comb.,* as *salaam-like* adj.; **salaam convulsion, -spasm,** a form of convulsion incident to children and characterized by nodding of the head.

1850 R. G. Cumming *Hunter's Life S. Afr.* xvii. II. 9 A 'salaam-like' movement of his trunk. 1850 *Lancet* I. 485 *Eclampsia nutans* of Mr. Newnham, or the 'salaam convulsion' of Sir Charles Clarke. 1886 *Buck's Handbk. Med. Sci.* II. 287 Wry-neck, writer's cramp, spinal trepidation, salaam spasm.

Salaam (sălā·m), *v.* [f. prec.]

1. *trans.* To make a salaam to; to salute with a salaam; to offer salutations to.

1693 T. Smith *Obs. Constantinople* in *Coll. Cur. Trav.* II. 71 They..take it ill to be salam'd or saluted by them. 1718 Ockley *Saracens* II. 182 Obeidollah appearing, Muslim did not Salàm or salute him. 1837 *Lett. fr. Madras* (1843) 111 Two rows of his own servants and ours, salaming him at every step. 1892a Kipling & Balestier *Naulahka* 199 He [sc. an ape] used to salaam me in the mornings like Luchman Rao, the prime minister.

2. *intr.* To make a salaam or obeisance.

1698 Fryer *Acc. E. India & P.* 18 It being their Custom only to Salam, giving a bow with their Hands across their Breasts. 1824 *Edin. Rev.* XLI. 41 They salaamed to me with an air that said [etc.]. 1827 D. Johnson *Ind. Field Sports* 139 He fell on the ground salaming (the most submissive obeisance). 1852 Miss Yonge *Cameos* I. xxix. 249 Putting their hands to their brow, and salaaming down to the ground. 1879 Mrs. A. E. James *Ind. Househ. Managem.* 49 When he comes into the room he salaams profoundly.

Hence **Salaa·ming** *vbl. sb.* and *ppl. a.*

1816 'Quiz' *Grand Master* II. 45 *note,* Salaming is the mode of salutation in India. 1879 Mrs. A. E. James *Ind. Househ. Managem.* 43 Hordes of respectfully salaaming natives from all parts of India.

Salacious (sălē·ʃəs), *a.* [f. L. *salāci-, salax,* f. root of *salīre* to leap: see -ious.]

1. Lustful, lecherous; sexually wanton.

1661 Feltham *Lett.* in *Resolves,* etc. x. 74 If you remember how you have seen the salacious and devouring Sparrow beat out the harmless Marten from his nest. 1675 Evelyn *Terra* (1729) 25 Pigeons, Poultry and other Salacious Corn-fed Birds. *a* 1704 T. Brown *Satire agst. Woman* Wks. 1730 I. 55 Let every man thou seest give new desires And not one quench the rank salacious fires. 1774 Goldsm. *Nat. Hist.* (1862) I. v. 427 Animals of the hare kind..are remarkably salacious. 1842–34 *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 4) II. 484 A disorder of the spinal marrow incident to persons of a salacious disposition. 1865 *Sat. Rev* 28 Jan. 101 The perusal of the amatory diaries and salacious confession of incipient guilt. 1897 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* II. 992 Its [i. e. arsenic's] more immediate effect on the system is to make the people lively, combative and salacious.

2. Tending to provoke lust. *rare.*

c 1645 Howell *Lett.* II. xxvii, Which makes fish more salacious commonly than flesh. 1697 Dryden *Virg. Georg.* III. 199 Feed him with Herbs..Of generous Warmth, and of salacious kind. 1775 *Sterne's Sent. Journ.* IV. 219 (*Consequence*) It is well known..that turtle is very salacious food.

Hence **Sala·ciously** *adv.,* **Sala·ciousness.**

1727 Bailey vol. II, *Salaciousness,* Salacity, Lechery, Lustfulness. 1755 Johnson, *Salaciously,* lecherously; lustfully. 1812 W. Taylor in *Monthly Rev.* LXVIII. 509 His frequent salaciousness is an aroma, disgusting to the pure and corruptive of the temperate taste. 1875 H. C. Wood *Therap.* (1879) 564 Small doses do cause evident salaciousness and irritation of the genital organs.

Salacity (sălæ·sĭti). [ad. L. *salācitāt-em,* f. *salāc-, salax* (see Salacious). Cf. F. *salacité.*] The quality or condition of being salacious; lustfulness, lecherousness, sexual wantonness.

1605 Willet *Hexapla Gen.* 333 The salacitie and wantonnes of their nation. 1621 Burton *Anat. Mel.* II. ii. 1. ii. 317 Sparrows, which are..short liued because of their salacity. 1675 Evelyn *Terra* (1729) 6 Some Earths appear to be totally barren, and some though not altogether so unfruitful, yet wanting Salacity to conceive. 1769 E. Bancroft *Guiana* 385 Lepers are notorious for their salacity and longevity. 1822–34 *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 4) II. 485 Morbid salacity is no uncommon cause of madness. 1884 *World* 20 Aug. 9/2 The Oxford fellow whose conversation..was traversed by a vein of salacity. 1903 *Sat. Rev.* 4 Apr. 428/1 A reading of this book inspires us with a fear lest French salacity is to be paraded in the English tongue.

Salad (sæ·lăd). Forms: *a.* 5 **selad,** 5–7 **salade,** 6–7 **sallade,** 7–9 **sallad,** 7– **salad;** *β.* 6 **sal(l)ett(e, -otte, -ite,** 6–7 **salat,** 6–9 (now *dial.* or *arch.*) **sallet,** 7 **sallat(e.** [a. OF. *salade* (14th c.), a. Pr. *salada* = Olt. *salata,* Pg. *salada* (cf. It. *insalata,* Sp. *ensalada*):—popular L. **salāta,* f. **salāre* (It., med.L. *salare,* Pr., Sp., Pg. *salar,* F. *saler*) to salt, f. L. *sal* salt.

The Romanic word has been generally taken into the Germanic langs.: Du. *salade* (*salaet* in Kilian, also *sla* from **slade*), late MHG. *salât* (G. *salat*), Sw., Da. *salat*; also Russ. салатъ.]

1. A cold dish of herbs or vegetables (e. g. lettuce, endive), usually uncooked and chopped up or sliced, to which is often added sliced hard-boiled egg, cold meat, fish, etc., the whole being seasoned with salt, pepper, oil, and vinegar.

For an earlier wider use see quot. 1688 in *β.* and cf. quot. 1687 s. v. Salading.

α. 1481–90 *Howard Househ. Bks.* (Roxb.) 398 Item, for erbes for a selad j. d. 1533 Elyot *Cast. Helthe* (1539) 41 Yonge men..shell eate..salades of cold herbes. 1578 Lyte *Dodoens* 125 This herbe..is much vsed in meates and Salades with egges. 1601 Holland *Pliny* II. 37 If you would make a delicate sallad of Cucumbers, boile them first, then pill from them their rind, serue them vp with oile, vinegre, and honey. 1699 Dampier *Voy.* II. I. 72 Purslain ..tis very sweet, and makes a good Salad for a hot Country. 1712 Arbuthnot *John Bull* I. xvi, She turned away one servant for putting too much oil in her sallad. 1726 Swift *Gulliver* IV. ii, Wholesome herbs, which I boiled, and eat as sallads with my bread. 1846 Ford *Gatherings from Spain* (1906) 147 The salad is the glory of every French dinner and the disgrace of most in England. 1855 Delamer *Kitch. Gard.* (1861) 107 The most approved autumnal salads are those mainly composed of endive.

β. c 1390 *Forme of Cury* (1780) 41 Salat. Take persel, sawge, garlec (etc.)..waische hem clene..and myng hem wel with rawe oile, lay on vyneger and salt, and serue it forth. 1550 J. Coke *Eng. & Fr. Heralds* § 30 (1877) 64 Oyle olyve whiche was brought out of Espayne, very good for salettes. 1597 Hooker *Eccl. Pol.* v. lxxvi. § 8 A Sallet of greene herbes. 1629 Parkinson *Paradis.* 468 Asparagus..whose young shootes..being boyled, are eaten with a little vinegar and butter, as a Sallet of great delight. 1660 Pepys *Diary* 14 May, A sallet and two or three bones of mutton were provided for a matter of ten of us. 1688 R. Holme *Armoury* III. 84/2 Sallet, is either Sweet Herbs, or Pickled Fruits, or Cucumbers, Samphire, Elder-Buds, Broom-Buds, &c. eaten with Roasted Meats. 1707 *Curios. in Husb. & Gard.* 173 Samphire..is very good in Sallets. 1716 Addison *Freeholder* No. 30 P 5 Pudding, which, it must be confess'd, is not so elegant a Dish as Frog and Sallet. 1908 A. Noyes *Drake* VI, Sallets mixed with sugar and cinnamon.

b. *fig.* and allusively, as a type of something mixed (†or savoury).

1601 Shaks. *All's Well* IV. v. 18 She was the sweete Margerom of the sallet, or rather the hearbe of grace. 1602 — *Ham.* II. ii. 462, I remember one said, there was no Sallets in the lines, to make the matter sauoury. *a* 1635 Corbet *Iter Bor.* (1647) 487 The Puritan, the Anabaptist, Brownist, Like a grand sallet. 1774 Goldsm. *Retal.* 11 Our Garrick's a salad, for in him we see Oil, vinegar, sugar, and saltness agree. 1831 Gen. P. Thompson *Exerc.* (1842) I. 373 How the united robbers, after a sallad of murder and *Te Deums,* of conflagrations and general fasts, succeeded in dividing Poland. 1856 F. Saunders (*title*) Salad for the Social. 1893 *Nation* (N.Y.) LVII. 133/1 Close at hand the building is an entertaining salad of styles.

2. Any vegetable or herb used in a raw state as an article of food, esp. in the kind of dish described in 1; = *salad-herb.* See also Corn-salad.

c 1460 J. Russell *Bk. Nurture* 97 Beware of saladis, grene metis, and of frutes rawe. *a* 1500 *Flower & Leaf* lix, They yede about gadring Plesaunt salades, which they made hem ete. 1577 B. Googe *Heresbach's Husb.* II. (1586) 52 b, And your Potte hearbes and Sallets in another place. 1621 Burton *Anat. Mel.* I. ii. II. i. 91 That all rawe hearbs and sallets breed Melancholy blood, except Buglosse and Lettice. 1643 Sir T. Browne *Relig. Med.* II. § 1, I could digest a Sallad gathered in a Church-yard, as well as in a Garden. 1673 Ray *Journ. Low C.* 395 They are very temperate in their diet, eating a great deal of sallet and but little flesh. 1784 Cowper *Task* VI. 304 To pick A cheap but wholesome sallad from the brook. 1870 Dickens *E. Drood* iii, The Cloisterham children grow small salad in the dust of abbots and abbesses, and make dirt-pies of nuns and friars. 1887 Moloney *Forestry W. Afr.* 273 Watercress (*Nasturtium officinale..*). The well-known salad.

b. *spec.* (*dial.* and *U. S.*) Lettuce.

1838 *Philadelphia Ledger* July (Bartlett), Salad goes to head by the middle of May, on Vancouver's Island. 1860 *Darlington's Amer. Weeds,* etc. 205 Those forms known as Curled and Head Salad. 1877 *Holderness Gloss., Sallit..* the lettuce plant before preparation for the table.

†c. in proverbial or allusive use, *esp.* in *to pick a salad,* (*a*) to be engaged in some trivial occupation, (*b*) to make a selection (*out of*). *Obs.*

1520 Whitinton *Vulg.* 2 He that laboreth nothyng holy, but catcheth a patche of euery thyng, is mete to pycke a salet. 1550 Bale *Eng. Votaries* II. 5 b, Angisus..byshopp of Metis, vsurpynge the hygh stewardshypp of Fraunce, at

layser made the kynge to go pyke a salett. 1568 in Strype *Ann. Ref.* (1709) I. lii. 525 As for your new Doctors, it is good to pick a Sallet out of them, now and then. 1590 Greene *Never too late* Wks. (Grosart) VIII. 102 If not, like an vnthankefull Hackney-man shee meant to tonrne him into the bare leas, and set him as a tyrde iade to picke a sallet. 1601 Shaks. *All's Well* IV. v. 15 'Twas a good Lady. Wee may picke a thousand sallets ere wee light on such another hearbe. 1603 Dekker *Batchelors Banquet* Wks. (Grosart) I. 176, I would haue turnd the queane out of doors to picke a Sallet.

3. *attrib.*, as *salad-bowl, -cream, -dish, -dressing, -plate, -root, -spoon*; **salad burnet**, the common burnet, *Poterium Sanguisorba*; †**salad clover**, *Melilotus cærulea*; **salad days**, days of youthful inexperience; **salad furniture** (see Furniture 6 b); **salad-herb** ?*Obs.*, = sense 2; **salad rocket**, *Eruca sativa* (Miller *Plant-n.* 1884); †**salad sorrel**, ? *Oxalis Acetosella*. . Also Salad-oil.

1837 Barham *Ingol. Leg.* Ser. I. *Spectre of Tappington*, Curled like a head of celery in a *salad-bowl. 1854 S. Thomson *Wild Fl.* III. (1861) 236 The *Poterium sanguisorba*, ..derives its English name of *salad-burnet from its being used as a salad. 1562 Turner *Herbal* II. 42, I know no Englishe name for it (sc. *Lotus urbana*]: howbeit, it may be named..gardin claner or four clauer, or *sallat clauer. 1858 Simmonds *Dict. Trade*, *Salad-cream*, a prepared dressing for salads. 1606 Shaks. *Ant. & Cl.* I. v. 73 My *Sallad dayes, When I was greene in iudgement, cold in blood. 1865 *Cornh. Mag.* May 554 Being in want of a horse at the time—it was in my salad days, reader—I looked through the advertisements in *The Times*, and noticed one which at any rate promised well. 1882 Pebody *Eng. Journalism* xii. 83 All the newspapers that flourished in the green and sallet days of the Press have been replaced by more adventurous rivals. 1688 R. Holme *Armoury* (Roxb. Club) II. 4/1 A *sallett dish. 1710 Swift *Jrnl. to Stella* 26 Oct., And so you only want some salad-dishes, and plates. 1836–9 Dickens *Sk. Boz, Scenes* xviii. An unrivalled compounder of *salad-dressing. 1538–48 Elyot *Dict., Acetarium*,..a gardeine, where *salet herbes do growe. 1588 Kyd *Househ. Phil.* Wks. (1901) 243 An other garden full of all sorts of sallet hearbes. 1629 Parkinson *Parad.* 468 Asparagus is a principall and delectable Sallet herbe..boyled. 1767 Abercrombie *Ev. Man his own Gard.* (1803) 665/2 *Sallad Herbs*:..the principal..are lettuce, endive, cellery, and small herbs, such as cresses, mustard, radish, &c. 1796 (see Burnet *sb.*[2] 1). 1573 in Nichols *Progr. Q. Eliz.* (1823) I. 370 Item, for *sallet roots 0 2. 1611 Cotgr. s.v. *Salette, Petite salsste*, Pettie Sorrell, *sallet Sorrell. 1858 Simmonds *Dict. Trade*, *Salad-spoon*, a wooden, ivory, or other spoon, for mixing and serving salad.

Salade, var. form of Sallet, helmet.

Saladine (sælădīn), *sb.*[1] Also 5 **salendyne**, 5–6 **-andyne**, 6 **saledyne, -endinne**, 9 **salladin**. *Obs.* and *dial.* Variant of Celandine.

c 1430, 1486 (see Celandine 1 a). 1530 Palsgr. 265/1 Salandyne..*celidoyne*. *c* 1550 Lloyd *Treas. Health* H 6 Let the rote of Saledyne stampte sethe in wyne. 1573 *Art of Limning* 2 The yellow milke of green salendine. 1626 Bacon *Sylva* § 639 Saladine hath a yellow Milk, which hath ..much Acrimony. 1878 *Cumbld. Gloss.*, *Salladin*, the plant celandine, *Chelidonium majus*. 1886 *Cheshire Gloss.*, *Saladine*.

†**Saladine**, *sb.*[2] *Obs.* ? = Celidony 2.

c 1430 Lydg. *Min. Poems* (Percy Soc.) 223 Wythe dyamandes fulle derely dyghte, Ryche saladynez sette on every syde.

Sa·ladine, *a.* (*sb.*[3]). *Hist.* [ad. med.L. *saladinus* (in *decimæ saladinæ*), f. *Saladin*, the name of the Sultan of Egypt and Syria (1137–93).] *Saladine tax* (also absol.); a tax, consisting of the tenth of a man's income, first imposed in 1188 on England and France for the support of the crusade against Saladin (see above).

Modern writers substitute the proper name used attrib. or possessively.

1728 Chambers *Cycl.* s.v., The Saladine-Tax was thus laid; That every Person who did not enter himself a Croise, was obliged to pay a Tenth of his yearly Revenue. 1752 *Ibid.*, The Carthusians, Bernardines, and some other religious, were exempted from the Saladine.

[1832 *Encycl. Amer.* XI. 172/2 The Saladin Tenth. 1837 *Penny Cycl.* VIII. 185/2 Saladin's tithe. 1874 Stubbs *Const. Hist.* I. xiii. (1897) 597 The Saladin tithe.]

Salading (sæ·lădiŋ). Forms: see Salad; also 7 **sallatine**, 8 **salatine**. [f. Salad + -ing[1].] Herbs and vegetables used for salad.

1664 Evelyn *Kal. Hort.* (1729) 190 Sow Chervil, Lettuce, Radish, and other..Sallettings. *Ibid.* 216 Fill your vacant Beds with Sallading. 1670 Narborough in *Acc. Sev. Late Voy.* I. (1694) 69 Some Herbs..we boiled for Salleting. 1687 in Wood *Life* (O.H.S.) III. 236, 36 plates of sallating, piled high and copped, viz., oranges, lemmons, olives, samphire, &c. 1709 E. Ward tr. *Cervantes* p. v, Several Cart Loads of Endive, Celery, Celician, Lettice, and Tarragon, were sent into the Kitchen to accommodate the Table with raw Salatine. 1771 Sir J. Banks *Jrnl.* (1896) 442 Garden stuff and salletting. 1851 *B'ham & Midl. Gardeners' Mag.* May 69 Continue to make sowings..of Peas, Beans, Turnips... every fortnight, with small salading every week. 1884 *Public Opinion* 5 Sept. 301/1 The small saladings which make an intermittent appearance at the table.

b. *attrib.*: †**salading-burnet**, = *salad-burnet*.

1766 *Museum Rust.* VI. 27, I spoke of it as the garden pot-herb, and sallading burnet.

Sa·lad-oil. Olive oil of superior quality, such as is used in dressing salads.

1558–9 *Will of T. Hynde* (Somerset Ho.), Layde out..for sallett oyle. 1582 Hester *Secr. Phiorav.* III. xvii. 31 Take sweete Sallette Oile twentie pounde. 1620 Vennea *Via Recta* vi. 99 Oyle Oline, which we commonly call Sallet Oyle. 1683 Moxon *Mech. Exerc., Printing* II. 74 Paste, Sallad-Oyl, and such accidental Requisites as the Press-man in his work may want. 1867 Bloxam *Chem.* 580 Salad oil, or sweet oil (olive oil), is obtained by crushing olives. 1874 Garrod & Baxter *Mat. Med.* 302 The oil, *Oleum Olivæ*, called also Salad oil, is of a pale straw colour.

Salal (sæ·lăl). Also **sallal**. [Chinook Jargon *sallal* (= Chinook *kl-kwu-shá-la*).] An evergreen shrub (*Gaultheria Shallon*) of California and Oregon, bearing sweet edible berries.

1838 Parker *Expl. Tour* (1846) 221 The salalberry is a sweet and pleasant fruit of a dark purple color, oblong, and about the size of a grape. 1866 *Treas. Bot.* I. 522/2 The Shallon or Salal of the north-west coast of America. 1886 *Good Words* 73 Great woods of Douglas fir cover the whole region [of Vancouver Island], with a lovely undergrowth of arbutus, sallal, an evergreen shrub, and small maples.

Salamander (sælămæ·ndəi), *sb.* Also 4–5 **salamandre**; 5–7 in L. form. [a. F. *salamandre* (12th c.), ad. L. *salamandra*, a. Gr. σαλαμάνδρα. Cf. MHG., mod.G. *salamander*.]

1. a. A lizard-like animal supposed to live in, or to be able to endure, fire. Now only *allusive*.

1340 *Ayenb.* 167 Þe salamandre þet leueþ ine þe uere. *c* 1430 Lydg. *Min. Poems* (Percy Soc.) 170 And salamandra most felly dothe manace. 1481 Caxton *Myrr.* II. vi. 74 This Salemandre berith wulle, of whiche is made cloth and gyrdles that may not brenne in the fyre. [Cf. *salamander's wool* in 6.] 1590 Greene *Roy. Exch.* Wks. (Grosart) VII. 230 The Poets..seeing Louers scorched with affection, likeneth them to Salamanders. *a* 1591 H. Smith *Serm.* (1637) 9 Like the Salamander, that is ever in the fire and never consumed. 1616 R. C. *Cert. Poems in Times' Whistle*, etc. (1871) 119 Vet he can live noe more without desire, Then can the salamandra without fire. 1634 Sir T. Herbert *Trav.* 20 The Aery Camelion and fiery Salamander are frequent there [sc. in Madagascar]. 1681 Flavel *Meth. Grace* xxvii. 464 Sin like a Salamander can live to eternity in the fire of God's wrath. 1688 R. Holme *Armoury* II. 205/1, I have some of the hair, or down of the Salamander, which I have several times put in the Fire, and made it red hot, and after taken it out, which being cold, yet remained perfect wool. [Cf. 1481 above.] 1711 Hearne *Collect.* (O.H.S.) III. 129 He had 2 Salamanders, which lived 2 hours in a great Fire. 1864 Kingsley *Rom. & Teut.* iv. 131 That he will henceforth [in the island of Volcano] follow the example of a salamander, which always lives in fire.

b. Any tailed amphibian of the urodelous family *Salamandridæ*, or some closely allied family.

The land salamanders form the typical genus *Salamandra*; the water salamanders are the newts or tritons.

1611 Cotgr., *Salmandre d'eau*, the water Salamander; black-backed, red-bellied, and full of yellow spots. 1668 Charleton *Onomast.* 26 *Lacerta Salamandra aquatica*, the water Salamander. *c* 1711 Petiver *Gazophyl.* VI. lviii, Small Cape Salamander...It squeaks like a Rat. 1753 Chambers *Cycl. Supp.*, The *salamandra aquatica*, or water salamander...The *salamandra terrestris*, or land salamander. 1834 McMurtrie *Cuvier's Anim. Kingd.* 187 Aquatic Salamanders always retain the vertically compressed tail. 1835 Kirby *Hab. & Inst. Anim.* II. xxii. 421 The other [sc. *Menopoma*]..has been called by American writers the giant salamander. 1870 Gillmore tr. *Figuier's Reptiles & Birds* 30 The Black Salamander (*Triton alpestris*) has no spots. 1896 tr. *Boas' Text-bk. Zool.* 405 The Japanese Giant Salamander (*Cryptobranchus japonicus*).

c. A figure of the mythical salamander used as an emblem.

1688 R. Holme *Armoury* II. 205/1 He beareth Argent, a Salamander in flames. 1780 Edmondson *Heraldry* II. Gloss. 1823 Crabb *Technol. Dict.*, *Salamander* (*Her.*), an emblem of constancy, is represented in flames. 1834 L. Ritchie *Wand. by Seine* 138 The last cavalier..belongs to the suite of the King of France, which is seen by the royal salamander on his back. 1841 G. A. Poole *Struct. & Decor. Churches* 9/2 A salamander also appears on this font [in Winchester Cathedral],..in allusion to the words which St. John spake of our blessed Lord (Matt. iii. 11).

2. *transf.* and *fig.* applied to persons, etc. with reference to sense 1 a. a. *gen.*

1596 Shaks. *1 Hen. IV*, III. iii. 53, I haue maintain'd that Salamander [= fiery-red face] of yours with fire, any time this two and thirtie yeeres. 1600 S. Nicholson *Acolastus* (1876) 45, I sate too hot, yet still I did desire, To liue a Salamander in the fire. 1666 Spurstowe *Spir. Chym.* 103 At a far cheaper rate they might have been Saints in Heaven than Salamanders in Hell. 1670 Brooks *Wks.* (1867) VI. 441 God's people are true salamanders, that live best in the furnace of afflictions. 1854 *Househ. Words* VIII. 159/1 She is a salamander in temper..for all her innocent name. 1888 F. Hume *Mme. Midas* I. iv, Madame Midas was a perfect salamander for heat.

b. A spirit supposed to live in fire.

See Paracelsus *De Nymphis, Sylphis, Pygmæis, et Salamandris*, etc., Wks. 1658 II. 388 seqq.

1657 Pinnell *Philos. Ref.* 27 To the Fire or the Firmament doe belong the Vulcanals, Pennats, Salamanders. 1712 Pope *Rape Lock, To Mrs. Arabella Fermor*, According to these Gentlemen [sc. the Rosicrucians], the four Elements are inhabited by Spirits, which they call Sylphs, Gnomes, Nymphs, and Salamanders. 1712–14 *Ibid.* I. 60 The Sprites of fiery Termagants in Flame Mount up, and take a Salamander's name. 1821 Scott *Kenilw.* xxxiii, Like salamanders executing a frolic dance in the region of the Sylphs. 1871 B. Taylor *Faust* (1875) II. I. iv. 55 A prince I seemed o'er many a salamander.

†c. A woman who (ostensibly) lives chastely in the midst of temptations. *Obs.*

1711 Addison *Spect.* No. 198 P 1 There is a Species of Women, whom I shall distinguish by the Name of Salamanders. Now a Salamander is a kind of Heroine in Chastity, that treads upon Fire (etc.). 1771 *Generous Husb. or Hist. Lord Lelius* 37 The real beauty and avowed virtue of those lovely salamanders.

d. A soldier who exposes himself to fire in battle.

1705 Swift *Descr. of Salamander* 22 Wks. 1751 VII. 79 Call my Lord C[utts] a Salamander. [1807 Sir R. Wilson *Jrnl.* 15 May in *Life* (1862) II. vii. 217 As I know that Buonaparte exposes himself as little as possible; not amongst his other vanities believing that he is a salamander. *c* 1849 in *Spectator* 21 May (1904) 810/2 Paddy Gough's a cross betwixt A bulldog and a salamander.] 1897 *Daily News* 20 Apr. 8/4 In battles a man who feared fire was of no use, and Mr. Gee was the soundest Salamander he had ever known.

e. *slang.* A fire-eating juggler.

(Cf. quot. s.v. Salamandership.)

1859 Hotten *Slang Dict., Salamanders*, street acrobats and jugglers who eat fire. 1886 Besant *Childr. Gibeon* I. vi, We ain't a show. Lotty ain't a clown; I ain't a jumping-horse; Liz ain't a salamander.

3. Applied to various articles used in fire or capable of withstanding great heat. †a. Asbestos. (Cf. *salamander-stone*; also F. *salamandre pierreuse*.)

1668 Charleton *Onomast.* 254 *Amianthus..aliàs Asbestinus Lapis..Salamandra*..the Salamandre, or incombustible stone, and Salamanders wool. *a* 1700 B. E. *Dict. Cant. Crew, Salamander*, a Stone (lately) found in Pensylvania full of Cotton, which will not consume in the Fire.

b. An iron or poker used red-hot for lighting a pipe, igniting gunpowder, etc.: see quots.

1698 W. King tr. *Sorbière's Journ. Lond.* 27 Multitudes had little Tin Kettles in their Houses, with Small-coal kindled, to light their Pipes withal; though in some places they use Candles, in others Salamanders. *a* 1700 B. E. *Dict. Cant. Crew, Salamander*,..a red-hot Iron to light Tobacco with. 1846 A. Young *Naut. Dict., Salamander*, a piece of metal with a handle attached, which is heated for the purpose of firing guns. 1847 Halliwell, *Salamander*, a large poker. 1868 G. Macdonald *R. Falconer* I. xv. 196 Peggy appeared with a salamander—that is a huge poker, ending not in a point, but a red-hot ace of spades. 1898 *United Service Mag.* Mar. 621 The salamander—an iron kept red hot in the galley for firing the salutes.

c. *Metallurgy.* 'A mass of solidified material in a furnace hearth' (Raymond); called also *bear, horse*, and *sow*.

[1866 *Jrnl. Franklin Inst.* 3rd Ser. LII. 128 The matte melting (rohschmelzen) of the Stefanshütte does..not produce any secretions of metallic iron, (eisensauen, salamander).] 1871 [see Horse *sb.* 12]. 1877 Raymond *Statist. Mines & Mining* 335 To throw away in mattes, slags, and salamanders the iron it [sc. hematite] contains.

d. *Cookery.* A circular iron plate which is heated and placed over a pudding or other dish to brown it.

1769 Mrs. Raffald *Eng. Housekpr.* (1778) 253 Hold a hot salamander over it till it is very brown. 1804 Farley *Lond. Art Cookery* 192 Lay in the fritters, strew a little sugar over them, and glaze them over with a red-hot salamander. 1818 Moore *Fudge Fam. Paris* viii. 84 Their chronometer spits—their intense Salamanders—their ovens—their pots, that can soften old ganders. 1845 Eliza Acton *Mod. Cookery* vii. 169 This is done with a salamander, as it is called...A kitchen shovel is sometimes substituted for it.

e. (See quots.)

1875 *Ure's Dict. Arts* III. 1059 The milk of wax, thus prepared, may be spread with a smooth brush upon the surface of a painting, allowed to dry, and then fused by passing a hot iron (salamander) over its surface. 1875 Knight *Dict. Mech., Salamander*, a term sometimes applied to a fire-proof safe. 1895 *Funk's Standard Dict., Salamander*, ..a metal drum or box for containing hot coals, etc., used in drying plaster.

4. *local U. S.* A pouched rat or gopher, esp. *Geomys pinetis*.

1859 S. F. Baird *Mammals N. Amer.* 371 The species [of *Geomys*] are termed 'gophers' in the west, but in Georgia and Florida they are almost aniversally called 'salamanders'. *Ibid.* 380 *Geomys pinetis*,..Salamander.

5. A form of drinking a toast common among German students.

The full expression is *einem einen salamander reiben* (cf. first quot. below).

1868 *Daily News* 12 Aug., [One of the ceremonies] is called 'rubbing a salamander'. Every student fills his glass ..to the brim, and at the command of the toastmaster rubs it on the table, while the latter counts three. 1891 *Times* 12 May 9/3 The German emperor when he responded to the 'thundering salamander' in which the Bonn students drank his health.

6. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *salamander-gathering, -like* adj. and adv.; †**salamander('s) blood** (see quots.); **salamander-cloth**, an incombustible cloth made from asbestos; †**salamander-fly**, a kind of fire-fly; **salamander's hair** [cf. G. *salamanderhaar*], a kind of asbestos (see quot.); **salamander safe** *U.S.*, a fire-proof safe; †**salamander stone** = Amianthus 1; **salamander-stove** *U. S.*, a small portable stove for heating rooms; †**salamander('s) wool**, asbestos (cf. quots. 1481 and 1688 in 1).

1694 Salmon *Bate's Dispens.* 57/2 This Spirit, from its coming forth in red Vapours, is by some Authors called, The *Salamanders Blood. 1704 J. Harris *Lex. Techn.* I, *Salamanders Blood*, is a foolish Term that the Chymists give to the red Vapours, which in Distillation of Spirit of Nitre, towards the latter end, do fill the Receiver with red Clouds. 1841 *Penny Cycl.* XX. 337/1 The *salamander-cloth sent by the Tartar king to the Roman pontiff. 1668 Charleton *Onomast.* 46 *Pyrogonus*..the Fire-fly, or *Salamandre Fly. 1821 Lamb *Elia* Ser. I. *All fools' Day*, Good master Empedocles, you are welcome. It is long since you went a *Salamander-gathering down Ætna. 1728 Woodward *Fossils* 14 English Talc, of which the coarser Sort is call'd Plaister, or Parget, the finer, Spaad, Earth-Flax, or *Salamander's Hair. 1593 Nashe *Christ's T.* Wks. (Grosart) IV. 68 On the *Salamander-like Ierusalem, haue I cast the coole water of my Teares. 1718 *Entertainer* No. 32. 219 A Person..that Salamander like feeds in the Fire of Contention. 1798 C. Dibdin *Song*, *'The Anchorsmiths'*, While, Salamander-like, the pond'rous anchor lies. 1885 *Stand. Nat. Hist.*

(1888) III. 308 Salamander-like animals with four well-developed but short limbs. 1858 Simmonds *Dict. Trade*, **Salamander-safes*, an American name for patent fire-proof iron safes. 1859 Bartlett *Dict. Amer.* s. v. *Safe*, They are now generally made fireproof; and some of these are called 'salamander safes'. 1583 Greene *Mamillia* Wks. (Grosart) II. 61 The *Salamander stone, once set on fire, can neuer be quenched. 1590 — *Never too late* Ibid. VIII. 22 Their eyes are like Salamander stones, that fier at the sight of euery flame. 1852 Hawthorne *Blithedale Rom.* v. (1885) 42 She has been stifled with the heat of a *salamander-stove. 1892 *Daily News* 9 Aug. 5/4 Artificial heat was furnished by one hundred small salamander stoves. 1626 Bacon *Sylva* § 774 *Salamanders Wooll; Being a Kinde of Minerall, which whiteneth also in the Burning, and consumeth not. *a* 1633 Austin *Medit.* (1635) 152 A Garment of Salamander-wooll. 1646 Sir T. Browne *Pseud. Ep.* III. xiv. 139 Incombustible napkins and textures which endure the fire, whose materialls are call'd by the name of Salamanders wooll. 1668 [see 3 a].

b. passing into *adj.* = Salamandrine *a.* 1.

1711 Addison *Spect.* No. 198 ¶ 3 As for this part of the fair sex who are not of the salamander kind, I would.. advise them..to avoid..what religion calls Temptations. 1742 Young *Nt. Th.* IX. 1356 And is Lorenzo's salamander-heart Cold and untouch'd, amid these sacred fires? 1814 Sir R. Wilson *Priv. Diary* II. 302, I would rather..have gone through the same proportion of fire, as I have more salamander than dolphin properties.

Hence **Salamandership** (cf. Salamander *sb.* 2 e).

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Sa·lamander, *v. rare.* [f. prec. sb.] **a.** *intr.* To live amidst fire, like the salamander. **b.** *trans.* To submit to great heat.

1857 *Chamb. Jrnl.* VII. 25 In one apartment..dwells a maker of lucifer-matches, salamandering in fire and brimstone. 1904 *Blackw. Mag.* Dec. 782/1 His [*sc.* the Arab peasant's] garments must be salamandered and his carcass must be baked.

Salamandrian (sælămæ·ndriăn), *a.* and *sb.* [f. L. *salamandra* Salamander + -ian.] **A.** *adj.*

1. Resembling (that of) a salamander.

1600 W. Watson *Decacordon* (1602) 2 The Iesuits were the first beginners thereof [of scandal], and haue continued on this Salamandrian smoake of vaporous heats. 1647 Owen *Death of Death* Wks. 1852 X. 155 It is not..any Salamandrian Complexion that was the motive to this undertaking.

2. Belonging to the genus *Salamandra.*

1850 *Fraser's Mag.* XLI. 656 A salamandrian larva. 1888 G. Allen in *Good Words* 232 A few other salamandrian creatures.

B. *sb.* A salamandrian batrachian.

1850 *Fraser's Mag.* XLI. 656 A great fossil salamandrian.

Salamandrid (sælămæ·ndrid). [ad. mod.L. *Salamandridæ*, f. *salamandra* Salamander: see -id.] A salamander of the family *Salamandridæ.*

1863 Dana *Man. Geol.* 345 Salamandrids.—Species without gills or gill-openings in the adult state.

Salamandriform (sælămæ·ndrifɔ̄m), *a.* [f. L. *salamandra* Salamander: see -form.] Resembling or having the form of a salamander.

1869 Huxley *Introd. Classif. Anim.* v. 112 The Labyrinthodonta.—The body is salamandriform, with relatively weak limbs, and a long tail. 1877 Le Conte *Elem. Geol.* III. (1879) 390.

Salamandrine (sælămæ·ndrin), *a.* and *sb.* [f. L. *salamandra* Salamander + -ine 1.] **A.** *adj.*

1. Resembling or characteristic of the salamander in being able to resist fire, or live in it.

1712 Addison *Spect.* No. 281 ¶ 13 A certain Salamandrine Quality, that made it capable of living in the midst of Fire and Flame. *a* 1849 Poe *Hawthorne* Wks. 1865 III. 190 'It becometh not a divine', saith Lord Coke, 'to be of a fiery and salamandrine spirit'. 1870 *Illustr. Lond. News* 29 Oct. 446 They led their salamandrine dance over the glazed delft plaques vis-à-vis to the leaping flames. 1886 A. Simson *Trav. in Ecuador* xiv. 184 There was a hot fire and the necessity of carrying on culinary operations in its immediate vicinity, which tended to call our salamandrine qualities into requisition.

2. *Zool.* Of or pertaining to the *Salamandrinæ.*

1865 Cope in *Nat. Hist. Rev.* Jan. 104 The representatives of these [types] in the Palæotropical region do not exhibit such decided salamandrine tendencies. 1870 Huxley *Lay Sermt.* xii. 287 Fashioning flank and limb into due salamandrine proportions. 1888 Rolleston & Jackson *Anim. Life* 408 The Salamandrine *Amblystoma mexicanum.*

B. *sb.* **1.** = Salamander 2 b.

1797 W. Taylor in *Monthly Rev.* XXII. 507 The charms of Amenoe, a salamandrine. 1846 *Blackw. Mag.* LX. 226 Every horrible legend of demon, ghost, gonle, gnome, salamandrine, and fireking. 1885 Battersby *Elf Islands* 15 Then perhaps the elves, and the fairies and the beautiful salamandrines will come back to us.

2. = Salamander 1 b.

1891 in *Century Dict.*

Salamandroid (sælămæ·ndroid), *a.* and *sb.* [ad. mod.L. *salamandroīdēs, -oīdeus*, f. *salamandra* Salamander: see -oid.] **A.** *adj.* Resembling a salamander, salamandriform.

1854 Owen in *Orr's Circ. Sci., Org. Nat.* I. 194 Salamandroid fishes. 1877 Le Conte *Elem. Geol.* (1879) 493 A Salamandroid Amphibian..four feet long.

B. *sb.* A urodele of the genus *Salamandra* or allied genera.

1863 Dana *Man. Geol.* 344 Salamandroids, or *Batrachia Urodela.* 1872 Nicholson *Palæont.* 349 The skeleton of a Salamandroid of large size.

Salama·ndrous, *a. rare*−1. [f. L. *salamandra* Salamander + -ous.] Living as it were in fire; fiery, hot, passionate.

1711 G. Carv *Phys. Phyl.* 29 My Salamandrous Spirit.. my Ætnous burning Humours.

So **Salama·ndry** *a.*

1610 Boys *Expos. Dom. Epist. & Gosp.* Wks. (1629) 76 If a Salamandry spirit should traduce that godly labour, as the silenced Ministers haue wronged our Communion Booke.

‖ **Salame** (sălā·mе). Pl. **salami.** [It., repr. pop. L. **salāmen*, f. *salāre* to salt.] A kind of sausage.

1852 Pfeiffer *Journ. Iceland* 19 White bread and salami! 1858 Mayne *Expos. Lex., Salami.* 1907 *Westm. Gaz.* 19 Oct. 6/2 We must lunch on bread, cheese, and salame.

Sal-ammoniac (sælămō·niæk). Forms: see Ammoniac; also 5, 7 **sal almoniack,** 6 *Sc.* **sal aramoniakle, salmoniakill,** 7 **Sal Armeniac, salhormoniacke.** See also Salmiac. [See Ammoniac A. 1.] Ammonium chloride.

c 1325 *Chron. Eng.* 184 Salgemme and salpetre, Salarmoniac ther ys eke. 1390 Gower *Conf.* II. 84 And the spirit which is secounde In Sal Armoniak is found. 1477 Norton *Ord. Alch.* iii. in Ashm. (1652) 41 Or whether I shall sal Almoniack take? 1507–8 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* IV. 104, ij pund sal aramomakle [*sic*; *read* aramoniakle]. 1540 *Ibid.* VII. 357 Quik silver, aqua vite, salmoniakill. 1601 Holland *Pliny* II. 351 The white of an egg incorporat with salhormoniacke finely pulverized. 1670 Eachard *Cont. Clergy* 55 To which Aqua-fortis if you put a fifth part of Sal-Almoniack, and set them in a gentle heat, it makes Aqua-Regia. 1686 Plot *Staffordsh.* iv. 150 Equal quantities of spirit of Sal Armeniac and spirit of Wine mixt. 1718 Quincy *Compl. Disp.* 33 Sal Armoniac very elegantly imitates the Branches of a Tree. 1786 tr. *Beckford's Vathek* 87 The camels, which had been left unmolested to make sal ammoniac. 1863 *Fownes' Chem.* (ed. 9) 294 Sal-ammoniac ..is now largely manufactured from the ammoniacal liquid of the gas-works.

Hence † **Sal-ammoni·acal** *a.*, pertaining to sal-ammoniac.

1760 Brown *Compl. Farmer* II. 63 Urine by Glauber is reckoned to be of a destructive..nature to vegetables, because of the sal-armoniacal quality that is in it.

Salamon, variant of Salomon.

Salampo(o)re, -pora, variant ff. of Salempore.

Salamstone (sălæ·mˌstōun). *Min.* [ad. G. *salamstein* (Werner).] A blue variety of sapphire from Ceylon.

1816 Jameson *Min.* (ed. 2) I. 32 Werner has formed a new subspecies of spinel, under the name Salamstone, which is the Indian name of that mineral. 1839 Ure *Dict. Arts*, etc. 743 *Salamstone* is a variety which consists of small transparent crystals..of pale reddish and bluish colours.

Salangane (sæ·lăŋgēin). *Zool.* Also 8 **saligan,** 9 **salagane.** [ad. F. *salangane* or mod.L. *salangāna*, sc. *avis*, f. *salanga*, name of the bird in Luzon.] One of the birds of the genus *Collocalia*, which make edible nests; an esculent swallow.

1793 Smellie tr. *Buffon's Nat. Hist. Birds* VI. 577 Nothing better shews that the Salangane has remained long unknown, than the different names bestowed on it. 1796 Morse *Amer. Geog.* II. 589 The nest of the bird saligan affords that dissolving jelly. 1869–73 T. R. Jones *Cassell's Bk. Birds* II. 119 The Salangane usually builds in such deep and dark cavities that [etc.].

† **Sala·rian,** *a.*1 *Obs.* [Incorrectly for **Saliarian*, f. L. *Saliāris*, f. *Salii* (see Salian 1).] = Salian 1.

1598 Grenewey *Tacitus, Ann.* II. xix. (1622) 60 A Salarian verse [orig. *Saliari carmine*], which Mars Priests were wont to sing. [Hence in 1656 Blount *Glossogr.*]

† **Sala·rian,** *a.*2 *Obs.* [f. L. *salāri-us* (f. *sal* salt) + -an.] Pertaining to salt. 1656 Blount *Glossogr.*

† **Sala·riate,** *v. Obs.* [f. L. *salāri-um* Salary + -ate 3.] *trans.* To pay a salary to; to supply the salary of. Hence **Sala·riated** *ppl. a.*, salaried.

1656 J. Harrington *Oceana* (1658) 202 The Senat of the Benn in Athens, because it was but annual, was moderately salariated. 1672 Petty *Pol. Anat.* (1691) 37 Sallariated Masters of Chancery. *a* 1687 — *Pol. Arith.* (1690) 49 About 72,000*l.* at the medium of 3*l.* per Man, would Salariate the whole number of twenty four thousand.

Salaried (sæ·lărid), *ppl. a.* [f. Salary *sb.* or *v.* + -ed.]

1. Having or receiving a salary.

1600 O. E. *Repl. Libel* I. i. 36 Most of them are his salaried schollers, or agents. 1818 Southey in *Q. Rev.* XIX. 96 A regular inspection of the school by the salaried overseer. 1858 Max Müller *Chips* (1880) III. i. 36 To become a salaried class of servants of the crown. 1894 J. Knight *D. Garrick* iv. 59 He appeared as a salaried actor at Drury Lane.

2. Having a salary attached to it.

1836 Landor *Pericles & Aspasia* cxiv. Wks. 1853 II. 399/1 The other offices that are salaried are the lower. 1872 Minto *Eng. Prose Lit.* II. x. 610 The poorly-salaried Chair of Civil History.

Salary (sæ·lări), *sb.* Forms: *a.* 4 **salerie,** 4–6 **-arye,** 4, 7 **sallery,** 4–8 **salarie,** 5 **saleri, selarie, -aré, celarie, -ye,** 5–7 **sallarie,** 5–8 **-ary,** 6 **sellary,** 7 **sallerey,** 8 **-erie,** 5– **salary**; *β.* 5 **sala(i)re,** 6 **-air.** [a. AF. *salarie* = OF. *salaire*, It. *salario*, Sp., Pg. *salario*, ad.L. *salārium*, orig. money allowed to Roman soldiers for the purchase of salt, hence, their pay; subst. use of neut. sing. of *salārius* pertaining to salt, f. *sal* salt.]

1. Fixed payment made periodically to a person as compensation for regular work: now usually restricted to payments made for non-manual or non-mechanical work (as opposed to *wages*).

From *c* 1390 to *c* 1520 commonly applied to the stipend of a priest, esp. a chantry priest.

a. 1377 Langl. *P. Pl.* B. xiv. 142 Ri3t as a seruaunt taketh his salarye bifore & sitth wolde clayme more. *a* 1400 *Solomon's Bk. Wisdom* 40 in *Adam Davy*, etc. 83 Chese þe a witty hyne & loue hym with al þi mi3th; Of his Salerie wiþholde þou nou3th. 1428 in *E. E. Wills* (1882) 80 And to a prest for to singe for me and all cristin soulis, competent saleri for an hole here. 1483–5 *Rec. St. Mary at Hill* 121 Payde to the preste, Syr Iohn plommer, for hys celarie for ij yer, xiij li vjs viij d. 1516 *Test. Ebor.* (Surtees) VI. 2, I will that a descritt and an honest preste have sellary to syng for my soull. 1585 T. Washington tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* III. xii. 93 Phisitions..for their salarie haue euery one of them tenne aspres a day. 1602 Warner *Alb. Eng.* Epit. (1612) 360 For competent viande and sallarie to vndergoe the defence of the Realme. 1651 Hobbes *Leviath.* II. xxviii. 166 Reward, is either of Gift, or by Contract. When by Contract, it is called Salary, and Wages. 1659 D. Pell *Impr. Sea* 69 Are not some so taken up with the..gilded Cabbins, Lanthorns, and great Salaries which they have, that they minde little else? 1677 *Seasonable Arg't. Grand Juries* 3 Sir Humphry Winch, Baronet, hath from the Court 500*l.* per annum Sallery. 1718 Lady M. W. Montagu *Lett. to C'tess of Bristol* 10 Apr., The slaves..have no wages; but..clothes to a higher value than our salaries to any ordinary servant. 1776 Adam Smith *W. N.* v. i. II. 324 Fixed salaries were appointed to the judges. 1848 Mill *Pol. Econ.* I. iv. § 2 (1876) 36 That large portion of the productive capital of a country which is employed in paying the wages and salaries of labourers. 1868 *Chamb. Encycl.* X. 37/1 A manager of a bank or railway—even an overseer or a clerk in a manufactory, is said to draw a salary. 1879 *Print. Trades Jrnl.* XXIX. 43 The salary of the Prime Minister is £5,000 per annum.

β. 1433 Lydg. *St. Edmund* I. 934 The laborer neded no stuff to borwe For his salaire abood nat til the morwe. 1456 Sir G. Haye *Law Arms* (S. T. S.) 144 Suppos the 3ere be nocht all past, or bot begannyn, his [*sic*] sall have his full feis and salare. 1563–7 Buchanan *Reform. St. Andros* Wks. (S. T. S.) 16 The salair of the rectour.

† **2.** Reward or remuneration for services rendered; fee, honorarium. *Obs.*

c 1440 *Gesta Rom.* xxiv. 88 (Harl. MS.), But if þou pay now, I shal holde thi wif to wed, tyll tyme that I be paied fully my salary. *c* 1477 Caxton *Jason* 119 Shal I haue none other salaire ne none other gwerdon for all my merites? 1602 Shaks. *Ham.* III. iii. 79 Oh this is hyre and Sallery, not Reuenge. 1622 Malynes *Anc. Law-Merch.* 390 Their Exchanges are made vpon this imaginarie ducat of three hundreth seuentie and fiue Maluedies, to be payed in Banke, with fine vpon the thousand, which is the sallarie of the Banker. 1641 *Termes de la Ley* 245 Salarie..signifies a recompence or consideration given unto any man for his paines bestowed upon another mans businesse. 1643 Sir T. Browne *Relig. Med.* II. § 9 When I doe him [*sc.* my patient] no good, me thinkes it is scarce honest gaine, though I confesse 'tis but the worthy salary of our well-intended endeavours.

† **b.** *gen.* Reward, recompense. *Obs.*

1484 Caxton *Fables of Poge* vii, Alle the sallary or payment of them that mokken other is for to be mocqued at the last. *a* 1619 Fotherby *Atheom.* II. viii. § 1 (1622) 279 Felicitie, which is the salarie and reward of Vertue, is giuen vs of God. 1684 *Contempl. St. Man* I. vi. (1699) 67 This is the Sallery which the Goods of the Earth bestow on those who serve them. 1686 tr. *Chardin's Trav. Persia* 406 You that have repented and are become good People, receive your Salary entring there for ever.

3. *attrib.*: **salary grab,** an opprobrious term for the act of the U. S. Congress of 1873 by which the salaries of congressmen were increased.

1879 A. Johnston *Hist. Amer. Politics* (1884) 220 The Act..was commonly known as the Salary Grab.

† **Sa·lary,** *a.*1 *Obs. rare.* [?f. Sale *sb.*1 + -ary.] Open to sale, venal, Saleable.

1593 Nashe *Christ's T.* (1613) 157 Can it be so many brothel-houses, of salary sensuality, and six-penny whoredome,..should be set vp and maintained? 1596 — *Saffron Walden* To Rdr., Wks. (Grosart) III. 27 He [*sc.* Tetzel] that..first stird vp Luther, pronouncing from the Pope free salarie indulgence to anie mao.

† **Sa·lary,** *a.*2 *Obs.* [ad. L. *salāri-us*, f. *sal* salt: see -ary.] Saline.

1646 Sir T. Browne *Pseud. Ep.* VI. xii. 338 From such salary irradiations may those wondrous varieties arise, which are observable in..Peacocks feathers.

Salary (sæ·lări), *v.* [Chiefly f. Salary *sb.* In early use a. F. *salarier* (15th c.).] *trans.* To recompense, reward; to pay for something done (*Obs.* or *arch.*); to pay a regular salary to.

c 1477 Caxton *Jason* 128 How..shall I be salaryed of suche payement in the recompensacion of the saluacion of your lyf? 1637 J. Williams *Holy Table* 46, I am not salaried to defend the Writer of the Letter. 1659 Heylin *Exam. Hist.* I. 210 They..salared some Lectures in such Market Towns where the people had commonly lesse to do. 1814 D'Israeli *Quarrels Auth.* I. 218 He [*sc.* Cibber] knew he was no poet, yet he would string wretched rhimes, even when not salaried for them. 1837 Hr. Martineau *Soc. Amer.* II. 290 The seven Judges of the Supreme Court are salaried with the same moderation as other members of the federal government. 1865 Lecky *Ration.* II. 375 For the great majority of nations agriculture is the single source of wealth; all manufactures are ultimately salaried by it. 1872 Liddon *Elem. Relig.* ii. 69 The good man..is often unhappy, while vice is not unfrequently salaried and crowned with rewards. 1893 G. Travers *Mona Maclean* III. 198 The Chinese system—salary the doctor and stop his pay when you get ill.

Salband (sā·lbænd). *Geol.* Also 9 **salebande, sahlband.** [G..*salband* selvage, earlier *sahlband*

(from 16th c.), alteration of *selb-ende* 'self-end' (cf. *selvage* = 'self-edge').] A thin crust or coating of mineral, etc.

1811 Pinkerton *Petral.* I. 594 *note*, The amber is found between two salbands of lignite. 1839 Ure *Dict. Arts* 316 These are often found upon both sides of the vein, so as to form cheeks or salebandes. 1879 Rutley *Stud. Rocks* xi. 199 The tachylytes occur mostly as salbands or thin crusts at the sides or margins of basalt dykes.

Salband: see Sale *sb.*3

Salbe, freq. spelling in ME. and early mod.Eng. of *shall be*: see Shall *v.*

Salcepareille, obs. form of Sarsaparilla.

Salcer, Salcery, obs. ff. Saucer, Saucery.

†Sald, *v. Obs.* [ad. It. *saldare.*] *trans.* To balance (an account, etc.).

1588 J. Mellis *Briefe Instr.* E vij b, To salde them afterwardes in the Leager, ye shall make gaines and damages, of all these parcels, and the expences in their places Creditors. *Ibid.* F j b, In salding of the same accompt.

Sald(e, obs. pa. t. of Sell *v.*

†Sale, *sb.*1 *Obs.* Forms: 1 sæl, sal-, 4–7 sale, 5 sall, saile, 5–6 saill, sayll. [OE. *sæl* (pl. *salu*) str. n., = OHG., MHG. *sal* (G. *saal*):—OTeut. **salo-*, orig. an *-es*, *-os* stem (cf. OE. *salor*). Romanic adoptions of the Teut. word are F. *salle*, Pr., It., Sp. *sala*: see Sale *sb.*4 and Salle.

The form **salia-* of the OTeut. stem is represented by OE. *sel*, *sele* hall (appearing as the second element in Levesel), OS. *seli*, OHG. *sali*, *seli*, ON. *salr*, which have become masculine *i* stems.]

A hall or spacious chamber; a king's or noble's lodging, palace, castle; occas. a tent.

In ME. alliterative poetry *in sale* is a frequent tag.

Beowulf 2075 (Gr.) Gæst yrre cwom, eatol æfengrom user neosan, ðær we gesunde sæl weardodon. *a* 1000 *Riddles* liii. 2 (Gr.) Ic seah ræpingas in ræced fergan under hrof sales hearde twezen. *a* 1300 *K. Horn* 1187 (Cambr. MS), Wyn for to schenche, After mete in sale. *c* 1330 *Amis & Amil.* 444 And worthliest in ich a wede, And semliest in sale. *a* 1400–50 *Alexander* 502 Þe king was sett in his sale with septer in hand. *Ibid.* 4016 Þan sett he sales vp of silke & sacrifece makis. *c* 1420 *Liber Cocorum* (1862) 10 Kele hit with a litelle ale, And set hit downe to serve in sale. 1470–85 Malory *Arthur* xvii. xvi. 713 Ryghte soo as they sat at her dyner in the chyef sale. 1513 Douglas *Æneis* vii. iv. 45 Thair stud ane gret tempill, or saill riall. 1522 *World & Child* A j b, My selfe semely in sale I sende with you to be.

b. *fig.*

14.. in *Tundale's Vis.* (1843) 158 A mey hym harbered yn hur hall, Scho socourd hym sotbt[l]y yn hur sale.

Sale (sēl), *sb.*2 Also 5 saale, sayll, 5–6 saill, 7 saile, 7–8 sail. [late OE. *sala*, prob. a. ON. *sala* wk. fem. (ON. had also *sal* neut.) = OHG. *sala*, MHG. *sale*, *sal* str. fem., f. root *sal-* of **saljan* to Sell.]

1. The action or an act of selling or making over to another for a price; the exchange of a commodity for money or other valuable consideration. Also, with qualification: (Ready, slow, etc.) disposal of goods for money; opportunity of selling.

Bill of sale: see Bill *sb.*3 10. *Bargain and sale* (Law): see Bargain *sb.* 6.

c 1050 *Suppl. Ælfric's Gloss.* in Wr.-Wülcker 180 *Distractio*, ceap. *Venditio*, sala. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 19239 'Sai me', he said, 'Ananias, Qui has þou tempted sathanas, To mak sli lesing o þi sale?' *c* 1400 *Rule St. Benet* (Prose) 37 Better chepe sal ye selle þan þe men of þe werld dose, þat god may be payde of yure sale. 1411 *E. E. Wills* (1882) 19 þ^ forseyd sale of my londes and tenementes. *a* 1450 Myrc *Festial* 79 When he [*sc.* Iudas Skaryot] segh þat Crist was demed to þe deth by hys sale. *c* 1475 *Rauf Coilzear* 245 Thow sall haue for thy Fewaill, For my sake, the better saill. 1553 Eden *Treat. Newe Ind.* (Arb.) 26 In the cytie of Panchi there is great sale of silke. 1582 N. Lichefield tr. *Castanheda's Cong. E. Ind.* I. xlii. 97 He was told what ill sales he ahoulde finde there of such Merchaundize as he had brought. 1593 Shaks. 2 *Hen. VI*, I. iii. 138 Thy sale of Offices and Townes in France. 1611 Bible *Lev.* xxv. 50 The price of his sale shalbe according vnto the number of yeeres. 1706 E. Ward *Wooden World Diss.* To Rdr. (1708) A v b, Permit it..to hang in View at..some such eminent Place of Sale. 1727 Gay *Begg. Op.* I. vi, They are of sure sale from our warehouse at Redriff among the seamen. 1786 *Chamb. Cycl.* I. Pref. 4 The extensive sail of this edition. 1836 W. Irving *Astoria* III. 231 The terms of sale were lowered by him to the standard fixed by Mr. Stuart. 1837 Channing *Addr. Temperance* 32 After these remarks, it will follow, that we should discourage the sale of ardent spirits.

b. *spec.* A putting up of goods to be sold publicly; a public auction. See also Port-sale.

1673 Temple *Misc.* (1680) 136 Both those that won the Plate, and those which are thus sold, ought immediately to be marked so as they may never return a second time, either to the Race or to the Sale. 1700 [see Candle *sb.* 5 d]. 1718 *Free-thinker* No. 108 ? 1 On Thursday next..will begin another Publick Sale by Inch of Candle. 1753 *News, Boys, News t* (Oxf. Jrnl.) 11 Apr., On Saturday, the 14th Instant, ..will be held at the Town-Hall in this City, a Sale of great Part of the Goods..belonging to the..Old Interest of this County. 1867 Trollope *Chron. Barset* II. lxiii. 205 He should pull down the bills advertising the sale of his effects. 1888 Annie S. Swan *Doris Cheyne* viii. 128 An auction sale ..for behoof of the creditors of Robert Cheyne.

c. A special disposal of shop goods at rates lower than those usually charged in order to get rid of them rapidly, e.g. at the end of a 'season'.

1888 *Daily News* 10 Jan., The low prices at the stock-taking sales. 1894 *Westm. Gaz.* 11 Jan. 3/2 Wait till you see my pretty new sale-frock. 1900 *Ibid.* 4 Jan. 3/2 Sale-time, when everything at the shops, from a collar to a costume, is reduced to low prices.

2. Phrases. a. *To sale* = 'for sale' (see 2 e). Now only in *to put up to sale*, formerly †*to set to sale* (often *fig.*; in quot. 1576 app. to abandon), *expose*, etc. *to sale.*

c 1380 Wyclif *Wks.* (1880) 393 Welle ni3 alle her blessyngis ben sett to sale and to prise. 1390 Gower *Conf.* II. 297 The Ston he profreth to the sale. *a* 1400 *Octouian* 1909 And chepede me that chyld to sale, For syxty florencys all be tale. 1543–4 *Act* 35 *Hen. VIII*, c. 8 Such persons as brew for theyr owne prouision, and not to sale. 1576 Gascoigne *Philomene* (Arb.) 104 But Progne (now in priuie place) Set silence al to sale. 1592 Timme *Ten Eng. Lepers* D 3 b, Whereby they have set to sale for money Christ himselfe. 1642 Milton *Apol. Smect.* 7 A strong presumption that his modesty set there to sale in the frontispice, is not much addicted to blush. 1649 — *Eikon.* viii. 66 She pawn'd and set to saile the Crown-Jewels. 1660 F. Brooke tr. *Le Blanc's Trav.* 15 Fair piazza's,..where the Merchants ..expose to sale their drugs. 1670 Dryden *Conq. Granada* v. ii, My price!—Why, king, you do not think you deal With one who sets his services to sale? 1760–72 H. Brooke *Fool of Qual.* (1809) III. 58 Those who set themselves, their trusts, and their country, to sale. 1810 *Act* 50 *Geo. III*, c. 41 § 6 Every Hawker, Pedlar, Petty Chapman,..carrying to sell, or exposing to Sale, any Goods. 1838 Prescott *Ferd. & Is.* II. xxv. III. 494 The most considerable offices in church and state were put up to sale.

†b. *To make sale* (*of*): to sell. *Obs.*

c 1430 *Pilgr. Lyf Manhode* IV. ix. (1869) 180 Which if men made of yon saale, mihte no man liuinge ouerbigge ynw.' 1463 in *Bury Wills* (Camden) 26, I wille..the Sexteyn of Bury and the Priour of Dusgylde..make a sale of myn seid hefd place. 1552 Huloet, Make sale of vyle thynges and trifles, *agitor.* 1557 W. Towrson in Hakluyt *Voy.* (1589) 114 When God should sende vs to any place where we might make sale. 1616 R. C. *Times' Whistle* IV. 1441 Thou mayst make sale of it to whom thou list.

c. *To set on* (or †*a*) *sale* = 'to set to sale' (see 2 a); (*to be*) *on* or †*upon sale* = 'for sale' (see 2 e).

1546 J. Heywood *Prov.* (1867) 63 Here is a tale, For honestie, meete to set the diuell on sale. 1556 Olde *Antichrist* 72 They bestowe not only benefices..but also set a sale..the holy sacred gyftes of the holy Goost. 1634 *Documents agst. Prynne* (Camden) 59 How those bookes have been dispersed by them upon sale or otherwise. 1793 Cowper *Let. to Lady Hesketh* 30 June, If it is out of print, it is no longer upon sale. 1835 Southey *Cowper's Wks.* I. Pref. 6 A book which has been upon sale ever since it was published, twelve years ago. 1901 *Times* 16 Dec. 8/6 The Times is on Sale for 3d. per Copy at all railway bookstalls in England and Wales.

†d. *Of sale*: that is to be sold; vendible, venal.

1588 Shaks. *L. L. L.* IV. iii. 240 To things of sale, a sellers praise belongs. 1605 Bacon *Adv. Learn.* II. x. § 8 (1891) 141 As to the confections of sale which are in the shops. 1608 Shaks. *Per.* IV. vi. 84 The house you dwell in proclaims you to be a creature of sale.

e. *For sale*: used adjectively, = intended to be sold; used advb., = with a view to selling.

1611 Shaks. *Cymb.* I. iv. 92 The other is not a thing for sale. 1686 Plot *Staffordsh.* iii. § 28. 124 Then they draw them [*sc.* pots] for Sale, which is chiefly ta the poor Cratemen. 1808 *Times* 24 Feb., Feathers and Quills for Sale. 1815 Scott *Guy M.* vii, They..sometimes had good pointers for sale. 1863 Hawthorne *Our Old Home* I. 257 We went into a bookseller's shop to inquire if he had any description of Boston for sale.

f. *Sale and* (*or*) *return*: see quot. 1838.

1795 T. Peake *Cases Nisi Prius* 56 Two questions were made, first on the sale and return. *Ibid. marg.*, If goods are delivered on the terms of sale or return. 1838 Bell *Dict. Law Scot., Sale and return* is a contract, by which goods are delivered by a wholesale dealer to a retailer, to be paid for at a certain rate, if sold again by the retailer; and if not sold, to be returned to the vendor. 1897 (see Return *sb.* 15).

3. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *sale-factor*, *-market*, *price*, *-room*, †*-shop*; **sale-block**, a block on which slaves are exposed for sale; **sale-boat**, a boat that conveys fish from the fishing ground to market; †**saleman** [cf. OHG. *salaman*, MHG. *sal(e)man*], = Salesman; **sale note** *U. S.* (see quot.); †**sale-piece**, ?the sample that attracts purchasers (in quots. *fig.*); **sale ring**, the ring of buyers formed round an auctioneer at a sale; †**sale-worth**, **-worthy** *adjs.*, saleable.

1887 J. C. Harris *Free Joe*, etc. (1888) 54 The prisoner was made to stand on the *sale-block so that all might have a fair view of him. 1840 R. Brenner *Excurs. in Denmark*, etc. II. 389 They (fish) are recaptured at dawn to be again imprisoned on the *sale-boats. 1770 Langhorne *Plutarch* (1879) II. 829/2 Nor would he trust to the common customs of *sale-factors, auctioneers (etc.). 1642 T. Hill *Trade of Truth* 34 Christians should be Chapmen to buy, rather than *Salemen to sell. 1883 Moloney *W. African Fisheries* 22 (Fish. Exhib. Publ.) The *sale-market is large and wide enough. 1856 Bouvier *Law Dict.*, **Sale note*, a memorandum given by a broker to a seller or buyer of goods, stating the fact that certain goods have been sold by him on account of a person called the seller to another person called the buyer. 1621 Burton *Anat. Mel.* III. ii. II. ii. (1651) 463 Sweet breath, white and even teeth, which some call the *sale-piece. 1650 Bulwer *Anthropomet.* 135 White teeth being so justly accounted a precious and natural beauty, that they are hence called the Sale-piece. 1793 Nemnich *Comptoir-Lex., Eng.* s. v., On the *Sale price, *zum Verkaufspreise.* 1901 *Essex Herald* 9 Apr. 4/8 The whole of this choice herd came into the *sale ring. 1813 *Examiner* 10 May 297/1 Public *Sale-rooms. 1858 Carlyle *Fredk. Gt.* IV. vi. I. 446 The learned babble of the Sale-room. 1902 *Daily Chron.* 25 Oct. 3/7 These curious sale-room methods. 1789 Wolcott (P. Pindar) *Innit. Hor.* I. xii. 31 Who soon shalt keep a *saleshop for good places. 1795 J. Aikin *Manchester* 233 A sale shop for most articles. 1481 in Foster *Par. Ch. Whaplode* (1889) 94 The said trees..when thei shall be felled ..at such tyme as thei be *saleworth. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 441/1 *Sale worthy, *vendibilis.* 1547 *Bk. Marchaunte* c vj, I would wit..if her marchantdyse were sale worthy.

b. *Comb.* with *sales-*, modelled on Salesman, Saleswoman, e.g. *sales-gentleman*, *-lady*, *-master.* Also with the plural, **sales-book**, a book or record of sales; **sales-room** = *sale-room* (see above); †**sales-work** = *sale-work* (see 4 a).

1771 *Encycl. Brit.* I. 619/1 *The Sales-book.* This book too is chiefly used by factors; and into it is posted, from the Waste-book, the particular sales of every consigned cargo. 1775 Ash, *Saleswork*, work done for sales, work slightly performed. 1809 R. Langford *Introd. Trade* 76 The manner that a Sales-book is ruled. 1883 *Century Mag.* XXVI. 610/2 The..ranks of seamstresses and 'sales-ladies'. 1890 *Farmer's Gaz.* 4 Jan. 1/3 The salesmasters and dealers. 1891 *Century Dict., Salesroom*, same as sale-room.

4. *attrib.* passing into *adj.* a. That is made to be sold; that may be purchased (not being needed for home use); hence, ready-made (as opposed to *home-made*); of inferior quality; e.g. *sale bread*, *cloth*, *door*, *gimlet*, *ram*, *ware*, *work* (also attrib.). Also, connected with or producing things sold or intended for sale, e.g. *sale gardener*, *kiln*, *pond.* ?Now applied only to animals bred or fattened for sale.

1455 *Rolls of Parlt.* V. 304/1 The Subsidie and Awenage of sale Clothes, in the Counte of Wiltes. 1505 in *10th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. v. 392 That there be no sale bread ..mad in towne, but by ffre men. 1600 J. Pory tr. *Leo's Africa* II. 69 In old time there were almost an hundreth shops of sale-bookes. 1600 Shaks. *A. Y. L.* III. v. 43, I see no more in you then in the ordinary Of Natures sale-worke? 1601 Dent *Pathw. Heaven* (1603) 35 God hath not given such gifts unto men to the end they should make sale-ware of them. 1671 Clarendon *Dial.* Tracts (1727) 314 They would find ample recompense in the first growth of their children, unimpaired by any ill qualities of sale-milk. 1679 Shadwell *True Widow* Epil., Our Poet therefore Sale-work Habits makes. 1691 J. Gibson in *Archæologia* XII. 191 Darby, at Horton,..is master of several curious greens that other sale-gardeners want. 1778 (W. Marshall) *Minutes Agric.* 20 Feb. an. 1777, A middling field-load of wheat will yield a sale-load of straw, of 1296 lb. 1805 R. W. Dickson *Pract. Agric.* I. 396 Most of the farmers here burn lime for themselves..and think they have it much cheaper than it could be got from a sale kiln. 1815 S. Parkes *Chem. Ess.* I. 300 In the end they [*sc.* ash-pit doors] will be found to be more economical than any ready-make sale-doors. 1818 P. Cunningham *N. S. Wales* (ed. 3) II. 166 The common English sale gimlets are either soon broken at the point by our woods, or else the handle becomes loose. 1886 C. Scott *Sheep-farming* 151 The sale ewe lambs. *Ibid.* 157 These sale rams are injured, and in many cases rendered useless by overfeeding. 1895 *Funk's Standard Dict., Sale-pond*, ..a pond devoted to fishes kept for sale.

†b. That may be had for payment; venal, mercenary. (Cf. Salary *a.*1) *Obs.*

1591 Sylvester *Du Bartas* I. iii. 936 Sale-tougu'd Lawyers, wresting Eloquence, Excuse rich Wrong, and cast poore Innocence. 1602 Dekker *Honest Wh.* I. vi, Belike then shee's some sale curtizan. 1609 Holland *Amm. Marcell.* 293 A multitude thronged together of vendible ar sale souldiors. 1650 Milton *Eikon.* i. 12 Nothing troubl'd or offended at the working upward of thir Sale-venom thereupon.

†Sale, *sb.*3 *Obs.* Also 6 saile, sayle. [Northern form of Sole *sb.* (OE. *sól*). The form *saile* may represent directly the cognate ON. *seil.*] A rope for tying up cattle. Also *attrib.* †**saleband.**

c 1299 *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 496 In tractubus, cordis, salband (etc.), 28*s.* 11*d.* 1434–5 *Ibid.* 232 Redyls, 6 haxes bowes, 7 salys, ferrura boum et plawshon. 1599 *Mem. St. Giles's Durham* (Surtees) 27 Paid for a saile to the bull, j*d.* 1668 *Ibid.* 75 For a sayle and band to ty the Bull in.

†Sale, *sb.*4 *Obs.* [a. or ad. OF. *sale* (see Salle) or It. *sala*: cf. Sale *sb.*1] A hall.

1632 Lithgow *Trav.* IX. 401 This great Cell or Hall, is a yard deepe of blackish Water..: Hauing more than halfe way entered in this Sale (etc.). *a* 1648 Ld. Herbert *Hen. VIII* (1683) 233 The next day, obtained Audience of the King; Who in a great Sale (or Hall) sate on his Throne.

Sale, *v. rare*—1. [f. Sale *sb.*2] *intr.* To sell.

1809 Gifford in *Mem. F. Hodgson* (1878) I. 115 Lord Byron's poem sales well I understand.

Sale: see Sail, Seal, Soul.

Saleability (sēlˈlābiˈlĭti). Also salability. [f. next: see -bility.] Saleableness.

1797 Coleridge in *Sotheby's Catal. Bks. & MSS.* 30 Nov. (1891) 58 So much for the priceableness of the volume—now for the saleability. 1818 Moore *Mem.* (1856) VIII. 248 Saleability is the thing with the booksellers. 1881 Jevons in *Contemp. Rev.* Mar., To throw taxation off land on to personalty..is to increase the value of English land; but to restrict its salability or letting is to diminish its value. 1885 *Times* 9 Oct. 9/2 The saleability of Church property.

Saleable (sēlˈlāb'l), *a.* Also (6 salehable), 6– salable. [f. Sale *sb.*2 + -able.]

1. Capable of being sold; fit for sale; commanding an easy or ready sale.

1530 Palsgr. 323/1 Saleable, *vendible.* 1539 Taverner *Erasm. Prov.* (1552) 42 Wyne that is saleable and good needeth no bushe. 1615 G. Sandys *Trav.* 66 That which in England is not saleable, doth passe here amongst them for most excellent. *a* 1661 Fuller *Worthies, London* (1662) II. 219

His book..had been more salable, if more conformed to our modern language. 1763 *Museum Rust.* I. 27 Being at a loss what to do with my crop, which was not saleable in my neighbourhood. 1845 STEPHEN *Comm. Laws Eng.* (1874) II. 621 *note*, Certain offices in the Queen's Bench and Common Pleas were saleable by the chief justices of those courts respectively till the year 1825. 1871 M. COLLINS *Mrg. & Merch.* I. vi. 189 A horse saleable at three hundred guineas. 1881 *Times* 29 Jan. 11 Grenada Cocoa is more readily salable than other qualities. 1886 C. SCOTT *Sheep-farming* 144 After..the saleable lambs and draft ewes have been disposed of.

Comb. 1868 *Rep. U. S. Commissioner Agric.* (1869) 233 To cut good, salable-sized potatoes for seed.

transf. 1565 JEWEL *Repl. Harding* Concl., As for your Eloquence,..as it serueth wel, to make the mater more saleable in the sight of the simple, so [etc.].

†**b.** On sale, for sale. *Obs. rare*—1.

1599 SANDYS *Europæ Spec.* (1632) 115 They were content to let it be translated.., as also some number of Copies to be saleable a while at the beginning.

c. Said of the price which an article will fetch.

1778 *Chron.* in *Ann. Reg.* 186 Divers goods to the saleable value of 172*l.* 1881 H. GEORGE *Progr. & Pov.* VII. iii. 327 If the land belong to the people, why..should the people pay its salable value for their own?

2. Venal, mercenary. Now *rare* or *Obs.*

1579 FENTON *Guicciard.* XIII. (1599) 624 The corruptions of men salable, would not be sufficient to transport the Empire from the Germaine nation to the house of France. 1598 SYLVESTER *Du Bartas* II. ii. III. *Colonies* 633 We finde the Alman in his fight courageous, But salable. 1650 FULLER *Pisgah* II. viii. 172 Saint Paul eloquently defended his innocence, against the salable tongue of Tertullus. 1798 MRS. INCHBALD *Lovers' Vows* V. i, Tell him, my honour has never been saleable.

Sa·leableness. [f. prec. + -NESS.] The condition of being saleable; fitness for sale.

1727 BAILEY vol. II. 1754 T. SECKER in Nichols *Illustr. Lit. Hist.* (1818) III. 492 You might probably give him a better notion of the value, that is, the saleableness of the work. 1807 SOUTHEY *Lett.* (1856) II. 6 My own judgement of the saleableness of books. 1894 *Times* 25 July 10/1 The intrinsic saleableness of his novel.

Saleably (sē·lăbli), *adv.* [Formed as prec. + -LY 2.] In a saleable manner.

1755 JOHNSON, *Saleably.* 1898 *Times* 13 Apr., Every constituent..is..used up, and used up saleably.

Sale·brity. *rare*—0. [ad. late L. *salebritās*, f. *salebra* roughness.] = SALEBROSITY.

1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr.* 1731 BAILEY vol. II.

Salebrosity (sælĭbrɒ·sĭti). [ad. L. **salebrōsitās*, f. *salebrōs-us* SALEBROUS.] Ruggedness, unevenness. Also *fig.*

1638 R. BAILLIE *Lett. & Jrnls.* (1841) I. 140 His Grace here wiselie brought the Doctor off salebrosities, whence all his witts could not have delivered him with his credit. 1661 FELTHAM *Resolves, Upon Eccles.* 378 Yet is not this without its Thornes and salebrosity.

†**Salebrot** = *sal* ALEMBROTH. *Obs.*

1678 PHILLIPS, *Sal Lambrot* or *Salebrot.*

Salebrous (sæ·lĭbrəs), *a.* [ad. late L. *salebrōsus*, f. *salebra* roughness: see -OUS.] Rough, rugged. Also *fig.*

1633 *Battle of Lutzen* 30 The entrie of his Raigne..was thorny and sallebrous. 1641 OUGHTRED in Rigaud *Corr. Sci. Men* (1841) I. 60 Others of my profession..refuse to tread these salebrous and uneasy paths. 1681 COTTON *Woud. Peak* 54 We now again proceed Thorough a Vale that's salebrous indeed.

Hence †**Sa·lebrousness.** 1727 BAILEY vol. II.

Salempore (sæ·lĕmpōəɹ). Also 6 **sarampura**, 7 **sallampoora**, 7–9 **salam-**, 8 **sallampoore**, 8–9 **-pore.** [= F. *salempouri* (18th c.), Du. *salamporij* (17th c.): of unascertained origin. Cf. *palampore.*] 'A blue cotton cloth formerly made at Nellore in India, and largely exported to the West Indies, where it was the usual slave cloth' (Knight *Dict. Mech.*).

1598 W. PHILLIP tr. *Linschoten* I. i. 28/1 This linnen..is called Sarampuras, Cassas, Comsas, Beatillias, Satopassas, and a thousande such like names. 1614 in W. Foster *Lett. E. India Co.* (1897) II. 32 Salampora, being a broad white cloth. 1680 *Notes & Extr. Govt. Rec. Fort St. George* III. (1873) 16 (V.) Salampores, Blew, at 14 Pagodas per corge. 1703 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 3933/4 The Cargo of the Star of the East, consisting of Long Cloth, Sallampoores, Betelles [etc.]. 1809 R. LANGFORD *Introd. Trade* 74, 8 Bales, each containing 60 Pieces Sallampores blue. 1834 M. SCOTT *Cruise Midge* iii. (1842) 40 Wide white petticoat trowsers..made of some strong cotton stuff of the same fabric as the India salampore. 1863 W. C. BALDWIN *Afr. Hunting* I. 21 Paid them on arrival with brass wire and blue salempore, or calico.

†**Salen.** *Obs.* [Cf. mod.L. *salēna* kind of fish found in Lake Como (Benedictus Jovius *a* 1544).]

1513 *Bk. Keruynge* in *Babees Bk.* (1868) 280 Grene fysshe, pyke, lampraye, salens, porpas rosted.

†**Sal eni·xum.** *Chem. Obs.* Also -on. [mod.L. (Paracelsus): see SAL. The second word is the neut. of L. *ēnixus*, app. in the sense 'that has given birth' (*scil.* to the acid).] Crude potassium sulphate, produced in the manufacture of nitric acid.

[1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) VI. 673 The sal enixum of Paracelsus is the caput mortuum of spirits of nitre with oil of vitriol, or what remains in the retort after the distillation of this spirit.] 1827 FARADAY *Chem. Manip.* xiii. 298 Sal-Enixum is an acid sulphate of potash. 1875 *Ure's Dict. Arts* III. 738 *Salenixon.*

Salep (sæ·lĕp). See also SALOOP. [= F. *salep*, Sp. *salép*, Pg. *salepo*, a. Turkish سالپ *sālep*, a. Arabic ثعلب *thaʿleb* (pronounced in some parts *saʿleb*), taken to be a shortening of خصى الثعلب *khasyu 'th-thaʿlab* orchis (lit. 'fox's testicles'; cf. the Eng. name 'dogstones').] A nutritive meal, starch, or jelly made from the dried tubers of various orchidaceous plants, chiefly those of the genus *Orchis*; formerly also used as a drug.

1736 BAILEY *Househ. Dict.* 519 Put an ounce of salop or salep, into a quart of water. 1771 MRS. HAYWOOD *New Present* 43 To boil Salep. Take of the powder of salep a large teaspoonful [etc.]. 1837 M. DONOVAN *Dom. Econ.* II. 365 The root [of *Orchis mascula*] being washed, baked, and ground to powder, is salep. 1854 S. THOMSON *Wild Fl.* III. (1861) 295 Salep is used in the preparation of a mucilaginous jelly like arrow-root. 1858 CARPENTER *Veg. Phys.* § 677 A nutritive substance termed Salep, somewhat resembling Arrow-root or Sago. 1861 [see SALOOP 1].

attrib. 1768 MOULT in *Phil. Trans.* LIX. 3 The jelly of Salep-powder is clear and transparent. 1841 *Penny Cycl.* XX. 345/2 One part of salep-powder with forty-eight parts of water boiled or heated forms a thick mucilage. 1868 WATTS *Dict. Chem.* V. 147 Salep-mucilage.

†**Sa·ler.** *Obs.* Also 4 **salure**, 5 **salere**, **sallyer**, 5–6 **seler.** See also SALT-CELLAR. [a. OF. *sal(l)iere* fem., mod.F. *salière* (= Pr. *saliera*, *saleira*, It. *saliera*), also OF. *salier* masc.:—L. *salāriam*, *-um*, properly adj. 'pertaining to salt'; cf. SALARY *sb.*] A salt-cellar.

13.. *Coer de L.* 1099 The saler on the table stood. 13.. *Gaw. & Gr. Kn.* 886 Sanap, & salure, & sylyer-in sponez. 1439 in *Archæol.* XXI. 36, ij Salers of gold, whereof y^t oon ys a man and y^t other a woman, holdyng y^e salers in her hondes. *c* 1475 *Babees Bk.* (1868) 7 The salte also touche nat in his salere Withe nokyns mete. *c* 1500 *For to serve a Lord* ibid. 368 The boteler or panter shall sette the seler in the myddys of the tabull accordyng to the place where the principall soverain shalle sette, and sette his brede iuste couched unto the salte-seler.

Saleratus (sælərē·tŭs). *U.S.* Also **salæratus.** [a. mod.L. *sal aerātus* 'aerated salt'.] An impure bicarbonate of potash containing more carbon dioxide than pearl-ash does, much used as an ingredient in baking-powders. Now also applied to sodium bicarbonate used for the same purpose.

1846 WORCESTER (citing ADAMS), *Saleratus*, a sort of refined pearl-ash. 1854 MRS. STOWE *Sunny Memories* XX. II. 19 Hot biscuits, hot corn-cakes, and other compounds got up with the acrid poison of saleratus. 1880 *New Virginians* II. I. 64 Bread made with carbonate of soda, saleratus, or any other kind of baking-powder. 1883 B. HARTE *Carquinez Woods* IV. 98 Without extra trouble kneaded flour, water and saleratus need not be essentially heavy.

attrib. 1867 [MRS. WHITNEY] *Summer in L. Goldthwaite's Life* 71 They think it is only saleratus cakes and maple molasses. 1884 *Harper's Mag.* Jan. 297/1 Salæratus bread, heavy pastry, and fried meat do not form the best diet.

†**Salerne.** *Obs.* Anglicized f. L. *Salernum*, It. *Salerno*, the name of an Italian maritime town near Naples, used attrib. = SALERNITAN *a.*

1598 BP. HALL *Sat.* IV. iv, Tho neuer haue I Salerne rimes profest To be some Ladies trencher-criticke guest. 1607 *Englishman's Docter* (1830) 125 The Salerne Schoole doth by these lines impart, All health to England's king. 1635 SWAN *Spec. M.* (1643) 240 The Salern school makes this demand, *Cur moriatur homo cui Salvia crescit in horto?*

Salernitan (sălə·rnităn), *a.* and *sb.* [ad. L. *Salernitān-us*, f. *Salernum* (see prec.).] **a.** *adj.* Of or pertaining to Salerno or the medical school which formerly flourished there. **b.** *sb.* A native or inhabitant of Salerno; a physician of the Salernitan school.

The reference in quots. 1621, 1826 is to the following lines of the poem *Regimen Sanitatis Salernitanum*, 'Si tibi deficiant medici, medici tibi fiant Hæc tria, mens læta, requies, moderata dieta.'

1608 TOPSELL *Serpents* II. 190 Some have called..a toade the brother of the Salernitans, & the Lizard the brother of the Lombards. 1621 BURTON *Anat. Mel.* II. ii. VI. iv. 375 This is one of the three Salernitan Doctors, Doctor Merriman, D. Diet, and D. Quiet. 1826 C. M. WESTMACOTT *Eng. Spy* (1907) II. 57 Mirth is the principal of the three Salernitan doctors. 1878 VILLARI *Machiavelli* I. 254 A grent admixture of the Neapolitan and Salernitan dialects.

Salesman (sē·lzmăn). Also 6 **salys-man**; and see *saleman*, SALE *sb.*2 3. [f. *sale's*, genit. of SALE *sb.*2 + MAN *sb.*1 Cf. *craftsman*, *tradesman.*] A man whose business it is to sell goods or conduct sales.

The following are specific applications: **a.** One who sells goods or produce for another, e. g. one who acts as middleman between the grazier or the killer of cattle and the butcher. † **b.** One who sells ready-made clothing. (Cf. SALE *sb.*2 4 a.) **c.** *U. S.* A commercial traveller (*Century Dict.*).

1523 FITZHERB. *Husb.* § 134 It is not conuenient that the salesman, that selleth the wod, shuld be partener with the bier. 1548 W. FORREST *Pleas. Poesye* 441 in *Starkey's Life & Lett.* p. xcvi*, What the Salys-man is the ware ofte dothe teache. 1697 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 3341/8 Tho. Middleton late of West-Smithfield, London, Salesman, deceased. *a* 1700 B. E. *Dict. Canl. Crew*, *Sales-men*, brokers who sell Cattel for the Graziers to the Butchers, before, and at the Beast-Market; also Sellers of ready-made Cloaths. 1717 PRIOR *Alma* I. 166 This looks, friend Dick, as Nature had But exercis'd the Salesman's Trade: As if She haply had sat down, And cut out Cloaths for all the Town. 1717 SWIFT *Prol. to Gay's Three Hours after Marriage* 25 Poets make Characters, as Salesmen Clothes. 1758 JOHNSON *Idler* No. 28 ¶ 3 Miss Mohair, the daughter of a salesman. 1777 HOWARD *Prisons Eng.* 183 A generous Benefactor (a salesman in Smithfield) often sends the Prisoners beef and bread. 1831 YOUATT *Horse* 47 He [*sc.* Eclipse] was..sold at his death to Mr. Wildman, a sheep salesman, for seventy-five guineas. 1851 MAYHEW *Lond. Labour* I. 378/2 Should the salesman [*i. e.* a pedlar] succeed with the mistress, he carries out his promise to the maid by presenting her with a cap ribbon, or a cheap neckerchief. 1851 Meat-salesman [see MEAT *sb.* 5]. 1851 Dead salesman [DEAD *sb.*1 6]. 1883 COTTON in *Law Times Rep.* XLIX. 723/1 The defendants have let all these stalls to salesmen. 1885 *Law Rep.* 14 Q. B. Div. 248 Salesmen had brought their carts with fruit or vegetables to Spitalfields Market on the market days. 1891 *Ibid.* Weekly Notes 80/1 A farmer in Northamptonshire sent certain meat to a salesman in the Central Meat market..for sale.

b. †*Salesman's dog*: a tout.

a 1700 B. E. *Dict. Cant. Crew*, *Salesman's-dog*, the same as *Barker.*

Hence **Sa·lesmanship**, the condition or character of being a (good) salesman.

1880 BLACKMORE *Mary Anerley* II. ix. 162 He made a good stroke of salesmanship. 1887 *Old Man's Favour* I. II. i. 202 The art-pottery stall, under the attractive salesmanship of Canon Elwyn.

Saleswoman (sē·lzwu:măn). A woman who sells goods (e. g. in a shop).

1704 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 4025/4 Ann Scadding, of the Parish of St. Buttolp Aldgate, Saleswoman. 1880 *Libr. Univ. Knowl.* (U. S.) VIII. 800 In 1790 [she] went to Paris, where she was a saleswoman in a linen shop. 1887 *Old Man's Favour* I. II. i. 204 The stall was well-furnished, the saleswoman was pretty and animated.

Salew, Salewt: see SALUE, SALUTE.

Salews, obs. pl. SALUTE *sb.*2

†**Salfay.** *Obs.* Also 5 **safye**, 6 *Sc.* **salfer** (?). [Origin unknown, but prob. ultimately connected with L. *salvus* SAFE.] The reward paid to the finder and restorer of lost goods.

c 1440 *Alphabet of Tales* 434 Bod þe riche man, when he had þe sakett agayn, wolde not pay þe salfay. *Ibid.*, Becauce he wold nott hafe gyffen þe pure man a hondreth talentis to safye, as he promysid he sulde do. 1551–2 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* I. 123 All sik gudis stollin or reft, lauchfullie Convict, salbe restorit and redressit with the thre dowbillis and salfer.

Salf(e, salffe, obs. ff. SAFE, SALVE, SAVE.

Salfe, obs. form of SAUGH, willow.

Salfleme: see SAUCEFLEME.

Salft, Salfty, obs. forms of SALVE *sb.*1, SAFETY.

Salge, obs. form of SAGE.

Sal-gem (sæ·lˌdʒe·m). Now *rare* or *Obs.* Also 4–9 **gemme**, 5–8 **-geme**, 7 **gemm**; and in L. form. [ad. med.L. *sal gemma* or *gemmæ*, lit. 'gem-like salt'. Cf. F. *sel gemme.*] Native chloride of sodium; rock-salt.

c 1325 [see SAL-AMMONIAC]. *c* 1450 *M. E. Med. Bk.* (Heinrich) 99 Pondres of sal gemme. 1471 RIPLEY *Comp. Alch.* Adm. v. in Ashm. (1652) 190 Sal Tarter, sal Comyn, sal Geme most clere. *c* 1550 LLOYD *Treas. Health* E iv, Make pouder of Roses suger and salgem. 1646 SIR T. BROWNE *Pseud. Ep.* VI. xii. 336 No other salt that I know will strike the colour with galles; neither Alom, Sal-gemme, Nitre, nor Armoniack. 1718 QUINCY *Compl. Disp.* 9 That which is termed fossile Salt, or Sal Gemma. 1836 T. THOMSON *Min. Geol.*, etc. I. 100 Rock salt, sal-gemme, muriate of soda. 1852 TH. ROSS tr. *Humboldt's Trav.* I. i. 8 The interior of Spain forms a vast plain,..covered with secondary formations, grit-stone, gypsum, salgem. 1867 BLOXAM *Chem.* 262 Perfectly pure specimens [of rock-salt]..are styled sal gem.

Salgh(e, obs. forms of SALLOW, willow.

Salian 1 (sē·lĭăn), *a.* and *sb.* [f. L. *Sali-us* (usually sb. pl. *Salii*, lit. 'leapers, dancers', f. *salīre* to leap) + -AN.] **a.** *adj.* Of or pertaining to the Salii or priests of Mars in ancient Rome. **b.** *sb.* One of the Salii.

1653 R. SANDERS *Physiogn.* 22 Numa Pompilius also instituted 12 Salian Priests in the honour of Mars. 1781 GIBBON *Decl. & F.* XXVIII. (1787) III. 71 The confraternities of the Salians, the Lupercals, &c. practised such rites, as might extort a smile of contempt from every reasonable man. 1857 H. SPENCER in *Westm. Rev.* Apr. 462 Among the Romans, too, there were sacred dances: the Salian and Lupercalian being named as of that kind. 1871 FARRAR *Witn. Hist.* iii. 107 The catacomb triumphed over the Grecian temple; the cross of shame over the wine-cup and the Salian banquet.

Salian 2 (sē·lĭăn), *a.* and *sb.* [f. late L. *Sali-ī*, the Salian Franks + -AN.] **a.** *adj.* Of or belonging to a tribe of Franks who inhabited a region near the Zuyder Zee, and to whom the ancestors of the Merovingian dynasty belonged. (Cf. SALIC.) **b.** *sb.* A Salian Frank.

1614 SELDEN *Titles Hon.* II. i. 175 The old Franks which were Teutonique, and calld also Salians. *a* 1727 NEWTON *Obs. Proph. Daniel* I. v. (1733) 43 By the access of these Gauls, and of the foreign Franks also,..the Salian kingdom soon grew very great. 1830 GRATTAN *Hist. Netherlands* II The Salians, and the other petty tribes of Franks, their allies, were essentially warlike. 1837 KEIGHTLEY *Hist. Eng.* I. 208 This regulation of the descent of the French crown, was said, though improperly, to depend on a law of the Salian Franks, hence called the Salic law. 1879 *Encycl. Brit.* IX. 529/2 There is in the Salian law no trace of a primitive nobility.

†**Sa·liaunce.** *Obs.* [f. *saliaunt*, SALIENT: see -ANCE. Cf. *salience.*] An assault, or sally.

1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* II. i. 29 Now mote I weet,..why with so fierce saliaunce,..ye did at earst me meet.

Salic (sæ·lik, sē·lik), *a.* Also 6 **salicque**, 6–7 **-like**, 7 **sallick**, 7–8 **saliok**, 6–9 **salique.** [ad. F. *salique* or med.L. *Salicus*, f. *Salii* (see SALIAN 2).]

1. *Salic law*: in early use, and still in popular language, the alleged fundamental law of the French

monarchy, by which females were excluded from succession to the crown; hence *gen.* a law excluding females from dynastic succession. In this sense still often spelt *Salique* and pronounced (sălī·k).

The ancient text which under the name of the 'Salic law' was adduced in favour of the succession of Philip V in 1316, and afterwards used to combat the claims of Edward III of England (and his successors) to the French crown, was really a quotation from the *Lex Salica* (see sense 2); the words however (cap. lix. § 5 of modern editions) have no reference to succession to the crown, but merely state that a woman can have no portion of the inheritance of 'Salic land' (*terra Salica*); the precise meaning of this term is disputed, and in the earliest form of the code the word 'Salic' is omitted.

a 1548 HALL *Chron., Hen. V* (1550) 4 b, The lawe Salicque was only fayned and invented to put your noble progenitours and you [Hen. V.] from your lawfull right and true inheritannce. For they say that Pharamond made the lawe for the land Salicque, which the glose calleth Fraunce. 1599 SHAKS. *Hen. V*, I. ii. 39. *Ibid.* 91 They would hold vp this Salique Law, To barre your Highnesse clayming from the Female. 1674 *Ch. & Crt. of Rome* 29 In despite of the Sallick Law, [they] endeavour that the Infanta..should succeed unto the Crown. 1837 [see SALIAN²]. 1842 W. IRVING *Life & Lett.* (1866) III. 233 By long usage, the Salique law of France.. had become naturalized in Spain. 1847 TENNYSON *Princess* II. 117 She fulmined out her scorn of laws Salique.

transf. 1663 COWLEY *Verses & Ess.* (1669) 2 Orinda does in that too raign, Does Man behind her in proud Triumph draw, And Cancel great Apollo's Salick Law. 1773 HAN. MORE *Search Happ.* ii. 139, I scorn'd the salique law of pedant schools, Which chain our genius down by tasteless rules. 1870 HUXLEY *Lay Serm.* ii. 29 Nature's old salique law will not be repealed.

2. In the original sense of L. *Salicus*: Pertaining to the Salian Franks. · Chiefly in *Salic law* or *code* (L. *Lex Salica*), a Frankish law-book, written in Latin, and extant in five successively enlarged recensions of Merovingian and Carolingian date.

1781 GIBBON *Decl. & F.* xxxviii. (1787) III. 583 Before the election of the Merovingian kings, the most powerful tribe, or nation, of the Franks, appointed four venerable chieftains to compose the Salic laws. *Ibid.* 594 Besides these royal and beneficiary estates, a large proportion had been assigned, in the division of Gaul, of allodial and Salic lands. 1879 *Encycl. Brit.* X. 476/1 The Salic code..shows us the Salian king as in all respects the centre of his state.

Hence **Sa·licly** (saliquely) *adv.*, with reference to the Salic law.

1784 H. WALPOLE *Lett. to C'tess Ossory* (1848) II. 207 Numerous as were the sons of Edward III., only Thomas, Duke of Gloucester, continued the masculine line, and I cannot (upon memory alone) affirm that. If he did, the Duke of Buckingham beheaded by Henry VIII., had *saliquely* speaking the best title to the Crown.

Salicaceous (sælikē·ʃəs), *a. Bot.* [f. mod.L. *salicāce-us*, f. L. *salic-*, *salix* willow: see -ACEOUS.] Belonging to the N. O. *Salicaceæ*, which consists of two genera, *Salix* (willow) and *Populus* (poplar).

1846 in SMART Suppl.

Salicet (sæ·liset). [a. G. *salicet* (1703 in Zedler), f. L. *salic-*, *salix* willow + -ET. For the suffix cf. *dulcet* sb.] = SALICIONAL.

1852 SEIDEL *Organ* 104 Salicional, or 'salicet'..is one of the finest organ registers. 1876 HILES *Catech. Organ* ix. (1878) 66 Salicet in the Pedal is a soft 16 feet register.

Salicify, erron. form of SILICIFY.

Salicin (sæ·lisin). Also -ine. [ad. F. *salicine* (Leroux), f. L. *salic-*, *salix* willow: see -IN¹.] A bitter crystalline principle obtained from willow-bark, much used medicinally.

1830 *Philos. Mag.* VIII. 304 Salicine, burnt with oxide of copper in a proper apparatus, yielded a gas entirely absorbable by potash. 1840 *Ibid.* XVI. 210 Salicin is now..employed in medicine as a substitute for quinine. 1879 *St. George's Hosp. Rep.* IX. 230 The power of salicin and salicylic acid in counteracting the rheumatic poison.

attrib. 1887 *Athenæum* 26 Mar. 421/1 Salicine crystals.

Salicional (sălī·ʃənăl). Also erron. salcional, salicinal. [a. G. *saliz-*, *salicional* (18th c.), f. *salic-*, *salix* willow, with obscure suffix. Cf. SALICET.] An organ stop of a soft reedy tone resembling that of a willow pipe.

1843 *Mech. Mag.* XXXIX. 6 The plan has long been used in Germany for the Salcional. 1881 BROADHOUSE *Mus. Acoustics* 171 Pipes which are conically narrowed at the top, such as the salicional and the gems horn. 1884 BOSANQUET in *Encycl. Brit.* XVII. 833/1 The salicional, salcional, or salicet. 1897 F. E. ROBERTSON *Organ-building* 117 If there be any shade of difference between these stops, it is that the Salicional should be beautifully soft and stringy, yet not without fulness, the Dulciana quite and a little less reedy, and the Vox Angelica the thinnest of all.

Salicyl (sæ·lisil). *Chem.* Also -yle, -ile, -ule. [ad. F. *salicyle*, f. L. *salic-*, *-salix* willow: see -YL.] The diatomic radical of salicylic acid.

1840 *Turner's Elem. Chem.* (ed. 6) III. 852 Under the name of hydruret of salicule, a peculiar acid was made known by Piria, who discovered it as a product of the decomposition of salicine. 1857 MILLER *Elem. Chem.* (1862) III. 409 Hydride of salicyl. 1876 HARLEY *Royle's Mat. Med.* 415 Gently heated with sulphuric acid and bichromate of potash, it [*sc.* salicin]..is converted into fragrant oil of meadow sweet or hydride of salicyle.

attrib. 1842 T. GRAHAM *Elem. Chem.* 871 Salicyl Series of Compounds. 1857 MILLER *Elem. Chem.* (1862) III. 409 The salicyl group. 1869 ROSCOE *Elem. Chem.* xxxix. 388 Salicyl Aldehyde, $C_7H_6O_2$. 1888 FAGGE & PYE-SMITH *Princ. Med.* (ed. 2) I. 205 Salicyl compounds, invaluable as they are in rheumatic fever.

Hence **Salicyla·mic** *a.*, derived from salicyl and ammonia; **Salicy·lamide**, a compound formed when oil of gualtheria is dissolved in a solution of ammonia; **Sa·licylide**, the anhydride of salicylic acid; **Salicy·limide**, a yellow crystalline powder produced by the action of heat on salicylamic acid; **Sa·licylite**, a salt formed by the action of salicylol on oxides and hydrates of metals; **Sa·licylol**, a colourless or reddish oil intermediate in composition between salicylic acid and salicylic aldehyde; also, extended to include a class of bodies of this type in which part of the hydrogen is replaced by a metal; **Salicylu·rate**, a salt of salicyluric acid; † **Salicylu·ret**, a compound of salicyl with a metal; **Salicylu·ric** *acid*, an acid derived from the urine evacuated after the administration of salicylic acid.

1840 *Turner's Elem. Chem.* (ed. 6) III. 855 Saliculimide. *Ibid.*, Saliculite of Ammonia. 1842 T. GRAHAM *Elem. Chem.* 872 In the salicylites, the atom of hydrogen of the formula of salicylous acid is replaced by a metal. *Ibid.* 873 Solutions of alkalies and acids act upon salicylimide,..as they do upon amides. 1845 W. GREGORY *Outl. Chem.* II. 345 Salicyluret of ammonium..is formed when concentrated ammonia is poured upon hydruret of salicyle. 1857 MILLER *Elem. Chem.* (1862) III. 544 It [*sc.* benzamic acid] is isomeric with anthranilic acid and with salicylamide. *Ibid.* 567 Both salicylide and salicylic anhydride are rapidly converted into ordinary salicylic acid. *Ibid.*, The solutions of salicyluric acid give a violet colour with persalts of iron. 1863 *Fownes' Chem.* (ed. 9) 557 Salicylite of copper is a green insoluble powder. 1868 WATTS *Dict. Chem.* V. 150 *Salicylamic-acid*, ..this compound is produced by the action of ammonia on methylsalicylic or ethylsalicylic acid. *Ibid.* 167 *Salicylol*... Salicylous Hydride. Hydric Salicylite. Salicylous acid. *Ibid.* 172 Salicylurates.—The acid decomposes carbonates. Its salts crystallise easily. 1869 ROSCOE *Elem. Chem.* xxxix. 389 Sodium Salicilol. 1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 212/2 Salicin is eliminated from the system partly in the form of salicylic and salicyluric acids, and partly as saligenin.

Salicylate (sălī·silēt), *sb. Chem.* [f. SALICYLIC + -ATE¹.] A salt of salicylic acid.

1842 T. GRAHAM *Elem. Chem.* 874 Salicylate of silver is an insoluble white precipitate, anhydrous. 1857 MILLER *Elem. Chem.* (1862) III. 180 The oil of winter green is a salicylate of methyl. 1878 BAISTOWE *Theory & Pract. Med.* (ed. 2) 900 By far the most..efficacious treatment of acute rheumatism is that by salicylic acid or salicylate of soda.

attrib. 1897 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* III. 13 The salicylate treatment pushed too freely.

Salicylate (sălī·silēt), *v.* [f. next + -ATE³.] *trans.* To mix or impregnate with salicylic acid.

1880 *Times* 28 Dec. 7/6 By salicylating the drinking-water of the beasts by the addition of two tablespoonfuls of the acid dissolved in hot water. 1883 MARTINDALE & WESTCOTT *Extra Pharmacop.* 71 Salicylated Camphor. 1886 *Lancet* 2 Oct. 638/1 The salicylated beer of Paris.

Salicylic (sælisi·lik), *a. Chem.* Earlier saliculic. [f. SALICYL + -IC.]

1. *Chem.* Belonging to a group of benzene derivatives obtainable from salicin; esp. in *salicylic acid*, a white crystalline substance, prepared commercially from sodium phenol, and much used as an antiseptic and in the treatment of rheumatism.

1840 *Turner's Elem. Chem.* (ed. 6) III. 857 Salicylic Acid. Discovered by Piria. 1842 T. GRAHAM *Elem. Chem.* 874 The salicylic acid is liberated by adding an excess of hydrochloric acid. 1857 MILLER *Elem. Chem.* (1862) III. 560 Salicylic Series. 1869 ROSCOE *Elem. Chem.* xxxix. 388 Salicylic group. The members of this group are closely connected with the benzyl and benzoyl series. 1881 *Athenæum* 4 June 754 The use of salicylic acid as a disinfectant.

2. *Therapeutics.* Made from, impregnated with, or involving the use of, salicylic acid.

1876 *Trans. Clinical Soc.* IX. 10 On the eleventh day the salicylic ointment was employed. 1880 MACCORMAC *Antisept. Surg.* 215 The inguinal regions..should be well padded with salicylic wool. 1897 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* III. 57 As a rule such articular pains yield rapidly to salicylic treatment.

Salicylism (sæ·lisilizm). [f. SALICYLIC + -ISM.] A toxic condition produced by the administration of salicylic acid or salicylates.

1889 *Lancet* 19 Jan. 114/2 If patients bleed at all as a result of salicylism, they should do so from their gums.

Salicylize (sæ·lisiləiz), *v.* [f. SALICYLIC + -IZE.] To treat with salicylic acid in order to prevent fermentation. Hence **Sa·licylized** *ppl. a.*

1881 *Nature* 12 May 48/1 It is estimated that 5,000,000 hectolitres of wine were salicylised in France in 1880. 1881 *Athenæum* 4 June 754/2 The daily use of salicylized food or drink does not..injure the health.

Salicylous (sălī·siləs), *a. Chem.* Earlier saliculous. [f. SALICYL + -OUS. Cf. F. *salicyleux*.] *Salicylous acid*: an oily liquid obtained by distillation of salicin with sulphuric acid and bichromate of potash; salicyl aldehyde.

1840 *Turner's Elem. Chem.* (ed. 6) III. 854 Saliculous acid combines with metallic oxides to form the saliculites. 1842 T. GRAHAM *Elem. Chem.* 735 Oil of spiræa, or salicylous acid. 1876 HARLEY *Mat. Med.* (ed. 6) 415 Salicylous acid ..differing from salicylic acid by an atom less of oxygen.

Salie, variant of SAULIE *Sc.*

Salience (sē·liĕns). [f. SALIENT: see -ENCE.]

1. The quality of leaping or springing up. *rare.*

1836 L. HUNT in *New Monthly Mag.* XLVII. 479 What fresh, clean, and youthful salience in the lynx! 1840 — *Seer* I. 6 The suddenness and salience of all that is lively, sprouting, and new.

2. The fact, quality, or condition of being salient or projecting beyond the general outline or surface. Also of immaterial things.

1849 LYTTON *Caxtons* x. i, No wonder that thou seemest ..to have a great cavity where thy brain should have the bump of 'conscientiousness' in full salience! 1877 SYMONDS *Renaiss. It., Fine Arts* III. vi. 299 His character does not emerge with any salience from the meagre notices we have received concerning him. *a* 1878 SIR G. SCOTT *Lect. Archit.* (1879) I. 149 These subsidiary shafts may be..subordinated one to another, both in size and salience. 1884 *Contemp. Rev.* July 142 There is not the same unity of composition or salience of colour.

3. A salient or projecting feature, part, or object.

1837 C. LOFFT *Self-formation* I. 144 To people who would merely lounge along, side by side, these saliences are sorely annoying, they are abominable things. 1890 C. H. MOORE *Gothic Archit.* ix. 209 Saliences are indicated conventionally [in illumination] by paling the colour. 1894 R. ELLIS *Phædrus* 26 An imitator reproduces the saliences of his model. 1908 *Westm. Gaz.* 7 May 2/1 The Badakshan district..forms a salience, running deeply into Russian territory.

Saliency (sē·liĕnsi). [f. SALIENT: see -ENCY.]

† **1.** Leaping or jumping. *Obs.*

1664 POWER *Exp. Philos.* I. 25 It [*sc.* the ant] trips so nimbly away without any saliency or leaping.

2. = SALIENCE 2.

1834 J. S. MACAULAY *Field Fortif.* VI. § 1. 114 In order to give as great a saliency as possible to these lunettes. 1841 HOR. SMITH *Moneyed Man* III. viii. 208 The great attenuation of the face..gave a singular saliency to the features. 1863 LYTTON *Caxtoniana* II. 275 Its merits are not to be sought in the saliency of any predominating excellence. 1882 C. D. WARNER *Washington Irving* VI. 118 A man,..whose..strong patriotism did not need the saliency of ignorant partisanship.

3. = SALIENCE 3.

1831 *Examiner* 68/2 They should be replete with saliencies, and..poke quaint peculiarities at the spectator. 1887 *Harper's Mag.* July 266 Their little chronology..stepped briskly over the centuries solely on the names of kings and sanguinary saliencies.

Salient (sē·liĕnt), *a.* and *sb.* Also 6 saliaunte, 7 salliant, 7–9 saliant, 8 saillant. [ad. L. *salient-em*, pres. pple. of *salīre* to leap. The form has been freq. assimilated wholly or partly to F. *saillant* (from the same source).]

A. *adj.*

1. Leaping, jumping; *esp.* of animals, saltatorial. Used by Sydney Smith app. for 'dancing': cf. SALTANT.

1646 SIR T. BROWNE *Pseud. Ep.* V. iii. 237 Salient animalls, and such as move by leaping. 1655 FULLER *Ch. Hist.* X. ii. § 53 Behold a straw besprinkled with some drops of his blood..leaped up on this Wilkinson [etc.]..when this straw salient leaped first up into Wilkinson's lap [etc.]. 1803 SHAW *Zool.* IV. 167 Salient Blenny. *Ibid.* 585 Salient Mackrel. 1826 SYD. SMITH *Wks.* (1859) II. 89/1 With ten or a dozen stars and an Oonalaska chief, and followed by all vicious and salient London, Mrs. Clotworthy takes the field. 1848 MAUNDER *Treas. Nat. Hist.* 804 *Salient*, moving by leaps, as frogs.

b. Of water: Jetting forth; leaping upwards.

1669 BOYLE *Contn. New Exp.* IV. 17 We could take notice of the Lines describ'd by the Salient water, as the ejaculation of that Liquor grew still fainter and fainter. 1728 POPE *Dunc.* II. 162 Who best can send on high The salient spout, far-streaming to the sky. 1830 TENNYSON *Adeline* iii, Do beating hearts of salient springs Keep measure with thine own? 1892 LD. LYTTON *K. Poppy* II. 289 Nor any better could that Dragon sage Hinder the sources of the salient springs From listening.

fig. 1796 BURKE *Let. Noble Ld.* Wks. VIII. 46 He had in himself a salient, living spring, of generous and manly action.

c. Of the pulse: Beating strongly. *poet.*

a 1791 BLACKLOCK *Ode written when sick* 15 The salient pulse of health gives o'er.

d. Math. *Salient point* (see quot.).

1845 *Encycl. Metrop.* II. 122 The points of curves which have been called shooting or saliant points, when the function $\frac{dy}{dx}$ becomes discontinuous by changing suddenly of value.

2. *Her.* Having the hind legs in the sinister base and the fore paws elevated near together in the dexter chief, as if in the act of leaping.

1562 LEIGH *Armorie* 78 He beareth Argent, a Lion saliaunte,..this lifteth up hys right pawe to the right corner of the Escocheon, and the Rampande, lifteth up his left pawe to the same corner. 1605 CAMDEN *Rem.* (1637) 227 A demy Ramme salient Argent. 1718 A. NISBET *Ess. Armories* Index Terms, *Salient*, when any Beast is erected Bendways. 1864 BOUTELL *Her. Hist. & Pop.* XX. (ed. 3) 334 A pegasus salient.

transf. 1740 *Gentl. Mag.* X. 460/1 [A little cur] salient on her nether feet, Extorts your very fav'rite bit.

3. *Salient point* [= F. *point saillant*, mod.L. *punctum saliens*]: in old medical use, the heart as it first appears in an embryo (cf. quot. 1706); hence, the first beginning of life or motion; the starting-point of anything. *Obs.* or *arch.*

1672 SIR T. BROWNE *Let. Friend* § 5 His end was not unlike his beginning, when the salient point scarce affords a sensible motion. [1706 PHILLIPS (ed. Kersey), *Punctum Saliens*, a little Speck or Cloud that appears in a Brood-egg, and seems to leap before the Chicken begins to be hatch'd.] 1712 BLACKMORE *Creation* VI. 337 The Salient Point, so first is call'd the Heart. 1769 *Junius Lett.* (1820) 154 That was the salient point from which all the mischiefs ..of the present reign took life. 1822 GOOD *Study Med.* II. 7 The heart is the salient point of the circulation. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* II. I. v, What a progress, since the first salient-point of the Breton Committee! 1869 GOULBURN *Purs. Holiness* iv. 39 What is the salient point, the spring, of a virtue?

b. Similarly, † *salient motion*.

1660 Ingelo *Bentiv. & Ur.* II. (1682) 119 The earthly bud of young Life first appears in a salient Motion.

4. Of an angle: Pointing outward, as an ordinary angle of a polygon (opposed to *re-entrant*); chiefly in *Fortif.*, 'formed by two lines of works meeting and pointing towards the country' (Voyle), i. e. away from the centre of the fortification. So *salient point*, etc.

1687 J. Richards *Jrnl. Siege of Buda* 19 We pierc'd the Wall of the Lower Town looking into St. Paul's Valley, and carry'd on a 3d Angle Salliant. 1702 *Milit. Dict.* s.v. *Bonnet*, A Work consisting of two Faces, which make an Angle Saillant in the Nature of a small Ravelin. 1739 Labelye *Short Acc. Piers Westm. Bridge* 79 Each Point, or Saliant Angle of each of the Piers. 1812 Wellington in Gurw. *Desp.* (1837) IX. 12 When the attack upon the salient angle ..succeeded. 1816 R. Jameson *Char. Min.* (ed. 2) 170 In ordinary crystals, the faces adjacent to each other always form salient, and never re-entering angles. 1838 *Penny Cycl.* X. 375/2 We obtain about 360 yards for the distance between the salient points F and E of the two bastions. 1876 Voyle & Stevenson *Milit. Dict.*, *Salient Order of Battle*, an order of battle, the front of the army being formed on a salient or outward angle.

5. a. Of material things: Standing above or beyond the general surface or outline; jutting out; prominent among a number of objects.

1789 E. Darwin *Bot. Gard.* I. 32 He..Crowns with high Calpe Europe's saliant strand. 1834 McMurtrie *Cuvier's Anim. Kingd.* 268 The hinge always furnished with salient and well-marked teeth. 1844 Kinglake *Eothen* vi. 93 The town is on a salient point. 1854 Badham *Halieut.* 451 Large salient eyes. 1859 Gullick & Timbs *Paint.* 201 The salient parts of the body and limbs should always be seen through the drapery. 1878 Bosw. Smith *Carthage* 229 The salient physical features of the spot. 1881 Mivart *Cat* 480 The Mastoid is never salient.

b. Of immaterial things, qualities, etc.: Standing out from the rest; prominent, conspicuous. Often in phr. *salient point* (cf. 3).

1840 Carlyle *Heroes* iii. 177 The great salient points are admirably seized. 1846 Grote *Greece* I. xx. II. 87 His personal ascendancy..is the salient feature in the picture. 1862 Stanley *Jew. Ch.* (1877) I. viii. 153 Some few salient points emerge full of eternal significance. 1873 Symonds *Grk. Poets* xii. 401 In the midst of our activity we have so little that is salient or characteristic in our life. 1874 Green *Short Hist.* vii. § 7. 421 No salient peculiarity seems to have left its trace on the memory of his contemporaries.

B. *sb. Fortif.* A salient angle or part of a work.

1828 J. M. Spearman *Brit. Gunner.* (ed. 2) 209 If lunettes are constructed beyond the saliants of the bastions and ravelins. 1868 Kinglake *Crimea* (1877) III. i. 216 Two sides of a triangle whereof the salients pointed straight to the front. 1897 Gen. H. Porter *Campaigning with Grant* in *Century Mag.* June 210 The fort was an enclosed work, and formed a salient upon the enemy's line.

Hence **Sa·lientlly** *adv.*, in a salient manner.

1847–54 in Webster. 1868 E. Edwards *Ralegh* I. Introd. 30 His name stands out saliently in several events which serve to mark epochs..in English history. 1870 *Contemp. Rev.* XVI. 159 They stand saliently in the van of civilization.

Saliewe, variant of Salue.

Saliferous (sălĭ·fĕrəs), *a.* [f. L. *sal, sali-* salt + -ferous, perh. after F. *salifère*. (Cf. Kirwan's *saliniferous*.)] Containing a large proportion of salt: said chiefly of strata.

Formerly used *Geol.* to define the Upper Trias.

1828–32 Webster (citing Eaton). 1833 Lyell *Princ. Geol.* III. 332 A saliferous red marl. 1833–4 J. Phillips *Geol.* in *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) VI. 612/2 Saliferous System of Europe. 1846 McCulloch *Acc. Brit. Empire* I. 65 The name *saliferous* has sometimes been given to this group [*sc.* the new red sandstone series]. 1847 H. Miller *First Impr.* x. 181 The saliferous district of Cordova. 1879 G. Gladstone in *Cassell's Techn. Educ.* IV. 315/1 The water in percolating through the saliferous strata will dissolve out the salt.

Salifiable (sælĭfəi̯ăb'l), *a. Chem.* [a. F. *salifiable*, f. *salifier* to Salify.] Capable of combining with an acid to form a salt.

1790 Kerr tr. *Lavoisier's Elem. Chem.* 150 Acids may.. be considered as true salifying principles, and the substances with which they unite to form neutral salts may be called salifiable bases. 1836 Brande *Chem.* (ed. 4) 321 The salifiable oxides. 1882 *Nature* XXVI. 102 Under the proper conditions of temperature, moisture, supply of oxygen, and presence of salifiable base.

† **Sali·ficate**, *a. Obs.* [ad. mod.L. *salificāt-us*, pa. pple. of *salificāre* to Salify.] Turned into a salt.

1657 G. Starkey *Helmont's Vind.* 314 A very small portion of the Oyl will be turned into a resinous gumme, distinct from that which is salificate.

Salification (sælĭfikē·ʃən). [ad. mod.L. *salificātiōn-em*, f. *salificāre* to Salify.] Conversion into a salt; the action or condition of being salified.

1684 tr. *Bonet's Merc. Compit.* XIX. 769/1 The liquor being filtrated and evapourated the salts ran into crystals. Such kind of salification succeeds well [etc.]. 1828–32 in Webster, and in recent Dicts.

Salify (sælĭfəi), *v. Chem.* Now *rare.* [ad. F. *salifier*, ad. mod.L. *salificāre*, f. L. *sal, sali-* salt: see -fy.] *intr.* To form a salt.

1790 [see Salifiable].

Saligenin (sælĭ·dʒĕnin). *Chem.* Also 9 -ine. [a. F. *saligénine*, f. *sali(cine)* Salicin: see -gen and -in 1.] A substance obtained in the decomposition of salicin by dilute acid.

1852 W. Gregory *Org. Chem.* (ed. 3) 147 Salicine is composed of saligenine and sugar. 1863 *Fownes' Chem.* (ed. 9) 558 Saligenin forms colourless, nacreous scales, freely soluble in water, alcohol, and ether.

So **Sali·genol, Sali·genyl** (see quots.).

1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 212/2 It [*sc.* salicin] may be split up by digestion with emulsin or saliva into salicylic alcohol (saligenol, $C_7H_8O_2$) and glucose. 1897 *Syd. Soc. Lex.*, *Saligenyl*, the hypothetical radical of Saligenin.

Saligot (sæ·ligɒt). Also 7–8 salligot. [a. OF. *saligot*.] The water-chestnut, *Trapa natans*.

Urquhart (quot. 1653) uses 'salligots' to render F. *tribars* (said to mean 'ragouts of tripe'), evidently because of Cotgrave's '*Tribule*, the water Caltrop, Saligot'.

1578 Lyte *Dodoens* IV. lxxii. 535 Theophrast and Dioscorides haue described two kindes of *Tribulus*, the one of the lande... The other of the water, called Saligot. 1597 Gerarde *Herbal* II. cclxxxiv. 677 The leaues of Saligot be giuen against all inflammations. 1653 Urquhart *Rabelais* II. xxxi, Gallant salligots with garlick [orig. *beaux tribars aux ails*]. 1666 J. Davies *Hist. Caribby Isles* 56 The Potatoe is a root much like the Saligots growing in Gardens, which are called Topinambous, or Jerusalem Artichokes. 1736 Bailey *Househ. Dict.* 517 *Salligot*, or Water Caltrop. 1866 *Treas. Bot.*

Salimeter (sălĭ·mĭtəɹ). [f. L. *sal, sali-* salt + -meter.] An instrument for determining the amount of salt in a solution.

1866 Atkinson tr. *Ganot's Physics* § 109.

‖ **Salina** (sălə·ĭnă). [a. Sp. *salina*:—L. *salīna*, only in pl. *salīnæ* (sc. *fodīnæ*), fem. of **salīnus* Saline.] A salt lake, pond, well, spring, or marsh; a salt-pan, salt-works.

1697 Dampier *Voy.* (1699) 265 A dry Salina or Salt-pond. 1748 Brownrigg *Art Making Salt* 16 Salinas of the same kind have been taken notice of by travellers, in many other parts of the world. 1829 W. Irving *Conq. Granada* II. lxxxviii. 312 El Zagal relinquished his right to one half of the salinas, or saltpits, of Maleha. 1879 Beerbohm *Patagonia* v. 76 We rode past a long chain of salinas, which glittered and sparkled whitely in the sun.

Salination (sælinē·ʃən). *rare*—1. [ad. L. type **salīnātio*: see Saline and -ation.] Salting.

1705 Greenhill *Embalming* 59 It is not improbable the Egyptians might have been accustom'd to wash the Body with the same Pickle they us'd in the Salination.

‖ **Salina·tor.** *rare.* [L. *salinātor*, f. *salīna*: see Salina and -ator.] A salter.

1705 *Phil. Trans.* XXV. 2107 A Dissector or Anatomist; a Salinator or Salter. 1854 Badham *Halieut.* 67 *note*, The salt of Rome is at present monopolized by one or two *salinators*, who farm it from Government.

Saline (sē·ləin, sălə·ĭn), *a.* and *sb.* [ad. L. **salīnus*, f. *sal* salt: see -ine 1. Cf. F. *salin*, fem. *-ine* (17th c.), Sp., Pg., It. *salino*.] **A.** *adj.*

1. † Composed of salt (*obs.*); of the nature of salt; having salt as a preponderating constituent.

c 1450 *Mirour Saluacioun* 3377 Loths wif loking bakwards was turnyd til a stone Salyne. 1660 Boyle *New Exp. Phys. Mech.* xxii. 167 Some saline Corpuscles dispers'd through the Air. 1693 J. Edwards *Author. O. & N. Test.* 136 Lot's wife turn'd into a saline pillar. 1733 P. Shaw *Chem. Lect.* iv. (1750) 67 Under the general Head of Saline Earths may be reckoned all those that are calcined or burnt in the Fire. 1802 Playfair *Illustr. Hutton. Theory* 364 The water would gain admission to the saline strata. 1832 De la Beche *Geol. Man.* (ed. 2) 21 The saline contents of sea-water. 1878 Huxley *Physiogr.* 124 The river contains less saline matter.

b. Of natural waters, springs, lakes, etc.: Impregnated with salt or salts.

1805 W. Saunders *Min. Waters* 230 A valuable property which this water possesses in common with the other bitter saline waters. 1826 Kirby & Sp. *Entomol.* xlix. IV. 499 Brackish waters and saline marshes. 1862 Merivale *Rom. Emp.* liii. VII. 240 *note* 2, Mehadia, long celebrated for its saline baths. 1872 Jenkinson *Guide Eng. Lakes* (1879) 265 Medicinal springs, saline and sulphurous.

¶ c. *loosely* used for Salt *a.*1 2.

1812 Crabbe *Tales* vii. 21 With bacon, mass saline, where never lean Beneath the brown and bristly rind was seen.

3. Like that of salt; like salt; salty.

1651 Biggs *New Disp.* P 144 The acid saline vitriolated qualities of wine, vineger or juice of Limons. 1732 Arbuthnot *Rules of Diet* in *Aliments*, etc. 270 By this saline Quality, the Juices of Shell-Fish..are diuretick. 1774 J. Bryant *Mythol.* I. 33 The fountain at Selinus in Sicily was of bitter saline taste. 1857 *G. Bird's Urin. Deposits* (ed. 5) 78 The..saline taste of nitre. 1875 Darwin *Insectiv. Pl.* viii. 178 The solution was sufficiently strong to taste saline.

4. Of or pertaining to chemical salts; of the nature of a salt.

1771 *Encycl. Brit.* II. 70/1 The chemists have not yet been able to produce a saline substance by combining earth and water together. 1790 Kerr tr. *Lavoisier's Elem. Chem.* 167 There is reason to believe that many of these supposable saline combinations [*viz.* neutral salts] are not capable of being formed. 1839 Ure *Dict. Arts* 1085 A few have rashly offered to cut the knot, by excluding from the saline family, chloride of sodium, the patriarch of the whole. 1863 *Fownes' Chem.* (ed. 9) 269 The great resemblance in properties between the two classes of saline compounds, the haloid and oxy-salts. 1881 Williamson in *Nature* No. 618. 414 When a constitution, similar to that attributed to salts, was imagined for other compounds not saline in their character.

5. Of medicines: Consisting of or based upon salts of the alkaline metals or magnesium.

1789 W. Buchan *Dom. Med.* (1790) 681 Saline Mixture. Dissolve a drachm of the salt of tartar in four ounces of boiling water. 1802 *Med. Jrnl.* VIII. 32 The use of saline purgatives. 1876 Bristowe *Theory & Pract. Med.* 241 Saline effervescents may both relieve sickness and at the same time promote urine. 1887 *Brit. Med. Jrnl.* 26 Mar. 678/2 Saline aperients were..useful in children of full habit.

6. Of plants, † animals: Growing in or inhabiting salt plains or marshes.

1802 Shaw *Zool.* III. 119 Saline Frog. *Rana Salsa*...It is an inhabitant of salt marshes in some parts of Germany. 1866 *Chamb. Encycl.* VIII. 441/1 Saline Plants are those which require for their healthy and vigorous growth a considerable supply of chloride of sodium..and other salts.

B. *sb.*

1. = Salina.

c 1450 *Godstow Reg.* 669 One salyne that is called a salte pitte. 1533 Bellenden *Livy* I. xiv. (S.T.S.) I. 79 He biggit als In þe mouth of tyber þe ciete callit hostia, And mony Salynis war edifyt about þe samyn. 1589 M. Phillips in Hakluyt *Voy.* 568 We came to the North side of the riuer of Panuco, where the Spanyards haue certaine Salines. 1748 Brownrigg *Art Making Salt* 15 The learned Doctor Shaw hath given us the most accurate description of several of these salines in the kingdom of Algiers. 1808 Ashe *Trav.* III. 3 It [*sc.* Salt River] received its name from the number of salines on its banks which impregnate its waters. 1888 *Harper's Mag.* Apr. 739 Its highest ridges do not rise more than the height of a man above the salines on either side.

2. (See quots.)

1662 Merrett tr. *Neri's Art of Glass* cxvii. 173 Saline of the Levant. 1674 Blount *Glossogr.* (ed. 4), Saline of the Levant, is a salt extracted from the froth of the Sea, coagulated through the extreme heat of the Countrey. 1850 Ogilvie, *Saline*,..potash before it is calcined. 1860 Worcester (citing Loudon), *Saline*, a dry saline, reddish substance, obtained from the ashes of potato leaves, etc. 1895 *Funk's Standard Dict.*, *Salin*, the residue obtained from the evaporation or calcination of vinasse.

3. A saline purge (see A. 5).

1875 B. Meadows *Clin. Observ.* 71 Acids and alkalies, quinine and colchicum, rhubarb and salines, all kinds of remedies were useless. 1883 Thomson & Steele *Dict. Domestic Med. & Surg.* (ed. 17) 520/1 Pyretic saline. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 656 Free purgation with salines will often, as in eczema, alleviate the itching.

Saline·ness. *rare.* [-ness.] Salinity.

1674 R. Goodfev *Inf. & Ab. Physic* 59 It having..lost its salineness, and its vitality. 1757 tr. *Henckel's Pyritol.* 357 A vitriolic salineness.

† **Saliner.** *Obs.* [a. OF. *salinier*, ad. late L. *salinārius*, f. L. *salīna* Salina.] A salt-maker.

1543 *St. Papers Hen. VIII* (1849) IX. 260 The saliners do gyve out of hande 15000 muys of salt to be delivred [etc.].

Saliniferous (sælini·fĕrəs), *a. rare.* [irreg. f. L. **salīn-us* Saline + -ferous.] Saliferous.

1799 Kirwan *Geol. Ess.* 389 The saliniferous hill Konigshorn in Westphalia, consists of marly limestone.

Saliniform (sălĭ·nifɒ̄m), *a.* [irreg. f. L. **salīn-us* Saline + -form.] Having the form of salt.

1799 Kirwan *Geol. Ess.* 399 Most metals..are found in four states, native, sulphurated, calciform, or saliniform.

Salinitrous (sælinəi·trəs), *a.* [f. L. *sal, sali-* salt + Nitre + -ous. Cf. Salitrose, -ous.] Pertaining to or containing nitre.

1731 Bailey vol. II, *Salinitrous*, compounded with salt or salt-petre. 1901 *Westm. Gaz.* 5 Oct. 7/2 The salinitrous districts.

Salinity (sălĭ·nĭti). [f. Saline + -ity. Cf. F. *salinité*.] The quality of being saline; saltness.

1658 R. Franck *North. Mem.* (1694) 181 The Salinity of the Ocean. 1869 *Sci. Opinion* 14 Apr. 445/2 We want information..as to the degree of salinity..of the water at different levels. 1883 *Chamb. Jrnl.* 332 Deeper down [in the Dead Sea] the salinity amounts to saturation.

Salino- (sălə·nɒ), used as combining form of Saline, in the sense 'consisting of salt (and . . .)', as *salino-sulphureous*, *-terrene*, *terreous* adjs.

1674 *Phil. Trans.* IX. 69 An Acid Salino-sulphureous steam. *a* 1691 Boyle *Hist. Air* (1692) 49 Salino-sulphureous spirits. 1744 Parsons in *Phil. Trans.* XLIII. 19 *note*, The salino-sulphureous Particles of the Blood. 1800 tr. *Lagrange's Chem.* I. 357 We are not acquainted with the action of salinoterreous matters on arsenic. 1828–32 Webster, *Salino-terrene*, denoting a compound of salt and earth.

Salinometer (sælinɒ·mĭtəɹ). [f. Saline + -(o)meter.] An apparatus or instrument for ascertaining the salinity of water, *esp.* one for indicating the density of brine in marine boilers.

1844 *Mech. Mag.* XL. 34 Mr. J. Scott Russell's Salinometer. 1876 *Catal. Sci. App. S. Kens.* 97. 1884 Knight *Dict. Mech.* Suppl., *Salinometer*, an instrument for testing the strength of a brine or salt pickle.

† **Sali·nous,** *a. Obs.* [f. L. **salīnus* Saline + -ous.] Saline, salty.

1646 Sir T. Browne *Pseud. Ep.* II. i. 50 Salinous spirits, concretive juyces, and causes circumjacent. 1669 W. Simpson *Hydrol. Chym.* 327 Spaws of different sorts, as vitrioline, aluminous, nitrous, salinous. 1687 A. Lovell tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* II. 119 Rain-water,..incorporating with that Salinous Earth, produces a Salt, that works out of the Surface of it.

Salipyrin (sælipəi·rin). [f. Sali(cylic) + (Anti)pyrin.] Salicylate of antipyrin.

1892 A. H. Allen *Comm. Org. Anal.* (ed. 2) III. II. 37 Salicylate of antipyrine has been employed with favourable results in medicine under the name of 'salipyrin'.

Saliretin (sælirĭ·tin). *Chem.* [ad. F. *salirétine* (Piria), f. Sali(cin) + Gr. *ῥητίνη* Resin.] A resinous substance obtained by the action of dilute acids on saligenin.

1840 *Turner's Elem. Chem.* (ed. 6) III. 861 The white precipitate obtained, when salicine is boiled in dilute muriatic or sulphuric acid is saliretine. 1853 *Pharmac. Jrnl.* XIII. 88 Saliretin is isomeric with hydruret of benzoyle.

Salit, variant pa. t. Salue *v. Obs.*

Salite, variant of Sahlite.

Salited, *ppl. a.* ? *Obs.* [f. L. *salīt-us*, pa. pple. of *salīre* to salt + -ED [1].] Impregnated with salt.

1784 CULLEN tr. *Bergman's Phys. & Chem. Ess.* I. 443 Salited magnesia dissolves in spirit of wine. 1796 KIRWAN *Elem. Min.* (ed. 2) II. 438 Salited Arsenic may also be precipitated in its Metallic form by Zinc.

†**Sali·tion.** *Obs.* [ad. late L. *salitiōn-em*, n. of action f. *salīre* to leap.] Leaping.

a 1682*a* Sir T. BROWNE *Comm.-pl. Bks.* Wks. 1835 IV. 393 What kind of motion natation or swimming is,..whether not compounded of a kind of salition, and volation.

Salitre (sæ·litəɹ). [a. Sp. *salitre* saltpetre: see SAL-NITRE.] Sodium nitrate.

1884 *Boston* (Mass.) *Jrnl.* 9 Nov. 4/2 The Committee of the Combination of Salitre Elaborators. 1895 *Funk's Standard Dict., Saliter*, soda niter.

Salitrose (sæ·litrōs), *a.* [ad. Sp. *salitroso*, f. *salitre* (see prec.).] Containing saltpetre.

1845 FORD *Handbk. Spain* II. 559 Roads..clouded in a salitrose dust. 1848 *Blackw. Mag.* LXIII. 726 The Bayou Salade especially, owing to the salitrose nature of the soil and springs, is the favourite resort.

So **Salitrous** (sæ·litrəs) *a.*

1897 GADOW *In North. Spain* 77 A spring of salitrous water.

†**Sa·liture.** *Obs. rare.* [ad. late L. *salītūra*, f. *salīre* to salt (see SALITED).] Salting, pickling.

1657 TOMLINSON *Renou's Disp.* 87 As Saliture and Farture rather seem to appertain to a Cooks [shop]. 1657 *Physical Dict., Saliture*, the art of salting or seasoning any meats.

Saliva (săləi·vă). [a. L. *salīva*.] Spittle; the mixed secretion of the salivary glands and of the mucous glands of the mouth, a colourless liquid, having normally an alkaline reaction, which mixes with the food in mastication.

1676 WISEMAN *Chirurg. Treat.* IV. vii. 333 Not meeting with that disturbance from the *Saliva* as in the former work. 1748 tr. *Vegetius' Distemp. Horses* 172 He will..pour out a great deal of Saliva, and his Gums will swell. 1847–9 *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* IV. I. 415/2 The presence of food in the mouth caused a rapid flow of saliva. 1877 FOSTER *Physiol.* II. i. 158 Saliva contains but few solids.

transf. 1818 KIRBY & SP. *Entomol.* xxi. (ed. 2) II. 247 The carrion-beetles..defile us..with brown fetid saliva.

attrib. 1826 KIRBY & SP. *Entomol.* xl. IV. 110 The usual saliva-reservoirs. *Ibid.* xli. 125 The most usual number of the saliva-secretors is two. 1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech., Saliva-pump* (*Dentistry*), a device to remove the saliva from the mouth during dental operations.

Salival (sălə·ivăl), *a.* and *sb.* Now *rare.* [ad. mod.L. *salīvāl-is*, f. L. *salīva*: see prec. and -AL. Cf. OF. *salival.*] **A.** *adj.* = SALIVARY.

1646 Sir T. BROWNE *Pseud. Ep.* III. xvi. (1686) 116 Salival conduits and passages. 1668 H. STUBBE *Ind. Nectar* iii. 34 That salival ferment in the mouth which inchoates digestion. 1713 DERHAM *Phys.-Theol.* IV. xi. 195 To afford that noble digestive salival Liquor to be mixed with the Food in Mastication. 1740 *Phil. Trans.* XLI. 441 The Vessels called salival Ducts by Coschivitzius. 1826 KIRBY & SP. *Entomol.* xli. IV. 124 He suspects that they may be salival vessels. 1881 CLARK RUSSELL *Ocean Free-Lance* I. iii. 81 The salival froth dropping from the jaws of a bloodhound.

†**B.** *sb. pl.* The salivary glands. *Obs.*

1676 WISEMAN *Chirurg. Treat.* IV. viii. 334 Ranula is a soft Swelling possessing those Salivalls under the Tongue.

Salivan (săləi·văn), *a. rare*—[1]. [f. SALIVA + -AN.] = SALIVARY 2.

1882 *Proc. Zool. Soc.* 14 Nov. 632 The..salivan secretion.

Salivant (sæ·livănt), *a.* and *sb.* [ad. L. *salīvant-em*, pres. pple. of *salīvāre*, f. *salīva* SALIVA. Cf. F. *salivant.*] **a.** *adj.* Promoting salivation; sialagogic. **b.** *sb.* A sialagogue.

1846 WORCESTER (citing Caldwell), *Salivant, a.*, a promoting salivation. 1857 DUNGLISON *Dict. Med.*

†**Saliva·rious,** *a. Obs.*—[o] [f. L. *salīvāri-us* SALIVARY + -OUS.] (See quot.)

1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr., Salivarious*, clammy and thick like spettle.

Salivary (sæ·livări), *a.* [ad. L. *salīvāri-us*, f. *salīva*: see SALIVA and -ARY.]

1. Secreting or conveying saliva.

The salivary glands in man are the parotid, submaxillary, and sublingual.

1709 *Brit. Apollo* II. No. 37. 2/1 The Salivary Glands. 1793 BEDDOES *Consumption* 142 Some persons whose skin is no sooner touched with quicksilver ointment than it is felt in the salivary glands. 1851 WOODWARD *Mollusca* 30 The encephalous mollusks are always furnished with well-developed salivary glands. 1852 *Fraser's Mag.* XLVI. 162 That..mutton..moved my salivary apparatus. 1880 GÜNTHER *Fishes* 124 Salivary glands..are absent in fishes.

2. Consisting of saliva.

1841 T. R. JONES *Anim. Kingd.* 562 The auxiliary secretions subservient to digestion..are the Salivary, the Hepatic, and the Pancreatic. 1880 M. MACKENZIE *Dis. Throat & Nose* I. 116 The salivary secretion cannot be swallowed.

3. Pertaining to or existing in the saliva or salivary glands.

1807 S. COOPER *First Lines Surg.* II. v. 228 A salivary fistula is an opening on the cheek, from which saliva escapes. 1846 G. E. DAY tr. *Simon's Anim. Chem.* II. 473 In man salivary calculi are of rare occurrence, but the formation of tartar on the teeth is contiually observed. 1872 T. BRYANT *Pract. Surg.* 457 In salivary fistula, the salivary duct must find a natural outlet before its unnatural orifice can be expected to close.

†**Sa·livate,** *a. Obs. rare*—[1]. [f. SALIVA + -ATE [2].] = SALIVARY 1.

1710 T. FULLER *Pharm. Extemp.* 181 It [*sc.* the gargle] ..helps..the laxity of the salivate Glands.

Salivate (sæ·livēit), *v.* [f. L. *salīvāt-*, ppl. stem of L. *salīvāre*, f. *salīva* SALIVA.]

1. *trans.* To produce an unusual secretion of saliva in (a person), generally by the use of mercury; to produce ptyalism in.

1669 *Phil. Trans.* IV. 1050, I designe to salivate her, in hopes to correct that vitious ferment. 1720 BECKET *ibid.* XXXI. 109 Any Proof..that Persons had been Salivated in their Leprosy. 1827 J. W. CROKER in *C. Papers* 7 Aug. (1884) I. 380 He gave Mr. C[anning] so much [mercury] that he actually salivated him. 1879 KHORY *Princ. Med.* 4 Quinine salivates a few.

absol. 1708 J. KEILL *Anim. Secretion* 63 Why does Mercury salivate, or Nitre force Urine? 1845 P. H. LATHAM *Lect. Clin. Med.* I. xiii. 266 Even within this time mercury must be made to salivate, if mercury is made to cure.

2. *intr.* **a.** To secrete or discharge saliva. **b.** To secrete saliva in excess under the influence of sialagogues.

1681 tr. *Willis' Rem. Med. Wks.* Vocab., *Salivate*, to spit. 1706 PHILLIPS (ed. Kersey), To *Salivate*, to gather or make Spittle. 1725 HUXHAM in *Phil. Trans.* XXXIII. 381 Two adult Persons,..who neither salivated, nor purged, except when some lenient Cathartick were given them. 1737 BRACKEN *Farriery Impr.* (1749) 152 Horses easilier salivate than Men. 1829 Sir R. CHRISTISON *Treat. Poisons* xiii. (1832) 369 She immediately began to complain of soreness of the mouth, salivated profusely, and even put on the expression of countenance of a salivating person. 1832*a* *Blackw. Mag.* XXXI. 843 He [*sc.* an American] salivates for some threescore years,..and is gathered to his fathers, to spit no more.

Hence **Sa·livating** *vbl. sb.* and *ppl. a.*

1657 G. STARKEY *Helmont's Vind.* 101 As the Devil is fabled not able to hide his cloven foot, so Mercury will still be betraying its..salivating quality. 1676 WISEMAN *Chirurg. Treat., Lues Ven.* 8 The methods of Salivating are divers, but all by Mercury. 1694 SALMON *Bate's Dispens.* 513/2 It is more gentle than *Turpethum Minerale*, or any other salivating Precipitate. 1728 CHAMBERS *Cycl. s.v. Salivation*, A..French Physician, M. Chicoyneau,..has lately done some Discredit to the Practice of Salivating. 1829 (see 2 above).

Salivation (sælivēi·ʃən). [a. F. *salivation* or its source late L. *salīvātio*, n. of action f. *salīvāre* to SALIVATE.] Secretion or discharge of saliva: *esp.* the prodnction of an excessive flow of saliva by administering mercury.

1598 T. BASTARD *Chrestoleros* (1880) 10 Phisition Mirus talkes of salination. 1686 WOOD *Life* (O. H. S.) III. 202 Whore houses increase, surgeons have work, and great salivation used. 1733 CHEYNE *Eng. Malady* II. ii. § 4 (1734) 127 Salivation by the internal Exhibition of Mercurials only, seldom succeeds. 1764 REID *Inquiry* vi. § 17 [He] having been blind for some years of a *gutta serena*, was restored to sight by salivation. 1801 *Med. Jrnl.* V. 570 Salivation, a symptom that is often remarked at the period of teething. 1843 R. J. GRAVES *Syst. Clin. Med.* xvi. 192 His mouth was still sore in consequence of severe mercurial salivation. 1877 ROBERTS *Handbk. Med.* (ed. 3) I. 157 Caution must be exercised in the administration of narcotics, should there be much bronchial catarrh or salivation.

b. with *a* and *pl.* Now *Obs.* or *rare.*

1700 T. BROWN *Amusem. Ser. & Com.* viii. Wks. 1709 III. 74 As if they were all clapt, and under a Salivation for the cure on't. 1746 H. WALPOLE *Let. to Mann* 25 Apr., Lord Elcho was in a salivation. 1760 C. JOHNSTON *Chrysal* (1822) III. 320 She had lost her hair and teeth in a salivation! 1831 J. DAVIES *Man. Mat. Med.* 23 An old woman..was affected with a considerable salivation every time she made use of opium.

†**c.** *concr.* Saliva or an excretion resembling it.

1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* II. 413 The noysome saliuation or spittle of the Aspis called Ptyas. 1677 PLOT *Oxfordsh.* 107 Engendered from the salivation and slime of snakes.

†**Salivative,** *a. Obs.* [f. L. *salīvāt-*, ppl. stem of *salīvāre* to SALIVATE + -IVE.] Causing a flow of saliva; salivant.

1657 G. STARKEY *Helmont's Vind.* To Rdr., I have..rejected all Mercurial and Antimonial Medicaments, whether Vomitive, Purgative or Salivative.

Sa·livator. *rare*—[1]. [f. SALIVATE *v.*: see -ATOR.] One who uses sialagogues.

1834 *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 4) I. 661 The salivators..have not been more successful than other practitioners.

Saliva·tory, *a. rare.* [f. late L. *salīvāt-* (see SALIVATE *v.*) + -ORY.] = SALIVARY.

1699 *Phil. Trans.* XXI. 241 Salivatory glands.

†**Sali·vous,** *a. Obs.* [ad. L. *salīvōsus* or F. *saliveux*, f. *salīva* SALIVA: see -OUS.]

1. Pertaining to saliva; of the nature of saliva.

1567 MAPLET *Gr. Forest* 62 This last being kept awhile in the mouth dryeth vp the tongue and saliuous humor. 1658 Sir T. BROWNE *Gard. Cyrus* iii. 150 After a fuller mastication, and salivous mixture. 1661 LOVELL *Hist. Anim. & Min.* 285 Their [*sc.* snails'] salivous mucus which they vomit out when pricked. 1676 WISEMAN *Chirurg. Treat.* IV. vii. 333 An Elongation of the *Vvula* through the abundance of salivous Humour flowing upon it.

2. Using spittle (in baptism).

1813 MOORE *Post-bag* iv. 67 Let no one tell us To free such sad salivous fellows—No—no—the man baptized with spittle Hath no truth in him.

Sall, obs. form of SOUL, and SHALL *v.*

Sallad(e, obs. forms of SALAD, SALLET.

‖ **Salle** (sal). See also SALE *sb.*[3] [Fr.; of Teut. origin: cf. SALE *sb.*[1]]

1. A hall, room. *rare.* (Only with reference to foreign countries.)

1819 BYRON *Let.* 31 Dec., in Moore *Life* (1839) 432/1 Music, dancing, and play, all in the same *salle.* 1853 C. BRONTË *Villette* xx, A knowledge not merely confined to its open streets, but penetrating to all its galleries, salles, and cabinets.

2. In Fr. combinations. **Salle-à-manger** (salamaⁿʒe), a dining-hall, dining room. **Salle d'attente** (saldatāⁿt), a waiting-room (at a station).

1768 STERNE *Let.* 14 Aug., The house consists of a good *salle à manger* above stairs [etc.]. 1862 THACKERAY *Philip* II. ix. 201 At a pretty early hour the various occupants of the crib at the Rue Poussin used to appear in the dingy little salle-à-manger, and partake of the breakfast there provided. 1879 FROUDE in *Fraser's Mag.* Nov. XX. 624 It was a large barely furnished apartment like the *salle d'attente* at the Northern Railway Station at Paris. 1882*a* SALA *Amer. Revis.* (1883) I. vii. 111 Without any crowding ..we passed from the *salle d'attente* to the platform. 1887 RUSKIN *Præterita* II. 172 James Forbes and his wife were with us in the otherwise untenanted *salle-a-manger.*

Sallee-man (sæ·limæn). Also **Sally-man.** [f. *Sallee*, the name of a Moroccan seaport formerly of piratical repute.]

1. A Moorish pirate-ship. *Obs.* exc. *Hist.* So also **Sallee rover.**

1637 J. DUNTON *Jrnl. Sally Fleet* Ep. Ded., Being sent out Master and Pilote in a Sallyman of warre, with twenty-one Moores and five Flemish rennagadoes, unto the coast of England to take Christians. 1686 J. DUNTON *Lett. fr. New-Eng.* (1867) 29 One of the Seamen having descry'd to the S.W. a ship which he took for a Sally-Man. *Ibid.* 30 This Supposed Sally-Rover prov'd nothing else but a Virginia Merchant-Man. 1698 T. FROGER *Voy.* 2 On the 9th we had a sight of another Vessel,..she seem'd to be a Sally-man, and might carry about 30 pieces of cannon. 1734 *Extracts Rec. Convent. Burghs Scotl.* (1885) V. 593 A shipmaster in Boness and his crew who were taken by a Salee Rover and are now at Algeirs. 1754 *Jackson's Oxf. Jrnl.* 24 Aug., A Sallee man, which cruizes from Cape Bon to the Isle of Galeta. 1760 C. JOHNSTON *Chrysal* II. xii. 235 A Sallee rover gave chace to our ship.

2. A marine hydrozoan, *Velella vulgaris.*

It floats on the sea with its vertical crest acting as a sail.

1756 P. BROWNE *Jamaica* 387 The Sally Man. This insect is more firm and opake than either of the foregoing. 1860 G. BENNETT *Gatherings Naturalist Austral.* 54 *Vellela limbosa*, or Sallyman, is abundant. 1863 WOOD *Illustr. Nat. Hist.* III. 739 A remarkable creature called by the popular name of *Sallee Man*, sometimes corrupted in nautical fashion into *Sallyman.*

Sallender (sæ·lĕndəɹ). Now only *pl.* Forms: 6–7 **selander,** 7 **sellander, sellender, sallander,** 8 **solander**; 8 **selenders,** 8–9 **sallenders.** [Of obscure origin: in F. *solandre* (1664 in Hatz.-Darm.).] A dry scab affecting the hock of a horse.

1523 FITZHERB. *Husb.* § 95 A selander is in the hendynge of the legge behynde. 1607 MARKHAM *Caval.* VII. (1617) 79 A Mallander is a drie scabbe vpon the bought of the fore leg: and the Sellanders vpon the hinder. 1639 T. DE GRAY *Compl. Horsem.* 6 No way subject to mainge, mallender, sellender. 1685 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 2092/4 Stolen..a large strong grey Gelding,..hath a small Sallander. 1725 BRADLEY *Fam. Dict.* II. s. v. *Malenders*, Others alledge, that what cures the Scratches will cure both the Malenders and Selenders. 1831 YOUATT *Horse* 273 In the inside of the hock.. there is sometimes a scurfy eruption called mallenders in the fore leg, and sallenders in the hind leg. 1884 *Sat. Rev.* 5 July 27/2 It is a breach of a warranty of soundness if the warranted horse suffers from..sallenders.

Sallendine, obs. form of CELANDINE.

Saller, obs. f. SOLLAR *Min.*, platform.

Sallery, obs. form of CELERY, SALARY.

Sallet (sæ·lĕt), **salade** (sălā·d). *Antiq.* Forms: 5–8 **sallet,** 5–6 **salett(e, salet** (also 8–9 *arch.*), *Sc.* **sellat, -et,** (5 **saleotte, salate**), 6 **sallett(e,** (**-att**), 6–7 **sallat(e,** 7 **sallad(e,** 5–7, 9 *arch.* **salad(e.** [a. F. *salade*, ad. Sp. *celada* or It. *celata*, believed to represent L. *cælāta* (sc. *cassis* or *galea*), (a helmet) ornamented with engraving. Cf. MDu. *salade, sallade, salla.*

The L. adj. has not been found in this elliptical use. Cf. 'loricæ galeæque aeneæ, cælatæ opere Corinthio' (Cicero).]

1. In mediæval armour, a light globular head-piece, either with or without a vizor, and without a crest, the lower part curving outwards behind.

c 1440 *Eng. Conq. Irel.* iv. 11 (MS. Rawl.), Ham-Selfe wel wepenyd with haubergeons, and bryght Salletis and sheldys. 1465 MARG. PASTON in *P. Lett.* II. 189 Imprimis, a peyr brygandyrs, a salet, a boresper [etc.]. 1480 CAXTON *Chron. Eng.* cclv. (1482) 331 He toke syr vmfreys salade and his hrigantyns..and also his gylt spores and arayd hym lyke a lord. *c* 1537 *Thersytes* 55, I wolde have a sallet to were on my hed, Whiche under my chyn with a thonge red Buckeled shall be. 1585 T. WASHINGTON tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* IV. xxviii. 146 b, On their heads [they] hadde sallets of leather. 1593 SHAKS. 2 *Hen. VI*, IV. x. 9 Many a time hut for a Sallet, my braine-pan had bene cleft with a brown Bill. 1594 R. ASHLEY tr. *Loys le Roy* 113 b, The men that were heauily armed had a salade, which couered their head, and came downe as far as their shoulders. *a* 1600 *Floddan F.* ii. (1664) 12 Some of a share can shortly make A sallate for to save his pate. 1786 GROSE *Anc. Armour* II The Salade, Salet, or Celate. Father Daniel defines a Salet to be a sort of light casque, without a crest, sometimes having a visor, and being sometimes without one. 1824 MEYRICK *Ant. Armour* III. Gloss., *Salett*,..a light head piece sometimes worn by the cavalry, but generally by the infantry and archers. It..was generally a steel cap greatly resembling the morian. 1844 JAMES *Agincourt* II. v. 109 He caused his archers to put on the cuirasses and salades. 1888 STEVENSON *Black Arrow* 4 Armed with sword and spear, a steel salet on his head, a leather jack upon his body.

b. *jocularly* referred to as a measure for wine.

1600 HEYWOOD *1st Pt. Edw. IV* (1613) C j, Make a proclamation..That..Sacke be sold by the Sallet.

†c. *transf.* Headpiece, head. *nonce-use.*
1652 C. B. Stapylton *Herodian* 56 When Wine was got into his drunkeo Sallat.

†2. Some kind of iron vessel. *Obs.*
1472–3 *Rolls of Parlt.* VI. 51/2 With fyere brought with theym in a Salette thider. 1507–8 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* IV. 101 Item, for ane sellat to mak gwn powdir vij s. 1582 Hester *Secr. Phiorav.* III. cxvi. 141 Sette the same potte in a Sallette of Iron, and lute them close together.

Hence †**Sa·lleted** *a.*, wearing a sallet.
1455 *Coventry Leet Bk.* (E. E. T. S.) 282 An hundred of goode-men..with bowes & arowes, Jakked & saletted. 1461 J. Paston in *P. Lett.* II. 36 The peple was jakkyd and saletted, and riottously disposed.

Sallet, Sallfe, obs. forms of Salad, Salve.

†**Sa·lliable,** *a. Obs. rare*$^{-1}$. [f. Sally *v.*^{2} + -able.] Suitable for making a sally.
1598 Barret *Theor. Warres* IV. i. 98 It is alwayes important for him to know the wayes..most salliable for the souldiers..out of the campe.

Sallibube, obs. variant of Syllabub.

†**Sa·llier**^{1}. *Obs.*$^{-0}$ In 5 **salyare.** [f. Sally *v.*^{1} + -er 1.] A dancer.
c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 441/1 Salyare, *saltator, salltatrix.*

Sallier^{2} (sæ·liəɹ). *rare.* [f. Sally *v.*^{2} + -er 1.] One who takes part in a sally.
1685 Travestin *Siege Newheusel* 10 The Salliers were obliged, without any more effect, to retire. 1848 Aird *Trag. Wold* II. x. Poet. Wks. 39 Dunley with a party of salliers is fighting outside one of the open gates.

Sallow (sæ·lou), *sb.* Forms: *α.* 1 **sealh,** (**seal, salh, salch**); *β.* 4–5 **salwe,** (4 **salew, salugh**), 5–6 **salgh(e, salow**(e, (5 **salwhe,** 6 **aallowe, sallo,** 7 **salloo**), 4– **aallow**; *γ.* [1 **saliȝ-**], 3 **aelihe, salyhe,** 5–6 **salyx,** 6 **salye,** 6, 9 **salley,** 7– **sally.** (See also E. D. D., and the forms placed under Saugh.) [OE. *sealh* (Anglian *salh*):—prehistoric **salho-z* masc.; cogn. w. OHG. *salaha* wk. fem. (MHG. *salhe,* mod.G. in comb. *salweide*):—**salhōn-*; ON. *selja* wk. fem. (Sw. *sälj, sälg,* Da. *selje*):—**salhjōn-*; cognates outside Teut. are L. *salic-, salix,* Gr. ἑλίκη, Irish *saileach,* Welsh *helyg* (collect.). The Fr. *saule* is an adoption from Teut.
The OE. nom. sing. is directly represented by the dialectal Saugh. The *β* and *γ* forms above descend from the late Anglian flexional form *salg-, saliȝ-,* where the *g* is introduced on the analogy of those shs. in which final *h* is a euphonic modification of *g.* The form Seal appears partly to represent the normal flexional form of the stem in OE., as io *seales* genit. sing., *sealas* pl., and partly to be adopted from ON. *selja.*]

1. A plant of the genus *Salix,* a willow; chiefly, in narrower sense, as distinguished from 'osier' and 'willow', applied to several species of *Salix* of a low-growing or shrubby habit: see quot. 1866. Also, one of the shoots of a willow.
a. *a* 700 *Epinal Gloss.* 892 *Salix,* salch. *a* 800 *Erfurt Gloss.* 1767 *Salix,* salh. *c* 1000 *Sax. Leechd.* II. 18 Wið heafod ece ȝenim sealh & ele.
β. 1377–8 *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 131 In posicione de Sallowys juxta ripam de Wer, xxd. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Wife's Prol.* 655 Who so that huyldeth his bous al of salwes ..Is worthy to been hanged on the galwes! 1388 Wyclif *Lev.* xxiii. 40 And ȝe schulen take to ȝou..salewis [1382 withies] of the rennynge streem. *c* 1450 Lydg. & Burgh *Secrees* 2014 Afftir, ovir a ryveer rennyng, To be set Arrayed to thyn estat, With salwys, wyllwys Envyronnd preperat. 1555 Eden *Decades* 38 Elmes, wyllowes, and salowes. 1583 L. M[ascall] tr. *Bk. Dyeing* 76 Take cole of a willo or sallo. 1697 Dryden *Virg. Georg.* II. 573 Sallows and Reeds, on Banks of Rivers born. 1725 T. Thomas in *Portland Pap.* (Hist. MSS. Comm.) VI. 131 There is a small shrub growing over the greatest part of it ['the Carr', near Carlisle] which they call soft sallows. 1782 J. Scott *Poet. Wks.* 96 And lofty sallows their sweet bloom display. 1818 Shelley *Pr. Wks.* (1880) III. 18 We sit with Plato by old Ilissus..among the sweet scent of flowering sallow. 1859 Tennyson *Merlin & V.* 223 A robe..In colour like the satin-shining palm On sallows in the windy gleams of March. 1866 *Treas. Bot., Sallow,* a name for *Salix cinerea, S. Caprea,* and the allied species, which are not flexible like the osier, but furnish the best charcoal for gunpowder. 1907 *Gentl. Mag.* July 38 The yellow sallows, locally sallys, which the cottage children call palms, flame in gold.
γ. *c* 1000 *Ags. Ps.* (Th.) xxxvi. 2 On saliȝ[um] we sariȝe, swiðe ȝelome, ure organan up-ahengan. *a* 1300 *E. E. Psalter* cxxxvi. 2 In selihes [*v.r.* salyhes, wilthes] in mide ofe ite Our organes heoge we yhite. 1483 *Cath. Angl.* 317/1 Salghe for Saly *A.*), *salix.* 1664 Evelyn *Sylva* xix. 39 Of the Withy, Sally, Ozier, and Willow. *Ibid.* 40 We have three sorts of Sallys amongst us: The vulgar..and the hopping Sallys..: And a third kind..having the twigs reddish. 1694 Westmacot *Script. Herb.* 222 Sallies grow the faster, if planted within the reach of the Water. 1750 W. Ellis *Mod. Husbandm.* IV. II. 41 (E.D.S.). 1882 *W. Worc. Gloss., Sallies,* willow-boughs.

2. The wood of the sallow tree.
β. *c* 1400 *Lanfranc's Cirurg.* 118 If þe beed be smyte wiþ a liȝt drie staf as of salow. 1646 Sir T. Browne *Pseud. Ep.* II. v. 88 Smal-coale..is made of Sallow, Willow, Alder, Hasell, and the like. 1658 — *Hydriot.* iii. 44 Sallow..makes more Ashes then Oake. 1843 Holtzapffel *Turning,* etc. I. 104 Sallow (*Salix caprea*), is white, with a pale-red cast, like red deal, but without the veins. 1882 *Athenæum* 26 Aug. 271/2 A Sussex trug..is a flat basket..of flakes of sallow braced with ash.
γ. 1546 *Yorks. Chantry Surv.* (Surtees) I. 113 Ther is a wood..conteynyng..xx acres of okes, assbes, salyes and other woodes. 1582 in W. H. Turner *Select. Rec. Oxford* (1880) 424 Spoylinge of hasells, salleys, and other woods readie for sale. 1640 Bp. Reynolds *Passions* xxxvii. 453 They doe not take Sally, or Willow, or Birch, and such other Materialls. 1810 W. H. Marshall *Rev. Board Agric., W. Departm.* 275 The softer woods, such as ash, sallies, alder, are regularly cut from twelve to fourteen years' growth. 1835 J. Wilson *Biog. Blind* 212 The old harp.. the front of which is white sally, the back of fir.

3. A collectors' name for certain moths the larvæ of which feed on the sallow or willow; esp. a moth of the genus *Xanthia.*
1829 J. F. Stephens *Syst. Catal. Brit. Ins.* II. 98. 1832 J. Rennie *Conspect. Butterfl. & M.* 85. 1880 O. S. Wilson *Larvæ Brit. Lepidopt.* 270.

b. ? = *sally-fly* (see 4 b).
1902 *Webster's Dict.,* Suppl., *Sally,* a stone fly.

4. *attrib.* as *sallow* (or *sally*) *bush, charcoal, lane, pole, stake, switch, tree, twig, willow, wood.*
1883 *Eng. Illustr. Mag.* Nov. 69/2 A few low *sallow bushes. 1615 Markham *Eng. Housew.* 81 Take of *Sallow Charcole vj. ounces. 1907 *Gentl. Mag.* July 38 Down by the river we have the Sallens, or *Sally lands. 1898 *B'ham Daily Post* 26 Mar. (E. D. D.), 'White and black *Sally poles' for sale. *c* 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* XII. 139 And put a *saly stake in hit. 1802 H. Martin *Helen of Glenross* I. 55 A *sally switch. 1502 Arnolde *Chron.* (1811) 188 Take..half soo myche of coles of *salow or of wylow tree. 1850 K. H. Digby *Compitum* III. 206 A brook that winds through bending sally trees. *c* 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* IV. 18 And softe a *saly twigge aboute hym plie. 1776–96 Withering *Brit. Plants* (ed. 3) II. 54 *Sallow Willow. *Salix caprea*... This is perhaps the most common of all our willows. *c* 1790 Imison *Sch. Art* II. 17 Charcoal is to be chosen of *sallow wood.

b. Special comb.: **sally-fly,** some kind of stone fly; **sallow kitten,** a moth (see quot.); **sallow moth,** a moth of the genus *Xanthia* (*Cassell's Dict.*); **sally picker** *Anglo-Irish,* a name for the Chiffchaff, Sedge Warbler and Willow Warbler; **sallow thorn,** a plant of the genus *Hippophae*; **sallow †withe, withy** [= G. *salweide*] = sense 1.
1787 Best *Angling* (ed. 2) 114 The Yellow *Sally Fly. Comes on about the twentieth of May...It is a four winged fly; as it swims down the water its wings lie flat on its back. 1880 O. S. Wilson *Larvæ Brit. Lepidopt.* 189 *Dicranura furcula,* Linn. The *Sallow Kitten. 1885 Swainson *Provinc. Names Birds* 25, 26, 28 *Sally picker (Ireland). 1847 W. E. Steele *Field Bot.* 157 *Hippophae.* L. *Sallow-thorn. 1657 Thornley tr. *Longus' Daphnis & Chloe* 68 The Goats gnaw'd the green *Sallow With in pieces. 1893 *Wiltsh. Gloss.,* **Sally-withy,* a willow.

Sallow (sæ·lou), *a.* Forms: 1 **salo,** 4–6 **salowe,** (5 **salloh, salwhe,** 6 **aallowe,** 7 **salow**), 6– **sallow.** [OE. *salo* = MDu. *salu, saluwe* discoloured, dirty (Du. †*zaluw*), OHG. *salo, salew-* dark-coloured (MHG. *sal, salw-,* mod.Ger. dial. *sal*), Icel. *sōl-r* yellow :—OTeut. **salwo-,* whence F. *sale,* It. *salavo* dirty. Cf. Russian сологой *solovoy* cream-coloured.] Of the skin or complexion: Having a sickly yellow or brownish yellow colour.
a 1000 *Riddles* lxxx. 11 (Gr.) Good is min wise & ic [*sc.* ?a horn] sylfa salo. ?*a* 1366 Chaucer *Rom. Rose* 355 Ful salowe was waxen hir colour. *c* 1400 *Rom. Rose* 7392 That false traitouresse untrewe Was lyk that salowe hors of hewe, That in the Apocalips is shewed. *c* 1430 *Pilgr. Lyf Manhode* I. lxix. (1869) 41 Al blac thei hicomen and salwh,..and elded. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 441 Salwhe of colowre (*P.* salowe), *croceus.* 1530 Palsgr. 323/1 Salowe yolowe coloured as ones skynne is for sycknesse, *jaunastre.* 1533 Elyot *Cast. Helthe* (1541) 13 Colour of inward causes...Of inequalytie of humoures, wherof doo procede, blacke, salowe, or white onely. Red, Blacke, Salowe, do betoken domynion of heate...Salowe, choler citrine. 1592 Shaks. *Rom. & Jul.* II. iii. 70 What a deale of brine Hath washt thy sallow cheekes for Rosaline! 1613 R. Cawdrey *Table Alph.* (ed. 3), *Salow,* white. 1656 Earl. Monm. tr. *Boccalini, Pol. Touchstone* (1674) 256 [She] is of so sallow a complexion, that she shadows upon the Moor. 1744 Armstrong *Preserv. Health* IV. 48 Hence..The Lover's paleness; and the sallow hue Of Envy. *a* 1745 Swift *Panegyric on Dean* Wks. 1751 X. 170 Pale Dropsy with a sallow Face. 1794 S. Williams *Vermont* 194 They were of a sallow or brownish complexion. 1813 Byron *Corsair* I. viii, That man..Whose name appals ..And tints each swarthy cheek with sallower hue. 1856 Bryant *Death Schiller* iii, The sallow Tartar. 1877 Black *Green Past.* xxx, The eldest daughter was rather pretty but sallow and unhealthy.

b. *transf.* and of things personified.
1746 Collins *Ode Evening* 45 While sallow Autumn fills thy lap with leaves. 1784 Cowper *Task* I. 438 He..who, imprisoned long..and a prey To sallow sickness,..Escapes at last to liberty and light. 1827 Carlyle *Misc.* (1857) I. 50 They are believers; but their faith is no sallow plant of darkness. 1844 Mas. Browning *Drama of Exile* Poems 1850 I. 72 Pining to a sallow idiocy.

c. *Comb.*
1551 T. Wilson *Logike* (1580) 52 b, A man maie be high coloured, or *sallowe coloured, and yet not blacke. 1633 Ford *Love's Sacr.* IV. i, The sallow-coloured brat Of some vnlanded banckrupt. 1598 Sylvester *Du Bartas* II. ii. IV. *Columnes* 148 That *sallow-fac't, sad, stooping Nymph. 1877 Black *Green Past.* v, A tall, thin, sallow-faced man. 1892 Zangwill *Childr. Ghetto* 100 A *sallow-looking, close-cropped Pole. 1853 Kane *Grinnell Exp.* xxxiii. (1856) 292 The *sallow-visaged party.

Sallow (sæ·lou), *v.* [f. Sallow *a.*] *trans.* To make sallow.
1831 T. L. Peacock *Crotchet Castle* i, Her quondam lover, whose physiognomy the intense anxieties..had left blighted, sallowed, and crow's-footed. 1861 Du Chaillu *Equat. Afr.* xviii. 325 The whole complexion is sallowed. 1868 Lowell *Under the Willows* 41 July..sallows the crispy fields.

†**Sallowie.** *Obs. rare*$^{-1}$. Perh. a dial. form of *sallow-withe*; see Sallow *sb.* 4 b.
1610 G. Fletcher *Christ's Tri.* I. ii, Bees that flie About the laughing bloosms of sallowie.

Sallowish (sæ·louiʃ), *a.* [f. Sallow *a.* + -ish.] Somewhat sallow in hue.
1754 Richardson *Grandison* (1781) III. v. 32 Her complexion, sallowish, streaked with red. *Ibid.* VII. xxxiv. 158 He..has..a complexion a sallowish brown. 1865 Dickens *Mut. Fr.* I. xi, A youngish sallowish gentleman in spectacles. 1889 *Macm. Mag.* Apr. 410/2 'Twas now of a cold, sallowish green.

Sallowness (sæ·lounės). [f. Sallow *a.* + -ness.] The state of being sallow.
1722 Bp. Downes in Nicolson *Ep. Corr.* 546 It..has cast such a sallowness (if there is such a word) on his countenance, that [etc.]. 1797–1805 S. & Ht. Lee *Canterb. T.* IV. 13 He was still pale, even to sallowness. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VI. 595 A little yellowness of the conjunctiva and sallowness of the skin.

Sallowy (sæ·loui), *a.* [f. Sallow *sb.* + -y.] Abounding in sallows or willows.
1840 Louisa S. Costello *Summer amongst Bocages* II. 96 We waded along till we reached..the sandy and sallowy Isle du Vieux Pont. 1864 Tennyson *Aylmer's F.* 147 Where the brook..ran By sallowy rims. 1871 — *Last Tourn.* 421 Many a glancing plash and sallowy isle.

Sally (sæ·li), *sb.*^{1} Forms: 6 **sale, saley,** (**salew**), **sallie,** 7–8 **salley,** 8 **sailly,** 7– **sally.** [a. F. *saillie* issuing forth, outrush, outbreak (hence 'sally' of wit, etc.), projection, prominence (also in OF. leap), f. *saillir*: see Sail *v.*^{3}, Sally *v.*^{1}
Parallel formations on the etymologically equivalent vb. in the other Rom. langs. are Sp. *salida,* Pg. *sahida, saida,* exit, sortie, It. *salita* ascent.]

I. An issuing forth.

1. A sudden rush (*out*) from a besieged place upon the enemy; a sortie; esp. in the phrase *to make a sally.*
1560 Daus tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* 414 b, The French men that wer besieged make many sales oute. 1617 Moryson *Itin.* II. 141 That night the Spaniards made a salley..to disturbe our Campe. 1648 *Hamilton Papers* (Camden) 170 Poyer making lately a salley out of Pembrooke Castle, and those from Tenby..assisting him, they haue utterly defeated the besiedgers. 1682 Bunyan *Holy War* (1905) 380 The Captains..of the Town of Mansoul agreed, and resolved upon a time to make a salley out upon the camp of Diabolus. 1786 W. Thomson *Watson's Philip III* (1839) 375 A garrison ..which is able to resist assaults..and often to make successful sallies. 1803 Wellington in Gurw. *Desp.* (1837) II. 396 He there remained..without throwing away his ammunition excepting when he could do it with effect in judicious sallies. 1850 Grote *Greece* II. lvii. (1862) V. 119 A well-timed sally..dispersed the Leontine land-force.
fig. 1630 *R. Johnson's Kingd. & Commw.* 26 Courage, is able..with a sudden assault to surprise..the enemie. Iudgement hath its scouts ever abroad, to prevent such like sallies and cavalcades, that he be not taken sleeper. 1642 Fuller *Holy & Prof. St.* II. vii. 73 As for the..Orientall languages he rather makes sallies and incursions into them, then any solemn sitting down before them. 1844 Emerson *Lect. New Eng. Ref.* Wks. (Bohn) I. 263 It is handsomer to remain in the establishment,..and conduct that in the best manner, than to make a sally against evil by some single improvement.

†**b.** A place whence a sally may be made; a sally-port. *Obs.*
1542 *St. Papers Hen. VIII,* IX. 149 Of this Abbey they have made a hulwerk, and a platforme above, and a salew unto the same out of the cytadell. 1590 Sir R. Williams *Brief Disc. War* 50 Euerie Bulwarke ought to haue two sallies, one for horse and foote, the other a little secret sallie. 1598 Barret *Theor. Warres* Gloss. 252 Sallie..is also a secret issue for the souldiers to passe out of a wall, bulwarke, or fort.

2. A going forth, setting out, excursion, expedition (of one or more persons).
1657 Howell *Londinop.* 49 We will now make a salley out of Algate. 1697 Dryden *Virg.* Ded., A Lark, melodious in her mounting, and continuing her Song till she alights: Still preparing for a higher flight at her next sally. 1743 Fielding *Wedding-day* II. iv, Doth this early sally of yours proceed from having been in bed early..? 1851 Carlyle *Sterling* II. iv, Here..is notice of his return from the first of these sallies into England.

b. *transf.* and *fig.*
1650 Earl Monm. tr. *Senault's Man bec. Guilty* 50 She [the soul] makes out salleys which cause men to believe that though she be fastened to the body, yet she is not a Prisoner. 1722 De Foe *Moll Flanders* (1840) 208, I made my second sally into the world. 1753 Johnson *Adventurer* 107 P 3 At our first sally into the intellectual world, we all march together. 1836 Emerson *Nature, Prospects* Wks. (Bohn) II. 172 Is not prayer also a study of truth—a sally of the soul into the unfound infinite? 1849 W. Iaving *Goldsmith* iii. 49 [He] made his second sally forth into the world. 1855 Tennyson *Brook* 24, I make a sudden sally.

3. A sudden start into activity.
1605 Daniel *Philotas* v. *Chorus,* How well were we within the narrow bounds Of..Macedon, Before our kings inlardgd them with our wounds And made these salies of ambition. 1665 Glanvill *Def. Van. Dogm.* To T. Albinus, For what ever heat attends the first sallies of young Inventions, Time ..cools these delights. 1703 Collier *Dissuas. fr. Playhouse* 15 [They would] make us believe the Storm was nothing but an Eruption of Epicurus's Atoms, a Spring-Tide of Matter and Motion, and a blind Salley of Chance. 1737 Whiston *Josephus, Hist. Jew. War* I. Pref. § 7 What places the Jews assaulted..in the first sallies of the war. 1807 Wordsw. *Ode on Intimat. Immort.* 89 Behold the Child.. See, where 'mid work of his own hand he lies, Fretted by sallies of his mother's kisses. 1860 Emerson *Cond. Life, Wealth* Wks. (Bohn) II. 358 Nature goes by rule, not by sallies and saltations.

4. A breaking forth from restraint; an outburst or transport (*of* passion, delight, or other emotion); a flash (*of* wit); a flight (*of* fancy).

16.. Stillingfl. (J.), These passages were intended for sallies of wit; but whence comes all this rage of wit? 1710 Steele *Tatler* No. 172 ¶ 4 She is apt to fall into little Sallies of Passion. 1727 Swift & Pope *Misc.* I. Pref. 10 We have written some Things which we may wish never to have thought on. Some Sallies of Levity ought to be imputed to Youth. 1752 Hume *Ess. & Treat.* (1777) II. 225 It is difficult to abstain from some sally of panegyric. 1775 T. Sheridan *Art Reading* 292 When she [fancy]..acknowledges no superior, her vigorous and wild sallies..are.. vain and fruitless. 1794 Mas. Piozzi *Synon.* II. 10 That sudden burst of confident self-sufficiency, by the vigorous sailly of which virtne herself may be sometimes confounded. 1838 Thirlwall *Greece* xi. II. 40 Sufficient guards against the sallies of democratical extravagance. 1838 Prescott *Ferd. & Is.* II. xviii. III. 313 He was..sometimes hurried.. into a sally of passion. 1841–4 Emerson *Ess., Friendship* Wks. (Bohn) I. 87 It [friendship] keeps company with the sallies of wit and the trances of religion. 1875 Manning *Mission Holy Ghost* viii. 216 Sudden sallies and impetuosities of temper.

† b. Outlet, 'vent'. *Obs. rare.*

1799 C. Winter in Jay *Mem.* (1843) 19 While Mr. Whitefield was giving full sally to his soul, and..inviting sinners to the Saviour.

5. A sudden departure from the bounds of custom, prudence, or propriety; an audacious or adventurous proceeding, an escapade. Now *rare.*

a 1639 Wotton *Parallel Essex & Buckhm.* (1641) 3 At his returne all was cleere, and this excursion was esteemed but a Sally of youth. *a* 1715 Burnet *Own Time* I. viii. (1897) I. 386, I made at this time a sally that may be mentioned, since it had some relation to public affairs. 1723 Waterland *Wks.* (1823) III. 261 It might be on account of some of these uncautious sallies of Origen, that he was forced to purge himself to Pope Fabian:..after which..he..kept closer to the language of the Church. 1768 Tucker *Li. Nat.* I. II. xxi. 56 We find people very brisk and active in seasons of joy, breaking out continually into wanton and extravagant sallies. 1871 Merivale *Rom. Emp.* V. xliii. 219 But the sally [ed. 1 1856 V. 110 *reads* enterprise] of an obscure slave was far less formidable than the intrigues of illustrious nobles.

6. A sprightly or audacious utterance or literary composition; now usually, a brilliant remark, a witticism.

1756–82 J. Warton *Ess. Pope* (ed. 4) II. viii. 34 We must not try the charming sallies of Ariosto by the rigid rules of Aristotle. 1779–81 Johnson *L. P., Shenstone* Wks. IV. 219 His poems consist of elegies, odes and ballads, humorous sallies and moral pieces. 1790 Burke *Fr. Rev.* 98 After this sally of the preacher of the Old Jewry, which..agrees perfectly with the spirit and letter of the rapture of 1648. 1791 Boswell *Johnson* an. 1765, Voltaire, in revenge, made an attack upon Johnson, in one of his numerous literary sallies. 1879 G. Meredith *Egoist* xiii, The sprightly sallies of the two won attention like a fencing match.

II. 7. A leaping movement. *Obs.* exc. *Naut.* (see quot. 1867) and *dial.*

1589 Puttenham *Eng. Poesie* II. x. (Arb.) 98 As the Dorien because his falls, sallyes, and compasse be diuers from those of the Phrigien. 1718 Steele *Fish-pool* 178 On every sally of the boat, the water in the Well must shift its place. 1867 Smyth *Sailor's Word-bk., Sally,*..a sudden heave or set. 1887 Donaldson *Jamieson's Dict.* Suppl. 210 *Sally,*..a rush or dash; a swing from side to side, rocking; a continuous rising and falling,..the swinging or bounding motion of a ship at sea.

III. 8. a. *Arch.* A deviation from the alinement of a snrface; a projection, prominence. b. *Carpentry* (see quot. 1842).

1665–6 *Phil. Trans.* I. 73 This Authour did first conceive, that they were not shadows but some Sallies or Prominencies in that Belt. 1739 Labelye *Short Acc. Piers Westm. Bridge* 69 The Sally, or Projection of a..Cornish. 1757 Robertson in *Phil. Trans.* L. 292 Add to this the sally of the head, the weight of the forecastle [etc.]. 1842 Gwilt *Archit.* Gloss., *Sally,* a projecture. The end of a piece of timber cut with an interior angle formed by two planes across the fibres. 1879 *Cassell's Techn. Educ.* I. 396 The 'sally', or point given to the end of each part to resist lateral pressure. 1887 Donaldson *Jamieson's Dict.* Suppl. 208 *Saillie, Sailye, Sally,* a projection; outjutting; applied to a room, gallery, or other building projecting beyond the face of a house or wall.

Sally (sæ·li), *sb.*2 *Bell-ringing.* Also 9 sallie. [Perh. an application of Sally *sb.*1 7.]

1. The first movement of a bell when 'set' for ringing; a 'handstroke', as distinguished from the reverse movement of 'backstroke'; also, the position of a bell when it is rung up to a 'set' position. ? Now *local.*

1668 F. Stedman *Tintinnalogia* (1671) 54 Whole-pulls, is to Ring two Rounds in one change..so that every time you pull down the bells at Sally, you make a new change. *Ibid.* 134 But sometimes the fault of the stroke (*i. e.* when longer on one side than the other] is in the Sally. 1677 — *Campanologia* 26 The falling of the bells from a Sett-pull must gradually be done, by checking them only at Sally, until the low compass renders the Sally useless. 1688 R. Holme *Armoury* III. 462/2 The several wayes of Ringing Bells. 1. Is the Under Salley, that is when the Bells are raised but Frame high, so as the Clapper strikes on both sides of the Bell. 2. Is the Hand Salley, when they are rung almost up, and one hand is put to the Rope to raise it. 1702 J. D. & C. M. *Campanalogia Impr.* 11 The first Step..is to learn perfectly to set a Bell,..and to have it so much at his Command, as that he may be able to cut it down, either at hand (being the Sally) or back Stroke. *Ibid.* 13 He must likewise be careful, when they lie under Sally, (for so 'tis term'd) to keep his Bell at so constant a Pull, as not to pull harder one time than another. 1872 Ellacombe *Ch. Bells Devon* 13 *note,* The half-wheel action is distinguished by the name of the dead-rope pull, there being no sally. *Ibid., Bells of Ch.* x. 551 It was at this time that the bells were altered from the dead-rope pull to the sally. 1897 F. T. Jane *Lordship* vi. 66 The tuftin being worn, she hurt a man's hands a good deal on the sally, and had mainly to be rung on the backstroke.

2. The woolly 'grip' for the hands near the lower end of a bell-rope, composed of tufts of wool woven into the rope.

1809 T. Batchelor *Anal. Eng. Lang.* 142 *Sally,* the serving, or pluffy part of a bell rope. 1869 Troyte *Change Ringing* I. 2 The 'hand stroke' blow will be the one on which he pulls the 'sallie', or tuffing on the rope. 1871 T. Hardy *Desperate Remedies* Epil., Bright red 'sallies' of woollen texture..glowed on the ropes.

3. *Comb.*: **sally beam** (see quot. 1872); **sally hole,** a hole through which the bell-rope passes; **sally-pin, -pulley, -wheel** (see quots.).

1872 *N. & Q.* 4th Ser. IX. 186/2 The *sally-beam is a beam ..through which the bell-rope is passed to steady it. 1901 H. E. Bulwer *Gloss. Techn. Terms Bells* 5 *Sally-beams,* light wooden cross beams..with guide pieces attached through which the bell-ropes pass. 1851 C. Rogers ['Tom Treddlehoyle'] *Bairnsla Foak's Ann.* (E. D. D.), He wor drawn up bit bell an knocked his heead again t' *sally-hoil. 1879 Taoyte in Grove *Dict. Mus.* I. 219/2 When the rope has been pulled enough to bring the fillet or '*sallie-pin' down to the nearest point to the ground pulley that it can reach. 1901 H. E. Bulwer *Gloss. Techn. Terms Bells* 4 *Sally-pin,* a reel inserted between the 'shrouds' over the rope to assist the purchase of the latter, when the 'fillet-hole' is placed near the top of the 'wheel'. *Ibid., Pulley,* a sheave of hard wood on the lower part of the frame which guides the rope to the wheel. In some localities it is called ..'*sally-pulley',..'*sally-wheel'.

† **Sa·lly,** *v.*1 *Obs. rare.* Forms: 5 **salyyn,** 6 **saly,** 7 **sally.** [irreg. ad. F. *saillir*: see Sail *v.*3]

1. *intr.* To leap, bound, dance.

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 441/1 Salyyn, *salio* (P. *salto*). 1543 Becon *Invect. agst. Swearing* 54 Herode also made a promyse to the doughter of Herodias, whan she daunced & salyed so plesantly before hym.

2. *trans.* Of a horse: To leap (a mare).

a 1693 *Urquhart's Rabelais* III. xxxvi. 300 They use to ring Mares.., to keep them from being sallied by Stoned Horses.

Hence † **Sa·llying** *vbl. sb.*, dancing.

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 441/1 Salyynge, *saltacio.*

Sally (sæ·li), *v.*2 Forms: 6 **salee, salie, saly,** 7– **sally.** [f. Sally *sb.*1, which first appears at the same time. The sense of the vb. may have been influenced by association with its ulterior source, F. *saillir*: see Sail *v.*3]

1. *intr.* Of a warlike force: To issue suddenly from a place of defence or retreat in order to make an attack; *spec.* of a besieged force, to make a sortie. Also *to sally out.*

1560 Daus tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* 430 Duke Henry..hauinge lost..many of his men what tyme the Marques saleed out, and fought. 1590 Sir R. Williams *Brief Disc. War* 51 Hauing an easie entrie into the ditch, the defendants dare not sally. *Ibid.* 52 Alledgiog..that the defendants may the better saly out. 1615 Chapman *Odyss.* xxiv. 375 And now, all girt in armes; the Ports, set wide, They sallied forth. 1617 Morvson *Itin.* II. 200 The happy repulse of the Spaniards sallying upon our Cannon. 1769 Robertson *Chas. V*, IV. Wks. 1813 V. 367 Leyva, with his garrison, sallied out and attacked the rear of the French. 1777 W. Heath in Sparks *Corr. Amer. Rev.* (1853) I. 338 The enemy had sallied, early one morning, and surprised one of our outguards. 1865 Livingstone *Zambesi* xix. 382 A nest of lake pirates who sallied out by night to kill and plunder. 1881 Jowett *Thucyd.* I. 172 The Mitylenaeans with their whole force sallied out against the Athenian camp.

fig. 1651 N. Bacon *Disc. Govt. Eng.* II. xxvi. (1739) 114 Like a good Soldier, whilst his strength is full, he sallies upon the people's liberties.

2. Of a person or party of persons: To set out boldly, to go forth (from a place of abode); to set out on a journey or expedition. Const. *forth, off, out.*

1590 Spenser *F. Q.* II. vi. 38 Where gladsome Guyon salied forth to land. 1662 Evelyn *Chalcogr.* 41 To return now into Italy from whence we first sallied. 1710–11 Swift *Jrnl. to Stella* 19 Feb., Where Sir Andrew Fountain dined too, who has just began to sally out, and has shipt..his nurses back to the country. 1762 Foote *Lyar* I. Wks. 1799 I. 282 But let us sally. 1766 Cowper *Let.* 20 Oct., Wks. (1876) 23 After tea we sally forth to walk in good earnest. 1786 Jefferson *Writ.* (1859) II. 9 Vessels may enter and sally with every wind. 1837 W. Irving *Capt. Bonneville* I. 52 These frontier settlers form parties..and prepare for a bee hunt. Having provided themselves with a waggon.. they sally off, armed with their rifles. 1840 Dickens *Barn. Rudge* i, [He] had risen and was adjustiog his riding-cloak preparatory to sallying abroad. 1845 Darwin *Voy. Nat.* vi. (1879) 112 In the morning we all sallied forth to hunt. 1888 W. S. Caine *Round the World* I. 2 We settled down in our comfortable cabins..and then sallied forth for a tour of inspection round the ship.

transf. and *fig.* 1820 W. Irving *Sketch Bk.* I. 178 He.. takes pen in hand..and sallies forth into the fairy land of poetry. 1871 Palgrave *Lyr. Poems* 87 Where the tall trees crowd round and sally Down the slope sides.

† **b.** *To sally out*: to make a digression in speech. *Obs.*

1660 *Trial Regic.* 51 And we have, with a great deal of Patience, suffered you to sally out. *Ibid.* 55 My Lords, this ought not to come from the Bar to the Bench; if you sally out thus about your Conscience. 1661 Boyle *Style of Script.* (1675) 58 Sometimes the Prophets, in the midst of the Mention of particular Mercies,..Sally out into Pathetical Excursions relating to the Messias.

3. Of things: To issue forth; *esp.* to issue suddenly, break out, burst or leap forth.

1660 F. Brooke tr. *Le Blanc's Trav.* 237 A little Mountain, whence there sallies a stream of water that turns three Mills. 1670 Cotton *Espernon* Ded., It may very well.. pass amongst good natur'd men, with other things, that every day sally from the Press. 1725 Pope *Odyss.* XI. 646 Fierce in his look his ardent valour glow'd, Flush'd in his cheek, or sally'd in his blood. 1785 Reid *Intell. Powers* II. vii. 265 It is not at all likely that the soul sallies out of the body. 1791 Cowper *Iliad* XI. 326 While yet his warm blood sallied from the wound. 1847 Emerson *Poems, Merlin* i, When the God's will sallies free.

Hence **Sa·llying** *vbl. sb.* (also attrib.) and *ppl. a.*

1560 Daus tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* 401 b, To leave behynde my backe no fortified place, out of the whiche any force or saleinge out is to be feared. 1590 Sir R. Williams *Brief Disc. War* 53 The salying of the asseged. 1727–46 Thomson *Summer* 473 Delicious..As to the hunted hart the sallying spring. 1838 Thirlwall *Greece* xxvi. III. 424 A sallying place for marauding inroads. 1839 Thackeray *Major Gahagan* iii, I found our sallying party.

Sally (sæ·li), *v.*3 [f. Sally *sb.*2] *trans.* To bring (a bell) to the position of 'sally'.

1735 Somerville *Chace* II. 250 Hark! now again the Chorus fills. As Bells Sally'd awhile at once their Peal renew.

Sallyer, variant of Saler *Obs.*

Sally Lunn (sæ·li lʌn). [See quot. 1827.] A kind of tea-cake (see quot. 1892).

1798 *Gentl. Mag.* LXVIII. II. 931/2 A certain sort of hot rolls, now, or not long ago, in vogue at Bath, were gratefully and emphatically styled 'Sally Lunns'. 1824 Carlyle *Early Lett.* (1886) II. 289 Robinson gives me coffee and Sally Lunns. 1827 Hone *Every-day Bk.* II. 1561 The bun ..called the Sally Lunn, originated with a young woman of that name in Bath, about thirty years ago. She first cried them...Dalmer, a respectable baker and musician, noticed her, bought her business, and made a song..in behalf of Sally Lunn. 1845 Dickens *Chimes* iv, It's a sort of night that's meant for muffins. Likewise crumpets. Also Sally Lunns. 1849 Thackeray *Pendennis* xxiii, A meal of green tea, scandal, hot Sally-Lunn Cakes, and a little novel-reading. 1892 *Encycl. Cookery* (ed. Garrett) II. 361/1 *Sally Lunns.*—These are sweet light teacakes...Sally Lunns should be cut open, well buttered, and served very hot.

b. *Sally Lunn pudding,* a kind of pudding made with a Sally Lunn cake.

1892 *Encycl. Cookery* (ed. Garrett) 361/2.

Sally-man, Sally rover: see Sallee-man.

Sa·llyport. [f. Sally *sb.*1 + Port *sb.*3]

1. *Fortif.* An opening in a fortified place for the passage of troops when making a sally; sometimes used for 'postern'. Also *transf.* and *fig.*

1649 G. Daniel *Trinarch., Hen. IV* cccxii, Soe lyes the Worme, safe in her treeble hedge And eats the Purple Garden, ere wee find Her Sally-Ports. 1651 Cleveland *Poems* 3 My slippery soul had quit the fort, But that she stopt the Salley-port. 1688 J. S. *Fortification* 69 Little Ports are made in the middle of the Courtains..called Sally-Ports. 1694 Congreve *Double-Dealer* IV. v, Were you provided for an Escape? Hold, Madam, you have no more holes to your Burrough, I'll stand between you and this Sally-Port. 1704 *Lond. Gaz* No. 4008/2 The rest made their Escape out of a Sally-Port. 1802 C. James *Milit. Dict., Sally-ports,* or postern-gates..are those underground passages, which lead from the inner to the outward works. 1819 Scott *Ivanhoe* xxx, In the outwork was a sallyport corresponding to the postern of the castle.. 1859 F. A. Griffiths *Artil. Man.* (1862) 261 The Sallyports are openings cut in the glacis...They are used in making sallies from the covered way.

attrib. 1799 Wellington in Gurw. *Desp.* (1837) I. 36 Tippoo Sultaun's body was discovered in the sallyport gateway.

2. (See quot. 1867.)

1753 Chambers *Cycl. Supp., Sally-port,* in a fire ship, is a great opening in her side..for the men to escape by, when they have..fired their train. 1769 Falconer *Dict. Marine* (1780) s.v. *Fire-ship.* 1867 Smyth *Sailor's Word-bk., Sally-port,*..a large port on each quarter of a fire-ship, out of which the officers and crew make their escape into the boats. ..Also, the entering port of a three-decker.

3. A landing-place at Portsmouth set apart for the use of men-of-war's boats (Adm. Smyth).

1833 Marryat *P. Simple* iv, The porter wheeled my chest down to the Sally Port. 1836 — *Midsh. Easy* xi, After which hour the sally-port is only opened by special permission.

Salm, obs. form of Psalm.

Salmagundi (sælmăgʌ·ndi). Forms: 7–8 **salmagondi,** 8 **salamongundy, (sallad-magundy, Solomon Gundy, salmi-, salmogundy, salmagunda),** 8–9 **salmagundy,** 7– **salmagundi.** [a. F. *salmigondis* (in the 16th c. *salmiguondin, salmingondin*), of obscure origin.]

1. *Cookery.* A dish composed of chopped meat, anchovies, eggs, onions with oil and condiments.

1674 Blount *Glossogr.* (ed. 4), *Salmagundi* (Ital.), a dish of meat made of cold Turky and other ingredients. 1709 W. King *Cookery* ix, Delighting in hodge-podge, gallimaufries, forced meats, jussels, and salmagundies. 1710 P. Lamb *Royal Cookery* 118 To make Sallad-Magundy. 1751 Smollett *Per. Pic.* I. xxxviii. 287 A barrel of excellent herrings for salmagundy, which he knew to be his favourite dish. 1764 Eliz. Moxon *Eng. Housew.* (ed. 9) 203 To make Solomon Gundy to eat in Lent. 1892 *Encycl. Pract. Cookery* (ed. Garrett), *Salmagundi.*

attrib. 1892 *Encycl. Pract. Cookery* (ed. Garrett), *Salmagundi Salad.*

2. *transf.* and *fig.*

1761 T. Twining in *Recreat. & Stud.* (1882) 18 After all this salmagondis of quotation, can you bear another slice of Aristotle? 1764 Foote *Patron* II. Wks. 1799 I. 340 By your account, I must be an absolute olio, a per-

fect salamonguody of charms. 1777 COLMAN *Prose on Sev. Occas.* (1787) III. 218 Unbuttoned cits..Throw down fish, flesh, fowl, pastry, custard, jelly, And make a Salmagundy of their belly. 1781 H. WALPOLE *Let. to C'tess Ossory* 2 Jan., A salmagundi of black and blue, and red and purple, and white. 1797 MRS. M. ROBINSON *Walsingham* III. 316 His mind was a sort of salmagundi. 1833 *Westm. Rev.* Jan. 34 A kind of Salmagundi of law, literature, joke, and blunder. 1887 SAINTSBURY *Hist. Elizab. Lit.* (1894) 274 *The Devil's Law Case*..despite fine passages, [is] a mere 'salmagundi'. 1894 *Sat. Rev.* 26 May 539/1 The House of Commons..was chiefly busy with the Estimates, on which the usual Salmagundi of subjects was served up.

Salme, -ede, obs. forms of PSALM, PSALMODY.

Salmi (sælmi). Also 8 **salmy.** [a. F. *salmi*, according to Hatz.-Darm. shortened from *salmigondis*: see SALMAGUNDI. Cf., however, SALOMENE.] 'A ragoût of partly roasted game, stewed with sance, wine, bread, and condiments' (Garrett's *Encycl. Cookery* 1892).

1759 W. VERRAL *Cookery* 132 (Stanf.) Salmis des becasses. Salmy of woodcocks. 1823 MOORE *Fables* 7 Truffles, salmis, toasted cheese. 1824 BYRON *Juan* XV. lxxi, The salmi, the consommé, the purée. 1847 DISRAELI *Tancred* II. xv, Tancred was going to give them a fish dinner..cutlets of salmon, salmis of carp. 1887 L. OLIPHANT *Episodes* (1888) 150 Salmi of wild duck [India].

attrib. 1892 *Encycl. Cookery* (ed. Garrett) s.v. *Sauces*, Salmi Sauce.

Salmiac (sælmiæk). *Min.* Also 8 **sælmiak.** [a. G. *salmiak*, contraction of L. *sal ammoniacum*.] Native sal-ammoniac.

1799 W. TOOKE *View Russian Emp.* I. 198 Large lumps of sulphur and salmiak. 1888 *Encycl. Brit.* XVI. 384, art. *Mineralogy*, Salmiac...A sublimate on active volcanoes.

Salmody, obs. form of PSALMODY.

Salmon (sæmən), *sb.*[1] and *a.* Forms: 4–5 **samoun, -own(e,** (5 **samoon, samwn, sawmon, sawmun**), 4–6 **samon,** 7 **sammon,** 8 *Sc.* **sawmont,** 9 *Sc.* **saumon**; 4 **salmoun,** 4–7 *Sc.* **salmond(e,** 5 **salmone,** (6 **saulmon, salmont,** 7 **sallmon**), 4– **salmon.** [a. AF. *samoun, saumoun, salmun* (OF. and mod.F. *saumon*):—L. *salmōnem, salmo* (Pliny); the spelling with *l* is from the Latin form.

Cf. Pr. *salmo*, Sp. *salmon*, Pg. *salmão*, It. *salmone, sermone.* The Latin word is prob. a derivative of the root of *salīre* to leap.]

1. A large fish belonging to the genus *Salmo*, family *Salmonidæ*, esp. *Salmo salar*, comprising the largest fish of this family, which when mature are characterized by having red flesh, and a silvery skin marked with large black and red spots; highly prized as an article of food.

In mod. use the collective sing. takes the place of the pl.; *salmons* being used only in scientific language to denote different species, or, *rarely*, individual specimens.

13.. *K. Alis.* 5446 (Land MS.) And of perches, & of salmouns, Token & eten grete foysouns. 13.. *Coer de L.* 3515 Fysch, flesch, salmoun, and cungyr. 1375 BARBOUR *Bruce* II. 576 He wrocht Gynnys, to tak geddis & salmonys. 1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) I. 407 They eteþ hote samoun alway. *Ibid.* II. 13 Þere is grete plente of small fische, of samon, and of elys. *a* 1400 in *Eng. Gilds* (1870) 354 Euerych cart cumynge in-to towne wiþ samown. 1426 LYDG. *De Guil. Pilgr.* 15365 Swettere than samoun. *c* 1460 J. RUSSELL *Bk. Nurture* 823 Sewes on fishe dayes..The baly of þe fresche samon. 1515 *Test. Ebor.* (Surtees) V. 67 Of my ferme of my fyshynges in Yarom I give her ij salmons yerely. 1596 DALRYMPLE tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* I. (S.T.S.) 100 Thay saw the Scottis eit rawe Salmonte, new drawen out of the flude. 1604 SHAKS. *Oth.* II. i. 156 She that in wisedome never was so fraile, To change the Cods-head for the Salmons taile. 1655 WALTON *Angler* I. vii. (1661) 134 The Salmon is accounted the King of fresh-water-Fish. 1787 BURNS *Tam Samson's Elegy* vi, Now safe the stately Sawmont sail. 1819 SCOTT *Let. to Dk. Buccleuch* 15 Apr. in *Lockhart*, Where I lie, as my old grieve Tom Purdie said last night,..'like a haulded saumon'. 1837 DICKENS *Pickw.* viii, 'It wasn't the wine,' murmured Mr. Snodgrass, in a broken voice. 'It was the salmon', 1859 DARWIN *Orig. Spec.* iv. (1873) 69 Male salmons have been observed fighting all day long. 1882 DAY *Brit. Fishes* I. Introd. 71 The so-termed land-locked salmon..might prove invaluable to upper riparian proprietors. *Ibid.* II. 87 The 'blue poll' and 'blue cock' of the Fowey in Cornwall,..are sold in Billingsgate as 'Cornish salmon'. 1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 222/1 In North America there occurs one Salmonoid..viz., *Salmo salar*, var. *sebago*, L...This form is called variously the Landlocked Salmon or the Schoodic Salmon. *Ibid.* 225/1 A salmon newly arrived in fresh water from the sea is called a clean salmon, on account of its bright, well-fed appearance.

b. Applied to fishes belonging to other genera of the same family; esp., a fish of any of the species of the genus *Oncorhynchus*, called the *Pacific salmon.*

1884 GOODE, etc. *Nat. Hist. Aquatic Anim.* 468 According to the latest system..the first [group] for which the name *Salmo* is retained includes the Atlantic Salmon, and the black-spotted species of the west [etc.]...In this same group are included the Quinnat, or California Salmon, and its allies...These have been placed in the genus *Oncorhynchus.* 1888 — *Amer. Fishes* 480 The Pacific Salmon...The English-speaking people call it [*Oncorhynchus gorbuscha*] generally the 'Hump-back Salmon', and often the 'Dog Salmon'...This is one of the smallest Salmons. *Ibid.* 482 The Blue-back is the most graceful of the Salmons. 1888 W. S. CAINE *Round the World* viii. 122 The Pacific salmon takes no bait or fly in fresh water, but may be taken readily in salt water.

c. Applied to fishes resembling a salmon, but not belonging to the *Salmonidæ.* (*a*) In U.S., the SQUETEAGUE; also the *pike-perch* (see PIKE *sb.*[4] 3). (*b*) In Australia and New Zealand, *Arripis salar.*

1798 D. COLLINS *Acc. N. S. Wales* I. 136 A fish, named by us, from its shape only, the salmon. 1880 GÜNTHER *Fishes* 393 *Arripis salar*, South Australia. Three species are known, from the coasts of Southern Australia and New Zealand. They are named by the colonists Salmon or Trout. 1884 *Century Mag.* Apr. 908/1 The pike-perch becomes a 'salmon' in the Susquehanna, Ohio, and Mississippi rivers. 1884 GOODE, etc. *Nat. Hist. Aquatic Anim.* 365 [The Spotted Squeteague] is usually known on the Southern coast as the 'Salmon' or 'Spotted Trout'.

†**d.** Phrase. *To seek for a salmon's nest.* (Cf. MARE'S NEST.) *Obs.*

1589 *Hay any Work* 30 Where hast ti bene, why man, cha bin a seeking for a Samons nest.

2. The name of a kind of potato with red 'flesh'.

1845 *Morn. Chron.* 22 Nov. 5/2 The salmons are considered a good potato for the chalky soil; they are what in some parts are called red kidneys. *Ibid.* 5/3 Salmon potatoes.

3. Short for *salmon colour* (see 4 c).

1892 *Gard. Chron.* 27 Aug. 245/1 Hollyhocks, ranging in colour from pure white through yellows to salmons, pinks [etc.]. 1892 EMILY LAWLESS *Grania* I. 87 The horizon was tinged with faint salmon.

4. *attrib.* and *Comb.* **a.** simple attrib., as *salmon farm, fishery, hatchery, heck* (HECK *sb.*[1] 2), *hutch* (HUTCH *sb.* 3 a), *kettle* (KETTLE 2 a), *leister*, †*lumber-pie*, †*pie*, *rawn* (Sc.), *river, roe, spear, stream*; in names applied (chiefly locally) to a young salmon indicating the different stages of its growth, as *salmon-fry, mort* (sb.[3]), *peal* (sb.[2]), *pink, smelt, sprint*; in the names of appliances used in angling for salmon, as *salmon bait, fly, line, reel, rod, tackle, winch.* Also *salmon-like* adj.

1883 *Fisheries Exhib. Catal.* 51 *Salmon baits. 1868 PEARD *Water-farm.* i. 10 The..construction of a *Salmon-farm. 1762 *Ann. Reg.* II. 53/1 A gentleman who resides at Berwick, near the great *salmon-fishery. 1888 W. S. CAINE *Round the World* viii. 121 A fresh development of the salmon fishery has sprung up. 1704–6 *Dict. Rust.* s.v. *Fishing-fly*, *Salmon Flies. 1741 *Compl. Fam.-Piece* II. ii. 341 *Salmon-fry are taken with a fine Hair-line. 1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 224/2 *note*, The first important series of experiments..was made at the *salmon-hatchery of Stormontfield. 1868 *Law Rep.* Q. B. Div. III. 289 In this side-stream.. the said *salmon-hutch or hutches are situated. 1773 J. S. *Ep. to R. Fergusson* 48 I'se tak ye up Tweed's bonny side ..And shaw you there the fisher's pride, A *sa'mon kettle. *a* 1625 JAS. I in Spottiswood *Hist. Ch. Scot.* (1677) VII. 529 [A longing he had to see the place of his breeding,] a *Salmon-like instinct [so he was pleased to call it]. 1850 'EPHEMERA' *Bk. Salmon* 16 *Salmon-lines. 1834 *Salmon lister [see LEISTER]. 1881 J. GRANT *Cameronians* I. iv. 52 In the hall hung..salmon-listers, whips [etc.]. 1665 R. MAY *Accomplisht Cook* (ed. 2) Index, *Salmon lumber pie. 1893 J. WATSON *Confess. Poacher* 168 There were 90 trout, 37 *salmon-mort, and 2 salmon. 1533–4 *Salmon peal [see PEAL *sb.*[2]]. 1661 RABISHA *Cookery Dissected* 127 To bake a *Salmon Pie to be eaten hot. 1747 in MRS. GLASSE *Cookery* 115. 1805 J. DUNCUMB *Agric. Heref.* 16 The spawn..are in some parts termed salmon-fry or *salmon-pinks. 1841 T. SOUTH *Fly Fisher's Handbk.* ii. 13 *Salmon Reel Lines. 1883 *Fisheries Exhib. Catal.* 51 Salmon Reels. 1753 CHAMBERS *Cycl. Supp.* s.v. *Salmon*, The richest *salmon river in France. 1841 T. SOUTH *Fly Fisher's Handbk.* iii. 40 The *salmon-rod should consist of four parts. 1824 SCOTT *Redgauntlet* let. vi, The water being in such a rare trim for the *saumon raun, he couldna help taking a cast. 1832 *Ibid. note*, The bait made of *salmon row salted and preserved. 1867 F. FRANCIS *Angling* VII. (1880) 265 The only things I resolutely bar..are salmon-roe and wasp-grub. 1700 J. CHETHAM *Angler's Vade Mecum* (ed. 3) 110 *Salmon Smelts. 1551 *Salmon spear [see LEISTER]. 1602 CAREW *Cornwall* 31 An instrument somewhat like the Sammon-speare. 1790 GROSE *Provinc. Gloss.* Suppl., **Salmon-sprint*, a young salmon. North. 1847 T. T. STODDART *Angler's Compan.* XV. 284 Let the angler take his place at the head of the cast or *salmon stream. 1883 *Fisheries Exhib. Catal.* 51 *Salmon Winches.

b. objective, as *salmon-breeding, -fisher, -rearing, spearer, spearing*; instrumental, as *salmon-haunted* adj.

1866 *Chambers's Encycl.* VIII. 447/2 *Salmon-breeding ponds. *a* 1678 MARVELL *Poems, Appleton Ho.*, And now the *salmon-fishers moist Their leathern boats begin to hoist. 1870 F. R. WILSON *Ch. Lindisf.* 33 The silvery and *salmon-haunted Tweed. 1884 *Encycl. Brit.* (1886) XXI. 226/2 *Salmon-rearing establishments. 1899 *Daily News* 29 June 6/3 The fly-fishers and *salmon spearers. 1879 DOWDEN *Southey* VI. 144 The guests went *salmon-spearing on the Tweed.

c. Special combinations: †**salmon bellows.** ? the sound or air bladder of a salmon; **salmon belly** (*U. S.*), the belly of a salmon prepared for food by pickling; **salmon berry** (*U. S.*), a name for certain species of *Rubus*, esp. *R. Nutkanus* the white flowering raspberry; **salmon cast** (see CAST *sb.* 5 b, c); **salmon coble,** a boat used in salmon fishing; **salmon-colour** (see quots.); **salmon fishing,** (*a*) the catching of salmon; (*b*) a place where salmon may be caught; a salmon-fishery; **salmon flounder** (see quot.); **salmon killer** (*U.S.*), a stickleback, *Gasterosteus aculeatus*, destructive to salmon fry and spawn (*Cent. Dict.* 1891); **salmon ladder,** a fish ladder for salmon; also, *transf.* 'a contrivance used in the chemical treatment of sewage' (*Cent. Dict.*); **salmon leap,** see LEAP *sb.* 2 b; **salmon louse,** 'a parasitic crustacean, *Caligus piscinus*, which adheres to the gills of salmon' (*Cent. Dict.*); **salmon pass** = *salmon ladder*; **salmon pipe,** 'an engine to catch Salmon' (Cowel *Interpr.* 1607); **salmon pit, pool** (see quots.); **salmon-scurf,** a dial. name for the salmon trout; **salmon stair** = *salmon ladder*; **salmon steak,** a fried slice of salmon; **salmon-tithe,** a tithe payable in salmon; **salmon twine,** linen or cotton twine used in the manufacture of salmon-nets (*Cent. Dict.*); **salmon weir,** a weir for the taking of salmon (*Ibid.*).

c 1460 J. RUSSELL *Bk. Nurture* 719 Musclade or menows, with þe *Samoun bellows. 1883 GOODE *Fish. Industr. U.S.* (Fish. Exhib. Lit. 1884 V.) 32 Pickled *salmon-belly is a favourite delicacy of the region. 1868 *Rep. U. S. Commissioner Agric.* (1869) 178 The *salmon-berry..(*Rubus chamaemorus*). 1875 W. MCILWRAITH *Guide Wigtownshire* 20 In the vicinity of Penninghame House are some excellent *salmon-casts. 1883 *Fisheries Exhib. Catal.* 51 Salmon Casts, plaited gut [etc.]. 1787 BURNS *Auld Farmer's Salut. Mare* vii, Tho' now ye dow but hoyte and hoble, An' wintle like a *saumont-coble. 1842 D. R. HAY *Nomencl. Colours* (1846) 42 *Salmon colour is the name usually given to such tints as those produced by the attenuation of orange. 1860 WORCESTER, *Salmon-color*, a golden-orange tinge. 1588 *Rot. Scacc. Reg. Scot.* XXI. 336 The fewmaill of the *salmound fisching upoun the water of Connan. 1607 NORDEN *Surv. Dial.* 67 The like of a Salmon fishing, wherin the Lord lost two parts in three. 1808 FORSYTH *Beauties Scotl.* V. 153 A salmon-fishing of some value. 1833 J. RENNIE *Alph. Angling* 45 The finest salmon-fishing is in mild weather. 1815 J. ARBUTHNOT *Hist. Acc. Peterhead* 18 (Jam.) *Pleuronectes Flessus*, Flounder, vulgarly called *Fresh-water Fleuk*, **Salmon Flounder.* 1867 *Lond. Rev.* 22 June 696/1 One great obstacle to the erection of *Salmon-ladders. 1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) I. 369 Also in Irlond beeþ þre *samoun lepes. *c* 1730 BURT *Lett. N. Scott.* (1818) I. 236 The Salmon leap (which is a steep slope composed of large loose stones). 1867–99 *Salmon-pass [see PASS *sb.*[1] 3 h]. 1533 *Act* 25 *Hen. VIII*, c. 7 No maner of persone..shall..take..in fludgate, *salmon pipe or at the tayle of any mylle or were..the yonge frye..of.. Salmon. 1787 *Surv. Kirton-in Lindsey* in *N. W. Linc. Gloss.* (1877), There are particular places in the river (Trent) to which the Salmon resort that are called *Salmon Pits. 1866 *Mass. Rep.* 32 (Cent. Dict. s.v. *Pool*[1]) **Salmon-pools*, eddies where the salmon collect. 1846 BROCKETT *N. C. Wds.* (ed. 3), *Scurf*, or **Salmon-scurf*, salmon trout. Tees, Wear, &c. 1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.*, **Salmon-stair.* 1902 BUCHAN *Watcher by Threshold* 6, I had breakfasted..on eggs and *salmon-steaks. 1828 SCOTT *F. M. Perth* XXX, He hath had frequent disputes with them about the *salmon-tithe.

B. *adj.* [The sb. used *attrib.*: cf. A 3.] Of the colour of the flesh of salmon; a kind of orange-pink. Also *Comb.*, as *salmon-pink, -red, -rose.*

1786 ABERCROMBIE *Gard. Assist.* 234 Radishes..both of the common short top and salmon kinds. [Cf. quot. 1824 s.v. SALMON-COLOURED.] 1876 MISS BRADDON *J. Haggard's Dau.* xi, A..room painted white and salmon. 1882 *Garden* 1 Apr. 223/2 Large blossoms..of a beautiful, deep, salmon-pink colour. *Ibid.* 29 Apr. 299/3 Carnations..Conqueror, salmon-rose. 1885 BLACK *White Heather* iii, Just over them was a line of gleaming salmon-red. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 558 The patches in such parts may then assume a salmon tinge. *Ibid.* 573 The colour of the base has more of a salmon hue when fresh. 1901 *J. Black's Illustr. Carp. & Build., Home Handicr.* 38 A good salmon tint is produced by adding to the dissolved whiting a little of the same [venetian] red.

†**Sa·lmon,** *sb.*[2] *Cant. Obs.* Also 6–8 **salomon,** 7 **saloman,** 8–9 **salamon,** 8 **solomon.** [Of obscure origin: cf. SAM *sb.*] In oaths or asseverations, as *By (the) salmon, so help me salmon.*

Harman's interpretation (quot. 1567) may be correct; it is doubtful whether any of the subsequent writers quoted really knew the word in actual use.

a 1550 COPLAND *Hye Way to Spytel Hous* 1050 in Hazl. *E. P. P.* IV. 69 Cyarum by salmon and thou shalt pek my jere. 1567 HARMAN *Caveat* 83 Salomon, a alter or masse. 1611 MIDDLETON & DEKKER *Roaring Girle* v. i. K 4 My doxy I haue, by the *Salomon* a doxy, that carries a kitchin mort in her slat at her backe. 1641 BROME *Jov. Crew* II. (1659) F 4 b, By Salmon, I think my Mort is in drink. *a* 1700 B. E. *Dict. Cant. Crew, Salmon*, c. the Beggers Sacrament or Oath. *Solomon*, c. the Mass. 1815 SCOTT *Guy M.* XXXIV, She swore by the salmon. 1834 H. AINSWORTH *Rookwood* III. v, You must repeat the 'Salmon', or oath of our creed. *Ibid.*, So may help me, Salamon!

Salmon, variant of SAMMEN *dial.*

Sa·lmon-co·loured, *a.* = SALMON *a.*

1776–96 WITHERING *Brit. Plants* (ed. 3) IV. 170 Gills salmon-coloured. 1807–8 W. IRVING *Salmag.* (1824) 361, I have..sported a pair of salmon-coloured small-clothes. 1824 LOUDON *Encycl. Gard.* § 3756 Radishes...Long sorts. Scarlet, or salmon-colored, and its subvarieties. 1848 DICKENS *Dombey* xviii, Salmon-colored worsted drawers.

Salmonet (sæ·mənĕt). Also 6 **samonett.** [f. SALMON *sb.*[1] + -ET.] A samlet.

1576 in J. Noake *Worcestersh. Relics* (1877) 62 That noe maner of persons..use ne occupy anie manner of takynge of trowte or trowte samon or samonetts within the said streame. 1800 LADY HUNTER in *Jrnl. Sir M. H.* (1894) 154 A John Dory and some Salmonets. 1850 in OGILVIE.

Salmonic (sælmɒ·nik), *a. Chem.* [f. SALMON *sb.*[1] + -IC.] *Salmonic acid* (see quot.).

1868 WATTS *Dict. Chem., Salmonic acid*, a reddish fatty acid, existing, according to Frémy and Valenciennes.., in the reddish muscles of various species of salmon.

Salmonid (sæ·lmŏnid). *rare.* Also **-ide.** [ad. mod.L. *Salmōnid-æ* pl., f. L. *salmōn-* SALMON *sb.*[1]: see -ID.] A fish of the family *Salmonidæ.*

1858 *Rep. U. S. Commissioner Agric.* (1869) 329 The creature..looking..more like a spiritual polliwog than a real salmonide. 1882 A. NICOLS *Acclim. Salmonidæ at Antipodes* 83 The presence of migratory salmonids in their rivers. 1888 *Daily News* 19 May 7/3 Highly satisfactory results have attended salmonide culture this season.

Salmoniform (sælmǫ·nifɔm), *a.* [f. SALMON *sb.*[1] + -(I)FORM.] = SALMONOID.

1891 in *Century Dict.* (citing HUXLEY).

Salmonize (sæ·mənəiz), *v.* [f. SALMON *sb.*[1] + -IZE.] *trans.* To make (a river) fit for salmon.

1886 *Longm. Mag.* VII. 293 Much is talked about 'salmonising' the Thames.

Salmonoid (sæl·mǫ̆noid), *a.* and *sb.* [f. SALMON *sb.*[1] + -OID.] **A.** *adj.* Of or belonging to the family *Salmonidæ*; resembling a fish of this family.

1850 in OGILVIE. 1865 *Athenæum* No. 1948. 279/1 Salmonoid fishes. 1883 *Pall Mall G.* 12 May Suppl., An extensive collection of salmonidæ and salmonoid fishes.

B. *sb.* A fish of the family *Salmonidæ*.

1842 in BRANDE *Dict. Sci.*, etc. 1867 (*title*) Reports on the Natural History and Habits of Salmonoids in the Tweed. 1883 G. ALLEN in *Knowledge* 23 Mar. 175 There is one little peculiarity common to all the salmonoids—the graylings and gwyniads as well as the trout and charr.

†**Sa·lmonsews.** *Obs.*—° [ad. AF. *salmonceux* pl. (1389–90 *Act* 13 *Ric. II.* st. 1 c. 19), dim. of *salmon*. Cf. HERONSEW.] Salmon-fry.

1607 COWEL *Interpr.*, *Salmon sewe* seemeth to be the young fry of Salmon. 1706 in PHILLIPS (ed. Kersey).

Sa·lmon-trout.

1. A fish of the species *Salmo trutta*, resembling the salmon, found in rivers of northern Europe.

1421 *Rolls of Parlt.* IV. 132/1 Frie de Samon-Trought. 1540 *Rutland MSS.* (1905) IV. 302 A great salmon trowtte. 1668 CHARLETON *Onomast.* 155 *Trutta Salmoneta*..a Salmon-Trout. 1756–7 tr. *Keysler's Trav.* (1760) I. 17 There is also a kind of salmon-trouts called Gangfische. 1884 *Sat. Rev.* 12 July 61/1 Jim, the black cook boy..caught a twenty-pound salmon-trout with bait.

2. In U. S. and N. S. W. applied to other fishes (see quots.).

1882 J. E. TENISON-WOODS *Fish N. S. W.* 35 *Arripis salar*,..is in the adult state the salmon of the Australian fishermen, and their salmon trout is the young. 1884 GOODE, etc. *Nat. Hist. Aquatic Anim.* 468 According to the latest system..the second group [of the old genus *Salmo*] includes the Chars, or Red-spotted Trout, and the gray-spotted species known as Salmon Trout, or Lake Trout. These are assigned to the genus *Salvelinus*. *Ibid.* 474 The Steelhead—*Salmo Gairdneri*. Large individuals are often called 'Salmon Trout'.

†**Sal-nitre.** *Obs.* [ad. med.L. *sal nitrī* 'salt of nitre': see SAL and NITRE. Cf. It. *salnitro*, Pr. *salnitre*; also Sp., Pg. *salitre* (whence SALITRE), G. *salniter*, *saliter*.] Saltpetre.

1416 in *Essex Rev.* (1907) XVI. 159 Sal niter. 1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* II. 420, I may not put off the treatise concerning the nature of Salnitre, approching so neer as it doth to the nature of salt. 1610 MARKHAM *Masterp.* II. cxlv. 447 Adde to it of Sal-niter an ounce. 1683 SALMON *Doron Med.* I. 320 Subliming it with Sal Niter.

Hence †**Salni·tral** *a.*, of the nature of saltpetre.

1683 TRYON *Way to Health* vi. (1697) 104 Until the Sun and Cœlestial Influences have endu'd it [*sc.* earth] with a Salnitral Vertue.

Salod, var. pa. t. of SALUE *v. Obs.*

Salol (sæ·lɔl). *Chem.* [f. SAL(ICYL) + -OL.] A white, crystalline, aromatic powder, prepared from salicylic and carbolic acids, used as an antipyretic and antiseptic. Also in *Comb.*

1887 *Athenæum* 19 Feb. 260/1 Salol is said to have a most powerful effect in cases of rheumatism. 1897 *Trans. Amer. Pediatric Soc.* IX. 129 Salol-coated permanganate pills.

†**Salomene.** *Obs.* Also 5 salome, -mere. [Of obscure origin: cf. It. SALAME; also F. *salmis* (see SALMI), which agrees closely in sense.] (See quot.)

c 1430 *Two Cookery-bks.* 21 Salomene. Take gode Wyne, an..pouder, & Brede y-ground, an sugre..; þan take Trowtys, Rochys, Perchys, oþer Carpys,..an..roste hem..; þan hewe hem in gobettys:..fry hem in oyle a lytil, þen caste in þe brwet;..take Maces, Clowes [etc.]..an cast a-boue, & serue forth. *Ibid.* 33 Capoun in Salome. *Ibid.* 35 Soupes of Salomere.

Salometer (sælǫ·mĭtəɹ). [f. L. *sal* salt or *sal-um* brine + -(O)METER.] = SALINOMETER.

1860 MAURY *Phys. Geog. Sea* (Low) ii. § 102 The salometer confirms it.

Salomonic (sælǫmǫ·nik), *a.* [f. L. *Salomōn* Solomon. Cf. SOLOMONIC.] Of or pertaining to Solomon. So **Salomo·nian** *a.*

1873 *Speaker's Comment. Bible* IV. 667/2 Those who have denied its Salomonic authorship. *Ibid.* 15/1 The description of the Divine Wisdom, Proverbs viii, in which the Salomonian theory culminated. 1881 W. R. SMITH *Old Test. Jewish Ch.* v. 122 The collection of Salomonic proverbs formed by the scholars in the service of King Hezekiah. *Ibid.* 403.

‖**Salon** (salǫ̃n). Also 8 sallon. [Fr.: see SALOON.]

1. a. A large and lofty apartment serving as one of the principal reception rooms in a palace or other great house. **b.** A room, more or less elegantly furnished, used for the reception of guests; a drawing-room.

Now only with reference to France or other continental countries. Cf. SALOON 1.

1715 LEONI *Palladio's Archit.* (1742) I. 52 Great Halls or Sallons for Feasting. 1717 BERKELEY *Tour in Italy* Wks. 1871 IV. 523 It [the palace of the Barberini in Rome] hath many noble chambers and salons. *a* 1721 SHEFFIELD (Dk. Buckhm.) *Wks.* (1723) II. 276, I rise..about seven a-clock ..to walk in the garden; or, if rainy, in a *Salon* filled with pictures. 1728 CHAMBERS *Cycl., Salon*, or Saloon,..a very lofty, spacious Hall, vaulted at Top, and sometimes comprehending two Stories, or Ranges, of Windows..Embassadors, and other Great Visitors, are usually received in the Salon. 1758 H. WALPOLE *Let. to Chute* 22 Aug., I have seen the plan of their hall..and both their eating-room and salon are to be stucco, with pictures. 1834 H. GREVILLE *Diary* 23 Oct., Finding Barras had not come home he established himself with a book in the salon until he should return. 1881 *Q. Rev.* Oct. 505 The principal salon had a dome, which, turning day and night imitated the movements of the terrestrial bodies.

2. *spec.* The reception-room of a Parisian lady of fashion; hence, a reunion of notabilities at the house of such a lady; also, a similar gathering in other capitals.

1810 F. JEFFREY in *Edin. Rev.* XV. 485 When she [Mlle. de Lespinasse] is visibly within a few weeks of her end..she still has her *salon* filled twice a day with company. 1853 C. C. FELTON in *Longfellow's Life* (1891) II. 253 There is not a *salon* in Paris which is not proud to welcome him. 1888 BRYCE *Amer. Commw.* III. cv. 508 One hears of attempts made to establish political 'salons' in Washington. 1888 MRS. H. WARD *R. Elsmere* xvii. 225 Famous in London society for her relationship, her audacity, and the *salon* which ..she managed to collect round her.

3. *The Salon*: the annual exhibition at Paris of painting, sculpture, etc. by living artists.

Originally held in one of the 'salons' of the Louvre.

1875 T. G. APPLETON in *Longfellow's Life* (1891) III. 252 The *Salon* is open. 1908 *Athenæum* 15 Aug. 191/2 He received a medal at the Salon of 1864..; two of his pictures were in this year's Salon.

Saloon (sălū·n). Also 8 salloon. [a. F. *salon* (= Sp. *salon*, Pg. *salão*), ad. It. *salone*, augm. of *sala* hall: see SALE[2].]

1. = SALON 1 a. **b.** = SALON 1 b. Now *U. S.*

1728 [see SALON]. 1748 RICHARDSON *Clarissa* (1811) III. 352 What Mr. Lovelace saw of the house (which was the saloon and two parlours) was perfectly elegant. 1753 HANWAY *Trav.* (1762) I. VII. xciii. 427 They were then lining the grand salloon with silesia marble. 1760 H. WALPOLE *Let. to Montagu* 19 July, Ditchley..is a good house, well furnished, has good portraits, a wretched saloon [etc.]. 1784 COWPER *Task* I. 414 Strange! there should be found, Who, self-imprison'd in their proud saloons, Renounce the odours of the open field. 1810 E. D. CLARKE *Trav. Russia* (1839) 21/1 The *coup d'œil* upon entering the grand saloon is inconceivable...The company consisted of nearly two thousand persons. 1823 P. NICHOLSON *Pract. Build.* 438 Saloons are frequently raised the whole height of the building. 1828 J. F. COOPER *Notions of Amer.* I. 261 A young American.. is just as happy in the saloon, as she was a few years before in the nursery. 1841 *Penny Cycl.* XX. 365 *Saloon* signifies, in its stricter architectural meaning, a room.., not only the principal room as to spaciousness, but loftiness also...At present however..the name of saloon is indiscriminately or ostentatiously bestowed on any unusually large room. 1842 *Literary Gaz.* 3 Sept. 612/1 Neither was she received altogether in the saloon, as she was of too humble a grade to mix with gentry and nobility. 1860 MARSH *Eng. Lang.* xiii. 291 In all grades of society, from the wigwam to the saloon. *Ibid.* xx. 440 The aim of a numerous class of popular writers is..to make books..speak the dialect of the saloon. 1907 *Connoisseur* XIX. 139/2 [Eaton Hall] The saloon.. forms part of the hall...Divided by pillars alone from the entrance hall, the two form one large room.

2 = SALON 2. Now *rare.*

1810 F. JEFFREY in *Edin. Rev.* XV. 461 It is to this..that the French are indebted for the superiority of their polite assemblies. Their saloons are better filled than ours. 1820 SHELLEY *Lett.* Pr. Wks. 1880 IV. 163, I find saloons and compliments too great bores. 1838 EMERSON *Addr., Lit. Ethics* Wks. (Bohn) II. 214 How mean to go blazing, a gaudy butterfly, in fashionable or political saloons. 1881 STANLEY *Chr. Institut.* (1882) 297 Materials of conversation at the dinner tables of London or the saloons of Paris.

3. A large apartment or hall, esp. in a hotel or other place of public resort, adapted for assemblies, entertainments, exhibitions, etc.; also, rarely, any unusually large apartment.

1747 *General Advertiser* 12 May, Mr. Rose and others will play in the Great Room, and in the Salloon in the Gardens. 1761 *Ann. Reg.* 126 In digging near the Latin-gate, two subterraneous saloons have also been discovered, in which were found four tombs. 1837 DICKENS *Pickw.* xxxvi, The great pump-room is a spacious saloon, ornamented with Corinthian pillars. 1858 HAWTHORNE *Fr. & It. Note-bks.* (1872) I. 11 The Restaurant des Echelles..has a handsomely furnished saloon. 1886 *Guide Exhib. Galleries Brit. Mus.* 40 In this saloon are two Table-cases containing tablets of baked and unbaked clay from Babylonia.

4. a. A large cabin in a passenger-boat for the common use of passengers in general or for those paying first-class fares.

1842 DICKENS in Forster *Life* (1872) I. 271 One man lost fourteen pounds at vingt-un in the saloon yesterday. 1888 W. S. CAINE *Round the World* x. 147 The saloon accommodates just sixteen persons to table. 1900 H. LAWSON *Over Sliprails* 113, I should have gone over steerage with nothing ..and come back saloon with a pile.

b. In full *saloon car* or *carriage*: A railway carriage without compartments, furnished more or less luxuriously as a drawing-room or for a specific purpose, as *dining*, *sleeping saloon*. Also (U.S.) 'the main room of a compartment-car or a small subdivision of a sleeping-car' (*Funk's Standard Dict.*).

1855 D. K. CLARK *Railway Machinery* 275/1 Saloon carriages may..be planned variously...The business public appear generally to prefer the ordinary partitioned carriage. 1886 *St. James's Gaz.* 16 Oct. 6/2 He stepped lightly from the saloon-car. 1891 *Harper's Mag.* LXXXII. 581/1 The car at the head of the New York and Chicago Limited was divided..; the two small apartments 'amidships', so to speak, were arranged, one as a bath room, and the other as a barber-shop; and then came the more spacious saloon reserved for the smokers. 1899 *Westm. Gaz.* 19 Sept. 6/2 In the rear of the express was..the saloon in which the distinguished travellers were making their journey...They travelled..to Aberdeen in an ordinary sleeping saloon.

5. An apartment to which the public may resort for a specified purpose, as *billiard*, *boxing*, *dancing*, *shaving saloon*, etc.

1852 C. J. TALBOT *Meliora* Ser. I. 166 In London..we went to places of entertainment, and low dancing saloons. 1874 MAHAFFY *Soc. Life Greece* viii. 241 We hear of no hells, or low music halls, or low dancing saloons [at Athens].

6. *U. S.* A place where intoxicating liquors are sold and consumed; a drinking bar.

1884 *N. Y. Herald* 27 Oct. 6/3 [Two men] demanded drinks in the saloon of ——, Myrtle avenue, Brooklyn. 1888 W. S. CAINE *Round the World* vii. 106 Here [at Rogers Pass, Canada] is a collection of wooden shanties, used as liquor-saloons, music and dancing-houses. 1892 J. RALPH in *Harper's Mag.* LXXXIV. 716/2 The fee for a permit to maintain a saloon or hotel bar in cities of more than 100,000 population is $1000. 1893 LELAND *Mem.* I. 282 A rather first-class saloon, bar, and restaurant on Broadway.

7. *attrib.* and *Comb.*: **a.** simple attrib., as *saloon-bar*, *licence*, *passengers*, *steward*, etc.; **b.** special comb., as **saloon car, carriage** (see 4 b); **saloon deck**, a deck for the use of saloon passengers; **saloon-keeper** *U. S.*, one who keeps a drinking saloon; **saloon pistol, rifle**, light firearms for firing at short range; **saloon smasher** *U. S. slang*, one who practises or advocates the practice of the wrecking of drinking saloons as a protest against the liquor traffic; so also *saloon smashing*.

1888 W. S. CAINE *Round the World* i. 3 The *saloon-deck presents the usual aspect. Ladies are grouped about in pleasant corners in easy deck-chairs. 1879 G. CAMPBELL *Black & White* 242 The publicans, or *saloon-keepers, as they are called in America. 1892 J. RALPH in *Harper's Mag.* LXXXIV. 712/1 The *saloon licence system is another village development. 1879 FROUDE in *Fraser's Mag.* Nov. 625 The *saloon passengers were taken next. 1899 KIPLING *Stalky* 65 Rabbit-shooting with *saloon-pistols. 1881 GREENER *Gun* 368 *Saloon rifles..are small, smooth-bore guns,..firing a hulleted breech-cap...Pistols..are also made on the same principle. In all saloon rifles and pistols the propellant is fulminating powder contained in a small copper case. 1901 *Westm. Gaz.* 10 Dec. 9/2 The notorious *saloon smasher. 1905 *Daily Chron.* 11 July 5/7 '*Saloon-smashing' methods of reform by wrecking with dynamite buildings in which liquor selling was carried on.

Saloon, obs. variant of SHALLOON.

Saloonist (sălū·nist). *U.S.* [f. SALOON + -IST.] **a.** A saloon-keeper. **b.** One who upholds the system of drinking saloons.

1882 *Chicago Advance* 3 Aug. 499 Just think of a saloonist coming into court expecting to justify..his 'business' by exhibiting his 'license' as a contract by the people to let him sell liquor. 1888, *Pop. Sci. Monthly* XXX. 16 (Cent. Dict.) Any persistent effort to enforce the Sunday laws against the saloon is met by the saloonist with the counter-effort to enforce the laws against legitimate business.

Saloop (sălū·p). Also 8 salob, salup, 8–9 saloup, salop. [Altered form of SALEP.]

1. = SALEP.

1712 MRS. CENTLIVRE *Perplexed Lovers* v. i, Salup, what is that Salup? I have often seen this Fellow sauntering about Streets, and cou'd not imagine what he sold. 1719 D'URFEY *Pills* (1872) VI. 125 Here's Salop brought from foreign Parts. 1727 A. HAMILTON *Acc. E. Indies* I. 125 They [in Sind] have a Fruit..called Salob...They dry it hard.. and being beaten to a Powder, they dress it as Tea and Coffee are, and take it with powdered Sugar-candy. 1728 [see 2]. 1747 Mas. GLASSE *Cookery* 120 To boil Salup. It is a hard Stone ground to Powder, and generally sold for one Shilling an Ounce. 1753 CHAMBERS *Cycl. Supp., Orchis-root*, in the materia medica, is otherwise named salep, vulgarly called saloop. 1756 P. BROWNE *Jamaica* 325 The Jamaica Salop...It may be used with great propriety as a stomachic. 1766 *Ann. Reg.* 112 This powder is no other than that of sago or China salop. 1804 CHARLOTTE SMITH *Conversations*, etc. I. 94 The roots..of the orchis of which saloop is made. 1826 HENRY *Elem. Chem.* II. x. 266 Salop or Saloop is the farina obtained from several species of *Orchis*, especially the *O. Mascula*. 1851 MAYHEW *Lond. Labour* I. 8 Saloop (spelt also 'salep' and 'salop') was prepared, as a powder, from the root of the *Orchis mascula*. 1861 BENTLEY *Man. Bot.* 667 *Enlophia vera* and *E. campestris*.—The tubercular roots of these species are used in India in the preparation of the nutritious substance known by the names of Salep, Salop, and Saloop.

2. A hot drink consisting of an infusion of powdered salep or (later) of sassafras, with milk and sugar, formerly sold in the streets of London in the night and early morning.

1728 E. SMITH *Compl. Housew.* 149 To make Salop. Take.. Water, and let it boil..; then put in a quarter of an ounce of Salop finely powdered, and let it boil..; drink it in China Cups as Chocolate. *c* 1759 *Roxb. Ball.* (1890) VII. 58 Here's fine saloop, both hot and good. 1803 *Censor* 1 Dec. 135, I was taking my pot of saloop, (for I am not so extravagant as to drink coffee). 1822 LAMA *Elia* Ser. I. *Praise Chimneysw.*, There is a composition, the groundwork of which I have understood to be..sassafras. This wood boiled down to a kind of tea, and tempered with an infusion of milk and sugar, ..is saloop. 1840 PEREIRA *Elem. Mat. Med.* 799 Sassafras

tea, flavoured with milk and sugar, is sold..under the name of saloop. 1851 MAYHEW *Lond. Labour* I. 183 The vending of tea and coffee, in the streets, was little..known twenty years ago, saloop being then the beverage supplied from stalls. 1882 BESANT *All Sorts* xviii, Those now forgotten delicacies, saloop and tansy pudding.

b. *attrib.*, as *saloop-house*, *-man*, *-stall*, etc.

1764 *Low Life* (ed. 3) 1 The Salop-man in Fleet-Street shuts up his Gossiping Coffee-House. 1791 'G. GAMBADO' *Ann. Horsem.* xvii. (1809) 136 He knock'd down and went over Alice Turner, the Saloup Woman. 1851 MAYHEW *Lond. Labour* I. 8/2 The saloop-stalls were superseded by the modern coffee-stalls. 1873 THORNBURY *Old & New Lond.* I. 69 A 'saloop-house', where the poor purchased a beverage made out of sassafras chips. 1889 *N. & Q.* 7th Ser. VII. 35 Within the last twenty years saloop vendors might have been seen plying their trade in the streets of London.

3. *Saloop bush* (see quot.).

1884 MILLER *Plant-n.*, Saloop-bush, of Australia, *Rhagodia hastata*.

Hence **Salo·pian** *a.*, *nonce-wd.*

1822 LAMB *Elia* Ser. I. *Praise Chimneysw.*, Mr. Read, who hath time out of mind kept open a shop..for the vending of this 'wholesome and pleasant beverage'..—the only Salopian house.

Salophen (sæ·lōfen). *Chem.* [f. SAL(ICYLIC) + -O + PHEN(OL).] A derivative of salicylic acid (*Syd. Soc. Lex.* 1897).

1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 474 Such drugs as salicylate of sodium, salicin, salol, salophen and salipyrin.

Salopian (sălō·upiăn), *a.* and *sb.* [f. *Salop*, a name of Shropshire (evolved from *Sloppesberie*, an AF. corruption of OE. *Scrobbesbyrig*, Shrewsbury, the county town) + -IAN.] **a.** *adj.* Of or belonging to Shropshire.

1706 FARQUHAR *Recruiting Officer* III. ii, Thou Peerless Princess of Salopian Plains. *c* 1814 SOUTHEY *Affair Arroyo Molinos* 38 Salopian vales. 1886 T. L. K. OLIPHANT *New English* I. i. 9 A Salopian bard.

b. *sb.* A native or inhabitant of Shropshire.

1700 CONGREVE *Way of World* IV. ii, Ay, ay, come, will you March my Salopian? 1886 T. L. K. OLIPHANT *New English* I. i. 6 William de Shoreham..uses *e* like the Salopians.

Salow(e: see SALLOW *sb.* and *a.*, SALUE *v.*

Salp (sælp). *Zool.* Also **salpe.** [a. F. *salpe*, ad. mod.L. *salpa*.] = SALPA.

1835 KIRBY *Hab. & Inst. Anim.* I. vii. 222 The Salpes or biphores, as the French call them—phosphoric animals so transparent that all their internal organs..may be distinctly seen. 1850 OGILVIE, *Salpa* or *Salp*, a genus of soft-shelled or tunicated acephalous molluscs which float in the sea. 1896 tr. *Boas' Text-bk. Zool.* 540 The chains remain within the body-wall of the solitary salp.

‖ **Sa·lpa**[1]. *Obs.* [L. *salpa*, ad. Gr. *σάλπη*. Cf. F. *saupe*.] Some kind of salt-water fish used by the ancients as stockfish.

c 1520 ANDREW *Noble Lyfe* lxxix. in *Babees Bk.*, Salpa is a fowle fisshe and lytell set by. 1555 EDEN *Decades* 269 Dryed fysshe as soles, maydens, playces, salpas, stockefysshes, and such other. 1624 MIDDLETON *Game at Chess* v. iii, The *Salpa* from Ehusus [in ed. 1 and MSS. Eleusis]; or the *Pelamis* (which some call Sommer Whiting). 1706 PHILLIPS (ed. Kersey), *Salpa*, the Goldlin; a sort of Fish.

‖ **Salpa**[2] (sælpă). *Zool.* Pl. **salpæ**; also **salpas.** [mod.L. *salpa* (Forskål *a* 1763); prob. an application of class. L. *salpa* (see prec.), but the reason for the selection of this word does not appear.] A genus of tunicates, the sole representative of the family *Salpidæ*; also, a tunicate of this genus.

1852 TH. ROSS tr. *Humboldt's Trav.* I. i. 27 The genus dagysa..belongs to the salpas (biphores of Bruguière). 1854 A. ADAMS *Man. Nat. Hist.* 336 Those curious double gelatinous animals the *Salpæ*, which resemble two little glassy bells, one fixed to the inside of the other. 1860 H. SPENCER in *Westm. Rev.* Jan. 102 In the *Salpæ* the component individuals adhere so slightly that a blow on the vessel of water in which they are floating will separate them. 1883 C. F. HOLDER in *Harper's Mag.* Dec. 107/1 The fantastic glaucus and luminous salpa, hover about in close attendance.

Hence **Salpa·cean**, a salpian or salp.

1841 *Penny Cycl.* XX. 366/1.

† **Salpege.** *Obs. rare*[−1]. [ad. mod.L. *salpega*, corruption of L. *sol(i)puga*.] Some kind of serpent.

1569 J. SANFORD tr. *Agrippa's Van. Arts* lxxxi. 138 Serpents, Salpeges, Scolopenders.

† **Salpe·tre.** *Obs.* Also 4–6 **salpeter**, 5 **salpetyr**, 6 **-ir**, **sall-petter**, **saulpeter.** [a. OF. *salpetre* (mod.F. *salpêtre*), ad. med.L. *salpetra*, prob. for *sal petræ* 'salt of stone' (*sal*, see SAL[1]; *petræ* gen. of late L. *petra*, whence F. *pierre* stone), so called because the salt occurs as an incrustation on stones. Cf. G. *salpeter*.] Saltpetre.

c 1325 [see SAL-AMMONIAC]. 1384–5 *Durh. Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 594 Item pro Salpetre emp. pro Gonnis, vij s. vjd. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Can. Yeom. Prol. & T.* 255 Sal peter, vitriole. 1483 *Cath. Angl.* 317/2 Salpetyr. 1500–20 DUNBAR *Poems* lix. 9 A refyng sone of rakyng Muris..That fulle dismemberit hes my meter, And poysound it with strang salpeter. 1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* II. XXXI. x. 421 The true marke to know good sal-petre, Is to be verie light in hand [etc.]. 1667 BOYLE *Orig. Formes & Qual.* (ed. 2) 115 It [*sc.* vitriol] is wont to be reckon'd with Sal-petre, Sea-salt, and Sal Gem among true Salts.

Hence † **Sal-petery, Salpetrous** *adjs.*, impregnated with saltpetre, nitrous.

1608 SYLVESTER *Du Bartas* II. iv. III. *Schisme* 674 Rich Jericho's (sometimes) sal-peetry soyl..Brought forth no fruit. 1731 BAILEY (vol. II), *Salpetrous.* 1883 D. COOK *On Stage* I. 221 Sparks and smoke and fearful salpetrous fumes.

Salpian (sæ·lpiăn). [f. SALPA[2] + -IAN.] An individual of the genus *Salpa*; a salp.

1851 WOODWARD *Mollusca* 49 The salpians produce long chains of embryos. 1854 A. ADAMS *Man. Nat. Hist.* 164 Others among them [*sc.* the Tunicaries] are free and pelagian, as the Salpians and Pyrosomes.

‖ **Salpicon** (sæ·lpikŏn). *Cookery.* ? *Obs.* [Fr., a. Sp. *salpicon*, f. *salpicar* to sprinkle, pickle, f. *sal* salt + *picar* to pick.] A kind of stuffing for veal, beef, or mutton.

1726 *Dict. Rust.* (ed. 3), *Salpicon*, a Ragoe usually made for large Joints of Beef, Veal, or Mutton, which are to be served up roasted for the side Dishes. 1824 BYRON *Juan* xv. lxvi, Then there was..'A l'Espagnole', 'timballe', and 'salpicon'. 1828–32 WEBSTER (citing Bacon, prob. in error).

Salpiglossid (sælpiglŏ·sid). [f. next: see -ID.] A plant of the tribe *Salpiglossideæ* (typical genus *Salpiglossis*: see next), one of Bentham's divisions of the order *Scrophulariaceæ*.

1846 LINDLEY *Veg. Kingd.* 682 Mr. Bentham remarks that the nearest Order to Figworts is undoubtedly that of Nightshades, through the medium of Salpiglossids.

‖ **Salpiglossis** (sælpiglŏ·sis). [mod.L., irreg. f. Gr. *σάλπιγξ* trumpet + *γλῶσσα* tongue, from the trumpet-shaped corolla.] A genus of herbaceous plants of the N. O. *Scrophulariaceæ*, natives of Chile, cultivated for their showy blossoms.

1846 LINDLEY *Veg. Kingd.* 682 Petunia and Salpiglossis, two genera closely allied in habit. 1882 *Garden* 11 Nov. 426/1 The garden varieties of Salpiglossis rank amongst the finest of all half-hardy annuals.

Salpingian (sælpi·nd͡ʒiăn), *a.* [f. mod.L. *salping-*, SALPINX 2 + -IAN.] Of or pertaining to the Eustachian or the Fallopian tubes. So **Salpi·ngic** *a.*, in the same sense.

1891 *Century Dict.*, Salpingian. 1897 *Syd. Soc. Lex.*, Salpingian, Salpingic.

‖ **Salpingitis** (sælpindʒəi·tis). *Path.* [mod.L., f. Gr. *σαλπιγγ-* (see SALPINGO-) + -ITIS.] Inflammation of the Fallopian or the Eustachian tubes.

1861 *Lancet* 14 Dec. 571/1. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VII. 481 Tuberculous salpingitis.

Hence **Salpingitic** *a.*, pertaining to salpingitis.

1891 in *Century Dict.*

Salpingo- (sælpi·ngo), combining form of Gr. *σαλπιγγ-*, *σάλπιγξ*, lit. 'trumpet', but used in mod.L. form *salpinx* to denote either the Fallopian or the Eustachian tubes. In various compounds (*Anat.*, *Phys.* and *Obstet.*). **Salpi·ngona·sal** *a.*, of or pertaining to the Eustachian tube and the nose. **Salpingo-oöphore·ctomy, -ovario·tomy,** excision of a Fallopian tube and ovary. **Salpingo-oöphoritis,** salpingitis and oöphoritis occurring together. **Salpingo-palatal, -palatine** *adjs.*, of or pertaining to the Eustachian tube and the palate. **Salpingo-pharynge·al** *a.*, belonging to the Eustachian tube and the pharynx. ‖ **Salpingo-pharyngeus,** an occasional muscle passing from the Eustachian tube to the pharynx. **Salpingopte·rygoid** *a.*, pertaining to the sphenoid and hamular processes. **Salpingo·rrhaphy,** suturing of the Fallopian tube. **Salpingo·stomy,** 'the operation of establishing an artificial fistula of the Fallopian tube' (*Syd. Soc. Lex.* 1897). **Salpingo·tomy,** excision of or incision into the Fallopian tube (*ibid.*).

1904 *Brit. Med. Jrnl.* 3 Dec. *Epit.* 83 Acute appendicitis with concomitant *salpingo-oöphoritis. 1884 M. MACKENZIE *Dis. Throat & Nose* II. 253 The yellow orifice of the Eustachian tube can be seen, bounded by the *salpingo-palatine fold on its inner, and the *salpingo-pharyngeal fold on its outer side. 1891 E. SAJOUS in *Ann. Univ. Med. Sci.* II. Sect. G. 31 This operation he [Skutsch] calls *salpingostomy. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 491 A successful *salpingotomy for a hypertrophied left ovary.

‖ **Salpinx** (sæ·lpiŋks). [Gr. *σάλπιγξ*; in sense 2 used as mod.L.]

1. *Antiq.* An ancient Greek trumpet.

1865 J. HULLAH *Transit. Period Mus.* 118 The pipe of Pan, the lyre of Mercury, the salpinx [etc.]. 1888 *Encycl. Brit.* XXIII. 592/2 The Roman tuba and the Greek salpinx are supposed to be one and the same instrument.

2. *Anat.* **a.** The Eustachian tube. **b.** The Fallopian tube.

1842 BRANDE *Dict. Sci.*, etc., *Salpinx*, the Eustachian tube, or channel of communication between the mouth and the ear. [In recent Dicts.]

‖ **Sal-prunella** (sæ·lprune·lă). Also 8 **sal prunellæ, prunel**, 9 **prunelle.** [mod.L. *sal prunella* or *prunellæ*: see SAL and PRUNELLA 3.] Fused nitre cast into cakes or balls.

1681 tr. *Willis' Rem. Med. Wks.* Vocab., *Sal-prunella*, a salt made out of salt-peter. 1747 WESLEY *Prim. Physic* (1762) 30 Two teaspoonfuls of Sal Prunellæ an hour before the Fit. 1778 JOHNSON in *Boswell*, In Mrs. Glasse's Cookery ..salt-petre and sal-prunella are spoken of as different substances, whereas sal-prunella is only salt-petre burnt on charcoal. 1812 J. SMYTH *Pract. of Customs* (1821) 198 Sal Prunelle is a preparation of Saltpetre, useful in Medicine and in curing provisions. 1849 D. CAMPBELL *Inorg. Chem.* 108 Nitrate of potash..when cast into moulds, solidifies, and is known in this form as sal-prunelle.

Salrar, obs. form of CELLARER.

1473 *Rental Bk. Cupar-Angus* (1879) I. 201 Twynty suklar kyddis..to be kepit and delyuerit at the ordinans of the salrar and wardane.

Sals, obs. form of SAUCE.

Salsaf(a)y, Salsage: see SALSIFY, SAUSAGE.

‖ **Salsamenta·rious,** *a. Obs.*[−0] [ad. L. *salsāmentārī-us* (f. *salsāmentum* pickling brine, pickled fish) + -OUS.] 'Of or belonging to salt, or to any salt thing' (Blount *Glossogr.* 1656).

Salsaparilha, -illa, -illia, -perilla, -parillin: see SARSAPARILLA, -PARILLIN.

Salsar, -ary: see SAUCER, SAUCERY.

† **Salsature.** *Alch. Obs.* [ad. med.L. *salsātūra* (Raymond Lull), f. L. *sals-us* salted, salt.]

1650 ASHMOLE *Chym. Collect.* 3–4 By another digestion it will be another thing, which we call Argent Vive, Earth, Water, and Ferment, Gumm and our second Salsature,..In our Magisteriall there are three proper Earths, three Waters, and three proper Ferments; three proper Gumms, three Salsatures, three Argent Vives Congealing.

Salse (sæls). *Geol.* [a. F. *salse* (Humboldt), ad. It. *salsa*, orig. proper name of a mud volcano at Sassuolo, near Modena.] A mud volcano.

1832 DE LA BECHE *Geol. Man.* 133 'Salses' or mud volcanoes. 1871 KINGSLEY *At Last* x, Now and then this 'Salse'..is said to be seized with a violent paroxysm. 1878 HUXLEY *Physiogr.* 202 Conical hills, known as Salses, or mud volcanoes.

Salser, -ery: see SAUCER, SAUCERY.

Salsify (sæ·lsifi). Also 7 **salsifax,** (**salafy**), 8 **sassafy, salsafay,** 8–9 **salsafy.** [a. F. *salsifis* (in the 16–17th c. variously *sercifi*, *serquify*, *sassify*, *sassefy*, *sassefique*, *sassefrique*), believed to be corruptly ad. It. *sassefrica*, of unknown origin. Cf. Sp. *salsifi*, Pg. *sersifim.*]

1. A biennial composite plant, the Purple Goat's-beard, *Tragopogon porrifolius*, indigenous to Great Britain and the Continent of Europe, producing an esculent root.

Meadow salsify (U. S.): the Yellow Goat's-beard, *Tragopogon pratensis* (Britton & Brown *Flora Northern U. S.* III. 269).

1706 PHILLIPS (ed. Kersey), *Salsifie*, (*Fr.*) Goats-bread [*sic*], an eatable root. 1707 MORTIMER *Husb.* 482 Salsifie or Goatsbeard. 1731 MILLER *Gard. Dict.*, *Tragopogon*..commonly call'd Salssafy or Sassafy. 1747 MRS. GLASSE *Cookery* xiv. (1796) 229 So likewise you may dress root of salsify and scorzonera. 1767 ABERCROMBIE *Ev. Man his own Gard.* (1803) 85 Salsafay is estimable both for its roots..and for the young shoots rising in the spring. 1830 LINDLEY *Nat. Syst. Bot.* 201 Many of the species are useful articles of food;..for instance..the roots of..Tragopogon, or Salsafy. 1881 *Encycl. Brit.* XII. 287/2 The Salsafy (or Salsify)..is a hardy biennial, with long cylindrical fleshy esculent roots. 1882 *Garden* 11 Nov. 425/3 Salsafy..when boiled in milk or fried in butter..has a peculiar resemblance to oysters.

2. Black, † **Spanish salsify,** *Scorzonera hispanica*, producing a dark esculent root, used in the same way as salsify (sense 1).

1699 EVELYN *Acetaria* 61 Salsifax, *Scorzonera.* 1707 MORTIMER *Husb.* 482 Spanish Salsifie or Scorzonera, is multiplied by Seed. 1891 *Century Dict.* s. v., *Black salsify*, ..a related plant...It is similarly used, and its flavor is preferred by some.

† **Salsi·potent,** *a. Obs. rare.* [ad. L. *salsipotentem* (as if f. *sals-um* neut. adj., salt), a false reading for *sali-potentem*, f. *sal-um* salt water + *potentem* POTENT *a.*] That rules the salt sea.

1575 LANEHAM *Let.* (1871) 33 The supreame salsipotent Monarch Neptune. 1656 in BLOUNT *Glossogr.*

Salsister, variant of SAUCISTER *Obs.*

† **Sa·lsitude.** *Obs. rare.* [a. F. *salsitude*, ad. L. *salsitūdo*, f. *salsus* adj., salt: see -TUDE.] Saltness, brackishness.

a 1693 *Urquhart's Rabelais* III. xxxii. 271 Their..smarting Salsitude. 1696 J. EDWARDS *Demonstr. Exist. & Provid. God* I. 171 The heat of the sun is not the cause of the salsitude of the waters. 1721– in BAILEY.

† **Sa·lso-a·cid.** *Chem. Obs.* [f. *salso-*, assumed comb. form of L. *salsus* adj., salt.] A substance partaking of the qualities of a 'salt' and an 'acid'.

1707 FLOYER *Physic. Pulse-Watch* 335 Salso Acids, volatile Salt, or fix'd Vitriolate, *Sal Catharticum* is a nauseous, bitterish, Salso Acid.

P Johnson 1755 and subsequent Dicts. give an adj. *Salso-acid*, 'having a taste compounded of saltness and sourness'; but Johnson's quot. (from Floyer) contains only the sb. as above.

Sal-soda: see SAL b.

‖ **Salsola** (sæ·lsŏlă). [mod.L. (Cæsalpinus *De Plantis* 1583 IV. xxxix. 170), a. It. † *salsola*, dim. of *salso* salt *adj.*] A genus of herbaceous plants belonging to the N. O. *Chenopodiaceæ*, found on the sea-coasts and salt-impregnated soils of warm and temperate regions, chiefly in the Old World; esp. *S. soda*, a species yielding soda. Also, a plant of this genus.

1801 J. BARROW *Trav. S. Africa* ii. 91 The plant..was a species of *salsola*, or salt-wort. 1890 E. F. KNIGHT *Cruise of 'Alerte'* iv. 57 [An island] green with salsola or saltwort and other alcalescent plants.

Salsolaceous (sælsŏlē·ĭ·ʃəs), *a.* [See -ACEOUS.] Belonging to or resembling the genus SALSOLA.

1859 H. KINGSLEY *G. Hamlyn* xlii, The salsolaceous plants, so long the only vegetation we have seen, are gone. 1863 SPEKE *Source of Nile* i. 6 A small island..covered with salsolacious shrubs. 1880 J. C. CRAWFORD *New Zealand & Austral.* 8 Dry plains thinly clad with a salsolaceous vegetation.

Salss, obs. Sc. form of SAUCE.

†Sa·lster. *Obs.* [Formed after SALTER: see -STER.] A female salter.

14.. *Nom.* in Wr.-Wülcker 692/37 *Hec salinaria*, a salster.

Salsuginous (sælsiū·dʒinəs), *a.* Also 7 -eous, -os. [f. L. *salsūgin-em* saltness (f. *sals-us* adj., salt) + -OUS.] †**a.** Impregnated with salt; brackish. *Obs.*

b. Of plants: Growing in salt-impregnated soil.

1657 TOMLINSON *Renou's Disp.* 677 A certain..salsugineous liquor is educed. 1664 BOYLE *Experim. Colours* III. xl. Refl. 314 Salts..are discriminated into Acid, Volatile, or Salsuginous (if I may for Distinction sake so call the Fugitive Salts of Animal Substances) and fix'd or Alcalizate. 1665 DUDLEY *Mettall. Martis* (1851) 38 His white Arcenical, Salsuginos and Sulphurious substance which is in that Cole. 1669 W. SIMPSON *Hydrol. Chym.* 54 If this acidulated water find a salsuginous glebe, it becomes coagulated. 1731 MEDLEY *Kolben's Cape G. Hope* II. 302 'Tis owing to the salsuginous nature of the valley grass, that the Cape graziers never give..their..cattle any salt to lick. 1897 *Syd. Soc. Lex.*, *Salsuginous*, epithet applied to plants that grow in a soil that is impregnated with common salt.

†Sa·lsure. *Obs.*—° [ad. L. *salsūra*, f. *sals-us* adj., salt.] 'A salting or seasoning brine' (Blount *Glossogr.* 1656). 1558 in PHILLIPS; 1721- in BAILEY.

Salt (sɔlt), *sb.*[1] Forms: 1 **sealt**, (3 **salit**, *Ormin* **sallt**), 4–6 **salte**, (5 **sawte**, 6 **saulte**), 6–7 **sault**, 8–9 *Sc.* **saut**, **sawt**, 1– **salt**. [Com. Teut.: OE. *sealt* (*salt*) str. neut. = OFris. **salt* (mod.Fris. *salt*, *sâ(l)t*, *saut*, *solt*), OS. *salt* (MLG. *salt*, *solt*), MDu., Du. *zout*, OHG. (MHG., G.) *salz*, ON. (Sw., Da.), Goth. *salt*:—OTeut. *salto*[m], cogn. with Gr. ἅλ-s masc., L. *sal* masc., neut. (whence F. *sel*, Sp., Pg., Pr. *sal*, It. *sale*), OIr. *salann*, W. *halen*, OSl. *soli*.]

1. A substance, known chemically as sodium chloride (NaCl), very abundant in nature both in solution and in crystalline form, and extensively prepared for use as a condiment, a preservative of animal food, and in various industrial processes. Salt for domestic use is manufactured from SEA-SALT (*marine salt*, BAY-SALT), ROCK-SALT (*mineral salt*, †*salt mineral*), and (now chiefly) from brine pumped up from rock-salt strata. Frequently called *common salt*.

c 1000 *Sax. Leechd.* II. 76 Wiþ blæce, wyl eolonan on buteran, meng wiþ sote, sealt, teoro. *Ibid.* 344 Do haliges sealtes fela on. *c* 1200 OSSIN 1653 Forr witt & skill iss wel inoh þurrh sallitess smacc bitacnedd. *c* 1290 *S. Eng. Leg.* 187/95 So þat þe salt scholde is woundene frete with þe brenninde fuyre. 1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* XVI. xciv. (Bodl. MS.), Salte makeþ potage and oþer mete sauourye. 14.. *Pol.-Rel. & L. Poems* (1903) 245 Nad I ben babtyzyd in water and salt. *c* 1460 J. RUSSELL *Bk. Nurture* 57 Loke þy salte be sutille, whyte, fayre and drye. 1557 SEAGER *Sch. Vertue* 440 in *Babees Bk.*, Saulte with thy knyfe then reache and take. 1620 VENNER *Via Recta* vi. 92 The best and most common of all Sauces is Salt. 1661 J. CHILDREY *Brit. Bacon.* 50 They boile Salt out of Salt-water. 1789 [see SALT-CELLAR]. 1774 GOLDSM. *Nat. Hist.* (1776) VII. 146 Salt seems to be much more efficacious in destroying these animals [*sc.* lizards], than the knife. 1833–4 J. PHILLIPS *Geol.* in *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) VI. 614/2 Regular strata of gypsum below, and regular layers of salt above. 1839 URE *Dict. Arts* 1087 The rock is a mass of saccharoid and anhydrous gypsum, imbued with common salt. 1870 YEATS *Nat. Hist. Comm.* 380 Beds of salt occur ..in China, and many districts of North America.

b. With qualifying word.

White salt: salt prepared and refined mainly for household use (as contrasted with rock-salt, which is of a brownish red colour). †*Great salt*: salt in large crystals or lumps; rock-salt. †*Small salt*: salt powdered as for table use. †*Pattow, Pateu salt* [i.e. Poitou salt = F. '*sel de Poitou*, blacke salt, gray salt' Cotgr.]: ?a coarse kind of salt manufactured in Poitou. Also *Newcastle*, *Spanish salt*.

c 1000 *Sax. Leechd.* I. 138 Couca mid greatan sealte. *Ibid.* III. 20 Ado..hwites sealtes fela. 1377–8 *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 586 In 2 quar. de Pattowsalt, *7s. 3d.* 1390 GOWER *Conf.* II. 63 In stede of Oxes He let do yoken grete foxes, And with gret salt the lond he siew. 1486 *Bk. St. Albans* C vj, Put therto spanyshe salte. 1583–4 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* Ser. I. III. 638 Na small salt sould be careit furth of this realme. 1614 T. GENTLEMAN *Eng. Way to Win Wealth* 24 Ships may come vnto them with Salt from Mayo, or Spanish salt. 1728 CHAMBERS *Cycl.* s. v., The Salt is brown when taken out of the Pits,..in some Places they make it into White-Salt by refining. 1748 BROWNRIGG *Art of Making Salt* 50 Northumberland and Durham; from whence this salt is exported in large quantities, under the name of Newcastle salt. 1883 *Fisheries Exhib. Catal.* 74 Fishery Salt..Common Salt, Middle Grain Salt, Table Salt,..Kitchen Salt. 1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XXVI. 232/1 As usually made, white salt from rock-salt may be classified into two groups.

†**c.** *Salt upon salt*: see quot. 1748. *Obs.*

1580 HITCHCOCK *Politic Plat* A ij b, To..barrill theim [*sc.* herrings] after the Flemishe maoer, with salte vpon salte, whiche is the beste kinde of Salt. 1614 T. GENTLEMAN *Eng. Way to Win Wealth* 24 This place [*sc.* Ipswich] is also most conuenient for the erecting of Salt-pans, for the making of Salt vpon salt. 1682 J. COLLINS *Salt & Fishery* 13 Of Salt upon Salt, or Salt made by Refining of Forreign Salt. 1748 BROWNRIGG *Art of Making Salt* 49 Salt upon salt; which is bay salt dissolved in sea water, or any other salt water, and with it boiled into white salt.

fig. 1659 G. WITHER (*title*) Salt upon Salt: made out of certain ingenious verses upon the late Storm and the death of his Highness ensuing.

d. *In salt*: sprinkled with salt or immersed in brine; in pickle.

1853 SOYER *Pantroph.* 187 Let it remain in salt during twenty-four hours.

2. Proverbial and allusive uses. **a.** *gen.*

1539 TAVERNER *Erasm. Prov.* (1552) 57 Passe not ouer salt and the table: as who shulde saye, neglecte not the Company of frendes, or breake not the lawe of amitie. *c* 1589 R. HARVEY *Pl. Perc.* (1860) 9 Seruice without salt, by the rite of England, is a Cuckholds fee, if he claime it. 1596 HARINGTON *Metam. Ajax* (1814) 3 The poor sheep would eat him without salt (as they say). *c* 1678 MARVELL *Growth Popery* 23 As much out of order, as if the Salt had been throwo down, or an Hare had crossed his way. 1681 FLAVEL *Meth. Grace* iii. 50 Some account the falling of salt upon the table ominous. 1865 S. EVANS *Bro. Fab. MS.*, etc. 49 If the salt thou chance to spill, Token sure of coming ill. 1884 *Harper's Mag.* Nov. 889/1 They threw the salt over their shoulders,..in propitiation of evil powers, when they spilled it at table.

b. Taken as a type of a necessary adjunct to food, and hence as a symbol of hospitality. Phr. *To eat salt with* (a person), *to eat* (a person's) *salt*: to enjoy his hospitality; also occas. to be dependent upon him. *Bread and salt*: see BREAD *sb.* 2 d.

1382 WYCLIF *Ezra* iv. 14 Wee thanne mynde hauende of the salt that in the paleis wee eeten. 1539 TAVERNER *Erasm. Prov.* 30 Trust no man onles thou hast fyrst eaten a bushel of salte with hym. [Cf. Gr. τῶν ἁλῶν συγκατεδηδοκέναι μέδιμνον.] 1581 PETTIE tr. *Guazzo's Civ. Conv.* I. (1586) 11 b, You who haue eaten much salt out of your owne house. 1608 BP. HALL *Epist.* I. viii, Abandon those from your table and salt, whom your own..experience shall descry dangerous. 1809 WELLINGTON in Gleig *Life* App. (1862) 702 The real fact is..I have eaten the King's salt. 1813 BYRON *Corsair* II. iv, Why dost thou shun the salt? that sacred pledge, Which, once partaken..Makes ev'n contending tribes in peace unite. 1854 THACKERAY *Newcomes* I. v. 43 One does not eat a man's salt, as it were, at these dinners. There is nothing sacred in this kind of London hospitality. 1889 NORRIS *Miss Shafto* i, One has no business to eat a man's salt and then say nasty things about him.

c. In allusions to the jocular advice given to children to catch birds by putting salt on their tails.

1580 LYLY *Euphues* (Arb.) 327 It is..a foolish bird that staieth the laying salt on hir taile. 1664 BUTLER *Hud.* II. i. 278 Such great Atchievements cannot fail, To cast Salt on a Woman's Tail. 1704 SWIFT *T. Tub* vii, Men catch Knowledge by throwing their Wit on the Posteriors of a Book, as Boys do Sparrows by flinging Salt upon their Tails. 1721 KELLY *Scot. Prov.* 380 You will ne'er cast Salt on his Tail. That is, he has clean escap'd. 1813 SOUTHEY *Nelson* viii, If they go on playing this game, some day we shall lay salt upon their tails. 1840 DICKENS *Barn. Rudge* xxvii, Having dropped a pinch of salt on the tails of all the cardinal virtues and caught them every one. 1893 STEVENSON *Catriona* I. viii, I will never be persuaded that you could not help us.. to put salt on Alan's tail.

d. *With a grain of salt* [= mod.L. *cum grano salis*]: (to accept a statement) with a certain amount of reserve. Also in similar phrases.

1647 TRAPP *Comm. Rev.* vi. 11 This is to be taken with a grain of salt. 1648 SPEKE *Pref. to Shute's Sarah & Hagar* b j b, Read them then but with such a grain of salt as intimated. 1883 *American* VI. 280 An Extremist,—and we may add more or less salt to his expressions. 1908 *Athenæum* 1 Aug. 118/1 Our reasons for not accepting the author's pictures of early Ireland without many grains of salt.

e. With reference to the bitter saline taste of tears.

1595 SHAKS. *John* v. vii. 45 *Hen.* Oh that there were some vertue in my teares, That might releeue you. *John.* The salt in them is hot. 1603 — *Ham.* I. ii. 154 The salt of most vnrighteous Teares. 1824 GALT *Rothelan* I. i. v. 43 There was salt as well as sorrow in her tears.

f. *Not to be made of sugar or salt*: not to be readily affected by moistnre; hence, not to be disconcerted by wet weather.

1786 *Har'st Rig* lxxxi. (1794) 27 But Highlanders ne'er mind a douk, For they're na'e sawt. 1855 CARLYLE in *E. FitzGerald's Lett.* (1889) I. 235, I persist in believing the weather will clear,..at any rate I am not made of sugar or of salt. 1870 MISS BRIDGMAN *R. Lynne* I. xv. 254, I am made neither of sugar nor salt...Do you call this rain?

g. (*To be*) *worth one's salt*: efficient or capable. Usually with expressed or implied negative.

1839 MARRYAT *King's Own* lii, The captain..is not worth his salt. 1857 HUGHES *Tom Brown* II. v, Every one who is worth his salt has his enemies. 1883 STEVENSON *Treas. Isl.* xviii, It was plain from every line of his body that our new hand was worth his salt.

h. With reference to the saltness of the sea, in phrases denoting fondness for or adaptability to a seafaring life. (Cf. II.)

1886 *Illustr. Lond. News* 10 July 42/3, 'I would be a sailor, if only before the mast'. 'Why there!' cried the admiral...'What else could the boy be? He is salt all through'. 1901 *Daily Chron.* 24 May 3/3 The man..with the salt in his blood, and a yearning for the blue water.

3. *fig.* **a.** *The salt of the earth* (after Matt. v. 13): the excellent of the earth; in recent trivial use, the powerful, aristocratic, or wealthy.

c 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* Matt. v. 13 Ȝee sint salt eorðes. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Sompn. T.* 488 Ye been the salt of the erthe and the savour. ?*c* 1420 26 *Pol. Poems* xxi. 145 Of erþe ȝe ben cleped salt, For salt of wisdom soule saues. 1579 LYLY *Euphues* (Arb.) 141 The vniuersities of Christendome which should be..the leauen, the salt, the seasoning of the world. 1790 H. VENN in Carus *Life C. Simeon* 84 They are the truly excellent of the earth—its salt, who..reach the heart and conscience. 1842 *Literary Gaz.* 28 May 373/3 To dine like queens, kings, princes, potentates, and the other 'salt of the earth'. 1869 RAWLINSON *Anc. Hist.* 517 The army was, under the Imperial system, the 'salt' of the Roman world. 1871 MORLEY *Carlyle* in *Crit. Misc.* Ser. I. (1878) 195 A little band, the supposed salt of the earth.

b. That which gives liveliness, freshness, or piquancy to a person's character, life, etc. Often in phr. *salt of youth*, from Shakspere.

1579 TOMSON *Calvin's Serm. Tim.* 688/1 They are such that haue neither salt nor sause in them. 1598 SHAKS. *Merry W.* II. iii. 56 Wee haue some salt of our youth in vs. 1698 NORRIS *Pract. Disc.* (1707) IV. 26 The Things of Religion, that Divine Salt, that will give a wholesome and relishing savour to our Conversation. *a* 1718 PENN *Tracts* in *Wks.* (1726) I. 732 A Man insipid, of no Sense or Salt. 1822 HAZLITT *Table-t.* II. ii. 24 His character has the salt of honesty about it. 1865 TROLLOPE *Belton Est.* xiv. 153 He was a man not yet forty years of age, with still much of the salt of youth about him. 1879 M. ARNOLD *Mixed Ess., Democracy* 19 A people without the salt of these qualities would arrive at the pettiness of China.

c. That which gives life or pungency to discourse or written composition; poignancy of expression; pungent wit; †point. *Attic salt*: see ATTIC *a.* 2.

1573–80 BARET *Alv.* s.v., *Salte*, a pleasaunt and mery worde that maketh folke to laugh and sometimes pricketh. 1609 *Skaks.'s Tr. & Cr.* Ep. (Qo. 1), So much and such sauored salt of witte is in his Commedies, that [etc.]. 1639 MAYNE *City Match* II. iii, She speaks with salt, And has a pretty scornefulnesse. 1645 MILTON *Tetrach.* 63 Exceptions are not logically deduc't from a divers kind, as to say who so puts away for any naturall cause except fornication, the exception would want salt. 1682 SHADWELL *Medal of J. Bayes* 2 For Libel and true Satyr different be; This must have Truth, and Salt, with Modesty. *a* 1694 TILLOTSON *Serm.* clxiii. (1743) IX. 3884 He..could with salt and sharpness enough upbraid those whom he sees guilty of them. 1734 tr. *Rollin's Anc. Hist.* V. 75 The prince comprehended all the salt and spirit of that ingenious pleasantry. 1766 FORDYCE *Serm. Yng. Women* II. viii. 20 That salt and poignancy.. derived from writers of taste. 1874 *Q. Rev.* CXXXVII. 106 Humour, the salt of well-bred conversation. 1894 K. GRAHAME *Pagan Papers* 120 We could not discover any salt in them [*sc.* the witticisms].

†**4.** *Alch.* and *Old Chem.* One of the supposed ultimate elements of all substances. *Obs.*

?*c* 1585 HESTER tr. *Paracelsus'* 114 *Exper.*, etc. C 8, These three mercurie, Salt and Sulphur can not bee one without another. 1605, 1729 [see MERCURY *sb.* 8]. 1650 FRENCH tr. *Paracelsus' Nat. Things* 10 Mercury, Sulphur, Salt, of which all the seven Metalls are generated. For Mercury is the Spirit, Sulphur the Soule, and Salt the Body. 1651 — *Distill.* vi. 181 Salt is that fixt permanent earth which is in the center of every thing that is incorruptible, and inalterable. 1670 D. CAELE tr. *Basil. Valent. Of Nat. & Supernat. Things* viii. 124 [Tin] hath no excess of Mercury, nor of Salt, and it hath the least of Sulphur in it. 1719 QUINCY *Lex. Physico-Med.* s.v. *Principle*.

5. †**a.** *Old Chem.* A solid soluble non-inflammable substance having a taste. *Obs.*

The name originally comprised such substances as resembled common salt (sense 1) in their appearance or properties, e.g. substances produced by the evaporation of watery liquids as salt is produced by the evaporation of sea-water. The quality of taste was not originally considered to be a criterion of the class, but was added in the 18th c., when these substances were ultimately divided into 'acid salts' (*salia acida*), 'alkaline salts' (*salia alkalina*), and 'neutral salts' (*salia neutra*, *media*, or *salsa*), corresponding to the number 'acids', 'alkalis', and 'salts'.

1426 LYDG. *De Guil. Pilgr.* 15632, I..Yive hem vergows and vynegre..And yive hem other sawtys mo. 1594 PLAT *Jewell-ho.* II. 10 Coppers..Niter..vitrial..allom..Borras, ..Suger..Sublimate..Saltpeter..all these are diuers kindes of saltes. 1626 BACON *Sylva* § 645 Out of the Ashes of all Plants, they extract a Salt which they use in Medecines. 1686 W. HARRIS tr. *Lemery's Course Chem.* I. xiv. 347 If there were any Salt in this petrified Plant, it would dissolve in hot water like other salts. 1707 *Curios. in Husb. & Gard.* 219 Sugar is a balsamick Salt. 1729 WOODWARD *Nat. Hist. Fossils* I. I. 98 The Vitriolic Salts, with which the Pyrites abounds. 1774 GOLDSM. *Nat. Hist.* I. 166 By divesting a quantity of earth of all its oils and salts. 1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) IV. 599 Salts..are soluble in water, sapid, and not inflammable. They are either Acids or Alkalies.

b. Particular substances of this class are distinguished by defining words (q.v., and cf. SAL[1]); e.g. †*salt ammoniac* (= SAL-AMMONIAC), †*essential s.*, †*fixed s.*, †*s. perlate*, †*s. sedative*, *volatile s.*; †*salt of antimony*, *of lemon*, †*of Mars*, †*of Saturn*, *of soda*, †*of steel*, †*of wisdom*; †*salt anatron*, †*s. gem*(*me* (= SAL-GEM), †*s. prunel*(*la* (= SAL-PRUNELLA), †*s. nitre* (= SAL-NITRE), †*salt sode* (= sal-soda), †*s. tartar*; GLAUBER'S SALT, *Rochelle s.*, etc.

a 1400 *Stockholm Med. MS.* 4 A water þat is clepyd salt gemme. 14.. *Chaucer's Can. Yeom. Prol. & T.* 257 (Corpus & Petw. MSS.), Salt tartre. 1526 *Grete Herball* ccccliii. (1529) V j b, Salt armeniake is hote and drye in the fourth degre. *Ibid.* V ij, Salt gemme..hath the vertues of salt armonyake. 1565 COOPER *Thesaurus* s.v. *Ammoniacus*, Salte armonike. 1580 LYLY *Euphues* (Arb.) 439 Salt Sode for Glasse. 1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* II. 133 If some salt-nitre be put to them whiles they be a boiling ouer the fire. 1670 D. CAELE tr. *van Suchten's Secr. Antimony* 118 This Salt of Antimony..performs almost all that the Salt of Gold doth. 1741 *Compl. Fam.-Piece* I. ii. 180 An Ounce of beaten Salt-prunel. 1756 WAIGHT in *Phil. Trans.* XLIX. 681 Fossil sea-salt or salt-gem. 1765 DELAVAL *ibid.* LV. 31 *note* f, A solution of salt-ammoniac. 1839 URE *Dict. Arts* 1084 Salt of amber is succinic acid. Salt of lemons is citric acid.

c. *collog. pl.* (*a*) Smelling salts, consisting usually of ammonium carbonate.

1767 *Woman of Fashion* I. 73 [She] was several Times obliged to have recourse to her Salts. 1817 BYRON *Beppo* lxxxix, Much hartshorn, salts, and sprinkling faces. 1840 MARRYAT *Poor Jack* xiv, Virginia had run for the salts as soon as she perceived that her mother was unwell.

(*b*) Short for *Epsom salts* (see EPSOM).

1773 *Chron.* in *Ann. Reg.* 98/1 A servant maid..thinking to take some salts..took arsenic instead thereof. 1877 *N. W.*

Linc. Gloss. 1887 SERVICE *Life Dr. Duguid* xix, A neffow [=nieveful] of salts and a neffow of senna.

6. *Mod. Chem.* A compound formed by the union of an acid radical with a basic radical; an acid having the whole or part of its hydrogen replaced by a metal. (In wider theoretical use the term 'salt' includes acids as salts of hydrogen.)

The first marked step towards the modern conception of a chemical salt was Rouelle's definition (*a* 1770) of a neutral salt as a compound formed by the union of an acid with any substance serving as a base for it and giving to it a concrete or solid form. Various modifications of this or earlier views were put forward until the publication of Lavoisier's definition of a salt as the union of an acid with an oxide; this definition, however, was found to be inadequate when the composition of the halogen compounds, sulphides, etc. came to be accurately known. A further revolution in the theory of salts was made by Berzelius, who divided them into two classes; viz. HALOID salts, formed of an electropositive element and a halogen, and AMPHID salts, resulting from the union of an acid and a base; the latter he subdivided into oxy-salts, sulpho-salts, selenio-salts, and telluri-salts. According to more recent conceptions (Arrhenius 1888) salts, including acids, are regarded as composed of positive ions or kations (hydrogen and metals) and negative ions or anions (halogens and acid radicals).

1790 KERR tr. *Lavoisier's Elem. Chem.* 150–1 Acids may therefore be considered as true salifying principles... This view of the acids prevents me from considering them as salts. ..I shall not arrange the alkalies or earths in the class of salts, to which I allot only such as are composed of an oxygenated substance united to a base. 1807 T. THOMSON *Chem.* (ed. 3) II. 151 [Acids] combine with all the alkalies, and most of the metallic oxides and earths, and form with them those compounds which are called salts. 1838 — *Chem. Org. Bodies* 924 The tannin of areca gives a black colour to salts of iron. 1855 HARDWICH *Photogr. Chem.* 15 The principal Salts of Silver which are employed in the Photographic processes are four in number, viz. Nitrate of Silver, Chloride of Silver, Iodide of Silver, and Bromide of Silver. 1859 *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* V. 332/1 Most of the blood-salts are present in increased quantity in the gastric juice. 1890 WALKER tr. *Ostwald's Outl. Gen. Chem.* 281 The conductivities of the neutral salts are additively composed of two values, one depending only on the metal or positive ion, the other only on the acid radical or negative ion.

7. = SALT-CELLAR.

1493 in *Somerset Med. Wills* (1901) 310 To John Wymer and Margarete his wif a cuppe and a salt of silver. 1495 *Trevisa's Barth. De P. R.* VI. xxii. 212 Knyues spones & saltes [*Bodl. MS.* salers] ben sett on y^e^ borde. 1531 *Rec. St. Mary at Hill* (1905) 47 Two Rownde saltes with a Couer. 1605 B. JONSON *Volpone* v. iii, One salt of agat. 1663 PEPYS *Diary* 29 Oct., Under every salt there was a bill of fare. 1775 in Picton *L'pool Munic. Rec.* (1886) II. 199 Eight silver salts for the Corporation. 1821 SCOTT *Kenilw.* xxxii, Another salt was fashioned of silver, in form of a swan in full sail. 1894 *Times* 7 Apr. 9/5 A pair of hexagonal salts, of Limoges enamel.

b. *Above* (or *below, beneath, under*) *the salt*: at the upper (or lower) part of the table, *i. e.* among the more honoured (or less honoured) guests.

The reference is to the formerly prevailing custom of placing a large salt-cellar in the middle of a dining table.

1597 BP. HALL *Sat.* II. vi, That he do, on no default, Euer presume to sit aboue the salt. 1599 B. JONSON *Cynthia's Rev.* II. ii. (1616) 200 Hee neuer drinkes below the salt. 1602 DEKKER *Honest Wh.* D, Set him beneath the salt and let him not touch a bit, till euery one has had his full cut. 1658 *Wit Restor'd* 43 Hee..humbly sate Below the Salt, and munch'd his Sprat. 1826 HONE *Every-day Bk.* I. 1333 The marshals were the lowest above the salt. 1870 LOWELL *Study Wind.* 347 At the banquet of fame they sit below the salt. 1885 J. PAYN *Luck of Darrells* xxxvii, Though of Tory sentiments, she by no means approved of those feudal times when the chaplain was placed below the salt.

8. A salt marsh or salting.

1621 in Boys *Hist. Sandwich* (1792) 705 Two acres of salts, overagainst the old crane.., granted to John Gason..for the erecting of his water works. 1709 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 4525/4, 164 Acres of fresh Marsh, and 10 Acres of Salts, well water'd. 1796 MORSE *Amer. Geog.* I. 698 Immediately after you leave the salts, begin the valuable rice swamps. 1836 W. D. COOPER *Prov. Sussex, Salts*, marshes near the sea flooded by the tides. 1900 *Academy* 28 Apr. 364/2 There remains on her seaward front [*sc.* of Rye], that green space the Salts.

9. *pl.* Salt water entering a river from the sea.

1658 R. FRANCK *North. Mem.* (1694) 173 Here the Salmon relinquish the Salts because by the Porposses pursued up the Freshes. 1828–32 WEBSTER, *Salts*, the salt water of rivers entering from the ocean. *S. Carolina.* 1856 OLMSTED *Slave States* 469 'Freshes' and 'salts'. 1883 G. C. DAVIES *Norfolk Broads* xxxii. 225 The last incursion of the salts was seven years ago. 1897 *Westm. Gaz.* 14 Dec. 10/2 The stormy weather and high tides, which have caused 'salts', *i. e.* the forcing of the sea water up the rivers.

10. At Eton, money collected for the Captain at the Montem. Now *Hist.*

See *Brand's Pop. Antiq.* 1813 I. 337 seqq., and Maxwell Lyte *Hist. Eton Coll.* (1889) 507 seqq.

a 1769 in *Brand's Pop. Antiq.* (1813) I. 345 *note*, Every scholar gives a shilling for Salt; the noblemen more. 1806 D. & S. LYSONS *Magna Brit.* I. 558 Tickets inscribed with some motto..are given to such persons as have already paid for *salt*, as a security from any further demands. 1825 C. M. WESTMACOTT *Eng. Spy* I. 75 As long as salt and sock abound. 1899 C. K. PAUL *Memories* 113 The sixth-form..stopped coaches, post-chaises, and carriages,..asking for 'Salt'.

11. *colloq.* A sailor, esp. one of much experience. (Cf. 2 h.)

1840 R. H. DANA *Bef. Mast* i, My complexion and hands were quite enough to distinguish me from the regular *salt*. 1877 SPURGEON *Serm.* XXIII. 416 If you want to hear about the sea, talk to an 'old salt'. 1884 'H. COLLINGWOOD' *Under Meteor Flag* iii, The 'green' hands..had been very judiciously intermingled with the experienced 'salts'.

12. *attrib.* and *Comb.* **a.** Simple attrib., as *salt-backet* (Sc.), *barrow* (BARROW *sb.*[3]), *bed, boat, brig, coffer, crystal, district, gauge, girnel, incrustation, manufacture, market, monopoly, pannier, room, shop, shovel, -spoon* (hence *-spoonful*), *spring, trough, vase*; also (sense 5 c *a*), *salts-bottle.* **b.** objective, instrumental, similative, etc., as *salt-boiler, -cured, -curing, -heaver, holder, -incrusted, -laden, -loving, manufacturer, owner, -resembling, -seller, -spilling, -white, -worker.*

1756 PENNECUIK *Coll.* 47, I spake nae mair than our *salt-backit. 1881 W. GREGOR *Folk-lore Scot.* ix. 51 A wooden box in the shape of a house, with a round hole in the exposed end; it was the saat-backet. 1610 HOLLAND *Camden's Brit.* (1637) 608 Certaine women..put it [*sc.* salt] in baskets, they call them *Salt harowes, out of which the liquor runneth, and the pure salt remaineth. 1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 230/1 The Cheshire and Worcestershire *salt-beds are by some attributed to the Permian. 1791 R. MYLNE *Rep. Thames & Isis* 51 The Dróitwich *Salt boat stopt here. 1748 *Salt-boiler [see *salt-officer* in 12 c). 1897 KIPLING *Capt. Cour.* viii, The Jersey *salt-brigs. 1859 GEO. ELIOT *A. Bede* vi, Where the only chance of collecting a few grains of dust would be to climb on the *salt-coffer. 1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 233/2 The mother-liquor ..becomes..totally unfit for further service after yielding but two or three crops of *salt crystals. 1883 MOLONEY *W. African Fisheries* 40 (Fish. Exhib. Publ.) *Salt-cured fish during the 'scarce season'. *Ibid.*, *Salt-curing..is somewhat resorted to, as is also 'smoking'. 1833–4 J. PHILLIPS *Geol.* in *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) VI. 615/2 The ancient hydrography of the *salt districts. 1864 WEBSTER, **Salt-gauge*, an instrument used to test the strength of brine or salt-water. *c* 1688 DALLAS *Stiles* 584 Salt-Pans, and *Salt-Girnals..lying in the said Parochin. 1892 *Labour Commission* Gloss., **Salt heavers*, men who discharge the salt from the barges by heaving or throwing it up, either upon the deck..or into a tub. 1834 LYTTON *Pompeii* I. iii, In the centre of the table, at the corners of which stood the Lares and the *saltholders. 1840 *Penny Cycl.* XVII. 471/1 Great tracts of the plain are covered with *salt incrustations. 1856 *Times* 5 May 5/2 The margin of the *salt-incrusted shallows of the Dead Sea. 1878 SMILES *Robt. Dick* iii. 25 He enjoyed the *salt-laden breath. 1849 JOHNSTON *Exp. Agric.* 142 *Salt-loving plants. 1836 *Rep. Comm. Salt Brit. India* 24 The Bullooah molunghees found that the *salt manufacture..was no longer so profitable as of old. *Ibid.* App. 143 *a*, Two Petitions of *Salt Manufacturers in the Agency of Tumlook. 1477 in *Charters*, etc. *Edin.* (1871) 140 The *salt market to be haldin in Nudreis Wynde. 1790 BURKE *Fr. Rev.* 332 The provinces which had been always exempted from this *salt-monopoly. 1673 in *Lauderdale Papers* (Camden Soc.) II. 244 The good of the kingdome, the King's profite, and the interest of the *salt-owners. 1530 in *Ancestor* Oct. (1904) 182 A staffe or in his hande and a *salt panyer v[ert] at his backe. 1611 COTGR., *Nitre*, Niter; a (*Salt-resembling) substance of colour light-ruddie, or white. 1809 KENDALL *Trav.* II. xlvi. 133 The water is now drawn into the last range of vats or rooms, called *salt-rooms. 1847 MRS. GORE *Castles in Air* II. iv. 89 My mother sat..with her *salts' bottle in her hand. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* xiv, Madly inhaling her salts-bottle. 1611 COTGR., *Saulnier*, a Salter, *Salt-seller, Marchant of salt. *Ibid.*, *Saulnerie*, a *Salt-shop, or Garner for salt. 1709 *Female Tatler* No. 3/2 Tea-Cups, Sugar-Tongs, *Salt-Shovels, and Gloves made up in Wall-nut-shells. 1833 L. RITCHIE *Wand. by Loire* 153 The sin of *salt-spilling. 1858 RAMSAY *Scot. Life & Char.* iii. 33 Last time Mrs. Murray dined here, we *lost* a *salt-spoon. 1872 CALVERLEY *Fly Leaves* 15 O'er hard-boil'd eggs the saltspoon shook. 1844 H. STEPHENS *Bk. Farm* II. 356 A *salt-spoonful of salt. 1904 *Queen* 30 Jan. 211/3 A salt-spoonful of powdered cloves. 1832 *Scoreby Farm Rep.* 18 in *Libr. Usef. Knowl., Husb.* III, A *salt-trough, and a sheep-rack for hay, should be found with every flock. 1829 LANDOR *Imag. Conv., Pitt & Canning*, From every *salt-vase a spoonful. 1855 BAILEY *Mystic*, etc. 78 Kerman's sands *salt-white. 1680 J. COLLINS *Salt & Fishery* To Rdr., Mr. William Martin..who..gave me an account of the sad Condition of those *Saltworkers. 1861 NEALE *Notes Dalmatia* 72 A little white chapel for the salt-workers.

c. Special combs.: †**salt-ark**, a salt-box; **salt bag,-bearer** (at the Eton montem), **block, bottom** *U. S.* (see quots.); **salt bush**, any of the plants of the genus *Atriplex* (and of some allied genera) which grow extensively on the interior plains of Australia; **salt-cake**, (*a*) salt in the form of a cake; (*b*) see quot. 1858; †**salt-corn**, a grain of salt (in quot. *fig.*); **salt-dropping** = BITTERN *sb.*[2]; **salt-duty** = GRANAGE; **salt gardens** [= G. *salzgärten*], shallow ponds laid ont upon a sea-coast for the collection and evaporation of sea-water for the manufacture of salt; **salt glaze** (see quot.); **salt-glazed** *a.*, prepared with salt glaze; **salt-glazing**, (*a*) the use of salt glaze; (*b*) = *salt-glaze*; **salt-looking** *a.*, of sailor-like appearance; **salt-master**, a collector of salt-duty; **salt mine**, a mine yielding rock salt; **salt money**, † (*a*) salary; (*b*) salt used as a medium of exchange; (*c*) = sense 10; †**salt-office**, the office concerned with the collection of salt-duty; so **salt-officer**; **salt-pie** *dial.* a salt-box (see E. D. D.); **salt-radical** *Chem.*, in the binary theory of salts, any body which forms a salt with a metal or its equivalent; **salt-raker** (see quot.); **salt-rock**, †(*a*) rock-salt; (*b*) rock impregnated with salt; †**salt-rover**, one who sails the seas; †**salt-silver** (see quots.); **salt-sprinkler**, a closed vessel for salt having holes through which it is sprinkled; †**salt stack**, a mound of earth from which salt was manufactured; **salt-stand**, a salt-cellar; **salt-tax** = GABELLE; **salt-tree**, a tree of the genus *Halimodendron*, esp. *H. argenteum*; **salt-weed**, (*a*) the Toad-rush, *Juncus bufonius*; (*b*) *U. S.* a plant of the genus *Hedeoma*; †**salt-wich**, a salt-pit; **salt-wife** [cf. G. *salzfrau*], a woman who sells salt.

1348 *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 43 In 1 *Saltark, 13d. 1481 *Ibid.* 97, j Saltarke. 1847 S. R. MAITLAND in *Brit. Mag.* XXXI. 367 *note*, He told me that when, as a freshman [at Cambridge], he was getting his gown from the maker, he made some remark on the long strips of sleeve by which such gowns are distinguished, and was told they were called *salt-bags. *a* 1769 in *Brand's Pop. Antiq.* (1813) I. 344 *note*, Two of the scholars called *Salt-bearers, dressed in white, with a handkerchief of Salt in their hands. 1864 R. CHAMBERS *Bk. Days* II. 665/2 The salt-bearers were accustomed to carry..a handkerchief filled with salt, of which they bestowed a small quantity on every individual who contributed his quota to the subsidy. 1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.* 2023/1 **Salt-block*, an apparatus for evaporating the water from a saline solution. The technical name for a salt-factory. 1859 BARTLETT *Dict. Amer.*, **Salt-bottom*, a plain or flat piece of land covered with saline efflorescence. These places abound in Western Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona. 1863 WESTGARTH in J. Davis *Tracks of McKinlay* 14 As cattle can live upon the *salt-bush, this country is thus suitable for pastoral pursuits. 1870 BAAIM *New Homes* ii. 89 This inland salt-bush country suits the settler's purpose well. 1890 'R. BOLDREWOOD' *Col. Reformer* (1891) 100 Garrandilla consisted wholly of salthush plains. 1818 MARSDEN tr. *Trav. Marco Polo* II. xxxviii. 421 They obtain a *saggio* of gold for sixty, fifty, or even forty of the *salt-cakes. 1858 SIMMONDS *Dict. Trade*, *Salt-cake*, a name for sulphate of soda made at alkali works, for the use of crown-glass manufacturers and soap makers. 1883 H. J. POWELL, etc. *Princ. Glass-making* 146 The 'salt-cake'..or sulphate of soda, is likewise pulverized and afterwards sifted. 1445 tr. *Claudian* in *Anglia* XXVIII. 273 Thou strowist such *saltcornys [orig. *aspersis salibus*] amonge þi spechis as amphion is founde vnlike To the in talkyng. 1805 FORSYTH *Beauties Scot.* II. 278 A liquid, something of the appearance of oil,..which.. the people here call *salt-droppings. 1710 J. CHAMBERLAYNE *St. Gt. Brit.* II. III. vi. (ed. 23) 509 The Commissioners and other Officers for the *Salt-Duty. 1848 *F. Knapp's Chem. Technol.* I. 257 These *salt-gardens are nothing more than a series of very shallow ponds, intended to spread the water over a very large surface. 1855 J. SCOFFERN in *Orr's Circ. Sci., Elem. Chem.* 432 The Lambeth stone ware, and some other kinds are glazed by a thin..varnish of silicate of soda...This is known by the appellation of '*salt glaze', from the method of imparting it, which is as follows:— Whilst the stoneware is yet glowing in the furnace, a door is opened, and common salt is thrown in. 1862 *Catal. Internat. Exhib.* II. x. 12 The patent *salt-glazed socketed drain pipes. 1884 *Health Exhib. Catal.* 59/1 Patent Salt-Glazed Earthenware Latrine. 1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.* 2023/1 **Salt-glazing*, a glaze for earthenware, prepared from common salt. 1885 *Cassell's Techn. Educ.* III. 37/1 Salt-glazing is..almost invariably confined to down-draught kilns. 1848 DICKENS *Dombey* iv, He..had been a pilot, or a skipper, or a privateersman,..and was a very *salt-looking man indeed. 1656 in *Misc. Scott. Burgh Rec. Soc.* (1881) 11 The Comissioners..had some treaty with the *salt-masters touching the farme of theyr salt. 1847 *Crabbe's Poet. Wks.* Life 2 He rose to be collector of the salt-duties, or Salt-master. 1685 E. BROWN *Trav.* 70 Half an hours going from the City of Eperies in upper Hungary, there is a *Salt-Mine of great note. 1811 HOLLAND in *Trans. Geol. Soc.* I. 56 In countries where salt-mines occur, fragments of primitive rocks appear in great abundance over these beds. 1535 CROMWELL in Merriman *Life & Lett.* CXXVII. (1902) I. 436 There is due unto his grace the hole pencion and *salt moneye for the last yere. 1625 PURCHAS *Pilgrims* II. VII. v. § 7. 1055 *marg.*, Through all Æthiopia, Salt runneth as a principal merchandize. Salt-money. *a* 1769 HUGGETT in *Brand's Pop. Antiq.* (1813) I. 345 *note*, The price of the dinner to each is 10*s.* 6*d.* and 2*s.* 6*d.* for Salt-money. 1708 *Brit. Apollo* No. 24. 4/2 James Cardonnell Esq; is made a Commissioner of the *Salt-Office. 1748 BROWNRIGG *Art of Making Salt* 56 An office for his majesty's *salt officers, and a dwelling house for the salt boilers. 1483 *Cath. Angl.* 317/2 A *Salte pye, *salinum*. 1842 GRAHAM *Elem. Chem.* 163 The acid and oxygen are thus always together in the exact proportion to form the *salt-radical. 1863 *Fownes' Chem.* (ed. 9) 253 It has been found necessary to create two classes of salts: in the first division will stand those constituted after the type of common salt, which contain a metal and a salt-radical. 1858 SIMMONDS *Dict. Trade*, **Salt-raker*, a collector of salt in natural salt-ponds, or enclosures from the sea. 1693 *Act* 5 *Will. & Mary* c. 7 § 24 Whereas *Salt-Rock or Rock-Salt taken out of pittes is in such great Lumps that it cannot be measured without breaking the same to powder. 1796 MORSE *Amer. Geog.* II. 242 This mine of salt-rock has been worked these 600 years past. 1834–6 P. BARLOW in *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) VIII. 429/2 Salt rocks, in which the salt is combined more or less with earthy matter. 1620 MIDDLETON & ROWLEY *World Tost* 633 [*Land-captain to Sea-captain*] Proud *salt-rover, Thou hast the salntation of a thief. 1363 in Kennett *Par. Antiq.* (1695) 496 Quilibet virgatarius dabit Domino unum denarium pro *Salt-Sylver per annum..vel cariabunt salem Domini de foro ubi emptus fuerit ad lardarium Domini. [*Ibid.* Gloss., *Salt-Sylver*, one penny paid at the Feast of St. Martin, by the servile Tenants to their Lord, as a commutation for the service of carrying their Lord's Salt from Market to his Lardar.] 1864 BOUTELL *Her. Hist. & Pop.* xxi. (ed. 3) 369 *Salt-sprinklers. 16.. ARCHBALD in W. Macfarlane *Geogr. Coll.* (1908) III. 189 Then they carry a sufficient quantity of the *Saltstack & spread it over the whole Coach. 1869 BLACKMORE *Lorna D.* I. xxi. 238, I know ..their hospitality is more of the knife than the *salt-stand. 1792 A. YOUNG *Trav. France* I. 555 The *gabelle*, or *salt-tax. 1834 MCCULLOCH *Dict. Comm.* (ed. 2) 1004 It was not the nature of the salt tax, but the absurd extent to which it had been carried, that rendered it justly odious. 1883 F. DAY *Indian Fish* 11 (Fish. Exhib. Publ.) The fisherman's and fish-curer's occupations are injured by the incidence of a heavy salt-tax. 1824 LOUDON *Encycl. Gard.* (ed. 2) Index, *Salt-tree, *robinia halodendron*. 1836 W. IRVING *Astoria* III. 42 A plant called *saltweed, resembling pennyroyal. 1847 HALLIWELL, *Salt-weed*, toad-rush. *Suffolk.* 1881 GEIKIE

in *Macm. Mag.* XLIV. 237/1 Here and there [in the Bad Lands of Wyoming] a hunch of salt-weed. 1610 HOLLAND *Camden's Brit.* (1637) 607 These are very famous *Saltwiches,..where brine or salt water is drawne out of Pittes. 1818 SCOTT *Hrt. Midl.* xl, Ye wad hae kend nae odds on her frae ony other *saut-wife.

† **Salt,** *sb.*[2] *Obs.* Also 6 saute. [a. F. *saut* (lit. 'leap'):—L. *saltus* (*u*-stem), f. *salīre* to leap. Cf. ASSAUT *adv.*, and, for the spelling, SALT *a.*[2]] Sexual desire or excitement (usually, of a bitch).

1519 HORMAN *Vulg.* 110 My dogge proferth to the saute or bytchewatch. *Canis meus catulit.* 1519 *Eng. Misc.* (Surtees) 33 That no man lett no bitchis un [? *read* in] salte go aboght in the town. 1528 TINDALE *Obed. Chr. Man* Dijb, The weddinges of oure virgyns..ar moare like vnto the saute of a hitche then the marienge of a reasonable creature. 1648 HERRICK *Hesp., Parting Verse* 25 The expressions of that itch And salt, which frets thy Suters.

Salt (sɔlt), *a.*[1] Forms: see SALT *sb.*[1] [OE. *sealt* = OFris. *salt*, MLG., LG. *solt*, Du. *zout*, ON. *salt-r*:—OTeut. **salto-z*:—pre-Teut. **sald-*; cf. L. *salsus*, f. **sald-* + *-tos*.

In certain collocations it is doubtful whether *salt* is to be regarded as an adj. or as the sb. used attrib. Cf. the Ger. compounds *salzfleisch* salt flesh, *salzfisch* salt fish, etc.]

1. Impregnated with or containing salt; hence, having a taste like that of salt; saline. **a.** Of water, brine-springs, etc. See also SALT WATER.

In ME. poetry *salt sea, salt flood* (now occas. *arch.*), *salt foam, salt stream* are frequent phrases for the sea.

a 900 CYNEWULF *Christ* 677 Sum mæg fromlice ofer sealtne sæ sundwudu drifan. *c* 1205 LAY. 6116 He..fram þan londe hælde ofer þane saltne strem. 13.. *Sir Beues* (A.) 3272 He was maroner wel gode, A stertte in to þe salte flode. *c* 1385 CHAUCER *L. G. W.* 1462 So longe he seylith in the salte se Til in the yle of lenoun aryuede he. 1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* XL i. (1495) 383 The North see is hot lytyll salte and the see that hyght Ponticum is as it were fressh. *c* 1407 LYDG. *Reson & Sens.* 1458 She roos of the foom most salt. *c* 1470 *Gol. & Gaw.* 302 The roy rial.. socht to the cietie of Criste, our the salt flude. 1565 COOPER *Thesaurus, Salsilago..*a salt licour; bryne. 1590 SHAKS. *Mids. N.* III. ii. 393 His [*sc.* Neptune's] salt greene streames. 1625 N. CARPENTER *Geog. Del.* II. v. 76 We see water being wrung through sashes, to grow salt. *a* 1647 HABINGTON *Surv. Worcs.* in *Proc. Worcs. Hist. Soc.* II. 301 After the deathe of Richard the Saltspringes of Wich fell to decaye. 1799 KIRWAN *Geol. Ess.* 356 It appears that, the Baltic is much less salt than the ocean, and that it is salter under a westerly than under an easterly wind. 1856 STANLEY *Sinai & Pal.* vii. 286 *note*, It is sometimes supposed that the Dead Sea is the saltest water in the world. 1877 BRYANT *Odyss.* v. 553 He loosed The veil..And to the salt flood cast it. 1883 G. C. DAVIES *Norfolk Broads* xxxiv. 236 What are knowo as the salt-tides are chiefly the bane of the angler. 1885 R. BUCHANAN *Annan Water* iii, Day and night the salt spray of the ocean was blown upon it.

in phrases used attrib. 1599 ? GREENE *Alphonsus* v. Wks. (Grosart) XIII. 405 If that the salt-brine teares,..Can mollifie the hardnes of your heart. 1605 SHAKS. *Mach.* IV. i. 24 The ranin'd salt Sea sharke. 1798 WORDSW. *Peter Bell* I. 232 Bespattered with the salt-sea foam. *a* 1837 R. NICOLL *Poems* (1842) 20 The Sabbath's wander in the woods, An' by the sant-sea faem.

b. Applied to tears; † also, to humours, etc. See also SALT-RHEUM.

c 1200 ORMIN 13849 Purrh beззske & salte tæresa. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Clerk's T.* 1028 With hire salte teeres She bathed bothe hire visage and hire heeres. *a* 1400–50 *Alexander* 154 Sekand þar souerayn with many salt terys. 1483 CAXTON *Gold. Leg.* 196 b/1, In requyryng our lord with salte teris that..he wolde delyuer them of this pestylence. 1544 PHAER *Regim. Lyfe* (1560) B iv, An excessive rednesse.. commynge of breate humours or of salte fleume. 1589 NASHE *Martins Months Minde* Wks. (Grosart) I. 193 His Stomacke, full of grosse and salt humors. 1591 SPENSER *Tears of Muses* 112 Her Sisters..their faire faces with salt humour steep. 1607 SHAKS. *Timon* IV. iii. 443 The Seas a Theefe, whose liquid Surge, resolues The Moone into Salt teares. 1717 RAMSAY *Elegy on Lucky Wood* xi, Could our saut tears like Clyde down rin. 1840 LONGF. *Wreck of Hesperus* xxi, The salt tears in her eyes. 1870 'H. SMART' *Race for Wife* ii, She wept salt tears in the solitude of her own chamber.

c. Of tracts of land, marshes: Flooded by the sea. (See also SALT-MARSH.) Of rocks, ground: Having salt mixed with the earth; (in biblical use) barren.

1279 *Feod. Prior. Dunelm.* (Surtees) 110 *note*, Cum toto prato quod vocatur Saltmedus. 1535 COVERDALE *Jer.* XVII. 5 In a salt and vnoccupied londe. 1611 BIBLE *Job* XXXIX. 6 Whose house I haue made the wildernesse, and the barren lande [*marg.* Hebr. salt places] his dwellings. 1716 B. CHURCH *Hist. Philip's War* (1865) I. 157 They March'd.. until they came unto the Salt Meadow. 1813 SIR H. DAVY *Agric. Chem.* (1814) 338 Virgil reprobates a salt soil. 1815 ELPHINSTONE *Acc. Caubul* Introd. 80 The range of salt hills. 1838 HALIBURTON *Clockm.* Ser. II. xix, Sea-mud, salt-sand,.. and river-sludge. 1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 231/2 The great salt range of the Punjab.

d. Of other things, chiefly with regard to taste.

1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* XVI. lxix. (1495) 575 Nitrum is bytter soure and somdeale salt in sauour. 1477 NORTON *Ord. Alch.* v. in Ashm. (1652) 74 Five of these Nyne [Sapors] be ingendred by Heat, Unctuous, Sharpe, Salt, Bitter.., Doulcet. 1484 CAXTON *Fables of Æsop* V. x, I dayne not to ete of this mete..for it is to salte. 1600 J. PORY tr. *Leo's Africa* VIII. 297 They use a kinde of newe and extreme salt cheeses. 1639 T. DE GRAY *Compl. Horseman* 348 The leanest and saltest martlemas-beefe. 1849 HAWTHORNE *Twice-told T., Foot-pr. on Sea-shore* 2 That far-resounding roar is Ocean's voice of welcome. His salt breath brings a blessing along with it. 1873 BLACK *Pr. Thule* vi. 92 They drove on through the keen salt air.

2. Treated with salt as a preservative; cured, preserved, or seasoned with salt; salted.

909 in Birch *Cart. Sax.* II. 290, & tu hriceðeru oþer sealt oþer fersc. *c* 1000 in *Techmer's Zeitschr.* (1885) II. 125 Ðonne þu for hwylcere neode sealtflæsc wille. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 4688 Ma þan a thusand selers Fild he wit wins..And warnistore o salt fless. *c* 1390 in *Forme of Cury* (1780) 177 Great Salt Eels. *c* 1460 J. RUSSELL *Bk. Nurture* 554 Of alle maner salt fische, looke ye pare awey the felle. 1590 in *Black Bk. Taymouth* (Bann. Cl.) 306 Of..martis fresch and salt..iii[xx] xiii martis iii quarteris ii m. 1617 MORYSON *Itin.* I. 259 We..omitted to provide any dried or salt meates at Candia. 1745 P. THOMAS *Jrnl. Anson's Voy.* 64 Two horses, which being..probably better feeding than their salt Beef and Pork, they killed and eat them. 1816 T. L. PEACOCK *Headlong Hall* ii, Packages of salt salmon. 1821 *John Bull* 19 Mar. 111/3 Salt butter sold as high as twenty shillings a stone. 1861 M. PATTISON *Ess.* (1889) I. 46 Many a cargo of salt cod for Lent.

in phr. used attrib. or Comb. 1598 SHAKS. *Merry W.* II. ii. 290 Mechanicall-salt-hutter rogue. 1611 COTGR. s.v. *Bocuf*, The salt beefe-eater needs no candle to find his liquor withall. 1710 P. LAMB *Roy. Cookery* 71 A Salt-Fish-Pie.

b. *Naut.* (*jocular*). Salt eel: a rope's end; compared to the tail of an eel. Salt horse: salted beef. Salt junk: see JUNK *sb.*[2] 3.

1622 MABBE tr. *Aleman's Guzman d'Alf.* II. 342 A good Ropes end, (which your Sea-faring men call a *salt Eele). 1663 PEPYS *Diary* 24 Apr. (1876) II. 188 Up betimes, and with my salt eele went down in the parler and there got my boy and did beat him. 1695 CONGREVE *Love for L.* III. vii, An he comes near me mayhap I may giv'n a salt eel for's supper. 1761 COLMAN *Jealous Wife* v. i, If you wou'd let me alone, I won'd give him a Salt Eel, I warrant you. 1867 SMYTH *Sailor's Word-bk., Salt-eel*, a rope's end cut from the piece for starting the *homo delinquens.* 1840 F. D. BENNETT *Whaling Voy.* I. 189 *note*, A return..to the '*salt horse', which no one is more ready to abuse than an old sailor. 1873 *Routledge's Ev. Boy's Ann.* 42/1 The..hard fare of 'weevily' biscuit and 'salt-horse'. 1793 *Salt junk [see JUNK *sb.*[2] 3]. 1837 MARRYAT *Snarleyyow* I. xii. 152 So while they cut their raw salt junks, With dainties you'll be crammed. 1853 KANE *Grinnell Exp.* xxxiv. (1856) 309 The same sergeant-major, Canot, is now cooking salt junk in Baffin's Bay.

3. † **a.** Of fishes: Living in the sea: opposed to *freshwater*. **b.** Of plants: Growing in the sea or on salt marshes.

1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 14 Engelonde is vol inoȝ..Of foweles & of bestes..Of salt ficha & eke verss. 1598 SHAKS. *Merry W.* I. i. 22 The Luse is the fresh-fish, the salt-fish, is an old Coate. 1697 DRYDEN *Virg. Georg.* III. 606 From the marshy Land Salt Herbage for the fodd'ring Rack provide. 1763 MILLS *Pract. Husb.* III. 413 This..answers for any sort of hay, except salt-hay and red clover. 1857 FABER *Sir Lancelot* II. 478 The drowsy plains, Where brittle salt-herbs struggle with wild thyme. 1849 M. ARNOLD *Forsaken Merman* 38 Where the salt weed sways in the stream. 1859 BARTLETT *Dict. Amer., Salt grass* and *Salt hay*, the grass and hay growing in salt marshes. 1886 WHITMAN *Elem. Drifts* Poems (1868) 269 Leaves of salt-lettuce, left by the tide.

† **4.** *fig.* Of experience, etc.: Bitter; vexatious.

c 1500 *Priests of Peblis* 1206 And he to me wit thow maid ony salt, To the that wil be sul sowre and salt. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* XIII. Prol. 98 Wald thou..mak amendis, I sal remyt this salt; Bot, other wais, that sete sal be full salt. 1592 GREENE *Quip Upst. Courtier* Wks. (Grosart) XI. 241 The yoong vpstart that needes it, feels it salt in his stomack a month after.

5. Of speech, wit, etc.: Pungent, stinging. Now *rare*.

a 1600 HOOKER *Eccl. Pol.* VI. (1648) 92 Of which opinion Tertullian makiog (as his usuall manner was) a salt Apologie. 1605 CAMDEN *Rem.* (1637) 248 He salted, powdred, and made them stir with his salt and sharpe quipping speeches. 1609 ARMIN *Ital. Taylor* ad fin., Thy wit, not worthie's any Schoole, T'is salt, and too precise. 1656 TRAPP *Comm. Eph.* v. 4 Salt jests,..to the just grief or offence of another. 1890 *Spectator* 11 Jan., The far-reaching issues of human emotion, which by a sentence he bites into our memory, give exceptional if a rather salt truthfulness to his creations.

transf. 1606 SHAKS. *Tr. & Cr.* I. iii. 371 The pride and salt scorne of his eyes.

6. *slang.* and *dial.* Of expense, cost: Excessive in amount; costly, dear.

1710 RUDDIMAN *Gloss. to Douglas* s.v. *Salt*, I shall make it salt to you *i. e.* I shall make you pay dear for it. 1808 JAMIESON, *Salt*..2. Costly, expensive; applied to any article of sale. 1860 HOTTEN *Slang Dict.* s.v. 'Its rather too salt', said of an extravagant hotel bill. 1887 *Fun* 21 Sept. 126 A magistrate who was lately fined 20*s.* for striking a man in the street, seemed somewhat astonished on hearing the decision, and remarked, 'It's rather salt'.

7. *slang.* Of high rank or great wealth. (Cf. SALT *sb.*[1] 3 a.)

1868 *Daily Tel.* 27 May, The salt ones of the earth in their private boxes.

8. *Comb.*, as *salt-tasting, -waved* adjs.

1593 SHAKS. *Lucr.* 1231 Those fair suns..Who in a salt-waved ocean quench their light. 1904 'ANTHONY HOPE' *Double Harness* II. 17 The exhilaration of the salt-tasting air.

† **Salt,** *a.*[2] *Obs.* Also 6 saut(e, sawt(e, 7 sault. [Aphetic f. ASSAUT *adv.* in phr. *to go* or *be assaut*. Cf. SALT *sb.*[2]] Of bitches: In heat.

1541 *Court Roll Parshore Portsmouth Manor, Worc.* 22 July (Westm. Chapter Munim.), Nullus permittet licescas catulantes vocatas 'Sawtebytches' adire ad largum. 1575 TURBERV. *Venerie* lxxiii. 200 They [*sc.* Otters] goe sault at suche times as firrets goe sault. 1577 B. GOOGE *Heresbach's Husb.* III. (1586) 154 b, The Dogge is thought better than the Bitche, because of the trouble shee bringeth when shee is sawte. 1616 SURFL. & MARKH. *Country Farme* 701 If you take a bitch Fox when she is salt. 1697 DRYDEN *Virg. Georg.* II. 518 Salt Goats, and hungry Cows. 1737 OZELL *Rabelais* II. 250 *note*[3], Smelling..as Dogs do to a salt Bitch.

b. *transf.* of persons: Lecherous, salacious; hence (of desire), inordinate.

1598 BP. HALL *Sat.* IV. i, Hee lies wallowing..on his Brothel-bed, Till his salt bowels boyle with poysonous fire. 1599 B. JONSON *Ev. Man out of Hum.* IV. iii. (1616) 142 Let mee perish, but thou art a salt one! 1603 SHAKS. *Meas. for M.* v. i. 406 Whose salt imagination yet hath wrong'd Your well defended honor. 1604 — *Oth.* II. i. 244 His salt, and most hidden loose Affection. 1605 B. JONSON *Volpone* II. i. (1616) 464 It is no salt desire Of seeing countries..hath brought me out. *a* 1683 OLDHAM *Wks.* (1686) 3 Bawds shall turn Nuns, Salt D—s grow chast.

Comb. a 1616 BEAUM. & FL. *Bonduca* III. v. (1647) 59/2 Ye villains, Ambitious salt-itcht slaves:..The mountain Rams topt your hot mothers.

Salt (sɔlt), *v.*[1] Forms: *a.* 1 sealtan, (*Mercian pa. pple.* salten), 4–6 salte, 6 (8–9) *Sc.* saut, 7 sault, 4– salt; 4 *pa. t.* selt, salt. *β.* 1 seltan, syltan, (*pa. pple.* ȝeselt, ȝesylt); 4 *pa. t.* silt; *pa. pple.* 3 iselt, 4 isult(e, selt. [(1) OE. *sealtan*, ? redupl. str. vb., pa. pple. **sealten, salten*, = mod. Fris. (pa. pple.) *sâlten*, MLG. *solten* wk., Du. *zouten* wk., OHG. *salzan*, pa. t. *sialz* (MHG., G. *salzen*, wk.), ON. *salta* wk. (Sw. *salta*, Da. *salte*), Goth. *saltan*, pa. pple. (*un-*)*saltans*; f. OTeut. **salto-*:—pre-Teut. **saldo-* SALT *sb.*[1] Cf. the synonymous L. *sallĕre* (:—**sald-*). (2) OE. **sieltan* (Northumb. *sælta*), *seltan, syltan* (pa. pple. *geselt, gesylt*):—prehistoric **saltjan*, f. OTeut. **salto-* SALT *sb.*[1] The form *salte* as it appears in the 13–14th c. prob. partly represents OE. *sealtan*, and partly is a new formation on SALT *sb.*[1]

OE. *syltan* may be either the late WS. form of **sieltan* or may represent an umlaut-formation on the stem *sult-*, from which are derived OE. *unsylt* unsalted, OS. *sultia*, MLG. *sülte*, OHG. *sulzia* (MHG., G. *sulze, sülze*), Du. *sult* salt water, salted flesh, etc.]

1. *trans.* To treat with salt as a preservative; to cure or preserve with salt, either in solid form or in the form of brine. Also with *down*, † *up*.

a. a 1300 *Cursor M.* 13230 In a wall his heued sco hid, Sco has it salted in a wall. 1375 BARBOUR *Bruce* XVIII. 168 Thai strak his hed of, and syne it Thai haf gert saltit in-till a kyt. 1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* XIX. lxxiii. (1495) 904 Butter is somdeele salted that it may the better be kepte. *c* 1460 FORTESCUE *Abs. & Lim. Mon.* x. (1885) 132 In Ffraunce the peple salten but lytill mete, except thair bacon. 1530 PALSGR. 697/2, I never salte my befe but in the potte. 1562 *Act* 5 *Eliz.* c. 5 § 6 Any Herring, not being sufficiently salted, packed and casked. 1634 W. WOOD *New Eng. Prosp.* (1865) 38 They [*sc.* fish] are left on the dry ground, sometimes two or three thousand at a set, which are salted up against winter. 1661 BOYLE *Style of Script.* (1675) 183 As swine after their death are salted. 1764 E. MOXON *Eng. Housew.* (ed. 9) 75 Then salt it [*sc.* beef] with common salt and two ounces of saltpetre. 1836 *Penny Cycl.* V. 139/2 The French..were obliged to live chiefly on the flesh of their horses, which was salted down. 1851 *F. Knapp's Chem. Technol.* III. 55 The one [method] consists in salting the butter, which preserves it for immediate use by hindering the decomposition of the casein. 1869 TOZER *Highl. Turkey* I. 308 The custom of salting and keeping the heads of enemies killed in battle. 1875 *Chamb. Jrnl.* 46 [She] had fed herself..through the winter upon snails she had salted down in a barrel.

absol. c 1400 MAUNDEV. (1839) xiii. 149 Beside that Cytee, is a Hille of Salt; and of that Salt, every man takethe what he will, for to salte with.

β. a 1000 *Ags. Gloss.* in Wr.-Wülcker 212/40 *Condit*,..selt. *c* 1000 ÆLFRIC *Gram.* XXX. (Z.) 192 Ic..sylte, *condio*. *c* 1000 *Sax. Leechd.* II. 234 Selte mon hiora mettas. 1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 9164, & suþþe þe bones hii bere Wel iselt [*v.r.* isulte] & isode to þe bbeye of redinge. 1300–1400 *R. Gloucester's Chron.* (Rolls) App. xx. 35 Hit was wel isult & in mani leþer ido. 1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* XVII. xxxii. (1495) 623 The floures of Capparis ben selt and so kepte to gode vse.

b. slang. *To salt down, away*: to put by, store away (money, stock).

1873 LELAND *Egypt. Sketch-Bk.* 57 Give an Egyptian the same [*sc.* a sixpence], and instead of thanking or drinking, he will salt it down, and promptly beg for more. 1885 *Daily News* 3 Nov. 5/2 He was 'salting down' money for the joint benefit of Ward and himself. 1897 BARRÈRE & LELAND *Slang Dict.* s.v., To salt down stock, to buy stock and keep it for a considerable period. 1902 R. W. CHAMBERS *Maids of Paradise* vii. 126 No one to hinder you from salting away as many millions as you can carry off!

† **c.** *Students' slang.* To admit (a freshman in a university) with certain burlesque ceremonies, one of which was making him drink salt-and-water or putting salt in his mouth. *Obs.*

1570, etc. [see SALTING *vbl. sb.* 2]. 1611 CHAPMAN *May Day* II. i. 32, I warrant you Sir, I haue not beene matriculated at the Vniversity, to be meretriculated by him: salted there to be colted here. *c* 1618 MORYSON *Itin.* IV. (1903) 317 At Witteburg they still retayne the old custome of Salting freshmen, or admitting them with ridiculous Ceremonyes,.. and the Ceremony is by them called the deposition of hornes.

d. *pass.*: see SALTED 4.

2. a. In biblical use: To sprinkle salt upon (a sacrifice); to rub (a new-born child) with salt. **b.** To rub salt into (a wound). **c.** To sprinkle (snow) with salt in order to melt it.

a 1300 *Leg. Rood* (1871) 58 (Ashm. MS.) And of is flesc þat was vorbarnd þe wounden hi selte also [*Vernon MS.* salt, *Harl. MS.* silte]. 1382 WYCLIF *Ezek.* xvi. 4 And in water thou art not wasshen in to helth, neither bi salt saltid, neither wlappid in clothis. 1643 MILTON *Divorce* Introd. A 2 b, Till Time the Midwife..have washt and salted the Infant. *a* 1682 SIR T. BROWNE (J.), If the offering was of flesh, it was salted thrice. 1890 *Daily News* 31 Dec. 3/1 Many of the vestries..won't clear the snow away themselves, and they won't let us salt the roads.

3. To season with salt. *Obs.*

α. *c* 975 *Rushw. Gosp.* Matt. v. 13 Ðif þæt salt awerdað in þæm þe hit bið salten? *c* 1000 in *Techmer's Zeitschrift* (1885) II. 125 Do mid þin þrim fingrum, swillce þu sealte. 1382 WYCLIF *Matt.* v. 13 That 3if the salt shal vanyshe awey, wherynne shal it be saltid? *c* 1420 *Liber Cocorum* (1865) 19 Salt hit, serve hit, as I þe say. *Ibid.* 31 Salt and messe forthe. *c* 1430 *Two Cookery-bks.* 32 Þen kytte þin Brewes & skalde hem with þe same broþe; Salt it wyl. *Ibid.* 41 Salt it þan, & þanne serue forth.

β. *c* 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* Matt. v. 13 Ðif salt forworðes, in ðon gesælted bið? [*Ags. & Hatton* gesylt.] *c* 1000 *Ags. Gosp.* Mark ix. 50 Ðif þæt sealt unsealt biþ, on þam þe ge hit syltað? [*c* 1160 *Hatton* selteð, *v.r.* sealtað.]

4. To render salt or salty. Also *fig.*, to embitter.

1786 BURNS *Dream* xv, But ere the course o' life be thro', It may be bitter sautet. 1826 J. JEKYLL *Corr.* (1894) 164 Clever plan..to supply the new palace with fish, by salting the Serpentine river to breed tame turbot. 1906 *Westm. Gaz.* 11 Dec. 2/2 A sea which salts all the rivers that flow into it.

5. *fig.* To season; to render poignant or piquant.

[*c* 1000 ÆLFRIC *Hom.* (Th.) II. 536 Lareowum gedafenað þæt hi mid wisdomes sealte geleaffulra manna mod sylton.] 1576 FLEMING *Panopl. Epist.* A ij, Coriolanus .. whose .. continuall course of life being leauened and salted with the best things that nature could denise. 1758 *Misc.* in *Ann. Reg.* 381/1 Hardly any thing..was received there with applause, that was not salted with some obscene raillery. 1882 SPURGEON *Treas. Dav.* cxix. 116 It is not wrong to make resolutions, but it will be useless..unless we salt them well with believing cries to God. 1887 SAINTSBURY *Hist. Elizab. Lit.* vi. 230 Lodge began to write pamphlets vigorously.. salted with charming poems. 1889 SKRINE *Mem. Thring* 217 There was piety salted with practical good sense. 1895 MEREDITH *Amazing Marr.* I. ii. 22 He salted his language in a manner I cannot repeat; no epithet ever stood by itself.

6. †**a.** To make (soil) barren by impregnating it with salt. *Obs.*

a 1586 SIDNEY *Ps.* cvii. xii, How many where doth he convert Well watred grounds to thirsty sand? And saltes the soile for with hart The dwellers beare that till the land! *a* 1682 SIR T. BROWNE *Tracts* x. (1683) 166 Salting and making barren the whole Soil.

b. To treat (land) with salt; to strew salt in (hay) to prevent mould. Also 'To fill with salt between the timbers and planks, as a ship, for the preservation of the timber' (Webster 1828–32).

1824 *Trans. Highl. Soc.* VI. 173 Of these, 40 falls were ..salted on the surface. 1825 LOUDON *Encycl. Agric.* § 5233 Hay that had been flooded, was preferred by cattle to the best hay that had not been salted.

c. *Soap-making.* To separate *out* (the soap) by adding salt to the lye after saponification.

1857 MILLER *Elem. Chem., Org.* (1862) III. 331 The coagulated soap is then to be re-dissolved in water, and salted out once or twice more. 1887 *Encycl. Brit.* XXII. 203/1 In curd soaps..the uncombined alkali and glycerin are separated by 'salting out'.

d. To provide (cattle) with salt.

1878 *Scribner's Mag.* XVII. 51/2 They [*sc.* sheep] make many lively expeditions for the farm-boy—driving them out of mischief,..or salting them on the breezy hills.

7. a. *Photogr.* To impregnate (paper, etc.) with a solution of a salt or a mixture of salts.

1879 *Casell's Techn. Educ.* III. 230 Excellent prints may, however, be produced upon paper which has been simply salted. 1878 AARNEY *Photogr.* (1881) 145 When a paper is weakly salted, say, having half the amount of chloride given in the formula for albumenising paper.

b. To treat with chemical salts.

1904 *Brit. Med. Jrnl.* 10 Sept. 558 Only from old cultures or from younger cultures which have been salted with ammonium sulphate can any poisons be obtained by filtration through porcelain.

8. *Comm. slang.* (See quots.) Cf. F. *saler.*

1882 OGILVIE s.v., *To salt an invoice, account,* &c., to put on the extreme value on each article, in some cases in order to be able to make what seems a liberal discount at payment. 1897 BARRÈRE & LELAND *Slang Dict.* s.v., Making fictitious entries in the books to simulate that the receipts are greater than they really are, when about to sell a business connection, is called salting the books.

9. *Mining slang.* To make (a mine) appear to be a paying one by fraudulently introducing rich ore, etc., into it, sprinkling gold dust in it, etc.

1864 HOTTEN *Slang Dict.* s.v., At the gold diggings of Australia, miners sometimes salt an unproductive hole by sprinkling a few grains of gold dust over it. 1884 *World* 20 Aug. 6/1 The mine had possibly been 'salted', for no gold was forthcoming. 1892 MUDDOCK *Grip of Law* 285 He purchased some valuable specimens of gold quartz, with which he salted the estate. 1901 *Westm. Gaz.* 29 June 9/3 The supposed great oilfields in Florida have been fraudulently 'salted' with refined petroleum.

10. *intr.* 'To deposit salt from a saline substance: as, the brine begins to salt' (Webster 1828–32).

Salt, *v.*[2] [f. SALT *a.*[2]] In pa. pple. = SALT *a.*[2]

1582 STANYHURST *Æneis* IV. (Arb.) 101 Thee winter season too wast in leacherye wanton, Retchles of her kingdom, with rutting bitcherye sauted [orig. *turpique cupidine captos*].

Salt, Saltable, var. ff. SAULT, SAULTABLE.

Salta-di-banco: see SALTIMBANCO.

†**Sa·ltage.** *Obs. rare*—°. [f. SALT *sb.*[1] + -AGE, after F. *salage.*] Salt-duty. 1611 COTGR., *Salage,* saltage.

‖ **Saltamarti·no.** *Obs.* [It.] A kind of ordnance: see quot. 1688.

1684 R. WALLER *Nat. Exber.* 145 We fitted upon a Carriage with Six Horses, a Saltamartino. 1688 R. HOLME *Armoury* III. xviii. (Roxb.) 138/1 The Saltamartino, a smal peece of the Venetians 15 diameters long and carrieth 4 pound ball.

Saltant (sæ·ltănt), *a.* [ad. L. *saltant-em,* pres. pple. of *saltāre* (see SALTATE).]

1. Leaping, jumping, dancing. Now *rare* or *Obs.*

1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* VIII. xvi. I. 202 When he chaseth and followeth after other beasts, hee goeth alwaies saltant or rampant. 1711 SHAFTESB. *Charac.* (1737) III. 117 This prophesying spirit-errant, processional, and saltant. 1755 JOHNSON, *Saltant,* jumping; dancing. 1819 H. BUSK *Vestriad* I. 676 Thou, whose turn'd legs, main pillars of the stage, Support its glory in this saltant age. 1847 J. F. COOPER *Prairie* II. x. 28 No professor of the saltant art ever applied himself with greater industry than [etc.].

b. *Zool.* = SALTATORIAL. In mod. Dicts.

c. *Her.* Applied to small animals when salient.

1850 OGILVIE, *Saltant,*..a term applied to the squirrel, weasel, rat, and all vermin, and also to the cat, greyhound, ape, and monkey, when in a position springing forward.

‖ **Saltarello** (sæltăre·lo). Also **salterello, -ella, -arella.** [It. *salterello* cracker, squib, jack of a spinet, animated dance, Sp. *saltarelo*; related to It. *saltare,* Sp. *saltar* to leap, dance.]

1. A very animated Italian and Spanish dance for one couple in which there are numerous sudden skips or jumps. Also, the music for this, or a movement resembling it in a musical composition.

[1597 MORLEY *Introd. Mus.* III. 181 The Italians make their galliardes (which they tearme *saltarelli*) plaine, and frame ditties to them.] 1724 *Short Explic. For. Wds. in Mus. Bks., Saltarella,* a particular kind of Jig so called. 1833 B'NESS BUNSEN in Hare *Life* (1879) I. ix. 378 A merry party of the inhabitants, who..danced the saltarello in every variety. 1873 'OUIDA' *Pascarel* II. 175 The salterello and the stornello were all the gayer and the sweeter on his mandoline. 1890 *Daily News* 17 Feb. 3/2 The finale..including a saltarello, is more or less Mendelssohnian.

2. The jack of a spinet or harpsichord.

1598 [see JACK *sb.*[1] 14]. 1882 OGILVIE, *Saltarello,*..a harpsichord jack, so called because it jumps on the key being struck.

Saltarter, -tartre: see SAL[1] 2.

†**Sa·ltary.** *Obs.* Also **-ery.** [ad. med.L. *saltārium,* f. L. *saltāre* to leap. Cf. SALTATORY *sb.*[2], SALTORY.] (See quot.)

1598 MANWOOD *Lawes Forest* xx. 160 Neither may any man make any salteries [*ed.* 1615 saltaries] or leaping places out of the Forrest into the Pouralles, where any Deere may easily leape in, but cannot returne backe again. 1615 *Ibid.* xxii. 227 Any Saltaries or great gaps, called Deere leapes. *Ibid.* xxiv. 242 You shall enquire..what saltaries and leapes they haue in hurt of the said Forest.

Saltate (sæ·lte·t), *v. rare.* [f. L. *saltāt-,* ppl. stem of *saltāre* to dance, frequent. of *salīre* to leap.] *intr.* To leap; to jump; to skip. Hence **Sa·ltating** *vbl. sb.* or *ppl. a.*

1623 COCKERAM II, To Dance. *Saltate, Tripudiate.* 1846 in WORCESTER (citing *Month. Rev.*). 1865 *Cornh. Mag.* Mar. 299, I must here confess that they saltated to a mandolin touched by this hand. 1852 DANA *Crust.* II. 1180 The species of Cyclops swim..with a saltating motion.

Saltation (sæltē··ʃən). [ad. L. *saltātiōn-em,* n. of action f. *saltāre* to SALTATE.]

1. Leaping, bounding, or jumping; a leap.

1646 SIR T. BROWNE *Pseud. Ep.* V. iii. 236 Locusts..being ordained for saltation, their hinder legs doe far exceed the other. 1710 T. FULLER *Pharm. Extemp.* 129 Those odd Epileptic Saltations called St. Vitus's Dance. 1834 MCMURTRIE *Cuvier's Anim. Kingd.* 396 The posterior legs of..the Orthoptera, are remarkable for the largeness of their thighs, and for their spinous tibiæ, which are adapted for saltation. 1852 DANA *Crust.* II. 1062 The animal swims by saltations, with great agility. 1881 *Trans. Obstetr. Soc.* XXII. 152 The conclusion one might arrive at from the violent saltation of the fœtus. 1883 *Pall Mall G.* 11 Sept. 11/1 It is not every flea..that is gifted with the power of saltation. 1897 *Syd. Soc. Lex., Saltation.*..Especially applied to the leaping sometimes noticed in cases of chorea.

b. *spec.* Dancing; a dance.

1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr., Saltation,* a dancing. 1685 E. BROWN *Trav.* 10 The old Pyrrhical Saltation, or Warlike way of Dancing. 1814 SCOTT *Wav.* xxviii, Still keeping time to the music.., he..continued his saltation without..intermission. 1879 MISS BRADDON *Clov. Foot* iv. 34 Her dancing was distinguished for its audacity rather than for high art. She was no follower of the Taglioni school of saltation. 1890 *Harper's Mag.* Oct. 797/2 These spangled saltations.

c. *fig.* An abrupt movement, change, or transition.

1844 GLADSTONE *Gleanings* V. xviii. 94 He must substitute for the saltations by which he reaches his conclusions..the patient and measured march of thought. 1854 EMERSON *Lett. & Soc. Aims* i. (1875) 61 The number of successive saltations the nimble thought can make. 1870 HUXLEY *Lay Serm.* xiii. 343 We greatly suspect..that she [*sc.* Nature] does make considerable jumps in the way of variation now and then, and that these saltations give rise to some of the gaps which appear to exist in the series of known forms.

†**2.** *spec.* Pulsation or spurting forth (of blood).

1672 WISEMAN *Treat. Wounds* II. ix. 64 If it [*sc.* the blood] flow..from the left side, we suppose it the Artery, you will discover it by its saltation and florid colour. 1752 C. SMART *Hop-Garden* I. 146 His verdant blood In brisk saltation circulates and flows. 1767 GOOCH *Treat. Wounds* I. 87 When veins are wounded, the blood does not flow with that impetuosity and saltation, as when proceeding from an artery.

Sa·ltativeness. *nonce-wd.* [f. L. *saltāt-* (see SALTATE), after *acquisitiveness.*] The faculty of leaping or jumping.

1829 T. HOOK *Bank to Barnes* 105 He discovered the Organ of Saltativeness [in a flea's skull] magnificently developed.

‖ **Saltator** (sæltē··tŏr). *Ornith.* [mod.L. use of L. *saltātor,* agent-n. f. *saltāre* (see SALTATE).] A tanagrine bird of the genus *Saltator.*

1882 *Proc. Zool. Soc.* App. 795 Allied Saltator (*Saltator similis*). 1886 SCLATER *Brit. Mus. Catal. Birds* XI. 282 The Saltators keep to the bushes and smaller trees outside the dense forests.

Saltatorial (sæltătō··riăl), *a.* [f. L. *saltātōri-us* SALTATORY + -AL.]

1. Of, pertaining to, or characterized by leaping (or *spec.* dancing).

1789 TWINING tr. *Arist. Poet.* I. vii. 72 [In tragedy] the Trochaic tetrameter was made use of, as better suited to the satyric and saltatorial genius of the Poem at that time. 1843 *Blackw. Mag.* LIV. 84 Yarrell..confines their saltatorial powers only within ten or twelve perpendicular feet. 1877 COUES & ALLEN *N. Amer. Rod.* 532 The saltatorial nature of the animal. 1893 W. A. SHEE *My Contemp.* ii. 39 Whirled away into every species of saltatorial excess.

2. Fitted or adapted for leaping; *spec.* belonging to the group *Saltatoria* of insects.

1842 *Chamb. Jrnl.* 30 July 220 A pair of thickened saltatorial legs. 1855 *Orr's Circ. Sci., Org. Nat.* II. 354 The *Orthoptera* fall readily into two great sections—namely, the saltatorial and cursorial Orthoptera. 1871 DARWIN *Desc. Man* (1890) II. x. 282 The males in the three saltatorial families in this Order are remarkable for their musical powers.

So **Saltato·rian** *a.*, involving dancing.

1823 *New Monthly Mag.* IX. 297/2 The progress of the saltatorian drama. 1825 *Ibid.* XV. 390 Pantomimic and saltatorian representations.

Saltatoric (sæltătŏ·rik), *a. Path.* [Formed as prec. after G. *saltatorisch* (Bamberger): see -IC.] *Saltatoric spasm*: a kind of nervous disease in which the patient when set on his feet begins to leap.

1877 GOWERS in *Lancet* 14 July 45/2 The saltatoric spasm persisted for nine months, and then gradually ceased. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VII. 902 They are wanting in the regularity and precision of those of saltatoric spasm.

Saltatorious (sæltătō··riəs), *a.* [Formed as prec. + -OUS.] = SALTATORIAL.

1816 KIRBY & SP. *Entomol.* xxii. (1818) II. 283 These maggots have long been celebrated for their saltatorious powers. 1826 *Ibid.* xlvi. IV. 345 *Saltatorious*... When the hind legs have strong incrassated thighs formed for leaping.

Saltatory (sæ·ltătəri), *a.* and *sb.*[1] [ad. L. *saltātōri-us,* f. *saltātor*: see SALTATOR.] **A.** *adj.*

1. Of, pertaining to, characterized by, or adapted for dancing.

1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr., Saltatory,*..of or belonging to dancing, vaulting, &c. 1821 EDGEWORTH *Mem.* I. 93, I soon began to avoid exhibiting my saltatory talents, and I seldom danced. 1851 HAWTHORNE *Snow Image,* etc., *Old News* I. 155 There is an incidental notice of the 'dancing-school near the Orange-Tree', whence we may infer that the saltatory art was occasionally practised. 1869 J. MARTINEAU *Ess.* II. 183 He could make a saltatory automaton.

2. Pertaining to, characterized by, or adapted for leaping; *spec.* = SALTATORIAL 2.

1847 L. HUNT *Men, Women, & B.* I. iii. 43 The way in which sheep carry themselves on abrupt and saltatory occasions. 1874 MIVART *Common Frog* 1 What is a Frog?.. 'The Frog is a small saltatory Reptile', will probably be the reply of the majority. 1877 HUXLEY *Anat. Inv. Anim.* vi. 262 The Amphipoda..are characterized by..their ordinarily saltatory habits. 1891 *Punch* Christmas No. 8 The position of the Moon..is also favourable to saltatory exercise on the part of the cow.

b. *Path.* = SALTATORIC.

1881 J. ROSS *Dis. Nervous Syst.* II. 341 Saltatory Spasm. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 106 Or when placed on her feet [a patient] may be forced to progress by a series of springing movements (saltatory spasm).

c. *fig.* Proceeding by abrupt movement.

1844 EMERSON *Ess., Experience* Wks. (Bohn) I. 183 Nature hates calculators; her methods are saltatory and impulsive. 1894 H. F. OSBORN *From Greeks to Darwin* 200 Another highly characteristic feature of his theory was, that he [St. Hilaire] included in it what has recently been termed 'saltatory evolution', and strongly opposed Lamarck's fundamental principle that all transformation is extremely slow.

†**B.** *sb.* A dancer. *Obs. rare*—[1].

a 1625 FLETCHER, etc. *Fair Maid Inn* III. i, A second, a lavolteteere, a saltatory, a dancer with a Kit at his bum.

Sa·ltatory, *sb.*[2] *Antiq.* [ad. med.L. *saltātōri-um,* neut. sing. of *saltātōrius* (see prec.) used subst. Cf. SALTORY.] = SALTARY.

1903 *Edin. Rev.* July 179 The saltatory was a contrivance by which deer could make their way into the park, but could not jump back again.

†**Salta·tress.** *Obs. rare*—[1]. [f. SALTATOR: see -TRESS. Cf. It. *saltatrice.*] A female dancer.

1784 R. BAGE *Barham Downs* I. 120 Her le volts were the highest of any Saltatress in Italy.

Sa·lt-box. [f. SALT *sb.*[1] + BOX *sb.*[2]]

1. A box for keeping salt for domestic use.

'Billy in the Salt-box' was the title of a caricature referring to Pitt's budget of 1805, in which the salt-tax was greatly increased.

1611 COTGR., *Saulnier,*..a Salt-box. 1812 *Examiner* 12 Oct. 651/2 A few grains from the salt-box. 1862 W. BARNES *Homely Rhymes Dorset Dial.* I. 5 The zalt-box an' the corner-cupb'ard.

b. (See quot. 1847–54.)

1763 B. THORNTON *Ode on St. Cecilia's Day* ad. fin., The saltbox..With clattering and clapping shall sound. 1774 J. T. SMITH *Bk. Rainy Day* (1861) 39 A famous player on the saltbox. 1813 *Sporting Mag.* XLII. 19 The divine harmony of the Gong, the French-horn, and the Salt-box. 1847–54 WEBSTER s.v., In burlesque music, the salt-box has been used like the marrow-bones and cleaver, tongs and poker, etc.

2. *slang.* (See quots.)
1812 J. H. Vaux *Flash Dict.*, *Salt-boxes*, the condemned cells in Newgate are so called. *Ibid.*, *Salt-box-cly*, the outside coat-pocket, with a flap. 1820 *Lond. Mag.* Jan. 29 Their..leaving the stone-jug, after a miserable residence in the salt-boxes, to be top'd in front of the debtor's door.
3. *Naut.* (See quot.)
1867 Smyth *Sailor's Word-bk.*, *Salt-box*, a case for keeping a temporary supply of cartridges for the immediate use of the great guns.

Sa·lt-cat. [Originally northern. The original meaning of the second element is unknown; *cat* is used dialectally as a name for several mixtures of which clay is a constituent: see E. D. D.
Cf. '*Cat*, a chump of clay stone'; '*Clay-cat*, a kind of large roundish stone found in clay' (Barnes *Dorset Gloss.*).]
A mass of salt, or salt mixed with earthy or other matter; *esp.* a mixture of salt, gravel, old mortar or lime, cammin seed, and stale urine, used to attract pigeons and to keep them at home.
c 1400 Maundev. (Roxb.) xii. 51 At þe riȝt side of þis see was Loth wyf turned intil a salt catte. 1453–4 *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 149, j Saltcatt. 1483 *Cath. Angl.* 317/1 A Salte catte. 1629 *Howard Housek. Bks.* (Surtees) 264 To Mr. Chambers his manne bringing 3 salte catts. 1669 Woolridge *Syst. Agric.* 154 A Lump of Salt, which they usually call a Salt-cat, made for that purpose at the Salterns. 1765 *Treat Dom. Pigeons* 33 The best way is to put your salt cat in jars, with holes in the sides for them to peck it out. 1864 Knight *Passages Work. Life* II. i. 17 The business-house of a young publisher had..the sort of attraction for flights of authors as a saltcat has for pigeons.

Sa·lt-cellar. Forms: 5–6 saler, (5 sellere, seler, 6 celler), 5–8 seller, 6–7 sellar, 7– cellar. [f. Salt *sb.*[1] + Saler (which has been assimilated in spelling to Cellar).] A small vessel used on the table for holding salt.
1434 *E. E. Wills* (1882) 102 A feir salt saler of peautre with a feyre knoppe. 1445 *Will* in Madox *Formul. Anglic.* (1702) 434 Duas Saltsellers Argenteas. 1483 *Cath. Angl.* 317/2 A Salte seler. 1513 *Bk. Kerwynge* in *Babees Bk.* (1868) 269 Take thy salte seller in thy lefte hande. 1566 in Peacock *Eng. Ch. Furniture* (1866) 53 A salt celler for salt. 1633 Wotton in *Relig.* (1672) 464, I send you..a triangular Salt celler. 1669 Woodhead *St. Teresa* II. 269 A Sister..found at last a little Salt-celler in a Chest. 1729 Swift *Direct. Serv.* i. Wks. 1751 XIV. 23 Fold up the Table-cloth with the Salt in it, then shake the Salt out into the Salt-cellar to serve next Day. 1865 Dickens *Mut. Fr.* III. iv, Putting down the glasses and salt-cellars as if she were knocking at the door.
attrib. *c* 1460 J. Russell *Bk. Nurture* 60 Loke..þy salte sellere lydde towche not thy salt bye.
b. In phrases as in Salt *sb.*[1] 7 b.
1609 Dekker *Gull's Horn-bk.* Wks. (Grosart) II. 244 You may giue any Iustice of peace, or yong Knight (if he sit but one degree towards the Equinoctiall of the Salt-seller) leaue to pay for the wine. 1645 Milton *Colast.* 19 That which never yet afforded corn of savour to his noddle, the Salt-seller was not rubb'd. 1648 Herrick *Hesp., His Age* vii, If we can meet, and so conferre, Both by a shining Salt-seller. 1843 James *Forest Days* ix, We have no salt-cellar here, to make a distinction between highest and lowest. 1847 Lytton *Lucretia* 32 This green banquet of nature, in which at least no man sits below the salt-cellar.

†**Sa·lt-cote, -coat.** *Obs.* [f. Salt *sb.*[1] + Cote *sb.*[1]] A salt-house.
c 1425 *Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 670 *Hec salina*, saltecote. 1473 *Rolls of Parlt.* VI. 78/2 A Saltcote, and 111 acres of pasture with their appurtenaunces. 1483 *Cath. Angl.* 317/2 A Salte cote, *salina, est locus vbi fit sal.* *a* 1552 Leland *Itin.* (1769) IV. 111 There be a great number of Sault Coates or Furnaces about this Well. 1612 Capt. Smith *Map Virginia* 18 The Bay and rivers haue much marchandable fish and places fit for Salt coats. 1630 *Maldon, Essex, Doc.* Bundle 208. No. 7 Went downe to the saltcoate of Mr. John Hastler at the heith [= hythe].

Salted (sɔ·ltéd), *ppl. a.* [f. Salt *sb.*[1] or *v.* + -ed.]
1. Cured, preserved, or pickled with salt.
13.. *Cursor M.* 4688 (Göt.) Ma þan a thousand celers Fild he wid wines neu and fress, And lardineris wid saltid fless [*Cott., etc.* salt]. 1555 Eden *Decades* 55 They..gaue them great plentie of salted fysshe. 1686 tr. *Chardin's Trav. Persia* 74 It preserves the Moisture of Salted Meats. 1732 Arbuthnot *Rules of Diet in Aliments*, etc. 269 A Diet of salted Flesh throws Ships Crews sometimes into Diarrhœas. 1842 Browning *Pied Piper* ii, They..Split open the kegs of salted sprats. 1851 *F. Knapp's Chem. Technol.* III. 162 The preparation of sauerkraut and salted cucumbers. 1901 *Scribner's Mag.* XXIX. 474/2 The salted goose is a famous dish.
2. Having salt as an ingredient; containing or impregnated with salt.
1526 *Grete Herbal* xcix. (1529) F v b, Sethe these herbes ..in salted water or in kyndly salt water. 1700 Dryden *Iliad* I. 628 Their salted Cakes on crackling Flames they cast. 1755 *Man* No. 28. 4 Innumerable species of the finny tribe, taking their solace in the bosom of the salted ocean. 1765 A. Dickson *Treat. Agric.* (ed. 2) 38 In one of the pots with the salted earth, and in one of those with the washed earth, he planted fennel. 1897 *Westm. Gaz.* 18 Feb. 6/3 The contact with the salted earth had caused considerable corrosion to the stone.
b. Treated with salt.
1824 *Trans. Highl. Soc.* VI. 174 The grass-crop on the salted land will not exceed two-thirds of the weight of what is promised on the parts not salted. 1831 Brewster *Optics* xii. 108 A spirit lamp with a salted wick. 1884 A. Watt *Soap-making* 42 Salted soda, is composed of soft soda and common salt.
c. *Photogr.* Impregnated with a salt or a mixture of salts in solution.
1855 Hardwich *Photogr. Chem.* II. v. 279 This albumenized and salted paper will keep any length of time in a dry place. 1890 *Anthony's Photogr. Bull.* III. 9 The prints..on plain salted paper.
3. *fig.* 'Seasoned' with wit or good sense; sensible. (? Orig. with reference to Mark ix. 50.)
1647 Ward *Simp. Cobler* 40 It was a well salted speech. 1869 Mrs. Whitney *We Girls* iv. (1874) 91 There's a pretty good piece of the world salted, after all. 1900 Phillpotts *Sons of Morning* II. iv, I'd warn 'e to fill her mind with gude, salted sense.
4. *slang.* or *colloq.* Of horses, etc.: Seasoned (from having survived attacks of disease, etc.); hence of persons: Experienced in some business or occupation.
1879 Atcherley *Boërland* 209 A 'salted' horse will always command a good price. 1889 F. Oates *Matabele-Land* 236 The old man tells me that a man gets a pain in his head and lies down, and next morning, if he is alive, he is 'salted'. 1892 Stevenson & L. Osbourne *Wrecker* i. 9 Mr. London Dodd, though he was new to the group of the Marquesas, was already an old salted trader. 1899 G. H. Russell *Under the Sjambok* xiv. 137 My friend has a very good 'salted' horse, just the sort of thing you will require in the Low Country. 1905 *Westm. Gaz.* 1 July 9/2 An expert and thoroughly 'salted' journalist.
5. *slang.* (See Salt *v.*[1] 9.)
1886 P. Clarke *'New Chum' in Australia* vii. 71 Taken in with a 'salted claim', a 'pit' sold for a £10 note in which a nugget worth a few shillings had before been 'planted'. 1889 Mrs. C. Praed *Rom. Station* 200 Their bogus companies and their salted gold-mines.

Saltee (sɔ̰·lti). *slang.* [Said to be ad. It. *soldi*, pl. of *soldo* = Sou.] A penny.
1859 Hotten *Slang. Dict.* 1861 Reade *Cloister & H.* III. iv. 77 It had rained kicks all day in lieu of 'saltees', and that is pennies. 1875 Frost *Circus Life* xvi. 277.

Salten (sɔ̰·ltn), *a. rare.* [f. Salt *sb.*[1] + -en[4].] a. Salted. b. Made of salt.
1654 Gayton *Pleas. Notes* IV. ix. 233 Bread, Broder, Bacon, Boutter salten. 1875 Reade *Wand. Heir* iii. 67 Lot's wife, in salten pillar, still looks on.

Salter[1] (sɔ̰·ltəɹ). [OE. *sealtere*, f. *sealtan* Salt *v.*[1]: see -er[1].]
1. A manufacturer of or dealer in salt; also *spec.* = Drysalter, as in the title of one of the London livery companies (incorporated in 1558).
a 1000 *Colloq. Ælfric* in Wr.-Wülcker 97 Sealtera [*sic*], hwæt us fremaþ cræft þin? *c* 1000 Ælfric *Gram.* ix. (Z.) 47 *Hic salinator*, þes sealtere. 1392 *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 342 Rob's Scott salter. 1402 *Rolls of Parlt.* III. 519 Robt Brendewod, William Estace, Salters. 1418 *Jrnl. Archives City of London* I. 51 Sal emptum per Bemond et Edwardum, Salters, infra civitatem Londoniarum vend'. 1507 *Rec. St. Mary at Hill* (1905) 22 Andrewe Evyngar, Cytezen and Salter of london. 1573 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* Ser. I. II. 293 The saidis salteris sall sell salt to the subjectis and carearis of this realme of sufficient mett and stuff. 1611 Cotgr., *Maligne*, a Spring-tyde; called so by the Salters of Xaintonge. 1682 J. Collins *Salt & Fishery* 125 It is commonly sold in Salters-shops at Billingsgate. 1745 *De Foe's Eng. Tradesman* (1841) I. iv. 25 As a salter, A. B. has had experience enough in the materials for dyeing. 1846 Ld. Campbell *Chancellors* CXXIII. IV. 567 The subject of this memoir was the son of a grocer and salter at Exeter.
2. A workman at a salt-works.
1606 *Sc. Acts Jas. VI*, c. 10 That na persone..sall fie hyre or conduce ony saltaris Coilȝearis or coilberaris without ane sufficient testimoniall of thair Maister quhome they last seruit. 1824 Scott *Redgauntlet* ch. vii, If sae mickle as a collier or a salter make a moonlight flitting. 1869 Rogers *Hist. Glean.* I. 103 The colliers and salters..were only finally emancipated in 1799.
3. One who salts meat or fish.
1611 J. Spicer (*title*) The sale of Salt, or, The seasoning of Soules, Namely such, as..whom the Author, which taketh the name of a Salter, is willing..to season with the Salt of the Word. 1714 R. Smith *Poems* (1869) 12 Thy Colledge has been at Buckhaven, Where thou hast past thy time years seven among the Salters and the Fishers. 1757 W. Thompson *R. N. Advoc.* 41 They were salted by the King's Salters. 1778 *Projects* in *Ann. Reg.* 125/1 The salter..crams as much salt as he can into the belly of the fish. 1883 *Chamb. Jrnl.* 310 His wife and daughters are 'gutters' or packers or salters.
b. One who salts bodies, in embalming.
1705 Greenhill *Embalming* 283 The Surgeon or Embalmer, and..all other inferior Officers under him, such as the Dissector, Emboweller, Pollinctor, Salter.
4. A large vessel in which flesh is salted. *dial.*
1884 Jefferies *Red Deer* 85 A farmer who had shot a deer put the animal as soon as possible into the salter out of sight. 1891 *Hartland Gloss., Salter* (sɔ̰·ltəɹ), a large stone or earthenware trough used in salting bacon, etc.

†**Sa·lter**[2]. *Building. Obs.* (See quot.)
1688 Holme *Armoury* III. viii. 343/1 The Salter or Brick Axe..is to cut the rough and knotty places of Bricks, to make them lye flat and even in the Bed of Mortar.

Salter, obs. f. Saltire. **Salter(e,** obs. ff. Psalter. **Salterello,** see Saltarello.

Salteriun, obs. f. Psalterion.

Saltern (sɔ̰·ltəɹn). [OE. *sealtærn*: see Salt *sb.*[1] and Earn *sb.*] A building in which salt is made by boiling or evaporation; a salt-works; also, a plot of land, laid out in pools and walks, into which the sea-water is admitted and allowed to evaporate naturally.
858 in Birch *Cartul. Sax.* II. 101 Butan ðem sealtern et refresham & butan ðem þioda ðe to ðem sealtern limpð. 1681 Worlidge *Syst. Agric.* 262 The refuse salt Earth that at the Salternes is cast out and of no value. 1682 J. Collins *Salt & Fishery* 32 A Boyling-House is called a Saltern. *c* 1710 Celia Fiennes *Diary* (1888) 38 Ye greatest trade is by their Salterns. Ye sea water they draw into Trenches. 1748 Brownrigg *Art of Making Salt* 50 At some convenient place near the sea shore is erected the saltern. This is a long, low building, consisting of two parts; one of which is called the fore-house, and the other the pan-house or boiling-house. 1791 W. Gilpin *Forest Scenery* II. 88 The coast becoming flat between this place and Lymington, is commodiously formed into salterns. 1830 Lyell *Princ. Geol.* I. 234 A considerable precipitate of muriate of soda has taken place in these natural salterns. 1879 *Cassell's Techn. Educ.* IV. 338/2 When salt was much dearer than it is now, the sea-water used to be concentrated in salterns.

Saltery (sɔ̰·ltəri). [f. Salter: see -ery.]
†1. Only *attrib.* in *saltery ware*: the goods dealt in by salt-merchants. *Obs.*
1628 *Order in Council* in Abram *Mem. Preston Guilds* (1882) 41/2 To sett on saile..any manner of..grocery wares, or saltery wares. 1643 *Ord. Parlt. for Levying Moneys by Way of Excise* 7 All sorts of Saltery-wares Imported.
2. A salt-works.
1899 H. G. Graham *Social Life Scot. 18th C.* vii. I. 228 The salteries of Prestonpans, where the salters were bondsmen for life.

Sa·ltfat. Chiefly *Sc.* Also *β. Sc.* corruptly **saltfoot.** [OE. *sealtfæt*: see Salt *sb.*[1] and Fat *sb.*[1] Cf. LG. *saltfat*, Du. *zoutvat*, MHG. *salzfaȝ* (G. *-fass*), ON. *saltfat*.]
1. A salt-cellar.
a. c 1000 Ælfric *Glosr.* in Wr.-Wülcker 126/32 *Salinare, uel salinum*, sealtfæt. *a* 1100 *Gerefa* in *Anglia* IX. 264 Sealtfæt, sticfodder, piperhorn. 1488 *Acc. Ld. High Treat. Scot.* I. 81 A litill coffre of siluer ouregilt, with a litil saltfat and a couir. 1589 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* Ser. I. IV. 445 Ane coverit saltfatt. 1599 Alex. Hume *Poems* (S.T.S.) vii. 44 Saltfats outshorne, and glasses chrystalline. 1640–1 *Kirkcudbr. War-Comm. Min. Bk.* (1855) 43 Ane gilt silver salt-fat.
β. 1679 Ld. Somerville *Mem. Somervills* (1815) II. 394 Sir Walter Stewart of Allontoune..whose predecessors untill this man never came to sitt above the saltfoot when at the Laird of Cambusnethen's table. [Cf. Salt-cellar b, Salt *sb.*[1] 7 b]. 1798 *Monthly Mag.* VI. II. 437/2 A salt, or a salt-foot; a salt-cellar. 1863 R. Chambers *Bk. Days* I. 647/2 One of the customs of great houses, in former times, was to place a large ornamental *salt-vat* (commonly but erroneously called salt-foot) upon the table.
†2. A salt 'boilery'. *Obs.*
a 1647 Habington *Surv. Worcs.* in *Proc. Worcs. Hist. Soc.* II. 298 The owners of these saltphates have byn aunciently called Burgeses.
3. *In saltfat*: in the pickling tub; hence, disposed of, out of the way.
1820 Scott *Monast.* ix, The sooner the skin is off, and he is in saultfat, the less like you are to have trouble.

†**Sa·lt-house.** *Obs.* [OE. *sealthûs*: see Salt *sb.*[1] and House *sb.*[1] Cf. OHG. *salzhûs*, G. *salzhaus.*] A building in which salt is made or stored.
c 1000 Ælfric *Colloq.* in Wr.-Wülcker 185/36 *Salinarium*, sealthus. 1340 *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 540 In sarracione plancorum pro le Salthous. 1465–6 *Ibid.* 90 Pro le puyntyng super le caponhous et salthous. 1580 Hollyband *Treas. Fr. Tong, La Saline*, a salte house, where salte is made. 1601 Holland *Pliny* II. xxxi. x. 420 Into the salthouses they let in sea water. 1670 [see Boilery]. 1730 S. Dale *Taylor's Hist. Harwich* 13 *note*, Here is a Salthouse at which they refine Salt.

Saltier: see Saltire.

Saltigrade (sæ·ltigrēid), *a.* and *sb. Zool.* [f. mod.L. *Saltigradæ* pl., f. *salt-us* leap + *-gradi* to step, advance.] a. Belonging to the *Saltigradæ*, a group of vagabond spiders having legs adapted for leaping. b. *sb.* A spider of this group.
1840 *Cuvier's Anim. Kingd.* 464 The second section of the Wandering Spiders, that of Saltigrades. 1885 H. C. McCook *Tenants Old Farm* 196, I was standing by a fence-post watching a small saltigrade spider mount into the air.

‖ **Saltimbanco** (sæltimbæ·ŋkō). Also 7 saltinbancho, (erron. salta-di-banco), salt'in-, 8 saltinbanco, 9 saltimbank (psendo-*arch.*), -banque. [It. (= Sp. *saltinbanco*, *-banque*), f. *saltare* to leap + *in* on + *banco* bench; whence also F. *saltimbanque.*] A mountebank; a quack.
1646 Sir T. Browne *Pseud. Ep.* I iii. 11 Saltimbancoes, Quacksalvers, and Charlatans. 1664 Butler *Hud.* II. iii. 1007 He play'd the saltinbancho's part, Transform'd t'a Frenchman by my art. 1675 Cotton *Scoffer Scoft* 114 An Archer, Fidler, Poetaster, A kind of Salt'in-banco too. 1675 A. Huyserts *Corner-stone* 15 No more than what may serve the Salta-di-Banco's upon a Stage. 1850 James *Old Oak Chest* I. 125 To make the contortions of their 'Saltimbanks', and 'tomblesteres' act as a sort of argument or introduction to what was to follow. 1865 Sala *Diary in Amer.* I. 368 Those..marchands forains, saltimbanques and buffoons, who in Europe are afoot on every holiday.
attrib. a 1734 [see Non-juaable].
Hence **Saltimba·nquism.**
1861 *Temple Bar* II. 508 That gorgeous temple of saltimbanquism in Leicester Square [*sc.* the Alhambra].

Saltiness (sɔ̰·ltinés). [f. Salty *a.* + -ness.] The quality or condition of being salty.
1670 W. Simpson *Hydrol. Ess.* 69 The last are indued with a saltiness. *c* 1885 Lafcadio Hearn in Gould *Life* (1908) 89 Have you forgotten the divine saltiness of that unfettered wind?

Salting (sɔ̰·ltiŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. Salt *v.*[1] + -ing[1].]
1. The curing of fish, meat, etc., with salt.
a 1300 *Cursor M.* 26751 Þai sal yow vp on halkes lift Als suine þat ar to salting tift. 1494 *Act* 11 *Hen. VII*, c. 23 The same Herring..should be of one Time taking and salting. 1565 Cooper *Thesaurus, Salsura*...The salting of porke or baken. *a* 1568 Ascham *Scholem.* I. (Arb.) 45 New fresh flesh,

for good and durable salting. 1620 VENNER *Via Recta* iv. 82 Fish of long salting..is vnwholsome. 1879 *Cassell's Techn. Educ.* IV. 354/2 Fish can be the more readily cured dry after having been exposed to this preliminary salting.

fig. *a* 1536 TINDALE *Expos. Matt. v.* Wks. (1573) 196/2 True preachyng is a salting that stirreth vp persecution, and an office that no man is mete for, saue he that is seasoned hym-selfe.

2. In various technical, colloquial, and slang uses (see the vb.).

1570 *Lamb. MS.* 807 in *Brit. Mag.* (1847) XXXII. 366 My lord edward zou[ch]..hys matriculation ij^{s}...hys salt-yng iiij^{s}. [In a later account spelt also 'psalting'.] 1588 FRAUNCE *Lawiers Log.* Ded. ¶ iv b, Having once knowen the price of an admission, Salting, and Matriculation, with the intertayning of Freshmenne in the Rhetorike schooles. *a* 1644 TWYNE in *MS. Twyne* xxi. 753 (Bodl.), The saltinge of fresh men which hath beene antiently and is yet at Oxford vsed at their first comminge, was perhaps borrowed or continued from this custome at Athens [see Gregory Naz. *Orat. Fun. Basilii Magni* xvi]. 1693 J. BYROM *Let. to Aubrey* in *Lett. from Bodl.* (1813) II. i. 167 'Twas..said, that the college [at Eton] held some lands by the custome of salting. 1748 BROWNRIGG *Art of Making Salt* 69 When violent fires are used towards the end of the process, whilst the salt is forming, which they call the time of salting. 1857 MILLER *Elem. Chem.* (1862) III. 332 Chloride of potassium cannot be substituted for chloride of sodium in salting out. 1887 *Athenæum* 31 Dec. 886/2 The traffic in stolen and spurious diamonds, and the nefarious practice known as 'salting'. 1889 *Anthony's Photogr. Bull.* II. 376 Any.. change in the number of grains to the ounce of salting in an emulsion or in a developer.

3. Chiefly *pl.* Salt lands; in some parts *spec.*, lands regularly covered by the tide, as distinguished from salt-marshes. *local.*

1712 DEARHAM in *Phil. Trans.* XXVII. 483 These Lands they call Saltings, when covered with Grass. 1788 *Trans. Soc. Arts* VI. 59 The land in front of my sea-wall to the southward (called saltings, from the sea overflowing it except at low water). 1825 *Sporting Mag.* XV. 309 Two extraordinary large eels were taken..upon the saltings at Steeple, in Dengie Hundred, Essex. 1855 *Fraser's Mag.* LI. 267 Here ran a broad bulwark bank, keeping the saltings and marshes distinct. 1901 *Spectator* 17 Aug. 215/2 The marsh ..is dotted with white-fleeced sheep and white-faced bullocks grazing on the saltings. 1903 KIPLING 5 *Nations* 25 At the bridge of the lower saltings the cattle gather and blare.

4. *attrib.*, as (sense 1) *salting beef, -house, kit* (KIT *sb.*[1]), *-pan, -press, -room, -trough, -tub*; (*Photogr.*: see SALT *v.* 7 a) *salting bath, solution*; (sense 3) *salting-mound*; **salting-box, point** (see quots.); **salting-place,** (*a*) a place where cattle resort to lick salt; (*b*) ? *nonce-use*, the place where a stream joins the sea.

1856 HARDWICH *Photogr. Chem.* (ed. 3) 122 The Strength of the *Salting Bath. 1778 *Learning at a Loss* I. 135 What Piece of *salting Beef should be ordered from the Butcher. 1802 C. JAMES *Milit. Dict.*, **Salting-boxes*, ..are boxes.. for holding mealed powder, to sprinkle the fuzes of shells, that they may take fire from the blast of the powder in the chamber;..these boxes are now laid aside. 1682 WARBURTON *Hist. Guernsey* (1822) 110 The fisher men..were obliged to bring in all the congress they took..to the kings *salting house. 1805 R. W. DICKSON *Pract. Agric.* II. 1021 After the cheeses have been properly salted..they are carried from the salting-house to the cheese-room. 1855 J. R. LEIFCHILD *Cornwall Mines* 19 Inside the salting-house, companies of chattering and screaming females are building up pilchards to heights of four and five feet. 1719 *Will of John Hirst*, A *salting kitt. 1908 *Essex Rev.* XVII. 33 The mysterious *salting-mounds known as 'Redhills' on the marshes of the Essex coasts. 1849 NOAD *Electricity* (ed. 3) 214 A large, common, glazed *salting-pan. 1842 MRS. KIRKLAND *Forest Life* I. 180 In vain..do we employ every ingenious artifice of temptation—supplying our '*salting-place' with the great delicacy of the grazing people. 1865 W. CORY *Lett. & Jrnls.* (1897) 163, I could hear not only the waves, but the millstream tripping down to its salting-place. 1884 A. WATT *Soap-Making* xxvi. 219 After settling, he adds a solution of alum, chloride of lime, or crude pyroligneous acid, stirring thoroughly. If preferred, he evaporates to nearly '*salting point' before adding any of the substances mentioned above. *c* 1830 *Glouc. Farm Rep.* 24 in *Libr. Usef. Knowl., Husb.* III, When the cheeses are taken from the *salting-presses, they are put on the shelf in the dairy for a day or two. 1805 R. W. DICKSON *Pract. Agric.* I. 59 The *salting-room should be laid with flags. 1892 *Photogr. Ann.* II. 205 Certain modifications of the *salting solution. 1842 J. AITON *Domest. Econ.* (1857) 239 A *salting trough which has a gutter round its edges, to drain away the brine. 1556 *Richmond. Wills* (Surtees) 92 In the larder bousse iij *sowlting tobbes. 1805 R. W. DICKSON *Pract. Agric.* I. 254 A cellar where salted meat had been kept for a great length of time in a salting-tub. 1818 SCOTT *Rob Roy* xxviii, A turf back and a salting tub, which stood on either side of the narrow exterior passage.

† Salting. *Obs. rare*[−1]. Also 6 **salcion.** [ad. L. type **saltiōn-em*, f. *salt-*, ppl. stem of *salīre* to leap. Cf. SALITION.] Leaping.

1533 ELYOT *Cast. Helthe* (1541) III. i. 52 b, Stertynge or saltion [*other edd.* salcion] of the members.

Saltire (sæ·ltəi^{ə}1). *Her.* Forms: 4–5 **sawtu-roure,** 5 **sawtire,** 7 **saltoyre, -tyr,** 8 **salteer, salter-,** 6–9 **saltier,** 6– **saltire.** [a. OF. *saut(e)oir, sauteur, -our, -ouer, salteur, saulloir* (from 13th c.), mod.F. *sautoir*, † (1) silken or hempen stirrup-cord (?forming a deltoid figure when in use), (2) stile to keep cattle from straying, (3) saltire :—L. *saltātōrium* (see SALTATORY).] An ordinary in the form of a St. Andrew's cross, formed by a bend and a bend sinister, crossing each other. Hence, *In saltire*: crossed like the limbs of a St. Andrew's cross. *Per saltire* (see quot. 1828–40).

? *a* 1400 *Morte Arth.* 4182 He had sothely for-sakene the sawturoure engrelede, And laughte vpe thre lyons alle of whitte siluyre. *c* 1420 *Anturs of Arth.* xxiv, A sawtire en-grelede of siluer fulle schene. *a* 1550 in Baring-Gould & Twigge *W. Armory* (1898) 5 Sa : a saltier engr: arg. 1562 LEIGH *Armory* 45 b, The seuenth partition is this. Partye per Saltier, Argent, and Sable. 1603 DRAYTON *Bar. Wars* II. xxiii, Upon his Surcote, valiant Nevil bore A Silver Saltoyre, upon Martiall Red. 1605 CAMDEN *Rem.* (1637) 346 King Henry the sixt had two feathers in saltire. *a* 1695 WOOD *Oxford* (O.H.S.) III. 169 Two keyes in saltire. *a* 1711 KEN *Hymns Evang.* Poet. Wks. 1721 I. 6 A saltire, which the martyr'd Andrew bore. 1801 SCOTT *Fire-King* xxxiv, The Saracens, Curdmans, and Ishmaelites yield To the scallop, the saltier, and crossleted shield. 1828–40 BERRY *Encycl. Her.* s. v., When the field of a coat, or any charge upon it, is divided by two diagonal lines, crossing each other,..it is termed *per saltier*. 1864 BOUTELL *Her. Hist. & Pop.* xxi. (ed. 3) 359 Two pastoral staves, in saltire.

attrib. 1621 LADY M. WROTH *Urania* 98 So farre asunder, as they made from corner to corner the fashion of a Saltier crosse. 1727 BOYER *Dict., Eng.-Fr.* s.v., A Saltire Cross, *Croix de S. André*. 1851 R. HILL in Gosse *Nat. in Jamaica* 466 Zig-zag lacings of a thickened tissue corresponding to the Saltier position of the Spider's legs.

Saltireways, *adv.* [See -WAYS.] = next.

c 1550 in Baring-Gould & Twigge *W. Armory* (1898) 5 Arg: 5 martlets saltireways sa. 1816 SCOTT *Antiq.* vi, Two long and bony arms..folded saltire-ways in front of her person. 1872 ELLACOMBE *Bells of Ch.* in *Ch. Bells Devon* ix. 513 A shield in the centre cross keys, saltier ways.

Saltirewise, *adv.* [See -WISE.] With or in the form of a saltire; (disposed) like the arms of a St. Andrew's cross; in saltire.

1725 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 6382/2 Two Pens placed Salterwise. 1748 RICHARDSON *Clarissa* (1811) V. xxix. 295 Gules, two swords, saltire-wise. 1821 SCOTT *Kenilw.* xiii, The back-ground was crossed saltierwise..by the masts of two lighters that lay waiting for the tide. 1848 J. GRANT *Adv. of Aide-de-camp* ii, Leathern gaiters, laced saltire-wise up the legs with red straps. 1864 BOUTELL *Her. Hist. & Pop.* x. (ed. 3) 63 Two Foxes are leaping, saltire-wise, on the ancient shield of Sir Watkin Williams Wynne.

Saltish (sɔ·ltiʃ), *a.* [f. SALT *sb.*[1] or *a.*[1] + -ISH.] † a. [f. the sb.] Of the nature of, characteristic of, or like that of, salt; impregnated with salt; salt, salty. *Obs.* b. [f. the adj.] Chiefly in mod. use: Somewhat salt.

1477 NORTON *Ord. Alch.* v. in Ashm. (1652) 74 The Tast thereof must needs Saltish be. 1545 RAYNOLD *Byrth Mankynde* 112 Loke vpon her mylke, that it be not blackysshe, blueysshe, grey or reddysshe, neyther sowre, sharpe, salt-ysshe, or brackysshe. 1582 STANYHURST *Æneis* III. (Arb.) 75 A cold sweat saltish through my ioyntes fiercely dyd enter. 1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* I. iii. 31 Ofte soust in swelling Tethys saltish teare. 1620 VENNER *Via Recta* iv. 77 The.. pickled Herring..gineth a saltish and vnprofitable nourish-ment. 1625 N. CARPENTER *Geog. Del.* II. v. (1635) 75 That the Sea is of a saltish Quality, no man hath ever doubted. *a* 1647 T. HABINGTON *Surv. Worcs.* in *Proc. Worcs. Hist. Soc.* II. 295 The channell or bottom, scorcbed with the heate of the sun, appearethe whyte and saltysh. 1686 PLOT *Staffordsh.* 104 A saltish soil most commonly is fat and unctu-ous. 1775 ADAIR *Amer. Ind.* 228 Deer, which come in the warm season, to eat the saltish moss and grass. 1805 SADNORS *Min. Waters* 299 The water..tastes saltish, like weak sea water. 1875 CROLL *Climate & T.* vi. 108 Thus we have a surface current of saltish water from the poles to-wards the equator.

Hence **Sa·ltishly** *adv.* (1828–32 Webster).

Saltishness (sɔ·ltiʃnės). [f. as prec. + -NESS.] The quality or state of being saltish.

1562 TURNER *Bathes* 9 The water..semeth to shewe a littel saltishnes. 1625 N. CARPENTER *Geog. Del.* II. v. (1635) 75 Those which defend the saltishnesse to bee accidentall. 1686 W. HARRIS tr. *Lemery's Course Chem.* (ed. 2) 12 The waters of the Sea may be said to receive their saltishness from nothing else but this Salt dissolved in them. 1747 tr. *Astruc's Fevers* 184 The saltishness is owing to the evaporation of the serosity of the mouth.

† Sa·ltitant, *a. Obs. rare*[−1]. [ad. late L. *saltitant-em*, pres. pple. of *saltitāre*, frequent. of *saltāre* (see SALTATE).] Leaping or springing.

1654 GAYTON *Pleas. Notes* II. iii. 41 Which Goat-provisions were most agreeable with their Errant bodies, which were alwaies saltitant, passant or currant.

Saltless (sɔ·ltlės), *a.* [f. SALT *sb.*[1] + -LESS. Cf. Du. *zouteloos*, G. *salzlos*, with sense 2.]

1. Without salt; unsalted.

1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* XIX. lxxiv. (1495) 905 Salt-lesse chese is moost nourysshynge and moysteth the body. 1658 SIR T. BROWNE *Pseud. Ep.* II. v. 96 He that hath be-held what quantity of lead the test of saltless ashes will imbibe. 1666 BOYLE *Orig. Formes & Qual.* 414 [He] took the Earth to be quite Saltlesse. 1823 BYRON *Island* III. iii, Its bounding crystal..gush'd from cliff to crag with saltless spray. 1863 *W. Smith's Dict. Bible* III. 1096/2 (*Salt*), It was the belief of the Jews that salt would, by exposure to the air.., become saltless. 1905 *Punch* 25 Oct. 290/1 It is the landsman's lusty throat That rends to-day a saltless air.

2. *fig.* Lacking piquancy, poignancy, interest, or liveliness; insipid, 'flat'.

1633 T. ADAMS *Exp.* 2 *Peter* ii. 8 A heavy and saltless oration is insufferable to a quick hearer. *a* 1658 CLEVELAND *Agst. Ale* iv. Poems (1687) 305 Saltless and galless be thy Curse. 1874 LISLE CARR *Jud. Gwynne* I. iii. 73 It promises to afford a slight pungency of flavour to my tasteless life in this saltless wilderness. 1885 D. C. MURRAY *Rainbow Gold* III. 219 The days went by, saltless, lifeless.

Hence **Sa·ltlessness.**

1682 BOYLE in R. Fitzgerald *Salt-Water Sweetened* 16 The main thing of all that convinced me of the Saltlessness of the Water I speak of.

Sa·lt-lick. [LICK *sb.* 2.] A place where cattle collect to lick the earth impregnated with salt.

1751 [see LICK *sb.* 2]. 1764 *Museum Rust.* II. lxiv. 209 We give this name of salt licks to the salt springs, which, in various places, issue naturally out of the ground, and form each a little rill. 1767 HUNTER in *Phil. Trans.* LVIII. 39 The marsh, called the Salt-Lick, near the River Ohio. 1847 W. C. L. MARTIN *Ox* 10/2 They visit the salt-licks, and are there to be found at all seasons of the year; some leaving the saline morass, others travelling towards it.

Saltly (sɔ·ltli), *adv.* [f. SALT *a.*[1] + -LY 2.] With the taste or smell of salt.

1736 AINSWORTH *Eng.-Lat. Dict.*, Saltly, *salse*. 1817 J. MITCHELL *First Lines Sci.* 63 Saltly bitter, saltly cool-ing. 1865 *Cornh. Mag.* XI. 354 The winds That whistle saltly south from Polar seas. 1903 *Blackw. Mag.* Aug. 237/1 A sickly yellow spume that saltly stank.

Sa·lt-ma·ker. [Cf. Du. *zoutmaker*, G. *salzmacher*.] A manufacturer of salt.

1483 *Cath. Angl.* 317/2 A Salte makere, *salinator*. 1591 PERCIVALL *Sp. Dict., Salinero*, a salt maker. 1614 PURCHAS *Pilgrimage* v. x. 493 The *Betua* are Salt-makers. 1707 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 4373/4 Thomas Elmes, late of Milford in the County of Southampton, Salt-maker. 1807 P. GASS *Jrnl.* 179 About noon Captain Clarke with 14 men came to the salt-makers camp. 1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 233/1 The warping or buckling, the scaling, and the formation of 'cats', ..arising from leaks in the pan, are perhaps among the worst annoyances of the saltmakers. 1892 *Labour Commission* Gloss., *Salt Makers*, term embracing all the men directly engaged in the manufacture of white salt from brine.

So **Sa·lt-ma·king,** the manufacture of salt; † also *pl.*, salt-works.

1534 *Lett. Suppress. Monast.* (Camden) 281 The chargys that belongythe to the salte makyng. 1611 COTGR., *Salaison*, Salt-making. *a* 1647 HABINGTON *Surv. Worcs.* in *Proc. Worcs. Hist. Soc.* II. 297 Some of meaner ranck had and have salt-makings heere. 1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 234/1 Saltmaking is by no means an unhealthy trade.

attrib. 1823 in Cobbett *Rur. Rides* (1885) I. 319 There are no excisemen in these salt-making places in France.

Sa·lt-marsh. [SALT *a.*[1]: cf. G. *salzmarsch*.] Marsh overflowed or flooded by the sea; *spec.* one in which the sea water is collected for the manufactnre of salt. (Cf. SALTING 3.)

c 1000 *Ags. Ps.* (Th.) cvi. 33 He þa weaxendan wende eorðan on sealtne mersc [Vulg. *in salsuginem*]. [So: *a* 1300 *E. E. Psalter* cvi. 34 Stremes in wildernes sete he..In salt-mersche land fruitberande. *a* 1325 *Prose Psalter* cvi[i]. 33 Saltmerche.] 14.. *Tretyce* in *W. of Henley's Husb.* (1890) 53 Good kyne go in good pasture off salt maries. 1583 in *Collect.* (O. H. S.) I. 234 If any lands or salt marsh are reclaimed from the sea. 1686 *Plymouth Col. Rec.* (1856) VI. 183 It is ordered, that Patience..shall haue..the vse of about two acres of salt marish att the island. 1725 *Fam. Dict., Salt-marsh*, a sort of Grazing Ground near the Sea, which is commonly very rich land. 1728 CHAMBERS *Cycl.* s.v. *Salt*, Low Marshy Grounds, disposed by Nature for the Reception of the Sea-waters when the Tide swells, and provided with Banks and Sluices to retain the same, are called a Salt-marsh. 1828 J. E. SMITH *Eng. Flora* II. 95 In muddy salt-marshes. 1832 TENNYSON *Mariana in the South* 9 Down in the dry salt-marshes stood That house darklatticed.

b. *attrib.*, in specific names of plants and animals found on salt marshes.

1855 T. R. JONES *Anim. Kingd.* (ed. 2) 462 The salt-marsh shrimp, *Artemia salinus*. 1861 MISS PRATT *Flower. Pl.* I. 198 The Salt-marsh Club rush (*Scirpus maritimus*). 1872 *Proc. Amer. Philos. Soc.* XII. 475 The salt-marsh terrapin.

Saltness [1] (sɔ·ltnės). [f. SALT *a.*[1] + -NESS.]

1. The property or state of being salt; the condition of being impregnated with salt.

In OE. only quasi-concr. transl. L. *salsilago, salsugo.*

c 825 *Vesp. Psalter* cvi. 34 Sette..eorðan westembere in salt-nisse. [So Wycl. (1388) saltnesse; Vulg. *posuit..terram fructiferam in salsilaginem* or *salsuginem*.] 1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) I. 265 Þe rootes mowe not take depnesse and fat-nesse for saltnesse of þe erþe. 1388 WYCLIF *Jer.* xvii. 6 He schal dwelle in drynesse in desert, in the lond of saltnesse. 1422 tr. *Secreta Secret., Priv. Priv.* 208 By the tonge we felen the dyuersite of Sauores, Swetnes and bittyrnesse, Saltnesse and egyrnesse. 1551 ROBINSON tr. *More's Utop.* II. vi. (1895) 187 The ebbinge, flowinge, and saltenes of the sea. *a* 1625 FLETCHER, etc. *Fair Maid Inn* II. i, If I had buried him in a wave at sea,..I would not to the saltnesse of his grave Have added the last teare. 1676 COLLINS in Rigaud *Corr. Sci. Men* (1841) II. 454 Being troubled with a scorbutic humour, or saltness of blood. 1764 E. MOXON *Eng. Housew.* 103 Boil them [some herrings] as soft as you would do for eating, and shift them in the boiling to take out the saltness. 1832 DE LA BECHE *Geol. Man.* (ed. 2) 5 The superior salt-ness of the Mediterranean..is attributed to the evaporation of its surface. 1883 F. M. CRAWFORD *Dr. Claudius* viii, The delicious sense of saltness and freedom one feels on the deck of a good ship.

2. Piquancy, poignancy.

1612 BACON *Ess., Discourse* (Arb.) 17 Men ought to finde the difference betweene saltnesse and bitternesse. 1896 *Westm. Gaz.* 27 Apr. 3/1 By reliance on beauty shows, variety turns, or saltness of dialogue.

Sa·ltness [2]. *rare*[−0]. [f. SALT *a.*[2]] Lecher-ousness, salacity.

1611 COTGR., *Chaude-colle*, saltnesse, leacherousnesse.

Saltorel (sæ·ltŏrĕl). *Her.* [app. ad. OF. **saltorel*, dim. of *saltoir* SALTIRE.] (See quots.)

1780 EDMONDSON *Heraldry* II. Gloss., *Saltorels*, the same as Saltiers. 1894 *Parker's Gloss. Her.* 518 The term *saltorel* is sometimes used when three or more saltires occur, but it is hardly required.

Sa·ltory. Alteration of SALTARY after L. *saltātōrium* SALTATORY *sb.*[2]

1867 E. P. SHIRLEY *Eng. Deer Parks* viii. 179 This right of saltory or deer-leap was once not uncommon.

Saltou, obs. f. *shalt thou*: see SHALL.

Saltoyre, obs. form of SALTIRE.

Sa·lt-pan. [Cf. Du. *zoutpan*, G. *salzpfanne*.]

a. (Usually *pl.*) A shallow depression near the sea into which sea-water is allowed to flow, where it evaporates, leaving a deposit of salt; in Africa, applied (after Du. *zoutpan*) to dried-up salt lakes or marshes. **b.** A shallow vessel in which brine is evaporated in salt-making; *pl.*, a salt-works.

1493 *Newminster Cartul.* (Surtees) 195, iiij salt pannes standynge vp on the north syde of y^e^ water of Blyth. 1533 BELLENDEN *Livy* App. (S.T.S.) II. 265 *note*, Salynis ar callit certane places besyd þe se quhair þe salt is made. We call þame salt pannys. 1573 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* II. 265 Havand commissioun of the rest of awnars of the salt pannis of Dysert. 1708 J. C. *Compl. Collier* (1845) 11 The best Coals are best for the Salt Pans and Salt too, and make most and best Salt. 1748 BROWNRIGG *Art of Making Salt* 52 The salt pans are made of an oblong form, flat at the bottom, with the sides erected at right angles. 1785 G. FORSTER tr. *Sparrman's Voy. Cape G. Hope* II. 14 A good mile and a half from the river, we met with the capital *Zout-pan*, or Salt-pan. 1857 LIVINGSTONE *Trav.* iv. 78 In every salt-pan in the country there is a spring of water on one side. 1883 F. DAY *Indian Fish* 9 (Fish. Exhib. Publ.) The salt used there costing about threepence per 82½ lb. weight, whereas in the contiguous British territory it stood at the salt-pans at about four shillings.

Saltpetre (sɔ̆ltpī·tər). Also 6-9 (now *U.S.*) **-peter**, 6 **petir**, **-ur**, 7 **-ar**, 6-7 **peeter**. [Alteration of SALPETRE after SALT *sb.*[1] (see sense 5 b).]

1. Potassium nitrate; = NITRE *sb.* 1 b. *Chili* or *cubic saltpetre*: sodium nitrate.

Saltpetre is a white crystalline substance having a saline taste; it is the chief constituent of gunpowder, and is used medicinally.

1501-2 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* II. 139 For ij pund salt petir to the leich. 1528-9 *Rec. St. Mary at Hill* 347 The tyme that the kyng caused Salte peter to be made in the said house. 1590 GREENE *Never too late* (1600) 21 Like Saltpeeter, that fiereth at the first, and yet proueth but a flash. 1612 WOODALL *Surg. Mate* Wks. (1653) 209 Salt-Peeter..is of excellent use for medicine. 1669 STURMY *Mariner's Mag.* v. xii. 80 The Shot is driven forth..by the Air's exaltation, or Wind, caused through the Salt-Peter. 1722 *Phil. Trans.* (abr. ed.) III. 371 The pendent Rocks were glazed with Salt Peter. 1768 BOSWELL *Corsica* I. (ed. 2) 52 There are also mines of allum, and of salt-petre, in several parts of Corsica. 1837 M. DONOVAN *Dom. Econ.* II. 241 On account of the property which saltpetre possesses of giving a pleasing redness to beef, it is always an ingredient in the brine with which meat is preserved. 1846 GREENER *Sci. Gunnery* 21 Gunpowder is an explosive propellant compound, consisting of saltpetre or nitre, charcoal, and sulphur. 1877 [see CUBIC *a.* 2 b]. 1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 235/2 A large quantity of saltpetre is now prepared from Chili saltpetre, the nitrate of soda.

†**b.** *Oil of saltpetre* [? error for *oil of* PETRE]: petroleum. *Spirits of saltpetre*: nitric acid. *Obs.*

1685 BOYLE *Salubr. Air* 95 The Spirits of Salt-peter will readily corrode silver. 1692 in *Capt. Smith's Seaman's Gram.* II. xxxi. 144 Fill these with good Powder dust, moistned with Oyle of Salt-Peter.

2. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *saltpetre-boiler*, *-boiling*, *cave*, *crystal*, *earth*, *-maker*, *work(s)*, *-worker*; **saltpetre flour** (see quot.); **saltpetre house**, (*a*) a building in which saltpetre is made or stored; (*b*) = F. *la Salpêtrière*, a hospital for aged and infirm women at Paris; formerly a prison for women; **saltpetre-lye**, 'a liquid obtained by the treatment of saltpetre with water' (*Syd. Soc. Lex.* 1897); †**saltpetre man**, a man appointed to find saltpetre for the manufacture of gunpowder; **saltpetre paper** = TOUCH-PAPER; **saltpetre rot**, white efflorescence which forms on new or damp walls, caused by saltpetre working through to the surface; †**saltpetre salt** (see quot. 1683).

1580 *Faversham Par. Reg.* (MS.), Edward Hale, a *saltpeeter boyller. 1683 PETTUS *Fleta Min.* I. 333 Some Salt-Petre Boylers (who sell the raw unpurified Earth-Petre). *Ibid.* 338 A true large Instruction of the *Salt-Peter boyling. 1868 *Rep. U.S. Commissioner Agric.* (1869) 307 *Saltpeter Caves in the South. 1878 GURNEY *Crystallogr.* 7 These beautiful rods which we call *saltpetre crystals. 1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* I. Index, *Saltpetre earth good for plants. 1699 DAMPIER *Voy.* II. II. i. 8 Probably there may be Salt-Petre-Earth in other Places. 1848 *Knapp's Chem. Technol.* I. 373 The saltpetre is obtained as a snow-white powder, consisting of fine crystalline needles—' *saltpetre-flour'. 1683 PETTUS *Fleta Min.* I. 340 The fore-part of the *Salt-Petre House, wherein the Lee Tubs do stand. 1767 *Ann. Reg.* 77 A woman..condemned..to be branded and confined to the saltpetre-house for nine years. 1683 PETTUS *Fleta Min.* I. 321 How the weak *Salt-Petre Lee is to be made richer and boil'd to greater profit. 1799 G. SMITH *Laboratory* I. 49 Saw-dust, boiled in saltpetre-lye. 1611 COTGR., *Salpestrier*, a Salt-peter-man, or *Salt-peter-maker. 1843 *Civ. Eng. & Arch. Jrnl.* VI. 424/1 In 1627 the saltpetre-makers were authorized to take away the ground of all dove-houses, stables, lairs, or other places where cattle were kept. 1578 *Acts Privy Council Eng.* XXVIII. 382 For chardges of William Shill and John Tyrret, *saltpeter-men. 1589 NASHE *Martins Months Minde* Ep. Ded., Wks. (Grosart) I. 147 That haue chosen a Saltpetre man for their foreman, and a gunne powder house..for their printing shop. 1617 MIDDLETON & ROWLEY *Fair Quarrel* I. I, They are saltpetre-men...And they bring commission, the king's power indeed. *a* 1691 BOYLE *Hist. Air* (1692) 43 We seldom find Salt-peter in the earth, but that there is sea-salt mixed with it, which puts the salt-peter-men to a great deal of trouble to separate it. 1832 BREWSTER *Nat. Magic* xiii. 320 The heat of the wire is always sufficient to kindle a piece of German fungus or *saltpetre paper. 1848 *Knapp's Chem. Technol.* I. 351 A floccular, white, crystalline efflorescence..which is called *salt-peter rot. 1682 J. COLLINS *Salt & Fishery* 126 *Salt-Petre Salt as to goodness hath no great Repute. 1683 PETTUS *Fleta Min.* I. 337 The black or grey Salt-Petre Salt, which is found (in boyling Salt-petre) below in the Kettle and slender Tub. 1753 CHAMBERS *Cycl. Supp.* s.v. *Mortar*, The finest of all kinds of Mortar for *salt-petre work, is such as is had from the ruins of old buildings in a low situation. *Ibid.*, The *salt-petre workers in France using the Mortar of old buildings.

b. quasi-*adj.* Explosive.

1598 E. GUILPIN *Skiat.* C 3, Tearms of quick Camphire & Salt-peeter phrases.

Hence **Saltpe·treing**, the formation of saltpetre rot; †**Saltpe·trish**, †**-pe·trous** *adjs.*, pertaining to, of the nature of, or impregnated with, saltpetre.

1662 J. DAVIES tr. *Mandelslo's Trav.* 84 Their Salt-petrous Earth. 1683 PETTUS *Fleta Min.* I. 322 The .. Clay of very old Walls..where the Earth it self is Salt-Petrish. 1885 *Spons' Mech. Own Bk.* 602 The surfaces of walls are often covered with an efflorescence of an unsightly character, formed by a process known as 'saltpetreing'.

Sa·lt-pit. A pit where salt is obtained.

1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* XVI. xciv. (Bodl. MS.), [It] is somtyme idrawe oute of salte pittes and isode. 1535 COVERDALE *Zeph.* ii. 9 Moab shalbe as Sodome, and Ammon as Gomorra: euen drie thorne hedges, salt pittes and a perpetuall wyldernes. 1560 DAUS tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* 338 b, The daye before he died, he released the customes which he had imposed upon Salt pits. 1625 PURCHAS *Pilgrims* III. I. i. 3 Out of those Salt-pits Baatu and Sartach haue great Reuenues. 1769 FALCONER *Dict. Marine* (1789), *Salt-pits*, reservoirs on a coast, to contain sea-water for the purposes of making salt. 1889 *Helps Study Bible* xlii. 125 A ridge of salt-rock runs into that sea [*i. e.* the Dead Sea], and there are salt-pits, and a plain of salt.

Sa·lt-pond. A natural or artificial pond into which sea-water is run in order to be evaporated: cf. SALT-PAN a.

1697 DAMPIER *Voy.* I. 49 On the South side .. is a good Salt-pond, where Dutch Sloops come for Salt. 1748 *Anson's Voy.* I. vi. 69 We..sent an Officer on shore to the salt-pond .. to procure a quantity of salt. 1836 EARL CARNARVON *Portugal & Gallicia* II. 38 The salt-ponds, which are situated in the immediate neighbourhood of the sea. 1883 MOLONEY *W. African Fisheries* 48 (Fish. Exhib. Publ.) The many 'salt ponds' [*Note*, Brackish inlets or salt-water lakes] adjacent to the African coast line.

Salt rheum. [See SALT *a.*[1] 1 h.]

†**1.** An irritating discharge of mucus from the nose; a running cold. *Obs.*

1590 SHAKS. *Com. Err.* III. ii. 131. 1604 — *Oth.* III. iv. 51, I haue a salt and sorry Rhewme offends me.

2. *U.S.* **a.** A popular name for 'almost all the non-febrile cutaneous eruptions which are common among adults, except perhaps ringworm and itch' (Webster 1854).

1828-32 WEBSTER (citing MINER). 1855 DUNGLISON *Dict. Med., Rheum, Salt*, a popular name..for various cutaneous affections of the eczematous and herpetic forms more especially. [Also in recent U. S. dicts.]

b. *attrib.* **Salt-rheum weed**, *Chelone glabra*, which is supposed to be a remedy for herpes.

1846-50 A. WOOD *Class-bk. Bot.* 400.

Saltry, obs. form of PSALTERY.

†**Sa·lt-stone.** *Obs.* [OE. *sealtstán*: see SALT *sb.*[1] and STONE *sb.* Cf. Du. *zoutsteen*, MHG. *salzsteyn* (G. *-stein*), ON. *saltsteinn*.]

1. Rock-salt; a mass of rock-salt.

In early use chiefly in allusions to the fate of Lot's wife.

a 1000 *Cædmon's Gen.* 2564 (Gr.) Heo ou sealtstanes sona wurde anlicnesse æfre siððan. *c* 1000 *Sax. Leechd.* I. 374 Genim zeoluwne stan & salt stan & pipor. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 2855 In a salt stan men seis hir stand. *c* 1475 *Pict. Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 768/2 *Hic cautes*, a salt-stone. 1535 FISHER *Wayes to perfect Religion* Wks. (1876) 370. 1585 HIGINS *Junius' Nomencl.* 409 *Sal natiuus vel fossilis*,..Salt naturall, or that is digged out of the earth: saltstone. 1677 PLOT *Oxfordsh.* 37 Besides its saltness it [*sc.* the water] has such a stink, that it equals the salt stone. 1680 MORDEN *Geog. Rect., Hungary* (1685) 94 The colour of the Saltstone is somewhat gray.

attrib. 1638 JUNIUS *Paint. Ancients* 91 The woman..keeping still her old posture in the same salt-stone image.

2. A salt-cat for pigeons.

1425 in Kennett *Par. Antiq.* (1818) II. 255, i saltstone empt. pro columbario. 1584 in Rogers *Agric. & Prices* VI. 575/1, 4 saltstones for the dovecot @ 2/9. 1646 SIR T. BROWNE *Pseud. Ep.* III. xxii. 165 Pigeons delight in salt stones.

Saltsage, obs. form of SAUSAGE.

†**Sa·ltuary.** *Obs.* [ad. med.L. *saltuāri-us*, f. *saltus* woodland, forest-pasture.] (See quot.)

1674 BLOUNT *Glossogr.* (ed. 4), *Saltuary*, a Forrester, Woodward, or Ranger.

†**Sa·lture.** *Obs.* [ad. mod.L. *saltūra*, f. *salt-*, *salire* to leap.] (See quot.)

1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr.*, *Salture*, a leaping or dancing.

Saltus (sæ·ltŭs). [L. = leap.] A 'leap' or sudden transition; a breach of continuity.

1665 HOOKE *Microgr.* 228 No Experiment yet known to prove a Saltus, or skipping from one degree of rarity to another. 1875 WHITNEY *Life Lang.* xiv. 291 These would be the real analogues of speech, and would bridge the saltus of which some are so afraid,

Salt water, *sb.* and *a.* [SALT *a.*[1] Cf. LG. *salt-wat(t)er*, MDu. *sout-water*, G. *salz-wasser*.]

A. *sb.* (stressed *sa·lt-water*). Water impregnated with salt; sea-water.

a 1000 *Ags. Ps.* (Th.) lxxvi. 13 Swez micel sealtera wætera. *c* 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 151 Đe wop þe man wepeð for his azene sinne is swiðe biter alse saltwater. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 441/1 Salt water, or see water, *Nereis*. 1497 *Naval Acc. Hen. VII* (1896) 129 Gonnepoudre wett in saltwater. 1530 PALSGR. 265/1 Saltewater, *saulmevre*. 1580 LYLY *Euphues* (Arb.) 296, I laboured DO otherwise, then..he that hauing sore eyes rubbeth them with salt water. 1610 HOLLAND *Camden's Brit.* (1637) 268 Salt-waters, out of which they boile salt. 1669 WORLIDGE *Syst. Agric.* 5 By watering the place with brine or Salt water. 1706 E. WARD *Wooden World Disc.* (1708) 8 Seeing his Spot of Territory incircl'd with Salt-water. 1841 *Penny Cycl.* XX. 368/2 Hot parts of the world where the soil is saline or there is salt water in the vicinity.

fig. a 1450 MYRC *Festial* xxvii. 120 When he passyth þrogh þe salt-watyr of payne of deþe.

b. Applied humorously to tears. (See SALT *sb.*[1] 2 e.)

c 1400 *Laud Troy Bk.* 15694 He wepis..Many a tere of salt watir. 1592 SHAKS. *Rom. & Jul.* III. iii. 71 How much salt water throwne away in wast, To season Loue that of it doth not tast. 1612 WEBSTER *White Devil* K, 'Faith, for some few howers salt water will runne most plentifully in euery Office o' th Court. 1833 L. RITCHIE *Wand. by Loire* 128 Let us hear what all this salt water is about.

c. Applied to the sea. Hence, a jocular form of address to a sailor.

1839 H. AINSWORTH *Jack Sheppard* I. vi. 111 'Hark'ee, Ben', said the old sailor,..'you may try, but dash my timbers if you'll ever cross the Thames to-night'. 'And why not, old saltwater?' inquired Ben. 1843 MARRYAT *M. Violet* xv, When this sun will have disappeared behind the salt-water.

B. *attrib.* as *adj.* (stressed *sa·lt-water*). Of, pertaining to, consisting of, or living in salt water.

1528 *Lett. & Pap. Hen. VIII*, IV. II. 2232 The warffs gittes and saltwater bancks, beginning at Calais and continuing to Graveling. 1601 SHAKS. *Twel. N.* V. i. 72 Notable Pyrate, thou salt-water Theefe. 1796 WITHERING *Brit. Plants* (ed. 3) IV. 129 Salt water ditches between Greenwich and Woolwich. 1810 SCOTT *Let. to Miss J. Baillie* 19 July in *Lockhart*, The salt-water loch called Loch an Gaoil. 1858 O. W. HOLMES *Aut. Breakf.-t.* i, It does not follow that I wish to be pickled in brine because I like a salt-water plunge at Nahant. 1859 DARWIN *Orig. Spec.* xii. 384 Salt-water fish can with care be slowly accustomed to live in fresh water. 1892 GUNTER *Miss Dividends* I. iv, The train..crossing the Harlem, skirts that pretty little salt water river.

b. In specific names of sea animals.

1828 SIR H. DAVY *Salmonia* (1840) 72 The salt-water louse adheres to his sides. 1888 GOODE *Amer. Fishes* 405 The bluefish, which is called the 'Salt water Tailor'. 1892 *Chamb. Encycl.* s.v. *Terrapin*, The terrapin *par excellence* is the *Malaeoclemmys palustris*, the diamond-back salt-water terrapin.

Hence **Salt-watery** *a.*

1812 *Sporting Mag.* XL. 167 All very greasy, blowsy, dabby, dusty, salt-watery, and so on.

Sa·lt-well. [OE. **sealtwielle*, *-wylle* (Northumb. *-wælle*).] A salt spring, well, or pit; now, a bored well from which brine is obtained for salt-making.

c 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* Prol. 2 Of saltwælla ðone æne in-dranc. [1042 in Kemble *Cod. Dipl.* IV. 70 Þer ofer ða stræt æfter ðam gemære in saltwyllan; of saltwyllan in segchæma gemær.] 1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* XIX. liii. (1495) 894 Some lycoure comyth of veynes of the erth; as water of salt welles. *a* 1647 HARINGTON *Surv. Worcs.* in *Proc. Worcs. Hist. Soc.* II. 296 The freashe water with exceedynge fluddes overflowethe the banckes and for a season drownethe the saltwells. 1656 SMITH & WEBB *Vale-Royal Engl.* I. 19 The Salt-wells, which they call Brine-pits; out of the which, they make yearly a great quantity of fine white Salt. 1756 C. LUCAS *Ess. Waters* II. 30 Salt was..made in Cappadocia from salt wells. 1848 *Knapp's Chem. Technol.* I. 260 Salt wells..are..frequently found ready formed in nature, wherever a spring, during its course, has come in contact with a bed of rock-salt. 1892 JACKSON in Lee *Hist. Columbus* (Ohio) I. 791 While working in the saltwells of Virginia.

Hence †**Saltweller**, one who works at salt-wells.

1624 *Maldon, Essex, Borough Deeds* Bundle 108 If. 2 Samwell Smyth, saltweller.

Sa·lt-works. Formerly also **-work.** [Cf. G. *salzwerk*.] A salt manufactory.

1565 ABP. PARKER *Corr.* (Parker Soc.) 258 Your letters requesting timber and firewood for your salt-works. 1674 BOYLE *Saltness of Sea* 29 A friend of mine that is Master of a Salt-work. 1697 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 3307/4 At the Salt-Works of Samuel Acton in Namptwich. 1712-13 SWIFT *Jrnl. to Stella* 21 Feb., Griffin..says he knows nothing of a salt-work at Recton. 1796 MORSE *Amer. Geog.* II. 242 Gallicia..is famous for its immense salt-works at Wielitzka. 1848 *Knapp's Chem. Technol.* I. 261 The salt-works at Salzhausen.

Sa·ltwort. *Bot.* [prob. after Du. *zoutkruid*; cf. G. *salzkraut*.] A name for several maritime and salt-marsh plants. Cf. GLASSWORT.

1. Any plant of the genus *Salsola*, spec. *S. Kali* (Common or Prickly Saltwort); = KALI 1.

1568 TURNER *Herbal* III. 37 Kali..hath no name in English...But lest this herbe shoulde be without a name, it maye be called Saltwurt, because it is salt in taste. 1671 SKINNER *Etymol. Ling. Angl., Bot., Salt-wort*, Kali. 1712 tr. *Pomet's Hist. Drugs* I. 101 A Plant..which the Botanists call Kali, and we Salt-wort. 1820 CRABBE *Borough* I. 41 Here sampire-banks and salt-wort bound the flood. 1828 J. E. SMITH *Eng. Flora* II. 18 *Salsola fruticosa*. Shrubby Saltwort. 1862 ANSTED *Channel Isl.* II. viii. 177 The salt-wort or glass-wort (*Salsola kali*), grows freely on most of the shores. 1884 [see KALI 1].

2. Black Saltwort, *Glaux maritima*. = MILKWORT 2.

1597 GERARDE *Herbal* II. clix. 447 Of blacke Salt woort.

1760 J. Lee *Introd. Bot.* App. 326. 1861 Miss Pratt *Flower. Pl.* IV. 234 Sea Milkwort, or Black Saltwort. 1867 Sowerby *Eng. Bot.* (ed. 3) VII. 154.

3. A plant of the genus *Salicornia*, esp. *S. herbacea*; = Glasswort a.

1597 [see Glasswort]. 1760 J. Lee *Introd. Bot.* 326. 1785 Martyn *Rousseau's Bot.* xvii. (1794) 233 *note*, Marsh Sampire, called also jointed Glasswort or Saltwort. 1845 Lindley *Sch. Bot.* (ed. 14) 110 b, *Salicornia annua* (Saltwort). 1864 Grisebach *Flora W. Ind. Islands* 787.

Salty (sɔ̄·lti), *a.*[1] [f. Salt *sb.*[1] + -y.]

1. Containing or impregnated with salt; tasting of salt; = Salt *a.*[1] 1.

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 441/1 Salt, or salti..*salsus*. 1563 Hyll *Art Garden.* II. liv. (1608) 133 Infused in warm and salty water for a season. 1634 Sir T. Herbert *Trav.* 65 Sand and salty Desarts. 1657 Tomlinson *Renou's Disp.* 161 Any convenient humour, whether bitter, acerb, salty, or oyly. 1670 W. Simpson *Hydrol. Ess.* 59 This yellow green salty liquor. 1860 R. C. A. Prior *Danish Ball.* I. 5 Launching over the salty sea. 1872 J. Hatton *Valley Poppies* II. i. 27, I smell the salty breath of the wind. 1875 Lanier *Symphony* 222 Her eyes with salty tears are wet. 1889 A. T. Pask *Eyes Thames* 49 From this sandy salty loam is made the best Portland cement.

† 2. Consisting of salt. *Obs. rare.*

1605 Willet *Hexapla Gen.* 219 God could turne a womans bodie into a saltie piller. 1633 T. Adams *Exp.* 2 *Peter* ii. 7 [Lot's wife] was turned into a material salty pillar. 1665 Needham *Med. Medicinæ* 393 If the Salty part becomes extravagant for want of the Spirit and Sulphur to restrain..it.

3. Piquant; racy.

1866 *Athenæum* 10 Mar. 332/2 This..only makes the books more salty; and we must add, that the piquancy is not diminished by [etc.].

† **Sa·lty,** *a.*[2] *Obs.* [f. Salt *sb.*[2] or *a.*[2] + -y.] Of a bitch: In heat.

1603 Sir C. Heydon *Jud. Astrol.* xx. 416 A bitch..is 9. daies saltie, goeth 9. moneths with whelps, and hath her whelps 9. daies blind. 1796 Pegge *Derbicisms* Ser. I. 59 (E.D.S.) *Salty*, of a bitch, when she is proud, or in her heat.

Saltyr, Salu: see Saltire, Salue *v.*

† **Saluberrime,** *a. Obs. rare*—[1]. [ad. L. *salūberrim-us*, superl. of *salūbris*: see Salubrious.] Highly salubrious.

1509 Watson *Ship of Fools* lx. (1517) O v b, All vacabondes.., the which gothe beggynge from dore to dore.. come vnto me and I shall gyue you an almesse saluberryme.

Salubrify (sălū·brifəi), *v. rare.* [f. L. *salūbri-s* (see next) + -fy.] *trans.* To render salubrious.

1842 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* III. II. 407 The rain..washes out from the subsoil those noxious ingredients.., sweetens and salubrifies it to the depth of the drains.

Salubrious (sălū·briəs), *a.* [f. L. *salūbri-s* (f. *salū-s* health) + -ous.] Favourable or conducive to health.

a. Of food, medicine, etc. Now *rare.*

1547 Boorde *Brev. Health* 121 b, I myghte here shewe of many salubrious medecines. 1667 Flavel *Saint Indeed* (1754) 121 The Unicorn's horn..in the Apothecaries shop, where it is made salubrious or medicinal. 1709 W. King *Art of Love* VIII. 1065 Give the salubrious draughts with your own hand; Persuasion has the force of a command. 1748 *Anson's Voy.* II. viii. 220 A species of food so very palatable and salubrious as turtle. 1842 A. Combe *Physiol. Digestion* (ed. 4) 341 The more slowly they [ices] are eaten, the more refreshing and salubrious will they become. 1871 Napheys *Prev. & Cure Dis.* I. ii. 68 Fish. In the hot months all kinds are less salubrious than in cold weather.

b. Of air, climate, places, etc.

1615 G. Sandys *Trav.* 8 The forraine merchants here (Zacynthus) resident..by their frequent deaths do disprove the aire to be so salubrious as is reported. 1774 Pennant *Tour Scotl. in* 1772, 175 In summer the air is remarkably salubrious. 1807 G. Chalmers *Caledonia* I. I. iv. 164 The Roman officers seem to have had many villas along its salubrious shore. 1833 Ht. Martineau *Berkeley the Banker* I. i. 3 Foreseeing the possibility of his having four or five Masters Cavendish as boarders in his salubrious..establishment. 1875 Browning *Inn Album* 2 Hail calm acclivity, salubrious spot!

c. Of an occupation. *rare.*

1675 Worlidge *Syst. Agric.* xii. (ed. 2) 253 Angling; a moderate, innocent, salubrious, and delightful exercise.

d. Of physiological processes: = Salutary.

1855 Ramsbotham *Obstetr. Med.* 70 The salubrious change which the fœtal blood undergoes, is accomplished in the placental mass.

e. *transf.* and *fig.*

1659 Hammond *On Ps.* xcvii. 485 Dispensed by the divine providence for many salubrious and beneficial ends. 1737 Thomson *To Mem. Ld. Talbot* 147 In Senates, He to Freedom firm, Enlighten'd Freedom, plann'd salubrious Laws. *a* 1780 H. Blair *Serm.* II. 31 If that fountain [the heart] be once poisoned, you can never expect that salubrious streams will flow from it. 1809 Campbell *Gertr. Wyom.* I. ix, And dwells in day-light truth's salubrious skies No form with which the soul may sympathise? 1855 Lanoor *Imag. Conv., A. Pollio & L. Calvus* ii. Wks. 1876 II. 443 Religions, like the sun, take their course from east to west: traversing the globe, they are not all equally temperate, equally salubrious; they dry up some lands, and inundate others.

Hence **Salu·briously** *adv.*; **Salu·briousness.**

1677 W. Hubbard *Narrative* 1 In the..salubriousness of the Air..most resembling the Country from whence it borrowed its appellation. 1790 Burke *Fr. Rev.* 238 Does not the sweat of the mason and carpenter..flow as pleasantly and as salubriously, in the construction and repair of the majestic edifices of religion, as in the painted booths and sordid sties of vice and luxury. 1888 *Schaff's Encycl. Relig. Knowl.* 1391 The salubriousness of their climate.

Salubrity (sălū·briti). [ad. L. *salūbritās*, f. *salūbri-s* Salubrious.]

1. The quality of being salubrious or healthful.

a. Of the air, a country, etc.

1432–50 tr. *Higden* (Rolls) I. 75 Paradise..hath salubrite [orig. *Habet enim salubritatem*] and wholsomnesse. 1604 R. Cawdrey *Table Alph., Salubritie*, wholesomeness. 1685 Boyle (*title*) An Experimental Discourse of some unheeded Causes of the Insalubrity and Salubrity of the Air. 1767 *Byron's Voy. rd. World* 57 The salubrity of the air had a surprizing effect in strengthening both the appetite and digestion. 1799 *Monthly Rev.* XXX. 400 In many instances, salubrity will be promoted by inclosures. 1870 Yeats *Nat. Hist. Comm.* I. ii. 12 Penzance and Torquay, in mildness and salubrity, resemble Madeira. 1876 A. J. Evans *Through Bosnia* ii. 73 This decrease of salubrity is attributed..to the great destruction of forests.

† b. Of food, etc.: Wholesomeness. *Obs. rare.*

1620 Venner *Via Recta* iii. 69 The heart of a fat Calfe is for pleasantnes of taste,..and salubrity of iuyce, the best. 1733 Tull *Horse-hoeing Husb.* v. (Dublin) 41 What can we say then to the Salubrity of those Roots themselves, bred up and fatten'd amongst these Toads and Corruption?

† c. *fig. Obs.*

c 1643 *Observ. his Maj. late Answ. & Expresses* 8 A.. proofe of the integrity, and salubrity of that publick advice.

¶ 2. Healthy condition, health. (Also *fig.*) *rare.*

1654 [see Salvifical *a.*]. 1786 *Pogonologia* 58 This bushy hair on man's face must have an influence on the salubrity of the neighbouring parts. 1822–34 *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 4) II. 63 The feet..ulcerated and healed, with a speedy return of general salubrity.

Salud, var. pa. t. of Salue *v. Obs.*

‖ **Saludador.** Spanish form of Salutator.

1685 Evelyn *Diary* 16 Sept.

† **Salue',** *sb. Obs. rare.* Also salew. [a. OF. *salu* (in mod.Fr. written *salut*: see Salute *sb.*[1]) = Sp. *saludo*, It. *saluto*, a Com. Rom. vbl. sb. f. *salūtāre* Salute *v.*] A salutation.

c 1430 Lydg. *Min. Poems* (Percy Soc.) 8 They..Goyng owtward gave the kyng salue [*rime* dewe]. *c* 1450 *Merlin* xxvii. 506 The quene..seide thei were welcome, and thei dide yelde hir a-gein hir salew debonerly. 1485 Caxton *Paris & V.* (1868) 32 Parys rendred hys salewes ayeyn moche humbly.

† **Salue',** *v. Obs.* Forms: 4–5 saluwe, saliewe, salwe, 4–6 salew, 5 salowe, 6 salu, 4–7 salue; *pa. t.* 4 salewede, saluet, 4–5 salu(e)de, salewed, salwed, saluwed, saluyd, 5 salut(e, ? salit, salod, -ud, saylut, salowed, -id, saluid, saluyed, 6 salewd, 4–7 salued. [a. F. *saluer* = Pr., Sp. *saludar*, Pg. *saudar*, It. *salutare*:—L. *salūtāre* to Salute.]

1. *trans.* = Salute *v.*

c 1300 *Harrow. Hell* 868 (MS. Sion) To Ierusalem come on a day Thre prestes of þe Iewery, Tille þe temple held þai streke þe way And saluede þe clergy. *c* 1320 R. Erunne *Medit.* 1076 Anone come petyr, with wepyng chere, And salude Mary and Ion yn fere. *c* 1374 Chaucer *Troylus* II. 1619 (1668) Eleyn in al hire goodly soft wyse Gan hym salue and wommanly to pleye. *c* 1386 — *Frankl. T.* 781 And he saleweth hire with glad entente. 1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) V. 101 þey emperoures þat were to fore hym were i-salwed as iuges. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy.* 4981 þai salut not þat souerain with no sad wordes. *c* 1420 *Sir Amadace* (Camden) xi, Ho sayd, 'Sir, welcum most ȝe be!' A[nd] salit him anon ryȝte [Weber's ed. l. 112 And salod hym anon ryght]. *Ibid.* xxxvii, He saylut him anon ryȝte [Weber 409 Bot salud hym full ryght]. *c* 1430 Lydg. *Min. Poems* (Percy Soc.) 242 The amerous fowlys with motetys and carollys, Salwe that sesoun every morwenyng. *c* 1440 *Gesta Rom.* xxiii. 83 (Harl. MS.) Thei ille doun on kne..and salowid him, as thei aught to do to themperour. 1481 Caxton *Godefroy* xiii. 40 He..salewed hym in the name of the Patriarke ..of Surye. 1502 Arnolde *Chron.* (1811) 159 Salu me highly with honorable salutacions to the honorable Lordis. 1542 Udall *Erasm. Apoph.* 122 Diogenes..salued or hailed hym w^t this verse of homere. 1596 Spenser *F. Q.* IV. vi. 25 Glaucè ..her salewd with seemely bel-accoyle, Joyous to see her safe after long toyle. 1601 Holland *Pliny* II. 297 Euen Tiberius Cæsar..required in that manner to be saluted and wished well vnto, whensoeuer he sneezed.

fig. 1606 Warner *Alb. Eng.* XIV. xci. 369 Great'st Ladies with their women, on their Palfries mounted faire,..Which now in Coches scorne to be salued of the aire.

b. *absol.*

13.. *Gaw. & Gr. Knt.* 1473 þe lady noȝt forȝate, Com to hym to salue. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Pars. T.* P 333 Yet is ther a priuee spece of pride, that waiteth first to be salewed er he wole salewe [*Harl. MS.* to be saluet er he saliewe]. 1596 Drayton *Leg. Cromw.* 827 Peace, the good Porter,..prayes him God to sane, And after saluing, kindly doth demand What was his will.

2. By confusion = *salve*, Save *v.*

1484 Caxton *Fables of Æsop* v. ix, The lyon ansuerd to hym God salewe the swete frend come nyghe me and kysse me.

Salue, written for *salve*, obs. form of Save.

Salufer (sæ·lifəɹ). [irreg. f. L. *salū-s* health (see Salutary) + *-fer* producing.] Silicofluoride of sodium, used as an antiseptic. Hence **Salu·ferize** *v.*, to cleanse or purify with 'salufer'.

1894 *Times* 5 May 6/1 Mr. Thomson, the successor of Playfair..at the Manchester Royal Institution Laboratory. He has a plan of attacking the mud in the bottom of the canal with a powerful antiseptic compounded of sodium, silicon, and fluorine. Salufer the mixture is named. *Ibid.*, It may be requisite to saluferize not only the canal water, but that of the river for some distance higher up. 1905 *Brit. Med. Jrnl.* 27 May 1147 The ear was syringed once or twice daily with a solution of salufer in boiled water.

Salugh, obs. form of Sallow *sb.*

Saluid, var. pa. t. of Salue *v. Obs.*

† **Salu·ing,** *vbl. sb. Obs.* [f. Salue *v.* + -ing[1].] The action of the verb Salue; a salutation.

c 1374 Chaucer *Troylus* II. 1519 (1568) Lat vs of hire saluynges pace. *c* 1386 — *Knt.'s T.* 791 Ther nas no good day ne no saluyng. *c* 1430 *Syr Gener.* (Roxh.) 916 Make him noo privey salewing, But openlie afore hem all Profre youre seruice in the hall. *c* 1489 Caxton *Blanchardyn* v. 23 The knyght, right humbly aod wyth a right lowe voyce,.. rendryd hym ayen his salewyng.

Salumin (sæ·liźmin). [f. Sal(icylate) + (Al)umin(ium).] Salicylate of alnminum used in nose and throat diseases. 1897 in *Syd. Soc. Lex.*

Salure, variant of Saler, salt-cellar.

† **Salus,** *sb. Obs.* Also saluz. [Perh. a. early OF. *saluz*, *salus*, subj.-case sing. or obj.-case pl. of *salu*: see Salue *sb.*] A salutation.

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 388 And wrot mid his owune blode saluz to his leofmon, of luue gretunge. *a* 1400–50 *Alexander* 4647 To Alexander..salus & ioye. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 3640 Let vs send to hom salus solemli by letre, Praiand hom..To helpe vs in hast our harmys to venge. *c* 1450 *St. Cuthbert* (Surtees) 5923 þe schipmen wendys to þe priour, And haylsid him with honour, he said saluz agayne. *c* 1475 *Partenay* 896 The Erle ther saluz yilding ryght goodly Vnto euery man.

† **Salus,** *v. Sc.* and *north. Obs.* Also 5 salose, 6 saluse, saluis. [f. prec. sb.] *trans.* = Salute *v.* Hence **Salusing** *vbl. sb.*, greeting.

1375 Barbour *Bruce* IV. 509 Than went thai to the kyng in hy, And hym salusit full curtasly. *c* 1440 *Gesta Rom.* lxix. 318 (Harl. MS.) And so she come to him, and worshipfully she salusid him. *c* 1450 *St. Cuthbert* (Surtees) 3419 The abbot salust him on hyght. *c* 1470 Henry *Wallace* x. 593 Thar salusyng was bot boustous and thrawin. *c* 1500 *Lancelot* 1309 Nothir of thi salosing, nor the, Ne rak I nocht. 1500–20 Dunbar *Poems* xlvi. 18 With notis glaid..This joyfull merle so salust scho the day. 1528 Lyndesay *Dreme* 149 Me thocht ane lady..Did salus me, with benyng contynance. 1533 Bellenden *Livy* I. vii. (S. T. S.) I. 41 And Incontinent all þe remanent pepil salust him as king and fader of þe romane ciete. *Ibid.* xviii. 105 Scho ..was þe first þat salust him king. 1560 Rolland *Crt. Venus* I. 290 Greit salusingis, with gretingis full of gloir. *Ibid.* II. 37 (He] saluist thame on his best wayis anone.

absol. c 1470 Henry *Wallace* V. 576 Quhen Wallace saw that thai war ma than he, Than did he nocht but salust curtasle.

Salus, salut: see Salute *sb.*[2] *Obs.*

Salut, variant pa. t. of Salue *v. Obs.*

† **Salutaire,** *a. Obs. rare.* Forms: 5 saluter, 6 salutaire. [a. F. *salutaire*, ad. L. *salūtāris* Salutary.] Salutary.

c 1450 *Mirour Saluacioun* 1234 And marie wombe flovred & broght forth ffruyt saluter to mankynde. 1593 A. Hume *Treat. Conscience* v. in *Poems*, etc. (S.T.S.) App. A. 108 Sicknes may be healed, by the application of salutaire medicaments. 1600 J. Hamilton *Facile Traictise* Ep. Ded. 3 For the reduction of dissauit people in maters of religion, to the salutaire vnion..of Christs halie Catholik kirk.

Salutarily (sæ·liŭtărili), *adv.* [f. Salutary *a.* + -ly[2].] In a salutary manner.

1532 R. Copland in *Prymer of Salysbury vse* 27 b, The maner to lyue well, deuoutly and salutarily. 1846 in Worcester (citing *Ed. Rev.*). 1861 Sala *Dutch Pict.* xii. 175 Very many vagrants..were salutarily scourged by the parish constable. 1882–3 *Schaff's Encycl. Relig. Knowl.* 1275 [Lanfranc] says that those who unworthily partake..receive the essence of the body and blood of Christ, without, however, being salutarily affected thereby.

Salutariness (sæ·liŭtărinės). [f. Salutary *a.* + -ness.] The property of being salutary.

1727 Bailey vol. II. 1755 Johnson, *Salutariness*, wholsomeness; quality of contributing to health or safety. 1873 M. Arnold *Lit. & Dogma* (1876) 98 The desire felt by the pious Israelites for some new aspect of religion such as Jesus Christ presented, is..the best proof of its..salutariness. 1879 H. Spencer *Data of Ethics* iii. 41 Insistence on the salutariness of a state in which the wills of slaves and citizens are humbly subject to the wills of masters and rulers.

Salutary (sæ·liŭtări), *a.* (and *sb.*) [ad. F. *salutaire* (see Salutaire) or its source L. *salūtāris*, f. *salūt-em*, *salūs* health, well-being: see -ary[2].]

1. Conducive to health; *chiefly*, serving to promote recovery from disease, or to counteract a deleterious influence.

1649 Jer. Taylor *Gt. Exemp.* I. Ad. § 1. 15 Abana and Pharpar..were not so salutary as the waters of Jordan to cure Naamans leprosie. 1685 Boyle *Eng. Notion Nat.* 225 Experience hath oblig'd Physicians to divide Crises's..into Salutary, that quite deliver the Patient, and Mortal, that destroy him. 1751 Johnson *Rambler* No. 83 P 5 The man that first..climbed the mountains for salutary plants. 1771 Smollett *Humph. Cl.* 8 June, At Brambleton Hall, I.. breathe a clear, elastic, salutary air. 1810 E. D. Clarke *Trav. Russia* xv. (1839) 69/1 When a current sets in from the sea, it [the water of the Sea of Azof] is more salutary. 1872 T. Bryant *Pract. Surg.* 119 When due to plethora of the vessels from any cause, it [*sc.* epistaxis] is often salutary.

2. Conducive to well-being; calculated to bring about a more satisfactory condition, or to remedy some evil; beneficial, 'wholesome'. Often with figurative notion of sense 1.

In early instances often = 'bringing salvation'.

1490 Caxton *Eneydos* xii. 43 Consideringe the waye salutary to reuerte sone her sorrow in to gladnesse. 1541 R. Copland *Guydon's Quest. Chirurg.* Q ij, The sayd dissease is penaunce salutary for the saluacion of theyr soules. 1729 Stackhouse *Body Divin.* IV. i. § 2 (1776) II. 422 The blessings of Christ's salutary passion. 1741 Middleton *Cicero* II. xii. 569 Cicero's [virtue] will be found..always beneficial, often salutary to the Republic. 1760–72 H. Brooke *Fool of Qual.* (1809) III. 154 The French..I look upon to be our natural and salutary enemies. They..hold us in exercise, and keep quarrelsome people from falling out among themselves. 1855 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* xix. IV. 360 The plot which ruined Bohun..produced important and salutary effects.

1865 Livingstone *Zambesi* ii. 45 The natives having a salutary dread of the guns.

†3. *absol.* as *sb. pl.* (See quot.) *Obs.*

1823 Crabb *Technol. Dict., Salutaries* (*Med.*), such diseases as admit of an easy cure, and are supposed to have a salutary effect on the constitution.

Salutation (sælĭutē·ʃən). Forms: 4-5 salutacioun, 4-6 -acion, -acyon, 5 -acioune, 6 -atioun, -atyon, -asyon, 6– salutation. [a. OF. *salutacion* (mod. F. *salutation*), ad. L. *salūtātiōn-em*, n. of action f. *salūtāre* to Salute. Cf. Sp. *salutacion*, It. *salutazione*.]

1. The action, or an act, of saluting; a manner of saluting; an utterance, form of words, gesture, or movement, by which one person salutes another.

1382 Wyclif *Luke* i. 41 As Elizabeth herde the salutacioun of Marie, the ȝonge child in hir wombe gladide. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Shipman's T.* 8 Swiche salutacions and contenaunces Passen as dooth a shadwe vp on the wal. 1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) IV. 307 Þanne a poore sowtere fondede to teche a chouȝhe to speke and seie þe same salutacioun. 1471 Caxton *Recuyell* (Sommer) II. 352 Whan hercules sawe the salutacion..of this man, he toke hym by the hande [etc.]. *a* 1533 Ld. Berneas *Huon* lviii. 201 Whan all the company had made there salutasyons one to an nother. 1610 Shaks. *Temp.* III. iii. *Stage Direction*, Enter seuerall strange shapes, bringing in a Banket; and dance about it with gentle actions of salutations. 1620 *Westward for Smelts* (Percy Soc.) 23 He..kissed her..,after this salutation, he said [etc.]. 1650 Jer. Taylor *Holy Living* ii. § 5 (1686) 101 In all publick meetings, or private addresses..use those forms of salutation..which..[are] usual amongst the most sober persons. 1706 J. Potter *Antiq. Greece* iv. xix. (ed. 2) II. 374 The most common Salutation was by the conjunction of their right Hands. 1756–7 tr. *Keysler's Trav.* (1760) I. 88 The commonalty of late are, by their salutation, come to be immediately known, whether they are protestants or papists. Sixtus V..granted an indulgence of one hundred days to the salutation, 'Praised be Jesus Christ', and the answer, 'For ever or amen'. 1821 Scott *Kenilw.* xix, Out into the yard sallied mine host himself also, to do fitting salutation to his new guests. 1851 Hawthorne *Ho. Sev. Gables* vii. (1852) 76 He made a salutation, or, to speak nearer the truth, an ill-defined, abortive attempt at courtesy. 1851 Dixon *W. Penn* iv. (1872) 32 He had bowed his head and taken off his hat in salutation. 1867 Lady Herbert *Cradle L.* vii. 202 Their usual salutation was—'welcome'.

transf. 1594 Shaks. *Rich. III*, v. iii. 210 The early Village Cock Hath twice done salutation to the Morne.

b. *The Angelic(al salutation*, †*the salutation of our Lady*, etc.: the Ave Mary (see Luke i. 29). Also a representation of the Annunciation.

1459 in *Archæologia* XXI. 37 A Tablet of gold of yᵉ Salutacion of our Lady. 1534 in Peacock *Eng. Ch. Furniture* (1866) 197. A masar..with a prynt in the bothom of siluer & gilte of the salutacion of ovr lady. ?*c* 1600 *Soc. Rosary* xiii. 192 Next after our Lords praier the Angells Salutation is vsually saide. *Ibid.* xi. 170 The Angelicall Salutation. 1852 Mrs. Jameson *Leg. Madonna* Introd. (1857) 25 Towards the end of the tenth century the custom of adding the angelic salutation, the 'Ave Maria', to the Lord's prayer, was first introduced.

c. Applied to certain liturgical formulas of greeting between the minister and the people.

1450–1530 *Myrr. our Ladye* 294 The preste..sayeth *Dominus vobiscum*...The quier answereth, *Et cum spiritu tuo*, And with thy spirite. In this salutacion of the preste, and answere of the people, or of the quier, the preste prayeth that oure lorde be with them, & they pray that oure lorde be with hym. 1832 W. Palmer *Orig. Liturg.* I. 161 Then followed the salutation and kiss of peace; after which the priest read the collect, 'ad pacem'.

d. *Naut.* The action of saluting by firing of guns, lowering of flags, etc.; an instance of this, a salute. Now *rare.*

1585 T. Washington tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* I. xv. 15 b, The chains of the hauen being opened with salutation accustomed of the one side & other. 1652 Needham tr. *Selden's Mare Cl.* Ep. Ded. 13 That egregious attempt upon your Shipping, under pretence of a friendly salutation. 1727–41 Chambers *Cycl.* s.v. *Salutation*, Saluting with the flag, is performed two ways; either by holding it close to the staff, so as it cannot flutter, or by striking it so as it cannot be seen at all, which is the most respectful salutation. 1808 Scott *Marm.* VI. xxiii, And distant salutation past From the loud cannon's mouth.

2. Elliptically for 'I offer salutation'. *arch.*

1535 Coverdale *Ezra* vii. 12 Vnto Esdras..peace and salutacion. 1588 Shaks. *L. L. L.* v. i. 38 Most millitarie sir salutation. 1600 — *A. Y. L.* v. iv. 39 Salutation and greeting to you all. 1871 Alabaster *Wheel of Law* 224 The donor says: 'Salutation to this land with its produce, salutation to the priest to whom I give it'.

3. *Antiq.* A visit of ceremony paid to a Roman in his house.

a 1700 Dryden tr. *Horace, Epode* ii. 17 And court and state, he wisely shuns, Nor brib'd with hopes, nor dar'd with awe, To servile salutations runs. 1741 Johnson *Life Morin* Wks. IV. 478 It is easy to conceive that a man of this temper was not crouded with salutations; there was only now and then an Antony that would pay Paul a visit.

¶4. *nonce-use.* (Cf. Salute *v.* 5.)

c 1600 Shaks. *Sonn.* cxxi, For why should others false adulterat eyes Giue salutation to my sportiue blood?

5. *attrib.* or passing into *adj.*

1713 Addison *Guardian* No. 137 ᴘ 5, I have seen him in every inclination of the body, from a familiar nod, to the low stoop in the salutation sign. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 106 Thus a patient may be constantly making bowing movements (salutation spasm). 1903 Sir H. C. Maxwell-Lyte in *Cal. Charter Rolls* (1903) I. Pref. 5 In form, a Charter is distinguished from Letters Patent by the salutation clause addressed to Archbishops, Bishops, Abbots, Earls, Barons and so forth..by the *quare volumus* clause.

Hence **Saluta·tional, Saluta·tionless** *adjs.*

1855 *Household Words* XII. 388, I would not advise the shooting of squires for breaches of salutational reciprocity; only, if his worship did not take off his hat to me in return, I would never again take off mine to his worship. 1885 Howells *Silas Lapham* II. 116 The two came out together, and parted in their salutationless fashion.

‖ **Salutator** (sælĭutē·tə(r)). *Hist.* [eccl. L., use of L. *salūtātor* one who salutes, agent-n. f. *salūtāre* to Salute.] The designation given to a class of persons in Spain who professed to work miraculous cures in the name of St. Catherine. See also Saludador, Saluter.

1668–72 M. Casaubon *On Credulity & Incred.* 147 The Salutators of Spain.

Salutatorian (sălĭūtătō·rĭăn). *U. S.* [f. next + -an.] In American schools and colleges the student who delivers the 'salutatory' oration at the annual commencement day exercises.

1847 in Webster. 1887 *Harper's Mag.* Sept. 636 The graduating class were the heroes of the hour. The valedictorian, the salutatorian, the philosophical orator, walked on air.

Salutatory (sălĭū·tătəri), *a.* and *sb.* [ad. L. *salūtātōrius*, f. *salūtāre* to Salute.] **A.** *adj.* Pertaining to, or of the nature of, a salutation.

1895 *Critic* 19 Jan. 57/2 Henry Ward Beecher's salutatory editorial. 1898 J. R. Harris in *Expositor* Sept. 175 Jowett's argument for the authenticity of the Epistle is based on the salutatory formulae.

b. *U. S.* The distinctive epithet of the address of welcome (usually in Latin), which introduces the exercises of commencement in American colleges.

It is delivered by the senior of second highest position in his class for four years, or sometimes by a junior who has the highest position in his class. Cf. *valedictory.*

1702 C. Mather *Magn. Chr.* IV. Introd. (1852) 13 These exercises were, besides an oration usually made by the President, orations both salutatory and valedictory. 1846 Worcester (citing Kirkland), *Salutatory*, containing salutations; greeting, as 'a salutatory oration' (U. S.).

c. *Gram.* [tr. L. *salutatorius casus.*] *Salutatory case*: the vocative case.

1818 Stoddart *Gram.* in *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) I. 32/2 The fifth case is the vocative or salutatory.

B. *sb.*

†1. [= med.L. *salūtātōrium.*] An audience-chamber; *spec.* in a church or monastery, a chamber where visitors were received to give their salutations.

1641 Milton *Reform.* II. Wks. 1851 III. 63 Coming to the Bishop with Supplication into the Salutatory, some out Porch of the Church, he was charg'd by him of tyrannicall madnes against God, for comming into holy ground. 1656 Blount *Glossogr.*, *Salutatory* (*salutatorium*), a place where men stand to salute a Prince.

2. *U. S.* a. An address or greeting to the reader of the first number of a newspaper or magazine.

1880 *Scribner's Mag.* July 455 Its salutatory is worth quoting as a piece of brave crowing. 1887 *Lit. World* (U.S.) 25 June 206/2 In his salutatory the editor declares his paper to be 'a very modest effort to assist in a practical way the "Literary Movement in Chicago"'.

b. The 'salutatory oration' (see A. b) delivered at 'commencement' in American colleges.

a 1851 *Amherst Indicator* II. 96 (Hall *College Words*) We ask our friends..not to ask if he had the Valedictory or Salutatory.

Hence **Salu·tatorily** *adv.* (*rare*), by way of greeting or salutation.

1847 in Webster. 1863 Mrs. Whitney *Faith Gartney's Girlh.* vi, 'Well, Melindy', said Mrs. Griggs, salutatorily.

Salute (sălĭū·t), *sb.*[1] Also 5–6 salut, (6 saluyte). [a. F. *salut* masc., of twofold origin: (1) = Sp. *saludo*, It. *saluto*, vbl. sb. f. Common Rom. (L.) *salūtāre* to Salute; (2) ordinarily fem., = Sp. *salud*, Pg. *saude*, It. *salute*:—L. *salūt-em* (nom. *salūs*) health, safety, salvation.]

I. An act of saluting.

1. An utterance, gesture, or action of any kind by which one person salutes another; a salutation. Now chiefly used with reference to other than verbal modes of saluting; cf. the following senses.

a 1400–50 *Alexander* 1490 'I bringe þe bodword of blis ser bischop' he said, 'With salutis of solas I am sent fra þe trone'. 1483 Caxton *Gold. Leg.* 436/1 The preest..tourneth hym toward the peple & saleweth them sayeng Dominus vobiscum and that sygnefyeth salut whyche our lorde gafe to his appostles after his blessyd resurrexyon. *c* 1511 *1st Eng. Bk. Amer.* (Arb.) Introd. 32/1, I Pope Iohn ..gyue saluyte the Emperour of Rome..& also the kinge of France. 1597 Drayton *Heroic Ep., Mortimer to Q. Isabel* 2 As thy saluts my sorrowes doe adiourne, So backe to thee their interest I returne. 1633 Ford *Broken H.* v. i. I 3 b, The doublers of a Hare, or, in a morning, Salutes from a splay-footed witch,..Are not so boading mischiefe as thy crossing My priuate meditations. 1671 Milton *P. R.* II. 67 O what avails me now that honour high To have conceiv'd of God, or that salute Hale highly favour'd, among women blest. 1702 Addison *Dial. Medals* II. Wks. 1766 III. 35, I shall not trouble myself nor my Reader with the first salutes of our three friends. 1790 J. Bruce *Source Nile* I. 18 We passed near enough, however, to give them the usual salute, *Salam Alicum*. 1794 Mrs. Radcliffe *Myst. Udolpho* iv, He waved his hand, and Valancourt..returned the salute and started away. 1859 Tennyson *Geraint & Enid* 723 Last, coming up quite close, and in his mood Crying, '.. Take my salute', unknightly with flat hand, However lightly, smote her on the cheek. 1878 Browning *La Saisiaz* 16 From no far mound Waved salute a tall white figure. 1879 — *Pheidippides* 111 So, to this day, when friend meets friend, the word of salute Is still 'Rejoice!'

2. A kiss, by way of salutation. (Cf. Salute *v.* 2 e.)

1590 Greene *Never too late* (1600) 93 To her hee goes, and after his wonted salute sat downe by her. 1684 Earl Roscommon *Ess. Transl. Verse* 314 There, cold salutes, But here, a Lovers kiss. 1688 R. Holme *Armoury* III. 169/2 In Dances,..a Salute, a Kiss, or Kiss of the hand with a bow of the Body. 1719 D'Urfey *Pills* (1872) V. 80 With a kind Salute, and without Dispute, He thought to gain her for his own. 1782 Mme. D'Arblay *Diary* 26 Oct., Dr. Johnson..received me..with a salute so loud, that the two young beaux..have never done laughing about it. 1828 Scott *Fair M. Perth* xix, He folded the fair maiden in his arms, and was permitted to take the salute which she had refused to bestow. 1906 H. Wales *Mr. & Mrs. Villiers* vii, She extricated his right arm also, and was rewarded by the complimentary salute on the left cheek.

3. *Mil.* and *Naut.* a. A discharge of cannon or small arms, display of flags, a dipping of sails, a cheering of men, manning the yards, etc., as a mark of respect, or as military, naval, or official honour, for a person, nation, event, etc.

A salute is said to be of as many guns as there are volleys fired.

1698 Fryer *Acc. E. India & P.* 107 Their way of Salutes are with Even, as ours with Odd Guns. 1727–41 Chambers *Cycl.* s.v. *Salutation*, Father Fournier has an express treatise of sea-salutes and signals. 1744 J. Philips *Yrnl. Exped. Anson* 181 He saluted us with eleven Guns, and we returned the salute with three. 1832 R. & J. Lander *Exped. Niger* III. xx. 232 As we passed Forday's town, a salute of seven guns was fired off. 1838 J. L. Stephens *Trav. Russia* 88/1 A frigate..was firing a salute. 1876 Voyle & Stevenson *Milit. Dict.* (ed. 3) s.v., In firing salutes 10 seconds is to be allowed between each round. 1883 'Ouida' *Wanda* I. 307 The culverins on the keep fired their salutes.

transf. 1719 De Foe *Crusoe* II. (Globe ed.) 569 As we found them [the enemy] within Gun-shot, our Leader ordered the two Wings to advance swiftly, and give them a Salvo on each Wing with their Shot... And indeed that Salute clogg'd their Stomach, for they immediately halted.

b. (See quot. 1876.)

1832 Lytton *Eugene A.* I. v, 'Beg pardon, Squire,' said he, with a military salute. 1876 Voyle & Stevenson *Milit. Dict.* (ed. 3) s.v., A salute is made by an inferior meeting or passing his superior, when in uniform and even out of uniform, by raising his hand to his cap or chaco.

c. The position of the sword, rifle, hand, etc., or the attitude assumed in saluting. Phrase, *to stand at* (*the*) *salute.*

1833 *Regul. & Instr. Cavalry* I. 36 Officers recover their swords..., and drop them to the 'Salute'.

4. *Fencing.* A formal greeting of swordsmen when about to engage, consisting of a conventional series of guards, appels, thrusts, parries, parades, etc.

1809 J. Roland *Fencing* 139 The salute of *carte* and *tierce* is practised on the same principle. 1889 Pollock, etc. *Fencing* (Badm. Libr.) 98 The Salute, or prelude to the Assault.

†II. 5. Safety, well-being, salvation. *Obs.*

1471 Caxton *Recuyell* (Sommer) I. 275 She shall dye for the salute and helthe of troye. 1483 — *Gold. Leg.* 430/2 As the auncyente thobye gaue to them admonestyng of salut techyng them oner alle thynges to drede god. 1509 Watson *Ship of Fools* Argt. A j, This booke compyled for the felycyte & salute of all the humayne gendre.

†b. Used *ellipt.* (= L. *salutem*) in epistolary salutations. *Obs.*

a 1533 Ld. Berners *Gold. Bk. M. Aurel.* Let. iv. (1535) 107 b, Marke oratour Romayn..to the Domitian of Capue, salute and consolacion of the goddis. 1549 *Compl. Scot.* xiv. 116 Pausanias duc of spart, to the kyng xerxes salut.

Salu·te, *sb.*[2] *Obs.* exc. *Hist.* Forms: 5–8 salut, 6, 9 saalute; *pl.* 5 saluz, salutz, salews, (salux), 5–6 *Sc.* salutis, (5, 8 salus). [a. OF. *salut, saluyt*, pl. *saluts, saluz, salus*, a special use of *salut* salutation, Salute *sb.*[1]] A gold coin bearing a representation of the salutation of Gabriel to the Virgin Mary; struck by Charles VI of France, and also by Henry V and Henry VI of England for circulation in their French dominions.

1388 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* I. 79 Item, in Hari nobilis and salutis fourti and ane. 1455 *Paston Lett.* I. 360 For the value and denombrement of iiij. mˡ. saluz of yerly rent. 145. *Rolls of Parlt.* V. 181/1 Oon obligation of the Duchesse of Burgoyne of XV m. salutz. 1475 *Bk. Noblesse* (Roxb.) 19 Johan..paied to the said regent duc of Bedforde for his rannson and finaunce allone clx. M. saluz. *c* 1483 Caxton *Dialogues* 17 Ryallis nobles of englond, Salews of gold lyons, Olde sterlingis pens. *a* 1548 Hall *Chron., Hen. V* 75 The kyng of England..caused a new coyne to be made called the Salute, where in wer the Armes of Fraunce, and the Armes of England and Fraunce quarterly. 1577 Harrison *England* II. xxv. (1877) I. 363 We haue yet remaining, the riall..the salut, the angell [etc.]. 1580 Stow *Chron.* 618 King Henry [VI] caused a peece to be stamped called a Salus, worth two and twentie Shillings and Blaus of eyghtpence a peece. 1653 Urquhart *Rabelais* I. xlvi, The summe of three score and two thousand saluts (in English money fifteen thousand and five hundred pounds). 1688 R. Holme *Armoury* III. 29/1 The Salute of England, worth six shillings ten pence. 1716 M. Davies *Athen. Brit.* III. 79 Hen. 5's Golden Coyns were Rose-Nobles, Half-Nobles and Farthings, and Salus. *Ibid.*, Hen. 6. brought in the Rials, or Royals, Angels, Angellets and Salut. 1837 *Penny Cycl.* VII. 331/1 To these [coins].. Henry V. [added] salutes, and half-salutes. Henry VI. coined salutes, angelots, and francs in gold.

Salute (sălĭū·t), *v.* Also 5 salewt. [ad. L. *salūtāre*, f. *salūt-em*, *salūs* health. (Cf. Salue *v.*) It is possible that this may have coalesced with an independent formation on Salute *v.*]

1. *trans.* To accost or address with words expressive of good wishes, respect, or homage, esp. with some customary formula of that import; to greet in words.

c 1380 WYCLIF *Sel. Wks.* II. 9 Marie..went mekeli in hast to salute her cosyn. 1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) II. 193 He saluted and grette þe senatoures, and spak to euericheof þe peple þat come aboute hym by his owne name. 14.. *Sir Beues* 1283+291 (Camb.) [He] saluted þe kyng on þys manere, As ye may aftur here. *c* 1430 LYDG. *Min. Poems* (Percy Soc.) 78 With ave or kirye salute a kyng. 1483 CAXTON *Cato* A v, Thou sholdest salewt and grete the peple gladly. 1526 *Pitgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 180 Forgete not to salute her with this swete word Aue. *a* 1533 LD. BERNERS *Huon* xxi. 60 He drew thedyr & salutyd y° olde man in y° name of god. 1592 SHAKS. *Rom. & Jul.* II. iii. 32 *Rom.* Good morrow Father. *Fri.* Benedicite. What early tongue so sweet saluteth me? 1711-12 SWIFT *Jrnl. to Stella* 22 Jan., T'other day at the Court of Requests Dr. Yalden saluted me by name. 1845 M. PATTISON *Ess.* (1889) I. 22 Being admitted to his presence they saluted him in the queen's name. 1875 JOWETT *Plato* (ed. 2) IV. 160 He saluted me as an acquaintance whom he remembered from my former visit.

b. *I salute you*: used as itself a formula of salutation. Similarly in the 3rd person, of one who 'sends greeting'. [So L. *salutare.*] *arch.*

1599 SHAKS. *Hen. V*, v. ii. 22 You English Princes all, I doe salute you. 1834 LYTTON *Pompeii* I. ii, 'Fair Julia, we salute thee', said Clodius. *c* 1850 *Arab. Nts.* (Rtldg.) 252 'My mistress', said she, 'salutes you, and I come from her to beg you to deliver this letter to the prince of Persia'. 1881 TENNYSON *To Virgil* x, I salute thee, Mantovano, I that loved thee since my day began.

†**c.** *Salute me* used for: Give my greeting (*to*). Cf. *remember me to . . .* REMEMBER *v.* 8 c. *Obs.*

1700 PENN in *Pa. Hist. Soc. Mem.* IX. 5 Salute me to the commissioners.

d. To hail or greet (as king, etc.).

1560 DAUS tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* 101 b, All people saluted hym with the tytle of the Emperour Auguste. *Ibid.* 423 He is saluted Prynce Electour. 1593 SHAKS. 2 *Hen. VI*, II. ii. 61 Be we the first, That shall salute our rightfull Soueraigne With honor of his Birth-right to the Crowne. 1595 — *John* II. i. 30 Till that vtmost corner of the West Salute thee for her King. 1617 MORYSON *Itin.* II. 2 King Henrie ..for the time was saluted Lord of Ireland. 1642 MILTON *Apol. Smect.* 40 Now they heare it as their ord'nary surname, to be saluted the Fathers of their countrey. 1755 W. DUNCAN *Cicero's Sel. Orat.* xi. (1841) 217 It was but lately that L. Torquatus..was, at my instance, saluted emperor from this province.

e. In extended sense: To accost or address (whether courteously or otherwise).

c 1420 ? LYDG. *Assembly of Gods* 438 On a rewde maner he salutyd all the rout, With a bold voyse, carpyng wordys stout. 1639 S. DU VERGER tr. *Camus' Admir. Events* 303 Adiute..beeing returned to towne, saw himselfe saluted by a letter of defiance.

f. *poet.* Of birds, etc.: To hail or greet (the sun, the dawn) with song.

1682 CREECH tr. *Lucretius* II. 39 The Morning climbs the Eastern Skies, And tuneful birds salute her early rise. 1700 DRYDEN *Pal. & Arc.* II. 38 The Morning-Lark, the Messenger of Day, Saluted in her Song the Morning gray. 1821 SHELLEY *Hellas* 941 Victorious Wrong, with vulture scream, Salutes the rising sun, pursues the flying day!

2. To greet with some gesture or visible action conventionally expressive of respect or courteous recognition.

c 1440 *Gesta Rom.* xxiii. 83 (Add. MS.), All his [the emperor's] knyghtes and other men, whan thei sawe hym, worshipfully thei saluted hym. *a* 1533 LD. BERNERS *Huon* lxii. 216 Huon approchyd & salutyd hym humbly. *a* 1585 SIDNEY *Arcadia* I. Ecl. i. (1598) 82 When that noble toppe doth nodd, I beleeue she salutes me. 1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* I. i. 30 He faire the knight salnted, louting low. 1593 SHAKS. *Rich. II*, III. ii. 6 Deere Earth, I doe salute thee with my hand. 1655 STANLEY *Hist. Philos.* III. (1687) 80/1 As soon as the Sun arose, [he] saluted it, and retir'd. 1727-41 CHAMBERS *Cycl.* s.v. *Salutation*, In England, we salute one another by uncovering the head, inclining the body, &c. The orientals salute by uncovering their feet, laying their hands on the breast, &c. 1760-2 GOLDSM. *Cit. W.* lxxix, One curtsies to the ground, the other salutes the audience with a smile. 1762 KAMES *Elem. Crit.* (1763) III. xx. 67 Among the ancients, it was customary after a long voyage to salute the natal soil. *a* 1859 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* xxiii. V. 93 Were they to stand erect and covered while everybody else saluted him?

b. *absol.* and *intr.* To perform a salutation.

1589 PUTTENHAM *Eng. Poesie* III. xxiv. (Arb.) 292 With them [the men of the East] to congratulat and salute by giuing a becke with the head, or a bende of the bodie, with vs here in England, and in Germany..to shake hands. 1600 SHAKS. *A. Y. L.* III. ii. 50 You told me, you salute not at the Court, but you kisse your hands. 1617 MORYSON *Itin.* III. 174 They..salute by bending the body and laying their left hand on their right side.

c. *spec.* in *Mil.* and *Naval* use. (*a*) *trans.* To pay respect to (a superior) by a prescribed bodily movement, the presenting of arms, or the like. (*b*) Of a ship, a body of troops, a commander: To honour or ceremoniously recognize in the customary manner, by a discharge of artillery or small arms, by lowering of flags, or the like. (*c*) *absol.*, and *intr.* To perform a salute.

1582 N. LICHEFIELD tr. *Castanheda's Conq. E. Ind.* I. ii. 5 b, They came to sight of their Captaine Generall,..and saluting him with many shot of ordinaunce, and with sound of Trumpets, they spake unto him. 1706 PHILLIPS (ed. Kersey) s.v., The Colours also salute Princes and Generals, which is done by Bowing them down to the Ground. 1725 DE FOE *Voy. round World* (1840) 94 We saluted the Spanish flag. 1727-41 CHAMBERS *Cycl.* s.v. *Salutation*, In the army, the officers salute by certain orderly, studied motions of the half-pike, &c. *Ibid.*, *Saluting with the Sails*, is performed by hovering the topsails half way of the masts.—Only those vessels which carry no guns, salute with the sails. 1744 J. PHILIPS *Jrnl. Exped. Anson* 148 We saluted the Governor of Macao with 11 Guns. 1769 *Regul. Sea-Service* in Falconer *Dict. Marine* (1780) K k 4, When a captain salutes an admiral..he is to give him fifteen guns. 1802 C. JAMES *Milit. Dict.* s.v., When a regiment is to be reviewed by..the king, or his general,..the officers salute one after another, pointing their swords downwards. The ensigns salute together, by lowering their colours, when his Majesty, or any of the royal family, are present. 1803 NELSON in Nicolas *Disp.* (1845) V. 139 You are not to salute the Fort of his Catholic Majesty, unless you receive a positive assurance that an equal number of guns will be returned. 1844 *Regul. & Ord. Army* 32 Officers wearing Hats, are not on any occasion to take them off in saluting; but when their Swords are not drawn, they are to salute, by bringing up the right hand to the forehead horizontally, on a line with the eyebrow. 1877-81 VOYLE & STEVENSON *Milit. Dict.* Suppl. (ed. 3) s.v., Her Majesty the Queen as Empress of India is saluted in India with 100 guns; the viceroy and governor-general of India with 31 guns. 1878 D. KEMP *Man. Yacht Sailing* 341 The ensign is lowered or dipped as a means of saluting a commodore, &c. or member of a club. 1889 *Infantry Drill* I. 24 When a soldier is about to pass an officer, he will salute with the further hand on the third pace before reaching him, and will lower the hand on the third pace after passing him.

d. *Fencing. intr.* To perform the salute used in fencing. See SALUTE *sb.*[1] 4.

1809 J. ROLAND *Fencing* 135 As it is understood when you salute, that it is a compliment you pay to the company, you should, while forming the parade of carte, turn your face to the spectators. *Ibid.* 136 Although I have directed that in saluting you should, in general, do it in *carte first*, and tierce *afterwards*.

e. *trans.* To kiss, or greet with a kiss. *arch.*

1716 ADDISON *Drummer* III. (1722) 31 You have the prettiest Tip of a Finger—I must take the Freedom to salute it. *Ibid.* IV. 37 *Ab.* Ay! but you han't saluted me. *Fan.* That's right; Faith I forgot that Circumstance. (*Kisses her.*) 1766 GOLDSM. *Vic. W.* v, He..was going to salute my daughters as one certain of a kind reception. 1773 JOHNSON *Let. to Mrs. Thrale* 30 Sept., I had the honour of saluting the far famed Miss Flora Macdonald. 1849 THACKERAY *Pendennis* viii, He once more saluted the tips of Mrs. Pendennis's glove.

intr. 1629 DAVENANT *Albovine* III. i, It is a piece of courtship to salute at parting.

†**f.** To honour (a person) *with* a present, gift, etc. Cf. GREET *v.* 3 d. *Obs.*

a 1592 GREENE *George a Greene* (1599) C 1 b, And first I saluted her with a greene gowne. 1601 ? MARSTON *Pasquil & Kath.* II. 249 Wouldst haue a Ballet to salute her with? 1632 LITHGOW *Trav.* VIII. 346, I saluted the Princesse Palatine, with certayne rare Relickes of the Holy Land.

g. *ironically* used for: To assail.

1607 ROWLANDS *Famous Hist.* 60 Here is a weapon that must do me right. So draws his sword, salutes him with the same About the head, the shoulders, and the side.

†**h.** *To salute Tyburn*: jocularly, to be hanged.

1640 SOMNER *Antiq. Canterb.* 205 Conspired with the Holy Maide of Kent..and saluted Tiburne for his paines.

†**3.** To pay one's respects to; to pay a complimentary visit to. *Obs.*

1585 T. WASHINGTON tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* I. xi. 13 The Ambassadour sent to salute the Caddy. 1591 SHAKS. *Two Gent.* I. iii. 41 To-morrow .. Don Alphonso, With other Gentlemen of good esteeme Are iournying, to salute the Emperor, And to commend their seruice to his will. 1638 *Hamilton Papers* (Camden) 26 Eayrlie in the morning they sent ther commissioners doune to salut me. 1698 FRYER *Acc. E. India & P.* 367 Having not saluted the Temple Twelve times since he began to Reign.

†**4.** *fig.* To begin acquaintance with. *Obs.*

1648 BP. HALL *Breathings Devout Soul* (1851) 190 Methusalah..did not more truly live; than the child, that did but salute and leave the world. 1722 WOLLASTON *Relig. Nat.* iii. (1738) 60 Every one, who has but just saluted the mathematics and philosophy, must be convinced, that [etc.].

5. *transf.* and *fig.* Of inanimate things, in various applications: † To bow or incline towards (*obs.*); to appear or come forth as if in welcome of; to approach, come into contact with; † (in Shaks.) to affect or act upon in any way (*obs.*).

c 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* XII. 62 And there let bowis multiplie, And afterlong on euery side hem plie, Salutyng eest & west, & north & south. 1588 SHAKS. *Tit. A.* II. i. 5 As when the golden Sunne salutes the morne. 1595 — *John* II. i. 590 Not that I haue the power to clutch my hand, When his faire Angels wonld salute my palme. 1623 — *Hen. VIII*, II. iii. 103 Would I had no being If this salute my blood a iot. 1660 WALLER *To King on Return* 88 Like Ears of Corn when wind salutes the field. 1830 J. G. STRUTT *Sylva Brit.* 59 It [the elm] is the first tree that salutes the early spring with its light and cheerful green. 1880 SHORTHOUSE *J. Inglesant* (1882) II. 119 A land bathed in sunset light, overarched by rainbows, saluted by cool zephyrs.

b. Of a sound or sight: To strike (the eye or ear).

a 1586 SIDNEY *Arcadia* II. (Sommer) 117 Her eyes were saluted with a tuft of trees. *c* 1586 C'TESS PEMBROKE *Ps.* LXXXVIII. x, And ere the light Salute my sight. 1665 BOYLE *Occas. Reft.* IV. ii. (1848) 173 Our Ears were saluted with the melodious Musick of a good number of Larks. *a* 1668 LASSELS *Voy. Italy* (1698) I. 100 You may look..a huge way into their gardens, which even from thence will salute your eye with a fair prospect. 1771 SMOLLETT *Humph. Cl., To Dr. Lewis* 28 Apr., The first object that saluted my eye was a child, full of scrofulous ulcers. 1791 COWPER *Retired Cat* 89 A long and melancholy mew, Saluting his poetic ears. 1805 T. J. DIBDIN *All's Well* 14 Some well-known voice salutes his ear.

Hence **Salu'ted** *ppl. a.* In quots. used *absol.*

1658 MANTON *Exp. Jude* 1. Wks. 1871 V. 9 This first verse presenteth us with the two first circumstances, the saluter and the saluted. 1864 W. HANNA *Earlier Years Lord's Life* 293 The Ruler..who..might have counted on being the saluted rather than the saluter, does not hesitate to address him thus: 'Rabbi, we know' [etc.].

Salute, var. pa. t. of SALUE *v. Obs.*

Saluter (sălū'tə1). [f. SALUTE *v.* + -ER[1].]

1. One who salutes or greets.

1542 UDALL *Erasm. Apoph.* 250 b, We have enough of suche saluters as this at home alreadie. 1611 COTGR., *Bailleur de bons iours*, an ordinarie saluter of euery one he sees, or meets. 1730 WALL *Crit. Notes N. T.* 295 Both he [*sc.* Aristarchus] and Epaphras are mentioned as saluters. 1753 CHAMBERS *Cycl. Supp.* s.v. *Salutation*, The women too had their crowds of saluters attending them every morning. 1834 L. RITCHIE *Wand. by Seine* 69 With a great lady, the saluter fell upon his knees, and kissed the hem of her gown.

2. = SALUTATOR.

1586 ROWLAND *Lazarillo* C vj *marg.*, A Saluter is a kinde of drunken prophets in Spaine which take vpon them the healing of mad dogges. 1591 PERCIVALL *Sp. Dict.*, *Saludador*, a saluter, a charmer, *Salutator, incantator.* 1738 [G. SMITH] *Curious Relat.* II. v. 152 The Saluters (a certain Order in Spain) make the People believe, that by uttering the Name of St. Catharine, they have Power to heal Wounds.

†**Salutifere,** *a. Obs. rare*—[1]. In 6 salutiffere. [a. OF. *salutifere* (*salutiffere*), ad. L. *salūtifer*: see next.] Salutiferous.

1549 *Compl. Scot.* Epist. 1 It bringis furtht salutiffere & hoilsum frute of honour.

Salutiferous (sælĭuti·fĕrəs), *a.* Also 6 **salutiferus.** [f. L. *salūtifer* (f. *salūt-* health, safety, salvation + *-fer* bringing) + -OUS: see -FEROUS.]

1. Promoting or conducive to health.

1604 F. HERING *Mod. Defence* 35 Safe, wholesome and salutiferous Medecins. 1696 TRYON *Misc.* Pref. 4 The pleasant influences and salutiferous Breezes of Wind in a hot season. 1747 *Gentl. Mag.* 77 Such exercise is not much less salutiferous than riding. 1752 C. SMART *Hop-Gard.* I. 41 Tunbridgia's salutiferous hills. 1824 SCOTT *St. Ronan's* xxviii, As soon as the ancient priestess had handed him his glass of the salutiferous water. 1865 CARLYLE *Fredk. Gt.* XXI. iv. (1872) X. 41 Forcing-on his salutiferous drains and fruitful canals through the morasses of the Weichsel.

2. Conducive to well-being, safety, or salvation. (Very common in the 17th c.)

c 1540 tr. *Pol. Verg. Eng. Hist.* (Camden) I. 209 The fowntaine beetokened the salutiferus water of baptisme. 1629 H. BURTON *Truth's Triumph* 253 The sweet and salutiferous streames of the waters of life. 1636 BRATHWAIT *Rom. Emp.* 139 France: Which he furnished with things necessary, salutiferous, good Lawes and customes. 1756 C. LUCAS *Ess. Waters* II. 63 He means to instruct us in following his salutiferous steps. 1760 SARAH FIELDING *Ophelia* I. xxx. 266 Her Ladyship thought Fasting and Mortification most salutiferous for my Soul.

Hence **Saluti·ferously** *adv.*

1678 CUDWORTH *Intell. Syst.* 509 The Chief Prince of this great City..who governeth all things salutiferously. 1696 TRYON *Misc.* v. 142 [The] Preparations [of Corn Foods].. are very wholsom and salutiferously used in many Countries.

†**Saluti·gerous,** *a. rare*—°. [f. L. *salūtiger* (f. *salūt-em* health + *-ger* carrying) + -OUS.] 'That brings commendation from another, or that is sent with *How-d'yees*' (Blount *Glossogr.* 1656).

Saluting (sălū'tiŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. SALUTE *v.* + -ING[1].] The action of the verb SALUTE.

1533 *Mystik Rosary* A j b, The saluting of the wounde of the right fote of our Lorde. *a* 1617 CORYAT in Purchas *Pilgrims* II. 1824 The Turke doth neuer at the saluting of his friend..put off his Turbant (as wee Christians doe our Hats one to another). 1811 W. R. SPENCER *Poems* 139 One day, Good-bye met How-d'y-do, Too close to shun saluting.

b. *attrib.* as *saluting-colour, -ground, -point.*

1894 *Times* 19 May 10/1 The Queen then quitted the saluting-point. 1895 *Funk's Stand. Dict.*, *Saluting-color, Mil.*, a camp-flag, distinguished by a transverse cross. 1902 *Westm. Gaz.* 11 Aug. 7/2 The saluting-ground. 1905 *Ibid.* 13 Sept. 3/2 The grim guns are disclosed as the artillery rattle past the saluting-point.

Saluting (sălū'tiŋ), *ppl. a.* [f. SALUTE *v.* + -ING[2].] That salutes.

1800 *Chron.* in *Asiat. Ann. Reg.* 46/2 His suite arrived at this Presidency, under a salute of thirteen guns from the saluting battery. 1885 *Athenæum* 11 July 44/3 The English pilgrim passed to the palace between bewildered boys and saluting soldiers.

Salutz, obs. pl. form of SALUTE *sb.*[2]

Saluwe, variant of SALUE *v. Obs.*

Saluy(e)d, var. ff. of pa. t. of SALUE *v. Obs.*

Saluyte, obs. form of SALUTE *sb.*[1]

Saluz, obs. var. SALUS; obs. pl. f. SALUTE *sb.*[2]

Salvability (sælvăbi·lĭti). *Theol.* [Formed as next + -ITY.] Capability of being saved.

1654 WARREN *Unbelievers* 52 We have only a salvability by Christ, but no certainty of salvation. *a* 1663 SANDERSON *Five Cases Consc.* (1666) 4 Holding that there is no Salvability but in the Church. 1700 J. H. *Salvab. Heathen* 3 You and I do believe a Salvability for some Heathen. 1868 *Contemp. Rev.* VII. 355 Chillingworth makes good use of the concessions of his opponent as to the salvability of Protestants.

Salvable (sæ·lvăb'l), *a.*[1] [ad. L. **salvābilis*, f. *salvāre* to SAVE: see -ABLE.]

1. *Theol.* Capable of being saved, admitting of salvation.

1667 *Decay Chr. Piety* viii. P 6. 167 Our wild Phancies about Gods Decrees have in event reprobated more than those Decrees,..and have bid fair to the damning of many, whom those left salvable. 1734 WESLEY *Wks.* (1872) XII. 50 He is not in a salvable state. 1839 BAILEY *Festus* xxiii. (1848) 294 If God be Love, Or man a being salvable. 1888

G. MACDONALD *Elect Lady* 253 It was enough to be a Christian like other good and salvable Christians.

2. Of a ship, cargo, etc.: That can be salved or salvaged.

1797 S. JAMES *Narr. Voy.* 130 The adventurers could not find aoything that was salvable. 1892 *Standard* 30 Mar. 5/1 The vessel was in a salvable condition. 1905 *Westm. Gaz.* 21 Jan. 7/1 A number of the ships were possibly salvable.

Hence **Sa·lvableness**; **Sa·lvably** *adv. rare*—°.

1717 BAILEY vol. II, *Salvableness*, capableness of being saved. 1847–54 WEBSTER, *Salvably*, in a salvable manner.

†Sa·lvable, *a.*² *Obs.* [f. SALVE *v.*² + -ABLE.]

1. Of a difficulty, doubt, etc.: That can be met, explained or cleared up (see SALVE *v.*² 2).

1661 BOYLE *Style of Script.* (1675) 88 We sometimes read him to have Answer'd, without being ask'd the Question (though that be otherwise salvable by a Critick). 1675 EVELYN *Terra* (1676) 112 Admitting this [doubt] to be salvable.

2. Of 'phenomena': see SALVE *v.*² 1.

1678 CUDWORTH *Intell. Syst.* 691 The Phænomena of Nature being no way Salvable, nor the Causes of things Assigneable, without a Deity.

Salvage (sæ·lvėdʒ), *sb.* Also 7 **silvage.** [ad. med.L. *salvāgium* or a. OF. *salvage*, *-aige* (in sense 1), f. L. *salvāre* to SAVE: see -AGE.]

1. A payment or compensation to which those persons are entitled who have by their voluntary efforts saved a ship or its cargo from impending peril or rescued it from actual loss; e.g. from shipwreck or from capture by the enemy (called respectively *civil* and *military* or *hostile* salvage).

1645 in Rushw. *Hist. Coll.* IV. I. 186 Whether the Ambassadors had not cause to have acknowledged a kind and good respect in taking of Custom, or Silvage only, of that Ship. 1648–9 *Act Encouragem. Officers & Mariners* § 4 The Proprietor shall pay for salvage one moyety of the true value of such ship so retaken; which salvage..shall be divided and distributed proportionably to the Captain..and other Officers and Marriners. *a* 1715 SALKELD *K. B. Rep.* (1775) I. 393 And therefore they are ready to deliver the goods, if the plaintiff will pay them 4*l.* for salvage, &c. 1799 NELSON in Nicolas *Disp.* (1845) IV. 112 What..would satisfy the Captains, Officers and Men, for their renouncing all claim to the French property and all salvages. 1815 DODSON *Adm. Rep.* I. 317 Whether civil salvage is to be given to the king's ship, in addition to the military salvage, to which she is entitled under the statute. 1901 *Scotsman* 1 Mar. 9/2 The Admiralty court yesterday awarded..the Southampton tugs..a total salvage of £10,372 for services rendered to the Antwerp steamship.

transf. 1879 G. MEREDITH *Egoist* XXX. (1889) 296 Mrs. Mountstuart told him he ought to pay salvage for saving the wreck of her party.

2. The action of saving a ship or its cargo from wreck, capture, etc. Phr. *to make salvage of.*

1713 *Act* 13 *Anne* c. 21 § 2 Three of the neighbouring Justices of the Peace..shall thereupon adjust the Quantum of the Monies or Gratuities to be paid to the several Persons acting or being employed in the Salvage of the said Ship Vessel or Goods. 1851 DICKENS *Our Eng. Watering-Place*, Repr. Pieces (1868) 168 These men [boatmen] live chiefly on the salvage of valuable cargoes. 1857 T. F. KNOWLES in *Merc. Marine Mag.* (1858) V. 57 In the salvage of the crew.., I have but done my duty. 1861 HUGHES *Tom Brown at Oxf.* ii, The stranger..succeeded in making salvage of Tom's coat. 1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 238/1 Salvage of life is rewarded at a higher rate than salvage of property.

b. *gen.* The saving of property from fire or other danger. (Cf. *salvage corps* in 4.) Also *fig.*

1878 HALE *Mrs. Merriam's Scholars* xxiii. 236 (Funk) They had no thought of using these minutes for any salvage of their little personal effects in the school-room. 1902 *Daily Chron.* 1 July 4/3 The happy turn taken by the King's illness..is enabling some salvage to be made from the Coronation arrangements.

3. Property salved or saved.

1755 MAGENS *Insurances* I. 356 The trouble of Hinsch and Labée, who had been aboard the Ship, having chartered the same and took great Care of the Salvage. 1787 PARK *Mar. Insurances* 130 The question upon this case was, whether as the freight exceeded the salvage, this was not to be considered as a total loss. 1883 SIR W. B. BRETT in *Law Times Rep.* XLIX. 226/2 Whatever is recovered or preserved by the solicitor's exertions is to be treated as a salvage. 1893 *Scotsman* 28 June 7 Directly after the vessel disappeared beneath the water the boilers exploded with a loud report, throwing up a quantity of salvage.

b. *transf.* and *fig.*

1857 J. HAMILTON *Lect. Ct. Biog.* (1859) 106 The Sabbath ..still survives, a small but precious salvage from the world's great shipwreck. 1858 HAWTHORNE *Fr. & It. Note-bks.* (1871) II. 38 The broad eaves of the houses, too, make a salvage of shade, almost always. 1881 MALLOCK *Rom. 19th Cent.* I. ii, I still retain a certain salvage of wisdom.

4. *Comb.* **Salvage charge, loss** (see quots.). **Salvage corps,** a body of men kept in some towns to save property from fire; a fire brigade. **Salvage money** = sense 1 above.

1866 C. F. T. YOUNG *Fires* 417 The following is a scheme for the formation of a °salvage corps. 1813 R. STEVENS *Ess. Average* I. ii. (1835) 79 The charges incurred are called '°salvage charges'—the property saved is 'the salvage',—and the difference between the amount of the salvage (after deducting the charges) and the original cost, or value of the property, is called 'the °salvage loss'. 1866 *Arnould's Marine Insur.* (ed. 3) II. III. v. 838 The claim must be adjusted as a salvage loss—that is, the underwriter pays the difference between the prime cost, or insured value of the goods, and the net proceeds of the damaged sales. 1661 BLOUNT *Glossogr.* (ed. 2), °*Salvage Money*, is a recompence, allowed by the Civil Law, in lieu of all damages sustained by that ship that rescues another ship, which was set upon by Pirates or Enemies. 1689 in Magens *Insurances* (1755) II. 473 The Recompence which shall be made to the Captain and Mariners of a Man of War, who retake a Ship or Vessel,..shall be paid out of the Salvage-Money.

Salvage (sæ·lvėdʒ), *v. recent.* [f. prec. sb.] *trans.* To make salvage of; to save or salve from shipwreck, fire, etc. Also *fig.*

1889 *Times* 25 Nov. 6/5 A gang of men were at once set to work to salvage and remove the remainder of the grain. 1895 *Pall Mall G.* 3 July 2/2 Mr. Balfour, nevertheless, will endeavour to salvage enough Bills to reclaim the Session from absolute barrenness. 1903 *Blackw. Mag.* June 842 The records were salvaged with little loss.

Salvage, obs. form of SAVAGE.

Salvage, Salvagee: see SELVAGE, -EE.

Salvager (sæ·lvădʒəɹ). *rare.* [f. SALVAGE *sb.* or *v.* + -ER¹.] One who salves or salvages; = SALVOR 1; see also quot. 1867.

1829 *18th Rep. Comm. Crts. Justice Irel.* 10 A petition having been presented to the [High] Court [of Admiralty] by Mr. Henry Pyne Masters, one of the salvagers. 1867 SMYTH *Sailor's Word-bk., Salvager*, one employed on the sea-coast to look to the rights of salvage, wreck, or waif.

‖ Salvatella (sælvătē·lă). In 7 anglicized **salvatel.** [med.L. *salvatella* (It., Pg. *salvatella*, F. *salvatelle*), f. *salvāre* to save + dim. suffix (see -EL²); framed to render Arab. *al-usailim*, a derivative with dim. form from the root *s-l-m* implying safety, salvation, etc.] Old name for a vein on the back of the hand near its ulnar edge; bloodletting from this vein was held to be of great efficacy in the cure of diseases (*Syd. Soc. Lex.* 1891).

c 1400 *Lanfranc's Cirurg.* 158 Sche is clepid saluatella or ellis epatica in þe riȝthond, & in þe lifthand splennatica. 1548 VICARY *Anat.* vii. 53 And there it is called *Saluatella.* 1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr.* s.v. *Vein, Salvatel vein.* [From Coigr. 1611, *Veine salvatelle.*] 1849–52 *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* IV. II. 1407 The '*vena salvatella*'.

Salvation (sælvē··ʃən). Forms: *a.* 3 sauvaciun, 4–5 sauvacion, -acioun, savacion, -acyon, -aciouu, 5 savation, (savacyowne, -asyon, -aysione, sawacyon); *β.* 4 salvaciun, 4–5 -aciou(e, -acyoun, 4–6 -acion, -acyon, -atioun, (5 -acyone, -atioune, 6 -acione, -aciounn, -atiounn, -atyon, *Sc.* sallwatiouu), 4– salvation. [a. OF. *sauvacion, -un, salvatiun*, etc., mod.F. *salvation* (Pr., Sp. *salvacion*, Pg. *salvação*, It. *salvazione*), ad. late L. *salvātiōn-em*, n. of action f. *salvāre* to SAVE.] The action of saving or delivering; the state or fact of being saved.

1. The saving of the soul; the deliverance from sin and its consequences, and admission to eternal bliss, wrought for man by the atonement of Christ. [eccl. L. *salvatio*, rendering Gr. *σωτηρία.*]

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 242 Hwat te were leouest efter þi sauuaciun. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 17958 (Arundel MS.) His owne sone shal he sende doun In erþe to monnes saluatioun. 1377 LANGL. *P. Pl.* B. v. 126 Sorwe of synnes is sauacioun of soules. 14.. HOCCLEVE *Ad beatam Virginem* 53 O spryng and welle of our sauuacioun. 1535 COVERDALE *Phil.* ii. 12 Euen so worke out youre awne saluacion with feare and tremblynge. 1602 SHAKS. *Ham.* III. iii. 92 Some acte That ha's no reilish of Saluation in't. 1651 HOBBES *Leviath.* III. xxxviii. 245 The joyes of Life Eternall, are in Scripture comprehended all under the name of *Salvation*, or *being saved.* ?1709 LADY M. W. MONTAGU *Lett., To Mrs. Hewet* (1887) I. 23 His first wife..ventured her own salvation to secure his. 1738–9 BP. BUTLER *Serm. S.P.G.* 9 It is indeed true, God willeth that all men should be saved: yet..the Salvation of every man cannot but depend upon his Behaviour. 1816 SCOTT *Old Mort.* xxx, Men who believed that the pale of salvation was open for them exclusively. 1841 TRENCH *Parables* ix. (1877) 181 The whole economy of salvation has been put into Christ's hands.

b. in formulas of asseveration.

c 1374 CHAUCER *Troylus* II. 332 (381) God so wys be my sauncioun. *c* 1386 — *Manciple's Prol.* 58 By my sauacion I trowe lewedly he wolde telle his tale. 1598 B. JONSON *Ev. Man in Hum.* (Qo. 1601) II. iii. E 4, *Bob.* I assure you (vpon my saluation) 'tis true. 1617 MORYSON *Itin.* II. 154 Foure thousand Spaniards (for so the prisoner that we tooke delivered them to be upon his salvation).

†c. *Year of (man's) salvation*, a year reckoned from the birth of Christ: after med.L. *anno salutis.*

1560 DAUS tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* 160 b, In the yeare of mans salvation .M.C.LXXI. 1610 HOLLAND *Camden's Brit.* (1637) 624 About the yeere of Salvation 1328.

d. *transf.* and *fig.*

1886 *Times* 14 May 9/5 Mr. Campbell-Bannerman 'found salvation' in the shape of a conviction of the necessity of Home Rule, some time after the general election. 1891 *Anthony's Photogr. Bull.* IV. 88 Only those who have worked out their own photographic salvation can realize the difficulties to be overcome.

2. *gen.* Preservation from destruction, ruin, loss, or calamity. In mod. use chiefly with more or less allusion to sense 1.

†*For* or *in salvation of*: in order to save or preserve.

c 1374 CHAUCER *Boeth.* I. pr. iv. 10 (Camb. MS.) Shal I clepe it..a synne þat I haue desired the sauacion of the ordre of the senat. *c* 1384 — *H. Fame* I. 208 That he shulde drenche Lorde and lady, grome and wenche, Of all the Troian nacion Withoute any savacion. 1411 *Rolls of Parlt.* III. 650/2, I havyng doute of harme of my body, in myn entent for salvation of myself dyd assemble thise persones. *c* 1430 *Brut* 438 To gouerne and kepe the londe..in sauacion of his pepull and good kepynge of his Rewme. *c* 1440 *Gesta Rom.* lxix. 317 (Harl. MS.) The lady drowe to a bord, the which bare hire to þe londe; And þe maister tooke an othir bord, and so passid to þe londe, But neither of hem knewe of otheris saluacion. 1465 MARG. PASTON in *P. Lett.* II. 202 In any thyng that he canne doo tochyng the savacyon of the dedys gode, other in lyflode, other in other godys, he sayth that he wyll doo. 1472–3 *Rolls of Parlt.* VI. 52/1 [Your Petitioner] in salvation of his lyffe..came forth and submitted hym to the said Riottours. 1544 tr. *Littleton's Tenures* (1574) 11 The wife may doe this for salvacion of the state of the wardeine in chivalry. 1611 BIBLE 1 *Sam.* xiv. 45 Shall Ionathan die, who hath wrought this great saluation in Israel? 1806 *Med. Jrnl.* XV. 18 The remedy..to which I owe the salvation of numbers, is cold bathing. 1849–50 ALISON *Hist. Europe* X. lxvi. § 35. 147 Many a Burgoyne has capitulated because the means of salvation were not..put into his hands. 1850 CARLYLE *Latter-d. Pamph.* ii. (1872) 65 When men have n purse and a skin, they seek salvation at least for these. 1861 BRIGHT *Sp. Amer.* 4 Dec. (1868) I. 184 What then do you think would have been the regard of the Government ..for personal liberty, if it interfered with..the salvation of the State? 1898 *Daily News* 30 Sept. 2/3 He thought the salvation of the District Company,..depended to a certain extent on the substitution of electricity for steam.

3. A source, cause or means of salvation; a person or thing that saves. Now chiefly in phr. *to be the salvation of.*

c 1374 CHAUCER *Compl. Mars* 213 My right lady, my sauncyon. *c* 1440 LYDG. *Horse, Shepe & G.* 42 (Lansdowne MS.) Hors in cronyclis, wo-so looke a-riht, Hav be savacion to many a worthi knyht. 1539 BIBLE (Great) *Ps.* xxvii. 1 The Lorde is my lyght, and my saluacion. 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* I. I. 15 The talents and even the virtues of her first six French Kings were a curse to her. The follies and vices of the seventh were her salvation. 1878 HOLBROOK *Hyg. Brain* 62 Sleep is the salvation of the nervous system.

4. *Comb.*, as *salvation-monger, -work.*

1656 T. WATSON *One Thing necessary* 9 Salvation-work is difficult in regard of the deceits about the work. 1874 MOTLEY *Barneveld* I. viii. 345 The arch-heretic Arminius, the salvation-monger.

Salva·tional, *a. rare.* [-AL.] Relating to or concerned with salvation.

1858 J. EADIE *Comm. Philippians* 44 His present Christ-like frame of spirit was salvational, if the expression may be coined—it was an index of present attainment, and the sure instrument of subsequent glory. 1894 *Thinker* Aug. 107 This purpose was of vital importance, if Israel was really to become Jehovah's salvational people in behalf of the Gentile world.

Salvation Army. An organization, on a quasi-military model, founded by the Rev. William Booth for the revival of religion among the masses in this and other countries.

The name was adopted in 1878 (the body until then was styled 'the Christian Mission'). The officers bear military titles ('general', 'captain', etc.). Both sexes take part in the work, of which open-air services are a prominent feature.

c 1880 BOOTH *Salvation Soldier's Song-bk.* No. 123 The Salvation Army is marching along. 1881 — *Doctr. & Discipl. Salvation Army* § 29 When the organization had been in existence some eleven years, we found that it was fashioned, substantially, on the model of an army, and as its object was the salvation of men, we named it..' The Salvation Army'.

Salva·tioner. *rare*—¹. [-ER¹.] = SALVATIONIST.

1889 'M. GRAY' *Reproach of Annesley* III. vi. v. 209 The frantic Salvationers..make night and day hideous with profane bawlings.

Salva·tionism. [-ISM.] a. Religious teaching which lays prime stress on 'salvation', or the saving of the soul. b. The principles or methods of the Salvation Army.

1883 *American* VI. 233 The emotional variety of religion which is called 'salvationism'. 1889 *Academy* 11 May 319/3 The gentler aspects of Salvationism find their exponent here in the labours of a beautiful self-denying girl, who voluntarily gives herself to the service. 1902 W. JAMES *Varieties Relig. Exper.* viii. 167 In their extreme forms, of pure naturalism and pure salvationism, the two types are violently contrasted.

Salva·tionist. [-IST.] A member of the Salvation Army.

1882 *Standard* 17 Jan., As the 'Salvationists' started on their 'triumphant march',..they were pelted with mud and brickbats. 1892 *Guardian* 13 Jan. 33/2 The Eastbourne Salvationists seem to believe that they serve their cause by making Sunday hideous.

†Salvative, *a. Obs. rare*—¹. [ad. L. type **salvātīv-us*, f. *salvāre* to save: see -IVE.] ? Healing; or ? preservative (*for* = against).

1653 R. SANDERS *Physiogn.* bj b, Archangel, physiognomising the fingers, is salvative for the fellon breeding on those parts.

†Salva·tor¹. *Obs.* Also 5 **-owr,** 5–6 **-our.** [ME. *salvatour*, ad. late L. *salvātōr-em* (accus.), agent-n. f. *salvāre* to SAVE. In quot. 1707 a. *salvātor* (nom.).] One who saves or delivers; esp. the Saviour, Christ.

a 1400 *Stacions of Rome* 298 (Vernon MS.) In þe Rof ouer þe popes se A saluatour þer may þou se Neuer I-peynted with hond of Mon. *c* 1450 HOLLAND *Howlat* 473 Our Saluatouris sepultur. 1493 *Festivall* (W. de W. 1515) 123 b, Though eche of these were..helpers: and in maner saluatours of the people..but there was never none that was unyversall savyoure..but our lorde. 1500–20 DUNBAR *Poems* xxix. 1 Sanct Saluatour! send siluer sorrow. 1560 ROLLAND *Crt. Venus* III. 860 Our Saluatour to fell the feyndis feid Was he not borne of the bour virginall? 1707 E. WARD *Hud. Rediv.* II. vii. 18 His holy Nose b'ing something greater Than that which grac'd our late Salvator [*i.e.* William III].

†Salvator²: see next.

Salvatory (sæ·lvătəri), *sb.* Also 7–8 salvator(e. [ad. med.L. *salvātōri-um* place of preservation (only *spec.* a fishpond), f. *salvāre* to SAVE. Sense 1 is due to association with SALVE *sb.*[1]]

†**1.** A box for holding ointment. *Obs.*

1549 *Will of T. Laund* (Somerset Ho.), A salvatory of syluer. 1561 VICARY *Will* in *Anat.* 189 My best plaister box, garnisshed with siluer, my salvitory of siluer. 1612 WOODALL *Surg. Mate* Wks. (1653) 16 The Salvatorie if it contain six severall Unguents, it is sufficient for any present use. 1623 WEBSTER *Duchess of Malfi* IV. ii, Thou art a box of worme-seede, at best, but a saluatory of green mummey. 1688 R. HOLME *Armoury* III. 438/1 The Surgeons Salvator or Salvatory, or his Box of Unguents..is a Box with a Lid made generally of Latin or Tin. 1706 PHILLIPS (ed. Kersey), *Salvatory*, a Surgeon's Box, with Partitions, to hold several sorts of Salves, Ointments, and Balsams. 1715 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 5370/4 A Salvatore furnished with Balsam.

2. *gen.* A repository for safe storage. *rare.*

a 1677 HALE *Prim. Orig. Man.* II. iv. 156 When I consider ..the admirable powers of Sensation, of Phantasie, of Memory, in what Salvatories or Repositories the Species of things past are conserved. 1863 JEAN INGELOW *Poems* 98 (*A Dead Year*) 'All the kings of the nations lie in glory' [see Isa. xiv. 18]; Cased in cedar, and shut in a sacred gloom; ..Silent they rest, in solemn salvatory.

Salvatory (sæ·lvătŏri), *a. rare.* [ad. L. **salvātōri-us*: see prec.] Saving, imparting safety or salvation (*to*).

1830 *Fraser's Mag.* I. 525 Such and such redeeming points ..these salvatory accidents. 1852 JERDAN *Autobiog.* I. xvii. 131 To aid us in our salvatory endeavours [viz. to save a convict from execution]. 1865 CARLYLE *Fredk. Gt.* XV. xi. (1872) VI. 74 Fine feat, salvatory to the Cause of Liberty, and destructive of French influence. 1898 M. MURIEL DOWIE *Crook of Bough* 124 The raw young thinker who believes in the salvatory power of education.

†**Salvatrice.** *Obs. rare.* [ad. med.L. *salvātrīc-em* (nom. *-trix*), f. *salvāre* to SAVE.]

1. A female saviour.

1500–20 DUNBAR *Poems* lxxxv. 67 [To our Lady] Oratrice, mediatrice, salvatrice.

2. Old name for one of the coats (*tunicæ*) of the eye; in full *tunicle salvatrice* (= L. *tunica salvatrix*).

1590 BARROUGH *Meth. Physic* I. xxx. (1596) 50 Some.. imagin but only two coates, the one whereof they tearme Saluatrix, because it saueth and keepeth the humors. *Ibid.* xxxiv. 54 The tunicle saluatrice. *Ibid.* 55 It is not safe to aduenture to cure it [the 'second pannicle'], when by continuance of time, it hath vnited it selfe with the saluatrice.

Salve (sāv), *sb.*[1]. Forms: 1 **salb, salf, sealf, sealfe,** 2 **sealfe,** 3 (Orm.) **sallfe,** 4 **sealve, (salft),** 4–5 **salf, save,** *Sc.* **sawve,** 4–9 *Sc.* **saw,** 5 **salffe,** 6 **saulve,** *Sc.* **saufe,** 7 **sawf,** 3– **salve.** [OE. *sealf* fem. = OS. *salba*, MLG. *salve* (whence MSw. *salva*, Sw. *salfva*, Da. *salve*), MDu. *salve, salf* (Du. *zalf*), OHG. *salpa, salba* fem., *salb, salp* neut. (MHG., G. *salbe* fem.):—OTeut. **salbā* str. fem.:—pre-Teut. **solpā*, cogn. w. Skr. *sarpis* clarified butter, *sṛpra* greasy, and Albanian *galpe* butter; perh. also with Gr. ὄλπη, ὄλπις oil-flask.]

1. A healing ointment for application to wounds or sores. See also EYESALVE, LIPSALVE.

a 700 *Epinal Gloss.* 635 *Malagma*, salb. *c* 1000 *Sax. Leechd.* I. 110 Genim þas ylcan wyrte, wyrc to salfe [*v.rr.* sealfe, sealue]. *c* 1000 *Ags. Gosp.* Mark xiv. 5 Þeos sealf mihte beon geseald to þrim hund penegum. *c* 1200 ORMIN 6477 Þe þridde þatt te33 gæfenn himm Wass an full deore sallfe, ..Myrra bi name nemmnedd. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 370 Ure Louerdes sonde þet brouhte hire salue uorto helen hire tittes. *c* 1315 SHOREHAM I. 18 And for þe goute sealue Me makeþe. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xlvi. (*Anastace*) 102 Bot mekly vald scho wesch þar fet, & with softe sawis þare saris bet. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Sqr.'s T.* 631 Now kan nat Canacee but herbes delue Out of the ground and make saues [*v.r.* salues] newe. 14.. *Sir Beues* 605 (MS. M.) With drinke and salffe she helid hym softe. 1530 PALSGR. 729/1, I splette a saulve abrode upon a clothe, *je placque*. 1612 WOODALL *Surg. Mate* Wks. (1653) 21 If an old wife had openly applied her one salve for all sores. 1704 W. KING *Orpheus & Eurydice* 152 She..bade him 'noint himself with salve; Such as those hardy people use, Who walk on fire without their shoes. 1804 ABERNETHY *Surg. Obs.* 242 Linen spread over with spermaceti salve. 1896 A. E. HOUSMAN *Shropshire Lad* xlv, 'Twill hurt, but here are salves to friend you, And many a balsam grows on ground.

b. Formerly often (now *arch.*) in proverbial collocation with *sore*.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 27397 Til all sares sere es sett, salues sere to be wit bett. 1399 GOWER *Praise of Peace* 122 Ley to this olde sor a newe salve. 1575–85 ABP. SANUYS *Serm.* xxi. 363 Where there is no sore, there needes no salue. 1671 MILTON *Samson* 184 Orif better, Counsel or Consolation we may bring, Salve to thy Sores. 1825 JAMIESON s.v. *Saw*, Ye hae a saw for ilka sair.

c. A mixture, usually of tar and grease, for smearing sheep.

1523 FITZHERB. *Husb.* § 44 To make brome salue [for sheep]. 1837 YOUATT *Mountain Sheph. Man.* 31 The scab —a disease which the common salve, made of tar and grease, seems effectually to resist. 1844 STEPHENS *Bk. Farm* III. 1117 This compound..forms a salve for 100 sheep.

fig. 1528 TINDALE *Obed. Chr. Man* 129 b, As when we saye of a wanton childe, this shepe hath magottes in his tayle, he must be anoynted with byrchin salve, which speach I borow of the shephardes.

2. *fig.* **a.** A remedy (esp. for spiritual disease, sorrow, and the like). Now *rare*. See also 1 b.

c 1200 ORMIN 13489 Jesumm Mannkinne sawle sallfe,.. Himm hafe we nu fundenn. *c* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 276 Prudes salue is edmodnesse. *a* 1250 *Owl & Night.* 888 Ich helpe monne on eiþer halue, Mi muþ haueþ tweire kunne salue. *c* 1320 R. BRUNNE *Medit.* 1133 Þank we now oure sa[u]youre, þat salue vs haþ broȝt, Oure syke soules to sane, whan synne haþ hem soȝt. 1377 LANGL. *P. Pl.* B. xx. 370 Contriciouu..þat is the souereynest salue for alkyn synnes. *c* 1412 HOCCLEVE *De Reg. Princ.* 1245, I am so drad of monyes scantnesse..Wisseth me how to gete a golden salue. *c* 1430 in *Pol. Rel. & L. Poems* (1903) 203 And to my soule goosteli salue þou sende! 1563 *Homilies* II. *Repentance* II. (1859) 541 That they may receive at their hand the comfortable salve of God's word. 1574 *Satir. Poems Reform.* xlii. 766 Schir, ȝe knaw, This raritie will he ane saw, To mak the word estemit moir Nor euir it was heirtofoir. 1577 HANMER *Anc. Eccl. Hist.* (1619) 457 Wherefore we have devised these letters as a salve for this mischiefe. *c* 1610 ROWLANDS *Terrible Batt.* 8 Sinne hath no salue but mercy.

b. *esp.* Something which serves to soothe wounded feelings or honour, a tender conscience, etc.

This use has prob. developed from a misinterpretation or punning acceptation of phrases containing SALVE *sb.*[4]

1736 *Gentl. Mag.* VI. 669/1 This however was no Salve for the tender Consciences of the Quakers. 1856 MERIVALE *Rom. Emp.* xli. (1865) V. 115 For them Horace had a salve in his specious disparagement of illustrious parentage. 1865 KINGSLEY *Herew.* iv, Ranald had this salve for his conscience. 1874 L. STEPHEN *Hours in Library* (1892) I. ii. 54 Let us hope that this little salve to self-esteem never lost its efficacy.

c. *slang.* See quot., and cf. LIPSALVE.

1864 HOTTEN *Slang Dict., Salve*, praise, flattery, chaff.

3. *Comb.*, as *salve-box*.

1663 COWLEY *Cutter Colman St.* III. i, A Sawf-box for a Wounded Conscience.

†**Salve,** *sb.*[2] *Obs.* [a. F. *salve* (16th c.), ad. It. *salva*: see SALVO. Cf. G. *salve*.] A SALVO or discharge of fire-arms.

1577–87 HOLINSHED *Chron.* III. 1151/1 At whose arriuall there..they sounded their trumpets, & with a thundering peale of great ordinance gaue a lowd salue vnto the Britains. 1587 SIR R. WILLIAMS *Let. to Leicester* 29 June (MS. Cotton Galba D I. 146–7), I and other English gentilmen will approch theire Boates in such sorte that we will force them to giue theire salue of Artillerie vppon vs. 1604 E. GRIMSTONE *Hist. Siege Ostend* 182 They made a Salue, euery one of the Musketiers three shot. 1635 BARRIFFE *Mil. Discipl.* CXX. (1643) 420 A salve is when 2, 3, or more rankes powre out all their shot together in one volly. 1637 R. MONRO *Exped.* II. 66 They were prepared with a firme resolution to receive us with a salve of Cannon and Muskets. 1666 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 47/2 In which state they entred the City of Naples, where the..Spanish Garrison, welcomed them with the continued thunder of the Cannons and salves of small shot. *a* 1693 *Urquhart's Rabelais* III. xxxiv. 288 The Thundring of Nineteen hundred Canons at a Salve.

†**Salve,** *sb.*[3] *Obs.* [Origin and meaning obscure: perh. some error.] Some kind of boat.

1588 AACHOEACON tr. *True Disc. Army K. Spain* 36 There are 20. Caruels for the seruice of the aboue named Armie, and likewise 10 Saluës with sixe Oares a peece. [Reproduced by Strype, Tindal and Hume.]

†**Salve,** *sb.*[4] *Obs.* [f. SALVE *v.*[2] Cf. SALVO *sb.*[1]] **a.** A solution of a difficulty; also, a sophistical excuse or evasion. **b.** A 'salvo' or means of 'salving' a person's honour, etc.

a 1628 F. GREVIL *Sidney* (1652) II In their losse..there he buried many delicate images, and differences between the reall and large complexions of those active times, and the narrow salves of this effeminate age. 1646 SIR T. BROWNE *Pseud. Ep.* VII. xiii. 366 While we referre it unto the Moone, we give some satisfaction for the Ocean, but no generall salve for Creeks, and Seas which know no floud. 1651 N. BACON *Disc. Govt. Eng.* II. xliv. 114 The worst point in the case was that the Duke was a Bastard,..nor was there other salve thereto but the Norman custom, that made no difference. 1651 HOBBES *Leviath.* I. xi. 49 They will rather hazard their honour, which may be salved with an excuse; than their lives, for which no salve is sufficient. 1657 *Treat. Conf. Sin* vi. 109 A discourse not capable of a Roman salve, but needing the spunge throughout, with a *deleatur*. 1665 GLANVILL *Def. Van. Dogm.* 24 Whether what is said be a clear salve or a shuffle.

‖ **Salve** (sæ·lvī), *sb.*[5] Also 6 **salvy.** [L. *salvē* 'hail!', 'good morning', 2nd sing. imper. of *salvēre* to be well or in good health. Cf. F. *salvé* in sense 2 (14th c. in Godefroy).]

1. The utterance of the word *salvē* (see above) or its equivalent; a greeting or salutation on meeting.

1583 GREENE *Mamillia* Wks. (Grosart) II. 22 After he had curteously giuen her the *Salue*. *Ibid.* 196 To salute thee with a *Saluc*. 1588 — *Metam.* ibid. IX. 20 An interchange of salues passed, between her and me. 1641 J. JACKSON *True Evang. T.* III. 176 His Salve, or Present, when he came to his Disciples, [was] Peace he with you. 1701 C. WOLLEY *Jrnl. New York* (1860) 56 But the amaze soon went off with a *salve tu quoque*, and a Bottle of Wine.

2. (More fully *Salve Regina.*) In the R. C. Ch., an antiphon, beginning 'Salve, Regina', now recited after the Divine Office from Trinity Sunday to Advent; also sung as a separate office or 'devotion'. Also, a musical setting for this.

1428 *E. E. Wills* (1882) 81 Also to-fore oure ladi in Senct Marie Chapell..1 Tapre of a pounde, to hrenne euery euen of oure lady, and þ° day as atte salue. 1486 *Rec. St. Mary at Hill* (1904) 5 That he be euery Day in the same Chirch after evensong, at the tyme of syngyng of Salue Regina. 1502 ARNOLDE *Chron.* (1811) 277 Item we synde that for defaute of good prouision bothe of the chirche wardeyns and also of the mastirs of the salue, neither the priestis nor clarkis that ben retayned for the chirche wil nat com to our lady masse nor salue. 1557–8 in Swayne *Sarum Churchw. Acc.* (1896) 103 For the Syngyn men that song' at Salvy. *c* 1570 *Durham Depos.* (Surtees) 149 He dyd dyvers tymes help to singe salvaes at mattynes and even songe. 1789 BURNEY *Hist. Mus.* III. 529 The *salmi, stabat maters, misereres*, and *salve reginas*, with solo airs. 1888 *Century Mag.* Aug. 495/2 It is the hour of the Compline, the Salve, and the Angelus.

b. *attrib.*, as †*Salve time*; †**Salve-light,** a candle lighted during the singing of the *Salve*.

1439 *E. E. Wills* (1882) 114, ij Tapers to stoode on the Auter of our lady..þer to be lighte and brenne at Salue tyme. 1486 *Will of W. Cromwell* in *Misc. Gen. & Her.* Ser. III. I. 95 To the lighting of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the same chapel, called Salvelight.

Salve (sāv), *v.*[1] Forms: 1 **sealfian,** 3 *Ormin* **sallfenn,** 5 **salf(e, sauf, save,** 6 **sawve,** (9 *dial.* **sauve, soave, sove**), 3– **salve.** [OE. *sealfian* = OFris. *salvia*, OS. *salbōn*, MLG. *salven* (mod.LG. *salven, salfen*; Da. *salve* from LG.), MDu. *salven* (Du. *zalven*), OHG. *salbôn* (MHG. and mod.G. *salben*), Goth. *salbôn*:—OTeut. **salbōjan*, f. **salbā* SALVE *sb.*[1]]

1. *trans.* To anoint (a wound, wounded part) with salve or healing unguent. *Obs.* or *arch.*

a 800 *Erfurt Gloss.* 325 *Delibutus*, ȝisalbot. *c* 1050 *Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 406/13 *Fotani*, sealfode. *a* 1400–50 *Alexander* 3132 (Dubl.) He gart seke þair sarys & þaim salue with suurgers noble. 1530 PALSGR. 697/2, I salve, or playster a sore bodye with salves, *je emplastre*. 1590 SPENSER *F.Q.* I. v. 17 Where many skilfull leaches him abide To salve his hurts, that yet still freshly bled. 1650 S. CLARKE *Eccl. Hist.* I. (1654) 38 Where is he that salved and cured him which was wounded by the Theives? 1658 A. FOX *Würtz' Surg.* II. xxvi. 176 There are some, who by all means would have Fractures salved and annointed. 1822 SCOTT *Nigel* viii, Marry, her husband that made the weapon might have salved the wound. 1865 KINGSLEY *Herew.* xxiii, Is there a wound on your limbs, which my hands have not salved?

†**b.** To anoint to an office. *Obs.*

c 1200 ORMIN 13243, & Crist bitacneþþ uss þatt mann þatt smeredd iss & sallfedd, Nohht þurrh nan eorþliȝ smere, acc all þurrh Haliȝ Gastess sallfe.

c. In figurative contexts, where the language is literal; esp. in phr. *to salve a sore.* « † Also with *up*.

c 1200 ORMIN 9427 Alls iff he brohhte læchedom & herrtess e3hesallfe, To sallfenn & to clennsenn firrst þe follkess herrtess e3he. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 194 Þe gostliche hurtes ne þuncheð nout sore, ne ne saluеð ham mid schrifte. *a* 1340 HAMPOLE *Psalter* xxvi. 15 Þou ert god my hele þat salues þe wounde of my syn. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 9193 There is no medcyn on mold, saue the maiden one, þat my sors might salue, ne me sound make. *c* 1430 LYDG. *Testament* Min. Poems (Percy Soc.) 248 Sauf al my soorys that they nat cankryd be With noon old rust of disesperaunce. 1576 FLEMING *Panopl. Epist.* 52 Al which sores I haue salued vp with apt plasters. 1604 CHURCHYARD (*title*) A blessed Balme to search and salve Sedition. 1623 T. SCOT *Tongue-Combat* 54 Matters..did..salve vp this sore from further festring. 1873 BROWNING *Red Cott. Nt.-cap* 249 Since plain speech salves the wound it seems to make.

†**d.** *intr.* To smear salve *upon* a sore; in quot. *fig. Obs. rare.*

1579 LODGE *Def. Poetry* 42 But after your discrediting of playmaking, you salue vppon the sore somewhat.

e. *trans.* To smear (sheep) with a mixture of tar and butter, or the like. Cf. GREASE *v.* 2.

1523 FITZHERB. *Husb.* § 44 A medicyne to salue poore mennes shepe, that thynke terre to costely. 1544 *Supplic. Hen. VIII* (E.E.T.S.) 39 A shepherde..which nother wolde nor coulde feade, handle, salue, nor ones see his shepe commytted to his charge. 1788 W. MARSHALL *Yorksh.* II. 349 To *salve sheep*, to dress them with tar and grease. 1860 KAY-SHUTTLEWORTH *Scarsdale* II. 79 He would linger three or four days to help to 'salve' the sheep.

†**2.** In extended sense: To heal or remedy (a disease). Chiefly *fig.*, to heal (sin, sorrow, etc.).

1411 26 *Pol. Poems* x. 164 Þe holy gost saluеþ soule syknesse. 1426 LYDG. *De Guil. Pilgr.* 7719 No tryacle may the venym saue. *c* 1450 *Cov. Myst.* xxvi. (Shaks. Soc.) 253 Alle your langoris salvyn xal he. 1579 TOMSON *Calvin's Serm. Tim.* 320/1 We are not worthie that God should salve our sinnes gently and with a fatherly affection. 1581 MARBECK *Bk. of Notes* 187 But Christ saluеth this disease, for he fulfilled the lawe for vs. 1594 GREENE & LODGE *Looking Glasse* (1598) D 3, Content thee sweet, ile salue thy sorrow straight. 1621 BURTON *Anat. Mel.* II. i. 1. i. (1651) 220 They can..salve gouts, epilepsies [etc.]. 1624 QUARLES *Job* Div. Poems (1717) 180 Why, rather, didst not thou remove my sin, And salve the sorrows that I raved in?

†**b.** To heal (a person) *of* (sickness, sin, etc.).

Occas. found coupled with *save* (see quots. 1377, *c* 1470).

a 1225 *St. Marher.* 22 Of þis sunne lauerd loke me nu salue. *a* 1240 *Ureisun* in *Cott. Hom.* 202 For to saluen [*Lamb. Hom.* 187 sauuin] seke ine sunnen. 1377 LANGL. *P. Pl.* B. XI. 212 Cryst to a comune woman seyde..þat *fides tua* shulde sauen hir and saluen hir of alle synnes. *Ibid.* XX. 303 Go salue þo þat syke ben and þorw synne ywounded. *c* 1440 *York Myst.* xx. 266 Þe sight of þe Hath salued vs of all oure sore. *Ibid.* xxix. 263 He salued þame of sikenesse. *c* 1470 *Gol. & Gaw.* 793 The king..prayt to the grete God to grant him his grace, Him to saue and to salf. *a* 1591 H. SMITH *Serm.* (1637) 599 His stripes are plasters to salve me. 1596 SPENSER *F.Q.* V. v. 43 For, seeking thus to salve the Amazon, She wounded was with her deceipts owne dart.

†**c.** To soothe, mitigate, assuage (an 'appetite').

1577 NORTHBROOKE *Dicing* (1843) 11 Neuer endeauoring to tame and salue their wilde appetites.

†**3.** *fig.* To heal, remedy, mend, make good, make up, smooth over (something amiss, a troubled state of affairs, a defect, offence, disgrace, dispute, etc.).

In many examples not distinguishable from SALVE *v.*[2]

1575 FENTON *Gold. Epist.* (1582) 246 They seeke not to salue what is amisse. 1579 E. K. *Spenser's Sheph. Cal.* Ep. to Harvey P 2, Which default whenas some endevoured to salve and recure. 1587 GREENE *Penelopes Web* D j, The lady Barmenissa,.. still salued her want with labour and

her pouertie with patience. 1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* II. x. 21 But Ebranck salved both their infamies With noble deedes. 1610 HOLLAND *Camden's Brit.* I. 509 If my conjecture missed the truth, the confession of my errour may salue it. *c* 1622 FORD, etc. *Witch Edmonton* I. i, To salve the infamy Of my disgraced house. 1692 LUTTRELL *Brief Rel.* (1857) II. 341 Which, 'tis thought, will salve the difference betwixt the two houses about the treason bill. 1706 PHILLIPS (ed. Kersey), To *Salve the Matter*, to make up a Business, so as to come off well. 1712 PRIDEAUX *Direct. Ch.-wardens* (ed. 4) 63 His Confirmation salved all defects.

† b. with intensive *up*. *Obs.*

1594 CAREW *Huarte's Exam. Wits* xiii. (1596) 217 That steward, whom his master called to accompt, reseruing a good portion of the goods to his owne behoofe, salued vp all his reckonings, and got his quietus est. 1615 T. TAYLOR *Comm. Titus* iii. 2 (1619) 571 These speaches are farre off from saluing vp the matter. 1656 FINETT *For. Ambass.* 222 In observation of which direction I repaired to them, salved up all as dextrously as I could. 1668 H. MORE *Div. Dial.* I. II. 230 There will be a Θεὸς ἀπὸ μηχανῆς, Christ coming in the Clouds, that shall salve up all.

4. *fig.* (From sense 1, after phrases containing SALVE *v.*[2]) To soothe, 'lay flattering unction to' (irritated feeling, 'wounded pride', an uneasy conscience, etc.). Also *to salve over*.

1825 LAMB *Unitarian Protests*, So long as you Unitarians could salve your consciences with the *équivoque*. 1831 CAMPBELL *Power of Russia* 70 Rome could impart what Russia never can—Proud civic right to salve submission's shame. 1850 KINGSLEY *Alt. Locke* xiv, I salved over that feeling, being desirous to see everything in the brightest light. 1852 R. S. SURTEES *Sponge's Sp. Tour* xii, At first Chousam would hear of nothing but 'I–a–w'. Bullfrog's wounded honour could only be salved that way. *Ibid.* xxv, Jack salved his conscience over with the old plea of duty. 1864 TREVELYAN *Compet. Wallah* (1866) 144 Or any of the other benefits by which we seek to compensate the natives..and salve our own consciences. 1874 SYMONDS *Sk. Italy & Greece* (1898) I. xv. 343 A supreme satisfaction —salving over many wounds of vanity. 1878 BOSW. SMITH *Carthage* 373 In the endeavour to salve their wounded pride.

b. *To salve over*: to talk over or persuade by smooth speech. *colloq.*

1862 MRS. H. WOOD *Channings* I. xi. 157 'Lady Augusta and Dr. Burrows are great friends, you know'; and we hear that they have been salving over Pye—'Gently, Tom!' put in Mr. Channing. 'Talking over Pye, then,' corrected Tom.

† Salve, *v.*[2] *Obs.* [app. ad. L. *salvāre* to SAVE. In the astronomical sense 1, the L. form was prob. adopted because the vernacular *save* did not sufficiently indicate the technical import of the word. In this use the word became virtually equivalent to 'solve', 'explain', and it seems probable that sense 2 (though in our quots. appearing earlier) arose as a generalized application of this notion. The remaining uses were no doubt suggested by mod. Latin phrases like *salvo jure*, *salvo honore*, etc.; see SALVO *sb.*[1]]

1. *Astr.* To SAVE (*the appearances, the phenomena*), i. e. to frame a hypothesis which will account for all the observed facts of the apparent motions of the heavenly bodies. Hence *gen.*, to account for, explain by hypothesis. (Cf. SOLVE *v.*, used in the same phrases.)

1625 N. CARPENTER *Geog. Del.* I. vi. (1635) 140 To salue this Apparence, Ptolomy inuented a slow motion of the Starry Heauen. 1627 HAKEWILL *Apol.* II. iv. § 4. 95 Who to salue these different observations inuented a new Hypothesis, which yet was not received by Astronomers of after times. 1635 SWAN *Spec. M.* vi. § 2 (1643) 207 Serving to no other purpose but to salve the annuall motion of the earth. 1646 [see PHENOMENON 1 c]. 1656 tr. *Hobbes' Elem. Philos.* IV. xxvi. 320 That circular motion (which is commonly attributed to them) about a fixed Axis,..is insufficient to salve their Appearances. 1662 BOYLE *Def. Doctr. Spring of Air* II. v. 57 To salve the Phænomena of the Torricellian Experiment. 1662 STILLINGFL. *Orig. Sacr.* III. i. § 18 Such perplexities must needs arise, when men will undertake to salve the inward operations of the soul by meer motion. 1672 SIR T. BROWNE *Let. Friend* § 8 A remarkable coincidence, which tho Astrology hath taken witty pains to salve, yet hath it been very wary in making predictions of it. 1691 T. H[ALE] *Acc. New Invent.* p. xxix, Inventers, whose discoveries have only salved the Phœnomena.

2. To clear up, explain, account for (a difficulty, point in dispute, etc.); to overcome (a doubt, objection); to harmonize or reconcile (a discrepancy).

1571 CAMPION *Hist. Iret.* xv. (1633) 48 Here Cambrensis to salve the contradiction, thinketh [etc.]. 1594 PLAT *Jewell-ho.* III. 80 If the first doubt may be salued. 1614 RALEIGH *Hist. World* II. (1634) 475 So, by making the seventeenth yeare of Jeroboam to be newly begun, all may be salved. 1620 SANDERSON *Serm. ad Pop.* ii. (1689) 172 As for those phrases then of *Repenting*, *Grieving*, &c., which are spoken of God in the Scriptures; that συγκατάβασις, whereof St. Chrysostom so often speaketh, salveth them. 1643 MILTON *Divorce* II. viii. Wks. 1851 IV. 80 What may we do then to salve this seeming inconsistence? 1655 FULLER *Ch. Hist.* I. v. § 20 To salve all, some have found out another Patrick, called Seniour, or Sen Patrick. 1676 W. HUBBARD *Happiness of People* 3 The reason given by some Interpreters seems not sufficient to salve the Knot. *a* 1677 HALE *Prim. Orig. Man.* I. iii. 82 And this does salve two Objections at once. 1685 R. DUNNING *Overseer of Poor* 11 This Exception may be thus salved. 1722 WOLLASTON *Relig. Nat.* ix. (1724) 199 The objection before us, tho we could not salve the difficulties in it,..yet ought to be no prejudice against the belief of the immortality of the soul. 1744 WESLEY *Wks.* (1872) VIII. I conceive, this will not salve the matter at all.

b. To explain away, excuse by a 'salvo'.

1628 PAYNNE *Cens. Cosens* 73 What answer can you make to mittigate or salue this bloody and soule-slaying sinne? 1640 BP. HALL *Episc.* II. § 20. 202 He flew out into some expressions indeed, but yet such as in other places he doth either salve or contradict.

3. To render tenable, obviate the objections to (an opinion); to vindicate from incredibility (an alleged fact).

1596 BELL *Surv. Popery* III. ix. 397 To salue their beggerly doctrine. 1635 JACKSON *Creed* VIII. xviii. § 2 Such..labour to salve the truth of the Prophetical prediction. 1658 SIR T. BROWNE *Hydriot.* iii. 19 But the soul subsisting, other matter clothed with due accidents, may salve the individuality. 1659 PEARSON *Creed* (1839) 88 There was no way to salve the eternity or antiquity of the World..but by supposing innumerable deluges and deflagrations. 1701 NORRIS *Ideal World* I. v. 298 As the *esse reale* salves the infinity, so the *esse formale* does equally secure the ideality. 1720 WATERLAND *Eight Serm.* 116 To salve their Hypothesis, They make bold with the..Construction of the Words.

4. To preserve or maintain unhurt (one's honour, credit, reputation, etc.). Hence, to preserve the credit of, make good (one's oath, etc.).

In the later examples prob. apprehended by the writers as a figurative use of SALVE *v.*[1]: see SALVE *v.*[1] 4.

1596 SPENSER *F. Q.* IV. iv. 27 To salve his name And purchase honour to his friends behalve. 1605 B. JONSON *Volpone* IV. ii, I deuised a formal tale That salv'd your reputation. 1628 HOBBES tr. *Thucyd.* I. (1629) 65 *marg.*, The Oracles were alwayes obscure, that evasion might be found to salue their credit. 1636 MASSINGER *Bashful Lover* V. i, My onely Child Being provided for, her honor salv'd too. 1657 W. MOAICE *Cæna quasi* Κοινή Pref. 9 The gentleman hath in one respect salved the honor of his judgement. 1689 EVELYN *Diary* 15 Jan., They were all for a Regency, thereby to salve their oathes. 1697 T. SMITH *Voy. Constantinople* in *Misc. Cur.* (1708) III. 7 The Seamen, to salve their Credit, and to excuse their Error,..pretended that we were set in by a strong Current. 1698 FRYER *Acc. E. India & P.* 262 He was forced to make use of an Equivocation to salve his Oath. *a* 1721 KEN *Christophil* Poet. Wks. 1721 I. 433 His Truth in Threats to punish Guilt, Was salv'd in Blood of Jesus spilt. 1803 MALTHUS *Popul.* IV. vii. (1806) II. 402 Those who believe that the character of a woman is salved by such a forced engagement. 1814 SOUTHEY *Roderick* XXII. 133 An afterthought to salve decorum.

b. *refl.* To save one's credit.

1657 W. MOAICE *Cæna quasi* Κοινή xii. 156 Unless perhaps they can think to salve themselves by saying [etc.].

c. With *from*: To clear from a charge or imputation of.

1685 DRYDEN *Thren. August.* 243 Charles left behind no harsh decree For schoolmen with laborious art To salve from cruelty.

d. To save the credit of (an author).

1646 SIR T. BROWNE *Pseud. Ep.* IV. ii. 182 In these considerations must Aristotle be salved, when hee affirmeth the heart of man is placed in the left side.

Salve (sælv), *v.*[3] [Back-formation from SALVAGE.] *trans.* To save (a ship, its cargo) from loss at sea; to save (property) from destruction by fire; to make salvage of.

1706 PHILLIPS (ed. Kersey), To *Salve*, to save or preserve: as *To Salve a Ship or the Goods of it.* 1715 *Loud. Gaz.* No. 5330/3 Clarets and White Wines salved..out of two Dutch Ships lost in January. 1796 J. TROUTBECK *Scilly Isl.* 229 Part of her cargo was driven on shore, and..consisted of wine and oil. After it was salved, some of the inhabitants insisted on one half in kind. 1888 in *Pall Mall G.* 1 June 10/2 In 1886 this gun was salved, having lain nearly 100 years below the sea. 1901 *Scotsman* 11 Mar. 8/7 The Steamer..has stranded at the entrance to the harbour: means are being taken to lighten and salve her.

absol. 1885 *Daily Tel.* 21 Dec. (Cassell), Crews of twenty boats scattered all over the islands are salving as quickly as they can.

Hence **Salved** *ppl. a.*, **Sa·lving** *vbl. sb.* and *ppl. a.*

1869 *Pall Mall G.* 4 Oct. 7/2 The wreck lying in a favourable position for salving operations. 1884 SIR N. LINDLEY in *Law Rep.* 9 Probate Div. 203 The salving vessel is often herself exposed to imminent peril. 1893 *Westm. Gaz.* 8 Feb. 8/3 The value of the salved vessel was £225,000. 1899 F. T. BULLEN *Log Sea-waif* 113 The small craft which clung to our side receiving the salved cargo.

Salve, obs. form of SAFE, SAVE.

† Salvedi·ction. *Obs.*—° [f. L. *salvē* hail, imp. of *salvēre* to be well, after VALEDICTION.] Salutation on meeting.

1668 WILKINS *Real Char.* 237 *Salvediction*, accost, greet, hail. 1674 BLOUNT *Glossogr.* (ed. 4), *Salvediction*, a greeting or bidding God save.

† Salvee. *Obs.* [Precise formation uncertain: cf. SALVE *sb.*[3]] A SALVO (of fire-arms).

1632 *Swed. Intelligencer* II. 169 Teaching them especially how to give a Charge or Salvee; some upon their knees, others behind them stooping forward; and the hindmost ranke standing upright, and all to give fire at once. *c* 1651 G. GORDON *Contin. Hist. Earls Sutherld.* (1813) 526 At the first incounter they gave the Lord Gordon a salvee of shot from the folds, where he was slayn, with dyvers others.

Salvelin, -ine (sæ·lvĭlin), *a. Ichth.* [ad. mod.L. *salvelinus* sb. (Linnæus), specific name of the char, prob. ad. Ger. *salbling* (in 17th c. *salvelin*, Willughby *Hist. Pisc.* 195): see SAIBLING.] Belonging to the species (now usually regarded as a sub-genus or genus) *Salmo salvelinus*, the char.

1804 SHAW *Gen. Zool.* V. i. 59 [heading of page] Salvelin Trout. 1891 *Century Dict.*, *Salveline*.

Salvenap, variant form of SANAP.

† Sa·lver[1]. *Obs. rare.* Also **salvour.** [f. SALVE *v.* + -ER[1].] One who salves or heals; applied to Christ or the Virgin Mary.

14.. *Tundale's Vis.* (1843) 146 Heyle tho saluer of our solace. *c* 1430 *Hymns Virg.* (1867) 4 Heil comeli queene,.. Heil þe saiuour of al sore! *c* 1440 *York Myst.* XXV. 507 Hayll! saluer of our sores sere. *a* 1500–34 *Coventry Corpus Chr. Plays*, *Weavers* 956 But I troo amonst vs he [Christ] be sent To be the saluer of owre sore.

Salver[2] (sæ·lvəɹ). Also 7 **salvor.** [Formed (with suffix *-er* after *platter* or some other word of like meaning) on F. *salve* (1666 in Hatz.-Darm.), a tray used for presenting certain objects to the king, ad. Sp. *salva* (= Pg. *salva*), primarily 'a foretasting, as to a prince' (Minsheu 1617), the 'assaying' of food or drink (= CREDENCE *sb.* 6), and hence a tray or salver on which the cup was placed when the tasting had shown that its contents were free from danger (cf. CREDENCE *sb.* 7), f. *salvo* SAFE *a.* or *salvar* to save, render safe, to 'assay' food or drink. Cf. the synon. SERVER (late 17th c.). Minsheu 1617 explains Sp. *salva* as 'the lid of the cup, in which it is customary to taste the drink before presenting it to a prince', but this is perh. a misunderstanding.]

A tray, used for handing refreshments or for presenting letters, visiting-cards, etc.

For the earlier sense, see quot. 1661.

1661 BLOUNT *Glossogr.* (ed. 2), *Salver* (from *salvo*, to save) is a new fashioned peece of wrought plate, broad and flat, with a foot underneath, and is used in giving Beer, or other liquid thing, to save the Carpit or Cloathes from drops. 1685 in Swayne *Sarum Churchw. Acc.* (1896) 242 Presented for the use of this Ch. one Silver Salver. 1685 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 2068/4, 3 Silver Porringers, 3 Salvors one of them deep, two flat. 1687 A. LOVELL tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* I. 160 These Dishes have feet like our Salvers, but almost half a Foot high. 1701 FARQUHAR *Sir H. Wildair* II. i, Where are my new japan salvers? 1739 SWIFT *Direct. Serv.* i. Wks. 1751 XIV. 19 Gather the Droppings and Leavings, out of the several Cups and Glasses and Salvers, into one. 1731 POPE *Ep. Burlington* 159 Between each Act the trembling salvers ring, From soup to sweetwine, and God bless the King. 1745 *De Foe's Eng. Tradesman* xxii. (1841) I. 207 Six fine large silver salvers to serve sweetmeats. 1759 *Compl. Lett.-writer* (ed. 6) 229 The company treated..with morning salvers of champaigne. 1818 SCOTT *Hrt. Midl.* xl, Nor would he permit her to break off a fragment, and lay the rest on the salver. 1842 MRS. KIRKLAND *Forest Life* I. 238 Great trays of tea and coffee and bounteous salvers of cake, biscuits [etc.]. 1866 MRS. GASKELL *Wives & Dau.* xv, Always brings in a letter on a salver. 1874 WHYTE MELVILLE *Uncle John* xiv. II. 96 A ubiquitous mess-waiter..presently appeared with the visitor's card on a salver. 1888 M. ROBERTSON *Lombard St. Myst.* iv, On the silver salver enriching the ball-table.

† b. ? A dish on which a jelly or the like is served up for the table.

1747–96 MRS. GLASSE *Cookery* xxi. 332 If you want it for the middle, turn it out upon a salver. 1769 MRS. RAFFALD *Eng. Housekpr.* (1778) 187 When you turn them [the jellies] out, dip your bason in warm water,..then turn your dish or salver upon the top of your bason, and turn your bason upside down.

c. *Comb.* **Salver-shaped** *a.* (*Bot.*) = HYPOCRATERIFORM.

1760 J. LEE *Introd. Bot.* I. iii. (1776) 7 Hypocrateriform, Salver-shaped. 1776–96 WITHERING *Brit. Plants* (ed. 3) II. 218 Vinca..Bloss. salver-shaped. 1849 BALFOUR *Man. Bot.* § 380 Hypocrateriform or salver-shaped [corolla], when there is a straight tube surmounted by a flat spreading limb, as in Primula. 1877–84 F. E. HULME *Wild Fl.* p. x, Larger Periwinkle.—Corolla salver-shaped.

Salver, obs. form of SALVOR.

Salverform (sæ·lvəɹ,fōɹm), *a. Bot.* [f. SALVER[2] + -FORM.] = HYPOCRATERIFORM. (Cf. SALVER[2] c.)

1821 W. P. C. BARTON *Flora N. Amer.* I. 37 Corolla salverform. 1880 [see HYPOCRATERIMORPHOUS].

Salvetee, -ie, obs. forms of SAFETY.

‖ Salvia (sæ·lviă). *Bot.* and *Gardening.* [L. *salvia* SAGE *sb.*[1]] A large genus (Tournefort 1700) of *Labiatæ*, including the common sage; a plant of this genus (in popular use, chiefly applied to the ornamental varieties).

1844 LADY G. FULLERTON *Ellen Middleton* (1854) II. xiv. 149 Some sprigs of the deep red salvia were fastened in her hair. 1873 'OUIDA' *Pascarel* III. 43 There were great bands of scarlet salvia blossoming. 1884 ROE *Nat. Ser. Story* ix, The flower beds flamed with geraniums and salvias. 1900 MRS. DEVEREUX in *Academy* 3 Feb. 104/1 Terraces radiant with red salvia, and golden with orange trees.

† Salvi·fic, *a. Obs. rare.* [ad. late L. *salvific-us* saving, f. *salv-us*: see SAFE *a.* and -FIC.] Tending to save, causing salvation.

1591 R. BRUCE *Serm.* v. M 2 b, The mair that this Countrie is watered by that saluifik and heauenlie dewe. *a* 1660 HAMMOND *On Hebr.* xiii. 15 The sacrifice of salvifick praise. 1667 WATERHOUSE *Fire Lond.* 65 There is most use for them, when their presence is salvifique and repulsive. *a* 1711 KEN *Christophil* Poet. Wks. 1721 I. 511 To Souls born blind, their cheerful Sight, The Radiance of Salvifick Light.

† Salvi·fical, *a. Obs.* [See -AL.] = prec.

1581 STUBBES *Two Wunderf. Examp.* in *Shaks. Soc. Papers* (1849) IV. 85 Or els we neuer can be saued by Jesus Christ his death, A sacrifice saluifical to them that liue by faithe. 1637 BP. REYNOLDS *Serm. July 12th* (1638) 39 The Foundation of Salvation, whatsoever things are simply and absolutely necessary to the spirituall, vitall, and salvifical state of a Christian. 1642 J. JACKSON *Bk. Conscience* 58 That faith is..no true, justifying, salvifical faith. 1654 VILVAIN *Theol. Treat.* Ep. Ded. 1 Such [things] as concern our Souls salubrity or salvifical felicity. 1678 T. JONES *Heart & Right Sov.* 586 He is of this salvifical church.

Hence **† Salvi·fically** *adv.*

1682 SIR T. BROWNE *Chr. Mor.* II. § 11 There is but One Who died salvifically for us.

Salving (sa·lviŋ), *vbl. sb.*[1] [f. SALVE *v.*[1] + -ING[1].] The action of anointing with salve (*lit.* and *fig.*);

healing as if with salve, soothing. †Also *concr.*, a healing application.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 29020 Saluing þat es for þe fot es noght for mans heued bote. *c* 1440 *York Myst.* x. 334 Harke sone I sum saluyng of our sare. 1584 *Mirr. Mag.* 24 For the saluynge of which, and all other Infirmyties, of the commonwealth, her Godly wisdome..established many Medicinable Lawes. 1587 Golding *De Mornay* xii. (1592) 177 Hauing recourse..to searing, cutting, launcing, and sawing of euery sore. 1669 W. Simpson *Hydrol. Chym.* 330 Some waters are better..for..washing, brewing, salving, boyling of meat. 1805 R. W. Dickson *Pract. Agric.* II. 1154 On the approach of winter, they are..brought home in order to undergo the operation of smearing or salving. 1867 Lady Herbert *Cradle L.* vii. 183 Though a Moslem he drinks wine, but says aloud for the salving of his conscience, 'It is only sugar and water'. 1887 *Athenæum* 3 Dec. 745/1 There is no commonplace salving of her wounds by the provision of an earl or a viscount in the third volume.

†Sa·lving, *vbl. sb.*[2] *Obs.* [f. Salve *v.*[2] + -ing [1].] In senses of the vb.

1575 in W. H. Turner *Select. Rec. Oxford* (1880) 369 Therw[th] a salving allwaies of y[e] libertie of y[e] Cittie. 1590 Spenser *F. Q.* II. i. 20 Now therefore, Lady, rise ont of your paine, And see the salving of your blotted name. 1656 tr. *Hobbes' Elem. Philos.* (1839) 447 But how little soever some bodies may be, yet I will not suppose their quantity to be less than is requisite for the salving of the phenomena. 1678 Cudworth *Intell. Syst.* Pref. 6 Epicurus..did by violence introduce Liberty of Will, into his Hypothesis; for the Salving whereof, he ridiculously devized, That his Third Motion of Atoms.

Salving (sæ·ving), *ppl. a.* [f. Salve *v.*[1] + -ing [2].] Healing as with salve, soothing.

1748 Richardson *Clarissa* (1811) III. xli. 242 This was what I returned, with warmth, and with a salving art, too.

‖ **Salvinia** (sælvi·niă). [mod.L., named by Micheli in 1729 after Antonio Maria *Salvini* (1653–1729), a Greek scholar of Florence.] The typical genus of the N.O. *Salviniaceæ* of small cryptogamous plants; a plant of this genus.

1887 *Athenæum* 7 May 610/3 The ferns with the salvinias and marsilias are united into one group.

Hence **Salvinia·ceous** *a.*, pertaining to the N.O. *Salviniaceæ*.

1858 Mayne *Expos. Lex.*, *Salviniaceus*, applied by Bartling to a Family (*Salviniaceæ*..), having the *Salvinia* for their type: salviniaceous. 1895 in *Funk's Stand. Dict.*

Salviol (sæ·lviǫl). *Chem.* [f. L. *salvi-a* Sage *sb.*[1] + -ol.] A liquid body present in oil of sage.

1877 Muir & Sughura in *Lond.*, etc. *Philos. Mag.* 5th Ser. IV. 345 For this liquid, which represents the oxidized liquid constituent of sage-oil, we propose the name of salviol.

Salvo (sæ·lvo), *sb.*[1] [a. L. *salvō*, abl. neut. sing. of *salvus* uninjured, intact, Safe *a.*, as occurring in med.L. law phrases like *salvo servicio forinseco*, 'foreign service excepted', *salvo jure* (*jūre* abl. sing. of *jūs* right) 'without prejudice to the right of' (some specified person).]

1. A saving clause; a provision that a certain engagement or ordinance shall not be binding where it would interfere with a specified right or obligation; a reservation. Const. *of*, †*to* (a right, etc.).

1642 tr. *Perkins' Prof. Bk.* x. § 650 (1657) 241 In this case, this *Salvo* shall make the Donee to hold of the Donor by Knights service. 1647 N. Bacon *Disc. Govt. Eng.* I. xli. (1739) 68 In case any one died intestate, the Children should equally divide the Goods; which I take to be understood with a salvo of the Wife's Dower or Portion. 1648 *Eikon Bas.* xiv. 114 They admit anie man's senses of it, though divers, or contrarie; with anie salvo's, cautions and reservations. 1655 *Clarke Papers* (Camden) III. 22 If they could propose any expedient with a salvo to the security of that Nation, hee was willinge to answer their desires therein. 1667 Waterhouse *Fire Lond.* 172 Neither let the condition of Books..and Records burnt or lost, be unprovided for by some Good and Grave Salvo, pleadable for the Loosers Indempnitie. 1716 Addison *Freeholder* No. 53 ₱ 7 However any one may concur,..it is still..with a Salvo to his own private Judgment. 1754 Hume *Hist. Eng.* (1761) I. viii. 176 In these words was virtually implied a salvo for the rights of their order. 1819 J. Milner *End Relig. Controv.* (ed. 2) 100 Judges have even refused to admit the following Salvo in addition to the Subscription. 1826 C. Butler *Life Grotius* vi. 105 With an express salvo of their right to liberty of conscience. 1849 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* ix. II. 532 He..wished to find out some salvo which might sooth his conscience. 1865 Bushnell *Vicar. Sacr.* (1868) 109 A qualification, or salvo, that very nearly unchristianizes Christianity itself. 1875 Stubbs *Const. Hist.* II. xiv. 155 It contained a salvo of the rights of the nation.

†**b.** Reservation of a point in dispute. *Obs.*

a 1644 Laud *Troub. & Trial* (1695) 274 Here I desired a Salvo, till I might bring Arch-Bishop Parker's Book, to shew his Judgment in this Point.

2. In unfavourable sense: A dishonest mental reservation; a quibbling evasion; a consciously bad excuse.

1665 Sir T. Herbert *Trav.* (1677) 166 Within Spahawn I found that Column or Pillar of Heads of Men and Beasts which was erected as a Salvo and expiation of the King's Oath. 1677 Gilpin *Demonol.* (1867) 78 Some pitiful salvo or silly evasion to blind the eyes. 1699 Bentley *Phal.* xiv. 479 This looks now like a Salvo to come off with Mr. B. and to reconcile the New Piece and the Old together; but it's perfectly a Banter upon him. 1709 Steele *Tatler* No. 73 ₱ 12 The new Salvo to satisfy a Man's Conscience in sacrificing his Friend. *a* 1711 Ken *Hymnotheo* Poet. Wks. 1721 III. 80 He flatt'ry hated, Counsel well could time, And never studied Salvos for a crime. 1718 Hickes & Nelson *J. Kettlewell* III. xliv. 299 Most also did seem bent to take up with any Shift or Salvo, which might ease them of such Duties. 1747 Richardson *Clarissa* (1811) I. xxxv. 261 There never was a rogue who had not a salvo to himself for being so. 1757 J. Edwards *Orig. Sin* (1837) II. II. i. 135 This evasion or Salvo is so far from helping the matter, or salving the inconsistence, that it increases and multiplies it. 1809 Malkin *Gil Blas* X. x. (Rtldg.) 369 My tongue gave consent; but with a salvo in my heart..to give him the slip just at the moment of embarkation. 1828 J. W. Croker *Diary* 26 Aug., Some new attempt on his part to find a salvo for staying in office. 1858 Merivale *Rom. Emp.* liv. (1865) VI. 400 For all the iniquities he himself practised, he had no doubt a salvo in his own breast.

†**b.** *Under the salvo of*: on pretext of. *Obs.*

1705 tr. *Bosman's Guinea* 471 After having taken our Leaves under the Salvoe of a chearful Glass, we weighed Anchor.

†**3.** A solution, explanation (of a difficulty), an answer (to an objection). *Obs.*

1659 *Gentl. Calling* viii. § 25 Let not men therefore pretend the fear of reproach, as an excuse, since here is so ready a salvo for that objection. 1678 Cudworth *Intell. Syst.* 305 Some of the ancient and learned Fathers..apprehended this to be a convenient Salvo for this Difficulty, to suppose that Orpheus had by Fits and Turns, been of different Humours and Perswasions. 1691 T. H[ale] *Acc. New Invent.* p. cii, Great men are like the heavenly bodies that find much veneration but no rest, unless we find a Salvo for their having the latter, by saying what the Philosophers do of the Heavens, that *Movendo quiescunt.* 1770 Foote *Lame Lover* II. Wks. 1799 II. 71 *Jack.* But then how comes the note to remain in plaintiff's possession? *Serj.* Well put, Jack; but we have a salvo for that.

4. An expedient for saving (a person's reputation) or soothing (offended pride, conscience).

Cf. obs. F. *salve-d'honneur*, and the med.L. phrase *salvo honore*.

1754 Richardson *Grandison* (1781) III. xvii. 138 Lady L... cannot help throwing in a salvo for the pride of her Sex. 1771 *Junius Lett.* xlii. (1820) 221 As a salvo for his own reputation, he has been advised to traduce the character of a brave officer. 1778 *Ann. Reg., Hist. Europe* 64 The minister was humorously advised, as the only means of extricating himself from that dilemma, and as affording the only salvo in his power for the indignity offered to that House, to impeach those ministers. 1784 J. Barry in *Lect. Paint.* v. (1848) 180 This account of the matter affords the most favourable salvo for their reputation. 1792 *Anecd. W. Pitt* xxxix. (1810) II. 184 The only object of the present negotiation is to find a salvo for the punctilious honour of the Spaniards. 1855 Motley *Dutch Rep.* v. ii. (1866) 678 This would be a salvo for the disgrace of removing them. 1874 H. R. Reynolds *John Bapt.* viii. 513 The law..is transformed into a salvo to conscience, by which others are condemned rather than self rectified.

Salvo (sæ·lvo), *sb.*[2] In 6 salva. [Originally *salva*, a. It. *salva* (whence F. *salve*) = Sp., Pg. *salva* salutation, salvo, perh. a Common Rom. formation on L. *salvē* hail! (see Safe *a.*).

The change from *-a* to *-o* in the ending of words from It., Sp., and Pg. is common: cf. -ado.]

1. A salute consisting in the simultaneous discharge of artillery or other firearms.

1719 D'Urfey *Pills* (1872) III. 347 Display the Standard, let the News be shown, With Salvos raise the Genius of the Town. 1815 J. Scott *Vis. Paris* App. (ed. 2) 319 Salvoes of artillery were fired on the evening of the 24th to announce the commencement of the fête. 1834 E. Everett *Orations & Sp.* (1850) I. 522 When your cannons proclaimed his advent with joyous salvos. 1852 Thackeray *Esmond* II. ix, Salvos of cannon saluting him. 1860 Motley *Netherl.* (1868) II. xix. 485 Those ships of Spain, which lay there,..discharging salvoes of anticipated triumph.

attrib. 1808 Scott *Marm.* I. iv, And, from the platform, spare ye not To fire a noble salvo-shot.

2. A simultaneous discharge of artillery or other firearms, whether with hostile intent or otherwise.

The earliest sense in Eng.; it was developed already in Italian.

1591 *Garrard's Art Warre* 11 If..his company be commanded to discharge certain volies of shot, or a salua, he must either hold his Peece side-long the ranckes, or [etc.]. 1719 De Foe *Crusoe* II. (Globe) 569 As we found them [the enemy] within Gun-shot, our Leader ordered the two Wings to advance swiftly and give them a Salvo on each Wing with their Shot. 1826 Scott *Woodst.* xvii, After bursting their gates with a salvo of our cannon. 1828 J. M. Spearman *Brit. Gunner* (ed. 2) 83 Occasionally firing salvoes at the part to be brought down. 1879 Fife-Cookson *Armies of Balkans* viii. 124 The Russians..were firing salvoes by batteries of eight guns. 1902 'Linesman' *Words Eyewitness* 93 When a movement of men was discernible on the ridge, a salvo was discharged, and the blow..would alter the shape of the rocks before our very eyes.

b. *transf.* (Chiefly, a 'volley' of applause.)

[Cf. F. *salve d'applaudissements*, etc.]

a 1734 North *Exam.* III. vii. § 95 (1740) 578 All which was performed with fitting Salvos of the Rabble echoed from the Club. 1845 E. Holmes *Mozart* 277 Amidst deafening salvos of applause. 1860 Hawthorne *Marb. Faun* xlix, The fair occupants of the balcony favored Kenyon with a salvo of confetti. 1875 G. Jacque *Hope*, etc. ii. 16 Peals of laughter break out here and there The dread sardonic salvos of despair. 1895 Zangwill *Master* II. viii. 221 A great round of applause from their ranks set everybody peering towards the door, only to encounter the stern gaze of the magnificent beadle, whose entry had prompted the salvoes.

c. Of rockets, etc.

1799 [G. Smith] *Laboratory* I. 38 Of Salvo's. These, in fire-works, are a great number of strong iron reports, fixed either in a post or plank, and, with a fire, discharged at once. 1895 *Funk's Standard Dict.* s.v., A salvo of rockets.

†**3.** A salutation or salute. *Obs. rare.*

1653 H. Cogan tr. *Pinto's Trav.* xxiv. 89 Whereupon with great devotion and zeal we sung a Salvo, before an image of Our Lady. 1755 *Mem. Capt. P. Drake* II. viii. 218 Whenever an Opportunity offered, to..meet her in the Street, I would give her a Hat Salvo, with a low Bow.

Sa·lvo, *v.* [f. Salvo *sb.*[2]] *trans.* To salute (a vessel, etc.) by firing of a salvo or volley of guns.

1839 Marryat *Phant. Ship* viii, See the gunners ready with their linstocks to salvo the supercargo.

‖ **Sa·lvo,** *prep. rare*—[1]. [L. *salvō*: see Salvo *sb.*[1]] Excepting, saving.

1601 A. C[opley] *Answ. Let. Jesuited Gentl.* 19 Let them either yet make amends..or else be sure that they sit fast; for that (*saluo* the Appeale) they are like to carrie as good as they bring.

Sal volatile (sæl vŏlæ·tili). [a. mod.L. *sal volātile* 'volatile salt': see Sal and Volatile *a.*] Ammonium carbonate, *esp.* an aromatic solution of this used as a restorative in fainting fits.

1654 Gayton *Pleas. Notes* IV. v. 197 'Tis that fire, that *sal volatile* which makes them of so strange agility. 1709 *Female Tatler* No. 16/3 Betty ran for a Glass of Water, her Sister, for the Sal-Volatile. 1727 Swift, etc. *Further Acc. E. Curll* Wks. 1755 III. i. 160 A sufficient quantity of the vivifying drops, or Byfield's *sal volatile*. 1833 *Penny Cycl.* I. 458/1 A preparation called in the *Pharmacopœia*, *Spiritus Ammoniæ Aromaticus*, and commonly *Spirit of Sal Volatile*. 1880 Mrs. Forrester *Roy & V.* I. 124 Let me send for a glass of wine or some *sal-volatile*.

attrib. 1731 Fielding *Lottery* iii, Here are some hartshorn and sal-volatile drops.

Salvor (sæ·lvəɹ, sæ·lvǫɹ). Forms: 7–8 salver, 9– salvor. [f. Salve *v.* + -or.]

1. One who saves or helps to save vessels or cargo from loss at sea; one who effects or attempts salvage.

1678 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 1277/4 A..Ketch,..being forsaken by all her men, was..taken up by John Duncke..and by him brought into that Port, and there secured by the Saluer until the right Proprietor shall appear and make out his Propriety. 1706 Phillips (ed. Kersey), *Salver*, one that has sav'd a Ship or its Merchandizes. 1802 Abbott *Law Merch. Ships* III. x. 322 The labor and peril incurred by the salvors. 1839 Story *Bailments* § 622, 391 Wherever a ship and cargo, or any part thereof, are saved at sea by the exertions of any persons from impending perils, or are recovered after an actual abandonment or loss, such persons are denominated salvors; and they are entitled to a compensation for their services, which is known by the name of salvage. 1883 *Times* 28 Nov. 9 The salvors, at great personal risk, put off in a small skiff. 1885 Runciman *Skippers & Sh.* 61 The captain is beset by a gang of salvors.

b. One who saves or attempts to save some one from drowning.

1890 *Daily News* 16 Oct. 7/1 Among the..cases of saving, or attempting to save life from drowning..there are 13 in which the salvors' ages ranged from eight years to 16. 1891 *Ibid.* 24 Oct. 2/6 Watching the peril in which the salvor and his burden were placed.

2. A vessel used in salvage.

1815 Dodson *Adm. Rep.* I. 415 The question was, whether the post-office packet the *Eliza* was to be considered the sole salvor, or jointly with H. M. brig the *Challenger*. 1880 *Libr. Univ. Knowl.* (N. Y.) XIII. 83 Those who navigate the saved ship into port..[have] double the share of those who remain on the salvor vessel.

Salvor, obs. f. Salver [2]. **Salvour,** var. Salver [1].

Salvy (sā·vi), *a. dial.* (? and *U.S.*) [f. Salve *sb.*[1] + -y [1].] (See quots.)

1884 Sheldon in *West. Daily Press* 24 May 3/6 It is this oxydation of the curd..which..develops the flavour of the cheese, and mellows down the casein into a salvy and textureless mass. 1887 *S. Chesh. Gloss., Sauvy*, (1) of curd, greasy, buttery; (2) *metaph.* unctuous of speech and manner. 1887 *Kentish Gloss., Salvey*, close, soapy; spoken of potatoes that are not floury. 1891 *Century Dict., Salvy*, like salve or ointment. 1895 *Funk's Stand. Dict., Salvy*, unctuous. 1907 *Daily Chron.* 16 July 4/4 British cheese should be mild, nutty, and salvy.

Salweour, obs. form of Saviour.

Salw(h)e, saly(e, obs. forms of Sallow.

Salys-man, obs. form of Salesman.

Sam (sæm), *sb. slang.* Also **Sammy.** [Of obscure origin.

Commonly identified with *Sam* shortened form of the Christian name *Samuel*, and hence written with capital S. The two uses may belong to different words.]

1. *To stand Sam*: to pay expenses, esp. for refreshment or drink.

1823 Moncrieff *Tom & Jerry* III. v, Landlady, serve them with a glass of tape, all round; and I'll stand Sammy. 1840 H. Cockton *Val. Vox* xli, They make John Bull stand Sam. 1887 Farrell *How He Died* 61 I'll stand Sam this time for Jemima's sake.

2. *Upon my Sam*: a jocular mode of asseveration. [Cf. Salmon [2], Sang.]

1879 'Frank' (F. J. Squires) *Nine Days in Devon* 12 Or 'pon my zam! oi really think as Zal'd a zot on moine. 1899 Kipling *Stalky* 17 'Pon my sacred Sam, though, it's enough to drive a man to drink.

Sam (sæm), *v.*[1] *Obs.* exc. *dial.* Forms: *a.* 1 samnian, 3–4 samen, samne (3 Ormin samme-nn), 4 samin, sammyn, samyn, 4–5 sammen, 5 sampne; *β.* 4–5 same, 4–7 samme, 9– *dial.* sam. [OE. *samnian*, *sǫmnian*, corresp. to OFris. *sommia*, OS. *sammon* (MLG. *samenen*, *samnen*, *sammen*), MDu. *samenen*, *sammen*, *samen*, OHG. *samanōn* (MHG. *samenen*), ON. *samna*, *safna* :—OTeut. **samanōjan*, f. **samanō* together: see Samen *adv.* Synonymous forms, with substitution of *l* for *n*, are MDu. and MLG. *samelen* (Du. *zamelen*), MHG. *samelen* (mod.G. *sammeln*); the Sw. *samla*, Da. *samle*, are from German.

For the ME. forms descending from OE. *sǽmnian*, see SOMEN *v.* The *β* forms exhibit the same simplification of final *mn* to *m* that appears in the pronunciation of *damn*, *limn*, *contemn*.]

†**1.** *trans.* To assemble (persons). *Obs.*

a 1000 *Daniel* 228 Þa he þyder folc samnode. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 2515 Quen he herd þan o þis tyþand; He did to-geder samen his men. 1338 R. BRUNNE *Chron.* (1810) 100 Whan he had samned his oste of folk fer & nere. *a* 1400–50 *Alexander* 1732 For þou has samed [*Dubl.* sampned], as men sais a selly nounbre Of wrichis & wirlingis out of þe west endis. *c* 1400 *Laud Troy Bk.* 3232 To alle the lordes that there were Were redy dyght and samed there With ther meyne. *c* 1440 *York Myst.* xxxiv. 43 Oure gere behoues to be grayde, And felawes sammed sone.

†**b.** To briag together, join (in marriage, friendship, love, etc.). *Obs.*

c 1200 OAMIN 322 þatt Daviþ kingess kinness menn Off weress oþþr off wifess Wiþþ Aaroness kinness menn Off siþre wærenn sammnedd. *a* 1340 HAMPOLE *Psalter* cxxi. 7 Þat neghburs & breþere be samynd in charite.

refl. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 2239 Þis fol folk þam sammen þan Brathli þai þis werk bigan. *a* 1300 *E. E. Psalter* xlvi. 10 Princes of folke þai samened þam With þe God of Abraham.

†**c.** *intr.* for *refl.* To assemble, come together.

[*a* 1000 *Ags. Ps.* (Spelman) xxx. 17 Hi ȝederedon *vel* somnodon samod togeanes me.] *c* 1200 ORMIN 2412 ȝa mihhte ȝho sket affterr þatt Wiþþ hire macche sammnenn. *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 434 He ches a stede toward eden, And to him sameden oðer men. *c* 1330 R. BRUNNE *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 1932 Þe names of contres Ben changed..Als straunge folk han hider y-samed.

2. *trans.* To bring together, collect (things); now only *dial.* (Yorks., Lancs., etc.), chiefly with *together*, *up*. †Also in occasional senses: To bring together the edges of (a wound), *OE.*; to join or fasten together; to amass, hoard up; to fill full *of*.

Modern dialectal uses (for which see E. D. D.) are *to sam up*, to pick up eagerly; *to sam hold of*, to clutch, grasp.

c 1000 *Sax. Leechd.* II. 22 Þonne samnað hio þa wunde & hælð. *c* 1200 ORMIN 1552 Þu sammnesst all þin mele inn an & cnedesst itt togeddre. 13.. *Gaw. & Gr. Kn.* 659 Vchone..Ne samned neuer in no syde, ne sundred nou[er]. *a* 1400–50 *Alexander* 1520 He plyes ouire þe panement with pallen webis, Mas on hiȝt ouire his hede for hete of þe sone, Sylours of sendale to sele ouire þe gatis, And sammes [*Dubl.* sampnez] þaim on aithire side with silked rapis. *Ibid.* 5290 Þan scho laches him be-lyfe & ledis him forthire, In-to a clochere with a kay þe clennest of þe werde, Was sammed all of sipris & seder-tables. *c* 1400 *Cursor M.* 27762 (Cott. Galba) Slewth oft samnes sorow strang, and þat vnmekely lastand lang. 1893 SNOWDEN *Tales Yorksh. Wolds* 168 We sammed together all we could find.

3. To coagulate († const. *together*). Now only *dial.*, to curdle (milk) for cheese; also *absol.*

1615 CROOKE *Body of Man* 263 There is nothing to be seene but the seede coagulated or sammed together. *Ibid.* 429 Whereby those things which otherwise could hardly be sammed together might receiue their conglutination. 1691 RAY *N. C. Words* (ed. 2), *To samme Milk*, to put the running to it, to curdle it. 1788 W. MARSHALL *Yorksh.* II. 349 'When do you sam?' When do you set your milk? or, When do you make cheese?

Sam (sæm), *v.*[2] *Leather Manuf.* [Of doubtful origin: the explanation in quot. 1870 may point to derivation from some word with SAM- *prefix.*] See quots. Cf. SAMMY *v.*

1870 *Eng. Mech.* 11 Feb. 534/2 Hang until about half dry, or, technically speaking, 'Sammed'. 1883 R. HALDANE *Workshop Receipts* Ser. II. 367/1 The skins are allowed to drain,..and after 'samming', or damping with cold water, are staked.

†**Sam,** *adv. Obs.* Forms: 3–5 **same**, 4–6 **samme**, **sam**. [Shortened form of SAMEN *adv.*] Together; mutually.

For *in same*, see INSAME, I-SAME. For *to sam*, see TO SAME.

13.. *Sir Beues* (A.) 4561 Þe maide & Miles wer spused same In þe toun of Notinghame. 13.. *Cursor M.* 9750 (Gött.) I sal crie pes in lande i-wiss, And dome and pes do sam [*Cott.* samen] þen kis. 13.. *Gaw. & Gr. Kn.* 363 Syþen þay redden alle same, To ryd þe kyng wyth croun. 1390 GOWER *Conf.* II. 240 Doun thei seten bothe same. *c* 1430 *Syr Tryam.* 1127 They seyde, 'God be at yowre game!' He seyde, 'Welcome, alle same!' *c* 1450 *St. Cuthbert* (Surtees) 4895 Þe scottys were gadird sam. *c* 1460 *Towneley Myst.* xii. 179 Now god gyf you care foles all sam. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* VII. iv. 59 And heyr full oft at boyrdis hy and by The heris wer wont togiddir syt all sam. *c* 1525 *Tale of Basyn* 8 in Hazl. *E. P. P.* III. 44 Off a parson ȝe mowe here,..And of his brother that was hym dere, And louyd well samme. 1579 SPENSER *Sheph. Cal.* May 168 For what concord han light and darke sam? *a* 1600 *Flodden F.* ii. (1664) 18 When they were all assembled Sam The town of Edenbrough before, Fifty great Lords there were of Fame. *Ibid.* vii. 68 All Sam the souldiers then replied.

Sam- (sæm) *prefix. Obs.* exc. *dial.* [OE. *sam-*, repr. (with vowel-shortening usual in compounds) prehistoric **sǽmi-*:—W.Ger. **sâmi-* (e.g. in OS. *sâmquik*, OHG. *sâmiqueck* = OE. *samcucu* 'half-quick', *semianimis*):—OTeut. **sēmi-*:—Indogermanic **sṃi-*: see SEMI-.] = HALF-, in various adjs. as *sam-crisp*, *-dead*, *-red*, *-ripe*; **sam-hale**, 'half-whole', in poor health; **sam-sodden**, half cooked, half done; also *fig.* 'half baked', stupid.

c 1425 *Eng. Conq. Irel.* xxxix. 98 Volowe her & *sam-crysp. 1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 3416 ȝut ichabbe lenere *samded hom ouercome þan hol & sound be ouercome. *a* 1023 WULFSTAN *Hom.* I. (Napier) 273 Nu ne beoþ naht fela manna ætsamne, ðæt heora sum ne si seoc and *samhal. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 5153, I mai noght rise, i am sam-hale. *Ibid.* 13262 Þe sam-hale fast til him þai soght. 1393 LANGL. *P. Pl. C.* IX. 311 Chiboles and chiruylles and chiries *sam-rede [MS. M. *sam-ripe]. *c* 1425 *Eng. Conq. Irel.* xxi. 54 (Dubl. MS.) He was samroed, with grey eghen. *c* 1440 *Ibid.* xxxvi. 89 (Rawl. MS.) The kynge henry the othyr, was a man same rede [*Dubl. MS.* saunrede]. *a* 1000 *Ecgberti Confessionale* § 40 Gif man awiht blodiges þicge on healf-sodenum [MSS. X.Y. *sam-sodenum] mete. 1825 JENNINGS *Obs. Dial. W. Eng.* 85 Any thing heated for a long time in a low heat so as to be in part spoiled, is said to be zamzodden. 1891 'Q.' (Quiller-Couch) *Noughts & Cr.* 97, I'm afeard you'm o' no account,..but sam-sodden if I may say so.

Samaca, samakade: see SAMBOCADE.

‖ **Samara** (sæ·mărä). *Bot.* [mod.L. use of L. *samara* or *samera* seed of the elm.] The indehiscent winged fruit of the elm, ash, sycamore (etc.).

1577 B. GOOGE *Heresbach's Husb.* II. (1586) 103 He that will plante a Groue of Elmes, must gather the seede called Samara. 1731 *Gentl. Mag.* I. 40 Sow the Sameria [*sic*] of the Elm, and Bay-berries, all which come up the first Year. 1830 LINDLEY *Nat. Syst. Bot.* 131 Its ovarium..finally changes into a samara which is 1-celled and 1-seeded by abortion.

Samaria: see SAMARIUM.

Samariform (sămæ·rifōm), *a. Bot.* [f. SAMARA + -(I)FORM.] Having the form of a samara.

1891 in *Century Dict.*

Samarin: see ZAMORIN.

Samaritan (sămæ·rităn), *sb.* and *a.* Also 6 **Samerytane**, 6–8 **Samaritane.** [ad. late L. *Samarītānus*, f. Gr. Σαμαρείτης Samaritan, f. Σαμαρεία Samaria.] **A.** *sb.* A native or inhabitant of Samaria, a district of Palestine named from its chief city, anciently the capital of the kingdom of Israel; *esp.* one who adheres to the religious system which had its origin in Samaria.

c 1000 *Ags. Gosp.* Matt. x. 5 Ne ga ȝe innan samaritana ceastre. 1377 LANGL. *P. Pl.* B. XVII. 48 Þanne seye we a samaritan sittende on a mule. *c* 1511 1*st Eng. Bk. Amer.* (Arb.) Introd. 31/2 There be some crystened that in the holy land is namyd samerytanes. 1577 HANMER tr. *Eusebius' Eccl. Hist.* IV. xxi. 70 Sundry sectes among the children of Israell..the Samaritans: the Sadduces: the Pharises. 1799 *Med. Jrnl.* I. 439 The Samaritans who, in a life of solitude and retirement, incessantly contemplating the deity, abstained from the use of flesh. 1841 *Penny Cycl.* XX. 376/1 Samaritans are still found in their old country, especially at Nablous, near Sichem, and also in Egypt.

b. *fig.* with reference to the 'good Samaritan': see Luke x. 33.

Samaritan's balsam, 'a mixture of wine and oil, formerly used in treating wounds' (*Cent. Dict.* 1891); **Samaritan hospital,** a hospital specially devoted to the sick poor; **Samaritan schools,** 'common name in the United States for ambulance classes' (*Syd. Soc. Lex.* 1897).

1644 (*title*) The compassionate Samaritane: Vnhinding the Conscience, and powring oyle into the wounds which have beene made upon the Separation. 1649 P. CHAMBERLEN (*title*) The Poore Mans Advocate, or, Englands Samaritan. 1823 SCOTT *Quentin D.* ii, The bonny Scot had already accosted the younger Samaritan. 1846 Ln. ASHBURTON in *Croker Papers* III. xxiv. 77, I wish some good Samaritan of a Conservative with sufficient authority could heal the feuds among our friends. 1887 HALL CAINE *Deemster* xxxix, The Samaritans laughed and bade them not to think of price or money until their captain should return.

B. *adj.* Of or pertaining to Samaria or the Samaritans; used by the Samaritans.

Samaritan Pentateuch: a recension of the Hebrew Pentateuch used by the Samaritans; the MSS. are written in 'Samaritan' (i. e. archaic Hebrew) characters.

1382 WYCLIF *Luke* x. 33 Forsoth sum man Samaritan, makynge iourney, cam bisydis the weye. 1624 in *Abp. Ussher's Lett.* (1686) 311 The five Books of Moses in the Samaritan Character. *Ibid.* 321, I also told him of your Samaritan Pentateuch. 1641 MILTON *Animadv.* 21 As little doe wee esteem your Samaritan trumpery, of which people Christ himselfe testifies, Yee worship you know not what. 1858 G. F. NICHOLLS (*title*) A grammar of the Samaritan language. 1889 *Harper's Mag.* Sept. 582/1 The greatest of the Samaritan festivals, the Passover, is still celebrated on the top of Gerizim.

b. *absol.* (quasi-*sb.*) in various contextual uses, e. g. the Aramaic dialect formerly spoken in Samaria; the character in which this is written; the Samaritan text of the Hebrew Pentateuch.

1627 ABP. USSHER *Let. to Selden* 30 Nov. *Lett.* (1686) 385 In the numbering of the Years of these Fathers..there is not the like consent betwixt the LXX, and the Samaritan, as was before. 1653 *Ibid.* 588 The Persian Pentatench.. being translated not ont of the Original, but out of the Chalde and the Hebrew Samaritan. 1770 [LUCKOMBE] *Hist. Printing* 159 Pica Samaritan. 1787 *Printer's Gram.* 300 Long Primer Samaritan. 1797 J. PRATT *Prospectus New Polyglot Bible* 8 Printing the Samaritan and Syriac in a character familiar to the Hebrew scholar. 1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 648/2 The false notion that Samaritan is a mixture of Hebrew and Aramaic.

†**Samaritanish,** *a. Obs.* [f. SAMARITAN + -ISH.] Belonging to Samaria; Samaritan.

[*c* 1000 *Ags. Gosp.* Luke x. 33 Sum samaritanisc man.] 1532 MORE *Confut. Tindale* Wks. 693/2 Of thys ye haue an ensample John .iiij. of ye Samaritanish wyfe.

Samaritanism (sămæ·rităniz'm). [f. SAMARITAN + -ISM.]

1. The religious system of the Samaritans. In the 17th c. often *transf.*

a 1641 BP. MOUNTAGU *Acts & Mon.* (1642) 474 All these consented to the generall Samaritanisme, of receiving Moses his Law. 1683 L. MILBOURNE (*title*) Samaritanism Reviv'd. 1693 *Consid. Explic. Trinity by Dr. Wallis*, etc. 32 What the Mystical Divines teach, cannot be called an Explication; they deny all Explications: we must say therefore 'tis Samaritanism; for what our Saviour says of the Samaritans, by way of Reproof and Blame, that these Gentlemen profess concerning themselves, that they worship they know not what. 1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 244/1 Before that time Samaritanism cannot have existed in a form at all similar to that which we know.

2. An idiom or form of expression belonging to the Samaritan dialect of Aramaic.

1889 *Harper's Mag.* Sept. 582/1 Insertions of foreign passages, alterations, Samaritanisms, and changes in support of Samaritan doctrine.

3. Imitation of the 'good Samaritan'.

1843 SYD. SMITH in Lady Holland *Mem.* (1855) II. 522 Mankind are getting mad with humanity and Samaritanism. 1863 'OUIDA' *Held in Bondage* (1870) 348 A shrew's vituperations rewarded him for his Samaritanism.

Samarium (samē·riŏm). *Chem.* [f. SAMAR(SKITE) + -IUM.] An alleged metallic element, the existence of which rests only on spectroscopic evidence; the bands supposed to indicate its presence were first found in the spectrum of samarskite. Hence **Sama·ria** [*-a* after *potassa*, etc.], the hypothetical oxide of samarium.

1883 *Athenæum* 14 Apr. 480/3 This metal is proved by the author to be samarium. 1898 SIR W. CROOKES *Addr. Brit. Assoc.* 23 The persistence of the samarium spectrum in presence of overwhelming quantities of other metals, is almost unexampled in spectroscopy: thus one part of samaria can easily be seen when mixed with three million parts of lime. 1907 *Athenæum* 31 Aug. 244/3 A sulphide of calcium containing a trace of the rare element samarium.

Samaroid (sæ·măroid), *a.* [f. SAMARA + -OID.] Resembling a samara.

1830 LINDLEY *Nat. Syst. Bot.* 111 Fruit either consisting of 3 samaroid carpella, or berried with from 1 to 3 cells.

Samarr, variant of SIMARRE.

‖ **Samarra** (sămæ·ră). *Hist.* Also 8 **samarre.** [med.L.: see SIMARRE.] A kind of eassock, painted with flames, etc., worn on the way to execntion by persons condemned by the Inquisition to be burnt.

1731 CHANDLER tr. *Limborch's Hist. Inquis.* II. IV. xli. 295 They [prisoners designed for the fire] are..cloathed with the Sackcloth, or kind of Mantle, which some call the Sambenito, others the Samarra or Samaretta. 1736 — *Hist. Persec.* 265 The infamous Samarre. 1841 BARHAM *Ingold. Leg.* Ser. II. *Auto-da-fé*, Each clothed in a garment more frightful by far, a Smock-frock sort of gaberdine, call'd a Samarra.

Samarskite (samā·rskəit). *Min.* [Named by H. Rosé in 1847, after Colonel *Samarski*: see -ITE.] A complex columbate of uranium and other bases.

1849 in J. NICOL *Man. Min.* 285. 1884 *Brit. Almanac & Comp.* 164 A few exceedingly rare minerals—..samarskite.

Sambenit, -benita, -i, -o: see SANBENITO.

Samber, sambhar, sambhur, var. ff. SAMBUR.

Samble, var. SEMBLE *sb. Obs.*, assembly.

Samblablie, obs. form of SEMBLABLY.

Sambo (sæ·mbo). Pl. **-bos, -boes.** Forms: 8 **samboe**, 9 **zambo**, 8– **sambo.** [a. Sp. *zambo*, applied in America and Asia to persons of various degrees of mixed negro and Indian or European blood; also, a name for a kind of yellow monkey; perh. identical with *zambo* bandy-legged (according to Diez repr. L. *scambus*).]

1. (See quot. 1884.)

1748 *Earthquake Peru* iii. 240 Sambo de Mulatto, sprung from Negroes and Mulattos. *Ibid.*, Sambo de Indian, sprung from Negroes and Indians. 1796 STEDMAN *Surinam* (1813) I. xiii. 340 A Samboe is between a mulatto and a black. 1833 MARRYAT *P. Simple* xxxi, A quadroon looks down upon a mulatto, while a mulatto looks down upon a sambo, that is, half mulatto half negro. 1884 *Encycl. Brit.* XVII. 319/2 *Zambo*: any half-breed, but mostly the issue of Negro and Indian parents; in the United States, Peru, and West Indies of Negro and Mulatto.

attrib. 1748 *Earthquake Peru* iii. 240 Giveros, the Offspring of Sambo Mulattos and Sambo Indians.

2. (With capital S.) A nickname for a Negro. [Perh. a different word; it has been suggested that it may be the Foulah *sambo* uncle.]

1860 BARTLETT *Dict. Amer.* (ed. 3), *Sambo*, a term often applied to negroes. 1866 W. REED *Hist. Sugar* 32 Sambo tells him the skip is ready; but it would never do for the sugar master to seem to be taught by Sambo.

†**Sambocade.** *Cookery. Obs.* Also in corrupt forms: 5 **samakade, samaca, samaka, semaka, samata, samartard**, 6 **semeca.** [f. L. *sambūcus* elder; cf. It. *sambucato* flavoured with elder flowers.] A kind of fritter flavoured with elder flowers.

? 1390 *Forme of Cury* (1780) 77 Sambocade. Take and make a Crust..& take a cruddes..do þerto sugar..& somdel whyte of Ayrene, & shake þerin blomes of elren. *c* 1420 in *Q. Eliz. Acad.* 90 Semaka fryez. *c* 1430 *Two Cookery-bks.* 59 Samaca. *Ibid.* 62 Frutoure Samata. *c* 1440 *Anc. Cookery* in *Howseh. Ord.* (1790) 450 At the seconde course..a leche and samakade, and bake mete. *c* 1467 *Noble Bk. Cookry* (ed. Mrs. Napier 1882) 45 To mak samartard tak wetted cruddes [etc.]. 1502 *Arnolde's Chron.* Q iiij b/2 Freature semeca.

Sambock, obs. form of SJAMBOK *sb.*

Samboo, variant of SAMBUR.

‖ **Sambook** (sæ·mbuk). Also 6 **sambuco**, 9 **sambucco, sambuk.** [Origin uncertain: in Arab. written سنبوق *sanbūq*. Cf. Pg. *zambuco*, It. *sambuco*.] 'A kind of small vessel formerly used in Western India, and still on the Arabian coast' (Yule).

1582 N. LICHEFIELD tr. *Castanheda's Conq. E. Ind.* I. X.

26 b, They discouered two Sambucos (which are little Pinnacies). 1855 BURTON *Pilgr. El-Medinah & Meccah* I. 263 The Sambuk [is a vessel] from 15 to 50 [tons burden]. 1887 L. OLIPHANT *Episodes* (1888) 15 A sambook or craft such as are now used in those seas [about India].

‖ **Sambouse.** *Obs.* Also 7 samboyse. [Persian سنبوسه *sanbūsaʰ* (phonetically *samb-*), whence Arab. *sanbūsaʰ*, *-saj*, *-sak*, *-saq* (Dozy).] A pasty of hashed meats.

1609 W. BIDDULPH in T. Lavender *Trav.* (1612) 36 Wee dined [near Aleppo] with Musmelons, Sambouses, and a Muclebite. 1630 CAPT. SMITH *Trav. & Adv.* xiii. 25 Samboyses and Muselbits are great dainties.

Sambre, variant of SAMBUR.

Sambu, variant of SAUMBUE *Obs.*

‖ **Sambuca** (sæmbiū·kă). Also in anglicized forms: 4, 6 **sambuke,** 5 **-buce,** 6 **-buque,** 9 **sambuc.** [L. *sambūca*, ad. Gr. σαμβύκη, prob. of Eastern origin, cogn. with Aramaic סַבְּכָא *sabbᵉkā* which it renders in the Book of Daniel. See SACKBUT.]

1. *Ancient Music.* 'A triangular stringed-instrument of a very sharp shrill tone' (Lewis & Short).

1382 WYCLIF *Dan.* iii. 5 Harpe, sambuke, sautrie, symfonie. 1545 ASCHAM *Toxoph.* I. (Arb.) 39 This I am sure, yat lutes, harpes, all maner of pypes, barbitons, sambukes, ..be condemned of Aristotle. 1845 *Encycl. Metrop.* IX. 451 The sambuc was, it is believed, similar to the psaltery. 1902 W. L. NEWMAN *Politics of Aristotle* III. 550 The *sambuca* was high-pitched and piercing in tone.

2. *Roman Antiq.* A military engine for storming walls.

1489 CAXTON *Faytes of A.* II. xxxv. 154 Sambuce is an engyn whiche is made in manere of a harpe able to perce a walle. 1594 R. ASHLEY tr. *Loys le Roy* 117 The rest followed them by the Sambuque.

Sambucco, variant of SAMBOOK.

Sambucene (sæmbiūsīn). *Chem.* [f. L. *sambūc-us* elder tree + -ENE.] (See quot. 1875.)

1872 J. H. GLADSTONE in *Jrnl. Chem. Soc.* Ser. II. X. 3, I would suggest the following:—..Hydrocarbon from Elder. Sambucene. 1875 WATTS *Dict. Chem.* 2nd Suppl. 1073 *Sambucene*, $C^{10}H^{16}$, the terpene from elder oil.

Sambuco, sambuk, variant ff. SAMBOOK.

Sambuke, sambuque, obs. ff. SAMBUCA.

Sambur (sæ·mbəɹ). Forms: 7 **sabre,** 9 **sabir, samboo, sambar, samber, sambhur, sambhar, sambre, sambur, saumer.** [a. Hindī *sābar, sāmbar.*] The Indian elk, *Rusa aristotelis.*

1698 FRYER *Acc. E. India & P.* 175 Our usual Diet was.. spotted Deer, Sabre, Wild Hogs, and sometimes Wild Cows. 1813 in J. Forbes *Oriental Mem.* (ed. 2) II. 400 (V.) Four large sabirs or samboos, one considerably bigger than an ox. 1862 BEVERIDGE *Hist. India* I. Introd. 11 The saumer, or black rusa of Bengal. 1864 TREVELYAN *Compet. Wallah* (1866) 161 Sambhur, a gigantic deer of the elk species. 1883 MRS. BISHOP in *Leisure Hr.* 85/1 The palandok..and the sambre may not be far off.

attrib. 1829 E. T. BENNETT *Tower Menag.* 187 The Samboo Deer..belongs to the Rusa group. 1883 LD. SALTOUN *Scraps* II. 175 Long yellow sambur-skin boots. 1898 R. G. BURTON *Tropics & Snows* 261 He may find a sambhur stag.

† **Sa·m-cloth.** *Obs.* [app. repr. OE. **sǽamclāð* (see SEAM *sb.*[1] and CLOTH *sb.*). Huloet's explanation might suggest derivation from SAM-, though that prefix is not found with sbs.] (See quots.)

1552 HULOET, Samcloth or vesture from the bealye downward, *limus.* 1688 R. HOLME *Armoury* III. 98/2 A Samcloth, a cloth to sow on, a Canvice cloth. *Ibid.*, A Samcloth, vulgarly a Sampler.

Samdel, variant of SOMEDEAL.

Same (sēim), *a.* (*pron., adv.*). Forms: 4–7 **sam,** 5 **ssame,** 6 **some,** 3– **same.** [ME. *same*, a. ON. *same* masc., *sama* fem., neut., rarely in str. form *sam-r* (Sw. *samma, samme*, Da. *samme*); a Com. Teut. word, but lost in OE. and OS. (which have only the derived adv., in OE. *swá same*, OS. *so sama, -o*, likewise) and in the mod. Teut. langs. retained only in Eng. and Scandinavian. Cf. OHG. *sama* same (rare, though the derived adv. *sama, -o*, likewise, similarly, is common), Goth. *sama* same :—Indogermanic **somo-*, whence Skr. *samá* level, equal, same, Gr. *ὁμό-s* same (cf. *ὁμαλός* level), OIrish *som* same.

Ablaut-variants of this root are (1) **sem-* in Gr. εἷς (:-**sems*) one; (2) **s'm-* in OTeut. **sumo-* SOME, Skr. *sama* any, every, Gr. ἅμα together, L. *similis* like, OIrish *samail* likeness, image, Welsh *hafal* like; also as prefix in Skr. *sakṛt* acting at once, Gr. ἁπλόος, L. *simplex* simple; (3) *sōm-* in Skr. *sāma* similarity, OSl. *samŭ* same, OE. *sōm* agreement (see SEEM *v.*).]

The ordinary adjectival and pronominal designation of identity, equivalent to the older ILK *a.*[1], to L. *idem*, Gr. *ὁ αὐτός*, Ger. *derselbe.* Normally preceded by *the*, exc. after a demonstrative; the omission of the article occurs only in dialectal or vulgar speech and in certain specially elliptical varieties of diction (e. g. in commercial correspondence). As the prefixed article is functionally a part of the word, it is often difficult to distinguish the simple predicative use (='identical') from the absolute and elliptical uses.

A. *adj.*

I. Not numerically different from an object indicated or implied; identical.

1. With forward reference: Identical with what is indicated in the following context.

It is remarkable that this use is all but entirely absent from the writings of Shakspere; the only clear instance appears to be quot. 1598 in 4 below

a. Followed by a clause with relative pronoun (*that, who, which*) or relative adverb (*when, where*). Cf. VERY *a.*

In this construction *that* sometimes has not the strict pronominal syntax, but is equivalent in meaning to 'in (on, by, etc.) which', 'where', 'when'. Cf. the similar use of F. *que.*

c 1200 ORMIN 9914 He mihhte makenn cwike menn þær off þa same staness, þat stodenn þær bi Sannt Johan. 1340 HAMPOLE *Pr. Consc.* 4511 Þan sal Iewes þe sam lawe halde, þat þai haf. *Ibid.* 5288 Þis taken..sal noght be þe sam cros, ne þe sam tre, On whilk God was nayled fot and hande. 1537 STARKEY *Let. to Pole* in *England* (1878) p. xlvij, Euen the same thyng wych you percas thynke hathe byn the chefe roote of thys motyon. 1633 EARL MANCH. *A l'Mondo* (1636) 141 The old saying is a good one, Doe that every day, which thou wouldest doe the same day that thou dyest. 1702 ADDISON *Dial. Medals* I. Wks. 1766 III. 22 He would often show us the same face on an old Coin that we saw in the Statue. 1707 — *Pres. State War* P 7 ibid. 246 The same causes which straiten the British commerce, will naturally enlarge the French. 1711 BUDGELL *Spect.* No. 77 P 5 At the same time that I am endeavouring to expose this Weakness in others. 1809 J. ROLAND *Fencing* 89, I return to the same situation where I found your blade at the time I began my first motion. 1810 SOUTHEY *Let.* 5 Aug. in *Life* (1850) III. 290 As for my contempt of the received rules of poetry, I hold the same rules which Shakspeare, Spencer, and Milton held before me, and desire to be judged by those rules. 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* v. I. 561 Care was taken that the prisoner should pass through the same gate and the same streets through which Montrose had been led to the same doom. 1876 J. DENNIS *Stud. Eng. Lit.* 422 He defends it on the same ground that he would defend the 'Lycidas' of Milton. 1904 *Blackw. Mag.* Oct. 578/2 They may recite his [Shakspere's] works with the same restraint of gesture..which interpreted his works in his own day.

b. With ellipsis of the relative pron. or adv. Also (in careless use) followed by a pa. pple with ellipsis of relative and copula.

1514 *Rec. St. Mary at Hill* 21 Vppon condicion that they shall kepe solemply, my seid Obett or Annuersary yerely for euermore þe same day of the Moneth my sowle shall depart from þe body, in þe parisshe church of Seint Mary at hill within london. 1647 CLARENDON *Hist. Reb.* v. § 449 The standard itself was blown down the same night it had been set up. 1710 SWIFT *Jrnl. to Stella* 29 Sept., Why do you trouble yourself, Mistress Stella, about my instrument? I have the same the Archbishop gave me; and it is as good now the Bishops are away. 1831 SCOTT *Ct. Rob.* v, So many princes..aim, it is pretended, at nothing else than the same extravagant purpose announced by the brute multitude who first appeared in these regions. 1855 *Orr's Circ. Sci., Org. Nat.* III. 307 It is regarded with the same interest accorded in Europe to its red-breasted relative.

† **c.** In the 16–17th c. often followed by *that* with ellipsis of the verb, so that *the same that* becomes equivalent to 'the same as' or 'the same with'. *Obs.*

1577 FULKE *Answ. True Christian* 64 The Pope chosen by the councell of Constance, was of the same iudgement that the councell. 1582 G. MARTIN *Manif. Corrupt. Script.* iii. 44 Here he citeth many authors and dictionaries idly, to prooue that *idolum* may signifie the same that Image. 1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* I. 88 The next marches of this higher province is the same that the tract of Tarracon. *Ibid.* 105 The Pisidians..whose chiefe colony is Cæsaria, the same that Antiochia. 1643 TRAPP *Comm. Gen.* xi. 30 Some say, that Iscah in Chaldee signifieth the same that Sarai in Hebrew. 1652 LOVEDAY tr. *Calprenede's Cassandra* II. 132 And having applyed unto them the same things that to my Master's, they laboured to recover him from the sound he was in. 1664 H. MORE *Exp.* 7 *Epist.* viii. (1669) 124 So that I understand by φιλαδελφία the same that ἀγαπη, universal Love. 1671 MILTON *P. R.* III. 413 Such was thy zeal To Israel then, the same that now to me.

d. Followed by *as.* Now the commonest construction.

Four varieties of use may be noted. (*a*) *As* may serve as a relative adv. or pron. introducing a clause (cf. 1 a); (*b*) it may precede the subject or object of a verb omitted by ellipsis; (*c*) by ellipsis of the copula, it may be followed by sb. or pronoun denoting that with which identity is stated; (*d*) it may elliptically precede an adv. or phrase.

(*a*) 1340 HAMPOLE *Pr. Consc.* 835 Þan sal he on þe same wys hethen wende..right als he cam þe first day fra his moder wam. *c* 1400 *Rule St. Benet* (Verse) 2371 On þe same wise sall ilk souerayn Do os þai wil take o-gayn. *a* 1548 HALL *Chron., Edw. IV* 196 He was the same person and of the same good mynde towarde the kynge, as he was before the tyme of hys legacion. 1705 ADDISON *Italy, Rome* 350 The Horse and Man on the Medal are in the same Posture as they are on the Statue. 1827 HALLAM *Const. Hist.* (1842) II. 257 *note*, She was exactly in the same predicament as Philip had been during his marriage with Mary I. 1861 M. PATTISON *Ess.* (1889) I. 40 A patent of Henry II.., in which he..licenses the sale of Rhenish wine at the same price as French is sold at. 1894 SWINBURNE *Stud. in Prose & P.* 56 Entering college at the same age as Fletcher had entered six years earlier.

(*b*) 1691 *Emilianne's Frauds Romish Monks* 148 We follow'd this Troop of Pilgrims at a small distance, being Mounted in the same manner as they, tho' we could not joyn our selves in company with them. 1839 URE *Dict. Arts* 1086–7 Salt springs occur nearly in the same circumstances..as the salt rock. 1881 JOWETT *Thucyd.* I. 179 The sailors in the fleet all received the same pay as the soldiers. 1895 CHITTY in *Law Times Rep.* LXXII. 866/1 Other rules in Order XLV. point in the same direction as the first rule of the order.

(*c*) 1715 tr. *Gregory's Astron.* (1726) I. II. 351 The Ratio of *GH* to *IK*, which is the same as the given Ratio of the Sines of the Arcs *AB, CD.* 1807 ROBINSON *Archæol. Græca* III. xxi. 325 Olympia, a city of the Pisæans, or, as some say, the same as Pisa.

(*d*) 1662 BP. HOPKINS *Funeral Serm.* (1683) 39 They return again to the same glut of lusts and pleasures as before. 1702 ADDISON *Dial. Medals* II. Wks. 1766 III. 69 You see the metaphor is the same in the Verses as in the Medal. 1716 — *Freeholder* No. 42 P 6 We receive the same profit from them, as if they were the Produce of our own Island. 1845 M. PATTISON *Ess.* (1889) I. 24, 'I again consulted your magnificence, and you gave the same answer as before.'

e. Const. *with.* The regimen of *with* may denote either (*a*) a participant in the possession, attribute, etc. qualified by *the same*, or (*b*) that with which the object mentioned is said to be identical.

(*a*) 1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) II. 259 Þerfore of þre þe firste kyngdoms, as it were of þe same age wiþ þe kyngdom of Assiries, firste we schal write. 1601 DOLMAN tr. *La Primaud. Fr. Acad.* (1618) III. 803 The blossomes have the same nature with the fruite. *Ibid.* 804 The seede and roote of this plant have the same operation with the leafe. 1609 HOLLAND *Amm. Marcell.* 42 The bishop, being of the same mind and opinion with the rest, was [etc.]. 1660 BARROW *Euclid* VI. xxvi, Then is that Parallelogram about the same diagonal with the whole. 1699 BENTLEY *Phal.* Pref. 69 He is of the same size for Learning with the late Editor. 1740 *Johnson's Debates* 2 Dec. (1787) I. 23 Debate relating to a seditious paper of the same kind with the considerations on the Embargo on provisions. 1753 CHAMBERS *Cycl. Supp.* s.v. *Bridge*, Rochester bridge is built in the same style with that of London. 1763 GOLDSM. *Misc. Wks.* (1837) II. 502 They are incapable of the same docility with terrestrial animals, and are less imitative of human perfections. 1803 SOUTHEY *Let.* 9 June in *Life* (1850) II. 212 Scott, it seems, adopts the same system of metre with me. 1837 LOCKHART *Scott* I. x. 325 [He] died..at the same age with Burns and Byron, in 1811. 1842 R. I. WILBERFORCE *Rutilius & Lucius* III Words of the same nature with those he had heard were chanted at intervals. 1858 H. SPENCER *Ess.* I. 254 This.. will be found to come under the same generalization with the others.

(*b*) *c* 1380 WYCLIF *Serm.* Sel. Wks. I. 319 As þe spirit þat is mannis soule is þe same persone wiþ him, so the secounde persone of God is þe same persone wiþ þis man. 1607 TOPSELL *Four-f. Beasts* (1658) 225 The Chaonian Horses are the same with the Aprirolan Horses. 1618 HALES *Gold. Rem.* II. (1673) 62 He could not be ignorant that his quality was the same with theirs. *a* 1641 BP. MOUNTAGU *Acts & Mon.* (1642) 179 She was native..of Phrygia and so peradventure was the same with Trojana. 1681 T. FLATMAN *Heraclitus Ridens* No. 30 (1713) I. 197 The third was a Paper of Directions, what, and how to plead, which was also denied him, being the same thing with allowing him Council. 1764 GOLDSM. *Introd. Gen. Hist. World* Misc. Wks. 1837 I. 531 The materials to which we have had recourse are the same with those which other historians for several ages have employed before us. 1829 JAS. MILL *Hum. Mind* (1869) II. 194 It rested with him to prove that the expectation of a pleasure, or of a pain, is the same thing with the desire, or aversion. 1873 FREEMAN *Hist. Ess.* Ser. II. 188 This was no difficulty to the Greeks and Macedonians, who looked on the Egyptian Ammon as the same god with their own Zeus.

† **f.** In certain rare constructions: (*a*) const. *of* (perh. a Gallicism); (*b*) const. *to. Obs.*

1692 DRYDEN *St. Euremont's Ess.* 5 'Tis an extraordinary thing to find a Successor endowed with the same Qualities of his Predecessor. 1721 BRADLEY *Philos. Acc. Wks. Nat.* 13 And the Nourishment and Difference of Colours given these Bodies..I suppose to be produced by a cause nearly the same of that which gives us the different Colours in the Leaves and Flowers of Vegetables. 1756 TOLDERVY *Hist. 2 Orphans* III. 33, I am of the same opinion to the gentleman, who spoke last. 1771–2 *Ess. fr. Batchelor* (1773) I. 96 They fancy themselves in the same situation of the Jews, when their being victors, or vanquish'd, solely depended on the raising or depressing of Moses's hands.

2. With backward reference: Identical with what has been indicated.

1340 HAMPOLE *Pr. Consc.* 25 Þe sam God sythyn was þe bygynnyng And þe first maker of alle thyng. 1340–70 *Alex. & Dind.* 896 Also ȝe sente vs to saie in þe same time Of oþur manerus mo miche for to lakke. 1362 LANGL. *P. Pl.* A. Prol. 106 Tauerners to hem tolde þe same tale Wiþ goud wyn of Gaskoyne And wyn of Oseye. *c* 1400 *Pety Job* 76 in 26 *Pol. Poems* 123 Into poudre must I crepe, ffor of that same kynde I am. *c* 1400 *Rule St. Benet* (Verse) 1234 And sche ken þe perils of cursing, Sche salbe cursid for þat same þing. *a* 1578 LINDESAY (Pitscottie) *Chron. Scot.* (S.T.S.) I. 147 About the same tyme rang money cuning men be quhose labouris & trawell goode letteris flurischit. 1685 BOYLE *Enq. Notion Nat.* 384 How great a Difference there may be between a Body consider'd absolutely, or by itself, and the same Body consider'd in such Circumstances, as it may be found in. 1886 LINDLEY in *Law Rep.* 32 Chanc. Div. 28 The same observations are true of all other contracts similarly circumstanced.

† **b.** = The aforesaid. *Obs.*

1338 R. BRUNNE *Chron.* (1810) 126 To Normundie ageyn suld turne þe duke Henry, & Ingland alle holy after Steuen þe kyng Suld turne to þe same Henry, withouten geynsaiyng. 1455 *Cal. Anc. Rec. Dublin* (1889) I. 286 And in case that the sam man or person in hys takyng, make recistens not to be take. 1480 *Coventry Leet Bk.* 429 We send yewe same bill herin enclosed. 1517 TORKINGTON *Pilgr.* (1884) 9 Thursday, the vij Day of May, we retornyed by the same watir of Brent to Venese ageyne. 1535 COVERDALE *Eccl.* xii. 9 The same preacher was not wyse alone, but taught the people knowlege also: he gaue good hede, sought out the grounde and set forth many parables.

† **c.** *The same day*: to-day. *Obs.*

c 1475 *Rauf Coilȝear* 848 On loud said the Sarazine: 'I heir the now lie! Befoir the same day I saw the neuer with sicht'.

3. Expressing the identity of an object designated by different names, standing in different relations, or related to different subjects or objects. In this use the sb. qualified by *same* often denotes an

indeterminate or hypothetical object, so that *the* becomes (with a sing.) functionally equivalent to the indefinite article, or (with a plural) redundant; hence result occasional ambiguities.

Cf. the Fr. 'Deux mots qui signifient *une* même chose', '*De* mêmes causes doivent produire *de* mêmes effets' with the ambiguous Englsh 'Two words which signify *the* same thing', '*The* same causes must produce the same effects'.

1621 Br. Mountagu *Diatribæ* 553 Bacchus and Sabasius is the same god. · 1662 Stillingfl. *Orig. Sacræ* II. vi. § 14 Both these Prophets considered the same people under the same circumstances, and with the same conditions. 1670 *Moral State Eng.* 160 At this time a Germain and a Fleming were in the same Pension in the Town. 1690 Locke *Hum. Und.* II. i. § 9 Having Ideas, and Perception, being the same thing. 1713 Steele *Englishman* No. 8. 55 The same Person is to be paid twice for the same thing. 1738 tr. *Guazzo's Art Conversation* 221 They cannot live peaceable together in the same House. 1765 A. Dickson *Treat. Agric.* I. (ed. 2) 33 Some kinds of animals,..such as horses, cows, and sheep, are nourished by the same food. 1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) III. 457/2 The flowers are male and female upon the same or different roots. 1809–10 Coleridge *Friend* (1865) 142 Sooner or later the same causes, or their equivalents, will call forth the same opposition of opinion, and bring the same passions into play. 1828 Scott *F. M. Perth* xix, With whom I have so often sat at the same board, and drunken of the same cup. 1835 *Penny Cycl.* III. 437/2 The old barcarolle was sung in parts, at stem and stern of the same boat, by its own gondoliers. 1868 Lockyer *Elem. Astron.* iii. § 10 (1879) 55 All the planets travel round the Sun in the same direction. 1879 Harlan *Eyesight* ii. 16 Even in the same eye, half of the iris is sometimes brown, and the other half blue. 1884 Brett in *Law Times Rep.* 10 May 315/2, I have come to the conclusion ..that the Legislature intended in this case to be verbose and tautologous, and to say the same thing twice over.

b. More explicitly, *one and the same.*

[After L. *unus et idem*, Gr. (ὁ) εἷς καὶ ὁ αὐτός.]

1551 T. Wilson *Logike* S iv b, Out of one and the same floure the Bee sucketh houy, and the spider draweth poison. 1584 ? Sidney *Disc. Def. Earl of Leicester* Misc. Wks. (1829) 272 In sum, in one the same man, all the faults that in all the most contrary-hamoured men in the world can remain. *c* 1650 Leighton *Serm.* xviii. Wks. 1869 II. 227 Never think that one and the same soul can have much pride and much of Christ. 1659 H. More *Immort. Soul* II. i. 113 Perception being really one and the same thing with Reaction of Matter one part against another. *a* 1806 Horsley *Serm.* (1816) II. xxvi. 304 A sameness of the terms..would be an argument for assigniog one and the same meaning to the promises. 1862 Latham *Channel Isl.* III. xviii. (ed. 2) 411 They belong to one and the same class.

4. Conpled for emphasis with a synonymous adj.: † *that ilk* (*thilk*) *same*, † *the same self*, † *the same very*, *the very same.* See also Selfsame.

The same self was exceedingly common in the 16th c.

13.. *Cursor M.* 1919 (Göttl.) Þat ilk same day [*Cott.* Þat ilk dai, *Fairf.* Þat same day]. 1390 Gower *Conf.* I. 95 Thilke same speche Which, as thou seist, thou schalt me teche. *a* 1450 Myrc *Par. Priests* 668 Þenne schale he wyth hys owne hondes Brenne Þat yike same bondes. 1503 *Rolls of Parlt.* VI. 522/2 They..shall have..lyke auctorite..as the same selfe Bisshoppes shulde, ought or myght do. 1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 24 And the same selfe mysteryes he afterwarde declared to his discyples. 1589–90 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* IV. 465 Baith having the same selff freindis and commoun enemeyis. 1590 L. Lloyd *Diall of Daies* 169 Q. Metellus triumphed over Creet at the same verie day that Pompei the great triumphed over the Pyrats on sea. 1594 Shaks. *Rich. III*, III. ii. 49 This same very day. 1598— *Merry W.* IV. v. 37 Shee sayes, that the very same man that beguil'd Master Slender of his Chaine, cozon'd him of it. 1692 R. L'Estrange *Fables* ix. 9 The Snake, after his Recovery, is the very same Snake still, that he was at first. *Ibid.* xviii. 19 Several of the very same Birds that she had forewarn'd.

5. Appended redundantly to a demonstrative (*this*, *these*, *that*, *those*, *yon*). Common in 16–17th c.; usually expressing some degree of irritation or contempt, sometimes playful familiarity. (Cf. the vulgar *this here*, *that there*.) Now *arch.*

Out of the 95 instances of the word *same* in Shakspere, 55 occur in collocation with a demonstrative.

For examples in which *same* has its normal force when preceded by a demonstrative, see senses 1–3.

1340–70 *Alex. & Dind.* 197 In þis same wise. 1598 Shaks. *Merry W.* v. i. 18 That same knaue (Ford hir husband). 1603 — *Meas. for M.* v. i. 270 Call that same Isabell here once againe. 1625 Bacon *Ess., Truth* (Arb.) 499 This same Truth, is a Naked, and Open day light. 1628 Milton *Vac. Exerc.* 16, I pray thee then deny me not thy aide For this same small neglect that I have made. 1634 — *Comus* 738 Be not cosen'd With that same vaunted name Virginity. 1726 Swift *On reading Young's Univ. Passion* Wks. 1751 X. 246 If that same *Universal Passion* With ev'ry Vice hath fill'd the Nation. 1808 Scott *Marm.* I. xxv, If this same Palmer will me lead From hence. 1816 J. Wilson *City of Plague* II. iii, What is the use of these same lamps? 1871 R. Ellis *Catullus* x. 26 Just for courtesy lend me, dear Catullus, Those same nobodies.

6. Phrases. *At the same time*: see Time *sb.* *By the same token*: see Token *sb.*

II. In modified senses.

7. Applied to an object as having the same attributes with another or with itself at another time; exactly agreeing *in* (amount, quality, operation, etc.). Of a person: Unchanged in character, condition of health, etc. Chiefly *predicative* (cf. B. 1, 2). Constructions as in 1–3.

Phrase, *Much the same*, approximately the same (cf. Much *adv.* 3).

1667 Milton *P. L.* I. 256 The mind is its own place, and in it self Can make a Heav'n of Hell, a Hell of Heav'n. What matter where, if I be still the same. 1669 Sturmy *Mariner's Mag.* IV. 138 If the Course and Distance had been first agreed upon from the Place they were bound to, to be just the same, unto the..Land they first descried. 1718 *Free-thinker* No. 91 P 5 Human Nature is perpetually the same, ever subject to the same Passions and Corruptions. 1758 R. Price *Rev. Quest. Morals* viii. (1769) 293 *note*, A distinction much the same with this may be found in the letters between Dr. Sharp and Mrs. Cockburn. 1836 J. Gilbert *Chr. Atonem.* ix. (1852) 284 God himself remains the same before and after the interposition of Christ. 1838 Prescott *Ferd. & Is.* II. vi. II. 518 Bigotry is the same in every faith and every age. 1855 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* xv. III. 585 His salary was the same with that of the Lord Lieutenant. 1860 Ld. Lytton *Lucile* II. ii. iii, Do not think that years leave us and find us the same! 1861 M. Pattison *Ess.* (1889) I. 48 The Steelyard passed with the rest of the parish by the same easy gradations from the old to the new faith. 1893 *Bookman* June 86/1 Her ambitions superficially so different at different times, and yet substantially the same.

b. *predicatively.* Of a person: Unchanged in behaviour *to* another.

1850 Dickens *Dav. Copp.* ix, But she was always the same to me. She never changed to her foolish Peggotty.

c. Corresponding in relative position.

1672 Petty *Pol. Anat.* (1691) 18 About 504 M. of the Irish perished..between the 23 of October 1641 and the same day 1652. 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* xxviii, He and I were both shot in the same leg at Talavera. 1856 Sir G. C. Lewis *Lett.* (1870) 317 The Foreign Office..now holds the same place in our social economy as the Colonial Office used to hold. 1891 'J. S. Winter' *Lumley* xii, The doctors..have decidedly better hopes than they had yesterday at the same time.

8. Predicatively: Equally acceptable or the contrary; indifferent. Also *all the same*, *just the same.*

1803 Mary Charlton *Wife & Mistress* I. 245 He don't vally what he says to young or old, man or woman—it's all the same to old gruffy! 1838 Dickens *Nich. Nick.* vii, It's all the same to me. 1847 Upham *Mme. Guyon & Fénélon* II. iii. 31 (Funk) To Daniel the lion's den and the monarch's palace are the same.

9. Predicatively, without article: Characterized by sameness, monotonous. *rare.*

1891 *Pall Mall G.* 3 Feb. 6/2 The choruses in 'Judith' are numerous, and to the lay mind perhaps a little same.

III. 10. *Comb.*, as *same-kidneyed*, *-seemingness*, *-sized*, *-soundingness*; **same-ways** *adv.*, in the same direction.

1674 N. Fairfax *Bulk & Selv.* Ep. Ded., The *same-kidneyed men, who have..a sharp flowt at the end of their tongue. 1839–48 Bailey *Festus* xx. 231 Lest long *same-seemingness should send me mad. 1764 *Museum Rust.* III. iii. 229 Let this be done deep, and still in the *same-sized ridges. 1839–48 Bailey *Festus* iv. 33 The sea..In its sublime *samesoundingness laughed out. 1887 Sir W. Thomson in *Nature* 3 Oct. 546/2 Every A is at the centre of an equal and similar, and *same-ways oriented, tetrahedron of O's.

B. *absol.* and as *pron.* (Constructions as in A.)

1. The same person or persons.

1340–70 *Alex. & Dind.* 780 Ȝe ben sobli Þe same of wham Þei so tolde. *c* 1366 Chaucer *A.B.C.* 77 Now queen of comfort sithe Þou art Þat same To whom I seeche for my medicyne [etc.]. 1616 B. Jonson *Epigr.* xxxiii, On Sir Iohn Roe...To the same. 1817 Jas. Mill *Brit. India* II. v. ix. 707 An appeal from the King's Council, to the King in Council, was ridiculed, even by the opponents of the bill, as an appeal from the same to the same.

† b. Conjoined with a personal pronoun or with a designation of a person, to indicate identity with one who has been mentioned. *Obs.* [A latinism.]

1377 Langl. *P. Pl.* B. III. 26 Thanne lauȝte Þei leue, Þis lordes, at Mede. With that comen clerkis to conforte hir Þe same. 1548 Udall, etc. *Erasm. Par. Acts* I With the aduise and consente of the moste prudent and the same his moste dere vncle. 1598 Grenewey *Tacitus, Ann.* II. xvii. (1622) 57 Shew the people of Rome Augustus neece, and the same my wife [L. *Augusti neptem eandemque coniugem meam*].

2. The same thing. (See A. 1, 2, 3.) † Formerly also *that same*, *this same.*

1340–70 *Alex. & Dind.* 1009 But Þe same Þat ȝe so by vs silf trowe Longeþ, ludus, to ȝou Þat liuen so in ese. 1390 Gower *Conf.* I. 19 Who that here wordes understode, It thenkth thei wolden do the same. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 9772 Þe sam to my-self, sothli, may happyn. *c* 1400 *Rule St. Benet* (verse) 488 And also crist in his godspell Of þis same makes minde o-mell. *a* 1450 Myrc *Festial* 8 Anon he made to take hym, and constrayne hym forto haue done Þe same. *a* 1536 Tindale *Pathw. Script.* Wks. (1573) 383/2 What soeuer is done to the lest of vs..it is done to Christ, and what soeuer is done to my brother (if I be a Christen man) that same is done to me. 1576 Fleming *Panopl. Epist.* 142, I have commended S— unto you oftentimes: and do the same againe at this instant. 1677 Gale *Crt. Gentiles* II. iv. 489 Here that common Proverbe holds true, 'When two do the same it is not the same'. 1687 A. Lovell tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* I. 112, I failed not to speak to our Vice-Consul of the Light I had seen in the Isle of Samos, and he told me all the same that the rest did. 1711 J. Greenwood *Eng. Gram.* Wallis's Pref. 2 So the French Words *guerre* [etc.]..signify the same with these English Words. 1812 Southey *Let. to Jas. White* 16 Feb. in *Life* (1850) III. 328 It is the same in our age that it was in our youth. 1848 Kingsley *'Bad Squire'* xiv, If your misses had slept, squire, where they slept, Your misses would do the same. 1864 Newman *Apologia* V. (1904) 168/1 When I became a Catholic, nothing struck me more..than the English out-spoken manner of the Priests. It was the same at Oscott, at Old Hall Green, at Ushaw. 1896 A. E. Housman *Shropshire Lad* xliii, Bring the eternal seed to light, And morn is all the same as night.

† b. Phrases. *Of the same*: in the same way. *To the* (*this*) *same*: to the same effect. *With the same*: at the same moment. *Obs.*

1399 Langl. *Rich. Redeles* Prol. 14 All Þe londe..ros with him rapely to rigtyn his wronge, For he shulde hem serue of Þe same after. *c* 1400 *Rule St. Benet* (verse) 373 Also we se ȝit to Þe same. *Ibid.* 461 For hali writ sais on þis wise: 'Þe fole with word may non chastese'..And to þis sam, als clerks may kun, Þe wise man sais: 'Chastise þi sun (etc.)' 1603 Holland *Plutarch's Mor.* 1027 He spake the word, and with the same, Immediatly out came the name.

¶ c. With omission of article. *rare*—1.

1638 Brathwait *Barnabees Jrnl.* II. (1818) 45 What I was once, same I am now.

† 3. Pleonastically emphasizing a demonstrative, used absol. or with ellipsis of sb. *Obs.*

1588 Shaks. *L. L. L.* II. i. 194 Sir, I pray you a word: What Lady is that same? 1591 — *Two Gent.* III. i. 138 What Letter is this same? 1592 — *Rom. & Jul.* IV. v. 147 What a pestilent knaue is this same. 1611 Bible *Acts* xxiv. 20 Let these same here [1881 *R. V.* these men themselves] say, if they haue found any evill doing in mee.

4. *The same*, † *that* (or *this*) *same*: the aforesaid person or thing. Often merely the equivalent of a personal pronoun; he, she, it, they. Now *rare* in literary use; still common in legal documents; also (with reference to things) in commercial language (where *the* is sometimes omitted). Cf. G. *der-*, *die-*, *dasselbe.*

1362 Langl. *P. Pl.* A. III. 27 Þenne [lauȝten] Þei leue Þis lordynges, at Meede. Wiþ þat Þer come Clerkes to Cumforte Þe same. *c* 1400 *Lansdowne Ritual* in *Rule St. Benet*, etc. 143 Þe nouyce sal..singe Þare thrise: 'Suscipe me, domine' &c. Þe couent..sall reherce Þe same again thrise, and 'Gloria patri'. *c* 1400 Maundev. (1839) viii. 97 Upon that same schalle he sytte,..righte as himself seyde. *c* 1450 *Cov. Myst.* ii. (Shaks. Soc.) 25 Take this appyl and ete this ssame, This ffrute is best as I the telle. 1474 Caxton *Chesse* Ded., That ye sawe gladly the Inhabitants of y^e^ same enformed in good, vertuous, prouffitable and honeste maners. 1484 — *Fables of Æsop* III. vii, [Men] ought to preyse and loue the chirche and the commaundements of the same. 1500–20 Dunbar *Poems* lii. 11 ȝour Hienes can nocht gett ane meter, To keip your wardrope, nor discreter, To rule ȝour robbis, and dress the sam. 1503 in Kerry *Hist. St. Lawrence, Reading* (1883) 111 Also ij staynyd clothis w^t^ ryddels to Þe same. 1509 Fisher *Funeral Serm. C'tess Richmond* Wks. (1876) 290 Above all these same there is a foure maner of noblenes. 1535 Coverdale *Lev.* xiii. 40 Whan the hayres fall out of the heade of a man or a woman, so that he is balde, the same is cleane. 1548–9 (Mar.) *Bk. Com. Prayer, Collect 1st Sunday after Epiphany*, Graunt that they maie both perceaue and knowe what thinges they ought to do, and also haue grace and power faithfully to fulfill the same. 1583 Stubbes *Anat. Abus.* II. (1882) 65 Watermen haunt the waters, and fishes swim in the same. 1590 Shaks. *Com. Err.* IV. i. 11 In the instant that I met with you, He had of me a Chaine, at fiue a clocke I shall receiue the money for the same. 1596 Spenser *F. Q.* IV. x. 5 That was a temple..farre renowmed ..Much more then that which was in Paphos built, Or that in Cyprus, both long since this same. 1611 Bible *Matt.* xxiv. 13 But he that shall endure vnto the end, the same shall be saued. 1621 in Owen & Blakeway *Hist. Shrewsb.* (1825) I. 574 Laid out in stocking up of the gorst in Kingsland, making the same into faggottes. 1667 Primatt *City & C. Build.* 8 An over-shot-mill, which is the water brought to the top of the wheel, in fanders or troughs which cast the same into Buckets made in the wheel for the receipt of the same, the force and weight of which water drives the same. 1772–84 *Cook's Voy.* (1790) V. 1755 The natives thinking we were determined to pay not the least consideration, at length ceased to apply for the same. 1818 Cruise *Digest* (ed. 2) III. 324 If such tenant for life die on the day on which the same was made payable, the whole [rent must be paid]. 1819 Keats *Isabella* ii, Her lute-string gave an echo of his name, She spoiled her half-done broidery with the same.

b. † As an answer when addressed by name; = 'I am he'. *Obs.* Also *colloq.* in confirming a conjecture as to the identity of a person mentioned by the speaker.

1599 Shaks. *Much Ado* II. i. 191 *Ben.* Count Claudio. *Claud.* Yea, the same. 1889 *Chatterbox* 24 Aug. 323/1 'Have you ever heard of Red Jim?' 'The bushranger, do you mean?' asked Allan. 'The same. Well, this man [etc.]'.

† c. (*The*) *same*; = Ditto. *Obs.*

1486 *Bk. St. Albans* b iij, Take the Juce of percelly Moris otherwise calde percelly Rootis, and thossame of Isop. 1615 R. Cocks *Diary* 18 June (Hakl. Soc.) I. 11 He gave me a present of 3 nestes gocas, with their trenchers and ladells of mother of perle, with 10 spoons same, and a peece of white Liquea cloth. 1663 Gerbier *Counsel* 72 Rafters ten and seven inches, Purloyns the same, Plates the same.

† d. Chiefly Her. *Of the same*: of the kind or description last mentioned. *Obs.*

a 1548 Hall *Chron., Hen. VIII* 25 The Kyng was apparelled in almayne ryuet crested & his vambrace of the same. ? *a* 1588 *Glover's Ordinary* 38 in *Edmondson's Her.* I, Ar. in fesse three pellets betw. two bars sa. in chief two goats heads erased gu. attired or.; in base one of the same. *Gethinge.* 1625 Bacon *Ess., Building* (Arb.) 553 A Greene Court Plain, with a Wall about it: A Second Court of the same, but more Garnished.

5. quasi-*sb.* An identical thing. *nonce-uses.*

1690 Dryden *Amphitryon* v. i, *Tran.* Two drops of water cannot be more like. *Pol.* They are two very sames. 1700 — *Ovid's Met.* xv. Fables 515 Ev'n our own Bodies daily change receive,..Nor are to Day what Yesterday they were; Nor the whole same to Morrow will appear.

C. *adv.* and in adverbial phrases.

1. *The same*: a. in the same manner. Const. *as.* *To think the same of*: to have the same (good) opinion of (a person). Similarly, *to feel the same to.*

Now rare in literary use; common *dial.*, often with omission of *the.*

1766 *Museum Rust.* III. 240 Sow the seed broad-cast, ..then harrow it in, the same as turnep seed. 1827 D.

JOHNSON *Ind. Field Sports* 154 There is a physical cause for this, which operates the same in India as in the holy land. 1861 GEO. ELIOT *Silas M.* xviii. 325 You'll never think the same of me again.

b. = 'all the same': see 2. *Obs.* exc. *poet.*

1782 MISS BUANEY *Cecilia* v. viii, Suppose I am a cabinet-maker? When I send in my chairs, do I ask who is to sit upon them? No; it's all one to me..; I must be paid for the chairs the same, use them who may. 1884 BROWNING *Ferishtah* (1885) 39 For as our liege the Shah's sublime estate Merely enhaloes, leaves him man the same, So [etc.].

2. *All the same*: in spite of what has been mentioned; even if circumstances had been otherwise; nevertheless, notwithstanding.

1803 MARY CHARLTON *Wife & Mistress* I. 121 But who would have thought of my Lady Countess having a maid sent with young Miss, whilst my Dolly have nothing to do, but to milk a cow or two, and dust and scrub a bit, and cook a bit; and could all the same wait upon she too! 1845 DISRAELI *Sybil* VI. iv, What you say is well worth attention; but all the same I feel we are on the eve of a regular crisis. 1852 CLOUGH *Poems*, etc. (1869) I. 187 This winter is extraordinarily mild: to day a little hoar frost, but bright sunshine all the same. 1856 F. E. PAGET *Owlet of Owlst.* 164 No, thank you. Obliged to you, Henry, all the same. 1861 J. PYCROFT *Agony Point* (1862) 340 Andrey remarked that the said allowance made little difference; the money would have gone all the same. 1868 SWINBURNE *Blake* 176 A man is locked up, with keys of gold indeed, yet is he a prisoner all the same. 1878 RUSKIN *Let. to Dr. J. Brown* 21 Oct., I was very sorry to come away. All the same, I'm glad to be at home again.

3. *Just the same*: **a.** Exactly in the same manner. Const. *as*. **b.** None the less.

1874 ALDRICH *Prudence Palfrey* xiv. 281 And in the meantime Dillingham will continue his visits here just the same? 1901 H. MCHUGH *John Henry* 59 'My mother was a lady', so She said, but just the same She ate boiled cabbage with a knife Except when company came.

Same, variant of SAM *adv.* and *v. Obs.*; obs. f. PSALM; var. SEAM, lard; obs. f. SHAME *sb.* and *v.*

†Sa·med, *adv. Obs.* Forms: 1 samod, somed, somod, 3 somed, someð, somet. [OE. *samod* = OS. *samod*, *samad*, Du. (17th c.) *samet*, OHG. *samet*, *samit*, *samant* (MHG., mod.G. *samt*), Goth. *samaþ*, f. OTeut. **samo-* SAME *a.*] Together.

Beowulf 1063 Þær wæs sang and sweg samod ætgædere for Healfdenes hildewisan. *a* 900 CYNEWULF *Crist* 1236 Þær bið oa eadgum eðgesyne Þreo tacen somod. *a* 1000 *Cædmon's Gen.* 789 (Gr.) Þa hie fela spræcon sorhworda somed, sinhiwan twa. *c* 1205 LAY. 20132 Ford we hiliue Þeies ohte alle someð [? somed] heom to. *Ibid.* 25747 Þat heo sculden somed faren. *a* 1225 *Leg. Kath.* 532 Ha somet seiden, Þæt [etc.].

Same(i)kle, etc.: Sc. ff. *so mickle*; see So *adv.*

Samel (sæ·měl). Also 7 sammell, 7–8 sammel; *erron.* 8 sandal, -el. See also SAMMEN. [Of obscure origin; possibly repr. an OE. **samæled* half-burnt, f. SAM- + pa. pple of *ælan* to burn.] Of a brick or tile: Imperfectly burnt.

1663 GERBIER *Counsel* 26 To suffer no Sammell Bricks to be made use of. *Ibid.* 28 See the Brick-layers take good sollid Bricks to hue, since if any thing Sammel the work will molder away. 1703 T. N. *City & C. Purchaser* 48 He had burnt several Kilns of Tiles and..not had above 50 waste, broken, and Sandal Tiles in all. 1716 *Loud. Gaz.* No. 5446/8 All that are samel, or under burnt, to be excluded. 1727-51 CHAMBERS *Cycl.* s.v. *Brick*, *Samel*, or *sandal bricks*, are such as lie outmost in a kiln or clamp, and consequently are soft and useless; as not being thoroughly burnt. 1745 *De Foe's Eng. Tradesman* iii. (1841) I. 23 The brick-maker's men..turned their hands from the grey, hard, well-burnt bricks, to the soft, sammel, half-burnt bricks. 1845 *Encycl. Metrop.* VIII. 443/2 The outside bricks are necessarily under-burned. These are called samel bricks.

Sa·meliness. [f. SAMELY *a.* + -NESS.]

†1. Identity. *Obs.*

1662 J. CHANDLER *Van Helmont's Oriat.* 22 An unexcusable disagreement of every Similitude, remote from identity or sameliness. *Ibid* 338.

2. Want of variety, monotony.

1897 WEBSTER (citing Bayne). 1901 *Westm. Gaz.* 10 Oct. 4/2 The sameliness of Longfellow's trochaic metre in 'Hiawatha'.

Samely (sē·lmli), *a.* [f. SAME *a.* + -LY 1.] Without variety; monotonous.

1799 *Trans. Soc. Arts* XVII. 122 To .. separate parts [of the forest] that were in some places too heavy and samely. 1821 CLARE *Vill. Minstr.* I. 58 O samely naked leas, so bleak, so strange! 1844 KINGLAKE *Eöthen* xvii.(1864) 198 The earth is so samely, that your eyes turn towards heaven. 1902 *Monthly Mus. Record* 1 Jan. 16 Mr. Thomas F. Dunhill's Sixteen Variations on an original theme are too long and samely.

†Sa·men, *a. Sc. Obs.* Forms: 4 saymne, 4–6 sammyn(e, 4–7 samyn, 4–9 samine, 5–6 samin, samyne, 6 sammin, samyng, 7–8 samen. [A derivative of SAME *a.*; the formation is obscure; possibly due to the influence of next.] = SAME.

1375 BARBOUR *Bruce* I. 252 And ia the samyn tym come him to His wyff. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* v. (*Johannes*) 348 Sancte Iohne ȝet but abaysitnes Þe saymne drink tuk neuirÞe-les. 1456 SIR G. HAYE *Law Arms* (S.T.S.) 25 Alssua in the samyn wys, did the Emperour Frederike. *c* 1480 HENRYSON *Test Cres.* 58 For worthie Chauceir, in the samin buik, In gudelie termis, and in ioly veirs, Compylit hes his cairis. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* VII. v. 184 Geif that my mynd can ocht ymagine rycht, I wene that he suld be the samyn knycht. *a* 1555 LYNDESAY *Tragedy* 331 Brether,..quhen ȝe were consecrat, ȝe oblyste ȝow all on the sammyn wyse. 1577-95 *Descr. Isles Scotl.* in Skene *Celtic Scotl.* III. App. 428 Yit thai keip the lawis and uses of the samine for the maist part. *c* 1600 MONTGOMERIE *Cherrie & Slae* 1503 Lyk as befoir we did submit, Sae we repeit the samyn ȝit. 1638 CHAS. I in Spalding *Troub.* (Bannatyne Cl.) I. 62 Wee have taken notice therof and doe give you heartiely thanks for the samen. 1671 R. MACWARD *True Nonconf.* VII. 398 The samine is there truely and more fully to be found. 1678 SIR G. MACKENZIE *Crim. Laws Scot.* II. xv. § 4 (1699) 214 He writes upon the Bill, soverty is found; & subscribes the samine. 1725 RAMSAY *Gentle Sheph.* III. iii, And had I fifty times as meikle mair Nane but my Jenny should the samen skair. 1815 FINLAYSON *Rhymes* 95 (E.D.D.) Thousands are o' the samen mind.

†Sa·men, *adv. Obs.* Forms: 1–3 somen, 3 *Orm.* samenn, 3–5 samen, 4 saman, samine, sammin, sammyne, samun, 4–5 samin, sammyn, 4–6 samyn, 4–7 sammen, 5 samene, samne, sampnen, samyne, samynge, somun, somyn. [OE. **samen*, *somen* (with prep. *æt somne*) = OFris. *samin*, *semin*, *to-semine*, *to saminen*, OS. *saman*, *at-samna*, *to samne* (MLG. *sam(m)ene*, *to samene*), MDu. *samen*, *te-samen* (Du. *tezamen*), OHG. *saman*, *zi samane* (MLG. *zesamene*, mod.G. *zusammen*), ON. *saman*, *til samans* (Sw. *samman*, *tilsamman(s*, Da. *sammen*, *tilsammen*), Goth. *samana*, f. root of SAME *a.* Cf. Skr. *samanā* together.] = SAM, together, mutually. For *in samen* see INSAME.

c 975 *Rushw. Gosp.* John xxi. 2 Werun somen simon petrus & ðe ðeȝn seðe wæs cweden didimus. *c* 1200 ORMIN 377 Þeȝȝ baþe samenn cwemmdenn Godd þurrh heore rihhtwisnesse. *c* 1230 *Hali Meid.* (MS. Titus) 59 Ha ne muhen nawt somen [*MS. Bodl.* somet] earden in heuene. *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 40 In firme biginning, of noght Was heuene and erðe samen wroght. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 7151 Thre hundreth fox he samun knitt, (I wat noght hu he on þam hitte). *Ibid.* 11998 And iesus samen his handes smat, and said. 1340 HAMPOLE *Pr. Consc.* 1849 Bot þe body and þe saul..Lufes mare samen þan man and hys wyfe. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* i. (*Petrus*) 111 Þan kissit þai (ilk) oþer sammyne, gretand faste with gastly gammyne. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 10118 Seyuyn dayes somyn sesit pai noght. *c* 1400 MAUNDEV. (Roxb.) xxviii. 128 Þai ware all gadred sammen. *c* 1420 *Sir Amadace* (Camden) lv, A fayre knaue child hade thay somun. 1435 MISYN *Fire of Love* 78 We suld schewe lufly songis, to we be..broght in-to þe inward dwellyngeplace, samne takand a seet emongis heuenly citesenes. *c* 1450 *Mirour Saluacioun* 3217 In this ffasscicle of mirre ware bonden samen paynes alle. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* v. vi. 16 On athir half, than gaderis hym about Of Troianis samyn and Sicilianis a rowt.

†Sa·men, *v. Obs.* ? Aphetic for EXAMINE *v.*

? 1613 ROWLANDS *Paire Spy-knaves* (1872) 6 They samen him according to their skils.

Samen, obs. form of SAM *v.*

Samene, variant of SAMEN *adv.*, together.

Sameness (sē·lmnės). [f. SAME + -NESS.]

1. The quality of being the same; = IDENTITY 1, 2.

1581 MULCASTER *Positions* xxxii. (1887) 118 They were ill sundred, whom the samenes of time so vniteth together. 1607 *Schol. Disc. agst. Antichr.* I. i. 28 They meane a samenesse for some proportion that is betweene them. 1678 CUDWORTH *Intell. Syst.* I. iv. 559 We worship, the Father of Truth, and the Son the Truth it self, being Two Things as to Hypostasis; but one in Agreement, Consent, and Sameness of Will. 1690 C. NESSE *O. & N. Test.* I. 119 If there be the sameness in sinning, the same shall be in suffering. 1690 LOCKE *Hum. Und.* I. iv. § 4 Our Idea of sameness, is not so setled and clear, as to deserve to be thought innate in us. 1736 BUTLER *Anal.* I. i. 17 Personal identity or the sameness of living agents. 1753 *Scots Mag.* XV. 17/2 The sameness of the electrical fire with that of lightning. 1759 CAPELL *Prolusions* Pref. (1760) 7 Sameness of rythmus, sameness of orthography, and a very near affinity of words and phrases. 1827 WHATELY *Logic* App. (ed. 2) 305 Sameness, in the primary sense, does not even necessarily imply Similarity. 1875 JOWETT *Plato* (ed. 2) IV. 139 Likeness is sameness of affections.

2. Absence of variety, uniformity, monotony; an instance of this.

1743 H. WALPOLE *Let. to Mann* 27 Jan., We are in such a state of sameness that I shall begin to wonder at the change of seasons and talk of the Spring as a strange accident. 1766 FORDYCE *Serm. Yng. Wm.* (1767) II. viii. 20 There will arise..a sameness and a flatness. 1820 J. W. CROKER in Smiles *Mem. J. Murray* (1891) II. xxiii. 86, I shall endeavour to enliven a little the sameness of my author. 1842 VIGNE *Trav. Kashmir* II. 404 The scenery is sameness itself. 1886 RUSKIN *Præterita* I. 238 The steady occupations, the beloved samenesses, and the sacred customs of home.

3. ? *nonce-use.* Agreement in character or style.

1790 in W. Wrighte *Grotesque Archit.* Frontisp., Each will require a sameness to the Spot, For this a Cell, a Cascade or a Grot.

†Sa·menfere. *Obs.* [f. SAMEN *adv.* + FERE *sb.*1] A fellow-traveller, an associate.

13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* B. 985 Þay slipped bi & syȝe hir not Þat wern hir samen feres.

†Sa·mening. *Obs.* Forms: 1 somnung, 1–2 samnung, 3 samening, somnunge, sompnunge, 4 samenyng, samnyng, sampninge. [OE. *samnung*, vbl. sb. f. *samn-ian* SAM *v.*: see -ING 1.] **a.** A gathering, an assembly. **b.** Intercourse, communion.

c 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* Mark i. 23, & wæs in somnung [*c* 1160 *Hatton* samnunge] hiora monn in gast unclæne. *c* 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 215 Me is andsete Þe samninge of Þe hinderfulle. *c* 1230 *Hali Meid.* 12 (Bodley MS.) Þet bestelich gederunge, Þet scheomelese sompnunge [*Titus MS.* somnunge], Þet ful of fulðe stinkinde & untohe dede. *c* 1250 in *Rel. Ant.* I. 23 Hy troue hy þeli gast, and hely kirke, Þe samninge of halghes. *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 1442 He fasnede hire wið milde mod, Here sameni[n]g was clene and god. *c* 1330 R. BRUNNE *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 2719 Gret noise at her samny[n]g was. *Ibid.* 6718 At Londone Þey sette a Parlement;..And þus Þey seyde at Þer sampninge.

†Sa·menly, *adv. Obs.* Also 4 sammenly. [f. SAMEN *adv.* together + -LY 2.] Together.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 28391 Munk, nunne, or spused wijf, Þat sammenly aght to lede Þair liue. 1357 *Lay Folks Catech.* 91 The hali gast, That samenly comes of bothe the fadir and the son.

†Sa·mentale, *sb.* and *a. Obs.* Forms: α. 3 somentale, 4 samentale, sammentale. β. (as *adj.* only) 4 samer-tale, samirtale, sammertale. [App. f. SAMEN *a.* + TALE *sb.* Cf. SAMTALE *a.*

The β forms seem to represent a genitive phrase = 'of the same tale' (ON. **samrar*, unrecorded str. genit. sing. fem. of *sam-r* SAME *a.*; *tǫlu* genit. of *tala* TALE); the sb. may have arisen from the substitution of a phrase with prep. for the genitive phrase.]

A. *sb.* Concord, agreement.

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 426 Seilnesse & some [*MS. T.* sachtnesse & somentale]. *a* 1375 *Cursor M.* 683 (Fairf.) Þe bestes weren in samen tale [cf. B].

B. *adj.* Concordant, agreeing.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 683 Þe bestes self war samer-tale. *Ibid.* 10169 Was suilk a cuple neuer nan, Sua sammertale [*Gött.* samirtale], wit-vten strijf. *Ibid.* 23521 Þai er sa selcut samen tale.

†Sa·menward, *adv. Obs.* [f. SAMEN *adv.* + -WARD.] Together.

a 1375 *Cursor M.* 15117 (Fairf.) Þai geddered ham samneward & mened ham of Þaire care.

Sameria, variant of SAMARA.

†Sa·meron, *dial.* (Yorks.) *Obs.* Also 6 samoron, 6–7 samron, 7 sameran, 7 sammaron. See quot. 1684.

1556 *Knaresb. Wills* (Surtees) I. 73 Thre yerdes of sameron. 1564 *Ibid.* 96, xj paire of samoron and hardin sheetes, xiij s. iiij d. 1583 in *Ripon Charter Acts* (Surtees) 380, xl yeredes of sameron, 20 s. 1598 *Knaresb. Wills* (Surtees) I. 211 My best blankett, samron and a harden shete. 1617–18 *Ibid.* II. 50 One paire of sameran sheetes. 1638 *Ibid.* 162 One little paire of samron shetes. 1684 G. MEAITON *Yorksh. Dial.* 45 Thy Sammaron web..Is stown. *Ibid.* 107 (Alphabetical Clavis), *Sammaron*, is a Cloath between Linnen and Hempen, not altogether so course as the one, nor fine as the other.

Samer-tale: see SAMENTALE.

Samerytane, obs. form of SAMARITAN.

Sameyel, Samfast, obs. ff. SAMIEL, SHAMEFAST.

Samfayl(e, -ffayl: see SANS FAIL.

Sam-hal: see SAM-.

Samian (sē·lmiăn), *a.* and *sb.* [f. L. *Sami-us*, Gr. Σάμος (f. *Sam-us*, *-os*, Gr. Σάμος) + -AN.]

A. *adj.* Of or pertaining to Samos, an island in the Ægean Sea, the birthplace of Pythagoras. **Samian earth** (see quot. 1728). **Samian letter,** the letter Υ, used by Pythagoras as an emblem of the different roads of Virtue and Vice. **Samian stone** (see quot. 1728). **Samian ware,** originally, pottery made of Samian earth; hence the designation of a fine kind of pottery found extensively on Roman sites.

1580 NORTH *Plutarch, Pericles* (1595) 182 The Samian prisoners. 1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* II. Table, Samian earth of two kinds. *Ibid.*, Samian stone. 1693 DRYDEN *Persius* iii. 109 Where the Samian Y directs thy Steps to run To Virtue's narrow Steep, and Broad-way Vice to shun. 1728 CHAMBERS *Cycl.*, *Samian Earth*, Earth brought from the Isle of Samos..esteemed very astringent, proper to dry, and draw Wounds..There is also a *Samian Stone*, taken out of the Mines in the same Island..'Tis astringent and cooling, and is also used by the Goldsmiths to burnish their Gold, and give it a greater Lustre. 1742 POPE *Dunc.* IV. 151 When Reason doubtful, like the Samian letter, Points him two ways, the narrower is the better. 1821 BYRON *Juan* III. *Isles of Greece* xiii, Fill high the bowl with Samian wine! 1859 LUARD in *Archæol. Cantiana* II. 7 The articles found consisted of Samian ware of various shapes. *Ibid.*, The vases, urns, and Samian vessels, were filled with bones.

B. *sb.* A native or inhabitant of Samos.

1580 NORTH *Plutarch, Pericles* (1595) 181 He..kept the Samians besieged within their owne citie. 1759 W. WILKIE *Epigon.* v. 138 Ulysses then, with thirst of glory fir'd, The Samian left, and to the prize aspir'd. 1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 249/2 The great battle of Mycale (480), which..freed the Samians from the Persian yoke.

Samie, obs. form of SHAME *v.*

Samiel (sē·lmiĕl). Also 8 sameyel. [a. Turkish سميل *samyel*, f. *sam* a. Arab. *samm* (see SIMOOM) + *yel* wind.] The Simoom.

(Sometimes confused with SHAMAL, north wind.)

1687 A. LOVELL tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* II. 54 Having spoken so much of the Samiel, it is but reasonable I should relate what I have been told of it. 1774 GOLDSM. *Nat. Hist.* (1824) I. 153 A very dangerous wind prevails, which the natives [of Persia] call the *sameyel*. 1815 J. SMITH *Panorama Sci. & Art* II. 49 The samiel or mortifying wind of the deserts near Bagdad. 1817 MOORE *Lalla R., Veiled Prophet* (ed. 2) 90 Burning and headlong as the Samiel wind.

Samin, obs. form of SAM *v.*1

Samin(e, var. ff. SAMEN *a.* and *adv. Obs.*

†Sa·ming. *Obs.* [f. SAM *v.* + -ING. Cf. SAMENING.] A meeting, assembly.

c 1400 *Laud Troy Bk.* 3823 Suche a peple was neuere y-sene..To-geder broght at o samyng.

Samiri, variant of SAIMIRI.

Samirtale: see SAMENTALE.

‖Samisen (sæ·misen). Also samsien. [Japanese form of Chinese *san-hsien* (*san* three, *hsien* string).]

A Japanese guitar of three strings, played with a plectrum.

1864 ENGEL *Mus. Anc. Nat.* 55 The *san heen* of China, and the *samisen* of Japan. The two instruments are almost identical. 1895 CLIVE HOLLAND *Jap. Wife* (ed. 11) 4 The music of guitars or *samisens* being played in the tea-houses.

Samite (sæ·məit). *Obs.* exc. *Hist.* Forms: 4 **samit, samet,** 4–5 **samyt,** 4–6 **samyte,** 5–6 **samite,** 6 *arch.* **samitte,** 9 *arch.* **samit(e, sammit.** [a. OF. *samit* = Pr. *samit*, Sp. *jamete* (older *xamete*), It. *sciamito*, med.L. *examitum, exametum, samitum, samiltum*, ad. med. Gr. *ἑξάμιτον* (whence OSl. *oksamitĭ*, Russian АКСАМИТЪ velvet), f. Gr. *ἑξα-* combining form of *ἕξ* six + *μίτος* thread; cf. Gr. *δίμιτος* double-threaded, as sb. DIMITY. From Fr. the word passed into MHG. as *samit* (mod.G. *sammet, sammt, samt*, velvet). Cf. MSw. *examit.*

The med. Gr. name, lit. 'six-threaded', has been variously explained. Usually it has been supposed that the original 'samite' was woven of thread composed of six strands of silk; but according to Middleton in *Encycl. Brit.* XXIII. 210/1 it 'was so called because the weft threads were only caught and looped at every sixth thread of the warp, lying loosely on the intermediate part'.]

A rich silk fabric worn in the Middle Ages, sometimes interwoven with gold. Also, † a garment or a cushion of this material.

13.. *K. Alis.* 2094 (Bodl. MS.) Alisaunder sytt on a samyt And plaieþ atte ches in his delyȝt. ?*a* 1366 CHAUCER *Rom. Rose* 873 In an over-gilt samyt Clad she was. *c* 1450 *Merlin* xxx. 608 Ther-on hinge a gipser of purpill samyte bete with golde. 1470–85 MALORY *Arthur* I. xxv. 73 In the myddes of the lake Arthur was ware of an arme clothed in whyte samyte. *Ibid.* xviii. xix. 760 That my barget be couerd with blak samyte ouer and ouer. *c* 1530 LD. BERNERS *Arth. Lyt. Bryt.* (1814) 556 She was vestured wyth a samyte of grene. 1599 THYNNE *Animadv.* (1875) 35 'Dalmaticam de eodem samitto..', which is to saye, 'the kinges dalmaticall garmente of the same samitte'. 1834 PLANCHÉ *Brit. Costume* viii. 93 [A robe for Hen. III] to be made of the best purple-coloured samite (a rich silk). 1842 [see MYSTIC A. 5 b]. 1847 THACKERAY *Barbazure* i, A surcoat of peach-coloured samite..bespoke him noble.

¶ *jocularly.* (Scarlet) plush.

1854 THACKERAY *Newcomes* I. vii. 69 Springing down from his station behind his mistress, the youth clad in the nether garments of red samitt discharged thunderclaps on the door of Mrs. Newcome's house.

Samlet (sæ·mlĕt). [Contracted f. SALMON[1] + -LET. Cf. the earlier SALMONET.] A young salmon.

1655 WALTON *Angler* vii. (1661) 135 [There they leave the spawn] to become Samlets early in the spring next following. *a* 1672 WILLUGHBY *Hist. Pisc.* IV. iv. § 11. 192 Salmulus, Herefordiæ *Samlet* dictus. 1742 R. CORNES in *Phil. Trans.* XLII. 129 What goes here by the Name of Samlet, a small Fish spotted with Red, not much unlike the Trout. 1769 PENNANT *Zool.* III. 253 The samlet is the lest of the trout kind. 1787 BEST *Angling* (ed. 2) 34 They commonly spawn in October, and the young become samlets the following year. 1834 MEDWIN *Angler in Wales* I. 62 They are called indifferently, samlets, par, last spring, or fingerlings. 1884 BRAITHWAITE *Salmonidæ Westmld.* v. 18 The samlets have in the fresh water been content with small worms [etc.].

† **Sa·mly,** *adv. Obs.* [f. SAM *adv.* + -LY[2]. Cf. SAMENLY *adv.*] Agreeingly.

c 1350 *Will. Palerne* 1835 Kindeli eche oþer clipt and kessed ful oft,..Slepten wel ewetly samli to-gadere.

Samme, obs. f. SAM *v.*; var. SAM *adv.*, together.

Sammen (sæ·mən). Also **salmon.** [Etymologizing alteration of SAMEL.] = SAMEL.

a 1825 FORBY *Voc. E. Anglia, Sammen-bricks*, bricks insufficiently burned; soft and friable. They are commonly understood to be salmon bricks, and to be so called, because ..they..assume a reddish hue, supposed to be something like that of the flesh of the salmon. 1876 ADAMS in *Jrnl. Franklin Inst.* Mar. 162 The arches, from necessity, are overburned in consequence of prolonging the firing sufficiently to burn the top and sides of the kiln into respectable salmon. 1889 C. T. DAVIES *Bricks* (ed. 2) 47 This test applies only to hard-burned bricks, not to salmon stock.

Sammen, obs. f. SAM *v.*; var. SAMEN, together.

Sammenly, variant of SAMENLY *adv. Obs.*

Sammentale, sammertale: see SAMENTALE.

Sammier (sæ·miəɹ). [f. SAMMY *v.* + -ER[1].] (See quot.)

1884 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.* Suppl., *Sammier*, a machine for pressing water from skins in the process of tanning.

Sammin, Sammit: see SAMEN, SAMITE.

Sammy (sæ·mi), *v. Leather-dressing.* [Extended form of SAM *v.*[2]] *trans.* To dry partially (leather). = SAM *v.*[2]

1891 J. W. STEVENS *Leather Manuf.* iii. 20 After being sammied, take one side at a time and..dampen it. *Ibid.* 24 Sammieing. This term..I have failed to learn the origin of...It appears to have originated in the Western and Southern states, for in the East, 'hardening' is generally used when the leather is hung on poles or in the lofts to dry out a certain percentage of moisture, in order to prepare it for splitting and stuffing. 1897 C. T. DAVIS *Manuf. Leather* (ed. 2) 416 If the light color is desired, the leather is hung up and allowed to harden, as it is termed in the East, or to sammy, as it is termed in the West, for setting.

Sammyn, Samne(n: see SAM *v.*[1], SAMEN *adv.*

Samnite (sæ·mnəit), *sb.* and *a.* Also 4 **sampnite,** 7 **samnit.** [ad. L. *Samnītēs* pl. (sing. *Samnīs*); perh. etymologically cognate with SABINE.]

A. *sb.* One of a people of ancient Italy, believed to be an offshoot of the Sabines; their territory, called Samnium, was adjacent to Latium.

1390 GOWER *Conf.* III. 179 Whan the Sampnites to him broghte A somme of gold [etc.]. 1553 GRIMALDE *Cicero's Offices* II. (1556) M vj b, Caius Pontius the Samnite. 1618 BOLTON *Florus* (1636) 45 Then, moved upon the petition of the countrey of Campania, they invaded the Samnits. 1718 ROWE tr. *Lucan* II. 224 When the proud Samnites Troops the State defy'd. 1841 W. SPALDING *Italy & It. Isl.* I. 298 The Etruscans and Samnites by turns possessed both.

B. *adj.* Of or pertaining to the Samnites; in use among the Samnites.

1753 CHAMBERS *Cycl. Supp.* s.v. *Shield*, The Germans, beside the samnite-shield, have two others pretty much in use. 1841 *Penny Cycl.* XX. 380/1 The Samnite war.

Hence **Samni·tic** *a.* [ad. L. *Samniticus.*]

1753 CHAMBERS *Cycl. Supp.* s.v. *Shield*, The samnitic-shield used by the Romans. 1864 *Athenæum* 12 Mar. 375/3 Built ..on the conclusion of the Samnitic war.

† **Samni·tis.** *Obs.* [Of obscure origin: perh. some error.] Some poisonous plant.

1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* II. vii. 52 Mortall Samnitis, and Cicuta bad.

Samoan (sămō·ăn), *a.* and *sb.* [f. *Samoa*, an island kingdom of the Pacific, + -AN.]

A. *adj.* Pertaining to Samoa, or the Samoans. *Samoan dove* or *pigeon*, the tooth-billed pigeon. (In recent Dicts.: cf. quot. 1864.)

1846 LUNDIE *Mission. Life in Samoa* xxii. 140 The Samoan language. 1864 *Reader* 28 May 687/1 A species of ground-pigeon from the Samoan Islands.

B. *sb.* **a.** A native of Samoa. **b.** The Samoan language.

1846 LUNDIE *Mission. Life in Samoa* xxi. 135 Mrs. Murray prayed in Samoan. 1875 JEVONS *Money* iv. 28 The fine woven mats so much valued by the Samoans. 1894 *Outing* (U.S.) XXIV. 355/1 Roast pig is a joy for ever to a Samoan.

Samoed, samoid, etc.: see SAMOYED.

‖ **Samolus** (sămō·lŭs). [L. *samōlus* (Pliny); said to be a Celtic word.] **a.** *Antiq.* A plant said to have been used in ancient Druidical ceremonies. **b.** *Bot.* Adopted (by Linnæus) as the name of a genus of plants belonging to the order *Primulaceæ.* Also, a plant of this genus.

1753 CHAMBERS *Cycl. Supp.*, *Samolus*, in botany, the name of a genus of plants. 1866 *Treas. Bot.*, *Samolus*, small marsh plants with white flowers..belonging to the *Primulaceæ.* 1878 MISS BRADDON *Open Verd.* II. 14, I wonder whether he was going to gather the samolus, left-handed and fasting. 1884 C. ROGERS *Soc. Life Scot.* I. i. 16 The leaves of the Samolus were gathered by the priest fasting. 1905 *Longm. Mag.* Jan. 254 The selago flourished on the heath and the samolus by the running stream.

Samon, obs. form of SALMON.

Samony(e, obs. Sc. ff. *so many*: see So *adv.*

Samoom, variant of SIMOOM.

‖ **Samoreus.** [Du.] A kind of boat used on the Rhine.

1622 T. SCOTT *Belg. Pismire* 71 An infinite number of people are imployd in Shippes, Samoreuses, Hoyes [etc.].

Samori, Samorine, Samorit: see ZAMORIN.

Samoron, variant of SAMERON *Obs.*

Samosatenian (sæmŏsătī·niăn), *sb.* and *a.* Also 7 **Samosatonian,** 9 **-anian.** [f. L. *Samosalēn-us*, Gr. *Σαμοσατηνός* (f. *Samosata*) + -AN.] **a.** *sb.* A follower of Paul of Samosata. = PAULIAN *sb.* 1. **b.** *adj.* = PAULIAN *a.*

1597 HOOKER *Eccl. Pol.* v. lxii. § 6 For the baptisme which Nouatianists gaue stoode firme, whereas they whome Samosatenians had baptised were rebaptised. 1645 PAGITT *Heresiogr.* (ed. 2) 123 With which are joyned the Samosatonians and Sabellians. 1697 STILLINGFL. *Disc. Trinity* 42 Directly contrary to the Samosatenian Doctrine. 1727–41 CHAMBERS *Cycl.* s.v., St. Epiphanius will have the Samosatenians to be real Jews, without any thing more than the name of Christians. *a* 1861 CUNNINGHAM *Hist. Theol.* (1863) II. xxiii. 160 The Samosatanian heresy.

Samothracian (sæmŏþrē·ʃiăn), *sb.* and *a.* [f. L. *Samothrāc-ē*, Gr. *Σαμοθράκη*, an island in the Ægean Sea + -IAN.] **a.** *sb.* An inhabitant of Samothrace. **b.** *adj.* Of or pertaining to Samothrace; *esp.* with reference to the Cabiric mysteries which originated in Samothrace.

1653 COGAN tr. *Diodorus Sic. Hist.* VI. x. 249 The Samothracians do report, that among them there was another great deluge before that of Deucalion. 1753 CHAMBERS *Cycl. Supp.*, *Cabiri*, in antiquity, certain deities worshipped more especially by the Samothracians...'Tis disputed..whether they be of Phœnician, Samothracian, or Egyptian origin. 1803 G. S. FABER *Cabiri* I. 355 The Samothracian mysteries. 1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 250/2 When the Samothracians sent a contingent to the Persian fleet.

‖ **Samovar** (sæmŏvā·ɹ). [Russian САМОВАРЪ, 'self-boiler', f. САМО- *samo-* self + ВАРИТЬ *varit'* to boil.] A Russian tea urn.

1830 tr. *Kotzebue's New Voy.* II. 22 *note*, A Samowar, or self-boiler..generally stands in the middle of the tea-table. 1882 *Pall Mall G.* 14 June 2/1 The samovar is a tea-kettle which has its fire in a tube running through it, and which, with a few pieces of lighted charcoal dropped into the tube, maintains the water at boiling point with a minimum of evaporation.

Samoyed (sæ·mŏyed), *sb.* and *a.* Forms: 7 **Samoit, Samoed,** 7–8 **Samoid, Samoied,** 8–9 **Samojede,** 9 **Samoiede,** 7– **Samoyed.** [Russian САМОѢДЪ. The rendering 'self-eater' (cf. МЯСОѢДЪ *myasoyed* flesh-eater), interpreted as 'cannibal', is already mentioned by Purchas 1613.] **A.** *sb.* One of a Mongolian race inhabiting Siberia.

1613 PURCHAS *Pilgrimage* (1614) 432 The Samoits or Samoyeds are clad from head to foot in Deeres-skinnes. 1688 BOYLE *Final Causes Nat. Things* IV. 129 The countries inhabited by the Samoids. 1726 BOLINGBROKE *Study of Hist.* (1777) II. 34 The Samojedes wondered much at the Czar of Muscovy for not living among them. 1756 DYER *Fleece* IV. 145 The hardy Samoid. 1812 SHELLEY in Dowden *Life* (1887) I. 319 The poor are as abject as Samoyeds. 1876 A. J. EVANS *Through Bosnia* I. 31 Among Lapps and Samoyeds.

B. *adj.* Of or pertaining to the Samoyeds. Also quasi-*sb.*, their language.

1667 MILTON *P. L.* X. 695 From the North Of Norumbega, and the Samoed shoar. 1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) XVI. 639/1 It is said that all the Samoied women have black nipples. 1875 WHITNEY *Life Lang.* xii. 230 The second branch [of the Turanian family of languages] is the Samoyed.

Samoyedic (sæmŏye·dik), *a.* Also **Samojedic, -iedic.** [f. SAMOYED + -IC.] Of or pertaining to the Samoyeds. Also quasi-*sb.*, their language.

1813 *Q. Rev.* Oct. 288 The Samojedic nations are situated north of the Tartars. 1834 *Penny Cycl.* II. 474/1 The nations of Samoiedic origin occupy two different countries distant from one another. 1858 CARLYLE *Fredk. Gt.* VI. vi. II. 78 Peter, the Russian (say rather Samoeidic [*sic*]) Czar. 1888 *Encycl. Brit.* XXIV. 2/2 Certainly Turkic lies much closer to Mongolic than it does to Samoyedic and Tungusic.

Samp (sæmp). *U. S.* Also 7 **sampe.** [a. Algonkin *nasamp* (Wood *Vocab.* 1634), Narragansett *nasaump* (R. Williams), lit. 'softened by water', applied subst. to 'every kind of spoon meat, bouillon, or porridge' (Trumbull in *Archiv Stud. neu. Spr.* LV. 454). Cf. SUPAWN.] Coarsely-ground Indian corn; also a kind of porridge made from it.

1643 R. WILLIAMS *Key* 11 *Nasàump*, a kind of meale pottage, unpartch'd. From this the English call their Samp, which is the Indian corne, beaten and boild, and eaten hot or cold with milke or butter. 1672 JOSSELYN *New Eng. Rarities* 101 The corn is light of digestion, and the English make a kind of Loblolly of it, which they call Sampe. 1833 WHITTIER *Passaconaway* Prose Wks. 1889 I. 276 My squaws have fine mat, big wigwam, soft samp. 1899 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* Mar. 133 Samp, a beautiful form of hominy.

Sampan (sæ·mpæn). Also 7–8 **champana,** 8 **champan, -e, sampane, siampan,** 9 **sampaan, sampang, sanpan.** [a. Chinese *san-pan* (*san* three, *pan* board); cf. Annamite *tam-ban* (*tam* three). Cf. the Sp. spelling *cempan* (Oviedo 1535); also Pg. *champana.*]

1. A Chinese word meaning 'boat', applied by Europeans in the China seas to any small boat of Chinese pattern.

1620 R. COCKS *Diary* (Hakl. Soc.) II. 122 Yt was thought fytt and brought in question by the Hollanders to trym up a China sampan to goe with the fleete. 1653 H. COGAN tr. *Pinto's Trav.* xx. 72 Quiay Panian pursued them in a Champana. 1730 CAPT. W. WRIGLESWORTH *MS. Log-bk. of the 'Lyell'* 9 Sept., Took in a Sampan Loads of Wood. 1745 T. PASCOE *Jrnl. Voy. S. Seas* 296 Several Chinese Champans, or small Fishing-Boats. 1867 SMYTH *Sailor's Word-bk.*, *Sampaan*, or *Sampan*, a neatly-adjusted kind of hatch-boat, used by the Chinese for passengers, and also as a dwelling for Tartar families, with a comfortable cabin.

2. *U. S.* (See quot.)

1897 *Outing* (U.S.) July 362/2 But the bay has a boat whose style is peculiar to the place. It is called a 'sanpan', and is an eight-foot punt, made of a few pine boards, which in light winds simply skims along the surface of the water.

Sampel, obs. form of SAMPLE.

Samphire (sæ·mfəiəɹ). Forms: 6 **sampere, sampiere, samphier,** 6–8 **sampier,** 6–9 **sampire,** 7 **sampeir, samper, samphyre,** 7– **samphire.** [In 16th c. *sampere, -pire* (the altered form may have been assimilated to *camphire*), a. F. (*herbe de*) *Saint Pierre* (Cotgr. 1611), lit. 'St. Peter's herb'. Cf. mod.L. *sampetra* (in Dodoens ed. 1616).

Diefenbach cites mod.L. *herba divi Petri* from a work of 1694. Cf. G. *meerpeterlein.* Possibly the attribution to St. Peter may have been suggested by late L. *petra* (F. *pierre*) rock.]

1. The plant *Crithmum maritimum* (growing on rocks by the sea), the aromatic saline fleshy leaves of which are used in pickles. Also called *Rock samphire.*

1545 ELYOT *Dict.*, *Crethmos* uel *Crelamus*, an herbe growing on the sea rockes, whiche we call Sampere. 1578 LYTE *Dodoens* V. xxi. 577 Sampiere hath fat, thicke, long smal leaves. 1590 R. PAYNE *Descr. Irel.* (1841) 7 The Phisitians there [in Ireland] holde, that Samphier is a present remedie against the stone. 1605 SHAKS. *Lear* IV. vi. 15 Halfe way downe Hangs one that gathers Sampire: dreadfull Trade. 1610 HOLLAND *Camden's Brit.* (1637) 344 Stately cliffes bringing forth Samphyre in great quantity. 1661 J. CHILDREY *Brit. Baconica* 10 In this shire grows greater store of samphire and Sea-holly. *a* 1692 BOYLE *Hist. Air* (1692) 178 Sampier clothes the rock in abundance. 1702 FLOYER in *Phil. Trans.* XXIII. 1167 Sampire is of an Acrid Aromatic Taste. 1731 MILLER *Gard. Dict.*, Crithmum;.. Smaller Samphire, or Sea-Fennel. 1832 *Veg. Subst. Food* 194 Samphire..almost the only wild plant..gathered for.. luxury. 1863 BARING-GOULD *Iceland* 176 The water has to be given a flavor by the squeezed berries of the Samphire.

b. As a name for various other maritime plants, esp. the glasswort (*Salicornia*). For GOLDEN, MARSH, PRICKLY *samphire*, see those words.

1703 DAMPIER *Voy.* III. i. 121 The Mould is Sand by the Sea-side, producing a large sort of Sampier, which bears a white Flower. *c* 1710 PETIVER *Catal. Ray's Eng. Herbal* Tab. xvii, Golden Samphire. *Ibid.* xxviii, Prickley Sampire. *a* 1794 BARHAM *Hortus Amer.* 165 Sampier...There

is another sort, which resembles the English *kali*, *kelp*, or glass-wort; another sort hath a thick juicy saltish leaf, in shape of purslane..; another sort hath a turnsole leaf. 1807 J. E. Smith *Phys. Bot.* 122 *Articulatus*, jointed, as in Samphire, *Salicornia annua*. 1847–54 Webster, *Samphire*... In the United States, this name is applied to *Salicornia herbacea*, which is called glass-wort in England. 1864 Grisebach *Flora W. Ind. Isl.* 787 Samphire: *Borrichia arborescens*. Jamaica Samphire: *Batis maritima*. 1907 *Westm. Gaz.* 7 Feb. 12/1 The glasswort is still called 'samphire' in Suffolk, and is gathered for purposes of pickling.

2. *Cookery.* The leaves of samphire, used chiefly as a pickle.

1624 Boyle in *Lismore Papers* (1886) II. 138 A smale Barricke of Sampier. 1641 Murrel *Cookerie* (ed. 5) 68 To boyle Pigeons with Capers or Sampyre. 1661 Rabisha *Cookery* 3 To pickle Sampier green. 1732 Arbuthnot *Rules of Diet* in *Aliments*, etc. 244 All Pickles, especially Samphire, which is stimulating. 1741 *Compl. Fam.-Piece* I. ii. 147 Then put in the Meat, and a few Capers and Samphire shred. 1747–96 Mrs. Glasse *Cookery* xix. 306 Take the samphire that is green, lay it in a clean pan.

3. *attrib.* and *Comb.*

1810 Crabbe *Borough* I. 41 Here sampire-banks and saltwort bound the flood. 1822 *Hortus Anglicus* II. 380 *Inula Crithmifolia*. Samphire-leaved Inula. 1849 C. H. Stuart *Narr. Exped. Centr. Austral.* I. 367 A shallow salt lagoon also fringed round with samphire bushes.

Samplar, obs. form of Sampler.

Sample (sɑ·mp'l), *sb.* Forms: 4 sampel, saumpel, -pul, -ple, saunpil, 4–5 saumpil, 4–6 sampill, saumple, 5 sampil(le, sampull, saumpyl, 4– sample. [ME. *sample*, aphetic f. *essample*: see Example *sb.*]

†**1.** A fact, incident, story, or suppositious case, which serves to illustrate, confirm, or render credible some proposition or statement. (Cf. Example *sb.* 1.) *Obs.*

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 10351 Yitt samuel..And sampson als,.. Bath þam bar tua wimmen geld...þou trou þir samples witerli, For þou sal haf a child in hi. 13.. *E. E. Allit P.* A. 499 As mathew melez in your messe, In sothful gospel of god al-myȝt In sample he can ful graybely gesse. *c* 1380 Wyclif *Serm.* xlix. Sel. Wks. I. 142 And efte Crist telliþ a kyndely saumple. *a* 1400–50 *Alexander* 5306 Þar in perchement depayntid his person scho schewid. Said 'se þi-selfe a sampill þat I þe sothe neuyn!' 14.. *Tundale's Vis.* (Wagner) 6 Of suche a sampull y wyll 3ou telle, That he, þat wyll hit well unþerstande, In herte he may he full dredande. *c* 1430 Lydg. *Min. Poems* (Percy Soc.) 230 A sample we mow se al day, That God sent amonges us alle. 1513 More *Rich. III*, Wks. 48/1 And as simple as that saumple is, yet is there lesse reason in our case, then in that. 1529 — *Dyalogue* II. ibid. 202/2 Thys wer not like yᵉ sufferance of an vnconsecrate host, wherof ye putte the saumple.

2. A relatively small quantity of material, or an individual object, from which the quality of the mass, group, species, etc. which it represents may be inferred; a specimen. Now chiefly *Comm.*, a small quantity of some commodity, presented or shown to customers as a specimen of the goods offered for sale. (An individual article offered as a specimen of goods sold by number and not by weight or measure is now more commonly called a *pattern*.)

The commercial use is now apprehended as the primary one, the wider application being felt as transferred.

1428 *Surtees Misc.* (1888) 6 Of ye whilk plaster and lyme a sample ys redy in ye chambre to shew. 1561 *Aberdeen Reg.* (1844) I. 335 Nor na skaiffry, sic as sampill and scheit schakin, to he tane thairof [*sc.* of malt and meal]. 1573–4 in Cunningham *Revels Acc.* (Shaks. Soc.) 60 For making of vj patternes, and for cutting therof for samples for the gownes of Cloth of golde, iij s. *a* 1626 Bacon *New Atl.* 45 In one of these [galleries] wee place Patternes and Samples of all manner of the more Rare and Excellent Inuentions. 1699 *Poor Man's Plea* 20 Ye might let People buy by Samples, or at Barn-doors. 1703 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 3963/3 The Cargo of the Ship No. 7,..consisting of..White Wines, Sweets and Brandy; Samples of which may be seen at the said Hall. 1706 Phillips (ed. Kersey), *Sample*, some part of a Commodity, given as a Pattern, to shew the Quality or Condition of it. 1713 Addison *Guardian* No. 100 P 3 The hands and face were the only samples they gave of their beautiful persons. 1745 *De Foe's Eng. Tradesman* xlvi. (1841) II. 181 The farmer..rubs out only a few handfuls of it [wheat] with his hand, and puts it into a little money-bag; and with this sample, as it is called, in his pocket, away he goes to market. 1775 J. Bryant *Mythol.* II. p. vi, From those curious samples of Egyptian Sculpture at the British Museum. 1831 Sir J. Sinclair *Corr.* II. 394, I was induced to apply to his Sicilian Majesty..for samples of the seed. 1838 W. Bell *Dict. Law Scotl.* s. v., When goods are sold by sample, there is an implied warrandice that the bulk is of equal quality with the sample. 1878 Huxley *Physiogr.* xvi. 261 During these surveys, numerous samples of the sea bottom were secured. 1881 *Nature* XXVI. 297 The collection of samples of air for analysis. 1896 *Daily News* 9 Nov. 3/5 The Bench were of opinion that samples were goods.

b. of immaterial things.

1706 E. Ward *Wooden World Diss.* (1708) 89 He..is oftentimes shewing you a sample of his Ingenuity. 1788 Franklin *Autobiog.* Wks. 1840 I. 169 It was by a private person giving a sample of the utility of lamps. 1821 Lamb *Elia* Ser. I. *Quakers' Meeting*, Once only..I witnessed a sample of the old Foxian orgasm. 1849 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* v. I. 526 Of the general character of those outlaws an estimate may be formed from a few samples. 1888 Bryce *Amer. Commw.* xlviii. II. 235 Illinois furnishes so good a sample of that [township] system in its newer form, that I cannot do better than extract from a..trustworthy writer, the following account.

†**3.** A person's action or conduct viewed as an object of imitation; also, a person whose conduct deserves imitation; = Example *sb.* 6. *Obs.*

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 409 Hymself þan gaf us sample þare. *c* 1400 *Rule St. Benet* (Prose) 22 O þis maner sal þabbesse folize þe saumpyl of Iesu. 1548 Patten *Exped.* Pref. h iij h, Since what he could doo, they could not resiste, and what he should do, they had set hym a sample. 1579 Spenser *Sheph. Cal.* July 119 And nowe they bene to heauen forewent, Theyr good is with them goe: Theyr sample onely to vs lent, That als we mought doe soe. 1594 Carew *Tasso* (1881) 106 For if his errour such pardon accrew, More hy his sample will be couraged. 1611 Shaks. *Cymb.* I. i. 48 [He] Liu'd in Court (Which rare it is to do) most prais'd, most lou'd, A sample to the yongest.

†**4.** Precedent; = Example *sb.* 5. *Obs.*

1534 More *Comf. agst. Trib.* II. Wks. 1193/1 Therefore is his case both playn against Goddes open precept, and the dispensacion straunge and without saumple.

†**5.** A warning; = Example *sb.* 3. Phrases, *In sample*, by way of warning. *To take sample. Obs.*

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 20889 Bath ananias and his wife For snike he dampnid tam o life, þat all suld tak þaim sample bi For to naman do tricheri. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* I. (*Petrus*) 595 Þar-for, in sampill of ewill dede to wekit dede I sall 3ow lede. *c* 1420 *Brut* 196 In sample þat þe Scottes shulde haue in mynde forto bere ham amys a3eynz her lorde eftesones. *c* 1470 Henry *Wallace* VI. 403 On the sall fall the fyrst part off thir harmys, Sampill to geyff till all thi fals natioune. *Ibid.* XI. 834 Nane sampill takis, how ane othir has beyn For cowatice put in gret paynys fell.

6. *attrib.* and *Comb.* **a.** appositive, quasi-*adj.*, serving as a sample.

1820 Scoresby *Acc. Arctic Reg.* I. 458 If the 'sample blade', that is, the largest lamina in the series, weigh 7 pounds, the whole produce may be estimated at a ton. 1849 Thackeray *Pendennis* xliv, Why did you leave that.. sample-bottle of Hollands out of the cupboard? 1855 J. R. Leifchild *Cornwall Mines* 263 It is just possible that the sample ores you see in London, or some other city, have come from any mine except the one projected, or offered to your consideration. 1863 *Reader* 12 Dec. 688 By culling a few sample-extracts. 1865 Dickens *Mut. Fr.* III. ii, Miss Abbey filed her receipts, and kept her sample phials.

b. Special Comb.: **sample-bag**, a bag containing the samples carried by a commercial traveller; also, a small holland bag tied up with an attached tape, used by merchants and farmers to carry samples of corn, etc.; **sample card**, a piece of cardboard to which is fastened a sample of cloth, etc.; = *pattern card*; **sample cutter** (see quot.); **sample hand**, an operative employed in producing 'sample' goods; **sample passer**, one whose business it is to select the articles that are to serve as samples; **sample-room**, (*a*) a room in which samples are kept for inspection; (*b*) *U. S. slang*, a place where liquor is sold by the glass; **sample-trier** = *sample passer*.

1884 *Manch. Guard.* 26 Sept. 5/1 He..deposited his *sample-bag in the dining-room. 1884 Knight *Dict. Mech.* Suppl., **Sample cutter*, a species of rotary shears. A sharp edged disk on a table rolling against an edge and cutting narrow strips of cloth from the roll, to form tailor's or traveler's samples. 1902 *Daily Chron.* 29 Apr. 10/3 Experienced *sample hands for children's costumes, pelisses, &c. 1892 *Labour Commission Gloss.*, **Sample Passer*, a proficient smelter who chemically tests a sample of metal drawn from the furnace when to the eye it seems about the desired quality. 1874 Aldrich *Prudence Palfrey* xv. 297 Colonel Todhunter..had been refreshing himself at the *sample-room attached to Odiorne's grocery. 1895 *Daily News* 5 Dec. 5/1 Commercial institutions, of which inquiry offices, museums, and sample rooms..should form a leading feature. 1776 Pryce *Min. Cornub.* 217 In the knowledge of which the *sample-triers or Tin-dressers are very expert. 1814 W. Phillips in *Trans. Geol. Soc.* II. 143 When a pound or two of the ore is given to the sample-trier, as a fair sample of 50 or 100 tons.

Sample (sɑ·mp'l), *v.* [f. Sample *sb.*]

†**1.** *trans.* To be or find a match or parallel to; to parallel; to intend as a match *for*. Also, to put in comparison *with*. *Obs.*

1592 Ld. Vaux in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. IV. IV. 109 Throwgh uneath to he sampled infortunacy I may neither dispose of my owne to my requisite reliefe [etc.]. 1597 J. King *On Jonas* (1618) 702 Whensoeuer afterwards there was taken vppe any great lamentation, it was sampled and matched with that of Hadadrimmon. 1602 Dekker *Honest Wh.* Wks. 1873 II. 141 If Cambricke you wnd deale in, there's the best, all Millan cannot sample it. 1616 B. Jonson *Devil an Ass* v. i, She would ha' had you, to ha' sampled you With one within, that they are now a teaching; And do's pretend to your ranck. 1619 W. Sclater *Exp.* 1 *Thess.* 173 Who can sample, amongst Heretiques, that [patience] of Laurence on the Gridyron? 1630 Lord *Banians* 9 Modest were her Aspect, and her eyes Indices of so melancholly sobernesse, and composed lookes, as if she seemed to be sampled for him that met her. *a* 1638 Mede *Wks.* (1672) III. 635 This notion [is] nowhere else sampled in any Greek Author. 1640 Bastwick *Lord Bps.* ii. B iij, Which Prelacie he samples and parallells with the..Lordship, which Heathen Princes exercise over their people. 1689 Hickeringill *Ceremony Monger* v. Wks. 1716 II. 435 A Lean and Cadaverous Clergy, the whole Protestant World cannot sample such a jejune Crew.

†**2. a.** To set an example to. **b.** To set an example of. *Obs.*

1600 S. Nicholson *Acolastus* (1876) 5 The morne, who sampling men their sinnes to rue, Hath washt earths motley face in weeping dewe. 1606 Warner *Alb. Eng.* XVI. ciii. 406 We Church-men should to Lay-men sample good.

†**3.** To illustrate, to explain by examples or analogies; to symbolize. *Obs.*

1613 Purchas *Pilgrimage* (1614) 599 Ortelius..supposeth ..that Vmbilicus was accounted the Deitie it selfe..which shapelesse shape hee sampleth by many like in other Nations. 1633 Earl Manch. *Al Mondo* (1636) 191 Therefore this wee may doe, some way sample that, which no way we can expresse. 1664 H. More *Exp.* 7 *Epist.* Pref. (1669) (a 3). Mr. Mede..seems to insinuate that they should Prophetically sample unto us a sevenfold successive Temper and Condition of the whole visible Church.

†**4.** To imitate, to copy. *Obs.*

1613–16 W. Browne *Brit. Past.* II. iii, Walla by chance was in a meadow by Learning to 'sample earth's embrodery. 1626 Bp. Hall *Contempl., O. T.* xx. vii, A modell of this more exquisite frame is sent to Urijah, the priest; and must be sampled in Jerusalem. 1675 V. Alsop *Anti-Sozzo* 530 Is it not a strange Copy that differs in kind from its Idea?.. As if you should propound a House for your patern, and draw a Horse to sample it.

5. To take a sample or samples of; to judge of the quality of (a thing) by a sample or specimen; to obtain a representative experience of.

1767 Sterne *Tr. Shandy* IX. xxi, She..looks at it,—considers it,—samples it,—measures it. 1858 Hughes *Scour. White Horse* 196, I won't turn my back..on any man in the country at sampling wheat. 1883 V. D. Majendie in *Fortn. Rev.* May 647 Every cargo is sampled by the Customs on its arrival and chemically examined. 1890 N. Hibbs in *Big Game N. Amer.* 22 The Moose has a hump on his nose,.. it excels any other meat dish I have ever had the pleasure of sampling. 1897 Mary Kingsley *W. Africa* 354 Some one who has personally sampled Africa.

b. To present samples or specimens of. Also, to serve as a sample of.

1870 Lowell *Study Wind.* (1871) 208 Chaucer never shows any signs of effort, and it is a main proof of his excellence that he can be so inadequately sampled by detached passages. 1873 J. Geikie *Gt. Ice Age* (1894) 607 The literature of the subject has grown to such an extent,..that it is hopeless.. to do more than sample it. 1880 *Daily Tel.* 8 July, The fifty thousand men who would have sampled the drill, discipline, and patriotism of a hundred and fifty thousand more. 1889 *Pall Mall G.* 16 Nov. 3/2 English editors of Irish chronicles and histories often make grave blunders, some of which he samples.

Sampled (sɑ·mp'ld), *ppl. a.* [f. Sample *v.* + -ed.] Tested to ascertain the quality.

1877 Raymond *Statist. Mines & Mining* 241 An assay of sampled ore gives 40 ounces silver and 60 per cent. lead.

Sampler (sɑ·mplə), *sb.*[1] Forms: 4 saumplarie, -ye, sawmplere, 4–5 samplere, saumpler, 4–8 samplar, 6 sawmplar, 9 *dial.* sampleth, 6– sampler. [Apbetic f. OF. *essamplaire*: see Examplar.]

†**1.** An example to be imitated; a model, pattern; an archetype; the original from which a copy is or may be taken. *Obs.*

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 28073 Bot nu sal i tell þe her nest Hu þu sal sceu þi scrift to preist,..þat laud men mai sumquat lere To scape þair scrift wit þis samplere. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xxvii. (*Machor*) 1439 For þai till hyme war as samplar to lewe his kyne þat mychty war, & þis gret pilgrimag to tak. 1377 Langl. *P. Pl.* B. XII. 104 Al-þough men made bokes god was þe maistre, And seynt spirit þe saumplarye and seide what men sholde write. 1382 Wyclif *Exod.* XXV. 40 Bihold and do after the sawmplere, that to thee is shewid in the hil. *c* 1475 *Partenay* 2947 Off ther beyng here will I leue and cease, To declare and say make me will redy, As of my samplere to procede plainly. 1565 Jewel *Repl. Harding* (1611) 382 There are not two sorts of Adoration.. but one onely Adoration, both of the Image, and also of the Samplar, whereof the Image is. 1581 J. Bell *Haddon's Answ. Osor.* 445 But the Type is past, and the veritye suppleyth the place. Latt us make a comparison betwixt the sampler and yᵉ trueth [Melchisedech and Christ]. 1597 Beard *Theatre God's Judgem.* (1612) 490 The verie whores ..paid him a yearely reuenue for their bauderies: which act ..is made a sampler to some of our holie Popes to imitate. 1608 Topsell *Serpents* (1658) 778 Arachne first invented.. working with the needle, which this mayd of Lydia first learned from the Spiders, taking her first Samplers and patterns from them for imitation. 1636 Featly *Clavis Myst.* xvi. 208 Christ's baptism was the perfect sampler and patterne of ours. 1656 Jeanes *Fuln. Christ* 296 The holinesse of Christ, which God hath propounded unto us for a samplar to imitate. 1658 Manton *Exp. Jude* Wks. 1871 V. 85 God is the original fountain and sampler of holiness. *a* 1680 Charnock *Attrib. God* (1834) II. 259 True holiness consists in a likeness to the most exact sampler.

attrib. 1645 Rutherford *Tryal & Tri. Faith* (1845) 48 A stone,..some way conform to..Christ the Sampler-stone.

†**2.** An illustrative or typical instance; a specimen. Also, a representation, symbol, type. *Obs.*

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 10892 þat þou be noght o þis in weir, Ald elizabeth be þi samplere. 1623 Lisle *Ælfric on O. & N. Test.* (1638) 24 So thou maist yet at least be furthered somewhat by this little sampler [A. S. *bysne*]. 1644 Quarles *Barnabas & B.* 253 What is man but a sampler of weakness? 1683 *Pennsylv. Archives* I. 73 And God is giving some Specimens hereof, some Samplars. 1697 Burghope *Disc. Relig. Assemb.* 25 The Temple..a Type and Samplar.. of the Heavenly Temple that is above.

3. †**a.** A piece of embroidery serving as a pattern to be copied. *Obs.*

1574 R. Scot *Hop Gard.* (1578) 54 The Hoppesackes that are brought out of Flaunders, may be good samplers for you to worke by. *a* 1586 Sidney *Arcadia* II. (Sommer) 119 Alas then, o Loue, why doost thou in thy beautifull sampler sette such a worke for my Desire to take out, which is as much impossible? [1608: see 1.] 1675 Brooks *Gold. Key* Wks. 1867 V. 284 Such as begin to work with the needle, look much on their sampler and pattern.

b. A beginner's exercise in embroidery; a piece of canvas embroidered by a girl as a specimen of her skill, usually containing the alphabet and some

mottos worked in ornamental characters, with various decorative devices.

1523 Skelton *Garl. Laurel* 789 The saumpler to sow on, the lacis to enbraid. 1546 Marg. Thomson *Will* in *Essex Rev.* (1908) XVII. 147, I gyve to Alys Pynchebeck my sawmpler with semes. 1592 Kyd *Sol. & Pers.* I. ii, When didst thou, with thy sampler..sit sowing? 1639 Mayne *City Match* II. ii, Your schoole-mistresse..teaches To knit in Chaldee, and worke Hebrew samplers. 1758 Johnson *Idler* No. 2 ¶ 3 Our girls forsake their samplers to teach kingdoms wisdom. ..1789 Burns *Let. to Mrs. M'Murdo* 2 May, Never did little Miss with more sparkling pleasure show her applauded sampler to partial Mamma, than I now send my poem to you. 1803 R. Anderson *Cumbld. Ball.* 61 Sin I furst work'd a sampleth at Biddy Forsyth's. 1862 Calverley *Verses & Tr.* (1894) 80 Now not all they seek to do Is create upon a sampler Beasts which Buffon never knew. 1886 J. K. Jerome *Idle Thoughts* (1889) 136 There is a 'sampler' worked by some idiot related to the family.

attrib. 1859 Miss Cary *Country Life* I. (1876) 19, I see that it was marked with sampler letters in one corner. 1881 Besant & Rice *Chapl. of Fleet* I. 170 Esther, for her part, taught her embroidery and sampler work.

transf. and *fig.* 1627 W. Hawkins *Apollo Shroving* Prol. 5 Take out thy fescue, and spell here, in this ooe-leau'd booke. Tell the stitches in this sampler of blacke and white. 1717 Prior *Alma* II. 448 Distinguished Slashes deck the Great; As each excells in Birth, or State His Oylet-holes are more, and ampler, The King's own body was a Samplar. 1819 Keats *Wks.* (1889) III. p. cxxv, The more he may love the sad embroidery of the *Excursion*, the more will he hate the coarse samplers of Betty Foy and Alice Fell.

4. *Forestry.* A young tree left standing when the rest are cut down.

1653 Blithe *Eng. Improv. Impr.* 161 Take a good straight Pole or sampler growing of Ash or Willow. 1785 J. Phillips *Treat. Inland Navig.* 19 Cutting down samplers and young trees even for faggot and stack wood..has been..a common practice. 1813 Vancouver *Agric. Devon* 246 Standards or samplers are always left, but seldom raised to timber.

†**5.** = Sample *sb.* 2. *Obs. rare.*

1823 J. Badcock *Dom. Amusem.* 136 Test for proving Steel. Take weak aqua-fortis, and drop a little on the sampler in question.

Sampler (sɑ·mpləɹ), *sb.*[2] [f. Sample *v.* + -er[1].] One whose business it is to sample goods.

1778 Pryce *Min. Cornub.* 216 To make a rough guess or coarse essay, the sampler takes a handful of it, and washes it on a shovel [etc.]. 1877 Raymond *Statist. Mines & Mining* 382 The sampler takes charge of the piles. 1906 *Act* 6 *Edw. VII*, c. 27 § 3 (2) An official sampler shall at the request of the purchaser..take a sample for analysis by the agricultural analyst of any such article.

†**Sa·mpler,** *v. Obs.* [f. Sampler *sb.*[1]] = Sample *v.*

1628 Prynne *Brief Survay* 54, I will therefore now confine my selfe to the Matter, and Substance of these Deuotions, which I will now Paralell, and Sampler with those Popish Authors.

Samplery (sɑ·mplĕri). [f. Sampler *sb.*[1] + -y.] The making of samplers; sampler work.

1613 T. Milles tr. *Mexia's*, etc. *Treas. Anc. & Mod. T.* I. 762/2 Feare God, and learne womens huswinery; not idle Samplery, or Silken follies. 1840 Dickens *Old. C. Shop* viii, The art of needle-work, marking, and samplery.

Sampling (sɑ·mplĭŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. Sample *v.* + -ing[1].] The action of the vb. Sample.

†**1.** Following an example, imitation. *Obs.*

a 1638 Mede *Wks.* (1672) 158 And this conformity and sampling (as I may say) of Christ, extends not only to those Acts of his which he did as mao, where the imitation is plain and direct.

2. The action of testing the quality of anything by means of samples; an instance of this.

1778 Pryce *Min. Cornub.* 326 The persons employed are called Samplers; and the business itself Sampling. 1809 R. Langford *Introd. Trade* 64 Sample Box, Sampling and Duty..5s. 6d. 1867 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* Ser. II. III. 476 Numerous gaugings and samplings of the sewage..have been undertaken. 1889 *Athenæum* 15 June 753/2 It is..not one to be estimated on..a chance sampling.

Sampsæan (sæmpsī·ăn). *Eccl. Hist.* [f. Gr. Σαμψαῖ-οι pl. + -an.

Epiphanius renders the name by Ἡλιακοί 'solar', regarding it as f. Heb. *shemesh*, Syriac *shemshā* the sun. He does not, however, accuse the Sampsæans of sun-worship, though he says they venerated water almost as a deity. Perhaps the word is from the Heb.-Aram. root *sh-m-sh* to minister.]

An adherent of a heretical sect that existed in Persia, identified by Epiphanius with the Elcesaites.

1613 Purchas *Pilgr.* (1614) 148 And in worshipping of the Sunne, whereof they were called the Sampsæans, or Sunner, Sunmen, as Epiphanius interpreteth that name. 1875 Lightfoot *Comm. Col.* 88 *note*, The historical connexion of the Sampsæans with the Essenes is evident.

Sampson: see Samson.

†**Sampsuchine.** *Obs.* [ad. mod.L. (*oleum*) *sampsūchinum*, Gr. σαμψύχινον (oil) of marjoram, f. σάμψῡχον, -ος marjoram.] Oil of marjoram.

1599 B. Jonson *Cynthia's Rev.* v. iv, I savour no sampsuchine in it.

Samptsoo, Sampull, obs. ff. Samshoo, Sample.

Samscred, obs. form of Sanskrit.

†**Samscreda·mic,** *a. Obs.* [f. *samscredam* (early transliteration of Skr. *saṃskṛtam*: see Sanskrit) + -ic.] = Sanskrit.

1800 *Acc. Bks.* in *Asiat. Ann. Reg.* 44/1 The Ethiopic alphabet, which has a certain resemblance to the Samscredamic.

Samscretan: see Sanskrit.

‖ **Samshoo** (sæ·mʃū). Also 7 **sam shu,** 8 **samptsoo, samshew, samshue, samso,** 8–9 **samsu, samtchoo,** 9 **sams-choo, sam-shee, samshoe, samshoo, samahu, san-tchoo.** [Pidgin-English: said by S. W. Williams to be a. *sam shiu*, Cantonese pronunciation of Chinese *san shao* 'thrice distilled'; but Chinese scholars consider this doubtful.] The general name for Chinese spirits distilled from rice or sorghum.

1697 Dampier *Voy.* I. 419 The Officer brought aboard..2 great Jars of Arack..called by the Chinese, Sam Shu. 1727 A. Hamilton *New Acc. E. Ind.* II. l. 222 He loaded me with fair Promises, and sent after me..a small Jar of Samshew, or Rice Arrack. 1744 J. Philips *Jrnl. Exped. Anson* 155 We also received on board..a But of Samshue. 1795 Anderson *Brit. Embassy China* 52, 6 Large jars of samptsoo..a liquor made in China. *Ibid.* 163 A small quantity of samtchoo, a spirituous liquor. 1836 J. F. Davis *Chinese* I. iii. 86 Ardent spirits, called samshoo, generally adulterated with ingredients of a stimulating and maddening quality. 1845 *Encycl. Metrop.* XXV. 1291/1 The Chinese make rice wine perfumed, and distil the lees, whence they obtain a spirit like brandy, which they call sam-tchoo, or san-tchoo. 1852 F. A. Neale *Narr. Resid. Siam* 75 That most baneful and least desirably-flavoured spirit in the world, samshoe. 1876 *Encycl. Brit.* IV. 264 The Chinese beverage, sam-shee, is made from rice. 1888 A. J. Little *Through Yang-tse Gorges* 218 The business of the day commenced with swallowing endless thimblefuls of hot 'samshu'.

Samsien: see Samisen.

Samson (sæ·msən). Also 6–8 **Sampson.** [a. L. (Vulgate) *Sam(p)sōn*, Gr. (LXX) Σαμψών, a. Heb. שִׁמְשׁוֹן (in Masoretic vocalization *Shimshōn*).]

1. The name of the Hebrew hero whose exploits are recorded in Judges xiii–xvi. Applied allusively to persons, with reference to Samson's enormous strength, to his having been blinded, or to some incident in his story. Also attrib. *Samson-like* adj. and adv.

1565 Harding *Confut. Jewel* III. v. 147 Such mighty Samsons, such constant Laurences, your ioyly gospell breedeth. 1591 Shaks. 1 *Hen. VI*, I. ii. 33 None but Sampsons and Goliasses It sendeth forth to skirmish. 1620 Sanderson *Serm.* I. 146 Then it [conscience] riseth, and Sampson-like rouseth up it self, and bestirreth it self lustily, as a giant refreshed with wine. 1649 *Alcoran* 417 To bring out to the open view of all, the blinde Sampsons of their Alcoran. 1651 R. Wilo *Poems* (1670) 21 He stands, And snaps asunder, Samson-like, these bands. 1678 *Yng. Man's Call.* 52 Foolishness..is a Sampson, whose eyes are out, the scorn and derision of all. 1689 in W. W. Wilkins *Pol. Ballads* (1860) II. 4 They had on their heads such a Sampson-like power. 1701 Norris *Ideal World* I. vi. 399 Such as no Sampson could overthrow. 1887 *Times* (weekly ed.) 1 July 14/3 Intellectual Samsons toiling with closed eyes in the mills and forges of Manchester and Birmingham.

†**2.** a. *dial.* = Samlet. *Obs.*

1769 Pennant *Zool.* III. 254 Near Shrewsbury (where they [the samlet] are called Samsons).

b. Australian. *Samson-fish*: see quots.

1874 in Tenison-Woods *Fishes N. S. Wales* (1882) 60 The Samson-fish (*Seriola hippos*, Günth.) is occasionally caught. ..The great strength of these fishes is remarkable. 1882 Tenison-Woods *ibid.* 190 Samson-fish. In Sydney *Seriola hippos*. In Melbourne, young of *Arripis salar*.

3. *Mech.* = Cramp *sb.*[2] 3. ? *Obs.*

1852 in Burn *Naval & Mil. Tech. Dict.* I., s. vv. *Cric, Davier, Sergent.*

4. Samson bar: = Samson's post 2 a.

1889 *East. Morn. News* 10 Apr. 3/8 The prisoner lashed him to the sampson bar and mizenmast.

Hence **Sa·msoness** [-ess], a female Samson.

1707 J. Stevens tr. *Quevedo's Com. Wks.* (1709) 395, I am a Female Sampsoness, for all my strength lies in my Hair.

Samsonian (sæmsō·niăn), *sb.* and *a.* [f. Samson + -ian.] a. *sb.* A strong man. b. *adj.* Of or pertaining to Samson; resembling Samson or his attributes.

1654 Gayton *Pleas. Notes* 56 All Foyters, men o' th' sword, Hectors, Herculaneans, Samsonians. 1861 Fitzpatrick *Bp. Doyle* (1880) I. 208 The Samsonian determination with which he grasped the leading pillar of the Irish Church Establishment. 1865 W. H. L. Tester *Poems* (1867) 69 A beard, 'maist Samsonian, sae knottit an' thready. 1884 A. A. Putnam 10 *Yrs. Police Judge* iii. 20 Riddles of the Samsonian type are not easily expounded.

Samsonistic (sæmsəni·stik), *a.* [f. Samson + -istic.] Strong, powerful.

1849 E. B. Eastwick *Dry Leaves* 212 He commenced dealing..the most ferocious and Samsonistic blows.

Samson's post. Also 9 **Samson-, Sampson-post.** [Prob. named in allusion to Judges xvi. 29.]

†**1.** A kind of mousetrap (see quot. 1609). *Obs.*

1577 Harrison *England* III. vi. 107 b/2 [Halifax gibbet.] Which being drawne vp to the top of the frame is there fastned with a woodden pinne, (the one ende set on a peece of woode,..& the other ende being let into the blocke, holding the Axe, with a notche made into the same after the maner of a Sampsons post). 1609 C. Butler *Fem. Mon.* vii. (1634) 120 *note*, There is none [*i.e.* no mousetrap] better than a Samsons Post, which is a flat Cooper or Roofe supported by a triangular Pillar or Prop, whose three sides doe so hold one by another, through the Weight of the Roofe, that the loosing of one is the loosing of all, and so the Prop failing, the Roofe falleth. 1828 *Craven Gloss., Sampson's-posts*, a mouse-trap. (Described.]

fig. 1593 G. Harvey *New Let. Notable Contents* Wks. (Grosart) I. 262 Croatia may learne to be prouident in Triumph; which hath often fealt the ioyfulnesse of a Sampsons post.

2. a. *Naut.* A strong pillar or stanchion passing through the hold of a merchant-ship, or between the decks of a man-of-war; also, in a whaling vessel, a strong post, firmly fixed in the deck, to which the fluke-rope may be fastened. b. *Oil-mining.* (See quot. 1881.)

1769 Falconer *Dict. Marine* (1780), *Samsons-post*, a sort of pillar erected in a ship's hold, between the lower deck and the kelson, under the edge of a hatchway, and furnished with..notches that serve as steps. 1860 *Illustr. Lond. News* 29 Sept. 285/3 The schooner was showing a white light on the sampson-post. 1875 Knight *Dict. Mech., Samson-post.* 1881 Raymond *Mining Gloss., Sampson-post*, an upright post which supports the walking-beam, communicating motion from the engine to a deep-boring apparatus.

Samsu, -tchoo, variant forms of Samshoo.

†**Samtale,** *a. Obs.* [f. Same *a.* + Tale *sb.* Cf. Samentale.] Accordant, agreed.

c 1200 Ormin 5731 Swa þatt hiss bodiȝ wiþþ hiss gost Sammtale & sahhte wurrþe. *Ibid.* 1535, 6037.

Samum, Samun, var. ff. Simoom, Samen *adv.*

‖ **Samurai** (sæ·murai). [Japanese.] In Japan during the continuance of the feudal system, one of the class of military retainers of the daimios; sometimes in wider sense, a member of the military caste, whether a samurai proper or a daimio. Now applied to any Japanese army officer. (Unchanged in the plural.) Also *attrib.*

1874 Lady Herbert tr. *Hübner's Ramble* II. i. (1878) 222 He has..his vassals, his Samurais, or knights with two swords (the others having only one). 1885 E. Greey *Bakin's Capt. Love* ii. (1904) 14 Amada, who had been a samurai, taught the lad to read and write. *Ibid.* iv. 30 For a samurai woman, even when mortally wounded, always endeavours to conceal her pain. 1906 Sladen *Lovers in Japan* vi, Mr. Jevons told us that we ought to have Samurai servants.

Samyn(e, obs. ff. Sam *v.*, Samen.

San: see Sans.

†**Sa·nable,** *a. Obs.* [ad. L. *sānābilis*, f. *sānāre* to heal, f. *sān-us* healthy: see Sane *a.*]

1. That heals or is concerned with healing; curative. *rare*—[1].

1597 A. M. tr. *Guillemeau's Fr. Chirurg.* 1 b/1 *Therapeutica* is the curinge or sanable parte of Physicke.

2. That may be healed; curable. *lit.* and *fig.*

1656 in Blount *Glossogr.* 1664 H. More *Antid. Idolatry* To Rdr. § 1 That those that are sanable or preservable from this dreadful sin of Idolatry may find the efficacy of our Antidote. 1694 Westmacott *Script. Herb.* 10 No Plant..doth sooner..cure all Sanable Burnings and Scaldings. 1718 Hickes & Nelson *J. Kettlewell* III. § 69. 361 Whilst the corruptions seem Sanable and admit hopes of Cure.

Hence **Sanabi·lity,** † **Sa·nableness,** the state of being curable.

1727 Bailey vol. II, Sanableness. 1860 Worcester (citing *Med. Jour.*), Sanability.

Sanachy, obs. variant of Sennachie.

Sanad: see Sunnud.

†**Sa·nap.** *Obs.* Forms: 4 **sauvenap,** (**saufenap, sayfenap, salvenap**), 4–5 **savenap(e,** 4 **saunap(e, sawnap(e, sannap,** 4–5 **sanap,** (4 **sanop**), 5 **sanapp,** (**sanope**). See also Sunnape. [Orig. *sauvenape, savenape*, a. OF. **sauvenape*, f. *sauve-r* to Save + *nape* table-cloth, Nape *sb.*[2]

Latinized *salva mappa* in *Durh. Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) an. 1338 and 1343.]

A strip of cloth placed over the outer part of the table-cloth to preserve it from being soiled.

1312 *Finchale Priory Acc.* (Surtees) p. v, Duo mappæ, ij sauvenapys. 1313 *Bolton Compotus* 279 Pro mappis & Sauuenapys emptis apud London. xxx.s. vij.d. *c* 1330 *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 518 In salvenap' conficiend., 7*d.* 1337 in Riley *Mem. Lond.* (1868) 200, j savenape iiij*d.* 13.. *Gaw. & Gr. Knt.* 886 A tapit..Clad wyth a clene cloþe,.. Sanap, & salure, & sylver-in sponez. 1391 *Will J. Marischall* in *Ingleby MS.* 62 Vnum tuallinm cum vno sansenap [? *read* saufenap] de optimis. *c* 1400 Maundev. (Roxb.) xxvi. 123 Þai vse nowþer burde clath ne sawnape. 14.. *Nom.* in Wr.-Wülcker 721 *Hoc manutergium*, a sanope. 1430 *Will of Cheymy* (Somerset Ho.), j towells j sauenap. *a* 1440 *Sir Degrev.* 1387 Towellus .. Whyȝth as the seeys fame, Sanappus of the same, Thus servyd thei ware.

Sanashy, sanasse: see Sunyasee.

†**Sanate,** *v. Obs.*—[0] [f. L. *sānāt-*, ppl. stem of *sānāre* to heal, f. *sān-us* Sane *a.*] (See quot.)

1623 Cockeram, *Sanate*, to heale.

†**Sana·tion.** *Obs.* [ad. L. *sānātiōn-em*, n. of action f. *sānāre*: see prec.] The action of healing or the process of becoming healed; an instance of this. Also *fig.*

c 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* Tab. 301 Pechis, ablaqueacionn, pntacionn, & sanacionn. 1491 Caxton *Vitas Patr.* (W. de W. 1495) I. xlvii. 87 b/2 He that hathe made the, yeue the sanacyon and helthe atte thys presente tyme. 1541 R. Copland *Galyen's Terap.* 2 E j b, That curacyon or sanacyon is none other thynge but a retourne to the fyrste symmetrye or commoderacyon of the sayd condnytes. 1634 Bp. Hall *Contempl., N. T.* IV. v. 122 It is no marvell if the report of so miraculous, and universall sanations drew customers. 1677 Plot *Oxfordsh.* 351 Which holy King Edward was the first to whom was granted the gift of Sanation. 1697 J. Sergeant *Solid Philos.* 297 Reflecting on all Motions whatever, v. g. Generation,..Augmentation, Sanation, etc.

Sanative (sæ·nătiv), *a.* and *sb.* Also 5 **sanatyf, (sanetyf).** [a. OF. *sanatif* or med.L. *sānātīvus*, f. L. *sānāre*: see Sanate *v.* and -ive.]

A. *adj.* **1.** Having the power to heal; conducive to or promoting health; curative, healing.

14.. *Stockh. Med. MS.* II. 912 in *Anglia* XVIII. 329 To woundys it is confortyf With oþer erbys sanatyf. 1497 Bp. Alcock *Mons Perfect.* A ij, Herbes and floures sanatyf to

remedy all syknesses. 1508 Dunbar *Tua Mariit Wemen* 8 The sauar sanatiue of the sueit flouris. 1562 Bulleyn *Bulwark, Bk. Simples* (1579) 59 b, Gum Sarcocoll..is a sanatyue gum to incarnat woundes and sores. 1626 Bacon *Sylva* § 787 Brass hath, in it selfe, a Sanative vertue;.. But Iron is Corrosive, and not Sanative. 1655 Fuller *Ch. Hist.* II. vi. § 33 That..Kings should receive that peculiar Priviledge, and sanative Power, whereof daily Instances are presented unto us. 1704 Norris *Ideal World* II. ii. 91, I speak not of their medicinal operations, those alterative or sanative effects which they have upon our bodies. 1742 Fielding *Jos. Andrews* I. xv, A sanative soporiferous draught. 1826 Southey *Vind. Eccl. Angl.* 166 Handkerchiefs used to be inserted..to touch the place whereon the body had first been laid, and derive a sanative influence. 1885 *Manch. Exam.* 18 Feb. 3/2 The special treatment which has been proved serviceable and sanative by practical hydropathists. 1892 Stevenson *Across the Plains* iii. 108 The place was sanative; the air, the light, the perfumes..concord in happy harmony.

b. *fig.*, esp. Promoting moral or spiritual health.

a 1548 Hall *Chron., Hen. VII* 4 Vsing the same for a remedy & medicine of their peine, addyng euer somwhat therto that was sanatyue & wholsome. 1674 Boyle *Excell. Theol.* I. iii. 91 The mysteries themselves, being duly considered, have had a very sanative influence on many that contemplated them. 1816 Coleridge *Statesm. Man.* App. D. (1852) 109 A sort of sanative counter-excitement, that holds in check the more dangerous disease of Methodism. 1831 Carlyle *Sart. Res.* II. iii, Imposture is of sanative, anodyne nature. 1859 Masson *Brit. Novelists* iv. 289 The sanative virtue of action..to dispel doubt and despair.

2. Of, pertaining to or concerned with healing.

1695 J. Edwards *Perfect. Script.* III. 180 How congruously do the Musical and Sanative Art meet together? 1822–34 *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 4) II. 146 The absorption of the fluid being the first step in the sanative process. 1883 *Brit. Q. Rev.* Oct. 397 The sanative process by which despair is transformed..into triumphant faith.

† **B.** *sb.* A remedy. *Obs.*

c 1440 *Pol. Rel. & L. Poems* 248 Other [healing] Erbys ther ben alsoo..' Operys satisfaccio ' [ys] the souereyne sauetyff [? *read* sanetyff]. 1678 *Lively Orac.* viii. § 3 As if he that had an ulcer in his bowels, should apply all his balsoms and sanatives only to his head.

Hence † **Sa·nativeness**, healing quality.

a 1661 Fuller *Worthies, Huntingdon.* (1662) II. 48 An obscure Village..called Haile weston whose very name Soundeth something of sanativeness therein.

Sanatorium (sænătōˑriŭm). Pl. **sanatoria.** Also *erron.* **sanatarium.** [a. mod.L. *sānātōrium*, f. *sānāre* to cure, heal: see Sanate *v.* and -ory.

Cf. G. *sanatorium.* The erroneous form *sanatarium* is due to confusion with Sanitarium.]

1. An establishment for the reception and medical treatment of invalids; in recent use chiefly either of convalescent patients, or of consumptives undergoing the open-air treatment.

1840 *Mech. Mag.* 152 [A prospectus of 'The Sanatorium'—a self-supporting establishment for the lodging, nursing and cure of sick persons]. 1899 *Westm. Gaz.* 21 Aug. 6/1 Quite a little shoal of companies for the establishment of sanatoria has recently made its appearance. The latest company is the Harrogate Sanatorium for Consumptives.

2. A place to which, on account of favourable climatic and other conditions, invalids resort for the improvement of their health; *spec.* a hill-station in a hot country, esp. in India, to which residents periodically resort to recuperate.

1842 Vigne *Trav. Kashmir* I. 38 These ladies are known by the well-selected epithet of 'Grass Widows'; and there are sometimes more than fifty of them at each sanatorium. 1845 Stocqueler *Handbk. Brit. India* (1854) 248 On a ridge of the outer Himalaya, stands the cantonment, or depôt, of Landour. It was established in 1827, as a sanatarium for European troops. 1859 Tennent *Ceylon* (ed. 2) II. 263 Neuera-ellia, as a sanatarium, is little to be relied on for the relief of active ailments. 1865 *Pall Mall G.* 29 Sept. 11/1 An English physician, who, as the custom is, has taken one of the rising sanatoria on the shores of the Mediterranean under his especial patronage. 1880 *Athenæum* 24 Apr. 533/2 There was a time when Minnesota was regarded as a sanatorium for the victims of consumption.

Sanatory (sænătəri). [As if ad. mod.L. *sānātōrius*, f. L. *sānāre*: see Sanate *v.* and -ory.]

1. Conducive to healing; curative.

a 1832 Bentham *Deontol.* x. (1834) I. 151 There are, he [our moralist] tells you, three doses of the moral medicine... In the proper dose there is health and safety... Has he not noted down the sanatory quantity? Not he! 1833 I. Taylor *Fanat.* vi. 174 The righteous retribution of Heaven which ..is altogether of a sanatory influence. 1843 Bethune *Sc. Fireside Stor.* 127 Sanatory excursions.

2. Of or pertaining to healing.

1870 Jevons *Elem. Logic* vi. (1880) 48 It [the name *surgeon*] has long been specialized..to those who perform the mechanical parts of the sanatory art. 1879 McCarthy *Own Times* II. xxvii. 318 Miss Florence Nightingale..had from a very early period turned her attention to sanatory questions.

¶ **3.** Pertaining to health. (Misused for Sanitary.)

1846 *Punch* XI. 87 The Sanatory Condition of the City. 1847 *Illustr. Lond. News* 20 Nov. 347 A..meeting in favour of an effective and comprehensive sanatory bill took place.

Sanbenito (sænbenĭˑto). Forms: 6 (9 *arch.*) **San Benito,** 6 **S. Benito,** 6–7 **Sambenit(e,** 7 **Sambenita, San-benit,** 7–9 **san-, sambenito.** [a. Sp. *San Benito* St. Benedict (as common noun written *sambenito*). Cf. Pg. *sambenito*, It., F. *san-benito* (16th c. F. *santbeni*).

So called from its resemblance in shape to the scapular introduced by St. Benedict.]

Under the Spanish Inquisition, a penitential garment of yellow cloth, resembling a scapular in shape, ornamented with a red St. Andrew's cross before and behind, worn by a confessed and penitent heretic; also, a similar garment of a black colour ornamented with flames, devils and other devices (sometimes called a Samarra) worn by an impenitent confessed heretic at an auto-da-fé.

c 1560 Tomson in *Hakluyt's Voy.* (1589) 584 We were brought into the Church, euery one with a S. Benito vpon his backe, which is halfe a yard of yellow cloth, with a hole to put in a mans head in the midst. 1568 Skinner tr. *Consalvius' Discov. Sp. Inquis.* Pref., A newe kinde of Consistory..set vp..to compell them..by Rackes..Chaines, Halters, Barnacles, Sambenites. *Ibid.* 21 b, The marks [of having been 'within the Inquisitours pawes'] are commonly these:..A white linen garment with a red crosse called a Sambenit, and..a perpetuall slaunder and ignominy to all his stocke. *Ibid.* 45 b, Such as..defended their profession against their detestable falshoodes, weare the Sambenit vnto the very stake, which is a linen garment of the coulour of earth,..and all to be painted with black deuils. *c* 1582 M. Phillips in *Hakluyt's Voy.* (1600) III. 480 The Inquisitors..bringing with them certaine fooles coats..called in their language, *S. Benitos*, which coats were made of yellow cotten & red crosses vpon them, both before & behind. 1624 *Gag for Pope* 12 In the inquisition to be clothed with the Sambenito, a punishment as vituperious as the carting of Bawdes in England. 1672 Marvell *Reh. Transp.* I. 276 Sambenitas, painted with all the flames and devils in hell. 1678 Butler *Hud.* III. ii. 1574 By laying Trains to..blow us up in th' open Streets; Disguis'd in Rumps, like Sambenites. 1731 Chandler tr. *Limborch's Hist. Inquis.* II. iv. xli. 294 Penitent Hereticks..received the blessed Sackcloth, commonly called the Sambenito...As to those who are designed for the Fire, viz. Such as have confessed their Heresy, and are impenitent...They are..cloathed with the Sackcloth.. which some call the Sambenito, others the Samarra or Samaretta. And tho' it be of the same make as the Sambenito is, yet it hath different Marks, is of a black Colour [etc.]. 1816 Scott *Old Mort.* xxxv, Who seemed as effectually doomed to death as if they wore the *sanbenitos* of the condemned heretics in an *auto-da-fe*. 1829 Carlyle *Misc.* (1840) II. 107 Dreadful death-scenes painted like Spanish *Sanbenitos*. 1842 Barham *Ingol. Leg.* Ser. II. *Auto-da-fé*, All the flames and the devils were turn'd upside down On this habit, facetiously term'd *San Benito*.

Sance, obs. form of Sans.

Sance bell: see Sanctus bell.

† ‖ **Sanchet.** *Obs.* [F. *sanchet* 'an old coyne of gold worth about 2*s.* sterl.' (Cotgr.).]

1643 Prynne *Sov. Power Parlt.* App. 72 That the Estates should pay unto them for their expences an hundred thousand Sanchets, or other French money equivalent.

‖ **Sancho** (sæˑŋkō). Also **sanko.** [Ashanti *osanku.*] A kind of simple guitar used by West African negroes.

1817 Bowdich, etc. *Mission to Ashantee* I. ii. (1819) 38 Small drums, sankos, stools [etc.]. 1854 Mrs. Lee *Afr. Wand.* xvii, Sankos, which were wooden boxes, covered with deer skin. 1864 Engel *Mus. Anc. Nat.* 211 The sancho a small stringed instrument of the negroes of Guinea. 1876 Stainer & Barrett *Dict. Mus. Terms, Sancho.*

† **Sanci·te,** *v. Obs. rare* $^{-1}$. [Irreg. f. L. *sancīre*: see Sanction *sb.*] *trans.* To sanction.

1597 Middleton *Wisd. Solomon* xviii. 9 Now righteousnesse beares sway, and vice put downe,..The lawe of God sancited with renawne.

Sanct (sæŋkt), *a. rare.* [a. L. *sanct-us* holy: see Saint *a.*] Holy, sacred, consecrated.

1890 E. Johnson *Rise Christendom* 58 [tr. from Roman law] Sanct things..are such as the walls and gates of a city. 1895 Purcell *Manning* I. xxix. 692 When the sanct and stately edifice is with the blessing of God completed.

Sanct, obs. f. Saint. **Sancta,** pl. Sanctum.

Sanctanimity (sæŋktăniˑmĭti). *rare.* [f. L. *sanct-us* holy + *anim-us* mind + -ity. Cf. Longanimity, Magnanimity, etc.] Holiness of mind.

1802 W. Taylor in *Monthly Mag.* XI. 43 Would not these words be..fairly expressed by the single word sanctanimity or religinn? 1873 F. Hall *Mod. English* i. 17 A *hath*, or a *thou*, delivered with conventional unction, now well nigh inspires a sensation of solemnity in its hearer, and a persuasion of sanctanimity of its utterer.

Sancte, -ed, obs. forms of Saint, Sainted.

Sanctefie, obs. form of Sanctify *v.*

† **Sa·ncteous,** *a. Obs. rare* $^{-1}$. [f. L. *sanct-us* holy, Saint + -eous.] Pertaining to saints.

1631 J. Done *Polydoron* 185 Pictures of sancteous histories are but notes of divine actions in humane characters.

Sancti·colist. ? *nonce-wd.* [f. L. **sanctĭcol-a* (f. *sancti-, sanctus* Saint + *col-ĕre* to worship) + -ist.] A worshipper of saints.

1615 Byfield *Expos. Coloss.* i. 19 This also reproves the justiciaries and sancticolists, pharisees and saint-worshippers.

Sanctifiable (sæŋktifəiˌăb'l), *a. rare.* [f. Sanctify *v.* + -able.] Capable of being sanctified. Hence **Sa·nctifiableness.**

1894 A. B. Bruce *St. Paul's Concept. Chr.* xiv. 272 The body is sanctifiable. The flesh unsanctifiable. *Ibid.* 271 It teaches plainly the sanctifiableness of the flesh.

† **Sancti·ficate,** *ppl. a. Obs. rare.* [ad. eccl. L. *sanctificāt-us*, pa. pple. of *sanctificāre* to Sanctify: see -ate 2.] Sanctified, holy.

c 1485 *Digby Myst.* (1882) III. 1555 To þi blyssyd name sanctificatt. *c* 1502 *Joseph Arim.* 401, O Ioseph, sanctificate is thy fyrst foundation, Thy parentycle may he prayesed of vs all. 15.. *Gold. Litany* in Maskell *Mon. Rit.* (1882) III. 264 By the concepcion of thy blyssid modir and virgine whyche was sanctificate in her mothers wambe: haue mercy on vs. 1538 Bale *God's Promises* VII. (Dodsley) 33 In thy mother's wombe wert thou sanctyfycate By my godlye gyft.

Sancti·ficate, *v. rare.* [f. eccl. L. *sanctificāt-*, pple. stem of *sanctificāre*; see prec. and -ate 3.] *trans.* To sanctify.

a 1677 Barrow *Serm.* (1686) II. xxxiv. 493 Wherefore likewise doth Saint Peter ascribe our election to the Father predestinating, to the Son propitiating, to the Holy Ghost sanctificating? 1883 R. W. Dixon *Mano* I. iv. 8 Pope Gregory our arms sanctificates.

Sanctification (sæŋktifikāˑʃən). [ad. eccl. L. *sanctificātion-em*, n. of action f. *sanctificāre* to Sanctify; cf. F. *sanctification* (16th c.; OF. had the semi-popular *saintification* from the 12th c.).]

1. *Theol.* The action of the Holy Spirit in sanctifying or making holy the believer, by the implanting within him of the Christian graces and the destruction of sinful affections. Also, the condition or process of being so sanctified.

By the majority of theologians sanctification is regarded as a gradual process, not (at least normally) completed in this life. The doctrine of *entire* or *perfect sanctification* (or of *Christian perfection*: see Perfection) is the view, held by some Protestants, that the condition of freedom from sin (though not from ignorance or infirmities) is attainable in the present life.

1526 *Filgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 215 Whiche be the werkes of our sanctificacyon and glorificacyon. 1582 N. T. (Rhem.) 2 *Thess.* ii. 13 That he hath chosen you..in sanctification of spirit [1611 through sanctification of the spirit; *Tindale, etc.* sanctifying]. 1597 Hooker *Eccl. Pol.* v. lvi. § 10 That the grace of sanctification and life..might passe from him to his whole race as malediction came from Adam vnto all mankinde. 1616 W. Forde *Serm.* 19 The Prophets were indued with a great measure of sanctification. 1645 Ussher *Body Div.* (1647) 202 The renewing of our nature according to the Image of God, in righteousnesse and true holinesse: which is but begun in this life, and is called Sanctification. 1681–6 J. Scott *Chr. Life* II. vii. Wks. 1718 I. 370 Another of these ordinary Operations of the Spirit, is Sanctification; which consists in the purifying our Wills and Affections from those wicked Inclinations and inordinate Lusts, which [etc.]. 1754 Sherlock *Disc.* viii. (1755) I. 247 The only sign of Sanctification is Holiness. 1788 Wesley *Wks.* (1872) VI. 509 By sanctification we are saved from the power and root of sin, and restored to the image of God. 1876 J. P. Norris *Rudim. Theol.* I. iii. 65 Sanctification is that growth in holiness through the influence of the Holy Spirit, which must..follow justification.

¶ **b.** *nonce-use.* 'Sanctified' or pious demeanour.

1760–72 H. Brooke *Fool of Qual.* (1809) II. 94 [She] was the holiest of all saints, without any parade of sanctification.

2. The action of consecrating or setting apart as holy or for a sacred use or purpose; hallowing.

15.. in Burnet *Hist. Ref.* III. Rec. xxi. § 12 It appeareth also that in the Old Testament, in the ordering of Priests, there was both Visible and Invisible Sanctification. 1550 Veron *Godly Sayings* H vj b, All impietye and vngodlynes, which myght in any wise obscure the sainctycation [sic] of his name, beyng banisshed away [from us]. 1597 Hooker *Eccl. Pol.* v. lxx. § 1 The sanctification of dayes and times is a token of that thankfulnesse..which we owe to God. 1637 Gillespie *Eng. Pop. Cerem.* III. i. 6 Sanctification is the setting apart of a thinge for a holy or religious vse, in such sort, that thereafter it may be put to no other vse. 1725 tr. *Dupin's Eccl. Hist. 17th C.* I. v. 125 This Prayer [Giving of thanks before Meat] was call'd Sanctification, because if it had not preceded, the eating and drinking were reputed Prophane, but became Holy by this Prayer. 1832 W. Palmer *Orig. Liturg.* I. 165 The liturgy of the Gallican church originally contained always some invocation or prayer to God for the sanctification of the elements.

3. *Eccl.* The action of making a person a saint; canonization.

1855 Milman *Lat. Chr.* VI. 418 Those honours of Beatification and Sanctification.

Sanctifica·tionist. *rare.* [f. Sanctification + -ist.] One who has attained 'entire sanctification' (see prec. 1).

1868 Dixon *Spir. Wives* II. 130 With the Methodists she took rank among the Sanctificationists, having many times lost her strength by a sudden illumination from some invisible sphere.

† **Sanctificative,** *a. Obs. rare* $^{-1}$. [f. eccl. L. *sanctificāt-*, ppl. stem of *sanctificāre* to Sanctify + -ive.] Serving to sanctify or make holy.

1607 *Schol. Disc. agst. Antichr.* I. iii. 160 The hypocrisie of the Crosse in prayer is proued in respect it is thought to be operatiue, sanctificatiue, and helpfull thereto.

† **Sanctificator.** *Obs. rare* $^{-1}$. [ad. eccl. L. *sanctificātor*, agent-n. f. *sanctificāre* to Sanctify. Cf. OF. *sanctificateur*, 'a sanctifier, hallower' (Cotgr.).] = Sanctifier.

1556 Olde *Antichrist* 113 b, So is ther none other sanctificatour mencioned..but he alone.

Sanctified (sæŋktifəid), *ppl. a.* [f. Sanctify *v.* + -ed 1.]

1. Of a person: Made holy, endowed with saintly character; *spec.* made holy by the divine grace of the Holy Spirit.

c 1485 *Digby Myst.* (1882) IV. 1001 Whom seke ye, women sanctifiede? 1548 R. Hutten *Sum of Div.* Fij b, That much infirmity and vice doeth remayne as yet, euen in them whyche be santifyed. 1579 W. Wilkinson *Confut. Familye of Loue* B iv, Monkes..seperated from the world,..for to liue euen so as sanctified ones of God. 1597 Shaks. *Lover's Compl.* 233 Lo this deuice was sent me from a Nun, Or Sister sanctified of holiest note. 1611 Bible *Isa.* xiii. 3, I haue commanded my sanctified ones. 1647 Cudworth *Serm. Ho. Comm.* Ded. 6 All Philosophy..to a truly sanctified Mind..is but..Matter for Divinity to work upon. 1762 Goldsm. *Cit. W.* lxvii, He finds no character so sanctified that has not its failings, none so infamous but has somewhat

to attract our esteem. 1848 R. I. Wilberforce *Doctr. Incarnation* x. (1852) 234 That sanctified humanity of the Son of God.

2. Affecting holiness; sanctimonious.

1600 Shaks. *A. Y. L.* II. iii. 13 Your vertues gentle Master Are sanctified and holy traitors to you. 1602 — *Ham.* I. iii. 130 Breathing like sanctified and pious bonds [*Theobald conj.* bawds], The better to beguile. 1662 *Rump Songs* II. 89 A sanctify'd Colonel in beaten Buff. 1694 tr. *Milton's Lett. State, To King of France* May an. 1658, Those sanctifi'd Cut-throats, who professing themselves to be the ..Disciples of..Christ,..abuse his meek and peaceful Name ..to the most cruel slaughter of the Innocent. 1743 Fielding *J. Wild* IV. iv, No mind was ever yet formed entirely free from blemish, unless peradventure that of a sanctified hypocrite. 1778 Foote *Trip Calais* III. Wks. 1799 II. 373 For all her sanctified looks. 1844 Ld. Brougham *Brit. Const.* xv. (1862) 237 About 120 men of puritanical and sanctified habits. 1860 Emerson *Cond. Life* vi. (1861) 118, I see not why we should give ourselves such sanctified airs.

† **b.** *absol.*

1620 E. Blount *Horæ Subs.* 59 The Separatists or Sanctified, as they terme themselues.

3. Of things: Holy or consecrated; rendered spiritually profitable.

1632 Sanderson *Serm.* 555 A sober and sanctifyed vse of the Creatures. 1660 T. Gouge *Chr. Directions* xvii. (1831) 93 When an evil report is raised of you, be not so much inquisitive who raised it, as to make a good use and sanctified improvement thereof. 1814 Scott *Wav.* xiv, He could not help testifying some displeasure against the Blessed Bear, which had given rise to the quarrel, nor refrain from hinting, that the sanctified epithet was hardly appropriate. 1864 Pusey *Lect. Daniel* v. 251 Levi's fierceness had become a sanctified zeal. 1895 *Westm. Gaz.* 16 Apr. 7/2 Here are a body of men who will mix the anodyne in a spirit of 'sanctified commonsense' (Mr. Welldon's famous expression). *ironically.* 1605 B. Jonson *Volpone* I. ii. (1607) B 3 And will drop you forth a libell, or a sanctified lie, Betwixt euery spooneful of a Nativity Pie. 1682 *Enq. Elect. Sheriffs* 9 Or suppose that they [Papists] are again provided of one or two higotted Fellows .. that have promised to do the sanctified job [the assassination of Charles II] for them.

b. Of ground, buildings, etc.: Consecrated, hallowed. *rare.*

1525 *Test. Ebor.* (Surtees) V. 201 To be beried within sanctified grownde whereso it please Almyghtie God that I shall departe. 1601 Shaks. *All's Well* I. i. 152 Virginitie murthers it selfe, and should be buried in highwayes out of all sanctified limit, as a desperate Offendresse against Nature. 1797 Mrs. Radcliffe *Italian* xvi, Remember this place is sanctified. 1828 Scott *F. M. Perth* xi, Out of respect to the sanctified ground, they lowered their weapons.

c. *transf.* = Consecrated 3.

1888 F. Hume *Mme. Midas* I. iv, Where everything is old-fashioned, cheery, and sanctified by long usage.

Hence **Sa·nctifiedly** *adv.* Now *rare.*

1633 T. Adams *Exp.* 2 *Peter* i. 2 There be many causes in nature to make men die quietly, not sanctifiedly. 1641 Bp. Hall *Jov. Crew* II. (1652) D 2 b, He never looks upon us, but with a sigh,..tho' we simper never so sanctifiedly.

Sanctifier (sæŋktifəi,ə). [f. next + -er 1.]

1. *Theol.* One who sanctifies or makes holy; *spec.* the Holy Spirit.

1548 Cranmer *Catech.* 140 God the holy gost, is the commen sanctifier or halower, of all theim that haue a true faithe in God. 1612 R. Sheldon *Serm. St. Martin's* 50 God the Dignifier, the Sanctifier, and Beautifier of the sacrifice. *a* 1768 Secker *Serm.* iii. (1770) I. 53 The Duties ..which we owe to God, as the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; to his Son, as our Redeemer; to his blessed Spirit, as our Sanctifier. 1875 Manning *Mission Holy Ghost* i. 2 God the Holy Ghost is the Sanctifier.

2. *occas.* Something that sanctifies.

1753 Richardson *Grandison* (1754) III. i. 1 Self..is a very wicked thing; a sanctifier..of actions, which, in others, we should have no doubt to condemn. 1829 E. Bather *Serm.* II. 147 A great sweetener and a great sanctifier of your toil it shall be to you.

Sanctify (sæŋktifəi), *v.* Forms: 4 **seintefie**, 5 **seintifie, sayntifie, -efy, (6 santifye, -yfy)**; 5 **saynctyfy, 6 sainctify**; 5–7 **sanctifie**, 5–6 **sanctyfy**, 6– **sanctify.** [ME. *seintefie*, etc., later (after Latin) *sanctifie*, a. OF. *saintifier* (12th c.), *sant-, sanctifier*, etc., ad. eccl. L. *sanctificāre* to make holy or treat as holy, to sanctify, consecrate, dedicate, f. L. *sanctus* holy: see -fy.]

† **1.** *trans.* To set apart religiously for an office or function; to consecrate (a king, etc.). *Obs.*

1390 Gower *Conf.* III. 234 Bot yit a kinges hihe astat, Which of his ordre as a prelat Schal ben enoignt and seintefied. 1413 *Pilgr. Sowle* (Caxton 1483) v. vi. 99 He hath blessyd and saynctyfyed a newe precious plante that is comen of theyr lyne and descendyd fro the stock of danyd. 1526 Tindale *John* x. 36 Saye ye then to hym, whom the father hath sanctified [ἡγίασε], and sent into the worlde: Thou blasphemest..? 1597 Shaks. 2 *Hen. IV*, IV. v. 115 Let all the Teares, that should bedew my Hearse Be drops of Balme, to sanctifie thy head. 1660 Jer. Taylor *Worthy Communn.* i. § 3. 59 Thus God sanctified Aaron.

† **2.** To canonize, make a saint of. *Obs.*

1390 Gower *Conf.* III. 317 The feste and the profession.. Was mad with gret solempnete, Where as Diane is seintefied. 1483 Caxton *Gold. Leg.* 427/1 Saint yues was borne in litel britayn..and was reuelyd to his moder in hyr slepe that he shold be sayntefyed. 1529 (implied in Sanctifying *vbl. sb.*). 1631 Weever *Anc. Funeral Mon.* 271 Sanctifying such as did..build them houses.

† **3. a.** To honour as holy; to ascribe holiness to; = Hallow *v.*1 3. *Obs.*

c 1450 Lovelich *Grail* xvi. 292 And Alle the tothere gonnen forth to gon, Cristes Name to sanctefien Anon. 1477 Earl Rivers (Caxton) *Dictes* 35 Pitagoras saide that it is..a noble thing to serue god, & to sayntifie his sainctes

to dispreyse the world [etc.]. 1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 171 Sanctificetur nomen tuum: that is, Sanctifyed be thy name. 1526 Tindale 1 *Pet.* iii. 15 Sanctifie the lorde god in youre hertes. 1582 N. T. (Rhem.) *Matt.* vi. 9 Ovr father which art in heauen, sanctified be thy name [*other versions* hallowed]. 1601 Shaks. *All's Well* III. iv. 11 Whilst I from farre, His name with zealous feruour sanctifie.

b. To manifest (God, his might, etc.) as holy.

1535 Coverdale *Num.* xx. 13 This is yᵉ water of strife, where the children of Israel stroue with the Lorde and he was sanctified vpon them [1611 he was sanctified in them]. 1567 *Gude & Godlie Ball.* (S. T. S.) 116 In all his wayis the Lord is just and rycht, In all his warkis is sanctifyit his mycht. 1611 Bible *Ezek.* xxxvi. 23 And I will sanctifie my great Name which was prophaned among the heathen,.. and the heathen shall know, that I am the Lord,..when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes.

4. To consecrate (a thing); to set apart as holy or sacred.

1483 Caxton *Gold. Leg.* 260 b/2 The ayer and the heuen were puryfyed by thassumpcion of the sowle .. and the water was sayntyfyed by the wasshyng of the body. 1530 Tindale *Prol. Exod.*, Sanctefie, to clense and purifie, to apointe a thinge vnto holie vses and to seperate from vnclene and unholye vses. 1535 Coverdale *Gen.* ii. 3 And [God] blessed the seuenth daye, & sanctified it. *a* 1548 Hall *Chron., Edw. V* 8 b, Which ground was sanctifyed by Sainct Peter him selfe. 1832 W. Palmer *Orig. Liturg.* I. 162 A verbal oblation of the bread and wine, and an invocation of God to send his holy Spirit to sanctify them into the sacraments of Christ's body and blood. 1899 W. M. Ramsay in *Expositor* Nov. 437 The new moon was then declared and sanctified, even though it had not actually been seen and reported by any witnesses.

b. To keep (a day, etc.) holy; to keep or observe as holy. = Hallow *v.*1 4.

1604 R. Cawdrey *Table Alph.*, *Sanctifie*, to make holie, hallowe, or keepe holy. 1709 Abp. Sharp *Serm.* (1754) I. ix. 241 Those men have little or no sense of religion, that make no conscience of sanctifying that day, or that put no difference between it and other days. 1727–41 Chambers *Cycl.* s.v. *Sanctification*, By sanctifying the sabbath, is meant, the spending it in prayer, praise, &c. not in worldly concerns.

5. To make (a person) holy, to purify or free from sin; to cause to undergo sanctification.

1526 Tindale 1 *Cor.* vi. 11 Ye are wesshed: ye are sanctified: ye are iustified [etc.]. 1530 Palsgr. 697/2, I santifye, I halowe, or make holye, *je sanctifie*...We rede in Scripture that some have ben sanctyfyed in their mothers wombes. 1548–9 (Mar.) *Bk. Com. Prayer, Catechism*, God the holy goste, who sanctifyeth me. 1651 Hobbes *Leviath.* III. xxxv. 220 The Elect in the New Testament were said to bee sanctified. 1711 Addison *Spect.* No. 257 ᵖ 8 What Actions can express the entire Purity of Thought which refines and sanctifies a virtuous Mind? 1865 R. W. Dale *Jew. Temple* iii. (1877) 38 It is still true that we need the power of the Holy Ghost to sanctify our hearts.

absol. 1531 Frith *Judgem. Tracy* Wks. (1573) 78/2 S. Paule committeth the power of sanctifying to Christ only. Heb. 2. 1841 Myers *Cath. Th.* IV. § 2. 185 All truth ennobles, and some sanctifies.

b. Chiefly in the Old Testament: To free from ceremonial impurity.

a 1500 in *Tundale's Visions* (1843) 128 Sche of prest halowed and sanctyfyed Retowrned hom all fully puryfyed. 1535 Coverdale *Exod.* xix. 10 Go vnto the people, and sanctifie them today and tomorrow, yᵗ they maye wash their clothes, and be ready agaynst the thirde daye. 1535 — *Num.* xi. 18 Vnto yᵉ people thou shalt saye: Sanctifye youre selues agaynst tomorow, yᵗ ye maye eate flesh. 1611 Bible *Josh.* iii. 5.

6. To render holy, impart sanctity to (a thing, quality, action or condition); to render legitimate or binding by a religious sanction.

? 1402 Quixley *Ball.* xi. in *Yorksh. Arch. Jrnl.* (1908) XX. 45 A wedloke suche was neuer gracieuse, Where god lyst not it to senitifie [sic]. 1526 Tindale 1 *Tim.* iv. 5 For all the creatures of God are good: and nothynge to be refused, yff it be receaved with thankes gevynge: For it is sanctified by the worde of god and prayer. 1597 Shaks. 2 *Hen. IV*, IV. iv. 4 Wee will our Youth lead on to higher Fields, And draw no Swords, but what are sanctify'd. 1700 Dryden *Sigism. & Guisc.* 164 That holy Man, amaz'd at what he saw, Made haste to sanctifie the Bliss by Law. 1718 Pope *Iliad* IX. 223 Yet, more to sanctify the word you send, Let Hoditis and Eurybates attend. 1812 J. Wilson *Isle of Palms* III. 103 The Island Queen becomes thy bride And God and Nature sanctify the vow. 1863 Kinglake *Crimea* (1876) I. iv. 60 Ambition was sanctified by Religion. 1868 M. Pattison *Academ. Org.* v. 320 The Puritans of a former age imagined, that by the employment of Scripture phraseology they sanctified common conversation. 1872 E. W. Robertson *Hist. Ess.* 207 The Church could neither make nor unmake a king, she could only sanctify his election by her benediction.

7. *transf.* To impart real or apparent sacredness to; to entitle to reverence or respect; to give a colour of morality or innocence to; to justify, sanction. Now *rare* or *Obs.*

1606 Shaks. *Tr. & Cr.* III. ii. 190 As true as Troylus, shall crowne vp the Verse, And sanctifie the numbers. 1701 Rowe *Amb. Step-Moth.* I. i. 179 Thy function too will varnish o're our Arts And sanctifie dissembling. 1738 Pope *Epil. Sat.* II. 246 Truth guards the Poet, sanctifies the line. 1749 Johnson *Irene* III. viii, Be virtuous Ends pursued by virtuous Means, Nor think th' Intention sanctifies the Deed. 1774 Burke *Amer. Tax.* Sel. Wks. I. 109 Does not this Letter adopt and sanctify the American distinction of taxing for a revenue? 18.. Bentham *Draught of Code* Wks. 1843 IV. 380 Custom, which sanctifies all absurdities. 1817 Jas. Mill *Brit. Ind.* II. v. vii. 607 If under such circumstances as these a zeal for the Government which he served could sanctify his actions, then may Jefferies be regarded as a virtuous judge. 1818 Scott *Let. to Joanna Baillie* Dec. in *Lockhart*, So let the intention sanctify the error, if there should be one. 1865 Kingsley *Herew.* xxx, And he argued stoutly with St. Peter and with his own conscience, that the means sanctify the end, and that he had done it all for the best.

8. 'To make a means of holiness' (J.); to render productive of or conducive to holiness or spiritual blessing.

1597 Hooker *Eccl. Pol.* v. lx. § 5 The vertues which sanctified those sufferings and made them pretious in Gods sight. 1648 *Eikon Bas.* ii. 8 Those Judgments God hath pleased to send upon Mee, are..a means (I hope) which his mercie hath sanctified so to Mee, as to make Mee repent of that unjust Act. 1662 *Bk. Com. Prayer, Visit. Sick*, Sanctifie, we beseech thee, this thy fatherly correction to him. 1758 S. Hayward *Serm.* i. 8 Sufferings..are sanctified and made a means of preparing for heaven. 1802 Gouv. Morris in Sparks *Life & Writ.* (1832) III. 160 They have made peace, and may the Lord sanctify it to them.

Sanctifying (sæŋktifəi,iŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. Sanctify *v.* + -ing 1.] The action of the verb Sanctify.

1526 Tindale 1 *Thess.* iv. 3 Every one of you shulde knowe howe to kepe his vessel in sanctifyinge and honoure. 1529 More *Dyaloge* II. Wks. 199/2 Though those [saints] bee none whose writing ye wold authorise by their sanctifyeng. 1727–41 Chambers *Cycl.* s.v. *Sanctification*, The sanctifying of the sabbath..is of divine..institution.

Sa·nctifying, *ppl. a.* [f. Sanctify *v.* + -ing 2.] That sanctifies.

1586 Hooker *Serm. on Justif.*, etc. § 3 (1612) 3 There is a glorifying righteousnes of men in the world to come; as there is a iustifying and a sanctifying righteousnes here. 1706 Stanhope *Paraphr.* III. 525 Do not..provoke him to withdraw those sanctifying Graces from you, which are given you as an Earnest of your Salvation at the last Day. 1738 Wesley *Ps.* li. x, But perfectly my Soul renew By sanctifying Love. 1858 Holland *Titcomb's Lett.* iv. 206 Both have been chastened..by a relation as sanctifying as it is sacred. 1886 Welldon *Serm. Harrow* x. (1887) 151 It is to be in the world, yet not of it; to live above it; to let your presence be a sanctifying influence among men.

Hence **Sa·nctifyingly** *adv.*

1847 Bushnell *Chr. Nurt.* viii. (1861) 202 Sanctifyingly touched by his Spirit.

† **Sa·nctiloge.** *Obs. rare.* [After Martilooe: see next.] = next.

1526 R. Whyteford *Martiloge* Pref., And the addicyons for theyr more edificacyon, we gadered out of the sanctiloge, legendarea, catalogo sanctorum. 1608 I. W. *Eng. Martyrol.* Advt. to Rdr., This little worke or Sanctiloge of myne.

Sanctilogy (sæŋktiˈlŏdʒi). *rare.* [f. L. *sancti-, sanctus* Saint, after *martilogium* Martiloge.] A catalogue of saints, or a collection of saints' lives. Cf. Sanctology. 1867 [see Festilogy].

Sanctiloquent (sæŋktiˈlŏkwĕnt), *a. rare.* [f. L. *sancti-, sanctus* holy + *loquent-em*: see Loquent *a.* Cf. eccl. L. *sanctiloquus* speaking holily.] Speaking of or discoursing on holy or sacred things.

1656 Blount *Glossogr.*, *Sanctiloquent*, that speaks holily. 1845 S. Judd *Margaret* II. i, Grown sanctiloquent of late, he always knew how to say the right thing.

Sanctimonial (sæŋktimō·niăl), *sb.* ? *Obs. rare.* [ad. OF. *sanctimoniale*, or directly ad. eccl. L. *sanctimōniāl-is* (Augustine) a nun, subst. use of late L. *sanctimōniālis* holy, pious: see next. Cf. Monial *sb.*] A nun.

1513 Bradshaw *St. Werburge* I. 2594 The hye perfeccyon and proued holynesse Of this pure vyrgyn and sanctymonyall. 1659 H. L'Estrange *Alliance Div. Off.* 265 Women were by women (meaning Diaconisses and Sanctimonials) to be taught. 1694 Motteux *Rabelais* IV. xliii. 169 That is..what our Sanctimonials alias Nuns in their Dialect call ringing backwards. 1838 G. S. Faber *Inquiry* 421 All Religious Orders of Monks and Sanctimonials they reprobated: saying, that They are vain and superfluous.

† **Sanctimo·nial,** *a. rare.* [ad. late L. *sanctimōniāl-is* holy, pious, f. L. *sanctimōnia*: see Sanctimony.] = Sanctimonious 1.

1721 Bailey, *Sanctimonial*, pertaining to Holiness. 1773 J. Ross *Fratricide* III. 12 (MS.) Not such was Abel's sanctimonial pledge, So favour'd at the Altar.

Sanctimonious (sæŋktimō·niəs), *a.* [f. L. *sanctimōnia* Sanctimony + -ous.]

† **1.** Possessing sanctity, holy in character; sacred, holy, consecrated. *Obs.*

1604 Dekker *Honest Wh.* Wks. 1873 II. 58 Thou dost make me violate, The chastest and most sanctimonious vow. 1610 Shaks. *Temp.* IV. i. 16. 1627 Lever *Crucifix* lxxxvi, They gaze upon that sanctimonious tree The Holy Crosse, (O sacred worthinesse!). 1631 Weever *Anc. Funeral Mon.* 281 The sanctimonious puritie of one Odo. *Ibid.* 309 Innested in the sanctimonious robes of a Bishop. 1759 Mason *Caractacus* 35 All that by sage and sanctimonious rites Might of the gods be ask'd, we have essay'd. 1796 Morse *Amer. Geog.* II. 170 [Iona] is still famous for its reliques of sanctimonious antiquity. 1801 J. Jones tr. *Bÿgge's Trav. Fr. Rep.* iii. 43 There were two cloisters. One of those sanctimonious erections was converted into a barrack.

2. Of pretended or assumed sanctity or piety, making a show of sanctity, affecting the appearance of sanctity.

1603 Shaks. *Meas. for M.* I. ii. 7 Thou concludst like the Sanctimonious Pirat, that went to sea with the ten Commandements, but scrap'd one out of the Table. *a* 1652 J. Smith *Sel. Disc.* ii. 30 Easy to be appeased again by some flattering devotions, especially if performed with sanctimonious shows, and a solemn sadness of mind. 1692 R. L'Estrange *Fables* ccclvi. 327 'Tis not a Sanctimonious Pretence..that will serve the Turn. 1744 Akenside *Pleas. Imag.* III. 111 And, bending oft their sanctimonious eyes, Take homage of the simple-minded throng—Ambassadors of Heaven! 1837 Lockhart *Scott* 12 Dec. an. 1796, The sanctimonious air which the murderer maintained during

his trial. 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* iii. I. 400 To that sanctimonious jargon which was his Shibboleth, was opposed another jargon not less absurd and much more odious. 1871 L. STEPHEN *Playgr. Eur.* (1894) iv. III. 237 He informed us that they were a set of sanctimonious humbugs and thieves.

Hence **Sanctimo·niously** *adv.*, **Sanctimo·niousness.**

1622 FLETCHER *Sea Voy.* I. i, Ye know deer Lady..How truly I have lov'd ye, how sanctimoniously Observ'd your honour. 1679 J. GOODMAN *Penit. Pard.* I. ii. (1713) 21 Upon all occasions he exposed the sanctimoniousness of their admired Pharisees. 1771 MRS. GRIFFITH *Hist. Lady Barton* I. 3, I will most sanctimoniously perform my part of the covenant. 1876 MISS BRADDON *J. Haggard's Dau.* II. 94 'Henceforward there is laid up for me a crown of glory'. There was no touch of sanctimoniousness or cant in her utterance of these words, only a childlike and implicit faith.

Sanctimony (sæ·ŋktiməni). [a. OF. *sainct-, sant-, sanctimonie*, ad. L. *sanctimōnia* sacredness, sanctity, virtuousness, f. *sanct-us* holy : see -MONY.]

†**1.** Holiness of life and character; the profession of holiness; religiousness, sanctity. *Obs.*

1540–1 ELYOT *Image Gov.* 102 The chaste liuing, sanctimonie and prudence of our reuerend mother. 1546 COVERDALE *Calvin's Treat. Sacrament* C j, That we be therby more vehementlie stered vp to sanctimonie and puritie of lyfe. 1601 SHAKS. *All's Well* IV. iii. 59 Which holy vndertaking [a pilgrimage], with most austere sanctimonie she accomplisht. 1623 R. CARPENTER *Conscionable Christian* To Rdr. B ij h, The saning power of inward sanctimony.. 1658 W. BURTON *Itin. Anton.* 252 In old times it florished for nothing more then the Sanctimony and learning of the Bishops. 1691 WOOD *Ath. Oxon.* I. 9 For conspicuous Vertue, sanctimony of Life, and acuteness..he was in great renown. 1725 BAILEY *Erasm. Colloq.* (1733) 238 It came into my Mind that, to arrive at universal Holiness all at once, I would take a Journey to the holy Land, and so would return Home with a Back-Load of Sanctimony.

b. Of a writer: Chastity or decorum of expression. *rare*⁻¹. Cf. SANCTITUDE 2.

1829 LANDOR *Imag. Conv., Lucian & Tim.* Wks. 1853 II. 27/1 While I admired, with a species of awe,..the majesty and sanctimony of Livy.

†**2.** Sacredness. *Obs.*

1583 STUBBES *Anat. Abus.* II. (1882) 111 If they should repose any religion, holinesse or sanctimonie in them [*sc.* surplice, tippet, etc.] as the doting Papists doe. 1613 PURCHAS *Pilgrimage* (1614) 321 The Rites are solemnized with greatest Sanctimonie, and Oathes taken of greatest consequence. 1629 WHITELOCKE in Rushw. *Hist. Coll.* (1659) I. 688 Is there such Sanctimony in the place [Parliament], that they may not be questioned for it elsewhere? 1683 *Brit. Spec.* 232 The whole Nation being bound to the Observance of this Law by the Sanctimony of an Oath, the Refusal whereof was made High Treason.

†b. *pl.* Things sacred. *Obs.*

a 1547 *Doctour Doubble Ale* 40 in Hazl. *E. P. P.* III. 304 And so this folish nation Esteme..all dum ceremonies, Before the sanctimonies, Or Christes holy writ.

3. Pretended, affected or hypocritical holiness or saintliness; assumed or outward sanctity.

a 1618 RALEIGH *War* Evij, Questionlesse there was great reason, why all discreet Princes should beware of yeilding hasty beliefe to the Robes of Sanctimonie. 1749–51 LAVINGTON *Enthus. Meth. & Papists* (1829) 319 Various appearances and arts of sanctimony. 1823 H. BELFRAGE *Monitor to Fam.* 241 With the frown of sanctimony on the countenance. 1830 DE QUINCEY *Bentley* Wks. 1863 VI. 69 *note*, This epithet, bestowed playfully upon Whiston by Swift, in ridicule of his sanctimony. 1831 THIRLWALL *Lett.* (1881) I. 102 The *Edinburgh* [Review] which has no great reputation for sanctimony. 1871 R. H. HUTTON *Ess.* I. 290 The hard and false sanctimony of Pharisaism.

¶**4.** App. misused for SANCTIMONIAL *sb.*

1630 RANDOLPH *Aristippus* 26, I haue done as great wonders as these, when I extracted as much chastity from a Sanctimony in the English Nunnery, as cur'd the Pope of his lechery.

Sanction (sæ·ŋkʃən), *sb.* [a. F. *sanction* (16th c.) or ad. L. *sanctiōn-em* action of ordaining as inviolable under a penalty, also a decree or ordinance, n. of action f. *sancīre* to render sacred or inviolable, ordain, decree, ratify.]

1. A law or decree; esp. an ecclesiastical decree. [So L. *sanctio*; cf. F. 'sanctions ou ordonnances ecclesiastiques', 1516 in Godefroy.] *Obs.* exc. *Hist.*

Pragmatic Sanction: see PRAGMATIC A. 1.

1563–87 FOXE *A. & M.* (1596) 5/1 Whereas now both the rule of Scripture, and sanctions of the old councels set aside, all things..are decided by certeine new decretal or rather extra decretal and extravagant constitutions. 1577 HARRISON *England* II. xix. (1877) I. 311 Canutus..did at the last make sundrie sanctions and decrees. 1583 STUBBES *Anat. Abus.* II. (1882) 15 The breach or violation of any humane lawe, ordinance, constitution, statute, or sanction. 1660 JER. TAYLOR *Duct. Dubit.* II. i. rule ix. § 9 But even in this original rule and great sanction God did dispense with the Israelites. 1668 DENHAM *Of Justice* 1 'Tis the first Sanction, Nature gave to Man, Each other to assist in what they can. 1670 *Moral State Eng.* 105 The sanctions and constitutions of his own Nation. 1700 DRYDEN *Cinyras & Myrrha* 97 Secure the sacred Quiet of thy Mind, And keep the Sanctions Nature has design'd. 1706 PHILLIPS (ed. Kersey), *Sanction*, Decree, Ordinance, especially such as relate to Ecclesiastical Affairs; as the Constitution made at the Council of Basil, for the Reformation of the Church. 1725 POPE *Odyss.* I. 107 Bid him..The Sanction of th' assembled pow'rs report: That wise Ulysses to his native land Must speed, obedient to their high command. 1844 S. R. MAITLAND *Dark Ages* 19 The bishop is to appoint priests and other prudent men, skilled in the divine law, and conversant with the ecclesiastical sanctions.

2. *Law.* The specific penalty enacted in order to enforce obedience to a law.

a 1633 AUSTIN *Medit.* (1635) 267 The feare, or Sanction, of the Commandements preserves the Memory of the Law in our hearts. 1671 [R. MACWARD] *True Nonconf.* 316 The sanction and pain of this divine Law being by sin incurred. 1696 STILLINGFL. *Doctr. Christ's Satisfaction* I. Pref. (1697) 15 If there were such a Sanction of the Law, whereby an Obligation to Punishment did follow the Offences forbidden by it. 1736 BUTLER *Anal.* I. ii. 35 If..civil Magistrates could make the Sanctions of their Laws take place, without interposing at all, after they had passed them. *c* 1750 SHENSTONE *Elegies* xxii. 59 When savage robbers every sanction brave. *c* 1765 BURKE *On Popery Laws* Wks. IX. 338 The mode of conviction is as extraordinary as the penal sanctions of this Act. 1781 COWPER *Truth* 553 He gives a perfect rule..And guards it with a sanction as severe As vengeance can inflict, or sinners fear. 1821 J. Q. ADAMS in C. Davies *Metr. Syst.* III. (1871) 278 To require, under suitable sanctions that all the weights and measures .. should be conformable to the national standards. 1829 MACAULAY *Mill on Govt.* in *Edin. Rev.* Mar. 187 The fear of death..is the most formidable sanction which legislators have been able to devise. 1832 AUSTIN *Jurispr.* (1873) I. 92 The evil which will probably be incurred in case a command be disobeyed..is frequently called a *sanction*, or an *enforcement of obedience*. 1844 GLADSTONE *Glean.* V. liii. 122 [In the Bible] it is declared under the most awful Sanctions, that God will not endure that his honour shall be given to another. 1845 POLSON in *Encycl. Metrop.* II. 733/2 Sanctions of the Law of Nations...These sanctions..may..be reduced to two classes:—(1) Reprisals...(2) War. 1875 MAINE *Hist. Inst.* ii. 39 Another example..of the want or weakness of the sanction in the Brehon law.

b. Extended to include the provision of rewards for obedience, along with punishments for disobedience, to a law (*remuneratory*, as distinguished from *vindicatory* or *punitive*, *sanction*).

1692 TYRRELL tr. *Cumberland's Law Nat.* iii. § 13. 126 The strictest Sanction which any Soveraign Power can give unto its Laws, is, when it..hath.. declared, That it will conferr a sufficient share of good Things, or Rewards, for so doing; and of Evils, or Punishments, upon any breach, or neglect of its Commands. 1727 J. MAXWELL tr. *Cumberland's Laws Nat.* v. § 35. 247 A Law is a practical Proposition concerning the Prosecution of the Common Good, guarded by the Sanction of Rewards and Punishments. 1765 BLACKSTONE *Comm.* I. 56 Human legislators have for the most part chosen to make the sanction of their laws rather *vindicatory* than *remuneratory*. 1825 WHATELY *Ess. Pecul. Chr. Relig.* i. 44 The temporal sanctions of the [Mosaic] law, the plenty and famine, the victory and defeat. 1845 R. JEBB in *Encycl. Metrop.* II. 686/1 We feel fully warranted in classing rewards amongst legal sanctions.

c. The part or clause of a law which declares the penalty attached to infringement. Similarly in a charter (see quot. 1844). [So L. *sanctio.*] *Obs.* exc. *Hist.*

1651 BAXTER *Inf. Bapt.* 175 The Law hath two parts, the mandate and the sanction. 1765 BLACKSTONE *Comm.* I. 54 The sanction, or vindicatory branch of the law; whereby it is signified what evil or penalty shall be incurred by such as commit any public wrongs, and transgress or neglect their duty. 1844 LINGARD *Anglo-Sax. Ch.* (1858) II. App. H. 369 The sanction or close of the charter in these instruments is almost always the same, at least in substance—a sort of blessing promised to those who observe the grant, and of imprecation against those who break it.

3. *Ethics.* A consideration which operates to enforce obedience to any law or rule of conduct; a recognized motive for conformity to moral or religious law, operating either through the agent's desire for some resultant good or through his fear of some resultant evil.

As a technical term of Ethics, the word is favoured by the Utilitarians. For the classification of the different 'sanctions' see quots. 1780 and 1887. The sanction of law in the strict sense (see 2 above) is distinguished as 'legal' or 'political'. Bentham's 'moral sanction' corresponds to the 'social sanction' of other writers.

1681 S. PARKER *Demonstr. Law Nat.* 72 The most powerfull and effectual Sanction in the World, *viz.* the Pleasures or Torments of Conscience. 1754 RICHARDSON *Grandison* VI. xix. 90 Religious zeal is a strengthener, a confirmer, of all the social sanctions. 1758 R. PRICE (*title*) A Review of the principal Questions and Difficulties in Morals. Particularly Those relating to the Original of our Ideas of Virtue, its Nature, Foundation, Reference to the Deity, Obligation, Subject-matter and Sanctions. 1780 BENTHAM *Princ. Legisl.* iii. § 2 There are four distinguishable sources from which pleasure and pain are in use to flow: considered separately, they may be termed the *physical*, the *political*, the *moral*, and the *religious*: and inasmuch as the pleasures and pains belonging to each of them are capable of giving a binding force to any law or rule of conduct, they may all of them be termed *sanctions*. 1794 PALEY *Evid.* II. ii. (1817) 55 To supply what was much more wanting than lessons of morality, stronger moral sanctions, and clearer assurances of a future judgement. 1817 JAS. MILL *Brit. India* II. v. ix. 709 The undivided reputation of good measures, the undivided ignominy of bad, redounded to the Court of Directors. The great sanction of public opinion therefore acted upon them with concentrated energy. 1861 MILL *Utilit.* iii. 39 With regard to any supposed moral standard—what is its sanction? what are the motives to obey it? 1874 SIDGWICK *Meth. Ethics* II. v. (1890) 164 These 'sanctions' we may classify as External and Internal. The former class will include both 'Legal Sanctions'.. and 'Social Sanctions'. 1887 FOWLER *Princ. Morals* II. iii. 144 Physical sanctions are the pleasures and pains which follow naturally on the observance or violation of physical laws, the sanctions employed by society are praise and blame, the moral sanctions..are..the approval and disapproval of conscience; lastly, the religious sanctions are either the fear of future punishment, and the hope of future reward, or, to the higher religious sense, simply the love of God, and the dread of displeasing Him. 1896 'M. FIELD' *Attila* IV. 102 For he rejects our sanctions, he is bound By nothing we are bound by.

4. Binding force given to an oath; something which makes an oath or engagement binding; †a solemn oath or engagement.

1611 B. JONSON *Catiline* I. C 4 There cannot be A fitter drinke, to make this Sanction in. Here I beginne the Sacrament to all. *a* 1745 SWIFT *Serm., Testimony Consc.*, This Word [honour] is often made the Sanction of an Oath; it is reckoned a great Commendation to be a Man of strict Honour. 17..tr. *Rollin's Anc. Hist.* III. ii. (ed. 5, 1768) II. 28 [Sennacherib] The Assyrian, regarding neither the sanction of oaths nor treaties, still continued the war. 1817 SHELLEY *Rev. Islam* x. xxix, We swear by thee! and to our oath do thou Give sanction, from thine hell of fiends and flame. 1869 FREEMAN *Norm. Conq.* III. xii. 242 When he knew by how awful a sanction he had unwittingly bound his soul.

5. The action of rendering legally authoritative or binding; solemn confirmation or ratification given to a law, enactment, etc. by a supreme authority.

1658 PHILLIPS, *Sanction*, a decreeing, enacting, or establishing, any Law or Ordinance. 1660 JER. TAYLOR *Duct. Dubit.* II. i. rule i. § 41 It became a law only by the authority and proper sanction of God. *c* 1680 BEVERIDGE *Serm.* (1729) I. 85 All which laws have their..sanction from the supreme lawgiver. 1699 T. BAKER *Refl. Learn.* xiv. 167 As to Lancelottus's Book of Institutes, which Dr. Duck seems to make a part of the Corpus, he is therein mistaken, for wanting Sanction and Authority, it is only yet a private work. 1784 COWPER *Epist. Jos. Hill* 57 Could a law like that which I relate Once have the sanction of our triple state? 1838 THIRLWALL *Greece* IV. xxxii. 221 It even appears that a decree might be first moved in the Assembly, and then be sent up to receive the formal sanction of the Council, which could not be withheld. 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* i. I. 85 The day on which the royal sanction was, after many delays, solemnly given to this great Act, was a day of joy and hope. 1875 MAINE *Hist. Inst.* ii. 27 Thus when a body of Brehon judgments was promulgated by an Irish chief to a tribal assembly it is probable that convenience was the object sought rather than a new sanction.

6. An express authoritative permission or recognition (e. g. of an action, procedure, custom, institution, etc.).

1720 POPE *Iliad* XVII. 246 Then with his sable Brow he gave the Nod, That seals his Word; the Sanction of the God. 1749 SMOLLETT *Regicide* I. i. (1777) 7 And implore A parent's sanction to support my claim. 1769 *Junius Lett.* viii. (1788) 63 You pardon the offence, and are not ashamed to give the sanction of government to the riots you complain of. 1774 BURKE *Sp. Amer. Tax.* Sel. Wks. I. 95 He will permit me to apply myself to the House under the sanction of his authority. 1798 S. & HT. LEE *Canterb. T., Yng. Lady's T.* II. 103 [He] told her, this experiment had not only his sanction, but warmest approbation. 1813 SHELLEY *Q. Mab* II. 157 But what was he who taught them that the God Of nature and benevolence hath given A special sanction to the trade of blood? 1845 STEPHEN *Comm. Laws Eng.* (1874) I. 108 The mother country..had never hesitated to lend her sanction to that iniquitous method of cultivation. 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* vi. II. 77 He had caused it to be announced that, at every church in the kingdom, a collection would be made under his sanction for their benefit. *Ibid.* ix. 441 He could not make a descent on England without the sanction of the United Provinces. 1883 SIR W. B. BRETT in *Law Rep.* 11 Q. B. Div. 561 The trustee may, with the sanction of a special resolution of the creditors, accept any composition offered by the bankrupt.

b. *fig.* Now also in looser sense, countenance or encouragement given (intentionally or otherwise) to an opinion or practice by a person of influence, by custom, public sentiment, etc.

1738 SWIFT *Pol. Conversat.* Introd. 34 Authentick Expressions, I mean, such as must receive a Sanction from the polite World, before their Authority can be allowed. 1756 C. LUCAS *Ess. Waters* III. 112 The multitude gave fiction the sanction of authority. 1774 PENNANT *Tour Scot. in* 1772, 298 Such length of time does it require to root out follies that have the sanction of antiquity. 1841 MYERS *Cath. Th.* III. § 24. 87 This testimony, as popularly interpreted, does present great appearance of sanction to some of the views which are discountenanced in these Pages. 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* vii. II. 183 Religion gave her sanction to that intense and unquenchable animosity. 1852 CONYBEARE & HOWSON *St. Paul* (1862) I. vii. 213 His behaviour was giving a strong sanction to the very heresy which was threatening the existence of the Church.

7. Something which serves to support, authorize, or confirm an action, procedure, etc.

1728 YOUNG *Love Fame* V. 154 We grant that beauty is no bar to sense, Nor is't a sanction for impertinence. 1856 PATMORE *Angel in Ho.* II. II. iv, The wedded yoke that each had donned, Seeming a sanction, not a bond. 1863 KINGLAKE *Crimea* (1876) I. iv. 60 To a cause having all these sanctions the voice of prophecy could not be wanting.

†b. A recommendation or testimonial. *Obs.*

1791 BOSWELL *Johnson* Advt., What reason I had to hope for the countenance of that venerable Gentleman to this Work, will appear from what he wrote to me upon a former occasion...Such a sanction to my faculty of giving a just representation of Dr. Johnson I could not conceal. 1813 C. MARSHALL *Garden.* (ed. 5) Pref., The author..thinks it [*read* he] is but doing himself justice by republishing the following sanctions, as they occurred on the first Edition.

¶**8.** Assurance of protection under the laws of hospitality. (Confused with *sanctuary*?) *rare*⁻¹.

1754 RICHARDSON *Grandison* II. xlv. (III. xiii), I cannot forgive myself—To suffer myself to be provoked by two such men, to violate the sanction of my own house!

Sanction (sæ·ŋkʃən), *v.* [f. prec. sb. Cf. F. *sanctionner* (18th c.).] *trans.* To give sanction to.

1. To ratify or confirm by sanction or solemn enactment; to invest with legal or sovereign authority; to make valid or binding.

1778 JEFFERSON *Autobiog.* App., Wks. 1859 I. 146 Preserving ..the very words of the established law, wherever their mean-

ing had been sanctioned by judicial decisions. 1784 COWPER *Task* v. 548 That charter sanction'd sure By th' unimpeachable and awful oath And promise of a God! 1791 BURKE *App. Whigs* 12 Tests against old principles, sanctioned by the laws. 1823 J. MARSHALL *Const. Opin.* (1839) 284 The titles held under the Indians were sanctioned by length of possession. 1838 PRESCOTT *Ferd. & Is.* I. iii. I. 182 They entered into a covenant sanctioned by all the solemnities of religion usual on these occasions, not to re-enter [etc.].

2. To permit authoritatively; to authorize; in looser use, to countenance, encourage by express or implied approval.

1797 MRS. RADCLIFFE *Italian* viii, My own voice never shall sanction the evils to which I may be subjected. 1798 FERRIAR *Of Genius* in *Illustr. Sterne*, etc. 286 Such a preference ought not to be sanctioned by philosophers. 1807–26 S. COOPER *First Lines Surg.* (ed. 5) 416 The employment of bandages in these cases is sanctioned by high authorities. 1812 H. & J. SMITH *Rej. Addr.* v, Nor..will I ever sanction a theatre with my presence. 1836 J. GILBERT *Chr. Atonem.* Notes (1852) 366 These statements are sanctioned by common sense. 1840 MACAULAY *Ess., Clive* P 121 (1897) 536 The Directors..were not disposed to sanction any increase of the salaries out of their own treasury. 1844 H. H. WILSON *Brit. India* I. viii. I. 499 The system of commerce and administration which had been sanctioned by the existing charter. 1857 GLADSTONE *Gleanings* VI. xii. 73 Etymologically it is not tied to the one rather than the other sense; and usage will sanction either. 1865 GROTE *Plato* I. v. 190 Positions..which the dialogues themselves do not even sanction, much less suggest. 1908 *Q. Rev.* Oct. 329 He renounced on principle..large profits sanctioned by usage.

b. To allege sanction for; to justify as permissible.

1876 L. STEPHEN *Eng. Th. in 18th C.* I. § 21 I. 21 If Spinoza and Hobbes were accused of Atheism, each of them sanctioned his speculations by the sacred name of theology.

3. To enforce (a law, legal obligation, etc.) by attaching a penalty to transgression. Cf. SANCTION *sb.* 2, 2 b.

1825 WHATELY *Ess. Pecul. Chr. Relig.* i. 45 The temporal rewards and punishments..which sanctioned that Law. 1832 AUSTIN *Jurispr.* (1873) I. 92 The command or the duty is said to be sanctioned or enforced by the chance of incurring the evil. *Ibid.* 522 Laws are sometimes sanctioned by nullities.

Sanctionable (sæ·ŋkʃənăb'l), *a. rare.* [f. SANCTION *v.* + -ABLE.] That may be sanctioned.

In recent Dicts.

Sanctional (sæ·ŋkʃənăl), *a. rare.* [f. SANCTION *sb.* + -AL.] 'Of or pertaining to sanction or sanctioning' (*Funk's Standard Dict.* 1895).

Sanctionary (sæ·ŋkʃənări), *a. rare.* [f. SANCTION *sb.* + -ARY 1.] Relating to sanctions (see SANCTION *sb.* 1).

1845 R. BALMER *Lect. & Disc.* I. x. 403 The Son of God has so satisfied the preceptive and sanctionary demands of the violated law of God. 1850 J. BROWN *Disc. & Sayings of our Lord* (1852) I. 30 Such suffering..signally honoured the sanctionary part of the divine law.

Sanctionative (sæ·ŋkʃənătiv), *a. Law.* [f. SANCTION *sb.* + -ATIVE.] Pertaining to sanctioning.

c 1832 AUSTIN *Jurispr.* (1873) I. 389 Rights of Action are classed with Obligations; whilst obligations to suffer punishment (which are not more sanctionative than the former), are referred..to Public Law. *Ibid.* II. 947 If this be so, quasi-delicts should be classed with 'Sanctionative Rights and Obligations'. 1875 POSTE *Gaius* I. Comm. (ed. 2) 140 As women were capable of admoistration, the functions of the guardian, which in the case of infants were either administrative or sanctionative, in the case of women were confined to sanctioning.

Sanctioned (sæ·ŋkʃənd), *ppl. a.* [f. SANCTION *v.* + -ED 1.]

1. Allowed by authority; that has received sanction or solemn recognition.

1799 GEO. [IV] *Let.* 7 Jan. in *Paget Papers* (1896) I. 149 So long as you are to be one of the sanctioned Spies, & hidden lamps of Lord Grenville. 1832 tr. *Sismondi's Ital. Rep.* v. 109 Their lives, too, sometimes endangered by sanctioned robbers, under the pretext of repressing usury. 1833 J. H. NEWMAN *Arians* I. iii. (1876) 41 On these academical bodies, as subsidiary to the divinely-sanctioned system, devolved the defence and propagation of the faith. 1888 *Pall Mall G.* 25 Sept. 11/2 The total sanctioned mileage open and under construction was 26,870 miles.

2. *Law.* Of a right: Defined or created by a sanction antecedently to any wrong. Cf. SANCTIONING *ppl. a.* 2.

c 1832 AUSTIN *Jurispr.* (1873) II. 707 Primary (or sanctioned) Rights and Obligations distinguished from sanctioning. 1875 POSTE *Gaius* I. Introd. (ed. 2) 4 Sanctioned, or primary, or final rights, are such rights as exist antecedently to any Wrong, rights whose Title or origin from which they spring, ..is some circumstance other than a Wrong.

3. *Roman Law.* Used to translate L. *sanctus* 'inviolable'.

1875 POSTE *Gaius* II. § 8 Sanctioned places are to a certain extent under divine dominion, such as city gates [etc.].

Sanctioner (sæ·ŋkʃənəɹ). [f. SANCTION *v.* + -ER 1.] One who sanctions.

1846 GROTE *Greece* I. I. i. 9 Horkos, the ever-watchful sanctioner of oaths. *a* 1890 CHURCH *Oxford Movement* xvii. (1891) 305 He [W. G. Ward] admitted that he *did* evade the spirit, but accepted the 'statements of the Articles', maintaining that this was the intention of their original sanctioners.

Sanctioning, *ppl.a.* [f. SANCTION *v.* + -ING 2.]

1. That sanctions or authorizes.

1829 CARLYLE *Misc.* (1857) II. 51 What they call 'Honour', the sanctioning deity of which is that wonderful 'Force of Public Opinion'. 1868 GEO. ELIOT *Sp. Gypsy* IV. 305 Their keen love of family and tribe Shall no more thrive on cunning, bide and lurk In petty arts of abject hunted life, But grow heroic in the sanctioning light. 1880 G. MEREDITH *Tragic Com.* (1881) 87 They meet beneath the sanctioning roof of the amiable professor.

2. *Law.* Of a right: Creating or providing a sanction; arising as a consequence of a delict or wrong. Cf. SANCTIONED *ppl. a.* 2.

1832 AUSTIN *Jurispr.* (1873) I. 45 Rights and duties which are consequences of delicts, are *sanctioning* (or preventive) and *remedial* (or reparative). *Ibid.* II. 790 Those [rights and duties] which I call secondary or sanctioning (I style them sanctioning because their proper purpose is to prevent delicts or offences) arise from violations of other rights and duties, or from injuries, delicts, or offences.

Sanctionless, *a.* [f. SANCTION *sb.* + -LESS.] Having no sanction or legal penalty attached.

1875 POSTE *Gaius* I. (ed. 2) 126 Consuetudinary law..inflicted positive sanctions on acts that originally had only been prohibited by the sanctionless law of honour.

Sanctionment. *rare.* [f. SANCTION *v.* + -MENT.] The action of sanctioning.

1801–12 BENTHAM *Ration. Judic. Evid.* (1827) III. 403 Securities for trustworthiness [of evidence], viz. sanctionment, or interrogation, one or both of them. 1818 — *Ch. Eng.* 112 Appropriate sanctionment given to each of these sorts of acts respectively.

Sanctitude (sæ·ŋktitiūd). [ad. L. *sanctitūdo*, f. *sancti-*, *sanctus* holy: see -TUDE.]

1. The quality of being holy or saint-like; holiness, sanctity. Now *rare.*

c 1450 HOLLAND *Howlat* 96 Be the rud I am richt rad For to behald 3our halyness, or my tale tell; I may nocht suffyss to se 3our sanctitud sad. 1535 STEWART *Cron. Scot.* (Rolls) II. 682 Insufficient I am for to discrywe Hir sanctitude, and eik hir halie lyfe. 1616 *Marlowe's Faust.* (1631) E 1, *Pope*... Finde the man that doth this villany, Or by our sanctitude ye all shall dye! 1667 MILTON *P. L.* IV. 293 In thir looks Divine The image of thir glorious Maker shon, Truth, Wisdom, Sanctitude severe and pure. 1738 H. BROOKE *Tasso* II. 26 For ill the Wizard's pedant Arts retain That Sanctitude which Macon's Laws ordain, Whose Tenets, all replete with Lore divine, Prohibit Idols from his hallow'd Shrine. 1824 LANDOR *Imag. Conv., Johnson & Horne Tooke* Wks. 1846 I. 153 The sanctitude of Milton's genius gave it [sc. our language] support until the worst of French invasions overthrew it. 1825 SCOTT *Betrothed* xviii, Whether he goes to the Crusade or abides at home, the character of Hugh Lacy will remain as unimpeached in point of courage as that of the Archbishop Baldwin in point of sanctitude. 1870–4 J. THOMSON *City Dreadf. Nt.*, etc. (1880) 65 Through rhythmic years evolving like a psalm Of infinite love and faith and sanctitude.

† **b.** *pl.* (as attribute of more than one.) *Obs.*

1552 LYNDESAY *Monarche* 5862 That day, 3our faynit Sanctytudis Sall nocht be knawin be 3our Hudis.

2. = SANCTIMONY 1 b. *rare.*

1855 LANDOR *Imag. Conv., Pollio & Calvus* II. Wks. 1891 II. 122 [Sallust.] His manners ill corresponded with the austerity and sanctitude of his style.

Sanctity (sæ·ŋktĭti). Forms: 4–5 saunctito, sauntito, saintite, 6 sainctite, santytie, 6–7 sanctitie, 7– sanctity. [a. OF. *saint-, sainctelé, -ité*, mod.F. *sainteté* (= Prov. *sanctitat, sanctetat*, Catal. *santetad*, Sp. *santitad*, Pg. *santidade*, It. *santità, -ade, -ate*), ad. L. *sanctitās, -tātem*, f. *sancti-, sanctus* holy: see -ITY.]

1. Holiness of life, saintliness. *Odour of sanctity*: see ODOUR 5.

The phr. *sanctity of manners* was common in the 18th c.

c 1394 *P. Pl. Crede* 105 Of all men opon mold we Menures most schewep pe pure Apostells life wip penance on erpe, And suen hem in saunctite & suffren well harde. *a* 1400 *Minor Poems fr. Vernon MS.* 54/98 Heil temple of grace most, Temple of Sauntite [*templum sanctitatis*]. 1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 201 b, For otherwyse myght God neuer be conceyued than in purite & sanctite. 1532 MORE *Confut. Tindale* Wks. 357/2 But wouide God they would ones rather folow him truely in faith & good workes, then in simulacion of like santytie with their holy salutacions. 1600 SHAKS. *A. Y. L.* III. iv. 14 His kissing is as ful of sanctitie, As the touch of holy bread. 1616 R. C. *Times' Whistle*, etc. (1871) 141 Puritanes..by whose apparant shew Of sanctity doe greatest evils grow. 1651 HOBBES *Leviath.* II. xxvi. 148 From seeing the Extraordinary sanctity of his life. 1686 tr. *Bouhours' St. Ignatius* VI. 402 Illustrious for his Saintity, his Miracles, and for his Zeal. 1711 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 349 P 8 One who does not resemble him [Sir T. More] as well in the Chearfulness of his Temper, as in the Sanctity of Life and Manners. 1780 COWPER *Progr. Err.* 116 The master of the pack Cries—Well done, saint! and claps him on the back. Is this the path of sanctity? Is this To stand a way-mark in the road to bliss? 1784 — *Task* III. 260 Fam'd For sanctity of manners undefil'd. 1790 BURKE *Fr. Rev.* 216 A few of them [bishops] were men of eminent sanctity. 1855 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* XVI. III. 697 He committed this base action with all the forms of sanctity. 1877 FROUDE *Short Stud.* (1883) IV. I. iii. 34 Alexander had no liking for Becket..and had no belief in the lately assumed airs of sanctity.

personified. 1611 SHAKS. *Wint. T.* III. iii. 23 In pure white Robes Like very sanctity she did approach My Cabine.

b. *pl.*

1597 SHAKS. 2 *Hen. IV*, IV. ii. 21 The very Opener, and Intelligencer, Betweene the Grace, the Sanctities of Heauen, And our dull workings. 1820 LAMB *Elia* Ser. I. *Oxford in Vac.*, The coalition of the better Jude with Simon—clubbing (as it were) their sanctities together, to make up one poor gaudy-day between them. 1856 EMERSON *Eng. Traits, Relig.* Wks. (Bohn) II. 96 The priest translated the.. sanctities of the old hagiology into English virtues.

c. The rank of a (canonized) saint. *rare.*

1855 MILMAN *Lat. Chr.* XIV. ii. VI. 418 Saints at length multiplying thus beyond measure, the Pope assumed the prerogative of advancing to the successive ranks of Beatitude and Sanctity.

2. The quality of being sacred or hallowed; sacredness, claim to (religious) reverence; inviolability.

1601 SHAKS. *Twel. N.* III. iv. 395 This youth that you see heere, I snatch'd one halfe ont of the iawes of death, Releen'd him with such sanctitie of lone. 1611 BIBLE 2 *Macc.* iii. 12 The maiestie and inniolable sanctitie of the Temple, honoured oner all the world. 1665 DRYDEN & HOWARD *Ind. Queen* III. i, Princes are sacred. *Zemp.* True, whilst they are free; But Power once lost, farewel their Sanctity. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* VIII. 487 On she came, Led by her Heav'nly Maker, though unseen, And guided by his voice, nor uninformd Of nuptial Sanctitie and marriage Rites. 1757 BURKE *Abridgm. Eng. Hist.* Wks. X. 216 The idea of sanctity, which the Britains, by a long course of hereditary reverence, had annexed to that island. 1774 GOLDSM. *Nat. Hist.* (1776) I. 211 It [the Ganges] is not only esteemed by the Indians for the depth, and pureness of its stream, but for a supposed sanctity which they believe to be in its waters. 1821 LAMB *Elia* Ser. I. *Imperf. Sympathies*, His affirmations have the sanctity of an oath. 1856 STANLEY *Sinai & Pal.* V. (1858) 240 Gerizim, the oldest sanctuary in Palestine, retained its sanctity to the end. 1865 LUBBOCK *Preh. Times* 52 Stonehenge was at one time a spot of great sanctity. 1888 D. C. MURRAY *Weaker Vessel* I. xiii. 208 We have grown quite accustomed nowadays to the invasion of what used to be called the sanctity of private life.

b. *pl.* Sacred obligations, feelings, etc.; also quasi-*concr.*, objects possessing sanctity.

1808 WORDSW. *White Doe* V. 1295 Bear it to Bolton Priory, And lay it on Saint Mary's shrine; To wither in the sun and breeze 'Mid those decaying sanctities. 1849 ROBERTSON *Serm.* Ser. IV. xvi. (1876) 210 Christian love which dreads to tamper with the sanctities of a brother's conscience. *a* 1890 CHURCH *Oxf. Movemt.* iii. (1891) 41 He saw in it [Milton's poetry] only an intrusion into the most sacred of sanctities. 1894 H. DRUMMOND *Ascent Man* 330 Woman completes her destiny by occupying herself with the industries and sanctities of the home.

3. = HOLINESS 2. *rare.*

1633 T. STAFFORD *Pac. Hib.* II. vii. (1821) 314 The petition to the Popes sanctitie. 1897 *Daily Record* 21 Sept. 5/1 An encyclical from the Armenian Patriarch was read, in which his Sanctity exhorts the faithful to continue faithful to the Sultan.

† **Sa·nctize,** *v. Obs. rare* −1. [f. L. *sanct-us* holy + -IZE.] *trans.* To make holy, sanctify.

1691 SIR P. KING *Worship Prim. Ch.* (1712) 119 But not attributing unto them any such Holiness as to Sanctise those Services that were performed in them.

Sancto·logy. *rare.* [f. L. *sanct-us* SAINT + -(O)LOGY.] = SANCTILOGY. Hence **Sancto·logist,** the compiler of a 'sanctology'.

1824 G. CHALMERS *Caledonia* III. 167 The sanctologies do not recognize such a saint; and we must look for some other Osbern, though of less sanctity. *Ibid.* 192 St. Marjorie is not mentioned by the Sanctologists.

† **Sanctoral.** *Obs.* Anglicized form of next.

1641 R. B. K. *Parall. Liturgy w. Mass-Bk.*, etc. 86 This abhominable Masse hath three parts; The Ordinary..: The Temporall..: The Sanctorall.

‖ **Sanctorale** (sæŋktorē·lĭ,-ā·lĕ). *Eccl.* [med.L. *sanctorāle*, f. *sanct-us* SAINT, after TEMPORALE. Cf. Sp. *santoral.*] That part of the breviary and missal which contains the offices proper for saints' days.

1872 SHIPLEY *Gloss. Eccl. Terms* s. v. *Temporale*, The temporale..as opposed to the sanctorale..which treats of the Saints' days. 1905 M. RULE in *Athenæum* 7 Jan. 20/1 The Sanctorale of the Canterbury Missal.

Sanctorian (sæŋktō·rĭăn), *a.* [f. mod.L. *Sanctōri-us* (It. *Santorio*), a Venetian physician (1561–1636): see -AN.] Of or pertaining to Sanctorius, who made experiments and calculations on insensible perspiration by means of a 'statical chair'. **Sanctorian perspiration,** insensible perspiration, first discovered by Sanctorius. **Sanctorian table,** a register of the quantities of perspiration, etc.

For earlier references to the experiments of Sanctorius (not containing this adj.) see 1663 BOYLE *Usef. Exp. Nat. Philos.* II. iv. 116 and 1711 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 25 P 2.

1740 CHEYNE *Regimen* p. liii, To try, by a Sanctorian Chair, the Quantity and Quality of those Foods that perspire the most and soonest. 1743 LINING in *Phil. Trans.* XLIII. 318 Two Columns in my Sanctorian Tables, where I have daily supposed the Ingesta to be 100 Ounces. 1744 tr. *Boerhaave's Inst.* III. 306 Through these [vessels] is perpetually transpired a very subtle Humour from every Point of the Body, called from its Inventor the Sanctorian Perspiration. 1774 GOLDSM. *Nat. Hist.* (1824) I. 219 *note*, From this experiment also, the learned may gather upon what a weak foundation the whole doctrine of the Sanctorian perspiration is built. 1849–52 *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* IV. 842/1 Sanctorius..made lengthened experiments on perspiration. The insensible perspiration has..been termed 'Sanctorian' in honour of him.

Sancto·rium. *rare* −1. [quasi-Latin, irreg. f. L. *sanctus* SAINT *sb.*1 + -ORIUM.] A shrine.

1816 KEATINGE *Trav.* I. 326 Edriss,..the great saint of the Moors,..fled hither, and a sanctorium to his memory is now extant..near Fez, which..was founded by this sect.

† **Sancto·rum.** ?*jocular. Obs.* [a. L. *sanctōrum*, gen. pl. of *sanctus* holy, SAINT.] **a.** ? Persons of superior rank. **b.** quasi-*adj.* Irreproachable.

1675 A. HUYBERTS *Corner-Stone* 19 The Sanctorum must not be made too common, nor the Commons be over-stock't. 1824 in *Spirit Publ. Jrnls.* (1825) 395 An age like this,..So bright its magisterial quorum, Its kings so holy in alliance, Its navy, every man sanctorum.

Sanctuaried (sæŋktiu,ărĭd), *a. rare.* [f. SANCTUARY *sb.*1 + -ED 2.] That is made, or that contains, a sanctuary.

1852 *Meanderings of Mem.* I. 175 If a thought Should cream the blood in sanctuaried court. 1897 F. THOMPSON *New Poems* 26 In the sanctuaried East.

‖**Sanctua·rium.** *rare.* [L.] = SANCTUARY *sb.*[1] 2.

1796 *Mod. Gulliver's Trav.* 67 He knew me, so without ringing or inquiry, opened the portal of the sanctuarium.

Sanctuarize (sæŋktiŭărəiz), *v. rare.* [f. SANCTUAR(Y *sb.*[1] + -IZE.] *trans.* To afford sanctuary to; to shelter by means of a sanctuary or sacred privileges.

1602 SHAKS. *Ham.* IV. vii. 128 *Laer.* To cut his throat i' th' Church. *Kin.* No place indeed should murder Sanctuarize; Reuenge should haue no bounds. 1609 SIR E. HOBY *Let. to T. H[iggons]* 15 The Jesuites, you knew, were no ordinary guls, and therfore, if you ment to be Sanctuarised by them, it lay you in hand first, *Audere aliquid carcere dignum*, to ascertaine them by some audacious proiect, of your future fidelitie. 1829 JAMES *Richelieu* XXXV, 'Were he charged with all the crimes which disgrace humanity,' replied the hishop, 'here he is sanctuarized.'

Sanctuary (sæŋktiuări), *sb.*[1] Forms: 4–6 saint-, saynt-, seint-, seyntuary(e, -uarie, -(e)warie, -wary(e, (4 seyntiwarie, 5 sceyntewarye, seyntery); 4–6 sentuary(e, -uarie, -wary, (6 senttuary, centuary, sentory, centory, cent(e)ry); 6 santuary; 5–7 saincturie, -uary; 4–7 sanctuarye, 4– sanctuary. [a. OF. *sain(c)tuarie*, *sain(c)tuaire* (whence the form SAINTUAIRE), mod.F. *sanctuaire* (=Pr. *sanctuari*, Cat. *santuari*, Sp., Pg., It. *santuario*), semi-pop. ad. L. *sanctuārium*, app. irreg. f. *sanct-us* holy (? on the analogy of SACRARIUM). The present form of the word, which is due to recourse to the original Latin, occurs almost as early as the forms taken from OF.

The Latin word is post-Augustan; in classical Latin (Pliny) it occurs only in the sense of 'the private cabinet of a prince' (L. & Sh.); the sense of 'holy place' is common in the Vulgate and in Christian Latin generally.]

I. A holy place.

1. *gen.* A building or place set apart for the worship of God or of one or more divinities: applied, e. g., to a Christian church, the Jewish temple and the Mosaic tabernacle, a heathen temple or site of local worship, and the like; also *fig.* to the church or body of believers.

a 1340 HAMPOLE *Cant. Moysi* 21 in *Psalter* (1884) 507 þi sanctuary lord þe whilk þi hend festynd; lord sall regne wiþouten end and ouyre. In þat sanctuary oure lord sall be kynge, þat is in all sauyd men, wiþouten end. 1382 WYCLIF *Exod.* xxv. 8 And thei shulen make to me a seyntuarye, and Y shal dwelle in the myddil of hem. 1508 FISHEK *Penit. Ps.* cii. Wks. (1876) 198 *Filij seruorum tuorum habitabunt.* The children of thy seruauntes shall be permanent in thy sentuary. 1530 TINDALE *Prol. Exod.*, Sanctuarie, a place halowed and dedicate vnto god. 1535 COVERDALE *Tobit* xiii. 11 The people shal come vnto the from farre, they shal bringe giftes, and worshipe y^e Lorde in the, and thy londe shal they haue for a Sanctuary, for they shal call vpon the greate name in the. 1603 SHAKS. *Meas. for M.* II. ii. 171 Hauing waste ground enough, Shall we desire to raze the Sanctuary And pitch our euils there? 1671 MILTON *Samson* 1674 Chaunting thir Idol, and preferring Before our living Dread who dwells In Silo his bright Sanctuary. *a* 1729 J. ROGERS *Serm.* xvii. (1735) 371 Let it not be imagined, that they contribute nothing to the Happiness of the Countrey, who only serve God in the Duties of a holy Life; who attend his Sanctuary, and daily address his Goodness to pardon the Sins of the Land. 1830 LEAKE *Trav. Morea* II. 426 Strabo..describes the Epidaurian sanctuary as 'a place renowned for the cure of all sorts of diseases'. 1863 H. B. HACKETT in *Smith's Dict. Bible* III. 1278/1 Shiloh was one of the earliest and most sacred of the Hebrew sanctuaries. 1871 R. ELLIS tr. *Catullus* lxiii. 3 When he near'd the leafy forest, dark sanctuary divine [L. *loca Deæ*]. 1888 W. R. SMITH in *Encycl. Brit.* XXIII. 165/2 A temple implies a sanctuary; but a sanctuary or holy spot does not necessarily contain a temple.

b. *fig.* Used for: The priestly office or order.

c 1380 WYCLIF *Serm.* Sel. Wks. I. 25 In þis dede þat Crist dide, he tecbiþ his Chirche to bygynne for to purge his seintuarie, þat ben preests and clerks þerof. 1781 GIBBON *Decl. & F.* xx. (1787) II. 217 But the Christian sanctuary was open to every ambitious candidate, who aspired to its heavenly promises, or temporal possessions.

c. Applied to Heaven.

1382 WYCLIF *Deut.* xxvi. 15 Bihold fro thi sanctuary, fro the hiȝe dwellynge place of heuens [Vulg. *de sanctuario tuo*]. 1535 COVERDALE *Ps.* ci[i]. 19 For He loketh downe from his Sanctuary, out of the heauen doth the Lorde beholde the earth. *a* 1586 SIDNEY *Ps.* xx. ii, From santnary hy Let him come downe. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* VI. 672 Had not th' Almightie Father where he sits Shrin'd in his Sanctuarie of Heav'n secure, Consulting [etc.].

d. *transf.*

1445 in *Anglia* XXVIII. 261 Fides thyn herte enbracyth As hir propir sanctuary, and medelith with al thi deedys. 1584 WHETSTONE *Mirrour for Mag.* 23 The Dicing-houses and other lyke Sanctuaries of iniquitie. 1796 MORSE *Amer. Geog.* II. 170 The famous isle of Iona was once the seat and sanctuary of western learning. 1821 BYRON *Two Fosc.* IV. i, *Sen[ator].* I sought not A place within a sanctuary; but being Chosen..I shall fulfill my office. 1831 BREWSTER *Newton* X. 120 Admiring disciples crowded to this sanctuary of the sciences [*sc.* Tycho Brahe's observatory of Uranibourg] to acquire the knowledge of the heavens. 1870 MAX MÜLLER *Sci. Relig.* (1873) 142 Entirely expelled from the sanctuary of the human mind.

e. *To weigh* (or *examine*) *with the weights* (or *scales*) *of the sanctuary*: to test by the standard of divine revelation. Also, to examine by an equal and just scale (see 1728), after F. *peser une chose au poids du sanctuaire, dans la balance du sanctuaire* (Littré).

Suggested by Vulg. *ad* (or *juxta*) *pondus sanctuarii, pondere sanctuarii* Lev. v. 15, Num. vii. 13, 19, 25, 31, 37, xviii. 16. The force of the orig. Heb. expression would be more accurately rendered by 'according to the sacred shekel'.

1617 MORYSON *Itin.* III. 43 Setting humane experience aside, we will waigh this by the holy scales of the Sanctnarie. 1728 CHAMBERS *Cycl.* s.v., To..examine a Thing by the Weight of the *Sanctuary*, is to examine it by a just and equal Scale.

2. A specially holy place within a temple or church. **a.** In the Mosaic tabernacle and the Jewish temple: The HOLY PLACE, including the 'Holy of holies' (see HOLY *sb.* 5); sometimes applied to the latter only.

†*Sanctuary* (or *sanctuaries*) *of the sanctuary*: a literal rendering of the Vulg. *sanctuarium* (*-aria*) *sanctuarii*, which inaccurately represents the Heb. for 'Holy of holies'.

1382 WYCLIF *Exod.* xxvi. 33 The veyle forsothe be it sett yn þi cercles, with ynne the whiche thou shalt put the arke of testymonye, and with the which the seyntuarye, and the seyntuarye [*v.r.* sayntuarise] of the seyntuarie [Vulg. *sanctuarii sanctuaria*] shulen be dyuydid. *a* 1656 USSHER *Power Princes* I. (1683) 66 To be put in Tables of Brass, and to be set up within the compass of the Sanctuary in a conspicuous place. 1737 WHISTON *Josephus, Antiq.* III. vi. § 4 It [the veil] was to be drawn this way or that way by cords, the rings of which..were subservient to the drawing and undrawing of the veil, and to the fastening it at the corner, that then it might be no hinderance to the view of the sanctuary, especially on solemn days.

b. *Eccl.* That part of a church round the altar, the sacrarium; also used by some for the chancel.

a 1400–50 *Alexander* 1567 (Dublin MS.), And of þe sanctuary [Ashm. MS. saynt-ware] mony seere þinges, With tabels & tapers & tretes of þe law. 1577 HANMER tr. *Eusebius' Eccl. Hist.* X. iv. 189 *margin*, A space betwene the Sanctuary & the porche. 1585 HIGINS *Junius' Nomencl.* 307 *Sacrarium*..the sanctuarie or chauncell. 1708–22 J. BINGHAM *Orig. Eccles.* VIII. vi. § 11 Wks. 1726 I. 300 In the middle of the Bema, or Sanctuary. 1788 GIBBON *Decl. & F.* xlix. V. 97 That all the images should be removed from the sanctuary and altar to a proper height in the churches. 1870 F. R. WILSON *Ch. Lindisf.* 35 The sanctuary is raised one step. *a* 1878 SIR G. G. SCOTT *Lect. Archit.* (1879) II. 40 The chancel, or rather the sanctuary, was apsidal, with a surrounding aisle. 1885 *Cath. Dict.* (ed. 3), *Sanctuary*, the part of the church round the high altar reserved for clergy.

c. The most sacred part of any temple; the 'cella', 'adytum'.

1412–20 LYDG. *Chron. Troy* II. 3810 For þei cast no longer for to tarie, But prowdely entre in þe seintuarie, In-to þe chapel callid Cytheroun. *Ibid.* IV. xxx. (1513) S v b, With many flawme and many hydous lyght That brent enuyrowne in the seyntuarye [1555 sentuarye]. 1857 WILKINSON *Egypt. Pharaohs* 141 Within this sanctuary was the statue of the god, and the altar for sacrifice or for libation; and to it the priests alone had access. 1875 *Encycl. Brit.* II. 388/2 The sanctuary, *adytum*, or σηκός (fig. 4), still contained the idol and its altar.

d. *fig.*

1642 D. ROGERS *Naaman* Ep. Ded. 2 We are come now beyond the Porch and Sanctuary, even to the Holy of Holies. 1686 [HICKES] *Spec. B. Virg.* 38 They pray to her..to admit them within the Sanctuary of her Audience. 1795 BURKE *Let. to W. Elliot* Wks. 1842 II. 244 But now the veil was torn, and, to keep off sacrilegious intrusion, it was necessary that in the sanctuary of government something should be disclosed not only venerable, but dreadful. 1815 SHELLEY *Alastor* 38 And, though ne'er yet Thou hast unveiled thy inmost sanctuary. 1841 W. SPALDING *Italy & It. Isl.* I. 129 His writings..form only the portico to the temple of wisdom; but the singular beauty of the approach invites the student, and its ease of access secures his progress to the sanctuary beyond.

†**3.** A shrine or box containing relics. *Obs.*

c 1386 CHAUCER *Pard. T.* 625 But by the croys which that seint Eleyne fond, I wolde I hadde thy coillons in myn hond In stede of relikes or of seintuarie. 1393 LANG. *P. Pl. C.* VI. 79 Popes and patrones poure gentil blod refuseþ, And taken symondes sone seyntewarie [*v.r.* sanctuarye] to kepe. *c* 1400 *Laud Troy Bk.* 18043 Thei did the relikes brynge,.. Here saynteuarius with al her gere...Diomedes was flirst that swore, And made his othe vpon the flore, He swor by al here saynturaries. *c* 1450 *Merlin* iv. 75 Than the kynge made he brought the hiest seintewaries that he hadde, and the beste relikes, and ther-on they dide swere as Merlin dide hem devyse. 1471 CAXTON *Recuyell* (Sommer) II. 664 Than cam the day that the grekes shold swere the peas faynedly vpon the playn felde vpon the sayntnaryes. 1481 — *Godeffroy* xxxvii. 205 They helde the crosse and the sainctuaryes with whiche they blessyd the peple.

4. A piece of consecrated ground; the precincts of a church; a churchyard, cemetery. Now *dial.* (See also *sanctuary garth* in 8 below.)

There seems to have been some confusion between *seintuary, centry*, etc. (ME. forms of *sanctuary*) and CEMETERY.

1432–50 tr. *Higden* (Rolls) V. 65 [He] made a seyntuary [*Trevisa* chirchehawe, L. *cæmeterium*] in the cite of Rome, in the way callede Via Appia, to bery the bodies of martires. *a* 1450 MYRC *Par. Pr.* 330 Also wyth-ynne chyrche and seyntwary Do ryȝt thus as I the say. 1872 *J. Glyde's Norfolk Garland* i. 28 'If I were on any occasion to urge a parishioner to inter a deceased relative on the north side of the church, he would answer me with some expression of surprise,.. "No, sir, it is not in the sanctnary."'

II. 5. A church or other sacred place in which, by the law of the mediæval church, a fugitive from justice, or a debtor, was entitled to immunity from arrest. Hence, in wider sense, applied to any place in which by law or established custom a similar immunity is secured to fugitives.

By English common law, a fugitive charged with any offence but sacrilege and treason might escape punishment by taking refuge in a sanctuary, and within forty days confessing his crime and taking an oath which subjected him to perpetual banishment. By the act 21 Jac. I. c. 28 § 7 (1625) the right of sanctuary in criminal cases was abolished. Certain places, chiefly actual or reputed precincts of former royal palaces, as Whitefriars, the Savoy, and the Mint, continued to be sanctuaries in civil cases until their privilege was abolished by the acts 8 & 9 Will. III. c. 27 § 15 (1696–7) and 9 Geo. I. c. 28 (1722). The abbey of Holyrood is still by law a sanctuary for debtors, but the abolition of imprisonment for debt has rendered the privilege useless.

c 1374 CHAUCER *Boeth.* I. pr. iv. 10 (Camb. MS.) To whiche Iugement they nolden nat obeye but defendedyn hem hy the sikernesse of holy howses, þat is to seyn fledden in to sentuarye. 1463–4 *Rolls of Parlt.* V. 507/2 Eny persone..that shall dwelle or inhabit within the Sayntwarie and Procyncte of the same Chapell. 1474 *Ibid.* VI. 110/1 Such persones as were endetted..and by frande went to seyntuaries. 1477 *Ibid.* 183/2 Eny persone or persones havyng eny places of Tuitionez comonly called Seintwaries, as to eny Privilege, Libertee, Tuition or Fraunches. 1480 CAXTON *Chron. Eng.* ccli. x 2 b, Also this same yere the shereuis of london fette oute of Seint Martins the graunt the sayntwarie fiue persones, whiche afterward were restored agayne to the Sayntwarie by the kynges Iustices. *c* 1500 in *Arnolde's Chron.* (1811) p. xxxix, Perkin Warbek..fled to Bewdeley sentwary [cf. 1556 *Chron. Gr. Friars* (Camden) 25 He flede to Bewdley senttuary]. 1534 in *Lett. Suppress. Monasteries* (Camden) 39 Men sayd that the sayntuary shall, aftre this settyng of the parliament, hold no man for dett, morder, nor felenye. 1537 *Orig. & Spryngc of Sectes* H vij, The churches are a centnary for mysdoers. 1596 SPENSER *F. Q.* IV. ix. 19 That all the while he by his side her bore, She was as safe as in a Sanctuary. 1610 HOLLAND *Camden's Brit.* (1637) 811 Who ..withdrew himselfe into a monastery hard by, which was counted a Sanctuary, and therefore not to be forced or broken. *c* 1710 CELIA FIENNES *Diary* (1888) 68 Just by the Communion table is the Sanctuary or place of refuge where Criminalls flee for safety. 1819 SCOTT *Ivanhoe* xli, If thou breathest aught that can attaint the honour of my house, by Saint George! not the altar itself shall be a sanctuary. 1839 H. AINSWORTH *Jack Sheppard* I. ii. 42 In order to guard against accidents or surprises, watchmen or scouts.. were stationed at the three main outlets of the sanctuary [*sc.* the mint at Southwark] ready to give the signal in the manner just described. 1863 GEO. ELIOT *Romola* xxiv, The church was a sanctuary which he had a right to claim.

b. Applied to a similar place of refuge in a non-Christian country; an asylum.

c 1400 MAUNDEV. (1839) vi. 66 That Cytee [Ebron] was also Sacerdotalle, that is to seyne, seyntuarie, of the Tribe of Juda: And it was so fre, that Men receyved there alle manere of Fugityfes of other places, for here evyl Dedis. 1662 J. DAVIES tr. *Olearius' Voy. Ambass.* 353 He cans'd the Place where he was kill'd to be encompass'd with a high Wall, made a Sanctuary of it. *c* 1700 *Tarquin & Tullia* 10 in *Poems Aff. St.* (1704) III. 319 To form his Party, Histories report, A Sanctuary was open'd in his Court, Where glad Offenders safely might resort. 1878 P. GARDNER in *Encycl. Brit.* VIII. 468/1 Besides being a place of worship, a museum, and a sanctuary, the Ephesian temple was a great bank. 1897 MARY KINGSLEY *W. Africa* xx. 466 From the penalty and inconveniences of these accusations of witchcraft there is but one escape, namely flight to a sanctuary. There are several sanctuaries in Congo Français.

c. *transf.* and *fig.*

1568 ASCHAM *Scholem.* I. (Arb.) 49 Vsing alwaise soch discrete moderation, as the scholehouse should be counted a sanctuarie against feare. 1685 CROWNE *Sir C. Nice* V. 49 My house is your Sanctuary, and here to offer you violence, won'd prejudice myself. 1776 PAINE *Com. Sense* (1791) 34 The reformation was preceded by the discovery of America, as if the Almighty graciously meant to open a sanctuary to the persecuted in future years, when home should afford neither friendship nor safety. 1856 EMERSON *Eng. Traits, Ability* Wks. (Bohn) II. 41 They have made..London..a sanctuary to refugees of every political and religious opinion. 1861 TULLOCH *Eng. Purit.* I. 38 His [Abbot's] house was a sanctuary to the most eminent of the factious party.

6. Immunity from punishment and the ordinary operations of the law secured by taking refuge in a sanctnary (sense 5); the right or privilege of affording such shelter; shelter, refuge, protection as afforded by a church, etc. Also *privilege of sanctuary.* †*To keep sanctuary*: to resort to a sanctuary for protection. *To violate* or *break sanctuary*: to violate the privilege or right of a sanctuary or place of refuge.

c 1380 WYCLIF *Sel. Wks.* III. 294 þei chalengen fraunchise and privylegie in many grete chirchis, þat wikid men..þere schullen dwelle in seyntewarie, and no man empeche hem bi processe of lawe. *c* 1380 — *Wks.* (1880) 280 þat þefte & raueynen & mansleyng & robberie þe not meyntened in seyntiwarye vnder colour of priuylegie. *c* 1430 LYDG. *Min. Poems* (Percy Soc.) 167 He is like a fugitif that rennythe to seyntwarye For drede of hangyng. 1464 *Coventry Leet Bk.* 322 The parker & oþer Officers of Cheylesmore pretendyng..that eny persones owed not to be arrested there, seying that Cheylesmore was seyntwary. 1471 SIR J. PASTON in *P. Lett.* III. 15 The Erle of Oxenffordys bretheryn be goon owt off Sceyntewarye. 1509 in I. S. Leadam *Sel. Cas. Crt. Requests* (Selden Soc.) 12 Your pore orator.. neuyr dare come oute off seyntory. 1513 MORE *Rich. III* in Hall *Chron., Edw. V* (1548) 8 That y^e kynges brother shonld be fayne to kepe sanctuary. 1577–87 HOLINSHED *Chron.* III. 1079/1 This woman..fled in the night to Westminster for sanctuarie. 1594 SHAKS. *Rich. III*, III. i. 42 God forbid We should infringe the holy Priuiledge Of blessed Sanctuarie. *Ibid.* 47 You breake not Sanctuarie, in seizing him [the Dk. of York]. 1623–4 *Act* 21 *Jas. I*, c. 28 § 7 And be it alsoe enacted..That no Sanctuarie or Priuiledge of Sanctuary shalbe hereafter admitted or allowed in any case. 1624 HEYWOOD *Captives* III. ii. in Bullen *O. Pl.* IV. 155 Theft, rapine, contempt of religion, and breach of sanctury. 1708–22 J. BINGHAM *Orig. Eccles.* VIII. x. § 12 Wks. 1726 I. 334 Both by general Custom and Law under the Christian Emperors, every Church was invested with the Privilege of an Asylum, or Place of Sanctuary and Refuge in certain Cases. 1781 GIBBON *Decl. & F.* XX. (1787) II. 223 The ancient privilege of sanctuary was transferred to the Christian temples. 1822 SCOTT *Nigel* xvi, Get into Whitefriars or somewhere for sanc-

tuary and concealment, till you can make friends or quit the city. 1831 *Ibid.* Introd., Alsatia..possessing certain privileges of sanctuary, became for that reason a nest of..mischievous characters. 1859 TENNYSON *Guinevere* 140 Mine enemies Pursue me, but, O peaceful Sisterhood, Receive, and yield me sanctuary. 1871 R. W. DALE *Commundm.* vi. 148 The altar of God itself was to be no sanctuary for.. an actual murderer. 1898 J. T. FOWLER *Durham Cath.* 63 Those who sought sanctuary fled to the church and knocked.

b. in non-Christian countries (see 5 b); also *transf.* and *fig.*

1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* I. 138 The Priuiledged place whereinto the Persians vse to retyre for sanctuarie. 1641 EVELYN *Diary* 7 Aug., The Chapell and Refectory [of the Convent] full of the goods of such poor people as at the approach of the Army had fled with them thither for sanctuary. 1654 in *T. Burton's Diary* (1828) I. Introd. 23 Which, if in truth any would offer to impeach, by violence from without, it could receive no sanctuary nor advantage at all from such a declaration. 1655 GURNALL *Chr. in Arm.* I. 32 A Heathen could say when a bird (scared by a Hawke) flew into his bosome, I will not betray thee unto thy enemy, seeing thou comest for Sanctuary unto me. How much lesse will God yield up a soule unto its enemy, when it takes Sanctuary in his Name. 1659 HAMMOND *On Ps.* lxii. 7 On him only I rely..for sanctuary when any distresse surrounds me. 1692 R. L'ESTRANGE *Fables* liii. 53 A Stag that was hard set by the Huntsmen, betook himself to a Stall for Sanctuary, and prevail'd with the Oxen to Conceal him the best they could. *a* 1711 KEN *Past. Let.* Wks. (1838) 476 Many poor Protestant strangers are now fled hither for sanctuary, whom as brethren, as members of Christ, we should take in and cherish. 1741 *Compl. Fam.-Piece* II. i. 294 When a Bitch Fox is bragged, and with Cub, she is hardly to be taken; for then she lieth near the Earth, and upon hearing the least Noise, she betakes herself to her Place of Sanctuary. 1788 GIBBON *Decl. & F.* I. (1846) V. 18 The precincts of Mecca enjoyed the rights of sanctuary. 1828–40 TYTLER *Hist. Scot.* (1864) I. 43 The churches, to which the miserable inhabitants had fled for sanctuary, were violated and defiled with blood. 1849 GROTE *Greece* II. xlv. V. 469 Pleistoanax..lived for a long time in sanctuary near the temple of Athênê, at Tegea. 1855 HAWTHORNE *Eng. Note-bks.* (1870) I. 397 It now rained heavily and..we..betook ourselves to sanctuary, taking refuge in St. Paul's Cathedral.

c. *To take sanctuary*: to take refuge in a sanctuary. Also *transf.* and *fig.*

1429 *Rolls of Parlt.* IV. 360/2 Merchantz straungiers, yat.. have stollen away, and daily taken seyntuaries. 1472–3 *Ibid.* VI. 20/1 That he never toke eny seyntwary, ne withdrewe hym from your good grace. 1504 in I. S. Leadam *Sel. Cas. Crt. Requests* (Selden Soc.) 8 Your saide besechar whan he was at large toke sayntewary and lost his goodes. 1513 MORE *Rich. III* (1883) 31 What if a mannes wyfe will take saintuary because she lyste to runne from her husbande. 1556 J. HEYWOOD *Spider & F.* lii. 14 The spiders..In the copweb took sentuarie for defence. 1592 *Arden of Feversham* v. ii. 12, I haue the gould; what care I though it be knowne! He crosse the water and take sanctnary. 1613 PURCHAS *Pilgrimage* (1614) 75 The fishes which are many, haue taken Sanctuary in these waters, and none dare take them, but holde them holy. 1625 J. ROBINSON *Ess.* xxiv. (1851) I. 110 What intention could be better or action worse? We must not therefore take the sanctuary of fools by good meanings without knowledge. 1640 YORKE *Union Hon.* 40 In the beginning of King Edward's raigne, she was forced to take sanctuary at Westminster. 1705 STANHOPE *Paraphr.* II. 627 The Evasions of this Nature being only such miserable Shifts, as the Jews of later Ages have taken Sanctuary in. 1708–22 J. BINGHAM *Orig. Eccles.* VIII. xi. § 3 Wks. 1726 I. 335 Next..we are to consider..in what Cases they were allowed to take Sanctuary in their Churches. 1725 DE FOE *Voy. round World* (1840) 72 The gunner who had taken sanctuary in the woods. 1745 P. THOMAS *Jrnl. Anson's Voy.* 41 The Sea-Lions..will..if you pursue them, be glad to take Sanctuary in the Water. 1785 WILKINS tr. *Bhagvat* xiv. 97 They take sanctuary under this wisdom. 1878 STEVENSON *Inland Voy., Oise in Flood* 104 Terrified creatures taking sanctuary in every nook along the shore.

7. *Hunting*, etc.: The '*privilege of forest'; also 'close time'.

1603 OWEN *Pembrokeshire* (1892) 265 As for hartes and hindes..yett some there are, and those lyve without sanctuarye or priviledge of fforest, free for every man to chase and hunte, at theire pleasure. 1892 *Daily News* 19 Apr. 3/5 Application was made to the Chief Ranger..for her [the hind's] recapture; but he promptly refused, on the grounds that the Forest was a 'sanctuary', and any wild animal escaping into the same was 'of right free of the forest'. The impossibility of uncarting a deer and preventing its getting into the forest,..has by the enforcement of this 'right of sanctuary', aided the authorities in putting a stop to 'Easter deer-baiting'. 1898 *Westm. Gaz.* 3 May 3/1 He would.. extend the weekly close time, and he believes that if the present period of sanctuary was doubled, in a year or two at most the nets would be catching far more fish [salmon] than they now do in the longer period.

III. 8. *attrib.* and *Comb.* **a.** Of senses 1–4, as *sanctuary lamp*, †*observance*, *stair*, *temple*; †**sanctuary garth** = sense 4.

c 1400 *Apol. Loll.* 35 3e..han put kepars of my sanctuari obseruaunce to 3or silf. 1412–13 *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 610 Subtus cameram d'ni Prioris versus Seyntery-garth, 14*d.* *c* 1600 *Rites of Durham* (Surtees) 52 The sentuarie garth. *Ibid.* 53 The Sentory garthe. *c* 1624 *Ibid.* 205 *note*, Sanctuary garth. 1850 WILKINSON *Archit. Anc. Egypt* 82 Sanctuary Temples, consisting of a single chamber. 1862 H. E. M. tr. *Monnin's Curé d'Ars* Pref. 7 When I saw, by the light of the sanctuary-lamp, that wasted and withered form. 1866 *Direct. Anglic.* (ed. 3) 259 Sanctuary Lamp, that which burns before the Blessed Sacrament when it is reserved. 1893 F. THOMPSON *Poems* 45 The cowlèd night Kneels on the Eastern sanctuary-stair.

b. Of senses 5 and 6, as *sanctuary-breaking*, *knocker*, *place*, *-seat*, *town*.

a 1529 SKELTON *Sp. Parrot* 456 So myche *sayntuary brekyng, and preuylegidde barrydd. 1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 255/2 The sanctuary seats at Hexham and Beverley and the *sanctuary knocker at Durham are still in existence. 1529 RASTELL *Pastyme* (1811) 297 Wherefore suche gentylmen as had appoynted to eyde the duke fled, some to *sentwary places, and some beyonde the sea. 1886 *Sanctuary seat [see *sanctuary knocker* supra]. *a* 1548 HALL *Chron., Hen. VIII* 54 Richard Horsnayle Bailyfe of the *sanctuary towne called Good Esture in Essex.

†**c. Sanctuary man** (so also *sanctuary woman*, etc.), a man who has taken refuge in a sanctuary or privileged place of protection. *Obs.*

1494 FABYAN *Chron.* VII. 530 They went to Westmynster, and toke w^t^ them all maner of seyntwary men. 1513 MORE *Rich. III* (1883) 31 Verely I haue often heard of saintuarye menne. But I neuer heard erste of saintuarye chyldren. 1529 RASTELL *Pastyme* (1811) 282 She went into Westmyster, and there regystarde her selfe as a sentwary woman. 1622 BACON *Hen. VII* 39 If any Sanctuarie-man did by night or otherwise, get out of Sanctuarie priuily, and commit mischiefe and trespasse, and then come in againe, hee should loose the benefit of Sanctuarie for euer after.

Sa·nctuary, *sb.*[2] *dial.* [Corruption of CENTAURY.] [1530 PALSGR. 268/2 Seyntuary an herbe.] 1877 E. LEIGH *Chesh. Gloss.* 175. 1886 BRITTEN & HOLLAND *Eng. Plant-n.*

†**Sa·nctuary,** *v. Obs. rare.* [f. SANCTUARY *sb.*[1]] *trans.* To place in safety as in a sanctuary. Of a place: to afford protection or shelter (*from*).

1615 HEYWOOD *Foure Prentises* D 3, Thy purse is sanctuary'd. 1631 — *Fair Maid West* I. 9 Feare not sweet Spencer, we are now alone, And thou art sanctuar'd in these mine armes. 1655 FULLER *Ch. Hist.* IV. iv. § 19 The Kings enemies once Sanctuaried, daring him no less then the lebusites in their strong fort of Sion defied David. *c* 1676 LADY CHAWORTH in *12th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. v. 32 St. James's where she had lodgings to sanctuary her from debt.

‖ **Sanctum** (sæ·ŋktŭm), *sb.* Also 9 *pl. rare* **sancta.** [L. *sanctum*, neut. of *sanctus* holy.]

1. The 'holy place' of the Jewish tabernacle and temple. Also applied to a sacred place or shrine in other temples and churches. Cf. SANCTUARY *sb.*[1] **2.**

1577 tr. *Bullinger's Decades* III. v. 340 The tabernacle, that is diuided..into the *Sanctum* and the *Sanctum sanctorum*. 1847–8 H. MILLER *First Impr.* ii. (1857) 24 Who, in exploring a magnificent temple, passed through superb porticoes and noble halls, to find a monkey enthroned in a little dark sanctum as the god of the whole. 1855 *Englishwoman in Russia* 72 We ladies are not allowed to enter the 'sanctum' [of the Kazan church].

fig. 1858 TROLLOPE *Three Clerks* xvii, Flower shows.. are open to ladies who cannot quite penetrate the inner sancta of fashionable life.

2. = SANCTUM SANCTORUM 2.

1819 T. HOPE *Anastasius* (1820) III. xiv. 362 He..then dragged us by main force into what he called his sanctum. 1838 LYTTON *Alice* III. iii, He found the banker in his private sanctum. 1850 KINGSLEY *Alt. Locke* vi, His sanctum behind the shop. 1870 H. SMART *Race for Wife* ii, Maude flits away to her own little sanctum. 1883 LD. R. GOWER *My Remin.* I. ii. 26 This room was..the sanctum of a scholar and a man of refinement.

‖ **Sanctum sanctorum** (sæ·ŋktŭm sæŋktō·rŭm). Pl. **sancta sanctorum.** [L. *sanctum* neut. nom. sing. and *sanctōrum* neut. gen. pl. of *sanctus* holy; a Hebraism, transl. (= LXX. *τὸ ἅγιον τῶν ἁγίων*) of קֹדֶשׁ הַקֳּדָשִׁים *qōdesh haqqŏdāshīm*, 'Holy of holies' (see HOLY *sb.* 1). The Vulgate (following the LXX) several times uses the pl. *sancta sanctorum* in the same sense as the sing., without any warrant from the original Hebrew.]

1. The Holy of holies of the Jewish temple and tabernacle. † In early use also pl. in the same sense.

c 1400 *Apol. Loll.* 35 þei..schal not nye to al My sanctuari, bi þe sancta sanctorum [*Ezek.* xliv. 13]. ? 1493 *St. Katherine* (W. de W.) biij a/1 (Stanf.) That holy place that is called Sancta sanctorum. 1558 MOAWYNG tr. *Joseph Ben Gorion's Hist. Jews* (1561) 36 b, Thei entred also into the Sanctuary, and attempted to enter into the *sanctum sanctorum*. 1577 [see SANCTUM 1]. 1714 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 580 ₱ 3 In Solomon's Temple there was the *Sanctum Sanctorum*. 1787 *Minor* 181 Mysteries, which, like the sanctum sanctorum of the Jewish Tabernacle, should never be exhibited to the profane world. 1841 CATLIN *N. Amer. Ind.* lviii. (1844) II. 232 The Jews had their sanctum sanctorums.

fig. 1622 MABBE tr. *Aleman's Guzman D'Alf.* I. ii. iv. 123 [He] that buyes an Office, whose money only (without any other merit) hath inthroned him in the *Sancta Sanctorum* of the world. 1643 SIR T. BROWNE *Relig. Med.* I. § 13 There is no danger to profound these mysteries, no *sanctum sanctorum* in Phylosophy. 1771 SMOLLETT *Humph. Cl.* 5 June, The inner apartment, or 'Sanctum Sanctorum' of this political temple.

b. *transf.*

1598 W. PHILLIP *Linschoten* I. xliv. 82 The doore of their *Sancta Sanctorum*, or rather *Diabolorum*, being opened, it shewed within like a Lime-kill,..neither was ther any light in al the Church, but that which came in at the doore we entered by. 1738 *Gentl. Mag.* VIII. 146/2 The Door of the Inner Temple, or *Sanctum sanctorum* opened, and discovered the most frightful Idol that ever the wit..of men contrived. 1806 *Edin. Rev.* VIII. 95 Sometimes there is a smaller circle [of stones], which is a sort of *sanctum sanctorum*, in the centre. 1878 J. PAYN *By Proxy* I. iii. 35 Oh, that is the *sanctum sanctorum*, in which the..blessed relic of Buddha is kept.

2. A person's private retreat, where he is free from intrusion.

1706 E. WARD *Wooden World Diss.* (1708) 7 The great Cabin is the *Sanctum Sanctorum* he inhabits. 1834 BECKFORD *Italy* II. 169 We went by appointment to the archbishop confessor's and were immediately admitted into his *sanctum sanctorum*, a snug apartment [etc.]. 1874 ALDRICH *Prud. Palfrey* xvii. 368 And now, if you please, we will inspect the sanctum sanctorum of the late incumbent.

transf. 1832 W. IRVING *Alhambra* (1875) 122 Here was the sanctum sanctorum of female privacy.

‖ **Sanctus** (sæ·ŋktŭs). Also (senses 2 and 3) 6 **saunts, saunce, saunt**(**us**, 6–7 **sant**, 7 **santus, santo, santez**, 6 (9 *arch.*) **santis.** [L. *sanctus* 'Holy', the first word of the hymn: see SAINT *a.*]

1. The 'angelic hymn' (from Isa. vi. 3) beginning with the words '*Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus*' ('Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts') which forms the conclusion of the Eucharistic preface. Also called TERSANCTUS (thrice holy). Also the music to which the words are sung.

c 1380 WYCLIF *Wks.* (1880) 169 Ioly chauntynge þat..lettiþ men fro þe sentence of holy writt, as Magnyficat, sanctus & agnus dei. 1450–1530 *Myrr. our Ladye* 119 Therfore accordynge to the aungels, ye synge quyer to quyer, one Sanctus on the tone syde, and another on the tother syde. 1528 ROY *Rede Me* (Arb.) 36 Fare wele O holy consecration With blyssed sanctus and agnus dei. 1567 *Gude & Godlie B.* (S.T.S.) 129 Quhair day and nycht we sall not ceas Ay singand Sanctus sweit. 1895 BENHAM in W. Andrews *Curs. Ch. Cust.* 265 We always sang the Canticles, and the metrical Psalms..and a few Sanctuses.

†**2.** *transf.* An outcry. Also, something repeated with wearisome iteration. *Obs.*

1594 *and Rep. Dr. Faustus* xxii. I 2, The people on both sides exceedingly amazed and affrighted, especiallye the Turkes who sent out such a doleful! Sauntus that it would haue moned the stones to ruth. *a* 1670 HACKET *Cent. Serm.* (1675) 626 For all this they are at their old santez, *What do we?*

†**3. Black sanctus,** a kind of burlesque hymn; a discord of harsh sounds expressive of contempt or dislike (formerly used as a kind of serenade to a faithless wife); 'rough music'. Also, *To sing the black sanctus*: to lament. *Obs.*

1578 LUPTON *All for Money* B iij, I will make him sing the blacke sanctus, I holde him a grote. 1578 *Bk. Chr. Prayers* 37 But euery man singes his own song, as in a black sanctus. 1582 N. T. (Rhem.) 1 *Cor.* xiv. 23 *note*, Singing Psalmes.., one in this language, and another in that, all at once like a blacke saunts, and one often not vnderstood of another. 1591 LYLY *Endym.* IV. ii. 33 It [the sonnet] is sette to the tune of the blacke Saunce, *ratio est*, because *Dipsas* is a black Saint. 1593 NASHE *Christ's T.* (1613) 128 A great number had rather heare a iarring blacke-sant, then one of their balde Sermons. 1598 MARSTON *Sco. Villanie* II. vii. 85 The language that they speake Is the pure barbarous blacksaunt of the Geate. 1600 HOLLAND *Livy* v. xxxvii. 204 An hideous and dissonant kind of singing (like a blacke Santus). *a* 1619 FLETCHER *Mad Lover* IV. i, Lets sing him a blacke Santis. 1632 HEYWOOD *and Part Iron Age* II. i. D 2 b, Many a blacke-saint..Haue I sung at his window. 1635 QUARLES *Embl.* I. x. 41 Sometimes their Stigian cries Send their Black-Santos to the blushing Skies. 1861 *All Year Round* V. 14 The surly sinners sing A horrible black santis, so to cheer The work in hand.

Sa·nctus bell. Forms: *α.* 5– **sanctus bell.** *β.* 5–6 **sanctes, sauntes,** (**-ys**), 6 **santes, saunctes,** 7 **sants-.** *γ.* 5 **sawnse,** 6–7 **sans, savns, sawnce,** 6–7 (9 *arch.*) **saunce-, sance-.** *δ.* 6–7 **saints,** 7 **saynts-,** 7–8 **saint's.** *ε.* 7 **saint-, St. bell.** *ζ.* 6 **saunete,** 9 **sanete bell.** [f. SANCTUS + BELL *sb.*[1]] A bell, commonly placed in a 'cote' or turret at the junction of the nave and the chancel (but often a handbell), rung at the Sanctus at Mass; in post-Reformation times often used to summon the people to church, being rung immediately before the service, when the pealing had ceased. (In 16–17th c. freq. used jocularly or allusively.)

α. 1479–81 *Rec. St. Mary at Hill* 101 Item, for nayle to amende the whele of the Sanctus bell. 1661 BLOUNT *Glossogr.* (ed. 2), *Sance Bell* (*campana sancta*), the sanctus Bell. 1875 *Encycl. Brit.* II. 472/2 Sanctus bells have also been placed over the gables of porches.

attrib. 1867 WALKER *Ritual Reason Why* 113 Sanctus-bell-cotes remain in many of our churches. 1875 *Encycl. Brit.* II. 472/2 Sanctus Bell-Cot or Turret.

β. 1492–3 *Rec. St. Mary at Hill* 185 Item, to the smyth for mendyng of the sauntys bell, xxij d. *Ibid.* 186 For mendyng of the sanctes bell. 1553 *Ludlow Churchw. Acc.* (Camden) 56 For hangynge of the sauntes bell, and for the corde, ij d. *c* 1618 MORYSON *Itin.* IV. v. i. (1903) 457 They ring a knell with one great Bell..or with the Santsbell where they haue none greater.

γ. 1499–1500 *Rec. St. Mary at Hill* 238 Item, ffor a Rope ffor the lytyll Sawnse bell. 1501–2 *Ibid.* 244 The Sans bell. 1538 in *Lett. Suppress. Monasteries* (Camden) 270 Item, ij belles, one a sauncebelle. 1592 G. HARVEY *Four Lett.* iii. 47, I am neither so profanely vncharitable as to send him to the Sancebell, to trusse-vp his life with a trice. 1623–33 FLETCHER & SHIRLEY *Nt.-Walker* III. iii, Alas, this is but the Sauncebell, here's a Gentlewoman Will ring you another peale. 1655 J. PHILLIPS *Satyr agst. Hypocrites* 5 Like a crackt Sans-bell jarring in the Steeple. 1885 W. RYE *Hist. Norfolk* 233 A saunce bell or 'ting-tang' *in situ*.

attrib. 1848 B. WEBB *Cont. Ecclesiol.* 111 Two sance-bell ropes still hang down in the middle of the Chancel.

δ. 1599 BP. HALL *Sat.* V. i. 119 Whose shril saints-bell hangs on his louerie While the rest are damned to the plumberie. 1678 *Poor Robin's True Char. of Scold* 4 Her Tongue is the Clapper of the Devil's Saints-bell, that rings all-in to Confusion. 1716 HEARNE *Collect.* (O.H.S.) V. 313 It hath 3 Bells and a Saints Bell. 1839 *Hints Study Eccl. Antiq.* (Cambr. Camden Soc. 1842) 24 A Saint's bell, long disused, still hangs in the tower of Great St. Mary's, Cambridge.

ε. 1688 R. HOLME *Armoury* III. 461/2 A Saint Bell, or Hand Bell. *Ibid.* 466/1 St. Bell, a little Bell rung in the Mass [etc.].

ζ. *a* 1553 in *Surrey Archæol. Coll.* IV. 18 Item a sauncte bell. 1854 *N. & Q.* 1st Ser. X. 434/1 The inscription 'Signis cessandis', &c...is..on the 'sancte' bell of the adjoining

parish of Clapton. 1855 Rock *Ibid.* XI. 151/1 The first ringing was on the *signa*, or large bells; the last quarter of the hour's ringing was on the smaller bell, the sancte bell.
attrib. 1839 *Hints Study Eccl. Antiq.* (Camb. Camden Soc. 1842) 25 Sancte-bell cot. A small but frequently elegant erection at the east end of the nave. 1845 *Ecclesiologist* IV. 282 A beautiful sancte-bell cot remains. [1876 *Whitby Gloss.*, *Sancte cot*, a turret upon a Church roof for the 'Sacring bell'.]

Sanctwar, Sc. form of Saintuaire *Obs.*

†**Sand**, *sb.*[1] *Obs.* Forms: 1–2 sand, sond, 3–6 sand(e, sond(e, 3 saand, sund, 5 saande, sonnd, sound(e, soonde, sownde, 4–5 *Sc.* saynd(e. [OE. *sand*, *sond* str. fem., f. OTeut. **sand-* in **sandjan* to Send.]

1. The action of sending; that which is sent, a message, present; (God's) dispensation or ordinance.
c 1000 Ælfric *Hom., Judith* (Assmann) ix. 114, & him dæghwamlice com þurh heora drihtnes sande mete of heofenum. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 5099 Noght wit your rede, bot godds saand, Was i þus sent in-to þis land. *c* 1320 *Sir Tristr.* 2351 Bot vp he stirt bidene And heried godes sand Almi3t. 1338 R. Brunne *Chron.* (1810) 114 At Rokesburghe his parlement he helde, þe folk did somon þorgh..& gaf þam sonde at wille in Inglond forto fare, Man & beste to spille. 1377 Langl. *P. Pl. B.* III. 349 þe soule þat þe sonde [of the text] taketh bi so moche is bounde. *c* 1380 Wyclif *Wks.* (1880) 292 Whether prelatis now ben more confermed in grace þanne was seynt petir þanne aftir sonde of þe holy goost? *c* 1386 Chaucer *Man of Law's T.* 728 She taketh in good entente The wille of Crist, and, kneling on the stronde, She seyde, 'lord! ay wel-com be thy sonde!' 1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) I. 415 Men hadde craft by Goddes sonde. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 10506 A sonnd will I send by a sad frynd. *a* 1440 *Sir Degrev.* 1079 (Cambr. MS.) Thay thanked God of his sant [*rime* ferrant; *Linc. MS. corruptly* here shaunce, *with rime* ferrauns). *c* 1440 *York Myst.* x. 244 It is godds will, it sall be myne, Agaynste his saande sall I neuer schone. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 464/2 Sond, or sendynge, *missio*. Sond, or 3yfte sent, *eccennium*. *c* 1450 *Ratis Raving, Craft Deyng* 4 To thank hyme [God] of al his sayndes and gyftes. *c* 1500 Kennedy *Passion of Christ* 914 This crabbit theif,..Betrikinnis men, quhilk euer mair is murnand, The saynd of God ay reput myschance. *c* 1520 Skelton *Magnyf.* 2360 To thanke God of his sonde. ?*c* 1525 *Tale of Basyn* in Hazlitt *E. P. P.* III. 44 A riche man wer he..And knowen for a gode clerke thoro goddis sande.

b. The action of sending for; invitation.
1494 Fabyan *Chron.* VI. ccx. 225 This Robert was a monke of an howse in Normandy, & came ouer by the sonde of the kynge.

2. A person or body of persons sent on an errand; an embassy; an envoy, messenger.
1038 in Kemble *Cod. Dipl.* (1846) IV. 57 þa com cristes cyrce sand to þam biscop. *a* 1122 *O. E. Chron.* (Laud MS.) an. 1095, Eac on þis ylcan geare tozeanes Eastron com þæs Papan sande hider to lande þæt wæs Waltear biscep. 1154 *Ibid.* an. 1135, Here sandes feorden betwyx heom. *c* 1205 Lay. 3125 He sende hiis sande into þisse lande to Leir þan kinge. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 190 Euerich worlich wo is Godes sonde. Heie monnes messager me schal heiliche underuongen. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 14158 þe sandes soght ouer all Iude, Faand þai him noght in þat contre. *c* 1440 *York Myst.* xliv. 29 But firste he saide he schulde doune sende His sandé. 1456 Sir G. Have *Law Arms* (S. T. S.) 189 The saynde of God, the quhilk was to be send fra the fader of hevyn, war cummyn. *c* 1470 *Gol. & Gaw.* 47 [Arthur said:] 'I rede we send furth ane saynd to yone ciete'. 1470–85 Malory *Arthur* XXI. i. 840 Than Syr Mordred sought on quene Gueneuer by letters & sondes..for to haue hir to come oute of the toure of london.

b. *A, on sand*: on an embassy or message.
a 1300 *Cursor M.* 710 Bot adam son was sent a saand. *c* 1440 *Ipomydon* 2283 Syr Camppanus forthe ys gon on sond, To the kyng of Sesanay-lond.

3. A serving of food; a course, mess.
a 700 *Epinal Gloss.* 188 *Commeatos, commeatus* sandæ [*a* 800 *Erfurt Gloss.* sondæ]. *a* 1175 *Cott. Hom.* 233 And þer hi hadden brad and win and vii. sandon. *c* 1205 Lay. 24601 þas beorn þa sunde from kuchene to þan kinge. *c* 1250 *Death* 106 in *O. E. Misc.* 174 Hwer beoð þine dihsches midd þine swete sonde. *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 2295 Of euerilc sonde, of euerilc win, most and best he gaf beniamin. 13.. *Sir Beues* 1927 And of euerichе sonde, þat him com to hande, A dede hire ete al þer ferst. *c* 1440 *Floriz & Bl.* 1072 (Trentham MS.) Pere was fest swythe breeme; I can not telle al þe sonde, But rycher fest was neuer in londe.

4. *Comb.*, **sand-man**, messenger, ambassador. (Cf. Sandesman, Sendman.)
c 1205 Lay. 12747 And heo us habbeoð worð isend bi vre sond-monnen.

Sand (sænd), *sb.*[2] Forms: 1 sand, sond, 3–5 sond, 3–6 sonde, 4–7 sande, (4 sonnd, 5 scand), 3– sand. [Com. Teut. (but not recorded in Goth.): OE. *sand*, *sond* neut. = OFris. *sond-*, OS., MLG. *sand*, MDn. *sant*, *sand-* (Du. *zand* neut.), OHG. *sant* (MHG. *sant*, *sand-*, mod.G. *sand* masc., dial. also neut.), ON. *sand-r* masc. (Sw., Da. *sand*) :—OTeut. **sando-*, prob. :—earlier **samdo-*, **samado-* (? whence OHG. **samat*, MHG. *sampt*) corresp. to Gr. ἄμαθος.]

1. A material consisting of comminuted fragments and water-worn particles of rocks (mainly silicious) finer than those of which gravel is composed; often *spec.* as the material of a beach, desert, or the bed of a river or sea.
c 825 [see 2]. *c* 1000 Ælfric *Exod.* ii. 12 þa ofsloh he þone Egiptiscan and behidde hyne on þam sande. *c* 1200 Ormin 14802, & Drihhtin pær toclæf þe sæ..& sett itt upp onn e33þerr hallf All allse twe33enn walless, & tær bitwenenn wass þe sand All harrd to ganngenn onne. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 12527 A nedder stert vte of þe sand, And stanged lam in þe hand. *c* 1384 Chaucer *H. Fame* I. 486 Al the feld nas but of sond As smal as man may see yet lye In the desert of Libye. 1480 Caxton *Chron. Eng.* cci. 182 A drope of drye blode and smale sond cleued on his hond. 1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 64 Rose vp and wente forthe and fylled a greate sacke with sande. 1591 Shaks. *Two Gent.* II. iv. 170 And I as rich..As twenty Seas, if all their sand were pearle. 1695 Woodward *Nat. Hist. Earth* IV. (1723) 207 That finer Matter,..vulgarly called Sand, being really no other than very small Pebles. 1733 Pope *Ess. Man* III. 102 Who taught the nations..to ..Build on the wave or arch beneath the sand? 1799 *Med. Jrnl.* I. 254 Siliceous sand, flint, clay and loam, constitute the principal part of the soil. 1820 Shelley *Witch Atl.* iv, Ten times the Mother of the Months had..bidden..the billows to indent The sea-deserted sand. 1870 Morris *Earthly Par.* II. III. 305 A shore of hard white sand Met the green herbage. 1878 Huxley *Physiogr.* 132 As a rule both the gravel and the sand consist chiefly of the substance called silica. 1897 Gladstone *Eastern Crisis* I Every grain of sand is a part of the sea-shore.

†**b.** *poet.* and *rhet.* used for: The shore (of a sea); also 'land' as opposed to 'sea', esp. in (*by*) *sea and sand*. *Obs.*
c 1205 Lay. 123, I þere Tyure he eode alond þer þa sea wasced þat sond. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 10910 þat all wroght.. Sun and mone, and se and sand. *c* 1330 R. Brunne *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 14476 So longe he ferde & þe se sailand, & kynges slow by se & sand. 13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* C. 341 þenne he [*sc.* Jonah] swepe to þe sonde in sluchched clopes. *a* 1400–50 *Alexander* 4299 And we sitt all-way so sure be sand & he wattir, þat na supowell vndire sonne seke we vs neuire. *c* 1420 ? Lydg. *Assembly of Gods* 128 Er they myght be ware he [*sc.* Eolus] drofe hym on the sande. *c* 1460 *Towneley Myst*, ix. 141 Mahowne the menske, my lord kyng, And save by see and sand. *Ibid.* xiv. 399 Borne is newly, in this land, A kyng that shall weld se and sand. 1535 Stewart *Cron. Scot.* (Rolls) II. 589 He tuke the se,.. In Ingland syne arryuit at ane sand, With all his power thair passit to the land.

c. With *a* and *pl.* A sand-bank, shoal.
1495 *Acts Cri. Requests* (1592) 11 De..spoliatione dictae nauis..existentis in periculo infra le Goodwine sandes in mari. 1546 J. Heywood *Prov.* (1867) 76 But you leaue all anker holde, on seas or lands. And so set vp shop vpon Goodwins sands. 1555 Latimer in Strype *Eccl. Mem.* (1721) II. App. 99 They that have buylded upon a Sande wilbe affraied, thoughe they se but a Clowde aryse. 1588 N. Gorges in *Defeat Sp. Armada* (Navy Rec. Soc.) I. 357 On the 30th of July, passing through the sands, we were becalmed. 1599 Shaks. *Hen. V*, IV. i. 100 *Williams*...What thinkes he of our estate? *King.* Euen as men wrackt vpon a Sand, that looke to be washt off the next Tyde. 1613 Purchas *Pilgrimage* (1614) 504 A ship (called Saint Peter) fell vpon sands..and split. 1738 Weddell *Voy. up Thames* 42 On a sudden our Ship struck on a Sand. 1815 *Chron.* in *Ann. Reg.* 95 She struck on a sand about three or four miles from Yarmouth. 1877 Huxley *Physiogr.* 181 The position of the principal sands in the estuary of the Thames.

d. A sandy soil. Chiefly *pl.*
1610 Holland *Camden's Brit.* (1637) 547 The West part is taken up with the Forrest of Shirewood..This part because it is sandy, the Inhabitants tearme The Sand, the other..the Clay. 1675 Evelyn *Terra* (1676) 19 As of Sands, so are there as different sorts of Clays. 1794 A. Young *Agric. Suffolk* 22 On bad sands trefoile and ray grass are chosen. 1846 J. Baxter *Libr. Pract. Agric.* (ed. 4) II. 241 Sands.—Some of the best description of these soils nearly approach to hazel moulds. *Ibid.*, Light Sands.

e. A grain of sand. (See also 2 a and 5.)
1596 *Edw. III*, IV. iv. 42–3 As many sands as these my hands can hold Are but my handful of so many sands. 1611 Shaks. *Cymb.* V. v. 120 One Sand another Not more resembles that sweet Rosie Lad [etc.]. 1675 Evelyn *Terra* (1676) 34 Clay consisted of most exceeding smooth and round Sands of several opacous colours.

f. *Geol.* and *Mining.* A stratum of sand or soft sandstone. *Oil sand*: see Oil *sb.*[1] 6 e.
1851 Greenwell *Coal-trade Terms Northumb. & Durh.* s.v., 'The sand' is a stratum of soft sandstone, frequently met with in sinking through the lower new red sandstone.
1894 *Geol. Mag.* Oct. 464 Fawn-coloured Sands and Marls.

g. *Golf.* Sand-holes or bunkers on a course. *To be in sand*, to be 'bunkered'.
1842 G. F. Carnegie in *Golfiana Misc.* (1887) 82 'Give me the iron!' either party cries, As in the quarry, track, or sand he lies. 1897 *Encycl. Sport* I. 466/1 Balls in Sand—When a ball lies in a sand bunker [etc.].

2. In various metaphorical and similative uses.

a. with reference to the innumerability of the grains composing sand.
c 825 *Vesp. Psalter* lxxvii. 27, & rinde ofer hie swe swe dust flæsc & swe swe sond sæs ða flezendan zefiðrede. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 2571 þe barns þat o þe sal bred Nanıar sal þou þam cun rede, þan sterns on light and sand in see. 1591 Shaks. *Two Gent.* IV. iii. 33 A heart As full of sorrowes, as the Sea of sands. 1667 Milton *P. L.* II. 903 They..Swarm populous, unnumber'd as the Sands Of Barca or Cyrene's torrid soil. 1817 Shelley *Rev. Islam* XI. xxiii, Great People! as the sands shalt thou become.

b. with reference to its instability as a foundation or a constructive material. *Rope of sand*: see Rope *sb.*
c 975 *Rushw. Gosp.* Matt. vii. 26 Zelic..were..se ðe getimberde hus his on sonde. 1542–5 Brinklow *Lament.* (1874) 91 It is a token that your foundacion was buylded vpon the sande. 1596 Shaks. *Merch. V.* III. ii. 84 Cowards, whose hearts are all as false As stayers of sand. 1790 Burke *Fr. Rev.* Wks. V. 427 They cannot bear to hear the sands of his Mississippi compared with the rock of the church. 1817 Shelley *To Ld. Chancellor* xi, Their error —That sand on which thy crumbling power is built. 1835 Lytton *Rienzi* IX. ii, Schemes of sand.

c. In phrases implying the exercise or employment of fruitless labour. *To plough the sands*: see Plough *v.* 10 b.
1576 Fleming *Panopl. Epist.* 194, I am in beliefe (I may peraduenture sowe my seede in the sande) that you will doe nothing vnto me. 1581 J. Bell *Haddon's Answ. Osor.* 218 b, Surely I shall seeme to measure the sandes, when I enter vppon the gulfe of thys Romish Ierarchy. 1842 Tennyson *Audley Court* 49, I might as well have traced it in the sands.

3. *pl.* Tracts of sand: **a.** along a shore, estuary, etc. or composing the bed of a river or sea.
1450 W. Lomner in *Paston Lett.* (1897) I. 125 [He] leyde his body on the sonds of Dover. *a* 1548 Hall *Chron.*, *Hen. VIII*, 94 b, The Cardinall received hym on the Sandes. 1610 Shaks. *Temp.* I. ii. 376 Come vnto these yellow sands. 1704 Pope *Spring* 61 O'er golden sands let rich Pactolus flow. 1774 Goldsm. *Nat. Hist.* (1776) I. 224 The great Rhine..a part of which is no doubt lost in the sands, a little above Leyden. 1817 Shelley *Rev. Islam* XII. xvii, A melody, like waves on wrinkled sands that leap. *a* 1858 Kingsley *Poems* (title) The Sands of Dee. 1859 Tennyson *Guinevere* 291 They found a naked child upon the sands Of dark Tintagil by the Cornish sea.

b. Sandy or desert wastes.
a 1547 Surrey *Æneid* IV. 832 May he..fall before his time vngraued amid the sandes. 1585 T. Washington tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* III. xxi. 110 The longe desarts and sandes, whereby they must passe. 1604 E. G[rimstone] *D'Acosta's Hist. Indies* II. xiii. 112 Why is all the coast of Peru, being ful of sands, very temperate? 1667 Milton *P. L.* I. 355 Her harbarous Sons..spread Beneath Gibraltar to the Lybian sands. 1738 Gray *Tasso* 32 Oceans unknown, inhospitable sands! 1781 Cowper *Friendship* 184 So barren sands imbibe the show'r, But render neither fruit nor flow'r. 1822 Shelley *Calderon* II. 143 A pirate ambushed in its pathless sands. 1843 Borrow *Bible in Spain* vii, We were in the midst of sands, brushwood, and huge pieces of rock.
fig. 1816 Byron *Ch. Har.* III. iii, A sterile track..O'er which all heavily the journeying years Plod the last sands of life, where not a flower appears.

†**c.** Phrase. (Sc.) *To leave* or *put* (a person) *to the long sands*: app., to leave in the lurch, to place in a difficulty. *Obs.*
1671 Fountainhall in M. P. Brown *Suppl. Decis.* (1826) II. 539 It would appear Udney transacts for the haill [*sc.* bond for the payment of himself and Pitreichy], pays himself, and leaves Pitreichy to the lang sands. 1678 J. Brown *Life Faith* I. ii. (1824) 33 How quickly were they put again to the long sands (as we say).

4. As used for various economic purposes; also, as an adulterant. *Fire of sand* = *sand fire*: see 10.
1511–12 *Act* 3 *Hen. VIII*, c. 6 § 1 Without eny more oyle brene moistur dust sonde or other thyng deceyvably puttyng to..the same Webbe. 1530 Palsgr. 265/1 Sande to skoure vessell with, *sablon*. 1666 Boyle *Orig. Formes* II. vi. 345 The saline Corpuscles are distill'd over in a moderate Fire of Sand. 1848 Dickens *Dombey* xxiii, The walls had been cleaned..and everything..was..shining with soft soap and sand. 1850 Holtzapffel *Turning*, etc. III. 1090 Sand, which is nearly pure silex, is used in sawing and smoothing building stones and marbles. 1857 Hassall *Adulterations Detected* 188 There is..but little foundation for the tales we hear about the presence of sand in sugar.

b. as an ingredient of mortar.
1427–8 *Rec. St. Mary at Hill* 69 Also payd for a lode sonde..*vd.* 1455–6 *Cal. Anc. Rec. Dublin* (1889) I. 290 The sayd Jhon shall repeyre sayd towyr and slype..with lym and scand. 1703 T. S. *Art's Improv.* 6 This Mortar is made of Lime..and Brook-Sand. 1862 Merivale *Rom. Emp.* liv. (1865) VI. 459 His system, as Caius said of his style, was sand without lime.

c. as used to dry wet ink-marks.
1753 Chambers *Cycl. Supp.*, White Sands...1. A fine shining kind, commonly used for strewing over writing. 1806 J. Beresford *Miseries Hum. Life* (ed. 3) 175 In writing:—neither sand, blotting paper, nor a fire, to dry your paper. 1860 *All Year Round* No. 52. 33 He was continually shaking sand from a pepper-box over scrawling entries in marble-covered copy-books.

d. as used in making founders' moulds; *spec.* a mixture of common sand with a binding material.
Dry, green sand: see Green *a.* 9 d. *Facing, Parting sand*: see Facing, Parting *vbl. sbs.*
1839 Ure *Dict. Arts* 518 The experienced moulder knows how to mix the different sands placed at his disposal.

5. The sand of a sand-glass or hour-glass; also, with *a* and *pl.*, a grain of this. Chiefly *fig.*
1557 *Tottel's Misc.* (Arb.) 138, I saw, my tyme bow it did runne, as sand out of the glasse. 1593 Shaks. 3 *Hen. VI*, I. iv. 25 The Sands are numbred, that makes vp my Life. 1608 — *Per.* V. ii. 1 Now our sands are almost run. *a* 1644 Quarles *Sol. Recant. Solil.* ix. 14 Deaths impartiall hand Wounds all alike, and death will give no sand. 1732 Pope *Ep. Cobham* 225 Time, that on all things lays his lenient hand, Yet tames not this; it sticks to our last sand. 1837 Disraeli *Venetia* V. x, The remaining sands of my life are few. 1899 J. Chamberlain *Sp.* in *Times* 28 Aug. 6/4 Will he [*sc.* President Kruger] speak the necessary words. The sands are running down in the glass.

†**6.** = Arena. *lit.* and *fig. Obs.*
1587 Thynne *Contin. Ann. Scot.* Pref., in *Holinshed*, Thus hauing laid before thee, that he writeth best that trulie writeth publike affaires, that I was commanded by my deere freends to enter into this sand [etc.]. 1615 Crooke *Body of Man* 25 Andreas Laurentius hath taken worthy paines, and sweate much in this sande. 1618 Bolton *Florus* III. xxi. (1636) 241 That citizens should encounter citizens, as if they were fencers..in the heart and forum of the city, as in a fighting ground or theatral sand.

7. *slang.* †**a.** (See quot.) *Obs.*
1812 J. H. Vaux *Flash Dict.*, *Sand*, moist sugar. 1823 P. Egan *Grose's Dict. Vulg. Tongue.*

b. Chiefly *U. S. slang.* Firmness of purpose; pluck, stamina. Cf. Grit *sb.*[1] 5.
1883 E. Ingersoll in *Harper's Mag.* Jan. 202 Good, solid man he was, too, with heaps of sand in him. [1884 'Mark Twain' *Huck. Finn* viii. 62 When I got to camp I warn't feeling very brash, there warn't much sand in my craw.]

8. *Anat.* and *Path.* Applied to various substances resembling sand, present either normally or as morbid products in certain animal organs or secretions. *Brain sand*: see quot. 1856; also called *pineal sand* (Syd. Soc. Lex.). *Urinary sand*: a substance of finer particles than those of gravel (GRAVEL *sb.* 4).

1577 FRAMPTON *Joyf. News* I. 19 The chief vertue that it hath, is in the paine of the stone in the Kidneis and Raines, and in expellyng of Sande and stone. 1707 SLOANE *Jamaica* I. 60 A Seaman much troubled with Sand and gross Humors, eating of it..found so much benefit [etc.]. 1822–9 *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 3) V. 522 Urinary sand..is of two kinds, white and red. 1856 GRIFFITH & HENFREY *Microgr. Dict.* 559/2 Brain-sand, or the acervulus cerebri, is found in the pineal gland and the choroid plexus, sometimes also in the pia mater [etc.]. 1899 CAGNEY tr. *Jaksch's Clin. Diagn.* vii. (ed. 4) 290 Concretions of considerable size are occasionally to be seen with the naked eye in the urine (urinary sand).

9. General Combinations. a. simple attrib., as *sand-bay*, *-beach*, *down*, *-dune*, *-flat*, *-grain*, *heap*, *-land*, *-rip* (RIP *sb.*5), *-shore*, *-waste*, *-wave*; 'made of sand', as *sand core*, *walk*; employed in the storing, carrying, working, etc. of sand, as *sand bin*, *creel* (CREEL *sb.* 1), *-scoop*, *-wheel*.

1645–52 BOATE *Irel. Nat. Hist.* (1860) 22 A *sand-bay where it is good anchoring. 1878 LANIER *Poems, Marshes of Glynn* 54 Softly the *sand-beach wavers away. 1888 *Lockwood's Dict. Mech. Engin.*, **Sand Bin*, a trough..in ..foundries, used as a convenient receptacle for sand..for ..the moulder. 1875 *Ure's Dict. Arts* II. 474 The *sand cores for filling up that part of the shell which is to be hollow. 1402–3 *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 217, 2 panyhers, et 1 par de *sande crelys. 1604 E. GRIMSTONE *Hist. Siege Ostend* 14 The Souldiers were forced to recouer the..*sande downes. 1856 C. J. ANDERSON *Lake Ngami* 157 Soil as yielding as that of an English sand-down. 1830–3 *Sand-dune [see DUNE]. 1899 C. REID *Orig. Brit. Flora* 13 Many of the sand-dune..species are more properly desert plants. 1839 *Penny Cycl.* XV. 516/2 Locality...The *sand-flats of the Cape of Good Hope. 1858 FROUDE *Hist. Eng.* III. 349 Two thousand men were in arms upon the sandflats towards Deal. 1895 *Outing* (U.S.) XXVI. 27/1 Dusty with little *sand-grains. 1602 CAREW *Cornwall* 19 b, A little before plowing time, they scatter abroad those..small *Sand heapes vpon the ground. 1766 *Compl. Farmer* s.v., The grey, black, and ash-coloured *sand-land are the worst of all. 1884 GOODE, etc. *Nat. Hist. Aquatic Anim.* 195 They lie in wait for them on the *sand-rips and catch them as they swim over. 1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.*, **Sand-scoop*, a shovel for obtaining sand from the bottom of the river. 1859 TENNYSON *Elaine* 301 The waste *sand-shores 1766 *Compl. Farmer* s.v. *Walk*, *Sand walks are also frequently made in gardens. 1817 COLERIDGE *Lay Serm.* 26 The unprofitable *sand-waste. 1819 KEATS *Ode Melancholy*, Then glut thy sorrow on..the rainbow of the salt *sand-wave. 1883 *Min. Proc. Inst. Civ. Engin.* LXXIV. 338 *Sand-wheel Motor...A large overshot wheel operated by sand instead of water. 1892 P. BENJAMIN *Mod. Mechanism* 589 Sand Wheels [in ore-dressing machinery] are..elevators..for raising the..tailings.

b. objective and obj. genitive, as *sand crusher*, *-elevator*, *mixer*, *-rammer*, *sifter*.

1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.*, *Sand Crusher and Washer. 1875 *Ure's Dict. Arts* III. 750 The sand..is again lifted by the *sand-elevator. 1888 *Lockwood's Dict. Mech. Engin.*, **Sand Mixer*, a machine used in mixing sand for foundry use. 1902 *Encycl. Brit.* XXXI. 802/2 The *sand-rammers employed in making foundry moulds. 1888 *Lockwood's Dict. Mech. Engin.*, **Sand Sifter*, a machine made for sifting foundry sand.

c. instrumental, as *sand-blown*, *-built*, *-buried*, *-hemmed*, *-invested*, *-strewn* adjs.

1907 C. C. BROWN *China* 139 Low dunes and *sand-blown farmsteads. 1830 TENNYSON *Ode Mem.* 97 A *sand-built ridge. 1888 *Daily News* 3 July 6/1 The *sand-buried cities of Western Mongolia. 1852 M. ARNOLD *Consolation* 27 In a lone, *sand-hemm'd City of Africa. 1870 LONGF. *Div. Trag.* 1st Pass. II. iii, The vast desert, silent, *sand-invested. 1849 M. ARNOLD *Forsaken Merman* 35 *Sand-strewn caverns, cool and deep.

d. parasynthetic, as *sand-beached*, *-bottomed* adjs.

1894 H. NISBET *Bush Girl's Rom.* 12 Sand-bottomed, clear but not shallow streams. 1895 KIPLING *2nd Jungle Bk.* 166 Some granite-tipped, sand-beached islet.

e. adverbial, chiefly similative, as *sand-coloured*, *-like* adjs.; locative, as *sand-wading*.

1627 MAY *Lucan* IX. 822 *Sand-colour'd Ammodytes. 1897 *Daily News* 9 Sept. 6/5 Sand-coloured cloth. 1630 J. TAYLOR (Water P.) *Sieges Jerus.* Wks. I. 10/1 [Adam] from whose Star-like, *Sand-like Generation, Sprung euery Kindred, Kingdome, Tribe, and Nation. 1884 *Cornh. Mag.* May 459 We had an hour's *sand-wading after leaving O-Bak.

10. Special combinations: **sand-ball**, a kind of toilet soap (see quot. 1884); **sand-bar**, a bank of sand formed at the mouth of a river or harbour by the action of the water; **sand-bat**, **-battery** (see quots.); †**sand-bearded** *a.*, having a sandy-coloured beard; **sand belt**, an arid ridge of sand frequently extending many miles; **sand-belt machine**, a variety of sand-papering machine; **sand-binder**, a plant which tends to hold loose or shifting sand; **sand-blight** = *sandy-blight* (see SANDY *a.* 5 b); **sand-blower** (see quot.); **sand board**, (*a*) a board or tray sprinkled with sand in which letters may be traced and obliterated in teaching the alphabet; (*b*) see quots. 1875–95; **sand bowls**, bowls for playing upon sand; **sand brake**, an appliance for stopping a train by the automatic packing of the axles with sand; **sandbreak**, a patch of sandy ground in a landscape; **sand-brush**, the brush or underwood of a sandy district; **sand-bunker**, a small well-fenced sand-pit (Jam.); **sand-burned, burnt** *adjs.*, of a casting, injured by the partial fusion of the sand in the mould; **sand-burr** = *sand-bat* (see also 10 c); **sand cake** [tr. G. *sandkuchen*, *-sandtorte*], a kind of cake which crumbles in the mouth; **sand-canal** *Zool.* (see quot.); **sand-cloud**, a cloud-like mass of sand accompanying a simoom; **sand-club** = SAND-BAG *sb.* 2 c (*Cent. Dict.*); **sand-coal, cone** (see quots.); **sand-crack**, (*a*) a disease incident to the hoofs of a horse; (*b*) a crack in the human foot caused by walking on hot sandy soil; (*c*) a crack in a moulded brick, prior to burning, due to imperfect mixing (*Cent. Dict.*); **sand-crater** (see quot.); **sand-dance**, a step-dance performed on a sanded surface; hence **sand-dancing, sand-dance** *vb.*; **sand-dashing** (see quot.); **sand-drift**, drifting sand or an accumulation of this; †**sand dust** *nonce-wd.* = DUST *sb.*1 3 b; †**sand-fire** = SAND-BATH 1; **sand-flag**, ? = flag-sandstone (FLAG *sb.*2 5); **sand-flask**, a frame for a sand-mould; **sand-flaw**, a flaw in the surface of a brick due to the uneven coating of sand given to the clay in moulding; **sand flood**, an inundation of moving or drifting sand; **sand-furnace** = SAND-BATH 1; **sand-gall**, †**-gavel** (see quots.); †**sand-gelt**, in Flanders, ? an impost levied on shipping to pay the cost of clearing the harbour from sand; **sand gold**, gold dust; **sand groper** *Austral.*, a jocular appellation for a native West Australian; **sand-hole**, (*a*) a small hole or flaw in a casting, also in glass or stone; (*b*) a water-hole in sand; **sand-iron**, (*a*) see quot. 1789; (*b*) *Golf*, an 'iron' adapted for lifting the ball out of sand; **sand-jet**, (*a*) = SAND-BLAST 1; (*b*) a jet of sand from the sand-box of a locomotive; **sand-joint, -letter** (see quots.); **sand-lug** *U.S.*, a low grade of tobacco, manufactured from leaves that grow near the ground (*Funk's Stand. Dict.* 1895); †**sand-mail**, ? = *sand-gavel*; **sand-man**, one who digs sand; also, in nursery language, a personification of sleep or sleepiness (cf. G. *sandmann*, *-männchen*, and DUSTMAN 2); **sand mortar** (see quot.); **sand-mould**, a mould for a casting, composed of sand; hence **sand-moulder**; **sand-moulding**, a process of moulding bricks in which the moulds are sprinkled with sand; **sand-picture**, a picture formed by laying coloured sands on an adhesive ground (Ogilvie 1882); **sand-pillar** = *sand-spout*; **sand-pipe**, (*a*) *Geol.* (see quot. 1839); (*b*) a pipe conducting sand to the rails from the sand-box of a locomotive; **sand plain**, a sandy plain; spec. in *Geol.*, a flat-topped hill of peculiar structure formed as a delta at the margin of a Pleistocene ice sheet; **sand plant** = *sand-binder*; **sand-plate**, (*a*) = *sanding-plate* (Funk's Stand. Dict.); (*b*) a contrivance for facilitating the transporting of a life-boat over sand; †**sand-plot**, (*a*) = ARENA; (*b*) a patch of sand; **sand plug** (see quot.); †**sand-poke**, a sand-bag; **sand-pot**, †(*a*) an iron pot used with the sand-furnace; (*b*) *dial.* a quicksand; **sand-pump**, a pump for raising wet sand, detritus, etc., from a drill-hole, oil-well, caisson, etc.; also *attrib.*; **sand-red** *a.*, of a sandy red colour; **sand-reel** (see quot.); **sand-rock**, a sandstone rock; **sand-scratch** (see quot.); **sand-shoes**, shoes adapted for wearing on the sands or at the sea-side, *spec.* canvas shoes with gutta-percha or hemp soles; **sand-shot** (see quot.); **sand-soap** = *sand-ball*; **sand-spout**, a pillar of sand raised by a whirlwind in a desert; **sand-stock (brick)**, see quot.; **sand-storm**, a desert storm of wind accompanied with clouds of sand; **sand-strake** = GAUBOARD (see quot.); **sand-tube**, (*a*) *Geol.* (see quot. 1841); (*b*) *Zool.* = *sand-canal*; also, a protective tube of agglutinated sand formed by some annelids; (*c*) *Mech.*, a conductor for sand; **sand valve, vent** (see quots.); †**sand-walker** *dial.*, ? one employed in shrimping or other similar work on the sands; **sand warped**, swept by the tide on to a sand-bank; also, 'silted up, or choked with sand' (*Whitby Gloss.*, 1876); **sandweld** *v. trans.*, to weld (iron) with sand, which forms a fluid slag on the welding-surface (*Cent. Dict.*); **sand-whirl**, a whirlwind whose vortex is filled with dust and sand (*ibid.*).

1858 SIMMONDS *Dict. Trade*, **Sand-balls*. 1884 A. WATT *Soap-making* xix. 164 Sand-Balls are made by incorporating with melted and perfumed soap certain proportions of fine river sand. 1807 P. GASS *Jrnl.* 77 A great many *sand-bars [in the Missouri River]. 1876 H. B. WOODWARD *Geol. Eng. & Wales* vii. 169 Beds of concretionary sandstone or sandy limestone called '*sand bats' or '*sand burrs'. 1873 F. JENKIN *Electr. & Magn.* xv. § 1 This [galvanic] battery is made more portable by filling the cells with sand...In this form it is called the common *sand battery. 1624 HEYWOOD *Captives* I. iii. in Bullen *O. Pl.* IV, A short fellowe..*sand-bearded and squint eyde. 1862 D. WILSON *Preh. Man* ii. (1865) 19 Superior Bay and its tributary rivers with their spits and *sand-belts. 1881 F. OATES *Matabele-Land* (1889) 238, I went on with the waggons.., finally stopping on a sandbelt near a pan of water. 1892 P. BENJAMIN *Mod. Mechanism* 763 The *sand-belt machine. 1887 MALONEY *Forestry W. Afr.* 390 Creeping and twining plant, found on the sea-shore; it is a good *sand-binder. 1852 MUNDY *Our Antipodes* (1857) 16 In New South Wales these storms sometimes cause the eye-blight, or *sand-blight, as the malady is indifferently called. 1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.*, **Sand-blower*, a device for powdering with sand a freshly painted surface, in order to make it resemble stone. 1817 A. BELL *Instr. Conduct. Schools* (ed. 6) 8 The scholars copy..the capital printed letters on sand at the *sand board. 1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.*, *Sand-board*, a bar over the hind axle [of a vehicle] and parallel therewith. 1895 *Funk's Stand. Dict.*, *Sand-board*, in car-building, a spring-plank. *a* 1683 SHAFTESB. in *Gentl. Mag.* (1754) XXIV. 160/1 A bowling green..long but narrow, full of high ridges..; they used round *sand bowls. 1884 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.* Suppl., **Sand Brake.* 1883 STEVENSON *Treas. Isl.* xiii, This even tint was indeed broken up by streaks of yellow *sandbreak in the lower lands. 1871 KINGSLEY *At Last* i, A little swamp of foul brown water, backed up by the *sand-brush. 1824 SCOTT *Redgauntlet* Let. xi, A' the gangrel bodies that ye..find cowering in a *sand-bunker upon the links. 1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.*, **Sand-burned.* 1876 *Sand burr [see *sand-bat*]. 1892 *Encycl. Cookery* (ed. Garrett) I. 253 *Sand Cakes. Sand Cake with Marmalade (German). 1870 H. A. NICHOLSON *Man. Zool.* I. Gloss., **Sand-canal*, the tube by which water is conveyed from the exterior to the ambulacral system of the *Echinodermata*. 1839 BAILEY *Festus* xxxi. (1854) 517 The desert *sand-cloud or simoom. 1848 RONALDS & RICHARDSON *Chem. Technol.* I. 33 Other kinds of coal..leave a coke of the same form without caking. When pulverized, they leave a powdery coke. This variety is called *sand-coal. 1902 WEBSTER Suppl., **Sand cone*, a low pinnacle of ice on a glacier, protected from melting by a layer of sand. 1754 J. BARTLET *Gentleman's Farriery* (ed. 2) 312 What is called a *sand-crack is a little cleft on the outside of the hoof. 1895 J. G. MILLAIS *Breath fr. Veldt* (1899) 102 His feet were so sore with sand-cracks he could not walk. 1883 *Science* I. 67/2 '*Sand-craters'..are shown to result from the wet quicksand being forced up through a vent..in the overlying clays. 1879 STEVENSON *Ess. Trav., Amateur Emigrants* (1905) 23 That's a bonny hornpipe now,..they dance the *sand dance to it. 1905 *Daily Chron.* 24 Feb. 6/3 Only an expert in *sand-dancing could have found a hair's-breadth of difference in their ability to sand-dance. 1833 LOUDON *Encycl. Archit.* § 1435. 683 The external walls to be of stone.., walled rough for stucco or *sand-dashing (rough-casting). 1839 DE LA BECHE *Rep. Geol. Cornwall*, etc. xiv. 445 Running streams of water arrest the progress of the *sand-drift. 1604 MIDDLETON & DEKKER *Honest Wh.* I. i, What but faire *sand-dust are earths purest formes. 1677 W. HARRIS tr. *Lemery's Course Chem.* 57 Place the Matrass in a small *Sand-fire digesting for a day. 1747 tr. *Astruc's Fevers* 150 [The water] must be renewed as often as it is evaporated by the sand-fire. 1814 SCOTT *Diary* 9 Aug. in Lockhart *Life*, These lofty cliffs are all of *Sand-flag, a very loose and perishable kind of rock. 1822 — *Pirate* vii. 1884 C. G. W. LOCK *Workshop Receipts* Ser. III. 10/2 A *sand-flask is then placed upon the board over the model. 1884 C. T. DAVIS *Bricks & Tiles* 124 (Cent.) The brick shall contain no cracks or *sand-flaws. 1668 *Phil. Trans.* II. 722 A *Sand-floud, which hath lately overwhelmed a great tract of Land in..Suffolk. 1830 LYELL *Princ. Geol.* I. 301 The commencement of the sand-flood might have been long posterior to the formation of the greater portion of that continent. 1666 BOYLE *Orig. Formes & Qual.* II. vii. 370 We very gently in a *Sand-Furnace distill off the Menstruum. 1787 GROSE *Provinc. Gloss.*, *Galls*, *sand-galls, spots of sand through which the water oores. Norf. and Suf. †1811 *Agric. Surv. Dumbart.* 330 (Jam. s.v. *Gate*) A few narrow sand gaws. 1876 H. B. WOODWARD *Geol. Eng. & Wales* xiii. 409 The Chalk is worn away into pipes and hollows. *Note.* Called 'Earth pots' in Norfolk, and sometimes 'Sand-galls'. 1663 S. TAYLOR *Gavelkind* ix. 113 In the same Lordship [of Rodely, Glos.] is also another called *Sand-gavel, which is..a Payment due to the Lord, for the liberty granted to the Tenents to Digg up Sand. 1527 *Chron. Calais* (Camden) 103 Without paying ..'sandgelt, wharfgelt [etc.]. 1766 AMORY *Buncle* (1770) IV. 110 It is found..sometimes in a powdery form, and then called gold-dust, or *sand-gold. 1902 J. H. M. ABBOTT *Cornstalk* i, In delicate reference to the nature of their country the West Australians are [called] '*Sand-gropers'. 1691 T. H[ALE] *Acc. New Invent.* 96 Certain defects in Castlead..called by the Plumber Blow-holes and *Sand-holes. 1867 G. F. CHAMBERS *Astron.* 615 Air bubbles, striae, sand-holes,..of course,..are bad [in an object glass]. 1887 [see *sand vent*]. 1896 R. S. S. BADEN-POWELL *Matabele Campaign* xiii, While they scoop the muddy water from the sand-hole for their tea. 1796 MORSE *Amer. Geog.* I. 464 Jared Eliot..invented *sand-iron, or the making of iron from black sand, in 1761. 1881 FORGAN *Golfer's Handbk.* 28 He should ..firmly grasp his weapon (Niblick or Sand-Iron). 1871 *Jrnl. Franklin Inst.* Sept. 155 The blocks [for engraving] are protected with an open design..and the steam *sand jet directed upon them. 1900 *Daily Express* 19 June 5/7 The switching-on of the sandjets [of a train]. 1888 *Lockwood's Dict. Mech. Engin.*, **Sand Joint*, the parting or joint between the different portions of the sand of a foundry mould. 1843 *Penny Cycl.* XXV. 456/1 Large letters..were formerly cast in sand-moulds, and hence called *sand-letters. 1287 *Yorksh. Inquisitions* (Yks. Rec. Soc.) II. 61 *Sondemale, 10*d.* at Easter and Michaelmas. 1821 CLARE *Vill. Minstr.* I. 116 The *sand-man's delving spade. 1861 WERNERT tr. *Andersen's Tales* (1869) 237 Of an evening, as soon as it begins to grow dark,..the Sandman comes. 1775 ASH, **Sandmortar*, mortar in which sand is a principal ingredient. 1843 HOLTZAPFFEL *Turning*, etc. I. 325 Plaster of Paris and *sand moulds. 1831 J. HOLLAND *Manuf. Metal* I. 55 There is hardly a single article..in wrought-iron the like of which the ingenuity of the *sand-moulder cannot produce in cast metal. 1843 *Min. Proc. Inst. Civ. Engin.* II. II. 147 The process was a kind of intermediate one between slop and *sand-moulding. 1879 WEBSTER Suppl., **Sand-pillar*, a sand-storm in desert tracts,

like those of the Sahara and Mongolia. 1839 LYELL in *Lond. & Edin. Philos. Mag.* XV. 257 On the tubular Cavities filled with Gravel and Sand called '*Sand-pipes', in the Chalk near Norwich. 1905 *Daily Chron.* 15 Dec. 5/5 The sand-pipes which are fixed in front of the wheels of the engine. 1903 *Westm. Gaz.* 18 Sept. 4/2 The *sand-plains of Berlin. 1849 BALFOUR *Man. Bot.* § 1139 *Sand plants; as *Carex arenaria*, *Ammophila arenaria* [etc.] which tend to fix the loose sand. 1902 *Encycl. Brit.* XXX. 232/2 (art. *Life-boat*) *Sand-plates. 1618 BOLTON *Florus* (1636) 267 The first field and *Sand-plot of civill Warre was Italy. 1745 P. THOMAS *Jrnl. Anson's Voy.* 163 The Bottom very foul, being Riffs of Coral Rocks, interspersed with small Sand-plots. 1888 *Lockwood's Dict. Mech. Engin.* s.v. *Plug*, A *sand plug..is..the ball of sand..with which the riser of a mould is covered while the metal is being poured at the ingate. 1415-16 *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 612 Item in 2 uln. di. de canvas empt. pro 1 *Sand-poke, 10*d*. 1421-2 *Ibid.* 228 Pro sandepokes. 1758 *Elaboratory* 15 Procure a proper *sand-pot, and large plate for forming the sand-bath. 1877 E. LEIGH *Chesh. Gloss.*, *Sand Pot*, a quicksand. Often met with in draining. 1881 RAYMOND *Mining Gloss.*, **Sand-pump*. 1902 *Encycl. Brit.* XXVII. 530/2 Sand-pump dredgers. *a* 1639 WOTTON in *Reliq.* (1651) 524 She trips to milk the *Sand-red Cow. 1883 *Century Mag.* July 329/2 The *sand-reel..serves to lower or raise the sand-pump. 1798 CHARLOTTE SMITH *Yng. Philos.* IV. 276 They took the way above the excavation of *sand-rock where I sat. 1872 DANA *Corals* ii. 155 These sand-banks..become cemented into a sand-rock. 1871 STOAMONTH *Dict.*, **Sand-scratches*, in *geol.*, rocks or rock-surfaces worn smooth, or marked with scratches and furrows, by sand carried by the wind passing over them. 1855 PATMORE *Angel in Ho.* II. xii. 1 While the shop-girl fitted on The *sand-shoes. 1867 BRANDE & COX *Dict. Sci.*, etc., **Sand Shot*. In Artillery, small cast-iron balls; so called because they have always been cast in sand. 1855 PIESSE *Perfumery* viii. 166 *Sand Soap. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 931 Salicylic acid..followed by friction with pumice-stone or sand-soap, will [etc.]. *a* 1849 J. C. MANGAN *Poems* (1859) 264 A *sandspout out of that sandy ocean, upcurls. 1884 J. COLBOANE *Hickt Pasha* 176 The sand-spouts, so frequent in these regions. 1843 *Min. Proc. Inst. Civ. Engin.* II. 11. 145 The mould is dipped into water previous to its receiving the clay, instead of its being sanded as is the case in making *sandstock bricks. *Ibid.* 146 Sand-stock and slop-moulding. 1774 GOLDSM. *Nat. Hist.* (1824) I. 155 The *sand storm of Africa exhibits a very different appearance. 1820 SCORESBY *Acc. Arctic Reg.* II. 448 *note*, Garboard-strake, or *sand-strake, is the first range of strakes or planks laid..next the keel. 1867 SMYTH *Sailor's Word-bk.* 1814 *Trans. Geol. Soc.* II. 532 *Sand Tubes. 1841 BRANDE *Chem.* (ed. 5) 276 *note*, What are termed sand-tubes appear to be formed by the passage of lightning through a sandy soil which it fuses in its passage. 1857 GOSSE *Omphalos* 202 Implements by which the sand-tube [of a Terebella] is thus built up. 1871 *Jrnl. Franklin Inst.* 195 An annular passage surrounding the sand tube. 1875 *Encycl. Brit.* II. 67/2 Large coherent masses of coarse gravel and sand-tubes are formed..by *Sabellaria*. 1888 *Lockwood's Dict. Mech. Engin.*, **Sand Valve*, the valve by which the escape of sand from the sand box of a locomotive is regulated. 1887 *Archit. Publ. Soc. Dict.*, *Sandhole* in stone; also called a *sand vent. A deposit of sand in a block of stone. 1637-8 *Maldon* (Essex) *Borough Deeds* (Bundle 149 No. 3), Warne all..ferrymen, marshmen, and *sandwalkers within your townshippe.. to be and appeare before our..vice-admirall. *a* 1661 FULLER *Worthies, Cambs.* (1662) I. 159 Crossing Humber in a Barrow-boat, the same was *sand-warpt, and he drowned therein. 1867 SMYTH *Sailor's Word-bk.*, *Sand-warpt*, left by the tide on a shoal. Also, striking on a shoal at half-flood.

b. In the names of animals, etc., as **sand asp**, ? = *sand-lizard*; **sand-badger**, (*a*) a Javanese badger, *Meles ankuma*; (*b*) the Indian badger, *Arctonyx collaris*, also called **sand bear**; **sand-beetle** (see quot.); **sand bird**, a bird whose habitat is the seashore, esp. the SANDPIPER; **sand-bug**, (*a*) a member of the family *Galgulidæ*; (*b*) *N. Amer.*, a sand-wasp, *Ammophila arenaria* (Ogilvie 1855); (*c*) a burrowing crab, *Hippa talpoida*; **sand-clam**, *N. Amer.*, the common Long Clam, *Mya arenaria*; **sand cock**, the redshank; **sand-collar** = *sand-saucer* (Cent. Dict.); **sand-crab**, (*a*) a crab of the family *Ocypodidæ*; (*b*) the Lady Crab, *Platyonichus ocellatus*; **sand-creeper** [? a. Du. **zandkruiper*], a South African fish; **sand-cricket**, *U. S.*, a cricket belonging to the genus *Stenopelmatus*, esp. *S. fasciatus*; **sand dab**, (*a*) see quot. 1884; (*b*) *dial.* = DAB *sb.*[2]; **sand dart**, a moth, *Agrotis ripæ*; **sand-darter**, an etheostomine fish of the genus *Ammocrypta*, esp. *A. pellucida* (Cent. Dict.); **sand-diver**, a West Indian lizard fish, *Synodus intermedius* (Webster *Suppl.* 1902); **sand-dollar** (see quot.); **sand-fish**, (*a*) a fish of the family *Trichodontidæ*, esp. one of the genus *Trichodon* (Cent. Dict.); (*b*) a book-name for *Diplectrum formosum*; **sand flea**, (*a*) = CHIGOE; (*b*) *U.S.*, a crustacean belonging to the genus *Orchestia*; (*c*) a brine-shrimp, *Artemia salina*; **sand fluke** *dial.*, a flat-fish, *Pleuronectes microcephalus*; **sand-gaper** = *sand-clam*; **sand-hopper**, a crustacean, *Talitrus locusta*; also, a sand flea of the genus *Orchestia*; **sand-hornet**, a sand-wasp; esp. one of the family *Crabronidæ* (Cent. Dict.); **sand-jumper** = *sand-hopper*; **sand-launce** = SAND-EEL 1; **sand-lizard**, a common European lizard, *Lacerta agilis*; **sand lob** = *sand-worm* (Cent. Dict.); **sandlurker** = PRIDE *sb.*[2]; **sand martin**, a variety of the MARTIN, *Hirundo* or *Cotile riparia*, which nests in the side of a sand-pit; **sand-mason**, a tubeworm (see quot.); **sand-mole** [Du. *zandmoll*], a mole of the S. African species *Bathyergus maritimus*; **sand-monitor**, the land-crocodile, *Monitor* or *Psammosaurus arenarius* (Cassell's Encycl. Dict. 1887); † **sand-mussel** (see quot.); **sandnecker**, a flat-fish, *Platessa limandoides*; **sand-partridge**, a partridge of the genus *Ammoperdix* (Cent. Dict.); **sand-peep**, a familiar name in the U. S. for various small sandpipers; **sand-perch** *U. S.*, the grass-bass *Pomoxys sparoides* (Cent. Dict.); **sand pigeon**, (*a*) see quot.; (*b*) the stock-dove, *Columba œnas* (E.D.D.); **sand-pike** (see PIKE *sb.*); **sand plover**, a local name for plovers of the genera *Ægialitis* and *Squatarola*; **sand-prey, -pride** = PRIDE *sb.*[2]; **sand rat**, a N. American rat of the genus *Thomomys*, esp. *T. talpoides*; **sand roller**, the trout perch (Webster *Suppl.* 1902); **sand runner**, a sand-plover or sandpiper (Newton); **sand-saucer** (see quot.); **sandscrew**, an amphipod, *Lepidactylis arenaria*; **sand-shark**, (*a*) *U. S.*, a kind of shark (see quot. 1884); (*b*) *Australia*, a variety of ray-fish (see quot. 1882); **sand shell**, a yellow river mussel, or naiad (*Lampsilus anodontoides*) of the Mississippi River; also, applied to *L. rectus* (Webster *Suppl.* 1902); **sand shrimp**, a shrimp, esp. *Crangon vulgaris* (Cent. Dict.); **sand-skink**, a skink found in sandy places; esp. *Seps ocellatus* (ibid.); **sand-skipper** = *sand-hopper*; **sand-smelt**, the smelt *Atherina presbyter*; **sand-snake**, (*a*) a snake of the genus *Eryx* = AMMODYTE 1; (*b*) = *desert-snake* (Cent. Dict.); **sand-snipe** (see quot.); **sand-sole**, the sole *Solea lascaris*; **sand-star**, a starfish of the genus *Ophiura*, esp. *O. texturata*; **sand-sucker**, (*a*) the flat-fish *Platessa limandoides*; (*b*) *U. S.*, a popular name for soft-bodied animals which hide in the sand, as ascidians, holothurians, or nereids (*Cent. Dict.*); **sand-swallow** (see quot.); **sand-viper**, (*a*) = *sand-snake* (a); (*b*) *local U. S.*, a snake of the genus *Heterodon* (Cent. Dict.); **sand-wasp**, a digger-wasp (see DIGGER 4, quot. 1847); **sand whiting**, (*a*) see quot. 1883; (*b*) the Carolina whiting *Menticirrhus Americanus* (Webster *Suppl.* 1902); **sand-worm**, the lug-worm *Arenicola marina* or *piscatorum*. Also SAND-EEL, -FLY, -GROUSE, -LARK, SANDPIPER, etc.

1833 COLERIDGE *Love's Apparition*, A ruined well, Where the shy *sand-asps bask and swell. 1873 *Proc. Zool. Soc.* 761 Two *Sand-badgers (*Meles ankuma*..), presented. 1894 LYDEKKER *Roy. Nat. Hist.* II. 89 The sand-badger..(*Arctonyx collaris*). 1883 *Encycl. Brit.* XV. 440/1 The best-known species is *Arctonyx collaris*, the *Sand-Bear. 1854 A. ADAMS, etc. *Man. Nat. Hist.* 188 *Sand-Beetles (*Trogidæ*). 1796 MORSE *Amer. Geog.* I. 213 *Sand birds, *Tringa parva*. 1878 *Masque Poets* 51 Far off some sand-bird pipes its evening song. 1854 A. ADAMS, etc. *Man. Nat. Hist.* 242 *Sand-Bugs (*Galgulidæ*). 1884 GOODE, etc. *Nat. Hist. Aquatic Anim.* 779 The Sand Bug—*Hippa talpoida*, Say. This is..related to the Hermit Crabs. 1809 KENDALL *Trav.* II. xlvii. 144 Rich in fish and in *sand-clams (*sabella granulata*). 1804 BEWICK *Birds* II. 91 Redshank. Red-legged Horseman, Pool Snipe, or *Sand Cock (*Scolopax calidris* Lin.). *a* 1851 J. G. DALYELL *Powers of Creator* I. 183 *Cancer* (*portunus*) *pusillus*.—The *Sand Crab. 1877 *Encycl. Brit.* VI. 642/1 The swift-footed sand-crabs (Ocypoda) are exclusively terrestrial. 1884 GOODE, etc. *Nat. Hist. Aquatic Anim.* 774 The 'Lady Crab', or 'Sand Crab' [*Platyonichus ocellatus*], is abundant..from Cape Cod to Florida. *a* 1672 WILLUGHBY *Hist. Pisc.* (1686) App. 24 [*Pisces Indici*] *Sand Creeper *Belgis*. 1731 MEDLEY *Kolben's Cape G. Hope* II. 203 There is a fish at the Cape call'd a Sand-Creeper, from its keeping near sandy shores. 1885 *Standard Nat. Hist.* (1888) II. 185 Throughout the Rocky Mountain region..are found several species of large, fierce looking insects...They are popularly known as *sand-crickets. 1880-4 DAY *Fishes Gt. Brit.* II. 33 Of Yorkshire it [*Pleuronectes limanda*] is..abundant, and known as the '*sand-dab' at Redcar. 1884 GOODE, etc. *Nat. Hist. Aquatic Anim.* 197 The Sand Dab, or Rough Dab, *Hippoglossoides platessoides*..is taken in winter by the line fishermen of New England. 1880 O. S. WILSON *Larvæ Brit. Lepid.* 243 *Agrotis ripæ*, Hub. The *Sand Dart. 1884 GOODE, etc. *Nat. Hist. Aquatic Anim.* 839 The '*Sand Dollar', or 'Flat Sea Urchin' (*Echinarachnius parma*), of the New England coast. 1896 JORDAN & EVERMANN *Fishes N. & Mid. Amer.* I. 1207 *Sand-fish. 1796 STEDMAN *Surinam* xiv. 352 The chigoe..is a kind of small *sand-flea, that gets in between the skin and the flesh. 1848 BARTLETT *Dict. Amer.*, *Sand-Flea*, or *Beach-Flea* (Genus, *Orchestia*. Leach). 1884 E. INGERSOLL in *Harper's Mag.* Aug. 391/2 You are surrounded by clouds of little sand-fleas (*Artemia salina*). *c* 1640 J. SMYTH *Hund. Berkeley* (1885) III. 319 The *sand flooke, resemblinge the sole. 1880-4 DAY *Fishes Gt. Brit.* II. 29 *Pleuronectes microcephalus*... Sand-fleuk, Edinburgh. 1887 G. B. GOODE, etc. *Fisheries U. S.* v. II. 580 English books and people call it [*Mya arenaria*] the '*sand-gaper', the 'old maid', &c. 1790 HASSELL *Tour Isle of Wight* II. xxv. 131 Another particular species of fish..to which they give the name of *Sandhopper, from its motion, which consists of a hop or bound, like that of a grasshopper; in all other respects it resembles a shrimp, as well in make as in colour. 1828 *Sporting Mag.* II. 158 Such insects as 'sea-lice' and 'sand-hoppers'. 1871 DARWIN *Desc. Man* II. ix. 337 The male sand-hopper (Orchestia) does not acquire his large claspers..until nearly full-grown. 1900 CROCKETT *Little Anna Mark* xviii, Pools to dabble your feet in..out among the dulse and the *sand-jumpers. 1776 PENNANT *Brit. Zool.* III. 137 *Sand Launce. 1864 P. H. GOSSE in *Gd. Words* 358 What is this writhing, wriggling thing, that looks like a narrow tape of burnished silver? It is a Sand-launce. 1855 OGILVIE Suppl., **Sand-lizard*. 1882 *Encycl. Brit.* XIV. 734/1 The Sand-Lizard (*Lacerta agilis*), which is confined to some localities in the south of England. 1859-62 RICHARDSON, etc. *Mus. Nat. Hist.* II. 111/1 The various names of Prid, Pride, Sandpride, *Sand-lurker [etc.]. 1668 CHARLETON *Onomast.* 90 *Hirudo riparia*..the *Sand, or Bank Marten. 1678, 1774 [see MARTIN[1]]. 1884 *Cassell's Fam. Mag.* Mar. 220/1 Steep banks of sandstone, riddled with the holes of the sand-martin. *a* 1851 J. G. DALYELL *Powers of Creator* (1853) II. 183 *Terebella littoralis, seu arenaria*. The *Sand Mason. 1850 A. WHITE *Pop. Hist. Mammalia* 232 Another member of this family..is also a native of South Africa: this is the Coast Rat or *Sand-Mole (*Bathyergus maritimus*). 1681 GREW *Museum* I. VI. ii. 147 The *Sand-Muscle. *Tellina*. They live much in the Sand. 1835 L. JENYNS *Man. Vertebr. Anim.* 459 *Platessa Limandoides*, Nob. (*Sandnecker). 1872 COUES *Key N. Amer. Birds* 254 This species and the last are usually confounded under the common name of '*sandpeeps'. 1884 *Ibid.* (ed. 2) 562 The Sand-grouse (better *Sand-pigeons) or *Pterocletes*. 1842 MACGILLIVRAY *Brit. Ornith.* II. 52 *Charadrius Hiaticula*. Ringed *Sand-Plover. *Ibid.* 53 *Charadrius Cantianus*. Kentish Sand-Plover. 1889 PARKER *Catal. N. Zealand Exhib.* 116 (Morris) But two genera of the group [Wading Birds] are found only in New Zealand, the Sand-plover and the Wry-billed Plover. 1836 YARRELL *Brit. Fishes* II. 459 The Pride, and *Sandpride. *Sandprey, and Mud lamprey. 1781 PENNANT *Quadrupeds* II. 466 *Sand Rat. *Mus Arenarius*. 1894-5 LYDEKKER *Roy. Nat. Hist.* III. 149 In size the naked sand-rats (*Heterocephalus*) may be compared to a common mouse. 1885 *Standard Nat. Hist.* (1888) I. 346 The egg masses of the *Nauticas* bear the common name *sand-saucers. 1863 WOOD *Illustr. Nat. Hist.* III. 623 *Sand-screw, *Sulcator arenarius*... So called from the odd movements which it makes when laid upon dry sand, wriggling along [etc.]. 1882 TENISON-WOODS *Fishes N.S. Wales* 93 *Rhinobatus granulatus*, blind or *sand shark. 1884 GOODE, etc. *Nat. Hist. Aquatic Anim.* 671 The Sand Shark—*Odontaspis littoralis*. This species..is found..from New England southward to Charleston. 1871 DARWIN *Desc. Man* II. ix. 334 This same naturalist separated a male *sand-skipper (so common on our sea-shores), *Gammarus marinus*, from its female. 1836 YARRELL *Brit. Fishes* I. 214 The Atherine, or *Sandsmelt. 1753 CHAMBERS *Cycl. Supp.*, Ammodytes..or *sand-snake, from its sand-like colour. 1896 LYDEKKER *Roy. Nat. Hist.* V. 193 From their allies, the sand-snakes are distinguished by the small scales being either smooth or singly keeled [etc.]. 1848 *Zoologist* VI. 2137 All the sand-pipers..are indiscriminately known as '*sand-snipes' [Leicestershire]. 1880-4 DAY *Fishes Gt. Brit.* II. 42 *Solea lascaris*. .. The..'*sand-sole' from the localities it frequents. 1841 E. FORBES *Brit. Starfishes* 23 Common *Sand-star. *Ophiura texturata*. Lam. *Ibid.* 27 Lesser Sand-star. *Ophiura albida*. Forbes. 1862 GÜNTHER *Cat. Fishes Brit. Mus.* IV. 405 *Hippoglossoides limandoides*. The rough Dab or *Sandsucker. 1876 SMILES *Sc. Natur.* xiv. (ed. 4) 287 Amongst the rare fishes caught by them were the Sandsucker, *Platessa limandoides* [etc.]. 1797 BEWICK *Birds* I. 258 Sand Martin. (*Cotile riparia*.)..*Sand Swallow. (*Hirundo riparia*.) 1668 CHARLETON *Onomast.* 30 *Ammodites*,..the *sand Viper. 1896 LYDEKKER *Roy. Nat. Hist.* V. 233 Another well-known poisonous European snake is the long-nosed, or sand-viper (*Vipera ammodytes*). 1802 BINGLEY *Anim. Biog.* (1813) III. 257 The Blue *Sand-wasp. 1896 tr. *Boas' Text-bk. Zool.* 270 Sand-wasps (*Crabronidæ*, *Pompilidæ*). These..have a simple trochanter, a stalked abdomen, and a sting. 1776 PENNANT *Brit. Zool.* III. 207 The next baits in esteem are ..*sand worms, muscles, and limpets. 1896 LYDEKKER *Roy. Nat. Hist.* VI. 435 We may take as our first example [of the group Tubicola] the sand-worm (*Arenicola piscatorum*).

c. In the names of plants: **sand blackberry** (see quot.); **sand bur, -burr**, any one of several plants abounding in the sandy districts and great plains of western U. S., the fruit of which becomes a bur, esp. (*a*) the beaked nightshade (*Solanum rostratum*); (*b*) a composite plant (*Gærtneria acanthicarpa*); (*c*) the burgrass (Webster *Suppl.* 1902); **sand cherry** *N. Amer.*, a dwarf shrub, *Cerasus* or *Prunus pumila*; **sand elm**, a variety of elm, *Ulmus suberosa*; **sand grass**, any species of grass which grows in sand and serves the purpose of a sand-binder (see quots.); † **sand-hooker tree** = *sand-box tree* (see SAND-BOX 3); **sand-jack** (see quot.); **sand-leek**, the rocambole, *Allium Scorodoprasum* (Cassell's Encycl. Dict. 1887); **sand myrtle**, *Leiophyllum* or *Ledum buxifolium*; **sand pear**, *Pyrus sinensis* (Sanders 1895); **sand pine, pink** (see quots.); **sand-reed**, the beach-grass of the great Lakes and of the Atlantic coasts of Europe and N. America (*Funk's Stand. Dict.* 1895); **sand rocket**, the wall mustard; † **sand-rush** *U.S.*, perh. *Equisetum arvense*; **sand-sedge** = *sand-reed*; **sand-spurry**, a plant of the genus *Spergularia* (Cent. Dict.); **sandstay** (see quot.); **sand-willow**, *Salix fusca*; **sand wood** (see quot.).

1847 W. DARLINGTON *Amer. Weeds* (1860) 128 *Rubus cuneifolius*,..*Sand Blackberry. 1896 *Voice* (N. Y.) 12 Mar. 4/4 The Prohibitionists of the state [Kansas] are soon to meet at Topeka again and feed *sand-burs to Governor Morrill. 1796 MORSE *Amer. Geog.* I. 168 On its banks are found amazing quantities of *sand cherries. 1878 *Encycl. Brit.* VIII. 152/1 The Dutch or *Sand Elm is a tree very similar to the wych elm. 1856 GRAY *Man. Bot.* (1860) 556 *Triplasis purpurea* (*Sand-Grass)...In sand, Massachusetts to Virginia along the coast, and southward. 1857 HENFREY *Bot.* § 594. 426 The sand-grasses, *Elymus arenarius*, *Arundo arenaria*,..are valuable binding weeds on shifting sandy shores. 1796 STEDMAN *Surinam* II. xxiii. 164 The *sand-hooker tree..receives its name from the fruit, which being

divested of its seed, is used as a sand-box by writers. 1884 SARGENT *Forests N. Amer.* 153 *Quercus cinerea* Michaux. ..Upland Willow Oak. Blue Jack. *Sand Jack 1845-50 *Sand myrtle [see MYATLE *sb.* 2 b]. 1884 SARGENT *Forests N. Amer.* 199 *Pinus clausus* Vasey...*Sand Pine. 1852 *Cottage Gard. Dict.* (ed. G. W.[8] Johnson) 325 *Dianthus arenarius* (*sand pink). 1805 *Edin. Rev.* Oct. 109 In Iceland, the grain of *sand-reed approaches so nearly to maturity, that [etc.]. 1857 Miss PRATT *Flower. Pl.* I. 153 *Sinapis muralis* (*Sand-rocket). 1805 LEWIS & CLARK *Trav. Missouri*, etc. (1815) II. xii. 2 The..*sandrush, and narrow dock, are also common. 1842 J. B. FRASER *Mesopot. & Assyria* xv. 361 There is no combat here, such as when the sand-reed or *sand-sedge..endeavours to climb above the perpetually accumulating sands. 1889 J. H. MAIDEN *Usef. Pl. Australia* 642 *Leptospermum lævigatum*.. ‘*Sandstay’...This shrub is the most effectual of all for arresting the progress of drift sand. 1786 J. ABERCROMBIE *Arrangem. in Gard. Assist.* 35/2 *Sand willow, downy leaved. 1840 PAXTON *Bot. Dict.* s.v., *Sand-wood. *Eremontiera Ammoxylon.*

Sand (sænd), *v.* [f. SAND *sb.*[2]]

1. *trans.* To run (a ship) on a sandbank; also *pass.* of a person, to be run aground.

1560 JEWEL *Answ. to Cole's 3rd Let.* 98 b, Although ye be sanded, & set aground, yet ye kepe vp the sail stil, as if ye had water at your will. 1592 WYRLEY *Armorie* 129 This skyphier haue I seen through dotage To sand his ship in calme and quiet floud. 1621 BURTON *Anat. Mel.* I. ii. iv. iii. (1651) 148 Seamen..when they have been sanded or dashed on a rock, for ever after fear that mischance.

2. To sprinkle with or as with sand.

c 1374 CHAUCER *Troylus* II. 773 (822) This gardeyn was large and rayled all þe aleyes..and sonded alle þe weyes. 1453 in S. Bentley *Excerpta Hist.* (1831) 391 Þat the place where þat the said bataille shalbe be..wel graveled and sandrd. 1607 HIEAON *Wks.* I. 154 If now, when the way is thus sanded forth vnto you, you will say, as they did of old, ‘We will not walke therein’. *Ibid.* 414 If we desire fame, we see here the way sanded out vnto vs; Doe worthily, and be famous. 1712 J. JAMES tr. *Le Blond's Gardening* 34 All these Paths should be sanded. 1742 YOUNG *Nt. Th.* IX. 2308 This wide waste of worlds; this visto vast, All sanded o'er with suns. 1818 MOORE *Fudge Fam. Paris* xii. 62 He wrote,—Upon paper gilt-edged,..Then sanded it over with silver and azure. 1870 F. R. WILSON *Ch. Lindisf.* 102 The floors are sanded in the most primitive country-inn fashion. 1883 *Harper's Mag.* Oct. 716/1 Tawdry modern cast-iron work, ‘sanded’ to represent stone. 1897 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* IV. 472 The skin [in myxœdema] becomes rough and scaly, almost as if it were sanded.

3. To overlay with sand, to bury under a sand drift; also *to sand up, over.*

1624 SANDERSON *Serm.* I. 224 This weather, that flood, such a storm, hath blasted our fruits, sanded our grounds [etc.]. 1789 *Trans. Soc. Arts* I. 222 That vessel perished ..in Dunbar Bay, and..was thought to be sanded up. 1860 *Merc. Marine Mag.* VII. 39 Should the broken tree be sanded over,..it will be difficult..to find the..channel. 1881 M. A. LEWIS *Two Pretty G.* I. 239 The hay crop in the Lower Croft had been hopelessly sanded.

b. To put sand upon (land) as a dressing.

1721 J. EDMONDS in Mortimer *Husb.* I. 101 ‘Tis now.. twenty four Years since he sanded it first. 1867 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* Ser. II. III. 662 The heaviest clay lands are being sanded to a depth of 3 or 4 inches.

4. To intermix sand with (sugar, wool, etc.) for purposes of fraud.

1848 KINGSLEY *Yeast* xv, To sand the sugar, and sloe-leave the tea. 1880 in Goode, etc. *Hist. & Meth. Fish.* (Fish. Industr. U. S. v.) 1887 II. 840 To affirm..that the packers in question were sanding their sponges would not perhaps be justifiable. 1892 WALSH *Tea* (Philad.) 133 Sanding or adulterating with a variety of mineral matter, chiefly iron or steel filings, to add to the weight.

5. To grind or polish with sand.

1858 *Skyring's Builders' Prices* (ed. 48) 90 Old Sienna, ..or other similar marbles,..sanded, polished, and re-set.

Sandal (sæ·ndăl), *sb.*[1] Also 4 **sandalie**, 5 **sendell**, 6 **sandale**, **-dell**, 7 **sandall**, 7– **sandal**. [ad. L. *sandalium* (pl. *sandalia*, whence as fem. sing. Sp., Pg. *sandalia*, F. *sandale*), ad. Gr. *σανδάλιον*, dim. of *σάνβαλον* (whence It. *randalo*) = Æolic *σάμβαλον*; the remoter etymology is unknown.]

1. A protective covering for the sole of the foot fastened by means of fillets or thongs of leather passed over the instep and round the ankle.

The common foot-gear of the ancient Greeks and Romans, and still in use among some Oriental peoples. Of late years sandals have been used somewhat extensively in England instead of shoes for children, and sometimes for adults.

1382 WYCLIF *Mark* VI. 9 And he clepide twelue,..and comaundide hem, that thei schulde not take ony thing in the weye.., but schoon with sandalies [1388 schod with sandalies; *c* 1520 NISBET schod with sandalis]. 1493 *Dives & Paup.* (Pynson) I. b v, Do on thy galoches or sandalynes [*read* sandalyes; ed. 1534 has sandalines]. 1526 TINDALE *Acts* xii. 8 And the angell sayd vnto him: gyrde thy silfe and bynde on thy sandalles. 1567 *Gude & Godlie Ball.* (S. T. S.) 195 Preistis..preiche the Euangell on zour feit, And set on Sandellis full meit, Bot cast zour pantonis of. 1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* I. vi. 35 His sandales were with toilsome travell torne. 1637 MILTON *Lycidas* 187 While the still morn went out with Sandals gray. 1666–7 PEPYS *Diary* 23 Jan., The Priest was in his cell, with his hair clothes to his skin, bare-legged, with a sandall only on. 1698 FRYER *Acc. E. India & P.* 30 The Moors and Persians shod with Sandals. 1725 DE FOE *Voy. round World* (1840) 267 Shoes ..tied on like sandals. 1813 WELLINGTON in Gurw. *Desp.* (1838) XI. 34 The Basques and Navarrois..wear sandals. 1871 R. ELLIS *Catullus* lxviii. 72 Lightly the polish'd floor creak'd to the sandal again.

b. *Her.* used as a bearing.

1688 R. HOLME *Armoury* III. 13/2 He beareth Or, two Sandals, Sable. 1828–40 BERRY *Encycl. Her.* I.

2. a. A kind of half-shoe of red leather, silk, etc., richly embroidered and fastened with straps and bands, forming part of the regalia of a sovereign or of the official dress of a bishop or abbot.

c 1485 in *Rutland Papers* (Camden) 17 His hosen, sendellis, and spurres. *Ibid.* 19 With regall sandelles and spurres. 1579 FULKE *Refut. Rastel* 754 As for shauen crownes, and purple sandales,..they were neuer taken for ..mysteries. 1687 F. SANDFORD *Coronat. Jas. II* 38 The [King's] Sandals were made with a dark-colour'd Leather Sole, and a Wooden Heel covered with Red Leather, the Straps or Bands..were of Cloth of Tissue. 1849 ROCK *Ch. of Fathers* II. vi. 238 The richest silks, elaborately embroidered, were used in England for making episcopal sandals.

b. Applied to various kinds of low shoes, slippers, etc.

1794 MRS. RADCLIFFE *Myst. Udolpho* xxvi, Barnardine was wrapt in a long dark cloak, which scarcely allowed the kind of half-boots, or sandals, that were laced upon his legs, to appear. 1900 T. W. GREIG *Ladies' Dress Shoes* Finis, Dancing sandals worn in the ballet by Madame Cerri, made of pink satin.

c. *U. S.* ‘An india-rubber overshoe, having very low sides and consisting chiefly of a sole with a strap across the instep’ (*Cent. Dict.* 1891).

3. A strap for fastening a low shoe or slipper, passed over the instep or round the ankle.

1829 *R. Ackerman's Repos. Fashions* 4 Cherry-colour shoes and sandals. 1833 HT. MARTINEAU *Cinnamon & Pearls* v. 86 Alice, love, come and tie my sandal. 1836–9 DICKENS *Sk. Boz, Scenes* xx, Her white satin shoes..being firmly attached to her legs with strong tape sandals. *Ibid., Char.* ix, A young lady, with her shoes tied in sandals all over her ankles.

4. *attrib.*, **sandal shoon** (*arch.*), sandals.

1602 SHAKS. *Ham.* IV. v. 26 By his Cockle hat and staffe, and his Sandal shoone.

Sandal (sæ·ndăl), *sb.*[2] Forms: 5 **sandell**, 6 **sandall**, **sandol(e**, 5– **sandal**; *β.* 6 (in Lat. form) **sandalum**, (in It. forms) **sandolo**, **sandalo**. [a. med.L. *sandalum* = Sp. *sándalo*, Pg., It. *sandalo*, F. † *sandal*, also OF. *saudle* (whence G. *sandel*), *sandre* (whence the older Eng. SANDERS); a med.L. variant *santalum* survives in mod.L. as generic name (hence mod.F. *santal*). The ultimate sonrce appears to be Skr. *čandana* (Hindī *čandan*); cf. Arab. صندل *çandal*, late Gr. *σάνδανον*, *σάνταλον*.] = SANDALWOOD, in its various applications. †Also, an ointment made of powdered sandalwood.

c 1400 tr. *Secreta Secret., Gov. Lordsh.* 81 With sandell confyt ennoynt his body. *c* 1450 LYDG. & BURGH *Secrees* 2016 Anoynted..With the Onyment callyd Sandal. 1526 *Grete Herball* CCCCXVII. (1529) Y v, Sandales is a wood called Sandres. 1588 T. HICKOCK tr. *Frederick's Voy.* 5 These barkes be lade in with all sorts of spices, with..Sandole [etc.]. 159– FITCH in *Hakluyt's Voy.* (1599) II. 1. 265 The white sandol is wood very sweet &..the Indians..grinde it with a litle water and anoynt their bodies therewith. 1698 FRYER *Acc. E. India & P.* 93 Senting themselves with Essence of Sandal. 1715 J. STEVENS *Hist. Persia* 110 The King..loaded his Ship with Sandal and dismiss'd him. 1813 W. MILBURN *Oriental Comm.* (1825) 158 The merchants sometimes divide sandal into red, yellow, and white; but these are all different shades of the same colour. 1847 TENNYSON *Princess* Prol. 19 Fans Of sandal. 1864 *Intell. Observer* IV. 74 Sandal..being a most excellent wood for carving.

β. 1553 EDEN *Treat. Newe Ind.* (Arb.) 21 *Sandalum*, called saunders. 1588 T. HICKOCK tr. *Frederick's Voy.* 19 b, Euery yeare hee sendeth a small Ship to Timor to lande white Sandolo. 1588 PARKE tr. *Mendoza's Hist. China* Comm. xxiv. 400 When the king..doth die, they do..burne his bodie with wood of Sandalo. 1594 ILLUNOVEIL *Exerc.* v. xii. (1636) 557 From the Ile Timor doth come..the white and pale medicinable simple called Sandalum.

b. *attrib.*, as *sandal-dust, oil*; **sandal-tree**, (*a*) the white sandalwood tree; (*b*) a tree of the meliaceous genus *Sandoricum*; **sandalwort**, Lindley's name for a plant belonging to the order *Santalaceæ*.

1873 W. CORY *Lett. & Jrnls.* (1897) 343 We bought *sandal-dust in the drug bazaar. 1823 BYRON *Island* IV. viii, And *sandal oil to fence against the dew. 1864 *Intell. Observer* IV. 75 The..almug trees..are supposed to have been *sandal-trees. 1866 *Treas. Bot.* 1014/2 Sandal-tree. *Sandoricum*. 1846 LINDLEY *Veg. Kingd.* 787 *Santalaceæ*.—*Sandalworts.

Sandal (sæ·ndăl), *sb.*[3] [a. Turkish and Persian سندل *sandal*, Arab. صندل *çandal* (Dozy). Cf. late Gr. *σάνδαλον*, *σανδάλιον*, F. *saudale*.] A long, narrow two-masted boat used in the Levant and on the northern coast of Africa.

1742 WOODROOFE in Hanway *Trav.* (1753) I. I. xxiii. 149 There are some larger vessels..of 30 or 40 tuns, which are called sandalls. 1877 A. B. EDWARDS *Up Nile* xi. 295 He.. bounded into his own ricketty sandal, and rowed away.

Sandal (sæ·ndăl), *v.* [f. SANDAL *sb.*[1]]

1. *trans.* To furnish with or as with sandals.

1713 C'TESS WINCHILSEA *Misc. Poems* 301 These feet shall bear me sandal'd to the battle. 1821 SHELLEY *Epipsych.* 218 Then, from the caverns of my dreamy youth I sprang, as one sandalled with plumes of fire. *a* 1822 — *Ess. & Lett.* (1840) I. 157 Socrates..walked barefoot upon the ice; more easily..than those who had sandalled themselves so delicately. 1884 J. COLBORNE *Hicks Pasha* 47 The bare foot being sandalled.

2. To fasten with sandals (SANDAL *sb.*[1] 3).

1897 GUNTER *Susan Turnbull* xxi, Little white dancing slippers are sandaled on her delicate ankles with satin bows.

Hence **Sandalled** *ppl. a.*

1802 H. K. WHITE *Elegy Mr. Gill* vi, As early I..Hail the grey-sandal'd morn. 1803 HEBER *Palestine* 311 There barbarous kings their sandal'd nations led. 1833 TENNYSON *Poems* 75 She from the ripple cold Updrew her sandalled foot. 1885 J. B. LENO *Boot & Shoemaking* I. 11 Sandalled slippers..remained in fashion till the early portion of the reign of Victoria.

Sandal(i)e, obs. forms of SANDAL *sb.*[1]

Sandaliform (sæ·ndălifɔ̆ɪm), *a. rare*—°. [f. SANDAL *sb.*[1] + -(I)FORM.] Shaped like a sandal.

1848 in CRAIG. 1889 WAGSTAFFE *Mayne's Med. Vocab.* (ed. 6), *Sandaliform*, Bot., having the appearance of a sandal or slipper.

[Sandaline: see SANDAL *sb.*[1] 1, quot. 1493.]

Sandaling (sæ·ndălĭŋ). Also **sandling**. [f. SANDAL *sb.*[1] + -ING[1].] Elastic web woven in narrow strips for ‘sandals’ (SANDAL *sb.*[1] 3).

1881 *Daily News* 22 Aug. 3/6 In elastic webs there is a better inquiry for gussets...There is also an improved trade in sandalings. 1894 *Times* 19 Mar. 13/2 The elastic web trade is quiet...Cords, braids, dress-boltings, and sandlings, however, sell freely. 1909 *Price List Elastic Webs*, Black Silk Sandling, White Silk Sandling, Bronze Silk Sandling.

Sandalwood. Also 6 **sandelen-**, 7 **sandall-**, 8 **sandle-wood**. [SANDAL *sb.*[2]]

1. A scented wood obtained from several species of *Santalum*; also, an inodorous dye-wood, *Pterocarpus santalinus*, RED SANDERS.

White sandalwood is obtained from *S. album*, a tree resembling the myrtle, found on the Malabar coast. *Citron* or *Yellow sandalwood* is from *S. Freycinetianum*, found in the South Sea Islands. *Red sandalwood* = RED SANDERS (see also 2 below).

c 1511 *1st Eng. Bk. Amer.* (Arb.) Introd. 29/1 Whyte & red sandelen wodde. 1600 J. PORY tr. *Leo's Africa* VII. 295 There is great plentie of cinet and Sandall-wood 1796 MOASE *Amer. Geog.* I. 112 Sandle wood, which is of a yellowish colour, and has a most agreeable smell. 1820 SHELLEY *Witch Atl.* xxvii, While on her hearth lay blazing many a piece Of sandal wood, rare gums, and cinnamon. 1846 LINDLEY *Veg. Kingd.* 787 The Sandal-wood of the Sandwich Islands is the wood of Santalum Freycinetianum and paniculatum.

2. Applied, usually with distinguishing epithet, to trees of other genera, which produce a wood often used as a substitute for the true sandalwood.

1846 LINDLEY *Veg. Kingd.* 553 A deep red is yielded by the chips of *Adenanthera pavonina*, called in India *Rukta-chundun*, or Red Sandal-wood. 1866 *Treas. Bot.* 1014/2 Queensland Sandalwood. *Eremophila Mitchelli.* 1874 *Ibid.* Suppl. 1339/2 False sandal-wood of Crete. *Quercus abelicea.* 1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 256/1 *Bucida capitata*..is known in the West Indies as sandalwood. 1898 MORRIS *Austral Eng.* 401 *Eremophila mitchelli*..Basta1d-Sandalwood...*E. sturtii*..Scentless Sandalwood...*Alyxia buxifolia*,..called Native Sandalwood in Tasmania.

Sandalo: see SANDAL *sb.*[2]

†Sandapile. *Obs.*—° [a. L. *sandapila.*] ‘A Coffin or Beere’ (Cockeram 1623).

Sandarac (sæ·ndăræk). Forms: 6 **sandarache**, 7–8 **-arack**, 7–9 **-arach**, 8 **-arick**, 9 **-aric**, 7 **sanderick**, 8 **sandrick**, 9 **sandrake**, 8–9 **sandrac**, 7– **sandarac**. [ad. L. *sandarac-a*, a. Gr. *σανδαράκη*, *-άχη* (senses 1 and 3), prob. a foreign word. Cf. F. *sandaraque* (Colgr. 1611 *sandarac, -ache*), Sp., Pg. *sandaraca* (senses 1 and 2), It. *sandaraca*, *sandracca* (sense 1).

It is difficult to see any connexion between the three senses; possibly two distinct words were already confused in Gr. Sense 2, in mod.L. *sandaracha Arabum*, represents Arab. *sandarūs* (Dozy, from P. de Alcalá 1505), also *sandalus* (Freytag, from Golius); but the word cannot be native Arabic. According to the Persian and Urdū dictionaries, Pers. *sandaros*, *sandara* and Urdū *sandaros* are used both in sense 1 and in sense 2. Connexion with Skr. *sindūra* (Hindī *sindūr*), red lead, vermilion, seems unlikely on the ground of form.]

1. Red arsenic sulphide. = REALGAR.

[1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* XIX. xxix. (1495) 878 Sandracha growyth in Topasion..is of red coloure..and is founde amonge metall of golde and of syluer] *c* 1550 LLOYD *Treas. Health* V ij, Take..of Sandaracha, whyte and red [etc.]. 1646 SIR T. BROWNE *Pseud. Ep.* II. v. 90 Arsenick red and yellow, that is, Orpement and Sandarach may perhaps doe something, as being inflamable. 1756 P. BROWNE *Jamaica* 41 The Sandarack is an inflammable fossil substance. 1890 E. JOHNSON *Rise of Christendom* 264 A hollow bull of bronze was filled with naphtha, sandarac, sulphur and lead.

2. In full *gum sandarac*. A resin which exudes from the tree *Callitris quadrivalvis*, native of N. W. Africa; it is used in the preparation of spirit varnish and pounce.

1655 CULPEPPER, etc. *Riverius* I. i. 4 Take..Frankinsence and Sandarach, of each two Scruples. 1666 BOYLE *Orig. Formes & Qual.* II. iv. 321 Spirit of Wine will dissolve some Bodies, as Sanderick, Mastick, Gum-Lac, &c. 1687 A. LOVELL tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* II. 87 A most excellent Varnish ..is made of Sandarack and lintseed Oyl. 1727 W. MATHER *Yng. Man's Comp.* 73 To make the Paper bear Ink well,.. rub the Paper with the fine Powder of Gum sandrick, tied in a Rag. 1812 J. SMYTH *Pract. of Customs* (1821) 99 Gum Juniper or Sandrake. 1849 BALFOUR *Man. Bot.* § 1046 *Callitris quadrivalvis* (*Thuya articulata*), the Arar-tree, supplies a solid resin called Sandarach or Pounce.

attrib. 1825 J. NICHOLSON *Operat. Mechanic* 744 Sandarac Varnish. 1878 HOOKER & BALL *Marocco* 389 The Arar, Thuja or Gum Sandrac Tree.

†3. = BEE-BREAD 2. *Obs.*

1609 C. BUTLER *Fem. Mon.* x. (1623) V ij, Breake the

Combes..into three parts; the first sheere Honie and Wax, the second Honie and Wax with Sandarach, the third dry Wax. 1657 S. Purchas *Pol. Flying-Ins.* 179 This Bee.. gathers as the Hive-Bee sandaracha. 1747 R. Maxwell *Bee-master* § 419 (1756) 113 The Sandrach or Bee-bread.

Sa·nd-bag, sa·ndbag, *sb.* [Sand *sb.*2 Cf. G. *sandsack.*] A bag filled with sand.

1. *gen.* (Used in proverbial simile.)

1599 B. Jonson *Cynthia's Rev.* II. v, All the Ladies and Gallants lie languishing...And (without we returne quickly) they are all (as a youth would say) no better then a few Trowts cast a shore, or a dish of Eeles in a Sand-bag. 1611 Middleton & Dekker *Roaring Girl* H 3 b.

2. *spec.* **a.** *Fortif.* (see quots.)

1590 Sir R. Williams *Brief Disc. War* 50 Wooll sackes, gabions, sand bagges, faggots and such deuices. 1710 J. Harris *Lex. Techn.* II, *Sand-bags*, in Fortification, are Bags holding about a Cubick Foot of Sand or Earth: they are used for raising Parapets in haste, or to repair what is beaten down. 1799 Wellington in Gurw. *Desp.* (1837) I. 29 We did all our work last night except filling the sand bags. 1885 *Standard* 7 Apr. 5/4 [They] marched out..to build..a block-house with timber and sand bags.

attrib. 1884 *Milit. Engineering* (ed. 3) I. II. 72 The tools ..required are..a clean sandbag, and a sandbag fork.

b. used as ballast; esp. for a boat or balloon.

1831 Carlyle *Sart. Res.* II. v, A hapless Air-navigator, plunging, amid torn parachutes, sand-bags, and confused wreck, fast enough, into the jaws of the Devil! 1855 Lardner *Hand-bk. Nat. Phil., Hydrost.*, etc. 184 The aeronaut..is provided with ballast composed of sand-bags, by casting out which he diminishes the weight of the balloon. 1867 Smyth *Sailor's Word-bk., Sand-bags*, small square cushions made of canvas and painted, for boats' ballast.

c. as a weapon. In early use, a bag of sand attached by a string to the end of a staff; also, one similarly attached to the arm of a quintain. In recent use (chiefly *U. S.*), a weapon used by ruffians, consisting of a long cylindrical bag (sometimes an eelskin) filled with sand, by which a heavy blow may be struck without leaving a mark.

1594 *1st Pt. Contention* D 1 h, Enter at one doore the Armourer..with a drum before him, and his staffe with a sandbag fastened to it, and at the other doore, his man with a drum and sand-bagge. 1656 Earl Monm. tr. *Boccalini's Advts. fr. Parnass.* II. iii. (1674) 136 [He] was set upon by some..who beat him so cruelly with Sand-bags, as they left him for dead. 1678 Butler *Hud.* III. ii. 80 They now begun With law and conscience to fall on..Engag'd with money-bags, as bold As men with sand-bags did of old. 1728 Chambers *Cycl.* s.v. *Quintain*, A slender Beam..at one of whose Ends was a sloap or flat Board, and at the other a Bag of Sand or Dirt.—The Sport was..to ride a-tilt at the Board, and..to escape the Blow of the Sand-Bag. 1871 Rossetti *Poems, Last Confess.* 512 And there I handed him [the mountebank] his cups and balls And swung the sand-bags round to clear the ring. 1894 Stead *If Christ came* 354 The predatory rich do not shrink even from using the sandbag and the revolver—of course by deputies.

d. A bag or cushion filled with fine sand, used (*a*) in *Engraving*, as a support for the plate.

1658 Phillips, A *Sand-bag*, in Etching or Graving, is that on which they use to turn their plate. *c* 1790 Imison *Sch. Art* II. 46 Let the table..be firm..upon which place your sand-bag with the plate upon it. 1837 Whittock, etc. *Bk. Trades* (1842) 214 (*Engraver*) The sand-bag, or cushion, ..is for laying the plate upon, for the conveniency of turning it in any direction, but is seldom used by artists. 1873 E. Spon *Workshop Receipts* Ser. I. 149/1 A sand-bag, on which to rest the block whilst engraving it.

(*b*) *Surg.* as a support for a set limb.

1875 W. R. Smith *Lect. Nursing* viii. 144 The rest of the limb must now be bandaged, and sand bags placed along either side of it.

e. A long narrow cylindrical bag, usually of flannel, containing fine sand, and used to cover a crevice and exclude draught or light.

1858 Simmonds *Dict. Trade.* 1908 A. C. Benson *Altar Fire* 225 The poky, comfortable arrangements,..the sand-bags for the doors, all spoke of a timid invalid life.

3. The stomach of a crab.

1895 in *Funk's Standard Dict.* (marked 'Eng.').

Sa·ndbag, *v.* [f. prec.]

1. *trans.* To furnish with sand-bags.

1860 *Cornh. Mag.* Oct. 440 The Bank [was] sandbagged and barricaded. 1906 *Daily Chron.* 11 Dec. 10/5 He not only fastens all his windows, he sandbags them.

2. To fell with a blow from a sand-bag.

1889 *Columbus* (Ohio) *Dispatch* 16 Sept., John Lehner and Henry Koontz were sandbagged Saturday night. 1897 Howells *Landl. Lion's Head* 421 He had not been sandbagged, or buncoed.

Sandbagger (sæ·ndˌbæ·gəɹ). *U. S.* [f. Sand-bag *sb.* and *v.* + -er 1.]

1. One who uses a sand-bag as a weapon.

1884 *Chicago Advance* 10 Apr., Not a prize fighter, or street loafer,..or sand-bagger appears among them. 1894 Stead *If Christ came* 340 The sand-bagger and blackmailer.

2. A sailing-boat that uses sand-bags as ballast.

1894 *Outing* (U.S.) XXIV. 477/2 He..enjoys the sea in every form, whether racing in a sandbagger [etc.].

Sa·nd-bank. [f. Sand *sb.*2 + Bank *sb.* 1.]

1. A bank of sand formed in a river or sea by the action of tides and currents.

1589 Rider *Bibl. Scholast.* 1268/60 A sand banke in the Sea,..*pulvinus.* 1659 D. Pell *Impr. Sea* 510 Frothy breaches of the Seas over the Sand-banks. 1725 De Foe *Voy. round World* (1840) 147 She tailed aground upon a sand-bank. 1877 A. B. Edwards *Up Nile* xix. 524 The Nile flows wide among sandbanks, like a tidal river near the sea.

fig. 1855 Motley *Dutch Rep.* VI. i. (1866) 781 Its foundation was the shifting sandbank of female and royal coquetry.

2. *Founding.* (See quot.)

1888 *Lockwood's Dict. Mech. Engin., Sand Bank.* In foundries where small pipes are cast in quantities the moulding boxes are placed, and the metal run on a bank of sand.

Sa·nd-bath. [f. Sand *sb.*2 + Bath *sb.*1]

1. A vessel of heated sand used as an equable heater for retorts, etc. in various chemical processes.

1677 W. Harris tr. *Lemery's Course Chem.* 11 These Furnaces may also serve for Distilling by the Refrigeratory, in..the Sand-Bath. 1758 Reid tr. *Macquer's Chem.* I. 214 Set the retort in a sand-bath fixed over a reverberating furnace. 1880 C. & F. Darwin *Movem. Pl.* 178 Six of the radicles in a jar..which stood on a sand-bath, raised to a temperature varying from 76° to 82° F., became hooked.

attrib. 1839 Ure *Dict. Arts* 454 This process must be preceded by the sand-bath operation.

2. A medicinal bath of heated sand or sea-sand.

1869 Tozer *Highl. Turkey* I. 75 We saw a patient undergoing the sand-bath..for rheumatism.

3. A bath taken by fowls in sand; a dust-bath.

1891 in *Century Dict.*

Sa·nd-bed. [f. Sand *sb.*2 + Bed *sb.*]

1. A bed, layer or stratum of sand.

c 1475 *Pict. Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 798/13 *Hec sertis*, a sandbedde. 1611 Cotgr., *Sablonniere*, a sand-bed. 1684 T. Burnet *Th. Earth* I. 137 Factitious islands..have been made..by..the aggestion of sands and sand-beds. 1839 Ure *Dict. Arts* 969 Where the strata are connected with rivers, sand-beds filled with water, or marsh lands. 1889 C. T. Davis *Treat. Manuf. Bricks* x. 303 Micaceous sand-bed. *Ibid.* 304 It reposes on a sand-bed.

b. *transf.* One who 'absorbs' much liquor; a toper. *Sc.* (see E.D.D.).

1824 Scott *St. Ronan's* xxiii, That sandbed old MacTurk, upon whom whole hogsheads make no impression.

2. *Founding.* A bed of sand into which the iron from a blast-furnace is run; also, any bed of sand in which castings are made.

1873 R. Hunt *Weale's Dict. Terms* s.v., The side troughs in the sand-bed are called pigs.

Sa·nd-blast. [f. Sand *sb.*2 + Blast *sb.*]

1. A contrivance for depolishing or grinding glass, stone, wood or hard metal by means of a jet of sand impelled by compressed air or steam. Also *attrib.*, esp. *sand-blast process.*

1871 *Jrnl. Franklin Inst.* 155 An engraving produced by the use of the sand-blast...This is then passed beneath the sand-blast, and the cutting obtained. 1884 *Health Exhib. Catal.* 136/1 Permanent Tablets, being texts and mottoes..engraved by the Sand-blast process. 1888 *Lockwood's Dict. Mech. Engin., Sand Blast Sharpening*, the sharpening of files by the direction of a current of sand and water across the teeth.

2. A blast of sandy or sand-laden wind.

1898 T. Watts-Dunton *Aylwin* XII. iv, Hot and stifling as sand-blasts of the desert.

Hence **Sa·nd-blasted** *a.*, *nonce-wd.*, scored by wind-driven sand. Also **Sa·nd-blaster,** a workman who uses sand-blast.

1908 *Edin. Rev.* July 82 In Triassic times England itself was a desert, as the sand-blasted granite boulders of Charnwood Forest attest. 1881 *Instr. Census Clerks* (1885) 89 Glass Sand Blaster.

Sa·nd-blind, *a.* Now *arch.* and *dial.* [Prob. a perversion of OE. **samblind* (see Sam- and Blind *a.*), after Sand *sb.*2

Cf. Johnson's explanation: 'Having a defect in the eyes, by which small particles appear to fly before them'.]

Half-blind, dim-sighted, purblind. Also *fig.*

14.. *Nom.* in Wr.-Wülcker 709/34 *Luscus*, he that is sand-blynde. 1538 Elyot *Dict., Lippio*, to be poreblynde, or sande blynde. 1549 Chaloner *Erasm. on Folly* H j, If one that is sandblynde woulde take an asse for a moyle. *a* 1578 Lindesay (Pitscottie) *Chron. Scot.* (S.T.S.) I. 347 Drumlanrick being sum thing sand blind and saw nocht weill. 1596 Shaks. *Merch. V.* II. ii. 37 This is my true begotten Father, who being more then sand-blinde, high grauel blinde, knows me not. *a* 1623 Fletcher *Love's Cure* II. i, I have been Sand-blinde from my infancie. 1627 W. Sclater *Exp. 2 Thess.* (1629) 50 His minde, no more than sand-blind in the things of God. 1790 A. Wilson *Rabby's Mistake* Poet. Wks. (1846) 102 Sic was the day, whan san'-blin' Rab,..Set out in eager search for game. 1831 Carlyle *Sart. Res.* I. x, Thou hitherto art a Dilettante and sandblind Pedant. 1849 C. Bronte *Shirley* XXXV, He is bald, sand blind, grey-haired.

Hence **Sand-blindness.**

1552 Huloet, Sandblindnes, *luscio.* 1905 *Outlook* 16 Dec. 852/2 But there is a sort of sand-blindness endemic in the Liberal party just now.

Sa·nd-box. [f. Sand *sb.*2 + Box *sb.*2]

1. A box with a perforated top for sprinkling sand as a blotter upon the wet ink of a manuscript. *Obs.* exc. *Hist.*

1572 Huloet (ed. Higins), Sandboxe, or a duste boxe, to spreade dust on writing. 1626 Middleton *Women Beware Women* IV. ii, He would prick my skull as full of holes as a scrivener's sand-box. 1681 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 1637/8 Stolen, ..a Silver Inkhorn, the Sand box to it left behind. 1740 Swift *Will* Wks. 1751 XIV. 272, I bequeath to Deane Swift, Esq.;..an Ink Pot, a Sand Box and Bell. 1858 Carlyle *Fredk. Gt.* VI. vi. (1872) II. 187 '*Erz-Sandstreuer*', who solemnly brings up the Sandbox (no blotting-paper yet in use) when the Holy Roman Empire is pleased to write.

2. A box holding sand for various purposes; esp. **a.** A sand-mould. **b.** A box of sand on a locomotive (see quot. 1849) for use when the wheels slip. **c.** A receptacle for the sand used to 'tee' the ball on a golf course.

1688 R. Holme *Armoury* III. 382/2 He beareth Gules, a Lapidaries Sand Box, or Dust Box, covered, Or...In such kind of Boxes with covers, Lapidaries keep their fine Dust of Diamond..made into a kind of Sand. 1833 J. Holland *Manuf. Metal* II. 39 So largely has the sand-box superseded the anvil in this manufacture [of scissors]. 1849 Weale *Dict. Terms, Sand-boxes*, in locomotive engines, boxes filled with sand, usually placed near the driving wheels, with a pipe to guide the sand to the rails. 1859 Bartlett *Dict. Amer., Sand-Box*, a primitive sort of spittoon, consisting of a wooden box filled with sand. 1875 *Ure's Dict. Arts* III. 750 The sand-box [of a sand-blast apparatus]. 1901 *Scotsman* 5 Nov. 8/4 Proceeding to the sand-box at the first tee.

3. The fruit of the West Indian forest tree, *Hura crepitans.* Also, the tree itself.

1750 G. Hughes *Barbadoes* 114 The Sand-box Tree. *Ibid.* 115 These Trees are called Sand-boxes from the Use that is made of their Fruit to that Purpose. 1757 Parsons in *Phil. Trans.* L. 405 This is undoubtedly the young Sand-box, or fruit of the Hura. 1885 Lady Brassey *The Trades* 178 We made our first halt, under a large sand-box-tree.

Sa·nd-boy. [f. Sand *sb.*2 + Boy *sb.*1]

1. ? A boy who hawks sand for sale. In proverbial phr. *as jolly as a sandboy*, etc.

1823 'Jon Bee' *Dict. Turf, Sand-boy*, all rags and all happiness; the urchins who drive the sand-laden neddies through our streets, are envied by the capon-eating turtle-loving epicures of these cities. 'As jolly as a sand-boy', designates a merry fellow who has tasted a drop. 1840 Dickens *Old C. Shop* xviii, The Jolly Sandboys was a small road-side inn..., with a sign, representing three Sandboys increasing their jollity. 1841 E. FitzGerald *Lett.* (1889) I. 70 We will smoke together and be as merry as sandboys. 1892 Zangwill *Childr. Ghetto* I. xxiv, Everything combined to make him as jolly as a sand-boy.

2. = *sand-man*: see Sand *sb.*2 10.

1873 *St. Paul's Mag.* Feb. 139 But you are sleepy—the sand-boys are in your eyes.

Sande, obs. form of Saint, Sandy *sb.*

Sanded (sæ·ndėd), *ppl. a.* [f. (in senses 1–4) Sand *sb.*2 and (senses 5–7) Sand *v.*]

†**1.** Of a sandy colour = Sandy *a.* 3, 4. *Obs.*

1590 Shaks. *Mids. N.* IV. i. 125 My hounds are bred out of the Spartan kinde, So flew'd, so sanded. 1607 Topsell *Four-f. Beasts* (1658) 515 The colour of Swine is uncertain, ..some are white, some brianded, some sanded, some red. 1667 Cotton *Scarron.* IV. 10 The Sun..that spruce light-headed fellow With frizled locks of sanded yellow. 1686 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 2136/4 A white Sanded gray Mare, eight years old.

†**2.** Sand-blind. *Obs.*

1629 Gaule *Pract. Theories* Rules to Rdrs., My Poring, Prying, Pious Reader; With sanded, searching or with simple Eye. 1787 Grose *Provinc. Gloss., Sanded*, short-sighted. N[orth].

†**3.** Composed of or covered with sand; sandy.

1702 Rowe *Tamerl.* II. ii. 26 With Nations like the sanded Shore. 1726–46 Thomson *Winter* 100 Dreadful down it [the river] comes..Then o'er the sanded valley floating spreads.

†**4.** Cast in sand, as opposed to 'minted'. *Obs.*

1732 in J. Tait *Two Cent. Border Ch. Life* iii. (1889) 64 Uncurrent money..consisting of doits, Irish halfpennies and sanded bodles. 1759 in *Scott. N. & Q.* 2nd Ser. (1902) IV. 5/2 Bad sanded halfpennies.

5. Sprinkled with sand.

1760–2 Goldsm. *Cit. W.* xxx, The sanded floor that grits beneath the tread. 1860 Tyndall *Glac.* II. xxvii. 377 Fine lines resembling those produced by the passage of a rake over a sanded walk. 1869 Trollope *He Knew*, etc. xxxii. (1878) 181 [He] was up-stairs in the sanded parlour of the Full Moon public-house.

b. Of wood, etc.: Covered with a layer of sand to represent stone.

1883 *Harper's Mag.* Oct. 716/1 Tawdry modern cast iron work, 'sanded' to represent stone. 1889 C. T. Davies *Bricks* ii. (ed. 2) 56 It is not considered an honest treatment of material to make painted and sanded wood take upon itself the appearance of stone.

c. Of land: Dressed with sand.

1707 Mortimer *Husb.* (1721) I. 106 In well sanded Lands little or no Snow lies.

6. Adulterated with sand.

1883 *Daily News* 21 Nov. 6/7 They never would get free from this sanded wool so long as they paid such big prices for it, since it really paid better at the price obtainable than the clean wool. 1895 *Min. 9th Nat. Council Congr. Ch. U.S.* 151 To refrain from short yardsticks and sanded sugar.

7. Reduced to sand-like grains.

1897 *Syd. Soc. Lex., Sanded gum*, powdered gum arabic.

Sa·nd-eel. Also 4–5 **sandel,** 4 **sandhell,** 5 **sawndel,** 6 **sand el.** [f. Sand *sb.*2 + Eel.]

1. A fish of the genus *Ammodytes*, having a slender, cylindrical, silvery body resembling that of an eel.

1307 *Durh. Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 3 In c de makerell,..cccc di. merling. et sandelis. 1338 *Ibid.* 35 In Sandhells empt. pro familia die Veneris, 14*d.* 1425–6 *Ibid.* 620 Et de 3*s.* 4*d.* rec. pro tractatu de Sandeelez. *c* 1440–60 [see Sandling 1]. [1558 Rondelet *Gesn. Hist. Anim.* IV. 1260 De Ammodyte pisce, vt nos vocauimus, pro Anglico Sandilz.] 1671 Ray in *Phil. Trans.* VI. 2276 Those little long fishes, which our Fishermen dig out of the Sands at low water, and therefore call in some places Sand-Eeles. *c* 1711 Petiver *Gazophyl.* VI. lix, Brasil Sand Eel...About 9 Inches long; very good Meat. 1880 Günther *Fishes* 550 The 'Sand-eels' or 'Launces' (*Ammodytes*) are extremely common on sandy shores of Europe and North America.

2. *New Zealand.* The fish *Gonorhynchus greyi.*

1891 in *Century Dict.*

Hence **Sand-eeling,** fishing for sand-eels.

1862 Ansted *Channel Isl.* II. ix. (ed. 2) 212 Sand-eeling at midnight..is one of the amusements of all classes.

Sandel : see Samel, Sendal.

Sandelen wood : see Sandalwood.

Sandeling, obs. form of Sandling 1.

Sandell, obs. form of SANDAL *sb.*[1] and *sb.*[2]

Sandemanian (sændĭmē·niăn), *sb.* and *a.* [f. the name *Sandeman* + -(I)AN.] **a.** *sb.* A member of a religious sect developed by Robert Sandeman (1718–1771) from the Glassites. **b.** *adj.* Of or belonging to the Sandemanians.

1792 BELKNAP *Hist. New Hampsh.* III. 324 In the town of Portsmouth there is a society of Sandemanians. 1810 W. WILSON *Dissent. Ch. Lond.* III. 326 The discipline in this church is conducted pretty much in the same manner as in other Sandemanian societies. 1876 *N. Amer. Rev.* CXXIII. 224 The Sandemanian heresy. 1882–3 *Schaff's Encycl. Relig. Knowl.* III. 2109 The sect..called 'Glassites' in Scotland, and 'Sandemanians' in England and America.

Hence **Sandema·nianism.**

1766 *Causes Pres. Declension Congr. Churches* title-p., Interspersed with Reflections on Methodism and Sandimanianism [*sic*]. 1822 J. BROWN *Mem. J. Hervey* 453 Fuller of Kettering..opposes Sandemanianism.

Sander (sæ·ndəɹ), *sb.* [f. SAND *v.* + -ER[1].]

1. One who or something which sands or sprinkles with sand; one who collects sand.

1627 HAKEWILL *Apol.* IV. viii. § 3 (1630) 396 The *Arena*,.. so called, for that it was strowed ouer with sand..; and officers they had purposely for this businesse,..termed *Arenarii*, Sanders. 1854 E. GIFFARD *Deeds Nav. Daring* 262 Mr. Edward Henry A'Court, with a marine and seven seamen, was despatched from the Blanche in the red cutter to collect sand..The midshipman and his party of sanders [etc.]. 1889 *Blackw. Mag.* Sept. 321/2 A sudden whirl of the driving-wheels,..followed by the application of the steam sanders [of a locomotive]. 1908 *Daily Chron.* 21 Feb. 10/6 Drum (Single), 28in. automatic feed sander..to be Sold.

2. A workman employed to sandpaper the soles of boots and shoes.

1881 *Instr. Census Clerks* (1885) 76 Boot and Shoe Making: ..Levanter. Sander.

† Sa·nder, *adv. Obs.* Also 5 **sannyr, sonder.** [Comparative of ME. *sōne*, SOON *a.*, with vowel-shortening and euphonic *d*; the phonology is somewhat obscure.] Sooner.

a 1450 MYRC *Festial* 43 Moche more and sannyr be hernth hom þat callyth to hym wyth all hor hertys. *Ibid.* 166 þat he may þe sondyr come to beleue. *Ibid.* 267 þis day your prayers schull be sandyr herd of God þen anoþer day. 1482 *Monk of Evesham* (Arb.) 29 How y might the sandyr and lyghter scape. *Ibid.* 37 Mony of them that sodenly scapyd ..and sander hastid hem selfe thanne other to go the weye that was before hem. 1532 *St. Papers Hen. VIII*, VII. 373 A litle brieff information..emprinted..to make theym the sander to understande the same. *Ibid.* 403 That suche thinges as are promissed..suld the sander comme to passe.

Sanderbode: see under SANDESMAN.

Sanderick, obs. form of SANDARAC.

Sanderling (sæ·ndəɹlĭŋ). Also 7 **sanderlin,** 7, 9, **sandling.** [Possibly repr. OE. **sand-yrðling*, f. *sand* SAND *sb.*[1] + *yrðling* ploughman (see EARTHLING [1]), also the name of some bird (? the plover).] A small wading bird, *Calidris arenaria.*

1602 CAREW *Cornwall* 35 Coots, Sanderlings, Sea-larkes. 1623 N. H. in Whitbourne *Newfonndland* 114 The Fowles and Birds..of the Sea are..Teale, Snipes,..Sanderlins. 1684 E. CHAMBERLAYNE *Pres. St. Eng.* (ed. 15) 6 Sandlings, knot, curlew. 1785 LATHAM *Gen. Synopsis Birds* III. 197 Sanderling, *Charadrius calidris*, Lin. 1804 CHARLOTTE SMITH *Conversations*, etc. II. 34, I rather think, Sanderling, ..is the name..tho' the fishermen call them Sandlings. 1856 KANE *Arct. Expl.* I. xx. 259 A sanderling, the second migratory land-bird we have seen, came to our brig today. 1873 LONGF. *Wayside Inn* III. Prel. 77 The plover, peep, and sanderling, That..pipe along the barren sands.

Sander(r)man(n, var. ff. SANDESMAN *Obs.*

Sanders[1] (sa·ndəɹz). Forms: 4 **saundros, (saunders),** 5 **sawndres, -dyrs, saun-, sawnderys,** 4–8 **saunders,** 6– **sanders**; with sing. form 4 **zawndre, sandery,** 5 **aander, aandrey,** 5–7 **saunder.** [a. OF. *sandre* (Halz.-Darm. s. v. *santal*), var. of *sandle*: see SANDAL[2]. The word has in Eng. been most commonly plural in form, and occas. in construction.]

1. = SANDALWOOD, in its various applications. (Cf. RED SANDERS.)

1329–30 *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 16 In..2 unceis de Saundres, 3*s.* 1340 *Ibid.* 35 Saundres pro colore. 1388 *Ibid.* 48 In una li. de zawndre. 1390 *Ibid.* 49 Di. li. de zaunders, 2*s.* 6*d.* 1331 *Acc. Chamberl. Scotl.* (1771) 25 Et de 484 lib. diversarum confectionum..2 lib. de sandery [etc.]. ?*c* 1390 *Form of Cury* XX. in Warner *Antiq. Culin.* (1780) 19 Color it with saundres a lytel. 1390 GOWER *Conf.* I. 225 That I mai stonde in thilke rowe Amonges hem that Saundres use. *c* 1430 *Two Cookery-bks.* 12 þen take Sawnderys, an Vynegre, an cast þer-to. 14.. *Noble Bk. Cookry* (1882) 30 To mak longe de bef, tak ox tunges..then tak..parsly, ysope, tyme sandrey [etc.]. 1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 22 b, A precyous tree: wherof the stock is saundres, the barke synamom, the fruyt nutmygges or maces. 1598 W. PHILLIP *Linschoten* I. lxxiv. 120/2 There are 3. sorts of Sanders, that is, white, yelow and red. 1623 MARKHAM *Eng. Housew.* (ed. 2) 108 Take..good store of suger, cinamon, a few saunders and rosewater. 1791 HAMILTON *Berthollet's Dyeing* I. i. ii. iv. 205 With the addition of sanders [F. *santal*]..they stand much better. 1864 GRISEBACH *Flora W. Ind. Isl.* 787 Sanders, yellow: *Bucida capitata.*

† 2. The sandalwood tree; sandalwood trees.

1613 PURCHAS *Pilgrimage* (1614) 507 In Tymor, an Iland by Iaua, are whole woods of Sanders. 1783 JUSTAMOND tr. *Raynal's Hist. Indies* II. 94 The santalum or sanders grows to the size of a walnut-tree.

3. *attrib.*, as *sanders-beater, cup, powder, tree*; **sanders-wood** = sense 1.

1544 *Will of R. Osborne* (Somerset Ho.), I will that the *saunder beaters at Grocer's Hall beare my boddy to the churche. 1617 in Heath *Grocers' Comp.* (1869) 434 Payde the saunder beaters..11*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* 1491 *Will of Vaughan* (Somerset Ho.), My *saunder cupp. 1481–9 *Howard Househ. Bks.* (Roxb.) 42 Item, *sander poder di. lb. ij. s. vj. d. 1640 PARKINSON *Theat. Bot.* 1605 The *Saunders tree..groweth to be as bigge as the Wallnut tree. 1615 *Cal. St. Papers, E. Ind.* (1862) 380 *Sanders wood. 1812 J. SMYTH *Pract. of Customs* (1821) 52 Brandy..having its red colour from burnt sugar, Saunders wood, &c. 1846 *Penny Cycl.* Suppl. II. 190/1 Dyed red with the aromatic saunders-wood. 1866 *Treas. Bot., Sanders-wood.*

Sanders[2] (sa·ndəɹz). Also **saunders.** (See quot. 1892.)

1827 *New Syst. Cookery* 51 To dress the same [*sc.* cold beef], called Sanders. 1864 *Englishw. in India* 128 Saunders. Put a layer of mashed potatoes [etc.]. 1892 *Encycl. Cookery* (ed. Garrett) II. 377 Sanders. This name is given to a preparation of minced beef or other meat.

Sandery, obs. form of SANDERS[1].

† Sa·ndesman. *Obs.* Forms: α. 2 **sander man,** *Ormin* **sanderrmann,** 3 **sonder(e man,** 3–4 **sandirman.** β. 3 **sondes-,** 4 **sondezmon,** 4–5 **sondes-, sandes-, sandis-, soundis-,** 5 **sayndis-man.** [f. ME. *sandes*, genit. of SAND *sb.*[1] + MAN *sb.*[1] The α forms come from Scandinavian districts, and the *-er* seems to represent the ON. genitive ending *-ar*, although SAND *sb.*[1] does not appear to have existed in ON. Cf. *sand-man* s. v. SAND *sb.*[1]; also SENDMAN.] A messenger, envoy, ambassador.

α. 1123 *O. E. Chron.* (MS. Laud), & þær comen þes eorles sander men of Angeow to him. *c* 1200 ORMIN 19383 He [S. John Bapt.] nass nohht Crist..Acc sanderrmann hiforenn Crist To kiþenn Cristess come. *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 1410 Laban and his moder wið-ðan fa3neden wel ðis sondere man. *a* 1300–1400 *Cursor M.* 21408 (Gött.) þan sent þe king costantine, sandirmen [*Cott.* send men] till his moder eline. β. *c* 1205 LAY. 13595 Heo..nomen ænne sondes-mon and senden toward Lunden. 13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* B. 469 He sechez an oþer sondez-mon & settez on þe douue. *a* 1400–50 *Alexander* 2399 Now ere þe sandismen sett on þaire horsis. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* XXI. 8866 Then sent were þere sone soundismen two, To Priam, the prise kyng, purpos to hold. *c* 1470 *Gol. & Gaw.* 326, I rede ane sayndis-man ye send to yone senyeour.

So **† Sa·nderbode.** [BODE *sb.*[1] Cf. ON. *sendiboðe*.]

c 1200 *Trin. Coll. Homi.* 89 And þo tweien sander-bodes ferden and cudden in þe burch, þat þe helende was þiderward.

Sandever, -devoire: see SANDIVER.

† Sa·nd-eyed, *a. Obs. rare*[−1]. [f. SAND *sb.*[2], supposed to be the first element in SAND-BLIND *a.*] Sand-blind.

1592 GREENE *Disput.* Wks. (Grosart) X. 223 A sawcie Signor there is, whose purblind eyes can scarcely discerne a Lowse from a Flea... I donbt the sandeyde Asse, will kicke ..if I ruhbe him on the gaule.

Sa·nd-fly. [f. SAND *sb.*[2] + FLY *sb.*[1]]

1. A small fly or midge, esp. one belonging to the genus *Simulium.*

1748 *Anson's Voy.* I. v. 46 The muscatos..were succeeded by an infinity of sand-flies. 1816 KIRBY & SP. *Entomol.* iv. (1818) I. 111 The burning-fly (*brulot*) or sand-fly of America and the West Indies. 1867 A. L. ADAMS *Wand. Naturalist India* 59 That prince of gallynippers, the sand-fly, whose bite produces a painful and irritable swelling. 1896 tr. *Boas' Text-bk. Zool.* 276 The Sand-fly (*Simulia*), a small fly-like Midge, the females of which..are blood suckers.

b. An artificial fly used in angling.

1681 CHETHAM *Angler's Vade-m.* (1700) 229 Sand Fly... Made of the Wooll gotten off the Flank of a black Sheep. 1892 LOWNDES *Camping Sk.* 202 The dace were rising furiously, and we got to work at once with a sandfly and a blue dun.

2. *Sand-fly bush*: see quot.

1889 J. H. MAIDEN *Usef. Nat. Pl. Australia* 282 *Zieria Smithii*, Andr...Colonial names are 'Sandfly Bush' and 'Turmeric'.

Sandgiac, variant of SANJAK.

Sa·nd-glass. [f. SAND *sb.*[2] + GLASS *sb.*[1]]

1. A contrivance for measuring time, consisting of two glass vessels of approximately conical shape, connected at the apex by a narrow neck, and containing so much sand as will take a given time to flow from the receptacle placed uppermost into that placed below; an hour-glass, a minute-glass, an egg-boiler, or the like. Also *fig.*

1556 WITHALS *Dict.* (1562) 65 b/2 A sande glasse, or houre-glasse, *vitreum horologium.* 1570 DEE *Math. Pref.* d iv, Houre, halfe houre, and three houre Sandglasses. 1687 A. LOVELL tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* I. 268 They turn a half minute Sand-Glass,..and then drop the Log from the Stern. 1779 BOSWELL *Let.* 22 Oct. in *Life Johnson*, But my sand-glass was now beginning to run low, as I could not trespass too long on the colonel's kindness. 1824 SCOTT *St. Ronan's* xxiii, My span must be a brief one, but let not your hand shake the sand-glass! 1902 *Westm. Gaz.* 30 Oct. 1/1 The two-minute sandglass on the table of the House of Commons ..has to be turned, and whilst the sand is running down the division bells are set in motion.

† 2. = SAND-BOX 1. *Obs.*

1806–7 J. BERESFORD *Miseries Hum. Life* VIII. xxiv, Emptying the ink-glass, (by mistake for the sand-glass) on a paper which you have just written out fairly.

Sa·nd-grouse. [SAND *sb.*[2]] Any bird of the group *Pteroclomorphæ*, inhabiting sandy tracts of the old world, consisting of two genera *Pterocles* (esp. *P. arenarius*, the Sand-grouse proper, and *P. alchata*, the Pin-tailed Sand-grouse) and *Syrrhaptes.*

1783 LATHAM *Gen. Synopsis Birds* IV. 751 Sand Grouse, *Tetrao arenaria.* This is bigger than the Partridge. 1864 *Intell. Observer* IV. 197 The new British Sand-Grouse. (Pallas's Three-toed Sand-Grouse—*Syrrhaptes paradoxus.*) 1867 A. L. ADAMS *Wand. Naturalist India* 119 The painted or lesser sand-grouse (*Pterocles fasciatus*). 1895 J. G. MILLAIS *Breath fr. Veldt* (1899) 29 In the early morning the Namaqua sandgrouse come to their margins..to drink.

Sa·nd-heat. [SAND *sb.*[2]] Heat applied by means of heated sand; also = SAND-BATH 1.

1610 B. JONSON *Alch.* II. iii, I meane to tinct C. in sand-heat, to morrow, And giue him imbibition. 1677 W. HARRIS tr. *Lemery's Course Chem.* 317 You may distil the Spirit on a Sand-heat. 1746 R. JAMES *Mouffet's Health's Impr.* Introd. 42 By a Sand-heat, gradually increased, it yields first a..Liquor,..then a white volatile Salt. 1857 MILLER *Elem. Chem.* (1862) III. 13 By evaporating the solution..to dryness by a strong sand heat.

Sa·nd-hill. [SAND *sb.*[2]] A hill or bank of sand; esp. a dune on the sea-shore.

c 725 *Corpus Gloss.* (Hessels) A 440 *Alga*, scaldhyflas *uel* sondhyllas. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 464/2 Sond hylle, or pytte, *sorica.* *a* 1603 SIR F. VERE *Comm.* 88 The space betwixt the sea and the sand-hills or Downs. 1709 PRIOR *Lady's Looking-Gl.* 2 Celia and I..Walk'd o'er the Sand-hills to the Sea. 1830 LYELL *Princ. Geol.* I. 300 Chains of sand-hills have also accumulated on the shores of the delta of the Nile. 1855 KINGSLEY *Westw. Ho!* xxviii, Easily, on the flowing tide,..she has slipped up the channel between the two lines of sand-hill. 1890 *Murray's Handbk. for Lincolns.* Introd. 26 The sand-hills or 'dunes' have little beauty beyond their wildness.

b. Sand-hill crane, *Grus canadensis* and *Grus mexicanus* or *pratensis* of North America.

1894 *Outing* (U.S.) XXIV. 305/1 The great sand-hill cranes ..looking as big as the horses we rode.

c. Sand-hill Rosemary, a small heath-like evergreen shrub, *Ceratiola ericoides.*

1895 T. W. SANDERS *Encycl. Gard.*

Hence **Sa·nd-hiller,** one of a class of 'poor whites' living in the pine-woods that cover the sandy hills of Georgia and South Carolina.

1856 OLMSTED *Slave States* 506 The sand-hillers..are small, gaunt, and cadaverous, and their skin is just the color of the sand-hills they live on.

‖ Sandia (sa·ndĭa). [Sp.] A water-melon.

1648 GAGE *West Ind.* 87 Excellent fruits, especially Pines and Sandia's. 1902 in WEBSTER Suppl.

Sandifer, obs. form of SANDIVER.

† Sandi·ferous, *a. Obs. rare*[−1]. [f. SAND *sb.*[2] + -(I)FEROUS.] Producing sand.

1578 SIDNEY *Wanstead Play* in *Arcadia* (1629) 619 What said that Troian Æneas, when he soiourned in the surging sulkes of the sandiferous seas.

Sandiness (sæ·ndinés). [f. SANDY *a.* + -NESS.]

1. The quality or condition of being sandy.

c 1642 *Observator Def.* 6 The sandinesse and incoherence of the Animadversors consequence. 1783 W. F. MARTYN *Geog. Mag.* II. 132 The sandiness of their walks. 1873 ROBERTS *Handbk. Med.* 173 The eyes are injected and watery, with a feeling of soreness and sandiness.

2. *U. S. slang.* The quality of having 'sand' or pluck. (Cf. SAND *sb.*[2] 7 b.)

1897 FLANDRAU *Harvard Episodes* 31 Their persistent 'sandiness' compelled his admiration.

Sanding (sæ·ndĭŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. SAND *v.* + -ING[1].] The action of the vb. SAND in various senses.

1670 J. SMITH *Eng. Improv. Reviv'd* 10 Lands..Improved by..Marling, Liming, Sanding,..and such like helpes. 1725 BRADLEY *Fam. Dict., Sanding*, a Term in Gardening, signifying the placing of Sand in an Alley. 1842 GWILT *Archit.* § 2277 The process of sanding..is performed with fine sand thrown on the last coat of paint while wet. 1860 DICKENS *Uncomm. Trav.* xxviii, It was the subject of more stamping and sanding than I had ever seen before. 1887 R. RATHBUN *Hist. & Meth. Fisheries* (Fish. Industr. U.S. v.) II. 821 The New York dealers advocate their [*sc.* sponges'] sale by count, in order to circumvent certain fraudulent practices.. such as sanding and liming. *Ibid.* 840 The sanding process consists in mixing with the sponges..fine sand.

b. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *sanding-box, -gear, -machine*; **sanding plate,** a lap (LAP *sb.*[4]) used, with sand and water, in grinding marble.

1897 *Outing* (U.S.) XXX. 367/2, I knew his *sanding-box would be empty before he shook it over his writing. 1905 *Westm. Gaz.* 15 Aug. 9/3 An engine with..valve motion, break-gear, and *sanding-gear complete. 1882 *Builder* 18 Nov. 668/1 Watering and *sanding machines. 1850 HOLTZAPFFEL *Turning*, etc. III. 1210 The [horizontal revolving] lap, or as it is called the *sanding plate. 1866 *Cycl. Useful Arts* (ed. Tomlinson) II. 127/2 In the grinding of works of small or moderate size..sanding-plates are used.

Sandirman, variant of SANDESMAN *Obs.*

† Sa·ndish, *a. Obs. rare.* [f. SAND *sb.*[2] + -ISH.] Somewhat sandy.

1664 EVELYN *Kal. Hort.* Oct. 77 You may plant some Anemonies..in fresh sandish earth. 1675 — *Terra* (1676) 22 Some of them [*sc.* Chalks] have a Sandish, others a blacker and light surface.

Sandisman, variant of SANDESMAN *Obs.*

Sandiver (sæ·ndivəɹ). Forms: 4 **saundyuer,** 5 **sandifer,** 7 **sandivoir(e, sandevoire, sandover,** 7, 9 **sandever,** 6– **sandiver.** [App. a. F. *suin de verre* (*suin*, now *suint*, exudation from wool, app. f. *suer* to sweat; *de* of; *verre* glass).] A liquid saline matter found floating over the glass after vitrification; glass-gall.

13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* B. 1036 [Dead Sea.] Þe clay bat clenges þer-by arn corsyes strong, As alum & alkaran,..Soufre sour, & saundyuer, & oþer such mony. 1477 NORTON *Ord. Alch.* iii. in Ashm. (1652) 39 Calx vive, Sandifer, and Vitriall. 1587 MASCALL *Govt. Cattle* (1627) 145 Then put of the powder of Sandiuer finely made, into his eye. 1607 TOPSELL *Four-f. Beasts* 357 Martin saith, that hee alwaies vsed to blow a little sandiuoire [1658 Sandivoir] into the [horse's] eie once a day. 1662 MERRETT tr. *Neri's Art of Glass* ix, The water may take from it a sort of salt called *Sandever.* 1683 PETTUS *Fleta Min.* I. v. 118 One may melt the clean and rich Gold slicks..in a Crucible with a little of *Caput Mort.* and Sandover. 1778 PRYCE *Min. Cornub.* 39 Sandiver, Scoria Vitri, is the fæces and dregs of glass. 1831 G. R. PORTER *Porcelain & Gl.* 166 Sandiver is purchased by refiners of metals, who use it as a powerful flux.

Sandjak, -djakate: see SANJAK, SANJAKATE.

Sand lark, sand laverock. [f. SAND *sb.*² + LARK *sb.*¹, LAVEROCK.]

1. A name applied, chiefly locally, to some of the smaller limicoline birds.

1698 R. FRANCK *North. Mem.* (1694) 181 Besides here [*sc.* Ross] are Eagles,..Seapyes, Sandelevericks [etc.]. 1800 WORDSW. *Idle Sheph. Boys* 24 Along the river's stony marge The sand-lark chants a joyous song. 1831 J. RENNIE *Montagu's Ornith. Dict., Dulwilly* (*Charadrius Hiaticula*). Provincial...Sand Laverock. Ibid., *Sand Lark*, a name for the Ringed Plover, and the Sandpiper. Ibid., *Sandpiper* (*Totanus hypoleucus*)...Provincial...Sand Lavrock. Sand Lark. 1880 J. E. HARTING *Rodd's Birds Cornw.* 103 Under a variety of names, as Dunlin,..Sandlark, the bird [*Tringa alpina*] is well known to shore-shooters. 1905 A. R. WALLACE *Life* I. 335 Sand-grouse and sand-larks were occasionally seen.

2. A lark of the genus *Ammomanes*.

1869–73 *Cassell's Bk. Birds* I. 199 The Sand Larks (*Ammomanes*) easily recognisable by their strong beaks..and sand-coloured plumage.

3. *Austral.* The Red-capped Dottrel, *Charadrius ruficapilla*. (Morris *Austral Eng.*)

1867 W. RICHARDSON *Tasmanian Poems* Pref. 11 The nimble sand-lark learns his pretty note.

Sandle wood: see SANDALWOOD.

Sandling[1] (sæ·ndliŋ). Also 5 sandel-, sawndelynge. [f. SAND *sb.*² + -LING¹.]

†**1.** = SAND-EEL 1. *Obs.*

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 441/1 Sandel, or sandelynge, fische, *anguilla arenalis.* *c* 1460 *Ibid.* (Winchester MS.), Sawndel, or sawndelynge. 1526 *Househ. Exp. Sir T. Le Strange* (B. M. Add. MS. 27448, lf. 30b), Item, in whytyngs and sandlyngs, xid.

2. A small flat-fish; a dab.

1611 COTGR. *Barbue*,..a kind of lesse Turbot, or Turbot-like fish, called by some, a Dab, or Sandling. 1694 MOTTEUX *Rabelais* IV. lx. 236 Dabs and Sand[l]ings. 1834 A. SMART *Rhymes* 90 (E. D. D.) Down by the Watermou' to wade An' howk for sandlings side by side Wi' nimble hand. 1907 *Nation* (N. Y.) 5 Oct. 13/1 Dabs or sandlings with the white side semi-transparent.

Sandling[2] (sæ·ndliŋ). *local.* [f. SAND *sb.*² + -LING¹.] (See quots.)

1794 A. YOUNG *Agric. Suffolk* 12 The title of sandling being given peculiarly to the country south of the line of Woodbridge and Orford, where a large extent of poor, and even blowing sands is found. *Ibid.* 42. 1847 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* VIII. II. 265 The eastern maritime sandy districts or sandlings, and the north-west sandy districts or fieldings.

Sandling, var. SANDALING, SANDERLING.

Sand lot. *U.S.* An epithet applied to the followers of Dennis Kearney, the leader of a socialistic or communistic party which existed 1877–80 (see quot. 1888). Hence **Sand lotter.**

1886 *Atlantic Monthly* Sept. 416/2 We can or could appoint a Fenian [as ambassador] to London,..a sand-lot politician to China [etc.]. 1887 *Chicago Advance* 17 Feb. 107 [The California Chinese Mission] raised the last year in California $3,756, hoodlums, sandlotters and politicians to the contrary notwithstanding. 1888 BRYCE *Amer. Commw.* III. v. xc. 232 On the west side of San Francisco..there..was a large open space, laid out for building,..covered with sand, and hence called the Sand Lot. Here the mob had been wont to gather for meetings. *Ibid.* 245 After the session of 1880..what remained of the Sand Lot group was reabsorbed into the Democratic party.

Sandol(e, -dolo: see SANDAL *sb.*²

Sandover, obs. form of SANDIVER.

Sa·nd-paper, sa·ndpaper, *sb.* [f. SAND *sb.*²]

1. Paper upon which a layer of sand has been fixed by means of an adhesive, used chiefly for smoothing or polishing woodwork by abrasion.

1825 J. NICHOLSON *Operat. Mechanic* 641 The surface of the work [must] be carefully rubbed down with sand-paper. 1850 HOLTZAPFFEL *Turning*, etc. III. 1091 Sand Paper is made with the common house sand, and only of one degree of coarseness, but in other respects exactly like glass paper. 1877 HUXLEY *Physiogr.* ix. 134 The sand and finer particles ..scour the walls..as effectually as though they were well rubbed with fine sand-paper.

2. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *sandpaper maker*; **sandpaper stick,** a shoemaker's tool for finishing the soles of boots; **sandpaper tree,** a name for several tropical trees, the rough leaves of which are used by the natives for polishing (see quots.).

1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 917 Examples of which [*sc.* dermatitis] are seen in the case of stone-cutters, *sand-paper makers [etc.]. 1882 *Worc. Exhib. Catal.* (ed. 2) 240 The Shoemaker's 'buff knife and *sandpaper stick'. 1863 SPEKE *Discov. Nile* 567 The *sand-paper tree [*Kigelia pinnata*], whose leaves resemble a cat's tongue in roughness. 1866 *Treas. Bot.*, Sandpaper-tree, *Curatella americana.* 1882 J. SMITH *Dict. Pop. Names Plants* 367 Sandpaper Trees—*Dillenia scabrella* and *D. sarmentosa*,..natives of India.

Sa·ndpaper, *v.* [f. prec.] *trans.* To smooth with or as with sand-paper; also with *down.*

1846 MRS. GORE *Eng. Char.* (1852) 122 The body-coachman..caused himself to be..sandpapered and scrubbed into presentability. 1869 'MARK TWAIN' *Innoc. Abr.* xii, Surely the..smooth..turnpikes are jack-planed and sand-papered every day. 1879 *Cassell's Techn. Educ.* IV. 221 The whole is then sand-papered down thoroughly.

Hence **Sa·ndpaperer; Sa·ndpapering** *vbl. sb.*

1881 *Instr. Census Clerks* (1885) 60 Tobacco Pipe Making: ..Sand Paperer or Scourer. 1885 J. B. LENO *Boot & Shoemaking* xxiv. 199 Sand-papering Machine.

Sandpiper (sæ·ndpəipəɹ). [f. SAND *sb.*² + PIPER¹.]

1. A common name for any limicoline bird which is not a plover or a snipe; csp. *Tringoides* or *Actitis Ivpoleucus*, the common Sandpiper, and *A. macularia*, the common N. American Sandpiper.

1674 RAY *Collect. Words* 90 Sand-piper: *Tringa minor.* 1768 G. WHITE *Selborne, To Pennant* 8 Oct., The sandpiper, *tringa hypoleucus.* 1785 LATHAM *Gen. Synopsis Birds* III. 170 Green Sandpiper. *Tringa ochropus*, Lin. 1824 J. F. STEPHENS *Shaw's Zool.* XII. 130 Wood Sandpiper. (*Totanus glareola.*) *Ibid.* 144 Spotted Sandpiper. (*Totanus macularia.*) *Ibid.* 146 Purple Sandpiper. (*Totanus maritimus.*) 1835 AUDUBON *Ornithol. Biogr.* III. 444 The Curlew Sandpiper. *Tringa subarquata*, Temm. 1886 NEWTON in *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 260/1 The birds commonly called Sandpipers seem to form three sections,..*Totaninæ*, *Tringinæ*, and *Phalaropodinæ*. 1892 STEVENSON *Across the Plains* ii. 78 Sandpipers trot in and out by troops after the retiring waves.

2. A kind of lamprey (see quot.).

1880 GÜNTHER *Fishes* 693 The 'Pride' or 'Sand-Piper' or Small Lampern (*Petromyzon branchialis*).

Sa·nd-pit. [f. SAND *sb.*¹ + PIT *sb.*¹]

1. A pit from which sand is excavated.

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 464/2 Sond hylle, or pytte, *sorica.* 1530 PALSGR. 265/1 Sandepytt, *sabloniere.* 1565 COOPER *Thesaurus, Arenarius*.., one that kepeth sande pittes. 1726 LEONI *Alberti's Archit.* I. 35/2 There is no want of Sand-pits. 1862 *Chamb. Encycl.* IV. 823/1 (*Golf*), The ground is diversified by knolls, sand-pits, and other *hazards.* 1876 BUCKLEY *Short Hist. Nat. Sci.* xxxix. 418 Tools were found in..the sandpits of Abbeville.

2. *Founding.* (See quot.)

1888 *Lockwood's Dict. Mech. Engin.* s.v. *Foundry Pit*, Foundry pits are either sand pits or open pits...Sand pits are so termed because the mould is of so weak a character as to require the support of sand rammed around in the space between it and the walls of the pit.

Sandrac, variant of SANDARAC.

†**Sandragon.** *Obs.* Also 5 **sank dragoun,** 7 **sangdragon.** [a. F. *sang* (*de*) *dragon.*] = DRAGON'S BLOOD.

1334–5 *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 525 In Sandragon, Coppros, et vertegrece empt. pro pede j equi. *c* 1400 *Lanfranc's Cirurg.* 35 Leie aboue þe wounde a poundir maad oon partie of frankencense, & of two parties of sandragoun. *Ibid.* 151 þe poudre of lym ffrankensence and sank dragoun. 1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* II. 476 The true Cinnabaris or Sangdragon is worth fiftie sesterces by the pound. 1615 MARKHAM *Eng. Housew.* (1660) 17 Take..of Sandragon one dram.

Sandrake, obs. form of SANDARAC.

†**Sandre.** *Obs. rare.* Shortened form of ALEXANDER *sb.*, a species of striped silk.

1511 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* IV. 192 Item,..vij elnis and half ane quartar gray sandre; price elne xiiij *s.*

Sandrey, -drick, obs. ff. SANDERS¹, SANDARAC.

Sa·nd-ridge. [f. SAND *sb.*² + RIDGE *sb.*] A ridge of sand; a sandbank. Hence **Sand-ridged** *a.*

c 1000 ÆLFRIC *Gram.* ix. (Z) 75 *Haec syrtis* þes sandhrieg. 1610 HOLLAND *Camden's Brit.* (1637) 210 This Banke or Sand-ridge, Portland. 1823 in Cobbett *Rur. Rides* (1885) I. 330 Westerham..lies between the sand-ridge and the chalk-ridge. 1897 MARY KINGSLEY *W. Africa* 417 The lagoons behind the sand-ridged beach.

Sandstone (sæ·ndstōun). [f. SAND *sb.*² + STONE *sb.*] A rock composed of consolidated sand. *Old* and *New Red Sandstone*: two series of British rocks lying respectively below and above the carboniferous.

1668 CHARLETON *Onomast.* 241 *Saxum Arenarium*, Sandstone. 1761 CATCOTT *Deluge* III. (1768) 249 A red Sand-stone. 1820 FOSBROOKE in *Q. Jrnl. Sci., Lit. & Arts* IX. XVII. 45 Old red sandstone. 1830 LYELL *Princ. Geol.* I. 263 Fair Island, said to be composed of sandstone with high perpendicular cliffs. 1842 H. MILLER *O. R. Sandst.* xi. (ed. 2) 235 We enter on a district of New Red Sandstone. 1855 LONGF. *Hiaw.* IV. 261 There the ancient Arrow-maker Made his arrow-heads of sandstone. 1855 J. PHILLIPS *Man. Geol.* 65 Sandstones are essentially littoral and shallow sea formations. 1879 HARE *B'ness Bunsen* II. viii. 437 Low round-headed arches of red sandstone.

attrib. 1796 KIRWAN *Elem. Min.* (ed. 2) I. 358 Sandstone Porphyry. 1823 P. NICHOLSON *Pract. Build.* 287 A sandstone quarry. 1877 RAYMOND *Statist. Mines & Mining* 127 Sandstone-schist.

†**Sa·ndwich,** *sb.*¹ *Obs.* [? The name of the town of *Sandwich*, Kent.] Used *attrib.* to designate some kind of cord used in the 15–16th c.

1494 in Rogers *Agric. & Prices* (1882) III. 560/3 Sion... 6 pieces sandwich line @/4. 1498 *Churchw. Acc. St. Dunstan's Canterb.*, Sandwyche corde for the clothe afore ye Roode. 1526–7 *Rec. St. Mary at Hill* 339 Item, paid for a pece of Sandwych lyne for the chirch, iiij d. 1572 in Feuillerat *Revels Q. Eliz.* (1908) 164 Sandwiche corde, packthreade, twyne.

Sandwich (sæ·ndwitʃ), *sb.*² [Said to be named after John Montagu, 4th Earl of *Sandwich* (1718–1792), who once spent twenty-four hours at the gaming-table without other refreshment than some slices of cold beef placed between slices of toast.

This account of the origin of the word is given by Grosley *Londres* (1770) I. 262. Grosley's residence in London was in 1765, and he speaks of the word as having then lately come into use.]

1. An article of food for a slight repast, composed of two thin slices of bread, either plain or buttered, with a layer of sliced meat, usually beef or ham (or, in later use, of almost any savoury comestible) placed between; frequently with specifying word prefixed, as *ham, egg, watercress sandwich.*

1762 GIBBON *Jrnl.* 24 Nov., Misc. Wks. 1796 I. 110 *note*, I dined at the Cocoa Tree...That respectable body..affords every evening a sight truly English. Twenty or thirty.. of the first men in the kingdom,..supping at little tables.. upon a hit of cold meat, or a Sandwich. 1771 FOOTE *Maid of B.* I. Wks. 1799 II. 208 *Sir Chr.* Not a morsel, Tom, if you would give me the universe! *Rack.* Pho, man! only a Sandwich or so. 1800–1 JANE AUSTEN *Lett.* (1884) I. 231 At Oakley Hall..we did a great deal—eat some sandwiches all over mustard [etc.]. 1803 BEDDOES *Hygëia* XI. 21 Our Nimrods..have felt..the propriety of carrying a sandwich into the field. 1836–9 DICKENS *Sk. Boz, Tales* iii, The supper consisted of small triangular sandwiches in trays. 1866 *Chamb. Encycl.* VIII. 468 A..Glasgow confectioner..has the credit of making one hundred different kinds of sandwiches. 1872 *Cassell's Househ. Guide* III. 224 Egg Sandwiches. 1885 MABEL COLLINS *Prettiest Woman* XXVI, He ordered a basty lunch of claret and sandwiches.

transf. and *fig.* 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* lviii, A pale young man..came walking down the lane *en sandwich*—having a lady, that is, on each arm. 1866 *Cornh. Mag.* Oct. 468 A naval potentate..whose talk was a perfect sandwich of oaths and orders. 1884 EDNA LYALL *We Two* iv, The very oddest day, a sort of sandwich of good and bad.

2. Applied to a man carrying two advertisement boards suspended from the shoulders, one in front and the other behind; = *sandwich-man.*

[1836–9 DICKENS *Sk. Boz, Char.* ix, So, he stopped the unstamped advertisement—an animated sandwich, composed of a boy between two boards.] 1864 *Spectator* 24 Dec. 1460 The poor 'sandwiches' might justifiably have been kept moving, but to prohibit them altogether is a bit of unreasonable tyranny. 1885 *Pall Mall G.* 2 Feb. 12/2 We have, and not so very long ago, seen girls employed as 'sandwiches'.

3. *attrib.*, as *sandwich-bag, supper, tray*; (sense 2) *sandwich advertisement*; **sandwich beam** (see quot.); **sandwich-board,** a board carried by a sandwich-man; **sandwich-boat,** the boat which rows in two divisions of the bumping races at Oxford and Cambridge, occupying the last position in a higher division and the first position in a lower division; **sandwich box, case,** a box or case in which to carry sandwiches; **sandwich-man** = sense 2.

1884 *Times* 27 Oct. 4/2 Yesterday..I met..a procession of..girls,..bearing *sandwich advertisements. 1837 DICKENS *Pickw.* XVI, A closet in which the day boarders hung their bonnets and *sandwich-bags. 1887 *Archit. Publ. Soc. Dict.*, **Sandwich beam*, a name sometimes given to the flitch girder. 1897 MARY KINGSLEY *W. Africa* 572 Some of my other men are only fit to carry *sandwich-boards for Day and Martin's blacking. 1884 *Oxf. & Camb. Undergrad. Jrnl.* 28 Feb. 273/1 Wadham was the *sandwich-boat. 1848 DICKENS *Dombey* XV, *Sandwich-boxes. 1817 J. MAYER *Sportsman's Direct.* (ed. 2) 203 Do not forget the *sandwich-case and flask of brandy. 1864 *Morn. Star* 26 May 4 He encounters a *sandwich man bearing placards. 1802 LEMAISTRE *Rough Sk. Mod. Paris* XXXII. 297 With only a standing or *sandwich supper. 1799 *Hull Advertiser* 28 Dec. 3/1 Desert sets of dishes, plates, &c., and *Sandwich Trays.

Sandwich (sæ·ndwitʃ), *v.* [f. SANDWICH *sb.*²]

1. *intr.* ? To make a light repast.

1815 J. WILSON in *Mem.* vi. (1879) 133, I called..at Glencorse where I sandwiched for an hour.

2. *trans.* To put in or as in a sandwich; chiefly *fig.*, to insert (something) between two other things of a widely different character; also *to sandwich in*; rarely, to enclose like a sandwich.

1861 WYNTER *Soc. Bees* 204 If capital would only turn its attention to the supplies of animal food..every man might have a slice of good beef sandwiched between his free-trade bread. 1864 *Daily Tel.* 28 Nov. 4/4 Mr. Disraeli sandwiches between sensible suggestions some of his very worst thoughts. 1881 *Times* 24 Feb. 8/3 The target was formed of two steel plates, 'sandwiching' an inch of deal. 1888 F. HUME *Mme. Midas* I. v, The wash..being sandwiched in between a bed of white pipe-clay and a top layer of brownish earth. 1896 KIPLING *Seven Seas* 78 (The Song of the Banjo)..I'm sandwiched 'tween the coffee and the pork.

intr. for *refl.* 1898 *Engineering Mag.* XVI. 103 The way in which the different functions 'sandwich' in with each other.

3. *intr.* To be employed as a sandwich-man.

1886 [implied in SANDWICHING *vbl. sb.*].

Hence **Sa·ndwiching** *vbl. sb.*

1886 *Gd. Words* 247 Election sandwiching is paid for at higher rates than ordinary advertisement sandwiching. 1886 *Times* 1 Apr. 9/1 The sandwiching of the Budget between the two declarations of policy.

†**Sa·ndwicher.** *Obs.* [-ER¹.] A native of the Sandwich Islands in the Pacific Ocean (named by Cook in 1778 after the fourth Earl of Sandwich); a Sandwich Islander.

1817 SOUTHEY in *Q. Rev.* XVII. 9 One of the Sandwichers was ordered a few days after to commit the murder. 1824 W. E. ANDREWS *Rev. Fox's Bk. Martyrs* I. 402 Where are the persecutions to try the faith of the Sandwichers?

Sandwort (sæ·ndwɐ̈t). [f. SAND *sb.*² + WORT, plant.] A name given to the genus *Arenaria* and other plants growing in sandy localities.

1597 GERARDE *Herbal* II. xcvi. 347 Buckeshorne..is called also by certaine bastarde names, as *Harenaria*, or Sandwort. 1796 WITHERING *Brit. Plants* (ed. 3) II. 421–4. 1856 GRAY *Man. Bot.* (1860) 57 *Alsine*..Grove Sandwort. 1866 *Treas. Bot.* 1015/1 Spurrey sandwort, *Spergularia*. 1882a *Garden* 21 Jan. 34/3, I have not yet tried these Sandworts in shade.

Sandy (sæ·ndi), *sb.* Also 5 **Sande**, 6 **Sandie**. A shortened form of the name Alexander, chiefly used in Scotland. Hence used as a nickname for a Scotchman. Cf. SAWNEY.

1473 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* I. 17 Item fra Sandy Wardrowpar, iij elne of blac. *Ibid.* 89 Item, to Sande Boyd ..iiij li. x s. 1508 DUNBAR *Poems* iv. 69 He has Blind Hary, et Sandy Traill Slaine with his schour of mortall haill. 1585 *Sc. Acts Jas. VI* (1814) III. 390/2 Sandie clark. 1785 GROSE *Dict. Vulg. Tongue*, *Sawny* or *Sandy*, a general nick name for a Scotchman. 1888 *Harper's Mag.* Sept. 493 A party of Lowland Sandies who filled the other seats.

Sandy (sæ·ndi), *a.* Forms: *1* **sandiȝ**, 4 **sondi**, 4–5 **sondy(e**, 4– **sandy**. [OE. *sandiġ*: see SAND *sb.*² and -Y. Cf. Du. *zandig*, MHG. *sandic* (G. *sandig*), ON. *sandug-r* (Sw., Da. *sandig*).]

1. Of the nature of sand; composed of or containing a large proportion of sand.

c 1000 *Sax. Leechd.* I. 94 Þeos wyrt..wihst..on sandiȝum landum. 1382 WYCLIF *Acts* xxvii. 17 Thei vseden girdyng to gidere of schipp, dredynge lest thei schulden falle into sandy placis. *c* 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* III. 447 Lond myxt with cley, or sondy cley, faat sonde. *c* 1586 C'TESS PEMBROKE *Ps.* LXXVIII. vi, Where the deepe did show his sandy flore. 1663 GERBIER *Counsel* 28 The Mason must work no Stone with sandy veines. 1697 DRYDEN *Virg. Georg.* IV. 285 With sandy Ballast Sailors trim the Boat. 1709 POPE *Ess. Crit.* 55 In other parts it [the ocean] leaves wide sandy plains. 1787 *Trans. Soc. Arts* V. 216 Rubbed in with a brickbat or sandy stone. 1813 SIR H. DAVY *Agric. Chem.* (1814) 200 The term sandy..should never be applied to any soil that does not contain at least seven eighths of sand. 1868 *Rep. U. S. Commissioner Agric.* (1869) 169 A subsoil, the deepei the sandier. 1878 BROWNING *Poets Croisic* xi, The spit of sandy rock which juts Spitefully northward.

b. Of or containing sand as used for measuring time. (Cf. SAND-GLASS.) *poet.*

1591 SHAKS. *1 Hen. VI*, IV. ii. 36 Ere the Glasse that now begins to runne, Finish the processe of his sandy houre. 1607 HEYWOOD *Wom. Killed w. Kinda.* Wks. 1874 II. 138 O God, that it were possible..That time could turne vp his swift sandy glasse..to redeeme these houres! 1893 F. THOMPSON *Poems* 31 The sandy glass hence bear—Antique remembrancer.

2. *fig.* Resembling sand as lacking the quality of cohesion or stability.

1590 NASHE *Pasquil's Apol.* I. A iij b, You may easily perceiue what successe they are like to haue, that deale with so leaden and sandie braines. 1592a — *Four Lett. Conful.* Wks. (Grosart) II. 265 The short shredder out of sandy sentences without lime. *a* 1609 DONNE *Lett.* (1654) 162 It were no service to you, to send you my notes upon the Book, because they are sandy, and incoherent ragges. 1628 PRYNNE *Cens. Cozens* 29 Who build the Antiquitie of their Canonicall Howers vpon such a sandy foundation. 1687 DAVDEN *Hind & P.* II. 105 But mark how sandy is your own pretence. *a* 1720 SEWEL *Hist. Quakers* III. (1722) 107 He said they [*sc.* the Quakers] were built upon a sandy Foundation, and so call'd them Shakers. 1822 B. CORNWALL *Dram. Scenes, Amelia Wentworth* i, Oh, what a picture have I raised upon My sandy wishes. 1861 BUCKLE *Civiliz.* II. i. 41 Now it was that men might clearly see on how sandy a foundation the grandeur of Spain was built.

3. Having hair of a yellowish-red colour; of hair, yellowish-red.

1523 FITZHERB. *Husb.* § 68 A sandy colte, lyke an yren grey. 1575 *Gamm. Gurton* IV. i, Hath your browne cow cast hir calfe, or your sandy sowe her pigs? 1613 PURCHAS *Pilgrimage* (1614) 841 The Tocomans..are sandie, small, but not so little as they say of the Pigmees. 1731 SWIFT *Cassians & Peter* Wks. 1755 IV. I. 163 Why, plague confound her sandy locks. 1833 MARRYAT *P. Simple* viii, He was a florid young man..with sandy hair. 1845 DISRAELI *Sybil* II. xi, The ladies Fitz-Warene were sandy girls.

4. Qualifying the names of colours.

1819 WARDEN *United States* II. 409 Oak, sandy red. 1851 BORROW *Lavengro* xcix, My mother's sandy-red cat. 1885 J. BEDDOE *Races Brit.* 266 Red [hair], and a sort of sandy-flaxen hue. 1894 R. B. SHARPE *Handbk. Birds Gt. Brit.* I. 67 Wing-coverts edged with sandy-buff. *Ibid.* 78 The..plumage is obscured by sandy-rufous edges to the feathers.

5. Comb., parasynthetic, as *sandy-bottomed, -coloured, -haired, -pated*.

1596 SHAKS. *1 Hen. IV*, III. i. 66 From the Banks of Wye, And *sandy-bottom'd Seuerne. 1661 LOVELL *Hist. Anim. & Min.* 86 The red or *sandy coloured are the best. 1871 HOWELLS *Wedd. Journ.* (1892) 272 Her hair was cut..so as to cover her forehead with a straggling sandy-coloured fringe. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* ii, She was..pale, *sandy-haired. 1687 T. BROWN *Saints in Uproar* Wks. 1730 I. 77 Your *sandy-pated companions.

b. Special Comb., as **sandy blight** *Austral.*, a kind of ophthalmia in which the eye feels as if full of sand (Morris); **sandy carpet**, a moth (see quot.); **sandy laverock** = SAND LARK; **sandy mocking-bird** *U. S.*, the brown thrush, *Harporynchus rufus*; **sandy pate**, a sandy-haired person; **sandy ray**, *Raia circularis*, also *R. maculata*.

1869 J. F. BLANCHE *Prince's Visit* 20 The Prince was suffering from the *sandy blight. 1829 J. F. STEPHENS *Syst. Catal. Brit. Ins.* II. 148 [*Emmelesia decolorata*] *Sandy Carpet. 1710 FOUNTAINHALL in M. P. Brown *Suppl. Decis.* (1826) IV. 793 To restrict him to the fifth part of the rent, was to send him to lift the rest of his stipend from windle-straws and *sandy laverocks. 1816 SCOTT *Old Mort.* vii, I had rather that the rigs..bare naething but windle-straes and sandy lavrocks. *a* 1700 B. E. *Dict. Cant. Crew*, **Sandy-pate*, one red-hair'd. 1785 GROSE *Dict. Vulg. Tongue*. 1870 GÜNTHER *Cat. Fishes Brit. Mus.* VIII, *Raja circularis*. *Sandy Ray. 1880–4 DAY *Brit. Fishes* II. 346 *Raia maculata*...Sandy ray. *Ibid.* 348 *Raia circularis*...Sandy-ray.

Sandyish (sæ·ndi,iʃ), *a.* [f. SANDY *a.* + -ISH.] Somewhat sandy.

1793 *Trans. Soc. Arts* XI. 130 A light sandyish soil. 1862 Miss BRADDON *Aur. Floyd* vii, A tuft of sandyish hair.. ornamented his low forehead. 1871 C. GIBBON *Lack of Gold* ii, He had fair hair, sandyish beard.

‖ **Sandyx** (sæ·ndiks). *Hist.* Also **sandix** (Dicts.). [L. *sandyx, -dix*, a. Gr. *σάνδυξ, -δῐξ*.] A red pigment, mentioned by ancient writers.

[1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* XIX. xxix. (1495) 878 Cerusa.. yf it is euen tostyd and medlyd wyth Rubrita thenne it torneth in to Sandix.] 1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* II. 533 Calcine this [Sandarach] and Ruddle together, and..you shall haue the color called Sandyx. 1728 CHAMBERS *Cycl.*, *Sandix*, a kind of Minium, made of Ceruss or rather of red Masticot, calcined and rubified, called also a *Factitious Sandaract.* 1892 O. WILDE *Intentions* 106 On a wall of fresh plaster, stained with bright sandyx.

Sane (sēⁱn), *a.* [ad. L. *sānus* healthy; cf. F. *sain*, Sp., It. *sano*, Pg. *são*.

The almost entire restriction in Eng. to the sense 'mentally sound' is due to the use in antithesis with *insane*, which (like the L. *insānus*, its source) always referred to mental condition.]

1. Of the body, its organs or functions: Healthy, sound, not diseased. *rare.*

[1694 MOTTEUX *Rabelais* v. Ep. by Lymosin 251 For in veracity these Times denote Morbs to the Sane, and Obits to th' Ægrote.]

1755 JOHNSON, *Sane*,..sound; healthy. Baynard wrote a poem on preserving the body in a sane and sound state. 1777 MASON *Ep. to Dr. Shebbeare* 135 As Pringle, to procure a sane secretion, Purges the *primæ viæ* of repletion. 1826 MRS. SHELLEY *Last Man* II. 231 Pestilence had become a part of our future..it became our part to..raise high the barrier between contagion and the sane. 1844 KINGLAKE *Eothen* xviii, He touches the gland, and finds the skin sane and sound. 1872 BROWNING *Fifine* lxxxviii, Mind, sound in body sane, Keeps thoughts apart from facts.

2. Sound in mind; in one's senses; not mad. Also, of the mind: Not diseased.

1721 BAILEY, *Sane*, sound, whole, in his Sences. 1809–10 COLERIDGE *Friend* (1818) I. 2 The activity of sane minds in healthful bodies. 1842 DICKENS *Amer. Notes* iii. (1850) 32/1 Every patient is as freely trusted with the tools of his trade as if he were a sane man. 1884 TENNYSON *Falcon* I. i. 46 To call a madman mad Will hardly help to make him sane again.

b. *Of sane memory*: see MEMORY 2 b.

1628 COKE *On Litt.* I. 166 If Coparceners make partitions at ful age and vnmarried, and of sane memorie of Lands in Fee simple, it is good & firme for euer.

3. Sensible, rational; free from delusive prejudices or fancies.

1843 BETHUNE *Sc. Fireside Stor.* 44 A drunken physician, is an anomaly from which every sane man must turn with feelings of dislike. 1859 TENNYSON *Enid* 917 One of our noblest, our most valorous, Sanest and most obedient. 1899 [see IMPERIALISM 2]. 1908 *Athenæum* 29 Aug. 232/1 This is a sane and lucid study of twelve poets.

†**Sane**, *v. Obs.* [ad. L. *sānāre*, f. *sān-us* healthy: see SANE *a.*] *trans.* To cure, to heal.

c 1386 CHAUCER *Pars. T.* P 973 For, as seith Ierom, by fasting be saned [Skeat prints *saved*; Pseudo-Jerome (Migne xxx. 616) has *sanandæ*] the vices of flesh, and by prayere the vices of the soule. *c* 1400 *Hymn to Jesus Christ* 40 in *Reliq. Pieces fr. Thornton MS.* (1867) 84 He will.. with his mercy sane my sore. *c* 1420 *Anturs of Arth.* 693 (Thornton MS.) Surgeones sanede [*Douce MS.* saued] thayme, sothely to saye.

Sanedrim, -drist, obs. ff. SANHEDRIM, -DRIST.

Sanely (sēⁱ·nli), *adv.* [f. SANE *a.* + -LY ².] In a sane manner.

1876 GEO. ELIOT *Dan. Der.* ii, Her mind was still sanely capable of picturing balanced probabilities. 1884 TENNYSON *Freedom* viii, Of saner worship sanely proud.

Saneness (sēⁱ·nnès). *rare*—⁰. [f. SANE *a.* + -NESS.] The condition of being sane, sanity.

1727 BAILEY vol. II, *Saneness*, Soundness of Health.

Sanetyf, obs. form of SANATIVE.

Sanfaile, Sanfoin: see SANS FAILE, SAINFOIN.

Sang (sæŋ). *Sc.* and *north.* [Of obscure origin: cf. SAM *sb.* 2.] Used in the asseverative phrase (*By*) *my sang*; also shortened to *sang*.

1787 GROSE *Provinc. Gloss.*, *Sang is't*, indeed it is. N. 1790 A. WILSON *Poems* 87 But by my sang I now gin we meet, We'll hae a tramp right clever. 1894 A. ROBERTSON *Nuggets*, etc. 70 'Ma sang!' said McKeel, 'ye've come to the richt shop.'

Sanga(r, var. ff. SUNGA, a stone breast-work.

Sangarede, variant of SANGREDE *Obs.*

Sangaree (sæŋgărī·). Also **sangarie, sangre(e.** [a. Sp. *sangrla* (lit. 'bleeding'), 'a drink composed of lemon water and red wine' (*Novisimo Dicc.*, 1868).] A cold drink composed of wine diluted and spiced, used chiefly in tropical countries.

1736 *Gentl. Mag.* Sept. 551 Mr. Gordon, a Punch-seller in the Strand, had devised a new Punch made of strong Madeira wine and called Sangre. 1785 GROSE *Dict. Vulgar Tongue*, *Sangaree*, rack punch was formerly so called in bagnio's. 1795 POTTER *Dict. Cant* (ed. 2), *Sangree*, rack punch. 1796 STEDMAN *Surinam* I. 293 Sherbet, sangaree, and wine and water. *Ibid. note*, Water, Madeira wine, nutmeg, and sugar. 1801 CHARLOTTE SMITH *Lett. Solit. Wand.* I. 302 The worthy manager then retired to his sangarie. 1843 MARRYAT *M. Violet* xxvii, Which..enabled the fortunate owner to take his last tumbler of port-wine sangaree. 1865 *Indian Dom. Econ.* (ed. 6) 329 Sangarie. Mix three bottles of red wine with three half pints of water [etc.]. 1892 KIPLING *Light that Failed* vii, Come, and I'll show you how to brew sangaree.

attrib. 1872 E. BRADDON *Life in India* I. 4 The Anglo-Indian is generally believed to be a luxurious idler, whose life is spent in hookah-smoking,..sangaree-drinking.

Hence **Sangaree** *v. trans.*, to make (wine) into sangaree.

1860 R. FOWLER *Med. Vocab.*, *Sangareed*, reduced in strength and sweetened.

‖ **Sang-de-bœuf** (sɑ̃dəbœ̈f). [Fr.: lit. 'bullock's blood'.] 'A deep red colour found on old Chinese porcelain' (Stanf.). Also *attrib.*

1886 *Athenæum* 13 May 650/3 His claret-jug with a body of *sang de bœuf*. 1897 *Daily News* 29 July 2/7 A slender vase of splashed sang-de-bœuf crackle.

Sangdragon, variant of SANDRAGON.

Sange, Sangeak: see SONG, SANJAK.

Sangester, obs. form of SONGSTER.

Sangewyn, obs. form of SANGUINE *a.*

‖ **Sang-froid** (sɑ̃frwa). [F. *sang-froid*, lit. 'cold blood' (*sang* blood, *froid* cold).

In the 17th c. the expression was in France often written erroneously *sens froid*, as if it contained *sens* 'sense' instead of the homophonous *sang* 'blood'.]

Coolness, indifference, absence of excitement or agitation.

1750 CHESTERF. *Lett.* (1792) III. 27 Don Louis, with the same *sang froid* as constantly persisted, till he at last prevailed. 1790 J. P. ANDREWS *Anecd., Add.* Index 5 Sang-froid of a chess-player. 1823 BYRON *Juan* VIII. CXXI, With great sang-froid..he sat smoking Tobacco. 1888 'ANNA K. GREEN' *Behind Closed Doors* v, Cameron accepted the situation with his usual *sang froid*.

Sangiac(e)o, -iac(h, -ia(c)que: see SANJAK.

Sangister, obs. form of SONGSTER.

Sangle, obs. form of CINGLE.

†**Sa·nglier.** *Obs.* Forms: *a.* 5 **synglere**, 5, 7 **singuler**, 7, 9 **singler**; *β.* 6 **sangleir, sangweler**, 6–7, 9 **sanglier**, 6, 8 **sangler**. [a. OF. *sengler, sangler, sanglier* (mod. F. *sanglier*) = Pr. *singlar-s, senglar-s*, It. *cinghiale, cignare*:—L. *singulārem* solitary (see SINGULAR *a.*), used subst. in late L. (Vulg. Ps. lxxix. 14 after Gr. *μονιός* in the LXX) for a boar separated from the herd.

The forms *synglere, singler* show normal phonetic development from early ME. **sengler*, a. OF. *sengler*; the form *singuler* is due to assimilation to the Latin.]

A full-grown wild boar (see quots.).

? *a* 1400 *Morte Arth.* 3124 Boyes in þe subarbis bourdene ffulle heghe, At a bare synglere that to þe bente rynnys. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* X. xii. 47 Lyke to the stiengthy sangler, or the bore. 1542 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* VII. 472 Ane pale of tymmer within the park of Falkland to the sangweleris. 1575 TURBERV. *Venerie* 100 The next yere he shall be called a Sanglier of three yeres old. 1598 MANWOOD *Lawes Forest* iv. § 5 (1615) 43 After the fourth yeere, if not before, hee departeth from the Sounder, and then you shall call him, a Singler, or rather, Sanglier. 1688 R. HOLME *Armoury* II. 132/1 A Boar [of 5 years is] a Singuler, or more properly a Sanglier. 1725 BRADLEY *Fam. Dict.* s. v. *Wild Boar*, He is also call'd Singlet or Sangler.

Sangrado (saŋgrā·do). [The name of a character in Le Sage's *Gil Blas*, a physician whose sole remedies were bleeding and the drinking of hot water; suggested by Sp. *sangrador* bleeder.] A medical practitioner resembling Dr. Sangrado; a doctor given to bleeding, or an ignorant pretender to medical knowledge.

1820 SCOTT *Lett.* (1894) II. 90 One is sadly off in France and Italy, where the Sangrados are of such low reputation, that it were a shame even to be killed by them. 1873 E. H. CLARKE *Sex in Educ.* 63 Our fathers' physicians were too often Sangrados.

‖ **Sangrador** (saŋgradō·r). [Sp. = 'bleeder'.] = SANGRADO.

1832a SIR W. HAMILTON *Discuss.* (1852) 248 In Spain, every village has even now its *Sangrador*, whose only cast of surgery is blood-letting; and he is rarely idle.

Sangrail (sæŋgrē·l). In 5 **sangrayle, -grayll(e, seynt graal**, 7–9 **sangreal**, 9 **sangreall**. [a. OF. *Saint Graal* 'Holy Grail': see SAINT *a.* and GRAIL ².

The pseudo-etymological form *sang royal* (confusing the word with SANG-ROYAL 2) appears in AF. of the 15th c.: see Godefr. *Compl.* s. v. SANC. Another spurious etymology formerly common appears in the following quot.:—

1685 STILLINGFL. *Orig. Brit.* I. 13 Others think that the word was *Sangreal*, being some of Christ's real blood..said to be somewhere found by King Arthur.]

1. = GRAIL ².

a 1450 *Le Morte Arth.* 10 The knights of the table Round, The sangrayle when they had sought. *c* 1450 *Merlin* ii. 32 Thi boke shalbe cleped the boke of the seynt Graal. 1470–85 MALORY *Arthur* II. xi. 88 Soone after the aduentures of the Sangrayll shalle come among yow and be encheued. 1808 SCOTT *Marm.* I. *Introd. Epist.* 268 He took the Sangreal's holy quest. 1871 G. MEREDITH *H. Richmond* II. 145 They bear the veiled sun like a sangreal aloft to the wavy marble flooring of stainless cloud.

†**2.** The book of the Grail. *Obs.*

1470–85 MALORY *Arthur* II. xiii. 91 As it telleth after in the sangraylle.

† Sa·ngrede. *dial.* (*Suffolk*). *Obs.* Also 6 **sangarede, sangered, sangred.** [Of obscure origin: perh. f. OE. *sang* SONG + *rǽde* reading.] A service chanted for the souls of the departed.

1463 in *Bury Wills* (Camden) 30, I wil the seid Will^m Baret..paye yeerly..iij s. iiij d. for a sangrede, that my soule, my fadrys and modrys sowlys, and my frendys, may be preyd fore in the pulpet on the Sunday. 1492 *Ibid.* 80 That aftyr myn decesse be song and kepte yerely..a sangrede for the sowlys of the seyd John Odeham, Margarete hys wyff [etc.]. 1504 in Wright *Dict. Obs. & Prov. Eng.* II. 821 To the sepulkyr lyght vi. hyves of beene to pray ffor me and my wyffe in the common sangered. 1539 *Will of Eryan* (Somerset Ho.), That myn Executours kepe..by the space of xx^ti yeres a Sangrede for my sowle.

† Sa·ngris. *Obs. rare*—[1]. [Of obscure history, but repr. mod.L. *synagris* (Rondelet 1554), n. Gr. *συναγρίς*.] A fish of the genus *Synodus*.

1598 *Epulario* F iiij, To dresse a Sangris or tooth fish [It. *dentale*].

† Sang ro·yal. *Obs.* Also 5 **sanke royall, saunke realle, 6 sangue, sank royall.** [Fr.; *sang* (OF. *sanc*) blood, *royal* ROYAL.]

1. Royal blood.

?*a* 1400 *Morte Arth.* 179 Taghte mene and towne..Of saunke realle in suyte, sexty at ones. 1430–40 LYDG. *Bochas* VIII. XXV. (1558) 16 As Sanke royall doth playnly determyne. *a* 1548 HALL *Chron., Hen. VII* 6 One that descended from the high progeny of the Sangue royall.

derisively. 1522 SKELTON *Why not to Court* 490 He came of the sank royall, That was cast out of a bochers stall.

2. The blood of Christ.

1523 SKELTON *Garl. Laurel* 1463 That goodly place .. Where the sank royall is, Crystes blode so rede.

Sangstar(e, obs. forms of SONGSTER.

Sangsue (sæ·ŋsiū). ?*nonce-wd.* [a. F. *sangsue*: see SANGUISUGE.] A leech.

a 1849 POE *Tale Ragged Mount.* Wks. 1865 II. 320 The poisonous sangsue of Charlottesville may always be distinguished from the medicinal leech by its blackness.

Sanguane, -guen(e, obs. ff. SANGUINE *a.*

Sangue royall, variant of SANG ROYAL *Obs.*

Sangueyn(e, obs. forms of SANGUINE *a.*

Sanguicolous (sæŋgwi·kŏləs), *a.* [f. mod.L. **sanguicol-a*, f. L. *sangui-s* blood + *col-ĕre* to inhabit: see -OUS.] Inhabiting the blood, as a parasite. 1891 in *Century Dict.*

Sa·nguiduct. [f. L. *sangui-s* blood + *ductus* DUCT.] **† a.** A blood-vessel (*obs.*). **b.** *nonce-wd.* (after *aqueduct*). A drain for carrying off blood.

1681 tr. *Willis' Rem. Med. Wks.* Vocab., *Sanguiducts*, the vessels that carry the blood through the body, as the veins and arteries. 1853 J. W. CROKER *Hist. Guillotine* 81 It became necessary to build a kind of sanguiduct, to carry off the streams of blood from the Guillotine.

Sanguiferous (sæŋgwi·fĕrəs), *a.* [f. mod.L. **sanguifer*, f. L. *sangui-s* blood: see -FEROUS.] Bearing or conveying blood.

1682 T. GIBSON *Anat.* (1697) p. v, A vein is a sanguiferous vessel. 1793 ABERNETHY in *Phil. Trans.* LXXXIII. 60, I shall first relate those varieties of the sanguiferous system which were found on the thoracic side of the diaphragm. 1857 BULLOCK *Cazeaux' Midwif.* 191 The sanguiferous apparatus of the yolk of fowls.

Sangui·fic, *a. rare.* [ad. mod.L. **sanguificus*, f. L. *sangui-s* blood: see -FIC.] Blood-producing.

1684 tr. *Bonet's Merc. Compit.* VIII. 294 Upon the failing of the fermentation and sanguifick virtue of the Bloud. 1822–29 *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 3) IV. 543 It [swooning] more commonly originates in the sanguific or digestive organs.

Sanguification (sæŋgwifikā·ʃən). [ad. mod.L. *sanguificātiōn-em*, n. of action f. *sanguificāre*: see SANGUIFY *v.* Cf. F. *sanguification.*] The formation of blood, conversion into blood.

1578 BANISTER *Hist. Man* V. 80 The liuer the shoppe of sanguification. 1665 NEEDHAM *Med. Medicinæ* 381 The work of Sanguification or bloud-making is performed by the Bloud. 1702 FLOYER *Hot & Cold Bath.* I. iv. (1709) 101 The Sanguification of the Chyle. 1761 STERNE *Tr. Shandy* III. iv, The lungs the only organ of sanguification. 1835 BROWNING *Paracelsus* Note 215 It appears..that he had discovered the circulation of the blood, and the sanguification of the heart. 1856 in *Orr's Circ. Sci., Pract. Chem.* 305 The aggregate of the changes which..foods undergo up to sanguification is called digestion. 1876 M^cKENDRICK *Outl. Physiol.* 206 Sanguification, or the preparation of a nutritive fluid called the Blood, which [etc.].

b. *transf.* and *fig.*

1651 HOBBES *Leviath.* II. XXIV. 130 This Concoction, is as it were the Sanguification of the Common-wealth. 1731 MILLER *Gard. Dict.* s.v. *Sap*, Botanists are now generally agreed, that all Plants are furnish'd with Organs and Parts necessary both for Chylification and Sanguification.

† Sangui·ficative, *a. Obs.* [ad. mod.L. *sanguificātīvus*, f. *sanguificāre*: see -ATIVE.] Blood-producing.

1662 J. CHANDLER *Van Helmont's Oriat.* 209 Because the Liver was not a Kitchin, but a family Governour by its own Sanguificative ferment.

† Sa·nguifier. *Obs.* [f. SANGUIFY *v.* + -ER[1].] Something that produces blood.

1615 CROOKE *Body of Man* 40 It is the first Sanguifier or the workhouse wherein the bloud is made. 1696 FLOYER *On Humours* (J.), Bitters, like choler, are the best sanguifiers, and also the best febrifuges.

† Sangui·fluous, *a. Obs.* [f. mod.L. **sanguiflu-us* (f. L. *sangui-s* blood + *flu-ĕre* to flow) + -OUS.] Flowing with blood.

1684 tr. *Bonet's Merc. Compit.* IX. 340 When Bile and Phlegm falls by a sanguifluous Vein. 1727 in BAILEY vol. II. 1860 R. FOWLER *Med. Vocab.* 1897 *Syd. Soc. Lex.*, *Sanguifluous*, flowing or running into blood.

† Sa·nguify, *v. Obs.* [ad. mod.L. *sanguificāre*, f. L. *sangui-s* blood: see -FY.]

1. *intr.* To produce blood.

1624 BP. HALL *True Peacemaker* in *Var. Treat.* (1627) 540 The head to deuise and command, the eies to see,..the liuer to sanguifie. 1652 CULPEPPER *Eng. Physic.* (1656) 375 If the Liver be weak and cannot make Blood enough, (I would have said sanguifie if I had written only to Schollers). *a* 1677 HALE *Prim. Orig. Man.* I. i. 29, I do not digest, sanguifie, nor my Heart move, nor my Blood circulate..by any immediate command of my Will.

fig. 1644 MILTON *Divorce* II. XVII. (ed. 2) 66, I doubt his will like a hard spleen draws faster than his understanding can well sanguifie.

2. *trans.* To convert into blood.

1650 BAXTER *Saints' R.* (1655) III. xi. § 11. 218 As the chyle is sanguified in the Liver, Spleen, and Veins. 1707 FLOYER *Physic. Pulse-Watch* 265 When the Relicks of the Chyle which are not sanguify'd are not excreted.

Hence **† Sa·nguifying** *ppl. a.*

1620 VENNER *Via Recta* ii. 40 Which..it doth..enfeeble, and dispoliate of its sanguifying facultie. 1665 NEEDHAM *Med. Medicinæ* 400 The liquor hath less of a Vital Sanguifying power than it had before.

Sanguigenous (sæŋgwi·dʒĭnəs), *a.* [f. L. *sangui-s* blood + -GEN + -OUS.] Producing blood.

1852 W. GREGORY *Org. Chem.* (ed. 3) 496 The food of animals should contain a due admixture of sanguigenous and respiratory food.

† Sanguina·ceous, *a. Obs.* [f. L. *sanguinem, sanguis* blood + -ACEOUS.] (See quot.)

1816 T. BROWN *Elem. Conchol.* 163 *Sanguinaceous*, of a blood colour, or resembling blood.

‖ Sanguinaria (sæŋgwinēə·riă). *Bot.* and *Pharm.* [mod.L. application of L. *sanguināria* (sc. *herba*), fem. of *sanguinārius* pertaining to blood: see SANGUINARY *a.*

The plant so called in classical Latin (identified by Pliny with Gr. πολύγονον POLYGONUM) had the name from its real or supposed property of stanching blood; the modern application refers to the blood-red colour of the root.]

The blood-root, *Sanguinaria canadensis*; also the rhizome of this, used in medicine.

1842 BRYANT *Fountain* iv, The flower Of sanguinaria, from whose brittle stem The red drops fell like blood. 1875 H. C. WOOD *Therap.* (1879) 435 As an emetic, sanguinaria has fallen into well-deserved disuse. 1887 *Homeopathic World* 1 Nov. 506 In reference to Sanguinaria, he said that its most brilliant triumphs were in edematous laryngitis.

† Sanguina·rian, *a. Obs.* [f. L. *sanguināri-us* (see SANGUINARY *a.*) + -AN.] = SANGUINARY *a.* 2.

1637 HEYLIN *Answ. Burton* 89 Such a rayling Rabsakeh, so sanguinarian a spirit.

Sanguinarily (sæŋgwinărili), *adv.* [f. SANGUINARY *a.* + -LY[2].] In a sanguinary manner.

1850 in OGILVIE. 1893 *Cornh. Mag.* Sept. 243 A mosquito ..adhered sanguinarily to the side of his aristocratic nose.

Sanguinarine (sæŋgwinărin). *Chem.* Also **-in**; earlier **sanguinarina.** [f. SANGUINARIA + -INE. Cf. F. *sanguinarine.*] (See quots.)

1838 T. THOMSON *Chem. Org. Bodies* 292 Of Sanguinarina. This substance was discovered by M. Dana in the root of the *sanguinaria canadensis*. 1852 GREGORY *Handbk. Org. Chem.* (ed. 3) 366 Sanguinarine..forms a grey powder, which is alkaline and yields red salts. 1874 GARROD & BAXTER *Mat. Med.* (1880) 194 Meconidine is Homologous with Sanguinarin, an alkaloid contained in *Chelidonium majus*, a papaveraceous plant. 1897 *Syd. Soc. Lex.*, *Sanguinarin*, $C_{17}H_{15}NO_4$. The alkaloid of blood-root, the rhizome of *Sanguinaria canadensis*...Also, $C_{31}H_{15}NO_8$, a brown, resinoid substance obtained by precipitation from a tincture of the root of *Sanguinaria canadensis.*

Sa·nguinariness. [f. SANGUINARY *a.* + -NESS.] The quality of being sanguinary.

1689 *Myst. Iniq. working* 30 The Treachery, Sanguinariness, Violence and Cruelty which the Papal Principles mould, influence, and oblige Men unto. 1881 A. C. GRANT *Bush Life Queensland* II. xxxi. 150 Blucher accompanies them, and greatly amuses his master by the excessive sanguinariness of his disposition.

† Sanguina·rious, *a. Obs. rare.* [f. L. *sanguināri-us* SANGUINARY + -OUS.] Sanguinary.

1654 GAYTON *Pleas. Notes* III. iv. 89 To expresse his Sanguinarious Nature, he [etc.].

† Sa·nguinary, *sb. Obs.* [ad. L. *sanguināria*, fem. of *sanguinārius* pertaining to blood (see SANGUINARY *a.*), used *elliptically* as a name for various plants (see 1 below and SANGUINARIA), also, in med.Lat in as the name of a jewel (see 2 below).]

1. A name applied to certain plants having styptic properties, esp. milfoil, *Achillea Millefolium*, and shepherd's purse, *Capsella Bursa-pastoris*; also to *Polygonum Hydropiper* (see 2nd quot. 1526). In some recent Dicts. said to be used in the sense of SANGUINARIA.

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 441/1 Sanguinarye, herbe, or mylle-folye..*sanguinaria, millefolium.* 1526 *Grete Herball* lxxii. (1529) E ij b, Bursa pastoris is shepeherdes purs, some call it sanguynary, bycause it staunceth bledynge of the nose. *Ibid.* eccliii. T v b, Persicaria...Some call it sanguynary or blodeworte bycause it draweth blode in places that it is rubbed on.

2. A kind of BLOOD-STONE.

1465 *Will of Blyton* (Somerset Ho.), Anulum..cum lapide infix. vocat. Sanguinarye. 1504 in Wadley *Bristol Wills* (1886) 178 A cheyne of gold with a Sanguinarye. 1567 MAPLET *Gr. Forest* A vij b, The Sanguinarie which in Greek is called Amatites, which being well chafed and rubbed, bleedeth. 1600 in Nichols *Progr. Q. Eliz.* (1823) III. 511 Item one sworde, with a pomell of sanguimarie [*sic*].

Sanguinary (sæ·ngwinări), *a.* (and *sb.*) [ad. L. *sanguinārius*, f. *sanguin-em, sanguis* blood: see -ARY. Cf. F. *sanguinaire*, Sp., Pg., It. *sanguinario.*]

1. Attended by bloodshed; characterized by slaughter; bloody. Of laws: Imposing the death-penalty freely.

1625 BACON *Ess., Unity in Relig.* (Arb.) 431 We may not ..propagate Religion, by Warrs, or by Sanguinary Persecutions, to force Consciences. *c* 1645 HOWELL *Lett.* (1655) IV. xxix. 70 The eagerst, and most sanguinary Warrs are about Religion. 1647 CLARENDON *Hist. Reb.* I. § 107 For the Penal Laws (those only excepted which were Sanguinary,..) were never more rigidly executed. *a* 1720 SEWEL *Hist. Quakers* (1795) I. IV. 368 Here endeth this sanguinary act. 1788 GIBBON *Decl. & F.* xlix. V. 137 His [Charlemagne's] laws were not less sanguinary than his arms. 1841 ELPHINSTONE *Hist. Ind.* VI. i. II. 21 A sanguinary conflict took place, and the prince gained a complete victory. 1877 BROCKETT *Cross & Cr.* 27 Twenty-one years out of ninety were spent in war, often of the most sanguinary character.

2. Bloodthirsty; delighting in carnage.

1623 COCKERAM II, *Blood thirsty*, sanguinary. 1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr., Sanguinary*, cruel, thirsty, bloody, desirous of, or delighted in shedding blood. 1732 LEDIARD *Sethos* II. x. 357 They aggravated the treacherous and sanguinary ambition of Daluca. 1751 HARRIS *Hermes* Wks. (1841) 170 The facetious Fuller, speaking of one Morgan, a sanguinary bishop in the reign of Queen Mary, says of him, that [etc.]. 1841 JAMES *Brigand* xvi, Brissac is somewhat of a sanguinary person to deal with.

† b. *absol.* as *sb.* A sanguinary person. *Obs.*

a 1550 *Image Ipocr.* I. in *Skelton's Wks.* (1843) II. 415 He that thus dothe cary Is a mercenary, Yea, a sangunary. 1632 B. JONSON *Magn. Lady* I. v, A Souldier..Who being by custome growne a Sanguinarie..Is more delighted i' the chase of an enemy..Then all the..happinesse of Issue could bring to him.

3. Of or pertaining to blood. *rare.*

1684 tr. *Blancard's Phys. Dict.*, *Mater tenuis*, a Membran which..clothes the Brain and Cerebellum, extreamly full of sanguinary Vessels. 1908 P. T. FORSYTH in *Expositor* Sept. 215 Sacrifice, in the ritual sense, in the sanguinary sense, has long had no real place in our religion.

¶ 4. *slang.* Used as a jocular euphemism for BLOODY, in reports of vulgar speech.

† Sanguina·tion. *Obs.* [n. of action f. L. *sanguināre* to bleed, f. *sanguin-em, sanguis* blood: see -ATION.] A flow of blood.

1597 A. M. tr. *Guillemeau's Fr. Chirurg.* 51 b/1 There followeth such a superfluous sanguination, that by noe meanes it can be restrayngned. 1599 — *Gabelhouer's Bk. Physicke* 67/2 Vse this every moneth in the increasing of the Moon, till the sanguination be stenched.

Sanguine (sæ·ŋgwin), *a.* and *sb.* Forms: 4–5 **sangueyn(e, -gweyn(e,** 4–6 **sanguyn(e, -gwyn(e,** 4–8 **sanguin,** 5 **sangewyn, -gwayn, -gwen, -gwynne,** 6 **sangwane, sanguane, -uene,** 7 **sanguen,** 4– **sanguine.** [a. F. *sanguin* (fem. *sanguine*), ad. L. *sanguineus*: see SANGUINEOUS. Cf. Sp. *sanguino.*]

A. *adj.*

1. Blood-red. Also *sanguine red* (sometimes hyphened), **† *red sanguine*, † *brown sanguine.*** Now only *literary.*

1382 WYCLIF *Ecclus.* xlv. 12 With..blyu vyolet silc, and sanguyn silc [Vulg. *hyacintho et purpura*]. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Knt.'s T.* 1310 His colour was sangwyn. 1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* XIX. xxiv. (1495) 877 Sinopis is a red colour and is callyd Rubrica for it is nexte to redde sangweyne. 1399 in *Hampole's Wks.* (1896) II. 449 A longe sangwyn gowne furryd with Calabir. 1444 *Test. Ebor.* (Surtees) II. 106, ij girdils y^e^ tone redde and tother sangvyn. *c* 1470 HENRY *Wallace* IX. 1932 His colour was sangweyn. 1494 *Somerset Med. Wills* (1901) 323 A sangewyn kyrtyll and a smoke. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* VII. ii. 4 Within hir rosy cartis cleirlie schane Aurora vestit into broun sanguane. 1526 *Grete Herball* xxviii. (1529) B v b, It is an vnpure thynge and hath a sanguyne coloure. 1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* II. 625 Interlaced..with certain knots, both white and also ol a sanguine red. 1637 MILTON *Lycidas* 106 Like to that sanguine flower inscrib'd with woe. 1650 BULWER *Anthropomet.* 153 In Persia the womens pale colour is made sanguine by adulterate complexion. 1666 DRYDEN *Ann. Mirab.* clii, Her flag aloft, spread ruffling to the wind, And sanguine streamers seem the flood to fire. *a* 1668 LASSELS *Voy. Italy* (1698) I. 112 The vault is painted with a deep sanguin red. 1757 GRAY *Bard* 185 Yon sanguine cloud, Rais'd by thy breath. 1784 COWPER *Task* VI. 158 The lilac, various in array, now white, Now sanguine. 1820 SHELLEY *Cloud* 31 The sanguine sunrise, with his meteor eyes, And his burning plumes outspread. 1864 LOWELL *Fireside Trav.* 26 In an obscure corner grew the sanguine beet. 1885 G. MEREDITH *Diana* iii, The beautiful virgin devoted to the sanguine coat.

b. *Nat. Hist.* Chiefly in names of animals and plants, usually as transl. of mod.L. *sanguineus* in specific names.

1783 LATHAM *Gen. Synopsis Birds* I V. 657 Sanguine Turtle. 1809 SHAW *Gen. Zool.* VII. II. 487 Sanguine Paradise-bird, *Paradisea sanguinea.* 1816 KIRBY & SP. *Entomol.* xvii. (1818) II. 82 The sanguine ants at length rush upon the negroes. 1839 LINDLEY *Introd. Bot.* III. (ed. 3) 480 Sanguine; dull red, passing into brownish black. 1865 GOSSE *Land & Sea* 261, I may compare the Sanguine Sponge to an uneven, rather than a hilly country.

2. Of or pertaining to blood; consisting of or containing blood. Now *rare.*

1447 BOKENHAM *Seyntys* (Roxb.) 259 Dyssentyrye..Wych ..Sendyth owte sangweyn agestyoun. 1584 COGAN *Haven*

Health cxl. 125 The tongue is of a spungie and sanguine substance. 1656 Blount *Glossogr.*, *Sanguin flesh*..is that which is engendred of blood; of which sort is the flesh compounded in the Muscles, the Heart [etc.]. 1706 E. Ward *Wooden World Diss.* (1708) 60 The Barber, that has stept from the demolishing of Beards, to the Practice of more sanguine Operations. 1716 M. Davies *Athen. Brit.* III. *Diss. Physick* 4 Without any Pretensions to that Sanguine Discovery [of circulation of blood], or knowing any thing considerable of it, much less of his Teaching it to Dr. Harvey. 1769 E. Bancroft *Guiana* 300 That this Poison may duely operate, it is necessary that it should be externally admitted into the sanguine vessels. 1800 tr. *Lagrange's Chem.* II. 368 The colouring part seems to be richer in the sanguine principle. 1812 [see Frustum a]. 1860 Ruskin *Mod. Paint.* V. VII. iv. § 17. 146 It was..to serpents, that the Greeks likened the dissolving of the Medusa cloud in blood. Of that sanguine rain..I cannot yet speak. 1873 Mrs. H. King *Disciples, Giov. Nicotera* (1877) 307 One sanguine sacramental cup.

b. Causing or delighting in bloodshed; bloody, sanguinary. Now *poet.* or *rhetorical.*

1705 Hickeringill *Priest-cr.* I. (1721) 19 The *Inquisition*, the *Hangman*, the *Dragoons*, and the *Jaylors*, are the Holy Pillars of their Sanguine Priest-craft. 1727 A. Hamilton *New Acc. E. Ind.* II. xlii. 115 Ordered both their Heads to be struck off, which ended their Disputes effectually.. but Governor Sowdon was sent for to Fort St. George, and another sent in his Place less sanguin. 1736 Ld. J. Hervey *Mem. Geo. II* (1847) I. 346 The long and sanguine war that soon followed. 1817 Shelley *Rev. Islam* I. xxxi, And Fear, the demon pale, his sanguine shrine forsook. 1872 Blackie *Lays Highl.* 85 The fiends in hell delight to view The sanguine slaughter done. 1884 Symonds *Shaks. Predec.* ix. 331 The craziest career which ever closed a brilliant dynasty in sanguine gloom.

3. In mediæval and later physiology: Belonging to that one of the four 'complexions' (see Complexion *sb.* 1) which was supposed to be characterized by the predominance of the blood over the other three humours, and indicated by a ruddy countenance and a courageous, hopeful, and amorous disposition.

In the strict use as connected with the doctrine of the four 'complexions', the word is now only *Hist.*; but the modern writers (chiefly phrenologists) who have attempted a classification of 'temperaments' usually retain it as one of their descriptive terms.

c 1386 Chaucer *Prol.* 333 Of his complexioun he was sangwyn. 1398 Trevisa *Barth. De P. R.* xvii. cxxxi. (1495) 689 The vse of pepyr is not prouffitable to Sangueyne men. *c* 1430 Lydg. *Min. Poems* (Percy Soc.) 196 The sangueyn man of blood hath hardynesse, Wrouhte to be lovyng, large of his dispence. 1538 Starkey *England* I. ii. 58 The iiij [*sc.* complexions]..sanguyn, melancolyk, phlegmatyk, and coleryke. *a* 1548 Hall *Chron. Edw. IV* 192 b, A prince of haut corage, young lusty and sanguyne of complexion. 1587 Greene *2nd Pt. Tritameron* Wks. (Grosart) III. 144 The Saturnine temperature is necessarie to dry vp the superfluities of the sanguine constitution. 1707 Flover *Physic. Pulse-Watch* 309 A fat sanguine Woman. 1727-41 Chambers *Cycl.* s.v., Sanguine constitutions require a frequent use of phlebotomy. Sanguine people are usually observed to be brisk, bold, daring, and even presumptuous. 1781 J. Moore *View Soc. It.* (1790) II. lxii. 228 [A disease] more apt to seize people of a sanguine constitution than others. 1843 R. J. Graves *Syst. Clin. Med.* xxvii. 346 Persons of a sanguine temperament are in general the most susceptible. 1855 Browning *An Epist.* 109 The man—it is one Lazarus a Jew, Sanguine, proportioned. 1874 Carpenter *Ment. Phys.* I. ii. § 88 (1879) 98 Small brains and great activity, betoken what are known as the sanguine and nervous temperaments.

b. *Astrol.* Of signs, etc.: Favourable to the sanguine complexion.

1647 Lilly *Chr. Astr.* vi. 48 [The First Quadrant is] called the Orientall, Vernall, Masculine, Sanguine, Infant quarter.

c. With reference to 'complexion' in the modern sense (see Complexion *sb.* 4): Red in the face. Cf. sense 1.

1684 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 1982/4 He is very tall, having curled brown Hair, or sanguine Complexion. 1839 De Quincey *Recoll. Lakes* Wks. 1862 II. 138 A sanguine complexion had, of late years, usurped upon the original bronze-tint.

4. Of persons or their dispositions: Having the mental attributes characteristic of the sanguine complexion (see sense 3 above); chiefly, disposed to hopefulness or confidence of success.

1509 Hawes *Past. Ptas.* xvi. (Percy Soc.) 73 For sanguyne youth it is al contrary. 1599 B. Jonson *Cynthia's Rev.* II. iii. He is neither too fantastickally Melancholy; too slowly Phlegmatick, too lightly Sanguine. 1700 Dryden *Fables* Pref. "B, Our two Great Poets, being so different in their Tempers, one Cholerick and Sanguin, the other Phlegmatick and Melancholick. 1841 Brewster *Mart. Sci.* II. iv. (1856) 147 He was of sanguine temperament. 1855 Prescott *Philip II*, I. I. vii. 97 Philip was not of that sanguine temper which overlooks..the obstacles in its way. 1882 Peabody *Eng. Journalism* xix. 144 It was published..under difficulties which would..have killed any man of less sanguine temperament.

b. Of persons and expectations, etc.: Hopeful or confident with reference to some particular issue.

1673 *Lndy's Call.* Pref. (1684) 4 When the most sanguine of his Disciples had denied, yea forswore, and all had forsaken him. 1712 Lady M. W. Montagu *Let. to Mr. W. Montagu* 9 Dec., Sanguine groundless hopes, and..lively vanity.. make all the happiness of life. 1735-6 T. Sheridan in *Swift's Lett.* (1768) IV. 151 Do not think me sanguine in this; for more unlikely and less reasonable favours have been granted. 1785 Burke *Sp. Nabob of Arcot's Debts* Wks. IV. 242 In the fond imaginations of a sanguine avarice. 1836 W. Irving *Astoria* III. ix. 139 He now looked forward with sanguine hope to the accomplishment of all his plans. 1863 Miss Braddon *J. Marchmont* iii, It's kind of you to look at it in this sanguine way, Arundel. 1876 A. J. Evans *Through Bosnia* ix. 417 And yet how fascinating is Ragusa still! It far surpassed our most sanguine expectations.

5. *Comb.*, parasynthetic and adverbial, as *sanguine-coloured, -complexioned, -streaming, -valiant* adjs.; **sanguine-bilious** *a.*, partly sanguine and partly bilious; **sanguine-heart** *a.*, *nonce-wd.*, crimson at the heart; **sanguine-nervous** *a.*, partly sanguine and partly nervous; †**sanguine-rod**, the wild cornel or dogwood; **sanguine root** = Blood-root; †**sanguine stone** (see quot.).

1843 R. J. Graves *Syst. Clin. Med.* xxxi. 424 Jane McKernan, aged 28—*sanguine bilious. 1552 *Inv. Ch. of Surrey* (1869) 31 A *sangwyne coloured coope of Sattyn. 1888 Stevenson *Black Arrow* 24 Wrapped warmly in a sanguine-coloured cloak. 1692 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 2773/4 Round Shoulder'd and *sanguine Complexion'd. 1840 Browning *Sordello* III. 356 Where in maple-chamber glooms, Crowned with what *sanguine-heart pomegranate blooms, Advanced it ever? 1842 A. Combe *Physiol. Digestion* (ed. 4) 277 A mixture of the sanguine and nervous, the **sanguine-nervous.* 1601 Holland *Pliny* II. 189 The plant called the *Sanguin-Rod. 1578 Lyte *Dodoens* I. xxxiii. 48 The sixth [kind of Geranium] is called..*Sanguine roote, or Bloud roote. 1727-41 Chambers *Cycl.*, **Sanguine stone*, lapis Sanguinalis, a kind of Jasper, brought from New-Spain. 1799 H. Gurney *Cupid & Psyche* xiii. (1800) 35 And *sanguine-streaming fires arise Meteorous from the trembling ground. 1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* I. III. iii. 101 Audacity and hope alternate in him with misgivings; though the *sanguine-valiant side carries it.

B. *sb.*

†1. A cloth of blood-red colour, also a piece of this.

1319 in Riley *Mem. Lond.* (1868) 131 [Also two] sanguynes [in grain, value 15 pounds]. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Prol.* 439 In sangwyn and in pers he clad was al. 1411 in *Somerset Med. Wills* (1901) 51 [To the aforesaid Alice two] Kirtells, [one of] Sangwyn.

†2. A blood-red colour. *Obs.*

a 1500 *E. E. Misc.* (Warton Club) 90 Thanne 3our flote is made fore 3our sangweyns, and also for 3our violettes saddere thanne 3our morreys. 1543 Grafton *Contn. Harding* (1812) 592 Grained clothe of sondrie coloures, as scarlettes, crimosins, sanguines. *a* 1568 Ascham *Scholem.* II. (Arb.) 114 This face [in a picture] had bene more cumlie, if that hie redde in the cheeke, were somwhat more pure sanguin than it is. 1590 Spenser *F. Q.* II. i. 39 From which forth gusht a stream of gore blood thick,..And into a deep sanguine dide the grassy grownd. 1594 Nashe *Unfort. Trav.* Wks. (Grosart) V. 68 They..had all the coate coulours of sanguin, purple, crimson, copper, carnation that were to be had in their countenaunces. 1612 Peacham *Gentl. Exerc.* I. xxiii. (1634) 80 With which water you may Diaper and Dammaske upon all other blewes, and sanguines to make them shew more faire and beautifull.

b. *Her.* (See quots.)

1562 Leigh *Armorie* 21 The last of all collours, of Armory, which is called Murrey. This is blazed Sanguine, and is a princely colour. 1610 Guillim *Heraldry* I. iii. 11 The last of the seuen mixed colors we doe commonly call Murrey, but in Blazon, Sanguine. 1704 J. Harris *Lex. Techn.* I, *Sanguine*, the Heralds term for the Colour usually called *Murry*, being made of Lake with a little Spanish Brown. 1868 Cussans *Her.* iii. 51 Sanguine [is represented] by diagonal lines intersecting each other.

†3. The sanguine 'complexion' or temperament.

1530 Palsgr. 265/1 Sanguyn a complexion, *sanguin.* 1594 Lady Russell in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. I. III. 40 Your Lordships so honorable most kynde..visitacion, as turned melancoly into a sanguin. 1656 H. More *Enthus. Tri.* (1712) 25 That it is the Reign of Sanguine, not the rule of the Spirit, is discoverable both from the Complexion of the Head of this Sect, as also from the general disposition of his followers. 1718 Hickes & Nelson *J. Kettlewell* I. ii. 15 His temper was a Mixture of Sanguine and Choler.

4. *Art.* A crayon coloured red with iron oxide; a drawing executed with red chalks.

1854 Fairholt *Dict. Terms Art*, *Sanguine*, a deep blood colour, prepared from oxide of iron. 1882 Hamerton *Graphic Arts* 115 When an artist uses red chalk or sanguine he does not intend to produce a very powerful effect. *Ibid.*, Examples of fine sanguines are..extremely frequent in every large collection of drawings by the old masters. 1886 *Academy* 21 Aug. 127/2 An interesting Greuze sketch in sanguine.

†**Sa·nguine,** *v. Obs.* [f. Sanguine *a.*]

1. *trans.* To slain or paint a sanguine colour.

1591 Percivall *Sp. Dict.*, *Pavonado*, sanguined as a sword hilt. *Politus.* 1601 Holland *Pliny* II. 558 Iron-smiths also haue much vse of bitumen, and namely, in sanguining or colouring their ironworke. 1611 Cotgr., *Sanguine*, the bloud-stone wherewith Cutlers doe sanguine their hilts. 1665 Sir T. Herbert *Trav.* (1677) 140 His face was also sanguined with Vermilion. 1688 R. Holme *Armoury* III. 91/2 Sanguining, is to make it [the Hilt and Pommell] of a pure Purple colour.

2. To stain with blood.

1610 Guillim *Heraldry* II. vi. (1611) 54 It is the honour of a generous minde, to put off his belt, and not to sanguine his blade with cold blood. 1689 J. Bent *Bloody Assizes* 16 He breathed Death like a destroying Angel, and sanguined his very Ermins in Blood.

Hence **Sa·nguined** *ppl. a.*, stained with blood; of eyes: bloodshot.

1700 Parnell *Battle Frogs & Mice* I. 111 He rolls his sanguin'd Eyes. *a* 1814 *Gonsanga* III. i. in *New Brit. Theatre* III. 126 That life..Which..Heav'n did preserve In battle on Bulgaria's sanguin'd plains.

Sanguinean(e, var. ff. Sanguinian *Obs.*

†**Sa·nguineless,** *a. Obs. rare*⁻¹. [f. Sanguine *sb.* + -less.] Bloodless.

1675 J. Smith *Chr. Relig. App.* II. 45 But they shall see her, in her native dress, Such as she is 'mongst shades, pale, sanguinless.

Sanguinely (sæ·ŋgwinli), *adv.* [f. Sanguine *a.* + -ly 2.] In a sanguine manner.

1. Hopefully; confidently.

1653 in *Nicholas Papers* (Camden) II. 29 My Lord of Rochester hath written very sanguinely hither about his negotiations at the Dyett. 1790 Burke *Fr. Rev.* Wks. V. 334, I cannot speculate quite so sanguinely as he does. 1857 Buckle in A. H. Huth *Life* (1880) I. ii. 140 My mother is a little better, and writes very sanguinely about herself.

†2. In a manner characterized by bloodshed. *Obs.*

1765 *Hist. Europe* in *Ann. Reg.* 2/2 Intermarriages, by which the heretofore so sanguinely rival houses of Austria and Bourbon have been drawn nearer to each other.

Sanguineness (sæ·ŋgwinnés). [f. Sanguine *a.* + -ness.] The quality of being sanguine. †a. Of 'complexion' (see Sanguine *a.*). *Obs.* b. Hopefulness, confidence of success.

1530 Palsgr. 265/1 Sanguynesse, *sanguinevr.* 1659 *Gentl. Calling* (1696) 94 Whether the Sanguineness of their Temper make them lustful, or the melancholy revengeful. 1727 Earbery tr. *Burnet's St. Dead* (1728) I. 3 To give a wicked Man a little View of that World he must enter into, divested of Flesh and Blood, may make him drop some of his Arguments supported only by the Sanguineness of his Constitution. 1832 L. Hunt *Sir R. Esher* (1850) 417 The sanguineness of my temper kept me in a constant expectation of my friends return. 1891 E. Kinglake *Australian at H.* 13 A boy of eighteen or twenty has, as a general rule, a healthy fund of sanguineness with which to start on life's journey.

Sanguineo- (sæŋgwi·nio), used as combining form of L. *sanguineus* Sanguineous, Sanguine *a.*, prefixed (with hyphen) to adjs., forming physiological terms with the sense 'partly sanguineous (or sanguine) and partly something else'; also in **sanguineo-vascular** *a.*, pertaining to blood-vessels. Cf. Sanguino-.

1803 *Med. Jrnl.* IX. 417 Of a sanguineo phlegmatic temperament. 1845 *Encycl. Metrop.* VII. 257/1 Sanguineo-vascular Ganglia. 1846 G. E. Day tr. *Simon's Anim. Chem.* II. 144 The sanguineo-bilious temperament. 1879 Leighton *Lichen-Flora* (ed. 3) 521 *Sanguineo-black*, blood-red black.

Sanguineous (sæŋgwi·niəs), *a.* [f. L. *sanguine-us* (f. *sanguin-*, *sanguis* blood) + -ous.]

1. Of or pertaining to blood; of the nature of or containing blood.

1646 Sir T. Browne *Pseud. Ep.* III. ix. 127 This part, or animall of Plato, containeth not only sanguineous and reparable particles, but is made up of veynes, nerves, arteries. 1673-4 Grew *Anat. Trunks* I. ii. § 34 As the Sanguineous Vessels in an Animal are composed of a number of Fibres. 1704 Ray *Creation* II. 332 To supply the sanguineous Mass with Nitro-Aërial Particles. 1808 Baaclay *Muscular Motions* 225 Different organs secrete and assimilate different substances from the sanguineous fluid. 1897 *Syd. Soc. Lex.*, *Sanguineous cyst*, a cyst containing blood, whether it be primarily a blood-cyst, or one into which hæmorrhage has secondarily occurred. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 466 In exceptional cases vesications are produced..whose contents may become sanguineous or puriform.

†b. Of animals: Having blood. *Obs.*

1646 Sir T. Browne *Pseud. Ep.* III. xvi. 144 Sanguineous corticated animals, as Serpents, Toads, and Lizards. 1664 Power *Exp. Philos.* I. 59 It is plain that a Louse is a Sanguineous Animal. 1667 Boyle *Orig. Formes & Qual.* (ed. 2) 323 Perfect and sanguineous animals.

2. Of the colour of blood.

Sanguineous creeper, honey-eater, book-names for *Certhia sanguinolenta* (1811–1826 Shaw and Stephens *Gen. Zool.* VIII. 232, XIV. 263).

c 1520 *Interl. Beauty & Gd. Prop. Women* A j, I know that nature hath gyuyn me bewte with sanguynyous compleccyon fauour & fayrenes. 1686 Goad *Celest. Bodies* I. xviii. 120 He may give an account also of a Red-angry Sun, *Sol Rutilus*, in Kepler, which others call Sanguineous. 1819 Keats *Lamia* II. 76 His passion, cruel grown, took on a hue Fierce and sanguineous. 1826 Kirby & Sp. *Entomol.* IV. xlvi. 280 Sanguineous (*Sanguineus*), red with a tint of black. 1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* II. III. i, For swinging of incense-pans and Eighty-three Departmental Banners, we have waving of the one sanguineous *Drapeau-Rouge.* 1861 Hagen *Synopsis Neuroptera N. Amer.* 59 Wings sanguineous at base. 1882 *Garden* 20 May 356/3 Large flowers ..[of] a very deep sanguineous crimson.

3. Of or pertaining to bloodshed; giving rise to bloodshed; bloodthirsty, sanguinary. Now *rare.*

1612 R. Sheldon *Serm. St. Martin's* Ep. Ded. 2 A detestation against all Popish, Ignatian, bloody, and sanguineous attempts. 1642 Hales *Schism* 11 No occasion hath produced more frequent, more continuous, more sanguineous Schismes, than this hath done. 1663 J. H. *Hist. Cromwell* v. in *Harl. Misc.* (1744) I. 275 His other Victories..were very sanguineous, and fatally cruel. 1843 *Blackw. Mag.* LIV. 244 When a chancellor, more experienced than Rhadamanthus, more sanguineous than Draco, shall have the care of the innocent flock! 1854 Thackeray *Newcomes* I. 305 Sanguineous histories of queens who sewed their lovers into sacks.

4. Of persons, their constitution or temperament: = Sanguine *a.* Also, in recent use, Full-blooded, plethoric. *Sanguineous fever* (see quot. 1753).

1732 Arbuthnot *Rules of Diet* in *Aliments*, etc. 287 All things which accelerate the Motion of the Blood are hurtful to sanguineous Constitutions. 1753 Chambers *Cycl. Supp.*, *Sanguineous fevers*, a term used by the medical writers to express a kind of fever, in which there is always a plethora, or fullness of blood. 1806 Sir C. Bell *Anat. Expression* vi. (1844) 144 Courage..is witnessed in the pale and fragile, more than in the strong and sanguineous. 1843 R. J. Graves *Syst. Clin. Med.* xxxi. 421 Edward Fitzgerald, labourer.. temperament sanguineous. 1877 F. T. Roberts *Handbk. Med.* (ed. 3) I. 6 Four principal temperaments are described, the sanguineous, lymphatic, bilious, and nervous.

b. Of mental temperament: = Sanguine *a.* 4.

1847 Disraeli *Tancred* V. v, Therèse, who was of a less sanguineous temperament than her sister, affected desprit,

Hence **Sangui·neousness,** in quot., the condition of having a blood-red colour.

1865 Sala in *Daily Tel.* 7 June, The women..are ruddy to sanguineousness.

† Sangui·nian, *a.* and *sb. Obs.* Also 4 **sanguinien,** 6–7 **sanguinean**(e. [a. OF. *sanguinien,* f. *sanguin* : see Sanguine *a.*] **a.** *adj.* Having the sanguine temperament. **b.** *sb.* A person of sanguine temperament.

1340 *Ayenb.* 157 Þane colrik mid ire and mid discord. Þane sanguinien mid ioliueté and mid luxurie. 1560 Rolland *Cri. Venus* Prol. 11 The secund is Sanguineane sicklike. 1607 Earl Stirling *Cæsar* IV. ii, No corpulent Sanguinians make me feare. 1655 Moufet & Bennet *Health's Improv.* (1746) 347 Sanguineans must take no more of it than lightly to relish their unsavoury Meat. 1681 Colvil *Whigs Supplic.* (1751) 119 Sanguinians did only laff, Choleric Melancholians chaff.

† Sangui·nical, *a. Obs.* [f. Sanguine *a.* + -ic + -al.] = Sanguine *a.* 3.

1632 Litngow *Trav.* (1906) 130 He was..of a sanguinicall complexion, and a couragious stomacke.

Sanguini·colous, *a. rare*—°. = Sanguicolous. 1897 *Syd. Soc. Lex.* s. v.

Sanguini·ferous, *a.* = Sanguiferous. 1893 in *Century Dict.*

Sanguinification (sæŋgwinifikē·ʃən). [f. L. *sanguin(i)-, sanguis* blood : see -fication.] = Sanguification.

1875 H. Walton *Dis. Eye* 536 The functions most at fault, whether of digestion, assimilation, or sanguinification, must be carefully attended to.

Sanguinism (sæŋgwiniz'm). *rare.* [f. Sanguine *a.* + -ism.] Sanguineness of temperament.

1897 *Times* (weekly ed.) 5 Oct. 656/2 The mingled *insouciance* and sanguinism of that fair-haired adventuress.

† Sa·nguinist. *Obs.* [f. Sanguine *a.* + -ist.] A person (or animal) of a sanguine temperament.

1628 Jackson *Worthy Churchman* 36 To sanguinists we must pipe; to melancholists mourne. 1725 *Bradley's Fam. Dict.* II. 5 Y 4, The Black [Horses] with white Marks, are Sanguinists.

Sanguinity (sæŋgwi·nĭti). [f. Sanguine *a.* + -ity.]

1. † **a.** = Consanguinity. [So OF. *sanguinité,* med.L. *sanguinitas.*] *Obs.* **b.** (See quot. 1897.)

c 1470 Harding *Chron.* lxiii. xi, Alle menne hym loued for his sanguynite [*v.r.* consanguynyte (he was the uncle of the empress Helena)]. 1741 H. Walpole *Let. to Mann* 22 Oct., Some say that the duel would have been no breach of sanguinity. 1897 *Syd. Soc. Lex., Sanguinity*..the quality of likeness or unlikeness between parents.

2. The quality of being sanguine. *rare.*

1737 Swift *Let. to Sheridan* Wks. 1761 VIII. 278 But I distrust your sanguinity so much (by my own desponding temper) that [etc.]. 1822 J. MacDonald *Mem. J. Benson* 291 Whatever severity might appear from time to time in Mr. Benson's manner..may be attributed to the sanguinity of his temper.

Sanguinivorous (sæŋgwini·vŏrəs), *a.* [f. L. *sanguin(i)-, sanguis* blood : see -vorous.] = Sanguivorous.

1828–32 in Webster. 1895 A. H. Miles *Nat. Hist. in Anecd.* 38 The Vampire Bat of South America has long been credited with sanguinivorous habits.

Sanguino- (sæŋgwino), used as combining form of Sanguine *a.*, prefixed with hyphen to adjs. to form physiological terms with the sense 'partly sanguine and partly something else'. Also in **sanguino-purulent** *a.*, consisting of pus mixed with blood. Cf. Sanguineo-.

a 1697 Aubrey *Lives* (1898) I. 138 He was..sanguino-cholerique, middle sized, strong. 1876 *Trans. Clinical Soc.* IX. 160 Oosing of sanguino-purulent fluid.

‖ **Sa·nguinole.** *Obs.* [Fr., f. *sanguin* Sanguine *a.*] A kind of pear.

1693 Evelyn *De La Quint. Compl. Gard.* I. 123 The Sanguinole or Bloody-Pear, August. 1786 Abercrombie *Arr.* in *Gard. Assist.* p. xii, Pears principally for Baking. ..Sanguinole or blood pear.

Sangui·nolence. *rare*—°. [See -ence.] = next. 1891 in *Century Dict.*

† Sangui·nolency. *Obs.* [f. next : see -ency.] The quality of being sanguinolent; in quot., addiction to bloodshed.

1664 H. More *Myst. Iniq.* 247 That great red Dragon with seven Heads is so called from his Sanguinolency.

Sanguinolent (sæŋgwi·nolĕnt), *a.* [ad. L. *sanguinolentus,* f. *sanguin-, sanguis* blood: see -olent.]

1. Of or pertaining to blood; tinged or stained with or containing blood. Now chiefly *Path.* † Also of a patient: Suffering from hæmorrhage.

1597 A. M. tr. *Guillemeau's Fr. Chirurg.* 47 b/2 The Dysenteria or bloodye flixe is a sangvinolent excrement of the Bellye. 1599 — tr. *Gabelhouer's Bk. Physicke* 67/1 Agaynst bleedinge of the Nose...Take the Mosse of a dead mans Cranium,..and applye that to the sanguinolent Patient his nose, and it helpeth. 1613 Marston *Insatiate Countess* v. Wks. 1856 III. 181 Yet the sanguinolent staine would extant be! 1697 Headrich *Arcana Philos.* 39 Preparation in Sanguinolent Ulcers. 1850 Blackie *Æschylus* I. 194 Find a home In some grim lion's den sanguinolent. 1898 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* V. 598 Pericarditis with abundance of sanguinolent effusion.

† **2.** Having the colour of blood, blood-red. *Obs.*

c 1450 *Mirour Saluacioun* 4109 Fore rede sangvinolent was alle cristis clothing. 1513 Douglas *Æneis* x. v. 141 The comete stern sanguynolent, Wyth hys red cullour trist and violent.

3. Bloodthirsty; cruel; merciless. *rare.*

1577–87 Holinshed *Chron.* III. 1115/2 Others of good behaviour, have beene most cruellie cast awaie by these former sanguinolent thirstie lawes. 1716 M. Davies *Athen. Brit.* III. 30 He makes Sanguinolent outcrys against those of the Clergy who [etc.]. 1853 *Blackw. Mag.* LXXIV. 569 From the days of sanguinolent Sulla until now.

Sanguinous (sæ·ŋgwinəs), *a.* [ad. OF. *sanguineux,* ad. late L. *sanguinōsus,* f. *sanguin-, sanguis* blood : see -ous.]

† **1.** Of eyes: Bloodshot. *Obs.*

1490 Caxton *Eneydos* xxvii. 103 Her fayre eyen..were incontynent tourned in-to a right hidouse lokynge mobyle, & sangwynouse to see.

† **2.** Bloodthirsty; attended by bloodshed; cruel, merciless. *Obs.*

1755 T. H. Croker *Orl. Fur.* lxxvi. xxx, The skirmish terrible and sanguinous.

3. Of or pertaining to blood.

1833 J. Ebrale in *Trans. Amer. Pediatric Soc.* (1897) IX. 18 [It] depends mainly, if not wholly, on great sanguinous engorgement of the pulmonary blood-vessels.

Sanguisorb (sæŋgwisɔ̄b). [ad. mod.L. *Sanguisorba,* f. L. *sangui-s* blood + *sorbēre* to absorb; so called from the use of burnet as a styptic.]

1. A plant of the N. O. *Sanguisorbaceæ,* typified by the genus *Sanguisorba* (now a sub-genus of *Poterium*), which includes the common burnet.

1846 Lindley *Veg. Kingd.* 561 Its habit, indeed, is by no means that of Sanguisorbs.

¶ **2.** quasi-etymologically: A 'blood-sucker'.

1884 G. Allen *Philistia* I. 73 A pluralist and a sanguisorb of the deepest dye.

† **Sa·nguisuge.** *Obs.* Also 7 **sanguisug.** [ad. L. *sanguisūga,* f. *sangui-s* blood + *sūg-ĕre* to suck.] **a.** A blood-sucker (*fig.*). **b.** A leech.

a 1550 *Image Ipocr.* II. in *Skelton's Wks.* (1843) II. 431 That blody judge And mighty sanguisuge, The Pope that is so huge, Is ever ther refuge. 1575 Banister *Chyrurg.* I. (1585) 23 Sanguisuges also serue to this purpose. *a* 1609 A. Hume *Ep. to G. Mont-Creif* 175 As sanguisugs quhilk finds the feeding gud, Cleaues to the skin.

Sanguisu·gent, *a. rare*—°. [f. L. *sangui-s* blood + *sūgent-em,* pr. pple. of *sūgĕre* to suck.] Blood-sucking. In recent Dicts.

Sanguisugous (sæŋgwisiū·gəs), *a.* [f. L. *sanguisūga* (see Sanguisuge) + -ous.] Blood-sucking; † also *fig.* bloodthirsty, cruel.

1615 T. Adams *Lycanthropy* Ep. Ded., To expose his foming malice and sanguisugous cruelty to mens censure and detestation. *Ibid.* 29 These were the sanguisugous wolues, Papists. 1897 in *Syd. Soc. Lex.*

[Sanguivolent (in Dicts.), misprint for *sanguinolent* in (? Beaum. & Fl.) *Faithful Friends* III. iii.]

Sanguivorous (sæŋgwi·vŏrəs), *a.* [f. L. *sanguis* blood : see -vorous.] Feeding on blood.

1842 Blyth in *Jrnl. Asiatic Soc. Bengal* XI. i. 255 Notice of the predatory and sanguivorous habits of the Bats of the genus Megaderma. 1883 G. E. Dobson in *Nature* XXVII. 412 The vampire..believed by the older naturalists to be thoroughly sanguivorous in its habits.

Sangweler, var. form of Sanglier *Obs.*

Sanhedrim, sanhedrin (sæ·nĭdrim, -in). *Jewish Antiq.* Also 6–7 **sanedrim,** 7 **-in.** [a. late Heb. סַנְהֶדְרִין *sanhedrīn,* a. Gr. *συνέδριον* council, lit. 'sitting together', f. *σύν* together + *ἕδρα* seat. The incorrect form *sanhedrim,* which has always been in England (from the 17th c.) the only form in popular use, seems to have arisen from a notion that the ending of the word was the Aramaic plural suffix *-īn,* the Heb. equivalent of which was *-īm.* Cf. G. *sanhedrin,* F. *sanhédrin,* It., Sp. *sanedrin,* Pg. *sanedrim.*] 'The name applied to the highest court of justice and supreme council at Jerusalem, and in a wider sense also to lower courts of justice' (W. Bacher in *Hastings' Dict. of the Bible,* s. v.); the 'Great Sanhedrim' is said to have consisted of 71 members. Also, the title given to the assembly of representative Jewish rabbis and laymen convened by Napoleon I in 1807 to report on certain points of Jewish law.

1588 J. Udall *Demonstr. Discipl.* i. (Arb.) 15 For priests, pastours;..for rulers of the Synagogue, Elders;..for the Sanedrim, the Eldershipp. 1625 T. Godwin *Moses & Aaron* v. (1641) 190 The greater court by way of excellency, was called the Sanhedrim, which word came from the Greek *συνέδριον,* a place of judgement. *a* 1656 Ussher *Ann.* vi. (1658) 146 Ezra the President..of this Sanedrin, or great Synagogue. 1656 Blount *Glossogr., Sanhedrim* or *Sanhedrin.* 1662 Stillingfl. *Orig. Sacræ* II. v. § 3. 169 The cognizance and tryal of false Prophets did peculiarly belong to the great Sanhedrim. *c* 1800 Moore *Devil among Schol.* 56 Priest and holy Sanhedrim Were one-and-seventy fools to him! 1877 C. Geikie *Christ* iii. (1879) 618 The great ecclesiastical court of the nation, known in the Talmud as the Sanhedrim.

b. *transf.*

1653 *Clarke Papers* (Camden) III. 4 The management of the Governement is now resolved to bee by a Sanedrim or 70 of the best men that can bee thought of through England. 1797 Burke *Affairs Ireland* Wks. IX. 464 This Protestant Apostle is as much above all suspicion of Popery as the greatest and most zealous of your Sanhedrim in Ireland can possibly be. 1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* VI. i, Occupied in that way, an august National Assembly becomes for us little other than a Sanhedrim of Pedants. 1865 Lowell *Reconstruction* Prose Wks. (1890) V. 222 Here [is]..an acknowledgment of the human nature of the negro by the very Sanhedrim of the South. 1875 E. White *Life in Christ* I. vii. (1878) 68 It is quite possible for whole sanhedrims of the most respectable divines..to misunderstand important doctrines of revelation.

Sanhedrinist (sæ·nĭdrinist). [f. Sanhedrin + -ist.] = Sanhedrist.

1880 A. J. Mason in *Academy* 10 Jan. 20/3 What their authors deemed good for an ideal Sanhedrinist.

Sanhedrist (sæ·nĭdrist). Also 6 **sanedrist.** [f. Sanhedr(im) + -ist.] A member of the Sanhedrim; also *fig.*

1593 G. Harvey *Pierce's Super.* Wks. (Grosart) II. 279 Me thinkes the wisest Sanedrist of a thousand, should hardly persuad me, that he is a frend of Princes, and no enemie of Monarchies. 1879 Farrar *St. Paul* (1883) 4 The inquisitorial agent of Priests and Sanhedrists.

Saniacco, -iacho, -iack(e, etc.: see Sanjak.

Sanicle (sæ·nik'l). Also 5 **sanycle,** 6 **sanickle,** 6–7 **sanikell,** (7 **sanikl,** 8 **sanicula**). [a. OF. *sanicle* (12th c. in Hatz.-Darm.; AF. *c* 1265 in Wr.-Wülck. 553/9), ad. med.L. *sanicula, saniculum,* prob. f. L. *sān-us* healthy, with reference to the healing powers formerly attributed to the plant. Cf. Sp., Pg. *sanícula,* It. *sanicola,* G. *sanikel* (late OHG. *sanikela*).]

1. The umbelliferous plant *Sanicula europæa* (more fully *wood sanicle*). Also, in extended sense, any plant of the genus *Sanicula,* as *S. marilandica,* the black snakeroot.

14.. *Stockholm Med. MS.* I. 263 in *Anglia* XVIII. 302 Take sanycle and grynde it smal. 1548 Turner *Names Herbes* (E. D. S.) 86 Sanicula is named in englishe Sanicle. 1643 J. Steer tr. *Exp. Chyrurg.* xvi. 66 With a sufficient quantity of the juice of Sanicle..make thereof Trochisqus. 1852 Th. Ross *Humboldt's Trav.* I. vii. 254 A sanicle not unlike the S. Marilandica. 1872 Oliver *Elem. Bot.* II. 183 Compare, also, fruits of Sanicle, covered with stout hooked prickles. 1889 *Daily News* 20 May 5/2 Patches of wood-sanicle.

2. Applied to various plants of other genera. † **a.** = Satyrion (*obs.*). † **b.** = Saxifrage (*obs.*). **c.** With defining words, as **Alpine, bear's ear sanicle,** the primulaceous plant *Cortusa matthioli*; **American sanicle,** *Heuchera villosa* (Miller *Plant-n.,* 1884); **(American) bastard sanicle,** the genus *Mitella*; † **great sanicle,** Lady's mantle, *Alchemilla vulgaris*; **Indian, white sanicle** *U.S.,* the white snakeroot, *Eupatorium ageratoïdes* (Cent. Dict.); † **Yorkshire sanicle,** butterwort, *Pinguicula vulgaris.*

14.. *Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 613/33 *Stinctum,* i. *Satirion,* sanycle. 1578 Lyte *Dodoens* I. xcviii. 140 Great Sanicle or Ladies Mantell, groweth in some places of this countrey. 1597 Gerarde *Herbal* II. cclxiii. 643 *Pinguicula*..Butterwort, or Yorkshire Sanicle. *Ibid.* 645 The first is called..in English spotted Sanicle; of our London dames pratling Parnell. 1657 W. Coles *Adam in Eden* xi. 24 The Bears eares according to their name Sanicle are no lesse powerful for healing then the former. 1705 tr. *Cowley's Plants* Wks. 1711 III. 345 Next Spotted Sanicle and Navel-wort. 1760 J. Lee *Introd. Bot.* 326 Sanicle, *Saxifraga. Ibid.,* Sanicle, American Bastard, *Mitella.*

Sanidine (sæ·nidīn). *Min.* [a. G. *sanidin* (K. W. Nose 1808), f. Gr. *σανιδ-, σανίς* board : see -ine.] A glassy variety of orthoclase, found in flat crystals (Chester).

1815 Aikin *Man. Min.* (ed. 2) 197 Glassy Felspar. Sanidin. 1849 J. Nicol *Man. Min.* 121 The glassy felspar or sanadine is by some considered a distinct species. 1867 Brande & Cox *Dict. Sci.,* etc., *Sanidine,*..a name given to Glassy Felspar, on account of the tabular form of its crystals.

Hence **Sanidi·nic** *a.,* containing sanidine. **Sa·nidinite,** a rock consisting largely of sanidine.

1885 *Encycl. Brit.* XVIII. 748/2 Modern volcanic rocks (quartzose trachyte, amphiboliferous and sanidinic trachyte).

‖ **Sanies** (sē·ni,īz). [L. *saniēs.* Cf. F. *sanie.*]

1. *Path.* A thin fetid pus mixed with serum or blood, secreted by a wound or ulcer.

1562 Bullein *Bulwark, Soarnes & Chir.* 27 Now sanies is nothyng els, but corrupted foode or nourishemente which natur was not able to digest. 1608 Topsell *Serpents* (1658) 789 For the stanching of bloud, the curntion of ulcers, the hindering of sanies. 1650 Trapp *Comm. Lev.* xv. 4 Paul found it as noisom to his soul..as the sanies of a plague-sore to a rich robe. 1707 P. Blair *Misc. Observ.* (1718) 43 There flowed out a great deal of Sanies and Ichor, scarce any purulent Matter. 1804 Abernethy *Surg. Obs.* 220 A bloody sanies was discharged. 1897 Mary Kingsley *W. Africa* 283 The whole hand was a mass of yellow pus, streaked with sanies.

† **b.** *fig. Obs.*

1651 Jer. Taylor *Serm. for Year* ii. II. (1653) 19 Gods heavie hand shall press the *sanies*..out from all our sins.

† **2.** Any watery fluid of animal origin. *Obs.*

1661 Lovell *Hist. Anim. & Min.* 54 The Sanies, or matter of a Goats liver rosted, helps the dimnesse of sight. 1792 Belknap *Hist. New Hampsh.* III. 184 Mr. Peck..has assured me, that 'the sanies of many testaceous marine animals will give the same tint'. 1826 Kirby & Sp. *Entomol.* III. xxviii. 5 Those having..cold white sanies in the place of blood. 1834 Macgillivray *Lives Zoologists* 59 Every living creature has a humour, blood, or sanies the loss of which produces death.

†Sani·ferous, *a. Obs.* [f. late L. *sānifer*, f. *sān-us* healthy: see -FEROUS.] Health-bringing.

a 1706 EVELYN *Sylva* II. iii. (1776) 342 Not that there are no nociferous trees, as well as sanniferous.

Sanify (sæ·nifəi), *v.* [f. L. *sān-us* healthy (see SANE *a.*) + -(I)FY.]

1. *intr.* To become sane or reasonable.

1836 HOR. SMITH *Tin Trump., Anger*, This seasonable arrest of our functions gives us time to sanify.

2. *trans.* To make healthy; improve the sanitary conditions of (a city, etc.).

1872 [see below]. 1891 *Nation* (N.Y.) 3 Dec. 423/2 Palermo is transformed—cleansed, sanified, and..beautified. 1895 *Chamb. Jrnl.* XII. 691/2 To sanify Jeddah and its vicinity.

Hence **Sa·nified** *ppl. a.*

1872 W. R. GREG *Enigmas Life* 30 *note*, The premature deaths of the bread-winners [will] disappear before sanified cities and vanishing intemperance.

Sanikell, sanikl, obs. forms of SANICLE.

Sanious (sē·niəs), *a.* [ad. F. *sanieux*, ad. L. *saniōsus*, f. *saniēs*: see SANIES and -OUS.] Of the nature of sanies; consisting of, or containing sanies; yielding a discharge of sanies.

1562 BULLEYN *Bulwark, Soarnes & Chir.* 22 b, Take heede ..that passage be left in the loweste parte, for sanious matter. 1676 WISEMAN *Chirurg. Treat.* II. iv. 177, I was sent for, and of serving the Ulcer sanious, proposed Digestion. ?1780 COWPER *Recipr. Kindness* 15 The cure was wrought; he wip'd the sanious blood. 1797 M. BAILLIE *Morb. Anat.* (1807) 351 Cells..containing a sanious fluid. 1884 M. MACKENZIE *Dis. Throat & Nose* II. 394 The ulcer presenting the well-known raised, hard, ragged edges, and sanious base.

Sanitarian (sænitē·riən), *sb.* and *a.* [f. SANITARY *a.* + -AN.] **A.** *sb.* One who studies sanitation; one who is in favour of sanitary reform.

1859 HELPS *Friends in C.* Ser. II. Introd. 11, I will go with you and see the chief sewers..and if that is not an inducement to offer to a sanitarian [etc.]. 1865 *Cornh. Mag.* May 602 Energetic and practical 'sanitarians' had made successful war upon dirt, overcrowding, and foul air. 1883 *Harper's Mag.* May 924 A crusade in favor of 'fresh air' was fought by the sanitarians.

B. *adj.* Pertaining to sanitary matters; advocating sanitary reforms.

1884 *Athenæum* 5 Apr. 446/2 Its serious interest is rather antiquarian than sanitarian. 1886 FROUDE *Oceana* 275 In some sanitarian salon Macaulay's New Zealander..will exhibit his sketch.

Hence **Sanita·rianism.**

1881 R. N. BOYD *Chili* 3 The monotonous regularity prescribed by modern sanitarianism is observed. 1891 EBSWORTH *Roxb. Ball.* VII. 425 At which some of our modern puritanic hypocrites affect to be shocked, resenting it as an outrage on their fastidious Sanitarianism.

Sanitarily (sæ·nitărili), *adv.* [f. SANITARY + -LY 2.] With regard to sanitary condition.

1881 A. ELWES tr. *Pinto's How I crossed Africa* I. ii. 36 A small amount of goodwill would make it, sanitarily, far better than it is. 1884 *Pall Mall G.* 17 Apr. 14/1 A miniature mansion, tastefully and sanitarily fitted. 1889 *Twentieth Cent.* (N.Y.) 6 Apr., You can make a prison..as sanitarily perfect and as administratively humane as you like.

Sanitariness (sæ·nitărinĕs). [f. SANITARY *a.* + -NESS.] The condition of being sanitary.

1889 *Pall Mall G.* 3 Dec. 2/2 To secure the sanitariness of all premises within its area.

Sanitarist (sæ·nitărist). [f. SANITARY *a.* + -IST.] = SANITARIAN *sb.*

1859 KINGSLEY *Misc.* I. 130 This new 'National Association' seems the most hopeful and practical move yet made by the sanitarists.

Sanitarium (sænitē·riŭm). [quasi-Lat., f. *sānitās* health: see next and -ARIUM.] = SANATORIUM 1 and 2.

1851 LADY BENTHAM in *Mech. Mag.* LV. 304 Sanitariums, wherein the diseased of all ranks might, at moderate cost obtain superior medical advice. 1861 J. H. BENNET *Winter Medit.* I. vii. (1875) 192 Mentone has made a great step in advance..as a winter sanitarium. 1865 *Pall Mall G.* 27 Sept. 5/1 The Mansion House committee for the provision of sanitaria for diseased cattle have thrown up their work.

Sanitary (sæ·nitări), *a.* Also *erron.* **sanitory.** [ad. f. *sanitaire* (1812 in Hatz.-Darm.), as if ad. mod.L. **sānitārius*, f. L. *sānitās* health: see SANITY and -ARY 2.]

1. Of or pertaining to the conditions affecting health, esp. with reference to cleanliness and precautions against infection and other deleterious influences; pertaining to or concerned with sanitation. Also *occas.* of conditions or surroundings: Free from deleterious influences.

Sanitary cordon: see CORDON 4.

1842 (*title*) Report on the Sanitary Condition of the Labouring Population of Great Britain. 1849 *Act* 11 & 12 *Vict.* c. 63 § 1 Provision..for improving the Sanitary condition of Towns and populous places. 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* iii. I. 427 It may well be..that sanitary police and medical discoveries may have added several more years to the average length of human life. 1875 HELPS *Soc. Press.* iii. 38 A committee of persons was formed, who were supposed to have some skill in sanitary science. 1875 *Act* 38 & 39 *Vict.* c. 55 § 5 Urban sanitary authorities and rural sanitary authorities..invested with the powers in this Act mentioned. 1883 *Encycl. Brit.* XV. 798/1 The want of constant supervision of the slaughter-houses is thought..to be a serious defect in the sanitary law of the country.

b. Used as the distinctive epithet of appliances specially contrived with a view to sanitary requirements; e. g. of certain makes of wall-paper, of glazed tiles for flooring and walls, of non-absorbent pipes for drainage; and the like.

1862 *Catal. Internat. Exhib.* II. x. 27 Flanged and unflanged sanitary tubes, from four to twelve inches in diameter. 1872 CROOKES *Wagner's Handbk. Chem. Technol.* 321 Sanitary ware is one of the largest branches of stoneware manufacture. 1884 A. WATT *Soap-making* xii. 112 Chloridised Sanitary Soap.

2. Intended or tending to promote health.

App. found only in U.S. writers.

1853 KANE *Grinnell Exp.* xxxiv. (1856) 298 All hands went out for a sanitary game of romps in the cold light. 1870 LOWELL *Study Wind.* (1871) 154 Solitary communion with Nature does not seem to have been sanitary or sweetening in its influence on Thoreau's character. 1872 FISKE *Myths & Myth-Makers* ii. 61 (Funk) In Sweden sanitary amulets are made of mistletoe twigs, and the plant is supposed to be a specific against epilepsy and an antidote for poisons.

Sanitas (sæ·nitæs). [a. L. *sānitās* health.] (See quot. 1897.)

1878 *Med. Times & Gas.* 12 Jan. 51/1 'Sanitas'. This fluid has been brought out as 'the only true antiseptic and disinfectant combined'. 1897 *Syd. Soc. Lex., Sanitas*,.. name for a commercial preparation consisting of an aqueous solution of oxidised oil of turpentine, the active principle of which is peroxide of hydrogen. Used as an antiseptic.

Sanitate (sæ·nitēt), *v.* [Back-formation from SANITATION.] *trans.* To put in a sanitary condition; to provide with sanitary appliances. Also *absol.*

1882 SALA *Amer. Revis.* II. viii. 106 An epidemic which.. will..scourge her again..unless the town be 'sanitated'. 1886 KIPLING *Departm. Ditties* (1899) 15 Rustem Beg of Kolazai..Lusted for a C. S. I.—so began to sanitate. 1892 B. W. RICHARDSON in *Longm. Mag.* Dec. 201 We in rural England are better sanitated than are the rural populations of France.

†Sa·nitating, *ppl. a. Obs.* [f. L. *sānitās* + -ATE 3 + -ING 1.] Health-giving; healing.

1656 S. HOLLAND *Zara* I. vi. (1719) 39 Searching about the Grove for some sanitating Simple; he at last lighted upon that..weed called *Morsus Diaboli*.

Sanitation (sænitē·ʃən). [irreg. f. SANIT(ARY) + -ATION.] The devising and application of means for the improvement of sanitary conditions.

1848 CLEVE (*title*) Hints on Domestic Sanitation. 1880 JEFFERIES *Hodge & M.* II. 242 Rural sanitation, again, comes to the front day by day. 1881 P. S. ROBINSON *Under the Punkah* 84 The Government sent down its chiefs of sanitation.

Hence **Sanita·tionist,** one who is skilled in or who advocates sanitation.

1888 *Pall Mall G.* 27 Aug. 4/1 'Sanitationists' (will that be the terrible word?) will contract to supply so much public health per 1,000 for so much a year. 1894 *Liberal* 24 Nov. 42/2 Such farseeing sanitationists.

Sanite, obs. form of SANITY.

†Saniti·ferous, *a. Obs.* [irreg. f. L. *sānitās* health: see -(I)FEROUS.] Health-bringing.

1657 TOMLINSON *Renou's Disp.* 214 Those whose spirits want refection..require sanitiferous Perfumes.

Sa·nitist. *rare.* [f. SANIT(ARY) + -IST.] = SANITARIAN. 1882 in OGILVIE (citing *Examiner*).

Sanitize (sæ·nitəiz), *v. rare.* [Formed as prec. + -IZE.] *trans.* To make sanitary; to disinfect.

1836 *New Monthly Mag.* XLVII. 14 Human industry is God's vicegerent in sanitizing, if I may dare to coin a word, the earth we tread, and the air we breathe. 1899 *N. Y. Daily Mail* 28 Feb. 4 He, too, was closured, and every precaution taken to sanitise his surroundings.

†Sa·nitude. *Obs. rare*$^{-1}$. [As if ad. L. **sānitūdo*, f. *sān-us* healthy: see SANE *a.* and -TUDE.] Healthy condition.

1652 FRENCH *Yorksh. Spa* ix. 81 Nature..will..the sooner recover its natural vigour, and sanitude.

Sanity (sæ·nĭti). Also 5 sanite, 6–7 sanitie. [a. F. *sanité*, ad. L. *sānitās*, f. *sān-us* healthy: see SANE *a.* and -ITY.]

1. Healthy condition, health. *arch.*

1432–50 tr. *Higden* (Rolls) I. 333 The flesche of that cuntre inducethe sanite to men of that londe. 1586 B. YOUNG *Guazzo's Civ. Conv.* IV. 192 For safetie and sanitie of his stomacke. 1646 SIR T. BROWNE *Pseud. Ep.* IV. xiii. 230 Therapeuticke or curative Physicke, we tearm that which restoreth the Patient unto sanity. 1744 ARMSTRONG *Art Preserv. Health* II. 94 Each extreme From the blest mean of sanity departs. 1778 [W. MARSHALL] *Minutes Agric.* 16 Jan. an. 1776, His heart, liver, entrails, and nutriment in each state, bear every mark of perfect sanity. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* VII. i, Slow regular growth, though this also ends in death, is what we name health and sanity. 1885 PATER *Marius* I. 33 *Salus*—salvation—for the Romans, had come to mean bodily sanity.

fig. 1682 SIR T. BROWNE *Chr. Mor.* I. § 1 Whether thou hast yet entred the narrow Gate, got up the Hill and asperous way, which leadeth unto the House of Sanity. 1829 SOUTHEY *Sir T. More* (1831) II. 156 A restoration of national sanity and strength.

†b. Wholesomeness. *Obs.*

1613 PURCHAS *Pilgrimage* (1614) 907 They had Tabacco in religious estimation, not onely for sanity but for sanctity also. 1731 MEDLEY *Kolben's Cape G. Hope* II. 176 A raging wind clears the country of all the Flies and Fleas it meets with, and restores sanity to the air.

2. The condition of being sane; soundness of mind; mental health.

1602 SHAKS. *Ham.* II. ii. 214 A happinesse, That often Madnesse hits on, Which Reason and Sanitie could not So prosperously be deliuer'd of. 1746 FRANCIS *Horace, Sat.* I. v. 59 Is there a Blessing, in the Power of Fate, To be compar'd, in Sanity of Mind, To Friends of such companionable Kind? 1809–10 COLERIDGE *Friend* (1865) 193 The same sanity of mind will the true patriot display. 1854 EMERSON *Lett. & Soc. Aims, Comic* Wks. (Bohn) III. 206 The perception of the comic is..a pledge of sanity. 1873 HAMERTON *Intell. Life* XII. ii. (1875) 442 Much of the sanity of his [Goethe's] genius may have been due to his residence in so tranquil a place as Weimar. 1902 *Edin. Rev.* Apr. 512 The sense of limit belongs to sanity, and is natural to normally constituted minds.

†3. Soundness (of material). *Obs. rare.*

1760–72 H. BROOKE *Fool of Qual.* (1809) III. 58 Want of sanity in the materials can never be supplied by any art in the building.

†4. *Comb.*, **sanity-institution,** a hospital. *Obs.*

1799 W. TOOKE *View Russian Emp.* II. 177 From this brief account of the medical college..we will proceed to describe the sanity-institutions connected with it.

‖ Sanjak (sæ·nˌdʒæk). Forms: 6 **saniac, saniacho, sania(c)ke, saniaque, sanjake, senjaque, zanziac,** 6–7 **sangiac(c)o, sangia(c)que,** 6, 8–9 **sangiac,** 7 **sangiach, saniacco, saniack, sanjack, sansack, sansiak, sanzack(e, -ake, -iack, zaniacci, -o, zanzack,** 7–8 **sangiak,** 9 **sandgiac, -jak, sangiack, sangeak,** 8– **sanjak.** [Turkish سنجاق *sanjāq*; lit. 'banner'.]

1. In the Turkish Empire, one of the administrative districts into which an eyalet or vilayet is divided.

1537 *St. Papers Hen. VIII*, VII. 706 *note*, The Begeler Bey of Grece..hath seven sanjakes. 1640 E. DACRES tr. *Machiavelli's Prince* 25 Deviding his whole Kingdom into divers Sangiacques or Governments, he sends severall thither. 1802 *Edin. Rev.* I. 52 A pachalic is divided for military purposes, into certain districts, called sangiacs, or standards. 1888 *Encycl. Brit.* XXIII. 654/2 The immediate possessions of the sultan are divided into vilayets (provinces), which are again subdivided into sanjaks or mutessariks. 1895 *Times* 25 Nov. 5/1 Perfect tranquillity reigns..in the sandjaks of Ismid, Zor, and Tchatalaja.

†2. Misused for SANJAKBEG. *Obs.*

1546 P. ASHTON tr. *Jovius' Turk. Chron.* 126 b, The Saniackes..be the lyeutenauntes and Capitaynes of the prouinces. 1546 HARVEL in *St. Papers Hen. VIII*, XI. 160 The Saniacho of Bossena, a man of grete estimacion. 1590 SIR J. SMYTH *Disc. Weapons* 41 b, The Bashas, Bellarbies and Senjaques of the Turkes. 1632 LITHGOW *Trav.* II. 73 Sanzacks, or Iudges deputies of Iurisdictions. 1788 GIBBON *Decl. & F.* xl. IV. 99 The residence of a Turkish sanjak. 1832 *Encycl. Amer.* XI. 196 *Sangiac* (Turkish *horsetail*) signifies, in the Turkish army, an officer who is allowed to bear only one horsetail, the pachas having two or three.

Hence **†Sa·njakry, †Sanjakship,** = sense 1.

1615 G. SANDYS *Trav.* 211 Tendring to the Testadar or Treasurer the reuenew of that Sanziackry. 1630 *R. Johnson's Kingd. & Commw.* 539 Servia..was taken by the Turke in 1438, and reduced into a Sangiak-ship under the Beglerbeg of Buda. 1762 tr. *Busching's Syst. Geog.* II. 121 It..consists of three Sangiakships. 1814 tr. *Klaproth's Trav.* 9 These three names..are yet borne by a city and sangiackship in the Turkish pachalik of Servia.

Sanjakate (sæ·nˌdʒækĕt). Also 7 **sangiacat, sandjakate, sangiacat(e.** [f. SANJAK + -ATE 1.] = SANJAK 1.

1687 A. LOVELL tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* II. 11 The Sangiacat of Sefet hath been annexed to Saide and its dependances. 1876 A. J. EVANS *Through Bosnia* Map, The Vilayet of Bosnia, including the Herzegovina or Sandjakate of Mostar.

‖ Sa·njakbeg, -bey. [Turkish: see SANJAK and BEG *sb.*, BEY.] The governor of a sanjak.

1524 in *Hakluyt's Voy.* (1599) II. 1. 83 It was reported to vs from the campe, they were three saniacbeis, that is to say, great seneshalles or stuards. 1589 HAKLUYT *Voy.* 170 Last of all the Beglerbegs, and Zanziacbegs. 1599 *Ibid.* II. 1. 181 Whereas sundry exactions..be offered ours by such Byes, Sanjacbies iustices and Cadies. 1687 A. LOVELL tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* I. 71 Sangiac Bey is like a Lord of a Manor. 1802 *Edin. Rev.* I. 53 The janizaries..and timariots of the district, are obliged in case of war, to unite under the colours of a commander, called Sangiac-bey.

†Sank, *v. Obs.* Also 4 **sanck.** [a. ON. *samka*, rarely *sanka* (Sw. *samka*, Da. *sanke*), frequentative f. *samna, safna* to collect (see SAM *v.*).] **a.** *trans.* To assemble; bring together. **b.** *intr.* To come together. Hence **†Sa·nking** *vbl. sb.*, an assembly.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 13843 He dos vs mani geddering mak, And mani sancking for his sak. *Ibid.* 27663 O nith cums.. conspiracium, als quen þam sankes samen þe nithful men. *c* 1375 *Ibid.* 16042 (Fairf.) Alle þai geddered atte his court & þer þai sammyn sanke.

Sank dragonn, variant of SANGDRAGON.

Sanke, obs. form of SHANK.

†Sa·nker. *Obs.*

a 1548 HALL *Chron., Hen. VIII* 83 b, The kynge of England gaue to the Frenche kynge a collioure of Iewels..the Sanker furnished with great Diamantes and Perles.

Sank(e royall, variant ff. SANG-ROYAL *Obs.*

‖ Sanko, variant of SANCHO.

†Sann, *v. Obs.* [a. ON. *sanna* to maintain as true, affirm (Sw. *sanna*, Da. *sande*) = OE. *sōðian*:— OTeut. **sanþōjan*, f. **sanþo-* true (see SOOTH *a.*).] *intr.* To argue.

c 1200 ORMIN 11289, & 3iff þatt anig læredd mann Shall sannenn her onnzæness [etc.]. *Ibid.* 17930 Þatt hise Lerninngcnihhtess Tokenn to sannenn fasste onnzæn Þe Judewisshe lede Off Johaness fulluhht.

‖ Sannah (sæ·nă). ? *Obs.* Also 7 **sannow,** 8 **sano, sanno, sana.** [Of obscure origin; presumably East Indian.] Some kind of cotton fabric formerly exported from India.

1696 J. F. *Merchant's Ware-ho.* 36, I could mention many

other sorts, as Sannows a sort of Callico. 1708 SEWEL *Eng. Du. Dict.* (ed. 2), *Sanoes*, sanen. 1720 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 5815/3 A Parcel of Sannoes. 1757 *New Hist. E. Ind.* II. 144, 6900 pieces sanas. 1850 OGILVIE, *Sannah*. the name of certain kinds of India muslin.

Sannap, variant of SANAP *Obs.*

Sannup (sæ·nŭp). *Amer. Ind.* In 7 **sannop, sanapp.** [a. Narragansett *sannop* = Penobscot *sen-ombi*, Abnaki *seenanbé*.] A married male member of the community; the husband of a squaw (*Cent. Dict.*).

1630 WINTHROP *Hist. New Eng.* (1853) I. 58 Chickatabot came with his sannops and squaws. 1632 *Ibid.* I. 103 Where he had lodged two nights with his squaw, and about twelve sanapps. 1725 S. WILLARD *Jrnl.* in *Appalachia* (1881) II. 342 Our Indian said there was Squaws as well as Sannups. 1847 EMERSON *Poems*, *Musketaquid* Wks. (Bohn) I. 484 Through which at will our Indian rivulet Winds mindful still of sannup and of squaw.

Sanope, Sanpan: see SANAP, SAMPAN.

Sans (sænz), *sb. Typog.* A shortened form of SANSERIF.

Sans (sænz), *prep.* Forms: *α.* 4 **san, saune, (saunt)**, 4–5 **saun.** *β.* 4–5 **sanz, saunz**, 5–6 **sauns**, 5–7 **saunce**, 6–7 **sance**, 4– **sans.** See also SANS FAIL. [a. OF. *sen* and *sens*, later *san* and *sans*, *sanz*, mod.F. *sans* = Pr. *senes*, *sens*, *ses*, OCat. *senes* (mod. *sens*), OSp. *sen* and *senes*, mod.Sp. *sin*, Pg. *sem*, formerly *sen*, OIt. *sen* :—pop.L. **sene* (for class.L. *sine*) and **senes* (with analogical *s*).

The It. *senza* is now believed to represent L. *absentia* absence, prob. with some influence from the popular L. prep.]

1. Without. Now *arch.* (chiefly with reminiscence of Shakspere) and *Her.*

Before the time of Shaks. used almost exclusively with sbs. adopted from OF., in collocations already formed in that language, as *sans delay*, *sans doubt*, *sans fable*, *sans pity*, *sans return*. Even in some of our earliest examples, however, a native Eng. synonym has been substituted for the Romanic sb. in the phrase, as in *sans biding* = *sans delay*.

α. *c* 1320 *Sir Tristr.* 2253 Þat mani man miȝt y se San schewe. 13.. *K. Alis.* 600 He schal beo poisond, saun return Of his owne traitour. *Ibid.* [see FABLE *sb.* 1 d]. 1375 *Canticum de Creatione* 62 in *Anglia* I. 304 Bote mete founde þeȝ non saun doute such as hy hadden byfore. *a* 1400 *Pistill of Susan* 181 (MS. A) Þe prestes saun pite, And ful of falsbede. *c* 1425 *Cast. Persev.* 74 in *Macro Plays* 79 Þe vycys arn ful lyckely þe vertues to opresse saun dowte.

β. *c* 1320 *Gosp. Nicod.* 127 (Sion MS.), Saunz doute swa dide þai alle bydene. 13.. *Coer de L.* 681 Go in, sans bydyng. 1377 LANGL. *P. Pl.* B. XIII. 286 Religioun sanz reule and resonable obedience. *c* 1400 *Beryn* 2150 Tell on, saunce delay. 1470–85 MALORY *Arthur* IX. xli. 407 Here came a knyght called sir Breuse saunce pyte. 1471 CAXTON *Recuyell* (Sommer) II. 478 Thou art sauns faulte the tyrant that I seke. 1587 HARRISON *England* II. vi. 168/1 It is a greefe vnto them though now sans remedie sith the thing is doone and past. 1588 SHAKS. *L. L. L.* V. ii. 415 My loue to thee is sound *sans* cracke or flaw. 1600 — *A. Y. L.* II. vii. 166 Second childisbnesse, and meere oblinion, Sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste, sans euery thing. 1610 *Muses Gard. for Delights* II. ii. 3 My life thou may'st command saunce doubt. 1631 WEVER *Anc. Funeral Mon.* 765 A man in compleat Armour in brasse, sans Helme. 1686 PLOT *Staffordsh.* 210 If we step higher to trees *sans* date. *a* 1687 COTTON *Poems* (1689) 94 The Bears and Foxes, who *sans* question Than we by odds have warmer Vests on. 1688 HOLME *Armoury* III. xiii. 470 Some term this tower, Sans Port, or Gate. 1797 BAYDGES *Hom. Trav.* II. 239 Therefore, sans favour and affection, Take thou, my boy, thy own election. 1828–40 BERRY *Encycl. Her.* s.v., A dragon or griffin, sans wings. 1841 CATLIN *N. Amer. Ind.* II. 208 Sans accident we arrived,..and sans steamer..we were obliged to trust to our little tremulous craft. 1883 BURTON & CAMERON *Gold Coast* I. i. 13 A sailer-made-steamer, sans boats, sans gunwales.

† **b.** With the exception of. [So in Fr.]

1659 EVELYN *Let. to Boyle* 3 Sept., All play interdicted, sans bowls, chess, &c.

2. ‖ **a.** Used in various Fr. phrases and combinations (not naturalized) either in their original Fr. use or in derived applications: **sans appel**, used *subst.*, a person from whom there is no appeal; **sans cérémonie**, unceremoniously, without the usual ceremony or polite form; also *attrib.* suitable for unceremonious occasions; † **sans dener** [see DENIER 3], a penniless person; **sans façon** = *sans cérémonie*; **sans-gêne** [*gêne* constraint], disregard of the ordinary forms of civility or politeness; † **sans-pareil**, lit. not having its like, used subst. for a kind of perfume or smelling salts; hence **sans-pareilly** *a. nonce-wd.*, unexampled; **sans peur**, without fear, fearless, often in (or with allusion to) the phr. *sans peur et sans reproche*, which was applied to the Chevalier de Bayard; **sans phrase** [after *la mort sans phrase*, the alleged words of Sieyes in giving his vote for the death of Louis XVI], without more words, without circumlocution; **sans prendre** (see VOLE); † **sans-punie**, with impunity; **sans reproche**, without reproach, blameless (see *sans peur* above); **sans souci**, lit. without care or concern; as *sb.*, unconcern; also, † a free-and-easy social gathering; hence **sans-souci-ism**, unconcern.

1855 KINGSLEY *Westw. Ho!* II. xi. 209 He had followed in full faith such a *sans-appel as he held Frank to be. 1645 EVELYN *Diary* 23 Feb., The burying-place for the common prostitutes, where they are put into the ground, **sans ceremonie*. 1773 H. WALPOLE *Let. to Mann* 27 Apr., The Sheriffs of Middlesex, *sans cérémonie*, summoned Wilkes, instead of Luttrell. 1807 W. IRVING *Salmag.* (1811) I. 158 The honest old comfortable *sans-ceremonie* furniture is discarded. 1857 'C. BEDE' *Verdant Green* III. ii, This evil.. obliged neighbours to be hospitable to each other, sans cérémonie. 1469 *Paston Lett.* II. 349 We pore **sanz deners* of Castr have brook iij. or iiij. stelle bowys. 1672 W. PERWICH *Desp.* (Roy. Hist. Soc.) 224 His Maty replyed hee might doe it at that time **sans façon*. 1838 GRANVILLE *Spas Germ.* 257 The simple, quiet, and *sans-façon* manner in which this daily intercourse..took place. 1865 'OUIDA' *Strathmore* II. xxiii. 305 His usual sans façon, good-humoured style. 1893 SALTUS *Sapphira* 87 With the **sans-gêne* of a married man, Nevius dropped in a chair. 1749 LADY LUXBOROUGH *Lett. to Shenstone* (1775) 167 Methinks I smell the **sans pareille* hither. 1753 J. COLLIER *Art of Tormenting* 55 Hastily take snuff, or smell to your sans-pareil. 1766 [ANSTEY] *Bath Guide* iii. 26 Eau de Chipre, Eau de Luce, Sans Pareil, and Citron Juice. 1818 KEATS *Wks.* (1889) III. p. cxxxi, An unpardonable offence, so **sans pareilly*. 1812 *Amer. St. Papers* For. Relat. (1832) III. 556 He told them that he had nothing to fear, that he was '**sans peur et sans reproche*'. 1827 DISRAELI *Viv. Grey* VII. xiii [x], The Knight, sans peur et sans reproche. 1847 BARHAM *Ingol. Leg.* Ser. III. *Blasphemer's Warning*, He had been *sans reproche*, as he still was *sans peur*. 1808 SCOTT *Let. in Lockhart* (1837) II. iv. 139, I hope you will remember how impatient I shall be to hear your opinion **sans phrase*. 1728 VANBR. & CIB. *Prov. Husb.* V. iii. 110 Laying down a *Vole*, **sans prendre*. 1731 FIELDING *Mod. Husb.* I. iv, If it had not been for a cursed Sans-prendre-vole, that swept the whole table. 1609 [BP. W. BARLOW] *Answ. Nameless Cath.* 138 His Proclamations..must bee either calumniated, or *sans-punie transgressed. 1847 **Sans reproche* [see *sans peur*]. 1858 TROLLOPE *Three Clerks* III. i. 23 His conduct had been *sans reproche*. 1781 H. WALPOLE *Lett.* (1858) VIII. 65 Mrs. Hobart did not invite me to her **sans souci* last week, though she had all my other juvenile contemporaries. 1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) VIII. 685/1 Their *tout ensemble* indicates health and delight, or at least an air of *sans souci*. 1837 *Tait's Mag.* IV. 390 Buoyant with youth, wine, *sans-souci-ism, and a holiday.

b. In jocular nonce-wds.: **sans-breech** = SANSCULOTTID; **sans-potato**, an indigent Irishman.

1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* XVIII. iv, Our intercalary Days Sans-breeches. 1839 — *Chartism* iv. (1840) 25 The Sanspotatoe is of the selfsame stuff as the superfinest Lord Lieutenant.

Sansack, obs. form of SANJAK.

Sans bell, obs. form of SANCTUS BELL.

Sanschrite, -screet, -scrita, obs. ff. SANSKRIT.

‖ **Sansculotte** (sænzkiulo·t, as Fr. sɑ̃külɔt). [Fr., f. *sans* without (see SANS) + *culotte* knee-breeches: usually explained as one wearing tronsers instead of knee-breeches; but the origin is disputed (see Littré Suppl.).]

1. In the French Revolution, a republican of the poorer classes in Paris. Hence *gen.* an extreme republican or revolutionary.

1790 *Hist. Eur.* in *Ann. Reg.* 13/2 A numerous army of ragged *Sans Culottes*. 1793 BURKE *On policy of Allies* Wks. 1802 IV. 104 A desperate set of obscure adventurers, who led to every mischief, a blind and bloody band of Sans-Culottes. 1794 *Gentl. Mag.* LXIV. 863 A *Sans-Culotte* approaching him [i.e. Robespierre] very coolly pronounced these words in his ears, *there exists a Supreme being*. 1902 R. W. CHAMBERS *Maids of Parad.* vii. 120 He was no crude Belleville orator; ..no *sans-culotte* with brains ablaze.

attrib. 1796 BURKE *Let. to Noble Ld.* 65 The true sans-culotte criticks. 1812 J. BRADY *Clavis Calend.* I. 35 The *Sans Culotte* adherents of Robespierre. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* II. III. v, Sansculotte Scylla hardly weathered, here is Aristocrat Charybdis gurgling under his lee! 1906 B'NESS ORCZY *I Will Repay* xviii, The sansculotte mob of Paris.

2. *transf.* 'A man shabbily dressed; a tatterdemalion; a ragamuffin' (Worcester).

1812 *Sporting Mag.* XXXIX. 4 The Hampshire barber being no *sans culotte*, but in buff. 1815 SCOTT *Guy M.* xliv, Bertram..was dragged..across the threshold, amid the continued shouts of the little *sans culottes*.

Sansculotted, *a. nonce-wd.* [f. prec. + -ED.] Unbreeched.

1801 W. FELTON *Carriages* 131 The head of the horse imitates much the head-dress of a French lady, while the posteriors are left sansculotted.

‖ **Sansculotterie** (sænzkiulo·təri, as Fr. sɑ̃külɔtri). Also anglicized **-ery**. [Fr., f. *sansculotte* (see above) + *-erie* -ERY.]

1. The principles, spirit or behaviour characteristic of sansculottes.

1794 tr. *Brissot to his Constituents* 99 Certain hypocritical chiefs who talk continually of *Sans Culotterie* whilst they are affecting an insolent luxury. 1814 COLERIDGE *Princ. Genial Crit.* iii, The Sans-culotterie of a contemptuous ignorance. 1831 *Blackw. Mag.* XXX. 817 The hoof of modern Sansculotterie..will trample on the bowers of Chatsworth. *a* 1834 COLERIDGE in *Lit. Rem.* (1839) IV. 231 Modern Unitarianism is..the *sans-culotterie* of religion.

2. Sansculottes collectively.

1796 BURKE *Let. to Noble Ld.* 72 The rabble rout of this Sans Culotterie of France. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* III. III. ii, What profit were it for the Paris Sansculottery to insult us?

Sansculottic (sænzkiulo·tik), *a.* [f. SANSCULOTTE + -IC. Cf. *culottic*.]

1. Pertaining to the sansculottes or to sansculottism; revolutionary.

1822 C. BUTLER *Remin.* XV. 211 The reader probably remembers the *sans-culottic* exhibitions, equally ridiculous and disgusting, of the Goddess of Reason. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* II. V. i, Those Sansculottic violent Gardes Françaises, or Centre Grenadiers. 1903 *Q. Rev.* July 133 The rising storm of sansculottic frenzy.

2. *allusively.* Without breeches, unbreeched; hence, inadequately or improperly clothed.

1833 CARLYLE *Misc. Ess., Diderot* (1888) V. 54 He is utterly unclean, scandalous, shameless, sansculottic-samoeidic. 1871 KINGSLEY *At Last* iii, He would not have gone on ordinary days in a sansculottic state. He would have worn that most comfortable of loose nether garments..slops. 1883 *Times* 13 Feb. 9 These poor wretches were denied clothes altogether, and..there is a sort of fitness in the accompaniment of bad language which they provided for their sansculottic Sunday.

Sansculottid (sænzkiulo·tid). Also **-ide.** [a. F. *sansculottide*, f. *sansculotte* (see above).] One of the five (in leap-years six) complementary days added at the end of the month Fructidor of the Republican Calendar; *pl.*, the festivities held during these days. Also attrib. in *Sansculottid days*.

1813 SOUTHEY in *Q. Rev.* X. 96 The festivals in their new Calendar were called Sans Culottides. 1877 MORLEY *Robespierre* in *Crit. Misc.* Ser. II. 93 If Greece..had its Olympian games, France too shall solemnize her sans-culottid days. 1904 *Daily Chron.* 19 July 4/7 Its five or six Sans-culottide days thrown in at the end of the year.

Sansculottish (sænzkiulo·tiʃ), *a.* [f. SANSCULOTTE + -ISH.] = SANSCULOTTIC.

1798 *Spirit Public Jrnls.* (1805) II. 286 Because the *sans-culottish* example of a crop administration would ruin all the hair-dressers in the three kingdoms. 1885 MORLEY in *Macm. Mag.* Feb. 254/2 You are just as *sans-culottish* and rash as I would have you.

Sansculottism (sænzkiulo·tiz'm). [ad. F. *sansculottisme*, f. *sansculotte*: see above and -ISM.] The principles or practice of sansculottes.

1799 *Spirit Public Jrnls.* III. 148 Liberty, Equality, and Sansculottism. 1833 *Q. Rev.* XLIX. 42 The abolition of all distinctions of dress, language, condition, and refinement; in a word, the establishment of general *sans-culottism*. 1886 A. WEIR *Hist. Basis Mod. Europe* 572 The *sansculottism* of the early revolution.

So **Sansculo·ttist**, one who favours sanculottism; also *attrib.* **Sansculo·ttize** *v. trans.*, to make republican in character; *intr.*, to favour sansculottic or republican principles.

1798 *Anti-Jacobin* No. 32. 254/2 The *Citizen Imitator* seems to have Sans-culottized the Original. 1831 SIR C. WETHERELL in *Hansard's Parl. Deb.* Ser. III. IV. 862 The sans-culottizing principles of the French Revolution. 1831 A. W. FONBLANQUE *Eng. under 7 Administr.* II. 103 [Sir C. Wetherell] is..full of fears lest the Bill should loosen the braces of the Constitution, and ..'*sansculottise*' it..He should be the last person in the world to talk of *sansculottising* with such horror. 1831 CARLYLE *Sart. Res.* I. ix, Teufelsdröckh, though a Sansculottist, is no Adamite. 1878 SEELEY *Stein* III. 404 The vain sansculottist scribblers.

Sanserif (sænse·rif). *Typog.* Also **sans-serif(f, -surryph, -ceriph.** [Prob. f. SANS *prep.* + SERIF (q. v.).

The word *serif*, however, has not hitherto been found till much later than the first appearance of *sanserif*, and it has been suggested that it may have been evolved from the supposed compound.]

A form of type without serifs: called also *grotesque*. Also *attrib.*

1830 *Figgins's Spec. Printing Types*, 8 Lines Pica Sans-Serif. 1832 *Blake & Stephenson's Spec. Printing Types*, Ten Lines Sans-Surryphs. 1879 *Print. Trades Jrnl.* XXVI. 23 Calendars, occupying half the space set in sans-seriff figures looking twice as bold. 1888 *Encycl. Brit.* XXIII. 699/1 Sanserifs or grotesques, which have no serifs, as M. 1903 *N. & Q.* 23 May 418 His initials G. M., written in sanserif characters.

† **Sans fail.** *Obs.* Forms: *α.* 3–5 **saun**, 4–5 **san**, 5 **sain, saing, sawm, sawn**, 5–6 **sam**; *β.* 4 **sauntz**, 4–5 **sauns, sanz**, 4–6 **saunz, sans**, 5 **saunce**; 3–6 **faile**, 4 **feil**, 4–5 **fayle, faille**, 4–6 **fayl, fail**, 5 **fayll, faill**, 6 **fale.** [a. OF. *sans-fail(l)e*: see SANS and FAIL *sb.*²] Without fail; without doubt, doubtless; in ME., a common riming tag.

α. 1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 8360 Go & seie hom þis þat hii turne aȝen to me & icholle to hom saun faile [*v.rr.* samfayle, san fail(l)e, sawmfaile]. 13.. *K. Alis.* 217 Of hire faired, saun faile, He hadde in hert gret mervaile. ? *a* 1400 *Arthur* 439 Þe Muchelnesse of Men sainfayle Ys nat victorie in Batayle. 14.. *Sir Beues* 4021 (MS. M.) All oure londis Hathe the kynge arested, samffayll, Thoroȝe Brians counsell of Cornwayll. *c* 1475 *Partenay* 1592 [He] both his penon And baner sanfaill Put within the town, so making conqueste.

β. *c* 1325 *Chron. Eng.* 285 in Ritson *Metr. Rom.* II. 282 Ant Luces the emperour, sauntz fayle, He overcom in bataille. *c* 1380 *Sir Ferumb.* 2350 'It is now', quaþ he, 'sanzfaile to late þer-to to gon'. *c* 1384 CHAUCER *H. Fame* I. 188 (Fairf.) And seyde he most vnto Itayle As was hys destanye sauns faille. 1421–2 HOCCLEVE *Dial.* 461, I feele now, sanz faille, That in this cas yee can nat wel consaill. *c* 1450 *Merlin* 91 Antor ansuerde, 'This is the childe that the kynge me praide to norisshe of my wif'..And he seide, 'It is the same saunz-faile'. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* I. vi. 61 Ȝe bene in the marchis of Libie, sans fail, Inhabeit with peple vndowtable in hattail. *c* 1530 *Crt. of Love* 117 Under the cloth of their estate, saunz faile [*rime* availe], The king and quene ther sat.

¶ Misused as if = 'sans avail'.

1597 *Guistard & Sismond* II. C 4 b, But all his excuse was euin samfayll.

Sansiak, obs. form of SANJAK.

Sansing bell: see SAUNCING BELL.

Sanskrit, Sanscrit (sæ·nskrit), *sb.* and *a.* Forms: 7 (**Samescretan**), **Sanscreet**, 8 **Shanscrit(t)a, -krit, -chrite, -creet, -kreet, Sanskirrit, Samscred, Hanscrit**, 8–9 **Shan-, Sham-, Sanscrit**, 9 **Sung-, Sangskrit**, 8– **Sanskrit.** [ad.

Skr. *saṃskṛta* (neut. *saṃskṛtam*) put together, well-formed, highly wrought, perfected, f. *sam-* together (related to *sama*: see SAME *a.*) + *kṛ* to make, do, perform. Cf. F. *Sanscrit.*

The 18th c. form *Hanscrit*, which occurs also in Fr. at the same period, has not been satisfactorily explained.]

A. *sb.* The ancient and sacred language of India, the oldest known member of the Indo-European family, in which the extensive Hindu literature from the Vedas downward is composed. In a narrower sense, the 'classical Sanskrit' (opposed to the 'Epic' and 'Vedic'), the grammar of which was fixed by Pāṇini (? 4th c. B. C.).

1617 PURCHAS *Pilgrimage* v. xi. 636 The Iesuites conceiue that these Bramenes are of the dispersion of the Israelites, and their bookes (called *Samcscretan*) doe somewhat agree with the Scriptures. 1696 OVINGTON *Voy. Surat* 248 It is the Learned Language among them [*sc.* the Bramins], called the *Sanscreet*. 1760 J. H. GROSE *Voy. E. Indies* I. 202 (Y.) They have a learned language peculiar to themselves, called the Hanscrit. 1770 *Phil. Trans.* LX. 448 Their language is the Nagri..more ancient than even the Shanscritta. 1785 C. WILKINS (*title*) The Bhăgvăt-Gēētă,..translated from the original, in the Sānskrĕĕt, or ancient language of the Brāhmāns. 1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) VIII. 518/2 The language called *Shanscrit* or *Sanscrit*. 1801 H. LEBEDOEFF *Gramm. E. Ind. Dial.* Pref. p. ix, The alphabetical characters of the Shamscrit. 1841 ELPHINSTONE *Hist. Ind.* I. III. v. 277 There are, in Shanscrit, treatises on rhetoric and composition. 1876 WHITNEY *Lang. & Study* vi. 225 We possess it in two somewhat varying forms, the classical Sanskrit, and the older idiom of the so-called Vedas.

¶ In corrupt form *Sanscript* used for 'Sanskrit writings'.

1698 FRYER *Acc. E. India & P.* 161 Who founded these, their Annals nor their *Sanscript* deliver not.

b. *attrib.* and *Comb.*

1794 [MATHIAS] *Purs. Lit.* (ed. 6) 286 With Jones, a linguist, Sanskrit, Greek, or Manks. 1831 B. E. P[OTE] *Assassins of Parad.* 98 Explained by a Shanscrit Authority. 1841 *Penny Cycl.* XX. 404/1 A. W. von Schlegel and Lassen have founded in Bonn a Sanscrit school. 1844 H. H. WILSON *Brit. India* II. 578 The institution of a Sanscrit college in Calcutta for the tuition of Brahmans. 1874 L. J. TROTTER *Hist. India* I. iii. 25 Sanskrit-speaking Hindus.

B. *adj.* Of, belonging to, or written in Sanskrit.

1773 *Gentl. Mag.* XLIII. 498 The loss of the Sans-skirrit language, and the confinement of it to the priesthood. 1798 *Phil. Trans.* LXXXVIII. 582 The Sanscrita words are spelt according to the method practised by Sir William Jones. 1800 *Asiat. Ann. Reg.* V. 44/1 The Samscred language. 1804 W. CAREY *Gram. Shr. Lang.* 35 There are six Declensions of Sangskrit Nouns. 1842 PRICHARD *Nat. Hist. Man* 164 They retain very few vestiges of their Indian original, except their Sanskrit speech. 1876 WHITNEY *Lang. & Study* vi. 225 The Prakrit dialects are chiefly preserved in the Sanskrit dramas.

Sanskritic (sænskri·tik), *a.* Also -critic. [f. SANSKRIT + -IC. Cf. F. *sanscritique*, mod.L. *Samscriticus.*] Relating to, derived from, based on, or resembling Sanskrit; using the Sanskrit language.

1853 MAX MÜLLER *Chips* (1880) I. iii. 79 A form [of word] peculiarly Sanskritic. 1883 *Athenæum* 21 July 85 The Sanskritic vernaculars of Northern India. 1889 I. TAYLOR *Orig. Aryans* vi. 305 The very foundations of the Sanskritic school of interpretation.

Sanskritist (sæ·nskritist). Also **Sanscritist.** [f. SANSKRIT + -IST. Cf. F. *sanscritiste.*] A person versed in the Sanskrit language or writings. Also, one who bases a mythological theory upon Sanskrit myths. Also *attrib.*

1864 T. H. KEY in *Reader* 4 June 717/1, I have thus endeavoured to show, in defiance of the Sanskritists, that the first person of this pronoun derives its nominative from the same base as its other cases. 1884 MAX MÜLLER in *Athenæum* 11 Oct. 462/3 The first place among Sanscritists, both dead and living. 1889 I. TAYLOR *Orig. Aryans* vi. 316 Mannhardt, after having been a disciple of the Sanskritist school, has been obliged to confess that comparative mythology has not borne the fruit that was at one time expected. *Ibid.* 317 The case of the Sanskritists rests on these four Indian names, Bhaga, Parjanya, Varuna, and Dyaus.

Sanskritize (sæ·nskritəiz), *v.* [f. SANSKRIT + -IZE.] *trans.* To translate into Sanskrit; to reduce to a Sanskrit form; to introduce Sanskrit elements into. Hence **Sanskritiza·tion.**

1881 *Academy* 1 Oct. 251/2 That prince's foreign name would never have been Sanskritised in such a form in the seventeenth century. 1884 KERN tr. *Saddharma-Pundarîka* Introd. p. xi *note*[2], An erroneous Sanskritisation of the present tense dakkhanti. 1887 MAX MÜLLER *Sci. Thought* vii. 344 *note*, Mistakes in sanskritising vulgar, apabhramsa, and Paisâkî words.

Sans nombre, † sans number. Now only *Her.* Also 6 saunce, 7 sance. [a. F. *sans nombre*: see SANS and NUMBER *sb.*] Innumerable. Also occas. as adv.: Innumerably, infinitely.

1550 J. COKE *Eng. & Fr. Heralds* (1877) 85, vi. thousande lordes, knyghtes, and esquiers, and of the commons, sans nombre. *c* 1557 ABP. PARKER *Ps.* 104 Theare liuing things saunce number creepe. 1627 W. SCLATER *Exp. 2 Thess.* (1629) 146 Locusts sans number and monstrous. 1655 FULLER *Ch. Hist.* IV. 155 Any Author of a Book may multiply them [*sc.* Patrons] Sance-number. 1688 SHADWELL *Sqr. Alsatia* v. i. 60 We'll swinge these Rogues with Indictments for a Riot, and with Actions *Sans Nombre.* 1868 CUSSANS *Her.* viii. 119 *Semé, Aspersed, Gerated, Sans Nombre*, and *Powdered*: These terms are used to signify that a Shield or Charge is covered with an indefinite number of minor Charges promiscuously scattered over the surface. *Powdered, Gerated, Sans Nombre*, and *Aspersed*, however, commonly imply that the Charges are to be smaller, and more thickly distributed than *Semé.*

† Sans-peer, saunce-pere. *Obs.* Forms: see SANS and PEER *sb.*] As *adj. phr.*: Without equal, peerless. Also occas. *advb.*: As one that has no equal. Often used as a proper name or surname; hence *sb.*, a person who has no equal.

a 1400 *Pistill of Susan* 33 (MS. I) Prestes hye of priuylage were praysed saune pere. 1426 LYDG. *De Guil. Pilgr.* 14087, I wolde be holden ay sanz per, And by my syluen synguler. *c* 1460 *Pol. Rel. & L. Poems* 291/19 Lady saunzpere. *a* 1529 SKELTON *Bouge of Court* 51 The owner therof is lady of estate, Whoos name to tell is dame Saunce-pere. 1576 N. R. in Gascoigne *Steele Gl.* To Author (Arb.) 46 In Elegies, and wanton loue writ laies Sance peere were Naso, and Tibullus deemde. 1600 W. WATSON *Decacordon* (1602) 8 The Iesuits being men holden of all,..to be sance peres of the Christian globe. *Ibid.* 16 All..right Alchumists, that is, sance peeres in all things.

Sans-seriff, variant of SANSERIF.

Sant, variant of CENT[2].

1591 GREENE *Notable Disc. Coosenage* (1592) B 2 b. 1596 LODGE *Wits Miserie* 41.

Sant, obs. var. SAINT and SANCTUS (senses 2, 3).

‖ Sa·nta. *Obs. rare*—[1]. A female saint.

App. ad. L. *sancta*, with assimilation to SAINT.

a 1450 *Knt. de la Tour* (1906) 5 For-yete not.. to recommaunde you to the seintes and santas.

Santa Claus (sæ·ntă klɑ̄·z). Also 9 Santiclaus. [Orig. *U. S.*, n. Du. dial. *Sante Klaas* (Du. *Sint Klaas*), Saint Nicholas: see NICHOLAS.] In nursery language, the name of an imaginary personage, who is supposed, in the night before Christmas day, to bring presents for children, a stocking being hung up to receive his gifts.

1828 LONGF. in *Life* (1891) I. 152 Gew-gaws for the *Bifana*, who acts here the same comedy for children that Santiclaus does in America. 1850 SUSAN WARNER *Wide Wide World* xxviii, I used to think that Santa Claus came down the chimney. 1863 Miss YONGE *Chr. Names* I. 213 The Dutch element in New England has introduced Santa Klaus to many a young American who knows nothing of St. Nicholas or of any saint's day. 1872 BRET HARTE (*title*) How Santa Claus came to Simpson's Bar.

Santal (sæ·ntăl). [a. F. *santal* (16th c.), ad. med.L. *santal-um*, a. Gr. *σάνταλον*: see SANDAL *sb.*[2]]

1. Sandalwood. Also *santal-wood.*

1727–41 CHAMBERS *Cycl.* s.v. *Santalum*, There are santals of three different colours; citrine, white, and red. 1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) VI. 214/2 The santal or saunders is a hard wood imported from the Indies. 1883 MARTINDALE & BENNETT *Extra Pharmacopœia* 194 Capsules of Santal Oil are prepared. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 932 Oil of santal wood very rarely causes even a slight erythema.

2. *Chem.* A substance ($C_8H_6O_3$) obtained from sandalwood.

1894 in MUIR & MORLEY *Watts' Dict. Chem.* IV. 427.

Santalaceous (sæntălē·ʃəs), *a.* [-ACEOUS.] Belonging to the N.O. *Santalaceæ*, typified by the genus *Santalum* or sandalwood.

1845 G. DON in *Encycl. Metrop.* VI. 179*/1.

Santalate (sæ·ntălēt). *Chem.* [Formed as SANTALIN + -ATE.] A salt of santalic acid.

1849 *Chem. Gaz.* VII. 132 Santalate of baryta and lime.

Santalic (sæntæ·lik), *a. Chem.* [Formed as next + -IC.] *Santalic acid.* **† a.** An acid said to have been found in 1849 by Leo Meier in white saadalwood (*obs.*); **b.** = SANTALIN.

1849 *Chem. Gaz.* VII. 131 Santalic acid. 1876 HARLEY *Mat. Med.* (ed. 6) 646 A resinous ruby-coloured crystalline substance called santalin or santalic acid.

Santalin (sæ·ntălin). *Chem.* Also -ine. [a. F. *santaline*, f. mod.L. *santal-um* (see SANDAL *sb.*[2] and -IN).] The colouring principle of red sanders.

1833 *Lond. & Edin. Philos. Mag.* III. 312 Santaline. 1838 T. THOMSON *Chem. Org. Bodies* 410 Santalin. *Ibid.*, The colouring matter which it [*sc.* red sanders] contains was examined by Pelletier in 1814, who distinguished it by the name of *santalin.* 1839 URE *Dict. Arts* 1092 Santaline.

‖ Santa Maria (sa·nta marī·a). [Sp. = Saint Mary.] The calaba-tree, *Calophyllum Calaba*, of tropical America, and its timber.

1696 SLOANE *Catal. Plant. Jamaica* 180 Bastard Mammee Tree or Santa Maria. 1756 P. BROWNE *Jamaica* 372 The Santa Maria..is reckoned pretty good timber-wood. 1827 O. W. ROBERTS *Voy. Centr. Amer.* 178 Very stout timbers of the wild calabash, bally or Santamaria Wood. 1894 *Outing* (U. S.) XXIII. 353/2 Strong posts of indestructible santa maria.

† Santar. *Thieves' slang. Obs.* (See quot.)

1591 GREENE *2nd Pt. Conny-catching* (1592) Table, In lifting Law. He that first stealeth, the lift. He that receiues it, the Markar. He that standeth without and caries it away, the Santar.

San-tchoo, variant of SAMSHOO.

Sante, Santer, obs. forms of SAINT, SAUNTER.

Santes bell, obs. form of SANCTUS BELL.

Santez, obs. var. SANCTUS (senses 2 and 3).

Santfine, -foyne, obs. forms of SAINFOIN.

Santifye, obs. form of SANCTIFY *v.*

‖ Santir, santour (santī·ər, santū·ər). Also **santur.** [Arab. سنطير *santīr* (Pers., Turkish سانطور *sānṭūr*), corruption of Gr. *ψαλτήριον* PSALTERY; cf. Biblical Aramaic סַמְפּוֹנְיָה *ṣ'santerīn.*] The dulcimer of the Arabs and Persians.

1853 LAYARD *Discov. Nineveh & Babylon* xx. 454 An instrument not unlike the modern santour of the East, consisting of a number of strings stretched over a hollow case or sounding-board. 1864 ENGEL *Mus. Anc. Nat.* 43 The Persians possess..a dulcimer called *Santir*, which in construction and in the mode of its treatment is almost identical with the German Hackbret.

Santis, obs. var. SANCTUS (senses 2 and 3).

‖ Santo (sa·ntō). [Sp. or Ital. *santo.*] = SANTON.

1638 SIR T. HERBERT *Trav.* (ed. 2) 235 The Church-men, Clerks, and Santos. 1687 A. LOVELL tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* I. 150 The Santo's, or Mad-men. 1901 *Scribner's Mag.* XXIX. 451/1 Like the new bits of cloth sewn on the tattered cloak of a 'Santo'.

Santo, obs. var. SANCTUS (senses 2 and 3).

‖ Santolina (sæntŏlə·ĭnă). [mod.L., ? alteration of *santonica, santonicum*: see SANTONICA. (Cf. LAVENDER COTTON, quot. 1577 'some call it .. Santonia'.) Cf. It. *santolina* (Florio), F. *santoline.*] A genus of fragrant undershrubs, allied to the camomile, native of the Mediterranean region; Lavender Cotton. Also, a plant of this genus.

1578 LYTE *Dodoens* I. xix. 29 Some of the later writers do call it *Santolina* and *Camphorata*:..some call it in English Lauender Cotton, and som Garden Cypres. 1731 MILLER *Gard. Dict.* 1865 *Athenæum* No. 1990. 848/2 The flowers of *santolina.*

Santon (sæ·ntŏn). Also 6–7 santone, 7 zanton, sancton, santoon. [a. F. *santon* (in the 16th c. also *sainton, santoron, sanctoron* santon, hypocrite), or its source Sp. *santon* santon, also hypocrite, f. *santo* SAINT. Cf. Pg. *santão.*]

1. A European designation for a kind of monk or hermit among the Mohammedans, a marabout; also, incorrectly † a yogi, Hindoo ascetic.

1599 HAKLUYT *Voy.* II. I. 204 There go in this foreward 6 Santones with red turbants vpon their heads. 1617 MORYSON *Itin.* I. 220 The Santons or Turkish Priests. *Ibid.* 224 This Chappell is kept by a Turkish Zanton, that is a kinde of their Priests. 1660 F. BROOKE tr. *Le Blanc's Trav.* 125 These Santons, Joguies, or Indian Anchorites, lodge in the field, in hollow trees. 1786 tr. *Beckford's Vathek* (1834) 49 Calenders, santons, and derwiches. 1825 SCOTT *Talism.* xx, A little old Turk, poorly dressed like a marabout or santon of the desert.

Comb. 1873 LELAND *Egypt. Sketch-Bk.* 43 The wretchedest mosques and most beggarly Santon-tombs.

2. The chapel or shrine of a santon. [So F. *santon.* Cf. MARABOUT 2.]

1835 tr. *Lamartine's Pilgr. Holy Land* II. 241 For the purpose of supporting..the roof of a santon.

Santonate (sæ·ntŏnĕt). *Chem.* [f. SANTON-IC + -ATE[1].] A salt of santonic acid.

1841 *Penny Cycl.* XX. 409/1 Santonate of soda and santonate of lime. 1874 GARROD & BAXTER *Mat. Med.* (1880) 293 Santonin..dissolves in solutions of the caustic fixed alkalies, forming definite compounds called santonates.

Santonic (sæntɒ·nik), *a. Chem.* [ad. L. *Santonic-us*: see next.] *Santonic acid*: an acid derived from santonin.

1836–41 BRANDE *Chem.* (ed. 5) 1252 *Artemisia santonica.* The seeds contain a substance which has been called *santonin* or *santonic acid.* 1876 HARLEY *Mat. Med.* (ed. 6) 539 Heated with an alkali, santonin is converted into santonic acid, which is isomeric with santoninic acid.

Santonica (sæntɒ·nikă). [a. L. *Santonica* (sc. *herba*), a kind of wormwood, fem. sing. of *Santonicus* pertaining to the Santones or Santoni, a people of Aquitania. The plant was also called *absinthium Santonicum* (Pliny), Gr. (*ἀψίνθιον*) *σαντονικόν, σαντόνιον.* Cf. 16th c. F. *santonique.*] The dried unexpanded flower-heads of species of *Artemisia*, produced in Turkestan, used as an anthelmintic; Levant or Alexandrian wormseed.

1658 J. ROWLAND *Mouffet's Theat. Ins.* 1119 Such things as we said to be good against Worms..such as are Wormwood, Southernwood, Santonicum. 1871 RANSOM in *J. R. Reynolds' Syst. Med.* III. 198 A very general concurrence of opinion..in favour of the use of santonica or worm-seed.

Santonin (sæ·ntŏnin). *Chem.* Also -ine. [f. SANTON-ICA + -IN. Cf. F. *santonine.*] A bitter principle obtained from santonica and used as a powerful anthelmintic.

1838 T. THOMSON *Chem. Org. Bodies* 133 Santonin. 1879 ROOD *Chromatics* viii. 95 Persons under the influence of santonin cannot see the violet end of the spectrum.

Santoni·nic, *a. Chem.* [f. SANTONIN + -IC.] *Santoninic acid*: an acid obtained from santonin, isomeric with santonic acid.

1875 WATTS *Dict. Chem.* and Suppl. 1076.

Santoon, obs. form of SANTON.

Santorinian (sæntŏri·niăn), *a.* [f. the name *Santorini* + -AN.] Named after the Venetian anatomist Santorini (1681–1737), as, the Santorinian plexus. In recent Dicts.

Santour, variant of SANTIR.

Santre, obs. form of SAUNTER.

† Sa·ntrel. *Obs. rare*—[1]. [ad. OF. *sainterel* or It. *santarello* (Florio), diminutives of *saint, santo* SAINT: see -REL and SAINTREL.] A little saint.

1653 URQUHART *Rabelais* I. xxvii. 129 With a thousand other jolly little Sancts and Santrels [orig. *et mille autres bons petis saincts*].

Santsbell: see SANCTUS BELL.

Santuare, variant of SAINTUAIRE.

Santuary, obs. form of SANCTUARY.

Santur, variant of SANTIR.

Santus, obs. var. SANCTUS (senses 2 and 3).

†**Sa'nty.** *Obs.* Also santie, sancti, *pl.* sonties. [Of obscure origin: perh. corruption of *saintitie* SANCTITY.] Used in a form of oath, (*God's*) *santy, by God's sonties.*

c 1570 W. WAGER *The longer thou livest* 459 (Brandl), Gods santie, this is a goodlie Booke in deede. *Ibid.* 763 Santy amen, here are saintes a great sort. *Ibid.* 1828 *Sancti*, Amen, where is my goodly geare? 1596 SHAKS. *Merch. V.* II. ii. 47 Be Gods sonties 'twill be a hard waie to hit. 1604 DEKKER *Honest Wh.* xiii. K 2, Gods santy yonder come Friers.

Sanz, obs. form of SANS.

Sanzack(e, -zake, -ziac, obs. ff. SANJAK.

Sanze (sanʒe), obs. Sc. form of SENE.

Saouari, souari (sɑuˌāˈri). Also **souarri, s(o)uwarrow, sawarrow, sawarra, sawari, sawarri, saouwarri, sowarri**; *corruptly* **savory.** [a. Galibi (Cayenne) *sawarra*; in the Gal.-Fr. dict. of 1763 written *saouari.*] *Saouari nut,* the 'butternut' of *Caryocar nuciferum* and *C. tomentosum*, lofty trees of Guiana. *Saouari wood,* the hard durable timber of these trees, used for shipbuilding.

1806 PINCKARD *W. Indies* III. 287 The Souwarrow nut. 1829 *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) XX. 7 The Savory tree is famed for its immense fruit. 1836 *Penny Cycl.* VI. 333/2 The Suwarrow or more properly Saouari nuts of commerce. 1855 H. G. DALTON *Hist. Brit. Guiana* II. 213 Saouwarri, saouari, or sewarri nut. 1858 BAIRD *Cycl. Nat. Sci.* 410/2 *Pekea tuberculosa* yields a nut known in the shops by the name of the Saouari or Sawarra nuts. 1866 *Treas. Bot., Saouari* or *Souari-wood. Ibid.*, Souari-nuts. 1884 *Encycl. Brit.* XVII. 664/2 The Sonari or Surahwa nut, called also the 'Butter nut of Demerara', and by fruiterers the 'Suwarrow nut'.

Sap (sæp), *sb.*[1] Forms: 1 sæp, sep, 4 *Kentish* zep, 5 saap(pe, 5–7 sappe, 6 sape, sapp, 4– sap. [Com. WGer.: OE. *sæp*, genit. *sæpes* (prob. neut.) = MLG., LG., MDu., Du. *sap*, neut. (Flemish *zap*), OHG. *saf*, genit. *saffes*, neut. (MHG. *saf, saft*, neut., mod.G. *saft*, masc., whence Sw. *saft*, fem., Da. *saft*), prob. repr. OTeut. types **sapo*^{m}, **sappo*^{m} :—pre-Tent. **sapnó-*, cogn. w. ON. *safi*, masc., sap (Sw. *safve, saf*, masc.) :—OTeut. **safon-* or **sabon-* :—pre-Teut. **sapon-*.

On this assumption the Teut. words may be cognate with L. *sapēre* to taste, *sapor* taste, savour; also with *sapa* must boiled thick, whence (with change of meaning prob. due to association with the WGer. word) Pr., Sp. *saba*, Fr. *sève* sap. The hypothesis that the WGer. word was adopted from L. *sapa* is improbable in view of its relation to the Scandinavian synonym; besides, the assumed development of meaning in popular Latin (of which the Rom. words afford the only evidence) appears unlikely unless as a result of extraneous influence.]

1. The vital juice or fluid which circulates in plants.

a 900 CYNEWULF *Crist* 1177 (Gr.) Da wearð beam moniz blodiʒum tearum birunnen..sæp wearð to swate. *a* 1000 *Gloss.* in *Germania* N. S. XI. 391 *Sucum*, sep. *c* 1000 ÆLFRIC *Gloss.* in Wr.-Wülcker 139/16 *Cedrus*, cederbeam. *Cedria*, his sæp. 1340 *Ayenb.* 96 Þet zep of þo trane and þe tyeres weren uour wel precionses þinges. ?*c* 1377 *Pol. Poems* (Rolls) I. 218 Weor that impe ffully growe, That he had sarri, sap, and pith [etc.]. 1523 FITZHERB. *Husb.* § 127 Alwaye se that the toppe lye hyer than the rote a good quantyte for els the sappe wyll nat renne into the toppe kyndely. 1596 SPENSER *F. Q.* iv. ii. 43 Like three faire branches budding farre and wide, That from one roote deriv'd their vitall sap. 1615 W. LAWSON *Country Housew. Gard.* (1626) 7 The sap is the life of the tree, as the blond is to mans body. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* IX. 837 Whose presence had infus'd Into the plant sciential sap. 1787 M. CUTLER in *Life*, etc. (1888) II. 398 The sugar maple is a most valuable tree...The sap is extracted in the months of February and March. 1820 SHELLEY *Sensit. Pl.* III. 84 The sap shrank to the root through every pore. 1864 C. GEIKIE *Life in Woods* xi. (1874) 183 We kept some sap for vinegar. 1875 BENNETT & DYER tr. *Sachs' Bot.* 650 All functions are brought into play only when the temperature of the plant..rises to a certain height above the freezing-point of the sap.

b. *transf.* and *fig.*

1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 43 The barke þat defendeth the tree from stormes and tempestes, is hope. And the sap that gyueth lyfe to bothe, is charite. 1594 SHAKS. *Rich. III*, IV. iv. 277 A hand-kercheefe, which..did dreyne The purple sappe from her sweet Brothers body. 1692 BENTLEY *Boyle Lect.* ix. 335 The Moral part of the Law of Moses, which is the Sap and Marrow of the whole. 1791 A. WILSON *Epple & Deil* Poet. Wks. (1846) 86 Ye maybe think that spinning's naething! And that it wastes na sap nor breathing? 1832 LYTTON *Eugene A.* I. vi, The sap of youth shrinks from our veins.

c. Moistnre in stone.

1881 *Dict. Arch. Publ. Soc., Quarry Damp*, or *Sap*, the natural dampness of the stone when in the quarry. 1892 MIDDLETON *Anc. Rome.* I. 5 *note*, What stone-masons call the 'sap' should always be allowed to dry out of stone before it is used.

†**2.** Ear-wax. *Obs.*

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 441/1 Saap [*Winchester MS.* sap] of the ere, *pedora.*

†**3.** Juice or fluid of any kind. *Obs.*

Cf. *Sc.* and *north.* '*Sap*, anything used for drinking, esp. milk or beer'; *sap-money*, money allowed to servants for liquor. (See E. D. D.)

1527 ANDREW *Brunswyke's Distyll. Waters* b ij, Other lyquor or sape which ye wyl puryfye from all troublous and unclere substaunces. 1535 COVERDALE *Song Sol.* viii. 1 The swete sappe of my pomgranates. 1589 *Pappe w. Hatchet* To Indiff. Rdr., It is said that camels neuer drinke, til they have troubled the water with their feete, and it seemes these Martins cannot carouse the sapp of the Church, til by faction they make tumults in religion. 1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* I. 449 That the three principall Elements whereof the world is made, namely, Water, Aire, and Fire, should haue no tast, no sauor, nor participation of any sap and liquor at all. *fig.* 1613 SHAKS. *Hen. VIII*, I. i. 148 If with the sap of reason you would quench, Or but allay the fire of passion.

4. = SAP-WOOD.

c 1374 CHAUCER *Boeth.* III. pr. xi. (1868) 97 Þat thilke thing þat is ryht softe as the marye (i. sapp) is. 1483 *Cath. Angl.* 318/1 Þe Sappe of a tre, *suber.* 1592 GREENE *Upst. Courtier* Wks. (Grosart) XI. 270 The ioyner though an honest man, yet hee maketh his ioynts weake, and putteth in sap in the mortesels, which should be the hart of the tree. 1627 CAPT. SMITH *Seaman's Gram.* ii. 14 Deale of thirty foot long, the sap cut off. 1699 DAMPIER *Voy.* II. ii. 57 The old black-rinded Trees..have less sap, and require but little pains to chip and cut it. The sap is white and the heart red. 1737 HOPPUS *Salmon's Country Build. Estim.* (ed. 2) 22 To lay a Barn Floor with double Deals,..and to List off the Sap. 1864 *Intell. Observ.* IV. 74 The sandal cutters carefully remove the outer..portion of the wood, which they term the 'sap'. 1898 RIDER HAGGARD *Farmer's Yr*, (1899) 121, I noticed that the wood was as hard as iron, and that there was..practically no 'sap', that is, soft outer wood, which is useless for most purposes.

5. The core (of unaltered iron) in the middle of a bar of blister steel.

1884 W. H. GREENWOOD *Steel & Iron* 411.

†**6.** = SAP-GREEN. *Obs.*

1572 in Feuillerat *Revels Q. Eliz.* (1908) 178 Sapp..Crymsen..white. 1573 *Ibid.* 210 Sape .j. quarterne xx^{d}.

7. *attrib.* and *Comb.*: as *sap-boiling, -monger, -trough, -vessel*; *sap-consuming, -sucking* adjs.; **sap-ball,** a local name for certain fungi of the genus *Polyporus*, 'the stems of which, after the juice has been squeezed out, are sometimes used by boys as their foundation for tennis-balls' (*Treas. Bot.* 1866); **sap-beetle** *U.S.*, any beetle of the family *Nitidulidæ* (Cent. Dict.); **sap-boiler,** a furnace with pans for evaporating the sap of the maple (Knight *Dict. Mech.*); **sap-colour** (see quot.); †**sap-pate,** = SAP-HEAD, SAPSKULL; **sap pine** *U.S.* [perversion of F. *sapin*], the pitch-pine, *Pinus rigida*; **sap-rot,** a disease of timber, dry-rot; **sap-sucker,** a name in N. America for many of the smaller woodpeckers, esp. those of the genus *Sphyropicus*; †**sap-time,** the time of year when the sap circulates; **sap-tree,** the mountain ash, *Pyrus aucuparia*; also the sycamore, *Acer pseudo-platanus* (E. D. D.); **sap-tube,** a vessel that conveys sap (Ogilvie, 1850); †**sap-whistle** *dial.*, 'a whistle made from the green twig of a tree, esp. mountain ash or sycamore' (E. D. D.); in quot. referred to proverbially; †**sap-wiser,** an instrument for indicating the motion of the sap in plants; **sap-wort** (see quot.). Also SAP-GREEN, -LATH, -WOOD.

1876 W. BOYD in Bartlett *Dict. Amer.*, The great event of the spring is the *sap-boiling in the maple-woods. 1816 S. PARKES *Chem. Catech.* (ed. 7) 532 **Sap-colours*, a name given to various expressed vegetable juices of a viscid nature, which are inspissated by slow evaporation for the use of painters, &c. Sap-green, gamboge, &c. are of this class. 1590 SHAKS. *Com. Err.* v. i. 312 Though now this grained face of mine be hid In *sap-consuming Winters drizled snow. 1652 CULPEPER *Eng. Physic.* (1656) 383 Let such *Sap-mongers answer me to this Argument, If the Sap fal into the Root in the fal of the Leaf, and lye there al the winter, then must the Root grow only in the winter. *a* 1700 B. E. *Dict. Cant. Crew*, **Sap-pate*, a Fool. 1808 PIKE *Sources Mississ.* (1810) 56 A new species of pine, called the French *Sap pine. 1866 *Treas. Bot.* s. v. *Pine*, Sap Pine, *Pinus rigida.* 1838 *Civil Eng. & Arch. Jrnl.* I. 191/1 The sap-wood is the part in which the decomposing operations commence, and hence the propriety of the term *sap-rot. 1808 A. WILSON *Amer. Ornith.* (1831) I. 167 This, and the two former species [i.e. *Picus varius, P. villosus*, and *P. pubescens*] are generally denominated *sap-suckers. 1872 COUES *Key N. Amer. Birds* 194 Genus *Sphyrapicus* Baird...Of the several small species commonly called 'sapsuckers' they alone deserve the name. 1884 *Ibid.* (ed. 2) 485 *Sphyropicus.* ..*Sap-sucking Woodpeckers. 1523 FITZHERB. *Husb.* § 133 Beware, that thou croppe hym not, nor heed hym (specially) in *sappe-tyme. 1840 GOSSE *Canadian Nat.* 11 The timber ..is..made into *sap-troughs for the sugary. 1701 GREW *Cosm. Sacra* I. v. § 22. 20 The Liquor of the adjacent *Sap-Vessels. 1737 BRACKEN *Farriery Impr.* (1757) II. 123 If he would not be a *Sap-whistle, he might be a Sling at any time. 1670 TONGE in *Phil. Trans.* V. 2071 *Sap-wiser. 1844 H. STEPHENS *Bk. Farm* III. 948 In damp situations, *Œnanthe crocata*, water *sap-wort, grows.

†**Sap,** *sb.*[2] *Obs.* [a. F. *sappe* (now *sape*): see SAP *sb.*[3]] Some kind of spade or mattock.

1566 *Wills & Inv. N. C.* (Surtees) I. 254, I giu to Richard walton my..stele sappe. 1598 FLORIO, *Zappa*, a mattocke to dig and delue with, a sappe.

Sap (sæp), *sb.*[3] *Mil.* Forms: 6-7 zappe, 6-8 sappe, 7-8 sapp, 8- sap. [Late 16th c. *zappe, sappe*, ad. It. *zappa* and a. F. *sappe* (16th c. also *zappe* after It.; now *sape*) spade, spadework, sap. Cf. Sp. *zapa*, late L. *sappa* (6th c.). The ulterior origin is uncertain: see Diez and Körting.]

1. †The process of undermining a wall or defensive work (*obs.*); the process of constructing covered trenches in order to approach a besieged place without danger from the enemy's fire.

1591 UNTON *Corr.* (Roxb.) 247 The King now resolveth to gaigne the fort by the zappe. *Ibid.* 248 Now we labor by sappe to win the fort. 1633 T. STAFFORD *Pac. Hib.* III. xii. 334 Untill such time as they might gaine it by Sapp or Myne. 1683 SIR J. TURNER *Pallas Armata* 316 This Sappe or Zappe is nothing else but a digging. 1704 J. HARRIS *Lex. Techn.* I, *Sappe*, in Fortification, is digging deep under the Earth,..to open a way to come under cover to the Passage of the Moat. 1742 YOUNG *Nt. Th.* VI. 22 Like pow'rful armies trenching at a town, By slow, and silent, but resistless sap. 1747 *Gentl. Mag.* XVII. 328/1 The French advanced, by sap, quite up to the foot of our entrenchment. 1812 WELLINGTON in Gurw. *Desp.* (1838) VIII. 549 We had made some progress by sap towards the crest of the glacis. 1828 J. M. SPEARMAN *Brit. Gunner* (ed. 2) 368 The sap is a mode of carrying on the approaches at a siege, under cover. 1867 SMYTH *Sailor's Word-bk.*, *Sap*, that peculiar method by which a besieger's zig-zag approaches are continuously advanced in spite of the musketry of the defenders. 1875 CLERY *Min. Tactics* xvii. 253 A solid redout ..made it necessary to advance from house to house by sap.

b. *fig.* Applied to stealthy or insidious methods of attacking or destroying something.

1748 RICHARDSON *Clarissa* (1811) III. iii. 35 Be my end what it may, I am obliged, by thy penetration, fair one, to proceed by the sap. 1791 COWPER *Odyss.* VII. 317 Exempt forever from the sap of age. 1828 P. CUNNINGHAM *N. S. Wales* (ed. 3) II. 52 A hock of pickled pork and a pound of sixpenny sugar, conveyed by way of sap to undermine the virtue of one of our Newgate nuns. 1862 ELLICOTT in *Aids to Faith* ix. 396 It is simply an endeavour by slow sap to weaken the authority of some of the writers of the New Testament.

†**c.** ? *transf.*

1794 SULLIVAN *View Nat.* I. 327 Water may rise..either by running channels or by sap or percolation.

2. A covered trench made for the purpose of approaching a besieged place under the fire of the garrison. *Flying sap*: see FLYING *ppl. a.* 4 d.

1642 HEXHAM *Princ. Art Milit.* II. (ed. 2) 38 In the Interim a Sapp is begun, that runneth towards the Bulwark. 1672 J. LACEY tr. *Tacquet's Milit. Archit.* 48 You cut a strait Channel LH, commonly called a Sappe, thorough the out-brestwork, to the very ditch of the Fortification. 1674 CLARENDON *Hist. Reb.* VIII. § 151 His soldiers..began their approaches by saps. 1687 J. RICHARDS *Jrnl. Siege of Buda* 34 The Duke of Lorrain order'd a large Sap to be made into the Ditch. 1702 *Milit. Dict.* s.v. *Attack*, The Works the Besiegers carry on, either Trenches, Galeries, Sappes, or Breaches to reduce a place. 1782 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 2) IX. 6952/1 There are several sorts of saps; the single, which has only a single parapet; the double, having one on each side; and the flying, made with gabions, &c. 1812 WELLINGTON in Gurw. *Desp.* (1838) IX. 35, 200 men likewise of the covering party will rush from the right of the sap into the salient angle of the covered-way of the ravelin. 1893 FORBES-MITCHELL *Remin. Gt. Mutiny* 104 To protect this part of their route a flying sap was constructed.

3. *Comb.*: **sap battery,** a battery at the head of a sap; **sap-faggot,** a fascine used in sapping, to fill up the spaces between gabions; **sap-fork** (see quot. 1842); **sap-head,** the foremost end of a sap; **sap-roller,** a large gabion covering the sap-head; **sap-shield** (see quot. 1876).

1810 *Naval Chron.* XXIV. 368 The Namur and Valiant took it day and day about to fight a *sap battery. 1834 J. S. MACAULAY *Field Fortif.* 222 The *sap-faggot has a strong stake in the middle. 1842 BRANDE *Dict. Sci.*, etc., **Sap fork*, an instrument like a boat hook, used to push on a sap roller in sapping. 1884 *Mil. Engineering* (ed. 3) I. II. 75 According as the gabion has to be pulled towards the trench or pushed away from it, which must be done entirely with the sap-fork. 1878 *Text Bk. Fortif.* § 332 The rate of progress of the *sapheads, therefore, regulates the rate of progress of the siege. 1834 J. S. MACAULAY *Field Fortif.* 222 The head of the sap is covered by a *sap-roller, viz. a large stuffed gabion. 1876 VOYLE & STEVENSON *Milit. Dict.*, **Sap-shield*, a steel plate mounted on wheels for the purpose of giving cover to the sapper in a single sap.

Sap (sæp), *sb.*[4] *School slang.* [prob. f. SAP *v.*[3], though appearing earlier in our quots.] One who studies hard or is absorbed in books.

1798 CHARLOTTE SMITH *Yng. Philos.* I. 48 He obtained the character of a sullen, cold-blooded fellow, and a sap. 1827 LYTTON *Pelham* ii, When I once attempted to read Pope's poems out of school hours, I was laughed at, and called 'a sap'. *a* 1833 W. WILBERFORCE in *Life* (1838) I. 11 The tutors [at Cambridge, *c* 1776] would often say..that 'they were mere saps, but that I did all by talent'. 1862 *Rep. Publ. Schools Comm.* (1864) III. 284 (Eton), You do not consider a boy who is considered what is called a sap, is looked down upon by the rest?—No.

Sap (sæp), *sb.*[5] [Short for SAPSKULL.] A simpleton, a fool.

1815 SCOTT *Guy M.* xlviii, They're sporting the door of the Custom-house, and the auld sap at Hazlewood-House has ordered off the guard. 1818 — *Rob Roy* xiv, He mann be a saft sap, wi' a head nae better than a fozy frosted turnip. 1836 MRS. SHERWOOD *H. Milner* III. xi, Do you think that we are such saps that we cannot say No? 1852 *Meanderings of Mem.* I. 164 He crowned his bead but with another cap Than Cardinal's—for that he wants no Sap.

Sap (sæp), *v.*[1] [a. F. *saper* (earlier *sapper*) = It. *zappare*, f. *zappa*: see SAP *sb.*[3] Cf. Sp. *zapar.*]

1. *intr.* To dig a sap or covered trench; to approach a besieged place by means of a sap. Also *to sap up, on.*

1598 FLORIO, *Zappare*, to digge, or delue, or grubbe the ground, to sap. 1642 HEXHAM *Princ. Art Milit.* II. (ed. 2) 38 Then one begins to Sapp from H to I. *Ibid.* 45 After you have sapt through the Counterscharfe. 1647 SPRIGGE *Anglia Rediv.* IV. vii. (1854) 259 They sapt up towards the castle. 1882 SIR R. TEMPLE *Men & Events India* xx. 483 Where the Muhammadan besiegers erected batteries, sapped, undermined, stormed.

b. *fig.* To make way in a stealthy or insidious manner. Also *trans.* in *to sap one's way.*

1732 POPE *Ep. Bathurst* 34 In vain may Heroes fight, and Patriots rave; If secret Gold sap on from knave to knave. 1839 LANDOR *Andrea & Giov.* Wks. 1846 II. 540 Lies, while they sap their way and hold their tongues, Are safe enough.

2. *trans.* To dig under the foundations of (a wall, etc.). Also *transf.* of natural agencies, etc.: To undermine; to render insecure by removing the foundations.

1652 C. B. STAPYLTON *Herodian* x. 79 But see the chance, from off the Mountaines rapt A sudden flood, which strong Foundation sapt. 1689 *Lond. Gas.* No. 2482/1 We have begun to sappe the Glacis. 1695 BLACKMORE *Pr. Arth.* III. 57 Sinking Isles, Sap'd by the Flame,..Fall down with mighty Cracks. 1696 PHILLIPS (ed. 5), To *sap*, a Term in War, to dig under the Foundations of a Wall to throw it down and destroy it. To dig under the Glacis, in order to pass the Moat securely. 1700 DRYDEN *Ovid's Met.* I. 397 Sap'd by floods, Their houses fell. 1718 POPE *Iliad* XII. 25 The Weight of Waters saps the yielding Wall. 1726 LEONI *Alberti's Archit.* I. 18/1 Drains..shou'd..not do any harm to the House, either by sapping or dirtying it. 1816 BYRON *Siege Cor.* xxiv, Huge fragments, sapp'd by the ceaseless flow. 1838 PRESCOTT *Ferd. & Is.* I. xiii. II. 108 Galleries were also wrought,..to sap the foundations of the walls. 1840 DICKENS *Old C. Shop* xxi, A crazy building, sapped and undermined by the rats. 1867 PARKMAN *Jesuits N. Amer.* xviii. (1875) 263 The flood still rose,..and threatened to sap the magazine.

b. *fig.* with reference to a metaphorical wall, foundation, etc.

1711 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 163 ¶ 5 A Heart in Love has its Foundations sapped. 1751 JOHNSON *Rambler* No. 111 ¶ 2 To sap the difficulties which it expected to subdue by storm. 1761 CHURCHILL *Night* Poems 1767 I. 80 How damps and vapours..sap the walls of health. 1835 I. TAYLOR *Spir. Despot.* I. 13 He takes his stand..upon advanced ground which is already sapped. 1857 BUCKLE *Civiliz.* I. viii. 544 There was..not one who did not..sap the foundation of some old opinion.

c. To approach (a fortress) or to pierce (ground) with saps. In some recent Dicts.

3. *fig.* To weaken or destroy insidiously (esp. health, strength, courage, or the like).

Probably often coloured by association with SAP *sb.*[1], as if the primary notion were 'to drain the vital sap from'.

1755 *Connoisseur* No. 82 (1774) III. 83 A Drunkard; one that takes an unaccountable pleasure in sapping his constitution. 1770 GOLDSM. *Des. Vill.* 393 Till sapped their strength, and every part unsound, Down, down they sink. 1836 J. H. NEWMAN in *Lyra Apost.* (1849) 96 But sloth had sapped the prophet's strength. 1850 TENNYSON *In Mem.* cvi, Ring out the grief that saps the mind, For those that here we see no more. 1858 MERIVALE *Rom. Emp.* (1865) VI. liv. 412 The spirit of inquiry..was sapping the positive beliefs of the day. 1877 DOWDEN *Shaks. Primer* vi. 117 His moral energy is sapped by a kind of scepticism.

¶ b. ? To drain *of* something.

1893 KATE D. WIGGIN *Cathedr. Courtship* 68 He sapped me of all my ideas, and gave me none in exchange.

Sap (sæp), *v.*[2] *Obs.* [f. SAP *sb.*[1]]

1. *trans.* To remove the sap from (wood).

1725 *Bradley's Fam. Dict.* s.v. *Poplar*, The Wood is useful for the Engraver, and being saw'd into Boards and sapt dry, continues a long while.

2. To remove the sap-wood from (a log).

1875 [implied in SAPPING *vbl. sb.*[2]].

Sap (sæp), *v.*[3] *School slang.* [Prob. a fig. use of SAP *v.*[1] 1. Cf. SAP *sb.*[4], which is recorded earlier.] *intr.* To pore over books; to be studious.

1830 H. ANGELO *Remin.* II. 371 Preferring a continental visit to sap-ing..three years at college for a fellowship. 1853 LYTTON *My Novel* I. I. xii. 80 They say he is the cleverest boy in the school. But then he saps. *a* 1884 M. PATTISON *Mem.* (1885) 21 It was unworthy of a man of his position to 'sap'.

‖ Sapa (sē·pă). [L.] a. *Antiq.* New wine boiled to a syrup. †b. *Pharm.* = ROB *sb.*

1624 MIDDLETON *Game at Chess* v. iii, With *Far* and *Sapa*; Flower and cockted Wine. 1688 R. HOLME *Armoury* III. xx. (ROXBJ 249/2 Sapa, Boiled wine. 1725 SLOANE *Jamaica* II. 3 A Sapa is made of it for sore throats. 1858 SIMMONDS *Dict. Trade, Sapa*, a thickened confection of grapes. 1897 *Syd. Soc. Lex., Sapa*, Syn. for *Rob.*

Sapadillies, -dillo: see SAPODILLA.

Sapajou (sæ·pădʒū). Also 7 sapaiou, 9 sapago. [a. F. *sapajou*, in 1614 *sapaiou*, given by D'Abbeville as a Cayenne word.] A South American monkey of the genus *Cebus*.

1698 T. FROGER *Voy.* 130 The sapaiou is a kind of a little monkey. 1774 GOLDSM. *Nat. Hist.* (1776) IV. 235 Those with muscular holding tails, are called Sapajous. 1875 *Encycl. Brit.* II. 253/2 The genus *Cebus*, the typical genus of American apes, is composed of the sapajous, so commonly seen in captivity.

Sapan, sappan (sæ·păn). Also 6–7 sapon, 7 sappon. [a. Malay سڤن *sapay*, of South Indian origin: cf. Tamil *shappangam*, Malayālam *chappaṅṅam*. The proximate source in the 17th c. was prob. Du. *sapan(hout)*; cf. Pg. *sapão*, Fr. *sapan*.] A dye-wood yielding a red dye, obtained from trees belonging to the genus *Cæsalpinia*, indigenous to tropical Asia and the Indian Archipelago, esp. *C. Sappan*. Now only *sapan wood*.

1598 W. PHILLIP tr. *Linschoten* I. xxii. 36 The wood Sapon, whereof also much is brought from Sian, it is like Brasill to die withall. 1616 R. COCKS *Diary* (Hakl. Soc.) I. 209 Ofring to deliver me money for all our sappon which was com in this junk. 1626 METHOLD in Purchas *Pilgrimage* (ed. 4) 1004 A wood to die withall called Sapan wood, the same we heere call Brasill. 1662 J. DAVIES tr. *Mandelslo's Trav.* II. 197 A sort of wood called Sappan. 1687 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 2269/2, 210 100 l. [*i.e.* 210 quintals] of Siams Sapan Wood. 1780 *Phil. Trans.* LXX. App. 7 For which they give in return sugar, ripe cloves, sappan wood, ivory. 1861 BENTLEY *Man. Bot.* 529 The roots of the same tree [*Cæsalpinia Sappan*], under the names of Yellow-wood and Sappan-root, are..employed for dyeing yellow. 1881 *Daily News* 22 Jan. 5/8 Great store of Sapanwood from the Indies is also aboard.

†Sape, *sb. Obs.* Anglicized form of SAPA.

c 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* III. 1142 In water first this opium relent Of sape until it have similitude. 1642 A. ROSS *Mel Heliconium* (1643) 56 Let me taste of that sweet sape Which dropp'd from this squeezed grape. 1657 TOMLINSON *Renou's Disp.* 102 Make them into conserves, sapes, and syrups. 1657 *Physical Dict., Sapes*, are medicinated juyces which having been pressed out of fruits and herbs, have been brought to a consistency by standing in the sun.

†Sape, *v.*[1] *Obs.* Also 7 *pa. t.* sapped. [Of obscure origin: cf. dial. *sap*, 'to drench, soak' (E.D.D.); also SOP *v.*] *intr.* ? To be steeped (*in* sin, etc.). Hence †**Saped** *ppl. a.*

1571 GOLDING *Calvin on Ps.* xvii. 14 The men..whom thou hast suffered too sit saping too long in the dregges of their prosperitie [orig. *quos nimis diu in prosperitatis suæ fæcibus residere passus es*]. 1583 — *Calvin on Deut.* V. xxxii. 191 Such as..are caryed away with their owne leawdnesse, and as it were saped in their sinnes [Fr. *qui se sont transportez en leurs iniquitez, et y sont comme confits*]. 1587 — *De Mornay* I. 11 Saped in wickednesse (Fr. *confites en meschancetes*). 1633 D. R[OGERS] *Treat. Sacram.* ii. 30 Say not, there is no hope for so saped a wretch as thou. 1642 — *Naaman* 175 When she is sapped and soked in Selfe. 1693 EVELYN *De La Quint. Compl. Gard.*, Dict., *Saped*,..is any thing that is too much soaked in water.

†Sape, *v.*[2] *Burlesque nonce-wd.* [ad. L. *sapĕre*.] *intr.* To be wise.

1694 MOTTEUX *Rabelais* V. 252 If then you sape, as we are cogitating [Fr. *Et si tu es (comme cogitons) sage*].

Sape, obs. form of SAP *sb.*[1], SHAPE, SOAP.

Sapego, variant of SERPIGO.

Sapful (sæ·pfŭl), *a.* [f. SAP *sb.*[1] + -FUL.] Abounding in sap or moisture.

1674 N. FAIRFAX *Bulk & Selv.* 185 Those layers, that are made of sapful and growthsom earths. 1847 CHR. G. ROSSETTI *Dead City* Poems (1904) 101/1 Strong and sapful were the root, The top boughs, and all between. 1881 FAIRBAIRN *Stud. Life Christ* iv. 65 The roots of the glorious flower are bedded deep in the sapful soil.

Sap-green, *sb.* (and *a.*). [f. SAP *sb.*[1] + GREEN, prob. after Du. *sapgroen*.]

1. A green pigment prepared from the juice of buckthorn berries; also, the colour of this pigment.

1578 in Feuillerat *Revels Q. Eliz.* (1908) 294 Sape greene quarter li. ii[s]. 1612 PEACHAM *Gentl. Exerc.* 83 Take Sappe greene, and lay it in sharpe vinegar. 1686 BLOME *Gentl. Recr.* I. 219 Sap-green is a dirty dark Green, and of little use, except to Shadow in the dark places. 1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) III. 366/2 The next operation is the sprinkling the leaves of the book; which is done by dipping a brush into vermilion and sap-green. 1861 BENTLEY *Man. Bot.* 520 The colour called Sap-green is prepared by evaporating to dryness the juice of the Buckthorn berries previously mixed with lime. 1881 E. J. WORBOISE *Sissie* XXXVIII, St. Peter in royal purple and sap-green.

2. *attrib.* and *adj.*

1658 W. SANDERSON *Graphice* 42 Her Knots and choyce Riband sap-green and silver. 1824 SCOTT *St. Ronan's* xi, Landscapes with sap-green trees and mazareen-blue rivers. 1848 *Zoologist* VI. 1979 Those specimens I saw myself were of a yellowish sap-green colour.

Sa·p-head. [f. SAP *sb.*[1] (sense 4). Cf. the earlier SAPSKULL.] A fool; a simpleton.

1828 *Craven Gloss., Sap-head*, a blockhead. 1884 'MARK TWAIN' *Huck. Finn* iii. 23 You don't seem to know anything, somehow—perfect sap-head.

So **Sap-headed** *a.*, foolish, stupid.

1665 HEAD *Eng. Rogue* (1666) I. iv. 31 *Culle*, a Sap-headed Fellow. 1821 in Cobbett *Rur. Rides* (1885) I. 31 Sap-headed fools! They will [etc.]. 1902 *Harper's Mag.* Jan. 266/2 Of all the sap-headed milksops I —.

Sapheir, obs. form of SAPPHIRE.

‖ Saphena (săfī·nă). *Anat.* Also *a.* 7 saphen, 7, 9 saphena; *β.* 5 sophena, 6 sopheyne. [med.L. *saphena*, *sophona*, ad. Arab. صافن *ṣāfin* saphena; also 'a vein lying deep in the arm' (Lane). Cf. F. *saphène* (1314 in Hatz.-Darm.), Pg., It. *safena*.

The usual statement that the word is from Gr. *σαφηνής* 'manifest, clear', is baseless. The Gr. word does not mean 'conspicuously visible', but is used only in intellectual senses.]

The distinctive name of two veins in the leg: (1) the *long* or *internal saphena*, which extends from near the ankle-joint along the inner surface of the leg, and ends in the femoral vein; (2) the *short, posterior*, or *external saphena*, which extends from the foot along the calf of the leg, and finally joins the popliteal vein. Also *saphena vein.*

1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* VII. lvii. (1495) 271 The veyne whyche hight Saphena is vnder the ancle boon of the fote. *c* 1400 *Lanfranc's Cirurg.* 177 þer ben ij. oþer veynes in þe holow of þe foot withinne, & þat ooo is clepid sophena, & þat oþer is clepid vena ventris. 1541 COPLAND *Guydon's Quest. Chirurg.* K iij b, The sopheynes that are vpon the ancle. 1597 A. M. tr. *Guillemeau's Fr. Chirurg.* 30/1 The second, Saphena, or mother vayne, we open on the insyde of the legge. 1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr.* s. v. *Vein, Saphen vein (saphena)*, the mother Vein; the first branch of the thigh vein. 1693 tr. *Blancard's Phys. Dict.* (ed. 2), *Saphæna*, the Vein of the Leg, or Crural Vein. 1813 J. THOMSON *Lect. Inflam.* 151 This..has of late years been often done by tying the saphena veins. 1846 BRITTAN tr. *Malgaigne's Man. Oper. Surg.* 53 Bleeding in the Foot. The internal saphena vein may be opened in front of the internal malleolus, or the external saphena in front of the external malleolus. 1876 tr. *Wagner's Gen. Path.* 198 The saphena can usually be distinctly felt.

b. *attrib.* in *saphena nerve*: see quot.

1849–52 *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* IV. 1411 The internal saphena vein is accompanied, from the ankle to the knee, by the internal saphena nerve.

Saphenal (săfī·năl), *a.* [f. SAPHENA + -AL.] = SAPHENOUS *a.*

1831 R. KNOX *Cloquet's Anat.* 517 Of the internal popliteal nerve. External Saphenal branch.

Saphenous (săfī·nəs), *a.* Also *erron.* (quasi-Latin) **saphenus.** [f. SAPHENA + -OUS.] Pertaining to or connected with the saphena. *Saphenous vein*: the saphena. *Saphenous nerve* = 'saphena nerve' (see SAPHENA b.).

1840 G. V. ELLIS *Anat.* 626 The oval aperture in the fascia lata, now exposed, is the saphenous opening. 1840 E. WILSON *Anat. Vade M.* (1842) 345 It receives several muscular and articular veins, and the external saphenous vein. 1881 *Trans. Obstetric Soc. Lond.* XXII. 22 The course of the long saphenous nerve.

Sapher(e, -eron(e, -ian, -ic(k(e: see SAPPHIRE, SAFFRON, SAFFIAN, SAPPHIC.

‖ Saphie (sæ·fi). *North Africa.* Also 9 saffi, safie. [Mandingo *safaye*.] A charm.

1799 M. PARK *Trav.* xvi. (ed. 2) 206 He..desired me to write him a saphie. 1817 BOWDICH, etc. *Mission Ashantee* II. iv. (1819) 271 The most surprising superstition of the Ashantees, is their confidence in the fetishes or saphies they purchase so extravagantly from the Moors. 1847 MRS. R. LEE *Afr. Wand.* xvii. (1854) 290 Scraps of the Koran, esteemed as charms, and called safies. 1904 MARY GAUNT *Arm of Leopard* 256 The more or less Arabic charms known as Saphis. 1905 R. A. FREEMAN *Golden Pool* 108, I..hung round my neck a saffi or amulet.

Saphier, Saphik: see SAPPHIRE, SAPPHIC.

Saphion, -ique: see SAFFIAN, SAPPHIC.

Saphir(e, -irine: see SAPPHIRE, -IRINE.

Saphron, obs. form of SAFFRON.

Sapid (sæ·pid), *a.* Also 7 sapide. [ad. L. *sapid-us* savoury, f. *sapĕre* (see SAPIENT *a.*). Cf. F. *sapide*; the direct descendant is *sade* (obs.).]

1. Of food, etc.: Readily perceptible by the organs of taste, having a decided taste or flavour; *esp.* having a pleasant taste, savoury, palatable.

1646 SIR T. BROWNE *Pseud. Ep.* III. xxii. 165 Thus Camels to make the water sapide do raise the mud with their feet. 1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr.*, *Sapid*, well seasoned, savory, that hath a smack. 1761 ARMSTRONG *Day* 140 In salt itself the sapid savour fails. 1837 M. DONOVAN *Dom. Econ.* II. 103 It [venison] is certainly more sapid than any butchers' meat, and is even strong. 1898 P. MANSON *Trop. Diseases* xxi. 325 If the patient attempts to take any sapid food..the pain and burning in the mouth are intolerable.

2. In neutral sense: Having the power of affecting the organs of taste; having taste or flavour.

1634 T. JOHNSON *Parey's Chirurg.* XXVI. vii. 1034 Therefore Nature observes this order in the concoction of sapide bodies, that at the first the acerbe taste should take place, then the austere, and lastly, the acide. 1686 GOAD *Celest. Bodies* I. ix. 32 They are genericall Natures, common to all Sapid and Odorate Bodies. 1756 C. LUCAS *Ess. Waters* II. 95 Epsom water..scentless, and hardly sapid. 1831 J. DAVIES *Manual Mat. Med.* 10 Those [salts] which are insoluble in water are insipid; such..as are soluble in it, are more or less sapid. 1862 G. WILSON *Relig. Chem.* 5 Neither plants nor animals can exist..in any of the odorous or sapid gases.

3. *fig.* Grateful to the mind or mental taste.

1646 HOWELL *Dodona's Gr.* 217, I must confesse there may some few criticismes or graines of browne salt, and small dashes of vineger be found here and there, to make the discourse more sapid, but this tartnesse is farre from any gall or venome. 1649 JER. TAYLOR *Great Exemp.* I. Dis. iv. 125 The life of the spirit, is lessened and impaired according as the gusts of the flesh grow high and sapid. *a* 1677 HALE *Prim. Orig. Man.* IV. viii. 373 These are things..more grateful, sapid, and delightful to the Mind, than the best Apparatus or Provisions of a sensible Good. 1690 NORRIS *Refl. Cond. Hum. Life* (1691) 179 Such Books..as are Sapid, Pathetic, and Divinely-relishing. 1864 CARLYLE *Fredk. Gt.* IV. 356 Pamphlets..sapid, exhilarative. 1868 *Sat. Rev.* 19 Dec. 794/2 Quite as important as the possession..of all these faculties, is the temper, spirit, tone, or manner of their use, the something which makes them sapid.

4. *absol.* a. *The sapid*, that which is sapid, sapidity. b. quasi-*sb.* A sapid substance.

1715 *Pancirollus' Rerum Mem.* II. v. 299 Sugar..seems to tame and to triumph over all Sapids. 1831 T. L. PEACOCK *Crotchet Castle* iv, I speak of the cruet sauces, where the quintessence of the sapid is condensed in a phial.

Sapidity (săpi·dĭti). [ad. L. **sapiditātem*, f. *sapid-us* SAPID: see -ITY.] The quality of being sapid or having taste and flavour.

1646 SIR T. BROWNE *Pseud. Ep.* III. xxi. 158 The body of that element [air] is ingustible, void of all sapidity. 1837 M. DONOVAN *Dom. Econ.* II. 3 The epicure with whom the single quality of sapidity outweighs every other consideration. 1878 M'KENDRICK *Outl. Physiol.* 224 There must always be a certain amount of sapidity or flavour in the food.

b. *fig.* (Cf. 'relish'.)

1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr.*, *Sapidity*, pleasantness of taste or savor; also pleasantness of talk. 1784 J. BARRY in *Lect. Paint.* vi. (1848) 230 [Rembrandt's] tints..have the same truth, high relish, and sapidity, as those of Titian. 1907 *Sat. Rev.* 29 June 815/1 It is the clash of personalities which gives the sapidity to the life of a politician.

Sa·pidless, *a. nonce-wd.* [Badly f. SAPID + -LESS.] Flavourless.

1821 LAMB *Elia* Ser. I. *Grace bef. Meat,* To come home.. expecting some savoury mess, and to find one quite tasteless and sapidless.

†**Sa·pidness.** *Obs.* [f. SAPID + -NESS.] Sapidity (*lit.* and *fig.*).

1649 JER. TAYLOR *Gt. Exemp.* Pref. P 2 God gave man reason and abilities..to perceive the sapidnesse and rellish of those objects. 1680 BOYLE *Scept. Chem.* IV. 246 We see that sapidness and volatility are wont to denominate the Chymists Mercury or Spirit.

Sapience (sē·piĕns). Also 4–6 **sapyence,** 4–5, *Sc.* 6, 8 **sapiens.** [a. OF. *sapience,* ad. L. *sapientia,* f. *sapient-em* SAPIENT: see -ENCE.]

1. Wisdom, understanding. (A learned synonym. Now *rare* in serious use: see sense 2.)

13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* B. 1626 þat þou has in þy hert holy connyng, Of sapience þi sawle ful soþes to schawe. 1377 LANGL. *P. Pl.* B. XII. 42 For what made Lucyfer to lese þe heigh heuene, Or salamon his sapience or sampson his strengthe? 1412–20 LYDG. *Chron. Troy* I. 3854 But whan monhod is meynt with sapience, Who considereth, it may double avayle. 1509 WATSON *Ship of Fools* II. (1517) A iv, All the scyence and all the sapyence of men shall not excuse them. 1549 *Compl. Scotl.* vi. 43 Appollo, that the poietis callis the god of sapiens. 1603 HARSNET *Pop. Impost.* 99 It is a point of high Sapience in the Church of Rome to choose [etc.]. 1659 *Queries on Proposalls of Officers of Armie to Parll.* 4 As that Supreme Master of Politicall Sapience doth assert. 1724 RAMSAY *Vision* XV, A king.. Quhase pusiens, and sapiens, Sall richt restore and saiv. 1730 SWIFT *Traulus* I, Yet many a Wretch in Bedlam..still has Gratitude and Sap'ence, To spare the Folks that give him Ha'pence. 1836 HOR. SMITH *Tin Trump.* s.v. *Praise,* Silence is sapience. 1874 BLACKIE *Self-Cult.* 71 'Honour all men' is one of the many texts of combined sanctity and sapience with which the New Testament abounds. 1901 CORVO *Ho. Borgia* 20 That letter..written..with the unerring sapience of a saint.

†**b.** as an attribute of God. Hence applied to the Word or second person of the Trinity. *Obs.*

c 1386 CHAUCER *Prioress' Prol.* 20 Of whos vertu, whan he thyn herte lighte, Conceyued was the fadres sapience. *c* 1400 *Sowdone Bab.* 2 God..That al thinge made in sapience. 1489 CAXTON *Faytes of A.* IV. vii. 247 The dinyne puissaunce and the sapience of almyghty god. 1536 *Primer Eng. & Lat.* 55 b, He that is the greate profounde sapience And dyuyne trueth of the father on hye. 1605 BACON *Adv. Learn.* I. vi. § 1. 27 b, All learning is knowledge acquired, and all knowledge in God is originall. And therefore we must looke for it by another name, that of wisedome or sapience, as the scriptures call it. 1698 [R. FERGUSON] *View Eccles.* 100 Herein is the Immense Sapience and the Superlative Goodness of God to be admired.

†**c.** Spiritual wisdom, knowledge of divine things.

[*c* 1430 LYDG. *Min. Poems* (Percy Soc.) 9 God the ffulfylle withe intelligence, And withe a spyrut of goostly sapience. *c* 1570 W. WAGER *The longer thou livest* 1654 (Brandl), As scripture calleth this the hiest sapience, God to know, to feare, to loue, and obey.] 1598 BARCKLEY *Felic. Man* VI. (1603) 589 Let us now examine Sapience..or that part of wisedome which is conversant in the contemplation of God and divine matters. 1614 RALEIGH *Hist. World* I. (1634) 21 The eie of the soule, or receptacle of Sapience and divine knowledge.

†**d.** sometimes contradistinguished from *prudence* (see quots.). *Obs.*

1606 BRVSKETT *Civ. Life* 252 This light of reason (as much as concerneth meos actions) is nothing else but Prudence,.. euen as sapience or wisedome is the guide and gouernesse of speculation. 1651 HOBBES *Leviath.* I. v. 22 As, much Experience, is Prudence; so, is much Science, Sapience. For though wee usually have one name of Wisedome for them both; yet the Latines did alwayes distinguish between *Prudentia* and *Sapientia*; ascribing the former to Experience, the later to Science. *a* 1677 BARROW *Serm.* (1686) III. xiv. 156 Wisedom..may denote either sapience, a habit of knowing what is true; or prudence, a disposition of chusing what is good.

†**e.** Correct taste and judgement. *Obs.*

1667 MILTON *P. L.* IX. 1018 Eve, now I see thou art exact of taste, And elegant, of Sapience no small part, Since to each meaning savour we apply, And Palate call judicious. 1692 WOOD *Athen. Oxon.* II. 540 (Heneage Finch) A person of so eloquent and fluent speech, and of so great sapience, that he was usually stiled the English Roscius and the English Cicero. 1796 BURNEY *Mem. Metastasio* III. 174 The sapience of Horace, that is, the correct judgment which reigns in all you think and write.

2. Used depreciatingly or ironically: Would-be wisdom.

c 1374 CHAUCER *Troylus* I. 515 Loo þer goþe he þat is man of so grete sapience and held vs louers leest in reuerence. 1642 MILTON *Apol. Smect.* Wks. 1851 III. 287 This is a piece of sapience not worth the brain of a fruit-trencher. 1664 BUTLER *Hud.* II. iii. 794 Staring round with Owl-like Eies, He put his face into a posture Of Sapience, and began to bluster. 1781 COWPER *Charity* 519 Just as the sapience of an author's brain Suggests it safe or dang'rous to be plain. 1893 MORLEY *Sp. at Manchester* 8 Nov., Wisdom is the real article and sapience is the sham article.

†**3.** The apocryphal book of 'Wisdom'. *Obs.*

In *Piers Plowman* perh. used as a general name for the 'sapiential books' of the Bible.

1362 LANGL. *P. Pl.* A. VIII. 47 So seiþ þe sauter and sapience boþe. 1377 *Ibid.* B. III. 330 Se what Salamon seith in Sapience bokes. 14.. *Wyclif's Bible, Wisd.* ad fin., Here endith the book of Sapiens. 1534 MORE *Comf. agst. Trib.* II. Wks. 1199/1 Of this arowe speaketh the wise man in the .v. Chapter of Sapience. 1563 *Homilies* II. *Rogation Wk.* III. 245 b, Wherein is expressed further in Sapience howe God geueth his elect an vnderstandyng of the motions of the heauens.

Sapient (sē·piĕnt), *a.* and *sb.* [a. OF. *sapient* or ad. L. *sapient-em* wise, sb. wise man, prcs. pple. of *sapĕre* to have a taste or savour, to be sensible or wise.]

A. *adj.*

1. Wise. (A learned synonym, in serious use now only *poet.*)

1471 RIPLEY *Comp. Alch.* v. viii. in Ashm. (1652) 150 Of thys Pryncyple spekyth Sapyent Guydo. 1515 BARCLAY *Egloges* ii. (1570) B v b, Thou haste me saued by councell sapient Out of hell mouth. 1549 *Compl. Scot.* Epist. 5 That maist sapient prince..ihone of loran. 1622 CALLIS *Stat. Sewers* (1824) 334 In Scripture he is not counted sapient that before he build a house will not first count the charge of it. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* IX. 442 Where the Sapient King Held dalliance with his faire Egyptian Spouse. 1809 WOROSW. *Sonn.*, *'Alas! what boots the long laborious quest'*, If sapient Germany must lie deprest Beneath the brutal sword. 1868 LONGF. *Dante's Inferno* IV. 149 Another way my sapient Guide conducts me.

b. now usually *ironical.*

a 1763 SHENSTONE *Economy* I. 3 Nor think some Miser vents his sapient saw. 1784 COWPER *Task* II. 531 Now tell me, dignified and sapient Sir. 1790 BURKE *Fr. Rev.* 337 The œconomy which has been introduced by the virtuous and sapient assembly. 1822 LAMB *Elia, Bks. & Reading,* I think I see them at their work—these sapient troublet-tombs. 1886 HALL CAINE *Son of Hagar* II. XVI, Then the group of women at the gate separated with many a sapient comment.

c. Having knowledge *of,* aware *of. rare*—¹.

1764 GRAINGER *Sugar Cane* II. 306 The herds, as sapient of the coming storm..In troops associate.

†**2.** Used in the orig. sense of L. *sapĕre*: Having a taste or savour, sapid. *Obs.*

1599 A. HUME *Hymns* ii. 75 Of euerie substance sapient, the sapor and the taist..the mouth will try in haist.

B. *sb.* **1.** [=L. *sapiens.*] A wise man, sage. In later use only *jocularly.*

1549 *Compl. Scot.* XVI. 142 Conformand til ane addagia of ane of the seuyn sapientis callit mimus publianus. 1592 CHETTLE *Kind-harts Dr.* (1841) 38 Mirth, in seasonable time taken, is not forbidden by the austerest sapients. 1600 W. WATSON *Decacordon* (1602) 110 He must be an Antiquary with Nestor: an Historian with Plutarch, and a Sapient with Cato. 1827 SCOTT *Two Drovers* i, 'She canna do that', said another sapient of the same profession.

†**2.** = SAPIENCE. [? A confusion or mis-writing.]

a 1400–50 *Alexander* 622 þan was he lede furthe be-lyfe to lere at þe scole, As sone as to þat sapient him-self was of elde. *Ibid.* 2526 þare had I si3t of þe segg, his sapient [*Dubl. MS.* sapiens] I herde.

Sapiential (sē·pie·nʃăl), *a.* Also 5 **sapyencyall,** 7 **sapientiall.** [a. F. *sapiential,* or ad. eccl. L. *sapientiāl-is,* f. *sapientia* SAPIENCE.]

1. Belonging to or characterized by wisdom; esp. belonging to the wisdom of God (cf. SAPIENCE 1 b).

c 1485 *Digby Myst.* (1882) II. 80 For your sapyencyall wyttes I gyf commendacion. 1656 HOBBES *Quest. Liberty, Necess. & Chance* 212 Some distinctions are Scholastical onely, and some are Scholastical and sapiential also. 1663 BAXTER *Div. Life* II Man being made at first the Natural and Sapiential image of God. 1675 — *Cath. Theol.* II. I. 20 Under Gods sapiential Government of the World. *a* 1680 J. CORBET *Free Actions* II. iii. (1683) 16 God..can do with it as he pleaseth, by a sapiential Government.

2. Epithet of the 'wisdom' books of the Bible (Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Canticles, Wisdom, Ecclesiasticus); also applied occas. to kindred writings outside the canon. [So in eccl.L. and Fr.]

1568 BIBLE (Bishops') Introd. 8 b, The Bible..is of diuers natures, some legall, some historicall, some sapientiall, and some propheticall. 1673 O. WALKER *Educ.* I. vi. 50 Let him also frequently..read some part of the Scripture, and the Historical and Sapiential Books rather then the other. 1880 W. SANDAY in *Expositor* XI. 358 The Sapiential books in the Apocrypha. 1882 FARRAR *Early Chr.* I. 278 This Sapiential literature of Alexandria,..represented by the books of Ecclesiasticus and Wisdom and in the writings of Philo.

Hence **Sapie·ntially** *adv.*

1846 WORCESTER (cites BAXTER).

Sapientious (sē·pie·nʃəs), *a. rare.* [f. L. *sapienti-a* + -OUS.] Characterized by sapience.

1852 JERDAN *Autobiog.* I. xii. 90 Many a..sapientious declination of his head had the perplexed and bemused editor. 1860 WORCESTER (cites CHAMBERS).

†**Sapientipotent,** *a. Obs. rare.* [ad. L. *sapientipotent-em,* f. *sapient-* SAPIENT (or *sapientia* SAPIENCE) + *potentem* powerful.] Mighty in wisdom. Also *absol.* as *sb.*

1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr.*, *Sapientipotent,* mighty in wisdom. 1675 J. SMITH *Chr. Relig. App.* I. 25 Æacus his Progeny were a stolid Generation, that acted by main strength, not by policy, being belli-potents not sapienti-potents.

Sa·pientize, *v. nonce-wd.* [-IZE.] *trans.* To make sapient or wise.

c 1810 COLERIDGE in *Lit. Rem.* (1838) III. 219 Truly evangelical way of..sapientizing Calvin's *tolerabiles ineptias* by making them *ineptias usque ad carcerem et verbera intolerantes!*

Sapiently (sē·piĕntli), *adv.* [-LY 2.] In a sapient manner, wisely. Now usually ironically = with apparent or would-be wisdom.

1477 NORTON *Ord. Alch.* v. in Ashm. (1652) 77 Plato wrote full sapiently. 1816 KIRBY & SP. *Entomol.* (1818) II. xxiv. 382 From whence he very sapiently concludes, that not the tail but the mouth must be their organ of sound. 1872 W. R. GREG *Enigmas Life* 112 No government and no statesman has ever yet dared thus to supplement the inadequacy of personal patriotism by laws so sapiently despotic. 1882 MRS. J. H. RIDDELL *Pr. Wales' Garden-Party* 189 'Still property is property,' remarked MRS. Briart, sapiently.

†**Sapin.** *Obs.* Also 5–6 **-yn,** 7 **-ine.** [a. OF. (and mod.F.) *sapin,* ad. L. *sapīnus.*] A kind of fir or pine. Usually *sapin tree.*

1383–4 *Ely Sacr. Rolls* (1907) II. 47 In xxiv arboribus de sapin empt. pro stagyngg, 2ˢ 8ᵈ oᵈ. *c* 1489 CAXTON *Sonnes of Aymon* ix. 242, I lefte hym here by this sapyn tre. 1526 *Grete Herball* XV. (1529) B j, Agaryke is an excrescens that groweth nyghe to the rote of a sapyn tre. 1585 T. WASHINGTON tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* I. iv, They pul from the said Sapins great abundance of rosin. 1604 E. G[RIMSTONE] *D'Acosta's Hist. Indies* V. XXVI. 403 Which they died blacke with the fume of sapine, or firre trees, or rosine.

Sapindaceous (sæpindē·ʃəs), *a. Bot.* [f. mod.L. *Sapindus,* the typical genus of the order: see -ACEOUS.] Belonging to the N.O. *Sapindaceæ.*

1845 G. DON in *Encycl. Metrop.* VI. 174*/2 Sapindaceous trees.

Sapi-utan (sāpi,ū·tan). Also **-outan, -utang, -utung.** [Malay *sāpi ūtan* 'wild ox' (*sāpi* ox, *ūtan* wild: cf. ORANG-OUTANG.] A small wild ox of Celebes, *Anoa* (or *Bos*) *depressicornis.*

1868 BICKMORE *Trav. E. Ind. Archip.* 325 There dwells the *sapi-utung* or 'wild ox'. *Ibid.* 334 The wild ox, *sapi-utung.* 1869 A. R. WALLACE *Malay Archip.* I. 414 On their way they caught a young Sapi-utan and five pigs.

Sap lath. Also 7 **sapt lath.** [SAP *sb.*¹ 4.] A lath made of sap-wood.

1350 in Riley *Mem. Lond.* (1868) 261 [Also 30000] saplathes, [value 2s. per thousand]. 1415 in *York Minster Fabric Rolls* (Surtees) 35 In m.ccc. saplates emptis de Johanne Bateman de Topclyff, 5s. 10d. 1421 *Ibid.* 44 In m.m. saplattes emptis ab eodem, 8s. 1514 *MS. Acc. St. John's Hosp., Canterb.,* Payd for ij C off sep lath. 1577 HARRISON *England* II. xii. (1877) I. 235 Made fast here and there with saplaths. 1630–1 in Swayne *Sarum Churchw. Acc.* (1896) 192 Three hundred of sapt lathes, 2s. 3d. 1766 *Compl. Farmer* s.v. *Lath,* Heart of oak, sap laths, and deal laths. 1825 J. NICHOLSON *Operat. Mechanic* 611 Laths are also distinguished into heart and sap laths.

†**Sa·ple.** *Obs. rare*—¹. ? Altered form of SAPLING.

1589 T. LODGE *Scillaes Metam.* B 2, Her breast..From whence..her armes doo sweetly spred Like two rare branchie saples in the Spring.

Sapless (sæ·plĕs), *a.* [f. SAP *sb.*¹ + -LESS.]

1. Of plants, wood, etc.: Destitute of sap; dry, withered.

1591 SHAKS. 1 *Hen. VI,* II. v. 12 Pyth-lesse Armes, like to a withered Vine, That droupes his sappe-lesse Branches to the ground. 1678 H. VAUGHAN *Thalia Rediv., Affliction* (1858) 224 Flowers that in sunshine riot still, Dye, scorched and sapless. 1762 *Poetry in Ann. Reg.* 225 Sapless wood but makes a blaze. 1786 tr. *Beckford's Vathek* (1868) 46 Their summits..till then had never been covered but with sapless thistles and fern. 1818 SHELLEY *Euganean Hills* 43 Like sapless leaflets..Frozen upon December's bough. 1892 WALSH *Tea* (Philad.) 161 But if old and 'sapless' they [the tea leaves] will be found rough and 'chaffy' to the touch. *fig.* 1594 J. DICKENSON *Arisbas* (1878) 29 The saplesse frutes of greene yuuth, and pithlesse blossomes of a simple Authors vnripe wit.

b. Of soil: Dry, without moisture; also barren, unproductive.

1655 MOUFET & BENNET *Health's Impr.* (1746) 78 A dry, crumbling, sapless and unmingled Earth. 1665 SIR T. HERBERT *Trav.* (1677) 37 These Troglodites well knowing how little advantage that great Monarch would get by entring their sapless Country, scornfully refused it. 1827 LYTTON *Pelham* liv, I live, as it were, on a rock, barren, and herbless, and sapless. 1895 SALMOND *Chr. Doctr. Immort.* II. v. 262 His creative might will bring life out of the sapless dust of Sheol.

2. *transf.* and *fig.* a. Of persons: Lacking vital moisture, energy, or vigour. Also with reference to mental qualities: Lacking in character, insipid.

1598 MARSTON *Sco. Villanie* III. viii. 214, I am not saplesse old or reumatick. ? *c* 1600 *Distracted Emp.* I. i. in Bullen *O. Pl.* III. 168 Theres not enough to cherrish a desyer Left in his saplesse nerves. 1647 TRAPP *Comm.* 1 *Cor.* ii. (1656) 663 Such was that Sapless fellow Psal. 14. 1. that may have a disciplinary knowledge..but not an intuitive *per speciem propriam.* 1680 BAXTER *Answ. Stillingfl.* vi. 16 An unexperienced sapless Teacher. 1700 DRYDEN *Ovid's Met.* XV. 349 Now sapless on the verge of Death he stands. 1821 SHELLEY *Hellas* 706 Hear ye the blast,..Whose spirit shakes the sapless bones Of Slavery? 1875 JOWETT *Plato* (ed. 2) III. 33 Ghosts and sapless shades, and the rest of their Tartarian nomenclature. 1903 *Daily Chron.* 31 Oct. 3/2 In ten years he was friendless, his children sapless and sensitive, his wife lonely.

b. Of age, etc.

1591 SHAKS. 1 *Hen. VI,* IV. v. 4 When saplesse Age, and weake vnable limbes Should bring thy Father to his drooping Chaire. 1618 G. STRODE *Anat. Mortal.* 161 The euill dayes of sickly and saplesse old age. 1842 TENNYSON *Love & Duty* 16 The staring eye glazed o'er with sapless days. 1864 LOWELL *Fireside Trav.* 318 A somewhat sapless womanhood.

c. Of immaterial things, ideas, sayings, etc.: Destitute of inner worth, insipid, trivial, pointless.

1602 MARSTON *Antonio's Rev.* I. iii, Blowe hence these saplesse jestes. 1642 MILTON *Apol. Smect.* X. Wks. 1851 III. 310 Pestring their heads with the saplesse dotage of old Paris and Salamanca. 1664 H. MORE *Myst. Iniq.* 292 It is to make the Prophecy guilty of a sapless and useless Tautologie. 1732 WATERLAND *Script. Vind.* III. 38 Those heartless, sapless Services, which had no Godliness..in them, were not the Services which God required. 1850 MARSDEN *Early Purit.* (1853) 408 The evangelical principles of the Reformation had begun to decline..into a dry and sapless orthodoxy. 1891 *Academy* 29 Aug. 171/2 Old stories and sapless anecdotes. 1897 W. P. KER *Epic & Rom.* 358 The growth of a kind of dull, parasitic, sapless language over the old stocks.

Hence **Sa·plessness.**

1851 RUSKIN *Stones Ven.* I. XXVII. § 23 The good in it, the

life of it.., are Protestantism in its heart; the rigidity and saplessness are the Romanism of it. 1866 NEALE *Sequences & Hymns* 26 Now this saplessness shall flush to green.

Sapling (sæ·plin). Forms: 5 aapp(e)lynge, 6 aapplyne, 7 aaplyn, 7–9 aaplin, 8 aappling, 6– aapling. [f. SAP *sb.*[1] + -LING[1]. Cf. SIPLING.]

1. A young tree; *esp.* a young forest-tree with a trunk a few inches in diameter.

1415 in *York Minster Fabric Rolls* (Surtees) 35 In ij sappelynges emptis de Gilberto Walker pro gauntrees, 3s. 8d. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* XI. xi. 43 And scars this sentens prent into hys mynd, Hys douchtir for to clos wythin the rynd And stalwart sapplyne or bark of cork tre. 1543 *Mem. Fountains Abb.* (Surtees) I. 412 Yonge saplings. *Ibid.* 413 Smale saplings. 1594 SHAKS. *Rich. III*, III. iv. 71 Behold, mine Arme Is like a blasted Sapling, wither'd vp. 1607 NORDEN *Surv. Dial.* V. 212 To preserue the timber trees, and saplins likely to become timber trees, Oke, Elme, and Ashe. 1681 DINELEY *Jrnl. Tour Irel.* in *Trans. Kilkenny Archæol. Soc.* Ser. II. IV. 332 The Roof of this Church is admirable, of whole Saplyns. 1775 ADAIR *Amer. Ind.* 310 If the hunter chance to miss his aim, he speedily makes off to a sappling, which the bear..cannot climb. 1810 SCOTT *Lady of L.* I. xiv, The broom's tough roots his ladder made, The hazel saplings lent their aid. 1818 CAUSE *Digest* (ed. 2) I. 149 Saplins not proper to be cut as timber. 1896 A. E. HOUSMAN *Shropshire Lad* XXXI, The gale, it plies the saplings double.

b. used as a switch.

a 1712 W. KING *Old Cheese* 69 Slouch..saw his wife's vigorous hand Wielding her oaken sapling of command.

2. *transf.* A young or inexperienced person.

1588 SHAKS. *Tit. A.* III. ii. 50 Peace tender Sapling, thou art made of teares, And teares will quickly melt thy life away. 1738 LILLO *Marina* I. ii, *Bawd.* You're a sapling to talk so to one of my experience. 1828 P. CUNNINGHAM *N. S. Wales* (ed. 3) II. 255 The saplings from Carter's Barracks, Sidney, are three times greater nuisances than the 'full growths' in the Penitentiary there. 1847 MARRYAT *Childr. N. Forest* xi, Right, my sapling; right and well said. 1905 *Academy* 7 Oct. 1031/2 What god or mortal reared up so fair a sapling?

3. A young greyhound (see quots.).

1832 [cf. *sapling stake* below]. 1853 'STONEHENGE' *Greyhound* xiv. 274 The young greyhound is called a sapling till he is a year old, after which he becomes a puppy till two years old. 1892 *Coursing & Falconry* (Badm. Libr.) 56 A sapling is a greyhound whelped on or after January 1 of the same year in which the season of running began.

4. a. *appositively* or as *adj.* That is a sapling.

1700 DRYDEN *Theod. & Hon.* 129 A Saplin Pine he wrench'd from out the Ground. 1807 WORDSW. *White Doe* I. 121 Mourns she for lordly chamber's hearth That to the sapling ash gives birth. 1869 TOZER *Highl. Turkey* II. 280 The branch of a sapling tree.

b. simple *attrib.*, as *sapling pole, stick*, (sense 3) *sapling stake.* Also **sapling-cup, -tankard**, an open cup or tankard formed of wood, with staves hooped like a diminutive barrel.

1851 *Archæol. Jrnl.* VIII. 427 A *Sapling cup—an oaken tankard for drinking new ale. 1762 MILLS *Syst. Pract. Husb.* I. 437 They [the corn-bins] are made of *sapling poles, three or four inches diameter. 1832 in *Altcar Coursing Cal.* (1839) 47 *Sapling Stakes. 1885 *Field* 21 Feb. 228/3 Having conspired to run in a sapling stake..a greyhound which was not a sapling. 1828 SCOTT *F. M. Perth* xiv, He bore no weapon in his hand, excepting a small *sapling stick, with a hooked head. 1900 H. LAWSON *Over Sliprails* 59 The wheel was boxed in, mostly with round sapling-sticks.

Hence **Sa·plinghood**, the condition or state of being a sapling.

1868 NETTLESHIP *Browning* vi. 218 Just as one having a rare tree..would not, in its saplinghood, set it..in a forest of full-grown giant trees. 1903 EDNA K. WALLACE in *Critic* XLIII. 315 Then..I grew From sapling-hood to a Tree.

Sapo, var. form of SARPO, toadfish.

Sapodilla (sæpodi·lă). Forms: 7 **sapadilloe,** (*pl.*) **sapadillies,** 7–8 **sapadillo,** 8 **sappadilla, -o, sapodylle, sabatille,** 9 **aapotilla, aapadilla, sappodilla, zapotilla** (in Dicts.), 8– **sapodilla.** [a. Sp. *zapotilla* (whence F. *sapotille*), dim. of *zapote* SAPOTA; for the change of *t* to *d* cf. Du. *sapodille*, G. *sappadill.*]

1. A large evergreen tree, *Achras Sapota,* native of tropical America, having a durable wood and an edible fruit. Also called NASEBERRY.

1697 DAMPIER *Voy.* I. 39 Where there grow great Groves of Sapadillies, which is a sort of Fruit much like a Pear, but more juicy. 1699 L. WAFER *Voy.* 58 The Sambaloe's are.. cover'd with variety of Trees; especially with Mammees, Sapadilloes, and Manchineel, &c. 1753 CHAMBERS *Cycl. Supp.* App., *Sappadilla,* a name used by some for the *cainito,* or *chrysophyllum,* of botanists. 1794 G. ADAMS *Nat. & Exp. Philos.* III. xxix. 193 Deal wood makes very good pendulum-rods; the wood called sapadillo is said to be still better. 1871 KINGSLEY *At Last* 21, The glossy foliage of the mangos and sapodillas. 1892 [see NASEBERRY].

2. The fruit of this tree.

1750 G. HUGHES *Barbadoes* 148 The inside pulp of the fruit is milky, and of a soft sweet taste, not unlike a Sappadillo. 1764 GRAINGER *Sugar Cane* II. 441 The sweetest sappadillas oft he brought. 1782 P. H. BRUCE *Mem.* XII. 423 They [the people of the Bahamas and adjacent islands] have tamarinds, ..sapodylles, bananas, sowersops [etc.]. 1796 STEDMAN *Surinam* II. xxvi. 242 We had also the fruit called sabatille, which grows on a large tree. 1804 tr. *Piguenard's Zeflora* I. 33 Negroes, who came..with oranges, lemons, pine apples, sapotillas, and all the different fruits of the country to sell. 1885 LADY BRASSEY *The Trades* 323 Among the fruits of the Bahamas the sapodilla is abundant and cheap.

3. *attrib.*, as *sapodilla wood*; **sapodilla-plum** = sense 2; **sapodilla-tree** = sense 1.

1830 LINDLEY *Nat. Syst. Bot.* 181 The *Sappodilla Plum, the Star Apple [etc.]. 1697 DAMPIER *Voy.* I. 202 The *Sapadillo-Tree is as big as a large Pear-tree. 1908 R. W. CHAMBERS *Firing Line* XXXVII, Under the sapodilla-trees on the lawn. 1866 *Treas. Bot.* s.v., The West Indian *Sapodilla-wood..is a fancy wood used for furniture.

Sapogenin (săpǫ·dʒėnin). *Chem.* [f. SAPO(NIN) + -GEN + -IN.] A crystalline compound obtained 'by treating saponin with dilute mineral acids'.

1862 WATTS tr. *Gmelin's Handbk. Chem.* XV. 53.

Sapon, obs. form of SAPAN.

Saponaceous (sæpŏnē·ʃəs), *a.* [f. mod.L *sāpōnācē-us* (F. *saponacé*), f. L. *sāpōn-em* SOAP *sb.*: see -ACEOUS.]

1. Of the nature of, or resembling, soap; consisting of, or containing, soap; soapy.

1710 T. FULLER *Pharm. Extemp.* 109 A Saponaceous Draught. 1731 ARBUTHNOT *Aliments* i. (1735) 13 The Gall ..is a saponaceous Substance, being compos'd of an Alkaline Salt, Oil, and Water, all which can be extracted from it. 1748 *Phil. Trans.* XLV. 553 These..made a kind of Soap, or sulphureous saponaceous Salt, resembling Soap of Tartar. 1757 DYER *Fleece* I. 70 Rich saponaceous loam, that slowly drinks The blackening show'r. 1770 *Cook's 1st Voy.* III. viii. in *Hawkesworth's Voy.* (1773) III. 634 It was ..saponaceous to the touch, and almost as heavy as white lead. 1812 BRACKENRIDGE *Views Louisiana* (1814) 105 A kind of clay, of a dirty yellow, and of a saponaceous appearance. 1826 HENRY *Elem. Chem.* II. 293 Caustic fixed alkalis convert wax into a saponaceous compound. 1839 MURCHISON *Silur. Syst.* I. vi. 81 Some portions of which [*sc.* shale] have a saponaceous feel. 1878 T. BRYANT *Pract. Surg.* I. 575 A saponaceous tooth powder should be used.

2. *jocularly.* 'Soapy', *lit.* and *fig.*; unctuous in manner; 'slippery', evasive.

1837 SYD. SMITH *Let. to Archd. Singleton* Wks. 1859 II. 294/1 Among all his pecuniary, saponaceous, oleaginous parishioners. 1860 SALA *Baddington Peerage* I. xi. 192 Then did the uncertain chase after the pig with the saponaceous tail take place. 1864 LO. WESTBURY in *Daily Tel.* 16 July, This so-called synodical judgment was, no doubt, a well-lubricated form of words, but it was so oily, so saponaceous, that no one could grasp it.

Sapona·city. *rare* (*jocular*). [irreg. f. SAPONAC-EOUS + -ITY.] Soapiness.

1845 THACKERAY *Cornhill to Cairo* vii, You little knew what saponacity was till you entered a Turkish bath. 1860 WORCESTER (citing *Dublin Rev.*).

†Saponariness. *Obs. rare*[−1]. [f. SAPONARY + -NESS.] Saponaceous quality.

1669 W. SIMPSON *Hydrol. Chym.* 189 Whence proceeds the saponaryness of all fix'd salts.

†Saponary, *a.* and *sb. Obs. rare.* [ad. med.L. *sāpōnārius,* f. L. *sāpōn-em* (*sāpo*) soap (see -ARY).]

A. *adj.* Saponaceous, soapy.

1661 BOYLE *Cert. Physiol. Ex.* (1669) 199 By digesting a good while a solution of Salt of Tartar with Oyl of Almonds, I could reduce them to a soft Saponary substance. 1699 *Phil. Trans.* XXI. 247 The Bile is generally allow'd to have much of a saponary nature.

B. *sb.*

1. The plant Soapwort, *Saponaria officinalis.* Cf. SAPONER.

1526 *Grete Herball* cccIxxxiv. (1529) X iij, Saponaria.. is called saponary fullers grass..and crowsoppe.

2. *sb. pl.* Substances convertible into soap (see quot.).

1684 tr. *Bonet's Merc. Compit.* XIX. 831 Alkalines and Enixa, which on this account are called Saponaries.

†Saponer. *Obs. rare*[−1]. [ad. med.L. *sāpōnāria.*] The plant Soapwort; = SAPONARY *sb.* 1.

a 1400–50 *Stockh. Med. MS.* 156 Saponer or lesse crow-[so]pe: *Saponaria minor.*

Saponifiable (săpǫ·nifəiăb'l), *a.* [f. SAPONIFY *v.* + -ABLE.] Capable of being saponified or converted into soap.

1835–6 *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* I. 411/1 Seroline..is a white slightly opalescent substance,..not saponifiable. 1873 RALFE *Phys. Chem.* 19 Which causes the saponifiable fats to dissolve out, leaving the non-saponifiable in solution.

Saponification (săpǫnifikē·ʃən). [a. F. *saponification,* f. *saponifier* SAPONIFY *v.*: see -FICATION.] The process of saponifying; the decomposition of a fat by the addition of an alkali which combines with its fatty acids to form a soap, the remaining constituent, glycerine, being consequently liberated.

1821 URE *Dict. Chem.* s.v. *Fat,* Saponification by potash. 1836–41 BRANDE *Chem.* (ed. 5) 1137 The general results of saponification. 1884 J. PATON in *Encycl. Brit.* XVII. 740/2 The saponification of stearin with sodic hydrate.

b. *Saponification equivalent,* a 'term signifying the number of grammes of any oil saponified by one gramme of an alkali' (*Syd. Soc. Lex.* 1897).

1877 in Moloney *Forestry W. Afr.* (1887) 49 Saponification equivalent [of palm oil from] Brass 280·2.

c. (See quot. 1877.)

1877 LITTLEJOHN in *Encycl. Brit.* VII. 475/1 On the other hand, in cool weather the progress of liquefaction [of a corpse] is arrested, and the soft parts become solidified, owing to their conversion into adipocire, a peculiar kind of animal soap. To this stage..Devergie gives the name of saponification. 1882 TIDY *Legal Med.* I. 115 Partial saponification may be expected..after three months' submersion in water, and after twelve months' burial in earth.

Saponifier (săpǫ·nifəiəi), [f. next + -ER[1].]

1. An apparatus for isolating glycerine and the fatty acids by saponification.

1888. *Sci. Amer. Sup.* 2562 (Knight).

2. An alkali used in saponification.

1872 CAOOKES *Wagner's Handbk. Chem. Technol.* 242 Natrona refined saponifier.

Saponify (săpǫ·nifəi), *v.* [ad. F. *saponifier,* ad. mod.L. *sāpōnificāre,* f. *sāpōn-* SOAP: see -IFY.]

1. *trans.* To convert (a fat or an oil) into soap by combination with an alkali.

1821 URE *Dict. Chem.* s.v. *Fat,* Each of the constituents of natural fat were then saponified by the addition of potash. 1854 R. D. THOMSON *Cycl. Chem.* 441/1 Ricinoleic Acid..Sherry-coloured syrupy acid.., obtained by saponifying castor oil. 1879 *Cassell's Techn. Educ.* IV. 192/2 They [articles to be gilded] are, therefore, first boiled in caustic alkali in order to saponify and render soluble all traces of grease. 1897 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* III. 132 The fat must be emulsified or saponified before it can be absorbed.

2. *intr.* To become converted into soap.

1823 URE *Dict. Chem.* (ed. 2) s.v. *Soap,* Those [oils or fats] which saponify best,..are, 1. Oil of olives..2. Animal oils [etc.]. 1884 W. S. B. MCLAREN *Spinning* (ed. 2) 46 The best oils are those which..saponify with the greatest facility with carbonate of soda. 1900 *Lancet* 29 Sept. 950/1 Kelpion ..is a greasy, dark-olive-coloured substance which refuses to saponify with strong soda solution.

Hence **Sapo·nified, Sapo·nifying** *ppl. adjs.*

1821 URE *Dict. Chem.* s.v. *Fat,* The saponified fat of the sheep. 1856 *Orr's Circ. Sci., Pract. Chem.* 311 Finely divided and saponified fats. 1880 W. C. ROBERTS *Introd. Metallurgy* 9 The saponifying powers of litharge. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VI. 259 The saponifying ferment—lipase—which Hanriot has discovered in blood-serum is probably one of the agents concerned in disposing of the fat.

Saponin, -ine (sæ·pŏnin, -əin). *Chem.* [a. F. *saponine,* f. L. *sāpōn-* soap: see -IN.] A glucoside obtained from *Saponaria officinalis, Quillaia saponaria,* and many other plants.

1831 J. DAVIES *Manual Mat. Med.* 127 Saponine..presents the physical properties of a solution of soap. 1836–41 BRANDE *Chem.* (ed. 5) 1230/2 Saponin [obtained] from the *Saponaria officinalis.* 1884 A. DANIELL *Princ. Physics* xi. 247 If a magnetic needle be so adjusted as to have its lower surface in contact with the surface of a solution of saponine, it will remain in any position in defiance of the directive force of the earth's magnetism.

Saponite (sæ·pŏnəit). *Min.* [f. L. *sāpōn-em* soap + -ITE; formed by Svanberg 1841 as a rendering of the Ger. name *seifenstein* (= soap-stone).] A hydrous silicate of aluminium and magnesium, occurring in soft, soapy, amorphous masses, filling veins in serpentine and cavities in trap-rock.

1849 J. NICOL *Man. Min.* Index. 1862 DANA *Man. Min.* 145. 1866 LAWRENCE tr. *Cotta's Rocks Class.* (1878) 22 Saponite occurs in fissures of serpentine rock. 1883 M. F. HEDDLE in *Encycl. Brit.* XVI. 414/2 Saponite,..Massive; sectile, and very soft...White, orange-yellow, pale green, and reddish brown...Occurs in all the above colours in the later igneous rocks of Scotland, commonly.

Saponule, -ul (sæ·pŏniūl, -vl). *Chem.* [f. L. *sāpōn-* soap: see -ULE.] (See quot. 1897.)

1794 G. PEARSON *Table Chem. Nomencl.* Pl. 4 end, Saponules of Turpentine, &c. 1802 T. THOMSON *Chem.* II. 182 The French chemists have proposed to give the combinations which these bodies form with the volatile oils the name of *savonules,* which Dr. Pearson has translated by the term *saponules.* 1897 *Syd. Soc. Lex., Saponule,* term for an imperfect and partial soap formed by incomplete saponification of volatile..oils by means of various bases.

Sapor, sapour (sē·pǫr, -pəɹ). Also 6 **sapowr.** [a. L. *sapor, sapōr-em* taste (whence F. *saveur* SAVOUR), f. *sapĕre* to taste, to be sapid.] A quality such as is perceived by the sense of taste, as sweetness, bitterness, sourness, etc.; a taste, savour; the taste or savour of a substance, esp. of an article of food or drink. Now chiefly in scientific use.

†*Sapor* PONTIC, *Sapor* STYPTIC: particular 'sapors' frequently mentioned by the alchemists as indicative of the nature or condition of substances under examination.

1477 NORTON *Ord. Alch.* v. in *Ashm.* (1652) 63 Which I teach you to knowne by signes fowre, By Colour, Odour, Sapor and Liquore. *Ibid.* v. 69 As Sapor of Meates chaungeth your Tastinge. *c* 1480 HENRYSON *Orpheus & Eurydice* 23 Lyke as a strand of water or a spring Haldis the sapour of his fontall well. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* V. Prol. 54 Not jawyn fra tun to tun, In fresche sapour new fro the berrie run. 1552 LYNDESAY *Monarche* 6158 In thare mouth, ane taist, as I heir tell, Off sweit and Supernaturall Sapowris. 1615 CROOKE *Body of Man* 628 The other Nerue is sprinckled into the flesh of the Tongue..and by that meanes the Tongue is made apprehensiue of *Sapors.* 1638 FEATLY *Transubst.* 76 You tast nothing but bread in the one, and the sapour of wine in the other. 1682 CREECH tr. *Lucretius* IV. 117 Whil'st Colours strike the Eyes, Odours the Smell, Sapours the Tast. 1699 EVELYN *Acetaria* 91 Without being over-power'd by some Herb of a stronger Taste, so as to endanger the native Sapor and Vertue of the rest. 1725 WATTS *Logic* II. iii. § 1 To discover the shape of those little particles of matter which distinguish the various sapors, odors, and colors of bodies. 1826 HOR. SMITH *Tor Hill* (1838) III. 314 The exquisite sapor of their French dishes. 1849–52 *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* IV. 857/1 There remains a large class of pure sapors, of which we take cognizance without the assistance of smell, and which are altogether dissimilar to any tactile impressions: such as the bitter of quinine. 1861 LANKESTER *On Food* 256 We will call these substances which are tasted, *sapours,* in opposition to those which are called *odours.*

fig. *c* 1568 LAUDER *Min. P., Ane Godlie Tractate* 110 Tha want the Sapour of the spreit Of Christ Jesus. 1677 GALE *Crt. Gentiles* II. IV. 62 This deservedly rules al offices which flow from its empire, are tinctured with its color and sapor, and ought to be referred to it.

b. In generalized sense: Quality in relation to the sense of taste.

1650 Bulwer *Anthropomet.* i. 10 The gullet and conveying parts are [not] appertaining unto sapor. 1680 Boyle *Scept. Chem.* vi. 394 Sapour being an Accident or an Affection of matter that relates to our..Organs of Tast. 1704 J. Harris *Lex. Techn.* I, *Saporifick Particles*, are such as by their Action on the Tongue occasion that Sensation which we call Taste or Sapor.

† **Sa·poral**, *a. Obs. rare*—1. [f. Sapor + -al.] Of or pertaining to taste or 'sapor'.

1651 Biggs *New Disp.* P 80 How many sowre things are there which by their saporall rules should be most cold, which notwithstanding are most hot.

Saporific (sæpŏrĭ·fik), *a. rare.* [ad. mod.L. *sapōrificus*, f. *sapōr-em*: see Sapor and -(i)fic. Cf. F. *saporifique.*] 'Having the power to produce tastes' (J.); imparting flavour or taste.

1704 [see Sapor b]. 1721 Bailey, *Saporifick*, causing Taste. 1768 [W. Donaldson] *Life Sir B. Sapskull* II. xxv. 212 He..always insisted upon a saporific crust to stimulate the flavour of the punicious fluid.

Saporine, *a. rare*—1. [f. Sapor + -ine.] Pertaining to the sense of taste.

1813 T. Busby tr. *Lucretius* II. iv. *Comm.* p. xxxiv, They more readily receive the impressions, which, by the saporine nerves, are transmitted to the sensorium.

Saporosity (sæpŏrɒ·sĭti). *rare.* [f. mod.L. *sapōrōs-us*: see next and -ity.] That property of a body by which it imparts the sensation of taste.

1794 E. Darwin *Zoon.* I. 115 Unless we may use the words Saporosity and Odorosity for these common properties, which are possessed by our organs of taste and smell, and by the particles of sapid and odorous bodies.

Saporous (sē'·pŏrɔs), *a. rare.* [ad. mod.L. *sapōrōsus*, f. *sapōr-em*: see Sapor and -ous.] Of or pertaining to taste; having flavour or taste; yielding some kind of taste. † Also, agreeable to the taste, savoury.

a 1670 Hacket *Cent. Serm.* (1675) 283 We read of Manna that it was saporous to all palates. 1704 J. Harris *Lex. Techn.* I, *Saporous*, are such Bodies as are capable of yielding some kind of Taste when touch'd with our tongue; but those that afford no Taste, are called *Insipid.* 1813 T. Busby tr. *Lucretius* II. iv. 748 The sharp and jagged in their progress tear The suffering nerves, and wage saporous war. 1828 *Blackw. Mag.* XXIII. 590 We omit no solitary supplement..which can contribute to such cunning combinations as result in saporous felicity.

‖ **Sapota** (săpō·tă). Forms: 6–9 **sapote**, 7 **sapotte**; 7 **supota, supporter, sappota**, 9 **zapota**, 8– **sapota.** [repr. Sp. and Pg. *zapote* (whence F. *sapote*), a. Mexican *zapotl*, *çapotl.* The form now in use is from mod. Latin.] **a.** The tree *Achras Sapota* and its fruit; = Sapodilla 1, 2; (see also quot. 1887). As mod.L., a genus, the type of the *Sapotaceæ*, now referred to *Achras*.

White sapota, the greenish yellow fruit of the Mexican tree *Casimiroa edulis* (*Funk's Stand. Dict.* 1895). **Mammee-sapota**, see Mammee 3.

? *c* 1560 Tomson in *Hakluyt's Voy.* (1600) III. 454 There are many goodly fruits in that Countrey, whereof we haue none such, as Plantanos, Guyaues, Sapotes, Tunas. 1648 Gage *West Ind.* 42 There we had..the Plantin, Sapotte, Chicosapotte, Pine-fruit, and all other fruits that were to be found in Mexico. 1760 J. Lee *Introd. Bot.* App. 326 Sapota, *Achras.* 1760–72 tr. *Juan & Ulloa's Voy.* (ed. 3) I. 75 The sapotes are round, about two inches in circumference. 1811 Pinkerton *Mod. Geog., West Indies* (abr., ed. 3) 666 The sapota or sapadilla. 1866 Mary B. Clarke *Mosses fr. Rolling Stone* 120 Zapotas, rough and brown. 1887 Brigham *Guatemala* 131 There is no little confusion in the nomenclature of the sapotes or sapodillas. What is usually called sapote in Guatemala does not belong to the genus Sapota, but to an allied genus, Lucuma, and is known in the W. Indies as the mammee-apple...The sapoton or big sapote does not even belong to the Sapota family, but is a Pachira.

b. *attrib.*, as *sapota plum, wood.*

1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) I. 68/2 Achras or Sapota Plum. 1844 *Civil Eng. & Arch. Jrnl.* VII. 94/1 The material of the beams of the doors was sapote wood. *a* 1881 L. H. Morgan *Contrib. Amer. Ethnol.* 273 They used sapote wood usually for lintels.

Sapotaceous (sæpotē'·ʃəs), *a. Bot.* [f. mod.L. *Sapotāce-æ* (f. Sapota): see -aceous.] Of or pertaining to, or characteristic of the *Sapotaceæ*, a N. O. of gamopetalous plants typified by the *Achras* (formerly *Sapota*).

1845 G. Don in *Encycl. Metrop.* VI. 178*/1.

Sapotad (sæ·pɒtæd). [f. Sapot-a + -ad 1 d.] Lindley's term for: A plant of the N. O. *Sapotaceæ.*

1846 Lindley *Veg. Kingd.* 590.

Sapote, variant of Sapota.

Sapotilla, Sapotte, obs. ff. Sapodilla, Sapota.

Sapour, variant of Sapor.

Sappadilla, -o, obs. forms of Sapodilla.

† **Sa·ppar(e.** *Min. Obs.* [a. F. *sappare* (De Saussure 1789 in *Jrnl. de Physique* XXXIV. 213).

De Saussure copies from the label of his specimen (received from the Duke of Gordon) a statement indicating that the name came from the records of the abortive attempt to find gold in Scotland in the reign of James VI. In Atkinson's book of 1619, *Discovery and History of Gold Mynes in Scotland* (ed. Bannatyne Club, pp. 15, 67), 'the sapparr, saxere, and salineere stones' are mentioned as minerals in conjunction with which gold may be expected to be found. It is very doubtful whether these terms had any real meaning; the description of 'sappar-stone' on p. 15 would seem to suit quartz; it certainly does not refer to cyanite.]

An obsolete synonym of Cyanite.

1796 Kirwan *Elem. Min.* (ed. 2) I. 209 Sappare. Cyanite of Werner. 1862 Dana *Min.* 173 Kyanite..is also called *sappar*, a corruption of sapphire.

Sapped (sæpt), *ppl. a.* [f. Sap *v.*1 + -ed 1.] Undermined.

1716 Gay *Trivia* III. 389 Her sap'd Foundations. 1840 Dickens *Old C. Shop* liii, Here were the rotten beam, the sinking arch, the sapped and mouldering wall.

Sappelynge, obs. form of Sapling.

Sapper 1 (sæ·pəɹ). [f. Sap *v.*1 + -er 1, after F. *sapeur.*]

1. One who saps; *spec.* a soldier employed in working at saps, the building and repairing of fortifications, the execution of field-works, and the like.

The non-commissioned officers and privates of the Engineers were formerly called the (*Royal*) *Sappers and Miners*, but in 1859 they became the Royal Engineers. (The privates are still unofficially called *sappers.*)

1626 tr. *Boccalini's New-found Politicke* 92 These are ..tooles belonging to Pioners, Sappers, Diggers [etc.]. 1642 Hexham *Princ. Art Milit.* II. (ed. 2) 37 He..continues the Sap,..and then follows another Sapper presently, who [etc.]. 1780 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 2) IX. 6952/1 A brigade of sappers generally consists of eight men, divided equally into two parties; and whilst one of these parties is advancing the sap, the other is furnishing the gabions, fascines, and other necessary implements, who relieve each other alternately. 1811 Wellington in Gurw. *Desp.* (1837) VIII. 601, I would beg to suggest..the expediency of adding to the Engineers' establishment a corps of sappers and miners. 1851 *Ord. & Regul. Roy. Engineers* § 2. 7 Officers of Engineers, are restrained from employing Soldiers of the Corps of Royal Sappers and Miners, as Servants. 1868 *Regul. & Ord. Army* P 762 A Gunner, Sapper or private, as the case may be. 1872 *Pall Mall G.* 6 Apr. 8 For use by the officers and sappers of the Royal Engineers for torpedo operations. 1896 Kipling *Seven Seas* 175 The Lord He created the Engineer, Her Majesty's Royal Engineer, With the rank and pay of a Sapper!

2. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *sapper officer*, etc.; **sapper-pumper**, *nonce-wd.*, used for F. *sapeur-pompier* a member of a (French) fire-brigade.

1876 Voyle & Stevenson *Milit. Dict.* (ed. 3) s. v. *Engineers*, On active service, an engineer officer is sometimes a *sapper officer. 1841 Thackeray *Sec. Funeral Napoleon* iii, The *Sapper-pumpers, with ditto. 1894 Du Maurier *Trilby* vi. (1895) 288 All the sapper-pumpers..with their beautiful brass helmets! 1900 *Daily News* 21 May 7/6 A telegraph cart manned by *sapper telegraphists.

Sapper 2 (sæ·pəɹ). *Mech.* [f. Sap *sb.*1 + -er 1.] A tool for cutting away sap-wood (see quots.).

1822 *Amer. Jrnl. Sci.* V. 147 On this shaft [of a rotary saw machine] are the saw and sappers...The sappers which are crooked pieces of iron, steel edged,..cut the sap off the log. 1891 *Century Dict., Sapper*, a chisel used in some sawing-machines to cut away waste or sap-wood and reduce a log to a cylindrical shape.

Sapper 3 (sæ·pəɹ). *Eton slang.* [f. Sap *v.*3 + -er 1.] One who 'saps' or studies hard.

1825 C. M. Westmacott *Eng. Spy* (1907) I. 52 Pleasant clever Hawtrey, and careful Okes, and that shrewd sapper, Green..: these form his classic escort to the cloisters.

‖ **Sapperment** (sapəɹme·nt). *int.* [G. *sapperment*, corruption of *sakrament* Sacrament.] An oath put in the mouth of a German speaker.

1815 Scott *Guy M.* xxxiii, 'That won't pass, Mr. Captain', 'That *must* pass, Mr. Justice—sapperment!' 1823 — *Quentin D.* xxii, Sapperment—what a shy fairy it is! 1894 Du Maurier *Trilby* II. (1895) 106 But you are not listening, sapperment!

Sappharine, obs. form of Sapphirine *a.*

Saphic (sæ·fik), *a.* and *sb.* Also 6 **Saphik, Saphic(ke**, 6–8 **Sap(p)hick**, 7 **Sap(p)hique.** [a. F. *saphique*, † *sapphique* (16th c. in Godefroy), ad. L. *Sapphic-us*, a. Gr. Σαπφικός.] **A.** *adj.* Of or pertaining to Sappho (Σαπφώ), the famous poetess of Lesbos (*c* 600 B. C.); *spec.* epithet of the metres used by her (see B).

1501 Douglas *Pal. Hon.* II. iv, Metir saphik, and also elygie. 1585 T. Washington tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* II. ix. 43 She inuented the verses which after her name are called Saphic. 1656 Blount *Glossogr.*, *Sapphique Verse.* 1706 A. Beoford *Temple Mus.* v. 100 Iambick, and Sapphick Verses. 1871 *Public Sch. Lat. Gram.* 472 Catullus has two Sapphic Odes. 1872 Calverley *Fly Leaves* (1884) 97 She'd throw off odes, again, whose flow And fire were more than Sapphic.

B. *sb.* A metre used by Sappho or named after her. Chiefly *pl.*, verses written in the Sapphic stanza.

Greater Sapphic: a logaœdic distich of which the first line is ⏑⏑–⏑–⏑ and the second (the Greater Sapphic verse) is ⏑⏑–⏑–⏑‖–⏑⏑–⏑–⏑. *Lesser Sapphic*: a logaœdic hendecasyllable with a dactyl in the third place (⏑⏑–⏑ –⏑⏑–⏑–⏑). The 'Sapphic stanza' consists of three Lesser Sapphics followed by an Adonic (–⏑⏑–⏑).

a 1586 Sidney *Arcadia* I. (1598) 78 Zelmane..tooke out of his hand the Lute, and..sung these Saphikes. 1586 W. Webbe *Eng. Poetrie* (Arb.) 81 For tryall of which I haue turned the new Poets sweete song of Eliza into such homely Sapphick as I coulde. *c* 1645 Howell *Lett.* (1650) II. 50 Give me leave to salute you first in these Sapphics. 1730 Swift *Dan Jackson's Picture*, To give us a Description graphick Of Dan's large Nose, in modern Saphick. 1892 Lounsbury *Stud. Chaucer* II. vii. 49 Lumbering hexameters and dolorous sapphics consequently made their appearance in English literature.

Sapphire (sæ·fəi·ɹ). Forms: 3–6 **saphyr**, 3–7 **saphir**, 4–5 **safir(e, (saphire), safer(e**, 4–6 **saffer(e, safyr(e, sapher**, 4–7 **saphyre**, 4–8 **saphire**, 5 **saffyr, saffre, safewr, (safour, safur)**, 5–6 *Sc.* **sapheir**, 6 **saphere, saphier, (safure, saffure, -oure**, *Sc.* **saufir**), 7 **sappheir**, *Sc.* **saiffer**, 8–9 **sapphyr**, 8– **sapphire.** [a. OF. *safir* (12th c. in Littré), mod.F. *saphir* (Pr. *saphir, safir*, Sp. *zafir, zafiro*, Pg. *safira, zafira*, It. *zaffiro*), ad. L. *sapphīr-us*, also *sapp(h)ir* (both fem.), a. Gr. *σάπφειρος*, fem., said to mean lapis laznli (our sapphire being perh. the *ὑάκινθος*, L. *hyacinthus*); prob. a. some Semitic form, cf. Hebr. סַפִּיר *sappīr*, rendered *σάπφειρος*, *sapphirus* in the LXX and Vulg.

The word, however, does not appear to be ultimately of Semitic origin. As Heb. *sappīr* may represent an earlier **sampīr* (cf. Jewish Aramaic *sampīrīnā*), some scholars have conjectured that the source may be Skr. *çanipriya* (lit. 'dear to the planet Saturn'), the name of some dark gem, perh. sapphire or emerald. The Pers. *saffīr* and mod.Arab. *çafir* may be from Greek.]

1. A precious stone of a beautiful transparent blue. It is a variety of native alumina akin to the ruby.

a 1272 *Luue Ron* 173 in *O. E. Misc.* 98 Hwat spekstu of eny stone..Of iaspe, of saphir, of sardone. 13.. *K. Alis.* 5667 (Bodl. MS.), Safyres Smaragdes & Margarites. 1340 *Ayenb.* 82 Hy wenep of a gles þet hit by a safir. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Monk's T.* 478 Of Rubies, saphires [*v. rr.* safferys, safers], and of peerles white Were alle hise clothes brouded vp and doun. *c* 1430 Lydg. *Min. Poems* (Percy Soc.) 159 A poore man proud is nat comendable, Nor a fayr saphir set in a copir ryng. *c* 1450 *Guy Warw.* (C.) 11403 Some were of safewrs and some of saradyn. *c* 1475 *Rauf Coilȝear* 464 With stanis of Beriall deir, Dyamountis and Saphеir. 1554 *Bury Wills* (Camden) 145 Oon gold ringe wt a saffer. 1583 Greene *Mamillia* Wks. (Grosart) II. 61 Though the Polipe chaungeth colour euery houre: yet the Saphyre will cracke before it consent to disloyaltie. 1597 Shaks. *Lover's Compl.* 215 The heauen hewd Saphir. 1624 Quarles *Sion's Sonn.* Div. Poems (1630) 299 With veines, like Saphyres, winding in and out. 1676 Evelyn *Diary* 26 Aug., He reported prodigious depth of ice, blew as a sapphire, and as transparent. 1711 Pope *Temp. Fame* 252 Bright azure rays from lively sapphyrs stream. 1873 Black *Pr. Thule* (1874) 13 The sky..was as blue and clear as the heart of a sapphire.

b. *Min.* Used as a general name for all the precious transparent varieties of native crystalline alumina, including the ruby. A colourless variety is called *white* or *water sapphire.*

1668 Wilkins *Real Char.* 68 Saphire White. 1698 Fryer *Acc. E. India & P.* 215 There are three sorts, one perfect Blue, and very hard...The second is perfect White, and very hard...The third, called Water-Saphires, are of small Esteem, being not so hard as the other, and commonly of a dead Waterish Colour. 1727–41 Chambers *Cycl.* s. v., The soft water-sapphires of Bohemia and Silesia are of some account, though far inferior to the oriental ones..in the brightness of their blue. 1829 Crawfurd *Jrnl. Emb. to Crt. of Ava* (1834) II. 201 All the varieties of the sapphire, as well as the spinelle, are found together. 1834 M'Culloch *Dict. Comm.* (ed. 2) s.v., The red sapphire, or Oriental ruby. 1888 *Encycl. Brit.* XVI. 385/2 When perfectly devoid of colour, they are called *Water Sapphires.*

c. *transf.* and *fig.*

14.. Hoccleve *Min. Poems* (1892) 70 Lady, þat clept art 'modir of mercy', Noble saphir. 1614 Drumm. of Hawth. *Poems* II. Sonn. ii, Those Eyes, those sparkling Saphires of Delight! 1667 Milton *P. L.* IV. 605 Now glow'd the Firmament With living Saphirs.

d. The pure bright blue of the sapphire.

1686 Goad *Celest. Bodies* I. v. 14 He [the Sun] brighteth the Air into a chearful Saphir. 1813 Byron *Corsair* III. i, Again his waves in milder tints unfold Their long array of sapphire and of gold. 1855 Tennyson *Maud* I. xviii. vi, It seems that I am happy, that to me A livelier emerald twinkles in the grass, A purer sapphire melts into the sea.

e. *Her.* The tincture blue or azure, in blazoning by the names of precious stones.

1562 Leigh *Armorie* 12 Azure..whose preciouse stone is the Saphier. 1572 Bossewell *Armorie* II. 90 Hys fielde is of the Saphire, the Sunne propre; or thus. He beareth Azure, a Sunne d'Or. 1777 Porny *Elem. Her.* (ed. 3) 109 Party per Saltier Sapphire and Pearl.

2. A name for certain hummming-birds.

1843 *Penny Cycl.* XXV. 272/2 [Humming-Birds.] The Sapphires. 1861 Gould *Trochilidæ* V. Pl. 330 *Eucephala Grayi*, Blue-headed Sapphire. *Ibid.* 342 *Hylocharis sapphirinus.* Red-throated Sapphire.

3. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *sapphire-blaze, -blue* (adj. and sb.), *colour, crown, hue, jewel, ring, throne*; *sapphire-coloured, -hued, visaged* adjs.; † **sapphire loop** (see Loop *sb.*4 2); **sapphire stone** = sense 1.

1754 Gray *Poesy* 99 The living Throne, the *sapphire-blaze, Where angels tremble while they gaze. 1782 Latham *Gen. Synopsis Birds* II. 775 The fore part of the neck and breast are of a rich *sapphire blue. 1798 Greville in *Phil. Trans.* LXXXVIII. 420, I have some specimens of a sapphire-blue stone. 1885 Lady Brassey *The Trades* 390 Another sea, of the deepest and clearest sapphire-blue. 1477 Norton *Ord. Alch.* v. in Ashm. (1652) 65 The *Saphire Colour, that Orient Blewe. *a* 1586 Sidney *Arcadia* II. (Sommer) 152 b, There fall those *Saphir-coloured brookes. *c* 1630 Milton *Ode Sol. Music* 7 That undisturbed Song of pure content, Ay sung before the saphire-colour'd throne. 1634 — *Comus* 26 And gives them leave to wear their *Saphire crowns. *c* 1430 Lydg. *Min. Poems* (Percy Soc.) 8 They had on bawderykys alle of *saffer hewe. 1446 — *Nightingale Poems* ii. 2 Towardes Even the *Saphyre-huwed sky Was westward meynt with many Rowes Rede. 1613 Purchas *Pilgrimage* (1614) 578 He wore about his necke a *saphire jewel. *c* 1400–1548 *Sapphire loop [see Loop *sb.*4 2]. 1634–5 in *Anc. Invent.* (Halliw.) 6 One *Saphire ringe. 1382 Wyclif *Exod.* xxiv. 10 As a werk of a *saphire stoon. *c* 1820 S. Rogers *Italy* (1839) 6 The lake Blue as a sapphire-stone. 1667 Milton *P. L.* VI. 758 A

*Saphir Throne, inlaid with pure Amber. 1745-6 COLLINS *Ode Poet. Char.* 32 Himself..plac'd her on his Saphire Throne. *a* 1593 MARLOWE *Hero & L.* II, The *sapphire-visag'd god.

b. quasi-*adj.* Resembling the sapphire, sapphire-coloured.

1433 LYDG. *St. Edmund* App. 173 A saphir skye ladde Israel be day-light Toward the lond of promyssyoun. 1508 DUNBAR *Gold. Targe* 37 The cristall air, the sapher firmament. *a* 1600 MONTGOMERIE *Mise. P.* XXXV. 55 Hir saphir veins, lyk threids of silk. 1630 DRUMM. OF HAWTH. *Flowers of Sion* 10 The Sunne..faintly iourneyes vp Heauens saphire Path. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* IV. 237 How from that Saphire Fount the crisped Brooks..Ran Nectar. 1726 POPE *Odyss.* XX. 128 Loud from a saphire sky his thunder sounds. 1819 KEATS *Eve St. Agnes* XXXVI, Like a throbbing star Seen mid the sapphire heaven's deep repose. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* VIII. iii, Beyond that sapphire promontory, which men name St. Bees, which is not sapphire either, but dull sandstone, when one gets close to it. 1862 CALVERLEY *Verses & Tr.* (1894) 60 In the sapphire West the eve yet lingered.

c. used in denominating some animals (see quots.).

1664 R. HUARET *Catal. Rarities* (1665) 40 A Saphir flie so called for his bright shining blew colour. 1729 *Dampier's Voy.* III. 475 The Saphire-beetle has green Wings, with a Gold Gloss. 1782 LATHAM *Gen. Synopsis Birds* II. 775 Sapphire Humming Bird. 1861 GOULD *Trochilidæ* III. Pl. 178 *Eterophanes Temminckii*. Temminck's Sapphire-wing.

Sapphired (sæ·fəi·rd), *ppl. a. rare*—[1]. [f. SAPPHIRE + -ED [2].] Painted with sapphire blue.

1820 KEATS *Cap & Bells* V, As in old pictures tender cherubim A child's soul thro' the sapphir'd canvas bear.

Sapphiric (săfi·rik), *a. rare.* [f. SAPPHIRE + -IC.] Resembling or of the nature of a sapphire.

1605 TIMME *Quersit.* II. v. 130 Wine..partaketh very much of the vitriolated nature; which may be gathered..by the saphiric and reddy colour of those that are ripe. 1882 JAS. WALKER *Jaunt to Auld Reekie* 175 Badged garters twinkling with sapphiric stones.

Sapphirine (sæ·firəin), *sb. Min.* Also **saphirine.** [f. SAPPHIRE + -INE [6].] **a.** A silicate of aluminium and magnesium found in pale blue grains. **b.** A blue variety of spinel. †**c.** An early name for blue chalcedony (*obs.*).

The term (in Ger. form *saphirin*) was applied in its now usual meaning by Giesecke 1819; it had been used in 1808 by K. W. Nose for hauynite.

1823 H. J. BROOKE *Crystallogr.* 489. 1836 T. THOMSON *Min., Geol.*, etc. I. 218 *Sapphirine.* This mineral was discovered by Sir Charles Giesecke, in Greenland...It has a pale sapphire blue colour. 1866 BRANDE & COX *Dict. Sci.*, etc. s. v. *Mineralogy* 533/1 Chalcedonic Quartz...Saphirine. 1883 M. F. HEDDLE in *Encycl. Brit.* XVI. 386/2 Spinel..Sapphirine is pale sapphire-blue to greenish or reddish blue.

Sapphirine (sæ·firəin), *a.*[1] Forms: 5 **saphyryn,** 7 **saphyrin,** 7–8 **saphirine,** 8–9 **sapharine,** 7– **sapphirine.** [ad. L. *sapphīrinus*, a. Gr. *σαπφείρινος*, f. *σάπφειρος* SAPPHIRE.] Consisting of or like sapphire, having the qualities of sapphire, esp. the colour.

Sapphirine gurnard: see GURNARD.

1413 *Pilgr. Sowle* (Caxton) V. v. (1859) 76 This Cercle in his bordure was of mesurable brede of coloure, saphyryn, and was redyly lyned by ordre, and set full of sterres. *a* 1631 DONNE *Elegy* [XI.] Poems (1633) 296 She was too Saphirine and cleare to thee; Clay, flint, and jeat now thy fit dwellings be. 1672 *Phil. Trans.* VII. 5044 The same water..appears of a Saphyrin blew. 1672 BOYLE *Ess. Orig. & Virt. Gems* I. 38 Jewellers reckon among Saphires..another sort of Stones, because of their Saphirine degree of hardness. 1769 PENNANT *Zool.* III. 176 The irides sappharine; the head flat. *Ibid.* (1776) III. 245 Sapphirine Gurnard. 1833 *Fraser's Mag.* VIII. 63 The sapphirine pavement of heaven. 1835 BROWNING *Paracelsus* II. 46 No nymph..Or sapphirine spirit of a twilight star. 1878 T. HARDY *Ret. Native* IV. v, The sapphirine hue of the zenith in spring.

b. *absol.*

1822 W. TENNANT *Thane of Fife* I. XXXI, He..with his feet..Smote soundingly the pavement's sapphirine. 1887 BROWNING *Parleyings, Gerard de Lairesse* 21, Thunder from the safe sky's sapphirine.

Sa·pphirine, *a.*[2] [f. mod.L. *Sapphirina*, subst. use of the fem. of L. *sapphīrin-us*: see prec.] Of or pertaining to, or characteristic of the *Sapphirina*, a genus of copepods of the N.O. *Sapphirinidæ*.

1897 *Jrnl. Mar. Zool.* Dec. 111 Sapphirine copepods.

Sapphirinid (sæfiri·nid). *Zool.* [ad. mod.L. *Sapphirinidæ*, f. *Sapphirina*: see prec.] A member of the N.O. *Sapphirinidæ* of parasitic copepods. So also **Sapphiri·noid** *a.*, of or pertaining to the *Sapphirinidæ*.

1895 *Funk's Stand. Dict.*, Sapphirinid. Sapphirinoid. 1897 *Jrnl. Mar. Zool.* Dec. 111 When seen swimming the Sapphirinids present a magnificent play of metallic colours.

Sapphirite (sæ·fīrəit). *Min.* [f. SAPPHIRE *sb.* + -ITE [1].] = SAPPHIRINE *sb.* a.

1883 M. F. HEDDLE in *Encycl. Brit.* XVI. 409/1.

Sapphism (sæ·fiz'm). [f. the name of *Sappho* (see SAPPHIC), who was accused of this vice: see -ISM.] Unnatural sexual relations between women.

1890 BILLINGS *Nat. Med. Dict.* 1901 *Lancet* 1 June 1548/1 As yet in this country the novelist..has not arrived at the treatment in romance of excessive morphiomania, or Sapphism, or vaginismus, all of which diseases will be found in French novels.

So **Sa·pphist,** 'one addicted to sapphism' (*Webster's Suppl.* 1902).

Sappho (sæ·fo). [Applications of the name of the poetess (see SAPPHIC).]

1. *Ornith.* In mod.L. the name of a genus of humming-birds. Hence, a bird of this genus; = COMET *sb.* 3; usually *Sappho comet.*

1843 *Penny Cycl.* XXV. 272/1 (Humming-Birds] 11th Race. The Sapphos. 1861 GOULD *Trochilidæ* III. Pl. 174 *Cometes spargænurus.* The Sappho Comet. 1862 [see COMET 3].

2. *Astr.* The name of the eighteenth asteroid.

1875 PROCTOR in *Encycl. Brit.* II. 807/2 Sappho [discovered] 1864, May 3.

†**Sa·ppily,** *adv. Obs.* [f. SAPPY *a.* + -LY [2].]

1. By means of sap; through the operation of sap.

1684 *Phil. Trans.* XIV. 774 The Glastenbury Thorne, whose arising time being between Michaelmas and Christmas being sappily prepared by the beginning of the hard Frost [was almost destroyed].

2. Mustily.

1724 RAMSAY *Wyfe of Auchtermuchty* xiv, The first it smellt sae sappylie, To touch the lave he did not grein.

Sappiness (sæ·pinés). [f. SAPPY *a.* + -NESS.]

1. The condition of being full of sap.

1552 HULOET, Sapines or naturall humour or moysture, *vligo.* 1594 PLAT *Jewell-ho.* III. 33 For want of moysture and sappinesse. 1610 W. FOLKINGHAM *Art of Survey* I. iii. 6 They prosper and thriue in burgening, sappines, flowers, fruit. 1727 BAILEY vol. II, *Sappiness*, the having Sap. 1731 *Ibid.* (ed. 5), *Sappiness*, the being sappy. 1812 J. SMYTH *Pract. of Customs* (1821) 282 According to the size or sappiness of the tree. 1891 T. HARDY *Tess* XXVII, That green trough of sappiness and humidity, the valley of the River Var.

2. *colloq.* The quality of being sappy or foolish.

In recent Dicts.

Sapping (sæ·piŋ), *vbl. sb.*[1] [f. SAP *v.*[1] + -ING [1].] The action of the verb SAP in various senses; an instance of this.

1672 J. LACEY tr. *Tacquet's Milit. Archit.* 51 The sapping of the out-breastwork must be interceped by a counter and transverse Sappe. 1726 CAVALLIER *Mem.* IV. 341 They were obliged to..make their approach by Sapping. 1822–29 *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 3) III. 480 The general health had borne up under all these chronic sappings, undisturbed. 1863 J. R. GREEN *Lett.* (1901) II. 126, I have noticed..the wonderful sapping of the chalk cliffs going on here [Margate]. 1880 G. MEREDITH *Tragic Com.* (1881) 238 A rather petulant objection to her use of analogies, which he called the sapping of language.

attrib. 1904 *Daily News* 16 Dec. 7/1 The sapping trenches will have to be run through frozen ground.

Sapping (sæ·piŋ), *vbl. sb.*[2] *School slang.* [f. SAP *v.*[3] + -ING [1].] The action of studying hard.

1825 C. M. WESTMACOTT *Eng. Spy* (1907) I. 91 Have you patronized learning, or sapping commended? 1861 HUGHES *Tom Brown at Oxf.* I, I never was much of a hand at sapping, and..the light work suits me well enough.

Sapping (sæ·piŋ), *vbl. sb.*[3] [f. SAP *v.*[2] + -ING [1].] The action of the verb SAP [2] 2. In quot. *attrib.*

1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech., Sapping-machine*, a circular saw for slabbing balks and sawing bolts for shingle stuff.

Sapping (sæ·piŋ), *ppl. a.* [f. SAP *v.*[1] + -ING [2].] That saps or undermines.

1819 BYRON *Venice* I, Thus they creep..through their sapping streets. 1831 E. IRVING *Expos. Rev.* I. 90 The stormy winds and sapping streams of infidelity which are overthrowing the house of those who [etc.]. 1908 SIR I. HAMILTON in *Manch. Courier* 27 Oct. 10/5 The slow and sapping struggle against starvation.

Sappodilla, obs. form of SAPODILLA.

Sappota, obs. form of SAPOTA.

Sappy (sæ·pi), *a.* [f. SAP *sb.*[1] + -Y. Cf. MLG. *sapich*, MHG. *saffec, saffic.*]

1. Of a plant or tree or its parts, of wood: Abounding in sap.

1100 *Aldhelm Gloss.* I. 546 in Napier *O. E. Glosses* 16/1 *Suculentus*, sæpiȝ stela. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 441/1 Sapy, or fulle of sap, *cariosus.* *a* 1555 SAMUEL *Let.* in Foxe *A. & M.* (1583) 1705/1 Began they not first with the greene and sappie tree? 1579 W. WILKINSON *Confut. Familye of Love* Ep. Ded. *ij, The Vine..stretcheth ahroad his sappy braunches. 1592 SHAKS. *Ven. & Ad.* 165. 1600 SURFLET *Country Farm* II. liv. 383 The citron tree is a great deale more sappie and full of iuice for to make nourishment of then the limon tree. 1693 EVELYN *De la Quint. Compl. Gard.* II. 58 Branches, of which the Wood is..extreamly Pithy, or Sappy. 1708 J. PHILIPS *Cyder* II. 75 When the sappy Boughs Attire themselves with Blooms. 1842 TENNYSON *Amphion* xii, But these [*sc.* exotic plants], tho' fed with careful dirt Are neither green nor sappy. 1884 BOWER & SCOTT *De Bary's Phaner.* 425 Sappy masses of parenchyma. *Comb. a* 1722 LISLE *Husb.* (1757) 393 The fat sappy-leaved clover has been agreeable.

2. *fig.* in various applications. **a.** Full of vitality.

1558 PHAER *Æneid* VI. Q j b, Well agyd now, but sappy strength he kepes of grener yeres. 1879 J. BURROUGHS *Locusts & Wild Honey* (1884) 114 A rank, sappy race like the English or German.

b. Full of 'goodness' or substance.

1563 L. BLUNDESTON *Pref.* to B. Googe *Eglogs* (Arb.) 30 The sappye Sence of this his passyng Ryme. 1567 DRANT *Horace, Ep.* To Rdr. *vj, He that is least acquainted with suche trashe, and pelfe wyll better perceaue suche thinges whych be saneryе and sappye. 1587 GREENE *Card of Fancy* Wks. (Grosart) IV. 90 The sugered eloquence, which so sweetlie flowed from the sappie wit of Gwydonius. 1601 ? MARSTON *Pasquil & Kath.* IV. 43 What thinke you of the lines of Decius? Writes he not a good cordiall sappie stile?

†**c.** Immature, unseasoned. *Obs.*

a 1627 HAYWARD *Edw. VI* (1630) 3 When he had passed this weake and sappie age he was committed to Dr. Coxe. 1654 WHITLOCK *Zootomia* 365 A Creature of that Sappy Sapience (for it selfe) as too green to burn for Religion.

†**3.** Juicy; succulent. **a.** Of fruit. Also as epithet of the juice.

1562 BULLEYN *Bulwark, Compounds* 33 Make your balles with the sappie iuce of the beries. 1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* II. xii. 56 The riper fruit..Whose sappy liquor, that with fulnesse sweld, Into her cup she scruzd. 1604 E. G[RIMSTONE] *D'Acosta's Hist. Indies* VII. ix. 519 *Tomates* which is a great sappy and savourie graine. 1652 CULPEPPER *Eng. Ph.* (1656) 33 After which succeed round, reddish, sappy Berries. 1671 GREW *Anat. Plants* vii. § 11 In its first and juvenile Constitution, it is a very Spongy and Sappy body.

b. Of meat, fish, etc.

1536 BELLENDEN *Cron. Scot.* (1821) I. *Cosmogr.* vi. 29 In this region ar mony fair ky and oxin,..the talloun of thair wambis is sa sappy, that it fresis nevir. *a* 1758 RAMSAY *To Hamilton* (*Herrings*) i, Braw sappy fish As ane could wish. 1825 J. WILSON *Noct. Ambr.* Wks. 1855 I. 25 Their flesh will be the sappier.

4. Fat; plump. *Obs.* exc. *dial.*

1694 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 2998/4 She [a mare] is spay'd, and has a heavy Eye, somewhat sappy. *a* 1813 A. WILSON *Epit. Auld Janet* Poet. Wks. (1846) 288 A sonsier dame, or sappier wame, Ne'er hotcht alangst the cawsey. 1819 *Blackw. Mag.* V. 637 Your frame so sappy, and your face so smug.

5. Full of moisture; moist; wet; sodden; rainy. *Obs.* exc. *dial.* Cf. SOPPY *a.*

c 1470 HENRYSON *Mor. Fab.* VIII. (*Preach. Swallow*) xiv, To se the soill..Sappie, and to resaue all seidis able. 1806 J. BERESFORD *Miseries Hum. Life* (ed. 3) III. ix, At cricket ..on very sloppy ground, so that your hard ball presently becomes, muddy, sappy, and rotten. 1885 HALL CAINE *Shadow Crime* XXIV, It's cold and sappy, Mrs. Garth.

b. Of meat: Putrescent, tainted. *dial.* (See E.D.D.)

1573 BARET *Alv.* s. v. *Restie*, Sapie or vnsauerie flesh. 1783 LEMON *Etymol. Dict., Sapy*, a moisture contracted on the outward surface of meats, which is the first stage of dissolution.

6. Consisting of or containing sap-wood.

1466 in Willis & Clark *Cambridge* (1886) III. 93 This tymbir shalbe white oke, not doted, nor storvyn, nor sappy. 1711 *Milit. & Sea Dict.* (ed. 4) s.v. *Trenel*, These T[r]enels must be well season'd, and not sappy. 1776 G. SEMPLE *Building in Water* 84 Be exceeding careful how you make use of any sort of sappy Timber.

7. Foolish. (Cf. SAP *sb.*[5])

1670 *2nd Pt. Peoples Liberties Asserted* 6 When unlimited Prerogatives have sprung up, like Mushromes out of the sappy Apprehensions..of inferior Officers. 1797 MRS. A. M. BENNETT *Beggar Girl* (1813) I. 242 'Where', said she fretfully, 'can he have taken his sappy head?' 1894 G. W. APPLETON *Co-Respondent* I. 150, I am a fat-headed, sappy, hally ass. *punningly.* 1848 LOWELL *Fable for Critics* Poet. Wks. 1890 III. 61 The women he draws from one model don't vary, All sappy as maples and flat as a prairie.

‖ **Sapræmia** (sæprī·miă). [mod. L., f. Gr. *σαπρό-ς* putrid + *-αἷμα* blood.] 'Septic intoxication, or poisoning by means of septic or putrefactive organisms' (*Syd. Soc. Lex.* 1897).

1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 666/2 When the wound is due to a saprophyte the absorption of the ptomaine has been termed 'Sapræmia'. 1889 J. M. DUNCAN *Clin. Lect. Dis. Wom.* V. (ed. 4) 16 It not very rarely leads to death from putrid intoxication or sapræmia.

Sapræmic (săprī·mik), *a.* [f. prec. + -IC.] Of or pertaining to sapræmia; affected with sapræmia.

1889 J. M. DUNCAN *Clin. Lect. Dis. Wom.* XIV. (ed. 4) 106 Inflammation of the cyst is set up, with fever and sapræmic symptoms. 1902 G. S. WOODHEAD in *Encycl. Brit.* XXXI. 521/2 A distinction must be drawn between sapræmia and septicæmia...So long as no micro-organisms follow the toxins, the condition is purely sapræmic.

Saprogenic (sæprŏdʒe·nik), *a.* [f. Gr. *σαπρό-ς* putrid + -GEN + -IC.] Causing decay or putrefaction; also, produced by putrefaction.

1876 tr. *Wagner's Gen. Pathol.* 599 Saprogenic or putrid infection. 1882 HUXLEY in *Nature* 9 Mar. 439 The results of recent researches, which tend to show that pathogenic bacteria are mere modifications of saprogenic forms. 1900 A. C. JONES tr. *A. Fischer's Struct. Bacteria* 49 Zymogenic, saprogenic and saprophile bacteria.

Saprogenous (sæprŏ·dʒĭnəs), *a.* [f. Gr. *σαπρό-ς* putrid + -GEN + -OUS.] = prec.

1876 tr. *Wagner's Gen. Pathol.* 92 *Bact. termo* is the ferment of putrefaction, the saprogenous ferment. 1890 BILLINGS *Nat. Med. Dict., Saprogenic* or *Saprogenous*, producing putrefaction or decay. 1900 B. D. JACKSON *Gloss. Bot. Terms, Saprogenous*, growing on decaying substances.

Saprol (sæ·prŏl). *Chem.* [f. Gr. *σαπρό-ς* putrid + -OL.] (See quot. 1897.)

1892 *Brit. Med. Jrnl.* 17 Sept. 473 Laser (..August 18th, 1892) gives an account of an inquiry made by him into the properties of saprol. 1897 *Syd. Soc. Lex.*, *Saprol*, name for a crude mixture of creosols with carbohydrates and pyridine, used for rough disinfection.

‖ **Saprolegnia** (sæprŏlе·gniă). *Bot.* [mod.L., f. Gr. *σαπρό-ς* putrid + *λέγν-ον* border.] A genus of fungi (the type of the N.O. *Saprolegniæ* or *Saprolegniaceæ*), which chiefly infests the bodies of fish.

1866 BERKELEY in *Treas. Bot.* s.v. *Saprolegniæ*, The same animal has been observed, when immersed, to produce a *Saprolegnia*, and when surrounded merely by air to produce a *Mucor.* 1882 HUXLEY in *Nature* 9 Mar. 438/2, I tried some experiments on the transplantation of the *Saprolegnia* of the living salmon to dead animal bodies. 1885 KLEIN *Micro-Organisms* 146 Saprolegnia: colourless tubular threads, forming gelatinous masses on living and dead animal and vegetable matter in fresh water.

Hence **Saprole·gnious** *a.* (see quot. 1900); **Saprole·gnized** *ppl. a.*, diseased with saprolegnia.

1882 HUXLEY in *Nature* 9 Mar. 439/1 The conditions under which my saprolegnised flies were placed. 1900 B. D. JACKSON *Gloss. Bot. Terms, Saprolegnious*, allied to the genus *Saprolegnia.*

Saprophagan (sæprŏ·făgăn). *Ent.* [f. mod.L. *saprophag-us* (see next) + -AN.] (See quot.)

1842 BRANDE *Dict. Sci.*, etc., *Saprophagans*, the name of

a tribe of Coleopterous insects, comprising those which feed on substances in a state of decomposition.

Saprophagous (sæprɒ·făgəs), *a.* [f. mod.L. *saprophag-us* (f. Gr. σαπρός putrid + -φάγος eating) + -OUS.] Living on decomposing matter.

1819 MACLEAY *Horæ Entomol.* I. 27 Saprophagous insects or such as feed on putrid or decomposed vegetable matter. 1849 HARDY in *Proc. Berw. Nat. Club* II. No. 7. 361 Species whose larvæ are..either fungivorous or saprophagous.

Saprophile (sæ·prəfəil), *sb.* and *a.* [f. Gr. σαπρός putrid + -φίλος loving: see -PHILE.] **a.** A bacterium inhabiting putrid matter. **b.** *adj.* Of bacteria: Found in putrid matter. So **Sapro·philous** *a.*

1882 A. W. BLYTH *Foods* 544 There are, however, certain animalcules..that specially point to sewage contamination. This class have been called 'saprophiles'. 1890 BILLINGS *Nat. Med. Dict.*, Saprophilous. 1900 A. C. JONES tr. *A. Fischer's Struct. Bacteria* 49 Such bacteria may be termed *saprophile.*

Saprophyte (sæ·prəfəit). [f. Gr. σαπρό-s putrid + φυτόν plant: see -PHYTE.] Any vegetable organism that lives on decayed organic matter.

1875 *Encycl. Brit.* III. 691/1 There are other degraded allies of green plants, which are content to work up again the imperfectly broken down products of decay. Such plants are termed *Saprophytes.* 1882 S. WALFOLE & HUXLEY in *Q. Jrnl. Microsc. Sci.* XXII. 332 The common moulds,..which are habitually saprophytes (that is to say, live on decaying organic matter).

Hence **Sapro·phytal** (B. D. Jackson *Gloss. Bot. Terms* 1900), **Saprophytic** (-fi·tik) *adjs.*, of or pertaining to saprophytes; **Saprophy·tically** *adv.*, after the manner of saprophytes; **Sapro·phytism**, the state of living as a saprophyte.

1882 H. M. WARD in *Q. Jrnl. Microsc. Sci.* Jan. 2 The appearance of various saprophytic fungi on the old shrivelled spot indicates the completion of the destruction. 1887 GARNSEY & BALFOUR tr. *De Bary's Fungi* 356 Species of purely and strictly saprophytic..mode of life. 1890 A. WHITELEGGE *Hygiene & Public Health* x. 227 Cultivation in non-living media, that is, a form of saprophytism, is [etc.]. 1898 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* V. 257 The fungus being merely saprophytic. 1904 *Brit. Med. Jrnl.* 3 Dec. 1509 All the known parasitic bacterial species (with the exception of the leprosy bacilli)..can thrive also saprophytically.

Sapsago (sæpsē·gō). *U.S.* Also **chapsager.** [Corruptly a. G. *schabziger*, f. *schaben* to grate + *ziger* a kind of cheese.] A kind of hard cheese made in Switzerland, flavoured with melilot.

1846 WORCESTER (cites *Farm. Encycl.*)...Also *chapsager.* 1858 SIMMONDS *Dict. Trade.*

Sapskull (sæ·pskʌl). Now *dial.* (see E.D.D.). [f. SAP *sb.*[1] (sense 4) + SKULL.] = SAP-HEAD.

1735 H. CAREY *Honest Yorkshire-man* 9 Welcome to London, dear 'Squire Sapscull. 1785 GROSE *Dict. Vulgar Tongue, Sapscull,* a simple fellow. 1796 *Sporting Mag.* VII. 55 Poor sapskull, thus craftily put to the blush.

‖ **Sapucaia** (sapʉkāya). Also 7 **iacapucaya,** 9 **sapucaya.** [Brazilian; according to Von Martius f. *sopia* egg + *acaia* a kind of forest tree; the fruit with its seeds resembling a nest containing eggs. Gandavo 1576 (Pg.) writes *zabucaes* pl.]

1. a. A South American tree of the genus *Lecythis.* **b.** The fruit of the tree, a sapucaia-nut.

1613 PURCHAS *Pilgrimage* (1614) 843 Of Fruits, he reckons the Iacapucaya, like a pot..with a couer on it. 1869 R. F. BURTON *Highl. Brazil* I. 120 Hereabouts also are two noble lofty Sapucaias, vestiges of the forest primeval.

2. *attrib.*, as *sapucaia tree*; **sapucaia-brown** *Chem.* (see quot.); **sapucaia-nut,** the edible fruit of *Lecythis Zabucajo* and *L. Ollaria*; **sapucaia-oil, -wine** (see quots.).

1868 WATTS *Dict. Chem.* V. 195 The shell of the fruit contains a tannin..which..in the older fruits is converted into a brown substance (*sapucaia-brown). 1820 tr. *von Wied's Trav. Brazil* I. 126 Some baskets..full of bananas, oranges, *sapucaya-nuts [etc.]. 1866 *Treas. Bot.* s.v. *Lecythis,* Under the name of Sapucaia nuts, the seeds of *L. Zabucajo* are commonly sold in our fruit shops. 1884 *Encycl. Brit.* XVII. 746/1 **Sapucaia oil,* yielded by *Lecythis ollaria.* 1820 tr. *von Wied's Trav. Brazil* I. 105 The young foliage of the *sapucaya tree. 1868 WATTS *Dict. Chem.* V. 195 The juice (*sapucaia-wine) which flows from incisions in old trees.

Sa·p-wood. [SAP *sb.*[1]] = ALBURNUM.

1791 E. DARWIN *Bot. Gard.* I. Add. Notes 96 The placental vessels..are transformed from sap-wood..into inert wood. 1815 J. SMITH *Panorama Sci. & Art* I. 258 Boards..free from..sap-wood. 1887 MOLONEY *Forestry W. Afr.* 353 A deep reddish-brown heartwood and light sap-wood.

Saque, Saquem, obs. ff. SAKÉ, SACHEM.

Sar (sār). [a. F. *sar*, variant of *sargue, sargo*, etc., ad. L. *sargus*: see SARGON, SARGUS.] A fish of the sparoid genus *Sargus.*

1838 *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) XXIV. 320/2 The Sars are shore fish, are common on the Southern coasts of France. 1880 GÜNTHER *Fishes* 406 Several of them occur in the Mediterranean and the neighbouring parts of the Atlantic, and are popularly called 'Sargo', 'Sar', 'Saragu'.

Sar: see SAVOUR, SERVE, SHEAR, SORE.

Sarabaite (særăbē·əit). *Eccl. Hist.* Also 4 **Serabite,** 6 **Sarrabaite,** 6– **Sarabite.** [ad. eccl. L. *Sarabaïta* (Cassianus, 4–5th c., who says that the word is Egyptian; but no light has been thrown on it from that language).

Sarabite is the form commonly found in English translations of the Rule of St. Benedict.]

One of a class of monks in the early Church who lived together in small bands without rule or superior. †Also as *adj.*, applied to certain followers of the Franciscan rule (see quot. *c* 1380), prob. the *Fratricelli.*

1388 WYCLIF *Wks.* (1880) 12 3if þei pursuen to þe deþ pore freris serabitis, þat kepen fraunseis reule and testament to þe riȝte vndyrstondynge and wille of fraunceis wiþ outen glose of antecristis clerkis. 1516 BP. FOX *Rule of Seynt Benet* i, The .iii. kynde, maner, or secte, is of Sarahites, a secte detestable: whiche lyue not vnder obedience of any superior. 1537 *Orig. & Sprynge of Sectes* A vij b, These Sarrabaites be sayd..to come of Ananias & Saphira..by lynage & kynred. 1693 D'EMILIANNE *Mon. Ord.* viii. 59 Sarabaites, who were a sort of People following only their own Wills. 1728 CHAMBERS *Cycl.* s.v., St. Benedict gives a frightful Idea of these Sarabaites in the First Chapter of his Rule. 1765 MACLAINE tr. *Mosheim's Eccl. Hist.* Cent. IV. II. iii. § 15 Those wandering fanatics, or rather impostors, whom the Egyptians called Sarabaites. 1801 RANKEN *Hist. France* I. 224 The Sarabaites, who associated two or three together, lived sometimes in solitude, but always without rule or order. 1904 GASQUET *Eng. Mon. Life* 8 The Gyrovagi and Sarabites.

Saraband (sæ·răbænd). Also 7–8 **sarabrand,** 8–9 **sarabande.** [ad. F. *sarabande*, ad. Sp. *zarabanda* (= Pg. *sarabando*), prob. of Oriental origin.]

1. A slow and stately Spanish dance in triple time.

1616 B. JONSON *Devil an Ass* IV. iv, Coach it to Pimlico; dance the Saraband. 1675 CROWNE *Country Wit* IV. 51, I can dance Corantoes and Jiggs and Sarabands. 1726 *Adv. Capt. R. Boyle* (1768) 186 He went away to his own Chamber, leaving room in all our Pockets for the Devil to dance a Saraband. 1741 RICHARDSON *Pamela* III. 324 Oh! that I could but dance as well as thou sing'st! I'd give you a Saraband, as old as I am. 1776 HAWKINS *Hist. Mus.* IV. 388 *note,* Within the memory of persons now living, a Saraband danced by a Moor was constantly a part of the entertainment at a puppet-shew. 1809 CAMPBELL *Gert. Wyom.* I. v, Nor far some Andalusian saraband Would sound to many a native rondelay.

attrib. 1696 tr. *Du Mont's Voy. Levant* 284 They begin ..with a Saraband-Step, two steps forward and three backwards.

b. *transf.* and *fig.*

a 1658 LOVELACE *Posth. Poems* (1659) 10 So you but with a touch from your fair Hand Turn all to Saraband. 1703 *Rules of Civility* 22 'Tis pleasant, in troth, to see a lame Person find fault with a Step in such a Saraband. 1860 R. A. VAUGHAN *Mystics* (ed. 2) II. 75 In that unswept brain of his..the super-subtile fancies of theosophy, have danced a whirlwind saraband. 1863 I. WILLIAMS *Baptistery* II. xxxi. (1874) 181 When the loose villager Weaves 'neath the moon his rustic saraband.

2. A piece of music composed for this dance or in its rhythm, in which the second note of the measure is commonly lengthened.

1625 B. JONSON *Staple of N.* IV. ii, How they are tickl'd with a light ayre! the bawdy Saraband! 1657 R. LIGON *Barbadoes* 96 As Musitians, that first play a Preludium, next a Lesson, and then a Saraband. 1760–72 H. BROOKE *Fool of Qual.* (1809) III. 152 The lady called to the orchestre for a saraband. 1776 BURNEY *Hist. Mus.* (1789) IV. i. 114 Corelli in the saraband of his eleventh concerto. 1820 SCOTT *Monast.* XXVIII, He hummed a saraband. 1860 O. W. HOLMES *Elsie V.* XXV, Elsie rattled out a triple measure of a saraband. 1884 HAWEIS *My Mus. Life* I. 8 Those simple and severe gigues and sarabands.

Sarabatane, obs. form of SARBACANE.

Sarabrase, variant of SABRAS *Obs.*, an infusion.

14.. *Nom.* in Wr.-Wülcker 740/35 *Hoc sarabracium,* sarabrase.

Saracen (sæ·răsĕn), *sb.* and *a.* Forms: *α.* 1 *pl.* **Sarracene, Sarocine,** 3 **Sarezin,** 3–4 **Sarrezin,** 3–7 **Sarazin**(e, 4 **-sene, Sarisine, -zene, -ezyne,** 4–6 **Sarasyn**(e, **-in**(e, 4–7 **-cene,** (5 **Saresoun, -ezen, -esyn, -aseyn, Sarracene, -ysyne**), 5–6 **Sarazyn**(e, **Sarrasyn,** 5–7 **-zen**(e, **Sarrasin**(e, (6 **Sarason, -asen, -ezon,** 7 **-icin, -acin**), 3– **Saracen.** *β.* 1 *pl.* **Sarcine,** 3–5 **Sarzin**(e, 4–5 **-zyn,** 4–6 **-syn,** 5 **-sin**(e, **-s**(e)**yne, -cyne, -zene, -soun,** 6 **-son,** 9 **-zan.** [In OE., ad. late L. *Saracēnī* pl.; in ME., a. OF. *Sar*(*r*)*azin, -cin,* mod.F. *Sarrasin* (= It. *Saracino,* Sp. *Saraceno,* Pg. *Sarraceno*), ad. late L. *Saracēnus,* a. late Gr. Σαρακηνός.

The ultimate etymology is uncertain. The derivations from Arabic commonly given (of which the most usual is Arab. شرقي *sharqī* eastern, oriental, f. شرق *sharq* sunrise) are not well founded. In mediæval times the name was often associated with Sarah, the wife of Abraham; St. Jerome (*Ezek.* VIII. XXV) identifies the Saracens with the *Agareni* (Hagarens, descendants of Hagar) 'who are now called Saracens, taking to themselves the name of Sara'.]

A. *sb.* **1.** Among the later Greeks and Romans, a name for the nomadic peoples of the Syro-Arabian desert which harassed the Syrian confines of the Empire; hence, an Arab; by extension, a Mohammedan or Moslem, *esp.* with reference to the Crusades.

a. c 893 K. ÆLFRED *Oros.* I. i. 12 Monege þeoda..þæt is, Comagena & Fenitia..Iudea, & Palestina, & Sarracene [orig. *absque Saracenis*]. *a* 950 *Durham Ritual* (Surtees) 196 On india saracena [L. *in India Saracenorum*]. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 16 How charles kyng and rauland faght, Wit sarazins wald þai na saght. 1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) II. 293 Peple þat cleped hem self Saracenys, as þogh þey were i-come of Sarra. 1390 GOWER *Conf.* I. 363 To passe over the grete See To werre and sle the Sarazin. *c* 1449 PECOCK *Repr.* I. xvii. 99 The lawe of Macomet and of Sarezenis. *c* 1475 *Partenay* 309 Lesse worth am I then any sarysyne, Whiche is in beleue of sory mahound! 1555 EDEN *Decades* (Arb.) 51 He hath quite dryuen out of Spayne the Moores or Sarasens. 1590 SIR J. SMYTH *Disc. Weapons* 33 That braue Saladin, Souldan of Egipt, with his notable milicia of Mamelucks (by many called Sarasins). 1602 BRETON *Wonders worth Hearing* (Grosart) 7/2 Standing..with a Sarazins face, his nose too long for his lips, his cheekes like the iawes of a horse [etc.]. 1632 LITHGOW *Trav.* IV. 161 The Sarazens are descended of Esau. 1788 GIBBON *Decl. & F.* I. V. 181 From Mecca to the Euphrates, the Arabian tribes were confounded by the Greeks and Latins, under the general appellation of Saracens. 1848 LYTTON *Harold* I. iv, Here..might be seen the swarthy Saracen, with wares from Spain and Afric. 1905 *19th Cent.* Aug. 268 The African hordes, generically termed Saracens, who were established near Villefranche as late as the early part of the tenth century.

β. ?*a* 900 *Malchus* in Cockayne *Shrine* (1864) 42 Wit urnon..for sarcina herȝunge. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 11072 His [*i.e.* St. John Baptist's] fest it es in somers time, it halus bath Iu and sarzine. *a* 1375 *Joseph Arim.* 55 þei ferden to A Cite faste bi-syde, þat was called sarras þer sarsyns sprongen, Erest þorw Abrahames wyf þat wonede þer-inne. 1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) VI. 153 þat ȝere Sarzyns com out of Egipt into Affrica. *a* 1529 SKELTON *Agst. Garnesche* I. 36, I sey, ye solem Sarson, alle blake ys your ble. 1530 PALSGR. 265/1 Sarsyn a man.

†**b.** A Turk's head for tilting at. *Obs.*

1637 EARL MONM. tr. *Malvezzi's Rom. & T.* 231 Who passionately run their lances against a Saracin of wood. 1652 URQUHART *Jewel* Wks. (1834) 228 He carryed away the ring fifteen times on end, and broke as many lances on the Saracen. 1656 FLECKNOE *Relat.* 10 *Yrs. Trav.* x. 26 A solemn Justing or Running at Ring and Sarazen.

†**2.** A non-Christian, heathen, or pagan; an unbeliever, infidel. *Obs.*

c 1250 *Meid. Maregrete* ix. 35 Sone wolde þe sarezin halben hire to wiue. 1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 4522 Eiȝte hundred ssipes in þis londe he bro3te Vol of saracens [*MS. δ* of Saxons fulle]. *a* 1300 *K. Horn* 42 (Cambr. MS.), He fond bi þe stronde,..Schipes fiftene, Wiþ sarazins kene. *c* 1330 *Arth. & Merl.* 2067 Danmark Sarrazins þat were of Angys lins. 1377 LANGL. *P. Pl. B.* XI. 151 Nou3t þorw preyere of a pope..Was þat sarasene [*sc.* Emperor Trajan] saued. 1433 LYDG. *Edmund & Fremund* II. 381 in Horstm. *Altengl. Leg.* (1881) 403 Edmond that day was Cristis champioun,..Among sarseynes he pleied the lioun. *c* 1450 *Merlin* 193 That day Gawein slowgh many a sarazin of the saxouns more than eny of his felowes. 1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 289 That they shall loue, as the chylde his parentes, and the pagane or Sarasyn his false goddes. 1552 ABP. HAMILTON *Catech.* (1884) 50 Thou art made as ane Pagan, Saracen or Enfidele.

†**b.** *fig.* An ignorant and tasteless person, a 'barbarian', 'Goth', 'Vandal'. *Obs.*

1714 MANDEVILLE *Fab. Bees* (1733) I. 331 Methinks I hear them..ask what brute of a Saracen it is that draws his ugly weapon for the destruction of learning.

†**3.** The Saracen people or territory. *Obs.* [So OF. *sarrazin.*] Cf. SARACENÉ below.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 6984 þai..lefte þe lagh of hei drightin, And ledd þe law of sarazin. *Ibid.* 22286 Oner Iuhiter and apoline, þat godds war o sarazine. 1303 R. BRUNNE *Handl. Synne* 185 Here fadyr was prest of sarysyne [Fr. orig. *paenete*].

4. *Comb.*, as *Saracen-like* adj.; **Saracen corn,** buckwheat (see SARRASIN); †**Saracen's all-heal,** †**comfrey,** †**consound,** *Senecio saracenicus,* said to have been used by the Saracens in healing wounds; †**Saracen's birth-wort** = SABAZINE; †**Saracen's corn,** *Sorghum vulgare*; †**Saracen's earth,** ? Lemnian earth; **Saracen's head,** the head of a Saracen, Arab, or Turk used (*a*) as a charge in heraldry, (*b*) as an inn sign, etc.; **Saracen's herb** = SARAZINE; † **Saracen's mint** = SARAZINE; † **Saracen's soap,** a mixture of soap-lye and olive-oil; **Saracen's stone** = SARSEN; †**Saracen's woundwort** = *Saracen's consound.*

1687 A. LOVELL tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* II. 46 We saw a Field sowed with Maez or *Sarazin Corn. 1887 BENTLEY *Man. Bot.* 653 The fruits of *Fagopyrum esculentum,..*Common Buckwheat or Saracen Corn. *a* 1704 T. BROWN *Lett. to Gent. & Ladies* Wks. 1709 III. II. 122 His Eye-brows are.. somewhat *Saracen-like. 1786 *Saracen's all-heal [see SARACENICAN]. 1597 GERARDE *Herbal* II. CCXCVII. 696 The later writers haue ioined vnto them a fift named *Saracens Birthwoort. 1578 *Saracen's comfrey, *Saracen's consound [see CONSOUDE]. 1585 HIGINS *Iunius' Nomenclator* 109/2 *Milium Indicum..*, Indian millet: Turkishe wheate, or *Sarracens corne. 1526 *Grete Herball* CCCCXLIV. (1529) Z v, Terra sigillata is otherwyse called *sarazyns erthe or sil̃neied clay. 1510 *Nottingham Rec.* III. 108 Unius mesuagii nuncupati 'le *Sarezon' Hed'. 1726 S. KENT *Banner Display'd* 532 He beareth Gules, a Saracen's Head eras'd at the Neck Argent. 1838 DICKENS *Nich. Nick.* IV, The coach-yard of the Saracen's-Head Inn. 1838 *Penny Cycl.* XII. 142/2 Many of these [charges], such as crosses,..Saracens' heads, &c., were assumed during the Crusades. 1585 HIGINS *Iunius' Nomenclator* 116/2 *Aristolochia sarmentitia..nonnullis herba Saracenica..*, *Sarracens herb. 1525 *Grete Herball* CCLXXIV. (1529) P v, It is called mynte romayne, or *sarazyns mynt. 1526 *Ibid.* CCCXCVIII. X vj, *Sarazyns sope is made of a lye called capitellium and oyle olyue syden together tyll it be thycke. 1644 SYMONDS *Diary* (Camden) 151 A place so full of a grey pibble stone of great bignes as is not usually seene..., the inhabaitants calling them *Saracens' stones. 1597 GERARDE *Herbal* II. XCVII. 347 Saracenes Consounde is called in Latine *Solidago Saracenica,* or Saracens Comfrey,..English Saracens Consound, and *Saracenes Woundwoort. 1760 J. LEE *Introd. Bot.* App. 326 The true Saracen's Wound-wort *Senecio.*

B. *adj.* = SARACENIC. (By Sir C. Wren erroneously applied to Pointed or 'Gothic' architecture.)

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 4247 For men war þar o sarzin lede. *c* 1450 LOVELICH *Grail* XLV. 721 Whiche were to holden the better lay, whethir the Cristene lawe, Oþer Sarazine. *c* 1477 CAXTON *Jason* 29 Jason dide do sowne trompettis, tabours, and cornes sarasins. 1519 HORMAN *Vulg.* 279 Let vs daunce the haye, shypmens, sarson, and maurys daunce. *Salte-*

mus geranion. 1613 PURCHAS *Pilgrimage* (1614) 86 Syria ..was with the first subdued to Saracene servitude. 1713 WREN in *Parentalia* (1750) 297 This we now call the Gothick Manner of Architecture...I think it should with more Reason be called the Saracen Style. 1818 MILMAN *Samor* 207 When mad Orlando met On that frail bridge the giant Sarzan king. 1842 *Catal. Classic Contents Strawberry Hill* 162 A magnificent table of Saracen mosaic. 1862 W. H. JERVIS *Hist. France* v. (1872) 67 The Saracen governor of Saragossa.

† b. *Cookery.* In *browet, sauce Saracen. Obs.*

c 1390 *Form of Cury* (1780) 44 Sawse Sarzyne. Take heppes and make hem clene, take Almaundes blaunched. *c* 1430 *Two Cookery-bks.* 19 Bruette Sareson. *Ibid.* 30 Sanke Sarsoun. Take Almoundys, & blaunche hem. *Ibid.* 113 Saug saraser [*so printed*]. Tak Almandes, frye hem in oille.

Hence † **Saracené**, the land of the Saracens.

c 1450 LOVELICH *Grail* xlv. 724 A gret Semble Of Alle the Maistres Of Sarrasene.

Saracenian (særăsī·niăn), *a.* [f. late L. *Saracēnus* + -IAN.] Saracenic.

1818 MILLS *Hist. Crusades* (1822) I. i. 17 Some direful effects of Saracenian zeal.

Saracenic (særăse·nik), *a.* [ad. med.L. *Saracēnic-us*, f. late L. *Saracēn-us* SARACEN: see -IC. Cf. F. *sarracénique.*] Of, pertaining to, or characteristic of the Saracens.

1638 SIR T. HERBERT *Trav.* (ed. 2) 38 The Mammoody and Roopee are good silver..and (after the Saracenic sort who hate Images in Coyne) cover'd with Arabick letters. *Ibid.* 280 The iron yoak of Saracenic bondage. 1816 *Sporting Mag.* XLVIII. 9 Those nations..have to acknowledge their obligations to Saracenic or Arabian instructors. 1819 SCOTT *Ivanhoe* ix, The Saracenic music of the challengers. 1832 G. DOWNES *Lett. Cont. Countries* I. 231 Specimens of Saracenic Armour. 1897 DOWDEN *Fr. Lit.* III. vii. 226 The strife between French chivalry and Saracenic hordes.

b. Applied to Mohammedan architecture in its various forms, or to any features of it.

In the 18th and early 19th c. often erroneously applied (after Wren: see SARACEN *a.*) to 'Gothic' architecture.

1768 RIOU *Grec. Orders Archit.* 10 The heavy Gothic by Sir C. Wren, is distinguished as Anglo-Saxonic, the lighter as Saracenic. 1829 SCOTT *Anne of G.* xxi, A considerable part of the edifice was less in the strict Gothic than in what has been termed the Saracenic style. 1842 W. F. AINSWORTH *Trav. Asia Minor*, etc. I. 197 Its numerous remains of Mohammedan buildings, chiefly in a rich style of Saracenic architecture. 1846 THACKERAY *Cornhill to Cairo* Wks. 1898 V. 726 A great, large Saracenic oriel window. 1877 A. B. EDWARDS *Up Nile* I. 11 Saracenic doorways.

c. *transf.* Barbaric, heathenish.

1837 DICKENS *Pickw.* xvii, Swearing at him in a most Saracenic and ferocious manner.

Saracenical (særăse·nikăl), *a.* [Formed as prec.: see -ICAL.] = SARACENIC.

1613 PURCHAS *Pilgrimage* (1614) title-p., The Ancient Religions before the Flood, the Heathnish, Jewish, and Saracenicall in all Ages since. 1632 LITHGOW *Trav.* IV. 144 A Saracenicall Sultan of Persia. 1672 *Rosemary & Bayes* 6 It is not manifest unto me by the Sarracenical histories.. that Mahomet had not two companions. 1768 TUCKER *Lt. Nat.* (1834) II. 297 The Saracenical caliphs.

† **Saracenican** (særăse·nikăn), *a. Obs.* [Formed as prec. + -AN.] = SARACENIC. **Saracenican groundsel**, *Senecio saracenicus.*

1607 TOPSELL *Fourf. Beasts* 734 *Dib* (otherwise *Dijb*) is an Arabian or Saracenican word. 1786 J. ABERCROMBIE *Arrangem.* in *Gard. Assist.* 67/1 Saracenican helvetian groundsel, called Saracen's all-heal.

Saracenism (særăsēniz'm). *rare.* [ad. med.L. *Saracēnism-us* race or country of the Saracens, f. *Saracēnus* SARACEN. Cf. OF. *Sarasinesme* country of the Saracens.] The political or religious organization of the Saracens.

1659 GAUDEN *Tears Ch.* 356 Saracenism, Barbarism, and Atheisme. 1855 MILMAN *Lat. Chr.* XIV. vi. VI. 524 The Saxondom of his [*sc.* Arthur] foes recedes, the Paganism, even the Saracenism takes its place. 1907 *Edin. Rev.* Apr. 445 It was Saracenism that beat back the Cross on the plains of Syria.

† **Sa·racenly**, *adv. Obs.* [f. SARACEN + -LY 2.] Like a Saracen; ? with heathenish violence.

1596 NASHE *Saffron Walden* O 2 b, Whiles he was thus saracenly sentencing it against mee.

Saracennet, obs. form of SARSENET.

‖ **Saraf** (sarā·f). Also 6 **xaraffe**, **-affo**, 7 **charaff**, **xeraffo**, 9 **sarraf**, **saraff**, **serof**, **-aff.** See also SHROFF. [Pers., etc., a. Arab. صراف *ṣarrāf*, f. صرف *ṣaraf* to exchange, corresp. to Heb. צרף *ṣārāph* to refine, assay (gold or silver), whence *ṣōrēph* refiner, worker in gold. Cf. F. *cherafe* (17th c.), Pg. *xarrafo*, *çarafo* (16th c.).] A banker or money-changer in the East; = SHROFF.

1598 W. PHILLIP tr. *Linschoten* I. xxxiii. 66/1 There is in euery place of the street exchangers of mony, by them [*sc.* Heathens] called Xaraffos, which are all christian Jewes. *Ibid.* 244 Xaraffes. 1662 J. DAVIES tr. *Olearius' Voy. Ambass.* VI. 330 The money-changers, whom they call Xeraffi [in Persia]. 1678 J. P. tr. *Tavernier's Trav.* I. II. 4 There is no considerable payment made, which is not received by the Cheraff or Banker. 1811 *Niebuhr's Trav. Arab.* liii. in *Pinkerton's Voy.* X. 71 He sent us to receive the money from his Saraf, or banker. 1877 MCCOAN *Egypt as it is* 115 The mâmour..till the recent reform appointing a Controller-General of Receipts, received the taxes from the saraffs. 1883 C. J. WILLS *In Land of Lion & Sun* xvii. 192 The business of the serof is despised as being a usurer on the sly. 1897 *Blackw. Mag.* July 24/2 They [*sc.* Armenians] prospered as our 'Sarrafs'.

‖ **Sarafan** (særăfæn). Also 8–9 **-phan**(e. [Russian сарафанъ.] A long mantle, veil, or sleeveless cloak, forming part of the national dress of Russian peasant women.

1799 W. TOOKE *View Russian Emp.* I. 366 The quality of the saraphan is various according to circumstances. 1833 R. PINKERTON *Russia* 301 A ribbon, which reaches to the hem of their sarafan. 1855 *Englishw. in Russia* 28 The national dress, the sarafane, which was generally of..blue or red cotton, having no bodice. 1896 *Daily Tel.* 27 May 7/1 The Grand Duchesses..wore..the..national veil or scarf, called sarafan.

Saragoy, var. SARIGUE. **Sarai**, var. SERAI. **Sarampura**, obs. var. SALEMPORE. **Sarang**, rare var. SERANG. **Sarape**, var. SERAPE. **Sararre**, obs. f. compar. of SORE.

Sarasen, -son, etc., obs. forms of SARACEN.

Saratoga (særătōu·gă). [prob. f. *Saratoga Springs*, the name of a summer resort in New York State.] In full *Saratoga trunk*: a large kind of trunk much used by ladies.

1893 F. F. MOORE *Forbid Banns* xix, 'Oh, Eric, do help Miriam with that Saratoga,' cried Mrs. Hardy,..pointing to where Miriam was struggling with a large trunk that had just been hoisted from the hold. *Ibid.* xxx, Three Saratoga trunks. 1894 HOWELLS *Trav. from Altruria* 95, I found the porter..with his wrist bound up. He said he had strained it in handling a lady's Saratoga.

Sarau, -aw, variant of SEROW.

Sarawakite (sără·wăkəit). *Min.* [a. G. *Sarawakit* (Frenzel 1877), f. *Sarawak* (in Borneo): see -ITE.] A compound of antimony found in minute colourless crystals.

1882 G. J. BRUSH *3rd App. Dana's Min.* 106 Sarawakite. ..Found in cavities in the native antimony of Borneo.

Saray, variant of SERAI.

† **Saraza·ntic**, *a. Obs.*—° [app. alteration of *Saracenic* after *Byzantine.*] Saracenic.

1726 BAILEY, *Sarazantick*, like a Sarazen.

Sarazin, variant of SARRASIN.

Sarazin(e, etc., obs. forms of SARACEN.

† **Sa·razine.** *Obs.* [a. OF. *sarazine*, *sar(r)asine* aristolochia:—pop. L. *sarracīna* for late L. *sarracēna* (*sc. herba*), fem. of *sarracēnus* SARACEN.] Birthwort.

1525 *Grete Herball* cclxxiv. (1529) P v b, Mynte romayne or sarazyne is hote & drye in y^e^ seconde degre. 1866 *Treas. Bot.*, Sarazine, *Aristolochia Clematitis.*

Sarbacane (sā·ɹbăkēn). *Obs.* exc. *Antiq.* Also 7 **sarabatane**, 8 **sarbacan**, 9 **sabarcane** (?), **sarbacand** (?). [a. F. *sarbacane* (16th c.; earlier *sarbatenne*) 'a long trunke to shoot in' (Cotgr.), also, a speaking-trumpet (Littré), ad. Sp. *cebratana*: see CEBRATANE.]

1. A blow-tube or pipe for shooting with. *Hist.*

1765 H. TIMBERLAKE *Mem.* 45 Children, who..are very expert at killing with a sarbacan. 1825 SCOTT *Talism.* xxi, These cowardly caitiffs come against us with sarbacanes and poisoned shafts. 1869 BOUTELL *Arms & Armour* vi. 87 Substituting for the bow..the Sabarcane [*sic*], Sumpitan, or blow-tube, the Malays strike objects at great distances. 1878 *Pop. Sci. Monthly* XIII. 258 Thus originated..slings, *sarbacands*, lassos.

† 2. An ear-trumpet. *Obs.*

1644 DIGBY *Nat. Bodies* xxviii. 251 To this art belongeth the making of sarabatanes, or trunkes, to helpe the hearing.

Sarbet, obs. form of SHERBET.

Sarcasm (sā·ɹkæz'm). Also 6–7 in L. form **sarcasmus.** [ad. late L. *sarcasm-us*, a. late Gr. *σαρκασμός*, f. *σαρκάζειν* to tear flesh, gnash the teeth, speak bitterly, f. *σαρκ-*, *σάρξ* flesh.] A sharp, bitter, or cutting expression or remark; a bitter gibe or taunt. Now usually in generalized sense: Sarcastic language; sarcastic meaning or purpose.

a. 1579 E. K. in *Spenser's Sheph. Cal.* Oct., Glosse, Tom piper, an ironicall Sarcasmus, spoken in derision of these rude wits, whych [etc.]. 1581 J. BELL *Haddon's Answ. Osor.* 324 With this skoffe doth he note them..by a certayne figure called Sarcasmus. 1605 J. DOVE *Confut. Atheism* 38 He called the other Gods so, by a figure called *Ironia*, or *Sarcasmus.* 1621 BURTON *Anat. Mel.* I. ii. IV. iv, Many are of so petulant a spleene, and haue that figure Sarcasmus so often in their mouths,..that [etc.]. 1661 FELTHAM *Resolves* II. l. 284 Either a Sarcasmus against the voluptuous; or else, 'tis a milder counsel.

β. 1619 H. HUTTON *Follie's Anat.* (Percy Soc.) 10 Muse, shew the rigour of a satyres art, In harsh sarcasmes, dissonant and smart. 1690 C. NESSE *Hist. & Myst. O. & N. Test.* I. 234 No lye, but an irony..a witty way of speaking ..such sarcasms Elijah used. 1725 BLACKWALL *Introd. Class.* (ed. 3) 179 When a dying or dead Person is insulted with Scoffs and ironical Tartness 'tis usually call'd a Sarcasm. 1814 SCOTT *Ld. of Isles* IV. xxviii, With many a sarcasm varied still On woman's wish, and woman's will! 1862 MRS. H. WOOD *Channings* I. ix. 133 He looked upon the remark as a bit of sarcasm. 1866 GEO. ELIOT *F. Holt* II. xxx. 227 Blows are sarcasms turned stupid. 1871 FREEMAN *Norm. Conq.* (1876) IV. 127 William's return was accompanied by a confiscation and distribution of laws on so wide a scale that it could be said with indignant sarcasm that he gave away the land of every man.

† **Sarcasma·tical**, *a. Obs. rare.* [f. SARCASM + -ATICAL.] Sarcastic. Hence † **Sarcasma·tically** *adv.*, sarcastically. So † **Sarca·smatize** *v.*, to speak sarcastically of.

1716 M. DAVIES *Athen. Brit.* III. 94 A haughty Jesuit.. publish'd an Anonymous, sarcasmatical Pamphlet. *Ibid.* II. 71 Mr. Wood calls the first a Calvinistical Bishop (who was then, as it seems, marry'd, says he, very Sarcasmatically). *Ibid.* III. 33 So easy it is from Scorning and Sarcasmatizing a deceas'd Protestant Bishop..to proceed to quarrel with a living Brother Bishop.

† **Sarca·smical**, *a. Obs. rare.* [f. SARCASM + -ICAL. Cf. med.L. *sarcasmicus.*] Sarcastic. Hence † **Sarca·smically** *adv.*, sarcastically.

1602 FULBECKE *2nd Pt. Parallel* 26 The Graecians did allow such taunts and biting sarcasmicall speeches. 1658 J. JONES *Ovid's Ibis* 42 It is inhumane sarcasmically to insult over a captive as a Cat over a Mouse.

So † **Sarca·smous** *a.*, sarcastic.

1663 BUTLER *Hud.* I. ii. 578 So say the Wicked—and will you Make that Sarcasmous Scandal true? *a* 1734 NORTH *Exam.* I. ii. § 124 (1740) 98 When he gets a sarcasmous Paper against the Crown, well backed with Authority. *Ibid.* iii. § 36. 144 A sarcasmous Reflection on the House of Commons itself.

Sarcast (sā·ɹkæst). [ad. Gr. type **σαρκαστής*, f. *σαρκάζειν* (see SARCASM).] A sarcastic writer or speaker.

1654 GAYTON *Pleas. Notes* III. vi. 108 The slave Sancho doth supra-parasite it, turnes mime, Satyr, Sarcast, Hyperaspist. 1859 *Knickerb. Mag.* Nov. 478 Jerrold has been called a cynic and a sarcast. 1886 *Sat. Rev.* 19 June 845 Dr. Parker; or, the Sarcast. 1898 *Daily News* 8 June 2/2 'Mr. Disraeli', he [*sc.* Gladstone] said..' was a great sarcast'.

Sarcastic (saɹkæ·stik), *a.* Also 7–8 **-ick.** [ad. Gr. type **σαρκαστικός*, f. *σαρκάζειν*: see SARCASM and -IC. Cf. F. *sarcastique.*] Characterized by or involving sarcasm; given to the use of sarcasm; bitterly cutting or caustic.

1695 J. EDWARDS *Author. O. & N. Test.* III. 380 Sarcastick speeches, gibes, taunts. 1751 JOHNSON *Rambler* No. 177 P 11 Their merriment bluntly sarcastick. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* xi, Mrs. Firkin..flung up her head and said, 'I think Miss *is* very clever,' with the most killing sarcastic air. 1862 CALVERLEY *Verses & Transl.* (1894) 43 Poising evermore the eye-glass In the light sarcastic eye. 1879 FROUDE *Cæsar* xxii. 385 He had spoken his thoughts with sarcastic freedom.

Hence **Sarca·sticness.**

1903 *Times* 30 Sept. 10/5 His habitual sarcasticness.

Sarcastical (saɹkæ·stikăl), *a.* [Formed as prec.: see -ICAL.] = prec.

1641 'SMECTYMNUUS' *Vind. Answ.* § 2 Such a sarcasticall Declaration. 1697 S. PATRICK *Comm. Exod.* v. 17 Nothing could be more Sarcastical, than to tell them they were idle, when they sunk under their Burdens. 1756 P. POTT *Treat. Ruptures* vi. Wks. II. 123 He will be inclined to believe the sarcastical distinction between cures, and escapes, not ill-founded. 1834 *Gentl. Mag.* CIV. i. 185 The active and sarcastical mockery of the ruthless tyrant upon its victims. 1877 MRS. FORRESTER *Mignon* I. i. 14 'You mean that to be sarcastical', she laughs.

Hence **Sarca·sticalness.**

1709 MRS. MANLEY *Secret Mem.* (1720) III. 244, I could never give my self a Reason why the Ephesian Matron of Petronius should please so much, unless it were for the Sarcasticalness.

Sarcastically (saɹkæ·stikăli), *adv.* [f. prec. + -LY 2.] In a sarcastic manner; with sarcasm.

1647 J. TRAPP *Matt.* xiii. 55 As a Christian Schoolmaster fitly answered Libanus, sarcastically demanding: what the Carpenters son was now a doing? 1664 H. MORE *Myst. Iniq.* xii. 39 Or whether pursuing, or in a journey, or asleep somewhere, as Elias sarcastically argues concerning Baal. 1785 BURKE *Sp. Nabob of Arcot's Debts* 25 It is not necessary that the right honourable gentleman should sarcastically call that time to our recollection. 1847 C. BRONTË *J. Eyre* xviii, 'I suppose, now', said Miss Ingram, curling her lip sarcastically [etc.]. 1855 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* xvii. IV. 49 If, it was sarcastically said, all our notions of right and wrong..are to be suddenly altered by a few lines of manuscript found in a corner of the library at Lambeth. 1887 *Courier* 16 June 16/4, 'I am as hungry as a wolf. I work like a horse, but I can't sleep.' 'You had better see a veterinary surgeon,' said the doctor, sarcastically.

Sarce, obs. form of SEARCE *sb.* and *v.*

† **Sa·rcel.** *Obs.* Also 5, 7 **sercell**, 6–7 **sarcell**, 7 **sarcill.** [a. OF. *cercel* (mod. F. *cerceau*):—late L. *circellus*, dim. of *circus* circle (see CIRCUS).] A pinion feather of a hawk's wing. Also *sarcel feather.*

1496 *Bk. St. Albans, Hawking* a v b, The feders that some calle the pynyon feder of a nother foule: of an hawke it is callyd the Sercell. 1575 TURBERV. *Faulconrie* 272 Within Sixe or Seven dayes she will caste..hir Sarcels or flagges. 1591 SYLVESTER *Du Bartas* I. v. (1641) 45 The Marlin, Lanar, and the gentle Tercell, Th' Ospray, and Saker, with a nimble sarcell, Follow the Phœnix. 1621 COTGR., *Cerceau*, ..the Sercell, or Sarcell (feather) of a hawkes wing. 1688 HOLME *Armoury* II. xi. 237/1 The Sarcell Feathers, are the extream pinion Feathers in the Hawks Wing.

b. *fig.* or in fig. context.

1610 W. FOLKINGNAM *Art of Survey* Ep. Ded. p. ii, Skie-towring Faulcons, whose Quills imped with strong Sarcells of the Grace of Greatnes. 1630 DRUMM. OF HAWTN. *Flowres of Sion* 33 My Knowledge sharpen, Sarcells lend my thought. 1649 G. DANIEL *Trinarch., Hen. V*, XXXVII, Vnfledg'd Witt Imp't from that ragged Sarcill Chaucer drop't.

Sarcelle (saɹse·l). Also 4 **cercelle**, 5 **sorcell** (?), 6 **sarcell.** [a. OF. *cercelle* (13th c.), mod. F. *sarcelle* = Pr. *sercela* (cf. med.L. *cercella*, Higden):—pop. L. **cercedula-*, for class. L. *querquedula.*] A name for the teals and closely allied ducks (*e. g.* the garganey, the long-tailed duck).

1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) I. 371 In Lagenia is a ponde; þere is Seynt Colman his briddes; þe bridde beeþ i-cleped cercelles. *c* 1450 *Two Cookery-bks.* 79 Take a Sorcell or a tele, and breke his necke. 1513 *Bk. Keruynge* (W. de W.) B j b, Take a sarcell or a teele, and reyse his wynges.

1793 tr. *Buffon's Nat. Hist. Birds* IX. 217 The Sarcelles, which we canoot better paint in general terms than by saying, that they are ducks much smaller than the others. *Ibid.* 240 The White and Black Sarcelle; or, the Nun. *Ibid.* 243 The Brown and White Sarcelle. 1802 Montagu *Ornith. Dict.* 1818-22 *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) XIV. 266/2.

Sarcelled (sāˑɹsĕld), *a. Her.* [Anglicized f. *sarcelle*, Sarcelly.]

1. = Sarcelly 2.

1688 R. Holme *Armoury* II. v. 49–50 A Cross double parted Voided Flory...It is like the Cross Moline Sawed, or cut into 4. quarters, and disposed at a convenient distance; And therefore may be fitly termed a Cross Moline Sarcelled. 1722 Nisbet *Syst. Her.* I. xv. 113 If the Voiding be of another Colour..than the Field, the Cross is then said to be charged with another Cross; for which our English Heraulds have some needless Terms, as *Sarcelled* and *Resarcelled*. 1828-40 Berry *Encycl. Her.* I, *Cross pattée sarcelled* at bottom in the form of a A reversed. *Ibid.*, *Cross double voided*, by some called *a cross voided sarcelled*, or *sarcelled resarcelled*, that is double or twice sawed asunder. 1847 *Parker's Gloss. Her.* 101 Cross moline sarcelled, or voided throughout, cross recercelée or recersile, or recercelée voided or disjoined, which has also been called a cross fleury biparted.

2. = Sarcelly 3.

1828-40 Berry *Encycl. Her.* I, *Sarcelled*, cut through the middle. Beasts and birds, thus cloven throughout, and the halves..endorsed..is no uncommon bearing in..Germany.

Sarcelly (sāˑɹsĕlĭ), *a. Her.* Forms: 6 sarsile, 6–7 (9) sarcele, 7 sarcelie, 8 cercilé, cercelly, 9 sarcel(l)é, 8– sarcelly, cercelée. Also *erron.* 9 sarcell. [a. AF. *sercelé*, *cerselé* = OF. *cercelé* hooped, ringleted, curled, pa. pple. of *cerceler*, f. *cercel* (see Sarcel).

F. *cercelé* and *recercelé* (see Recercelé(e)) were used synonymously in sense 1 (below). Beside these there was a F. *resarcelé* (see Resarcelée, of obscure origin) applied to a cross on which another is placed of a different colour. *Recercelé*, and consequently *cercelé*, *sarcelly*, were confused with *resarcelé* and used for it (sense 2). The cross resarcelée was later sometimes blazoned as a cross voided (*i.e.* having the central part cut out), and recent English heraldic writers have further extended the use of *sarcelly* (and *sarcelled*) by applying them to birds and beasts cut through the middle (sense 3).]

1. Used to designate a variety of the cross moline in which the points are recurved or curled back.

The Book of St. Albans blazons this cross as *retornyt* and *reuersit*, F. *recercilee*, L. *inversa*.

c 1500 *Sc. Poem Heraldry* 141 in *Q. Eliz. Acad.*, etc. 99, xj crois fichye; xij sarsile fere. 1562 Legh *Armory* 59 The fielde Or, a crosse Sarcele Geules. 1572 Bossewell *Armorie* II. 25 b, Gules, on a Crosse Sarcele D'or, fiue mollettes of the firste. 1780 Edmondson *Her.* Gloss., *Cross-Cercelée*. This Cross is like the Cross Moline, but with this difference, that the points are turned round. *Ibid.*, *Sarcelly*, the same as *Cercelly*. 1864 Boutell *Heraldry* 79 *Cercelée* or *Recercelée*, curling at the extremities. 1897 W. K. R. Bedford *Blazon Episc.* (ed. 2) 217 Gules, a cross sarcelly ermine.

2. Applied to a cross (esp. a cross moline) voided and open at the ends. (Cf. Resarcelée.)

1661 Morgan *Sph. Gentry* II. 9 Sarcele Cross [= *infra* 14 Recercile]. 1722 Nisbet *Syst. Her.* I. xv. 118 A Cross moline, altogether voided, which some of them call a Cross Cercilé. 1828-40 Berry *Encycl. Her.* I, *Cross sarcele*, *sarcell*, or *sarcelle*, is a *cross voided*, or, as it were, sawed apart. 1889 Elvin *Dict. Her.* p. xiii, Cross voided, also termed Sarcelle.

3. Cut through the middle. (Cf. Sarcelled 2.)

1864 Boutell *Heraldry* 87 *Sarcellée*.

Sarcen, variant of Sarsen.

Sarcenchyme (saɹseˑŋkəim). [f. Gr. *σαρκ-*, *σάρξ* flesh, after Parenchyme.] Sollas's name for a connective tissue in certain sponges (see quot.).

1887 Sollas in *Encycl. Brit.* XXII. 419/2 In the higher sponges (*Geodia*, *Stelletta*) it [*sc.* the mesoderm] consists of small polygonal granular cells either closely contiguous or separated by a very small quantity of structureless jelly, and in this form may be termed sarcenchyme. 1898 Sedgwick *Text-bk. Zool.* I. 79.

Sarcenet(t, obs. forms or variants of Sarsenet.

Sarch(e, var. or obs. ff. Search; obs. ff. Search.

Sarcic (sāˑɹsik). [ad. Gr. *σαρκικός*, f. *σαρκ-*, *σάρξ* flesh.] (See quot.)

1876 tr. *Hergenröther's Cath. Ch. & Chr. State* II. 293 Neither is it true that the clergy were only regarded as men of the spirit, and the laity only as men of the flesh; the Church had long rejected the Gnostic distinction between pneumatics and sarcics.

‖ **Sarcina** (sāˑɹsinə). *Bot.* Pl. **-inæ** (inī). [L. = bundle, f. *sarcīre* to patch, mend.] A genus of schizomycetous fungi or bacteria, forming masses of cells united in fixed numbers, which are found in various animal fluids. Also *altrib.*

1842 Goodsir in *Edin. Med. & Surg. Jrnl.* 434 These circumstances gave the whole organism the appearance of a wool-pack, or of a soft bundle bound with cord...From these very striking peculiarities of form, I propose for it the generic name of Sarcina. *Ibid.* 435 The Sarcinæ were found grouped as it were in colonies, in certain portions of the ropy fluid. 1866 *Chamb. Encycl.* VIII. 486/1 The sarcinæ occurring in urine are about half the size of those occurring in the stomach, and the aggregations of sarcina cells are also smaller. 1884 Klein *Micro-org.* 39 A group of four (tetrade or sarcinaform) is thereby produced. *Ibid.* 43 Small sarcinæ occur on boiled potatoes. 1888 *Jrnl. Chem. Ind.* 30 June 449/1 Cultivations of sarcina in sterilised beer-wort.

† **Sarcinarious,** *a. Obs.* [f. L. *sarcinārius*, f. *sarcina* bundle, pack.]

1656 Blount *Glossogr.*, *Sarcinarious*, of or belonging to Packs, Fardels, &c., serving to carry burthens or loads.

† **Sarcinate,** *v. Obs.* [f. L. *sarcināt-*, ppl. stem of *sarcināre* to load a beast, f. *sarcina* load, pack.] *trans.* To load (a beast of burden); *fig.* to overload (but cf. Farcinate).

1623 Cockeram II, To Lade a beast, *Sarcinate*. 1645 *Martin's Echo* in Prynne *Discov. Blazing-Stars* 23 Extend your panches, cram your bellies, sarcinate your ventricles. [*But* 'Martin Mar-priest' *Martin's Eccho* (? 1645) 2 *has* farcinate.] 1656 Blount *Glossogr.*

Hence † **Sarcinaˑtion.**

1658 Phillips, *Sarcination*, a loading with packs or fardells.

† **Saˑrcinator.** *Obs.* [L. agent-n. of **sarcināre* = *sarcīre* to botch.] A mender, patcher.

1646 Mayne *Serm. on Unity &c.* 31 There wants only a Sarcinator, or Botcher, to assume to himselfe the Crowne.

Sarcine (sāˑɹsin). *Chem.* Also **-kin**(e. [ad. G. *sarkin* (Strecker), f. Gr. *σαρκ-*, *σάρξ* flesh: see -ine.] A base existing in the juice of flesh. Also *altrib.*

1858 *Q. Jrnl. Chem. Soc.* X. 121 A well characterised organic base, which I [i. e. Strecker] will provisionally distinguish by the name *Sarcine*. *Ibid.* 123 Its [*sc.* sarcine] solution in baryta-water, deposits, on addition of a larger quantity of the baryta-solution,..crystals of sarcine-baryta. 1887 A. M. Brown *Anim. Alkaloids* 70 Sarkine or hypoxanthine, so widely distributed in the organic world, both animal and vegetable.

Sarcinet, obs. form of Sarsenet.

Sarcinoid (sāˑɹsinoid), *a.* [ad. mod.L. *Sarcinoīdēs* (used by Blainville, 1834, in neut. pl. *-oidea*), f. Gr. *σάρκινο-s* fleshy (f. *σαρκ-*, *σάρξ* flesh): see -oid.] Belonging to the group *Sarcinoidea* of polyps.

1841 *Penny Cycl.* XX. 423/1 The Sarcoid (or sarcinoid, or carnose) Polypiaria.

Sarcinous (sāˑɹsinəs), *a.* [f. Sarcina + -ous.] Pertaining to or involving sarcinæ.

1874 Garrod *Mat. Med.* (ed. 6) 143 Sarcinous vomiting.

Sarcle (sāˑɹkl), *sb.* (Only in renderings of the L. word.) [ad. L. *sarculum*, *-us*, instrumental noun f. *sar(r)īre* to weed.] A hoe.

1745 tr. *Columella's Husb.* II. xii, The roots of the corn are laid open and uncovered with the sarcle. 1875 *Encycl. Brit.* I. 311/2 A history of this implement [*sc.* the plough], tracing its gradual progress from the ancient *Sarcle* to its most improved form at the present day.

Sarcle (sāˑɹkl), *v. ? Obs.* Also 7 **sarkle.** [a. OF. *sarcler*:—L. *sarculāre*, f. *sarculum* (see prec.).] *trans.* To weed with a hoe. Chiefly in *vbl. sb.*

1543 tr. *Act* 25 *Edw. III*, c. 1 (*Stat. labourers*) And that none pay in the time of sarcling or heymaking but .i.d. the day. 1601 Holland *Pliny* II. 20 After the ground is sowne, it requireth weeding, sarcling, or raking. *Ibid.* 28 That they must not be sarcled, nor have the earth opened & laid hollow about them. 1611 Florio, *Risarchiáre*, to sarkle, to harrow or rake ouer againe. 1617 Minsheu *Ductor*, *Sarceling time*, or *time of Sarceling*, seemeth to bee the time when the Countryman weedeth his corne. 1745 tr. *Columella's Husb.* II. xii, There are many who are of opinion that they should be sarcled. *Ibid.*, After we have finished our sowing, our next care is of sarcling.

Hence **Saˑrcler,** a weeder.

1707 Fleetwood *Chron. Prec.* 158 In 1351..Sarclers (that is Weeders) and Hay-makers, by the Day, *oo*l. *oo*s. *o*1*d*. [1885 *Q. Rev.* Apr. 327 On 220 acres in Suffolk, 60 sarclers or weeders were employed on one day at 2*d.* a piece.]

Sarcnet, obs. form of Sarsenet.

Sarco- (sāˑɹko, saɹkpˑ), combining form of Gr. *σαρκ-*, *σάρξ* flesh, occurring as prefix in many scientific terms (the more important are given as Main words): **Sarco-acid,** short for Sarcolactic *acid*. ‖ **Saˑrcobasis** *Bot.*, a very fleshy gynobase; = Carcerule. **Saˑrcoblast,** (*a*) one of the minute yellow bodies present in rhizopods; (*b*) a germinal particle of protoplasm. **Saˑrcocyte:** see quot. **Sarcoˑgnomy** *Psych. rare* [after *physiognomy*], the study of the sympathy and correspondence between the body and the brain. ‖ **Saˑrcomatrix,** in protozoa (see quot.). **Saˑrcomere** *Anat.* [Gr. *μέρος* part], a sarcous element. **Saˑrcoplasm,** ‖ **Sarcoplaˑsma,** the interfibrillar hyaline substance of muscle. ‖ **Sarcosoˑma** [Gr. *σῶμα* body], the 'bark' of corals. **Saˑrcosome,** a granular body lying in the sarcoplasm of muscle. **Saˑrcosperm** *Bot.* = Sarcoderm. ‖ **Sarcostoˑsis** *Path.* [Gr. *-οστωσις* as in *ἐξόστωσις* Exostosis], ossification of flesh (Craig 1849). **Saˑrcostyle,** ‖ **Sarcotheˑca** [Gr. *θήκη* case]: see quots. **Saˑrcotome** *Surg.* [Gr. *-τόμος* that cuts]: see quot.

1882 *Encycl. Brit.* XIV. 197/1 The *sarco-acid has precisely the same structure as ordinary lactic acid. 1866 *Treas. Bot.*, **Sarcobasis*, the same kind of fruit as the Carcerulus. 1895 J. C. Warren *Surg. Path.* ix. 235 Some authorities believe that the new growth proceeds from the muscular cells or *sarcoblasts. 1898 Sedgwick *Textbk. Zool.* I. 57 In many forms [of Gregarines] there are longitudinal fibrillar thickenings of the cuticle, and occasionally a special superficial layer of the ectoplasm immediately beneath the cuticle is distinguished as the *sarcocyte. 1878 J. R. Buchanan *Psychophysiol. Sci.* 74 *Sarcognomy. 1882 *Banner of Light* (Boston, U. S.) 19 Aug., The entire symptomatology of diseases must be deficient in regard to mental symptoms,..without the guidance of sarcognomy. 1884 J. R. Buchanan (*title*) Therapeutic Sarcognomy, a scientific exposition of the mysterious union of soul and body, and a new system of therapeutic practice without medicine. 1895 *Jrnl. Mar. Zool.* Mar. 13 The extracapsular substance consists of two well defined layers, the inner (*sarcomatrix) which invests closely the capsule, is protoplasmic. 1897 *Syd. Soc. Lex.*, **Sarcomere.* 1900 Bourne *Comp. Anat.* I. 96 The sarcostyle itself is made up of a number of segments, called sarcomeres, separated from one another by fine membranes. *Ibid.*, They [*sc.* sarcostyles] are prismatic in section, and are separated from one another by a more fluid substance known as *sarcoplasm. 1890 C. F. Marshall in *Q. Jrnl. Microsc. Sci.* CXI. 67 According to Rollett, the 'muscle-columns' are the essential parts of the fibre, and the '*sarcoplasma' is simply interfibrillar material. 1865 *Nat. Hist. Rev.* 363 The *sarcosoma or bark of the coral is next described [by Lacaze-Duthiers]. 1899 tr. *Verworn's Gen. Physiol.* v. 464 The granules, or *sarcosomes, lying in the sarcoplasm between the individual fibrillæ were enormously enlarged in the fatigued..muscle. 1849 Balfour *Man. Bot.* § 578 The secundine..when it assumes a fleshy character,..has received the name of *sarcosperm or sarcoderm. 1888 Allman in *Challenger Rep., Zool.* XXIII. *Hydroida* p. xix, I shall..adopt here the terminology proposed by Hincks, and use the term **sarcostyle* for the fleshy offset from the cœnosarc, and that of **sarcotheca* for the chitinous receptacle by which this is protected. *Ibid.*, The Sarcothecæ occur in the Plumularinæ under two principal forms. 1874 *Trans. Clinical Soc.* VII. 138 Description of the *Sarcotome, an Instrument for painlessly cutting through the soft Tissues of the Body. By W. Ainslie Hollis.

Sarcocarp (sāˑɹkokāɹp). *Bot.* [ad. F. *sarcocarpe* (Richard), f. Gr. *σαρκο-*, *σάρξ* flesh + *καρπός* fruit.] The fleshy part of a drupaceous fruit lying between the epicarp and the endocarp, being the part usually eaten.

1819 Lindley tr. *Richard's Obs. Fruits & Seeds* 2, I propose naming the epidermis of fruit Epicarp, the parenchyma Sarcocarp. 1849 Balfour *Man. Bot.* § 525 In the Date,.. the pulpy matter is the mesocarp or sarcocarp. 1870 Hooker *Stud. Flora* 237 Olea europæa yields oil in its fleshy sarcocarp.

Sarcocele (sāˑɹkosīl). *Path.* [ad. mod.L. *sarcocēlē* (G. Valla, 1501), a. Gr. *σαρκοκήλη*, f. *σαρκο-*, *σάρξ* flesh + *κήλη* tumour.] Hard fleshy enlargement of the testicle.

1742 tr. *Heister's Surg.* II. (1768) II. 115 A recent Sarcocele may frequently be suppurated by digestive Medicines. 1783 Johnson *Let. to Mrs. Thrale* 22 Sept., The complaint about which you enquire is a sarcocele: I thought it a hydrocele and heeded it but little. 1861 Bumstead *Ven. Dis.* (1879) 634 Syphilitic sarcocele, orchitis, or albuginitis, as it is variously termed.

Sarcocol(l (sāˑɹkŏkpl). Now *rare.* [ad. late L. *sarcocolla*: see next.] = next.

c 1400 *Lanfranc's Cirurg.* 153 Take oile of rosis..mirre, sarcocol [etc.]. 1526 *Grete Herball* ccclxxxviii. (1529) X iv, Sarcocolle is hote and drye in the thyrde degre. *c* 1550 H. Lloyd *Treas. Health* M ij, A fumigacion made of Sarcocoll upon hote Coles. 1612 tr. *Valentinus' Enchir. Med.* 98 Mastich and sarcocol mixt together. 1712 tr. *Pomet's Hist. Drugs* I. 198 Sarcocol is a Gum that flows from a little prickly Shrub, whereof the Leaves are like the *Palta Sena*. 1819 J. G. Children *Chem. Anal.* 286 Sarcocoll; colour yellow, resembles gum arabic in appearance. 1846 Lindley *Veget. Kingd.* 577 A sub-viscid, sweetish..gum-resin called Sarcocol..is said to be produced by various species [of *Penæa*].

‖ **Sarcocolla** (sāɹkŏkpˑlă). [late L., a. Gr. *σαρκόκολλα*, f. *σαρκο-*, *σάρξ* flesh + *κόλλα* glue: so called because of its reputed property of agglutinating wounds.] A sub-viscid gum-resin brought from Arabia and Persia in light yellow or red grains.

Its source is not certainly known: see quots. 1830, 1887.

1599 Hakluyt *Voy.* II. 278 Sarcacolla, from Persia. 1601 Holland *Pliny* II. 197 As touching Sarcocolla, some bee of opinion that it is the gum or liquor issuing from a certain thornie plant or bush. 1658 A. Fox tr. *Würtz' Surg.* II. v. 59 Congealed blood..is a right flesh-glue, exceeding a Sarcocolla. 1763 W. Lewis *Phil. Comm. Arts* 367 Sprinkle in the same quantity of sarcocolla. 1830 Lindley *Nat. Syst. Bot.* 72 A subviscid, sweetish, somewhat nauseous gum-resin, called Sarcocolla, is produced by Penæa mucronata (and others). 1887 Bentley *Man. Bot.* 531 The gum known as *Sarcocolla*, which is imported into Bombay from..Bushire, is..considered by Dymock to be derived from a species of *Astragalus*, or from one nearly allied to that genus.

Sarcocollin (sāɹkŏkpˑlin). *Chem.* [ad. F. *sarcocolline* (Pelletier): see prec. and -in.] A principle contained in sarcocolla.

1830 Lindley *Nat. Syst. Bot.* 72. 1838 Thomson *Chem. Org. Bodies* 645.

Sarcodal (saɹkōuˑdăl), *a.* [f. Sarcode + -al.] = Sarcodic.

1869 H. J. Carter in *Ann. Nat. Hist.* Sept. 191 Their walls formed of sarcodal rugæ more or less circular.

Sarcode (sāˑɹkōud), *sb.* and *a. Biol.* [a. F. *sarcode* (Dujardin 1835), f. *σαρκ-*, *σάρξ* flesh: see -ode.]

A. *sb.* The Protoplasm of animals.

1853 *Bot. & Physiol. Mem.* (Ray Soc.) 535 The protoplasm of Botanists and the..sarcode of Zoologists, if not identical, are at all events..analogous formations. 1871 T. R. Jones *Anim. Kingd.* (ed. 4) 4 The body of the Protozoon consists chiefly of the elementary substance known as *sarcode* or animal protoplasm. 1883 W. Saville Kent in Adderley *Fish. Bahamas* 35 The *Euplectella*, as sold in the market, being then divested of the buff-coloured gelatinous flesh or sarcode.

B. *adj.* Sarcodic; protoplasmic.

1855 *Orr's Circ. Sci., Org. Nat.* II. 209 This gelatinous coating is found to consist entirely of an immense number of aggregated sarcode-cells. 1859 J. R. Greene *Protozoa* 19 Gemmule, embedded in sarcode substance. 1898 P. Manson *Trop. Dis.* xxxii. 501 The bulk of the embryo is occupied by a number of sarcode globules.

Sarcoderm (sāˑɹkŏdəim). *Bot.* Also in L. form **sarcoderma** (-dĕˑɹmă). [ad. mod.L. *sarcodermis*

(De Candolle), f. Gr. *σαρκο-* SARCO- and *δέρμα* DERMA.] The fleshy layer in some seeds lying between the internal and external integuments.

1848 LINDLEY *Introd. Bot.* II. 26 The testa..consists..of three portions;..3. of an intervening substance..called sarcoderm by De Candolle. 1861 BENTLEY *Bot.* 337 Some botanists..describe a third integument under the name of sarcoderm; this layer, however, is commonly and more accurately considered as but a portion of the outer integument.

Sarcodic (saɪkɒ·dɪk), *a. Biol.* [f. SARCODE + -IC.] Of, pertaining to, of the nature of sarcode; protoplasmic.

1864 *Reader* 2 Apr. 434/1 A spherical sarcodic mass. 1866 DARWIN *Orig. Spec.* vi. (ed. 4) 216 Sarcodic tissue not furnished with any nerve. 1870 ROLLESTON *Anim. Life* 257 The 'sarcodic expansions', as the pseudopodia have been called.

Sarcoid (sā·ɹskoid), *a.* and *sb.* [f. Gr. *σαρκ-*, *σάρξ* flesh + -OID. Cf. Gr. *σαρκώδης*.]

A. *adj.* Resembling flesh; flesh-like: applied to sponges, plants, etc.

1841 *Penny Cycl.* XX. 423/1 In the Sarcoid..Polypiaria we may imagine the distinct collected axis of Corallium or Pennatula to be ramified and reticulated. 1858 MAYNE *Expos. Lex.*, *Sarcoides*,..sarcoid. 1864 WEBSTER (citing DANA).

B. *sb.* A sponge particle.

1875 H. A. NICHOLSON *Man. Zool.* v. 70 The 'sponge-flesh'..is found upon a microscopical examination to be composed of an aggregation of rounded amœbiform bodies—the so-called 'sponge-particles' or 'sarcoids'.

Sarcolactic (sāɹkoˌlæ·ktɪk), *a. Chem.* [f. SARCO- + LACTIC.] *Sarcolactic acid*: an acid, isomeric with lactic acid, obtained from muscular tissue.

1862 MILLER *Elem. Chem., Org.* (ed. 2) III. 376 The sarkolactic acid from muscular tissue may be distinguished as the variety α (of lactic acid). 1887 *Brit. Med. Jrnl.* 221/2 A new product appears in the urine after liver-extirpation. This is sarcolactic acid.

Hence **Sarcolactate**, a salt of sarcolactic acid.

1882 *Encycl. Brit.* XIV. 197/1 The sarcolactates in general are more readily soluble than ordinary lactates.

‖ **Sarcolemma** (sāɹkōle·mă). *Anat.* Also -lema. [mod.L., f. SARCO- + Gr. λέμμα (see LEMMA 2).] The fine transparent tubular sheath investing muscular fibre.

1840 BOWMAN in *Phil. Trans.* CXXX. 474 Of the Sarcolemma, or Tunic of the Primitive Fasciculus. 1849 NOAD *Electricity* 449 The tendinous fibres are continued among the muscular fibres, whilst the sarcolema merely envelopes the said muscular fibres. 1872 HUXLEY *Physiol.* ii. 36 The muscular fibres of the heart..have no sheath or sarcolemma. *attrib.* 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VI. 276 Proliferation of the sarcolemma nuclei.

Sarcolite (sāɹ·ɹkōləit). *Min.* [f. SARCO- + -LITE.] A silicate of aluminium, sodium, and calcium found in flesh-coloured crystals. Also = GMELINITE.

1814 AIKIN *Dict. Chem. & Min.* App. 56 Sarcolite. Colour flesh red. 1836 T. THOMSON *Min., Geol.*, etc. I. 337 Analcime. Cubirite, sarcolite. *Ibid.* 340 Hydrolite. Gmelenite, sarcolite of Vauquelin. 1858 NICOL *Elem. Min.* 130 Sarkolite, from Vesuvius. 1869 PHILLIPS *Vesuv.* x. 291 Sarcolite [occurs] in ejected blocks with Wollastonite [etc.].

Sarcology (sāɹkɒ·lŏdʒi). [f. SARCO- + -LOGY. Cf. F. *sarcologie*.]

1. That branch of anatomy which treats of the fleshy parts of the body.

1728 CHAMBERS *Cycl.* s. v., Anatomy is divided into Two principal Parts; Osteology and Sarcology. 1796 SOUTHEY *Lett. fr. Spain* (1799) 470 The Professor shall begin his instructions with Osteology upon the skeleton,..proceed with Sarcology, and conclude with the organs of the senses.

2. The therapeutic method or theory which involves or advocates the internal administration of the extractives of the organs of animals for the purpose of affecting the corresponding organs of the human body.

1893 *Science* (N. Y.) 22 Sept. 162 The science of sarcology and the new way opened up by Brown-Séquard and Dr. Hammond suggest higher possibilities.

Hence **Sarcolo·gic, -ical** *adjs.*, belonging to sarcology; **Sarco·logist**, a professor of sarcology.

1828–32 WEBSTER, *Sarcological.* 1855 OGILVIE Suppl., *Sarcologist.* 1882 OGILVIE, *Sarcologic.*

‖ **Sarcoma** (saɪkō·mă). Pl. **sarcomata.** [mod.L., a. Gr. *σόρκωμα* (Galen), f. *σαρκοῦν* to become fleshy, f. *σαρξ*, *σαρκ-* flesh.]

1. *Path.* † **a.** A fleshy excrescence. *Obs.*

1657 *Physical Dict., Sarcoma*, flesh growing in the nostrils like the proud flesh in a sore. 1742 tr. *Heister's Surg.* (1768) II. 249 Some call them [*sc.* polypuses] *Sarcomata*, others *Hypersarcoma's*. *Ibid.*, We sometimes meet with Excrescences of various Sizes and Figures..These are usually called Sarcomata of the Uterus. 1752 CHAMBERS *Cycl.* s. v., Every polypus is a sarcoma; but not *vice versa*. The sarcoma frequently degenerates into a polypus.

b. A tumour composed of embryonic connective tissue.

1804 ABERNETHY *Surg. Obs. Tumours* 19 The first genus may be denominated from its most obvious character (that of having a firm and fleshy feel) Sarcoma or Sarcomatous Tumours. *Ibid.* 26 Adipose Sarcoma. This is a very common species of Sarcomatous Tumours. 1872 PEASLEE *Ovarian Tumors* 19 A cystic sarcoma is merely a development of cysts in a fibroid tumor. 1880 M. MACKENZIE *Dis. Throat & Nose* I. 350 As a rule Sarcomata rapidly attain a considerable size. 1894 *Dublin Rev.* Oct. 350 A poor woman with an extensive sarcoma of the face.

fig. 1850 J. BROWN *Lett.* (1907) 82, I often look upon myself as one sarcoma of selfishness and indolence.

2. *Bot.* Link's term for the fleshy disk surrounding the ovary.

1832 LINDLEY *Introd. Bot.* I. ii. 137. 1856 HENSLOW *Dict. Bot. Terms.*

‖ **Sarcomatosis** (saɪkōəmătō·sis). *Path.* [mod.L., f. Gr. *σαρκωματ-*, SARCOMA + *-ωσις*, -OSIS.] Sarcomatous degeneration.

1890 BILLINGS *Nat. Med. Dict.* 1897 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* III. 726 In generalised sarcomatosis the mucous membrane may contain numerous small secondary growths.

Sarcomatous (saɪkō·mătəs), *a.* [Formed as prec. + -OUS. In mod.L. *sarcomatosus*.] Pertaining or relating to, of the nature of, sarcoma.

1754 SMELLIE *Midwifery* II. 113 Bonetus..gives several instances of sarcomatous and glandular tumours, which were mistaken for the uterus. 1804 (see SARCOMA). 1897 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* IV. 446 These infantile tumours are almost invariably sarcomatous.

† **Sarcome.** *Obs.* = SARCOMA 1.

1626 MINSHEU *Ductor*, A *Sarcome*, a bunch of flesh in ones nose.

Sarcophagal (saɪkɒ·făgăl), *a. rare.* [f. L. SARCOPHAG-US + -AL.]

1. Flesh-devouring, flesh-consuming.

1614 T. ADAMS *Phys. Heaven* in *Diuells Banket* vi. 307 This naturall Balme..can (at vtmost)..giue a short and insensible preseruation to it [*sc.* the body], in the sarcophagall graue. 1905 *Daily News* 23 June 6 [A vegetarian] denounces my meat-eating habits as 'cannibal' and 'sarcophagal'.

2. Represented on sarcophagi.

1874 W. H. WITHROW *Catacombs of Rome* (1877) 292 The sarcophagal and other representations of this event.

Sarcophagan (saɪkɒ·făgăn). *Zool.* [f. mod.L. *Sarcophaga*, n. pl. or fem. sing. of *sarcophagus* (see SARCOPHAGUS) + -AN.] **a.** An animal of the group *Sarcophaga* (flesh-eating animals). **b.** A fly of the genus *Sarcophaga*; a flesh-fly. In recent Dicts.

† **Sarcophage.** *Obs.* [ad. L. SARCOPHAGUS.]

1. = SARCOPHAGUS 1, 2.

1623 COCKERAM, *Sarcophage*, a graue, a sepulchre. 1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr.*, *Sarcophage*,..a stone called Eat-flesh. 1811 PINKERTON *Petral.* I. 229 [Green universal bricia.] The celebrated sarcophage, in the British Museum, is of this stone.

2. A flesh-eater; = SARCOPHAGUS 3.

1852 *Meanderings of Mem.* I. 210 Von vermined Sarcophage.

So † **Sarco·phagist** in sense 2.

1699 EVELYN *Acetaria* 86 Whilst Men Sarcophagists (Flesh-Eaters) in all this time were yet to seek.

Sarcophagize (saɪkɒ·fădʒəiz), *v.* [f. SARCOPHAG-US + -IZE.] *trans.* To enclose in a sarcophagus.

a 1876 M. COLLINS *Pen Sk.* (1879) I. 146 [He] lies sarcophagised in red granite.

Sarcophagous (saɪkɒ·făgəs), *a. rare.* [f. L. *sarcophag-us* (see SARCOPHAGUS) + -OUS.]

1. **a.** 'Flesh-eating, feeding on flesh' (J.). **b.** Belonging to the group *Sarcophaga* (flesh-eaters) of mammals. In recent Dicts.

2. Resembling a sarcophagus.

1885 *Edin. Rev.* Jan. 38 The faded palazzo with their sarcophagous courtyards and precincts.

‖ **Sarcophagus** (saɪkɒ·făgŭs). Pl. **-phagi** (fădʒəi). Also 8 **-fagus.** [L., a. Gr. *σαρκοφάγος*, orig. adj., f. *σαρκο-*, *σάρξ* flesh + *-φάγος* eating.]

1. A kind of stone reputed among the Greeks to have the property of consuming the flesh of dead bodies deposited in it, and consequently used for coffins. *Obs.* exc. *Antiq.*

1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* XXXVI. xvii. II. 587 Near vnto Assos, a city in Troas, there is found in the quarries a certaine stone called Sarcophagus. *a* 1680 BUTLER *Rem.* (1759) II. 461 His Entrails are like the Sarcophagus, that devours dead Bodies in a small Space. 1750 tr. *Leonardus' Mirr. Stones* 232 Sarcofagus, is a Stone of which the Antients built their Monuments, and took its Name from its Effect.

2. A stone coffin, esp. one embellished with sculptures or bearing inscriptions, etc.

1705 ADDISON *Italy* (1733) 198 Several Sarcophagi that have inclosed the Ashes of Men or Boys, Maids or Matrons. 1762–71 H. WALPOLE *Vertue's Anecd. Paint.* (1786) I. 285 A sarcophagus with ribbed work and mouldings. 1838 MURRAY *Handbk. N. Germ.* 103 Their effigies, formed of Italian alabaster, repose upon a sarcophagus. 1838 ARNOLD *Hist. Rome* (1846) I. 325 The sarcophagus which contained the bones of L. Cornelius Scipio was discovered in 1780. 1869 RAWLINSON *Anc. Hist.* 63 Suphis I, the builder of the 'Third Pyramid' which contained his sarcophagus.

fig. 1619 PURCHAS *Microcosmus* XXXV. 329 This (*venter impiorum insaturabilis*)..consumes..generally twice a day all the flesh therein interred; so true a Sarcophagus is the belly. 1855 MOTLEY *Dutch Rep.* Introd. xiv. 85 The monastic spirit..which now kept it [*sc.* learning]..stiffening in the stony sarcophagus of a bygone age. 1870 tr. *Pouchet's Universe* (1871) 98 The Emperor Moth..emerges from its horny sarcophagus without catching a hair of its velvet wings against it.

3. A flesh-eating person or animal. *? Obs.*

1617 COLLINS *Def. Ep. Ely* II. x. 420 No Transformators, no such sauage *Sarcophagi*, as S. Cyrill bends his penne against. 1864 PUSEY *Lect. Daniel* vii. 429 Dr. Browne informs me; 'There are met with in asylums *sarcophagi*, individuals who have desired to eat..human flesh.'

4. A wine-cooler. In recent Dicts.

1833 LOUDON *Encycl. Archit.* 1045 Fig. 1871 is a pedestal sideboard..There is an open sarcophagus-shaped wine cooler beneath..Castors are sunk into the plinth of the sarcophagus.

Hence **Sarco·phagus** *v. trans.*, to deposit or enclose in a sarcophagus.

1862 MISS MULOCK in *Macm. Mag.* V. 464 The handful of mere dust that lies Sarcophagused in stone and lead. 1888 W. H. H. ROGERS *Mem. of West* App. 391 She rests in a wedge-shaped coffin, which is sarcophagused within the tomb in the presbytery.

Sarcophagy (saɪkɒ·fădʒi). *rare.* [ad. Gr. *σαρκοφαγία*, f. *σαρκοφάγος*: see prec. and -PHAGY.] The practice of eating flesh.

1650 SIR T. BROWNE *Pseud. Ep.* III. xxv. (1658) 209 There was no Sarcophagie before the flood. 1901 H. G. WELLS in *Eng. Illustr. Mag.* Nov. 112 The movements against vivisection, opium, alcohol, tobacco, sarcophagy, and the male sex.

Sarcopside (saɪkɒ·psid). *Min.* [ad. G. *sarkopsid* (Websky 1868), irreg. f. Gr. *σαρκ-*, *σάρξ* flesh + *ὄψις* sight.] Phosphate of iron and manganese exhibiting a flesh-red colour or fracture.

1877 DANA *Text-bk. Min.* 347 Sarcopside.—Near triplite. Valley of the Mühlbach, Silesia.

‖ **Sarcoptes** (saɪkɒ·ptēz). *Zool.* [mod.L. (Latreille 1804), irreg. f. Gr. *σαρκ-*, *σάρξ* flesh + *κόπτειν* to cut.] A genus of parasites comprising the itch-mite; a mite of this genus.

1874 *Ann. Nat. Hist.* Jan. 75 The two genera in question differ from the true *Sarcoptes* in not piercing canals in the epidermis of their host. 1876 *Van Beneden's Anim. Parasites* 133 No other species but those of Sarcoptes can be transferred from animals to man. *Ibid.* 135 A sarcoptes (*S. mutans*) which produces a disease among fowls.

Hence **Sarco·ptic** *a.*, caused by itch-mites.

1886 *Order of Council* in *Field* 24 July 160/3 A horse, ass, or mule affected with sarcoptic mange.

Sarcosine (sā·ɹkŏsin). *Chem.* Also **sarkosin**(e, **sarcosin.** [a. G. *sarkosin* (Liebig 1847), irreg. f. Gr. *σαρκ-*, *-σάρξ* flesh + -INE.] A nitrogenous substance, one of the constituents of creatine; methyl glycocoll.

1848 *Chem. Gaz.* VI. 4 Sarcosine. This substance is obtained by boiling a saturated solution of kreatine with crystallized hydrate of baryta. 1857 MILLER *Elem. Chem., Org.* III. 323 Lactamide..is isomeric with sarcosine. 1869 ROSCOE *Elem. Chem.* 383 Sarcosine can be artificially prepared by acting upon monochloracetic acid with methylamine.

Hence **Sarcosi·nic** *a.* (see quot.).

1877 *Pharmac. Jrnl.* 28 Apr. 872/2 J. Hertz has extracted from a Mexican species of shell-lac, termed 'Soma de Sonora', which exuded from the *Mimosa Coccifera*, a body which he has designated 'sarcosinic acid'.

† **Sarco·tic,** *a.* and *sb. Obs.* [ad. mod.L. *sarcōtic-us*, a. Gr. *σαρκωτικός*, f. *σαρκοῦν* (see SARCOMA).]

A. *adj.* Producing flesh; inducing the growth of flesh; = INCARNATIVE *a.*

1656 RIDGLEY *Pract. Physick* 127 Sarcotick remedies. 1684 tr. *Bonet's Merc. Compit.* III. 81 Ointment of Woodbine is a most excellent Sarcotick Medicine.

B. *sb.* = INCARNATIVE *sb.*

1657 TOMLINSON *Renou's Disp.* IV. i. 129 The best Sarcotick, confected of *Ceratum*, and a twelfth part of Verdigrease. 1676 WISEMAN *Chirurg. Treat.* 340 Where there is loss of Substance, there he must assist Nature with his Sarcoticks. 1676 JAS. COOKE *Marrow Chirurg.* (1685) IV. ix. 216 Use first exceedents and then Sarcoticks.

† **Sarco·tical,** *a.* and *sb. Obs.* [Formed as prec.: see -ICAL.] = prec.

1638 A. READ *Chirurg.* ix. 63 All Sarcoticall medicaments ..ought to be voyd of a sharp and biting quality. 1656 RIDGLEY *Pract. Physick* 285 [A boil] is cured by suppurating medicaments; after that by Sarcoticals. 1657 TOMLINSON *Renou's Disp.* III. iv. 124 If it [*sc.* a plaster] be sarcotical, herein it helps Nature, that it generates flesh more easily.

Sarcous (sā·ɹkəs), *a.* [f. Gr. *σαρκ-*, *σάρξ* flesh + -OUS.] Consisting of flesh or muscular tissue.

Sarcous elements: see quot. 1840.

1840 W. BOWMAN in *Phil. Trans.* CXXX. 493 The primitive fasciculi of voluntary muscle consist of elongated polygonal masses of primitive component particles, or sarcous elements...It is the assemblage of these particles, which may most properly be styled 'Sarcous tissue'. 1875 DARWIN *Insectiv. Pl.* vi. 100 Parallelograms of sarcous matter. 1898 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* V. 890 The process of fatty degeneration of the cardiac muscle consists..in the gradual replacement of the sarcous elements by fatty granules.

† **Sa·rculate,** *v. rare*—⁰. [f. ppl. stem of late L. *sarculāre*, f. *sarculum* (see SARCLE).] *trans.* To hoe. So † **Sarcula·tion** *rare*—¹, hoeing.

1623 COCKERAM, *Sarculate*, to weed. *Sarculation*, a weeding. 1733 TULL *Horse-Hoeing Husb.* vii. 62 Their Sarculation was used but amongst small Quantities of sown Corn.

Sarcynet, obs. form of SARSENET.

Sard (sāɹd), *sb.*[1] Also 4 **saarde.** [In mod. use prob. a. F. *sarde*, ad. L. *sarda*, a synonym of *sardius*: see SARDIUS.

In quot. 1382 ad. L. *sardius*; in quot. 1601 ad. L. *sarda*.] A variety of CORNELIAN [1], varying in colour from pale golden yellow to reddish orange.

1382 WYCLIF *Exod.* xxxix. 10 And he putte in it foure ordres of gemmes; in the first veers was saarde, topazi, smaragd. 1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* II. 618 The Indian Sardes or Cornallines are transparent. 1809 KIDD *Outl. Min.* I. 227 This variety [of Carnelian] seems to be the sard of the present day. 1815 AIKIN *Man. Min.* (ed. 2) 180 Sarde. 1839 URE *Dict. Arts* 570 The sard of the English jewellers ..is a stone of the nature of agate. 1863 GEO. ELIOT *Romola* xxxix, A fine sard, engraved with a subject from Homer. 1901 *Q. Rev.* Oct. 430 The gem is a golden sard.

attrib. 1881 PALGRAVE *Vis. Eng.* 70 Sardstones ruddy as wine.

Sard (sāɹd), *a.* and *sb.*[2] [ad. It. *Sardo*, L. *Sardus*.] = SARDINIAN *a.* and *sb.*

1822 W. ROBINSON in J. A. Herand *Voy. & Mem. Midshipm.* v. (1837) 81 Boats manned by Genoese, French, Sards, and

Neapolitans. 1823 *Ibid.* viii. 142 The Sard costume. 1861 J. H. Bennet *Winter Medit.* II. xiii. (1875) 464 Little wiry Sard horses.

† Sard, *v. Obs.* Also 5 **serd.** [In OE. only once (Northumb.) in imp. *serð*, app. a. ON. *serða* (str. vb.) = MLG. *serden*, MHG., early mod.G. *serten*. OE. may have had the normal **seordan*.] *trans.* = Jape *v.* 2. Hence † **Sa·rding** *vbl. sb.*

c 950 *Lindisf. Gosp., Matt.* v. 27 Ne serð þu oðres mones wif. *c* 1425 *Cast. Persev.* 1163 in *Macro Plays* 112 Þanne mayst þou bultyn in þi boure, & serdyn gay gerlys. 1530 Palsgr. 697/2, I sarde a queene, *je fons*. 1535 Lyndesay *Satyre* (ed. Laing) 3028 Freirs, Quhilk will, for purging of their neirs: Sard up the ta raw, and doun the uther. 1598 Florio, *Fottere*, to iape, to sard. *Fottarie*, iapings, sardings. 1659 Howell *Eng. Prov.* 17 Go teach your Grandam to sard; a Nottingham Proverb.

† **Sa·rdachate.** *Obs.*—° [ad. L. *sardachātēs*; see Sard *sb.*[1] and Achate *sb.*[1]] (See quots.)

1706 Phillips (ed. Kersey), *Sardachates*, a kind of Agate, of a Cornelian Colour. 1828–32 Webster, *Sardachate*, the clouded and spotted agate, of a pale flesh color. In some recent Dicts.

† **Sa·rdan,** *a. Obs. rare*—[1]. [ad. L. *Sardonius* (? with supposed correction of form after Gr. Σαρδάνιος).] = Sardoin *a.*

1649 Ogilby *Virg. Eccl.* vii. 43, I bitterer to thee then Sardan grass..shall seeme.

Sardanapalian (sɑ̄ɪdănăpē·lĭăn), *a.* [f. L. *Sardanapālus*, Gr. Σαρδανάπαλος, the name given by Gr. historians to the last king of Nineveh, proverbial as the type of luxurious effeminacy.] Resembling Sardanapalus and his attributes; luxuriously effeminate. So † **Sardanapa·lical** *a.* (in quot. erron. *-panicall*). † **Sardana·palize** *v.*, *trans.* to represent or describe as a Sardanapalus.

1555 Eden *Decades* 101 Tumanama..with all his Sardanapanicall famelye. 1673 Marvell *Reh. Transp.* II. 179 You muster up all Christian Princes to Neronize and Caligulize them, unless they..will chuse..to be Uilenspiegled and Sardanapalized by you. 1863 R. H. Gronow *Recoll. & Anecd.* 117 He [Eugène Sue] was supposed..to lead a very Sardanapalian life. 1876 A. J. Evans *Through Bosnia* vi. 267 [He] lived in Sardanapalian luxury.

Sardane, obs. form of Sardine [2].

Sardanique: see Sardonic.

Sardar: see Sirdar.

[Sardel, sardius: see *List of Spurious Words*.]

Sardelle (sɑ̄de·l). Also 6–7 **sardell,** 8–9 **sardel.** [ad. It. *sardella*, dim. of *sarda*:—L. *sarda*, a. Gr. *σάρδη* sardine. Cf. F. † *sardelle* (16th c.), G. *sardelle*, Du. *sardel*.] A fish, *Clupea* or *Sardinella aurita*, resembling the sardine and prepared like it in certain Mediterranean ports.

1598 Florio, *Sardella*, a little pickled or salt fish like an anchoua, a sprat or a pilcher, called a sardell or sardine. 1657 C. Beck *Univ. Charac.* K vj b, Sardell fish. 1745 tr. *Columella's Husb.* viii. xvii, It is proper that rotten..pilchards should be given them; and sardels consumed with salt, and rotten sardines. 1799 W. Tooke *View Russian Emp.* III. 169 Anchovies and sardelles. 1889 *Boston* (Mass.) *Jrnl.* 19 Dec. 2/8 Certain fish put up in brine in wooden packages,..and known as 'sardelles'. 1896 Brannt *Anim. & Veg. Fats* (ed. 2) II. 66 Anchovy oil or sardel oil..from *Engraulis enerasicholus* Cuv. the anchovy.

Sardenian, -denyk: see Sardonian, -donyx.

Sardeos, Sardeyn: see Sardius, Sardine [2].

Sardian (sɑ̄·rdiăn), *a.* and *sb.* [ad. L. *Sardiānus*, a. Gr. Σαρδιανός, Ionic *-ηνός*, f. Σάρδεις pl., L. *Sardīs*, *Sardēs*, the name of the ancient capital of Lydia.] **A.** *adj.* Of or pertaining to Sardis.

Sardian acorn, nut, a chestnut, *Castanea vesca*. *Sardian stone* = Sard *sb.*[1]

1551 Turner *Herbal* I. (1568) H vj, Castanea..is named in englyshe a chesnut tree...The frute of it is called of som glans sardiana, that is a sardiane acorne. 1714 Eusden *On Addison's Cato* A.'s Wks. 1830 II. 57 Here the Sardian stone is seen, The topaz yellow, and the jasper green. 1830 tr. *Aristoph., Acharnians* 9 Tell me clearly,..lest I dip you in a Sardian dye. 1847 Grote *Greece* II. xvii. III. 343 His monument..erected near Sardis by the joint efforts of the whole Sardian population.

B. *sb.*

1. An inhabitant of Sardis.

1598 Grenewey *Tacitus, Ann.* III. xiii. (1622) 83 The Sardians brought in matters of latter memory. 1601 Shaks. *Jul. C.* IV. iii. 3 You haue condemn'd, and noted Lucius Pella For taking Bribes heere of the Sardians. 1846 P. Fairbairn tr. *Hengstenberg's Comm. Ps.* xliv. 14 People would figuratively call a miserable man a Jew, just as liars were called Cretans, wretched slaves, Sardians.

2. = *Sardian stone* (see A), Sard *sb.*[1]

1741 Chambers *Cycl.* s. v., The Sardian [*ed.* 1728 *has* Sardoin] is most used for seals, as graving easily, yet taking a fine polish. 1860 C. W. King *Ant. Gems* 398 [tr. Marbodus] The blood-red Sardian to its birthplace owes Its name, to Sardis, whence it first arose.

Sardiane, obs. Sc. form of Sardine [1].

† **Sa·rdic,** *a. Obs. rare*—[1]. In 6 **Sardique.** [f. L. *Sard-īs* (see Sardian) + -ic.] = Sardian *a.* *Sardic stone* = Sard *sb.*[1]

1586 Ferne *Blaz. Gentrie* I. 142 The first, is called a Sardique stone, and sheweth in cullor lyke vnto red claie.

Sardine [1] (sɑ̄·rdin). Forms: 4 **sardiner,** **sardyn,** *Sc.* **sardiane,** 6– **sardine.** [ad. late L. *sardinus*, occurring in the Vulgate of Rev. iv. 3 (if the genitive *sardinis* of the usual text be a mistake for **sardini*; but the word may be the genit. of **sardo*, a. Gr. *σαρδώ*, genit. *-δοῦς*, some gem), where it renders Gr. *σάρδινος*, a variant reading for *σάρδιος* (or *σάρδιον*) Sardius, which mod. editors adopt.

The Gr. *σάρδινος* occurs in one other passage (see L. & Sc.): late L. *sardinus* is quoted by Du Cange from the Old Latin version of Prov. xxv. 12. OF. *sardine* 12th c. may perh. represent this word, or it may be a variant of *sardoine* (see Sardoin).]

A precious stone mentioned in Rev. iv. 3. In the non-Biblical examples perh. used for Sardoin.

13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* B. 1469 And safyres, & sardiners [? *read* sardines], & semely topace. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* vi. (*Thomas*) 279 Preciuse stanys, as sardiane, topias fyne, Iaspis. 1382 Wyclif *Rev.* iv. 3 Lijk to the siȝt of a stoone iaspis, and to sardyn. *c* 1400 Maundev. (1839) xxvii. 276 Degrees..of Sardyne [Roxb. xxx. 136 sardone]. 1526 Tindale *Rev.* iv. 3 Lyke vnto a iaspar stone, and a sardyne stone [so 1611; 1881 (*Revised*) a sardius]. 1574 tr. *Marlorat's Apocalips* (1578) 300 The sixt a Sardine. This stone is all of one colour lyke blond.

Sardine [2] (sāidī·n). Forms: 5–6 **sardyn,** 5 **sardeyn,** 6, 8 **sardin** (6 **surdone**), 7 **sardane,** 7 **sardino, sirdena** (**surdiny,** *pl.* **sirdena's,** **-dinasses**), 7–8 **sardina** (7 *pl.* **-aes**), 9 **Sardinia,** 6– **sardine.** [a. F. *sardine*, ad. It. *sardina*:—L. *sardīna* (Columella; cf. late Gr. *σαρδῆνη* and *σαρδῖνος*), f. *sarda*, = Gr. *σάρδη*, the sardine or some similar fish. In the 17th and 18th c. the Italian form was often used.

The Latin and Greek word may be related to the name of the island, L. *Sardinia*, Gr. Σαρδώ: cf. Sard *a.*]

1. A small fish of the Herring family, *Clupea pilchardus*, abundant off the shores of Sardinia and Brittany, or a young pilchard of the Cornish coast, when cured, preserved in oil and packed in tins or other cases for sale as a table delicacy.

c 1430 *Two Cookery Bks.* 24 Sardeynez. 1547 Boorde *Introd. Knowl.* xxviii. 195, I was borne in Aragon,..Masyl baken, and sardyns, I do eate and sel. 1580 Hollyband *Treas. Fr. Tong, Sardelle, ou Sardine*,..a kinde of fishe called a Sardine. 1583 Foxe *A. & M.* (ed. 4) 2154/1 [At Rochelle] there was sent to them euery day in the Riuer (by the hand of the Lord no doubt) a great multitude of fishe (called surdones). 1585 T. Washington tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* I. xii. 14 There flew a fish into our Gallie of the length, colour and bignesse of a great sardin. 1601 Holland *Pliny* I. 244 The Pike and Sardane [L. *trichias*] breed twice a yere. *a* 1623 Fletcher *Loves Cure* II. i, A Pilcher, Signior, a Surdiny, an Olive. *a* 1625 — *Loves Pilgr.* I. i, *Inc.* He looks as he would eat partridge, this guest...*Hostesse.* With a Sardina, and Zant oil? 1658 Sir T. Browne *Pseud. Ep.* III. xxvi. (ed. 3) 143 The Reliques are like the skales of Sardinos pressed into a mass. 1690 Stretton *Relat. Cruelties French* 9 Our Breakfast, viz. a six Denire Loaf, and one Sirdena per Man. *Ibid.* 40 Our Supper here was a piece of Bread and two Sirdinasses. 1740 R. Brookes *Art of Angling* II. xxxix. 157 There is another Sort of Fish sold instead of Anchovies call'd a Sardin, which is very probably a young Pilchard. 1777 *Ann. Reg.* 179 Figure to yourself these feeding on scanty portions of rotten sardines. 1850 L. Hunt *Autobiog.* II. xvii. 303 The anchovies, or Sardinias, that we eat. 1864 Mathias *Sport in Himalayas* (1865) 33 Unless I shoot something or other, I shall have to fall back on biscuits and sardines. 1879 *Encycl. Brit.* IX. 253/2 Curing establishments were..set up.., and 'Cornish sardines', or 'pilchards in oil', were prepared..with..success. 1883 *Fisheries Exhib. Catal.* 215 Spiced Sardines.. Mustard Sardines..Oil Sardines. 1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 307/2 Another of the *Clupeidæ* (*C. scombrina*) is the 'oil-sardine' of the eastern coast of the Indian Peninsula.

b. *U.S.* (See quots.)

1876 Goode *Anim. Resources U. S.* (1879) 186 (Smithsonian Coll. XXIII) Canned menhaden, in oil, 'American sardines'. Canned herring, in oil, 'Russian sardines'. 1884 Goode, etc. *Nat. Hist. Aquatic Anim.* 576 The Gulf Menhaden [*Brevoortia patronus*] has several vernacular names. At Key West it is called 'Sardine'. *Ibid.* 611 A species of Anchovy, *Stolephorus Browni*, is extremely common about Fort Macon, where it is known as the 'Sardine'.

c. *Austral.* (See quot.)

1898 Morris *Austral Eng., Sardine*,..a fresh-water fish, *Chatœssus erebi*, Richards., of the herring tribe.

2. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *sardine factory, -fishery*; **sardine-box,** a box in which sardines are packed; also, an ornamental box to hold sardines for the table; **sardine shears** (see quot.); **sardine tongs,** tongs used in serving sardines; **sardine-wise** *adv.*, like sardines in a box.

1873 Leland *Egypt. Sketch-bk.* 24 The brass *etiquette* or advertisement-label cut from a *sardine-box. 1892 *Encycl. Pract. Cookery* (ed. Garrett) II. 379/2 Ornamental Sardine-box. 1891 *Chamb. Jrnl.* 7 Mar. 155/2 The *sardine factories of Kent. 1859 Jephson *Brittany* xii. 193 It sends several boats to the *Sardine-fishery. 1884 Knight *Dict. Mech.* Suppl., **Sardine Shears*,..scissors..for cutting open the tin boxes containing sardines. 1895 *Army & Navy Co-op. Soc. Price List*, *Sardine Tongs. 1894 Du Maurier *Trilby* II. v. 120 The guests were not packed together *sardine-wise, as they are at most concerts.

Sardinia, obs. form of Sardine [2].

Sardinian (saidi·niăn), *a.* and *sb.* [f. *Sardinia* (see below) + -an.] **A.** *adj.*

1. Of or pertaining to Sardinia, i. e. either **a.** the large island adjacent to Corsica, or **b.** the kingdom of Sardinia (1720–1859), which had its capital at Turin, and included the island of Sardinia as well as Piedmont and adjacent territories.

1748 H. Walpole *Let. to Mann* 29 Apr., The Sardinian Minister has refused to sign too. 1841 W. Spalding *Italy & It. Isl.* III. 342 The Sardinian States. The dominions of the King of Sardinia consist of 51 provinces in all. 1851 *Life A. Gentili* 228 At the Sardinian chapel in London, he twice preached..for two consecutive Sundays. 1876 Vovle & Stevenson *Milit. Dict.* (ed. 3), *Sardinian Huts*, wooden huts made by many English officers in the Crimea and by the Sardinians for their men.

† **2. a.** Used for Sardonian, Sardonic. **b.** transl. of L. *sardonius*, as the epithet of the plant producing 'sardonic' laughter. *Obs.*

1615 Chapman *Odyss.* XX. 457 A laughter..most Sardinian, With scorn and wrath mix'd. 1697 Dryden *Virg. Past.* VII. 61 May I become..Rough as a Bur, deform'd like him who chaws Sardinian Herbage to contract his Jaws. 1752 Johnson *Rambler* No. 188 P 4 What the Latins call Sardinian Laughter, a distortion of the face without gladness of heart.

¶ **3.** *Sardinian acorn, nut* = Sardian acorn, nut.

1895 in T. W. Sanders *Encycl. Gard.* 1897 in *Syd. Soc. Lex.*

B. *sb.* An inhabitant of the island or of the kingdom of Sardinia.

1598 Grenewey *Tacitus, Ann.* IV. xii. (1622) 109 All the contention rested betwixt the Sardinians & Smyrnæans. 1748 H. Walpole *Let. to Mann* 29 Apr., The Sardinian to have the cessions made to him by the Queen. 1793 Burke *Policy of Allies* Wks. VIII. 142 Bands of English, Spaniards, Neapolitans, Sardinians [etc.]. 1908 *Daily News* 29 Sept. 4 The Siberians and Sardinians [*sc.* foxes] that are introduced from time to time.

‖ **Sardius** (sā·rdiŭs). Also 4, 6 **sardis,** 6 **sardeos, -ios, -ious**; also in the anglicized forms 6 **sardye,** 7 **sardie.** [L. *sardius* (Vulg.), ad. Gr. *σάρδιος, σάρδιον*, f. Σάρδεις Sardis: see Sardian.] A precious stone mentioned by ancient writers; see Sard *sb.*[1] (Chiefly in translations of or allusions to the Bible or classical writers.)

1382 Wyclif *Ezek.* xxviii. 13 Eche precious stoon thi kenerynge, sardius, topacius, and iaspis. 1390 Gower *Conf.* III. 132 The Ston which that this sterre alloweth, Is Sardis. 1526 Tindale *Rev.* xxi. 20 The sixt sardeos [1560 (Genev.) Sardious]. 1530 — *Exod.* xxxix. 10 Sardios [1535 Coverdale a Sardis], a Topas and smaragdus. 1567 Maplet *Gr. Forest* 19 The Sardye is a kind of Gemme red coloured. 1596 Lodge *Wits Miserie* 76 The stone Sardius bindreth the properties thereof [wrath]. 1608 Willet *Hexapla Exod.* 640 The sardie is red and somewhat of a fierie colour. 1611 Bible *Exod.* xxxix. 10. 1681 Grew *Musæum* III. I. iv. 290 The Sardius or Cornelian. 1865 J. H. Ingraham *Pillar of Fire* (1872) 219 There were present merchants from Ind with boxes of precious stones, including the diamond and the sardius.

† **Sardoin,** *sb. Obs.* Forms: 3–5 **sardone,** 3 **sardoine,** 5 **-oyne,** 7 **sardoin.** [a. OF. *sardoine*, ad. L. *sardonyx* Sardonyx.] = Sardonyx.

a 1272 *Luue Ron* 173 in *O. E. Misc.* 98 Hwat spekstu of eny stone þat beoþ in vertu..Of iaspe of saphir of sardone [etc.]. *a* 1300 *Floriz & Bl.* 285 Þe smale stones..beoþ þer funden..Boþe saphirs and sardoines. *c* 1400 Maundev. (1839) xxvii. 275 The principalle ȝates of his Palays ben of precious Ston, that men clepen Sardoyne [*Roxb.* xxx. 136 sardones]. 1601 Holland *Pliny* II. 615 The ground of these Sardoins is found in the Indian stones to resemble wax or horne.

† **Sardoin,** *a. Obs. rare*—[1]. [ad. L. *sardonius* (? influenced in form by prec.).] Epithet of the herb fabled to produce 'sardonic' laughter.

1633 P. Fletcher *Purple Isl.* VIII. 48 The Sardoin herb with many branches filling His [Flattery's] shield, was his device: the word, *I please in killing*.

Sardone, var. Sardoin *sb. Obs.*, sardonyx.

† **Sardo·nian,** *a.* and *sb. Obs.* Also 6 **sardenian.** See also Sardinian *a.* 2. [f. L. *sardoni-us* + -an.

The Latin adj. is ad. Gr. Σαρδόνιος Sardinian, which in late Gr. was substituted for *σαρδάνιος* (Homer, etc.; of obscure origin), as the descriptive epithet of bitter or scornful laughter; the motive of the substitution was the notion that the word had primary reference to the effects of eating a 'Sardinian plant' (L. *herba Sardonia* or *Sardōa*), which was said to produce facial convulsions resembling horrible laughter, usually followed by death.]

A. *adj.* = Sardonic *a.*

1586 Bright *Melanch.* xvii. 99 The perturbations of melancholie are..sometimes merry in apparaunce, through a kinde of Sardonian, and false laughter. 1589 Greene *Menaphon* (Arb.) 62 Haue you fatted me so long with Sardenian smiles, that..I might perish in your wiles? 1596 Spenser *F. Q.* v. ix. 12 And with Sardonian smyle Laughing on her, his false intent to shade. 1620 Bp. Hall *Hon. Mar. Clergy* III. vi. 282 It is then but a Sardonian laughter that my Refuter takes vp at our complete Antichrist. 1742 Hume *Ess.* xiv. (1825) 123 This unprovoked piece of rusticity..caused no farther resentment in Philip than to excite a Sardonian smile. 1794 [T. Taylor] *Pausanias' Descr. Greece* III. 149 Homer first, and others after him, call laughter, which conceals some noxious design, Sardonian.

† **B.** *sb.* One who flatters with deadly intent.

App. alluding to the 'Sardinian plant' (see the etymological note above) which was said to kill by exciting laughter. Cf. quot. s. v. Sardoin *a.*

1609 Bp. Barlow *Answ. Nameless Cath.* 254 His nature is too..noble, to be a Sardonian: Fawning and Crouching hee leaues to such base bone-gnawers as Fa. Parsons.

Sardonic (saidɒ·nik), *a.* Also 7 **sardonick, sardanique.** [a. F. *sardonique* (16th c.) = Sp. *sardónico*, Pg., It. *sardonica*, as if ad. L. **sardonicus*, an alteration (by substitution of suffix: see -ic) of *sardonius*: see Sardonian.

Hobbes's form *sardanique* is assimilated to Gr. *σαρδάνιος*: see prec.]

Of laughter, a smile: Bitter, scornful, mocking. Hence of a person, personal attribute, etc.: Characterized by or exhibiting bitterness, scorn or mockery.

1638 Sir T. Herbert *Trav.* (ed. 2) 190 He..gives a Sardonick smile to think how blest hee was in this attonement. 1675 Hobbes *Odyssey* xx. 276 Then smil'd Ulysses a Sardanique smile. 1713 Steele *Guard.* No. 29 ¶ 10 The Horse-Laugh, or the Sardonic, is made use of with great Success in all kinds of Disputation. 1766 Goldsm. *Vic. W.* xx, Our cousin received the proposal with a true sardonic grin. 1826 Scott *Woodst.* iv, The knight meanwhile darted a sardonic look..on his nephew. 1830 Carlyle *Misc.* (1857) II. 140 His countenance, strangely twisted into Sardonic wrinkles. 1833 I. Taylor *Fanat.* v. 119 The sardonic historian, whose rule it is to exhibit human nature always as an object of mockery. 1866 Howells *Venet. Life* v. 68 The favourite drama of the Burattini appears to be a sardonic farce, in which the chief character..deludes sother.. puppets into trusting him, and then beats them. 1872 Darwin *Emotions* x. 251 We see a trace of this same expression [the sneer] in what is called a derisive or sardonic smile. 1878 Bayne *Purit. Rev.* ii. 27 He would have found exercise for dramatic sympathy and sardonic humour.

b. *Path.* (See quot. 1897.)

1822–29 *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 3) IV. 374 The nostrils are drawn upward, and the cheeks backward toward the ears; so that the whole countenance assumes the air of a cynic spasm or sardonic grin. 1897 *Syd. Soc. Lex., Risus sardonicus*, sardonic grin. The involuntary, convulsive drawing down of the angles of the mouth in *Tetanus*. *Ibid., Sardonic laugh.* See *Risus sardonicus*.

Sardonical (saɪdɒ·nikăl), *a.* [f. Sardonic + -al.] = Sardonic *a.*

1859 Thackeray *Virgin.* lxxii, He would..begin a very pleasant sardonical discourse upon the fall of man.

Sardonically (saɪdɒ·nikăli), *adv.* [-ly 2.] In a sardonic manner.

1842–51 Tennyson *E. Morris* 59 'What should one give to light on such a dream?' I ask'd him half-sardonically. 1865 Carlyle *Fredk. Gt.* xii. xi. IV. 247 An enlightened public grinned sardonically, and was not taken in. 1872 Liddon *Elem. Relig.* i. 33 The dreary criticism which makes a solitude in the human spirit and then sardonically calls it peace. 1898 *Westm. Gaz.* 13 Sept. 10/1 Maximilian Hruden is making himself sardonically merry over the most appropriate inscription for the sarcophagus of Bismarck.

[Sardonican, *a.*: see *List of Spurious Words.*]

Sardonyx (sā·ɹdŏniks). Forms: *a.* sardonyse, (sardony), 4–7 sardonix, (6 *Sc.* sardonice), 7– sardonyx, (7 *pl.* sardonyches); *β.* 4 sardenyk, 6 sardonique, 7 sardonic(k. [a. L. *sardonyx* (pl. *sardonyches*), a. Gr. σαρδόνυξ (pl. σαρδόνυχες), app. f. σάρδ-ιος Sardius, Sard *sb.*[1] + ὄνυξ Onyx. The *β* forms are ad. the late L. *sardonychus* (late Gr. σαρδόνυχος); as this occurs only in apposition with *lapis* stone, it may perh. be an adj.] A variety of onyx or stratified chalcedony having white layers alternating with one or more strata of sard.

13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* A. 1006 Þe sardonyse þe fyfþe ston. 1382 Wyclif *Job* xxviii. 16 It shal not be comparisound.. to the most precious sardenyk ston or safyr. 1382 — *Rev.* xxi. 20 The fyuethe [foundement], sardonix [1388 sardony]. *c* 1520 Nisbet *N. T. in Scots* Rev. xxi. 20 The fijft, sardonice. 1562 Legh *Armoris* 21 b, The precious stone to this colour [Sanguine] annexed, is the Sardonix. 1585 T. Washington tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* iv. xi. 123 b, In this place are also found the Sardonique stones. 1586 Ferne *Blas. Gentrie* i. 144 The Sardonix, consisting as it were of two rich gemmes, the Sardix, and the Onix: it is blacke in the bottome, red in the middest, and white aboue. 1601 Holland *Pliny* II. 615 The Sardonyx..was taken for the pretious stone which seemed to be a Cornalline vpon white,..and both together transparent ..they verily doe name all..that are not cleare and shew not through them, Blind Sardonyches. 1652 Evelyn *Diary* 1 Aug., Lennier..shew'd me her [Q. Elizabeth's] head, an intaglia in a rare sardonyx, cut by a famous Italian. *a* 1668 Lassels *Voy. Italy* II. (1670) 388 A little Vase of the rootes of Emmeraud. An other of Sardonick. A great cup of Agate. 1762–71 H. Walpole *Vertue's Anecd. Paint.* (1786) I. 173 Hillyard..cut the images of Henry VIII. and his children on a sardonyx. 1860 C. W. King *Ant. Gems* 8 The Sardonyx is defined by Pliny as 'candor in sarda', that is to say, a white opaque layer superimposed upon a red transparent stratum of..Sard; and no better description can be given of a perfect gem of this species. 1867 A. Billing *Sci. Gems* 11 Should one of the layers [of onyx] be sard, which is of various shades of orange, brown, or brownish red, it is called sardonyx. 1875 Jowett *Plato* (ed. 2) I. 491 Our highly-valued emeralds and sardonyxes.

b. *attrib.*

a 1691 Boyle in T. Birch *Life* B.'s Wks. 1772 I. p. clix, I give and bequeath to my eldest brother, Richard..a sardonyx seal ring. 1867 A. Billing *Sci. Gems* 68 Variegated brown sardonyx-agates which look somewhat like tortoise-shell. 1901 *Q. Rev.* Oct. 432 The large sardonyx cameos of the Augustan age.

Sardye, anglicized form of Sardius.

Sare, obs. form of Sere *a.*, Sore.

‖ Saree (sā·ɹi). Forms: 8 saurry, 9 sari, sar(r)ie, sa(h)ree, sarhi. [Hindī *sārhī*, *sāṛī*.] A long wrapping garment of cloth or silk, usually of a bright colour, worn by Hindu women; also, the material of which this is composed.

To use one end is passed several times round the waist to form a kind of petticoat and the remaining end passing across the bosom and left shoulder is thrown over the head.

[1598 W. Phillip *Linschoten* i. xvi. 28/2 They make whole pieces or webbes of this hearbe [of Bengalen]..These webs are named Sarrijn, and it is much vsed and worne in India.] 1785 in Seton-Karr & Sandeman *Sel. fr. Calcutta Gaz.* (1864) I. 90 Her clothes were then taken off, and a red silk covering (a saurry) put upon her. 1800 *Misc. Tracts* in *Asiat. Ann. Reg.* 301/1 From Burhampoor they receive turbans, saries, and other stained goods. 1879 E. Arnold *Lt. Asia* vi. (1881) 147 One arm clasping her crimson sari close To wrap the babe. 1895 Mrs. B. M. Croker *Village Tales* (1896) 128 In spite of their fine silk sarees and gold ornaments. 1907 *Blackw. Mag.* Feb. 241/1 Held in a fold of the *sarhi*, they sport with their mother's ear-rings.

b. 'An embroidered long scarf of gauze or silk.' [Perhaps a misunderstanding of prec. sense.]

1858 in Simmonds *Dict. Trade.* 1882 in Caulfeild & Saward *Dict. Needlework.* And in recent Dicts.

Sarell, anglicized form of Serail.

Saresnet, obs. form of Sarsenet.

Saresoun, -syn, obs. forms of Saracen.

Saretree, variant of Sartry *Obs.*

Sarezin, -zon, obs. forms of Saracen.

Sargasso (saɪgæ·so). Forms: 7 sargossa, -o, saragossa, 7–9 sargaso, (8 sargazo), 6– sargasso. [a. Pg. *sargaço*, whence Sp. *sargazo*, F. *sargasse* (mod.L. *Sargassum* as generic name).] = Gulf-weed; also a mass or a species of this.

1598 W. Phillip *Linschoten* i. xcv. 176/1 Then wee entred into the sea, called Sergasso, which is all couered with hearbes..The hearbe is like Samper, but yellow of colour. ..The Portingalles call it Sargasso, because it is like the herbes that groweth in their welles in Portingall, called Sargasso. 1634 Sir T. Herbert *Trav.* 19 About the Cape Sargassoes and Trumbaes floate fifty leagues into the Seas. 1687 *New Atlantis* i. 169 The watry Field, Spread with Sargossa. 1688–9 Sloane *Voy. Eng.* 26 Mar. in *Jamaica* (1725) II. 342 We saw much Saragossa a floating here, called by the Seamen Gulf-weed. 1760–72 tr. *Juan & Ulloa's Voy.* (1772) II. 337 The sea was covered with a kind of weed called Sargasso, which pickled, is by many thought equal to Samphire. 1835–6 [see Gulf-weed]. 1855 Maury *Phys. Geog.* ii. § 132 There is in each ocean a Sargasso into which all drift matter..finds its way. 1871 Kingsley *At Last* i, The Sargassos..are a genus of themselves and by themselves.

b. *attrib.*, as *sargasso bed, weed*; **Sargasso Sea** (see quot. 1855).

1830 *Philos. Mag.* VIII. 459 In the North Atlantic Ocean, coming from the south, you fall in about the tropic with the Sargasso weeds. 1855 Maury *Phys. Geogr. Sea* (1859) § 13 Midway the Atlantic, in the triangular space between the Azores, Canaries, and the Cape de Verd Islands, is the Sargasso Sea. 1855 Kingsley *Westw. Ho!* iii, All around floated the sargasso beds, clogging her bows. 1885 Lady Brassey *The Trades* 168 The patches of sargasso weed that floated past.

Sarge, variant of Cierge.

1544 *Aberdeen Reg.* (1884) I. 206 Ane sarge of new walx.

Sargeancie, -ge(au)nt: see Sergeancy, -gent.

Sargo (sā·ɹgo). [a. Sp. *sargo* :—L. *sargus*: see Sargus. Cf. Sar.] **a.** (See quot. 1880.) **b.** *U.S.* (See quot. 1884.)

1880 Günther *Fishes* 406 Sargus..comprises twenty species; several of them occur in the Mediterranean and the neighbouring parts of the Atlantic, and are popularly called 'Sargo', 'Sar', 'Saragu'. 1884 Goode, etc. *Nat. Hist. Aquatic Anim.* 400 On the California coast occur two species of this family [Grunts]; one, known to the fishermen by the name 'Sargo', *Pristipoma Davidsoni*, is found from San Pedro southward to Cerros Island.

† Sa·rgon, sa·rgot. *Obs.* [a. F. †*sargon*, †*sargot*, derivatives of L. *sargus*.] = Sargus.

1598 Sylvester *Du Bartas* II. i. III. *Furies* 70 Th' hidden love that..unites so well Sargons and Goats. 1601 Holland *Pliny* I. 269 The Sargots [F. *les sargots*] haue another trick..: for he that finds himselfe taken fretteth the line in twaine, whereto the hooke hangeth, against a hard rocke. 1635 Swan *Spec. M.* (1670) 339 The Sargon.. is an adulterous fish, daily changing mates.

‖ Sargus (sā·ɹgŭs). [L. = Gr. σάργος.] A fish of the genus *Sargus*, the type of the family *Sparidæ*, the sea-breams.

1591 Sylvester *Du Bartas* I. v. 206 Th' adulterous Sargus ..Courting the Shee-Goats on the grassie shore. 1607 Topsell *Four-f. Beasts* 260 There is a prettie comparison of a Harlottes loue to a fisherman which putteth vpon him a goats skin with the hornes, to deceiue the Sargus-fish. 1752 J. Hill *Hist. Anim.* 255 Sparl...The Sargus. 1844 Kitto *Phys. Hist. Palestine* viii. 416 Three species of Sargus—namely, the Hoarse Sargus, the Common Sargus, and the Ringed Sargus.

Sari, Sarie: see Saree, Serry *v.*

Sarif, obs. form of Serve.

‖ Sarigue (sarīg). Also 7–8 sarigoy, 9 (Dict.) saragoy, 8 Cerigo, -gon. [Fr. (Buffon), a. Pg. *sariguê*, in 16th c. *çarigué*, *cerigoé*, *serigoé* (whence the earlier forms); used erron. for Brazilian *sarigueya*, a derivative of *Sarigué*, which is the name of a tribe of Indians.

Several other forms of the word are quoted by Ray *Syn. Quad.*, 1693, Pennant *Hist. Quad.*, 1781, and Smellie tr. *Buffon's Nat. Hist.*, 1780–5.]

A South American opossum, *Didelphys opossum.*

1683 Tyson in *Phil. Trans.* XIII. 379, I am apt to think 'twas by removing these Scent-bags rather then taking out the Kidneys; that they made the Sarigoy edible. 1828–32 Webster, *Saragoy*, the opossum of the Molucca Isles. 1847 *Ibid.*, *Sarigue.* [And in later Dicts.]

Sariliche, Sarisine, obs. ff. Sorrily, Saracen.

‖ Sarissa (sări·să). *Antiq.* Pl. -æ. [Gr. σάρισσα, better σάρῑσα.] A long lance used in the Macedonian phalanx.

1734 tr. *Rollin's Anc. Hist.* (1827) VIII. 69 The sarissæ or long spears. 1856 Grote *Greece* II. xcii. XII. 77 The sarissa of this cavalry may have been fourteen feet in length.

Sark (sāɹk), *sb. Sc.* and *north.* (and occas. *arch.*). Forms: 1 sero, serce, syrce, 2 syric, suric, 3 serc, 3–6 (9 *Sc. local*) serk, (4 scherk), 4–5 serke, 4–7 sarke, 4– sark. [OE. *serc*, masc. (also in extended form *serce*, wk. fem.) = ON. *serk-r* (Sw. *särk*, Da. *særk*) :—OTeut. type **sarki-z.* Affinities outside Teut. are doubtful: OSl. *sraka* tunic does not correspond phonetically, but some scholars believe it to be adopted from Teut.

The final *k* instead of *ch* is due to the fact that the word has come down only in the northern dialect. The anomalous form *scherk* (quot. 13..) app. proceeds from a southern scribe to whom the word was unknown.]

1. A garment worn next the skin; a shirt or chemise; occas. a nightshirt; also *transf.* a surplice.

In Sc. still the ordinary word for 'shirt'.

Beowulf 1111 Æt þæm ade wæs eþżesyne swat-fah syrce. *a* 1100 *Ags. Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 328/12 *Colobium, uel interula*, syric. *a* 1200 *Ibid.* 547/25 *Colobi(um)*,..suric. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 17243 For-sak þi serc o silk and line. *Ibid.* 21527 Of he kest al to his serk. 13.. *Coer de L.* 3630 Tyl he have maad al playn werk Off thy clothes of gold, into thy scherk. *c* 1338 R. Brunne *Chron.* (1810) 161 Bare in serke & breke Isaac away fled. 1377 Langl. *P. Pl.* B. v. 66 She shulde vnsowen hir serke and sette þere an heyre To affaiten hire flesshe. *c* 1440 *Gesta Rom.* ix. 24 (Harl. MS.) If it happe me to dye..for þe in batill.., þat þu sette out my blody serke on a perch afore. 1503 Dunbar *Thistle & Rose* 46 In serk and mantill [eftir hir] I went In to this garth. 1572 *Satir. Poems Reform.* xxviii. 69 My Steming Sark & Rokket was laid doun, Fra tyme that I hard tell the King was deid. 1572 *Ibid.* xxxiii. 369 Buft brawlit hois, Coit, Dowblet, sark, and scho. 1578 *Inv. R. Wardr.* (1815) 215 Ane hieland syd serk of yallow lyning pasmentit with purpour silk and silver. Foure Inglis sarkes with blak werk. *a* 1634 W. Row *Contin. J. Row's Hist. Kirk* (Maitl. Cl.) 204 Shee, being in hard labour in chyld-birth, posted away her servant ..to St Allarit's Chapell..with her sarke. 1725 Ramsay *Gent. Sheph.* III. ii, Aneath his oxter is the mark, Scarce ever seen since he first wore a sark. 1790 Burns *Tam o' Shanter* 153 Had..Their sarks, instead o' creeshie flannen, Been snaw-white seventeen hunder linnen! *Ibid.* 171 Her cutty sark, o' Paisley harn, That while a lassie she had worn. *a* 1802 in Scott *Minstr. Scott. Bord.* III. 152 Jenny shall wear the hood, Jocky the sark of God. 1809 T. Donaldson *Poems* 158 The Clerk, Wha croons his notes like morning lark Before the man i' Holy Sark. 1816 Scott *Old Mort.* xxiv, And Cuddie at the heels o' him, in ane o' Sergeant Bothwell's laced waistcoats..and a ruffled sark, like ony lord o' the land. 1849 Longf. *Building of Ship* 219 Speeding along..Like a ghost in its snow-white sark. 1870 Morris *Earthly Par.* III. iv. 70 A silken sark wrought wondrously In some far land across the sea.

fig. *c* 1410 26 *Pol. Poems* 40 Þey wil..reseeyue þe charge ..To wasche synful soules serkis. 14.. Henryson *Garmont Gude Ladeis* iii, Hir sark suld be hir body nixt Of chestetie so quhyt.

Proverbs. ?*a* 1598 D. Ferguson *Prov.* (1785) 26 Near is the kirtle, but nearer is the sark.

b. Phrase. *Sark alane*, with a sark as the only covering of the body.

1538 *Aberdeen Reg.* (1844) I. 155 Thai ordane the said Besse..to gang, sark alane, afore the procession. 1786 *Har'st Rig* (1794) 35 Auld *Seonet* comes in sark-a-lane.

† **c.** *Sark of mail*: a shirt of mail. *Obs.*

1515 *Test. Ebor.* (Surtees) V. 62 My sark of mayll and a battell axe.

2. *attrib.*, as *sark-neck, -skirt, -tail.*

1786 Burns *Author's Cry* x, There's some *sark-necks I wad draw tight, And tie some hose well. *c* 1440 *Alphabet of Tales* 302 And þis man..with his *sarke skirte, wypid it [*sc.* the leper's nose] als softlye as he cuthe. 1715 Ramsay *Christ's Kirk Gr.* II. v, Some did their *sark-tails wring. 1721 Kelly *Sc. Prov.* 139 He was wrap'd in his Mother's Sark Tail..The Scots..believing that this Usage will make him well-beloved among Women. 1896 Crockett *Grey Man* xv, Some fought like Highlandmen in their sark-tails.

Sark (sāɹk), *v. Sc.* and *north.* [f. Sark *sb.*]

1. *trans.* To furnish with or clothe in a sark.

1483 *Cath. Angl.* 330/2 Serked, *camisiatus, jnterulatus.* 1789 D. Davidson *Th. on Seasons* 15 On's back a coat.. And, underneath well sarket Wi' harn, that day. *a* 1869 C. Spence *Fr. Braes of Carse* 166 They told me..How drink had brought me to sic fash; How I was neither clad nor sarkit.

2. *Building.* (See quot. 1771.)

1464–5 [see Sarking *vbl. sb.* 1]. 1568–9 *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 717 For sarking of the inner howse in the dorture, 7*s.* 9*d.* 1642 in J. Watson *Jedburgh Abbey* (1894) 86 Item for making of the roofe and sarking of it,..300mks. 1771 Pennant *Tour Scot. in* 1769, 121 The roofs are sarked, *i.e.* covered with inch-and-half deal, sawed into three planks, and then nailed to the joists, on which the slates are pinned.

Sarkful (sāɹkful). *Sc.* [f. Sark *sb.* + -ful.] In phrase *a sarkful of sore bones*, a sore body.

1721 Kelly *Sc. Prov.* 396 I'll give you a Sarkful of sore Bones. 1815 Scott *Guy M.* xlv.

Sarking (sāɹkiŋ), *vbl. sb. Sc.* and *north.* [f. Sark *v.* and *sb.* + -ing 1.]

1. *Building.* (See quot. 1894.) Also *attrib.*, as *sarking-board, felt, -nail.*

1464–5 *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 154 Pro M[l] sarkyngnale, 5*s.* 1597 *Ibid.* 740 For sawinge Sarkyn boordes..for the churche. 1571 *Burgh Rec. Lanark* (1893) 64 The laith to be all sarking like Sanct Nicolus kirk, and to be rignit with hewin stane. 1610 *Churchw. Acc. Pittington*, etc. (Surtees) 157 For xx yeardes of sarkin bordes. 1636 *Ibid.* 189 Item..for..laying the sarking bordes for the leades. 1821 Galt *Ann. Parish* xxvii, I told them of the sarking of the roof, which was as frush as a paddock-stool. 1833 Loudon *Encycl. Archit.* § 983 A course of five-eighths inch deal sarking (boarding), 9 inches broad, to be laid along the eaves. 1844 H. Stephens *Bk. Farm* I. 170 All the gables of the external walls..should..be entirely filled up to the sarking or tiles, as the case may be. 1882 Christy *Joints used by Builders* 76 As a rule, slates are most likely to keep out the weather when laid on close or open jointed sarking or rough boarding..with felt between it and the slates. 1885 C. G. W. Lock *Workshop Receipts* Ser. IV. 40/1 Line the inside of the structure with rough sarking boards. 1894 *Northumbld. Gloss., Sarkin*, the cleading of wood laid

on the rafters of a house when a strong and tight roof is required. The slates are laid over the sarkin. 1908 *Laxton's Price Bk.* (ed. 91) 151 Roof linings...Asphalte Sarking Felt.

2. A material for the making of 'sarks'. More fully *sarking-cloth, linen.*

a 1670 SPALDING *Troub. Chas. I* (Bannatyne Cl.) I. 287 Order was given to search the countrie for gray hydes, and gray cloath, and sarking cloath. 1804 STAGG *Misc. Poems* (1808) 142 Wi' monny mair see Meggy Honpe, Wi' her bit sarkin' linen. 1810 *R. H. Cromek's Rem. Nithsd. & Gall. Song* 95 My kimmer and I gade to the fair, Wi' twal' pun' Scots in sarking to ware. 1821 GALT *Ann. Parish* iv, It [the lint] was intended for sarking to ourselves, and sheets and napery.

Sarkinite (sā·ɹkinəit). *Min.* [Named (Sarkinit) in 1885 by A. Sjögren, f. Gr. *σάρκιν-ος* fleshy, in allusion to its flesh-red colour and greasy lustre + -ITE.] Arsenate of manganese, of flesh-red or rose-red colour.

1887 *Jrnl. Chem. Soc.* LII. I. 346 Sarkinite, a New Manganese Arsenate. 1890 *Ibid.* LXVIII. II. 715 Crystals of Sarkinite.

Sarkless (sā·ɹklĕs), *a. Sc.* and *north.* [f. SARK *sb.* + -LESS.] Without a sark. Also *transf.*

a 1774 FERGUSSON *Drink Ecl.* Poems (1845) 51 Yon hae been blythe to hack Your a' upon a sarkless sodger's back. 1882 *Lanc. Gloss., Sarkless*, shirtless.

Sarlac (sā·ɹlăk). Also **sarlik, sarlyk.** [Calmuck *sarluk*, cited by Gmelin in *Novi Comm. Acad. Sci. Petrop.* (1760) V. 341.] = YAK.

1781 PENNANT *Hist. Quad.* I. 23 Sarlyk. 1828–32 WEBSTER, *Sarlac.* 1852 J. E. GRAY *Catal. Mammalia Brit. Mus.* III. 40 *Poephagus grunniens.* The Yac or Sarlyk. 1864 WEBSTER (citing *Baird*). In recent Dicts.

Sarmatian (sāɹmē·ʃăn), *a.* and *sb.* [f. L. *Sarmatia* the land of the *Sarmatæ* (Gr. Σαρμάται, also Σαυρομάται, whence the form SAUROMATIAN).

In mod. Latin *Sarmatia* has been extensively used for Poland: hence occas. in English poetry, e. g.

1799 CAMPBELL *Pleas. Hope* I. 376 Sarmatia fell, unwept, without a crime.]

A. *adj.* Of or belonging to the region anciently known as Sarmatia, now occupied approximately by the Russians and Poles.

1613 PURCHAS *Pilgrimage* (1614) 394 Ptolemey..confineth Sarmatia Europæa with the Sarmatian Ocean. 1800 SHAW *Gen. Zool.* I. II. 430 Sarmatian Weesel, *Viverra Sarmatica.* 1841 ALISON *Hist. Europe* (1847) IX. 187 [Vienna was] anciently the frontier station of the Roman empire upon the Sarmatian wilds.

b. *Geol.* = SARMATIO b.

1882 GEIKIE *Text-Bk. Geol.* 867 Sarmatian or Cerithium Stage. *Ibid.*, The Sarmatian stage is characterized by the prodigious number of individuals of a comparatively small number of species of shells.

B. *sb.* One of a nomadic people formerly inhabiting this territory.

1613 PURCHAS *Pilgrimage* (1614) 393 Of the Scythians, Sarmatians, and Seres. 1671 MILTON *P. R.* IV. 78. 1771 ROBERTSON *Hist. Amer.* I. (1851) I. 22 The wandering tribes, which they called by the general name of Sarmatians or Scythians. 1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 311/1 Scythians and Sarmatians spoke almost the same language.

Sarmatic (saɹmæ·tik), *a.* [Formed as prec. + -IC.] = SARMATIAN *a.*; in quot. 1723 = Polish.

Sarmatic polecat, the Mottled Polecat, *Putorius sarmaticus.* (In recent Dicts.: cf. *Sarmatian weasel.*)

1723 MATHER *Vind. Bible* 402 In Poland..when the priest was about to pronounce the words of the Gospel at the altar, the noblemen drew their swords in part out of the scabbards ..: a Sarmatick sacrament.

b. *Geol.* (See quot.)

1874 *Geol. Mag.* July 325 Newer Tertiary beds—the three stages of the Vienna Tertiaries occur, the Marine, the Sarmatic, and the Congeria beds, but they are not always separately mapped.

Sarment (sā·ɹmĕnt). Now *rare* (*Bot.*). [ad. L. *sarmentum*, chiefly in pl., twigs lopped off, brushwood, f. *sarpĕre* to prune, trim (trees, branches). Cf. F. *sarment* shoot of vine, woody climbing stem.] A twig, †a cutting of a tree.

1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* XIX. XXXVI. (1495) 879 Cerusa..comyth of vapour of stronge vyneygre effnsyd and shedde on thynne plates of leed and layed vpon whyte Sarmentes. *c* 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* IV. 33 He..nygh the roote ingrafteth his sarment. *Ibid.* XII. 356. 1657 *Physical Dict., Sarments*, twigs of trees. 1766 SMOLLETT *Trav.* 176 [For lighting fires] the people of these countries use the sarments or cuttings of the vines. 1837 GRAY *First Less. Bot.* Gloss., *Sarmentaceous*, bearing long and flexible twigs (*sarments*), either spreading or procumbent.

Sarmentaceous (saɹmĕntē·ʃəs), *a.* [f. L. *sarment-um*: see SARMENT and -ACEOUS.] = SARMENTOSE.

1830 LINDLEY *Nat. Syst. Bot.* 32 [The Cocculus tribe.] Shrubs, with a..sarmentaceous habit. 1831 MACGILLIVRAY tr. *Richard's Elem. Bot.* 470 This family is composed of sarmentaceous and climbing shrubs.

Sarmentiferous (sāɹmĕntī·fĕrəs), *a.* [f. mod.L. *sarmentifer-us*, f. *sarmentum*: see SARMENT and -FEROUS.] = SARMENTOSE.

1858 in Mayne *Expos. Lex.* 1900 B. D. JACKSON *Gloss. Bot. Terms.*

†Sarmenti·tious, *a. Obs.*—° [a. L. *sarmentītius*, *-tīcius*, f. *sarmentum*: see SARMENT and -ITIOUS.] (See quot.)

1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr., Sarmentitious*, of or belonging to twigs or branches.

Sarmentose (sāɹmentōu·s), *a. Bot.* [ad. L. *sarmentōs-us*, f. *sarmentum*: see SARMENT and -OSE. Cf. OF. *sarmenteux.*] (See quot. 1863.)

1760 J. LEE *Introd. Bot.* III. iv. (1776) 181 Sarmentose; when they [*sc.* stems] are Repent and Subnude. 1783 JUSTAMOND tr. *Raynal's Hist. Indies* III. 341 It's stem..is.. knotty at intervals, and sarmentose, as that of the vine. 1863 BENTHAM *Flora Austral.* I. Introd. 5 Stems are..sarmentose, when the branches of a woody stem are long and weak, although scarcely climbing. 1870 HOOKER *Stud. Flora* 108 Creeping herbs or sarmentose shrubs.

Sarmentous (saɹmē·ntəs), *a.* [ad. L. *sarmentōs-us*: see prec. and -OUS.] = prec.

1721 BAILEY, *Sarmentous*, twiggy or branching. 1753 CHAMBERS *Cycl. Supp.* s.v. *Stalk*, Creeping, or sarmentous stalk, that which emits roots as it runs along. 1756 P. BROWNE *Jamaica* 327 The large sarmentous Satyrium with mottled flowers. 1883 *Century Mag.* XXVI. 354 It is of sarmentous growth.

Sarmon(d, -one, -oun, etc.: see SERMON.

Sarnes, obs. form of SORENESS.

†Sarole-man. *Obs.* (See quot. Cf. SAROSEL.)

1662 MERRETT *Neri's Art of Glass* 244 These Glasses are put into Iron pans..call'd Fraches, which by degrees are drawn by the Sarole man all along the Leer,..that the Glasses may cool *Gradatim.*

‖ Sarong (sărǫ·ŋ). [Malay *sārung*, prob. from some mod. form of Skr. *sāranga* variegated.]

1. (See quot. 1895.)

1834 G. BENNETT *Wand. N. S. W.*, etc. II. 217 He was attired in a dirty sarong around his waist, and a loose haju or jacket. 1895 SWETTENHAM *Malay Sk.* 172 The Sárong is the Malay national garment, a sort of skirt, usually in tartan, worn by men and women alike.

2. (See quot.)

1858 SIMMONDS *Dict. Trade, Sarong*,..a woven or printed fabric imported into the Dutch ports of the Eastern archipelago.

‖ Saros (sē·ɹŏs). [Gr. *σάρος* or *σαρός* (Berossos), a. Assyro-Babylonian *šār(u.*]

1. *Antiq.* The Babylonian name for the number 3600, and hence for a period of 3600 years.

The notion expressed in quot. 1662, that the saros consisted of 3600 *days*, is due to the desire to rationalize the incredible statements of Berossos with regard to the lengths of the reigns of the antediluvian kings of Babylon. Other expedients for the same purpose were adopted by early writers on chronology.

1613 PURCHAS *Pilgrimage* (1614) 54 Sarus with them is three thousand sixe hundred yeares. 1662 STILLINGFL. *Orig. Sacræ* I. v. § 4. 80 The learned Monks, Panodorus and Anianus,..make a Saros to contain 120. months of 30. dayes a piece.

2. *Astr.* Adopted by modern astronomers as the name of the cycle of 18 years and 10⅓ days, in which solar and lunar eclipses repeat themselves.

This use is founded on the statement of Suidas (app. due to some mistake) that the length of the saros was 18½ years.

1812 WOODHOUSE *Astron.* XXXV. 353 The period of 223 lunations, called by the Chaldean Astronomers, the Saros. 1868 LOCKYER *Elem. Astron.* iii. § 18 (1879) 102 This period of 18 years 10 days is a cycle of the Moon, known to the ancient Chaldeans and Greeks under the name of Saros.

†Sarosel. *Glass-making. Obs.* (See quot.)

1662 MERRETT *Neri's Art of Glass* 244 The mouth thereof [the leer] enters into a room, where the Glasses are taken out and set. This room they call the Sarosel, and the Sarole-men those who draw the Fraches along the Leer.

Sarp, obs. form of SHARP.

†Sarp-cloth. *Obs.* Also 6 **serpe-cloth.** [Shortened f. SARPLIER + CLOTH. Cf. the Sc. forms *sarplaith, sarpleth*, under SARPLIER.] = SARPLIER.

1580 HOLLYBAND *Treas. Fr. Tong, Serpeilliére, ou serpillére*, a serpe-cloth. 1611 COTGR., *Serpillere*, a Sarpler, or Sarp-cloth, a piece of course Canuas to packe vp things in. 1726 *Dict. Rust.* (ed. 3), Sarpliar or Sarp-cloth.

†Sarpe [1]. *Obs.* [a. OF. *sarpe* (mod.F. *serpe*), app. f. L. *sarpĕre* to prune.] A pruning hook.

1388 WYCLIF 1 *Sam.* xiii. 20 That ech man schulde scharpe his schar, and picoise, and ax, and sarpe [1382 purgyng hook]. *Ibid., Isa.* vii. 25 And alle hillis that schulen be purgid with a sarpe [1382 wode bil]. 1474 CAXTON *Chesse* III. v. eij, He ought to hane on his gyrdel a sarpe or crokyd hachet for to cutte of the superfluytees of the vignes.

†Sarpe [2]. *Obs.* Also **sarp, serpe.** [Of obscure origin.] A collar, neck-ring of gold or silver.

1429 *Sc. Acts Jas. I* (1814) II. 18/1 Ande at nane vthir weir broudry..bot aray þaim..in all vthir honest aray as serpis heltis vches & chenzeis. 1438 *E. E. Wills* (1882) 110 Item to Robert Greyndoor,..my Serpe of silver and my cheyne of goold. 1456 SIR G. HAYE *Law Arms* (S. T. S.) 46 He..tnke..a grete wreth of golde, callit a sarp be sum men, and put it about his hals. *c* 1460 FORTESCUE *Abs. & Lim. Mon.* vii. (1885) 125 Rich stones, serpes, hauderikes, and oþer juels. 1470–85 MALORY *Arthur* XX. xiv. 822 Alle they were arayed in grene veluet with sarpys of gold about their quarters. *c* 1485 in *Rutland Papers* (Camden) 4 The King ..arraied in a dohlet of greu..,a long goune of purpur velwet, ..with a riche sarpe and garter. 1488 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scott.* (1877) I. 86 Memorandum:—fund in a hlac coffre..It. the first, the grete sarpe of gold contenand xxv schaiffis with the fedder hetuix.

Sarpego, Sarpent: see SERPIGO, SERPENT.

Sarplier (sā·ɹpliəɹ). Forms: 4–7 **sarpler,** (4 sarpuler), 5 **sarpeler**(e, (sarplar, -pelar, -pliar), 6– **sarplier**; *Sc.* 5 **sarplare, -air, sarpleth,** 7 **serplaith.** [a. AF. *sarplier* (*Rolls of Parlt.* I. 413, 1321–2), OF. *sarpillere* (mod.F. *serpillière* packing cloth) = Pr. *sarpelheira*, Cat. *sarpallera, xarpallera*, Sp. *arpillera*, Pg. *sarapilheira*, Littré suggests that the word is a derivative (with suffix *-a·ria*: see -ER[3] 2) of late L. *xĕrampelinus* (med.L. corruptly *xeropellinus, serampelinus, serapellinus*) a. Gr. ξηραμπέλινος, of the colour of withered vine-leaves, f. ξηρός dry, withered + ἄμπελος vine. But this derivation has been contested by later philologists. Cf. Fr. dial. (16th c.) *serpol* bride's trousseau. MDu. had *sarpelier, serplier*, pack of wool (also *sarpeel*).]

†1. A large sack of coarse canvas for wool; a sack or bale of wool containing eighty tods; also used as a measure of quantity for wool.

[1353–4 *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 554 Et in 4 sarplers novis pro lanis cariandis.] *c* 1374 CHAUCER *Boeth.* I. pr. iii. 6 (Camb. MS.) They ben ententyf abowte sarpuleris or sachels vnprofitable for to taken [orig. *circa diripiendas inutiles sarcinulas occupantur*]. *c* 1380 *Sir Ferumb.* 4371 Hyre sarplers dud he with hay be fild, & bonde hem to hure sadels gyld. 1425 *Rolls of Parlt.* IV. 290/1 The which Cokett contenes the hool nombre of sarplers. *c* 1430 LYDG. *Min. Poems* (Percy Soc.) 204 Though many a robe hath be shente On hire sarpelere and on hire sak. 1436 *Sc. Acts Jas. I* (1814) II. 23/2 Gudis þat aw na custnm or þat aw custum eftir þe francht of þe serplaith þat is to say it at payis as a serplaith in fraucht. *c* 1440 LYDG. *Hors, Shepe & G.* 415 The..Duke of Burgon Cam befor Caleis with Flemynges nat a fewe, Which yaff the sakkis & sarpleres of the toun To Gaunt & Brugis his fredam for to shewe. *a* 1513 FABYAN *Chron.* VII. (1811) 395 The Kyng..commaunded a new subsydie to be lenyed vpon all ye sarplers of wolle goynge out of Englande. 1581 J. BELL *Haddon's Answ. Osor.* 51 b, You besturre yourselfe: & packe and stuffe together a whole sarpler full of Tullies owne sentences. 1609 SKENE *Reg. Maj., Treat.* 141 In Merchandice na Merchant sall passe over the sea, except he haue thrie Serplaiths of wooll, of his awin proper gudes.

†2. A wrapper of sackcloth (or other coarse material) for packing merchandise. *Obs.*

1565 COOPER *Thesaurus, Segestre*, a sarplier: a thyng to packe vp marchandice in. 1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* I. 392 It serued as wast Paper for sarplers to wrap and packe vp wares in. 1653 URQUHART *Rabelais* Prol. (Rtldg.) 18 His Orations did smell like the sarpler, or wrapper of a foul.. oil vessel. 1686 tr. *Chardin's Trav. Persia* I. 74 The other [tent] is cover'd with a great Sarpler of Wooll, for their Cattel and Horses. 1725 BRADLEY *Fam. Dict.* s.v. *Ointment*, If..the Fire should catch, you must have a Covering or Sarplier ready, which you have dipt in Water and well wrung. 1847 HALLIWELL, *Sarpelere*, a coarse packcloth made of hemp. *Glouc.*

3. A large sack into which hops are gathered and carried to the kiln. *local.*

1893 C. WHITEHEAD *Hop Cultiv.* 36 When picked, the hops are measured..into 'pokes', 'greenbags', or sacks, holding 10 bushels. *Note.* In Hampshire and Surrey these sacks are called 'sarpliers', and hold fourteen bushels.

Sarplys, obs. pl. of SURPLICE.

Sarpo (sā·ɹpǫ). Also 8 **sarpoe,** 9 **sapo.** [a. Sp. *sapo*, lit. 'large toad'.] (See quots.)

1753 CHAMBERS *Cycl. Supp., Sarpoe*, a name given to the fish called by anthors *salpa.* 1884 GOODE, etc. *Nat. Hist. Aquatic Anim.* 251 A form [of the Toad-fish] found only in the Gulf, *Batrachus pardus*..is known to the fishermen as the 'Sarpo' and the 'Sea-robin'. 1891 *Century Dict., Sapo*, the toad-fish, *Batrachus tau.*

Sarpuler, Sarra, obs. ff. SARPLIER, SAHARA.

‖ Sarracenia (særăsī·nia). *Bot.* Also 8 **sarracena, -sena.** [mod.L.; orig. *Sarracēna* (Tournefort 1700, after Dr. D. Sarrazin of Quebec who sent him the plant).] A genus of insectivorous plants, the type of the N.O. *Sarraceniaceæ*, to which belong many of the plants popularly known as *pitcher-plants.* Hence **Sarrace·niad,** Lindley's name for a plant of this Order (*Veg. Kingd.* 1846, p. 429).

1786 ABERCROMBIE *Arrangem.* 66 in *Gard. Assist., Sarracenia*, or side-saddle flower. 1796 C. MARSHALL *Gardening* xix. (1813) 370 *Sarrasena* is a native of the bogs of North America. *Ibid.* 360 *Sarracena*, or side-saddle flower. 1879 LUBBOCK *Sci. Lect.* i. 5 Sarracenia. In this genus some of the leaves are in the form of a pitcher. 1884 *Pall Mall G.* 14 July 5/1 Great tropical carnivores like the beautiful Sarracenias.

Sarrail: see SERAIL. **Sarralia:** see SERAGLIO.

†Sa·rraly, *adv. Obs.* Forms: 4 **sarreliche, sarrely, sarrilich, sarraly.** [f. **sarree* (a. F. *serré* in close order, pa. pple. of *serrer* to shut tightly, lock:—popular L. **serrāre*, L. *serāre*, f. *sera* bolt, lock) + -LY. Cf. SERRY *v.*] In close order or array, closely.

c 1330 *Arth. & Merl.* 6047 (Kölbing) Cleodalis Stode on fot, & mani of his Aboute him stode sarreliche. *Ibid.* 5279, 7846, 8044. *c* 1330 R. BRUNNE *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 13536 Doun wyþ þe hil þey toke þe weye Al sarrely in to þe valeye. 13.. *K. Alis.* 2127 (Bodl. MS.), Þise brou3tten fourty þousynde And comen sarrilich hyhynde. 1375 BARBOUR *Bruce* VIII. 222 The kyng..Saw first cumand thair first eschele Arrait sarraly and weill.

‖ Sarrasin (sæ·răzin). In quots. **sar(r)azin, sarassin.** [a. F. *sarrasin* (16th c.), for *blé sarrasin* 'Saracen wheat'.] Buckwheat.

[1687 Sararin corn: see SARACEN 3.] 1840 T. A. TROLLOPE *Summer in Britt.* I. 308 A small quantity of black bread, made of sarazin. 1865 *Pall Mall G.* 30 Aug. 3/2 The fields of sainfoin and sarassin. 1888 *19th Cent.* June 836 The Russian peasant will not always sell his wheat and live on sarrazin and rye.

Sarrasin, Sarrature: see SARACEN, SERRATURE.

†Sarray, *adv. Sc. Obs. rare*—[1]. [a. F. *serré*: see SARRALY *adv.*] = SARRALY *adv.*

1375 BARBOUR *Bruce* VIII. 296 And the formast of his menze Enbraist with that thar scheldis braid And richt sarray togidder raid.

Sarrazin, Sarre, obs. ff. SARACEN, SORE.

Sarreliche, -ly, var. ff. SARRALY *adv. Obs.*

Sarreverence: see SIR-REVERENCE.

Sarrie, Sarrilich: see SERRY *v.*, SARRALY *adv.*

† Sarri·tion. *Obs. rare.* [ad. L. *sarrītiōn-em*, n. of action f. *sarrīre* to hoe, weed.] The action of hoeing or stirring the soil.

a 1722 LISLE *Husb.* (1752) 79 This sarrition was performed in dry burning lands. 1733 TULL *Horse-Hoeing Husb.* xv. (Dublin) 202 They scratch'd it again and again with the same wooden Instruments, this was call'd Sarrition.

Sarrusophone (sărʊ·sŏfōun). [f. *Sarrus* (see quot. 1884) + Gr. *φωνή* voice, sound.] A brass instrument of the oboe class, played with a double reed. Hence **Sarru·sopho·nist,** a performer on the sarrusophone.

1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech., Sarrusophone.* 1884 *Encycl. Brit.* XVII. 707/1 In 1856..M. Sarrus, thought out the construction of a family of brass instruments...Gautrot of Paris realized the inventor's idea, and, under the name of 'sarrusophones', has created a complete family, from the sopranino in *E♭* to the contrahass in *B♭*. 1906 *Daily News* 21 Feb. 12 M. Leruste, the only sarrusophonist in the Garde Republicaine Band.

Sarry, obs. variant of SAVOURY *a.*

Sarsa (sā·ɹsă). Also **sarza.** [Short for next.] = SARSAPARILLA 1. Also *attrib.*

1625 BACON *Ess., Friendship* (Arb.) 167 Vou may take Sarza to open the Liuer. 1698 FRYER *Acc. E. India & P.* 182 These [Mangoes] and Sarsa being their usual Diet. 1849 BALFOUR *Man. Bot.* § 1054 The root of various species of Smilax constitutes the Sarsaparilla or Sarza of the pharmacopœias. 1889 *Syd. Soc. Lex., Sarza.*

Sarsaparilla (sāɹsăpări·lă). Forms: *α.* 6-8 **zarza parilla,** (6 parille), 7-8 **sarzaparilla,** 6-7 **sarcaparilla,** 6 **-parillia, -perilla, sarsaparilia,** 7 **-perilla,** 8 **-parill,** 7-**sarsaparilla**; *β.* 6-7 **salsaperilla,** 6-8 **-pariglia, -perillia,** 7 **-parillia, salcepereille,** 9 **salsaparilha**; *γ.* 7 **sassaparilla.** [a. Sp. *zarzaparrilla*, f. *zarza* (? B. Basque *sartzia*) bramble; the latter part is said in A. Matthioli *Comm. in Dioscoridem* (1565) 184 to be **parrilla*, dim. of *parra* vine, the sarsaparilla being a climbing plant, and its berries having some resemblance to grapes. The word appears, with etymologizing corruption after It. *salso* adj. salt, in It. *salsapariglia* (whence the *β* forms), F. *salsepareille* (whence the *γ* form).

The above etymology is given in Gerarde's *Herbal* 1597; and (as an original conjecture) in Monlau's *Diccionario etimol. de la lengua castellana* 1856. The statement of many writers, that the word comes from the name of a Dr. Parillo, has not been traced to any authoritative source.]

1. A plant belonging to any of the species of the order *Smilaceæ*, indigenous to tropical America from Mexico to Peru; esp. *Smilax officinalis* the Jamaica sarsaparilla.

1577 FRAMPTON *Joyfull Newes* II. 79 Of the Sarcaparillia [Sp. orig. (Monardes) *çarçaparrilla*] of Guaiquill. *Ibid.* 79 b, This Sarcaparilla, dooeth growe at the side of a Riuer, which commeth from the Mountaines of the Peru. *Ibid.* 80 Sarcaperilla. 1597 GERARDE *Herbal* II. cccii. 710 We haue great plentie of the rootes of this Bind-weed of Peru, which we vsuallie call Zarza, or Sarsa Parilla. 1620 J. MASON *New-found-land* (Bannatyne Cl.) A 4, The common wild herbes of the Countrie are Angelica, Violets,..Sarsaparilla [etc.]. 1712 E. COOKE *Voy. S. Sea* 150 All along the Banks grow abundance of Mangroves and Sarzaparilla. 1731 MILLER *Gard. Dict., Smilax*... Rough Virginian Bindweed, with a smooth Ivy Leaf, commonly call'd Zarzaparilla. 1851–9 HOOKER in *Man. Sci. Eng.* 427 The so-called Jamaica Sarsaparilla grows near the Chiriqui Lagoon in the state of Costa Rica. 1873 SYMONDS *Grk. Poets* x. 313 Clematis and polished garlands of tough sarsaparilla wed the shrubs with clinging, climbing arms.

b. The dried roots of plants of the various species of *Smilaceæ*; esp. Jamaica sarsaparilla, *Smilax officinalis*; also, a medicinal preparation of the root used as an alterative and tonic. (The early mentions often relate to the supposed efficacy of the drug in the treatment of syphilis.)

1577 FRAMPTON *Joyfull Newes* II. 80 b, For these euilles they haue an other maner of Water, that is, takyng of foure ounces of Sarcaparilla. 1582 HESTER *Secr. Phiorav.* I. xxviii. 32 Let hym take Sarsaparilla, or Lignum Vitæ. *Ibid.* III. xlvi. 65 The Salsa pariglia is a Roote that commeth from the Indes, the which is hot and driyng. 1621 BURTON *Anat. Mel.* II. iv. I. iii, And to such as are cold, the Decoction of Guacum, Salsaperilla [etc.]. 1671 SHADWELL *Humorists* I, Hast thou not rais'd the price of Sarsaperilla, and Guiacum all over the Town. 1732 tr. *Pomet's Hist. Drugs* I. 49 *Sarsaparilla*, or *Salsaparilla*, is a very long Root, like a small Cord. 1840 PEREIRA *Mat. Med.* II. 661 Jamaica Sarsaparilla, offic. *Ibid.* 662 Brazilian Sarsaparilla: Lisbon, Portugal, or Rio Negro Sarsaparilla...Lima Sarsaparilla. *Ibid.* 663 Honduras Sarsaparilla; Mealy Sarsaparilla; Vera Cruz Sarsaparilla; Mexican Sarsaparilla. 1843 R. J. GRAVES *Syst. Clin. Med.* xxix. 369 We will..give him mild aperients, light nutritious diet, and sarsaparilla. 1846 LINDLEY *Veg. Kingd.* 216 Nees and Ebermaier say that it [root of *Smilax aspera* and *S. excelsa*] sometimes comes into the market under the name of Italian Sarsaparilla. 1853 A. R. WALLACE *Amazon & Rio Negro* 140 The trade here is principally in Brazil-nuts, salsaparilha,..farinha, and salt-fish. 1857 BALFOUR *Cycl. India*, etc. 1659/1 A large quantity is shipped at the Brazils and is called Lisbon sarsaparilla. 1875 H. C. WOOD *Therap.* (1879) 422 If, therefore, sarsaparilla have any value whatever in disease, it must be simply as an alterative. 1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 313/1 Sarsaparilla...*Smilax officinalis*..and *S. Medica*..yield respectively the so-called 'Jamaica' and the Mexican varieties. *Ibid.* 313/2 The varieties of sarsaparilla met with in commerce at present are the following:—Jamaica, Lima, Honduras, Guatemala, Guayaquil, and Mexican...'Jamaica' sarsaparilla..derives its name from the fact that Jamaica was at one time the emporium for sarsaparilla.

2. Applied to plants of other genera, resembling the true sarsaparilla or furnishing a root used as a substitute for it (see quots.).

German sarsaparilla: see GERMAN *a.*[3] 4.

1840 PEREIRA *Mat. Med.* II. 904 The root of *Hemidesmus indicus*..is used in India under the name of 'country sarsaparilla'...It has been called 'Indian' or 'scented sarsaparilla, nannari'. 1847 W. DARLINGTON *Amer. Weeds* (1860) 155 *Aralia*, L. Wild Sarsaparilla. Ginseng. *Ibid.* 156 *Aralia nudicaulis*, L...Sarsaparilla. False Sarsaparilla. 1858 BAIRD *Cycl. Nat. Sci.* 107/2 *Carex arenaria*..has also a certain reputation on the continent as a diaphoretic and diuretic, and is used as such under the name of German sarsaparilla. 1866 *Treas. Bot.* s. v., New Zealand Sarsaparilla, *Ripogonum parviflorum*. 1883 F. M. BAILEY *Synops. Queensl. Flora* 114 Native Sarsaparilla. The roots of this beautiful purple-flowered twiner (*Hardenbergia monophylla*) are used by bushmen as a substitute for the true sarsaparilla. 1891 *Coo-ĕē* (ed. Mrs. P. Martin) 258 On the hills ..cyclamen, sundew, purple sarsaparilla, and the scarlet pea.

3. *attrib.*

1634 S. R. *Noble Soldier* IV. ii. in Bullen *O. Pl.* (1882) I. 317 Sirra, you Salsa-Perilla Rascall,..doe you heare, Monsire? 1657 B. W. tr. *Bauderon's Expert. Phys.* 110 Let the drink bee decoction of Sarsa Parilla roote. 1849 BALFOUR *Man. Bot.* § 1053 Smilaceæ, the Sarsaparilla Family. 1868 M. H. SMITH *Sunsh. & Sh. N. Y.* 61 A famous house..built by a successful sarsaparilla man.

‖ Sarsar (sā·ɹsaɹ). [Arab. صرصر *çarçar* a cold wind.] (See quots.)

1786 tr. *Beckford's Vathek* 207 She..thus penetrated the very entrails of the earth, where breathes the Sansar [*sic*], or icy wind of death. 1801 SOUTHEY *Thalaba* I. xxxvi, The Sarsar can pierce through, The Icy Wind of Death.

Sarse: see SAUCE, SEARCE.

Sarsen (sā·ɹs'n). Also **sarsden, -don, sarcen.** [App. identical with *Sarsen*, var. of SARACEN.] (In full *sarsen-stone, boulder.*) One of the numerous large boulders or blocks of sandstone found scattered on the surface of the chalk downs, esp. in Wiltshire.

[1644: see SARACEN *sb.* 4.] *a* 1693 AUBREY *Nat. Hist. Wilts* (1847) 44 They are also (far from the rode) commonly called Sarsdens or Sarsdon stones. 1743 STUKELEY *Abury* 16 The people call these great stones, sarsens; and 'tis a proverb here, *as hard as a sarsen.* 1834 *Gentl. Mag.* CIV. I. 374 The stones outside of the work,..as well as the five large trilithons, are all of that species of stone called *Sarsen*, which is found in the neighbourhood. 1879 JEFFERIES *Wild Life in S. Co.* 217 Yonder lies a great grey sarsen boulder. 1888 J. PRESTWICH *Geol.* II. 342 The isolated blocks called Grey-wethers or Sarsen stones, scattered on the surface of the chalk downs.

Sareen, obs. form of SARACEN.

Sarsenet, sarcenet (sā·ɹsnĕt). Forms: 5 **sarsinett, -ynett, sarssinette,** 6 **sarssynet, sarsenett(e, (sarsenet, sesynet, saircenett, sercenett, sarsnett,** 7 **sarcnet, sarcsenett**), 6-9 **sarsnet,** 5- **sarcenet,** 6- **sarsenet.** [a. AF. *sarzinett* (1373 in *Exch. Accts.* 397/16, Publ. Rec. Office: see *N. & Q.* 8th Ser. I. 129), prob. a dim. of *sarzin* SARACEN (see -ET), suggested by OF. *drap sarrasinois*, med.L. *pannus saracenicus*, lit. 'Saracen cloth'.

Godefroy's sole example of the alleged OF. *sarcenet*, taken from Du Cange, is a mistake; it comes from a York Cathedral inventory of 1530, and the word is English. Palsgrave 1530 renders the Eng. *sarcenet* by F. *taffetas.* The only trace of the existence of the word in continental Fr. appears to be the Swiss dial. *sarcenet* 'lustrine de coton' cited by Godefr.]

1. A very fine and soft silk material made both plain and twilled, in various colours, now used chiefly for linings; a dress made of this.

1463 *Bury Wills* (Camden) 41 My tepet of blak sarsenet. 1477 *Rolls of Parlt.* VI. 189/1 It shal be leefull..to use and were in their Colers, Ventes, and Sleves of their Gownes and Hukes, Sateyn, Chamelet, Sarcenet, or Tarteron. 1496–7 *Rec. St. Mary at Hill* 30 Item, ij Curtens of Russet sarsynet frengid with sylke. 1542 *Nottingham Rec.* III. 220 Dublet lyned wyth sarcenet. 1581 in Feuillerat *Revels Q. Eliz.* (1908) 346 Tincells, taffeta, sarcenetes, & single sarcenetes. 1662 PEPYS *Diary* 15 Apr., We saw some newfashon pettycoats of sarcenett. 1687 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 2302/4 A Scarlet Coat lined with green Sarcenet. 1712 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 265 ¶ 9 The palest Features look the most agreeable in white Sarsenet. 1798 JANE AUSTEN *Northang. Abb.* xv, I remember, too, Miss Andrews drank tea with us that evening, and wore her puce-coloured sarsenet. 1881 BESANT & RICE *Chapl. of Fleet* I. 182 The citizen's daughters making a gallant show in hoops, patches, lace, sarsnet and muslin.

† b. With following adj. (after Fr. use).

1483 *Coronat. Rich. III* in *Antiq. Repert.* II. 250 The other [shert] made of ij yerds di' of sarsynet crymysyn. 1507 *Justes May & June* 28 in Hazl. *E. P. P.* II. 122 Of horse and man fyrst day was theyr araye Sarcenet blue.

2. *attrib.* passing into *adj.* Composed of sarsenet.

1521 *Test. Ebor.* (Surtees) V. 133 My best sayrsnett tippit. 1547 BOORDE *Brev. Health* xxxiii. 18 b, Hange over the eye or eyes a greene sarsenet cloth. 1672 in Willis & Clark *Cambridge* (1886) II. 295 For making up y^e^ Sarcenet Curtain. 1728 POPE *Dunc.* III. 248 Yonder cloud..Whose sarcenet skirts are edg'd with flamy gold. 1836–7 DICKENS *Sk. Boz, Sentiment*, The linendrapers of Hammersmith were astounded at the sudden demand for blue sarsenet ribbon, and long white gloves.

† b. *adj., fig.* Resembling sarsenet in softness. (Said of speech, manners, etc.) *Obs.*

1596 SHAKS. 1 *Hen. IV*, III. i. 56 Vou sweare like a Comfit-makers Wife:..And ginest such Sarcenet suretie for thy Oathes, As if thou neuer walk'st further then Finsbury. Sweare me, Kate,..A good mouth-filling Oath. 1646 CHAS. I in Carte *Ormonde* (1736) II. App. 14, I have received your sarsenet dispatches by this hearer. 1820 SCOTT *Monast.* ii, With many a *fye* and *nay pshaw*, and such sarsenet chidings as tender mothers give to spoiled children.

† Sa·rsenish, *a. Obs.* In 4–5 **Sarsaneis, Sarcynesse, Sarsinesshe, -ynneis.** [a. OF. *Sar(r)asinois*, fem. *sar(r)asinesche*, adj. of nationality f. *sarrasin* SARACEN. OE. had *Saracenisc.*] Saracenic; in OE. *sb.*, a Saracen.

In 'brunet of Sarcynesse' (quot. 1381) the word is erron. made into a sb.; cf. *bruette sareson* (*c* 1430 s.v. SARACEN *a.* b).

a 1366 CHAUCER *Rom. Rose* 1188 Largesse hadde on a Robe fresh Of Riche purpur Sarsynysh [*MS.* Sarlynysh, Fr. orig. *sarazinesche*]. 1381 in *Form of Cury* (1780) 110 For to mak a Bruet of Sarcynesse. Tak the lyre of fresch Buf [etc.]. *c* 1400 *Laud Troy Bk.* 9429 He was leyd In that paleis, That was of riche werk Sarsaneis. *c* 1400 *Siege of Troy* 1076 in *Archiv Stud. neu. Spr.* LXXII. 38 Dinerse melodye..Of trumpis, tabouris and nakeres, Pypers sarsynneis and symbaleris. [Cf. OF. *cors sarrazinois.*]

† Sa·rsenry. *Obs. rare*[−1]. Also 5 **sarsynrye.** [f. *Sarsen*, SARACEN + -RY.] The Saracen people.

c 1440 CAPGRAVE *Life St. Kath.* I. 877 It was neuyr seyn ȝet þat þe sarsynrye [*v. r.* sarsenrye] Was left a-lone vn-to a wommanes hande.

Sarshan, variant of SAGENE 1.

1783 W. F. MARTYN *Geog. Mag.* II. 41 A sarshan, or fathom, which contains three arshines.

Sarson, -oun, obs. forms of SARACEN.

† Sart. *Obs.* [a. OF. *sart*:—med.L. *sartum*, neut. pa. pple. (for *sarrītum*) of *sarrīre* to hoe, weed.] = ASSART *sb.* Also in *Comb.* **sart-silver,** a payment made by tenants for the right of taking brushwood from land.

c 1290 *S. Eng. Leg.* I. 463/46 Lazarus hadde þat haluendel: of al Ierusalem, Of wodes and fieldes and of sart: al-mest to bedleem. 1408 *Nottingham Rec.* II. 56 Dicta villata ei debet pro sartsilver spectante Domino Regi annuatim solvendo de praedicta Oxton v s. 1455 *Rolls of Parlt.* V. 223/1 Consideryng that onre seide Collage hath noo Woode liyng yerto within xxiiii myle; whereof xx acres they have by wey of a sart..; and other xx acres..by wey of almes. *c* 1528 *Rental Bk. Earl Kildare* in *Jrnl. Kilkenny Archæol. Soc.* Ser. II. (1862) IV. 133 Item ij pullis in Kyltecrenyn in pledge of iiij^xx^ kyene for the Sart of William Naco is doughter sett yerelye for iiij merkis. [1706 PHILLIPS (ed. Kersey), *Sart*, a piece of Woodland turned into Arable. See *Assart.*]

Sartage (sā·ɹtĕdʒ). *U. S.* [a. OF. *sartage*, f. *sarter* to clear ground, f. *sart*: see prec.] (See quots.)

1887 *Detroit Free Press* (Lond.) 2 July 6/4 'Sartage' is the practice of setting fire to trees in order to clear the ground. 1895 *Century Dict., Sartage*, the clearing of woodland for agricultural purposes, as by setting fire to the trees.

Sartan, -tayne, -teyn, obs. forms of CERTAIN.

Sarten, Sartente, obs. ff. CERTAIN, CERTAINTY.

c 1435 *Torr. Portugal* 717 The sarten to sey with-owt lese, A scheff-chambyr he hym ches. 1484 *Cely Papers* (Camden) 152 The man ys goode Inowythe [= enough] were we yn sartente of pes betwyxte Flaunders and us. 1572 in Feuillerat *Revels Q. Eliz.* (1908) 421 A note of sarten thinges.

Sartin, repr. an illiterate pronunc. of CERTAIN *a.*

1762 G. COLMAN *Mus. Lady* I. 4 Indeed it was, sir!—I am sartin it was. 1890 W. A. WALLACE *Only a Sister* 86 Look here, that's proof for sartin.

Sartor (sā·ɹtɔɹ). *Humorously pedantic.* [a. L. *sartor* patcher, mender, f. *sarcīre* (ppl. stem *sart-*) to botch, patch.] A tailor.

1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr., Sartor*, a Tailor, a Botcher, a Mender of old Garments. 1843 O. W. HOLMES *Terpsichore* Poet. Wks. (1895) 55/1 And coats whose memory turns the sartor pale. 1870 (*title*) The Sartor, or British journal of cutting, clothing, and fashion.

Sartorial (saɹtō·ɹriăl), *a.* [f. L. *sartōri-us*, f. *sartor*: see SARTOR and -AL.] Of or belonging to a tailor or his art; characteristic of a tailor.

1823 SYD. SMITH *Wks.* (1859) II. 24/2 A little wicked tailor arrives...He is turned over to a settler, who leases this sartorial Borgia his liberty for five shillings per week. 1831 CARLYLE *Sart. Res.* I. v, The First Chapter..turns on Paradise and Fig-leaves, and leads us into interminable disquisitions of a mythological, metaphorical, cabalistico-sartorial..cast. 1832 — *Misc.* (1840) IV. 308 His visitor.. we suppose, sat upon folios, or in the sartorial fashion. 1893 VIZETELLY *Glances Back* II. xxxvii. 337 The sartorial artist ..had been vainly trying to obtain payment.

Sartorian (saɹtō·ɹriăn), *a. rare.* [f. L. *sartōri-us* (see prec.) + -AN.] = SARTORIAL *a.*

1668 WILKINS *Real Char.* 243 Clothing, Sartorian Trades. 1813 L. HUNT in *Examiner* 5 Apr. 209/1 The reader will excuse this sartorian metaphor.

Sartorite (sāɹ·tŏrəit). *Min.* [Named by J. D. Dana in 1868 after Sartorius von Waltershausen, who first described it: see -ITE.] Sulph-arsenide of lead, found in dark, lead-grey, orthorhombic crystals.

1868 DANA *Min.* (ed. 5) 87.

‖ Sartorius (saɹtō·ɹriŭs). [mod.L. *sartōrius* (*musculus*): see SARTORIAL *a.*

So called as being concerned in producing the cross-legged position in which a tailor sits at work.]

A long narrow muscle which crosses the thigh obliquely in front.

1704 J. HARRIS *Lex. Techn.* I, *Sartorius*, a Muscle of the

Leg. 1802 PALEY *Nat. Theol.* ix, The Sartorius or tailor's muscle..enables us by its contraction to throw one leg and thigh over the other. 1840 E. WILSON *Anat. Vade M.* (1851) 256 The Sartorius (tailor's muscle).

† **Sa'rtry.** *Obs.* In 5 saretree, sartre. [a. OF. *sartrerie*, f. *sartre* :—L. *sartor*: see -ERY.] A tailor's workshop.

1447–8 *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 186 In repar. cujusdam fontis ex opposito le Saretree. 1448–9 *Ibid.*, j crooke pro porta de le Sartre, 12*d*.

† **Sartryn.** *Obs. rare*—°. [a. OF. **sartrin* (recorded as *sartrain*), ad. med.L. *sartrīnum* tailor's shop, related to SARTOR.] A tailor's shop.

1483 *Cath. Angl.* 318/2 A Sartryn, *sartorium, sutrinum.*

Saru-, graphic var. of *sarv-*, obs. form of SERV-.

‖ **Sarum** (sē°rŭm). [med.L. *Sarum* (indeclinable), app. evolved from a misunderstanding of the abbreviation *Sar*ȝ for *Sarisburia* Salisbury.] The ecclesiastical name of Salisbury, used attrib. in **Sarum Use**, the order of divine service used in the diocese of Salisbury from the 11th century to the Reformation; so *Sarum missal, office, rubric.* Also *absol.*

1570 FOXE *A. & M.* 237/1 Thus..Osmundus bishop of Salisbury, denised that ordinary, which is called the vse of Sarum. *Ibid.* Table, Sarum vse when it was denised. 1832 W. PALMER *Orig. Liturg.* I. 186 Their rubrics are sometimes less definite than those of the Sarum 'Use'. *Ibid.* 357 *note*, This epistle, according to the Sarum rubric, was taken from the 'commune unius Apostoli'. 1882 G. H. FORBES *Missale Drummond.* 7 *margin*, In the Sarum Office this is the Alleluia for Mondays. *Ibid.* 8 *margin*, This Communio does not occur in the Sarum.

Sarus (sē°rŭs). Also **sarrus.** [Hindi *sāras.*] The Indian crane *Grus antigone.*

1838 *Penny Cycl.* XII. 173/2 The gigantic Indian or Sarrus Crane, *Grus Antigone* of Linnæus. 1879 MRS. A. E. JAMES *Ind. Househ. Managem.* 65 The handsome *sarus.*

Sarve, obs. form of SERVE.

Sarves, sarvice, -is, obs. forms of SERVICE.

Sarych, Saryf, obs. forms of SEARCH, SERVE.

Sarynes, obs. form of SORRINESS.

Sarza, Sarzan: see SARSA, SARACEN.

‖ **Sa, sa** (sā sā), *int. Obs.* See also SESSA. The Fr. exclamation *çà, çà*, redupl. of *çà* (lit. here, bither), 'interjection familière pour exciter, encourager' (Littré). Formerly used by fencers when delivering a thrust. Also *attrib.* as in *sa-sa man* [cf. F. *faire le çà-çà galant homme* (16th c. in Littré)]; and quasi-*sb.* as a nickname for a fencing master.

Cf. Du. *sa sa*, 'come on, cheer up, quickly, an interjection much used to stir up fighting dogs' (Sewel).]

1607 TOURNEUR *Rev. Trag.* v. i, Sa, sa, sa! thumpe, there he lyes. 1608 SYLVESTER *Du Bartas* II. iv. III. *Schisme* 224 Sa, sa (my hearts) let's cheerly to the charge. 1697 VANBRUGH *Æsop* Pt. II. 9 He's none of your Fencers, none of your Sa Sa men. 1698 FARQUHAR *Love & Bottle* II. ii, And what are you good Monsieur, sa, sa? 1826 SCOTT *Woodst.* xxviii, 'Do you ever take bilboa in hand?—Sa—sa!' Here he made a fencing demonstration with his sheathed rapier.

Sasafras, obs. form of SASSAFRAS.

Sasarara, variant of SISERARY.

Sase, obs. form of SAUCE, SEIZE.

Saser, obs. form of SAUCER.

Sash (sæʃ), *sb.*[1] Forms: 6–7 **shash,** 7 **shass(e, sasche,** 7– **sash.** [Originally *shash*, a. Arab. شاش *shāsh* muslin, turban-'sash' (Dozy).]

† **1.** A band of a fine material worn twisted round the head as a turban by Orientals. *Obs.*

159. R. FITCH in *Hakluyt's Voy.* (1599) II. I. 255 Great store of cloth is made there of cotton, and Shashes for the Moores. 1615 G. SANDYS *Trav.* 63 All of them weare on their heads white Shashes and Turbants, the badge of their religion. 1617 MORYSON *Itin.* III. 174 The Greekes and other Christians..weare Shasses, that is, striped linnen (commonly white and blew) wound about the skirts of a little cap. 1650 FULLER *Pisgah* II. xiv, The silk in Judea, called Shesh in Hebrew, whence haply that fine linen or silk is called shashes, worn at this day about the heads of Eastern people. 1685 G. MERITON *Nomencl. Cleric.* 63 A Shash or Turbant, *Tiara.* 1718 OZELL tr. *Tournefort's Voy. Levant* II. 287 [They] weare the white Sash round their Turbant as well as the Turks.

† **b.** Put for: One who wears a 'sash'. *Obs.*

1657 HOWELL in Rumsey *Org. Salutis* b 2 b, As they who have conversed with Shashes and Turhants doe well know.

2. A scarf, often with fringe at each end, worn by men, either over one shoulder or round the waist; spec. *Mil.* (see quot. 1876). Also, a similar article worn round the waist by women and children.

1681 R. KNOX *Hist. Ceylon* 89 A blew or red shash girt about their loyns. 1684 J. P. tr. *Tavernier's Relat. Seraglio* xi. 58 He..thrusts the Ponyard into his Sascbe before his Breast. 1687 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 2295/4 Officers Sashes and Ribons. 1715 J. STEVENS *Hist. Persia* 25 Girdles, or Sashes ever were, and still are Badges of Honour, and Dignity in Persia. 1787 M. CUTLER in *Life*, etc. (1888) I. 233 Dr. Rogers with a large white sash...These sashes, I was informed, were given the last week at a funeral. 1829 *R. Ackermann's Repos. Fashions* 4 The skirt is plaited in full round the waist, and has a border of white *tulle*...Sash to correspond. 1864 KNIGHT *Passages Work. Life* I. i. 19 A white frock with a black sash—the indication that I had lost my mother. 1876 VOYLE & STEVENSON *Milit. Dict.* (ed. 3), *Sash*, part of the dress of an officer and non-commissioned officer. It is worn across the shoulder by officers and sergeants of the infantry; it is made of crimson silk for the former, and of a mixture of crimson and white cotton for the latter. 1884 *Pall Mall G.* 13 Feb. 8/2 The bridesmaids..wore dresses of cream soie épinglé and plush..and large tied sashes of satin merveilleux.

b. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *sash ribbon*; *sash-capped* adj.; *sashways, -wise* advs.

1827 G. DARLEY *Sylvia* 137 Hurrah! the *sash-capt cymbal swingers! 1861 *Ladies' Gaz. Fashion* Nov. 87/2 The waist is round, and worn with a *sash ribbon. 1731 *Gentl. Mag.* I. 427 An old piece of crimson Ribbon ty'd *Sashways about him. 1842 F. E. PAGET *Milford Malvoisin* 28 An embroidered baldric or sword-belt, worn *sash-wise over the right shoulder.

Sash (sæʃ), *sb.*[2] Also 7 **shash, shas.** [A corruption of CHASSIS, app. mistaken for a plural.]

1. A frame, usually of wood, rebated and fitted with one or more panes of glass forming a window or part of a window; *esp.* a sliding frame or each of the two sliding frames of a SASH-WINDOW. Also (? now only *U. S.*) applied to a casement.

In early use denoting a glazed frame of wood as distinguished from a leaded window, but now usually applied to a sliding frame in contradistinction to a casement. *French sash*, a French window (see FRENCH A. 3).

1681 COTTON *Wond. Peak* 82 The primitive Casements modell'd were no doubt By that through which the Pigeon was thrust out, Where now whole Shashes are but one great eye. *a* 1704 T. BROWN *Lett. to Gent. & Ladies* Wks. 1709 III. II. 108 Why have I not seen you shine out of the Sash this Morning? 1712 STEELE *Spect.* No. 510 P1 My eye was..catch'd with..the Face of a very fair Girl..fixed at the Chin to a painted Sash, and made part of the Landskip. 1716 GAY *Trivia* II. 141 Shops breathe Perfumes, thro' Sashes Ribbons glow. 1716 SWIFT *Progr. Beauty* Wks. 1755 III. II. 165 She ventures now to lift the sash. 1781 COWPER *Conversat.* 331 The southern sash admits too strong a light, You rise and drop the curtain—now it's night. 1784 — *Task* IV. 763 The casements lin'd with creeping herbs, The prouder sashes fronted with a range Of orange. 1794 HOME in *Phil. Trans.* LXXXV. 14 Lines..rendered confused by reflections from the cross bars of the sash of the window. 1842 GWILT *Archit.* § 2164 French sashes, which open like doors. 1870 E. PEACOCK *Ralf Skirl.* I. 32 Some of the Gothic windows had been divested of their tracery and fitted with sashes. 1876 PAPWORTH in *Encycl. Brit.* IV. 494/2 Sashes are either hung upon hinges or hung with lines, pulleys, and weights. Fixed sashes are put into frames...Sashes hung with hinges are usually called casements. 1881 YOUNG *Ev. Man his Own Mechanic* § 824 In most cases the sash..consists of a frame in which one large pane is set, or..the space is divided into two parts by one vertical bar, or into four parts by a vertical bar and a horizontal bar crossing each other at right angles. 1902 R. STURGIS *Dict. Archit.* III. 409 In the United States the term 'sash' is often applied to the movable woodwork of a casement or glazed door. 1908 *Times* 22 Apr. 5/5 A pane of glass was broken just above the meeting of the two sashes.

† **b.** A window-frame covered with paper or linen. Cf. CHASSIS. *Obs.*

1687 [see SASH-WINDOW]. 1822 IMISON *Sci. & Art* II. 422 The use of a sash, made of transparent or fan paper,..will preserve the sight.

c. A glazed light of a glass-house or garden frame; a sash-light.

1707 *Curios. in Husb. & Gard.* 279 Keep them..under Bell-Glasses and Sashes. 1725 BRADLEY *Fam. Dict.* s. v. *Green-house*, The Glass in the Front, whether it be in Sashes or Casements, must be so contrived, that it may..slide..to give Air to the Plants. 1856 DELAMER *Fl. Gard.* (1861) 28 They are..safest..in raised beds covered with shutters or sashes in winter.

2. *U. S.* **a.** *Hydraulic Engin.* A guide or string piece for sheet-piling.

1838 *Civ. Engin. & Arch. Jrnl.* I. 148/1 [Potomac Aqueduct.] Wales, or stringers, twelve by six inches, to guide sheet piling, called in America the lower and upper *sash.*

b. A rectangular frame in which a saw-blade is stretched to prevent its bending or buckling.

1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.* 1877 *Lumberman's Gaz.* 8 Dec. 362 The old 'sash saw' was so thin that it had to be kept strained within a frame or 'sash' to prevent its 'buckling' or bending when crowded into the cut.

3. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *sash fastener, lifter, mortise chisel, moulding*; *sash-boring, -mortising, -planing, -tenoning*, vbl. sbs. (Knight *Dict. Mech.* 1875); **sash bar,** each of the bars dividing the glass in a sash; also, the shaped material of which such bars are made; **sash bead,** each of the beads or guides which keep the sashes in place; † **sash-casement,** a sash-window; **sash cord,** a cord used for hanging window sashes; **sash-door,** a door fitted with a glazed sash in the upper part; also, a French window; **sash fillister** (see quot.); **sash frame,** (*a*) a frame fixed in the opening of a wall to receive the sash or sashes of a window; also, a sash or sash-light; (*b*) *U. S.* = 2 b above (Knight); **sash gate** (see quot.); **sash light,** a sash or sash-window; **sash line** = *sash cord*; **sash pocket,** 'the space formed in the sash frame in which the weight runs up and down' (*Archit. Publ. Soc. Dict.*, 1887); **sash pulley,** a pulley in a window frame over which the sash cord runs; **sash saw,** (*a*) a small sized tenon saw used in making sashes; (*b*) *U. S.* a frame saw; **sash sluice** (see quot.); **sash strip,** each of the vertical strips which support the glass of a glass-house; **sash tool,** a glaziers' brush (see quot. 1842); also, a small painters' brush suitable for painting sashes; **sash weight,** a weight attached to each of the two cords of a sash to counterbalance it and to facilitate the raising and lowering of it; **sashwork,** the glazing of sashes or sash-windows. Also SASH-WINDOW.

1837 *Civ. Engin. & Arch. Jrnl.* I. 24/2 The *sash-bars.. should be of copper. 1851 *Guide-bk. Industr. Exhib.* 10 The length of sash-bar used is 205 miles. 1844 *Regul. & Ord. Army* 237 Whenever Troops are directed to clean the windows of their Barrack-Rooms, they are in no instance to be allowed to remove the *sash-beads. 1757 BOALASE in *Phil. Trans.* L. 500 The *sash-casements jarred. 1776 G. SEMPLE *Building in Water* 18 A long Piece of *Sash-cord. 1747 RICHARDSON *Clarissa* II. viii. 46 My closet, whither I retired..and pulled the *sash-door after me. 1876 *Encycl. Brit.* IV. 494/2 French casements, or sash doors, as they are called when they open down to the ground. 1790 *Trans. Soc. Arts* VIII. 237 His improved *sash-fastener. 1812 P. NICHOLSON *Mech. Exerc.* 112 The *sash fillister is a rebating plane..mostly used in rebating the bars of sashes for the glass. 1693–1700 MOXON *Mech. Exerc.* (1703) 266 *Shas Frames. 1793 SMEATON *Edystone L.* § 279 The casting of sash frames of copper, each in one piece. 1855 DELAMER *Kitch. Gard.* (1861) 16 Sash-frames to cover hotbeds or cold-pits. 1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.*, **Sash-gate* (Hydraulic Engineering), a stop valve sliding vertically to and from its seat. 1844 H. STEPHENS *Bk. Farm* I. 218 Brass *sash-lifters. 1693–1700 MOXON *Mech. Exerc.* (1703) 266 *Shas Lights. 1710 *Tatler* No. 178/4 Advt., The whole House being well wainscotted, and sash'd with 30 Sash Lights. 1767 *Jrnl. Byron's Voy. rd. World* 74 The sash lights [of Scilly light-house] are eleven feet six inches high. 1794 *Rigging & Seamanship* I. 65 *Sash-line of 4 strands. 1881 YOUNG *Ev. Man his own Mechanic* § 259 One or two.. *sash mortise chisels .. will be necessary. *Ibid.* § 824 Except in fancy work for greenhouses and conservatories, *sash mouldings are now but seldom used. 1762 STERNE *Tr. Shandy* V. xix, The *sash pullies, when the lead was gone, were of no kind of use. 1812 P. NICHOLSON *Mech. Exerc.* 136 The *Sash Saw..is used by sash makers in forming the tenons of sashes. 1877 [see 2 b above]. 1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.*, **Sash-sluice*, a sluice with vertically sliding valves. 1901 *J. Black's Carp. & Build., Home Handicr.* 69 In the matter of rafters and *sash-strips strength should be sought in depth. 1825 J. NICHOLSON *Operat. Mechanic* 636 A glaring-knife,..a duster, and *sash-tool. 1842 GWILT *Archit.* § 2226 The sash tool is used wet, for taking the oil from the inside after the back putties are cleared off. 1737 HOPPUS *Salmon's Country Build. Estim.* (ed. 2) 93 *Sash Weights, &c. at 18*s. per* C. 1762 STERNE *Tr. Shandy* V. xxiii, I wish..instead of the sash weights I had cut off the church spout. 1825 J. NICHOLSON *Operat. Mechanic* 635 Glazier's work may be classed under three distinct heads, *sash-work, lead-work, and fret-work.

Sash (sæʃ), *v.*[1] [f. SASH *sb.*[1]] *trans.* To dress or adorn with a sash.

1796 BURKE *Regic. Peace* Wks. IX. 46 Now they are powdered and perfumed,..and sashed and plumed. 1888 HENLEY *Bk. Verses* 117 As here you loiter, flowing-gowned And hugely sashed. 1894 MRS. H. WARD *Marcella* ii, The frilled and sashed splendours of her companions.

Sash (sæʃ), *v.*[2] [f. SASH *sb.*[2]] *trans.* To furnish with sash-windows; to construct or glaze as a sash-window.

170. CELIA FIENNES *Diary* (1888) 300 It is sashed up to the top with low windows to sit in. 1750 MRS. DELANY in *Life & Corr.* (1861) II. 562, I am new sashing the room. 1781 COWPER *Retirement* 483 Suburban villas,..Tight boxes, neatly sash'd, and in a blaze With all a July sun's collected rays. 1886 WILLIS & CLARK *Cambridge* I. 227 The chamber windows were sashed.

Sashay: see SASHY.

Sashed (sæʃt), *ppl. a.* [f. SASH *v.*[2] or *sb.*[2] + -ED.] Furnished or constructed with a sash or with sash-windows. *Sashed door, window* = SASH-*door*, SASH-WINDOW.

1710 STEELE *Tatler* No. 203 P8 A sashed Roof, which lets in the Sun at all Times. 1762 *Jackson's Oxf. Jrnl.* 6 Nov., A Freehold modern-built sashed house. 1814 SCOTT *Wav.* ix, A sashed-door opening from the house. 1862 SHIRLEY *Nugæ Crit.* i. 8 A..room, whose sashed windows open upon a terraced flower-garden.

Sashen, variant of SAGENE[1].

Sashery (sæ·ʃəri). *rare*—[1]. [f. SASH *sb.*[1] + -ERY.] Sashes collectively.

1864 CARLYLE *Fredk. Gt.* XVII. vii. IV. 594, I have seen staff-officers, distinguished only by their sasheries and insignia, who would not [etc.].

Sashine, variant of SAGENE[1].

Sashing (sæ·ʃiŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. SASH *sb.*[1] or *v.*[1] + -ING[2].] = SASHERY.

1864 CARLYLE *Fredk. Gt.* XVI. vi. IV. 318 Silver helmets, sashings, housings.

Sashless (sæ·ʃlĕs), *a.* [f. SASH *sb.*[2] + -LESS.] Without a sash or glazed frame.

1841 LADY F. HASTINGS *Poems* 159 Within those sashless walls. 1883 STEVENSON *Silverado Sq.* 41 The other gable was pierced by a sashless window.

† **Sashoo'n.** *Obs.* exc. *U. S.* Also 7 **sashune, shashune, shasoon.** [Corruptly a. F. *chausson.*] A stuffed leather pad formerly worn inside the leg of a boot; also, see quot. 1875.

1687–8 in *Sussex Archæol. Coll.* (1849) II. 113 June 29th, paid Henry Sharpe of Cuckfield for a pair of bootes and sashoones, 13*s*. 1688 R. HOLME *Armoury* III. 13/2 A Sashune or Shashune, is stuffed or quilted Leather, to be bound about the small of the Leg. 1692 *Scarronides* II. 34 His gouty Hocks, with fleshy Sashoons, Like Horses lookt that has the Fashions. 1694 MOTTEUX tr. *Rabelais* IV. ix. 37 One nam'd his [wench], my Slipper, and she him, my Foot. Another my Boot, she my Shasoon. 1706 PHILLIPS (ed. Kersey), *Sashoons*, Leather put under a Boot about the Small of the Leg. 1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.*, *Sashoon*, a soft leathern pad placed inside a shoe to ease the pressure on a tender spot.

Sa·sh-wi·ndow. [f. SASH *sb.*²] A window consisting of a SASH or glazed wooden frame; esp. one having a sash or a pair of sashes made to slide up and down, as distinguished from a casement.

1686 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 2135/8 Any Person may be furnished with Glasses for Sash-windows..at Mr. Dukes Shop. 1687 J. SMITH *Painting in Oil* xx. (ed. 2) 97 The manner of Painting Cloth, or Sarsnet Shash-Windows. 1699 LISTER *Journ. Paris* 191 The House it self was but building; but it is one of the finest in Paris...He shewed us his great Sash Windows; how easily they might be lifted up and down, and stood at any height; which Contrivance he said he had out of England,..There being nothing of this Poise in Windows in France before. 1709 ADDISON *Tatler* No. 162 ₱6 Having lately observed several..Shops, that stand upon Corinthian Pillars, and whole Rows of Tin Pots showing themselves, in order to their Sale, through a Sash-Window. 1820 SCOTT *Abbot* xviii, This maiden of Morton. 'Tis an axe, man—an axe which falls of itself like a sash window. 1862 LYTTON *Str. Story* I. xxiv. 164 It was the man servant's business to see that the sash-window was closed.

attrib. 1689 in Willis & Clark *Cambridge* (1886) I. 107 Materialls and worke of 5 sash window frames. 1718 *Freethinker* No. 95 ₱5 All the Sash-Window Shop-keepers in London.

Hence **Sash-windowed** *ppl. a.*, furnished with sash-windows; **Sash-windowing** *vbl. sb.* (*nonce-wd.*), the action of furnishing with sash-windows.

1714 J. MACKY *Journ. Eng.* (1724) II. ix. 129 Handsome Houses, Sash-windowed. 1826 Miss MITFORD *Village* Ser. II. 14 By dint of..sash-windowing and fresh-dooring the ..farm-house has become a very genteel-looking residence.

Sashy, sas(s)hay (sæ·ʃi, sæ·ʃe), *v. U. S. vulgar.* [Mispronunciation of CHASSÉ *v.*] *intr.* To 'chassé' *across*; hence, to move to and fro, 'dance' *round* or *around*.

1860 O. W. HOLMES *Elsie V.* vii, The Doctor looked as if he should like to rigadoon and sashy across as well as the young one he was talkin' about. 1888 J. C. HARRIS *Free Joe*, etc. 49 What were you doing sasshaying around in his room last night? 1891 B. HARTE *First Fam. Tasajara* II. vii, Ye remember how he sashayed round newspaper offices in Frisco until he could write a flapdoodle story himself?

Sasin (sæ·sin). Also **saisin.** [Nepalese.] The common Indian antelope, *Antilope bezoartica* or *cervicapra*.

1834 *Penny Cycl.* II. 72 The Sasin or Common Antelope. 1842 *P. Parley's Ann.* III. 76 The common antelope or sasin is found over the vast continent of India. 1846 GRAY *Catal. Hodgson's Specim. Brit. Mus.* 26 The Black Antelope, or Sasin. 1850 R. G. CUMMING *Hunter's Life S. Afr.* (1902) 14/1 This exquisitely graceful and truly interesting antelope [springbok]..in its nature and habits reminded me of the saisin of India.

Sasine (sē·sin). *Sc. Law.* [Sc. var. of SEISIN (q.v. for obsolete forms), after Law Latin *sasina.*] The act of giving possession of feudal property. Also, 'colloqaially, the instrument by which the fact of possession of feudal propery is proved' (Bell).

Precept of Sasine; see PRECEPT *sb.* 4 b. *Register of Sasines*: the court at Edinburgh in which all sasines must be recorded within sixty days of execution.

1669 *Sc. Acts Chas. II* (1820) VII. 609/1 Together with the precept of sasine following vpon the said charter and instrument of sasine following vpon the said precept. 1693 *Sc. Acts Will. & Mary* (1822) IX. 271/2 All Infeftments whether of property or annual-rent, or other Reall Rights, wherupon Sasines for hereafter shall be taken. *Ibid.*, According to the date and priority of the Registrations of the Sasines. 1782 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 2) XVI. 661 *Sasine*, or *Seisin.* 1826 SCOTT *Woodst.* iii, Will you take sasine and livery? 1828-40 TYTLER *Hist. Scot.* (1864) I. 28 Sasine or legal possession of the land, was immediately to be given by a brief from Chancery. 1869 *Act* 31 & 32 *Vict.* c. 101 § 3 Sched. B, A disposition .. bearing date as in the precept of sasine herein-after inserted. 1884 *Law Rep.*, 9 *App. Cases* 305 The trustee's infeftment in the heritable estate was recorded in the register of sasines at Glasgow.

Saskatoon (sæskătū·n). Also **saskootoom.** [Contracted a. Cree *misâskwatomin* (Lacombe, *Dict. de la langue des Cris*), f. *misâskwat* the Amelanchier + *min* fruit, berry.] Canadian name of the shrub or small tree *Amelanchier canadensis* (var. *alnifolia*), and its fruit, also called Jane-berry, shad-berry, and service-berry.

1875 EARL OF SOUTHESK *Saskatchewan & Rocky Mts.*, Table of Contents vii, Saskootoom Berries. [Not in the text, which gives the Indian name *Meeiasskootoom-meena.*] 1894 C. L. JOHNSTONE *Wint. & Summer Excurs. Canada* 47 The wild saskatoon is a very luscious fruit, like a black currant and bilberry combined. 1904 *Blackw. Mag.* July 74 The uncleared bush is thick with ash, maple, cherry, and saskatoon.

Sasne, variant of SAISNE *Obs.*, Saxon.

Sasone, obs. Sc. spelling of *so soon.*

Sasoun(e, obs. forms of SEASON.

Sassaby (săsā··bi). Also 9 **sas(s)ayby, sassaybe, sassaybi, sassabye, tsessebe, tsessabi.** [a. Sechwana *tsessébe, tsessábi.*] A large antelope (*Alcelaphus lunata*), a native of S. Africa, sometimes called the Bastard Hartebeest.

1820 S. DANIELL *Sk. S. Africa* 18 The Sasayby is an Antelope, heretofore not described, found in the Booshwana country. 1833 *Penny Cycl.* II. 90/2 They consider it as a kindred species with the Hartebeest of the colonists...The Booshwanas call it Sassaby. 1850 R. G. CUMMING *Hunter's Life S. Afr.* (1902) 156/1 Presently I came across two sassaybys, one of which I knocked over. 1857 LIVINGSTONE *Trav.* vii. 135 The tsessebe. *a* 1875 T. BAINES *Gold Regions S. E. Afr.* (1877) 66 Gee shot a Sassaybe, or bastard hartebeest. 1897 H. H. JOHNSTON *Brit. Centr. Afr.* 326 The tsessebe or sassaby of S. Africa. 1907 W. C. SCULLY *By Veldt & Kopje* 201 Opportunity to lay low koodoo, sable and tsessabi.

Sassafras (sæ·săfræs). Also 7 **saxe-, sasafras, sassa-, saxa-, sarsafrax,** 7–8 **sassafrass,** 8–9 **saxafras.** [a. Sp. *sasafras* (whence Pg. *sassafraz, salsafraz*, F., G. and mod.L. *sassafras.*

It is doubtful whether the Sp. word is a transferred application (which, indeed, would be difficult to account for) of a Sp. representation of L. *saxifraga* SAXIFRAGE, or whether it was adopted from some American language; in the latter case the American word seems to have influenced the form of the Sp. name for saxifrage, which according to the native lexicographers has the forms *saxifraga, -fragia, -fragua, saltifragia, salsifrex, saxafrax.* The Spanish writer Monardes (1571) regards the Sp. name as adopted from Fr., which seems unlikely; he gives the native Indian name as *pauame.*]

1. A small tree, *Sassafras officinale* (N. O. *Laurineæ*), also called Sassafras Laurel and Ague-tree, with green apetalous flowers and dimorphous leaves, native in North America, where it is said to have been discovered by the Spaniards in 1528.

The name is frequently applied (chiefly with defining word) to trees of other genera which have similar medicinal properties; e. g. Australian or Tasmanian s. (*Atherosperma moschata*), see PLUME-NUTMEG; Brazilian s. (*Nectandra Puchury*), see PICHURIM; Cayenne s. (*Laurelia sempervirens*); Oriental s. (*Sassafras Parthenoxylon*); Swamp. s. (*Magnolia glauca*).

1577 FAMPTON *Joyfull Newes* II. 46 Of the Tree that is brought from the Florida, whiche is called Sassafras. 1597 GERARDE *Herbal* III. CXXXVI. 1341 The roote of Sassafras hath power to comfort the liuer. 1622 CAPT. SMITH *New Eng. Trials* 260 About three hogsheads of Beuer skins and some Saxefras. 1641 R. EVELIN in *Descr. New Albion* (1648) 21 There are Cedars, Cypresse, and Sassafras. 1666 J. DAVIES *Hist. Caribby Isles* 47 They afford Sandal-wood, Guiacum, and Sasafras, all of which are so well known. 1684 PENN *Let.* in *Academy* 11 Jan. (1896) 36/3 The trees that grow here are the Mulberry,..chesnut, Ash, Sarsafrax. 1726 SHELVOCKE *Voy. round World* (1757) 54 The sassafras, so much esteemed in Europe. 1745 P. THOMAS *Jrnl. Anson's Voy.* 12 Sassafrass is here in great Plenty. 1817-18 COBBETT *Resid. U. S.* (1822) 5 The Sassafras in flower, or, whatever else it is called. It resembles the Elder flower a good deal. 1856 BRYANT *Ind. Story* x, And there hangs on the sassafras, broken and bent, One tress of the well known hair. 1887 T. N. PAGE *Ole Virginia*, etc. (1893) 140 An old field all grown up in sassafras.

2. The dried bark of this tree, nsed medicinally as an alterative; also an infusion of this.

1577 FRAMPTON *Joyfull Newes* II. 50 Many of them that had Tertians did take Water of the Sassafras. 1605 B. JONSON *Volpone* II. ii, No Indian drug had ere beene famed, Tabacco, Sassafras not named. 1714 *Fr. Bk. of Rates* 96 Sax-a-fras per 100 Weight, 05 00. 1823 LAMB *Elia* Ser. I. *Praise Chimney-Sweepers*, A composition, the groundwork of which I have understood to be the sweet wood yclept sassafras. 1837 R. ELLIS *Laws & Regul. Customs* III. 405 Sassafras, is the bark of the *Lauris Sassafras.*

b. *Oil of sassafras* = *sassafras oil* (see 3).

1753 CHAMBERS *Cycl. Supp.* s. v. *Oil*, The oil of sassafras is peculiarly liable to crystallization in certain circumstances. 1838 T. THOMSON *Chem. Org. Bodies* 479 Oil of Sassafras is obtained from the root of the laurus sassafras.

3. *Comb.*, as *sassafras-bark, -chips, -pith, -root, -tree, -wood*; **sassafras laurel** = sense 1; **sassafras nut** (see PICHURIM); **sassafras oil,** an oil distilled from the root of the common sassafras, from the bark of the Tasmanian sassafras, or from the sassafras nut; **sassafras soap** *U. S.*, a soap scented with sassafras; **sassafras tea,** an infusion of sassafras formerly used in making saloop.

1681 GREW *Museum* II. I. i. 180 Being well chewed, it hath the self same Tast with that of *Sassafras-Barque. 1875 *Ure's Dict. Arts* III. 543 [Recipe for 'Athenian Hair-wash'.] *Sassafras chips. 1878 HOBLYN *Dict. Med.* s.v., *S. officinale*, or *Sassafras Laurel, grows in North America. 1830 LINDLEY *Nat. Syst. Bot.* 30 The *Sassafras nuts of the London shops are the fruit of the Laurus Puceri. 1800 *Misc. Tracts* in *Asiat. Ann. Reg.* 74/1 The sassafras tree, the bark of which yields the costly coelilawang, and all its roots the *sassafras oil. 1861 BENTLEY *Man. Bot.* 631 *Sassafras pith is used in America as a demulcent like quince seeds. 1607 in *3rd Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* 53/2 Our easiest and richest commodity being *sassafras roots, were gathered up by the sailors. 1875 T. W. HIGGINSON *Hist. U. S.* vii. 51 Gosnold went back to England with a cargo of sassafras-root. 1863 B. TAYLOR *H. Thurston* I. 256 An old woman with two sentimental daughters, who..always smelt of *sassafras-soap. 1783 M. GARTHSHORE in *Med. Commun.* I. 245 She..drank *sassafras tea. 1597 GERARDE *Herbal* III. CXXXVI. 1341 The *Sassafras tree. 1864-5 WOOD *Homes without Hands* xiv. (1868) 3 The insect called *Saturnia promethea*, which lives on the Sassafras-tree. 1681 tr. *Belon's Myst. Physick* 16 One dram or two of *Sassafrax-wood. 1736 BAILEY *Househ. Dict.* 13 Sassafras-wood and China-root, of each ½ oz.

Sassafrid, -ide (sæ·săfrid, -frəid). [f. SASSAFR(AS) + -ID(E used irreg.] A substance extracted from the root-bark of sassafras.

1852 MOAFIT *Tanning & Currying* (1853) 87 Sassafride. 1876 HARLEY *Mat. Med.* (ed. 6) 460 A red colouring matter ..called sassafrid.

Sassafy, Sassage: see SALSIFY, SAUSAGE.

Sassanian (sæsā·niăn), *a.* and *sb.* Also **Sasanian.** [f. *Sasan* (Pers. *Sāsān*) + -IAN.] **a.** *adj.* Of or pertaining to the family of Sasan, whose grandson Ardashir I founded the dynasty which ruled the Persian Empire A.D. 211–651. **b.** *sb.* A member of this family, esp. one of the Sassanian kings.

1788 GIBBON *Decl. & F.* V. li. 285 The fall of the Sassanian dynasty. 1855 FERGUSSON *Handbk. Archit.* VIII. i. 371 The Sassanians took up the style where it was left by the builders of Al Hadhr. 1866 *Jrnl. Asiat. Soc. Bengal* XXXV. I. 133 The kingdom of the Sasanians. 1908 *Athenæum* 28 Mar. 380/1 The causes of the decay of the Byzantine and the Sasanian empires.

Sassanid (sæ·sănid), *sb.* and *a.* Also 8–9 -ide. [ad. med.L. *Sassanidæ* pl., f. *Sassan, Sasan*: see prec. + -ID.] **a.** *sb.* A descendant of Sasan (see SASSANIAN), esp. a king of the Sassanian dynasty. **b.** *attrib.* and *adj.* = SASSANIAN *a.*

1776 GIBBON *Decl. & F.* (1782) I. viii. 256 *note*, The dynasty of the Sassanides. 1871 P. SMITH *Anc. Hist. East* xviii. § 7 (1881) 379 The Sassanids..adopted a sacred standard of leather emblazoned with gems. 1895 SALMONO *Chr. Doctr. Immort.* I. vi. 101 [Zoroastrianism] held the Persian mind till the end of the Sassanid dynasty.

Sassaparilla, obs. form of SARSAPARILLA.

Sassarara: see SISERARY.

†Sassaro·llo. Also **sassorolla,** anglicized **sassorol.** [a. It. *sassaruolo*, now *sassaiuolo*, f. *sasso* rock.] The Rock Pigeon (*Columba livia*).

1753 CHAMBERS *Cycl. Supp.*, *Sassarollo.* 1850 OGILVIE, *Sassorol, Sassorolla.*

†Sasse. *Obs.* Also 7 **soss.** [a. Du. *sas*, of obscure origin. The Fr. *sas* of the same meaning is prob. from Du.] = LOCK *sb.*² 9.

1642 SIR C. VERMUYDEN *Disc. Drain. Fens* 22 A Sasse to be set to let water into old Welland to preserve Navigation. 1661-2 PEPYS *Diary* 25 Jan. 1665 DODSON *Design Drain. Fens* 7 The Sosses at Stanground,..and others,..are of singular good use, yet I do affirm, there will be a necessity of having a Soss and Sleuce near Ditton. 1861 SMILES *Engineers* I. 57 A navigable Sasse or Sluice at Standground.

Sassenach (sæ·sĕnæχ). Also 8 **Sassenaugh, Sacsanagh,** 8–9 **Sassenagh, Sassanagh,** 9 **Sacsanach.** [repr. Gael. *Sasunnach* adj. English, sb. an Englishman = Irish *Sasanach, Sacsanach*, f. *Sasan-*, repr. the Teut. ethnic name SAXON. (Cf. Gael. *Sasunn*, Irish *Sasana, Sacsain*, England.)] The name given by the Gaelic inhabitants of Great Britain and Ireland to their 'Saxon' or English neighbours. (Sometimes attributed to Welsh speakers: the corresponding Welsh form is *Seisnig.*)

1771 SMOLLETT *Humph. Cl.* 3 Sept., The Highlanders have no other name for the people of the low country, but Sassenaugh, or Saxons. 1814 SCOTT *Let. to Morritt* 11 Nov. in *Lockhart*, I believe the frolics one can cut in this loose garb are all set down by you Sassenachs to the real agility of the wearer. *a* 1820 DRENNAN in *Spirit of Nation* (1845) 24 Unarm'd must thy sons and thy daughters await The Sassenagh's lust or the Sassenagh's hate. *a* 1845 T. O. DAVIS *Fontenoy* v, Revenge! remember Limerick! dash down the Sacsanach. 1876 GRANT *Burgh Sch. Scot.* II. xiii. 410 *note*, A brave and patriotic Sassenach may be said to have wiped out this stain.

attrib. 1869 W. S. GILBERT *Bab Ball.* 187 All loved their McClan, save a Sassenach brute, Who came to the Highlands to fish and to shoot.

Sasser, obs. form of SAUCER.

Sasshay: see SASHY.

Sassinate, Sassination, *rare*⁻⁰, aphetic forms of ASSASSINATE, ASSASSINATION.

1623 COCKERAM, *Sassination*, murder. 1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr.*, *Sassinate*: see *Assassinate.*

†Sa·ssinous, *a. Obs.* (Only in Lithgow.) [App. f. It. *sasso*:—L. *saxum* rock.] Rocky, stony.

1632 LITHGOW *Trav.* III. 88 This sassinous and marine passage. *Ibid.* VIII. 350 Coasting the sassinous shoare of Genoaes reuieroe.

Sassoline (sæ·sŏlīn). *Min.* Also -lin. [a. G. *sassolin* (Karsten), f. the name of the Lago del *Sasso* in Tuscany + -IN, -INE⁶, with euphonic *l.*] Native boracic acid, found as a crystalline deposit in the hot springs of Tuscany.

1807 AIKIN *Dict. Chem. & Min.* II. 286 *Sassolin* is the native Boracic Acid of Sasso in Tuscany. 1818 PARKES *Chem. Catech.* (ed. 8) 219 *note*, Sassoline. 1888 *Encycl. Brit.* XVI. 387 Sassoline.

So **Sa·ssolite** = prec.

1868 DANA *Syst. Min.* (ed. 5) 594 Sassolite.

Sassorol(la: see SASSAROLLO.

‖Sassy (sæ·si). Also **sass, saucy.** [W. African; believed to represent the Eng. SAUCY *a.*] Used *attrib.* in *sassy-tree*, the African tree *Erythrophlœum guineense* (*Cynometra Mannii*); also in *sassy-bark, -wood*, the bark of this tree, a decoction of which is used in West Africa as an ordeal poison.

1856 *Pharmaceut. Jrnl.* XVI. 233 Several very perfect specimens of the inflorescence of the Sassy bark tree. *Ibid.*, The Sassy tree. 1874 *Treas. Bot.* Suppl. s. v. *Erythrophlœum*, The Sassy-tree has a powerfully poisonous bark. 1883 *Jrnl. Chem. Ind.* 29 Mar. 137/2 On Erythrophleïne, the Principle of the Sassy Bark. 1894 AMANDA SMITH *Autobiog.* xxvii. 219 She was accused of being a witch, and ..the penalty was to drink the sassy wood. 1897 MARY KINGSLEY *W. Africa* 464 In both the sass-wood and Calabar bean drink the only chance for the accused lies in squaring the witch-doctor.

†Sa·stange, sa·sting. *Obs.* Forms: 4 **saa stange,** 5 **sastange,** 5–6 **saystang(e, sasteing,** 6 *Sc.* **say styng.** [f. *sa*, northern form of SOE, bucket + STANG, STING *sbs.* Cf. Sw. *sdstång*, Da. *saastang.*] A pole passed through the two ears of a bucket, to form a handle by which two might carry it.

c 1375 *Cursor M.* 21144 (Fairf.) A wikkid iew wiþ mikil

wrange, smate him wiþ a saa stange [*Gött.* a walker stange]. *c* 1470 HENRY *Wallace* II. 33 He bar a sasteing in a boustous poille. 1483 *Cath. Angl.* 319/1 A Sastange (*A.* Saystange), *falanga, tinarium.* 1538 *Aberdeen Reg.* XVI. (Jam. s.v. SAY *sb.*), Ane cumyeone, ane bukat, say & say styng.. 1593 HOLLYBAND *Dict. Fr. & Eng.*, *Vne Courge*, a coulestaffe, a saystang [*misprinted* sayslang].

Sastra, Sastri: see SHASTER, SHASTRI.

Sa sterre, sa storre, obs. forms of SEA-STAR.

Satan (sē'·tăn). Also 3–5 **saton, 5 satone**; 3–7 **sathan, 4, 6 sathane, 5 sathon(e.** [a. L. *Satān* (Vulg., only in the O. T.) = Gr. Σατάν or Σατᾶν (once in the LXX and once in the N. T.), a. Heb. שָׂטָן *śāṭān* adversary, one who plots against another, f. *śāṭan* to oppose, plot against.

In the Old Testament the Heb. word ordinarily denotes a human adversary, but in some of the later portions (Job, Chron., Zech., Ps. cix) it occurs (chiefly with definite article) as the designation of an angelic being hostile to mankind, who tempts men to evil and accuses them to God. In both applications the ordinary rendering of the LXX is διάβολος slanderer (see DEVIL *sb.*); the more accurate ἐπίβουλος (plotter) occurs once; the one instance in which the Heb. word is retained (1 Kings xi. 14) relates clearly to a human enemy, but may have been misapprehended. In the Gr. N. T. the ordinary form is Σατανᾶς (once only Σατᾶν), which is followed by the Vulgate and hence by Wyclif (see SATANAS); but the English versions from Tindale onwards (including the Rheims N. T.) all substitute the Heb. form *Satan*. Cf. OF. *Sathan, Satan*, Fr., Sp., It., G. *Satan.*

The pronunciation (sæ'·tăn), which is mentioned disapprovingly by Walker (1828), and is ignored in later Dictionaries, is still not uncommon in British liturgical and pulpit use.]

1. The proper name of the supreme evil spirit, the Devil. See DEVIL *sb.* 1 and LUCIFER 2.

Now always with capital S.

a 900 CYNEWULF *Christ* 1522 (Gr.) Farað nu..on ece fir, þæt wæs Satane..ȝegearwad. *a* 1000 *Cædmon's Gen.* 347 (Gr.) Satan maðelode, sorȝiende spræc. ? *a* 1300 *Xf Pains of Hell* 17 in *O. E. Misc.* 147 Wiltu þere me sathan. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 12023 þou wreche sede o felunny! Werck o dred, sun o sathan [*Fairf.* saton, *Gött.* sathane, *Trin.* sathone]. *Ibid.* 19884 For-sakes þou sathan [*Gött.* sathane, *Trin.* satone]. 1377 LANGL. *P. Pl.* B. IX. 61 For þei seruen sathan her soule shal he haue. *c* 1425 *Cast. Persev.* 552 in *Macro Plays* 93 Be Satan, þou art a nobyl knawe to techyn men fyrst fro goode! 1550 J. COKE *Eng. & Fr. Heralds* § 117 (1877) 93 Dyvers bysshopes of Rome, beynge annabaptystes, heretyques, scismatiques, and chyldren of Sathan. 1567 *Gude & Godlie B.* (S. T. S.) 10 To saue vs...Fra Sathanis subteltie and slycht. 1590 SHAKS. *Com. Err.* IV. iv. 57, I charge thee Sathan, hous'd within this man, To yeeld possession to my holie praiers. 1622 GATAKER *Spirituall Watch* (ed. 2) 54 No marvaile if Sin and Sathan finde free entrance at will. 1847 TENNYSON *Princess* V. 32 Satan take The old women and their shadows! (thus the king Roar'd). *fig.* 1843 CARLYLE *Past & Pr.* IV. i, Could he [the modern preacher] but find the point again...Will he discover our new real Satan, whom he has to fight; or go on droning through his old nose-spectacles about old extinct Satans?

¶ b. In the etymological sense of 'adversary', with allusion to Matt. xvi. 23, Mark viii. 33.

1685 BAXTER *Paraphr. N. T., Matt.* XVI. 23 To hinder us in God's work and mens Salvation, is to be Satans to us. O how many Satans then are called reverend Fathers, who silence and persecute men for God's work.

† 2. In wider sense: A devil. *Obs.*

a 1668 DAVENANT *Man's the Master* V. 67 A thousand Sathans take all good luck. *a* 1688 BUNYAN *Jerus. Sinner Saved* (1886) 103 We in all likelihood are to possess the very places from which the Satans by transgression fell.

b. Applied to a person or animal as a term of abhorrence. Now *rare.*

1596 SHAKS. 1 *Hen. IV*, II. iv. 503 That villanous abhominable mis-leader of Youth, Falstaffe, that old white-bearded Sathan. 1600 W. WATSON *Decacordon* (1602) 9 How many Sathans and begotten of the diuell did he tearme them? 1754 RICHARDSON *Grandison* III. i. 9, I called her a little Satan. 1867 AUGUSTA WILSON *Vashti* xi, My mistress will say it was my fault, and she will stand by the grey satans [*sc.* ponies] through thick and thin. 1900 G. SWIFT *Somerley* 148 Let me go! you fiends! you Satans! let me go!

3. *attrib.*: **Satan monkey**, the black saki, *Pithecia satanas*; **Satan shrimp**, any 'shrimp' of the family *Luciferidæ*. In recent Dicts.

Satan, obs. form of SATIN.

Satanas (sæ'·tănæs). *Obs.* exc. *arch.* Also 1 **satanus,** (3 *gen.* **Sathanesses**), 4 **saternas, 4–5 aatanase, aatenas, satnace**; 5 **sathonas,** 1–6, 9 **sathanas.** [a. L. (Vulg.) *Satanās*, a. Gr. Σαταν**ᾶς**, ad. Jewish Aramaic שָׂטָנָא *śāṭānā*, emphatic form of *śāṭān* (a. Heb.): see SATAN. Cf. F. *satanas* (OF. also *satenas, sathanas, satrenas*, etc., whence some ME. forms), Pr. *Sathanas, Sadanas*, Sp. *Satanas*, Pg. *Satanaz*, OIt. *Satanasse, Satanaso.*]

1. = SATAN 1.

a 1000 *Cædmon's Satan* 371 (Gr.) Satanns swearte. *c* 1000 *Ags. Gosp.* Mark iii. 23 Hu mæȝ satanas satanan [*c* 1160 *Hatton Gosp.* sathanas sathana] ut adrifan. *c* 1220 *Bestiary* 96 Forsaket ðore satanas, and ilk sinful dede. *c* 1275 *Sinners Beware* 221 in *O. E. Misc.* 79 From sathanases wrenche. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 11903 He [Herod] es bileft wit satanas [*Trin.* sathonas], And wit þe traitur sir iudas. *c* 1315 SHOREHAM i. 2170 Ac he hyt hadde wel priue For saternases lyste. ? *a* 1400 *Morte Arth.* 3813 Bot Satanase his sawle mowe synke in-to helle! 1482 *Monk of Evesham* xxi. (Arb.) 50 The wekyd angelle of that deuyl Sathanas. 1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 37 b, By the operacyon & werkynge of sathanas. 1590 SIR J. SMYTH *Disc. Weapons* Ded. 13 A very offering of sacrifice vnto Satanas, or rather to Belzebub himselfe the Prince of feendes. 1819 SCOTT *Ivanhoe* xxxiii, Speak, Jew—have I not ransomed thee from Sathanas?—have I not taught thee thy *credo*, thy *pater*, and thine *Ave Maria*? 1855 KINGSLEY *Westw. Ho!* xxvi, Satanas must need help those who serve him.

¶ b. With etymological sense: = SATAN 1 b. *Obs.*

15.. *Exam. Thorpe* in Foxe *A. & M.* (1583) 533/1 The Priest that preacheth not the word of God..he is Antichrist and Sathanas.

† 2. Applied to a fierce animal. (Cf. SATAN 2 b.)

c 1420 *Avow. Arth.* v, We schalle that Satnace [*sc.* a boar] see, Giffe that he be thare. *Ibid.* viii, Were he neuyr so hardy, ȝone Satenas to say, To brittun him, and downe bringe, With-oute any helpinge.

Satanic (sătæ'·nik), *a.* [f. SATAN + -IC. Cf. eccl. Gr. Σαρανικός, F. *satanique* (16th c.), Sp. *satánico*, Pg., It. *satanico.*]

1. Of or pertaining to Satan.

1667 MILTON *P. L.* VI. 392 The faint Satanic Host. 1839 LANE *Arab. Nts.* I. 66 Satanic magic, as its name implies, is a science depending on the agency of the Devil and the inferior evil Jinn. 1881 JAS. GRANT *Cameronians* I. ii. 23 Two large yellow rings..drawn by the sword of an evil Montgomerie, who had trafficked in Satanic influence. 1896 WAITE *Devil-Worship in France* 119 The Grand Master seized one of the fakirs and cut his throat upon the altar, chanting the satanic liturgy amidst imprecations, curses [etc.].

2. Characteristic of or befitting Satan; extremely wicked, diabolical, devilish, infernal.

1793 HOLCROFT tr. *Lavater's Physiog.* xxix. 142 A criminal ..who with satanic wickedness had murdered his benefactor. 1804 *Ann. Rev.* II. 196/2 The satanic art of destroying the fetus in the womb. 1817 COLERIDGE *Biog. Lit.* xxiii. (1907) II. 199 Count Bertram..avows with open atrocity, his Satanic hatred of Imogine's Lord. 1878 J. E. JENKINS *Haverholme* 79 With an ingenuity almost satanic.

3. *Satanic school*: Southey's designation for Byron, Shelley, and their imitators; subsequently often applied to other writers similarly accused of defiant impiety and delight in the portraiture of lawless passion.

1821 SOUTHEY *Vis. Judgement* Pref. iii. 21 Men of diseased hearts and depraved imaginations..hating that revealed religion which..they are unable utterly to disbelieve...This school which they have set up may properly be called the Satanic school; for..their productions..are more especially characterized by a Satanic spirit of pride and audacious impiety. 1831 CARLYLE *Sart. Res.* II. vi, Teufelsdröckh.. has only one of three things which he can next do: Establish himself in Bedlam; begin writing Satanic Poetry; or blow-out his brains. 1843 — *Past & Pr.* II. xvii, Satanic-school, Cockney-school, and other Literatures.

Satanical (sătæ'·nikăl), *a.* Now *rare.* Also 6–7 **sathanicall.** [Formed as prec.: see -ICAL.]

† 1. Resembling Satan, devilish. *Obs.*

a 1548 HALL *Chron., Hen. VI* 109 b, Allured and intised by a deuilishe wytche, and a Sathanicall enchaunteresse. 1553 BECON *Reliques of Rome* (1563) 34 A Satanicall swarme of shamelesse shauelynges. 1657 FIENNES *Sp. Parl.* 20 Jan. 12 We doubt not, but that the Prince of those Satanical Spirits..will in God's good time split himself also upon this Rock. 1711 HICKES *Two Treat. Chr. Priesth.* (1847) I. 320 The Church of England, whose ruin this Satanical sect of men seek. 1759 LAW *Lett. Import. Subj.* 195 Adam's turning from God to hear the voice and instruction of his own reason and imagination, and the suggestions of a satanical serpent, was [etc.].

2. Of or pertaining to Satan: = SATANIC *a.* 1.

1590 H. HOLLAND *Treat. agst. Witchcraft* (title-p.), The most certen meanes ordained of God, to discouer, expell, and to confound all the Sathanicall inuentions of Witchcraft and sorcerie. 1608 WILLET *Hexapla Exod.* vii. 11. 84 Seeing these Magicians by their Satanicall craft do so strongly deceiue. 1779 W. ALEXANDER *Hist. Women* (1782) II. 98 Those ideas of sorceries, witchcrafts, and satanical possessions with which the minds of the people were infected. 1887 B. O'REILLY *Life Leo XIII* 354 They felt these satanical festivities to be directed against Christ Himself.

3. Of things, actions, or qualities: = SATANIC *a.* 2.

1547–64 BAULDWIN *Mor. Philos.* (Palfr.) 138 b, All cursed crimes and sleights satanicall. 1632 LITHGOW *Trav.* I. 2 Such be the Satanicall opinions of this hell-borne age. 1748 HARTLEY *Observ. Man* II. iv. 410 Self-Righteousness and Satanical Pride. 1762 KAMES *Elem. Crit.* xxi. (1833) 411 Iago's character..is insufferably monstrous and satanical. 1907 A. C. BENSON *Altar Fire* 153 A Satanical sort of pride —the pride of correct information.

Hence **Sata'nically** *adv.*, in a satanic manner; **† Sata'nicalness,** the quality of being satanic.

1606 *Proceedings agst. Garnet* S 4 b, Hall the Iesuit..in stend of..a sence of the wickednesse of the Treason, fell.. Sathanically to argue for the institication of the same. 1668 H. MORE *Div. Dial.* III. xix. (1713) 216, I was only a going to add something of the Madness of the Heathenish Priests, as the last Note of the Satanicalness of their Religion. 1824 *Examiner* 276/2 Satanically false. 1906 H. B. SWETE *Apocalypse* xvi. 13 *note*, Ψευδπροφήτης..is used in the N. T. of ..persons Satanically inspired.

Satanisco, obs. form of SATINISCO.

Satanism (sē'·tăniz'm). [f. SATAN + -ISM. Cf. F. *satanisme* (= sense 3 below).]

1. A satanic or diabolical disposition, doctrine, spirit, or contrivance.

1565 HARDING *Confut. Jewel* II. ii. 42 b, Meaning the time when Luther first brinced to Germanie the poisoned cuppe of his heresies, blasphemies, and sathanismes. 1639 VISCT. FALKLAND *Elegy on Donne* Poems (Grosart) 36 So mild was Moses countenance, when he pray'd For them whose Satanisme his power gainsaid. 1855 BAGEHOT *Lit. Stud., Cowper* (1879) I. 285 The whole burning soul breaks away into what is well called Satanism—into wildness, and bitterness, and contempt. 1893 GOLDW. SMITH *Ess.* 2 That sort of social revolution which may be called Satanism, as it seeks, not to reconstruct, but to destroy. 1900 A. LANG in *Daily News* 27 June 6/2 With such a mixture of..loyalty, mysterious Satanism, and reputation for conquests over her sex..Bothwell must have fascinated the Queen.

2. The characteristics of the 'Satanic school'.

1822 *Blackw. Mag.* XI. 445 His Lakeism or his Satanism will not save the piece from being damned, if it be stupid. 1833 *Fraser's Mag.* VIII. 524 This scene of Byron's is really sublime, in spite of its Satanism.

3. The worship of Satan, alleged to have been practised in France in the latter part of the 19th century; the principles and rites of the Satanists.

1896 A. LILLIE *Worship Satan in Mod. France* Pref. 18 There are five temples of Satanism in Paris itself..Satanism has the *Bulletin du Diable* and other organs.

Satanist (sē'·tănist). Also 6–7 **sathanist(e.** [f. SATAN + -IST. Cf. F. *Sataniste.*]

1. One who is regarded as an adherent of Satan. Now *rare.*

1559 AYLMER *Harborowe* H j b, The Anabaptistes, with infinite other swarmes of Satanistes. 1565 HARDING *Confut. Jewel* II. ix. 81 b, Be ye Zuinglians, Arians,..Anabaptistes, Caluinistes, or Sathanistes? 1589 NASHE *Martins Months Minde* H 4 b, By nature an Athiest, By arte a Machiuelist, In summe a Sathanist, loe here his hire. 1662 HIBBERT *Body of Div.* I. 16 By profession a Christian, by conversation a Satanist. 1833 *Fraser's Mag.* VIII. 570 The aboriginal races of just men distinguished themselves by this very title, Alibenim, theogonists, or God's sons, from the atheistical Sathanists, or evil-seekers.

2. A Euchite. 1874 *Blunt's Dict. Sects*, etc. 518.

3. One of a sect of Satan-worshippers alleged to have existed in France in the latter part of the 19th century.

1896 MRS. LYNN LINTON in *Life* xxi. (1901) 323 There are two sects, the Satanists and the Luciferists—and they pray to these names as Gods. 1897 J. MCCABE *Twelve Yrs. in Monast.* v. 98 It is believed on the Continent that apostate priests frequently consecrate for the Satanists and Freemasons.

Satanistic (sē'·tăni·stik), *a. rare.* [f. SATANIST + -IC.] Of or pertaining to the Satanists; adhering to Satanism (sense 3).

1895 *Westm. Gaz.* 17 Dec. 1/3 Huysmans declares that there existed a Satanistic Society in America some years ago. *Ibid.* 2/1 The case of a nun which caused such excitement in 1865 is a strange one. This nun, who had been corrupted by a Satanistic priest when fifteen years of age, was placed in a convent.

Satanity (sătæ'·nĭti). *rare.* [f. SATAN + -ITY.] Satanic conduct or character.

1864 BLACKMORE *Clara Vaughan* liv. (1889) 202 The author of such Satanity. 1903 *Protestant Observer* Dec. 190/1 This charge of Satanity is illustrated by the following facts.

Satanize (sē'·tănəiz), *v. rare.* [f. SATAN + -IZE.] *trans.* To render like Satan; to make into, or like a devil.

1598 TOFTE *Alba*, etc. (1880) 132 Oh let not Sinne my Soule still Satanise. 1646 TRAPP *Comm. John* vi. 71 How fearfully was he [*sc.* Judas] satanized and transformed into a breathing devil. 1832 *Blackw. Mag.* Apr. 592 [Satan] Look'd back upon France; for he sympathized With a nation so thoroughly Satanized.

Hence **Sa'tanized** *ppl. a.*

1610 BARRET *Sacred Warre* in Southey *Roderick* (1814) Notes p. xiv, In all parts Violence had vogue, and on sathanized earth Fraud, Mischief, Murder martialled the camp. 1625 JACKSON *Creed* V. vi. § 5 Nothing but Satanized affection deeply rooted in the heart could afford such store of malignant nutriment as this hellish slip must be fed with. 1891 *Dublin Rev.* Jan. 186 A thirst for blood is the characteristic of the brutalised, or rather satanised man.

Satanology (sē'·tănɒ'·lŏdʒi). [f. SATAN + -(O)LOGY.] That part of knowledge which relates to Satan.

1862 W. K. TWEEDIE *Satan as revealed in Script.* 42 In a Satanology the portion of revelation which has now been considered is the foundation of all our knowledge. 1883 EDERSHEIM *Life Jesus* II. 752 The difference between the Satanology of the Rabbis and of the New Testament is, if possible, even more marked than that in their Angelology.

Satanophany (sē'·tănɒ'·făni). [f. SATAN, after *theophany*: see -PHANY.] The appearing, or visible manifestation, of Satan.

1864 WEBSTER (cites *O. A. Brownson*). 1892 *Nation* 4 Feb. 91/1 As to the ass,..it is believed that he brays because he has a vision of Satan, a Satanophany. 1896 A. J. GORDON *Biog.* 325 No theory can explain this grotesque satanophany, this incredible perversion of early Christianity.

Satanophobia (sē'·tănŏfō'·biă). [f. Gr. Σαρανᾶς SATAN + -φοβία: see -PHOBIA.] Morbid dread of Satan.

1860 READE *Cloister & H.* xcvi, Impregnated as he was with Satanophobia, he might perhaps have doubted still whether this distressed creature, all woman, and nature, was not all art, and fiend. 1897 *Syd. Soc. Lex.*, *Satanophobia*, a morbid or insane dread of the devil.

Satanry (sē'·tănri). *rare*—⁰. [f. SATAN + -RY, after DEVILRY.] 'Satanic conduct or wiles; a course or action appearing as if inspired by Satan' (*Funk's Stand. Dict.* 1895).

Satanship (sē'·tănʃip). *rare.* [f. SATAN + -SHIP.] The quality of being a Satan.

1647 HAMMOND *Power of Keys* iv. 93 One main act of his Satanship is exprest in accusing us before God. 1884 HELEN MATHERS *Eyre's Acquittal* I. vii, [They] felt their conviction of his Satanship rudely shaken.

Satara (sătā'·ră). [Named from *Satara*, a town and district in the Bombay Presidency, India.] A woollen cloth (see quots.).

1878 Barlow *Hist. & Princ. Weaving* 442 *Sataras*, ribbed cloths highly dressed, lustred and hot pressed. 1888 J. Paton in *Encycl. Brit.* XXIV. 662/1 Of cloths milled and cropped bare there are venetians, sataras, and diagonals. 1904 *Woollen Draper's Terms in Tailor & Cutt.* 4 Aug. 480/1 Satara: A peculiar make of broadcloth, rather heavy, and having a horizontal rib to it.

Satchel (sæ·tʃĕl), *sb.* Forms: 4 (cachel), sachil, 4–7 sachel, 5 cechelle, secchell, 5–7 sachell, 6 sechell, setchel(1, 6–7 satchell, (7 setchal), 5– satchel. [a. OF. *sachel*:—L. *saccellus*, dim. of *saccus* Sack *sb.*1]

1. A small bag; *esp.* a bag for carrying school-books, with or without a strap to hang over the shoulders.

13.. *S. Eng. Leg.* in *Archiv Stud. neu. Spr.* LXXXII. 316/233 Ne tit þe purs ne cachel þio mete þer-in to bere. *a* 1340 Hampole *Psalter* xxxviii. 11 My substance..is anence the & with the..not in sachelis [*v.r.* sacles]. *c* 1380 Wyclif *Serm.* Sel. Wks. I. 177 [*Luke* x. 4] Nyle 3e, he seiþ, bere sachil ne scrippe, ne hosis, ne shoon. *c* 1440 *Alphabet of Tales* 191 He tuke a sachell full of sylver. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 64 Cechelle, *saccellus*. *c* 1440 *York Myst.* xxvii. 172 Satcheles I will 3e haue. ? *a* 1500 *Chester Pl.* (Shaks. Soc.) 123 My secchell to shake oute To sheapardes am I not shamed. 1552 Huloet, Bagges for money, or sachelles. 1557 Seager *Sch. Virtue* 103 in *Babees Bk.* 338 This done, thy setchell and thy bokes take, And to the scole haste see thou make. 1585 T. Washington tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* III. ix. 84 b, Refreshing themselues with such victualles as they haue brought with them in their satchel. 1589 Rider *Bibl. Schol.* s.v., A sachell, or great bag for money, *fiscus*. 1600 Shaks. *A. Y. L.* II. vii. 145 Then, the whining Schoole-boy with his Satchell..creeping..Vnwillingly to schoole. 1675 Hobbes *Odyssey* (1677) 21 And fine flour twenty measures at the least In good thick leather satchels let me have. 1688 R. Holme *Armoury* III. 336/1 A Setchal or Leather Bag..is the Plow Mans Pantry, in which his Provision is put, and carried on his Shoulder. 1695 Kennett *Par. Antiq.* vi. 22 At the other end [of a beam] they hang a leathern bag or satchel of gravel. 1709 Swift *Descript. Morn.* 18 And School-Boys lag with Satchels in their Hands. 1823 Scott *Quentin D.* ii, The young traveller..had at his back a satchel, which seemed to contain a few necessaries. 1862 Borrow *Wales* (ed. 2) 200 A small leather satchel with a lock and key. 1888 Anna K. Green *Behind Closed Doors* ii, She took nothing but a little hand satchel.

b. *transf.* and *fig.*

c 1450 *Mankind* 128 in *Macro Plays* 6 Now opyn yowur sachell with Laten wordis, Ande sey me þis in clerycall manere! 1593 G. Harvey *Pierces Super.* Wks. (Grosart) II. 297 Lewes the French king, one of the busiest, ielousest, and craftiest Princes, that euer raigned in that kingdome, might haue borrowed the Foxes Satchell of him. 1646 Sir T. Browne *Pseud. Ep.* v. i. 234 The chowle or croppe adhering unto the lower side of the bill, and so descending by the throat; a bagge or sachell very observable, and of capacity almost beyond credit.

2. *attrib.*, as *satchel cutler*; †**satchel date**, the fruit of the †**satchel palm**, *Manicaria saccifera*.

1900 *Daily Chron.* 23 Jan. 11/2 *Satchel Cutter wanted. 1659 Lovell *Herbal* 516 The *Sachell date, *Palma saccifera*. 1658 Sir T. Browne *Gard. Cyrus* iii. 48 The codde of the *Sachell palm.

Satchel (sæ·tʃĕl), *v. rare.* [f. prec.] *trans.* **a.** To make a 'bag' of (game). **b.** To fasten (something) on one, as in a satchel. In quot. *fig.*

1828 Col. Hawker *Diary* (1893) I. 342, I contrived to satchel 48 partridges (besides 3 brace lost). 1839 Landor *Andrea of Hungary* iv. ii. 70 Since thy services may soon Be call'd for, satchel on thee my experience, Then set about thy work.

Satchelled (sæ·tʃĕld), *a.* [f. Satchel *sb.* + -ed 2.] Having or carrying a satchel.

1749 *Whitehall Evening Post* No. 535 To Country School, the satchel'd Youths are sent. 1855 Dobell *Sonn., Amer.*, Back, and see Thy satchelled ancestor! Behold, he runs To mine, and, clasped, they tread the equal lea To the same village-school.

Sate (sēt), *v.* Also 7 satt. [App. a pseudo-etymological alteration of Sade *v.*, after L. *sat, satis* enough: cf. Satiate *v.*]

1. *trans.* To fill or satisfy to the full (with food); to indulge or gratify to the full by the satisfaction of any appetite or desire.

1613–16 W. Browne *Brit. Past.* II. i, A pious..sonne, Who ..bringing..home Dried figs, Dates, Almonds,..sates the want Therewith of those, who, from a tender plant, Bred him a man for armes. 1634 Milton *Comus* 714 Wherefore did Nature powre her bounties forth,..But all to please, and sate the curious taste? *a* 1639 W. Whateley *Prototypes* II. xxvi. (1640) 84 So that no outward benefits may glut and satt our hearts. 1713 Johnson *Guard.* No. 8 ¶ 4 As his resentment was sated. 1719 Young *Busiris* I. i, Artaxes' friends..Were swept away by banishment or death, In throngs and sated the devouring grave. 1791 Burke *Corr.* (1844) III. 303 When your curiosity is sated with the Rhine. 1840 Thirlwall *Greece* lvi. VII. 199 He had sated his vengeance. 1876 Merivale *Rom. Triumvirates* vii. 144 He..sated the populace with largesses.

b. To surfeit or cloy by gratification of appetite or desire; to glut, satiate.

1602 Shaks. *Ham.* I. v. 56 So Lust, though to a radiant Angell link'd, Will sate it selfe in a Celestiall bed, & prey on Garbage. 1712 Steele *Spect.* No. 522 ¶ 1 They are immediately sated with Possession, and must necessarily fly to new Acquisitions of Beauty. 1719 Young *Revenge* III. i, 'Twas time to get another, When her first fool was sated with her beauties. 1828 Carlyle *Misc.* (1857) I. 161 Sated to nausea, as we have been with the doctrines of Sentimentality. 1833 Sir R. Peel in *Croker Papers* 29 Sept. (1884) II. 214, I saw some extracts from it in the newspapers, which sated my appetite for such reading. 1876 Black *Madcap V.* xv, Violet, who was not sated with the ordinary sights and occupations of London life, was enjoying herself thoroughly.

c. To wear *away* through satiety. *nonce-use.*

1817 Byron *Lam. Tasso* ii, Successful love may sate itself away, The wretched are the faithful.

¶ **d.** *intr.* To pall (*on*). *rare*—1.

1794 Mrs. A. M. Bennett *Ellen* III. 75 A passion, which ..had no chance of sating on his imagination.

†**2.** *trans.* To saturate. (Cf. Satiate *v.* 3.) *Obs.*

1673 Ray *Journ. Low C.* 60 These Waters seemed to me more brisk and sprightly, and better sated with Mineral Juices than any I have tasted in England. 1677 Plot *Oxfordsh.* 26 The Banks of the Thame are so well sated with some kind of acid. 1759 B. Martin *Nat. Hist. Eng.* I. *Oxford* 397 A spring strongly sated with a kind of salt.

Hence **Sa·ting** *ppl. a.*

1818 Byron *Ch. Har.* iv. clix, There is more In such a survey than the sating gaze Of wonder pleased.

Sate: see Seat, Set *v.*, Sit *v.*

Sated (sē·tĕd), *ppl. a.* [f. Sate *v.* + -ed 1.] Glutted, satiated; cloyed or surfeited by indulgence of appetite.

1699 Pompret *Love Triumphant* 262 Who, when the sated Appetite is tir'd, Even loath the Thoughts of what they once admir'd. 1745 Collins *Ode to Lady* 48 Till William seek the sad retreat, And bleeding at her sacred feet, Present the sated sword. 1762 Golusm. *Cit. W.* xcvii, The sated reader turns from it with a kind of literary nausea. 1855 Longf. *Hiaw.* viii. 217 Till Kayoshk, the sated seagulls, From their banquet rose with clamour. 1873 Symonds *Grk. Poets* v. 129 To prevent the palling of so much luxury on sated senses.

Hence **Sa·tedness.**

1847 R. W. Hamilton *Rew. & Punishm.* i. 51 Do their sophisms quite convince them? Is all within at ease? Know they no satedness and disgust?

Sateen (sătī·n). [Altered f. Satin, after *velveteen.*] A cotton or woollen fabric with a glossy surface like that of satin.

1878 Barlow *Hist. & Princ. Weaving* 442 *Sateens*, light cloths for ladies' dresses. 1882 Miss Braddon *Mt. Royal* II. x. 206 Loose flowing tea-gowns of old gold sateen.

Satefy, variant of Satify *v. Obs.*

Sateless (sē·tlĕs), *a.* Chiefly *poet.* [f. Sate *v.* + -less.] Not to be sated, insatiable. Const. *of.*

1701 Cibber *Love Makes Man* II. ii, Happy he..that unconfin'd may lave and wanton there in sateless Draughts of ever-springing Beauty. 1742 Young *Nt. Th.* VII. 512 His sateless thirst of pleasure, gold, and fame. 1838 *Fraser's Mag.* XVIII. 519 And Ate, his fell bride, sateless of blood. 1864 Neale *Seaton. Poems* 71 The thirst Of sateless Moloch.

Satell, obs. form of Settle *v.*

‖ **Satelles** (sătē·līz). *Obs.* Pl. **satellites** (sătē·lītīz). [L. *satelles, satellit-*.] Used by some writers of the 17th and early 18th c. for Satellite 2.

1666 *Phil. Trans.* I. 246 The other three Satellites in the time of this Eclipse, made by the Satelles, were Westwards of the Body of Jupiter. *a* 1708 Beveridge *Priv. Th.* II. (1712) 337, I behold him there surrounded with an innumerable Company of holy Angels, as so many fixed Stars, and of glorified Saints as Planets enlightened by him; all his *Satellites* or Servants waiting upon him. 1708 *Brit. Apollo* No. 65. 2/2 The Moon is the Earth's Satelles. 1732 Pope *Ess. Man* I. 42 Or ask of yonder argent fields above, Why Jove's Satellites are less than Jove?

Sate·llitary, *a. rare*—1. [f. Satellite + -ary, after *planetary.*] Belonging to satellites.

1867 Glennie in *Athenæum* 21 Dec. 855/1 New Laws of Planetary and Satellitary Motions.

Satellite (sæ·tèləit). Also 6 -yte, 7 -it. [a. F. *satellite* (14th c. in Littré), ad. L. *satellit-em* (nom. *satelles*) attendant or guard. Cf. Satelles.]

1. An attendant upon a person of importance, forming part of his retinue and employed to execute his orders. Often with reproachful connotation, implying subserviency or unscrupulousness in the service. (Occas. with allusion to sense 2.)

This sense is not in J., and save for quot. *a* 1548 does not appear in our material until near the end of the 18th c. Quot. 1656 follows Cooper's explanation of L. *satelles*, supplemented from Cotgrave's definition of the Fr. word.

a 1548 Hall *Chron., Rich. III* 52 b, Environed with his satellytes and yomen of the crowne. 1656 Blount *Glossogr., Satellite*, one retained to guard a mans person; a Yeoman of the Guard; a Serjeant, Catch-pole, one that attacheth. 1797 S. James *Narr. Voy.* 147 Our most august visitant.. followed by his naked train of satellites. 1850 W. Irving *Goldsmith* xiii. 159 Boswell was..made happy by an introduction to Johnson, of whom he became the obsequious satellite. 1852 Mrs. Stowe *Uncle Tom's C.* xxxii, Legree encouraged his two black satellites to a kind of coarse familiarity with him. 1860 Trollope *Framley P.* x, The satellites of the nursery. 1864 Kirk *Chas. Bold* II. iv. iii. 384 Tyrants, encompassed by their armed satellites.

2. A small or secondary planet which revolves round a larger one. (See also Satelles.)

[The L. *satellites* was first applied in 1611 by Kepler to the secondary planets revolving round Jupiter, recently discovered by Galileo, who had named them *Sidera Medicæa.*]

1665 *Phil. Trans.* I. 71 A Satellite of Jupiter. *Ibid.*, The shadow of the Satellit between Jupiter and the Sun. 1692 Bentley *Boyle Lect.* viii. (1693) 14 Jupiter and Saturn.. have many Satellites about them. *a* 1721 Keill *Maupertius' Diss.* (1734) 33 The Moon is the Earth's Secondary or Satellite. 1784 Cowper *Task* I. 766 We can spare The splendour of your lamps; they but eclipse Our softer satellite. 1870 Proctor *Other Worlds* viii. (1872) 187 We have no satisfactory evidence that the satellites of Jupiter and Saturn turn always the same face towards their primary.

b. *transf.* and *fig.*

1771 Smollett *Humph. Cl.* 2 June, He, too, like a portentous comet, has risen again above the court horizon... Who are those two satellites that attend his motions? 1800 J. Adams *Wks.* (1854) IX. 49 A great deal is yet to be done to prevent our becoming a mere satellite to a mighty power. 1827 Macaulay *Ess., Machiav.* (1897) 43 The governments of the Peninsula ceased to form an independent system. Drawn from their old orbit by the attraction of the larger bodies which now approached them, they became mere satellites of France and Spain. 1839 Darwin *Voy. Nat.* xvii. (1845) 377 The archipelago is a little world within itself, or rather a satellite attached to America. 1887 Olivia M. Stone (*title*) Tenerife and its six satellites. 1891 Freeman *Sk. fr. French Trav.* 126 At Poitiers the interest of the cathedral church is far smaller than that of its satellite the baptistery.

3. The name of **a.** a moth; **b.** a humming-bird.

1832 J. Rennie *Conspect. Butterfl. & M.* 62 The Satellite (*Glæa Satellitia*, Stephens) appears in September. 1861 Gould *Trochilidæ* III. Pl. 142 *Calothorax Calliope*. Mexican Satellite. 1882 *Cassell's Nat. Hist.* VI. 65 One of the largest species is the Satellite (*Scopelosoma satellitia*), which sometimes expands nearly two inches.

4. Geom. *Satellite line, point*: see quot. 1857. Also used simply = *satellite line.*

1857 Cayley *Curves of 3rd Order* in *Coll. Papers* II. 383 It is a well-known theorem, that if at the points of intersection of a given line with a given cubic tangents are drawn to the cubic, these tangents again meet the cubic in three points which lie in a line; such line is in the present memoir termed the *satellite line* of the given line, and the point of intersection of the two lines is termed the *satellite point* of the given line; the given line in reference to its satellite line or point is termed the *primary line.* 1873 Salmon *Higher Plane Curves* (ed. 2) v. § 207 A case where the satellite cuts the sides of the asymptotic triangle.

5. *Satellite vein*: a vein that accompanies an artery (mod.L. *vena satelles, vena comes*).

1846 Brittan tr. *Malgaigne's Man. Oper. Surg.* 126 On the upper third of the fore-arm, the artery..has always two satellite veins. 1849–52 *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* IV. II. 816/2 The satellite vein of the right subclavian artery. 1897 in *Syd. Soc. Lex.*

Hence **Sa·tellited**, attended *by* a satellite.

1895 K. Grahame *Golden Age* 92 A dingy tramp, satellited by a frowsy woman and a pariah dog.

Satellitic (sætèlī·tik), *a.* [f. Satellite + -ic.] Of, pertaining to, or of the nature of, a satellite or lesser planet.

1823 *Monthly Mag.* LV. 8 One..who..has seen the stony masses, the aërolites, fall from satellitic bodies. 1882 Siallo *Concepts Mod. Physics* 277 The stellar, solar, planetary, satellitic, and meteoric systems.

transf. 1851 Ruskin *Stones Venice* II. App. ix. 384 Small satellitic shafts [*sc.* of a clustered column].

Satelli·tious, *a.* ? *Obs.* [f. L. *satellitii-um* (see next) + -ous.] Consisting of, having the character of, satellites.

1715 Cheyne *Philos. Princ. Relig.* I. 208 Their Satellitious Attendance, their Revolutions about the Sun [etc.]. 1807 W. Taylor in *Ann. Rev.* V. 499 A halo of their brilliance may overspread even the satellitious vapours that strive to ornament their course.

‖ **Satelli·tium.** *Astrol. Obs.* [L. = body-guard, retinue, f. *satelles* Satelles.] ? A retinue or company (of planets).

1669–96 Aubrey *Brief Lives, Hobbes* (1898) I. 328 His horoscope is Taurus, having in it a *satellitium* of 5 of the 7 planets. It is a maxime in astrologie—vide Ptol. Centil.—that a native that hath a *satellitium* in his ascendent becomes more eminent in his life then ordinary.

Saten, Satenas, obs. ff. Satin, Satanas.

Sater, obs. form of Psalter.

Saterday, Sateresday, etc., obs. ff. Saturday.

Saterick(e, obs. forms of Satiric.

Saterion, obs. variant of Satyrion.

Saternas, obs. form of Satanas.

†**Saternight.** *Obs.* [OE. *Sæterniht*, f. *Sætern*: see Saturday.] The night before Saturday, Friday night.

c 1000 Ælfric *Hom.* I. 216 His lic læg on byrgene þa sæter-niht and sunnan-niht. 1297 R. Glouc. (Rolls) 11650 In a lammasse niȝt, saterniȝt þat was.

Satersday, obs. form of Saturday.

Satesfet, -fit: see Satisfy *v.*

Sateyn, obs. form of Satin.

Sathan, etc.: see Satan, etc.

Sati: see Suttee. **Satia**: see Settee (ship).

Satiabi·lity. *rare*—1. In 6 sas-. [f. next + -ity.] Capability of being satiated.

1528 Lyndesay *Dreme* 586 Thare is plentie of all plesouris perfyte..; Withouttin hunger, Sasiabilitie.

Satiable (sē·ʃiăb'l), *a.* [ad. L. **satiābil-is*, f. *satiāre* to Satiate: see -able.]

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1592 Greene *Philomela* Wks. (Grosart) XI. 156 Though my wife returned a taunting letter to him openly, yet she might send him sweete lines secretlye: her satiable answere, was but a cloak for the rayne.

Hence **Sa·tiableness** *rare*—0. †**Sa·tiably** *adv.*, so as to satiate.

1627–8 Feltham *Resolves* II. xxi. Wks. (1677) 205 The daily Laboring Man sells both his strength, his time, and his ease, for that alone which will not satiably content his craving Belly. 1882 Ogilvie, *Satiableness.*

Satiate (sē·ʃiĕt), *pple.* and *ppl. a.* Now *rare.* Forms: 5–6 **saciat(t, -ate, sacyat(t, -atte, -ate,** (6 **saceat, satyett**), 6–9 **satiate.** [ad. L. *satiāt-us*, pa. pple. of *satiāre* to satiate, f. *satis* enough.]

† a. *pple.* Equivalent to the later *satiated*, pa. pple. of SATIATE *v. Obs.* **b.** *ppl. a.* Satiated, filled to repletion, glutted, gratified to the full. Const. *with*, † *of*; also † with inf.

c 1440 *Alphabet of Tales* 403 Þai war saciatt & fulfyllid þer-with as it had bene with meate or drynk. *c* 1450 *Mankind* 304 in *Macro Plays* 12 My soull ys well sacyatt With þe mellyfluose doctryne of þis worshyppfull man. 1485 CAXTON *Paris & V.* (1868) 55 And whan messyre Iaques had redde the letter, he coude not be sacyat of redyng, he took so grete playsyr therin. 1526 in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. II. I. 338 He..made suche good relacyon of the Kings Highnes and of your Grace that they coulld not be sacyate to talke with hym. 1534 MORE *Comf. agst. Trib.* III. Wks. 1221/2 Neuer was he saciate of hearinge his owne prayse. 1583 STUBBES *Anat. Abus.* II. B 3, When the Sodomits, and Gomorreans had filled vp the measures of their iniquitie, and saciate themselues in sinne. 1593 DRAYTON *Idea* No. 31 Euery drudge doth dull our satiate eare. 1611 BIBLE *Jer.* xlvi. 10 The sword shal deuoure, and it shall be satiate, and made drunke with their blood. 1640 R. BAILLIE *Canterb. Self-convict.* Pref., Their furious desire of revenge must be satiate. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* I. 179 Let us not slip th' occasion, whether scorn Or satiate fury yield it from our Foe. 1737 POPE *Hor. Epist.* I. i. 9 Our Gen'rals now, retir'd to their Estates, Hang their old Trophies o'er the Garden gates, In Life's cool Ev'ning satiate of Applause. 1781 CRABBE *Library* 410 [491] Satiate with power, of fame and wealth possess'd. 1889 G. GISSING *Nether World* I. xii. 262 The gratuity expected from each guest as he rose satiate.

Satiate (sē·ʃiĕit), *v.* Also 6–7 **saciat(e,** 7 **satiat.** [f. L. *satiāt-*, ppl. stem. of *satiāre*: see prec.]

1. *trans.* To fill, satisfy (with food). Hence *gen.*, to gratify to the full (a person or his desires). Const. *with*, rarely † *of*, † *in*. Now *rare* (the prevailing use being in sense 2).

c 1532 DU WES *Introd. Fr.* in *Palsgr.* 954 *Saouler*, to saciate. *a* 1548 HALL *Chron., Hen. VII* 30 To thentent that ..the boylynge heate of her malicious harte might be fully sacinted with hys innocent bloude. 1571 BUCHANAN *Admonitioun* Vernac. Writ. (1892) 35 To that fyne yat..Thay may saciat yair cruell hartis of bluid, yair obstinat will of vengeance. 1611 BIBLE *Jer.* xxxi. 14, I will satiate the soule of the priests with fatnesse. 1634 SIR T. HERBERT *Trav.* 221 Able to satiate the most couetous. 1713 C'TESS WINCHELSEA *Misc. Poems* 254 A Lyon, satiated with Food. 1749 SMOLLETT *Regicide* II. x, My starv'd revenge Thy blood alone can satiate! 1817 JAS. MILL *Brit. Ind.* II. IV. vii. 247 The idea that satiating the servants of the public with wealth is a secret for rendering them honest. 1828 D'ISRAELI *Chas. I*, II. xi. 268 A terrible enmity which nothing could satiate short of life. *a* 1853 ROBERTSON *Serm.* Ser. III. xx. 258 The outcast son tried to satiate his appetite with husks.

absol. · *c* 1645 HOWELL *Lett.* (1650) I. V. XXV. 162 Hee had so far transgressed the Fannian Law, which allows a chirping cup to satiat, not to surfet. 1657–83 EVELYN *Hist. Religion* (1850) I. 242 It is then that, cleared of all suffusion, we shall contemplate that fulness, which can only satiate without satiety.

2. To gratify beyond one's natural desire; to weary or disgust by repletion; to glut, cloy, surfeit.

1620 VENNER *Via Recta* 84 The Carpe..quickly satiateth the stomacke. 1651 N. BACON *Disc. Govt. Eng.* II. i. (1739) 4 The King being rather satiated than satisfied with Victory and Honour, returned home to enjoy what he had. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* IX. 248 But if much converse perhaps Thee satiate, to short absence I could yeild. 1693 LOCKE *Educ.* § 167 (1699) 297 Whatever that [*sc.* novelty] presents, they are presently eager to have a Taste of, and are as soon satiated with it. 1780 BURKE *Œcon. Reform* Wks. III. 258 Quite fatigued and satiated with this dull variety. 1789 MRS. PIOZZI *Journ. France* II. 187 Here at Venice there are paintings to satisfy, nay satiate connoisseurship herself. 1849 RUSKIN *Sev. Lamps* iv. § 19. 109 They only satiate the eye. 1855 BREWSTER *Newton* II. xvii. 134 But Newton was satiated with fame.

absol. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* VIII. 214 Sweeter thy discourse is to my eare Then Fruits of Palm-tree..; they satiate and soon fill. 1836 KINGSLEY *Lett.* (1877) I. 33 She longed for ..a love that should never satiate.

b. *intr.* (for *refl.*). To become satiated. *rare.*

1797 MRS. A. M. BENNETT *Beggar Girl* (1813) II. 162 The eye of taste would never tire, nor the soul of sensibility satinte.

† 3. *trans.* To saturate. *Obs.* (Cf. SATE *v.* 2.)

1674 *Phil. Trans.* IX. 175 The colour argued it abounding with Sulphureous or Oily parts, and the weight, that it was highly satiated with the Saline. 1680 BOYLE *Produc. Chem. Princ.* II. 93 A quantity of Calcin'd Corall, sufficient to satiate the Acid Corpuscles. 1704 NEWTON *Optics* (1721) 352 Why does not Salt of Tartar draw more Water out of the Air than in a certain Proportion to its quantity, but for want of an attractive Force after it is satiated with Water? 1791 MACIE in *Phil. Trans.* LXXXI. 373 A piece of Tabasheer..was first let satiate itself with distilled water.

Hence **Sa·tiated** *ppl. a.*, **Sa·tiating** *vbl. sb.* and *ppl. a.*

1611 COTGR., *Saoulement*, a glutting, filling, saciating, cloying with. 1657 *Divine Lover, Holy Exerc.* 304 Loue is all kind of Prayer by which our soule tends towards God as her only All, and satiatinge end. 1691 LOCKE *Lower. Interest* 85 Buying of Land is the result of a full and satiated Gain. 1769 E. BANCROFT *Guiana* 344 Enabling some to squander the bread of provinces in a profusion of satiating pleasures. 1824 MISS MITFORD *Village* Ser. I. 251 Her loveliness..is such a fulness of bloom, so luxuriant, so satiating.

Satiation (seiʃiē·ʃən). [ad. L. **satiātiōn-em*, n. of action f. *satiāre* to SATIATE.] The action of satiating or fact of being satiated.

1638 T. WHITAKER *Blood of Grape* 4 As if Satiation were the Usher of diseases. 1656 S. HOLLAND *Zara* III. vi. (1719) 140 What do we get by these Gim-cracks? Satiation of our Lusts. 1811 SHELLEY *Sl. Irvyne* x, From my earliest youth, before it was quenched by complete satiation, curiosity.. was the passion by which all the other emotions of my mind were intellectually organized. 1839 DE QUINCEY *Recoll. Lakes* Wks. 1862 II. 54 The same satiation never can take place, which too frequently deadens the genial enjoyment of those who have a surfeit of books, and a monotony of leisure. 1856 GROTE *Greece* II. xciv. XII. 244 Clinging to the hope that Alexander, when possessed of the three southern capitals and the best part of the Persian empire, might have reached the point of satiation.

Satiety (sătəi·ĭti). Forms: 6–7 **sacietie, -ty,** (6 **-tee**), **satietie,** 6– **satiety.** [ad. F. *satiété* (12th c. *sazieted*, 16th c. *saciété*), ad. L. *satietātem* abundance, satiety, f. *satis* enough.

The pronuncintion (sāssəi·ĭti) is mentioned by Walker (1828) as all but universally current in his time, and as accepted by Sheridan and other orthoepists. His protest against it, as contrary to all analogy, was effectual: the condemned pronunciation is now quite obsolete.]

1. The state of being glutted or satiated with food; the feeling of disgust or surfeit caused by excess of food.

1533 ELYOT *Cast. Helthe* (1541) 40 b, The dyner moderate, that is to say, lasse than sacietie or fulness of bealy. 1583 STUBBES *Anat. Abus.* (1877) 104 Dooth not the impletion and sacietie of meates and drinks prouoke lust? *c* 1610 *Women Saints* (E. E. T. S.) 215 They began to feele some sacietie of theire ordinarie simple sustenance. 1762 GOLDSM. *Cit. W.* XV, His cooks had a hundred different ways of dressing it, to solicit even satiety. 1791 COWPER *Iliad* IV. 407 And quaff your wine Delicious, 'till satiety ensue. 1865 LIVINGSTONE *Zambesi* xix. 388 It is always a case of famine or satiety.

b. *gen.* The condition of having any appetite or desire gratified to excess; hence, weariness or dislike *of* (an object of desire) caused by gratification or attainment.

1553 T. WILSON *Rhet.* 108 b, It offendeth and werieth mens eares with saciety. *a* 1586 SIDNEY *Arcadia* III. (Sommer) 291 Where desire neuer wanted satisfaction, nor satisfaction neuer bred sacietie. 1604 SHAKS. *Oth.* II. i. 231 When the Blood is made dull with the Act of Sport, there should be a game to enflame it, and to giue Satiety a fresh appetite. 1605 BACON *Adv. Learn.* I. viii. § 5 Of knowledge there is no sacietie, but satisfaction and appetite are perpetually interchangeable. 1647 CLARENDON *Hist. Reb.* II. § 101 He never apprehended a greater censure than a sequestration from all public employments, in which it is probable he had abundant satiety. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* VIII. 216 Thy words with Grace Divine Imbu'd, bring to thir sweetness no satietie. 1669 CLARENDON *Ess.* in *Tracts* (1727) 127 Satiety of all things naturally produces a satiety of life itself. 1712 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 412 ₱ 3 That Satiety we are apt to complain of in our usual and ordinary Entertainments. 1820 SHELLEY *To Skylark* 80 Thou lovest—but ne'er knew love's sad satiety. 1832 R. & J. LANDER *Exped. Niger* I. iv. 192 The eager curiosity of the natives has been glutted by satiety. 1865 SEELEY *Ecce Homo* iv. (ed. 8) 36 Prosperous villany carried to an honoured grave in the fulness of years and in the satiety of enjoyment.

† c. In favourable sense: The condition of being filled or fully gratified; full attainment of an object of desire. *Obs.*

1548 UDALL, etc. *Erasm. Par. Matt.* v. 6 Where there is euer hungar and euer thurst, and blessed sacietie & fulnes. 1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* II. ii. 39 Thus fairely shee attempered her feast, and pleasd them all with meete satiety. *a* 1617 BAYNE *On Eph.* (1658) 45 In Gods presence is the saciety of everlasting delight. 1712 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 387 ₱ 12 Which..will produce a Satiety of Joy, and an uninterrupted Happiness. 1722 WOLLASTON *Relig. Nat.* ix. 208 *note*, There being no Satiety of Knowledge in this life, we may hope for future opportunities when [etc.].

d. *To satiety*: to an amount or degree which satisfies or gluts desire. [= L. *ad satietatem.*]

1607 TOPSELL *Four-f. Beasts* (1658) 189 They must be suffered to eat of them to saciety. 1726 POPE *Odyss.* XXI. 59 To full satiety of grief she mourns. 1775 BURKE *Sp. Conc. Amer.* Sel. Wks. I. 215 The Colonies not only gave, but gave to satiety. 1837 J. H. NEWMAN *Par. Serm.* III. iii. 31 They had mirnacles even to satiety. 1878 C. STANFORD *Symb. Christ* xii. 325 Their earthly nature..is filled to satiety with earth's good things.

2. A sufficiency or abundance. [So in L.] *rare.*

1635 HEYWOOD *Hierarch.* II. 68 This, of himselfe all Fulnesse, all Satietie, Is then the sole Incomprehensible Deitie. 1884 LUSHINGTON in Knight *Mem. J. Nichol* (1896) 222 Here is a satiety or (nimiety) for you, about a man, for whom I have a loving admiration.

Sa·tify, *v.* Chiefly *Sc.* Also 5 **satefy,** 6 **satyfy, satifie.** [a. OF. *satifier, satefier*, var. of *satisfier*: see SATISFY.] *trans.* = SATISFY.

Still locally used in Scotland, in the form *settifee.*

c 1475 *Partenay* 1917 Hit is gret reson ye were satefied Off your ful good will don And applied. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* V. xi. 11 Juno,..Not satyfyit of hir auld furry nor wroik. 1533 BELLENDEN *Livy* Prol. (S. T. S.) I. 4 Be sum meretis þare Ire war satifyit. *Ibid.* II. II. 285 For quhen thir pepill maye nocht be gottin to satify his crewelte, he behufit finallie to rage in him selff. *c* 1555 HARPSFIELD *Divorce Hen. VIII* (1878) 271 It is worse for a man to break good laws to..satify his sensual appetite. 1596 DALRYMPLE tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scott.* (S.T.S.) II. 454 To satifie his askeng.

Satin (sæ·tin), *sb.* (and *a.*) Forms: 4–5 **satyne, -ine,** 4–6 **satyn, sat(t)on,** 5 **sathan,** 5–6 **saten, sateyn,** 5–7 **sattyn,** 5–8 **satten,** 6 **satte(i)ne, sat(t)an, satyng,** *Sc.* **saiting, satteing, salting,** 6–8 **sattin(e,** 6– **satin.** [a. F. *satin* (14th c. in Hatz.-Darm.; the supposed popular OF. form *saïn*, cited by Diez, is an error), app. ad. It. † *setino*, prob. repr. late L. **(pannus) sētīnus* silken (cloth), f. *sēta* silk. Cf. Pg. *setim* (? from It.), late med.L. *salinius, satinus* (from Fr.), *setīnus* (1594, from Spain); also Du. *satijn.*

The word cannot be connected etymologically with the app. synonymous Arab. *zaitūni*, f. *Zaitūn* name of a city in China (the locality of which is disputed). F. Hirth (*Arch. Stud. neu. Spr.* LXVII, 1882, p. 204) suggests that the Arabs may have confused the name of the town with the Cantonese *sze-tün* = Mandarin *ssū-tuan*, satin; but the conjecture that the Cantonese form is the source of It. *setino* is extremely improbable.]

I. 1. A silk fabric with a glossy surface on one side, produced by a method of weaving by which the threads of the warp are caught and looped by the weft only at certain intervals. † *Satin of Cypres*: see CYPRESS 3 1 b.

?a 1366 CHAUCER *Rom. Rose* 1104 The barres were of gold ful fyne, Upon a tissu of satyne. [The word is not in the original Fr.] *c* 1369 — *Dethe Blaunche* 253 Ryght wel cledde In fyne blak satyn de owter mere. *c* 1400 *Brut* 458 And iij. other estates with hem, clothed in oon sute, in rede fyne saten crymsyn furred with Martrons. 1435 in Dugdale *Bar. Eng.* (1675) 246/1 Item, Three Penons of Satten, entertailed with Raggedstaffs, price the peece 2ª. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 441/2 Satyne, clothe of sylke, *satinum*. *c* 1460 *Towneley Myst.* XXX. 325 With youre bendys and youre bridyls of sathan, the whilke sir sathanas Idyls you for tha ilke This gill knaue. 1506 in *Bury Wills* (Camden) 107 A vestement of whyte sateyn and poudrid wᵗ Seynt Nicholas armes. 1530 PALSGR. 265/1 Sattyn of cypres—*ostadine*. *a* 1555 LYNDESAY *Trag.* Prol. 21 In Rayment reid..Off vellot and of Saityng Crammosie. 1580 *Aberdeen Reg.* (1848) II. 36 Ane [cloak] lynt witht salting, ane uther witht taffetie. 1603 in 38*th Rep. Deputy Kpr. Records* App. 444 Sattins reverses, sattins of Cipres, Spanish sattins. 1628 FELTHAM *Resolves* I. xviii. 56 Poore men, though wise, are but like Sattens without a glosse. 1748 RICHARDSON *Clarissa* (1811) III. 29 Her coat white sattin, quilted. 1853 C. BRONTE *Villette* xxi, The middle distance was filled with matrons in velvets and satins, in plumes and gems. 1855 TENNYSON *Maud* I. xxii. 9 In gloss of satin and glimmer of pearls. 1880 MISS BRADDON *Just as I am* xi, The draperies and chair and sofa coverings were of amber satin.

transf. 1616 R. C. *Times' Whistle* VII. 2938 Her skin sleek sattin or the cygnettes brest.

b. Applied to certain fabrics resembling satin, but composed wholly or in part of other materials than silk. † *Satin of Bruges* (*Bridges*), *Bruges satin*: see quot. 1728. *Denmark satin*: a smooth worsted material used for ladies' slippers.

1517–1559 [see BRUGES]. 1728 CHAMBERS *Cycl.* s. v., The Sattins of Bruges have their Warp of Silk, and their Woof of Thread. 1875 *Ure's Dict. Arts, Denmark satin*, a stout worsted stuff used for ladies' shoes.

† 2. A kind of pear. *Obs.*

1693 EVELYN *De La Quint. Compl. Gard.* I. 109 b, A Summer Satin-pear. *Ibid.* 121 The Green-Satin-Pear, January. 1706 LONDON & WISE *Retir'd Gard.* I. vii. 33 The Satin is round; its Coat is yellow, and smooth like Satin; 'tis a melting sugar'd Pear, and in good Esteem.

3. The plant Honesty, *Lunaria biennis.* Also *white satin.* Cf. *satin-flower* in 8 b.

1597 GERARDE *Herbal* II. CXVII. 378 We cal this herb in English Pennie flower..in Northfolk Sattin, and white Sattin. 1668 WILKINS *Real Char.* 103 Bulbonach, Honesty, Sattin. 1785 MARTYN *Rousseau's Bot.* XXIII. (1794) 320 The brilliant whiteness of these silicles has occasioned this plant [Honesty] to be called White Sattin.

4. *slang.* Gin. Also *white satin.*

1854 *Househ. Words* VIII. 75 For..gin, we have ten synonyms: max, juniper,..cream of the valley, white satin, old Tom. 1865 *Slang Dict., Satin*, gin; 'a yard of satin,' a glass of gin.

5. A collector's name for a glossy white moth. Also *white satin.*

1766 M. HARRIS *Aurelian* (1778) 9 White Sattin. 1819 G. SAMOUELLE *Entomol. Compend.* 248 Satin moth. 1832 J. RENNIE *Conspect. Butterfl. & M.* 41 The Satin..appears in July. 1857 STAINTON *Brit. Butterfl. & Moths* I. 134 *Stilpnotia Salicis* (White Satin). 1869 E. NEWMAN *Brit. Moths* 36 The Satin Moth (*Liparis Salicis*).

II. Attrib. and Comb.

6. *attrib.* passing into *adj.* **a.** Made of satin.

1521 *Test. Ebor.* (Surtees) VI. 6 My blake sattan jackett. 1580 *Aberdeen Reg.* (1848) II. 36 Item, ane pair of satteing breikis. 1599 MARSTON *Sco. Villanie* 166 Each sattin sute, Each quaint fashion-monger, whose sole repute Rests in his trim gay clothes. 1606 PRICKET in Farr *S. P. Jas. I* (1847) 101 A sattin sute, bedawb'd with silvered lace, Beyond desert doth vildest clownship grace. 1676 HALE *Contempl.* I. 497 When you are in the Publick Worship and Service of God, ..if the weather be too cold, wear a satten cap. 1750 GRAY *Long Story* 14 His high-crown'd hat and sattin-doublet. 1866 GEO. ELIOT *F. Holt* I, You shall have nothing to do now but to be grandmamma on satin cushions.

fig. 1635 QUARLES *Emblems* V. vii. 270 A land, where each embroydred Sattin word Is lin'd with Fraud.

b. Resembling satin in texture or surface.

1826 MISS MITFORD *Village* Ser. II. 60 The satin palms with their honeyed odours are out on the willow. 1838 T. THOMSON *Chem. Org. Bodies* 42 When sublimed, it [Benzoic Acid] assumes the form of long flat prismatic needles, having a beautiful satin lustre. 1851 MAYHEW *Lond. Labour* I. 369 The best satin note-paper. 1866 *Reader* 12 May 471 The papers..retain the gloss, the bright 'satin' surface of the albumenized material.

† c. Clothed in satin. (In 17th cent. a mark of dandyism). *Obs.*

1603 DEKKER *Wonderfull Yeare* A iij, The stinking Tobacco-breath of a Sattin-gull. *a* 1613 OVERBURY *A Wife, &c.* (1638) 35 Where if his Russet-friend would chance to dine, Whether

his Satten-friend would fill him wine. 1624 Heywood *Captives* IV. ii. in Bullen *O. Pl.* IV. 187 The pesent with his homespoon lasse As many merry howers may passe As coortiers with there satin gueries.

7. General combinations: **a.** simple attrib., as *satin-like* adj.; **b.** instrumental, similative, and parasynthetic, as *satin-faced, -leaved, -lidded, -lined, -shining, -smooth, -striped, -worked* adjs.

1891 Kipling *Light that Failed* iii, A portly middle-aged gentleman in a *satin-faced frockcoat. 1897 Mary Kingsley *W. Africa* 570 Patches of *satin-leaved begonias. 1879 E. Arnold *Lt. Asia* 84 The *satin-lidded eyes, with lashes dropped Sweeping the delicate cheeks. 1719 London & Wise *Compl. Gard.* IV. ii. 68 When mellow, the Skin is slick and *Satin-like. 1891 *Lock to Lock Times* 24 Oct. 12/1 A *satin-lined Inverness cape. 1859 Tennyson *Vivien* 222 A robe.. In colour like the *satin-shining palm On sallows. 1847 C. Bronte *J. Eyre* xiv, This *satin-smooth hazel hair. 1882 Caulfeild & Saward *Dict. Needlework*, **Satin-striped Canvas*..is a fancy variety of embroidery Canvas. 1799 *Hull Advertiser* 30 Nov. 1/1 *Satin worked..muslins.

8. Special combinations. **a.** Used to designate materials resembling, or woven in the same manner as, satin; as **satin cloth**, a woollen cloth woven like satin, chiefly produced at Roubaix in France; **satin-damask** (see quot.); **satin-finish**, a polish for silver produced by means of a metallic brush; **satin foulards** (see quot.); **satin jean** (see quot. 1875); **satin-paper**, a fine writing paper; **satin sheeting**, a composite material of waste silk and cotton; **satin stitch**, a kind of stitch in embroidery and wool-work, imitating the appearance of satin; **satin-straw**, soft flexible straw used for hats; **satin-tails**, streamers of satin attached to ladies' dresses.

1882 Caulfeild & Saward *Dict. Needlework*, **Satin Cloth*, a French woollen material of Satin make. 1557–72 A. Jenkinson *Voy. & Trav.* (Hakl. Soc.) I. 90 *Satton damaske with diners other things. 1882 Caulfeild & Saward *Dict. Needlework*, *Satin Damask*, a very costly silk material. 1901 *Daily Chron.* 7 Dec. 8/3 [Ornaments] made in art silver, with what is called a *satin finish. 1882 Caulfeild & Saward *Dict. Needlework*, **Satin Foulards* ..are silk stuffs printed in various designs and colours. 1875 Knight *Dict. Mech.*, **Satin-jean*, a twilled cotton goods, having a smooth satiny surface. *c* 1885 *Weldon's Pract. Needlework* IV. 3/1 Executed..on a ground of white satin jean. 1866 W. Collins *Armadale* III. xiii, Supply me with a quire of extra double-wove *satin paper, and a gross of picked quills. 1882 Caulfeild & Saward *Dict. Needlework*, **Satin Sheeting*, one of the 'waste-silk' materials. 1684 Han. Woolley *Queen-like Closet* Suppl. 57 Work it in *Satten-stitch. 1840 Mrs. F. Trollope *Widow Married* ii, The profusion of elaborate satin-stitch bestowed upon its cuffs and collar. 1900 *Daily News* 3 Mar. 6/5 There are many varieties of *satin straws and grades of varying suppleness. 1841 Thackeray *Chron. Drum*, Lovely Court ladies in powder, And lappets, and long *satin-tails.

b. In names of birds, insects, plants, and minerals having a satin-like lustre or smoothness: **satin beauty**, a moth, *Boarmia abietaria* (Stainton *Brit. Butterflies & Moths*, 1859); **satin-bird** or **satin bower-bird**, *Ptilorhynchus violaceus*; **satin-carpet**, a moth, *Cerotopacha fluctuosa*; also = *satin beauty*; **satin-flower**, (*a*) Honesty, *Lunaria biennis*, † (*b*) French Honeysuckle, *Hedysarum coronarium*; (*c*) the Greater Stitchwort, *Stellaria Holostea*; (*d*) in Australia, the umbelliferous plant *Actinotus helianthi*; **†satin-grakle**, an Australian bird, perh. *Calornis metallica*; **satin gypsum**, a fibrous variety of gypsum, with a pearly lustre; **satin-leaves** (see quot.); **satin moth** (see 5); **satin-pug**, a moth, *Eupithecia sericeata*; **satin-pygmy**, a moth, *Microsetia sericiella*; **satin-spar**, a fibrous variety of carbonate of lime; also = *satin-gypsum*; **satin-sparrow** (see quot.); **satin-stone** = *satin gypsum*; **satin-walnut** *U. S.*, a trade name for the Sweet Gum Tree, *Liquidambar styraciflua*; **satin-white**, artificial sulphate of lime; **satin-wood**, the wood of the Indian tree *Chloroxylon Swietenia* and of several W. Indian trees (see quots.).

1825–6 Vigors & Horsfield in *Trans. Linnean Soc.* (1827) XV. 264 The natives call it Cowry, the colonists *Satin Bird. 1860 G. Bennett *Gatherings Nat. Austral.* 234 Satin-birds are now seen very frequently in captivity in Sydney. 1848 Gould *Birds Austral.* IV. pl. 10 *Ptilonorhynchus holosericeus* Kuhl. *Satin Bower-bird. 1832 J. Rennie *Conspect. Butterfl. & M.* 82 The *Satin Carpet appears the middle of June. 1869 E. Newman *Brit. Moths* 64 The Satin Carpet (*Boarmia abietaria*). *Ibid.* 239 The Satin Carpet (*Cymatophora fluctuosa*). 1597 Gerarde *Herbal* II. cxvii. 377 Bolbonac or the *Sattin flower, hath hard and round stalkes. 1629 Parkinson *Paradisus* 339 *Hedysarum clypeatum*. The red Sattin flower. 1854 Miss Pratt *Flower. Pl.* (1861) I. 245 Greater Stitchwort, Satin-flower, or Adder's Meat. 1860 G. Bennett *Gatherings Nat. Austral.* 358 A profusion of the Sunflower Actinotus, called Satin-flower by the colonists. 1822 Latham *Gen. Hist. Birds* III. 171 *Satin Grakle... Inhabits New-Holland. 1836–41 Brande *Chem.* (ed. 5) 682 A beautiful fibrous variety, called *satin gypsum, is found in Derbyshire, applicable to ornamental purposes, such as beads, broaches, &c. 1864 Grindon *Brit. & Gard. Bot.* 152 The old-fashioned 'honesty', or *Lunaria*, the beauty of which lies in the great oval silvery shields that form the partitions of its seed-pods... They are often as large as florins, and in Cheshire are called '*satin-leaves'. 1832 J. Rennie *Conspect. Butterfl. & M.* 132 The *Satin Pug. *Ibid.* 205 The *Satin Pygmy.. appears the end of May. 1802 Aikin in *Tilloch's Philos. Mag.* XII. 364 The *satin spar..is a mineral as yet peculiar to the neighbourhood of Alston Moor, in Cumberland. 1804 Jameson *Syst. Min.* I. 498 Common Fibrous Limestone... The satin spar found in Derbyshire belongs to this kind. 1875 Dawson *Dawn of Life* vii. 188 The prismatic structure of satin-spar may be said..to resemble that of a shell. 1894 Newton *Dict. Birds* 814 *Satin-sparrow, the name in Tasmania for *Myiagra nitida*, a Flycatcher. 1829 *Glover's Hist. Derby* I. 101 Fibrous or silky Gypsum..has a curious cat's-eye appearance, and is commonly called *Satin stone. 1901 *Daily Chron.* 22 Aug. 7/5 'Sweet gum' is the name most generally used in the United States, and the wood was a drug until its name was changed by a smart trader to '*satin walnut'. 1839 *Civ. Engin. & Arch. Jrnl.* II. 141/1 The satin ground is laid with *satin white. 1823 P. Nicholson *Pract. Build.* App. 47 With respect to mahogany, *satin and other choice woods. 1847 Tennyson *Princess* II. 90 She herself Erect behind a desk of satin-wood. 1866 *Treas. Bot.* s.v., *Bahamas Satinwood*, a timber supposed to be the produce of *Maba guineensis*. 1871 Kingsley *At Last* x, Here..was a house of satin-wood and cedar not two years old. 1884 Sargent *Rep. Forests N. Amer.* 31 *Xanthoxylum Caribæum*...Satin Wood. Semi-tropical Florida (etc.).

c. In Fr. combinations (some of them anglicized in form) serving as trade names for certain textile fabrics, as **satin de laine** [='wool satin': see Delaine], **satin lisse** [F. *lisse* smooth], **satin sultan, satin turk** [F. *turc* = Turkish]: see quots.

1858 Simmonds *Dict. Trade*, **Satin-de-laine*, a black cassimere manufactured in Silesia, from wool. 1882 Caulfeild & Saward *Dict. Needlework*, **Satin Lisse*, a French dress material made of cotton, but having a Satin-like lustre. *Ibid.*, **Satin Sultan*, a textile somewhat resembling Bengaline in the method of its manufacture, but having a satin face. 1858 Simmonds *Dict. Trade*, **Satin-Turk*, a trade term for a superior quality of satinette.

Satin (sæ·tin), *v.* [f. Satin *sb.* Cf. F. *satiner*.] *trans.* To give (to wall-paper) a glossy surface resembling that of satin. Hence **Sa·tining** *vbl. sb.* (also *attrib.*).

1839 Ure *Dict. Arts* 921 Pieces intended to be satined, are grounded with fine Paris plaster. *Ibid.* 922 A final satining,..is communicated by the friction of a finely polished brass roller. 1875 Knight *Dict. Mech.*, *Satining-machine*, a machine for imparting the 'satin' finish to paper.

Satin, obs. form of Satan.

† Satina·de. *Obs. rare*—°. In quot. **sattinade.** [a. F. *satinade*, f. *satin*: see -ade.] = Satinette.

1728 [see Satinette 1 a].

‖ Satiné (satine·). [Fr. (*bois*) *satiné* (Aublet *Hist. Pl. Guiane*, 1775).] A kind of satin-wood.

1866 *Treas. Bot.*, *Satine*, a cabinet-wood of French Guiana, the produce of *Ferolia guianensis*. 1875 Laslett *Timber & Trees* 161 Satiné. This wood is red in colour, hard, heavy [etc.].

Satined (sæ·tind), *ppl. a.* [f. Satin *sb.* or *v.* + -ed, after F. *satiné*.] Having a satin-like surface.

1707 Sloane *Jamaica* I. 154 A brown membranaceous capsula,..containing three sattin'd seeds.

Satine·tta. *nonce-wd.* Pseudo-It. form of next. (Attributed to 'the Euphuist'.)

1820 Scott *Monast.* xxi, Standing on end with double piled velvets, satins, and satinettas!

Satinette, satinet (sætine·t, sæ·tinèt). Also 8 **sattinet.** [a. F. *satinet*: see Satin *sb.* and -et.]

1. a. An imitation of satin woven in silk, or silk and cotton.

1703 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 3915/4 Stolen.., a Cloth colour Silk Sattinet Gown and Petticoat. 1709 *Female Tatler* No. 9/1 Fine Mohairs, Silk Sattinets, Burdets, Persianets [etc.]. 1728 Chambers *Cycl.*, *Sattinet*, or *Sattinade*, a very slight, thin Sattin, chiefly used by the Ladies for Summer Night-gowns, &c. and ordinarily striped. 1849 C. Bronte *Shirley* xxv, You shall have a black satin dress for Sundays—a real satin—not a satinet or any of the shams. 1891 Pinero *The Times* I. 3 Beryl is cotton, you are silk; each material in itself is estimable, but cotton and silk beget satinet.

b. A material woven with a cotton warp and woollen weft, having a satin-like surface.

1837 Ht. Martineau *Soc. Amer.* II. 227 At Lowell, in Massachusetts, there was in 1818, a small satinet mill, employing about twenty hands. 1860 Holland *Miss Gilbert* ii. 42 Old Ruggles looked down on his rusty satinet suit, perfectly conscious he was out of place. 1882 Caulfeild & Saward *Dict. Needlework*, *Satinet*, an American cloth of mixed materials, both cheap and durable. 1904 *Woollen Draper's Terms* in *Tailor & Cutter* 4 Aug. 480/1 Satinette: A cheap fabric, composed of cotton and wool.

2. A fancier's name for a kind of pigeon.

1876 *Fulton's Bk. Pigeons* 312 The Satinette. 1881 Lyell *Fancy Pigeons* 232.

† Satini·sco. *Obs.* Also 7 **sattinisco, satanisco.** [pseudo-Sp., f. Satin *sb.*, after words like Morisco.] An inferior quality of satin.

1615 *Overbury's Char., Fellow of House* (ed. 6) L 3, His meanes..afford him Mock-veluet or Satinisco. 1619 Purchas *Microcosmus* xxvii. 268 The new deuised names of Stuffes and Colours,...*Caltimanco*, *Sattinisco* [etc.]. 1639 Glapthorne *Wit in Constable* I. (1640) B 3, You meere Schollers Know no degree of garment above Serge, Or Satanisco. *a* 1661 Fuller *Worthies, Norwich* (1662) II. 274 Also [there were stuffs called] Perpetuano..Satinisco, Bombicino, Italiano, &c.

† Sa·tinist. *Obs. rare*—1. [f. Satin *sb.* + -ist.] A wearer of satin, a dandy.

1632 Shirley & Chapman *Ball* IV. i, If it be so, He call you cosin still, my satinist.

Sati·nity. *nonce-wd.* [f. Satin *sb.* + -ity.] Smoothness, like that of satin.

1830 Lamb *Let. to Gilman* (1837) II. 267 Your friend B—— (for I knew him immediately by the smooth satinity of his style) must excuse me for [etc.].

Satinize (sæ·tinəiz), *v.* [f. Satin *sb.* + -ize.] *trans.* To impart a satin-like surface to.

1869 Tanner *Pract. Med.* (ed. 6) II. 595 Baths..in repute for softening and whitening ('satinizing') the skin. 1883 J. Millington *Are we to read Backwards?* 77 The system of 'satinizing' the paper largely prevailing in France.

Satiny (sæ·tini), *a.* [f. Satin *sb.* + -y.] Resembling satin in smoothness, gloss, or polish.

1786 Abercrombie *Arrangem.* 82 in *Gard. Assist.*, Its moon shape, satiny pellucid seed-pods. 1819 G. Samouelle *Entomol. Compend.* 423 Geometra subsericeata. The satiny Wave [moth]. 1830 Lindley *Nat. Syst. Bot.* 45 They have the appearance of thin satiny paper. 1839 Laov Lytton *Cheveley* (ed. 2) I. iii. 57 Her hair of that rich sattiny (*sic*), nameless brown, like a hazel-nut. 1862 Miller *Elem. Chem.* (ed. 2) III. 264 Melissin..crystallizes..in satiny crystals. 1882 *Garden* 11 Feb. 91/1 This variety bears flowers of a satiny crimson-blush colour.

† Sa·tion. *Obs.* Also 5 **-oun.** [ad. L. *satiōn-em*, f. ppl. stem *sat-* of *serĕre* to sow.] 'A sowing of seed, a planting' (Blount *Glossogr.* 1661).

c 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* XII. 9 Ek summen seyn the benes satioun In placis coold is best to fructifie. 1651 Biggs *New Disp.* § 297 Some there are, which want sation and occatory operations. 1658 Sir T. Browne *Gard. Cyrus* iv. 63 It hath not succeeded by sation in any maner of ground.

Satirdai, -day, obs. forms of Saturday.

Satire (sæ·təiəɹ). Also 6–8 **satyre,** 7–8 **satyr,** 8 **satir.** [a. F. *satire* (= Sp. *sátira*, Pg., It. *satira*, G. *satire*), or directly ad. L. *satira*, later form of *satura*, in early use a discursive composition in verse treating of a variety of subjects, in classical use a poem in which prevalent follies or vices are assailed with ridicule or with serious denunciation. The word is a specific application of *satura* medley; this general sense appears in the phrase *per saturam* in the lump, indiscriminately; according to the grammarians this is elliptical for *lanx satura* (lit. 'full dish': *lanx* dish, *satura*, fem. of *satur* full, related to *satis* enough), which is alleged to have been used for a dish containing various kinds of fruit, and for food composed of many different ingredients.

Formerly often confused or associated with Satyr (see esp. sense 4), from the common notion (found already in some ancient grammarians) that L. *satira* was derived from the Gr. *σάτυρος* satyr, in allusion to the chorus of satyrs which gave its name to the Greek 'satyric' drama. The words *satire* and *satyr* were probably at one time pronounced alike, as the derivatives *satiric* and *satyric* are still; and the common use of *y* and *i* as interchangeable symbols in the 16th and 17th c. still further contributed to the confusion.]

I. 1. A poem, or in modern use sometimes a prose composition, in which prevailing vices or follies are held up to ridicule. Sometimes, less correctly, applied to a composition in verse or prose intended to ridicule a particular person or class of persons, a lampoon.

Also used *Hist.* as the rendering of L. *satura* in its pre-classical sense of a poetic 'medley': see the etymological note above.

1509 Barclay *Shyp of Folys* (1874) I. 134 Therfore in this satyre suche wyll I repreue. 1566 Daant (*title*) A Medicinable Morall, that is, the two Bookes of Horace his Satyres, Englyshed. 1595 Lodge (*title*) A Fig for Momus: Containing Pleasant varietie, included in Satyres, Eclogues, and Epistles. 1605 Camden *Rem., Rythmes* (1623) 309 The Exchequer officers were extortors in the time of King Henry the fourth, otherwise Henry Bell..would neuer haue written a riming long Satyr against them. 1672 Sir T. Browne *Let. Friend* § 33 Impotent Satyrs write Satyrs against Lust [1682 — *Chr. Mor.* I. § 33 upon Lust]. 1711 Steele *Spect.* No. 88 ¶ 2 This honest Gentleman, who is so desirous that I should write a Satyr upon Grooms, has a great deal of Reason for his Resentment. 1756 J. Warton *Ess. Pope* (1782) I. iv. 254 The *Rape of the Lock*, is the best Satire extant. 1841 Elphinstone *Hist. Ind.* II. 251 They had the merit of introducing satires on manners and domestic life into Asia. 1878 Dowden *Stud. Lit.* 278 A great proportion of the book [Middlemarch] is only not a satire because with the word satire we are accustomed to associate the idea of exaggeration and malicious purpose.

† b. *transf.* A satirical utterance; a speech or saying in ridicule of some person or thing. *Obs.*

1642 Fuller *Holy & Prof. St.* III. xxi. 210 Speaking constant satyrs to the disgrace of others. 1678 R. L'Estrange *Seneca's Mor., Epist.* ii. (1696) 467 The Poor Man wants many things, but the Covetous Man wants All. Can any Flesh forbear being delighted with This saying, though a Satyr against his own Vice?

c. *fig.* A thing, fact, or circumstance that has the effect of making some person or thing ridiculous.

1693 Noaats *Pract. Disc.* (1698) IV. 11 Religion has no advantage from the Commendations of those whose Lives are a constant Satyr upon it. 1770 *Junius' Lett.* xxxviii. (1788) 207 Their very names are a satire upon all government. 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* lvii, You..whose rank may be an ancestor's accident, whose prosperity is very likely a satire. 1863 B. Taylor *H. Thurston* I. 15 Seth was an awkward, ungainly person, whose clothes were a continual satire on his professional skill.

2. a. The species of literature constituted by satires; satirical composition.

1589 Puttenham *Eng. Poesie* I. xiii. (Arb.) 46 The said auncient Poets vsed for that purpose [of reproving the people], three kinds of poems reprehensiue, to wit, the

Satyre, the Comedie, and the Tragedie. 1659 *Gentl. Calling* IV. xiii. 404 If any shall think this character partakes of the satyr, I shall beseech him to compare it with the trne state. *a* 1661 Holyday *Juvenal* Pref. (1673) 2 According to the ancient use and law of Satyre, it should be nearer the Comedy, then the Tragedy, not declaiming against Vice, but jeering at it. 1682 *Lenten Prol.* 36 in *Third Coll. Poems* (1689) 26/1 Baye's crown'd Muse, by Sovereign Right of Satyre, Without desert, can dub a man a Traitor. 1693 Dryden *Juvenal* Ded. (1697) 35 Thus..I..have prov'd, I hope, from the best Critiques, that the Roman Satire was not borrow'd from thence [Greece], but of their own Manufacture. 1728 Young *Love Fame* I. 1 My verse is satire; Dorset, lend yonr ear, And patronise a muse you cannot fear. 1841 Elphinstone *Hist. Ind.* I. 295, I have seen no specimen of Hindú satire. 1845 H. Thompson in *Encycl. Metrop.* X. 391/2 Lucilius is asserted by Horace to have been the founder of the New Satire. 1880 Golow. Smith in *Atlantic Monthly* Feb. 199 There are different kinds of satire: the epicurean, which laughs at mankind,..the stoical, which indignantly lashes mankind,..the cynical, which hates and despises mankind.

b. The employment, in speaking or writing, of sarcasm, irony, ridicule, etc. in exposing, denouncing, deriding, or ridiculing vice, folly, indecorum, abuses, or evils of any kind.

c 1675 ? Villiers (Dk. Buckhm.) *Follies Men of Age* 6 Nothing helps more than Satyr to amend Ill manners, or is trulier Virtues Friend. 1699 Bentley *Phal.* ii. 31 His Animadversions have other faults besides Satyr and Abuse. 1705 Addison *Italy, Caprea* 265 This..is therefore interpreted by many as a hidden Piece of Satyr. 1724 R. Welton *Chr. Faith & Pract.* 359 Those Pharisees, whom our Blessed Saviour, with the utmost satyre, and indignation, call'd painted sepulchres. 1736 Butler *Anal.* II. vii, The Mythological [Writing], and the Satyrical where the Satyr is, to a certain Degree, concealed. 1816 'Quiz' *Grand Master* IV. 75 Disgraceful too, to human nature,—Unworthy even, of his satire. 1828 Scott *F. M. Perth* xxxi, Rothsay thought he discovered a smile upon his countenance; and to be the subject of this man's satire, gave him no ordinary degree of pain. 1847 Tennyson *Princess* II. 445 And often came Melissa hitting all we saw with shafts Of gentle satire, kin to charity, That harm'd not. 1877 Mrs. Oliphant *Yng. Musgrave* I. 10 Even now there would be a tone of satire in her voice when she noted the late marriage of one or another of her old adorers.

c. *fig.* Effect in making ridiculous. (Cf. 1 c.)

1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* xxiv, Some few score of years afterwards, when all the parties represented are grown old, what bitter satire there is in those flaunting childish family portraits.

d. *personified.*

1820 Shelley *Fragm. Satire on Sat.* 17 If Satire's scourge could wake the slumbering hounds Of Conscience, or erase the deeper wounds, The leprous scars of callous Infamy. 1855 Milman *Lat. Chr.* IX. viii. (1864) V. 380 Satire began to aim its contemptuous sarcasms at the pope and the papal power. 1870 Swinburne *Ess. & Stud.* (1875) 252 Satire in earlier times had changed her rags for robes. Juvenal had clothed with fire, and Dryden with majesty, that wandering and bastard Muse.

3. Satirical temper, disposition to use 'satire'.

1819 Lytton *Devereux* I. iv, The kindness of his temper so softened the satire of mine.

† II. 4. A satirical person, satirist. *Obs.*

[Perh. to be regarded as a misuse of Satyr.]

1596 Harington *Ulysses upon Ajax* E 1 b, Harke in thine eare, Misacmos is a Satire, a quipping fellow. 1618 Shirley *Witty Fair One* I. iii. (1633) B 3 b, Prethee Satyre chuse another walke, and leaue vs to inioy this. *a* 1629 T. Goffe *Courageous Turk* II. iii. (1632) D 2 b, Poore men may love, and none their wils correct: But all turne Satyres of a Kings affect. 1640 Shirley *Hum. Courtier* I. i. B j b, We may As well condemne our fathers, and declaime 'Gainst them for our begetting, come Orseollo, Desist to be a Satire. 1656 Earl Monm. tr. *Boccalini's Advts. fr. Parnass.* II. xxxii. (1674) 182 It being..forbidden to play the Satyre, gallant men who saw things..committed, which ought publickly to be declaimed against, were forc'd to see, and to say nothing. 1709 Pope *Ess. Crit.* 592 Leave dang'rous truths to unsuccessful Satires, And flattery to fulsome Dedicators.

fig. c 1600 Shaks. *Sonn.* c, Rise resty Muse, my loues sweet face surnay, If time baue any wrincle grauen there, If any, be a *Satire* to decay, And make times spoiles dispised euery where.

III. 5. *attrib.* and *Comb.*

1553 T. Wilson *Rhet.* 24 b, The whiche thyng appereth plaine by the Satyre Poete. 1687 Dryden *Hind & P.* III. 1187 Frontless and Satyr-proof he scow'rs the streets. 1691 *Satyr agst. French* 2 The Town, alas, is now grown Satyr-proof.

Satire, obs. form of Satyr.

Satire·tte. *nonce-wd.* [f. Satire + -ette.] A small satire.

1870 F. Harrison *Choice Bks.*, etc. (1886) 150 The characters even have merit...They are happy satirettes.

Satiri: see Satyr.

† Satiˈrial, *a. Obs. rare.* In 6 satyrial(l. [f. Satire + -ial.] Satirical.

1579 Twyne *Phisicke agst. Fort.* I. lxxxi. 104 b, As the Satyrial Poet sayeth. 1580 G. Harvey *Two Other Lett.* Wks. (Grosart) I. 83 This bolde Satyriall Libell.

Satiric (sătiˈrik), *a.* and *sb.* Forms: 6 satyryke, satyricque, satiricke, 6–8 satyrick, 7 (satericke), satyryck, -ique, 7–8 (9) satyric, 8 satirick, 8– satiric. [ad. F. *satirique*, ad. late L. *satiricus* (*a.* and *sb.*), f. *satira* Satire. Cf. Sp. *satírico*, Pg., It. *satirico*. (Formerly often confused with Satyric.)] **A.** *adj.*

1. Of, pertaining to, or of the nature of satire; consisting of, or containing satire; that writes or composes satires.

[1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) IV. 177 Oracius þe poete satiricus and liricus.] 1509 H. Watson *Ship of Fools* Prol. (1517) A v b, My boke satyryke I gyue vnto you for example. 1581 Sidney *Apol. Poetrie* (Arb.) 28 The most notable [kinds of poets] bee the Heroick, Lirick,.. Satirick, Iambick,.. and certaine others. 1611 Rich *Honest. Age* (Percy Soc.) 68 For Satyryck inueyghing at any mans pryuate person, it is farre from my thought. 1613 R. Cawdrey *Table Alph.* (ed. 3), *Satericke*, belonging to a scoffing verse. 1665 Sir T. Herbert *Trav.* (1677) 215 When so long a fare-well was least thought on, he and his are hewn down, making good that of the Satyric Poet, *Ad generum Cereris* [etc.]. 1731 Swift *Let. to Dr. Jenny* 8 June, He hath been often engaged in a kind of flirting war of satiric burlesque verse with certain wags both in town and country. 1738 Warburton *Div. Legat.* I. 112 A fabulous and satyric Writer. 1796 Morse *Amer. Geog.* II. 674 Horace, the Roman lyric and satiric poet. 1812 Crabbe *Tales* xix. *Convent* 163 Satiric novels, poets bold and free. 1852 Thackeray *Esmond* III. iii, All this comedy was full of bitter satiric strokes against a certain young lady. 1861 Wright *Ess. on Archæol.* II. xxiii. 240 The Latin literature of the thirteenth century..is extremely rich in comic and satiric verse.

† 2. Addicted to satire, satirical. *Obs.*

1627 Drayton *To H. Reynolds* 113 And surely Nashe, though be a Proser were A branch of Lawrell yet desernes to beare, Sharply Satirick was he. 1638 Cowley *Love's Riddle* I. i, Why so Satyrick, Shepherd? I believe You did not learn these Flashes in the Woods. 1729 Swift *To Dr. Delany, on Libels* (end), On me when Dunces are satyrick, I take it for a Panegyrick. 1754 J. Sheabeare *Matrimony* (1766) II. 106 You are satyrick this Morning. 1763 J. Brown *Poetry & Mus.* vii. 139 The Spirit of Sarcasm being once awakened, it would of course proceed from occasional Strokes of Raillery, to the Recital of ridiculous Actions, for the ..Entertainment of a lively and satyric People.

B. *sb.*

† 1. A writer of satires; a satirist. *Obs. rare.*

1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) IV. 407 Þere were more poetes þan satirices [orig. *Fuerent autem plures poetæ quam satirici*]. 1589 Puttenham *Eng. Poesie* I. xi. (Arb.) 41 Their innectiues were called Satyres, and them selues Satyricques. 1598 Barckley *Felic. Man* 168 Which agreeeth aptly with the saying of the Satyricke. *Ille crucem sceleris pretium ferat, hic diadema.* 1603 R. Johnson *Kingd. & Commw.* (1611) 120 Hiperbolus, who,..for his boldnesse and saucy impudency, was the onely Subiect in his time, for all Satyricks & Commedians to worke vpon.

2. *pl.* Satiric writings. *rare.*

1600 W. Watson *Decacordon* (1602) 9 Together with sundrie Satyrickes [*printed* Satyricals: *corrected in errata*] of Maister Blackwels. *Ibid.* 194 Infamous libelling or Ouidian innectines, or Horatian Satyriques. 1825 (*title*) Facetiæ Cantabrigienses, consisting of Anecdotes, Smart Sayings, Satirics, Retorts, &c.

Satirical (sătiˈrikăl), *a.* Forms: 6 saturicall, 6–7 satyricall, 6–8 (9) -ical, (8 satyracal), 8– satirical. [f. late L. *satiric-us* (see prec.) + -al.]

1. Of or pertaining to satire; of the nature of or containing satire; satiric.

a 1529 Skelton *Agst. Garnesche* iv. 139 If thow war aquentyd with alle The famons poettes saturicall. 1579 E. K. in Spenser *Sheph. Cal.* Gen. Argt. P 3 For eyther they [these xij Æglogues] be Plaintive,..or Recreative,..or Moral, which for the most part be mixed with some Satyrical bitternesse. 1581 J. Bell *Haddon's Answ. Osor.* 262 b, In steade of a Rhetoricall acclamation, concluding with a Satyricall skoffe he doth advertize hym. 1617 Morvson *Itin.* I. 108 Attella, whence were the old satyricall Comedies, which were full of bandery, and were called Attellane. 1644 Milton *Areop.* (Arb.) 38 Nor was the Satyricall sharpnesse, or naked plainnes of Lucilius, or Catullus, or Flaccus, by any order prohibited. 1738 Chambers *Cycl.* (ed. 2) s.v., Satyrical prints, and medals. 1845 S. Austin *Ranke's Hist. Ref.* III. 427 Satirical songs were sung against Johann Rode. 1880 McCarthy *Own Times* lxvii. IV. 536 It has some of the brightest and bitterest satirical passages in the literatnre of our time.

2. Disposed to or given to satire; fond of indulging in satire; characterized by satire; sarcastic.

1590 Greene *Never too late* (1600) 51 Isabel..outwardly withstood such in satyrical tearmes as did inueigh against the honestie of Francesco. 1596 Nashe *Saffron Walden* Wks. (Grosart) III. 183 The satyricallest confuters. 1601 B. Jonson *Poetaster* IV. iii, A sharpe thornie-tooth'd satyricall rascall [*sc.* Horace]. 1612 Bacon *Ess.*, *Discourse* (Arb.) 17 Certainly he that hath a Satyricall vaine, as he maketh others afraid of his wit, so he had need be afraid of others memory. 1657 T. M. (*title*) The Life of a Satyrical Pvppy, Called Nim, who worrieth all those Satyrists he knowes, and barkes at the rest. 1693 Southern *Maid's Last Prayer* III. i, O law! Mr. Granger, you're so strangely s'terical [sic], I believe you laugh at us all behind our backs. *a* 1715 Burnet *Own Time* (1766) I. 516 Sometimes a satyrical temper broke out too much. 1717 Lady M. W. Montagu *Let. to Lady Rich* 1 Apr. (1790) 67 Disdainful smiles and satirical whispers ..never fail in our assemblies, when any body appears that is not dressed exactly in the fashion. 1727 Swift *Let. to Yng. Lady* Wks. 1751 V. 61 The satyrical part of Mankind will needs believe, that it is not impossible to be very fine [in dress] and very filthy. 1814 R. Bland *Proverbs* I. Pref. 8 In his humorous and satyrical declamation. 1829 Lytton *Devereux* I. ii, 'To educate them himself,' answered my mother, with a sort of satirical gravity. 1856 Emerson *Eng. Traits, First Visit* Wks. (Bohn) II. 7 He [Carlyle] took despairing or satirical views of literatnre at this moment. 1872 Geo. Eliot *Middlem.* xxi, She was not coldly clever and indirectly satirical, but adorably simple and full of feeling.

Satirically (sătiˈrikăli), *adv.* [f. Satirical *a.* + -ly 2.] In a satirical manner; by derisive censure, ridicule or sarcasm.

1594 Carew *Huarte's Exam. Wits* (1616) 109 For which cause, Iuuenall..did Satirically nip him, saying [etc.]. 1697 Dryden *Pref. to Virg. Past.* ***b, One of the Ancients has observ'd truly, but Satyrically enongh, that Mankind is the Measnre of every thing. 1794 Mrs. Radcliffe *Myst. Udolpho* xvi, Montoni smiled satirically at what Emily had written. 1884 Courthope *Addison* I. 9 The Tory fox-hunter of the *Freeholder*, though somewhat satirically painted, is a fair representative.

Satiricalness (sătiˈrikălnĕs). [f. Satirical *a.* + -ness.] The quality of being satirical.

a 1661 Fuller *Worthies, Essex* (1662) I. 334 Some Poets, if debarr'd profaness, wantoness, and Satyricalness, (that they may neither abuse God, themselves, nor their neighbours,) have their tongues cut out in effect. 1673 O. Walker *Educ.* xi. 125 Wit is the mother of facetiousness, conceits, jests, raillery, satyricalness. 1683 Kennet tr. *Erasm. on Folly* Pref. Ep. (1709) 8 To reply now to the objection of satyricalness, wits have been always allowed this priviledge. 1829 *Blackw. Mag.* XXVI. 591 [He] had a smeddum of satiricalness.

† Satiˈrien, *a. Obs. rare*—1. In 6 satyrien. [a. OF. *satirien*: see Satire and -ian.] Satirical.

1509 Barclay *Shyp of Folys* Argt. (1874) I. 17 As olde Poetes Satyriens in dyuers Poesyes conioyned reprened the synnes and ylnes of the peple at that tyme lyuynge.

Satirion (ɵ, obs. forms of Satyrion.

† Saˈtirism. *Obs. rare.* [f. Satire + -ism.] Indulgence in satirc; satirical temper or utterance.

1593 Nashe *Christ's T.* To Rdr., I haue nothing to spend on you but passion. A hundred vnfortunate farewels to fantasticall Satirisme. 1602 Dekker *Satirom.* L 3 b, Bitter Satirisme. 1610 Healey *St. Aug. Citie of God* V. xxvii. 234 Their tongue-ripe Satyrisme may more easily disturbe the truth of this world then snbuert it. 1683 Cave *Ecclesiastici* Introd. 47 He had a quick Wit, but too much inclin'd to Satyrism. 1716 M. Davies *Athen. Brit.* II. To Rdr. 39 Where others have trod before, with various Sarcasms and Satyrisms.

Satirist (sæˈtĭrist). [f. Satire + -ist.

In the first quot. app. partly representing (with misapprehended sense) Gr. *σατυριστής* player of satyric drama.]

A writer of satires. Also (const. *of*) one who satirizes some person or thing.

1589 Puttenham *Eng. Poesie* I. xiii. (Arb.) 46 They made wise as if..Satyres or Siluanes should appeare and recite those verses of rebuke,..whereupon the Poets inuentours of the deuise were called Satyristes. 1592 Greene *Groat's W. Wit* (1617) 36 Young Iuuenall, that byting Satyrist. 1597 G. Harvey *Trim. Nashe* Wks. (Grosart) III. 63 We heare howe you threatned to spoile our stirring Satirist: alas, haue thy writings such efficacie? 1641 Brathwait *Nat. Emb.* Ded. A ij, It is high time for the Satyrist to pen something which may dinert them from their impietie. 1706 Pope *Epit. on Dorset* 7 Blest Satyrist! who touch'd the Mean so true, As show'd, Vice had his hate and pity too. 1762 Goldsm. *Cit. W.* xcix, Her very appearance was sufficient to silence the severest satirist of the sex. 1796 Burke *Reg. Peace* Wks. VIII. 354 It is for the satyrist to expose the ridiculous. 1837 Syd. Smith *Wks.* (1867) II. 261, I am not setting myself up as the satirist of Bishops. 1875 Helps *Soc. Press.* xiv. 194 A satirist, for instance, has generally some idea of improving mankind by his satire.

Satirize (sæˈtĭrəiz), *v.* Also 7 satyrise, 7–8 satyrize, 8–9 satirise. [ad. F. *satiriser* (= Sp., Pg. *satirizar*), f. *satire*: see Satire and -ize.]

1. *intr.* To write satires; to assail some one or something with satire. Now only as absol. use of 2; formerly † const. *on, upon.*

1601 B. Jonson *Poetaster* III. v, What? when tbe man that first did satyrise, Durst pull the skin ouer the eares of vice;..shall I forbeare? 1620 Brathwait *Five Senses* 129 They shew the vnworthinesse of their Nature in Satyrizing vpon the weaker. 1703 De Foe *Let. to Mr. How* in *Misc.* 337, I find you no more talking to me, till you come to Page 25, where you are pleased to Satyrize upon my Title and Preface. 1728 Young *Love Fame* I. 34 Shall authors smile on such illustrious days, And satirise with nothing—but their praise? *a* 1734 North *Exam.* III. x. Concl. (1740) 692 It is as bad a Fault in History to panegyrise, as to Satyrise without Reason. 1745 *De Foe's Eng. Tradesman* xxii. (1841) I. 211 Satirizing on the blindness and folly of mankind. 1821 Byron *Juan* III. lxxviii, He being paid to satirise or flatter. 1879 Farrar *St. Paul* I. 217 It was easy to satirise and misrepresent.

2. *trans.* To assail with satire; to make the object of, or to expose to, satire or censure; to describe or ridicule in a satirical manner.

1630 J. Taylor (Water P.) *Kicksey Winsey* Wks. II. 36, I will Satyrize, Canterize, and Stigmatize all the whole kennell of curres that dare [etc.]. 1676 Glanvill *Seasonable Reflect.* 153 Those Wits..that Satyrize humane nature. 1715 M. Davies *Athen. Brit.* I. Pref. 4 Pamphlets..pretend to.. Satyrize the Frankness of Tories [etc.]. 1727 Pope *Th. Var. Subj.* in Swift's Wks. 1755 II. I. 226 It is as hard to satirize well a man of distinguished vices, as to praise well a man of distinguished virtues. 1782 J. Warton *Ess. Pope* VII. II. 61 Chaucer takes every opportunity of satyrizing the follies of his age. 1803 Sir J. Mackintosh *Def. Peltier* Wks. 1846 III. 259 If you should believe that it is ascribed to Jacobinical writers for the sake of satirising a French Jacobinical faction. 1870 Disraeli *Lothair* viii, The parasite..had been on the point of satirising his hostess, but, observing the quarter of the wind, with rapidity went in for praise. 1873 Symonds *Grk. Poets* iv. 108 Alcæus exercised his poetical talent in satirizing Pittacus.

b. *fig.* To be a 'satire' upon. (Cf. Satire 1 c.)

1798 Roscoe tr. *Tansillo's Nurse* I. *Notes* i. (1800) 7 This detestable custom, which ontrages nature, and satirizes humanity, is..more frequent in Italy than in this country.

Hence **Saˈtirized** *ppl. a.*

1793 D'Israeli *Cur. Lit.* II. 276 Satirists, if they escape the scourges of the law, have reason to dread the cane of the satirised.

Satirizer (sæˈtĭrəizəɹ). [f. Satirize *v.* + -er1.] One who satirizes.

1867 Legge *Confucius* 249 By the *fung* or phœnix, his satirizer or adviser intended Confucius. 1889 *Spectator* 5 Jan. 22 The sprightly satiriser of Lord Eldon and the Tories.

Sa·tirizing, *ppl. a.* [f. SATIRIZE *v.* + -ING 2.] That satirizes.

1716 *Loyal Mourner* 39 My Satyrizing Muse. 1771 LUCKOMBE *Hist. Print.* 235 Expressions..by which they intend to convey to the reader either instructing, satyrizing, admiring, or other hints and remarks. 1804 CHARLOTTE SMITH *Conversations*, etc. II. 23 But we are getting into a grave and satyrizing vein. 1861 WRIGHT *Ess. Archæol.* II. xxiv. 278 The satirising and reforming spirit of the age appeared not unfrequently on the stage.

Satirus, satiry: see SATYR.

Satisdation (sætisdēi·ʃən). *Civil Law.* ? *Obs.* [a. L. *satisdatiōn-em* a giving of bail or security, n. of action f. *satisdare* to give bail, f. *satis* enough + *dare* to give. Cf. OF. *satisdacion, -ccion, -tion*, 13th c. in Godefr.] (See quot. 1656.)

1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr., Satisdation*, a putting in of Surety or Bail sufficient for performance of Covenants, or for payment of moneys. 1726 AYLIFFE *Parergon* 425 There is another Exception stiled an Exception of not giving Satisdation or Security. 1774 HALLIFAX *Rom. Civ. Law* III. iii. 88 Not unlike the Satisdations required from an Actor and *Reus* by the Roman laws.

Satisdiction. *nonce-wd.* [f. L. *satis* enough + *dictiōn-em* saying (see DICTION), after *satisfaction.*] Saying enough.

1647 WARD *Simp. Cobler* 14 They desire not satisfaction, but satisdiction, whereof themselves must be judges.

Satisfaction (sætisfæ·kʃən). Forms: 4-8 satis-, 4-6 satys-; 4 -facciun, 4-7 -faccion, 4-5 -fac(c)ioun, -faccio(u)n, 5 -faccyo(u)n, -facion, -faccione, (-faccoun), 5-7 -factioun, 6 -faccyon, -factyon; 5- satisfaction. [a. F. *satisfaction* (12th c. *satisfatium*, 13th c. *satisfacion, -fcion*) =Pr. *satisfactio*, Sp. *satisfaccion*, Pg. *satisfacção*, It. *satisfazione, soddisfazione*, ad. L. *satisfactiōn-em*, n. of action f. *satisfacĕre* to SATISFY.] The action of satisfying; the state or fact of being satisfied.

I. With reference to obligations.

1. The payment in full of a debt, or the fulfilment of an obligation or claim; the atoning *for* (rarely + *of*) an injury, offence, or fault by reparation, compensation, or the endurance of punishment. Also quasi-*concr.*, the pecuniary or other gift or penalty, or the act, by which a debt or obligation is discharged or an offence atoned for. Phrases, *to make* (or + *do*) *satisfaction*; *in satisfaction* (*of*). Now chiefly in *Law.*

[The sense is found earlier in legal AF.: e.g. 1306 *Rolls of Parlt.* I. 212/1 Quil ne purroient a nul temps de ce faire suffisauntz amendes ne due satisfaction.]

c 1400 *Destr. Troy* 5017 Angers me full euyll your angard desyre, When ye couet..Satisfaccioun to be sent fro my selfe euyn, Syn ye are cause of þis care. *c* 1420 ? LYDG. *Assembly of Gods* 221 Bebolde how the teares from hys eyen go. Hit ys satysfaccion half for hys trespase. 1432-50 tr. *Higden* (Rolls) V. 5 'My successor schalle iugge and do to the satisfaccion.' The wedowe seide, 'What schalle that profite the and if thy successour do satisfaccion for me'. 1477 EARL RIVERS (Caxton) *Dictes* 1 In satisfaccoun & recompence of myne Inyquytees. 1480 *Coventry Leet-bk.* 431 That the seid Chamberleyns shuld in recompense & satisfaccion of their seid disobeysaunce..bryng [etc.]. 1531 *Test. Ebor.* (Surtees) VI. 24, xl s...in satisfaction of a distres that I toke of hyr. 1563 *Homilies* II. *Repentance* II. 287 b, Zacheus.. was most wyllyng..to make satisfaction vnto all them, that he hadde doone iniurie and wrong vnto. 1602 SHAKS. *Ham.* IV. v. 209 If by direct or by Collaterall hand They fiode vs touch'd, we will our Kingdome giue,..and all that we call Ours To you in satisfaction. 1602 MARSTON *Ant. & Mel.* III. Wks. 1856 I. 43, I would be glad to make you satisfaction, if I have wronged you. 1621 ELSING *Debates Ho. Lords* (Camden) 86 Fyne, 10,000 marks;..publique satisfaccion of his faulte by submission and acknowledgement thereof. *a* 1651 CALDERWOOD *Hist. Kirk* (Wodrow Soc.) II. 303 Mr. Patrik Creigh..was ordeaned to make satisfaction in the kirk of Edinburgh two severall Sabboth dayes,..for celebrating marriage..without proclamatioun of bannes. 1659 MILTON *Civil Power* 63 Who by subjecting us to his punishment in these things, brings back into religion that law of terror and satisfaction, belonging now only to civil crimes. 1660 MARVELL *Corr.* Wks. (Grosart) II. 25 The Excise of Forain Commodityes is to be continued apart untill satisfaction of publick debts and ingagements secured upon the Excise. 1667 in *10th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. v. 52 Sir Robert..is indebted to your petitioner in £320 by bond, but..utterly refuseth to give your petitioner satisfaction. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* III. 212 Unless for him Som other able, and as willing, pay The rigid satisfaction, death for death. 1683 *Brit. Spec.* 46 He..himself escaped Shipwrack, and received Satisfaction for his Losses out of the publick Treasury. 1725 DE FOE *Voy. round World* (1840) 313 The Captain..promised to have the fellows punished, and satisfaction to be made. 1818 CRUISE *Digest* (ed. 2) I. 215 A devise of an annuity to the wife..has been held not to be in satisfaction of dower. 1845 POLSON in *Encycl. Metrop.* II. 796/1 The party injured may agree to accept a certain sum or other thing as a compensation—an arrangement technically styled *accord and satisfaction.* 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* ix, He had a savage pleasure in making the poor wretches [his creditors] wait, and in shifting from court to court and from term to term the period of satisfaction. 1875 MAINE *Hist. Inst.* ix. 262 'Distress'—its primary object is to compel the person against whom it is properly employed to make satisfaction.

b. In particularized use: An act of compensation or amends; an amount paid in compensation; a penalty. Now *rare.*

c 1440 *Alphabet of Tales* 281 He..made hur to hafe a due satisfaccion for hur hurte. 1598 BACON *Sacr. Medit., Exalt. Charitie* Ess. (Arb.) 107 The seconde degree is to pardon our enemies, though they persist and without satisfactions and submissions. 1603 DEKKER & CHETTLE *Grissil* IV. iii. (Shaks. Soc.) 75 Grissil's two babes are dead, and kill'd by scorn, But that fair issue, that shall now be born, Shall make a satisfaction of all wrongs. 1609 B. JONSON *Sil. Wom.* IV. v, Thinke vpon some satisfaction, or termes to offer him. *c* 1622 FORD, etc. *Witch Edmonton* I. i, I cannot request a fuller satisfaction Then you have freely granted. 1649 MILTON *Eikon.* ii. 21 We may well perceave to what easie satisfactions and purgations he had inur'd his secret conscience. 1766 BLACKSTONE *Comm.* II. 406 The mere mechanical operation of writing, for which it directed the scribe to receive a satisfaction.

c. Law. *To enter* (*up*) *satisfaction*: to place on the record of a court a statement that the payment ordered by it has been duly made. So *entry of satisfaction.*

1782 J. IMPEY *Pract. King's Bench* 378 Entry of Satisfaction. If satisfaction is made of a judgment, a warrant of attorney should be given to the attorney by the plaintiff.. to enter up satisfaction on record. 1828 ARCHBOLD *Forms & Entries* (ed. 2) 276 Whereas I, the said John Nokes, have received satisfaction for the same [damages and costs]: These are therefore to desire and authorize you..to acknowledge and enter satisfaction upon the record of the said judgment.

2. *Eccl.* (The earliest recorded use in Eng.) The performance by a penitent of the penal and meritorious acts enjoined by his confessor as payment of the temporal punishment due to his sin: the last of the constituent parts of the sacrament of penance. Cf. DEEDBOTE. (Phrases as in 1.)

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 28620 For it mai be na penance right Bot man him pain to bete his plight, þat satisfaccion es cald, And þis parti it es thrid-fald, In almus, fastyng, and orisun. *Ibid.* 29121 Generali ou haf i tald þe pointes þat ar for to hald Til ilk sinful þat es bun For to do satisfacciun. *a* 1340 HAMPOLE *Psalter* CXVIII. 118 Þai will syn and will noght make satisfaccioun til god. 1340 *Ayenb.* 32 Nele arere þet heued to gode be zorze ne grede harou be ssrifte ne arere þe honden be satisfacioun [*gloss c* 1400 dedbote]. 1377 LANGL. *P. Pl.* B. XIV. 94 Satisfaccioun..as it neuere had ybe to nouȝt bryngeth dedly synne. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Pars. T.* P 955. *c* 1440 *Jacob's Well* xxix. 189 Satysfaccyoun is, to fulfylle þi penaunce, enioyned of þe preest, & to pay þi dettys to qwyke & dede & to holy cherche, & to restore, þat þou hast falsely gett, to makyn amendys for þi wrongys & þe harmys, þat þou hast don, & no more to turne aȝen to þi synne. 1450-1530 *Myrr. our Lady* 99 Thre partes of penaunce, that ys contrycyon, confessyon, and satysfaccion. 1509 HAWES *Past. Pleas.* xli. (Percy Soc.) 204 With dame Contricion, which gan to bewayle My synnes great with hole repentaunce, And Satisfaccion without any fayle. 1563 *Homilies* II. *Repentance* II. 286 Judas..did also make a certain kynde of satisfaction [as well as his confession], when he did cast their money vnto them againe. 1579 TOMSON *Calvin's Serm. Tim.* 16/2 The Papistes holde, that we must get Paradise by our desartes, and what wanteth we must supplie by our satisfactions. *a* 1600 HOOKER *Eccl. Pol.* VI. v. § 6 Amongst the works of satisfaction, the most respected have been alwayes these three, Prayers, Fasts, and Almes deeds. 1725 tr. *Dupin's Eccl. Hist. 17th. C.* I. VI. i. 217 He [Melancthon] does not believe that Confession and Satisfaction are necessary. 1885 *Cath. Dict.* (ed. 3) s.v. *Penance* (4) The penitential discipline of the early Church witnesses to the belief that satisfaction by penitential works is necessary in itself, and is required as a part of the sacrament of penance.

3. *Theol.* The atonement made by Christ for sin, according to the view that His sufferings and merits are accepted by the Divine justice as an equivalent for the penalty due for the sins of the world. So *doctrine of satisfaction.* Occas. said of Christ himself as the victim by whose sacrifice the satisfaction was made.

c 1380 WYCLIF *Sel. Wks.* II. 282 And so, siþ Crist is God and man, satisfaccioun for þis synne þat he made þus freli is better þan oþer þat man or angel myȝt make. 1542 BECON *Potation for Lent* E vij, Christ alone is the omnisufficient satysfaccion for all oure synnes vnto God the father. 1549 LATIMER *Serm. Ploughers* (Arb.) 33 By hym selfe and by none other, Chryste made purgacion and satisfaction for the whole worlde. 1563 *Homilies* II. *Repentance* I. 276 b, For he alone dyd with the sacrifice of his body and blod make satisfaction vnto the Justice of god for our sinnes. 1630 PRYNNE *Anti-Armin.* 158 Which cooperates and concurres with the aduocation and satisfaction of Iesus. 1643 MILTON *Divorce* II. vii. Wks. 1851 IV. 78 The prime end of the Gospel is not so much to exact our obedience, as to reveal grace and the satisfaction of our disobedience. 1657 *Treat. Conf. Sin* 314 There is a propitiatory satisfaction, which is Christ Jesus, for our sins and the sins of the whole world. 1696 STILLINGFL. *(title)* A Discourse concerning the Doctrine of Christ's Satisfaction. 1741 WATTS *Improv. Mind* I. v. § 3 And some writers for the Trinity and Satisfaction of Christ have exposed themselves and the sacred doctrine by their feeble and foolish manner of handling it. 1872 J. G. MURPHY *Comm. Lev.* v. Introd., In satisfaction..the mediator renders a perfect obedience to the law, and the penitent sinner who relies on his good offices is justified or accepted and treated as righteous.

4. The opportunity of satisfying one's honour by a duel; the acceptance of a challenge to a duel from the person who deems himself insulted or injured. Chiefly in phrases, *to give, demand satisfaction.*

1602 EARL NORTHUMBLD. in Collins *Peerage* (1779) II. 410 Seeke not by fryvelous shiftes to dyverte this course of satisfaction. 1611 SHAKS. *Cymb.* II. i. 16, I gaue him satisfaction? would he had bin one of my Ranke. 1630 *R. Johnson's Kingd. & Commw.* 190 The English Gentleman, with mature deliberation, disputeth how farre his honour is ingaged, by the injury offered, and judiciously determineth his manner of satisfaction, according to the quality of the offence. 1709 STEELE *Tatler* No. 25 P 5 It is called *Giving a Man Satisfaction*, to urge your Offence against him with your Sword. 1724 DE FOE *Mem. Cavalier* (1840) 180 He was ready to give him satisfaction. 1771 SMOLLETT *Humph. Cl.* 24 Apr. (1815) 36 If he thinks himself injured, he knows where to come for satisfaction. 1802 C. JAMES *Milit. Dict.* s.v., When an officer or other person goes out to fight with one whom he has offended, or by whom he has been offended, he is said to give or take satisfaction.—Hence to demand satisfaction is tantamount to challenge, &c.—To call to account. 1834 MEDWIN *Angler in Wales* II. xxvi. 152 If it prove so, and you will give me your card, I will see that you shall shortly have the satisfaction you require. 1843 MIALL in *Nonconf.* III. 489 The satisfaction consists in giving to the offender a chance of becoming either a murderer or murdered.

† b. *To give oneself satisfaction*: to be avenged *on* an offender. *Obs.*

1684 DRYDEN tr. *Maimbourg's Hist. League* 163 Who dar'd not to arrest any of them singly, the two remaining being at liberty, and in condition to give themselves satisfaction on the Aggressours.

II. With reference to desires or feelings.

5. The action of gratifying (an appetite or desire) to the full, or of contenting (a person) by the complete fulfilment of a desire or supply of a want; the fact of having been gratified to the full or of having one's desire fulfilled. Phrases, *to the satisfaction of*; *to give satisfaction.*

The first quot. is a mere literalism from the Vulgate, and the translator prob. attached no definite meaning to the word. One MS. adds the gloss 'or a covenable ansuere'.

1382 WYCLIF *Lev.* x. 20 The which thing whanne Moyses hadde herde, he resseyuede satysfaccioun [Vulg. *recepit satisfactionem*; Heb. lit. 'and Moses heard, and it was good in his eyes']. 1538 STARKEY *England* II. i. 146 Though nature hath gyuen to man..natural inclynatyon to hys increse; yet, bycause man ys only borne to cyuylyte and polytyke rule, therfore he may not, wythout ordur or respecte, study to the satysfactyon of thys natural affecte. 1603 SHAKS. *Meas. for M.* III. i. 275 If for this night he intreat you to his bed, giue him promise of satisfaction. 1622 FLETCHER & MASSINGER *Prophetess* II. ii, Hate to vow'd enemies findes a full satisfaction in death. 1649 JER. TAYLOR *Gt. Exemp.* § 1. 14 When the Blessed Virgin was so ascertained, that she should be a Mother and a Maid,.. then all her hopes and all her desires received such satisfaction, as filled all the corners of her heart. 1662 STILLINGFL. *Orig. Sacræ* III. iv. § 1 For the satisfaction of our curiosity as to the true Origine of Nations. 1690 NORRIS *Beatitudes* (1694) I. 90 The Desire of Happiness is not absolutely secure of Satisfaction, but only upon Condition. 1771 *Junius Lett.* xlix. (1788) 265 The profound respect I bear to the gracious Prince who governs this country with no less honour to himself than satisfaction to his subjects. 1860 TYNDALL *Glac.* I. xxiii. 168 My guide..did his duty entirely to my satisfaction. 1880 MCCARTHY *Own Times* xl. III. 219 The difficulty was settled to the satisfaction of everyone. 1894 BOTTONE *Electr. Instr. Making* (ed. 6) 191 This having been effected to the operator's satisfaction, he turns his attention once again..to the glass bulb.

b. Satisfied or contented state of mind; now usually, gratification or pleasure occasioned by some fact, event, or state of things. Const. *at, with,* + *of*; also followed by *that* with clause expressing the cause.

1477 EARL RIVERS (Caxton) *Dictes* 7 The grettest richesse is satisfacion of the herte. *a* 1627 SIR J. BEAUMONT *Miserable St. Man* 4 His whole felicity is endlesse strife, No peace, no satisfaction, crownes his life. 1632 SHELTON *Quix.* I. iv. (1620) 27 Who..did trauell towards his village, with very great satisfaction of himselfe. 1648 GAGE *West Ind.* 103, I had not very great satisfaction of the whole Family. 1711 LADY M. W. MONTAGU *Let. to Mr. W. M.* 24 Mar., Nothing touches me with satisfaction but what touches my heart. 1744 *Life & Adv. M. Bishop* 147, I was as happy in my Station, and enjoyed as much Peace and Satisfaction in my own Breast, as possibly the Duke of Marlborough could in his. 1749 FIELDING *Tom Jones* XVII. v, Mrs. Miller expressed great satisfaction in these declarations. *Ibid.* ix, Jones expressed the utmost satisfaction at the account. 1781 GIBBON *Decl. & F.* xix. II. 151 Sapor..expressed his satisfaction that his brother, Constantius Cæsar, had been taught wisdom by adversity. 1797-8 JANE AUSTEN *Sense & Sens.* xliii, All within Elinor's breast was satisfaction, silent and strong. 1834 J. H. NEWMAN *Par. Serm.* I. vi. 88 Is it not the way of men to dwell with satisfaction on their good deeds, particularly, when for some reason or other, their conscience smites them? 1848 W. H. BARTLETT *Egypt to Pal.* xxiv. (1879) 480 The satisfaction of the traveller at Nazareth comes from the presence of those natural objects and scenes which alone remain unchanged.

c. A particular instance of satisfaction; an experience, fact, or circumstance that occasions gratification.

1687 A. LOVELL tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* I. 88, I could earnestly have wished the Door had been open that I might have gone in..; but I had not that satisfaction. 1692 R. L'ESTRANGE *Fables* lxviii. 68 A Freedom,.. not to be Parted with for All the Sensual Satisfactions under the Sun. 1712 STEELE *Spect.* No. 423 P 2 Gloriana has very good Sense, a quick Relish of the Satisfactions of Life. 1716 ADDISON *Freeholder* No. 9 P 3 You own it would be a great Satisfaction to you to be placed upon the Throne by our Endeavours. 1719 DE FOE *Crusoe* I. (Globe) 112, I cannot express what a Satisfaction it was to me, to come into my old Hutch. 1774 GOLDSM. *Nat. Hist.* (1824) I. 1 Human curiosity..gives higher satisfactions than what even the senses can afford. 1869 J. D. BALDWIN *Preh. Nations* ii. (1877) 26 It has undoubtedly furnished many satisfactions to those whose calling did not afford a more profitable occupation. 1883 H. SPENCER in *Contemp. Rev.* XLIII. 8 The savage thinks only of present satisfactions, and leaves future satisfactions uncared for.

† d. *Bad satisfaction*: dissatisfaction, dissatisfying result. *Obs.*

1656 Earl Monm. tr. *Boccalini's Advts. fr. Parnass.* I. xxxix. 81 Amongst all these bad satisfactions, nothing distasted..the Nobility more, then the severe Magistracy of the Censors. *Ibid., Polit. Touchstone* 414 Flanders..was therefore begun to be governed by forreiners, with such jealousies, ..which ingendered those ill humors, and gave that bad satisfaction, which was the rise of the civil war that insued.

6. 'Release from suspense, uncertainty, or uneasiness' (J.); information that answers a person's demands or needs; removal of doubt, conviction. Phrase, *to (a person's) satisfaction.*

† *In heavy satisfaction*: in sorrowful acceptance of the truth.

1586 Marlowe *1st Pt. Tamburl.* II. iii. 5 What think'st thou, man, shall come of our attempts? For, even as from assured oracle, I take thy doom for satisfaction. 1601 Shaks. *All's Well* v. iii. 100 But when I..inform'd her fully, I could not answer in that course of Honour As she had made the ouerture, she ceast In beauie satisfaction, and would neuer Receiue the Ring againe. 1601 — *Jul. C.* II. ii. 73 *Cæs.* The cause is in my Will, I will not come, That is enough to satisfie the Senate. But for your priuate satisfaction, Because I loue you, I will let you know. 1615 Crooke *Body of Man* 270 Because these things are somewhat obscure, we referre you for further satisfaction to the Controuersies next ensuing. 1662 Stillingfl. *Orig. Sacræ* II. x. § 10. 359 Thus abundantly to the satisfaction of the minds of all good men hath God given the highest rational evidence of the truth of the doctrine which he hath revealed to the world. 1725 De Foe *Voy. round World* (1840) 43 Prove it to my satisfaction. 1833 Ht. Martineau *Brooke Farm* xi, I made my retreat, and was obliged to wait till the afternoon for further satisfaction. 1862 Bagehot *Lit. Stud.* (1878) II. 404 An offence not proved to the 'satisfaction of the Court' escapes the judgement of the Court.

† **b.** Satisfying proof. *Obs.*

1601 Lo. Mountjoy *Let.* in Moryson *Itin.* (1617) II. 123 Hereafter I doubt not but to give you satisfaction that I am not worthy of this wrong. 1646 Sir T. Browne *Pseud. Ep.* I. vii. 26 In naturall Philosophy..it carryeth but slender consideration, for that also proceeding from setled principles, therein is expected a satisfaction from scientificall progressions, and such as beget, a sure and rationall beleefe. 1722 De Foe *Plague* (1754) 249, I have had very good Satisfaction, that it was utterly false.

† **c.** Solution (of a difficulty). *Obs.*

a 1547 Coverdale *Fruitf. Less.* (1593) Mm 2, But this satisfaction concerning drunkennes,..is made with all meeknes, and yet with sinceritie and stedfastnes, not lordly, or braggingly, although he [*sc.* Peter] was highly endewed with the holy Ghost. 1650 Fuller *Pisgah* II. iv. 103 But seeing they [*sc.* commentators] professe their calling to be a satisfaction of difficulties, it is in them an unexcusable lazinesse.

III. 7. *attrib.*, **satisfaction-money,** money paid in satisfaction; **satisfaction piece** *Law*, a formal acknowledgement given by one who has received satisfaction of a mortgage or judgement, to authorize the entry of such satisfaction on the record.

1868 Bp. S. Wilberforce in R. G. Wilberforce *Life* (1882) III. x. 280 That the *satisfaction-money for vested rights should be in a common fund. 1782 J. Impey *Pract. King's Bench* 378 *Satisfaction piece. 1887 *48th Deputy Kpr. Rep.* 628 The Satisfaction Pieces of the Court of Common Pleas do not differ in any essential feature from those of the Court of Queen's Bench.

Satisfactional (sætisfæ·kʃənăl), *a.* [-al.] Belonging to, or of the nature of, a satisfaction.

1874 Bushnell *Forgiven. & Law* Introd. 11 Its satisfactional substitute.

† **Satisfa·ctionar, -er.** *Obs. rare*⁻¹. =next.

1561 T. Norton *Calvin's Inst.* III. iv. § 38. 152 As for those thinges that are commonly founde in the bookes of olde wryters concerning satisfaction, they litle moue me... Many of them..haue..spoken to crabbedly and hardely: but I will not graunt that they were so rude and vnskilfull as to haue wrytten those thynges in that sense that the newe Satisfactionars [1562 (ed. 2) satisfactionaries, 1578-1611 -ars, 1634 -ers] do reade them.

† **Satisfactionary.** *Obs. rare*⁻². [ad. mod.L. *satisfactiōnārius* (Calvin): see Satisfaction and -ary.] A believer in 'satisfaction' by penance.

1562 [see prec.]. 1628 Gaule *Pract. Theorists Panegyr.* (1629) 33 There be a sort of Satisfactionaries, that boast their abilitie to quit them of their Aduersarie, they dare not say for their Talents, yet for their Farthings.

Satisfactionist (sætisfæ·kʃənist). *rare.* [f. Satisfaction + -ist.] One who holds the doctrine that Christ suffered punishment as satisfaction for the sins of man: see Satisfaction 3.

1668 Penn *Sandy Foundation* 28 Some..of the same spirit with the Satisfactionists and Imputarians of our time. 1669 Owen *Declar. & Vind. Doctr. Trinity* 205 Is this your retribution, O injurious Satisfactionists? 1858 J. Martineau *Stud. Chr.* 145 Yet where is there any trace in it of the satisfactionist's redemption?

Satisfa·ctionless, *a. rare*⁻¹. [f. Satisfaction + -less.] Without satisfaction.

1839 Bailey *Festus* xii. (1852) 143 Wait for what Is on the wing already, or else have The aimless satisfactionless result As of a lunge into the empty air.

Satisfactive (sætisfæ·ktiv), *a.* and *sb. rare.* [as if ad. L. **satisfactīvus*, f. *satisfact-*, *satisfacĕre* to Satisfy: see -ive.] **A.** *adj.* † **a.** ? Adequate to the requirements of the case. *Obs.* **b.** In Bentham's use: Consisting in or concerned with 'satisfaction' or reparation.

1646 Sir T. Browne *Pseud. Ep.* VI. xi. 334 By a finall and satisfactive discernment of faith, we lay the last and particular effects upon the first and generall cause of all things. 1829 Bentham *Justice & Cod. Petit., Abr. Petit. Justice* 79 The two remedies which wrong in every shape calls for: namely, the satisfactive and the punitive. 1830 — *Offic. Apt. Maximized* Pref. 25 *note*, Punishment, together with the several other remedies, which the nature of things admits of:—namely, satisfactive, suppressive, and preventive.

† **B.** *sb.* 'An act of satisfaction; compensation; requital; amends' (*Cent. Dict.* 1891).

† **Satisfactor.** *Obs. rare*⁻¹. [quasi-Lat. agent-n. f. L. *satisfacĕre* to Satisfy.] One who makes satisfaction (for sin).

1540 Coverdale *Confut. Standish* (1547) f vj, Yet call ye them happie that punishe them selues, and take vpon them to be satisfactours in that behalfe.

Satisfactorily (sætisfæ·ktərili), *adv.* [f. Satisfactory *a.* + -ly².] In a satisfactory manner.

1587 in W. M. Williams *Ann. Founders' Co.* (1867) 68 He was bothe ouilde and partly blind, and..lacked knowledge to do them satisfactorilye. 1646 Sir T. Browne *Pseud. Ep.* III. xxi. 157 Bellonius hath beene more satisfactorily experimentall. 1748 Hartley *Observ. Man* II. ii. 105 We cannot yet, perhaps never shall, interpret it satisfactorily. 1791 *Gentl. Mag.* 33/1 Dr. Farmer had most satisfactorily proved that Shakspeare was not versed in Greek or Latin. 1839 James *Louis XIV*, III. 138 He was denied the opportunity..of explaining satisfactorily the facts which tended to criminate him. 1869 H. Ainsworth *Hilary St. Ives* II. vii, All seemed going on as smoothly and satisfactorily as those interested..could desire.

Satisfactoriness (sætisfæ·ktərinĕs). [f. Satisfactory *a.* + -ness.] The state or character of being satisfactory.

1648 Boyle *Seraph. Love* vi. (1700) 40 'Tis a good sign.. when the Incompleatness of our Seraphick Lover's happiness in his Fruitions proceeds not from their want of Satisfactoriness. 1649 Prynne *Subst. Sp. Ho. Comm.* title-p., Wherein the Satisfactorinesse of the Kings Answers..is clearly demonstrated. 1671 Baxter *Holiness Design Chr.* xliii. 12 The satisfactoriness and meritoriousness of the Death or Sacrifice of Christ. 1865 Dickens *Mut. Fr.* I. viii, Where's the satisfactoriness of the money as yet? 1891 *Spectator* 14 Mar., Much of the satisfactoriness of the arrangement will depend upon their perfect trustworthiness.

† **Satisfacto·rious,** *a. Obs. rare*⁻². [f. med.L. *satisfactōri-us* (see Satisfactory *a.*) + -ous.] Making satisfaction. Hence † **Satisfacto·riously** *adv.*, satisfactorily.

1561 Daus tr. *Bullinger on Apoc.* (1573) 97 Acknowledgyng their sinnes in the feare of God, but yet with a true fayth hopyng for remission of sinnes, knowyng that they are thorough Christ reconciled to God the father. The Monasticall, Heremiticall Satisfactorious, and Pharisaicall faction doth not fully acknowledge this doctrine. *a* 1623 W. Pemble *Justif.* (1629) 242 Christ hath deserned for them to make them [*sc.* our workes] satisfactorious. 1661 Boyle *Style of Script.* Rdr.'s Pref., There is great hope that some Answering this Objection, another that, and a third another, they may at length be all of them Satisfactoriously reply'd to.

Satisfactory (sætisfæ·ktəri), *a.* and *sb.* [ad. F. *satisfactoire* (14th c. in Hatz.-Darm.), ad. med.L. *satisfactōri-us*, f. L. *satisfacĕre* to Satisfy. Cf. Sp., Pg. *satisfactorio*, It. *satisfattorio.*] **A.** *adj.*

1. *Eccl.* and *Theol.* Serving to make satisfaction or atonement for sin. (Cf. Satisfaction 2, 3.)

1547 *Act* 1 *Edw. VI*, c. 14 § 1 Vain Opinions of Purgatory and Masses satisfactory, to be done for them which be departed. 1631 Gouge *God's Arrows* I. xxvii. 41 The satisfactory, expiatory, and propitiatory sacrifice of Christ Jesus. 1656 Jeanes *Fuln. Christ* 324 Like pretended satisfactory punishments. 1664 H. More *Myst. Iniq.* 113 That is to say, as Satisfactory penances, and not by way of correction and emendation of life. 1786 A. Gia *Sacred Contempl.* 271 His meritorious service must be considered as running through all his satisfactory sufferings. 1897 *Cath. Dict.* (ed. 5) s.v. *Redemption*, Christ..atoned by His passion, He merited by His holy actions, yet so that His actions were also satisfactory and His passion meritorious.

2. Serving to satisfy a debt or obligation. *rare.*

1604 R. Cawdrey *Table Alph.*, *Satisfactorie*, that dischargeth, or answereth for. 1781 Cowper *Conversat.* 202 Then each might show, to his admiring friends, In honourable bumps his rich amends, And carry, in contusions of his skull, A satisfactory receipt in full.

† **b.** *To stand satisfactory to*: to consent to fulfil (a request). *Obs.*

1576 Fleming *Panopl. Epist.* 59 If you will stand satisfactorie to my request.

† **3.** Of an explanation or argument: Serving merely to satisfy the inquirer, or objector; merely plausible. *Obs.* (Only in Bacon.)

1605 Bacon *Adv. Learn.* II. vii. § 7 The handling of finall causes..hath..giuen men the occasion, to stay vpon these satisfactorie and specious causes, to the great arrest..of furder discouerie. *Ibid.* xxv. § 12 It is true, that knowledges reduced into exact Methodes haue a shew of strength. ..But this is more satisfactorie then substantiall. *Ibid.* II. xiii. § 4.

4. a. Sufficient for the needs of the case, adequate. Of an argument: Convincing. † Of an author: Treating adequately of his subject. **b.** That justifies a feeling of satisfaction; such as one may be content or pleased with.

1640 Bp. Hall *Episc.* III. iv. 240 How gladly should we heare him out, and returne him a satisfactory answer. 1641 J. Jackson *True Evang. T.* III. 206, I will..referre onely him that is scrupulous herein, unto a most learned, and satisfactory Author, Grotius. 1663 Cowley *Ess. & Verses, Greatness* Wks. 1710 II. 745 [The prince] could find out no Delight so satisfactory, as the keeping of little singing Birds, and hearing of them, and whistling to them. 1652 *Life Father Sarpi* 56 They first moved the Patriarch Priuli to deprive him of his faculty of confessing, thereby to shorten the father of his wonted, but poore, and yet satisfactory allowance. 1683 Dr. Robinson in *Ray's Corr.* (1848) 135 It [the letter] was not so satisfactory as I wished. 1687 A. Lovell tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* II. 89, I could not learn of any a satisfactory reason for that last signification. 1756 Burke *Subl. & B.* Pref., Wks. I. 83, I have endeavoured to make this edition something more full and satisfactory than the first. 1822 Lamb *Elia* Ser. I. *Chimney-sweepers*, It is the time when..the kennels of our fair metropolis give forth their least satisfactory odours. 1849 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* vi. II. 45 But James supposed that the Primate was struck dumb by the irresistible force of reason, and eagerly challenged His Grace to produce..a satisfactory reply. 1860 Tyndall *Glac.* II. xxiv. 361, I also made a few experiments at Rosenlaui,..but the result was not satisfactory. 1863 Geo. Eliot *Romola* Introd., [He] went home with a triumphant light in his eyes after concluding a satisfactory marriage for his son. 1907 Hodges *Elem. Photogr.* 28 A cheaper but less satisfactory method.

† **B.** *sb.* **a.** A place or means of atonement or retribution. **b.** One who makes satisfaction (for the sins of another). *Obs.*

1530 Tindale *Answ. More* Wks. (1573) 307/2 For to punishe a man that hath forsaken sinne of his owne accorde, is not to purge him, but to satisfie the lust of a tyrant. Neyther ought it to be called Purgatory, but a layle of tormenting and a satisfactory. 1587 Golding *De Mornay* xvii. (1592) 277 Among all people we see there were..Sacrifices to appease Gods wrath, Mysticall washings, and Satisfactories or Notaries that were charged with the sinnes of some whole Realme, Citie, or State.

Satisfiable (sæ·tisfaiăb'l), *a. rare.* [f. Satisfy *v.* + -able.] † **a.** In active sense: Satisfactory. *Obs.* **b.** Capable of being satisfied, able to be or that may be satisfied.

1609 T. Morton *Answ. Higgons* 6, I shall presently returne him..a satisfiable answer. 1638 Mayne *Lucian* (1664) 296 Having but one belly satisfyable with a little. 1641 'Smectymnuus' *Vind. Answ.* vii. 96 This may satisfie (if this man be satisfiable) that bold challenge of the former page. 1647 H. More *Song of Soul* To Rdr. 6 Nor is reason unback'd with better principles mathematically satisfiable in matters of this kind. 1681 T. Flatman *Heraclitus Ridens* No. 7 (1713) I. 42, I will give you Satisfaction if you be satisfiable. 1874 Ruskin *Fors Clav.* xlvi. 241 Merely expressing anxiety for my welfare, not satisfiable but by letters, which do not promote it.

Sa·tisfice, -fise, *v. Obs.* exc. *north.* (see E.D.D.). [Alteration of Satisfy (influenced by L. *satisfacĕre*).] *trans.* = Satisfy *v.*

1561 Daus tr. *Bullinger on Apoc.* (1573) 168 b, That their founders were nourished by suckyng of a wolfe: so haue all that people wolues mindes, neuer satisfised with bloud, euer greedy of dominion and bungryng after riches. 1597 in Feuillerat *Revels Q. Eliz.* (1908) 417 The other officers will nott be satisficed. 1721 Kelly *Scot. Prov.* 325 Satisfic'd, that is, satisfied.

Satisfied (sæ·tisfəid), *ppl. a.* [f. Satisfy *v.* + -ed¹.]

1. Contented, pleased, gratified.

1816 J. Scott *Vis. Paris* (ed. 5) 78 [He] might rest his satisfied looks on this trophy of his success. 1831 Scott *Ct. Robt.* xiii, She..felt..elated, perhaps, with a certain degree of satisfied pride while under his momentary protection. 1867 Augusta Wilson *Vashti* xix, It was impossible to mistake the satisfied expression that flashed over her countenance. 1872 Ruskin *Eagle's N.* § 205 Bright fancies, satisfied memories.

2. Of a debt or obligation: Discharged, paid in full.

1817 W. Selwyn *Law Nisi Prius* (ed. 4) II. 659 A satisfied term set up by a mortgagor against a mortgagee. 1845 *Act* 8 & 9 *Vict.* c. 112 § 1 Every satisfied Term of Years.. shall on that Day absolutely cease and determine as to the Land upon the Inheritance or Reversion whereof such Term shall be attendant.

Hence **Sa·tisfiedly** *adv.*; **Sa·tisfiedness.**

1571 Golding *Calvin on Ps.* xvii. 15 David dooth woorthely terme this peace or joy of the spirit, by the name of satisfyednesse. 1593 Nashe *Christ's T.* To Rdr., Buy who list, contemne who list, I leaue euery Reader his free libertie. If the best sort of men I content, I am satis-fiedly successfull. 1667 Waterhouse *Fire Lond.* 189 My satisfiedness in, and adhæsion to the piety and probity of my breeding and belief. 1867 Miss Broughton *Not Wisely* II. xi. 230 His eyes sought her face and dwelt there satisfiedly.

Satisfier (sæ·tisfəiəɹ). [f. Satisfy *v.* + -er¹.] One who or something which satisfies.

1547-64 Bauldwin *Mor. Philos.* (Palfr.) 140 The conscience of man is..also a satisfier or ioyfull quieter of the minde in all his doings. 1593 Nashe *Christ's T.* (1613) 190 Wee believe thee to be an absolute satisfier for sinne. 1624 F. White *Repl. Fisher* 556 By the vertue thereof men are made satisfiers of Diuine Iustice, together with Christ. 1706 Bp. W. Sheridan *Disc.* III. 97 It was fit that the satisfier should be God and man. 1892 H. Rice in *Home & For. Miss. Rec.* (Scot.) Mar., Christianity..the satisfier of all human aspirations.

Satisfy (sæ·tisfəi), *v.* Forms: 5-6 satysfy(e, 5-7 satisfye, (6 satisfey, *Sc.* satisffi, *pa. pple.* satesfet, -fit), 6-8 satisfie, (7 sattisfy), 6- satisfy. Also Satify. [a. OF. *satisfier* (also *satifier*, *satefier*), irregularly (see -fy) ad. L. *satisfacĕre*, orig. two words, *satis* enough, *facĕre* to do. Cf. OF., F. *satisfaire*, Pr. *satisfar*, Sp. *satisfacer*, Pg. *satisfazer*, It. *satis-*, *soddisfare.*]

I. With reference to debt or obligation.

1. *trans.* To pay off or discharge fully; to liquidate (a debt); to fulfil completely (an obligation), comply with (a demand). Now somewhat rare exc. in *Law.*

In the first quot. perh. *intr.* = to pay what is due.

c 1430 Lydg. *Min. Poems* (Percy Soc.) 43 To satisfye it is

but impossible,—It may not be parformed as for me, What eyled me, lord, maryed for to be. 1578 *Knaresb. Wills* (Surtees) I. 128 After all my dettes are satisfied. 1596 Bacon *Max. & Use Com. Law* I. viii. (1636) 33, I shall satisfie my contract with a sixpenny piece so raised. 1655 Terry *Voy. E. India* xxiii. 384 When they cannot satisfie their Debts. 1677 Yarranton *Eng. Improv.* 36 At this day many Gentlemen..have sold Land since they entered ioto these Bonds, and the Bonds not satisfied. 1766 Blackstone *Comm.* II. 485 Before his [a bankrupt's] debts are satisfied or agreed for. 1784 Cowper *Task* III. 783 'Tis finish'd, and yet, finish'd as it seems, Still wants a grace, the loveliest it could show, A mine to satisfy th'enormous cost. 1818 Cruise *Digest* (ed. 2) VI. 276 The personal estate was not sufficient to satisfy legacies. 1847–9 Helps *Friends in C.* (1851) I. 117 Claims which cannot be satisfied, ought not to be satisfied, and which, being unsatisfied, embitter people. 1886 *Law Rep., Weekly Notes* 196/1 The reserve fixed by the judge was not sufficient to satisfy the first and second mortgage debentures.

† b. *impers.* in passive, *It is satisfied*: full payment has been made (*to* a person *of* or *for* a debt). *c* 1450 *Godstow Reg.* 198 To hold her distresse til þat hyt were satisfiede to þe foreseyde abbas & couent for all þynges. *Ibid.* 411 Yf hit were not I-satisfied fully in ony terme to the said mynchons..of the said rent. *Ibid.* 486, 530.

† c. With the money paid as object. *Obs.*

1617 Morvson *Itin.* I. 199 The one hundred pounds which my brother and I carried in our purses, would not satisfie the five hundred pound we had spent. 1818 Scott *Hrt. Midl.* xxvi, Though I ken my father will satisfy every penny of this siller, whatever there's o't, yet I wadna like to borrow it frae one that maybe thinks of something mair than the paying o't back again.

d. To pay (a creditor). Const. *of* (the debt, a sum of money); † formerly occas. with the debt, etc. as second object. Now *rare* exc. in legal use.

1433 *Rolls of Parlt.* IV. 425/1 Ye said Lords..agreed..to make hym to be satisfied and paide of the seid yerly sommes. 1455–6 *Cal. Anc. Rec. Dublin* (1889) 289 Tyll he satysfy the courte of the sayd sowme. 1558 Card. Pole *Let.* in Strype *Ann. Ref.* ii. (1709) 50, I thought it my duty before I should depart,..to leave all persons satisfied of me. 1611 Tourneur *Ath. Trag.* III. i, That shee [Earth] is satisfied what he did owe, Both principall and use. 1667 in J. Watson *Jedburgh Abbey* (1894) 89 [The council] ordains James Fall to be satisfied of the sum of £200 for timber bought by him. 1692 R. L'Estrange *Fables* xxix. 28 The Defendant [a sheep] was cast into Costs and Damages, and forc'd to sell the Wool off his Back to satisfie the Creditor. *a* 1768 Secker *Serm.* (1770) III. vii. 165 It is very true, that Motives, not at all akin to Pride, frequently induce those of high Rank to neglect or even refuse satisfying their Creditors. 1818 Cruise *Digest* (ed. 2) II. 141 A tenant by the curtesy may also redeem a mortgage, and hold the lands till he is satisfied. 1825 T. Lee *Dict. Pract. Civ. Actions* (ed. 2) II. 1224 The said ——..acknowledges himself to be satisfied by the said —— of the damages, costs, and charges aforesaid, ..therefore the said —— is acquitted of the said damages, costs, and charges.

fig. *c* 1510 More *Picus* Wks. 8/2 Compelled him within thre daies to satisfie nature, and repaie her the life which he receiued of her.

† e. To remunerate; to pay for services. *Obs.*

1613 Bingham *Xenophon* 141 We are ready to depart, as soone as they, by whose meanes you enioy the land, are satisfied for their pay. 1624 Capt. Smith *Virginia* iv. 126 We thought our selues now fully satisfied for our long toile and labours. 1697 Dampier *Voy.* I. v. 128 These Indians did us good service,..and for this their service we satisfied them to their hearts content. 1771 Luckombe *Hist. Print.* 388 It is not a Compositor's duty; especially where he has no expectation of being satisfied for it.

† 2. To make compensation or reparation for (a wrong, injury); to atone for (an offence). *Obs.*

c 1460 *Wisdom* 1084 in *Macro Plays* 71 Yet of my selff I may not satysfye my trespas. *a* 1586 Sidney *Arcadia* III. (Sommer) 319 b, Thy death shall satisfie thy iniury, & my malice. 1590 Greene *Mourn. Garm.* (1616) 66 Repentance satisfies the deepest offences. 1590 Spenser *F. Q.* II. viii. 28 Why should not that dead carrion satisfye The guilt? 1611 Beaum. & Fl. *Knt. Burning Pest.* III. i, Come, by this hand you dye, I must have life and blood to satisfie Your fathers wrongs. 1649 Br. Hall *Cases Consc.* (1654) 23 He is bound either to prevent the buyers wrong; or if heedlesly done, to satisfy it. *a* 1715 Burnet *Own Time* (1823) I. 343 A complaint of a ship taken was ready to have been satisfied, but Downing hindered it.

b. To make atonement or reparation to (a person, his honour, etc.).

1602 Earl Northumbld. in Collins *Peerage* (1779) II. 413 Sir Frauncis Verre was willing to satisfye his Lordshipp [in a duel]. 1674 Brevint *Saul at Endor* 237 Now it seems he hath satisfied Divine Justice, in case I do satisfie it my self. *a* 1711 Ken *Christophil* Poet. Wks. 1721 I. 432 God's Holiness, by Sin defy'd, The Lamb unspotted satisfy'd. 1860 Pusey *Min. Proph.* 556 In the way of justice He satisfied for men, delivering Himself for their faults to the pain of death, to satisfy the honour of the Divine Majesty, so that sin should not remain unpunished.

3. *intr.* To make satisfaction, full payment, reparation, or atonement. Const. *for*, *to* (a debt or offence). *Obs.* exc. *Theol.* (said of Christ).

c 1450 *Godstow Reg.* 45 Vndur the condicion that they satisfye & make good to hym thorow whose londys they make her cundyt for the harmys. 1491 Caxton *Vitas Patr.* (W. de W. 1495) I. ix. 14 b/2 If thou wylt promyse tamende thy conscyence & satysfye for thy synnes we shal praye god for the. 1529 More *Suppl. Soulys* Wks. 326/2 Obiectyng that no men mai satisfy for another. 1556 *Aurelio & Itab.* (1608) N iij, Thinckinge be me selfe where in I mighte doo you service agreable for to satisfye to my fautes. 1562 Cooper *Answ. Priv. Masse* vii. 47 b, May..an other mans penance satisfy for your sinnes? 1565 in Calderwood *Hist. Kirk* (1843) II. 303 Persons lying in fornication, under promise of mariage, which they differe to solemnize, sould satisfie publicklie in the place of repentance, upon the Lord's Day, before they be maried. 1570–6 Lambarde *Peramb. Kent* (1826) 205 Wanting otherwise to satisfie for his raunsome, and having good leysure to devise for his deliverance. 1590 Marlowe *Edw. II*, III. iii. (1598) F 2, For which ere long, their heades shall satisfie: T'appeaze the wrath of their offended king. 1639 S. Du Verger tr. *Camus' Admir. Events* 2 Having beene bound in a great summe of money for one of his friends, whom misfortune had made unable to satisfie. *c* 1660 South *Serm. John* vii. 17 (1715) I. 219 That he should die and satisfy for the Sins of the World. 1667 Milton *P. L.* III. 295 So Man..Shall satisfie for Man, be judg'd and die. 1684 *Contempl. St. Man* II. x. (1699) 237 If the malice of Sin be so exorbitant, that nothing can satisfie for it, less than God. 1701 J. Law *Counc. Trade* (1751) 218 If he have not to satisfy for the theft, then to be condemned for any time, not exceeding six years more. 1732 *Wedding Serm.* i. Ded. 2 The Son of the Highest died to satisfy for it [*sc.* sin]. 1860 [see 2 b].

II. With reference to feelings or needs.

4. *trans.* To meet or fulfil the wish or desire or expectation of; to be accepted by (a person, his taste, judgement, etc.) as all that could be reasonably desired; to content.

To satisfy the examiners: in English Universities, the technical phrase indicating that a person has 'passed' an examination, but is not entitled to 'honours'.

c 1489 Caxton *Sonnes of Aymon* xiv. 348 And yf this can not satysfye your mynde I shall doo yet more. Playseth it to you for to pardonne my bredern and I shall forswere Fraunce for evermore. 1494 Fabyan *Chron.* VI. cxc. 193 With whiche fayre speche, the duke..was wele satysfyed & content. 1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 2 b, My herte good lurde can not be satisfyed in this worlde. 1530 Palsgr. 698/1 It is harde to satisfye all men. *a* 1548 Hall *Chron., Edw. V* 7 b, Muche parte of the common people were therewith right well satisfied. *a* 1586 Sidney *Arcadia* II. (Sommer) 109 These two young Princes to satisfie the king [who had sent for them] tooke their way by sea, towards Thrace. *a* 1715 Burnet *Own Time* (1823) I. 351 He was cheerful and seemed fully satisfied with his death. 1764 Goldsm. *Trav.* 154 The sports of children satisfy the child. 1784 Cowper *Task* I. 199 Nature inanimate employs sweet sounds,..To sooth and satisfy the human ear. 1840 Dickens *Barn. Rudge* x, 'It's well I am easily satisfied,' returned the other with a smile. 1842 W. C. Taylor *Anc. Hist.* viii. § 7 (ed. 3) 219 The Dorian mountains were ill calculated to satisfy men whose ancestors had inherited the fertile plains of the Peloponnesus. 1849 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* v. I. 548 That every exertion would be made to satisfy him. 1861 J. E. T. Rogers *Educ. Oxf.* 37 Certain persons who, attempting only to satisfy the examiners, do more than satisfy them, are by the practice of the schools, and under the sanction of the statute, distinguished by having an honorary class..assigned to them. 1878 R. W. Dale *Lect. Preach.* iii. 68 The theological creed of the Church to which they belong satisfies them perfectly.

b. with obj. a desire, expectation, etc.

1570 Dee *Math. Pref.* 2 My sincere endeuour to satisfie your honest expectacion. *c* 1595 Capt. Wyatt *R. Dudley's Voy. W. Ind.* (Hakl. Soc.) 40 Albeit the sayd Baltizar had not throughlie satisfied the expectacion of our Captaine, yet did hee wiselie dissemble his conceipte. 1603 Shaks. *Meas. for M.* III. i. 170 Do not satisfie your resolution with hopes that are fallible, to morrow you must die, goe to your knees, and make ready. 1717 Lady M. W. Montagu *Let. to Pope* 1 Apr., I have it in my power to satisfy your curiosity. 1823 Lamb *Elia* Ser. II. *Old Margate Hoy*, The incapacity of actual objects for satisfying our preconceptions of them. 1871 Freeman *Norm. Conq.* (1876) IV. xviii. 215 A few names awaken curiosity without satisfying it.

† c. *refl.* To make oneself content (*with* something); to consider it sufficient *to do* something. Also, to bring or persuade oneself *to do* something distasteful. *Obs.*

1611 Bible *Transl. Pref.* ¶ 11 Ioash the king of Israel did not satisfie himselfe, till he had smitten the ground three times. 1660 F. Brooke tr. *Le Blanc's Trav.* 2, I..shall satisfie my self for the present to tell you, that..we sailed happily for some few dayes. 1719 De Foe *Crusoe* I. (Globe) 110 Nor could I satisfy myself to eat them, tho' I kill'd several. *Ibid.* II. 397 The two English Men were so encourag'd, that they could not satisfy themselves to stay any longer there..but away they went in Quest of the Savages. 1782 Miss Burney *Cecilia* VIII. iv, Mr. Delvile, should he find a daughter-in-law descended..from Egbert,..won't be so well off as if he had satisfied himself with you.

d. In *passive*, To be content (*with*); with *inf.*, to find it sufficient, desire or demand no more than *to do* something (cf. the reflexive use c). Phrase, *to rest satisfied*. Also in stronger sense, to be well pleased (*with*, † *at*).

a 1533 Ld. Berners *Huon* lxii. 217 The melodye..was so swete..that euery man was satysfyed with the herynge therof. 1597 Hooker *Eccl. Pol.* v. lxii. § 21 God was satisfied with that she did. 1603 Shaks. *Meas. for M.* II. ii. 104 Be satisfied; Your Brother dies to morrow; be content. 1654–66 Earl Orrery *Parthen.* (1676) 643 The King seems to be much more satisfied at it, than any other concerned in it. 1686 tr. *Chardin's Trav. Persia* 41 M. de la Haye bid 'em rest satisfi'd. 1687 A. Lovell tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* I. 170 We were fain to rest satisfied then, with what we saw of that Monastery from the top of the Mount. 1732 Lediard *Sethos* II. 2 The heroes of Greece..not satisfy'd with making the passage of the seas known. 1784 Cowper *Task* VI. 394 While he, Not satisfied to prey on all around, ..first torments ere he devours. 1809 Malkin *Gil Blas* IV. vii. ¶ 15 Not satisfied to humbug a silly old gentleman with a tale of love. 1831 Scott *Ct. Robt.* xx, She must be satisfied..to know that her husband is under the guidance of a friend. 1852 Mrs. Stowe *Uncle Tom's C.* xix, Can you be satisfied with such a way of spending your probation? 1863 Geo. Eliot *Romola* xxxix, He had the air of a man well satisfied with the world.

5. *absol.* and *intr.* To cause or give satisfaction or contentment.

1600 *Chester Pl.* Proëm 44 If the same be likeinge to the comons all, then our desier is to satisfie—for that is all our game. *a* 1649 Winthrop *New Eng.* (1825) I. 210 This would not satisfy, but they called him to answer publickly. 1831 *Westm. Rev.* Jan. 243 What would have satisfied from the Duke will not satisfy from Lord Grey. 1836 Emerson *Nature* iii. Wks. (Bohn) II. 145 But in other hours, Nature satisfies by its loveliness, and without any mixture of corporeal benefit. 1903 *Heart of Heretic* vi. 33 The first and last need of an aspect of religious truth is that it shall *satisfy*.

6. *trans.* To cause to have enough; to supply fully the needs of; to put an end to (an appetite, a want) by fully supplying it.

1500–20 Dunbar *Poems* xvii. 37 Sum wald tak all this warldis breid, And 3it not satisfeit of thair neid (*Maitl. MS.* not 3it can be satisfeid). *a* 1533 Ld. Berners *Huon* xxii. 66 Yf he were in the gretest famyn.., he sholde be satysfied as well as though he had eten al that he wolde wysshe for. 1588 Shaks. *Tit. A.* II. iii. 180 So should I rob my sweet Sonnes of their fee, No let them satisfie their lust on thee [Lavinia]. 1593 — *Lucr.* 422 As the grim Lion fawneth ore his pray, Sharpe hunger by the conquest satisfied. 1611 Bible *Ecclus.* xii. 16 Hee will not be satisfied with blood. 1667 Milton *P. L.* x. 991 So Death shall be deceav'd his glut, and with us two Be forc'd to satisfie his Rav'nous Maw. 1690 Norris *Pract. Disc.* (1694) I. 88 There are some Appetites of Man which are never satisfied. 1800 *Med. Jrnl.* IV. 209 He takes a great deal of food without being satisfied. 1857 H. H. Wilson tr. *Rig-veda* III. 158 Indra..has inundated the dry lands, and (satisfied) the thirsty travellers.

refl. 1585 T. Washington tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* IV. xv. 129 b, They cannot satisfie them of the pleasure which is there.

7. To furnish with sufficient proof or information; to assure or set free from doubt or uncertainty; to convince.

1520 Nisbet *N. T.*, *Summe Matt.* (S.T.S.) I. 6 The angell satisffijs Josephs mynd. 1538 Starkey *England* I. i. 8 You haue ryght wel satysfyd me in my dowte. 1611 Shaks. *Cymb.* III. v. 92 No farther halting: satisfie me home, What is become of her? 1611 Bible *Transl. Pref.* ¶ 8 If any doubt hereof, he may be satisfied by examples enough. 1628 Earle *Microcosm.* xlvi. (Arb.) 67 He finds reason in all opinions, truth in none: indeed the least reason perplexes him, and the best will not satisfie him. 1643 Sir T. Browne *Relig. Med.* I. § 10 Where I cannot satisfy my reason, I love to humour my fancy. 1771 Burke *Corr.* (1844) I. 275 All I can do is, to satisfy you, and to leave you to satisfy those whom you think worthy of being informed. 1849 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* vi. II. 119 These expressions were far from satisfying the Chancellor. 1856 Sir B. Brodie *Pyschol. Inq.* I. iii. 104 He..cannot comprehend, the arguments which satisfy men of sober sense that his views are erroneous.

absol. 1605 Bacon *Adv. Learn.* II. xvii. § 7 Methodes are more fit to winne Consent; or beleefe; but lesse fit to point to Action; for they carrie a kinde of Demonstration in Orbe or Circle, one part illuminating another; and therefore satisfie.

refl. 1604 E. G[rimstone] *D'Acosta's Hist. Indies* III. xiv. 162 For to satisfy my selfe vpon this point and question, I demaunded particularly of the said Pilot, how he found the tides in the straight. 1709 Berkeley *Th. Vision* § 31 Which is the very matter of Fact, as any one that pleases may easily satisfie himself by Experiment. 1769 E. Bancroft *Guiana* 332 They seem by no means sollicitous to satisfy themselves on this subject.

b. const. *of*, † *in*.

1596 Shaks. *Merch. V.* v. i. 296, I am sure you are not satisfied Of these euents at full. 1600 Hakluyt *Voy.* III. 304 That the kings Maiestie..shall in part be satisfied of the diligence which I haue vsed in his seruice. 1614 Sir R. Dudley in *Fortesc. Papers* (Camden) 11 This for the present is as much as I can saye to satisfye his Majestye in this point. 1690 Locke *Hum. Und.* II. i. § 16 This I would willingly be satisfy'd in. 1736 Butler *Anal.* Advert., No one can..be satisfied of the contrary. 1749 Fielding *Tom Jones* v. vi, When Sophia was well satisfied of the violent passion which tormented poor Jones, and no less certain that she herself was its object. *Ibid.* xviii. vi, You need be under no Apprehension, Sir, I shall satisfy Mr. Allworthy very perfectly of that Matter.

refl. 1663 Bp. Patrick *Parab. Pilgr.* xxxvi. (1668) 461 The Young man..soon satisfied himself in the truth of what he said.

c. with *subordinate clause*. Also parenthetically, *I am* (*he is*, etc.) *satisfied*.

1621 Elsing *Debates Ho. Lords* (Camden) 32 Desyres to be satisfyed whether sylke may be so dyed or noe. 1662 J. Davies tr. *Olearius' Voy. Ambass.* 205 Two good deep ditches built about with Free-stone, which satisfy'd us they were the ruins of an impregnable Fortress. 1758 S. Hayward *Serm.* IV. 125 We are satisfyed the foundation upon which we build is safe. 1766 *Compl. Farmer* s.v. *Surveying*, Being satisfied what shall be the distance between the center and every angle, with that distance describe a circle. 1851 Mayhew *Lond. Lab.* I. 324/2 It's a great thing, I'm satisfied, in a street-trade,..to understand the goods you're talking about. 1884 *Manch. Exam.* 22 May 5/2 The success of the French at Sontay..had no doubt satisfied the Chinese that their troops were no match for those of France.

refl. *a* 1687 Petty *Pol. Arith.* Pref. (1690) a 3 b, Having satisfied myself, that the..Affairs of England are in no deplorable Condition. 1860 Tyndall *Glac.* II. xxvi. 370 We have at all events satisfied ourselves that [etc.]. 1892 T. W. Erle in *Law Times* XCIII. 417/1 Information..to enable anybody to satisfy himself as to how things are done.

8. To answer sufficiently (an objection, a question); to fulfil or comply with (a request); to solve (a doubt, a difficulty).

1581 Pettie tr. *Guazzo's Civ. Conv.* II. (1586) 108 If I should throughlie satisfie your request, this daie would not be inough to doe it. *a* 1626 Bacon *New Atl.* (1626) 10 And I shall gladly, and briefly, satisfie your demaund. 1650 Fuller *Pisgah* 420 Many shrewd objections may be alleadged to the contrary, which we shall endevour to satisfie in order. 1765 H. Walpole *Otranto* v, Thou hast not satisfied my question. 1784 Cowper *Task* II. 527 'Tis revelation

satisfies all doubts. 1834 J. H. Newman *Par. Serm.* I. xviii. 264 Revelation was not given us to satisfy doubts, but to make us better men. 1862 H. Spencer *First Princ.* I. i. § 4 (1875) 16 They are liable to forget that information, however extensive it may become, can never satisfy inquiry.

9. To answer the requirements of (a state of things, a hypothesis, etc.); to accord with (conditions). †Also *rarely* of a person: To fulfil the requirements of.

1651 Hobbes *Leviath.* III. xxxiv. 208 Where none of these can satisfie the sense of that word in Scripture. 1665 Glanvill *Def. Van. Dogm.* 47, I met an ingenious Account, among some excellent Geometricians of this Problem, which perhaps may satisfie the difficulty. *a* 1754 Sir J. Strange *Reports* (1782) I. 58 Pratt J. This man has fully satisfied the words of the act of Parliament. 1855 Bain *Senses & Int.* III. iv. 4 When there are four or five different conditions to satisfy, the range of choice must be so much the wider. 1883 Chrystal in *Encycl. Brit.* XV. 244/1 The assumption of uniform magnetization will enable us to satisfy the law of induction. In point of fact, substituting..and transposing, we get three linear equations to determine A_1, B_1, C_1 in terms of α_0, β_0, γ_0.

b. *Algebra.* Of a known quantity: To fulfil the conditions of, to be an admissible solution of (an equation).

c 1826 *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) I. 544/1 A value of the unknown quantity, which thus converts the equation into an identity, is said to *satisfy* the equation. 1842 Colenso *Elem. Algebra* vi. (ed. 3) 53. 1878 Gurney *Crystallogr.* 25 Any three numbers which will satisfy this equation.

Satisfying (sæ·tisfəi,iŋ), *vbl. sb.* [-ing 1.] The action of the verb Satisfy in various senses.

1560 Daus tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* 107 They oughte of necessitie to answere to this poinct, for the satisfiynge as well of his father as his fellowes. 1647 Sanderson *Serm.* II. 215 For the satisfying of their lusts. 1795 in Picton *L'pool Munic. Rec.* (1886) II. 270 The satisfying of their own minds as to the cause of such appearances. 1869 Mrs. Whitney *Hitherto* xii, In the great, full world of powers, and knowledges, and possible joys and satisfyings.

Satisfying (sæ·tisfəi,iŋ), *ppl. a.* [f. Satisfy *v.* + -ing 2.] That satisfies, in the senses of the verb.

1604 Shaks. *Oth.* v. i. 9 He hath giuen me satisfying Reasons. 1725 Wodrow *Corr.* (1843) III. 232 It's satisfying to me to find him so warm and earnest for our Redeemer's Proper and Supreme Deity. 1759 Robertson *Hist. Scot.* v. Wks. 1851 II. 46 A satisfying answer was given to the regent's demands. 1900 P. C. Simpson *Fact of Christ* v. 184 Any true or satisfying view of life must take account of death.

Hence **Sa·tisfyingly** *adv.*, **Sa·tisfyingness.**

1643 Torshell *Case Consc.* 13 Satisfyingly. *a* 1709 J. Nimmo *Narr.* (S. H. S. 1889) 30 That word came satisfienglie in ther minde, Isay 41 & 10. 1856 Faber *Creator & Creature* III. i. (1858) 332 There is also a satisfyingness about it [*sc.* the sense of pardon], which seldom accompanies other joys. 1885 *Manch. Exam.* 25 Mar. 3/3 An etching from a small Landseer..has been satisfyingly executed by Mr. C. O. Murray.

Satispassion (sætispæ·ʃən). *Theol.* [ad. med.L. **satispassiōnem*, f. phrase *satis patī* to suffer enough (*satis* enough, *patī* to suffer): cf. Passion.] Atonement by an adequate degree of suffering.

1614 Bp. Andrewes 96 *Serm.* (1629) 77 This, this is the great *With us*:..With us, in all the vertues and merits of His life; With us, in the satisfaction and satis-passion (hnth) of His death. 1678 J. S. *Unerrable Church* 311 This is don either by Satispassion suffering the pains of Purgatorie for a certain time; or [etc.]. 1890 W. J. B. Richards *Catech. Indulg.* 8 This [reparation for sin] may be made..by satispassion, or sufferings simply endured. 1897 *Cath. Dict.* (ed. 5) s.v. *Redemption*, Like His satispassion, so His satisfaction embraces the whole earthly career of the Saviour.

†**Sa·tive,** *a. Obs.* [ad. L. *satīv-us* that may be sown or planted, f. *sa-*, root of *serĕre* to sow: see -tive.] Sown or planted; cultivated, not wild.

1599 H. Buttes *Dyets Drie Dinner* P 4 b, Tabacco... Translated out of India in the seed or roote; Natiue or satiue in our own fruitfullest soiles. 1664 Evelyn *Sylva* (1679) 2 These [trees] we shall divide into the greater and more ceduous..and such as are sative and hortensial. 1725 *Bradley's Fam. Dict.* s.v. *Pine*, The wild Pine differs no otherwise from the Sative.

†**Sa·tivous,** *a. Obs.* [f. L. *satīvus*: see Sative *a.* and -ous.] =Sative.

1786 Abercrombie *Arrangem.* 72/1 in *Gard. Assist.*, Sativous, or cultivated common garlick.

Satle, Satling, obs. ff. Settle, Settling.

Satnace, Saton(e, obs. ff. Satanas, Satan.

Saton, obs. form of Satin *sb.*

Satorday, obs. form of Saturday.

†**Sato·rious,** *a. Obs.* [f. L. *satōri-us* (f. *sator*, agent-n. f. *sa-*, *serĕre* to sow) + -ous.] (See quot.)

1656 Blount *Glossogr.*, *Satorious*,..belonging to a Sator, or to him that sows, sets, or plants.

Satrap (sē·træp, sæ·træp). Forms: 4–5 **satrape**, 4–5, 8– **satrap**; also in L. form 6–8 **satrapa**, (*pl.* **satrapæ, satrapaes**), 6 *erron.* **satrapas, satrapos.** [ad. L. *satrapa, satrapes*, a. Gr. σατράπης, also ἐξατράπης, *ἐξαθράπης (implied in the derivative ἐξαθραπεύειν to be a satrap), ad. OPers. *xšaθra-pāvan-*, lit. 'protector of the conntry', f. *xsaθra-* country (=Skr. *kshatra*) + *pā-* to protect. The OPers. word appears in Heb. as אחשדרפים *pl.*, in Masoretic vocalization *ăḥashdarp'nīm.*

Cf. F. *satrape*, Sp. *sátrapa*, It. *satrapo.*]

1. A governor of a province under the ancient Persian monarchy. (In the Book of Daniel anachronistically attribnted to the Babylonian empire.)

1382 Wyclif *Dan.* iii. 3 Than satrapes weren gedrid. 1532 Hervet *Xenophon's Househ.* (1768) 17 In somme countreys of Persia, a great lord, that they cal Satrapa, occupieth the rowme of bothe lyeutenauntes. 1594 Lodge & Greene *Looking Glass* (1598) E 4 b, I am not chiefe, there is more great then I, What greater then Th'assirian Satrapos? 1601 Holland *Pliny* I. 135 The royall pallace of their great dukes & potentates, named Satrapæ. *a* 1618 Raleigh *Maxims of State* Rem. (1664) 17 To that end serves the Persian practise, in having a Band, or Train of the Satrapa's children, and other Nobles to attend the Court. 1738 Glover *Leonidas* IV. 297 Th' innumerable host Roll back by nations, and admit their lord With all his Satraps. 1815 Byron *Vis. Belshazzar* i, The King was on his throne, The Satraps throng'd the hall. 1838 Thirlwall *Greece* xiii. II. 185 The satraps were accountable for the imposts of their several provinces. 1885 Bible (R.V.) *Dan.* iii. 3 The satraps, the deputies, and the governors.

2. *transf.* A subordinate ruler; often suggesting an imputation of tyranny or ostentatious splendour. [The sense 'domineering person' appears in med.Latin, and in all the Rom. langs.]

c 1380 Wyclif *Wks.* (1880) 7 Þat schal not be dispensid wiþ but reserued to a grettere satrap. *a* 1529 Skelton *Agst. Garnesche* i. 6 But sey me now, Syr Satrapas, what autoryte ye haue In your chalenge, Syr Chystyn, to cale me knaue? 1549 Latimer *2nd Serm. bef. Edw. VI* (Arb.) 63 The hyshoppe would heare nothynge at all wyth hym, but played me the Satrapa. 1598 Marston *Pygmal., Sat.* i. 137 For shame leaue running to some Satrapas, Leaue glauering on him in the peopled presse. 1827 Hallam *Const. Hist.* iv. (1876) I. 210 Elizabeth..must have shuddered at the thought of seeing a republican assembly substituted for those faithful satraps her bishops. 1838 Lytton *Alice* II. ii, A private secretary to one of our Indian satraps. 1861 Golow. Smith *Irish Hist.* 121 Louis XIV..acted on England through his subsidized satraps.

Satrapaire, variant of Satraper.

Satrapal (sæ·trăpăl), *a.* [f. Satrap + -al.] Of or pertaining to a satrap or satraps.

[*a* 1693 Urquhart *Rabelais* III. xxxviii. 316 Satrapal fool.] 1887 B. V. Head *Hist. Numorum* 512 Satrapal Coinage in Ionia. *Ibid.* 676 A series of uncertain Satrapal coins.

Satrapate (sæ·trăpēit). [f. Satrap + -ate.] A province governed by a satrap.

1888 *Times* 12 Sept. 5/3 Who have the ambition to see Servia become a Russian satrapate.

†**Sa·traper.** *Obs.* Also **5 satrapaire, satropar.** [f. Satrap + -er.] A satrap.

a 1400–50 *Alexander* 1913 Þe soneraynest of my seniourie my sa[t]roparis [*Dubl. MS.* satrapers] hatten. *Ibid.* 2694 Þour satrapaires [*Dubl. MS.* satrapers]. *Ibid.* 2758 Þus send I to my satraparis [*Dubl. MS.* satrapars].

Satrapess (sē·trăpĕs, sæ·trăpĕs). [f. Satrap + -ess.] A female satrap.

1832 C. T[hirlwall] in *Philol. Museum* I. 376 Alexander ..left Ada as queen or satrapess of Caria.

Satrapial (sătrē·piăl), *a.* [f. Satrap + -ial.] =Satrapal.

1869 Rawlinson *Anc. Hist.* 558 The satrapial system, which had been introduced by the Persians.

Satrapian (sătrē·piăn), *a.* [f. Satrap + -ian.] Of or pertaining to a satrap; tyrannical.

1822 *New Monthly Mag.* V. 270 After many similar satrapian invectives.

Satrapic (sătræ·pik), *a.* [f. Satrap + -ic.] Of, pertaining to, or characteristic of a satrap.

c 1535 J. ap Rice in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. III. II. 356 Also I require more modestie, gravitie, and affabilitie, which wolde purchase hym more reverence than his owne setting foorth and Satrapike countenance. 1852 Grote *Greece* II. lxxiii. IX. 363 Near the satrapic residence.

Satrapical (sătræ·pikăl), *a.* [f. Satrapic + -al.] Of or pertaining to a satrap; also *fig.* cruel, tyrannical.

1823 Syd. Smith *Botany Bay* Wks. 1859 II. 23 These Asiatic and satrapical proceedings. 1852 Grote *Greece* II. lxx. IX. 140 They then found themselves amidst several villages, wherein were regal or satrapical residences.

†**Sa·trapon.** *Obs.* [ad. It. *satrapone*, augm. of *satrapo* Satrap.] An important personage.

1650 Howell *Giraffi's Rev. Naples* I. 34 The peeple shew'd it to their Satrapons [orig. It. *Satraponi*] and Councel.

Satrapy (sē·trăpi, sæ·trăpi). [a. F. *satrapie*, ad. L. *satrapīa, satrapēa*, a. Gr. σατραπεία, f. σατράπης Satrap.]

1. A province ruled over by a satrap.

1603 Knolles *Hist. Turks* (1638) 127 At length they with their Kingdome, and all the rest of the Turkish Satrapies, were..swallowed vp and deuoured. *a* 1727 Newton *Chronol. Amended* iv. (1728) 325 When Cyrus took Babylon, he changed the Kingdom into a Satrapy or Province. 1821 Byron *Sardan.* II. i. 408 Repair to your respective satrapies Of Babylon and Media. 1847 Grote *Greece* II. xxxiii. IV. 315 Darius distributed the Persian empire into twenty satrapies.

b. *transf.*

a 1641 Sir H. Spelman *Anc. Govt. Eng.* Posth. Wks. (1698) 50 The Temporal Government was likewise divided into Satrapies or Dukedoms, which contained in them divers Counties. 1864 *Even. Stand.* 29 Sept., Major General Butler..was ill calculated to rule a Federal satrapy with profit to his government. 1882 Farrar *Early Chr.* II. 110 They [the Galileans] detested..alike the Roman dominion and the Herodian satrapy which was its outward sign. 1887 Goldw. Smith in *Times* 3 Dec. 10/3 The abolition of what is now styled an Austrian satrapy.

2. The dignity of a satrap: in quots. *transf.*

1641 Milton *Ch. Govt.* I. i. 4 Yea the Angels themselves ..are distinguisht and quaterniond into their celestiall Princedomes, and Satrapies. 1839 Bailey *Festus* xxxi. (1852) 506 Jewels well worth the satrapies of Heaven.

†**3.** The body of satraps. *Obs.*

1693 Rymer *Short View Trag.* 11 Xerxes went also in person, with all the Maison de Roy, Satrapie and Gendarmery.

4. The period of rule of a satrap.

1846 Grote *Greece* I. xv. I. 454 A century afterwards, during the satrapy of Pharnabazus.

Satropar, variant of Satraper.

‖ **Satsuma** (sæ·tsiŭmă). [The name of a province in the island of Kiusiu, Japan.] Used *attrib.* in *Satsuma ware*, a kind of cream-coloured Japanese pottery.

1872 Chaffers *Keramic Gallery* I. Pl. 99 Satsuma-Ware Bottle...Satsuma Bowl. 1875 Audsley & Bowes *Keramic Art Japan* II. Pl. xi, Three vases of middle period Satsuma faience..good representatives of a style of decoration but seldom met with in Satsuma ware.

Satt(e, obs. forms of pa. t. of Sit *v.*

Sattan, Sattee: see Satin, Settee (ship).

Satteine, -eing, -en(e : obs. ff. Satin.

Satterdaie, -day, obs. ff. Saturday.

Satti, Sattie : see Suttee, Settee (ship).

Sattil, obs. form of Settle *v.*

Sattin(e, satton, obs. forms of Satin.

Sattle, Satty(e, obs. ff. Settle, Settee (ship).

Satur, obs. form of Saltire.

a 1440 *Sir Degrev.* 1030 He beres in cheef of azour, Engrelyd with a satur.

Saturable (sæ·tiŭrăb'l), *a.* [ad. L. *saturābilis*; f. *saturāre* to Saturate: see -ble.] Capable of saturation.

1570 Levins *Manip.* 4/14 Saturable, *saturabilis.* 1701 Grew *Cosm. Sacra* I. iii. 13 Consequently the Water would be Saturable with the same Quantity of any Salt.

Hence **Saturab·ility.** In some recent Dicts.

Saturant (sæ·tiŭrănt), *a.* and *sb.* [ad. L. *saturantem*, pr. pple. of *saturāre* to Saturate.]

A. *adj.* Saturating; impregnating to the full.

1755 in Johnson; and in later Dicts.

B. *sb.* =Absorbent *sb.* 1.

1775 in Ash; and in later Dicts.

Saturate (sæ·tiurēt), *a.* [ad. L. *saturātus*, pa. pple. of *saturāre*: see next.]

†**1.** Satisfied, satiated.

? *a* 1550 *Schole-ho. Women* 946 in Hazl. *E. P. P.* IV. 142 Salomon saith, three things here be Seldome or neuer saturate. 1557 Paynell *Barclay's Jugurth* 79 Whan they were full saturate and ingorged. 1604 R. Cawdrey *Table Alph., Saturate*, filled or glutted.

†**2.** Complete, perfect. *Obs.*

1682 H. More *Annot. Glanvill's Lux O.* 112 All will be turned into a more full and saturate Brightness and Glory.

3. Soaked through, saturated with moisture. Chiefly *poet.*

1784 Cowper *Task* I. 494 The lark is gay, That dries his feathers, saturate with dew, Beneath the rosy cloud. 1798 Southey *Sonn.* xiii. '*I marvel not, O Sun!*' Earth asks thy presence, saturate with showers. 1842 Tennyson *Will Waterpr.* 87 A season'd brain..Unsubject to confusion, Tho' soaked and saturate, out and out, Thro' every convolution.

b. *transf.*

1868 Browning *Ring & Bk.* VI. 1518 There she lay,..Waxwhite, seraphic, saturate with the sun O' the morning. 1894 *Athenæum* 3 Mar. 285/1 'Calais Pier', a silvery and limpid jewel, saturate with light, by D. Cox.

4. Of colours: Intense, deep. (Cf. Saturated 5, Sad *a.* 8.)

1669 W. Simpson *Hydrol. Chym.* 121 It would yield a deep saturate green tincture. 1684 tr. *Bonet's Merc. Compit.* XIX. 807 The quickness of cooling makes the Blood of a more saturate colour. 1891 *Century Dict., Saturate*, in *Entom.*, deep; very intense: applied to colors: as, saturate green, umber, black, etc.

†**5.** *Chem.* =Saturated.

1782 Kirwan in *Phil. Trans.* LXXIII. 70 If a piece of copper be put into a saturate solution of silver, the silver will be precipitated. 1805 R. Chenevix *ibid.* XCV. 126 A single drop of a saturate solution of neutralized nitrate or muriate of mercury.

Saturate (sæ·tiŭrēit), *v.* [f. L. *saturāt-*, ppl. stem of *saturāre*, f. *satur* full, satiated, cogn. w. *satis* enough.]

†**1.** *trans.* To satisfy, satiate. *Obs.*

1538 Elyot *Dict., Saturo*, to saturate or fyl with any thing superfluously, moste commonly in eating. 1570 Levins *Manip.* 41/12 To satiate, *saturare.* To saturate, *idem, placare.* 1596 Bell *Surv. Popery* II. I. iv. 153 So to saturate their insatiable hunger. 1683 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 1864/2 Cruel Persons whose Blood-thirsty minds nothing could Saturate, but the Sacrifice of two Princes at once. 1799 in *Spirit Publ. Jrnls.* III. 271 These subaltern modes of chicane..could by no means saturate his ambition. 1816 Kirby & Sp. *Entomol.* (1818) I. viii. 229 They [*sc.* ants] march in long files..to any place where sugar is kept; and when they are saturated, return in the same order.

2. To impregnate, soak thoroughly, imbue *with.*

1764 Harmer *Observ.* iii. 8 These lands of Ægypt..are..so saturated with moisture, that [etc.]. 1873 Black *Pr. Thule* xiv, Thatch that had got saturated with the smoke. 1891 E. Peacock *N. Brendon* I. 151 The sleeve of the shirt was saturated with blood.

b. *fig.*

1756 Burke *Tracts Popery Laws* Wks. IX. 369 To a mind not thoroughly saturated with the tolerating maxims of the Gospel. 1837 Lytton *E. Maltravers* II. ii, He had saturated his intellect with the Pactolus of old. 1882 A. Austin in *Contemp. Rev.* Jan. 129 Reflective Poetry, which is indeed Poetry because saturated with imagination.

3. *Chem.* To cause (a substance) to combine

with or dissolve the utmost possible quantity of another substance. Const. *with*.

1681 tr. *Belon's Myst. Physick* Introd. 49 Which clearly demonstrates, that the Menstruum is sufficiently saturated. 1782 KIRWAN in *Phil. Trans.* LXXIII. 39 A body is said to be saturated with another, when it is so intimately combined with that other as to lose some peculiar characteristic property which it possesses when free from that other. 1788 *Trans. Soc. Arts* VI. 143 The mineral Alkali saturates much more acid than an equal quantity of..vegetable Alkali. 1857 MILLER *Elem. Chem.* (1862) III. 9 This process consists in saturating a portion of the acid liquid with potash or with soda. 1878 HUXLEY *Physiogr.* 217 The waters covering this plain would be more or less completely saturated with the soluble materials.

4. *Physics*. a. To charge (air or vapour) with the utmost quantity of moisture that it can hold in suspension.

1812–16 PLAYFAIR *Nat. Phil.* (1819) I. 315 T and *t* are the temperatures of two equal portions of air, H and *h* the humidity contained in them when saturated. 1860 TYNDALL *Glac.* I. xxv. 184 Atmospheric regions already saturated with moisture. 1871 — *Fragm. Sci.* (1879) I. ii. 62 Saturated with the vapour of sulphuric aether. 1878 HUXLEY *Physiogr.* 68 If the air were thoroughly saturated with moisture, evaporation would be utterly impossible.

b. To magnetize (a piece of metal), that the intensity of its magnetization is the greatest which it can retain when not under the inductive action of a strong magnetic field. Also, to charge (a body) with the greatest charge of electricity that it can receive.

1832 *Nat. Philos.* II. *Magnetism* i. § 42. 11 (Usef. Knowl. Soc.) A steel bar, which has as great a degree of magnetic power as it is capable of retaining, is said to be saturated with magnetism. *Ibid., Electric.* ii. § 49. 13 In this state they may be considered as saturated with the electric fluid.

Saturated (sæ·tiŭrḗtĕd), *ppl. a.* [f. SATURATE *v.* + -ED [1].]

† 1. Completely satisfied, filled to repletion. *Obs.*

1668 H. MORE *Div. Dial.* I. 213 Therefore it is fit that, as well-saturated Guests, we should at length willingly recede from the Table. 1820 C. R. MATURIN *Melmoth* (1892) III. xxviii. 119 Sleep which is as often the refuge of intolerable misery, as that of saturated enjoyment.

2. Penetrated with moisture, soaked through.

1728–46 THOMSON *Spring* 217 And saturated earth Awaits the morning beam. 1784 COWPER *Task* III. 479 Shaking.. From the full fork, the saturated straw. 1840 DICKENS *Barn. Rudge* xvii, His saturated clothes clinging with a damp embrace about his limbs. 1897 MARY KINGSLEY *W. Africa* 502, I arrived in the evening in a saturated condition.

3. *Chem.* That has combined with or taken up in solution the largest possible proportion of some other substance.

1788 BLAGDEN in *Phil. Trans.* LXXVIII. 299, I took a saturated solution of nitre. 1799 *Med. Jrnl.* I. 290 The preparation of the digitalis best adapted to that purpose, appeared to be the saturated tincture, of which [etc.]. 1867 BLOXAM *Chem.* 47 Such a solution would be called a *cold saturated solution* of saltpetre. 1888 BRANNT *Anim. & Veg. Fats & Oils* 48 These hydrocarbons cannot absorb any further atoms of hydrogen, and are therefore termed 'saturated hydrocarbons'.

4. *Physics*. Charged to the full extent of its capacity. (See SATURATE *v.* 3 a, b.) *Saturated steam*: see quot. 1881.

1848 tr. *Regnault* in *Chem. Rep. & Mem.* (Cavendish Soc.) 296 Temperature of the Saturated Steam. 1858 LARDNER *Hand-bk. Nat. Phil.* 316 Quantity of vapour in saturated space depends on temperature. 1880 C. R. MARKHAM *Peruv. Bark* II. ix. 388 Its rains are therefore heavy, and are accompanied by dense fogs and a saturated atmosphere. 1881 J. HILL in *Metal World* No. 22. 342 Saturated steam (that is, steam charged with such an amount of heat that any reduction thereof would produce condensation, and any increase thereof would produce super heat) is substantially a perfect gas. 1883 W. N. SHAW in *Trans. Cambr. Philos. Soc.* XIV. 39 The saturated air was then sent through all four tubes, and the gain in weight of each tube determined.

5. Of colours: Free from admixture of white. (Cf. SATURATE *a.* 4, SATURATION 4.)

1853 HERSCHEL *Pop. Lect. Sci.* vi. § 41 (1873) 257 The green being by no means a saturated or full green. 1878 (see SATURATION 4). 1901 *Athenæum* 31 Aug. 293/2 In the figures grouped round the table rich and saturated tones predominate.

Saturating (sæ·tiŭrḗtiŋ), *vbl. sb.* [-ING [1].] The action of the vb. SATURATE. In quots. *attrib.*

1850 DAUBENY *Atom. Theory* vii. (ed. 2) 193 Yet there is no fundamental difference between the two acids, and their saturating power is exactly the same. 1857 MILLER *Elem. Chem.* (1862) III. 168 The sulphuric acid thus combined with the elements of alcohol, loses half its saturating power.

Saturating (sæ·tiŭrḗtiŋ), *ppl. a.* [f. SATURATE *v.* + -ING [2].] In senses of the vb.

1760–72 H. BROOKE *Fool of Qual.* (1792) I. 182 After a saturating meal, and an enlivening cup, they departed. 1860 EMERSON *Cond. Life, Behaviour* Wks. (Bohn) II. 382 The persevering talker, who gives you his society in large saturating doses. 1862 DANA *Man. Geol.* § 52. 50 Aluminium combines with a saturating quantity of oxygen to form alumina. 1897 MARY KINGSLEY *W. Africa* 44 An over supply of rain, and equally saturating mists.

Saturation (sætiŭrḗ·ʃən). [ad. late L. *saturātiōn-em*, n. of action f. L. *saturāre* to SATURATE. Cf. F. *saturation*.] The action of saturating; the condition of being saturated.

† 1. Complete satisfaction of appetite; satiation.

? 1554 COVERDALE *Hope Faithful* xxxi. 212 For tediousnesse and grefe runneth customably wyth saturacion or fulnesse. 1816–30 BENTHAM *Offic. Apt. Maximized, Extract Const. Code* (1830) 16 For the perpetual saturation of appetites essentially unsaturable. 1831 CARLYLE *Sart. Res.* II. ix, The Shoeblack..would require..for his permanent satisfaction and saturation, simply this allotment, no more, and no less. 1831 SYD. SMITH *Wks.* (1850) 565 The advocates of Boroughmongers must be crammed to saturation, before there is a morsel of bread for the man who does not sell his votes. 1832 L. HUNT *Transl.* Poet. Wks. 243 When I have eat and drank—yea, ev'n to saturation.

2. The action of thoroughly soaking with fluid; the condition of being thoroughly soaked.

1846 J. BAXTER *Libr. Pract. Agric.* (ed. 4) II. 358 That the saturation of any vegetable fibre or compost with liquid manure or urine is of great use to the crop. 1882 VINES tr. *Sach's Bot.* 814 In one case the amount of water present in the soil was 10 per cent...of the amount requisite for complete saturation. 1897 MARY KINGSLEY *W. Africa* 555, I am wet through, but it is not uncomfortable at this temperature,..if you can..forget the risk of fever which saturation entails.

3. The action of charging, or the state of being charged, up to the limit of capacity; *spec.* in *Chem.* the condition of a substance when combined with or holding in solution the largest proportion of another substance that it can take; in *Physics*, the condition of holding as much suspended matter, or of being as highly charged with electricity, magnetism, heat, etc. as possible. (See SATURATE *v.*) *Point of saturation*: the degree of charge at which a substance becomes saturated.

1659 H. MORE *Immort. Soul* I. ii. 13 To both these may be applied the termes of Reduplication and Saturation. 1673 *Phil. Trans.* VIII. 5190 And this injection of calcin'd Tartar must be continued, untill all Fermentation do cease, that is, to the very degree of Saturation. 1758 REID tr. *Macquer's Chym.* I. 20 The instant when such proportions of the two saline substances are mixed together, that the one is incorporated with as much of the other as it can possibly take up, is called the *Point of Saturation*. 1799 SIR H. DAVY in Beddoes *Contrib. Phys. & Med. Knowl.* 34 Since the word gas..is intended to express the chemical combination or rather the saturation of bodies with caloric. 1807 T. THOMSON *Chem.* (ed. 3) II. 99 This augmentation varies with the quantity of salt dissolved. In general, it is the greater the nearer the solution approaches to saturation. 1837 BREWSTER *Magnet.* 134 It was magnetized to saturation. 1848 tr. *Regnault* in *Chem. Rep. & Mem.* (Cavendish Soc.) 293 The law regulating the densities of aqueous vapour in a state of saturation or non-saturation, at different pressures and different temperatures. 1857 MILLER *Elem. Chem.* (1862) III. 231 It then produces a base..which requires two atoms of a monobasic acid for its saturation. 1860 TYNDALL *Glac.* I. xxiv. 174 An atmosphere charged to saturation with aqueous vapour. 1864 *Chamb. Encycl.* VI. 262/2 Magnets, when freshly magnetised, are sometimes more powerful than they afterwards become. In that case, they gradually fall off in strength, till they reach a point at which their strength remains constant. This is called the *point of saturation*. 1882 GEIKIE *Text Bk. Geol.* III. II. ii. § 1. 328 This vapour remains invisible until the air containing it is cooled down below its dew-point, or point of saturation.

b. *transf.* and *fig.*

1820 T. G. WAINEWRIGHT *Ess. & Crit.* (1880) 55 Correggio's mind must have been full to saturation, of the honey-dew of Christianity, when he gave birth to this mysterious conception. 1848 H. MILLER *First Impr.* viii. (1857) 128 A long series of historic events had served..to fill with it to saturation every recess of the popular mind. 1859 SMILES *Self-Help* x. (1860) 265 Abernethy was of opinion that there was a point of saturation in his own mind, and that if he took into it something more than it could hold, it only had the effect of pushing something else out.

4. *Chromatics*. Degree of intensity (of a colour); relative freedom from admixture of white.

1878 *Encycl. Brit.* VIII. 824/1 Saturation, which depends on the amount of white the colour contains; thus, it is saturated when there is no white, as in the pure colours of the spectrum, and there may be an infinite number of degrees of saturation from the pure colour to white. 1879 ROOD *Mod. Chromatics* iii. 39 Purity and luminosity are the factors on which the intensity or saturation depends.

5. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *saturation experiment, -point, -pressure*.

1904 *Brit. Med. Jrnl.* 10 Sept. 563 By *saturation experiments we can remove the one opsonine after the other. 1858 O. W. HOLMES *Aut. Breakf.-t.* v. 52 The *saturation-point of each mind differs from that of every other. 1884 A. DANIELL *Princ. Physics* xiii. 346 Each volatile liquid has its own *saturation pressure for each temperature.

Saturator (sæ·tiŭrḗtəs). Also saturater. [f. SATURATE *v.* + -OR. Cf. late L. *saturātor*.] One who or something which saturates: *spec.* a. A device for supplying air saturated with water-vapour to a room or inclosed space.

1883 W. N. SHAW in *Cambr. Phil. Soc. Trans.* XIV. 37 A saturater (A) for supplying saturated air at the temperature of the room. *Ibid.* 39.

b. An apparatus for saturating oxygen with ether for the purposes of the ether-oxygen lime-light.

1894 *Brit. Jrnl. Photogr.* XLI. Suppl. 2 The more recent forms of saturators..give a very good light.

Saturday (sæ·tədḗ, -di). Forms: *α.* 1 Sæterne-, Seternea dæg, 3 Sæternea dæg, 5 Saturnesday, 7 *Sc.* Saturnsday; 1 Sæterndæg, 2 Sætern-dæig, 5 Saturneday, 7–8 *Sc.* Saturnday; *β.* 1 Sæterea dæg, 3 Sateresdai, 3–4 Settresday, 4 Seters-dai, 5 Setrys-day, 7 Saters-day; *γ.* 1 Sæter-dæg, 2 Sæter-daiz, Saterdei, 3 Sætterdæl, *Orm.* Saterrdazz, 4 Satirdai, Saturdaie, Seterdai, Setre-, Setret-, Settir-, Set(t)urday, Zeterday, -dey, 4–5 Seter-, Setirday, 4–6 Saterdaye, Satir-, Setterday, 4–7 Saterday, 5 Scaturday, Setryday, Set(t)yrday, 5–6 Satyrday, 5–7 Satterday, 6 Satterdaie, Sat(t)orday, Saturdaye, 6–7 Saterdaie, 9 *dial.* Settherday, 3– Saturday. [OE. *Sætern(es)dæg*, corresp. to OFris. *saterdî, saterdei*, MDu. *saterdach* (Du. *zaterdag*, earlier *zaturdag*), MLG. *sater(s)-dach* (LG. *saterdag*), whence northern HG. dial. *satertag*; a half-translated adoption of L. *Sāturnī diēs* day of (the planet) Saturn; cf. Irish, Gael. *dia Sathuirn*, Welsh *dydd Sadwrn*.]

1. The seventh day of the week.

The advb. use of the names of the days of the week (*Saturday*='on Saturday') is now chiefly *U. S.*, exc. in collocations like 'next Saturday', 'last Saturday'. Formerly *the Saturday* was often used advb. but is now rare or obs. exc. with some defining phrase.

a 900 tr. *Bæda's Hist.* II. iii. (Schipper) 125 Æghwilce sæternesdæge. 971 *Blickl. Hom.* 71 Ærest on þæm Sæteresdæge he awehte Ladzarum of deaþe. *c* 1000 *Ags. Gosp.* Luke xxiii. 54 Sæter-dæg on-lyhte. *Ibid.* 56 On sætern-dæg. *c* 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 45 Ic ham 3eue reste..from non on saterdei a þa cume monedeis lihting. *c* 1200 ORMIN 4350 Forr Saterrdazz wass haliz dazz O þatt Judisskenn wise. *c* 1290 *S. Eng. Leg.* I. 66/451 On a satur-day at night. *c* 1300 *St. Brandan* 543 For ich am her ech Soneday and fram Saterdayes Eve. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 17673 Als i stod saiand mi bede, be seterdai. 1340 *Ayenb.* 213 Yef god het zuo straytlic[h]e loki þune zeterday ine þe yealde laze þet he made ane man to stene..uor þet he hedde y-gadered a lite wode þane zeterdey. 1362 LANGL. *P. Pl.* A. v. 14 On a Seterday at euen. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* x. (*Mathou*) 336 þan yrtacus..þe next setret-day..a congregacion has gert ma. 1418 *E. E. Wills* (1882) 28 On Setrysday in þe vygyle of þe Holy Trynyte. 1421 *Coventry Leet-bk.* 30 Euery Saturneday in the yer. *c* 1447 in *Jarrow & Wearmouth* (Surtees) 242 Apon Saturnesday next be for Palmsonday. *c* 1475 *Partenay* 2724 So it cam and fill in a scaturday, That Raymounde loste the fair melusine. *c* 1500 *Melusine* 15 That he wil promytte to the that neuer on the Satirday he shall see the. *c* 1511 *1st Eng. Bk. Amer.* Introd. (Arb.) 34/2 Noman ther euer can passe, excepte ye saterdaye. 1556 *Chron. Gr. Friars* (Camden) 36 The satterday after, that was Wytson evyn, [she] came from the tower thorow London. 1581 J. HAMILTON *Cath. Treat.* V viij, God commandit yat ve suld Keip halie ye Sabaoth day, quhilk is Setterday. *c* 1610–15 *Lives Women Saints* 93 From Thursday vntill Satersday. 1637–50 ROW *Hist. Kirk* (Wodrow Soc.) 515 On Saturnsday, Aprile 27, they disbanded their men. 1671 [R. MACWARD] *True Nonconf.* 119 That the Churches meeting recorded to have been on the first day of the week, sayeth not that they antiquated the Saturnday. 1703 *Extracts Burgh Rec. Stirling* (1889) 99 Against Saturnday next. 1775 T. PERCIVAL *Ess.* (1777) III. 194 Saturday, the mint continued to grow and to ascend, looking vigorous and fresh. 1793 BURKE *Obs. Cond. Minority* Wks. VII. 236 Although the House does not usually sit on Saturday. 1845 T. W. COIT *Puritanism* 495 The Puritan way of eating fish is, to eat it Saturday instead of Friday. 1870 M. D. CONWAY *Earthw. Pilgr.* xxviii. 344 On Saturday the English people are among the most sensible people in the world. 1885 *Cath. Dict.* (ed. 3) 561/1 The office of the Blessed Virgin is said on all Saturdays.

2. With specific epithet. **Black Saturday** *Sc.*, (*a*) the 10th Sept. 1547, the date of the Battle of Pinkie; (*b*) the 4th Aug. 1621, the date of the ratification of the articles of Perth. **Egg Saturday**: see EGG *sb.* 7. **Holy Saturday**, the Saturday of Holy Week; Easter eve. **Hospital Saturday**: see HOSPITAL *sb.* 6.

1657 MURE *Ho. Rowallane* Wks. (S. T. S.) II. 255 He died in battell at the Black Satterday in the year of our Lord 1547. 1717 DE FOE *Mem. Ch. Scot.* II. 45 The Day got the Name of black Saturday, upon this Account, as well as on the Occasion of the black Work they had been about. 1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* IX. xxxi. (1495) 368 Also to Ester perteynyth the euyn therof that for passynge holynesse is callyd Sabbatum Sanctum the holy Saterday. 1730 tr. *Fleury's Eccl. Hist.* IV. Index, Saturday, holy, even Children fasted on that Day. 1885 *Cath. Dict.* (ed. 3) 405/2 The Mass celebrated at midnight belonged rather to the morning of Easter Sunday than to Holy Saturday.

3. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *Saturday concert, kirtle, morning, night, office, sabbath*, †*wit*; † **Saturday-sabbatharian** = SABBATARIAN *sb.* 3.

For *Saturday's slop* or *slap* Sc. (in some Dicts. erron. *stop*), see SLOP *sb.*

1889 HUEFFER *Half Cent. Mus. Eng.* 14 The Crystal Palace *Saturday Concerts. 1557 *Will of T. Howgill* (Somerset Ho.), My *saturday kyrtyll. 1641 BEST *Farm. Bks.* (Surtees) 77 On *Satterday-morninge the 11th of December. 1785 BURNS (*title*) The Cotter's *Saturday Night. 1859 SIR J. PAGET in *Mem. & Lett.* (1901) 224 In bringing-up the book 'to Saturday night'. 1686 [HICKES] *Spec. B. Virginis* 13 One of the Lessons for the *Saturday-Office of the B. Virgin. 1645 PAGITT *Heresiogr.* (1661) 192 Mr. Hebden a prisoner in the New-prison, that lay there for holding *Saturday-Sabbath. 1705 HICKERINGILL *Priest-cr.* IV. (1721) 204 Without an express Command (as ye have against the *Saturday-Sabbatharians) in the New Testament. 1593 G. HARVEY *Pierces Super.* 145 Phy, long Megg of Westminster would haue bene ashamed to disgrace her Sonday bonet with her *Satterday witt.

b. *Saturday-to-Monday*: a period beginning on Saturday and ending on Monday; often *attrib.* with reference to railway and other excursion tickets.

1886 C. E. PASCOE *London of To-day* xviii. (ed. 3) 182 In one of the delightful Saturday to Monday trips on the Thames. 1892 MRS. H. WARD *D. Grieve* IV. ii, A..warm invitation..to spend an October Saturday-to-Monday at Benet's Park had been accepted.

†**Sa·ture.** *Obs.* [as if ad. L. **satūra*, f. *sa-, serĕre* to sow (pa. pple. *satus*).] Sowing.

1657 TOMLINSON *Renou's Disp.* 238 Its seed germinates.. about forty or fifty dayes after its sature.

†**Satureie.** *Obs.* Forms: 1 **saturege**, 3–5 **satureie**, 5 **saturege, satureye.** [ad. L. *saturēia.*] =SAVORY.

c 1000 *Sax. Leechd.* (Rolls) III. 24 Satureze. *c* 1265 *Voc. Plants* in Wr.-Wülcker 557/1 *Satureia*, satureie, timbre. 1390 GOWER *Conf.* III. 132 His herbe is cleped Satureie, So as these olde bokes seie. *c* 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* XI. 336 And forto make a wyn to drynke swete, Of saturege or fenel putte in meete.

Saturgresse, obs. f. SETTER-GRASS *dial.*

Saturicall, -rioun: see SATIRICAL, SATYRION.

†**Satu·rity.** *Obs.* [ad. L. *saturitās*, f. *satur* full, satisfied.] Fulness, repletion, satisfaction.

1533 tr. *Erasmus' Commune Crede* 19 In which worlde.. is there..neither perfyghte puryte and clennes, neither full saturyte and satisfyeng of mannes mynde. 1548 UDALL, etc. *Erasm. Par. Matt.* v. 6 Sumtime the saturitie doth more vexe them that be ful, than the hunger dyd trouble them before. 1643 TRAPP *Comm. Gen.* xlvii. 13 Saturity and security had so besotted them, that they feared nothing, till they felt it. 1752 HODGES *Chr. Plan* (1755) 53 The primary idea of it is saturity and fulness.

Saturn (sæ·tŭn). Forms: 1–6 **Saturnus** (1 *genit.* **Saturnes**); 5 **Satourn**, 5–7 **Saturne**, 7– **Saturn.** [ad. L. *Sāturnus*, perh. f. the root *sā-* to Sow.]

1. *Mythol.* An Italic god, in the original native religion the god of agriculture, but in classical times identified with the Greek Cronos, who was deposed from the sovereignty of the gods by his son Zeus (Jupiter).

c 888 K. ÆLFRED *Boeth.* XXXV. § 4 Iob Saturnes sunu. *Ibid.* XXXVIII. § 1 Þa sceolde þæs Iobes fæder bion eac god; þæs nama wæs Saturnus. 1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* VIII. xii. (1495) 318 Saturnus hath that name of saturando, makynge fulnesse and plente. 1508 DUNBAR *Ballad Ld. B. Stewart* 75 Saturnus doune, withe fyry eyn, did blent. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* VIII. vi. 39 By quham the land of Saturn, war and wys, Hes left and changit his auld name oft sys. *c* 1600 SHAKS. *Sonn.* XCVIII. 4 When proud pide Aprill..Hath put a spirit of youth in euery thing: That heauie *Saturne* laught and leapt with him. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* I. 519 Or who with Saturn old Fled over Adria to th' Hesperian fields. 1819 SHELLEY *Prometh. Unb.* II. iv. 33 Then Saturn, from whose throne Time fell.

2. *Astr.* The most remote of the seven planets known to ancient astronomy. In OE. also †*Saturnes steorra.*

Saturn is now known to be attended by eight moons, and to be surrounded by a broad flat ring (or rather two concentric rings in the same plane).

In *Astrology*, on account of its remoteness and slowness of motion, Saturn was supposed to cause coldness, sluggishness, and gloominess of temperament in those born under its influence, and in general to have a baleful effect on human affairs.

c 888 K. ÆLFRED *Boeth.* XXXVI. § 3 Siððan to þan cealdan stiorran þe we hatað Saturnes steorra. *Ibid.* XXXIX. § 3 Saturnus se steorra. 1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* VIII. xii. (1495) 319 Though Saturnus be kyndly leeddy by clerenesse of Iubiter whan he is coninct with hym he is made white and bright. *c* 1400 *Treat. Astron.* 6 (MS. Bodl. Add. B. 17), A Saturne is a planete maliuole and wycked. *c* 1430 LYDG. *Min. Poems* (Percy Soc.) 197 Satourn disposith to malencolye. 1588 SHAKS. *Tit. A.* II. iii. 31 Though Venus gonerne your desires, Saturne is Dominator ouer mine. 1640 HOWELL *Dodona's Gr.* (1645) 107 Saturne that dull and malevolent planet. 1741 WATTS *Improv. Mind* I. xvi. § 2 Inform them that Saturn has five moons of the same kind attending him. 1784 COWPER *Tiroc.* 634 The moons of Jove, and Saturn's belted ball. 1832 TENNYSON *Pal. of Art* iv, Still as, while Saturn whirls, his stedfast shade Sleeps on his luminous ring. 1875 *Encycl. Brit.* II. 811/1 Saturn is the largest planet but one of the solar system.

3. *Alch.* The technical name for lead.

†*Salt, extract of Saturn*: lead acetate, sugar of lead. †*Spirit of Saturn*: app. impure acetic acid distilled from sugar of lead.

c 1386 [see JUPITER 2 b]. 1471 RIPLEY *Comp. Alch.* III. vii. in *Ashm.* (1652) 140 For sum men can wyth Saturne it multeply. 1594 PLAT *Jewell-ho.* III. 89 To congeale Mercurie with the spirit of Saturne. 1651 FRENCH *Distill.* iii. 73 Take of the Calx of Saturn, or else Minium. 1694 SALMON *Bate's Dispens.* I. ii. (1713) 66/1 This Spirit of Saturn, drawn from its Salt, is an inflamable Liquor, and is thus made: ℞ Salt of Saturn, so much as may fill your Glass or Earthen Retort two Thirds full; put it into a Furnace [etc.]. 1706 PHILLIPS (ed. Kersey), *Salt of Saturn*, otherwise call'd *Saccharum Saturni*, or Sugar of Lead, is the Body of that Metal, open'd and reduc'd to the form of a Salt, by Distilled Vinegar. 1727–51 [see BALSAM *sb.* 2 b]. 1758 [see JUPITER 2 b]. 1829 *Glover's Hist. Derby* I. 32 It..is said to have this effect, as soon, and completely, as extract of Saturn.

allusively. 1797 W. JOHNSTON tr. *Beckmann's Invent.* I. 398 One may justly doubt whether, at present, Mars, Venus, or Saturn, is most destructive to the human race.

b. *Comb.* †**Saturn cinnabar** (*Syd. Soc. Lex.*), †**Saturn red** (in recent Dicts.), names for red lead; **Saturn's tree** [tr. med.L. *arbor Saturni*], a lead tree (in recent Dicts.).

4. *Her.* The tincture sable, in blazoning by the names of heavenly bodies.

1572 [see JUPITER 2 c, MARS 2 c].

Saturnal (sătū·năl), *a.* and *sb.* [ad. L. *Sāturnālis*, f. *Sāturn-us* SATURN: see -AL.]

†**A.** *adj.* Pertaining to Saturn or his astrological influence. *Obs.*

1591 GREENE *Farew. Folly* Wks. (Grosart) IX. 324 Yet remaines there in the minde certain *Scyntillulæ voluptatis*, which confirmed by a saturnall impression, were harder to root out than were they newly sprong vp in youth. 1651 J. F[REAKE] *Agrippa's Occ. Philos.* 96 They that are to gather a Saturnall, Martiall, or Joviall Hearb must look towards the East, or South. 1666 J. SMITH *Old Age* 109 He that shall call the..poor blond returning home in the Veins, Earthly, Saturnal, Gross, shall make no Schisme .. in the .. doctrine of Circulation. 1683 TRYON *Way to Health* 649 Are not the Saturnal and Martial Strings and Notes as material and useful as the Jovial and Venerial?

B. *sb.*

†1. ? One born under the influence of Saturn. *Obs.*

1605 TIMME *Quersit.* I. 47 There are starres which haue their most colde and moyst spirites, as the Saturnalls and Lunaries.

2. *pl.* [a. F. *saturnales* fem. pl. (14th c. *saturneles* in Littré).] †**a.** =SATURNALIA 1. **b.** =SATURNALIA 2.

1487 CAXTON *Bk. Gd. Manners* I. xv. (W. de W. *c* 1515) F. ij, As enseyg[n]eth Macrobe in his boke of Saturnelles. [1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* I. Prol. 68 Of the writis Macrobius ..In his grete volume clepit Saturnail.] 1619 B. JONSON *Masque, Pleas. Reconc. to Virt.* (*init.*), I know it is now such a time as the Saturnalls for all the World. 1647 A. ROSS *Mystag. Poet.* xi. (1675) 286 At certain Feasts of Minerva in March, the Maids were wont to be served by their Mistresses, as in the Saturnals the Men-servants by their Masters. 1654 OGILBY *Virg. Georg.* I. (1684) 47 *note*, Macrobius in the first of his Saturnals, *c.* 21. 1705 TATE, etc., tr. *Cowley's Hist. Plants* (1795) 191 But yet these wild Saturnals shall not last. 1864 *Athenæum* 5 Mar. 345/3 To compose that swaggering song, 'They shall not have our Rhine,' for these saturnals.

‖ **Saturnalia** (sætŭrnē·liă), *sb. pl.* [L. *Sāturnālia*, neut. pl. of *Saturnālis* SATURNAL *a.*]

1. *Roman Antiq.* The festival of Saturn, held in the middle of December, observed as a time of general unrestrained merrymaking, extending even to the slaves. (Also, the title of a work by Macrobius.) Now always with capital S.

1591 L. LLOYD *Tripl. Triumphes* B 3, Imitating the orders and maners in the feast Saturnalia. *a* 1654 SELDEN *Table-T.* (Arb.) 33 Christmas succeeds the Saturnalia. 1788 GIBBON *Decl. & F.* xli. IV. 176 The first days, which coincided with the old Saturnalia, were [etc.]. 1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 321/2 Saturnalia. This, the great festival of Saturn, was celebrated..after Cæsar's reform of the calendar on the 17th of December. Augustus decreed that the 17th should be sacred to Saturn and the 19th to Ops. Henceforward it appears that the 17th and 18th were devoted to the Saturnalia.

2. *transf.* and *fig.* A period of unrestrained licence and revelry. Sometimes construed as *sing.*

In this sense not unfrequently with small initial.

1782 H. WALPOLE *Let. to W. Mason* 8 July, Malignity at least will have its Saturnalia. 1818 BYRON *Ch. Har.* IV. xcvii, But France got drunk with blood to vomit crime, And fatal have her Saturnalia been, To Freedom's cause. 1856 OLMSTED *Slave States* 101 From Christmas to New-Year's Day, most of the slaves, except house servants, enjoy a freedom from labor; and Christmas is especially holiday, or Saturnalia, with them. 1899 RIDER HAGGARD *Farmer's Yr.* 147 This was the beginning of a perfect saturnalia of tail-cutting and other operations [among the lambs].

Saturnalian (sætŭrnē·liăn), *a.* and *sb.* [f. prec. + -AN.] **A.** *adj.* Pertaining to the Saturnalia; appropriate to Saturnalia.

Saturnalian coin: a medal struck in commemoration of the Saturnalia, and intended to be used in the present-giving common at that season.

1721–2 AMHERST *Terræ Fil.* No. 1 P 4 The famous Saturnalian Feasts among the Romans, at which every Scullion and Skipkennel had Liberty to tell his Master his own. 1796 BURKE *Let. to Windham* Corr. (1844) IV. 404, I make use of the saturnalian liberty with which you have indulged your Davus at the close of this December. 1825 FOSBROKE *Encycl. Antiq.* II. 895 Saturnalian Coins. 1831 CARLYLE *Sart. Res.* III. v, Amid wailings from some, and saturnalian revelries from the most, the venerable Corpse is to be buried. 1853 HUMPHREYS *Coin-Coll. Man.* xxvii. II. 396 A coin of Gallienus, which has been described as a Saturnalian coin. 1855 MILMAN *Lat. Chr.* VI. iii. (1864) III. 450 That coarse saturnalian humour which pleases the Italian..ear.

B. *sb.* One who celebrates Saturnalia.

1885 'G. FLEMING' *Andromeda* I. vi. 105 The sight.. brought much confusion upon these innocent saturnalians.

†**Satu·rnally,** *adv. Obs.* [f. SATURNAL *a.* + -LY 2.] Under the influence of Saturn.

1603 FLORIO *Montaigne* II. xii. (1632) 305 So are they more or lesse merily and Giovially, or rudely and Saturnally incorporated.

Saturn(e)day, obs. forms of SATURDAY.

Saturnelles: see SATURNAL *sb.*

†**Satu·rnial,** *a. Obs.* [f. L. *Sāturni-us* pertaining to SATURN + -AL.] Pertaining to the planet Saturn; born under the influence of Saturn.

1591 SPARRY tr. *Cattan's Geomancie* 133 In things Saturnial it is ill. 1652 GAULE *Magastrom.* XXVI, So far forth as it pronounceth him Saturnial, or Jovial, &c.

†**Satu·rnian,** *sb.*[1] *Obs.* [ad. eccl. L. *Sāturniānus*, incorrectly f. *Sāturnīnus* or *Sāturnilus*, the name of the founder of the sect.] An adherent of a sect of Gnostic heretics of the second century.

1598 COLBURNE tr. *De Voyon's Catal. Doctors* To Rdr. A 8, The Saturnians, Montanists, Origenians, Tertullianists, & Hyeraists. 1607 T. ROGERS 39 *Art.* I. (1625) 11 Those men which held..that, Christ..was man in appearance onely, as the Manichies..and the Saturnians.

Saturnian (sătū·nĭăn), *a.* and *sb.*[2] [f. L. *Sāturni-us* (f. *Sāturn-us* SATURN) + -AN.] **A.** *adj.*

1. Pertaining to the god Saturn.

Chiefly with reference to the 'golden age' under the reign of Saturn (L. *Saturnia regna*). *Saturnian land* (L. *Saturnia tellus*), Italy.

1640 HOWELL *Dodona's Gr.* 58 The Saturnian times of Gold let none henceforth admire. 1728 POPE *Dunc.* I. 28 Here pleas'd behold her mighty wings outspread To hatch a new Saturnian age of Lead. 1820 SHELLEY *Œdipus* I. i. 174 Through the fortunate Saturnian land, Into the darkness of the West. 1827 CARLYLE *Misc.* (1857) I. 51 A new social order was to bring back the Saturnian era to the world. 1862 LONGF. *Wayside Inn* I. *K. Robt. Sicily* 106 And now returned again To Sicily the old Saturnian reign.

b. *nonce-use.* Resembling Saturn (in conduct).

1891 F. THOMPSON *Sister-Songs* (1895) 55 Ere Saturnian earth her child consumes.

2. The distinctive epithet of the metre (*versus Saturnius*) used in early Roman poetry, before the introduction of Greek metres.

Although a considerable number of Saturnian lines have been preserved, the nature of the metre is still disputed, some scholars believing it to be quantitative, and others accentual.

1693 DRYDEN *Juvenal* Introd. (1697) 29 The Romans.. had certain Young Men, who at their Festivals Danc'd and Sung after their uncouth manner, to a certain kind of Verse, which they call'd Saturnian. 1783 T. WILSON *Archæol. Dict.*, Saturnian Verses. 1842 MACAULAY *Let.* 22 Aug., in Trevelyan *Life* (1880) II. 119 The Saturnian metre is catalectic dimeter Iambic, followed by three trochees. 1894 LINDSAY *Lat. Lang.* 159 The Saturnian verse recognizes this secondary accent, if we are right in regarding it as accentual and not quantitative verse, with three accents in the first hemistich and two in the second.

3. Of or pertaining to the planet Saturn; †due to the baleful influence of Saturn.

1557 GRIMALDE in *Tottel's Misc.* (Arb.) 115 Mauortian moods, Saturnian furies fell. 1794 G. ADAMS *Nat. & Exp. Philos.* IV. xliii. App. 176 But, like the Jovian and Saturnian machines, they are only made from particular orders. 1806 HERSCHEL in *Phil. Trans.* XCVI. 466 We may infer the existence of a Saturnian atmosphere. 1865 PROCTOR *Saturn & Syst.* 115 The only possible interpretation of the stability of the Saturnian rings.

b. *nonce-use.* Resembling Saturn in slowness.

1796 BURKE *Regic. Peace* Wks. IX. 93 The slow-paced Saturnian movements of Spain.

†4. =SATURNINE. *Obs.*

1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr.*, *Saturnian* or *Saturnine*, barren, dull, heavy, melancholly; also unlucky or unfortunate. 1738 CHAMBERS *Cycl.*, *Saturnine*, or *Saturnian*, a term applied to persons of dark, sullen, melancholic complections.

B. *sb.*

†1. One born under the influence of the planet Saturn; a person of saturnine temperament. *Obs.*

1591 SPARRY tr. *Cattan's Geomancie* 31 A man being a Saturnian, is much more apte and prompt vnto things of Magicke, then he that is borne vnder an other Planet. 1598 MARSTON *Pygmal.* IV. 150 What cold Saturnian Can hold, and heare such vile detraction?

2. An inhabitant of the planet Saturn.

1738 *Gentl. Mag.* VIII. 315/2 Some cold Saturnian, when the lifted tube Shows to his wond'ring eye our pensile globe, Pities our thirsty soil, and sultry air. 1870 PROCTOR *Other Worlds* VI. 153 The provision of satellites and of the rings.. is altogether inadequate to increase the supply of light received by the Saturnians to any such extent as has been imagined.

3. *pl.* Saturnian verses.

1899 MACKAIL *Life Morris* I. 284 English, like Latin, has changed too deeply in structure to revert to its Saturnians.

4. *nonce-use.* The son of Saturn, Jupiter (tr. Gr. Κρονίων).

1820 SHELLEY *Hymn Merc.* XXXVIII, Where the ambrosial nymph with happy will Bore the Saturnian's love-child, Mercury. *Ibid.* III, I appeal to the Saturnian's throne.

Saturnic (sătū·nĭk), *a.* [f. SATURN + -IC.] Affected with lead-poisoning.

1879 *St. George's Hosp. Rep.* IX. 206 One patient was a total abstainer. Two took 1½ pint of beer (both saturnic). Three took 2 pints of beer (one was gouty and saturnic).

†**Satu·rnical,** *a. Obs.* [f. SATURN + -ICAL.]

1. Belonging to the god Saturn.

1561 DAUS tr. *Bullinger on Apoc.* (1573) 101 A Saturnicall or golden age. 1582 STANYHURST *Æneis* IV. (Arb.) 97 Thus toe Venus turning spake thee Saturnical empresse [*sc.* Juno, daughter of Saturn].

2. Saturnine.

1605 VERSTEGAN *Dec. Intell.* iii. (1628) 80 Crodo was also mistaken for Saturnus, not in regard of any saturnicall qualitie. 1616 R. COCKS *Diary* (Hakl. Soc.) I. 134, I think it is the saturnecall humor of the ould king. 1652 PEYTON *Catastr. Ho. Stuarts* (1731) 62 Nor lean, nor too Saturnical, nor too Jovial, but in Golden Temper. 1701 WARWICK *Mem. Chas. I* 33 Where this malevolent saturnical man, named Felton,..gave him that mortal wound.

Saturnicentric (sătū·nisĕntrik), *a.* [f. SATURN, after *geocentric.*] Calculated with reference to the centre of Saturn.

1790 HERSCHEL in *Phil. Trans.* LXXX. 432 In order to reduce the Saturnicentric situation of the satellites to the apparent one. 1868 LOCKYER *Guillemin's Heavens* (ed. 3) 253 In advancing as far as 63° of Saturnicentric latitude, we shall [etc.].

Saturnine (sæ·tŭnəin), *a.* and *sb.* [ad. med.L. **Sāturnīnus*, f. *Sāturnus* SATURN. Cf. F. *saturnin*, Sp., Pg., It. *saturnino.*] **A.** *adj.*

1. **a.** *Astrol.* Born under or affected by the influence of the planet. **b.** Hence (in later use without allusion to the primary sense), sluggish, cold, and gloomy in temperament.

Saturnine mount, in *Palmistry* = *Mons Saturni*: see MONS.

1433 LYDG. *St. Edmund* II. 275 This cursid Bern, enuyous

and riht fals, And of complexioun verray saturnyne. 1587 GREENE *2nd Pt. Tritam.* I 4 h, The Saturnine temperature is necessarie to dry vp the superfluities of the sanguine constitution. 1599 NASHE *Lenten Stuffe* 64 Saturnine beauy headed blunderers. 1621 BURTON *Anat. Mel.* 1. ii. 1. ii. 62 Gregorius Tolosanus makes seauen kindes of ætheriall..Divels, according to the number of the seauen Planets, Saturnine, Iouial, Martiall, &c. 1642 HOWELL *For. Trav.* v. (Arb.) 30 Go first to the Operations of the Soule, the one is Active and Mercuriall, the other is Speculative and Saturnine: the one Quick and Ayry, the other Slow and Heavy. 1668 DRYDEN *Def. Dram. Poesy* Ess. (ed. Ker) I. 116 My conversation is slow and dull; my humour saturnine and reserved. 1696 AUBREY *Misc.* (1721) 172 Toads (Saturnine Animals) are killed by putting of Salt upon them. 1711 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 179 ¶ 1, I may cast my Readers unto two general Divisions, the *Mercurial* and the *Saturnine*. *a* 1779 WARBURTON *Div. Legat.* IX. Introd., Wks. 1788 III. 593 The Indolent, the Active, the Sanguine, the Flegmatic, and the Saturnine have all their correspondent Theories [of morality]. 1822 SCOTT *Nigel* xiii, The former..was grave and saturnine in every thing he did. 1848 DICKENS *Dombey* xxxv, Towlinson is saturnine and grim. 1855 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* xvi. III. 634 One of the most remarkable peculiarities of this man [William III], ordinarily so saturnine and reserved, was that danger acted on him like wine. 1865 LONGF. *Dante's Purgat.* Introd. Sona., O poet saturnine! 1871 TYLOR *Prim. Cult.* I. 113 Chiromancy..finds proof of melancholy in the intersections on the saturnine mount.

2. Pertaining to the planet Saturn. *rare*—¹.

1822 G. WILSON *Relig. Chem.* 59 The Mercurial day being, like our own, twenty-four hours long, the Saturnine only ten.

3. Of or pertaining to lead.

1669 W. SIMPSON *Hydrol. Chym.* 7 You shall find the water to have contracted no saturnine impression. 1753 CHAMBERS *Cycl. Supp.* s. v., Saturnine tincture, *tinctura saturnina*. 1782 E. FORD in *Med. Commun.* I. 96 A scabby eruption, which..yielded to a saturnine application. 1813 J. THOMSON *Lect. Inflam.* 445 An emollient or saturnine poultice forms..the best application to the ulcer. 1835 G. FIELD *Chromatogr.* 95 Red Lead, Minium, or Saturnine Red. 1874 GARROD & BAXTER *Mat. Med.* (1880) 120 Acetate of lead and other Saturnine preparations.

b. *Path.* Of disorders: Caused by absorption of lead. Of a patient: Suffering from lead-poisoning.

1823 J. BADCOCK *Dom. Amusem.* 105 Spasmodic cholic, or the saturnine [*read* saturnine], as it is termed, from the causation thereof, generally follows a debauch of wine, of the pale kinds particularly. 1855 DUNGLISON *Med. Lex.*, *Saturnine breath*, the peculiar odour of the breath in one labouring under Saturnismus. 1885 T. STEVENSON in *Encycl. Brit.* XIX. 278/1 Potmen, who drink beer which has rested for some time in pewter vessels, are also the occasional victims of saturnine poisoning. 1897 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* II. 982 The increase or diminution of the uric acid was in no way proportional to the severity of the colic, and old saturnine patients tended to pass it in excess.

†**B.** *sb.* A person born under the planet Saturn; a gloomy person.

1631 BEATHWAIT *Whimzies, Launderer* 56 A Launderer is a linnen barber, and a meere saturnine; for you shall ever finde her in the suds. 1653 R. SANDERS *Physiogn.* 151 So much for the Physiognomy of the Saturnines; now for the Jovialists.

Saturninely (sæ·tŭɪnəinli), *adv.* [f. SATURNINE *a.* + -LY ².] In a saturnine manner.

1895 *Daily News* 6 Feb. 5/6 Lord Salisbury was saturninely humorous in his criticism of the Ministerial programme.

Saturninity (sætʊɪni·nĭti). [f. SATURNINE *a.* + -ITY.] The quality of being saturnine.

1903 *Critic* XLIII. 353/2 The two dominating traits of the Englishman's character are a love of battle and a tendency to saturninity.

†**Satu·rnious,** *a. Obs.* [f. L. *Sāturni-us* pertaining to Saturn + -IOUS.] Saturnine, gloomy.

1591 SPARRY tr. *Cattan's Geomancie* 229 It shall be by Saturnyous, melancholy and vitious men.

Saturnism (sæ·tŭmiz'm). Also in mod.L. form. [a. mod.L. *Saturnism-us*, f. L. *Sāturn-us* SATURN: see -ISM.] Lead-poisoning.

1855 DUNGLISON *Med. Lex.*, *Saturnismus*, poisoning by lead; lead-poisoning; saturnine cachexy. 1879 *St. George's Hosp. Rep.* IX. 179 Four had suffered from fits, one from saturnism.

†**Sa·turnist.** *Obs.* [f. SATURN + -IST.] One born under the influence of the planet Saturn; a saturnine person.

1569 J. SANFORD tr. *Agrippa's Van. Artes* 50 b, She pronounceth this man a Saturniste, or Jouialist. 1598 MARSTON *Sco. Villanie* I. ii. 175 What icye Saturnist, what Northerne pate, But such grosse lewdnesse would exasperate? 1654 WHITLOCK *Zootomia* 507 Grum-sirs hate Jovialists; they the sad, The active Soule a Saturnist.

†**Saturnite.** *Min. Obs.* [f. SATURN + -ITE.] (See quot. 1896.)

1784 KIRWAN *Min.* 361 (Chester) Saturnite. 1795 W. NICHOLSON *Dict. Chem.* II. 801 *Saturnite*. By this name Kirwan distinguishes a substance said by Monnet to be found in the lead mines of Poullaouwen in Brittany, and separated from the lead ore during its torrefaction. 1896 CHESTER *Dict. Names Min.*, *Saturnite*, the name given to a furnace product from lead smelting, at first considered a simple mineral.

Saturnize (sæ·tŭmoiz), *v.* [f. SATURN + -IZE.]

†**1.** *trans.* To combine or impregnate with lead.

1694 SALMON *Bate's Dispens.* (1713) 477/1 *Nitrum Saturnisatum*, Nitre saturnised, or with Lead.

2. *nonce-use.* To castrate.

[In allusion to the mutilation of Saturn by Jupiter.]

1829 LANDOR *Imag. Conv., Lucian & Timoth.* Wks. 1853 II. 18/2 My grandfather..likes no horses but what are Saturnized.

†**Sa·turnlike,** *adv. Obs.* [f. SATURN + -LIKE.] Resembling Saturn.

1569 SPENSER *Vis. Bellay* (earlier version) vii. 4 A grisly forehed and Saturnelike face. *a* 1633 AUSTIN *Medit.* (1635) 147 But since the Sunne of righteousnesse hath rose from the Saturne-like and dull Earth on our Sunday; wee [etc.].

Saturnsday, obs. form of SATURDAY.

Saturnus: see SATURN. **Satury:** see SATYR.

Satyr (sæ·tɔɪ). Forms: *a.* (repr. L. *satyrus*, pl. *satyrī*) 4 **satirus**; *pl.* 4–6 **satiri, satyri,** (4–5 **satiry, satury, satsrye**). *β.* 5–7 **satyre,** 6 **satyer,** 6–8 **satire,** 6– **satyr.** [ad. L. *satyrus*, a. Gr. *σάτυρος*. Cf. F. *satyre*, Sp. *sátiro*, Pg., It. *satiro*.]

1. *Myth.* One of a class of woodland gods or demons, in form partly human and partly bestial, supposed to be the companions of Bacchus.

In Greek art of the pre-Roman period the satyr was represented with the ears and tail of a horse. Roman sculptors assimilated it in some degree to the faun of their native mythology, giving to it the ears, tail, and legs of a goat, and budding horns.

In the English Bible the word is applied (without precedent either in the LXX or the Vulgate) to the hairy demons or monsters (Heb. שְׂעִירִים *śᶜirīm*) of Semitic superstition, supposed to inhabit deserts.

c 1374 CHAUCER *Tr. & Cr.* IV. 1516 (1544) And þis, on enery god celestial I swere it 3ow,..On euery Nymphe and deyte infernal On satury and fawny more and lesse, þat halue goddes ben of wildernesse. *c* 1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) I. 169 þere is ofte by ny3te i-seie fire, fauni, and satyri. 1390 GOWER *Conf.* II. 171 The Greks..Sein ek that of the helles hihe The goddes ben in special, Bot of here name in general Thei hoten alle Satiri. 1484 CAXTON *Fables of Avian* xxii, The wodewose or Satyre ledde the pylgrym in to his pytte. 1569 J. SANFORD tr. *Agrippa's Van. Artes* III The woode Satires. 1581 PETTIE *Guazzo's Civ. Conv.* III. (1586) 157 A milkemaide of the countrie, who will haue as good a grace amongst other women, as a Satyre would haue amongst the Nymphes. 1584 R. SCOT *Discov. Witches.* VII. XV. (1886) 122 They have so fraied us with bull beggers, spirits, witches, urchens, elves, hags, fairies, satyrs, pans, fauns, sylens [etc.]. 1594 NASHE *Terrors Nt.* Wks. (Grosart) III. 222 Fawnes, Satyres, Dryades, & Hamadryades. 1595 *Locrine* v. iv. 203 You Driades and lightfoote Satiri. 1602 SHAKS. *Ham.* I. ii. 140 So excellent a King, that was to this Hiperion to a Satyre. 1611 BIBLE *Isa.* xiii. 21 Satyres [1885 (*Revised*) satyrs (*margin* or he-goats)] shall daunce there. 1700 CONGREVE *Way of World* III. xviii, Sure I was born with budding Antlers like a young Satyr. 1848 Mrs. JAMESON *Sacr. & Leg. Art* (1850) 64 The head has the god-like ugliness and malignity of a satyr.

b. *fig.* as the type of lustfulness.

1781 COWPER *Conversat.* 38 The heathen law-givers of ancient days,..Would drive them forth from the resort of men, And shut up ev'ry satyr in his den. 1877 RUSKIN *Laws Fesole* I. 206 The essential character of Renaissance art,—the pride of Thieves, adorned by the industry of Fools, under the mastership of Satyrs.

¶ **c.** The confusion between the words *satiric* and *satyric* gave rise to the notion that the satyrs who formed the chorus of the Greek satyric drama had to deliver 'satirical' speeches. Hence, in the 16–17th c., the frequent attribution to the satyrs of censoriousness as a characteristic quality. See also SATIRE *sb.* 4.

† 1580 LODGE *Repl. Gosson's Sch. Abuse* 36 They presented the liues of Satyers, So that they might wiselye vnder the abuse of that name, discouer the follies of many theyr folish fellow citesens. 1593 GREENE *Mamillia* II. To Rdrs., Let Momus mocke, and Zoilus enuie,..yea, let the sauage Satyre himselfe, whose cynicall censure is more seuere than need, frowne at his pleasure. 1650 B. *Discolliminium* 46 A.. lumpe, compounded of..Satyres Splens, Polecatts Lites.

2. A kind of ape (so Gr. *σάτυρος*); in modern use, the orang-utan, *Simia satyrus*. *rare.*

1598 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* XVIII. XCVI. (1495) 842 Some ape is callyd Satirus, plesynge in face wyth mery meuynges and playenges. 1613 PURCHAS *Pilgrimage* (1614) 558 Other Apes there are store, and as Solinus reporteth, Satyres with feet like Goats, and Sphynges, with breasts like women. 1698 FRYER *Acc. E. India & P.* 188 For their Solitariness called Men of the Woods, or more truly Satyrs. 1776 BURNEY *Hist. Mus.* (1789) I. ii. 304 Satyr is a name given by some authors to the Orang-outang, or man of the woods. 1780 *Ann. Reg.* 196 Gough..unchained a large fierce animal..it proved to be a man satyr...Gough is a dealer in wild beasts. 1842 BRANDE *Dict. Sci.*, etc., s. v., In Zoölogy, the orang-outang..is sometimes called satyr.

3. Any butterfly of the group *Satyridæ*.

1871 NEWMAN *Brit. Butterflies* 77.

†**4.** *Cant.* (See quot.) *Obs.*

1714 A. SMITH *Lives Highwaym.* (ed. 2) II. 136 He left off picking Pockets, and got into a Gang of Satyrs who are Men living wild in the Fields, that keep their Holds and Dwellings in the Country and forsaken Places, stealing Horses, Kine, Sheep, and all other sort of Cattle.

†**5.** *Her.* = SATYRAL. *Obs.* 1889 [see SATYRAL].

6. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *satyr-dance, -shape, train*; *satyr-footed, -like* adjs.; **satyr-drama** = SATYRIC *drama*; **satyr-pug,** a British geometer moth, *Eupithecia satyrata*.

a 1746 HOLDSWORTH *Rem. Virgil* (1768) 23 Virgil here speaks of a feast just like this; and of the Pan or *Satyr-dance. 1850 LEITCH tr. *C. O. Müller's Anc. Art* § 386 (ed. 2) 499 The old *satyr-drama. 1598 E. GUILPIN *Skial.* (1878) 35 Thys leaden-heeled passion is to dull, To keepe pace with this *Satyre-footed gull. 1882 'OUIDA' *Maremma* I. viii. 187 The figure of a shepherd, *satyr-like and clad in goatskin. 1869 NEWMAN *Moths* 126 The *Satyr Pug. 1850 TENNYSON *In Mem.* XXXV, In his coarsest *Satyr-shape. *a* 1717 PARNELL *To Pope* 27 A *Satyr Train Peeps o'er their Heads, and laugh behind the Scene.

Satyr, obs. form of SATIRE.

‖ **Satyra** (sæ·tĭră). [L., a. Gr. *σατύρα*, fem. of *σάτυρος* SATYR.] A female satyr.

1850 LEITCH tr. *C. O. Müller's Anc. Art* § 385 (ed. 2) 497 Double herma of a satyr and a satyra.

Satyral (sæ·tĭrăl). *Her.* [a. OF. *satirel, -al*, dim. of *satire* SATYR.] (See quot.)

1780 EDMONDSON *Heraldry* II. Gloss., *Satyral*, a fictitious beast, said to have the body of a lion, the tail and horns of an antelope, and the face of an old man. 1889 ELVIN *Dict. Her.*, *Satyr* or *satyral*.

Satyrday, Satyre: see SATURDAY, SATIRE.

Satyresque (sætĭre·sk), *a.* Also -**esk.** [ad. It. *satiresco*, f. *satiro* SATYR: see -ESQUE.] Resembling a satyr; having the characteristics of a satyr.

1755 *Phil. Trans.* XLIX. 497 It..represents a Priapus, which is not satyresque. 1850 LEITCH tr. *C. O. Müller's Anc. Art* § 329 (ed. 2) 388 The gelasinus in the cheeks also only becomes satyresk beauties.

Satyress (sæ·tĭrès). [-ESS.] A female satyr.

1840 H. DRUMMOND *Let. to T. Phillips* 24 Satyresses suckling their little cubs. 1890 *Sat. Rev.* 11 Oct. 437/1 The fauness or satyress..grows a little monotonous.

Satyri, Satyrial(1: see SATYR, SATIRIAL *a.*

Satyrian, obs. form of SATYRION.

‖ **Satyriasis** (sætĭroi·ăsis). *Path.* Also 7 **saturyasis.** [mod. L., a. Gr. *σατυριᾶσις*, f. *σατυριᾶν* to suffer from satyriasis, f. *σάτυρ-ος* SATYR: see -ASIS.]

1. 'Excessively great venereal desire in the male. Also, synonym for *Priapism*' (*Syd. Soc. Lex.* 1897).

1657 W. COLES *Adam in Eden* cclxxx, Being put into Plaisters and applyed to the Reines, it helpeth the Satyriasis or continuall standing of the Yard. 1696 FLOYER *On the Humours* (J.), If the chyle be very plentiful it breeds a satyriasis. 1874 BUCKNILL & TUKE *Man. Psych. Med., Insanity* 452 Satyriasis and Nymphomania, as examples of Monomania, are, therefore, liable to the objection that they are spinal or cerebro-spinal affections.

fig. 1629 QUARLES *Argalus & P.* I. 46 Now..euery eare Hath got the Saturyasis to heare This tragicke sceane. 1847 DE QUINCEY *Notes on Landor* Wks. 1858 IX. 285 Afflicted with the very satyriasis of curiosity.

2. 'Old term applied to a variety of *Elephantiasis græcorum*, or leprosy, on account of its hideous appearance' (*Syd. Soc. Lex.* 1897).

[1684 *Blancard's Phys. Dict.*, *Satyriasis*...'Tis taken sometimes for the Leprosy, because in that Disease the Skin acquires the Roughness of a Satyr.] 1884 A. LAMBERT in *Contemp. Rev.* Aug. 211 Elephantiasis, Satyriasis, Leontiasis, serve only to render more vividly the real fact of uttermost misery..concealed now under the common name of Leprosy.

Satyric (sătĭ·rik), *a.* and *sb.* Also 7 **satir-, satyrique,** 8 **satir-, satyrick.** [ad. L. *satyric-us*, Gr. *σατυρικ-ός*, f. *σάτυρ-ος* SATYR: see -IC.]

A. *adj.* Pertaining to satyrs; *esp.* as the epithet of that species of Greek drama in which the chorus was habited to represent satyrs.

1607 TOPSELL *Four-f. Beasts* 13 That..there are certaine little hilles full of the *Satyrique-Ægipanæ*, and that in the night time they vse great fires, piping and dansing. 1693 DRYDEN *Juvenal* Ded. (1697) 32 In the Olympique Games, where the Poets contended for four Prizes, the Satirique Tragedy was the last of them. 1776 J. BRYANT *Mythol.* III. 196 They had also..the satyric dance, which was common among the Thracians, and the people of Greece. 1783 T. WILSON *Archæol. Dict.* s. v. *Scene*, According to Vitruvius there were three sorts of scenes, *Tragic, Comic*, and *Satyric*. 1819 SHELLEY (*title*) The Cyclops. A Satyric Drama Translated from the Greek of Euripides. 1871 NESBITT *Catal. Slade Coll. Glass* 167 Five columns, surmounted by satyric masks. 1877 RUSKIN *Fors Clav.* LXXXIII. 360 Which satyric dance and sirenic song accomplished [etc.].

†**B.** *sb.* A satyric drama. *Obs.*

1693 DAVDEN *Juvenal* Ded. (1697) 32 Amongst the Plays of Euripides,.. there is one of these Satyriques. *Ibid.* 33 The Satyrique, says he [Casaubon], is a Dramatique Poem, annex'd to a Tragedy; having a Chorus, which consists of Satyrs.

Satyric, obs. form of SATIRIC.

Satyrical (sătĭ·rikăl), *a.* [f. L. *satyric-us* (see prec.) + -AL.] = SATYRIC *a.*

1590 L. LLOYD *1st Pt. Diall of Daies* Oct. 43 Picus and Faunus two Satyricall Gods. 1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* I. 296 Those satyrical gesticulations of theirs like Antikes. 1699 BENTLEY *Phal.* 243 The true Thespis's Plays were all Satyrical, (that is, the Plot of them was the story of Bacchus, the Chorus consisted of Satyrs). 1763 J. BROWN *Poetry & Mus.* vii. 144 In this Union of comic Representation and a satyrical Choir, we see the genuine, though imperfect and rude Form of the old Greek Comedy. *a* 1846 Mrs. BROWNING *Lett. R. H. Horne* (1877) II. liv. 98 There are certain objections..such as the difficulty of sustaining the right Satyrical tone.

Satyrical, obs. form of SATIRICAL *a.*

Satyrion (sătĭ·riŏn). Forms: 5 **saturioun,** 6–7 **satirion,** 7 **satyrian, saterion,** 6– **satyrion.** Also 8 in L. form **satyrium.** [a. L. *satyrion, -ium*, a. Gr. *σατύριον*, f. *σάτυρ-ος* SATYR, in allusion to the reputed aphrodisiac properties of the plant so named.] A name given to various kinds of Orchis.

The name *Satyrium* has been given in botanical Latin to a sub-tropical orchidaceous genus.

a 1400 *Stockholm Med. MS.* ii. 732 in *Anglia* XVIII. 325 Of dragans arn spycis iij..Bothe arn callyd saturioun. 1526 *Grete Herball* cccxci. (1529) X v, Satirion..groweth on hylles & playne feldes. 1548 TURNER *Names Herbes* (E. D. S.) 70 The great Satyrion may be called in englishe whyte satyrion or great satyrion. 1597 GERARDE *Herbal* I. civ. 172 Red handed Satyrion is a smal lowe and base herbe. 1625 BACON *Ess.*,

Gardens P 1 The Sweet Satyrian, with the White Flower. 1681 OTWAY *Soldier's Fort.* v. (1735) 108 'Tis the root Satyrion, a very precious plant. 1731 MILLER *Gard. Dict., Orchis*,..Satyrion, or Fool-Stones. 1752 J. HILL *Hist. Plants* 591 (Jod.) The undivided bulbed satyrium, with lanceolated leaves. 1844 KITTO *Phys. Hist. Palestine* vii. 241 Moon-trefoil; knapweed; satyrion.

attrib. 1637 HEYWOOD *Dial.* xvi. 237 There nothing is to boot Between a Bean and a Satyrion root. 1661 RABISHA *Cookery* 220 To preserve Saterion roots.

Satyrique, obs. form of SATIRIC *a.*

Satyrisk (sæ·tĭrisk). *Antiq. rare.* [ad. Gr. σατυρίσκος, dim. of σάτυρος SATYR.] A little satyr.

1850 LEITCH tr. *C. O. Müller's Anc. Art* § 386 (ed. 2) 500 Heron also..mentions Satyrisks with wine-skins.

Sau, obs. pa. t. of SEE *v.*; obs. f. SAW, SOW.

Sauba (sǭ·bă, ‖ sau·ba). In quots. saüba. [Tupi *sauba.*] The leaf-cutting ant (*Œcodoma cephalotes*) of tropical South America.

1863 BATES *Nat. Amazons* i. (1864) 11 Another far more interesting species was the Saüba...Large mounds of earth, ..forty yards in circumference,.. were the work of the Saübas. 1864–5 WOOD *Homes without Hands* vii. (1868) 122 The Saüba or Coushie Ant.

Sauce (sǭs), *sb.* Forms: 4–5 sawse, *Sc.* salss, 4–8 sawce, sause, 5 saus, sace, 5–6 *Sc.* sals(e, 6 saulce, sace, 9 *vulgar* sarse, sause, sass, 4– sauce. See also SOUSE. [a. F. *sauce* (in OF. also *sausse*) = Pr., Sp., Pg., It. *salsa* :—popular L. *salsa*, fem. of *salsus* salted: see SALT *a.*[1] The etymological sense is thus identical with that of SALAD.]

1. Any preparation, usually liquid or soft, and often consisting of several ingredients, intended to be eaten as an appetizing accompaniment to some article of food. † Formerly occas. applied to a condiment of any kind.

Often with qualifying word denoting the predominant ingredient, as *bread, egg, mint, parsley sauce.* † Also (15th c.) in many adopted Fr. terms, as *sauce cameline, galantine, gansell*, etc.: see *Two Cookery-bks.* 77 (*c* 1450) and 108–110 (*c* 1430). † *Robert sauce* [tr. F. *sauce Robert*]: a sauce consisting of chopped onions cooked with butter and seasoned.

1350 *Will. Palerne* 1882 þei ete at here ese as þei miȝt þanne, boute salt oþer sauce or any semli drynk. 13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* B. 823 [Lot's wife] sayde softely to hir self 'þis vn-sauere [*MS.* vn-fauere] hyne Louez no salt in her sauce'. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Nuns Pr. T.* 14 Of poynaunt sauce [*v.rr.* sawce, sause] hir neded neuer a deel. *c* 1420 *Liber Cocorum* (1862) 52 For grete lordis þou schalt take wyne With safrounе to þy sawce ful fyne. *c* 1450 HOLLAND *Howlat* 705 Many sawouris salss with sewaris he send. *c* 1480 HENRYSON *Test. Cress.* 421 The swete Meitis, seruit in plaittis clene, With Saipheron sals of ane gude sessoun. 1481–90 *Howard Househ. Bks.* (Roxb.) 109 Otmele j.d. Sasis j.d. Clos and mas j.d. 1558 WARDE tr. *Alexis' Secr.* (1568) 42 Use it at meales in the maner of a saulce. 1578 LYTE *Dodoens* II. lxxvi. 250 This herbe is also used..in Salades and sawces. 1633 P. FLETCHER *Purple Isl.* i. xxvii, While sugar hires the taste the brain to drown, And bribes of sauce corrupt false appetite. *a* 1656 BP. HALL *Rem. Wks.* (1660) 186 A sharp kind of sowrenesse in sawces is esteemed pleasing and tastfull. *a* 1682 SIR T. BROWNE *Misc. Tracts* (1684) 81 Sawce made of Raisins stamped with Vinegar. 1725 *Bradley's Fam. Dict.* s.v. *Roast-Meats*, An old wild Boar must be dress'd..with Pepper and Vinegar, or Robert-Sauce. 1750 W. ELLIS *Country Housewife's Comp.* 246 For Sauce to such a Pudding, they strew a little Sugar over it when out of the oven, and then it becomes so palatable that [etc.]. 1764 ELIZA MOXON *Eng. Housew.* (ed. 9) 123 To make Sauce for tame Ducks. 1845 ELIZA ACTON *Mod. Cookery* 127 Parsley-green, for colouring Sauces. 1884 *Girl's Own Paper* May 427/3 Boiled chicken..covered with white sauce.

b. In proverbial expressions, as *Sweet meat will have sour sauce, What's sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander*, and the like.

1562 J. HEYWOOD *Prov. & Epigr.* (1867) 158 Sweete meate will haue soure sauce, to this reason feate, Ioyne this conuersion soure sauce will haue sweete meate. 1581 T. HOWELL *Deuises* (1879) 200 Aye me that such soure sauce, false fortune should procure. 1607 HIERON *Wks.* (1614) I. 20 The sweet meats of wickednes will haue the sowre sauce of wretchednes and misery. 1700 COLLIER *2nd Def. Short View* 37 That that 's Sawce for a Goose is Sawce for a Gander. 1845 DISRAELI *Sybil* III. i, We were holding out for our rights, and that's sauce for any gander. 1900 UPWARD *Eben. Lobb* 295 It seemed to me as though what was sauce for the insured ought to have been sauce for the annuitant. 1905 *Athenæum* 5 Aug. 167/1 What is sauce for the verb is surely sauce for the verbal substantive.

c. *transf.*

1362 LANGL. *P. Pl.* A. VII. 249 Ete not, Ich hote þe, til hunger þe take, And sende þe sum of his sauce to sauer þe þe betere. 1375 BARBOUR *Bruce* III. 540 Thai soucht {nane othir} sals thar-till Bot appetyt. 1542 UDALL *Erasm. Apoph.* 13 b, Houngre & thirste is for all thynges the beste sauce in the worlde. 1555–1634 [see HUNGER *sb.* 1 c]. 1693 LOCKE *Educ.* § 13. 13 Flesh once a Day,..without other Sawce than Hunger, is best.

2. *fig.* Something which adds piquancy to a word, idea, thought or action.

a 1500–20 DUNBAR *Poems* lxvii. 19 Quha maist it servis sall sonast repent: Off quhais subchettis sour is the sals. 1533 MORE *Debell. Salem* Wks. 969/2 But this good host of ours ..geueth vs thereto one litle messe of sace to it. 1552 [see SAUCY *a.*[1] 1 *fig.*]. 1642 FULLER *Holy & Prof. State* II. xiii. 183 Sleep it self is a recreation; adde not therefore sauce to sauce. 1692 R. L'ESTRANGE *Fables* lxxiv. 74 That which we call Raillery, in This Sense, is the very Sawce of Civil Entertainment. 1831 SCOTT *Ct. Robt.* xiii, What is enticing to other men, must, to interest them, have the piquant sauce of extreme danger. 1907 A. C. BENSON *Altar Fire* 16 Fame is only one of the sauces of life.

3. Phrases. **a.** *To serve with the same sauce*: to subject to the same kind of usage (as one has suffered, or as has been inflicted on another). Similarly, *a sop of the same sauce, to taste of the same sauce.*

1523 LD. BERNERS *Froiss.* I. ccccxv. 726 If the flemynges had achyued the prise ouer them, they had bene serued of the same sauce. 1555 EDEN *Decades* (Arb.) 70 They serue them with like sause, requitinge deathe for deathe. 1587 GREENE *Euphues his Censure* Wks. (Grosart) VI. 223 Hee [Cleophanes] thought to giue them a soppe of the same sauce, and to thrust out one wyle with another. 1593 *Tell-troth's N. Y. Gift* (1876) 7, I wil not liue alone in sorrow, but will make thee taste of the same sauce. 1605 *Trag. End Sir J. Fites* (1860) 24 The other man who was close by him..might wel haue beene served with the same sawce likewise. 1704 J. PITTS *Acc. Mohammetans* 152 They sent for the French Consul, intending to serve him the same Sause. 1889 'R. BOLDREWOOD' *Robbery under Arms* xxxvi, You deserve the same sauce..for..letting that ruffian torment these helpless ladies.

† **b.** *To have eaten sauce, to have drunk of sauce's cup*: to be abusive. *Obs.*

Cf. sense 6 b, and SAUCE *v.* 4 c, d.

1526 SKELTON *Magnyf.* 1404 Ye haue eten sauce, I trowe, at the Taylers Hall. *a* 1529 — *Bouge of Court* 72 To be so perte..she sayde she trowed that I had eten sauce; She asked yf euer I dranke of saucys cuppe.

† **c.** *To pay sauce*, to pay dearly; *to cost* (a person) *sauce*, to cost him dearly. *Obs.*

1678 J. PHILLIPS tr. *Tavernier's Trav.* I. IV. viii. 168 This penitence costs the criminal Sawce. 1686 tr. *Chardin's Coronat. Solyman* 107 All the Court..believ'd 'twould cost his ambition sauce; as indeed it fell out. 1694 WESTMACOTT *Script. Herb.* 9 We pay Sauce for sophisticated stuff. 1718 MOTTEUX *Quix.* (1733) II. 116 The Innkeeper..swore ..that they should pay him Sauce for the Damage.

† **d.** *In no sauce*: under no possible circumstances, by no persuasion or inducement. *Obs.*

[Cf. Fr. 'cela ne vaut rien à quelque sauce qu'on le mette'.]

1542 UDALL *Erasm. Apoph.* 265 b, An haulte courage towarde, and that could in no sauce ahyde to bee putte backe. 1550 LATIMER *Last Serm. bef. Edw. VI* (1562) 113 b, And yet I remember I had preached vpon thys Epistle once afore Kyng Henry the .viii. but now I could not frame wyth it, nor it liked me not in no sauce. 1565 T. STAPLETON *Fortr. Faith* 10 The lerned therefore amonge the protestants will in no sauce make papistry so late a matter.

4. a. Chiefly *U. S.* Vegetables or fruits, fresh or preserved, taken as part of a meal, or as a relish. Often = SALAD. See also GREEN SAUCE.

In U. S. *long sauce* = beet, carrots, and parsnips; *short sauce* = potatoes, turnips, onions, pumpkins, etc.

1629 PARKINSON *Parad.* title-p., A Kitchen Garden of all manner of herbes,..and fruites, for meate or sause vsed with vs. 1705 BEVERLY *Hist. Virginia* IV. xvii. (1722) 253 Roots, herbs, vine-fruits, and Sallad-flowers..they dish up..and find them very delicious Sauce to their Meats. 1809 W. IRVING *Knickerb.* III. vii. (1820) 204 Some buxom country heiress, ..deeply skilled in the mystery of making apple sweetmeats, long sauce, and pumpkin pie. 1813 BATCHELOR *Agric. Bedford* 76 (E. D. D.) The potatoe..is also the principal vegetable used for sauce. 1893 ZINCKE *Wherstead* xxvii. 261 Vegetables are, with us [in East Anglia], 'sauce'.

b. *U. S.* A dish of fruit-pulp stewed with sweetening or flavouring.

In recent Dicts.; the examples cited are *apple-sauce* and *cranberry sauce*, which as used in England belong to sense 1.

1846 MRS. KIRKLAND *West. Clearings* 24 Among custards, cakes, and 'saase' or preserves, of different kinds, figured great dishes of lettuce [etc.].

5. A solution of salt and other ingredients used in some manufacturing processes. Cf. PICKLE *sb.*[1] 3.

So F. *sauce*; see Littré s. v.

1839 URE *Dict. Arts* 617 (Gold) This pickle or sauce, as it is called, takes up..a notable quantity of gold. *Ibid.* 1255 (Tobacco) Watering each layer [of tobacco]..with a solution of sea salt, of spec. grav. 1·107, called sauce. 1876 J. DUNNING *Tobacco* (Brit. Manuf. Industr.) 16 In other countries liquors or 'sauces' (as they are called) are generally employed.

6. [? Evolved from SAUCY *a.*] † **a.** *Vocatively.* An impudent person, a 'saucebox'. *Obs.* Cp. *Jack-sauce* s.v. JACK *sb.*[1] 35 and SAUCEBOX.

a 1553 UDALL *Royster D.* III. iii. (Arb.) 48 Backe sir sauce, let gentlefolkes haue elbowe roome. 1591 *Troub. Raigne K. John* (1611) 27 Good words sir sauce, your betters are in place. *c* 1592 MARLOWE *Jew of Malta* III. (1633) F 2 b, Go to, sirra sauce, is this your question? get ye gon. 1697 CIBBER *Woman's Wit* III. 40 Why what's that to you, Sawce!

b. Sauciness, impertinence. *colloq.* and *dial.*

1835 MARRYAT *Jac. Faithf.* ii, He's full of his sauce, sir,—you must forgive it. 1872 *Routledge's Every Boy's Ann.* 614/1 Dennis had been in his tantrums..; he'd..given sauce to the monitors. 1897 C. MORLEY *Stud. Board Sch.* 217 My husban' wouldn't take none of his sauce.

7. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *sauce cook, -deviser, -dish, maker, -plate, -tureen*; **sauce-garden** *U. S.*, a garden in which vegetables are grown for the table; **sauce-man** *U. S.*, one who deals in vegetables; **sauce oyster**, a large oyster used in making sauce.

1908 *Daily Chron.* 5 Aug. 6/2 A *sauce cook, at the Bath Club. 1884 TENNYSON *Becket* Prol. 52, I know thee..A *sauce-deviser for thy days of fish. 1837 HALIBURTON *Clockm. Ser.* I. xii. 103 They vegitate like a lettuce plant in *sarse garden. *a* 1410 in *1st Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* 109/1 All the folks of the *salsemakercrafte..did at their own costs and charges together maintain..the pageant. 1561 TURNER *Herbal* II. (1568) 22 The succot makers and saucemakers. 1837 HAWTHORNE *Twice-told T.* (1851) I. xvi. 249 Behind comes a '*sauceman', driving a wagon full of new potatoes, green ears of corn [etc.]. 1891 *Daily News* 10 Oct. 5/4 *Sauce oysters are unusually large and excellent. 1835 DICKENS *Sk. Boz, Tales, Mr. W. Tottle* ii, On one side of the table two green *sauce-tureens, with ladles of the same.

Sauce (sǭs), *v.* Forms: 5–6 sause, sawse, 5–7 sawce, 6 saulce, 9 *vulgar* sass, 5– sauce. [f. SAUCE *sb.* Cf. F. *saucer.*]

1. *trans.* To season, dress, or prepare (food) with sauces or condiments. *arch.*

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 441/2 Sawcyn, *salmento.* Sawcyn, wythe powder, *idem quod* Powderyn. *c* 1450 *Douce MS.* 55 in *Two Cookery Bks.* 50 Sauce him withe powdre of pepyr and gyngevere & mustarde vynegre & salt and serve him forth. 1556 J. HEYWOOD *Spider & F.* vi. 30 Of a goose with garlicke sauste: so late I eete. 1584 COGAN *Haven Health* cxxvi. (1636) 125 A..powder, to strow upon.. Quinces, or Wardens, or to sauce a hen. 1594 R. ASHLEY tr. *Loys le Roy* 15 Eche countrey hauing his peculiar meates, and a seueral kinde of dressing, preparing, sauouring, saulcing, rosting, and boyling them. 1632 tr. *Bruel's Prax. Med.* 242 His meate may be sawced with iuyce of Pomegranates. 1667 L. STUCLEY *Gospel-Glass* xxxii. (1670) 305 Nothing has pleased your squeamish stomachs, but meat so sawced. 1699 EVELYN *Acetaria* 81 Garcius and others, assure us, that the Indians..universally sauce their Viands with it [Fœtid Assa]. 1741 *Compl. Fam.-Piece* I. ii. 152 Sauce them [the cutlets] with Mustard, Butter, Shallot, Vinegar and Gravy. 1883 *American* VII. 120 However poor the meat it is well sauced.

b. In proverbial phrase. (See quots.)

1579 GOSSON *Sch. Abuse* (Arb.) 73 Hunger sauceth every meate. 1641 J. SHUTE *Sarah & Hagar* (1649) 136 Saith Saint Basil 'Fasting..sauceth best the use of meats'.

† **c.** *transf.* To make bitter. *Obs.*

1614 BP. HALL *Contempl., O. T.* v. i. 10 So to craue water, that it may not be sauced with bitternes.

2. *fig.* **a.** To furnish a pleasing accompaniment to; to make pleasant or agreeable, to reduce the asperity or severity of.

1514 BARCLAY *Eglog* ii. (1570) B j b, Their disputation Is swetely sauced with adulation. 1561 T. HOBY tr. *Castiglione's Courtyer* I. B 4, Other..do..sauce their sorowes with sweetenesse. 1576 FLEMING *Panopl. Epist.* 281 Sawce the same with laughter. 1598 GRENEWEY *Tacitus, Ann.* IV. vii. (1622) 99 These continuall causes of sorrow, were sauced with some small contentment. 1621 in Birch *Crt. & Times Jas. I* (1848) II. 127 This sad news I shall sauce with a little that is more pleasant. 1661 R. L'ESTRANGE *State-Divinity* Pref. 2 Whoever Sauces not his Earnest with a Tang of Fooling misses his Marque. 1837 HAWTHORNE *Twice-told T.* (1851) I. xi. 182 A slice of the densest cloud within his reach, sauced with moonshine.

† **b.** To qualify with a mixture of bitterness. *Obs.*

c 1510 BARCLAY *Mirr. Gd. Manners* (1570) D v, Joy sauced is with payne. 1565 T. STAPLETON *Fortr. Faith* I. v. 25 Caluin..sauceth the swete and true doctrine, with the cancred venim of heresy. 1617 MORYSON *Itin.* I. 75 Tyrone writ to the Earle of Ormond, whose Letter he sauced with general complaints against the Earle. 1647 FULLER *Wounded Consc.* XV. 112 It being just, that the sweetnesse of his corporall plensure should be sauced with more spirituall sadnesse. 1655 TERRY *Voy. E. India* iii. 120 The Contents there found by such as have lived in those parts, are sour'd and sauc'd with many unpleasing things.

c. To 'season', make piquant.

1555 WATREMAN *Fardle Facions* II. xi. 238 When this countrefeicte prophet had sauced his secte with these wicked opinions: he gaue them his lawe. 1633 BP. HALL *Hard Texts, O. T.* 208 He gave them abundance of food..but withall, hee sauced it with judgement. *a* 1661 HOLYDAY *Juvenal* v. Notes (1673) 80 He endeavour'd to sauce their dishes with his scurrility. 1908 *Westm. Gaz.* 23 Oct. 3/2 Now it [history] must be sauced and savoured,..lest our sickened appetites refuse to taste the dish.

¶ **3.** An alleged technical term for: To prepare (a capon, a plaice, a tench) for the table. (Cf. quot. 1513.) Now pseudo-*arch.*

c 1486 *Bk. St. Albans* f vij b, A Capoon sawsede. *Ibid.*, A Tenche sawced. 1513 *Bk. Keruynge* in *Babees Bk.* (1868) 266 Sauce that capon. Take vp a capon, & lyfte vp the ryght legge and the ryght wynge,..& laye hym in the plater as he sholde flee, & serve your souerayne & knowe well that capons or chekyns ben arayed after one sauce; the chekyn shall be sauced with grene sauce or vergyus. 1688 R. HOLME *Armoury* III. iii. 78/1 Sauce that Plaice and Tench,..Sauce that Capon. 1840 H. AINSWORTH *Tower of London* II. xxxix, In the old terms of his art, he leached the brawn, reared the goose, sauced the capon [etc.].

4. In various jocular or colloquial uses. † **a.** To make (a person) 'pay sauce' (see SAUCE *sb.* 3 c): to charge extortionate prices to. *Obs.*

1598 SHAKS. *Merry W.* IV. iii. 11 He make them pay: He sauce them.

† **b.** To belabour, flog. Also *fig.* *Obs.*

1598 B. JONSON *Ev. Man in Hum.* III. v. (1601) H 3 b, Oh he hath basted me rarely, sumptiously: but I haue it heare will sause him. *a* 1693 AUBREY *Lives, Dr. Triplet* (1898) I. 265 'And doe not sawce me openly.' 'Yes sir, I'll sawce you openly.' *a* 1726 VANBRUGH *Journey to London* I. (1728) 14 But heavy George and fat Tom are after 'em..; they'll sawce their Jackets for 'em, I'll warrant 'em.

c. To rebuke smartly. Now only *dial.*

[Cf. F. '*saucer quelqu'un*, le gronder, le réprimander fortement' (Littré).]

1600 SHAKS. *A. Y. L.* III. v. 69 As fast As she answeres thee with frowning lookes, ile sauce Her with bitter words. 1602 DEKKER *Satiro-mastix* E 3, I wod alwaies haue thee sawce a foole thus. 1882 A. B. TAYLOR *Westmorld. Sk.* 5 (E.D.D.) Sheed tell em a lot a lees to git off being sased for spillin t'cofe an stuff.

d. To speak impertinently to. *vulgar.*

1864 *Doncaster Chron.* 4 Mar., I have never been saucy to Mr. Sykes; I have 'sauced' the men who have been working for him. 1865 DICKENS *Mut. Fr.* I. vii, Dont sauce me in the wicious pride of your youth. 1868 'HOLME LEE' *B. Godfrey* li. 289 If a chap sauces you.., let him sauce on. 1885 J. K. JEROME *On the Stage* 117 They bully the slavey (but then the slavey sauces them, so perhaps it is only tit for tat). 1887 MARY E. WILKINS *Humble Romance* i. 9 An' she might sass you so you'd be ready to back out, too.

Sauce-alone (sɔ̄·sˌɪălōʷn). [app. f. SAUCE *sb.* + ALONE, implying that the plant serves as a sufficient sauce by itself.] The plant *Sisymbrium Alliaria*, a tall hedge-weed formerly used as a flavouring for salads and sauces.

1530 PALSGR. 265/2 Sauce alone an herbe. **1548** TURNER *Names Herbes* (E. D. S.) 82 Alliaria is called in english Sauce alone or Iacke of the hedges. **1579** LANGHAM *Gard. Health* (1633) 592 Sausalone: It is vsed of some instead of Garlike. **1597** GERARDE *Herbal* II. cclxvii. 650 Sauce alone, or Jack by the hedge... Diners eate the stamped leaues heerof with salt fish, for a sauce. **1699** EVELYN *Acetaria* 29 Sauce-alone has many Medicinal Properties. **1785** MARTYN *Rousseau's Bot.* xxiii. (1794) 323 The garlick-smelling [species of Erysimum], called thence Sauce-alone,..has heart-shaped leaves. **1896** J. DAVIDSON *Fleet St. Eclogues* Ser. II. 93 And white the lady-smocks a-row And sauce-alone in the hedge.

Sauce-boat (sɔ̄·sbōut). [BOAT *sb.* 2 a.] A small vessel with a lip, used for serving sauce.

1747 MRS. GLASSE *Cookery* 6 You may do Half the Quantity and put it into your Sauce-Boat or Bason. **1750** H. WALPOLE *Let. to Mann* 1 Sept., For one article of the plate she ordered ten sauceboats. **1841** THACKERAY *Sam. Titmarsh* iv, I had..pretty nearly all the oysters out of the sauce-boat. **1892** *Encycl. Pract. Cookery* (ed. Garrett), *Sauceboats*, small vessels of various shapes and designs in which sauce is served at table. In the illustrations the Sauceboats are served in the dish.

Saucebox (sɔ̄·sˌbɒks). *colloq.* [f. SAUCE *sb.* 5 + BOX *sb.*] A person addicted to making saucy or impertinent remarks.

1588 *Marprel. Epist.* (Arb.) 6 Why sawceboxes must you be pratling? **1675** COTTON *Scoffer Scoft* 34 For which, Sir Sawce-box, dost thou see, Since thou'lt make them, I'll unmake thee. **1741** RICHARDSON *Pamela* I. 29 And so I am to be expos'd, am I, said he..., to the whole World, by such a Saucebox as you? **1880** MISS MITFORD in L'Estrange *Life* (1870) II. 121 She's a goosecap, you know, and a romp, and a saucebox. **1875** R. G. WHITE in *Galaxy* XIX. 558 What delight it must have given this she sauce-box to make that aoswer to her own father.

Sauced (sɔ̄st), *ppl. a.* [f. SAUCE *v.* + -ED[1].] Seasoned, flavoured.

c **1592** MARLOWE *Jew of Malta* IV. (1633) H 4 b, He liues vpon Pickled Grashoppers, and sauc'd Mushrumbs. **1651** BIGGS *New Disp.* § 160 Their sauc'd Julaps.

†Saucefleme, *sb.* and *a. Obs.* Forms: 4 **sawcefleem**, 4, 6 **sausfleme**, 5 **sawflom, salce-, salfleme, sawse-, sawcefleswm(e, sausesflem(e**, 6 **sawce-, salsefle(a)gme, sawce-, sauce-, sausfleume, sawsfleam, -flame**, 7 **sauce-, sausfleame, sawcesflegme**, 5–6 **saucefleme**. See also SAUCELINE. [a. OF. *sausefleme*, semi-popular ad. med.L. *salsum flegma* 'salt phlegm'; *salsum*, neut. of L. *salsus* salt, adj., *flegma* PHLEGM.] **A.** *sb.* A swelling of the face accompanied by inflammation, supposed to be due to salt humours.

Also in translated form *salt fleume*: cf. SALT *a.*[1] 1 b.

[**1398** TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* VII. lix. (1495) r vij, Carbunculus..comeþ of salte flewme.] *a* **1400** in *Rel. Ant.* I. 189 And on is in the mydde for-hevede, For lepre sausfleme mot blede. *c* **1450** *St. Cuthbert* (Surtees) 4116 His face was deformed and bolnyd And with' rede salfleme snolnyd. **1543** UDALL *Erasm. Apoph.* 72 Litle pymples or pushes, suche as of cholere and salsefleagme budden out in the noses and faces of many persones. **1586** LUPTON *Thousand Not. Things* (1675) 14 Scurviness, Sawsflame, or Redness of the face. **1597** GERARDE *Herbal* II. cccxxvi. 765 Cucumber [thus prepared]..doth perfectly cure all manner of sawceflegme and copper faces. **1601** HOLLAND *Pliny* II. 113 The red pimples or sauce-flegme in the face.

B. *adj.* Afflicted with this disease.

c **1386** CHAUCER *Prol.* 625 A Somonour was ther with vs in that place That hadde a fyr reed Cherubynnes face ffor sawcefleem he was with eyen narwe. **1542** BOORDE *Dyetary* x. (1870) 257 It [whey] doth purge redde colour, and is good for sausfleme faces. **1547** — *Brev. Health* clxx, A sauce fleume face, which is a rednes about the nose and the chekes, with small pymples. **1639** O. WOOD *Alph. Bk. Phys. Secrets* 166 For a Red gum, or Sausfleame face old or new.

Hence **†Saucefleméd** = SAUCEFLEME *a.* **†Sauceflemíng** = SAUCEFLEME *sb.*

a **1450** *Knt. de la Tour* 116 Wyne..makithe the visage salce fleumed rede, and full of white whelkes. **1592** in *Vicary's Anat.* (1888) App. IX. 229 Þe vayn..to opyn for þe..sauce-flemyng in the face. **1631** BRATHWAIT *Whimzies, Piper* 145 This sauce-fleamed porcupine..will bee many times monstrously malapert.

Saucege, -eidge, obs. forms of SAUSAGE.

Sauceless (sɔ̄·sˌlés), *a.* [f. SAUCE *sb.* + -LESS.] Having no sauce, or sauces; *fig.* lacking piquancy.

1882 Miss C. F. WOOLSON *Anne* iv. 67 Seeking a place [in New York] where his knowledge..would have been prized by exiled Frenchmen in a sauceless land. **1899** *Month* June 621 Even vice would be in many ways sauceless and insipid in the absence of faith.

†Sauceline, *sb.* and *a. Obs.* In 5 **sawcelyne, -lyme, sawslem**, 6 **saucelin, sauslyme.** [Corrupt form of SAUCEFLEME.] = SAUCEFLEME.

14.. *Stockholm Med. MS.* p. 4 in *Archæologia* XXX. 412/2 Good for sawslem skabbe & mannys lymys. *c* **1440** *Promp. Parv.* 441/2 Sawcelyne [*Winch. MS.* sawcelyme]. **1537** *St. Papers Hen. VIII*, V. 96 The fellowe with the fowle sauslyme face. **1542–3** *Act* 34–35 *Hen. VIII*, c. 8 The stone ..saucelin and morfew, and suche other lyke diseases.

†Sau·celiness. *Obs. rare*–[0]. [f. **saucely* (f. SAUCE *sb.* + -LY[1]) + -NESS.] Sauciness.

1552 HULOET, Wantonnes or saucelines in askynge or craynynge, *procacitas*.

Saucely, obs. form of SAUCILY.

†Sauce malapert. *Obs.* [See under SAUCY *a.* 2.] Impertinence, insolence. Hence **†Sauce malapertly** *adv.*, in a manner insolently abusive.

1529 MORE *Supplic. Soulys* Wks. 305/2 He vseth a figure of rethorike that men cal sawce malapert. **1556** J. HEYWOOD *Spider & F.* xcv. 74 Not blowing hensforth (so sausmalapertlie) My masters and maistres meate.

†Sauce-medley. *Obs.* [app. a. AF. **sauce medlee*, lit. 'mixed sauce'.] A concoction, a mixture compounded by art.

1579 TOMSON *Calvin's Serm. Tim.* 678/1 The Papists haue made an hotchepoche and a sawse medley of lyes that they haue scraped together from all corners.

Saucepan (sɔ̄·sˌpăn). [f. SAUCE *sb.* + PAN *sb.*[1]]

1. In early use, 'a small skillet with a long handle, in which sauce or small things are boiled' (J.). Now, in wider application, a vessel of metal, with a long handle projecting from the side, and usually with a lid; the utensil most commonly employed for culinary boiling, except for large joints of meat.

1686 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 2120/8 Two Silver Porringers, one Silver Sawce-pan. **1697** E. LHWYD in *Phil. Trans.* XXVII. 468 With these Plates he makes Furnaces, Pots,..Sauce-Pans, &c. **1729** SWIFT *Direct. Serv.* ii. (1751) 38 If you have a Silver Sauce-pan, and the Butter smells of Smoak, lay the Fault upon the Coals. **1817** LADY MORGAN *France* I. (1818) I. 65 He found his gold-headed cane, silver saucepan, baggage, every thing in short in *statu quo*. **1865** DICKENS *Mut. Fr.* III. iv, I would recommend examination of the bacon in the saucepan on the fire. **1892** *Photogr. Ann.* II. 174 As an oilbath a small cast-iron saucepan answers well.

b. *Phrase.* (Cf. SAUCE *sb.* 6.)

a **1700** B. E. *Dict. Cant. Crew*, *Your Sauce-Pan runs over*, you are exceeding bold.

2. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *saucepan-lid*; **saucepan crab,** the crab *Limulus Polyphemus*, the shell of which is used, in tropical America, for a ladle.

1861 E. D. COOK *Paul Foster's Daughter* viii, Do you call that saucepan lid clean?—because I don't. **1884** *Leisure Hour* Nov. 687/2 King crabs..are sometimes called the horseshoe crab..as also saucepan crab.

Saucer (sɔ̄·səɹ). Forms: 4–6 **sawser(e**, 4–8 **sawcer(e**, 5 **sawsesere, sauscyre, sawsser, sowcer**, 5–6 **salser**, *Sc.* **salsar**, 5, 7 **sausser**, 6 **sawsser, sawecere, sasser, salcer**, *Sc.* **sasar**, 6–7 **saser**, 4– **saucer.** [a. OF. *saussier* masc., *saussiere* fem. (mod.F. only *saucière*) vessel for holding sauce, f. *sauce* SAUCE *sb.* Cf. Sp. *salsera*, Pg. *salseira*, It. *salsiera*, med.L. *salsārium*.]

†1. A receptacle, usually of metal, for holding the condiments at a meal; a dish or deep plate in which salt or sauces were placed upon the table.

13.. *Coer de L.* 1489 Now, styward, I warne the, Bye us vessel gret plenté, Dysschys, cuppys, and sawsers. *c* **1340** *Nominale* (Skeat) 503 Dobler saucer of lynde. **14..** *Metr. Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 626/9 Sawsesere, *salsariun*. **1434** in *E. E. Wills* (1882) 101, ij sauseres of peautre. *c* **1481** CAXTON *Dialogues* 7/31 Now must ye haue Platers of tyn, Disshes, saussers, Sallyers, trenchours. **1488** *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* I. 82 Item, tuelf salsaris. **1504** in *Bury Wills* (Camden) 97 Item I wyll that myn executo*rs* shall geve to xx[ti] maydens.. xij pecys of pewtyr, that ys to sey, iiij platers, iiij dysshys, and iiij sawssers. **1538** in *Lett. Suppress. Monasteries* (Camden) 272 Item, iij. platters, a dysshe, and a sawecere xij[d]. **1541** *Aberdeen Reg.* (1844) I. 176 Ane playt, a dische, a salsar, a chandlar of brace. **1588** ARCHDEACON tr. *True Discourse Army K. Spain* 69 Dishes, Cuppes, Sassers. **1600** HAKLUYT *Voy.* III. 338 The women, going to dance, did weare about their girdles plates of golde as broad as a sawcer. **1674** T. P. etc. *Eng. & Fr. Cook* 31 And send with the serving it up some Saucers of Green-sauce. **1728–42** BAILEY, *Saucer*, a little Dish to hold Sauce.

2. Any small shallow dish or deep plate of circular shape. Now commonly felt as an extended use of sense 3.

Somewhat specialized applications are: † a receptacle for the blood in blood-letting (*obs.*); a small earthenware plate on which cake water-colours are rubbed in water; a shallow vessel placed under a flower-pot, sometimes holding water to be drawn up through a hole in the bottom of the pot.

1607 B. BARNES *Divils Charter* Prol., Presently the Pronotary strippeth vp Alexanders sleeue and letteth his arme bloud in a saucer. **1615** CROOKE *Body of Man* 254 Blood..caked as it is in a Saser after blood-letting. **1630** *Churchw. Acc. Pittington*, etc. (Surtees) 184 Two litle plates or sawcers for carying and setting the bread on itt, at the tyme of the Communion. **1665** in *Phil. Trans.* I. 118 The last Blood was received in a Sawcer. **1806–7** J. BERESFORD *Miseries Hum. Life* III. xxxvi, Rubbing Indian ink, or cake colours, in a very smooth saucer. **1822** LOUDON *Encycl. Gard.* 328 The Flower Pot-Saucer is a flat, circular vessel, with a rim from one to two inches high. **1848** THACKERAY *Van. Fair* xxvi, A quantity of orange marmalade spread out in a little cut-glass saucer. **1856** GLENNY *Gard. Every-d. Bk.* 259/1 The pot had feet to keep the drain hole above the water in a common saucer, and the saucers for common pots had a flat rim inside.

transf. **1615** G. SANDYS *Trav.* 173 The Armenians..in stead of musicall instruments, have Sawcers of brasse (which they strike against one another) set about with gingles.

b. *Pink saucer*: see PINK *a.*[1] C. c.

1855 PIESSE *Art of Perfumery* 222 Pink Saucers.

3. A small round shallow vessel, usually with concave sides and flat at the bottom, used for supporting a cup (esp. a tea or coffee cup), and catching any liquid that may be spilled from it.

1753 RICHARDSON *Grandison* (1781) I. lx. 49 Down went his cup and sawcer. **1776** WILKES in Boswell *Johnson* (1791) II. 86 If a poet had to speak of Queen Caroline drinking tea, he must endeavour to avoid the vulgarity of cups and saucers. **1840** MARRYAT *Poor Jack* xvi, Don't pour your tea in your saucer—that's vulgar! **1861** J. R. GREENE *Man. Anim. Kingd., Cælent.* 66 The constrictions deepen until the Strobila becomes not unlike a pile of cups or saucers.

4. In similative phrases. Cf. SAUCER EYE.

This use orig. belonged to sense 1. Cf. AF. 'les oyls granz com deus saucers', *Boeve de Haumtone* 1760 (13th c.).

1598 BP. HALL *Sat.* VI i. G 8, Her eyes like siluer saucers fayre beset With shining Amber and with shady Iet. **1663** DRYDEN *Wild Gallant* v. i, We met three or four hugeous ugly Devils, with Eyes like Sawcers. **1679** *Hist. Jetzer* 3 The eyes of these Dogs as Jetzer thought,..were bigger than Saucers. **1789** WOLCOT (P. Pindar) *Ode to Devil* 93 Wks. 1816 II. 23, I thought That thou a pair of horns hadst got, With eyes like saucers staring! **1876** tr. *Andersen's Fairy Tales* 128 There sat the dog with eyes as big as saucers, glaring at him.

5. † **a.** *Phys.* = COTYLEDON 1, ACETABULUM 2 d.

1683 SNAPE *Anat. Horse* I. xxviii. (1686) 62 Any of those Glandules that are..called *Cotyledons* or Sawcers. **1684** tr. *Bonet's Merc. Compit.* I. 2 Slimy humours which loosen the acetabula (or saucers) of the womb.

b. *Bot.* Any part of a plant resembling a saucer, as the involucre of *Euphorbiaceæ*, and the tubercle of lichens in which the seeds are imbedded.

1578 LYTE *Dodoens* III. xxix. 356 The flowers are yellow and grow out of litle dishes or sawsers. **1796** WITHERING *Brit. Plants* (ed. 3) I. 370 The rising particle, which is destined to form a concave saucer, becomes hollow and green at the top,..the saucer becomes larger and more and more open. ..At length it becomes a perfect saucer, either sitting, or supported on a short foot. **1862** DARWIN *Orchids* vi. 277 In Dendrobium chrysanthum the nectary consists of a shallow saucer.

6. *Mech.* In various uses: see quots.

1747 HOOSON *Miner's Dict., Sawcers*, those round Pieces of Iron fixt on the Sawcer-hooks, on which the Leathern Suckers are put in Chain-Pumps. **1750** BLANCKLEY *Nav. Expositor, Saucers*, are round thick Pieces of Iron, on which the Spindle of the Capstons work. **1794** *Rigging & Seamanship* I. 8 *Saucer*, a bolt with a flat head. **1867** SMYTH *Sailor's Word-bk., Saucer*,..a socket of iron let into a wooden stock or standard..to receive the spindle or foot on which the capstan rests and turns round.

7. *attrib.* and *Comb.* **a.** = belonging to a saucer, as *saucer-hook* (see sense 6); **b.** = of the shape of a saucer (sense 3), as *saucer-cap, -dome, -eyeball, -head.* **c.** parasynthetic, as *saucer-headed, -shaped* adjs.; also *saucer-like* adj. and adv.

1885 C. LOWE *Bismarck* I. 17 He got himself up in the traditional long-boots, velvet jacket, and *saucer cap. **1895** *Westm. Gaz.* 7 Oct. 8/2 Work has been begun upon the third *saucer-dome. *a* **1733** GAY *Story of Apparition* 19 Wks. 1737 II. 55 Night roaming ghosts, by *saucer eye-balls known. **1815** *Falconer's Dict. Marine* (ed. Burney) s.v. *Bolt*, Those..have commonly small round heads, somewhat flatted, called *saucer heads. *Ibid.*, **Saucer-headed Bolt.* **1815** SCOTT *Guy M.* XXXVI, A muckle great saucer-headed cutlugged stane, that they ca' Charlies Chuckie. **1650** BULWER *Anthropomet.* 75 This affectation then of great *Sawcer-like eyes is a fancie against the rule of nature. **1861** READE *Cloister & H.* XXXVIII, On reaching them the rustic rider's eyes opened saucer-like. **1847–9** *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* IV. 213/2 At the bottom of the sac is situated a *saucer-shaped body. **1901** *Athenæum* 27 July 132/1 The same church has a saucer-shaped paten, 1652.

Saucer eye. Usually *pl.* An eye as large and round as a saucer, generally ascribed to spectres and ghosts. Cf. SAUCER 4.

1664 BUTLER *Hud.* II. i. 131 Some have mistaken Blocks and Posts, For Spectres, Apparitions, Ghosts, With Sawcer-eyes, and Horns. **1718** PRIOR *Hans Carvel* 77 The devil.. without saucer-eye or claw Like a grave Barrister at Law. **1808** WOLCOT (P. Pindar) *One more Peep at Roy. Acad.* Wks. 1812 V. 371 With mealy face and saucer eyes. **1837** BARHAM *Ingol. Leg., Spectre of Tappington*, Don't suppose you can palm off your saucer eyes on me. **1846** C. BONER tr. *Andersen's Danish Story-bk.* K 6 b, He struck the flint, and the well-known dog with saucer-eyes stood before him.

b. *transf.*

1849 DE QUINCEY *Eng. Mail-Coach* Wks. 1862 IV. 326 The huge saucer eyes of the mail, blazing through the gloom.

So **Saucer-eyed** *a.*, having saucer eyes.

1622 MASSINGER & DEKKER *Virg. Mart.* III. iii, Cloven footed, Blacke, saucer-eyde, his nostrils breathing fire. **1883** T. HARDY in *Longm. Mag.* July 268 A thin saucer-eyed woman of fifty-five.

Saucerful (sɔ̄·səɹful). [f. SAUCER + -FUL.] As much as fills a saucer.

1860 O. W. HOLMES *Elsie V.* vii. 87 With a saucerful in each hand.

Saucerless (sɔ̄·səɹlés). [f. SAUCER + -LESS.] Having no saucer.

1831 TRELAWNY *Adv. Younger Son* vii, Cups, saucerless and chipped. **1873** TRISTRAM *Moab* ii. 22 Three handleless, saucerless blue china cups.

†Sau·cery. *Obs.* Forms: 5 **salserie**, 5–6 **sawcery(e**, 6 **salcerie, salcery, saulcery**, 7 **sausery**, 8 **salsary**, 6–8 **saucery(e.** [a. OF. *sausserie*, med.L. *salsāria*, f. OF. *sausse*, med.L. *salsa* SAUCE *sb.*; see -ERY.]

1. The department of a household entrusted with the preparation of sauces.

c **1440** in *Househ. Ord.* (1790) 38 There is none that dyneth in their offyces, savinge onely the cookes, the scullery, the sawceryе [etc.]. **1502** in *Priv. Purse Exp. Eliz. York* (1830) 2 To the Saulcery x s. **1520** in *Rutland Papers* (Camden) 40 Item, the skullary and sawcery. **1541** *Act* 33 *Hen. VIII*, c. 12 § 3 The Grome of the Salcerie..of the same honsholde ..shalbe..redye withe vyneger and colde water. **1708** J. CHAMBERLAYNE *St. Gt. Brit.* I. II. xiv. (1710) 131 Vinegar and cold Water, brought by the Groom of the Saucery.

2. That part of a house in which sauces were prepared; the apartments of the servants engaged in the preparation of sauces.

1468 in *Priv. Purse Exp. Eliz. York* (1830) 223/2 In the squillery and salserie a yeoman a groom and a page. 1649 *Descr. Richmond Crt.* in Nichols *Progr. Eliz.* (1823) II. 412 One other little room called the Saucery. 1650 *Surv. Nonsuch* in *Archæologia* V. 435 One little timber building, ..commonly called the Saucery House, conteyning foure little roomes used by the yeomen of the sauces.

3. *attrib.* **salsary-man.** (See quot.)

1708 J. Chamberlayne *St. Gt. Brit.* II. III. 537 Salsary-man. [An officer of the Queen's Pastry.]

Saucester, -cestour, -cestr, var. ff. Saucister.

Sauch, var. Saugh; obs. Sc. pa. t. of See *v.*

Sauchen, Sauchie, var. ff. Saughen, Saughy *a.*

Saucht(e, -ine, var. ff. Saught, Saughten.

†**Sau·ciate,** *v. Obs. rare.* [f. L. *sauciāt-*, ppl. stem of *sauciāre*, f. *sauci-us* wounded.] *trans.* To wound, hurt. Hence **Sau·ciated** *ppl. a.*; so **Sauciation** [ad. L. *sauciātio*], wounding.

1656 Blount *Glossogr.*, *Sauciate* (*saucio*), to hurt, to wound, to cut. 1657 Tomlinson *Renou's Disp.* 283 Balm ..which distills out of a sauciated Tree. 1658 Phillips, *Sauciation*, a wounding.

†**Sau·ciate,** *pa. pple. Obs.* [ad. L. *sauciāt-us*, pa. pple. of *sauciāre* : see prec.] Wounded, hurt.

1509 Barclay *Shyp of Folys* (1874) II. 17 Murdred is Mars, and with woundes sawciate The bondys of peas hath dryuen the tyrant hens.

Saucidge, -ige, obs. forms of Sausage.

Saucily (sɔ̄·sili), *adv.* Also 6 **saucely,** 6–7 **sawcely,** 7 **sawcily.** [f. Saucy + -ly 2.] In a saucy manner, in various senses of the adj.

1548 Elyot *Dict., Proterue*, proudely, immoderately, shamefully, saucily, knappishely. 1552 Huloet, Sawcely. 1592 Warner *Alb. Eng.* VII. xxxvii. 166, I beare a mind lesse bace than that I can digest your Drudge with me so saucely should chat. 1599 *Broughton's Lett.* vi. 19 You began to stirre,..malepartly answering his Grace with scornfull letters, and subscribing them..most saucely. 1617 Moryson *Itin.* II. 63 The Townes..stood so saucily upon their priviledges, as a sharpe rod and strong hand were requisite to amend them. 1651 Davenant *Gondibert* II. i. 31 Even from the Temples, Angels soon withdrew; So sawcely th' afflicted there complain'd. 1668 Clarendon *Contempl. Ps.* Tracts (1727) 443 We have..saucily used and prophaned some of the expressions which by the dictate of God's own spirit they have thought fit to make use of. 1709 Steele *Tatler* No. 44 ¶ 5 [He] makes him speak sawcily of his Betters. 1712 Arbuthnot *John Bull* II. xi, The more young and unexperienc'd he us'd to teach to talk Saucily. 1768 *Priv. Lett. Ld. Malmesbury* (1870) I. 218 Some printers who saucily mentioned our debates were ordered to attend. 1853 Reade *Chr. Johnstone* xv. 276 She then smiled saucily in his face. 1900 Crockett *Love Idylls* (1901) 27 Bell's saucily unconscious air of command piqued him.

Sauciness (sɔ̄·sinės). Also 6–7 **sawcines(se,** 7 **sawcyness, sawsinesse.** [f. Saucy *a.*1 + -ness.] The quality of being saucy, in various senses of the adj. In early use as a term of serious reprobation: Insolent presumption, haughtiness, arrogance. Now with milder sense: Impertinence, rudeness to superiors; often used playfully in mock dispraise (cf. Saucy *a.*1 2 c).

1548 Elyot *Dict., Proteruitas*,..saucinesse. 1576 Fleming *Panopl. Epist.* 383 To the intent yon may take him in hand, suppresse his saucinesse, and make him leaue off his mallapertnesse. 1582 N. T. (Rhem.) *Luke* iii. 36 marg. note, Wherehy we learne the intolerable saucines of the Caluinists, and their contempt of holy Scripture, that dare so deale with the very Gospel it self. 1590 Shaks. *Com. Err.* II. ii. 28 Your sawcinesse will iest vpon my loue, And make a Common of my serious howres. 1600 Holland *Livy* XXV. 547 The magistrates..gaue place to the furious rage and malapart saucinesse of a few. 1676 Glanvill *Ess. Philos. & Relig.* vii. 6 All demean'd themselves with much sawciness and irreverence towards God. 1710 Steele *Tatler* No. 225 ¶ 3 Familiarity in Inferiors is Sauciness. 1713 Addison *Trial Count Tariff* 9 Speaking against his Superiours with Sauciness and Contempt. 1753 Johnson *Adventurer* No. 84 ¶ 13 Thus we travelled on four days ..without any endeavour but to outvie each other in superciliousness and neglect; and when any two of us could separate ourselves for a moment, we vented our indignation at the sauciness of the rest. 1835 Marryat *Jac. Faithf.* xxi, What might be called sauciness in a girl, may be thought something more of in a young woman. 1866 Geo. Eliot *F. Holt* v, Her sauciness was always charming because it was without emphasis. 1879 Froude *Cæsar* viii. 81 He [Sylla] experienced, however, himself, in a milder form, an explosion of military sauciness.

Saucing (sɔ̄·siŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. Sauce *v.* + -ing 1.] The action of the verb Sauce.

1548 Udall *Erasm. Par.* Pref. 5 b, The sawcing of pleasures with some kynd of misfortune. 1586 J. Hooker *Hist. Irel.* in *Holinshed* V. 83/1 He..being in a chafe for the wrong sawcing of a partridge, arose suddenlie from the table.

‖**Sau·cisse.** *Obs.* Also 7 **saulcisse.** [a. F. *saucisse* Sausage, applied transf. with allusion to the shape.] = Saucisson 3.

1604 E. Grimstone *Hist. Siege Ostend* 144 He causeth Saulcisses to be made (so they call certaine things made of wood, tyed together). 1702 *Milit. Dict.* (1711), *Saucisse*, a long Train of Powder roll'd up in a Pitch-Cloth, and sew'd together in Length, so that it reach from the *Fourneau*, or Chamber of the Mine, to the Place where the Engineer stands to spring the Mine...There are generally two Saucisses to every Mine, that if the one fail, the other may hit. 1738 Chambers *Cycl.* (ed. 2) s. v. *Mine*, The saucisse [1728 (ed. 1) *reads* Saucidge] of the mine is the train; for which there is always a little aperture left. 1795 *Amer. State Papers, For. Relat.* (1832) I. 523 (Stanf.) All arms and implements serving for the purposes of war, by land or sea, such as..carcases, saucisses, &c.

‖**Saucisson** (sɔ̄sisɔ̄n). [Fr., augmentative of *saucisse* Sausage.]

1. A large thick sausage.

1760–72 tr. *Juan & Ulloa's Voy.* (ed. 3) I. 361 The better to preserve its strength, it [*sc.* tobacco] is dried, and tied up in the form of a saucisson. 1834 Marryat *P. Simple* xxiii, French saucissons seasoned with garlic.

2. A kind of firework, consisting of a tube of paper or canvas packed with gunpowder.

1634 J. B[ate] *Mysl. Nature* 86 Saucissons are of two sorts eyther to be placed upon a frame,..and so to be discharged..or else to bee discharged out of the morter-peece. 1688 R. Holme *Armoury* III. xvi. (Roxb.) 91 In this Balloone must be put Rockets serpents, stars, petards, and one or two saucissons to Break the Balloone.

3. *Mil.* [Cf. Saucisse, Sausage 3.] a. A large fascine.

1702 *Milit. Dict.* (1711), *Saucissons* or *Saucisses*, Faggots made of the Bodies of Underwood, or of the large Branches of great Trees. 1756 *Gentl. Mag.* XXVI. 508 The 11th and 12th were employed in making gabions, saucissons, and fascines. 1876 Voyle & Stevenson *Milit. Dict.* (ed. 3), *Saucisson*...This name is also given to an extra large fascine.

b. A long tube of waterproofed canvas or other material packed with gunpowder and used as a fuse for firing a mine.

1827 Southey *Hist. Penins. War* II. 300 The saucisson was fired, and the explosion, as Bouchard had expected, threw down the entrenchments. 1862 *Chamb. Encycl.* VIII. 496/2 The electric spark is now preferred to the saucisson. 1876 Voyle & Stevenson *Milit. Dict.* (ed. 3), *Saucisson* (French = sausage).—A long tube of linen, filled with gunpowder..used for exploding fougasses or mines.

†**Sau·cister.** *Obs.* In 4 **sausither,** 4–5 **salsister,** 5 **sawster, -styre, -sestyr, sawcystre, -cistre, saucestr, -cestour, -cester.** [? Altered adoption of F. *saucisse* Sausage, by assimilation to some word in *-ister.*] A sausage.

1347 *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 41 In Salsisters emp. vjd...Salsisters emp. in villa, 3*s.* 3*d.* *a* 1387 *Sinon. Barthol.* (Aneed. Oxon.) 29 *Mazakata*,..vulgaliter salsicia, i. sausither. 14.. *Nom.* in Wr.-Wülcker 741/24 *Hec salsucia*, a sawstyre. 1434 *Durh. Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 62 In sawsestyra empt. 4*s.* 11*d.* *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 441/2 Sawcyster, lynke, *hirna*. 1483 *Cath. Angl.* 317/1 A Salsister, *hirna*.

Saucy (sɔ̄·si), *a.*1 Forms: 6 **sausy, -ie,** *Sc.* **sawsy,** 6–7 **sawsie,** 6–8 **sawcy(e, -ie,** 8 *vulgar* **sassy,** 6– **saucy.** [f. Sauce *sb.* + -y 1.]

†1. Flavoured with or pertaining to sauce; resembling sauce; savoury. *Obs.*

1508 Dunbar *Flyting* 191 Quhair thow lyis sawsy in saphron, bak and syd. 1604 E. G[rimstone] *D'Acosta's Hist. Indies* IV. XXV. 279 Delicate, and of a sawcie and delicious taste. 1630 J. Taylor (Water-P.) *Gt. Eater Kent* Wks. I. 146/1 Nor in all his life time the queasinesse of his stomacke needed any sawcy spurre or switch of sowre Veriuice or acute Vineger.

fig. allusively. 1552 Latimer *Serm. Lincolnsh.* i. (1562) 65 But be that wilbe a christen man, that intendeth to come to heauen, must be a sausye felow: he must be well pondered with the sause of affliction and tribulation.

2. Of persons, their dispositions, actions, or language: Insolent towards superiors; presumptuous. Now chiefly *colloq.* with milder sense, applied to children and servants: Impertinent, rude, 'cheeky'.

In the 16th c. often *saucy* (*and*) *malapert*, whence More's Sauce malapert. †*Saucy Jack*: an impertinent fellow.

1530 Palsgr. 323/1 Saucy to perte or homlye, *malapert*. 1548 Udall *Erasm. Par. Luke* v. 17–20 What a more shamelesse or sawcie pranke coulde there bee, then to take downe the tyling of an other mannes house, and to toumble in such a lothely syght before such a presence to behold it? 1553 *Respublica* I. iii. 26 Whoo hurzeth in myne eare so? what? ye sawecye lacke? 1556 Olde *Antichrist* 24 Symon magus was so sawcye as to name him selfe the mightie power of God. 1599 B. Jonson *Ev. Man out of Hum.* v. v, That saucie stubborne generation, the Iewes. 1600 Shaks. *A. Y. L.* III. ii. 313, I wil speake to him like a sawcie Lacky, and vnder that habit play the knaue with him. 1602 Fulbecke *1st Pt. Parall.* Introd. 7 Comparisons wer of al things most saucy and malepert. 1617 Moryson *Itin.* II. 70 My Lady Rich her letter he termed an insolent saucy malapert action. 1620 Braum. & Fl. *Philaster* II. i, My father would preferre the boyes he kept to greater men then he, but did it not till they were too sawcy for himselfe. 1646 H. Markham *Let.* in *12th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. v. 2, I shall not trouble your Ladyship with her scandelous and sawcy language of my Lord or yourselfe. 1663 Dryden *Wild Gallant* IV. i, Sawcy Rascal, to disturb my Meditations. 1693 Congreve *Old Bach.* IV. xii, Base Man! Was it not enough to affront me with your sawcy Passion? *a* 1721 Sheffield (Dk. Buckhm.) *Jul. C.* I. ii. Wks. 1723 I. 217 Betters! thou sawcy Citizen, he silent. 1791 Boswell *Johnson* an. 1773, 29 Sept., A clergyman's widow..having acquired great influence over the father, was saucy to the son. 1821–2 Shelley *Chas. 1st* ii. 35 Mark you what spirit sits in St. John's eyes? Methinks it is too saucy for this presence. 1843 Syd. Smith in *Mem.* (1855) II. 499, I was sorry to be forced to give —— such a beating, but he was very saucy and deserved it. 1879 Dixon *Windsor* II. xvi. 171 Alençon had a saucy tongue. 1888 Burgon *Lives* 12 *Good Men* II. v. 16 He forwarded a copy of his letter to Lord John, who sent him in reply a saucy comment on it.

b. occas. with the notion: Wanton, lascivious. In Shaks. as a term of serious condemnation; in modern examples only playful.

1603 Shaks. *Meas. for M.* II. iv. 45 To remit Their sawcie sweetnes, that do coyne heauens Image In stamps that are forbid. 1611 — *Cymb.* I. vi. 151 If he shall thinke it fit, A sawcy Stranger in his Court, to Mart As in a Romish Stew. 1871 R. Ellis *Catullus* xvi. 3 You that lightly a saucy verse resenting, Misconceit me.

c. Now often used in mock dispraise, as an endearing or admiring epithet implying piquancy or sprightliness.

1710 Swift *Jrnl. to Stella* 21 Sept., Here must I begin another letter, on a whole sheet, for fear sawcy little *MD* should be angry. 1742 Richardson *Pamela* (1785) IV. xxxiii. 190 Never was a saucier dear Girl, than you, in your Maiden Days. 1838 Miss Mitford in L'Estrange *Life* (1870) III. 93, I love to see my tame pigeons feed at the window, and the saucy hen tap the glass, if the casement be shut. 1851 Ruskin *Stones Ven.* (1874) I. App. 362 Some saucy puppies on their hind legs. 1888 Henley *Bk. Verses* 155 She has..the sauciest nose. 1904 A. Griffiths 50 *Yrs. Publ. Serv.* 17 They were old brother officers in the Saucy Sixth.

d. Applied to a ship or boat: †(*a*) In early use (with figurative context): Presumptuous, rashly-venturing (*obs.*). (*b*) In modern use (cf. 2 d): Smart, stylish.

c 1600 Shaks. *Sonn.* lxxx, My sawsie barke (inferior farre to his) On your broad maine doth wilfully appeare. 1606 — *Tr. & Cr.* I. iii. 42 Where's then the sawcy Boate, Whose weake vntimber'd sides but euen now Co-riual'd Greatnesse? 1652 Crashaw *Alexias* Wks. (1904) 287 Seas had not bin rebuk't by sawcy oares. 1828 *Sporting Mag.* XXI. 341 Several East India ships..with such saucy rigging that would have made the Yachters raving in envy. 1873 G. C. Davies *Mount. & Mere* xix. 173 Slow moving trawlers and saucy little crab boats. 1878 W. C. Bennett *Sea Songs* 78 Tight and saucy—tight and saucy, Trim's the ship we hail from.

†e. quasi-*adv.* = Saucily.

1598 Q. Eliz. tr. *Plutarch* x. 13 Suche vers as Archi-Lochus againe women Lewdely and ful sawsy made. 1713 Swift *Jrnl. to Stella* 21 Feb, Methinks I writ a little saucy last night.

†3. Dainty, fastidious, 'spoilt'. *Obs.* exc. *dial.*

1573 Tusser *Husb.* (1878) 214 Where cocking Dads make sawsie lads. 1611 Cotgr., *Friand*..saucie, lickorous, daintie-mouthed, sweet-toothed. 1676 Hale *Contempl.* II. 174 Thou hast a sawcy and a luxurious Palate. 1886 *Cheshire Gloss., Saucy*, dainty as to food.

4. Scornful, disdainful. Now *dial.*

1716 Gay *Trivia* I. 117 In sawcy State the griping Broker sits. *a* 1774 Fergusson *Poems* (1807) 300 Sin Merlin laid Auld Reikie's causey, And made her o' his wark right saucy. 1786 Burns *Twa Dogs* 91 They gang as saucy by poor folk As I wad by a stinkan brock. 1867 Ellen Johnston *Poems* 180 Had ye drest like a clark, aye in a clean sark, I vow I wad ne'er been sae saucy.

5. *Comb.*, as *saucy-looking* adj.; †**saucy-box** = Saucebox; **saucy-face,** an impertinent person.

1684 Otway *Atheist* III. i, Rohh'd, Sir! No, Mr. Saucy-face. 1711 Swift *Jrnl. to Stella* 21 Nov., Well, but I won't answer your letter now, sirrah saucyboxes, no, no; not yet. 1740 Richardson *Pamela* (1824) I. 92 Come, saucy-face, give me another glass of wine. 1748 — *Clarissa* IV. xxi. 96 For why? The dear saucy-face knows not how to help herself. 1848 Thackerav *Van. Fair* li, Becky laughed, gay, and saucy-looking.

†**Sau·cy,** *a.*2 *Obs.* [f. *sauce-* in Saucefleme + -y.] Affected by Saucefleme.

1600 Surflet *Country Farm* III. lxxiii. 604 This virgins milke is good to heale..saucie and red faces [orig. *goutte roses & taches rouges du visage*]. 1623 Markham *Eng. Housew.* (ed. 2) 20 For a pympled or a red-saucy face.

Saucy: see Sassy.

Saudan(t, variant forms of Soudan, sultan.

Saudeor, -der, -diour, obs. forms of Soldier.

Sauder, -dre, obs. forms of Solder.

Saue, obs. form of Saw *sb.*2

‖**Sauerkraut, sourcrout** (sau·ər-, sau·ɪ-kraut). Also 7 **sowercrawt, sawer-kraut,** 8 **soure crud** (after Du.), 8–9 **sourkrout,** 9 **sour krout.** [Ger.; *sauer* sour + *kraut* vegetable, cabbage, whence F. *choucroute*. Cf. obs. Du. *zuurkruid*; the mod. Du. word is *zuurkool* (*kool* cabbage).] A popular article of diet in Germany, consisting of cabbage which has undergone an acid fermentation.

1617 Moryson *Itin.* III. II. iii. 83 They vse to serue in sower crawt or cahbage vpon a voide circle of carved Iron. 1633 Hart *Diet of Diseased* I. xiv. 52 They pickle it [cabbage] up in all high Germany, with salt and barberies, and so keepe it all the yeere, being commonly the first dish you have served in at table, which they call their *sawerkrant* [*sic*]. 1712 Arbuthnot *John Bull* II. iii, Poor Frog [the Dutch]..his children..live upon salt herring, sowre crud, and borecole. 1776 Cook in *Phil. Trans.* LXVI. 403 Sour Krout..is..highly antiscorbutic. 1825 Lamb *Eliana, Mem. Mr. Liston*, A German empiric, who, in this extremity, prescribed a copious diet of *sauer-kraut*. *a* 1845 Hood *Knight & Dragon* xiv, Noble Lord of the soil, Of its corn and its oil,..Of our cream and sour-kraut, Of our carp and our trout. 1845 Cooley *Pract. Receipts* (ed. 2) 704 Saur kraut. *Prep.* Clean white cabbages [etc.]. 1852 Thackeray *Esmond* II. xiii. (1876) 261 Feeding on train-oil and sour-crout. 1870 Dubois *Artistic Cookery* 67 Pheasant with Sour-krout. 1875 Lowell *Spenser* Prose Wks. 1890 IV. 269 Mr. Sibbald..seems to find a sort of national savor therein, such as delights..the German in his *sauer-kraut*.

Sauf, variant of Saugh.

Sauf(e, -fand : see Safe, Salve, Saving.

†**Saufey.** *Sc.* and *north. Obs.* Also 5 **salfay, safye,** 6 **salfer, saufer, sawpheir, saufeir,** 6–7 **saiffer,** 7 **sau(l)ffer, ssifare,** 7, 9 **saufey.** [Of obscure origin; prob. connected with Save *v.*; the last syllable may possibly represent Fee *sb.* or Feer.

Cf. the synonymous SAUGHE, SAW-SILVER.] The sum paid for recovering lost property.

Persons convicted of having stolen cattle were adjudged to pay *double and saufey*, i. e. app. double the value, together with a sum representing what would have been due to one who had restored the cattle when it had strayed.

c 1400 *Alphabet of Tales* 434 Bod þe riche man, when he had þe sakett agayn, wolde not pay þe salfay. *Ibid.*, Because he wold nott hafe gyffen þe pure man a hondreth talentis to safye, as he promysid he sulde do. 1551–2 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* I. 123 It is..ordanit, that all sik gudis stollin or reft, lauchfullie convict, salbe restorit and redressit with the thre dowbillis and salfer. 1561–2 *Ibid.* I. 201 That he..sall..relief him of ane bill fylit upoun him of thre horsis takin fra the Lord Gray, with the dowble and saufer thairof. 1578–9 *Ibid.* III. 82 And that he that is offendit unto ressave his redres with dowbill and sawfeir according to the buke and lawis [of Marchis] foirsaid. 1605 *Ibid.* VII. 712 In matteris of auld thiftis..*quo jure procedendum*? quhidder hy dowble sauffer or be single? *Ibid.* 744 That it maye be lawfull to any man to give saifare for speiring of his goodis or geir stollen, provyding it does not exceade the double of the availle of the goodis stollen. 1649 W. G. *Surv. Newcastle* 33 These Highlanders..come down..into the low Countries, and carry away Horses and Cattell so cunningly, that it will be hard for any to get them..except they be acquainted with some Master Thiefe; who for some mony (which they call Saufey mony) may help they to their stoln goods.

Hence † **Saufey** *v.*, *trans.*, to redeem by payment of 'saufey'.

1571 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* II. 90 That na maner of persoun..furneis money to the saidis rebellis..under cullour of saulffing thair geir.

Sauff(e, -ffand, -ffing : see SALVE, SAVING.

Sauffer, variant of SAUFEY *Obs.*

Saufftye, saufte, -tie, obs. ff. SAFETY.

Saugeour, obs. form of SOLDIER.

Sauger (sɔ̄·gəɹ). The smaller American pike-perch (see quot. 1882).

1882 JORDAN & GILBERT *Synopsis Fishes N. Amer.* 526 *Stizostedium canadense*...Sauger; Sand-pike; Gray-pike; Horn-fish. 1893 *Outing* (U. S.) XXII. 88/1 She fished on, adding now a bass, then a pike or a sauger to her trophies.

Saugh, sauch (sɔ̄χ). *Sc.* and *north.* Also 4 salfe, 7–9 sauf, etc.: see E.D.D. [repr. OE. *salh* (Anglian) = WS. *sealh* SALLOW *sb.*] = SALLOW.

1368 *Durham Halm. Rolls* (Surtees) 73 De Waltero Biscopp pro una salfe detent. prec. 18d. 1472 *Rental Bk. Cupar-Angus* (1879) I. 163 Plantatioun of treys that is to say eysses, osaris, and sauch. 1501 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scotl.* II. 83 Item, to George Cambel, gardiner of Strivelin, to by sauchis and to set thaim, iiij Franch crouns. 1641 BEST *Farm. Bks.* (Surtees) 120 Att Martymmasse..wee sette our foreman to cuttinge of white-wilfes, reade-wilfes, and saughs. 1786 BURNS *Auld Farmer's Salut. Mare* x, Nae whip nor spur, but just a wattle O' saugh or hazel. *a* 1834 R. SURTEES in G. Taylor *Mem.* (Surtees) 241 They made a bier of the birken boughs, Of the sauf and the espin gray. 1844 H. STEPHENS *Bk. Farm* III. 1178 Of the woods best adapted for the purpose, I may name the common saugh or willow. 1891 ATKINSON *Last of Giant Killers* 132 Lower about the slacks were alders and saughs or sallows.

† **b.** A rope made of twisted sallow-withes. *Obs.*

1508 DUNBAR *Flyting* 245 Filling of tauch, rak sauch, cry crauch, thow art our sett. 1570 *Satir. Poems Reform.* xii. 56 For this foule deid 3our seid man rak ane sauch.

c. *attrib.*, as *saugh slip, tree, woody* (= withy).

1842 J. AITON *Domest. Econ.* (1857) 171 [For] screening the dunghill, *saugh slips may be planted,—or better, *saugh stobs, four feet long, may be driven into the ground. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* VII. xi. 73 Thair targettis bow thai of the lycht *sauch tre. 1548 TURNER *Names Herbes* (E.D.S.) 70 Salix is called..in englisch a wylow tree, a salowe tree or a saugh tree. 1815 SCOTT *Guy M.* xxii, Did ye notice if there was an auld saugh tree that's maist blawn down. *a* 1802 in Scott *Minstrelsy* II. 142 O wae betide the frush *saugh wand! 1789 BURNS *To Dr. Blacklock* vi, I hae a wife and twa wee laddies,..But I'll sned besoms—thraw *saugh woodies, Before they want.

Saugh, obs. form of SOUGH, channel.

† **Saughe.** *Sc. Obs.* [If not a misreading, app. identical with the first element in SAUFEY, SAW-SILVER.] = SAUFEY.

1561 in R. Keith *Hist. Aff. Ch. & St. Scotl.* (1734) App. 95 For any Attemptat done since the said 20th Day of September last, Deliverance and Redress shall be made with Double and Saughe.

Saughen, sauchen (sɔ̄·χ'n), *a. Sc.* [f. SAUGH + -EN.] Pertaining to or made of sallow. Also *fig.*, 'soft, weak, wanting in energy' (E.D.D.).

1714 PEDEN in *Biogr. Presbyt.* (1838) I. 82 He caused dig a Cave, with a Saughen-bush covering the Mouth of it. 1875 J. VEITCH *Tweed* 172 They brought him slow From the hills on a sauchen bier.

† **Saught,** *sb. Obs.* (since 14th c. only *Sc.* and *north.*). Forms: 1 seht, seaht, 3 sæht(e, saht(e, seaht(e, seht(e, saihte, seihte, (septe), sauht, 3–5 saght, 4 saɜt(e, sahut, saughte, 5 sauɜt, 8 *north.* saft, 6–9 saught, 7 saucht. [Late OE. *seht, seaht* masc., prob. a. ON. **sæht*, **saht* fem. (OIcel. *sætt, sátt*) :—earlier **sahti-z*, f. OTeut. **sah-* perh. identical with L. *sac-* in *sancīre* to hallow, make binding (a treaty, etc.), *sacer* sacred. The forms with *a* and *au* directly represent the ON. word.]

1. An agreement, covenant.

1038–50 in Kemble *Codex Dipl.* (1846) IV. 118 Se seht ðe Godwine eorl worhte betweonan ðam arcebisceop & ðam hirede æt sancte Augustine & Leofwine preoste. *a* 1122 *O. E. Chron.* (Laud MS.) an. 1091, On þisum sehte wearð eac Eadgar eþeling wið þone cyng ze sæhtlad.

2. Agreement, freedom from strife, peace. Frequent in the phrase (*to be*) *at saught.*

c 1100 in *Bæda's Hist.* IV. xxii. [xxi.] ad fin. (Camb. MS.), Sib wæs syððan seaht & sib [*earlier texts* Dære sibbe wære] mycelre tide æft þon betwyh ða ylcan cyningas & heora rice awunode. 1154 *O. E. Chron.* (Laud MS.) an. 1140, & sib & sæhte sculde ben betwyx heom & on al Engle land. *c* 1205 LAY. 2139 Þa lnueden heom þeos leoden mid sibben & mid sahten. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 250 God lihte to eorðe uorte makien þreouold seihte—bitweonen mon & mon [etc.]. *c* 1275 *Serving Christ* 1 in *O. E. Misc.* 90 Hwi ne serne we crist and secheþ his sauht. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 3964 Iacob þan sent him of his aght Giftes large, al for þe saght. 1460 *Lybeaus Disc.* 1030 They ryden forth all yn saght. 1603 *Philotus* cxliii, The feind wald faine man be your wyfe, Can neuer sit in saucht. 1768 Ross *Helenore* 27 For as her mind began to be at saught. *Ibid.* 29 'Tis true, she had of warlds gear a fraught: But what was that to peace an' saught at hame. 1781 J. HUTTON *Tour to Caves* Gloss., *Saft*, heart's ease, as *to be at saft*, to be easy and contented, also reconciled. 1806 R. JAMIESON *Pop. Ball.* I. 207 O gin wi' thee, regretted maid! I in the mools at saught were laid.

† **Saught,** *a. Obs.* Forms: 1 seht, sæht, 2–3 seht, saht, 3 *Ormin* sahhte, 3 sæht(e, sauchte, swahte, 3–4 sauht(e, 3–5 saght(e, 4 sawht, sawght, saught(e, (sayct), 4–5 sauɜt(e, saɜt, 5 sawcht, 4–6 *Sc.* saucht. [Late OE. *seht, sæht*, prob. a. ON. **saht-r* (OIcel. *sáttr*) :—OTeut. type **sahto-*, a passive pple. f. **sah-*: see SAUGHT *sb.*] In agreement, free from strife, at peace, reconciled.

956 in Birch *Cartul. Sax.* III. 172 And sæ bisceop Stigandæ and sæ hiræd on ealdan mynstræ him þæs gætiþodon wið scwlcon ȝersumen swylce hi þa sehtte wæron. *c* 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 15 And eour eyþer sunegað bi-foran drihtan and ec leter ȝe beoð sahte. *c* 1200 ORMIN 5731 Þe seoffnde seollþess sæliþeȝȝc Iss griþþ i manness herrte,..Swa þatt hiss bodiȝ wiþþ hiss gast Sammtale & sahhte wurrþe. *a* 1272 *Lune Ron* 134 in *O. E. Misc.* 97 Alle heo schule wyþ engles pleye some and sauhte in heonene lyhte. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 3540 Þou and i er selden saght, Abute our forhirth er we wrath. *c* 1320 *Cast. Love* 552 And Pees and Riht cussen and be sauɜt and some. 1375 BARBOUR *Bruce* x. 300 Qwhen the king ves thus vith him saucht. 1390 GOWER *Conf.* I. 371 Of this point ye have me tawht, Toward miself the betre sawht I thenke be, whil that I live. *Ibid.* III. 313 The wyndy Storm began to skarse,..The Schipman..Whan that he sih the wyndes saghte, Towardes Tharse his cours he straghte. *c* 1450 MYRC *Festial* 26 Scho beþoght hur how þat chyldern don þo vengeans, but lyghtly ben saɜt, þogh þay ben wrothe. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* II. vii. 48 Now lat ws change scheildis, sene we bene saucht. 1570 *Satir. Poems Reform.* xiii. 179 We trowit from thence thay suld haif sittin saucht, And suld haif tyrit of all thair tyrannie.

† **Saught,** *v. Obs.* Forms: 1 sehtan, ȝesehtian, 2–5 sauɜt(e, 3 sæhte, seyte, 4 saght, 3–4 sauhte, sahut, saɜt, 4–5 saucht, 5 saughte. [Late OE. *sehtan, ȝe-sehtian*, f. *seht* SAUGHT *sb.* Cf. ON. **sættha* (OIcel. *sætta*).]

1. *trans.* To bring to peace, reconcile.

c 1000 in Thorpe *Ags. Laws* II. 304 Cristenum cyninge ȝebyreð..þæt he..eall cristen folc sibbie & sehte mid rihtre laȝe. *Ibid.* 312. 1154 *O. E. Chron.* an. 1101, Ac þa heafod men heom betwenan foran & þa broðra ȝesehtodan on þa ȝerad. *c* 1250 *Hymn Virg.* 40 in *Trin. Coll. Hom.* App. 256 Help me to mi liues ende & make me wið þin sone isauɜt. 1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 11008 Hü broȝte him þer to To makie a porueance..þut lond uor to seyte. *c* 1320 *Cast. Love* 933 Godes sone, þt fro heuene to eorþe wolde come To sauɜte his sustren. *a* 1400 *Hymns Virg.* 108 Loke þou assay, To sauɜten hem þenne at on assent.

2. *intr.* To become reconciled.

a 1375 *Cursor M.* 3964 (Fairf.) Iacob sende him of his aɜt giftes large wiþ him to saɜt [*Gött.* to sahut; *Cott.* al for þe saght]. *c* 1400 *Gamelyn* 150 Graunte me my bone Of thing I wil thee aske and we schul sanghte sone. *c* 1450 HOLLAND *Howlat* 844 Thai forthocht that thai faucht, Kissit samyn and saucht.

Hence † **Sau·ghting** *vbl. sb.*

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 17198 And blith o saghting þou me bedis. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* l. (*Katerine*) 921 Wald þu..ask forgiffnes of þi syne, yheit mycht þu sauchtyng with hym wine. *a* 1400 *Minor Poems fr. Vernon MS.* 573 Wraþþe gedereþ gret hate, Loue norisscheþ sauɜtynge.

Saught, obs. pa. t. and pa. pple. of SEEK.

† **Saughtel,** *v. Obs.* Forms: 2 sæhtle, 2–3 sahtle, 3 sawghtle, *Ormin* sahhtlenn, 4 saɜttel, sa(u)ghtle, -til, sauhtill, (saxtel), 4–5 saɜtle, sauɜt(e)le, saghtel, 5 saɜtill, saghtill, sahtll, saghetylle, sauɜthle, saughtel, -tille. [In 12th c. *sahtlian, sæhtlian*, f. *sæht*, **saht*: see SAUGHT *a.*]

1. *intr.* To come to agreement, become reconciled.

1154 *O. E. Chron.* (Laud MS.) an. 1140, Sithen þer efter sahtleden þe king & Randolf eorl at Stanford. 1340 HAMPOLE *Pr. Consc.* 1470 Now lofe we, now hate, now saghtel, now strife. *c* 1375 *Cursor M.* 3580 (Fairf.) [When a man is old] þen ys ethe to make him wraþ & for tille saxtel sumdel laþ. 1377 LANGL. *P. Pl.* B. x. 183 It is no science for sothe forto sotyle (*v. r.* sauɜtele] Inne. † *a* 1400 *Morte Arth.* 330, I salle hym surelye ensure, þat saghetylle salle we never. *a* 1400–50 *Alexander* 865 Sire, latt þi wreth a-wai wende & with þi wyfe saɜtill. *a* 1440 *Sir Degrev.* 1757, I rede ye sauɜthle with the knyɜt.

b. To become calm or quiet.

13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* B. 445 As þat lyftande lome [*sc.* the ark] luged aboute,..Hit saɜtled on a softe day synkande to grounde. *Ibid. C.* 232 He [Jonah] was no tytter out-tulde þat tempest ne sessed, þe se saɜtled þer-with, as sone as ho moȝt. *Ibid.* C. 529 For-þy when pouerte me enprecez & paynez in-noȝe, Ful softly with suffraunce saɜttel me bihonez.

2. *trans.* To reconcile (persons). Also *refl.*

a 1122 *O. E. Chron.* (Laud MS.) an. 1066, Þa eodon gode men heom betwenen & sahtloden heom. *Ibid.* an. 1070, Þa twezen kyngas Willelm & Swæȝn wurðon sæhtlod. *c* 1200 ORMIN 6024 He riseþþ upp & sahhtleþþ himm Wiþþ Godd þurrh rihht dædbote. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 28565 Quen man think to traueil lath, to saghtil men þat er wrath. 13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* B. 1139 For when a sawele is saɜtled & sakred to dryɜtyn, He holly haldes hit his. *c* 1400 *Ywaine & Gaw.* 3917 Thou sal do thi power,..To saghtel the Knyght with the liown And his lady of grete renowne.

Hence † **Sau·ghteling** *vbl. sb.*

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 964 Tell me..Howgat and wit quatkinthing I sal couer þi saghteling. *c* 1330 R. BRUNNE *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 3256 For þat saughtlyng [of the brothers] was mykel blisse. *c* 1400 *Ywaine & Gaw.* 3680 Than asked the king Wha had so sone made saghteling Bitwix tham thai had bene so wrath. *c* 1420 *Anturs of Arth.* 661 (Douce MS.) Withe outene more lettynge, Diȝte was here saɜtlynge.

† **Sau·ghten,** *v. Obs.* Forms: 2 sahtnie, 2–3 sehtne, 3 sahtne, sæhtne, -nie, sehtnie, seihtni, sachtni, 4 sauhtne, sahutin, sauɜtne, -tene, (saxtend), *Sc.* sauchtine, 5 saughten. [f. SAUGHT *a.* + -EN 5.]

1. *trans.* To reconcile.

c 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 39 Þet seste is þat þu scalt sahtnien þa þe beoð unisahte mid alle þine mahte. *Ibid.* 83 He isehtnede god & man. *c* 1205 LAY. 8776 Nu þu must me ræden sæhtnien me wið þene kæisere. *Ibid.* 30036 Heo..spileden bitweonen þat heo wolden alle þa kinges sehtnie. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 28 Vorte seihtni [*v. r.* sachtni] me wiþ þe deore-wurðe Louerd. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xviii. (*Egipciane*) 1485 Dere lady, I þe pray, þat..þu succure me, & sauchtine me & þi sowne.

2. *intr.* To become reconciled or at peace.

c 1205 LAY. 8254 Wið þon þe þu hine ȝeue grið & late hine sæhtne þe wið. 1362 LANGL. *P. Pl.* A. IV. 2 Seseþ, seide þe kyng..ȝe schulle sauɜtene [MS. D. *c* 1480 saughten] forsothe and serue me bothe.

Hence † **Sau·ghtening** *vbl. sb.* (*attrib.*).

a 1300–1400 *Cursor M.* 3954 (Gött.) Iacob sent þan for-to fonde, Esau wid sahutinyng sonde. *c* 1320 *Sir Tristr.* 1805 Made was þe sauɜtening And alle forȝeue bi dene. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xxi. (*Clement*) 742, & sic mystreutht I here forsak, & with 3oure god wil sauchtnyng mak. *c* 1425 WYNTOUN *Cron.* V. xi. 3165 Qwhil at þe last þe hail barne Off Brettane knyt þaim in sauchtenynge. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* X. xiv. 176 Na frendschip in thy handis, Nane syk trety of sauchnyng nor cunnandis, My son Lawsus band vp with the.

Sauɜter, obs. form of PSALTER.

† **Sau·ghtliness.** *Obs. rare*—1. In 4 saghtlines. [f. SAUGHT *sb.* or *a.* + -LY 1 + -NESS.] Reconciliation. Cf. SAUGHTNESS.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 29125 If he be funden in þam treu his saghtlines þat sal him neu.

† **Sau·ghtness.** *Obs.* Forms: 1 sehtnyse, 2 sahtnys, 3 seht-, seih(t)-, saht-, seht-, sæht-, sachtnesse, 4 saght-, sawghtnes, sauht-, seiɜtnesse. [OE. *sehtnys, sahtnys*, f. *seht* SAUGHT *a.*: see -NESS.] The condition of being reconciled.

c 1000 ÆLFRIC *Hom.* II. 198 Ðam dom-bocum þe se Heofonlica Wealdend his folce ȝesette to some, and to sehtnysse. *a* 1122 *O. E. Chron.* (Laud MS.) an. 1066, Geaf þa þone cyng .xl. marc goldes to sahtnysse. *c* 1200 ORMIN 3515 He wass borenn her Sahhtnesse & griþþ to settenn Bitwenenn Drihhtin..& mannkinn. *c* 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 5 Cum louerd and biwind us on seihtnesse. *c* 1205 LAY. 2809 He sette þis lond he sahtnesse wrohte. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 250 Pax nobis! Seihtnesse beo bitweonen ou. *Ibid.* 426 Þis is o þing..þet is God leouest—seihnesse & some [*v. r.* sachtnesse & somentale]. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 4014 Sli strengh es o þe holi gast, To saghtnes mak þar wrath es mast. *c* 1320 *Cast. Love* 474 Euer on þat ilke stryf þat a-mong my sustren is a-wake, Þorw sauhtnesse mowe sum ende take. *a* 1330 *Otuel* 570 Sitte eche man oppon his kne, & biddeth to god..Sende seiɜtnesse bi-twene þo kniɜtes.

Saughy (sɔ̄·χi), *a. Sc.* Also **sauchie.** [f. SAUGH + -Y.] = SAUGHEN.

1818 *Edin. Mag.* Oct. 328/1 Deep down in the sauchie glen o' Trows, Aneth the cashie wud. 1897 'L. KEITH' *Bonnie Lady* v. 47 She might have twisted him like a sauchie bough in her tender fingers.

Sauht, obs. form of SAULT *sb.*[1] *Obs.*

Saul, variant of SAL[2], SOUL.

Saulce, -ery : see SAUCE, SAUCERY.

Sauldyer, obs. form of SOLDIER.

† **Saule,** *v. Obs.* [a. OF. *saouler* (mod.F. *soûler*), f. *saoul* (mod.F. *soûl*) full of meat or drink = Pr. *sadol*, It. *satollo* :—L. *satullus*, dim. of *satur* full: see SATURITY.] *trans.* To satisfy, fill with food.

c 1430 *Pilgr. Lyf Manhode* I. lxix. (1869) 41 Thei wer namore sauled ther with than if [etc.].

Saule, obs. form of SAIL, SOUL.

† **Sau·lee.** *Obs.* Also 4 saule, 5 sawle(e. [a. OF. *saoulee* (mod.F. *soûlée*), f. *saouler*: see SAULE *v.*] Satisfaction of appetite; a satisfying meal or quantity of food.

1377 LANGL. *P. Pl.* B. XVI. 11, I wolde..forto haue my fylle of þat frute forsake al other saulee [*Gloss* edulium). *c* 1400 *Lanfranc's Cirurg.* 272 He schal drinke no newe wijn, & he schal ete no greet saule. *c* 1400 tr. *Secreta Secret., Gov. Lordsh.* xliv. 73 Wherfore it nedys þanne..to abstene to mekyll ete and drynke, and fro greet saule. 1426 LYDG. *De Guil. Pilgr.* 6178 My voyded herte to fulfylle Wych so longe..hath voyde be, And neuere ne hadde hys ful sawlee. *c* 1430 *Pilgr. Lyf Manhode* I. v. (1869) 4 Good it were to faste a litel for to haue ful saulee at the sopere.

Saulf(e, -ff, obs. forms of SAFE, SAVE.

Saulffer, Saulftie : see SAUFEY, SAFETIE.

Saulie (sɔ̄·li). *Sc. Obs.* exc. *Hist.* Also saullie, sawlie, sal(l)ie, saly, sauley. [Of obscure origin;

perh. short for some comb. of *saul* SOUL.] A hired mourner at a funeral.

1621 *Sc. Acts Jas. VI* (1816) IV. 626/1 That no duill-weidis be givin to heraulds, Trumpetoris or saullies Except by the Earlis and lordis and thair wyffes And the number of the saullies to be according to þe number of duilweiddis. 1654 in C. Rogers *Soc. Life Scotl.* (1884) I. v. 161 [(Funeral of Earl of Buccleuch.) In front marched forty-six] salies (or hired mourners with hoods and bearing black staves]. 1773 R. FERGUSSON *Poems* (1800) 169 How come mankind, whan lacking woe, In Saulie's face their hearts to show? 1815 SCOTT *Guy M.* xxxvii, And then the funeral pomp set forth; saulies with their batons, and gumphions of tarnished white crape. 1864 in R. Paul *Mem.* xix. (1872) 304, I see in imagination a tall unbendable fellow..grave as a sauley. 1898 W. DRYSDALE *Old Faces* 47 When hearses came into fashion, people of distinction were conveyed therein, and were preceded by 'saulies'.

Saull(e, obs. forms of SOUL.

Saullie, variant of SAULIE.

Saulm, Saulmon, obs. ff. PSALM, SALMON.

Saulpeter, variant of SALPETER *Obs.*

† Sault, *sb.*[1] *Obs.* Forms: 3–6 saut, 4 saght, saugt, 4–5 sauht, sawt, 4–6 saute, sawte, 4–6 salt, 6 sault. [Early ME. *saut*, aphetic form of *assaut* ASSAULT *sb.*, with later insertion of *l* as in that word.] = ASSAULT *sb.*, in various senses.

1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 11870 Wiþ a lance he broȝte a knigt atte verste saut þer doune. 1338 R. BRUNNE *Chron.* (1810) 125 þe Gyour of his oste at þat sant [*sc.* on Lincoln] was slayn. *a* 1340 HAMPOLE *Ps.* xiii. 4 The deuel..makes his sante in vs, and bost bifor god, to gare vs be dampned if he may ouere com vs in any temptacioun. *c* 1350 *Will. Palerne* 2651 þe king bi-seget þe cite selcouþli harde, & mani a sad saugt his sone þer-to made. 1375 BARBOUR *Bruce* XVII. 356 [At the siege of Berwick] Thai trumpit till ane sawt [*v. r.* salt] in hy. *c* 1380 WYCLIF *Epist. Domin.* iv. Sel. Wks. II. 365 þat ȝe may stonde aȝens þe fendis sautis. 1452 J. PASTON in *P. Lett.* I. 232 Charlis Nowell with odir hath in this cuntre mad many riot and sautes. *c* 1477 CAXTON *Jason* 11 Tho fewe that yet lyue dare not now yssue out more for to make ony saulte or scarmusche ayenst their ennemyes. 1510 *Sel. Cases Crt. Star Chamber* (Selden) 206 Thomas Withiford..and dynerse moo made a Sawte on Thomas powes and wold haue take hym With stronng hande owte of his schoppe. *c* 1520 SKELTON *Magnif.* 2329 Remedy pryncypall Agaynst all sautes [*v. r.* fautes] of your goostly foo. 1523 EARL OF SURREY *Let. to Wolsey* in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. I. I. 215, I being at the sault of th' abbay, whiche contynued unto twoo houres within nyght. 1556 J. HEYWOOD *Spider & F.* lxv. 74 Sir captaine our mind is, To gine saute to the copweb. *a* 1600 *Flodden F.* iii. (1664) 22 Though with hard saults they him assaild.

† Sault, *sb.*[2] *Obs.* Forms: 4 saut, 5 sawte, 6 saute, 7–8 salt, sault. [a. F. *saut* :—L. *saltus* (*u* slem), f. *salīre* to leap; for the form cf. prec.]

1. A leap, jump; *spec.* of horses (see 1727–52).

a 1350 *John Bapt.* 105 in Horstm. *Altengl. Leg.* (1881) 125 Scho daunced and tumbild diuers saut Ful faire and wele, with-outen faut. *c* 1400 *Brut* iv. 11 þerfore þe place is called ȝit in-to þis day 'þe sawte of Gogmagog'. 1607 MARKHAM *Caval.* I. (1617) 14 They are many of them naturally ginen to bound, & to performe saults aboue ground. 1616 B. JONSON *Devil an Ass* II. vi, [Love] could make More wanton salts from this braue promontory. 1623 MARKHAM *Cheap Husb.* I. ii. (ed. 3) 15 The loftinesse of a horses salts and leapes. 1653 URQUHART *Rabelais* I. xxiii, He rode..a light fleet horse, unto whom he gave a hundred carieres, made him go the high saults, bounding in the aire. 1688 R. HOLME *Armoury* III. xix. (ROXB.) 183/2 Ground salts, is to take vp his fore leggs from the ground both togather, and bringing his hinder feet in their place. 1728–52 CHAMBERS *Cycl., Salts*, or *Saults*, in the menage, denote the leaps, or high airs and vaults of an horse...A *step and a salt* is an high air, wherein the horse rising, makes a curvet between two salts, or caprioles...*Two steps and a salt* is a motion composed of two curvets; ending with a capriole.

2. *A sault out*: a sally.

1560 DAUS *Sleidane's Comm.* 323 b, To the ende the Townes men shoulde make no salt ont [L. *eruptionem*].

3. *To go to sault* = 'to go assault': see ASSAULT *adv.* and SALT *sb.*[2]

1567 PAINTER *Pal. Pleas.* II. 185 And yet you see this great..Duchesse..run after the male, like a female Wolfe or Lionesse (when they goe to sault).

‖ Sault (*sō*, commonly *sū*), *sb.*[3] *North Amer.* [Colonial Fr. *sault*, 17th c. spelling of *saut*; see SAULT *sb.*[2]] A waterfall or rapid.

1600 *Hakluyt's Voy.* III. 234 The Captaine prepared two boats to goe vp the great River to discouer the passage of the three Saults or falles of the River [Canada]. 1809 A. HENRY *Trav.* 16 Lachine..is at the head of the Sault de Saint-Louis, which is the highest of the saults, falls, or leaps, in this part of the Saint-Lawrence. 1860 BARTLETT *Dict. Amer.* (ed. 3), *Sault*, pronounced *soo*. (Old French.) The rapids of the St. Lawrence and those connecting the Upper Lakes retain the French name; as, the Sault St. Mary, etc.

† Sault, *v.*[1] *Obs.* Forms: 4–5 saute, sawte, 5 sawlte, 6 saut, sawt, saulte, salt, 6, 9 sault. [ME. *saute*, aphetic form of *assaute* ASSAULT *v.*] *trans.* = ASSAULT *v.* in various senses.

1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) VIII. 552 And thenne the kynge sente therle marchal vnto Louers, whiche they sawted. 1448 METHAM *Wks.* (E. E. T. S.) 55/1474 Offte this serpent gan saute the bugyl blak The qwyche vpon hys helmet stod. *c* 1489 CAXTON *Sonnes of Aymon* xvi. 384 Yf ye sawte Reynawde, we four that ben here shall helpe hym agaynste you. 1556 J. HEYWOOD *Spider & F.* lxxiv. 11 To sawt this castell a fresh, they haue purueyde. 1560 PHAER *Æneid* IX. E e ij b, A towre..whom all the Italians totall strength incessaunt stil did saulte.

absol. *c* 1471 in *Pol. Poems* (Rolls) II. 278 At Algate thay sawtid in an ill seasoun. 1489 CAXTON *Faytes of Armes* I. ix. B iv, To teche hem bettre in all thynges to fighte & to sawte, they were oftymes put in arraye of batailles. *c* 1500 *Melusine* xxxvi. 291 And there they rested them by the space of viii dayes, without sawtyng ne scarmysshing.

Hence **† Sau·lting** *vbl. sb.*

c 1489 CAXTON *Sonnes of Aymon* vi. 149 Reynawde made ..all y^e^ castell to be closed rounde about wyth double walles,..that it fered no sawtynge of no side of it. 1490 — *Eneydos* lxii. 161 Anoone as Eneas herde turnus speke he..lefte the sawtyng of the walles and of the toures.

† Sault, *v.*[2] *Obs. rare.* Forms: 4 saute, 5 sawlte. [a. F. *sauter*:—L. *saltāre*, freq. of *salīre* to leap.] *intr.* To leap, dance.

1377 LANGL. *P. Pl.* B. XIII. 233, I can..noyther sailly ne sante ne synge with þe Gyterne. 1422 tr. *Secreta Secret., Priv. Priv.* 152 Thay hym yaue pryuely a lytill toode in a drynke, and by crafte thay makyd hit grow in his bely, and his bely sawlte hit wax grete.

Sault, obs. f. SALT *sb.*[1] and *v.*[1]

† Sau·ltable, *a. Obs.* Also 6 sawt-, sautable, 7 saltable. [f. SAULT *v.*[1] + -ABLE.]

1. = ASSAULTABLE *a.*

1556 J. HEYWOOD *Spider & F.* lxv, Ere they could anie peece of the walles batter To make it sawtable. 1568 GRAFTON *Chron.* II. 1357 Certayne..souldiers..mountyng the top of the breache brought report that the place was saultable. *a* 1652 BROME *Covent Gard.* v. iii, The Enemie made saltable six hundred paces there.

2. Capable of being used in assaults.

1563 FOXE *A. & M.* (1596) 246/2 He began to giue sharp assaults [on the city], with all maner of Saultable engins. *Ibid.* 306/2 With ensignes and other munition sautable.

Saulte, obs. form of SALT *sb.*[1]

Saulted, erron. spelling of SALTED *ppl. a.* 4.

a 1879 A. K. JOHNSTON *London Geogr.* (1880) 402 A 'saulted' horse, or one which has been bitten [by the tsetse fly] and has recovered. 1893 *Westm. Gaz.* 18 Sept. 3/1 'Saulted horses'..are only claimed to be proof against 'horse sickness'.

Saulter, Saulve : see PSALTER, SALVE *sb.*[1]

† Sau·mbu. *Obs.* Forms: 4 sambu, saumber, *Pl.* 5 sambu(e)s, sambutes, saumbues. [a. OE. *sambue* :—med.L. *sambūca*, app. ad. OHG. *sambuoh* saddle-cloth, litter.] A saddle-cloth.

13.. *K. Alis.* 176 (Bodl. MS.) Wiþ sadel of gold sambu of sylk. *c* 1330 *Arth. & Merl.* 2976 (Kölbing) Saumbers, quissers & aketoun. *a* 1400 *Launfal* 950 Her sadell was semyly sett, The sambus wer grene felvet, Ipaynted with ymageryе. *c* 1420 *Anturs of Arth.* 24 Here sadel sette of þat ilke, Saude withe sambutes of silke. *a* 1450 *Le Morte Arth.* 2360 Yuory sadyll and white stede, Sammbues of the same threde.

† Sau·mbury. *Obs. rare*—[1]. Also sambury. [A derivative or corrupt form of prec.] A litter.

1393 LANGL. *P. Pl.* C. III. 178 And shope þat a shereyue sholde bere mede Softliche in saumbury [*MS. C.C.C. Cambr.* in his Samhury] fram syse to syse.

Saume, Saumon : see PSALM, SALMON.

Saumpel, -ler, etc.: see SAMPLE, SAMPLER.

‖ Saumur (*sɔmür*). [The name of a town in the department of Maine-et-Loire in France.] A French white wine resembling champagne.

1888 H. J. NEWMAN in *Encycl. Brit.* XXIV. 606/1 In 1874 sparkling Saumur was introduced into the United Kingdom in its own name. 1906 *Daily Chron.* 25 Sept. 7/6 Tasting the wine, the witness pronounced it to be Saumur.

Saun, obs. f. SANS; obs. pa. pple. of SOW *v.*

Saunape, variant of SANAP *Obs.*

Saunce, obs. form of SANCTUS, SANS.

Sauncing bell. Alteration of *saunce-bell* SANCTUS BELL, after *sacring-bell*.

1600 *England's Helicon* L2 b, It [*sc.* Love] is perhaps that sanncing bell, That toules all into heauen or hell. [Repeated by Heywood in *Lucrece* 3rd Song, with the form *sausing bell*.]

Sauncte(s bell, obs. forms of SANCTUS BELL.

Saunctite, obs. form of SANCTITY.

† Sau·nder. *Obs.* Shortened f. ALEXANDERS.

1561 HOLLYBUSH *Hom. Apoth.* 43 b, Put therto a litle butter, and a litle salte, and a litle Saunder.

Saunders, etc. : see SANDERS.

Saunders blue (*sɑ̄·ndəzˌblū*). [Phonetic corruption of F. *cendres bleues* (*sɑ̃ndr'blø̃*) 'blue ashes'.] A name for ultramarine ashes.

1850 *Weale's Dict. Terms*; and in later Dicts.

Saune, sauns, obs. forms of SANS.

Saunke realle, var. SANG-ROYAL *Obs.*

Saunpil, obs. form of SAMPLE.

Saunt : see CENT[2], SAINT, SANCTUS, SANS.

† Sau·nter, *sb.*[1] *Obs. rare*—[1]. [Of obscure origin: possibly an alteration of *sauntes* or *sauntus* SANCTUS.] ? An incantation.

1562 TURNER *Herbal* II. 3, I went aboute this busynes all figures, coniurynges, saunters, charmes, wytchcrafte, and sorseryes sett a syde [tr. Tragus *de Stirpium Hist.*, 1552, I. clxxxvi. 544 *Nullis characteribus, nullis coniurationibus, nullis preculis, nulla denique superstitione usus sum, sed citra huiusmodi Magicas uanitates*, etc.].

Saunter (*sɑ̄·ntəɹ*), *sb.*[2] [f. SAUNTER *v.*]

1. The action or habit of sauntering; 'lounge; idle occupation' (Seager).

1728 YOUNG *Love of Fame* I. 231 The tavern! park! assembly! mask! and play! Those dear destroyers of the tedious day! That wheel of fops! that saunter of the town! Call it diversion, and the pill goes down.

2. A sauntering manner of walking; a leisurely, careless gait.

1711 HENLEY *Spect.* No. 518 (*ad fin.*), So likewise the *Belles Lettres* are typified by a Saunter in the Gate;..an Insertion of one Hand in the Fobb [etc.]. 1853 LYTTON *My Novel* XI. ii, Men who make money rarely saunter; men who save money rarely swagger. But saunter and swagger both united to stamp *prodigal* on the Bond Street Lounger. 1859 GEO. ELIOT *Adam Bede* xxvii, The other, turning round, walked slowly, with a sort of saunter, towards Adam.

3. A leisurely, careless, loitering walk or ramble; a stroll.

1828 W. IRVING in *Life & Lett.* (1864) II. 330 A quiet saunter about a cathedral..has the effect upon me of a walk in one of our great American forests. 1881 LADY D. HARDY *Through Cities & Prairie Lands* 105 In one of our saunters through the city we met two..girls.

Saunter (*sɑ̄·ntəɹ*), *v.* Also 5–8 santer, (7 sawnter, *dial.* sonter). [Of obscure origin.

It is doubtful whether the word represented by the quots. under sense 1 is identical with the modern word, the unequivocal history of which begins with the mention by Skinner (quot. *a* 1667 under sense 2); for the supposed 15th c. examples see SAUNTERING *vbl. sb.* 1

The current suggestion that the word is a. AF. *sauntrer* (=*s'auntrer*), to venture oneself, is unlikely (apart from difficulties of meaning) on the ground that the AF. word, of which only one instance has been found (1338 in *Yearbks. Trinity* 12 Edw. III, p. 619) is app. an adoption of ME. *auntre* to ADVENTURE, and possibly a mere nonce-word; the conjecture that it represents a med.L. type **exadventūrāre* is phonologically inadmissible.]

† 1. *intr.* ? To muse, be in a reverie. *Obs.*

c 1475 *Parlenay* 4653 But yut he knew noght uerray certainly, Bnt santred and doubted uerryly Wher on was or no of this saide linage. 1548 FORREST *Pleas. Poesye* 29 in *N. & Q.* Ser. v. IV. 397 [To Edw. VI] When straungers greate yowre presence hathe none take of yowre nobles youe compenye too keepe: doo not your selfe sitt santeringe alone: as wone that weare in studye most deepe. 1589 R. HARVEY *Pl. Perc.* (1590) A ij h, I stood sauntring ouer it, like a whelp that had scalded his mouth.

2. † **a.** To wander or travel about aimlessly or unprofitably; to travel as a vagrant. *Obs.* **b.** To walk with a leisurely and careless gait; to stroll.

a 1667 SKINNER *Etymol. Ling. Angl.* (1671), *To Saunter up and down*, a.Fr.G. *Sauter*, Sauteller, Saltare, Saltitare, q.d. huc illuc Saltitare sen Discurrere. 1677 MIEGE *Dict. Eng.-Fr.*, To Saunter about, *rouler en vagabond d'un côté & d'autre*. 1678 BUTLER *Hud.* III. i. 1343 What hast thou gotten by this Fetch?..By Santring still on some Adventure, And growing to thy Horse a Centanr. 1691 RAY *S. & E. Country Words* 111 To *Santer* about; or go *Santering* up and down. It is derived from *Saincte terre, i.e.* The Holy Land, because of old time..many idle persons went from place to place, upon pretence that they..intended to take the Cross upon them, and to go thither. 1692 R. L'ESTRANGE *Fables* cxliv. 131 The Cormorant is still Sauntering by the Sea-side, to see if he can find any of his Brass cast up. 1693 S. HARVEY in *Dryden's Juvenal* IX. 1 Tell me, why saunt'ring thus from Place to Place, I meet thee (Nevolus) with a Clouded Face? 1703 THORESBY *Let. to Ray* in *Philos. Lett.* (1718) 337 [List of Yorkshire words] To *Sonter*, to loiter, a *santring* or *sontring* Body, one that squanders the time in going idly about. 1713 *Guardian* No. 171 His customers can santer up and down from corner to corner. 1742 POPE *Dunc.* IV. 311 Led by my hand, he saunter'd Europe round, And gather'd ev'ry Vice on Christian ground. 1782 MISS BURNEY *Cecilia* III. viii, Mr. Harrel sauntered into the breakfast room. 1826 SCOTT *Woodst.* ii, The preacher..left the church and sauntered through the streets of Woodstock. 1873 'OUIDA' *Pascarel* II. 54 He sauntered about Florence with me. 1883 STEVENSON *Silverado Sq.* 3 The people of hill and valley go sauntering about their business as in the days before the flood.

† 3. To loiter over one's work, to dawdle. Also in *indirect passive*, and quasi-*trans.* with *away*.

1673, 1693 [implied in SAUNTERING *ppl. a.*]. 1693 LOCKE *Educ.* § 118. 146 Aversion to his Book that makes him saunter away his time of Study. *c* 1731 BOLINGBROKE *Let. to Swift* in *Pope's Wks.* (1741) II. 107 But I know men.. who to preserve their health, saunter away half their time. 1752 CHESTERF. *Let. to Son* 5 Mar., Business must not be sauntered and trifled with. 1776 ADAM SMITH *W. N.* I. i. I. 11 A man commonly saunters a little in turning his hand from one sort of employment to another.

Saunterer (*sɑ̄·ntərəɹ*). [f. SAUNTER *v.* + -ER[1].] One who saunters; a lounger; † a dawdler, trifler.

1688 PETT *Happy Future St. Eng.* 251 The fantastick Vtopias, Oceanas, and new Atlantis'es that our late Visionaries and idle Santerers to a pretended new Jerusalem troubled England with. 1735 BERKELEY *Querist* § 413 (1750) 46 And quit the Life of an insignificant Saunterer about Town, for that of an useful Country-Gentleman. 1798 EDGEWORTH *Pract. Educ.* (1822) I. 149 Alcibiades might have been a saunterer at his book. 1832 SCOTT *St. Ronan's* Introd. P 3 Thither, too, comes the saunterer, anxious to get rid of that wearisome attendant *himself*.

Sauntering (*sɑ̄·ntəriŋ*), *vbl. sb.* [-ING[1].]

† 1. (Sense uncertain; possibly not from the existing verb.) *Obs.*

The interpretation 'loitering, vagrancy' does not well suit the context, and the corresponding sense of the vb. has not been found before the middle of the 17th c. If SAUNTRELL means 'pretended saint', *saunlering* may be a back formation from it, with the sense 'a pretending to holiness'.

c 1440 *York Myst.* XXXV. 70 Thoo sawes schall rewe hym sore For all his saunteryng sone. *Ibid.* 150 Nowe all his gaudis no thyng hym gaynes, His sauntering schall with bale be bought.

2. The action of the vb. SAUNTER; strolling about; † dawdling, trifling.

1678 DRYDEN *Kind Kpr.* v. i, When the Cuckold finds no Company, he will certainly go a santring again. *c* 1685

Villiers (Dk. Buckhm.) *Char. Chas. II* in *Coll. of Poems* 156 A bewitching kind of Pleasure, called Santring, and Talking, without any Constraint, was the true Sultana Queen he delighted in. 1693 Locke *Educ.* § 120. 148 When his saunting at his Book is curbd. 1813 L. Hunt in *Examiner* 22 Mar. 178/1 His saunterings and his drinking parties with Tom, Dick, and Harry. 1849 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* ii. I. 168 Charles came forth from that school with social habits,..fond of sauntering and of frivolous amusements. 1885 Miss Braddon *Wyllard's Weird* I. i 42 Bothwell was fond of late saunterings in the grounds.

attrib. 1796 G. M. Woodward *Eccentric Excurs.* (1807) 20 This is a general sauntering place for men and cattle.

Sauntering (sɔ̄·ntərin), *ppl. a.* [-ing ².]

1. a. Of a person, his habits or dispositions: That saunters; given to strolling about carelessly; † given to dawdling over one's work.

1673 O. Walker *Educ.* (1677) 99 Others are to all purposes slow and sawntring. 1693 Locke *Educ.* § 116. 141 This Sauntring Humour I look on as one of the worst Qualities can appear in a Child. *Ibid.*, Upon the first suspicion a Father has, that his Son is of a Sauntring Temper, he must [etc.]. 1703 Rowe *Fair Penit.* Epil., We'd teach the Saunt'ring Squire, who loves to roam, Forgetful of his own dear Spouse and Home. 1740 Richardson *Pamela* (1824) I. xii. 250 Jackey..was the most thoughtless, whistling, sauntering fellow you ever knew. 1855 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* xiii. III. 307 The idle sauntering habits of an aristocracy.

b. *transf.* Of time: Occupied in leisurely pursuits, not strenuous.

1818 Byron *Ch. Har.* iv. xxxiii, The brawling brook, whose-by, Clear as its current, glide the sauntering hours With a calm languor. 1849 Robertson *Serm.* Ser. I. ii. (1866) 24 In our inattentive, sauntering, wayside hours. 1854 S. Dobell *Balder* iii. Poet. Wks. 1875 II. 20 Taskless thro' the round of sauntering day.

† 2. Of a story: Trumpery, foolish. *Obs.*

Perh. a different word; cf. north. dial. *saunter* in *auld wife's saunter* (='auld wife's aunter'), an old woman's tale.

1726 Threlkeld *Synopsis Stirp. Hib.* D 5 b, A great Sputter has been made about Fern-Seed, and several sauntring Stories feigned concerning its Collection on St. John's-eve.

Hence **Sau·nteringly** *adv.*

1842 *Blackw. Mag.* LI. 249 A gay good-looking young man rode sauntteringly up the main street. 1881 D. C. Murray *Joseph's Coat* I. vii. 140 You come saunteringly to a little rise.

Sauntes bell: see Sanctus bell.

Sauntite, obs. form of Sanctity.

† **Sau·ntrell.** *Obs. rare*⁻¹. In 5 **sawntrelle.** [Of obscure origin and meaning; perh. a var. of Saintrel with the sense 'pretended saint'. Cf. Sauterel.] Used as a term of contempt.

c 1440 *York Myst.* xxviii. 190 To take Jesus, þat sawntrelle.

† **Sau·ntry,** *a. Obs. rare*⁻¹. [f. Saunter *sb.*² or *v.* + -y.] Characterized by sauntering.

1732 Lord Tyrawly in *Buccleuch MSS.* (Hist. MSS. Comm.) I. 381, I live a sort of a sauntry strolling life.

Saunts, sauntus, obs. forms of Sanctus.

Sauntye bell: see Sanctus bell.

Saun(t)z (fail): see Sans, Sans fail.

‖ **Saupiquet.** *rare*⁻¹. [Fr., f. *saupiquer* = Sp. *salpicar*: see Salpicon.] A piquant sauce.

1656–7 Davenant *Entert. Rutland Ho.* Wks. (1673) 357 Your Pattages, Carbonnades, Grillades, Ragouts, Haches, Saupiquets,..and Entre-mets.

Saurel (sɒ·rel). [a. F. *saurel*, 'the Bastard Mackerel' (Colgr.).] A fish of the genus *Trachurus*.

1882 Jordan & Gilbert *Synopsis Fishes N. Amer.* 431 *Trachurus*, Rafinesque. Saurels. *Ibid.* 432 *T. saurus* Raf.—Horse Mackerel; Skip Jack; Saurel.

‖ **Sauria** (sɔ̄·riă), *sb. pl. Zool.* [mod.L. (Brongniart 1799), f. Gr. *σαύρ-α, σαῦρ-ος* lizard. (Oppel used the masc. form *Saurii.*)] An order of Reptiles, originally including the Lizards and Crocodiles; subsequently restricted to the Lizards alone. The term is now little used, being commonly replaced by *Lacertilia*.

1834 McMurtrie *Cuvier's Anim. Kingd.* 169 The *Sauria*, or *Lizards*, whose heart has two auricles, and whose body, supported by four or two feet, is covered with scales. 1851 Mantell *Petrifactions* iii. § 5. 261 And equally differ from the vertebræ of the Iguanæ, Monitors, and all existing Sauria. 1878 Bell tr. *Gegenbauer's Comp. Anat.* 420 In the Saurii the so-called 'crural pores' lead into glands, which look like compound tubes, and which secrete cells which harden and fill up the lumen of the glands.

Saurian (sɔ̄·riăn), *a.* and *sb.* [f. prec. + -an. Cf. F. *saurien.*]

A. *adj.*

1. *Zool.* Belonging to the order *Sauria*.

1807–29 *Edinb. Encycl.* (1830) XI. 23/1 Saurian Reptiles. 1851 Mantell *Petrifactions* iii. § 5. 308 The *Amblyrhynchi*, the most exclusively vegetable feeders of the saurian order.

2. Pertaining to or characteristic of a saurian.

1826 *Ann. Rep. Yorksh. Philos. Soc.* 14 in Lyell *Princ. Geol.* (1830) I. 129 *note*, Having found a saurian vertebra. 1844 Mrs. Browning *Drama of Exile* 738 Earth methinks, Will..class these present dogmas with the rest Of the old-world traditions, Eden fruits And Saurian fossils. 1864 Day in *Geol. Mag.* I. 61 They were not mixed up with Saurian remains, or those of any other species of Hybodus.

B. *sb.* (*Zool.*) A reptile of the order *Sauria*. Now chiefly in popular use, applied esp. to crocodiles and to large extinct lizard-like animals such as the ichthyosaurus, plesiosaurus, etc.

1807–29 *Edinb. Encycl.* (1830) XI. 23/2 Flat-tailed Saurians. 1830 Lyell *Princ. Geol.* I. 148 The vertebra..of a saurian..has been met with in the mountain limestone of Northumberland. 1832 *Ibid.* II. 103 Of the great saurians, the gavials which inhabit the Ganges differ from the cayman of America, or the crocodile of the Nile. 1851 Mantell *Petrifactions* iii. § 5. 302 Bones and teeth of marine saurians. 1888 J. Inglis *Tent Life in Tigerland* 3 The long ugly serrated back of the man-eating saurian. 1891 F. Thompson *Sister-Songs* (1895) 31 Like the back of a gold-mailèd saurian Heaving its slow length from Nilotic slime.

Sau·rio-co·prolite. *Palæont.* [f. *saurio-* (used as combining form of Saurian) + Coprolite.] The fossilized excrement of a saurian.

1877 *Encycl. Brit.* VI. 353/2 The true ichthya-coprolites and saurio-coprolites.

‖ **Sauriosis** (sɔ̄ri,ō·u·sis). *Path.* [mod. medical L., f. Gr. *σαύρ-α, σαῦρ-ος* lizard + -osis.

Also, more correctly, *sauri·asis* (Gould *Illustr. Dict. Med.* 1894, *Syd. Soc. Lex.* 1897).]

A form of ichthyosis (also called in mod.L. *Ichthyosis sauroderma*) in which the skin resembles that of a lizard.

1890 in Billings *Nat. Med. Dict.* 1897 in *Syd. Soc. Lex.*

Saurischian (sɔ̄ri·skiăn), *a.* and *sb.* [f. mod.L. *Saurischia* (f. Gr. *σαύρα, σαῦρος* lizard + *ἰσχίον* Ischium) + -an.]

a. *adj.* Relating or pertaining to the *Saurischia*, a sub-order or order of dinosaurian reptiles with the inferior pelvic elements directed downwards.

b. *sb.* A member of the *Saurischia*.

1887 Seeley in *Q. Jrnl. Geol. Soc.* XLIV. 86 This..is an intelligible modification of the Saurischian type. 1891 in *Century Dict.*; and in later Dicts.

Sauro- (sɔ̄·rɒ), before a vowel **saur-**, combining form of Gr. *σαῦρ-ος* lizard, entering into many scientific terms. **Saurodont** (sɔ̄·rɒdɒnt), *Palæont.* [Gr. *ὀδοντ-* tooth] *a.*, of or pertaining to the *Saurodontidæ*, an extinct family of fishes; *sb.*, a fish of this family. **Saurography** [-graphy], 'term for a description of the saurian reptiles' (Mayne *Expos. Lex.* 1858). **Saurophagous** (sɔ̄rɒ·făgəs), *a. Ornith.* [see -phagous], eating or feeding on lizards and other reptiles (*Ibid.* and in recent Dicts.). **Saurophidian** (sɔ̄rɒfi·diăn) [see Ophidian] *a.*, of or pertaining to the order *Saurophidia* of reptiles; *sb.*, a reptile of this order (used in quot. 1882 for a hypothetical reptile combining the characteristics of a lizard and a snake). **Sauropterygian** (sɔ̄·rɒptĕri·dʒiăn), *Palæont.* [Gr. *πτερύγιον* wing, fin] *a.*, of or pertaining to the *Sauropterygia* (usually called *Plesiosauria*), an order of extinct marine reptiles in Owen's classification (*Palæont.* 1860, 209); *sb.*, a reptile of this order; a plesiosaur.

1896 *Roy. Nat. Hist.* V. 486 The Extinct *Saurodonts. *Ibid.*, All the members of the group are collectively spoken of as the saurodont fishes. 1882 Miss Hopley *Snakes* xv. 263 We might the rather wonder if there were not..many unsuspected species of reptiles, compound ophiosaurians, or *saurophidians in those inaccessible depths. 1861 Owen *Monogr. Fossil Reptilia Kimmeridge Clay* i. 15 The huge dimensions of the present species of short-necked *Sauropterygian. 1865 — *Fossil Reptilia Liassic Format.* III. 17 There is no sufficient ground for encumbering the Sauropterygian group with one or two additional generic names.

Saurognathous (sɔ̄rɒ·gnăþəs), *a. Ornith.* [f. mod.L. *Saurognathæ* pl., f. Gr. *σαῦρ-ος* lizard + *γνάθ-ος* jaw: see -ous.] Of, pertaining to, or characteristic of the *Saurognathæ*, W. K. Parker's superfamily of birds, the woodpeckers and their allies, characterized by an arrangement of the bones of the palate similar to that in lizards. So **Sauro·gnathism**, saurognathous formation of the palate.

1874 W. K. Parker in *Trans. Linnean Soc.* Ser. II. *Zool.* (1879) I. 9, I am confident that the term 'saurognathous' for this kind of palate will not be thought inappropriate. 1884 Coues *Key N. Amer. Birds* (ed. 2) 173 Saurognathism. 1891 *Proc. Zool. Soc.* 3 Feb. 122 On the Question of Saurognathism of the Pici. By R. W. Shufeldt.

Sauroid (sɔ̄·roid), *a.* and *sb.* [a. F. *sauroïde* (Agassiz), ad. Gr. *σαυροειδής* like a lizard, f. *σαῦρ-ος* lizard + *-ειδής*: see -oid.]

A. *adj.*

1. Resembling a saurian or lizard; a distinctive epithet of an order of fishes (mod.L. *Sauroidei*).

1836 Buckland *Geol. & Min.* xiv. § 13 (1837) I. 274 M. Agassiz has already ascertained seventeen genera of Sauroid Fishes. 1849–52 Owen in *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* IV. 881/1 It is in this..that the Sphyrænoid fishes..approach the Sauroid type. 1860 Gosse *Rom. Nat. Hist.* 363 An Enaliosaur,—a marine reptile of large size, of sauroid figure. 1875 Croll *Climate & T.* xviii. 304 The corals and huge sauroid reptiles which then inhabited our waters.

2. *Path.* Akin to sauriosis.

1879 *St. George's Hosp. Rep.* IX. 742 In parts the eruption may be called sauroid, said to have come after scarlatina.

B. *sb.*

1. A sauroid fish.

1836 Buckland *Geol. & Min.* xiv. § 13 (1837) I. 282 *note*, The Pycnodonts, as well as the fossil Sauroids, have enamelled scales. 1857 Agassiz *Contrib. Nat. Hist. U. S.* I. 187 Ganoids; with three orders, Cœlacanths, Acipenseroids, and Sauroids.

2. An animal belonging to the *Sauroidea*, the second of the three primary groups of *Vertebrata* in Huxley's earlier classification; afterwards named by him Sauropsida.

1863 Huxley *Elem. Comp. Anat.* v. (1864) 74 The Vertebrata are capable of being grouped into three provinces: (I.) the Ichthyoids..(II.) the Sauroids..; and (III.) the Mammals. 1875 *Encycl. Brit.* I. 750/2. 1886 *Ibid.* XX. 437/2.

Hence **Sauroi·dal** *a.* (*rare*) = Sauroid *a.* 1.

1858 Geikie *Hist. Boulder* v. 63 The massive bone-covered sauroidal fish.

Sauromatian (sɔ̄rɒmē·ʃăn). *Hist.* [f. Gr. Σαυρομάται: see Sarmatian.] = Sarmatian.

1611 Bible *Transl. Pref.* p 8 The Hebrew tongue..is turned..into the Language of..Armenians, and Scythians, and Sauromatians.

Sauropod (sɔ̄·rɒpɒd), *a.* and *sb.* [f. mod.L. *sauropoda*, f. Gr. *σαῦρα-ς* lizard + *ποδ-, πούς* foot.]

a. *adj.* = Sauropodous *a.* **b.** *sb.* A member of the order *Sauropoda* of gigantic herbivorous dinosaurs.

1891 *Century Dict.*, *Sauropod* [adj. and sb.]. 1905 *Westm. Gaz.* 3 May 9/3 'Sauropod' is one of the many terrible names they call the poor thing [*Diplodocus Carnegii*].

Sauropodous (sɔ̄rɒ·pŏdəs), *a.* [Formed as prec. + -ous.] Of, pertaining to, or connected with the *Sauropoda* (see prec.).

1887 Lydekker in *Q. Jrnl. Geol. Soc.* XLIV. 55 This huge bone..is clearly Sauropodous. 1895 — in *Knowledge* Mar. 70/1 Gigantic sauropodous dinosaurs.

‖ **Sauropsida** (sɔ̄rɒ·psidă), *sb. pl. Zool.* [mod. L., f. Gr. *σαύρ-α, σαῦρ-ος* lizard + *ὄψις* appearance: see -id.] The second of the three primary groups of *Vertebrata* in Huxley's classification, comprising reptiles and birds, etc. Also in anglicized form **Sauro·psid.** Hence **Sauro·psidan** *a.*, of or pertaining to the *Sauropsida*; *sb.*, a member of the *Sauropsida*. **Sauropsi·dian** *a.* = *Sauropsidan.*

1864 Huxley *Elem. Comp. Anat.* 220 *note*, Mr. Parker agrees with my suggestion..that the basi-temporals of the *Sauropsida* (or Birds and Reptiles) are the homologues of the *lingulæ sphenoidales* of Man. 1864 W. K. Parker in *Geol. Mag.* I. 56 This exaltation of the 'Sauropsidan' or oviparous type by the substitution of feathers for scales, wings for paws, warm blood for cold,..—this sudden glorification of the vertebrate form is one of the great wonders of Nature. 1873 Mivart *Elem. Anat.* 47 In Sauropsidans the number [of cervical vertebræ] is greater. 1881 Marsh in *Amer. Jrnl. Sci.* Apr. 340 It is apparently a generalized Sauropsid. 1881 P. M. Duncan in *Academy* 23 Apr. 303 The head is less sauropsidian and more chelonian.

Sau·rous, *a.* ? *Obs.* [f. Gr. *σαῦρ-ος* lizard + -ous.] Resembling a lizard; saurian.

a 1843 J. F. South *Zool.* in *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) VII. 308/a The Saurous or Lizard-like Reptiles are distinguished from the Serpents by the large gaps on the sides of the Skull. *Ibid.* 312/1 In the Saurous Order, the Ribs [etc.].

Saurus (sɔ̄·rŭs). *rare.* [quasi-L., ad. Gr. *σαῦρος* lizard: after *ichthyosaurus*, etc.] A saurian.

1834 T. Hawkins *Mem. Ichthyosauri* 27 'One more trial, my boys, your own reward, if successful—ye-o'—the saurus is safe! 1841 Th. Parker *Pharisees* Wks. 1864 IX. 142 The sauri of gigantic size, the mammoth, and the mastodon, are quite extinct.

Saury (sɔ̄·ri). [app. irreg. ad. mod.L. *saurus*, a. Gr. *σαῦρος* lizard.] A name applied to various fishes (tr. mod.L. *saurus*), esp. the skipper or bill-fish, *Scomberesox saurus*; also *attrib.* as *saury elops, pike, salmon.*

1771 Pennant *Tour Scotl.* 1769, 284 Saury. *Saurus* Rondel. 232. 1776 — *Brit. Zool.* III. 284 Saury Pike. 1804 Shaw *Gen. Zool.* V. i. 66 Saury salmon. *Salmo Saurus.* ..Shape much elongated: length about twelve inches. *Ibid.* 125 Saury elops. *Elops Saurus.* *Ibid.* 126 In general habit the Saury Elops bears some resemblance to a Pike, or rather to a Salmon. 1882 Jordan & Gilbert *Synopsis Fishes N. America* 374 *Scomberesox*, Lacépède. Sauries. *Ibid.* 375 *S. saurus*..Saury; Skipper; Bill-fish.

Saury, Saus, obs. forms of Savory, Sauce.

Sausage (sɒ·sėdʒ). Forms: *a.* 5 **sawsyge,** 6 **sawsege, -cedge, sausige, saucege, saussege,** 6–7 **sausedge,** 7 **sausidge, sausege, sauceidge, sawcege, -sidge, -sadge, -sedge, saussage, saucige, sossage,** 7–8 **sawsage, saucidge,** (7, 9 *vulgar* **sassage,** 9 *vulgar* **sossige**), 6– **sausage**; *β.* 7 **salsage, soulsage, saltsage.** [ME. *sausige*, a. ONF. *saussiche* (Central OF., mod.F. *saucisse*) = Sp., Pg. *salchicha*, It. *salsiccia*:—late L. *salsīcia*, fem. sing. or perh. neut. pl. of **salsīcius* (? prepared by salting), f. *sals-us* salted: see -itious.

For the representation of original -tʃ in unstressed syllables by -dʒ, cf. *cabbage, knowledge*, and the usual pronunciation of *Greenwich, Woolwich, Norwich, spinach.*]

1. In the original use, a quantity of finely chopped pork, beef, or other meat, spiced and flavoured, enclosed in a short length of the intestine of some animal, so as to form a cylindrical roll (usually, one of the 'links' formed by tying the containing intestine at regular intervals); later also, in generalized sense, meat thus prepared. In the 19th c. the application of the word has been greatly extended; in its widest use, it denotes a preparation of comminuted beef, veal, pork, mutton, or a mixture of these, either fresh, salted, pickled, smoked or cured, with salt, spices, flour (sometimes with the addition of fats, blood, sugar, vegetables, etc.), stuffed into a container made from an intestine, stomach, bladder, or other animal tissue.

There are more than 150 kinds of sausage, distinguished by names indicating the ingredients and the method of

manufacture. They are divided into two classes, in the U. S. known as *dry sausage*, which is a cured product, subjected to a process of drying lasting several weeks, and *fresh* or *wet sausage*.

Bologna sausage: see BOLOGNA. *Polonian, polony sausage*: see POLONY[3]. *German sausage*: see GERMAN *a.*[1] 4.

a. 14.. *Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 609/5 *Salsicia* [*printed* salsicix], a sawsyge. 1553 EDEN *Treat. Newe Ind.* (Arb.) 29 Keping it in a certayne pickle as we do regottes or sausages. 1573 BARET *Alv.* s.v. *Pudding*, A pudding called a sawsege, *tomaculum*. 1585 T. WASHINGTON tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* II. xi. 46 Certain sauceges and other good..refreshments. 1586 D. ROWLAND *Lazarillo* C j, The enil eaten sausedge came gushing out after. 1598 *Epulario* C iij, To make good Sausseges of Pork or other flesh. 1617 MORYSON *Itin.* I. 70 Sawsages the pound ten sols. 1641 *Conf. J. Browne, Jesuit* A 3, He..bronght them of his Holinesses bread, and wine, and other rarities, as Bolognean Sassages, and such dainties. *c* 1645 HOWELL *Lett.* (1650) I. v. XXXVIII. 174 She must go adorn'd with chaines of Sausages. *c* 1700 W. BISHOP in *Ballard MSS.* XXXI. 122 Your best Oxford Sossages. 1755 JOHNSON, *Sausage*, a roll or ball made commonly of pork or veal, and sometimes of beef, minced very small, with salt and spice; sometimes it is stuffed into the guts of fowls, and sometimes only rolled in flower. *a* 1845 HOOD *Sausage Maker's Ghost* 34 To meet the call from streets, and lanes, and passages, For first-chop 'sassages'. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* xl, Her fingers were like so many sausages. 1850 DICKENS *Dav. Copp.* vii, Poor Traddles in a tight, sky-blue suit that made his arms and legs like German sausages. 1853 SOYER *Pantropheon* 390 Pheasant sausages, a delicious mixture of the fat of that bird, chopped very small, and mixed with pepper. 1863 W. C. BALDWIN *Afr. Hunting* ix. 367, I..made a sheep into sausages. 1887 HENLEY *Culture in the Slums* i. 2 'Look sharp', ses she, 'with them there sossiges.'

β. 1634 SIR T. HERBERT *Trav.* 183 The fruit [Banana] is long in fashion of a soulsage. 1648 J. RAYMOND *It Merc. Ital.* 182 In Bolonia..I took a taste of those famous Saltsages, that are compos'd at Bolonia.

2. *transf.* and *fig.* **a.** Applied to a thing having the appearance of a sausage or string of sausages.

1650 W. D. tr. *Comenius' Gate Lat. Unl.* (1656) 63 Parted as it were into ropes, or sawsidges [Lat. *in funes aut farcimina*], which the anatomists call muscles. 1685 *Roxb. Ball.* (1885) V. 599 The iron Sawsages I wear [*i.e.* fetters]. 1879 STEVENSON *Trav. with Donkey* (1886) 79 The sack.. hung at full length across the saddle, a green sausage six feet long.

b. Applied to certain kinds of indiarubber.

1903 *Times* 14 Feb. 4/6 India Rubber.—Mozambique, good stickless sausage, 3*s.* 2½*d.*..sausage softish, 2*s.* 10*d.*

3. *Mil.* = SAUCISSE, SAUCISSON 3.

1645 *Enchiridion of Fortif.* 34 The figure..Presents the form of a Sancidge, the use whereof is to secure the foundations of Workes in Moorish..grounds. 1688 R. HOLME *Armoury* III. xvi. (Roxb.) 102/2 Sanceidges are things made of fagotts and brush wood to fill vp ditches. 1704 J. HARRIS *Lex. Techn.* I. s.v., Two of these Sancidges are commonly applied to every Mine, to the end that if one should fail, the other may take effect. 1763 R. ORME *Milit. Trans. Hindostan* I. 276 A serjeant of artillery, carrying a barrel of gunpowder with a long sausage to it, went forward [etc.]. 1845 W. H. MAXWELL *Hints to Soldier* I. 65 A sergeant.. leaped upon the covered way with intent to cut the sausage of the enemy's mines.

4. *attrib.* and *Comb.* **a.** simple attrib., as in *sausage-factory, -shop*; **b.** objective, as in *sausage-maker, -seller, -stuffer*; also in names of appliances used in making sausages, as *sausage-cutter, -filler, -grinder, -machine, -stuffer*; **c.** similative, as in *sausage-fingered, -shaped* adjs.

1891 *Century Dict.*, **Sausage-cutter*, a machine for cutting sausage-meat. 1837 DICKENS *Pickwick* xxxi, 'Celebrated *Sassage factory', said Sam. 1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.*, **Sausage-filler*, a small machine for stuffing sausage-meat into intestines. 1884 *Health Exhib. Catal.* 110/2 Sausage Fillers. 1841 THACKERAY *Men & Coats* Wks. 1900 XIII. 602 The old *sausage-fingered Berlin gloves. 1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.*, **Sausage-grinder*, a machine for mincing meat for sausages. 1860 BARTLETT *Dict. Amer.* (ed. 3), **Sausage-machine*, a machine for chopping or mincing meat for the purpose of making sausages. 1797 *Encycl. Brit.* I. 212/1 Æschines..the son of Charinus a *sausage-maker. 1572 HULOET (ed. Higins), *Sawsage seller, one that selleth sawsages, *allantopola*. 1839 LINDLEY *Introd. Bot.* III. (ed. 3) 454 **Sausage-shaped* (*botuliformis*); long, cylindrical, hollow, curved inwards at each end; as the corolla of some Ericas. 1859 DICKENS *T. Two Cities* I. v, At the *sausage-shop. 1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.*, **Sausage-stuffer*, a device for stuffing cleaned intestines with sausage-meat.

d. Special comb.: **sausage-curl**, a curl resembling a sausage; **† sausage-hose**, ? hose padded so as to resemble sausages; **sausage-meat**, meat minced and spiced to be used in sausages or as a stuffing; also *transf.*; **sausage poison**, a peculiar ptomaine sometimes developed in sausages; so **sausage-poisoning**; **sausage-roll**, a sausage, or a roll of sausage-meat, enveloped in a cover of flour paste, and cooked.

1828 *Lights & Shades* II. 298 Misses in their 'Boucles d'Angoulême' (Anglice, *sausage curls). 1899 KIPLING *Stalky* 40 Who, in a gray skirt and a wig of chestnut sausage-curls,.. represented the Widow Twankey. 1633 B. JONSON *Tale Tub* I. iv, His long *sawsedge-hose. 1806 A. HUNTER *Culina* (ed. 3) 49 If required, the *sausage meat may be put into skins. 1876 BESANT & RICE *Gold. Butterfly* xvii, No wonder, I thought, that the men who wrote these things, were chopped up into sausage-meat. 1843 R. J. GRAVES *Syst. Clin. Med.* Introd. Lect. 34 In this class appear miasms, contagions, the similar *sausage poison of Würtemburg. 1876 A. W. BLYTH *Dict. Hygiene* 506/1 Four hundred cases of *sausage-poisoning are stated to have occurred in Wurtemburg alone during the last fifty years. 1881 *Syd. Soc. Lex.*, *Allantiasis*, sausage poisoning. 1881 E. J. WORBOISE *Sissie* xx, Arnold..had nothing but a *sausage-roll for his dinner.

Sausoyre, Sause, obs. ff. SAUCER, SAUCE.

Sausedge, obs. form of SAUSAGE.

Sauseflem(e, variant ff. SAUCEFLEME *Obs.*

Sausenap, rare variant form of SANAP *Obs.*

† Sau·serling. *Obs. rare.* Also 5 **sawsyrlyng.** [? f. SAUCISTER (contracted) + -LING[1].] A sausage.

1475 *Pict. Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 789/29 *Hec ulla*, a sawsyrlyng. *c* 1570 W. WAGER *The longer thou livest* 254 (Brandl), There be good Poddings at the signe of the Plough, You never did eate better Sauserlinges.

Sausfle(a)me, obs. variant ff. SAUCEFLEME.

Sausi(d)ge, Sausie, obs. ff. SAUSAGE, SAUCY.

Sausither, variant of SAUCISTER *Obs.*

Sauslyme, variant of SAUCELINE *Obs.*

Saussage, -ege, obs. forms of SAUSAGE.

Sausser, obs. form of SAUCER.

Saussurite (sō·siŭrəit). *Min.* [Named after Prof. H. B. de *Saussure* (1740–99) who first described it: see -ITE[1].] A very compact variety of zoisite. Also *Comb.* **saussurite-gabbro**, a variety of gabbro in which the component feldspar and diallage have been partly altered to saussurite.

1811 PINKERTON *Petral.* I. 362 Saussurite..from the western isles of Scotland. 1880 F. W. RUDLER in *Encycl. Brit.* XIII. 541/1 H. B. de Saussure..found a greenish mineral, of singular toughness, which he described as jade. ..Its chemical composition, however, is quite unlike that of jade, and Beudant separated it as a distinct mineral under the name of 'saussurite'. 1885 JUDD in *Q. Jrnl. Geol. Soc.* XLI. 398 The saussurite-gabbros.

Hence **Saussuri·tic** *a.*, resembling, pertaining to, or characterized by the presence of saussurite; **Saussuritiza·tion** (also incorrectly **Saussuriza·tion**), conversion into saussurite, or the process by which saussurite is formed.

1885 BONNEY *Addr. Geol. Soc.* 70 The felspar being changed into a saussuritic mineral. 1889 M'MAHON in *Q. Jrnl. Geol. Soc.* XLV. 532 The felspar in all these rocks affords more or less evidence of incipient saussnrization. 1893 GEIKIE *Text-Bk. Geol.* (ed. 3) 618 Saussuritization, the alteration of plagioclase into an aggregate of needles, prisms, or grains..imbedded in a glass-like matrix.., by an exchange of silica and alkali for lime, iron and water.

Sausy, obs. form of SAUCY.

† Saut. *Obs. rare. Irish.* Also **saulte, sawt(e, sould(e.** [Of obscure origin.] A ransom for murder or manslaughter.

1528 in 10*th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. v. 403 William Marten..dessired of the Courte and Comens Thomas Marten [his] saut, the which saut was jugid uppon the town by Pers Lynch..in recompenc of the slaght and saut of Thomas Marten. 1533 *St. Papers Hen. VIII*, II. 163 Alterages, biengis, saultes, and slanntiaghes. 1534 *Ibid.* 211 Sautes, otherwyse called raunsomes. 1537 *Ibid.* 496 Neyther canes, erykes, sawtes, ne hyenges.

Saut, Sautable, var. ff. SALT, SAULT, SAULTABLE.

‖ **Sauté** (sote), *a.* and *sb. Cookery.* [Fr., pa. pple. of *sauter* to leap (see SAULT *v.*[2]), used *trans.* in causative sense.] **A.** *adj.* (Sometimes as pa. pple.) Of meat, vegetables, etc.: Fried in a pan with a little butter over a quick fire, while being tossed from time to time.

1869 GOUFFÉ *Roy. Cookery Bk.* I. vi. 90 Beef kidney can also be *sauté* in the following way.

B. *sb.* A dish cooked in the above manner.

1813 L. E. UDE *Fr. Cook* (1827) 194 Mind, you must never let the *sauté* be too much done. 1827 LYTTON *Pelham* lxvii, 'Long life to the Solomon of *sautés*', was my audible exclamation. 1869 GOUFFÉ *Roy. Cookery Bk.* I. vi. 93 For *sautés*, the fire should be brisk. 1870 DUBOIS *Artistic Cookery* 56 A *sauté* of chickens.

attrib. 1813 [see the vb. below]. 1845 ELIZA ACTON *Mod. Cookery* 163 The sauté-pan..is much used by French cooks instead of a frying-pan.

Hence **Sauté** *v.* = SAUTER *v.*; **Sautéing** *vbl. sb.* [1813 L. E. UDE *Fr. Cook* (1827) 192 Cut your scollops.., dip them into some clarified butter, in a *sauté*-pan, *sautez* them over a brisk fire.] 1859 *Eng. Cookery Bk.* 51 Frying or Santeing, Broiling, Toasting and Braising of Animal Food. 1868 MARY JEWRY *Warne's Model Cookery* 51 To 'Santé' anything means to dress it quickly, in a small pan, with a very little butter [etc.]. *Ibid.*, The art of santé-ing well consists in doing it quickly, to keep the gravy..in the meat.

Saute, var. SALT *sb.*[2], SAULT *sbs.* and *vbs. Obs.*

Sauteer, obs. form of PSALTER.

‖ **Sauter** (sote), *v.* [Fr. (inf.): see SAUTÉ *a.*] *trans.* (See quot.)

1869 GOUFFÉ *Roy. Cookery Bk.* I. 5 *To sauter* is to fry with little butter over a brisk fire. 1891 in *Century Dict.*

Sauter(e, etc., obs. ff. PSALTER, etc.

† Sauterell. *Obs. rare.* Also sawterell. Var., possibly erroneous, of SAUNTRELL.

c 1440 *York Myst.* xxxi. 310 Carpe on knave cautely and caste þe to corde here, And saie me nowe somwhat, þou sauterell with sorowe. *Ibid.* xxxii. 91 Yone sauterell he sais, He schall caste doune oure tempill..And dresse it vppe dewly with-in thre daies. *Ibid.* xxxii. 274 3itt schalte þou noȝt, sawterell, þu sune for-sake it.

‖ **Sauterne** (sotɛ̄rn). [Named from the district *Sauterne* near Bordeaux, where it is made.] A white French wine of the Bordeaux class.

1711 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 4817/6 For Sale.., 32 Hogsheads.. of..Sauternes White Wine. 1833 REDDING *Wines* 154 The first [wines] in quality are Carbonieux,..Santerne, Bommes, Barsac, and Preignac. 1836 DICKENS *Sk. Boz, Boarding House*, i, Mr. Simpson, Mr. Calton, and Mr. Hicks produced respectively a bottle of sauterne, bucellas, and sherry.

Sautir, sautre, obs. forms of PSALTER.

Sautre, -trie, -trize, -try, obs. ff. PSALTERY *sb.*

Sauvage, obs. form of SAVAGE.

Sauve, obs. form of SAFE, SAVE.

‖ **Sauvegarde,** Fr. form of SAFEGUARD II.

1840 *Cuvier's Anim. Kingd.* 274 Some [monitors], more particularly termed *Sauvegardes*, have the tail more or less compressed. 1888 *Cassell's Nat. Hist.* IV. 276 The Common Teguexin, or South American Sauvegarde.

Sauvenap, rare variant of SANAP *Obs.*

Sauveo(u)r, -ver, obs. ff. SAVIOUR, SAVER.

‖ **Sauve-qui-peut** (sovkipø). [Fr., subst. use of a phrase = 'Save (himself) who can'.] A general stampede or complete rout.

[1808 C. JAMES *Milit. Dict.*, *Sauve qui peut!* Fr. Let those escape that can. This expression is familiar to the French in moments of defeat, and great disorder.] 1815 SCOTT *Let.* in Lockhart *Life* (1837) III. xi. 361 The marshals followed his [Buonaparte's] example; and it was the most complete *sauve qui peut* that can well be imagined. 1855–6 THACKERAY *Four Georges* i. (1861) 41 What a fine satirical picture we might have had of that general *sauve qui peut* amongst the Tory party! 1907 ANTHONY HOPE *Tales of Two People* 133 The poor Stock fell two points more: there had been a *sauve qui peut* of the timid holders.

Sauvete, obs. form of SAFETY.

Sauveur, -our, obs. forms of SAVIOUR.

Savable, saveable (sē·văb'l), *a.* Also 5 **sauvable.** [f. SAVE *v.* + -ABLE. Cf. OF. *sauvable, salvable*.] Capable of being saved; orig. chiefly in *Theol.* sense. Cf. SALVABLE *a.*[1]

c 1450 *Mirour Saluacioun* (Roxb.) 103 Nowe in it be cristis vertue growes the noumbre of the sauuable. 1530 PALSGR. 323/1 Savable, *saluable*. 1638 CHILLINGW. *Relig. Prot.* I. Pref. § 39 Those who doe subscribe them are in a saveable condition. 1751 [J. YOUNG] *Affect. Narr. of Wager* 25 Our unfortunate Lot was cast, where our Lives were however saveable. 1832 *Examiner* 51/2 They [*sc.* small rotten boroughs] are not of a saveable size. 1882–3 SCHAFF *Encycl. Relig. Knowl.* II. 1211 Who has shown himself by his works savable?

¶ ? Conducive to salvation.

a 1706 EVELYN *Hist. Relig.* (1850) I. 374 And we find more admirable and saveable matter in one only Sermon of Jesus, upon the Mount, than in all the morals of the philosophers.

Hence **† Savableness.**

1638 CHILLINGW. *Relig. Prot.* I. Concl. 411 Saveablenesse of Protestants.

Savacu: see SABICU.

Savage (sæ·vėdʒ), *a.* and *sb.* Also *a.* 3–6 **sauvage,** (*rare* 4 **saveage,** 5 **sawage, saffage,** 7 **savadg(e);** *β.* 4, 6–9 (now *arch.*) **salvage,** (7 **salvadge**). [a. F. *sauvage* (in OF. also *salvage*) = Pr. *salvatge*, Sp. *salvage*, Pg. *salvagem*, It. *selvaggio* (in the sense wooded, woodland; also in learned forms *salvatico, selvatico* wild), Roumanian *sălbatic*:—L. *silvāticus* (in popular L. also with vowel-assimilation *salvālicus*) woodland, wild, f. *silva* wood, forest: see SILVAN and -AGE, -ATIC.]

A. *adj.*

I. That is in a state of nature, wild.

1. Of animals: Wild, undomesticated, untamed. Often, and in later use exclusively, with the contextual implication of ferocity (cf. sense 9).

a. *a* 1300 *Dial. betw. Body & Soul* 30 (MS. Digby 86) To binden leounes saunage. *a* 1330 *Roland & V.* 92 [Presents offered to the emperor] Sauage bestes...Gold & siluer, & riche stones. 1483 CAXTON *Knt. de la Tour* a j, But a lytel I rejoyced me in the sowne and songe of the fowles sauuage. 1572 BOSSEWELL *Armorie* II. 58 b, An Asse sauage passante. 1596 SHAKS. *Merch. V.* v. i. 78 Youthful and vnbandled colts..Their sauage eyes turn'd to a modest gare, By the sweet power of musicke. 1610 GUILLIM *Heraldry* III. xx. (1611) 163 Now of those [Fowles of Prey] which are Predable, whereof some are Sanage, some Domesticall: the Sanage I call those that are not subiect to mans gouernment, but doe naturally shun their societie. 1774 GOLDSM. *Nat. Hist.* (1776) III. 272 An angry and ferocious disposition, renders the dog, in its savage state, a formidable enemy to all other animals. 1820 SHELLEY *Hymn Merc.* xlvi, A story so absurd As that a new-born infant forth could fare Out of his home after a savage herd.

β. 1542 UDALL *Erasm. Apoph.* 148 b, Y^e^ partie had the mynde or stomake, not of a manne, but of a verave brute & salvage beaste. 1550 J. COKE *Eng. & Fr. Herald.* § 7 (1877) 59 We have almaner of bestes salvages that you have, and more plente of them to chase. 1628 WITHER *Brit. Rememb.* I. 815 Whom late the salvage Bore..Hath rooted up, with purpose to devoure. *a* 1701 MAUNDRELL *Journ. Jerus.* (1721) 39 Lyons and other Salvage Creatnres.

2. Of country, land, scenery: **† a.** Uncultivated, wild. *Obs.* **b.** Hence (by association with branch II), Horribly wild and rugged.

a. *c* 1330 *Arth. & Merl.* 5433 (Kölbing) Þe xii. Drians of þe Forest sauage, A strong knigt of heize parage. 1426 LYDG. *De Guil. Pilgr.* 17134, I fyl a-noon, in my passage Into a wood ful savage. 1523 LD. BERNERS *Froiss.* I. xvii. 18 Northumbrelande..was a sauage and a wylde countrey, full of desartis and mountaignes. 1585 T. WASHINGTON tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* II. ix. 43 The moste part of the yle is hilly and sauage. 1671 MILTON *P. R.* III. 23 Affecting private life, or more obscure In savage Wilderness. 1774 PENNANT *Tour Scotl. in* 1772, 22 The prospect on all sides quite savage, high barran hills or dreary wet sands. 1810 SCOTT *Let.* in *Lockhart* (1837) II. ix. 326 The scenery is quite different from that on the mainland, dark, savage, and horrid. 1860 TYNDALL *Glaciers* I. ii. 11 The view from this place had a savage magnificence. 1907 BP. ROBERTSON in *Trans. Devon Assoc.*

47 Savage and forbidding scenes have laid aside their grandeur.

β. 1553 Eden *Treat. New Ind.* (Arb.) 27 It is throughout baren & saluage, so that it is not able to nourishe any beastes for lacke of pasture. *a* 1645 Waller *To my Lord Admiral* 12 Eurydice, for whom his num'rous moan Makes listning trees and salvage mountains groan. 1713 *Guardian* No. 101 ₱ 5 Fountaine-bleau..is situated among Rocks and Woods, that give you a fine Variety of Salvage Prospects. 1853 G. Johnston *Nat. Hist. E. Bord.* I. 96 The old salvage character of the hill has disappeared.

†3. Of a plant, tree, etc.: Wild, uncultivated.

a. 1422 tr. *Secreta Secret., Priv. Priv.* 244 Letus sauage, that is y-callid scariole. *c* 1580 R. Willes in *Hakluyt's Voy.* (1599) II. ii. 79 The greater part of the quadrangle [is] set with sauage trees, as Okes, Chestnuts, Cypresse. 1732 Pope *Ess. Man* II. 182 As fruits..On savage stocks inserted, learn to bear. 1733 Tull *Horse-Hoeing Husb.* xiv. (Dublin) 178 St. Foin..grows naturally savage without sowing or tillage, upon the Calabrian Hills near Croto. 1820 Shelley *Ode to Liberty* iv, The vine, the corn, the olive mild, Grew savage yet, to human use unreconciled.

β. 1599 Hakluyt *Voy.* II. i. 202 A place..which yeeldeth balme in great plenty, hut saluage, wilde, and wlthout vertue. 1697 Dryden *Virg. Georg.* II. 24 Thus the salvage Cherry grows.

4. a. Of movements, noise, demeanour, manners, etc.: Wild, ungoverned; rude, unpolished. *arch.*

c 1420–30 Lydg. *Dance Machabree* in *Bochas* (1554) 221, I haue nought learned here toforn to daunce, no daunce in sooth of footyng so sauage. 1599 Shaks. *Much Ado* iv. i. 62 But you are more intemperate in your blood, Than Venus, or those pampred animalls, That rage in sauage sensualitie. 1606 — *Tr. & Cr.* II. iii. 135 The sauage strangenesse he puts on. 1611 — *Wint. T.* III. iii. 56 A sauage clamor. 1667 Milton *P. L.* VII. 36 The Race Of that wilde Rout that tore the Thracian Bard In Rhodope,...till the savage clamor dround Both Harp and Voice. 1781 Cowper *Convers.* 421 Oh to the club, the scene of savage joys, The school of coarse good fellowship and noise. 1784 — *Task* III. 325 Delights which who would leave..For all the savage din of the swift pack, And clamours of the field? 1822 Shelley *Tri. Life* 142 The wild dance maddens in the van, and those Who lead it..without repose Mix with each other in tempestuous measure To savage music, wilder as it grows.

†b. Of colouring: Crude, harsh, violent. *Obs.*

β. 1706 *Art of Painting* (1744) 163 He tam'd the fierceness of his colours, which were too salvage.

5. Of peoples or (now somewhat *rarely*) of individual persons: Uncivilized; existing in the lowest stage of cultnre.

Now felt as a stronger term than *barbarous*, which tends to be applied to peoples somewhat less remote from civilization.

a. 1588 Shaks. *L. L. L.* IV. iii. 222 Like a rude and sauage man of Inde. 1589 Puttenham *Eng. Poesie* I. iii. (Arb.) 22 He brought the rude and sauage people to a more ciuill and orderly life. 1600 E. Blount tr. *Conestaggio* 27 Taking for their leader the Earle of Desmond and others, as Oneale, and some other of the sauage Irish. 1652 Needham tr. *Selden's Mare Cl.* 196 The Britains were for the most part an abject savage people. 1755 Gray *Progr. Poesy* 60 She [the Muse] deigns to hear the savage youth repeat, In loose numbers, wildly sweet, Their feather-cinctur'd chiefs and dusky loves. 1772 *Ann. Reg.* 41/1 The highlanders, whom more savage nations called Savage. 1781 Gibbon *Decl. & F.* xxx. III. 170 The barriers, which had so long separated the savage and the civilised nations of the earth. 1842 Tennyson *Locksley Hall* 168, I will take some savage woman, she shall rear my dusky race. 1871 Freeman *Norm. Conq.* (1876) IV. xvii. 73 The south..was, through its neighbourhood and intercourse with Gaul, somewhat less savage than the rest of the island. 1906 A. Machen *House of Souls* Note 7 We know..how the enemies of the cruel Star Chamber caused the savage Indian to disappear from the land.

β. 1614 Raleigh *Hist. World* II. xiii. § 7. 435 In these times Greece was very saluage, the inhabitants being often chaced from place to place, by the captaines of greater Tribes. 1690 Locke *Hum. Und.* I. iii. § 12 The more than Brutality of some salvage and barbarous Nations. 1698 Fryer *Acc. E. Ind. & P.* 271 From a Salvage Prince rendred himself a tame Follower of the Patriarch St. Gregory.

b. *Salvage man*: the conventional representation of a savage in heraldry and pageants; a human figure naked or enveloped in foliage. *arch.*

1575 Gascoigne *Princely Pleas. Kenelworth* (1587) A iv, There met her in the Forest as she came from hunting one clad like a Sauage man, all in Iuie. 1575 Laneham *Let.* (1871) 14 Oout of the woods, in her Maiestiez return rooughly came thear foorth Hombre Salnagio [*marg.* The sauage man.] with an Oken plant pluct vp by the roots in hiz hande, himself forgrone all in moss and Iuy. 1815 Scott *Guy M.* xli, On either side stood as supporters..a salvage man proper, to use the language of heraldry, wreathed and cinctured. 1819 — *Ivanhoe* viii, Beside it stood his squire, quaintly disguised as a salvage or silvan man. 1820 — *Monast.* xvi, The flesh-coloured silken doublet..in which I danced the salvage man at the Gray's-Inn mummery. 1874 Green *Short Hist.* vii. § 7. 415 The 'Faerie Queen' ..in its alternation of the salvage-men from the New World with the satyrs of classic mythology.

c. Pertaining to or characteristic of savages.

a. 1614 Raleigh *Hist. World* I. vii. § 3. 102 The first people which after the generall floud inhabited Italie, were the Camesenes,..which people liued altogether a sauage life. 1788 Gibbon *Decl. & F.* liii. V. 494 The Grecian princess was torn from the palace of her fathers, and condemned to a savage reign and an hopeless exile on the banks of the Borysthenes. 1809–10 Coleridge *Friend* (1865) 161 The civilized man gives up those stimulants of hope and fear which constitute the chief charm of savage life. 1857 Buckle *Civiliz.* I. iv. 176 This is the purely savage state; and it is the state in which military glory is most esteemed, and military men most respected. 1899 R. C. Temple *Univ. Gram.* 24 The 'savage' nature of the languages comes out even more clearly if we apply the theory in another way.

β. 1614 Raleigh *Hist. World* I. viii. § 5. 140 There is no man so impious, as to beleeue that Noah..could..set vp or deuise any Heathen saluage, or idolatrous adoration. 1697 Dryden *Æneid* VII. 925 Like Hercules himself, his Son appears, In Saluage Pomp a Lyon's Hide he wears.

†d. Remote from society, solitary. *Obs.*

1667 Milton *P. L.* IX. 1085 O might I here In solitude live savage, in some glade Obscur'd. 1680 Otway *Orphan* II. vii, I, methinks, am Salvage and forlorn, Thy presence only 'tis can make me blest.

†6. Of decoration: Rustic, imitating natural vegetation. *Obs.*

a 1548 Hall *Chron., Hen. VIII* 156 b, The Jawe peces ..were karved with Vinettes and trailes of savage worke.

II. With reference to disposition or temper.

†7. Indomitable, intrepid, valiant. *Obs.*

a. 13.. *Coer de L.* 485 An hardy knyght, stout and savage, Hent a schafft with gret rage. *c* 1330 *Arth. & Merl.* 8270 (Kölbing) Þe .v. was Dedinet, Þe saueage. *c* 1350 *Will. Palerne* 4022 But sone sauage men þat seten in þe halle henten hastili in honde what þei haue miȝt,..to wende him [the werwolf] after wiȝtli to quelle. 1470 Henry *Wallace* VIII. 813 With v thowsand welle garnest and sawage. *Ibid.* v. 534 A worthy clerk, bath wys and rycht sawage.

†b. In bad sense: Reckless, ungovernable. *Obs.*

c 1400 *Land Troy Bk.* 4759, I praye the, my broder dere, ..That thow be wyse and not sauage; ȝif the not to outrage. *a* 1500 *Bernard. de cura rei fam.* (E.E.T.S.) 300 A mane..of wyne þat has vsage Ande habundance, and syne is nocht saffage Th[r]ow mychtines and confort of þe wyne At temporance hydis and sobyr syne.

†8. Rude, harsh, ungentle (also *transf.* of the sea, a river). *Obs.* (merged in the stronger sense 9). In the 17th c. a Gallicism.

a. 13.. *K. Alis.* 4089 (Laud MS.) Darrie hete..Remuen his teotes..and setten hem bisides Estrage, A colde water and a sauage.

β. 1390 Gower *Conf.* II. 77 Bot vertu set in the corage, Ther mai no world be so salvage, Which mihte it take and don aweie, Til whanne that the bodi deie. *Ibid.* III. 230 For as the wilde wode rage Of wyndes makth the See salvage, And that was calm bringth into wawe. *Ibid.* 332 And if ye wiste what I am, And out of what lignage I cam, Ye wolde noght be so salvage. 1655 F. G. tr. *Scudery's Artemenes* VII. III. 189 Her reputation is high, though her vertue be neither salvage nor austere.

9. Fierce, ferocious, cruel. a. of animals.

a. c 1407 Lydg. *Reson & Sens.* 3680 Lyouns proude in ther rage, And many beste ful Savage. 1420–2 — *Thebes* III. in *Chaucer's Wks.* (1561) 374 b, Grekes wening that were yong of age That this Tygre hadde be sauage And cruely besetting al the place Rounde about. 1579–80 North *Plutarch, Theseus* (1595) 5 The wild sauage Sowe of Crommyon, otherwise surnamed Phæa. 1611 Bible *Wisd.* xvii. 19 A roaring voice of most sauage wilde beasts. 1630 Bp. Hall *Occas. Medit.* xxvii. (1633) 70 Even the Savagest Beasts are made quiet and docible, with want of food, and rest. 1706 Addison *Rosamond* I. iv, What savage tiger would not pity A damsel so distressed and pretty! 1820 Scott *Let.* in *Lockhart* (1837) IV. xi. 348 For all the kind [of dogs] are savage at night.

β. 1632 Sanderson *Serm.* 148 Wherein Ioh alludeth to ravenous and salvadge beasts. 1696 Tate & Brady *Ps.* vii. 2 Lest, like a salvage Lion, he My helpless Soul devour.

b. of persons, their attributes or actions.

a. 1579–80 North *Plutarch, Theseus* (1595) 5 Of a cruell, wicked, and sauage pleasure. 1588 Shaks. *L. L. L.* IV. iii. 348 O then his lines would rauish sauage eares, And plant in Tyrants milde humilitie. 1594 — *Rich. III*, I. iv. 265 [*Murderer.*] Relent? no: 'Tis cowardly and womanish. *Cla.* Not to relent, is beastly, sauage, diuellish. 1599 — *Hen. V*, II. ii. 95 What shall I say to thee Lord Scroope, thou cruell, Ingratefull, sauage, and inhumane Creature! 1697 Congreve *Mourn. Bride* I. i. 1 Musick has Charms to sooth a savage Breast, To soften Rocks, or bend a knotted Oak. 1749 Smollett *Regic.* I. i, A wretch Of soul more savage breathes not vital air. 1780 Burke *Sp. at Bristol* Wks. 1842 I. 261 The operation of the old law is so savage, and so inconvenient to society, that [etc.]. 1800 Mrs. Hervey *Mourtray Fam.* IV. 190 It would be downright savage to leave Lady Miramont now. 1808 Scott in *Lockhart* (1837) I. i. 32 The magistrates of Edinburgh..encouraged a savage fellow,.. one of the under-masters, in insulting his [Dr. Adam's] person and authority. 1845 Disraeli *Sybil* III. vii, With a countenance..rather brutal than savage. 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* ix, He had a savage pleasure in making the poor wretches [his creditors] wait. 1849 Grote *Greece* II. liii. (1862) IV. 457 His queen the savage Parysatis. 1879 Froude *Cæsar* xxiv. 419 The troops were savage, and killed every man that they overtook.

β. 1637 Saltonstall *Eusebius' Constantine* 137 Hee hath changed all mansutude and graciousnesse with salvage fury and cruelty. *a* 1694 Tillotson *Serm.* xlii. (1742) III. 198 With what a salvage and murderous disposition they fly at one another's reputation and tear it in pieces.

c. *transf.*

1634 Milton *Comus* 358 Within the direfull grasp Of Savage hunger, or of Savage heat. 1818 Shelley *Homer's Hymn to Castor* 9 When wintry tempests o'er the savage sea Are raging. 1821 — *Epipsych.* 332 So that the savage winds hung mute around. 1857 Emerson *Poems* 12 The bellowing of the savage sea.

10. (Chiefly *colloq.*) Enraged, furiously angry. Also, rough or unsparing in speech.

1825 T. Hook *Sayings* Ser. II. *Sutherl.* (Colburn) 29 Don't let Emmy know that we have split, else she'll be savage with us. 1851 Lytton *Not so bad* II. i. 32 You're so savage on Softhead, I suspect 'tis from envy. 1861 Flor. Nightingale *Nursing* (ed. 2) 45 Almost any sick person..if he can speak without being savage..is exercising self control. 1870 Emerson *Soc. & Solit., Old Age* Wks. (Bohn) III. 134 Michel Angelo's head is full of masculine and gigantic figures as gods walking, which make him savage until his furious chisel can render them into marble. 1875 W. S. Haywaad *Love agst. World* 3 Come, Jasper, you need not look so savage. 1899 E. Phillpotts *Human Boy* 110, I think the Doctor was pretty savage with old Briggs.

III. 11. *Comb.*, as †*savage-fierce, -hearted, -looking, -spoken*, †*-wild.*

1784 Cowper *Task* VI. 487 Vicious in act, in temper *savage-fierce. 1819 Mas. Grant in *Mem. & Corr.* (1844) II. 223 His *savage-hearted prototype. 1795 Seward *Anecd.* II. 272 They were the most *savage-looking men that I had ever beheld. 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* xliv, He..glared at him with savage-looking eyes. 1894 *Outing* (N. Y.) XXIV. 230/1 A *savage-spoken old Scotch woman. 1592 Shaks. *Rom. & Jul.* V. iii. 37 The time, and my intents are *sauage wilde.

B. *sb.*

†1. A wild beast. *Obs.*

1682 Southerne *Loyal Brother* IV. i, What unfrequented coast am I thrown on, Naked, and helpless, to be made a prey To the next coming Salvage of the field? 1750 Johnson *Rambler* No. 11 ₱ 12 The suspicion and solicitude of a man that plays with a tame tiger, always under a necessity of watching the moment in which the capricious savage shall begin to growl. 1770 Langhorne *Plutarch* I. 9 Crommyon was infested by a wild sow named Phæa. ..This savage he [Theseus]..killed. 1831 Macaulay *Ess., Hampden* ₱ 14 The man who, in a Spanish bull-fight, goads the torpid savage to fury, by shaking a red rag in the air.

b. A bad-tempered horse. Cf. Savage *v.* 4.

1869 'Wat. Bradwood' *The O. V. H.* vi, His experience of similar animals led him to house a donkey in the same box with Warrener, with whom the savage soon fraternised, and displayed corresponding improvement in his temper. 1888 W. Day *Horse* 419 We also have in Paradox a modern savage, like his grey prototype.

2. A person living in the lowest state of development or cultivation; an uncivilized, wild person.

a. 1588 Shaks. *L. L. L.* v. ii. 202 Vouchsafe to shew the sunshine of your face, That we (like sauages) may worship it. 1605 Camden *Rem., Impreses* 174 His conceit was obscure to mee which painted a savadge of America pointing toward the Sun, with *Tibi accessv, mihi decessv.* 1632 Lithgow *Trav.* VI. 292 Some scattering Arabs, sold vs Water...Two of which Sauages our Captayne hyred, to guide vs. 1672 Dryden *1st Pt. Conq. Granada* I. i. 7, I am as free as Nature first made man, 'Ere the base Laws of Servitude began, When wild in woods the noble Savage ran. 1763 J. Brown *Poetry & Mus.* iii. 29 The Iroquois, Hurons, and some less considerable Tribes, are free and independent Savages. 1907 G. Tyrrell *Oil & Wine* 24 To the savage every stranger is therefore an enemy.

β. 1610 Shaks. *Temp.* II. ii. 60 Doe you put trickes vpon's with Saluages, and Men of Inde? 1612 Capt. Smith, etc. *Map of Virginia* II. i. 3 Wee traded with the Salvages at Dominica. 1719 De Foe *Crusoe* I. (1883) 40 Among strangers and salvages.

fig. 1642 Fuller *Holy & Prof. St.* III. ii. 156 Seeing we are civilized English men, let us not be naked Salvages in our talk.

b. *transf.* A cruel or fierce person. Also, one who is destitute of culture, or who is ignorant or neglectful of the rules of good behaviour.

1606 Shaks. *Tr. & Cr.* v. iii. 49 *Hect.* Fie sauage, fie. *Troy.* Hector, then 'tis warres. 1672–5 Comber *Comp. to Temple* (1702) 130 But who would imagine that our Christned Albion should breed such Salvages? 1762 Colman *Mus. Lady* II. 20 *Sophy*...Oh—the people here are all downright Goths. *Mask.* Absolute savages—an English catch, a Scotch jigg, and an Irish howl are all their ideas of harmony. 1784 Cowper *Task* VI. 422 Witness the patient ox, ..Driv'n to the slaughter..while the savage at his heels Laughs at the frantic suff'rer's fury. 1826 Disraeli *Viv. Grey* I. iii, However,..the young savages at Burnsley Vicarage had caught a Tartar. 1847 Tennyson *Princess* III. 230 Peace, you young savage of the Northern wild! 1898 Haig-Brown in *Westm. Gaz.* 1 Feb. 8/1 Schoolboys..are not such savages as in the old days.

3. a. = *Salvage man* (see A. 5 b). b. The 'Jack of the clock' (see Jack *sb.*[1] 6).

1575 Laneham *Let.* (1871) 15 This Sauage, for the more submission, brake hir tree a sunder. 1708 [Hatton] *New View Lond.* I. 231 The Ornament of this Church [*sc.* St. Dunstans in the West] consists..of the Clock..here being two Figures of Savages or wild Men, well carved in Wood, ..with each a knotty Club in his Hand wherewith they alternately strike the Quarters. 1780 Edmondson *Heraldry* II. *Gloss., Savage, Wood-man*, or *Wild-man.* 1803 Malcolm *Lond. Rediv.* III. 461 Their clock and savages, whose fascinating movements attract twenty pair of eyes every quarter of an hour. 1908 *Daily Chron.* 9 Oct. 4/7 [About 1762] it was customary for the Lord Mayor's procession to be headed by a body of men called 'whifflers'...These, with the assistance of some twenty 'savages' or 'greenmen', as they were termed, who let off..fireworks, effectively cleared the way for the City Fathers and the 'Show'.

Savage (sæ·vẽdʒ), *v.* Also 6 **salvage.** [f. Savage *a.*]

†1. *intr.* To act the savage; to indulge in cruel or barbarous deeds. *Obs. rare.*

1563 Sackville *Mirr. Mag., Compl. Dk. Buckinghant* xlix, My hart agryesd that such a wretche should raygne, Whose bluddy brest so salvaged out of kynde, That Phalaris had never so bluddy a minde. 1646 Sir T. Browne *Pseud. Ep.* VII. xix. 384 Though the blindnesse of some feritles have savaged on the dead, and beene so injurious unto wormes, as to disenterre the bodies of the deceased; yet had they therein no designe upon the soule.

2. *trans.* To render savage, barbarous, or fierce.

1611 Speed *Hist. Gt. Brit.* IX. viii. (1623) 563 Dispositions not despicable, if they had not been sauaged with a too carelesse rudenesse. 1727–46 Thomson *Summer* 1081 Dependants, friends, relations, Love himself, Savag'd by woe, forget the tender tie, The sweet engagement of the feeling heart. 1748 Smollett *Rod. Rand.* xxii, I was so savaged by my wrongs that I delighted in the recital of this adventure. 1828 Southey *Epist., Anniv.* 13 Its bloodhounds savaged by a cross of wolf. 1899 *Contemp. Rev.* Dec. 882 They are extremely good-natured and mild-tempered dogs, unless carefully 'savaged' by their masters.

†3. To behave savagely to. *Obs.*

1796 Charlotte Smith *Marchmont* III. 146 She used to savage me so..that I shall never go near them any more.

4. Of an animal, *esp.* a horse: To attack with the teeth, bite.

1880 W. Day *Racehorse in Train.* v. 38 In the stalls the bars should be put up between them, so that..they may be hindered kicking and savaging each other. 1891 N. Gould *Double Event* 12 A dangerous horse had thrown Thurton to the ground, and was 'savaging' him. 1894 *Pall Mall G.* 1 Nov. 7/3 Alexander III was daily caricatured as a bear with an Imperial crown, who wished to savage the best of his subjects. 1896 W. C. F. Molyneux *Campaigning in S. Afr. & Egypt* 173 (The horse) galloped about with rolling eyes, savaging every horse or man it could reach.

† **Sa·vaged,** *a. Obs. rare.* [f. Savage *sb.* and *v.* + -ed.] Savage, barbarous, uncivilized; also, rendered savage or cruel.

1611 Speed *Hist. Gt. Brit.* v. vii. § 10. 42 Icones and Patternes of their first and most sauaged times. 1642 H. More *Song of Soul* III. App. xxxviii, Madnesse and stupor seize His salvag'd heart.

Savagedom (sæ·vėdʒdəm). [f. Savage *a.* or *sb.* + -dom.] The condition of being a savage; the realm of savages, savage people collectively.

1845 E. Warburton *Crescent & Cross* I. 311 We had been already five weeks in Savagedom, among sands, and deserts, ..and..had had enough of it. 1889 Jessopp *Coming of Friars* ii. 87 The people..goaded to frequent outbursts of ferocious savagedom by hunger. 1908 O. Crawfurd in *19th Cent.* Jan. 63 In the early ages of savagedom this region was eagerly colonised by Rome.

Savageism, variant of Savagism.

Savagely (sæ·vėdʒli), *adv.* [f. Savage *a.* + -ly 2.] In a savage manner; †recklessly (*obs.*), cruelly, barbarously, fiercely.

a 1400 *Launfal* 130 So savagelych hys good he besette, That he ward yn greet dette, Kyght yn the ferst yere. 1563 Winjet *Vincentius Lirin.* To Q. Marie, Wks. (S.T.S.) II. 7 Raigeing I say, nocht only aganis our mother the haly, catholik kirk, bot maist sauagelie aganis thame selfis. 1605 Shaks. *Macb.* IV. iii. 205 Your Castle is surpriz'd: your Wife and Babes Sauagely slaughter'd. 1749 Smollett tr. *Gil Blas* II. vii. (1782) I. 174 Mergellina being..withal so savagely virtuous that she could not so much as endure the look of a man. 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* xiv, Captain Crawley looked savagely at the Lieutenant. 1891 Kipling *Light that Failed* xiii. (1900) 223 He was savagely angry against Torpenhow.

Savageness (sæ·vėdʒnės). Also 7–8 salv-. [f. Savage *a.* + -ness.] The state or condition of being savage, uncivilized, barbarous, cruel, fierce.

a. 13.. *Sir Beues* 2363 (MS. S.), I haue herde of [*MS. N.* in] sauagenes, Whenne 3onge men were in wyldernes, þat þey toke hert and hinde..; þey slowen hem and soden hem in her hide; þus doon men, þat in wood abyde. 1600 Surflet *Country Farm* II. liv. 371 He [the vnruly bull] will become gentle, forgetting his naturall sauedgenes. 1604 Shaks. *Oth.* IV. i. 200 She will sing the Sauagenesse out of a Beare. 1748 Richardson *Clarissa* (1811) IV. xxxiv. 261 He kissed my hand with such a savageness, that a redness remains upon it still. 1866 Geo. Eliot *F. Holt* ii, When the latent savageness of his nature was thoroughly roused.

β. 1660 F. Brooke tr. *Le Blanc's Trav.* 353 Leaving them by reason of their salvagenesse. 1701 W. Nichols *Consol. to Parents* 8 A Salvageness and Ferity which the cruelest of Brutes are not subject to.

Savagery (sæ·vėdʒ1ri, sæ·vėdʒəri). [f. Savage *a.* + -ry, after F. *sauvagerie.*]

1. The quality of being fierce or cruel; savage disposition, conduct, or actions; also with *a* and *pl.* a cruel action or deed.

1595 Shaks. *John* IV. iii. 48 This is the bloodiest shame, The wildest Sauagery, the vildest stroke That euer wall-ey'd wrath..Presented to the teares of soft remorse. 1794 Coleridge *Relig. Musings* 182 In savagery of holy zeal. 1840 Carlyle *Heroes* iv. (1841) 227 They err greatly who imagine that this man's courage was ferocity, mere coarse disobedient obstinacy and savagery, as many do. 1877 Tennyson *Harold* II. ii. 210 Hast thou never heard His savagery at Alençon? 1883 Burton & Cameron *Gold Coast* I. iii. 75 We shall seldom see these savageries on the eastern coast of the island.

2. The condition of being wild or uncivilized; the characteristics of savages; the savage state of human society.

1825 Coleridge in *Lit. Rem.* (1836) II. 327 The progress from savagery to civilization is evidently first from the hunting to a pastoral state. 1864 R. F. Burton *Dahome* I. 19 At certain hours the bugle-call from Santa Cecilia intimates that all about me is not savagery. 1865 Dickens *Mut. Fr.* I. iii, There was a curious mixture in the boy, of uncompleted savagery, and uncompleted civilisation. 1870 Lubbock *Orig. Civilia.* i. (1875) 3 A tribe which had sunk from civilisation into barbarism would by no means exhibit the same features, as one which had risen into barbarism from savagery. 1904 Sir R. Rodd *Sir W. Raleigh* ii. 23 Ireland ..remained abandoned to the savagery of the primeval Celt.

3. Wildness, as of nature or scenery, etc.

1872 B. Harte *Mrs. Skaggs's Husbands* I, Except for the rudest purposes of shelter from rain and cold, the cabin possessed but little advantage over the simple savagery of surrounding nature. 1884 Sala *Journ. due South* I. vii. (1887) 97 The appearance of the rock-bound coast is one of unrelieved savagery.

4. *collect.* in occasional uses: †Wild vegetation (*obs.*); savage beasts or savages collectively.

1599 Shaks. *Hen. V*, v. ii. 47 Her fallow Leas, The Darnell, Hemlock, and ranke Femetary, Doth root vpon; while that the Culter rusts, That should deracinate such Sauagery. 1867 Jean Ingelow *Story of Doom* VI. 10 And had made A fire, to scare away the savagery That roamed in that great forest. 1896 R. S. S. Baden-Powell *Matabele Campaign* xviii. (1897) 464 That the white settlers were not entirely overwhelmed in the first mad, blood-thirsting rush of relentless savagery is a matter for marvel.

Savagess (sæ·vėdʒės). *rare.* [f. Savage *sb.* + -ess 1. Cf. F. *sauvagesse.*] A female savage.

1640 tr. *Verdere's Rom. of Rom.* I. vii. 24 The Empresse would needs visit the fair Savagesse. *Ibid.* xxxii. 143 Silvan and the fair Savagess his wife. 1858 Thackeray *Virgin.* xl, The savage and savagess retired together.

† **Savagine,** *a.* and *sb. Obs. rare.* Also -yne. [a. F. *sauvagin,* f. *sauvage* Savage *a.* Cf. Sp. *salvagina,* Pg. *selvagina, salvagina,* It. *selvaggina, salvaggina* venison, game.] **A.** *adj.* Savage, wild.

c 1430 Lydg. *Min. Poems* (Percy Soc.) 246 Savagyne, voyd of al resonn. 1430–40 — *Bochas* II. xvi. (1494) h ij, Of the forests the bestes sauagyne.

B. *sb.* A savage.

a 1400–50 *Alexander* 3914 þai..Slo3e of þa sauagyns [*printed* -yus] a sowme out of nombre.

† **Savagious,** *a. Obs. rare.* [f. Savage *a.* + -ious.] Savage. Hence † **Savagiously** *adv.*

1650 Howell *Giraffi's Rev. Naples* I. 51 So they sent for Doctor Iulio Genovino a most savagious man. 1632 Lithgow *Trav.* VI. 296 The people generally are..as sauagiously tame (I protest) as the foure footed Citizens of Lyhia.

Savagism (sæ·vėdʒiz'm). Also **savageism.** [f. Savage *a.* + -ism.] = Savagery 2.

1796 W. Taylor in *Monthly Mag.* II. 465 Virtues..could alone keep the world from that relapse into savagism to which mankind is ever tending. 1798 A. P. *Tour in Wales* 30 (MS.) We began to omit clambering among..ruins, merely for the assurance of Superstition and Savageism having existed when these terror striking fabrics were erected. 1841 Mary Hennell in C. Bray *Philos. Necess.* II. 616 Fourier..divides the history of humanity into four forms or periods, incoherently social—savagism, patriarchalism, barbarism and civilization. 1877 Sparrow *Serm.* xiii. 175 There are various kinds of life..there is that of youth and age, of ignorance and knowledge, of civilization and savageism, with numerous subdivisions under each.

Savagize (sæ·vėdʒəiz), *v. rare.* [f. Savage *a.* + -ize.] *trans.* To render savage or cruel.

1848 *Tait's Mag.* XV. 140 Earnshaw has been allowed to grow up on the farm, a man savageized. 1864 Gilfillan in *Mem.* (1892) 349 It was but natural that a man, who when he was close on middle-age had still his reputation and fortune to make [etc.],..should be soured and half savagised.

‖ **Sa·valo.** *Obs. rare* −1. [Sp., now written *sábalo*: see Sabalo.] The shad. Only *attrib.*

1622 Mabbe tr. *Aleman's Guzman d'Alf.* II. 115 Your Savalo-pyes for the holy weeke.

Savan: see Savant.

Savannah (săvæ·nă). Forms: 6 **zavana,** 7 **savanar, savanah,** *pl.* **savanæ,** 7–8 **savana,** 7– **savanna, savannah.** [In 16th c. *zavana,* a. Sp. *zavana, çavana,* given by Oviedo 1535 as a Carib word. The later form *savana* (mod. Sp. *sabana*) is an instance of the usual N. American Sp. substitution of *s* for *z.* Cf. F. *savane,* G. *savanne.*

The Sp. *sabana* savanna is not, as has been supposed, the same as *sábana* sheet. The difference in accent is shown by verse examples to have existed already in the 16th c.; and the words originally began with different consonants.]

1. A treeless plain; *properly,* one of those found in various parts of tropical America.

1555 Eden *Decades* III. iii. (Arb.) 148 Hauynge towarde the southe a playne of twelue leages in breadth and veary frutefull. This playne, they caule *Zauana.* 1604 E. G[aimstone] *D'Acosta's Hist. Indies* IV. xxx. 291 The plaines, which they call *Savanas.* 1655 I. S. *Brief Jrnl. Proc. Army W. Indies* 18 Open ground and plaine Fields, or Savanars as they there call them. 1661 Hickeringill *Jamaica* 13 Nor are the Woods a more plentiful Nursery for the Hoggs then the *Savana's* are for the Beeves and wild Cattel. 1672 Sir W. Talbot *Discov. John Lederer* 25 The Woods being full of Fallow, and Savanæ of Red-Deer. 1697 Dampier *Voy.* I. 87 In the Bay of Campeachy are very large Savanahs, which I have seen full of Cattle. 1699 *Ibid.* II. II. 53 The neighbouring Savannahs. 1719 De Foe *Crusoe* I. 115 On the Bank of this Brook I found many pleasant Savana's, or Meadows, plain, smooth, and cover'd with Grass. 1753 Washington *Jrnl.* Writ. 1889 I. 17 He told me that the nearest and levellest Way was now impassable, by Reason of many large mirey Savannas. 1756 P. Browne *Jamaica* 11 The more extended plains are commonly called Savanas. 1819 Bowdich, etc. *Mission to Ashantee* II. xiii. 448 The red and yellow ochres brought to me, were dug in the neighbourhood of a savannah three journies south-eastward of Empoŏngwa. 1826 Scott *Woodst.* v, Glades..nnon opening yet wider into little meadows, or savannahs. 1865 Parkman *Huguenots* iv. (1875) 57 Next came the broad sunlight and the wide savanna. 1900 Doyle *Gt. Boer War* xiv. 235 Between these hills there lie wide stretches of the green or russet savannah.

fig. 1866 *N. & Q.* Ser. III. IX. 273/1 The allusions..so profusely scattered through the vast savannahs of literature. 1893 F. Thompson *Poems* 49 Whether they swept, smoothly fleet, The long savannahs of the blue.

2. (See quots.)

1827 O. W. Roberts *Voy. Centr. Amer.* 113 Close to an extensive and beautiful pine savannah. *Ibid.* 114, I had a long walk into the savannah, which is pretty closely covered with detached clumps of pine trees of all ages and sizes. 1865 *Reader* 23 Sept. 236/3 The army has been moving through magnificent pine-woods—the savannahs of the South, as they are termed.

3. *attrib.* a. simple attrib.

1697 Dampier *Voy.* I. 50 Plain even Savanah Land, without any Trees. 1719 De Foe *Crusoe* I. (Globe) 110, The open or Savana Fields. 1844 Mrs. Browning *Sonn.,* '*O Dreary Life*' 7 Savannah-swards Unweary sweep. 1867 Latham *Black & White* 118 'Savanna land', meaning wet land.

b. In the names of birds, plants, etc.: **Savannah bird, blackbird,** the *Crotophaga ani* of the West Indies; † **savannah crane,** ? the Whooping Crane, *Grus americana*; † **savannah finch,** the grasshopper-sparrow of the U.S., *Coturniculus passerinus*; **savannah flower,** 'a West Indian name for various species of *Echites*' (Treas. Bot. 1866); **savannah fox** (see quot.); **savannah sparrow,** a sparrow of the genus *Passerculus,* esp. *P. savanna,* common throughout the greater part of North America; **savannah-wattle,** the West Indian trees *Citharexylum quadrangulare* and *C. cinereum*; † **savannah woodcock,** Latham's name for *Gallinago undulata.*

1694 Ray in *Lett. Lit. Men* (Camden) 200 In referring the *Savanna bird to the Lark-kind. 1725 Sloane *Jamaica* II. 306 The Savanna Bird..is four Inches long [etc.]. 1862 Wood *Illustr. Nat. Hist.* II. 569 The food of the *Savannah Blackbird is mostly of an animal nature. 1791 W. Bartram *Carolina* 220 Amongst other game, they brought with them a *savanna crane which they shot in the adjoining meadows. 1783 Latham *Synopsis Birds* III. 270 *Savanna Finch. 1696 Sloane *Catal. Plant. Jamaica* 89 *Savanna Flour. 1756 P. Browne *Jamaica* 182 The Savanna Flower. This plant is common in the Savannas about Kingston. 1852 G. W. Johnson *Cottage Gard. Dict.* 350 *Echites suberecta* (..Savannah flower). 1879 Wood *Waterton's Wanderings* 412 Fox (*Vulpes cancrivora*).—This animal is generally called *Savannah Fox by the colonists, and Mikang by the natives. 1808–13 A. Wilson *Amer. Ornith.* (1831) II. 249 *Fringilla savanna,* Wilson.—*Savannah sparrow. *Ibid.,* The female of the Savannah sparrow is five inches and a half long. 1864 Grisebach *Flora W. Ind. Islands* 787 *Savannah-wattle. 1785 Latham *Synopsis Birds* V. 132 *Savanna Woodcock.

‖ **Savant** (savañ). Also † **sçavant, savan.** [Fr.; subst. use of *savant* adj., orig. pr. pple. (synon. with *sachant,* now the only form in this use) of *savoir* to know :—popular L. **sapēre* = class. L. *sapĕre* to be wise: cf. Sapient.

The misapprehension of the obs. Fr. spelling *savans* of the plural has given rise in Eng. to the incorrect form *savan.*]

A man of learning or science; esp. one professionally engaged in learned or scientific research.

1719 F. Hauksbee *Phys. Mech. Exper.* v. 225 [He] made a Report thereof to the Royal Academy of Sciences of France; and, upon his return home, those Scavans thought it worth their while to re-examine the matter. 1750 Chesterf. *Let. to Son* 24 May, At Paris..you will find a cargo of letters, to very different sorts of people, as *beaux esprits, sçavants, et belles dames.* 1765 H. Walpole *Let. to G. Montagu* 22 Sept., I dined to-day with a dozen *savans.* 1805 *Edin. Rev.* VII. 232 On one of these occasions, the *savants* in waiting were Quintus Icilius and Thiebault. 1848 E. FitzGerald *Lett.* (1889) I. 189, I saw Alfred [Tennyson], and the rest of the sçavans. 1864 *Chamb. Encycl.* s. v. *Manzoni,* His mother [being] the gifted daughter of the great savan, the Marquis Beccaria. 1874 Sidgwick *Meth. Ethics* III. v. 263 How shall we compare..the service of the *savant* who discovers a new principle with that of the inventor who applies it?

‖ **Savante** (savānt). [Fr., fem. of *savant*: see Savant.] A learned (French) woman.

1766 H. Walpole *Let. to Gray* 25 Jan., Madame de Rochfort is different..Her manner is soft and feminine, and though a *savante,* without any declared pretensions. 1813 Byron in Moore *Lett. & Jrnls.* (1830) I. 457 Annabella..is ..an only child, and a *savante,* who has always had her own way. 1844 Marg. Fuller *Woman in 19th Cent.* (1862) 57 There is on her no hue of the philosopher, the heroine, the *savante,* but she looks great and noble.

Savar, obs. Sc. form of Savour.

‖ **Savate** (savat). [Fr.; lit. a kind of shoe: see Sabaton.] A method of fighting (commonly employed instead of or in conjunction with boxing) in which the feet are used. Hence ‖ **Savateur** (savatör), one who is skilled in the savate.

1862 Wraxall *Hugo's Miserables* CXXX. II. 79 The Parisian gamin..is clever at the savate, and all creeds are possible to him. 1889 E. B. Michell *Boxing* (Badm. Libr.) 132 While the practice of the *Savate,* in which the feet as well as the hands are used, was growing up in France, an exactly similar style of boxing was being separately developed in the remote countries between India and China. 1898 *Daily News* 25 Oct. 8/5 This mixture of savate with a sort of elementary boxing would appear to be only effective when both parties use it. 1899 *Ibid.* 30 Oct. 6/6 Charlemont, the French savateur.

Savation (sēlvē··ʃən). *dial.* (see E.D.D.). [f. Save *v.* + -ation. Cf. *savacion,* obs. f. Salvation.] A saving (of money).

1724 Macky *Journ. thr. Engl.* (ed. 2) II. xii. 181 Which (to use that Country People's Word) was a great Savation of Money to my Lord Duke.

† **Save,** *sb.*1 *Obs.* [ad. L. *salvia* Sage *sb.*1, whence OE. *saluie*; assimilated to Save *v.*] Sage.

c 1386 Chaucer *Knt.'s T.* 1855 Fermacies of herbes, and eek saue They dronken, for they wolde bir limes haue. ? *a* 1450 *Pol. Rel. & Love Poems* 287 So þat he drynke save or anteoche.

Save (sēlv), *sb.*2 [f. Save *v.*]

1. An act of saving; a piece of economy. *dial.* and *vulgar.* (See E.D.D.)

1906 *Daily Chron.* 9 Feb. 4/4 The fact is, apart from..the save in gas and firing,..when the year's finished I've calculated I shall make a profit on it.

2. *Football, Hockey,* etc. An act of preventing the opposite side from scoring.

1890 *Field* 1 Nov. 670/1 Coventry [a half-back] came to the rescue with a plucky save. 1892 *Pall Mall G.* 1 Mar. 2/1 Gay, in goal, made no mistake and several excellent saves.

Save (sēiv), *v.* Forms: *α.* 3-5 (6 *Sc.*) salve; *Sc.* 5-6 sa(u)lf(f, 6 salfe, salffe. *β.* 3-5 sauve; also (chiefly *north.* and *Sc.*) 3-6 sauf(e, 4-5 sawf(e, sawff, 4-6 sauff. *γ.* 4 *Kent.* sove (sovi, sovy). *δ.* 3- save; also (chiefly *north.* and *Sc.*) 4-6 saw(e, 4-5 saf(e, 4-6 saff(e; *Sc.* 5-6 saif(f, (6 saaf). [a. OF. *salver, sauver* (= Pr., Sp., Pg. *salvar*, It. *salvare*):—late L. *salvāre* to save, f. L. *salv-us* SAFE.]

I. To rescue or protect.

1. *trans.* To deliver or rescue from peril or hurt; to make safe, put in safety. Const. *from*, †*out of.*

a. a living being.

c 1250 *Kent. Serm.* in *O. E. Misc.* 32 Lord saue us for we perisset. 13.. *Guy Warw.* 7226 God..þat..heldest Daniel fram þe lyoun, Saue me fram þis foule dragoun. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xxxiii. (*George*) 116 To saf his douchtir fra þat wrak. *c* 1470 *Gol. & Gaw.* 1099 Thus may thow saif me fra syte. *a* 1533 LD. BERNERS *Huon* xc. 284 He that alwayes hath saued me out of all perelles wyll not forsake me at this tyme. *a* 1578 LINDESAY (Pitscottie) *Chron. Scot.* (S. T. S.) II. 55 Gif ȝe..salve his servandis ffre the daith so far as ȝe may. 1591 SHAKS. *Two Gent.* IV. iv. 3 One that I san'd from drowning. 1692 R. L'ESTRANGE *Fables* ix. 9 Save a Thiefe from the Gallows, and he'll Cut your Throat. 1719 DE FOE *Crusoe* I. (Globe) 63 Did not you come Eleven of you into the Boat, where are the Ten? Why were not they sav'd and you lost? 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* xxxii, She fell on her knees, and thanked the Power which had saved her husband. 1852 MRS. STOWE *Uncle Tom's C.* vii, 'O Mr. Symmes!—save me—do save me—do hide me!' said Eliza.

b. one's life (similarly, one's body, carcass, head, neck, etc.). *To save one's skin*, to escape unhurt. *To save one's bacon*: see BACON 5 a.

1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 9231 So þat to sauí is lif þe castel vp hii ȝolde. 13.. *K. Alis.* 3811 He lefte his pray, and fleygh to hors, For to save his owne cors. 1470 HENRY *Wallace* II. 271 His fostyr modyr..Did mylk to warme, his liff giff scho mycht saiff. *a* 1533 LD. BERNERS *Huon* lxvii. 230 He besought our lorde god to saue his body fro myssfortune. *c* 1570 W. WAGER *The longer thou livest* 477 (Brandl), Neither mockes nor gaudes shall your skinne saue. 1611 SHAKS. *Cymb.* V. iii. 67 To day, how many would haue giuen their Honours To haue sau'd their Carkasses? 1685 [see NECK *sb.*¹ 3 d]. 1803 *Med. Jrnl.* IX. 458 A great many lives were saved by the salutary practice of inoculation. 1855 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* xxi. IV. 544 To have done all in his power to save both the head of Stafford and the head of Russell. 1896 A. E. HOUSMAN *Shropshire Lad* xlvii, See my neck and save your own.

c. a people, state, city.

c 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xxxiii. (*George*) 106 His douchtir.. to þe dragone suld be gyffine, to sauff þe ton. 1474 CAXTON *Chesse* II. v. (1883) 59 He shold employe alle his entente to saue the comyn wele. 1533 BELLENDEN *Livy* I. v. (S. T. S.) I. 34 My citee was sauffit be þi helpe. 1607 SHAKS. *Cor.* V. iii. 133 If it were so, that our request did tend To saue the Romanes, thereby to destroy The Volces whom you serue. 1728 POPE *Dunc.* I. 197 Could Troy be sav'd by any single hand. 1852 TENNYSON *Ode on Wellington* 200 Yea, let all good things await Him who cares not to be great, But as he saves or serves the state. 1894 J. T. FOWLER *Adamnan* Introd. p. xxi, The Bards were saved, but reformed.

d. To rescue (property) from shipwreck, fire, etc.

1582 N. LICHEFIELD tr. *Castanheda's Conq. E. Ind.* I. xli. 95 There was kindled in the same [ship] a great fire, so that nothing was saued, but onely the men. 1591 SHAKS. *Two Gent.* I. i. 156 Go, go, be gone, to saue your Ship from wrack. 1615 R. COCKS *Diary* (Hakl. Soc.) I. 73 The fyre was so vehement that littell or nothing was saved. 1787 PARK *Mar. Insurances* 141 Whereas the circumstance of the lighters being saved, and the ship lost, was accidental. 1878 MRS. HUNGERFORD *Molly Bawn* xxxviii, I saved them [*sc.* diamonds] from the fire.., and have had them re-set.

e. *absol.*

1560 BIBLE (Geneva) *Isa.* lix. 1 The Lords hand is not shortened, that it can not saue. 1593 SHAKS. *Rich. II*, II. ii. 80 Your husband he is gone to saue farre off, Whilst others come to make him loose at home. 1732 POPE *Ess. Man* II. 201 The same ambition can destroy or save. 1781 COWPER *Charity* 226 Oh, 'tis a godlike privilege to save! 1860 W. WHITING *Hymn*, Eternal Father, strong to save.

2. *Theol.* To deliver (a person, the soul) from sin and its consequences; to admit to eternal bliss. [Gr. *σῴζειν*, L. (Vulg.) *salvum facere, salvare, salvificare.*]

a 1225 *Leg. Kath.* 1025 Monnes unmihte; þet he neodeles nom upon him seoluen, us for to saluin. 1340 *Ayenb.* 98 Godes zone þet com to þe wordle to zeche an to souy þet þet wes uorlore. 1362 LANGL. *P. Pl.* A. I. 82 Tech me.. How I may saue my soule. 1382 WYCLIF *Mark* xvi. 16 He that schal bileue, and schal be baptisid, schal he sauyd [*v.r.* saaf]; sothli he that schal bileue not, schal be dampned. [So 1535 COVERDALE, 1611.] — *James* i. 21 In myldenesse receyue ȝe the word insent, that mai saue ȝoure soules. [So in later versions.] *c* 1449 PECOCK *Repr.* II. xviii. 261 If it be seid..' The crosse of Crist saued the world..', the dewe vndirstonding ther of is this: 'Crist bi his crosse..saued the world'. *a* 1500-34 *Coventry Corpus Chr. Plays, Shearmen* 546 A seyd there schuld a babe be borne,..To sawe mankynd that wasse for-lorne. 1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 20 b, I am passed my purgatory, and I am saued. 1549 LATIMER *6th Serm. bef. Edw. VI* (Arb.) 166 We can not be saued wythout fayeth, and fayth commeth by hearynge of the worde. 1601 SHAKS. *Twel. N.* III. ii. 75 For there is no christian that meanes to be saued by beleeuing rightly, can euer beleeue such impossible passages of grossenesse. 1666 BUNYAN *Grace Abound.* § 202, I was again much under this Question, Whether the Blood of Christ was sufficient to save my Soul? 1786 BURNS *For G. H. Esq.* 4 But with such as he, where'er he be, May I be sav'd or d——'d. *c* 1830 MOORE *Epitaph on Tuft Hunter* 20 He'd rather be Genteelly damn'd beside a Duke Than sav'd in vulgar company. 1840 CARLYLE *Heroes* iv, Luther learned now that a man was saved not by singing masses, but by the infinite grace of God. 1893 F. THOMPSON *Poems* 61 There is no expeditious road To pack and label men for God, And save them by the barrel-load.

absol. *a* 1340 HAMPOLE *Psalter* xiii. 1 Þat is, þare is na god þat dampnes or safes. 1858 ARNOT *Laws fr. Heaven* Ser. II. xiii. 101 It is grace accepted that saves.

b. in asseverative phrases, *as I hope to be saved*, † *so God* (or *Christ*) *save me*, etc.

c 1386 CHAUCER *Can. Yeom. Prol. & T.* 808 Ye shul paye fourty pound, so god me saue. *c* 1450 HOLLAND *Howlat* 120 So me Crist saif. *c* 1530 LD. BERNERS *Arth. Lyt. Bryt.* 300 As I be saued, ye be ful gentil and noble. 1710 SWIFT *Jrnl. to Stella* 23 Dec., Remember poor Presto, that wants you sadly, as hope saved. 1711 *Ibid.* 30 June. 1749 FIELDING *Tom Jones* VIII. xi, As I hope to be saved, I will never mention a word of it.

c. *transf.* To reclaim from moral laxity, or the like; to be the 'salvation' of.

1894 SIR E. SULLIVAN *Woman* 98 How often you hear it said that marriage has improved a man—that it has saved him!

3. Used in certain formulas of benediction, greeting, etc.; as *God save you!* †Also (in greetings) with omission of the subject.

(*God*) *save the mark*: see MARK *sb.*¹ 18.

c 1330 *Arth. & Merl.* 7034 (Kölbing) Wele ysounden, child Wawayn, Crist saue þi miȝt & þi mayn. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Knt.'s T.* 2250 God saue al this faire compaignye. Amen. 1530 PALSGR. 698/1 God save you, whiche sayeng we use whan we come firste to ones presence. 1591 SHAKS. *Two Gent.* I. i. 70 Sir Protheus: 'saue you: saw you my Master? 1632 MASSINGER *City Madam* IV. iv, *Luke.* Then, as I said ..you were tickl'd when the beggars cry'd, Heaven save your honour. 1706 FARQUHAR *Recruit. Officer* III. ii, Save ye, save ye, Gentlemen. 1888 LOWELL *Heartsease & Rue* 178, I have seen him some poor ancient thrashing Into something (God save us!) more dry.

b. *esp.* in *God save the king!* and the like.

c 1290 *Beket* 755 in *S. Eng. Leg.* I. 128 Sire king, he seide, god þe loke, and sani þi dignite! 1340-70 *Alex. & Dind.* 811 Þus dindimus þe dere king enditeþ his sonde, & god hyseche þ to saue þe soueraine prinse. 1350-70 in *Eulogium Hist.* (Rolls) III. 87 *Regem* [*Henricum II*] *Theutonica lingua sic affatur*: Godde saue the kyng. [In *Giraldus* (Rolls) VIII. 180 God houlde dhe, cuning.] 1535 COVERDALE 2 *Sam.* xvi. 16 He sayde vnto Ahsalom: God saue the kynge. 1540 PALSGR. *Acolastus* II. iii. M j b, *Aue rex*, or god saue your royall maiestie. 1558 *Procl.* in Strype *Ann. Ref.* (1709) I. II. App. i. 389 God save the quene. *a* 1627 SIR J. BEAUMONT *Bosw.-field* (1629) 9 Some with loud shouting, make the valleys ring, But most with murmur sigh: God saue the King.

†**4.** To spare instead of killing, allow to live, give (one) his life. Often coupled with *slay*. *Obs.*

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 5549 Þis midwimmen..did noght als þe king þam badd, Bot sauued þai þar childer liues. *c* 1385 CHAUCER *L. G. W.* 1917 So that the site was al at his wille, To sauyn hem hym leste or ellis spille. 1470 HENRY *Wallace* IV. 256 Wallace commaundede thai suld na wermen saiff. 1474 CAXTON *Chesse* II. iv. (1883) 52 Whan he sauyth the lyf of them that he may slee. 1549 *Compl. Scot.* xii. 100, I ordand ȝou to slay doune al the romans, and nocht to saif ane of them. 1588 LAMBARDE *Eiren.* IV. xvi. 586 To saue or slay the Sparow that he holdeth closed in his hand. 1593 SHAKS. *2 Hen. VI*, IV. vii. 124 And therefore yet relent, and saue my life. 1642 *Laws of War Army Earl Essex* 20 None shall save a man that hath his offensive Armes in his hands, upon paine of losing his prisoner.

absol. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Prol.* 663 For curs wol slee, right as assoillyng sauith. 1390 GOWER *Conf.* III. 207 Where him hapneth the victoire, His lust and al his moste gloire Was ſorto sle and noght to save.

5. To deliver *from* some evil which is likely to befall one; to protect from something which would be unwelcome or untoward; to ensure (one) immunity from some hurt or annoyance.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 2985 Fra toche of hir i saued þe, þat þou suld not sin in me. 1362 LANGL. *P. Pl.* A. I. 23 Þat on Clothing is from Chele ow to saue. *c* 1450 MYRC *Festial* 293 Þonkyng hym þat sauid hym wyth hys blessing from poysynnyng. 1530 PALSGR. 698/1, I save one from daunger, as harnesse doth ones persone, or as medecyne, or preservatyve dothe ones helth, *je contregarde*. *a* 1533 LD. BERNERS *Huon* lv. 186 The good harneys saued Huon fro all hurtes. *a* 1585 SIDNEY *Arcadia* II. (Sommer) 103 But Zelmanes comming saued Dorus from further chiding. 1827 O. W. ROBERTS *Voy. Centr. Amer.* 226 He saved me from much interruption and many annoying questions. 1860 TYNDALL *Glac.* I. xvi. 118 A sudden effort was necessary to save me from falling. 1886 C. E. PASCOE *Lond. of To-day* xviii. (ed. 3) 162 This route has the advantage, too, of saving one from the crowd.

b. used in invocation or aspiration: esp. with sarcastic emphasis.

1738 POPE *Univ. Prayer* 33 Save me alike from foolish Pride, Or impious Discontent. 1784 COWPER *Task* I. 499 But save me from the gaiety of those Whose head-aches nail them to a noon-day bed. 1798 CANNING *New Morality* 210 in *Anti-Jacobin* 9 July, Save, save, oh! save me from the candid friend!

c. To be a protection, defence, or means of deliverance to.

1412-20 LYDG. *Troy Bk.* III. 90 And some wil haue also no viser To saue his face, but only a naser. 1470 HENRY *Wallace* II. 71 Conert of treis sawit him full weille. 1543 GRAFTON *Contn. Harding* 489 A goodly glose, by the whiche that place that may defend a thefe, may not saue an innocent. 1771 *Junius Lett.* lxvii. 333 But it shall not save you. The very sunshine you live in is a preludo to your dissolution.

6. *refl.* (in senses 1 and 5). Often = to get away, escape (F. *se sauver*).

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 98 O none wise ne muwe ȝe hetere sauuen ou suluen. *c* 1320 *Sir Beues* 836 Him com strokes so gret plente þat fain he was to weren is hed And saue him self fro þe ded. *c* 1450 MYRC *Festial* 133 Wherfor, gentyll knyght, gos hens fast and saue þyselfe. 1593 SHAKS. *3 Hen. VI*, V. ii. 48 Flye Lords, and saue your selues. *a* 1715 BURNET *Own Time* (1724) I. 585, I saved my self out of those difficulties by saying to all my friends, that I would not be involved in any such confidence. 1729 W. FUNNELL *Voy.* 144 He and his company got to his boat, and so saved themselves to the ship. 1817 *Ballad of Waterloo* 18 All panic struck, the legions fled, 'Twas *save himself who could.* 1819 SCOTT *Ivanhoe* xl, The only course by which he could save himself from degradation and disgrace.

†**b.** *refl.* and *intr.* To avoid loss. *Obs.*

a 1548 HALL *Chron., Hen. VI* 139 b, So both parties, rather myndyng to gain or save then to lose, departed for that tyme. *Ibid.* 141 b, Thenglishemen sometyme saved, and sometyme gained, but the moste losse lighted on the Frenchemen. 1696 PHILLIPS (ed. 5) s. v., A Tradesman is said to save himself that neither gets nor loses.

7. †**a.** To heal, cure, restore to health. *Obs.* **b.** Later only as a specific use of sense 1: To rescue from a sickness which threatens to prove mortal; = to save the life of.

1362 LANGL. *P. Pl.* A. VIII. 17 Hou heore schabbede schep schal heore wolle saue. 1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) VI. 387 He was hard i-holde with a strong sikenesse, and myȝte nouȝt be i-heled noþer i-saued wiþ no manere medecyne. 1390 GOWER *Conf.* III. 32 Bot as a man that wolde him save, Whan he is sek, be medicine. *a* 1400-50 *Alexander* 2558 My-self with a serop sall saue [*Dublin MS.* safe] ȝow belyue. 14.. *Officium Resurrect.* 7 in *Non-Cycle Myst. Plays* 3 Why suffred he so forto dy, Sithe he may all sekenes saue? 1615 R. COCKS *Diary* (Hakl. Soc.) I. 63 Soe our chirurgion was sent for to assist the Duch chirurgion to save the [wounded] man, yf it were possible. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* xli, Her own little boy was saved, actually saved, by calomel, freely administered, when all the physicians in Paris had given the dear child up.

8. To keep, protect or guard (a thing) from damage, loss, or destruction.

1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) IV. 429 And so þe strokes were i-lette, and þe walles i-saved. 1387 *Charters*, etc. *Edinb.* (1871) 35 To cast the watir owte and to save the werc for the watir. *c* 1450 MYRC *Festial* 39 Hys hall was yche day of the ȝere new strawed..forto saue knyghtys cloþys þat setton on þe flore. 1553 WILSON *Rhet.* (1585) 117 Fond is his purpose, that being in the Raine, casteth his garment in a hush, and standeth naked himself, for sauing the glosse of his gay coate. 1669 STURMY *Mariner's Mag.* v. xii. 63 A Ferril of Brass may be put thereon to save the Head from cleaving. 1672 WISEMAN *Wounds* II. 90 If the Toes with part of the foot was shot off, cut off the lacerated parts smooth, but with care to save as much of the foot with the heel as you can. 1712-14 POPE *Rape Lock* II. 93 To save the powder from too rude a gale. 1735 — *Donne Sat.* ii. 72 His Office keeps your Parchment fates entire, He starves with cold to save them from the fire. 1907 HODGES *Elem. Photogr.* 97 Over-exposed prints may possibly be saved by further diluting the developer.

†**b.** To guard (property) from loss or from passing into other hands; to keep in safe possession (for oneself or another). *Obs.*

1389 in *Eng. Gilds* (1870) 81 Also, ye skyueyns of ye gylde yat hauen ye catel in hande, scholene fynden borwes to ye alderman, for to sauen ye catel, and for to bringe it forht at ye general morspeche, wyht-outen ani lettyng. 1393 LANGL. *P. Pl.* C. x. 272 When þy lord lokeþ to haue a-lounce for hus hestes, And of þe monye þow haddist þer-myd hus meohle to saue. 1526 TINDALE *1 Tim.* vi. 20 O Timothe save that which is geven the to kepe. 1533 BELLENDEN *Livy* I. ii. (S. T. S.) I. 15 The realme of latynis and troianis was sauffit to þis childe Ascanius be prudent tutorie of lavinia his moder.

†**c.** To have (a person) in safe keeping. *Obs.*

c 1386 CHAUCER *Doctor's T.* 200, I deeme anon this cherl his seruant haue; Thou shalt no lenger in thyn hous hir saue.

†**d.** To make (a place) secure. *Obs.*

1338 R. BAUNNE *Chron.* (1810) 294 Þe toun he suld so saue, þat he suld not ascape.

e. *To save one's pocket*: to avoid spending one's money.

1883 *Law Times Rep.* XLIX. 9/1 The tenant for life may have indirectly benefited himself or saved his own pocket.

f. *To save one's face*: to avoid being disgraced or humiliated. Similarly, *to save* (another's) *face*. [Originally used by the English community in China, with reference to the continual devices among the Chinese to avoid incurring or inflicting disgrace. The exact phrase appears not to occur in Chinese, but 'to lose face' (*tiu lien*), and 'for the sake of his face', are common.]

1898 *Westm. Gaz.* 5 Apr. 5/1 Unquestionably the process of saving one's face leads to curious results in other countries than China. 1900 *Daily News* 25 June 4/5 The communiqué in the Russian 'Official Messenger' provides the necessary formula by the adoption of which the Chinese Government can save its face.

9. To keep intact or unhurt, preserve, maintain, safeguard (honour, credit, chastity, and the like).

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 11232 Right sua al plain,..he com and yede, Saufand his moder hir maidenhede. *c* 1350 *Will. Palerne* 527 My worschipe to saue. 1375 BARBOUR *Bruce* II. 338 Wyrk yhe then apon swylk wyss, That ȝour honour be sawyt ay. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Sqr.'s T.* 523 Til that myn harte..Graunted hym loue, vpon this condicioun, That euermore myn honour and renoun Were saued. 1390 GOWER *Conf.* I. 19 Good is to save With penance and with abstinence Of chastite the continence. 1588 SHAKS. *L. L. L.* IV. i. 26 Thus will I saue my credit in the shoote. 1617 MORYSON *Itin.* I. 148 Who to save the reputation of the Virgin, confessed that he came to rob the house. 1665 BOYLE *Occas. Reft.* II. xi. (1848) 130 'Twould he much easier for the mistaken Physitian to save his Credit, than for the unprepar'd Sinner to save his Soul. 1733 POPE *Ep. Cobham* 125 Must then at once (the character to save) The plain

rough Hero turn a crafty Knave? 1851 LYTTON *Not so Bad* II. i. 29 The loan saved my credit, and made my fortune.

b. To safeguard (a right, possession) *to* a person.

c 1460 FORTESCUE *Abs. & Lim. Mon.* xiv. (1885) 144 Whether the kynge mey gyve such rewarde..off his revennes, savynge to hym selff sufficiant ffor the sustenance off his estate. 1499 *Reg. Privy Seal Scotl.* I. 50/1 A precept of confirmation of the crownarschip of Carrik..Salffand to the kingis hienes service anch and wont. 1544 tr. *Littleton's Tenures* 41 b, Yf a man let lande to another for terme of lyfe saunyge the reuersyon to him. 1571 *Act* 13 *Eliz.* c. 29 § 6 Savinge to all and every person or persons..all such Rightes..wch they..bad, might or should have had, of, in or to any the Mannors Lordshippes [etc.]. 1642 tr. *Perkins' Prof. Bk.* x. § 648. 279 The Lord doth grant the rent unto a stranger saving unto him his seignory. 1863 H. COX *Instit.* I. v. 23 We find a clause..introduced saving the king's rights.

† **c.** ? To keep, observe (a duty, rule). *Obs.*

1390 GOWER *Conf.* I. 85 Wherof I can noght bothe save Myspeche and this obedience. *c* 1400 *Rule St. Benet* (verse) 538 And all þai aw be day & night To saue þis rewle in all þer myght.

† **d.** To preserve the credit of (one's word, oath).

c 1425 *Eng. Conq. Irel.* xxix. 72 A man stode þer besyde & berd, & wold, hys thankes, saue [*v.r.* Sawe] þe prophetes sawe. 1595 *2nd Pt. Contention* (1843) 125 Ile shew your grace the waie to saue your oath.

10. With adj. complement: To keep or preserve *whole, unhurt*, etc.

† *To save harmless*: see HARMLESS *a.* 2.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 5037 Lauerd..saune mi childir hale to me. *c* 1440 *Alphabet of Tales* 223 Ane angell..opynd þe dure and savid þe seale hale at Saynt Remigins sett on itt. 1535 COVERDALE *Ezek.* xviii. 27 When the wycked man turneth awaye from his wickednesse..he shal saue his soule alyue. 1595 SHAKS. *John* II. i. 225 To saue vnscratch'd your Cities threatned cheekes. 1611 BIBLE 2 *Kings* vii. 4 If they saue vs aliue, we shall liue. 1784 COWPER *Task* I. 566 Which, kindled with dry leaves, just saves unquench'd The spark of life. 1859 TENNYSON *Enid* 894 To Save her dear lord whole from any wound.

† **11.** To store, preserve, keep in sound condition.

1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* v. xxxvi. (Bodl. MS.), He [the heart] is holow3 to fong blood, and he is þikke to saue it. 1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* II. 507 After that, it ought to be dried in the Sun, and saued in a brasen box. 1602 CAREW *Cornwall* (1723) 33 They [the Fish] are saued three maner of wayes: by fuming, pressing, or pickelling. 1728 POPE *Dunc.* I. 151 There sav'd by spice, like mummies, many a year, Dry Bodies of Divinity appear.

b. *intr.* To remain in good condition, to last without spoiling, to 'keep'. ? *U. S.*

1891 *Century Dict., Save*..To be capable of preservation: said of fish: as, to *save* well.

12. *trans.* † **a.** Astr. *To save the appearances, the phenomena* [tr. Gr. *σῴζειν τὰ φαινόμενα* (e. g. in Proclus *Hypotyp.* v. § 10); cf. It. *salvar le apparenze*, F. *sauver les apparences*]: said of a hypothesis which satisfactorily explains the observed facts. See also SALVE *v.*2 I. *Obs.*

1625, 1643 [see PHENOMENON 1 c]. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* VIII. 82 When they come to model Heav'n And calculate the Starrs, how they will weild The mightie frame, how build, unbuild, contrive To save appeerances.

Hence (? orig. allusively) **b.** *To save appearances*: to contrive to keep up an appearance of propriety, solvency, or the like. (So in Fr. and It.) Cf. APPEARANCE 12 b.

1711, 1761 [see APPEARANCE 12 b]. 1844 THIRLWALL *Greece* VIII. lxiii. 222 Sparta sent only a handful of men to save appearances. 1876 'OUIDA' *Winter City* viii. 234, I suppose it 'saves society', at least it saves appearances.

13. To prevent the loss of (a game, match, wager, etc.). Also, in Racing slang, to 'hedge' so as to protect (oneself, one's 'book') from loss, or so as to recover (a certain sum) out of one's losses.

1611 SHAKS. *Cymb.* II. iv. 94 The description Of what is in her Chamber, nothing saues The wager you haue laid. 17.. in Lillywhite *Cricket Scores* (1863) I. Pref. 10 If a striker nips a Ball up just before him he may fall before his Wicket, or pop down his Batt before Shee comes to it to Save it. 1837 D. WALKER *Sports & Games* 217 The striker ..must never follow a ball so far that, in case of no runs being obtained, he cannot return to save his wicket. 1862 PYCROFT in *London Soc.* II. 114/1 As to his bowling, it might have saved the game. 1869 'WAT. BRADWOOD' *The O. V. H.* 22, And even his lordship began to grudge that he had not just saved his book upon him [a horse] in consonance with the Major's advice. 1885 *New Bk. Sports* 58 But in the Eton field..even in the sorest straits, by the feet, and by the feet alone, must the goal be saved.

† **b.** To make (a dangerous voyage) safely. *Obs.*

1698 FRYER *Acc. E. India & P.* 77 This holds with little intermission till..the first Full Moon in August; when our Europe Ships, if they save their Passage about the Cape, venture to make in here.

14. 'To take or embrace opportunely, so as not to lose' (J.); to be in time for, manage to catch.

1732–3 SWIFT *Reas. Rep. Sacram. Test.* Wks. 1751 IX. 245 The same Persons..were..faithful Subjects to Cromwell, yet being wise enough to foresee a Restoration, they seized the Forts and Castles here [in Ireland]..; just saving the Tide, and putting in a Stock of Merit sufficient to preserve [etc.]. 1802 CANNING in G. Rose *Diaries* (1860) I. 456, I have but a moment to save the post. 1833 I. TAYLOR *Fanat.* vi. 203 That they may save the hour of..appointment. 1849 THACKERAY 12 June in *Scribner's Mag.* I. 409/2 The note must go this instant to save the post. 1865 TROLLOPE *Belton Est.* vii. 73 There arises a question whether under such circumstances the train can be saved.

† **b.** *To save one's distance, time*: to manage to arrive at (a given point or time) after being delayed.

1790 R. CUMBERLAND *Observer* No. 142 § 3 (1791) V. 184 Whether Nicolas saved his distance..we shall not just now enquire. 1806 J. BERESFORD *Miseries Hum. Life* VI. iv, Riding out to dinner, many miles off, on a beast that will not quit his walk, while you know that nothing short of a full gallop will save your time.

II. To reserve, lay aside.

15. To keep for a particular purpose or as likely to prove useful; to set apart, lay by, reserve.

c 1400 *Rule of St. Benet* (verse) 1582 Þat euer-ilkon wil of hir laue þe third part til hir supper saue. 1592 SHAKS. *Rom. & Jul.* I. v. 9 Good thou, saue mee a piece of Marchpane. 1719 DE FOE *Crusoe* I. (Globe) 136, I saved the Skins of all the Creatures that I kill'd. 1747 MRS. GLASSE *Cookery* (1796) xiv. 210 Take..a bunch of turnips, pare them, save three or four out, put the rest into the water. 1845 *Visit to Bury St. Edmunds* 90, I have one pair [of shoes]; they were almost worn out when father died, and as mother can't buy any more, I save them for Sundays.

16. *spec.* To collect and keep (seed) in stock for sowing.

1657 W. COLES *Adam in Eden* xxiii. 47 The Roots [of Clary]..perish after the Seed-time: it is most usuall to save it; for the Seed seldom riseth of its own shedding. 1763 MILLS *Syst. Pract. Husb.* IV. 128 The best way to save the seeds of this plant, is [etc.]. 1801 *Farmer's Mag.* Jan. 92 It is feared the bulk of the people will not be able to save seed for next crop.

b. To dry (corn, hay, peat) by exposure to the air; to harvest, stack. Cf. *win*.

1719 DE FOE *Crusoe* I. (Globe) 120 When it [the corn] was growing and grown, I have observ'd already, how many Things I wanted, to Fence it, Secure it, Mow or Reap it, Cure and Carry it Home, Thrash, Part it from the Chaff, and Save it. 1764 *Museum Rust.* I. lxxxiii. 361 The farmers pile them up in one of their offices, with an outside facing of bog turf well *saved*. 1824 MISS MITFORD in L'Estrange *Life* (1870) II. 183 The Northumberland people have an idiom of 'saving hay' for 'making hay'. 1892 JANE BARLOW *Irish Idylls* i. 8 A turf-stack..when newly 'saved'..looks like a solidified shadow of the little house.

c. To extract (gold) from quartz.

1877 RAYMOND *Statist. Mines & Mining* 69 The gold is easily saved, being clean, angular, and not very small; hence the proportion saved by the mill-process is notably greater than in any other locality in California.

d. *To save clean* in *Whaling* (see quot.).

1891 *Century Dict.* s. v., *To save clean*, to save all (the blubber) in cutting in: a whaling-term.

17. To store up or put by (money, goods, etc.) by dint of economy; to reserve instead of spending, consuming, or parting with.

1362 LANGL. *P. Pl. A.* VIII. 27 Treuþe..Bad hem Bugge Boldely what hem best lykede, And sepþen sullen hit a-geyn And saue þe wynnynge. 14.. *How Good Wife taught Dau.* 170 in *Q. Eliz. Acad.* 49 Þei..þat wyll thryne, and þer gode saue. 1600 SHAKS. *A. Y. L.* II. iii. 39, I haue fine hundred Crownes, The thriftie hire I saued vnder your Father. 1753 JOHNSON *Adventurer* No. 84 P 14 A nobleman's butler, who has furnished a shop with the money he has saved. 1842 TENNYSON *Dora* 50 But Dora stored what little she could save, And sent it them by stealth. 1856 FROUDE *Hist. Eng.* (1858) II. vi. 95 He was able to save money for his son's education.

b. *absol.*

1595 LODGE *Fig for Momus* H 1 b, Counsell, how to spend, and saue. 1776 ADAM SMITH *W. N.* II. iii. I. 410 Whatever industry might acquire, if parsimony did not save and store up, the capital would never be the greater. 1859 SMILES *Self-help* ix. 234 Add guinea to guinea; scrape and save; and the pile of gold will gradually rise. 1878 JEVONS *Pol. Econ.* ix. 86 It is idle to say that the better-paid working men cannot save.

c. with *up*. Also *absol.*

1834 [see SAVED *ppl. a.* 2]. 1850 SMEDLEY *Frank Fairlegh* iv, A parting gift from my little sister Fanny, who..had saved up her pocket-money during many previous months, in order to provide funds for this munificent present. 1884 BLACKLEY *Thrift & Indep.* 20 To try the system of saving up a little week by week. *Ibid.* 57 If, by an effort, he save up.. £30. *Ibid.* 91, I set myself to save up for my own old age.

18. To avoid spending, giving, or consuming (money, goods, etc.); to keep (a given amount) from being spent or consumed or lost and so retain it in one's possession. Also with indirect obj. (with or without *to*): To enable a person to avoid spending, giving, or losing.

a 1400 *Minor Poems fr. Vernon MS.* 545/345 *Ki sauuer veut soun doner, Corteis seit de soun manger*;..He may saue moneye and gete þat wol be curteys of his mete. 1539 in W. A. J. Archbold *Somerset Rel. Houses* (1892) 73 Ther will be a great soome of money that shalbe salved to the kinges highnes therbye. 1590 SIR J. SMYTH *Disc. Weapons* 6 b, And so consequentlie in their whole Armies to saue the pay of a great sort of Captaines..and other Officers. 1596 SHAKS. 1 *Hen. IV*, III. iii. 48 Thou hast saued me a thousand Markes in Linkes and Torches. *Ibid.* v. i. 99, I..will, to saue the blood on either side, Try fortune with him, in a Single Fight. 1617 MORYSON *Itin.* I. 207 The said Ianizare ..will easily save a man more then his wages. 1661 PEPYS *Diary* 20 Aug., When we came to look for our coach we found it gone, so we were fain to walk home afoot and saved our money. 1693 in C. R. Wilson *Old Fort William* (1906) I. 12 That old Maxim..That a Penny saved is two Pence gott. 1712 SWIFT *Let. Eng. Tongue* Wks. 1755 II. i. 197 You have already saved several millions to the publick. 1801 *Farmer's Mag.* Nov. 406 By carrying this plan into execution, the public..would save not less than four millions *per annum*. 1854 RONALDS & RICHARDSON *Chem. Technol.* (ed. 2) I. 257 With suitable flues, the saving of fuel is much greater when turf and wood are employed than is the case with coal;..⅓rd being saved in the case of wood, and ⅓th only in that of coal. 1860 TROLLOPE *Framley P.* xxxii, Mr. Sowerby then got into another cab...Anyone else would have saved his shilling, as Mrs. Harold Smith's house was only just across Oxford Street.

† **b.** *absol.* Of a commodity: To effect a saving in use, 'to be cheap' (J.).

a 1626 BACON *Compounding of Metals* Baconiana (1679) 94 Brass Ordnance..saveth both in the quantity of the Material, and in the charge and commodity of mounting & carriage.

c. With immaterial obj., e. g. labour, time, distance to be travelled, etc.

1579 W. WILKINSON *Confut. Fam. Love* B ij, Therefore saue labour for making any further reply hereunto, least you doe but lose your trauaile herein. 1600 SHAKS. *A. Y. L.* II. vii. 8 He saues my labor by his owne approach. 1601 — *Twel. N.* II. ii. 6 You might haue saued mee my paines, to haue taken it away your selfe. 1612 BACON *Ess., Despatch* (Arb.) 248 To chuse time, is to saue time. 1687 A. LOVELL tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* II. 3 Fair weather beginning with the New Moon, made the Captain repent that he had not passed through the Phare of Messina, which would have saved him fifty miles in his course. 1847 MARRYAT *Childr. N. Forest* iv, Edith..baked all the oatmeal cakes, which saved Alice a good deal of time. 1889 J. K. JEROME *Three Men in Boat* 149 We had dispensed with tea, so as to save time.

19. To be careful or economical in the use of; to use or consume sparingly.

1600 SHAKS. *A. Y. L.* II. vii. 160 His youthfull hose well sau'd, a world too wide For his shrunke shanke. 1719 DE FOE *Crusoe* I. (Globe) 62 For I eat sparingly; and sav'd my Provisions (my Bread especially) as much as possibly I could. 1729 SWIFT *Direct. Serv., Butler* Wks. 1751 XIV. 21 To avoid burning Day-light, and to save your Master's Candles. 1816 SCOTT *Old Mort.* xl, Next she enlarged on the advantage of saving old clothes to be what she called 'beet-masters to the new'. 1847 C. BRONTE *Jane Eyre* xxix, Everything..including the carpet and curtains—looked at once well worn and well saved.

20. To treat carefully, so as to obviate or reduce fatigue, wear and tear, etc. *To save oneself*, to reduce the amount of one's exertions.

[1756 CHESTERF. *Let. to Son* 14 Dec., Adieu! I am going to the ball, to save my eyes from reading, and my mind from thinking.] 1785 G. A. BELLAMY *Apology* (ed. 3) III. 82 To make use of the theatrical phrase, I never saved myself, but often suffered my feelings to possess me so entirely, as that they deprived me of the power of voice. 1847 MARRYAT *Childr. N. Forest* xviii, My eyes are getting weak, and I wish to save them as much as possible. 1856 WHYTE MELVILLE *Kate Cov.* v. 52 White-Stockings, whom I had ridden down [to the races], to save Brilliant. 1859 GEO. ELIOT *Lifted Veil* ii, Supposing that he wished merely to save her nerves. 1907 SYMONS-JEUNE *Art of Punting* 17 Beginners..in order to save themselves and ease the strain on their arms..shove crooked and turn the punt round.

III. To avoid or prevent (something undesirable).

A development from sense 18; sense 21 arises naturally from the sense 'to avoid paying or losing'. Cf. also sense 5.

21. To avoid for one's own part or enable another to avoid (some burden or inconvenience); *occas.* to avoid or obviate the necessity for. *Const.* indirect obj. of the person (oneself or another) who is relieved.

1606 G. W[OODCOCKE] tr. *Justin* Epit. Emp. Hh 3 b, By meanes whereof, a little tract of time would saue him a great deal of wrath. 1615 R. COCKS *Diary* (Hakl. Soc.) I. 75 And about midnight [he] departed towards Crates; which saved the geveing a present of 2 damaskt fowling peeces, yf he had staid till morninge. 1654 GAYTON *Pleas. Notes* IV. xvii. 259 How might'st thou by this *effugium* have sav'd all thy misfortunes? 1681 DRYDEN *Span. Friar* IV. ii. 58 Will you not speak to save a Lady's Blush? 1699 — *Ep. J. Driden* 11 Without their cost you terminate the cause And save the expense of long litigious laws. 1780 *Mirror* No. 95 Take my advice, my dear Bell, and save yourself the trouble. 1790 SCOTT *Let.* in *Lockhart* (1837) I. vi. 168 My letters lie there for me, as it saves their being sent down to Rosebank. 1813 SOUTHEY *Nelson* II. 135 The hurt done by their splinters would have been saved also. 1815 SCOTT *Guy M.* xxiii, The best way's to let the blood barken upon the cut—that saves plasters. 1886 *Manch. Exam.* 13 Mar. 5/2 The only use of paper money is in saving the wear and tear of gold. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 77 A tendency to take quick steps, as if running forward to save a fall.

† **b.** *To save* (a woman's) *longing*, to anticipate and so prevent it. Also *transf. Obs.*

1593 *King Leir* I. ii. 133 (Malone Soc.), Madam, to saue your longing, this it is. 1607 SHAKS. *Timon* I. i. 261 Sir, you haue sau'd my longing, and I feed Most hungerly on your sight. 1614 B. JONSON *Barth. Fair* III. i. (1631) 48 Looke, Win, doe, looke a Gods name, and saue your longing. 1656 OSBORN *Adv. Son* II. xvi. 54 Our Beldame Eve, to save her longing, sold us all for an Apple. 1665 HEAD *Eng. Rogue* (1874) I. 88 Come hither Sirrah, I know what you would have, I'le save your longing.

c. *Games.* To prevent the opposing side from gaining (a run, goal, etc.). *To save two, three, four runs* (Cricket): to prevent the scoring of a second, third, or fourth run for a hit. Also (in football, hockey, etc.) *absol.* = to save a goal.

1816 LAMBERT in Box *Eng. Game Cricket* (1877) 34 Long Stop.—This man should stand a proper distance behind the wicket, to save a run, if the ball should not be stopped by the striker, or wicket keeper. 1850 'BAT' *Cricket. Manual* (1851) 49 Long Leg..usually stands to save four runs. 1867 SELKIRK *Guide to Cricket Ground* 35 *Saving the Run.*—Stopping and returning the ball so quickly that the batsmen dare not attempt a run for fear of being run out. 1889 *Field* 5 Jan. 29/3 For the losers, Jackson in goal saved well on several occasions [hockey]. *Ibid.* 12 Jan. 65/2 But his shot was saved by the goal-keeper [football].

d. *Well saved*: an applauding expression used when a rider has avoided a fall; also (in games) when a brilliant 'save' has been made.

1859 WHYTE MELVILLE *Digby Grand* I. i. 10 As he fell upon his head into the road, and recovered himself without unhorsing me,..'Well saved, my lad, and devilish well ridden too', said the jolly General.

†22. To afford protection from. *Obs.*

1583 *Leg. Bp. St. Androis* Pref. 46 in *Satir. Poems Reform.* I. 348 The plesant plane-trie will the leavs vnfauld With fairest schaddow to save the sone in symmer.

†23. To meet or overcome (a doubt); = SALVE *v.*[2] 2. *Obs. rare.*

1591 SPENSER *M. Hubberd* 194 Right well, deere Gossip, ye advized have, (Said then the Foxe) but I this doubt will save.

IV. Idiomatic uses of certain parts of the verb. (For those of the pr. pple. see SAVING *prep.*)

24. The infinitive *to save* has been used to mean:

†a. On condition of not injuring. Cf. sense 9.

1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 1260 Ac ich wolde to sauui lif & lume bringe him to ech lawe. [Cf. ante 1242: þat he vor his neuen wolde..Do hey amendement, sauue lume & lif.]

†b. Saving, having regard to (one's honour, 'presence'). See SAVING *prep.* 2.

1375 BARBOUR *Bruce* III. 173 'Schyr', said he,..' To sauff 3our presence, it [is] nocht swa'. *c* 1470 *Gol. & Gaw.* 1008 And grant the frekis on fold farar to fall, Baith thair honouris to saif.

†c. Except, excepting; = SAVE *prep.*

c 1425 WYNTOUN *Orig. Cron.* IV. ix. 1170 Al þe cite þan fande þai Withe þar fais nere wptane, To sauff þe Capitalle allane. *Ibid.* IV. xvi. 1600 For nane þar gouernalle þar had, To sauff barnnys of 3outheide.

†25. The pa. pple. *saved* was used in absolute construction with a sb., with the sense: Preserving .. safe or intact, without detriment to, making reservation of. Cf. SAFE *a.* 5.

Sometimes placed before the sb.: cf. *except, considered.*

c 1400 *Apol. Loll.* 52 And þus he may lefuly, sauid his ordre. 1432–50 tr. *Higden* (Rolls) VIII. 79 That he wolde submitte hym to his grace, his honoure and crowne of his realme salvede. 1487 *Rolls of Parlt.* VI. 390/2 Saved alwey to youre Grace..of the said Fee Ferme xviii li. v s. 1539 in W. A. J. Archbold *Somerset Rel. Houses* (1892) 72 We haue determyned (your lordeshippes pleasure savyd) to differ the same vnto our return. 1580 LYLY *Euphues* (Arb.) 335, I haue aunswered your custome, least you should argue me of coynes, no otherwise then I might mine honour saued, and your name vnknowen.

†V. 26. In combinations of verb-stem + object, used *attrib.* or *adj.*, as *save-soul, save-stake.*

1654 WHITLOCK *Zootomia* 278 Such A Spirit were of A Save stake, if not promoting Prudence, as they call it. 1799 E. DU BOIS *Piece Family Biog.* III. 129 Martha was gone on a save-soul pilgrimage to a neighbouring village.

Save (sēiv), *quasi-prep.* and *conj.* Forms: *a.* 3–5 **sauf**, 5–6 **saufe**, 5 **sawf**, **sauff**, **saauf**; 3–5 **saf**, 4–5 **safe**, **saaf**, 4–6 **saff**(e, 5 **sef**; 5–6 **salf**, 6 **salfe**, **saulfe**; 5–6 *Sc.* **saif**(f. *β.* 3–4 **sauve**, 4 **sawve**, 5 **sawe**, 4–6 **salve**, 4– **save**. [Developed from SAFE *a.* 5, in imitation of the similar development in the use of the equivalent F. *sauf.*

Already in OF. the adj. *sauf*, fem. *sauve*, prefixed to a sb. in the absolute construction (= L. *salvō, salvā*: see SAFE *a.* 5) had often the sense 'being excepted', so that it became (like the analogous *except* ppl. adj. in Eng.) functionally equivalent to a prep., and was eventually treated as such, the masc. form *sauf* being used even before a fem. sb. Cf. Sp. *salvo*, Pr. *sal.*

The *β* forms may partly represent the OF. *sauve* in collocation with a fem. sb., and partly the ME. form of the plural adj. But the later exclusive use of the form *save* is probably due to the identification of the word with the imperative of the vb.: cf. *except*, which appears to have been similarly apprehended as an imperative.

The use of a nominative after *save* (see 1 b) may perhaps be a trace of the originally adjectival character of the word; it is, however, to be noted that the same thing occurs with all the quasi-prepositional words of the same meaning, including even *saving* and *excepting*, which are in origin pr. pples. of transitive verbs.]

1. quasi-*prep.* Except, with the exception of, but. Often strengthened by the addition of *only* (*alone*, †*alonely*, †*anerly*, †*one*); also tautologically *save and except*, Sc. †*bot saiff.*

a. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 17288+438 Alle to-geder þai whore sauf thomas of ynde allone. 13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* B. 1749 Hezest of alle oþer, saf onelych tweyne. *c* 1470 HENRY *Wallace* XI. 134 Sexte and vi xvi to ded has dycht, Bot saiff vii men at fled out of thair sycht. 1470–85 MALORY *Arthur* XX. vii. 808 Howe they were alle slayne sauf hym self al only. *a* 1533 LD. BERNERS *Gold. Bk. M. Aurel.* (1546) S v, Al thinges haue an ende at last by deth, saufe onely deathe. 1538 WRIOTHESLEY *Chron.* (1875) I. 86 All the lightes of waxe in every church to be taken downe, saffe onely the roode-loft light. 1579 in *10th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. v. 430 No kynd of..tymber..salfe onely fuell of wood for fyre.

β. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 19485 Disciplis folud þai sa herd þat þai þam draf vte o þair ward, Sanue þe apostels þat þam ledd. 13.. *Gosp. Nicod.* 482 (Addit. MS.) Bedrede I lay flourty 3here fully sawe two. 1362 LANGL. *P. Pl. A.* II. 210 Saue Meede þe Mayden no mon dorste abyde. *c* 1380 WYCLIF *Last Age of the Church* (1840) 28 Euery lettre in þe abece may be souned wiþ opyn mouþ saue .m. lettre one. *c* 1425 *Eng. Conq. Irel.* vi. 18 Trew frendes fonde he non, sawe Robert, steuenes son. 1451 *Rolls of Parlt.* V. 220/1 The last day save oon of august. 1548 HALL *Chron., Hen. IV* 21 No Chronicler save one, maketh mencion what was the very cause. 1617 MORYSON *Itin.* I. 77 The aforesaid boats are..covered all save the ends with black cloth. 1749 FIELDING *Tom Jones* VIII. xi, We spent the next evening, save one, in London. 1808 G. ELLIS *Let.* in Lockhart *Scott* (1837) II. iv. 143 The most pleasing poem in our language—save and except one or two of Dryden's fables. 1850 TENNYSON *In Mem.* CV. 23 No dance, no motion, save alone What lightens in the lucid east. 1878 STUBBS *Const. Hist.* III. xviii. 140 All that remained to England in France, save Calais, was lost.

b. followed by the nominative of a pronoun. (App. the normal construction.)

a. *c* 1400 MAUNDEV. (1839) xxii. 245 Saf only thei that ben dwellynge with hym. *a* 1450 *Knt. de la Tour* 25 For ferde that ani other shulde hane the loue of her sauf he hym selff. *c* 1500 *Three Kings' Sons* 133 Then were they alle slayne, sauf y.

β. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Can. Yeom. Prol. & T.* 802 Saue I and a frere, In Engelond ther kan no man it make. 1430–40 LYDG. *Bochas* IX. xxi[i]. (1494) F vj, There is a lyue left none of the blode Saue I alone of the royall lyne. 1528 TINDALE *Obed. Chr. Man* 79 b, Wilt thou so teach..that no man shall have knowlege..in Gods worde save thou only? 1601 SHAKS. *Jul. C.* III. ii. 66, I do intreat you, not a man depart, Saue I alone, till Antony haue spoke. *Ibid.* V. v. 69 All the Conspirators saue onely hee, Did that they did, in enuy of great Cæsar. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* II. 814 That mortal dint, Save he who reigns above, none can resist. 1821 BYRON *Juan* III. *Isles of Greece* xvi, Where nothing, save the waves and I, May hear our mutual murmurs sweep. 1866 DASENT *Gisli* 5 No one has ever challenged me before this day, save thou.

c. followed by the accusative of the pronoun.

1382 WYCLIF *Ecclus.* XXXVI. 5 For ther is noon other God, saue thee, Lord. 1607 SHAKS. *Timon* IV. iii. 507 But all saue thee I fell with Curses. 1893 F. THOMPSON *Hound of Heaven* 180 Whom wilt thou find to love ignoble thee, Save Me, save only Me?

†d. = but for. *Obs.*

1522 MORE *De quat. Noviss.* Wks. 83/1 Spiritual pride..carieth with it a blindnes almost incurable saue gods gret mercye. 1820 KEATS *Eve of St. Agnes* XXV, She seem'd a splendid angel, newly drest, Save wings, for heaven.

2. *conj.* Introducing a sentence which states an exception; now only in the full form *save that*; = EXCEPT C. 1.

a. *a* 1300 *Fall & Passion* 23 in *E. E. P.* (1862) 13 God 3af him..foules bestis an þe frute saf o tre he him forbede. 1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) VII. 339 In his tyme þe monkes of Caunterbury..were nou3t onliche to seculer men, sauf þat þey lefte nou3t [liȝt]liche her chastite. 1463 *Bury Wills* (Camden) 36 Lych to the tothir, saf they be not garnysshed. 1501 DOUGLAS *Pal. Hon.* II. vii, My curage grew, for quhat cause I nocht wait, Saif that I hald me payit of thair estait. *a* 1533 LD. BERNERS *Golden Bk. M. Aurel.* (1546) M j, His face was lyke a man, saufe it hadde but one eye.

β. *c* 1350 *Will. Palerne* 436 Min hert hol i haue now ..saue a fers feintise folwes me oft. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Frankl. T.* 216 He was despeyred, no thyng dorste he seye, Saue in his songes somwhat wolde he wreye His wo. 1388 WYCLIF *Mark* VI. 5 And he myȝte not do there ony vertu, saue that he helide a fewe sijk men. 1547 *Test. Ebor.* (Surtees) VI. 265 Salve onlie that the said Thomas shall [etc.]. 1617 MURE *Misc. Poems* XX. 6 My muse, q^ch noght doth challenge worthy fame, Saue from Montgomery sche hir birth doth clayme. 1634 SIR T. HERBERT *Trav.* 187 Naked from the waste vpwards, saue that their heads are couered. 1750 GRAY *Elegy* 9 Save that from yonder ivy-mantled tow'r The moping owl does to the moon complain. 1842 R. I. WILBERFORCE *Rutilius & Lucius* 270 Then all was still, save that a vast gush of fire rose up for a moment. 1871 R. ELLIS *Catullus* XIV. 1 Calvus, save that as eyes thou art beloved, I could verily loathe thee for the morning's Gift.

¶ *confused use.*

1530 TINDALE *Answ. More* III. Wks. (1573) 305/2 M. More ..proueth nothing saue sheweth his ignorannce.

b. = 'But that', 'were it not that'. Cf. 1 d.? *Obs.*

c 1600 SHAKS. *Sonn.* lxvi. 14 From these would I be gone, Saue that to dye, I leane my loue alone.

c. Introducing a hypothetical case of exception, = 'unless', 'if..not'; cf. EXCEPT C. 2.

1390 GOWER *Conf.* II. 119 And thus I mai you sothli telle, Save only that I crie and bidde, I am in Tristesce al amidde And fulfild of Desesperance. 1870 TENNYSON *Holy Grail* 80 Who wept and said, That save they could be pluck'd asunder, all My quest were but in vain. *Ibid.* 86 Save that he were the swine thou spakest of. 1897 F. THOMPSON *New Poems* 186 'Tis said there were no thought of hell, Save hell were taught.

†d. As an adversative, = 'but on the contrary'.

1362 LANGL. *P. Pl.* A. Prol. 77 Saue hit nis not bi þe Bischop þat þe Boye preche þ. *c* 1400 *Lanfranc's Cirurg.* II. v. 163 And if..þe herte be hurt, þere lijþ no cure þeron, saue he schal die anoon; for þe herte takiþ no lijf of no lyme of al þe bodi, saue þe herte 3eueþ lyues to euery lyme of þe bodi. 1422 tr. *Secreta Secret., Priv. Priv.* 188 Kynde vs hath grantid two eighen and two eeris, Saue but one tonge.

3. Followed by an adv. or advb. phrase or clause, expressing the manner, time, etc., in regard to which an exception is to be made; = EXCEPT C. 3.

a. *c* 1420 HOCCLEVE *Min. Poems* 154/405 Womman, with my sword, slee wolde I thee heere, Sauf for awe of god. *c* 1450 *Merlin* I. 12 Be-fill yowe neuer this merveyle saf ones? 1540–1 ELYOT *Image Gov.* (1549) 113 Beyng not instructed in any occupacion or science, saulfe onely in feates perteynyng to warre.

β. *c* 1320 *Sir Beues* 2270 Al is pes þar ichaue went, Saue in þe lond of Dabilent. 1390 GOWER *Conf.* II. 172 And yit withoute experience Salve only of illusion. 1577 KENDALL *Flowers of Epigr.* 7 Thy garments all and some Do smell of Mirrhe, and saue of Mirrhe no sent doth from thee come. 1598 H. B. *Rdr. to Chaucer* in *Speght* a v b, Unknowne to vs, saue only by thy bookes. 1611 BIBLE 1 *Kings* XXII. 31 Fight neither with small nor great, saue only with the king of Israel. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* XII. 258 Over the Tent a Cloud Shall rest by Day, a fierie gleame by Night, Save when they journie. 1750 GRAY *Elegy* 7 Save where the beetle wheels his droning flight. 1864 M. J. HIGGINS *Ess.* (1875) 165 Save and except in a dead calm she is utterly unseaworthy. 1875 MANNING *Mission Holy Ghost* xiv. 397 For fifty years he never left Rome, save only when he went out of the walls to visit the Seven Churches. 1879 FROUDE *Cæsar* VIII. 79 There was no longer, therefore, any excuse for its meeting, save on special occasions.

b. Followed by an inf. (with or without *to*).

c 1400 *Beryn* 660 He..had no thing to doon Saff shake a lite his eris, & trus, & be goon. *c* 1450 MYRC *Festial* 17 'What schall þat serues ben'. Þen sayde he: 'þe same, worde for worde, þat ys yn hor natyuyte, sane turne þe natyvyte ynto þe concepcyon'. 1534 TINDALE *John* XIII. 10 He that is wesshed, nedeth not save to wesshe his fete. 1819 SCOTT *Ivanhoe* XI, If thou hast aught to do, save to witness the misery thou hast caused.

c. *Save for*: exception being made for, but for.

1594 SHAKS. *Rich. III*, IV. iv. 303 Of all one paine, saue for a night of groanes Endur'd of her, for whom you bid like sorrow. 1610 — *Temp.* I. ii. 282 Then was this Island (Saue for the Son, that [s]he did littour heere..) not honour'd with A humane shape. 1879 ESCOTT *England* XXV. (1881) 403 The well-conducted soldier, save and except for a more or less constant *ennui*..may pass his days in comparative comfort. 1879 MCCARTHY *Own Times* II. 283 The Black Sea is, save for one little outlet.., a huge land-locked lake. 1894 HALL CAINE *Manxman* IV. xvi. 262 Sane for the slumbering fire, all was dark within the house.

¶ 4. Phrases like *save your grace, save your reverence* belong to SAFE *a.* 5. See also GRACE *sb.* 6 d, REVERENCE *sb.* 5; and cf. SAVING.

'Save your displeasure' (quot. *c* 1500) is perh. due to a confusion between this use and sense 1 above.

13.. *Seuyn Sag.* (W.) 687 Sanue your grace, wene ich hit nowt, Hit euere com in his thout. *c* 1500 *Three Kings' Sons* 139 It semeth, sauf your displeasir, that [etc.].

Save, obs. form of SAFE, SALVE *sb.*[1]

Saveable: see SAVABLE.

†**Sa·veage.** *Obs. rare*[−1]. [f. SAVE *v.* + -AGE. Cf. SALVAGE.] The action of saving.

1507 in Leadam *Sel. Cases Crt. Star Chamber* (Selden Soc.) 243 The seid ij gromes wer fyne for the sauege of their lyues to draw out their weppyns.

Save-all (sēi·vǫl). [f. SAVE *v.* + ALL.]

1. A means for preventing loss or waste.

a 1655 SIR T. MAVERNE *Archimag. Anglo-Gall.* Pref. (1658) 2 This Book is a Save-all; It suffers nothing to be lost. 1776 ADAM SMITH *W. N.* I. xi. III. I. 281 [The poultry] as they are fed with what would otherwise be lost, are a meer save-all. 1870 *Echo* 28 Nov., Wretched shifts and savealls of reserve and recruiting systems are enough to engage their attention, so far as their war administration is concerned.

2. A receptacle for collecting matter which would otherwise be lost and not utilized. Also *attrib.*

1797 *Monthly Mag.* III. 301 A refrigerator, from which proceeds an additional worm, to receive the spirit [in cooling and condensing], before it goes to the save-all. 1823 J. BADCOCK *Dom. Amusem.* 149 The fat of every kind collected in our kitchens, being rendered, or melted down from day to day, and cast into a 'save-all tub', will be found to produce very good soap. 1833 LOUDON *Encycl. Archit.* § 1443 There is, immediately beneath the fountain [for spirits], a saveall, or pierced plate of pewter, through which the drippings from the glasses percolate, and are collected in a shallow basin below. 1884 *Health Exhib. Catal.* 71/2 Front Damper acting as a 'Tidy Betty' with Cinder-sifter or Save-all attached.

3. A contrivance to hold a candle-end in a candlestick while burning so that it may burn to the end; a common form is a pan with a projecting pin in the centre on which the candle-end is fixed.

c 1645 HOWELL *Lett.* (1655) IV. xxi. 58 In som this light goes out with an ill-favor'd stench; But others have a save-all to preserve it from making any snuff at all. 1682 HARTMAN *True Preserv. Health* 348 Heat the pin of a save-all, and then thrust it into the bigger end [of a small candle], and so set it upon a candlestick. 1747 *Gentl. Mag.* XVII. 444/2 Death's a dark-lanthorn, life a candle's-end Stuck on a save-all, soon to end in stink. 1895 *Army & Navy Price List* 15 Sept. 1316/2 [Candle] Saveall, White..each 0/4½.

4. A money-box to receive small savings or contributions.. Also *dial.* (see quot. 1841).

1837 HOWITT *Rur. Life* (1842) 228 In this manner..enter your rooms..monks with their little savealls in their hands, collecting for hospitals. 1841 HARTSHORNE *Salopia Ant.* 555 *Save-all*,..an earthen bottle with slits at the sides, destin'd to receive all the savings of children.

5. A niggardly, stingy, miserly person. Now *dial.*

1785 GROSE *Dict. Vulgar Tongue, Saveall*,..also a miser. 1820 KEATS in *Life* II. 63 There is old Lord Burleigh, the high-priest of economy, the political save-all.

6. *Naut.* A sail set under another sail or between two other sails. Also *attrib.*

1794 *Rigging & Seamanship* I. 83 Vessels with one mast ..have..above the cross-jack, a small sail, called a save-all top-sail. 1846 in YOUNG *Naut. Dict.* 1878 D. KEMP *Man. Yacht Sailing* 366 *Save-all*, a water sail; a sail set underneath booms in light weather.

7. A pinafore; overall. *dial.*

1864 MRS. LLOYD *Ladies of Polcarrow* 103 Ever since I was a boy in a save-all. 1888 JESSIE FOTHERGILL *Lasses of Leverhouse* IV. 34 The black alpaca monstrosity which I..denominated a save-all.

8. *attrib.* or *adj.* Parsimonious, stingy.

1812 SOUTHEY *Ess.* (1832) I. 141 The paltry proceedings of those save-all politicians, who boast of their economy in banishing newspapers from the public offices. 1856 R. W. PROCTER *Barber's Shop* XI. (1883) 65 Still pursuing his save-all theory of a pin a day is a groat a year.

Saved (sēivd), *ppl. a.* [f. SAVE *v.* + -ED[1].]

1. Delivered from damnation. Also *absol.*

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 10867 His folk al saued þan sal he mak. 14.. *Less. of Dirige* 409 in 26 *Pol. Poems* 120 þe sanyd excusyd, þe dampnyd accusyd, As thay deserнyd echon haue. 1509 H. WATSON *Ship of Fools* Prol. (1517) A ij b, That thorugh theyr labour they may be of the nombre of y^e saued. 1688 BUNYAN *Jerus. Sinner Saved* (1886) 123 If thy desires be firm..to become the saved of Christ, and His servant. 1868 H. LAW *Beacons of Bible* 78 Every saved soul shines for ever a monument of..sanctifying grace.

2. a. Hoarded, laid by; also with *up*. **b.** Economized; not spent or wasted.

1732 POPE *Ep. Bathurst* 194 Benighted wanderers, the forest o'er, Curse the sav'd candle and unop'ning door. 1834 S. BAGSTER *Managem. Bees* Pref. 6 Often..have I spent the saved-up shilling to run into..the old menagerie in Exeter 'Change. 1875 SMILES *Thrift* vi. 93 Saved money, however little, will serve to dry up many a tear.

Saveine, obs. form of SAVIN.

Saveloy (sæ·vĕloi). [Corruption of F. *cervelas* (sɛrvəla): see CERVELAT.]

1. A highly seasoned cooked and dried sausage.

1837 DICKENS *Pickw.* lv, Mr. Solomon Pell..regaling himself..with a cold collation of an Abernethy biscuit and a saveloy. 1887 SMILES *Life & Labour* 333 Soyer, the gastronomist,..would stop at a stall in the Haymarket and luxuriate in eating a penny saveloy.

2. *Saveloy marble* (see quot.).

1839 *Civil Engin. & Arch. Jrnl.* II. 452 *Cervellata.* Saveloy marble, red ground, white and green, with very fine interlaced white veins.

†**Sa·vement.** *Obs.* Also **sauvement.** [a. OF. *sauvement*, f. *sauver* SAVE *v.*: see -MENT. Cf. Pr. *salvamen.*] Safety, salvation.

13.. *Guy Warw.* 3840 Iesu,..Saue him fram cumbermente, & him ozain bring in sauement. *c* 1315 SHOREHAM 7 *Sacram.* 406 Þorwe creymie anoynt strange he bi-combe His sauuement to winne. 13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* B. 940 Þer soȝt no mo to sauement of cities aþel fyue. *a* 1450 *Knt. de la Tour* cxi. (1906) 151 Symeon..saide with a high voys, 'Lo! here the clere light, and the sauement of the worlde'. 1485 CAXTON *Chas. Gt.* 236 By the is made the path of sauement.

Saven, obs. form of SAVIN.

Savenap(e, rare var. ff. SANAP *Obs.*

Saveo(u)r(e, obs. forms of SAVIOUR, SAVOUR.

Saver (sē·vəɹ). Also 4 **sauver,** 4–5 **savere,** 6 ? **sawar.** [f. SAVE *v.* + -ER[1]. Cf. SAVIOUR.]

1. One who saves, preserves, or rescues from death, evil, or destruction; a saviour or preserver.

In early use said of Christ = SAVIOUR; now only used when *saviour* would seem inappropriate.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 10541 Of hir sal cum þat man sauuer [*other MSS.* sauere]. *c* 1410 HOCCLEVE *Mother of God* 10 Modir of mercy..Saver of us by thy benevolence. 1538 BALE *Brefe Comedy Baptist* in *Harl. Misc.* (1744) I. 99 Your kynge, your sauer and redemer. *Ibid.*, For all men shall se their mercyfull sauer playne. 1608 B. JONSON *Masque at Ld. Haddington's,* Sauer of his King. 1700 C. NESS *Antid. Armin.* (1827) 58 Salvation is the work of the saved, not of the saver. 1833 M. SCOTT *Tom Cringle* xix, A statue erected to Lord Rodney the saver of the Island as he is always called from having crushed the fleet of Count de Grasse. 1872 TENNYSON *Gareth & Lynette* 858 For strong thou art and goodly therewithal, And saver of my life. 1891 *Longman's Mag.* Feb. 373 He hated his rescuer and saver.

†**b.** One who keeps or preserves a thing from destruction or waste. *Obs.*

1422 tr. *Secreta Secret., Priv. Priv.* 213 And therfor the nedyth to haue a constabil that shal not bene a destruere of thy trees, but a Kepere and a Sauere. 1573 TUSSER *Husb.* (1878) 168 Where all thing is common, what needeth a hutch? where wanteth a sauer, there hauocke is mutch.

c. One who saves (property) from wreck or destruction; a salvor.

1629 in Boys *Sandwich* (1792) 749 And do further ill entreat the savers and finders thereof [wrecks]. 1820 W. SCORESBY *Acc. Arctic Reg.* II. 329 The propriety of appropriating all wrecked stores to the use of the savers.

†**2.** 'One who escapes loss, though without gain' (J.). (Primarily a gaming term.) *To make* (oneself or another person) *a saver*: to insure against or compensate for a loss. *Obs.*

1591 FLORIO *2nd Fruites* 71 *S.* What can I doe withall? I can not mend it. *A.* If I thought one hand would make me a sauer, I would play. *c* 1613 MIDDLETON *No Wit like a Womans* II. iii. (1657) 58 You'd need have a clear way, because y'are a bad pricker. *Mrs. Low.* Yet if my Bowl take bank, I shall go nigh To make my self a saver. 1668 HOWE *Bless. Righteous* xx. 388 Heaven were a poor Heaven, if it would not make us savers. 1676 LEE *Sophon.* IV. i. 45 Your Armies are the Cards which both must play; At least come off a saver if you may. 1687 DRYDEN *Hind & P.* III. 344 For laws of arms permit each injured man To make himself a saver where he can. 1691 — *Arthur* II. 18 He puts the gain of Britain in a Scale, Which weighing with the loss of Emmeline, He thinks he's scarce a Saver. *a* 1700 SEDLEY *Poems* Wks. 1722 I. 46 We'll Game and give off Savers too.

3. One who saves, economizes, or hoards up.

1548 FORREST *Pleas. Poesye* 56 Some muste bee Sauers, Store is no sore. 1601 F. GODWIN *Bps. of Eng.* 460 A good sauer makes a well doer. 1727 SWIFT *St. Irel.* Wks. 1755 V. II. 167 Hence alone comes the dearness of land, since the savers have no other way to lay out their money. 1755 JOHNSON, *Saver.* ..3. A good husband. 1830 CUNNINGHAM *Brit. Paint.* I. 319 A saver of bits of thread. 18.. COBDEN in Similes *Self-help* (1859) 218 The accomplishment of all other great works.. has been done hy the savers, the thrifty. 1869 *Daily News* 14 Dec., The small farmers are great savers.

4. A means of saving or economizing.

1664 EVELYN *Sylva* xxii. (1679) 111 We find it [*sc.* the Fir] an extraordinary saver of Oak. 1901 *Munsey's Mag.* XXV. 393/2 The railroad,..when it can be used, is a wonderful saver. 1903 *Westm. Gaz.* 26 Oct. 15/1 The invention is a great labour-saver.

5. *Racing slang.* A hedging bet.

1891 N. GOULD *Doub. Event* xvii. 123 Wells says Perfection will win,..but I've put a saver on Caloola.

Saver(e, Saveray, obs. ff. SAVOUR, SAVORY.

Save-reverence: see SIR-REVERENCE.

Saverey, -ie, obs. forms of SAVORY, SAVOURY.

†**Savernapron.** *rare.* [? corruption of AF. **save-naperon,* f. *saver* SAVE *v.* + *naperon*: see APRON. Cf. *savenappe* SANAP.] A table-napkin.

1422–3 *Abingdon Rolls* (Camden) 94 Item vij sauernaprons. Item x alie sauernaprons debiles

Saverous, obs. form of SAVOROUS.

Savery(e, obs. forms of SAVORY, SAVOURY.

Savete(e, Saveure: see SAFETY, SAVOUR.

Savey, savvy (sæ·vi), *sb. slang.* Also 8 **scavey,** 9 (*Sc.* **savie**), **savvey, sabe.** [The Sc. *savie* is perh. a. F. *savez* (*-vous*) do you know? The later slang use is f. SAVEY *v.*] Practical sense, intelligence; 'nous', gumption.

1785 [see SAVEY *v.* below]. 1825–82 JAMIESON, *Savie,* knowledge, experience, sagacity, Loth. ? 1885. B. HARTE *Chiquita* 9 Hedn't no savey—hed Briggs. 1884 E. INGERSOLL in *Harper's Mag.* Sept. 508/2 They don't need much savvey for that. 1890 'R. BOLDREWOOD' *Col. Reformer* (1891) 47 He could ride the best, but the black boy had twice as much savey. 1892 KIPLING & BALESTIER *Naulahka* 273 You have been romping around for six months after something you hadn't the sabe to hold when you'd got.

Savey, savvy (sæ·vi), *v. slang.* Also 8 **scavey,** 9 **sabe(e, savvey.** [Orig. Negro-Eng. and Pigeon-Eng., after Sp. *sabe usted* you know.] *trans.* To know.

1785 GROSE *Dict. Vulgar Tongue, Scavey,* sense, knowledge; 'massa me no scavey', master I don't know, (*negroe language*) perhaps from the French scavoir. 1828 *Life Planter Jamaica* 137 Dey hab not savey dat de storekeeper hab be deir broder Joseph. 1833 MRS. CARMICHAEL *West Indies* II. 131 As I went on, I paused and asked them if they 'savey' what I said, (comprehended me). *Ibid.* 135 Misses, you no peak lie, me savey dat well. 1865 NIXON *Peter Perfume* 58 The 'no sabee' dodge to try they'd fain. 1874 B. HARTE *Wan Lee,* I asked if the juggler was the father of the baby. 'No sabe!' said the imperturbable Hop Sing, taking refuge in that Spanish form of non-committalism so common in California. 1890 'R. BOLDREWOOD' *Col. Reformer* (1891) 51 Now do you savey?

Saveyne, Savico: see SAVIN, SABICU.

Savin, savine (sæ·vin). Forms: *α.* 1 **safene, -ine,** 1, 5– **savine,** 4–6 **savyne, saveine,** 5–6 **-eyne,** 7 **saven**; 4, 6– **savin**; *β.* 6–7, 9 **sabine,** 8 **sabin.** [a. OF. *savine* (in mod.F. replaced by the learned form *sabine,* whence the *β* forms above) = Sp., Pg. *sabina,* It. *savina*:—L. (*herba*) *Sabīna,* lit. 'Sabine herb' (*Sabīna* fem. of *Sabīnus* SABINE).

Cf. G. *saben-, seveubaum* (for the many corrupt forms see Grimm), Du. *zevenboom.*]

1. A small bushy evergreen shrub, *Juniperus sabina,* a native of Europe and Western Asia, with spreading branches completely covered with short imbricating leaves, and bearing a small, round, bluish-purple berry.

The name is also applied to certain trees or shrubs resembling *Juniperus sabina,* as the Sea Wormwood, *Artemisia maritima*; the dwarf Juniper, *Juniperus nana*; *Cæsalpinia pulcherrima* (Indian savin); in the U. S. to the Red Cedar, *Juniperus virginiana,* and to *Torreya taxifolia,* one of the stinking-cedars; and in the W. Indies to *Cæsalpinia bijuga, Fagara lentiscifolia* and *Xanthoxylum Pterota.*

c 1000 *Sax. Leechd.* II. 312 Nim þas wyrte safenan & mersc mealwan. *Ibid.* III. 38 Wyll in buteran þas wyrta..sauinan & curmeallan & feferfugean. *a* 1387 *Sinon. Barthol.* (Anecd. Oxon.) 18 *Ebel, i.* savin. 1390 GOWER *Conf.* III. 130 Ther is an herbe which men calleth Saveine. *a* 1400 *Pistill of Susan* 69 Þe sauyne [*MS. Phillipps* saveyne] and sypres, selcoup to sene. 1567 MAPLET *Gr. Forest* 61 Sauin, is one of those kindes which..beareth leafe all seasons of the yeare. 1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* III. ii. 49 But th' aged Nourse ..Had gathered Rew, and Savine. 1607 TOPSELL *Four-f. Beasts* 240 Agolethros and Sabine are poyson to Goates. 1707 MORTIMER *Husb.* (1721) II. 188 Sabin or Savin will make fine Hedges, and may be brought into any sort of Form by clipping. 1811 A. T. THOMSON *Lond. Disp.* (1818) 730 Ointment of Savine. Take of fresh leaves of savine, two parts; yellow wax, one part; lard, four parts. 1838 T. THOMSON *Chem. Org. Bodies* 464 Oil of sabine. It is obtained from the leaves of the *juniperus sabina.* Limpid. Has the odour and flavour of sabine. This plant furnishes a great deal of oil. 1861 MRS. STOWE *Pearl Orr's Isl.* I. 8 Only savins and mullens, with their dark pyramids or white spires of velvet leaves, diversified the sandy wayside. 1884 SARGENT *Rep. Forests N. Amer.* 183 *Juniperus Virginiana*...Red Cedar. Savin. *Ibid.* 186 *Torreya taxifolia*...Stinking Cedar. Savin.

2. The dried tops of this shrub, used as a drug.

Savin is strongly poisonous; it possesses emmenagogic properties, and hence was a common means of procuring abortion. It is also an anthelmintic, used chiefly in veterinary practice.

c 1000 *Sax. Leechd.* II. 100 Wiþ þon ilcan genim safinan gnid to duste. 1573 TUSSER *Husb.* (1878) 97 Sauin, for the bots. 1590 BARROUGH *Meth. Physick* III. lvi. 193 Incessions made of the decoction of laurell berries, & leaues,..motherwort, horehound, saueine, althæa, cammomill [etc.]. 1614 MARKHAM *Cheap Husb., Bull* xxix. 58 There is nothing killeth wormes in the bodies of cattell sooner then Sauen chopt small and beaten with sweet Butter. 1693 DRYDEN *Juvenal* vi. 775 Help her to make Manslaughter; let her bleed, And never want for Savin at her need. 1736 BAILEY *Househ. Dict.* 521 *Savin,* is of an incisive, penetrative and attenuating quality..; being powdered and mix'd with fresh butter, it is given to the quantity of a dram to persons troubled with the asthma. 1843 R. J. GRAVES *Syst. Clin. Med.* xxvi. 334 They were treated with lapis infernalis, Plenk's liniment, and powdered savine.

3. *attrib.* and *Comb.,* as *savine-berry, -bush, -cerate, -oil, -tops, -tree*; *savin-leaved* adj.

1681 GREW *Museum* II. § ii. i. 219 *Savine-Berrys. About as big as those of the common Juniper, and of a blackish blew. 1672 JOSSELYN *New Eng. Rarities* 3 In these Gullies grow *Saven Bushes. 1826 S. COOPER *First Lines Surg.* (ed. 5) 448 A discharge should be kept up from the blistered surface by means of the *savine cerate. 1829 *Glover's Hist. Derby* I. 126 *Lycopodium alpinum,* mountain or *savin-leaved club-moss. 1858 SIMMONDS *Dict. Trade,* **Savine-oil,* an essential oil obtained by distilling the tops of the savine plant. 1695 BLACKMORE *Pr. Arth.* VII. 645 Henbane, Wormwood, Hemlock, *Savine Tops. 1611 TOURNEUR *Ath. Trag.* IV. i, There growes a *Sauin-tree next it forsooth. 1696 SLOANE *Catal. Plant. Jamaica* 128 Savine Trees. *Ibid.* 149 Indian Savin Tree. 1864 GRISEBACH *Flora W. Ind. Islands* 737 Savin tree: *Cæsalpinia bijuga* and *Fagara lentiscifolia.*

Saving (sē·viŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. SAVE *v.* + -ING[1].]

1. The action of the verb SAVE; an instance of this. **a.** The action of rescuing or protecting; † a deliverance.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 12775 Wijt we þan for quat resun For sauueing of vr dampuacioun, þat he now suilk baptiszing mass? *a* 1340 HAMPOLE *Psalter* xi. 6 Safynge of rightwis and dampnynge of wickid. *c* 1460 FORTESCUE *Abs. & Lim. Mon.* vi. (1885) 123 For the repressynge off rovers, sauynge off owre marchauntes, owre fishers, and the dwellers vppon owre costes. 1523 LD. BERNERS *Froiss.* I. xxxix. 53 Syr Henry wolde nat let his wepon go for sauyng of his honour. 1571 GOLDING *Calvin on Ps.* xviii. 50 This election was myghtely ratifyed by continewall successe of savinges. 1611 BIBLE *Heb.* xi. 7 Noah..prepared an Arke to the sauing of his house. 1676 MOLLOY *De Jure Marit.* II. v. (1688) 240 If the Ship perishes only, and the Goods are safe, in that case the Goods ought to pay a proportion of a fifth or tenth penny, according to the easie or difficult winning or saving of the said Goods. 1848 CLOUGH *Amours de Voy.* I. 21 All the foolish destructions, and all the sillier savings.

b. The action of saving or economizing in expenditure (of money, time, labour, etc.); an instance of this, a reduction in expenditure.

1551 *Cal. Anc. Rec. Dublin* (1889) 426 For the..sawing of expenssis to the citizens. 1640 G. HERBERT *Jacula Prud.* 119 No Alchymy to saving. 1731–8 SWIFT *Pol. Conversat.* ii. Wks. 1751 XII. 259 *Lord Smart.* Come, hang Saving! bring us up a Halfp'orth of Cheese. 1772 C. HUTTON *Bridges* 5 Fewer arches..will produce great savings in the expence. 1832 HT. MARTINEAU *Life in Wilds* vi. 77 A great saving of time and labour. 1848 MILL *Pol. Econ.* I. v. § 5 (1876) 45 Saving, in short, enriches, and spending impoverishes. 1854 RONALDS & RICHARDSON *Chem. Technol.* (ed. 2) I. 257 The saving of fuel is much greater when turf and wood are employed. 1883 *Law Rep.* 11 Q. B. Div. 569 The object of the society being the encouragement of saving.

c. In games: cf. SAVE *v.* 21 c.

1889 *Field* 26 Jan. 123/1 It was only the brilliant saving of Holmes, and the sound defence of the backs generally, that averted two or three scores.

2. *concr.* A sum of money saved; chiefly *pl.* sums of money saved from time to time (by the exercise of economy) and put by or hoarded up.

1737 *Gentl. Mag.* VII. 656/2 If he could save 500 or 1000*l.* a Year out of his Estate, he would certainly apply that Saving towards discharging his small Debts. 1786 MRS. A. M. BENNETT *Juvenile Indiscr.* I. 215 My hard savings and earnings. 1809 MALKIN *Gil Blas* V. i. P 62 More than half my savings were laid out on repairs. 1824 MISS MITFORD *Village* Ser. I. 239 She had three or four hundred pounds to bequeath, partly her own savings, and partly a legacy from a distant relative. 1888 BRYCE *Amer. Commw.* II. xliii. II. 132 The working man who puts his savings into the house he lives in.

b. In the navy: (see quot. 1815).

1815 *Falconer's Dict. Marine* (ed. Burney), *Savings of Provisions,* implies the bread, wine, spirits, beef, pork, butter and cheese, which have been saved by the different persons or messes in any of his Majesty's ships, from the established allowance of those species; and for which the purser pays them, at the expiration of one, two, or three months at furthest, agreeable to the credit prices stated in his instructions. 1901 *Westm. Gaz.* 28 Aug. 8/2 The Committee dwells upon the difficulty of framing an ideal ration so long as canteens and the 'savings' system exist.

3. A salvo, reservation, saving clause. Now only in *Law.*

1477 *Rolls of Parlt.* VI. 171/1 All Offices, Fees, Rents and Annuitees..other than Rents services, be in no wise comprised or conteyned in this saving. 1542–3 *Act* 34 & 35 *Hen. VIII,* c. 5 § 9 The sauinges reseruinges and prouisions ..of the saide former act. 1765 BLACKSTONE *Comm.* I. 367 Therein the tenant swore to bear faith to his sovereign lord, in opposition to all men, without any saving or exception. 1875 DIGBY *Real Prop.* viii. (1876) 343 The Statute of Uses contained a saving in favour of wills made before the first day of May, 1536. 1884 SELBORNE in *Law Times Rep.* L. 315/1 The savings from a repealing clause would not apply to any express antecedent provision of the Act inconsistent with them.

4. *attrib.* and *Comb.*: † **saving bank:** see SAVINGS BANK; † **saving-box,** a money-box for savings; † **saving(s institution** = SAVINGS BANK.

1691 *D'Emilianne's Frauds Rom. Monks* 151, I have since understood, that all Tradesmen in Italy do each of them keep a Saving-box, into which they put what Mony they can spare during the whole Year in order to their going in Pilgrimage. 1830 J. T. PRATT *Hist. Savings Banks* p. vij, The imperious necessity of Saving Institutions for the industrious Poor. 1832 *Encycl. Amer.* XI. 216/2 *Savings Institutions,* or, as they are often called *Savings Banks.*

Saving (sē·viŋ), *ppl. a.* [f. SAVE *v.* + -ING[2].]

1. That delivers, rescues or preserves from peril; that protects or guards from anything undesirable.

1535 COVERDALE *Ps.* xii[i.] 5 My hert is ioyfull in thy sauynge health. 1692 R. L'ESTRANGE *Fables* xxix. 29 There's No Living however without Law: and there's No Help for't in many Cases, if the Saving Equity be Over-rul'd by the Killing Letter of it. 1718 G. SEWELL *Proclam. Cupid* 15 Woman..A Guardian Angel, and a saving Saint. 1804

Wordsw. *Vaudracour & Julia* 194 The silver shower, whose reckless burthen weighs Too heavily upon the lily's head, Oft leaves a saving moisture at its root. 1885–94 R. Bridges *Eros & Psyche* June xvi, And with that lie the wounded man they slew, Hiding the saving truth which well they knew.

b. *Saving piece*: a piece of wood to prevent injury to the machine in the process of cutting.

1839 Ure *Dict. Arts*, etc. 160 (Machine for cutting the edges of books, banknotes, &c.]. Upon this latter board is placed the 'material to be cut', with a saving piece between it.

2. *Theol.* That delivers from sin and eternal death by the power of God's grace.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 8097 Sceu vs þe sauuand tre, sir king. 1597 Hooker *Eccl. Pol.* v. lx. § 2 That they..might..obteine as well that sauing grace of imputation which taketh away all former giltines. 1671 Milton *P. R.* 474 But to guide Nations in the way of truth By saving Doctrine. *a* 1711 Ken *Hymns Festiv.* Poet. Wks. 1721 I. 309 May I from his own Writings learn His Love, and Saving-Truths discern. 1712 Pope *Messiah* 107 But fix'd his word, his saving pow'r remains. 1732 Berkeley *Alciphr.* VII. § 11 That notion of a saving faith which is required in a Christian. 1809–10 Coleridge *Friend* (1865) 207 Good works may exist without saving principles..; but saving principles..never can exist without good works.

3. *gen.* That delivers from moral or intellectual error; also, of a quality, 'redeeming', exempting from unqualified condemnation or censure. Often as a direct transference from sense 2.

1599 Shaks. *Hen. V*, v. ii. 217 If euer thou beest mine, Kate, as I haue a sauing Faith within me tells me thou shalt. 1735 Pope *Prol. Sat.* 40 And drop at last, but in unwilling ears, This saving counsel, 'Keep your piece nine years'. 1852 Tennyson *Ode Dk. Wellington* iv, Foremost captain of his time, Rich in saving common-sense. 1865 M. Arnold *Ess. Crit.* ix. (1875) 373 The obedience demanded by theology and the knowledge demanded by philosophy are alike saving. 1902 Eliz. Banks *Newspaper Girl* 210, I am not, I believe, without a saving sense of humour.

4. Accustomed to save, hoard up, or economize; avoiding unnecessary expenses; tending to reduce expenses; parsimonious, economical.

1581 Pettie *Guazzo's Civ. Conv.* II. (1586) 88 b, If you will haue riches to be a help to Gentrie, it shall behooue a man rather to bee sauing, that he may be able to keepe himselfe rich. 1606 Chapman *Mons. D'Olive* I. i, Indeed that's the savingst way. 1625 Bacon *Ess., Expense* (Arb.) 53 A Man had need, if he be Plentifull, in some kinde of Expence, to be as Sauing againe, in some other. As if he be Plentifull in Diet, to be Saning in Apparell. 1712 Arbuthnot *John Bull* I. x, Not but that she lov'd Mony, for she was of a saving Temper. 1789 Swift *Direct. Serv., Butler* Wks. 1751 XIV. 26 Be saving of your Candles. 1771 Luckombe *Hist. Print.* 225 A saving way, similar to this, was..from three sets of Punches..to cast six different Bodies of Letter. 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* xi, Mrs. Crawley was a saving woman and knew the price of port wine.

†**5.** 'Not turning to loss, though not gainful' (J.); neither winning nor losing. *Obs.*

1614 ? Breton *I would & would not* lxxiii, When weather-beaten Sailes, with winde, & raine, Scarce make a Sauing-Voyage home againe. 1632 in *10th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. v. 478 The greate plentie of corne that remaines uppon their bandes, and which they cannot utter at any saveing price. 1645 Wither *Vox Pacif.* 94 A likely means, to get a saving-game. 1709 Pope *Let. Wycherley* 20 May *Lett.* (1735) I. 40, I can be content with a bare saving Game, without being thought an eminent Hand. 1713 Addison *Guard.* No. 97 ¶ 3 Silvio..was resolved to make a saving bargain of it. 1765 *Museum Rust.* IV. 174, I have no great expectations from this plantation, though, I fancy, it will be a saving crop. 1826 Scott *Mal. Malagr.* iii, A country, where industry and skill can but play a saving game, at best, against national disadvantages. 1828–32 Webster (with example: 'the ship has made a saving voyage').

6. Making a reservation; furnishing a proviso.

1700 Tyrrell *Hist. Eng.* II. 853 With a Saving Clause, that it should not be drawn into Example. 1838 Dickens *Nich. Nick.* I, 'Will you prevent me?' asked Sir Mulberry, with a laugh. 'Yes, if I can;' returned the other, promptly. 'A very proper saving clause, that last', said Sir Mulberry; 'and one you stand in need of'. 1855 Browning *Before* 32 Now, enough of your chicane of prudent pauses, Sage provisos, sub-intents, and saving-clauses.

Saving (sē·vin), *prep.* and *conj.* [absol. use of the pr. pple. of Save *v.* Cf. *excepting*.] **A.** *prep.*

1. Excepting, except; = Save *prep.* 1.

c 1386 Chaucer *Knt.'s T.* 1980 No man myghte gladen Theseus Sauynge his olde fader Egeus. *c* 1440 *Alphabet of Tales* 139 His guidis wer all tane fro hym safeyng a mantill. 1513 Douglas *Æneis* I. Prol. 155 The tbre first bukis he hes ourbippit quyte, Salfand ane little twiching Polidorus, And the tempest sent furth be Eolus. 1569 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* Ser. I. II. 4 Sauffing suche as ar attaynted. 1650 Trapp *Comm. Exod.* v. 4 Anie thing seem's due work to a carnal minde saving God's service. 1808 Southey *Lett.* (1856) II. 115 Saving Joanna Baillie, we had no very interesting people this season. 1887 Saintsbury *Hist. Elizab. Lit.* viii. (1890) 302 There is no complete collection even of the poems, saving a privately printed one.

†**b.** *All saving but, ne saving but*: excepting only. *Obs.*

a 1400–50 *Alexander* 3707 A lande, as þe buke tellis, a large & a noble, All sauand bot serpentis & odire sere bestis. *Ibid.* 4037 Sen at we ioy nouthire gemmes, ne luwels in cofirs, Pelour, pirre, ne perle, ne na proude wedis, Ne sauand bot to sustene with oure awen sary craftis.

†**c.** With pers. pron. in the nominative. *Obs.*

1526 Tindale *Rev.* ii. 17 And in the stone a newe name wrytten, which no man knoweth, savinge he that receaveth hit. [So 1611.] 1588 Parke tr. *Mendoza's Hist. China* 254 Al their people [were] cast away, sauing they, who escaped by vsing great diligence. 1594 Spenser *Amoretti* xxxv. 14 All this worlds glory seemeth vayne to me, And all their showes but shadowes, saving she.

†**d.** = but for; cf. Save *prep.* 1 d. *Obs.*

1540 *Aberd. Reg.* (1844) I. 173 And to deliuer thair schip agane, with hir pertinentis, safand awentour of see, to the saidis Thomas and Robert.

2. Without prejudice or offence to. *Saving (one's) reverence*: see Reverence *sb.* 5 b.

c 1386 Chaucer *Merch. T.* 522 And finally he dooth al his labour As he best myghte sauynge his honour To haste hem fro the mete in suhtil wyse. 1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) VIII. 79 Savynge his owne worschippe [L. *salvo honore suo*]. *c* 1400 [see Reverence *sb.* 5 b]. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 7587 Therfore, sothely me semeth, sauyng your wille, Hit is bettur þis bold kyng in the burgh hold. 1530 Tindale *Answ. More's Dial.* Wks. (1573) 253/2 When we say..I beshrew him sauing my charitie, there we take it for patience. 1562 Winjet *Cert. Tractates* I. (S. T. S.) I. 9 And zow (saifing zour dew honoris we speik). 1577 Fulke *Confut. Purg.* 382 But sauing his wisedome, he must geue vs leaue to aunswere for our selues. 1596 Harington *Metam. Ajax* Answ. Let., Euen so I must write in this discourse, some time indeede as homely (sauing your worship) as you shall lightly see. 1596 Shaks. *Tam. Shr.* II. i. 71 Sauing your tale Petruchio, I pray let vs that are poore petitioners speake too? 1607 Norden *Surv. Dial.* I. 15 Saning your tale, Sir, we poore Country-men doe not thinke it good to haue our Lands plotted out. 1611 Beaum. & Fl. *Knt. Burn. Pestle* II. ii, You lookt so grim, and, as I may say it, saving your presence, more like a Giant than a mortal man. 1837 Hallam *Lit. Eur.* I. iii. § 96 His own opinions, saving the authority of the church, he was willing to defend. 1907 Eliz. Robins *Convert* II. 24 There's nothing I should quite so much hate talking about as politics —saving your presence.

b. *Saving correction* [= F. *sauf correction*]: subject to correction; if I am not mistaken. *rare.*

1830 A. W. Fonblanque *Eng. under 7 Administr.* (1837) II. 65 It seems to me, saving correction, that this does not concern us.

†**3.** With the reservation of. *Obs.*

1477 *Exch. Rolls Scott.* VIII. 403 *note*, To be haldin..to the said Johne and Agnes..saulfing alanerly to ws and oure successouris the cariage of samekl of the saidis landis as the said Johne and Agnes occupiis [etc.]. 1609 Skene *Reg. Maj.* 43 Saifeand alwise the service to the other over-lord, for the lands haldin of bim.

†**4.** In default of, for lack of. *Obs. rare.*

c 1400 *Destr. Troy* 1126, I will say for myself, sauyng a bettur, As me thinkes full throly with-outyn threp more.

B. *conj.*

1. = Except, Save *conjs.* a. With clause introduced by *that*. Also, † with ellipsis of *that*.

1535 Coverdale *Eccl.* v. 12 And what pleasure more hath he that possesseth them, saunyge that he maye loke vpon them with his eyes? 1578 Lyte *Dodoens* I. iii. 8 The wilde kinde of Buglosse is like to the small Buglosses..sauing the leaues be rougher, smaller, and narrower. 1600 J. Pory tr. *Leo's Africa* VI. 269 The flesh..tasteth not much vnlike to the flesh of a dunghill-cocke, sauing that it is more tough. 1720 Mrs. Manley *Power of Love* I. 40 The Count of Briançon's Affairs seemed to keep the same Situations, saving his Love more and more increased, as his Hopes abated.

b. With advb. phrase. Also (rarely) *saving for* = but for, except as regards.

1473 *Rental Bk. Cupar-Angus* (1879) I. 168 Wilzam beand alegyt and fre of al aucht and wunt seruys, savand gyfe in tyme of harueyst we gader our tendis that he supple and help efter as we neyd. 1523 Lo. Berners *Froiss.* I. cclxviii. 397 The duke of Lancastre..thought to haue gone and dyned in the frenchmens lodgynges (sauynge for the fyre and smoke that they had made wolde not suffre him). 1538 Cranmer in *St. Papers Hen. VIII*, I. 590 To graunte hensforth none other lycence to any other printer saving to theym, for the printyng of the said Bible. 1550 Crowley *Last Trump.* 1218 Delite in nothyng sauinge in doynge thy duty. 1611 Bible *Matt.* v. 32 Whosoeuer shall put away his wife, sauing for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery. *a* 1661 Fuller *Worthies, Suff.* (1662) III. 54 Though the general breadth be but twenty [miles], saving by the Sea-side. 1840 Dickens *Old C. Shop* I, Saving in the country I seldom go out until after dark. 1877 Swinburne *Note C. Brontë* 54 Saving for her 'plentiful lack' of inborn baby-worship.

†**2.** Provided that. *Obs.*

1592–3 in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. III. IV. 111 The which Clergie government they would have to be exempted from the temporall government, saving they speake not agaynst the Prynces government towching the supremacye.

Savingly, *adv.* [f. Saving *ppl. a.* + -ly 2.]

1. In saving, a sparing, or frugal manner.

1553 Grimalde *Cicero's Offices* I. (1558) 47 To leade our life sauinglie [L. *parce*], chastelie, sagelie, and soberlie. 1673 R. Head *Canting Acad.* 167 They begin to quaff at *Ut*, savingly. 1883 R. G. White *Wash. Adams* 7 Having lived savingly in the past on fewer hundreds a year.

2. *Theol.* In a way that ensures salvation. Common in the 17th c.

1629 H. Burton *Babel no Bethel* 31 If any..come to beleeue otherwise then that Church teacheth them, to wit, sauingly, whence haue they that beleefe? 1648 Jenkyn *Blind Guide* iv. 120 The naturall man hath no power to know savingly the things of the Spirit of God. 1719 De Foe *Crusoe* I. 260, I seriously pray'd to God, that he would enable me to instruct savingly this poor Savage. 1877 W. Bruce *Comm. Rev.* 5 Practical love is the last link in the chain which connects man savingly with his Maker.

Savingness (sē·vinės). *rare.* [-ness.]

1. 'Tendency to promote eternal salvation' (J.).

a 1658 Durham *Comm. Rev.* II. iii. (1660) 123 One in the search and trial of the sincerity and savingnesse of bis Grace, is not only [etc.]. *a* 1677 Manton *Christ's Eternal Exist.* vii. (1685) 193 Now if the fulness of the Godhead dwelt in him who gave this Covenant, we cannot deny either the certainty or the perfection, or the savingness of it.

2. The quality of being saving, sparing, frugal or parsimonious.

1727 Bailey, vol. II, *Savingness*, Frugality. 1755 in Johnson. 1876 A. J. Evans *Through Bosnia* i. 32 The savingness of the race was noticeable in their clothing, which was the same they had brought with them from Bulgaria.

Savings bank. Orig. saving bank, also savings' bank. [f. *savings* pl. (see Saving *vbl. sb.* 2) + Bank *sb.*[3]] An institution for encouraging thrift, by receiving small deposits at interest.

In the United Kingdom there are four classes of these institutions: *trustee savings banks*, which are under the control of the National Debt Commissioners (with whom the whole of their funds must be invested), but are locally managed by bodies of trustees, who are prohibited from receiving remuneration for their services; savings banks for the army, navy, and merchant seamen, established respectively by the War Office, the Admiralty, and the Board of Trade; *post office savings banks* (see Post Office); and *voluntary savings banks*, which are private establishments not under government control.

1817 *Act* 57 *Geo. III*, c. 105 Sched. A, The sum above stated is the exclusive Property of the Saving Bank specified in this our Order. 1819 *Ann. Biography* III. 215 In him [*sc.* G. Rose] the..system of saving banks found an active friend and patron. 1844 *Regul. & Ord. Army* 150 The Regimental Savings' Bank. 1886 C. E. Pascoe *London of To-day* xxvi. (ed. 3) 242 Investments in Consols have been placed within the reach of the poor through the medium of the Savings Bank. *Ibid.* xliii. (ed. 3) 382 Communications from the Savings Bank Department.

Saviour (sē·vyəɹ). Forms: 3–4 sauveur, 3–5 sauveour, 3–5 saveour(e, 4 sauveor, saveor, -iur, -our, safeoure, *Sc.* safare, saweoure, 4, 6 sauvour, savioure, 4–6 savyour(e, 5 savyowur, 5–6 savyor, 6 salveour, -iour, *Sc.* salvior, salweour, 4, 6–8 (9 chiefly *U.S.*) savior, 4– saviour. [a. OF. *sauvëour* (mod.F. *sauveur*) = Pr., Sp., Pg. *salvador*, It. *salvatore*:—late L. *salvātōr-em*, agent-n. f. *salvāre* to Save.]

1. One who delivers or rescues from peril.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 4666 His nam þai chaunged, fra þat our, And cald him 'warld sauueour'. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* i. (*Petrus*) 674 And petir till hym [Paul] þis can say:.. far wele ay..lledar of heile and saweoure!' 1535 Coverdale *Ecclus.* xlvi. 1 A greate sauioure vnto the electe of God. 1560 Daus tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* 120 Saynct Geneveſa is the saviour of Paris. 1611 Bible *Neh.* ix. 27 Thou gauest them sauiours, who saued them out of the hand of their enemies. 1711 Pope *Temp. Fame* 163 Bold Scipio, saviour of the Roman state; Great in his triumphs, in retirement great. 1774 Wilkes *Corr.* (1805) IV. 185 Those who..now dare to persecute the saviour of India. 1871 Browning (*title*) Prince Hohenstiel-Schwangau: Saviour of Society. 1887 A. E. Housman *Shropshire Lad* i, To fields that bred them brave, The saviours come not home to-night.

b. *transf.* in nonce-uses.

c 1399 Chaucer *Purse* 16 (Fairf.) Now purse that ben to me my lyves lyght And saveour as doun in this worlde here. 1552 Latimer *Serm. 1st Sund. Epiph.* (1584) 297 Likewise shippes and boates..vpon the Seas are Sauiours, for they saue vs from the fury, rage, and tempest of the Sea. 1804 *Something Odd* III. 126 Thus died the means I had looked to as the saviour of myself and children.

2. He who saves mankind from sin and its consequences: as a title of God, and esp. of Christ (in the latter application often *Our Saviour*). Now always with capital S.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 15015 Welcum sauuer! lang has þou ben, Al sal thoru þe be bett. 13.. *Coer de L.* 2087 He swore a ful grete othe, By Jesu Cryst our Saviour. 1362 Langl. *P. Pl.* A. xi. 66 Whi wolde god vr saueour suffre such a worm In such a wrong wyse the wommon to bigyle? *a* 1450 Myrc *Instr. Par. Priests* 12 3ef þow plese thy sauyoure 3ef thow be not grete clerk Loke thow moste on thys werk. 1478 *Rec. St. Mary at Hill* 16 In the name of our lord Ihesu Criste our Sauyour: Amen. *c* 1500 *Lancelot* 2096 This is the vyrgyne, this is the blessit flour That Ihesu bur that is our salweour. 1513 Bradshaw *St. Werburge* II. 354 The yere of our saueour in his humanite viii hundreth complet .v. and seuentie. 1602 Shaks. *Ham.* I. i. 159 That Season..Wherein our Saniours Birth is celebrated. 1643 Sir T. Browne *Relig. Med.* I. § 3 At the sight of a Crosse or Crucifix I can dispense with my hat, but scarse with the thought or memory of my Saviour. 1667 Milton *P. L.* III. 412 Hail Son of God, Saviour of Men. *a* 1738 Swift *Serm. Mutual Subj.* (1744) 11 Our Saviour tells us that every Man is our Neighbour. 1753 Hanway *Trav.* (1762) I. III. xxviii. 121 Who is the king, the lawgiver, the redeemer, and the savior. 1813 Shelley *Q. Mab* VII. 144 Millions shall live and die, Who ne'er shall call upon their Saviour's name. 1864 Tennyson *En. Arden* 783 O God Almighty, blessed Saviour,..Uphold me, Father.

†**b.** *To receive one's Saviour, to give* (a person) *his Saviour*, etc.: common ME. phrases referring to the reception and administration of the Eucharist.

c 1400 *Rom. Rose* 6434 But thou yeve me my Saviour At Ester. *a* 1450 Myrc *Instr. Par. Priests* 1883 And 3ef he aske hys sauyour, Gyf hym hyt wyþ gret honour. 1470–85 Malory *Arthur* XVII. xi. 706 Thenne asked she her saueour and as soone as she had receyued hit the soule departed from the body.

3. Saint Saviour. (See Saint *a.* 3.) †**a.** Used in oaths. *Obs.* **b.** [=eccl. L. *ecclesia Sancti Salvatoris*], the title of the cathedral church of Rome, usually called St. John Lateran. **c.** The title of the monastic order founded by St. Bridget.

13.. *Guy Warw.* 5318 Þou wroche glotoun losaniour, Þou schalt þe 3eld, bi seyn Sauour. *c* 1330 *Arth. & Merl.* 2908 (Kölbing) Forth went anon sir Kay & ledde his fader, sir Antour, to þe chirche of seyn sauour. 1728 Chambers *Cycl.* s. v., Order of St. Saviour, is a religious Order founded by St. Bridget. 1873 J. H. Blunt *Myrr. our Ladye* p. xi, The Monastery of St Saviour and St Bridget of Syon of the Order of St Augustine.

4. *attrib.* (appositive), as in *saviour-ark, -arm, -god, -youth*; also *saviour-like* adj.

1836 GLADSTONE in *Good Words* (1871) 366 Is there..no *saviour ark That..bears the children, loved of God and blest, Unto the land of rest? 18.. SHELLEY *Assassins* ii. Prose Wks. 1888 II. 158 How many holy liars..would his *saviour arm drag from their luxurious couches. 1738 WESLEY *Ps.* xxiv. vi, This is the chosen Royal Race That seek their *Saviour-God to see. 1587 GOLDING *De Mornay* xxx. 568 There are two commings of Christ, the one in lowlynes.., Poore, Lowely, and *Sauiourlyke; and the other in maiestie. 1801 SOUTHEY *Thalaba* x. xxxv, Laila rush'd between To save the *saviour Youth.

Hence **Sa·viouress,** a female saviour; **Sa·viourhood, Sa·viourship,** the quality or fact of being a saviour.

c 1553 LATIMER in Foxe *A. & M.* (1563) 1309/2 When men can not be content that she [*sc.* our Lady] was a creature saued, but as it were a sauioresse, not neding saluation. 1649 JER. TAYLOR *Gt. Exemp.* III. Disc. xix. 143 Polycrita Naxia [expired] being saluted the Sauioueresse of her countrey. 1650 FULLER *Pisgah* IV. v. 91 Finding an Egyptian wronging an Israelite he kils him; shewing therein some signes of that Saviour-ship, which God intended him for. 1864 P. BROOKS *Myst. Iniq.*, etc. xviii. (1893) 327 What if there had been for ever a Saviourhood in the Deity. 1893 *Athenæum* 30 Dec. 919/2 The Indian Buddhist Cult of Avalokita and his Consort Tārā the Saviouress. 1900 R. J. CAMPBELL in *Chr. World Pulpit* 31 Jan. 71 The Saviourhood of Christ. 1905 MARZIALS *Browning* 49 Unfolding the mysteries of his saviourship of society.

Saviour, savir, obs. forms of SAVOUR.

† Sa·vite. *Obs.* [f. the name of Professor P. *Savi* + -ITE 1.] = NATROLITE.

1852 *Amer. Jrnl. Sci. & Arts* Ser. II. XIV. 64 *Savite.*

Savite, Saviur, obs. ff. SAFETY, SAVIOUR.

‖ Savoir faire (savwar fɛ̄r). [Fr.; *savoir* (formerly often miswritten *sçavoir*) to know, know how (inf. used subst.) + *faire* to do.] Tact, address; the instinctive knowledge of the right course of action upon any given emergency.

1815 SCOTT *Guy M.* XXXV, He had great confidence in his own *savoir faire.* 1840 BARHAM *Ingol. Leg.* Ser. II. *Black Mousquetaire,* He..show'd so much of the true *sçavoir faire.* 1886 *Manch. Exam.* 15 Mar. 5/5 Sir Charles Warren has the versatility and *savoir-faire* which will enable him to do good work as Chief Commissioner of the London police.

‖ Savoir vivre (savwar vivr). [Fr.; *savoir* (see prec.) + *vivre* to live.] Ability in the conduct of life, knowledge of the world and of the usages customary in good society.

1755 MASON *Let. to Gray* (1853) 30 Though France is remarkable for its *savoir vivre* and Italy for its *virtù*, yet Germany is the reservoir of solid literature. 1806 J. PINKERTON *Recoll. Paris* II. 98 The use of red wine with oysters shews great want of sçavoir vivre. 1878 GEO. ELIOT *Dan. Der.* xlviii, People with any *savoir vivre* don't make a fuss about such things.

‖ Savonette (sæ·vŏnet). Also 8 **savonet.** [Fr. (now written *savonnette*), dim. of *savon* soap: see -ET.] (See quots.)

1706 PHILLIPS (ed. Kersey), *Savonet, (Fr.)* a Wash-Ball or other Sort of Compound, to wash the Face or Hands with. 1866 COOLEY *Toilet* 438 Savonettes; Soap Balls; Wash Balls..are made of any of the mild toilet-soaps, scented at will, generally with the addition of powdered starch or farina, and sometimes, sand.

b. *Savonette-tree* [=F. *arbre à savonnettes*], a W. Indian tree, *Pithecolobium micradenium*, the bark of which is used as a substitute for soap.

1864 GRISEBACH *Flora W. Ind. Islands* 787.

Savor: see SAVOUR *sb.* and *v.*

Savorous (sē·vŏrəs), *a.* Also 4–7 **saverous,** 5 **savoruss,** *Sc.* **aawouris,** 5–7 **savourous.** [a. OF. *saverous, savorous* (mod.F. *savoureux*):—late L. *sapōrōsus,* f. *sapōr* SAPOR: see -OUS.]

1. Of good savour, pleasant to the taste.

c 1450 HOLLAND *Howlat* 705 Many sawouris salss with sewaris he send. 1520 NISBET *N. T., Mark* ix. 49 Salt is gude; gif salt be vnsauorous, in quhat thing sal ye mak it sauorous? 1604 E. G[RIMSTONE] tr. *Acosta's Hist. Indies* III. xvi. 170 There are two kindes of fishes breed in this Lake.., the one they call Suches, which is great and savorous. 1891 F. TENNYSON *Daphne,* etc. 274 Garden sweets.. And savorous herbs that lay together crush'd.

† b. *fig.* That is relished or enjoyed; delightful.

† *a* 1366 CHAUCER *Rom. Rose* 84 Than yonge folk entenden ay For to ben gay and amorous, The tyme is than so savorous. 1483 CAXTON *Gold. Leg.* 366/4 Though she were resplendysshaunt, wel sauerous and ryght ful of grete myracles. 1567 PAINTER *Pal. Pleas.* II. 157 b, To gather that soote and sauorous frute which louers so egerly sue for at maydens handes. 1657 tr. *'Idiota's' Div. Lover, Holy Exerc.,* But if it proue..that some other worke, or Exercise, is, or would be more sauourous or rellishinge to thy Spirit.

† **2.** Full of relish, greedy. *Obs.*

1491 CAXTON *Vitas Patr.* (W. de W. 1495) I. cxv. 138 b, Many notable lordes..somwhat to content his sauourous appetyte..sende oft tymes to hym grete sommes of money.

Hence **Sa·vorously** *adv.*

1480 CAXTON *Ovid's Met.* XV. iii, The tyme was somtyme that the peple lyvyd wt out etyng of flesshe; & wer norysshyd saverously of the fruytes of the trees & of herbes.

Savory (sē·vŏri), *sb.* Forms: [1 sæþerie], 4–6 **saverey,** 5 **savereye, saferay, savry,** 5–6 **saveray,** 6–7 **savery(e, saverie, savorie,** 7 **savourie,** 7–9 **savoury,** 7– **savory.** [Ultimately from L. *saturēia*; the form-history is uncertain.

On the one hand the ME. *saverey* might descend (with substitution of v for ð) from OE. *sæðerie,* a. early OF. **sadereie* (later *sarrie,* whence the dim. *sarriette* surviving in mod.Fr.) = Pr. *sadreia* (whence 16th c. Fr. dial. *sadriege,* Sp. *ajedrea,* and perh. by metathesis the synon. *sagerida*) :–L. *saturēiam.* On the other hand, Heresbach (*De Re Rustica,* 1570) cites an It. *savoreggia* and F. *savoreie,* and the latter appears in Cotgr. 1611 as *savorée.* The existence of these forms suggests that the ME. *saverey* may be an adoption of an unrecorded OF. form which had the *v* either as a phonetic development in hiatus (cf. F. *pouvoir* for early OF. *pooir*) or through the influence of *saveur* SAVOUR.

Independent adoption of the Latin word appears in OE. *saturege,* ME. SATUREIE, MHG. *saterje* (G. *saturei*), It. *satureja,* corruptly *santoreggia,* Pg. *saturagem.*]

1. Any plant of the genus *Satureia* (N. O. *Labiatæ*), esp. the annual herb *Satureia hortensis* (Garden, Summer Savory), or the perennial *S. montana* (Mountain or Winter Savory), natives of the south of Europe, cultivated for use as flavouring ingredients in cooking.

[*c* 1000 *Sax. Leechd.* II. 314 Feldmoran sæd, sæþerian sæd, petorsilian sæd.] *a* 1387 *Sinon. Barthol.* (Anecd. Oxon.) 37 *Satureia, tymbra idem,* saverey. *c* 1420 *Liber Cocorum* (1862) 32 Take sawge, persaly, ysope, saveray, Onyons gode. *c* 1430 *Two Cookery-bks.* 18 Take a Capoun ..& sethe hym in Water, percely, Sauereye & Salt. *c* 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* Tabula 374 Coriaundir, popy, saury, senuy, oynet. 1483 *Cath. Angl.* 319/1 Saferay, *s[a]tureia, herba est.* 1502 ARNOLDE *Chron.* (1811) 171 And ete alle maner fishe w[t]..vergewes made with good erbis sawge & sauery. 1573 TUSSER *Husb.* (1878) 94 Summer sauerie. 1597 GERARDE *Herbal* II. clxv. 460 Winter Sauorie is a plant resembling Hyssope. 1697 DRYDEN *Virg. Georg.* IV. 43 Wild Thyme and Sav'ry set around their Cell. 1786 ABERCROMBIE *Gard. Assist.* 79 Savory—sow of the summer and winter kind. 1849 BALFOUR *Man. Bot.* § 967 Many Labiates, such as Thyme..Savoury,..&c., are used..to flavour sauces and dishes. 1881 *Encycl. Brit.* XII. 289 The Winter Savory, *Satureja montana,* a hardy evergreen undershrub.

2. *Dyer's Savory,* the Saw-wort, *Serratula tinctoria.* 1874 *Treas. Bot.* Suppl.

3. *attrib.* and *Comb.*: *savory-seed*; *savory-leaved* adj.; **savory oil** (see quot.); **savory thyme,** *Thymus virginicus,* an American herb.

1822 *Hortus Anglicus* II. 304 *Aster Linariifolius.* *Savory-leaved Star Wort. 1896 BRANNT *Anim. & Veg. Fats* II. 577 *Savory oil..Both the summer savory, *Satureja hortensis,* L., and the winter savory, *S. montana,* yield by distillation..a volatile oil. *c* 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* III. 580 Now *saury seed in faat vndunged londe Doth wel. 1822 *Hortus Anglicus* II. 105 Virginian or *Savory Thyme.

Savour, savor (sē·vəɹ), *sb.* Forms: 3–5 **savur, 4 safour, safer, sauvur, savoyre,** *Sc.* **sawure, -oure, -or, -eoure,** 4–5 **savore,** 4–6 **savoure, saver,** 5 **saveure, saveoure, savowre, savyr,** *Sc.* **sawour,** 5–6 **savir,** 6 **savre, savour, savyour, savar, sawr-,** 7 **saviour,** 8 *Sc.* **sa'r,** 4– **savour, savor.** [a. OF. *savur, savour* (mod.F. *saveur*) = Pr., Sp., Pg. *sabor,* It. *savore*:–L. *sapōrem* taste, savour (see SAPOR), f. *sapĕre* to taste.]

1. Quality in relation to the sense of taste; a specific mode of this quality, as sweetness, bitterness, etc.; a taste. Also in fig. context.

Now *rare,* exc. as denoting a touch or admixture of some taste other than the proper or prevailing taste of a substance, a 'smack'.

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 102 Þes cos, leoue sustren, is a swetnesse & a delit of heorte, so unimete swote & swete, þet euerich worldes sauur is hitter þer azeines. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 13404 He dranc and feild gode sauur. 1303 R. BRUNNE *Handl. Synne* 9988 Hit semeþ brede, as he syȝt, And as hrede, sauer haþ ryȝt. *c* 1315 SHOREHAM *Poems* I. 686 Ne lef non oþer, crysteman, For safour ne coloure. For þat colour, ne þat sauour Ne heþ nauȝt þer inne cryste. 13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* B. 995 For his make was myst, þat on þe mount lenged In a stonen statue þat salt sauor habbes. 1393 LANGL. *P. Pl.* C. xv. 187 Þe larke..is louelokere of lydene, And swettur of sauour. 1422 tr. *Secreta Secret., Priv. Priv.* 208 By the tonge we felen the dyuersite of Sauores, Swetnes and bittyrnesse, Saltnesse and egyrnesse, and other Sauceoure. *a* 1510 DOUGLAS *K. Hart* I. 420 Servit thai war of mony dyuerss meis, Full sawris sweit. 1587 GOLDING *De Mornay* I. (1617) 7 Sounds, Sents, Savors, and Feelings. 1600 SURFLET *Country Farm* III. xlix. 533 Cyders differ one from another, especially in colour and sauour or relish. 1671 MILTON *P. R.* II. 342 Meats of noblest sort And savour. 1725 POPE *Odyss.* XV. 155 Viands of various kinds allure the taste Of choicest sort and savour; rich repast! 1774 tr. *Chesterf. Let. to Son* (8 June 1741), [The waters] are very heating, and disagreeable to the taste, having the savour of rotten eggs. 1841 ELPHINSTONE *Hist. Ind.* I. 233 Qualities of body; namely,—colour, savour, odour, feel [etc.].

b. The power of affecting the sense of taste, esp. agreeably; sapidity, tastiness.

c 1440 *Alphabet of Tales* 65 Ther wyne had nowder colour nor savor. 1483 CAXTON *G. de la Tour* m iv b, They ete black brede and metes of lytyll sauoure. 1816 SCOTT *Old Mort.* xiii, I see auld fruit has little savour—our suffering and our services have been of an ancient date. 1882 'OUIDA' *Maremma* I. 12 The lads felt that when no more tales could be told of the king of Maremma, savour would be gone out of the goatsflesh roasted in the charcoal in the woods.

† **c.** Flavouring, spice. *Obs.*

1422 tr. *Secreta Secret., Priv. Priv.* 187 Lette hungyre yeue the talent, and not Sause ne Saueure.

2. A smell, perfume, aroma. *poet.* and *arch.*

[So occas. L. *sapor* and the verb *sapĕre* (Pliny). Some traces of this use occur in OF., though it seems to have been rare; in mod.Fr. it is entirely unknown.]

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 1381 And cipres, be þe suete sauur, Bitakens ur suete sauueur. 1303 R. BRUNNE *Handl. Synne* 11567 She broȝt a smel of grete sauour. 1382 WYCLIF *John* xii. 3 The hous is fillid of the sauour of oygnement. *c* 1400 *Laud Troy Bk.* 6027 The boydies that ther ded lay, That hadde be sclayn In fight that day; Ther come of hem a foul sauour. *c* 1450 MYRC *Festial* 142 Þus as þe flesche rostyd, þe sauer þerof went out into þe strete. 1481 CAXTON *Myrrour* II. vi. 75 [The panther] gyueth oute of his mouth so swete a savour and smell, that anon the bestes that fele it seche hym. 1508 DUNBAR *Tua Mariit Wemen* 8 Throw the sauar sanatiue of the sueit flouris. *a* 1593 MARLOWE *Edw. II,* v. v, I was almost stifeled with the sauour. 1631 GOUGE *God's Arrows* III. § 88. 349 Plagues oft arise..from noisome savours. 1697 DRYDEN *Virg. Georg.* IV. 88 Then Melfoil beat, and Honey-suckles pound, With these alluring Savours strew the Ground. 1820 SHELLEY *Hymn Merc.* xxii, For the sweet savour of the roasted meat Tempted him though immortal. 1871 FARRAR *Days of my Youth* ii. (1876) 20 Like a sweet savour, like a precious heritage, it lingers here.

b. in figurative context.

a 1225 *St. Marher.* 4 He is leoflukest lif for to lokin uppon, and swotest to smeallen; ne his swote sauur, ne his almihte mihte..ne mei neauer littlin ne aliggen. *c* 1502 *Joseph Arim.* (E.E.T.S.) 52 Heyle, tresour of Glastenbury moost imperyall, In sauour smellynge swete as eglantyne.

c. In the translations of the Bible from Tindale (1526) onwards, *savour* occurs very freq. as rendering of Gr. ὀσμή, Heb. ריח *rēaḥ* smell; in the Old Testament *lit.* of the smell of sacrifices and incense regarded as pleasing to God, in the N. T. *fig.* chiefly with reference to spiritual sacrifices.

See, e.g., *Gen.* viii. 21, *Num.* xxviii. 13, *Ezek.* vi. 13, 2 *Cor.* ii. 15, *Eph.* v. 2.

d. Used *fig.* for: Repute, estimation; = ODOUR 4 b. Now only *poet.*

1535 COVERDALE *Exod.* v. 21 Ye have made the sauoure of us to stynke before Pharao. 1639 FULLER *Holy War* II. xv. (1640) 64 Since which time the bad sauour of his life came to the Popes nose, who sent a Legate to depose him. 1726 W. PENN in *Life* Wks. (1782) I. 53 These several Things agreed upon, being of good Savour and Report. 1872 TENNYSON *Gareth* 377 Then came in hall the messenger of Mark, A name of evil savour in the land, The Cornish king.

3. In various uses, originally *fig.* from sense 1.

† **a.** Attractive quality, merit, value. *Obs.*

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 138 Salt bitocneð wisdom; vor salt ȝiueð mete wordnesse & wisdom ȝifð sauur. 13.. *K. Alis.* 2839 (Bodl. MS.) Tofore þe kyng com on harpoure And made a lay of gret sauoure. *c* 1320 *Cast. Love* 72 Þauh hit on Englisch be dim and derk, Ne nabbe no sauer hi-fore a clerk. 1483 CAXTON *Golden Leg.* 220 b, She had sothly the bame of good odour and sauoure in conuersacion.

† **b.** Character, style, sort. *Obs.*

1605 SHAKS. *Lear* I. iv. 258 This admiration Sir, is much o' th' savour Of other your new prankes. 1639 ROUSE *Heav. Univ.* x. (1702) 153 Let the excellent and unmatchable ointments of Christ Jesus give an excellent savour to your works.

c. Essential virtue or property: with allusion to Matt. v. 13 (and Luke xiv. 34). Also, power to excite relish, interest.

1650 I. WEEKES *Truth's Conf.* I. 11 This is to put a nonsense upon the place, and to destroy the savor that is in it. 1850 MARSDEN *Early Purit.* (1853) 334 Principles which are permitted to lie barren soon lose their savour. 1885 PATTISON *Mem.* 298 All the savour of life is departed.

d. A 'smack', tinge, or admixture.

1795 BURNS *'O ay my wife'* 5 Some sa'r o' comfort still at last, When a' my days are done, man. 1867 MACFARREN *Harmony* ii. 66 Practised by modern musicians when they wish to give an antique savour to any particular passage.

† **4.** Relish or taste for something; delight, satisfaction. *To catch* (*a*) *savour*: to acquire a taste or liking. *Obs.*

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 232 We ne iuindeð swetnesse in none þinge þet we wel doð, ne sauur of heorte. 13.. *Coer de L.* 3047 To mete hadde he no savour To wyn, ne watyr, ne no lycour. ?*c* 1400 LYDG. *Æsop's Fab.* Prol. a Wysdom is more of pris than gold in cofres To theym, that have savour in lettrure. *Ibid.* i. 65 Losengeours..Whiche have savour in slewth and sluggardy. *Ibid.* ii. 101 When a iorrour haþe caught sauour ones To be forsworn, custom makeþ hym strong. *c* 1412 HOCCLEVE *De Reg. Princ.* 393 Hast þou in me ony gretter sauour þan þat þou haddest first whan þou me sy. *c* 1430–40 *Abbey of Holy Ghost* in Horstm. *Hampole* I. 333 Plente of oyle, þat es for to hafe delyte and sauoyre in god. 1483 CAXTON *G. de la Tour* m iv, Good wynes, whereto the good heremyte tooke soo good a sauoure that he had..dranke soo moche, that he was dronke. 1555 WATREMAN *Fardle of Facions* II. iv. 140 When they had caughte a sauour in this holye dnye loytering,..thei made a longe holy daye also of the whole seuenth yere.

† **5.** Perception, understanding. *Obs.*

1387–8 T. USK *Test. Love* III. iv. (Skeat) 79 Of this have I yet no savour, without better declaration. 1548 UDALL, etc. *Erasm. Par. Matt.* iii. 1–6 Christ..of whome they had a certayne sauour and vnderstandyng. 1633 G. HERBERT *Temple, Dialogue* iii, But as I can see no merit, Leading to this favour: So the way to fit me for it, Is beyond my savour.

Savour, savor (sē·vəɹ), *v.* Forms: 3 savur(e, 4 savir, savyre, safer, 4–5 savere, 4–6 saver, savoure, 5 savre, savyr, 4– savor, savour: *Sc.* 4 sawer, 5 sawour, 6 sair-, sawr-, 8 sar, sa'r. [a. OF. *savourer, savorer* (mod.F. *savourer*) = Pr. *saborar,* Sp., Pg. *saborear,* It. † *savorare* (now in learned form *saporare*):–late L. *sapōrāre,* f. *sapōr-* SAVOUR *sb.*]

I. To have a savour.

† **1.** *intr.* Of food or drink: To taste (well or ill); chiefly, to have an agreeable taste. Often with *dative*; hence *trans.* to be agreeable to the taste of. *Obs.*

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 3647, I sal þam dight til his be-houe, A mete als he was wonto loue; It sal him sauur al to will,

Ete he sal þer-of his fill. 1362 Langl. *P. Pl.* A. vii. 249 Ete not, Ich hote þe til hunger þe take. And sende þe sum of his sauce to sauer þe þe betere. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Pars. T.* ¶ 48 For soothly, there is no thyng that sauoureth so wel to a child as the Milk of his Norice. 1432–50 tr. *Higden* (Rolls) VIII. 17 þer was noo licoure that savoured his mowthe or that he myȝhte discerne in that hit made his chekes colde. 1530 Palsgr. 698/2 This potage savoureth, whiche we use whan the meate is sodden to the pottes bottome. 1563 Hyll *Art Garden.* (1593) 129 In the fourth day, to sprinckle your seedes with water,..for by that meanes (saith he) they will sauour much better. 1634 G. Herbert tr. *Cornarus' Treat. Temperance* 8 That Proverb, wherewith Gluttons use to defend themselves, to wit, *That which savours, is good and nourisheth.* 1686 W. Harris tr. *Lemery's Course Chem.* 119 Water..that's heated or boil'd in a Copper vessel for a whole day together, savours not at all, or not so much, of the Copper.

† b. *fig.*

c 1450 tr. *De Imitatione* III. xxxix. 109 To whom þou sauorist, what shal not sauore him arist? and to whom þou sauorist not, what þinge may turne him to mirþe? [L. *cui tu sapis...Et cui tu non sapis.*] 1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 8 Syth the mater is all spirituall, it shall but lytell sauour or pleasé the taste of them that be carnall.

2. *intr.* To give forth a (specified) scent or odour; to smell *of* something. *arch.*

13.. *Cursor M.* 6368 (Gött.) þa wandis..euer þai held lijf and flour, Sauirand wid a suete sauur. 1303 R. Brunne *Handl. Synne* 1396 As a medue hyt was grene, .. And saueryd swete as spycerye. 13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* C. 275 þer in saym & in sorȝe þat sauoured as helle, þer was bylded his bour. *c* 1450 Myrc *Festial* 50 For þer nys no brent sence þat sauereth so swete yn manuys nase, as doþe a deuote oreson yn Goddys nase. 1500–20 Dunbar *Poems* xxxiv. 34 'Fy', quod the Feynd, 'Thow sairis of blek, Go clenge the clene and cum to me'. 1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 184 Was dulcet & swete to y^e^ mouth..& sauoured wele to the nose. 1549 Latimer *Ploughers* (Arb.) 18 As the saffrone bagge..doth euer after sauoure and smel of the swete saffron that it conteyned. 1601 Holland *Pliny* II. 111 Parthenium ..bringeth forth a white floure, sauouring like an apple, and having a bitter tast. 1870 W. Morris *Earthly Parad.* III. iv. 218 The spilt blood savoured horribly.

† b. Without qualifying word: To smell offensively, stink. *Obs.*

1536 *Primer Eng. & Lat.* 121 b, Whan he [*sc.* Lazarus] in the same foure dayes had lyen So that hys body beganne to sauoure. *a* 1591 H. Smith *Serm.* (1637) 348 Like the snuffe of a candle, which all men looked vpon even now when it shined, and now it so savours, that they tread it under foot.

3. *fig.* † a. To be agreeable or pleasing. Const. *to* or *dative. Obs.* b. With qualification: To be *well* or *ill* pleasing. *arch.*

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 25885 'Man', he sais, 'quin cuth þow fele Hu pine o þis lijf sauure wele'. 1362 Langl. *P. Pl.* A. ix. 102 But ȝit sauereþ me nat þi siggynge. 1450–1530 *Myrr. our Ladye* 4 That lyke it [the service] goyth dayle as throughe your mouthes so let yt synke & sauoure contynually In youre hartes. *a* 1609 Sir F. Vere *Comm.* (1657) 94 This advise could not savour to that young Nobleman. *a* 1660 *Contemp. Hist. Irel.* (Ir. Archæol. Soc.) I. 275 All the sermon of that daie..was of this and such other like stuffe, as not pleasinge or sauoringe unto Christian eares. 1668 Howe *Bless. Righteous* (1825) 78 Nothing savours with me; I take comfort in nothing. 1842 Tennyson *Vision of Sin* xxiv, What is loathsome to the young Savours well to thee and me.

4. a. *To savour of*: to show traces of the presence or influence of; to have some of the characteristics of; to have the appearance of proceeding from.

1548 Cranmer *Catech.* Ep. Ded., [We] sauer longest of that thynge that we fyrste receaue and taist of. 1577 Hanmer *Anc. Eccles. Hist.* 110 The phrase of that epistle sauoreth very muche of the Greeke tongue. 1612 Drayton *Poly-olb.* To Rdr. A 1, The Idle Humerous world must heare of nothing that..sauors of Antiquity. 1647 N. Bacon *Disc. Govt. Eng.* I. iii. 9 The matter of that Epistle savoureth of the purer times of the Church. 1700 Dryden *Fables* Pref. ^*^A 2, I have written nothing which savours of Immorality or Profaneness. 1722 Ramsay *Three Bonnets* I. 120 Your courtship sars sae rankly O' selfish interest. 1749 Fielding *Tom Jones* I. x, Such solicitations from superiors too often savour strongly of commands. 1790 Burke *Fr. Rev.* 234 But the institutions savour of superstition in their very principle. 1870 J. H. Newman *Gram. Assent* II. viii. 332 Cromwell, whose actions savoured of the boldest logic, was a confused speaker. 1894 H. Drummond *Ascent of Man* 47 A spectacular act..savours of the magician.

b. *trans.* in the same sense.

1574 Whitgift *Def. Answ.* ii. 109 For it neyther savoureth the spirite of God, neither yet any modest and good nature, but [etc.]. *a* 1634 Randolph *Muses Looking-gl.* III. iii. (1638) 53 Would thou wert worth the killing. *Colax.* A good wish, Savouring as well discretion, as bold valour. 1667 Milton *P. L.* x. 1043 Wilful barrenness, That..savours onely Rancor and pride. 1906 *Athenæum* 23 June 758/2 'Ooe ail for thee and me', instead of 'wail'; 'went by her like their flames', instead of 'thin flames'—these savour the printer.

II. To give a savour to.

† **5.** *trans.* To flavour with salt or spice. *Obs.*

13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* B. 825 þenne ho sauerez with salt her seuez vchone. 1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) IV. 243 Flesche i-savered i-not by what vertu of herbes. *c* 1400 *Lanfranc's Cirurg.* 75 Kyddes & lambres, & kalffes isaveryde with agresta. *c* 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* xii. 494 Yf hit be not sauered worth a flie, Olyues grene ygrounde in hit let stie. 1508 Dunbar *Flyting* 192 Powderit with prymross, sawrand all with clowiss. 1693 Lyde *Retaking 'Friend's Adventure'* 9 Beef without any Salt to savour it.

† **6.** To impart a taste or flavour to. *Obs. rare*—[1].

1303 R. Brunne *Handl. Synne* 9986 Parfore hys wysdom, hys owne rede, Sauerþ hyt [Christ's flesh] yn wyne and brede.

7. To season, flavour; to give tone or character to.

1579 Lyly *Euphues* (Arb.) 44 These old huddles, hauing ouercharged their gorges with fancie, accompt al honest recreation meere folly, and hauing taken a surfet of delight, seeme now to sauour it with despight. 1889 J. Jacobs *Æsop's Fables* I. 196 He..has left out..that pinch of humour that has savoured the fabulist.

8. To impart a savour or scent to.

1832 Ht. Martineau *Ireland* ii. 28 On many a petition, savoured with a scent of potheen, did he turn his back.

III. To perceive a savour.

9. *trans.* To taste, to perceive by the sense of taste. In mod. use, to taste with relish, to dwell on the taste of; also *fig.*, to give oneself to the enjoyment or appreciation of.

c 1430 *Pilgr. Lyf Manhode* II. cxxix. (1869) 125 And j shulde neuere be at ese if j sauowrede swete thing. *c* 1440 *Gesta Rom.* lvi. 373 (Add. MS.) When he sauours the soure harke with oute for bitternesse he leuyth the swete kyrnelle with in. 1865 *Pall Mall G.* 17 June 11/1 We savour at our leisure the delicate satire which we were too excited to appreciate duly. 1869 Browning *Ring & Bk.* XI. 1762 Deal each judge His dole of flattery and feigning,—why, He turns and tries and snuffs and savours it As an old fly the sugar-grain. 1883 'Holme Lee' *Loving & Serving* I. iii. 42 He moved hither and thither about his silent house,.. savouring his strange pain. 1889 Max O'Rell *Jacques Bonhomme* 70 Savoring in advance the long list of dainties for the day.

† b. To relish, enjoy (flavours). Also *absol. Obs.*

1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) VIII. 17 He wolde seie þat he savered water, for hit kelede his mouþ and his jowes. 1426 Lydg. *De Guil. Pilgr.* 16990 For tyl I hadde gone to Scole with Trybulacion, I savoured fful lytil in the soote mylk of grace. 1566 *Pasquine in Traunce* 65 If a man giue them any deintier meate, they can not sauour it, and suche as they sauoure not, they vtterly dispise.

10. To be conscious, or sensible of (an odonr). † Also *absol. Obs.* or *arch.*

1382 Wyclif *Ecclus.* xxx. 19 What shal profiten sacrifice to the maumet? and forsothe he shal not eten, ne sauouren [Vulg. *nec odorabit*]. *c* 1450 Mvnc *Festial* 191 And þerwyth he felde þe swetyst smell þat euer he saverde. *a* 1542 Wyatt *That the Season of Enjoyment* 23 What vaileth the flower To stand still and wither; If no man it savour It serves only for sight. 1605 Shaks. *Lear* IV. ii. 39 (1st Qo.) Filths sauor but themselues. 1864 *Daily Tel.* 8 Sept., You have the moor pretty much to yourself, can savour all its wild perfume, and listen to all its cries.

11. To relish, like, care for. *Obs.* or *arch.*

So *thou savourest* in all versions of Matt. xvi. 23 from Wyclif 1380 to 1611; Vulg. *sapis*, Gr. *φρονεῖς*, Revised Version 1881 *thou mindest.*

c 1340 Hampole *Prose Tr.* 1, I sauyre noghte joye that with Jhesu es noghte mengede. *c* 1390 Chaucer *Truth* 5 Savour no more than thee bihove shal. 1451 Capgrave *Life St. Aug.* 1 To þese both þe holy apostell saide he was dettour, to paye ech of hem aftir þat he sauoured. 1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 148 b, Some blynded with sensualite & carnall pleasure, sauouryng nothynge but y^t^ onely that is delectable to y^e^ body. 1584 Lodge *Alarum* (Shaks. Soc.) 77 Those that are earthly minded savor not the things that are of God. 1599 B. Jonson *Cynthia's Rev.* III. iv, Saiours himselfe alone, is onely kind And louing to himselfe. 1633 Ford *Broken H.* I. i, Beauteous Penthea wedded to this torture By an insulting brother,..he savours not humanity, Whose sorrow melts not into more than pity, In hearing but her name. 1678 Bunyan *Pilgr.* I. (1900) 23 He [Worldly Wiseman] savoureth only the doctrine of this world. 1693 Norris *Pract. Disc.* (1698) IV. 223 Those false Relishes and depraved Tastes of the Soul which dispose it to Mind and Savour the Earth, and Earthly things. 1868 E. Edwards *Ralegh* I. xviii. 376 To give prominence to such rumours as they know will be savoured at their own Court.

† **12.** To perceive, apprehend; to discover traces of. Also, to experience. *Obs.*

a 1340 Hampole *Psalter* xciii. 8 The vnwis, withouten kunynge, & fulis, withouten puruyaunce of the tother warld, that ere in noumbire of cristen men, vndirstandis and sauyrs this. *c* 1440 *Gesta Rom.* (Add. MS.) 110 But wolde god, that wrechid man.., sauered and vndirstode, and ordeyned for his laste Ende! 1509 Barclay *Shyp of Folys* (1874) I. 248 Such seldom savour fortune's happiness. 1567 *Gude & Godlie B.* (S. T. S.) 146 That we, in hartis, may sauour Thy mercy and thy fauour. 1602 Warner *Alb. Eng.* XIII. lxxvii. (1612) 317 By now, perhaps, thow sauorests [*sic*] some Godhead. 1659 Heylin *Certamen Epist.* 8 In your writings I savour a spirit so very distant from my disposition, that I have small hopes that my words will escape your displeasure.

† b. *To savour out*: to scent out, get wind of. *Obs.*

1714 Ramsay *Elegy John Cowper* 1, There's none..Could sa'r sculdudry out like John.

† c. *intr.* To have a suspicion *of. Obs. rare*—[1].

1594 Marlowe & Nashe *Dido* III. ii, Sister, I see you sauour of my wiles.

Savour, obs. form of Saviour.

† **Sa·vourable,** *a. Obs. rare*—[1]. [a. OF. *savourable*, f. *savourer* to Savour.] Pleasing to the taste.

1502 Atkynson tr. *De Imitatione* III. vi. 200 Loue..that maketh..bitter thynges swete & sauorable.

Savoured (sē·vəd), *ppl. a.* [f. Savour *sb.* + -ed.] Having savour, with defining adv.

1590 Spenser *F. Q.* II. vii. 51 Hearbs and fruits..Not.. sweet and well savored, But direfull deadly black. 1609 *Shaks. Tr. & Cr.* Ep. ¶ 2 (1st Qo.), So much and such savoured salt of witte is in his Commedies, that they seeme.. to be borne in that sea that brought forth Venus.

Savourer (sē·vərəɹ). [f. Savour *v.* + -er [1].] One who savours (in various senses).

1655 Fuller *Ch. Hist.* IV. ii. § 61. 172 She was..a great Savourer and Favourer of Wickliffe his Opinions. 1898 Money-Coutts *Rev. St. Love* 3 Be all the blight of God's immediate ban on savourers of poison at the feast of Love.

Savourie, obs. form of Savory and Savoury.

Savourily (sē·vərĭli), *adv.* Also **savorily.** [f. Savoury *a.* + -ly [2].]

1. In a savoury manner, with a pleasing smell or taste, appetizingly. Also, † with relish or appetite.

1398 Trevisa *Barth. De P. R.* XVIII. ix. (Bodl. MS.), A serpent..eteþ more sauoryly [*ed.* 1495 sauvurly] þanne þaie dede bifore þe chaunginge of þe skynne. 1617 Monvson *Itin.* III. II. iii. 81 Apples or peares first dried, then prepared with cinamon and butter very sauourily. 1670 Narborough *Jrnl.* in *Acc. Sev. Late Voy.* (1711) 49, I can eat Foxes and Kites as savourily as if it were Mutton. 1790 Blake in Gilchrist *Life* (1863) I. 86 Here and there I saw one savourily picking the flesh off of his own tail. 1823 Lamb *Elia* Ser. II. *Old China*, We would eat our plain food savorily. 1841 *Fraser's Mag.* XXIII. 679 Two small pullets were brought in,..smelling most savourily. 1886 R. F. Burton *Arab. Nts.* (abr. ed.) III. 103 Roasted meat, With basting oil so savourily replete!

† **2.** *fig.* Heartily, pleasurably; appreciatively. Also, in religious use (cf. Savoury *a.* 2 b).

1643 Milton *Divorce* II. iii. (1644) 38 Yet that he commanded the allowance of adulterous and injurious divorses for hardnes of heart,..they can very savourily perswade themselves. 1662 J. Chandler *Van Helmont's Oriat.* 12 Which being seen, and savourily known, I admired my former ignorances. 1676 O. Heywood *Diaries*, etc. (1883) III. 147 A blind man prayed pertinently and savourily.

Savouriness (sē·vərinės). [f. Savoury *a.* + -ness.] The quality of being savoury, in various senses of the adj.

1398 Trevisa *Barth. De P. R.* XIII. i. (1495) 438 The.. lyghtenesse and saneryesse therof [*sc.* of reyne water] shewyth the subtylnesse of her substaunce. 1576 Gascoigne *Steele Gl.* (Arb.) 72 These be my priests, the seasning of the earth Which wil not leese their Savrinesse, I trowe. 1599 Minsheu *Span. Gram.* 82 It is great sauorines to dine or eate, and not to paie any shot. 1681 H. More *Exp. Dan.* Pref. 53 This was the tenour of the Testimony..which they witnessed with great savouriness and assurance. 1792 A. Young *Trav. France* I. 277 All sorts of vegetables have a savouriness and flavour, from rich sances, that are absolutely wanted to our greens boiled in water. 1801 *Sketch of Paris* I. xxxviii. 455 The savouriness of their cooking. 1859 Geo. Eliot *Adam Bede* I. v, His mental palate..found a savouriness in a quotation from Sophocles or Theocritus that was quite absent from your text in Isaiah or Amos.

Savouring (sē·vəriŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. Savour *v.* + -ing [1].]

1. The action of the vb. Savour, in various senses.

c 1386 Chaucer *Pars. T.* ¶ 885 Thy fiue wittes, that been sighte, herynge, smellyng, tastynge or sauourynge, and feelynge. *c* 1430 *Pilgr. Lyf Manhode* I. lxxii. (1869) 42 Ne that shulde not meeue thee that at the taast, and at the sighte, at the smellinge, and at the sauouringe, hred and wyn it may seeme thee. *a* 1450 *Knt. de la Tour* (1868) 59 Touchinge, and cussinge and saweringe made of sals delite that Eue dede to ete the apille. 1574 tr. *Life* 70 *Archb. Canterb.* C v b, If they had been closed in lead, and well spiced,.. they might haue been kepte from sauoringe yet a while.

† **2.** *concr.* A perfume. *Obs.*

1382 Wyclif *Rev.* v. 8 Golden fioles ful of saueringis, whiche ben the preyers of seyntis.

† **3.** Something that gives a faint notion. *Obs.*

1513 Douglas *Æneis* I. Prol. 44 ȝit with your leif, Virgill ..I wald..Write sum savoring of thi Eneados.

Sa·vouring, *ppl. a.* [f. Savour *v.* + -ing [2].]

1. Having a (defined) smell or taste.

1578 Lyte *Dodoens* I. i. 2 The highe Almaignes do call it ..sweete smelling, or sauering Southrenwood. 1596 Dalrymple tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* I. 44 Sueit sairing flouris. 1612 Woodall *Surg. Mate* Wks. (1653) 39 Cynamon water ..helpeth a bad or evil savouring breath.

2. Pleasing, relishing.

1598 Daniel *Civ. Wars* I. xciv, He who had no thought so hie to clime (With savouring comfort still allur'd along).

3. Imparting savour or relish.

1886 *Athenæum* 17 Apr. 517/2 The lotos there has its sweets sharpened with a savouring bitterness.

Savouringly (sē·vəriŋli), *adv.* [f. prec. + -ly [2].] In a relishing manner.

1647 Trapp *Comm. Jas.* iv. 9 And mourn savouringly and soakingly, with a deep and down right sorrow. 1848 *Fraser's Mag.* XXXVIII. 311 You would..have done just what I did,—smilingly, gently, savouringly, peel, slice, and eat, three raw turnips.

Savourless (sē·vəlės), *a.* Also 6 **saverles,** *Sc.* **sairles,** 7, 9 **savorless,** 9 *Sc.* **sareless, saurless.** [f. Savour *sb.* + -less.] Destitute of savour; tasteless or odourless; of immaterial things, void of interest or efficacy, insipid.

1398 Trevisa *Barth. De P. R.* III. xx. (1495) 67 The tongue is sauourles that he maye the better take all maner sauour of thynges. 1552 Huloet, Sauourles or wythoute sauoure, *inodorus.* 1627 Donne *Serm.* xxii. (1640) I. 223 In my grave..I..shall be all insipid, tastlesse, savourlesse dust. 1633 Bp. Hall *Occas. Medit.* § 128. 319 The rose-tree hath a sweet flowre, but a savour-lesse root. 1657 Trapp *Comm. Ps.* xxxiv. 8 All flesh is savourles to him that hath tasted of the Spirit. 1886 Bruce *Mirac. Elem. Gosp.* ii. 74 Cast out as savourless salt. 1907 *Outlook* 12 Oct. 451/2 Most of his jests when repeated seem almost savourless.

Hence **Sa·vourlessness.**

1841 H. F. Chorley *Music & Manners* III. 179 The intrinsic savourlessness of the Mass which it [the orchestra] was performing, a *fade* composition by Morlacchi.

† **Sa·vourly,** *a. Obs.* Also 4 **ssaverly.** [f. Savour *sb.* + -ly [1].] = Savoury *a.*

13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* A. 226, I hope no tong moȝt endure No sauerly saghe ssay of þat syȝt. 1583 Golding *Calvin on Deut.* lxiii. 383/2 Manna..was a good & sauorly nourishment. 1608 Willet *Hexapla Exod.* 669 The burning of flesh of it selfe is not so pleasant and sauourly.

† **Sa·vourly**, *adv.* *Obs.* Forms: 4–6 **saverly**, 5 **saverely**, 6 **savor-**, **saverlie**, 6–7 **savourely**, **savorly**, 5–7 **savourly**. [f. SAVOUR *sb.* + -LY 2.]

1. With enjoyment; with relish; pleasantly; agreeably; keenly.

13.. *Gaw. & Gr. Knt.* 1937 Þen acoles he (þe) knyȝt, & kysses hym þryes, As sauerly & sadly as he hem sette coupe. *c* 1440 *York Myst.* xxix. 80 Wherfore we counsaile you This cuppe sauerly for to kisse. 1495 [see SAVOURILY 1, quot. 1398]. 1560 PILKINGTON *Expos. Aggeus* H ij, The labouryng man..feedes sauerly on brown bread, thin drynke, and a poore supper. 1637 *Brief Relat. Passages Star Chamber* 25 A Bee came and pitched on the Nosegay, and began to suck the flowers very savourly. 1683 TRYON *Way to Health* 350 The Cannibals feed on Humane Flesh, and will most savourly gnaw a Shoulder of Man. 1690 DRYDEN *Amphitryon* I. i, He..snuffs up Incense so savourly, when 'tis offer'd him by a fair Hand.

b. Of weeping: Passionately, bitterly.

1662 H. MORE *Antid. Ath.* III. iv. § 4 Other sometimes bearing the Image of Christ in her arms, weeping savourly. 1722 DE FOE *Col. Jack* ii, Then I fell a-crying as savourly as I did before, when I thought I had lost it.

2. With understanding; with appreciation; wisely; effectively.

c 1450 tr. *De Imitatione* I. i. 2 For who euere wol understonde þe wordes of crist pleinly and sauerely, he must studie to conforme all his lif to his lyf. 1529 MORE *Supplic. Soulys* Wks. 301/1 But than he speaketh so sauorlie hereof, that it well appereth of hys wyse wordes he neyther canneth anye skill therof, nor neuer came in the house. 1619 FOTHERBY *Atheom.* II. vi. § 1 (1622) 246 Which folly that wise King derided very sauorly. 1663 BUNYAN *Chr. Behav.* Wks. 1692 I. 595/2 For Christians to commune savourly of God's Matters one with another, it is as if they opened to each others Nostrils Boxes of Perfume. 1664 H. MORE *Myst. Iniq.* vi. 119 Which life I conceive S. Paul describes very savourly, when he saith, That the Kingdom of Heaven is.. righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

Savoury (sē·vəri), *a.* and *sb.* Forms: *α.* 3 **savure**, *compar.* **savurure**; *β.* 4–5 **savery**, **savori**, 4–6 **saverey**, 5 **saveray**, **sauvury**, 6 **savrie**, **savourye**, *Sc.* **sau'rie**, 6–7 **savourie**, **savorie**, 7 **saverie**, 4–9 **savory**, 6– **savoury**; *γ.* *contracted* 5 **sarry**. [Early ME. *savure*, app. a. OF. *savouré* sapid, fragrant, pa. pple. of *savourer*: see SAVOUR *v.* In the 14th *c.* the ending was associated with the native *-y*, so that the adj. was apprehended as f. SAVOUR *sb.* + -Y.] **A.** *adj.*

1. Pleasing to the taste; appetizing; agreeable.

1382 WYCLIF *Mark* ix. 48 Forsoth euery man schal be saltid, or maad sauori, with fier. 1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) I. 365 At Glyndalkan aboute þe oratorie of Seint Keynewyn wilewys hereþ apples as it were appel treen, and beeþ more holsom þan sauory. 1393 LANGL. *P. Pl.* C. XIX. 65 Tho þat sitten in þe sonne-syde sonner aren rype, Swet-tour and saueriour. *c* 1400 MAUNDEV. (Roxb.) XXX. 136 þai er riȝt sauoury in þe mouth. 1584 COGAN *Haven Health* cxcii. (1636) 172 Cookery..may make that savoury, which of it selfe is unsavoury. 1611 BIBLE *Gen.* xxvii. 31 And hee also had made sauoury meate, and brought it vnto his father. 1725 POPE *Odyss.* IV. 300 All..with keen gust the sav'ry viands share. 1837 M. DONOVAN *Dom. Econ.* II. 35 The natives of some part of Australia eat a kind of caterpillar..of which they compose a dish to them highly savoury. 1865 KINGSLEY *Herew.* v, Savoury was the smell of fried pilchard and hake; more savoury that of roast porpoise.

b. Gratifying to the sense of smell; fragrant.

Now rare exc. in negative context: cf. *unsavoury*.

1560 DAUS tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* 209 b, They..perfume the house with the graines of Juniper, and other savoury thinges [L. *aliisque rebus odoratis*]. 1859 DICKENS *T. Two Cities* II. i, Cruncher's apartments were not in a savoury neighbourhood. 1871 R. ELLIS *Catullus* xiii. 11 Perfume savonry.

2. *fig.* a. Pleasant; acceptable.

a 1225 *Leg. Kath.* 1527 Mi swete lif, se swoteliche he smecheð me & smealleð þat al me þuncheð sauure & softe þat he sent me. *c* 1230 *Hali Meid.* 39 Ah schal ifinden him ai swettere & sauurure. *c* 1374 CHAUCER *Troylus* I. 405 If it be wikke, a wonder thinketh me, Whenne every torment and adversitee That cometh of him, may to me savory thinke. 1545 *King's Primer, Graces* "iv, O Lord Jesu Christ without whom nothing is swete nor sauery,..blesse vs & our supper. 1602 SHAKS. *Ham.* II. ii. 463 One said there was no Sallets in the lines, to make the matter sauoury. *a* 1677 BARROW *Serm.* Wks. (1716) III. 57 The sense of having lived well..is a far more solid and savoury pleasure than the most ample revenue can afford. 1875 RUSKIN *Fors Clav.* xlix. 11 The delicious parable, savouriest of all Scripture to rogues. 1885 R. L. & F. STEVENSON *Dynamiter* 100 Something taking in the way of colour, a good, savoury choice of words.

† b. In religious phraseology. (*a*) Full of spiritual 'savour'; spiritually delightful or edifying. (*b*) Having the savour of holiness; of saintly repute or memory. *Obs.*

(*a*) *c* 1449 PECOCK *Repr.* I. xvi. 89 The maner of outring which is sauory in a sermonyng. 1450–1530 *Myrr. our Ladye* 49 An other [wyse] is to take hede to the letter only, after the lytterall understondynge. And thys ys sometyme sauory, sometyme bareyne, after that the letter ys. 1563 FOXE *A. & M.* 1354/2 Many such like answers and reasons, mery, but sauery..proceaded from that man. 1626 BP. HALL *Contempl. O. T.* XXI. i. 336 A forced discontinuance, makes deuotion more sauoury, more sweet to religious hearts. *a* 1720 SEWEL *Hist. Quakers* (1795) I. III. 230 Practised by the savouriest of people called Quakers. 1726 PENN in *Life* Wks. (1782) I. 98 Leaving the Man in a sensible and savoury Frame. 1855 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* xiii. III. 295 His letters and speeches are, to use his own phraseology, exceeding savoury...He had a text of the Old Testament ready for every occasion.

(*b*) 1642 D. ROGERS *Naaman* Ep. Ded. 4 Hath made your name sweet and savoury in the Church of God. 1731 WODROW *Corr.* (1843) III. 487 You need not be told what a great loss this Church will be at by this good and worthy gentleman's death, whose name will be for ever savoury in this Church.

3. Used, in contradistinction to *sweet*, as the epithet of articles of food having a stimulating taste or flavour.

1661 RABISHA *Cookery Dissected* 157 If you would have it baked savoury, season it with Pepper, Salt, Cloves [etc.]. 1769 MRS. RAFFALD *Eng. Housekpr.* (1778) 283 Pigeons in Savory Jelly. 1806 A. HUNTER *Culina* (ed. 3) 278 Omelette, a Savoury one.

B. *sb.* A savoury dish (see A. 3); *spec.* a cooked dish, flavoured with appetizing ingredients, served at the beginning or end of dinner as a stimulant to appetite and digestion.

1661 RABISHA *Cookery Dissected* 138 Another way for a savory. 1844 TUPPER *Heart* xvii. 168 The board was overloaded with solid sweets and savouries. 1896 ANTHONY HOPE *Phroso* i, 'Why, how early you two have dined!' cried Beatrice. 'You're at the savoury, aren't you? We've only just come.'

Savoury, Savowr(e: see SAVORY, SAVOUR.

Savoy (săvoi·). Also 6 **Savoie, Savoye**. [a. F. *Savoie*, the name of a region of S. E. France, south of the Lake of Geneva.]

1. In full, *Savoy cabbage* (†*cole*, †*colewort*, †*kail*, *sprouts*). A rough-leaved hardy variety of the common cabbage, much grown for winter use.

1578 LYTE *Dodoens* IV. vi. 552 Sauoye Colewurtes. 1597 GERARDE *Herball* II. XXXVI. 247 Sauoie Cole is also numbred among the headed Coleworts or Cabbages. 1657 W. COLES *Adam in Eden* IXXXVI, The Savoy Cole and the Cole-flory ..must be sowed in April. 1689 in *Thanes of Cawdor* (Spald. Club) 353, 1 vnce Savoy kaell. 1699 EVELYN *Acetaria* § 11 The Broccoli from Naples..are very delicate, as are the Savoys. 1707 MORTIMER *Husb.* (1721) II. 132 The Savoy Cabbage, which is one of the best sort and very hardy. 1747 MRS. GLASSE *Cookery* 58 Savoys Forced and Stewed. 1764 ELIZA MOXON *Eng. Housew.* (ed. 9) 132 To boil Savoy Sprouts. 1855 DELAMER *Kitch. Gard.* (1861) 57 There is a vulgar idea..that Savoy cabbages are improved by exposure to frost. 1856 GLENNY *Gard. Every-d. Bk.* 17/1 Frosts, that will kill all other greens, will leave Savoy Sprouts.. untouched. 1881 *Encycl. Brit.* XII. 287/2 The savoys come into use in autumn, and continue until the spring.

2. In full, *Savoy biscuit*. A kind of sponge-biscuit, made of finger-shaped pieces of paste covered with sifted sugar which when baked are joined together in pairs; so also *Savoy drop, ring*. Similarly *Savoy cake*, a large sponge cake baked in a mould; also called a *Savoy mould*. **Savoy bag**, a bag with a narrow orifice through which the paste for making the biscuits is laid out.

1764 ELIZA MOXON *Eng. Housw.* (ed. 9) Suppl. 10 Slips of bread cut long like Savoy biskets. 1822 *Cook's Oracle* (ed. 4) 494 Savoy Cake, or Sponge Cake in a Mould. 1854 G. READ *Compl. Biscuit & Gingerbr. Baker's Assist.* (ed. 2) 76 Savoy Cakes...Almond Savoy Cakes. *Ibid.* 77 Savoy Biscuits and Drops. 1862 FRANCATELLI *Eng. & Foreign Confectioner* 96 These Savoy biscuits should present a smooth surface, and be of a light fawn colour. 1866 *Massey's Biscuit Bk.* 3 Savoy Drops...Savoy Rings. 1889 R. WELLS *Bread & Biscuit Baker* 47 The Savoy Biscuits must be laid out from a savoy bag on 'cap' paper one half round and one half long. The French Savoys must be laid out oval, and when baked two are to be put together. 1892 *Encycl. Pract. Cookery* (ed. Garrett) I. 138/2 A Biscuit-bag, sometimes called a 'savvy-bag' being used very much to prepare Savoy Biscuits.

† **Savoy·an**, *a.* and *sb.* *Obs.* = SAVOYARD.

1601 E. A. *True Disc. Queen's Voy.* title-p., Herevnto is annexed, the first Sauoyan; wherein is set forth the right of the conquest of Sauoy by the French, and the importance of holding it. 1607 TOPSELL *Four-f. Beasts* 46 They are vsed by the Lotharingians and Sauoyens for meat. 1611 COTGR., *Rave de Savoye*, the Sauoyan Rape, the greatest kind of Turnep. 1653 A. WILSON *Jas. I* 94 The Savoyan Agents bringing more Gold in their hands than on their backs.

Savoyard (săvoi·ard), *sb.* and *a.* [a. F. *savoyard* (fem. *-arde*), f. *Savoie*: see SAVOY and -ARD.]

A. *sb.*

1. A native or inhabitant of Savoy.

Well known in other countries as musicians itinerating with hurdy-gurdy and monkey.

1756–7 tr. *Keysler's Trav.* (1760) I. 271 The steward of the houshold is the marquis de Coudray,..a Savoyard. 1770 [see HURDY-GURDY 1]. 1839 *Penny Cycl.* XV. 517/1 They [*sc.* marmots] are taken by the Savoyards and others principally that they may be exhibited by those itinerants. 1906 W. WALKER *Calvin* vii. 166 The Savoyards pressed Geneva and made travel unsafe on the roads.

2. An inhabitant of the precinct of the Savoy Palace in London, which formerly possessed the right of sanctuary.

a 1700 B. E. *Dict. Cant. Crew, Rum-dukes*, the boldest Fellows amongst the Alsatians, Minters, Savoyards, &c. 1855 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* xxii. IV. 775 At length, in 1697, a bill for abolishing the franchises of these places..received the royal assent. The Alsatians and Savoyards were furious.

B. *adj.* Belonging to Savoy.

1820 RANKEN *Hist. France* VII. i. VII. 238 The Savoyard army. 1841 JAMES *Brigand* ii, Why baron, who would have thought to meet you thus in a Savoyard inn?

Savoyre, savre, obs. forms of SAVOUR.

Savrie, Savry, Savte, Savur, obs. ff. SAVOURY, SAVORY, SAFETY, SAVOUR.

Savvey, savvy, variant forms of SAVEY.

Savyour, savyr(e, obs. forms of SAVOUR.

Savyte, obs. form of SAFETY.

Saw (sǫ), *sb.*[1] Forms: 1 **sagu, saga**, 4 **sagh**, 4–7 **sawe**, 5 **sae, saghe, saȝe**, 5– **saw**. [OE. **sagu* str. fem., in oblique cases *sage* (also *saga* wk. masc.) = OHG. *saga*, MLG., MDu. *sage* (Du. *zaag*), ON. *sǫg* (Sw. *såg*, Da. *sav*, † *saug*): —OTeut. **sagā* str. fem.; the ablant-var. **segā* appears in OHG. *sega* (MHG. *sege*, mod.G. *säge*); cogn. w. OE. *seax* (: —**sahso-*) knife, SAX, f. pre-Teut. root **sok-*: **sek-* to cut; cf. L. *secāre* to cut.]

1. A cutting tool consisting of a plate (or, in some forms, a band or a tube) of metal (usually steel), one edge of which is formed into a continuous series of teeth. (Some saws for cutting stone are without teeth.) In the original form of the tool, represented by the HAND-SAW, and in some varieties of more modern invention, e.g. the pit-saw (see PIT *sb.*[1] 14), the saw is moved backwards and forwards, each movement in one direction deepening the groove or 'kerf' made in the wood or other material to be cut. In other varieties, as the circular saw and the band-saw, a continuous movement in one direction is substituted for the reciprocating movement.

Ordinarily *saw* means the complete instrument including the handle, frame, or the like, necessary to fit it for use; but sometimes the word is applied to the 'saw-plate' or 'saw-blade' alone.

Also with defining words, indicating special varieties of form, structure, mode of operation, or purpose, as in *band saw, circular saw, compass saw, drag saw, endless saw, frame saw, fret saw, gate saw, hand saw, ice saw, joint saw, keyhole saw, lock saw, meat saw, mill saw, panel saw, pit saw, rabbet saw, rip saw, sash saw, tenon saw, web saw*. These terms, so far as they have been thought to require notice in this Dictionary, are treated either under their first element or as main words. A considerable number of kinds of saws used for surgical purposes are distinguished by the names of their inventors, as *Butcher's, Ferguson's, Gowan's, Hey's, Liston's saw*.

c 1000 ÆLFRIC *Gloss.* in Wr.-Wülcker 106/22 *Serrula*, saȝa, *uel* suide. *a* 1100 *Gereſa* in *Anglia* IX. 263/1 He sceal.. hahban..æcse, adsan, saȝe. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 27376 Away to sagh þam ilk crote, wit þe sagh o peðance treu þat þe frut spring efter neu. *c* 1340 *Nominale* (Skeat) 525 File sawe and spindelle. 1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) II. 383 Þis Perdix..took a plate of iren, and fyled it, and made it i-toþed as a rugge boon of a fische, and þanne it was a sawe. *a* 1400–50 *Alexander* 4096 A burly best with a bake as bedell as a saȝe. 1432–50 tr. *Higden* (Rolls) II. 75 After that Vsay was kytte with a sae of tree. 1533 *Ld. Treas. Acc. Scotl.* VI. 155 Ane saw send to the werkmen in Lochaber to cut the tymmer for the artailzerie. 1681 GREW *Musæum* IV. § i. 360 A Box of Anatomick Instruments; sc. Saws, Steel and Ivory Knives [etc.]. 1784 COWPER *Task* v. 145 No sound of hammer or of saw was there. 1816 J. SMITH *Panorama Sci. & Art* I. 16 Saws for cutting metals, are made very narrow,..and stretched by a screw at one end. 1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 343/2 The principal modern use of the saw is to divide wood.

transf. and *fig.* 1593 SHAKS. *Lucr.* 1672 Euen so his sighes, his sorrowes make a saw, To push griefe on, and back the same grief draw. 1621 BURTON *Anat. Mel.* I. ii. III. viii. 138 Faction, hatred, livor, emulation, which..are, *serræ animæ*, the sawes of the soule. 1871 KINGSLEY *At Last* iv, You..see aloft the saw of the mountain ridges against the black-blue sky.

† b. In obsolete phrases. *To draw the saw* (*of contention* or *controversy*): to keep up a fruitless dispute. *To be under the saw of contention*: (of a question) to be the subject of profitless dispute. *To hand the saw*: to take turns, change parts, *with* another in some work or function. *To hold* (a person) *at the long saw*: to keep in suspense.

1654 JER. TAYLOR *Real Pres.* A 1, The Question of Transubstantiation, which hath already so many times passed by the Fire and under the Saw of Contention. 1659 BP. WALTON *Consid. Considered* 305 Yet if he think fit to draw this saw of contention further,..I [etc.]. 1674 N. FAIRFAX *Bulk & Selv.* 101 Now because ghost cannot hand the saw thus with body..Thence 'tis [etc.]. 1688 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 2329/3 It would be of little avail to draw the Saw any longer of Answers and Retorts. 1710 PRIDEAUX *Orig. Tithes* Pref. 12 Neither will I draw the saw of contention with any one in answering any of the Cavils. *a* 1733 NORTH *Life Ld. Kpr.* (1742) 79 So, between the one and the other, he was held at the Long Saw above a Month. 1768 WESLEY *Wks.* (1872) XIV. 343 Having neither leisure nor inclination to draw the saw of controversy.

2. *Zool.* A part or organ with teeth like those of a saw. Also Comb. *saw-bearing* adj.

1664 HUBERT *Catal. Rarities* (1665) 32 A very great Saw, or weapon of a Saw-fish, with the which he torments the Whale. 1747 GOULD *Eng. Ants* 4 The double Saw is a hard bony Substance. *Ibid.*, They [*sc.* Ants] have four or five Teeth in a Saw. 1754 FIELDING *Voy. Lisbon* Wks. 1882 VII. 64 The sting or saw of a wasp. 1854 A. ADAMS, etc. *Man. Nat. Hist.* 222 Saw-bearing Hymenoptera (*Securifera*). 1866 *Chamb. Encycl.* VIII. 508/2 Whales are said to be sometimes killed by sawfishes, and the saw has been sometimes driven into the hull of a ship. 1871 T. R. JONES *Anim. Kingd.* (ed. 4) 360 The saws of the various species of Tenthredo are as diversified as the habits of the insects to which they belong. 1885 G. S. FORBES *Wild Life Canara* 51 A great saw-fish, which measured about twenty-one feet from the end of the saw to the tail.

3. [Properly a distinct word, f. SAW *v.*] a. A sawing movement. (In recent Dicts.). b. *Whist.* = SEE-SAW.

1746 Hoyle *Whist* (ed. 6) 36 You gain the Advantage of establishing of a Saw. 1755 *Connoisseur* No. 60 P 4 (1761) II. 195, A forces B, who, by leading Spades, plays into A's Hand, who returns a Club, and so they get a Saw between them. *c* 1890 *Up to Date Games of Cards* 37 Saw, is when each partner trumps a different suit, and they play those suits to each other for that purpose.

4. Short for SAWFISH. *rare.*

1888 G. H. Kingsley *Sport & Travel* vi. (1900) 180 Across the mouth of the bay cruised a pair of saws, some ten or twelve feet long.

5. *attrib.* and *Comb.*· **a.** simple attrib., as *saw-blade, -carriage, machine, -mandrel, -mark*; **b.** objective, as *saw-filer, -filing, -grinder, -maker, -piercer, -setter, -setting*; **c.** similalive, as *saw-beaked, -leaved, -like, -shaped, -toothed, -topped* adjs.

1869–73 T. R. Jones *Cassell's Bk. Birds* III. 95 The *Saw-beaked Alcyons (*Syma*). 1831 J. Holland *Manuf. Metal* I. 275 Of the elastic steel, a *saw-blade may be considered an example. 1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 345/1 Here they are rolled upon skids leading to the *saw-carriage. 1890 W. J. Gordon *Foundry* 200 Where the saw-edged knife in one of the cylinders perforates the web. 1881 Young *Every Man his own Mech.* § 347 This *saw-filer's vice may be obtained [etc.]. 1875 Knight *Dict. Mech.*, **Saw-filing machine*, one for sharpening the teeth of saws. 1861 *Sat. Rev.* 21 Dec. 635 The *Sawgrinders' Union in Sheffield. 1828 *Hortus Anglicus* II. 252 *Saw-leaved Vetch. 1611 Cotgr. s.v. *Scie*, *Scie de mer*, a kind of Whall which hath a *Saw-like snowt. 1881 Newton in *Encycl. Brit.* XII. 358/1 Fine, horny, saw-like teeth. 1822 T. Gill *Techn. Repos.* II. 217 An improved *Saw Machine. 1662 *Comenius' Janua Ling. Triling.* 103 The *saw-maker [maketh] saws. 1816 J. Smith *Panorama Sci. & Art* I. 9 Saw makers first harden their plates in the usual way. 1858 Simmonds *Dict. Trade*, **Saw-mandrel*, a holdfast for a saw in a lathe. 1873 J. Richards *Operator's Handbk.* 117 Saw mandrils..should be as strong as possible, to stand the speed. 1875 *Ure's Dict. Arts* I. 420 The cross cords become embedded in the *saw-marks by the pressure of the sewing thread. 1858 Simmonds *Dict. Trade*, **Saw piercer*, a workman who cuts the teeth of saws. 1881 Young *Every Man his own Mech.* § 342 Any itinerant *saw-setter, who goes his regular round ..with his bench and files. *Ibid.* § 346 Useful contrivance for *saw setting [etc.]. 1842 Brande *Dict. Sci.* etc., s.v. *Securifers*, The females have a *saw-shaped or hatchet-shaped terebra. 1868 *Rep. Munitions of War* 102 The rifling is what is termed in England the Scott or saw-shaped system. 1588 Fraunce *Lawiers Log.* I. vi. 36 b, Shee is splayfooted, crookbacked, tunnebellied, *sawtoothed, &c. 1857 A. Gray *First Less. Bot.* (1866) 229 *Saw-toothed*: see *serrate*. 1866 Owen *Anat. Vertebr.* II. 495 The saw-toothed Sterrink (*Stenorhynchus serridens*). 1874 Eassie *Wood & Uses* 165 Figs. 217 and 218 are each of the kind known as the saw-toothed roof,..used in weaving and other sheds.

d. Special combinations: **saw-bar**, either of the two bars which hold the saw in a fretwork machine; **† saw battle**, a disposition of troops in which the battalions form a serrated front; **saw-bearing** *a.* (see sense 2); **saw-belly** *U. S.*, a name for the glut herring (*Clupea æstivalis*), and the alewife (*C. serrata*); **saw-bench**, a circular saw with a bench to support the material and advance it to the saw; **† sawboard**, timber sawn into boards; **saw-buck** *U. S.* [a. Du. *zaagbok*], see Buck *sb.*[7]; **† saw-carf** = *saw-kerf*; **saw-cut** *sb.*, an incision made with a saw; **saw-cut** *v. Bookbinding*, to make saw-cuts in (the back of a book); **saw-doctor**, 'an instrument having an angular punch for cutting pieces out of the edge of a saw-blade, to increase the depth of the interdental spaces; a saw-gummer' (Knight); **saw-edge**, a serrated edge (in quot. of a ridge of rock); **saw-edged** *a.*, having a serrated edge; **saw-file**, a file specially adapted for sharpening the teeth of saws; **saw-frame**, (*a*) the frame in which a saw-blade is stretched; (*b*) the sash or gate of a mill saw; **saw-gin**, a form of cotton-gin in which the fibres are torn from the seed by revolving toothed discs or circular saws; **saw-ginned** *a.*, prepared by means of the saw-gin; **saw-grass**, (*a*) = *saw-wort*; (*b*) *U.S.*, a sedge of the genus *Cladium*; **saw-gummer** = Gummer b; **saw-handle**, (*a*) the handle of a saw; (*b*) *slang*, the handle of a 'saw-handled' pistol; **saw-handled** *a.*, having a handle shaped like that of a saw; **saw-horned** *a.*, having serrate antennæ; **saw-horse**, a frame or trestle for supporting wood that is being sawn, a saw-buck; **saw-kerf** *sb.* = Kerf *sb.* 2; *v. trans.*, to make a saw-kerf in; hence **saw-kerfing** *vbl. sb.*; **saw-log** (see quot.); **† saw-muscle** = Serratus; **saw-pad** (see Pad *sb.* 8); **saw palmetto**, a palmetto, *Serenoa serratula*, with prickly leaf-stalks; **saw-pierced** *a.*, cut out with a frame-saw or piercing-saw; so **saw-piercing**; **saw-plate**, (*a*) the blade of a saw; (*b*) iron in plates of the thickness of the blade of a saw; **saw-sash** *U.S.* (see Sash *sb.*[2] 3 b); **saw-set**, an instrument for setting the teeth of a saw: also *attrib.*; **saw-shark**, an Australian fish of the genus *Pristiophorus*; **saw-sharpener**, (*a*) one who sharpens saws; (*b*) a name for the Great Titmouse, *Parus major* (cf. *saw-whetter*); **saw-spindle**, the shaft of a circular saw; **† saw-stage**, ? = Saw-pit; **saw-tail**, a bird (*Temnurus truncatus*) inhabiting Cochin China (T. R. Jones *Cassell's Bk. Birds*, 1869–73); **saw-way** = *saw-kerf*; **saw-whet** *U.S.*, a little owl, *Nyctala acadica*; **saw-whetter**, (*a*) = *saw-whet*; (*b*) the marsh titmouse, *Parus palustris*; **saw-work** *Fortif.* (see quot.); **saw-wrack** *Bot.*, the seaweed *Fucus serratus*; **saw-wrest** = *saw-set*. Also Sawbill, etc.

1875 Seaton *Fret Cutting* 18 An iron eye, screwed in exactly under the lower *saw bar. 1598 Barret *Theor. Warres* 80 The *Saw battell containeth 3 sharpe angles framed of 6 battalions. 1884 Goode, etc. *Nat. Hist. Aquatic Anim.* 582 Around the Gulf of Maine this species is also known by the names 'Kyack' or Kyauk', '*Saw-belly', and 'Cat-thrasher'. 1846 Holtzapffel *Turning*, etc. II. 793 The flooring boards..were grooved on each edge upon an ordinary *saw bench. 1869 Rankine *Cycl. Machine & Hand Tools* Pl. Q 16 Improved self-acting saw bench. 1495 *Naval Accts. Hen. VII* (1896) 226, vij[m] fote of *Sawborde price the c—ij[s]. 1869 'Mark Twain' *Innoc. Abr.* vi. (1872) 39 The saddles were peculiar...They consisted of a sort of *saw-buck, with a small mattress on it. 1778 [W. Marshall] *Minutes Agric.* 9 Dec. 1775 The *saw-carf, instead of binding, is always kept gaping. 1846 Holtzapffel *Turning*, etc. II. 706 The chalk line..marks the edges of the intended *saw-cuts with sufficient certainty. 1874 Knight *Dict. Mech.* s. v. *Bookbinding*, Sewing [comes] after *saw-cutting the backs for the cords. 1857 Kingsley *Two Y. Ago* xxi, From the highest *saw-edges, where Moel Meirch cuts the golden sky, down to the very depth of the abyss. 1846 Louisa S. Costello *Tour Venice* 446 A wall of *saw-edged perpendicular rocks. 1846 Holtzapffel *Turning*, etc. II. 689 The files used in sharpening saws are triangular, round, half-round, and mill *saw-files. 1825 J. Nicholson *Operat. Mechanic* 442 Let a transverse groove..be cut in the *saw-frame to receive that pin. 1801 Miller & Whitney in *Amer. Jrnl. Sci. & Arts* (1832) XXI. 222 The machine for separating cotton from its seeds, commonly called the *Saw Gin. 1873 *Beeton's Dict. Comm.* s.v. *Cotton*, Good fair to good *saw-ginned Surat cotton. 1847 Whittier *Drovers* 56 Cows ..Disputing feebly with the frogs The crop of *saw-grass meadows! 1855 Ogilvie *Suppl.*, *Saw-grass*, a kind of coarse grass, bog-rush. 1882 'Ouida' *Maremma* I. 187 Thrusting their snouts amidst the saw-grass. 1891 Villiers-Stuart *Egnat. Forests* 110 It turned out to be really a vast expanse of water hidden beneath saw-grass, which in some places attains a height of twenty feet. 1860 Bartlett *Dict. Amer.* (ed. 3), **Saw-gummer*, see Gummer. 1837 Levea *Harry Lorrequer* v, My friend there..is a very neat shot when he has the *saw-handle. 1892 *Daily News* 4 Aug. 7/1 The plaintiff..was a saw-handle maker. 1899 Lo. Rosebery *Peel* 26 But scarcely..is there any memory of so peppery a politician with so constant an inclination to the 'sawhandles'. 1837 Lever *Harry Lorrequer* v, Didn't I tell ye, that pistol always threw high...Oh, Fin, if you had only given me the *saw-handled one. 1862 T. W. Harris *Insects Injur. Veget.* (ed. 3) 45 Serricorn or *saw-horned beetles. 1778 [W. Marshall] *Minutes Agric.* 9 Dec. 1775 The common *saw-horse makes the cutting of it [*sc.* firewood] a tedious labour-consuming piece of business. 1883 *Harper's Mag.* Mar. 601/2 A hen..came in and settled herself in a corner behind a saw-horse. 1688 R. Holme *Armoury* III. 101/1 Kerf, or *Saw Kerf. 1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 344/2 Gang-saws are seldom thicker than 14-gauge, and are successfully worked at 18-gauge, making a saw-kerf or waste of but ⅛ inch. 1887 *Archit. Publ. Soc. Dict.* s. v. *Saw Curf*, Soufflot in 1779 employed workmen to *saw-kerf the joints of the piers..of S. Geneviève...Wood-bending is often facilitated by *saw-kerfing. 1842 Mrs. Kirkland *Forest Life* II. 194 We had made perhaps half the distance when we met a prodigious '*saw-log'—that is, the huge trunk of a tree, drawn by oxen, on its way to the mill. 1615 Crooke *Body of Man* 795 The second muscle is called *Serratus maior* or the greater *saw-muscle. 1846 Holtzapffel *Turning*, etc. II. 712 The key-hole or fret saw-blade..is held in a *saw-pad. 1861 *Amer. Cycl.* XII. 704/1 The *saw palmetto..occurs on the southern islands of South Carolina, and in sandy soils southward to Florida. 1879 *Navy List* Sept. 490/1 On the star to be mounted a dead gilt laurel wreath and *saw pierced garter with regimental motto. 1892 *Daily News* 10 May 2/4 A saw-pierced picture frame. 1902 *Daily Chron.* 15 Oct. 10/7 Art Metal, leaf-beating and *saw-piercing. 1837 Lt.-Col. Reid in *Civ. Engin. & Arch. Jrnl.* I. 6/1 Long iron needles pass through holes in the strips of *saw-plate, and pin them to the ground. *Ibid.*, To retain the front ones in their places, ties are used made of saw-plate iron. 1865 I. T. F. Turner *Slate Quarries* 16 A continuous dropping of water washes particles of flint sand beneath the saw-plate. 1846 Holtzapffel *Turning*, etc. II. 697 The *saw-set..consists of a narrow blade of steel, with notches of various widths for different saws...In some few cases saw-set pliers are used. 1881 Young *Every Man his own Mech.* § 345 The teeth can be bent to the right or left, as may be requisite, with the saw-set. 1882 Tenison-Woods *Fishes N. S. Wales* 98 The *saw-shark must not be confounded with saw-fish. 1885 Swainson *Prov. Names Birds* 33 Great Titmouse (*Parus major*)..*Saw sharpener. 1895 P. H. Emerson *Birds*, etc. *Norfolk Broadland* 63 They [*sc.* great titmice] are sometimes called 'saw-sharpeners' in the building season, from the well-known and peculiar grating noise made by the cock. 1905 *Daily Chron.* 22 Mar. 8/7 Wood Turner, Fret Cutter and Saw Sharpener. 1819 *Rees' Cycl.* XXI. 5 D/1 Circular *saw-spindles are frequently burnt.. their motion being very quick. 1846 Holtzapffel *Turning*, etc. II. 754 The saw spindle..is frequently squared at one end. 1522 *MS. Acc. St. John's Hosp., Canterb.*, For drawyng out of ij battis to y[e] *sawstage. 1823 P. Nicholson *Pract. Build.* 220 If planks are sawed longitudinally, through their thickness, the *saw-way is called a ripping-cut. 1839 Audubon *Synopsis Birds Amer.* 24 *Ulula Acadica*,..Acadian Night-Owl...*Saw-whet. 1872 Coues *Key N. Amer. Birds* 206 *Nyctale acadica*...Acadian Owl. Saw-whet Owl. 1784 Belknap *Tour to White Mts.* (1876) 10 The Dr. saw a blue bird, with a white head, which is said to be a *saw-whetter. 1840 Gosse *Canadian Nat.* 92 The sound..is usually thought to resemble the whetting of a saw, and hence the bird from which it proceeds is called the Saw-whetter. 1885 Swainson *Prov. Names Birds* 33 Marsh Titmouse (*Parus palustris*)..Saw whetter. 1728 Chambers *Cycl., Redens*,..or *Redan*, in Fortification, a Kind of Work indented in Form of the Teeth of a Saw... It is also call'd *Saw-work. 1868 Paxton *Bot. Dict.*, *Saw-wrack. 1678 Moxon *Mech. Exerc.* v. 94 Then with the *Saw wrest..they set the Teeth of the Saw. 1728–52 Chambers *Cycl.* s. v. *Saw*, This is done by putting an Instrument, called a *Saw-wrist*, between every other two Teeth, and giving it a little Wrench. 1841 *Penny Cycl.* XX. 477/1 A *saw-wrest* is used for setting the teeth.

Saw (sɔ̄), *sb.*[2] Forms: 1 saȝu (saȝe), ?saȝa, 2–5 saȝe, 3 sæȝe, sahe, 3–7 sawe, 4 sa, sach(e, sau(e, saaus, saw3e, 4–5 sagh(e, 4– saw. *Pl.* 3 sæȝen, sahen, sawen, 4 saȝez, saauez, sawus, 5 *Sc.* sawiss. [OE. *sagu* str. fem. = MLG., MDu. *sage, zage*, OHG. *saga* str. and wk. fem. (MHG., mod.G. *sage*), ON. *saga* wk. fem. (see Saga):—OTeut. **sagā*, **sagōn-*, f. root of **sagējan* Say *v.*[1] Cf. Lith. *pa-saka* (:—*sokā*) story.]

† 1. A saying; discourse; speech. *Obs.*

9.. *Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 221/28 *Dictu i. dicione*, saȝu, *uel oratione*. *c* 1000 Ælfric *Gloss.* ibid. 165/27 *Elogium, uel dictio*, saȝa. *c* 1000 *Ags. Gosp., Luke* xi. 45 Lareow teonan þu wyrhest us mid þisse saȝe. *c* 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 133 Đeo apostles hine beden þet he scalde suggen hwet þeo saȝe hicweđe and he seide *Semen est uerbum dei*. *c* 1205 Lay. 749 Heo wenden þat hi sawen [*c* 1275 sawes] soðe weren. *Ibid.* 29658 Þa he isaid hauede þa sæȝen of ure drihten. *c* 1220 *Bestiary* 600 He sweren bi ðe rode..and he ðe leȝen sone, mid here saȝe and mid here song. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 360 þis is Seinte Poules sawe. *a* 1225 *Leg. Kath.* 358 Alle ich iseo þine sahen sotliche isette. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 4167 And þan wil naman mak on sau þat we him suld haue brogbt on dau. *Ibid.* 24112 Lnue wald i spak, might me wit-stode, Mi reut was all apon þat rode, Na sagh [*Edin. MS.* sache] þar moght i sai. 1303 R. Brunne *Handl. Synne* 3557 He was wunt to seye wykked sawes. *c* 1350 *Will. Palerne* 1112 Alle seide at o sawe 'sire, we 3ou rede'. 13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* B. 109 Thenne þe sergauntez, at þat sawe, swengen þer-oute. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xv. (*Barnabas*) 84 Quhen þe painnis hard þis sa, þai sad [etc.]. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Knt.'s T.* 668 Ful litel woot Arcite of his felawe That was so ny to herknen al his sawe. 1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) I. 383 Hit is comoun sawe þat [þe] contray þat now hatte Scotlond is an out strecching, and is þe norþ partie of þe more Bretayne. *c* 1450 *St. Cuthbert* (Surtees) 1501 Bot ay boisil dedis and sawes he folowed. 1456 Sir G. Haye *Law Arms* (S. T. S.) 106, I will nocht that men understand be my sawis na the King of Jerusalem has gude rycht. 1553 T. Wilson *Rhet.* 78 Thus we se howe and in what maner pleasaunt sawes are gathered and used, upon the occasion of divers wordes spoken. *a* 1586 *Satir. Poems Reform.* xxxvii. 12 Thair sawis to be suythe sum will suspect. 1621 T. Williamson tr. *Goulart's Wise Vieillard* 100 The counsell and sawe of old men hath in it somewhat..that is pleasing to heare, gracefull, and of venerable regard.

† 2. A story, tale, recital. *Obs.*

c 1320 *Cast. Love* 619 Such wonder nas neuer I-herd in sawe. 1338 R. Brunne *Chron.* (1810) 205 þis þat I haf said it is Pers sawe, Als he in romance laid, þer after gan I drawe. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* ii. (*Paulus*) 53 Aymo recordis In his saw, þat [etc.]. *c* 1400 *St. Alexius* 393 (Laud MS.) His moder ne miȝth lete sorouȝ, Neiþer at euene ne at morowe, In sawȝe as it is seide. *c* 1460 *Emare* 319 As y haue herd menstrelles syng yn sawe.

† 3. A decree, command. *Obs.*

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 8333 Of his sauues þis was an, þat of his barnage sa bald was nan,..in his chamber..A fote to set, bot þai war cald. 1338 R. Brunne *Chron.* (1810) 250 What for þe kynges sawe, & skille þei vnderstode, & þorgh þe londes lawe, & descent of blod, þe triours alle þat caste, & put þer saw tille on. 14.. 26 *Pol. Poems* 23 That leueþ troube, and falshed vse, And lyue not after goddis sawe. *c* 1440 *York Myst.* xlviii. 211 A! myghtfull god, here is it sene, þou will fulfille þi forward right, And all þi sawes þou will maynteyne. 1566 Sternhold & H. *Ps.* cxix. 97 What great desire and feruent loue, do I beare to thy saw: All the day long my whole deuise, is onely on thy law. 1595 Spenser *Col. Clout* 884 So love is Lord of all the world by right, And rules the creatures by his powrfull saw.

4. A sententious saying; a traditional maxim, a proverb. For (*old*) *said saw* see Said *ppl. a.*

a 1175 *Prov. Ælfred* 35 (Trin. Coll. MS.) Þis werin þe sawen of kinc Alfred. *Ibid.* 361 Þurch saȝe mon is wis. *c* 1320 R. Brunne *Medit.* 853 Of salamons sawys 3e are nat auysed. 1362 Langl. *P. Pl.* A. viii. 124 'Lewede lorel!' quod he 'luite lokestou on þe Bible, On Salamones sawes seldom þou bi-holdest'. 13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* B. 1599 His sawle is ful of syence, saȝes to schawe. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* vii. (*Jacobus Minor*) 653 Fore it is sad in elderys saw: 'ful harde is hungyre in hale maw.' *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 441/2 Sawe, or proverbe, *proverbium, problema*. 1470–85 Malory *Arthur* x. lxi. 519 Euer hit is an old sawe gyue a chorle rule and there by he wylle not be suffysed. 1530 Palsgr. 265/1 Sawe a proverbe, *pronerbe*. 1563 B. Googe *Eglogs* i. (Arb.) 31 And many a saged sawe lies hyd within thine aged brest. 1600 Shaks. *A. Y. L.* II. vii. 156 Full of wise sawes, and moderne instances. 1632 E. Robertson in *Lithgow's Trav.* To Author B 4, How ruld with Lawes The South world is: their Rites, Religious sawes. *c* 1705 Pope *Jan. & May* 219 We, Sirs, are fools; and must resign the cause To heath'nish authors, proverbs, and old saws. 1764 *Oxf. Sausage* 172 Alone from Jargon born to rescue Law, From Precedent, grave Hum, and formal Saw! 1849 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* x. II. 635 The great question now depending was not to be decided by the saws of pedantic Templars. 1861 Flor. Nightingale *Nursing* (ed. 2) 50 It is an ever ready saw that an egg is equivalent to a lb. of meat; whereas it is not at all so. 1884 Tennyson *Becket* v. ii, For I was musing on an ancient saw, *Suaviter in modo, fortiter in re*.

Saw (sɔ̄), *v.*[1] Pa. t. **sawed**; pa. pple. **sawed, sawn.** Forms: 4 sagh, sau, 5 saghe, saȝe, 5–6 sawe. *Pa. t. a. weak* 3 sahede, 5 sawede, 5– **sawed**; *β. strong* 5 suwe, sew. *Pa. pple. a. weak* 3 isahet, 4 i-sawed, saede, sawid, 6 saw'de, sawyde, 7– **sawed**; *β. strong* 5–7 **sawen**, 5 **sowen**, 6 **sawin**, 9 **sawn**. [f. Saw *sb.*[1]; cf. the equivalent MLG., MDu. *sagen* (Du.

zagen), OHG. *sagôn*, *segôn* (MHG. *sagen*, *segen*, mod.G. *sägen*), ON. *saga* (Sw. *såga*, Da. *save*).

The pa. t. was sometimes conjugated strong in the 15th c. The str. pa. pple., which came into use at the same time, is now perh. equally current with the wk. form in the compound tenses of the vb., and as ppl. adj. is much more common.]

1. *trans.* To cut with a saw. Also with advs., *asunder*, *away*, *off*, *through*; and const. *into*.

a 1225 *Life St. Juliana* 38 Ich makede þen wittie ysaye beon isahet þurh and þurh to deaðe. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 27375 Þe preist bi-gin..Away to sagh þam ilk crote. *c* 1400 *Wycliffite Bible* Prol. to Prophets (1850) III. 225 Manasses ordeynede and demyde Isaye to be sawid with ynne a cedre tree. *c* 1400 *Melayne* 60 His wyffe & his childire three Byfore his eghne þat he myghte see Be in sondre sawenn. *c* 1430 *Pilgr. Lyf Manhode* II. cxlviii. (1869) 135 In Iacob and Esau þou hast seyn þe figure; I sawede hem and vnioyned hem. *c* 1450 *Mirour Saluacioun* (1888) 10 Some with sawes he suwe. 1483 *Cath. Angl.* 319/2 To saghe a tre, *serrare*. 1483 CAXTON *Golden Leg.* 248/2 She..was taken of the deuyls and departed and sowen a sondre. 1496 *Ld. Treas. Acc. Scotl.* I. 281 Item, to othir tua sawaris, at sew with thaim, xvij s. viij d. 1538 ELYOT *Dict.*, *Runcino*, to sawe tymber. 1573 TUSSER *Husb.* (1878) 42 Now sawe out thy timber, for boord and for pale. 1577 HANMER *Anc. Eccl. Hist.* To Rdr. *v b, Their legges sawed of, their tongues cutte. 1597 SHAKS. 2 *Hen. IV*, v. i. 70 If I were saw'de into Quantities, I should make foure dozen of such bearded Hermites staues, as Master Shallow. 1611 BIBLE 1 *Kings* vii. 9 Hewed stones, sawed with sawes. — *Heb.* xi. 37 They were stoned, they were sawen asunder. 1646 SIR T. BROWNE *Pseud. Ep.* III. i. 107 By sawing away of trees. 1664 J. WILSON *A. Commenius* v. i, 'Twere better dye at once, Than be thus saw'd in pieces. 1678 MOXON *Mech. Exerc.* v. 95 When they direct any of their Underlins to saw such a piece of Stuff.. seldom say Saw that piece of Stuff. 1719 J. CONDUIT in *Phil. Trans.* XXX. 917 The Letters probably were either sawed off, or turned inwards. 1795 J. HOLT *Agric. Surv. Lancaster* 48 He takes a hand-saw..and saws the top level. 1847 *Act* 10 & 11 *Vict.* c. 89 § 28 Every Person who..hews, saws, bores, or cuts any Timber or Stone. 1876 *Encycl. Brit.* IV. 43/1 (*Bookbinding*) The volumes are then adjusted and clamped up..for the operation of sawing the back. Two or three grooves are..sawn straight across the back of the volume, according to the number of bands on which the book is to be sewed. 1879 FROUDE *Cæsar* xxii. 368 Trees were cut down and sawn into planks. 1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 344/1 With a cutting edge of so light a gauge as to waste but little of the valuable timber to be sawed.

fig. 1579 G. HARVEY in *Three Proper Lett.* (1580) 63 The sixte..is also in the same Predicament, vnlesse happly one of the feete be sawed off wyth a payre of Syncopes. *a* 1680 BUTLER *Rem.* (1759) I. 316 Until between these different Usurpations, that pull several ways, the whole Nation will in the end be sawed in Pieces. 1879 FARRAR *St. Paul* (1883) 119 The agony of hatred which was sawing their hearts asunder.

b. To cut as a saw does. Also *absol.* or *intr.*

a 1225 *St. Marher.* (1862) 22 Ant let scharpe sweord ant eke smart scher hire bi the schuldren ant sabede hire thurhut. *a* 1325 *Prose Psalter* (E.E.T.S.) li[i]. 2 Þon dost treccherie as a rasour sharp sauaand. 1664 HUBERT *Catal. Rarities* (1665) 31 A tayl of a Stingray, it will saw like an Iron saw.

transf. 1865 DICKENS *Mut. Fr.* I. xii, The grating wind sawed rather than blew.

c. To form by cutting with a saw.

1530 PALSGR. 698/2 Have you sawed nothyng but these two plankes to daye. 1678 MOXON *Mech. Exerc.* v. 87 When you Saw the Bevelling angles upon the square ends of Pieces. 1856 EMERSON *Eng. Traits, Character* Wks. (Bohn) II. 59 They saw a hole into the head of the 'winking Virgin' to know why she winks. 1875 SEATON *Fret Cutting* 15 To most people, this method of sawing out a pattern is inconvenient.

transf. 1871 TYNDALL *Fragm. Sci.* (1879) I. ix. 289 This wonderful fissure has been sawn through the mountain by the waters of the Tamina. 1906 BELLOC *Hills & Sea* 17 All the way down the gorge for miles, sawing its cut in sheer surfaces through the rock, crashes a violent stream.

d. *absol.* To use a saw; to cut with a saw.

c 1340 *Nominale* (Skeat) 116 M. cleuyth the borde and sawith. 1465 *Mann. & Housek. Exp.* (Roxb.) 309 My mastyr made comenaunt wyth ij. sawers of Donwyche: and thei schalle haue euery werke day that thei saw, vj. d. 1678 MOXON *Mech. Exerc.* v. 83 You must not Saw just upon the struck line,..Saw therefore right down with the Tennant Saw. 1692 R. L'ESTRANGE *Fables* cxiii. 106 Then, 'tis Call the Doctor, Pothecary, Surgeon; Purge, Flux, Launce, Burn, Saw. 1852 MRS. CARLYLE *Lett.* II. 184 Carpenters, into whose head the devil put it to saw the whole day.

e. *intr.* with passive force. To admit of being sawn.

1726 LEONI *Alberti's Archit.* I. 27/1 Beech..will saw into extreme thin Planks. *Ibid.* 57/1 A white sort of Stone.. which Saws easier than Wood itself.

2. *transf.* With reference to the movement used in sawing. **a.** trans. *To saw the air*: to gesticulate with the hands as if sawing something invisible. Also, *to saw one's hand*.

1602 SHAKS. *Ham.* III. ii. 5 Do not saw the Ayre too much your hand thus, but vse all gently. 1819 CRABBE *Tales of Hall* XIX. 158 'And what is proud', said Frances, 'but to stand Singing at church, and sawing thus your hand?' 1824 MISS FERRIER *Inher.* lxix, He was puffing, and blowing, and sawing the air with his arms, without ever gaining a single step upon them. 1884 *Sat. Rev.* 14 June 778/1 With her right hand she ceaselessly saws the air.

b. To work (the bit) from side to side in a horse's mouth. Also with the mouth as obj.

1850 SMEDLEY *Frank Fairlegh* v, I..got her head up by sawing her mouth with the snaffle, and put her [the mare] fairly at it. 1856 'STONEHENGE' *Rural Sports* 536 If a horse obstinately refuses to stir, the bit may be gently 'sawed' from side to side.

c. *intr.* Said of a fiddler.

1736 *Gentl. Mag.* VI. 615/1 Then saw'd and thrumm'd on ev'ry string!

3. *intr.* (See quot.) ? *Obs.*

1630 in Binnell *Descr. Thames* (1758) 68 No Fisherman.. shall..saw or search for Barbel within the Limits of London Bridge.

4. *trans.* To give a serrated outline to. *rare*—[1].

1780 A. YOUNG *Tour Irel.* I. 242 The coast is perfectly sawed by bays.

†Saw, *v.*[2] *Obs.* (? *nonce-wd.*) [f. SAW *sb.*[2]] *intr.* To speak in saws.

1648 JENKYN *Blind Guide* i. 13 He saith, or rather *saweth* thus,..'The time will come that youthfull Turnus shall Wish dearly Pallas ne'er has been encountred.

Saw, obs. form of SAVE *v.*, SHOW *v.*, SOW *v.*

Sawar, obs. form of SOWER.

Sawbill (sɔ̄·bil). [f. SAW *sb.*[1] + BILL *sb.*[2]] A name applied to various birds with serrated bills. **a.** The mergansers (also *sawbill diver* or *duck*). **b.** A humming-bird of the genus *Rhamphodon* (also *sawbill humming-bird*). **c.** *U. S.* A motmot (also *sawbill roller*).

1843 YARRELL *Brit. Birds* III. 293 This bird [*Mergus merganser*] like the Red-breasted Merganser, is also called Sawbill and Jacksaw. 1849 *Zoologist* VII. 2393 The red-breasted merganser [is] a saw-bill duck. 1856 F. O. MORRIS *Hist. Brit. Birds* V. 284 Goosander..Sawbill. Jack-saw. 1861 GOULD *Trochilidæ* I. pl. 1 *Grypus nævius*. Saw-bill. 1864-5 WOOD *Homes without Hands* xiii. (1868) 235 The Sawbill Humming Bird (*Grypus nævius*). 1869-73 T. R. JONES *Cassell's Bk. Birds* III. 83 The Saw-bill Rollers (*Prionites*)..occupy the..forests of South America. 1872 COUES *N. Amer. Birds* 178 *Momotidæ* (motmots or saw-bills).

So **Saw-billed** *a.*, having a serrated bill.

1785 LATHAM *Gen. Synopsis Birds* VI. 579 Saw-billed Pelican. 1797 — in *Trans. Linnean Soc.* IV. 121 Saw-billed Ducks or Divers.

Sawbones (sɔ̄·bōunz). *slang.* [f. SAW *v.*[1] + BONE *sb.*] A surgeon.

1837 DICKENS *Pickw.* xxx, 'What, don't you know what a Sawbones is, Sir', enquired Mr. Weller; 'I thought every body know'd as a Sawbones was a Surgeon.' 1874 R. TYRWHITT *Sketch. Club* 166 The vivisectors and sawboneses. 1898 RIDER HAGGARD *Doctor Therne* 196, I found her the affianced bride of a parish sawbones.

Hence **Saw-bonesing** *vbl. sb.* (*nonce-wd.*).

1870 MISS BROUGHTON *Red as Rose* I. 196 If I had..had to earn my bread quill-driving..or sawbones-ing.

Sawce, Sawcer, etc. : see SAUCE, SAUCER, etc.

Sawdan, Sawdant, var. ff. SOUDAN, sultan.

Sawd(e, variant forms of SOLD *Obs.*

†Saw-dee. *Obs.* [a. OF. *soudée* (corresp. to Pr. *soudada*, *soldada*, med.L. *solidāta*), f. *souder*: see SOLD *v.*] Soldier's pay.

c 1500 *Melusine* 148 'By my feyth', said Uryan, 'we are not come hither for to take sawdees ne for no syluer.'

Sawden, var. form of SOUDAN *Obs.*, sultan.

Sawder (sɔ̄·dəɹ), *sb. colloq.* [App. a use of *sawder* SOLDER *sb.*] *Soft sawder*: flattery, blarney.

1836 HALIBURTON *Clockm.* Ser. I. x. 78 If she goes to act ugly, I'll give her a dose of 'soft sawder'. 1846 SHAFTESB. in *Life* xiv. (1887) 342 Soft sawder to the mill-owners (unless it is skilfully applied) is a damper to the men. 1854 E. FITZGERALD *Lett.* (1889) I. 232 He..by dint of good dinners and soft sawder finally draws the country gentry to him. 1886 'SARAH TYTLER' *Buried Diamonds* v, Till he had done listening to the 'soft sawder' of Crabtree the banker's..wife.

Sawder (sɔ̄·dəɹ), *v. colloq.* [f. SAWDER *sb.*] *trans.* To flatter, to 'butter'.

1834 LOVER *Leg. & Stories of Irel.* Ser. II. 297 His vagabone mother sawdhered him up afther a manner. 1863 R. F. BURTON *Wand. W. Africa* II. 287 Now 'ryling up' the agent, then sawdering him down.

Sawder, -dre, obs. forms of SOLDER.

Sawdour, -oyer, obs. forms of SOLDIER.

Sawdust (sɔ̄·dʌst), *sb.* [f. SAW *sb.*[1] + DUST *sb.*]

1. Wood in the state of small particles, detached from a tree, plank, etc. in the process of sawing.

1530 PALSGR. 265/1 Sawedust, *sieure dais*. 1563 *Respublica* I. iv. 344 What is your brain-pan stufte with-all? wull or sawduste? 1573 TUSSER *Husb.* (1878) 42 Saue sawe dust, and brick dust, and ashes so fine, for alley to walke in, with neighbour of thine. *a* 1680 BUTLER *Elephant in Moon* (long verse) 218 Make Chips of Elms produce the largest Trees, Or sowing Saw-dust furnish Nurseries. 1712 J. JAMES tr. *Le Blond's Gardening* 175 Ants..are driven away by strewing very fine Saw-dust. 1854 RONALDS & RICHARDSON *Chem. Technol.* (ed. 2) I. 60 Winkler enclosed his specimens in crucibles surrounded with saw-dust. 1884 MRS. C. PRAED *Zero* xi, My doll is stuffed with sawdust.

b. *transf.* and *fig.* (Sometimes with reference to the use of sawdust for stuffing dolls or puppets.)

a 1873 MRS. SPOFFORD in *Casq. Literature* IV. 9/2 The deviled turkey sizzled..away to saw-dust. 1890 L. C. D'OYLE *Notches* 16 I'll knock the saw-dust out of any two men in this hole of a place. 1908 *Nation* 12 Sept. 833/2 The other characters are all sawdust and wires.

2. In wider sense: Dust of any material produced in the process of sawing. *rare.*

1672 WISEMAN *Wounds* II. 138 That done we cleansed the wound from the Saw-dust. 1835-6 P. BARLOW in *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) VIII. 650/1 [Ivory] rubbed over with a little of its own sawdust.

3. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *sawdust-pad*; *sawdust-like* adj.; with reference to the use of sawdust for strewing the arena of a circus, as *sawdust-artist*, *-ring*; **sawdust-powder,** a substitute for gunpowder, prepared by treating sawdust with acids.

1883 *Century Mag.* XXV. 746/1, I was not flattered at being taken for a *sawdust artist. 1899 RODWAY *Guiana Wilds* 145 The *sawdust-like cassava bread. 1879 *St. George's Hosp. Rep.* IX. 308 Great comfort was derived from the use of the *sawdust-pads. 1883 F. A. ABEL in *Encycl. Brit.* XI. 278/2 Preparations allied to gun-cotton, in the production of which wood fibre is used as the starting-point, are manufactured..under the name of Schultze's powder, *sawdust powder, and patent gunpowder. 1902 R. W. CHAMBERS *Maids of Paradise* xvii. 296 Once only they [the circus procession] circled the *saw-dust ring.

Hence **Saw-dusty** *a.*, abounding in, savouring of, or resembling sawdust; of the nature of sawdust.

1861 DICKENS *Gt. Expect.* iv, I remember Mr. Hubble as a tough high-shouldered stooping old man, of a sawdusty fragrance. 1863 — *Uncomm. Trav.* xxi, A bagatelle-board shadily visible in a sawdusty parlour. 1880 *Confess. Frivolous Girl* 172 In his society I sometimes felt that life was stupid, but never that it was hollow and sawdusty. 1893 J. T. HOSKINS *Mr. P.'s Diary* 356 Dry, tasteless, sawdusty white bread. 1896 MRS. CAFFYN *Quaker Grandmother* 55, I never liked dressing dolls, it brought one into too close contact with their sawdusty insides.

Sawdust (sɔ̄·dʌst), *v.* [f. SAWDUST *sb.*] *trans.* To cover, sprinkle, or strew with sawdust. Hence **Saw-dusted** *ppl. a.*, **Saw-dusting** *vbl. sb.*

1844 ALB. SMITH *Adv. Mr. Ledbury* xiii, A..sawdusted tavern. 1855 DICKENS *Dorrit* I. ix, The sweeping and sawdusting of the common room. 1882 P. FITZGERALD *Recreat. Lit. Man* I. 249 All is duly sawdusted. 1895 J. DAVIDSON *Earl Lavender* 177 In the midst of the sawdusted floor.

Sawdyer, Sawdyn : see SOLDER, SOUDAN.

Sawdyo(u)r, Sawecere : see SOLDIER, SAUCER.

Sawed (sɔ̄d), *ppl. a.* [f. SAW *v.*[1] and *sb.*[1] + -ED.]

1. That has undergone the operation of sawing; = SAWN *ppl. a.* Also in comb. *sawed-off*.

1553 EDEN *Treat. Newe Ind.* (Arb.) 15 Certayne sawed bordes of the thickenes of halfe a hande breath. 1597 A. M. tr. *Guillemeau's Fr. Chirurg.* 38/1 The skinn and muscles sinck agayne downwardes, and cover the sawed bone. 1677 YARRANTON *Eng. Improv.* 114 The Great Duke of Saxony hath three great Manufactures; one of Iron,..another of Linnen,..the third of Sawed Timbers of all sorts. 1796 C. MARSHALL *Garden.* iii. (1813) 37 Espalier trees should rather be trained to sawed materials properly framed together. 1841 ORDERSON *Creoleana* iii. 30 Cedar posts, sawed stones. 1895 KIPLING *2nd Jungle Bk.* 149 A couple of sawed-off antlers. 1899 *Daily News* 13 June 4/4 In 1894 Congress passed an Act taking the duty off sawed boards, shingles [etc.].

2. Serrated.

1607 TOPSELL *Four-f. Beasts* 506 Vulgar Mice..drinke by licking or lapping, although their teeth be not sawed. 1757 A. COOPER *Distiller* III. lii. (1760) 236 This tree hath sawed Leaves, and large open Flowers. 1839 LINDLEY *Introd. Bot.* III. (ed. 3) 461 Sawed (*serratus*), having sharp straight-edged teeth pointing to the apex. 1900 B. D. JACKSON *Gloss. Bot. Terms, Saw-toothed* or *Sawed*, serrate.

Comb. 1786 ABERCROMBIE *Gard. Assist.* 127 Cutting them with a long, narrow, sawed-edged knife.

Sawen, obs. pa. pple. of SOW *v.*

Sawen(t, obs. forms of SEVEN.

Saweoure, obs. form of SAVIOUR, SAVOUR.

Sawer (sɔ̄·əɹ). Also 6 **saer, sawar.** [f. SAW *v.*[1] + -ER[1].] One who saws. Now *rare*; as a designation of employment superseded by SAWYER.

1379 *Poll-tax West Riding* in *Yorks. Archæol. Jrnl.* VI. 324 Willelmus Sagher, Sagher vjd. 1457 *Nottingham Rec.* II. 365 Rodger Saxton, sawer. 1536 *MS. Acc. St. John's Hosp., Canterb.*, Payd to the saers vij s. vij d. 1589 [? LYLY] *Pappe w. Hatchet* C b, Martin & his mainteiner are both sawers of timber. 1664 in Holmes *Pontefract Bk. Entries* (1882) 372 Ordinances made for the good governance..of the..cowpers, patenners, turners, sawers. 1865 MRS. CARLYLE *Lett.* (1883) III. 271, I send you a..letter of Madame Venturi's, with vignette of Venturi sawing...I advise you to read it [another letter] now, with a key: 'The Gorilla' means George Cooke,..the sawer Venturi.

Sawer(e, obs. forms of SAVOUR, SEWER.

Sawerkraut, obs. form of SAUERKRAUT.

Sawete, Sawf, obs. forms of SAFETY, SALVE.

Sawfish (sɔ̄·fiʃ). [SAW *sb.*[1] Cf. L. *serra* saw-fish (*lit.* 'saw').] A fish of the genus *Pristis*, the snout of which ends in a long flat projection with teeth on each edge. Also applied to fishes of certain allied genera.

1664 HUBERT *Catal. Rarities* (1665) 17 A Saw-fish, vulgarly called the Sword-fish. 1668 CHARLETON *Onomast.* 123 *Monoceros Clusii*, the little Vnicorn, or Saw-fish. 1681 GREW *Musæum* I. § v. i. 84 The Saw-Fish. *Pristis*. 1796 STEDMAN *Surinam* I. i. *11 Another animal, which is called the saw-fish, carries also an offensive weapon. 1860 G. BENNETT *Gatherings Naturalist Austral.* 35 There is a species of Saw-fish peculiar to the Australian seas. 1863 WOOD *Illustr. Nat. Hist.* III. 216 The Tentaculated Saw-fish (*Pristiophorus cirratus*).

Saw-fly. [SAW *sb.*[1]] An insect of the family *Tenthredinidæ*, distinguished by the saw-like construction of the ovipositor.

The saw-flies are very destructive to vegetation, and several species are designated from the plants attacked by them, as *pine saw-fly*, *rose saw-fly*, *turnip saw-fly*.

1773 T. P. YEATS *Inst. Entom.* 177 The Tenthredo is called, by some English Authors, the Saw-fly, from the formation of its sting, which differs from that of all other insects..in being dentated..like the instrument from which its name is taken. 1802 BINGLEY *Anim. Biog.* (1813) III. 249 The saw-fly of the gooseberry-tree. 1840 [see ROSE *sb.* 23 c]. 1851 H. STEPHENS *Bk. Farm* (1855) II. 74 The turnip saw-fly, *Athalia spinarum*. 1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 343/1 The Pine Saw-Fly (*Lophyrus pini*) causes great damage to plantations of young Scotch firs.

attrib. 1816 KIRBY & SP. *Entomol.* xxiii. (1818) II. 331 The saw-fly tribes (*Tenthredinidæ*).

Sawflom, Sawfte : see SAUCEFLEME, SAFETY.

Saw-gate[1]. [f. SAW *sb.*[1] + GATE *sb.*[2]]

†**1. a.** ? The passage of a saw through the wood that is being sawn. **b.** The channel made by a saw; a saw-kerf. *Obs.*

1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* I. 493 You must except the Oke and the Box wood, which although they be greene, do stiffely withstand the saw-gate. 1793 SMEATON *Edystone L.* § 74 By supporting the Saw-gate with wedges, the whole of the superstructure..might have been expeditiously severed from the solid.

2. In fret-sawing, a hole bored to make way for the entrance of the saw.

1873 *Routledge's Ev. Boy's Ann.* 535 Study your [fret-work] pattern and see where to bore the holes, or saw-gates, as they are called. 1875 SEATON *Fret Cutting* 15 Now put the.. saw-gate over the V, with the bow of the saw frame turned to the right.

Saw-gate[2]. [GATE *sb.*[1]] = GATE *sb.*[1] 8 b.

1857 *Proc. Inst. Civ. Engin.* XVII. 25 The saw-gate of this machine [for sawing ship-timber] is formed of hollow wrought-iron bars. 1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.*, *Saw-gate*, the rectangular frame in which a mill-saw or gang of mill-saws is stretched.

†**Saw·geat.** *Obs.* [a. AF. **saugeat*, f. *sauge* SAGE *sb.*[1]] (See qnot.)

c 1390 *Forme of Cury* (1780) 72 Sawgeat. Take Pork.. &..take and close lituli Balles in foiles of sawge.

†**Sawger.** *Obs. rare*—[o]. [a. OF. *sauger*, *-ier*, f. *sauge* SAGE *sb.*[1]] A bed or garden of sage.

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 441/2 Sawger, *salgetum*. 14.. *Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 609/1 *Salgearium*, a sawger.

Sawier, Sawin, obs. ff. SAWYER, SEVEN.

Sawin, obs. pa. pple. of SOW *v.*

Sawing (sō·iŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. SAW *v.*[1] + -ING[1].]

1. The action of the verb SAW; an instance of this.

c 1440 *Jacob's Well* xxxvi. 233 þat ȝe be sauyd fro sawyng & brennyng of feendys to ioye & blysse euere-lastynge! 1477-9 *Rec. St. Mary at Hill* 82 Paid to Stere for sawyng of iij kervis of the same, iijd. 1515 *Ld. Treas. Acc. Scotl.* V. 12 Item for the sawing of theme ij s. vj d. 1678 MOXON *Mech. Exerc.* v. 95 The Excellency of Sawing is, to keep the kerf exactly in the line marked out to be Sawn. 1839 URE *Dict. Arts* 160 (*Bookbinding*) We thus see that Mr. Hancock dispenses entirely with the operations of stitching, sewing, sawing-in. 1873 J. RICHARDS *Operator's Handbk.* 130 After sawing comes planing.

2. *pl.* Sawdust. Now only *Sc.*

1512-13 in Willis & Clark *Cambridge* (1886) I. 611 Certeyn refuse ston and sawyngs of both Weldon..and Clypsham and molded stones. 1598 FLORIO, *Segatura*,..sawings, sawdust. 1857 LIVINGSTONE *Trav.* xix. 367 It closely resembles wood sawings and on that account is named 'wood-meal'.

3. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *sawing action, -machine, stage, table, -windmill*; **sawing-bench** = *saw-bench* (see SAW *sb.*[1] 4 d); **sawing-block** (see qnot.); **sawing horse, stool, trestle** = *saw-horse* (see SAW *sb.*[1] 4 d); **sawing-mill, pit** = SAWMILL, SAW-PIT; **sawing-stop**, a contrivance to assist in holding wood on the bench while being sawn.

1898 *Cycling* 64 It has the further advantage of eliminating the friction and '*sawing' action that takes place between the threads of ordinary canvas. 1845 *Encycl. Metrop.* VIII. 386/1 Circular *sawing benches. 1846 HOLTZAPFFEL *Turning*, etc. II. 714 The back-saws..are often assisted or guided by *sawing-blocks, in which one or more saw-kerfs..serve to guide the blades. *Ibid.* 711 The log is..laid on the common X-form *sawing-horse. 1841 *Penny Cycl.* XX. 479/1 Attempts have been made to introduce *sawing-machines with two sets of saws. 1722 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 6070/7 The Stone-Yard and *Sawing-Mill. 1905 A. R. WALLACE *My Life* I. 79 Large builders and contractors, who had planing and sawing-mills of their own. 1560 *Acc. Fratern. Holy Ghost, Basingstoke* (1882) 12 For a pece of tymber lyenge at y* *Sawinge pitt. 1612 *MS. Acc. St. John's Hosp., Canterb.*, For making of a *saing stagge [= *saw-stage*] viij d. 1846 HOLTZAPFFEL *Turning*, etc. II. 709 The board..is rested upon a *sawing stool or trestle. 1875 *Carpentry & Join.* 37 The *sawing stop.. will be found a very convenient adjunct to the fittings of the work bench. 1873 *Routledge's Ev. Boy's Ann.* 534, I am supposing you to be using a *saw-ing table (fret-cutting machine), such as I have described. 1611 COTGR., *Chevalet*,..a Nagge, or little horse..also, a *sawing Tressle. 1679 LOCKE in P. King *Life* (1830) I. 248 See..the *sawing-windmill.

Sawing (sō·iŋ), *ppl. a.* [f. SAW *v.*[1] + -ING[2].]

†**1.** Of teeth: Like the teeth of a saw; serrate.

1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* XVII. xxviii. (1495) 788 Houndes whelpes ben whelpyd wyth sawyng teeth.

2. Of sounds: Rasping, harsh.

1851 D. JERROLD *St. Giles* v. 41 This reproof and interrogation were put in a hoarse, sawing voice by a man. 1879 *St. George's Hosp. Rep.* IX. 85 A sawing diastolic (subsequently double) murmur was heard along the sternum.

Sawkeye, Sawl : see SOCKEYE, SOUL.

Sawld, obs. Sc. pa. t. of SELL *v.*

Sawlter, obs. form of PSALTER.

Sawmfaill : see SANS FAIL.

Sawmill (sō·mil). [f. SAW *sb.*[1] + MILL *sb.* Cf. Du. *zaagmolen*, G. *sägemühle*.] A factory in which wood is sawn into planks or boards by machinery (formerly propelled by water, wind, or animal power, now usually by steam).

1553 EDEN *Treat. Newe Ind.* (Arb.) 40 Goodly ryuers vpon the which are bylded manye sawe mylles. 1677 YARRANTON *Eng. Improv.* 114 At the descent of the Hills, are infinite of Saw-Mills that go by Water. 1786 JEFFERSON *Writ.* (1859) II. 12 There are abundance of saw-mills in all the States. 1825 J. NICHOLSON *Operat. Mechanic* 441 Saw-mills, constructed for the purpose of sawing either timber or stone, are moved by animals, by water, by wind, or by steam. 1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 345/1 The modern saw-mill stands upon the banks of a river or pond.

attrib. 1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.*, *Sawmill dog*, *Sawmill gate*. 1888 BARRIE *When a Man's Single* ii, The men and women in the saw-mill kitchen. 1897 MARY KINGSLEY *W. Africa* 197 He was up in the sawmill shed.

Hence **Saw·miller** [cf. Du. *zaagmolenaar*, G. *sägemüller*], the proprietor or manager of a saw-mill. **Saw·milling**, the business of sawing wood in a sawmill.

1878 *N. Amer. Rev.* CXXVI. 501 All..printers, gunsmiths, sawmillers,..shall pay twenty-five cents on every hundred dollar's worth of gross receipts. 1881 *Times* 1 July 4/1 The respondent..is a farmer and saw-miller. 1901 *J. Black's Carp. & Build., Scaffolding* 73 The man who is interested in sawmilling.

Sawmont, obs. Sc. form of SALMON.

Sawmplar, sawmplere, obs. ff. SAMPLER *sb.*[1]

Sawn (sǫn), *ppl. a.* Also 6-8 **sawen**, 7 **sawne**. [pa. pple. of SAW *v.*[1]] That has undergone the operation of sawing; = SAWED *ppl. a.*

1536 *Fabric Rolls York Minster* (Surtees) 108 Pro j.c. sawen burdes. 1634 W. WOOD *New Eng. Prosp.* I. v. 16 One kind [of trees] being more fit for clappboard, others for sawne board. 1678 MOXON *Mech. Exerc.* VI. 110 The Sawn-away slit between two peeces of stuff is called a kerf. 1679 *Ibid.* IX. 171 Single Quarters are Sawen stuff. 1707 MORTIMER *Husb.* (1721) II. 202 As for sawn Pales they are as dear, considering their lasting, as Brick or Stone. 1870 J. POWER *Handy-bk.* 41, 1751. About this date bookbinders began to use sawn-backs, whereby the bands on which the book is sewn were let into the backs of the sheets. 1891 *Daily News* 5 Feb. 5/4 Sawn timber in brief is rapidly gaining the ascendency.

Sawn, obs. pa. pple of SOW *v.*

Sawnap(e, variant forms of SANAP *Obs.*

Sawnce bell : see SANCTUS BELL.

Sawndelynge, obs. form of SANDLING[1].

Sawndres, -dyre, obs. forms of SANDERS[1].

Sawney (sǫ·ni), *sb.* [In sense 1, repr. a Sc. local variant of SANDY, short for Alexander; the connexion of the other senses is doubtful.]

1. *colloq.* A derisive nickname for a Scotchman.

a 1704 T. BROWN *Highlander* Wks. 1730 I. 117 And learn from him against a time of need To husband wealth, as *sawny* does his weed. 1710 ADDISON *Whig Exam.* No. 4 ¶ 12 Sawney [i. e. a Scotchman just mentioned] turned about in a great passion. 1764 WILKES *Corr.* (1805) III. 125 The list of the company (of the *Macs* and *Sawneys* not in the French service) would divert you. 1785 [see SANDY *sb.*]. 1883 R. CLELAND *Inchbracken* viii. 55 To..amuse his superior mind with Sawney at his devotions.

2. *colloq.* A simpleton, fool. [? Cf. ZANY.]

a 1700 B. E. *Dict. Cant. Crew*, *Sawny*, a Fool. *He's a meer Sawney*, he is very soft. 1807 [IRELAND] *Mod. Ship of Fools* 226 Quite a sawney. 1882 'EDNA LYALL' *Donovan* xxiv, A regular sawney—..weak as water.

3. *slang.* Bacon.

1812 J. H. VAUX *Flash Dict.*, *Sawney*, bacon. 1856 MAYHEW *Gt. World Lond.* 46 'Sawney-hunters', who purloin cheese or bacon from cheesemongers' doors.

4. *techn.* (See qnots.)

1892 *Labour Commission Gloss.*, *Sawney*, term used to denote the accident when all the threads in a mule are broken at the same time by some faulty action of the mule. 1901 *N. & Q.* Ser. IX. VIII. 170/1 If a minder in a cotton mill have four or five hundred 'ends' or threads broken through the chance intervention of an obstacle when the carriage is on the outward run, or through the sudden breaking of a band, he is said to 'have a sawney'.

Sawney (sǫ·ni), *a.* [app. f. SAWNEY *sb.*]

1. Foolish; foolishly sentimental; ? canting, wheedling.

1805 FOSTER *Ess.* II. vi. 201 A sawney clown on the road. 1843 J. ABBOTT *Journ. Heraut to Khiva* I. 21 A tall, sawney, miserly looking fellow. 1847 DISRAELI *Tancred* I. v, She spoke in her sawney voice of factitious enthusiasm. 1873 MISS BROUGHTON *Nancy* vii, The bronze of his face is a little paled by emotion, but there is no sawny sentiment in his tone, none of the lover's whine. 1900 H. LAWSON *Over Sliprails* 163 A good-hearted, sawny kind of chap.

2. ? *transf.*

1847 DISRAELI *Tancred* I. i, Curzon Street, after a long straggling sawney course, ceasing to be a thoroughfare.

Sawney (sǫ·ni), *v.* [f. SAWNEY *sb.* (in sense 2).] *intr.* **a.** To wheedle, cant. **b.** To act the sawney, to fool. Hence **Saw·neying** *ppl. a.*

1808 SOUTHEY *Lett.* (1856) II. 63 It looks like a sneaking sawneying Methodist parson. 1871 BESANT & RICE *Ready-money Mort.* viii, What's he coming sawneying over here about, I wonder?

Sawnse bell : see SANCTUS BELL.

Sawor, -our(e, obs. forms of SAVOUR.

Saw·pit. [f. SAW *sb.*[1] + PIT *sb.*] An excavation in the ground, over the month of which a framework is erected on which timber is placed to be sawn with a long two-handled saw by two men, the one standing in the pit and the other on a raised platform.

1408 *Nottingham Rec.* II. 62 Rogerus Parker fecit unum sawpytt in alta via. 1486 *Ibid.* III. 256 For drawyng of þe seid tymber fro þe wrightes to þe sawe pitt. 1598 SHAKS. *Merry W.* IV. iv. 53 Let them from forth a saw-pit rush at once. 1627 CAPT. SMITH *Seaman's Gram.* I. 1 To those Docks .. belongs their wood-yards, with Saw-pits. 1719 DE FOE *Crusoe* I. (Globe) 116 Two Sawyers, with their Tools, and a Saw-Pit would have cut six of them..in half a Day. 1811 MOORE *Mr. Orator Puff* iii, He tripped near a sawpit, and tumbled right in. 1876 *Encycl. Brit.* IV. 476/1 The facility with which sawing whole timber is now done by the aid of the upright saw-frame [etc.], has in large factories and workshops caused the saw-pits to be out of date.

transf. and *fig.* 1648 JENKYN *Blind Guide* I. 5 In Satans saw-pit schoold he was. 1865 DICKENS *Mut. Fr.* I. xii, Every street was a sawpit.

Sawqui : see SOCKEYE. **Sawr-** : see SAVOUR.

†**Sawsykylle.** [a. AF. *solsecle*, ad. L. *solsequium*.] The heliotrope.

c 1425 *Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 644/18 *Hoc solsequium*, sawsykylle.

Sawsyrlyng, variant of SAUSERLING *Obs.*

Sawt(e : see SALT, SAULT, SAUT.

Sawter(e, -tery : see PSALTER, PSALTERY.

Sawterell, Sawtire : see SAUTERELL, SALTIRE.

Saw tooth. [SAW *sb.*[1]]

1. a. A tooth of a saw. **b.** A tooth (of an animal, also, of a machine) shaped like a saw, or forming one of a serrated series.

1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* I. 337 The saw teeth run one betweene another,..as we see in serpents, fishes, and dogs. 1835 URE *Philos. Manuf.* 113 The saw-teeth of the gin, in tearing the fibres from the seeds, broke several of them. 1880 BALE *Woodworking Machinery* 332 A circular holder..fitted to a circular notch at the root of the saw tooth. 1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 344/1 Inserted teeth [in circular saws] are of various forms and shapes, from that of the ordinary saw tooth..to a 'chisel point'.

2. *attrib.* = saw-toothed. **Saw-tooth sterrinck,** the Crab-eating Seal, *Lobodon carcinophaga*.

1887 *Cassell's Nat. Hist.* II. 243 The Crab-eating Seal or Saw-tooth Sterrinck of Owen [cf. *saw-toothed* 1866 in SAW *sb.*[1] 5]. 1884 W. S. B. MCLAREN *Spinning* (ed. 2) 228 All of which are covered with garnet saw-tooth licker-in wire.

Sawtre(e, -trie, -try, obs. forms of PSALTERY.

Sawtrer, obs. form of PSALTERER *Obs.*

Sawturoure, Sawtyr : see SALTIRE, PSALTER.

Sawure, Sawve : see SAVOUR, SALVE.

Sawwort (sǫ·wŭt). Also 6 **sawewoort**, 9 **sawort**. [f. SAW *sb.*[1] + WORT.] A name given to various species of the genera *Serratula* (esp. *S. tinctoria*) and *Saussurea*, and to *Carduus arvensis*.

1597 GERARDE *Herbal* III. ccxxxi. 577 Sawewoort groweth in woods and shadowie places. *c* 1710 PETIVER *Cat. Ray's Eng. Herbal* Tab. xxii, Broad Saw-wort. 1777 LIGHTFOOT *Flora Scot.* I. 448 *Serratula alpina*...Alpine Saw-wort. 1796 WITHERING *Brit. Plants* (ed. 3) III. 697 *Carduus arvensis*...Corn Saw-wort. 1800 tr. *Lagrange's Chem.* II. 287 There are a great many other ingredients proper for dyeing yellow; such as saw-wort. 1838 T. THOMSON *Chem. Org. Bodies* 424 *Serratula tinctoria*, sawort. 1866 *Treas. Bot.* s. v. *Serratula*, The genus is represented in England by *S. tinctoria*, the Common Sawwort.

Sawyer (sǫ·yəɹ). Also 4-5 **sawier**, 6-7 **sawyere**, 7 **sayeure**. [Altered form of SAWER, with assimilation of the ending to the Fr. suffix *-ier*. Cf. *bowyer, clothier, lawyer*.]

1. A workman whose business it is to saw timber, esp. in a saw-pit.

1350 in Riley *Mem. Lond.* (1868) 254 [Also, that the] sawiers [shall take in the same manner as the masons and carpenters take]. 1415 in *York Myst.* Introd. 22 Sirdellers, Naylers, Sawiers. 1497 *Naval Accts. Hen. VII* (1896) 143 Carpenters Sawyers Smythes laborers..& other workemen. 1548 *Act* 2 & 3 *Edw. VI*, c. 15 § 3 Any..joyner hardhewer sawyer tyler pavyer [etc.]. 1616 *MS. Acc. St. John's Hosp., Canterb.*, Payd to the sayeures for bonndred of bourdes. 1640 BROME *Antipodes* II. ii, With see saw sacke a downe, like a Sawyer. 1809 *Med. Jrnl.* XXI. 53 William Waters, ..a sawyer. 1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 344/2 The log being raised on trestle horses instead of one of the sawyers being sunk in the pit.

2. The name of a New Zealand beetle: see quots.

1789 ANBUREY *Trav.* II. 452 These insects, from the destruction as well as the noise they make, have the appellation of sawyers. 1898 MORRIS *Austral Eng.* 507 A huge, ugly grasshopper, *Deinacrida megacephala*, called by bush-men the Sawyer. 1890 *Sunday Mag.* July 488/2 The Sawyer is reported to saw the branches completely off the tree,..the Sawyer beetle is the very largest insect known.

3. *U. S.* (See quots.)

1797 F. BAILY *Tour* (1856) 256 These sawyers are large trunks of trees, which are brought down by the force of the current. 1841 CATLIN *N. Amer. Ind.* xxxii. (1844) II. 1 We escaped snags and sawyers..and arrived here safe from the Upper Missouri. 188x *Society* 7 Oct. 8/1 'Snags' and 'sawyers', which mean trees swept away, the end of the 'snag' being fast in the mud of the river, and the 'sawyer' bobbing up and down.

Sax (sæks). Forms: 1 **seax, sæx, sex**, 3 **seax, sax, sæx, sox**, 3-4 **sex**. In sense 2: 7 **sects**, 9 **saixe, sax(e, sex**, *s. w. dial.* **zax, zex**. [OE. *seax, sex, sæx* (also in comb. Northumb. *writsæx* 'writing-knife', i. e. pen) = OFris. *sax*, OS., MLG., OHG., MHG. *saks* (also in comb. OHG. *mezzisahs, mezzirahs*, MHG. *mezzeres, mezzer*, mod.G. *messer* knife = OE. *mete seax* 'meat-knife'), ON. *sax* (Sw., Da. *sax* scissors) :—OTeut. **sahsō*[m], f. root **sah-, sag-* to cut: see SAW *sb.*[1]

In the well-known story related by Geoffrey of Monmouth after 'Nennius', the signal given by Hengist to his Saxons for the treacherous slaughter of their British hosts appears in the form 'Nemet oure saxas'. The OE. form would be *Nimaþ ȝowre seax*, the sb. being uninflected in the plural. The two earliest MSS. of 'Nennius' (11th c.) have respectively *saxas* and *sexa*.]

†**1.** A knife; a short sword or dagger. *Obs.*

Beowulf 1545 Heo..hyre seaxe ȝeteah brad brunecg. *a* 800 *Corpus Gloss., Culter*, saex. *c* 1000 ÆLFRIC *Josh.* v. 2

Wirc þe nu stænene sex. *c* 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 81 þet me sculde in þe ehtiuþe dei þet knaue child embsniþen mid ane ulint sexe. *c* 1205 LAY. 4015 þe uniselie moder mid sexe hine to-snæde. *Ibid.* 22342 Mid swiðe scærpe sæxen. 1300–1400 *K. Glouc.* (Rolls) App. G. 40 Mid hare sexes hi corue þat bodi pece mele.

2. A chopping-tool used for trimming slates.

1669 COLEPRESS in *Phil. Trans.* IV. 1009 If in hewing it does not break before the edge of the Sects (the hewing instrument of the Slatters) you may not much doubt of the firmness of the Slat. 1823 P. NICHOLSON *Pract. Build.* 400 The Saixe is of steel, and not unlike a large knife. 1842 GWILT *Encycl. Arch.* § 1800 (*Slates*) It is thought to be a good sign, if, in hewing, it shatters before the edge of the zax. 1886 ELWORTHY *W. Somerset Word-bk., Sex*, a tool used by slaters... It is a kind of straight chopper, with a bill or point projecting from the back for 'holing' the slates.

Saxatile (sæ·ksătəil, -til), *a.* Also 7 **saxatil.** [a. F. *saxatile* (16th c.) or ad. L. *saxātilis*, f. *saxum* rock, stone.]

†**1.** Of the nature of stone. *Obs. rare* —¹.

1651 BIGGS *New Disp.* P 140 Gemmes, stones, and things of a saxatile substance.

2. *Zool.* and *Bot.* Living or growing among rocks.

1661 LOVELL *Hist. Anim. & Min.* 205 Saxatil fishes yeeld a dry aliment. *Ibid.* 238 Julis... Is a saxatile Fish. 1786 ABERCROMBIE *Gard. Assist., Arrangem.* 48 Saxatile or rock yellow alysson. 1854 BADHAM *Halieut.* 42 Turdi and other saxatile fish of value.

Saxaul (sæ·ksɔ̄l). Also **saksa(o)ul.** A shrub, *Anabasis* (or *Holoxylon*) *Ammodendron*, growing on the steppes of Asia.

1874 H. SPALDING *Khiva & Turkestan* 43 Scattered clumps of *saksaoul* and dwarf acacias. 1874 *Treas. Bot.* Suppl., *Saxaul.* 1882 *Encycl. Brit.* XIV. 64/2 (*Khiva*) Saksaul (*Holoxylon ammodendron*) is found in quantities, and furnishes excellent fuel.

Sa·xboard. *Boat-building.* [Cf. ON. *sax* (a use of *sax* = SAX) raised prow of a ship.] (See quots. 1891, 1898.)

1857 P. COLQUHOUN *Comp. Oarsman's Guide* 28 Above all [the straiks] comes the sax-board. 1891 WINN *Boating Man's Vade-m.* 60 *Saxboard* or *gunwalestrake*, the uppermost continuous strake or sideplank in a boat. 1898 ANSTED *Dict. Sea Terms* s. v. *Gunwale*, The gunwale strake (in open boats the *saxboard*) is the uppermost strake of a boat. To it the gunwale is fixed.

Sax-cornet: see under SAX-HORN.

Saxe (sæks). [a. F. *Saxe* Saxony (G. *Sachsen*).] Used *attrib.* to designate articles which come from Saxony, as *Saxe china*; **Saxe blue** = SAXON *blue*; **Saxe paper** (also simply **Saxe**), an albuminized paper used in photography.

1864 *Hardwich's Photogr. Chem.* (ed. 7) 304 Fifty whole sheets of Saxe paper, 18×22. 1866 J. HUGHES *Pract. Photogr.* (ed. 7) 26 Albumenized Paper... There are two principal kinds, known as *Rive* and *Saxe*. 1876 tr. *Tissandier's Hist. Photogr.* Advt. 5 Picked Rives and Saxes. 1881 ABNEY *Photogr.* 128 Good English paper of the consistency of medium Saxe answers every purpose. 1904 E. F. BENSON *Challoners* ii, A pale blue sunshade with a handle of Saxe china. 1905 *Westm. Gaz.* 2 Mar. 4/2 Bows of the new Saxe blue. 1908 *Ibid.* 29 Aug. 13/2 Saxe and turquoise-blue hinder each other.

†**Saxeane,** *a. Sc. Obs. rare* —¹. [f. L. *saxe-us* (f. *sax-um* stone) + -ANE.] Made of stone.

1560 ROLLAND *Crt. Venus* II. 488 Ane Closter.. Triangill maid, with craftie wark saxeane.

Saxefras, obs. form of SASSAFRAS.

Saxeous (sæ·ksĭəs), *a. rare.* [f. L. *saxe-us* of stone (f. *sax-um* stone, rock) + -OUS.] Of or pertaining to stone, stony. †*Saxeous odour,* an exhalation supposed to be the cause of petrifaction.

1671 J. WEBSTER *Metallogr.* xxix. 362 That the petrifying seed doth consist alone in a saxeous or stony odour or steam [tr. Van Helmont *De Lithiasi* i. Quod semen petrificum consistat in solo odore saxeo]. 1845 FORD *Handbk. Spain* II. 664 Such a saxeous metamorphosis was an old story even in.. Ovid's time. *Ibid.* 875 The culprit in the saxeous change lost two-thirds of his original height.

Sax-horn, saxhorn (sæ·kshɔ̄n). [f. the name *Sax*: see below.] The name given to a group of brass musical instruments of the trumpet kind, invented by a Belgian, Charles Joseph Sax (1791–1865), and improved by his son Antoine Joseph, known as Adolphe. Called also **sax-cornet.** Also **sax-tuba,** a brass instrument of this class. (Cf. SAXOPHONE, SAXOTROMBA.)

1852 *Crystal Palace* 285/1 The Sax-horns, which have become so popular.. are also another modification of the cornopean. *Ibid.* 285/2 Sax-horns in alto, soprano, tenor, tuba, bass, &c. 1856 MARY C. CLARKE tr. *Berlioz' Mod. Instrum.* 234 M. Sax has also produced the family of sax-horns, of saxotrombas, and of sax-tubas,—brass instruments with a wide mouthpiece; and with a mechanism of three, four, or five cylinders. 1858 SIMMONDS *Dict. Trade, Sax-cornet, Sax-horn*, musical wind instruments usually made of brass. 1859 SALA *Gas-light & D.* xxv. 295 From David's harp to Mr. Distin's sax-horns.

‖ **Saxicava** (sæksi·kăvă). Pl. -æ. [mod.L., fem. of *saxicavus*: see next.] A genus of bivalve boring molluscs; a member of this genus. Also in anglicized form **Sa·xicave** (*rare*).

1826 E. OSLER in *Phil. Trans.* CXVI. III. 362 The Saxicava does not bore like the Pholas, by a rotatory motion. *Ibid.* 364 Where the Saxicavæ are numerous, their holes communicate very freely. 1835 KIRBY *Hab. & Inst. Anim.* I. viii. 248 The rugose Saxicave [note *Saxicava rugosa*].

Saxicavous (sæksi·kăvəs), *a. Zool.* [f. mod.L. *saxicav-us* (f. *saxum* rock + *cavāre* to hollow, excavate) + -OUS.] Hollowing out rock or stone: epithet of certain molluscs.

1850 DANA *Geol.* ii. 122 They resemble, in fact, other saxicavous molluscs. 1882 GEIKIE *Text-bk. Geol.* 456 Saxicavous shells, by piercing stone and leaving open cavities for rain and sea-water to fill, promote its decay.

Saxicole (sæ·ksikōul), *a. Bot.* [ad. mod.L. *saxicola*, f. *saxum* rock, stone + *colĕre* to inhabit.] = SAXICOLOUS.

1882 *Encycl. Brit.* XIV. 562/1 Saxicole lichens, which occur on rocks and stones.

Saxicoline (sæksi·kŏlain), *a. Zool.* and *Bot.* [f. mod.L. *saxicol-a* SAXICOLE + -INE.] **a.** Living among rocks, growing on rocks (in recent Dicts.). **b.** *spec.* Pertaining to the snbfamily *Saxicolinæ* of passerine birds (the stone-chats).

1899 A. H. EVANS *Birds* 516 As regards the Saxicoline and Ruticilline forms, attention should be drawn to [etc.].

Saxicolous (sæksi·kŏləs), *a. Bot.* [f. mod.L. *saxicol-a* SAXICOLE + -OUS.] Growing on rocks.

1856 W. L. LINDSAY *Brit. Lichens* 104 In northern latitudes, Lichens are usually saxicolous. 1882 VINES tr. *Sachs' Bot.* 697 Saxicolous Lichens.

Saxi·fical, *a. rare* —°. [f. L. *saxific-us* (f. *saxum* rock, stone: see -FIC) + -AL.] (See quot.)

1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr., Saxifical*, that turns into a stone, or is made stony.

Saxifragaceous (sæksifrăgē·ĭəs), *a. Bot.* [-ACEOUS.] Belonging to the N.O. *Saxifragaceæ.*

1845 *Encycl. Metrop.* VI. 177*/1 Saxifragaceous shrubs. 1892 *Nation* 11 Aug. 114/3 A saxifragaceous tree.

Saxifragal (sæksi·frăgăl), *a.* and *sb. Bot.* [f. mod.L. *saxifraga* SAXIFRAGE + -AL.] Belonging to Lindley's 'alliance' *Saxifragales*, which comprises the *Saxifragaceæ* and four other orders. Hence *sb.*, a member of this alliance.

1846 LINDLEY *Veget. Kingd.* 566.

Saxi·fragant, *a. rare* —°. [f. L. *saxifrag-us* (see SAXIFRAGE) + -ANT.] That breaks stones.

1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr., Saxifragrant* [sic], that breaks stones, or is broken against stones. 1676 COLES, *Saxifragant*, breaking (or broken against) stones.

Saxifrage (sæ·ksifrēdʒ). Also 6 **saxfrage, saxefrage, sixfrag(e,** 7 **saxafrage, -phrage,** 8 **saxifrige.** [a. OF. *saxifrage, saxefrage, sassifrage* (13th c.), ad. L. *saxifraga* (sc. *herba*), in Pliny *saxifragum* (sc. *adiantum*): see next. Med.L. had also *saxifragia, -fragium* (It. *sassifraga, -fragia*).

The Latin name (= rock-breaking) was probably given because many species are found growing among stones and in the clefts of rocks. Pliny preferred to derive it from the supposed lithontriptic virtue of the plant (*H. N.* XXII. XXI § 64 *calculos e corpore mire pellit frangitque*), and this view has had great currency; but *saxum* is far from being synonymous with *calculus.*]

1. Any plant of the genus *Saxifraga*, esp. *S. granulata* (White Meadow Saxifrage). The numerous species are mostly dwarf herbs with tufted foliage and panicles of white, yellow or red flowers; many root in the clefts of rocks. Also applied to related plants, as the genus *Chrysosplenium* (Golden Saxifrage), *Pimpinella Saxifraga* (Burnet or Rough S.) and *P. magna* (Great S.), *Silaus pratensis* (Meadow or Pepper S.), the genus *Seseli* (Meadow S.).

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 442/1 Saxifrage, herbe, *Saxifragium, Saxifragia.* *c* 1450 *Alphita* (Anecd. Oxon.) 163 Saxifragia uel saxifraga similis est pimpinello, radice utimur, g°. et a°. saxifrage. 1526 *Grete Herball* ccccxxxviii. (1529) Z iij, *De Saxifraga minori.* The lesse saxifrage. 1548 TURNER *Names of Herbes* 87 The englishe mens Saxifragia, which they cal Saxifrage, hath leaues lyke smal perseley, & it groweth in middowes. *c* 1550 LLOYD *Treas. Health* N vij, Mingle it wyth Gillofloures and Sixfrag. 1551 TURNER *Herbal* I. O iiij, Pimpinell or roughe saxifrage. 1568 *Ibid.* III. 68 The white Saxifrage with the indented leafe is moste commended for the breakinge of the stone. 1578 LYTE *Dodoens* II. cii. 287 Of white Saxifrage or Stonebreake. *Ibid.* 288 Golden Saxifrage. 1597 GERARDE *Herbal* II. cccciv. 887 Burnet Saxifrage. 1612 DRAYTON *Poly-olb.* xiii. 221 So Saxifrage is good, and Harts-tongue for the Stone. 1651 D. BORDER *Physitian* 139 The root of Saxafrage drunk with Wine and Vinegar cureth the Pestilence. 1683 RAY *Corr.* (1848) 232 Whether the Seseli .. be a species distinct from our English Meadow Saxifrage? 1785 MARTYN *Rousseau's Bot.* xix. (1794) 270 Common White Saxifrage flowers early and in great quantities among the grass. 1796 WITHERING *Brit. Plants* (ed. 3) II. 295 *Peucedanum Silaus*.. Meadow Saxifrage, or Sulphurwort. 1841 *Penny Cycl.* XX. 486/1 White or Granulated Meadow Saxifrage. 1846 *Ibid.* Suppl. II. 547/1 *Silaus pratensis*, Meadow Pepper Saxifrage. 1858 KINGSLEY *Miscell.* (1859) I. 164 The first stars of the white saxifrage,..which shine upon some green cushion of wet moss.

b. (with *pl.*) Any member of the genus *Saxifraga* or of the N.O. *Saxifragaceæ.*

1578 LYTE *Dodoens* II. ci. 286 The smal Saxifrages growe vnder hedges. 1785 MARTYN *Rousseau's Bot.* xix. (1794) 269 In the second [order] you have all the Saxifrages, forty-two in number. 1884 BOWER & SCOTT *De Bary's Phaner.* 53 The Saxifrages of the division Euaizonia.

†**2.** Applied to caraway-seed. *Obs.*

1696 *Phil. Trans.* XIX. 350 *Carum* grows plentifully in our Pastures; the seed they call Saxifrage, which they gather and send to London.

¶ **3.** Misused for SASSAFRAS.

1670 D. DENTON *Descr. New York* (1845) 4 The greatest part of the Island is very full of Timber, as..Maples, Cedars, Saxifrage, Beach.

4. *attrib.*, as *saxifrage-root, -seed, -water.*

1547 BOORDE *Brev. Health* ccvii. (1557) 72 Putte thereto three vnces of Saxfrage rotes. *Ibid.* 72 b, I did take..of Saxfrage sedes..an vnce. 1694 SALMON *Bate's Dispens.* (1713) 86/1 Strawberry or Saxifrage Water. 1841 *Penny Cycl.* XX. 486/1 The roots of this species [*Saxifraga granulata*], forming as they do little granular masses, were at one time sold in the shops under the name of saxifrage seed.

Saxifragine (sæksi·frădʒĭn). [a. F. *saxifragine* (Desorbiaux 1878), f. L. *saxifrag-us*: see next.] A species of gunpowder (see quot. 1889).

The statement in quot. 1881 is app. erroneous.

1881 GREENER *Gun* 320 Mataziette and Saxafragine [*sic*] are merely aliases for dynamite of different consistencies and strength. 1889 CUNDILL *Dict. Explosives* 16 Saxifragine consists of: Nitrate of baryta 77 parts, Charcoal 21 parts, Saltpetre 2 parts.

†**Saxi·fragous,** *a. Obs. rare.* [f. L. *saxifrag-us* (f. *saxum* rock + *frag-, frangĕre* to break) + -OUS.] That has the property of 'breaking' or dissolving the stone in the bladder. Also *fig.*

1646 SIR T. BROWNE *Pseud. Ep.* II. v. 84 Saxifragous herbes, and such as are conceived of power to breake the stone. 1677 W. HUGHES *Man of Sin* III. iii. 98, I have six or seven Instances more,..which will make such a Saxifragous Dose, that no scruple can stand before it.

†**Sa·xify,** *v. Obs.* —° [f. L. *saxum* rock: see -FY. Cf. L. *saxificus* petrifying.] *trans.* To turn into rock or stone. In quot. **Saxifying** *vbl. sb.*

1659 TORRIANO, *Lapificatióne*, a saxifying.

Saxigenous (sæksi·dʒĭnəs), *a.* [f. late L. *saxigen-us*, f. *sax-um* rock + *-gen-us* begotten, sprung (from): see -OUS. The termination is here erroneously taken to mean 'producing', as in CORALLIGENOUS.] That produces (coral) rocks or reefs.

1842 DARWIN *Coral Reefs* iv. § 1. 64 The saxigenous lithophytes. 1862 M. HOPKINS *Hawaii* 415 Saxigenous polypes or lithophytes.

†**Sa·xish,** *a.* and *sb. Obs.* In 3 **Sax-, Sæx-, Sexisc, Saxiss, -ess.** [OE. *Seaxisc, Sęxisc*, f. *Seaxe* Saxons: see -ISH. Cf. OFris. *sassisk*, Du. *saksisch*, G. *sächsisch*, ON. *saxnesk-r.*] = SAXON *a.* and *sb.*

O. E. Chron. an. 1009, Brihtric..forwręxde Wulfnoð cild þone Suðseaxscian [*read* -seaxiscan] to þam cyning. *c* 1205 LAY. 7111 Seoðden comen Sæxisce [*c* 1275 Saxisse] men. *Ibid.* 14143 Ich wulle biliue senden after mine wine, þat is a Sexisc wimmon. *Ibid.* 14979 Fortimer spæc Bruttisc & Rouuenne Saxisc [*c* 1275 Saxisse]. *Ibid.* 29963 Anglisce & Sexisce seouentene þusend mid machen weoren to-heowen. 1848 LYTTON *Harold* IX. iii. 305, I know well these Saxish men.

Saxon (sæ·ksən), *sb.* and *a.* Forms: 3–5 **Saxoyn**(e, 4–5 **Saxoun, Sessoyne,** 5–6 **Saxson**(e, 4– **Saxon.** [a. F. *Saxon*, ad. L. *Saxon-em* (nom. sing. *Saxo*, pl. *Saxonēs*, Gr. in Ptolemy Σάξονες), a. WGer. **Saxon-* (OE. *Seaxan, Seaxe* pl., OHG. *Sahsûn* pl., G. *Sachse*).

It has been conjectured that the name may have been derived from **sahso*ᵐ SAX *sb.*, as the name of the weapon used by the Saxons; cf. the probable derivation of the German tribe-name *Cherusci* from OTeut. **heru* sword.]

A. *sb.*

1. One of a Germanic people which in the early centuries of the Christian era dwelt in a region near the mouth of the Elbe, and of which one portion, distinguished as *Anglo-Saxons* (see ANGLO-SAXON) conquered and occupied certain parts of South Britain in the 5th and 6th centuries, while the other, the *Old Saxons* (med.L. *Antiqui Saxones*, Beda; OE. *Ealdseaxe*) remained in Germany. Often, like *Anglo-Saxon*, applied indiscriminately to all the Germanic peoples that settled in Britain. Also, an Englishman who is presumed to be descended from this people.

1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 2540 Hit was of grace þat þe saxoyns þus com verst to londe. 1390 GOWER *Conf.* I. 184 A Saxon and a worthi knyht. ?*a* 1400 *Morte Arth.* 3530 Sarazenes and Sessoynes. *c* 1420 *Chron. Vilod.* 99 Saxsones were y-clepud Engestis men. *c* 1450 *Merlin* xii. 173 Oure werres a-gein the saxoyns. *Ibid.* xiii. 193 That day Gawein slowgh many a sarazin of the saxouns. 1547 BOORDE *Introd. Knowl.* xvi. (1870) 164, I do maruel greatly how the Saxsons should conquere Englonde. 1781 GIBBON *Decl. & F.* xxv. (1787) II. 522 The sea-coast of Gaul and Britain was exposed to the depredations of the Saxons. *Ibid.* xxxviii. III. 613 Three valiant tribes or nations of Germany; the *Jutes*, the *old Saxons*, and the *Angles*. 1856 EMERSON *Eng. Traits, Ability* Wks. (Bohn) II. 33 The Norman has come popularly to represent in England the aristocratic—and the Saxon the democratic principle. 1862 W. H. JERVIS *Hist. France* V. § 6 (1872) 65 Divided into the three confederacies of Westphalians, Ostphalians, and Angarians, the Saxons occupied at this time the greater part of Northern Germany.

b. In mod. use *spec.* (primarily as the term used by Celtic speakers). An Englishman as distinct from a Welshman or Irishman, a Lowland Scot as distinct from a Highlander. Cf. SASSENACH.

1810 SCOTT *Lady of Lake* IV. xxxi, He gave him of his Highland cheer..And bade the Saxon share his plaid. 1862 THACKERAY *Philip* xxx, Scores of [Irish] gentlemen..who would not object to take the Saxon's pay until they finally shook his yoke off.

2. A native or inhabitant of Saxony in its modern German sense, including the kingdom of Saxony, the Prussian province of Saxony, and certain principalities.

1737 *Gentl. Mag.* VII. 4/1 The Saxons, who long since have done great damage to your coarser sorts of Cloths.

3. *Pyrotechnics.*

1839 URE *Dict. Arts* 480 The saxons are cartridges clayed at each end, charged with the brilliant turning fire, and perforated with one or two holes at the extremity of the same diameter. 1873 W. H. BROWNE *Pyrotechny* viii. 87 Saxons ..[are] used largely in the construction of set pieces; they are sometimes called Chinese flyers.

4. *Ent.* A night-moth, *Hadena rectilinea.*

1869 E. NEWMAN *Brit. Moths* 423.

B. *adj.*

1. Of or belonging to the Saxons (see A. 1). Formerly often used (like *Anglo-Saxon*) as the distinctive epithet of the Old English language, and of books written in it, and of the period of English history between the conquest of Britain by the Saxons, Angles, and Jutes, and the Norman Conquest. † *Saxon Angles* = Anglo-Saxons.

Old Saxon: pertaining to the Old Saxons or their language: see A. 1 and B. 2 b.

1568 JEWEL *Let. to Abp. Parker* 18 Jan., Wks. 1848 VIII. 193, I..have found..one book, written in the Saxon tongue. ..It may be Alfricus for all my cunning. 1589 PUTTENHAM *Eng. Poesie* II. vi. (Arb.) 90 *Ryme* is a borrowed word from the Greeks by the Latines and French, from them by vs Saxon angles. 1605 CAMDEN *Rem., Languages* 24 The Saxon letter *Thorne.* 1781 GIBBON *Decl. & F.* xxv. (1787) II. 523 The Saxon pirates. *Ibid.* xxxviii. III. 610 The obscure hints of the Saxon laws and chronicles. 1819 SCOTT *Ivanhoe* xliii, The last scion of Saxon royalty. 1824 JOHNSON *Typogr.* II. 581 Greek, Hebrew, Saxon, &c., or any of the dead characters. 1840 *Rituale Eccl. Dunelm.* (Surtees) p. xii, An interlinear version into the Saxon language. 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* vi. II. 130 In Ireland Scot and Southron were strongly bound together by their common Saxon origin. 1862 W. H. JERVIS *Hist. France* v. §6 (1872) 65 Witikind became the hero of the Saxon resistance.

b. Used to denote the element in the English tongue which is derived from Anglo-Saxon.

† *Saxon-English*, † *English-Saxon* = Anglo-Saxon.

1589 PUTTENHAM *Eng. Poesie* I. xxx. (Arb.) 72 This word (song) which is our naturall Saxon English word. *Ibid.* II. xiii. 126 Our vulgar Saxon English standing most vpon wordes monosillable. *Ibid.* 130 Not content with the vsual Normane or Saxon word. ? 1595-6 R. CAREW *Excell. Engl. Tongue* in G. G. Smith *Elisab. Crit. Ess.* II. 287 In our native Saxon language. 1840 CARLYLE *Heroes* v. (1841) 307 Wheresoever a Saxon dialect is spoken. 1849 F. W. NEWMAN *Soul* 71 Poetry must have Saxon vocables. 1860 WHYTE MELVILLE *Mkt. Harb.* 2 Mr. Sawyer's fluency in all Saxon expletives is undeniable.

c. Used (primarily by Celtic speakers: see A. 1 b) for 'English' in contradistinction to Welsh and Irish or Gaelic. Also, in wider sense, applied, like *Anglo-Saxon*, to the people of England and of the other English-speaking communities, chiefly in contradistinction to 'Latin'.

1787 BURNS '*When Guilford good*' vii, The Saxon lads, wi' loud placads, On Chatham's Boy did ca', man. *a* 1845 C. G. DUFFY in *Spirit of Nation* 3 Saxon wiles or Saxon powers Can enslave our land no longer Than your own dissensions wrong her. 1847 EMERSON *Repr. Men, Uses of Gt. Men* Wks. (Bohn) I. 282 Every child of the Saxon race is educated to wish to be first. 1862 CALVERLEY *Verses & Transl.* (1894) 49 Then nectar—was that beer, or whisky-toddy? Some say the Gaelic mixture, *I* the Saxon. 1893 LELAND *Mem.* II. 64, I never found a Saxon-Englishman who had this step.

d. *Arch.* Used to designate the special variety of Romanesque architecture used in England in the 'Saxon period'. (Formerly often misapplied to early Norman buildings.)

17.. WARBURTON *Note on Pope's Ep. Ld. Burlington* 29 This, by way of distinction, I would call the Saxon Architecture. 1762-71 H. WALPOLE *Vertue's Anecd. Paint.* (1786) I. 181 This Saxon style begins to be defined by flat and round arches. 1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) II. 222/1 Those arcades we see in the early Norman or Saxon buildings or walls. 1825 SCOTT *Betrothed* xiii, With doors and windows forming the heavy round arch which is usually called Saxon.

2. *absol.* (quasi-*sb.*). The language of the Saxons: a. = ANGLO-SAXON in its various applications. Often used for Modern English speech of Saxon or Anglo-Saxon origin; English diction derived chiefly from the Saxon stock, as distinct from the Latin and French elements.

† *English Saxon* = Anglo-Saxon.

1388 PURVEY *Prol. Bible* 59 Bede translatide the bible, and expounide myche in Saxon, that was English, either comoun langage of this lond. 1390 GOWER *Conf.* I. 206 For Couste in Saxoun is to sein Constance upon the word Romein. 1589 PUTTENHAM *Eng. Poesie* II. v. (Arb.) 90 For this purpose serue the monosillables of our English Saxons [*sic*] excellently well. *Ibid.* III. iv. (Arb.) 157 Neither shall he take the termes of Northern-men,..nor in effect any speach vsed beyond the riuer of Trent, though no man can deny but that theirs is the purer English Saxon at this day. 1624 FLETCHER *Wife for a Month* I, A Letter, But 'tis a womans, Sir, I know by the hand, And the false Orthography, they write old Saxon. 1662 M. W. *Marriage Broaker* 72 He in olde Saxon's call'd a match-maker. 1819 SCOTT *Ivanhoe* xxvi, Here is a letter, and, if I mistake not, it is in Saxon. 1820 *Gentl. Mag.* Apr. 312/1 *Maund.* This word being derived from the Saxon, deserves to be in more frequent and general use.

b. *Old Saxon*: the language of the Old Saxons (see A. 1), especially as exemplified in the remains of 9th century poetry, including the *Heliand* and some fragments of paraphrases of the story of Genesis.

1843 R. G. LATHAM *Eng. Lang.* iii. 51 Grammatical Structure of Old Saxon, as compared with Anglo-Saxon. 1908 WRIGHT *O. E. Grammar* 2 Low German..Up to about 1300 it is generally called Old Saxon.

3. Of or belonging to Saxony in its modern German sense. (See A. 2.)

a 1634 CHAPMAN *Alphonsus* III. i. 271 With Saxon lansknights and brunt-bearing Switzers. 1737 *Gentl. Mag.* VII. 3/1 The thriving..Trade of all sorts of Saxon Cloths. 1842 MACAULAY *Ess., Fredk. Gt.* (near beginning), Even Frederic William, with all his rugged Saxon prejudices, thought it necessary that his children should know French. 1842 BISCHOFF *Woollen Manuf.* II. 363 The indigenous Saxon breed [of sheep] resembled that of the neighbouring states.

b. *Saxon blue* = Saxony blue: see SAXONY. *Saxon green*: cobalt green.

1753 HANWAY *Trav.* (1762) I. VII. xciv. 432 The blues and greens, commonly called Saxon, are best dyed in this place. 1766 W. GORDON *Gen. Counting-ho.* 428, 2 Saxon-green durants. 1771 WOULFE in *Phil. Trans.* LXI. 127 Saxon blues..are made by dissolving indigo in oil of vitriol. 1775 ROMANS *Hist. Florida* App. 19 The color of the water changes..to a beautiful saxon blue. 1804 tr. *Tingry's Painter & Varnisher's Guide* 302 Smalt, or the vitreous oxide of saffer, reduced to coarse powder, is distinguished by the name of coarse Saxon blue, or enamel blue.

Saxondom (sæ·ksəndəm). = ANGLO-SAXONDOM.

1840 CARLYLE *Heroes* iii. (1841) 184 East and west to the very Antipodes, there will be a Saxondom covering great spaces of the Globe. 1868 DILKE *Greater Brit.* I. Pref. 8 Sketches of Saxondom may be of interest. 1871 EARLE *Philol. Eng. Tongue* 24 The Anglian kingdom of Northumbria exhibited the first mature example of a Christian nation in Saxondom.

† **Saxo·nian,** *a.* and *sb. Obs.* [f. med.L. *Saxonia* SAXONY + -AN.] a. *adj.* = SAXON *a.* 3. b. *sb.* A Protestant of Saxony.

a 1600 HOOKER *Eccl. Pol.* VI. iv. § 14 Saxonians and Bohemians in their Discipline constraine no man to open confession. 1761 SPENCE in *Epithal. Oxon.* G j, Hail.., Saxonian plains! where deep Visurgis flows.

Saxonic (sæksɒ·nik), *a.* [ad. med.L. *Saxonic-us*, f. L. *Saxon-* SAXON.]

1. Of or belonging to Saxony.

c 1645 HOWELL *Lett.* (1650) II. xi. 23 They of the Anglican, ..Saxonick, Wirtinbergick, Palatin, and Belgick confessions.

2. Belonging to the Anglo-Saxons or their language.

1678 T. JONES *Heart & its Soveraign* 320 Their Saxonick letter, which much agrees with the character, the Irish still use. 1714 FORTESCUE-ALAND *Fortescue's Abs. & Lim. Mon.* 1 This Saxonick way of writing is to be found in Chaucer. 1888 EARLE (*title*) A Hand-Book to the Land-Charters, and other Saxonic Documents.

† **Saxo·nical,** *a. Obs.* = prec.

1577 DEE *Memor. Navig.* 57 King Edgar, that Saxonicall Alexander. 1617 MORYSON *Itin.* III. 211 The later Interpreters..so interpret the Statute of the Saxonical Law.

Saxo·nically, *adv. rare.* [f. prec. + -LY 2.] In the Saxonic manner.

1837 S. R. MAITLAND 6 *Lett. Fox's A. & M.* 6 King Ina, ..[or,] as Fox more Saxonically called him, Ine.

Saxonish (sæ·ksəniʃ), *a.* [f SAXON + -ISH.] Belonging to the Saxons; resembling what is Saxon.

1549 BALE *Labor. Journ. Leland* Pref. B iij, A man lerned in many sondrye languages, as Greke, Latyne,..Brittyshe, Saxonyshe, Walshe, Englyshe, and Scottyshe. 1577-87 HOLINSHED *Chron.* I. 126/2 Which terme being expired, the whole dominion of this realme was Saxonish. 1873 EARLE *Philol. Eng. Tongue* 16 The Welsh and the Gael, have still called us Saxons, and our language Saxonish.

Saxonism (sæ·ksəniz'm). [f. SAXON + -ISM.]

1. An Anglo-Saxon idiom or expression; Anglo-Saxon characteristics in speech.

1774 WARTON *Hist. Eng. Poetry* I. ii. 49 The language [of Robert of Gloucester]..is full of Saxonisms. 1845 KEMBLE in *Proc. Philol. Soc.* II. 121 How often have we not heard it asserted that particular districts were remarkable for the Saxonism of their speech, because they had retained the archaisms, *kine, shoon, housen*! 1851 H. MELVILLE *Whale* III. i. 10 *note*, Many other sinewy Saxonisms of this sort.

2. The characteristics of the Anglo-Saxon race; attachment to what is Anglo-Saxon.

1884 H. D. TRAILL in *Macm. Mag.* Oct. 443 Please to remember in abatement of your pride of Saxonism, that its moral association is not inherited but acquired. *a* 1894 C. H. PEARSON in Stebbing *Mem.* (1900) 92 The extravagant Saxonism of the present school [of historians].

Saxonist (sæ·ksənist). [f. SAXON + -IST.] A Saxon scholar; one learned in Anglo-Saxon.

1599 THYNNE *Animadv.* (1875) 31 Vnleste a manne be a good saxoniste, frenche, and Italyane linguiste. 1770 *Archæologia* I. Introd. 25 Mr. Elstob the Saxonist. 1813 J. NICHOLS *Lit. Anecd. 18th C.* IV. 123 This ingenious Saxonist. 1847 *Blackw. Mag.* LXI. 80 Mr. Thorpe, so well known as one of the very few accomplished Saxonists of whom we can boast.

Saxonite (sæ·ksənəit). *Geol.* [f. SAXON-Y + -ITE.] A name proposed for a group of peridotite rocks composed of olivine and enstatite.

1884 WADSWORTH *Lithol. Studies* 85 It is, then, proposed here to designate all these rocks by the term *saxonite*, from the country in which the terrestrial form was first so well described by Dathe.

Saxonize (sæ·ksənəiz), *v.* [f. SAXON + -IZE.]

1. *trans.* To make Saxon or Anglo-Saxon.

1804 MITFORD *Inquiry* 405 The rest, French, Latin, and Greek, is little more than a magazine of words; rarely showing, except as in declension, comparison, or conjugation, they have been Saxonized, any relation to the rest of the speech. 1843 WORDSW. *Prose Wks.* (1876) III. 91 Saint Romualdo, (or Rumwald, as our ancestors saxonised the name). 1861 PEARSON *Early & Mid. Ages Eng.* vi. 55 Other invaders..poured in..till the island was Saxonized.

2. *intr.* To become Saxon (in quot., of Saxony).

1834 *Tait's Mag.* I. 440/1 Artbur is packed off to Saxonise at Weimar, to sigh at the feet of Goethe's handsome daughter-in-law.

Hence **Sa·xonized** *ppl. a.*, **Sa·xonizing** *vbl. sb.*

1867 SHAIRP *Sketches* (1887) 67 The decisive Saxonising of Scotland that took place under Margaret. 1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XX. 642 The Saxonized Britons of Wiltshire.

Saxonly (sæ·ksənli), *adv.* [f. SAXON *a.* + -LY 2.] In a Saxon manner; in the Saxon tongue.

1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) II. 159 Þe Flemmynges þat woneþ in þe weste side of Wales haueþ i-left her straunge speche and spekeþ Saxonliche i-now [L. *Saxonice satis proloquuntur*]. 1606 WARNER *Alb. Eng.* XV. xciii. 374 Of Britons (saxonlie calld Welsh, or Strangers). 1864 LOWELL *Fireside Trav.* 28 Insurgent after no mad Gallic fashion, but soberly and Saxonly discbarging itself. 1870 — *Study Wind., Chaucer* (1871) 195 He found our language lumpish, ..too apt to speak Saxonly in grouty monosyllables.

Saxony (sæ·ksəni), *sb.* [ad. late L. *Saxonia*, the country of the Saxons, f. *Saxon-* SAXON.

In ME. the name of the country appears in the forms *Saxon, Saxoyne, Saxone, Sessoyne* (after OF. *Saxoine, Sessoyne*); the similar use of *Saxon* in Chapman's *Alphonsus* (*a* 1634) may be from the mod.G. *Sachsen.*]

The name of a kingdom of Germany (in Ger. *Sachsen*, in Fr. *Saxe*), used *attrib.* to designate products of the country: *esp.*

1. A fine kind of wool, and cloth made from it. Also *absol.* = *Saxony-cloth.*

Several distinct kinds of fabric are thus designated: *Saxony coating*, Saxony wool made in coating styles; *Saxony flannel*, Saxony wool in flannel weight and finish, usually scarlet; *Saxony cord*, a black ribbed material with cotton warp and Saxony weft, used for cassocks and academic robes.

1844 THACKERAY *Box of Novels* Wks. 1900 XIII. 412 His Saxony-cloth surtout. 1853 R. S. SURTEES *Sponge's Sp. Tour* (1893) 333 Mr. Sponge forthwith proceeded to put his brown boots,..his dress blue saxony, his clean linen,..into his solid leather portmanteau. 1888 *Encycl. Brit.* XXIV. 654/2 Specimens of the finest Saxony wools.

2. *Saxony blue*: a solution of indigo in concentrated sulphuric acid, much used as a dye. Also *Saxon blue* (see SAXON *a.* 3 b).

1857 MILLER *Elem. Chem.* III. 616. 1863 *Chamb. Encycl.* V. 559/1.

† **Sa·xony,** *a. Obs. rare*—1. [? f. SAXON + -Y.] = SAXONISH.

1565 J. HALLE *Lanfranc's Cirurgia parua* Ded. Pj, Whiche was translated out of Frenche into the olde Saxony englishe, about two hundred yeres past.

Saxophone (sæ·ksɒfōun). [f. the name *Sax* (see SAX-HORN) + Gr. *-φωνος* voiced, sounding.] A brass wind-instrument with a clarinet mouthpiece, invented about 1840 by Adolphe Sax.

1851 *Catal. Gt. Exhib.* III. 1259/1 Sax, Adolphe & Co., Paris..Saxophone, and complete set of instruments for military bands, invented by the exhibitor. 1884 *Encycl. Brit.* XVII. 708/2 Adolphe Sax, a Belgian established in Paris, who invented the family of saxophones.

Hence **Sa·xophonist,** a saxophone-player.

1865 *Pall Mall G.* 28 Aug. 1/2 Hitherto we have had neither Zouaves, nor drummers, nor Turkish Saxophonists, nor Danish peasants, introduced into the orchestra.

Sa·xotromba. [Formed as prec. + It. *tromba* trumpet.] (See quot. 1883).

1856 [see SAX-HORN]. 1883 *Grove's Dict. Mus.* III. 232/1 In 1845 he [A. Sax] took out a patent..for a family of cylinder instruments called Saxo-trombas, intermediate between the Saxhorn and the cylinder trumpet.

† **Sa·xous,** *a. Obs. rare*—1. [ad. L. *saxōs-us*, f. *saxum* rock, stone: see -OUS.] Rocky, stony.

1657 TOMLINSON *Renou's Disp.* 309 It growes..on stone walls, old edifices, and rubbages, and other saxous and dry places [orig. *alitsque saxosis & aridis locis*].

Saxoyne, Saxsum: see SAXON, SIXSOME.

Saxt(e, -ie, -en, -ine, -ieth, obs. Sc. ff. SIXTH, SIXTY, SIXTEEN, SIXTIETH.

† **Sa·xter aithe.** *Orkney* and *Shetland.* Refashioning, after Sc. *sax* 'six', of ON. *séttar-eiðr* 'an oath of six', i. e. of six compurgators.

1602 in Goudie *Diary J. Mill* (1889) 185 Jonat Archbald is dempt to quite hir selff with the saxter aithe for [etc.].

Saxton, Sax-tuba: see SEXTON, SAX-HORN.

‖ **Sa·xum.** *Obs.* [L.] (See quot.)

1706 PHILLIPS (ed. Kersey), *Saxum*, Stone or Rock-stone. 1776 G. EDWARDS *Elem. Fossilogy* 9 Class II. Stones... Order VI. Stone of a granulated structure, named Saxum. 1776 in *Phil. Trans.* LXVI. 525 The mass of native iron lay on the very ridge, without being fixed to the rock, which is a grey, stratified *saxum.*

Say (sē[1]), *sb.*[1] Forms: 5-6 saye, 6 seeay, seye, see, sea, 6-7 saie, 6-8 sey, 3- say. [a. F. *saie* fem. = Pr. *saia*, Sp. *saya*, Pg. *saia*, It. *saja* :—L. *saga* pl. of *sagum* military cloak.]

1. A cloth of fine texture resembling serge; in the 16th c. sometimes partly of silk, subsequently entirely of wool.

1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 8013 As is chanberlein him broȝte ar he aros aday Amorewe nor to werie a peire hosen of say. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 440/2 Say, clothe, *sagum.* 1519 *Nottingham Rec.* III. 354 A kyrtylle of sylke seeay. 1538 STARKEY *England* I. iii. 94 Fyne clothys, says and sylkys, bedys, combys, gyrdyllys and knyfys. 1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* III. xii. 8 His garment nether was of silke nor say But [etc.]. 1659 *J. Cleaveland Revived* 68 Saw you the Cloak at Church to day, The long worne short Cloak lin'd with Say? 1728 CHAMBERS *Cycl.* s. v., *Say*, or *Saye*,..a very light crossed stuff, all wool; much used abroad for linings, and

hy the religious for shirts; and with us, hy the quakers, for aprons, for which purpose it is usually dyed green. 1778 *Eng. Gazetteer* (ed. 2) s. v. *Colchester*, It is principally noted for the manufacture of baizes and seys; for the support of which there is a corporation, called the governors of Dutch-baize-hall. 1862 *Catal. Internat. Exhib.* II. xxi. No. 3964 Worsted goods: merinos, says, shalloons, &c.

† **b.** The thread or yarn from which the material is woven. *Obs.*

1714 *Fr. Bk. of Rates* 85 Yarn ordinary *p.* 100 weight 07 00...Ditto Sayes per 100 weight 03 00.

¶ **2.** In erroneous uses. **a.** Used by Wyclif to render the cognate L. *sagum*, in the Vulgate with the sense of curtain. **b.** Used to render F. *soie* silk.

c 1380 *Sir Ferumb.* 213 Olyuer tok his mantel of say [Fr. *son bliaut de soie*]. 1388 Wyclif *Exod.* xxvi. 7 Also thou schalt make enleuene saies [Vulg. *saga cilicina undecim*] to kynere the hilyng of the tabernacle; the length of o say schal haue thretti cubitis. 1601 Holland *Pliny* I. 323 This is the making of that fine Say, wherof silk cloth is made [Fr. version: *Et c'est comme se fait la soye*].

3. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *say apron, curtain, doublet, petticoat*; *say-maker, -making, -mill, -weaver*; also † **say man**, a maker or seller of say; † **say-thicker**, a fuller of say.

1724 Ramsay *Tea-t. Misc.* (1733) I. 89 And ye's get a green *sey apron And wastcoat of the London brown. 1531 *Rec. St. Mary at Hill* 352 Paid for mending of the *Say Curtens in þe quere, ij d. 1541 *Test. Ebor.* (Surtees) VI. 144 One *say dublett. 1654 in *Cal. St. Papers, Irel., Adventurers* (1903) 333 Isaac Key..*say-maker [delivered] three pieces of coloured sayes. 1632 *Contin. Foxe's A. & M.* 32/2 Following the trade of *Say-making. 1488–9 in *Finchale Priory Charters*, etc. (Surtees) p. ccclxxxiii, Et solvit Johanni Francis, *sayman, pro lez hallyngs de sago viridi. 1904 *Essex Rev.* July 154 To the south of the Church [of Dedham] stands a picturesque old Bay and *Say mill. 1636 Davenant *Wits* v. i, I have nothing on my Bed at home, But a thin Coverlet, and my wives *Sey Petti-coat. 1641 *Short Relat. Soap-Business* 18 Diers, Wool-Combers, *Saye-Thickers, and the like. 1644 *Canterbury Marriage Licences* (MS.), Peter de Graue..*say-weaver.

† **Say,** *sb.*[2] *Obs.* Forms: 4–9 **say**, 5–6 **saye**, 6 **saie, seye**, 6–8 **sey**. [Aphetic form of Assay *sb.* It is often uncertain whether the word intended was *assay* or *say* with indefinite article.]

1. The action of testing the quality, fitness of a person or thing; = Assay *sb.* 1. In later use only *Sc.*, a probation.

a 1400 *R. Brunne's Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 4028 (Petyt MS.) [þe note he coupe of alle layes,] & mynstralcie all þe saies [*v.r.* al þer assayes]. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 8063 There is no hope so vnhappy, þat hastes to noght, Ne so vnsikur at a say, as to set vppon wemen! 1637–50 Row *Hist. Kirk* (Wodrow Soc.) 299, I have alreadie given him to the Duke of Bulloigne.. but if that had not been, it might have been that yee should had a sey of him, but now it cannot be helped. 1733 P. Lindsay *Interest Scot.* 59 The Publick can suffer little by his Admission without a Sey; if he does not work well and cheap he'll find no Business.

2. Trial; trouble; tribulation. = Assay *sb.* 2.

1568 *Satir. Poems Reform.* xxxi. 78 For than ȝe knew thay wer ȝour fais, Bot now thay cum in freindis clais, Quhilk is ane sairer sey.

3. Experiment. *To set* (something) *in a say*, to make experiment of. = Assay *sb.* 3.

1390 Gower *Conf.* I. 229 Of suche men that now aday This vice setten in a say.

4. The testing of metals, in order to ascertain their standard of purity. = Assay *sb.* 6.

1577–87 Holinshed *Chron.* III. 1262/1 A piece of a blacke stone,..which being brought to certeine goldfiners in London to make a saie thereof, found it to hold gold. 1604 E. G[rimstone] *D'Acosta's Hist. Indies* IV. iv. 215 They cannot transport it [gold] from the Indies, for they can neither custome it, marke it, nor take say, vntill it be molten. 1669 Ld. Sandwich tr. *Barba's Metals* I. (1674) 121 All the Mines ..in that Province have been found out, and first taken say of, by the Spaniards.

5. *Venery.* Trial of grease. = Assay *sb.* 9.

c 1611 Chapman *Iliad* XIX. 246 There, hauing brought the Bore, Atrides with his knife tooke sey. 1686 Blome *Gentl. Recr.* II. 84 Then having sounded the Mot, or Morts, he that is to break him up (that is, to take say,) first, slits the Skin [etc.]. 1817 J. Mayer *Sportsman's Direct.* (ed. 2) 159 The first that is in cuts his throat, and takes say, which is, opening his belly, to see how fat he [a stag or buck] is.

b. *concr.* The cut in the flesh made in the process of taking say. ? Erroneous use: but cf. sense 9.

1855 Kingsley *Westw. Ho!* viii, You may lay your two fingers into the say there, and not get to the bottom of the fat.

6. A trial of food by taste or smell. = Assay *sb.* 10.

c 1440 in *Househ. Ord.* (1790) 471 Take the laumpray, and wassh hym twyse or thries in lewe water,..se he hym, and he schal be fresshe ynogh at a say. 1565 Cooper *Thesaurus, Degusto*,..to taste: to take a little saye. 1639 Massinger *Unnat. Combat* III. i, He ne're observ'd you..take A say of venison, or stale fowle by your nose.

7. The act of tasting food or drink before presenting it to a person of high rank. = Assay *sb.* 12.

1470 Henry *Wallace* VIII. 1274 A say scho tuk off all thyng at thai brocht. 1525 Ld. Berners *Froiss.* II. clxxxviii. 575 We toke the saye in the presence of the kinge. 1591 G. Fletcher *Russe Commw.* xxvi. 109 The taster..deliuereth it [*sc.* the cup] vnto bim with a say, when hee calleth for it. 1647 Stapylton *Juvenal* 102 Let your wise guardians, e're you drink, take say. 1691 Wood *Ath. Oxon.* II. 519 The Kings dishes were brought up cover'd, the say was given, and all things were performed with satisfaction in that point.

b. *fig.*

1549 Coverdale, etc. *Erasm. Par. Heb.* vi. 1–6 Now (as it were) to take a saye & foretaste of the power of y^e^ worlde to come. 1600 Holland *Livy* v. xii. 188 Neither as yet is it for certaine knowne, why he..was counted a meet man to have handsell, or take sey of this new dignitie.

8. An attempt, an endeavour. = Assay *sb.* 13.

1568 T. Howell *Arb. Amitie* (1879) 45 Thus seeke all sayes hir sore to salue, by good and honest way. 1610 B. Jonson *Alch.* I. iii, This fellow, Captaine, Will come, in time, to be a great distiller, And giue a say..at the philosophers stone. 1637 C. Dow *Answ. to H. Burton* 212 To discover and prevent this their purpose before it had undermined the present government of the Church, as no question it would have given a good say to it, if it had without controule proceeded as it began.

9. A trial specimen; a sample. = Assay *sb.* 17.

1530 Tindale *Answ. More* Wks. (1573) 279/2 To geue you a say or a taste what truth shall follow, he fayneth a letter sent from no man. 1656 in Irving *Hist. Dumbarton.* (1860) 535 Item, that neitber prentis nor ither personne of the said craft be suffered to sett up ane bothe nor work in the said burgh till first he offers his sey to the said deacon and be fund worthy and able to be ane maister of the said craft.

10. Temper of metal. = Assay *sb.* 18.

1596 Spenser *F. Q.* VI. xi. 47 A sword of better say.

11. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as (sense 7) *say-taking*; **say-box**, the chest in which coins are deposited at the Mint for future examination at the Trial of the Pyx; **say-master** = Assay-master; **say-piece**, anything chosen as an example of excellence.

1532 *Ld. Treas. Acc. Scotl.* VI. 103 To ane smyth for the of taking of the lok of the *say box. 1641 in R. W. Cochran-Patrick *Rec. Coinage Scotl.* (1876) I. Introd. 30 Item that the say box belong to him when it is broken vp quhich will not be much because that it conteins bot ane quartre of euerie say piece. 1721 Strype *Eccl. Mem.* II. II. iii. 266 The treasurer, comptroller and *seymaster of the late erected mints. 1680 Boyle *Scept. Chem.* VI. 401 This Gentleman having brought that Earth to the publick Say-Masters [etc.]. 1641 *Say piece [see above]. *a* 1774 Fergusson *Ode to Goudspink* Poems (1845) 20 Nae mair the rainbow can impart Sic glowin' heelies o' her art, Whose pencil wrought its freaks at will On thee, the sey-piece o' her skill. 1788 in *Shirrefs's Poems* (1790) 341 With something of the comic vis, And, for a say-piece, not amiss. 1540 *St. Papers Hen. VIII*, VIII. 508 The Frenche King, and She also, was at the making seasoning and *saye taking of the said pasties. 1627 Hakewill *Apol.* IV. x. § 2 (1630) 430 Dinner and supper was served in with all accustomed ceremonies, as sewing, water, grace, carving, say taking, &c.

† **Say,** *sb.*[3] *Obs.* exc. *dial.* Also 6, 9 **sey**, 8 **cea**, 9 **sae**. [Northern a. ON. *sá-r* cask (Sw. *så*, Da. *saa*, bucket), corresp. to OE. *saa* 'libitorium' (? read *libatorium*) in the Corpus Gloss. The midland form is Soe.] A bucket for domestic or other use, with two ears through which a pole may be passed as a handle.

1426 *Sc. Acts Jas. I* (1814) II. 12/2 Of þe samyn wyse [thair be ordanit] thre or four says to þe commoun vse. 1564 *Wills & Inv. N. C.* (Surtees 1835) 223, ij sayes & a chayre, xij^d^. 1609 *Churchw. Acc. Pittiugton* (Surtees) 60 Item payed to James Rennet son for a say, iij s. 1752 *Rec. Elgin* (New Spald. Club 1903) I. 464 All tubs, ceas, kirns, kits, stoups, cogs and other cooper work. 1892 G. Stewart *Shetland Fireside Tales* (ed. 2) 247 She..set every tub an' sey 'at she could fin.

Say (sē^ɪ^), *sb.*[4] [f. Say *v.*[1]]

1. What a person says; words as compared with actions; also, a saying, dictum. *Obs.* exc. *poet.*

1571 *Satir. Poems Reform.* xxix. 30 3or deid is not lyk 3or say. *a* 1586 *Ibid.* xxxvii. 39 Bot, gif þei see ȝe sussie of þair sais, Blasone þai will, how ever ȝe behaue ȝou. 1644 Featly *Roma Ruens* 1 This hath been the say of all hereticks and schismaticks. 1741 Richardson *Pamela* (1824) I. 158 The poor woman has so little purity of heart, that it [the talk] is all say from her, and goes no farther than the ear. 1741 W. Wilson *Cont. Def. Reform. Ch. Scotl.* 87 The bare *Say* of Ministers..does not bind the Consciences of Church-members." 1872 Tennyson *Gareth & Lynette* 337 No boon is here, But justice, so thy say be proven true. 1885 Lyall *Anc. Arab. Poetry* 21 There rises a lord, to say the say, and do the deeds, of the noble. 1896 A. E. Housman *Shropshire Lad* lvii, You hearken to the lover's say, And happy is the lover.

† **2.** A current saying, proverb, saw. *Obs.*

1602 Marston *Ant. & Mel.* III. Wks. 1856 I. 39 Tis an old say, Tis an old horse can neither wighy, nor wagge his taile. *c* 1648–50 Brathwait *Barnabees Jrnl.* IV. (1818) 173 Now to Kirkland..May that say' be verified, 'Far from God, but neare the temple'.

3. *To have a say*: to have a 'voice' *in* a matter; to have the right to be consulted or the power to influence a decision.

1614 Jackson *Creed* III. 239 Shall they therefore haue no saye at all in deciding controuersies? 1823 'Jon Bee' *Dict. Turf* s. v., 'I have no say in the business'; no power one way or the other. 1865 *Pall Mall G.* No. 143. 5/1 You have no say in the matter. 1900 Gasquet *Eve of Reform.* iii. 52 Whether rightly or wrongly, those who found the money wished to have a say in its disposal. 1888 'R. Boldrewood' *Robbery under Arms* lii, One or two more people that had some say with the Government, was working back and edge for me.

transf. 1894 *Sat. Rev.* 17 Mar. 287 Buddha traditions had a good say in it.

b. U. S. *To have the say*: to be in command.

1902 Wistea *Virginian* xiii, 'So you're acting foreman', said I. 'Why, somebody has to have the say, I reckon'. 1906 H. Van Dyke *Ideals & Applic.* ii. 39 The men who have 'the say' about these subjects belong to the ruling classes.

4. What one has intended or planned to say: chiefly in phrase *to say (out) one's say.*

1692 R. L'Estrange *Fables* ci. 95 He had no sooner say'd out his Say, but [etc.]. 1768 Tucker *Lt. Nat.* (1834) I. 473 He would not interrupt me for fear I should not have time to say out all my say. 1782 Miss Burney *Cecilia* VI. i, For then we should have time to say all our say. 1808 Scott *Marm.* I. xxii, Well hast thou spoke: say forth thy say. 1816 Malcolm *Let.* in Smiles *Mem. J. Murray* (1891) I. 341, I have waited to the last, that I might condense all my *say* into one short sheet. 1819 Scott *Ivanhoe* xxxv, I have said my say. *a* 1843 Southey *Doctor* CCXXVIII. (1848) 618, I shall say out my say in disregard of both. 1849 Thackeray *Pendennis* lxx, I have done my best, and said my say. 1859 Geo. Eliot *Adam Bede* xxxii, 'Yes, I know I've done it', said Mrs. Poyser; 'but I've had my say out, and I shall be th' easier for't all my life'. 1884 *Athenæum* 11 Oct. 461/1 [Professor Max Müller] has a knack of saying his say in a manner that renders the mere process of reading a pleasure.

b. *To have one's say*: to avail oneself of an opportunity of expressing one's views.

1858 Ruskin *Notes Royal Acad.* IV. 16, I merely pay tribute of admiration in passing, having had my say about Mr. Dobson's colour before. 1859 Meredith *R. Feverel* ix, Lobourne had its say on the subject. 1884 *Leeds Mercury* 24 Oct. 8/2 After one or two Peers had had their say on that subject, the Address was agreed to.

5. A talk *to* or *with* a person. Now *dial.*

1786 A. Gia *Sacr. Contempl.* II. I. vi. 206 The need of every perishing Sinner for whom he undertook had a Say to him before the Sinner's existence..; and to this Say he was most graciously attentive. 1894 Baring-Gould *Kitty Alone* I. 83 There's some one wants to have a say with you.

Say (sē^ɪ^), *v.*[1] Forms: see below. [OE. *sęgan*, pa. t. *sæġde*, corresp. to OFris. *sega, sedza* (mod. Fris. *sizze*), OS. *seggian*, pa. t. *sagda* (MLG. *seggen*, MDu. *seggen, sagen*, Du. *zeggen*), OHG. *sagēn*, pa. t. *sagīla, segīla* (MHG., mod.G. *sagen*), ON. *segja*, pa. t. *sagða*; repr. OTeut. **sagæjan, *sagjan* :—pre-Teut. **sokēi-*. The root is perh. WIndogermanic **soq*^u^- : **seq*^u^, found in Lith. *sakýti*, OSl. *sočyti* to say, Gr. ἔνεπε imper. (:—**en-seq*^u^*e* = OLatin *inseque, insece*), ἐνισπεῖν aorist inf., to tell, say, L. *inquam* I say (:—**in-squ-am*).

The normal mod.Eng. phonetic representative of the OE. inf. *sęgan* (or the 1st sing. pres. *sęġe*) would have been **sedge*. As in the case of Buy *v.*, Lie *v.*[1], the mod. form comes from OE. forms which had *g* (palatal) instead of *eg*, as imp. *sęġe, sæġe*, 2nd sing. pres. ind. *sęġest, sæġst*, 3rd sing. pres. ind. *sęġeð, sæġð*. The *g* represents WGer. *g*, and the *eg* WGer. *gg*; the OTeut. stem **sagj-* having become by phonetic law in W.Ger. **saggj-* before an inflexional suffix beginning with a vowel, and **sagi-* in any other position. In Middle English, alongside the tendency, which ultimately prevailed, to extend the stem *seg-, sei-, sai-* (:—OE. *seg-*) to all parts of the verb, there existed an opposite tendency to extend the stem *segg-* beyond its etymological limits. Hence most of the parts of the verb (though not the pa. t.) had two widely divergent forms, the distribution of which does not closely correspond to dialectal divisions. In some northern poetry the two forms occasionally occur in juxtaposition as distinct words (e. g. 'Tille I haue seggid and saide all my sawe', *York Myst.* xxxii. 16). In Robert of Brunne the form *segge*, **sedge* (implied in *sedgeyng*) seems to be appropriated to the sense 'recite' (as a minstrel): see Sayer 1, Saying 1.]

A. Inflexional Forms.

1. *Infinitive* **say** (sē^ɪ^). Forms: *a.* 1 **secgan, secggan, -ean, sæcgan, sæcg(g)ean**, 1–2 **secgean, seggan, 2 seggon, secgen, -on, segcean, sæcgen**, 2–4 **segge(n, siggen, suggen**, 2–5 **sigge**, 3 **seuggen, sucgen, suge(n, seg**, 3–4 **sugge**, *Kent.* **zigge, zygge**, 5 **sygge**, 6 *dial.* **zedge**. Also *Dative Infinitive* 1 to **secgenne, -anne**, 2 to **seggan(n)e**, 2–4 to **seggen(e**, *Kent.* to **ziggene**. *β.* 2 **sæȝen, sæin**, 2–3 **seien, seȝen**, 2–5 **sei(e**, 3 **seiȝen**, 3–5 **sai**, 4 **seyen, saien, seiȝ(e**, (? *erron.* **sy**), 4–5 **seyn(e, sein**, 4, 6 *Sc.* **sa**, 4–6 **sayn, sey(e, saie, saye**, 4–5, (6–7 *arch.* in rimes) **sayne, saine**, 4–5, (6, 9 *arch.*) **sain**, 6 **sayen**, (*erron.* **sene**), 8–9 *dial.* **zay**, 3– **say**. Also *Dative Infinitive* 4–5 to **seyne**, 4, 6 to **saine**, 5 to **sane**, to **seinge, to sein, to seynt**, 5–6 to **sayne**.

a. Beowulf 880 Þonne he wulces hwæt secgan wolde. *c* 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 67 Þenne muȝe we wenen and seggen þus. *c* 1205 Lay. 18377 Þe king..bad Gorlois suggen [*c* 1275 segge] his iwille. *c* 1250 *Kent. Serm.* in *O. E. Misc.* 28 We mowe sigge þet stor signefieth þe herte. 1340 *Ayenb.* 134 Þet is to ziggene. 1340–70 *Alisaunder* 1033 Now will I cease þis sawe & segge you more Of hym þat hight Alisaunder. 1393 Langl. *P. Pl. C.* XIII. 30 For to seggen as thei seen. *c* 1425 *Seven Sag.* (P.) 1708 To loke what he wolde sygge. 1553 *Respublica* V. vii. 14 (Brandl) Iche maie zedge to yowe, Is fearde pulling owte my throte.

β. a 1122 *O. E. Chron.* an. 1070 (Laud MS.) Þa herdon þa munecas of Burh sæȝen þæt [etc.]. 1154 *Ibid.* an. 1137 P 5 Suilc & mare þanne we cunnen sæin. *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 2494 Vs he ðis bodewurd feiȝen bend. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 12813 Quat þan sal we sai to þaim? [*v. rr.* sayne; sai; sey]. *c* 1300 *Havelok* 2886 Þe erl ne wolde nouth ageyn þe kinge be.., Ne of þe spusing seyen nay. *c* 1350 *Will. Palerne* 60 So, forto seiȝ al þe soþe so faire þe cherl glosed, þat [etc.]. *c* 1368 Chaucer *Compl. Pite* 77 (Tanner MS.) Ther is no more to seyn [*v. rr.* seye, seyne]. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xl. (*Ninian*) 276 For ocht þat he cuth sa ore do. *c* 1400 *Brut* lix. 55 The v kyng hade Merchemeriche, þat is to seynt, þe Erldome of Nichol. *c* 1420–30? Lydg. *Complevnt* 99 in *Temple Glas* (E. E. T. S.) 60 And of on thyng, soth for to seyne, I haue gret mater to compleyne. *a* 1450 *Knt. de la Tour* cxiii. (1906) 153 Syn the nwe testament, that is to sein, sen God was borne of the holy mayden Marie. 1513 Douglas *Æneis* I. Prol. 219 Eneuch thairof, now will I na mair sayne. *Ibid.* I. vi. 138 Venus na mair sufferit him plene nor sa. *a* 1547 Surrey in *Tottel's Misc.* (Arb.) 20, I dare well sayen. 1621 Br. Mountagu *Diatribæ* 118 To say bo to a battledore. *a* 1643 Cartwright *Ordinary* II. ii. (1651) 62

Ah benedicite I might soothly sayne. 1865 SWINBURNE *Poems & Ball., Q. Bersabe* 345 Lord God, alas, what shall I sain?

2. *Indicative Present.* **a.** *1st pers. sing.* **say** (sēi). Forms: α. 1 secge, (segce), secgge, sæcge, 2–5 segge, 3 sucge, seuge, sige, 3–4 sugge, 3–5 sigge, 4 suge, sege, sygge. β. 3 seie, 3–4 sai, 4 seiȝe, seȝe, 4–5 sey(e, sei, 4–6 saye, 5–6 saie, (*in rime pseudo-arch.* 5 sayne, 6 sane), 8–9 *dial.* zay, 3– say.

α. 971 *Blickl. Hom.* 69 Soþ is þæt ic eow secgge, þæt [etc.]. *c* 1200 ORMIN 16632 To fulle soþ I segge þe. *c* 1205 LAY. 2979 Þis ich sucge [*v. r.* segge] þe to seoðe. *Ibid.* 2985 Ich þe Gornoille seuge. *c* 1250 *Kent. Serm.* in *O. E. Misc.* 30 Ine sigge nacht þet hi ne hedden þer before ine him beliaue. *a* 1275 *Prov. Ælfred* 706 ibid. 138 Hic ne sige nout hi þan, þat moni ne ben gentile man. *c* 1300 *Harrow. Hell* 171 (Dighy MS.) Adam, nou i sege hit þe, To-day þou salt alesed be. *c* 1394 *P. Pl. Crede* 390 And þerfore, leue leel man leeue þat ich sygge. *c* 1400 *Solomon's Bk. Wisdom* 203 Riȝth to heuen ne segge ich nouȝth þat he euer come.

β. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 28036, I sai [*v. r.* say] noght þis þoque þer of alle. 1362 LANGL. *P. Pl.* A. i. 182 For-þi I seiȝe as I seide er be siȝte of þise tixtes. *c* 1374 CHAUCER *Troylus* IV. 769 A by-word here I seye, That, 'rotelees, mot grene sone deye'. *c* 1400 *Gamelyn* 447 (Skeat), I say it for me,..yuel mot I the! *a* 1450 *Knt. de la Tour* ix. (1906) 13 For y saie you alle, who that dothe a dedly synne [etc.]. *c* 1485 *E. E. Misc.* (Warton Club) 48 Furth he went, as y ȝow sayne. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* III. ix. 96 For, quhow grislie and quhow greit I ȝow sane Lurkis Poliphemus. 1530 PALSGR. 696/2, I saye, I tell or speake a thyng.

b. *2nd pers. sing.* **sayest** (sē·ĭst), **sayst** (sē·ĭst). Forms: α. 1 seȝst, sæȝast, 2 sæȝst, 2–5 seist, 3 seiist, seiest, *Ormin* seȝȝst, 3–5 seyst, 3–6 seiste, 4 *Kentish* zeyst, 4–7 saist, 5 (*erron.* seyth, seith), 3– sayst, 6– sayest. Also (*chiefly north.*) 3–5 sais, says, 4–5 seis, 5 sayes, seyes. β. 3 *Ormin* seggeast (*gg* = dǧ), 4 siggest, (seggez), 5 seggest, seggist.

α. 971 *Blickl. Hom.* 179 On þone þu leoȝende sæȝast þæt þu sie þæt he is. *c* 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 39 Þenne þu seist *Dimitte* [etc.]. *c* 1200 ORMIN 5188. *a* 1225 *Juliana* 11 (Bodl. MS.) Beo hit soð þat tu seiist [*v. r.* seist]. *a* 1250 *Owl & Night.* 1075 (Jesus MS.) Hwat seystu [*v. r.* seistu] þis for myne schome. 1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 10792 Wat seiste quaþ þis gode erl. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 965 He said, 'adam, now wel sais þou. 1382 WYCLIF *Mark* xv. 1 Thou seyst. 1432–50 tr. *Higden* (Rolls) I. 227 Alle thynges be to vs bare and open that thow seyes. *c* 1450 *Merlin* 17 We may neuer bileve that this be trewe that thow seiste. ? 1548 tr. *Vives's Expos. XII Art.Chr. Faith* A iv b, The thynge is euen as thou sayest. 1579 LYLY *Euphues* (Bond) I. 321 Moreouer thou saist that [etc.]. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* v. 815 Unjust thou saist Flatly unjust, to bind with laws the free. 1741–2 GRAY *Agrip.* 85 Say'st thou I must be cautious, must be silent. 1831 SCOTT *Cl. Robert* xix, 'Thou say'st a painful truth', said Count Robert.

β. *c* 1200 ORMIN 1512. 13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* B. 621 'Fare forthe', quod þe frekez, '& fech as þou seggez'. 1402 *Jack Upland's Rejoinder* in *Pol. Poems* (Rolls) II. 72 The secte that thou seggist of.

c. *3rd pers. sing.* **says** (sez), *arch.* **saith** (seþ). Forms: α. 1 seȝ(e)þ, sæȝ(e)þ, sæiȝð, sæȝað, 2 seȝð, sæȝð, 2 seigð, 2–3 sæið, seið, seleð (occas. written seid, seied), 2–5 seith, 3 sehð, sæið(e, *Ormin* seȝ(3)þ, 3–4 seithe, 3–5 seyth, 4 *Kent.* zayþ, zaiþ, (2–3 seit, 3 seiet, 4 seyt), 4–5 seythe, 5–6 sayth, 6 saythe, saieth, 6–7 sayeth, 3– (now *arch.*) saith. Also (with ending orig. *north.*) 3–6 sais, 4 seys, (sas), 4–5 seis, sayse, saise, 4–7 sayes, 5 ? seysse, 5, 7 saies, 6 sayis, 9 *dial.* ses, sez, 4– says. β. 3 suggeð, 3–4 seggeþ. Also 4 sigges, 5 segges.

α. 971 *Blickl. Hom.* 27 Her saȝaþ Matheus se godspellere þætte [etc.]. *Ibid.* 55 Her seȝþ hu se æþela lareow wæs sprecende. *a* 1175 *Cott. Hom.* 239 Þan seied ham god..ȝe senegeden an ȝeur ecenesse [etc.]. *c* 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 45 Eft ure lauerd seolf seit. *Maledictus homo* [etc.]. *c* 1200 ORMIN 10306 He seȝþ uss þatt [etc.]. *a* 1250 *Owl & Night.* 1072 (Jesus MS.) Wel viht þat wel spekþ seyþ in þe songe. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 8282 Als sais [*v. rr.* sad, saise, seiþ] þe stori. *c* 1320 *Sir Tristrem* 1545 He seyt he haþ don þis. *c* 1330 R. BRUNNE *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 14779 But þat seynt Bede of þem alle seys, Elles schulde non haue knowe what weys. 1340 *Ayenb.* 134 Ase zaiþ zainte paul. 13.. *Seuyn Sag.* (W.) 2925 Opon the morn, the stori sayse, The knight toke horses and hernays. *c* 1500 *Melusine* vi. 28 Thystory saith, that [etc.]. 1508 DUNBAR *Flyting* 133 He sayis [etc.]. 1523 LD. BERNERS *Froiss.* I. cclxxxvii. 661 If it be as he dothe, it is as he saythe. 1590 GREENE *Orl. Fur.* (1599) B 2, What sayes the mightie Mandrecard? 1600 in *Shaks. Cent. of Praise* 35 He sayeth that [etc.]. *a* 1631 DONNE *Poems* (1650) 9 Who saies my teares have overflow'd his ground? 1750 GRAY *Long Story* 73 So Rumour says. 1819 SCOTT *Ivanhoe* xxxiv, For what saith holy writ.

β. 1205 LAY. 28818 Swa alse þe boc us suggeð. *c* 1275 *Ibid.* 10500 Þe king þe greteþ Basan an seggeþ mid sore þat [etc.]. *a* 1375 *Joseph Arim.* 209 Þenne spekes a vois and on heiȝ sigges, 'king [etc.]'. *c* 1440 *York Myst.* xxxiii. 98 Agayne Sir Cesar hym selfe he segges and saies [etc.].

d. *plural* **say** (sē). Forms: α. 1 secg(e)að, seggað, sæcg(e)að, secggaþ, 2–4 siggeþ, seggeþ, 3 sug(g)eð, segeþ, (segget); 1 segge (*we*), 2–4 segge, 4 *Sc.* sigge, 4–5 seggen. β. 4 seith, 4 seyth (occas. written seyt), seyithe. Also *north.* 3–6 sais, 4 seis, saise, 5 seise, 6 says, 6–7 sayes. γ. 3–4 seiȝen, 3–6 sey(e)n, 4 sein, 4–5 seyne, sain, 4–6 sayn(e, seien, 5 saien, 5 (6–7 *arch.*) saine, 5–6 sane, sayen, (9 *dial.* sen); 3–4 sai, seie, 4–5 sey, sei, 4–6 saye, 5–6 saie, (8–9 *dial.* zay), 4– say.

α. 971 *Blickl. Hom.* 179 Þa cwæþ Petrus, 'Secge Simon me nu, ȝif [etc.]'. *c* 1200 ORMIN 9272, & lokeþþ wel þatt ȝure nan Ne segge þuss wiþþ worde [etc.]. *c* 1205 LAY. 13888 Ich ilene þe cniht þæt þu me snigge soð riht. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 8 Sigge so monie [*sc.* beoden]..se heo ener wnle. *c* 1275 *Passion our Lord* 523 in *O. E. Misc.* 52 Þat his disciples..ne ..seggen to þe volke..He is aryse from deþe. 1390 GOWER *Conf.* I. 103 What as evere that ye seie Riht as ye wole so wol I. *c* 1462 *Wright's Chaste Wife* 440 If he sey to the any þing He schall haue sorowe vn-sowte. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* XI. ix. 36 Sytand at eys ilkane say his entent.

5. *Imperative* **say.** Forms: **a.** *sing.* 1 saȝa, seȝe, sæȝe, 2 seȝe, 3 sæiȝe, sæi, saie, seiȝe, *Ormin* seȝȝ, 3–4 sei, sa, 3–5 sey(e, ssi, seie, 3–6 ssaye, 4 *Kentish* zay, (6 *pseudo-arch.* saine), 3– say.

971 *Blickl. Hom.* 233 Sæȝe us þæt hrædlice. *a* 1000 [see B. 6]. *c* 1200 ORMIN 9299 Lef maȝȝstre, seȝȝ uss nu þin raþ. *c* 1205 LAY. 2269 Seie [*v. r.* sei] me Locrin, Saie me læde mon. *Ibid.* 30283 Sæiȝe me biliue hu þe heon on siðe. *c* 1275 *Passion our Lord* 585 in *O. E. Misc.* 54 Saye heom þat ich astye to mynes vader riche. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 11964 Sai [*v. r.* say] þou; i der noght til him speke. 1340 *Ayenb.* 1 Zay þis þet uolȝeþ. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* VI. v. 46 Say me, virgyne, quod Enee. *a* 1600 ? RALEIGH in *Eng. Helicon* I. 3, Yet what is Loue, good Sheepheard saine? 1742 GRAY *Eton* 21 Say, father Thames! for thou hast seen Full many a sprightly race.

b. *plural.* α. 1 secg(g)að, seggað, 2 secgeð, 2–3 seggeð, 3 sugged, siggeð, segget, segge. β. 4 seiȝth, 4–5 sayeth, 5 seith, seieþ, sayth(e. Also *north.* 3–5 ssis, 4 saise, seys, 5 says. γ. 3–4 sai, 4 *Sc.* sa, 4–6 sey, 5 saie, seie, 4, 6– say.

971 *Blickl. Hom.* 71 Secggaþ Siones dohtrun þæt heora cining cymeþ. *c* 1205 LAY. 865 Sugged [*v. r.* Seggeþ] me to runun ræd þæt eou þunche. *a* 1250 *Owl & Night.* 116 (Jesus MS.) Seggeþ [*v. r.* Segge] me if ye hit wiste. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 5092 To fotte mi fader sal yee fund, And sais him i am hale and sund. *c* 1440 *York Myst.* xxxi. 146 Saie I beene venew in bone fay, Ne plesew et a parle remoy. 1450 FASTOLF in *Paston Lett.* I. 130 And sey hem on my half that they shall be qwyt. *c* 1728 EARL OF ALESBURY *Mem.* 626, I concluded with an old English term, 'Say, and keep to what you say'.

6. *Present Participle* **saying** (sē·ĭŋ). Forms: α. 1 secg(g)ende, 2–3 seggende. β. 2–4 seinde, 3–4 saisnd, 4–6 sayand(e, 5 seiand, sayn; 4 seyyng(e, seiynge, -enge, 4–5 seyinge, 4–6 ssiyng, sayng, seying, 5 seiyng, seyng, seing, sainge, sayinge, saynge, saenge, saiynge, seyȝing, 5–6 saieng, seynge, seyenge, 6 say-, saieng(e, saing, 7 *dial.* zaying, 3– saying.

α. 971 *Blickl. Hom.* 161 Hie þære soþfæstnesse spellodan & tacen secgende wæron, þa þe Drihten sylf getacnode. *c* 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 93 þus seggende, *Venite.*

β. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 17672 And als i stod saiand mi bede. *c* 1320 R. BRUNNE *Medit.* 228 He..cumforted hem ful feyre, seyyng [etc.]. *c* 1380 WYCLIF *Wks.* (1880) 3 Seiynge..þat crist tauȝte not his disciples..þe beste ordre and religioun. *c* 1400 *Rule St. Benet* (Prose) lxiv. 42 Sayng in þis wise [etc.]. 1426 LYDG. *De Guil. Pilgr.* 7008 Grace dieu seyng to me. *a* 1450 *Knt. de La Tour* viii. (1906) 11 A noys come to her saieng [etc.]. 1460 CAPGRAVE *Chron.* (Rolls) 32 Josue..spak with God seiand swech wordes on to him. 1500–20 DUNBAR *Poems* xxviii. 3, I dremed ane angell came fra Hevin, With plesand stevin sayand [etc.]. 1535 COVERDALE *Zech.* iv. 4 So I..spake to the angel yt talked with me, sayenge: O my lorde [etc.]. 1549 (Mar.) *Bk. Com. Prayer, Matins* A iv b, The priest standyng vp and saiyng. Let vs praye. 1664 J. WILSON *A. Comenius* v. vi, What was you saying?

7. *Past Participle* **said** (sed). Forms: α. 1 (ȝe-)sæȝd, (ȝe-)sæd, 2 ȝesed, iseȝd, 2–3 isæd, isæid(e, isait, i-, yseit, 3–4 (6 *arch.*) y-sed, i-sed, (4 *Kent.* y-zed), 4 ysade, y-sayd, 2–5 (y-, i-) seid(e, 5–7 sayed, 6 saied, say'd, seede, 3–7 sed, 2– said. β. 5 seggid. γ. 6–7 (*chiefly in rimes*) saine. δ. 5 seden, sadyn, saydyn.

α. 971 [see B. 2 d]. *c* 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 47 Þeos ilke weord þe ic hahbe her iseit. *c* 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 103 Þus sit man on his sinne swo ich seid haue. *c* 1205 LAY. 11427 No here ich nenne godne ræd þe þe ȝet heo isæd. *c* 1250 *Owl & Night.* 395 (Jesus MS.) Vor heo ne myhte noht alegge Þat þe vle hedde hire iseyd [*v. r.* ised]. 1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 2126 As ichabbe ysed [*v. r.* yseit]. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 11261 Quen þai had sai(d) [*v. rr.* sayd, seid] þat þai wald sai. 13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* B. 353 Fro seuen dayez ben seyed I sende out hylyue. *c* 1330 *Arth. & Merl.* 525 (Kölbing) Mi deuise ich haue ysade. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Knt.'s T.* 1010 If yow thynketh this is weel ysayd. 1390 GOWER *Conf.* I. 154 The king..hath al herd how sche hath said. *c* 1400 *Rule St. Benet* (Verse) 531 And when þai al þer sawes hafe saide [etc.]. 1432–50 tr. *Higden* (Rolls) VIII. 143 These wordes y-seide the develle evaneschede. *c* 1489 CAXTON *Sonnes of Aymon* xxvi. 560 All that they had sayed. 1515 in *Coll. Surrey Archæol. Soc.* (1858) I. 182, I will that there be seede..v masses. 1557 *Primer Sarum, Dirige* Ps. xxvi. I vij, My heart hath saied set vnto thee. 1560 DAUS tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* 94 b, The Ambassadours..were sayde naye. 1567 TURBERV. *Ovid's Ep.* 116 Alas, poore wretch, my Phaon I had very neare ysed. 1570 *Satir. Poems Reform.* xix. 99 Christ hes it sed,..That kingdome sall come to greit ruyne. 1637 [see 2 b *passive*]. 1648 in *Nicholas Papers* (Camden) 97 Very much hath beene sayed..to make the Prince jealous [etc.]. 1682 SIR T. BROWNE *Chr. Mor.* III. ii, Nothing can be said hyperbolically of God. *a* 1699 LADY HALKETT *Autobiog.* (1875) 49 To take that upon him hee had never Saied.

β. (See B. 2 g.)

γ. 1592 GREENE *Alphonsus* 583 Wks. (Grosart) XIII. 354 [You] Shall well repent the words which you haue saine. 1610 G. FLETCHER *Christ's Tri.* II. 9 O depth, without a depth farre better seene then saine.

δ. 1422 tr. *Secreta Secret., Priv. Priv.* 207 Of the vertu of Iustice afor in this boke Is largely Saydyn. *Ibid.* [see B. 2 e]. *Ibid.* 131 Seden.

a. 971 *Blickl. Hom.* 125 Swylce eac we leorniaþ, men, þæt þa men secgaþ..þæt [etc.]. *a* 1175 *Cott. Hom.* 237 Of þe folce we siggeð þat hit cumþ fastlice fram middenardes. *c* 1205 LAY. 24275 Summe bokes sugged [*v. r.* seggeþ] to iwisse þat [etc.]. *c* 1275 *Ibid.* 27480 For al so segge [*v. r.* sugged] þe writes þat witty men dihte. 1377 LANGL. *P. Pl.* B. XI. 425 'Ȝe seggen soth', quod I.

β. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 343 Als clerkes sais þat are wis He wroght noght first wit partis. *Ibid.* 6697 Til hir husband men aght to giue Mendes þat men sais es right. *c* 1320 R. BRUNNE *Medit.* 675 Sum seyþ, 'saue þy selfe, ȝyf þou kunne'. 1563 WINȜET tr. *Vincentius Lirinensis* Wks. (S. T. S.) II. 76 We al says the samyn.

γ. *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 917 Ebruis seiȝen, wune hem wex [etc.]. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 14689 Gas lokes þe bokes o your lai, And vnderstandes quat þai sai. *c* 1320 *Sir Tristrem* 3220 Þai leiȝen al bi dene Þat sain he dar nouȝt fiȝt Wiþ his fo. 1362 LANGL. *P. Pl.* A. VII. 122 ȝif hit beo soþ þat ȝe seyen. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 277 Sum sayn full sure..Hit was þe formast on flete þat on flode past. ? 1404 26 *Pol. Poems* 17/72 In sykernes may he go, and recche neuere what men say. 1422 tr. *Secreta Secret., Priv. Priv.* 196 Moreouer hit is not to beleue to folys that Sayne that [etc.]. *c* 1460 FORTESCUE *Abs. & Lim. Mon.* XVII. (1885) 152 To this sane [*v. rr.* sayn, sayen] suche lordes an oþer men. *c* 1485 CAXTON *Sonnes of Aymon* xxii. 481 Wene ye that I shall do that ye saye for fere of deth? 1504 in I. S. Leadam *Sel. Cases Crt. Requests* (1898) 9 And the saide Executours further seyen that [etc.]. 1513 BRADSHAW *St. Werburge* I. 358 As dyuers auctours sayne. 1552 LYNDESAY *Monarche* 6032 Than sall one Fyre, as Clerkis sane, Mak all the hyllis and valais plane. 1579 J. STUBBES *Discov. Gaping Gulf* C 5 b, A new match betweene hym and Marguerit daughter of a French Charles, as most men saien. 1581 PETTIE tr. *Guazzo's Civ. Conv.* I. (1586) 11 What saie you of this? 1602 BRETON *Mother's Blessing* B 4 b, But harken to the shepheards what they saine, Both of the Sunshine, and a showre of raine. 1614 B. JONSON *Barth. Fair* II. ii, They say, a fooles handsell is lucky.

3. *Indicative past.* **a.** *1st and 3rd pers. sing.* **said** (sed). Forms: 1–2 sæȝde, (1 saȝode), 1–3 sæde, 2 saiȝde, sæide, 2–4 sede, ssade, 2–5 seide, 2, 5–7 sed, 3 seaide, sæide, *Ormin* seȝȝde, 3–5 seyde, seid, 3–6 sayde, 3–7 saide, 4 seyede, seȝede, *Kentish* z(e)ayde, *Sc.* sad, 4–5 seyd, 4–7 sayd, 5 seyed, 5–7 saied, 5–7 ssayed, 3– said.

c 1000 ÆLFRIC *Saints' Lives* (1900) II. 322 Þe þis gehyrde eall and hit eft sæde swa swa. *c* 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 77 And þet hali meiden onswerede and seide [etc.]. *c* 1200 *Moral Ode* 131 (Trin.) Drihte self hit sade. *c* 1205 LAY. 1256 He þoute..hou þe læfdi him sæide. *a* 1250 *Owl & Night.* 235 (Jesus MS.) For Alured king hit seyde [*v. r.* seide] & wrot. 13.. *K. Alis.* 1375 (W.) Yef ony saide no. *a* 1352 MINOT *Poems* (ed. Hall) i. 46 Philip Valays..said he suld þaire enmys sla. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* i. (*Petrus*) 83 He sad, he subuertit nocht. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 11259 Þen þe traytur Antenor..to þe fre sayde. *c* 1400 MAUNDEV. (1839) viii. 98 A chirche, where the Aungel seyde to oure Lady of hire Dethe. *c* 1440 *Generydes* 64 She seid he was welcome. *c* 1450 MYRC *Festial* 168 By vertu of þe holy wordys þat þe prest sayed þer. 1562 WINȜET *Cert. Traclates* Wks. (S. T. S.) II. 55 He sayd nocht, the thingis haldin of hald. *c* 1610 *Women Saints* 50 He..with execration sayed: 'If I haue committed this theft [etc.]'. 1611 BIBLE *Exod.* viii. 25 And Pharaoh.. said, Goe yee [etc.]. 1632 MILTON *L'Allegro* 103 She was pincht, and pull'd she sed. 1766 GRAY *Kingsgate* 17 'Ah!' said the sighing peer, 'had Bute been true'.

b. *2nd pers. sing.* **saidest** (se·dĕst), **saidst** (sedst). Forms: 1 sæȝdest, sædest, 3 *Ormin* seȝȝdesst, (3–4 said, saide), 4–5 seidest, seydest, 5 seidist, saydes, 6–7 sayd'st, 6– saidst, 9– saidest.

c 1200 ORMIN 8660 Acc do swa summ þu seȝȝdesst. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 15661 Þou said [*v. rr.* saide, seidest] for me if mister war, to ded thole suld þou fight. *c* 1374 CHAUCER *Troylus* I. 919 So seydestow ful ofte. *a* 1375 *Joseph Arim.* 224 Þou..siþen seidest to me mi preyere scholde sitte. *c* 1450 MYRC *Festial* 19 Ryght as þou saydes, hit ys fallen! 1535 COVERDALE *Ps.* lxxxix. 19 Thou..saydest [etc.]. 1596 SHAKS. *1 Hen. IV*, II. iv. 218 What, foure? thou sayd'st but two, euen now. 1850 MRS. BROWNING *Felicia Hemans* ii, No need of flowers—albeit 'bring flowers', thou saidest.

c. *plural* **said** (sed). Forms: 1 sæȝdun, seȝdon, 1–2 sæȝdon, sædon, -an, 2 saiȝden, sæden, sæidon, seidon, 2–3 seden, saden, 2–5 seiden, 3 sæiden, *Ormin* seȝȝdenn, 3, 5 sayden, 3–5 saiden, seyden, 4–5 saidon, 5 saydyn, -on; 3–4 sede, 3, 5 seyde, 3–5 seid(e, saide, 3, 5–6 sayde, 4 *Kentish* zede, 3– said.

c 900 tr. *Bæda's Hist.* v. x. (1890) 416 Seȝdon þæt hio hefdon nyt ærende. *c* 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* Mark xiv. 57, & summ monn aras leas gecyðnise sæȝdon [*c* 975 *Rushw.* sæȝdun; *c* 1000 *Ags. Gosp.* sædon, *v. r.* sæȝdon; *c* 1160 *Hatton* saiȝden] wið him cuoeðendo. *c* 1154 *O. E. Chron.* an. 1135, Men..sæden ðat] micel þing sculde cumen her efter. *c* 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 89 Þa seiden þa iudeiscen men a bismer. *c* 1205 LAY. 15600 Þa cnihtes biliue comen to þan reue & þus him to sæiden. *c* 1340 *Ayenb.* 59 Ase we zede hyerbeuore. *a* 1352 MINOT *Poems* (ed. Hall) i. 43 Þai said it suld ful dere be boght. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Man of Law's T.* 113 Diuerse men diuerse thynges seyden. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 12643 Yet thies lyghers..Saidon the same kyng..þat [etc.]. *c* 1420 *Chron. Vilod.* 1713 Þe lordus..saydon: Etheldrede oȝte not to be kynge. *c* 1449 PECOCK *Repr.* II. ix. 198 Thei maden hem a calf of siluer, and seiden that it was her God.. 1470–85 MALORY *Arthur* I. iii–v. 40 Letters there were wryten in gold aboute the swerd that saiden thus. 1662 J. DAVIES tr. *Olearius Voy. Amb.* 274 An accompt of what they said concerning [etc.].

4. *Subjunctive Present* **say.** Forms: *sing.* 1 secg(g)e, sæcge, 3 segge, sugge, sigge, 3, 6 saie, 4 sa, 4–5 sey(e, seie, 5– say. *Plural* 1 secg(g)an, secgen, sæcgeon, sæcgan, sæggon, 2–3 seggen, 3 sey, 4 sa, 5– say.

B. Signification.

In Eng., as in other Teut. langs., *say* is an approximate synonym of *speak*, from which it differs in having normally as its object a particular word or series of words, or a sentence representing the meaning of a particular series of words. Cf. L. *dicere* and its representatives in Romanic (which, however, have also senses that are now expressed in Eng. by *tell*), and L. *aio, inquam*.

As the word designates not the action of speaking itself, but its relation to the object, its use with reference to written expression does not ordinarily, like the similar use of *speak*, involve any consciousness of metaphor.

1. *trans.* To utter or pronounce (a specified word or words, or an articulate sound). Also, in wider sense, used of an author or a book, with quoted words as object.

For various idiomatic collocations, as *to say nay, to say bo, to say farewell*, etc., see the conjoined words.

For *as who saith, as who should say*, see As and Who.

c 1000 *Ags. Gosp.* Mark xiv. 58 We ȝe-hyrdon hine secgan ic to-wurpe þis hand-worhte tempel [etc.]. *c* 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 35 Soðliche he walde seggen ȝif he mihte speken, wa is me þet ic efre dude swa muchele sunne. *Ibid.* 41 And eft þe boc seið, Ne scule ȝe neure god don unforȝolden. *c* 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 5 To þe oðer wurð iseid þat loðeliche word...*Ite maledicti* [etc.]. *c* 1200 Ormin 149, & Godess enngell seȝȝde himm to..Ne dred te, Zacarize. *c* 1330 R. Brunne *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 11399 At ilka mattyng þei seide 'chek'. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Prioress' Prol.* 11 He sayde, ..'My lady Prioresse [etc.]'. *c* 1449 Pecock *Repr.* II. xviii. 258 In this maner of colourid speche we seien: 'This ymage is Seint Peter [etc.]'. 1535 Coverdale *Ps.* cxvi. 11, I sayde in my haist: All men are lyers. 1611 Bible *Judg.* xii. 6 Then said they vnto him, Say now, Shibboleth: and he said, Sibboleth. *a* 1714 J. Sharp *Serm.* Wks. (1754) IV. xviii. 309 A man that swears and curses to add grace to his discourse, might as well serve his purpose by repeating a word or two out of *propria quæ maribus*, or saying any scrap of pedlars French. 1821 De Quincey *Richter* Wks. 1863 XIII. 121 Not whilst you can say Jack Robinson. 1872 Calverley *Fly Leaves* (1884) 64 Is it not—(never, Eddy, say 'ain't it') A marvellous sight?

†b. In *passive*, of a word: To be derived. Const. *of*. *Obs.*

1340 *Ayenb.* 93 Vor of crayme is yzed crist and of crist cristendom. *c* 1440 Lydg. *Hors, Shepe & G.* 57 *Eques ab 'equo'* is seid..And cheualere is saide of cheualrye. 1597 G. Harvey *Trim. Nashe* To Rdr., Lent (you know) is saide of leane, because it macerates & makes leane the bodye.

2. To declare or state in words (a specified fact, thought, opinion, or intention). Said of a speaker, writer; also of a literary composition, a proverb, etc. Const. *to* († in OE. and ME. simple *dative*).

a. with obj. a clause (introduced by *that*, or with ellipsis of *that*).

971 *Blickl. Hom.* 9 Se engel hire sæȝde þæt heo sceolde modor beon hire Scyppendes. *c* 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 15 Monimon seið þet þa weren strotige [?*read* stronge] laȝe. *c* 1200 Ormin 255 Þiss Goddspell seȝȝþ þatt Sannt Johan Wass [etc.]. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Sqr.'s T.* 199 They..seyde that it was lyk the Pegasee. *c* 1450 *St. Cuthbert* (Surtees) 6185 Men saide him þat it was not sothe. *c* 1460 *Towneley Myst.* ix. 137 Go grete hym well,..say hym I com. 1561 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* I. 181 Thair is na law that sayis that Frenchmennis gudis unmarkit shall pertene be escheit to the Lard of Bargany. 1577 Kendall *Flowers of Epigrammes* 18 Thou saist thou art as much my frend as any man can be. 1617 Moryson *Itin.* I. 178, I formerly said that I bought a horse at Paduoa. 1657 W. Coles *Adam in Eden* cviii, Some say, that it [*sc.* Sundew] is a searing or caustick Herb, and very much biting. 1673 Wycherley *Gent. Dancing-Master* III. i, What I have said I have said. 1819 K. H. Digby *Broadstone of Honour* I. 272 Gibbon says that the French Monarchy was created by the bishops of France. 1833 Tennyson *Lady of Shalott* II. i, She has heard a whisper say A curse is on her if she stay. 1859 Geo. Eliot *Adam Bede* xlix, It's your kindness makes you say I'm useful to you.

fig. *a* 1340 Hampole *Psalter* ii. 10 Ȝoure consciens sais ȝou þt ȝe doe wrange. 1606 Shaks. *Ant. & Cl.* II. i. 11 My powers are Cressent, and my Auguring hope Sayes it will come to'th' full.

b. with obj. a pronoun or quasi-pronominal word or phrase.

c 1000 *Ags. Gosp.* Luke xxiii. 3 Ða andswarude he þa hit seȝst. *a* 1122 *O. E. Chron.* an. 1083, Hwæt maȝon we seȝgean huton þæt hi scotedon swiðe. 1154 *Ibid.* an. 1135, Durste nan man sei to him naht bute god. *c* 1205 Lay. 1164 Brutus hit herde siggen þurh his sæ-monnnen. *a* 1250 *Owl & Night.* 60 (Jesus MS.) If ich me holde in myne hegge Ne recche ich neuer hwat þu segge. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 12293 And he said noiþer ill ne god. *c* 1485 *Digby Myst.* (1882) III. 893 Wher have ȝe put hym? Sey me thys. 1592 Shaks. *Rom. & Jul.* III. iv. 28 But what say you to Thursday? 1611 Bible *Luke* xiii. 17 And when hee had said these things, all his aduersaries were ashamed. 1677 Wood *Life* (O. H. S.) II. 395 Dr. Bathurst is no great freind to the Masters, and hath said it often that many of them deserve to be put out of the house. 1710–11 Swift *Jrnl. to Stella* 1 Jan., What say you to that? 1795 *Gentl. Mag.* 542/2 A good deal has been said already in your Magazine in praise of Dr. Berkeley. 1840 J. H. Newman *Par. Serm.* V. iii. 51 Let us aim at meaning what we say, and saying what we mean. 1868 Helps *Realmah* xv. (1876) 394 Mauleverer only said that to tease you.

Proverbial phrase. 1377 Langl. *P. Pl.* B. xvii. 17 For þough I seye it my-self I haue saued with þis charme Of men & of wommen many score þousandes. *c* 1485 *Digby Myst.* (1882) I. 139 Though I sey it my-self I am a man of myght. *a* 1592 Greene *Geo. a Greene* 397 Wks. (Grosart) XIV. 139 Though I say it that should not say it. 1606 Heywood *and Pt. If you know not me* (1609) C 3, Shall a yong man as I am, and though I say it, indifferent proper, goe [etc.]. 1736 Sheridan in *Swift's Lett.* (1768) IV. 181, I have written a little pretty birth-day poem against St. Andrew's day:...It is a very pretty thing (although I say it that shouldn't say it). 1834 *Tracts for Times* No. 22. 3, I think you, Sir, will allow that it was not badly contrived, though I say it, who should not say it.

passive. *a* 1175 *Cott. Hom.* 233 Þa þis was iseȝd. 1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) VII. 145 Þe whiche i-seide, þe emperour i-smyten aȝen promoted hym sone into a bisshop. 1637 Milton *Lycidas* 129 Besides what the grim Woolf with privy paw Daily devours apace, and nothing sed.

c. *impers.* or with indefinite subject: *It says* = the author or the book referred to says. Now *colloq.*

The use with quoted words as obj. (belonging formally to 1) and the absolute parenthetic use (cf. 3 a, b) are for convenience included here.

971 *Blickl. Hom.* 41 Þonne sæȝþ on þissum bocum þæt Drihten sylf cwæde þæt [etc.]. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 182 Vor hwoa heo is ipreoned, hit seið, heo schal beon ikruned mid te crune of liue. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 8818 Þus þai fanded it tre dais, Als it in þe stori sais. *c* 1400 *Rule St. Benet* (Prose) v. 9 Als yure maistiresse leris yu, als it sais: 'Qui uos audit [etc.]'.

d. quasi-*impers.* in *passive*, with clause (expressed or understood from context) as real subject: *It is* (*has been, will be*) *said.* In pres. tense now chiefly = 'it is commonly said', 'people say'.

After *as* the pronoun *it* is now commonly omitted.

971 *Blickl. Hom.* 65 Sæȝd is þæt hit sy wyrtruma ealra operra synna. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 274 Flesches lust is fotes wunde, ase was feor iseid þeruppe. 1258 *Procl.* in Rymer *Fœdera* (1816) I. I. 378 Alswo alse hit is biforen iseid. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 4507 For lang was said, and yeit sua bes, Hert sun for-gettes þat ne ei seis. 1390 Gower *Conf.* I. 15 Bot it is seid and evere schal, Betwen tuo Stoles lyth the fal. *c* 1449 Pecock *Repr.* I. v. 23 As it is bifore seid in the iiij^{e}. argument. 1549 Coverdale, etc. *Erasm. Par. Heb.* vii. 1–3 Melchisedech..who as it is said had neyther father, nor mother. 1780 *Mirror* No. 75 (1787) III. 6 In the very next paragraph it is said, 'We have the pleasure of informing the Public [etc.]'. 1798 Garthshere in *Paget Papers* (1896) I. 140 Lady Cahir off with Sr J. Shelley—Lady Assia (as is said) do. in Ireland. 1804 Worosw. *Margaret* 20 If things ensued that wanted grace, As hath been said, they were not base. 1859 Tennyson *Elaine* 148 We hear it said That men go down before your spear at a touch. 1861 M. Pattison *Ess.* (1889) I. 48 It has been even said that this church was built by the Germans. 1881 Besant & Rice *Chapl. Fleet* II. xx. 270 There had been found a man, it was said, to bell the cat.

†e. [After L. *dicere*, Fr. *dire*.] With complement: To speak of, call (by a specified name or designation): chiefly in *passive*. Also (and in later use exclusively) in *passive* with adj. or descriptive sb., = 'to be said to be', 'to be called'. *Obs.*

1382 Wyclif *Bible* Prol. xiv. 55 Whanne the formere thingis ben set byhynde, it is seid recapitulacoun, either rehersing of thing doon hifore. *Ibid. Matt.* xxvi. 3 The prince of the prestis thnt was said Caiphas. 1390 Gower *Conf.* I. 61 The ferste is seid Vpocrisie. *a* 1400–50 *Alexander* 1070 (Dubl. MS.) Sagittarius for soth men seggen it to name. *c* 1400 *Lanfranc's Cirurg.* 192 Forwhi impetigo serpigo & morphea ben seid in salerne diuers names. *c* 1400 tr. *Secreta Secret., Gov. Lordsh.* 52 Olde men lonyn swylk a kynge, and he ys sayd vertuous, large and attempre. *c* 1420–30 *Wycliffite Bible* Pref. Ep. St. Jerom. i, Itali, the which sumtyme was seid Grete Grece. 1422 tr. *Secreta Secret., Priv. Priv.* 201 Prayer othyrwhyle is sadyn a good worke. 1450–1530 *Myrr. our Ladye* 267 The doughters of Syon have sene her, and they have sayde her blyssed. 1484 Caxton *Fables of Æsop* v. xiv, None ought to say hym self mayster withoute that he haue fyrst studyed. 1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 302 What wyll ye shall be done with Jesu that is sayd Chryst and Sauyour of the worlde. 1540–1 Elyot *Image Gov.* 108, I saie you most victorious people, branches of Romulus, subduers of realmes. 1589 Puttenham *Eng. Poesie* II. iii. (Arb.) 84 According to the number of the syllables contained in euery verse, the same is sayd a long or short meeter. *a* 1617 Bayne *On Eph.* (1643) 66 Thus all things are said created in or by Christ. 1628 Coke *On Litt.* 69 What shall be said a voyage royall shall be adjudged by the judges. 1652 Gaule *Magastrom.* 277 And why must he needs make mention of the flesh, where as it was enough to say him mortall? 1690 Locke *Hum. Und.* II. xxv. § 1 The Colour White, [is] the Occasion why he is said whiter than Freestone.

f. †(*a*) With direct object and inf. in lieu of clause. (A Latinism) (*obs.*). †(*b*) With ellipsis of reflexive obj. before the inf.: To allege oneself *to do* or *be* so and so (*obs.*). (*c*) In *passive* with following infinitive, *to be said to do* or *be* so and so.

The mod. passive use (*c*) has two different meanings: the predicate may denote an alleged or reported fact (as in quot. 1615), or a descriptive term used (as in quot. 1838).

(*a*) 1563 Shute *Architecture* F j, Whiche onre Author hath brought to a vniformity, saying the piller to be in height .9. Diameters. 1583 Fulke *Defence* vii. 224 Iacob, Ioab, and Shemei which none hnt madde men will say to haue descended into a receptacle of soules. 1639 Ld. Digby *Lett. Conc. Relig.* (1651) 53 Papias, whom St. Jerome.. sayes to have been the first Author of it [Millenarianism]. 1706 E. Ward *Wooden World Diss.* (1708) 42 It were great Malice, to say him to be a Man of no Principles.

(*b*) 1585 T. Washington tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* 111 Diuers of them doe say to be descended of the line of Mahomet.

(*c*) 1607 Shaks. *Cor.* IV. v. 243 As warres in some sort may be saide to be a Rauisher, so [etc.]. 1615 G. Sandys *Trav.* 152 This is said to have hapned..about the time that the Judges began to governe in Israel. 1671 Blagrave *Astrol. Pract. Physick* 165 A planet is said to be peregrine, when he is out of all essential dignities. 1803 Davy in *Phil. Trans.* XCIII. 252 Catechu is said to be obtained from the wood of a species of the Mimosa. 1838 T. Thomson *Chem. Org. Bodies* 980 The trees are then said to bleed. 1839 De la Beche *Rep. Geol. Cornwall*, etc. iii. 72 This patch may be said to be dove-tailed into its highest part. 1846 Lindley *Veget. Kingd.* 727 The fruit of Rhizophora Mangle is said to be sweet and edible. 1878 Huxley *Physiogr.* ii. 21 Rocks which thus allow water to filter through them are said to be permeable.

g. With cognate obj. (See Say *sb.*^{4} 4.)

c 1400 [see A 7 *a*.]. *c* 1440 *York Myst.* xxxii. 16 Therfore take hede...þat none jangill nor jolle at my ȝate, I'lle I haue seggid and saide all my sawe.

†h. *To say* (a person) *shame, scandal*, to make disgraceful accusations against. *Obs.*

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 352 Preise him, laste him, do him scheome, seie him scheome al him is iliche leof. *a* 1250 *Owl & Night.* 50 (Jesus MS.) Ilome þu dest me grome & seist me boþe teone & schome. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 8914 'O godd', coth þai, 'said has sco scam.' 1828 Scott *F. M. Perth* xii, I will say them no scandal.

1. Phrase. *To have something* (*nothing*) *to say to* (or *with*): *fig.* to have (no) dealings with; of things, to have (no) connexion with or bearing upon.

1724 De Foe *Mem. Cavalier* (1840) 267 We had nothing to say to him. 1780 *Mirror* No. 75 (1787) III. 5 Perhaps you have something to say with the gentlemen who make the news. 1844 W. G. Todd *Ch. St. Patrick* 27 All then that Rome had to say to the conversion of Ireland was simply this. 1871 Earle *Philol. Eng. Tongue* (1887) 624 The imitation has nothing to say to the origin of the words. 1887 G. T. Stokes in *Dict. Chr. Biog.* IV. 202 The use of the word Roman here..has nothing to say to the Church of Rome. 1888 — *Irel. & Celtic Ch.* 151 With that controversy the Irish Church had nothing to say. 1904 J. T. Fowler *Durh. Univ.* 21 The Churchmen of the North would have nothing to say to a Puritan and intrusive foundation.

j. *To have* (*something, nothing*, etc.) *to say for oneself*: to be able to adduce (something, nothing) in defence or extenuation of one's conduct. Also (colloq.), *To have nothing to say for oneself*: to be habitually silent from a retiring disposition or lack of vivacity.

1779 Mme. D'Arblay *Diary* (1891) I. 105 All that I can say for myself is, that I have always feared discovery [etc.]. 1850 J. H. Newman *Difficulties Anglicans* I. vii. (1891) I. 221 Bishop Ken..could not take the oaths, and was dispossessed; but he had nothing special to say for himself.

k. Contrasted with *do*, in certain proverbial locutions.

Mod. colloq. That's easier said than done. No sooner said than done!

3. Absolute uses of senses 1 and 2. a. With adv. *so* or *thus* instead of pronominal obj. (cf. 2 b); also in clause introduced by *as*.

You don't say so! a colloquial expression of astonishment at some statement.

c 1000 *Ags. Gosp.* Mark xiv. 16 His leorning cnihtas..fundon hit eall swa he sæde. *c* 1200 Ormin 463 Þiss gode mann..Wass, alls I seȝȝde nu littlær, ȝehatenn Zacaryas. 1297 R. Glouc. (Rolls) 8972 Wy seiston so. *c* 1320 R. Brunne *Medit.* 134 Þey þat þe hous haue sey seyn ryȝt so. 1340 *Ayenb.* 96 Þanne he openede his mouþ..and ham þus zeayde. *c* 1430 *Chev. Assigne* 162 Thus he seythe to his wyfe in sawe as I telle. *c* 1592 Marlowe *Jew of Malta* (1633) H 3 b, Saist thou me so? 1611 Shaks. *Wint. T.* II. iii. 138 If thou refuse, And wilt encounter with my Wrath, say so. 1644 Milton *Areop.* (Arb.) 63 If he beleeve things only because his Pastor sayes so. 1662 Stillingfl. *Orig. Sacræ* II. vi. § 16. 202 Say you so? 1698 Fryer *Acc. E. Ind. & P.* 262 As we are wont to say, Well done. 1749 Smollett tr. *Gil Blas* (1782) III. 7 So saying, he drew his long rapier. 1814 Southey *Roderick* xxv. 378 Thus saying, they withdrew a little way. 1873 Miss Broughton *Nancy* xvi, 'You do not say so!' cry I, in some astonishment. 1875 Jowett *Plato* (ed. 2) I. 386 Be persuaded by me, and do as I say.

fig. 1613 Shaks. *Hen. VIII*, IV. i. 54 All the rest are Countesses. 2 [*Gent.*] Their Coronets say so.

b. Used in parenthetic clause indicating the author of a quoted saying. (When the quotation purports to be exact, the order of verb and subj. is often inverted.) Also in parenthetic expressions like 'shall I say?', 'let us say': cf. 10.

c 1130 *Hali Meid.* 6 'I-her me, dohter', he seið. 1297 R. Glouc. (Rolls) 921 Louerd he sede we beþ men wide idrine aboute. 1362 Langl. *P. Pl.* A. I. 49 And he asked of hem of whom spac þe lettre..'Ceesar', þei seiden, 'We seoþ wel vchone'. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Shipman's Prol.* 17 'Nay, hi godis soule, that shal be nat,' Seide the Shipman. *a* 1529 Skelton *Colyn Cloute* 1230 It is to drede, men sayes, Lest they be Saduces As they be sayd sayne. *a* 1585 Polwart *Flyting w. Montgomerie* 175 Thou was begotten, some sayes mee, Betwixt the deuil and a dun kow. 1590 Shaks. *Mids. N.* II. ii. 62 Amen, to that faire prayer, say I. *Ibid.* III. ii. 277 Why then you left me..In earnest, shall I say? 1644 Symonds *Diary* (Camden) 48 A castle, belonging say they to a duke. 1692 R. L'Estrange *Fables* lxxiii. 73 Shew me the Company (says the Adage) and I'll tell ye the Man. 1710 Swift *Jrnl. to Stella* 9 Sept., The Duke of Ormond, they say, will be Lieutenant of Ireland. 1798 Wordsw. *We are Seven* 6 She was eight years old, she said. 1882 W. S. Gilbert *Iolanthe* I. Ld. Chancellor's Song, I'll work on a new and original plan, (Said I to myself—said I).

¶ In this use, the 3rd sing. pres. is often substituted *colloq.* for the pa. t. *said*. Hence, in vulgar speech or jocular imitations of it, *says I, says you* = 'said I', 'said you'.

In uneducated use often with repetition: 'Says I to myself, says I'; 'Well, says Mr. Smith, says he'.

1682 Dryden & Lee *Dk. Guise* Epil., Jack Ketch, says I, 's an excellent Physician. 1700 Congreve *Way of World* III. v, Humh (says he) what you are a hatching some Plot (says he) you are so early abroad. 1700 Swift *Mrs. Harris' Petition* 30 Says Cary, says he,..I never heard of such a thing. 1706 De Foe *True Relation* etc. Early Wks. (1889) 443 Mrs. Bargrave asked her whether she would drink some tea. Says Mrs. Veal, 'I do not care if I do'. 1712 Hearne *Collect.* (O. H. S.) III. 381, I ask you, says he, because I am sure, if any one, you can give me information. 1720 Gordon & Trenchard *Independ. Whig* (1728) 215 Says I to myself, This reverend ill-tongu'd Parson will certainly quarrel. 1784 Bage *Barham Downs* I. 79, I believe, says I, it has

caught your sister's dejection. 1825 T. Hook *Sayings* Ser. II. *Doubts & F.* ii, Because, says I to myself, says I, it may save them there unfortunate, innocent people. 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* iii, 'I bet you thirteen to ten that Sophy Cutler hooks either you or Mulligatawney before the rains'. 'Done', says I. 1852 Dickens *Bleak House* v, That warn't Chancery practice though, says you. 1887 Henley *Culture in the Slums* i. 1 'O crikey, Bill!' she ses to me, she ses.

†c. To speak or tell *of* something; to speak *for* or *against* a person or thing. *Obs.*

971 *Blickl. Hom.* 117 Þonne gehyrdon we ær on þas halgan tide secgan be þære halgan þrowunga ures Drihtenes. *a* 1175 *Cott. Hom.* 237 Of þeses fif cepen..we habbeð 3eu 3esed. *c* 1205 Lay. 13470 Ich wulle suggen eow uorð rihtes of mire muchele sorȝen. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 798 Her egain mai naman sai. 1340 *Ayenb.* 16 Uerst we willeþ zigge of þe renne of prede. *a* 1352 Minot *Poems* (ed. Hall) iii. 36 And þare he made his mone playne þat no man suld say þare ogayne. 1377 Langl. *P. Pl.* B. v. 10 For I say [= saw] þe felde ful of folke þat I before of seyde. *c* 1400 Maundev. (Roxb.) ix. 37 A kirk whare þe aungell said to þe schephirdes of þe birth of Criste. *c* 1450 *St. Cuthbert* (Surtees) 1362 Bosyl come, and to him say Of cuthbert purpose and his will. *c* 1489 Caxton *Sonnes of Aymon* vii. 162 As he wolde have sayd agenst the duke Naymes, there cam a yonge gentilman [etc.]. 1523 Ld. Berners *Froiss.* I. xxx. 44 None durst say agaynst his opynion. 1534 — *Gold. Bk. M. Aurel.* (1546) H j, We haue saied of the hatred that this emperour had to trewandes. 1609 Skene *Reg. Maj.* 13 Alswa gif some of them sayes for ane partie, and some for ane other. 1709 Mrs. Manley *Secret Mem.* (1736) II. 175 My Lady herself can't say against it.

d. with certain advs., esp. *well*, also †*soothly*, *truly* (*true*), *wisely*, etc., the implied object being some particular saying. Somewhat *arch.*

1375 Barbour *Bruce* vii. 258 'Sa ȝhe suthly?' 'ȝha, certis, dame'. 1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) III. 239 'Þou seist wel', quod þat oþer. *c* 1400 *Sowdone Bab.* 472 Beter myghte no man seyne. 1402 *Repl. Daw Topias* in *Polit. Poems* (Rolls) II. 49 Jak, thou seist ful serpentli. ?*a* 1425 26 *Pol. Poems* 103/1, I wole be mendid ȝif y say mys. *c* 1450 *Merlin* i. 5 Quod the gode man, 'Ye sey amysse'. *Ibid.* ii. 35 Thou seiste trewe. 1567 Harman *Caveat* xix. 73 And was not this a good acte? nowe, howe saye you? 1590 Marlowe *2nd Pt. Tamburl.* v. i, Wel said, let there be a fire presently. 1598 Shaks. *Merry W.* II. i. 226 Thou shalt haue egresse and regresse (said I well) and thy name shall be Broome. 1697 Dryden *Virg. Georg.* iv. 736 For sev'n continu'd Months, if Fame say true, The wretched Swain his Sorrows did renew. 1785 *Liberal Amer.* I. 47, I find Sir Edward Hamsden is with you, and, if fame say true, a charming fellow he is. 1831 Scott *Ct. Robt.* xvi, The Immortal, so called, becomes now, if priests say true, an Immortal indeed.

†e. In perf. (plnperf.) tense: *When he has said* = 'when he has finished speaking'. Also, in pa. t. *he said*, used in narrative poetry (after L. *dixit* or the Homeric ἦ ῥα) after the conclusion of a speech. *Obs.*

c 1205 Lay. 4150 Þe Dunewale hauede isæd al his folc luuede þene ræd. 1400 *Destr. Troy* 8916 When the souerain hade said, þen he sest here. 1525 Ld. Berners *Froiss.* II. ccxxxiii. 722 Whan he had sayd, then he was aunswered, howe the pope shulde take counsayle to answere. 1595 Shaks. *John* II. i. 231 When I haue saide, make answer to vs both! 1600 Nashe *Summers Last Will* I j, Loe, I haue said, this is the totall summe. 1667 Milton *P. L.* v. 869, ix. 664. 1697 Dryden *Virg. Georg.* iv. 722 She said, and from his Eyes the fleeting Fair Retir'd like subtle Smoke dissolv'd in Air. 1712–14 Pope *Rape Lock* i. 115 He said; when Shock, who thought she slept too long, Leap'd up, and wak'd his mistress with his tongue. 1738 Gray *Tasso* 39 Scarce had he said, before the warriors' eyes When mountain-high the waves disparted rise. 1757 W. Wilkie *Epigoniad* I. 24 He said. The chiefs with indignation burn'd; And Diomed submitting thus return'd.

f. *To say well, evil of*, †*by*: to speak well or evil of. Now *rare*. †Also in *indirect passive.*

a 1250 *Owl & Night.* 9 (Jesus MS.) And eyþer seyde of oþres custe þat alre wrste þat hi ywuste. 1445 tr. *Claudian* in *Anglia* XXVIII. 269 Thou seith of hem evir wele. 1470–85 Malory *Arthur* xiii. xix. 639 My name is sir Launcelot du lake that hath ben ryght wel said of. *Ibid.* xxi. i. 840 Thus was syr Arthur depraued and euyl sayd of. 1547 *Homilies* I. *Of Contention* I. T j b, Saie well by them, that saie euill by you. 1551–6 R. Robinson tr. *More's Utopia* Ep. (Arb.) 15 Them which can say well by nothing. 1713 Swift *Jrnl. to Stella* 16 May, Your new Bishop acts very ungratefully. I cannot say so bad of it as he deserved.

g. Contrasted with *do*. (Cf. 2 k.)

1382 Wyclif *Mat.* xxiii. 3 Sothely thei seien, and don nat. [So in the later versions.] *c* 1450 tr. *De Imitatione* III. xxxv. 103 Shal I be like a man þat saiþ & doþe not?

4. †a. Of words: To mean, signify. Also, *is* (*for*) *to say* = 'signifies'. *Obs.*

c 1000 Ælfric *De Vet. Test.* (Gr.) 7/42 *Cantica canticorum*, ðæt secþ on Englisc ealra sanga fyrmest. *c* 1230 *Hali Meid.* 6 Nim ȝeme hwet euch worð beo sunderliche to seggen. *c* 1350 *S. Ambrosius* 15 in Horstm. *Altengl. Leg.* (1878) 8/2 Oþer elles þou maiȝt sei þat Ambros Is seid of ambra and ysos: Sysos is to seyn 'God' riht, And ambrum good sauour pliht. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Prioress' T.* 71 Noght wiste he what this latyn was to seye, ffor he so yong and tendre was of age. 1450–1530 *Myrr. our Ladye* 1 These wordes are writen in holy scrypture & are thus to say in englyshe. 1541 Copland *Guydon's Quest.* K iij, Pigneum in Arabyke is to saye the ars hole. 1604 E. G[rimstone] *D'Acosta's Hist. Indies* v. xvii. 374 A lake..which they call *Exapangue*, which is to say, water of blood.

b. *That is to say* (orig. gerundial inf.): used to introduce a more explicit or intelligible re-statement of what immediately precedes, or a limiting clause necessary to make the statement correct. Sometimes used sarcastically to introduce a statement of the real fact which a quoted statement misrepresents or euphemistically veils. Cf. F. *c'est-à-dire.*

c 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 123 Þet is to seggane: Gif þa hefdmen of þissere worlde hefden icnawen crist. *c* 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 3 Aduent þat is seggen on englis ure louerd ihesu cristes tocume. *c* 1330 *Spec. Gy de Warewyke* 413 Þis is to seie, i telle þe: 'Þe clene of herte, blessed þeih he'. *a* 1340 Hampole *Psalter* iv. 1 Þat is at say, fra anguys and sarynes þou has broght me in til brede of gastly ioy. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Prol.* 181 A fissh þat is waterlees, That is to seyn, a Monk out of his Cloystre. *c* 1391 — *Astrol.* Prol. 26 Writen in hir owne tonge, that is to sein, in Latin. 1395 *E. E. Wills* (1882) 4, I bequethe to the same Thomas, the stoffe longyng therto, that is to seye, my beste fetherbed [etc.]. *a* 1400 in Halliwell *Rara Mathem.* (1841) 58 Þe perpendicle þat es to say þe threde whereon þe plumbe henges. *c* 1400 *Rule St. Benet* (Prose) viii. 15 Þat es hele of þa þat ere in sekenes, þat es at say in sinne. *c* 1440 *Gesta Rom.* xliii. 172 (Harl. MS.), Seing, thus, *Quomodo fiet istud?* this is to seye, how shulde this be I-done? 1471 Fortescue *Wks.* (1869) 530 His highnes hath now both titles, that is to saynge his auncient title,..and this new title. 1486 *Bk. St. Albans*, *Hawking* b ij b, Bot it tempur yowre hawke that is to say ensayme yowre hawke. 1539 *Great Bible* title, The Byble in English; that is to saye, the Content of all the Holy Scripture. 1568 Grafton *Chron.* II. 130 Two Aldermen more..., that is to say, Arnold Thedmare, & Henry Walmode. 1677 Lauderdale in *L. Papers* (1885) III. lvii. 89 They pretend they cannot suppress these disorders, that is to say they will doe nothing towards it. 1687 A. Lovell tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* II. 25 Three hours after, that's to say, about eleven a Clock. 1864 Bryce *Holy Rom. Emp.* vi. (1875) 77 Francia Occidentalis, that is to say, Neustria and Aquitaine.

†c. *To say*: = 'namely', 'to wit'. *Obs.*

1547 Hooper *Declar. Christ & Office* v. D iij, Sainct Paule callith Christ..the minister and seruant of the sayncte to say of souche as be here lyuing in this trohlyd and persecutyd churche. *Ibid.* vi. E viij, Hym that had the imperie and dominion of deathe to say the deuill.

5. †a. With obj. an infinitive or a subjunctive clause and const. dative: To tell (a person) *to do* something. *Obs.*

971 *Blickl. Hom.* 47 Þæt hi secggan þæm Godes folce þæt hi Sunnandæȝum & mæssedæȝum Godes cyrican ȝeorne secan. *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 4114 Sey him on ðiu stede to gon. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 6063 Says to mi folk on þiskin wis, þat þai me mak a sacrifice. *c* 1440 *Jacob's Well* xxxi. 203 Þanne saye hem þat þei take of suche au hucche for þat is trewly gett, & do þat for me. *a* 1533 Lo. Berners *Huon* lxxxiii. 260 Say vnto hym that he drynke to you in the name of good peace.

b. In *passive*, of a person: To be ruled, submit to command or advice. Now *dial.*

1588 *Wills & Inv. N. C.* (Surtees 1860) 321 Whom I make my soule executors, equally together, wyllinge and commandinge them that they shalbe sayd and ruled by Ambrose Lancaster and Roger Megson, if [etc.]. 1643 Trapp *Comm. Gen.* xxxix. 10 Satan will not be said with a little. 1855 *Whitby Gloss.* s. v. *Sayed*, In spite of all I can do, she wont be sayed. 1888 'R. Boldrewood' *Robbery under Arms* xxxix, Father didn't get well all at once. He went back twice..and wouldn't be said by Aileen.

6. With obj. an indirect question: To declare or make known (*who*, *what*, *how*, *whether*, etc.). †In early use const. dat. of person (equivalent to the modern *tell* with direct obj.).

a 1000 *Riddles* xx. 9 Saxa hwæt ic hatte. *c* 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 3 Þis godspel [for Palm Sunday] seð [*MS.* sed] hu þe helend nehlechede to-ward ierusalem þare burh to dei mid his apostles. *c* 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 21 We habbeð bigunnen to sege [? = segel ou on englis hwat bitocneð þe crede [etc.]. *c* 1205 Lay. 4613 Ah ȝef ȝe wullen us seuggen ȝet ȝe mawen libben whonene ȝe beð icumene. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 3853 And siþen he did him for to sai Quat was þe chesiun of his wat. 1390 Gower *Conf.* I. 222 Bot of Envie, If ther be more in his baillie Towardes love, sai me what. *c* 1449 Pecock *Repr.* I. iii. 16 Seie to me also where in Holi Scripture is ȝouen the hundrid parti of the teching which [etc.]. *c* 1485 *E. E. Misc.* (Warton Club) 29 How ferful trowly there is no tong can saye. *a* 1529 Skelton *Agst. Garnesche* i. 13 But sey me yet, Syr Satropas, what auctoryte ye haue..to calle me a knaue? 1667 Milton *P. L.* vii. 40 Say Goddess, what ensu'd. *a* 1771 Gray *Amatory Lines* 7 Ah! say, Fellow-swains, how these symptoms befell me? 1884 *Law Times* LXXVII. 369/2 It was not then necessary for the court to say authoritatively whether it was right or not. *Mod.* Did he say whether he had been successful? How far these figures can be trusted the writer does not say.

b. From the 18th c. often in expressions like 'it is hard to say', 'I cannot say', where the verb comes contextually to mean: To judge, decide.

1709 Pope *Ess. Crit.* 1 'Tis hard to say, if greater want of skill Appear in writing or in judging ill. 1736 Butler *Anal.* I. iii. 52 No one can say, how considerable this Uneasiness and Satisfaction may be. 1891 'J. S. Winter' *Lumley* x, What the end of it all would have been I really cannot say.

c. *absol.* In the imperative, introducing a direct question. In early use often const. *dative*; = 'tell (me, us)'. Now only *poet.*

The U. S. colloquial *say* seems, when introducing a question as well as when prefixed to a statement of fact, to be a shortening of *I say* (see 12 b).

c 1200 Ormin 10292 Seȝȝ uss, arrt tu profete. *a* 1225 *Leg. Kath.* 2241 Sei, þu Sathanesses sune,..hwet constu to þeos men þet tu þus leadest? *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 5005 'Sais me', coth iacob, 'how es þis, þat o mi childir an i misse I' *a* 1352 Minot *Poems* (ed. Hall) xi. 25 Say now, sir Iohn of France how saltou fare? 1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) IV. 303 Sey me, ȝonge man, was þy moder ever in Rome? *a* 1490 *Pope Gregory's Trental* 87 in *Minor Poems fr. Vernon MS.* 263 Sey me, modur, wiþ-outen feyne, Whi art þou put to al þis peyne? 1586 Marlowe *1st Pt. Tamburl.* II. v, Why say theridamas, wilt thou be a king? 1605 Shaks. *Lear* II. iv. 142 Say? How is that? 1741–2 Gray *Agrippina* 92 Tell me, say, This mighty emperor,..Has he beheld the glittering front of war? 1814 F. S. Key *Star-spangled Banner* 7 O! say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave O'er the land of the free? 1896 A. E. Housman *Shropshire Lad* xxiv, Say, lad, have you things to do?

†7. To deliver (a speech, a discourse); to relate (a story); to express, give (thanks); to tell, speak (truth, lies); to express (one's opinion). *Obs.*

c 888 K. Ælfred *Boeth.* xxx. § 1 Þa ongon he eft seggan spell & cwæð. 971 *Blickl. Hom.* 103 On eallum tidum seggan we him þanc ealra his miltsa. *c* 1205 Lay. 3032 Cordoille iherde þa lasinge þe hire sustren seiden þon kinge. *Ibid.* 4620 We wullet soð sucgen. *a* 1250 *Owl & Night.* 98 (Jesus MS.) Hwar bi men seggeþ a vorhysne. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 4582 O þis ioseph sai me þi dome, And giue me þar-of god consail. *c* 1350 *Will. Palerne* 593 Seiȝth me al ȝour seknesse & what so sore ȝow grenis. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Man of Law's Prol.* 46 But nathelees certeyn I kan right now no thrifty tale seyn. *c* 1380 Wyclif *Wks.* (1880) 29 Þus crist spekiþ to þe iewis & axeþ hem whi þei bileuen not to hym ȝif he seiþe trewþe. 1429 *Rolls of Parlt.* IV. 343/1 No persone of the seide Counseill, shall conceyve..wrath, aȝeins any other of the seide Counseill, for saiying his advys or entent. 1463 *Bury Wills* (Camden) 17 Item I wyll that Maist^r Thomas Harlowe sey the sermon at my interment. 1470 Henry *Wallace* xi. 1214 Master Barbour, quhilk was a worthi clerk, He said the Bruce amang his othir werk. *c* 1489 Caxton *Sonnes of Aymon* xxiv. 526 And whan the kyng simon herde mawgis speke so, he said him grete thanke. 1498 *Coventry Leet Bk.* (E. E. T. S.), There was a solempne sermon seyde, where the Maire there sette betwixt both presidentes. 1544 Patten *Exped. Scot.* Pref. a v, The whiche I had, or rather (to saie truth and shame the deuel, for out it wool) I stale. *a* 1568 Ascham *Scholem.* I. (Arb.) 81 Where they may freely say their mindes. 1657 *Burton's Diary* (1828) I. 334 Mr. Caryl only prayed, the other two preached, and very good sermons they said.

†8. To speak of, mention, enumerate, describe.

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 346 Lihte gultes beteð þus anonriht, bi ou suluen and þauh siggeð ham ine schrifte. *a* 1375 *Joseph Arim.* 70, I am not worþi to seyn moni of his werkes. *a* 1400–50 *Alexander* 5551 And oþir sellis he saȝe at sai wald he neuir. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 5204 The same yle I said you, Cicill is calt.

9. To recite or repeat (something that has a prescribed form); occas. to recite from memory, in contradistinction to reading. Often in traditional collocations, as *to say grace*, *a lesson*, (*a*) *mass*, *a prayer*, (*one's prayers*).

In ritual use *say* and *sing* are sometimes equivalent; but *say* is the wider term, and seems often to have been applied distinctively to recitation without note.

c 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 17 Ich wille..segge ou þe crede word after word. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 24 A þisse wise ȝe muwen, ȝif ȝe wulleð, siggen ower Paternostres. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 28248 My prayers say was me ful lathe. 1303 R. Brunne *Handl. Synne* 10429 ȝyf one [*sc.* a mass] for me were specyale seyde. *c* 1330 *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 93, I see in song, in sedgeyng tale of Erceldoun & of Kendale, Non þam says as þai þam wroght. *a* 1350 *Peter & Paul* 292 in Horstm. *Altengl. Leg.* (1881) 67 Þan to þe body he made him boun And sayd þore his coniurisoun. 1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) III. 7 Dauid..made..instrumentis of musik, in whiche þe dekenes schulde seie ympnes and songes. 1415 *E. E. Wills* (1882) 23 That ther be x. M^l. masses Isayde for me of gode prestes. *c* 1430 *Pilgr. Lyf Manhode* II. xviii. (1869) 82 The gospel that j haue herd seyd [Fr. *chanter*] in oure toun. *c* 1431 *Rec. St. Mary at Hill* 14 An honest Preest sufficiantly lerned in dyvynete to syng & sey dyuyne seruice in the said Chapell. *c* 1530 H. Rhodes *Bk. Nurture* in *Babees Bk.* 81 And whyle that grace is saying, friend, looke that ye make no noyse. 1544 *Exhort. to Prayer* A ix b, That whyche is printed in blacke letters is to be sayde or song of the prieste. 1602 Marston *Ant. & Mel.* Induct., Faith, we can say our parts. *c* 1616 S. Ward *Coal from Altar* (1627) 74 Sermons..so deliuered, as if one were acting a part, or saying a lesson by heart. 1641 J. Trappe *Theol. Theol.* viii. 307 They could not say Psalmes ..by heart. 1832 W. Palmer *Orig. Liturg.* I. 244 Collects to be said at matins and evensong. 1858 Longf. *Birds of Passage* I. *Children* ix, Ve are better than all the ballads That ever were sung or said. 1861 M. Pattison *Ess.* (1889) I. 48 The Germans..had their own masses said in it [this church] on special days. 1884 J. Gilmour *Mongols* xviii. 212 In the act of disrobing, prayers are said most industriously.

†b. *absol.* with reference to church services.

c 1375 *Lay Folks Mass-bk.* (B.) 27 When þe preyst says, or yf he syng, To hym þou gyf gud herkenyng. 1439 in *Ancestor* July (1904) 16, I bequethe to the person for seying and syngynge atte my dirige viij d. 1558 Kennedy in *Wodrow Soc. Misc.* (1844) 151 He can nolder sing nor say. 1607 Topsell. *Four-f. Beasts* 106 Within a short space none of them were able either to say, reade, pray, or sing, in all the monastery. 1790 Burke *Fr. Rev.* Wks. V. 291 They are as usefully employed as those who neither sing nor say.

10. On the analogy of expressions like 'let us say', 'shall we say?', etc. (referable to senses 1–3), where the verb has contextually the sense of 'suppose', 'assume', the imperative **say** is idiomatically used: a. to introduce a clause, with the sense 'supposing', 'on the assumption *that*'; b. parenthetically, to indicate that a preceding sentence expresses a supposition or a selected instance; c. prefixed to a designation of number, quantity, date, etc. to mark it as an approximate guess or as representing a hypothetical case.

In commercial documents *say* is also used, without any implication of inexactness, to introduce any varied repetition of a numerical or quantitative statement: e. g., 'a shipment of 215 (say two hundred and fifteen) tons of coal'; 'thirteen stones (say 182 pounds)'; 'four editions of 2000 copies each,

or say in all 8000 copies'. Cf. Ger. *sage*, Da. *siger*, Sw. *säger*; the two last are indicative present, either 1st or 3rd pers. sing.; Du. has *zegge* (old form of *zeg*, 1st pers.), and Fr. has *je dis* similarly used.

c 1596 *Sir T. More* I. i. 159 Well, say tis read, what is your further meaning in the matter. 1601 SHAKS. *Twel. N.* I. iv. 23 Say I do speake with her (my Lord) what then? 1643 TRAPP *Comm. Gen.* xlvi. 1 But say it had been out of his way. 1656 EARL MONM. tr. *Boccalini's Advts. fr. Parnass.* II. lxxxvi. (1674) 238 When a Prince, say it be not out of private hatred, but justly doth vex any great Officer. 1736 BUTLER *Anal.* I. iii. 66 Pleasure and Pain are indeed to a certain Degree, say to a very high Degree, distributed amongst us without any apparent Regard to the Merit or Demerit of Characters. 1837 *Athenæum* No. 480, 6 A Venus —say of Parian marble in early Greek style. 1861 DICKENS *Gt. Expect.* lii, Early in the week, or say Wednesday. 1863 KINGSLEY in *Lett.* etc. (1877) II. 147 The wages of my people..average 11*s.* per week...Harvesting, say £5 more. 1875 CAYLEY in *Q. Jrnl. Pure & Appl. Math.* XIII. 321 Radius vectors belonging to the same angle (or say opposite angles). 1876 GLADSTONE *Homeric Synchr.* 143 But if the period of (say) 100 years subdivides itself. 1898 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* V. 450 Equal volumes of, say, thirty and forty-fold diluted normal acid.

11. The inf. to **say** is used in parenthetic phrases with adv. or obj., as *so to say*, *shortly to say*, *soothly to say*; *sooth* or *truth to say*, *to say* (*the*) *truth*; *shame to say*, etc. (Cf. senses 2, 3, 7.)

† *To say better*: = 'more correctly speaking'.

a 1200 *Vices & Virtues* 11 Soþ to seggen, ic not 3if ich auer3ete ani ðing dede ðat [etc.]. 1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 3747 Bote to sigge [*v. rr.* segge, seye] ssortliche þer nas ver ne ner Of prowesse ne of corteisie in þe world is per. *a* 1352 MINOT *Poems* (ed. Hall) i. 81 Þare dwelled oure king, þe suth to saine, With his men3e a litell while. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Prol.* 284 For sothe he was a worthy man with alle, But sooth to seyn, I noot how men hym calle. *Ibid.* 468 Gat tothed was she, soothly for to seye. *c* 1400 MAUNDEV. (1839) xvi. 176 And schortly to seye 3ou; thei suffren [etc.]. 1437 *Libel of Eng. Policy* in *Polit. Poems* (Rolls) II. 181 For here martis bene feble, shame to saye. 1484 CAXTON *Fables of Æsop* IV. viii, Oftyme for to saye trouthe men lese theyre lyues. 1577–87 HARRISON *England* II. i. 136/2 in *Holinshed*, And to saie truth, one..of these small liuings is of so little value, that [etc.]. 1585 T. WASHINGTON tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* IV. xv. 130 The auncient towne of the Sun called Heliopolis, or to say better, Solos or Soloe. 1601 SHAKS. *All's Well* II. ii. 12 And indeed such a fellow, to say precisely, were not for the Court. 1710 SWIFT *Jrnl. to Stella* 30 Nov., But, to say the truth, the present Ministry have a difficult task, and want me [etc.]. 1845 E. WARBURTON *Crescent & Cross* I. 311 We had been already five weeks in Savagedom,..and, to say the truth, we had had enough of it. 1886 C. E. PASCOE *London of To-day* xxvi. (ed. 3) 241 Having now, so to say, presented our humble duty to the Lord Mayor..let us retrace our steps. *Ibid.* xli. (ed. 3) 354 The investigation of this question, which, truth to say, was one of importance.

b. *Not to say . . .*: used (*a*) to imply that the speaker is content with a more moderate statement than that which he might have made; (*b*) *colloq.* = 'not what one may call . . .', 'not . . ., properly speaking'.

1736 AINSWORTH *Lat.-Eng. Dict.*, *Nedum*, not to say. 1857 TROLLOPE *Barchester T.* xliv, 'Am not I [growing old], my dear?'. 'No, papa, not old—not to say old'. *Mod.* His language was irreverent, not to say blasphemous.

12. I **say** has various idiomatic uses. **a.** Introducing a word, phrase, or statement repeated from the preceding sentence (usually in order to place it in a new connexion). Now somewhat *rare*.

c 1220 *Bestiary* 680 After him prophetes alle mi3te her non him [Adam] maken on stalle, on stalle, i seie, ðer he er stod. 1540 *Great Bible*, *Ps.* cxxx. 6 My soule flyeth vnto the Lorde, before the mornyng watche (I saye) before the mornynge watche. 1563 WIN3ET tr. *Vincentius Lirin.* To Q. Marie, Wks. (S. T. S.) II. 7 The mony diuerse..sectis, raigeing..amangis the professouris of Christis name—raigeing I say, nocht only aganis..the haly, catholik Kirk, bot [etc.]. 1688 BOYLE *Final Causes* iv. 161 For this reason, I say, I thought it a part of my duty. 1719 DE FOE *Crusoe* I. (Globe) 94, I took out one of the Bibles..; I say, I took it out, and brought both that and the Tobacco with me to the Table. 1833 KEBLE *Serm.* vi. (1848) 134 The case is, I say, conceivable, of a government..deliberately throwing off the restraint. 1906 BELLOC *Hills & Sea* Introd. 11 They took a rotten old leaky boat (they were poor and could afford no other)—they took, I say, a rotten old leaky boat.

b. *colloq.* quasi-*int.* Used to call attention to what is about to be said. (In the U. S. shortened to *say*.) Also, as a mere exclamation expressive of surprise, delight, dismay, or indignant protest.

1611 BEAUM. & FL. *Knt. Burning Pest.* III. v, I say, open the doore, and turne me out those mangy companions. 1857 J. G. HOLLAND *Bay Path* xxvi. 336 Say! What are you laughing at? 1888 *Amer. Humorist* 5 May 72/1 Say, boys, let's climb the mountain. 1890 L. FALCONER *Mile. Ixe* iii. 80, I say! won't it be glorious?

† **c.** *Book-keeping.* Formerly used to introduce the correction of an error which the book-keeper perceives as soon as he has made it, but does not expunge, in order not to disfigure the page.

1793 NEMNICH *Comptoir-Lex.*, *Engl.* [with example 'Bought of M. N. *I say* Sold M. N.']

13. Combined with advs.

a. Say away *intr.* = *say on. rare.*

1821 SCOTT *Kenilw.* viii, Say away, therefore, as confidently as if you spoke to your father.

† **b. Say forth** *intr.* = *say on. Obs.*

1390 GOWER *Conf.* I. 47 'Sey forth', quod sche, 'and tell me how'. *Ibid.* 310 Thus have I, fader, said mi wille; Say ye now forth, for I am stille. 1808 [see SAY *sb.*4 4].

c. Say on. In the *imperative* = 'say what you wish to say'. Now only *intr.*; in early use also *trans.*

13.. *Seuyn Sag.* (W.) 1227 'Sei on dame!' and sche bigan To tellen als a fals wimman. 1375 BARBOUR *Bruce* XII. 199 Tharfor sais on 3our will planly. *c* 1489 CAXTON *Sonnes of Aymon* vi. 146 'But here my wordes, yf it playse you'. 'saye on hardely', sayd the kynge. 1538 BALE *God's Promises* IV. (1744) 21, I wyll first conclude, and then saye on thy mynde. 1611 BIBLE 1 *Kings* ii. 14 He said moreouer, I haue somewhat to say vnto thee. And she saide, Say on. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* VIII. 228 Say therefore on. 1851 TENNYSON *Edwin Morris* 57 Yet say on.

d. Say out. *trans.* (*a*) To say openly. † (*b*) To finish saying, say to the end (*obs.*).

c 1407 LYDG. *Reas. & Sens.* 4583, I say yt out, me lyst nat rovne, Thus ye shuld hir name expovne. 1692 R. L'ESTRANGE *Fables* ci. 95 He had no sooner say'd out his Say, but [etc.]. 1768, *a* 1843 [see SAY *sb.*4 4]. 1864 J. H. NEWMAN *Apol.* iv. (1904) 125/1, I apologize for saying out in controversy charges against the Church of Rome, which withal I affirm that I fully believed at the time when I made them.

e. Say over. *trans.* To repeat from memory.

1560 DAUS tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* 231 Let the poorer sorte oftymes saye over theyr *Pater noster*, and after receyve the Sacrament. 1625 BACON *Ess.*, *Friendship* (Arb.) 177 Or that a Man in Anger is as Wise as he that hath said ouer the foure and twenty Letters. 1680 BAXTER *Answ. Stillingfl.* xxxvi. 60 It is lawful to hear an ignorant raw Lad, that saith over a dry Sermon as a Boy saith his Lesson. 1884 W. C. SMITH *Kildrostan* 47 Doris made a comic rhyme of it, And said it over to me.

14. *Comb.*: **say-grace**, one who says grace at meals; † **say-nay**, a refusal; **say-nothing** *a.*, silent. See also SAY-SO, SAY-WELL.

1688 C. HOOLE *School-Colloq.* 35 Perhaps you should have a Say-nay (or a Canvas). 1788 V. KNOX *Winter Even.* I. III. ii. 243 The race of formal spintexts and solemn saygraces is nearly extinct. 1838 LYTTON *Alice* v. v, She with her quiet, say-nothing manner slips through all my careless questionings. 1853 JAMES *Agnes Sorel* (1860) I. 98 One of your discreet, see-everything, say-nothing serving-men.

† **Say,** *v.*2 *Obs.* Forms: 4–6, 8 (9 *Sc.*) **sey**, 4–8 **say**, 4 **saȝe**, 5 **saie**. [Aphetic form of ASSAY *v.*] = ASSAY *v.* in various senses.

1. *trans.* To try, to pnt to the proof, to test the fitness of; = ASSAY *v.* 1.

c 1380 *Sir Ferumb.* 1093 Charlis clipede ys leches..þat þai scholde til him go is wounde to enserche & saye. 1382 WYCLIF *Eccl.* vii. 24 Alle thingis I saȝede [Vulg. *tentavi*] in wisdam. *a* 1440 *Found. St. Bart's* (E.E.T.S.) 51 He lost the light of boith yen; therfor he graspid abowte..sayynge his way with his stayff. *c* 1450 *Knt. de la Tour* (1868) 26 And thei ordeined amonges hem how thei shulde saie her wyfes. *a* 1578 LINDESAY (Pitscottie) *Chron. Scot.* (S. T. S.) I. 243 The blak knicht sayit thame all bot thair was nane that mycht war him. 1633 T. JAMES *Voy.* 7 We sayed the pumps, and found her stanch. 1725 RAMSAY *Gentle Sheph.* II. iv, I at ewe-milking first sey'd my young skill. *a* 1801 GALL *Poems* (1819) 12 Time in vain shall sey his rage To blot it frae the gilded page. 1813 HOGG *Queen's Wake* II. *Earl Walter* xlvi, Rise up, Lord Darcie, sey thy brand, And fling thy mail away.

2. *trans.*, also *intr.* with *of*. To try by tasting; = ASSAY *v.* 5.

c 1450 *Bk. Curtasye* 764 in *Babees Bk.*, When þe sewer comys vnto þe borde, Alle þe mete he sayes at on hare worde. *c* 1560 A. SCOTT *Poems* (S. T. S.) v. 34 Grene leikis and all sic, men may say. 1674 RAY *S. & E. C. Words* 75 Say of it: i. e. tast of it, *Suff.*

3. *trans.* To try (*on*) (clothes); = ASSAY *v.* 7.

1599 B. JONSON *Cynthia's Rev.* IV. i, *Phi.* Me thinkes, he lookes like a taylour alreadie. *Pha.* I, that had sayed on one of his customers suites. 1625 — *Staple of N.* I. ii. *Stage direct.*, He sayes his sute. 1630 — *New Inn* IV. iii, She did but say the suit on.

4. To attempt, to try to do (anything difficult); = ASSAY *v.* 16.

?*a* 1550 *Freiris Berwik* 368 in *Dunbar's Poems* 297 On his feit he startis vp full sture, And come agane, and seyit all his cure. *a* 1585 MONTGOMERIE *Cherrie & Slae* 361, I was affrayd to mount sa hich, For feir to get ane fall: Affrayit to say it, I luikit vp on loft. 16.. *Childe Waters* xxx. in Child *Ballads* II. 87/1 For there is noe place about this house Where I may say a sleepe.

5. *intr.* or with *inf.* **a.** To apply oneself, to set oneself (*to do* something). = ASSAY *v.* 17.

c 1330 R. BRUNNE *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 1826 Wyþ trip forsetten, ilk oþer to gyle, In lyft in wrybyng þey sayed vmwhile. 1422–30 LYDG. *Chron. Troy* 708/4906 (E.E.T.S.) Wherfore, þe kyng cast & wolde saie Shape a wei her malis to with-stonde. *c* 1475 *Partenay* 354 Sin Aforn vs thre ye apperen, lo! And without worde say for to make passage, It is noght the dede of gentil corage. *a* 1585 MONTGOMERIE *Somn.* vii. 6 Of mercy and of judgment sey to sing. 1601 B. JONSON *Poetaster*, *Apol. Dial.* Wks. 1616 I. 353 Once, I'le say, To strike the eare of time, in those fresh straines, As shall [etc.]. 1632 HEYWOOD *2nd Pt. Iron Age* v. K 3 This Diomed? who..sayd to wound faire Venus in the hand. 1692 *Scarronides* II. 30 With trembling hands he 'says to pull at, And tear the throatling noose from gullet. 1790 A. WILSON *Poems & Lit. Prose* (1876) II. 95, I sey'd ance to cast off my coat.

Say, obs. f. SAW *sb.*1; obs. pa. t. and pa. pple. of SEE *v.*; obs. Sc. f. SO, SOW *v.*

Sayable (sē·ăb'l), *a.* [f. SAY *v.*1 + -ABLE.] Capable of being said.

1856 RUSKIN *Mod. Paint.* III. IV. viii. § 9 What is suggested in times of play should be rightly sayable without toil. 1891 F. M. WILSON *Primer Browning* 132 Browning has said all that was sayable concerning the celebrated cause. 1902 *Month* Nov. 463 To him, nothing is sayable which has already been said.

Sayall, variant of SEYAL.

Saycrying, Saydly, obs. ff. SACRING, SADLY.

Sayer1 (sē·ər). Forms: 4–5 **segger**; 4 **seiere**, 4–5 **seyere**, 6 **saier**, 6 *Sc.* (9 *arch.*) **sayar**, 5– **sayer**. [f. SAY *v.*1 + -ER 1.] One who says.

† **1.** A professional reciter. Cf. DISOUR. *Obs.*

c 1330 R. BRUNNE *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 76, I mad noght for no disours, ne for no seggers, no harpours.

b. A poet, narrator. *arch.*

1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* IX. Prol. 27 The sayar eik suld weil consider this, His mater, and quhamto it entitillit is. 1806 W. TAYLOR in *Ann. Rev.* IV. 560 This is not a truth of nature; it is therefore not the meaning of Samund the sayer. 1819 W. TENNANT *Papistry Storm'd* (1827) 17 Ilk comic scene of ilka age, Gleam'd out of ilka sayar's page.

2. One who says (something specified or implied).

1422 tr. *Secreta Secret.*, *Priv. Priv.* 158 Lette not the autorie of the Seyere meve the; take no cure of the Seyere what Persone he is. *a* 1539 in *Archæologia* XLVII. 55 That by the hering of the same devocion may encrease aswell in the singers and sayers as in the herers. 1587 *Sc. Acts Jas. VI* (1814) III. 430/1 All sayaris and heiraris of messe. 1768 BOSWELL *Corsica* (ed. 2) 331, I cannot endure long the sayers of good things. 1779 MME. D'ARBLAY *Let.* Dec. *Diary* (1891) I. 208, I never..have been a sayer of the thing that is not. 1838 WILBERFORCE in Ashwell *Life* (1880) I. 119 But merely saying a strong thing would..do them no good; they would only identify the sayer with a party. 1897 F. THOMPSON *New Poems* 136 Mother of mysteries! Sayer of dark sayings in a thousand tongues!

† **b.** With qualifying word, as *false*, *ill*, *sooth sayer*: One who speaks falsely, ill, truly, etc. *Obs.*

1382 WYCLIF *Job* xvi. 9 My ryuelis seyn witnesse a3en me, and the false seiere is rered vp a3en my face. *a* 1400 *Minor Poems fr. Vernon MS.* 524/33 Bettre is chidyng of a soþ seyere þen deceyuyng of a losyngere. *c* 1400 *Title* (of 'Richard the Redeless') Mum, Soth-segger! 1533 MORE *Debell. Salem* Wks. 954/2 Lest men myghte thinke he fayned, he should seke out and bring furth some of those shrewd sayers himself. *a* 1533 LD. BERNERS *Gold. Bk. M. Aurel.* (1546) N n iij b, The most vylanie in men, is to bee ylle saiers. 1588 A. KING tr. *Canisius' Catech.* 40 We ar forbiddin be it to bear fals and deceptfull witnes..as verralie is doone be quhisperars, bakbytters, and enil sayers.

† **3.** A director. *Obs. rare*—1.

1483 CAXTON *Golden Leg.* 112/4 (Inv. St. Firmin) And the peple of thyse cytees meued them eche from his place.. wythout sayer or comander [L. *quasi ut unusquisque suum habuisset præceptorem et ducem*].

† **Say·er**2. *Obs.* [Aphetic var. of ASSAYER. Cf. SAY *v.*2] One who assays or tests; an assayer of metals, a foretaster of food, etc.

?1370 *Robt. Cicyle* 166 in Ellis *Metr. Rom.* (1805) III. 146 Thy 'sayer [*v. rr.* assayar, tastour] shall ben an hound, To assay thy meat before thee. *c* 1460 *Wisdom* 868 in *Macro Plays* 64 Wyth yow tweyn, wo ys replyede, He may sey he hathe a schrewde seyer. 1579 in R. W. Cochran-Patrick *Rec. Coinage Scotl.* (1876) I. Introd. 34 The generall of his cunyehous Mr. Cunyear Wardanis sinkar syer prentaris forgearis and vtheris. 1835 *App. Munic. Corpor. Rep.* IV. 2242 The Market Sayer, Corn Prizer, and all the other inferior officers mentioned above, are annually appointed by the alderman's court [at Grantham].

‖ **Sayer**3 (sā·yər). *India.* Also **syre**, **sair**. [Urdū, a. Arab. سائر *sā'ir*, pres. pple. either of *sāra* to go or of *sā'ara* to remain. (For various proposed explanations see Yule.)] A general name for a class of imposts of the nature of transit and excise duties, originally levied by the zemindars within their own estates, and under the East India Company's rule chiefly collected by the government. Also *attrib.*

The sayer duties had been abolished in the three presidencies before the rule of the Company came to an end, and the term is no longer in official use.

1789 in *Cornwallis Corresp.* (1859) I. 557 What are called the Sayer collections. 1790 *Ibid.* II. 492 Our former despatches will have acquainted you that we had taken into the hands of Government the collection of the internal duties usually denominated the Sayer. 1811 KIRKPATRICK *Nepaul* 103 The revenues of a village..consist principally in the rent of houses, and the Sair, or duties charged on salt, tobacco, pepper, beetle-nut [etc.]. 1850 *Directions Rev. Off. N. W. Prov.* 43 There are also other items, called Sayer or Sewaee collections, which are much prized by the proprietors, and which in some cases constitute a valuable property.

Saye·tte. *rare*—0. [a. F. *sayette*, dim. of *saie* SAY *sb.*1] (See quot.)

1858 SIMMONDS *Dict. Trade*, *Sayette*, a mixed stuff of silk and cotton, also called sagathy.

Sayeure, obs. form of SAWYER.

Sayfe, obs. Sc. form of SAFE.

† **Say-hand.** *Obs. rare*—1. [? From the phrase *to say* (= try) *one's hand.*] An attempt, experiment.

1712 WODROW *Corr.* (1843) I. 362 Upon the 29th, there was a soldier buried in the High Church-yard with the English service. This is the first say-hand.

Saying (sē·iŋ), *vbl. sb.*1 Also *α.* 4–5 **segg-**, **sedge**, **sigg-**, **sygg-**, (4 *Kent.* **zigg-**); **-ing(e**, **-yng(e**; *β.* 4–6 **sai-**, **sey-**; **-ing(e**, **-eng(e**, **-yng)e**; 4–6 **sayng(e**, **saing**, **seyng(e**. [f. SAY *v.*1 + -ING 1.]

1. The action of SAY *v.*1; utterance, enunciation; recitation. † *Saying-again* = AGAIN SAYING.

Often (contrasted with *doing*) denoting a mere assertion or promise, as opposed to action or performance.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 28581 On seuen maners ar þai [*sc.* sins] for-giuen,..Of hali water þe strenkling, And thoru þe pater noster saying. 1338 R. BRUNNE *Chron.* (1810) Pref. 99,

I see in song in sedgeyng tale Of Erceldoun & of Kendale, Non þam says as þai þam wroght, & in þer sayng it semes noght. 1474 CAXTON *Chesse* 134 Courtoyse langage and well sayngе is moche worth and coste litylI. *c* 1475 *Partenay* 3242 Geffray answered: 'Wele saide here haue ye; Go forth,' said he,' with-out sayng-Again'. 1562 J. HEYWOOD *Prov. & Epigr.* R ij b, Saying and doyng, are twoo thinges, we say. 1582 ALLEN *Martyrdom Campion* (1908) 3 Saying of Masse, hearing of confessions, preaching and such like dueties and functions of Priesthod. 1845 W. CORV *Lett. & Jrnls.* (1897) 38 Saying hy heart is a tiresome and unsatisfactory kind of teaching-work.

b. In phrase 'There is no saying'=it is impossible to say, there is no certainty attainable. Cf. the more usual 'there is no telling'.

1847 MARRYAT *Childr. N. Forest* xx, They won't come now..but there is no saying.

2. Something that is said; now chiefly, something that has been said by a (more or less distinguished) person, an apophthegm, a dictum.

1303 R. BRUNNE *Handl. Synne* 734 Þe caytyfe þat lay vn hys bedde, For here seyyng wax sore adredde. 1387–8 T. USK *Test. Love* III. iv. (Skeat) 255 Certaynly, his noble sayinges can I not amende. 1463 in *Coventry Leet-bk.* 322 And þervppon the kyng, supposyng theyre seying to be trewe, sent his lettrez of priue sygnet to the Officers of this Cite. 1530 PALSGR. 427/2 Take no bede to his sayenges for he is madde. 1611 BIBLE *Ps.* xlix. 4, I will incline mine eare to a parable; I will open my darke saying vpon the harpe. 1671 MILTON *P. R.* II. 104 My heart hath been a store-house long of things And sayings laid up, portending strange events. 1713 STEELE *Englishm.* No. 52. 336 It is a Saying I have always admired in Monsieur Bruyere. 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* v. I. 660 The King read, and remained, according to the saying of Churchill, hard as the marble chimney-pieces of Whitehall. 1858 LYTTON *What will He do* I. viii, Then came sayings of dry humour. 1871 TENNYSON *Last Tourn.* 622 'May God be with thee, sweet, when old and gray, And past desire!' a saying that anger'd her. 1897 GRENFELL & HUNT (*title*), ΛΟΓΙΑ ΙΗΣΟΥ, Sayings of our Lord.

b. Something commonly said; a proverb; *occas.* † a current form of speech.

c 1450 MYRC *Festial* 86 Ȝe haue a comyn sayng among you and sayn þat Godys grace ys worth a new fayre. 1480 WARKW. *Chron.* (Camden) 27 For ther is proverbe and a seyenge, that a castelle that spekythe, and a womane that wille here, thei wille be gotene bothe. 1530 PALSGR. 698/1 God save you, whiche sayeng we use whan we come firste to ones presence. *a* 1604 HANMER *Chron. Irel.* (1633) 2 According to the common saying, Where God hath his Church, the Devill hath his Chappell. 1709 STEELE *Tatler* No. 50 P 8, I can see into a Mill-stone as far as another (as the Saying is). 1861 MAX MÜLLER *Chips* (1880) II. xxiv. 250 The name..was amplified into short proverbial sayings.

†**c.** ? = DITTY **2.** *Obs.*

1390 GOWER *Conf.* VIII. 3081* It sit him wel to singe and daunce, And do to love his entendance In songes bothe and in seyinges After the lust of his pleyinges.

†**d.** Repetition of a spell or incantation. *Obs.*

1303 R. BRUNNE *Handl. Synne* 542 'Why', seyd he, 'wyl hyt nat ryse, And y haue do þe same wyse, And seyd þe wurdys, Iesse ne mo, And for my seyyng wyl hyt nat go'? 1340–70 *Alisaunder* 531 With all þe wyle of his werk þe waie gon enchaunte, By segging of sorsery. *c* 1500 *Melusine* 296 So blynd ye are by her sayeng that ye dare not enquere nor knoweth wher she becommeth or gooth.

†**3.** *collect. sing.* General habit of speech; usual manner of speaking; the remarks of a person considered collectively. *Obs.*

c 1440 *York Myst.* XXX. 484 Nought so, sir, his seggyng is full sothly soth, It bryngis oure bernes in bale for to bynde. *c* 1570 W. WAGER *The longer thou livest* 1974 (Brandl) But such fooles in their harts do say, That there is no God, neytber Heauen, nor Hell; According to their saying they follow that way.

†**4.** A right to speak; a 'voice' in an assembly. Also, *to have a saying to*='to have something to say to'. *Obs.* Cf. SAY *sb.*[4] **3.**

1487 *Rolls of Parlt.* VI. 397/1 That no merchaunt..bere any voice, ne have saying in any Court. 1568 GRAFTON *Chron.* II. 131 These sixe Aldermen..knowyng that neither the Aldermen, nor the worshipfull of the Citie, should haue any saiyng in the matter, fearing their cause, went into a Canons house of Paules. 1568 C. WATSON *Polyb.* 67 b, Of the contrary part the Carthaginenses ruled on the seas uncontrolled and hoped wel to have a saying by land. *c* 1592 MARLOWE *Jew of Malta* II. (1633) E 1, For though they doe a while increase and multiply, I'le haue a saying to that Nunnery. 1607 B. BARNES *Divils Charter* V. ii. K 3, I must haue a saying to those bottels. (*He drinketh.*)

† **Sa·ying,** *vbl. sb.*[2] *Obs.* [f. SAY *v.*[2] + -ING [1].] The action of SAY *v.*[2] in various senses.

1511–12 *Ld. Treas. Acc. Scotl.* IV. 274 Compt maid with William Striveling for expensis maid be him apone the sayng of the led mynd of Ilay.

b. *Comb.*: **saying-knife,** that with which the say of grease of a deer is taken.

a 1858 KINGSLEY *New Forest Ballad* 51 The young man drove his saying knife Deep in the old man's breast. 1865 — *Herew.* xxxix, [He] pulled out a saying-knife, about half as long again as the said priest's hand.

Saylch, sayll, obs. Sc. forms of SEAL.

Saym(e, obs. forms of SEAM *sb.*, lard.

† **Say·ment.** *Obs. rare*[−1]. [f. SAY *v.*[2] + -MENT.] A trial, exploit.

c 1435 *Torr. Portugal* 50 Torrent sayd:..'An other sayment woll I see, Ore I take ordor of knyght'.

Saymne, variant of SAMEN *a. Obs.*, same.

Sayn(e, obs. ff. SAINT, SEINE, SEE *v.*

Saynd(e, Sayndisman: see SAND, SANDESMAN.

Saynite (sē·nəit). *Min.* [a. G. *Saynit* (F. von Kobell 1853), after *Sayn*, Prussia, its locality: see -ITE.] A synonym of GRÜNAUITE.

1858 J. NICOL *Elem. Min.* 298.

Saynsure: see SAINSE.

Saynts-bell: see SANCTUS BELL.

‖ **Sayon** (sęyoⁿ). *Antiq.* [F., augm. of *saie*: see SAY *sb.*] A kind of sleeveless jacket, worn in the Middle Ages by men of the lower classes.

a 1843 SOUTHEY *Comm.-pl. Bk.* (1849) II. 342 Pietro della Valle describes the Aba as worn by the Persians and Arabs. He says it is a sayon open in front, and without sleeves.

Sayr(e, obs. forms of SORE.

Sayse, saysi, obs. forms of SEIZE.

Saysine, saysing, obs. forms of SEISIN.

Say-so (sē·sōu), *sb.* Now *dial.* and *U.S.* [f. SAY *v.*[1] + So *adv.*] (A person's) mere word or dictum. *Upon my* (*your*) *say-so*, upon one's word. Also, *To have the say-so*: 'to have the say', to be the authority.

1637 HEYLIN *Antid. Lincoln.* i. 49 They are only say-soes, and no proofes at all. 1676 MOXON *Print Letters* 2 Their Say-so stands for no Proof. 1757 FOOTE *Author* II. Wks. 1799 I. 148 Do you love me?..With all my soul...Upon your sayso?..Upon my sayso. 1788 *Ann. Reg., Poetry* 185 On my Sayso, Miss, I'm turn'd thirteen. 1890 D. C. MURRAY *John Vale's Guardian* I. ix. 169 'Well, upon my sayso!' said Isaiah. 1896 *Harper's Mag.* XCIII. 33/2 It is just possible that I took him through from New York without a train, by the mere say-so of my pen. 1902 WISTER *Virginian* xvi, He was the cook that had the say-so in New York.

Say'-well, *sb. Obs.* exc. *dial.* Also 4 seywel, seiwel. [f. SAY *v.*[1] + WELL *adv.*] Approval expressed in words; verbal commeadatioa. (Orig. as *personification.*)

1362 LANGL. *P. Pl.* A. x. 19 Þe Cunstable of þe Castel.. hab fyue feire sones hi his furste wyf: Sire seowel and seywel [etc.]. 15.. *Six Ballads* (Percy Soc. 1844) 6 Say-well is good, but do-well is better. 1628 GAULE *Pract. Theorists Panegyr.* (1629) 9 He did not well to them, without their Say-well of him. 1876 *Whitby Gloss.* 52 'Say weel is good, but deea-weel is better', explained by what the pious matron remarked, 'I cannot talk my religion, but I can live it'.

‖ **Sayyid** (sā·yid). Also seid, seyd, seyed, seyyad, syed. [Arab. سيّد *sayyid*, lit. 'lord', 'prince'. Cf. CID.] In Mohammedan countries, the title given to a man who is supposed to trace his descent from Husain, the elder grandson of the Prophet. Also *attrib.*

1788 BURKE *Sp. agst. W. Hastings* Wks. 1821 VII. 91 He was a Syed, that is to say, a descendant of Mahomed. 1811 tr. *Niebuhr's Trav. Arab.* in *Pinkerton's Voy.* X. 39 He looked with disdain upon the Turkish Sherriffes, and the Arabian Seids. 1827 LADY H. STANHOPE *Mem.* (1845) I. ii. 56 A young *seyd*, a friend of mine. 1840 FRASER *Koordistan*, etc. I. iv. 99 All individuals of that order of Seyeds, called *Suggerán*,—that is, who can boast of an indisputable descent from the daughter of the prophet in the male line. 1849 *Dry Leaves* 22 A Seyyad by birth, he had killed his brother to obtain some property. 1855 R. F. BURTON *Al-Medinah & Meccah* ii. (1893) 3 In Arabia..the Sayyid is the descendant of Hosayn...In Persia and India, the Sharif is the son of a Sayyid woman and a common Moslem.

Sazhen, variant of SAGENE [1].

Sbirro (sbi·rro). Pl. **sbirri** (sbi·rri); also 7 *anglicized* sbirres, -is. [a. It. *sbirro*, whence F. *sbirre*; cf. Sp. *esbirro.*] An Italian police officer.

a 1668 LASSELS *Voy. Italy* II. (1670) 252 This Governour..hath besides his own guards, a *Barigello* or Captain of the *Sbirri* or Sergeants. 1687 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 2224/1 The Sbirres or Officers of Justice. 1688 *Lett. conc. Present St. Italy* 119 The Sbiri (a sort of men like our Bailiffs) carried him to another [Judge]. 1693 *Loud. Gaz.* No. 2890/1 Shirris or Officers of Justice. 1820 BYRON *Mar. Fal.* II. ii. 28 Had I been silent, not a sbirro but Had kept me in his eye, as meditating .. revenge. 1888 L. OLIPHANT *Episodes* 183, I rolled through Italy in a diligence, in company with sundry Papal *sbirri* as fellow-passengers.

'Sblood (zblʊd). *Obs.* exc. *arch.* Also 6 zbloud, 'sblud, 7 s'bloud, slud, slood, 8 (*affected*) s'blead. A euphemistic shortening of *God's blood* (see GOD *sb.* 14), used as an oath or asseveration.

1598 SHAKS. 1 *Hen. IV* (Qo. 1) I. ii. 82 Zbloud I am as melancholy as a gyb Cat. 1599 — *Hen. V* (Fol. 1) IV. viii. 10 'Sblud. 1604 — *Ham.* (Qo. 2) II. iii. 384 S'bloud. 1606 CHAPMAN *Gentl. Usher* I. i, Slud Aunt, what if my dreame had beene true. *Ibid.* II. i, Slood me thinks a man Should not of meere necessitie be an Asse. 1606 *Sir G. Goosecappe* V. i. in Bullen *O. Pl.* (1884) III. 89 Sblood what is learning? An artificiall cobwebbe to catch flies. 1705 VANBRUGH *Country House* II. iv, A parcel of Fellows swear they'll have our Venison, and s'blead I swear they shall have none on't. 1737 FIELDING *Hist. Reg.* I. i, 'Sblood, Sir, would it be in the Character of a Politician to make him a Conjurer? 1737 R. DRURY *Rival Milliners* II. xii, S'blud and Thunder, Give me the Settlement again. 1848 BOKER *Calaynos* V. ii. Poems (1857) I. 102 'Sblood! but they'd make you caper!

'Sbobs. An unmeaning oath: cf. prec. and *Od's bobs* under OD [1].

1694 ECHARD *Plautus* 170 'Sbobs, as I hope to breath, a smug-faced little Rogue! 1820 J. H. REYNOLDS *Fancy* (1906) 32 'Sbobs! I declare, it does not smack amiss.

'Sbo·dikins. A euphemistic shortening of *God's bodikins* (see GOD *sb.* 14 b, OD [1] 2, and BODIKIN).

1676 DURFEY *Madam Fickle* I. i. (1677) 3 'Sbodikins, I am told in the Country there's not a true Wit in all the Fraternity but he. 1694 ECHARD *Plautus* 120 'Sbudikins, you've almost walk'd me off my Legs tho'. 1733 FIELDING *Intrig. Chamberm.* II. ix. S'bodikins! I am in a rage. 1733 — *Quixote in Eng.* III. xiv, 'Sbodlikins! I find there's nothing in making love when a man's hut once got well into't. 1790 *Bystander* 183 'Sbodikins', cried Cozin, 'but I do tell ye I be not'. 1872 CALVERLEY *Fly Leaves* (1884) 115, I flopp'd forth, 'sbuddikins! on my own ten toes.

†**'Sbo·dy.** *Obs. rare*[−1]. Shortened form of *God's body*, used as an oath.

1601 B. JONSON *Poetaster* II. i, S'body, giue Husbands the head a little more, and they'll be nothing but Head shortly.

†**'Sbores.** *Obs. rare*[−1]. A euphemistic oath: cf. the preceding words.

1635 BROME *Sparagus Gard.* IV. iii, S'bores I bit my tongue too hard.

†**'Sbud(s.** *Obs.* = 'SBODIKINS.

1676 DURFEY *Madam Fickle* I. i. (1677) 3, I am heartily glad to see you, Good Mr. Harry. 'Sbud he sprouts up finely. 1682 SOUTHERNE *Loyal Brother* II. i, S'buds! a Months pay is Nothing to thee. 1733 FIELDING *Quixote in Eng.* II. v, 'Sbud! I'll beat your lanthorn jaws into your throat, you rascal. 1889 DOYLE *Micah Clarke* 305 S'bud, we had something better to do.

Sca, obs. Sc. form of SCALL *sb.*

Scab (skæb), *sb.* Forms: 4–6 scabbe, 4–7 skab, 5–6 skabbe, 6 skabe, scappe, 6–7 scabb, 3– scab. [a. ON. **skabb-r* (MSw. *skabb-er*, mod. Sw. *skabb*, Da. *skab* from the 13th c.), corresponding to OE. *sceabb* SHAB *sb.*, q.v. for cognate forms. With sense 4 cf. MDu. *schabbe*, applied to women with the senses 'slut' and 'scold'; possibly this word, used by foreign vagrants, may have helped the development of the sense in Eng.; its etymological relation to early mod.Du. *schabbe* (Kilian), Flem. dial. *schab* itch (= OE. *sceabb*) is not clear.

The occurrence of the word in Kentish of the 13th c. is a difficulty, as the Scandinavian form would be unlikely to be adopted in that dialect. Perh. the word may in this passage represent the OE. *sceabb*, with archaizing spelling due to the influence of the L. *scabies*, which it here renders (cf. Lev. xiii. 6, Vulgate). Association with the Latin word of similar sound has influenced the later medical use.]

†**1.** Disease of the skin in which pustules or scales are formed: a general term for skin diseases, but sometimes *spec.* = itch or scabies (also, *dry scab*), ringworm or tinea, syphilis; *wel scab*, eczema.

c 1250 *Kent. Serm.* in *O. E. Misc.* 31 Si lepre [signefieþ] þo sennen, þet scab bi-tokned þo litle sennen. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 11820 Þe scab ouer-gas his bodi all. *a* 1366 CHAUCER *Rom. Rose* 553 Withoute bleyne scabbe or royne. 1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* VII. lxii. (Bodl. MS.), Wete scabbe [L. *scabies humida*] with quitter and scales. *Ibid.* lxiii, Drye scabbe..somtyme..comeþ of stronge colerike mater oþer melancolike..and þis yuel hatte Impetigo. *c* 1400 *Lanfranc's Cirurg.* 191 Also scabbe, sum is drie & summe is wet. If it be drie, it schal propirli be clepid icche. And if it be moist, it schal be clepid scabbe. 1530 PALSGR. 265/2 Scabbe, *roigne.* 1563 T. GALE *Antidot.* II. 12 It healeth scabbes, and vlcers of the skinne. 1621 BURTON *Anat. Mel.* II. iv. I. v, It driues away Leaprosie, Scabbes, cleeres the blood. 1658 OSBORN *King James* Wks. (1673) 514 For (spight of his Tarbox) he died of the Scab. 1671 H. M. tr. *Erasm. Colloq.* 168, I think thou hast got the scab which they call Spanish. *a* 1682 SIR T. BROWNE *Tracts* (1683) 114 They commended Unguents of quick-silver against the scab. 1742 tr. *Heister's Surg.* (1768) I. 279 The Term *Tinea* at present is applied to a large dry Scab, which Children and Infants are subject to upon the Head. 1757 DYER *Fleece* I. 286 Th' infectious scab, arising from extremes Of want or surfeit.

†**b.** *fig.* Applied to moral or spiritual disease.

1529 S. FISH *Supplic. Beggers* (1871) 11 This is the great scabbe why they will not let the newe testament go a-brode yn your moder tong. 1567 PAULFREYMAN *Bauldwin's Mor. Philos.* VIII. ii, It is a scabbe of the world to be enuious at vertue. 1651 G. HERBERT *Jacula Prudentum* 1137 The itch of disputing is the scab of the Church [transl. of the saying *Disputandi prurigo est ecclesiæ scabies*]. 1791 WOLCOT (P. Pindar) *Rights of Kings* Wks. 1812 II. 429 O for an ointment to destroy the scab Call'd Envy.

2. A cutaneous disease in animals, esp. sheep, resembling the itch and the mange.

c 1386 CHAUCER *Pard. Prol.* 30 Of pokkes, and of scabbe, ..Shal enery sheepe be hool. 1523 FITZHERB. *Husb.* (1534) C 8 This maner of foldynge shall brede noo mathes nor scabbe. 1538 STARKEY *England* I. iii. 98 When they [*i.e.* sheep] are closyd in ranke pasturys and butful [? batful] ground, they are sone touchyd wyth the skabe. 1697 DRYDEN *Virg. Georg.* iii. 468 That free from Gouts thou mayst preserve thy Care [*viz.* sheep], And clear from Scabs. 1748 tr. *Vegetius' Distempers of Horses* 11 Some indeed have attempted to call the Scab the subtercutaneous Distemper. 1796 WITHERING *Brit. Plants* (ed. 3) III. 554 Swine that have the scab. 1863 BARING-GOULD *Iceland* 101 The sheep in the north are quite well—whilst the scab reappears yearly in the south.

b. A disease of cultivated plants, due to vegetable parasites, and causing scab-like roughness.

1750 W. ELLIS *Mod. Husbandm.* iv. iii. 27 (E.D.S.). 1790 *Trans. Soc. Arts* VIII. 39 The Potatoe is also liable to other disorders; in very dry seasons, excrescences will arise, vulgarly called the Scab. 1881 *Chicago Times* 11 June, The wet weather is likely to produce scab in growing wheat. 1908 *Daily Chron.* 30 Oct. 1/7 The disease of black scab is spreading alarmingly among potatoes.

3. The crust which forms over a wound or sore during cicatrization.

c 1400 *Lanfranc's Cirurg.* 185 Anoynte al his heed.. til al þe scabbis þerof be wel tobroke. 1540 PALSGR. *Acolastus* Prol. B iij b, They clawe of their owne skabbe. 1581 MULCASTER *Positions* XXX. 110 The skinne being deuided and disvnited with scabbes. 1642 H. MORE *Song of Soul* III. III. xliii, Old fulsome bags with scabs and skurf bedight. 1710–11 SWIFT *Jrnl. to Stella* 23 Mar., My sore

shin itched, and I forgot what it was, and rubbed off the scab, and blood came. 1799 *Med. Jrnl.* II. 371 An elevated smooth brown scab remained..upon each of the children's arms, after all discharge from the part had ceased. 1876 Bristowe *Theory & Pract. Med.* 316 Not unfrequently, when the scab seems fully formed, suppuration still goes on beneath and around it.

fig. 1599 Shaks. *Much Ado* III. iii. 107 *Con.* Here man, I am at thy elbow. *Bor.* Mas and my elbow itcht, I thought there would a scabbe follow. 1607 — *Cor.* I. i. 169. 1799 Coleridge *Lett.* 16 Sept. (1895) 306 Mere cutaneous scabs of loyalty which only ape the king's evil. 1893 F. Adams *New Egypt* 72 The great city seemed strangely squalid and mean, a sort of scab that had sprouted at the bosom of ancient and fertile nature.

b. *transf.* in *Iron-founding.* (See quot. 1884.)

1882 C. Wylie *Iron Founding* 30 To avoid scabs and a bad casting. 1884 Knight *Dict. Mech.* Suppl., *Scab*, a protuberance on a casting formed by the washing away of the mold-wall.

4. *slang.* A term of abuse or depreciation applied to persons: **a.** A mean, low, 'scurvy' fellow; a rascal, scoundrel. †*occas.* applied to a woman.

c 1590 R. Greene *Fr. Bacon* i. (1630) 2 Loue is such a proud scab, that he will neuer meddle with fooles nor children. 1591 Lyly *Endym.* iv. ii, *Pages.* What are yee (scabs?) *Watch.* The Watch: This the Constable. [1599, 1607: see 3 *fig.*] 1664 Cotton *Scarron.* i. 15 A vap'ring Scab, and a great Swearer. *a* 1700 B. E. *Dict. Cant. Crew, Scab*, a sorry Wench, or Scoundril-Fellow. 1701 De Foe *Trueborn Eng.* i. 16 The Royal Branch from Pictland did succeed, With Troops of Scots and Scabs from North-by-Tweed. 1725 Swift *On Wood the Iron-monger* 9 This vap'ring Scab must needs devise To ape the Thunder of the Skies. 1735 Sheridan in *Swift's Lett.* 5 Oct., The devil take all the D's in Christendom, for a pack of saucy scabs. 1851 Mayhew *Lond. Labour* I. 18 'There's a scurf!' said one; 'He's a regular scab,' cried another. 1899 Kipling *Stalky* 71 You're three beastly scabs!

b. (orig. *U. S.*) A workman who refuses to join an organized movement on behalf of his trade.

1811 *Scl. Cases St. New York* I. 262 The offending member was then termed a *scab* and wherever he was employed no others of the society were allowed to work. 1881 *Standard* 3 Nov. 3/4 Mr. Abbott asked Passfield if he had not told him he heard Hall call Harris a '—— scab'. 1890 *Leeds Merc.* 1 July, Many of them acted as pickets with the object of preventing any strangers—commonly known as 'scabs', or 'blacklegs'..from entering the works.

attrib. and *Comb.* 1881 *Chicago Times* 11 June, It was decided to stop the purchase of what is termed 'scab beer' to-day. 1893 *Columbus* (Ohio) *Disp.* 27 Sept., Their rules prohibit them to work along with scab switchmen.

5. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *scab-bringing* adj.; **scab-mite** *U. S.*, the itch-mite, *Acarus scabiei*; †**scab-picker**, ? one who treats sheep for the scab.

1499 *Exch. Rolls Scott.* XI. 394 That na forestar hald undir him in his steid baggar, flegeour, turnour.., pelar of bark, scab pikar [etc.]. 1611 Cotgr., *Escarotique*,..skab-bringing.

Scab (skæb), *v.* [f. Scab *sb.*]

†**1.** *trans.* To form a scab or scabs upon. *Obs.*

1632 Lithgow *Trav.* viii. 376 Great drouth And fiery thirst, that scabbe my lips and mouth.

2. *intr.* and *pass.* To become encrusted with a scab or scabs. Also with *over.* † *To scab off*: to shed a scab.

1683 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 1864/8 A little Scar upon the Ribs of the fore-side scab'd. 1703 Mead in *Phil. Trans.* XXIII. 1296 He pointed to a great many little Pustules not yet Scabb'd over. 1725 Huxham *ibid.* XXXIII. 394 Those Pustules arose, maturated, and scabb'd off. 1780 Hunter *ibid.* LXX. 133 The sore being allowed to scab, the slough and scab unite and drop off together. 1843 R. J. Graves *Syst. Clin. Med.* xxix. 392 Thus forming two separate ulcers, which speedily scabbed. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 813 A slowly spreading infiltration of the skin, which tends to scab over.

b. *Iron-founding.* To form 'scabs'.

1881 C. Wylie *Iron Founding* 58 A loam mould run at the top may scab.

3. *slang.* To behave as a 'scab' or 'blackleg'.

1905 *Westm. Gaz.* 30 Sept. 10/2 A surplus army of labour which can be relied upon to 'scab' on their neighbours when these rebel against the capitalists. 1907 U. Sinclair in *Daily Chron.* 11 July 3/1 The starving workmen will scab.

Scabard(e, -arge, obs. ff. Scabbard *sb.*[1]

†**Scabba·do.** *Obs.* [f. Scab *sb.* + -ado. Cf. *scrubbado.*] Venereal disease, syphilis.

1651 *Pleas. Hist. Miller of Mansfield* 8 Or art thou not troubled with the Scabbado. 1680 R. L'Estrange *Erasm. Colloq.* 62 Hot Baths..are found to be ill for the Scabbado. 1681 [see Psora]. 1725 Bailey *Erasm. Colloq.* (1878) I. 290 The new Scabbado.

Scabbard (skæ·bărd), *sb.*[1] Forms: *α.* 3 scauberc, 4 scaberke, 4–5 scau-, 5 scaw-, s(c)kaw-, skau-, skaberk(e, skabrek. *β.* 4–5 scabarge, -erge, 5 skaberge, 7 sca(r)bridge. *γ.* 4–5 scaubert, 5 scawbert, scaubart, 6 scaberth, *Sc.* scau-, scawbart, scaw-, skaw-, schawbert, scalbart, -bert, 6–7 scabbert. *δ. Sc.* 5 skawburn(e. *ε.* 4 skawbard, *Sc.* scalburde, 4–5 scauberd(e, 5–6 scabard(e, 5–7 -erd, 6 skabard, -ord, 7 scabbord, -erd, 8 -oard, 6– scabbard. [a. AF. **escauberc* (recorded only in pl. *escaubers, -erz*, 'vaginas', 'dolones', Joannes de Garlandia, 13th c.), *escauberge* (13th c. in *Registr. Malmesb.*, Rolls Ser., I. 55), latinized *eschauberca* (an. 1204 in *Rot. Chart.* 134/1).

Evidence of the existence of the word in continental OF. has not yet been found, as J. de Garlandia, though resident in France, was an Englishman. The form represents an earlier **scalberc, -berge*, which must be an adoption of a Teut. compound, the last element of which contains the root **berg-* to protect (cf. Haubeak). No such Teut. compound has, however, been found. As to the origin of the first element two suggestions have been made: (1) that it is OHG. *scala* shell, husk, which does not yield a very satisfactory sense; (2) that **scalberc* is altered by dissimilation from **scarberc*, from OHG. *scâr, scâra*, ordinarily meaning 'scissors', but occas. used as a designation for a sword. The Icel. *skálp-r* scabbard, *skálm* short sword (? a. Gr. σκάλμη), *skálm* 'one part of a cloven thing' (Vigf.), pl. bean-pods, have some resemblance in form and sense, but the possibility of etymological connexion is very doubtful.]

1. The case or sheath which serves to protect the blade of a sword, dagger, or bayonet when not in use.

Usually made of hide or leather, bound with metal; sometimes entirely composed of steel or more precious metals, and embroidered, inlaid, or decorated with precious stones and jewels.

α. 1297 R. Glouc. (Rolls) 5538 To is scauberc he pulte is hond. *c* 1380 *Sir Ferumb.* 771 In-to is scaberke he potte his sword. 1426 Lydg. *De Guil. Pilgr.* 2845 The swerd.. was alway stylle cloos In the skawberk. *c* 1450 *Merlin* 118 Whan Arthur was releved, he drowgh his swerde oute of skabrek. *Ibid.* 347 He..yede firste to Calibourne and putte it in the skaberke whan he hadde dried it clene.

β. c 1380 Wyclif *Sel. Wks.* III. 266 It is not liklyche þat Crist..schulde carie a swerd in a scaberge for to slee a sely lombe. *c* 1475 *Partenay* 2790 Then drawing his swerd the scaberge fro, The poynt gayn the dore put he ther-vnto. 1600–1 *Churchw. Acc. E. Budleigh* (Brushfield 1894) 19 Pd. for scabridges & for two swordes & a scabridge for a dager ij^{s} vj^{d}. 1673–4 *Totnes Rec.* in Jewitt & Hope *Corp. Plate* (1895) I. 162 Paid for a new Scarbridge for ye Town sword.

γ. c 1325 *Chron. Eng.* 628 in Ritson *Metr. Rom.* II. 296 The scaubert wes gold pur ant fin. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 443/1 Scawbert, or cbethe (*S.* scawberk, *K. P.* scanberd), *vagina.* 1513 Douglas *Æneis* IV. v. 160 The schawbert with broun jasp was picht. *Ibid.* XI. i. 27 Abowt hys gorget..Was hung hys suerd with evor scawbart fyne. 1535 Stewart *Cron. Scot.* (Rolls) I. 231 Ane scalbert also quilk was of purpure fine. 1600 J. Lane *Tom Tel-troth* (Shaks. Soc.) 127 Then..swords might in scabberts sleepe.

δ. 1474 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* I. 25 Item a pirne of gold for a skawburne to the sammyn swerd.

ε. c 1375 *Cursor M.* 15791 (Fairf.) Of þe skawbard his squorde he drogb. 14.. *Sir Beues* (M.) 688 The scabarde he ffound, the sword was away. 1456 Sir G. Haye *Law of Arms* (S.T.S.) 110 Jhesu Crist..bad sanct Petir..that he suld put agayne the suerd in the scalburde. *a* 1548 Hall *Chron., Rich. III*, 25 b, After them folowed the newe erle of Surrey with the sword of estate in a riche skabard. 1601 Shaks. *Twel. N.* III. iv. 303, I had a passe with him, rapier, scabberd, and all. 1617 Moryson *Itin.* I. 111 The sword with the haft and scabbard of gold. 1675 Hobbes *Odyssey* (1677) 93 This My sword, with scabbord all of ivory. 1768 Sterne *Sent. Journ., The Sword*, He return'd his sword into its scabbard. 1802 C. James *Milit. Dict.* s. v. *Unfix*, Unfix bayonet, on which the soldier disengages the bayonet from his piece, and returns it to the scabbard. 1834 Marryat *P. Simple* I. xix. 325 The officer..drawing his sword out of the scabbard, struck O'Brien with the flat of the blade. 1861 Baight *Sp., Amer.* 4 Dec. (1876) 97 Every sword leaping from its scabbard. 1891 Kipling *Light that Failed* xiii, The moonlight glittered on the scabbard of his sabre.

b. *transf.* and *fig.* Often in context with *sword.*

c 1380 Wyclif *Serm.* Sel. Wks. II. 368 Poul clepiþ þe sixte armure, swerd of þe Holy Goost..And þus þe tunge in mannis mouþe is a scaberke to þis swerd. 1589 Nashe *Almond for Parrat* 10 Whiles the sworde of iustice, slept in his scabard. 1657 T. M. *Life Nim* 106 [That] if ever he met me, he would make my Heart the Scabbard of his Sword. 1671 Crowne *Juliana* Prol., Whil'st tongue lyes still i' th' scabbard of his lips. 1895 Wolseley *Decl. & F. Napoleon* i. 2 He..so overstrained the machinery of his mind and body..that both deteriorated...The sword as well as the scabbard showed unmistakable signs of wear-and-tear.

attrib. 1605 Kyd *1st Pt. Ieronimo* I. iii. 105 What bloud sucking slaue Could choke bright honor in a skabard graue?

c. Used as a type of peace (opposed to *sword*).

1802 C. James *Milit. Dict.* s. v., The favourite expression of the late Sir William Erskine—Some rise by the scabbard, and some by the sword! 1817 Lady Morgan *France* I. (1818) I. 88 He sheathed her blood-stained sword in a scabbard of peace.

d. In proverbial uses.

1546 J. Heywood *Prov.* (1867) 63 He that striketh with the swoorde, Shalbe strikyn with the scaberde. 1579 Gosson *Apol. Sch. Abuse* (Arb.) 67 Considereth he now.. that bee which strikes with the sworde, shalbe beaten with the scabbarde? 1607 Middleton *Fam. Love* v. i, Since he has strooke with the sword, strike yon with the Scabbard: in plaine termes Cuckold him. 1813 Lockhart *Reg. Dalton* III. vi, There is an old Scots saying..that 'the blade wears the scabbard'. 1874 Motley *John of Barneveld* I. vii. 331 To throw away the sword and fight with the scabbard.

e. In fig. phrase, *to throw away the scabbard*: to abandon all thought of making peace.

a 1674 Clarendon *Hist. Reb.* x. § 169 He who hath drawn his Sword against his Prince, ought to throw away the Scabbard. 1724 De Foe *Mem. Cavalier* (1840) 196 The scabbard seemed to be thrown away on both sides. 1900 A. T. Mahan *War S. Africa* v. (ed. 2) 200 Not the courage that throws away the scabbard, much less that which burns its ships.

†**2.** *transf.* Applied to various kinds of sheath or integument; a cocoon, etc. *Obs.*

[1578 Banister *Hist. Man* VII. 90 It..prepareth way to the Nerues..as that it deduceth them, hid as it were in a scaberth, to it.] 1608 Topsell *Serpents* 103 They fold themselues into a..web. And thus beeing included in a greenish scabbard..they all die in Winter. 1713 A. van Leeuwenhoek in *Phil. Trans.* XXVIII. 160 An Animalculum, that was fix'd in a little Scabboard or Sheath. 1753 *Chambers' Cycl. Suppl., Scabbard*,..is the skin that serves for a sheath or case to a horse's yard.

3. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *scabbard-button, clasp, -maker*; **scabbard fish,** *Lepidopus caudatus*, a fish of long, compressed scabbard-like form and silvery-white colour; **scabbard razor-shell,** a razor-shell, *Solen vagina*, shaped like a scabbard.

1802 C. James *Milit. Dict.* s.v., **Scabbard-button*, a brass button or hook by which the scabbard is attached to the frog of the belt. 1866 G. Stephens *Runic Mon.* I. 302 This runic *Scabbard-clasp. 1836 Yarrell *Brit. Fishes* I. 176 The *Scabbard-fish. *Lepidopus argyreus.* 1884 W. Saville Kent *Fishes Brit. Isl.* (Fish. Exhib. Lit.) 123 The Scabbard-fish is distributed abundantly through the tropical waters of the Atlantic. 1611 Cotgr., *Fourrelier*, a *scabberd maker. 1813 Bingley *Anim. Biog.* III. 448 The *scabbard razor-shell.

†**Sca·bbard,** *sb.*[2] *Obs. rare*—[0]. Also 9 **scalbert.** [f. Scab *sb.* + -ard. Cf. Du. *schobberd* beggar, rogue.] A 'scabbed' person.

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 442/1 Scabbard, or he þat is scabbyd. 1824 Mactaggart *Gallovid. Encycl., Scalbert*, a low-lifed, scabby-minded individual.

Scabbard (skæ·bărd), *sb.*[3] Also 7 -erd, 7–8 -ord, -oard. [app. ad. MLG. *schalbort* thin board sawn off a length of timber in squaring it, f. *schale* shell, rind, etc. (see Scale *sb.*[1]) + *bort* Board: = G. *schalbrett.* (Cf. Scale-board [1], which is recorded later.)] Thin board used in making splints, the scabbards of swords, veneer, etc., and by printers in making register (now called *scale-board*).

1635 *Patent Specif.* (1856) No. 87, p. 2 l. 9 Scabberds made of veneer. 1672 Wiseman *Wounds* II. 123 Of these [splints] some are made of Tin, others of Scabboard [ed. 1676 Scabbard], Pastboard, and of wood...Those of Scabboards are apt to bow. 1683 Moxon *Mech. Exerc., Printing* viii, Scabbord is that sort of Scale commonly sold by some Ironmongers in Bundles; And of which, the Scabbords for Swords are made: The Compositer cuts it Quadrat high. 1753 Franklin *Let. to Y. Bowden* 12 Apr. Wks. 1840 V. 299, I place them in loose rims of scabboard. 1771 Luckombe *Hist. Printing* 312 The Ribs squeeze closer to the Winter one Scabbord. 1787 *Printer's Gram.* 116 In mixt matter, or Italic, a Scabbard at least is required before and after a thin Brass rule.

b. scabbard-plane = Scaleboard-*plane.*

1846 Holtzapffel *Turning* II. 504 The scale-board plane, abbreviated into scabbard-plane, for cutting off the wide chips used for making bat and bonnet boxes.

Hence † **Sca·bbarding,** the spacing of lines of type.

1786 M. Cutler in *Life*, etc. (1888) II. 270 Scabbording of the lines,..scabbording of the prefaces.

Sca·bbard, *v.* [f. Scabbard *sb.*[1]]

1. *trans.* To put (a sword) into its scabbard; to sheathe. Also *transf.* and *fig.*

1579–80 North *Plutarch, Pyrrus* (1595) 446 For if any drewe out his sworde, or based his pike, he could neither scabarde the one againe, nor lift vp the other. 1679 Crowne *Ambitious Statesman* III. 31 The shining Tongue of their chief leading Orator, Ha's neither edge nor point; but finely scabberded In Velvet Words [etc.]. 1812 W. Tennant *Anster F.* IV. vii, Thus prepar'd To have their persons scabbarded in cloth. 1866 Ruskin *Crown Wild Olive* (1873) 130 You find that you have put yourselves into the hand of your country as a weapon...You have vowed to strike, when she bids you, and to stay scabbarded when she bids you. 1898 *Chr. Herald* (N. Y.) 9 Mar. 200/2 Let the sword be scabbarded.

2. *Mil.* To punish with a scabbard (see quots.).

1802 C. James *Milit. Dict.* s.v., Infantry soldiers are sometimes scabbarded under the sanction of the captains of companies, for slight offences committed among themselves. 1901 W. Starke *Obs. Milit. Punishm.* 40 The common punishments..were scabbarding and cobbing, the former meaning to beat a man with a bayonet scabbard.

Scabbarded (skæ·bărdĕd), *ppl. a.* [f. Scabbard *sb.*[1] or *v.* + -ed.] **a.** Having a scabbard (of a specified kind). **b.** Sheathed.

1887 *Pall Mall G.* 21 June 3/2 A bright array of military and naval uniforms bristling with rich scabbarded swords and medals. 1888 Kipling *Story of Gadsbys* L'Envoi, Tenderest voices cry, 'Turn again', Red lips tarnish the scabbarded steel.

Sca·bbardless, *a.* [-less.] Lacking a scabbard.

1577–87 Holinshed *Chron.* III. 1138/2 Had not a scaberdles sword about one of the souldiors..thrust him almost through the foot. 1823 Scott *Peveril* xxiii, The scabbardless sword which lay on the floor, and the empty sheath which hung by sir Geoffrey's side. 1870 E. Peacock *Ralf Skirl.* II. 3 His grandfather's scabbardless sword.

Scabbed (skæbd, skæ·bĕd), *a.* Now *rare.* [f. Scab *sb.* + -ed [2]. Cf. Shabbed.]

1. Having the scab or a similar skin-disease; covered with scab or scabs; = Scabby 1.

a. Of human beings. (*Scabbed head*, ringworm of the scalp, *tinea capitis.*)

1338 R. Brunne *Chron.* (1810) 282 Þou scabbed Scotte, þi nek þi hotte, þe deuelle it breke. *c* 1340 *Nominale* (Skeat) 206 W. bath the wriste scabbut. *c* 1400 *Lanfranc's Cirurg.* 186, & þus þou schalt do manie daies til þe skyn be more scabbid þan it was. 1483 Caxton *Cato* f iv, A wonderful and foule woman rygbte olde that was scabbed. 1484 — *Fables of Alfonce* vii, The porter..sawe his scabbed hede. 1542 *Rec. Elgin* (New Spald. Cl. 1903) I. 67 Calling of the said James scabbit lyþer carlle. 1621 Burton *Anat. Mel.* I. ii. II. vi, Boyes in Germany are so often scabbed, because they vse exercise presently after meates. 1700 T. Brown tr. *Fresny's Amusem.* iv. Wks. 1709 III. I. 41 Some of them having Scab'd or Pimpled Faces, wear a thousand Patches

to hide them. 1772 W. Buchan *Dom. Med.* (ed. 2) 679 The most obstinate of all the eruptions incident to children are, the *tinea capitis*, or scabbed head, and chilblains.

b. Of animals.

c 1300 *Havelok* 2505 Þei garte bringe þe mere sone, Skabbed, and ful iuele o bone. 1398 Trevisa *Barth. De P. R.* xviii. xxvii. (1495) 788 The scabbyd hounde is drownyd at the laste wyth a rope..bounde abowte his necke. *c* 1430 *Pilgr. Lyf Manhode* II. civ. (1869) 114 For riht as a scabbed beste hateth hors comb,..riht so hate j techinge. 1534 Fitzherb. *Husb.* § 42 If any sheepe be scabbed, the shepeherde maye perceyue it by the bytynge, rubbyng or scratchynge with his horne. 1679 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 1403/4 One gray Nag..having scabbed heels and malenders. 1709 Steele *Tatler* No. 31 ₱ 3 This great Hero drooped like a scabbed Sheep. 1753 *Chambers' Cycl. Supp., Scabbed heels* or *frush*, in the manege, is an eating putrefaction upon a horse's frush.

absol. 1484 Caxton *Fables of Alfonce* vii, Of euery lame, scabbed, & of alle suche..he tooke a peny.

c. Of plants.

1693 W. Bowles in *Dryden's Juvenal* v. (1697) 107 To you such scabb'd harsh Fruit is giv'n, as raw Young Souldiers at their Exercisings gnaw. *a* 1735 Earl Haddington *Forest-Trees* (1756) 10 In bad soil, they [*sc.* elms] are nasty, scabbed, and hide-bound things.

d. Proverbially and allusively: see quots.

c 1450 in Aungier *Syon* (1840) 262 Leste one skabbed schepe infecte al the flokke. 1533 More *Debell. Salem* Wks. 938/2 The..putting the scabbed heretikes out of the clene flocke. 1562 J. Heywood *Prov. & Epigr.* (1867) 153 A scabde horse is good enough, for a scalde squyre. 1596 Nashe *Saffron Walden* Wks. (Grosart) III. 71 O scabbed scald squire (Scythian Gabriell) as thou art. 1610 A. Cooke *Pope Joan* 5 Baronius brands him, not meerely for a skabd sheepe, but for an heretical skabby beast. 1651 G. Herbert *Jacula Prudentum* 1113 A scabbed horse cannot abide the comb. 1798 W. Hutton *Fam. Hutton* in *Life* (1816) 367 With all these qualifications she was tinctured with a most unaccountable species of paltry pride. Thus one scabbed sheep spoils the flock.

†e. *transf.* and *fig. Obs.*

1630 Davenant *Cruel Brother* v. K 2 b, Hide me swelling Hills! rough, and scabbed Rocks. 1674 Marvell *Reh. Transp.* II. 72 In so rough and scabbed a Latine, that a man must have long nails..to distinguish betwixt the Skin and the Disease, the Faults and the Grammar.

f. *Iron-founding.* Blistered with 'scabs'.

1881 C. Wylie *Iron Founding* 14 The casting is liable to be faulty, or 'scabbed'.

2. As a term of contempt: 'Scurvy', mean, contemptible. *Obs.*

1579 Northbrooke *Dicing* 64 b, This scabbed and scurvie company of Dauncers. 1597 G. Harvey *Trimming of Nashe* Wks. (Grosart) III. 25 Thou mayest well praye for the duall number, thou scabbed, scalde, lame, halting adiectine. 1786 *Har'st Rig* cxxx, For our sma' wage, oh, wha wad bide— For scabbit aughtpence, woe betide That we should shear?

Hence †**Sca·bbedly** *adv.*, basely, meanly (with allusion to the scab in sheep).

a 1548 Hall *Chron., Hen. VIII* (1550) 187 b, The great wether [*sc.* Wolsey] which is of late fallen..so craftely, so scabedly, ye & so untruly joggeled with the kyng.

†**Sca·bbedness.** *Obs.* [-ness.] The condition of being 'scabbed' or suffering from 'scab'.

1483 *Cath. Angl.* 320/2 A scabbydness, *scabredo, scabritudo.* 1576 Newton *Lemnie's Complex.* II. iii. 116 It causeth no great ytch nor heat, as the skabbednes which commeth of salte Phlegme..doth. 1675 Brooks *Gold. Key* 231 Though the *Psora* or scabbedness may be cured, yet that which is called *Lepra* Physicians acknowledg incurable.

Scabberd, -ert, obs. ff. Scabbard *sb.*[1], 3.

Sca·bbiness. [f. Scabby + -ness.] The condition or quality of being scabby, *lit.* and *fig.*

1584 Cogan *Haven Health* lix, Fumitorie..helpeth itching and scabbinesse. 1651 Biggs *New Disp.* ₱ 77 Most of them have annexed their own cruelties, iofamy, immaturities, scabbinesse, rottennesse. 1771 J. S. *Le Dran's Observ. Surg.* (ed. 4) Dict., *Psoriasis*, a Scurvy Scabbiness in the Body. 1816 J. Smith *Panorama Sci. & Art* II. 614 It was observed, that whenever salt was used, this root was free from the scabbiness with which it is commonly infected.

Scabbing (skæ·bin), *vbl. sb.* [f. Scab *v.* + -ing[1].]

1. The process of forming a scab.

1747 Wall in *Phil. Trans.* XLIV, 593, I now usually continue it..till, the Scabbing being perfected, I find it Time to cleanse the first Passages. 1805 *Med. Jrnl.* XIV. 507 The usual inflammation, vesication, and scabbing of the punctured part. 1876 *Trans. Clinical Soc.* IX. 161 The wound healed by scabbing.

2. *Iron-founding.* (See Scab *sb.* 3 c.)

1883 T. D. West *Amer. Foundry Pract.* 246 Scabbing in loam and dry sand moulds.

So **Sca·bbing** *ppl. a.* (orig. the *vbl. sb.* used *attrib.*), characterized by the formation of a scab.

1803 *Med. Jrnl.* X. 190 To shew..the progress of the inoculated cow-pock, through its stages of growing into a vesicle, constitutional disorder, scabbing process [etc.]. 1829 *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 3) III. 114 The progress of the disease has often been divided into four stages, an incursive, an eruptive, a maturing, and a declining or scabbing. 1872 T. Bryant *Pract. Surg.* 483 Associated with a wound, punctured or open,..healing, or scabbing.

Scabble (skæ·b'l), *v.* Also 7 **skable**, 7–9 **scable.** [Later variant of Scapple.]

1. *trans.* To rough-dress (stone).

1620 Brent tr. *Sarpi's Counc. Trent* II. 238 As the cheril is actiue, not onely in scabling the stone, but in giuing forme to the Statue. 1624 *Althorp MS.* in Simpkinson *Washingtons* (1860) App. p. lvl, To Blisse one daie scabling stone for the kitchen range att the stone pitts. 1833 Loudon *Encycl. Archit.* § 939 Stones are said to be scappled or scabbled when they are dressed with the pick end of the hammer. 1848 *Acc. Quarrendon Church* 7 The external walls are built with random-jointed squared ashlar, scabbled.

1852 T. Wright *Celt, Roman, & Saxon* v. 154 The facings of the stones in Hadrian's Wall are sometimes roughly tooled, or, as it is technically termed, scabbled with the pick.

2. *Iron-manuf.* = Cabble *v.*

1849, 1875 [see Cabble *v.*].

Hence **Sca·bbler,** a workman whose occupation is scabbling; a hammer used in rough-dressing stone; **Sca·bbling** *vbl. sb.*, rough-dressing; *concr.* in *pl.*, chips of stone; *attrib.* in *scabbling-axe, -hammer* = Scabbler.

1790 Grose *Prov. Gloss.* (ed. 2), *Scablines*, chippings of stone. North. 1825 J. Nicholson *Operat. Mechanic* 537 The only preparation the stones undergo, is that of knocking off the sharp angles with the thick end of a tool called a scabling hammer. 1843 Holtzapffel *Turning*, etc. I. 171 The scabblers use heavy pointed picks. 1881 *Instr. Census Clerks* (1885) 86 Scabbler. 1881 *Leic. Gloss.* 231 *Scabblings*, the chips or refuse of stone made in scabbling it. *Ibid., Scabble*, to rough dress stone with an axe for the purpose, called a Scabbling-axe. 1893–4 *Northumbld. Gloss.* II. 597 The tool used for the purpose [scabbling] is variously called a 'scaplar' or 'scabbler'.

Scabbo(a)rd, obs. forms of Scabbard *sb.*[1], 3.

Scabby (skæ·bi), *a.* [f. Scab *sb.* + -y.]

1. = Scabbed *a.* 1.

1526 *Grete Herball* ccccIxxiii. (1529) B b j b, It causeth also the skynne that is scabby to be fayre and clene. 1665 Hooke *Microgr.* 122 Parts of the leaves grow scabby. 1674 J. Scheffer *Hist. Lapland* v. 15 They are nasty and scabby, and use not to comb their heads. 1742 tr. *Heister's Surg.* (1768) I. 288 There is still a worse kind of *Tinea*, or scabby Head, covering the whole hairy Scalp with an ash-coloured thick Crust. 1759 Brown *Compl. Farmer* 86 Pigeons are sometimes apt to be scabby on the backs and breasts. 1801 Wolcot (P. Pindar) *Tears & Smiles* Wks. 1812 V. 55 Thus scabby heads, the proverb says, For ever hate a comb. 1829 *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 3) V. 637 Ecpyesis porrigo. Scabby scall. 1883 Sayce *Fresh Light Anc. Mon.* 81 Anything leprous or scabby or lean is forbidden.

Comb. a 1697 Aubrey in *Selden's Table-t.* (Arb.) 4 Selden was a long scabby-pol'd boy. 1695 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 3041/4 A middle sized man Scaby faced, with blotches.

b. Proverbially and allusively (cf. Scabbed 1 d). Also *scabby sheep*: a corrupt person, a moral leper.

1610 [see Scabbed 1 d]. 1728 Earl of Ailesbury *Mem.* (1890) 176 At the Guildhall, those worthy Aldermen excluded were looked on as scabby sheep. 1861 Mayhew *Lond. Labour* III. 99/1, I was the scabby sheep of the family, and I've been punished for it. 1894 Hall Caine *Manxman* III. xviii, One scabby sheep infects the flock.

c. *Coal-mining.* (See quots.)

1888 Greenwell *Coal-trade Terms* s. v. *Claggy*, when the roof is..uneven or scabby. 1893–4 *Northumbld. Gloss.* s. v., A scabby-roof is when the coal does not part freely from the stone at the top.

d. *Iron-founding.* = Scabbed *a.* 1 e.

1883 T. D. West *Amer. Foundry Pract.* 246 Scabby castings in green and sand moulds.

e. *Printing.* Blotchy, through uneven inking.

1882 J. Southward *Pract. Printing* xiii. 461 Dust..spoils the ink, surrounds the rollers and makes them work 'scabby'.

2. *fig.* Contemptible, mean, vile; stingy, 'shabby'. Now only *vulgar.*

1752 *Odes of Horace* VIII 12/1 This scabby Lection has passed current in all the Editions. 1861 Meredith *Evan Harrington* I. vi. 92 A scabby sixpence!

Scaber (skē·bəɹ), *a.* In 6 **scabre.** Now *rare.* [a. F. *scabre* or L. *scaber.*] Scabrous.

1657 Tomlinson *Renou's Disp.* 459 The shells wherewith they are tected,..are outwardly scabre and impolite. 1866 in *Treas. Bot.*

Scaberd, -erge, etc., obs. ff. Scabbard *sb.*[1]

Scaberulous (skăbe·rʏ̆ləs), *a. Bot.* [f. mod.L. *scaberulus*, dim. of *scaber.*] Somewhat scabrous.

1870 Hooker *Stud. Flora* 274 Stem..scaberulous.

Scabia (skē·biă), dial. corruption of Scabious *sb.*

1881 *Blackm. Mag.* Apr. 486/2 Purple scabias and pale pansies. 1886 Britten & Holland *Plant-n., Scabious...* Corrupted to *Scabia* in S. Cumb. 1903 *Westm. Gaz.* 26 Sept. 2/3 Still flowers the scabia, still the fuchsias rear Their purple bells above the tangled grass.

Scabid (skæ·bid), *a. rare.* [ad. late L. *scabidus*, f. *scabiēs* (see next).] Of the nature of scabies.

1829 *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 3) I. 637 Scabid, herpetic, and other cutaneous eruptions. 1834 J. Houghton in *Cycl. Pract. Med.* III. 638 The cases in which much inflammation has attended the scabid eruption.

‖**Scabies** (skē·bi,īz). *Path.* [L. *scabiēs*, f. *scabĕre* to scratch, scrape, prob. related ultimately to OE. *sceafan* (see Shave *v.*).]

†1. A general term for skin-diseases characterized by scabby or scaly eruption. *Obs.*

c 1400 *Lanfranc's Cirurg.* 248 Scabies is whanne þe ize liddis ben reed & to-swolle, & ful of reed pinplis. 1671 Salmon *Syn. Med.* I. xlviii. 114 Ψώρα, Scabies, Scales or Tumours rising from corrupted blood. 1693 tr. *Blancard's Phys. Dict.* (ed. 2), *Scabies*, the Itch: 'Tis of two sorts, moist and dry. 1742 tr. *Heister's Surg.* (1768) I. 288 In the Pox you..find both Head and Face..spread with dry Scabs, and scabby Ulcers, which is called a Venereal Scabies.

2. A contagious skin-disease, due to a parasite, *Sarcoptes scabiei*; the itch.

1814 T. Bateman *Synopsis* (ed. 3) 191 The Scabies, or Itch, is an eruption of pustules,..it is accompanied by constant ..itching. 1834 *Cyc. Pract. Med.* III. 636 In whatsoever form scabies manifests itself, it is to be regarded entirely as a local affection. 1875 B. Meadows *Clin. Observ.* 23 Mr. R——, a farmer, of good constitution and quiet habits, is supposed to have had Scabies about twelve months ago.

†**Scabilo·nian.** *Obs.* [Cf. Scavilon.] A contemptuous term for some kind of garment.

1600 T. Hill *Quartron Reas. Cath. Relig.* xvi. 86 Did not all these new-fashioned attyres, come in with your new religion?..your Gallegascones, your Scabilonians..and a thousand such new deuised Luciferian trinckets.

So †**Scabilo·nious** (**scabulo-**) *a.*

1577 *Art. Enq.* in J. Raine *Vestments*, etc. (1866) 15 Great bumbasted breches, skalinges, or scabulonious clokes or gownes after the laie fashion.

†**Scabine.** *Obs.* Also -in. [ad. med.L. *scabīnus*: see Echevin. Cf. OF. *scabin* 'a Iudge' (Cotgr.) and Schepen.] = Échevin.

1526 *Sc. Acts Jas. V* (1814) II. 305/1 Þe burrow masteris, scabynis and consale of the toun of mydleburgh in Zeland. 1617 Moryson *Itin.* III. 282 Such are the Scabines and the Bailies. Scabines are so called of a German word *Schaffen* (that is to despatch). 1673 Ray *Journ. Low C.* 42 The Government is by a Scout or Praetor, four Burgomasters, nine Scabins, and 36 Counsellors or Senators. 1678 Phillips (ed. 4), *Scabine*..a Judge, Senator, or Alderman.

Scabio·sity. *rare.* [f. Scabious + -ity.] Scabious condition.

1608 Middleton *Trick to Catch Old One* IV. v, Out yon babliminy..you cullisance of scabiosity!

Scabious (skē·biəs), *sb.* Forms: 5 **scabyouse**, 5–8 **-iose**, 6 **-yous, -iouse, skabious**, 6–8 **scabius**, 6– **scabious.** [ad. med.L. *scabiōsa* (sc. *herba*), fem. sing. of *scabiōsus* (see next). Cf. F. *scabieuse.*]

1. Any of the herbaceous plants of the genus *Scabiosa* (N.O. *Dipsaceae*), formerly believed to be efficacious for the cure of certain skin-diseases.

Blue Scabious, *S. succisa.* **Field** or **Meadow Scabious,** *S. arvensis.* **Purple** or **Sweet Scabious,** *S. atropurpurea.* **Small Scabious,** *S. Columbaria.* **Devil's bit Scabious:** see Devil's bit. **Musk Scabious:** see Musk *sb.* 4.

c 1400 *Lanfranc's Cirurg.* 213 Vpon þe enpostym..I leide scabiose grounden wiþ grese. *c* 1460 J. Russell *Bk. Nurture* 993 Broke lempk Scabiose Bilgres wildflax is good for ache. 1526 *Grete Herball* ccccvii. (1529) V ij b, Sethe the iuce of scabyous in oyle. 1578 Lyte *Dodoens* I. lxxiii. 109 The great Scabiouse and *Iacea nigra*, do grow in medowes and pastures. The smaller Scabious groweth in medowes and watery groundes that stande lowe. Sheeps Scabiouse groweth in the fieldes...All the Scabiouses are hoate and dry. 1579 Langham *Gard. Health* (1633) 600 Skabious boyled by it selfe..doth cleanse the breast and lungs. 1605 Timme *Quersit.* III. 175 Certaine droppes..of this being given..against the asthma or tissick, with the water of scabiose. 1713 Petiver in *Phil. Trans.* XXVIII. 58 The Leaves next the Root are whitish and jagged like the small Field Scabiose. 1782 J. Scott *Poet. Wks.* 96 There Scabious blue and purple Knapweed rise. 1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) XVI. 687/1 The arvensis, or meadow-scabious. 1867 H. Macmillan *Bible Teach.* vi. 108 All the upland pastures are strewn thick with myriads of the purple scabions. 1882 *Garden* 18 Feb. 118/2 The dwarf Scabious is now used for pot culture in winter.

b. *U.S.* Applied to some species of *Erigeron.*

1830 Lindley *Nat. Syst. Bot.* 200 Erigeron philadelphicum and heterophyllum..are commonly sold under the name of Scabious.

c. *Sheep's, Sheep's bit Scabious*: see Sheep.

2. (See quot.)

1832 J. Rennie *Consp. Butterfl. & Moths* 6 The Scabious (*Melitæa Artemis*, Leach) appears in the middle of May... Caterpillar..feeds on the devil's bit scabious.

Scabious (skē·biəs), *a.* Now *rare.* [ad. F. *scabieux* or its source L. *scabiōsus*, f. *scabiēs*: see Scabies.] Of the nature of or pertaining to scabies or itch; in early use = Scabbed, Scabby.

1603 Florio *Montaigne* I. xxiv. 62 Hee..durst not dare to tell me that his posteriors are scabious, except he turne over his Lexicon to see what posteriours and scabions is. 1629 T. Adams *Soul's Sickn.* Wks. 472 If the humours be ..thicker, they turne to a scabious matter in the skin. 1653 Gauden *Hierasp.* 504 Their illfed flocks and scabious Congregations. 1764 G. Psalmanazar *Mem.* 153 The scabious disease, which by that time had spread itself all over my skin. 1834 *Cycl. Pract. Med.* III. 639/1 The insects taken from the scabious vesicles.

Sca·bish. *U.S.* [? Corruption of Scabious *sb.*] The Evening Primrose, *Œnothera biennis.*

1845–50 Mrs. Lincoln *Lect. Bot.* 159. 1846–50 A. Wood *Class-bk. Bot.* 263.

†**Sca·bness.** *Obs.* App. f. Scab *sb.*[1] + -ness, if not an error for Scabbiness.

c 1450 *ME. Med. Bk.* (Heinrich) 222 Anoþer maner baþ for scabnesse & rownesse of body & of skyn.

Scabrate (skē·brēt), *a.* [ad. late L. *scabrāt-us*, f. *scaber*: see -ate[2].] = Scabrous.

1890 Billings *Med. Dict.*

Scabre: see Scaber.

†**Scabre·dity.** *Obs.* [irreg. f. L. *scabrēdo* (f. *scaber* Scabrous) + -ity.] Roughness, scabbiness.

1624 Burton *Anat. Mel.* III. ii. v. iii, Many faults in Physiognomie, and ill colour,..inequalities, roughnesse, scabredity, palenesse, yellownes.

Scabrid (skē·brid), *a.* [ad. late L. *scabrid-us*, f. *scaber* Scabrous.] Somewhat scabrous.

1866 *Treas. Bot.* 1027/2 *Scabrid, Scabriusculous*, slightly rough to the touch. 1870 Hooker *Stud. Flora* p. xv Boraginæ,..Hispid or scabrid herbs.

Scabridge, obs. form of Scabbard *sb.*[1]

Scabridity (skăbri·dĭti), [f. Scabrid + -ity.] Slight roughness.

1870 Hooker *Stud. Flora* 474 Equisetum hyemale..distinguished by its size, glaucous colour, scabridity, and stems.

Scabriu·sculous, *a. Bot.* [f. mod.L. *scabriusculus*, irreg. dim. f. *scaber* Scabrous.] = Scabrid.

1866 [see Scabrid].

Scabro- (skē·brō), used as combining form of L. *scaber* SCABROUS in the sense of 'roughly', 'rough and . . .', as *scabro-striate*.

1848 DANA *Zooph.* 476 The lateral [calicles]..very finely scabro-striate.

Scabrosely (skēbrō·sli), *adv.* [f. **scabrose*, ad. late L. *scabrōsus*, f. *scaber* SCABROUS.] In a scabrous manner.

1848 DANA *Zooph.* 275 Lamellæ..scabrosely serrulate.

Scabro·sity. *rare*—1. [ad. late L. *scabrōsitās*, f. *scabrōsus* (see prec.).] Roughness.

1657 TOMLINSON *Renou's Disp., Physical Dict.*

Scabrous (skē·brəs), *a.* [f. L. *scabr-*, *scaber* (related to *scabĕre* to scrape, scratch) + -OUS. Cf. also late L. *scabrōsus*, F. *scabreux*.]

1. Rough with minute points or knobs, as distinguished from unevenness of surface: esp. *Nat. Hist.* and *Phys.*

1657 S. PURCHAS *Pol. Flying-Ins.* I. iii. 7 All her feet are scabrous, and rough, to take hold at the first touch. 1741 MONRO *Anat. Nerves* (ed. 3) 103 A scabrous bony Ridge. 1760 J. LEE *Introd. Bot.* III. v. (1765) 183 Scabrous, rugged; when the Disk is covered with Tubercules, little knobs. 1790 BEWICK *Hist. Quadrup.* 145 The surface of the skin was scabrous and knotty, of a close texture, and when dry extremely hard. 1803 HERSCHEL in *Phil. Trans.* XCVII. 215 A lens that had a very scabrous polish on one side. 1826 KIRBY & SP. *Entomol.* IV. xlvi. 273 *Scabrous*...Rough to the touch from granules scarcely visible. 1829 *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 3) III. 427 The alæ of the nose become swelled and scabrous. 1894 R. B. SHARPE *Birds Gt. Brit.* I. 4 [The Rook has] the forehead and sides of face bare, and covered with a white scabrous skin.

b. In fig. phr. with reference to canstic writing.

1852 M. HOPKINS *Hawaii* 275 He wrote with point and rapidity, and his pen had a scabrous edge.

2. Of an author, his composition or style: Harsh, unmusical, unpolished.

Cf. late L. *versus scabri* (Macrobius).

a 1585 POLWART *Flyting w. Montgomerie* 31 Thy ragged roundels,..some out of lyne, With scabrous colours. *a* 1637 B. JONSON *Discov.* Wks. II. 119 Virgill was most loving of Antiquity; yet how rarely doth hee insert *aquai*, and *pictai*! Lucretius is scabrous and rough in these. 1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr.* s. v., A Scabrous style, for an unpleasant kinde of writing. 1693 DRYDEN *Disc. Satire* Ess. (ed. Ker) II. 70 His [Persius'] verse is scabrous, and hobbling.

3. Full of obstacles, difficult, 'thorny'.

1646 R. BAILLIE *Lett. & Jrnls.* (1841) II. 349 We stick long sometymes upon scabrous questions. 1810 BENTHAM *Packing* (1821) 72 Whosoever would be saved from falling into error and heterodoxy on this scabrous ground. 1832 AUSTIN *Jurispr.* ii. 46 We must pick our scabrous way with the help of a glimmering light. 1904 *Times* 15 June 7/2 When this scabrous moment arrives the Russian defenders may remember Dragomiroff and his advice.

4. Risky, bordering upon the indelicate.

1881 MEREDITH *Tragic Com.* iv. 66 Sentiment, cynicism, and satin impropriety and scabrous, are among those verses where pure poetry has a recognized voice. 1882 *World* 1 Nov. 5 His scabrous novels. 1894 *Athenæum* 3 Mar. 275/3 Mr. Maude..has chosen to write about divorce and adultery,..and many other potentially scabrous topics.

Hence **Sca·brously** *adv.*, in a scabrous manner, † harshly; **Sca·brousness**, ruggedness, hardness.

1572 KNOX *Hist. Ref.* Wks. 1846 I. 10 Albeit that some thingis be obscurly, and some thingis scabruslie spokin. 1727 BAILEY vol. II, *Scabrousness*, Ruggedness, Roughness. 1847 *Fraser's Mag.* XXXVI. 519 What a contemporary of Shakspeare called the scabrousness of our elder literature.

† **Sca·b-shin**, *a. Obs.* [f. SCAB *sb.* + SHIN *sb.*] Contemptuous epithet applied to friars.

1607 *Lingua* IV. i, Thou taugh'st a scab-shin frier the hellish inuention of pouder and gunnes. 1620 MELTON *Astrolog.* 59 These scab-shin Fryers.

† **Sca·bship.** *Obs.* [-SHIP.] Used with possessive as a mock title for a contemptible person.

1589 [? LYLY] *Pappe w. Hatchet* C iiij, If that Martin could thatch vp his Church, this mans scabship should bee an Elder.

Scabulonious: see SCABILONIOUS.

† **Sca·bwort.** *Obs.* [f. SCAB *sb.* + WORT. An old name of this plant was *Scabiosa major.*] The plant Elecampane, *Inula Helenium.*

c 1450 *Alphita* (Anecd. Oxon.) 83 *Iacea alba, scabiosa* id. g° *scabiose*, a° scabwort. 1526 *Grete Herball* clii. (1529) I v b, De Enula campana. Elfe docke, Scabwoort, or horshele. 1657 W. COLES *Adam in Eden* lxxix. 148 We in English call it Elecampane generally, yet in some Countries of this Land, it is called Scabwort and Horse-heal.

Scace, obs. form of SCARCE, SCATCH.

Scach, Scacite: see SCATCH, SCARCITY.

† **Scad** [1]. *Obs. rare*—°. In 5 **scadde.** A corpse.

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 442/1 Scadde [*Winch. MS.* scaddo], *cadauer.*

Scad [2] (skæd). Now *dial.* (Kent, Sussex, Lincs.: see E.D.D.). Also **skad.** [Cf. *scag*, SKEG.] A wild black plum; *esp.* the bullace, *Prunus insititia.*

1577 B. GOOGE *Heresbach's Husb.* II. 110 Okes, Mastholmes, Skaddes [orig. *pruno sylvestri*], Pine trees, and Fyrre. 1736 PEGGE *Kenticisms* (E.D.S.), *Scads*, black bullace; or a bastard damasin growing in the hedges. 1777 JACOB *Plantæ Faversh.* Index p. xxiii, Scad Tree, or Scad Plumb.

Scad [3] (skæd). Also **skad.** [Source unknown; app. originally used in Cornwall.

Cf. Welsh *ysgadan* herrings, Norw. dial. *skad* gwyniad, Sw. *skädde* flounder.]

1. The fish *Caranx trachurus* (*Trachurus saurus*), characterized by having its lateral line armed with bony plates, found abundantly on the British coasts and used for bait; also applied to other fishes of the genus *Caranx* and related genera (cf. *mackerel-scad*); the horse-mackerel.

1602 CAREW *Cornwall* 30 Of round fish [there are] Brit, Sprat, Barne,..Scad [etc.]. *Ibid.* 35 Some gutted and kept in pickle, as the lesser Whitings, Pollock, Eeles, and Squarie Scads. *a* 1672 WILLUGHBY *Hist. Pisc.* IV. xii. 290 *Cornubiensibus* a Scad. 1769 PENNANT *Brit. Zool.* III. 225. 1845 *New Statist. Acc. Scot.* XIV. (*Ross*) 190 The common mackerel is numerous as is also the scad or horse mackerel. 1888 GOODE *Amer. Fishes* 231 The Scads, known in England as the 'Horse-Mackerels', appear to occur in all temperate and tropical waters.

b. *attrib.*, as *scad mackerel, -net.*

1803 SHAW *Gen. Zool.* IV. 597 The Scad Mackrel. 1836 *1st Rep. Irish Fisheries* 167 The Skad-net is very similar to the Mackerel-net.

2. *U. S.* (See quot.)

1882 JORDAN & GILBERT *Synopsis Fishes N. Amer.* 432 *Decapterus punctatus*...Scad; Round Robin.

Scad [4] (skæd). *Sc.* [Of obscure origin.] A faint appearance of colour or light; a reflexion; a faint gleam.

1640 RUTHERFORD *Lett.* (1664) 490 Yea it reflects a scad like the cross of Christ. 1788 PICKEN *Poems* 53 The wights, dispos'd for e'ening-fun, Flee frae the scad o' daylight. *a* 1800 *Lord Douglas* xii. in Child *Ballads* I. 102/2 It is but the scad of my scarlet cloak Runs down the water wan. 1824 MACTAGGART *Gallovid. Encycl., Scades o' Licht*, flares, or flashes of light. 1890 SERVICE *Notandums* iv. 19, I took a veezy through the hoose by the scadd o' the lowe.

Scad [5] (skæd). *local.* [Cf. SHAD-*salmon.*] The fry of the salmon.

1861 *Act* 24 & 25 *Vic.* c. 109 § 4 All migratory fish of the genus salmon, whether known by the names..shed, scad, blue fin, black tip, fingerling,..or by any other local name.

Scad [6] (skæd). *dial.* [Cf. Du. *schadde* grass, turf.] A slab of peat; a tuft of grass.

1880 F. M. PEARD *Mother Molly* iii, I kep un theer, and vather, he turned up the scads. 1906 PHILLPOTTS *Portreeve* I. iv, Two and two the scads stood propped in pairs to dry.

Scad, obs. or Sc. form of SCALD.

Scaddle (skæ·d'l), *a.* Now *dial.* Also 5 **skadylle,** 7 **skad(d)le.** [Later var. of SCATHEL.]

1. Wild; timid; shy.

1483 *Cath. Angl.* 341/2 Skadylle; *vbi* wylde. 1635 L. FOXE *North-West Fox* 203 There was fowle, but so skadle, as they would not abide them to come neere them. 1691 RAY *N. C. Words* 60 *Scaddle*, that will not abide touching: spoken of young Horses that fly out. 1862 [C. C. ROBINSON] *Dial. Leeds* 398 He's a scaddle horse to ride. 1876 *Mid-Yks. Gloss.*, *Scaddle*, timid, usually applied to a horse.

2. Mischievous, troublesome; thievish; *esp.* of animals.

1589 [? LYLY] *Pappe w. Hatchet* 3 He shall knowe what it is for a scaddle pawne, to crosse a Bishop in his owne walke. 1674 RAY *S. & E. C. Words* 77 *Skaddle*: scathie, Ravenous, mischievous, Suss. 1736 LEWIS *I. Tenet* (ed. 2) 38 A Skaddle Cat, Boy, &c. 1847 BARHAM *Ingol. Leg.* Ser. III. *Jerry Jarvis's Wig*, Tib,..the honestest, the least 'scaddle' of the feline race. 1887 *Kentish Gloss.*, *Scaddle*, wild; mischievous; spoken of a dog that worries sheep; of a cat that poaches [etc.].

Scade, obs. f. SCATHE; obs. pa. t. SHED *v.*

Scadewe, obs. f. SHADOW. **Scadling,** variant of SCALDING *sb.*[1] **Scadlips;** see SCALD *v.* 1 d.

Scælestious: see SCELESTIOUS. **Scæn(e, -ical,** obs. ff. SCENE, SCENICAL.

† **Scæ·vity, sce·vity.** *Obs.*—° [ad. late L. *scævitās*, f. *scævus* left-sided, awkward, perverse, unlucky.]

1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr.*, *Scevity*, unluckiness, lefthandedness. 1658 PHILLIPS, *Scævity.*

† **Scaf.** *Obs.* Also 4–6 **skaf(fe, scaff,** 5 **scaphe,** 6 **schaffe,** 7 *erron.* **scarfe.** [a. OF. *scaphe, scauphe, escaf(f)e*, ad. L. *scapha* light boat, skiff, a. Gr. *σκάφη* trough, tub, skiff, etc.]

1. A light boat, skiff. Chiefly *Sc.*

c 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xxvi. (*Nycholas*) 274, & in a skaf a-pone þe se sayland. 1432–50 tr. *Higden* (Rolls) VII. 463 William..was taken into an oþer scaphe. 1483 *Cal. Anc. Rec. Dublin* (1889) 364 All manner of men that occupieth shippes, piccardes, scaffes, and lighteres. 1512 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* IV. 373 To Johnne of Newtoun and thre marinaris with him in the Inglis skaff. 1535 STEWART *Cron. Scot.* (Rolls) III. 287 Tha..tuke the se thair in ane litill skaffe. 1576 FOXE *A. & M.* 183/2 Eutring vpon a time with his Hauke into a certaine schaffe or cockbote alone. 1600 in *Rec. Convent. Roy. Burghs* (1870) II. 81 The brugh of Kinghorne..is..bewele trublit be the skaffis, skeldrykis and zowis of vnfre touns of Leith [etc.]. 1621 *Irish Act* 5 *Edw. IV*, c. 6 in Bolton *Stat. Irel.* 38 All other small vessells, as Scarfes or Boats, not hauing Drouer nor Lighter.

2. [tr. L. *fiscella.*] An open basket.

1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) II. 319 Moyses..was i-doo in a scaf of risshes i-schape as a litel boot.

Scafe, variant of SCAIFE.

Scaff (skæf), *sb. Sc.* Also **scauff.** [f. SCAFF *v.*]

1. Food, provisions. (Cf. RAFF *sb.*[1] 1.)

1768 ROSS *Helenore* II. 68 We'll ripe the pouch, an' see what scaff is there. 1806 [see RAFF *sb.*[1] 1]. 1819 W. TENNANT *Papistry Storm'd* III. (1827) 115 Weel you may see that siegin' host Had skaff and skink withouten Cost.

2. Scum, refuse (said of persons); riff-raff. (Cf. RAFF *sb.*[1] 2.) Also *scaff and raff, scaff-raff.*

1815 SCOTT *Guy M.* XXV, We wadna turn back, no for half a dizzen o' you scaff-raff. 1816 — *Old Mort.* V, Wi' a' the scaff and raff o' the water side. 1899 LUMSDEN *Edin. Poems & Songs* 54 Begone, ye scum and scaff!

Scaff (skæf), *v.*[1] *Sc.* [Of obscure origin; cf. *skaigh*, which is used in Sc. with a similar though less emphatically contemptuous sense.

It has been conjectured that *scaff* may have been an adoption of the Du. and G. *schaffen* (whence MSw. *skaffa*) to provide or procure (food). The word might possibly have been brought over by soldiers who had served in the Continental wars; in military use it would naturally have a colouring that might account for the contemptuous sense of the verb in Sc.]

a. *trans.* To beg or ask for (food, etc.) in a mean or contemptible manner. Also *absol.* or *intr.* (Still in common use.) **b.** To sponge upon (a person). Now *rare* or *Obs.*

1508 DUNBAR *Flyting* 133 He sayis, thow skaffis and beggis mair beir and aitis, Nor ony cripill in Karrik land abowt. 15.. *Aberd. Reg.* (MS.) XV. (Jam.), Nae bygging of mair vittail nor sustenis thaim self, and topping of the samen, scaffyng thair nychtbouris. 1583 *Leg. Bp. St. Androis* 904 Ane scaffing warlot, wantiug schame. 16.. *Lindesay's* (Pitscottie) *Chron. Scot.* (1814) 512 (Jam.) They scaffed throche all Scotland..for thair particular commoditee.

Hence **Sca·ffing** *vbl. sb.* and *ppl. a.*

a 1568 *Ye Sonis of Men, be mirry and glaid* 30 in *Bannatyne MS.* (Hunter. Cl.) 59 Think that this lyfe is nocht the leut For skafing heir of scruf and skum. *c* 1600 ALEX. HUME *Poems* (S.T.S.) 73/163 Skaffing clarks with couetice inspired. *Ibid.* 74/209 Skaffing scribes.

Scaff, *v.*[2] *dial.* [Of obscure origin. Cf. SCOFF *v.*] *intr.* To eat voraciously.

1797 BRYDGES *Burlesque Homer* I. 53 But how the hungry whoresons scaff'd; How eagerly the beer they quaff'd. 1882 *Jamieson's Sc. Dict., Skaff*..2. To eat greedily, Shetl.

Scaffat, -ating, obs. ff. SCAFFOLD, -OLDING.

† **Sca·ffer.** *Sc. Obs.* [f. SCAFF *v.*[1] + -ER [1].] A parasite, sponger; an extortioner.

1500–20 DUNBAR *Poems* lxiii. 45 Scaffaris, and scamleris in the nuke. 1536 BELLENDEN *Cron. Scot.* (1821) II. 99 Juglaris, menstralis, bardis and scaffaris [orig. *Mimos, histriones, bardos, parasitos*]. 1598 *Aberd. Reg.* (1848) II. 167 A multitude of..skafferis of the wymbes of the puir.

† **Sca·fferon.** Obs. variant of CHAFFRON.

a 1548 HALL *Chron., Hen. IV*, 12 One band had the scafferon, the cranet, the bard of the horse all white. 1586 FERNE *Blaz. Gentrie* II. 67 The Bridle, Saddle, Scafferon, [etc.].

† **Scaffery.** *Sc. Obs.* Also 6 **skafrie, skaif(f)ry,** 7 **scafferie.** [f. SCAFF *v.*[1] or SCAFFER: see -ERY.] Extortion; extortionate taking of perquisites.

1555 *Sc. Acts Mary* (1814) II. 500/1 The wemen perturbatouris for skafrie of money or otherwyse salbe [etc.]. 1561 *Aberd. Reg.* (1844) I. 335 Na skaiffry, sic as sampill and scheit schakin, to be taue thairof. 1606 *Act of Council* in *Sc. Acts Jas. VI* (1816) IV. 616/2 The with-gait and libertie grantit vnto Suche shamefull scafferie and extortioun. 1634 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* Ser. II. (1904) V. 186 For compouing..with nombers of thame aud taking of compositious frome thame..quilk is a foule coosening scafferie. *a* 1651 CALDERWOOD *Hist. Kirk Scot.* (Wodrow Soc.) III. 662 Lyke as the poorer sort in the burrowes sould not have escaped the importable scafferie intended.

Scaffle, variant of SCAVEL.

† **Sca·ffling,** *sb. Obs. rare*—°. [a. MDu. *sc(h)afteling(h, scaflingh.*] A kind of eel.

1589 RIDEA *Bibl. Schol.* 1720/52 A grig, *minima.* A scaffling, *media.* 1611 COTGR., *Pimperneau*, a grig, scaffling, spitchcocke, fawson Eele.

Sca·ffling, *vbl. sb. local.* [app. variant of SCABBLING.] *pl.* Chippings of stone.

1747 HOOSON *Miner's Dict.* s. v., In Caukey Ore, the Scaffiings are used to be beaten a little with some small Tool. 1886 *Cheshire Gloss.* 301.

Scaffling, obs. form of SCAFFOLDING.

† **Sca·ffmaster.** *Obs.* In 6 **skafe-.** [ad. Du. *schaf-, scaffmeester*, f. *schaffen* to provide + *meester* MASTER *sb.*[1]] A steward.

1555 in *Hakluyt's Voy.* (1589) 298 All the said Agents, pilots, maisters, merchantes clerkes, boatswains, stewards, skafemasters, and all other officers..of this present voyage.

Scaffolage: see SCAFFOLDAGE.

Scaffold (skæ·fŏld), *sb.* Forms: α. 4 **scaffot,** 5 **skaffaut,** 4, 6, 9 *dial.* **-at.** β. 4 **scaffalde,** 4–5 **skaf(f)ald,** 5 **scaffhold, skafold,** 5–6 **scaffolde, scafold(e,** 5–7 **skaffold,** 6 **scaffald, -ould, skefold, schapfold,** 4– **scaffold.** γ. 5 **schafhold, chaff-, schaffold, shaffolde.** δ. 6 **skafell, -oll.** [a. NFr. forms corresponding to Central OF. *schaffaut, eschaffaut, eschafal, eschaiphal*, earlier *escadafaut* = Pr. *escadafalc*, formed with prefix *es-* (:—L. *ex-* out) on the Com. Rom. word represented by OF. *chafau(l)t* (mod.F. *chafaud*), earlier *caafau-s, cadefaut*, Pr. *cadafalc*, OCat. *cadafal*, Sp. † *cadafalso*, now *cadahalso, cadalso*, Pg. *cadafalso*, It. *catafalco* (whence F. *catafalque* CATAFALQUE):—popular L. **catafalcum*, of uncertain formation: according to some scholars, f. Gr. prefix *κατα-* (see under CATAFALQUE) + *-falicum*, f. *fala, phala* wooden tower or gallery.

For other related forms see CATAFALQUE, and cl. med.Lat. *scadafale* (12th c.), *scadafaltum* (13th c.), *scafaldus, scalfaudus*, etc. (15th c.). The Romanic word has been adopted by continental Teut. langs.: (M)Du. *schavot*, G. *schavott*, Da. *skafot*. With the δ-forms iu Eug. cf. SCAFFOLDAGE.]

A. Illustration of Forms.

α. 1349 Skaffotes [see B. 1]. 1375 BARBOUR *Bruce* XVII. 343 Scaffatis, ledderis, and coueryngis. *a* 1575 *Diurn. Occurr.* (Bannatyne Cl.) 68 Vpoun twa skaffattis. 1869 *Lonsdale Gloss., Skaffat*, corr. of scaffold.

β. 1354 Skaffald [see B. 1]. 1435 *Contract Fotheringhay Ch.* (1841) 28 Ladderis, Tymbre, Scaffolds, Gynnes. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 442/1 Scafold, stage, *fala*. *c* 1450 *Cov. Myst.* (Shaks. Soc.) 298 Here Pylat syttyth in his skaffald. 1533 Bellenden *Livy* v. viii. (S.T.S.) II. 176 To be rehersit on scaffaldis for admiratioun and delite. 1536 Kyngston in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. 1. II. 63 The preparacion of skefolds. 1570 Levins *Manip.* 219/10 A Scaffould, *theatrum, scena*. *c* 1618 Moryson *Itin.* IV. (1903) 308 Mounting vpon stalls, or litle skaffolds.

γ. 1470–85 Malory *Arthur* x. xliv. 484 They were set vpon schafholdes to gyue the iugement of these two Knyghtes. 1514 *Acc. St. John's Hosp., Canterb.* (MS.), Payd for x nayills for þe chaffoldes. *a* 1552 Leland *Itin.* (1769) IX. 140 Apon Schaffoldis yn the midle of the market place.

δ. 1581 *Sc. Acts Jas. VI* (1814) III. 197/1 Wpoun the skaffell the tyme of his executioun.

B. Signification.

1. A temporary platform usually supported on poles or (sometimes) trestles, but occasionally suspended, and designed to hold the workmen and materials employed in the erection, repairing, or decoration of a building. Also *pl.*, but now usually *sing.*, an assemblage of such platforms with their supporting poles, = Scaffolding.

pl. 1349 *Acc. Exch. K. R.* Bundle 462 No. 16 If. 7 In .xxvj. peciis maeremii emptis pro scaffotes ad idem opus. 1646 Jenkyn *Ref. Remora* 30 The building's set up, let the scaffolds be pulld down. 1696 Bentley *Of Revel. & Messias* 32 They must needs be..abolished, like scaffolds that are removed when the buildings are finished. 1737 Pope *Hor. Ep.* II. i. 146 Away, away! take all your scaffolds down, For Snug's the word: My dear! we'll live in Town. 1849 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* iii. I. 351 The crowds of workmen, the scaffolds and the masses of hewn stone [etc.].

sing. 1354 *Mem. Ripon* (Surtees) III. 94 In mercede Laur. Wrigth sublevante le skaffald in choro. 1360–1 *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 385 Cum cratis factis pro skafald. 1442 *Eton Coll. Acc.* in Willis & Clark *Cambridge* (1886) I. 387, v. dosyn of hyrdelez for skafold. 1692 *d'Emiliane's Frauds Romish Monks* 182 These Monks, out of Curiosity, whilst the Work-men were gone to get their Dinner, did climb up the Scaffold..to view their Work. 1724 De Foe *Mem. Cavalier* (1840) 97 Bricklayers raise a low scaffold to build a brick wall. 1838 *Murray's Hand-Bk. N. Germany* 159 He was suspended by a scaffold, lying on his back, his eyes protected by a pair of glasses from the falling dust. 1841 *Penny Cycl.* XX. 497/2 As the building rises, the scaffold is strengthened by diagonal poles, the lower ends of which rest upon the ground, and which are tied to the vertical pieces wherever they intersect them. 1849 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* iii. I. 423 Every bricklayer who falls from a scaffold.

fig. 1641 Denham *Sophy* IV. i, These outward beauties are but the props and scaffolds On which we built our love. 1701 Swift *Contests Nobles & Comm.* iii. Wks. 1751 IV. 37 He [*sc.* Sylla] abolished the Office of Tribune, as being only a scaffold to tyranny, whereof he had no further use. 1768 Tucker *Lt. Nat.* (1834) II. 408 Figure, parable, hypothesis ..serve as scaffolds in raising the building of righteousness in opinion and conduct.

† **b.** A painter's easel. *Obs.*

1601 Holland *Pliny* XXXV. x. II. 535 Zeuxis..brought upon the scaffold a table, wherein were clustres of grapes so lively painted, that the very birds of the aire flew flocking thither. 1638 Junius *Paint. Ancients* 197 An old woman kept a large boord, alreadie fitted upon the Asse or scaffold, to have something drawne upon it.

c. *Mining.* (See quots.)

1860 *Eng. & For. Mining Gloss.* (ed. 2), *Derbysh. Terms* 43 *Scaffold*, in a mine, a platform made, where some miners work above the heads of others. *Ibid., S. Staffs. Terms* 78 *Scaffold*, planking elevated by stays and ladders, in order to allow the miner to ascend and disengage the coal in the upper part of the seam. 1893–4 *Northumbld. Gloss., Scaffold*, in mining, the platform at the top of a winning.

† **2.** A military engine for assailing a wall. *Obs.*

1375 Barbour *Bruce* XVII. 601 Syndry scaffatis thai maid vith-all That war weill hyar than the wall. *c* 1400 *Rom. Rose* 4176 They [ne] dredde noon assaut Of ginne, gunne, nor skaffaut. 1481 Caxton *Godfrey* XXIX. 63 They toke poles and made scaffholdes..whiche they sette to the walles. *c* 1520 Barclay *Jugurtha* (1557) 78 b, Afterwarde he commaunded scaffoldes to be made about the walles.

† **3.** A raised platform, seat, or stand, used for the purpose of exhibiting persons or actions to the public view, making proclamations, or the like.

c 1386 Chaucer *Kn't's T.* 1675 An heraud on a scaffold made an ho. *a* 1513 Fabyan *Chron.* VII. 506 The kynge.. causyd an hyghe scafolde to be made..where moch people beynge assembled, he shewyd vnto them a longe processe of his wrongefull enprysonement. 1523 Ld. Berners *Froiss.* I. cccl.xix. 606 The yonge kynge was..in a chayre lypt up on high,..and all y^e^ yong newe knyghtes on lower scaffoldes at his fete. 1535 Coverdale *Ezdras* ix. 42 Eszdras the prest & reder of y^e^ lawe stode vp vpon a scaffolde of wodd. 1590 Greene *Mourn. Garm.* Wks. (Grosart) IX. 155 Rosamond set vpon a scaffold, to take view of all. 1611 Bible 2 *Chron.* VI. 13 Solomon had made a brasen scaffold..and had set it in the midst of the Court, and vpon it hee stood. 1615 G. Sandys *Trav.* 146 A scaffold, like those belonging to Queristers, in some of our Cathedrall Churches. 1687 A. Lovell tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* I. 54 At the other end of the Hall..there is a little Scaffold, on which are several Dervishes, that play on Flutes and Drums.

4. *spec.* A platform or stage on which theatrical performance or exhibition takes place; *esp.* in early use, a temporary stage on which a mystery play was performed. *Obs.* exc. *Hist.*

c 1386 Chaucer *Miller's T.* 198 Somtyme..He pleyeth Herodes on a scaffold hye. 1507 in E. K. Chambers *Mediæval Stage* (1903) II. 392 [A] schapfold [and] pagentts [are mentioned]. 1519–20 *Rec. St. Mary at Hill* (1905) 304 Paid for a quarter for the skaffold ouer þe porch ayenst palmesonday. 1565 Cooper *Thesaurus* s. v. *Scena*, Orestes oftentymes represented on scaffoldes in playes. 1579 W. Wilkinson *Confut. Fam. Love* 47 Brought in lyke a mute vpon a scaffold, which departeth dumbe. 1599 Alex. Hume *Poems* (S.T.S.) vii. 45 Make scaffalds clare for cumlie comedies. [1801 Strutt *Sports & Past.* III. ii. 143 The ecclesiastical plays..were usually performed in churches, or chapels, upon temporary scaffolds erected for that purpose.]

fig. 1594 T. B. *La Primaud. Fr. Acad.* II. 564 In the middest of such a..wonderfull scaffold and theatre. 1654–66 Earl Orrery *Parthen.* (1676) 560 You ought to have so much respect, as not to be a publick Spectacle on an infamous Scaffold.

† **5.** A raised platform or stand for holding the spectators of a tournament, theatrical performance, etc. Also, a gallery in a theatre or church. *Obs.*

1470–85 Malory *Arthur* VI. vi. 191 There were scaffoldis and holes that lordes and ladyes myghte beholde and to gyue the pryse. 1533 Bellenden *Livy* I. xxi. (S. T. S.) I. 119 þai war constrenit to mak public setis and scaffaldis in commoun placis quhare playis war devisit. 1597 Hall *Sat.* I. iii, Shame that the Muses should be bought and sold, For euery peasants brasse, on each scaffold. 1638 [see Scaffold *v.* 1]. 1671 Milton *Samson* 1610 The other side was op'n, where the throng On banks and scaffolds under Skie might stand. 1727 *MSS. Dk. Portland* (Hist. MSS. Comm.) VI. 19, I hope to get a good place in the Abbey for Lady Margaret Harley, though till the scaffolds are built I can't yet tell whereabouts it will be. 1770 Langhorne *Plutarch* (1879) II. 891/2 There was a show of gladiators to be exhibited.. and most of the magistrates had caused scaffolds to be erected round the place, in order to let them out for hire.

fig. 1661 Feltham *Resolves* II. xxxviii. 259 By setting us upon an open and adjacent Scaffold, it gives us a view of the actions..that have sway'd the affairs of the World.

6. An elevated platform on which a criminal is executed. Phr. *to go to the scaffold* (= 'to be executed'), *to bring* or *send to the scaffold*, etc. Hence *the scaffold* is often put for 'execution', 'capital punishment'.

1557 More *Rich. III* (1641) 307 He was at Salisbury..on a new skaffold beheaded. 1598 Grenewey *Tacitus, Ann.* XIV. iv. 204 He brought to the skaffold many descended of noble houses. 1602 Warner *Alb. Eng.* VIII. xl. 196 She vnabashed, mounting now the Skaffold, theare attends The fatall Stroke. 1769 *Junius Lett.* xiv. 59 Paths which naturally conduct a minister to the scaffold. 1828 Scott *F. M. Perth* xxiv, I knew at Paris a criminal..who suffered the sentence..showing no particular degree of timidity upon the scaffold. 1849–50 Alison *Hist. Europe* III. xiii. § 88. 92 We have..weighed the scaffold against the oppression of the Convention, and preferred the scaffold. 1871 Freeman *Norm. Conq.* IV. xviii. 256 The one man whom..William sent to the scaffold on a political charge.

7. A raised framework of wood used for other purposes; among the North American Indians, for the disposal of the dead (cf. Scaffold *v.* 4).

1534 Fitzherb. *Husb.* § 32 It is better to laye thy pees and benes without vppon a reke, than other corne, and it is better vppon a scaffolde than vppon the grounde. 1634 W. Wood *New Eng. Prosp.* (1865) 48 There was made here a ships loading of fish the last yeare, where still stands the stages, and drying scaffolds. *a* 1779 Cook *Voy. Pacific* III. ii. II. 35 The carcase of the dog, with what belonged to it, were laid on a whatta, or scaffold, about six feet high. 1812 Brackenridge *Jrnl.* in *Views Louisiana* (1814) 203 A kind of scaffolds, ten or fifteen feet in height, which I was informed were erected..by the neighboring settlers for the purpose of shooting the deer by moon light...The hunter ascends the scaffold, and remains until the deer approaches. *Ibid.* 261 The scaffolds are supported with four forks, and sufficiently large to receive one or two bodies.

8. *Iron-founding.* 'An obstruction in a blast furnace above the tuyeres caused by an accumulation or shelf of pasty, unreduced materials, adhering to the lining' (Raymond *Mining Gloss.* 1881).

1861 W. Fairbairn *Iron* 48 So that the materials..may [not]..be so retarded as to adhere in a half-liquid state to the brick-work, and cool there, thus forming what are known by the name of scaffolds. 1884 W. H. Greenwood *Steel & Iron* vii. (ed. 2) 142 When a scaffold is discovered, the blast is eased so as to reduce the support from below due to the pressure of blast. 1892 *Min. Evid. Labour Comm.* Group A. II. 304 The variation of the temperature in the furnace itself would cause what are technically called scaffolds.

9. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as (sense 1) *scaffold board*, † *flake* (see Flake *sb.*[1] 1), *pole, vantage*; **scaffold bracket** (see quot.); **scaffold hole**, a putlog-hole; (sense 4) † *scaffold pageantry*, † *wheel*; † **scaffold play**, a mystery play; so † **scaffold-player**; (sense 6) *scaffold step.*

1592–3 *Act* 35 *Eliz.* c. 11 § 1 So muche of *Shaffolde Borde in quantitye as the saide Clapborde amounteth unto. 1866 *Tomlinson's Cycl. Arts & Manuf.* II. 482/2 The scaffold boards are supported by the putlogs. 1875 Knight *Dict. Mech.*, **Scaffold-bracket*, an implement to form a footing for a board to support a person in roofing. 1365–6 *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 127, 20 *scaffalde flakes factis ad dictas fenestras. *c* 1568 in Swayne *Sarum Churchw. Acc.* (1896) 115 John clerke making *scaffold holes, 4d. 1774 G. White *Selborne, To Barrington* 26 Feb., Perhaps they nestle in the scaffold-holes of some old or new deserted building. 1687 *Resf. on Hind & P.* 24 No more than a Mountebank is to be credited, who after a deal of *Scaffold-Pageantry to draw Audience [etc.]. 1565 T. Stapleton *Fortr. Faith* 138 As if in *scaffold plaies, he looked to haue napkins cast vp. 1559 in Strype *Ann. Ref.* I. II. IX. 436 The preachers and *scaffold players of this newe religion. 1798 W. Hutton *Life* 7 If a straggling *scaffold pole could be found. 1862 *Sat. Rev.* 15 Mar. 298 The scaffold poles round the Guards Memorial. 1843 Neale *Ball. & Songs for People* 21 So steadfastly the *scaffold-steps That good Archbishop trod. 1869 Browning *Ring & Bk.* XII. 167 Guido was last to mount the scaffold-steps..as atrociousest in crime. 1884 — *Ferishtah's Fancies*, *A Camel-driver*, Reason aims to raise Some make-shift midway 'scaffold-vantage, whence It may..peer below. 1584 in *Coventry Corpus Christi Plays* (1902) 91 A iron pynne and a cotter for the *skaffolde whele.

Scaffold (skæ·fŏld), *v.* Also 6 **scafold**, 7 **schaffold**, 7 **scaffole**. [f. Scaffold *sb.* Cf. OF. *eschafauder.*]

† **1.** *trans.* To furnish with a platform, stand, or gallery. *Obs.*

a 1548 Hall *Chron., Hen. VIII*, 10 b, The Hall was scafolded and rayled on all partes. 1621 Elsing *Debates Ho. Lords* (Camden) 95 The Lower House desyre that the p[ainted] ch[amber] be scaffolde. 1636 Pagitt *Christianogr.* III. 101 The streets were scaffolded [*ed.* 1640 scaffoled] and covered with precious cloth. 1638 Bp. Mountagu *Art. Eng. Visit.* A 2 Is your Church scaffolded every where or in part? do those scaffolds so made, annoy any mans seat, or hinder the lights of any windows? 1650 R. Stapylton *Strada's Low C. Wars* I. 13 The Lists now set up, and scaffolded like a stage.

2. To put scaffolding up to (a building). Also *intr.* in indirect passive with *unto*.

a 1662 Heylin *Laud* (1668) 222 The Tower or Steeple [was] Scaffolded to the very top, with an intent to take it down to the very Arches. 1665 J. Webb *Stone-Heng* 213 They must of necessity be scaffolded unto, or underpropt at least. *Ibid.* 230 Can..such stupendious Stones..be.. wrought, raised, scaffolded unto, set and finished in five Moneths? 1676 C. Hatton in *Hatton Corr.* (Camden) 134 The middle of Westminster Hall wase all schaffolded. 1836 E. Howard *R. Reefer* lxx, It was scaffolded to the very attics.

b. *transf.* To support with poles.

1884 *Harper's Mag.* 394/2 The apple-trees were scaffolded with great stakes to keep their branches from breaking.

c. *fig.* To prop up.

169. C. Blount *Dial.* in *Coll. Poems* 24 New Titles may be Scaffolded with Laws.

† **3.** To send to the scaffold; to execute. *Obs.*

1716 *Mem.* in J. H. Burton *Lives of Forbes & Ld. Lovat* v. (1847) 116, I was sent to the castle, I believe, to be scaffolded next day if I had not been delivered.

4. To place (food) on a raised framework of wood, for the purpose of drying it or protecting it from animals; among North American Indians, to expose corpses on a scaffold (see Scaffold *sb.* 7).

1775 Adair *Amer. Ind.* 323 *note*, They..scaffolded their dead kinsman. 1806 Pike *Sources Mississ.* (1810) II. 155 In the afternoon we scaffolded some meat. 1862 D. Wilson *Preh. Man* II. xxii. 292 The remains of those whose bodies had been scaffolded.

5. *Iron-founding. intr.* To form a 'scaffold'.

1880 Wright in *Encycl. Brit.* XIII. 296 When a furnace shows a tendency to 'scaffold' (by the fritting together of lumps which form a comparatively solid mass inside the furnace, preventing a charge from descending properly).

Hence **Sca·ffolded** *ppl. a.*

1862 D. Wilson *Preh. Man* II. xxii. 292 When the Mandans buried the remains of their scaffolded dead, they left the skull uninterred. 1871 E. B. Tylor *Prim. Cult.* II. xii. 40 The Samoyed's scaffolded coffin.

Scaffoldage (skæ·fŏldėdʒ). *rare.* In 6 **scaffolage**. [f. Scaffold *v.* + -age. Cf. F. *échafaudage.*] = Scaffolding *vbl. sb.* 1.

1606 Shaks. *Tr. & Cr.* I. iii. 156 To heare the woodden Dialogue and sound 'Twixt his stretcht footing, and the Scaffolage [*mod. edd.* scaffoldage]. 1889 Farrar *Lives Fathers* II. xvi. 288 Their hair was elaborated into a scaffoldage of curls.

Scaffolder (skæ·fŏldəɹ). [f. Scaffold *sb.* and *v.* + -er[1].]

† **1.** An occupant of the gallery at a theatre. *Obs.*

1597 Bp. Hall *Sat.* I. iii If he can with termes Italianate ..Faire patch me vp his pure Iambick verse, He raüishes the gazing Scaffolders.

2. One whose business it is to erect scaffolding.

1864 *Law Times Rep.* X. (N. S.) 719/1 The plt. was in their employment as a scaffolder, and in raising the scaffolding he put his foot on a round putlog. 1901 *J. Black's Carp. & Build., Scaffolding* 29 The operations of the scaffolder and builder must not interfere with the traffic of the town more than needful.

Scaffolding (skæ·fŏldiŋ), *vbl. sb.* Forms: 4 **skaf(f)aldyng**, 5 **scafaldynge**, 5–6 *Sc.* **scaffalding**, 6 *Sc.* **scauffaulding**, **skaffeltein**, **skalfatting**, 6– **scaffolding**. Also β. 6 **skaffollyng**, 7, 9 (*dial.*) **scaffling**. [f. Scaffold *sb.* and *v.* + -ing[1].]

1. The temporary framework of platforms and poles constructed to provide accommodation for workmen and their materials during the erection, repairing, or decoration of a building.

1347–8 *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 546 In flakes et Skaffaldyng pro opere ejusdem capelle, 15 *d.* 1498 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* I. 389 To mak scaffating for the masounis and holl barrowis. 1512 *Ibid.* IV. 279 Half ane hundreth rauchteris for skaffeltein. 1512 in Willis & Clark *Cambridge* (1886) I. 608 Lyme, sand, scaffoldyng,..and euery other thyng concernyng the same vawtyng. 1641 Milton *Ch. Govt.* Wks. 1851 III. 129 Knowing that their high office was but as the scaffolding of the Church yet unbuilt. 1760 *Phil. Trans.* LI. 636 It burnt the wooden props or scaffolding which supported the column. 1816 J. Smith *Panorama Sci. & Art* I. 214 In London,..the scaffolding for the workmen, in erecting the walls of a building, is external; but in Liverpool,..the scaffolding is wholly within the building. 1859 Reeve in Jephson *Brittany* xvi. 268 *note*, The large building..on the right,..is new, the scaffolding not yet taken down. 1901 *J. Black's Carp. & Build., Scaffolding* 87 The old fashioned cradles, swing-boats, ladders, or pole scaffolding.

β. 1531 *Lett. & Pap. Hen. VIII*, V. 185 Cartes caryng of skaffollyng out of the Kinges storehouse. 1663 Gerbier *Counsel* 27 Never..suffer them to begin their Scafflings in the morning. 1886 *Cheshire Gloss., Scaffling*, a scaffold for building.

fig. 1622 Massinger & Dekker *Virg. Mart.* II. iii, The sight of whips, rackes, gibbets, axes, fires Are scaffoldings, by which my soule climbes vp To an Eternal habitation. 1697 C. Leslie *Snake in Grass* (ed. 2) 241 That is but scaffolding to pull down our Church, and to build their own. 1712 Pope *Lett.* (1735) I. 182 Sickness, contributing..to the shaking down this Scaffolding of the Body. 1718 Paton *Knowledge* 478 New change of terms, and scaffolding of words. 1742 Young *Nt. Th.* IX. 590 Teach me, by this stupendous scaffolding, Creation's golden steps, to climb to Thee. 1860 Pusey *Min. Proph.* Introd. p. viii, My wish has been to give the results rather than the process by which they were arrived at; to exhibit the building, not the scaffolding. 1865 Carlyle *Fredk. Gt.* XVIII. xiv. (1872) VIII. 58 That will be an excellent scaffolding for recapture of Silesia next year. 1874 Sayce *Compar. Philol.* i. 9 Laws of phonology..forming the scaffolding of the higher and more comprehensive generalisations of the master-science itself.

† b. A wooden platform or framework; = Scaffold *sb.* 3, 4, 7. *Obs.*

1537 Lyndesay *Q. Magdalene* 106 Minor Poems (1871) 557 Rycht costlie scaffalding, Depayntit weill with Gold and asure fyne. 1732 Lediard *Sethos* II. VIII. 159 The lords and ladies were plac'd on scaffoldings behind the king. 1787 *Generous Attachment* III. 64 He ascended a small scaffolding, and from thence..harrangued them. 1789 Mas. Piozzi *Journ. France* II. 27 Small calves dangle from a sort of neat scaffolding.

c. *Coal-mining.* (See quot.)

1839 Ure *Dict. Arts* 980 The upper portion of the coal is first worked, then a scaffolding of coal is left, 2 or 3 feet thick, according to the compactness of the coal.

d. *transf.* A supporting framework.

1886 Mivart in *Encycl. Brit.* XX. 451/1 The skull of the Chamæleons has even more the aspect of an osseous scaffolding than has that of ordinary Lizards.

2. The action of the verb Scaffold. a. The formation of 'scaffolds' in a blast-furnace; also *concr.* = Scaffold *sb.* 8.

1864 Percy *Metall., Iron & Steel* 491 The old method of blowing-in furnaces, called the 'scaffolding' system, is now seldom resorted to. 1880 Wright in *Encycl. Brit.* XIII 299/1 If the hearth slopes too gently, the fall of the materials downwards as the reduced metal and cinder melt is apt to be retarded, and 'scaffolding' to be produced. 1883 *Science* I. 102 At the Durham furnace, a chill had caused a large scaffolding. 1884 W. H. Greenwood *Steel & Iron* (ed. 2) 139 Blowing in, blowing out, scaffolding, &c., of the blast furnace.

b. The action of placing on a scaffold.

1862 D. Wilson *Preh. Man* I. 366 The scaffolding and final sepulture of the bones of the dead, as practised among many of the Red Indian tribes.

3. *attrib.* and *Comb.* (cf. Scaffold *sb.* 9), as *scaffolding* † *hole, pole, timber, work.*

1512-13 in Willis & Clark *Cambridge* (1886) I. 610 Olde scaffoldyng tymbre. 1663 Gerbier *Counsel* 27 Make small scaffling holes. 1759 Miller *Gard. Dict.* s. v. *Pinus*, The Trees..will make good Putlocks for the Bricklayers, and serve for Scaffolding Poles. 1813 Vancouver *Agric. Devon* 89 The scaffolding-poles, planks, and ropes, are always provided by the employer.

†**Sca·ffoldize,** *v. Obs.* [f. Scaffold *sb.* + -ize.] *trans.* To convert into scaffolding.

1600 Tourneur *Transf. Metam.* xviii, Let Dodon's grove be lauish in expence, And scaffoldize her oakes for my defence.

Scaffole, obs. var. Scaffold *v.* **Scaff-raff:** see Scaff *sb.* **Scaft(e,** var. Shaft *Obs.*, creature; obs. pa. t. of Shave. **Scag,** var. Skeg, wild plum. **Scagger,** var. Skegger, young salmon.

‖**Scaglia** (skā·lyă). *Geol.* [It. = scale, chip of marble: see Scale *sb.*2] A local name in the Italian Alps for limestone of various colours.

1774 Strange in *Phil. Trans.* (1775) LXV. 34 This they call Scaglia, or Scagliola, from its being composed of thin slaty strata, which are of a yellowish colour. *Ibid.* 35 Sometimes an irregular mass of marble is found among the Scaglia. 1829 Murchison in *Phil. Mag.* June 406 The upper beds of the scaglia are red and fissile.

Scagliola (skælyō·lă). Also 6 scaleola, 8–9 scagliuola. [a. It. *scagliuola*, dim. of *scaglia* (see prec.).]

† 1. = Scaglia. *Obs.*

1582 Hester *Secr. Phiorav.* III. xcvii. 121 This Allum Scaleola or Gesso is vsed much in Italie to make Lyme of. 1774 [see prec.].

2. Plaster-work of Italian origin, designed to imitate kinds of stone.

1747 [see b]. 1787 P. Beckford *Lett. fr. Ital.* (1805) I. 298 John Hugford, an Englishman, Friar of this Convent [of Vallombrosa, Tuscany], was the inventor of the Scagliola. 1823 P. Nicholson *Pract. Build.* 369 The making and polishing the scagliola, now so much used for columns. 1870 F. Harrison *Choice of Bks.* (1886) 170 Bepalaced for evermore in choice saloons resplendent with ormolu and scagliola.

b. *attrib.*

1747 H. Walpole *Let. to Mann* 28 July, The commission for the scagliuola tables. 1814 *Sporting Mag.* XLIV. 270 The basement is painted in rich Scagliola marble. 1859 Geo. Eliot *Adam Bede* xvi, A scagliola pillar. 1859 Sala *Two round Clock* 245 Supported on the sham scagliola Corinthian columns, with the gilt capitals, is a trellised balcony.

Hence **Scaglio·list,** a worker in scagliola.

1827 *Westm. Rev.* VII. 289 There is scarcely..a scagliolist, who is not an Italian.

Scaife (skēif). *local.* Also scafe, skief, skife, skeef (see E.D.D.) [? a. Du. *schijf* (= G. *scheibe*), disk, wheel. Cf. Skeith.]

1. A thin iron wheel, sharp at the edge, used in some ploughs in place of or in front of the coulter. Also *attrib.*

1793 G. Maxwell *Agric. Huntingdon* 10 Instead of a foot or wheel, to support the beam of the plough, they use what is called a scaife, which is a circular plate of iron, turning constantly round. 1877 *N. W. Linc. Gloss., Skief-plough*, a plough fitted with a skief. 1888 *Sheffield Gloss., Scafe*, the little wheel which runs in front of the coulter of a plough. 1895 *E. Angl. Gloss., Skife-nail*, a long nail, having its head formed so as to suit..the holes in the plat of a plough.

2. A revolving wheel used in polishing diamonds.

1887 *Horological Jrnl.* XXIX. 105 The ordinary workman puts his diamond on the scaife or cylinder without taking any particular pains.

Scail(e, var. or obs. ff. Scale, Skail, Squail. **Scail3e(e, -zie, scaillie,** obs. ff. Skaillie *Sc.*, slate. **Scaily,** obs. f. Scaly. **Scain,** obs. pa. t. of Shine. **Scaine,** obs. f. Skein. **Scaip(e,** obs. Sc. ff. Scape. **Scair,** var. Skair *Sc.*, share. **Scairce, scairse,** obs. ff. Scarce. **Scait,** obs. Sc. f. Skate. **Scaith:** see Scathe. **Scak,** obs. north. f. Shake. **Scal,** obs. f. Scall, Shall.

Scalable (skē·lăb'l), *a. rare.* [f. Scale *v.*3 + -able.] Capable of being scaled or climbed.

1579–80 North *Plutarch, Aratus* (1595) 1083 Without the wall the height was not so great, but that it was easily scalable with ladders. 1626 Minsheu *Ductor* (ed. 2), *Scaleable.* 1839 *Fraser's Mag.* XIX. 632 Homer made..heaven scalable. 1903 Quiller-Couch *Adv. Harry Revel* xi, The cliff hereabouts was..scalable in a score of places.

‖**Scala cæli** (skē·lă sī·ləi). Also 5–6 scala cely, celi, 6–9 cœli, 6 scale, skaly celi. [L. = ladder of heaven.]

1. The name of a church in the Tre Fontane, outside Rome, in which St. Bernard is related to have had a vision of souls for whom he was saying mass ascending by a ladder into heaven, and to which an indulgence is attached; hence, applied to chapels or altars in England and the masses said there to which the same indulgence was attached.

See Rymer *Fœdera* XII. 565, XIII. 102–3, Blomefield *Hist. Norfolk* (1745) II. 552.

c 1380 Wyclif *Wks.* (1880) 102 Massis at rome, at scala celi. *Ibid.*, þat if a prest seye a masse at scala celi for a soule it schal onoon ben out of purgatorie. *a* 1400 *Stac. Rome* 118 (Vernon MS.), In þat place a Chapel is. Scala celi clepet hit is. *c* 1500 *God spede the plough* 74 Then commeth prestis that goth to rome For to haue silver to sing at *Scala celi.* 1515 in *Coll. Surrey Archæol. Soc.* (1858) I. 182, I will that there be seede..in the chapell of Skaly Celi at Westmynster v masses of the v wounds of our Lord God. 1519 *Churchw. Acc. St. Margarets, Westm.* (Nichols 1797) 8 To the Keeper of Scala Celi in the Abbey. 1534 Hvlsey in *Lett. Suppress. Monasteries* (Camden) 12 Massys off scale celi. 1536 *Articles devised by King* D iij b. *c* 1550 Bale *K. Johan* (Camden) 17 Legacyes, trentals, with scala cely messys. 1583 Foxe *A. & M.* (ed. 4) 1178/2 That all partakers of the same gylde [of our Lady in S. Botolph's, Boston], ..which..shall say or cause to be sayde Masses for soules departed in paynes of Purgatory, shall..have the full remission due to them which visite the Chappell of Scala Cœli.

2. (With reference to the etymol. sense.) A ladder leading from earth to heaven; a means of attaining heaven or heavenly bliss.

1549 Latimer *5th Serm. bef. Edw. VI* (Arb.) 139 *Scala cœli*, is a preachynge matter I tell you, and not a massyng matter. 1603 J. Davies in Sylvester *Du Bartas* (1621) 651 Making loose lines (forsooth) their Scala Cœli; A Tauerne for a Temple, to adore, Their only god, their guts. 1626 Bacon *New Atl.* 15 The Magnificent Temple,..the seuerall Degrees of Ascent, wherby Men did climb vp to the same, as if it had bin a Scala Cæli.

Scalade (skălā·d), *sb.* Now *rare* or *Obs.* Also 7 skal(l)ade, scallet. [ad. It. *scalada* (Florio), now *scalata* (= Sp. *escalada*, whence F. *escalade* Escalade *sb.*), f. *scalare* to scale, f. *scala* ladder.]

1. = Escalade *sb.* 1.

1591 *Garrard's Art Warre* 63 A Wall, Trench, Scalade, Bulwarke. 1600 Holland *Livy* XXVI. xlv. 620 The citie was tenable against all skalades. 1632 Lithgow *Trav.* VIII. 349 The Ditch..is mainly pallasaded with wooden stakes, for preuenting of suddain Scallets. *a* 1639 Spottiswood *Hist. Ch. Scot.* III. (1677) 138 The Lords had resolved to enter the Town by scalade. 1761 Hume *Hist. Eng.* I. xii. 265 The English army..mounted the walls by scalade. 1858 Carlyle *Fredk. Gt.* III. x. (1872) I. 195 He tried some small prefatory Siege or scalade of Pesth. 1859 Thackeray *Virgin.* II. xxvi. 213 When we had made our famous scalade of the heights.

2. A scaling-ladder. *rare.*

1632 Lithgow *Trav.* x. 502 Their Armes, a Crosse,..Limbd like a Scallet, trac'd with fleur du Luce. 1824 Wiffen *Tasso* XVIII. xcv, Nor ceases to exhort Fresh knights to mount the tall scalades he bears.

Hence **Scala·de** *v. trans.*, to attack by escalade.

1729 Shelvocke *Artillery* v. 393 Places, when attacked or attempted to be stormed or scaladed.

†**Scala·do.** *Obs.* Also 6 skallado, skallader, 6–7 scallado, scallada, scalada. [a. It. *scalada*: see prec. and -ado.]

1. = Escalade *sb.* 1.

1585–6 Earl Leycester *Corr.* (Camden) 429 We tooke another of the fortes..by a flat skallader. 1591 Unton *Corr.* (Roxb.) 254 If it be taken by the enemy by scallado. 1610 Holland *Camden's Brit.* II. 128 They that gave the Scallado were thrown downe headlong. 1629 Maxwell *Herodian* App. 90 The whole Army beset the Towne, and made their Scaladaes on euery side. 1688 J. S. *Fortification* 129 The General..threatens several other places with the Scalado at the same instant. 1795 *Hist. Anecd. Her. & Chiv.* 22 Lloyd took the castle of Cardigan..by Scalado. 1847 Thackeray in *Fraser's Mag.* Jan., Assaults, scaladoes, ambuscadoes,..became the Captain's chief delight.

2. = Scalade *sb.* 2.

1600 Fairfax *Tasso* XI. xxxiv, Adrastus..boldly gan a strong scalado reare. 1824 Wiffen *Tasso* XI. xxxix, Some raise scalados, nor to mount decline.

Scalage (skē·lēdʒ). *Lumber-trade.* [f. Scale *v.*3 (sense 6 b) + -age.] The amount which a quantity of timber scales.

1878 *Michigan Rep.* XXXVI. 168 The total scalage of the logs to be delivered.

Scalap, obs. form of Scallop.

Scalar (skē·lăr), *a.* and *sb.* [ad. L. *scālār-is*, f. *scāla* ladder, Scale *sb.*3] **A.** *adj.*

1. Resembling a ladder; *Bot.* = Scalariform.

1656 Blount *Glossogr., Scalar, Scalary*, leaning one way, ladderwise, not bolt up right. 1880 *Linn. Soc. Jrnl.* XV. 92 Spire rather high, scalar.

2. *Math.* Of the nature of a scalar (see B).

1853 Hamilton in *Phil. Mag.* Ser. IV. V. 322 The two values of the vector ρ, which answer to the two values of the scalar coefficient *x*. 1853 — *Elem. Quaternions* II. i. (1866) 175 The Scalar (or Scalar Part) of a Quaternion. *Ibid.* III. iii. 721 The scalar equation of the polar of the latter point. 1873 Maxwell *Electr. & Magn.* I. 9 Scalar quantities do not involve direction.

B. *sb. Math.* In quaternions, a real number.

1853 Hamilton *Elem. Quaternions* I. ii. (1866) 10 The..quotient..obtained by the division of two parallel vectors by another, including zero as a limit, may also be called a Scalar; because it can always be found..by the comparison of positions upon one common scale (or axis)...Such Scalars are..simply the Reals..of Algebra. *Ibid.* II The combination, 'Scalar plus Vector,' is a Quaternion. 1882 Minchin *Unipl. Kinemat.* 260 The result of the operation ∇^2 on any scalar is purely a scalar.

Scalarian (skălē·rĭăn), *a.* and *sb.* [f. mod.L. *Scālāria*, f. *scāla* ladder, Scale *sb.*3] **a.** *adj.* Belonging to the genus *Scalaria* of gasteropods. **b.** *sb.* A gasteropod of this genus.

1841 *Penny Cycl.* XX. 501/2 The Scalarians of Lamarck consist of the genera *Vermetus, Scalaria*, and *Delphinula.*

Scalariform (skălæ·rifōm), *a. Bot.*, etc. [ad. mod. L. *scālāriform-is*, f. L. *scālāris* Scalar, Scalary: see -form.] Of the form of, or resembling, a ladder; characterized by ladder-like formation, as cells or vessels of plants having the walls thickened so that they form transverse ridges.

1836 Buckland *Geol. & Min.* xviii. § iii. I. 499 *note*, The presence of spiral, or scalariform vessels. 1848 Lindley *Introd. Bot.* I. 87 The pits extend into horizontal fissures resembling what are called Scalariform vessels. 1850 Dana *Geol.* App. I. 727 Spire scalariform. 1885 Goodale *Physiol. Bot.* 30 When this kind of marking [in a cell-wall] becomes linear, or nearly so, it is termed scalariform.

Sca·larwise, *adv.* [f. Scalar *a.* + -wise.] In the form of a ladder.

1816 R. Jameson *Char. Min.* 129 *Scalarwise*, in which many tessular crystals are arranged like steps of a stair.

†**Sca·lary,** *a. Obs.* [f. L. *scālāris*: see Scalar and -ary.]

1. Having the form of a ladder or flight of steps.

1646 Sir T. Browne *Pseud. Ep.* V. xiii. 253 He made..certaine elevated places, and Scalary ascents, that..they might with better ease..mount their horses. 1651 Howell *Venice* 23 Touching this kind of employment the Republic hath certain degrees, or Scalary ascents and rules of removall. 1656 [see Scalar *a.* 1].

2. = Climacterio *a.* 1.

1588 J. Harvey *Disc. Probl.* 25 The great Climactericall, Hebdomaticall, Scalary, Decretoriall yeere. 1635 Heywood *Hierarchy* III. Comm. 167 The Scalary or Climatericall yeare consisteth of Seuen yeares nine times told or nine yeares Seuen times Multiplied.

3. Pertaining to masses of Scala Cæli.

1536 Latimer *2nd Serm. bef. Convocation* i. 48 That satisfactory, that missal, that scalary.

Scalawag, variant of Scallywag.

Scalbart, -bert, -burde, obs. ff. Scabbard *sb.*1

Scalc, variant of Shalk *Obs.*

†**Scald,** *sb.*1 *Obs.* Also 6 skald. [Alteration of Scall *sb.* by association with Scald *a.* (orig. *scalled*).] = Scall *sb.*

1561 Hollybush *Hom. Apoth.* 2 The drye skaldes of it called in Latin *furfur.* 1590 Spenser *F. Q.* I. viii. 47 Her crafty head was altogether bald, And..Was overgrowne with scurfe and filthy scald. 1648 Herrick *Hesper., Upon Blanch*, Blanch swears her Husband's lovely; when a scald Has blear'd his eyes. 1693 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 2930/4 Lately went from his Master one Martin Middleton...He hath a Scald behind in his Head.

fig. 1646 H. Lawrence *Comm. Angels* 104 The fire, the scald, the Itch of lusts.

Scald (skǫld), *sb.*2 [f. Scald *v.*]

1. An injury to the skin and flesh caused by hot fluid or steam.

1601 Holland *Pliny* XXIX. xiii. II. 351 Say the place be blistered..with any burne or scald. 1749 Bracken *Farriery Impr.* (ed. 6) 301, I am satisfied that Spirit of Wine camphorated, is the very best Thing that can be applied to a Burn or Scald in Human Bodies. 1845 W. Bowman in *Encycl. Metrop.* VII. 865/2 A superficial scald of the whole body. 1879 *St. George's Hosp. Rep.* IX. 394 'Scald' of the

air-passages. 1890 Bowlay *Surg. Path.* (1900) 289 Scalds of the larynx..in children..commonly result from attempts to drink from a kettleful of boiling water.

b. *fig.* (*Sc.*) Disgust, aversion, vexation. See Heart-scald, -scad.

c. *transf.* Inflammation caused by heat; an inflamed part. Also, applied to diseases which produce a similar effect to that of scalding.

1882 *Jamieson's Sc. Dict., Skaud, Scad,* a scald, or the mark of it; also, a galled or inflamed part of the body. 1886 C. Scott *Sheep-farming* 99 If manure is allowed to accumulate therein, it will get into the cleft of the foot and produce scald. 1895 *Funk's Stand. Dict., Scald,* a destructive disease of cranberries,..applied also loosely..to any sudden wilting or decay..of leaves and fruit.

2. The action or an act of scalding articles of food, utensils, etc.

1661 Rabisha *Cookery Dissected* 5 You must give your Endive a scald. 1764 E. Moxon *Eng. Housew.* (ed. 9) 160 Put in your damsins, let them have one scald. 1869 Mrs. Whitney *We Girls* vi, The coffee-pot and the two pans..had their scald, and their little scour. 1894 *Times* 16 Apr. 7/3 The high scald to which the curd is subjected after breaking.

3. A hot liquor or solution used for scalding.

1684 Han. Woolley *Queen-like Closet* Suppl. 4 After the first ladder [= lather] let the other be very hot, and cast them into a Scald every time. 1741 *Compl. Fam.-Piece* I. ii. 110 Put your Fruit into boiling Water,..keep it in a scald till tender. 1780 A. Young *Tour Irel.* I. 180 Next put it into a scald of soap.

4. A patch of land scorched by the sun. *local.*

1795 Marshall *Rur. Econ. Norf.* I. 14 'Scalds' are as pernicious in Norfolk, as quicksands and springy patches are in cold-soiled countries. 1853 R. S. Surtees *Sponge's Sp. Tour* lxxi, The country..was all one dingy drab, with abundant scalds on the undrained fallows.

5. Dodder, *Cuscuta europæa*: cf. Scaldweed. *local.*

1844 *Phytologist* I. 1140 *Cuscuta europæa*..is called 'scald' [in Cambridgeshire]; it may be presumed, on account of the scalded appearance which it gives to bean-crops.

Scald, *sb.*[3]: see Skald.

Scald, *sb.*[4], northern form of Scold.

Scald (skǫld), *a.*[1] and *sb.*[6] *Obs.* exc. *arch.* and *dial.* Also 6 scaulde, *Sc.* skawd, skaid, 6–7 scalde, 7 scal'd, scauld, 8 *Sc.* scaw'd, 9 *dial.* scalt, scaud. [Later spelling of Scalled.]

1. Affected with the 'scall'; scabby.

In the 16th c. often in proverbial or allusive use: cf. Scabbed *a.* 2.) (See also Scald-head.)

1529 More *Dyalogue* II. iv. Wks. 185 Than shall al these scalde & scabbed peces scale clene of, & the hole body of christes holy church remaine pure. 1535 Coverdale *Lev.* xxi. 20 Whether he be blynde,..or is gleyd, or is skyrvye or scaulde. 1535 Lyndesay *Satyre* 2485 Howbeit I se thy skap skyre skaid [*Bannatyne MS.* skawd], Thou art ane stewat, I stand foird. 1540 Palsgr. *Acolastus* II. iii. M ij b, He shall appoint him out for such a scald squier as he is. 1546 J. Heywood *Prov. & Epigr.* (1867) 33 A scald horse is good inough for a scabde squyer. 1579 Tomson *Calvin's Serm. Tim.* 474/2 Some murmure and snarle as soone as their scald backs are rubbed. 1639 O. Wood *Alph. Bk. Phys. Secrets* 181 Scal'd head the cure. [1808 Jamieson, *Scaud-man's head,* the sea urchin.]

2. *fig.* 'Scurvy', mean, paltry, contemptible. (Cf. Scabbed *a.* 2.) a. Of persons.

c 1500 Medwall *Nature* I. 753 (Brandl) The scald capper sware..That yt cost hym euen as myche. 1595 Peele *Old Wives Tale* 425 (Gummere) You whorson, scald Sexton and Churchwarden. 1606 Shaks. *Ant. & Cl.* v. ii. 215. *a* 1625 Fletcher *Bloody Brother* I. i, Your gravity once laid My head and heels together in the Dungeon, For cracking a scald Officers crown.

†*Scald miserable*: a burlesque designation app. first used in 1742 in connexion with a procession of ragamuffins intended to ridicule the Freemasons. A print of 1771 representing this brought the expression into temporary currency with the sense 'despicable wretch'.

1742 (*title*) An Epistle from Dick Poney, Esq. Grand-Master of the Right Black-Guard Society of Scald-Miserable Masons. 1771 (*title of plate by Benoist*) A Geometrical View of the Grand Procession of the Scald Miserable Masons, Design'd as they were Drawn up over against Somerset House, in the Strand on the twenty Seventh of April, Ano. 1742. 1772 Nugent *Hist. Fr. Gerund* III. vi. 563 Our poor scald miserable of a Friar Gerund. 1773 Bedridge *Lett.* vii. (1864) 371, I am now, as the world accounts, a scold miserable. [1828 St. Angelo *Remin.* I. 407 The print of the Scald Miserables..is by him [*sc.* Benoist]. *Ibid.* 408 The contrivers of the mock procession of scald masons, which actually took place in the year 1742.]

b. Of things.

1542 Udall *Erasm. Apoph.* 260 If it chaunce a scalde cuppe of thyn to bee broken. 1592 Nashe *P. Penilesse* Ep. Printer, A scald triuiall lying Pamphlet, called *Greens groats-worth of wit.* 1609 B. Jonson *Sil. Wom.* IV. i, If [she have] a fat hand, and scald nailes, let her carue the lesse, and act in gloues. *a* 1627 Middleton *Widow* IV. ii. Wks. (Bullen) V. 207 I'm rid of a sore burden, for my part, master, Of a scald little one. *a* 1774 Fergusson *Poems* (1807) 255 A scaw'd hit o' a penny note.

3. *Comb.*, as scald-pate, = Scald-head; scald-pated *a.* = Scald-headed.

1611 Cotgr., *Teigneux,* scuruie, scauld-pated. *Ibid.* s. v. *Teigneux,* No scauld-pate will the combe indure. 1653 Urquhart *Rabelais* II. xxx, Achilles was a scauld-pated maker of hay bundles. 1659 Torriano *Eng.-Ital. Dict.,* The scurfe or scauld pate, *tigna, pelarella.*

B. *sb.* a. A scurvy fellow. b. = Scall.

1575 *Gamm. Gurton* III. iii. 26 Thou skald, thou bald, thou rotten, thou glotton! 1598 Florio, *Tegna,* the scurfe or scald that comes to some mens heades.

Scald (skǫld), *a.*[2] [pa. pple. of Scald *v.*] = Scalded *ppl. a.*[1]

Scald cream: clotted or clouted cream. *Scald milk*: milk from which the cream has been skimmed after scalding.

1791 *Gentl. Mag.* LXI. II. 720/2 That cream termed scald, or clotted cream. *Ibid.* Those dairies that make scald-cream butter. 1796 Marshall *Rur. Econ. W. Eng.* I. 251 In 'scald cream dairies', no churn is in use. 1855 Kingsley *Westw. Ho!* viii, If it don't ate so soft as ever was scald cream, never you call me Thomas Burman. 1886 *All Year Round* 14 Aug. 34 Who in Cornwall ever thinks of drinking anything but 'scald' milk?

Scald (skǫld), *v.* Forms: 3–4 schalde, 4 scalde, scolde, 4–5 skalde, 4–6 schald, 5–6 skald, scalde, 6 scaulde, *Sc.* scawde, skaude, (7 scal'd, scold), 8–9 *Sc.* scad, scaud, 5– scald. *Pa. t.* 5 skaldid, 6 *Sc.* scaldit, 4– scalded; 6–7 scalt. *Pa. pple.* 4 i-scalded (-sk-), skald, 5 skladdyt, 4–6 skaldyd, -id, (etc.), 5–7, 9 *dial.* scalt, 6 *Sc.* sc-, skaldit, 9 *dial.* scald. [a. ONF. *escalder, escauder* = Central OF. *eschalder, eschauder* to burn, scald (mod.F. *échauder* to scald, earlier also to scorch), = Pr. *escaudar*, Sp., Pg. *escaldar* to burn, scald, make red-hot, It. *scaldare* to heat, warm :—late L. *excaldāre* to wash in hot water, f. *ex-* (see Ex- *pref.*[1] 2. 2) + *cal(i)dus* hot, warm (see Calid and Chaud).

The specific use referring to liquid agency, which is the prominent use in Fr. (and hence in Eng.), and is more or less represented in the other Rom. langs., is prob. to be accounted for by the fact that *excaldāre* could as well be referred to the *cal(i)da* sb., hot water, as to the adj. In Eng. this is the earliest sense of the word, which is first recorded in the Ancren Riwle (*a* 1225) both in its simple form (see quot. s. v. Scalding *ppl. a.*) and in the compound *forsch(e)alde* (see For- *pref.*[1] 5).

The word entered at an early date into the Scandinavian languages: early MDa. *skolde,* MSw. *skalda, skolda, skolla,* Sw. *skålla* to scald.]

I. 'To burn with hot liquor' (J.).

1. *trans.* To affect painfully and injure with very hot liquid or steam.

1340 *Ayenb.* 66 Hare mouþ is ase þe wyzte þet ualþ ine hot weter þet..scoldeþ alle þo þet byeþ þer aboute. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Knt.'s T.* 1162 The Cook yscalded for al his longe ladel. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 442/2 Scalt, *estuatus.* 1601 Holland *Pliny* II. 351 If one be scalded with hot water, lay.. an egg to the place. 1687 A. Lovell tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* I. 33 They all drink it sipping, for fear of scalding themselves. 1786 Abercrombie *Gard. Assist.* 302 For fear of.. steam scalding the plants. 1813 J. Thomson *Lect. Inflam.* 605 Let a piece of linen dipt in brandy..be immediately applied to the parts scalded with hot water. 1822 Scott *Nigel* xxvii, Scalding yourself, as I may say, with your own ladle? 1849 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* iii. I. 285 Huge stones and boiling water were in readiness to crush and scald the plunderer.

b. *absol.* or *intr.* To be scalding hot.

a 1225 [see Scalding *ppl. a.* 1]. *a* 1639 W. Whateley *Prototypes* I. xx. (1640) 20 Words of reviling scald as it were. 1642 Fuller *Holy & Prof. St.* II. xix. 127 Some excuse there is for bloud enraged, and no wonder if that scaldeth which boyleth. 1812 Sir H. Davy *Chem. Philos.* 80 Water scalds at 150°.

c. *intr.* for *pass.* To become injured by hot liquid or steam.

1590 Marlowe *2nd Pt. Tamburl.* II. iii, Now scalds his soul in the Tartarian streams. 1847 Tennyson *Princess* v, 448 Those detestable That let the bantling scald at home, and brawl Their rights or wrongs like potherbs in the street.

d. *Comb.*: scald-chops (*humorous*), hot tea; scald-lips (Sc. *scadlips*), 'broth containing a very small portion of barley, and on this account more apt to burn the mouth' (Jam.).

a 1682 F. Sempill *Blythsome Wedding* 65 in *Poems of Sempills* (1849) 69 There will be..a haggize, And scadlips to sup till ye're fow. 1830 Marryat *King's Own* xl, It was the signal for tea. 'Hurra for Scaldchops!'

2. *trans.* To produce an injurious effect upon (something) similar to that produced by boiling water. a. Of tears, humours.

a 1225 [see Scalding *ppl. a.* 2]. 1340 Hampole *Pr. Consc.* 6576 Hate teres of gretyng, þat þe synful sal scalden in þe dounfallyng. 1605 Shaks. *Lear* IV. vii. 48, I am bound Vpon a wheele of fire, that mine owne teares Do scal'd, like molten Lead. 1696 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 3240/4 The left side of his face burnt or scalded by some Humor. 1722 Douglas in *Phil. Trans.* XXXII. 86 When the Urine begins to come the right way, it pains and scalds them much after the same manner. 1873 Bryant *Living Lost* ii, The tears that scald the cheek.

absol. 1692 Dryden *Cleomenes* I. i, And if a manly drop or Two fall down, It scalds along my Cheeks. 1835 Trench *Justin Martyr* 16 The tear which does not heal, will scald and sear.

b. *fig.* Of words, language.

1513 Douglas *Æneis* I. Prol. 258 The quent and curious castis poeticall,..Caxtoun, for dreid thai suld his lippis scawde Durst neuer tuiche. 1847 J. Martineau *Chr. Life* II. x. 170 He..grows glib in uttering falsehoods that should scald his lips.

3. To wash and cleanse with boiling water. a. the carcasses of animals, esp. swine and poultry, in order to remove hair or feathers, etc.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 15988 Ne sal he neuer vp-rise eft,..Ar sal þis cok vp-rise was skald yisternight! *c* 1420 *Liber Cocorum* (1862) 26 Take capons and schalde and pyke hom then. *c* 1430 *Two Cookery-bks.* 25 Fayre smal Chykenys wyl & clene skladdyd & drawe. 1565 Cooper *Thesaurus, Glabrare sues,* to scaulde hogges and take of their heare. 1607 Shaks. *Timon* II. ii. 71 She's e'ne setting on water to scal'd such Chickens as you are. 1747 Mrs. Glasse *Cookery* ii. 32 Gut and scald your Pig. *Ibid.* viii. 72.

b. vessels, implements, clothes. (Also with *out.*)

1747 Mrs. Glasse *Cookery* xiii. 130 Scald the Pot clean. 1750 W. Ellis *Country Housewife's Comp.* 308 To heat a good Quantity of Water..for scalding Pails. 1869 *Routledge's Ev. Boy's Ann.* 459 Preparing to scald out the frying-pan. 1897 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* III. 339 All milk should be..boiled, and the bottle always scalded before use.

c. To take *off* (the hair or feathers of an animal) with hot water.

1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) I. 259 He gadereth water and heteþ it..broweþ it vppon hunteres and houndes..and scaldeþ of þe heere of hem. 1481 Caxton *Reynard* xlii. (Arb.) 113 The heer behynde was skalded of. 1617 Morvson *Itin.* I. 26 The Marques Bath..is so hot, as it will scald off the haire of a Hogge.

d. To apply a hot lotion or solution to.

1753 J. Bartlet *Gentl. Farriery* xxxi. 260 If the matter flows in great abundance, and of a thin consistence, it must be scalded again. 1887 *Cassell's Encycl. Dict., Scald,* to boil or buck cloth with white soap after bleaching.

4. *Cookery.* a. To heat liquid to a point just short of boiling point. Also *intr.* for *passive.*

1483 *Cath. Angl.* 320/2 To Scalde browes, *adipare.* 1692 Tryon *Good House-wife* iii. 45 If you take milk and scald it (but it must be done to a point, not too hot). 1725 Ramsay *Gentle Sheph.* II. i, Our meikle pot that scads the whey. 1833 Mrs. Bray *Descr. Tamar & Tavy* xl. (1836) III. 290 There was a pan of milk..scalding over the embers of a wood fire. 1851 Mayhew *Lond. Labour* I. 192/2 The milk is first 'scalded', the pan containing it being closely watched, in order that the contents may not boil.

b. To subject to the action of hot water; to pour hot liquid over.

c 1430 *Two Cookery-bks.* 24 Take fayre Bolasse..in Wyne boyle hem þat þey be but skaldyd bywese. 1591 Cockaine *Treat. Hunting* Cj, Ground Otes put in a tub and scalded with water. 1747 Mrs. Glasse *Cookery* xvi. 147 A Buttered Tort. Take eight or ten large Codlings and scald them. *c* 1830 *Glouc. Farm Rep.* 33 in *Libr. Usef. Knowl., Husb.* III, It is customary with most dairy-maids to scald the curd with hot whey.

†5. *trans.* To boil to death. Also *absol. Obs.*

a 1536 in *Songs, Carols,* etc. (E. E. T. S.) 161 þer was on skaldyd in Smythfild, for poysenyng of dyueris men of þe Bisshop of Rochesters howse. 1552 Lyndesay *Monarche* 4642 Peter, Andro, Iohne, Iames, and Paull,..To byrne and skald thay neuer pretendit. 1568 Charteris *Pref. to Lyndesay's Wks.* ✠ iij b, To bruyle and scald quha sa euer suld speik aganis thame.

II. To burn.

6. *trans.* Of the sun or fire, etc.: To scorch, burn. Also said of certain soils. *Obs.* exc. *dial.*

a 1300 *E. E. Psalter* cxx. 6 Bi dai noght þe sunne skalde þe sal. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Miller's T.* 667 And Nicholas is scalded in the toute. *c* 1460 *Towneley Myst.* xx. 4 Fro this burnyshyd brande..I red ye be shunand or els the dwill skald you. 1561 Hollyaush *Hom. Apoth.* 25 b, Chafynge meates do scaulde the lyver. 1567 Golding *Ovid's Met.* VII. 89 b, Swelting heate that scalt their guts within. 1652–62 Hevlin *Cosmogr.* II. (1682) 129 Blest with a sweet and temperate air, not over scalded with the Sun. 1785 Burns *Addr. Deil* ii, I'm sure sma' pleasure it can gie, Ev'n to a deil, To skelp an' scaud poor dogs like me. 1793 *Trans. Soc. Arts* XI. 77 A heavy soil will..scald and starve any kind of grain. 1824 Scott *Redgauntlet* let. xi, That will be as bad as scauding your fingers wi' a redhot chanter. 1881 *Scribner's Monthly* XXII. 268 Not a leaf.. burned or scalded during the hot, dry weather.

absol. *c* 1578 G. Best in *Hakluyt's Voy.* (1600) III. 49 If any man say the Sunne may scalde a good while before and after it come to the Meridian. 1630 *R. Johnson's Kingd. & Commw.* 4 Fire, being invested in the body of..metals, scaldeth more furiously than in wood. 1686 tr. *Chardin's Trav. Persia* 413 The Reverberation of which [high mountain] so furiously heats the place in the dog-days, that it scalds again.

b. *intr.* for *pass.* To be scorched or burnt.

1513 Douglas *Æneis* IV. x. 89 And all the cost belive of flambis scald [L. *iam fervere litora flammis*]. *c* 1520 M. Nisbet *N. T. in Scots, Matt.* xiii. 6 Bot quhen the sonn was risen, thai scaldit. 1597 Shaks. *2 Hen. IV,* IV. v. 31 Thou do'st sit Like a rich Armor, worne in heat of day, That scald'st with safetie. 1902 Rider Haggard *Rural Eng.* II. 392 There the land was light and they scalded.

c. *transf.* To become inflamed, sore, or raw.

1580 Blundevil *Horsemanship, Horses' Dis.* xiv. 7 If you looke on his tongue, you shall see it almost rawe and scalte, with the heate that comes out of his bodie. 1808 Jamieson, *To Skaude, Skad,* When any part of the body is galled and inflamed, in consequence of heat, it is said to *skad.*

†7. *trans.* Of desire, thoughts, etc.: To 'burn', inflame, irritate. Also *intr.*, to 'burn' or be fired with desire. *Obs.*

c 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xviii. (*Egipciane*) 961 Quhene sick thocht can me schald. 1513 Douglas *Æneis* VII. vii. 10 The hyssy curis of Turnus mariage Skalding hir breist and mynd all in a rage. *Ibid.* XIII. vi. 104 In our [= over] ardent desyre Of the bargan he scaldit hait as fyre. 1595 Shaks. *John* V. vii. 49, I am scalded with my violent motion And spleene of speede, to see your Maiesty. 1629 Massinger *Roman Actor* IV. ii, Would not a secret..Scald you to keep it? 1667 Cotton *Scarron.* IV. 65 For which she did so scald and burn That none but he could serve her turn.

III. 8. *Glass-making.* [after It. *scaldare,* F. *échauder.*] *trans.* ? To bring to a certain heat.

1662 Merrett tr. *Neri's Art of Glass* 247 The Master workman, who..with his *ponteglo* sticks the Glass and scalds it. 1699 tr. *Blancourt's Art of Glass* iii. 27 With Blowing, Pressing, Scalding, Amplifying, and Cutting he forms it [glass] into what shape he pleases.

†‖ **Scaldaba·nco.** *Obs.* [a. obs. It. *scaldabanco,* f. *scaldare* to heat + *banco* bench.] A warm disputant or preacher.

a 1670 HACKET *Abp. Williams* II. (1693) 182 The Presbyterians, those Scalda-banco's, or hot Declamers, had wrought a great distast in the Commons at the King.

Sca·ld-berry. *dial.* [f. SCALD *sb.*[2] (see quot. 1838).] The bramble, *Rubus fruticosus.*

1726 THAELKELD *Syn. Stirpium Hib.* I. 5. 1750 W. ELLIS *Country Housewife's Comp.* 246 How to make Scald-berry Pies...Take ripe Scald-berries [etc.]. 1838 LOUDON *Arboretum* II. 743 The fruits..are called..scaldberries, from their supposed quality of giving scald heads to children.

Scald-crow. Also **scalte-, scale-, scaul-** (see also E.D.D.). [? f. SCALD *a.*[1]] A name in Ireland for the Hooded Crow (*Corvus cornix*). Also *fig.*

1834 LOVER *Leg. & Stor. Irel.* Ser. II. 281 That one is for that poor scaldcrow there,..little Fairly. 1863 KINGSLEY *Water-Bab.* vii. 268 All the other scaul-crows set upon her, and pecked her to death there and then. 1879 O'DONOVAN *Merv Oasis* (1882) I. i. 8 We tear along,..scaring dozens of white-backed scald-crows.

Scalded (skɔ̄·ldĕd), *ppl. a.*[1] [f. SCALD *v.* + -ED[1].] In various uses of SCALD *v.*

1494 *Act* 11 *Hen. VII*, c. 19 Pillows made of..scalded Feathers and dry pulled Feathers together. 1611 COTGR. s.v. *Chien*,..The scaulded dog feares enen colde water. 1648 G. DANIEL *Eclog.* iii. 158 Scalded palats, who have lost their tasts. 1796 MARSHALL *Rur. Econ. W. Eng.* I. 250 The cream thus raised is termed 'scalded cream', or 'clouted cream'. 1825 JAMIESON, *Scadded beer*, or *ale*, a drink made of hot beer or ale...*Scadded whey*, a dish..made by boiling whey on a slow fire, by which a great part of it coagulates into a curdy substance. 1885 R. BRIDGES *Nero* I. ii. 4 Treat her eyes To hide these scalded rings.

b. Inflamed or raw as if injured by hot water.

c 1450 *ME. Med. Bk.* (Heinrich) 76 For a man þat is scalded on his pintill [*v.r.* for a scaldid pintil]. 1818 *Art Pres. Feet* 206 The superabundant excretion produces langour and feebleness..; whilst the matter itself becomes so corrosive as to produce what is called scalded feet. 1846 J. BAXTER *Libr. Pract. Agric.* (ed. 4) II. 283 [In sheep] After the scalded parts have been rubbed off in the manner directed. 1851 H. STEPHENS *Bk. Farm* § 3751 Scalded heads.—Sheep are much infested in summer with flies [etc.].

†**Sca·lded,** *ppl. a.*[2] *Obs.* [f. SCALD *sb.*[2] + -ED.] = SCALD *a.*[1]

1508 KENNEDIE *Flyting w. Dunbar* 26 Pretendand the to wryte sic skaldit skrowis. *Ibid.* 37 Skaldit skaitbird. 1641 COWLEY *Guardian* v. vi, Give me the Periwig, boy. What? shall Empress Tabytha's husband go as if his head were scalded? *a* 1704 T. BROWN *Satire on Quack* Wks. 1730 I. 64 For scalded heads most learnedly advise.

Sca·lder, *sb.*[1] [f. SCALD *v.* + -ER[1].] One who scalds ponltry, vessels, etc.

1536 in *Househ. Ord.* (1790) 237 The said..Clerke shall see that the said Poultry shall be dayly put into the Scalder's hands. 1612 *MSS. Dk. Rutland* (1905) IV. 488 Paid to a scallder from London, 16 dayes at v. s. the day. *a* 1625 FLETCHER & MASSINGER *Elder Brother* II. iii. (1637) D 3 b, Ralph [the cook] there with his kitchin boyes and scalders.

†**Sca·lder,** *sb.*[2] [ad. mod.L. *scalder* (Olaus Wormius 1633), f. ON. *skálda* SKALD.] = SKALD.

1765 BLAIR in Macpherson *Ossian* (1785) II. 290 *note*, An extract, which Dr. Hicks has given from the work of one of the Danish Scalders. *Ibid.* 291 This Lodbrog was a king of Denmark,..and at the same time an eminent Scalder or poet. 1774 WARTON *Hist. Eng. Poetry* I. Diss. i. e 4 b, In the place of their old scalders a new rank of poets arose, called Gleemen or Harpers.

Scalder (skɔ̄·ldəɹ), *v. north. dial.* [? f. SCALD *v.* + -ER[5].] *trans.* To scald, scorch. Hence **Sca·ldered** *ppl. a.* (see quot. 1796).

1600 FAIRFAX *Tasso* XVIII. lxxxv. 332 The hardie Duke.. comforts those that from the scaldred hides, With water stroue th'approaching flames to chace. 1796 MARSHALL *Rur. Econ. Yorks.* (ed. 2) II. 341 *Scaldered*, chafed, blistered, or partially excoriated, whether by friction, hent, or corrosion. ..*Scalderings*, the under-burnt cores of stone lime: the surfaces of which peeling off, in scales or shells. 1804 R. ANDERSON *Cumbld. Ball.* 51, I..scawder'd my fit. 1876 *Whitby Gloss.*, *Scalder'd*, skin-chafed, leprous.

Sca·ld-fish. [app. f. SCALD *a.*[1]: see quot. 1812.] The smooth sole, *Pleuronectes arnoglossus.*

1812 PENNANT *Brit. Zool.* III. 325 *Pleuronectes arnoglossus*...The scales are so deciduous that the friction of the trawl alone is sufficient to remove them; when taken out of the net, they are usually..in that bare state which gives some propriety to the name they are known by of Scald-fish. 1836 [see MEGAIM[1]]. 1876 SMILES *Sc. Natur.* xvi. (ed. 4) 346.

Scald head, sca·ld-head. [SCALD *a.*[1]]

1. A person's head diseased with ringworm or some similar affection.

1546 J. HEYWOOD *Prov.* (1867) 49 A scalde head is soone broken. 1615 G. SANDYS *Trav.* 53 Meane of stature he was, & euill proportioned: hauing ener a scald head. *a* 1756 ELIZA HEYWOOD *New Present* (1771) 247 An infallible Remedy for a Scald Head. 1826 HOOD *Irish Schoolm.* xix, The Pedagogue, with sudden drub, Smites his scald head, that is already sore. 1882 *Jamieson's Sc. Dict.*, *Scaud-head*, *Scaut-head*, a head disfigured with patches of scrofula.

transf. 1808 MRS. KEMBLE *Day after Wedding* 12 I'll make you a toupee. I hate your scald-heads, all dragged up at the roots.

2. A popnlar term for tinea or other similar scalp affections.

1675 HAN. WOOLLEY *Gentlew. Comp.* 179 For a Scald head. Take a Candle, and let it drop upon it as hot as you can, in so doing it will scale off. 1725 *Bradley's Fam. Dict.* s.v., There are several sorts of Scald Heads, some resemble the Grains of Figs..; others are small bits of Flesh..and others are like Farinous Tetters. 1845 *Encycl. Metrop.* VII. 791/1 Porrigo is a generic term for an eruption of psydracious pustules, usually termed scald-head. 1871 NAPHEYS *Prev. & Cure Dis.* III. xiii. 1077 One of the forms of 'scald head'.

So **Scald-headed** *a.*, having a 'scald head'.

1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* III. vi, Is Royalty grown a mere wooden Scarecrow; whereon thou, pert scaldheaded crow, mayest alight at pleasure and peck? 1856 R. A. VAUGHAN *Mystics* I. III. iv. 103 Every humpbacked, one-eyed, scald-headed passenger had to pay a penny for each infirmity.

Scald-hot, *a. Obs.* exc. *dial.* Also 5 **schalde-, 9 scal-, scaul-.** [f. SCALD *v.* + HOT *a.* Cf. Sw. *skållhet*, Da. *skoldhed.*] Scalding hot.

c 1425 *St. Christina* vi. in *Anglia* VIII. 122/25 She poured scalde-hoot watir on þos membrys þat were harmles without-nuten. *a* 1500 *E. E. Misc.* (Warton Club) 89 Whanne hit is more than schalde-hote, drawe owte 3our fyre clene. 1858 N. HOGG *Poet. Lett.* (ed. 3) 52 Hur vaun thare wis zummat scal hot to hur caf. 1867 POOLE & BARNES *Gloss. Wexford*, *Scaul*, *Scald*, e. g. 'Scaul hoate', scalding hot.

Scaldic: see SKALDIC.

†**Sca·lding,** *sb.*[1] Chiefly *Sc. Obs.* Also 5 **skalding(g), scaldyn, 6 schalding, 6–7 scadling.** [? f. SCALD *a.* + -ING[1].] a. ? The carcass of a 'scald' sheep. b. A sheepskin of small valne, ? one taken from a 'scald' sheep.

a. 1302–3 *Sacrist Rolls Ely* (1907) II. 17 Pro ij carcos. bouum et iij scaldyngis missis Episcopo. 1338 in Dugdale *Monasticon* (1819) II. 585/1 Vitulina et ij. skaldynges.

b. 1429 *Rolls of Parlt.* IV. 352/1 A nail of Lambeswolle, is at the value of ix *d.* or x *d.*, and a shorlyng feel or scaldyng, at ob. or 1 *d.* the best. 1442 *Aberd. Reg.* (1844) I. 397 That na man by wall skynnis dernr than x d., schorlinges vi d., scaldynes iii d. 1538 *Ibid.* (MS.) XVI. (Jam.), Small wnwollit skynnis sic as hoyg schorlingis, scadlingis, and fuitfaill. 1661 *Sc. Acts Chas. II* (1820) VII. 253/2 Fuifells & skaldings.

Sca·lding, *sb.*[2] *Hist.* (In 7–8 often erron. **stalding.**) [Cf. OF. *eskallin, escalin, escarlin* (13–14th c.): see ESCALINE.] A Flemish coin introduced into England and Ireland in the 13th century.

[*c* 1285 in *Cal. Doc. rel. Frel.* (1879) III. 8 The bishop [of Waterford, Stephen de Fulborn]..caused new money to be made. It was called Scalding, Bishop's money, or Stephening, from the name of the bishop.] 1605 CAMDEN *Rem.* (1623) 176 Rosaries, Stepings, and Staldings. 1716 M. DAVIES *Athen. Brit.* III. 78 Pollards, Crocards, Staldings. 1866 ROGERS *Agric. & Prices* I. xi. 178 A considerable circulation of Flemish coins..was effected in England at the close of the thirteenth century. These pieces went by the name of Pollards, Crockards, Scaldings, Brabants, Eagles [etc.].

Sca·lding, *vbl. sb.* [f. SCALD *v.* + -ING[1].]

1. The act of burning with hot fluid or steam. Also, † a scalded part.

1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* XVII. cxix. (1495) 682 The ryude of the plane helpyth to ease scaldyng and brennynge yf it is layed therto. 1526 *Grete Herball* cxix. (1529) H j b, Lay it vpon the scaldynge with a feder, and it wyll heale. 1578 LYTE *Dodoens* I. lxxxi. 121 The wilde Mulleyne stamped, is good to be layde vpon burnings and scaldings. 1605 SHAKS. *Lear* IV. vi. 131 There's hell,..there is the sulphurous pit; burning, scalding, stench. 1694 [see SANABLE 2]. 1742 tr. *Heister's Surg.* (1768) I. 240 The Burns..which are occasioned by boiling Liquors (which we call Scalding).

b. *transf.* A hot sensation as of scalding.

1597 GERARDE *Herbal* III. xxxviii. 1174 The same is good.. against frettings of the bladder, and scalding of the vrine. 1709 *Brit. Apollo* No. 44. 2/2 A Scalding i' th' Urine.

†c. Inflamed or sore condition. (Cf. SCALDED[1] b.)

c 1450 *ME. Med. Bk.* (Heinrich) 76 Pro le scaldynge virge quod vocatur apegalle. 1597 GERARDE *Herbal* II. cccxiv. 745 Good medicines..for vlcerations and scaldings in the priuie parts.

d. *Horticulture.* Injury done to plants by the sun's heat after watering.

1882 *Garden* 11 Mar. 169/2 The stem leaves..which are subject to scalding, should never be syringed on bright mornings. 1890 *Daily News* 12 Sept. 2/3 There have been heavy dews and fogs, and as these have been followed by hot sun, it has caused what is known as scalding [in hops].

2. The use of boiling or hot liquid in the preparation of the carcasses of animals, etc. for food; the use of hot lotions (in farriery); the partial boiling of milk, etc.; a quantity of liquid thus heated.

139. *Earl Derby's Exp.* (Camden) 65/1 Pro skaldyng porcorum et porcellorum. *c* 1400 *Rom. Rose* 6820 Without scaldyng they hem pull. 1487 *Act* 4 *Hen. VII* c. 3 The Slaughter of Beasts, and Scalding of Swine, had and done in the Butchery. 1753 J. BARTLET *Gentl. Farriery* xxxi. 260 The manner of scalding is first to clean the abscess well with a piece of sponge dipped in vinegar; then put a sufficient quantity of the mixture into a ladle with a spout, and when it is made scalding hot, pour it into the abscess. 1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.*, *Scalding*, a. The last boiling or bucking of cloth with white soap after bleaching. b. The soap itself. 1882 *Jamieson's Sc. Dict.* s.v. *Scaudin*, 'I'll hae anither scaudin o' whey the day.'..' That's a big scaudin o' milk ye hae.'

b. *pl.* Scalding hot liquid. *To cry scaldings*: see quot. 1867.

1748 SMOLLETT *Rod. Rand.* xxv, He carried off a large wooden platter, and..returned with it full of boiled pease, crying 'scaldings' all the way. 1839 J. SNOWE *Leg. Rhine* I. 104 This temerarions lad was wont now and then to fling scaldings over him. 1867 SMYTH *Sailor's Word-bk.*, *Scaldings!*, notice to get out of the way; it is used when a man with a load wishes to pass, and would lead those in his way to think that he was carrying hot water. 1878 H. C. ADAMS *Wykehamica* xxiii. 432.

3. *attrib.* (See also SCALDING-HOUSE.)

1608 H. CLAPHAM *Errour Left Hand* 34 The Pope hath a mighty allowance annually from the Courtizans scalding-tubs. 1753 J. BARTLET *Gentl. Farriery* xxxi. 259 Some make their scalding mixture milder. 1805 R. W. DICKSON *Pract. Agric.* II. 1023 The outside of the dairy or scalding-room. 1831 YOUATT *Horse* ix. 153 In extreme cases [of poll-evil], even the scaldiog mixture of the farrier may be called into requisition.

Scalding (skɔ̄·ldiŋ), *ppl. a.* [-ING[2].]

1. That scalds; scalding hot.

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 246 Þeo þet beoð wiðinnen heldeð schaldinde water ut, & werieð so þe walles. 1481 CAXTON *Reynard* xlii. (Arb.) 113 The cook..toke a grete bolle full of scaldyng water, and caste it on his hyppes behynde. 1590 MARLOWE *2nd Pt. Tamburl.* III. v, Searing thy hateful flesh with burning irons and drops of scalding lead. 1641 J. JACKSON *True Evang. T.* I. 27 He had caused him to be thrown into a Caldron of scalding oyle. 1755 HALES in *Phil. Trans.* XLIX. I. 339 To give the milk a scalding heat. 1816 SCOTT *Antiq.* xiv, He..drinks his tea scalding. 1853 KANE *Grinnell Exp.* xxx. (1856) 260 Some sugared cranberries, with a little butter and scalding water, and you have an impromptu strawberry ice.

†b. Of the sea, etc. [rendering L. *torrens*]: Boiling, seething. Also *subst.* = TORRENT. *Obs.*

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 20882 Apon þe skaldand see he [*sc.* St. Peter] yede. *a* 1300 *E. E. Psalter* cxxiii. 5 Oure saule over-fare scaldand. *Ibid.* cxxv. 4 Turne, Laverd, our wrecchednesse, Als skaldand in south esse. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* VI. iv. 59 Schaldand hellis flude, Flagiton.

†c. Of fire, the sun, etc.: Scorching. *Obs.*

1500–20 DUNBAR *Poems* xxvi. 23 Mony prowd trumpour with him trippit Throw skaldand fyre. 1577 tr. *Bullinger's Decades* II. ix. 210 Least..hee happ to fall into the scalding lyme kill. 1596 SHAKS. 3 *Hen. VI*, v. vii. 18 In Summers scalding heate. 1621 BURTON *Anat. Mel.* II. ii. III. 335 Built, with high houses, narrow streets, to keep out these scaulding beames. 1697 DRYDEN *Virg. Georg.* IV. 32 The Banks of Brooks will make a cool retreat For the raw Soldiers from the scalding Heat. 1707 MORTIMER *Husb.* 63 They fallow it when the Sun is pretty high, which they call a scalding fallow. 1720 DE FOE *Capt. Singleton* vi. (1840) 98 A scalding sand, which..drove about in clouds.

2. *transf.* and *fig.* Prodncing an effect or sensation like that of scalding. a. Of tears, etc.

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 246 Worpeð ut uppon him schaldinde teares. 1591 SYLVESTER *Du Bartas* I. i. (1621) 13 He, that in Sommer,..Scorched all day in his owne scalding sweat. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* X. 556 Parcht with scalding thurst. 1715 POPE *Iliad* II. 331 He..From his vile Visage wip'd the scalding Tears. 1829 *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 3) V. 469 [Paruria] Ardens. Scalding strangury. 1856 DOVE *Logic Chr. Faith* v. i. § 2. 293 Where is the eye that has forgotten its scalding agonies. 1886 HALL CAINE *Son of Hagar* III. xix, Greta ..wept scalding tears.

†b. Of desire, etc.: Burning, hot, fervent. *Obs.*

c 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xxxvi. (*Baptista*) 81 In skaldand word luf god sal þay. *c* 1400 *Sc. Trojan War* II. 1674 A blynd fulische desyre..to pass into þar land With eger willis and scaldand. 1589 GREENE *Menaphon* (Arb.) 34 To breath out scalding sighes smothered within the fornace of his thoughts.

†c. Of utterances: Caustic, stinging. *Obs.*

1641 J. JACKSON *True Evang. T.* I. 74 Our venomous and scalding words, which burne like coals of Juniper.

Scalding hot, *a.* Also 4 **scladeng.** [f. SCALDING *vbl. sb.* + HOT *a.*] Hot enough to scald.

1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) I. 259 Þeryn he gadereth water and hete þ it in his rennynge scladeng [*sic*; *Caxton* skaldyng] hoot. *c* 1430 *Two Cookery-bks.* 17 Whan þe Mylke his skaldyng hote, caste þe stuf þer-to. 1610 HOLLAND *Camden's Brit.* 233 They [*sc.* springs at Bath] are in maner skalding hote. 1707 MORTIMER *Husb.* 566 Put your first Wort into the Copper again, make it scalding hot. 1816 SCOTT *Old Mort.* xxxvi, Keep your ain breath to cool your ain porridge—ye'll find them scalding hot, I promise you. 1869 TOZER *Highl. Turkey* II. 302 A scalding-hot steam. *fig.* 1562 COOPER *Answ. Priv. Masse* iii. 14 b, Your scaulding hatte and firebourning charitee. 1679 ALSOP *Melius Inq.* Introd. 29 There's more danger of being lukewarm in Reforming than scalding-hot.

Sca·lding-house. [f. SCALDING *vbl. sb.* + HOUSE *sb.*[1]] A room in which utensils or the carcasses of animals are scalded.

1421 *Cov. Leet Bk.* 32 Allso-sone as the skaldyng-house.. be full fynyshid and redy that they skald þer swyne in the same house. 1577–87 HOLINSHED *Chron.* III. 920/1 In the scalding house, a yeoman and two groomes. 16.. MASSINGER, etc. *Old Law* III. ii. (1656) 39 And my three Court Codlings that looke parboyld, As if they came from Cupids scalding house. 1688 R. HOLME *Armoury* IV. xii. (Roxb.) 499/2 The Skalding house. 1805 R. W. DICKSON *Pract. Agric.* I. 56 The milk-house, the scalding and pressing house, and the salting-house.

†b. *fig.* Euphemistically for: Hell. *Obs.*

1549 LATIMER *7th Serm. bef. Edw. VI* (Arb.) 205 Even in the skaldinge house, in the vgsomnes of the place. *Ibid.* 208 You are lyke to go [to] ye Scalding house, and ther you shal haue two dishes, wepynge and goashinge of teeth.

‖ **Scaldino** (skaldī·no). [It., f. *scaldare* to warm.] A small earthen brazier, used in Italy.

1866 HOWELLS *Venetian Life* iii. 35 The *scaldino* is a small pot of glazed earthenware, having an earthen bale: with this handle passed over the arm, and the pot full of bristling charcoal, [etc.]. 1873 'OUIDA' *Pascarel* II. 23 She sat opposite me,..toasting her feet on an earthen *scaldino.*

†**Sca·ldness.** *Obs.* [f. SCALD *a.* + -NESS.] Scabbiness.

1527 ANDREW *Brunswyke's Distyll. Waters* T iij b, The same water heleth the scaldoes of the hede. 1562 TURNER *Herbal* II. 112 Radish..filleth vp with heyre agayne the places that were bared with scaldnes.

†**Sca·ldrag.** *Obs.* [f. SCALD *v.* + RAG *sb.*[1]] One who scalds or boils rags: a nickname for a dyer.

1630 J. TAYLOR (Water P.) *Wks.* II. 165 To cal a Justice of the Peace, a Beadle; a Dyer, a Scaldragge.

Scaldricks: see SKELLOCK, wild mustard.

†**Sca·ldry.** *Sc. Obs.* [? f. *scald*, Sc. form of SCOLD *sb.* + -RY.] Abusive speech.

1502–3 *Burgh Rec. Edin.* (1869) 97 Personis convict for flyting and scaldrie.

Sca·ldweed. = SCALD *sb.*[2] 5. 1866 in *Treas. Bot.*

†**Sca·ldy,** *a.*[1] *Obs. rare* −°. [f. SCALD *a.* + -Y.] Scalled.

1598 FLORIO, *Tegnoso*, scaldie, or scurfie, having a sore head.

Scaldy (skɔ̄·ldi), *a.*[2] *local.* [f. SCALD *sb.*[3] + -Y.] Of land: Containing 'scalds' (see SCALD *sb.*[3] 4); easily affected by drought.

1898 RIDER HAGGARD *Farmer's Year* (1899) 64 A good but rather scaldy piece of land. 1899 — *Rural Eng.* 366 Forty-four coombs of oats..not a bad return from this scaldy soil.

Scale (skēl), *sb.*[1] Forms: *α.* 3– **scale**; also 4–7, 9 **skale**, 5 **skaylle**, 9 **scaile**, **skail**. *β.* 3–7 (9 *dial.*) **scole**, 3, 6–7 **scoale**, 6–7 **skole**, 7 **scoal**, **acowle**, **skoal**(e. [a. ON. *skál* str. fem., bowl, *pl.* (weighing) scales (Sw. *skål*, Da. *skaal*: cf. SKOAL) = OHG. *scâla* (MHG. *schâle*, mod.G. *schale*):—OTeut. **skēlā*, ablaut-var. of **skalā*, whence OE. *sceala* shell, husk, drinking cup, weighing scale (see SHALE *sb.*[1]), OHG. *scala* shell, husk (MHG., mod.G. *schale*); the quantity of the vowel is doubtful in OS. *skala* cup, and in the ODu. antecedent of MDu. *schale* (Du. *schaal*), though it is probable that in Da. as in Ger. two original forms, *skâla* cup, scales, and *skāla* husk, shell, have become phonetically coincident. For the OE. *sceala* the inflexion appears to attest the short vowel in all the senses. The WGer. **skâla* (:—OTeut. **skælā*, *skalā*) passed into OF. as *eschale*, *escale* cup (med.L. *scala* 'patera'), also husk (mod.F. *écale*). For the Teut. root **skel-*: *skal-*: *skēl-* to separate, divide, cf. SHALE, SHELL, SKILL. See also SKELE.

Between the first quarter of the 13th c. and the 16th c. the *α* forms (containing the vowel *a*) represent the northern pronunciation, the *β* forms being midland and southern. In the 16th c., however, the northern *scale* seems to have found its way into the London dialect, being used by Palsgrave and later by Spenser and Shaks. In the 17th c. *scale* is the prevailing literary form, though *scole* (with other equivalent spellings) occasionally appears down to the middle of the century.]

†**I. 1.** A drinking-bowl or cup. *Obs.*

α. *c* 1205 LAY. 5368 Ælc mon nom an honde ane scale [*c* 1275 scele] of rede golde. *Ibid.* 14965 Heo fulde hir scale of wine. 1390–1 *Earl Derby's Exp.* (Camden) 100/21 Vasa Argentea...pro vj skales argenteis. *c* 1460 *Towneley Myst.* xii. 249 Ye hold long the skayll, Now lett me go to. *c* 1475 *Cath. Angl.* (Addit. MS.) 320/2 A Scale of Ale. 1511–12 *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 662 Pro 4 dd. Ciphorum et 2 dd. Scalez. 1616 in *N. Riding Rec.* (1884) II. 118 Geo. Smales [presented] for..selling ale in scales and pottes not sealed. ?*a* 1800 *Jolly Hind's Squire* xi. in Child *Ballads* (1884) I. 429 There's ale into the birken scale, Wine in the horn green.

β. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 214 A dischs ine his one hond, & a scoale [*v.rr.* schale, skale] in his oðer. *c* 1275 LAY. 1180 Ane scole he bar an honde al of rede golde milc was in þe scole. 13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* B. 1145 A bassyn, a bolle, oþer a scole.

II. Apparatus for weighing.

2. The pan, or each of the pans, of a balance. Also *fig.* †*To hold scale with*: to balance, to equal in weight.

a. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xxii. (*Laurentius*) 739 Quhene we wald in skale put don his ewil consawit suspicione..& in-to þe tothyre skale his gud dedis ware al hale. *c* 1440 *Alphabet of Tales* 349 In þe to skale it weyed more þan all þat evur þai cuthe put in þe toder skale. 1483 *Cath. Angl.* 320/2 A Scale of a balan, *lanx*. 1590 SHAKS. *Mids. N.* III. ii. 132 Your vowes to her, and me, (put in two scales) Will euen weigh, and both as light as tales. 1604 — *Oth.* I. iii. 331 If the braine of our liues had not one Scale of Reason, to poize another of Sensualitie. 1654 AMBROSE *Ultima* 193 This one sinne of refusing Christ may perhaps hold scale with the united horrours of all the rest whatsoever. 1687 DRYDEN *Hind & P.* II. 624 Till when, your weights will in the balance fail A Church unprincipled kicks up the Scale. 1713 STEELE *Englishm.* No. 55. 355 [They] made their Court by throwing themselves into the Scale of unlimited Loyalty. 1770 BURKE *Pres. Discont.* Wks. II. 306 In a contest..where nothing can be put into their scale which is not taken from ours. 1842 *Penny Cycl.* XXII. 192/1 They [*sc.* the soils] are..placed in opposite scales of a balance, and poised. 1859 TENNYSON *Geraint* 525 While slowly falling as a scale that falls, When weight is added only grain by grain. 1860 L. HARCOURT *Diaries G. Rose* I. 179 He..would, Brennus-like, have thrown his sword into the scale of liberty. 1868 BROWNING *Ring & Bk.* v. 474 This time 'twas my scale quietly kissed the ground, Mere rank against mere wealth.

β. *c* 1440 *Jacob's Well* 4 Whanne þis smal precyous ston was leyd in a scole, it was so heuy, þat no-thing leyd in þe oþer scole, was it neuere so heuy, myȝte weyin it vp. 1594 T. B. *La Primaud. Fr. Acad.* II. 183 The skoles in a payre of balance. 1601 SIR W. CORNWALLIS *Ess.* II. xxvi. Of Iustice, which being the very soule and life of gouernment is oft time compelled to help the lightest scoale with her finger. 1611 COTGR., *Bassin d'vne balance*, the scowle of a balance. 1648 WILKINS *Math. Magic* I. iii. 16 Both the scoles being empty shall hang in æquilibrio.

3. *pl.* (†In 16th c. rarely construed as *sing.*). A weighing instrument; *esp.* one (often called *a pair of scales*) consisting of a beam which is pivoted at its middle and at either end of which a dish, pan, board, or slab is suspended. Also *fig.*

α. 1480 *Wardrobe Acc. Edw. IV* (Nicolas 1830) 131, Standisshes with weightes and scales iij. 1530 PALSGR. 182 *Vnes belances*, a payre of balans or scales to wey with. 1583 GOLDING *Calvin on Deut.* xciv. 56 Wee must not wey our own woorkes in our owne scales. 1592 SHAKS. *Rom. & Jul.* I. ii. 101 In that Christall scales, let there be waid, Your Ladies loue against some other Maid. 1693 BENTLEY *Boyle Lect.* viii. 4 If we consider the Dignity of an Intelligent Being, and put that in the scales against brute inanimate Matter. 1697 FLOYER *Eng. Baths* Pref. c 5 By Sanctorius's Scales he found the Body to weigh less after bathing in cold Water. 1719 D'URFEY *Pills* III. 83 Their Scales were false, their Weights were light. 1831 SCOTT *Ct. Rob.* ii, The goddess who had inclined the scales of battle in favour of Theodosius. 1878 YEATS *Techn. Hist. Comm.* 117 Public scales, at which citizens could weigh their corn food. 1884 LOWELL *Democracy* (1887) 42 In the scales of the destinies brawn will never weigh so much as brain.

β. 1535 COVERDALE *Ezek.* v. 1 Then take the scoales and the waigbt, and deuyde the hayre a sunder. 1571 GOLDING *Calvin on Ps.* xxvii. 1 As it were weying in a pair of skoles, whatsoever power is in the world and in hel. 1647 WARD *Simp. Cobler* 38 A sin..that seemes small in the common beame of the world, may be very great in the scoales of his Sanctuary. *a* 1825 FORBY *Voc. E. Anglia, Scoles*, pl. scales.

b. as an attribute of Justice.

1593 SHAKS. 2 *Hen. VI*, II. i. 204 And poyse the Cause in Iustice equall Scales, Whose Beame stands sure. 1604 [see BAKER 1]. 1610 G. FLETCHER *Christ's Vict.* x, In one hand a paire of euen scoals she [Justice] weares. 1861 A. LEIGHTON *Storied Trad. Sc. Life* Ser. II. 71 We have left the heart-broken Ailsie suspended in the upper scale of justice.

c. *To hold the scales even* or *equally*: to judge impartially. (Cf. 4 b.)

1648 EARL OF WESTMORELAND *Otia Sacra* 118 [The King of Heaven] in his hands the Skoals doth hold so even, That [etc.]. 1692 DRYDEN *Eleonora* 108 Equally the scales to hold Betwixt the two extremes of hot and cold.

4. *sing.* = *pl.* (sense 3). Often *fig.*, esp. in *To turn the scale*: said of an excess of weight on one side or the other.

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 449/2 Scole, to wey wythe,..*libra, balanx*. 1596 SHAKS. *Merch. V.* IV. i. 330 If the scale doe turne But in the estimation of a hayre. *a* 1625 FLETCHER *Nice Valour* I. i. (1647) 149 As even as the thirteenth of September, When day and night lye in a scale together. 1627 SPEED *England* xxiv. § 3 The Victor in Rome..with so equal an hand bare the Scoale of Resistance, that their owne Writers evermore terme it a dangerous Warre. 1674 HICKMAN *Quinquart. Hist.* (ed. 2) 137 He is..afraid to come either to the pole or to the scale; either to weigh, or to number authorities with us. 1720 DE FOE *Capt. Singleton* vii. (1840) 119 We had..three pound and a half..according to..weight and scale. 1814 SCOTT *Ld. of Isles* III. x, And if my words in weight shall fail, This ponderous sword shall turn the scale. 1861 FLOR. NIGHTINGALE *Nursing* (ed. 2) 41 When the scale was trembling between life and death. 1888 BRYCE *Amer. Commw.* I. v. 62 The odd man whose casting vote would turn the scale as between the seven republican members of the Commission and the seven Democrats. 1902 *Daily Chron.* 7 Oct. 5/3 A cargo of Welsh coal..was put on the scale to-day at fifteen dollars per ton.

b. *Equal, even scale* (poet.): a just balance; also, a condition of equilibrium or indecision.

1602 SHAKS. *Ham.* I. ii. 13 In equall Scale weighing Delight and Dole. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* VI. 245 Long time in eeven scale The Battel hung. 1673 — *P. R.* II. 173 Belial, in much uneven scale thou weigh'st All others by thy self. 1732 J. HAMMOND *Love Elegies* xi. 6 'Tis Gold o'erturns the even Scale of Life. 1781 COWPER *Table T.* 251 Kind Providence..weighs the nations in an even scale.

c. *spec.* in *Racing. Clerk of the Scales*: the official who weighs the jockeys, etc. *To ride* or *go to scale*: (of a jockey) to ride to the weighing-room before or after the race.

a 1837 [APPERLEY] *Turf* (1852) 37 Wright is..a steady.. rider, and comes light to the scale. 1856 'STONEHENGE' *Brit. Rural Sports* 364 In Catch Weights any person can ride without going to scale. 1857 G. A. LAWRENCE *Guy Liv.* iv, He would have dismounted before riding to scale, and so lost the stakes. 1877 SAYLES *Law of Racing* 52 A horse shall not be qualified to run..unless his name has been notified as a starter to the clerk of the scales. 1894 SIR J. ASTLEY *Fifty Yrs. Life* II. 201, I..could go to scale about 14 sts. 7 lb.

5. *Astr.* (*pl.* and †*sing.*) The sign of Libra. Chiefly *poet.*

1631 HEYWOOD *London's Jus Hon.* B j b, Sayle By the signe Libra, that Celestiall scale. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* x. 676 By Leo and the Virgin and the Scales. 1687 DRYDEN *Hind & P.* III. 505 The Sun, already from the Scales declined. 1847 BARHAM *Ingol. Leg.* Ser. III. *The Truants* iii, They filled the Scales with sulphur full, They halloed the Dog-Star on at the Bull.

6. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *scale balance, baroscope, instrument, maker*; **scale-beam**, (*a*) = BEAM *sb.*[1] 6; (*b*) a weighing instrument of the steelyard kind; **scale-box**, a box to contain a pair of scales; **scale-pan**, either of the dishes or pans of a balance.

1809 J. HUTCHINSON (*title*) The Spirometer, the Stethoscope, and *Scale-Balance. *a* 1691 BOYLE *Hist. Air* (1692) 97 Bringing the *Scale-Baroscope to an exact equilibrium. 1723 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 6172/10 William White.., *Scalebeam-maker. 1789 C. CLARKE (*title*) A new Complete System of Weights and Measures,..with considerable Improvements on the Scale-Beam. 1884 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.* Suppl. 782/1 The scale beam was still further relieved by the fifth lever. 1708 S. SEWALL *Diary* 23 June (1879) II. 226 They..fin'd Mr. Tho. Banister..10*s*. Breach of the peace for throwing the pots and *Scale-box at the maid. 1881 *Instr. Census Clerks* (1885) 81 Scale Box Maker. *a* 1691 BOYLE *Hist. Air* (1692) 98 Taking out my *scale-instrument, it appears to weigh precisely a drachm. 1758 *Rep. Comm. Weights & Meas.* 57 They make use of single Weights made by their present *Scale-maker, Mr. Freeman, and his Father, who was likewise Scale-maker to the Mint. 1894 *Daily News* 26 Feb. 7/1 Mr. Thomas Avery, formerly head of the well-known firm of scale-makers. 1830 KATER & LARDNER *Mech.* xxi. 289 Place a weight in each *scale-pan.

Scale (skēl), *sb.*[2] Forms: 4– **scale**; also 4–7 **skale** (4 **scaale**, 5 **scalle**, **skaylle**, 6 **skaile**, 7 **scail**, 8 **skeal**, 9 **scal**, **skail**, **skeel**). [aphetic a. OF. *escale* (12th c.), mod.F. *écale* husk, pod, chip of stone:—OTeut. **skalā* (see SCALE *sb.*[1], SHALE *sb.*). OF. had also *escaille* (13th c.), mod.F. *écaille* scale of fish, shell of oyster, etc. = It. *scaglia* :—Romanic (also med.L.) *scalia*, a. OTeut. **skaljā* (see SHELL *sb.*) from the same root; this is perh. the source of some of the ME. spellings.]

1. One of the small thin membranous or horny outgrowths or modifications of the skin in many fishes and reptiles, and some mammals, usually overlapping, and forming a complete covering for the body. Also applied to the minute structures forming the covering of the wings of butterflies, etc.

13.. *Guy Warw.* (A.) 7161 Þe smallest scale þat on him [*sc.* a dragon] is No wepen no may atame. *c* 1381 CHAUCER *Parl. Foules* 189 Smale fischis lite With fynnys rede & skalis syluyr bryȝte. 14.. *Sir Beues* (M.) 2478 Upon the dragon he smote so fast, Where euer he hit, the skales brast. 1549 *Compl. Scotl.* vi. 37, I beheld the pretty fische ..vitht..there skalis lyik the brycht siluyr. 1604 E. G[RIMSTONE] *D'Acosta's Hist. Indies* IV. 313 Those which they call Armadillos are [defended] by the multitude of their scales. 1611 COTGR., *Tablette*,..the scales of a Hawks legs. 1743 H. BAKER *Microsc.* (ed. 2) 172 The Cuticula, Scarf-Skin, or outward Covering, of the Body, is remarkable for its Scales and for its Pores. 1784 COWPER *Task* II. 324 Leviathan..Turns to the stroke his adamantine scales. 1826 KIRBY & SP. *Entomol.* III. 389 A vertical flat scale, observable on the footstalk of the genus *Formica*, &c. *Ibid.* 646 The gorgeous wings of these universal favourites [the Lepidoptera]..owe all their beauty..to an infinite number of little plumes or scales. 1834 MCMURTRIE *Cuvier's Anim. Kingd.* 186 Batrachians have neither scales nor shell; a naked skin invests their body. 1884 DAY *Commercial Sea Fishes* 9 Scales may take on many characters, as denticles in the sharks, osseous plates in sturgeons.

b. *collect. sing.*

14.. *Sir Beues* (M.) 2537 Under the skale al nn hyght The dragons hede he smote of rygbt. 1665 HOOKE *Microgr.* 184 The leggs..were all of them cover'd with a strong hairy scale or shel. 1820 SHELLEY *Prometh. Unb.* IV. 304 The anatomies of unknown winged things, And fishes which were isles of living scale. 1843 MARRYAT *M. Violet* xliv, Its body is covered with scale so hard as to be impenetrable. 1880 F. FRANCIS *Angling* ix. (ed. 5) 306 They all began to change their scales and assume the silvery salmon scale.

†**c.** Used for: Kind or genus *of* fish. *Obs.*

1585 JAS. I *Ess. Poesie* (Arb.) 72 The Seas (which dyners skaile Of fish conteuis).

†**d.** *transf.* ? Surface, outside. *Obs.*

13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* A. 1005 Þe emerade..so grene of scale.

2. One of the small laminæ of epidermis which become detached from the tissue beneath in certain diseases of the skin; †hence, applied with or without qualification to various skin diseases.

(Cf. SCALL, with which it was probably confused in ME.)

14.. *Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 585/25 *Furfura*, the scales of the hede or berde. 14.. *Nom.* ibid. 675/33 *Hec glabra*, a scale. *c* 1450 in *Vicary's Anat.* (1888) App. IX. 228 His syght shall neuer fale, And heles of torne-seke, and of scale. 1597 GERARDE *Herbal* I. xxiv. 34 The ashes of them mixed with vineger helpeth the scales and scurfe of the head. 1609 MARKHAM *Famous Whore* (1868) 30 Of french disease, of Leprous cureless skale. 1685 JAS. COOKE *Marrow Chirurg.* VI. ix. (ed. 4) 214 The Cuticula [in Scarlet-fever] falling off in Scales or great Fleaks. 1818–20 E. THOMPSON *Cullen's Nosologia* (ed. 3) 319 *Lepidosis.*—Scales. 1829 *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 3) III. 27 The spots fall off in branny scales. 1876 DUHRING *Dis. Skin* 48 Scales are dry, laminated masses of epidermis which have separated from the tissues beneath.

3. A part (e. g. a husk) that may be peeled off or detached in flakes; a comparatively thin plate, lamina, or flake of any kind.

In Surgery, *scale* is used for 'an exfoliated lamina of bone'; in Anatomy for 'a thin scale-like bone'.

1555 EDEN *Decades* (Arb.) 131 An other frute browght from those landes beinge full of scales and with keys much lyke a pine apple. 1594 BLUNDEVIL *Exerc.* III. i. viii. 141 The skales of an Onion. 1611 CORYAT *Crudities* 363 [Hemp stripped] by certaine wooden instruments..that do very easily seuer the stranne from the scale. 1632 SHERWOOD s. v., Little scales of broken bones. 1739 SHARP *Surg.* Introd. 45 Every scale of a carious Bone is flung off by new Flesh generated between it and the sound Bone. 1759 MILLER *Gard. Dict.* s. v. *Pirus*, The rigid Scale of the Cone. 1852 *Amer. Jrnl. Sci.* Ser. II. XIV. 277 Iridosmine from the same locality occurs in lead-colored scales. 1875 *Encycl. Brit.* III. 707/2 (*Birds*) The main part of the frontal bone, covering the *hemisphere*, is a convex radiating scale. 1901 *Scotsman* 18 Sept. 7/8 The gold..was found in nuggets and scales.

†**b.** A slate. (Cf. SKAILLIE.) *Obs. rare* −°.

c 1481 CAXTON *Dialogues* 40 *Decailles de tieulles*, With skaylles with tyles.

c. The tartar that collects on the teeth.

1594 [see SCALY *a.* 1]. 1874 SALTER *Dental Pathol. & Surg.* xxiv. 321 It [*sc.* salivary calculus] frequently affects a single tooth..in the form of a fast-growing scale.

d. *Bot.* A flattened, membranous, more or less circular plate of cellular tissue, usually a rudimentary or degenerate leaf, as the covering of leaf-buds of deciduous trees, the bracts of catkins, etc.

1776 J. LEE *Introd. Bot.* Explan. Terms 387 *Stipula*, a Scale at the Base of the Footstalk which it supports. 1787 tr. *Linnæus' Fam. Plants* I. 203 Nectaries five: each with an hearted concave scale. 1801 *Med. Jrnl.* V. 395 Lime-trees of America; petals provided with a scale, at their basis. 1830 LINDLEY *Nat. Syst. Bot.* 292 Flowers [of the Grass tribe] consisting of imbricated bracteæ, of which.. the innermost at the base of the ovarium [are called] scales. 1856 DELAMER *Fl. Gard.* 130 The undeveloped flower-buds

are protected by membranous scales. 1884 Bower & Scott *De Bary's Phaner.* 93 The glandular scales of the Hop.

e. A mollusc of the genus *Terebratula* (†*Anomia*).

1784 G. Walker *Boys' Coll. Shells* 22 *Anomia.* The Scale. *Anomia Squammula.* The scale anomia.

f. The protective covering of insects of the family *Coccidæ*, which remains when they die and protects the eggs and afterwards the young beneath it; hence, = *scale-insect*; also, the diseased condition of plants caused thereby.

1822 *Trans. Hort. Soc.* (1826) VI. 117 Directions for destroying the Bug and Scale on Pine-apple plants. 1850 *Hooker's Jrnl. Bot.* II. 353 The 'Brown Scale' or Coccus, so injurious to the Coffee-plants in Ceylon. *Ibid.* 356 The number of eggs contained in one of these scales is prodigious. 1882 *Garden* 18 Feb. 117/1 Pines are subject to the attacks of mealy bug and brown and white scale. 1906 Marlatt (*title*) San Jose or Chinese Scale.

4. Taken (after *Acts* ix. 18) as a type of that which causes blindness (physical or moral).

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 19691 Skales fell fra his [*sc.* Saul's] eien a-wai, And had his sight forth fra þat dai. 1382 Wyclif *Acts* ix. 18 And anon ther felden from his yȝen as scalis [Vulg. *tanquam squamæ*; Gr. *ὡσεὶ λεπίδες*], and he receyuede siȝt. [So in later versions.] 1611 Bible *Transl. Pref.* ¶ 17 Hee remoueth the scales from our eyes, the vaile from our hearts. 1629 Sir W. Mure *True Crucifixe* 971 The skailes of darknesse which our eyes be-night. 1701 Stanhope *Aug. Medit.* III. xv. 236 Command the Scales of my old Errors to fall off. 1732 W. Ellis *Pract. Farmer* II. 20, I hope in time the Scales will be taken off the Eyes of the Landlord's Mind. 1896 N. Munro *Lost Pibroch*, etc. 83 One may look at a person for years and not see the reality till a scale falls from the eyes.

5. orig. *pl.* but now usually *collect. sing.* The film of oxide which forms on iron or other metal when heated and hammered or rolled.

1526 *Grete Herball* clxx. (1529) K v b, The scales of yren ..is that yᵗ fleeth of the yren whan it is forged. 1611 Cotgr., *Escaille d'acier, de bronze, d'erain, de fer*, &c.; the Offalls of Steele, &c.; the skales that fly from them when they are hammered. 1796 Kirwan *Elem. Min.* (ed. 2) II. 417 The Iron scales of a Smith's forge. 1800 tr. *Lagrange's Chem.* II. 100 Copper, in the state of scales, is not completely oxidated. 1831 J. Holland *Manuf. Metal* I. 284 The act of forging produces a strong scale or coating which is spread over the whole of the blade [of the razor]. 1864 Percy *Metall., Iron & Steel* 21 It is this oxide which is known as iron scale, or hammer slag. 1880 Jefferies *Hodge & M.* II. 72 As blow follows blow the red-hot 'scale' driven from the surface of the iron on the anvil by the heavy sledge, flies rattling against the window in a spray of fire.

b. *Salt-making.* An incrustation of dirt or lime on the pan bottoms. **c.** The hard deposit or 'fur' which gathers in boilers and other vessels in which water is habitually heated. (Rarely *pl.*)

1848 *Knapp's Chem. Technol.* I. 269 Some [brown scum] attaches itself to the bottom of the [salt] pans (the scale). 1875 Knight *Dict. Mech.* [Of steam-boilers]. 1881 *Metal World* No. 18. 280 It is absolutely essential to the successful use of any boiler, except in pure water, that it be accessible for the removal of scale. 1883 R. Haloane *Workshop Receipts* Ser. II. 48/1 Boiler 'scales' nearly everywhere are principally composed of sulphate of lime.

6. Thin board. [Cf. MDu. *schale.*] *Obs.* or *dial.*

1683 [see Scabbard *sb.*¹]. 1707 Mortimer *Husb.* 339 Of the thin Lamina or Scale of the Wood..they make Scabbards. 1847 Halliwell, *Scales*, the outermost cuts of a piece of timber with the bark on, not thick enough to be called planks. *Devon.*

7. a. Any of the thin pieces of metal composing scale-armour (see 12). Also *collect. sing.* (In poetry used vaguely.) **b.** See quot. 1853.

1809 T. Hope *Costume Anc.* Plate 18 Dacian warrior.. with a coat of mail, or scales. 1820 Shelley *Ode to Naples* 68 Clothed in armour of impenetrable scale! 1847 Tennyson *Princess* v. 39 Sheathing splendours and the golden scale Of harness. 1853 Stocqueler *Mil. Encycl., Scales*, a sort of armour consisting of brass plates, laid like scales one over the other, to defend the glandular parts, and the side-face of a dragoon. These scales are attached to the helmet, and can be buttoned up in front. 1875 J. Anderson in *Encycl. Brit.* II. 554/2 Cuirasses of bronze scales.

8. *Cutlery.* **a.** Each of the two plates of bone, horn, ivory, or wood which form the outside of the handle of a knife or razor.

1834–6 Barlow in *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) VIII. 650/1 The handle [*sc.* of a knife], consisting of two side pieces called scales, is rivetted through the tang on each side. 1877 *Encycl. Brit.* VI. 734/1. 1904 *Army & Navy Stores Circ.* Aug. 71 Toilet Knife. (Best Sheffield make and finish.) Pearl or tortoiseshell scales.

b. Each of the metal sides of the handle of a pocket knife on which such plates are riveted.

1834–6 Barlow in *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) VIII. 650/1. 1864 in Webster; and in later Dicts.

9. A plate of metal worn instead of an epaulette by soldiers, sailors, and firemen. [F. *écaille.*]

1846 in E. E. Napier *Exc. Southern Afr.* (1849) I. 287 An old blue frock coat with large scales. 1852–63 Burn *Naval & Mil. Dict.* II. 227/1 Shoulder scale or strap. 1894 R. Mansfield *Chips* 54 The officers of the line wore blue frock coats with small brass epaulets, called 'scales'. 1894 C. N. Robinson *Brit. Fleet* IV. vii. 512 In 1846, scales, or epaulettes without bullion, were authorized for captains and commanders...The next year the scales..were abolished.

10. (See quots. 1860, 1880.)

1860 *Eng. & For. Mining Gloss., Cornwall Terms, Scal*, A shale or portion of earth, rock, &c., which separates and falls from the main body. 1880 *W. Cornwall Gloss., Scal, Scale*, loose ground about a mine. 1884 *Falmouth & Penryn Weekly Times* 19 July 5/2 What is commonly known among miners as a 'jomb' or 'scale' of ground.

11. (See quot. 1885.)

1885 *Encycl. Brit.* XVIII. 242 The several kinds of crude paraffin extracted are classed as 'hard scale' or 'soft scale', according to their fusing points and consequent degrees of hardness [etc.]. 1889 *Pall Mall G.* 23 Jan. 7/3 The prices fixed on by the Association for burning oil and scale.

12. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as (sense 1) *scale-backed, -bright, -like, -marked* adjs.; *scale-fashion* adv.; (sense 2) *scale-crust*; (sense 2d) *scale-leaf*; (sense 5) *scale-cleaner, -preventive*; **scale-armour,** armour consisting of small overlapping plates of metal, leather, or horn; **scale-back,** one of the family *Aphroditidæ* of scale-bearing annelids; **scale-bark,** bark which is shed in scale-like pieces, as that of the plane-tree; **scale-beetle,** a tiger-beetle (family *Cicindelidæ*); **scale-blight,** the disease caused by the scale-insect; **scale-blue,** the groundwork of royal blue with a scale-pattern characteristic of some Worcester china; **scale-borer,** 'an implement for removing the scale from boilcr-tubes' (Knight *Dict. Mech.* 1875); **scale-bug** *U.S.* = *scale-insect*; **scale carp,** the common typical carp, *Cyprinus carpio*; **scale-fern** = Ceterach (q.v.), so called from the scales clothing the back of the fronds; **scale-fish,** (*a*) a fish armed with scales; (*b*) see quot. 1857; (*c*) the scabbard-fish (*Cent. Dict.*); **scale-foot,** the scabbard-fish; **scale-hair,** a short flattened hair resembling a scale (cf. *hair-scale*, Hair *sb.* 9 a); **scale-insect** (see sense 3 f), any of the insects of the genus *Coccus* or family *Coccidæ*, which infest and injure certain plants, having the appearance of scales; **scale-moss,** a plant of the N.O. *Jungermanniaceæ*; †**scale-oyster,** a scallop; **scale-pad,** the part of the tail covered with scales in the *Anomaluridæ* (or scale-tailed squirrels); **scale-pattern,** a pattern having a representation of scales; an imbricated pattern; **scale-quail,** an American quail of the genus *Callipepla*, having scale-like plumage; **scale-roof** = *scaled roof* (see Scaled *ppl. a.*¹ 2 c); **scale-shell,** a name for various molluscs; **scale-shouldered** *a.*, ? wearing a 'scale' (sense 9) on the shoulder; **scale-skin,** a term including several scaly diseases; **scale-stone** *Min.*, (*a*) transl. of G. *schalstein* = tabular spar or wollastonite; (*b*) anglicization of Lepidolite; **scale-tail,** a squirrel of the family *Anomaluridæ*, having scales on the under side of the tail; so **scale-tailed** *a.*; **scale-tang** (see quot.); **scale-wing,** a lepidopter; **scale-winged** *a.*, lepidopterous; **scale-work,** work, ornament, decoration, etc., of an imbricated pattern; **scale-worm** = *scale-back*; **scale-wort,** the plant *Lathræa squamaria.*

1842 W. C. Taylor *Anc. Hist.* xvii. § 6 (ed. 3) 526 Both horses and men [of the Sarmatians] were covered with a curious kind of *scale armour formed of the sliced hoofs of animals. 1882 *Cassell's Nat. Hist.* VI. 330 *Scale-backs. 1803 Shaw *Gen. Zool.* IV. II. 539 *Scale-Backed Sciæna. 1859 K. Cornwallis *New World* I. 20 Scale-backed armadilloes. 1884 Bower & Scott *De Bary's Phaner.* 558 [These] throw off the superficial periderm..in the form of *scale-bark. 1855 Ogilvie, Suppl., **Scale-beetles.* 1898 *Daily News* 5 July 6/4 Mr. W. M. Maskell..was considered the chief authority of the day on *scale-blight. 1906 *Westm. Gaz.* 5 May 9/3 A pair of handsome *scale-blue Worcester vases. 1555 Phaer *Æneid* II. 21 Their..*skalebright necks. 1883 *Century Mag.* Oct. 811/2 The orange's worst enemy is a curious insect, the *scale-bug. 1884 Goode, etc. *Nat. Hist. Aquatic Anim.* 619 The '*Scale Carp'; with regular, concentrically arranged scales, being in fact the original species improved. 1881 *Instr. Census Clerks* (1885) 93 Wrought Iron Manufacture:..*Scale Cleaner. 1898 J. Hutchinson in *Arch. Surg.* IX. 308 A slight formation of exfoliative *scale-crust. 1611 Cotgr. s. v. *Escaille*, a plated Corselet made *scale-fashion. 1548 Turner *Names Herbes* (E. D. S.) 17 *Asplenum*...It maye be called in englishe Citterach, or *Scaleferne, or Finger-ferne. 1862 D. T. Ansted *Channel Isl.* II. viii. (ed. 2) 182 The scale-fern is met with, though rarely. 1601 Holland *Pliny* I. Table, *Scale fishes have no ears. 1651 T. Barker *Art of Angling* (1653) 8 This feed will gather the scale Fish together, as Carp, Tench, Roach, Dace and Bream. 1814 *Amer. Newsp.* in Byron *Corsair* III. xxiv *note*, The superior scale and shell fish with which its waters abound. 1857 Perley *Hand-Bk. New Brunswick* 24 The pollack, the hake, and the haddock, when dry-cured, are designated by dealers, 'scale-fish'. *Ibid.* 28 The torsk, or cusk, is..dry-cured as a 'scale-fish'. 1828 Fleming *Brit. Anim.* 205 Lepidopus. *Scale-foot...Two pointed scales in place of ventrals. 1898 Packard *Text-bk. Entom.* 198 Kellogg has detected these *scale-hairs, as he calls them, in Panorpa. 1840 *Cuvier's Anim. Kingd.* 572 The young *Scale-insects have the body oval, very flat. 1882 Vines tr. *Sachs' Bot.* 433 The buds produced on the leaf-stalks develope into long underground stolons furnished with *scale-leaves. 1611 Cotgr., *Les Escaillons du palais*,..the skales, or *skale-like diuisions in the roofe..of the mouth of a horse. 1883 *Science* I. 150/2 The supposed scale-like nature of penguin-feathers. 1892 Pater *Emerald Uthwart* Wks. 1901 VIII. 228 Fritillaries..Snakes' heads, the rude call them, for their shape, *scale-marked too. 1846 Lindley *Veget. Kingd.* 59 These *Scalemosses differ from the Liverworts in the regularly valvate condition of the spore-cases. 1419 *Liber Albus* (Rolls) 275 *Scaleoisters, moules, welkes, et hanocynes. 1898 *Proc. Zool. Soc.* 17 May 451 Before the spot above the end of the lower *scale-pad is reached the tail is covered with long black hair. 1898 *Engineering Mag.* XVI. 145/1 Mineral Oils as *Scale-Preventives. 1862 H. Marryat *Year in Sweden* II. xliii. 83 The *scale-roof was struck by lightning. 1713 Petiver *Aquat. Anim. Amboinæ* Tab. 16/30 *Auris marina..*Scale-shell. *Ibid.* 16/31 *Operculum callorum* .. Scale-shell. 1891 *Century Dict., Scale-shell*, a bivalve mollusk of the family Leptonidæ. 1893 R. S. Surtees *Sponge's Sp. Tour* iv, Gigantic *scale-shouldered footmen. 1829 *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 3) V. 585 Lepidosis. *Scale-skin. 1819 Bakewell *Introd. Min.* II. 346 Lepidolite, or *Scale-stone..is composed of scales or minute laminæ. 1841 Maunder *Sci. & Lit. Treas., Scale-stone*, or *Schaalstein*. 1888 *Riverside Nat. Hist.* V. 132 The technical characters..of *scale-tails are unmistakably sciurine. *Ibid.* 131 The..*Scale-tailed Squirrels. 1831 J. Holland *Manuf. Metal.* II. 14 When the handles [of table knives] consist of sides, nailed upon a flat piece of iron, continued from the blade,..they are called *scale tangs. 1864 *Athenæum* 13 Feb. 228/3 Sixty very common species of *scale-wings. 1857 Lardner *Anim. Phys.* § 243 Lepidoptera. *Scale-winged. 1737 Whiston *Josephus* XII. ii. 361 Of the cisterns of gold, there were two; whose sculpture was of *scale-work. 1875 Fortnum *Maiolica* viii. 69 The ground..sometimes covered with scale work. 1882 *Cassell's Nat. Hist.* VI. 330 *Scale-worms. 1849 Balfour *Man. Bot.* § 963 *Lathræa squamaria*, *Scale-wort, is parasitical upon the roots of Hazels, Cherry-laureis, and other trees.

Scale (skēil), *sb.*³ Forms: 5–8 **skale,** 6 *Sc.* **scaill(e,** 5– **scale.** [ad. It. *scala* or its sonrce L. *scāla*:—prehist. **scanslā* (*scand-* + *-tlā*), f. *scandĕre* to climb (see Scand *v.*). Cf. Pr., Sp., Pg. *escala*, OF. *eschiele* (mod.F. *échelle*).]

I. †**1.** A ladder; in early use, a scaling-ladder.

1412–20 Lydg. *Chron. Troy* II. 7962 þay haue..Her wallis maskued, and ageyn oure skalis..made gret ordinaunce. 1426 — *De Guil. Pilgr.* 566, I sawh..ffolkys, wych dyde entende To helpe her ffrendys to ascende..By scalys throgh the strong closure. *a* 1572 Knox *Hist. Ref.* Wks. 1846 I. 452 Preparatioun of scailles and ledderis was maid for the assault. 1591 Harington *Orl. Fur.* v. ix, I taught him by a scale of cord to clime. 1611 Cotgr., *Eschellette*, a little ladder, or skale. *a* 1682 Sir T. Browne *Tracts* (1683) 33 A Scale or Ladder was made that reached unto the Roof.

†**b.** In figurative and allnsive uses, freq. with reference to Jacob's ladder (*Gen.* xxviii. 12). *Obs.*

14.. Lydg. in *Tundale's Vis.* 123 Sython thou [the B. V. M.] of Jacob art the ryght scale..the laddur of holynes. 1494 *Hylton's Scala Perf.* (W. de W.) Envoy, This boke. ..Scale of perfeccion calde in euery place. 1605 Bacon *Adv. Learn.* II. 24 b, All true and frutefull Natvrall Philosophie, hath A double Scale or Ladder, Ascendent and Descendent. *a* 1626 Sir J. Davies *Poems* (1876) II. 211 The Jacob's scales, whereby shee [Faith] clymes the skyes. 1667 Milton *P. L.* IV. 354 In th' ascending Scale Of Heav'n the Starrs that usher Evening rose. *a* 1680 Butler *Rem.* (1759) I. 3 The lofty Tube, the scale With which they Heav'n itself assail, Was mounted full against the Moon. 1781 Cowper *Retirem.* 111 A scale by which the soul ascends From mighty means to more important ends. 1820 Hazlitt *Lect. Dram. Lit.* 14 They are the scale by which we can best ascend to the true knowledge and love of him.

†**2.** A rung or step of a ladder. Also *fig. Obs.*

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 442/1 Scale..of a leddur, *scalare.* 1530 Palsgr. 265/2 Scale of a ladder, *eschellon.* 1608 Willet *Hexapla Exod.* 453 The steps or scales of wooden ladders. 1670 G. H. *Hist. Cardinals* I. III. 69 The Cardinalship being only a scale and step towards Episcopacy. *a* 1682 Sir T. Browne *Tracts* i. (1683) 5 Ladders signifie Travels, and the Scales thereof Preferment.

†**3.** A flight (of stairs); a staircase. *Obs.*

1592 R. D. *Hypnerotomachia* 9, I came by a long gallorie to a salying scale or downe going staire. 1658–9 in *N. Riding Rec.* (1888) VI. 16 No mariner..do moor, fesse or tye any ship etc. to the said bridge, the jewells, scales, or any part thereof. 1705 Addison *Italy, Caprea* 259 Several ancient Scales of Stairs, by which they us'd to ascend 'em [*sc.* mountains].

II. 4. *Mus.* **a.** A definite series of sounds ascending or descending by fixed intervals, *esp.* such a series beginning on a certain note (cf. Key *sb.*¹ 7 b) selected for the purposes of musical composition. **b.** Any of the graduated series of sounds into which the octave is divided, the sounds varying according to the system of graduation adopted.

For the various scales of ancient and modern music, see Chromatic *a.* 5, Diatonic *a.* 1, 2, Enharmonic *a.* 1, 2, Harmonic *a.* 4, Major *a.* 4 c, Minor *a.* 6 c, Melodic *a.*, Pythagorean *a.*

1597 Morley *Introd. Mus.* 2 Here is the Scale of Musicke which wee terme the Gam. *Ibid.* 7 *Phi.* Why then was your Scale deuised of xx notes and no more? *Ma.* Because that compasse was the reach of most voyces: so that vnder *Gam vt* the voice seemed as a kinde of humming, and aboue *E la* a kinde of constrained shrieking. 1697 Evelyn *Numismata* viii. 285 Aretine..improved the Scale and set the first Gamut. 1710 J. Harris *Lex. Techn.* II, The Scale of Musick among the Greeks, consisted of fifteen Notes, or the Distances of two Octaves. 1777 Sir W. Jones *Ess. Imit. Arts* Poems, etc. 198 In the regular scale each interval assumes a proper character. 1818 Busby *Gram. Mus.* 362 The fifth of any Minor key is related to that key, because its scale, in order to be perfect, requires only one change in the octave of that key,—the sharpening of its sixth. 1866 Engel *Nat. Mus.* ii. 24 The musical scale varies in different nations, having in some instances more intervals than ours, in others fewer. 1876 Stainer & Barrett *Dict. Mus. Terms* s. v., By starting from any note in the semitonal scale, we can have twelve minor modes. 1884 *Encycl. Brit.* XVII. 80/2 To this scale of four notes, G, A, *b* B, C, were subsequently added a note below and a note above, which made the hexachord.

c. In particularized use (chiefly *pl.*): Any scale taken as a subject of instruction or practice.

1865 *Dublin Univ. Mag.* I. 267 She taught the very young collegians their 'scales'. 1870 Miss Bridgman *R. Lynne* II. xiii. 285 She could just scamper through the scales. 1884 F. M. Crawford *Rom. Singer* I. i. 11 We will try a

scale. 1888 *Poor Nellie* II. i. 89, I do wish she would forget to play her scales some morning.

d. The compass or range of a musical instrument.

1818 Busby *Gram. Mus.* 484 The Violino, bulky in its mechanical construction, and deep in its scale. *Ibid.* 485 The Clarinett..is an instrument of the reed species. Its scale extends from E below the F Cliff note to E in alt.

† **e.** The musical staff. *Obs.*

1598 *Riddles Heracl. & Democr.* Sol. 21 The scale of musicke is made with lines and spaces. 1609 Dowland *Ornith. Microl.* 83 It is necessary for yong beginners to make a Scale of ten lines. 1704 J. Harris *Lex. Techn.* I, *Scale of the Gamut*, or *Musical Scale*, is a kind of Diagram, consisting of certain Lines and Spaces drawn to shew the several Degrees, whereby a Natural or Artificial Voice or Sound may either ascend or descend.

5. A succession or series of steps or degrees; a graduated series, succession, or progression; *esp.* a graduated series of beings extending from the lowest forms of existence to the highest (*scale of being(s, creatures, existence, life, nature*, etc.).

1605 Bacon *Adv. Learn.* II. 28 b, The speculation..That all things by scale did ascend to vnitie. 1643 Sir T. Browne *Relig. Med.* I. § 30 How so many learned heads should so farre forget their Metaphysicks, and destroy the Ladder and scale of creatures, as to question the existence of Spirits. 1711 *Spect.* No. 519 ¶ 8 If the Scale of Being rises by such a regular Progress, so high as Man. 1732 Pope *Ess. Man* I. 47 Then, in the scale of reas'ning life, 'tis plain, There must be, somewhere, such a rank as Man. *a* 1781 Watson *Philip III*, VI. (1793) II. 183 A great addition to its power and importance in the scale of nations. 1855 Bain *Senses & Int.* I. ii. 214 A scale of degrees from the most perfect opacity..to the most perfect transparency. 1859 Darwin *Orig. Spec.* ii. 54 Plants low in the scale of organisation. 1865 Dickens *Mut. Fr.* IV. vii, I have made up my mind that I will become respectable in the scale of society. 1883 H. Drummond *Nat. Law in Spir. W., Eternal Life* 211 As we ascend in the scale of Life we rise also in the scale of longevity.

b. A regular series of tones or shades of colour produced by mixing with different proportions of white or black. (Cf. It. *scala di colori.*)

1854 Martel tr. *Chevreul's Colours* (facing p. 308), Table of a classification of several varieties of dahlias by scales of colours. 1872 Church *Colour* V. 41 Every colour admits of three scales.

6. *Math.* **a.** A number of terms included between two points in a progression or series.

1695 Halley in *Phil. Trans.* XIX. 59 A continued Scale of Proportionals infinite in Number between the two terms of the ratio...If there be supposed between 1 and 10 an infinite Scale of mean Proportionals, whose Number is 100000. 1785 Hutton *Math. Tables* 22 There may be as many sets or scales of logarithms as we please, since they depend intirely on the arbitrary assumption of the first two arithmeticals. 1887 *Cassell's Encycl. Dict., Scale of a Series*: In algebra, a succession of terms, by the aid of which any term of a recurring series may be found, when a sufficient number of the preceding ones are given.

b. *Arith.* Any of the various conceivable systems of notation which agree in the principle that the value of a figure varies in geometrical progression according to its serial place, but are distinguished according to the number chosen as the 'radix' or constant multiplier.

The 'scales' are usually designated by the adj. derived from the Latin distributive numeral, as *binary, ternary, denary, duodenary scale*, though *decimal* and *duodecimal scale* are sometimes substituted. In quot. 1797 *scale* seems to be loosely used for *radix*.

1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) II. 290 If eight were the scale, 6 times 3 would be two classes and two units, and the number 18 would be represented by 22. 1861 T. Lund *Wood's Elem. Alg.* § 367 When the radix is 2, the scale is called Binary; when 3, Ternary; when 10, Denary or Decimal. 1871 C. Davies *Metric Syst.* I. 18 The scale of tens was adopted. 1875 [see Denary].

7. A graduated table (of prices, charges, etc.).

1788 Jefferson *Writ.* (1859) II. 360 A scale of their value for every month has been settled according to what they sold for at market. 1865 *Shareholders' Guardian* 8 Nov. 845/1 Reduction in Scale of Charges for Advertisements. 1895 *Law Times* XCIX. 544/1 The solicitor's own remuneration is in the main based upon a scale of allowances fixed in the year 1807.

8. A metrical scheme. *rare.*

1835 Anthon *Horatii Poëmata* p. xxiii, The scale of the mixed Iambic Trimeter is..as follows.

III. 9. A set or series of graduations (marked along a straight line or a curve) used for measuring distances, registering the height of a liquid, mercury, etc., or determining amounts or quantities by inspection; a graduated line, arc, etc.; *spec.* the equally divided line on a map, chart, or plan which indicates its scale (sense 11), and is used for finding the distance between two points.

In quot. 1606 *pl.*, graduations.

c 1391 Chaucer *Astrol.* I. § 12 Next the forseide cercle of the A. b. c., vnder the cros-lyne, is Marked the skale, in Maner of 2 Squyres or elles in Manere of laddres. 1527 R. Thorne in *Hakluyt's Voy.* (1589) 253 Set the one foot of the compasse in the said transuersall line at the end of the nether scale, the scale of longitude, and the other foot sheweth the degree of longitude that the region is in. 1606 Shaks. *Ant. & Cl.* II. vii. 21 They take the flow o' th' Nyle By certaine scales i' th' Pyramid. 1625 N. Carpenter *Geog. Del.* II. iv. 65 The Distance of any two places set downe in the Chart, being taken and applyed to the scale, will shew how many miles it containes. 1652 (*title*) Posthuma [S.] Fosteri: the Description of a Ruler, Upon which is inscribed divers Scales and the Vses thereof. 1711 J. James tr. *Le Blond's Gardening* 85 A small double Line divided..which is called the Scale of the Plan, and is always at the Bottom of the Paper. 1728 Chambers *Cycl., Decimal Scales*,..to expedite Decimal Arithmetic, by Shewing by Inspection the Decimal Fraction of any Part of Money, Weight, or Measure. 1735 Mortimer in *Phil. Trans.* XLIV. 681 Fahrenheit begins his Scale from 0. the Point to which the Mercury hath been observed to fall by the greatest Cold in Ysland. 1873 *Act* 36 & 37 *Vict.* c. 85 § 3 A scale of feet denoting her draught of water shall be marked on each side of her stem. 1889 Welch *Text-bk. Naval Archit.* 12 Scale of tons per inch. Scale of mean drafts.

† **b.** *Scale of logarithms, of numbers* (see quots.).

1630 Wingate *Arith.* II. iv. 291 The Line of Proportion consists of two scales, viz. the scale of Logarithmes, and the Scale of Numbers. *Ibid.*, The Scale of Logarithmes is, a scale of equall parts described vnder the common line, and abutting vpwards vpon the same line. *Ibid.* v. 299 The Scale of Numbers is a scale of Proportionall parts described aboue the common line, and abutting downwards vpon the same line. 1710 J. Harris *Lex. Techn.* II, *Proportional Scales*, sometimes also called Logarithmetical; are only the Artificial Numbers or Logarithms placed on Lines, for the ease and advantage of Multiplying, Dividing, Extracting Roots, &c. by the means of Compasses, or by Sliding-Rules.

c. *Diminishing scale*: see quot. 1842.

1753 F. Price *Brit. Carpenter* (ed. 3) 46 Make a diminishing scale, by setting that distance up, from t to l. 1842 Gwilt *Archit. Gloss., Diminishing Scale*, a scale of gradation used in finding the different points for drawing the spiral curve of the Ionic volute.

10. An instrument consisting of a strip or blade of wood, ivory, metal, or cardboard having graduated and numbered spaces upon it, used for measuring or laying down distances.

Diagonal, Gunter's, Marquois scale: see the qualifying words. *Plane* (†*plain*) *scale*: see Plane *a.* 3.

1607 Norden *Surv. Dial.* III. 125 By the plot which he so maketh, a stranger by scale and compasse may truly find the quantities of the particulars. 1660 J. Moore *Arith.* I. Introd. 15 Those who use a decimall foot, yard or scale. 1701 [see Reducing *vbl. sb.* 2]. 1758 Watson *Milit. Dict.* (ed. 5), *A Scale*, a Rule used by Engineers to draw Fortifications on Paper, and another sort used by Gunners to take the Dimensions of their Guns. 1779 Ramsden *Descr. Engine for dividing Strait Lines* 3 Its uses for dividing all sorts of navigation scales, sectors, &c. must be obvious. 1840 Bruff *Engin. Field-work* (ed. 2) 142 Press the rule gently, and move the slider on the scale. 1887 D. A. Low *Machine Draw.* Introd. 5 The best scales are made of ivory, and are twelve inches long.

b. *Scale of equal parts* = plane scale (Plane *a.*3).

1630 [see 9 b]. 1777 Waddington *Epit. Navig., Elem. Geom.* 85 To make a Mercator's Chart by Meridional Parts, to be set off from a Scale of Equal Parts. 1809 Troughton in *Phil. Trans.* XCIX. I. 209 A finely divided scale of equal parts.

11. The proportion which the representation of an object bears to the object itself; a system of representing or reproducing objects in a smaller or larger size proportionately in every part. *To scale*: with exactly proportional representation of each part of the model.

1662 J. Graunt *Bills of Mortality* xi. 61 The Map of London set out in the year 1658 by Richard Newcourt, drawn by a scale of Yards. 1681 Ray *Corr.* (1848) 130 To draw them *in piccolo*, using a small scale. 1682 Grew *Anat. Pl.* 2 As for their Figures, it were much to be wished, That they were all drawn by one Scale; or, at most, by Two; one, for Trees and Shrubs; and another for Herbs. 1793 Smeaton *Edystone L.* § 97, I made some progress in laying down to a scale, the measures taken upon paper. 1801 *Farmer's Mag.* Aug. 270 The model of the best and cheapest cottage, on a scale of one inch to a foot. 1889 Welch *Text-bk. Naval Archit.* I. 18 Construct to scale the curve of tons per inch immersion. 1895 *Bookman* Oct. 26/2 Single page plans of small districts on a fair scale.

in phr. used attrib. 1887 J. T. Walker in *Encycl. Brit.* XXII. 709/2 For large scale work in plains. *Ibid.*, The smaller scale hill topography.

† **b.** A unit of dimension in a representation of an object, bearing the same proportion to the unit of dimension in the object itself, as the size of the object shown on the plan bears to the actual size of the object which it represents. *Obs. rare.*

1679 Moxon *Mech. Exerc.* 130 If you make every half quarter of an Inch to be a Scale for two Inches..: And if you make every half quarter of an Inch to be a Scale for four Inches.

12. Relative or proportionate size or extent; degree, proportion.

1607 B. Jonson *Volpone* Ep. Ded., With what ease I could haue varied it, nearer his scale (but that I feare to boast my owne faculty) I could here insert. 1813 Wellington in Gurw. *Desp.* (1838) XI. 6 Castaños told me that he did not think the scale of command sufficient for him who had commanded in Catalonia. 1867 A. Barry *Sir C. Barry* vi. 207 That practice,..both in scale and area, began to diminish. 1877 Freeman *Norm. Conq.* (ed. 3) II. x. 515 Its scale no doubt far surpassed that of any church then standing in England. 1890 'R. Boldrewood' *Col. Reformer* (1891) 259 He..adhered to the scale of non-expenditure which he found at Rainbar.

13. *fig.* A standard of measurement, calculation, or estimation.

1626 Bacon *Sylva* § 835 Definite Axiomes are to be drawn out of Measured Instances: And so Assent to be made to the more Generall Axiomes, by Scale. 1651 Hobbes *Leviath.* II. xxvii. 157 The Degrees of Crime are taken on divers Scales. 1692 Ray *Disc.* ii. (1732) 91 Taking my Measures..by the Scale of the Eye. 1732 Pope *Ess. Man* II. 292 Ev'n mean Self-love becomes, by force divine, The scale to measure others' wants by thine. 1842 *Penny Cycl.* XXII. 192/1 A scale according to which the natural fertility of different soils can be classed.

b. Phr. *On* or *upon a* (*large, small, liberal*, etc.) *scale.*

1784 Cowper *Tiroc.* 703 Were education..Conducted on a manageable scale. 1793 Burke *Let. to Sir G. Elliot* in *Corr.* (1844) IV. 151 On a far larger scale..than civil wars have generally extended themselves to. 1808 Scott *Autobiogr.* in *Lockhart* I. i. 49, I have all my life delighted in travelling, though I have never enjoyed that pleasure upon a large scale. 1843 Prescott *Mexico* I. ii. I. 35 His ordinary domestic expenditure..was certainly on no stinted scale. 1857 Buckle *Civiliz.* I. xiii. 739 It must be allowed that in his intellect, everything was on a great scale.

14. a. *Sculpture.* = *scale-stone* (see 16). **b.** *Painting.* 'A figure subdivided by lines like a ladder, which is used to measure proportions between pictures and the things represented' (*Cassell's Encycl. Dict.*).

1834-6 Barlow in *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) VIII. 788/2 A wooden perpendicular rule the height of the work, which is movable from the strip of marble or scale under the model to that under the block of marble which is to be cut.

15. The ratio of the width of an organ-pipe to its length.

1881 Broadhouse *Mus. Acoustics* 78 A pipe of a large 'scale', by which organ builders mean a wide pipe, gives a much louder tone than a narrower one of the same length. 1884 Bosanquet in *Encycl. Brit.* XVII. 830/2 The scales ..and voicing of the open diapasons vary with fashion.

IV. 16. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as (sense 9) *scale-pipette, -reading*; (sense 4) *scale degree, passage, singing*; (sense 11) *scale drawing, plan*; (sense 7) *scale charge*; **scale-micrometer** (see quot.); **scale-paper**, paper having printed upon it divisions in eighths, tenths, &c. of an inch for drawing in proportion (*Dict. Archit. Publ. Soc.* 1881); **scale-stairs** *Sc.*, 'straight flights of steps, as opposed to a stair of spiral form' (Jam.); so **scale-staircase**; **scale-stone, -stool** (see quot. 1859).

1890 *Daily News* 5 Feb. 6/4 Each tenant has been blackmailed of eight guineas for a simple licence, in addition to the *scale charges for the conveyance of the house. 1889 *Century Dict.* s.v. *Degree*, To distinguish between degrees of the staff and degrees of the scale, the terms *staff-degree* and **scale-degree* are sometimes used. 1856 *Orr's Circ. Sci., Mech. Philos.* 260 In addition to the *scale-drawings of the whole, it is the practice of the best engineers to execute full-sized drawings of details. 1890 W. J. Gordon *Foundry* 153 A complete set of scale drawings, in which every detail is set out. 1875 Knight *Dict. Mech.*, **Scale-micrometer*, a graduated scale in the field of a telescope for measuring distances between objects. 1907 *Daily Chron.* 16 Nov. 5/2 Her..facile execution of the *scale passages. 1875 Knight *Dict. Mech.*, **Scale-pipette*, a tubular pipette having a graduated scale on the side. 1908 *Westm. Gaz.* 10 Aug. 3/1 All the old *scale plans and technical drawings. 1873 Maxwell *Electr. & Magn.* II. 338 The *scale-reading at certain definite times. 1890 *Daily News* 17 Feb. 3/2 Imperfect *scale singing. *c* 1730 Burt *Lett. N. Scot.* iii. (1754) I. 63 [In Inverness] a round Stair Case, [is called] a Turnpike; and a Square one goes by the Name of a *Skale Stair. 1821 Scott *Kenilw.* vi, Access was given to them [*sc.* apartments] by a large *scale staircase, as they were then called. 1841 *Penny Cycl.* XXI. 142/1 The whole instrument is then removed to the *scale-stone on which the rough block is placed. 1859 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 8) XIX. 868/2 If the model is to be copied in marble or stone, the first step is to procure a block of the required size. Two stones, called *scale-stones, are then prepared, upon one of which the model or plaster cast is placed, and upon the other the rough block of marble. The fronts of these stones have figured marks or 'scales' exactly corresponding. 1893 Symonds *Michel Angelo* I. 104 The ingenious process of 'pointing the marble' by means of the 'pointing machine' and 'scale-stones'. 1874 'N. D'Anvers' *Elem. Hist. Art, Sculpture* (1889) 176 The cast and the marble are placed on two blocks, called *scale-stools, exactly alike.

Scale (skēl), *sb.*4 *dial.* Also 8 **skell**, 9 **skeal** (I. [a. ON. *skáli* wk. masc.:—OTeut. type **skēlon-*, f. **skēl-* (:**skal-*, **skel-*) to separate: see Scale *sb.*1, Shale *sb.* Cf. Sheal, Shieling.] A hut, shed.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 8592 For þai had husing nan to wale, þai lended in a littel scale. 1787 J. Clarke *Surv. Lakes* Introd. 30 The booths likewise, constructed for the watchers of cattle in summer,..were Skells or Scales. 1878 *Cumbld. Gloss., Skeäll*, a scale; a shed or building on the fell. 1895 *Lakel. & Icel. Gloss.* s. v., Used of wooden huts put up as a temporary protection for turf, which are called 'peat scales'.

† **Scale**, *sb.*5 *Obs.* [ad. med.L. *scala*, whence OF. *eschiel(l)e, eskiele* (see Eschele).] A maniple, squadron, or battalion.

c 1400 Maundev. (Roxb.) xxx. 135 Withouten þe principall oste..and also withouten certayne scales [orig. Fr. *escheles*] þat er ordaynd for forrayng. 1591 *Garrard's Art Warre* 166 These bodies..are of many called maniples, or scales.

Scale (skēl), *sb.*8 [f. Scale *v.*3]

† **1.** = Escalade. *Obs.*

1577-87 Holinshed *Chron.* III. 1190/1 Diuerse bands..entring the ditches offered the scale. 1589 Ive *Pract. Fortif.* 3 The fort..will be free from surprise, skale, and myning. 1633 T. Stafford *Pac. Hib.* x. (1821) 121 Surprised by Scale, a Castle in the heart of the Countrie. 1667 Milton *P. L.* XI. 652 Others to a Citie strong Lay Siege, encampt; by Batterie, Scale, and Mine, Assaulting.

2. The estimation of an amount of timber standing or in logs; the amount of the estimate.

1877 *Mich. Reports* XXXIV. 376 To conclude the parties in that respect by his scale. *Ibid.* XXXV. 521 The scale bill showed four hundred and ninety three thousand five hundred and seventeen feet of white pine. 1880 *Northwest. Lumberman* 24 Jan., For punky knots the general rule is

to allow the whole scale of the log for defects. *Ibid.*, A buyer should be allowed..one-half the scale of the punky log.

† **Scale,** *sb.*[7] *Obs.* [ad. OF. *scal(l)e, escal(l)e* (mod.F. *escale*, esp. in phr. *faire escale* to go ashore) or its source It. *scala* = Sp., Pg. *escala* seaport, harbour :—L. *scāla* ladder (see SCALE *sb.*[3]).] **a.** A landing-place; *occas.* a custom-house. *rare.*

1682 WHELER *Journ. to Greece* III. 246 On the other side ..is the Scale, or Custom-house for the Grand Signiors own Subjects. 1683 in *Misc. Curiosa* (1708) III. 49 Montanea ..is the Scale or Landing-place for Prusa. 1813 J. C. HOBHOUSE *Journey* (ed. 2) 639 At the extremity of the inner bay there is a sort of scale or landing-place.

b. A seaport town; a trading port; a centre of trade or traffic; an emporium.

1613 SIR A. SHERLEY *Trav. Persia* 9 The Turke hauing giuen certaine scales to trade in. 1628 DIGBY *Voy. Medit.* (Camden) 42 The 24. the English Viceconsull att Scanderone came to me with a letter from the Aga there desiring me to be gone, for that I disturbed the Gran Signiors scale there.. *c* 1645 HOWELL *Lett.* (1650) I. 38 A Maritim Town,..her chiefest Arsenal for Gallies, and the Scale by which she conveys her Moneys to Italy. 1682 WHELER *Journ. to Greece* I. 16 It [Spalato] being the chief Scale of Trade for Shipping of Goods from Turky to Venice.

attrib. 1674 EVELYN *Navig. & Comm.* Misc. Writ. (1825) 648 Tripoly, and Alexandretta.., and..Aleppo..to which scale merchants came..from all the oriental countries.

Scale (skēl), *v.*[1] Also 7 skale. [f. SCALE *sb.*[1]]

1. *trans.* To weigh in scales, find the weight of.

1691 *Virginia Stat. at Large* (1823) III. 76 That the court..appoint..fitt..persons..to..scale such leather as they shall find sufficiently curryed. 1883 *Harper's Mag.* Apr. 692/1 The cheeses go..to the..weigh-house to be scaled.

b. *Baking.* To weigh out (dough) in proper quantities for making up into loaves. Usually with *off*.

1841 *Guide to Trade, Baker* 40 The dough is pitched out of the trough on to the lid of the opposite trough, when it is cut into masses and weighed—technically *scaled off*. 1875 J. PATON in *Encycl. Brit.* III. 253/2 It [*sc.* dough] is then 'scaled off', *i. e.*, weighed on scales in pieces of 4lb. 4 oz., if 4 lb loaves are to be made. 1890 *Sci. Amer.* 1 Mar. 140/3 It [*sc.* the sponge] is..'scaled' into loaves, and baked.

† **2.** *fig.* **a.** To weigh as in scales; hence, to compare, estimate. *Obs.*

1603 SHAKS. *Meas. for M.* III. i. 266 By this is your brother saued, your honor vntainted, the poore Mariana aduantaged, and the corrupt Deputy scaled. 1607 — *Cor.* II. iii. 257 Skaling his present bearing with his past.

† **b.** With *up*: To compensate, balance. *Obs.*

1622 CALLIS *Stat. Sewers* (1647) 1, I put Charge and Care in one Scale, and Resolution in the other, which scaled them both up.

3. To weigh, have a weight of (so much).

1862 H. H. DIXON ('The Druid') *Scott & Sebright* 13 Eleven [stone] was his regular racing weight, and he scaled ten and a half at a pinch. 1867 LOWELL *Study Wind., Gt. Public Char.* (1871) 68, I scale one hundred and eighty pounds, but when I'm mad I weigh two ton. 1888 RIDER HAGGARD *Maiwa's Rev.* iv, The single tusk of the big bull [elephant] scaled one hundred and sixty pounds.

absol. 1869 'WAT. BRADWOOD' *O. V. H.* xxix, At a weight to which Ralph could not scale. 1886 *Times* (weekly ed.) 6 Aug. 13/4 The deer.. are sure to scale heavily when the stalking is in full swing.

b. *Racing.* To be weighed. *To scale in*: to be weighed after the race, to 'weigh in'.

1859 H. H. DIXON ('The Druid') *Silk & Scarlet* 127 No welcome (1) was printed after his name till he scaled-in for Wanton. 1869 'WAT. BRADWOOD' *O. V. H.* xviii, The open steeplechase, for which the jockeys had long ago scaled.

Scale (skēl), *v.*[2] Also 6 scaale, 7 skale. [f. SCALE *sb.*[2] Cf. F. *écailler.*]

1. *trans.* To remove the scales from (fish, etc.).

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 442/1 Scalyn fysche, *exquamo.* 1530 PALSGR. 699/1 You are a cooke for the nones, wyll you sethe these roches or you have scaled them? 1598 *Epulario* F iv, The fish which you wil rost would not be scaled. 1674 tr. *Scheffer's Lapland* 98 A kind of glew made of Perches skin well scaled. 1747 MRS. GLASSE *Cookery* ix. 117 Scale, and clean your Salmon down the Back. 1800 *Phil. Trans.* XC. 163 Three herrings,..after being scaled and gutted.

b. In various technical uses:

(*a*) To remove the scale or film of oxide from the surface of (metal), esp. as a preparatory process for tinning. Also *absol.* (*b*) To clean the bore of (a gun or cannon) by firing off a charge of powder. (*c*) To remove tartar from (the teeth).

1702 SAVERY *Miner's Friend* 71 A red Heat, and sudden cooling it again, will Scale the Copper. 1728 RUTTY *Tin-Plates* in *Phil. Trans.* XXXV. 633 If you scale with Vinegar,..you need only plunge the Leaves once or twice at farthest. 1784 J. KING *Voy. Pacific* V. x. 447 We unmoored, and scaled the guns. 1805 PIKE *Sources Mississ.* (1810) 2 We..discharged our guns at a target, and scaled out our blunderbusses. 1823 BYRON *Island* II. xxi, We have got some guns to bear, And scaled them. 1839 URE *Dict. Arts* 1252 They [*sc.* iron plates] are..once more exposed to ignition in a furnace, whereby they are scaled, that is to say, cast their scales. 1840 DE LOUDE *Dentistry* 97 The principal parts of operative dentistry..consist of scaling the teeth, lancing and scarifying the gums [&c.].

2. To remove as scale; to take *off* or *away* in scales. Also, to separate *into* layers. *To be scaled*: to have the surface removed in scales or flakes.

a 1552 LELAND *Itin.* (1768) I. 96 They be sore woren and scalid with wether. 1603 HOLLAND *Plutarch's Mor.* 1187 This aire..forceth out of it a deale of rust, and skaleth as it were much terrestrial substance from it. 1611 COTGR., *Rugine*, the Instrument wherewith a Surgeon scaleth bones. 1611 BIBLE *Tobit* iii. 17 To scale away the whitenesse of Tobits eyes. 1667 WATERHOUSE *Narr. Fire in London* 75 The Stones of the outside so scaled, as if the Fire was greedy to eat out all firmness in them. 1668 CULPEPPER & COLE *Barthol. Anat.* III. viii. 146 It may be scaled into four plates. 1754 J. BARTLET *Gentl. Farriery* (ed. 2) XXXV. 293 Taking care that it does not penetrate too deep, so as to scale off the thin bone. 1774 GOLDSM. *Nat. Hist.* VII. 6 If the external coat be scaled off. 1843 *Civil Eng. & Arch. Jrnl.* VI. 161/1 The stones being..scaled by frost.

† **b.** ? To split off scales or flakes from (coin) for the purpose of fraud. *Obs.*

1576 *Act* 18 *Eliz.* c. 1. § 1 Yf any person..deminishe falsefy skale or lighten the proper Moneys or Coignes of this Realme.

3. *intr.* To come *off* (or *away*) in scales, flakes, or thin pieces; to flake or peel *off*. Also, of skin eruptions: To shed scales.

1529 [see SCALD *a.*[1] 1]. 1607 TOPSELL *Four-f. Beasts* 407 Annoint him..vntil the fiered place beginne to scale. 1675 HAN. WOOLLEY *Gentlw. Comp.* 179 It [*sc.* a scaldhead] will scale off. 1743 POCOCKE *Descr. East* I. 8 The pillar is well preserved, except that it has scaled away a very little to the south. 1752 HOLLIS in *Lett. Lit. Men* (Camden) 392 It is hoped the Voyage and Climate has not made it scale or fade. 1832 LYELL *Princ. Geol.* II. 220 Small angular fragments of limestone, which scale off under the influence of frost and rain. 1843 R. J. GRAVES *Lect. Clin. Med.* XXX. 385 Crops of pimples which scale away. 1884 HOWELLS *Silas Lapham* I. i, It ain't a-going to crack nor fade any; and it ain't a-going to scale.

4. *trans.* Of disease: To cover with scales. *rare.*

1889 TENNYSON *Happy* vii, The leper plague may scale my skin but never taint my heart.

Scale (skēl), *v.*[3] Forms: 5 skayle, 5–7 skale, 6 scaile, skaille, 7 skaile, skall, scall, 5– scale. [f. SCALE *sb.*[3] Cf. OF. *escaller* (15th c.); also It. *scalare*, Sp., Pg. *escalar.*]

I. 1. a. *trans.* To attack with scaling ladders; to take by escalade.

? *a* 1400 *Morte Arth.* 3034 The kynge..Skyftis his skotiferis, and skayles the wallis. 1412–20 LYDG. *Chron. Troy* II. 6420 To skale þe wal after þei be-gonne. 1475 *Bk. Noblesse* (Roxb.) 16 To aproche the towne for to scale yt. 1587 GREENE *Euphues his Censure* Wks. (Grosart) VI. 220 Had not the citizens made as violent an intermedley,..the citty had bene scaled and sacked. 1617 MORYSON *Itin.* II. 24 Great multitudes of the assaylants..attempting to scale the fort. 1737 POPE *Hor. Ep.* II. ii. 40 He leap'd the trenches, scal'd a Castle-wall. 1838 THIRLWALL *Greece* XXXVIII. V. 35 The assailants offered large rewards to the first who should scale the walls.

b. To climb, get over (a wall or the like); to ascend (a mountain); to get to or reach the top of.

1579 SPENSER *Sheph. Cal.* Dec. 31 How often have I scaled the craggie Oke, All to dislodge the Raven of her nest? 1605 *London Prodigal* III. iii. 255 That to him is as impossible As 'twere with me to scale the pyramids. 1669 STURMY *Mariner's Mag.* II. xvi. 94 To find the Height of an House, ..and the length of the Ladder which will Scale it. 1680 OTWAY *Orphan* III. vii. (1705) 1301 I'll scale the Window and come in by force. 1762 GOLDSM. *Cit. W.* lvii. 256 She proposed that instant to scale the garden wall. 1860 TYNDALL *Glac.* I. vii. 50 It has long been the ambition of climbers to scale this peak. 1878 MACLEAR *Celts* i. 8 Scaling the mighty barrier of the Alps, they descended upon the fertile vales of Southern Europe.

c. *transf.* and *fig.* or in fig. context.

1557 *Tottel's Misc.* (Arb.) 172 When Cupide scaled first the fort, Wherin my hart lay wounded sore. 1563 SACKVILLE *Induct. Mirr. Mag.* xix, When sickenes seekes his castell health to skale. *a* 1625 FLETCHER *Wom. Pleased* I. i, Is your old Mistris growne so coy and cruell, She must be scal'd? 1755 YOUNG *Centaur* vi. Wks. 1757 IV. 245, I shall scale the summit of human nature. 1847 TENNYSON *Princess* VII. 245 She that out of Lethe scales with man The shining steps of Nature. 1908 *19th Cent.* Oct. 621 He has proved the value of attempting, at least, to scale the loftiest heights.

d. Of waves beating upon a ship or a cliff.

1401 *Pol. Poems* (Rolls) II. 109 Þour brymme blastis awake the wilde wawlis, and scalen sely Peter ship. 1823 BYRON *Island* III. i, When scaling his enormous crag the wave Is hurl'd down headlong.

2. To 'mount' (the skies): to ascend or climb up into (heaven). Often *allusive.*

c 1380 WYCLIF *Sel. Wks.* II. 6 Þus men moten nedis scale [*v. r.* stize] heven. 1585 MONTGOMERIE *Sonnets* xiii. 3 Bright Apollo..Quhais glorious glance 3it stoutly skaillis the skyis. 1614 CHAPMAN *Odyss.* IV. 57 Ile vtter truth in all; When heauens supremest height, the Sunne doth skall. 1762–71 H. WALPOLE *Vertue's Anecd. Paint.* (1786) IV. 6 He piles palaces on bridges, and temples on palaces, and scales Heaven with mountains of edifices. 1784 COWPER *Task* III. 221 God never meant that man should scale the heav'ns By strides of human wisdom. 1815 SHELLEY *Alastor* 278 [A swan] rose as he approached, and with strong wings Scaling the upward sky [etc.]. 1877 H. M. FIELD *Lakes of Killarney* 198 This is the highest pass in Europe..and on this day it seemed as if we were scaling heaven itself.

3. *intr.* To climb (*over*), ascend, mount.

a 1547 SURREY *Æneid* II. (1557) C j, The Grekes..rered vp ladders against the walles, Under the windowes scaling by their steppes. 1560 DAUS tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* 265 b, He ..was avaunсing his ladders to scale. 1593 SHAKS. *Lucr.* 440 Her bare breast,..Whose ranks of blue veins, as his hand did scale, Left their round turrets destitute and pale. 1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* I. 170 He..was honored with a murall crown of gold for skaling over the wall in an assault. 1645 SYMONDS *Diary* (Camden) 224 Our men alighted and with their pistolls scalld and gott in. 1760–72 H. BROOKE *Fool of Qual.* (1809) I. 171 Having scaled as far as the dining-room. 1843 TENNYSON *Two Voices* lix, That men with knowledge merely play'd, I told thee—hardly nigher made, Tho' scaling slow from grade to grade.

b. Of steps, etc.: To ascend, mount.

1667 MILTON *P. L.* III. 541 The lower stair That scal'd by steps of Gold to Heav'n Gate. 1861 LYTTON & FANE *Tannhäuser* 88 Flights of blinding brilliancy of stairs..that.. Scaled to the City of the Saints of God. 1863 P. S. WORSLEY *Poems & Transl.* 9 Far up the vault a dazzling pavement,..Scaled to the zenith.

c. Of the voice or a musical instrument: To rise high.

1859 TENNYSON *Elaine* 1013 Call and I follow, I follow! let me die. High with the last line scaled her voice. 1901 G. L. DICKINSON *Meaning of Good* 227 The rhythm grew more and more rapid, the instruments scaled higher and higher.

II. To measure or regulate by a scale.

4. *trans.* To fix the exact amount of. *U.S.*

1798 *Washington's Rep.* I. 130 Two accounts, in one of which he scales the credits, and in the other fixes them at their nominal amount.

b. With *down*: To reduce in amount according to a fixed scale or standard. ? orig. *U.S.*

1887 *Pall Mall G.* 31 Oct. 6/1 There are several ways..in which boy and girl labour is utilized [in New York] to the disadvantage of adult labour, with the consequence of scaling down the adult's income. 1888 *Jrnl. Franklin Inst.* Oct. 340 At this rate it will require seventeen and one-half years, provided there be no failure of the bills during that period, and that the item be not scaled down.

5. *Lumber-trade.* **a.** To measure (logs), or estimate the amount of (standing timber).

1867 LOWELL *Fitz Adam's Story* 526, I expect I can Scale a fair load of wood with e'er a man. 1873 *Wisconsin Rep.* XXXI, As soon as said logs shall be all rafted they shall be scaled. 1877 *Michigan Rep.* XXXV. 412 The logs were to be scaled by a scaler named.

b. Of timber: To produce or furnish (so much).

1853 LOWELL *Moosehead Jrnl.* Pr. Wks. 1890 I. 32 Their eye, accustomed to reckoning the number of feet a tree will *scale.* 1884 C. S. SARGENT *Rep. For. N. Amer.* 555 Trees which would scale from 1,000 to 3,500 feet of lumber each.

6. a. To estimate the proportions of.

1877 A. B. EDWARDS *Up Nile* vi. 144 In the absence of any near object by which to scale them. 1902 *Blackw. Mag.* June 865/2 The inability of the Australian labouring man to scale things correctly.

b. To provide a standard of proportion for.

1874 MICKLETHWAITE *Mod. Par. Churches* 29 Pews.. architects say, scale a building; that is, they give the eye a constant standard for judging of its size.

Sca·le-board[1]. [f. SCALE *sb.*[2] + BOARD *sb.*[2] Cf. SCABBARD *sb.*[3]] Thin board used for hat-boxes, silk hats, veneer, etc., and by printers for justifying.

1711 *Act* 10 *Anne* c. 18 § 62 To export such Paper Pasteboard Mildboard or Scaleboard. 1821 J. SMYTH *Pract. Customs* (ed. 2) 202 Scaleboards, from Germany, are packed in Bundles, weighing 50 at each Draught. 1823 CRABBE *Technol. Dict.* s.v. *Printing*, To the furniture belong also scale-boards. 1855 OGILVIE Suppl., *Scale-board*, in *printing*,..commonly pronounced scab'-board. 1874 *Spon's Dict. Engin.* VIII. 3091 In sawing veneers or scale-boards.

attrib. 1846 [see SCABBARD *sb.*[3] b]. 1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech., Scaleboard-plane*, one for planing off wide chips, for fruit, hat, and bonnet boxes and other objects. 1881 *Instr. Census Clerks* (1885) 81 Scaleboard Box Maker.

Sca·le-board[2]. [f. SCALE *sb.*[1] + BOARD *sb.*[2]] A board used as one of the pans of a pair of scales.

1876 VOYLE & STEVENSON *Milit. Dict., Beam-Scale*, a simple lever, the arms of which are equal. At the end of each arm a scale board is suspended by chains.

Sca·le-board[3]. [First element uncertain.] (See quot.)

1891 *Min. Evid. Labour Comm.* Group B. (1892) I. 54/2 Copper ore..is brought up on scale-boards or shoots. *Ibid.* Gloss., *Scaleboard*, a kind of large shovel, made of planks, which serves as a shoot and guide, down which goods are slid from ship to quay.

Scale celi, obs. form of SCALA CÆLI.

Scaled (skēld), *ppl. a.*[1] [f. SCALE *sb.*[2] + -ED[2].]

1. Having or furnished with scales, as a fish or a serpent; scaly. Now rare exc. as second element of comb., as *silver-scaled*, and *Her.*

a 1400–50 *Alexander* 3865 Scalid neddirs. *c* 1420 LYDG. *Assembly of Gods* 614 Formyd lyke a dragon, scalyd harde as glas. 1586 FERNE *Blaz. Gentrie* I. 235 The creatures chelled, named *Conchilia*, and also of those that are scaled (called *insecta*). 1589 ELDRED in *Hakluyt's Voy.* 232 Euphrates..hath diuers sorts of fish in it, but all are scaled. 1606 SHAKS. *Ant. & Cl.* II. v. 95 A Cesterne for scal'd Snakes. 1659 T. PECKE *Parnassi Puerp.* 155 The scal'd Crocodile, out-weep Thee can. 1688 HOLME *Armoury* II. 455/1 An Indian scaled Hedghog. 1868 CUSSANS *Handbk. Her.* vi. 91 Fish are described as being *Scaled* and *Finned* of whatever Tincture they may happen to be.

2. a. Of armour. Cf. *scale-armour*; SCALY *a.* 5.

1555 WATREMAN *Fardle Facions* II. vii. 160 A brestplate emboussed, of skaled woorke. 1657 G. THORNLEY *Daphnis & Chloe* (1893) 20 Their Scaled and nailed Corslets. 1825 FOSBROKE *Encycl. Antig.* II. 782 Scaled Armour also occurs. 1834 *Penny Cycl.* II. 368/2 Whether this was the scaled-armour,..or that made of flat-rings..is not quite clear.

b. = IMBRICATED 2, 3.

1776 J. LEE *Introd. Bot.* Explan. Terms 392 *Imbricata*, scaled. 1872 COUES *Key N. Amer. Birds* 238 *Callipepla [squamata]*...Scaled Partridge. Blue Quail. 1884 *Ibid.* (ed. 2) 570 *Scardafella inca*...Inca Dove. Scaled Dove. 1884 *Fortn. Rev.* Apr. 533 The tear-bottle of scaled and iridescent glass. 1893 F. ADAMS *New Egypt* 97 The..date-palms, with their scaled trunks.

c. Covered with tiles in imitation of scales.

1862 H. MARRYAT *Year in Sweden* II. xliii. 80 The church boasts the loftiest scaled spire in Sweden. 1896 W. MORRIS in Mackail *Life* I. 231 The earlier house and its little gables and grey scaled roofs.

Scaled (skēld), *ppl. a.*[2] [f. SCALE *v.*[2] + -ED[1].] From which scales have fallen or have been removed.

1599 H. C. in *Greenham's Wks.* (1601) Epigr. Rdr., From whose hie top thy scaled eyes may see, A glorious light that

shall enlighten thee. 1601 Holland *Pliny* xxvi. xiv. II. 265 The spills of broken and skaled bones. 1728 Rutty *Tin-Plates* in *Phil. Trans.* XXXV. 636 To prevent this,..they might first make an Essay with small Pieces of the scaled Plates. 1840 Browning *Sordello* i. 503 A touch divine—And the scaled eyeball owns the mystic rod. 1873 J. & C. S. Tomes *Dental Surg.* (ed. 2) 560 In order to secure the smoothness of the scaled surface, they should be polished with pumice-powder on a piece of wood.

Scaled (skēld), *ppl. a.*[3] [f. Scale *sb.*[3] + -ed 2.] Provided or furnished with a graduated scale.

1900 *Daily News* 24 Aug. 5/1 Equipping the marksmen of every battalion with detachable scaled sights.

Scaled, *ppl. a.*[4] [f. Scale *v.*[3] + -ed [1].] That has been taken by escalade.

1614 Brathwaite *Threnode* in *Poets Willow* 75 See how the Iuy twines Vpon the ruines of a skaled wall.

Sca·le-dish. *north. dial.* [? f. Scale *sb.*[1]] 1. A shallow dish, esp. used for skimming milk.

1641 Best *Farm. Bks.* (Surtees) 18 Then putte it to the ale and make thereof two great possattes in two scale-dishes. 1787 J. Clarke *Surv. Lakes* Introd. 30 Every kind of dish likewise which is thin at the margin is a Scale-dish. 1829 Brockett *N. C. Gloss.* (ed. 2), *Scale-dish,* a thin dish used in the dairy for skimming milk.

2. (See quot.)

1828 [Carr] *Craven Gloss., Scale-dish,* an implement made of tin with a short wooden handle for filling a scale with flour, &c.

†**Sca·ledness.** *Obs.* [f. Scaled *ppl. a.*[1]] Scaly condition. (Cf. Scalledness.)

1530 Palsgr. 265/2 Scalydnesse, *escalerie.*

Scaledrake (skē·l,drēik). Also 6–7 **akaildraik, -drake, 9 skale, akel-, skieldrake.** [The first element is of obscure origin: see Sheldrake. Cf. dial. *scale-, skell-duck,* and *skeel-, skeeling-goose.*] = Sheldrake.

1600 *Sc. Acts Jas. VI* (1816) IV. 236/2 Ony..skeldraikis herroun butter, or ony sic kynd of foullis. 1659 *Lady Alimony* II. ii. B 4, Who is she that looks like a mouted Scaledrake? 1813 Montagu *Ornith. Dict.* Suppl., Shieldrake ..Scaledrake. 1885 Swainson *Prov. Names Birds* 153 Common Sheldrake (*Tadorna cornuta*)...Skeldrake or Scale drake (Orkney Isles). *Ibid.* 188 Oyster catcher (*Hæmatopus ostrilegus*)...Skeldrake or Skieldrake (Orkney Isles).

Scaleful (skē·l-lful). [f. Scale *sb.*[1] + -ful [1].] As much as a scale will hold.

1844 H. Stephens *Bk. Farm* III. 888 The weight of the number of scalefuls required to fill each pack.

Scaleless (skē·l,lės), *a.* Also 7 **skalesse.** [f. Scale *sb.*[2] + -less.] Having no scales: chiefly of fish and reptiles.

1611 Cotgr., *Amie,* a certaine skalesse fish. *Ibid., Gracieux seigneur,* a skalelesse fish, of a long forme. 1803 Shaw *Gen. Zool.* IV. 370 Scaleless Chætodon. *Chætodon Alepidotus.* 1882 Huxley in *Nature* 9 Mar. 437/1 The scaleless parts of the body..of the fish. 1884 P. Robinson *Fishes of Fancy* in *Fish. Exhib. Lit.* III. 37 Egypt, where the scaleless fish were taboo in consequence of their..unwholesomeness.

Scalelet (skē·l,lėt). *Bot.* [f. Scale *sb.*[2] + -let.] A small scale.

1787 tr. *Linnæus' Fam. Plants* I. 102 Asperugo...Cor[olla] one-petal'd..Throat closed: with Scalelets five.

Scalene (skālī·n), *a.* and *sb.* [ad. late L. *scalēnus*: see Scalenus. Cf. F. *scalène.*] **A.** *adj.* 1. *Geom.* a. Of a triangle: Having three unequal sides.

1734 *Builder's Dict.* s. v., A scalene Triangle, scalenum Triangle. 1775 Harris *Philos. Arrangem.* xv. 377 The Genus, Triangle, being divided into equilateral, equicrural, and scalene. 1801 Bournon in *Phil. Trans.* XCI. 183 The crystal is often seen placed upon one of its scalene triangular sides. 1833 Dickens *Sk. Boz, Tales* ii, With one round and two scalene triangular beds, containing..an unlimited number of marigolds. 1854 H. Miller *Sch. & Schm.* v. 87 The sail itself..formed a scalene triangle.

b. *Scalene cone, cylinder:* one of which the axis is not perpendicular to the base.

1684 Wallis *Angular Sections* i. 73 The Scalene Cone and Cylinder. 1807 T. Young *Nat. Phil.* II. 21 The subcontrary section of a scalene cone is a circle.

c. *Scalene cell:* see quot.

1875 Cayley in *Q. Jrnl. Pure & Appl. Math.* XIII. 321 The scalene cell is..a system of 3 pairs of equal rods *PA, QA*; *PB, QB*; *PC, QC* jointed together at and capable of rotating about the points *P, Q, A, B, C*; the three lengths *PA, PB, PC*..being all of them unequal.

2. *Anat. Scalene muscle* = Scalenus.

Scalene tubercle, an elevation on the upper edge of the first rib, from which the scalenus anticus muscle originates. 1827 Abernethy *Surg. Wks.* I. 133 The outer margin of the scalene muscles.

B. *sb.* 1. A scalene triangle. *rare.*

1642 H. More *Song of Soul* II. I. II. lvii, But if 't consist of points: then a Scalene I'll prove all one with an Isosceles.

2. *Anat.* = Scalenus. 1891 *Century Dict.*

†**Scale·nity.** *Obs.* [f. Scalene + -ity.] The quality of being scalene.

1788 T. Taylor *Proclus* I. Dissert. p. li, Do you by this means destroy the equality of its angles to two right ones? Certainly not;—take away its scalenity, yet this general affection remains.

Scalenohedron (skālī·nō,hī·drŏn). *Cryst.* [mod.L., f. Gr. σκαληνός Scalene + ἕδρα seat, base.] A hemihedral form of the rhombohedral system in which the faces are similar scalene triangles.

1854 *Pereira's Polarized Light* (ed. 2) 199 Hemihedral Forms. 1. Rhombohedron. 2. Scalenohedron. 1878 Gurney *Crystallogr.* 48 A figure bounded by eight scalene triangles, which has been termed an octahedral scalenohedron.

So **Scalenohedral** (-hī·drăl) *a.*, pertaining to, or having the form of, a scalenohedron.

1890 *Amer. Jrnl. Sci.* Ser. III. XXXIX. 375 Scalenohedral, surrounded by..rhombohedral, depressions.

Scalenoidal (skæ·lĭnoi·dăl), *a. Cryst.* [f. Scalene + -oidal.] Having scalene faces.

1883 Heddle in *Encycl. Brit.* XVI. 354/2 Producing..in the dimetric system 'pyramidal' and 'scalenoidal' forms.

‖ **Scale·non.** *Geom. Obs.* [a. Gr. σκαληνόν (sc. τρίγωνον triangle), neut. of σκαληνός Scalenus.] = Scalenum.

1570 Billingsley *Euclid* I. def. xxix. 5 The angles of an Isosceles or a Scalenon, may diuersly vary. 1690 Locke *Hum. Und.* IV. vii. § 9. 301 The general Idea of a Triangle, ..neither Equilateral, Equicrural, nor Scalenon; but all and none of these at once.

Scalenous (skălī·nəs), *a.* Now *rare.* [f. L. *scalēn-us* + -ous.] = Scalene A. 1, 1 b.

1656 Stanley *Hist. Philos.* v. xiii. (1687) 187/2 A Pyramid consisteth of four triangles,..each whereof is divided..into six scalenous triangles. 1710 J. Harris *Lex. Techn.* II, A Cone is called Scalenous when one side of it is longer than the other. 1728 Chambers *Cycl.* s.v. *Scalenum,* A Cylinder, whose Axis is inclined, is..said to be Scalenous. 1767 Ducarel *Anglo-Norman Antiq.* 5 The figure of this camp..approaches nearly to that which mathematicians call a Scalenous Triangle. *c* 1850 *Rudim. Navig.* (Weale) 108 A scalenous or oblique cone.

Scalent (skē·lĕnt), *a.* and *sb. Geol.* [f. Scale *v.*[3] + -ent.] Applied by H. D. Rogers to a series which with the Premeridian forms the npper part of the Silurian in the Appalachian chain.

1858 H. D. Rogers *Geol. Pennsylv.* I. 383 Scalent and Pre-Meridian Limestones of the General Tuscarora Synclinal. *Ibid.* II. II. 754 Scalent Series, or Onondago Salt and Niagara Limestone Groups of New York.

‖ **Scale·num,** *sb. Geom. Obs.* [L. (sc. *triangulum*), neut. of *scalēnus* (see next).] A scalene triangle. Also *predicatively* as *adj.* Cf. Scalenon.

1570 Billingsley *Euclid* I. def. xxvi. 4 Scalenum is a triangle, whose three sides are all vnequall. 1653 H. More *Schol. Antid. Ath.* Philos. Writ. (1712) 144 The rest of the scalenums which make up the Square. 1735 Berkeley *Def. Free-thinking* § 45. 56 It [a triangle] must be neither oblique nor rectangular, neither equilateral, equicrural, nor scalenum. 1787 *Gentl. Mag.* LVII. II. 1059/2 The true figure of the encampment is rather an isosceles than a scalenum.

‖ **Scalenus** (skălī·nŭs). *Anat.* Pl. **scaleni** (-ai). [mod.L. (sc. *musculus*), a. Gr. σκαληνός uneven, unequal, odd (number), scalene.] One of a set of muscles of triangular form situated in the lower lateral region of the neck. Also *attrib.*

1704 J. Harris *Lex. Techn.* I, *Scaleni,* are three Muscles of the Thorax, so called from their Figure, having three unequal Sides. 1839–47 *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* III. 562/1 The *scaleni*..extending from the transverse processes to the first two ribs. 1873 Mivart *Elem. Anat.* ii. 71 In the Guinea Pig,..the first rib bears a little spinous tubercle for the attachment of the scalenus muscle.

Scalepp, obs. form of Scallop *sb.*

†**Sca·ler** [1]. *Obs.* [f. Scale *sb.*[1] + -er [1].] A manufacturer of scales.

1415 in *York Myst.* Introd. p. xxiii, Cuttellers..Blademyth..Shethers..Scalers.

Scaler [2] (skē·lə). [f. Scale *v.*[2] + -er [1].] 1. One who removes scales or scale from fish, boilers, etc.

1611 Cotgr., *Escailleur,* a skaler, piller, shaler of. 1728 Rutty *Tin-Plates* in *Phil. Trans.* XXXV. 635 This..is kept as much a Secret by the Blancher, as the acid eroding Menstruum is by the Scaler. 1892 *Eastern Morn. News* (Hull) 1 June 4/8 Henry Toyne, boiler scaler.

2. An instrument for removing scales or scale.

1881 Coleman *Dental Surg. & Pathol.* xvi. 290 A..removal of all salivary deposition from the exposed fangs of the teeth ..can only be effected by very narrow sharp scalers. 1884 Knight *Dict. Mech.* Suppl., *Scaler,* a dentist's tool for removing scale or tartar from teeth. 1891 *Century Dict., Scaler,* an instrument resembling a currycomb and usually made of tin, used for removing scales from fish.

Scaler [3] (skē·lə). [f. Scale *v.*[3] + -er [1].] 1. One who scales a wall or a mountain.

1568 Grafton *Chron.* II. 525 Martyn Godfrey called the scaler. 1591 Percivall *Sp. Dict., Escalador,* a scaler, a pilferer, *Scalarum conscensor.* 1600 Fairfax *Tasso* xvii. xxxi, Brimarte the scaler [orig. *espugnator de le città*]. 1698 Fryer *Acc. E. India & P.* 99 Upon the Top they have piled spiked Timber to annoy the Scalers. 1862 Thornbury *Turner* I. 315 Jove hates the old scalers of heaven's walls. 1897 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* III. 461 Nose-bleeding..which befell the first scalers of Moot-Blanc.

2. *Lumber-trade.* One who scales or measures logs.

1887 *Contemp. Rev.* May 762 Each district is supplied with its Corps of State inspectors, 'scalers', &c. 1893 *Scribner's Mag.* June 710/1 The logs..measured by the quick-witted scaler.

3. One who uses a scale in surveying.

1840 *Civil Eng. & Arch. Jrnl.* Dec. 406/1 By allowing two young hands to figure for each scaler, they check one another.

Scalesman (skē·lzmăn). [f. *scales,* pl. of Scale *sb.*[1] + Man *sb.*[1]] A man who uses scales; a weigher.

1838 Arnold *Hist. Rome* I. xiv. 273 Five Roman citizens ..were to be present as witnesses, and a sixth, called the weigher or scalesman. 1881 *Instr. Census Clerks* (1885) 34 Railway Officials and Servants.. Scalesman. 1889 *Star* 2 Jan. 4/6 Butchers.—Wanted first rate scalesman.

†**Scalet.** *Obs.* [ad. It. *scaletta,* dim. of *scala* ladder. Cf. Sp. *escaleta.*] (See quot. 1876.)

1640 Hexham *Princ. Art Milit.* III. 6 Because it may sometimes happen, that..you may be driven to dismount and remount your peece..., you must carry along with you a Fearne, a winch, or a Scalet. 1876 Voyle & Stevenson *Milit. Dict., Scalet,* an ancient name given to a lifting-jack. It was chiefly used in extricating wheels from deep ruts and soft ground.

Scaleton, Scalfe: see Skeleton, Scalp *sb.*[2]

Scalfer, Scal-hot: see Skilfer, Scald-hot.

†**Scalier.** *Obs.* [ad. F. *escalier.*] A staircase.

1652 Urquhart *Jewel* 120 A private passage, which led them to a Lanterne Scalier. 1653 — *Rabelais* I. liii, In the midst there was a wonderful scalier or winding-staire.

Scaliness (skē·linės). [f. Scaly + -ness.] The condition or character of being scaly.

1611 Cotgr., *Tignon,* a scurfe, or scalinesse of the skin. 1818–20 E. Thompson *Nosologia* (ed. 3) 325 A thickened, hard, rough..texture of the integuments of the body with a tendency to scaliness. 1829 *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 3) V. 587 Red dandriff. Scaliness common to the body generally. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 661 Its excessive dryness, roughness, and scaliness.

†**Sca·ling,** *sb. Obs.* [Of obscure origin; ? cf. Scavilon.] Some kind of garment.

1577 *Eccl. Proc. of Bp. Barnes* (Surtees) 17 Great britches gascogne hose, scalings, nor any other like monstrous and vnsemely apparell.

Scaling (skē·liŋ), *vbl. sb.*[1] [f. Scale *v.*[1] + -ing [1].] The action of weighing in scales; *esp.* in *Baking* and *Racing* (see Scale *v.*[1] 1 b, 3 b).

1841 *Guide to Trade, Baker* 42 Engaged in pitching the dough, cutting, scaling off [etc.]. 1864 *Daily Tel.* 9 June, The large field anticipated [for the Hunt Cup) rendered it necessary that the business of weighing and scaling should be vigorously pushed forward.

Scaling (skē·liŋ), *vbl. sb.*[2] Also 7 **skalling,** [f. Scale *v.*[2] or *sb.*[2] + -ing [1].]

1. The action of Scale *v.*[2]; the removal or peeling off of scales or scale.

1591 Percivall *Sp. Dict., Escamadura,* scaling of fish. 1601 Holland *Pliny* XXI. xxv. II. 141 The skalling and pilling of the face. 1686 Goad *Celest. Bodies* I. ix. 30 The crumbling and scaling of Brick and Stone in Frosts that are extreme. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 553 As the spot [of psoriasis] enlarges..it often becomes very slightly raised above the surface, and the scaling is more marked.

b. In technical and manufacturing use.

1686 Plot *Staffordsh.* 335 The plates..keeping each other also from scaleing, or being beaten..away into Cinders or wast. 1728 Rutty *Tin-Plates* in *Phil. Trans.* XXXV. 633 The scaling will still be more expeditious, if you dissolve a little Sal-armoniack in the Vinegar. 1825 J. Nicholson *Oper. Mech.* 725 To prevent the copper from scaling. 1881 Coleman *Dental Surg. & Pathol.* xvi. 294 In the process of scaling, great care should be exercised to remove all fragmentary portions from between the teeth.

attrib. 1840 De Loude *Dentistry* 98 The dentist..will have a great number of those scaling instruments. 1853–62 Burn *Naval & Mil. Dict.* II. 227/1 Scaling oven (for tin), *fourneau à décaper.* 1875 Knight *Dict. Mech. Scaling-bar* (Steam.), a rod for detaching scale in boilers.

c. *concr.* That which scales off; scale, scales.

1651 French *Distill.* i. 4 To these adde the *Caput Mortuum,* of Vitriall, and Scaling of Iron. 1712 J. Morton *Nat. Hist. Northampt.* 41 The Kealy Soil is such as is plentifully strewed with..a Stone in very small Masses... They have the Name of Keale, Kale, or Scale, for that they seem to have been Scalings of larger Masses. 1811 *Self Instructor* 534 Scalings of iron vitrified. 1894 Baring-Gould *Deserts S. France* I. 143 Thin flakes..of the rock scale off..and these scalings accumulate all along the foot of the escarpment.

2. Arrangement of scales.

1721 Bradley *Philos. Acc. Wks. Nat.* 72 To give my Reader the Satisfaction of observing..different Methods of their Scaling [*sc.* of serpents]. 1898 *Proc. Zool. Soc.* 17 May 451 On the upper side of the tail..only a few scattered hairs appear, barely hiding the rather coarse ordinary scales, but as the hair thickens the scaling becomes finer.

Scaling (skē·liŋ), *vbl. sb.*[3] [f. Scale *v.*[3]]

1. Climbing, mounting; escalade.

a 1513 Fabyan *Chron.* VII. ccxxx. 262 The castynge of stonys, or scalynge of the wallys, or fyllynge of the dyches. 1598 Barret *Theor. Warres* II. i. 20 In the scaling and assaults of batteries or walles. 1655 Fuller *Ch. Hist.* I. i. § 6 He daily walls them with his Providence, against the scaling of the swelling Surges. 1802 C. James *Milit. Dict.* s. v. *Ladder,* The success of an attack by scaling is infallible, if they mount the 4 sides at once. 1831 G. Downes *Lett. Cont. Countries* I. 533 The scaling of the walls by the Duke of Savoy's troops.

†b. = Scaling-ladder. *Obs. nonce-use.*

1582 Stanyhurst *Æneis* II. (Arb.) 58 They clinge thee scalinges too wals.

2. In senses of Scale *v.*[3] II: Measurement or estimation of quantities; graduation (of charges, etc.); the construction of a scale. Also *attrib.*

c 1710 Celia Fiennes *Diary* (1888) 121 The scaleing hall where their stuffs are all measured. 1875 Knight *Dict. Mech., Scaling,*..the process of adjusting sights to the guns on shipboard was formerly so termed. 1877 *Michigan Rep.* XXXV. 506 The scaling at that mill would appear..to have been very carelessly kept. 1878 *N. Amer. Rev.* CXXVI. 159 Who threatened repudiation of the whole national debt if there should be resistance to such small scaling. 1899 *Westm. Gaz.* 11 Nov. 7/1 The scaling down of the fixed dividend from 7 to 6 per cent.

Scaling (skē·liŋ), *ppl. a.* [f. Scale *v.*[2] + -ing [2].] That forms or sheds scales.

1897 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* II. 219 The gradual appearance of copper-coloured scaling papules. 1898 P. Manson *Trop. Diseases* xxxvii. 583 A ring of scaling epidermis.

Sca·ling-la·dder. [SCALING *vbl. sb.*[3]] A ladder used in the assault of fortified places.

c 1400 *Brut* II. 382/22 Bryggez of lethir, scaling laddres. 1412–20 LYDG. *Chron. Troy* II. 6442 Skalyng ladderis for sautis marcial. 1571 DIGGES *Pantom.* I. XXV. H iij, You may in this manner..tell the iuste length of the scaling laders. 1697 DRYDEN *Æneid* II. 605 Some mount the scaling Ladders, some..by Posts and Pillars hold. 1739 tr. *Rollin's Anc. Hist.* III. i. I. 298 He caused rams, mantles, and scaling ladders to be got ready. 1802 C. JAMES *Milit. Dict.* s. v. *Ladder*, Scaling-ladders..are made..sometimes of flat staves, so as to move about their pins, and shut like a parallel ruler. 1893 FORBES-MITCHELL *Remin. Gt. Mutiny* 97 A number of men..carrying scaling-ladders.

b. A fireman's ladder used for scaling buildings. 1868 E. M. SHAW *Instr. Scaling Ladders* 4 The scaling ladders at present used by the Metropolitan Fire Brigade. 1888 MERRYWEATHER *Fire Brigade Handbk.* 106.

c. *Her.* A charge representing a ladder having two grappling-hooks at the top.

1780 EDMONDSON *Her.* II. Gloss., *Scaling-ladder*, in bend, between two caltraps.

Scaliwag, variant of SCALLYWAG.

Scall (skǭl), *sb.* (and *a.*). *Obs.* exc. *Sc.* and *north. dial.* Also 4–6 **scalle, skalle,** 6–7 **scaul(e, skall,** 6, 9 **skal,** 7, 9 **scal.** *β. Sc.* and *north.* 4 **sca,** 6 **skaw,** 5, 7, 9 **scaw.** [prob. a. ON. *skalle* a (naturally) bald head (Sw. *skalle* skull; cf. *skallig* bald), app. a derivative of OTeut. **skal-* (whence SHALE *sb.*, SHELL *sb.*).] **A.** *sb.* A scaly or scabby disease of the skin, *esp.* of the scalp. *Dry scall*: psoriasis. *Humid* or *moist scall*: eczema.

Honeycomb, milk, milky, ringworm scall: see the qualifying words.

a. a 1300 *Cursor M.* 11819 In his heued he has þe scall. *c* 1374 CHAUCER *To Scriv.* 3 Vnder þy long lokkes þowe most haue þe scalle. *c* 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* VI. 138 They wol been in good poynte Withouten scorf or scalle. 1526 *Grete Herball* CXXIII. (1529) H ij b, Agaynst scalles of the heed..bruse grene camomyll. *a* 1529 SKELTON *Howe the Douty Duke of Albany*, etc. 219 Wks. 1843 II. 74 Full of scabbes and scaules. 1598 SYLVESTER *Du Bartas* II. i. III. (1641) 99 Through their salt phlegms their heads were hid w^th skalls. 1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* XX. ix. II. 52 It mundifieth the skurfe or dandruffe in the head, the running scalls likewise that are bred there. 1611 BIBLE *Lev.* xiii. 30 A dry skall, euen a leprosie vpon the head or beard. *Ibid.* xiv. 54 This is the law for all manner plague of leprosie and skall. 1694 SALMON *Bate's Dispens.* 157/1 The Leprosie, white Scall, and all sorts of Ulcers which are not corroding. 1829 *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 3) V. 641 The furfuraceous or branny scall..is often mistaken for a pityriasis or lepriasis, particularly where it appears in the scalp. 1833 TODD in *Cycl. Pract. Med.* I. 671 Ecthyma..papulous scall.

β. c 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* XXXVI. (*Baptista*) 1067, & þar-to sic a sca had he þat of his body nocht was fre. *a* 1450 *Ratis Raving* I. 182 The lypir and the faland Ill, Wild fyre and scaw. 1536 BELLENDEN *Cron. Scot., Descr. Alb.* x. C j, This onlie hes ane singulare virtew aganis all maner of cankir and skawis. 1867 E. B. RAMSAY *Scot. Life & Char.* v. (ed. 15) 115, I've had..the scaw [*note*, The itch]. 1870 J. K. HUNTER *Life Studies* XXVI. 190 Brimstone and butter was..the great medium for curin' the scaw.

b. *attrib.*: **scall-bladder,** a vesicle of eczema (*Syd. Soc. Lex.* 1897).

B. *attrib.* or *adj.* = SCALLED. Also Comb., *scall-patched* adj.

1598 SHAKS. *Merry W.* III. i. 123 To be reuenge on this same scall-scuruy-cogging-companion the Host of the Garter. 1602 *Narcissus* (1893) 569 Goe to, y'are a scall scabbe. 1632 LITHGOW *Trav.* I. 3 Shallow scal-patch'd pates.

Scall, obs. form of SCALE *v.*[3]

‖ Sca·llag. [Gael. *sgalag* = Ir. *sgológ*. Cf. SCOLOG.] A predial bondsman in the Hebrides.

1666 J. FRASER *Polichron.* (S. H. S.) 84 The very place named Bearn ni Scallag, that is, the Servants Gap, becaus the men who did the slaughter were servants and scallags. 1793 J. L. BUCHANAN *Trav. W. Hebrides* Introd. 6 The scallag, whether male or female, is a poor being, who, for mere subsistence, becomes a predial slave to another. 1807 J. HALL *Trav. Scot.* II. 549 The state of our negroes is paradise compared with that of the scallag.

† Sca·llard, *sb.* (and *a.*). *Obs.* [f. SCALL + -ARD. Cf. SCASBARD *sb.*[2]] One who has the 'scall'.

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 442/1 Scallarde (*S.* scallar), *glabrio.* 1530 PALSGR. 265/2 Scallarde, *tigneux.*

b. *attrib.* or *adj.* ? Wretched, mean.

c 1580 J. HOOKER *P. Carew* in *Archæologia* XXVIII. 124 The saye syde, wheare as was a scallarde fysher boate provyded for theyme to carry theyme into Englande.

Scallawag, variant of SCALLYWAG.

Scalled (skǭld), *a.* Now *rare.* Also 4 **scallede, scallid, scaled,** 5 **skallyd, skallid,** 5–6 **scallyd,** 6 **skalled.** [f. SCALL + -ED[2].] = SCALD *a.* *Scalled-head* = SCALD-HEAD.

1340 *Ayenb.* (1866) 224 þe mezels, þe dyaue, þe doumbe, þe scornede, þe scallede. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Prol.* 627 With scaled browes blake and piled berd. 1426 LYDG. *De Guil. Pilgr.* 14676 And I kan sette (or folk take hed) A Coyffe vp-on a skallyd heed. 1530 TINDALE *Pract. Prel.* C, As the maner of scalled horses is, the one to clawe the other. 1546 PHAER *Regim. Life, Bk. Childr.* S vij, The heades of chyldren are oftentimes vlcered, & scalled. 1655 FULLER *Ch. Hist.* II. 97 A Dumb Youth, with a scalled head. 1829 *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 3) V. 637 *Ecpyesis Porrigo galeata.* Scalled head. 1871 NAPHEYS *Prev. & Cure Dis.* III. iv. 732 Scalled head and other troublesome skin diseases.

Hence **† Sca·lledness,** scabbiness.

1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* VII. iii. (Bodl. MS.), Vnneþe suche skalles oþer schorfe is yheeled but somme for oþer skallednes oþer pilledines leue and beþ isene alwaye þerafter. 1530 PALSGR. 265/2 Scallydnesse, *roignevselé.*

Scallet (skæ·lĕt). *local.* Also **-ot.** A bed of freestone in Wiltshire and Somerset.

1825 in Britton *Beauties Wilts.* III. 414 The upper beds [of the Portland series of oolitic rock] are known to the quarry-men by the name of the *Scallot beds.* 1839 *Civil Eng. & Arch. Jrnl.* Oct. 376/2 The scallet, which is the finest in grain, is used for ashlar.

Scallet, obs. variant of SCALADE.

† Sca·lling, *ppl. a. Obs.* [f. SCALL + -ING[2].] Producing 'scall' or scab.

1659 GAUDEN *Slight Healers* (1660) 93 To..infect the whole body with that itch, and scab, or scalling humor.

Scallion (skæ·liən). Forms: 4 **scalone, scaloun,** 5 **scalon, scalyone,** 5–6 **scalyon,** 6 **scallyon,** 6–7 **scalion,** 7 **skallion,** 6– **scallion.** [a. AF. *scal(o)un* = OF. *eschalo(i)gne*:—pop.L. **escalonia*, for class. L. *Ascalōnia* (sc. *cæpa* onion), f. *Ascalon*, name of a seaport of Palestine. Cf. Sp. *escalona*; also It. *scalogno* (:—*Ascalōnium*, sc. *allium*).] **a.** The shallot. Now *dial.* **b.** The Welsh onion or 'chibol'. **c.** An onion which fails to bulb but forms a long neck and strong blade.

13.. *Coer de L.* 6834 For thy lyff and thy barouns He wyl not geve two skalouns. 1393 LANGL. *P. Pl.* C. IX. 310 Perselye and scalones, Chiboles and chiruylles. *a* 1400 *Octouian* 1313 He seyde hy ner worth a scaloun Alle y-fere. *c* 1440 *Palladius on Husb.* IV. 635 In oil & luce of scalons longe With pepur mixt, ennoynte her pomys. 1547 BOORDE *Brev. Health* XV. 12 b, They muste eat no salades, garlyke, ramsons, onyons, chybolles, or scalyons. 1552 TURNER *Herbal* 96 A scalyon differeth from an onyon in that it hath a great deale lesse heade and a longer neck, and thycker. 1596 NASHE *Saffron Walden* F 2 Not content to ..sustaine his hungry bodie with wythred scallions and greene cheese. 1620 VENNER *Via Recta* vii. 139 Scallions and Chibols are much of the nature of Onions. 1699 [see CIBOL]. 1786 ABERCROMBIE *Gard. Assist.* 9 Let such as have sprouted be planted for Spring scallions. 1855 DELAMER *Kitch. Gard.* 39 To supply..a substitute for scallions, whether the term is interpreted to mean the green tops of onions which do not bulb in the spring and the shoots from old bulbs of the preceding or former years, or the Welsh onion. 1882 *Garden* 30 Dec. 577/1 Scallions find favour with many who object to Onions generally.

attrib. and *Comb. c* 1550 LLOYD *Treas. Health* xiii. F iij b, Put oyle & scalion seed together. 1580 BARET *Alv.*, A Scallion onion, *Ascalonia. a* 1625 BEAUM. & FL. *Love's Cure* II. i, What a scallion fac'd-rascall 'tis!

Scallop, scollop (skǫ·ləp, skæ·ləp), *sb.* Forms: *α.* 5 **scalap, -opp,** 5, 7 **scalop, skalop,** 6 **scalepp, -oppe, scallopp(e, skallap, -op,** 9 **scallope, scallap,** 6– **scallop.** *β.* 7 **s(c)kollop,** 7–8 **scollup,** 7– **-op.** [aphetic a. OF. *escalope*: see ESCALLOP.

While the pronunciation (skǫ·ləp) is still in all uses the more common of the two, the spelling *scollop* appears now to be confined to sense 2, and even in that application is less usual than *scallop.*]

1. A shell-fish of the genus *Pecten.*

a. c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 442/2 Scalop, fysche [*Winch. MS.* Scalap]. 1530 PALSGR. 265/2 Scalǫppe a fysshe. 1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* XI. li. I. 353 The great Scallops make a certaine noise as they shoot out of the water. 1617 MORYSON *Itin.* I. 70 The skalops which they call holy cockels, twelue for a lire. 1626 BACON *Sylva* § 747 No Liuing Creatures, that haue Shells very hard; (As Oysters, Cockles, Mussles, Scallops). *c* 1711 PETIVER *Gazophyl.* vii. 62 Madras spotted Scallop. 1716 GAY *Trivia* II. 417 And luscious 'scallops, to allure the tastes Of rigid zealots to delicious fasts. 1802 BINGLEY *Anim. Biog.* (1813) III. 454 The Scallop has the power of progressive motion upon land, and likewise of swimming on the surface of the water. 1841 T. R. JONES *Anim. Kingd.* xxii. 391 In the Scallops (*Pecten*) the edges of the mantle are studded with..pearl-like points.

β. 1630 J. TAYLOR (Water P.) *Wks.* I. 117/1 The blushing Prawne, the well-armed Oyster, the Scollop, the Wilke. 1646 SIR T. BROWNE *Pseud. Ep.* V. i. 234 Oysters, Cochles, Sckollops, and other testaceous animals. 1661 RABISHA *Cookery Dissected* 125 First boyl your Scollups, then take them out of the shells and wash them. 1705 *Phil. Trans.* XXV. 2160 (2), I took this..Scollop and Sea Horn.

b. A scallop-shell; a vessel resembling one, used in baptism, etc.

a. 1401 *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 452 Item j scalap et j navis argent' deaurat'. 1408 *Ibid.* 402 Et in 1 scalopp argent. pro sale benedicendo. 1639 T. HEYWOOD *Londini Status Pacatus* A 4 b, A person representing the ancient River Nilus, mounted in a Sea-Chariot, and seated upon a silver Scallop. 1796 MORSE *Amer. Geog.* I. 357 A lump, taken fresh from the stratum,..exhibits, in perfect shape, innumerable muscle shells, scallops, &c.

β. 1752 POCOCKE *Tour* (1891) 87 The woman also melted tallow in a scollop and dipt the rushes in it.

c. A pilgrim's cockle-shell worn as a sign that he had visited the shrine of St. James at Compostella.

? *a* 1400 *Morte Arth.* 3474 With scrippe, ande with slawyne, and skalopis i-newe, Both pyke and palme, alles pilgram hym scholde. 1501 *Bury Wills* (Camden) 83 The stooll..coloord and garnyschyd w^t scalepps and othyr sygnys of Seynt Jamys. 1532 in Weaver *Wells Wills* (1890) 186 My bedes with scallopps. 1710 PARNELL *Hermit* 25 The pilgrim-staff he bore, And fix'd the scallop in his hat before. 1871 LOWELL *Study Wind., Pope* 291 As little typical of the inward man as the scallop of a pilgrim.

2. An object of the shape of a scallop-shell; a part or formation resembling a scallop-shell.

1609 *Test. Ebor.* (Surtees) V. 5, I will have my *Derege* in my house,..and at Mr. Perot be at the same dener; and at tharbe skallapis of mayne hreid. 1629 DEKKER *London's Tempe* (Percy Soc.) 43 Bases and buskins cut..at the top into silver scollups. 1668 CULPEPPER & COLE *Barthol. Anat.* I. xiv. 32 A Mans Liver is not divided into Laps or Scollops. 1688 HOLME *Armoury* III. 374/1 The Scallop, as covers the Winding hole [in a watch].

b. *esp.* One of a series of convex rounded projections forming the scalloped edge of a garment or other object. Also, a scalloped form, a scalloping.

This use prob. has a double origin; a 'scalloped' edge may be compared either to a row of scallop-shells, or to the edge of a scallop-shell.

1612 BEAUMONT *Masque of Inner Temple* D b, The hinder part cut into Scallops, answering the skirts of their doublets. *c* 1710 CELIA FIENNES *Diary* (1888) 16 All of them gather'd up y^e upper peticoate in little scallops. 1713 *Guardian* 1 Sept., The Men have contented themselves with the Retrenchment of the Hat, or the various Scallop of the Pocket. 1768 PENNANT *Brit. Zool.* (1776) II. 414 Four scollops on the exterior toe..each finely serrated on their edges. 1839–47 BOWMAN in *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* III. 508/1 Thus giving a slight scallop, or regular indentation, to the edge. 1867 AUGUSTA WILSON *Vashti* iv, The girl sewed on, working scallop after scallop, and flower after flower. 1886 MISS C. F. WOOLSON *East Angels* ix, The beach waved in and out in long scallops.

† c. Lace or edging of a scalloped pattern; a scalloped lace band or collar. *Obs.*

1603 in *38th Rep. Dep. Kpr. Rec.* App. 444 Stamells, stanimes, scallops, tapessary or tapestry. 1661 PEPYS *Diary* 7 Dec., My wife and I were talking about buying of a fine scallop..which is to cost her 45*s.*

3. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as (sense 1) *scallop-bank, dredge*; (sense 2) *scallop-wise* adv.; quasi-adj. = 'scalloped', as *scallop capital, lace, moulding, tile, top*; *scallop-leaved, -necked, -shaped, -striped, -tailed, -toed, -winged* adjs.; **scallop budding** (see quot.); **scallop crab,** a pea-crab inhabiting scallops; **scallop hook tip** (see quot.); **† scallop-iron** (see quot.); **† scallop slate,** ? shale containing fossil scallops; **† scallop-stone,** ? a fossil pecten.

1851 WOODWARD *Mollusca* iii. 72 *Scallop-banks at twenty fathoms. 1825 *Greenhouse Comp.* I. 234 The *scallope or French mode of budding, in which a section or scallope of bark and wood containing a bud is taken from one tree, and applied to a part of the stem of another tree, where a similar scallope had been removed. 1862 *Rickman's Archit.* (ed. 6) 158 The *scollop capitals are..frequently used. 1887 GOODE, etc. *Fisheries U. S.* V. II. 571 The ordinary *scallop dredge holds from one to two bushels. 1829 J. F. STEPHENS *Catal. Brit. Insects* II. 256 *Platypteryx..*lacertula*..*Scallap Hook-tip. 1688 HOLME *Armoury* III. 397/1 Sadlers Tools..a Larg *Scallop Iron,..being a kind of Punch to cut Leather Scallop wise. 1706 *Hudibras Rediv.* (Nares), Pinners..Edg'd round with ancient *scollop laces. 1822 *Hortus Anglicus* II. 76 *Scollop-leaved Iron Wort. 1848 *Rickman's Archit.* (ed. 5) p. xx, Two varieties of *scallop mouldings. 1783 LATHAM *Synopsis Birds* IV. 643 *Scallop-necked Pigeon. 1843 R. J. GRAVES *Syst. Clin. Med.* XXVI. 334 *Scollop-shaped condylomata. *c* 1711 PETIVER *Gazophyl.* vi. 51 Flat thin *Scallop Slate. 1668 CHARLETON *Onomast.* 267 *Pectinitis*..*Scollop-stone. 1873 BROWNING *Red Cott. Nt.-cap* 567 One level, *scallop-striped With bands of beet and turnip and lnzern. 1802 SHAW *Gen. Zool.* III. 276 *Scollop-tailed Gecko. 1674 RAY *S. & E. C. Words* 92 A bird of the Coot kind, *scollop-toed. 1843 VARRELL *Brit. Birds* I. Index p. xxvii, Scallop-toed Sandpiper. 1728 CHAMBERS *Cycl. s. v. Tyle*, *Scallop or Astragal Tyles,..their lower Ends are in Form of..a Semicircle, with a Square on each Side. 1711 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 128 ₱ 2D A Pair of Shoes with high *Scollop Tops. 1749 B. WILKES *Eng. Moths & Butterflies* 39 The *Scallop winged Moth laid her Eggs on the 5th of August. 1829 J. F. STEPHENS *Catal. Brit. Insects* II. 97 *Cymatophora..Oo*..Scallop-winged Oak M[oth]. 1558 in Feuillerat *Revels Q. Eliz.* (1908) 38 Greane vellvet cutt in leaves *scallopwise. 1688 [see *scallop-iron*].

Sca·llop, sco·llop, *v.* [f. SCALLOP *sb.*]

1. *trans.* To shape or cut (*out*) in the form of a scallop-shell; to ornament or trim with scallops.

1749 SHENSTONE *Irreg. Ode after Sickness* 100 To fence for you my shady grove And scollop ev'ry winding shore. 1760–72 H. BROOKE *Fool of Qual.* (1809) IV. 155 A vest of silver brocading, scalloped over a petticoat of the same fabric. 1771 SMOLLETT *Humph. Cl.* 26 June (1815) 197 This fellow..having no inclination to curry any beast out of the stable, was at great pains to scallop his nails in such a manner that the blood followed at every stroke. 1809 PINKNEY *Trav. France* 203 It fits closely, and is scolloped round the neck, arms, and at the bottom. *a* 1810 J. HENRY *Camp. agst. Quebec* (1812) 21 The face of the rock was, as it were scalloped out, down to the water's edge. 1836 HOR. SMITH *Tin Trump.* I. 44 The bow windows and balconnies that scallop the narrow side streets. 1908 *Blackw. Mag.* July 101/2 Their edges are elaborately scallnped with a drop of clear water lodged in each rounded notch.

b. *Mining.* (See quot.)

1883 GRESLEY *Gloss. Coal-mining, Scallop*, to cut..the sides of a heading without holing them, or using powder.

2. *Cookery.* To bake (oysters, etc.) in a scallop-shell or similar-shaped pan or plate with bread crumbs, cream, butter, and condiments.

1737 [see SCALLOPED 2]. 1769 MRS. RAFFALD *Eng. Housekpr.* (1778) 287 To scollop Potatoes. Boil your potatoes, then beat them fine [etc.]..put them into scollop shells,..put them in a Dutch oven [etc.]. 1841 J. T. HEWLETT *Parish Clerk* II. 75 Lobsters, boiled, scalloped, and hot-buttered. 1885 E. P. WRIGHT *Anim. Life* 555 The shell [of the scallop *Pecten maximus*] is often used for 'scalloping' oysters.

Scalloped, scolloped (skǫ·ləpt, skæ·ləpt), *ppl. a.* Also *α.* 8 **scallaped,** 9 **scallopped, scallopt.** *β.* 8 **scollopt,** 9 **scoloped.** [f. SCALLOP *sb.* or *v.* + -ED.]

1. Having the border, edge, or outline cut into a series of segments of circles resembling a scallop-shell. **a.** *Nat. Hist.* (Sometimes the specific name of an animal or plant: see quots.)

α. 1682 Grew *Anat. Pl.* III. I. i. 105 A scalloped Parenchymous Ring. or a Ring of many short and slender white Arches. 1778 M. Harris *Aurelian* p. xvii, Inferior Wing scallaped. 1793 Martyn *Lang. Bot., Scalloped leaf*, this term may be applied to the *foliowt Repandum*. 1819 J. F. Stephens in *Shaw's Gen. Zool.* XI. 43 The feathers that cover the sides of the neck are scalloped in the centre. 1821 Clare *Vill. Minstr.* II. 111 Scallop'd briony. 1869 [see *hook-tip*, Hook *sb.* 18]. 1900 B. D. Jackson *Gloss. Bot. Terms, Scalloped*, crenate.

β. 1768 Pennant *Brit. Zool.* (1776) II. 414 The toes extremely singular, being edged with scolloped membranes like the coot. 1819 Samouelle *Entomol. Compend.* 423 Geometra emarginata. The scolloped Double-line. 1872 Coues *N. Amer. Birds* 51 The lobation may be either scolloped, or cut out at the joints, as in the coot, or plain.

Comb. [cf. Scallop *sb.* 3]. 1832 J. Rennie *Consp. Butterfl. & Moths* Index, Scolloped Winged Broad Bar.

b. Of articles of dress.

1687 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 2234/4 A brown colour close-bodied Coat, with scollop'd Pockets. 1716 Gay *Trivia* I. 32 The wooden Heel may raise the Dancer's Bound, And with the scallop'd Top his Step be crown'd. 1863 Longf. *Wayside Inn, Sicilian's T.* 83 The King's Jester, thou Henceforth shalt wear the bells and scalloped cape. 1888 *Lady* 25 Oct. 378/1 Cloth hats and bonnets, with scalloped edges.

c. Of utensils, architectural features, etc.

1766 *Compl. Farmer* s. v. *Mole* 5 O 4/2 Scoop them out at once, with what Mr. Bradley calls a scolloped mole-hill plough. 1840 Buel *Farmer's Comp.* 150 The concave, or scalloped roller, is adapted to the form of ridges. 1870 F. R. Wilson *Ch. Lindisf.* 176 The caps of the columns.. are scalloped. 1881 Young *Every Man his own Mechanic* § 9/2 Leather edging with scalloped edges or strips of American leather cloth should be attached to the shelves.

2. *Cookery.* (See Scallop *v.* 2.)

1737 *Ochtertyre House Bk. Acc.* (1907) 3 Scollopt oysters. 1791 Huddersford *Salmag.* 93 And shoals of bawling choristers He ate, like scallop'd oysters. 1827 Hone *Everyday Bk.* II. 58 Stewed oysters! I ordered scolloped!

3. Wearing a scallop-shell. *rare.*

1832 G. Downes *Lett. Cont. Countries* I. 324 A pilgrim regularly scalloped.

Scalloper (skɒ·lәpәɹ). [f. Scallop *v.* and *sb.* + -er 1.] a. One who makes scalloped ornament, etc. b. One who gathers scallops.

1881 *Instr. Census Clerks* (1885) 70 Lace Finishing... Scolloper. *Ibid.* 89 Glass Scolloper. 1887 Goode, etc. *Fisheries U. S.* v. II. 577 At Wickford, R. I., there live a few scallopers, and three boats are owned.

Sca·lloping, sco·lloping, *vbl. sb.* [f. Scallop *sb.* or *v.* + -ing 1.] The action of the vb. Scallop. Also *concr.*, scalloped ornament, edging, marking, or the like.

a 1800 *Peggy Irvine* iv. in Child *Ballads* V. 301/2 Her petticoats was of the silk so fine, set out with the silver and scolloping. 1889 A. R. Wallace *Darwinism* 255 Minute examination detects differences in form and scalloping of the wings.

attrib. 1875 Knight *Dict. Mech., Scalloping-tool* (*Saddlery*), a tool for giving an ornamental edge to leather straps.

So **Sca·lloping** *ppl. a.*, forming 'scallops'.

18.. Whittier *Prose Wks.* (1889) II. 381 A long scalloping range of hills.

Sca·llop-shell. Cf. Escallop-shell.

1. The shell of the scallop, or, more usually, one valve of it: freq. with reference to its being a pilgrim's badge. (Cf. note s. v. Escallop-shell.)

1530 Palsgr. 265/2 Scaloppe shell, *quocquille de saint Jacques.* 1562 *Inv. St. Margaret's Westm.* in *Malcolm's Londinium* IV. 137 One Cope of crimson velvet with scallop shells of silver. *a* 1618 Raleigh *Pilgrimage* 1 Give me my Scollap-Shell of Quiet, My Staff of Faith to lean upon. 1747 Mrs. Glasse *Cookery* ix. 95 Put your Oysters into Scollop-shells for that purpose. 1819 Scott *Ivanhoe* xxviii, By the scallop-shell of Compostella, I will make a martyr of him.

attrib. 1807 W. Irving *Salmag.* (1811) II. 102 The outside of the boxes inlaid with scallop shell-work.

2. Collectors' name for the moth *Triphosa* (*Eucosmia*) *undulata.*

1829 J. F. Stephens *Catal. Brit. Insects* II. 140.

Sca·llum, *v. Basket-making.* [Of obscure origin.] *trans.* (See quot.)

1875 *Encycl. Brit.* III. 423/1 These [*sc.* the stout osiers that are to form the ribs of the basket] are forced or plaited, 'scallumed', between the rods of the bottom from the edge to the centre, and are turned up, 'upset', in the direction of the sides.

†**Sca·lly,** *a. Obs. rare.* [f. Scall + -y.] = Scalled. Cf. Scaly *a.* 4.

1530 Palsgr. 323/1 Scally or scourfy, *roigneux.* 1699 Dampier *Voy.* II. ii. 74 Over its [the Alligator's] Eyes there are two hard scally Knobs, as big as a Mans Fist.

Hence †**Sca·lliness.** (Cf. Scaliness.)

1610 Markham *Matterp.* I. xcv. 189 Any drynesse or scallynesse of the skinne.

Scallywag, scallawag (skæ·liwæg, -ăwæg). *slang* or *colloq.* (orig. *U. S.*) Also 9 **scal(l)i-, scala-, scallo-, skalle-.** [Origin obscure.]

1. A disreputable fellow; a good-for-nothing; a scapegrace, blackguard; in *Trade Union slang*, a man who will not work.

1848 Bartlett *Dict. Amer., Scalawag*, a favorite epithet in western New York for a mean fellow; a scape-grace. 1855 Haliburton *Nature* I. 112 You good-for-nothing young scallowag. 1893 Leland *Mem.* II. 178 There are so many scallawags from the East come here, that we are obliged to be a little particular. 1891 *Labour Commission* Gloss., *Scalliwags*, an opprobrious term, equal to scamp or villain, applied to men who will not work.

2. An impostor or intriguer, esp. in politics; in *U. S. Hist.*, a native white of the southern states who was willing to accept the reconstructionary measures.

1864 Sala in *Daily Tel.* 27 Sept., The councilmen too often belong to the comprehensive genus 'scallywag'. They have intrigued and speechified, and stumped their ward. 1879 Tourgee *Fool's Err.* (1883) 111/25. 1885 *Times* (weekly ed.) 29 May 12 Our correspondent tells us that the new system [*i.e.* of Mental Healing] has not yet fallen into the hands of the 'Scalawags'. 1886 *Forum* Apr. 128 Then came the absurd process called Reconstruction, with its swarm of leeches, carpet-baggers and Scalawags.

3. *U. S.* A name for undersized or ill-conditioned cattle. Perhaps the original use of the word.

1854 *New York Tribune* (Cattle Rep.) 24 Oct. (Cent. Dict.), The number of miserable 'scallawags' is so great that.. they tend to drag down all above themselves to their own level. 1868 *Daily News* 18 Sept., Wade Hampton explained the origin of the term..by saying that 'scalawag' was the name applied by drovers to lean and ill-favoured kine.

Scalmuse, Scalop(e, Scalo(u)n, Scalour: see Shawm, Scallop, Scallion, Squalor.

Scalp (skælp), *sb.*1 Also 4–7 **skalp,** 5–7 **scalpe,** 6 **skalpe**; (chiefly *Sc.*) 5, 8 **skap,** 6 **scawpe, skape,** 7 **scop,** 8–9 **scaup, scawp,** 9 **scap.** [Northern ME. *scalp*; presumably of Scandinavian origin, though the Eng. senses are not found in any Scandinavian or Teut. language. Cf. ON. *skálp-r* sheath, Da. dial. *skalp* shell, hnsk, MLG. *schulpe, scholpe*, MDu. *schelpe* (Du. *schelp*) shell; the sense of these words suggests derivation from OTeut. **skal-*, **skel-* (see Scale *sb.*1), but a Teut. *-p-* suffix is not known.

The It. *scalpo*, given by Oudin 1540 with the rendering *le test*, and by Florio 1611 with the rendering 'scalp', seems to be of doubtful genuineness. The Eng. word in sense 3 has passed into several European langs.: F. *scalpe*, G., Sw. *skalp*.]

1. The top or crown of the head; the skull, cranium. Now only *Sc.* and *north. dial.* (*scaup, scap*).

a 1300 *E. E. Psalter* vii. 17 His wiknes in his scalp doune falle. *c* 1400 Maundev. (Roxb.) xxxiv. 153 Of þe scalpe [*v.r.* brayn panne] of þe heued he gers make him a coppe. *c* 1460 *Towneley Myst.* xvi. 353 Then thi skalp shall I clefe. *c* 1480 Henryson *Mor. Fab., Trial of Fox* 1026 (Charteris MS.) With bludie skap, and cheikis bla and reid. 1508 Dunbar *Test. Kennedy* 52 To hede of kyn, bot I wait nought Quis est ille, than I schrew my scawpe [*Bann. MS.* skape]. 1535 Coverdale *Ps.* lxvii[i]. 21 The God that smyteth his enemies vpon the heades & vpon the hayrie scalpes. [Similarly 1611.] 1541 R. Copland *Guydon's Quest. Chirurg.* Diij b, What is the skull or scawpe of the hende? Answere. It is that parte of the heade that is full of heare, wherin the anymal membres are conteyned. 1590 Shaks. *Mids. N.* IV. i. 69 Take this transformed scalpe, From off the head of this Athenian swaine. 1598 Stow *Surv.* 270 In digging the foundation of this newe woorke..there were founde more then an hundred scalpes of Oxen, or Kine. 1607 Topsell *Four-f. Beasts* 124 [Their] hornes..grow..not to their bones or skalps, but to their skin. 16.. *Robin Hood & Tanner* ix, If I get a knop upon the bare scop thou canst as well shite as shoote. 1650 G. P. *Comenius' Janua Ling.* xxiv. 297 If the skoll [*marg.* scalp, brainpain] bee one entire bone. 1724 Ramsay *Vision* iii, To..skonce my skap and shanks frae rain. 1899 J. Lumsden *Edin. Poems & Songs* 198, I wat for't sune his Scotch scap reissils.

fig. 1596 Nashe *Saffron Walden* F 2 Not content to haue the naked scalp of his credit new couered with a false periwig of commendations.

b. The head or skull of a whale exclusive of the lower jaw. In recent Dicts.

2. The integument of the upper part of the head, usually covered with hair and moving freely over the underlying bones.

Formerly often †*hairy scalp*; cf. quot. 1535 in sense 1. Possibly this Bible phrase (a literal rendering of the Heb.) may have caused the development of sense 2.

1616 Bullokar *Eng. Expos., Scalpe*, the haire skinne of the head. 1651 Biggs *New Disp.* P 259 Those fained vapours ..stirre up the tempest of the diseases causation, before they can come to the hairy scalp. 1656 Blount *Glossogr., Scalp* (*pericranion*), the skin compassing and covering all the skull. 1676 Wiseman *Chirurg. Treat.* v. ix. 374 The Hairy scalp. 1725 *Bradley's Fam. Dict.* s. v. *Turning-Evil*, Then take a long sharp Knife and a Hammer, and cut the Scaup two Inches square, and turn it up. 1800 *Med. Jrnl.* III. 444 Five or six small spiculæ of bone worked themselves through the scalp, (the wound being healed). 1872 Darwin *Emotions* xiv. 352 The naked scalp of a very young infant reddens from passion. 1894 H. Drummond *Ascent Man* 117 Every one has met persons who possess the power of moving the whole scalp to and fro.

Phrase. 1842 Tennyson *St. Sim. Styl.* 2 From scalp to sole one slough and crust of sin. 1890 Talmage *From Manger to Throne* 78 Christian infidels..who are from scalp to heel surcharged with unbeliefs.

transf. 1658 Sir T. Browne *Gard. Cyrus* iii. 47 He that inquireth into the little bottom of the globe-thistle, may finde that gallant bush arise from a scalpe of like disposure.

b. *Her.* The skin of the head of an animal.

1688 Holme *Armoury* II. 166/1 The Horns of a Bull fixed upon the curled Skalp..with two Ears, Sable. 1742 Nisbet *Syst. Her.* II. iv. 337 The Attirings of a Stag fixed to the Scalp. 1828–40 Berry *Encycl. Her.* II, *Dymock...* Crest..the scalp of a hare, the ears erect sa.

3. The scalp with the hair belonging to it cut or torn from a man's head: prized by American Indians as a battle trophy.

1601 Holland *Pliny* VII. ii. I. 154 The former Anthropophagi..whom we have placed about the North pole,..use.. to weare the scalpes, haire and all, in steed of..stomachers before their breasts. 1677 W. Hubbard *Narrative* I. 19 Two or three miles further they came up with some Heads, Scalps, and Hands cut off from the bodies of some of the English. 1748 Washington *Jrnl.* 23 Mar., Writ. 1889 I. 3 We were agreeably surprized at ye sight of thirty odd Indians coming from war with only one scalp. 1781 Gibbon *Decl. & F.* xxvi. II. 24 The scalps of their enemies formed the costly trappings of their horses. 1817 J. Braddury *Trav. Amer.* 42 The dance of the scalp. 1837 W. Irving *Capt. Bonneville* I. iv. 76 The chief..had his scalps to show and his battles to recount. 1867 Parkman *Jesuits in N. Amer.* xix. (1875) 282 Eleven fresh scalps fluttered in the wind.

b. *fig.* as the symbol of a victory gained.

1870 M. D. Conway *Earthward Pilgr.* xxiii. 276 The savage creed that wears the scalp of Shelley at its belt. 1902 C. N. & A. M. Williamson *Lightning Conductor* 141 If I had been, that girl wouldn't have got back into the house without being proposed to, and having another 'scalp' to count, as they say American beauties do.

4. A wig made to cover a part of the scalp.

1801 *Chron.* in *Ann. Reg.* 458 [Patent] for a method of making perukes and scalps. 1843 Thackeray *Ravenswing* i, Mr. Eglantine, the celebrated perruquier..whose..patent ventilating scalps are known throughout Europe.

5. A bare piece of rock or stone standing out of water or surrounding vegetation (thus resembling a hairless skull). *Sc.* and *north. dial.* (pronounced and often written *scaup*).

1721 Ramsay *Prospect of Plenty* 215 (1877) I. 52 Plenty shall cultivate ilk scawp and moor. 1722 *Newcastle Courant* 1 Sept. Advt. (E. D. S. 71) The Ship called the John and Margaret,..now lying upon the Scalp against Mr. Jennison's Key, North Shields. 1865 G. Tate in *Hist. Berw. Nat. Club* (1868) V. 151 On the scalp of the rock where it dips into the hill, four figures are traceable. 1871 *Daily News* 21 Aug., There there is a bare 'scaup' of boulders and scanty turf. 1903 *Expositor* Jan. 11 The grey argillaceous soil is shallow, stony and constantly interrupted by scalps, ledges and knolls of naked limestone.

b. The cap of a mountain. Chiefly *poet.*

1810 Scott *Lady of L.* III. ix, Ben-an's grey scalp the accents knew. 1816 Byron *Ch. Har.* III. lxii, The Alps,.. whose vast walls Have pinnacled in clouds their snowy scalps. 1848 Clough *Bothie* I. 58 The frosty scalp of the Cairn-Gorm. 1875 J. Grant *One of the* 600 III. xxi. 290 When the snows of Christmas whiten the scalps of Largo and the Lomond Hills.

6. *attrib.* and *Comb.* a. (sense 1) **scalp-house** *dial.*, a charnel house.

1890 *Murray's Handbk. Lincolnshire* 113 Below is a groined undercroft, known as the 'scaup (skull-) house'.

b. (sense 2), as *scalp hair, length, muscle, wound.*

1805 Southey *Madoc* II. xvi, On the front it [the spear] met him, and plough'd up The whole scalp-length. 1852 H. Melville *Whale* iii. 24 There was no hair on his head..nothing but a small scalp-knot. 1868 Darwin in *Life & Lett.* (1887) III. 99, I believe all anatomists look at the scalp-muscles as a remnant of the *Panniculus carnosus.* 1879 *St. George's Hosp. Rep.* IX. 237 Forty cases of simple scalp-wounds. 1890 Billings *Med. Dict., Scalp-tumor*, caput succedaneum; cephalhæmatoma.

c. (sense 3), as *scalp-bearer, -dance, -hunter, -mark, -merchant, -trophy*, etc.; **scalp-knife** = *scalping-knife*; **scalp-lock,** a long lock of hair left on the head (the rest being shaved) by North American Indians as a challenge to their enemies; **scalp-money,** money paid as a reward for 'bringing in' scalps of men or animals.

1712 S. Sewall *Diary* 13 June (1879) II. 351 Council would have had subsistence and £100 Scalp-money. 1795 Coleridge *Conciones ad Pop.* 46 In America the recent enormities of their Scalp-Merchants. 1807 J. Barlow *Columb.* v. 52 Ax, quiver, scalpknife on the girdle hung. 1827 J. F. Cooper *Prairie* II. i. 5 His head was shaved to the crown, where a large and gallant scalp-lock seemed fearlessly to challenge the grasp of his enemies. 1851 Mayne Reid *Scalp Hunt.* xvii. 121, I became a scalp-hunter. 1866 Whittier *Snow-Bound* 261 How the Indian hordes came down..And how her own great-uncle bore His cruel scalp-mark to four-score. 1877 G. Gibbs *Tribes of W. Wash.* 222 A figure of a man, with a long queue, or scalp-lock, reaching to his heels. 1878 C. Tuttle *Border Tales* 17 The weird music of the scalp-dance. *Ibid.* 18 One by one the squaws fell in behind the scalp-bearer.

Scalp (skælp), *sb.*2 Chiefly *Sc.* and *north.* Forms: 6 **skap, scawip, skalp, scalfe, scalph,** 7 **scap,** 7, 9 **scaup,** 6– **scalp.** [Perh. a specific use of prec. (cf. sense 5), but the forms with *f, ph* point to the possibility of a different origin. Cf. Shelf.] A bank providing a bed for shellfish, *esp.* oysters and mussels; an oyster or mussel bed or colony. (Often *mussel-, oyster-scalp.*)

1521 *Aberdeen Reg.* (1844) I. 98 Nane of the mussillis ..now begingin to gader one ane now skap at the northt watter, besyd the Cunningar hillis. ?15.. *Aberd. Reg.* (Jam.), The scawip of mussillis & kokilliss. 1552 Huloet, Muskleskalp. *Ibid.*, Oyster scalph, *ostrifer.* [Cf. Elyot *Dict., Ostrifer*, the place in the sea, whiche is apte to ingender oysters.] 1557 *Stat. Pleas Crt. Admiralty* (Selden Soc.) II. p. lxvii, Mussel scalfe. 1587 *Burgh Rec. Edin.* (1882) 488 To caus brek the swame of the mvssill scap in the heavin of Leyth. 1593, 1879, 1896 [see Mussel *sb.* 4]. *a* 1672 Willughby *Ornith.* III. (1676) 279 Avis hæc *the Scaup-duck* dicta est, quoniam scalpam [Ray (1678) 365 *Scaup*] i.e. pisces testaceos fractos seu contritos esitat. 1793 *Statist Acc. Scot.* VIII. 461 A *scalp* of a small kind of mussels. 1862 *Macm. Mag.* Oct. 503 There used to be great battles between the men of Newhaven and the men of Fisherrow, principally about their rights to certain oyster-scalps. 1882 *Standard* 26 Sept. 2/1 Boston Deep, which is admirably suited for mussel culture, returns, now that the 'scalps' are protected, over 5000*l.* per annum.

†**Scalp,** *v.*1 *Obs.* [ad. L. *scalpĕre.*] *trans.* To cut, carve, engrave; to scrape, scratch.

1552 [implied in SCALPING *vbl. sb.*1]. 1662 EVELYN *Chalcogr.* i. 9 With the..stile, we only cut the Vernish, razing, and Scalping as it were, the Superficies of the Plate. *a* 1764 R. LLOYD *Poet. Wks.* (1774) I. 95 Critics..Should..not, unskilful, yet with lordly air, Read Surgeon's lectures while they scalp and tear. 1802 M. MOORE *Lascelles* II. 23 The points of their swords scalped off their noses.

Scalp, *v.*2 Also 7 **skulp** (?). [f. SCALP *sb.*1 From Eng. are F. *scalper*, G. *skalpiren*, Du. *scalpeeren*, Sw. *skalpera*.]

1. *trans.* To cut off the scalp of (a person): chiefly said of the North American Indians.

1676 N. S. *Narrat. New-Eng.* 14 Laying him for dead, they flead (or skulp'd) his head of skin and hair. 1697 S. SEWALL *Diary* 13 Sept. (1878) I. 459 Indians shot and scalped him about noon. 1754 H. WALPOLE in *World* III. 285 The Chippoways and Orundaks are still very troublesome. Last week they scalped one of our Indians. 1867 PARKMAN *Jesuits in N. Amer.* xix. (1875) 281 They sought out the bodies, carefully scalped them, and set out in triumph on their return. 1877 G. GIBBS *Tribes of W. Wash.* 192 None of the western tribes within my observation have pursued the practice of scalping the slain.

absol. *c* 1778 *Conquerors* 61 Whose Indians scalp'd and carry'd desolation..to christian nation.

fig. 1849 N. HAWTHORNE *Let. to H. Mann* 8 Aug., I shall do my best to kill and scalp him in the public prints. 1856 FERRIER *Inst. Metaph.* xi. ix. (ed. 2) 298 Dr. Reid and his followers, instead of scalping a doctrine, have merely tomahawked a word.

b. *U. S. political slang.*

1891 *Century Dict., Scalp*, ..to destroy the political influence of, or punish for insubordination to party rule.

2. *transf.* **a.** *U. S.* (See quot. 1895.)

1895 *Funk's Stand. Dict., Scalp*, to level by cutting off, as the tops of cradle-knolls and the knobs of logs laid in corduroy roads; as, to scalp a road.

b. *dial.* To strip off (the turf or upper soil).

1806 FORSYTH *Beauties Scot.* IV. 524 Unmerciful destroyers of all the grounds around them, scalping and tearing up every bit of better soil. 1866 EDMONDSTON *Shetland & Orkney Gloss., Scalp*; 'To scalp the land'—to pare off the surface of the soil, S.

3. *Milling.* **a.** To separate the 'hair' or 'fuzz' from (wheat, etc.) by attrition and screening. **b.** To separate the different sizes of wheat, etc. from one another by means of sieves or screens.

1883 NEFTEL *Rep. Flour-Milling* (10th Census U. S.) 16 The wheat is scalped in four reels. 1884 [see SCALPING *vbl. sb.* 2, 3].

4. *Stock Exch.*, etc. To buy at very low rates so as to be able to sell at less than official rates.

1888 *Pall Mall G.* 15 Oct. 12/1 A professional speculator, who 'scalped' the market on a big scale for a small profit per bushel. 1891 *Century Dict.* s.v., To scalp railway-tickets.

Scalp, *v.*3 *rare.* = SCAPPLE *v.*

1725 *J. Webb's Stone-Heng* 88 They were scalped [*ed.* 1665 scapled] at the Quarries. 1883 *Stonemason* Jan., It is then trimmed (or scalped) into shape by men called block-choppers.

Scalped (skælpt), *ppl. a.*1 [f. SCALP *v.*2 + -ED1.] **a.** Having the scalp torn off. **b.** Of a mountain: Having a naked summit. Of land: Having the turf stripped off.

1754 SHEBBEARE *Matrimony* (1766) II. 275 A long list of ruined Virgins by means of this Act will undoubtedly be as acceptable to its Abettors as a Number of scalped Christians to an Indian Chief. 1855 BROWNING *Childe Roland* xxx, A tall scalped mountain. 1890 *St. Nicholas* May 556/2 Many a good in-field [for base-ball] has no turf on it, and is called a 'scalped' field.

Scalped, *ppl. a.*2 *dial.* In quot. **scauped.** [f. SCALP *sb.*2 + -ED 2.] Cultivated on a 'scalp'.

1894 *Standard* 10 Feb. 6/7 'Scauped', or cultivated mussels.

Scalpeen (skælpī·n). *Anglo-Irish.* [Of obscure origin: cf. SCALPIN.] (See quot.)

1834 LOVER *Leg. & Stories Irel.* Ser. II. 18 Peter..determined on a cargo of scalpeens. *Ibid.* 55 Scalpeens is pickled mackerel.

Scalpel (skæ·lpĕl), *sb.* [ad. L. *scalpell-um*, *-us*, dim. of *scalper*, *scalprum*. Cf. F. *scalpel* (in 16th c. *scalpelle*), G. *skalpel*.] A small light knife used in surgical and anatomical operations.

1742 SIMSON in *Edin. Med. Ess.* V. i. 445 The Scalpel is about an Inch in length, and a third in Breadth. 1879 T. BRYANT *Pract. Surg.* II. 5 Shaving the redundant mass off the cartilage with a scalpel. 1893 W. R. GOWERS *Man. Dis. Nerv. Syst.* (ed. 2) II. 333 If a scalpel be passed over the surface, it removes a little pyo-lymph.

attrib. 1742 SIMSON in *Edin. Med. Ess.* V. i. 447, I contrived the Scalpel-ring I have sent you the draught of, which may be used safely with the Uterus at any Distance.

b. *fig.*

1818 SCOTT *Rob Roy* xxi, Whoever should happen to overhear their character discussed in their own servants'-hall, must prepare to undergo the scalpel of some such anatomist. 1851 H. REED *Lect. Eng. Lit.* xi. (1855) 339 It demands, too, for this serious service the most acute intellectual scalpel which the metaphysician can handle.

Hence **Sca·lpel** *v. trans.*, to cut with a scalpel; **Scalpe·llic** *a.*, involving the use of the scalpel.

1748 tr. *Vegetius' Distempers of Horses* 53 Let the whole Circumference of the Soal of the Hoof be scalpelled or cut with a Lancet. 1877 RUSKIN *Wks.* IV. 155 *note*, Ocular and passionate study of nature [as opposed to] telescopic, scalpellic and dispassionate.

Scalpe·lliform, *a. Bot.* [ad. mod.L. *scalpelliformis*: see prec. and -FORM.] 'Having the form of a common penknife-blade, but planted vertically on a branch' (*Treas. Bot.* 1866).

Scalper1**, scauper** (skæ·lpəɹ, skɔ̄·pəɹ). [Partly a. L. *scalper*, by-form of SCALPRUM, partly f. SCALP *v.*1 + -ER1.]

†**1.** *Surg.* = SCALPRUM 1. *Obs.*

1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr.*, *Scalper* or *Scalping Iron* (*scalprum*), a Surgeons Instrument, to scrape or take away corrupt flesh from the bones; a Lance to let blood with.

2. *Engraving.* A kind of graver used for hollowing out the bottom of sunken designs.

1688 HOLME *Armoury* III. 308/1 The Scalper, is a kind of Graver with a flat point; its use is to clear the bottoms of broad Letters or Escochions sunk into the Metal. 1821 CRAIG *Lect. Drawing*, etc. vii. 377 A large square tool, called a scawper. 1855 tr. *Labarte's Arts Mid. Ages* iv. 122 With scalpers he tooled or hollowed out all the spaces. 1869 *Eng. Mech.* 10 Dec. 298/3 Scaupers are used for cutting out the white parts of the block.

Scalper2 (skæ·lpəɹ). [f. SCALP *v.*2 + -ER1.]

1. One (esp. an American Indian) who removes scalps.

1795 COLERIDGE *Conciones ad Pop.* 45 Did not this employment of merciless Scalpers rouse the indignation of Britons? 1807 J. BARLOW *Columb.* VI. 371 Scalpers and ax-men rush from Eerie's shore. 1884 E. P. ROE in *Harper's Mag.* Mar. 617/2 This treacherous scalper of birds.

fig. 1904 *Sat. Rev.* 29 Oct. 536 The scalpers of the yellow press had not time to put on their war-paint.

2. *U. S. slang.* **a.** One who buys and sells at a profit, but at a price lower than the official one, unused portions of long-distance railway tickets.

1882 *Nation* 5 Oct. 276 (Cent. Dict.) The eternal quarrel between railroads and scalpers. 1891 C. ROBERTS *Adrift Amer.* 51, I went round to all the railroad ticket agents, called scalpers, in the city, and at last decided to go down as far as Topeka in Kansas, as that was the cheapest journey I could pick out for the distance.

b. *Stock Exch.* One who sells stock at lower than the official rates.

1888 *Pall Mall G.* 15 Oct. 12/1 'Old Hutch,' by which title B. P. Hutchinson has been known on the Chicago Board of Trade for years as the champion scalper and speculator. 1891 *Times* 8 Oct. 11/1 Late trading was dull, but steady, on moderate covering by 'scalpers'.

3. A scalping-knife. *rare.*

1893 LELAND *Mem.* II. 297 A tussle *à la Choctaw*, with biting, gouging, tomahawk and scalper.

4. A 'scalping' machine: see SCALP *v.*2 3.

1886 W. A. HARRIS *Techn. Dict. Fire Insur.* 251 *Scalpers*, or *Scalping Reels*, the simple hexagon dressing-reels with iron shaft, iron arms, and iron rails clothed with tin or steel-wire cloth. *Ibid.* 252 Wheat is partially crushed by rollers, and afterwards passed through the scalpers and the silk dressing-machines.

Scalph, obs. form of SCALP *sb.*2

†**Sca·lpin.** *Obs.* Also 5–6 **scalpyn**, 6 **scalphyn**, 7 **scalpion.** [Of obscure origin: cf. SCALPEEN.] The whiting.

c 1400 *Little Red Bk. Bristol* (1900) II. 72 Tontz maners groziz pissouns, cestassauoir Samoundes, Congres, Melewels, Lenges, Hakes, Scalpyn et Harrynges venauntz au dite ville de Bristuyt hors del meer. 1548 (30 June) *Admiralty Court Oyer & Terminer* 35 Departyd therewithe [i. e. with a fishing hont] from Poole towards Wynchelsey on Scalpyn fare. 1549 in *Pat. & Close Rolls, Irel.* (1861) I. 196 [For every cwt. of] scalphyn [or other fish 1 *d.*]. 1602 CAREW *Cornwall* 35 Whitings (in the East parts named Scalpions).

†**Sca·lping,** *sb. Obs.* [? f. SCALP *sb.*1 + -ING 1.] (See quot.)

1746 CATESBY in *Phil. Trans.* XLIV. 126 Mr. Joice, in digging the Foundation of an House..found, at the Depth of 6 Feet, a Part of a Jaw-bone..; then one Foot of Scalping or Sand-bed; then eighteen Inches of Stone.

Sca·lping, *vbl. sb.*1 [f. SCALP *v.*1 + -ING 1.] In † **scalping iron** = SCALPER1 1.

1552 HULOET, Scalping yron for a surgeon, *scalpellum*, *scalprum*. [Also in later Dicts.]

Sca·lping, *vbl. sb.*2 [f. SCALP *v.*2 + -ING 1.]

1. a. *Surg.* The laying bare of the bone of the skull by cutting and raising the scalp.

1739 SHARP *Surg.* xxvii. 139 For it never happens that we inquire for a Fracture of the Scull by scalping, but that the Scalp itself is contus'd. 1787 *Med. Commun.* II. 153 Which he had experienced before the scalping and trepanning. 1897 *Syd. Soc. Lex.*

b. The tearing off of the scalp of an enemy.

1747 *Gentl. Mag.* 43 Scalping is cutting the skin from the eyebrows round the head and peeling it off. 1876 BANCROFT *Hist. U. S.* VI. xxiv. 3 He taunted Burgoyne with the murders and scalpings hy the Indians in his employ.

2. In technical and slang uses (see the vb.).

1871 COWIE *Shetland* viii. 158 (E. D. D.) The ruinous process of 'scalping', or removing the turf of the commons for manuring the farms. 1882 *Nation* 5 Oct. 276 (Cent. Dict.) A corporation like the Pennsylvania Railroad must protect itself against loss through scalping. 1884 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.* Suppl., *Scalping* (*Milling*), brushing the hair or fuzz from the ends of wheat grain to prevent its getting into the flour. 1894 *Standard* 3 May 7/1 (Farmer) A scalping of the Stock at the expense of the gennine investor. 1901 *Dundee Advertiser* 23 Apr. 4 Numbers of crofter grazings have been spoiled..by 'scalping', irregular peat cutting,.. and careless heather burning.

3. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *scalping act*, *party*; fig. in *scalping measure*; **scalping-machine** (see quot.); **scalping-tuft,** a scalp-lock.

1750 in Temple & Sheldon *Hist. Northfield* (1875) 381 Our Men will not venture out after the Enemy on any Scalping Act whatsoever. 1757 WASHINGTON *Lett.* Writ. 1889 I. 454 *note*, They have detached their principal force into many scalping parties. 1777 Fox in *Hansard's Parl. Hist.* (1814) XIX. 523 The most violent, scalping, tomahawk measures. 1826 J. F. COOPER *Mohicans* iii, The well-known and chivalrous scalping-tuft. 1883 NEFTEL *Rep. Flour-milling* (10th Census U. S.) 9 The resultant 'chop' is separated into..flour, middlings, and bran, by means of bolts technically called 'scalping-reels'. 1884 *Bath Herald* 27 Dec. 6/5 A 'scalping' machine..separates the 'middlings' from the larger pieces of wheat.

Sca·lping, *ppl. a.* [f. SCALP *v.*2 + -ING 2.] That scalps (in various senses).

1762–71 H. WALPOLE *Vertue's Anecd. Paint.* (1786) V. 75 A scalping Indian. 1903 *Times* 3 Mar. 9/2 Chicago, March 2. Wheat..Scalping traders were moderate buyers.

Sca·lping-knife. [SCALPING *vbl. sb.*2] A knife such as is used by the North American Indians in scalping their enemies.

1759 JOHNSON *Idler* No. 40 ¶ 7 A..Mohawk Indian warrior,..with his scalping-knife, tom-ax and all other implements of war! 1825 MACAULAY *Ess., Milton* (1843) I. 8 The Mohawk hardly feels the scalping-knife while he shouts his death-song. 1867 PARKMAN *Jesuits in N. Amer.* xxii. (1875) 328 They had no motive for exchanging the comforts of home..for..the scalping-knives of the Iroquois.

b. *fig.* and allusively.

1764 CHURCHILL *Gotham* I. 5 Whilst her brave rage, not satisfied with life, Rising in blood, adopts the Scalping-Knife. 1831 SCOTT *Ct. Robt.* Introd. Addr. ¶ 37 Peter Pattison's last labours shall now go down to posterity unscathed by the scalping-knife of alteration.

Scalpless (skæ·lplĕs), *a.* [f. SCALP *sb.*1 + -LESS.] Without a scalp.

1756 J. CLUBBE *Misc. Tracts, Physiognomy* (1770) I. 17 The scalpless musty skull of the famous Helen. 1850 KINGSLEY *Alton Locke* I. vi. 90 A tall cast of Michael Angelo's well known skinless model—his pristine white defaced by a cap of soot upon the top of his scalpless skull.

Scalpriform (skæ·lprifɔ̄ɹm), *a.* [f. L. *scalprum* (see next) + -FORM.] Chisel-shaped: applied to the incisors of rodents.

1828 *Lancet* 3 May 130/2 These chisel or scalpriform teeth. 1839 *Penny Cycl.* XIV. 454 Rhizophaga. Two scalpriform incisors in both jaws. 1870 ROLLESTON *Anim. Life* 6.

‖**Scalprum** (skæ·lprŏm). Also 7 *erron.* **scalpra.** [L., f. *scalpĕre* SCALP *v.*1]

1. *Surg.* A rasping instrument; a raspatory.

1688 HOLME *Armoury* III. xx. (Roxb.) 235/2 The Scalpra or Scraping Toole; it is to scrape or shave bones with all. 1767 GOOCH *Treat. Wounds* I. 303 With the knife appropriated to this use and the scalprum, a piece of the scalp is to be removed. 1858 MAYNE *Expos. Lex., Scalprum*.. Name for a denticular raspatory used in trepanning.

2. *Anat.* The cutting edge of an incisor. Also, a scalpriform incisor.

1842 BRANDE *Dict. Sci.*, etc., *Scalprum*, in Mammalogy, the cutting edge of the incisor teeth.

† **Sca·lptize,** *v. burlesque nonce-wd.* [f. L. *scalpt-*, *scalpĕre* SCALP *v.*1 + -IZE.] *trans.* To scratch.

1708 MOTTEUX *Rabelais* v. xx. 60 You have..scalptiz'd your Heads with frequent Applications of your Ungicules.

Sca·lpture. *rare.* [ad. L. *scalptūra*, f. *scalpt-*, *scalpĕre* SCALP *v.*1] Carving, graving.

1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr.*, *Scalpture*,..a graving in Mettal, a cutting or scratching. 1850 LEITCH tr. *C. O. Müller's Anc. Art* Introd. § 27 (ed. 2) 10 Scalpture (the art of cutting stones and dies).

Scalpy (skæ·lpi), *a. dial.* [f. SCALP *sb.*1] Having a thin covering of soil suggesting a scalp.

1621 BRATHWAIT *Omphale* in *Nat. Emb.* 222 Where scalpie hils and sandie vales imply, The ploughmans toile's requited slenderly. 1808 JAMIESON, *Scalpy* (pron. *Scaupy*), a term applied to ground, when the soil is thin. 1877 *N. W. Linc. Gloss.* s.v., Some's so near th'rock it's scalpy, and, in a way o' speakin', good to nowt.

Scalt: see SCALD *a.*2 and SCALD *v.*

Scalter, scaltre, var. ff. SHALTREE *Obs.*

Scaly (skē·li), *a.* Also 6–7 **skaly**, 6–7, 9 **scalie**, 7 **scaily**, *Sc.* **skailly**, 7–9 **scaley.** [f. SCALE *sb.*2 + -Y.]

1. Abounding in, covered with, or consisting of scales; having a surface that peels off in thin plates or layers.

1538 ELYOT *Dict., Squammosus*, skaly. 1594 PLAT *Jewell-ho.* III. 74 If your teeth be verie scalie, let som expert Barber first take off the scales. 1615 CROOKE *Body of Man* 442 The scalie Sutures of the Temple-bones. 1682 WHELER *Journ. to Greece* I. 14 The surface..is covered with a scaly rock. 1793 *Gentl. Mag.* May 422/1 An altar-tomb, or altar, of scaly stone. 1857 MILLER *Elem. Chem., Org.* III. 82 A scaly, sweetish, gummy mass. 1892 E. LAWLESS *Grania* ii. 7 The wind..tearing off fragments of scaly stone from the rocks.

2. Of fishes, serpents, and other animals; freq. in poetry = pertaining to or consisting of fish (*scaly flock*, *herd*, *nation*, *tribe*).

1528 PAYNELL *Salerne's Regim.* O ij b, The more skaly that fishe is, the better hit is. 1595 SPENSER *Epithal.* 57 The silver scaly trouts. *c* 1614 SIR W. MURE *Dido & Æneas* III. 127 The skailly squadrones of the liquid lakes. 1629 MILTON *Hymn Nativ.* xviii, The scaly Horrour of his foulded tail. 1666 DRYDEN *Ann. Mirab.* xv, So hear the scaly herd when Proteus blows. 1704 POPE *Windsor For.* 139 The patient fisher takes his silent stand,..With looks unmov'd, he hopes the scaly breed. 1741 *Compl. Fam.-Piece* I. ii. 108 Season the Scaley Side first. 1828 STARK *Elem. Nat. Hist.* I. 450 The body of these fishes is scaly. 1857 J. HAMILTON *Less. from Gt. Biogr.* (1859) 278 His own line quivered with a scaly captive. 1872 BAKER *Nile Trib.* viii. 115 A strip of the scaly hide of a crocodile.

b. In specific names, usu. repr. L. *squamosus*, *squamatus*, or *squameus*: see quots. *Scaly ant-eater*, *scaly lizard*, names for the pangolins.

1681 Grew *Musæum* I. iii. 46 The Scaly-Lizard..is a yard and ½ long. 1774 Goldsm. *Nat. Hist.* (1862) I. VI. iii. 468 The Pangolin, which has been usually called the scaly lizard. 1802 Shaw *Gen. Zool.* III. 74 Scaly Tortoise. *Testudo Squamata.* 1812 *Ibid.* VIII. 463 Scaly Lory. *Psittacus squameus.* 1840 *Penny Cycl.* XVII. 186/1 Pangolins, a name in common use to designate the Scaly Ant-eaters. 1871 Coues *Key N. Amer. Birds* 227 Genus *Scardafella* Bonaparte. Scaly Dove.

c. *Scaly fish* (slang) : see quot.

1796 Grose *Dict. Vulgar T.* (ed. 3), *Scaly Fish*, an honest, rough, blunt sailor.

3. Of plants and their parts : Covered with scales or consisting of scale-like elements.

1597 Gerarde *Herbal* II. cclxxviii. 588 Small scaly knops, like to the knops of Corne flower. 1688 Holme *Armoury* II. 80/2 The Arbor Vitæ, or Tree of Life hath a small scaly leaf. 1786 Abercrombie *Gard. Assist.* 242 The main bulbs of lilies, of the scaly tribe, will not keep good so long out of the ground as the solid bulbous kinds. 1839 Lindley *Introd. Bot.* III. (ed. 3) 470 *Scaly*.., covered with minute scales, fixed by one end ; as the young shoots of the Pine tribe. 1857 A. Gray *First Less. Bot.* (1866) 46 When the scales are narrow and separate, as in the Lily, the bulb is said to be scaly. 1884 Bowen & Scott *De Bary's Phaner.* 622 Rhizomes with scaly leaves.

b. Scaly fern or **epleenwort**, the ceterach. **Scaly water-moss**, *Fontinalis squamosa.*

1796 Withering *Brit. Plants* (ed. 3) III. 789 Scaly Watermoss. 1859 Miss Pratt *Brit. Grasses* 224 Common Ceterach, or Scaly Spleenwort.

4. Of skin diseases. *Scaly ringworm*, tinea imbricata. *Scaly teller*, psoriasis.

1575 Turberv. *Venerie* lxxix. (1908) 228 The skaly Mange, which..taketh off the skinne where it goeth. 1796 Morse *Amer. Geog.* I. 112 Those who make a free use of it,..have a scaly appearance, not unlike the leprosy. 1799 *Med. Jrnl.* II. 112 Scaly Tetter. 1826 S. Cooper *First Lines Surg.* (ed. 5) 194 In the majority of cancerous diseases, the skin has a yellowish or lead-coloured tinge, and is dry and scaly. 1898 P. Manson *Trop. Dis.* Introd. p. xiii, Tropical scaly ringworm.

b. *transf.* Of trees : Infested with the scale insect.

1894 *Times* 14 May 3/4 This [wash] is strained before being sprayed upon the scaly trees.

5. Of armour. Cf. *scale-armour* s. v. Scale *sb.*[2] and Scaled. Chiefly *poet.*

1597 Shaks. 2 *Hen. IV*, I. i. 146 A scalie Gauntlet now, with ioints of Steele, Must gloue this hand. 1747 Gray *Cat* 16 Their scaly armour's Tyrian hue. 1781 Gibbon *Decl. & F.* xviii. II. 120 His cuirassiers..glittering with their scaly armour. 1791 Cowper *Iliad* xv. 641 His corslet thick With plates of scaly brass.

6. *Min.* (See quots.)

1796 Kirwan *Elem. Min.* (ed. 2) II. 339 Brown Scaly Iron Ore. 1815 Aikin *Man. Min.* (ed. 2) 200 *Scaly Talc*,..an aggregate of minute scales of a greenish colour. *Ibid.* 202 *Scaly Chlorite*,..composed of glimmering scaly particles. 1816 R. Jameson *Min.* (ed. 2) III. 243 Red Ironstone. This species is divided into four subspecies, viz. Scaly Red Iron-ore (etc.).

7. *slang.* Poor, shabby, despicable ; *esp.* (of persons) mean, stingy ; occas., in poor health, 'seedy'.

1793 Southey *Lett.* (1856) I. 19 Poor Anax ! he was quite scaly before his departure, but is now recovering apace. 1821 Egan *Life in London* II. iii. (Farmer), If you are too scaly to tip for it, I'll shell out, and shame you. 1823 *Spirit Publ. Jrnls.* 233 They had proved themselves so very scaley, by forgetting to remember the waiter. 1844 Dickens *Mart. Chuz.* xxviii, A reg'lar scaly old shop, warn't it ? 1875 Besant & Rice *Harp & Cr.* I. x. 206 If I were an author—they are a scaly lot, and thank Heaven I am not one.

8. *Comb.*, chiefly parasynthetic. **Scaly-bark (hickory)**, the hickory or hickory nut.

1634 Milton *Comus* (Facsimile MS. 1899, 13), The scalie-harnest dragon. *c* 1711 Petiver *Gazophyl.* vii. 64 Scaly-like Fruit. 1781 Latham *Gen. Syn. Birds* I. 246 Scaly-breasted Parrakeet. 1803 Shaw *Gen. Zool.* IV. 400 Scaly-tailed scarus. 1816 R. Jameson *Char. Min.* (ed. 2) 237 Scaly foliated, when the folia cover each other only partially. 1836 *Penny Cycl.* VI. 332/1 *Carya alba*, white-shell-bark, shag-bark, scaly-bark hickory (*Juglans squamosa*, Michaux). 1859 Miss Pratt *Brit. Grasses* 21 Scaly-stalked Club-rush. 1893 *Advance* (Chicago) 23 Mar., A pretty young woman rings your bell to ask, 'You all buy some scaly-barks ?'

Scalyon, obs. form of Scallion.

Scam, obs. form of Shame ; var. Scaum *v.*, *Sc.*

Scamandee, variant of Scamato *Obs.*

Scamander (skămæ·ndəɹ), *v.* [app. f. the name of the river *Scamander* (Σκάμανδρος Homer), in imitation of Meander *v.*

Cf. Yorks. dial. '*skimaundering*, hanging or hovering about' (*Almondbury Glossary*).]

intr. To wander about, take a devious or winding course. Hence **Scama·nder** *sb.*, devious progress.

1864 *Hotten's Slang Dict.* (ed. 3) 220 *Scamander*, to wander about without a settled purpose. 1868 M. Collins *Sweet Anne Page* II. 195 Isola had given up 'scamandering'. 1873 — *Miranda* II. 247 When he got into an unknown town, it was his wont to sinuously scamander through it. 1873 *St. Paul's Mag.* Feb. 133 His two..doggish friends ..made miles of scamander for his every furlong.

† Scama·to. *Obs.* Forms: 6 scamato, 7 scammatie, scamoty, scamandee. [app. repr. some mod. Gr. corruption of med. Gr. ἑξάμιτον Samite.

Cf. mod. Chios dialect σκαμάγκι and σκαμάνδρα, σκάμανδρον 'spun cotton' (Paspates Χιακὸν Γλωσσάριον, 1888) ; in a quot. there given the latter is associated with δίμιτον : cf. quots. below).]

Some kind of textile fabric.

1570 Campion In *Hakluyt's Voy.* (1599) II. I. 115 For we do vse to buy..of their Scamato and Dimite, that the poore people make in that towne [*sc.* Chio]. 1625 Purchas *Pilgrimes* II. 1812 The downie or woolly substance..of which the Ilanders doe make a certaine stuffe called Dimitie, and another called Scammatie. 1660 *Act 12 Chas. II*, c. 4 Scamoty the peece containing seven yardes & ½..vij s. vj d. 1687 A. Lovell tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* I. 99 In most of these Villages are made the Stuffs, which they call Dimite, and Scamandee.

Sca·mble, *sb.*[1] *Sc.* and *north.* Forms : 5 skamyll, 9 skemmel ; 6 *pl.* skaymlis, scamles, scamells, scambills, skemlis, 7 skemmillis. [Northern var. of Shamble *sb.* ; prob. due to Scandinavian influence ; cf. ON. *skemill*, Da. *skammel* footstool.]

1. A bench ; now, 'a kind of long form used in a farm-house kitchen' (E. D. D.).

c 1470 Henry *Wallace* XI. 1352 Thai xxx[ty] dayis his band thai durst nocht slaik, Quhill he was bundyn on a skamyll off ayk. 1885 Hall Caine *Shadow of a Crime* x, [He] had placed the benches called skemmels down each side.

† **2.** *pl.* (const. as *sing.*). A slaughter-house (also *fig.*) ; a meat or fish market ; a shambles. *Obs.*

1549–50 *Stirling Burgh Rec.* (1887) I. 58 To brek fischis apon the skemlis of the foirgate. 1561 *Aberdeen Reg.* (1844) I. 334 For makking of ane skaymlis of tre at the fysche cors, for laying of the quhyt fysche tharupoune. 1570 Buchanan *Admonit.* Wks. (1892) 23 Sum convoyaris of him to ye scamles that slew his guidschir. 1572 *Satir. Poems Reform.* xxxv. 94 We sall avenge it on that clan, 3our freind that to the scamhills sauld. 1582–8 *Hist. Jas. VI* (1804) 195 They marchit..to Edinburgh, and plantit a gairdhous at the comon scamells. 1607 *Stirling Burgh Rec.* (1887) I. 116 The fische skemmillis.

† **Sca·mble,** *sb.*[2] *Obs. rare.* [f. Scamble *v.*] A scramble, confused struggle.

1609 J. Davies *Humours Heau'n on Earth* I. clxxxiii. (Grosart) 23/1 Here Bugs bestirre them, with a bellowing rore, As at a Scamble we see Boyes to sturre, Who for Soules scamble on a glowing flore ; Biting and scratching, like the Cat and Curre. 1664 H. More *Myst. Iniq.* I. xvi. 320 This pretended Triumvirate is no Supreme Magistracy, but a Political Scuffle or Scamble or transient Shuffle betwixt these three men, Octavius, Antony and Lepidus.

Scamble (skæ·mb'l), *v.* Also 6 skamble, 9 *Sc.* and *dial.* skammel, skemmel, -il, ekemmle, skemble. [Of obscure origin ; app. related both to Shamble and Scramble *vbs.*, which are not recorded until much later.]

† **1.** *intr.* To struggle with others for money, fruit, sweetmeats, etc. lying on the ground or thrown to a crowd ; hence, to struggle in an indecorous and rapacious manner in order to obtain something. Const. *for*, *after*. *Obs.* (now superseded by Scramble).

1539 Taverner *Erasm. Prov.* (1545) 22 b, The apes..skambled and went together by y[e] eares for the nuttes. 1553 *Respublica* I. iii. 176 *Avar.*..Therefore catche that catche maye, hardely, & spare not,..the Devyll ys a knave an I catche not a flyce,..I doubte not to skamble and rake as well as one. 1589 Puttenham *Eng. Poesie* I. xxvi. (Arb.) 66 Ladies and gentlewomen..with their handes wantonly scambling and catching after the nuttes. 1595 Shaks. *John* IV. iii. 146 Englaod now is left To tug and scamble, and to part by th' teeth The vn-owed interest of proud swelling State. 1600 Holland *Livy* XLIV. XIV. 1199 The king,..laid out fiftie talents among them upon the river side to skamble for. 1609 [see Scamble *sb.*]. 1621 Burton *Anat. Mel.* I. ii. III. XV. 178 *margin*, I had no money, I wanted impudence, I could not scamble, temporise, dissemble. 1636 Sir T. Wentworth *Let.* in *Carte's Coll.* (1735) 6 Every man had his money at a day, not scambling one before another without so much as giving of thanks. 1668 J. Owen *Expos. Ps. CXXX.* 68 This may consist with an obstinate resolution to scamble for something upon the account of self endeavours. 1687 Wood *Life* 5 Sept. (O. H. S.) III. 237 After the king had don his breakfast, they began to scramble [MS. 19 D (3) fol. 90 scamble]. [In Wood's MS. drafts of this portion of the *Life* the word occurs several times, variously written *scramble* and *scamble*.]

† **b.** To struggle wildly. *Obs.*

1591 Lvly *Sapho & Phao* IV. iii, He [a stockdoue]..scambling to catch hold to harbor in the house hee had made,..sodainely fell.

2. *trans.* To scatter (money, food) for a crowd to scramble for. *Obs.* exc. *dial.*

Also Sc. (Roxb.) '*Skemmel*, *skammel*, to throw things hither and thither in a slovenly and careless way' (Jam.).

1573–80 Tusser *Husb.* (1878) 112 Keepe threshing..to haue to be suer fresh chaffe in the bin. And somewhat to scamble, for hog and for hen. 1600 Holland *Livy* LXIX. 1246 C. Marius..had purchased a sixth Consulship by a largesse of money skambled amongst the tribes. 1894 *Northumbld. Gloss.* s. v., At weddings it is customary to scammle money after leaving the church.

† **3.** To seize in a scuffle ; hence, to take in a rapacious or unscrupulous manner. Const. *away*. *Obs.*

1599 Sandys *Europæ Spec.* (1629) 150 Hee will not be a raiser of new stirrs in Italy ; as divers of them to scamble somewhat for theyr owne haue beene. 1638 Ford *Fancies* I. iii, Perhaps The scambling halfe a duccat now and then To rore and noyse it with the tatling hostesse. 1695 Wood *Life* 9 Nov. (O. H. S.) III. 495 There were only some gentlemen and ordinary people..in the Area who [after the king's departure] rudely scamb[l]ed away all the banquet.

4. *intr.* To make one's way as best one can ; to stumble along. *lit.* and *fig.* Now only *dial.*

Also Sc. 'to climb or walk over slight or loose obstacles, to climb over rocks or walls' (Jam. s. v. *Skemmel*).

1571 Campion *Hist. Irel.* To Rdr. (1633), From thence to Henry the Eight, because nothing is extant orderly written, ..I scamble forward with such records as could be sought up. 1579 Gosson *Sch. Abuse* 23 b, I haue in my voyage suffred wrack with Vlisses, & wringing-wett scambled with life to the shore. 1621 Burton *Anat. Mel.* I. ii. III. XV. 181 When they contemne Learning, & think themselues sufficiently qualified, if they can write & read, or scamble at a piece of Evidence. 1685 H. More *Cursory Refl. Baxter* 8 Having scambled through a multitude of Authors carelesly and superficially, he was [etc.]. 1706 Phillips (ed. Kersey), *To Scamble*, to rove or wander up and down. 1901 Miss Hayden *Trav. round Village* II. 42 You had best try an' scamble through the water afoor 'tis too late. *Ibid.* XV. 254 How do 'ee manage to scamble along wi'out Kizzy ?

† **b.** To make shift, find means somehow. *Obs.*

1608 *Merry Devil Edmonton* D 4 b, Be ready but to take her at our hands, Leaue vs to scamble for her getting out.

† **c.** To make shift for a meal. *Obs. rare*—[1]. (Cf. Scambling *vbl. sb.* b.)

1591 Lvly *Sapho & Phao* III. ii, *Molus.* I am in the deapth of my learning driuen to a muse, how this lent I shall scamble in the court, that was woont to fast so oft in the Vniuersitie. *Criti.* Thy belly is thy God.

† **d.** quasi-trans. *To scamble out* : to get through (a period of time) in a haphazard way. *Obs.*

1571 Campion *Hist. Irel.* xi. (1633) 34 In this division they scambled out a few yeares, untill the malice of Carassus a Britaine forced a quietnesse betweene them.

5. To throw out the limbs in a loose and awkward manner in walking ; to shamble. *Obs.* exc. *dial.*

1633–1852 [see Scambling *ppl. a.*]. 1825 Jamieson, *Skemmel*, *skemble*, *skammel*.

6. *trans.* To collect in a haphazard or irregular manner ; to 'scrape' *together*, *up*. Now *dial.*

1577 Harrison *England* Ep. Ded., It may be..that your Honour will take offence at my rashe and reechlesse behauiour vsed in the composition of this volume, and much more that being scambled vp after this maner, I dare presume [etc.]. *c* 1592 Marlowe *Jew of Malta* I. i. (1633) B 3, They say we are a scatter'd Nation : I cannot tell, but we haue scambled vp More wealth by farre then those that brag of faith. 1603 Knolles *Hist. Turks* (1621) 541 Before the enemie should perceive the weaknesse of his power, which was not great, and scambled up upon the suddain. 1638 Wotton *Let. to Bacon* 6 Nov. in *Reliq. W.* (1672) 471 With this dispatch I will intermingle no other vulgar subject, but hereafter I will entertain you with as jolly things as I can scamble together. 1834 *Tait's Mag.* I. 544/2 Each might, without much difficulty, 'scamble up some sort of husband' from among the corps.

7. To remove piecemeal ; to cut *away*.

1707 Mortimer *Husb.* 426 Finding my Wood cut in patches, and other parts of it scambled and cut before it was at its Growth. 1888 *Athenæum* 11 Feb. 186/2 This band..was left untouched when the sculptor scooped or scambled away the substance to give depth of space for the relief of the two figures.

Hence **Sca·mble-shamble** *v.* (*nonce-wd.*) *intr.*, to lounge or shamble.

1887 Ruskin *Præterita* II. 332 He went scamble-shambling on, a plague to the end.

Scambler (skæ·mblə1). *Sc.* Also 6 scamler, skam(e)lar. [app. f. Scamble *v.* + -er[1].

The vb., however, is app. not recorded in Sc. before the 19th c., and derivation from Scamble *sb.*[1], a bench, would not be inconsistent with the sense. Cf. Gael. *sgimilear.*]

A parasite, sponger.

1500–20 Dunbar *Poems* lxiii. 45 On 3our hienes follows eik ..Scaffaris, and scamleris in a nuke, And hall huntaris of draik and duik. 1508 Kennedie *Flyting w. Dunbar* 37 Skaldit skaithird, and commoun skamelar. 1533 Bellenden *Livy* V. iii. (S. T. S.) II. 153 Þe maist parte of þe knichtis ..war passand like skamlars throw þe cuntre. 1721 J. Kelly *Sc. Prov.* 274 It is well ken'd your Father's Son was never a Scambler. [*Foot-note.* One that goes about among his Friends for Meat.] 1755 Johnson *Scambler* (Scottish), a bold intruder upon one's generosity or table.

Scambling (skæ·mblin), *vbl. sb.* [-ing[1].] The action of the vb. Scamble.

c 1538 R. Cowley in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. II. II. 98 Such havok and skameling as they make was never seen, to the utter pilling and beggering of the land. 1584 *Leycesters Commonw.* 106 And bow so euer thes two conioyned Earles, do seeme for the tyme to draw together, and to playe bootie : yet..Hastings for ought I see, when he commeth to the scambling, is like to haue no better luck by the Beare, then his auncestor had once by the Bonre. 1599 Shaks. *Hen. V*, v. ii. 218. 1659 Gauden *Serm.* etc. (1660) 9 Whatever scambling and confusion in Civil and Regular Magistracy mens ambition brought on the state of the Jews, yet [etc.]. 1878 Grosart *H. More's Poems*, Mem. Introd. 10/1 Those noble old folios, matterful and painstaking, and putting to shame the literary scambling of to-day.

b. † The action of making shift for a meal or for meals. *Scambling day* : see quot. (*obs.*). Also, a makeshift or informal meal. Now only *dial.*

c 1512 *Regul. Northumberld. Housek.* (1770) 80 This is the ordre of the Service of Meat and Drynk to be servyd upon the Scamlynge Days in Lent Yerely as to say Mondays and Setterdays thrughe out Lent and what they shall have att the said Scamlyngs. 1563 Pilkington, etc. *Burnynge Paules Ch.* I iiij, Some..eat more at that one dynner, than the poore man can get at three scamlinges on a day. 1606 Marston *Parasitaster* II. i, Come Sir, a stoole boy, the Court Feasts are to vs Seruitors Court Fasts, such scambling, such shift for to eate and where to eate. 1873 W. P. Williams & W. A. Jones *Somerset. Gloss.*, *Scamblin*, irregular meal.

Scambling (skæ·mblin), *ppl. a.* [-ing[2].]

† **1.** Contentious, rapacious. *Obs.*

1599 Shaks. *Much Ado* v. i. 94, I know them,..Scambling out-facing, fashion-monging boyes. 1599 — *Hen. V*, I. i. 4 The scambling and vnquiet time. *a* 1639 Wotton *Life Buckingham* (1642) 29 He was no sooner entred into the Town, but a scambling Souldier clapt hold of his bridle. 1691 *New Disc. of Old Intreague* xvi. 28 Whose regular noise,..Some dreadful scambling combate did present.

2. Clumsily or carelessly executed ; slipshod, slovenly ; makeshift. Also of a person : Blundering, bungling.

1589 NASHE *Anat. Absurd.* Cj, Who is it, that reading Beuis of Hampton, can forbeare laughing, if he marke what scambling shyft he makes to ende his verses a like. 1599 HARSNET *Discov. Fraud. Darrel* 275 It is not likelie that the Diuell coulde bee dispossessed, by such almost priuate, slender, interrupted, and scambling prayers. 1653 H. MOAE *Antid. Ath.* II. vii. § 5 (1712) 61 Or if you will say, that there may some scambling shift be made without them [etc.]. 1856 P. THOMPSON *Hist. Boston* 721 [Provincialisms.] You've made a scambling dinner, I fear. 1884 ROGERS *Six Cent. Work & Wages* II. 412 The establishment of a rule that members of such unions would denounce and expose dishonest and scambling work.

3. Irregular, rambling, scattered.

1592 WYRLEY *Armorie* 67 The scambling chace eight leags endurd right, Ending almost at the gate of Reans. 1657 OWEN *Review Nat. Schism* ix. 141 To declare the way of his exerting his Authority..is not a matter to be tossed up and down in this scambling chase. 1658 EVELYN *Diary* 27 Sept., To Bedington,..a fine old hall, but a scambling house. 1680 MORDEN *Geog. Rect., Ganges Penins.* 404 Her Capital City, which is large but scambling. 1702 D. GRANVILLE *Rem.* (Surtees) 241 Letters..to my scatter'd, scambling, and sometimes scabby sheep. 1786 tr. *Sparrman's Voy.* 324 Being ..upon a plain under the shelter of a few scambling thorn-trees. 1891 *Reports Provinc. Dev.* (E.D.D.) There wad'n on'y two or dree scamlin ones [*sc.* pheasants] down thick way.

4. Straddling, shambling.

1633 FORD *Love's Sacr.* v. i, Can you imagine, Sir, the name of Duke Could make a crooked leg, a scambling foot, ..fit for a Ladies pleasure, no. 1658 ROWLAND tr. *Mouffet's Theat. Ins.* 952 The Gnat..hath six long crooked scambling legs..growing from his prominent breast. 1852 R. S. SURTEES *Sponge's Sp. Tour* viii. 33 On horseback, Tom was a.. hard-bitten little fellow.., while on foot he was the most shambling, scambling, crooked-going crab that ever was seen.

Hence **Sca·mblingly** *adv.*

1611 COTGR. s.v. *Griffe, Griffe graffe*, by hooke or by crooke,..scamblingly, catch that catch may. 1755 in JOHNSON.

Soame, variant of SCAUM; obs. form of SHAME.

† **Sca·mel.** *Obs. rare*—1. Meaning uncertain: the statement in quot. 1866 is of doubtful value. Some have proposed to read *staniel.*

1610 SHAKS. *Temp.* II. ii. 176 And sometimes I'le get thee young Scamels from the Rocke. [1866 H. STEVENSON *Birds of Norfolk* II. 260 At Blakeney Mr. Dowell states that bar-tailed godwits are known to the local gunners by the singular appellation of 'Picks' and 'Scamells'...He believes by 'Scamells' are meant the females and those found singly in autumn.]

Scamely, obs. form of SCAMMONY.

Scamler, Scamles: see SCAMBLER, SCAMBLE *sb.*1

Scammatie, variant of SCAMATO *Obs.*

† **Sca·mmel,** *a. Obs. rare*—1. [Perh. connected with SCAMBLE *v.*: cf. Sc. *skemmel* 'a tall, thin, ungainly person' (Jam.); also dial. *scrammel* 'a lean, gaunt, ill-favoured person or animal' (E.D.D.).] Lean, scraggy.

1658 tr. *Porta's Nat. Magic* II. ix. 39 That [mule] which is begotten of the wilde Asse, cometh nothing behind the other, but only that it is unruly and stubborn, and somewhat scammel, like the Sire [L. *nisi, quod..utrigosum patris proferet habitum*].

† **Scammo·nial,** *a. Obs. rare*—1. [f. L. *scammōni-um* + -AL.] = SCAMMONIATE *a.*

1657 TOMLINSON *Renou's Disp.* v. xiii. 167 Rhabarb or some scamoniall Medicine is often added to Cassia.

† **Scammo·niate,** *a.* and *sb. Obs.* [ad. mod.L. *scammōniātus* (neut. -*ātum* as used subst.), f. L. *scammōnium* SCAMMONY.] **A.** *adj.* Made with or containing scammony; hence, purgative. Also *fig.*

1620 BP. ANDREWES *Serm., Holy Ghost* xiii. (1629) 740 Neither Scammoniate, tormenting the conscience; nor yet Opiate stupifying it. 1651 BIGGS *New Disp.* § 113 A Scammoniate medicine. 1725 *Phil. Trans.* XXXIII. 389 The hot, scammoniate, aloetic Purgers seem not so proper.

B. *sb.* A medicine containing scammony; a purgative medicine.

1665 M.N. *Med. Medicinæ* 389 Ill-corrected Scammoniates.

Scammonic (skămo·nik), *a. Chem.* [f. L. *scammōn-ium* SCAMMONY + -IC.] *Scammonic acid* = jalapic acid: see JALAPIN.

1864 WATTS tr. *Gmelin's Handbk. Chem.* XVI. 408.

Scammonin (skæ·mŏnin). *Chem.* [Formed as prec. + -IN.] = JALAPIN. 1868 WATTS *Dict. Chem.*

† **Scammonite,** *a. Obs. rare*—1. [ad. L. *scammōnītes*, a. Gr. σκαμμωνίτης, f. σκαμμωνία SCAMMONY.] Medicated with scammony.

1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* XIV. xvi. I. 421 In like maner also is made the Scammonite wine.

Scammony (skæ·mŏni). Forms: 1 scamonie, (-am, Lat. *accus.*), 3 scamoi(e)ne, 5 scamely, 5–6 scamonie, scammonye, 5–7 scamony, 5 skamonye, 7 -ony, 6–7 scammonie, 6– scammony. [ad. L. *scammōnia, scammōnium* (also *scammōnea*), a. Gr. σκαμμωνία, *-ώνιον*. Cf. OF. *scamonee, escamonie* (mod.F. *scammonée*), Pr., Sp., Pg. *escamonea*, It. *scammonea.*]

1. A gum-resin obtained from the tuberous roots of *Convolvulus Scammonia* (see sense 2) used in medicine as a strong purgative; also, the dried tuberous root from which the drug is prepared.

Also with qualifying word indicating the place of export, esp. in *Aleppo, Smyrna scammony.*

c 1000 *Sax. Leechd.* II. 272 Nim scamoniam þæt peniz geweze & gegnid smæle. *Ibid.*, Wyrtdrenc scamonian geceos þus. *c* 1205 LAY. 17740 Appas..dude þer to atter þa scamoiene [*c* 1275 scamoine] hatte. 1436 *Libel Eng. Policy* in *Pol. Poems* (Rolls) II. 173 That wee shulde have no nede to skamonye, Turbit, euforbe [etc.]. *c* 1475 *Non-Cycle Mystery Pl.* (E.E.T.S.) 73/506, I haue gyven hyr a drynke made..wyth scamely. 1526 *Grete Herball* ccccciii. (1529) Cc iij b, Scamony is often contrefayted with mylke of y* herbe of catapucie. 1626 BACON *Sylva* § 19 You may make it as strong a Purging Medicine, as Scammony. 1875 H. C. WOOD *Therap.* (1879) 470 Scammony acts upon the system like jalap, but is somewhat more irritating.

fig. 1678 B. R. *Let. Pop. Friends* 4 What Protestant Scammony is strong enough to make a thorough-pac'd Catholick Disgorge Infallibility?

b. (See quot.)

1849 BALFOUR *Man. Bot.* § 956 A spurious kind of Scammony has been prepared from the root of *Convolvulus (Calystegia) sepium*; and several plants belonging to the order Asclepiadaceæ yield a purgative exudation which has been used under the names of Montpellier and Bourbon Scammony.

2. The plant *Convolvulus Scammonia*, native in Syria and Asia Minor, having a fleshy root which furnishes the scammony (sense 1) of commerce.

1567 MAPLET *Gr. Forest* 61 Scammony..hath a leafe like Iuie. 1597 GERARDE *Herbal* II. cccv. 716 Of Scammonie, or purging Bindweed. 1785 MARTYN *Rousseau's Bot.* xvi. 191 This genus contains several remarkable plants; as Scammony..and Jalap.

3. *attrib.*

1871 GARROD *Mat. Med.* (ed. 3) 282 Compound Scammony Powder...Scammony Mixture. *Ibid.* 283 Scammony resin also forms an important ingredient in extractum colocynthidis compositum. 1887 BENTLEY *Man. Bot.* (ed. 5) 627 This Scammony as also Scammony Root, and Scammony Resin, are official in the British Pharmacopœia.

Scamoniall: see SCAMMONIAL.

Scamoty, variant of SCAMATO *Obs.*

Scamp (skæmp), *sb.* Also 9 *Sc.* **skemp.** [f. SCAMP *v.*1]

1. A highway robber. *arch.*

1782 MESSINK *Choice of Harlequin* (Farmer), Ye scamps, ye pads, ye divers. 1785 GROSE *Dict. Vulgar Tongue, Scamp*, a highwayman; royal scamp, a highwayman who robs civilly; royal foot scamp, footpads who behave in like manner. 1809 G. ANDREWES *Dict. Slang, Scamp-foot*, a street robber, a foot pad, spicer. 1834 H. AINSWORTH *Rookwood* III. v, A rank scamp!

† **b.** Highway robbery. *Obs.*

1786 *Life Miss Davies* 11 He resolved to go upon the scamp. 1812 J. H. VAUX *Flash Dict.* s.v., The game of highway robbery is called *the scamp...Done for a scamp* signifies convicted of a highway robbery.

2. A good-for-nothing, worthless person, a ne'er-do-well, 'waster'; a rascal. Also *playfully* as a mild term of reproof.

α. 1808 JAMIESON, *Scamp*, a cheat, a swindler; often used as to one who contracts debt, and runs off without paying it, *Loth., Perths.* 1825 BROCKETT *N. C. Gloss., Scamp*, a mean rascal, a fellow devoid of honour and principle. 1833 MARRYAT *P. Simple* xxix, He was a sad scamp. 1837 DICKENS *Pickw.* xlvii, Those are the cleverest scamps I ever had any thing to do with. 1844 LOCKHART *Let.* 13 May in *Life & Lett.* (1897) II. 199 Ben Disraeli, the Jew scamp, has published a very blackguard novel. 1874 L. STEPHEN *Hours in Libr.* (1892) II. vi. 181 The prodigal who has been with scamps in gambling-houses. 1878 BROWNING *Poets Croisic* 133 This scamp Voltaire!

β. 1818 HOGG *Brownie of Bodsbeck* I. 110 Ye're surely some silly skemp of a fallow, to draw out your sword on a puir auld woman. 1824–7 MOIR *Mansie Wauch* xxii. (1828) 339 Skemps that had not wherewithal to pay lawful debts.

3. *U. S.* (See quots.)

1882 JORDAN & GILBERT *Synopsis Fishes N. Amer.* 538 *Trisotropis falcatus* Poey.—Scamp. 1884 G. B. GOODE, etc. *Nat. Hist. Aquatic Anim.* 413 Another fish..*Mycteroperca falcata*, is called at Pensacola by the name 'Scamp'.

Scamp (skæmp), *v.*1 [app. cogn. with SCAMPER *v.*, which occurs earlier. An earlier evidence of the word may exist in the mock-heraldic SCAMPANT (*c* 1585).] *intr.* † **a.** *cant.* (See quot. 1753). **b.** *Sc.* With advs. *about, off.* (See quot. 1867).

1753 *Disc. John Poulter* (ed. 2) 39 I'll scamp on the Pannev; [=] I'll go on the Highway. 1867 GREGOR *Banffsh. Gloss., Scamp*, to go about in an idle manner; often with the idea of mischief; followed by *aboot* and *through.*

Scamp (skæmp), *v.*2 [Prob. of dialectal origin; cf. SKIMP *v.*, used *dial.* in the same sense; the source may possibly be ON. *skemma* to shorten, f. *skamm-r* short: see SCANT *a.*]

1. *trans.* To do (work, a task, etc.) negligently or hurriedly. Also *to scamp off, over.* Cf. SKIMP *v.*

1837 WHITTOCK *Bk. Trades* (1842) 392 (*Printer*) The best work which cannot be 'scamped' over. 1861 SMILES *Engineers* I. 11 From the very earliest times the tendency to 'scamp' work seems to have existed. 1867 G. MUSGRAVE *Nooks in Old France* I. ii. 80 A perilous mode of scamping off their work. 1888 W. P. FRITH *Autobiog.* III. v. 112 A portrait, in which..the man's figure had been what we call 'scamped'.

absol. 1859 SMILES *Self-Help* viii. 211 There are tradesmen who adulterate, contractors who 'scamp' [etc.].

2. *U. S. intr.* (in quot. quasi-*trans.*) To be stingy or excessively economical. Cf. SKIMP *v.*

1894 C. MERIWETHER in *Nation* 16 Aug. 116/2 If three or four dollars more are added for rent, the tenant either scamps the life out of himself and family, or crops the land to death.

3. *Comb.*: **scamp-work,** scamped work.

1840 MARRYAT *Olla Podr.* xxviii, To use a joiner's phrase, everything abroad is comparatively scamp-work. 1884 E. H. PLUMPTRE in *Expositor* Apr. 275 What we call 'scamp-work' in building was as common..in Ezekiel's time, as it is with us.

Hence **Scamped** *ppl. a.*

1871 CARLYLE in Mrs. Carlyle *Lett.* III. 198 The house was..misbuilt..a despicable, cockney, scamped edifice. 1885 J. G. WOOD *My Garden Wall* in *Longm. Mag.* VI. 518 This one little bit of 'scamped' brickwork is almost the only part that is worth watching.

† **Sca·mpant.** *Obs. nonce-wd.* [quasi-*Her.* after RAMPANT; cf. SCAMP *v.*]

c 1585 in *Rel. Ant.* II. 122 [Burlesque coat of arms] A lyther lad scampant, a roge in his ragges.

‖ **Scampavia** (skampavī·a). Also 8 **scampavie.** [It., f. *scampare* to run off, decamp (see DISCAMP *v.*) + *via* way, away.] A swift sailing vessel used in the Mediterranean.

1723 *Pres. St. Russia* I. 35 Three Russian Scampavies full of Russian Soldiers. 1802 *Naval Chron.* VIII. 122 Quick sailing little vessels called scampavias. 1867 SMYTH *Sailor's Word-bk., Scampavia*, a fast rowing war boat of Naples and Sicily.

Scamper (skæ·mpəɹ), *sb.*1 [f. SCAMPER *v.*] The action of scampering, in the senses of the vb.; also, an instance of this. Also in the phrases *to be on* or *upon the scamper, to put to the scamper.*

1697 VANBRUGH *Æsop* Pref., The first day it [*sc.* this Play] appear'd, 'twas routed.., the fourth it gave a vigorous Attacque, and the fifth put all the Feathers in Town to the scamper. 1766 COLMAN & GARRICK *Clandestine Marr.* v. ii, If we had not watch'd them and call'd up the fammaly, they had been upon the scamper to Scotland by this time. 1809 MALKIN *Gil Blas* IV. xi. P 4 Those who are always on the scamper see a great deal of the country. 1885 *Field* 7 Feb. 147/3 A fox..led hounds a short but merry scamper over a stiff country. 1888 BURGON 12 *Gd. Men* II. v. 4 He loved..a scamper round the garden.

Scamper (skæ·mpəɹ), *sb.*2 [f. SCAMP *v.*2 + -ER1.] One who scamps work.

1851 MAYHEW *Lond. Labour* II. 199 To a notorious 'scamper', he one morning sent three cart-loads of 'mac' at 1*s.* a load, all to be used in the erection of..one..house. 1884 C. GIBBON *By Mead & Stream* II. xxxii. 144 Work was scamped: he detected it, and dismissed the scampers.

Scamper (skæ·mpəɹ), *v.* [Of uncertain origin. In our quots. first recorded in 1687, but very common between that date and 1700. Not improbably the word was originally military slang, either from obs. Du. *schampen* 'to escape or flie, or to be gone' (Hexham 1660), which is a. OF. *escamper* to decamp, or from It. *scampare* to decamp, run away: see DISCAMP *v.* A less likely, though possible, supposition is that it represents a ME. derivative of the OF. word, preserved in some non-literary dialect.]

† **1.** *intr.* To run away, decamp, 'bolt'. *Obs.*

1687 T. BROWN *Saints in Uproar* Wks. 1720 I. 89 It rejoices me to consider, with what wonderful Alacrity you [*sc.* St. Ursula and her Virgins] scamper'd over the Alps, and without a Farthing of Money in your Pockets. 1688 in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. II. IV. 144 Upon beat of drum..[they] have scampered away, and by flight provided for their safety. 1693 DENNIS *Impartial Critick* iii. 18 *Beaum...* But whose are those Verses? If they are thine, I scamper immediately. 1697 DAMPIER *Voy.* I. 189 We were forc'd to cut our Cables in all haste, and scamper away as well as we could. *a* 1700 B. E. *Dict. Canting Crew, Scamper*, to run away, or Scowre off, either from Justice, as Thieves, Debtors, Criminals, that are pursued; or from ill fortune, as Soldiers that are repulsed or worsted. 1788 FRANKLIN *Autobiog.* Wks. 1840 I. 191 The wagoners took each a horse out of his team and scampered. 1822 BYRON *Juan* VIII. lxxv, The Turks at first pretended to have scamper'd. 1833 M. SCOTT *Tom Cringle* ix, The few of the Pirates who had escaped having scampered into the woods.

2. To run or caper about nimbly; to go or journey hastily from place to place. Also with advs. *about, away, off*, etc.

1691 [see SCAMPERING *vbl. sb.*]. 1697 DAMPIER *Voy.* I. 517 For which reason, I suppose, they represented so many Serpents scampering about in the printed Picture that was made of him. 1760–2 GOLDSM. *Cit. W.* Pref., I have been set up for half-pence, to fret and scamper at the end of my chain [like a dancing bear]. 1833 HT. MARTINEAU *Manch. Strike* i. 3 Barefooted children were scampering up and down these stairs at play. 1835 WILLIS *Pencillings* II. xlvi. 63 The current scampers through between the two castles. 1873 HOLLAND *A. Bonnie.* iii. 60 A black fox dashed across our way, and, giving us a scared look, scampered into cover. 1882 MISS BRADDON *Mt. Royal* II. i. 3 He is devoured by impatience to be scampering off again.

fig. 1870 MISS BRIDGMAN *R. Lynne* II. xiii. 285 She could just scamper through the scales.

Hence **Sca·mpered** *ppl. a.*

1894 MRS. DYAN *Man's Keeping* (1899) 249 After a scampered-through breakfast. 1906 *Daily News* 21 Mar. 6/5 The usual scampered mid-day meals.

Scamperer (skæ·mpərəɹ). [f. SCAMPER *v.* + -ER1.] One who scampers; † ? a street ruffian.

1712 STEELE *Spect.* No. 276 P 3 A very gay..old Man.. who has been, he tells me, a Scowrer, a Scamperer, a Breaker of Windows [etc.]. 1802 MISS EDGEWORTH *Manœuvring* vi. (1809) 149 This ever idle, ever busy scamperer. 1804 *Hull Advertiser* 4 Feb. 3/3 A gang of scamperers. 1871 TYNDALL *Forms of Water* § 14 P 123 They were no idle scamperers on the mountains that made these wild recesses first known.

Scampering (skæ·mpəriŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. SCAMPER *v.* + -ING1.] In the senses of the verb.

1691 MOUNTFORT *Greenwich Park* II. iii. 22 *Sir Tho...* Let's have a Dance...*La. Haz.* I think we had better Dance at Home...*Sir Tho.* Agreed, then we'll first to Supper, and then for a Rubbers at scampring. 1765 TUCKER *Lt. Nat.* II. 677 Nobody else can know in what instances I have restrained its [*sc.* 'a horse's] scamperings. 1843 MACAULAY *Ess., Mme. D'Arblay* P 40 A cry of 'The King!' was set up. A general scampering followed. 1865 G. MACDONALD *A. Forbes* 25 A terrible noise of scrambling and scratching and scampering in the very room beside her.

Scampering (skæ·mpəriŋ), *ppl. a.* [f. SCAMPER *v.* + -ING ².] In senses of the verb.

1859 K. CORNWALLIS *Panorama of New World* I. 199 A scampering crowd of agile young runners. 1876 BESANT & RICE *Gold. Butterfly* Prol. 1 In these days of Pacific Railways and scampering Globe Trotters.

Scamphood (skæ·mphud). *nonce-wd.* [f. SCAMP *sb.* + -HOOD.] The quality of being a scamp.

1866 CARLYLE *E. Irving* in *Remin.* (1881) I. 205 Hazlitt, ..a fine talent too, but tending towards scamphood.

Scamping (skæ·mpiŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. SCAMP *v.*² + -ING ¹.] The action of the vb. SCAMP.

1862 SMILES *Engineers* III. 467 He did all thoroughly and honestly. There was no scamping with him. 1890 W. J. GORDON *Foundry* 150 A scamping in the work,..a flaw in the metal, may mean the destruction of the train.

Scamping (skæ·mpiŋ), *ppl. a.*¹ [f. SCAMP *v.*¹ or *sb.* + -ING ².] That behaves as a scamp, good-for-nothing.

1832 W. STEPHENSON *Gateshead Poems* 63 The scamping, filthy loon. 1839 STONEHOUSE *Axholme* 244 *note*, You are not one of these scamping Dutchmen, but one of the original ..inhabitants of the country.

Scamping (skæ·mpiŋ), *ppl. a.*² [f. SCAMP *v.*² + -ING ².] Of a workman, etc.: That scamps work.

1851 MAYHEW *Lond. Labour* II. 199 One man..informed me that 'mac' was most in demand among scamping builders.

Scampish (skæ·mpiʃ), *a.* [f. SCAMP *sb.* + -ISH.] Having the character or disposition of a scamp; characteristic of a scamp.

1847 DE QUINCEY *Sp. Mil. Nun* xxiii. Wks. 1854 III. 76 The alcade personally renewed his regrets for the ridiculous scene of the two scampish oculists. 1892 *Nation* 28 Apr. 325/3 His temporary religious fervor is a scampish aberration.

Hence **Sca·mpishly** *adv.*, **Sca·mpishness.**

1858 S. BROOKS *Gord. Knot* ii. (1860) 16 But he did his best for Arundel, alternately dilating upon the scampishness of Robert Spencer and the vulgarity of his wife [etc.]. 1880 MISS BRADDON *Just as I am* ix, Vargas had been scampishly disposed at his best.

† **Sca·mpsman.** *Obs.* [f. *scamp's*, SCAMP *sb.* 1 b + MAN *sb.*] A highwayman.

1799 *Spirit Publ. Jrnls.* (1805) III. 352 Memorandum.—If any thing done by scampsmen on the Fulham road, send the traps to pull up Bounce and Blunderbuss. 1834 H. AINSWORTH *Rookwood* III. v, 'The Game of High Toby', Forth to the heath is the Scampsman gone.

Scampy (skæ·mpi), *a.* [f. SCAMP *sb.* + -Y.] = SCAMPISH. In some recent Dicts.

Scan (skæn), *sb.* [f. SCAN *v.*] The action of scanning; close investigation or scrutiny; perception, discernment; a scanning look.

1706 *Col. Rec. Pennsylv.* II. 266 May bear the scan of our superiors. 1775 WASHINGTON 28 Nov. to Sparks *Writings* (1834) III. 178 (Funk) What will be the end of these manœuvres is beyond my scan. 1827 HARE *Guesses* (1859) 215 The princes and lords of thought shoot forth their winged words into regions beyond the scan of the people. 1828 COLERIDGE *Gard. Boccaccio* 33 All spirits..that..lent a lustre to the earnest scan Of manhood, musing what and whence is man. 1903 *Blackw. Mag.* Apr. 480/1 A curious watchfulness pervades every man—a quick scan of every rock and bush on walking abroad.

Scan (skæn), *v.* Also *a.* 4-7 **scanne**, 6-7 **scann**, **skan**(ne. *β.* 5-8 **scand.** [ad. L. *scandĕre*, lit. to climb, in late L. to 'scan' verses. Cf. F. *scander* (perh. the source, but in Fr. dicts. first cited from the 16th c.), Sp. *escandir*, It. *scandere* (also to climb), G. *skandiren*, Du. *skandeeren*.

The Latin word is cogn. w. Sk. *skand* to leap and Gr. *σκάνδαλον* stumbling-block, SCANDAL; derivatives in Eng. are SCANSION, SCANSORY etc., SCALE *sb.*³; also, from L. compounds, the vbs. *ascend*, *descend*, *transcend*.]

1. *trans.* To analyse (verse) by determining the nature and number of the component feet or the number and prosodic value of the syllables; to indicate the structure or test the correctness of (a verse) by reciting it with metrical emphasis and pauses, or by counting on the fingers the feet as they occur in recitation. Also *occas.* to describe prosodically (a word or sequence of words); to find (a particular kind of foot) in a given portion of a verse.

α. 1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* XVII. lxxxv. (Bodl. MS.), & who kanne scanne [in 1495 *printed* scand] a verse may knowe þ' þe myddel sillable stondeþ for a schorte sillable in þe secunde verse. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 442/2 Scanne verse (*P.* scannyn versis), *scando*. 1567 DRANT *Horace, Ep.* B ij, Those verses..Whiche longe deliberation..hath not..on the fingers scande. *a* 1613 OVERBURY *A wife*, etc. (1638) 93 He treads in a rule, and one hand scannes verses, and the other holds his scepter. 1638 H. RAINSFORD in *G. Sandys' Div. Poems* To Author, Thy Lines I weigh not by th'Originall; Nor skan thy Words how evenly they fall. 1706 W. WALSH *Let. to Pope* 9 Sept., P.'s Wks. (1736) V. 51 They scan their verses upon their fingers. 1874 SYMONDS in *Fortn. Rev.* Dec. 769 But a trochee in the fourth place! (for so he [Johnson] scanned the lines), O Milton and Cowley! shame upon your ears! *Ibid.* 770 Critics like Todd think nothing of scanning an anapæst in the place of one of Johnson's feet. 1900 SKEAT *Chaucer Canon* § 15 It is impossible to scan the Ormulum until one has learnt the grammar.

transf. 1791-2 WORDSW. *Descr. Sk.* 147 There an old man an olden measure scanned On a rude viol.

β. 1495 [see quot. 1398 in *α*]. 1642-53 LEIGHTON *Comm. 1 Pet.* ii. 12 (1693) 366 The word is *My Observers*, or those that scand my wayes every foot of them, that examine them as a Verse,..if there be but a wrong measure in them, they will..mark it. 1729 MANDEVILLE *Fab. Bees* II. 416 The manner of scanding and chanting those Verses.

b. *absol.*

1642 MILTON *Apol. Smect.* Wks. 1851 III. 292 An eare that could measure a just cadence, and scan without articulating. 1735 POPE *To Arbuthnot* 165 Each Wight, who reads not, but who scans and spells. *a* 1740 J. WARTON *Sappho's Advice* 30 A pen I handled for a fan, And learnt not how to dance but scan.

c. *intr.* (for *pass.*). To admit of being scanned, to be found metrically correct.

1857 HUGHES *Tom Brown* II. iii, Martin..proceeded..to convert these..into Latin that would scan. 1865 F. A. PALEY tr. *Æschylus* 184 *note*, The lines will neither scan nor construe like ordinary verses.

† 2. *trans.* To criticize; to test or estimate the correctness or value of; to judge *by* a certain rule or standard. Sometimes with allusion to sense 1.

c 1540 tr. *Pol. Verg.* I. (Camden) 95 Constantinus..did banishe Arrius,..bie cause hee went abowte to skanne the Christian relligion with mischevus lies and glosinges [*quod Christiana dogmata nefariis commentis metiri est impie conatus*]. 1584 COGAN *Haven Health* CCXVIII. (1636) 252 If a man would exactly scanne the temperature of beere. 1607 HIERON *Wks.* I. 179 The loue of fathers toward their children,..of egles to their young ones, of hens to their chickens, all these haue beene but shadowes to it, but no sufficient measures by which to skanne it [*sc.* God's mercy]. 1618 NAUNTON in *Fortescue Papers* (Camden) 64 For to write I had neither leysure, nor lyst to have my lines scanned by any equivocating preists. 1672 DAVDEN *Conq. Granada* II. i, The Rule of Happiness by Reason scan. 1732 POPE *Ess. Man* II. 1 Know then thy self, presume not God to scan. 1754 SHERLOCK *Disc.* (1759) I. i. 64 We attempt to scan the divine Justice by our narrow conceptions of it. 1764 GOLDSM. *Trav.* 333, I see the lords of human kind pass by. ..True to imagin'd right, above control, While e'en the peasant boasts these rights to scan, And learns to venerate himself as man. 1817 JAS. MILL *Brit. Ind.* II. v. iv. 428 The feeble discernment which has generally scanned the proceedings of the East India Company.

β. 1585 J. NORDEN *Sinfull Man's Solace* 161 b, If thou, oh sillie booke, doe chaunce To light into the hand Of any such as takes delight Ech others worke to scand.

† b. *intr.* To pass judgement *on*, *upon*; to form an opinion *of*. Often in indirect passive. *Obs.*

1582 A. MUNDAY *Eng. Romayne Lyfe* i. 10 But when the Pope had scanned on this hasty business..they were denyed their request. 1583 GOLDING *Calvin on Deut.* v. 26/1 By these wordes he betokeneth, that wee must rest wholely vppon that which God saith, and not stande scanning after our owne fancies. *Ibid.* xiii. 76/1 When men will needes scanne of Gods workes and prouidence according to their owne reason: they shall finde thinges to grudge at. 1587 TURBERV. *Trag. Tales* 42, I leaue for you to scan, Both of the maydens rich attyre, and iewels of the man. 1589 PUTTENHAM *Eng. Poesie* (Arb.) 132, I intend not to proceed any further in this curiositie..nor..to haue it put in execution in our vulgar Poesie, but to be pleasantly scanned vpon. 1602 ROWLANDS *Tis Merrie*, etc. 23 And when they meete, they do discourse and scan About whose choyce hath got the kindest man. 1610 HEALEY *St. Aug. Citie of God* III. xvii. 132 If this hadde hapened in our times, Lord how it would haue beene scanned vppon.

3. *trans.* To examine, consider, or discuss minutely.

† *To scan out*: to discover by examination.

1550 CROWLEY *Inform. & Petit.* 706 Scan the wordes of the Psalmist concernyng this mattier. 1586 *Let. to Earl Leicester* 16 But you Lawyers are so nice in sifting and skanning euery woorde and letter. 1596 BARINGTON *Notes upon Genesis* xi. 82 The time of this tower built, and speech confounded, may be asked...I stand not vpon coniectures to scan it out. 1604 SHAKS. *Oth.* III. iii. 245 My Lord, I would I might intreat your Honor To scan this thing no farther. 1674 *Essex Papers* (Camden) I. 166 Whoever scanns y^e words of y^e Adress cannot..putt any other construction upon them then such as we have done. 1770 GOLDSM. *Des. Vill.* 161 Careless their merits or their faults to scan, His pity gave ere charity began. 1828 J. W. CROKER in *C. Papers* 21 July (1884), It is wonderful with what facility and accuracy he scanned all those facts. 1871 DARWIN *Desc. Man* II. xxi. 402 Man scans with scrupulous care, the character and pedigree of his horses..before he matches them. 1886 BOWEN in *Law Rep.* 31 Chanc. Div. 379 We ought not, I think, to scan the pleadings too narrowly upon a question of the right to discovery.

β. *a* 1635 RANDOLPH *Poems* (1638) 11 The smooth Viper every member [of sleeping Lycoris] scands.

† b. With clause as obj. *Obs.*

1558 PHAER *Æneid* III. F iv b, And what those walls shuld be we skanne, & councel great we take. 1594 CAREW *Huarte's Exam. Wits* v. 55 There riseth a like difficultie, in skanning whence it commeth that nature made two eyes, and two eares. 1621 T. WILLIAMSON tr. *Goulart's Wise Vitillard* 189 It belongs to some god, to scan and to see which of all these opinions is true.

† 4. To interpret, assign a meaning to. *Obs.*

1562 HEYWOOD *Prov.* O iij, This woord *enough* twoo waies we may skan. Thone much enough, thother littell enough. 1602 SHAKS. *Ham.* III. iii. 75 And now Ile doo't, and so he goes to Heauen, And so am I reueng'd: that would be scann'd, A Villaine killes my Father, and for that I..do this same Villaine send To heauen. 1608 WILLET *Hexapla Exod.* 463 But concerning the limiting of the space of sixe yeares for seruice,..what might hee the reason thereof, thus it is diuersly scanned. 1. Some do thus moralize it [etc.]. 1621 HEYWOOD *Gold. Age* v. i, The Fates..Haue summon'd Saturnes three sonnes to the Tower, To them the three Dominions to assure Of Heauen, of Sea, of Hell. How these are scand, Let none decide but such as vnderstand. 1641 MILTON *Reform.* I. 4 Hence men came to scan the Scriptures by the Letter.

5. To perceive, discern. Now *rare*.

1558 PHAER *Æneid* II. F j b, Whan sodenly the sound Of feete we heare to tread, and men full thicke my father skand. 1605 *Hist. Capt. Stukeley* C 4, My meaning had you beene but heere euen now, you might haue scand without my vtterance. 1768 BEATTIE *Minstrel* I. l, One part, one little part, we dimly scan Through the dark medium of life's feverish dream. 1792 COWPER *Stanza for* 1792 ii, Man ..not wise enough to scan His best concerns aright, Would gladly stretch life's little span To ages, if he might. 1808 SCOTT *Marmion* III. xii, His thoughts I scan not; but I ween, That [etc.]. 1868 TENNYSON *Lucretius* 192 A satyr..draws Nearer and nearer, and I scan him now Beastlier than any phantom of his kind.

6. To look at searchingly, examine with the eyes.

1798 SOPHIA LEE *Canterb. T., Young Lady's T.* II. 251 His wild..eyes now scanned heaven impatiently. 1810 SCOTT *Lady of L.* II. xxi, While Roderick scann'd, For her dear form, his mother's band. 1840 DICKENS *Barn. Rudge* ii, 'Humph', he said, when he had scanned his features, 'I don't know you'. 1853 KINGSLEY *Hypatia* x. She..sat scanning him intently from head to foot. 1861 J. H. BENNET *Shores of Medit.* II. xii. (1875) 412 The lost dog will scan the features of those who pass him in the street. 1893 F. C. SELOUS *Trav. S. E. Africa* 375, I climbed to the top of the hill in order to scan the country on ahead.

† 7. To climb. *Obs. rare*⁻¹. [A latinism.]

1596 SPENSER *F. Q.* VII. vi. 8 Whose silver gates..she entred,..Ne staide till she the highest stage had scand.

Hence **Sca·nned** *ppl. a.*

1567 DRANT *Horace, Ep.* II. ii. H iiij, As thou in lawfull scanned vearse canste well descryue a thinge. 1598 MARSTON *Pygmal.* IV. 154 When once they can in true skan'd verses frame A braue Encomium of good Vertues name.

Scance (skæns), *sb. Sc.* Also 7-9 **skance.** [f. SCANCE *v.*²] **a.** A glance; a glimpse. **b.** A gleam (of light).

a. 1787 J. SKINNER *Misc. Poetry* (1809) III. 108 O happy hour..That..gae him..Sae braw a skance Of Ayrshire's dainty Poet. 1871 W. ALEXANDER *Johnny Gibb* (1873) 66 Then they stumbled on a field of the laird's..and took a 'skance' of what was going on there.

b. 1819-20 'ANTIQUARY' *St. Patrick* 168 (Jam.), I looket up amang the craigs an saw a red scance o' light beekin' on the taps o' the highest o' them.

Scance (skons), *v.*¹ Chiefly *Sc.* Also 6-7, 9 **skance**, 7-8 **scanse.** [app. f. L. *scans-*, ppl. stem of *scandĕre* to climb, to SCAN.]

† 1. *trans.* To examine critically, to scrutinize; to turn over in one's mind, to reflect on; also (with indirect question as obj.), to debate with oneself, 'wonder'. Cf. SCAN *v.* 2, 3. *Obs.*

1597 MONTGOMERIE *Cherrie & Slae* 1357 Give him 3our gude advyce; And panse not, nor skance not, The perril nor the pryce. 1603 *Philotus* ci, Full oft this mater did I skance, Bot with my self befoir. 1638 H. ADAMSON *Muses Threnodie* (1774) 161 How that can be forgote I greatlie scance.

2. *intr.* To reflect, comment, descant. Const. *of*, *on*, *upon*. Cf. SCAN *v.* 2 b.

1606 ROLLOCK *Lect. 2 Thess.* 28 (Jam.) To scanse of these things ouer far it is but vaine curiositie. 1739 A. NICOL *Nature without Art* 69 Oh my Muse, I want Engine To scance upon the Ancient Name. *Ibid.* 80, I ne'er admire the Learned, tho' they Scance On Stile and Numbers. 1806 A. DOUGLAS *Poems* 151 (Jam.) Now round the ingle in a ring On public news they're scancin'.

† 3. = SCAN *v.*¹ *Obs. rare*⁻¹.

1704 T. WATT *Gram. made easy* (1742) 78 To know how to Scanse the 10 Ode of the first Book [of Horace].

4. *trans.* To climb. (Cf. SCAN *v.* 7.)

1714 R. SMITH *Poems* (1853) 112 His Pious Soul did Jacob's Ladder scanse. 1861 R. W. DIXON *To Shadow* viii, If ever thou didst scance In a wayward wistful dance Up and down..On the wall with giant scrawl.

Scance (skons), *v.*² Chiefly *Sc.* [Of obscure origin; cf. ASKANCE.]

1. *intr.* To glance, look with disdain.

1611 *Coryat's Crudities* Panegyr. Verses h j b, The Country Boores dasht with the matter Beganne on him to skance awry. 1883 R. CLELAND *Inchbracken* xiv. 113 Cockin' her neb at decent folk, an' scancin' at my tuscan bonnet.

2. To make a display or show.

1813 PICKEN *Poems* I. 123 (Jam.) In silk an' sattin ilk ane scances, An' gawze beside.

Hence **Sca·ncing** *ppl. a.*

a 1774 FERGUSSON *Poems* (1807) 344 Where now con'd shine The scancin glories o' carmine?

Scance, obs. form of SCONCE (fort).

Scand, rare obs. form of SAND *sb.*²

Scandal (skæ·ndăl), *sb.* Forms: *α.* 3 **scandle**, **schandle**, **schsundle**; *β.* 6-7 **scandale**, **scandall**, 7 **skandall**, 6- **scandal.** [Early ME. *scandle*, *scha(u)ndle*, a. ONF. *escandle*, Central OF. *eschandle*, semi-popular ad. eccl. L. *scandalum* cause of offence or stumbling, ad. Gr. *σκάνδαλον*, recorded only in Hellenistic literature, in the fig. sense 'snare for an enemy, cause of moral stumbling', but certainly an old word meaning 'trap' (cf. the derivative *σκανδάληθρον* spring of a trap), believed to be f. the Indogermanic **skand-* to spring, leap: cf. L. *scandĕre* to climb, to SCAN.

Before the 16th c. the word occurs only in the *Ancren Riwle*, exc. in the forms treated s. v. SLANDER *sb.* (from the OF. variants *escandre*, *esclandre*). In the 16th c. it was re-adopted from the Latin in the form *scandal*, possibly after the Fr. learned form *scandale*, which had been introduced to represent the strict sense of eccl. L. *scandalum*, as distinguished from the senses that had been developed by F. *esclandre*. Cf. Sp. *escándalo*, Pg. *escandalo*, It. *scandalo*, G. *skandal* (which has developed the sense 'uproar'), Du. *schandaal*.]

1. In religious use. **a.** Discredit to religion occasioned by the conduct of a religious person; † conduct, on the part of a religious person, which brings discredit on religion. Also, perplexity of

conscience occasioned by the conduct of one who is looked up to as an example.

a. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 12 Auh hwarse wummon liueð oðer mon bi him one, eremite oðer ancre, of þinges wiðuten hwarof scandle ne kume: nis nout muche strencðe. *Ibid.* 108 Auh er þen þet hiddunge arere eni schaundle, er heo ouh for to deien martir in hire meseise. *Ibid.* 380 Ȝe nowen nout unnen þet eni vuel word kome of ou: uor schandle is henued sunne.

β. 1581 PETTIE tr. *Guazzo's Civ. Conv.* III. (1586) 135 A punishment of her lightnesse and vanitie, by meanes whereof she hath giuen occasion of scandale and offence. *a* 1633 G. HERBERT *Priest to Temple* xxiv, So for Scandall: what scandall is, wher given or taken; whether, there being two precepts, one of obeying authority, the other of not giving scandall, that ought not to be preferred, especially since in his obeying there is scandall also. 1740 C. C. GRAVES in *Wesley's Jrnl.* 1741–3 (1749) 68, I am heartily sorry, that I have given offence and scandal, by frequenting the meetings and attending the expositions of the persons commonly call'd Methodists. 1863 FROUDE *Hist. Eng.* VII. 24 Catholics..could not appear in Protestant assemblies without causing scandal to the weaker brethren.

b. Something that hinders reception of the faith or obedience to the Divine law; an occasion of unbelief or moral lapse; a stumbling-block; = OFFENCE 2.

The New Testament phrase †*the scandal of the Cross* (Gr. τὸ σκάνδαλον τοῦ σταυροῦ, Vulg. *scandalum crucis*) seems to have been used by some writers with a colouring derived from sense 2.

1582 N. T. (Rhem.) *Matt.* xiii. 41 They shal gather out of his kingdom al scandals. — *Gal.* v. 11 Then is the scandal [1611 offence; 1880 (*Revised*) stumbling-block] of the crosse euacuated. 1607 B. BARNES *Divils Charter* I. i. A 3 b, Since all skandalls are remou'd and cleer'd. 1619 SANDERSON *Serm.* i. (1689) 3 Despising is both a grievous sin in the despiser, and a dangerous scandal to the despised. 1625 BACON *Ess., Unity in Religion* (Arh.) 423 Heresies and Schismes, are of all others, the greatest Scandals. 1689 HICKERINGILL *Modest Inq.* III. 28 Are not they that thus Excommunicate, the Schismaticks, by laying a Scandal in their Brothers way. 1754 SHERLOCK *Disc.* I. vii. 214 The Resurrection..has wiped away the Scandal and Ignominy of the Cross. 1846 KEBLE *Lyra Innoc.* (1873) 107 Then, heavenly calmness, lest thou fall, Where scandals line the way. 1878 A. DE VERE *Leg. St. Patrick* 117 That Crown of Truths, Scandal of fools, and conqueror of the world. 1908 TYRRELL in *Hibbert Jrnl.* Jan. 247 As a shock and scandal to the religious imagination of the masses, the thesis of Darwin is insignificant beside that of Galileo.

2. Damage to reputation; rumour or general comment injurious to reputation.

1590 SHAKS. *Com. Err.* v. i. 15, I wonder much That you would put me to this shame and trouble, And not without some scandall to your selfe, With circumstance and oaths, so to denie This Chaine, which now you weare so openly. 1611 — *Wint. T.* I. ii. 330 Giue scandall to the blood o' th' Prince, my Sonne,..Without ripe mouing to't? 1615 W. LAWSON *Country Housew. Gard.* (1626) A 2, I could..so shroud my selfe from scandall vnder your honourable fauour. 1643 SIR T. BROWNE *Relig. Med.* I. § 1 For my Religion, though there hee severall circumstances that might perswade the world I have none at all, as the generall scandall of my profession [etc.]. 1687 A. LOVELL tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* I. 102 A Stranger who had never seen them before, may without scandal, stop and talk to her he likes best. 1694 PENN *Rise & Progr. Quakers* i. 17 Persecuting one another, to the shame and scandal of their common Christianity. 1706 E. WARD *Wooden World Diss.* (1708) 42 Get drunk like a Gentleman, with no Scandal. 1798 in *Spirit Publ. Jrnls.* (1799) II. 259, I have practised levities for the sake of disrepute—and have written lampoons to be involved in the scandal. 1828 SCOTT *F. M. Perth* xii, The ill consequences or scandal which might arise from such a measure. 1856 KANE *Arct. Expl.* I. xxix. 387 To the scandal of our domestic regulations, the guns were all impracticable.

†**b.** A disgraceful imputation. In later use, a baseless imputation, a slander. *Obs.*

1602 SHAKS. *Ham.* II. i. 29 You must not put another scandall on him That hee is open to Incontinencie. 1621 T. WILLIAMSON tr. *Goulart's Wise Vieillard* 114 Cleansing vs from the filth of so many scandalls and imputations wherewith we haue beene disgraced and diffamed. 1708 SWIFT *Sentim. Ch. Eng. Man* Wks. 1751 IV. 93 To affirm that he [James II] had any cause to apprehend the same treatment with his Father, is an improbable scandal flung upon the nation by a few bigotted French scribblers. 1725 *Pope's Odyss.* II. Notes I. 104 Eustathius..quotes Herodotus, as affirming that she [*sc.* Penelope] had a son, named Pan, by Hermes; but the Bishop declares it is all a scandal. 1814 SCOTT *Swift's Works, Right of Preced. betw. Physicians & Civilians* (1824) VI. 326 *note*, Even Father Chaucer alludes to this scandal upon the medical faculty.

3. A grossly discreditable circumstance, event, or condition of things.

1591 SHAKS. 1 *Hen. VI*, III. i. 69 Oh, what a Scandall is it to our Crowne, That two such Noble Peeres as ye should iarre? 1613 PURCHAS *Pilgrimage* (1614) 225 A scandall are the alterations which they are forced by the Inquisitors to make in their Authors and Monuments of Antiquitie. 1853 J. H. NEWMAN *Hist. Sk.* Ser. II. III. vi. 142 There were great scandals among Bishops and Priests, as well as heresy. 1878 LECKY *Eng. in 18th C.* I. iii. 490 Those Fleet marriages which had become one of the strangest scandals of English life. 1885 *Law Times* LXXIX. 37/2 The thousand and one scandals of metropolitan misgovernment.

b. *concr.* A person whose conduct is a gross disgrace to his class, country, position, or the like.

1634 FORD *Perk. Warbeck* III. iv, What shall I call thee, thou grey-bearded scandal, That kick'st against the sovereignty to which Thou owest allegiance? 1683 WOOD in *Life* (O. H. S.) III. 60 Duncombe, a drunken M.A. of St. Marie Hall, a scandall to his profession. 1725 POPE *Odyss.* VIII. 387 But say, if that lewd scandal of the sky, To liberty restor'd, perfidious fly. 1743 FRANCIS tr. *Hor., Odes* II. xiii. 4 Thou bane and scandal of my land. 1814 SCOTT *Ld. of Isles* V. xxiv, So let it be, with the disgrace And scandal of her lofty race! 1889 *Spectator* 28 Dec., A Prime Minister nowadays is under no temptation to nominate men who will be either drones or scandals.

4. Offence to moral feeling or sense of decency.

1682 MABBE tr. *Aleman's Guzman d'Alf.* II. 273 The people take great scandall thereat. 1712 STEELE *Spect.* No. 546 ℙ 1 It gives me very great Scandal to observe, where-ever I go, how much Skill, in buying all manner of goods, there is necessary to defend yourself from being cheated. 1821 BYRON *Two Foscari* v. i, Why So rashly? 'Twill give scandal. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* XXXIII, That old wretch had given himself up entirely to his bad courses, to the great scandal of the county. 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* vi. II. 43 The disclosure, indeed, could not be made without great scandal. 1893 LELAND *Mem.* I. 160 The injured husband came raging on board and tried to shoot the captain, which made a great scandal.

5. The utterance of disgraceful imputations; defamatory talk. Now often playfully in milder sense, talk that is concerned with the faults or foibles of others, malicious gossip.

The word differs from the etymologically identical SLANDER in not implying the falsity of the imputations made.

1596 LODGE *Wits Misery* 17 The next Harpie of this breed is Scandale and Detraction. 1692 R. L'ESTRANGE *Fables* XXXI. 31 Those Liberties in Conversation...When they Exceed these Limits, they Degenerate into Scurrility, Scandal, and Reproach. 1716 ADDISON *Freeholder* No. 32 ℙ 11 Secret History and Scandal have always had their Allurements. 1779 SHERIDAN *Critic* II. i, *Sneer.* No scandal about Queen Elizabeth, I hope? 1867 FREEMAN *Norm. Conq.* (1876) I. vi. 411 Scandal affirmed that neither of them was really of kingly birth. 1886 WELLDON *Serm. Harrow* X. (1887) 148 Even in the worst courts there have been ladies upon whom the breath of scandal has never passed.

6. *Law.* Any injurious report published concerning another which may be the foundation of legal action.

1838 BELL *Dict. Law Scot.* s.v., All actions upon scandal, ..although competent in inferior courts, may also be brought before the Court of Session.

b. An irrelevancy or indecency introduced into a pleading to the derogation of the dignity of the court.

1750 *Vesey's Chanc. Cases* (1773) II. 24 The single question is, whether these charges, referred for scandal and impertinence, may be relevant to the merits. 1801 *Ibid.* (1827) VI. 514 It is not to be called scandal, if material, and relevant to the justice of the case. 1835 J. S. SMITH *Chanc. Pract.* (1837) I. 567.

7. *Comb.*, chiefly objective, as *scandal-bearer, -bearing* adj., *-monger, -mongering, -monging* sb. and adj., *-mongery*; **scandal-broth, -potion, -water,** humorous names for tea; **scandal-crimp,** an agent for collecting scandal; **scandal-proof,** †*sb.* see quot.; *adj.*, unable to be touched by scandal.

1712 STEELE *Spect.* No. 427 ℙ 1 The Unwillingness to receive good Tidings is a quality as inseparable from a *Scandal-Bearer, as the Readiness to divulge bad. 1790 BURNS *Let. to Cunningham* 13 Feb., The *scandal-bearing help-mate of a village priest. 1795 POTTER *Dict. Cant* (ed. 2), **Scandal broth*, tea. 1798 WOLCOT (P. Pindar) *Tales Hoy* Wks. 1812 IV. 389 Even Rose's News-hunters, his *Scandal-crimps Are changed to wits. 1721 AMHERST *Terræ Fil.* XXXIII. 173 There is no society in the world without *scandal-mongers and tale-bearers. 1899 WATTS-DUNTON *Aylwin* v. II. 216 A man may be a scandal-monger without being really malignant. 1865 *Cornh. Mag.* Nov. 579 The infernal *scandal-mongering in the neighbourhood. 1874 HELPS *Soc. Press.* XII. 158 The grander vices of calumny and scandal-mongering. 1902 *Westm. Gaz.* 12 Mar. 2/1 A scandalmongering old lady. 1838 CARLYLE *Misc.* (1857) IV. 186 Are there not dinner-parties, 'æsthetic teas', *scandal-mongeries? 1801 COL. G. HANGER *Life* II. 109 Gossiping, *scandal-monging, and sweethearting. 1904 EDITH RICKERT *Reaper* 57 Get you home for a scandal-monging body! 1786 BURNS *Twa Dogs* 224 Whyles, owre the wee bit cup an' platie, They sip the *scandal potion pretty. *a* 1700 B. E. *Dict. Cant. Crew*, **Scandal-proof*, a thorough pac'd Alsatian, or Minter, one harden'd or past shame. 1904 SLADEN *When we were lovers in Japan* II. viii, Their friendship was still recognised as scandal-proof. 1873 LELAND *Egypt. Sketch-Bk.* 234 The Tabbies [kill their neighbours' reputations] with '*scandal-water'.

Scandal (skæ·ndăl), *v.* Forms: 6–7 **scandall, scandale,** 7– **scandal.** [f. SCANDAL *sb.*]

†**1.** *trans.* To disgrace, bring into ill repute or obloquy. *Obs.*

1592 *Nobody & Someb.* E 2 b, O God, that one borne noble should be so base, His generous blood to scandall all his race. 1615 CHAPMAN *Odyss.* XXII. 586 Scandalling the Court, With men debaucht, in so abhorr'd a sort. 1662 J. WILSON *Cheats* II. iii, Lest the Profession should be scandal'd by it, we hold it better, to trust Providence, by forswearing the Fact. 1684 BUNYAN *Holy Life* 99 If you will not leave off to name the name of Christ, nor yet depart from iniquity, you also scandal the sincere professors of Religion.

2. a. To spread scandal concerning (a person); to defame. Now *arch.* and *dial.* (see E.D.D.).

†**b.** To vituperate, revile. *Obs.*

1601 SHAKS. *Jul. C.* I. ii. 76 If you know That I do fawne on then [*sic*], and hugge them hard, And after scandall them ..then hold me dangerous. 1632 LITHGOW *Trav.* VI. 245, [I] intreat you..onely to abstaine from scandalling and mocking our Rites. 1700 DRYDEN *Flower & Leaf* 607 She..gave me Charms and Sigils, for Defence Against ill Tongues that scandal Innocence. 1894 F. S. ELLIS *Reynard the Fox* 79 And Reynard's crimes were finely handled; Well he and Ermelyne were scandalled.

†**3.** To be a cause of stumbling to; to injure by evil example. *Obs.*

1632 STRAFFORD in Browning *Life* (1892) 301 As for his example of life, itt was soe vertuouse, or so viciouse, as I beleeue wee might finde hundreths scandalled sooner, then one hetterd by it.

†**4.** To shock the feelings of; to scandalize. *Obs.*

1643 CHAS. I in Clarendon *Hist. Reb.* VI. § 346 To the great danger of scandaling of our well affected Subjects. 1701 STEELE *Chr. Hero* (1711) 60 There are Earthly and Narrow Souls, as deeply Scandal'd at the Prosperity the Professors and Teachers of this Sacred Faith enjoy.

†**Sca·ndalist.** *Obs.* [f. SCANDAL *sb.* + -IST.] One who causes scandal.

a 1706 EVELYN *Hist. Relig.* (1850) II. 262 That public scandalists should be suspended the Eucharist.

Scandalization (skæ·ndălaizē·ʃən). [f. SCANDALIZE *v.* + -ATION.] The action of scandalizing; the condition or fact of being scandalized.

1530 *Dial. Gent. & Husb.* in Roy *Rede me* (Arh.) 168 Let one lyue neuer so wyckedly In abhominable scandalisacion.. They shall make of him no accusacion. 1881 *Daily Tel.* 14 Feb., The Prince and his wife, to the amusement of some and the scandalisation of others, indulged in a violent bout of fisticuffs in open court. 1883 *Harper's Mag.* Dec. 90/1 State of scandalization and outraged proprieties.

Scandalize (skæ·ndălaiz), *v.*[1] [a. F. *scandaliser* (OF. *escandalisier*), ad. eccl. L. *scandalizāre*, ad. late Gr. σκανδαλίζειν, f. σκάνδαλον: see SCANDAL *sb.* and -IZE. Cf. Sp. *escandalizar*, Pg. *escandalisar*, It. *scandalizzare, scandalezzare.*]

†**1.** *trans.* To bruit abroad, make a public scandal of (a discreditable secret). *Obs. rare*—[1].

c 1489 CAXTON *Blanchardyn* 44 Ye wyll scandalyze & vttre your mysfal that is now happed to you of one man.

2. To be the occasion of stumbling to; to injure spiritually by one's example. Now *rare.*

1538 POLE *Let.* 1 Aug. in Strype *Eccl. Mem.* I. App. LXXXIII. 214 But they that scandalize a whole Nation, what shal follow? 1609 DOWNAM *Chr. Libertie* 78 Thou doest scandalize..thy weake brethren.

3. To utter false or malicious reports of (a person's) conduct; to slander, to charge slanderously (†*with*). Now somewhat *rare.* In early use also † to insult, treat with contempt.

1566 in Strype *Ann. Ref.* (1709) I. xlviii. 486 He came thither..to embrace the Truth, which he had for a long time scandalized and rejected. 1606 G. W[OODCOCKE] *Hist. Ivstine* XX. 77 Let Iustice carry his hallance neuer so euen, the gouernment shall be dispised, the lawes scandalised, religion disdained, authority slandered. 1631 HEYWOOD *London's Jus Hon.* Ded. to Sheriffs, The Tribunes of the people..are cal'd Sacro Sancti, whose persons might not be iniured, nor their names any way scandaliz'd. 1705 VANBRUGH *Confederacy* IV. 53 We'll read Verses,..tell Lies, scandalize our Friends. 1790 PENNANT *London* (1813) 499 He was scandalized with suicide. 1819 SCOTT *Ivanhoe* XXXVI, To tell his tale might be interpreted into scandalizing the Order. 1840 DICKENS *Old C. Shop* iv, The company being accustomed to scandalise each other in pairs. 1865 *Intell. Observer* No. 42. 412 Scandalise or malign the owl's character.

b. *absol.* and *intr.* To talk scandal.

1745 FRANKLIN *On Scandal* Wks. 1887 II. 27 If to scandalize be really a crime, what do these puppies mean? 1888 HENLEY *Bk. Verses* 122 Saving to scrub, to bake, to brew, Nurse, dress, prattle, and scandalize, Nothing is left for the men to do.

4. *trans.* To bring shame or discredit upon; to disgrace. *Obs.* exc. *poet.*

1583 STUBBES *Anat. Abus.* II. (1882) 91 Nor yet any church scandalized with the wicked liues of their pastors. 1631 GOUGE *God's Arrows* I. § 45. 78 To liue under the Gospell of Christ, and to liue in sinne is..to scandalize the Word of Grace. 1659 *Burton's Diary* (1828) IV. 438 The Committee thought it reasonable to..adjourn to the Inner Court of Wards, he being scandalized to stand at that bar where he had been judge of the Court. 1700 T. BROWN *Amusem. Ser. & Com.* 32 There's a Beau..going to sell himself to Barbadoes, to keep himself..from Scandalizing his Relations at Tyburn. 1880 TENNYSON *Columbus* 189 We, who bore the Cross Thither, were excommunicated there, For curbing crimes that scandalised the Cross.

5. To horrify or shock by some supposed violation of morality or propriety.

1647 CLARENDON *Hist. Reb.* I. § 42 Others..were more scandalized at so precipitate a Promotion of a person of Such an Education. 1676 *North's Plutarch, Add. Lives* 90 The Spaniards..had hy their filthy behaviour scandalized all the chief inhabitants of the Island. 1706 E. WARD *Wooden World Diss.* (1708) 14 He is much scandaliz'd to find any in his Ship out-witting him. 1779 GIBBON *Misc. Wks.* (1814) IV. 623 The critic is scandalized at the epithets of scanty and suspicious. 1849 JAMES *Woodman* v, You will scandalise our reverend friend here. 1873 SYMONDS *Gk. Poets* iii. 79 The prudes of antiquity were scandalized at Solon, for having penned some amorous verses of very questionable character.

Scandalize (skæ·ndălaiz), *v.*[2] *Naut.* [Alteration of SCANTELIZE, assimilated to prec. Cf. SCANTLE *v.* 4.] *trans.* To reduce the area of (a sail) by lowering the peak and tricing up the tack.

1862 'VANDERDECKEN' *Yacht Sailor* 18 Keep your peak standing, or scandalise the mainsail. 1867 *N. & Q.* 28 Sept. 260/2 *Scandalising a Sail.* This phrase is neither very new, nor confined to Thanet. It was in common use among Cornish sailors fully forty years ago.

Hence **Sca·ndalized** *ppl. a.*

1893 CLARK RUSSELL *Ida Noble* 205 We reduced the schooner down to what is termed a scandalised mainsail and a jib.

Scandalized (skæ·ndălaizd), *ppl. a.* [f. SCANDALIZE *v.*[1] + -ED [1].] In senses of the verb; now only, Horrified, shocked.

1664 H. MORE *Myst. Iniq.* I. II. vii. 130 By their absence

and silence will they preach and inculcate Atheism and Infidelity into their scandalized Clergie. 1861 Lytton *Str. Story* xxvi. (1864) 82 My eye turned in scandalized alarm towards Mrs. Poyntz. 1890 S. J. Duncan *Soc. Departure* 305 Mrs. Fitzomnipo..smoketh cigarettes..under the very noses of the scandalised.

Scandalizer (skæ·ndăləizəɹ). [f. Scandalize *v.* + -er[1].]

1. One who slanders; a libeller.

1632 Lithgow *Trav.* ix. 409 A damnable scandalizer of the Church. 1680 J. Phillips *Dr. Oates's Narrat. Vind.* 52 The Scandalizer of the Presbyterians, and the Vindicator of the English Catholicks. 1865 *Cornh. Mag.* Nov. 484 The assembled fathers decreed that the corpse of the scandaliser of women should forthwith be exhumed.

2. One who places a moral stumbling-block in the way of another. ? *Obs.*

1680 Baxter *Cath. Commun.* I. xi. (1684) 28 Even those little ones of whose scandalizers and neglecters Christ spake so terribly, were none of them without some Sin.

Scandalizing (skæ·ndăləiziŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. Scandalize *v.*[1] + -ing[1].] The action of the verb Scandalize in various senses.

1575 Gascoigne *Posies* Ep. to Rev. Divines pp j, [They] haue presumed to thinke that the same was indeed written to the scandalizing of some worthie personages. 1637 Gillespie *Eng. Pop. Cerem.* II. ix. 39 They are rather to be thought obstinate in scandalizing, who..take not away the occasion of the scandall. 1709 Strype *Ann. Ref.* I. xxiii. 237 It was thought fit that the Scandalizing of such a Person should not be passed over without publick Satisfaction. 1816 W. Duncan *Sel. Orat. Cicero* x. 311 Scandalising has nothing in view but contumely.

Scandalizing (skæ·ndăləiziŋ), *ppl. a.* [f. Scandalize *v.*[1] + -ing[2].] That scandalizes.

1. Causing offence.

1594 Hooker *Eccl. Pol.* iv. xii. § 2 Good things haue no scandalizing nature in them. 1661 Gurnall *Chr. in Arm.* III. Ep. Ded., Neither have you in this scandalizing Age laid a stone of offence before others, but admirably vindicated the honour of Religion.

2. Uttering malicious and false reports.

1646 'Alethegraphus' *Let. to G. Wither* 1 Being stigmatized, at least with the name of lying and Scandalizing Bard. 1847 *Mischief of the Muses* 45, I bear the jokes Of cruel scandalizing folks. 1876 Clark Russell *Is he the Man?* II. 226, I would..wash my hands of this unjust scandalizing neighbourhood.

†**Sca·ndalled,** *ppl. a. Obs.* Also 7 scandald. [f. Scandal *v.* + -ed[1].]

1. Disgraced, shameful.

1610 Shaks. *Temp.* iv. i. 90 Since they did plot The meanes, that duskie Dis, my daughter got, Her, and her blind-Boyes scandald company, I haue forsworne.

2. Slandered, falsely accused.

a 1639 T. Carew *Fem. Honour* 3 When scandall'd vertue might be bold, Bare foot, upon sharp Cultures spread O'r burning coles to march. 1660 *Plea for Ministers in Sequestr.* 3 What with him was the highest cognizance of (not the scandalous but scandaled) Puritan Ministers, but the brand of Raschals?

†**Sca·ndaller.** *Obs.* [f. Scandal *v.* + -er[1].] One who utters scandal; one who slanders.

c 1620 W. Hudson in *Intell. Observer* (1867) XI. 107 Libellers, scandalors of the state, and such like. 1684 'Philo Patræ' *Observator Reproved* 5 The first step to it in Petitioning against the Observator, for a Common Scandaler of the Church and Church-men.

Scandalous (skæ·ndăləs), *a.* (and *sb.*). Also 6 scandelouse, 7 scandolous, scandelous. [a. F. *scandaleux* = Sp., Pg. *escandaloso*, It. *scandaloso*, med.L. *scandalōsus*, f. eccl. L. *scandalum*: see Scandal *sb.* and -ous.] **A.** *adj.*

†1. Of the nature of, or causing, a 'stumbling-block' or occasion of offence; also, bringing discredit on one's class or position. *Obs.*

1592 *Maldon* (*Essex*) *Borough Deeds* Bundle 149 No. 13 Hereby you are growen verie scandalouse and offensive vnto many. 1649 Milton *Eikon.* xxvii. 216 Many Laws.. may be found both scandalous and full of greevance to their Posterity that made them. 1670 Walton *Lives* I. 47 He was enabled..to make such provision for his children that they were not left scandalous, as relating to their or his Profession and Quality.

†b. In the 17th century applied to ministers of religion who were regarded as unfit for their office on the ground of heresy or unbecoming conduct.

1631 *High Commission Cases* (Camden) 219 That such were scandalous and fitt to be therfore removed from the ministry. 1647 Clarendon *Hist. Reb.* III. § 56 Who were quickly taught, to call all those against whom such Petitions and Articles were exhibited the Scandalous Clergy; which appellation was frequently applied to men of great Gravity and Learning, and the most Unblemish'd lives. 1667 Marvell *Corr.* Wks. (Grosart) II. 242 Yesterday was the debate concerning..the punishing of scandalous Clergymen.

2. Of the nature of a scandal; grossly disgraceful. Also (now *rarely*) of a person: Guilty of grossly disgraceful conduct, infamous.

1611 Shaks. *Wint. T.* II. iii. 121 But this most cruell vsage of your Queene..somthing sauors Of Tyrannie, and will ignoble make you, Yea, scandalous to the World. 1681 Flavel *Meth. Grace* xxxv. 388 The scandalous falls of good men are like a bag of poison cast by Satan into the spring whence the whole town is supplied with water. *a* 1704 T. Brown *Eng. Sat.* Wks. 1730 I. 28 Domitian, the most scandalous emperor, and most infamous of men. 1720 Hearne *Collect.* (O.H.S.) VII. 91 The most scandalous Election that ever was in Oxford. 1769 *Junius Lett.* lxviii. 348 Scandalous traffic..is introduced into the administration of justice. 1770 Burke *Pres. Discont.* 52 Persons not only generally scandalous in their lives, but the identical persons who [etc.]. 1828 Scott *F. M. Perth* xxv, I..was this instant setting forth to Kinfauns, to plead my innocence of this scandalous charge. 1849 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* vi. II. 96 The worst that can be said of him is that he was indolent, luxurious, and worldly: but such failings..are scandalous in a prelate. 1868 E. Edwards *Ralegh* I. xx. 445 The great extent to which they [bribes] were accepted has long been one of the foulest scandals of a scandalous reign.

3. Of words and writing: Defamatory, libellous. Of persons: Addicted to or loving scandal.

1603 Shaks. *Meas. for M.* v. i. 122 Shall we thus permit A blasting and a scandalous breath to fall, On him so neere vs? 1617 Morvson *Itin.* II. 167 They were not content to returne a resolute answere, but added scandalous words, terming us *meschini*. 1642 (*title*) An Ordinance..for prohibiting the printing..of any Lying Pamphlet scandalous to His Majestie. 1646 H. Markham *Let.* in *12th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. v. 2, I shall not trouble your Ladyship with her scandelous and sawcy language of my Lorde or yourselfe. 1700 Congreve *Way of World* II. ii, He..will willingly dispence with the hearing of one scandalous Story. 1749 Fielding *Tom Jones* II. vii, The most scandalous tongues have never dared censure my reputation. 1821–22 Shelley *Chas. I*, III. 48 In distraining for ten thousand pounds Upon his books and furniture at Lincoln, Were found these scandalous and seditious letters. 1875 Tennyson *Q. Mary* v. ii, But I am small and scandalous, And love to hear bad tales of Philip.

4. Of a statement, etc.: Not pertinent to the case, irrelevant.

1750 *Vesey's Chanc. Cases* (1773) II. 24 Nothing pertinent to the cause can be said to be scandalous. 1809 *Ibid.* (1827) XV. 477 The introduction of irrelevant and scandalous matter upon affidavits. 1835 J. S. Smith *Chanc. Pract.* (1837) I. 567.

†5. *Path.* ? Putrid, offensive. *Obs.*

1676 Wiseman *Chirurg. Treat.* VII. vi. 66 These are the Ulcers which render *fistulæ ani* Scandalous. 1694 Salmon *Bate's Dispens.* (1713) 183/1 It cures the Scurvy, (even when it is become scandalous).

B. *sb. slang.* A periwig.

a 1700 in B. E. *Dict. Cant. Crew.*

Scandalously (skæ·ndăləsli), *adv.* [f. Scandalous *a.* + -ly[2].] In a scandalous manner.

1602 in Moryson *Itin.* (1617) II. 252 Some seditious persons ..speak scandalously. 1631 Gouge *God's Arrows* Treat. III. § 39 Provided that the good lawes..be not herein scandalously violated. 1756 Burke *Vind. Nat. Soc.* 51 So scandalously debauched a People as that of Venice, is to be met with no where else. 1810 Scott *Let.* in *Lockhart* (1837) II. viii. 302, I have been scandalously lazy in answering your kind epistle. 1895 *Law Times* XCIX. 499/2 The number of convictions is so scandalously out of proportion to the number of crimes committed.

Sca·ndalousness. [f. Scandalous *a.* + -ness.] The quality of being scandalous.

1646 P. Bulkeley *Gospel Covt.* v. 383 If we open the mouthes of men against our profession, by the reason of the scandallousness of our lives, we shall have the greater sinne. 1818 Cobbett *Pol. Reg.* XXXIII. 462 They even surpassed the Pittites in the prodigality and scandalousness of their grants [etc.].

‖ **Sca·ndalum magna·tum.** *Law.* Pl. **scandala magnatum.** *Obs.* exc. *Hist.* [med.L., 'scandal of magnates': *scandalum* Scandal *sb.*, *magnātum* gen. pl. of *magnās* Magnate.

The term was suggested by the wording of the statute 2 *Ric. II* stat. 1 c. 5, which provides penalties for the offence; the Anglo-Fr. text of the statute, however, does not contain any literally equivalent expression.]

The utterance or publication of a malicious report against any person holding a position of dignity. (In popular writings, the plural was sometimes misused as a sing.) Also *transf.* in jocular use, something scandalous.

1607 Middleton *Phoenix* F j b, A Writ of Delay, Longsword. *Scandala Magnatum*, Backesword. 1632 Massinger *City Madam* I. i, 'Tis more punishable in our house Then Scandalum magnatum. 1682 N. O. *Boileau's Lutrin* II. 24 Venturing at last on *Scandalum Magnatum*, Two thousand more; yet still the Jade did rate 'um. 1692 R. L'Estrange *Fables* clvi. 141 A *Scandala Magnatum*, or a Libel upon his Superiors. 1713 Addison *Trial Count Tariff* 9 He in the First Place accused his Adversary of *Scandalum magnatum*. 1771 Burke *Sp. Powers Juries* (1816) I. 83 The statute of *scandalum magnatum* is the oldest that I know. 1850 Smedley *Frank Fairlegh* iv, *Scandalum magnatum!* not a true bill.

Scandaroon (skændărū·n). Also 7 skanderoun. [Presumably from *Scanderoon*, *Iskanderūn*, the name of a seaport in Syria.]

†1. ? A swindler, fraudulent dealer. *Obs.*

1631 Weever *Anc. Funeral Mon.* 342 There are a company of notable Skanderouns which greatly desire to be stiled Merchants, and these are such as runne from house to house, from Market to Market,..with packs and Fardels vpon their backes, filled with counterfeit and adulterate wares..: and these are called Pedlers.

2. A variety of Carrier Pigeon.

Perh. so called from the fact that 'formerly the Pigeon was employed by the English Factory at Scanderoon to carry intelligence of the arrival of their ships in that port to Aleppo' (*Encycl. Metrop.* XVII. 37).

1860 Brent *Pigeon Bk.* 21 The Scandaroon, or Great Horseman (*Columba tuberculosa*)..This is another breed of the Wattled Pigeons. 1879 L. Wright *Pract. Pigeon Keeper* 80 We should..be very much inclined to try a cross with a white Scandaroon.

Scandent (skæ·ndĕnt), *a. Zool.* and *Bot.* [ad. L. *scandent-em*, pr. pple. of *scandĕre* to climb: see Scan *v.*] Climbing; ascending.

a 1682 Sir T. Browne *Tracts* (1683) 7 Hedera or Ivy, which notwithstanding, except in its scandent nature, agreed not fully with the other. *c* 1711 Petiver *Gazophyl.* ix. 84 A scandent Plant with long opposite Leaves, and a Melon-like Root. 1821 W. P. C. Barton *Flora N. Amer.* I. 38 Root perennial, stem scandent, red. 1847 Hodgson in *Jrnl. Asiatic Soc. Bengal* XVI. II. 700 The Goats have callosities on the chest and knees...Eminently bold, saucy, and scandent. 1879 M. Collins *Pen Sketches* I. 116 Covered by blossoming wistaria and other scandent plants.

†**Sca·nderbeg,** *sb.* and *a. Obs.* Also 6–7 scanderbag. [A use of the Turkish appellation (*Iskander* = Alexander, with the title Beg *sb.*) of George Castriotes, who led a successful revolt of the Albanians against the Turks in the 15th c.] **a.** *sb.* The proper name used allusively: One resembling Scanderbeg. **b.** *adj.* Used as an epithet of abuse: Rascally.

1598 B. Jonson *Ev. Man in Hum.* I. ii. (1601) B 4, Horson Scanderbag rogue. *a* 1635 Randolph *Hey for Honesty* III. i. (1651) 21 And I will be the Scanderbeg of the Company, The very Tamberlane of this ragged rout. 1684 Otway *Atheist* I. i, The Scanderbeg-monkey has not behav'd himself unhandsomely.

Hence †**Scanderbegging** *ppl. a.*

1593 G. Harvey *New Letter* D 3 b, Haue you forgot the Scanderbegging wight?

Scandian (skæ·ndiăn), *a.* [f. L. *Scandia* (app. a synonym of *Scandinavia*) + -an.] = Scandinavian; *subst.* an inhabitant of Scandinavia.

1668 Wilkins *Real Char.* I. i. § 3. 3 The Danish, Scandian, or perhaps the Gothic [dialect], to which belongs the Language used in Denmark, Norway, Swedeland, and Island. 1708 Chamberlayne *St. Gt. Brit.* I. III. iii. (1743) 162 Norway, inhabited by the Progeny of the old Scandians. 1887 Skeat *Princ. Engl. Etymol.* 454 The only objection to the title 'Scandinavian' is its length, on which account I shall take the liberty to shorten it to 'Scandian'.

†**Sca·ndic,** *a. Obs.* [f. *Scandia* (see prec.) + -ic.] = Scandinavian.

1708 Chamberlayne *St. Gt. Brit.* I. III. iii. (1743) 162 Their Christian names were generally Scandic. 1808 Finlay *Sc. Hist. & Rom. Ballads* I. p. xxix, The Scandic scholars, we know, lay claim to an extravagant antiquity for their Edda.

Scandinavian (skændinē·ivĭăn), *a.* [f. L. *Scandinavia* + -an.

The name *Scandinavia*, which appears in the existing text of Pliny, is a mistake for *Scadinavia*, a. Teut. **Skadinaujā*, whence by normal phonetic development OE. *Scedenig* (Beowulf 3336) = ON. *Skáney* (adopted in OE. as *Scónēg*), the name of the southern extremity of Sweden; the terminal element is **aujā*, OE. *ēg*, *īg*, island.]

Of or pertaining to Scandinavia, a geographical term including the three countries Norway, Sweden, and Denmark. Also as *sb.*, one connected ethnographically with one of these three countries.

1784 Jerningham (*title*) The Rise and Progress of the Scandinavian Poetry. 1830 Scott *Ivanhoe* xlii. *note*, The architecture of the ancient Scandinavians. 1864 D. Cook in *Once a Week* 26 Nov. 627/2 The flowing flaxen Scandinavian locks which Mr. Fechter's picturesque *Hamlet* has brought upon the boards.

Hence **Scandina·vianism,** the characteristic ideas of the Scandinavian people.

1864 *Daily Tel.* 11 May, During the first quarter, however, of the present century, there was a national reaction in favour of Scandinavianism. 1907 *Academy* 5 Oct. 962/1 In plastic art there is a certain Scandinavianism visible, which has lasted longest in Iceland.

†**Sca·ndiscope.** *Obs.* [irreg. f. L. *scandĕre* to climb + -scope (used unmeaningly).] A machine for cleaning chimneys, invented by G. Smart.

1825 Hone *Every-day Bk.* II. 617 Pray order maids the Scandiscope And not the climbing boy.

Scandium (skæ·ndiŏm). *Chem.* [f. *Scandia*: see Scandian and -ium.] A metal discovered by Nilson in 1879 in the Scandinavian mineral euxenite.

1879 *Academy* 13 Sept. 198 P. T. Cleve has isolated the metal scandium. 1887 *Athenæum* 3 Sept. 299/3 Three recognized gaps have been filled by the discovery of the elements gallium, scandium, and germanium. 1905 *Ibid.* 22 July 118/2 Sir Norman Lockyer has also observed in the chromosphere of the sun the spectrum of the rare element scandium, the predicted discovery of which was one of the crowning triumphs of Mendeléeff's Periodic Law.

Scandle, obs. form of Scandal.

†**Sca·ndular.** *Obs. rare*—[o]. [ad. late L. *scandulāris*, f. *scandula* a roofing shingle.]

1656 Blount *Glossogr.*, *Scandular*, that is of wooden Tiles, or Shingles.

Scane, obs. form of Skein.

†**Sca·nic,** *a. Obs. rare*—[1]. [f. *Scania* (latinized form of ON. *Skáney*: see Scandinavian) + -ic.] = Scandinavian.

1665 J. Webb *Stone-Heng* (1725) 192 The Scanick, of old the Gothick.

Scanke, obs. form of Shank *sb.*

Scanklyone, variant of Scantillon.

Scanlot, obs. form of Scantlet.

Scanmag (skæ·nmæg). *slang.* The abbreviated form (*scan. mag.*) of Scandalum magnatum, used jocularly as a word in the sense of 'scandal'.

1779 Sheridan *Critic* I. ii, The publisher..threatening himself with the pillory, or absolutely indicting himself for Scan. Mag. 1826 T. Hook *Sayings* Ser. II. *Man of Many Fr.* (Colburn) 124, I can give you a daily abstract of fashionable scan-mag. 1841 W. H. Maxwell *Scotland* (1855) 17 *Scan-mag* is never heard of. 1859 Sala *Twice round Clock* (1861) 135 The swarms of flies..noisily buzzing their scan-mag in private parlours.

Scannable (skæ·năbl), *a.* [f. SCAN *v.* + -ABLE.] That can be scanaed.

1828 *Blackw. Mag.* XXIII. 751 Sonnets..which are not even scannable nonsense verses.

Scanner (skæ·nəɹ). [f. SCAN *v.* + -ER 1.]

1. One who scans or examines critically.

1557 R. RECORDE *Whetstone* biiij, [*Lines.*] To the curiouse scanner. 1575 *Recorde's Gr. Arts* CC vij, Suche scanners [*sc.* cunning Lawyers] shoulde seeme to cunning, and yet not so cunning as cruell. 1604 BABINGTON *Comf. Notes Levit.* xiii. 110 Beware euer to be a curious scanner of other mens liues, or a rash iudge. 1834 F. MAHONY *Relig. Father Prout* iv. (1836) 170 The keen and scrutinizing philosopher, the scanner of whate'er lies hidden in the folds of the human heart.

2. One who scans verse.

1800 W. TAYLOR in *Monthly Mag.* X. 317 The scanner has to consider neither the articulation of the vowels, nor the position of the consonants. 1906 H. VAN DYKE *Ideals & Applic.* xi. 237 We are spending infinite toil and money to produce spellers and parsers and scanners.

Scanning (skæ·niŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. SCAN *v.* + -ING 1.] The action of the vb.

1. *Pros.* = SCANSION 2.

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 442/2 Scannynge, of verse, *scansio.* 1586 W. WEBBE *Eng. Poetrie* (Arb.) 69 All quantities necessary to the skanning of any verse. 1676 MARVELL *Mr. Smirke* 6 This Scanning was a liberal Art that we learn'd at Grammar-School. 1797 *Monthly Mag.* III. 258 It will be verse only to the scanning, and neither verse nor prose to the ear. 1886 J. B. MAYOR *Eng. Metre* iv. 54 We come now to the lines which are said to be beyond the reach of analysis by feet. I give what I consider the true scanning of each.

b. *Path.* (Cf. SCANNING *ppl. a.* 2.)

1887 *Brit. Med. Jrnl.* 2 Apr. 732/2 A case of locomotor ataxy..with 'scanning' of speech.

2. Close investigation or consideration, critical examination or judgement; discussion, comment, perception, discernment. Cf. SCAN *v.* 2 b. Phrases, †*to have* (a matter) *in scanning*, †*to come, fall to scanning.*

1560 DAUS tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* 238 Therfore muste prynces and noble men be at the skannyng therof. 1575 *Recorde's Gr. Arts* Cc vj b, If some cunning Lawyers had this matter in scanning, they would determine this Testament to be quite voide. 1576 GASCOIGNE *Spoyle of Antwerp* C vij, But I leaue the skanning of theyr deedes vnto God. 1602 CAREW *Cornwall* 57 Another question falleth sometimes into scanning, namely [etc.]. 1611 SPEED *Hist. Gt. Brit.* VII. xliii. (1632) 411 It was therefore instantly desired, that the cause might once more come to scanning. 1670 HOBBES *Behemoth* (1840) 167 The private interpretation of the Scripture, exposed to every man's scanning in his mother-tongue. 1699 POMFRET *Marr. Earl of A*—— 76 Ev'ry teeming thought, Is to the scanning of her judgment brought. 1704 HEARNE *Duct. Hist.* (1714) I. 413 They used a sweet fluent kind of Rhetorick..which..serv'd only to put a present good Face upon an Argument, but would not hear Scanning. 1840 CARLYLE *Heroes* iii. (1841) 165 The 'Tree Igdrasil' huds and withers by its own laws,—too deep for our scanning.

Scanning (skæ·niŋ), *ppl. a.* [f. SCAN *v.* + -ING 2.]

1. That scans or examines closely; critical, searching.

1863 GEO. ELIOT *Romola* I. iii, When his eyes fell again they glanced round with a scanning coolness. 1881 E. F. POYNTER *Among the Hills* I. 196 She hated to meet her neighbours and feel their scanning glances.

2. *Path.* Epithet applied to a measured manner of speaking or utterance, with more or less regular pauses, characteristic of certain nervous diseases.

1866 FLINT *Princ. & Pract. Med.* (1880) 740 The patient speaks in a slow, monotonous manner, with intervals between syllables, as in scanning. The peculiarity is known as the 'scanning speech'. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VII. 58 A peculiar defect of speech described as a scanning utterance. *Ibid.* 382.

Hence **Sca·nningly** *adv.*

1876 GEO. ELIOT *Dan. Der.* IV. xxxiv, Jacob looked up into his face scanningly for a moment or two. 1884 E. FAWCETT *Rutherford* ix. 96 He looked down for a moment scanningly at..his delicate filbert-shaped nails.

Scans, obs. form of SCONCE, fort.

Scanse, obs. var. SCANCE *v.*1

Scansion (skæ·nʃən). [ad. L. *scansiōn-em*, n. of action f. *scandĕre* to climb, SCAN. Cf. F. *scansion* (G. *scansion*), It. *scansione.*]

†1. The action of climbing up. *Obs. rare*—1.

1654 Z. COKE *Logick* 200 Ascension is the scansion or moving from an inferior place to a superior.

2. *Pros.* The action or the art of scanning verse; the division of verse into metrical feet; also, an example of this.

1671 in PHILLIPS. 1779 LOWTH in *Serm. & Rem.* (1834) 387 The author..only intended, that we should give him credit awhile for the truth of his scansion. *a* 1849 POE *Rationale of Verse* Wks. 1864 II. 249 The object of what we call scansion is the distinct marking of the rhythmical flow. 1874 SYMONDS in *Fortn. Rev.* Dec. 772 In this prosody [of blank verse] scansion by time takes the place of scansion by metrical feet. 1894 SALA *London up to Date* ii. 30 He is an amiable poet..and does not bite, unless the accuracy of his scansion be impeached. 1900 SKEAT *Chaucer Canon* § 37 Chaucer has certain peculiarities of grammar, upon which the scansion of his lines largely depends.

Scansionist (skæ·nʃənist). [f. SCANSION + -IST.] One who is versed in the art of scansion.

1849 *Fraser's Mag.* XXXIX. 106 The scandalised scansionist stumbles at occasional trochees. 1907 T. S. OMOND *Eng. Metrists* ii. 60 All musical scansionists of prose seem to me apt to read into it a factitious regularity.

†**Sca·nsive,** *a. Obs. rare*—1. [f. L. *scandĕre* (ppl. stem *scans-*) + -IVE.] = SCANDENT *a.*

1657 TOMLINSON *Renou's Disp.* 279 Both [black and white pepper plants] are scansive [L. *scansilis est*].

‖**Scansores** (skænsō·rīz), *pl. Ornith.* [mod.L., pl. of **scansor*, agent-n. of *scandĕre* to climb.] The name given by Illiger (1811) to his first Order of birds, comprising the Climbers (see CLIMBER 3).

1835–6 OWEN in *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* I. 268/1 Order III. Scansores...The disposition of the toes..gives the *Scansores* great facility in climbing the branches of trees. 1872 NICHOLSON *Palæont.* 395.

Scansorial (skænsō·rĭăl), *a.* and *sb.* [a. L. *scansōri-us*, used for climbing (f. *scandĕre* to climb: see SCAN *v.*) + -AL.] **A.** *adj.*

1. Of or pertaining to climbing; *spec.* of the feet of birds and animals, adapted for climbing.

1806 TURTON tr. *Linn. Syst. Nat.* VII. Expl. Terms, *Scansorial*, formed for climbing: Applied to the feet of birds which have two toes before and two behind. 1837 *Penny Cycl.* VIII. 146/2 In the *Certhiadæ* the foot is not strictly scansorial. *Ibid.* 206/2 Birds which have..three anterior toes and one posterior scansorial one. 1877 COUES *Fur-Bearing Anim.* vii. 215 A tardy terrestrial animal..lacking ..the scansorial ability of the Martens. 1884 — *Key N. Amer. Birds* (ed. 2) 130 The zygodactyle or yoke-toed modification..was formerly made much of, as a scansorial or climbing type of foot.

2. That climbs or is given to climbing; spec. of a bird, belonging to the Order SCANSORES.

Scansorial barbet, a barbet of the family *Capitonidæ* or Barbets proper as distinguished from the Puff-birds.

1835–6 OWEN in *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* I. 268/2 The scansorial families are the..Parrots..Woodpeckers, Wry-necks ..Cuckoos..Toucans. 1837 *Penny Cycl.* VIII. 146 The Scansorial birds. 1841 SELBY in *Proc. Berw. Nat. Club* I. 253 Of the Scansorial tribe, the *Picus major* (great spotted woodpecker) is the only species. 1871 C. H. T. & G. F. L. MARSHALL (*title*) A Monograph of the Capitonidæ, or Scansorial Barbets. 1875 BLAKE *Zool.* 19 The scansorial Ape of the Old World.

B. *sb.* A bird of the Order SCANSORES.

1842 in BRANDE *Dict. Sci.*, etc. In recent Dicts.

Scansorious (skænsō·rĭəs), *a. rare.* [f. L. *scansōri-us* (see prec.) + -OUS.] = prec.

1814 W. E. LEACH *Zool. Misc.* I. 71 Cuckow...The feet are generally considered as scansorious, or formed for climbing (*pedes scansorii*). 1815 J. F. STEPHENS in *Shaw's Zool.* IX. 66 *note*, The Parrot genus (*Psittacus*) affords a good example of true scansurious feet.

Scansory (skæ·nsŏri), *a. rare.* [ad. mod.L. *scansōri-us* of or for climbing, f. *scandĕre* to climb.] Of or pertaining to climbing; given to climbing.

1657 TOMLINSON *Renou's Disp.* 264 Scammony..is a lacteous, volvulous, scansory, and smooth Plant. 1826 KIRBY & SP. *Entomol.* III. xxxv. 546 They are eminently the *scansory* or climbing legs in almost all insects.

Scant (skænt), *sb. Obs.* exc. *dial.* Also 4–7 **skant**, 5–6 **scante**, 6 **skaunte.** [a. ON. *skamt* (neut. adj. used *absol.*): see SCANT *a.*]

1. Scanty supply; dearth, scarcity.

a 1350 *S. Andrew* 274 in Horstm. *Altengl. Leg.* (1881) 7 When þai saw it skarsli spring, þan hopid þai to haue skant of corn And of fruyt. *c* 1460 *Towneley Myst.* iii. 198 Yit of mete and of drynk haue we veray skant. *c* 1475 *Rauf Coilȝear* 273 The King buskit him sone with scant of Squyary. *c* 1565 ABP. PARKER *Ps.* xxiii, How can I want, or suffer scant, whan he defendth my side. *a* 1599 ROLLOCK *Serm.* xiii. (1616) 255 There is no want nor scant of mercy in Him. *a* 1639 T. CAREW *To A. L.* 54 Like the ant In plenty hoord for time of scant. 1721 RAMSAY *Keitha* 77 Hynds and herds whase cheeks bespake nae scant. 1757 J. H. GROSE *Voy. E. Indies* 360 If there is a scant of wood, or rain intervenes to damp it. 1823 GALT *Entail* I. ix. 66 There was neither scant nor want at his burial.

†2. Want, need, requirement. *Obs. rare*—1.

c 1550 *Songs & Poems Costume* (Percy) 82 With meate before the set, Suffise but nature's scant.

†3. *Naut.* The action of SCANT *v.*; the drawing ahead (of wind). *Obs.*

1595 *Drake's Voy.* (Hakl. Soc.) 19 The scant of winde we had on Wednesday.

Scant (skænt), *a.* and *adv.* Now mainly *literary.* Forms: 4–8 **skant**, 5 **skantt**, (**schante**, 6 **skaunte**), 5–6 **scante**, **skante**, 5– **scant.** [a. ON. *skamt*, neut. of *skamm-r* short, brief (= OHG. *scamm*). For the retention of the neuter ending cf. THWART and QUART *a.* See also SCANT *sb.*]

A. *adj.*

1. Existing or available in inadequate or barely sufficient amount, quantity, or degree; stinted in measure, not abundant. Said of commodities, esp. provisions; also of immaterial things, actions, qualities, etc.

a 1400 *Minor Poems fr. Vernon MS.* 501 He wrot so faste til þat he want, For his parchemyn-skin was so scant, To speken þei hedde such space. 1428 in *Surtees Misc.* (1890) 3 Iren waxed skant and dere. *c* 1449 PECOCK *Repr.* v. viii. 530 Thei lyueden streitli and in scant mete and drinke. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* I. Prol. 307 Thocht in my translatioun eloquence skant is. 1548 HALL *Chron., Edw. IV* (1550) 41 b, If vrgent necessitie should expostulate, he wer of scant abilitie, to conscribe and set furthe a newe armie. 1550–3 *Decaye Eng.* in S. Fish *Supplic. Beggers* (1871) 96 The more shepe, the skanter is the whit meate. 1624 FLETCHER *Rule a Wife* III. (1640) 39 She had but a scant fame. 1632 LITHGOW *Trav.* I. 29 Deuotion waxed scant amongst the Christians. 1636 HEYWOOD *Chall. Beauty* III. F 1, They are full of large promises outward, but lin'd with narrow and scant-performance within. 1714 PRIOR *Viceroy* xiv, By which provisions were so scant, That hundreds there did die. *a* 1771 GRAY *Dante* 23 What scant Light That grim and antique Tower admitted. 1818 SCOTT *Heart Midl.* viii, Doctor, my breath is growing as scant as a broken-winded piper's. 1842 BORROW *Bible in Spain* xlii, In the country money is rather scant. 1879 FARRAR *St. Paul* (1883) 250 The notices of this part of their journey are scant.

b. Preceding a sb. without article or other qualifying word: Very little, less than enough.

1852 DICKENS *Lett.* (1880) I. 279 You do scant justice to Dover. 1855 M. ARNOLD *Balder Dead* ii. 90 Scant space that warder left for passers by. 1898 RIDER HAGGARD *Dr. Therne* 7 This country is too full; there is scant room for the individual.

†c. Limited in numbers, numerically rare. *Obs.*

1581 PETTIE *Guazzo's Civ. Conv.* II. (1586) 55 b, Philosophers and Oratours, who are very scant in the world.

†d. *To come scant of*: to fall short of. *Obs.*

1607 DEKKER & WEBSTER *Northw. Hoe* I. A 2, True, but yet it comes scant of the Prophesy: Lincolne was, London is, and Yorke shall be.

2. Of a quantity or amount of anything: Limited, stinted; not full, large, or copious.

1556 LAUDER *Tractate* 260 Than can ȝe be no maner want Gold, thocht ȝour pose wer neuer sa skant. 1598 BARNFIELD *'As it fell vpon a Day'* 35 But if store of Crownes be scant, No man will supply thy want. 1611 BIBLE *Micah* vi. 10 The scant measure that is abominable. 1624 SANDERSON *Serm.* (1689) 264 Many others that have a scanter Portion. 1634 MILTON *Comus* 308 In such a scant allowance of Starlight. 1766 GOLDSM. *Hermit* iv, And tho' my portion is but scant, I give it with good will. 1885 *Manch. Exam.* 16 May 6/1 The attendance..was..so scant as to suggest that many members must have anticipated the holiday. 1891 F. THOMPSON *Sister-Songs* (1895) 19 And of her own scant pittance did she give, That I might eat and live.

b. Barely amounting to, or hardly reaching (a specified number or amount). Chiefly *U. S.*; cf. SCANT *adv.* 1 b.

1856 KANE *Arct. Expl.* II. vi. 70 We have just a scant two day's allowance of meat for the sick. 1895 *Funk's Stand. Dict., Scant*, a. 2. (Colloq.) Being just short of the measure specified: often with the indefinite article even with a plural noun; as, a scant half-hour; a scant five yards.

3. Limited in extent; not wide or spacious.

a 1533 LD. BERNERS *Gold. Bk. M. Aurel.* (1546) H vij b, Though the realme of Italy was scant, their hertes were grette. *a* 1639 SPOTTISWOOD *Hist. Ch. Scot.* v. (1677) 255 By reason of the skant and narrow passage many were killed. 1665 GLANVILL *Scepsis Sci.* v. 23 And lye in as narrow a room as their images take up in our scanter Craniums. 1743 BLAIR *Grave* 219 The petty Tyrant Of scant Domains Geographer ne'er notic'd. 1863 KINGLAKE *Crimea* II. xvi. 407 The curt, red shell-jacket he wore was as though it were a world too scant for the strength of the man.

4. Having a scanty or limited supply; poorly furnished. Const. *of.*

1577–95 *Descr. Isles* in Skene *Celtic Scotl.* III. App. 436 Quhairthrow thai are scant of fire. 1602 SHAKS. *Ham.* v. ii. 298 He's fat, and scant of breath. 1642 *Declar. Lords & Comm. to Gen. Assembly Ch. Scot.* 13 You were scant of furniture of this kind your selves. 1789 BURNS *To Dr. Blacklock* ix, But to conclude my silly rhyme (I'm scant o' verse, and scant o' time). 1833 TENNYSON *Two Voices* 397 'Tis life whereof our nerves are scant. 1856 KANE *Arct. Expl.* II. App. II. 311 We were scant of fuel. 1879 STEVENSON *Trav. with Donkey* 72 Cold, naked, and ignoble, scant of wood, scant of heather, scant of life.

5. Deficient or lacking in quality; poor, meagre, not full or rich. Chiefly of immaterial things. Const. *in.*

a 1631 DONNE *Ecstasie* 39 Poems (1633) 279 A single violet transplant, The strength, the colour, and the size, (All which before was poore, and scant) Redoubles still, and multiplies. 1633 G. HERBERT *Temple, True Hymn* iv, Whereas if th' heart be moved, Although the verse be somewhat scant, God doth supplie the want. 1850 BLACKIE *Æschylus* I. 26 Hence it sprend Not scant in strength, a mighty beard of flame.

†6. Sparing, parsimonious, not liberal. Also in good sense: Chary, not lavish. Const. *of. Obs.*

c 1366 CHAUCER *A. B. C.* 175 Sithe he his merci mesured so large, Be ye not skant. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 442/2 Scant, *parcus.* *c* 1550 H. RHODES *Bk. Nurture, For the Wayting Seruaunt* 41 Be not to liberall nor to scant, vse measure in eche thing. 1602 SHAKS. *Ham.* I. iii. 121 For this time, Daughter, Be somewhat scanter of your Maiden presence. *a* 1631 DONNE *Serm.* lxxii. (1640) 727 God in his owne behalfe complaines of the scant and penurious Sacrificer. *a* 1639 T. CAREW *To A. L.* 21 Did the thing for which I sue Only concern myself, not you..Then had you reason to be scant. 1649 [cf. *scant-handedness* in 8]. 1651 DAVENANT *Gondibert* II. i. 2 When Infant Morn..With a scant face peep'd shylie through the East.

7. *Naut.* Of wind: Too much ahead, so that the ship has to sail very close. Cf. SCANT *v.* 2. (Opposed to *large* or *free.*)

1600 E. BLOUNT tr. *Conestaggio* 276 The winde grew scant [orig. *scarso*] to approch to land. *a* 1642 SIR W. MONSON *Naval Tracts* II. (1704) 255/1 We ply into the Bay with a scant Wind. 1793 RENNELL in *Phil. Trans.* LXXXIII. 189 Yet the wind, being both scant and light, we could never overcome the tendency of the current. 1867 SMYTH *Sailor's Word-bk., Scant*, a term applied to the wind when it heads a ship off, so that she will barely lay her course when the yards are very sharp up.

8. *Comb.*, as *scant-feathered* adj.; †**scant-brain**, one lacking in wits; †**scant-handedness**, niggardliness; **scant-of-wind** *a.*, causing shortness of breath; **scant o' grace** *Sc.*, a graceless fellow.

1864 A. LEIGHTON *Myst. Leg. Edinb.* (1886) 122 Those *scant-brains who deny ghosts. 1872 COUES *Key N. Amer.*

Birds 201 Tarsi long, *scant-feathered. 1649 W. Sclater *Comm. Malachy* (1650) 161 To what cause should we impute the *scant-handedness of men professing of Religion, and the fear of God; that they, notwithstanding, should so niggardly contribute? 1823 Scott *Quentin D.* xiv, I never love a man better than when I have put my *scant-of-wind collar about his neck. 1718 Ramsay *Christ's Kirk Gr.* iii. xvii, Your tippanizing *scant o' grace, Quoth she, gars me gang doddy. 1818 Scott *Rob Roy* xxviii, I ken'd that Scant-o'-grace weel eneugh frae the very outset.

B. *adv.*

1. Hardly, scarcely; barely. Now *dial.* (see E.D.D.).

?*c* 1450 *Compend. olde Treat.* in Roy *Rede me* (Arb.) 175 Other Gospels ben yet in many places of so olde englishe that scant can aoye englishe man reade them. 1492 *Paston Lett.* III. 376 Hors flesche is of suche a price here that my purce is schante able to bye one hors. 1562 Cooper *Answ. Priv. Masse* vii. 47 b, I thinke you wyl scant affirme it, although ye be ready to affirme straunge thinges. 1586 W. Weare *Eng. Poetrie* (Arb.) 29 He would haue a cast at some wanton and skant comely an Argument. 1587 Fleming *Contn. Holinshed* III. 1982/1 His lordship himselfe scant with sixteene horses..returned towards the passage. 1592 Bacon *Wks.* (1862) VIII. 198 It was wont to be a token of scant a good liegeman, when the enemy spoiled the country and left any particular mans houses or fields unwasted. *a* 1661 Fuller *Worthies, Surrey* (1662) III. 82 Some who could scant brook the name of Bishop were content to give..him a good Report.

b. qualifying a numeral (which sometimes precedes). Now *arch.* (? *U. S.*)

c 1400 Maundev (1839) xxiii. 252 And whan thei wil fighte, thei wille schokken hem to gidre in a plomp; that 3if there be 20000 men, men schalle not wenen, that there be scant 10000. 1466 *Mann. & Househ. Exp.* (Roxb.) 362 The ij^{te}. federbed conteynethe of lengthe iij. Flemyshe stykes, iij. quarters and more, and in brede iij. Flemyshe stykes scant. 1502 *Will of Somer* (Somerset Ho.), A mast of Corall weyng vj^{li} skant. 1601 R. Johnson *Kingd. & Commw.* 55 Of ten thousand rowers..scant the fourth part returneth againe. 1604 E. G[rimstone] tr. *Acosta's Hist. Indies* III. iv. 128 They have scant any neede to touch their sailes in the whole voiage. *c* 1715 Ramsay *Vision* iv, A man..With baird thre quarters skant. 1808 Scott *Marm.* v. xxxiii, Scant three miles the band had rode. *a* 1849 Hawthorne *Twice-told T., Gt. Carbuncle*, While scant a mile above their heads, was that bleak verge where the hills throw off their shaggy mantle of forest trees. 1867 Howells *Ital. Journeys* ii. 12 At the rate of five miles scant an hour.

† **c.** with superfluous negative. *Obs.*

c 1400 [see h]. 1508 Fisher *Pr.* li. Wks. (1876) 133 He sholde..not leue scante a dogge. 1515–20 *Vox populi* 24 in Hazl. *E. P. P.* III. 269 Thei be not able to feade In theire stable scaot a steade. 1552 Latimer *Serm. Bexterly* (1584) 271 Many of vs..are so slouthfull that we will not scant abide one houre to heare the word of God. 1583 L. M. tr. *Bk. Dyeing* (1588) 39 Warme it ouer the fire, so that you may not skant suffer your hand therein.

† **d.** Used with a following *when* (*but, but that*) to indicate immediate succession of events. *Obs.*

1551 T. Wilson *Logike* (1580) 58 b, In this worlde a childe shall scant be out of his shell, but [etc.]. 1560 Rolland *Crt. Venus* II. 648 Skant was he vp, quhen at the eird was he. *c* 1610 *Women Saints* 95 She had scant thrice repeated these wordes, but that the mayd came oute of the water with the booke. *a* 1718 Parnell *Fairy Tale* 31 But scant he lays him on the floor, When hollow winds remove the door.

† **2.** Scantily. *Obs. rare.*

c 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* v. 18 And fodder for thi beestes therof make First scant [orig. *Sed primo parcius præbenda est nonitas pabuli*]. *c* 1620 Z. Boyd *Zion's Flowers* (1855) 153 A heart couragious never breathed scant.

Scant (skænt), *v.* Also 6–7 **skant.** [f. Scant *a.*]

I. *intr.*

† **1.** To become scant or scarce. *Obs.*

1436 *Pol. Poems* (Rolls) II. 189 Allas! fortune begynneth so to stant [*read* scant ?], Or ellis grace, that dede is governaunce. 1470 Henry *Wallace* xi. 35 In Wallace ost so scantyt the wictaill, Thai mycht nocht bid [na] langar till assaill. 1586 Bright *Melanch.* x. 45 Spirit..is either plentifull, or scanteth, as it hath want, or..nourishment. 1611 Speed *Hist. Gt. Brit.* ix. xxiii. 94 Where..they continued till their maintenance began to scant. 1624 [R. Jones] (T. Lushington) *Resurr. Serm.* (1659) 77 Of these in their order, as the time hath scanted.

† **b.** To be diminished. Const. *of. Obs.*

1607 *Relat. Disc. River* in *Capt. Smith's Wks.* (Arb.) Introd. 42 The Ryver skantes of his breadth .2. mile before we come to the Ilet mentyoned.

2. *Naut.* Of the wind: To become unfavourable, to draw too much ahead. Const. *upon, with.* (Cf. Scant *a.* 7.) ? *Obs.*

c 1553 J. Locke in *Hakluyt's Voy.* (1599) II. i. 104 About the third watch the winde scanted, so that we bare with the shore. 1628 Digby *Voy. Medit.* (1868) 15 The wind scanted much vpon vs, so that wee had much adoe to double the point. 1769 [see Scanting *vbl. sb.*]. 1823 W. Scoresby *Jrnl. Whale Fish.* 392 The wind declined and scanted during the night, so that we could not fetch our port.

II. *trans.*

3. To furnish (a person, etc.) with an inadequate supply; to stint or limit in respect of provision; to put or keep on short allowance. In *pass.*, to be restricted in the matter of supply, to be straitened (*for*). ? *Obs.* (cf. 3 b).

1606 Shaks. *Tr. & Cr.* iv. iv. 49 He..scants vs with a single famisht kisse. 1607 Hieron *Wks.* I. 230 They are neither scanted for victuals, nor straitened for lodging. 1613 F. Robartes *Revenue Gosp.* 135 These will be glad to scant the Minister, that they may haue the more for their owne luxurie. 1626 Bacon *New Atl.* 17 [He] bad us not to scant our selves; For he would procure such time as wee desired. 1692 R. L'Estrange *Josephus, Antiq.* xiii. xvi. (1733) 347 The Camp was for some short Time scanted for Water. 1719 D'Urfey *Pills* I. 243 The Germans bemoaned their Condition, Squadrons were scanted, Officers wanted.

b. with *of*: To put or keep on short allowance of; to keep (one) short of; to abridge or deprive of. In *pass.*, to be in want of, have only a scant supply of, be badly off for. Now *rare.*

1565 Jewel *Repl. Harding* xvi. vi. 552 a M. Harding is much scanted of good Authorities, when he is thus driuen by Tales, & Fables, to countreuaile the Tradition of the Apostles. 1597 Sir R. Cecil in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. I. III. 42 A man, whose fortune scants him of meanes to do you service. 1616 R. Cocks *Diary* (Hakl. Soc.) I. 134 They skanted him of victuells. 1670 *Loud. Gaz.* No. 517/3 The other Yacht happening to be scanted of Water near Flaerding. 1861 Trench *Ep. 7 Churches Asia* 125 This promise..is misunderstood, or at any rate is scanted of its full meaning, unless [etc.]. 1877 Patmore *Unknown Eros* (1890) 115 She scants me of my right. 1888 Lowell in *Even. Post* 17 Apr., I..shall not allow myself to be circumscribed and scanted of elbow room.

c. To limit or restrict *in* (a supply, endowment, etc.). ? *Obs.*

1600 Holland *Livy* xxi. xvii. 402 In the number of ships especially was Cornelius skanted. 1611 W. Sclater *Key* (1629) 129 Howsoeuer the Lord hath scanted thee in the things of this life. 1723 Williams in *Phil. Trans.* XXXII. 266 Had I not been scanted in Time. 1788 Clara Reeve *Exiles* I. 190, I was so scanted in my allowance, that I dared not make acquaintance where I had not the power to make suitable returns. 1836 Lane *Mod. Egypt.* II. xii. 228 Miserable, or unfortunate, or scanted in my sustenance.

† **d.** with subject a thing. *Obs. rare.*

1628 Gaule *Pract. Theories* (1629) 21 Time would long fayle me, ere the Truth would here scant mee. *Ibid.* 61 What weake notions straighten our harts? What imperfect sounds and syllables scant our mouths? While we labour to apprehend his Nature, Person, and Acts.

4. To make scant or small; to reduce in size, cut down; to diminish the amount of. ? *obsolescent.*

c 1590 E. Wright in *Hakluyt's Voy.* (1599) II. ii. 163 Hereupon also our allowance of drinke, which was scant ynough before, was yet more scanted, because of the scarcitie thereof in the shippe. 1606 Shaks. *Ant. & Cl.* iv. ii. 21 Scant not my Cups. 1661 Glanvill *Van. Dogm.* 120 The wrong end of the Perspective, which scants their dimensions. 1668 H. More *Div. Dial.* ii. I. 221 The Generations of men being not considerably scanted for all these four greedy devourers of them. 1870 Lowell *Study Wind.* 92 As the clearing away of the woods scants the streams. 1880 *Sat. Rev.* No. 1291. 118 He has not hesitated to expand rather than scant the meaning of the original. 1886 *Field* 13 Feb. 204/2 Having had to scant the printer's bill to the lowest penny.

† **b.** *absol.* Cf. Scanting *ppl. a. Obs.*

1577 Tusser *Husb.* (1878) 184 Ill huswiferie wanteth with spending too fast. Good huswiferie scanteth the lenger to last. 1611 Bible 2 *Kings* iv. 5 Borrow not a few. Marg. *Or*, scant not.

5. To stint the supply of; to refrain from giving, to withhold; to be niggardly of. Now *rare.* † *To scant out*: to dole out sparingly.

1573–80 Tusser *Husb.* (1878) 10 This tree..whose fruite to none is scanted, in house or yet in feeld. 1590 Shaks. *Com. Err.* II. ii. 81 What he hath scanted them in haire, hee hath ginen them in wit. 1599 — *Hen. V*, II. iv. 47 Doth like a Miser spoyle his Coat, with scanting A little Cloth. *c* 1603 Heywood & Rowley *Fortune by Land & Sea* I. ii. (1655) 8 What age doth scant me In sprightly vigour, He make good in wealth. 1605 Shaks. *Lear* I. i. 281 Yon haue obedience scanted. 1630 Davenant *Just Italian* v. i. H 3, Th'obedience which I scanted to his life, Vnto his memory I'le strictly pay. *a* 1654 Selden *Table-T.* (Arb.) 48 When Constantine became Christian, he so fell in love with the Clergy, that he let them be Judges of all things, but that continued not above three or four Years,..and then..all Jurisdiction belonged to him, and he scanted them out as much as he pleased. 1768 H. Walpole *Myst. Mother* v. i. (1791) 74 Oft as they scant obedience to the church. 1846 Browning *Lett.* (1899) I. 392, I cannot undervalue my own treasure and so scant the only tribute of mere gratitude which is in my power to pay.

† **6.** *gen.* To confine within narrow bounds, deprive of free scope; to limit, restrict, hedge in.

1596 Shaks. *Merch. V.* II. i. 17 If my Father had not scanted me And hedg'd me by his wit to yeelde my selfe [etc.]. 1621 Br. Mountagu *Diatribæ* 174 If Christ in Melchisedec, shall be so scanted, as to be tyed vnto onely Spoyles. *a* 1628 Preston *Effect. Faith* v. (1637) 248 Wee scant God according to our measure; we square Gods mercy according to our owne thoughts. *a* 1631 Donne *Serm.* xlv. (1640) 455 Though there be no..imminent danger ..of inhibiting or scanting the liberty of the Gospel.

7. To treat slightingly or inadequately; to neglect, do less than justice to. Now *rare.*

1604 Shaks. *Oth.* I. iii. 268 And Heauen defend your good soules, that you thinke I will your serious and great businesse scant When she is with me. 1644 J. Fary *Gods Severity* (1645) 27 How are our devotions scanted and slubbered over? 1851 Neale *Mediæval Hymns* 101 Letter held by, spirit scanted, Saw the Synagogue supplanted.

† **8.** *Naut.* In *passive*, of a ship: To be impeded by the 'scanting' of the wind. Cf. sense 2. *Obs.*

1555 (16 Oct.) *Admiralty Court* Exam. x, The Pellican being a myle..behind thother shipps was scanted with the wind.

Hence **Sca·nting** *vbl. sb.*

1625 Purchas *Pilgrims* II. 1696 They sayled for certaine dayes with aforewind till it came upon the skanting. 1626 B. Jonson *Staple of N.* II. i, Your macerating of your body thus with cares and scantings of your dyet, and rest. 1672 Dryden *Conq. Granada* I. *Heroic Plays* 3 b, And, therefore, in the scanting of his Images, and design, he comply'd not enough with the greatness and Majesty of an Heroick Poem. 1769 Falconer *Dict. Marine* (1780), *Scanting*, the variation of the wind by which it becomes unfavourable to a ship's course, after having been *fair* or *large*. It is distinguished from a foul wind, as in the former a ship is still enabled to sail on her course, although her progress is considerably retarded.

Scanted (skæ·ntĕd), *ppl. a.* [f. Scant *v.* + -ed[1].] In senses of the verb: Made scant or small, stinted, diminished, restricted, etc.

1594 Marlowe & Nashe *Dido* I. A 4, And euery beast the forrest doth send forth, [shall] Bequeath her young ones to our scanted foode. 1605 Shaks. *Lear* III. ii. 67 While I to this hard house..returne, and force Their scanted curtesie. *a* 1635 Naunton *Fragm. Reg.* (Arb.) 53 Wherein my Lord of Essex so wrought, by despising the number and quality of Rehels, that Norris was sent over with a scanted force. 1865 Swinburne *Poems & Ball., Two Dreams* 112, I have no wit to shape in written rhymes A scanted tithe of this great joy they had.

† **Sca·ntelize,** *v. Obs.* [f. Scantle *sb.* + -ize. Cf. Scandalize *v.*[2]] *trans.* To shorten, curtail.

1611 Speed *Hist. Gt. Brit.* v. iii. § 22. 18 By which account the great supposed antiquity of Brute, is now lessened by seuen hundred fiftie and two yeares; and the time so scantelized betwixt his and Cesars entrance, that two hundred forty six yeares onely remaine.

† **Sca·ntен,** *v. Obs. rare.* [f. Scant *a.* + -en[5].] *intr.* To wax scant, diminish.

1585 T. Washington tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* I. xix. 22 The diminishing of our victuals, which began to scanten. 1613 F. Robartes *Revenue Gosp.* 113 [They] will not be found so vnfaithfull, as to neglect their workes for the scantning of their temporarie byre.

† **Scantillon.** *Obs.* Forms: 3 schauntillun, 3–4 scantliun, -lion, -lyoun, 3–5 -lyon, scantilon, 4 -iloun, 4–5 -ilone, -elon(e, -eloun, -ylloun, -il(l)ioun, 5 -ylyon, -ylone, -eleon, -ulon, skantulon, -yll3on, skanklyon(e, scanklyone, 5–6 scantlon, 7 scantillon. See also Scantling. [Aphetic f. OF. *escantillon, eschantillon* (mod. F. *échantillon*), of uncertain etymology.

According to Hatz.-Darm., an alteration (influenced by *cantel* Cantle) of **esc(h)andillon*, related to Pr. *escandilh* gauge, It. *scandaglio* sounding-line; commonly regarded as f. L. *scandĕre* to climb, to Scan.]

1. A tool used by masons and carpenters for measuring the thickness of anything; a gauge.

a 1300 *Floriz & Bl.* 325 Ber wip þe squire and schauntillun, Also þu were a gud Mascun. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 2231 And do we wel and make a toure, Wit snire and scantilon [*Gött.* scantlion, *Trin.* scanteloun] sa euen, þat may reche heghur þan heuen. *Ibid.* 8775 þe king did cast wit scantlun [*Gött.* scantlyon, *Fairf.* scantilioun, *Trin.* scanteloun], And did mak al þe timber bun. *c* 1400 *Rom. Rose* 7064 Though it were of no vounde stone Wrought with squyre and scantilone. 15..*Debate Carpenter's Tools* 107 in Hazl. *E. P. P.* I. 83 Soft, ser, seyd the skantyll3on.

2. Dimension, measured size; in carpenters' and masons' work chiefly sectional dimension, thickness.

c 1400 *Master of Game* (MS. Digby 182) xxv, þen shulde þe lymmer go þeder as þe hert yede in, and take þe scantelon of þe trace, þe whiche be shulde kutte of his roddes ende, and ley it in þe talon of þe trace. 1452 in Willis & Clark *Cambridge* (1886) I. 282, iij sengulere Principalls..in Scantlyon accordyng to the Principalls. *a* 1513 Fabyan *Chron.* vi. clxi. 154 Theyse ..ii. storyes..occupy in Frenshe, of leuys of great Scanteleon ouer .lxiiii.

3. ? A stick cut to record a certain measurement.

c 1400 *Master of Game* (MS. Dighy 182) xxv, Ley it in þe talon of þe trace þer as he yede in hardest grounde euen in þe botome þerof, so þat þe scanteloun vnneth touche at neiþer ende þe erth. And þat done, he shulde hewe a hough of grene leues and ley it þer as þe hert yede in and kutte an oþer scantelon þer after to take to þe hunter.

4. A strip or piece serving as a specimen; a sample.

1465 *Mann. & Househ. Exp.* (Roxb.) 49a My master bout of Barthelmew Syates a short goune clothe of cremysen velvet...And a short goune clothe of tawny velvet...And the said Barthelmew hathe it to kepe, and my master hathe sealed it at bothe endes, and take a scantylone of eche of them. 1530 Palsgr. 265/2 Scantlon of a clothe, *eschantillon*. 1603 Holland *Plutarch's Mor.* 403 This booke, wherein their words are gathered, and comprehended together by themselves, as the verie scantillons (as I may so say) and seeds extracted a part from their lives.

Scantily (skæ·ntili), *adv.* [f. Scanty *a.* + -ly[2].] In a scanty manner or measure.

1774 Goldsm. *Nat. Hist.* (1776) III. 5 That nourishment which their vegetable food so scantily supplies. 1840 Dickens *Old C. Shop* i, Though more scantily attired than she might have been, she was dressed with perfect neatness. 1897 D. Lyall in *Brit. Wkly.* 7 Jan. 214/5, I knew nothing but my medical work—and that but scantily.

Scantiness (skæ·ntinĕs). [f. Scanty *a.* + -ness.] The quality or fact of being scanty.

1567 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* I. 571 Considdering that victualis ar cariit furth of this realme be marchantis and utheris..to the greit incres of derth and skantines. *a* 1695 J. Scott *Chr. Life* III. (iv.) iii. Wks. 1718 I. 673 Such is the Scantiness of Sensual Goods, that we not being able to content our selves with any one of them, are fain [etc.]. 1745 *Life Bamfylde-Moore Carew* 71 The..frugal Way of Life to which the Scantiness of their Pay obliges those Military Gentlemen to live. 1824 L. Murray *Eng. Gram.* (ed. 5) I. 198 The too frequent use of such words tends to breed a suspicion, that one labours under a scantiness of ideas. 1848 Dickens *Dombey* i, Miss Tox's dress,..had a certain character of angularity and scantiness. 1888 Bugon *Lives 12 Good Men* II. x. 253 The scantiness of manuscript authority under which the text..labours.

† **Sca·nting,** *ppl. a. Obs.* [f. Scant *v.* + -ing[2].] Inclined to be sparing or niggardly; chary in giving or bestowing.

1613 *Uncasing of Machiav.* 22 At such a time of care friends are scanting. 1674 J. B[IAN] *Harv. Home* iv. 25 Gods hand in pouring forth will not be scanting.

Hence † **Sca·ntingly** *adv.*

1627 W. SCLATER *Exp. 2 Thess.* (1629) 261 Scantingly, it should seeme, the Lord had distributed to these poore Artisans.. the good things of this life. *a* 1661 FULLER *Worthies, Wills* (1662) III. 148 Richard Smart..but once, and that scentingly [? *read* scantingly] mentioned by Mr. Fox.

Sca·ntity. *rare.* [irreg. f. SCANT *a.* + -ITY, perh. after *quantity*.] Scantiness; scarceness.

c 1386 CHAUCER *Parson's T.* ℙ 357, I sey nat that honestitee in clothynge of man or womman is vnconenable, but certes the superfluitee or disordinat scantitee [*w.rr.* skantite(e, scantite] of clothynge is repreuable. 1550–3 *Decaye Eng.* in S. Fish *Supplic. Beggers* (1871) 95 Shepe & shepemasters doeth cause skantyte of corne. 1577–87 HARRISON *England* III. iv. 225/2 Such is the scantitie of them here in England, in comparison of the plentie that is to be seene in other countries. 1839 J. H. NEWMAN *Paroch. Serm.* IV. xv. 265 At least there are cases where this wavering of mind does arise from scantiness of prayer; and if so, it is worth a man's considering..whether this scantity be not perchance the true reason of such infirmities in his own case.

Sca·ntle, *sb.* Also 6 skantell. [? f. SCANTLE *v.*]

1. = SCANTLET 1, SCANTLING *sb.* 2 b.

c 1525 *Contract* in Gage *Hengrave* (1822) 43 All manr of tymber, hewyn and sawyn, of all manner of skantells, yt shall be nedeful and redy to ye worke.

2. A small piece or portion, a scantling.

In 1596 'scantle' of the Qq. is perh. simply an error for 'cantle', the reading of the Ff.

1596 SHAKS. 1 *Hen. IV*, III. i. 100 (1st Qo.) See how this riuer comes me cranking in, And cuts me from the best of all my land, A huge halfe moon, a monstrous scantle out. 1654 VILVAIN *Theorem. Theol.* vii. 194 The future cannot be confined to so short a scantle.

3. *Slate-making.* See quots. (two distinct senses).

1850 OGILVIE, *Scantle*, among slaters, a gauge by which slates are regulated to their proper length. 1865 J. T. F. TURNER *Slate Quarries* 15 There are, in addition to these 'size slate'..a small, irregular sort, called 'scantle', made of pieces too small to make 'size slate'. This last kind is in great request in west Cornwall, and forms a very strong roof. ..All scantle is cut by boys. 1887 *Dict. Arch. Publ. Soc., Scantle*, a gauge for regulating the proper length of slates. 'Scantle slates' are squared slates as opposed to rag slates.

† **Sca·ntle,** *v. Obs.* Also 6 skantle, 7 scantel. [? dimin. of SCANT *v.*: see -LE 3. In sense 3 perh. a back-formation from SCANTLING.]

1. *trans.* To give scant provision to, stint, put on short allowance; = SCANT *v.* 3.

1581 RICH *Farewell* (Shaks. Soc.) 184 There to be fedd with bread and water, (and yet to be scantled with suche short alowance, as it was not able to suffice nature). 1630 BRATHWAIT *Eng. Gentlem.* 220 Besides, you should be sometimes so scantled, for want of subjects, that [etc.].

b. with a thing as subject: To be wanting to, fail to supply. Cf. SCANT *v.* 3 d.

1641 BRATHWAIT *Turtle's Triumph* 15 Time would sooner faile me, then this subject scantle me.

2. To make scant or small; to diminish, cut down, curtail; to limit, restrict.

1596 HARINGTON *Ulysses upon Ajax* B 7 b, Loosing his repose, and scantling his repaste. 1596 LODGE *Wit's Miserie* 14 The chines of Beefe in great houses are scantled to bnie chains of gold. 1611 SPEED *Hist. Gt. Brit.* VII. xii. § 7. 275 Vortiporus..succeeded him in the Kingdome of the Britains, which then was much scantled by the intrusions of the Saxons. *a* 1641 BP. MOUNTAGU *Acts & Mon.* (1642) 40 Enlarged mercies must not be cooped up, or scantled.

b. To narrow the meaning or application of.

1644 BP. MAXWELL *Prerog. Chr. Kings* v. 56, I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance [etc.]: which is not to be scantled by conceiving it onely of the calling of the Gentiles to the communion of his Church. *Ibid.* 65 This is not to be so scantled, as if there were no more influence from Kings upon the Church but by honour and riches.

3. To adjust to a required measure; to make proportionate *to.*

1621 BP. MOUNTAGU *Diatribæ* 110–111 We are not to expect a like exactnesse and accurate handling in all passages. But it sufficeth to be scantled according to the Subject. 1625 J. ROBINSON *Ess.* iii. (1638) 18 How graciously our wise and good God provides for our slipperie state, in scantling his promise of good things of that kinde to our Spirituall skill, and care of using them. 1711 W. SUTHERLAND *Shipbuild. Assist.* 62 The Knee being scantled to suit the Stem as far as 'tis join'd to it.

4. To shorten (sail); similarly of a bird, to draw in (its wings). Cf. SCANDALIZE *v.*[2]

a 1592 LODGE & GREENE *Looking-glass* (1598) F 2 b, Then scantled we our sailes with speedie hands. 1630 DRAYTON *Noah's Flood* in *Muses Eliz.* 100 The soaring Kyte there scantled his large wings.

5. To parcel *out.*

1749 CHESTERF. *Let. to Son* 9 Oct., The Pope's..territories ..will, most undoubtedly, within a century, be scantled out among the great Powers, who have now a footing in Italy.

6. *intr.* Of wind: To become 'scant'. (But app. here taken to mean 'to become light'.)

1627 DRAYTON *Moon-calf* in *Agincourt*, etc. 173 She could sell windes to any one that would,..Which euer as the Seafarer vndid They rose or scantled, as his Sayles would driue, To the same Port whereas he would ariue.

Hence † **Sca·ntled** *ppl. a.*, made scant, limited.

1604 DRAYTON *Owle* 1294 This small Portion of my scantled Store! 1622 — *Poly-olb.* xxiv. 12 [Welland] in her scantled banks, though wandring long inclos'd. *a* 1641 BP. MOUNTAGU *Acts & Mon.* (1642) 33 This was their pittance, and scantled allowance in those dayes.

† **Sca·ntlet.** *Obs.* Also 6 scanlot. [? f. SCANTLE *sb.* + -ET; or f. SCANTLING by substitution of the suffix -LET for *-ling.*]

1. Prescribed size, scantling.

1502–3 (4 Jan.) *Office of Augment.* Miscell. Bk. xxxvi. No. 146, iiij^c. M^l. of goode lawfull & sufficiant breke [= bricks] & thurgh & suerly to be brent and after the Scanlot of ix ynches & a halfe of lengthe large & in brede & thyknes accordynge to the same lengthe.

2. ? A limit, boundary.

1547 SALESBURY *Welsh Dict., Ystordyn* ['a trigger in bowling; a mark to jump from' (Owen Pugh)], scantlet.

3. A limited quantity, small portion.

a 1642 SUCKLING *Lett. to Sev. Persons of Honor* (1659) 9, I have been something curious to consider the scantlet of ground that angry Monsieur would have had in. [Allusion to Shaks.: see quot. 1596, SCANTLE *sb.* 1.] *a* 1676 HALE *Prim. Orig. Man.* (1677) 226 As the World grew by that means fuller, so their Lives were successively reduced to a shorter scantlet, till they came to that ordinary Age..which now they have.

Scantling (skæ·ntlin), *sb.* Also 6–7 scantlin, skantling, 7 scantelinge. [Etymologizing alteration of SCANTILLON, after -LING 1. The development of some of the senses appears to have been influenced by association with SCANT *a.*]

† **1.** A builder's or carpenter's measuring-rod. Cf. SCANTILLON 1. *Obs. rare*—[1].

1556 J. HEYWOOD *Spider & F.* xvii. 27 Whiche sqwyre shall sqware me, a scantlin well bent, For a right rewle, to show me innocent.

† **b.** *fig.* A rule or standard of measurement or estimation.

1587 GOLDING *De Mornay* x. 156 That nothing in al the Worlde is made of nought,..is a measuring of the builder and his building by one rule or skantling. 1678 *Lively Oracles* iii. § 19. 269 To mesure immensity and omnipotence by our narrow scantling.

2. Measured or prescribed size, dimensions, or calibre. † **a.** with reference to material objects generally.

1526 *Househ. Ord.* (1790) 215 They shall neither send nor bring into the Court..any Pike of less scantling than eighteen inches long. 1588 *Acts Privy Council* (1897) XVI. 171 Provyde bullettes of all scantelins to be sent to the Lord Admirall, and two last of poulder. 1607 TOPSELL *Four-f. Beasts* 148 Dogs of a middle scantling betwixt the first and the second. 1683 PETTUS *Fleta Min.* II. 15 The water..keeps at one scantling, neither swelling higher nor decreasing. 1686 PLOT *Staffordsh.* 390 Having several holes of different Sizes fit for the scantlings of all fingers. 1708–9 PRIOR *The Mice* 100 A coat not of the smallest scantling. 1725 BRADLEY *Fam. Dict.* s.v. *Elm*, Truncheons of the Boughs cut to the Scantling of a Man's Arm.

b. *techn.* with reference to the measurement of timber and stone, and of ships or other vessels.

As applied to timber, the word usually denotes the sectional dimensions (thickness and breadth) of a beam etc., in contradistinction to the length. The scantling of a block of stone is its measurement in all three dimensions. In Shipbuilding, used in *sing.* and *pl.* for the dimensions of the various parts of a vessel, regarded collectively.

1555 *Act 2 & 3 Philip & Mary*, c. 16 § 5 Any Wairye or Boate..which shall not bee..according to thold quantitie, scantlyng, thicknes of boorde, goodnes & good proportyon, heretofore had & used. 1608 WILLET *Hexapla Exod.* 605 That is the vsuall scantling for the thicknes of planke boord. 1615 E. S. *Britain's Buss* in Arber *Garner* III. 625 A Buss of thirty-five Last, that is, of seventy Tons, is of a very good and meet size or scantling, wherewith [etc.]. 1673 TEMPLE *Ess. Ireland* Wks. 1731 I. 120 Forbidding any Man to cut down any Oak..unless it be of a certain Scantling. 1792 *Trans. Soc. Arts* X. 31 Young oaks and chestnuts of the same age and scantling. 1793 SMEATON *Edystone L.* § 91 The harder the quality of the moorstone, the more exactly..it could be split to the size or scantling required. 1812 CAPT. CARDEN *Let.* 28 Oct. in *Examiner* (1813) 4 Jan. 6/2 The United States is built with the scantling of a seventy-four gun ship. 1829 P. NICHOLSON *Carp.* in *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) VI. 235/1 In regard to squared stones the term [scantling] is applied to the three dimensions of length, breadth, and thickness. 1837 *Civil Eng. & Arch. Jrnl.* I. 6/2 The piles are from twelve to twenty-five feet long, and eight by six inches and a half scantling, shod with iron. 1874 POLLEN *Anc. & Mod. Furniture* Introd. 34 Veneers of well mottled wood or of precious wood, small in scantling, were glued on pine, cedar, &c., as a base. 1888 *Daily News* 17 Oct. 4/7 A fine twin screw steamship, built of steel to the same scantlings as if of iron. *a* 1895 LD. C. E. PAGET *Autobiog.* vi. (1896) 196 Our armour-clads were on the scantling of line-of-battle ships, but with the addition of considerable beam or width.

† **c.** of immaterial things. In the 17th c. often, the measure or degree of (a person's) capacity or ability. *Obs.*

1586 FERNE *Blaz. Gentrie* 94 If it can be so, that our Gentle-man before proposed, the scantling and measure of his lining considered. 1600 SURFLET *Country Farm* III. xlix. 530 When..the apples shall be well prepared, and come to a good scantling of ripenes. 1624 BP. MOUNTAGU *Immed. Addr.* 144 The Angels behold what they can behold and see, and Archangels as much as they are capable of, each according vnto his owne measure and scantling. 1654 H. L'ESTRANGE *Chas. I* (1655) 74 The Rochellers perceived by the scantling and grandure of this preparation, the natural issue could be no other than their ruine. 1692 R. L'ESTRANGE *Fables* cxli. 129 Though 'tis a Hard Matter to find out a Woman, even at the Best, that's of a Just Scantling for her Age, Person, Humour, and Fortune to make a Wife of. 1716 J. SHARPE *12th Serm.* 3 Oct., We then according to our scantlings return glory to Him when we serve those purposes He made us for. *a* 1734 NORTH *Exam.* II. iv. § 143 (1740) 307 We may propose the Extremes to shew the Scantling of the Author's false and inveterate Malice. 1756 *Monitor* No. 39 I. 381 There are many others, whose abilities are of the same scantling; that have large salaries too.

† **d.** *Of one* (or *a*) *scantling*: of the same size; hence, much alike, 'much of a muchness'. (*Of* is sometimes omitted.) *Obs.*

1551 EDW. VI *Jrnl.* in *Lit. Rem.* (Roxb.) II. 337 My lord marcus' reward was delivered at Paris, worth 500 pound, my lord of Ely's 200, mr. Hobbies 150, the rest al about on scantling. 1633 SHIRLEY *Bird in Cage* I. i, Your Lordships wisedome and mine is much about a scantling then. 1679 ALSOP *Melius Inq.* Pref., That there can be No Unity hoped for,..nor peace maintained, unless all men be of a scantling in their judgments.

† **e.** *To take a scantling of*: to measure or estimate the size or amount of; hence, to judge of, estimate. So *to have a scantling of. Obs.*

1585 PARSONS *Chr. Exerc.* I. iii. 15 By this now may a carefull Christian take some scantling of his own estate with God. 1607 TOPSELL *Four-f. Beasts* 655 If you take their scantling and length as they crooke a little, then are they about three foot long. 1647 TRAPP *Comm. 2 Cor.* vi. 11 We pour forth our selves in this flood of speech, that thereby ye may take a scantling of our over-abundant love to your souls. 1657 SANDERSON *Serm.* Pref. § 15 (1689) 74 From hence chiefly..we are to take our best scantling, whereby to judge what is, and what is not, to be esteemed Popery. 1674 *Govt. Tongue* ix. § 15. 154 We have not so just a scantling of our selves, as to know to a grain what will level the scales, and place us in the right mediocrity.

† **3.** Limited measure, space, amount, etc.; a limit.

1597 BACON *Ess., Hon. & Reput.* (ad fin.), Such as exceede not this scantling [L. *qui non ultra hoc potes sunt*] to bee sollace to the Soueraigne and harmelesse to the people. 1600 SURFLET *Country Farm* II. lxvi. 414 The butterflies.. are forciblie kept within a narrow scantling, the pot it selfe being not wide, but narrow. 1617 HIERON *Wks.* II. 281 Wo to them that ayme at the cherishing of the people in a kind of formall Religion, and would haue none to exceede their owne Laodicean scantling! 1621 BP. MOUNTAGU *Diatribæ* 2 Because it farre exceeded the scantling of their Poore Vnderstandings, and Vndertakings. 1650 BULWER *Anthropomet.* xx. (1653) 331 Which when they are too strictly swathed with Bands, reduce the Breast to so narrow a scantling as is apt to endanger..the life of Children. 1678 BUTLER *Hud.* III. ii. 1046 And setting all the Land on fire, To burn t' a Scantling, but no higher. 1691 SIR T. P. BLOUNT *Ess.* 74 But this certainly is to measure Truth by a wrong Standard, and to Circumscribe her by too narrow a Scantling.

† **b.** *spec.* in *Archery*, applied to the distance from the mark, within which a shot was not regarded as a miss. Also *fig. Obs.*

1577–87 STANYHURST *Descr. Ireland* i. 11/2 If I may crane your patience till time you see me shoot my bolt, I hope you will not denie, but that as neere the pricke as you are, and as verie an hagler as I am, yet the scantling shall be mine. 1584 W. E[LDERTON] *Yorke, Yorke for my Monie* in Halliw. *Yorksh. Anthol.* (1851) 4 And then was shooting out of crye, And skantling at a handfull nie. 1591 G. FLETCHER *Russe Commw.* xix. 72 b, Not suffering them to eate, til they haue shot neere the marke within a certein scantling. *a* 1661 FULLER *Worthies, Lond.* (1662) II. 191 A poor Blew Cap..played so well thereon [*sc.* a fire-engine], that..he could hit within the scantling of a Shilling.

4. A portion, allotted quantity, allowance. *arch.*

1659 *Gentlem. Calling* VI. x. 432 Nor is their pride so affronted, as to be forgot in the distribution of their time, a good scantling of it is cut out to its use. 1765 STERNE *Tr. Shandy* VII. xxi, The muleteer..thought not of to-morrow.., provided he got but his scantling of Burgundy. 1835 THIRLWALL *Greece* I. vi. 171 The practice of burying criminals alive, with a scantling of food by their side.

5. A small or scanty portion or amount, a modicum (of things material or immaterial).

1585 HIGINS *Junius' Nomencl.* 412 *Ramentum*,..a fragment, remnant, scantling, or litle peece of marble, or other thing. 1607 TOPSELL *Four-f. Beasts* 537 The former hoofes of a horse being scraped, and the same fragmentes or scantlinges thereof being beaten in the duste. 1665 BRATHWAIT *Comment Two Tales* (1901) 24 One now resolved to sleep out that small scantling of time which is left him. 1743 H. WALPOLE *Let. to Mann* 4 Apr., I am really ashamed to send this scantling of paper by the post, over so many seas and mountains. 1760–72 H. BROOKE *Fool of Qual.* I. p. iv, I cannot find about me the smallest scantling of veneration for your virtues. 1849 C. BRONTE *Shirley* III. iv. 89 But a scantling of apples enriched the trees. 1858 CARLYLE *Fredk. Gt.* IX. xi. (1872) III. 190 You shall get back your Lombardy,—all but a scantling which we fling to the Sardinian Majesty. 1876 PAGE *Adv. Text-bk. Geol.* i. 26 Some scantling of geological knowledge will be of advantage.

† **b.** An epitome, abridgement; also, a small remnant. *Obs.*

1576 FLEMING tr. *Caius' Dogs* To Rdr. (1880), The booke.. being but a pamphlet or skantling. 1693 J. EDWARDS *Auth. O. & N. Test.* I. 425 Velleius Paterculus..is an Epitomizer, a Scantling of an Historian. 1708 HUDSON in Hearne *Coll.* 3 Aug. (O. H. S.) II. 123 Thetford..is nothing but y^e^ poor scantling of an ancient spatious town.

† **6.** A sample, pattern, specimen. Hence, a sketch, outline, rough draft. *Obs.*

1567 GOLDING *Ovid's Met.* Epist. 379 How Ovids scantlings with the whole true patterne doo agree. 1597 BEARD *Theatre God's Judgem.* (1612) 539 This is but a tast and scantling of those torments and punishments which are prepared and made ready for them in the world to come. 1606 SHAKS. *Tr. & Cr.* I. iii. 341 For the successe (Although particular) shall giue a scantling Of good or bad, vnto the Generall. 1663 MARQ. WORCESTER (*title*) A Century of the Names and Scantlings of such Inventions, as at present I can call to mind to have tried and perfected. *a* 1668 LASSELS *Voy. Italy* I. (1670) 82 And all the way long we saw such a continual Suburbs of stately Villas and Villages, that these scantlings made us in love with the whole Piece

it self, Genua. 1679 C. Nesse *Antid. agst. Popery* 104 To give but a scantling and landskip of some of them. *a* 1680 Butler *Rem.* (1759) I. 108 Had you sent a Scantling of your Wit, You might have blam'd us, if it did not fit. 1704 Swift *Tale of Tub* xi. 201 This I have produced, as a Scantling of Jack's great Eloquence. 1838 T. Mitchell *Clouds of Aristoph.* 113 The slight tests to which Strepsiades is put in the verses following, are of course but a dramatic scantling of those probations to which candidates were often put before admission into the philosophic schools of antiquity.

7. *concr.* in technical use (see 2 b). **a.** A small beam or piece of wood; *spec.* one less than five inches square.

1663 Gerbier *Counsel* 42 The cutting of their Scantlings. 1683 Moxon *Mech. Exerc., Printing* xxii. ¶ 1 The Compositer sends..for..good strong Wast-Paper, and cuts it into so many several Scantlins as the number of each Scantlin of his Boxes in his Case are. 1704 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 4002/4 A Good quantity of..Oak Timber, fit to be cut for Planks and Scantlings for Shipping,..is to be sold. 1784 Cowper *Task* III. 753 He that saw His patrimonial timber cast its leaf, Sells the last scantling, and transfers the price To some shrewd sharper. 1829 P. Nicholson *Carp.* in *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) VI. 235/1 In the construction of naked flooring and roofing the small timbers which are used are called by the general name of scantlings. 1889 'Mark Twain' *Yankee at Crt. K. Arthur* xxiii. 257 About two hundred yards off..we built a pen of scantlings.

b. *collect. sing.* Timber in the form of scantlings.

1794 Morse *Amer. Geog.* 520 Boards, scantling, staves, shingles. 1901 *J. Black's Carp. & Build., Scaffolding* iii. 32 If it is decided to use scantling [for ladder-sides] the two pieces should be tapered from about 3½ in. by 2 in. at the bottom end.

c. A block or slice of stone of a fixed size; also *collect. sing.* stone cut into scantlings.

1726 Leoni *Alberti's Archit.* I. 38/1 Whether square Stone, or uneven Scantlings. *Ibid.* II. 16/1 The method of cutting Marble into thin scantlings..scarce half an inch thick. *Ibid.* 41/2 The Ancients.., instead of panes of glass, made use of thin transparent scantlings of Alabaster. 1824 *Fowler Corr.* (MS.) 482 Account of stone..sawn into scantling at Quarry. 1825 J. Nicholson *Operat. Mechanic* 622 The blocks [of slate]..are, by the application of wedges, reduced into layers, called scantlings, from four to nine inches in thickness, and of any required length and breadth. 1842 Gwilt *Encycl. Arch.* § 1799, § 1909.

8. (See quot.) Cf. Cantling 2.

1632 in E. B. Jupp *Carpenters' Co.* (1887) 301 The making and layeing of all manner of beare Joysts Stillings and Scantlyngs for Vinteners, Brewhouses [etc.]. 1875 Knight *Dict. Mech., Scantling*,..a trestle or horse in a cellar for holding casks on tap.

9. *attrib.*, as *scantling board, piece, prop*; **scantling stick** *Shipbuilding* (see quot. 1874).

1883 *Daily News* 17 Sept. 8/1, 150 Standards of Timber, consisting of deals, battens, *scantling boards. 1584 in Fenillerat *Revels Q. Eliz.* (1908) 368 For ii *scantling peeces. 1853 Kane *Grinnell Exp.* xxi. (1856) 164 The *scantling props still stuck in the frozen soil. 1874 Theakle *Naval Archit.* 55 A stick is provided for each head and sirmark, and upon this stick are marked the mouldings of all the square body frames measured square to the surface at that head or sirmark. These sticks are known as *scantling or moulding sticks.

† Sca·ntling, *a. Obs.* [f. Scantling *sb.*]

1. Very small, insignificant in size or extent.

1652 Benlowes *Theoph.* I. xliv, Heav'ns Glorie to atchieve, what scantling Span Hath the frail Pilgrimage of Man! Which sets, when risen; ends, when it but now began. *a* 1763 Shenstone *Elegies* x. 30 How would some flood with ampler treasures blest, Disdainful view the scantling drops distil! 1788 Burns *Let. to Clarinda* 6 Mar. (Globe) 402 How little of that scantling portion of time, called the life of man, is sacred to happiness.

2. *techn.* Cut into 'scantlings' or thin slices.

1726 Leoni *Alberti's Arch.* II. 46/1 The Window must be..paned with scantling talc.

Sca·ntling, *v.* ? *Obs. rare.* [f. Scantling *sb.*] *trans.* To construct (a ship) of a certain scantling.

1780 Capt. W. Young *Let. to Comptroller* 24 July (Ld. Barham Papers), Small 20-gun ships who were only scantlined to carry six pounders, might very well bare twelve-pound carronades.

Sca·ntlins, *adv. Sc.* [f. Scant *a.* + *-lin(g)s*, -ling 2.] Scarcely, hardly.

a 1774 R. Fergusson *Poems* (1807) 235 When merry Yule-day comes, I trow, You'll scantlins find a hungry mou.

† Scantlo·meter. *Obs.* [f. Scantl(ing) + -(o)meter.] (See quot.)

1844 *Rep. Brit. Assoc.* II. 99 The Scantlometer. The instrument thus named, the invention of Mr. Wylson, determines the scantlings of joists and rafters, the former level, the latter sloped to any pitch not exceeding sixty degrees.

Scantly (skæ·ntli), *adv.* [f. Scant *a.* + -ly 2.]

1. Scarcely, hardly, barely. *arch.*

Exceedingly common from the 15th to the middle of the 17th c.; in the 18th c. it had app. become obsolete; revived in literary use by Scott.

c 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xvii. (*Martha*) 111 Scantly þe todir day fand þai quhare þe body lay. *c* 1440 *Ipomydon* 1228 Scantly had they the mete corvyn, That in comyth the kynges messyngere, And grette the lady in thys manere. *c* 1449 Pecock *Repr.* I. iii. 15 3it of thilk vertu or gouernaunce scantli is writen in al Holi Writt ten lynes. *c* 1489 Caxton *Sonnes of Aymon* xxi. 460 Ve can scantly heve up your staff. 1520 Nisbet *N. T., Luke* ix. 50 And scantlie (*Wycl.* vnnethe; Vulg. *vix*) he gais away al to drawand him. 1565 Cooper *Thesaurus*, s.v. *Cerrus*, The maste rough like a chesten, scantly holsome for swyne. 1575–85 Abp. Sandys *Serm.* x. 153 Wee are hearers of the woord, and yet skantly that. 1627 Hakewill *Apol.* (1630) 221, I say it is scantly foure inches long. 1805 Scott *Last Minstr.* III. xvii, His kittle..Reach'd scantly 10 his knee. *a* 1844 Campbell *Napoleon & Brit. Sailor* 65 Our sailor oft could scantly shift To find a dinner, plain and hearty. 1859 Tennyson *Marr. Geraint* 287 We hold a tourney here tomorrow morn, And there is scantly time for half the work.

† **b.** with superfluous negative. *Obs.*

1585 Parsons *Chr. Exerc.* I. viii. 87 For scantly, there is not a seuere saying of God..which commeth not now to his mind.

† **2.** Sparingly; at little cost. *Obs.*

c 1440 *Alphabet of Tales* ix. 8, I liff als skantlie as I can, & diligentlie I kepe all my merchandise.

3. In scant measure; inadequately; scantily. Also *rarely* † grudgingly.

1509 Barclay *Shyp of Folys* (1874) I. 223 And where as the angels ar ther with reuerence..worshyppynge our holy sanyour These vnkynde caytyfs wyll scantly hym honour. *a* 1585 Montgomerie *Cherrie & Slae* 1058 For all the proverbs they perusit, ȝe thocht them skantly skild. 1606 Shaks. *Ant. & Cl.* III. iv. 6 He hath..spoke scantly of me. *a* 1631 Donne *Serm.* vii. (1640) 70 Indeed, God can doe nothing scantly, penuriously, singly. 1817 Keats *Soun.* i, Cynthia is from her silken curtains peeping So scantly, that it seems her bridal night. 1840 Hood *Kilmansegg, Birth* xvi, Tables sprang up all over the lawn; Not furnish'd scantly or shabbily. *a* 1859 De Quincey *Posth. Wks.* (1891) I. 50 On that ground, agreeably to the logic I have so scantly expounded.

b. Curtly. ? *rare.*

1884 Howells *Silas Lapham* (1891) I. 133 'How?' asked the Colonel scantly.

Scantness (skæ·ntnés). [f. Scant *a.* + -ness.]

1. The condition of being scant or insufficient in quantity.

c 1386 Chaucer *Parson's T.* ¶ 415 The synful costlewe array of clothynge, and namely in to muche superfluite, or elles in to desordinat scantnesse [*v. r.* skarsenesse]. *c* 1412 Hoccleve *De Reg. Princ.* 1243, I am so drad of monyes scantnesse, That myn hert is al makid of lightnesse. 1574 Dee in *Lett. Lit. Men* (Camden) 33 Considering your nervailous skantnes of leysor from very waighty matters. 1608 R. Dobson in *Lismore Papers* Ser. II. (1887) I. 124 As for the skantness of it, I know it is as full of stuffe as any gowne you haue..worn. 1609 Skene *Reg. Maj., Stat. David II*, 45 There is great raritie, and skantnes within the Realme,..of silver. 1661 Glanvill *Van. Dogm.* 193 The miserable scantness of our capacities. 1684 Baxter *Twelve Arg.* I. 2 Tho the scantness of History..tell us not what words were then used. 1846 Trench *Mirac.* Introd. iii. 30 All scantness and scarceness, such as this lack of bread in the wilderness,..belonged not to man as his portion at the first.

† **b.** Penury, lack of comforts or necessaries.

c 1400 Maundev. (Roxb.) xxvi. 124 þai liffe with grete wrichedness and scantness. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 442/2 Scantnesse, *parcitas, parcimonia.*

† **c.** = Scarcity 3. *Obs.*

1543 *Aberdeen Reg.* (1844) I. 190 The grit dartht and skantnes in the contray.

† **2.** Of the wind (cf. Scant *a.* 7). *Obs.*

1574 W. Bourne *Regiment for Sea* xix. (1577) 50 b, Tydes, currentes, or the scantnesse of the wynde, which may put the ship vnto the leewardes of his course.

Scanty (skæ·nti), *a.* [f. Scant *sb.* or *a.* + -y.]

1. Of a quantity, store, supply, or any collective unity: Meagre, slender, not ample or copious.

1660 Harrington *Prerog. Pop. Govt.* II. v. Wks. (1700) 379 Clemens says they were very few, their Assemblys privat, and very scanty things. 1668 Culpeper & Cole *Barthol. Anat.* Man. III. i. 323 More plentiful or scanty influx of the Spirit. 1690 Locke *Hum. Und* III. v. § 8 The terms of our law..will hardly find words that answer them in the Spanish or Italian, no scanty languages. 1791 Cowper *Iliad* XIX. 259 Me, in no scanty measure, thou excell'st. 1836 Ld. St. Helens in *Croker Papers* (1884) 2 Nov., [The] King.. used to dispatch his solitary and scanty meal in a very short time. 1838 Lytton *Alice* III. i, Proud aristocrats began to recollect that a mushroom peerage was supported but by a scanty fortune. 1866 Geo. Eliot *F. Holt* i, Since her early gladness in this best-loved boy, the harvests of her life had been scanty. 1907 A. Lang *Hist. Scotl.* IV. xviii. 465 Congregations were scanty.

2. Deficient in extent, compass, or size.

1701 Stanhope tr. *Augustine's Medit.* II. ii. 115 They proportion their Regard to Him according to their own Scanty Notions of His goodness toward them. 1709 Steele *Tatler* No. 128 ¶ 4 You appear to my Imagination more agreeable in a short scanty Petticoat, than the finest woman of Quality in her spreading fardingal. *a* 1721 Sheffield (Dk. Buckhm.) *Wks.* (1753) I. 264 This scanty road bears us not both together; And we must once divide, to part no more. 1725 Watts *Logic* I. vi. § 9 Our Minds are narrow and scanty in their Capacities. 1873 Dixon *Two Queens* III. iii. I. 129 They sailed from Harfleur in the scantiest craft that ever ventured for a crown. 1874 Whyte Melville *Uncle John* xiv. II. 95 Scanty trousers..and a forward set of the hat.

3. Existing or present in small or insufficient quantity; not abundant. † Of wind: = Scarce *a.* 1 b.

1674 Josselyn *Two Voy.* 196 The wind was scanty all along. 1705–6 Penn in *Pa. Hist. Soc. Mem.* X. 107 My paper is scanty and time more so. 1732 Berkeley *Alciphr.* VI. § 30 If our scanty experience were made the rule and measure of truth. 1770 Goldsm. *Des. Vill.* 304 He drives, his flocks to pick the scanty blade. 1801 *Med. Jrnl.* V. 409 Breath very short, urine scanty. 1804 *Naval Chron.* XI. 80 Wind scanty, but fair. 1839 James *Louis XIV*, I. 211 Forage and provisions beginning to grow scanty, and the winter approaching. 1849 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* iii. (*init.*), Such a description, composed from scanty and dispersed materials, must necessarily be very imperfect. 1871 Freeman *Norm. Conq.* (1876) IV. xviii. 173 With regard to Worcestershire our knowledge is in one way still scantier, while in another it is much fuller. 1884 *Manch. Exam.* 20 May 5/2 He pegged away, however, with his scanty dollars until he came into alliance with Jay Gould.

† **4.** Parsimonious. Of soil: Yielding little. *Obs.*

1692 Dryden *Eleonora* 105 She..Ascribed above their due to every one, Unjust and scanty to herself alone. 1794 Burke *Pref. to Brissot's Addr. Constituents* ¶ 21 He allows a space of time for the duration of these agitations: and least he should be thought rigid and too scanty in his measure, he thinks it may be long. 1796 Coleridge *Ode Depart. Yr.* ix, With..daily toil Soliciting for food my scanty soil.

Scap: see Scalp, Scape *v.*, Shape.

Scape (skēip), *sb.*[1] Also 4 **schap**, 4–6 **skape.** [Aphetic var. of Escape *sb.*[1]]

1. An act of escaping; = Escape *sb.*[1] *arch.* Now chiefly in *hairbreadth scape*, after Shakspere: see Hairbreadth. (Often written '*scape.*)

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 23730 All sal we rin into his rape, we wat þat þar mai li na scape. 13.. *K. Alis.* 4273 (Bodl. MS.), He haþ ylore his foo..And bymeneþ his skape sore. *a* 1500 *Arnolde's Chron.* (1502) B ij, That the sherefs of london bee amerced for a scape of theſes at C. s. only. 1591 G. Fletcher *Russe Commw.* xiii. 48 You shall seldome see a Russe a traueller, except he be with some Ambassadour, or that he make a scape out of his Countrie. 1653 Dorothy Osborne *Lett. to Sir W. Temple* (1888) 51 But *à propos* of Monsr. Smith what a scape has he made of my Lady Barbury. 1658 Sir T. Browne *Hydriot.* v. 29 To hold long subsistence seems but a scape in oblivion. 1739 G. Ogle *Gualtherus & Griselda* 77 How great our Scape, who never yet knew Man! 1897 *Church Quarterly* 11 The romantic scapes..of St. Athanasius gave birth to no literature of song and legend like the wanderings of Prince Charlie.

† **2.** A transgression due to thoughtlessness; also, with different notion, a breaking out from moral restraint, an outrageous sin; often applied to a breach of chastity. Cf. Escape *sb.*[1] 7. *Obs.*

c 1440 *Found. St. Bartholomew's* (E. E. T. S.) 3 He, wepynge hys dedis and reducyng to mynde the scapis of his yougth and ignorauncs. 1553 T. Wilson *Rhet.* 60 b, Maydens that haue made a scape are commonly called to bee nurses. *c* 1590 Greene *Fr. Bacon* vii. 136 My Lord, pardon vs, we knew not what you were: But Courtiers may make greater scapes than these. 1592 — *Disput. Hex & Shec Connycatchers* C 1 b, The old Croane..sayd the childe was hers, and so saued her daughters scape. 1599 Marston *Pygmal., Sat.* v, Slight scapes are whipt, but damned deeds are praised. *a* 1656 Hales *Golden Rem.* I. (1673) 91 Men are universally more apt from the errours and scapes of good men to draw apologies for their own. 1671 Milton *P. R.* II. 189 Then lay'st thy scapes on names ador'd, Apollo, Neptune, Jupiter, or Pan. 1681 W. Robertson *Phraseol. Gen.* (1693) 560 One miscarriage, one scape in bad company, will not quite undo me.

† **3.** An inadvertent mistake; *esp.* a slip of the tongue or a clerical error, a 'fault escaped'; = Escape *sb.*[1] 6. *Obs.*

1565 Jewel *Repl. Harding* To Rdr. ¶ 3 b, To consider better the ouersightes, and scapes of his former Booke. 1586 Hooker *Learned Disc.* § 39 (1612) 68 Let no man..thinke himselfe..alwaies freed from scapes and oversights in his speech. 1613 Sir E. Hoby *Counter-snarle* 33 Such scapes oftentimes happen, when the Author himselfe cannot attend the presse. 1669 Sturmy *Mariner's Mag., Penalties & Forf.* 11 Such As poyson all they see, foul all they touch, And on Mechanick Scapes forge Arts detraction. 1705 J. Blair in W. S. Perry *Hist. Coll. Amer. Col. Ch.* I. 153 Involuntary Scapes of Transcription excepted.

† **4.** *To let a scape*: to break wind. (See also Escape *sb.*[1] 4 b.) *Obs.*

1549 Chaloner *Erasm. on Folly* N iv, I for my parte, through laughter, had almost let goe a skape, as Priapus did. 1577 Kendall *Flowers of Epigr.* 104 She would not misse her fistyng curre for any thyng: and why? Forsothe when so she letts a scape, she cries me, fie curre, fie. 1618 *Barnevelt's Apol.* B 2 b, This is the language of dissimulation, with whom a scape passes for currant, vnder the name of conghing. 1681 W. Robertson *Phraseol. Gen.* (1693) 584 To let a fart or let a scape.

† **5.** *pl.* ? Grapes that have been left ungathered.

1607 Topsell *Four-f. Beasts* 667 In some Countries they also gine them [*sc.* swine] the scapes or refuse Grapes of Vintage.

6. = Scapement. Cf. Scape *v.*[2] and *scape-wheel.*

1798 *Trans. Soc. Arts* XVI. 312 Exactly like those of a common clock with the dead scape.

7. *Comb.*: † **scape-door,** a door through which to escape, a means of escape; **scape-spring,** a spring that is automatically liberated when its action is required; **scape-wheel,** = *escape-wheel.*

1607 Hieron *Defence* I. 44 To himselfe a *scapedoore to flie out at. 1825 J. Nicholson *Operat. Mechanic* 512 Fig. 518 represents a side view of the *scape-spring which locks the wheel. 1822 Imison *Sci. & Art* I. 85 Thus the motion begun by the weight is transported to the *scape wheel. 1877 *Encycl. Brit.* VI. 18/2 The scape-wheel tooth does not overtake the face of the pallet immediately.

Scape (skēip), *sb.*[2] [ad. L. *scāpus*, a. Gr. (Doric) *σκᾶπος* (Hesych.), cogn. w. *σκῆπτρον* Sceptre. Cf. F. *scape*, Sp. *escapo.* See also Scapus.]

1. *Arch.* The shaft of a column. (With reference to the alleged sense = Apophyge, see Escape *sb.*[2])

1663 Charleton *Chor. Gigant.* 20 From the third part of their Scape, or lower part, upward. 1842 Gwilt *Archit.* Gloss., *Scape* or *Scapus*, the shaft of a column; also the little hollow, above or below, which connects the shaft with the base, or with the fillet under the astragal.

† **2.** The tongue of a balance. *Obs.*

[So L. *scapus trutinæ* is explained by Cooper 1565; Lewis & Short render it 'beam'.]

1633 G. Herbert *Temple, Justice* ii, The beam and scape Did like some tott'ring engine show.

3. *Bot.* A long flower-stalk rising directly from the root or rhizome; † *gen.*, a stem or stalk.

1601 Holland *Pliny* XIII. xi. I. 392 The scape or stalke

that ariseth from it hath three sides with three corners triangle-wise. 1785 Martyn *Rousseau's Bot.* xv. (1794) 166 Ribwort Plantain has..the scape angular and twisted. 1824 J. Barnet in *Trans. Hort. Soc.* (1826) VI. 152 The scapes are short, generally half the length of the leaf-stalk. 1885 Gooodale *Physiol. Bot.* (1892) 384 The scapes of many plants develop at a rapid rate.

attrib. 1870 Hooker *Stud. Flora* 32 Draba rupestris.. scape-leaf 1 or o.

4. *Ornith.* (See qnol.)

1872 Coues *Key N. Amer. Birds* 2 A perfect feather consists of a main stem, or scape (*scapus*..), and a supplementary stem or aftershaft.

5. *Ent.* (See quots.)

1826 Kirby & Sp. *Entomol.* xxxiii. III. 366 Scapus (the Scape). The first and in many cases the most conspicuous joint of the *Antennæ*. It includes the *Bulbus*. *Ibid.* xxxiv. 515 The scape, or first joint, by means of the bulb inosculates in the torulus, or is suspended to it. 1898 Packard *Text-bk. Entomol.* 57 In the more specialized forms it [the antenna] is divided into the *scape*, the *pedicel*, and a *flagellum* (or *clavola*).

Scape (skēip), *sb.*3 [Back-formation from Landscape.] A view of scenery of any kind, whether consisting of land, water, cloud, or anything else. Also as the second element of combs. formed in imitation of *landscape*, as Sea-scape, *cloud-scape*, and various nonce-words.

1773 G. White *Selborne, Let. to Barrington* 9 Dec., Mr. Ray..was so ravished with the prospect from Plumpton-plain, near Lewes, that he mentioned these scapes in his 'Wisdom of God in the Works of the Creation' with the utmost satisfaction. 1776 — *Let. to J. White* 9 Aug., He first of all sketches his scapes with a lead pencil. 1796 Charlotte Smith *Marchmont* IV. 339 My simile..brings me to remark on the landscape, or rather the prison-scape around me. 1853 Warter *Parock. Fragments W. Tarring* 362 During the ten years I have lived hard by the Downs, I have never seen a single dotterel on their scapes, much less a trip of them. 1868 *Daily News* 3 Sept., Some of these cloud-scapes are extremely grand. 1885 [W. H. White] *Mark Rutherford's Deliv.* ii. (1892) 18 Some relief from the contemplation of the landscape or brick-scape. 1907 E. W. Coleridge *Christabel* 3 Here was one of those moon-scapes which the poet should depict in verse.

Scape (skēip), *v.*1 Forms: 3 scapie, 4 scap, skape, 4–5 skap, schap(e, 4–6 skape, 5 scappe, skap, shape, skapp(e, 5–6 *Sc.* schaip, 6–7 scaipe, 9 *dial.* sceape, 4– scape. Also 4–6 *str. pa. t.* scope, skope, 4 skepe. [Aphetic var. of Escape *v.* Frequent in prose use till near the end of the 17th c.; subsequently only *arch.* and *poet.*, and often written '*scape.*]

1. = Escape *v.* in its various senses. **a.** *intr.*

c 1275 Lay. 826 Ne lete ȝe nanne cwicke scapie to felde. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 5009 For þar vs tok þe hei baili, To scap [*Gött.* schap, *Trin.* skape] wit gisel war we fain. 1303 R. Brunne *Handl. Synne* 10667 For he ne shulde skape by þe weye, He dyd on hym, bondes for to leye. 13.. *Gosp. Nicod.* 240 (Add. MS.) Pilate saide: 'is þis he þat herode pursewed soo?' 'ȝha', þai saide, 'pardye, and ȝit he skappid hym fro'. 13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* C. 155 Mony ladde þer forth-lep to laue & to kest, Scopen out þe scabel water, þat fayn scape wolde. *c* 1450 *Cov. Myst.* (Shaks. Soc.) 141 Yf thou be gylty thou mayst not schape. *c* 1489 Caxton *Blanchardyn* xlvii. 181 He was ryght wrooth and sory that she was scaped soo from hym. 1506 *Kal. Sheph.* (Sommer) 159 She shall be syke in the age of .v. yere she shallbe in daungere of dethe: and yf she skape she may leue tyll .xliij. yere. 1526 Tindale *Matt.* v. 18 One tytle of the lawe shall not scape tyll all be fulfilled. [So 1557 (Geneva).] 1540 *Cranmer's Bible*, 1 *Sam.* xiv. 41 Saul and Jonathas were caught, but the people skaped free. 1573 *Satir. Poems Reform.* xl. 163 Thay fryit in furie that he schaipit quick. *c* 1630 Mure *Ps.* cxxxix. 7 Where from thy spirit shall I scaipe? Where from thy presence flee? 1634 Milton *Comus* 814 What, have you let the false enchanter scape? 1665 Hooke *Microgr.* Pref., How difficult it will be for any .. to scape from being discover'd. 1692 R. L'Estrange *Fables* lxxi. 70 In the case of a Battle, where the Soldier grows Every day less apprehensive of the Hazzard, by seeing so many People Scape. 1744 Armstrong *Art Preserv. Health* III. 583 Of many thousands few untainted 'scaped; Of those infected fewer 'scap'd alive. 1784 Cowper *Task* II. 831 The croaking nuisance lurk'd in ev'ry nook; Nor palaces, nor even chambers, 'scap'd. 1814 Cary *Dante, Par.* I. 89 Lightning, scaped from its own proper place. 1814 Scott *Ld. of Isles* III. iv, In hurry of the night, 'Scaped noteless, and without remark, Two strangers sought the Abbot's bark.

β. strong pa. t.

c 1400 *Destr. Troy* 13541 Thus I skope fro the skathe with skyrme of my hondes. *Ibid.* 13616 Aschatus þen skepe furth with his skire wordis. *c* 1450 *Mirk's Festial* 257 So þat nobyng lafte saue þe kyng, þat vnneþe scope, and a ȝeong sonne of his wyfe. 1480 Caxton *Trevisa's Higden* (Rolls) VIII. 534 But he scope fro hem in to his lordes place. 1536 *St. Papers Hen. VIII* (1834) II. 352 They scaled the bridge, which thothers perceyvyng, scope oute at thother ende therof. 1538 *Ibid.* III. 19 Your son Bartholomew scope then hapy, for he was with Aylmer.

b. *trans.*

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 29260 þe man..mai noght þis cursing scape. 13.. *K. Alis.* 7735 (Bodl. MS.), Myne honde ne skapeþ he neuermore. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Man of Law's T.* 1151 Now is she scaped al hire auenture. 1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) IV. 295 No day schulde hym scape þat he nolde rede, write, oþer declare riȝtwisnesse. *c* 1440 *Generydes* 2849, I see noo cause, for we shall do right wele And skape ther handes, doughte ye neuer a dele. *c* 1450 *Cov. Myst.* (Shaks. Soc.) 223 For trewly I am so woundyrly seke I may nevyr schape this grett seknes. 1547 *Bk. of Marchaundes* hj, Nothynge scapeth them, but at their plasures [*sic*] they occupi it. 1577 B. Googe *Heresbach's Husb.* I. (1586) 37 b, It is sowed in April or later, in May, to scape the frostes. 1593 *Udall's Key of Holy Tongue* Note by Printer, The Typographical faultes, which perhaps haue scaped us. 1596 Danett tr. *Comines* (1614) 130, I marueiled to heare such a word scape him. 1600 Shaks. *Sonn.* xc, Ah doe not, when my heart hath scapte this sorrow Come in the rereward of a conquerd woe. 1693 Locke *Educ.* § 93 (1699) 148 Courage in an ill-bred Man, has the Air, and scapes not the Opinion of Brutality. 1710 Swift *Jrnl. to Stella* 14 Dec., If Patrick had been at home, I should have 'scaped this; for I have taught him to deny me almost as well as Mr. Harley's porter. 1784 Cowper *Task* IV. 185 While we retrace with mem'ry's pointing wand,..The dangers we have 'scaped. 1859 Tennyson *Guinevere* 345 Pray for him that he scape the doom of fire. 1878 Browning *La Saisiaz* 75 Ye mounts Where I climb to 'scape my fellow.

2. The verb-stem occurs in objective combinations, as **scape-gallows**, one who has escaped the gallows though deserving it; so † *scape-Tyburn*; † **scape-sermon**, an excuse for not preaching a sermon. Also Scapegrace, Scapethrift.

1799 Washington *Writ.* (1893) XIV. 154 The *scape-gallowses of the large cities. 1838 *Blackw. Mag.* XLIII. 520 The Whigs now support all the scape-graces, and sometimes scape-gallowses. 1654 Gayton *Pleas. Notes* III. xiii. 167 Thirdly, I believe that Mr. Curate was not provided, and that's enough at any time, for a *scape Sermon. 1602 F. Hering *Anat.* 4 *Scape-Tibornes, Dog-leeches, and such like baggage.

Scape (skēip), *v.*2 *Horology.* [Back-formation from Scapement.] *intr.* Of an escapement or one of its parts: To perform its function (in a certain manner).

1739 [see Escapement 2]. 1761 [see Dead *a.* 24 b]. 1884 F. J. Britten *Watch & Clockm.* 141 The pallets 'scape' over three teeth of the wheel.

Scape (skēip), *int.* A conventional imitation of the cry of the snipe when flushed. Hence used *subst.* as a nickname for the snipe.

1862 G. H. Kingsley *Sport & Trav.* (1900) 380 The..half-frozen sedges in which one kills friend Scape at home. 1870 H. Stevenson *Birds Norf.* II. 324 Its warning cry of 'scape, scape' on rising attracted my notice. 1903 *Westm. Gaz.* 25 Nov. 2/3 Sceape! Sceape! a sudden gleam of mottled grey Rising from nowhere wings its wizard flight.

Scapegoat (skēi·pgōut). [f. Scape *sb.*1 or *v.*1 + Goat.

App. invented by Tindale (1530) to express what be believed to be the literal meaning of Heb. שׂלח *ʿăzāzēl*, occurring only in Lev. xvi. 8, 10, 26. (In verse 10 he renders: 'The goote on which the lotte fell to scape'.) The same interpretation is expressed by the Vulgate *caper emissarius* (whence the Fr. *bouc émissaire*), and by Coverdale's (1535) rendering 'the fre goate', but is now regarded as untenable. The word does not appear in the Revised Version of 1884, which has 'Azazel' (as a proper name) in the text, and 'dismissal' in the margin as an alternative rendering.]

1. In the Mosaic ritual of the Day of Atonement (Lev. xvi), that one of two goats that was chosen by lot to be sent alive into the wilderness, the sins of the people having been symbolically laid upon it, while the other was appointed to be sacrificed.

1530 Tindale *Lev.* xvi. 8 And Aaron cast lottes ouer the .ii. gootes: one lotte for the Lorde, and another for a scape-goote. (So 1537, 1539, 1560 (Geneva), 1568, 1611.) 1651 Hobbes *Leviathan* xli, Our Saviour Christs sufferings seem to be here [*sc.* in Lev. xvi] figured..: He was both the sacrificed Goat and the Scape Goat.

2. One who is blamed or punished for the sins of others. (So F. *bouc émissaire.*)

1824 Miss Mitford *Village* Ser. I. 204 Country-boys.. are patient, too, and bear their fate as scape-goats, (for all sins whatsoever are laid as matters of course to their door, ..), with amazing resignation. 1867 Freeman *Norm. Conq.* I. vi. 416 He has been made the scape-goat for many of the sins both of other individuals and of the whole nation. 1888 Bryce *Amer. Commw.* v. lxxxviii. III. 193 The leaders of Tammany undertook to make a scapegoat of Conolly—the least respected and most unpopular of their number.

attrib. 1877 Tennyson *Harold* I. ii, A scape-goat marriage—all the sins of both The houses on mine head. 1895 J. Morley in *Daily News* 3 Dec. 3/2, I for one am not going to launch scapegoat Bills. I am not going to say this Bill or that Bill was wrong, and that, therefore, we deservedly lost the elections.

¶ The formation of the word has been imitated in nonce-combinations (chiefly jocular) in which the name of some other animal is substituted for 'goat' (cf. the quots.).

1765 H. Walpole *Let. to Earl of Herlford* 12 May, That scape-goose, Lord Halifax. 1783 Justamond tr. *Raynal's Hist. Indies* I. 86 They have a scape-horse, analogous to the scape-goat of the Jews. 1831 Southey in *Q. Rev.* XLIV. 286 To place himself in so prominent a position that he was noted for a scape-rat.

Scapegrace (skēi·pgrēis), *sb.* and *a.* [f. Scape *v.* + Grace *sb.*, the etymological notion being 'one who escapes the grace of God'. Cf. the older *scapethrift* and *want-grace.*] **A.** *sb.* A man or boy of reckless and disorderly habits; an incorrigible scamp. Often used playfully.

1809 Malkin *Gil Blas* v. i. P 3 That scape-grace Leganez had incurred the penalty of the rod. 1819 Scott *Let.* in *Lockhart* (1839) IV. 294 Most of the Irish of that class are scapegraces—drink, steal, and lie like the devil. 1852 Thackeray *Esmond* III. i, He..was the most charming young scapegrace in the army. 1897 Meredith *Amazing Marriage* I. xv. 168 Mention of her old scapegrace of a father lit her up again.

¶ Applied to a female. *rare.*

a 1847 Eliza Cook *Rory O'More* iii, Hebe, that teasing young scapegrace.

B. *adj.* That is a scapegrace; characteristic of a scapegrace.

1830 *Forrester* I. 202 A warrant, sir, to bind over your scapegrace friend there to keep the peace. 1836 T. Hook *G. Gurney* II. 189 After a sort of scape-grace acquaintance with the maddest wag of London. 1856 Masson *Ess.* iv. 120 The scapegrace young earl.

Sca·pel. *Bot. rare.* [ad. mod.L. *scāpellus* (Lindley 1839), dim. of *scāpus* Scape *sb.*2] 'The caulicle, or neck formed between the root and cotyledon at the time of germination' (*Treas. Bot.* 1866).

Scapelar, -eler, obs. forms of Scapular *sb.*

Scapelarie, -y, obs. ff. Scapulary.

Scapeless (skēi·plės), *a.*1 *Bot.* [f. Scape *sb.*2 + -less.] Destitute of a scape.

1828–32 in Webster.

Scapeless (skēi·plės), *a.*2 [f. Scape *sb.*1 or *v.*1 + -less.] Not to be escaped from; inevitable.

1850 Blackie *Æschylus* I. 164 My fate is fixed and scapeless. 1883 R. Bridges *Prometheus* 1227 The scapeless net sprend in thy sight around thee.

Scapellar, scapelor, obs. ff. Scapular.

Scapelori, -y, -elry, obs. forms of Scapulary.

Scapement (skēi·pmĕnt). [Aphetic form of Escapement.] = Escapement 2.

1755 [see Escapement 2]. 1789 *Trans. Soc. Arts* II. 245 A Scapement, for the use of clock-makers. 1822 Scott *Nigel* ii, They..have no more regularity in them than a watch without a scapement. 1879 *Cassell's Techn. Educ.* I. 190/2 The mechanism by which these numbers are counted is technically called a scapement.

Scaper, obs. form of Shaper.

Sca·pethrift. *Obs.* exc. *arch.* [f. Scape *v.* + Thrift.] A spendthrift.

c 1460 *Towneley Myst.* ii. 384 How, pyke-harnes, scape-thryft! how, pike-harnes, how! 1526 Skelton *Magnyf.* 761 Howe be it, of Scape Thryfte your clokes smelleth musty. 1577–87 Holinshed *Hist. Scot.* 263/1 He gathered a power of wicked scapethrifts..burnt the towne [etc.]. 1656 Earl Monm. tr. *Boccalini's Advts. fr. Parnass.* I. i. 3 Scape-thrifts, who have hut the purse of a private man, yet will spend like a Prince. 1838 *Gentl. Mag.* CVIII. II. 71 A scape-thrift laid his hand on his father's plough.

† **Sca·phage.** *Obs. rare*—1. [app. f. Gr. *σκάφ-ος* act of digging + -age.] (See quot.)

1610 W. Folkingham *Art of Survey* I. vii. 14 Scaphage is the digging, deluing, and preparing of the Soile with Spades or other handie-tooles for the sowing, setting, planting, and propagating of..Plants, Trees, &c. [Hence 1688 in Holme *Armoury* III. 333/2, misspelt *Scaphiage.*]

Scaphander (skæfæ·ndəɹ). [ad. F. *scaphandre* (so named by La Chapelle, the inventor, 1775), f. Gr. *σκάφη* boat + *ἀνδρ-*, *ἀνήρ* man.] A cork belt used as a support in swimming.

1825 Clias *Gymnastics* 165 A third..follows behind..with the scaphander. [In recent Dicts. with erroneous explanation: a water-tight suit for a diver.]

Scaphe, variant of Scaf.

Scaphite (skæ·fəit). [ad. mod.L. *scaphītēs* (Parkinson 1804–11), f. Gr. *σκάφη* boat (with reference to the boat-shaped form of the shell): see -ite.] A cephalopod of the fossil genus *Scaphites.*

1822 Conybeare *Outl. Geol.* II. ii. § 9. 162 Turrilite. Scaphite [etc.]. 1835 Kirby *Hab. & Inst. Anim.* I. i. 20 The Baculites, Hamites, Scaphites.

Scapho- (skæ·fo), comb. form of Gr. *σκάφη* boat, in many scientific terms (of which the most important will be found as Main words). **Scapho-calca·neal** *a.*, pertaining to the scaphoid and calcaneum (in recent Dicts.). **Scapho-cu·boid** *a.*, pertaining to the scaphoid and cuboid bones. **Scapho-cuneiform** *a.*, pertaining to the scaphoid and cuneiform bones. **Scapho·gnathite** [Gr. *γνάθος*], a flat oval plate in the gill chamber of fishes, which by movement promotes a constant flow of water through the gill; hence **Sca·phognathi·tic** *a.*, pertaining to a scaphognathite (*Cent. Dict.* 1891). **Scapholu·nar** *a.* [cf. Lunar B. 3], the epithet of a small bone in the carpus of some animals; also *elliptical* as *sb.* **Sca·pho-trape·zium,** a bone in the carpus of the sloth tribe, corresponding to the scaphoid and the trapezium united.

1876 *Quain's Elem. Anat.* (ed. 8) I. 177 *Scapho-Cuboid Articulation. *Ibid.* 178 *Scapho-Cuneiform Articulation. 1870 Rolleston *Anim. Life* 104 The branchia..act mainly as the *scapho-gnathite does. 1854 R. Owen in *Orr's Circ. Sci., Org. Nat.* I. 252 The..end of the *scapho-lunar bone. 1870 Flower *Osteol. Mammalia* xvi. 279 The first row consists of a scapho-lunar and a cuneiform. 1854 R. Owen in *Orr's Circ. Sci., Org. Nat.* I. 246 The *scapho-traperium is characteristic of the sloth-tribe.

‖ **Scaphocephalus** (skæfose·fāləs). *Path.* [mod.L., f. Gr. *σκάφη* boat + *κεφαλή* head: after *hydrocephalus.*] 'Boat-shaped head'; a condition of the skull (caused by premature ossification of the sagittal suture preventing transverse development), in which the length greatly exceeds the breadth.

1865 Thurnam in *Nat. Hist. Rev.* Apr. 247 In the Negro ..the more marked features of true scaphocephalus are more rarely seen.

Hence **Scaphocepha·lic, Scaphoce·phalous** *adjs.*, of or pertaining to scaphocephalus; **Scaphoce·phalism, Scaphoce·phaly** = Scaphocephalus.

1863 D. Wilson *Preh. Ann.* I. i. ix. 236 Professor v. Baer

..proposes the term scaphocephalic to indicate the same boat-like head-form. 1888 *Amer. Naturalist* July 614 Scaphocephalism..occurs from defective parietal bone formation. 1889 *Mayne's Med. Voc.* (ed. 6), Scaphocephalous. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 240 There are other types [of idiots] of less importance, such as the amaurotic, syphilitic, choreic, scaphocephalic [etc.]. 1901 *Nature* 12 Sept. 490/2 Two..papers..on deformed heads of living subjects; the one in a case of oxycephaly or acrocephaly and the other of scaphocephaly.

Scaphocerite (skăfǫ·sĕrəit). [f. Gr. *σκάφ-η* boat + *κέρ-ας* horn + -ITE.] The third section of the antenna of an arthropod.

1877 HUXLEY *Anat. Inv. Anim.* vi. 314 Next, a basicerite, to the outer portion of which a flattened plate..here called the scaphocerite, is articulated. 1893 STEBBING *Crustacea* iv. 38 A thin plate, known as the antennal scale..., while those who love long words are privileged to call it the scaphocerite.

Scaphoid (skæ·foid), *a.* and *sb.* [ad. mod.L. *scaphoīdēs*, a. Gr. *σκαφοειδής*, f. *σκάφ-η* boat: see -OID. Cf. F. *scaphoïde*.] **A.** *adj.* Shaped like a boat. Chiefly *Anat.* and *Zool.* *Scaphoid bone* = B. *Scaphoid fossa*: the fossa of the helix of the ear. *Scaphoid tubercle*: the short process of the malleus.

1741 A. MONRO *Anatomy* (ed. 3) 51 The Ligaments stretching from the Heel-bone to the Scaphoid Bone. 1858 H. GRAY *Anat.* 35 A small, oval, shallow depression, the scaphoid fossa. 1876 *Trans. Clinical Soc.* IX. 72 The hollow which should exist between the internal malleolus and the scaphoid tubercle was entirely obliterated. 1884 COUES *Key N. Amer. Birds* (ed. 2) 118 Where the lateral feathers slant upward from the lowermost central pair, like the sides of a boat from its keel, this is the scaphoid..or carinate.. tail. 1901 OSLER *Pract. Med.* (ed. 4) I. 26 Peritonitis may occur..with an abdomen flat or even scaphoid.

B. *sb.* [Short for *scaphoid bone*; in mod.L. *scaphoides*.] The first proximal carpal bone in Mammalia, or the corresponding bone in the foot. See NAVICULAR A. 1.

1846 BRITTAN tr. *Malgaigne's Man. Oper. Surg.* 249 One inch in front of the malleolus you feel the projection of the scaphoid; the joint is one inch beyond it. 1873 MIVART *Elem. Anat.* 151 A coocavity on the radial side to receive a prominence of the scaphoid.

†Scaphoi·dal, *a. Obs. rare*⁻¹. [Formed as SCAPHOID + -AL.] Boat-shaped, hollowed out.

1681 WHARTON *Eclipses* Wks. (1683) 102 The Earth is not Cubical, nor Pyramidal, Scaphoidal, or otherwise Hollow, ..but on every side perfectly round.

Scapiform (skē¹·pifɔm), *a.* [f. L. *scāp-us* SCAPE *sb.*² + -FORM.] Having the form of a SCAPE (in various senses).

1796 KIRWAN *Elem. Min.* (ed. 2) II. 338 Scapiform Iron Ore. 1857 A. GRAY *First Less. Bot.* 229 *Scapiform*, scape-like. 1900 B. D. JACKSON *Gloss. Bot. Terms* 232 *Scapiformi*, ..resembling a scape, a stem wanting leaves.

Scapigerous (skăpi·dʒĕrəs), *a. Bot.* [f. L. *scāp-us* SCAPE *sb.*² + -GEROUS.] Bearing a scape; having a stalk devoid of leaves.

1870 HOOKER *Stud. Flora* 215 Taraxacum, Dandelion. Perennial, scapigerous herbs.

Scapiller, obs. form of SCAPULAR.

†Sca·ping, *vbl. sb. Obs.* [f. SCAPE *v.*¹ + -ING¹.] The action of the verb SCAPE; escaping.

c 1374 CHAUCER *Boeth.* IV. Pr. iv. (1868) 135 They wene that either the leve or the mowinge to don wikkednesse, or elles the scapinge withoute peyne, be weleful. *c* 1450 tr. *De Imitatione* II. xii. 59 It must be so, for þere is no remedie of scapyng fro tribulacion of euel men & sorowe, but þat þou suffre. 1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 20 b, Fewe there be that gothe safely by this waye, but with great difficultye and hard scapynge.

Scaple, Scapler, obs. ff. SCAPPLE, SCAPULAR.

Scaplerie, -erye, -ory, obs. ff. SCAPULARY.

Scapolite (skæ·pǒləit). *Min.* [ad. G. *skapolith* (D'Andrada 1800), f. Gr. *σκᾶπο-ς* rod (see SCAPE *sb.*²) + *λίθος* stone: see -LITE.] One of a group of minerals (including dipyre, ekebergite, marialite, etc.) composed of silicates of aluminium, calcium, and sodium.

1802 T. THOMSON *Syst. Chem.* III. 480 Scapolite. 1879 RUTLEY *Study of Rocks* x. 111.

Scappe: see SCAB *sb.*, SCAPE *v.*, SHAPE, SKEP.

Scappel, obs. form of SCAPPLE *v.*

†Scapperboiling, *a. Obs.* ? Hotheaded.

1673 KIRKMAN *Unlucky Citizen* 53 Who would trust such a Scapperboyling young Giddy-braind Coxcomb as I was?

Scappiller, obs. form of SCAPULAR *sb.*

†Sca·pple, *sb. Obs.* Also **scaple.** Anglicized form of SCAPULA.

1578 BANISTER *Hist. Man* I. 2 Some great bones haue no manifest hollownes, as the..Scapple bones. *Ibid.* 25 b *marg.*, The shoulder blades or scaple bones. *Ibid.*, The vse of y^e^ cartilage in y^e^ vniting of the shoulder to the scaple.

Scapple (skæ·p'l), *v.* Forms: (4 ? scorpil), 5–7 **scaple,** 8 **scappel,** 9– **scapple.** See also SCABBLE *v.*, SCALP *v.*³ [Aphetic a. OF. *escapeler, eschapeler* to dress timber.] *trans.* To reduce the faces of (a block of stone; †in 15th c. also of timber) to a plane surface without working them smooth.

1443 *Contract* in Willis & Clark *Cambridge* (1886) I. 386, xvj fote of Seuerant table scapled with poynts. 1479 W. WAYNFLETE ibid. 410 He..shalle dygge and reyse and scaple the best stone yn the same quarrey. 1587 HOLINSHED *Chron.* III. 1538/1 And there was for this purpose alreadie perfectlie hewed of the same stone seuen thousand foot, and six thousand foot more was scapled. 1665 J. WEAA *Stone-Heng* 88 They [many of the upright Stones] were scapled at the Quarries. 1793 SMEATON *Edystone L.* § 113 The best way to get our stone rough scappelled, nearly to the shape I required. 1842 *Civil Engin. & Arch. Jrnl.* V. 320/1 The face stones should be roughly squared on the beds and joints, or what is called in the North 'scappled' to the form of the curve. 1845 PARKER *Gloss. Archit.* (ed. 4), *Scapple*,..the term is now used exclusively (or nearly so) in reference to stone, but was formerly applied to timber also, and must have signified the barking of a tree, or, more probably, squaring it with the axe. 1849 E. DOBSON *Masonry & Stonecutting* 89 The block being roughly scappled to its shape. 1904 GRIFFITHS 50 *Years Public Life* xxii. 333 His brother, in a Portland Quarry, scappling a block of stone, presents a family likeness.

Hence **Sca·ppled** *ppl. a.* **Sca·ppling** *vbl. sb.*, the action of the vb. (also *attrib.*); in dialectal use *concr.* in *pl.*, fragments of stone chipped off in scappling.

[1399 in *Fabric Rolls York Minster* (Surtees) 15 Pro scorpillyng lapidum.] 1473–4 in Swayne *Sarum Churchw. Acc.* (1896) 15 Item in hewinge and scapelynge of j elme viij d. 1793 SMEATON *Edystone L.* § 107 The stone..had always been shipped off in..what is called rough scappelled blocks; to be sawn and fair wrought to the particular purposes, where wanted. 1890 *Archæol. Jrnl.* XLVII. 162 Of the tools it is clear the scappling hammer and small axe were the chief.

Also **Scapple-dress** *v. trans.*, in the same sense.

1840 *Civil Engin. & Arch. Jrnl.* III. 30/1 All the front stones of the foundation were laid with a lewis of this kind, as well as the backing of squared stones, which were previously scapple-dressed at the quarry.

‖ Scapula (skæ·piŭlă). Pl. **scapulæ.** [L. *scapula*, in class. Latin only pl. *scapulæ* the shoulders, shoulder-blades. Cf. SCAPPLE *sb.*]

1. *Anat.* **a.** The shoulder-blade, blade-bone, or omoplate (in man and other animals).

1578 BANISTER *Hist. Man* I. 26 In the toppe of the shoulder blade, betwene the Processe *Acromion*, and the supreme part of *Scapula*. 1615 CROOKE *Body of Man* x. xxiii. (1631) 772 Of the muscles of the Shoulder-blade called Omoplata or Scapula. 1672 WISEMAN *Wounds* I. viii. 72 The other wound under the Scapula was painful. 1808 BARCLAY *Muscular Motions* 380 When the scapula is meant to form a steady support for the humerus, its antagonist muscles are made to act with an equal force, or to moderate one another with the steadiness required. 1876 BRISTOWE *Theory & Pract. Med.* (1878) 361 All that part of the back of the chest situated below the lower angle of the scapula.

† **b.** *Scapulæ of the nose* = mod.L. *scapulæ nasi*, 'the lateral portions of the nose' (*Syd. Soc. Lex.*).

1650 BULWER *Anthropomet.* vii. (1653) 118 The Elegancy of the Scapula of the Nose,..and that beauty which so manifestly appears in the wings of the Nose.

2. *Ent.* (See quot.)

1826 KIRBY & SP. *Entomol.* III. 369 *Scapula* (the Scapula). The second joint of the Brachium, answering to the Trochanter in the legs.

‖ Scapulalgia (skæpiŭlæ·ldʒiă). *Path.* Also anglicized **sca·pulalgy** (Mayne's *Med. Voc.*, 1889). [mod.L., f. SCAPULA + Gr. *-αλγία*, *ἄλγος* pain.]

1855 DUNGLISON *Med. Lex.*, *Scapulalgia*, arthralgia of the shoulder-joint. 1901 *Brit. Med. Jrnl.* 23 Feb. *Epitome* 29 Hysterical Scapulalgia.

Scapular (skæ·piŭlăr), *sb.* Forms: 5 **scapelar, scapulare,** 6 **scap(e)ler, -uler, -iller, -ellar, skappler,** 7, 9 **scapulaire,** 7 **-air,** 6– **scapular.** [ad. med.L. *scapulāre* (whence It. *scapulare*), f. *scapula* shoulder; for the formation cf. L. *collāre* COLLAR *sb.* and -AR. For the earlier forms in Eng. (and for F. *scapulaire*, whence some of the forms above), see SCAPULARY *sb.* (In senses 3 and 4 properly a distinct word, subst. use of SCAPULAR *a.*)]

1. *Eccl.* **a.** A short cloak covering the shoulders; prescribed by the Rule of St. Benedict to be worn by monks when engaged in manual labour, and adopted by certain religious orders as a part of their ordinary costume.

In later times often confounded with the cowl.

[*c* 960 ÆTHELWOLD *Rule St. Benet* (Schröer 1885) 89 Hæbban hy eac mid to wyrcenne scapulare, þæt is ȝehwæde cuȝelan and slyflease.] 1483 *Cath. Angl.* 321/1 Scapulare. 1499 *Promp. Parv.* (Pynson) O iij, Scapelar. 1509 BARCLAY *Ship of Fools* (1874) II. 324 Hange vp the scapler: the amys cowle and frocke Or other habyte of eche relygyon Vpon a tre clene dede or rottyn stocke. 1546 LANGLEY tr. *Pol. Verg. de Invent.* VII. iii. 134 The Chanons Clothyng was a white Cote, and a linnen rochet under a blacke Cope, with a Scapuler to couer their hed and shoulders. 1547 *Injunct. Visitors Windsor* ii, in Wordsw. *Tracts of Clem. Maydeston* 234 *note*, Wee require you..that all Prebendaries ..doe surcease from useing or wairing any blacke cope or Scapuler of Cloath above their surplises. 1653 H. COGAN tr. *Pinto's Trav.* xxxii. 129 The Chaem was apparelled in a long Gown of violet Satin,..with a kind of Scapulair about his neck. 1698 FRYER *Acc. E. India & P.* 297 We Housed ourselves Cap-a-pee under Felts,..with a Scapular to pull over our Heads and Face. 1814 SCOTT *Ld. of Isles* VI. ii, The rule that bid thee wear Dim veil and woollen scapulaire. 1908 *Blackw. Mag.* Dec. 808/1 His hands were clasped under his white scapular.

b. An article of devotion composed of two small squares of woollen cloth, fastened together by strings passing over the shoulders, worn as a badge of affiliation to the religious order which presents it.

1870 *Daily News* 5 Sept. 6 The old lady was working a scapular for a second youth who had gone to the front. 1884 *Catholic Dict.* (1897) 821/2 There are four other scapulars [besides that of the Carmelites] used in the Church: that of the Trinity, of white linen with a red cross, given by the Trinitarians..; the Servite scapular of the Seven Dolours ..; that of the Immaculate Conception..given by the Theatines..; the red scapular of the Passion..given by the Vincentian Fathers.

attrib. 1854 FABER *Growth in Holiness* xv. (1872) 282 World-wide devotions as the rosary, and scapular-prayers.

†c. One who wears a scapular. *Obs. rare*⁻¹.

a 1550 *Image Ipocr.* iv. 211 in *Skelton's Wks.* II. 441/2 Some be Vitlers, Some be Scapelers, And some Cubiculers.

†2. *Surg.* A bandage passing over and around the shoulders to support other bandages, etc. upon the lower parts of the body. *Obs.*

1754–64 SMELLIE *Midwifery* I. 161 Sometimes a bandage applied round the lower part of the belly, and supported with the Scapular is of singular service. 1758 J. S. tr. *Le Dran's Observ. Surg.* (1771) 109 Compresses, which were secured by a Napkin round the Body and the Scapular.

3. *Ornith.* [Elliptical for *scapular feather*: see SCAPULAR *a.* 2.] Any feather which grows from the *pterylæ humerales* or scapular region.

1768 PENNANT *Brit. Zool.* (1776) II. 440 The back, coverts of the wings, and scapulars, are black. 1884 J. H. GURNEY *Diurnal Birds Prey* 151 In No. 1 the scapulars had become slightly paler.

4. *Ent.* (See quots.)

1826 KIRBY & SP. *Entomol.* III. 378 *Scapularia* (the Scapulars). Two pieces, one on each side the *Medipectus*, which succeed the *Peristethium*, and lie between the midlegs and the *Pteropega*, or wing-socket. *Ibid.* IV. 494 The South American species (*Goliath micans*, &c.) have not this projection of the scapulars.

Scapular (skæ·piŭlăr), *a.* [ad. mod.L. *scapulāris*, f. L. *scapula*: see SCAPULA and -AR. Cf. SCAPULARY *a.*]

1. Of or pertaining to the scapula.

1713 DERHAM *Phys.-Theol.* v. ii. (1727) 286 The Viscera of the Belly counterpois'd with the Weight of the scapular Part, and that useful Cushion of Flesh behind. 1847–9 *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* IV. 438/1 The scapular region is sometimes the seat of furuncular inflammation. 1848 *Quain's Elem. Anat.* (ed. 5) I. 517 The scapular arteries. 1880 GÜNTHER *Fishes* 59 The scapular or humeral arch is suspended from the skull by the post-temporal.

2. *Ornith.* Applied to any feather which grows upon the *pterylæ humerales*.

1688 HOLME *Armoury* II. 264/2 The Craker, or Sea-Pheasant..the scapular feathers are black. 1768 PENNANT *Brit. Zool.* (1776) II. 435 The scapular feathers black and white. 1872 COUES *Key N. Amer. Birds* 16 The scapular feathers or scapulars.

3. *Ent.* Pertaining to the scapular in insects; see SCAPULAR *sb.* 4.

1826 KIRBY & SP. *Entomol.* III. 379 *Spiracula Scapularia* (the Scapular Spiracles). Two spiracles observable, one in each scapular, in *Acrida laurifolia*, &c.

4. In names of birds: **scapular crow** = *scapulated raven* (*Corvus scapulatus*); **scapular wagtail** (see quot.).

1823 J. LATHAM *Gen. Hist. Birds* VI. 336 Scapular Wagtail. *Jora scapularis*.

Scapulary (skæ·piŭlări), *sb.* Forms: 3 **scapelori,** 4 **scapelry, chapolory,** 5 **scapelerey, scaplerie, -erye, -or(e)y, scapelarie, -ory, (kapelary), skaplorie,** 5, 7 **scapelary, scapularie,** 6 **skapellarye,** 5– **scapulary.** [ad. med.L. *scapulārium*, a var. of *scapulāre* SCAPULAR *sb.* (the pl. *scapulāria* being common to the two sing. forms). Cf. F. *scapulaire*, Sp., Pg. *escapulario*. The confusion of the ending with L. *-ōrium*, -ORY, appears in the AF. *eschapeloyre* (J. de Garlandia, 12th c.), whence app. the 14th c. form *chapolory*.

The 15th c. form *kapelary*, if not a mere scribal error, may be compared with med.L. *capulāre*, *capulārium*, OF. *capillaire*, which seem to be etymologizing alterations of *scapulārium* (as if derived from *caput* head).]

1. *Eccl.* **a.** = SCAPULAR *sb.* 1.

[*a* 1030 *Rule St. Benet* lv. (E. E. T. S.) 91 Culam on wintre þicce on sumere þinne oððe ealdnesse & scapularian for weorcum.] *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* (Cleop.) 424 Inwið þe wanes ha muhe werie scapeloris hwen mantel ham heuegeð. *c* 1290 *S. Eng. Leg.* I. 287/230 Al bi-neoþe sat a frere in is scapelori ȝwijt, his hod i-drawe ouer is eiȝen. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xxxi. (*Eugenia*) 672 With þat scho kest þe cule away & scapelry hut delay. *c* 1394 *P. Pl. Crede* 550 Þei schapen her chapolories & strecchen hem brode. 1402 *Pol. Poems* (Rolls) II. 69 Thou axist me, Jacke, of my grete hood, what that it meneth, my scapelarie and my wide cope, and the knottide girdil. *c* 1440 *Alphabet of Tales* 341 He doffid his cowle & did on his skaplorie, and so he dyed. *c* 1474 *Inventory* in *Paston Lett.* III. 410 Item, a scapelerey with an hodde. *c* 1485 *Frere & Boy* in *E. E. Misc.* (Warton Club) 56 The bramblys..rent hys [the friar's] kyrtyll and his kapelary, And all hys other wede. 1552 LYNDESAY *Monarche* 5858 Gyf ȝe tuk the Skapellarye, That ȝe mycht leif more plesandlye. 1687 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 2282 The Commissary of the Inquisition..put on him the Habit of Penance, which is a Yellow Scapulary with a Red Cross, before and behind. 1875 W. MCILWRAITH *Guide Wigtownshire* 87 They [*sc.* Cistercian monks] wore white robes with black scapularies.

b. = SCAPULAR *sb.* 1 b.

1674 BREVINT *Saul & Sam.* xiii. 277 The Badg it [*sc.* this Confraternity] gives which is call'd the Holy Scapulary; is made of two small Pieces of woollen Stuff [etc.]. 1699 BURNET 39 *Art.* xxii. 228 They [*sc.* indulgences] are also affixed to..Rosaries and Scapularies. 1903 MORLEY *Gladstone* x. iii. III. 407 They found on his corpse the scapulary worn by devout catholics.

†2. *Anat.* (See quot.) *Obs.*

1615 CROOKE *Body of Man* VIII. i. (1631) 533 The double Scapulary, or the veines of the shoulder-blade. 1668 WILKINS

Real Char. II. vi. § 1. 178 The upper Convexity of Breast and Back..Shoulder, Scapulary.

†**3.** *Surg.* = SCAPULAR *sb.* 2. *Obs.*

1754-64 SMELLIE *Midwifery* III. 427, I applied a large compress, and over all the napkin and scapulary. 1879 STORMONTH *Man. Sci. Terms, Scapulary*, a broad bandage with two flaps passed over the shoulders.

4. = SCAPULAR *sb.* 3.

1854 OWEN in *Orr's Circ. Sci., Org. Nat.* I. 223 Those (feathers) which lie over the humerus are called 'scapulariæ', or scapularies. 1874 WOOD *Nat. Hist.* 261 On the neck, the back, the shoulders, and the scapularies, the black hue is shot with bronze, green, and purple.

Scapulary (skæ·piŭlări), *a.* Ia 6 scopelary. [ad. F. *scapulaire* and mod. L. *scapulārius*, f. *scapula*: see SCAPULA and -ARY.]

†**1.** *Scapulary mantle*: a cloak covering the shoulders. *Obs.* [Cf. OF. *cote eschapulaire.*]

a 1548 HALL *Chron., Hen. VIII* 46 b, The kynge was in a scopelary mantel, and hatt of clothe of syluer.

2. = SCAPULAR *a.* 1.

1785 J. LUCAS in *Med. Commun.* II. 92 The canula was secured in the wound by a bandage, with scapulary straps. 1880 GÜNTHER *Fishes* x. 150 The Heart is situated..between the two halves of the scapulary arch.

Scapulated (skæ·piŭlēitĕd), *a.* [f. mod.L. *scapulāt-us* (see SCAPULA and -ATE[2]) + -ED[1].] *Scapulated Raven*: the book-name of *Corvus* (*Pterocorax*) *scapulatus* distinguished by a patch of pure white feathers upon the scapular region.

1869-73 T. R. JONES *Cassell's Bk. Birds* I. 260 Throughout the whole of the Soudan and the lower parts of Abyssinia the Scapulated Raven is found living in pairs.

Scapulette (skæ·piŭlet). *Zool.* Also **scapulet.** [a. G. *scapulette* (Haeckel): see SCAPULA and -ETTE.] (See quots.)

1887 *Amer. Jrnl. Sci.* Ser. III. XXXIII. 123 The smaller appendages to the oral cylinder are sixteen in number, and are known as the scapulettes or upper leaf-like appendages. 1894 GOULD *Illustr. Dict. Med.* etc., *Scapulet, Scapulette*, in biology, one of the leaf-like appendages of the manubrium of certain *Cnidaria.*

Scapulimancy (skæ·piŭlimæ·nsi). [Hybrid f. L. SCAPULA + -MANCY.] Divination by means of the cracks in a shoulder-blade pat into the fire.

1871 TYLOR *Prim. Cult.* I. 112 Divination by a shoulder-blade, technically called scapulimancy or omoplatoscopy.

Hence **Scapulima·ntic** *a.*, pertaining to scapulimancy (*Cassell's Encycl. Dict.* Suppl. 1902).

Scapulo- (skæ·piŭlo), used as combining form of L. *scapula*, the shoulder, in many scientific terms. **Scapulo-axi·llary** *a.*, **-bra·chial** *a.*, defining particular dorsal areas. **Scapulo-clavi·cular** *a.*, of or belonging to the scapula and the clavicle; also *sb.*, the scapulo-clavicular joint. **Scapulo-co·racoid** *a.*, of or belonging to the scapula and the coracoid. **Scapulody·nia** [Gr. ὀδύνη pain], pain in the muscles of the shoulder. **Scapulo-hu·meral** *a.*, of or belonging to the scapula and the humerus. **Scapulo-ra·dial** *a.*, of or belonging to the scapula and the radius. **Scapulo-u·lnar** *a.*, of or belonging to the scapula and the ulnus. **Scapulo-ve·rtebral** *a.*, of or belonging to the scapula and the spine.

1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VI. 865 *Scapulo-brachial or 3rd dorsal area...*Scapulo-axillary or 5th dorsal area. 1858 H. GRAY *Anat.* 158 *Scapulo-Clavicular Articulation. The Scapulo-Clavicular is an arthrodial joint, formed between the outer extremity of the clavicle, and the upper edge of the acromian process of the scapula. 1854 OWEN in *Orr's Circ. Sci., Org. Nat.* I. 210 The *scapulo-coracoid arch..is applied..over the anterior thoracic hæmal arches. 1870 FLOWER in *Jrnl. Anat.* May 242 Superior border, anterior in most animals, with scapulo-coracoid notch. 1866 FLINT *Princ. Med.* 835 Valleix entitles the affection here situated *scapulodynia. 1840 W. J. E. WILSON *Anat. Vade M.* (1842) 114 The *scapulo-humeral articulation is an enarthrosis. 1899 *Syd. Soc. Lex.*, *Scapulo-radial...*Scapulo-ulnar...*Scapulo-vertebral.

‖ **Scapus** (skē·pŭs). Pl. **scapi** (skē·pəi). [L.: see SCAPE *sb.*[2]]

1. *Arch.* = SCAPE *sb.*[2] 1. ? *Obs.*

1563 SHUTE *Archit.* B iv b, Vpon the foote of the pillor, directly & vpright set Scapus,..the which Scapus, is the boddy of the pillor. 1598 HAVDOCKE tr. *Lomazzo* I. xxiv. 85 The Scapus or shafte with his base and capitel. 1664 EVELYN tr. *Freart's Archit.*, etc. 139 The Rings..begirting the Scapus of a Column near the Apophyges. *a* 1728 WOODWARD *Nat. Hist. Fossils* I. I. (1729) 20 The slender round Scapi of the Pillars of the Abbey-Church in Westminster.

†**2.** *Bot.* = SCAPE *sb.*[3] 3. *Obs.*

1704 J. HARRIS *Lex. Techn.* I, *Scapus*, the strait Stalk or Shaft of a Plant, standing upright like a Pillar or Column. 1762 EHRET *Ophrys* in *Phil. Trans.* LIII. 81 These encompass a triquetrous scapus.

3. *Ornith.* = SCAPE *sb.*[2] 4.

1882 H. GADOW in *Proc. Zool. Soc.* 420 Fig. 1..*s*, scapus or shaft. 1883 MARTIN & MOALE *Vertebr. Dissect.* 95 It possesses a main stem or *scapus* composed of quite different proximal and distal portions.

†**4.** *Ent.* = SCAPE *sb.*[2] 5. *Obs.*

1826 KIRBY & SP. *Entomol.* III. 323 To begin with the first joint, or scapus.

Scar (skāi), *sb.*[1] Forms: 4–5 **skerre** (5 **sckerre**), **skarre**, 4–6 **skar**, 4–5, 7 **scarre**, 5 **skyrre**, 7 **scarr**, 7– **scar**, (8–9 *dial.* **skeer**, 9 *Sc.* **skair**). Also SCAUR. [App. a. ON. *sker* neut. (Da. *skjær*, Sw. *skär*) recorded only in the sense of a low reef in the sea, a SKERRY (cf. sense 3). Cf. Gael. *sgeir* a rock in the sea (from ON.), f. OTeut. **sker-* to cut: see SHEAR *v.*]

†**1.** A rock, crag. *Obs.*

13.. *St. Cristofer* 135 in Horstm. *Altengl. Leg.* (1881) 456 He loked abowte; þane was he warre Of an ermytage vndir a skerre. 1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) I. 99 Þe mount of Oreb is a partie of þe mounte of Synay,..but hit is harde to come þerto for hiȝe rokkes and skarres [L. *propter scopulos præruptos*]. 1388 WYCLIF 1 *Sam.* xiv. 4 Scarris brokun bifore [Vulg. *scopuli prærupti*]. *a* 1400–50 *Alexander* 4865 Rochis & rogh stanes rokkis vnfaire, Scutis to þe scharpe schew sckerres a hundreth. *c* 1450 *Mirk's Festial* 206 For þer was non erþe to make a graue, he layde hit vndyr a honging skyrre. 1535 STEWART *Cron. Scot.* (Rolls) II. 415 Ane fair castell standand on the se skar, Is callit now the castell of Dumbar Efter his name.

2. A lofty, steep face of rock upon a mountain-side; a precipice, cliff.

1673 *Depos. Cast. York* (Surtees) 196 She and Jane Makepeace of New Ridly had trailed a horse of the said Geo. downe a great scarr. 1721 RAMSAY *Ode to the Ph——* i, O'er ilka clengh, ilk scar, and slap. 1776 PENNANT *Tour in Scot.* II. 347 Wensley-dale, a beautiful and fertile vale.. in many parts cloathed with woods, surmounted by long ranges of scars, white rocks, smooth and precipitous in front, and perfectly even at their tops. 1833–4 J. PHILLIPS *Geol.* in *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) VI. 703/2 The magnificent ranges of scars which begird the hills of Derbyshire and Westmoreland. 1847 TENNYSON *Princess* IV. (Song), O sweet and far from cliff and scar The horns of Elfland faintly blowing! 1888 HENLEY *Bk. Verses* 157 And in the silver dusk you hear, Reverberated from crag and scar, Bold bugles blowing points of war.

3. A low or sunken rock in the sea; a rocky tract at the bottom of the sea.

a 1712 HALYBURTON *Memoirs* ii. (1824) 74 We were in imminent danger of shipwreck on the scars of England. 1791 'G. GAMBADO' *Ann. Horsem.* ix. (1809) 106 My horse.. ran straight on for the cliffs above the Scar. 1823 W. SCORESBY *Jrnl. Whale Fish.* 6 A bank or 'scar' stretches from Kirkholm Point on the west side. 1882 J. B. BAKER *Hist. Scarborough* 329 The bottom [of the sea] from hence all the way to the edge of the Dogger Bank is a scarr.

4. The rough burnt-out cinder left in a furnace; = CLINKER *sb.*[1] 3.

1852 *Eng. & Foreign Mining Gloss.* 62 *Scars*, clinkers. 1893–4 *Northumbld. Gloss.*

5. *attrib.*, as **scar-limestone**, a carboniferous rock occurring in the Pennine Range.

1831 A. SEDGWICK in *Trans. Geol. Soc.* (1836) Ser. II. IV. 70 Great scar limestone.

Scar (skāi), *sb.*[2] Forms: 5–7 **scarre**, 6 **scare**, 6–7 **skar**(**re**, 7 **scarr**, 4, 6– **scar.** [Prob. aphetic a. OF. *escare* (F. *escarre*, now written *eschare*), = Sp., Pg., It. *escara*, ad. late L. *eschara*, an ESCHAR or scab formed in the healing of a burn or wound, a. Gr. ἐσχάρα lit. 'hearth'. The Eng. sense has prob. been influenced by association with SCAR *sb.*[3]]

1. The trace of a healed wound, sore, or burn; = CICATRIX 1.

1388 WYCLIF *Lev.* xxii. 22 If it is blynd, if it is brokun, if it hath a scar [Vulg. *cicatricem*]. (*Gloss in* 5 *MSS. c* 1420–30: that is a notable foulenesse dwellinge after the helinge of a wounde). 1530 PALSGR. 265/2 Scarre of a wounde, *covsture..*, *trasse..*, *cicatrice.* 1559 *Mirr. Mag., Salisb.* xii, Of cured woundes beset with many a skarre. 1576 FLEMING *Panopl. Epist.* 307 That wound neuer groweth to a skarre, which is not plyed with playsters. 1601 SHAKS. *All's Well* IV. v, A scarre nobly got, Or a noble scarre, is a good liu'rie of honor. 1633 G. HERBERT *Temple, Ch. Mil.* 63 The Warrior his deere skarres no more resounds, But seems to yeeld Christ hath the greater wounds. 1658 A. FOX *Wurts' Surg.* II. x. 87 At the Throat usually happen gross scarrs. 1672 WISEMAN *Wounds* I. viii. 73 He presently stript himself of his shirt, and shewed the Doctor, who both see and felt their scars [1676 the Cicatrices] and replied they are well. *a* 1701 MAUNDRELL *Journ. Jerus.* (1732) 70 A great scar upon his Arm, which he told us was the mark of a wound. 1785 BURNS *Jolly Beggars* Air i, I am a son of Mars, who have been in many wars And show my cuts and scars wherever I come. 1810 SCOTT *Lady of L.* III. iv, His naked arms and legs, seamed o'er, The scars of frantic penance bore. 1875 MANNING *Mission Holy Ghost* viii. 216 If you had ever been wounded, there would be a scar left behind.

transf. 1742 YOUNG *Nt. Th.* I. 430 As from the wing no scar the sky retains.

b. *fig.* A fault or blemish remaining as a trace of some former condition or resulting from some particular cause.

1583 BABINGTON *Commandm.* ix. (1590) 404 Let no proofe be brought for it, and neuer so much against it, yet stickes the scarre of suspition still. 1634 W. TIRWHYT tr. *Balzac's Lett.* I. 169 There is now no longer meanes to cover this skarre which dishonoureth the face of State. 1710 SACHEVERELL *Sp. Impeachment* 57 The Prosecution wou'd leave a Scar upon his good Name. 1820 SHELLEY *Fragm. Satire* 19 The leprous scars of callous Infamy. 1860 EMERSON *Cond. Life, Worship* Wks. (Bohn) II. 397 Another scar of this scepticism is the distrust in human virtue.

†c. In phrases *to bring, to draw, to cure to a scar*, to treat a wound until it cicatrizes; to induce healing. Also *fig. Obs.*

1532 MORE *Confut. Tindale* Wks. 440/1 Penaunce.. plastereth and patcheth vp, and maketh muche woorke to cure the wound and bring it to a scarre. 1578 LYTE *Dodoens* I. xxxix. 57 The leaues..doth cure and heale olde woundes, that are harde to close or drawe to a Scarre. 1629 GAULE *Holy Madn.* 285 Bold Heart and Brane! that hath already curbed his Passions and cured them to a skarre.

2. *Nat. Hist.* A mark or trace indicating the point of attachment of some structure that has been removed; *Bot.* and *Conch.* = CICATRIX 2 and 3.

1793 MARTYN *Lang. Bot.* (1796), *Hilum...*The external mark or scar of the umbilical chord on some seeds, where they adhere to the pericarp. 1836 BUCKLAND *Geol. & Min.* xviii. § 2 I. 475 Scars of leaves small. 1861 BENTLEY *Man. Bot.* 97 The outside of the stem of a Fern is marked with a number of scars. 1870 H. A. NICHOLSON *Man. Zool.* xlvi. (1875) 338 The 'foot'..is essentially a muscular organ,..its retractor muscles usually leaving distinct impressions or scars (the 'pedal impressions') in the interior of the shell.

3. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *scar-bearer*; *scar-clad*, *-seamed* adjs.; **scar-edge** = HILUM; **scar-wort**, ? some species of *Lepidium.*

a 1701 SEDLEY *Tyrant of Crete* I. ii, Sure, he was *scar-bearer to some army. 1792 J. WOLCOT (P. Pindar) *Ep. to Ld. Macartney* 59 And lo! The *scar-clad Veteran adores! 1887 *Amer. Naturalist* XXI. 576 Four out of the twenty with the *scar-edge up, after exhausting the nourishment stored in the cotyledons, perished in their attempts to make a successful growth. 1813 SCOTT *Rokeby* IV. iii, There rose the *scar-seam'd Veteran's spear. 1657 W. COLES *Adam in Eden* cccxvi. 588 Of Pepperwort or Dittander...There is a kinde hereof called *Scarrewort, after the Greek name, either because it maketh a marke in the hand of him that shall hold it, or because it taketh away all manner of Scarres.

Scar (skāi), *sb.*[3] [Perh. an altered form of SCARTH (a. ON. *skarð*), the loss of the *th* (*ð*) may have taken place in the plural: cf. *clo'es* (klōuz) for *clothes.* Cf. also ON. *skor* SCORE *sb.*]

†**1.** A crack, chink; a cut, incision. *Obs.*

1390 GOWER *Conf.* I. 20 And ek fulofte a litel Skar Upon a Banke, er men be war, Let in the Strem. *c* 1407 LYDG. *Reas. & Sens.* 5427 The tother [bow], hydouse and ryght blak,..Ful of knottys and of skarrys, The tymber is so ful of warrys. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 442/2 Scarre, or brekynge, or ryvynge. *c* 1440 CAPGRAVE *Life St. Kath.* v. 712 (Arund.) Thei myght see light as it gan creepe Thurgh-oute the scarres. 1653 WALTON *Angler* vii. 150 You must take your knife..cut or make an insition, or such a scar as you may put the arming wyer of your hook into it..and..draw out that wyer or arming of your hook at another scar neer to his tail.

2. A fragment, 'shard'. *Obs.* exc. *dial.* (see E.D.D. s. v. *Scard*).

1698 THORESBY in *Phil. Trans.* XX. 311, I got also some Scars of broken Urns,..which are of the finest blew Clay I have seen.

Scar (skāi), *sb.*[4] See also SCARE *sb.*[3], SCARO. [ad. L. *scarus.*] = SCARUS. Also *scar-fish.*

1748 tr. *Horace, Sat.* II. ii. (ed. 3) 117 Those who gorge and cloy themselves by over-eating, can relish neither Oysters, Scar, no, nor the Lagois itself. 1828–32 WEBSTER, *Scar*, a fish of the Labrus kind. 1883 *Fisheries Exhib. Catal.* 380 Zanzibar has a large import trade of dry and salt fish, principally shark and scar-fish.

Scar (skār), *a. Sc.* and *north.* (see E.D.D.) Also 5–6 **skar**, 6 **sker**, 8–9 **scaur.** [a. ON. *skiarr* (Norw. *skjerr*), whence *skirra* to SCARE.]

1. Shy, afraid; scrupulous.

1530 LYNDESAY *Test. Papyngo* 126 That daye Neptunus hid hym, lyke one sker. *c* 1560 A. SCOTT *Poems* i. 211 Quhilkis ar not skar to bar on far fra bawrdis. 1573 *Satir. Poems Reform.* xlii. 61 The vther sayis: 'thocht ȝe wes skar, Me think that now ȝe cum ouir nar'. 1785 BURNS *Addr. to Deil* iii, An' faith! thou's neither lag nor lame, Nor blate nor scaur.

b. Of a horse: Shy, easily scared, restive. Of sheep: Wild. [So ON. *skiarr.*]

1508 DUNBAR *Tua Mariit Wemen* 357 The cappill..is nonght skeich, na ȝit sker, na scippis nonght on syd. 1679 FOUNTAINHALL *Decisions* (1759) I. 59 The horse being scar, he twice threw him off, and so he broke his neck. 1714 in Shirreff *Agric. Shetld.* (1814) App. 61 That such as had scar sheep might be appointed to tame them.

†**2.** ? Easily provoked. [Cf. Norw. *skjerresinnad* (Aasen) in the same sense.] *Obs. rare.*

c 1460 *Towneley Myst.* xxi. 301 Ye ar bot to skar, good sir abate.

Scar (skāi), *v.* [f. SCAR *sb.*[2]]

1. *trans.* To mark with a scar; to disfigure by inflicting a wound.

1555 EDEN *Decades* (Arb.) 164 A certayne well learned phisytion of Ciuile, was scarred with lyghtnynge in the nyghte season. 1604 SHAKS. *Oth.* V. ii. 4 Yet lle not shed her blood, Nor scarre that whiter skin of hers then Snow. 1737 [S. BERINGTON] *G. di Lucca's Mem.* (1738) 32 One of the Balls went thro' my Hair, and the other scarr'd the side of my Neck. 1757 BURKE *Abridgm. Eng. Hist.* Wks. X. 262 In the same design of barbarous ornaments, their faces were generally painted and scarred. 1834 MARRYAT *P. Simple* xli, She was scarred with the small-pox. 1852 MITCHELL *Dream Life* 219 The old maples are even now scarred with the rude cuts you gave them. 1884 *Punch* 13 Sept. 122/1 I'm..scarred with brambles from head to foot.

b. *transf.*

1697 DRYDEN *Virg. Georg.* I. 100 But if the Soil be barren, only scar The Surface, and but lightly print the Share. 1850 MRS. BROWNING *Crowned & Buried* xviii, I would that hostile fleets had scarred Torbay. 1871 L. STEPHEN *Playgr. Eur.* x. (1894) 241 It is scarred and gashed by some of the ..gullies of the Dolomite mountains. 1908 *Outlook* 10 Oct. 460/2 Durham has been scarred and blackened by modern industrialism.

c. *fig.*

1593 NASHE *Christ's T.* 81 Chastitie being once scarred is never salued.

2. a. *trans.* with *up.* To heal, cover with a scar. b. *intr.* with *over.* To heal; to become covered with a scar as a sign of healing.

1609 [BP. W. BARLOW] *Answ. Nameless Cath.* 266 This Antilogie the Antapologer..would salue by a figure in Gram-

mar called Acyrologie, and would scarre vp the wound by an improprietie of speech. 1888 Bryce *Amer. Commw.* III. cix. 577 Wounds which were just beginning to scar over were reopened by the war of 1812.

Scar, obs. form of Scabe *sb.* and *v.*, Shear.

Scarab (skæ·răb). Also 6 **scarabb(e**, 6–7 **scarabe**, 7 **scarrab**, **-ubb**. [ad. F. *scarabée*, Scarabee (= Pr. *escaravai*, Sp. *escarabajo*, Pg. *escaravão*, *scaraveo*, also dim. *escaravelho*, It. *scarabeo*, also *scarafaggio*), ad. L. *scarabæus*, Scarabæus. Cf. Gr. *κάραβος*, dim. *κάράβιον*, also *κάραβις*, horned beetle, stag-beetle, also sea crayfish.]

1. In early use, a beetle of any kind (chiefly referred to as supposed to be bred in and to feed upon dung). Now *rare* exc. as applied to the scarabæid beetle, *Ateuchus sacer*, reverenced by the ancient Egyptians (cf. sense 2).

1579 Gosson *Sch. Abuse* (Arb.) 19 The *Scarabe* flies ouer many a sweete flower, and lightes in a cowshard. 1615 Markham *Pleas. Princ.* ii. (1635) 15 A hollow Cane in which he may put them [Maggots, etc.], and Scarrabs. 1681 in *Phil. Collect.* XII. 54 A large Scarabe, I found among Goods brought from the Indies. 1776 G. White *Selborne*, *To Barrington* 3 Apr., This stomach was..stuffed..with ..various insects, such as small scarabs, spiders, and dragon-flies. 1845 Browning *Glove* 34 An Arab As glossy and black as a scarab. 1904 Budge *3rd & 4th Egypt. Rooms Brit. Mus.* 187 A deceased king is said to have entered the boat of the Sun in the form of the scarab.

attrib. 1582 Lyly *To Anthor* in *T. Watson's Poems* (Arb.) 29 Not vnlike vnto..the Scarab flies, which enter into the roote and neuer touch the rinde.

† **b.** *transf.* and *fig.* esp. as a term of abuse for a man. *Obs.*

c 1600 *Distr. Emperor* ti. i. in Bullen *Old Pl.* (1884) III. 195 But be assurd I am no scarabb for a castrells breakfast. 1601 B. Jonson *Poetaster* iv. vii, They are the moths, and scarabes of a state. 1610 — *Alch.* i. i, *Fac.* You might talke softlier, raskall. *Svb.* No, you scarabe, I'll thunder you, in peeces. 1676 Durfey *Madam Fickle* ii. i. (1677) 11 Must a Man of honour wait your leisure, you Dog, and miss his necessary diversion, through the negligence of such a Scarab.

2. *Antiq.* A gem (of carnelian, emerald, obsidian, etc.) cut in the form of a beetle (*scarabæus*), having on the flat under-side a design in intaglio.

Scarabs were worn either as signet-rings or attached on a chain hung round the neck. They were common among the Egyptians, Etruscans, and the peoples of Western Asia.

1878 A. S. Murray in *Encycl. Brit.* VIII. 640/2 But excepting the form there is singularly little in common between the scarabs of Etruria and of Egypt. 1900 Petrie *Denderch* 7 From a scarab found in this tomb it is probably of the XIIth Dynasty.

Scarabæan (skærăbī·ăn), *a. rare.* Also **scarabean**. [f. Scarabæ-us + -an.] Of, pertaining to, or characteristic of, a scarabæus or scarab.

1631 R. H. *Arraignm. Whole Creature* xiv. § 1. 227 As the Scarabean Flea, or Wag-taile, that skips from place to place. 1837 *Fraser's Mag.* XVI. 404 On the opposite face is the same boat and globe, without the scarabæan symbol. 1867 F. Francis *Angling* vi. (1880) 231 Folding up its wings [it] resumes its scarabean appearance.

Scarabæid (skærăbī·id), *a.* and *sb. Ent.* [f. mod.L. *scarabæid-æ* (Leach 1817), f. L. *scarabæus*: see Scarabæus and -id.] **a.** *adj.* Of or pertaining to the *Scarabæidæ*; a large family of lamellicorn beetles, including cockchafers, stag-beetles, dung-beetles, etc. **b.** *sb.* A scarabæid beetle. So **Scarabæ·idan**, a beetle of the family *Scarabæidæ*. **Scarabæ·idoid** *a.*, resembling a scarabæid; used by C. V. Riley to denote the third stage in the larval development of hypermetamorphic beetles, as oil-beetles (*Meloidæ*). **Scarabæ·idous** *a.* = Scarabæid *a.*

1842 Brande *Dict. Sci.*, etc., *Scarabæidans.* 1884 *Science* 1 Feb. 127/2 The ordinary hairs of scarabaeidous beetles. 1891 *Century Dict.*, *Scarabæid* [*a.* and *sb.*]. 1898 Packard *Text-bk. Entomol.* 692 This Riley denominates the scarabæidoid stage of the second larva.

Scarabæ·ist. Also **scarabe(e)ist**. [f. Scarabæus + -ist.] One who studies the *Scarabæidæ*.

See quot. 1872; in allusion to this passage the word is sometimes used derisively for a narrow specialist.

1872 O. W. Holmes *Poet Breakf.-t.* ii, 'I suppose you are an entomologist?'..'Not quite so ambitious as that, sir... I am often spoken of as a Coleopterist,..but I have no right to so comprehensive a name...Call me a Scarabeeist if you will.' 1883 *Athenæum* 24 Mar. 380/1 If only it can convince the 'scarabæist' that there are realms of wonder and of interest beyond the limits of his own domain.

Scarabæoid (skærăbī·oid), *a.* and *sb.* [f. Scarabæus + -oid.] **A.** *adj.* **a.** *Ent.* = *Scarabæidoid* (Cent. Dict.). **b.** *Antiq.* Resembling a scarab. 1889 *Athenæum* 11 May 602/3 A collection of early Greek scarabæoid gems.

B. *sb.* **a.** *Ent.* = Scarabæid *sb.* (1895 in *Funk's Stand. Dict.*). **b.** *Antiq.* (See quot. 1887.)

1887 Amelia B. Edwards tr. *Maspero's Egypt. Archæol.* v. 242 Others [*sc.* scarabæi] again but vaguely recall the form of the insect, and are called scarabæoids. 1888 *Athenæum* 16 June 765/1 The collection of Phœnician scarabs and scarabæoids of hard stones is large and curious.

‖ **Scarabæus** (skærăbī·ŏs). Pl. **scarabæi** (-bī·oi). Also 6, 7–9 **-beus**. [L.: see Scarab.]

1. *Ent.* A beetle of the genus *Scarabæus*, formerly a very large genus corresponding to some extent with the modern family *Scarabæidæ*; now an Old World genus (Linnæus 1767) of lamellicorn beetles typical of the *Scarabæidæ* (see Scarabæid). Sometimes used loosely = Scarabæid *sb.*

[1432–50 tr. *Higden* (Rolls) II. 209 Somme thynges goe in to other kyndes by corrupcion, as bees of roten calfes, and vermyn callede scarabei [L. *scarabæi*] of corrupte horses.] 1664 Hubert *Catal. Rarities* (1665) 39 A great Scarabeus of the Amazons. *Ibid.* 41 A little brown Scarabeus of East India. 1741 Warburton *Div. Legat.* iv. iv. 112 To signify the Sun, they sometimes painted a Hawk,..sometimes a Scarabæus with a round Ball in its Claws. 1876 *Van Beneden's Anim. Parasites* viii. 167 The larva of the large scarabæus (*Oryctes nasicornis*), which is found in tan.

2. *Antiq.* = Scarab 2.

1776 *Tassie's Catal. Impress. Gems* 4 Reverse of Scarabeus. 1860 C. W. King *Antique Gems* 123 This manner of mounting the scarabeus was often used by the Egyptians. *Ibid.*, Some early Etruscan scarabei. 1886 *Guide Exhib. Galleries Brit. Mus.* 54 Agate scarabæus...Inscribed in Phœnician with the name Vesha-el.

Scarabean, variant of Scarabæan *a.*

Scarabee (skæ·răbī). *arch.* Also (9 **scaribee**), *pl.* 6–7 **scarabies**. [a. F. *scarabée*: see Scarab.] = Scarab 1.

1591 Spenser *Vis. Worlds Vanitie* iv, The kingly Bird, that beares Joves thunder-clap, One day did scorne the simple Scarabee. 1599 Drayton *Idea* No. 31 Vnto my pitch no common iudgement flies, I scorne all earthlie dung-bred scarabies. 1665 Needham *Med. Medicinæ* 197 Horses generate Wasps and Scarabees. 1820 Shelley *Œdipus* i. 157 The beast Has a loud trumpet like the scarabee.

attrib. 1830 Marryat *King's Own* xx, Little animals of the scaribee tribe, denominated weevils.

b. *transf.* and *fig.* = Scarab 1 b.

1615 Brathwait *Strappado* (1878) 102 Let mee vnripp my sorrowes, that my brest May void such Scarabees, that vse to sit Vpon each vlcer. 1677 *2nd Packet of Adv. to Men of Shaftesbury* 15 Some few Scarabees of the Law.

Scarabeus, variant of Scarabæus.

Scaraboid (skæ·răboid), *sb.* and *a.* [f. Scarab + -oid. Cf. Gr. *κάραβοειδής*, also *κάραβώδης* like a *κάραβος* (see Scarab).] **A.** *sb.*

1. *Antiq.* = Scarabæoid *sb.* b.

1879 A. S. Murray in *Encycl. Brit.* X. 137/1 Four porcelain scaraboids from Camirus. 1886 *Guide Exhib. Galleries Brit. Mus.* 54 Jasper scaraboid..[with] Phœnician inscription. *Ibid.* 190 The Greeks..had no favour for finger-rings with a beetle on the back of them. They preferred the scaraboid, with its plain, smooth back, for gems that were to be worn as swivel rings.

2. A scarabæid. 1891 in *Century Dict.*

B. *adj.* Resembling a scarab or scaraboid.

1888 A. S. Murray *Brit. Mus. Catal. Engr. Gems* Introd. 17 Gems of the true scaraboid form.

Scaramoche, -osh, obs. ff. Skirmish.

Scaramouch (skæ·răməuʧ), *sb.* Forms: *α.* **7 scaramuzza, scaramoucha, -ouchi(o, -ouchè, -oche, scaramuccio, -uccie, -uchi(o, -ucha, scarramuccio**, 7–8 **scaramouchi**; *β.* **7 scharamouch**, 7– **scaramouch**. [ad. It. *Scaramuccia* (see sense 1); the name is a use of *scaramuccia* Skirmish *sb.*, in allusion to the character of the personage. The *β* form, which now alone survives, comes through the F. *Scaramouche* (Molière); the *α* forms represent corruptly the Italian original.]

1. (As proper name, with capital S.) A stock character in Italian farce, a cowardly and foolish boaster of his own prowess, who is constantly being cudgelled by Harlequin.

The character was intended in ridicule of the Spanish don, and was dressed in Spanish costume, usually black; the costume was often adopted in masquerades.

The clever impersonation of the part by Tiberio Fiurelli, who brought his company of Italian players to London in 1673, rendered the word very popular in England during the last quarter of the 17th c.

α. 1668 J. Davies tr. *Olearius' Voy. Amb.* vi. 380 Such distorted Countenances and Postures, as Scaramuzza himself would be much troubled to imitate. 1673 Wycherley *Gentl.-Dancing-Master* iii. i. 39, I diddè go to the Italian Academy at Paris thrice a week to learn to play de Fool of Signior Scaramouchè. 1673 Dryden *Epil. to Univ. Oxon.* 15 Stout Scaramoucha with Rush Lance rode in, And ran a Tilt at Centaure Arlequin. 1673 A. Marvel *Rehearsall Transp.* ii. 60 There were no less than six Scaramuccios together upon the Stage. 1676 Shadwell *Virtuoso* v. 88 Entry of Scaramonchi [sic] and Clowns. *Ibid.* 89 Enter Sir Formal in Scaramoucha's habit. 1696 V. Alsop *God in Mount* 13 Where are the Jesters, the Buffoons, the Scarramuccioes? Will not these afford a more pleasing entertainment?

β. 1677 E. Ravenscroft (*title*) Scaramouch. *Ibid.*, The Persons Names. Scaramouch, a Philosopher...Harlequin. 1678 Dryden *Kind Kpr.* i. i. (1680) 10 But I speak no Italian, a few broken scraps which I pick'd from Scaramouch and Harlequin at Paris. 1749 H. Walpole *Let. to Mann* 3 May, A troop of harlequins and scaramouches. 1771 T. Hull *Sir W. Harrington* (1797) I. 143 Mrs. Granville a nun, myself a shepherdess, Lord S. a scaramouch [at the Masquerade]. 1855 W. Irving *Tour Prairies* xix, Like a posture-master or scaramouch at a circus. 1876 'Ouida' *Winter City* x. 315 She was silent watching the whirling of the pierrots..scaramouches and dominoes.

b. A puppet representing Scaramouch.

1816 J. Scott *Vis. Paris* (ed. 5) 98 He gave motion to a small wooden scaramouch that danced well in tune. 1819 S. Rogers *Human Life* 492 The booths whitening the village-green, Where Punch and Scaramouch aloft are seen. 1851–61 Mayhew *Lond. Lab.* III. 52 This here is the Scaramouch that dances without a head.

2. *transf.* and *fig.* In later use often employed loosely as a term of contempt: A rascal, scamp.

α. 1676 Durfey *Madam Fickle* ii. i. (1677) 11 *Tob.* Hoy; Scaramouchi, Rascal, Poltron, Popinjay!..must a Man of honour wait your leisure. *a* 1683 Oldham *Rem.* (1684) 113 Without doubt he was..design'd for the Scaramuchio of Mankind.

β. 1694 Jer. Collier *Miscell., Of Duelling* 32 It makes the Laws cheap and ridiculous, the Solemnities of Justice a piece of Pageantry, the Bench a few Reverend Poppets, or Scharamouches in Scarlet. 1726 in W. W. Wilkins *Polit. Ballads* (1860) II. 175 The scaramouches everywhere With open throats bawl'd out. 1824 W. Irving *T. Trav.* II. 141 He swore no scaramouch of an Italian robber would dare to meddle with an Englishman. 1865 Meredith *Rhoda Fleming* x, Once I was an idle young scaramouch.

3. *attrib.*

1870 Disraeli *Lothair* lvii, The Sicilian with his scaramouch tricks got on very well with the gentle and polished Tuscan. 1906 *Athenæum* 10 Mar. 294/3 Irresponsible Kitty..lived merrily throughout her scaramouch childhood and flirting girlhood.

Hence **Sca·ramouch** *v. intr.*, to act the part of a scaramouch, or to behave like a 'scaramouch'.

1834 Beckford *Italy* I. 119 The rabble were gathered in knots round the strollers and mountebanks, singing and scaramouching in the middle of the square. 1864 Mrs. Lloyd *Ladies of Polcarrow* 134 Didnt he use to scaramouch up over-stairs just tbe like o' that, when he was a purty little fellow!

Scaramouch, obs. form of Skirmish *sb.*

Scarbabe: see Scarebabe.

Scarborough (skā·ɹbŭrŏ). Also 6 **Scar-, Skarboro(w, Scarbrough**, 7 **Scarburg, Scarreborough**. The name of a town on the coast of Yorkshire, used *attrib.*

1. Scarborough warning. Very short notice, or no notice at all; a surprise.

The statement of Fuller, that the phrase originated in an allusion to the surprise of Scarborough by Thomas Stafford in April 1557, is disproved by the earlier example below.

1546 J. Heywood *Prov.* (1562) E ij, A daie er I was wedde, I had you (quoth I) Scarbrough warnyng I had (quoth he) wherby, I kept me thens. *a* 1561 T. Mountain in Strype *Eccl. Mem.* (1721) III. 189 Your friendship, Mr. Charlys, is but hard and scarce, in giving me this Scarborow Warning [viz. the notice that he was to be hanged 'even this Foor-noon']. 1592 Lyly *Sp. to Eliz. at Quarrendon* i. Wks. 1902 I. 455 The Knight wisheth it may be a watch (better than Scarborows warning) to the Noble Gentelmen of your Courte. 1603 Bp. T. Matthew *Let.* 19 Jan. in Cardwell *Confer.* (1840) 166, I received a message..that it was his Majesty's pleasure that I should preach before him upon Sunday next; which Scarborough warning did not only perplex me, but [etc.]. 1697 De la Pryme *Diary* (Surtees) 125 'Scarburg Warning' is a proverb in many places of the north, signifying any sudden warning given upon any account. 1832 Scott *Redgauntlet* ch. xix, The true man for giving Scarborough warning—first knock you down, then bid you stand. 1890 P. H. Emerson *Wild Life on Tidal Water* 8 Tha wind wos werry moderate, but that shifted an' come round strong from the norrawest, an' hove her ashore; 'twos a Scarboro' warnin'.

† **b.** Hence in *nonce-uses. Obs.*

1577 Stanyhurst *Descr. Irel.* iii. 12 in *Holinshed*, And withall, as far as their scarborrough leasure coulde serue them, they ransacke the Prince his thesaure. 1582 — *Æneis* iv. (Arb.) 116 Al they the lyke poste haste dyd make, with scarboro scrabbling [L. *rapiuntque ruuntque*].

2. Scarborough lily, *Vallota purpurea.*

1882 *Garden* 9 Sept. 224/2 A correspondent sends us two blooms of the Scarborough Lily.

† **Scarbot(e.** *Obs.*—° Also **scharabot**. [Aphetic a. F. *escarbot*, in OF. also *escharbot(e*, f. L. *scarabæus* with Fr. dim. suffix *-ot*. (Cf., however, late OE. *scearn-budda*, Sborn-bud, dung-beetle, which, or some equivalent continental form, may have influenced the Fr. word.)] A beetle.

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 442/2 Scarbot [*Winchester MS.* scarbote], flye, *scabo.* 14.. *Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 609/47 *Scarabo, anc*[c] a scharabot (*et anc*[c] a bytylle).

† **Scarboyle**, *v. Obs. rare*—[1]. [ad. F. *escarbouiller* (16th c. in Littré), OF. *escarbellier.*] *trans.* To smash, to break in pieces.

1502 *Star Chamber Cases* No. 1, They ryvefilled, spoyled, scarboyled and made havokk of her said goods.

Scarbridge, obs. form of Scabbard *sb.*[1]

Scarbroite (skā·ɹbrŏ|əit). *Min.* [f. *Scarbro'* a form of Scarborough + -ite[1].] A hydrous silicate of alumina, found near Scarborough.

1829 W. V. Vernon in *Philos. Mag.* Ser. II. V. 180 It.. may be distinguished by the appellation of Scarbröite. 1883 M. F. Heddle in *Encycl. Brit.* XVI. 424/2.

Scarce (skēəs), *a.* and *adv.* Forms: *a.* 3–7 **scars, skars**(e, 4–8 **scarse**, (5 **scarsake**), 5–7 **skarce**, 6 *Sc.* **akairs**(e, **skarss, skera**(s, **skaris, akairce**, 7 *Sc.* **schairce**, 5– **scarce**; *β.* 5–6 **scace**, 6 **scas**(e, **skace, skase**, *Sc.* **scaysse**. [ME. *scars*, a. ONF. *scars, escars, escas* (Central OF. *eschars*, mod.F. *échars*, now only said of coin, with the sense 'below standard value', and of wind, in sense 1 b below) = Pr. *escars, escas*, Sp. *escaso*, Pg. *escaço, escasso*, It. *scarso*:—popular L. **scarsus* (med.L. *scarsus* from It. and Fr.), prob. repr. an older **excarpsus*, pa. pple. of **excarpĕre* (= class. L. *excerpĕre* to select out, Excerpt), f. *ex* (see Ex-) + *carpĕre* to pluck. Cf. MDu. *schaers* (Du. *schaars*) from Fr.] **A.** *adj.*

†1. Restricted in quantity, size, or amount; scanty. *Obs.*

a. 1297 R. Glouc. (Rolls) 6862 His moder he dude ek in warde & scars liflode ire found. 1340 *Ayenb.* 53 Nou behoueþ to habbe tuo mesures ane litle and ane scarse, þet he useþ touore þe uolke. And anoþre guode and large, þet he useþ þet non ne y-zyȝþ. 1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) III. 457 Vile cloþinge and scars [*L. vilis et rara vestis*] we haveþ in stede of gold and of greet array. *c* 1412 Hoccleve *De Reg. Princ.* 478 His hous in london is to streyt & scars To doon his craft. 1596 Dalrymple tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* I. 1. 90 Bot at evin only they first prepaired the table, and that verie scharpe and skairs.

β. 1509 Barclay *Ship of Fools* (1874) II. 103 Than was theyr fode scas, theyr lyuynge lyberall Theyr labour comon, they knewe no couetyse.

†b. Of wind: Slight in force or strength; almost calm. *Obs.*

c 1400 *St. Alexius* (Laud 622) 560 Þe wynde was gret, & nothing skars, þonder dyned shille. 1511 *Guylforde's Pylgr.* (Camden) 11 How be it y⁰ wynde was so scarce and calme that we coude not come to the towne of Corfona tyll Monday ayenst nyght. 1600 Hakluyt *Voy.* III. 401 Wee sayled neere to the coast on the same side, with very scarce winde, and in a manner calme.

†c. Of the water of a river, etc.: Low. *Obs.*

1732 Earl of Oxford in *Portland Papers* (Hist. MSS. Comm.) VI. 150 This year has been very bad for them [the boats], the water is very scarce.

†2. Of persons, their attributes and actions: Stingy, sparing, niggardly, parsimonious, penurious. Also, sparing or chary *of*. *Obs.*

a. *c* 1330 *King of Tars* 92 Sire, the kyng of Tars Of wikked wordes nis not scars. 13.. *Seuyn Sag.* (W.) 1244 Bothe he was scars and chinche. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Melib.* P 633 Ye shul vse the richesses,..in swich a manere, that men holde nat yow to scars, ne to sparynge, ne to fool large. *c* 1400 *Cato's Morals* 211 in *Cursor M.* App. IV. 1672 Be scarske of þi louing. 1483 Caxton *Golden Leg.* 128 b/1 And gaf to them largely to ete suche as they asked but to herself she was hard in her sekeness & skarce. *c* 1500 *Three Kings Sons* 78 The sone of a mighti kynge hath delyuerd a felaw that he knew not, which hath not ben scars, nor of so pore corage, but that he hath wele to his knowlage delyuerd the sone of the grettist kynge that leuyth. *c* 1510 Barclay *Mirr. Gd. Manners* (1570) G j, Men oft haue repented of wordes superflue, But seldome of scilence doth any man repent, Wherfore scarce of wordes is counted great vertue. 1531 Elyot *Gov.* III. xxvii, Superfluous in wordes, or els to scarse. *a* 1539 in *Archæologia* XLVII. 54 Wee..aduertise you all to be contented to lyue under a scarcer manour for a tyme then ye haue doon in tymes past. 1562 Shute *Cambine on Turkish Aff.* 52 b, They knewe him to be of nature scarse, and not liberal. 1605 Verstegan *Dec. Intell.* viii. (1628) 244 Whereas many haue written of these Etymologies, yet are all of them very scarse in shewing the reasons of many their interpretations. *a* 1639 T. Carew *To A. L.* 12 And 'twere a sin There to be scarce, where she hath bin So prodigal of her best graces.

β. 1414 Brampton *Penit. Ps.* (Percy Soc.) 21 To synfull man thou were nevere scace Of 'Ne reminiscaris, Domine!' *a* 1550 *Vox Populi* 740 in Harl. *E. P. P.* III. 293 By cause thei be só base, Thei wylhe neadye and scase [*Harl. MS.* skarsse].

b. Of a period of time: Characterized by scarcity. ?*Obs.*

c 1290 *All Saints' Day* 41 in *S. Eng. Leg.* I. 419 Ech man ..made þane day feste, And in a skars tyme of þe 3ere ase we wyten, it was in May. 1624 Capt. Smith *Virginia* II. 31 Powhatan..and some others that are provident, rost their fish and flesh vpon hurdles..and keepe it till scarce times.

3. Of food or other commodities, rarely of immaterial things: Existing or accessible in deficient quantity.

a. *c* 1374 Chaucer *Former Age* 36 Ther as vitaile is eek so skars and thinne That noght but mast or apples is therinne. *c* 1450 *Brut* 448 In þat tyme money was skarse. 1593 Shaks. *Rich. II*, II. i. 7 Where words are scarse, they are seldome spent in vaine, For they breath truth, that breath their words in paine. 1697 Dampier *Voy.* I. 301 The Padre told Capt. Swan that Provision was now scarce on the Island. 1842 Tennyson *Audley Crt.* 31 Then touch'd upon the game, how scarce it was This season. 1878 Stubbs *Const. Hist.* III. xviii. 90 Money was scarce. 1896 *Law Times* C. 488/2 Like most other lawyers, Inglis had his probationary period when work was scarce.

β. 1414 Brampton *Penit. Ps.* (Percy Soc.) 37 For my tyme is lytel here; My dayes be waxen wonder scace. *a* 1548 Hall *Chron., Hen. VIII*, iv. 153 All thyng there was scace, by reason of the continuall warres.

4. Existing in limited number; seldom seen or met with; rare. Said chiefly of things that are sought after by collectors, e. g. a book, coin, engraving, a species of plant or animal.

1398 Trevisa *Barth. De P. R.* XVI. xlviii, [Gems] ben preciouse for þey ben scars and diuerse; for all þat is scars and selden hadde [*L. omne enim rarum*] is clepid gret and preciouse. 1705 Addison *Italy, Bolonia* 434 The scarcest of all is a *Pescennius Niger* on a Medallion well preserv'd. 1710 Hearne *Coll.* (O. H. S.) III. 41 A scarse Book. 1844 Dickens *Mart. Chuz.* xvii, You will not find it a scarce quality here. 1858 Hawthorne *Fr. & It. Note-bks.* II. 219 Good bakers were as scarce in ancient Rome as in the modern city. 1873 *Chamb. Jrnl.* 27 Dec. 821/2 The woodcock..is much scarcer than it used to be. 1884 *Chr. World* 31 July 583/3 Knowledge is scarce, wisdom is scarcer.

b. in collectors' names of butterflies and moths.

1832 J. Rennie *Butterfl. & Moths* I The scarce Swallow Tail. *Ibid.* 2 The scarce Clouded Yellow. 1884 *Leisure Hour* Jan. 48/1 The rarest is one of the fen-country butterflies, known as the 'Scarce Copper'.

†c. said of a disease. *Obs. rare.*

1528 Pavnell *Salerne's Regim.* b iij, Pontike melancolye is very scarse.

5. *Scarce of*: poorly or scantily supplied or provided with; deficient in; not having much of, short of. Now *rare* or *Obs.*

1541 R. Copland *Guydon's Quest. Chirurg.* O ij b, In places drye and scarce of flesshe, as the fyngers and ioyntes. 1547 Boorde *Introd. Knowl.* xxx. (1870) 198 These countreys be baryn of wine and corne, and skarse of vitels. 1667 Milton *P. L.* III. 433 Dislodging from a Region scarce of prey To gorge the flesh of Lambs. 1681 W. Robertson *Phraseol. Gen.* (1693) 1098 We are very scarce of such citizens. 1808 Pike *Sources Mississ.* (1810) III. 253 This route..is very scarce of water. 1847 Marryat *Childr. N. Forest* xiii, We are scarce of provisions.

6. Phr. *To make oneself scarce*: to absent oneself, go away, keep away. *colloq.*

1809 Malkin *Gil Blas* x. i. P 2 My liberty was granted only on condition of making myself scarce in the two Castiles. 1826 Scott *Jrnl.* (1890) I. 169 Rose late in the morning, past eight, to give the cold and toothache time to make themselves scarce, which they have obligingly done. 1860 Thackeray *Lovel* i, When Lovel's wife began to show me that she was tired of my company, I made myself scarce. 1895 Mrs. H. Ward *Bessie Costrell* iv, Just mek yourselves scarce, all the lot o' yer.

7. Qualifying a noun of action, forming a phrase equivalent to the gerund qualified by *scarcely*. *rare.*

1841 Lever *C. O'Malley* lxxvii, She..with a half smile of scarce recognition passed by me.

B. *adv.*

†1. Scantily, sparsely. Cf. Scarcely *adv.* 1. *Obs. rare.*

c 1300 *Beket* 274 (Percy Soc.) 13 And of the beste him silve he at swithe scars and lute. *c* 1450 *Mirk's Festial* 9 For when hit schall be dere, hit walleth scarce; and when hit schall be gret schep, hit walleþe plentwysly ynogh.

2. Barely, only just; not quite; = Scarcely *adv.* 2. Now only *literary*. Also †*full scarce*.

See the remarks under Scarcely 2, which apply also to the uses of this word. Before advs. in *-ly* the form *scarce* is often adopted instead of *scarcely*, to avoid the iteration of the suffix.

a. 1413 *Pilgr. Sowle* (Caxton 1483) IV. xvi. 71 A litel hows whiche hath in euery side skars a mannes lengthe. 1558 Bp. Watson *Sev. Sacram.* xii. 73 All wee haue done, is but our dutie and skarse that. 1565 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* I. 402 Skairis aneuch to sustene this thair realme. 1577 Kendall *Flowers of Epigrammes* 4 b, With worldly cares he was so toste, that scarse he tooke his reste. 1591 Shaks. 1 *Hen. VI*, I. i. 112 Retyring from the Siege of Orleance, Hauing full scarce six thousand in his troupe. 1621 Bp. Mountagu *Diatribæ* 40 The blinde may Judge as well of colours, as may Master Selden of a deceiving argument, who hath saluted Logick scarce along. 1644 Milton *Areop.* (Arb.) 54 In a hand scars legible. 1671 — *P. R.* III. 85 Till Conquerour Death discover them scarce men, Rowling in brutish vices. 1676 Prideaux *Lett.* (Camden) 54, I scarce think she would marry on [= one] with nothing. *a* 1699 Lady Halkett *Autobiog.* (1875) 44 They were so shaken they could skarce hold there feett. *a* 1715 Burnet *Own Time* (1766) I. 188 He scarce ever went to their meetings. 1720 Waterland *Eight Serm.* 119 The other Construction..is scarce Sense. 1862 Tennyson *Idylls of K.* Ded. 6 And indeed He seems to me Scarce other than my own ideal knight. 1886 C. E. Pascoe *Lond. of To-day* xx. (ed. 3) 200 A sleepy little town scarce higger than a village. 1886 Stevenson *Treas. Isl.* xiv, I ran as I never ran before, scarce minding the direction of my flight, so long as it led me from the murderers.

β. 1526 Tindale *Acts* xiv. 18 With these sayings scase refrayned they the people. 1548 in *Cal. Scott. Pap.* (1898) I. 91 Her ovarlope ys so sanke, scaysse abull to bere her ordynans. 1568 Grafton *Chron.* II. 470 The stowte Souldiour for faintnesse could scase welde his weapon.

†b. with pleonastic negative. Cf. Scarcely 2 b, Scant *adv.* 1 c. *Obs.*

1591 Harington *Orl. Fur.* Pref. P 8 For the verse I do challenge none, being a thing that euery body that neuer scarce bayted their horse at the Vniuersitie take vpon them to make. 1624 Ld. Kensington in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. I. III. 177 They will not conceive mee nor scarse receive mee but as a publike instrument for the service of an alliance. 1685 J. Dunton *Lett. fr. New-Eng.* (1867) 13 Not Heljogabalus himself could scarce boast a more delicious table.

c. with reference to time. Cf. Scarcely 2 c.

a. 1513 Douglas *Æneis* XII. iii. 90 Scars had Juno thir wordis brocht to end, Quhen [etc.]. *a* 1547 Surrey *Æneid* II. (1557) B iij, Scarse spake I this, when wailing thus he sayd. 1665 Boyle *Occas. Reft.* IV. ii. (1848) 173 We had scarce entred those Fields, when our Ears were saluted with [etc.]. 1667 Milton *P. L.* IX. 850 There he her met, Scarse from the Tree returning. 1799 S. Turner *Hist. Anglo-Sax.* 352 Scarce had they submitted, but the Huns were invading him [Charlemagne].

β. *a* 1548 Hall *Chron., Hen. VI* 90 He had skace ended his exhortacion, but the Englishmen beyng encouraged with his prudent persuasion, sette on their enemies.

d. Qualifying a ppl. adj. used attributively. Commonly hyphened.

1591 Shaks. 1 *Hen. VI*, IV. iii. 50 Our scarse-cold Conqueror,..Henrie the fift. 1594 Kyd *Cornelia* III. i. 86 His iawes..slyghtly couer'd with a scarce-seene skyn. 1607–12 Bacon *Ess., Fortune* (Arb.) 376 A number of litle and scarce discerned vertues. 1631 Milton *Epit. March. Winch.* 20 He at their invoking came But with a scarce-wel-lighted flame. *c* 1665 Bp. King *Let. to Walton*, The scarce-closed wounds of a newly bleeding State and Church. 1814 Byron *Lara* II. xix, The accents bis scarce-moving pale lips spoke. 1868 FitzGerald tr. *Omar* xc, And once again there gather'd a scarce heard Whisper among them. 1899 H. Wright *Depopulation* 102 The pair rose from the scarce-tasted breakfast.

†3. Seldom, scarcely ever, rarely. *Obs.*

1596 Dalrymple tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* I. Prol. 40 The turtle dwe, the feldifare, the nichtingale, with vthiris natiounis ar frequent bot skairs with us ar fund. 1600 Shaks. *A. Y. L.* I. ii. 41 For those that she makes faire, she scarce makes honest. 1663 Wood *Life* (O. H. S.) I. 479 Never or scarse was the like seen.

4. Used (after L. *vix*) for: With difficulty. *rare.*

1667 Milton *P. L.* VII. 470 Scarse from his mould Behemoth biggest born of Earth upheav'd His vastness. 1819 Shelley *Prometh.* II. v. 17 How thou art changed! I dare not look on thee;..I scarce endure The radiance of thy beauty. 1883 R. W. Dixon *Mano* I. xv. 49 For a brass demon..Leaped on him, and he scarce departed thence, Leaving the riches o'er the cavern strewn.

†**Scarce,** *v. Obs. rare.* Forms: 4 **skarse,** 5 **scarce,** 5, 7 **scarse.** [f. Scarce *a.* Cf. Scarcen.]

1. *intr.* a. To become less, diminish. b. To become scarce.

1390 Gower *Conf.* III. 313 The wyndy Storm began to skarse. *a* 1500 *Brut* 400 (MS. Galba), By that tyme her vitailis scarsid sore with-ynne the Cite.

2. *trans.* To make less; to rarefy.

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 442/2 Scarsyn, or make lesse, *minoro.* 1598 Florio, *Scarsare*, to scarce, to spare, to pinch, to cut off, to scant. 1603 Platt *Fire of Cole-balles*, When the smoke doth passe and become scarsed through the lome.

†**Scarcehead.** *Obs. rare.* [f. Scarce *a.* + -head.] Stinginess, niggardliness.

Cf. dial. *scarcehead* 'scarcity, want' (Elworthy *W. Somerset Word-bk.* 1886).

1420–2 Lydg. *Thebes* III. in *Chaucer's Wks.* (1561) 369/1 But in his Courte let him first deuise To exile Scarcehed and Couetise. 1566 Drant *Horace, Sat.* I. i. A iiij, A niggerde cloune, At whose scarceheade and couetyce the worlde did outas make.

†**Scarceler.** *Obs.* [ad. some derivative (? Fr. Sp., or It.) of F. *escarcelle* (16th c. in Hatz.-Darm.), Sp. *escarcela*, It. *scarsella*, pouch carried at the girdle.] A kind of conrier: see quot.

1⁴.. *Direct. Travellers* in *Eng. Stud.* VIII. 278 Who-so woll ride faste and with-oute hevy cariage, good were to fynde atte Brigges suche a scarceler as bereth marchauntes lettres; which will fayne ride with men for fyndyng of hym and his hors, w'oute eny other wages.

Scarcely (skēə·rsli), *adv.* Forms: see Scarce *a.*; also *a.* 4 **skarschliche,** 6 (**charsely**), *Sc.* **scairslie, skarslie, skirslie, skayirslye,** 6, 8 *Sc.* **skairslie,** 7 *Sc.* **skairselie**; *β.* 6 **skacely.** [f. Scarce *a.* + -ly².]

†1. Scantily, in small quantities; inadequately, sparingly, niggardly, parsimoniously. *Obs.*

13.. *K. Alis.* 1011 (Bodl. MS.), In a castel she was yshett And was assigned lyueresoun Skarslich [*Weber* Skarschliche] & nou3th a foysoun. 1340 *Ayenb.* 34 Auarice is disordene loue zuo disordene him sseweþ..ine spendinge scarsliche. *a* 1400 *Cato* 569 in *Minor Poems fr. Vernon MS.* 603 Preise a mon so scarsliche, Whom þat þou wolt him proue. *c* 1440 *Gesta Rom.* xxxvi. 147 (Harl. MS.), Bryng home thi grehounde,..and fede it so scarsly, that hit breke no more loos. 1540–1 Elyot *Image Gov.* (1556) 15 He dranke wine not scarcely, not to muche, but competently. 1613 Purchas *Pilgrimage* (1614) 718 It was verie scarcely inhabited, of few and small Nations. 1669 Milton *Acced. Grammar* To Rdr., It hath been long a general complaint..that the tenth part of mans life..is taken up in learning, and that very scarcely, the Latin Tongue.

2. Originally used to express a restrictive qualification, = 'barely', 'only just'; hence also, = 'barely, or not quite', 'only just, if at all'. In mod. use the original sense survives only in definite statements of fact. In sentences relating to belief, expectation, or estimation, the word now (as occas. in ME.) serves as a restricted negative (= 'not quite'). Often, however, the qualification really relates, not to the contents of the sentence in which the adv. occurs, but to the degree of the speaker's belief: thus 'You will scarcely maintain this proposition' is eqnivalent to 'I cannot quite believe that you will maintain', etc. Cf. Scarce *adv.* and Hardly *adv.*

The adv. qualifies verbs, adjs., advs., and advh. phrases, and esp. numerals (sbs., adjs., and advs.), designations of quantity, and indefinite pronouns. In many cases it may most correctly be regarded as qualifying the whole predication, though placed in proximity to the word in the sentence to which the qualification chiefly relates.

a. 1297 R. Glouc. (Rolls) 10614 Þe sink pors scarseliche mid ssipes eiztetene. *c* 1374 Chaucer *Tr. & Cr.* II. 43 Eek scarsly been ther in this place three That han in love seyd lyk and doon in al. *c* 1386 — *Pars. T.* P 927 And if he abide to his laste day scarsly may he shryuen hym or remembre hym of hyse synnes. 1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) I. 17 Knowleche of greet dedes is so nyh loste and forȝet, þat skarsliche [1527 charsely, Caxton 1482 scarsely] bare names of places we haueþ now in mynde. *c* 1430 *Pilgr. Lyf Manhode* I. lxxxiii. (1869) 47 Serteyn, quod he, a kyte a litel enfamined shulde skarsliche be ful sauled ther with; For it is litel. 1576 Fleming *Panoplie Epist.* 205 Somewhat there is in them, wherewith I am skarcely pleased. 1596 Dalrymple tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* II. x. 294 About this tyme the pest was ryfe in Scotland, cheifiie in Dundei, Abirdine, and in sum vtheris tounes and dorpes, quhilkes a hail 3eir skirslie [*sic*] culd be clinsed. 1605 Shaks. *Macb.* I. v. 37 One of my fellowes had the speed of him; Who almost dead for breath, had scarcely more Then would make vp his Message. 1713 Steele *Englishm.* No. 40. 259 In Paris..there are scarcely six Streets wider than the narrow End of St. Martin's-lane. 1781 Sir J. Reynolds *Tour Flanders* Wks. 1797 II. 122 It [the drapery] is scarcely ever cast with any choice or skill. 1825 Macaulay *Ess., Milton* P 19 The genius of Petrarch was scarcely of the first order. 1857 T. Moore *Handbk. Brit. Ferns* (ed. 3) 4 Sometimes it [the Caudex] is scarcely or not at all lengthened. 1860 Tyndall *Glac.* I. x. 65 The rain continued with scarcely any pause. *a* 1885 'H. Coh-

way' *Living or Dead* viii, He..blamed my partner, who could scarcely believe his ears.

β. 1542 *Lament. & Piteous Treatise* in *Harl. Misc.* (1809) IV. 541 That skacely ther remayned ynough [grain] to serue us in our journeye homeward. 1551 Robinson tr. *More's Utopia* II. vii. (1895) 239 But in that newefonnde parte of the worlde, whiche is scaselye so farre from vs beyonde the lyne equinoctiall, as [etc.].

† **b.** With pleonastic negative, or in an implied negative context. *Obs.* (Cf. Scarce *adv.* 2 b.)

c 1369 Chaucer *Dethe Blaunche* 289 Ne [coude] nat scarcely Macrobeus..I trowe arede my dreames even. *c* 1400 *Rom. Rose* 5460 Than shulde they seen who freendis ware For of an hundred, certeynly, Nor of a thousand ful scarsly, Ne shal they fynde unnethis oon, Whan povertee is comen upon. *c* 1570 W. Wager *The longer thou livest* 177 (Braudl), Not one good man is scarsly among ten. 1795 *Fate of Sedley* II. 158 Recollection, however, returned before I had scarcely written a line.

c. With reference to time: Barely, only just. Chiefly with pluperfect tense, before a clause introduced by *when* or *before*.

1542 Udall *Erasm. Apoph.* 231 Augustus beeyng scacely come to mannes state was putte to haue dooynges in the commenweale. 1766 Goldsm. *Vic. W.* i, I had scarcely taken orders a year before I began to think seriously of matrimony. 1779 *Mirror* No. 1, He is scarcely seated before every body present begins to form some notion of his character. 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* lxvii, In old-fashioned days,..when you were scarcely born. 1875 Jowett *Plato* (ed. 2) I. 10 He had scarcely said the word, when Charmides entered.

† **3.** Used (after L. *vix*) for: With difficulty. *Obs.*

1697 Dryden *Virg. Past.* i. 19 This you see I scarcely drag along, Who yeaning on the Rocks has left her Young. *Ibid., Georg.* III. 167. *Ibid., Æneid* VI. 558.

Scarcement (skē·ɹsmĕnt). *Sc.* and *north.* Also 6 *Sc.* **skarament**, 9 **scarsement**. [app. f. Scarce *v.* + -ment.] **a.** *Building.* A plain flat set-off or rebate in a wall, or in a foundation or bank of earth. Also *transf.* a flat ledge projecting from the face of a rock. **b.** *Mining.* A ledge left projecting into a mine-shaft.

a. [1398 in *Hist. Dunelm. Script. tres* (Surtees) p. clxxx, Erit eciam planus murus et in fundamento spissitudinis sive latitudinis duarum ulnarum, cum quatuor bonis et securis scarcementis.] 1501 Douglas *Pal. Hon.* III. xvii, Skarsment, reprise, corbell, and battellingis. 1824 Mactaggart *Gallovid. Encycl., Scarcement*, a shelf amongst rocks; a shelf leaning out from the main face of a rock; on scarcements, build sea-fowl. 1833 Loudon *Encycl. Archit.* § 1073 The foundations to be laid with flat-bedded stones laid in regular courses, and to be taken in by regular scarsements (sets back) as shown in the sections. 1844 H. Stephens *Bk. of Farm* I. 170 The outside walls should be founded with stones..so laid, in reference to the line of foundation, as to form a scarcement of 6 inches on each side of the wall above them. 1899 Munro *Prehist. Scot.* x. 393 A scarcement or ledge, nearly a foot in width, ran round the entire inner court.

b. 1839 Ure *Dict. Arts* 971 If a strong bed of sandstone occurs, a scarcement of it is left projecting about 3 feet into the shaft. 1881 in Raymond *Mining Gloss.*

Scarcen, *v.* Now *dial.* (see E.D.D.). Also 6–7 **scarsen**. [f. Scarce *a.* + -en 5. Cf. Scarce *v.*]

1. *trans.* To make meagre or lean.

1594 Carew *Huarte's Exam. Wits* (1616) 329 These three things..scarsen and drie vp the flesh, and their contraries, fatten and enlarge the same.

2. *intr.* To become scarce.

1803 W. Taylor in *Ann. Rev.* I. 387/2 If drafts abound on a particular place, they tend to sink in value. If drafts scarcen on a particular place, they tend to rise in value.

Scarceness (skē·ɹsnės). Now *rare.* Forms: see Scarce *a.*; also α. 6 **charsnes**, *Sc.* **scaircenes**, 7 *Sc.* **scairsenesse**; β. 6 **skasenes**; γ. 5 **skarnes**, **scarnes**, 6–7 **scarneese**. [f. Scarce *a.* + -ness.

The γ forms are not easy to account for, but they occur so frequently that it is difficult to regard them as due to misprints or scribal errors.]

† **1.** Niggardliness, stinginess. Of soil: infertility. *Obs.*

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 28628 Gain pride þat orisun mai rise, And fast gain flesli couetis, Almus gain scarsnes wit-stand. 1390 Gower *Conf.* II. 286 And thus be cause of my scarsnesse Ye mai wel understonde and lieve That I schal noght the worse achieve The pourpos which is in my thoght. 1484 *Monk of Evesham* L. (Arb.) 100, Y knowe not onethe any prelate in thys dayes, that vsyd so grete scarsnes to her kynnys folke as sche me semyd dydde to her cosynis. 1509 Barclay *Ship of Fools* (1874) II. 97 Theyr scarsnes nowe is tournyd to conetyse. 1678 Dryden *All for Love* I. i, Ægypt is doom'd to be A Roman Province; and our plenteous Harvests Must then redeem the Scarceness of their Soil.

† **2. a.** Of diet: Scantiness, meagreness. **b.** Of persons: Abstemiousness. *Obs.*

c 1380 Wyclif *Wks.* (1880) 316, & so scarsnesse of heere foode tellith to men þat þei ben hooly. 1451 Capgrave *Life St. Gilbert* (E.E.T.S.) 97 What schuld we speke of his diete, with what scarsnesse of mete & drynk he was fed? 1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 47 Wede them out by abstinence, chastite, hardnes in weryng, scarsnes in fedyng.

3. Deficient supply, scarcity.

1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) I. 251 Neuerþeles in Hannibals tyme þey were i-constreyned for to goo out of skarsnesse of knyȝtes. *c* 1450 tr. *De Imitatione* II. Contents (1893) 39 Of skarsenes of louers of the crosse of crist. 1508 Fisher *7 Penit. Ps.* cii. Wks. (1876) 173 For in so grete charsnes [ed. 1555 skaresnes] of ryghtwyse people, tyme is to shewe mercy vpon it. 1526 *Grete Herball* xci. (1529) Fij, Agaynst cough & scarcenesse of breth caused of cold take [etc.]. 1553 Eden *Treat. New Ind.* (Arb.) 21 Yet hath it wheate and fleshe; but greate scarcenesse of wood. 1651 *Reg. Commission Gt. Assemb.* 3 Jan. (S. H. S.) III. 176 It shall he a shame for any in this land..becaus of the scairsenesse of men, to make use of such. 1812 G. Chalmers *Dom. Econ. Gt. Brit.* 30 Nor, need you fear this scarceness of money.

β. 1538 Starkey *England* I. ii. 47 Ther schal also sprynge therof grete penury and scasenes of al thyngys necessary for mannys lyfe.

γ. *c* 1400 *Apol. Loll.* (Camden) 109 þat is, as þe Glose seiþ, þat I falle not in to forgeyting of euer lasting, for nede, or scarnes of passing þingis. 1535 Coverdale 2 *Sam.* iii. 29 And in the house of Ioab there ceasse not one to haue a renninge yssue..and to haue scarneese of bred.

† **b.** *absol.* Scarcity of food or provisions. *Obs.*

1481 Caxton *Godfrey* xciii. 144 And was grete suffrete and scarsenes in thoost. 1530 Palsgr. 266/1 Scarsnesse or hungre, *famine.* 1533–4 *Act* 25 *Hen. VIII*, c. 4 By reason whereof a great scarsenes and derthe doeth insue to the kinges subiectes. 1538 Bale *God's Promises* v. (1744) 26 A scarsenesse vii. years, or else iii. monthes exyle. 1555 Eden *Decades* I. iii. (Arb.) 78 They are content with soo lyttle, that in soo large a countrey, they haue rather superfluitie then scarsenes.

† **4.** Want, poverty. *Obs.*

a. 1535 Coverdale *Ps.* lxvii. 6 He is the God y^t..bryngeth y^e presoners out of captiuite in due season, but letteth y^e rennagates continue in scarcenesse [So 1611]. 1581 Styward *Mart. Discipl.* II. 162 [He] pittied in his heart the scarsenesse or pouertie of an expert man of warre.

β. 1528 Rov *Rede me* (Arb.) 79 They flye diligently all excesse Livynge in poverte and scasnes With smale drynckе and browne breade.

γ. *c* 1400 *Apol. Loll.* (Camden) 26 For wan þei prey for plentey, and pees,..he wil send hem skarnes & noiȝes. *c* 1650 *Earl of Westm.* 178 in *Percy's MS. Ball. & Rom.* (1867) I. 308 For thé haue knowen me in wele and woe, in neede, scarnesse & pouertye.

5. Uncommonness, rarity.

1672 Boyle *Exs. Gems* ii. 113 The Rarity of transparent Gems,..and the great Value, which their Scarceness and mens Folly sets upon them. 1744 Berkeley *Siris* § 22 The folly of man rateth things hy their scarceness. 1871 Freeman *Norm. Conq.* (1876) IV. xvii. 66, I have already spoken of the scarceness of Castles in England before the Norman Conquest.

Scarch, obs. form of Scratch.

Scarcht, obs. form of Scrat, hermaphrodite.

Scarcity (skē·ɹsĭti). Forms: 4–5 **scarsete(e, skarsete, -cete, scharsete,** (**scarestee**), 5 **scarcete, -ie,** 6 **-sety, -cety,** *Sc.* **skaircetie,** 7 **skarsety**; 4–5 **scarste**(e, 5 **skarste**; 4–6 **scarsitee,** 4–5 **-citee, -aite, skarsytee,** 5 **skersytye, scarcyte, -aytie,** 5–6 **-cite, -scitie, -ssite,** 6 **skarayte, -sitie, -citie, scacity,** 6–7 **scarcitie,** 5–7 **-sitie,** 6– **scarcity.** [a. ONF. *escarceté,* Central OF. *escharseté,* f. *esc*(*h*)*ars*: see Scarce *a.* and -ity.] The quality, condition, or fact of being scarce.

† **1.** Frugality, parsimony; niggardliness, stinginess, meanness. *Obs.*

1340–70 *Alex. & Dind.* 871 For almus-dede do ȝe non as ȝe demen alle, But skarsete & skaþe vn-skilfully fonden. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Melib.* P 634 For right as men blamen an Auaricious man by cause of his scarsetee and chyngerie, In the same wise [etc.]. 1484 Caxton *Fables of Æsop* v. xii, Thow dyest for honger by cause that thy mayster gyueth the no mete by his grete scarcyte. 1531 Elyot *Gov.* III. xxii, Althoughe I dispraysed nygarshyp and vicious scarsitee.

2. Insufficiency of supply; smallness of available quantity, number, or amount, in proportion to the need or demand.

13.. *K. Alis.* 5479 (Bodl. MS.), Wexe to bygge in þis Cite, Of whiche hij hadden scarsete. *c* 1450 *Brut* 436 And tho was..grete scarste of corne and of othir vitaill. 1571 *Act* 13 *Eliz.* c. 14 § 1 The excessive pryce of Bowe Staves w^ch groweth principally by the Scarcitie of Bowe Staves brought into this Realme. 1599 Nashe *Lenten Stuffe* 26 Of leade and tinne is the most scarsity in forraine dominions, and plenty with vs. 1651 *Reg. Commission Grt. Assemb.* 5 Jan. (S. H. S.) III. 189 The scarsitie of ministers in Cathness and Orkney. 1760 Johnson *Idler* No. 103 P 2 Value is more frequently raised by scarcity than by use. That which lay neglected when it was common, rises in estimation as its quantity becomes less. 1833 Ht. Martineau *Fr. Wines & Pol.* v. 80 Now tell me..whether you think it a good thing or not that there should be a scarcity of wine? 1881 W. Newton *Serm. Boys & Girls* 108 There was one year a great scarcity of rain.

b. *attrib.*: **scarcity value,** an enhanced value due to scarcity. So *scarcity price, rent,* etc.

1848 Mill *Pol. Econ.* III. iv. § 6 (1876) 283 Things which cannot be increased *ad libitum* in quantity, and which therefore, if the demand goes beyond a certain amount, command a scarcity value. 1904 *Daily Chron.* 8 Oct. 3/3 The taxability of scarcity rents and profits.

¶ **c.** Comparative fewness, small number (of something not desirable). *rare.*

1663 Gerbier *Counsel* 93 The Hollanders..Vant of their scarcity of theeves..but attribute the same scarcity to that defence they..make against Theeves.

3. *absol.* Insufficiency of supply, in a community, of the necessaries of life, dearth. Also an instance of this, a period of scarcity, a dearth.

c 1450 *Brut* ccxxiv. 292 þer folwyd in Engelond good chepe, and wonder grete plente of chaffaree, vitaile and marchaundice, and þere aȝens, honger, scrafte [*I read* scarste], mischif, and nede of money. 1584 Powel *Lloyd's Cambria* 71 After such a famine there followed a Scarsitie in South Wales. 1686 J. Scott *Chr. Life* II. iv. § 2 Wks. 1718 I. 271 All Hands are at work,..to store them [*sc.* apartments] all with Provision against the ensuing Time of Scarcity. 1781 Gibbon *Decl. & F.* xxxi. III. 220 That unfortunate city gradually experienced the distress of scarcity, and at length the horrid calamities of famine. 1801 *Farmer's Mag.* Jan. 23 It is short allowance alone that can then prevent a scarcity from ending in absolute famine. 1803 Malthus *Popul.* III. v. 399 These general reasonings have been strikingly confirmed during the late scarcities. 1908 *Q. Rev.* July 224 Lesser visitations of scarcity have occurred in various provinces.

† **4.** Scantiness (of diet). *Obs.*

1398 Trevisa *Barth. De P. R.* VI. xx. (1495) 207 In scarsetee of dyetes seke men fayllen moost. 1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 82 b, Scarcite in meate, and the hely alway somwhat hungry, is..praysed.

† **5.** Deficiency, shortcoming. *Obs.*

c 1380 Wyclif *Wks.* (1880) 364 In full euydence and open tooknynge þat god takiþ þis ordenance in his chirche as full sufficient, and in no wise fawtye in scarste or excesse þer-of. *c* 1392 Chaucer *Compl. Venus* 80 And ekke to me it is right gret penaunce Sith ryme in englisshe haþe suche skarsytee [*v.rr.* scarstee, scarestee, etc.] To folowen word by word þe curyosytee Of Graunsone flour of hem þat make in ffraunce. 1412–20 Lydg. *Troy Bk.* II. 168 Preying þe reder, wher any word myssit, Causyng þe metre to be halte or lame, For to correcte, to saue me fro blame: Late hym nat wayte after coryouste, Syth þat in ryme ynglysch hath skarsete [*v.r.* skersytye]. *c* 1450 — *Secrees* 872 Set in A meene of prudent governaunce, That ther be nouthir skarsete nor excesse, But a ryght Rewle of Attemperaunce.

† **6.** The condition of being slenderly or inadequately provided (const. *of*). Also *absol.*, straitened condition with regard to means of living or comfort; penury, hardship. *Obs.*

1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) III. 465 þerfore it is good to lyve in good rule and in plente, and nouȝt in streitnesse, scarsite, and meschief [*Caxton*, in strayte skarste and meschyef]. 1528 Rov *Rede me* (Arb.) 93 Soche poverte is plente, For by it avoydynge scacite All welthynes they have. 1596 Dalrymple tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* I. II. 145 This king commandet to bring vpe the 3outh w^t al hardnes and skaircetie. 1599 Hakluyt *Voy.* I. 599 Gunne-powder, whereof they were in great skarcitie. 1607 Shaks. *Timon* II. ii. 234 When he was poore, Imprison'd, and in scarsitie of Friends, I cleer'd him with fiue Talents. 1610 — *Temp.* IV. i. 116 Scarcity and want shall shun you, Ceres' blessing so is on you.

7. In full, *Root of scarcity*: the mangel-wurzel. Also *scarcity plant, root.*

For the origin of the name see Mangel-wurzel.

1787, 1789 [see Root 18.^1 3 b]. 1800 [see Mangel-wurzel β]. 1803 *A. Hunter's Georg. Ess.* III. 109 Another new article which has been very lately introduced, is the Mangel Wurzel, or Scarcity Plant. 1856 A. Gray *Man. Bot.* (1860) 367 *Beta vulgaris*, the Beet, with its varieties, the Scarcity and Mangel Wurtzel.

Sca·rcy, *a. Obs.* exc. *dial.* (see E. D. D.). [f. Scarce *a.* + -y.] = Scarce.

1677 Plot *Oxfordsh.* 51 Now 'tis so scarcy, that 'tis a common thing to sell it by weight.

† **Scare,** *sb.*^1 *Obs.* [a. ONF. *escar*, var. of *escarn* (Central OF. *eschar*(*n*), vbl. sb. f. *escarnir* to deride. Cf. Scorn *sb.* and *v.* The final *e* may be the ending of the dative case.] Scorn, derision, contempt.

c 1205 Lay. 5835 Þanne we heonne i-funde farren ure frenden to scare. *Ibid.* 20746 Iswenched us sære folke to scare. *Ibid.* 29548 He talde heom godes leore and duden him to scare.

Scare (skēə1), *sb.*^2 Also 6–7 **scarre,** 7 **skar**(e, 9 *dial.* **scar.** [f. Scare *v.*]

† **1.** Fear, dread. *Obs.*

a 1400–50 *Alexander* 4732 And þai for skere of þe skrike into þe schaw fledd. 1578 T. N. tr. *Conq. W. India* 21 They would sell him no provision for scare of the Governour Velasques. 1616 T. Scot *Philomythie* I. (ed. 2) C 4 h, The night is come, the Shepheard soundly sleeps As he had wont, no skar his conscience keeps.

2. An act of scaring or a state of being scared; a sudden fright or alarm; *esp.* a state of general or public alarm occasioned by baseless or exaggerated rumours; *occas.* in generalized use, panic.

a 1548 Hall *Chron., Rich. III*, 39 They were sodaynely amased and striken with a soden scare. 1600 Holland *Livy* VIII. xxxvii. 308 At Rome there happened a scare by night, which raised euery man so suddainely out of their first sleepe. *c* 1610 Sir J. Malvil *Mem.* (1683) 70 This I said by the way to give her a little scare from marriage. 1664 Pepys *Diary* 25 Nov., God knows this is only a scare to the Parliament, to make them give the more money. 1721 Hearne *Collect.* (O. H. S.) VII. 280 He was seiz'd upon the Scare of the Popish Plot. 1844 G. W. Kendall *Santa Fé Exped.* I. 97 Nothing can exceed the grandeur of the scene when a large *cavallada*, or drove of horse, takes a 'scare'. 1881 *Standard* 4 Jan., We are evidently to have another Fenian scare. 1887 Fenn *Master Cerem.* xiv, You did give me a scare. 1898 *Westm. Gaz.* 22 Feb. 8/1 The time to buy stocks is when prices are depressed by scare.

† **3.** Something that scares or frightens; *spec.* a scarecrow. *Obs.*

1530 Palsgr. 265/2 Scarre to scar crowes. 1607 Markham *Caval.* II. (1617) 12 When you make an old ridden horse lead you the way where there bee manie Scarres and Boggards. 1620 — *Farew. Husb.* (1625) 96 The nearer that these Blinkes or Scarres come to the ground..so much the better it is, lest the fowle finding a way to creep under them, begin not to respect them. 1824 Loudon *Encycl. Gard.* (ed. 2) § 1483 *Engines of alarm*, or scares, are the hell or gong alarm for man; and the rattle-engine driven by hand, or a small wind-engine for herds. 1828 M'Dowall *Poems* 71 Rather hold him up a hug-bear or scar.

4. *attrib.* and *Comb.*: **scare-string,** an arraogement of twine on and about seed-plots and fruit-trees to frighten away birds. Also (in recent journalistic use), **scare-head, -heading,** a heading to a column

of newspaper matter written in extravagant language to produce a 'scare'; **scare-line**, a sensational announcement upon a newspaper poster; similarly in *scare-letter*, *-novel*, *-report*, etc.

1888 *Pall Mall G.* 29 Oct. 3/1 A Japanese newspaper.. has no such thing as head lines or scare heads. 1889 Pask *Eyes of Thames* 151 The young birds pay little heed to the scare strigs, and pull up the seedlings to their heart's content. 1894 Stead *If Christ came* 104 The sensationalists who manufacture scare heads for the Chicago papers. 1894 *Daily News* 15 Mar. 5/8 The men who manufacture scare headings for the paper saw the chance, and they worked up a great sensation. 1907 *Westm. Gaz.* 25 Mar. 9/3 When we members want to stimulate our jaded senses we go into the street and read the scare-lines on some of the posters.

† Scare, *sb.*[3] *Obs. rare.* See also Soar *sb.*[4] [a. F. *scare*, ad. L. *scarus*.] = Scarus.

1706 Phillips (ed. Kersey), *Scare*, a sort of Fish. 1803 Shaw *Gen. Zool.* IV. 488 Scare Labrus..Labrus Scarus.

Scare (skēə1), *sb.*[4] *Golf.* [orig. Sc. dial., a joint or splice (e. g. of a fishing-rod: see E.D.D.), a. ON. *skǫr* (:—*skaru*:—OTeut. **skarā*).] The part of a golf club where the head joins the handle.

1881 Forgan *Golfer's Handbk.* 35 *Scare*, the narrow part of the club-head by which it is glued to the handle. 1897 *Encycl. Sport* I. 473/1 (Golf) *Scare*, the part of the club where the head and shaft are joined.

Scare (skēə1), *a. rare.* [modernized form of Scar *a.*, after Scare *v.*] Timid, frightened.

1885-94 R. Baidges *Eros & Psyche* Dec. iii, But ere Her tale was done resumed his manner scare, Ran down, and on his way in darkness kept.

Scare (skēə1), *v.* Pa. t. and pa. pple. **scared** (skēəɪd). Forms: α. 3–6 **skerre**, 4 *Sc.* **sckir**; β. 6–7 **scarre**, 5–7 **skar**, 5–8 **scar**, 6–7 **skarre**, 7 *Sc.* **scarr, skarr**, 7–9 *Sc.* **scaur**; *Pa. t.* and *pa. pple.* 4 *Sc.* **schard**, 4, 6–9 **scarred**, 5 **scharid**, 5–7 **skard**, 6 **scard**, *Sc.* **skarred, skarrit**, 9 *dial.* **scart**; γ. 4–5 **scere**, 5 **skere**, 6 **skeare**; 9 *dial.* (and *U. S. vulgar*) **skear, skeer**; δ. 4–5 **skayre**, 5–7 **skare**, 6– **scare**; *Pa. pple.* 7 **skaerd**. [ME. *skerre*, a. ON. *skirra* (Icel. only in phr. *skirra vandræðum* to avoid strife, and refl. *skirra-sk* with accus. to shrink from; but cf. Norw. *skjerra*, Sw. dial. *skjarra* to scare), f. *skiarr* (:—**skerro-*) shy, timid, startled: see Scar *a.*

The ME. *skerre* normally became *skarre*; the form *scar*, now dialectal, is therefore regular. The phonology of the δ type (represented by the mod. standard form), and of the γ type (represented by the dialectal *skeer*) is obscure.]

1. *trans.* To frighten, terrify.

α. *c* 1200 *Ormin* 676 He [*sc.* the devil] wile himm færenn, 3iff he mazz, & skerrenn mare & mare. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xxv. (*Julian*) 595 Þat takine þe feyndis sckiris, & of þar mycht & purpos merrys.

β. 1508 Dunbar *Flyting* 214 Cum thow agane to skar us with thy strais, We sall gar scale our sculis all the to scorne. 1568 Grafton *Chron.* II. 90 King Richard so scarred the French kiages host, that he tooke the kinges Sumpter horse and parte of his treasure. 1606 Shaks. *Tr. & Cr.* v. x. 21 There is a word will..Scarre Troy out of it selfe. 1671 Flavel *Fount. Life* xi. 31 When they should find themselves more skarred than hurt by His Threats. 1721 Ramsay *Concl.* 6 Daft, giddy thing! to..spang o'er dykes that scar the blate. 1901 G. Douglas *Ho. Green Shutters* 279 He never met what scaured him!

γ. *a* 1400–50 *Alexander* 3865 Þan comes þare-out creuesses of manykins hewis, Scorpions þaim to scere & scalid neddirs. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 457/2 Skeryn' a-wey, *abigo*. 1558 Phaer *Æneid* Y 4 b, Now gastly sights mens hearts to skeare, In forgyng fire they shope. 1845 Judd *Margaret* II. v. (1874) 254 Don't be so despit skeered, Mr. Hadlock.

δ. 1591 Shaks. *1 Hen. VI*, II. ii. 28 My selfe, as farre as I could well discerne,..Am sure I scar'd the Dolphin and his Trull. 1596 Warner *Alb. Eng.* XII. lxix. (1612) 291 At first she feares, but lastly finds the Armor was vn-man'd: When skaerd, and cheerd, with Dorcas she did enter, theare at hand. *a* 1639 W. Whatelev *Prototypes* I. xi. (1640) 107 Let not every shew of danger skare you. 1686 tr. *Chardin's Trav. Persia* 165 Such dreadful Precipices, that scar'd me to look down. 1700 T. Brown *Amusem. Ser. & Com.* 37, I that am always more scared at the sight of a Sergeant, or Bayliff, than at the Devil and all his Works. 1738 Gray *Propertius* III. 44 The triple dog that scares the shadowy kind. 1810 Scott *Lady of L.* II. xxx, A thousand villages in flames Shall scare the slumbers of King James! 1825 J. Neal *Bro. Jonathan* I. 104 Ye wasn't skeered, nor nothin' was ye tho'? *a* 1839 Praed *Poems* (1864) II. 12 Who scared me with that Gorgon face? 1864 Blackmore *Clara Vaughan* (1872) 50 Turning to me, 'Doon'e be skeared, Miss Clerer.' 1875 Jowett *Plato* (ed. 2) V. 505 Such practices..scare the multitude out of their wits.

† b. ? To alarm, put on the alert (a sentry). *Obs.*

13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* B. 838 In grete flokkez of folk, þay fallen to his 3atez, As a scowte wach scarred, so þe asscry rysed. *a* 1400 *Morte Arth.* 2468 Disconeris of schottemene, and skyrmys a lyttille; Skayres thaire skottefers, and theire skowtte-waches. *c* 1425 *Cast. Persev.* 1907 in *Macro Plays* 134 Schapyth now 3oure scheldys schene, 3ene skallyd skoutis for to skerre up-on 3one grene grese!

c. To frighten away, drive off. Now chiefly with adv., exc. with reference to keeping off birds from corn, etc.

c 1400 *Destr. Troy* 13404 This Ascatus with skathe skerrit of his rewme Pelleus. *c* 1450 *Mankind* 800 in *Macro Plays* 29 He skaryth ws with a bales; we may no lengere tary. 1573 Tusser *Husb.* (1878) 125 Keepe cart gap weele, scare hog from wheele. 1641 Milton *Reform.* I. 4 Being scarr'd from thence by the pangs, and gripes of a boyling conscience. 1660 F. Brooke tr. *Le Blanc's Trav.* 237 They were soon scared away, when we assured them we were Christians. 1785 Burns *Death & Dr. Hornbook* xiii, Mony a scheme in vain's been laid To stap or scaur me. 1816 Scott *Antiq.* xxvi, Ou, that wad be the lights and the noise that scarr'd us awa. 1851 D. Jerrold *St. Giles* xii. 114 A chap, with rags on him, not fit to scare birds in a bean-field.

d. Scare out, up. *U. S.* To frighten (game) out of cover. Hence *fig.* to bring to light, to discover.

1853 *Putnam's Mag.* Sept. 304/2 A great man..does not make the noodles and nobodies that he may scare up any where, his chief agents. 1857 *The States* (*Washington*) (Bartlett 1860), A very useful bag in a family, in scaring up eggs for breakfast. 1862 Lowell *Biglow P.* Ser. II. iii, Where can you scare up names like them among your mudsill folks? 1874 Long *Amer. Wild-fowl Shooting* 142 We probably won't scare out any very large batches of ducks.

† 2. *intr.* To take fright; to be scared (at). *Obs.*

β. 13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* B. 598 Bot of þe dome of þe doube for dedez of schame He is so skoymus of þat skaþe, he scarrez bylyue. *c* 1470 Henryson *Mor. Fab.* IX. (*Wolf & Fox*) iii, I am rad, gif thay me se on far, That at my figure beist and bird will skar. 1500–20 Dunbar *Poems* xxx. 6 With him and with his abbeit bayth I skarrit, Lyk to ane man that with a gaist wes marrit. *a* 1605 Montgomerie *Devot. Poems* vi. 62 Then prayers, almesdeids, and tearis, Vhilks 3it to skorne 3ee skantly skar, Sall mair availl than jaks and spearis. 1629 Sir W. Mure *True Crucifixe* 1775 Thou must not skarre vpon thy Soares to looke, To read thy dittay in that sacred Booke. 1682 Peden *Lord's Trumpet* 30 Scar not at the cross for it is the way to the crown. 1710 in Calderwood *Dying Testim.* (1806) 157 What ails poor harlot Scotland to scar so much at that noble gift. 1721 Wodrow *Hist. Suff. Ch. Scot.* (1829) I. I. iv. 358 He cried with a loud voice, 'I beseech you..not to scar at sufferings for the interests of Christ.'

δ. 1699 T. Boston *Art of Man-fishing* (1900) 52 Every parish will scare at thee as a monster of men. 1731 — *Mem.* (1899) 48 Being everywhere scared at by some.

3. To take a scare (see Scare *sb.*[2]); to be alarmed by rumours or the like.

1900 *Academy* 8 Sept. 194/1 The big depositors wouldn't scare.

4. *Comb.* with an object-sb., forming sbs. with the sense 'one who or something which scares', as *scare-bear*, *-beggar*, *-bullfinch*, *-christian*, *-goose*, *-sinner*, *sleep*.

1843 *P. Parley's Ann.* IV. 216 Logs hung vibrating from the branches of trees, and other *scare-bears. 1806 *Sporting Mag.* XXVII. 186 He..is the *scare-beggar of the parish. 1849 *Zoologist* VII. 2568 A stuffed cat..has been found a capital *scare-hullfinch. 1772 Nugent tr. *Hist. Friar Gerund* I. 455 Whom he esteemed the most redoubted *Scare-christian that dignified the pulpit in that age. 1887 R. Garnett *Carlyle* iv. 67 Letters poured in, countermanding subscriptions until the *scaregoose should be removed. 1765 Sterne *Tr. Shandy* VII. vii, Do stop that death-looking, long-striding scoundrel of a *scare-sinner, who is posting after me. 1817 Kirby & Sp. *Entomol.* (1818) II. 401 The great lantern-fly..from its noise in the evening..is called *Scare-sleep by the Dutch in Guiana.

Scare, obs. form of Shear.

† Sca·re-babe. *Obs.* Also 7 **scarbabe, scarre-babe.** [f. Scare *v.* + Babe *sb.*] Something to frighten children; a bugbear, bogy.

a 1591 H. Smith *Serm.* (1594) 279 Therfore take heed of hell, for Purgatorie is but a scarre babe. *a* 1606 *Wily Beguiled* (1623) E 2, Ile..come like some Hob-goblin..And like a Scarbabe make him take his legges. 1621 A. Cave *Serm.* 16 They become scarre-babes and bugbeares to their innocent neighbours.

attrib. 1594 *Epit. of 'Old Scarlett' in Peterb. Cath.*, A Scarebabe mighty voice with visage grim.

So † **Sca·re-bairn.**

1681 W. Robertson *Phraseol. Gen.* (1693) 495 An Hagg or scare-barn, a bug-bear to frighten children.

† Sca·re-bug, *sb. Obs.* Also 6 **scare-bugge,** 7 **scarbug, scarbugg(e, skar-bugg.** [f. Scare *sb.*[2] + Bug *sb.*[1]] = Bugbear.

1583 Golding *Calvin on Deut.* cxciv. 1204 All those which nowadayes doe name themselues Bishops and Prelates, are but scarebugs set vp by the diuell. 1601 Dent *Pathw. Heaven* (1603) 345 For sinne is no scar-bugge. 1618 S. Ward *Jethro's Just. Peace* 18 These complements without the substance are but empty gulls and scarbuggs of maiestie. 1642 D. Rogers *Naaman* 536 Haue made his solemne Commands, idle scare-bugs, and haue turned them into shadowes. 1657 Trapp *Comm. Ps.* lii. 5 Think not that these things are spoken on *in terrorem*, for a Scarebug, for they shall all be surely fulfilled upon thee.

attrib. 1616 *Manifest. Abp. of Spalato's Motives* 5 Surely (in the scare-bug feares, which from my tender yeeres haue possessed mee) I haue held them detestable.

† Sca·re-bug, *v. Obs.* Also 6 **scarrebugge.** [f. prec.] *trans.* To frighten with idle terrors.

1594 Nashe *Unfort. Trav.* I 1 b, Now thinkest thou that I..can be scare-bugd with the plague? 1596 — *Saffron Walden* 134 She..scarrebugges me with a Comedie, which shee hath scrawld and scribeld vp against mee.

Scarecrow (skēəɹkrōu), *sb.* Forms: 6 **scarre-crowe, skar-crowe,** 6–7 **scarrecrow, scarcrow(e,** 7 **skar-crow,** 7– **scarecrow** (formerly often written with hyphen). [f. Scare *v.* + Crow *sb.*[1]]

1. A person employed in scaring birds.

1553 T. Wilson *Rhet.* 47 b, Plaie as young boyes or scarre crowes do, whiche showte in the open and plaine feldes at all aventures hittie missie. 1908 E. C. Palmer in *Daily Mail* 11 Apr. 6/5 He is not ashamed of being a scarecrow.

2. A device for frightening birds from growing crops, usually a figure of a man dressed in old and ragged clothes.

1592 *Nobody & Somebody* H 4, Let me be hangd vp sunning in the ayre, And made a scar-crow. 1637 Heywood *Royall King* III. ii, Wots thou who's returnd, The unthrift Bonvile, ragged as a scarre-crow. 1726 De Foe *Hist. Devil* II. iii. (1840) 202 We set the devil up like a scarecrow to frighten children and old women. 1762 Lloyd *Nightingale* Poems 96 Critics, who like the scarecrows stand Upon the poet's common land. 1874 Geo. Eliot *Coll. Breakf. P.* 427 Can you..Frighten the blind with scarecrows? 1887 Besant *The World went* xx, No scarecrow in the fields ever had such clothes.

b. *fig.* Something (not really formidable) that frightens or is intended to frighten; a 'bogy'.

1589 *Marprel. Theses Martin.* D ij, All the bishops of England are too weake to deale with a scarre-crowe, that hath but the name of reuerend Martin written vppon it. 1591 Shaks. *1 Hen. VI*, I. iv, Here, sayd they, is the Terror of the French, The Scar-Crow that affrights our Children so. 1642 Hales *Schism* 1 Heresie and Schisme as they are commonly used, are two Theological scar-crows. 1686 T. Brown *To Ld. Chancellor* Wks. 1709 III. III. 99 So grisly Comets from the Dung-hills rise, Those upstart Scare-crows of the wond'ring Skies. 1746 Wesley *Princ. Methodist* 23, I should wonder if the Scarecrow of sinless Perfection was not brought in some way or other. 1812 *Examiner* 12 Oct. 653/2 That idle scarecrow,—the Bribery Act. 1870 Thornbury *Tour round Eng.* I. iv. 89 What a scarecrow to a blushing curate that stiff old lady..must have been.

3. A person whose appearance causes ridicule; † a lean, gaunt figure (*obs.*); one who resembles a scarecrow in his dress, 'a guy.'

1590 Spenser *F. Q.* II. iii. 7 Thereat the Scarcrow wexed wondrous prowd. 1596 Shaks. *1 Hen. IV*, IV. ii. 41. 1625 B. Jonson *Staple of N.* IV. iv, A true Souldier..runnes those vertuous hazards, that this Scarre-crow Cannot endure to heare of. 1672 Marvel *Reh. Transp.* I. 50 You never saw such a Scarcrow as he makes him. 1711 Addison *Spect.* No. 9 ¶ 2 In Opposition to this Society [of Fat-men], there sprung up another composed of Scare-Crows and Skeletons. 1749 Berkeley *Word to the Wise* Wks. III. 441 People well fed, and well clad, instead of famished, ragged scarecrows. 1838 Dickens *Nich. Nick.* viii, In front of the schoolmaster's desk, half a dozen scarecrows out at knees and elbows. 1874 L. Stephen *Hours in Library* (1892) I. v. 192 A grim and ugly scarecrow, on whom every buffoon may break his jest. 1881 W. S. Gilbert *Foggerty's Fairy* II, I was sorry to see a fine young man throw himself away upon such a scarecrow.

† 4. An alleged name of the Black Tern, *Hydrochelidon nigra*, and of the Hooded Crow, *Corvus cornix*. *Obs.*

a 1672 Willughav & Ray *Ornith.* (1676) 269 Larus niger Gesneri..The Scar-crow. 1802–33 *Montagu's Ornith. Dict.* 258 Hoody, Dun Crow, Scare Crow.

5. *attrib.* (quasi-*adj.*)

1602 *and Pt. Return fr. Parnass.* I. vi. 498 Hang him,.. That when the cloud of his invention breakes, Cannot outcracke the scarr-crow thunderbolt. 1644 Milton *Divorce* Introd. 4 The greatest burden in the world is superstition; not only of Ceremonies in the Church, but of imaginary and scar-crow sins at home. 1663 Cowley *Verses & Ess., To Royal Soc.* iii, The Orchard's open now, and free; Bacon has broke the Scar-crow Deitie. 1761 Wesley *Jrnl.* 19 Feb. (1827) III. 40 Many may forget my scarecrow name. 1837 Lockhart *Scott* VI. 68 He was a scarecrow figure—attired much in the fashion of the *strugglers*. 1894 Jeaffreson *Bk. Recoll.* II. xxv. 223 Wearing a scarecrow hat..in his rural walks.

Hence **Sca·recrowish, Sca·recrowy** *adjs.*

1862 Thornbury *Turner* I. 277 All through the 'Liber' the figures are admirable, except the larger ones in the home pastoral scenes, and they are rather weak, sketchy and scarecrowy. 1892 Mar. North *Recoll. Happy Life* I. 94, I found his worship in an extra scarcecrowish costume.

Scarecrow (skēəɹkrōu), *v.* Also 6 **scarre-crow.** [f. Scarecrow *sb.*]

† 1. *trans.* To frighten, as with a scarecrow. *Obs.*

1593 G. Harvey *Pierce's Super.* 69 That old acquaintance, ..is neither lullabied with thy sweete Papp, nor scarre-crowed with thy sower hatchet. 1675 Duffett *Mock Tempest* I. 42 Yea, I will scare-crow thee, I will top and scourge thee.

2. To dot and disfigure as scarecrows do.

1853 *Fraser's Mag.* XLVIII. 471 Yet wilder specimens of the human race..here and there scare-crow the broad, sadly picturesque expanse.

Scared (skēəɹd), *ppl. a.* [f. Scare *v.* + -ed[1].] Frightened, startled.

1725 Pope *Odyss.* XI. 782 Sad groans and dismal sounds Stun my scar'd ears. 1802 Coleridge *Picture* 6 Hurrying along the drifted forest-leaves, The scared snake rustles. 1833 J. H. Newman in *Lyra Apost.* lxxx. (1836) 96 Let your words be strong, Your cry be loud, till each scared boaster flies. 1907 A. C. Benson *Altar Fire* 266 The Master has a very scared and dull pupil alas!

Sca·re-devil. [f. Scare *v.* + Devil *sb.*]

† 1. A name for plants of the genus *Hypericum*, formerly supposed to possess the power of curing persons possessed with devils. *Obs. rare* —[1].

1751 Lavington *Enthus. Meth. & Papists* III. (1754) 178 Such is the herb Hypericum, called also St. John's-Wort, and Scare-Devil.

2. *dial.* A name for the Swift (*Cypselus apus*), perh. with reference to its dark colour and rapid flight.

1831 *Montagu's Ornith. Dict.* 462 Skeer devil..Skir devil. A name for the swift. 1886 Elworthy *W. Som. Word-bk., Scare-devil*, the swift.

† Sca·re-fire. *Obs.* Also 6 **skarifyer,** 7 **scar-, scarre-, skare-, skar-.** [Prob. a corruption of Soathefire, as if f. Scare *sb.*[2]] A sudden conflagration.

1572 *Nottingham Rec.* (1889) IV. 143 Payd to Thomas Clarke for his payns at the skarifyer at Mr. Burtons. 1600 Holland *Livy* xxvi. xxvii. 604 These speeches.. were interrupted and stayed by occasion of a Scare-fire, that began in sundrie places together about the Forum.

1637 POCKLINGTON *Altare Christ.* 132 We reject private Masses..to be a remedy against Pestilence, inundation, tempest, scare-fire, &c. 1648 HERRICK *Hesper., Bell-man*, From noise of Scare-fires rest ye free, From Murders Benedicitie. 1684 S. G. *Angl. Spec.* 479 Of Manufactures, the greatest is the Engine, for quenching of Scare-fires.

fig. 1642 FULLER *Holy & Prof. St.* III. XXV. 230 The Priests melted mens hearts into Charity with the Scare-fire of Purgatory.

†Sca·re-fly. *Obs.* [f. SCARE *v.* + FLY *sb.*]

1. One who drives away flies: used to render Gr. ἀπόμυιος as an epithet of certain deities. *rare*—[1].

1587 GOLDING *De Mornay* XXIII. 402 And hereof it came that the Chananites called their Belzebub, and the Greekes their Iupiter, by the name of Scarefly.

2. A device for frightening away flies.

1862 *All Year Round* 13 Sept. 9 An ingenious Florentine gentleman has communicated to the world, a scare-fly.

Scareful (skēə·ɹfŭl), *a.* Now *rare* exc. *dial.* [f. SCARE *sb.* + -FUL.] Terrifying, alarming.

1567 GOLDING *Ovid's Met.* VI. (1593) 144 The scarefull erne With hooked talents trussing up a hare. 1655 GURNALL *Chr. in Arm.* I. verse 13, vii. (1656) 370 The evil day is not such a scareful thing to thee that art a Christian, as thou shouldest start for it. 1841 J. F. COOPER *Deerslayer* iii, It's skearful to think for how many causes one gets to be your inimy.

Scaremonger (skēə·ɹmɒ·ŋgəɹ). [f. SCARE *sb.* + -MONGER [1].] One who occupies himself in spreading alarming reports; an alarmist. Hence **Sca·remongering** *vbl. sb.*, the action of a scaremonger; the spreading of alarming reports.

1888 *Pall Mall G.* 23 May 4/1 Neither the scaremongers nor the peacemongers will feel any security whatever that the Cabinet is taking the country into its confidence. 1907 *Standard* 25 Nov. 6/6 To dismiss as 'scaremongering', and the like, criticism founded upon facts of common knowledge.

Scarer (skēə·ɹəɹ). [f. SCARE *v.* + -ER [1].] One who or something which scares.

1740 RICHARDSON *Pamela* I. Introd. 30 Till the Ghost of Lady Davers, drawing open the Curtains, scares the Scarer. 1820 *Examiner* No. 621. 154/1 Like a scarer away of birds from the grapes. 1865 DICKENS *Mut. Fr.* I. v, To a old hiid like myself these are scarers. 1879 ESCOTT *England* I. 299 When he commences life as an agricultural labourer, it will probably be, not in the capacity of scarer—hird-scaring is now generally done by inanimate scarecrows.

Scarestee, obs. form of SCARCITY.

Scarey, variant of SCARY *a.*

Scarf (skāɹf), *sb.*[1] Pl. **scarfs, scarves.** Forms: 6-7 **scarfe, scarff(e, scarph(e, skarf(e,** 7 **skarffe,** 6- **scarf.** [Of obscure history; not recorded before the middle of the 16th c., but prob. a. ONF. *escarpe* = Central OF. *escharpe*, mod.F. *écharpe* sash, sling for a wounded arm, etc. (whence It. *sciarpa, ciarpa*, Sp. *charpa*, G. *schärpe*, MDu. *scharpe*, and mod.Du. *sjerp*), prob. the same word as OF. *escharpe, escarpe, esquerpe, escreppe*, etc., a pilgrim's scrip suspended from the neck; of Teut. origin: cf. ON. *skreppa* SCRIP *sb.*[1]

The more normal form *scarp* is found (almost as early as *scarf*) in the heraldic sense 5 a; possibly, though unrecorded, it may have been the original Eng. form in all senses. It is noteworthy that all the words of the form *scarp* have variants with *f*: for the change of final *p* into *f* after liquids cf. SCALP *sb.*[1] . Various Ger. dialects have *scherfe, scharfe* (whence Russian шарфъ) for the literary Ger. *schärpe*, but this coincidence with Eng. seems to be merely accidental.

The original plural form *scarfs* has never gone out of use; but from the beginning of the 18th c. the form *scarves* (on the analogy of *halves*, etc.) has been common, and in London commercial use it appears to have become universal. No other sb. of other than native origin has this change of *f* into *v* in the plural.]

1. A broad band of silk or other material, worn (chiefly by soldiers or officials) either diagonally across the body from one shoulder to the opposite hip, or round the waist; = SASH *sb.*[1] 2.

The purpose of the military 'scarf' or 'sash' is now merely decorative or significant of rank or the like. Originally, it served for carrying things, and some references to this use occur in the early quots. below.

1555 [alluded to in quot. for sense a]. 1566 PAINTER *Pal. Pleas.* I. 51 His wife Panthea brought him an armure of golde,..and a crimsen skarfe. 1585 T. WASHINGTON tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* IV. xiii. 126 b, The target..hee carryed in a scarfe about his shoulders. 1594 NASHE *Unfort. Trav.* 20 Flourishing entred Iohn Leiden the Botcher into the field, with a scarffe made of lysts like a bow-case. 1599 SHAKS. *Much Ado* II. i. 198 What fashion will you weare the Garland of? ..vnder your arme, like a Lieutenants scarfe? 1644 SYMONDS *Diary* (Camden) 41 A man in compleate coloured armour and scarfe. 1660 F. BROOKE tr. *Le Blanc's Trav.* 350 The men wear apparel of Deer-skins.., one arm uncovered, and so they wear their garment like a scarf. 1660 TATHAM *Roy. Oak* 2 Eight other Gentlemen carrying Banners in Plush Coats, and Skye coloured Scarffs about their Shoulders. 1689 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 2445/4 Lost.., an Officers Scarf with four gold Fringes round the Wast, set on Crimson Silk, and a very deep Fringe at each end. 1732 POPE *Ess. Man* II. 279 Scarfs, garters, gold, amuse his riper age. 1762-71 H. WALPOLE *Vertue's Anecd. Paint.* (1786) V. 130 Cromwell, half-length in armour, page tying his scarf. 1823 SCOTT *Quentin D.* ii, Over his left shoulder hung an embroidered scarf, which sustained a small pouch of scarlet velvet. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* XIII. iii, Municipality and Mayor have on their scarfs. 1874 MOTLEY *Barneveld* I. ii. 126 Forty-eight pages in white, yellow, and red scarves. 1902 AMERY *War S. Africa* II. 189 Their colonel..had led waving his silk scarf to his men.

2. *Eccl.* A band of silk or other material worn round the neck, with the two ends pendent from the shoulders in front, as a part of clerical costume. In the 18th c. *spec.* the scarf worn by a nobleman's chaplain (cf. quot. 1866); hence, a chaplaincy.

1555 LADY VANE *Let. to Philpot* in FOXE *A. & M.* (1583) 1829/1, I will supply your request for the Scarfe yee wrote of, that ye may present my handy worke before your Captayne. 1555 PHILPOT *Let. to Lady Vane* 10 Dec. *ibid.* 1837/2 You haue so armed me to the Lordes battell both inwardly and outwardly...You haue appointed me to so good and gracious a General of the field,..that [etc.]...The Scarffe I desire as an outward signe to shew our enemies. 1710 SWIFT *Jrnl. to Stella* 11 Dec., I dined with Mrs. Vanhomrigh, to desire them to buy me a scarf; and lady Abercorn is to buy me another, to see who does best: mine is all in rags. 1712 BUDGELL *Spect.* No. 539 P 3, I yesterday heard a young Gentleman, that look'd as if he was just come to the Town, and a Scarf, upon Evil-speaking. 1738 MRS. DELANY *Life & Corr.* (1861) II. 35 The Duke of Portland is very sorry not to be able to grant a scarf to our acquaintance—his are all filled up. 1844 *Life C'tess Huntingdon* I. 132 The excellent Lady Huntingdon..invited him to her house.., gave him her scarf, and as her chaplain, he continued long to preach to the poor in her kitchen unmolested. 1866 *Direct. Anglic.* (ed. 3) 359 Scarf worn by Chaplains; it is made of silk of the colour of the nobleman's livery to whom the cleric is chaplain...The Black Scarf is worn over the Gown by Doctors in Divinity, Cathedral Dignitaries and Bishops' Chaplains. 1903 *Church Times* 11 Dec. 748/4 A deacon is entitled, like any other clergyman, to wear the broad black tippet, or scarf, over his surplice.

3. A broad strip of silk, gauze, or other fine material, worn hung loosely over the shoulders or otherwise as an ornamental accessory to the costume.

1562 J. HEYWOOD *Prov. & Epigr.* Bbj b, When do mothers fray their babes most from duggis. When they put on blacke scrafs [sic], and go like beare buggis. 1583 GREENE *Mamillia* II. Wks. (Grosart) II. 220 Needlesse noughts, as crisps and scarphes worne Alla Morisco. 1583 STUBBES *Anat. Abuses* I. Gj b, Then must they haue their silk scarffes cast about their faces, & fluttering in the winde with great tassels at euery end, either of gold, siluer or silk. 1592 MARLOWE *Massacre Paris* I. A 7 b, They that shalbe actors in this Massacre Shall..tye white linnen scarfes about their armes. 1600 ROWLANDS *Lett. Humours Blood* xxvii. 33 Why in the Stop-throate fashion doth he go, With Scarfe about his necke? Hat without band? 1601 SHAKS. *Jul. C.* I. ii. 289 Marcellus and Flauius, for pulling Scarffes of Cæsars Images, are put to silence. 1624 *Skelton's E. Rummyng* Prol. 82 Scarfs, feathers, and swords, And thin bodkin-beards. 1631 HEYWOOD *Fair Maid of West* I. Wks. 1874 II. 264 Trickt in skarffe and feather. 1753 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 5173/4 A black Gause Scarf;..a blue Lustring-Scarf with a Gause Body. 1748 RICHARDSON *Clarissa* (1811) IV. xlii. 282 What a pretty show they will make, with their white hoods, white gowns, white petticoats, white scarves! 1766 *Lond. Mag.* July 335 The new thing called a Scarf, with its depending tassels, looks so much like an advertisement that if the place of abode was added, there is no doubt, but that it would draw in custom. 1837 DICKENS *Pickw.* iv, Two young ladies in scarfs and feathers. 1859 TENNYSON *Marr. Geraint* 169 A purple scarf at either end whereof There swung an apple of the purest gold Sway'd round about him. 1863 GEO. ELIOT *Romola* Introd., His..cap, with its..long hanging strip of drapery, to serve as a scarf in case of need. 1887 BOWEN *Virg. Æneid* IV. 238 Dressed in a Tyrian scarf with a fringe of broidery gay.

†b. used as a bandage for the eyes, or a veil.

1587 GOLDING *De Mornay* XX. (1617) 349 His [God's] spiritual nature, which we cannot possibly comprehend, but as it were through a glasse, or a scarfe. 1611 CHAPMAN *May Day* Plays 1873 II. 349 My assurance is that Cupid will take the scarfe from his owne eyes and hoodwinke the old buzzard. 1642 R. CARPENTER *Experience* II. vii. 170 And if anything slip under the rehearsall it is to be a scarff over the face, and to shew, the griefe could not be expressed. *a* 1656 BP. HALL *Rem. Wks.* (1660) 232 They have but a maske or scarfe over their faces.

c. *transf.* and *fig.*

1610 SHAKS. *Temp.* IV. i. 82 And with each end of thy blew bowe do'st crowne My boskie acres, and my vnshrubd downe, Rich scarph to my proud earth. 1614 DRUMM. OF HAWTH. *Poems* (1616) F j, Among the lesser Lights as is the Moone, Blushing through Scarfe of Clouds on Latmos Mountaine. 1822 SHELLEY *Triumph* 357 Still before me on the dusky grass, Iris her many-coloured scarf had drawn. 1867 AUGUSTA WILSON *Vashti* XXVII, The moon had risen slowly, breaking through a rent scarf of cloud that barred her solemn, white disc. 1880 STEVENSON *Across the Plains* ii. (1892) 89 The fogs are in possession of the lower levels; they crawl in scarves among the sandhills.

d. *spec.* The scarf of black crape or silk worn over the shoulder by mourners at funerals.

1739 *Will* in Payne *Engl. Cath.* (1889) 53 No scarves, gloves, nor hat-bands. 1842 TENNYSON *Morte Arth.* 194 A dusky barge, Dark as a funeral scarf from stem to stern. 1850 G. J. FRENCH *Tippets* 8 *note*, The modern custom of wearing at funerals both a hatband and a scarf over the shoulder, curiously marks the extravagance which has crept into such ceremonies.

e. A band of warm and soft material worn round the neck in cold weather; = COMFORTER 6.

1844 MRS. GAUGAIN *Knitting*, etc. II. Accomp. 37 Warm Crochet Scarf. Worked in eight-ply Berlin wool.

f. A necktie or cravat that more or less covers the bosom of the shirt.

1865 MORLEY *Mod. Characteristics* 79 Gorgeous scarves which have been long superseded by white ties. 1886 PASCOE *Lond. of To-day* (ed. 3) xli. 355 Most gentlemen are now content with the made-up scarves of all sizes, colours, and materials, which [etc.].

†4. A sling for an ailing limb. *Obs.*

1597 A. M. tr. *Guillemeau's Fr. Chirurg.* 29/2 He must weare his arme before on his breste in a scarfe. 1600 SHAKS. *A. Y. L.* V. ii. 23 Oh my deere Orlando, how it greeues me to see thee weare thy heart in a scarfe. *c* 1645 HOWELL *Lett.* (1650) I. 260 Lesly..carried his foot in a scarf for a wound he had received at Buckstobo. 1656 RIOGLEY *Pract. Physick* 165 The arm must be carried in a Scarf. 1828 SCOTT *F. M. Perth* xxi, His wounded arm was supported by a scarf, or sling of crimson silk.

5. *Her.* a. = SCARP *sb.*[1]

1688 HOLME *Armoury* I. 30/1 He beareth Argent, a Scarpe Purpure, of some termed a Scarf. 1738 CHAMBERS *Cycl.* (ed. 2) s.v. *Bend-sinister*, The bend-sinister is subdivided into the *scarf*, or *scarp*, and the *battoon*. 1823-4 *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) XV. 431 The *Bend sinister* consists of similar lines drawn in an opposite direction from the *sinister chief* to the *dexter base* of the shield. Its diminutive is the *scarf* occupying one half of its breadth.

b. = BANDEROLE 2.

1780 EDMONDSON *Her.* II. Gloss., *Scarf*, a small ecclesiastical banner, hanging down from the top of a crosier.

†6. A scroll or plate bearing an inscription.

1655 FULLER *Ch. Hist.* XI. x. § 49 The Vault thus prepared, a scarfe of lead was provided some two foot long,.. therein to make an inscription.

7. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *scarf-maker, -veil*; *scarf-like* adj. and adv.; **scarf cloak,** a light narrow cloak or tippet; **scarf-loom,** a loom for weaving figured fabrics of moderate breadth (Knight *Dict. Mech.* 1875); **†scarf-man,** a clergyman of rank entitling him to wear a scarf; **†scarf-officer,** an officer who is entitled to wear a scarf; **scarf-pin,** a pin for fastening a scarf, or worn for ornament in a scarf (sense 3 f); **scarf-ring,** a ring for holding a scarf (sense 3 f) in position.

1804 *Jackson's Oxford Jrnl.* 4 Aug. 2/3 *Scarf cloaks of leno or worked muslin over coloured silks, are universally worn. 1611 COTGR., *Escharpeux*, .. *scarfe-like. 1852 *Meanderings of Memory* I. 109 Scarf-like and ethereally slight. 1874 BOUTELL *Arms & Armour* iv. 67 Suspended from a baudrick, or scarf-like shoulder-belt, this sword reached from the hollow of the back to about the middle of the thigh. 1725 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 6403/4 Anne Howard, ..*Scarf-maker. 1711 P. H. *Impartial View of 2 late Parlts.* 23 The inferior Priests and Deacons, and all under the Degree of *Scarf Men were made to understand. 1710-11 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 21 P 2 We may divide the Clergy into Generals, Field-Officers, and Subalterns. Among the first we may reckon Bishops, Deans, and Arch-Deacons. Among the second are Doctors of Divinity, Prebendaries, and all that wear Scarfs...It is found that there has been a great Exceeding of late Years in the Second Division, several Brevets having been granted for the converting of Subalterns into *Scarf-Officers. 1859 *Habits of Gd. Society* iii. (new ed.) 142 A *scarf-pin which is neither large nor showy. 1907 *Westm. Gaz.* 12 Dec. 4/3 A useful *scarf-veil.

Scarf (skāɹf), *sb.*[2] Also 5 **scarffe,** 6 **skarfe,** 8 **scarfe,** 8-9 **scarph,** 9 **skerf.** [Words of related form and identical meaning (chiefly belonging to the nautical vocabulary) are found in several mod. langs., but recorded much later than in English: F. *écart* (:—**escarf*) a scarf, vbl. noun from *écarver* (:—**escarver*) to scarf; Sp. *escarba*, Pg. *escarva* a scarf; Du. *scherf* a scarf, *verscherven* (whence G. *verscherben*) to scarf; Sw. *skarf*, Norw. *skarv* piece added to lengthen a board or a garment, also the joint or seam by which this is effected; Sw. *skarfva*, Norw. *skarva, skjerva* to lengthen by joining or sewing on an additional piece (Da. has in this sense *skarre*, the relation of which to the Sw. form is obscure).

The relation of these words to each other and to the English sh. and vb. is uncertain. The fact that the Sw. words are not, like those in the other langs., exclusively technical, but have a wider meaning, seems to afford a slight presumption in favour of Scandinavian as the ultimate source. But even assuming this, it remains doubtful whether the Eng. sb. comes from Sw. (or some other Scandinavian dialect) directly or through the medium of OF. **escarf.*

The Sw. *skarf* has commonly been referred to the Teut. root **skerb-, skarb-*, represented by OE. *scearfian* (= OHG. *scarpfan*, G. *scharben*) to cut into shreds, OE. *scearfan* str. vb., to gnaw, bite, scarify, Du. *scherf* (= OHG. *scirbi*, G. *scherbe*) potsherd; but affinity in meaning seems wanting.]

1. *Carpentry* and *Shipbuilding.* A joint by which two timbers are connected longitudinally into a continuous piece, the ends being halved, notched, or cut away so as to fit into each other with mutual overlapping.

1497 [see *scarf-timber* in 3]. *c* 1580 H. SMITH in *Hakluyt's Voy.* (1599) I. 453 Wee haled aground to stoppe a leake, which we found to be in the skarfe afore. 1626 CAPT. SMITH *Accid. Yng. Seamen* 8 Next your Nauell timbers, and bind them all with sixe foote Skarfe at the least. 1691 T. H[ALE] *Acc. New Invent.* 47 The Scarfs of her Keel and Stern. 1769 FALCONER *Dict. Marine* (1780) s.v. *Apron*, The scarf thereof should be at some distance from that of the stern. 1779 BARNARD in *Phil. Trans.* LXX. 108 Pl. 3, Beams of Fir 12 inches square, put across in halves, with 12 feet scarph. 1823 P. NICHOLSON *Pract. Builder* 280 In each piece of timber to be joined, the parts of the joints that come in contact are called scarfs. 1842 *Civil Eng. & Arch. Jrnl.* V. 362/1 The scarf of the poles is shown in Fig. 3. 1889 WELCH *Text Bk. Naval Archit.* viii. 209 The ends of these planks are supported on the frames, adjacent ones being formed into a scarph.

†b. *Shipbuilding.* The overlapping of adjacent timbers in a ship's frame, in order to secure continuity of strength at the joints. Phrase, *To give scarf. Obs.*

1711 W. SUTHERLAND *Shipbuild. Assist.* 39 Let the Top-timber be placed..that they may give Scarf to the Port-holes. 1769 [see SCARF *v.*[1] 1 b]. 1797 *Encycl. Brit.* XVII. 379/2 These represent the length and scarf of the several

timbers in the midship frame. *c* 1850 *Rudim. Nav.* (Weale) 141 The lower..riders..fay alongside the floor riders, and give scarph above them.

2. *Metal-working.* (See quots.)

1843 Holtzapffel *Turning*, etc. I. 220 In smith's work likewise, the joinings are called scarfs,..The scarfs required for the shut, are made by first upsetting or thickening the iron...It is next rudely tapered off. 1875 Knight *Dict. Mech., Scarf*, the flattened or chamfered edges of iron prepared for welding. 1884 C. G. W. Lock *Workshop Rec.* Ser. III. 297/2 The point of the scarf is farthest into the fire.

3. *Comb.*: **scarf-joint** = senses 1 and 2; hence **scarf-jointing**, the process of joining timbers by means of a scarf; †**scarf-timber**, timber in short lengths for scarfing; **scarf-weld** (see quot.).

1791 Smeaton *Edystone L.* § 252 The four stones..were ..to be united to each other by Hook-*Scarf-Joints. 1852-4 *Cycl. Useful Arts* (ed. Tomlinson) I. 329 The common scarf joint is made by merely halving each piece of timber for a certain length, and then bolting or strapping the two pieces together. 1907 *Proc. Soc. Antiq.* 14 Feb. 349 The method of construction is that known technically as *scarf-jointing. 1497 *Naval Acc. Hen. VII* (1896) 312 Certeyn *Scarffe Tymbre price—viij^{s} vj^{d}. 1882 Ogilvie, **Scarf-weld*, a peculiar joint made in welding two pieces of metal, as iron, together.

†**Scarf**, *sb.*[3] *Mil.* [Alteration of Scarp *sb.*] = Scarp *sb.*[2]

1592 Percivall *Sp. Dict., Coraxa entre dos muros*, a scarfe between wals, *Musculus*. 1598 Barret *Theor. Warres* v. i. 126 These Caualleres..haue also their Scarphe or Alambor [Sp. *alambor* declivity of a ditch]. 1603 *Court Roll* in *Athenæum* 21 Nov. (1885) 668/3 Euerie man shall make vpe sufficiently all the Scarfes betwixt the milne & Restone Inges betwene this & Christmas next. 1645 *Enchir. Fortif.* 6 The Talud, or Scarfe, of the outside of the Rampart. 1656 Earl Monm. tr. *Boccalini's Advts. fr. Parnass.* II. xlii. 297 Ditches, Ravelins, Scarfes, & Counter-scarfes.

Scarf (skāɪf), *sb.*[4] *Orkn. and Shetl. dial.* Also 7, 9, **scarfe**, 9 **scarff**; and see Scart. [a. ON. *skarf-r*, Norw., Sw. *skarf.*] A cormorant or a shag.

1668 F. Jessop in *Philos. Lett. Ray* (1718) 38, I have procured the Skin of a great Bird which he that gave it me call'd a Scarfe. *a* 1693 *Urquhart's Rabelais* III. xiii. 107 The sussing of Kitnings, clamring of Scarfes, whimpring of Fullmarts. 1744 Preston *Zetland* in *Phil. Trans.* XLIII. 61 (2) Whaps, Toists,...Plovers, Scarfs, &c. 1805 G. Barry *Orkney Isl.* 300 The Shag (*pelecanus graculus*), so well known by the name of Scarf, is very frequently seen. *Ibid.*, The Cormorant..our great Scarf, is a species not so numerous as the former. 1868 D. Gorrie *Summers & Winters in Orkneys* v. 153 A lazy scarff here and there raised himself up at length over the surface.

Scarf (skāɪf), *sb.*[5] *Whaling.* A longitudinal cut made in a whale's body.

1851 H. Melville *Whale* II. xxv. 181 As the blubber in one strip uniformly peels off along the line called the 'scarf'. 1874 C. M. Scammon *Marine Mammals* 63 (Cent.) A scarf is cut along the body and through the blubber, to which one end of a tackle is hooked.

Scarf (skāɪf), *v.*[1] Also 7 **scarfe**, **skarfe**, 9 **skarf**. [f. Scarf *sb.*[1]]

1. *trans.* To clothe, cover, or wrap with or as with a scarf or scarves; to invest with a scarf; † to blindfold.

1598 Bp. Hall *Sat.* IV. vi. 46 The sturdy Plough-man doth the soldier see, All scarfed with pide colours to the knee. 1613 Heywood *Brazen Age* II. ii. C 3, Why doth Adonis.. shun this Iuory girdle of my armes? To be thus scarft the dreadfull God of warre Would giue me conquered kingdomes. 1632 Sir T. Hawkins tr. *Mathieu's Unhappy Prosperitie* 95 Claudius caused that of Augustus to be taken from the Theater of the Gladiators, that it might not ever be present at murther, or be alwayes scarfed. *a* 1640 J. Day *Peregr. Schol.* (1881) 48 Slitely shadowed or scarft with a thin tinsell or Tirean vaile. 1805 Southey *Madoc* II. xix, Bare Of foot, of limb, scarfed only round the loins. 1849 M. Arnold *Resignation* 5 Warriors..Scarf'd with the cross. 1894 Du Maurier *Trilby* VI. (1895) 280 Our three friends..duly scarfed and scarfpinned [etc.].

b. *transf.* and *fig.*

1605 Shaks. *Mach.* III. ii. 47 Come, seeling Night, Skarfe vp the tender Eye of pittifull Day. 1630 Drumm. of Hawth. *Flowres of Sion* 18 Scarff'd in a rosie Cloud, Hee doth ascend the Aire. *c* 1640 Rowley, etc. *Witch of Edmonton* II. ii, Blushing Adonis scarft in modesties. 1814 Cary *Dante, Hell* xxxiii. 92 Others skarf'd in rugged folds of ice. 1876 Faraar *Marlb. Serm.* xxxi. 309 The great sun is still shining, though it be scarfed by earthly vapours. 1897 F. Thompson *New Poems* 112 Who scarfed her with the morning?

2. To wrap (a garment) *about* or *around* a person in the manner of a scarf. Also *transf. rare.*

1602 Shaks. *Ham.* v. ii. 13 Yp from my cabin My seagowne scarft about me in the darke, Grop'd I to finde out them. 1613 Heywood *Silver Age* III. I 3 b, My fingers Il'e intangle in these curles, And scarfe my Iuory arme about thy necke. 1795 Southey *Joan of Arc* IX. 256 On the earth the chieftain slept, His mantle scarft around him. 1807 — *Espriella's Lett.* II. 252 They..had a large mantle of gray checquered cloth scarft round them.

†**3.** To bind up (wounds) with, or as with a scarf; ? to place (a limb) in a sling. *Obs.*

1601 Bp. W. Barlow *Defence* 161 Wee scarifie them, we scarfe them not. 1605 A. Wotton *Answ. late Popish Articles* 25 Let them shift themselues, as they list, and skarfe their soares, according to their fancies. 1643 Trapp *Comm. Gen.* xliv. 1 Had it been fit for him to scarfe their bones before they were set.

Scarf (skāɪf), *v.*[2] Also 7 **scarfe**, **scarff**, **skarf**, 8–9 **scarph**. [f. Scarf *sb.*[2]]

1. *trans.* To join by a scarf-joint.

1627 Capt. Smith *Seaman's Gram.* ii. 3 Those are skarfed into the ground timbers. 1643 Horn & Rob. *Gate Lang. Unl.* xlviii. § 530 The Joyner plaineth plankes..he skarfeth and ioyneth them close with culver-tailes. 1704 J. Harris *Lex. Techn.* I. s. v., Thus they say the Stem of a Ship is *Scarfed* into her Keel; and they imply by it, That the two Peices are shaped away slanting, so as to join with one another close and even. 1791 Smeaton *Edystone L.* § 42 Timbers, properly scarphed together. 1841 *Civil Eng. & Arch. Jrnl.* IV. 285/1 Tye-beams..were formed almost wholly of short lengths, averaging not more than 20 feet, lapped and scarfed. 1850 Longf. *Building Ship* 137 The keel of oak for a noble ship, Scarfed and bolted. 1860 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 8) XX. 186/1 The several pieces are scarphed together.

b. (See quot.)

1769 Falconer *Dict. Marine* (1776) s.v. *Scarf*, But when the ends of the two pieces [of timber] are cut square, and put together, they are said to *butt* to one another; and when another piece is laid upon, and fastened to both, as in the case in all frame timbers, this is called scarfing the timbers; and half the piece which fastens the two timbers together is reckoned the length of the scarf.

2. *Metal-working.* To bevel or flatten (the ends or edges of the pieces of metal to be welded).

1831 J. Holland *Manuf. Metal* I. 188 The extremities of each bar are scarfed. 1861 Fairbairn *Iron* 211 Mr. Bertram scarfs the edges of the plates, places them together [etc.]. 1884 C. G. W. Lock *Workshop Rec.* Ser. III. 303/1 Scarf it for welding.

3. *intr.* To be joined with a scarf. Const. *to.*

1794 *Rigging & Seamanship* I. 35 The inner end of the boom, to which it scarfs with a tongue. 1860 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 8) XX. 185/2 The foremost end of the keelson scarphs to the stemson.

Scarf (skāɪf), *v.*[3] *Whaling.* [f. Scarf *sb.*[5]] *trans.* To make a 'scarf' or incision in the blubber of (a whale). Also *absol.*

1851 H. Melville *Whale* II. xxv. 182 The heavers singing, the blubber-room gentlemen coiling, the mates scarfing, the ship straining, and all hands swearing occasionally. 1887 Goode, etc. *Fisheries U. S.* v. II. 278/1 The second mate 'scarfs', or cuts the body blubber.

Scarf-bolt, incorrect form of Scarp-bolt.

Scarfe: see Scaff.

Scarfed (skāɪft; *poet.* skāːrfĕd), *ppl. a.*[1] [f. Scarf *v.*[1] + -ed.] Invested with a scarf; wearing a scarf; also, decorated with or as with scarfs.

1596 Shaks. *Merch. V.* II. vi. 15 The skarfed barke puts from her native bay. 1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* II. v. xii. 356 Scarfed tricolor Municipals. 1863 Kinglake *Crimea* (1876) I. xiv. 269 Their fire pelted straight into the group of the scarfed Deputies.

Scarfed (skāːɪft), *ppl. a.*[2] [f. Scarf *v.*[2] + -ed[1].] Joined by means of a scarf. *Scarfed joint* = Scarf *sb.*[2] I.

1704 J. Harris *Lex. Techn.* I, *Skarfed*, the Sea Term, when one Peice of Timber is let and fastned into another. 1801 *Encycl. Brit.* Suppl. I. 170/2 Scarfed tie-beams. 1805 Southey *Madoc* II. xxv, Tear up the deck, the severed planks bear off, Disjoin the well-scarfed timbers. 1825 J. Nicholson *Operat. Mechanic* 652 The joint is what is denominated a half-lap, or scarfed joint.

†**Scarfing**, *vbl. sb.*[1] *Obs.* [f. Scarf *v.*[1] + -ing[1].] *concr.* A covering network.

1613 Chapman *Maske Inns Court*, To euery one of which, was tackt a Scarffing of Siluer; that ran sinuously in workes ouer the whole caparison.

Scarfing (skāːrfiŋ), *vbl. sb.*[2] [f. Scarf *v.*[2]]

1. The action of joining by means of scarfs.

1644 Manwayring *Sea-mans Dict.* 89 So when the stem or any other timber..is too short, it is peeced in this manner, and that they call scarffing. 1769 Falconer *Dict. Marine* II. (1780), *Assembler*, to unite the several pieces of a ship, as by..scarfing, scoring, tenenting, &c. 1813 P. Nicholson *Pract. Build.* 280 Scarfing, is..the art of connecting two pieces of timber together, in such a manner as to appear like one piece. 1894 C. N. Robinson *Brit. Fleet* 247 To Sir Robert Seppings we owe the device known as 'scarphing'.

b. *concr.*

1671 Phillips, *Skarfing*, (in Navigation) is one piece of wood let into another, or so much wood cut away from the one as the other. 1791 Smeaton *Edystone L.* § 54 *note*, A.. draught..in which..the places and nature of the scarfing or joinings [could be] distinguished. 1847 G. A. Smeaton *Builder's Man.* 79, Fig. 17 is a representation of a scarfing, which is very simple. 1908 Cradock *Whispers fr. Fleet* 108 The fore and aft thwarts that strengthen the sailing thwart are called scarping [*sic.*].

†**Scarfing**, *vbl. sb.*[3] [f. Scarf *sb.*[3] + -ing[1].] = Scarping.

1721 Peaby *Daggenh. Breach* 129 He will..repair with good Scarfing the Walls or Banks belonging to the Levels.

Scarfing (skāːrfiŋ), *ppl. a.*[1] [f. Scarf *v.*[1] + -ing[2].] Enveloping like a scarf.

1897 F. Thompson *New Poems* 48 For Earth's bosom pants, and heaves her scarfing sea.

Scarfing, *ppl. a.*[2] [f. Scarf *v.*[2] + -ing[2].] That scarfs, or serves as a longitudinal tie.

1869 Sir E. Reed *Shipbuild.* i. 9 The builders afterwards applied a short scarphing keelson-piece. *Ibid.*, The side keelsons..had to be strengthened in a similar manner, except that the scarphing angle-irons had no plate between them.

Scarf-skin. [Scarf *sb.*[1], in the sense of light outer covering.] The outer layer of the skin; the epidermis, cuticle.

1615 [see Cuticle 1]. 1774 Goldsmith *Nat. Hist.* (1862) I. xi. 215 The blackness lay in the epidermis, or scarf-skin, which was burnt up like leather. 1864 Tennyson *Aylmer's F.* 660 Not a hair Ruffled upon the scarf-skin. 1882 *Encycl. Brit.* XIV. 383/2 The first operation to which they [*sc.* hides] are subjected is depilation, which removes, not only the hair, but also the scarf-skin.

b. *transf.*

1669 *Addr. Young Gentry of Eng.* 53 Raise up but the scarfe skin which covers this fine mould. 1796 *New Ann. Reg.* 144 By making four or five small longitudinal incisions with a sharp-pointed knife..on one side only of the head or pod, just through the scarf-skin. 1847 H. Miller *First Impr. Eng.* xi. (1857) 175 Let us..strip the vast landscape here of its upper integuments,..beginning first with the vegetable mould—the scarf-skin of the country.

†**Scarfways**, *adv. Obs. rare*[—1]. [f. Scarf *sb.*[1] + Way *sb.* with adverbial *s.*] = next.

1653 Urquhart *Rabelais* I. xxvii, Thus went he out in a faire long-skirted jacket, putting his frock scarfewayes athwart his breast.

Scarf-wise (skāːrfwəiz), *adv.* [f. Scarf *sb.*[1] + -wise.] In the manner of a scarf; passing from the shoulder across the breast and tied beneath the arm. Cf. F. *en écharpe.*

1581 Goldwel in Nichols *Progr. Eliz.* (1788) II. 129 A scrowle or band of silver, which came scarfe-wise over the shoulder, and so downe under the arme. 1601 Holland *Pliny* xxxiii. iii. II. 462 Let them have their chains of gold as large as they list under their arms or crosse over their sides, scarfe-wise. 1653 H. Cogan tr. *Pinto's Trav.* xl. 160 Great chains of gold scarf-wise about them. 1900 *Daily News* 26 Nov. 7/4 A wide red ribbon with green edges athwart his chest scarfwise.

†**Scarfy**, *a. Obs.* [f. Scarf *sb.*[1] + -y.] Resembling a scarf. *Scarfy skin* = Scarf-skin.

1611 Cotgr., *Escharpeux*, scarfie. 1611 Lady M. Wroth *Urania* 511 Alasse you frowne, and pull a scarfie Clowd ouer your diuine face to hide your fauour from me. 1744 tr. *Boerhaave's Inst.* III. 295 Over all these is extended the Cuticle or scarfy Skin.

Scarfyre, obs. variant of Scarefire.

Scarification (skæːrifikēːʃən). Also 5 **scarificacioun**, 6 **scaryfycacyon**, **skarificacion**, 7 **scarrification**. [ad. late L. *scarificātiōn-em*, n. of action f. *scarificāre* to Scarify. Cf. F. *scarification* (1314 in Hatz.-Darm.).]

1. The action of scarifying; an instance of this.

c 1400 tr. *Secreta Secret., Gov. Lordsh.* 86 Latynge of blood, noght by openynge of veynes, but by scarificacioun of fflesch. 1533 Elyot *Cast. Helthe* III. viii. (1541) 61 In what member the bloud is gathered, the body being fyrst pourged by scarification, the grefe maye be cured. 1601 Holland *Pliny* xvii. xxvii. I. 545, I cannot omit one manner of cure by way of Scarification. For when the bark is poore and leane [etc.]. 1672 Wiseman *Wounds* I. x. 101 Also cupping with scarification of the Neck and Shoulders. 1758 J. S. *Le Dran's Observ. Surg.* (1771) 47 These Scarifications procured..a Discharge of Serum. 1822 Scott *Nigel* xxi, While his chin sustained from the razor literal scarification. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 496 In massive swellings of the tongue and throat relief has been given by scarification.

fig. 1881 J. H. Ingram *Poe's Wks.* I. Mem. 34 He began that system of literary scarification—that crucial dissection of bookmaking mediocrities, which [etc.].

2. *concr.* A slight incision or a number of slight incisions made by scarifying.

1541 R. Copland *Guydon's Quest. Chirurg.* O j b, Ye ought to make certayne scaryfycacyons very depe with the rasour. 1562 Bullein *Dial. Sorenes & Chir.* 17 Laie upon the same skarificacion baie Salte. 1599 A. M. tr. *Gabelhouer's Bk. Physicke* 363/2 Therby shall the scarifications be kept open. 1660 F. Brooke tr. *Le Blanc's Trav.* 350 They..make incisions in their face, then laying gum on a fire, hold over their faces that smoak may colour the scarifications. 1782 Eliz. Blower *Geo. Bateman* II. 138 Whose ..face was rendered more disagreeable..by deep scarifications of the small-pox.

Scarificator (skæːrifikēːtəɹ). [a. mod.L. *scarificātor* (F. *scarificateur*, Paré 16th c.), f. late L. *scarificāre* to Scarify.]

1. *Surg.* An instrument used in scarification, for making several incisions simultaneously.

1611 Cotgr., *Scarificateur*, a Scarificator, or Scarifier; an Instrument wherein there are 18 sharpe wheeles, the which let goe at once doe scarifie, and make incisiou, in as many seuerall places. 1634 H. Crooke *Expl. Instr. Chirurg.* xxxii. 54 For this purpose Pareus hath an instrument which he calleth the Scarificator. It is a box wherein are fastened many rownd wheeles as it were, sharpe as phlegmes, which [etc.]. 1742 tr. *Helster's Surg.* (1768) II. 402 This Eye-brush, or Scarificator. 1875 tr. *von Ziemssen's Cycl. Med.* X. 115 The useful scarificators devised by C. Mayer.

b. (See quot.)

1858 Mayne *Expos. Lex., Scarificator*,..an instrument with a blunt edge, used chiefly in the operation of tooth-extraction, for separating the gum from the tooth.

c. A lancet for scarifying the skin.

1861 Bumstead *Ven. Dis.* (1879) 434 The scarificator may be contaminated by contact with one person under the influence of syphilis and convey the disease to the next.

†**2.** *Agric.* = Scarifier 3. *Obs.*

1776 Bowden *Farmer's Director* 12 By cutting the surface of the meadow with an instrument called a scarificator. 1814 Shirreff *Agric. Orkney* 67 The scarificator being afterwards, at seed time, used to loosen the soil, if necessary.

3. One who scarifies; = Scarifier 1.

1748 Richardson *Clarissa* IV. 84 What tho' the scarificators work upon him [a man mortally ill] day by day?

Scarified (skæːrifəid), *ppl. a.* [f. Scarify *v.* + -ed[1].] In senses of the vb.

1607 Topsell *Four-f. Beasts* 126 As a cupping-glasse draweth blood out of a Scarified place of the body. 1654 Gayton *Pleas. Notes* 67 With a face and skinne as scarrified as that body before an Almanack. 1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) XVIII. 120/1 These [glasses] being placed upon the scarified parts. 1879 Atcherley *Trip Boërland* 185 Some soothing ointment applied to my scarified limbs.

Scarifier (skæ·rifəiəɹ). [f. SCARIFY *v.* + -ER 1.]

1. One who or something which scarifies. *lit.* and *fig.*

1566 SECURIS *Detection* D ij b, Playster makers, clyster geuers, scarifiers, letters out of bloud, &c. 1683 SALMON *Doron Med.* I. 79 Cicatrizers, or 'Scarrifyers'. 1855 DICKENS *Lett.* (1880) I. 403, I have almost finished No. 3, in which I have relieved my indignant soul with a scarifier. 1862 THACKERAY *Philip* xvi, There is an air of fashion in everything which Digges writes,..which makes me pretty certain that D. was my scarifier.

2. = SCARIFICATOR 1.

1611 in COTGR.; and in later Dicts.

3. *Agric.* An implement for loosening the soil.

1797 BILLINGSLEY *View Agric. Somerset* 278, His [Rev. J. Cooke's] instruments called the scuffler, and scarifier, are the best contrivances I ever beheld, for the pulverization of the soil. 1880 J. W. HILL *Guide Agric. Implements* 472 Improved four-wheel wrought iron lever Scarifiers.

4. *Road-making.* A machine used for breaking up a road. Cf. SCARIFY *v.* 3 b.

1892 *Daily News* 21 Oct. 5/5 Our new acquaintance 'the scarifier', whose operations when the roadway of the Thames Embankment is remaking attract so much attention. 1901 *Athenæum* 1 June 697/2 Scarifiers..appear to have been first introduced in England in 1884; and these machines form very valuable adjuncts to steam rolling.

Scarify (skæ·rifəi), *v.* Also 6–8 **scarrify.** [a. F. *scarifier* (13–14th c. in Hatz.-Darm.), ad. late L. *scarificāre*, altered form of *scarifāre* to scarify, ad. Gr. σκαριφᾶσθαι, recorded in the senses 'to scratch an outline, sketch lightly, to do anything slightly or slovenly' (L. & Sc.), f. σκάριφ-ος pencil, stilus.]

1. *trans.* (chiefly *Surg.*) To make a number of scratches or slight incisions in (a portion of the body, a wound). Hence *gen.* to cover with scratches.

1541 R. COPLAND *Galyen's Terap.* F iv, Yf it appere pale, ..it must be scarified and made to blede. 1582 STANYHURST *Æneis* II. (Arb.) 43 You me byd, O Princesse, to scarrify a festered old soare. 1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* XXXII. vii. II. 440 Divers..with foure..teeth of this serpent, scarifie the gums of the upper chaw, in case the teeth therein doe ake. 1604 R. CAWDREY *Table Alph., Scarifie*, to launce, or open a sore. 1662 EVELYN *Chalcogr.* 19 By Insculping, Scarrifying, and making a kind of Incision into it. 1749 FIELDING *Tom Jones* II. ix, The captain..had his veins scarified. 1751 SMOLLETT *Per. Pic.* XXXIX. (1779) II. 28 Fixing her nails in his antagonist's face, she scarified all one side of his nose. 1788 GIBBON *Decl. & F.* lv. V. 552 They shaved their hair, and scarified their faces. 1865 LUBBOCK *Prehist. Times* xiii. (1878) 459 The body was scarified in horizontal bands. 1876 *Trans. Clin. Soc.* IX. 169 These places were accordingly scarified under the ether spray. 1908 H. D. ROLLESTON *Dis. Liver* 118 The local pain..[should be] relieved by cold applications, poultices, scarifying the skin [etc.].

transf. 1861 GEO. ELIOT *Silas M.* xi. 198 If I offend her, she's sure to scarify my throat with black pepper the next day.

b. *fig.* To make sore, wound. Also, in mod. use, to subject to merciless criticism.

1582 STANYHURST *Æneis* II. (Arb.) 55 Theese woords theyre valiant courradge dooe scarrifye deeply. 1714 *Spect.* No. 595 ¶ 6 You have Quartered all the foul Language upon me, that could be raked out of..Billingsgate, without knowing ..whether I deserve to be Cupped and Scarified at this rate. 1721 (*title*) Medicina Flagellata, or the Doctor scarify'd. 1844 DISRAELI *Coningsby* I. ii, There..he..cut up a rising genius..or scarified some unhappy wretch. 1884 *West. Morn. News* 13 Sept. 4/4 Next week he will be heard at Northamptoo, whither he goes to scarify the Tories.

c. *transf.* (? Associated with SCAR *sb.*) To cover with scars, to scar.

1687 *Loud. Gaz.* No. 2271/4 A Chesnut Gelding..,scarrified with the Farcie in both his hind Legs. 1697 *Ibid.* No. 3318/4 A Bay Nag with the near Flank a little Scarrified with some former hurt. 1862 DANA *Man. Geol.* 540 Mount Monadnock..is scarified from top to bottom on its northern and western sides.

¶ d. App. misused for: To anoint (a wound).

1596 WARNER *Alb. Eng.* IX. xlix. (1612) 226 Which had scarrifide our wounds, if wounded, with the Balme Of her sweete Presence. 1607 TOPSELL *Fourf. Beasts* 78 Then scarifie the wound with that oyntment, till it be wrought in.

2. To make incisions in the bark of (a tree).

c 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* IV. 601 The turgent trunk let scarifie, That humour effluent out of hit hie. 1658 tr. *Porta's Nat. Magic* III. xvii. 98 Boring the stock, or scarrifying it round about. 1824 LOUDON *Encycl. Garden.* § 7455 As the trees get old..or infected with canker,..or rottenness, they are scarified. 1856 OLMSTED *Slave States* 326 Every tree..was scarified for turpentine. 1887 LADY BRASSEY *Last Voy.* xiii. (1889) 300 The vineyards [Australia]..were not in their best looks, having only just been scarified, as the process is called. It means cutting off the branches and reducing the vines to small and ugly bushes, destitute of leaves at this season.

3. a. *Agric.* To break up or loosen (ground) with a scarifier. b. *Road-making.* (Cf. quot. 1817 and SCARIFIER 4.)

1805 R. W. DICKSON *Pract. Agric.* I. 21 Instruments..for scarifying and stirring the earth between the rows of drilled crops. *Ibid.* 468 Scarifying the corn, first operation. 1817 in *Repert. Arts*, etc. XXXII. 132 Secondly, a harrow, which is intended to scarify the uneven parts of any road, leaving it even after the operation, previous to the use of the great roller. 1893 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* Dec. 822 Scarify or cultivate the stubble as soon as possible.

absol. 1829 *Glover's Hist. Derby* I. 196 Skerrify [*sic*] and harrow two or three times over each field.

Hence **Scarifying** *vbl. sb.*

1533 ELYOT *Cast. Helthe* (1541) 53 b, Letting of bloude, scarifieng callid cupping, sweating, &c. 1667 *Decay Chr. Piety* Pref. § 10 It being too probable that this is Gods last experiment upon us, like the causticks and scarifyings to a lethargic patient. 1783 CULLEN *First Lines Physic* § ccxcv. Wks. 1827 II. 32 To draw blood..by cupping and scarifying. 1880 JEFFERIES *Hodge & M.* II. 74 He contracts to do their ploughing and scarifying at so much per acre.

attrib. 1599 A. M. tr. *Gabelhouer's Bk. Physicke* 363/2 Scarifye the skinne of the tumor with scarifyinge instrumentes. 1865 *Morn. Star* 15 Mar., To try whether the scarifying process may not do more to bring South Carolina back to the Union than [etc.].

Sca·rily, *adv.* [f. SCARY *a.* + -LY 2.] Timidly.

1880 HOWELLS *Undisc. Country* ix. 133 The light..was held scarily aloft above the head of an elderly woman.

Scaring (skē·°riŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. SCARE *v.* + -ING 1.] The action of the vb. SCARE.

1573–80 TUSSER *Husb.* (1878) 32 No scaring with dog. 1580 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* III. 295 Scarring and deharring of the salmound fischeis. 1611 COTGR., *Espouentement*..a frighting, fraying, skaring. 1852 G. W. JOHNSON *Cottage Gard. Dict.* s.v. *Scares*, It is best to employ boys for the short time scaring is required.

Scaring (skē·°riŋ), *ppl. a.* [f. SCARE *v.* + -ING 2.] That scares; terrifying.

1641 MILTON *Reform.* ii. Wks. 1851 III. 64 As a tender Mother takes her Child and holds it over the pit with scarring words that it may learne to feare, where danger is. 1764 GOLDSM. *Trav.* 205 As a child, when scaring sounds molest, Clings close and closer to the mother's breast. 1813 COLERIDGE *Night-Scene* 37 A rude and scaring note, my friend! 1879 BARING-GOULD *Germany* II. 207 Let not women be frightened by the scaring name.

† **Sca·riole.** *Obs.* Also 5 **skariole,** 6 **scaryole.** [ad. (through med.L.) It. *scariola* (whence F. *escarole, scarole.*] Broad-leaved endive.

c 1400 tr. *Secreta Secret., Gov. Lordsh.* 73 Wylde letus þat feldmen clepyn skarioles. 1422 *Ibid., Priv. Priv.* 244 Letus sauage, that is y-callid scariole. 1526 *Grete Herball* cl. (1529) I v, Endiuia is endyue...It is otherwyse called scaryole. 1597 GERARDE *Herbal* II. xxvii. 222. 1658 PHILLIPS, *Scariole*, a kind of herb otherwise called broad leaved endive. 1725 *Bradley's Fam. Dict.* s. v. *Syrup*, Two Leaves of Succory, Dandelion, Endive or Scariole.

Scariose (skē·°riōus), *a. Bot.* [ad. mod. L. *scariōsus*, of obscure origin.] = SCARIOUS.

1785 MARTYN *Rousseau's Bot.* xxvi. (1794) 383 The scales in the Artichoke are scariose or ragged. 1806 GALPINE *Brit. Bot.* 21 Glumes scariose. 1881 BAKER in *Jrnl. Linn. Soc.* XVIII. 279 Stipules large, brown, deltoid, scariose.

† **Scariot'h.** *Obs.* Aphetic forms of ISCARIOT.

c 1380 WYCLIF *Wks.* (1880) 49 Þei leden wiþ hem a scarioth stolen fro is eldris by þefte to robbe pore men bi beggynge. *c* 1550 R. BIESTON *Bayte Fortune* B iij b, Great cause hath now the Scariot to wepe & to bewaile it.

Scarious (skē·°riəs), *a.* [ad. F. *scarieux*, ad. mod.L. *scariōsus* SCARIOSE *a.*]

1. *Bot.* Having a dry and shrivelled appearance.

1806 TURTON tr. *Linn. Syst. Nat.* VII. Expl. Terms, *Scarious*, dry and rigid, as if dead. 1819 *Pantologia*, *Scarious leaf*, in botany. 1872 OLIVER *Elem. Bot.* II. 261 The scarious perianth by which the Order [*Juncaceæ*] is distinguished from Liliaceæ. 1882 G. ALLEN in *Nature* 17 Aug. 372 The corolla is thin and scarious.

2. *Zool.* Dry, not fleshy.

1861 HULME tr. *Moquin-Tandon* I. 49 In some animals.. the tongue is scarious cartilaginous, or provided with a corneous investment. 1872 COUES *Key N. Amer. Birds* 47 When the harder sorts of either scutella or plates are roughened without obvious elevation, the leg is said to be scabrous or scarious.

Scaritid (skæ·ritid), *a.* [f. mod.L. *Scaritēs*: see below.] Pertaining to the *Scaritini*, a tribe of ground-beetles of the family *Carabidæ*, typified by the genus *Scarites*. So **Scari·tidan,** a beetle of this tribe.

1837 KIRBY *Richardson's Fauna Bor.-Amer.* IV. 6 *Oxygnathus* De Jean, and some of the other Scaritidans. 1890 *Century Dict.* s.v. *Morio*, The genus pertains to the scaritid section of *Carabidæ*.

† **Sca·rkle,** *v. Obs.* rare−1. [Cf. DISPARPLE, DISPARKLE *vbs.*] *trans.* To scatter, disperse.

c 1450 *Roll* in *3rd Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* (1872) 280/1 For therby be the Frensshemenne riched, the Englishmenne povered; they mightly recured of men & peple, we distroied; they to gader, we assundred scarkeled.

Scarlad, scarlat, obs. ff. SCARLET *sb.* and *a.*

† **Scarla·tical,** *a. nonce-wd.* Having the prejudices characteristic of those who wear the 'scarlet' of a doctor of divinity or law.

1672 WOOD *Life* (O. H. S.) II. 243 Dr. Clerk..lary and idle, scarlaticall.

Scarlatina (skāɹlătī·nă). *Path.* Also 9 **scarlet(t)ina.** [a. mod.L. *scarlatina* (Sydenham 1676), a. It. *scarlattina* (used by Lancelotti in 1527), fem. of *scarlattino* adj., dim. of *scarlatto* SCARLET. Cf. F. *scarlatine*, Sp., Pg. *escarlatina.*] = SCARLET FEVER. (Popularly often misapprehended as denoting a milder form of the disease than that designated by the vernacular term.)

1803 *Med. Jrnl.* X. 455 Several children were..seized with the measles and scarlatina. 1813 WILBERFORCE *Let.* in *Life* (1838) IV. 131 One of our children having had the Scarlettina. 1845 G. E. DAY tr. *Simon's Anim. Chem.* I. 300 Persons suffering from scarlatina. 1863 MISS BRADDON *Eleanor's Victory* III. i. 16 She looks as if she were going to a ball; or going to have the scarlatina.

allusively 1823 MOORE *Fables Holy Alliance* 49 Woe to Kings when Freedom's fever Once turns into a Scarletina!

Scarlatinal (skāɹlătī·năl), *a.* [f. prec. + -AL.] Belonging to, or resulting from, scarlatina.

1861 GRAHAM *Pract. Med.* 683 Hence, for want of caution at this time we may have the scarlatinal dropsy. 1878 L. BROWNE *Throat & Dis.* 137 In scarlatinal sore throat the local differences are not so well marked.

Scarlatiniform (skāɹlătī·nifɒim), *a.* [f. SCARLATIN-A + -(I)FORM.] Resembling the rash or eruption of scarlatina.

1866 FLINT *Princ. Med.* (1880) 1042 A scarlatiniform eruption. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 65 Eruptions of toxic character, erythematous, scarlatiniform [etc.].

Scarlatinine (skāɹlătī·nin). [f. SCARLATIN-A + -INE.] The hypothetical infectious principle of scarlatina.

1864 FARR in *Rep. Reg. Gen.* Suppl. 34 When any zymotic matter such as varioline, scarlatinine or typhine finds its way into a village or street, it is more likely to pass from house to house. 1897 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* II. 164 A toxine has been extracted from the urine, of which the chemical composition has been ascertained, and to which the name Scarlatinine has been given.

Scarlatinoid (skāɹlătī·noid), *a.* and *sb.* [-OID.] a. *adj.* Having the appearance of scarlatina. b. *sb.* One of a group of Erythemas which closely resemble scarlatina.

1886 FAGGE *Princ. Med.* (1888) I. 172 A diffused scarlatinoid eruption. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 464 The first group which they call Puteoloids and Scarlatinoids comprises the erythemas which simulate the erythematous eruptive fevers in all their stages.

Scarlatinous (skāɹlătī·nəs), *a.* [f. SCARLATIN-A + -OUS.] Affected with scarlatina.

1878 T. BRYANT *Pract. Surg.* I. 141 Scarlatinous tonsils.

Scarlatte, obs. form of SCARLET *sb.* and *a.*

† **Scarle.** *Obs.* Also 5 **skerel(e.** [Earlier *skerel*, f. *skerre* SCARE *v.*: see -EL.] A scarecrow.

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 457/2 Skerel, *larva* [*c* 1460 Winch., skerele]. 1483 *Cath. Angl.* 321/2 A scarle or visern, *larua*.

Scarless (skā·ɹlĕs), *a.* [f. SCAR *sb.*1 + -LESS.]

1. Showing no scar; lacking blemish.

1630 DRUMM. OF HAWTH. *Flowres of Sion* D 2, Amidst that Masse of Ruines they did make, Safe and all scarrelesse yet remaines my Minde. 1863 *Possib. Creation* 103 The living canvass..is..as scarless and unsullied, as if it had never been touched by the burning pencils of the sun. 1891 MEREDITH *One of our Conq.* I. xii. 226 His pride in appearing woundless and scarless.

2. Leaving no scar.

1823 BYRON *Juan* XIII. lxxxii, Escaping with a few slight scarless sneers.

Scarlet (skā·ɹlĕt), *sb.* and *a.* Forms: 3–7 **scarlat, skarlet,** 4 **scarleit, scharlette,** 4–6, 8 **scarlett,** 5 **soarlatte, scarlad, skarlot,** 5–6 **scarlot, skarlat,** 5, 8 **skarlett,** 6 **scarlette, skarlette, skarlote, skerlyt,** 3– **scarlet.** [Aphetic a. OF. *escarlate* sb. fem. (mod.F. *écarlate*) = Pr. *escarlat* masc., *-ata* fem. In Fr. and Pr. recorded from the 12th c.; the other Rom. forms are later: Sp., Pg. *escarlate, -ata*, It. *scarlatto*, med.L. *scarlat-(t)um, -a, scarlettum* (1204 in *Excerpta Historica* 393). In Teut. the word appears as ON. *skarlat, skallat*, MHG. *scharlât*, early mod.Flem. *schaerlat*; also, with etymologizing alteration (cf. LAKE *sb.*5), MHG. *scharlach(en*, MLG., Du. *scharlaken* (whence Da. *skarlagen*, Sw. *skarlakan*, Icel. *skarlak, skarlakan*). From It. are prob. mod. Gr. σκαρλάτον, Church Slav. *skrŭlato*, Serbian *skrlet*, Turk. *iskerlet*.

If the OHG. *scarlahhan*, in a gloss explained as 'shorn cloth' (*rasilis*) be identical with this word (the interpretation as well as the form being due to popular etymology), it is the earliest evidence of its existence. It is hardly possible that this OHG. word can be the source of the Rom. forms. The prevailing view is that OF. *escarlate* is an alteration of Pers. سقلاط *saqalāt, siqalāt, suqlāt*, a kind of rich cloth, a derivative of which appears as CICLATOUN. (The form سقرلاط *saqirlāt*, given in some Arabic dictionaries, is modern and prob. adopted from some European language.)]

A. *sb.*

1. † a. In early use, some rich cloth, often of a bright red colour, but (according to Fr., MDu., and med.L. sources) also sometimes of other colours, as 'pers', blue, green, brown. *Obs.* b. In later use, cloth or clothing of the colour described in 2.

† *Scarlet in grain* (*s. engreyned, grayned s.*, etc.): cloth fast dyed of a scarlet colour (cf. GRAIN *sb.*1 10 and INGRAIN *a.*). It is doubtful whether 'scarlet and grene', frequently occurring in ME. poetry in descriptions of splendid attire, originated in a misunderstanding of this phrase.

c 1250 *Death* 10 in *O. E. Misc.* 168 Ze þat sittet i-schrud wiþ skarlet and wiþ palle. 1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 6390 A robe he let him ssape uerst of blod red scarlet þere. 13.. *K. Alis.* 4987 Hy clothen hem with grys and ermyne With golde and siluer and skarlet pers fyne. 13.. *Reinbrun* v, Scarlet and grene wel y-wrou3t. *c* 1375 *Cursor M.* 25463 (Fairf.) Nauþer aske I skarlet ne grene Ne purtraied stede. *c* 1380 *Sir Ferumb.* 4464 And we han her scarletes & grene, & clopes of tarse. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Sir Thopas* 16 His rode is lyk scarlet in grayn. *a* 1400 *Morte Arth.* 3459 And one he henttis a hode of scharlette fulle riche. 14.. *Guy of Warw.* 8996 Hys lymmes were bare and euyll beseyn, That some tyme were clad in scarlet in greyne. *a* 1420 *Wyclif's N. T., Rev.* xviii. 16 Wo! wo! thilke greet citee, that was clothid with bijs and purpur, and reed scarlet. 1480 *Coventry Leet-bk.* 438 The seid Recordor answered & saide that they shuld not be relesed þerof for þe best pece of scarlet in Englond. *a* 1533 LD. BERNERS *Huon* ix. 23 Huon toke hys cloke of skerlat & wrappyd it about hys arme. 1545 *Rates Custom ho.* d vj b, In primus a brode cloth payeth xii. A

scarlette xxxiiii. *a* 1548 HALL *Chron., Hen. V*, 52 b, The Mayre of London..appareled in orient grayned Skarlet. 1588 HICKOCK tr. *Frederick's Voy.* 31 Ships bring cloth of Wooll, Scarlets, Velvets, Opium and Chickenes. 1649 J. MASTER *Daily Expense-bk.* 4 Aug., For 4 ya & half of right french scarlet at 45s. 1662 *Comenius' Janua Ling. Triling.* 96 Sattins, damasks, scarlets, cobweb-lawns [etc.]. 1796 BURKE *Regic. Peace* iv. Wks. IX. 123 An Ambassador, whose robes are lined with a scarlet dyed in the blood of Judges. 1859 TENNYSON *Elaine* 501 Then the trumpets blew Proclaiming his the prize, who wore the sleeve Of scarlet, and the pearls.

2. A brilliant vivid red colour, inclining to orange.

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 442/2 Scarlet, colowre, *lutus*. 1530 PALSGR. 265/2 Scarlet a reed colour. 1648 HERRICK *Hesper., Weeping Cherry*, Which rubies, corals, scarlets, all For tincture, wonder at. 1690 LOCKE *Hum. Und.* III. iv. § 11 His Friend demanding what Scarlet was? the blind Man answered, It was like the sound of a Trumpet. *a* 1734 R. NORTH *Life John North* (1742) 237 Scarlet was commonly called the King's Colour. 1788 COWPER *Gratitude* 29 This moveable structure of shelves,..Where flaming in scarlet and gold My poems enchanted I view. 1856 RUSKIN *Mod. Paint.* IV. v. iii. § 24. 53 In this chord the scarlet is the most powerful colour. 1894 K. GRAHAME *Pagan P.* 68 A riot of scarlet on gold, the red poppy of our native fields tosses heavy tresses with gipsy *abandon*.

b. A pigment or dye of this colour. In recent use also *spec.*, any one of a certain group of coal-tar colouring matters used in scarlet pigments and dyes.

1653 JER. TAYLOR *Serm. for Year* (1678) 333 A ship laden with Persian Carpets, and the ingredients of the rich Scarlet. 1672 W. S. *Polygraphice* 178 For a Scarlet. Take Vermilion, and deepen it with Lake or Indian Red. 1859 GEO. ELIOT *Adam Bede* xxi, He had already a high reputation in the district for his dyes, and he was bent on discovering some method by which he could reduce the expense of crimsons and scarlets. 1862 O'NEILL *Dict. Calico Print. & Dyeing* 61 The best scarlets are still obtained from cochineal alone as colouring matter. 1886 tr. *Benedikt's Chem. Coal-tar Colours* 198 The scarlets have replaced cochineal to a considerable extent in wool-dyeing.

3. Official or ceremonial costume of scarlet, as the uniform of a soldier, the gown or robe of a doctor of divinity or law, a judge, a cardinal, etc.; also, the scarlet coat worn in the hunting field (=PINK *sb.* 6). Hence *occas.* the rank, dignity, or office signified by a scarlet robe.

1496 in *Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm. Var. Coll.* (1907) IV. 212 All they of the xxiiij that hath be maire shall ride in scarlett ayenste the Kynge. 1568 T. HOWELL *Arb. Amitie* (1879) 81 For Fortune may as then, make kings as pleaseth her: Since she the riche and noble men, to scarlets can prefer. 1610 B. JONSON *Alch.* I. iii, This Summer He will be of the Clothing of his company. And, next spring, call'd to the Scarlet. 1654 H. L'ESTRANGE *Chas. I* (1655) 110 The Lord Maior with his confraternity of Aldermen also mounted and in their Scarlets. 1685 RYCAUT *Contn. Lives Popes* 16 After this he made little account of his Scarlet, or degree of Cardinal. 1706 HEARNE *Collect.* (O. H. S.) I. 311 White Kennett..sometimes waited on Dr. Wallis to Church with his skarlett. 1764 *Oxf. Sausage* 38 The splendid Fortunes and the beauteous Face..Too soon are caught by Scarlet and by Lace. 1885 *Field* 7 Feb. 147/3 A good man in scarlet is down at the first fence. 1891 MORRIS *Poems by the Way* (1896) 17 What mayor shall rule the hall we built? Whose scarlet sweep the floor?

4. †a. One who wears a scarlet uniform or insignia; e. g. a judge. *Obs.*

1628 FELTHAM *Resolves* I. viii. 18 Open Rebukes are for Magistrates, and Courts of Iustice: for Stelled Chambers, and for Scarlets, in the thronged Hall. *c* 1683 *Restoration* in *Villiers* (Dk. Buckhm.) *Wks.* (1775) 103 Do the Lords bow, and the regarded Scarlets, Kiss their gam'd goles, and cry we are your servants?

b. *occas.* Persons clothed in scarlet; men in the hunting field (cf. PINK *sb.* 6 b) or on the golf links; also soldiers in red uniform.

1827 *Sporting Mag.* XIX. 353 The whole field was fairly pounded: I was one among the number, and consider myself a good bit of scarlet too. 1842 G. F. CARNEGIE *Golfiana* in R. Clark *Golf* (1875) 150 He whirls his club to catch the proper swing, And freely bets round all the scarlet ring. 1896 A. E. HOUSMAN *Shropshire Lad* xxxv, Gay the files of scarlet follow.

†5. ? An aristocratic street ruffian, a Mohock.

1755 J. SHEBBEARE *Lydia* (1769) II. 437, I expected to have seen her..encouraging the young bloods, bucks and scarlets at a riot in Drury-lane.

6. Short for *scarlet strawberry* (see B. 4 c).

1815 Sir Jos. BANKS in *Trans. Hort. Soc.* I. 55. 1824 J. BARNET *Ibid.* (1826) VI. 155 Princess Charlotte's Strawberry ..is perhaps the richest of all the Scarlets. 1828 *Trans. Hort. Soc.* (1830) VII. 345 Old Scarlet.

7. A small moth, *Erastria ostrina*.

1832 J. RENNIE *Consp. Butterfl. & Moths* 97 The Scarlet (*E. ostrina*, Curtis) appears in June.

B. *adj.* (Originally the sb. used attrib.)

1. Having, or pertaining to, the colour scarlet (see A. 2).

c 1386 CHAUCER *Wife's Prol.* 559 Therfore I made my visitacions,..And wered vpon my gaye scarlet gytes. 1436 in *E. E. Wills* (1882) 107 All-so I wol that Iohn Melbourne haue my scarlet goune furred with martrouns. 1479 in *Eng. Gilds* (1870) 415 He to come in..his Skarlat cloke furred. 1501 DOUGLAS *Pal. Hon.* I. xlvi, Purpour colour, punik and skarlote hewis. *a* 1586 SIDNEY *Arcadia* III. (Sommer) 248 Sixe maides, all in one liuerie of skarlette petticotes. *a* 1633 T. TAYLOR *God's Judgem.* II. vii. (1642) 110 He kept two or three tall fellowes in Skarlet Liveries. 1677 WOOD *Life* (O.H.S.) II. 386 The chancellour,..and the rest of his retinew, put on scarlet habits. 1717 LADY M. W. MONTAGU *Let. to Mrs. T.* 1 Apr., Mine [*sc.* a sofa] is of scarlet cloth, with a gold fringe. 1784 COWPER *Task* I. 320 The sycamore, capricious in attire, Now green, now tawny, and ere autumn yet Have chang'd the woods, in scarlet honours bright. 1816 KEATS *To my Brother George* 130 The poppies show their scarlet coats. 1879 *St. George's Hosp. Rep.* IX. 722 She also now had a scarlet eruption.

b. Clothed in scarlet, wearing a scarlet uniform or distinguishing dress.

1591 SHAKS. 1 *Hen. VI*, I. iii. 56 Out Tawney-Coates, out Scarlet Hypocrite. 1642 MILTON *Apol. Smect.* Wks. 1851 III. 280 The invincible warriour Zeale shaking loosely the slack reins drives over the heads of Scarlet Prelats and such as are insolent to maintaine traditions. 1902 *Words of Eye-witness* 3 There is no more universally beloved individual in the world than this same scarlet Atkins.

c. Red with shame or indignation. †Also *transf.* blushing, indignant.

1865 BARING-GOULD *Werewolves* xii. 222 Several times his face had become scarlet, and his eyes had fallen. 1881 W. H. MALLOCK *Rom. 19th Cent.* II. 120 She flushed scarlet. *transf.* 1593 SHAKS. *Rich. II*, III. iii. 99 But ere the Crowne he lookes for, liue in peace, Ten thousand bloody crownes of Mothers Sonnes Shall ill become the flower of Englands face, Change the complexion of her Maid-pale Peace To Scarlet Indignation.

2. *fig.* a. Of an offence (after Isa. i. 18), hence *occas.* of an offender: Heinous, deep-dyed.

[1613 SHAKS. *K. Hen. VIII*, III. ii. 255 (To Wolsey) Thou scarlet sinne.] 1641 J. SHUTE *Sarah & Hagar* (1649) 206 Who doth forgive..even foul sins, crimson, scarlet iniquities, upon humiliation. 1656 Sir G. WHARTON *Hemerol., Proanaph.* 30 The Final cause [of earthquakes], is a sign of an Angry God, justly provoked by the Scarlet crimes of a sinful People. 1709 Mrs. MANLEY *Secret Mem.* (1720) IV. 97 How preach up, as thou dost, Vertue and Moderation, when thy self art Scarlet deep tinged with the highest Crimes?

b. in allusions to the glaring effect of the colour.

1820 HAZLITT *Lect. Dram. Lit.* 16 The deathblow which had been struck at scarlet vice and bloated hypocrisy.

3. General combinations: a. parasynthetic, as *scarlet-barred, -blossomed, -breasted, -circled, -coated, -coloured, -crested, -flowered, -haired, -moustached* adjs.; frequent in specific names of animals and plants.

1832 J. RENNIE *Consp. Butterfl. & Moths* 227 The *Scarlet Barred Gold (*Lampronia sanguinella*, Stephens). 1845 *Florist's Jrnl.* 178 The well-known *scarlet-blossomed currant. 1822 LATHAM *Gen. Hist. Birds* II. 121 *Scarlet-breasted Parrot...Inhabits New-Holland. 1704 POPE *Windsor For.* 116 His purple crest, and *scarlet-circled eyes. 1693 R. DUKE in *Dryden's Juvenal* iv. (1697) 78 So many Sesterces were swallow'd down, To stuff one *Scarlet-coated Court Buffoon. 1617 HIERON *Wks.* (1619) II. 317 The citie of Rome..may shew her selfe to bee indeed that *Scarlet-coloured Harlot, described by John in his Reuelation. 1753 CHAMBERS *Cycl. Supp.* s.v. *Lychnis*, The lesser *scarlet flowered Constantinople lychnis. 1872 *Routledge's Ev. Boy's Ann.* 419/1 The *Scarlet-Haired Poppy. 1872 COUES *Key N. Amer. Birds* 192 Bill dark; *scarlet-crested, *scarlet-moustached.

b. qualifying the name of a colour, as *scarlet-crimson, -red, -vermilion*.

1882 *Garden* 7 Oct. 312/2 Of older self-flowers..Joseph Green, bright *scarlet-crimson. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Prol.* 456 Hir hosen weren of fyn *scarlet reed. 1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* I. ii. 13 A goodly Lady clad in scarlot red. *a* 1711 KEN *Christophil* Poet. Wks. 1721 I. 510 She saw the Place where Jesus bled, And dy'd the Turff of Scarlet-red. 1882 *Garden* 29 July 104/2 It has flowers..of bright scarlet-red hue. *Ibid.* 25 Mar. 196/2 Many drooping flowers..of a brilliant *scarlet-vermilion hue.

4. Special collocations: **scarlet-day**, †**scarlet-gown day**, an occasion in university or civic life observed by the public wearing of state or official robes of scarlet; †**scarlet-grain**, =ALKERMES 1, cf. KERMES; **scarlet lady, whore, woman**, abusive epithets applied to the Church of Rome in allusion to Rev. xvii. 1–5; **Scarlet Lancers**, nickname for the 16th Lancers, from their distinctive red tunic; **scarlet rash**, a scarlet eruption, symptomatic of certain diseases; **scarlet ward**, a part of a fever hospital reserved for patients suffering from scarlet fever.

1632–33 in *Publ. Colon. Soc. Mass.* VIII. 361 [That the lecturer should preach on all the] *scarlet days, as they name them. 1721 AMHEAST *Terræ-Fil.* No. 39 (1726) II. 51 He preached it upon a scarlet day, when the vice-chancellor and all the doctors go to church in red. 1888 *Daily News* 11 June 5/7 In University parlance it was a Scarlet Day. 1710 J. CHAMBERLAYNE *St. Gt. Brit.* II. III. (ed. 23) 663* The *Scarlet-Gown Days in the University of Oxford. 1597 GERARDE *Herbal* III. XXX. 1158 The Oke which beareth the *scarlet graine is a small tree. 1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* XXVII. IX. II. 280 The berrie Coccum Gnidium, in colour resembleth the Scarlet graine. 1807 SYD. SMITH *Peter Plymley's Lett.* ii, I will not dispute with you whether the Pope be or be not the *Scarlet Lady of Babylon. 1873 *Punch* 23 Aug. 72/2 Let us be just even to the Scarlet Lady. 1885 'J. S. WINTER' (*title*) Bootles' Baby: a story of the *Scarlet Lancers. 1822–29 *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 3) III. 16 The *angina gangrænosa* (sore throat with *scarlet-rash) usually commences in the winter or the spring. 1888 HONNOR MORTEN *Sk. Hosp. Life* 51 The laconic order, 'To the *Scarlet Ward', is given. 1648 WINYARD *Midsummer-Moon* 1 The *Scarlet-whore of Babylon spawn'd it with her menstruous profluviums. 1709 *Tatler* No. 190 P 2 Nor yet did that Epistle at all come into thee from the Mansion-House of the Scarlet Whore. 1816 SOUTHEY *Poet's Pilgr.* II. iii. 10 *note*, I have seen her somewhere called the *Scarlet Woman. 1867 LOWELL *Gt. Publ. Char.* Wks. 1890 II. 274 The latter old lady [*sc.* the Church of Rome] may be the Scarlet Woman, or the Beast with ten horns, if you will.

b. In names of birds, insects, etc.: **scarlet cantharis**, a beetle, *Cantharis cardinalis*; **scarlet finch**, *Fringilla coccinea* (Shaw); **scarlet grosbeak**, the Cardinal-bird; **scarlet ibis**, *Eudocimus ruber*, a bird congeneric with the typical Ibis, native in tropical America; **scarlet lory**, a name given to several birds of the Parrot-tribe; **scarlet macaw**, *Psittacus macao*, a parrot native in S. America and the West Indies; **scarlet mite**, *Trombidium holosericeum*; **scarlet mussel**, a shell-fish (see quot.); **scarlet snake**, a name applied to two colubriform snakes of tropical America (see quot.); **scarlet sparrow**, *Tanagra rubra*; **scarlet spoonbill**, *Platalea ajaja*; **scarlet tanager**, the RED BIRD, *Pyranga rubra*; **scarlet tiger (moth)**, *Hypercampa dominula*.

1806 SHAW *Gen. Zool.* VI. 81 One of the most elegant insects of this genus is the *Scarlet Cantharis. 1783 LATHAM *Synopsis Birds* III. 270 *Scarlet Finch...Inhabits Sandwich Islands. 1837 GOULD *Birds of Europe* III. Pl. 206 *Scarlet Grosbeak. 1785 PENNANT *Arctic Zool.* II. 458 *Scarlet Ibis. 1751 G. EDWARDS *Nat. Hist. Birds* IV. 172 The *Scarlet Lory. 1811 SHAW *Gen. Zool.* VIII. 533 *Psittacus grandis*..Scarlet Lory. *Ibid.* 386 The *Scarlet Macaw. 1826 KIRBY & SP. *Entomol.* III. 492 The little *scarlet mite..(*Trombidium holosericeum*). 1672 *Phil. Trans.* VII. 5022 The *Scarlet-Mustle, having a purple-vein, which being prickt with a needle yeilds a perfect Purple or Scarlet Juyce that will not be washt out of the Linnen died therewith. 1842 HOLBROOK *N. Amer. Herpet.* III. 127 *Rhinostoma coccinea*...The Scarlet Snake. *Ibid.*, The 'Couleuvre écarlate' (Scarlet Snake) of Bosc is quite another animal, doubtless the *Calamaria elapsoidea*. 1764 G. EDWARDS *Glean. Nat. Hist.* III. 278 The *Scarlet Sparrow. 1819 SHAW *Gen. Zool.* XI. 642 *Scarlet Spoonbill. 1808–13 A. WILSON *Amer. Ornith.* (1831) II. 226 *Scarlet Tanager. 1832 J. RENNIE *Consp. Butterfl. & Moths* 42 The *Scarlet Tiger (*Hypercampa Dominula*, Stephens) appears in June.

c. In names of plants and fruits: **scarlet banana**, *Musa coccinea*; **scarlet-bean** = *scarlet runner*; **scarlet cardinal-flower**, **scarlet lobelia**, *Lobelia cardinalis* (see CARDINAL-FLOWER); **scarlet convolvulus**, *Ipomæa coccinea*; **scarlet geranium**, a pelargonium with scarlet blossoms, largely used as a bedding-plant (see GERANIUM 2 and PELARGONIUM); **scarlet maple**, *Acer rubrum*; **scarlet oak**, *Quercus coccinea* (see OAK 1 b); also †the Holm Oak, *Quercus Ilex*; **scarlet painted-cup** (see PAINTED *ppl. a.* 4); **scarlet pea** (see quot.); **scarlet pimpernel**, *Anagallis arvensis* (see PIMPERNEL 3 and 3 b); **scarlet runner (bean)**, *Phaseolus multiflorus* (cf. BEAN 3); **scarlet sage**, *Salvia fulgens*, a native of Mexico (Miller *Plant-n.* 1884, 245); also *S. splendens*, a native of Brazil (*Cent. Dict.* 1891); **scarlet seed**, a name of two tropical trees (see quot. 1866); **scarlet strawberry**, any cultivated variety of the Virginian Strawberry, *Fragaria virginiana*, having scarlet 'fruit'; **scarlet thorn**, *Cratægus coccinea*.

1885 LADY BRASSEY *The Trades* 29 The *scarlet banana. 1731 MILLER *Gard. Dict.* s.v. *Phaseolus*, The *Scarlet Bean. 1852 MRS. CARLYLE *Lett.* II. 168 Some scarlet beans that were growing in his own piece of garden. 1698 *Scarlet Cardinal-Flower [see CARDINAL-FLOWER]. 1856 O. W. HOLMES *Aut. Breakf.-t.* x. (1895) 253 Dream of that winding shore Where scarlet cardinals bloom—for me no more. 1823 CRABB *Technol. Dict.* s.v. *Scarlet*, *Scarlet-Convolvulus. 1760 *Scarlet geranium [see GERANIUM 2]. 1870 RUSKIN *Lect. Art* vi. 162 There are few flowers of which the impression on the eye is more definitely of flat colour, than the scarlet geranium. 1874 *Scarlet lobelia [see LOBELIA]. 1833 *Penny Cycl.* I. 79/2 The nursery-men usually call this species the cut-leaved *scarlet maple. 1597 GERARDE *Herbal* III. XXX. 1159 For want of a fit English name, we haue thought good to christen it by the name of *Scarlet Oke, or Scarlet Holme Oke: for Ilex is named of some in English Holme. 1712 J. JAMES tr. *Le Blond's Gardening* 148 The Scarlet-Oak, or Holm. 1882 *Garden* 13 May 323/3 A specimen of the Scarlet Oak. 1753 CHAMBERS *Cycl. Supp.* App. s.v. *Pea*, *Scarlet Pea,..the English name of a genus of plants, called by Linnæus *Glycine*. 1855 Miss PRATT *Flower. Pl.* IV. 238 *Scarlet Pimpernel. 1824 LODDON *Encycl. Gard.* (ed. 2) § 3634 The *scarlet runner ranks first for its prolific property and long continuance in fruit. 1756 P. BROWNE *Jamaica* 368 The *Scarlet-seed. 1866 *Treas. Bot.*, Scarlet-Seed. *Ternstrœmia obovalis*, and *Lætia Thamnia*. 1786 ABERCROMBIE *Gard. Assist.* 236 The *scarlet strawberry. 1882 *Garden* 12 Aug. 145/3 The *scarlet Thorn.. is a bold, vigorous-growing American species.

Hence **Sca·rletness.** *rare.*

1611 FLORIO, *Scarletezza*, rednesse, scarletnesse.

†Sca·rlet, *v. Obs.* [f. SCARLET *sb.*] *trans.* To clothe in scarlet; to colour scarlet. Chiefly *passive*. Hence **Sca·rleted** *ppl. a.*, in quot. tinged with scarlet.

1553 BALE *Vocacyon* 10 The Idolatour, the tyraunt, and the whoremonger are no mete mynisters for hym, though they be neuer so..fynely forced, pylyoned, and scarletted. 1641 J. JACKSON *True Evang. T.* I. 49 The whole earth is almost a purple Island, scarletted and redded with the bloud of Martyrs. 1685 Sir G. MACKENZIE *Religious Stoic* ii. 23 At which we should scarlet our cheeks with blushes. 1688 R. HOLME *Armoury* IV. ix. (Roxb.) 382/1 Fine scarletted murrey.

†Sca·rletee·r. *Obs.* [f. SCARLET *sb.* + -EER.] One clothed in scarlet, as a soldier in uniform, or a doctor in the gown of his degree.

1637 N. WHITING *Albino & Bellama* 142 Then say (faire Lady) truth I doe not jeere, Will you be wedded to a scarleteere? 1677 WOOD *Life* (O. H. S.) II. 386 The chancellour, with the bedells before him and the scarleteers after him.

Sca·rlet fe·ver. A contagious febrile disease, distinguished by a scarlet efflorescence of the skin and of the mucous membrane of the mouth and pharynx. Also known as SCARLATINA.

1676 JAS. COOKE *Marrow Chirurg.* VI. ii. (1685) 214 The first and last [*i.e.* Small-Pox and Rossalia] of these were in Warwick at the writing hereof; the last going under the name of Scarlet Fever. 1799 M. UNDERWOOD *Dis. Childhood* (ed. 4) I. 227 Whenever the Scarlet-fever becomes epidemic among adults, children rarely fail being attacked by it in great numbers. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* i, Poor Miss Birch died of the scarlet fever. 1876 BRISTOWE *Theory & Pract. Med.* (1878) 156 Down to the sixteenth or seventeenth century scarlet fever was confounded with measles.

b. An instance or an attack of this disease. *rare.*

1775 SHERIDAN *St. Patr. Day* I. i, He had rather see his daughter in a scarlet fever than in the arms of a soldier. 1870-2 LIDDON *Elem. Retig.* iv. § 1, [He] will be..as well as another who may have happily survived a scarlet fever.

† Sca·rletite. *nonce-wd.* [f. SCARLET *sb.* + -ITE.] One who hunts in scarlet (see SCARLET *sb.* 3).

1829 *Sporting Mag.* XXIII. 426 The wagons..were..some of them occupied by scarletites from Melton.

Scar·let·y. *nonce-wd.* [f. SCARLET *sb.* + -Y.] Having a tinge of scarlet.

1840 RUSKIN *Diary* 23 Aug. in *Harrison* (1902) 53 Note the intense scarletty purple of the shattered larch stems.

Scarling, Scarlot: see SKIRLING, SCARLET.

Scarmesh, -mige, -moge, -m(o)uch(e, etc., obs. forms of SKIRMISH *sb.* and *v.*

Scarn, Scarnes(se, obs. ff. SCORN, SCARCENESS.

† Sca·ro. *Obs.* It. form of SCARUS.

1722 DIAPER tr. *Oppian's Halient.* I. 215 Here Scaro's feed. *Ibid.* I. 219, II. 1078, IV. 58, 61.

† Scaro·tique. *Obs. rare* −1. = ESCHAROTIC.

1673 *Phil. Trans.* VIII. 6054 The touch of an hot Iron, the application of Vitriol or other Scarotiques.

Scarp (skārp), *sb.*1 *Her.* Also **scarpe,** [a. ONF. *escarpe* = Central OF. *escharpe* (mod.F. *écharpe*), lit. sash: see SCARF *sb.*] A diminutive of the bend sinister, one-half its width, crossing the shield diagonally from the sinister chief to the dexter base. (Cf. SCARF *sb.*1 5 a.)

1562 LEGH *Armory* (1597) 64 b, Knowe that this [bende sinyster] conteineth as much in breadth as a dexter bende doth. The halfe whereof is called a Scarpe, and no bastard's mark, neither may it be charged with any thing. 1610 GUILLIM *Heraldry* II. v. (1611) 52. 1780 EDMONDSON *Her.* II. Gloss. s.v. *Scarpe*, In blazon, it should be named Scarp, without mentioning the word sinister. The French call it a Bar. 1868 CUSSANS *Her.* (ed. 4) 58.

Scarp (skārp), *sb.*2 Also 6–7 **scarpe**; and see SCARF *sb.*3 [ad. It. *scarpa*, whence F. *escarpe* ESCARP.]

1. *Fortif.* = ESCARP *sb.* 1.

1589 IVE *Pract. Fortif.* 10 The scarpe that the Curtin will make may bee some 28. foote, or more or lesse. 1654 COKAINE *Dianea* IV. 280 On the top they [the walls] are made after the fashion of a scarpe. 1709 LUTTRELL *Brief Rel.* (1857) VI. 471 The enemy..lye 2 leagues off behind the scarp. 1876 BANCROFT *Hist. U. S.* III. xiii. 199 The left extended to a scarp surmounted by an abattis.

† b. The total pitch or 'batter' of a bank. *Obs.*

1639 R. NORWOOD *Fortif.* 113 If the ditch be dry it must be the deeper, and have the lesse scarpe. 1669 STAYNRED *Fortif.* 7 The Inward Scarp of the Parapet...The outward Scarp of the Rampire...The Scarp of the Ditch.

2. The steep face of a hill; = ESCARP *sb.* 2.

1802 PLAYFAIR *Illustr. Huttonian Theory* 410 The scarps of the hills face indiscriminately all points of the compass. 1901 H. TRENCH *Deirdre Wed* 32 Far up, where darkling copses over-grow Scarps of the gray cliff from his river'd base.

Scarp (skārp), *v.*1 [f. SCARP *sb.*2] *trans.* To cut to a steep face, to slope; also *to scarp away, down*; = ESCARP *v.*

1803 WELLINGTON *Let.* in Gurw. *Desp.* (1837) II. 584 The rock is scarped on each side. 1807 G. CHALMERS *Caledonia* I. I iv. 157 The top of the bank..was artfully scarped away, to augment the strength of the defences. 1829 SCOTT *Anne of G.* iii, The elevation of the site..was on this side a steep eminence, which had been scarped like a modern glacis, to render the building more secure. 1865 GEIKIE *Scen. & Geol. Scot.* iii. 66 The result has been..to scarp the coasts of the Shetlands into the most rugged and fantastic cliffs. 1894 WOLSELEY *Marlborough* II. 173 The rock on which this fort stands was scarped towards the city. 1905 R. HAGGARD in *Windsor Mag.* Jan. 244 The rock upon one side of it had often been scarped by the hand of man.

Hence **Scarped** *ppl. a.*, reduced to a steep face, laid bare, cut away, steep.

1823 *Treat. Field Fortif.* 26 When the earth scarped off is used to encrease the height, the original surface should be cut [etc.]. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* III. v. vi, Redoubts are carried, and Passes and Heights of the most scarped description. 1850 TENNYSON *In Mem.* lvi, 'So careful of the type?' but no. From scarped cliff and quarried stone She cries 'a thousand types are gone: I care for nothing, all shall go'. 1877 L. MORRIS *Epic of Hades* II. 102 Once the waters Broke louder on the scarped reefs.

Scarp (skārp), *v.*2 *Agric.* [Of obscure origin; possibly the same word as prec.] *intr.* Of land: To be torn up irregularly.

1843 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* IV. II. 563 The land is not liable to scarp, as after the common roller. 1866 BLACKMORE *Cradock Nowell* xi, His mighty forehead would scarp and chine like the headland when the plough turns.

Scarp-bolt (skā·rpbōlt). *Shipbuilding.* Also *erron.* **scarf-.** [App. a. Da. *skarpbolt* lit. 'sharp bolt'.] (See quot. 1852.)

[1852 J. FINCHAM *Outl. Ship Build.* (ed. 3) 26 The long bolts, through the knee of the head, and the deadwood, are pointed bolts (Swedish, *skarpbultar*; Danish, *skarpbolte*; Dutch, *puntbout*; German, *scharf-bolzen*..).] 1867 SMYTH *Sailor's Word-bk.* s.v. *Bolt*, Scarp-bolts and keel-bolts, pointed, not clinched, used for false keel or temporary purposes. 1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.* 2051 Scarf-bolt.

Scarph(e, obs. forms of SCARF *sb.* and *v.*

Scarpine (skā·rpīn). Also 6 *Sc.* **scarpene.** [ad. It. *scarpino* (dim. of *scarpa* shoe), whence F. *escarpin*, Sp. *escarpino.*]

† 1. A light shoe. *Obs. rare* −1.

a 1586 in Pinkerton *Anc. Sc. Poems* (1786) 184 Thair dry scarpenis..; Thair mullis glitteran on thair feit. 1611 FLORIO, *Scarpini*, Scarpines, Pumps, or Sockes.

2. *Hist.* An instrument of tortnre for the feet. (Cf. BOOT *sb.*3 3.)

1855 KINGSLEY *Westw. Ho!* vii, I was put to the scarpines, whereof I am..somewhat lame of one leg to this day.

Scarping (skā·rpiŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. SCARP *v.*1 + -ING 1.] A steep slope; the rocky face of a hill. † Also *pl.* the amount of slope or batter in an escarp.

1639 R. NORWOOD *Fortif.* 105 The scarpings thereof [*sc.* of the Rampire] within and without are [etc.]. 1909 *Contemp. Rev.* Apr. 478 The scarpings of an overhanging cliff.

Sca·rpment. *rare* −1. [Aphetic for ESCARPMENT, after SCARP *v.*1] = ESCARPMENT 1.

1862 LEWIN *Jerusalem* 223 The foundations of the Temple were..formed by scarping the sides of the rock and carrying up a wall upon the scarpment.

Scarpyn, obs. form of SCORPION.

Scarr(e, obs. forms of SCAR, SCARE.

Scarred (skārd), *ppl. a.* [f. SCAR *v.* + -ED 1.]

1. Of a human or animal body or its parts: Bearing scars or traces of wounds or sores.

c 1440 *York Myst.* XXXIII. 35 3aa, and with schath of skelpys yll scarred. 1872 L. P. MEREDITH *Teeth* 176, I have seen the scarred hero of many battles cry like a child when called upon to have a tooth extracted. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VI. 22 Especial attention was directed to the exclusion of cases of scarred kidneys, of which there were many.

2. *transf.* Of inanimate objects: Bearing traces of injury, weathering, or the like. Often of rocks, etc.: Broken as by a convulsion of nature.

1600 MARLOWE *Lucan* I. C j, Headles darts, olde swords With vgly teeth of blacke rust fouly scarr'd. 1816 SHELLEY *Mont Blanc* 71 How hideously Its shapes are heaped around! rude, bare, and high, Ghastly, and scarred, and riven. 1877 BLACK *Green Past.* XXXVII, In the sheer precipices..scarred with ruddy rocks and sunless woods.

3. *Bot.* (See quot.)

1793 MARTYN *Lang. Bot.*, *Cicatrisatus truncus s. caulis.* A scarred stem. Marked with the remains of leaves that have fallen off. 1839 LINDLEY *Introd. Bot.* III. (ed. 3) 468.

Scarre-fire, obs. variant of SCARE-FIRE.

Scarrify(e, obs. forms of SCARIFY.

Scarring (skā·riŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. SCAR *v.* + -ING 1.] The action of the vb. SCAR in various senses; an example of this; *concr.* an assemblage of scars.

1816 J. SCOTT *Paris Revisited* (ed. 3) 221 The charges of the cavalry had trampled deep scarrings into the ground. 1898 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* V. 327 [There was] slight scarring in the right bronchus. 1906 *Q. Rev.* Jan. 151 The results in regard to scarring were good.

Scarring (skā·riŋ), *ppl. a.* [f. SCAR *v.* + -ING 2.] That scars, in various senses of the verb; causing a blemish; undergoing cicatrization.

1833 J. H. NEWMAN *'Latest born of Jesse's race'* 28 Strange, that guileless face and form To lavish on the scarring storm! 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 771 In scarring lesions the [hair] follicles are destroyed.

Scarrubb, obs. form of SCARAB.

Scarry (skā·ri), *a.*1 [f. SCAR *sb.*1 + -Y.] Precipitous, rocky.

1382 WICLIF *Job* XXXIX. 28 In heze sett scarri flintis [Vulg. *in præruptis silicibus*] he [*sc.* the eagle] bideth. 1577 HARRISON *England* I. xi. [XV.] 31 b, in *Holinshed*, The Ure ..receyueth the Burne, by south west (as it dyd the Wile, from very deepe scarry rockes, before at Askaran). 1853 G. JOHNSTON *Nat. Hist. E. Bord.* I. 80 A high, steep, scarry, and partially wooded bank. 1901 H. TRENCH *Deirdre Wed* 32 Many a mountain's scarry flank.

† **Sca·rry,** *a.*2 *Obs.* [f. SCAR *sb.*2 + -Y.] Of the nature of a scar; also, marked with scars.

1653 URQUHART *Rabelais* I. ii, If they might be reduc'd t'a scarry snuffe [F. *à cicatrice*]. 1695 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 3113/4 The Hair wanting on the Rump, a gall'd scarry back. 1894 *Monthly Packet* Christmas No. 193 Scarry indentations [in buns] made by small dried currants.

† **Sca·rry,** *a.*3 *Obs. rare*−1. ? Thin, meagre.

1422 tr. *Secreta Secret., Priv. Priv.* 239 But thay men wych hane the body more scarry, and the ouertures streyte, shulde vse Sotille diet and in lytill quantite.

Scars(e, Scarsement, obs. ff. SCARCE, -MENT.

Scarsitee, obs. form of SCARCITY.

Scart (skārt), *sb.*1 *Sc.* Forms: 5, 9 **scarth,** 6 **skarth,** 8–9 **skart,** 7– **scart,** 9 **scrath** (? error). [The forms *scarth, scart*, are successive corruptions of SCARF *sb.*] The Cormorant, *Phalocrocorax carbo.* Also applied to the Shag, *P. graculus.*

c 1450 HOLLAND *Howlat* 181 The Scarth a fische fangar, And that a perfyte. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* V. iii. 49 A standand place quhar skarthis with ther beikis..glaidlie thaim pronze and bekis. 1710 SIBBALD *Hist. Fife & Kinross* 45 The Fowls which most frequent the Bass are the.. Scarts [etc.]. 1816 SCOTT *Antiq.* viii, D'ye think ye'll help them wi' skirling that gate like an auld skart before a flaw o' weather? 1852 J. WILSON in *Blackw. Mag.* LXXII. 395 He sits a cormorant on the tree of life...A scarth—not an eagle—not a swan. 1892 BLACK *Three Feathers* 183 The black rocks basked in the sunlight, the big skarts standing on their ledges, not moving a feather.

Scart (skart), *sb.*2 *Sc.* [Metathesis of SCRAT *sb.*]

1. A scratch.

a 1585 POLWART *Flyting w. Montgomerie* 555 With scartes and scores, athort his froren front. 1718 RAMSAY *Christ's Kirk Gr.* III. xvii, Wi' her nails she rave his face, Made a' his black baird bloody Wi' scarts that day. 1871 C. GIBBON *Lack of Gold* xi, Folk never see a scart on their ain backs. 1897 CROCKETT *Lad's Love* xxvii. 266 It never does to mislippen the scart o' a pin on the thickest skull.

† 2. A mark made by a pen. *Obs.*

1824 SCOTT *St. Ronan's* iii, What signified, she said, a wheen bits of paper, wi' black and white scarts upon them, that he ca'd bushes, and trees, and craigs? 1861 RAMSAY *Remin.* Ser. II. 122 He has nayther comed himsel', nor had the ceevility tae sen' us the scart o' a pen.

Scart (skārt), *sb.*3 *rare.* [? var. of SOAT *sb.*] A gust, puff (of wind); a strip (of cloud).

1860 G. H. KINGSLEY in F. Galton *Vac. Tour* 127 Donald, who assures me that some day a scart of wind will snatch the paper out of my hand. 1899 *Pall Mall Mag.* Apr. 568 The gusty wind blew thin wisps and scarts of cloud athwart the sharp hooks of the crescent moon.

Scart (skart), *v. Sc.* Also, 4, 6, 9 **akart.** [Metathesis of SCRAT *v.*]

1. *trans.* To scratch, scrape. Also *absol.*

c 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* XXVII. (*Machor*) 249 With hyre handis [she] skartyt hir face. 1508 DUNBAR *Tua Mariit Wemen* 93 To see him scart his awin skyn grit scunner I think. 1560 ROLLAND *Seven Sages* 36 With skarting [scho] causit hir face to bleid. 1821 SCOTT *Pirate* XV, Ye scart the land with a bit thing ye ca' a pleugh. 1893 CROCKETT *Stickit Minister* 75, I fand the hoose, by scartin' a match an' readin' the plate on the gate.

† 2. To gather together carefully. Also *absol.*

1629 MURE *True Crucifixe* 2573 If Loue of Money,.. Moue thee to scrape, to scart, to pinch, to spare. 1725 RAMSAY *Gentle Sheph.* I. ii, And syne the fool-thing is obliged to fast, Or scart anither's leavings at the last.

† 3. *trans.* To scribble. *Obs. rare* −1.

1826 J. WILSON *Noct. Ambr.* Wks. 1855 I. 144 I've skarted some odds and ends wi' the keelivine on brown paper.

Hence **Sca·rted** *ppl. a.*, scribbled over.

1814 SCOTT *Wav.* lxv, And what use has my father for a whin bits o' scarted paper?

Scartch, obs. form of SCRATCH.

Scarth (skārþ), *sb.*1 Also 4–5 **skarth.** [a. ON. *skarð* nent., notch, cleft, mountain pass (MSw. *skardh* neut., notch, diminntion, ruin, *skardher* masc., broken piece) = OE. *sceard* SHARD, SHERD.]

† 1. A fragment, sherd. *Obs.*

a 1340 HAMPOLE *Psalter* XXI. 15 My vertu..is wex vile as a pot scarth. 13.. *Childh. Jesus* 340 in *Archiv Stud. neu. Spr.* LXXIV. 331 His pechere he brake..And Jhesu gadirde þe skarthes. *c* 1460 *Towneley Myst.* XII. 160 The mylk pycher was layde, The skarthis was the tokyn.

fig. 1482 CAXTON *Trevisa's Higden* III. xviii. 132 b, Both the wyues..chidden him alto scarthes by one assente.

2. A cliff, a bare rock. *dial.*

1863 BARING-GOULD *Iceland* iii. 45 To our right was a bold scarth of dark rock thronged with ravens. 1869 *Lonsdale Gloss., Scar, Scarth*, a line of rock bare of vegetation.

† **Scarth,** *sb.*2 *Obs.* [Altered form of SCRAT *sb.*] An abortion, monster; a hermaphrodite.

1508 DUNBAR *Flyting* 58 Revin, raggit ruke, and full of rebaldrie, Scarth fra scorpione, scaldit in scurrilitie. 1508 — *Tua Mariit Wemen* 92 Ane skahhit skarth, ane scorpionn. *a* 1578 LINDESAY (Pitscottie) *Chron. Scot.* (S. T. S.) I. 145 Of the skarthit [*c* 1603 scratche (MS. E.), *c* 1598 scarcht (MS. I.)] yat was born of baith the kyndis maile and female.

Scartling (skā·rtliŋ). *Sc.* [f. SCART *sb.*1 + -LING 1.] A young scart or cormorant.

1893 *Blackw. Mag.* Sept. 444 In several nests were found young scartlings—fluffy, dull-grey, ungainly creatures.

‖ **Scarus** (skē·rəs). Pl. **scari** (skē·rəi). [L. *scarus*, a. Gr. *σκάρος.*] A fish described by ancient writers; in mod. use, the name of the typical genus of the family *Scaridæ*; a fish of this genus, a PARROT-FISH. Cf. SCAR *sb.*4, SCARE *sb.*3, SCARO.

1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* IX. xvii. I. 245 The fish called Scarus ..is said to chew cud. 1774 GOLDSM. *Nat. Hist.* III. 6 The salmon also is said to be of this number [ruminants]: and, if we may believe Ovid, the scarus likewise. 1803 SHAW *Gen. Zool.* IV. II. 394 Green Scarus [etc.]. 1848 DICKENS *Dombey* xii, The sounds of the fish called scari. 1885 *Encycl. Brit.* XVIII. 324 Ever since the time of Aristotle it has been maintained that the Scarus ruminates.

Scarved (skārvd), *ppl. a.* = SCARFED.

1885 PERRING *Hard Knots* 81 The noted beauty—she who was admired, courted, beautifully scarved and apparelled.

Scary (skē·ri), *a.*1 Also 6 (9 *vulgar*) **skeary,** 9 **scarey,** *vulgar* **skeery.** [f. SCARE *sb.*2 + -Y 1.]

1. Terrifying, frightful.

1582 STANYHURST *Æneis* IV. (Arb.) 109 But toe the, poore Dido, this sight so skearye beholding, What feeling creepeth? 1827 J. F. COOPER *Prairie* II. v. 68 If any can pretend to know the world, or to have seen scary sights, it is myself! 1854 'MARION HARLAND' *Alone* xiii, A Giant Grim, who frequents places of amusement to corner children, and relate scary stories to them. 1894 D. C. MURRAY *Making Novelist* 29 Whatever the miners thought about it, it was rather a scarey business for me.

2. Frightened, timorous.

1827 J. F. COOPER *Prairie* II. vi. 92 A skeary comrade in the woods is apt to make a short path long. 1842 in *Coquet-Dale Fishing Songs* (1852) 104 The scary trout glides swiftly out. 1887 I. R. *Ranche Life Montana* 137 My mount was a young 'scarey' horse. 1873 CARLETON *Farm Ball.* 8

Women are skeery critters. 1894 Fenn *Real Gold* 138, I want to talk. It keeps one from feeling a bit skeary.

Scas(e, obs. forms of Scarce.

† Scat, *sb.*[1] *Obs.* (*rare* after OE.). Also 3 sat. [OE. *sceat* masc., = OFris. *sket*, OS. *skat* (MLG., Du. *schat*, whence next), OHG. *scaz* (MHG. *schaz*, mod.G. *schatz*), treasure, ON. *skatt-r* tribute (whence Scat *sb.*[3]; Da. *skat*, Sw. *skatt*), Goth. *skatt-s* piece of money, money:—OTeut. **skatto-z*. Cf. Sceat.

The *sc* stands for (ʃ); if the word had survived its form would be **shat.*]

Treasure, money; in ME. only in phr. *scat and s(c)rud.*

a 1122 *O. E. Chron.* (Laud MS.) an. 1070, Swa manega gersumas on sceat & on scrud & on bokes swa nan mann ne mæi oðer tællen. *a* 1200 *Moral Ode* 367 Ne sal þer ben oðer scat ne srud ne wereldes wele none. *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 795 God gaf him ðor siluer and gold, And hird, and orf, and srud and sat. *Ibid.* 3169 Quat-so he boden, srud or sat, Egipte folc hem lenen ðat.

† Scat, *sb.*[2] *Obs. rare*—[1]. In 5 scatte. [a. Du. *schat*: see prec.] Treasure.

1481 Caxton *Reynard* xvi. (Arb.) 35, I haue so grette scatte and good of syluer and of gold that seuen waynes shold not conne carye it away.

Scat (skæt), *sb.*[3] Also 5 skatte, 5–6 skait, 6–9 scatt, skat(t. [a. ON. *skatt-r*: see Scat *sb.*[1]]

1. a. *gen.* A tax, tribute. Now only *Hist.* with reference to countries under Scandinavian rule.

1502 *Reg. Privy Seal Scot.* I. 116/1 The rasing of al unlawis, eschetis, proffittis, skattis and dewiteis according to the said regalite. 1506 *Exch. Rolls Scot.* XII. 703 That the fredome and privelege of halikirk be observit.. without ony scatt, stent, taxation, or extortion to be maid in tyme cuming. 1513 Douglas *Æneis* Prol. 24 Wrangys to redres suld weyr be vndertane, For na conquest, reif, skat nor pensioun. 1863 Longf. *Wayside Inn, K. Olaf* xvi. xii, Laying waste the kingdom, Seizing scatt and treasure. 1886 J. Corbett *Fall of Asgard* ii. 22 He will not be content with setting his men over us and taking scatt.

b. In Orkney and Shetland, the land-tax paid to the Crown by a udal tenant. † Also, in certain parts of Scotland and the north of England, the designation of various local imposts in the 15–17th c.

1577 in D. Balfour *Oppressions in Orkney & Zetld.* (1859) 18 Ane dewtie thai pay to the Kingis Majestie for thair scat and landmales zeirlie. 1598 *Aberdeen Reg.* (1848) II. 172 Ilk howsholder in Futtie..to pay the skait vsid and wont. 1612 *Sc. Acts Jas. VI* (1816) IV. 481/2 Toillis, anchorages..scattis, land maillis [etc.]. 1814 Shirreff *Agric. Orkney* 30 Subject only to the tax of scat and tithe. 1821 Scott *Pirate* xviii, We must pay scat and wattle. 1838 Bell *Dict. Law Scot., Udal Right* is that right in land, which though dependent on the Crown as superior, for payment of a tribute called Skat, is completed [etc.]. 1859 in D. Balfour *Oppressions in Orkney & Zetld.* 128 *Skat*, the Tax upon all land occupied by Odal-red, for the support of the Crown, and expense of government.

c. *attrib.*, as *scat-field, scat tax*; † **scat gild,** the payment or tax of 'scat'; † **scat haver, malt,** oats, malt, taken in payment of 'scat'; **scat land,** land subject to 'scat'.

14.. *Customs of Malton* in *Surtees Misc.* (1890) 60 For sellyng of the same [heryng] thay schall gyffe to ye *skattegyld iiij d. 1483 in R. Davies *York Records* (1843) 175 In esyng of the tolls, murage, bucher penys & skaitgyld. 1344–5 *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 172 Decem boll avene que vocatur *Scathaver de bondis de Heworth. 1450–51 *Ibid.* 187 Et de vs. rec. pro xij bollez de Scathaver. 1502 in Peterkin *Rentals of Orkney* (1820) 12 Item wt flawis j d terre *scatland ant in butter scat vij d. 1438–9 *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 63 Pro 7 bondis antedictis in precio 7 quar. de *Scatmaltez sic sibi vend. hoc anno. 1868 D. Gorrie *Summers & Winters in Orkneys* v. 158 Ruga who collected the King of Norway's corn, or the *Scatt-tax in Orkney. 1881 *Standard* 26 July 5 [Shetland] The sheep and ponies run on the 'Scatfield', or common; and the 'Scat tax' is not a popular impost.

Scat (skæt), *sb.*[4] *dial.* (See E.D.D.) [Perh. onomatopœic; the identity of the word in the various senses is uncertain. Cf. Squat *sb.*]

1. A blow or buffet.

1872 Mrs. Lynn Linton *Joshua Davidson* 6 It was a laugh..that seemed to mean the same thing as 'scat',—our Cornish word for a blow. 1901 Mrs. E. L. Voynich *Jack Raymond* 173 The soft and pitying eyes seemed to shame him 'like a scat in the face'.

2. 'Anything burst or broken open; the sound of a rent; the sharp sound of a bullet' (E.D.D.). Cf. Scat *v.*[3] and *adv.*

1895 Crockett *Bog-Myrtle* 294 A shot rang out, followed immediately by the 'scat' of a bullet against the rock.

3. A brief spell of weather; a short turn of work.

1880 *Cornwall Gloss.* s.v., A scat of fine weather. 1882 F. W. P. Jago *Anc. Lang. Cornwall* 256 A scat of frost. 1895 E. M. Stooke *Not Exactly* i. 24 An' cashionally 'e dooes a scat to gardenin'.

4. A sudden or passing shower of rain.

17.. *Prov.* in Brice *Gazetteer* (1759) s.v. *Haldon*, When Haldon hath a Hat, Kenton beware a Skat [Risdon (1714) 47 Squatt]. 1834 G. Roberts *Lyme Regis* 252 *Scatt*, a shower. 1897 E. Phillpotts *Lying Prophets* ii. vi. 187 Presently a scat of heavy rain on a squall of wind shut out the harbour for a time.

† Scat, *v.*[1] *Obs.* In 5–6 scatte. [In Caxton, a. MDu. *schatten*, f. *schat* Scat *sb.*[2]; in the Sc. use perh. a. ON. *skatta*, f. *skatt-r* Scat *sb.*[3]] *trans.* To oppress by exactions.

1481 Caxton *Reynard* xlii. (Arb.) 114 Whan they be myghty and doubted thenne hen they extorcionners and scatte and pylle the peple. 1543 *Aberdeen Reg.* (1844) I. 191 The toune is hauely murmurit be the landmen, that the vittell hyaris of the merkat, scattis thame grytlie in taking of sampills, scheyt-schakkingis, and sic oder ewill vsit custum. *a* 1578 Lindesay (Pitscottie) *Chron. Scot.* (S. T. S.) I. 67 He conselled thame [to] exerceis skarting [*v. r.* scatting] and oppressioun wpoun the realme.

† Scat, *v.*[2] *Obs.* In 6 skatt, 6–7 scatt. [Alteration of Scot *v.*, due to association with Scat *sb.*[3]] *intr.* In phrase *to scat and lot* (later *to scat or contribute*) = 'to scot and lot', i. e. to contribute equally to the defraying of some charge or cost.

1560 *Burgh Rec. Edin.* (1875) III. 87 Personis..quhilkis ..nother scattis lottis extentis walkis nor wardis nor yit beris na portable charges within this burgh. 1581 in *Rec. Convent. Roy. Burghs* (1870) I. 117 The acts of burrowes maid anent the scatting and lotting for pilleit and cassin guids. 1594 *Ibid.* 449 Nather skatt and lott with thame. 1612 *Ibid.* II. 340 That no monye sould scatt or contribute with onye goods castin or pilleyit.

Scat (skæt), *v.*[3] *dial.* [Cf. Scat *sb.*[4]] *trans.* To break in pieces, shatter.

1837 J. F. Palmer *Dial. Devonsh. Dial.* 79 To *Scat*, to dash any fragile body on the ground. 1893 'Q.' (Quiller-Couch) *Delect. Duchy* 306 The van .. scat itself to bits against the bridge.

Scat (skæt), *adv. dial.* Also skat, scatt. [Prob. onomatopœic: cf. Scat *sb.*[4]] *To go scat*: to fall down; to break in pieces; to become bankrupt.

1867 Rock *Jim an' Nell* xxix. (E. D. S. No. 76), I've trad upon a patch, I'm veared a shall go scat. 1887 'Q.' (Quiller-Couch) *Dead Man's Rock* 7 Finally my father's bank broke —or, as we say in the West 'went scat'. 1887 Baring-Gould *Gaverocks* xxxiii, Little Ruth wiped up the mess made by the broken eggs. Poor Ruth was sore distressed at their 'going scatt' on the floor.

Scat, *int. colloq.* [? identical with 'ss cat!' (i.e. a hiss followed by the word *cat*) used in driving away cats.] Begone! Hence jocularly used as verb (*intr.*).

1869 Mrs. Whitney *We Girls* x. (1874) 218 'Scat!' cried Stephen. And Ruth scatted. 1880 J. C. Harris *Uncle Remus* xxii. (1883) 110 W'en ole man Rabbit say 'scoot', dey scooted, en w'en ole Miss Rabbit say 'scat', dey scatted.

Scatald, obs. form of Scattald.

Scatch[1] (skætʃ). Forms: 5–6 scache, 6 skache, 7 skatch, 6–8 scatch, 9 *dial.* sketch. [a. ONF. *escache* = Central OF. *eschasse* (mod.F. *échasse*), whence Du. *schaats* Skate *sb.*[2]]

1. A stilt; usually pl. *scatches. Obs.* exc. *dial.*

1545 Elyot *Dict., Grallatores*, they which dooe goe on styltes or skaches. 1570 Levins *Manip.* 5/44 A Scache, *grallus*. 1653 Urquhart *Rabelais* II. i, Others grew in the legs, and to see them, you would have said they had been ..men walking upon stilts or scatches. 1681 W. Robertson *Phraseol. Gen.* (1693) 915 Never,..till geese go on scatches. 1730 Bailey (fol.), *Scatches*, Stilts to put the Feet in to walk in dirty Places. 1893 Baring-Gould *Cheap Jack Zita* xii, Sketches?—does that word puzzle you ..? They are what some folk call stilts.

2. ? A scaffold-pole. [So F. *échasse.*]

1420 *Searchers Verdicts* in *Surtees Misc.* (1890) 15 William of Alne..sall fynde the brygges, the scaches, nayles, and all the tymbre that sall ga un to the gutter.

† Scatch[2]. *Obs.* Also 5–6 scache. [ad. It. *scaccia* (ska·tʃa), whence F. *escache.*] An oval bridle-bit. Also *scatch-mouth.*

1565–80 Blundevil *Art Riding* III. xxiii. 51 Some are called Canon bits, some scatches. 1598 Florio, *Scaccia*, the mouth of a bit called a scache. 1607 Markham *Caval.* II. (1617) 56 The next bytt you shall vse after the Cannon, shall bee the plaine Scatch. 1611 Cotgr., *Scace*, a Scatch bit. 1704 *Dict. Rust.* (1726) s.v. *Bit*, The ends of a Scatch-mouth can never fail, by reason of their being over-lapped.

Scate, obs. form of Skate.

† Sca·tebrous, *a. Obs. rare*—[0]. [f. L. *scatebra* a gushing forth, f. *scatēre* to gush, spring forth: see -ous.] (See quots.) Hence † **Scatebro·sity.**

1721 Bailey, *Scatebrosity*, a flowing or bubbling out. *Scatebrous*, bubbling out like Water out of a Spring, abounding. 1755 Johnson, *Scatebrous*, abounding with springs.

Scater, obs. form of Scatter *v.*

Scathe (skēið), *sb.* Now *arch.* and *dial.* (see E.D.D.). Forms: 3– scathe, scath, 3–4 sckathe, 3–7 skathe, 3–8 skath, (4 skade, 5 scade); *Sc.* and *north.* 4–9 scaith, skaith, 4–7 skaithe, 5 scaythe, 5–6 skaitht, 6 skayth(t, scaithe, skeath. Also 3–5, 7 schath, 3–6 schathe, 4 schatht. [The existing word is a. ON. *skaða* wk. masc., harm, damage (Sw. *skada* fem., Da. *skade*) = OE. *sc(e)aða* masc., one who injures, malefactor, also (rarely) hurt, injury, OFris. *skatha, skada* injury, OS. *skaðo* masc., malefactor, MDu. *schade* masc. and fem. (Du. *schade* fem.), injury, OHG. *skado* masc. (MHG., mod.G. *schade*):—OTeut. **skaþon-*, f. root **skaþ-*, whence Goth. *skaþis* harm, *skaþjan* = Scathe *v.*; the ablaut-var. **skōþ-* is represented in ON. *skóð* neut., that which harms, *skéð-r* harmful. On the other hand, Layamon's *scaðe* in sense 1 almost certainly had (ʃ), and represents the OE. *sceaða* (the mod. form of which would have been **shathe*). The ME. spelling with *sch-* is of doubtful phonetic interpretation: in most of the verse examples the word thus written alliterates with *sk-*, and must therefore be regarded as of Scandinavian etymology; but some of the other instances may possibly (though there is no definite evidence) represent the native word.

The Teut. root **skaþ-* is believed to represent an Indo-germanic **skath-*: *skēth-*; cf. Gr. *ἀ-σκηθής* unscathed.]

† 1. One who works harm; a malefactor; a wretch, fiend, monster. *Obs.*

Beowulf 274 Sceaða ic nat hwylc, deoȝol dædhata. *c* 1000 *Ags. Gosp.* Matt. xxvii. 38 Ða wæron a-hangen mid hym twegen sceaþan. *c* 1205 Lay. 1923, & þus þe hæge scaðe ferde to helle. *Ibid.* 14945 He wende þat hit weore soð þat þeo scaðe sæide. *Ibid.* 25877 For nu anan cumeð þe scaðe þe alle þine leomen wule to-draȝen.

2. Hurt, harm, damage.

Usually sing. and without article; but also occasionally with *a* (etc.) or in pl.

a 1000 *Cædmon's Gen.* 549 Cwæð, þæt sceaðena mæst eallum heora eaforum æfter siððan wurde on worulde. *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 2314 Dis sonde hem ouertakeð raðe, And bicalleð of harme and scaðe. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 6686 þe smiter sal quite his lechyng And þe scath [*Gött.* skade] of his liging. *c* 1325 *Metr. Hom.* 4 Hou thai mai yem thaim fra schathe. 1377 Langl. *P. Pl.* B. III. 57 Who may scape þe sklaundre þe skaþe is sone amended. *c* 1440 *York Myst.* xviii. 77, I praye þe, lorde, kepe us fro skathe. *Ibid.* xxxiii. 35 With schath of skelpys yll scarred. 1450 in *Charters*, etc. *Edinb.* (1871) 71 We ar informit..þat þai dreid the evil and skath of oure enemeis of England. 1527 Andrew *Brunswyke's Distyll. Waters* Kiv, For all that it muste be knowen for the great schathe that therof myght come. *a* 1578 Lindesay (Pitscottie) *Chron. Scot.* (S.T.S.) I. 22 It sall redound to his avantage and to our gret skaith and schame. 1606 Drayton *Ode written in the Peak* 30 Strong Ale and Noble Cheare, T'asswage breeme Winters scathes. *a* 1670 Spalding *Troub. Chas. I* (1829) 2 To the great hurt and skaith of the king's lieges. 17.. Ramsay *Falling of a Slate* v, Watchieg sylphs flew round, To guard dear Madie from all skaith. 1785 Burns *Death & Dr. Hornbook* ix, I red ye weel, tak care o' skaith, See, there's a gully! 1874 Symonds *Sk. Italy & Greece* (1898) I. xvi. 355 Round them [obstacles]..he passed nimbly, without scar or scathe. 1895 Huxley in *Life* (1900) II. xxiii. 401 It was cheering..to bear that you had got through winter and diphtheria without scathe.

b. Phr. *To do* (*work*, † *make*) *scathe*, to do harm. *Const.* indirect (dative) object, with or without *to.* † *To wait* (one) *scathe* [= Icel. *veita einhverjum skaða*], to inflict injury upon.

c 1205 Lay. 12026 Mælga wes inne Scise þer he scaðe makede. *Ibid.* 15784 Ne doð heo noht muchel scaðe. *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 850 An ðere he werken sckaðe and bale. *c* 1300 *Havelok* 1352 Dwelling haueth ofte scaþe wrouth. 1303 R. Brunne *Handl. Synne* 5987 Or ouþer skaþe he wyl him weyte. *c* 1350 *Will. Palerne* 4051 þat no burn nere so bold ..to wait þe werwolf no maner schaþe. *c* 1470 Henry *Wallace* I. III Is nayne in warld, at scaithis ma do mar, Than weile trastyt in borne familiar. *c* 1489 Caxton *Sonnes of Aymon* xiii. 308 Grete hurte & scathe was there made of bothe partes. 1588 Shaks. *Tit. A.* v. i. 7 And wherein Rome hath done you any scathe, Let him make treble satisfaction. 1595 *Locrine* v. ii. 33 Nor can I finde in heart to worke his scathe. 1632 T. Taylor *God's Judgem.* I. i. xvi. (1642) 57 His owne side came to the worse, doing more scath to themselves, than to their enemies. 1715 *Wodrow Corr.* (1843) II. 114, I cannot tell particularly what skaith they did. 1834 H. Miller *Scenes & Leg.* xxii. (1850) 316 They were doing great skaith, it was said, to victual and drink. 1865 J. M. Neale *Hymns on Paradise* 68 If manifold temptations Of the fiend should work thee scathe.

c. The corresponding passive notion is expressed by *to get, have, take scathe.* † Also, *to catch, find, hent, kep, thole*, etc., *scathe.*

1303 R. Brunne *Handl. Synne* 10648 Sey me þe soþe, and, as y am knyȝt, þou ne shalt haue for me skaþe ne plyȝt. 1362 Langl. *P. Pl.* A. IV. 65 Withouten gult, god wot gat I þis scaþe. 13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* B. 151 Lest he skaþe hent. 1375 Barbour *Bruce* VIII. 358 Menand the scath that he had tane. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 5103 Hit is skille for his skorne, þat he scathe thole. *c* 1420 *Avow. Arth.* xvi, He began to dotur and dote Os he hade keghet scathe. 1470–85 Malory *Arthur* X. xxx. 464 To redresse the harmes and the scathes that he had of them. 1513 Douglas *Æneis* III. v. 116 How grete harme and skaith.. That childe hes caucht throw lossing of his modir! 1549 *Compl. Scot.* vi. 60 The fyir slaucht vil consume the vyne vitht in ane pipe..& the pipe vil resaue na skaytht. 1572, 1721 [see Kep *v.* 2 b]. 1586 Warner *Alb. England* I. vi. (1589) 20 He tolde what skath the Centaures late..had found. 1642 in Row *Hist. Kirk* (Wodrow Soc.) p. xvii, Suche personis as had cum from Irland, and had gottin great skaithe thair. 1730 T. Boston *View this & other World* 263 He could not miss to catch skaith, if all the better care were not taken to prevent it. 1839 Haar. Campbell *Only Daughter* iii, The Laird of Kilmore..took no scaith from the..attractions of the Misses Sibellas, and Miss Anabels of the county, and at the age of forty he was still a bachelor.

d. Alliteratively coupled with *scorn.* Chiefly *Sc.*

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 23338 For þair misfair suld þai not murn, Ne ans for þair skathes skurn [*Gött.* schathes schurn]. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 1874 For to wreke vs of wrathe, & the wegh harme Bothe of skathe & of skorne. 1508 Dunbar *Tua Mariit Wemen* 358 And thus the scorne and the scaith scapit he nothir. 1674 Ray *N. C. Words* 41 One doth the skath, and another hath the scorn. Prov. 1755 Johnson, *Scath* in Scotland denotes spoil or damage: as, he bears the scath and the scorn. A proverb. 1864 Carlyle *Fredk. Gt.* xv. iv. (1865) V. 308 Let us take the scathe and the scorn candidly home to us.

e. *quasi-concr.* A physical hurt or damage.

c 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* I. 1116 Conuenyent hit is to knowe, of bathis Whil speche is mad, what malthis hote & colde Are able, ther as chynyng, clift, or skathe is, To make hit hool and watir wel to holde.

f. Something which works harm.

1579 Gosson *Sch. Abuse* (Arb.) 46 The Adders death is her own broode, the Fencers scath, his own knowledg. 1795 Macneill (*title*) Scotland's Skaith. 1888 Henley *Bk. Verses* 102 The pride I trampled is now my scathe, For it tramples me again.

g. *spec.* 'Injnry supposed to proceed from witchcraft' (Jam.).

1795 *Statist. Acc. Scot.* XVI. 122 This is done with a view to prevent skaith, if it should happen that the person is not canny. 1899 J. Spence *Shetland Folk-Lore* 111 The person who attempted to cross a fisherman's path when on his way to the boat, intended to do him scathe.

3. Matter for sorrow or regret. In various phrases, as *It is scathe*, it is a pity. *It is (great) scathe of him*, he is a great loss. *To think (no) scathe of, think (it) no scathe*, (not) to regret, think (it) no harm. [Cf. G. *schade.*]

c 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 2298 In fulsum-hed he wurðen glaðe, Iosep ne ðoht ðor-of no scaðe. *c* 1300 *Havelok* 2006 But it is of him mikel scaþe: I woth þat he bes ded ful raþe. 13.. *Guy Warw.* 1542 Sir, in þe sond he liþe, & þat is scaþe. 13.. *Gaw. & Gr. Knt.* 674 Bi Kryst, hit is scaþe, þat þou, leude, schal be lost. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Prol.* 446 But she was som del deef, and þat was scathe. *c* 1450 *Merlin* xxxiii. 678 And that was grete scaðe that thei sholde die so soone. 15.. *Christ's Kirk Gr.* viii, Grit skayth wes'd to haif skard him. 1787 W. Taylor *Scots Poems* 11 (E.D.D.) To cheat the rich some think nae skaith. 1870 Moaais *Earthly Par.* III. iv. 57 They deemed it little scathe indeed That her coarse homespun ragged weed Fell off from her round arms.

†4. An injnry, damage, or loss for whlch legal compensation is claimed. In pl. = damages; also, costs or expenses incurred by the claimant. Chiefly *Sc. Obs.*

1456 Sir G. Haye *Law Arms* (S.T.S.) 136 He may demaund his scathis at the lord, be way of acciοun of dett. *a* 1500 Arnolde *Chron.* (1811) 118, I promyse to make good all costis and scathes that may growe therby for defaute off payment. 1504 in Littlejohn *Aberd. Sheriff Crt.* (1904) 48 Thomas Leslie..protestit for thar costs skaithts and expenses. 1678 Sir G. Mackenzie *Crim. Laws Scot.* I. xix. § xv. (1699) 104 The Unlaw to be ten Pound, and mends to the Party, conform to the skaith.

5. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *scathe-deed, -work*; objective, as *scathe-causer, scathe-taking* vbl. sb.

c 1205 Lay. 1547 Swa þe rimie wulf þane he wule on scheapen scaþe were wrchen. *Ibid.* 29578 Þa hine isend hafden mid heore scaðe deden. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 28161 Quen i sagh oþer men mistad, of his fare wald i be gladd, for his ded and his vn-hele, for skath takyng of his catell. 1559 *Mirr. Mag., Hen. VI* xiii, If likewise such as say the welken fortune warkes, Take Fortune for our fate, and sterres therof the markes, Then destiny with fate, and Gods wil al be one: But if they meane it otherwise, skath causers skyes be none.

Scathe (skēið), *v.* Forms: 2–5 **skathe**, 4–9 **scathe**, **scath**, (4 **sckathe**); chiefly *Sc.* 5–6 **skayth(e**, 6 **ska**, 5–9 **scaith**, 8–9 **skaith**. [a. ON. *skaða* impers., it hurts (Sw. *skada*, Da. *skade* to hurt, injure); corresponding to OE. *sc(e)aðian* to injure, rob, OFris. *skathia* to injure, OS. *scaðon* (Essen Gl.) to slander, Dn. *schaden* to injure, OHG. *skadōn* (MHG., mod.G. *schaden*) :—OTeut. **skaþōjan*, f. **skaþon-* Scathe *sb.*

ON. had also another verb from the same root, *skeðja* (pa. t. *skaddr*), corresponding to OE. *sceððan* (orig. strong, pa. t. *scéð*, pa. pple. (*ge*)*sceaðen*, whence by analogy an inf. form *sceaðan*; commonly weak, pa. t. *sceðede*), Goth. *skaþjan* (pa. t. *skōþ*). There is no evidence, however, that the ON. *skeðja* was adopted in English, or that either of the OE. vbs. (with initial *ſ*) survived into ME.]

1. *trans.* To injure, hnrt, damage. Now *arch.* and *Sc.*

c 1200 Ormin 4468–9 Forr ȝiff þu skaþesst anȝ mann þu skaþesst firrst te sellfenn. *c* 1380 *Sir Ferumb.* 759, V schal scaþye hem niȝt & day þat bileueþ on Mahounde. *a* 1400 *Relig. Pieces fr. Thornton MS.* 26 He þat will noghte sckathe his euencristyn, he sall noghte consente ne na consaile gyffe to do hym ill. *c* 1460 *Towneley Myst.* xxii. 365 Syrs, I haue a greatt Iornay That must be done this same day, Or els it will me skathe. 1470–85 Malory *Arthur* II. xii. 90 That wille I not, sayd the knyghte, for hit wylle scathe me gretely and now do yow none anaylle. 1566 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* I. 468 Throw the quhilk [false coin].. this commoun weill hes bene greitlie hurt, and oure Soveranis and thair trew subjectis defraudit and skaythit. 1592 Snars. *Rom. & Jul.* I. v. 86 This tricke may chance to scath you. 1728 Ramsay *Last Sp. Miser* xvi, But that ne'er skaith'd or troubled me, Gin I grew rich. 1784 Burns *Ep. J. Rankine* iv, Think, wicked Sinner, wha ye're skaithing. 1809 H. Miller *Lett. on Herring Fish.*, I manna skaith the rape. 1840 Bagham *Ingol. Leg.* Ser. I. *St. Nicholas*, Holy Church ..the wolves doth mock who would scathe her flock.

†b. *spec.* To subject to pecuniary loss. (The amount is expressed by a second object or introduced by *of*.) *Obs.*

1456 Sir G. Haye *Law Arms* (S.T.S.) 167 He aw to be payit of the baroune of all his soume of lenth that he war scathit of. †1496 in *Lett. Rich. III & Hen. VII* (Rolls) II. 69 Ther entred neuer a straunger ship here sithins Midlent, and that hath skathed the Kinges grace c.li. 1600 Darrell *Detect. Harsnet's Lying Disc.* 202 The poore man..had as liue she had so kindly imbraced another as him, for the louing salutation..scathed him 4. nobles. 1602 *How Man may chuse Good Wife* C 1, He crosse thy name quite from my reckoning booke: For these accounts, faith it shall skathe thee somewhat.

†c. *absol.* To do harm. *Obs.*

1470 Henry *Wallace* VIII. 1132 It ma nocht scaith, suppos it do na waill.

2. To injure or destroy by fire, lightning, or similar agency; to blast, scorch, sear. *poet.* and *rhet.*

This, and the derived sense 3, appear to have been developed from the Milton passage (quot. 1667), perh. partly through sound-association with *scorch.*

[1667 Milton *P. L.* I. 613 As when Heavens Fire Hath scath'd the Forrest Oaks,..With singed top their stately growth though bare Stands on the blasted Heath.] 1810 Scott *Lady of L.* III. x, The monk resumed his mutter'd spell:..The while he scathed the Cross with flame. 1813 — *Rokeby* IV. iii, The pine-tree scathed by lightning-fire. 1814 — *Ld. of Isles* IV. viii, Seek not the giddy crag to climb, To view the turret scathed by time. 1831 Carlyle *Sart. Res.* II. viii, The fire-baptised soul, long so scathed and thunder-riven, here feels its own Freedom. 1844 Thirlwall *Greece* VIII. lxiii. 240 The flames that scathed Thermus. 1882 Farrar *Early Chr.* II. 213 The whole country had been scathed with fire and drowned in blood.

fig. 1842 Manning *Serm.* (1843) I. vi. 83 Familiar consent to evil..scathes and deadens the spiritual sense.

3. *fig.* To sear or 'wither' with fierce invective or satire. Cf. Scathing *ppl. a.*

1852 Robertson *Serm.* Ser. III. (1857) 152 At the same time that He scathed with indignant invective the Pharisees. 1867 Froude *Short Stud.* Ser. I. I. 77 (*Erasmus & Luther* ii.) His satire flashed about,..scathing especially his old enemies the monks.

Hence **Scathed** *ppl. a.*

1792 Gilpin *Forest Scenery* II. 71 Many of the oaks are scathed, and ragged. 1831 Scott *Ct. Robt.* xxix, The hulk of the Grecian Admiral, burnt to the water's edge, and still sending forth a black smoke from its scathed beams and planks. 1842 Borrow *Bible in Spain* vi, Its scathed and gigantic crags. 1873 Miss Broughton *Nancy* III. 152 Is that one withered scathed little stick to be our sole protection against the storm?

†**Sca·thefire.** *Obs.* Also 7 scath-, skath-, achath-, 8 *dial.* scale-. See also Scarefire. [f. Scathe *sb.* + Fire *sb.* Cf. G. *schadenfeuer*, Da. *skadeild*, Norw. *skadeverme.*] A destructive fire or conflagration.

1632 Heywood *2nd Pt. Iron Age* v. i. I 4, These horrid sights Lighted by scathe-fires. 1658 W. Burton *Itin. Anton.* 155 Her frequent Schathfires have rendred her not less magnificent, but more famous. *a* 1663 Bramhall *Vind. fr. Pepery* vi. (1672) 115 In a great Scathfire it is wisdom not only to suffer those Houses to burn down which are past quenching, but (etc.). 1796 Pegge *Derbicisms* Ser. I. 60 (E.D.S.) *Scale-fire*, when a house or town is on fire.

Scatheful (skē·ðfúl), *a. arch.* Forms: see Scathe *sb.* [f. Scathe *sb.* + -ful. Cf. Ormin's *unnskaþefull.*] Hnrtfnl, harmful, injurious.

c 900 tr. *Gregory's Dial.* 209 Swa þonne ȝeweorðeð þæt we becumað þonne fram þam idlan wordum to þam sceaðfullum. 1375 Barbour *Bruce* v. 249 Gif the hapnys ony thing, That annoyus or scathfull be. 1513 Douglas *Æneis* II. i. 34 And sum, wondring, the skaithfull gift beheld. 1527 Andrew *Brunswyke's Distyll. Waters* Bj b, This water..withdryveth the scadefull swellyng in the bely. 1586 Warner *Alb. Eng.* I. v. (1589) 15 Hercules..with skathfull strokes bestird his Club so well,..that [etc.]. 1601 Shaks. *Twel. N.* v. i. 59 With which such scathfull grapple did he make With the most noble bottome of our Fleete. 1855 Singleton *Virg., Georg.* I. I. 80 That scathful rust should prey upon its stalks.

†**Scathel,** *a. Obs.* Forms: 4 **scathel**, -**ylle**, 5 **skethill**, **skathil**(l, -**ell**, 6 **skatell**. β. 5 **schatell**, **schathill**. See also Scaddle *a.* [a. ON. **skǫþull* = OHG. *scad(h)al, scadel, scatal, -el*, Goth. *skaþuls* :—OTeut. **skaþulo-*, f. **skaþ-* : see Scathe *sb.*] Injurious, harmful, dangerous. Also *absol.* as *sb.*

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 28773 Almus askes to be wroght o right wis aght,..for elles vnmedi sal it be, scathel and wrangwise als to þe. 13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* C. 155 Mony ladde þer forth-lep to laue & to Rest, Scopen out þe scaþel water, þat fayn scape wolde. *a* 1400 *Morte Arth.* 32 Scathylle Scottlande by skylle he skyftys as hym lykys. *Ibid.* 1642 That no skathelle in the skroggez skorne vs here-aftyr. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 4067 Ascalaphus, a skathil duke & skant mon in wer. *Ibid.* 13442 There were sones vpposyde,..To Askathes full skete, skethill of hor bond. *a* 1400–50 *Alexander* 2992 þat skapid..skatheles fra all his schathill dukis [*Dubl.* scapett.. schatheles..schatell]. 1515 *Scot. Field* 342 in *Chetham Misc.* (1856) II. Those skatell Scotts, that all the skath diden.

Scatheless (skē·ðlės), *a.* Forms: see Scathe *sb.* [f. Scathe *sb.* + -less. Cf. ON. *skaðlauss.*] Without scathe; unharmed. †Const. *of.*

c 1200 Ormin 12038 ȝiff þatt he lnpe dun All skaþelæs till eorþe. *c* 1350 *Will. Palerne* 1855 To a-schape schaples fram þat schamful best. *a* 1366 Chaucer *Rom. Rose* 1550 That scathles, fulle sykerly, I myght unto the welle goo. *a* 1400–50 [see Scathel]. 1563 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* I. 241 To keip him skaithless of the samyn [penalty]. 1818 Scott *Hrt. Midl.* xv, 'I wad ware the best blood in my body to keep her skaithless,' said Jeanie. 1865 Trollope *Belton Est.* xxviii. 341 It is a game from which you will come out scatheless, but I have been scalded. 1884 *Law Times* LXXVIII. 57/1 The wife and the fortunate individual who shared her indictment escaped scatheless.

Hence **Sca·thelessly** *adv.*

1844 Tupper *Heart* xi. 121 In the hope..of ruining him, if not of getting scathelessly off themselves. 1858 J. H. Bennet *Nutrition* vi. 209 The soldier who..passes scathlessly through twenty campaigns.

†**Sca·thely,** *adv. Obs.* [f. Scathe *sb.* + -ly 2.] With damage or injury. Only in allit. phr. *to scape* (or *aschape*) *scathely.*

c 1350 *Will. Palerne* 2794 þat we so scaþli ar a-schaped god mowe [we] þonk. *a* 1400–50 *Alexander* 642 If any scolere in þe scole his skorne at him makis, He skapis him full skathely bot if he skyp better.

Scathing (skē·ðiŋ), *ppl. a.* [-ing 2.]

1. That scathes or blasts (see Scathe *v.* 2).

1794 Coleridge *Monody Death Chatterton* 51 The scathing lightning. 1813 Byron *Corsair* I. x, Mark how that lone and blighted bosom sears The scathing thought of execrated years! 1858 Gladstone *Homer* II. 180 He launches the scathing thunderbolt.

2. Of invective, etc.: Very sharp and damaging; searing, 'withering', cutting.

1865 Lecky *Ration.* (1878) I. 251 Week after week he launched from the pulpit the most scathing invectives. 1893 *Times* 28 Apr. 9/4 Mr. Goschen's speech was a scathing exposure of the contrast between promise and performance.

Hence **Sca·thingly** *adv.*

1847 *Tait's Mag.* XIV. 238 A feeling of his insignificance flashed scathingly on the quivering pride of Robert Anderson. 1868 E. Edwards *Ralegh* I. xxii. 497 That Duke of Savoy whom Milton has made scathingly famous.

Scatire, obs. form of Scatter *v.*

Scatol, variant of Skatol *Chem.*

Scatologic (skætŏlo·dʒik), *a.* [f. Scatolog-y + -ic.] Of or pertaining to scatology (sense 1).

1891 J. G. Bourke (*title*) Scatalogic [*sic*] Rites of all Nations. 1897 in *Syd. Soc. Lex.*

Scatology (skătɒ·lŏdʒi). [f. Gr. σκατ-, *ακῶρ* dung + -(o)logy.]

1. That branch of science which deals with diagnosis by means of the fæces. 1897 in *Syd. Soc. Lex.*

2. That branch of palæontology which treats of fossil excrement or coprolites. In recent Dicts.

3. Filthy literature. *rare.*

1876 *N. & Q.* Ser. v. V. 31 Mr. Swifte's suggestion that *scatology* may be derived from *scateo.* 1887 Saintsbury *Elizab. Lit.* x. 370 A large quantity of mere scatology and doggerel.

Scatomancy (skæ·tomænsi). [ad. mod.L. *scatomantĭa*: see prec. and -mancy.] Divination or diagnosis based on the examination of the fæces.

1569 J. Sanford tr. *Agrippa's Van. Artes* lxxxiii. 145 b, For this cause Scatomancie, Oromancie, Drymimancie, be called the diuinations or Prognostications of Phisitians, gathered by ordures and vrines. 1861 Reade *Cloister & H.* xxvi, I studied at Montpelier... There learned I Drirmancy, Scatomancy, Pathology [etc.]. 1897 in *Syd. Soc. Lex.*

†**Scatomanter.** *Obs. rare*—1. [irreg. ad. mod.L. *scatomantis*, f. Gr. σκατ(ο)- dung + *μάντις* prophet.] One who practises scatomancy.

1569 J. Sanford tr. *Agrippa's Van. Artes* lxxxiii. 145 b, [The name *Scatophagos*] afterwards was derived to all Phisitions, in suche wise, that wee call them Scatophagians and Scatomanters, that is, ordure eaters, and lookers on ordure.

Scatophage (skæ·tofēidʒ). [ad. mod.L. *scatophag-us*, a. Gr. σκατοφάγος: see Scatophagous *a.* Cf. F. *scatophage* adj.] A scatophagous insect or animal; esp. a dung-fly. In recent Dicts.

†**Scatopha·gian.** *Obs. rare*—1. [f. mod.L. *scatophag-us* (see next) + -ian.] One who feeds on dung. 1569 [see Scatomanter].

Scatophagous (skătɒ·făgəs), *a.* [f. mod.L. *scatophag-us*, a. Gr. σκατοφάγος, f. σκατ(ο-), *ακῶρ* dung: see -phagous.] Feeding upon dnng.

1891 in *Century Dict.* 1896 *Nature* 16 July 247/2 In *Stomoxys*,..the larvæ are normally scatophagous.

Scatoscopy (skătɒ·skŏpi). *rare*—0. [Cf. prec. and -scopy.] Inspection of the fæces for the purpose of divination or diagnosis. In recent Dicts.

Scatses, obs. pl. form of Skate *sb.*2

Scattald (skæ·tăld). *Orkney and Shetl.* Also 7 scat(t)ell, 8 scatald, scatteld, scat(t)hold, scattald, -old, scathald, skattald. [ad. local Scandinavian **skatthald* (= ON. *skatt-r* Soat *sb.*3 + *hald* Hold *sb.*] The common grounds for pasture or fumishing fuel, etc. of a district. Hence **Soa·ttalder,** one who shares in the scattald. Also *in-scattalder* = 'scattalder'; *out-skattalder*, a resident in the district who has no share in the scattald.

1615 *Acts* etc. *Orkney & Shetl.* (Maitl. Cl. 1840) II. 174 Anent going throuch thair nychtbours scattell...It sall not be lesum to ony persone..to go throuch his nychtbouris scatell or comontie with ane scheip dog Except [etc.]. *a* 1733 *Shetland Acts* 32 in *Proc. Soc. Ant. Scot.* (1892) XXVI. 201 That every scatald have a sufficient pund. *Ibid.* 35 ibid., All horses belonging either to outscattalders or inscattalders. *Ibid.* 39 ibid., That the Sheriff..ride the marches of the parish..when required thereto by the scattalders. 1809 A. Edmonston *Pres. St. Zetland* I. 148 The uncultivated ground, outside of the enclosure [or town], is called the Scatthold, and is used for general pasture, and to furnish turf for firing. 1883 *Chamb. Jrnl.* 211 Beyond the turf dikes is the scattald or common.

Scatter (skæ·təɹ), *sb.* [f. Scatter *v.*]

1. The action or an act of scattering; wide or irregular distribution; dispersion. Now chiefly with reference to shot.

1642 J. W[eall] *Prepar. Fast* 4 We are exposed aswell to Forraigne and intestine mischiefes. This divide and scatter, if it be not prevented, will be no small curse. 1650 T. Vaughan *Anthroposophia* 68 Advt. to Rdr., Let Them [*sc.* the Galenists] not mangle, and discompose my Book with a scatter of Observations, but proceed Methodically to the Censure of each part. 1893 *Westm. Gaz.* 14 Dec. 5/1 Had there been no deflection from the hard skull the shot ..would have been smaller in scatter than it is.

2. A small quantity loosely distributed or interspersed; a scattering, sprinkling. *rare.*

1859 R. F. Burton *Centr. Afr.* in *Jrnl. Geog. Soc.* XXIX. 158 Its sole displays quartzose sand, with scatters of granite. 1888 *Daily News* 17 May 5/8 The bodice, too, had a scatter of diamonds and pearls.

Scatter (skæ·təɹ), *v.* Forms: 2 **scatere**, 3–6 **scater**, **skater**, 4 **schatre**, **scatir**(e, 4–5 **scatre**, 5 **skatre**, (**schatir**), 6 **scattre**, **skattir**, **aketer**, 7 **skatter**, 6– **scatter**. [Early ME. (12th c., Mid-

land); of obscure origin; formed with iterative suffix (see -ET[6]).

This and SHATTER *v.* (which appears much later) are commonly regarded as respectively northern and southern representatives of an OE. **sc(e)aterian*, which is referred to a supposed Teut. root **skat-* cogn. w. Gr. *σκεδ-αννύναι* to scatter. The etymological identity of the two vbs. seems, however, doubtful, although they have some affinity of sense. It is true that in ME. *scatter* occurs only in northern and midland texts, with one exception (quot. 1330, sense 4); and that in this sole southern instance the MS. spells it with *sch*, which should normally stand for (ʃ). But initial (sk) from OE. *sc* in a native word would be no less abnormal in northern and midland than in southern English. The alleged cognates in Du. and LG. are questionable. Two instances are cited of MDu. *schaderen*, with the senses 'to squander (money)', 'to shed (blood)'; but this does not agree in form. The sense 'to scatter' assigned to early mod.Du. *schetteren*, rests on the authority of Kilian, whose citation of the Eng. word renders his testimony suspicious. The Du. and MLG. *schateren* to resound, to laugh uproariously (MLG. once, to be shattered by an explosion) would seem to be onomatopoeic; at least their sense cannot easily be derived from that assigned to the alleged Teut. root. Cf. SCAT *v.*[2] and SQUATTER *v.*]

1. *trans.* To dissipate, squander (goods or possessions). *Obs.* or *arch.*

1154 *O. E. Chron.* an. 1137, He hadde ȝet his tresor ac he to deld it & scatered sotlice. *c* 1380 WYCLIF *Serm.* Sel. Wks. II. 78 For ȝif þes ordres geten nevere so myche good, þei seien þat al is þer ordris, and it were a deedli synne to scatire þes goodis in þe world. 1522 MORE *De quat. Noviss.* Wks. 94 They would..neuer be so mad, gredily to gather together that other men shal merely sone after scatter abrode. *c* 1645 HOWELL *Lett.* VI. xvii. (1650) I. 204, I leave the rest of all my goods to my first-born Edward, to be consum'd or scatterd (for I never hoped better). *a* 1716 SOUTH *Serm.* (1744) VIII. 326 And was it not worth the..seeing his substance scattered, his children struck dead [etc.].

absol. 1879 G. CAMPBELL *White & Black* 243 Mr. J—— says the Germans are the only men who are saving; all the rest scatter.

2. To separate and drive in various directions (a body of men or animals, a collection of things); to disperse, dissipate (a quantity of matter); to dispel (clouds, mists).

a 1300 *E. E. Psalter* xvii. 16 [xviii. 14] And he sent his arwes, and skatered þa. 1382 WYCLIF *Matt.* xxvi. 31, I shal smyte the sheperde, and the sheep of the floc shulen be scatered. 1582 STANYHURST *Æneis* I. (Arb.) 19 Dnck downe theire fleete with a tempest, Or ships wyde scatter. 1594 SHAKS. *Rich. III*, IV. iv. 513 Buckingham's Armie is dispers'd and scatter'd. 1596 — *Merch. V.* I. i. 33 Dangerous rocks, Which touching but my gentle Vessels side Would scatter all her spices on the streame. 1596 DALRYMPLE tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* II. x. 453 Lyk a certane sone, new risen to skail and skattir the Clondis of al tumulte. 1657 W. COLES *Adam in Eden* xxiii. 49 The Leaves of wild Clary.. put into Pottage..scatter congealed blood. *c* 1788 BURNS *Ep. to R. Graham* 26 Some spnmy, fiery, *ignis fatuus* matter, Such as the slightest breath of air might scatter. 1860 TYNDALL *Glac.* I. iii. 30 A breeze..keen and hostile, scattering the snow. 1871 FREEMAN *Norm. Conq.* IV. xviii. 117 The terrible name of Odo scattered them in all directions. 1879 MISS BRADDON *Clov. Foot* xxviii, 'What has become of all the photographs?'..'Given to Tom, Dick and Harry —scattered to the four winds. I have not kept one of them.'

absol. 1594 T. B. *La Primaud. Fr. Acad.* II. 283 It is the nature of this enemy of mankind [*sc.* the Devil] to scatter, to disioyne and separat.

fig. 1613 PURCHAS *Pilgrimage* (1614) 45 So doth God scatter the counsells of his enemies. [Cf. *Vulg.* Ps. xxxii[i]. 10 *Dominus dissipet consilia gentium.*] 1822 SHELLEY tr. *Calderon* iii. 145 So that Heaven May scatter thy delusions. 1869 LECKY *Europ. Mor.* I. iii. 430 No one did more to scatter the ancient superstitions than did Cicero.

b. *intr.* for *refl.* To separate and disperse; to go dispersedly or straggllingly. † Also of a hawk: To go to a distance.

c 1430 *Syr Gener.* (Roxb.) 158 And kepe we vs to-gedre trew That we skater not a-sondre. 1486 *Bk. St. Albans* b iij b, When thay [a Couy of partrichys] be putt upp, and begynne to scatre, ye most haue markeris to marke some of thaym. 15.. *Scot. Field* 513 in *Chetham Misc.* II, When the Skottes..seen our men sketer They..came downwarde. 1593 SHAKS. *2 Hen. VI*, III. ii. 126 The Commons like an angry Hiue of Bees That want their Leader, scatter vp and downe. 1610 GUILLIM *Heraldry* II. v. (1611) 46 The Fillet is shaped long and narrowe for the more commodious vse of women in..restraining of their haire from scattering about theire browes. 1626 BACON *Sylva* § 138 Sound diffuseth it selfe in round..; But if the Sound, which would scatter in Open Aire, be made to goe all into a Canale; It must needs giue greater force to the Sound. 1771 *Encycl. Brit.* II. 541/2 She [the falcon] must also have two good bells, that she may be found when she scattereth. 1795 SOUTHEY *Joan of Arc* VI. 309 Aright, aleft, The affrighted foemen scatter from his spear. 1796 WITHERING *Brit. Plants* II. 74 The stems generally decline and scatter from each other, instead of being upright and close together. 1817 SHELLEY *Rev. Islam* VI. xix, When on my foes a sudden terror came, And they fled, scattering. 1909 *Blackw. Mag.* Aug. 230/2 The fugitives scattered for miles, bearing appalling tales of massacre.

c. *refl.* Now *rare* or *Obs.*

1535 COVERDALE 1 *Chron.* xv. [xiv.] 9 The Philistynes came, and scatered them selues beneth in yᵉ valley of Rephaim. 1579 TOMSON *Calvin's Serm. Tim.* 128/2 They he enimies to the Churche, and scatter themselues farre from vs. 1625 B. JONSON *Staple of N.* IV. ii. 175 *Shr.* He'll let you ha' your liberty—. *Alm.* Goe forth, Whither you please, and to what company—. *Mad.* Scatter your selfe amongst vs.

† **d.** *trans.* To separate, drive apart (one or more individuals *from* the main body). *Obs.*

1588 EARL OF LEICESTER in *Defeat Sp. Armada* (Navy Rec. Soc.) II. 35 Two of the greatest carracks that the King of Spain had in his fleet, being scattered from the rest.

a 1661 FULLER *Worthies, Derbysh.* (1662) I. 234 Their ships with the violence of the wind were much shattered, and the Bonaventure, scattered from the other two ships.

† **e.** *fig.* To dissipate, distract (the mind, etc.).

1450–1530 *Myrr. Our Ladye* 122 A warnynge to take hede that yf the mynde were eny thynge scatered before, then to gather yt ageyne to gyther. 1625 B JONSON *Staple of N.* IV. ii, Look, look, how all their eyes Dance i' their heads (obserue) scatter'd with lust! 1715 tr. *T. à Kempis' Chr. Exerc.* III. xv. 138 If thou art hereby scattered in thy Mind.

3. *trans.* To throw about in disorder in various places.

c 1330 *Arth. & Merl.* (Kölbing) 553 Ac þo þai come þider eft, Her werk was al vp aleft & yschatred here & þere. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Can. Yeom. Prol. & T.* 361 The pot to-breketh..And somme [of the metals] are scatered al the floor aboute. 1860 TYNDALL *Glac.* I. xx. 142 The fragments of rock scattered about were..polar.

† **b.** To throw down (a thing) negligently; to drop. *Obs. rare*[−1].

a 1640 *Wizard* (MS.) (Nares), It is directed to you; some love-letter, on my life, that Luce hath scattered.

4. To distribute to various positions; to place here and there at irregular intervals. Chiefly in *pa. pple.*

c 1380 WYCLIF *Sel. Wks.* III. 445 Mykel more if newe religious be skaterud in Cristendome. 1549 ALLEN *Par. Leo Jude upon Rev.* 8 These are yᵉ messengers of Antichrist, scattrid thoroweout the whole worlde. 1712 SWIFT *Let. Eng. Tongue* Wks. (1755) II. 184 William the Conqueror proceeded much further; bringing over with him vast numbers of that nation, scattering them in every monastery. 1837 LOCKHART *Scott* I. x. 326 Many tributes to his memory are scattered over his friend's other works. 1868 RUSKIN *Pol. Econ. Art* ii. 130 So long as works of art are scattered through the nation, no universal destruction of them is possible. 1882 P. G. TAIT in *Encycl. Brit.* XIV. 583/1 If stars be scattered through infinite space, with average closeness.

† **b.** *intr.* in pres. pple. used with a vb. of rest (= scattered'). *Obs.*

1555 WATREMAN *Fardle Facions* Pref. 6 From Adam to the floud..when men liued skateryng on the earthe. 1716 CHURCH *Philip's War* (1867) II. 149 He answered, there were several Families, but they liv'd scattering. 1726 LEONI *Alberti's Archit.* I. 66/2 Laying all the..earth into the furrow again inward, so that none might lie scattering outward.

5. *trans.* To throw or send forth so that the particles are distributed or spread about; to sow or throw (seed, money, etc.) broadcast; to sprinkle, strew; to diffuse (fragrance).

c 1450 *St. Cuthbert* (Surtees) 4682 Molle on þair heueds þai scaterd. 1530 PALSGR. 699/1, I scatter small thynges abrode, as peasyn, or beanes. 1535 COVERDALE *Ps.* cxlvii. 16 He..scatereth yᵉ horefrost like ashes. 1606 SHAKS. *Ant. & Cl.* II. vii. 25 As it [*sc.* the Nile] ebbes, the Seedsman Vpon the slime and Ooze scatters his graine. 1644 SYMONDS *Diary* (Camden) 54 Some of our men by the King's command scattered some papers, that if any would come in.. they shonld be pardoned. 1698 FRYER *Acc. E. India & P.* 107 The Governor..bestows his Largess..liberally scattering Rupees. 1821 SHELLEY *Ginevra* 126 The matin winds from the expanded flowers Scatter their hoarded incense. 1861 MISS J. M. CAMPBELL in Bere *Garland of Songs* 61 We plough the fields and scatter The good seed on the land.

absol. 1748 GRAY *Alliance* 17 Scatter with a free, though frugal, Hand.

b. *transf.* and *fig.* Also, † to spread (reports, a prophecy).

1576 FLEMING *Panopl. Epist.* 118 O ioyfull report, and most acceptable rumour, which was scatered abroade. 1601 SHAKS. *All's Well* I. ii. 54 His plausiue words He scatter'd not in eares, but grafted them To grow there and to beare. *a* 1662 HEYLIN *Laud* II. (1671) 251 The Lady Davies.. scatters a Prophesie against him. *a* 1771 GRAY *Birds* 2 The song-thrush there Scatters his loose notes. 1858 LONGF. *M. Standish* IV. 74 A hand-grenade, that scatters destruction around it.

c. *intr.* for *refl.*

1577 B. GOOGE *Heresbach's Husb.* I. (1586) 35 When it [Pulse] is rype it must be geathered..for it scattereth very soone. 1642 JER. TAYLOR *Episc.* (1647) 233 The Bishop should separate the scabbed sheep from the sonnd, least their infection scatter. 1720 DE FOE *Capt. Singleton* V. (1840) 93 The small shot..scattered among them. 1817 SHELLEY *Rev. Islam* VI. xlvi, A wood Whose bloom-inwoven leaves now scattering fed The hungry storm.

d. Of a gun, a cartridge: To distribute (the shot). Chiefly *absol.*

1741 *Compl. Fam.-Piece* I. ii. 320 You must also be well acquainted with the Condition of the Gun, whether it be apt to scatter, or carry the Shot round within Compass. 1823 J. F. COOPER *Pioneers* i, The gun scatters well. 1881 GREENER *Gun* 439 Cartridge loaded to scatter the shot.

e. *Physics.* Of a surface, semi-opaque substance: To throw back (light) brokenly in all directions.

1833 HERSCHEL *Astron.* § 45 (1839) 32 The sun..illuminates the atmosphere and clouds, and these again disperse and scatter a portion of its light in all directions. 1882 P. G. TAIT in *Encycl. Brit.* XIV. 583/2 In order that a surface may be illuminated..it must be capable of scattering light.

6. To sprinkle or strew *with* something.

1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* I. x. 35 A narrow way, Scattred with bushy thornes and ragged breares. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* XI. 649 Now scatter'd lies With Carcasses and Arms th' ensanguind Field Deserted. 1720 DE FOE *Capt. Singleton* vi. (1840) 106 The ground was scattered with elephant's teeth. 1902 E. PHILLPOTTS *River* i, Where the desert spread, all scattered with great stones.

7. *Comb.*: **scatteraway** *rare*, dispersion; **scatter-charge, load**, a charge for a gun, made to distribute the shot when fired; † **scatter-story**, one who 'spreads' a report or story; **scatter-tuft**, the genus *Sporochnus*, one of the algals (*Cassell's Encycl. Dict.*, 1887); † **scatter-wise** *adv.*, in straggling order.

1851 SIR F. PALGRAVE *Norm. & Eng.* I. 325 So complete was the *scatteraway, that one of the brethren never stopped till he reached Saint-Gâll. 1882 GREENER *Gun* 439 The *scatter-charge has good penetration at 30 and 40 yards 1901 *Ibid.* (ed. 8) Index, *Scatter loads. *a* 1670 HACKET *Cent. Serm.* (1675) 734 Ælian, and some other such *scatter-stories as himself, do make more reports of..unreasonable creatures, than of reasonable men. 1875 DASENT *Vikings* III. xviii. 278 They sail very *scatter-wise in coming back, if, indeed, these few ships be part of the host.

Scatterable (skæ·tərăbl), *a.* [f. SCATTER *v.* + -ABLE.] That may be scattered.

1800 HERSCHEL in *Phil. Trans.* XC. 523 The rays of heat are..less refrangible than those of light; and..they are also, if I may introduce a convenient term, less scatterable.

Scatteration (skætərē·ʃən). *rare.* [f. SCATTER *v.* + -ATION.] The action of scattering.

1776 MRS. A. GRANT *Lett. fr. Mountains* (1806) I. 212 After the dissolution and scatteration of last year's happy trio. 1865 *N. Y. Times* 25 Feb., The scatteration of Cobb's forces. 1900 *Engineering Mag.* XIX. 750/2 Scatteration of effort is dissipation of energy.

Scatteraway: see SCATTER *v.* 7.

Sca·tter-brain. [f. SCATTER *v.* + BRAIN *sb.* Cf. the earlier SHATTERBRAIN.] One who is incapable of serions connected thought; a thoughtless, giddy person.

1790 COWPER *Let.* 31 July *Wks.* 1836 VI. 324 Though I have seen you but once,..I have fonnd out that you are a scatter-brain. 1898 BARING-GOULD *Old Eng. Home* xii. 284 The generality of these scapegraces are simply scatter-brains.

So **Sca·tter-brained** *a.*, that is a scatter-brain; characteristic of a scatter-brain.

[1747: cf. *scattered-brained*, SCATTERED *ppl. a.* 6.] 1804 CURRIE in *Creevey Papers* (1904) I. i. 30 A scatter-brained fellow. 1866 CARLYLE *Remin.* I. 122 A cheerful scatter-brained creatnre.

Scattered (skæ·tərd), *ppl. a.* [f. SCATTER *v.* + -ED[1].] In senses of the verb.

1. Of a flock, tribe, company of persons, troops, etc.: Disunited and dispersed; disorganized; also, spread out in all directions.

1388 WYCLIF *Jer.* l. 17 Israel is a scaterid flok. 1593 SHAKS. *3 Hen. VI*, II. vi. 93 And hauing France thy Friend, thou shalt not dread The scattred Foe, that hopes to rise againe. 1786 BURNS '*The gloomy night*', The Hunter now has left the moor, The scatt'red coveys meet secure. 1855 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* XX. IV. 412 From the field of battle he made his way..to the neighbourhood of Louvain, and there began to collect his scattered forces.

b. *fig.* Of feelings, thoughts, etc.: Distracted, discomposed; vagrant. Now *rare* or *Obs.*

1638 JUNIUS *Paint. Ancients* 26 It doth require..some labour to settle our wild scattered thoughts. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* XI. 294 Adam..his scatterd spirits returnd, To Michael thus his humble words addressd. 1819 SCOTT *Ivanhoe* XIV, One word from Isaac..recalled her scattered feelings.

2. Widely separated one from another; placed here and there; spread over a wide area; straggling.

1595 *Polimanteia* in Brydges *Brit. Bibl.* I. 281 Mourne for the trulie Hon. Ferdinandos death: whom though scattered teares haue honoured in some few sonnets, yet [etc.]. 1617 MORYSON *Itin.* I. 112 Having passed long suburbs and scattered houses we came within a Musket shot to the mountaine. 1725 POPE *Iliad* I. *Ess. on Homer* 18 Some other scatter'd Stories of Homer. 1791 BURNS *Lament for Earl Glencairn* iii, Ye scatter'd birds that faintly sing. 1828 SCOTT *F. M. Perth* XXVII, A few aged and scattered yew trees. 1845 BUDD *Dis. Liver* 175 Ulceration of the gall-bladder.. may lead to scattered abscesses in the substance of the liver. 1897 *Westm. Gaz.* 11 Mar. 2/1 The Poor-law Conference.. showed a remarkable consensus of opinion in favour of the substitution of the boarding-out and scattered home system for the present barrack schools.

3. Cast or driven about loosely in all directions; thrown broadcast. † Of the hair: Disordered.

1667 MILTON *P. L.* I. 304 His Legions..lay..Thick as.. scattered sedge Afloat, when with fierce Winds Orion arm'd Hath vext the Red-Sea Coast. 1785 COWPER *Task* IV. 121 Oh Winter, ruler of th' inverted year, Thy scatter'd hair with sleet like ashes fill'd..I love thee! *Ibid.* v. 67 The sparrows peep...Well they eye The scatter'd grain. 1839 J. MAIN *Abercrombie's Ev. Man his own Gard.* 40 Let grass be rolled with a wooden roller, to which all the scattered worm-cast earth will readily adhere.

† **b.** Of a single thing: Cast off; thrown negligently, let drop. *Obs.*

1596 SPENSER *F. Q.* V. ii. 3 Whom having lost,..And finding in the way the scattred scarfe, The fortune of her life long time did feare. 1600 SHAKS. *A. Y. L.* III. v. 104 Loose now and then A scattred smile, and that I'le liue vpon. 1781 COWPER *Table-T.* 674 [He], like a scatter'd seed at random sown, Was left to spring by vigour of his own.

4. *spec.* **a.** *Bot.* Occurring at wide and irregular intervals (see quots.).

[1640: cf. SCATTEREDLY.] 1796 WITHERING *Brit. Plants* I. 225 Cal. none, (except some scattered sheaths). *Ibid.* III. 176 Root-leaves on leaf-stalks, somewhat toothed, beset with scattered hairs. 1839 LINDLEY *Introd. Bot.* III. (ed. 3) 492 Scattered (*sparsus*); used in opposition to whorled, or opposite, or ternate, or other such terms. 1872 H. C. WOOD *Fresh-w. Algæ* 54 Filament single, mostly scattered.

b. *Ent.* (See quot.)

1826 KIRBY & SP. *Entomol.* IV. 313 Scattered (*Sparsi*). When simple eyes are separate from each other and not arranged in a certain order.

c. *Physics.* Of light: Refracted and dispersed in all directions.

1808 Herschel in *Phil. Trans.* XCIX. 280 The [prismatic] bows are formed by scattered light. 1878 Abney *Treat. Photogr.* xii. 88 The blurring caused by the reflection of the scattered rays from the plate.

5. Covered with scatterings; strewn or littered with something. *rare.*

1798 Bloomfield *Farmer's Boy, Winter* 56 [He] Fills the tall racks [with hay] and leaves a scatter'd road.

6. *Comb.*: † **scattered-brained** = Scatter-brained.

1747 *Mem. Nutrebian Crt.* II. 14 [Expressions] such as easy fool, scattered-brained madman.

Scatteredly (skæ·təədlĭ), *adv.* [f. Scattered *ppl. a.* + -ly 2.] In a scattered manner; disorderedly, irregularly; †intermittently.

1611 Speed *Theatre Gt. Brit.* i. § 3 All other Ilands and Ilets, which doe scatteredly inuiron it. 1640 Parkinson *Theat. Bot.* 283 Sometimes also growing scatteredly on the stalks. 1684 H. More *Answ. Remarks upon More's Expos.* 275 What is more scatteredly and interruptedly done as to time, and place,..is..represented as done at one time, and in one place. 1847 Hardy in *Proc. Berw. Nat. Club* II. No. 5. 252 Elytra..minutely and scatteredly punctulate. 1882 R. A. Proctor in *Knowledge* No. 41. 176 Meteors of the Perseid system may..be seen..in greater number, but with shorter paths near Perseus; more scatteredly, but with longer paths at a distance from that constellation.

Scatteredness (skæ·təədnés). *rare.* [Formed as prec. + -ness.] Scattered condition.

1667 H. More *Div. Dial.* v. iv. (1713) 408 The Defectuousness and Scatteredness of the Prophecies.

Scatterer (skæ·təərəɹ). [f. Scatter *v.* + -er 1.] One who scatters, in the senses of the verb.

1535 Coverdale *Nahum* ii. 1 The scaterer shal come vp agaynst the, & laye sege to the castell. 1555 Philpot *Apol. for Spitting upon Arrian* A 8 b, Least you might appeare to be scatterers w^t heretiks, rather than gatherers together with Christ. 1616 T. Scot *Philomythie* i. (ed. 2) F 2, There be few scraping fathers, but their children prooue witty scatterers, or foolish retainers. 1738 Wesley *Hymns*, '*The Sun of Righteousness appears*' i, Adore the Scatterer of your Fears, Your Rising Sun adore! 1872 Spurgeon *Treas. Dav.* Ps. lix. 11 He who is the shield of his people is the scatterer of their enemies.

Scattergood (skæ·təɹgud). [f. Scatter *v.* + Good *sb.* (sense 7).] One who dissipates or squanders goods or possessions; a spendthrift.

1577 Kendall *Flowers of Epigr.* 56 A mery iest of a scattergood. 1659 W. Brough *Sacr. Princ.* 220 If the first heire be not a scatter-good, the third is commonly a lose-all. 1818 Scott *Br. Lamm.* v, That young scattergood, the Laird of Bucklaw. 1884 Blackmore *Tommy Upmore* II. 178 You have heard what careless scattergoods all honest sailors are.

Sca·tter-gun. *U. S. colloq.* [f. Scatter *v.* + Gun *sb.*] A shot-gun.

187 . G. H. Kingsley *Sport & Travel* v. (1900) 142, I take up my scattergun and wander away. 1891 C. Roberts *Adrift Amer.* 237 A 'double-pronged scatter gun'.

Scatterheaded, *a. rare*⁻¹. = Scatter-brained.

1867 E. FitzGerald *Lett.* (1889) I. 308 A scatterheaded Paddy like myself.

Scattering (skæ·təriŋ), *vbl. sb.* [-ing 1.]

1. The action of the verb Scatter, in various senses; also, an instance of this.

1382 Wyclif *Jas.* i. 1 James..to the twelue kynredis, that ben in scateringe abrood, helthe. *a* 1425 *Cursor M.* 15541 (Trin.) Þis ny3t shal ben a scateryng [*v.rr.* sculd, skaile, parting] bitweoe 3ou and me. 1545 Joye *Exp. Dan.* xii. 121 There muste nedis folowe..skaterings and dissipacions of nacions. 1588 Sir J. Hawkins in *Defeat Sp. Armada* (Navy Rec. Soc.) I. 359 By the occasion of the scattering [*MS.* schateringe] of one of the great ships from the fleet. 1662 Stillingfl. *Orig. Sacræ* III. i. § 1 By reason of the promiscuous scatterings of good and evil in this life. 1866 B. Stewart *Heat* § 189 (1876) 186 As in the case of light.., so also with regard to heat there is a diffuse reflection or scattering about of the rays.

attrib. 1833 Herschel *Astron.* § 45 (1839) 33 Were it not for the reflective and scattering power of the atmosphere, no objects would be visible to us out of direct sunshine... This scattering action of the atmosphere [etc.].

2. *concr.* That which is scattered.

a 1340 Hampole *Psalter* cxlvi. 2 *Dispersiones israelis congregabit*...Þe scatiryngis of israel he sall gadire. 1546 *Supplic. of Poore Commons* (E.E.T.S.) 71 They..must leue the latward fruit, with the scateryng of theyr corne, for the poor to gather. *a* 1662 Hevlin *Laud* i. (1671) 156 Which alone will be able to bind up the scatterings of divided affections into strength. 1692 South 12 *Serm.* (1697) II. 455 The former Instances of Temporal Prosperity, which are but (as it were) the promiscuous Scatterings of his Common Providence. 1747 W. Gould *Ants* 36 A white Substance, not altogether unlike the Scatterings of fine Sugar. 1908 *Betw. Trent & Axeholme* 107 On the grass.. lies a thick scattering of petals.

b. A sparse number or amount; a small proportion (of persons) interspersed.

1628 Earle *Microcosm.* xxxii. G, He has his sentences for Company, some scatterings of Seneca and Tacitus. 1690 C. Nesse *Hist. O. & N. T.* I. 180 The gentile world wherein God had some scatterings of holy ones. 1896 *Strand Mag.* XII. 348/1 There is a scattering of Europeans among the divers.

Scattering (skæ·təriŋ), *ppl. a.* [f. Scatter *v.* + -ing 2.]

1. In intransitive senses. a. That disperses in all directions; hence vagrant, roving, stray. †Of action: Erratic.

c 1450 *Brut* I. 191 Thus staterand [? *read* scaterand] Scottes, holde y for sottes, of wrenches vnwar. [Cf. Skiterende Scottes *v.r. c* 1330 in Langtoft *Chron.* (Rolls) II. 252.] 1555 Eden *Decades* (Arb.) 121 The naked seely sowles were slayne for the most parte lyke scaterynge sheepe. 1604 Shaks. *Oth.* III. iii. 151 Nor build your selfe a trouble Out of his scattering, and vnsure obseruance. 1691 Ray *Creation* I. (1692) 36 The scattering Spirits remaining in the Heart may for a time being agitated by heat, cause these faint Pulsations. 1718 Rowe tr. *Lucan* IV. 190 The scatt'ring clouds disclos'd the piercing light. 1724 De Foe *Mem. Cavalier* (1840) 122 They sent about twenty scattering troopers.

b. Lying scattered or spread out over a comparatively wide area; occurring sparsely or irregularly; sporadic; of a composite thing, having its parts so spread out; straggling. Now chiefly *U. S.*

Of votes (*U.S.*): Miscellaneous, cast for candidates whose poll is too small to call for separate enumeration.

1610 Holland *Camden's Brit.* I. 439 A small village it is in these daies, inhabited in scattering wise. 1642 Fuller *Holy & Prof. St.* v. xiv. 414 Then first he sells..some straging mannour..as counting the gathering of such scattering rents rather burdensome then profitable. 1677 Hubbard *Indian Wars* (1865) II. 256 Many of these scattering Plantations in our Borders..were contented to live without..Voake of Government. 1697 Dryden *Virg. Georg.* IV. 192 Yet, lab'ring well his little Spot of Ground, Some scatt'ring Potherbs here and there he found. 1709 Strype *Ann. Ref.* xxxii. 325 Now to gather up a few more scattering passages that happened this year. *c* 1710 Celia Fiennes *Diary* (1888) 164 They being scattering houses, here one, there another. 1828–32 Webster, *Scattering*, not united; divided among many; as, scattering votes. 1856 Olmsted *Slave States* 642 Washington is a mean, scattering village. 1875 Whitney *Life Lang.* xiii. 266 When the Etruscans were Latinized, but for the scattering words which they had written down, their speech passed out of all reach of knowledge. 1879 A. Johnston *Hist. Amer. Politics* (1884) 221 The Electoral votes..were found to be, for President, Grant, 286, T. A. Hendricks, of Indiana, 42, and 21 scattering. 1888 *Amer. Jrnl. Psychol.* I. 408 Letters appearing in the record less frequently than five per cent of these numbers have been regarded as scattering errors.

c. That scatters or falls here and there.

1761 Wesley *Jrnl.* 20 June (1827) III. 61 We had only some scattering drops [of rain). 1794 Nelson 21 Jan. in Nicolas *Disp.* (1845) I. 364 They only got a few scattering shot at us.

2. That causes dispersion.

1808 Herschel *Col. Rings* in *Phil. Trans.* XCIX. 280 A scattering glass applied to the incident ray, had no other effect than to diminish the brightness of the [prismatic] bow.

Hence † **Scatteringness.** *Obs. rare*⁻¹.

1747 in *Col. Rec. Pennsylv.* V. 102 The scatteringness of the Settlements..must ever render them liable to Depredations.

Scatteringly (skæ·təriŋli), *adv.* [f. Scattering *ppl. a.* + -ly 2.] In a scattering manner; so as to disperse in all directions; not compactly and in a body; irregularly; intermittently.

1570 Foxe *A. & M.* (ed. 2) 250/1, I thought here good to packe them all in one general heape together, as I finde them in Malmesbery, and in other sondry autors scateryngly recited. 1597 Gerarde *Herbal* I. ci. 163 The Humble llee Orchis hath..leaues, which growe scatteringly about the stalke. 1652 Hevlyn *Cosmogr.* IV. 127 The Houses scatteringly built amongst Hills and Gardens. *c* 1680 Sir T. Browne *Tracts* 126 Some [Gradual Verses] are scatteringly to be found in Homer. 1746 S. Simpson *Agreeable Historian* I. 300 This town..consists of one Street, lying scatteringly almost a Mile in Length. 1880 W. G. T. Shedd *Homiletics* v. 118 Too many sermons are composed scatteringly all along through the week.

Scatterling (skæ·təɹliŋ). [f. Scatter *v.* + -ling 1.] A wandering or vagabond person; a vagrant. Also *transf.* Now *arch.*

1590 Spenser *F. Q.* II. x. 63 Yet oft annoyd with sondry bordragings Of neighbour Scots, and forrein Scatterlings. 1611 Speed *Hist. Gt. Brit.* IX. ix. § 8. 510/2 But God was no better pleased with these, then with the other scatterlings at Lincolne. 1824 *Blackw. Mag.* XVI. 517 From mossy hillock, and tremulous stalk, We gather'd the lovely scatterliogs.

attrib. 1880 Blackmore *Mary Anerley* II. iv. 62 The four ..had nothing to do with, and little to say to, any of the scatterling folk about them.

Scattermouch (skæ·təɹmauʧ). [Alteration of Scaramouch after Scatter *v.*] (See quot. 1892 and cf. Scaramouch 2.)

1892 Stevenson & L. Osborne *Wrecker* 194 *note*, In sea lingo (Pacific) Dutchman includes all Teutons and folk from the basin of the Baltic; Scattermouch, all Latins and Levantines. 1894 Crockett *Raiders* (ed. 3) 360 Scattermouches and ruffians from the four seas.

Scattery (skæ·təri), *a.* [f. Scatter *v.* + -y.] Characterized by scattering; scattered; sparse; straggling.

1816 L. Hunt *Rimini* I. 4 And the far ships, lifting their sails of white Like joyful hands, come up with scattery light,..true to the wished-for day. 1847 Ld. Jeffrey *Lei.* 20 Apr. in Ld. Cockburn *Life* (1852) II. 413 The village is very small and scattery, and all mixed up with trees. 1877 Blackmore *Erema* xvi. (1880) 96 Not to benefit the world in general, in a large and scattery way—but to right the wrong of my own house.

† **Scatu·riency.** *Obs. rare*⁻¹. [f. next: see -ency.] The condition of being scaturient.

1667 H. More *Div. Dial.* III. xlv. (1713) 544 Is it so difficult to determine, whether is more expedient,..Fruitfulness or Sterility, or if you had rather, Aridity or Scaturiency?

Scaturient (skătiū·riĕnt), *a.* [ad. L. *scatūrient-em*, pr. pple. of *scatūrīre*, f. *scatēre* to flow out.] That flows out or gushes forth.

1684 tr. *Bonet's Merc. Compit.* VI. 221 The glandulous substance of the Paps is a little contracted, so that they do not so readily receive the milky humour, that way scaturient. 1805 *Edin. Rev.* VII. 214 He wielded..a pen so scaturient and unretentive, that..he himself must have been often astonished..at the extent of his lucubrations. 1831 Lamb *Elia* Ser. II. *Newspapers* 35 *yrs. ago*, We well remember.. sallying forth..to trace the current of the New River..to its scaturient source. *a* 1876 M. Collins *Pen Sketches* (1879) I. 150 The drip and tinkle of its scaturient waters.

† **Scaturi·ginous,** *a. Obs. rare.* [f. L. *scatūrigin-ōsus*, f. *scatūrīginēs* pl. gushing waters, f. *scatūrīre*: see Scaturient and -ous.] Full of or abounding in springs. In quots. *fig.*

1656 Blount *Glossogr.*, *Scaturiginous*,..that bursts out, or runs over, out of which water riseth. 1708 *Brit. Apollo* No. 36. 2/1 Our Querist..has exhausted his Scaturiginous Brains, to explore Epithets. 1709 *Ibid.* II. No. 64. 2/2 Thou..from whose Scaturiginous Inventive Faculty, such a Multiplicity of Horisonant Phrases arise.

Scaubard, -art, -erc, etc., obs. ff. Scabbard *sb.*¹

Scaud, variant form of Scald *a.*¹ and *v.*

Scauff, obs. Sc. form of Scaff *sb.*

Scaul, obs. f. Scall *sb.* and Sc. f. Scold.

Scaulde, var. f. Scald *a.*¹; obs. f. Scald *v.*

Scaum (skǭm), *sb. Sc.* and *dial.* Also scam, scame, skaum. [Belongs to Scaum *v.*]

1. A burn or scorch; 'the act of singeing clothes by putting them too near the fire, or by means of a hot iron' (Jam.); also, a mark of burning.

1813 Picken *Poems* I. 132 (Jam.) But ay whan Satan blaws the coal, I find it's best the scaum to thole. 1874 G. Macdonald *Malcolm* II. xix. 260 To hide a scaum she had taen for a' her pride.

2. A thin haze or mist; a light, misty vapour.

1824 Mactaggart *Gallovid. Encycl.* 421 There is red scaum, white scaum, and many others. By the colour or hue of the scaum do Watherwiseakers guess about coming weather. 1825 Jamieson, *Scaum o' the sky.* 1877 J. Veitch *Hist. & Poet. Sc. Border* xii. 426 A wide-spreading web of greyish cloud, the skaum of the sky.

Scaum (skǭm), *v. Sc.* and *dial.* Also scam(e, skaum. [Of obscure origin.]

1. *trans.* To burn slightly, scorch, char. Also, 'to bespatter' (Brockett *N. C. Gloss.*, ed. 2, 1829).

a 1670 Spalding *Troub. Chas. I* (Bannatyne Club) II. 247 Ane fyrie cros of tymber, quhairof everie point of the cros was scamit and brynt with fyre. 1808 Jamieson *App.*, *To Scam*, to scorch. 1825 — *To Scaum, Scame*, v.a. to burn slightly; to singe. 1841 W. Aitken *Poet. Wks.* 53 Some had their claes tied in a clout To keep them frae be'n scaumed. 1882 *Pall Mall G.* 26 July 4/2 Then comes a bitter March wind, with snow and sleet, which 'scam' the soft plants, and leave them withered as if they had been touched by fire.

2. 'To envelope in a mist or haze, to shade' (E.D.D.).

1871 P. H. Waddell *Ps.* lxxx. 10 The heights they were scaumed wi' her shadow.

Scaumpioun, obs. form of Champion.

† **Scaunt,** *a. Obs. rare*⁻¹. [Aphetic form for *ascaunt*. See Askant *adv.*] Oblique.

1741 *Betterton's Eng. Stage* v. 66 The Contraction of the Lips and the Scaunt Look of the Eyes, expresses the Gesture of a deriding and malicious Person.

Scaup (skǭp). Short for Scaup-duck. Also Comb. *scaup-pochard* (rare) = scaup-duck.

1797 Latham in *Trans. Linnean Soc.* IV. 116 The trachea of the Pochard, at first sight, seems to be similar to that of the Scaup. 1824 J. F. Stephens in Shaw's *Gen. Zool.* XII. II. 198 Scaup pochard (*Fuligula Marila*). *Ibid.* 200 The Scaup..inhabits Iceland, and the more northern parts of the continents of Europe and America. 1905 *Blackw. Mag.* June 768/2 A small party of scaup..next came into focus.

Scaup, variant form of Scalp *sb.*¹ and *sb.*²

Scaup-duck (skǭpˌdʊk). [? *f. scaup* Scalp *sb.*²: see quot. *a* 1672.

The Icel. *skálphéna* (*héna* = hen), occurring once as the nickname of a man, is prob. unconnected.]

A duck of the genus *Fuligula*, esp. *Fuligula marila*, inhabiting the seas of northern Europe, Asia, and America.

a 1672 Willughby & Ray *Ornith.* III. (1676) 279 Avis hæc *the Scaup-duck* dicta est, quoniam scalpam i.e. pisces testaceos fractos seu contritos esitat. 1785 Pennant *Arctic Zool.* II. 565 Scaup Duck. 1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) I. 661/1 The maula, or scaup-duck, is less than the common duck. 1886 Newton *ibid.* (ed. 9) XXI. 378/2 The female Scaup-Duck can be readily distinguished from the Dunbird or female Pochard by her broad white face.

Scauper, variant form of Scalper 1.

Scaur (skǭɹ). Chiefly *Sc.* [dial. var. of Scar *sb.*¹] A precipitous bank; a cliff; the ridge of a hill.

1805 Scott *Last Minstr.* I. xii, Is it the roar of Teviot's tide, That chafes against the scaur's red side? 1834 H. Miller *Scenes & Leg.* iv. (1857) 45 Its place on the rock has ever since remained as undistinguishable as the scaurs and cliffs around it. 1859 Tennyson *Elaine* 54 Down the shingly scaur he plunged. 1871 M. Collins *Marq. & Merch.* II. i. 6 Hesper shone Like a beacon over the mountain scaurs. 1883 Stevenson *Silverado Sq.* 243 Dwarf pines..grew thinly among loose stone and gravel scaurs. 1897 Kipling *Capt. Cour.* ix. 193 Scaur and ravine changed and rolled back to jagged mountains.

Scaur, var. Scar *a.*; obs. Sc. f. Scare *v.*

Scaurie (skǭ·ri). *Orkney* and *Shetland.* Also scorey, scourie, scowry, skoray, scorie, sko(r)rie, skory. [Scandinavian: cf. Norw. *skaare* (Aasen), ON. *skáre.*] The young of any kind of gull.

1805 G. Barry *Orkney Isl.* 303 The Brown and White Gull..which the people here call the scorey, is much more

rarely met with than most others. 1806 P. NEILL *Tour Orkney & Shetland* 25 The Brough..is the resort and nursery of hundreds of scauries, or herring-gulls (*larus fuscus*). I believe the Orkney name scaurie is applied to this gull only while it is young and speckled; and it loses its speckled appearance after the first year. 1821 SCOTT *Pirate* v, For your harvest on the crag, I suppose you mean these scowries, or whatever you call them. 1844 W. H. MAXWELL *Sports & Adv. Scot.* xxxviii. (1855) 300 A skoray, or young kittiwake. 1899 J. SPENCE *Shetland Folk-Lore* 14 The plee o' the skorie, the birr o' the snipe.

† Scaut, *v. Obs.*—° [Origin obscure; connexion with mod. dial. *scaut*, to push with the feet, is unlikely.] *intr.* ? To dart. Hence **Scautand** *ppl. a.*

a 1400–50 *Alexander* 4200 Þire Cocatricesse in creuessis þar kindiles þai brede, Scorpions many score scautand neddirs.

Scavage (skæ·vėdʒ), *sb.* Also 5 **scawage,** 6 **skawage, skavag(e,** 7 **scavadge.** [a. AF. *scawage, schawage* (*Rolls of Parlt.* an. 1402), =North-Eastern OF. *escauwage*, f. *escauwer* to inspect, ad. Flemish *scauwen* = OE. *sċéawian* SHOW *v.*

The OE. synonym was *sċéawung* (see SHOWING *vbl. sb.*), the ME. form of which was adopted into AF. as *scawage* (1419 in *Liber Albus* 223). In the 15th c. lawyers were aware of the etymological meaning, and invented the word SHEWAGE as an explanatory synonym.]

1. A toll formerly levied by the mayor, sheriff, or corporation of London and other towns on merchant strangers, on goods offered for sale within their precincts. The toll was prohibited by Act 19 Hen. VII, c. 8. Also *attrib. Obs.* exc. *Hist.*

1474 CAXTON *Chesse* III. vii. (1481) h vij b, And by the purse been signefyed them that receyue the costumes, tolles, scawage, peages and duetees of the cytees and townes. *a* 1500 ARNOLDE *Chron.* (1811) p. xiv, The marchaundyses wherof skauage ought to be taken in London, and how meche. 1502 in I. S. Leadam *Star Chamber Cases* (1903) 90 He was Skavage gatherer in London, both to the maire and Shreves there. *Ibid.* 92 There was skavage askyd by oone James skavage gatherer then of oone Skrevener Freman of Excestre for cloth bi him brought to London by water, and he refnsid to pay it. *a* 1513 FABYAN *Chron.* VII. 338 This yere [1252] the cytezyns [of London] had graunted of yᵉ Kyng, yᵗ no cytezyns shulde paye scauage or tolle for any bestis by them brought, as they before tymes had vsed. 1530–1 *Act* 22 *Hen. VIII*, c. 8 § 4 The tables so to be sette upp in the Cytie of London touchynge Scavage. 1583 *Rates Custom ho.* g iij, *heading*, Scauadge. 1641 W. HAKEWILL *Libertie of Subject* 123 There are other duties then Customes and Subsidies due upon the landing of wares; for example Wharfage, Cranage, Scavage and such like. 1676 MOLLOY *De Jure Marit.* II. xiv. (1688) 325 Scavage is an ancieot Toll or Custom exacted by Mayors, Sheriffs, &c. of Merchant-Strangers for Wares shewed or offered to sale withia their Precincts. 1800 COLQUHOUN *Comm. Thames* xi. 332 Of Scavage (i.e. Shewage or Surveying) of certain Goods imported by Foreign Merchants.

† 2. The fulfilment of the duties of a scavager.

1547 in E. B. Jupp *Carpenters' Co.* (1887) 386 Item payd to the skavynger for hys hole yeres skavag,..ij ˢ.

† 3. Refuse, etc. scavenged from the roads. *Obs.*

1706 in J. E. Cox *Ann. St. Helen's Bishopsgate* vii. (1876) 127 Mr. Chewter had leave to sink a place for laying in of dung or scavage.

Sca·vage, *v. rare.* [Back-formation from SCAVAGER.] *trans.* = SCAVENGE *v.* Also *intr.* for *refl.* (*fig.*). Hence **Sca·vaging** *vbl. sb.*

1851 MAYHEW *Lond. Labour* II. 222/1 The scavaging work, moreover, was 'scamped'. *Ibid.* 252/2 The general depreciation of wages in the scavaging trade. *Ibid.* 259 The street-orderly system of scavaging the metropolitan thoroughfares. 1852 *Meanderings of Mem.* I. 56 The brain will scavage and the breast unstuff.

Sca·vager. Also **skavager.** [a. AF. *scawager*, f. *scawage* SCAVAGE *sb.*: see -ER 2.

1307 in R. R. Sharpe *Cal. Lett. Bk. C, City of London* (1901) 151 *note*, Pro curia de scawageriis. 1419 *Liber Albus* (Rolls) 333 Lez scawageours averont iiii deniers pur chescun tile nusance issint remoez ou debrusez.]

† 1. An officer whose duty it was to take 'scavage', and who was afterwards also charged with the duty of keeping the streets clean. *Obs.*

1477–9 *Rec. St. Mary at Hill* (1905) 89 Item, paid to the Skaungers for the pament endited. viij d. 1536 *City of Lond. Rep.* ix. 183 b, in *Vicary's Anat.* (1888) App. III. 171 Item, for by cawse compleynt was made by one of þᵉ scavagers of yᵉ Warde of Faryngdon, for kepyng of the stretes there vnclene. 1835 *App. Munic. Corpor. Rep.* II. 845 Searchers for unwholesome Meat. Scavager to gather the Money. Gaoler.

2. Used for SCAVENGER 2. *rare.*

1851 MAYHEW *Lond. Labour* II. 218 The nominal wages of the scavagers. *Ibid.* 221, 252.

Sca·vagery. *rare*—¹. [f. SCAVAGE *sb.* + -ERY.] = SCAVENGERY.

1851 MAYHEW *Lond. Labour* II. 217/2 In scavagery, the average hours of daily work are twelve. *Ibid.* 259/2 When the sages of the city sewers did not consider any proposed improvement in scavagery worthy their attention.

Scavan(t: see SAVANT.

Scavel (skæ·vĕl). *dial.* Also 5, 7 **scavell,** 6–7 **skavell,** 6 **skavel,** 7 ? **skeval,** 9 **skafell, skaffel, scaffle.** [? f. ON. *skafa* to scrape, SHAVE *v.*] A small spade (see quot. 1823).

c 1440 *Jacob's Well* xxvii. 178 Now schal I telle 3ou, how 3e schal caste out þe hard wose of 3oure synne..wyth a scauel of confessioun. *Ibid.* 179 A scauel, in þe hened beforn, hath a scho of yren, scharp & my3ti, & an hened, hole & narow, & a long stele, an handyll. 1559 in Boys *Sandwich* (1792) 737 One workeman with a spade or skavell may digg in one howre C. foote. 1573 TUSSER *Husb.* (1878) 38 With skuppat and skauel, that marsh men alow. *c* 1613 SPELMAN *Relat. Virginea* 47 They digg many holes which before the English brought them scauels and spades they used to make with a crooked peece of woode. 1823 MOOR *Suffolk Wds.* 352 *Skaffel*, a small spade or skuppet used in draining... It differs from a spade in not tapering toward the edge, and in having its sides slightly turned up.

b. *attrib.*, as *scavel work*; **scavel-man, scavel spitter** (see quots.).

1581 in C. Welch *Tower Bridge* (1894) 103 [A number of] showtmen, now called *scavelmen. 1584 *Faversham Parish Reg.* (MS.), John Price a scauelman or dicker. 1587 FLEMING *Contn. Holinshed* III. 1544/2 A great manie marshmen were assigned to laie the fleech vpon the sides of the wals, and were called scauelmen. 1803 *Naval Chron.* XV. 58 The scavelmen are a description of labourers..who attend to clean and pump the docks, and in general assist the shipwrights. 1750 BLANCKLEY *Nav. Expositor*, **Scavel Spitters*, are a small Spade, only shod half way, and are used for digging Clay. 1642 *Burghmote Book B, Canterb.* (MS.), Which persons are appointed for the *Scavell work and are disired to digge Turf and earth for the fortification.

Scavenage (skæ·vĕnėdʒ). [Irreg. f. SCAVEN(GE) + -AGE.] The action or work of scavenging.

1878 *Lancet* 12 Jan. 64 The system of scavenage for the borough. 1885 *Scientific American* 9 May, The Jewish priests maintained a system of scavenage, themselves supervised the cleansing of cities and habitations.

Scavenge (skæ·vĕndʒ), *v.* [Back-formation from SCAVENGER.]

1. *trans.* To clean *out* (dirt, etc.).

a 1644 QUARLES *Sheph. Orac.* ii. (1646) 22 Should I but name The Tithe of that base dunghill trash, brought in By your Dominicans, scaveng'd out agin By worse Franciscans.

2. To scrape dirt from (the streets); also, to cleanse (the surface of a river).

1851 MAYHEW *Lond. Labour* II. 197/2 In wet weather there is at least twenty times more 'mac' than dung scavenged. 1866 *Act* 28 & 30 *Vict.* c. 89 § 52 The Conservators shall cause the Surface of the Thames to be effectually scavenged, in order to the Removal therefrom of Substances liable to Putrefaction.

transf. 1858 KINGSLEY *Misc., Chalk-Stream* I. 182 They are Vorticellæ; and every one of those bells, by the ciliary current on its rim, is scavenging the water—till a tadpole comes by and scavenges it.

3. *absol.* or *intr.*

1883 *Harper's Mag.* Mar. 528/1 We saw fleeting glimpses of working-women scavenging, hanging out clothes, huckstering. 1894 *Daily News* 26 Apr. 2/4 Mr. Milvain.. objected to the Conservancy being released..of their power to scavenge eastward.

Scavenger (skæ·vĕndʒəɹ), *sb.* Also 6 **skavinger, -ynger, scavengere,** 6–8 **scavinger,** 7 **skavenger.** [Altered form of SCAVAGER, with intrusive *n* as in *passenger, messenger.*]

1. = SCAVAGER 1. Now only *Hist.*

1547 [see SCAVAGE *sb.* 2]. 1598 STOW *Surv.* 328 In Sepulchers parish common Counsaile six, Constables foure, Scauengers foure [etc.]. 1638 *Tarlton's Jests* C 1 b, When Tarlton dwelt in Gracious street..he was chosen Scauenger, and often the Ward complained of his slacknesse, in keeping the streets cleane. 1677 THOROTON *Nottinghamsh.* 492 There is an Officer of the Town called the Scavenger, that looks to the Pavement and Streets of the Town, and attends upon the Majors wife. 1695 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 3053/2 An Act for Exempting Apothecaries from Serving the Offices of Constable, Scavenger, and other Parish and Ward-Offices. 1766 ENTICK *London* IV. 4 The government of this ward is in one alderman,..seven scavengers, and a beadle. 1835 *App. Munic. Corpor. Rep.* I. 172 (Aberystwith), The Scavengers are appointed in the same manner. The persons usually selected for this office are the churchwardens and overseers of the poor, and they employ the paupers in sweeping the streets.

† b. As the title of an official under the East India Company. *Obs.*

1702 *MS. list* in Yule s.v., John Butt, Scavenger and Cornmeeter, Tevenapatam, Merchant. 1760 *Fort William Cons.* in Long *Sel. Rec. Gov.* (1869) 245 (Yule) Mr. Handle, applying to the Board to have his allowance of Scavenger increased..we allow him Rs. 20 per month more than before.

2. A person whose employment is to clean streets, by scraping or sweeping together and removing dirt. † Also, a person employed to keep clean a church.

1530 PALSGR. 266/1 Scavenger that clenseth stretes, *bovevr.* 1563–83 FOXE *A. & M.* 19/2 And as in the other vnder wardens cometh the order of Scauingers: so neither doth the Popes Monarchy lacke his kaynilrakers. 1598 BP. HALL *Sat.* VI. ii. 99 To see..a cloked Frere Sweating in the channell like a Scauengere. 1642 *Laws of War Army Earl Essex* 21 The rest [shall] serve for Pioners and Scavengers, till a worthy exployt take off that Blot. 1690 C. NESSE *Hist. & Myst. O. & N. Test.* I. 101 The sorry scavengers who live honestly by emptying privies. 1696 *Act* 8 & 9 *Will. III*, c. 37 § 1 To the end the Dirt and Soyl may be heaped ready for the Scavenger to carry away. 1714 MANDEVILLE *Fab. Bees* (1733) I. p. xi, Now would I ask if a good citizen..might not assert that dirty streets are a necessary evil inseparable from the felicity of London, ..without any prejudice either to the blackguard or the scavingers. 1725–6 in J. L. Chester *Westm. Abbey Reg.* (1876) 316 John Chittham, Scavenger to this Church: in the South Cloister. 1802 MAR. EDGEWORTH *Moral T.* (1816) I. xvi. 136 The scavenger, with his broom..was clearing away a heap of mud. 1865 DICKENS *Mut. Fr.* IV. xiv, A scavenger's cart happening to stand unattended..Mr. S. found it impossible to resist the temptation of shooting Mr. Silas Wegg into the cart's contents.

b. *transf.* One who or something which removes dirt or putrid matter. Applied to various animals that feed on decaying matter, esp. the scavenger beetle.

1596 NASHE *Saffron Walden* 1 Chiefe scauinger of chins. 1614 MARKHAM *Cheap Husb.* I. *Swine* i. 87 The Swine..is the Husbandmans best scauenger,..for his food and liuing is by that which would else rot in the yard. 1648 WINYARD *Midsummer-Moon* 4 Thus sinkes and common shoares are the best scavengers. 1719 BAYNARD *Health* (ed. 2) 6 And Fasting's Nature's Scavenger. 1845 DARWIN *Voy. Nat.* i. (1879) 10 Numerous spiders, which I suppose prey on these small attendants and scavengers of the waterfowl. 1854 OWEN in *Orr's Circ. Sci., Org. Nat.* I. 164 The sturgeons may be called the scavengers of the great rivers which they frequent. 1858 BAIRD *Cycl. Nat. Sci.* 48/1 The argala..is extremely useful in removing noxious animals, and devouring all sorts of carrion. It is called the scavenger in Calcutta. 1868 *Rep. U. S. Commissioner Agric.* (1869) 307 The *Silphidæ* (burying or sexton beetles, scavengers, &c.). 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VII. 719 The spider-cells..act as phagocytes or 'scavengers', multiplying upon and removing the degenerate nerve-elements.

c. *fig.* in various uses: One who collects filth; one who does 'dirty work'; a dishonourable person. Also, in favourable sense, one who labours for the removal of public evils.

1562 PILKINGTON, etc. *Burnynge Paules* A vij, In like maner where thys scauenger sweping the stretes with his bookes..hais spoken the truth, not trulye..I shal passe ouer it with silence. 1582 STANYHURST *Æneis* Ded. (Arb.) 9 Are there not diuerse skauingers of draftye poetrye in this oure age, that bast theyre papers with smearie larde [etc.]. 1598 B. JONSON *Ev. Man in Hum.* II. ii, The gentlemancitizen hath satisfied me, Ile talk to no scauenger. 1642 MILTON *Apol. Smect.* Wks. 1851 III. 265 That Suburbe sinke, as this rude Scavinger calls it,..shall be in my account a more honourable place then his University. 1767 A. CAMPBELL *Lexiph.* (1774) Pref. 30, I am no other than a literary scavenger. 1771 *Junius Lett.* lxvii. (1788) 340 *note*, In the senate, their abilities have confined them to those humble, sordid services, in which the scavengers of the ministry are usually employed.

3. A child employed in a spinning-mill to collect loose cotton lying about the floor or machinery. Also, a roller used to collect the loose fibres or fluff; also called *scavenger-roll.*

1833 LYTTON *England & Engl.* (ed. 2) I. 201 My children shall never go into a factory, more especially as scavengers and piecers. 1835 URE *Philos. Manuf.* 289 The masters paid the spinners the full allowance of wages for these piecers and scavengers, as they are called. 1853 — *Dict. Arts* (ed. 4) II. 831 In the mules we notice a peculiar arrangement of 'scavenger' is applied. The object of this apparatus is to clear particles of waste from the top of the carriage, and the operation is effected by means of a roller.

4. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *scavenger duck, shovel, work*; *scavenger-like* adj. and adv.; **scavenger-cell** = PHAGOCYTE; **scavenger-roll** (see sense 3); † **scavenger-stuff** (see quot. 1787).

1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 324 In the lowest layer '*scavenger' cells and nuclei cover the spindle cells. 1884 *Good Words* Nov. 746/2 A band of *scavenger ducks picking up the garbage. 1611 COTGR., *Voyer*, a Surueyer..of highwayes..who..*Scauinger-like, giues order that they be made cleane. 1890 *Spectator* 28 June, When such scavenger-like work is thus forced upon a man of letters, it is [etc.]. 1611 COTGR., *Paelle à bourbe*, a *Scauingers shouell;..such a one as durt is vsually remoued, or taken vp, with. 1787 WINTER *Syst. Husb.* 332 *Scavenger stuff, is a mixture of coal ashes and street dirt. 1835 URE *Philos. Manuf.* 312 There is so little *scavenger work required in fine spinning, on account of the small quantity of waste from the long-stapled cotton.

b. In designations of certain animals (see 2 b): **scavenger-beetle,** a necrophagous beetle, especially one of the family *Scaphidiidæ*; **scavenger-crab,** any crab which feeds on dead animal matter; **scavenger-vulture** (see quot.).

1854 A. ADAMS, etc. *Man. Nat. Hist.* 182 *Scavenger-Beetles (*Scaphidiidæ*). 1857 A. WHITE *Pop. Hist. Brit. Crust.* Index, *Scavenger-crab. 1894 *19th Cent.* XXXVI. 436 Scavenger crabs line this coast in myriads. 1885 HORNADAY *2 Yrs. in Jungle* vi. 61 No wonder the builder of such a nest is called the *scavenger vulture [*Neophron percnopterus*].

Sca·venger, *v. rare.* [f. SCAVENGER *sb.*]

1. *trans.* To remove dirt from, chiefly *fig.*; also, to make dirty with scavenging.

a 1644 QUARLES *New Distemper* (1645) 3 All the Romish Ruhbish and Trumpery was scavengerd out of this [the new Reformed] Church. 1806–7 J. BERESFORD *Miseries Hum. Life* (ed. 3) II. x, After having scavengered your hands and gloves in slaving to drag up each [shoe out of the quagmire].

2. *intr.* To work at scavenging.

1843– [implied in SCAVENGERING *vbl. sb.*]. 1894 *Season* X. 71/3 Scavengering with bent spine in the gutter.

Scavengering (skæ·vĕndʒərin), *vbl. sb.* [f. SCAVENGER *v.* + -ING 1.] The action or work of removing filth, etc. from the streets. Also *attrib.*

1841 *Literary Gaz.* 11 Dec. 801/3 M. de Lucy..recommended that steam should be used for melting the snow.., in order to facilitate the process of scavengering. 1843 *Penny Cycl.* XXVI. 472/2 In Cairo these vultures are.. prized for their scavengering services. 1860 *All Year Round* No. 72. 510 The..management of a barrow, as applied to scavengering, is a matter of serious moment. 1885 *Daily News* 31 Jan. 5/1 The scavengering alone costs 1,300*l.* a year. *fig.* 1869 *Echo* 26 Aug. 4 It is..a sort of moral scavengering to which the Commissioners are condemned.

Scavenger's daughter. Also **Skevington's, Skeffington's daughter.** [From a jocular perversion of the name *Skevington.* See DAUGHTER 6 c.] An instrument of torture (invented in the reign of Hen. VIII by Leonard Skevington or Skeffington, Lieutenant of the Tower), which (bringing the head to the knees) so compressed

the body as to force the blood from the nose and ears. Also † *Skevington's gyves, irons.*

1564 in Coverdale *Lett. Martyrs* 686 *marg.*, Thys Engine is called Skeuyngtons Giues, wherein the body standeth double, the head being drawen towardes the feete. 1580 Rishton *Diarium* in Sanders *De Schism. Angl.* (1586) I i 5, 10 [Dec.] Thomas Cotamus & Lucas Kirbeus presbyteri, Scauingeri filiam ad vnam horam & amplius passi, ex quo prior copiosum sanguinem e naribus emisit. 1580–1 in D. Jardine *Use Torture Eng.* (1837) 84 We have made triall of hym by the torture of Skevington's Yrons. 1604 *Jrnls. Ho. Commons* I. 209/1 An Engine devised by Mr. Skevington, some time Lieutenant of the Tower, called Skevington's Daughters, or Little Ease. 1826 W. E. Andrews *Review Fox* II. 369 One of the instruments of torture, called the Scavenger's daughter, employed in the Tower on Catholics. 1897 *Dict. Nat. Biog.* LII. 325/1 Leonard [Skeffington]..the inventor of an instrument of torture, known as 'Skevington s irons ' or 'Skevington's daughter'.

Scavengery (skæ·vĕndʒəri). [f. Scavenger *sb.* + -y.] The municipal or state arrangements for cleaning and removing dirt, refuse, etc.; the action of collecting and removing dirt from the streets.

1656 Earl Monm. tr. *Boccalini's Polit. Touchstone* 449 Since Tuscany did breed a numerous rascallity of turbulent mad-caps..he had yet farther very great need of those Gallies, which were as the scavengery of his State, by which he kept it cleanly. 1663 Rollock in *Marg. Worcester's Exact Def. Water Engine* 6 Whole Cities may be kept clean,..needing no other Scavengery than by means thereof [i. e. of the Water Engine] to void their Dirt, and avoid Noisomness. 1715 M. Davies *Athen. Brit.* I. Pref. 56 The Brutal Scavengry of *Cacarello's Modus.* 1851 Mayhew *Lond. Labour* II. 207/2 By one or other of these modes of scavengery all the public ways of the metropolis are cleansed.

Scavenging (skæ·vĕndʒiŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. Scavenge *v.* + -ing 1.] Street-cleaning; removal of filth; also, the cleaning of a river, etc.

1851 Mayhew *Lond. Labour* II. 208/1 The private scavenging of the metropolitan mews. 1883 *Summary* 26 July 6/4 He considers..that nothing short of a daily scavenging [of the Regent's Canal] will be satisfactory.

transf. 1862 *Sat. Rev.* XIII. 618/2 He was accustomed to cut a number of sermons out of the volumes in order to carry on his scavenging in his own garret.

† **Scavilones,** *sb. pl. Obs. rare.* [Of obscure origin: cf. Scabilonian.] 'Long drawers worn under the hose by men in Queen Elizabeth's time' (J. R. Planché *Cycl. Costume* 1876, I. 447).

1577 Holinshed *Chron.* II. 1859/2 Nayler put off hys nether stockes, and so bare foote and bare legged saue hys silke scadilones to the ankles..came in.

Scavinger, obs. form of Scavenger *sb.*

Scaw (skō). Also **skaw.** [Shetland dial., repr. ON. *skage.*] A promontory.

1821 Scott *Pirate* viii, A child might travel with a purse of gold from Sumburgh-head to the Scaw of Unst, and no soul would injure him. 1842 Longf. *Skeleton in Armor* xiv, Yet we were gaining fast, When the wind failed us; And with a sudden flaw Came round the gusty Skaw.

Scaw, var. Sc. f. Scall *sb.*; obs. f. Show *v.*

Scawage, obs. form of Scavage.

Scawbard, -art, -ert, obs. ff. Scabbard *sb.*1

Scawde, Sc. form of Scald *a.* and *v.*

† **Scawe.** *Obs. rare*−1. [Of obscure origin and meaning: cf. s. w. dial. *scovy, scawvy,* 'uneven in colour, blotched, streaky, mottled' (*E. D. D.*), also *squally* in quot. 1552 s.v. Bandy *a.* 2.

The mod. Sc. *scaw,* 'a faded or spoilt mark' (Jam.) is a form of Scall *sb.*, and is prob. unconnected.]

Some kind of defect in cloth.

1463–4 *Rolls of Parlt.* V. 501/2 In case that eny such diversite, or rawe, scawe, kokell, or fagge happen to be in any part of the seid clothes.

† **Scawed,** *a. Obs.* [?f. prec. + -ed 2.] Spotted.

1398 Trevisa *Barth. De P. R.* xviii. lxxv. (Bodl. MS.), Some Catte is white and some is reed and some is blacke and some is specked and scawed [orig. *maculosum*].

Scawip, obs. Sc. form of Scalp *sb.*2

Scawl, Sc. form of Scold.

Scawp(e, obs. and var. ff. Scalp *sb.*1

Scaymes, variant of Squaimous, squeamish.

Scayne, variant of Skean, obs. form of Skein.

Scayse, obs. Sc. form of Scarce *adv.*

‖ **Scazon** (skē·zɒn). *Prosody.* Pl. **scazons,** also **scazontes** (skăzɒ·ntīz). [L., a. Gr. *σκάζων,* sb. use of pres. pple. of *σκάζειν* to limp, halt.] A modification of the iambic trimeter, in which a spondee or trochee takes the place of the final iambus; = Choliamb. Also *scazon iambic.*

The name was also applied by some ancient metrists to a similar modification of the trochaic tetrameter catalectic, and to various other metres which are variations of some common type of verse produced by a change in the last foot.

1673 O. Walker *Educ.* xi. 124 Archilochus and Hipponax two very bad Poets..invented those doggrel sorts of Verses, Iambics and Scazons. 1806 C. Symmons *Life of Milton* (1810) 138 On the occasion of Salsilli's illness Milton sent to him those scazons, which are rich in poetic imagery, though inaccurate in their metrical construction. 1869 H. Snow *Theocritus, Epigr.* xix. Notes (1873) 221 The..catalectic scazon iambics. *Ibid.* xxi. 221 The metre is scazon iambic. 1889 J. Jacobs *Caxton's Æsop* 21 the Babrian scazon is..influenced by Latin metre.

Hence † **Scazo·ntian** *a.*, **Scazo·ntic** *a.*, consisting of, written in, scazons; *sb.* = Scazon.

1782 Elphinston tr. *Martial* Pref. 3 He [Martial] sometimes..chooses the Iambic stanza..and often the Scazontian. 1845 H. Thompson in *Encycl. Metrop.* X. 412/1 Cneius Matius..wrote Mimiambics, which differed from the Mimes of the two former authors only by being written in scazontics. 1898 R. Ellis in *Class. Rev.* Mar. 121/2 There is a semblance here of a scazontic original.

Sceane, variant of Sene, synod, visitation.

Scear, variant of Sear *sb.* (of a gun).

Scearche, obs. form of Search.

Sceat. Pl. **sceattas.** *Hist.* and *Numism.* Also written 8–9 **skeat** (*pl.* **skeats, skeattas**), 9 **scaett** (*pl.* **scaettas**); 9 *erron. forms* **sceatta, skeatta,** *pl.* **sceattæ, skeattæ.** [a. OE. *sceat, scætt* (see Scat *sb.*1). The OE. pronunciation was (ʃat) or (ʃæt).] **a.** *Hist.* A coin or denomination of money mentioned in OE. documents, app. of somewhat different values in the different kingdoms. (In Mercia 250 *sceattas* are mentioned as equivalent to a 'pound'; in Kent the value seems to have been $\frac{1}{20}$ of a 'shilling'). **b.** *Numism.* Adopted by modern writers as the name for a small Old English silver coin, about 15 grains in weight, the examples of which belong to the 7th and 8th c. Also occas. applied to an Old English gold coin of similar size.

[c 970 *Merc. Laws* ii. (Lieb. 462), Donne bið cynges anfeald wergild six þeyna wer be Myrcna laga, þæt is xxx þusend sceatta, & þæt bið ealles cxx punda. *a* 1000 *Laws Æthelb.* xxxiii. (Lieb. 5), Gif feaxfang ʒeweorð, L sceatta to bote. *Ibid.* lxxii. (7), Gif þare mycclan taan nægl of weorþeð, xxx scætta to bote. Et þam oþrun ʒebwilcum x scættas ʒebete.] 1720 J. Johnson *Collect. Eccl. Laws etc. Ch. Eng.* Laws Ethelstan an. 926 No. 2, The King's single Weregild is.. thirty Thousand Skeats, in all, 120 Pound. 1817 Ruding *Ann. Coinage* I. 203 Sceattæ are known of the early Kings of Kent. *Ibid.* 217 The Sceatta. 1845 Petrie *Eccl. Archit. Ireland* 224 The skeattas or English pennies. 1853 Humphreys *Coin Collect. Man.* II. 410 Many skeattæ are without inscription at all. 1860 C. R. Smith in *Archæol. Cantiana* III. 39 The earliest Anglo-Saxon silver coins, commonly called scaettas. 1887 C. F. Keary *Catal. Ags. Coins Brit. Mus.* Introd. 22 The immense difference in character between the sceattas and the pennies.

† **Scede.** *Obs. rare*−1. [ad. L. *sceda,* var. spelling of *scheda*: see Schede.] A strip of papyrus.

1628 Burton *Anat. Mel.* Democr. To Rdr. (ed. 3) 50 Like that scede or Scytala Laconica, so much renowned of old in all contracts, which Tully so earnestly commends to Atticus.

Scedula, scedule, scedull, obs. ff. Schedule.

Sceg(g, Scegger: see Skeg, Skegger.

‖ **Scelalgia** (skelæ·ldʒiă). *Path.* Also in anglicized form **scela·lgy.** [mod.L., f. Gr. *σκέλ-os* leg + *-αλγία, ἄλγος* pain.] Neuralgia in the leg.

1855 Dunglison *Med. Lex., Scelalgia,* pain of the leg. 1858 Mayne *Expos. Lex., Scelalgia,*..scelalgy.

Scelerate (se·lĕrĕt), *a.* and *sb.* Also 6–9 **scelerat,** 6 *Sc.* **scelerait.** [ad. L. *scelerātus,* pa. pple. of *scelerāre,* f. *sceler-, scelus* wickedness: see -ate 2. Cf. F. *scélérat* (In Cotgr. 1611; OF. had *scelerē*), It. *scellerato,* Pg. *sceleradо.*]

† **A.** *adj.* Atrociously wicked. *Obs.*

a 1513 Fabyan *Chron.* vii. 675 And fledde is now clerely the scelerat flokke. *a* 1548 Hall *Chron., Rich. III* 29 b, His myscheuous actes and scelerate doynges. 1560 Rolland *Crt. Venus* ii. 296 So scelerait, and ingrait for to chois. 1613 Sir A. Sherley *Trav. Persia* 8 The scelerat treason conspired against vs. 1625 Purchas *Pilgrims* ii. 1845 There was resistance against such a scelerate Prince. 1665 Winstanley *Loyal Martyrol.* 102 Such a Scelerate Villaine. *a* 1734 North *Exam.* i. iii. § 98 (1740) 191 The most scelerate Plot that ever was heard of.

B. *sb.* An atrociously wicked person, a villain, wretch. *Obs.* exc. *arch.*

The spelling *scelerat* is after the F. *scélérat*; the word has been occasionally used by Eng. writers with italics and accents as a foreign word.

1715 Cheyne *Philos. Princ. Relig.* ii. 88 Hence it is, that Scelerats, can by no Arts, nor any Amusements how violent soever, stifle the Cries of a wounded Conscience. 1728–31 *Lett. fr. Fog's Jrnl.* (1732) I. 15 That honourable Prison [the Tower of London] is reserv'd for illustrious Scelerates. 1790 Burns *Let. to* (? *G. Hamilton*), Creation-disgracing scelerats such as they, God only can mend, and the devil only can punish. 1880 Shorthouse *J. Inglesant* xxii. 295 He was, and is, a scelerat and a coward.

Hence † **Sce·lerately** *adv.*; † **Sce·lerateness.**

1613 Sir A. Sherley *Trav. Persia* 5 The punishment was nothing proportionable to the scelerateness of the fact. 1632 Lithgow *Trav.* v. 188 My companion fled, and escaped the scelerateness of their bands. *Ibid.* x. 493 The perverted policy of subtile Serpents, had scelerately suggested my concealment.

† **Sce·lerous,** *a. Obs.* Also 6 scelorous. [f. L. *scelerōs-us* full of wickedness, f. *sceler-, scelus*; see Scelerate and -ous.] Wicked, villainous.

1534 *Act* 26 *Hen. VIII,* c. 6 § 1 Wilfull burninge of Houses, and other scelerous Dedes and abhominable malifactes. 1567 Harman *Caveat* Epist. (1869) 20 Not one amongst twenty [of these vagabonds] wyll discouer eyther declare there scelorous secretes. 1657 W. Morice *Coena quasi* Κοινή i. 31 Lest the city..be as Philip styled one in Greece, that fostered all scelerous persons. *a* 1660 *Contemp. Hist. Irel.* (Ir. Archæol. Soc.) I. 277 Come on then, blinde beetles,.. lett apeere your scelerous acte, your inimitable foperie.

† **Scele·stic,** *a. Obs. rare*−1. In 7 -ique. [f. L. *scelest-us* wicked, villainous (f. *sceles-, scelus*; see Scelerate) + -ic.] Wicked.

1628 Feltham *Resolves* I. v. 12 The World hath not better men, then some, that suffer vnder that name [of Puritan]: nor withall, more Scelestique Villaines.

† **Scele·stious,** *a. rare*−1. In 7 scælestious. [f. L. *scelest-us* (see prec.) + -ious.] Wicked.

1608 Heywood *Salust* 13 This scælestious match.

Scelet(on, obs. forms of Skelet(on.

Scelidate (se·lidēt), *a.* [f. mod.L. *scelid-* (see next) + -ate.] Having legs.

1877 Le Conte *Elem. Geol.* ii. (1879) 328 It is a true scelidate, or legged fin.

‖ **Scelides** (se·lidīz), *pl.* [mod.L., pl. of **scelid-, scelis,* f. Gr. *σκέλος* leg.

The formation was perh. suggested by Gr. *περισκελίς* leg-band. The Gr. *σκελίς* rib of beef is a later form for *σχελίς.*]

The posterior or pelvic extremities of mammals.

1842 in Brande *Dict. Sci.,* etc. And in later Dicts.

Scelidosaur (se·lidosɔ̄r). *Palæont.* [ad. mod. L. *scelidosaur-us,* f. *scelid(o)-* (see Scelides) + Gr. *σαῦρ-α, σαῦρ-os* lizard (see Sauria).] A dinosaur of the genus *Scelidosaurus,* the typical genus of the family *Scelidosauridæ* of stegosaurian herbivorous dinosaurs. Hence **Sce·lidosau·rian** *a.*, of or pertaining to the *Scelidosauridæ*; *sb.*, a scelidosaurian reptile. **Sce·lidosau·riform** *a.* = next. **Sce·lidosau·roid** *a.*, pertaining to or characteristic of the *Scelidosauridæ*; *sb.*, a scelidosauroid reptile.

1861 Owen *Monogr. Fossil Reptilia Liassic Format.* I. 5 It most probably formed part of a very young or fœtal Scelidosaur. 1869 Huxley in *Q. Jrnl. Geol. Soc.* XXVI. 44, I think it will be proper to restrict the name *Palæosaurus* to the latter (or Megalosauroid) form of tooth, and to use *Thecodontosaurus* for the former (or Scelidosauroid) type. *Ibid.* 45 On the other hand, the teeth of *Thecodontosaurus* are Scelidosaurian in character. 1885 Lydekker *Rept. & Amphibia Maleri & Denwa Groups* 29 Scelidosauriform teeth. 1891 *Century Dict., Scelidosauroid* [*a.* and *sb.*].

‖ **Scelidotherium** (se·lidoþī·riŭm). *Palæont.* [mod.L. (Owen 1840), f. *scelid(o)-* (see Scelides) + Gr. *θηρίον* wild animal.] A genus of megatherioid edentate mammals. Also anglicized **Sce·lidothe·re,** an animal of this genus.

1840 Owen in *Zool. Beagle* I. 75 The teeth, however, are fewer in the Scelidothere than in any Armadillo. 1847 Ansted *Anc. World* xv. 369 The Scelidotherium..differs rather more from the Megatheroid type than either the Mylodon or Megalonyx...In all important points however.. the Scelidothere and the Megatherium are so closely analogous that they hardly admit of a separate description.

Scellat, obs. Sc. form of Skillet.

Scelleton, Scellum: see Skeleton, Skellum.

Scelp, Sceme, Scemiter: see Skelp, Scheme *sb.*1, Scimitar.

Scemmel, obs. form of Shamble *sb.*1

‖ **Scena** (ʃē·nă). [It., ad. L. *scēna* Scene.]

1. a. A scene in an Italian opera; the words and music of the scene. **b.** A composition consisting largely of recitative of a dramatic and impassioned character, for one or more voices with accompaniment; either forming part of an opera, or composed separately for the concert-room.

1819 T. Hope *Anast.* (1820) III. 323 This gentleman.. wondered he should have inspired me..with the *scenas* of a pastoral. 1825 [see Scene 13]. 1842 Lytton *Zanoni* I. iii, The applause with which they had hailed the overture and the commencing scenas. 1845 *Athenæum* 22 Feb. 204 A beautiful *scena* by Romberg. 1862 Miss Braddon *Lady Audley* xxxii, My lady's piano was..covered with scattered sheets of music and exquisitely-bound collections of scenas and fantasias. 1886 Mrs. Craik *King Arthur* vi. 232 She placed the trio before him. It was one of those dashing operatic scenas of the last generation, full of show and difficulty.

2. Used jocularly = Scene 11.

1847 J. G. Lockhart in *Croker Papers* (1884) III. xxv. 103, I hear there was a very hot little *scena* at a late Carlton Club dinner between Stanley and Lord George Bentinck.

‖ **Scenario** (ʃenā·riō). [It., f. *scena* Scena.] A sketch or outline of the plot of a play, giving particulars of the scenes, situations, etc.

1880 Stevenson *Let. to Henley* Feb. *Lett.* (1899) I. iv. 167, I shall make you a full scenario as soon as the *Emigrant* is done. 1883 Grove *Dict. Music* III. 241 *Scenario,* an Italian term, meaning a sketch of the scenes and main points of an opera libretto, drawn up and settled preliminary to filling in the detail. 1884 P. Simpson in *Pall Mall G.* 19 May 1/2 As the next step, I write an elaborate scenario ..minutely setting down, not only the scenes as they follow, the action of the personages engaged, the sense of all they have to say, but even the 'stage business'.

† **Sce·nary,** *sb. Obs.* [ad. It. *scenario*: see Scenario and -ary 1 B. 2.]

1. 'The disposition and consecution of the scenes of a play' (J.); = Scenario.

1695 Dryden *Dufresnoy's Art Paint.* Pref. 44 To make a Sketch, or a more perfect Model of a Picture, is in the Language of Poets, to draw up the Scenary of a Play. 1719 Boyer *Eng.-Fr. Dict.,* Scenary (the ordering of the Scenes of a Play) *Arrangement des Scenes d'une Piece de Theatre.* 1736 Pope *Dunc.* III. 328 *note,* The Edition of Shakespear ..took up near two years more, in the drudgery of comparing Impressions, rectifying the Scenary, &c.

2. 'The representation of the place in which an action is performed' (J.).

1729 Pope *Dunc.* II. 262 *note,* The progress of the sound.. and the scenary here of the bordering regions,..are imitated from Virg. Aen. 7 on the sounding the horn of Alecto. 1808 *Ramsay's Gentle Shepherd* I. 109 The plot, characters, and scenary of this exquisite transcript from nature.

3. = SCENERY 3.

1712 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 417 ₱ 3 A Poet..must gain a due Relish of the Works of Nature, and be thoroughly conversant in the various Scenary of a Country Life. 1748 *Anson's Voy.* III. ii. (ed. 4) 415 The fortunate animals too.. partake in some measure of the romantic cast of the Island, and are no small addition to its wonderful scenary. 1808 *Ramsay's Gentle Shepherd* I. p. x, The minute coincidence between its natural scenary, and his descriptions.

† **Sce·nary**, *a. Obs.* [ad. L. *scēn-*, *scænārius* scenic, f. *scēna*, *scæna* SCENE: see -ARY[1] A.] Scenic, theatrical.

1730 A. GORDON *Maffei's Amphith.* 18 In the Morning Scenary Diversions were exhibited. 1758 BORLASE *Nat. Hist. Cornwall* 298 The scenary part of these performances [Miracle Plays] was much worse than the composition.

Scence, obs. form of CENSE *v.*[1]

Scend, 'scend, var. ff. SEND *sb.* and *v.*[3] (*Naut.*).

Scene (sīn). Also 6 **sean**, 6–7 **seane**, **scæne**, 6, 8 **schene**, 7 **scæn**, **sceane**(e. [a. F. *scène* (14th c. in Hatz.-Darm.), ad. L. *scēna*, *scæna* stage, scene, a. Gr. *σκηνή* tent or booth, stage, scene.

Dryden (*Virg. Georg.* III. 38) rimes the word with *train.*]

I. With reference to the theatre.

1. *Antiq.* The stage of a Greek or Roman theatre, including the platform on which the actors stood, and the structure which formed the background (usually representing the outside of a house or temple).

1638 JUNIUS *Paint. Ancients* 241 Apaturius Alabandeus made..a scene [=*scenam*, Vitruv.] with a neat hand, wherein he made images instead of columnes...He made moreover an upper-scene [=*episcenium*, Vitruv.], wherein the seelings of the porches, the halfe-house-tops were diversly adorned by the Painter. 1682 WHELER *Journ. Greece* v. 365 The Scene is oblong, jetting out six Paces more forward in the Front, than the Seats of the Spectators. 1734 tr. *Rollin's Anc. Hist.* Pref. (1827) I. 125 The division for the actors was called in general the scene, or stage.

2. [=F. *scène.*] The stage or theatre taken as standing for either the dramatic art or the histrionic profession. Now only *arch.*

1682 WHELER *Journ. Greece* 370 For [athletic] games had such an officer belonging to them...But whoever heard of such an officer belonging to the Scene? 1697 DRYDEN *Æneis* Ded. (a) 3, I have more than once already maintain'd the Rights of my two Masters [Homer and Virgil] against their Rivals of the Scene, even while I wrote Tragedies my self. 1713 POPE *Prol. to Cato* 41 Our Scene precariously subsists too long On French Translation, and Italian Song. 1761 CHURCHILL *Rosciad* 475 Giddy with praise, and puff'd with female pride, She quits the tragic scene.

† 3. The action or representation of a piece upon the stage; a stage-performance; a play or drama in representation. *Obs.* exc. as in b.

1592 KYD *Sp. Trag.* IV. iv. 79 To die to day for fashioning our Scene..And in a minute starting vp againe, Reuiue to please too morrowes audience. 1599 SHAKS. *Hen. V*, Prol. 4 A Kingdome for a Stage, Princes to Act, And Monarchs to behold the swelling Scene. 1608 *Merry Devil of Edmonton* Prol. 3 Your silence and attention, worthy friends, That your free spirits may with more pleasing sense Relish the life of this our actiue sceane. 1634 HEYWOOD & BROME *Late Lancashire Witches* Prol., We are forc'd from our owne Nation To ground the Scene that's now in agitation. 1679 DRYDEN *Troilus & Cr.* Pref. b 3, And now behold King Richard entring upon the Scene. 1697 — *Æneis* Ded. (a) 2 b, The Poet who Flourish'd in the Scene is damn'd in the *Ruelle*. 1814 *Orpheus* I. ii, They crowd the trembling poet's scene.

b. *The scene opens* or *is opened*: a phr. used to express the beginning of the action of a play, or of an act or scene. Cf. F. *ouvrir la scène*, 'commencer la représentation' (Littré).

1673 SETTLE *Empress of Morocco* I. i, Scene opens, Muly Labas appears bound in Chains. *Ibid.* II. i, The Scene opened, is represented the Prospect of a large River. 1693 RYMER *Short View Trag.* i. 14 The Scene opening presents 15 Grandees of Spain.

4. The place in which the action of a play, or part of a play, is supposed to occur. Hence also, the setting of a dialogue, novel, etc. Phr. *To lay the scene* (see LAY *v.*[1] 20 b); *to change, shift the scene.*

1592 KYD *Sp. Trag.* IV. iii. 18 Well doon, Balthazar, hang up the Title: Our scene is Rhodes. 1592 SHAKS. *Rom. & Jul.* Prol. 2 In faire Verona, where we lay our Scene. 1599 — *Hen. V*, II. Prol. 42 Vnto Southampton do we shift our Scene. 1611 B. JONSON *Catiline* I. i, As soone..As is a vaile put off, a visor chang'd, Or the scene shifted in our theaters. 1668 DRYDEN *Ess. Dram. Poesy* 43 He has remov'd the Scene in the same Act from Rome to Catiline's Army, and from thence again to Rome. 1712 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 357 ₱ 7 Asia, Africk, and Europe are the several Scenes of his [Virgil's] Fable. 1725 *Pope's Odyss.* III. Notes I. 157 The Scene is now remov'd from Ithaca to Pylos. 1875 JOWETT *Plato* (ed. 2) V. 5 The scene is laid in Crete.

5. A subdivision of an act of a play (or of a short play which is not divided into acts), marked by the entrance or departure of one or more actors (and, in romantic or non-classic drama, often by a change of *local*). Hence, the action and dialogue comprised in any one of these subdivisions; a situation *between* certain actors.

In editions of the Roman dramatists, and of the French classic dramatists, the entrance or exit of any actor makes a new numbered 'scene'. In the English drama, on the other hand, the 'scene' is a distinct subdivision of the act, marked by the fall of the curtain or the leaving of the stage empty; even when the *local* and the actors remain the same in two consecutive 'scenes', the stage is not supposed to have been occupied continuously through the interval.

1540 PALSGR. *Acolastus* I. i. C iij h, All the versis of this scene be *Senarii*. 1562 J. HEYWOOD *Prov. & Epigr.* (1867) 147 In volewmes full or flat, There is no chapter, nor no seane, That thou appliest like that. 1592 KYD *Sp. Trag.* IV. i. 187 And all shalbe concluded in one Scene, For there's no pleasure tane in tediousness. 1611 FLORIO, *Scena*...Also any one scene or entrance of a Comedie or Tragedie. 1665 SIR R. HOWARD *Four New Plays* To Rdr. b, The Spanish Plays..being nothing but so many Novels put into Acts and Scenes. 1668 DRYDEN *Ess. Dram. Poesy* 20 [In the ancient drama] it is to he accounted a new Scene, not [1684 p. 14 not only] every time the Stage is empty, but every person who enters, though to others, makes it so; because he introduces a new business. 1678 — *All for Love* Pref. (end), I prefer the Scene betwixt Antony and Ventidius in the first Act, to any thing which I have written in this kind. 1756 FOOTE *Engl. ret. fr. Paris* Epil., Does not this poisoning scene The sacred right of Tragedy profane. 1783 BLAIR *Lect.* xlv. II. 496 The entrance of a new personage upon the Stage, forms what is called a New Scene. 1865 T. W. ROBERTSON *Society* Act I. Scene I.—Sidney Daryl's Chambers, in Lincoln's Inn.

b. The pl. is sometimes put for 'a play', 'dramatic writing'.

1664 DRYDEN *Rival Ladies* Ep. Ded. A 3 b, Following the New way, I mean, of writing Scenes in Verse. 1710 GRANVILLE *Epil. for 'Brit. Enchanters'* 27 Our Author wou'd excuse these youthful Scenes, Begotten at his Entrance in his Teens.

c. *fig.*

1577 WHETSTONE *Life & Death of Gaskoigne* B iij h, His Sean is played, you folowe on the act. 1592 GREENE *Philomela* (1615) E 4, Till Fortune..entred into the Theatre of Philomelaes life and beganne to acte a balefull Sceane in this manner. 1594 SHAKS. *Rich. III*, II. ii. 38 *Dut.* What meanes this Scene of rude impatience? *Qu.* To make an act of Tragicke violence. 1595 LODGE *Fig for Momus* G 1 b, In that shamefull schene of treasons play. 1596 LAMBARDE *Peramb. Kent* (ed. 2) 407 At this place of the Bishop in Halling, I am drawing on the last Scæne of my life. 1638 SIR T. HERBERT *Trav.* (ed. 2) 72 We are now to present you upon the Asiatique stage, various Scænes compos'd of a miscelany of subjects. 1648 HERRICK *Hesp., To Mistress Amie Potter*, Nature has pre-compos'd us both to Love; Your part's to grant; my Scean must be to move.

d. *Mus.* = SCENA 1 b.

1825 DANNELEY *Encycl. Mus.*, *Scena* or *Scene*, a piece of music composed of a *recitative*, an *andante* or a *largo*, a *larghetto*, and an *agitato* or *allegro*. The *cavatine*, or first air, is often separated by a *couplet de recitatif.* A scene may be for one or more voices.

6. The material apparatus, consisting chiefly of painted hangings, slides, etc., set at the back and sides of the stage, and intended to give the illusion of a real view of the *local* in which the action of a play takes place; the view thus presented to the spectators at any time during the action of a play. Also, any one of the painted hangings, slides, etc. used for this purpose.

On the Elizabethan stage, the curtain or hanging at the back of the stage, concealing the vestry or green-room, stood in lieu of scenery. Painted scenes and elaborate machinery, the representation of buildings or landscape in perspective, etc., were a principal feature of the privately-produced masques of Jas. I and Chas. I and, later, of the operatic play (see OPERA 1).

1540 [see SCENISH]. 1605 B. JONSON *Masque of Blackness*, First, for the Scene, was drawne a *Landtschap*, consisting of small woods,..which falling, an artificiall sea was seene to shoote forth. 1608 — *Masque at Ld. Hadington's Marr.*, The scene to this Masque, was a high, steepe red cliffe, aduancing it selfe into the cloudes. 1618 HOLYDAY *Technogamia* Prol. *marg.*, Here the vpper part of the Scene open'd, when straight appear'd a Heauen [etc.]. 1625 BACON *Ess., Masques*, And let the Masquers, or any other, that are to come down from the Scene, have some Motions, vpon the Scene it selfe, before their Comming down. 1633 SHIRLEY *Tri. Peace* 7 A Curtaine being sodainly drawne up, the Sceane was discovered representing a large streete with Sumptuous Pallaces. 1656 DAVENANT (*title*), The Siege of Rhodes Made a Representation by the Art of Prospective in Scenes. And the Story sung in Recitative Musick. 1667 FLECKNOE *Damoiselles à la mode*, Of Persons represented, Any Italian Scænes with four Doors serving. *a* 1693 AUBREY *Lives* (1898) II. 244 He has some scaenes to it, which in those dayes were only used at masques. 1719 YOUNG *Busiris* IV. (Stage-dir.), The back scene opens. *Ibid.*, Scene shuts on them. 1737 POPE *Hor. Ep.* II. i. 315 Back fly the scenes, and enter foot and horse. *a* 1814 *Gonzanga* V. v. in *New Brit. Theatre* III. 261 All the characters appear lost in astonishment and terror as the scene closes them in. 1904 *Westm. Gaz.* 4 Jan. 9/1 The opening of the doors at the back of the stage caused a draught which blew over a large fan-scene containing a number of incandescent lights.

fig. 1748 HUME *Philos. Ess. Hum. Underst.* vii. (1751) 104 The Scenes of the Universe are continually shifting.

† b. *pl.* ? A succession of realistically-lighted stage-pictures, telling their story without words or action. *Obs.*

1625 BACON *Ess., Masques*, The Alterations of Scenes, so it be quietly, and without Noise, are Things of great Beauty, and Pleasure: For they feed and relieue the Eye, before it be full of the same Obiect. Let the Scenes abound with Light, specially Coloured and Varied. 1650 DAVENANT *Pref. to Gondibert* 8 Painted History, when with the cousenage of lights it is represented in Scenes, by which we are much lesse inform'd then by actions on the Stage. 1657 — *Entert. Rutland-Ho.* 17 Would you meet to be delighted with Scænes? which is, to be entertain'd with the deception of motion, and transposition of Lights; where, whilst you think you see a great Battel, you are sure to get nothing by the Victory.

c. *transf.* A curtain or veil; also, a decorative hanging on a wall.

1638 SIR T. HERBERT *Trav.* (ed. 2) 138 When the greene and crimson scænes [ed. 1677 p. 132 curtains or scenes] of silke were drawne, from this Apollo, wee lookt into a great square court. 1648 HERRICK *Hesper., Upon some women* 8 Out-side silk, and out-side Lawne; Sceanes to cheat us neatly drawne. 1662 J. DAVIES tr. *Mandelslo's Trav.* 194 Instead of Tapistry, they have a kinde of Scenes or Shutters, which serve them also for Pictures.

† d. *pl.* Used to describe the appearance of strata or clusters of clouds, piled one above another.

1686 GOAD *Celest. Bodies* I. xv. 83 Frosty, mist, fair; clouds in scenes. *Ibid.* II. ii. 162 We often times see Clouds as in several Stories, Lofts or Scenes, one over another.

7. *Behind the scenes*: amidst the actors and stage-machinery, where ordinary spectators are not admitted.

1668 DRYDEN *Ess. Dram. Poesy* 32 Things happning in the Action of the Play, and suppos'd to be done behind the Scenes. 1672 — *Assignation* Epil. 21 His Nuns are good, which on the Stage are shown, And, sure, behind our Scenes you'll look for none. 1791 BOSWELL *Johnson* an. 1749, She was carried off to be put to death behind the scenes. 1890 *All Year Round* 29 Mar. 302 (art.), Behind the Scenes at the Lane.

b. *fig.*

1748 CHESTERF. *Lett.* 16 Feb., I, who have been behind the scenes, both of pleasure and business. 1812 MAR. EDGEWORTH *Absentee* v, Miss Pratt..had obtained the *entrée* to a number of great houses, and was behind the scenes in many fashionable families. 1869 TOZER *Highl. Turkey* I. 158 Another personage of greater importance was behind the scenes in this movement.

II. In various established metaphorical uses.

Sense 8 is developed from 4; senses 9–11 from 5, though in sense 9 there is some mixture of sense 6.

8. The place where an action is carried on and people play their parts as in a drama. Phr. *To enter* or *appear on the scene, to quit the scene. The scene of action*, the place where events are actually happening or business being done.

1594 CONSTABLE *Diana* VIII. iv, Meeting Heroick feete in euery line, That tread high measures on the Scene of Fame. 1608 D. TUVIL *Ess. Pol. & Mor.* 125 True vertuous actions, are neuer seene vpon the Scene, but when by the necessitie of Lawes, they are enforced to show themselues. 1648 *Petit. Eastern Assoc.* 8 Awakening endlesse war upon our Brittish Scenes. *a* 1658 J. CLEVELAND *Wks.* (1687) 100 The Sand was always the Scene of Quarrelling. 1659 *Clarke Papers* (Camden) IV. 294 The persones in the proclamacion mencioned having made this citty parte of their scene to act their designe upon. 1673 DRYDEN *Marr. à la Mode* III. i, But though these are not My Province, I have Scene enough within To exercise my vertue. 1677 MIEGE *Eng.-Fr. Dict.* s. v., There will be the Scene of Action this Campaigne, *ce sera là le Theatre de la Guerre.* 1685 SOUTH *Serm.* (1727) I. 388 The viith of the *Romans* (which has been made the unhappy Scene of so much Controversy about these Matters). 1704 *Royal Let.* 25 June in *Lond. Gaz.* No. 4037/1 To render that..Kingdom a Schene of Blood and Disorder. 1705 ADDISON *Italy* Pref., There is [not]..so much as a Mountain or River that has not been the Scene of some extraordinary Action. 1721 DE FOE *Mem. Cavalier* (1840) 37 The part I acted on this bloody scene. 1791 MRS. RADCLIFFE *Rom. Forest* i, Paris, the scene of her former happiness. 1833 T. HOOK *Parson's Dau.* I. vii, It was clear *she* could not quit the scene of action. 1857 LIVINGSTONE *Trav.* ix. 181 My arrival on the scene was felt to be so much weight in the scale. 1884 *Manch. Exam.* 16 Feb. 4/6 West Somerset was the scene, yesterday, of the first contested county election under the provisions of the Corrupt Practices Act. 1889 *Field* 19 Jan. 67/3 Whereupon Mr. Calvert's solicitor came upon the scene, with a demand for an undertaking not to offend again.

b. The world in which man is an actor; the theatre of this life. Often in phr. (*this*) *scene of things. To quit the scene*, to die.

1662 H. MORE *Philos. Writ.* (1712) Pref. 25 Which makes.. the whole scene of things evidently to begin from Adam. 1681 S. PARKER *Demoustr. Law of Nature* 112 Who would enter upon this tragical Scene of things onely to appear and so return into dust and silence? 1736 BUTLER *Anal.* I. iii. 61 The known Course of human Things, the Scene we are now passing through. *a* 1822 SHELLEY *Ess., Lett.* etc. (1840) I. 225 Life..strips, as it were, the painted curtain from this scene of things. 1870 J. H. NEWMAN *Gram. Assent* II. viii. 261 This universal living scene of things is after all as little a logical world as it is a poetical.

9. A view or picture presented to the eye (or to the mind) of a place, concourse, incident, series of actions or events, assemblage of objects, etc.

1653 JER. TAYLOR *Serm. for Yr.* i. 11 This is the greatest Scene of Majesty that shall be in that [*i.e.* the last] day, till the Sentence bee pronounced. 1660 F. BROOKE tr. *Le Blanc's Trav.* 249 At last all vanished, leaving a scene of..lovely trees. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* XI. 637 But now prepare thee for another Scene. 1704 POPE *Summer* 59 See what delights in sylvan scenes appear! 1705 ADDISON *Italy, Antiq. near Naples* 216 About Eight Miles Distance from Naples lyes a very noble Scene of Antiquities. 1715 POPE *Iliad* XVI. 360 The smiling Scene wide opens to the Sight. 1781 GIBBON *Decl. & F.* xxx. (1787) III. 171 This scene of peace and plenty was suddenly changed into a desert. 1797 MRS. RADCLIFFE *Italian* xiii, The travellers stopped to admire the scene. 1797 SOUTHEY *Lett. Resid. in Spain* xiii. 240 A most curious scene did our dressing-room exhibit. *a* 1828 H. S. VANOYK *The Light Guitar* (Bartlett's *Fam. Quots.*), Oh, leave the gay and festive scenes, The halls of dazzling light. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* xxxii, We of peaceful London City have never beheld..such a scene of hurry and alarm, as that which Brussels presented. 1860 TYNDALL *Glac.* I. xi. 72 The scene outside was at once wild, grand, and beautiful.

b. *fig.* A vista or prospect of something expected or to come.

1762 T. MORTIMER *Ev. Man his own Broker* (ed. 5) 173 Light Horse [otherwise called 'scrip']..is the Commodity to Jobb with, and opens a most extensive scene of it.

10. An action, episode, complication of events, or situation, in real life.

1679 *Season. Adv. Protest.* 3 The Roman Party was never wanting in any bloudy Scene to destroy Christ's Disciples. 1692 R. L'ESTRANGE *Fables* xlii. 44 And 'tis a Pleasant Scene enough, when Thieves fall out among themselves, to see the Cutting of One Diamond with Another. 1766 in *3rd Rep. on E. India Comp.* App. No. 74 *H. of C. Rep. Comm.* III. 400 We think the vast Fortunes acquired in the inland Trade have been obtained by a Scene of the most tyrannic and oppressive Conduct that ever was known in any Age or Country. 1766 FORDYCE *Serm. Yng. Wom.* (1767) II. xiii. 224 You were not made for scenes of danger. 1833 T. HOOK *Parson's Dau.* I. vii, A scene followed, the like of which is often enacted in higher places and by more important personages. 1845 M. PATTISON *Ess.* (1889) I. 18 Not at all disconcerted by the scene that had just occurred, the wily Roman undertook to justify himself. 1878 SIMPSON *Sch. Shaks.* I. 29 Then he disappears from this scene in his career.

b. An episode, situation, etc., forming a subject of narration or description.

*c*1630 MILTON *Passion* 22 These latter [*ed.* 1673 latest] scenes confine my roving vers. 1704 PRIOR *Celia to Damon* 112 Say, Shepherd, say: Are these Reflections true? Or was it but the Woman's Fear, that drew This cruel Scene, unjust to Love and You? 1850 SMEDLEY (*title*) Frank Fairlegh, or Scenes from the Life of a Private Pupil. 1858 GEO. ELIOT (*title*) Scenes of Clerical Life.

11. An exhibition of excited or strong feeling between two or more persons; a stormy encounter or interview. *To make a scene*, to make a disturbance, 'kick up a row'. [Cf. F. *faire une scène* (*à quelqu'un*).]

1761 FOOTE *Lyar* III. (1786) 65 My father has got to the bottom of the whole Abington business. *Pap.* The deuce! *Y. Wild.* We parted this moment. Such a scene! 1787 MME. D'ARBLAY *Diary* Aug., She counselled me..to avoid complaints that led to scenes of such violence and impropriety. 1804 G. ROSE *Diaries* (1860) II. 169 The reconciliation should be accompanied with *éclat*, and..it was intended to make a scene of it. 1831 *Society* I. 252 Aubrey.. had just sense enough to see the folly of making a scene. 1844 DISRAELI *Coningsby* VIII. vii, From an anticipatory horror of something like a scene. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* lxiv, Madame de Belladonna made him a scene about you, and fired off in one of her furies. 1887 *Spectator* 10 Sept. 1202 One of those scenes in the House of Commons which now occur once or twice in the week. 1888 *Poor Nellie* 34 You made a regular scene.

†**III. 12.** A screen for the reception of images projected from a lens. Also *scene-plate*.

1706 *Phil. Trans.* XXV. 2237 A Sevenfoot Telescope was fitted up with a Scene to receive the Species of the Sun cast through it. *Ibid.* 2239 Mr. Abr. Sharp cast the Species of the Sun on a Scene-plate, behind his Seven foot Glass.

IV. 13. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as (sense 11) ***scene-making***; **scene-dock** [DOCK *sb.*3], the place in which scenes are stored in a theatre; †**scene-drawer** = SCENE-SHIFTER; †**scene-keeper**, one who has charge of the scenes in a theatre; †**scene-man** = SCENE-SHIFTER; **scene-painter**, one who paints scenes or scenery for the theatre; **scene-painting**, the art of painting scenes according to the rules of stage-perspective; *fig.* descriptive writing in a bold and vivid style; also *attrib.*; **scene-plate** (see sense 12); **scene-plot**, the list and description of the scenes in a play; **scene-room**, a room where scenes are stored (in quot. *fig.*); †**scene-work**, dramatic representation; stage-scenery. Also SCENE-SHIFTER.

1885 J. K. JEROME *On the Stage* iii. 29 Piled up at the back, in what was called the '*scene dock'. 1709 STEELE *Tatler* No. 99 ₱ 3 Door-Keepers came out clad like Cardinals, and *Scene-Drawers like Heathen Gods. 1669 E. CHAMBERLAYNE *Pres. St. Eng.* 280 *Scene-keeper, Coffer-Maker, Wax-Chandler,..one of each. 1876 GEO. ELIOT *Dan. Der.* xxx, Not molesting him with passionate appeals and *scene-making. 1737 FIELDING *Eurydice Hissed* Wks. 1903 III. 409 His levee is compos'd of..box-keepers, *scene-men, fiddlers, and candle-snuffers. 1749 SMOLLETT *Gil Blas* VII. viii. (1782) III. 67, I was obliged to undergo the civilities of the *scene-painter, the music [etc.]. 1882 *Illustr. Lond. News* 16 Dec. 619/3 Scene-painters and scene-shifters. 1754 KIRBY *Perspective* II. vi. 76 The Design of *Scene-Painting, is not only to decorate the Theatre, but to make that Part of it which lies beyond the Stage, appear much longer than it really is. 1825 J. NEAL *Bro. Jonathan* II. 251, I know my propensity for scene-painting. 1838 MACAULAY in Trevelyan *Life* (1880) II. 11 A bold,..scene-painting manner is that which .. succeeds best in periodical writing. 1859 GULLICK & TIMBS *Paint.* 305 Scene Painting is an extensive and peculiar walk of art, with its own laws and practical and scientific rules. 1881 STEVENSON *Virg. Puerisque* (1895) 232 That stage-wardrobe and *scene-room that we call the memory. 1642 MILTON *Apol. Smect.* Wks. 1851 III. 261 Likening those grave controversies to a piece of Stagery, or *Scene-worke where his owne Remonstrant.. must of all right be counted the chiefe Player. 1728 CHAMBERS *Cycl.* s.v. *Architecture*, Counterfeit Architecture, which we otherwise call Scene-Work.

Hence †**Scened** *pa. pple.*, displayed or set as in a stage-scene, staged. **Sce·ning** *vbl. sb.*, furnishing with stage-scenery.

1691 SANCROFT in D'Oyly *Life* (1821) II. 17 Our course of employment and action [continues] the very same, only not scened so illustriously; nor set off with so good company and conversation. *a* 1750 A. HILL *Wks.* (1753) I. 105 It were a downright shame, if these good people, who gave the Tragedy all its merit, of fine dressing and sceneing, should be suffered to lose their money.

Scene, obs. form of SEINE.

Sce·neful, *a. rare.*—[1] [-FUL.] Abounding in scenes or scenery.

1746 COLLINS *Ode, Manners* 78 O Nature boon,..The Sports and I this hour agree, To rove thy scene-full world with thee.

Scenery (sī·nĕri). [Alteration of SCENARY, as if f. SCENE + -ERY. The word is not in Johnson, who gives only SCENARY.]

†**1.** Dramatic action; a moving exhibition of feeling. *Obs.*

1748 RICHARDSON *Clarissa* VII. 213 When he opened it, never was such a piece of scenery. He trembled like a devil at receiving it: Fumbled at the seal, his fingers in a palsy. 1808 SYD. SMITH *Peter Plymley's Lett.* iii. Wks. 1859 II. 144/2 If there were any great scenery, and heroic feelings, any blaze of ancient virtue, any exalted death, any termination of England that would be ever remembered, ever honoured in that western world, where liberty is now retiring, conquest would be more tolerable, and ruin more sweet.

2. The decoration of a theatre-stage, consisting of painted hangings, slides, etc., representing the scene of the action; theatre-scenes collectively.

1774 *Lond. Mag.* Nov. 518/2 It is said that the scenery only, which has been painted on purpose for the *Maid of the Oaks*, cost 1500 L. 1789 TWINING *Aristotle's Treat. Poetry* I. 72 Sophocles increased the number of actors to three, and added the decoration of painted scenery. 1837 J. F. COOPER *England* (ed. 2) III. 97 The chief merit [of the play] was the scenery. 1890 *All Year Round* 29 Mar. 306 The dangers of flying flats and rolling scenery.

b. *transf.* and *fig.*

1770 BURKE *Pres. Discont.* 12 To recommend this system to the people, a perspective view of the Court, gorgeously painted,..was exhibited to the gaping multitude...The whole scenery was exactly disposed to captivate those good souls, whose [etc.]. 1774 J. ADAMS *Diary* 9 Oct., Wks. (1850) II. 395 Went..to the Romish chapel...The scenery and the music are so calculated to take in mankind, that I wonder the Reformation ever succeeded. 1835 DICKENS *Sk. Boz, Tales, Mr. W. Tottle* ii, 'Take off the covers, Martha,' said Mrs. Parsons, directing the shifting of the scenery with great anxiety. 1867 F. D. MAURICE *Patriarchs & Lawgivers* vi. (ed. 4) 120 However shifting the scenery of a man's life may have been. 1876 GEO. ELIOT *Dan. Der.* xxix, Gwendolen was just then enjoying the scenery of her life.

3. The general appearance of a place and its natural features, regarded from the picturesque point of view; the aggregate of picturesque features in a landscape.

1784 COWPER *Task* v. 741 He looks abroad into the varied field Of nature, and..Calls the delightful scen'ry all his own. His are the mountains, and the vallies his. 1801 CAMPBELL *Hohenlinden* 8 But Linden saw another sight When the drum beat at dead of night, Commanding fires of death to light The darkness of her scenery. 1837 LOCKHART *Scott* I. viii. 265 He was so enraptured with the scenery of the lakes as to take a house in Keswick. 1871 MOZLEY *Univ. Serm.* vi. (1876) 124 A kind of passion for scenery and natural beauty..has..gained an extraordinary power over people's minds. 1881 FROUDE *Short Stud.* (1883) IV. ii. iii. 194 Anyone with a well-stored memory is affected by historical scenery.

b. with defining word prefixed. Also applied to the varied aspect of clouds and sky.

1820 W. IRVING *Sketch Bk.* I. 124 The magnificence of English park scenery. 1858 HAWTHORNE *Fr. & It. Note-bks.* II. 48 The entire cloud and sun scenery was fully presented to us. 1897 *Outing* (U.S.) 440/2 One of the most impressive pictures of tree-scenery that man ever beheld.

†**c.** Picturesqueness. *Obs. rare.*

1786 SIR J. REYNOLDS *Disc.* xiii. Wks. 1797 I. 287 As such buildings depart from regularity, they now and then acquire something of scenery by this accident.

4. (With *a* and *pl.*) A landscape or view; a picturesque scene; also, the pictorial representation of a landscape. Now *rare.*

1777 J. FORSTER *Voy. round World* II. 367 The pleasure of contemplating a great variety of rich sceneries, made us some amends for the wretchedness of our diet. 1794 A. YOUNG *Trav. France* I. 83 A very little cleaning would make here a delicious scenery. 1814 *Sporting Mag.* XLIV. 66 Beautiful Indian sceneries from the skilful hand and unsophisticated pallet of this worthy academician. 1851 CARLYLE *Sterling* III. iv, At Naples next,..was due admiration of the sceneries and antiquities. 1879 DIXON *Windsor* I. i. 3 The houses of famous men, the sceneries of great events.

Sce·ne-shifter. One who shifts and arranges the scenes during the performance of a play.

1752 JOHNSON *Adventurer* No. 3 ₱ 9 Half a dozen scene-shifters. 1760–2 GOLDSM. *Cit. W.* xcvii, The scene-shifter's whistle. 1887 'EDNA LYALL' *Knt.-Errant* (1889) 144 Behind the scenes the very scene-shifters and carpenters were eager to congratulate him.

fig. 1903 LD. R. GOWER *Rec. & Remin.* 92 When once the Great Scene-Shifter has made his final call, which none can disobey.

So **Sce·ne-shifting** *vbl. sb.*

1818 LADY MORGAN *Autobiog.* (1859) 212 The..mechanical aids of science and scene-shifting. 1882 *Macm. Mag.* XLVI. 330/2 The unwonted silence of the scene-shifting.

Scenic (sī·nik, se·nik), *a.* Also 7 **scenicke, schenick**, 7–8 **scenick.** [a. F. *scénique* (14th c.), ad. L. *scēnic-us, scænic-us*, a. Gr. σκηνικός belonging to the stage, theatrical, f. σκηνή SCENE.]

1. Of or belonging to the stage, dramatic, theatrical. *Scenic poet* = L. *poeta scenicus*. *Scenic games* = L. *ludi scenici* (dramatic entertainments, as distinguished from athletic sports).

1623 H. HOLLAND in *Shaks. fol.*, Upon the Lines and Life of the Famous Scenicke Poet, Master William Shakespeare. 1640 R. BAILLIE *Canterb. Self-convict.* Postscr. 3 Any who had perused your former schenick writs, that comedie of your seven Sages. 1728 CHAMBERS *Cycl.*, *Scenic Games*, or *Representations*. 1781 WARTON *Hist. Eng. Poetry* III. 200 The ridicule of scenic exhibition. 1796 MORSE *Amer. Geog.* II. 186 Ireland now produces a catalogue of celebrated scenic writers. 1809 MALKIN *Gil Blas* XII. ii. (Rtldg.) 425 She is all that..veteran managers seek when they sign articles, in scenic qualifications. 1869 TOZER *Highl. Turkey* II. 201 These scenic edifices are amongst the most interesting..remains that have come down..from antiquity. 1879 H. PHILLIPS *Addit. Notes Coins* 18 A scenic mask of Pan.

b. Represented on the stage.

1747 JOHNSON *Prol. Opening Drury Lane* 61 Bid scenick virtue form the rising age, And truth diffuse her radiance from the stage. 1838 T. MITCHELL *Clouds of Aristoph.* 360 (note) The scenic Socrates here folds his arms. 1868 WHYTE MELVILLE *White Rose* lix. III. 237 The long-drawn aisles of its scenic cathedral had been darkened so skilfully, as to convey an idea of dim religious grandeur, and vast architectural space.

c. Fitted for the stage.

1857 DE QUINCEY *Bentley* Wks. VI. 176 *note*, The most popular and *scenic* of the Shaksperian dramas.

d. Of or belonging to stage-scenery or stage effect.

1868 WHYTE MELVILLE *White Rose* lviii. III. 230 It is the great scenic triumph of the play, and a burst of grand music appropriately heralds its exhibition to the audience. 1882 FARRAR *Early Chr.* 9 The Drama had degenerated into a vehicle for the display of scenic splendour or ingenious machinery. 1889 HAIGH *Attic Theatre* iii. § 7. 139 As changes of scene were almost unknown in the Greek drama, the scenic appliances were of the simplest character.

2. *fig.* Resembling, or likened to, stage representation and stage effect; dramatic or theatrical in style.

1857 MRS. MATHEWS *Tea-Table Talk* I. 85 Her charities were wide,..often spontaneous, though perhaps somewhat scenic. 1863 KINGLAKE *Crimea* (1876) I. xiv. 226 He was impelled to be contriving scenic effects and surprises. 1870 J. H. NEWMAN *Gramm. Assent* I. iv. 93 Christianity is a history supernatural, and almost scenic. 1878 R. H. HUTTON *Scott* ii. 19 The lad began his study of the scenic side of history.

3. Of or belonging to natural scenery. In recent use: Abounding in fine scenery, affording landscape views.

1842 DICKENS *Amer. Notes* xv, The country round this town being very flat, is bare of scenic interest. 1906 *Scribner's Mag.* July 87/1 The Grand Trunk Pacific..will be a scenic line. 1908 *Westm. Gaz.* 6 July 2/2 The Scenic Railway at the Exhibition.

4. With reference to painting or sculpture: Representing a 'scene' or incident in which several persons are concerned.

1848 MRS. JAMESON *Sacr. & Leg. Art* II. 159 The 'Martyrdom of St. Laurence' by Baccio Bandinelli the sculptor, is arranged as a scenic bas-relief. 1850 — *Leg. Monast. Ord.* 390 The most perfect scenic picture in the world. 1890 C. H. MOORE *Gothic Archit.* x. 307 There is far less antagonism between what is decorative and what is scenic in painting than is sometimes supposed.

Scenical (sī·nikăl, se·nikăl), *a.* Also 5 **scenicalle**, 6–7 **scenicall**, 7 **scœnical(l, scenecal.** [f. L. *scēnic-us* SCENIC + -AL.]

1. Of or belonging to the stage; = SCENIC *a.* 1. *Scenical games, plays*, †*disports* = L. *ludi scenici* (see SCENIC *a.* 1).

1432–50 tr. *Higden* (Rolls) IV. 101 This..institucion off disportes scenicalle [L. *Ista institutio ludorum scenicorum*]. 1579 NORTHBROOKE *Dicing* (1843) 97 Your bishops..hath forbidden and prohibited those kynde of scenicall and enterlude playes. 1621 BURTON *Anat. Mel.* II. ii. VI. iv. (1624) 251 Vse honest and chast sports, scenicall shewes, playes. 1623 MIDDLETON & ROWLEY *Sp. Gipsy* III. i. 57 The scenical school Has been my tutor long in Italy. 1749 FIELDING *Tom Jones* VII. i, Those scenical representations, which Thespis is first reported to have invented. 1823 DE QUINCEY *Lett. on Educ.* iv. Wks. 1860 XIV. 75 Each steps forward as a scenical person, to play a distinct part or character. 1890 *Spectator* 2 Aug., If scenical representation affects us more powerfully than actual suffering, must not the influence of the theatre be, on the whole, harmful to character?

b. with special reference to stage-scenery.

1791–1813 D'ISRAELI *Cur. Lit.* (1858) III. 9 These scenical effects existed in great perfection in the Masques. 1884 SYMONDS *Shaks. Predec.* viii. (1900) 233 The absence of scenical appeals to the sense of sight.

2. *fig.* **a.** (Chiefly in bad sense.) Resembling, or likened to, stage-representation and stage-illusion; theatrical in style.

a 1563 BECON *Compar. Lord's Supper & Mass* Wks. III. 97 b, The Massemonger handlyng hys scenicall and stage-lyke Supper, calleth vpon the dead very husyly. 1622 PEACHAM *Compl. Gent.* vi. (1634) 42 That same ampullous and scenicall pompe, with empty furniture of phrase, wherewith the Stage, and our petty Poeticke Pamphlets sound so big. 1833 COLERIDGE *Table T.* 15 Aug., In Gibbon..nothing is real, vivid, true: all is scenical, and, as it were, exhibited by candlelight. 1845 J. MARTINEAU *Ess.* (1890) I. 235 If the universe and God set the example of being scenical, what shall hinder religion from becoming histrionic?

†**b.** Fictitious, pretended; illusory, imaginary; not real or genuine. *Obs.*

(Cf. Florus II. xiv. § 4 *Invictusque a veris regibus, ab illo imaginario et scenico rege superatur.*)

1610 HEALEY *St. Aug. Citie of God* VI. vii. 245 Therefore this fabulous, scænicall, filthy and ridiculous diuinity [orig. *theologia fabulosa, theatrica, scenica*] hath al reference vnto the ciuill. 1643 SIR T. BROWNE *Relig. Med.* II. (near end), These scenical and accidental differences between us, cannot make me forget that common and untoucht part of us both. 1660 FULLER *Mixt Contempl.* II. xli. 60 King Hen. the seventh was much troubled (as he was wont to say) with Idols, Scenecal Royaletts, poor petty, pittifull Persons, who

pretended themselves Princes. 1709 STEELE *Tatler* No. 167 ¶ 4, I..who look upon the Distinctions amongst Men to be meerly Scenical.

c. Resembling a stage-scene.

a 1706 EVELYN *True Relig.* (1850) I. vii. § 2. 363 Many things and actions they speak of as having done, which they did no otherwise than in prophetic vision and scenical imagery. 1741 WARBURTON *Div. Legat.* II. 485 The scenical image of Job and his friends sitting together on the ground seven days and seven nights without a word speaking. 1832 DE QUINCEY *Charlemagne* Wks. V. 354 The second form [of History] is that which may be styled the Scenical.

Scenically (sī·n-, se·nikăli), *adv.* [f. prec. + -LY 2.] In a scenic or scenical manner.

1650 A. B. *Mutat. Polemo* 2 He must now act a Kings part more Scenically. 1689 J. HOWE in H. Rogers *Life* (1836) 384 The prayers were also read but carelessly, sleepily, or scenically, flauntingly, and with manifest irreverence. 1890 H. ELLIS *Ibsen's Pillars of Soc.*, etc. Pref. 7 They [the Scandinavians] possess..a stage on which great literary works may be performed, and the burning questions of the modern world be scenically resolved.

†**Sce·nish**, *a. Obs.* [f. SCENE + -ISH.] Scenic.

1540 PALSGR. *Acolastus* Prol. B ij, In this scenyshe apparaylynge [L. *In apparatu scenico*], i. the settying forth or trymming of our scenes, that is to saye (our places appoynted for our players to come forth of).

Scenist (sī·nist). ? *Obs.* [f. SCENE + -IST.] One who has to do with stage-scenery: a. A scene-shifter; b. a scene-painter.

1803 *Pic Nic* No. 8 (1806) II. 43 The scenists and machinists are their patrons. 1826 *Blackw. Mag.* XX. 57 The reader must make the same allowances for such deficiency, as are granted to the scenist, or decorator of the drama.

Scenite (sī·nəit). *rare.* [ad. L. *scēnītes*, a. Gr. σκηνίτης, f. σκηνή tent: see -ITE. Cf. F. *scénite* (adj.).] One who dwells in a tent; a member of a nomad tribe dwelling in tents.

1607 TOPSELL *Four-f. Beasts* 678 The Arabian Scenites neuer eate hereof. 1728 MORGAN *Algiers* I. i. 10 The Sabæan Arabs, like all other Nomades or Scenites.

b. *attrib.* or *adj.*

1752 CHAMBERS *Cycl.* s. v. *Ambulatory*, The itinerant or scenite life is the life of nature. 1844 G. S. FABER *Eight Dissert.* (1845) II. 370 A scenite breeder of cattle.

Scenograph (sī·nogrɑf). *rare* −1. [ad. Gr. σκηνογράφ-ος, f. σκηνή SCENE + γράφ-ειν to write, draw, paint.] = next.

1842 WORNUM in *Smith's Dict. Grk. & Rom. Antig.* s. v. *Painting* § 10 Clisthenes of Eretria is mentioned as architect and scenograph.

Scenographer (sīnǫ·grăfəɹ). [Formed as prec. + -ER 1.] A scene-painter; one who draws buildings, etc. in perspective.

1598 R. HAYDOCKE tr. *Lomazzo* II. 199 Astronomers, Scenographers, Makers of glasses. 1669 E. CHAMBERLAYNE *Pres. St. Eng.* (ed. 2) 267 Scenographer, or Designer of Prospects. 1850 LEITCH tr. *C. O. Müller's Anc. Art* § 107 (ed. 2) 75 An architect and scenographer called Cleisthenes.

Scenographic (sīnogræ·fik), *a.* Also 8 **scheno-**. [a. F. *scénographique* or ad. Gr. σκηνογραφικ-ός, f. σκηνογράφ-ος SCENOGRAPH.] Of or belonging to scenography, scene-painting, or drawing in perspective.

1670 MOXON *Pract. Perspective* 2 There be two sorts of Ichnographies named in this Book, viz. the Geometrick Ichnographie, and the Scenographick Ichnographie. 1704 J. HARRIS *Lex. Techn.* I. s. v. *Scenography*, The Scenographick appearance of any Figure, Body, or Building. 1719 B. TAYLOR *Princ. Linear Perspective* 6 The Representation of any Object is no other than its Schenographic Projection on the Plane of the Picture. *c* 1780 BARRY *Lect. Art* v. (1848) 202 The scenographic part of optics examines how the drawings of edifices should be drawn. 1813 T. BUSBY *Lucretius* II. iv. *Comm.* p. xxi, The information of the sense goes no further than to the scenographic existence of the object. 1850 LEITCH tr. *C. O. Müller's Anc. Art* § 184 (ed. 2) 167 Scenographic pictures, in which illusion was the highest aim, were also employed at the games.

b. quasi-*sb.* in *pl.* The principles of perspective.

1761 KIRBY *Persp. Archit.* I. i. 2/1 The doctrine of projection may..be considered as consisting of three distinct branches,..viz. Orthographics, stereographics, and scenographics, commonly stiled Perspective.

Hence **Scenogra·phical** *a.* = SCENOGRAPHIC. **Scenogra·phically** *adv.*

1703 T. N. *City & C. Purchaser* 60 More than one Face may be represented in one Diagram Scenographically. 1729 SHELVOCKE *Artillery* IV. 207 The oblique lines, upon the one and the other Scenographical Figure.

Scenography (sīnǫ·grăfi). Also 7 **-graphie, senography**, 8 **scheno-**, 9 **skenography**. [a. F. *scénographie* (16th c. *schenographie* in Littré) or ad. L. *scēnographia*, a. Gr. σκηνογραφία, f. σκηνή: see SCENE and -GRAPHY.]

†1. The representation of a building or other object in perspective; a perspective elevation.

Distinguished from ICHNOGRAPHY and ORTHOGRAPHY.

1645 *Enchir. Fortif.* Table (at end), *Scenographie*, is the modell or draught of any work presented with its shadowes, ...with its dimensions according to the Rules of Prospective. 1659 LEAK *Waterwks.* 33 The Senography or Perspective. 1705 GREENHILL *Embalming* 203 We shall..here only represent to you the Ichnography and Schenography of the antient Burial-Places of the Egyptians. 1843 *Civil Eng. & Arch. Jrnl.* VI. 131/1 The idea of the scenography, or view in perspective, taken on the angle.

2. Scene-painting (in ancient Greece).

1738 J. HAMILTON *Stereogr.* I. VII. ii. 370 Scenography is the Art of Painting on several Plaoes or Scenes at different Distances, and in various Positions with respect to the Eye, in such Manner, that all those different Scenes..may.. represent one intire View. Let *QYSZ* represent the Room intended for a Theatre. 1848 WORNUM *Lect. Paint. Barry*, etc. 201 *note*, Perspective scenery (scenography) was introduced on the Greek stage as early as the time of Æschylus. 1903 tr. *Mantzius Hist. Theat. Art* I. 131 Aristotle states ..that Sophocles introduced skenography.

‖ **Scenope·gia.** In 4 s(c)eno-, **synofegia.** Also 8 anglicized **scenopegy.** [L. *scēnopēgia*, a. Gr. σκηνοπηγία, f. σκηνή SCENE + πηγνύναι to fix. Cf. F. *scénopégie*.] The Jewish Feast of Tabernacles.

c 1380 WYCLIF *Sel. Wks.* II. 103 A feste of Jewes, þat þei clepen Senofegia [*v.r.* synofegia]. 1382 — *John* vii. 2 Scenofegia [1388 Senofegia]. 1728 CHAMBERS *Cycl.* s. v. *Tent*, The Scenopegy or Feast of Tabernacles.

Scent (sent), *sb.* Forms: 4–7 (9 *rare*) **sent**, 5–6 **sente**, 6 **cent**, 7– **scent.** [ME. *sent*, f. *sent* SCENT *v.*

Orig. a term of hunting. It is possible that there may have been an AF. **sent*, verbal noun from *sentir* to scent.]

1. The faculty or sense of smell. Chiefly, and now exclusively, with reference to animals (esp. dogs) which find their prey or recognize objects by this sense.

c 1470 HENRY *Wallace* v. 26 In Gyllisland thar was that brachell brede, Sekyr off sent to folow thaim at flede. 1596 DALRYMPLE tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* I. 20 Fisches lurking amang the stanes thay [*sc.* dogs] seik out with thair sent. 1642 JER. TAYLOR *God's Judgem.* II. vii. 110 He had all the Aromaticks and Odoriferous Perfumes to delight his sent in smelling. 1735 SOMERVILLE *Chase* I. 94 The perfect Hound, in Scent and Speed Unrivall'd. 1784 COWPER *Task* III. 621 The sight is pleas'd The scent regal'd. 1875 JOWETT *Plato* (ed. 2) IV. 277 The dog, having the help of scent as well as of sight, is superior to the savage.

b. *fig.*

1590 NASHE *Pasquil's Apol.* I. Wks. (Grosart) I. 218 It may be I am of some better sente then yon take me for, and finding a Machiauellian tricke in this plot..I was [etc.]. 1812 *Sporting Mag.* XXXIX. 237 An eminent Evangelical Divine ..long celebrated for the keenness of his scent in 'legacy hunting'. 1838 PRESCOTT *Ferd. & Is.* (1846) I. i. 104 The courtiers, with the quick scent of their own interest,..soon turned their attention to the same polite studies. 1857 J. G. HOLLAND *Bay Path* xxvi. 315 All of them had a scent for heresy so subtle and acute that [etc.].

¶ c. In etymological sense: Perception by the senses, feeling. *Obs.* (? *nonce-uses.*)

14.. HOCCLEVE *Jereslaus' Wife* 850 And ther-to eek as sharp punisshement As þat dyuyse ther kowde any wight, Thow sholdest han y-preened by the sent. 1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* I. i. 43 He bids thee to him send for his intent A fit false dreame, that can delude the sleepers sent.

2. The odour of an animal or man as a means of pursuit by a hound; hence a track or trail as indicated by this odour.

Cold scent: see COLD *a.* 12. *Hot scent*: see HOT *a.* 8 a.

1375 BARBOUR *Bruce* VI. 500 [The sleuthhund] hym luffit swa, That fra he mycht anys feill The kyngis sent..he vald change it for na thyng. *c* 1400 *Master of Game* (MS. Digby 182) i. 7 b, For the fnos of somme hares is of hotter sent thenne some. *c* 1470 HENRY *Wallace* v. 141 The sloith stoppyt.. Rycht wa thai [*sc.* the Englishmen] war that losyt was thair sent. 1576 TURBERV. *Hunting* xiv. 36 When they hane well beaten and founde the tracke or sent of the Harte. 1596 SHAKS. *Tam. Shr.* Induct. i. 24 He [*sc.* a hound]..twice to day pick'd ont the dullest sent. 1686 BLOME *Gentl. Recr.* II. 88/2 When one or more of them [*sc.* foxhounds] opens, 'tis a sure sign that he is upon the Scent. 1693 *Humours Town* 8 It would be to as little purpose to seek you, as to follow the Chace upon a wrong Scent. 1726 DEFOE *Hist. Devil* II. ii. (1840) 190 We can follow as hounds do a fox upon a hot scent. 1774 GOLDSM. *Nat. Hist.* (1776) III. 329 What adds to this entertainment is the strong scent which the fox leaves, that always keeps up a full cry. 1885 *Field* 7 Feb. 147/2 Once in the open, it was obvious that there was only half a scent. 1897 *Encycl. Sport* I. 583/1 *Scent*—The odour given off by the fox...It is *burning* if..strong; *breast-high*, if so good that the hounds do not stoop to it; *moving*, if it is so fresh that it must be recent..; *flighty* or *catchy*, if variable; *holding*, if good enough, but not very strong.

b. *fig.*

1601 SHAKS. *Twel. N.* II. v. 134 He is now at a cold sent. 1605 VERSTEGAN *Dec. Intell.* ii. 30 His tale..hath as plain a sent as a man need to wish, to fynd out a fable by. 1656 HEYLIN *Extran. Vapulans* 15 Follow this Game a little further, now we are on the sents. *a* 1715 BURNET *Own Time* (1766) II. 144 The scent of preferment will draw aspiring men after it. 1765 STERNE *Tr. Shandy* IV. xviii, Trim found he was upon a wrong scent. 1872 *Q. Rev.* Jan. 267 Another false scent by which the Proletariat have long been led astray is that [etc.].

c. *transf.* in the game of *Hare-and-hounds*: Fragments of paper scattered on the ground by the 'hares' to serve as a track for the 'hounds'.

1857 HUGHES *Tom Brown* I. vii, It's the turn of our house to find scent for..Hare-and-Hounds.

d. Phrases. *To follow* (or rarely *pursue*) *the scent*, *to get* (*a* or *the*) *scent of*, *to have* (*a*) *scent of*, lit. and fig. *To lay*, *put* (hounds) *on or upon the scent*; hence fig. *to put* (a person) *on* or *off the scent*, also *on a false*, *wrong scent*. *To lose*, *recover the scent*, lit. (of hounds) and fig.; also, *to lose the scent*, (of the game) to baffle the hounds by passing through water. *To carry a* or *the scent*, (of ground) to retain the scent of the game; also (of fox-hounds) to follow the scent. †*Full scent* (advb.): ? of a hound, excited by the perception of the scent (in quot. *transf.*).

? *a* 1400 *Morte Arth.* 1040 Bot thow moste seke more southe ..ffor he [*sc.* the giant] wille hafe sent hym selfe sex myle large. 14..HOCCLEVE *Jereslaus' Wife* 272 [There was] An Erl ..Beforn whos howndes was a fox rennynge,..And as þat they ran they hadden a sent Of the lady and thidir be they went. 1655 *Nicholas Papers* (Camden) II. 350 This is to let my Sec. Ni. know that I am still close following the same sent. 1683 TEMPLE *Mem.* Wks. 1731 I. 399 All further Thoughts of a present Peace ended, and left me only to pursue the cold Scent of a Mediation in the common Forms. 1688 in *Phil. Trans.* XVII. (1693) 784 One day there came three or four full sent to tell me they were certain they smelt the Pines. 1711 *Spect.* No. 116 ¶ 5 He immediately called in the Dogs, and put them upon the Scent. 1722 DE FOE *Col. Jack* (1840) 51 He had got a scent of it. 1730–46 THOMSON *Autumn* 446 Oft in the full-descending flood he [the stag] tries To lose the scent. 1781 [see LAY *v.*1 15 b]. 1821 SCOTT *Kenilw.* vii, 'Thou hast lost the scent,' said Varney, 'of thy comrade Tressilian.' 1832 *John Bull* 26 Nov. 379/2 The hounds were for some time at fault. They soon, however, recovered the scent. 1832 'NIMROD' in *Q. Rev.* Mar. 219 The scent being seldom sufficient to enable the hound to carry it up to his [*sc.* the fox's] kennel. 1862 MISS BRADDON *Lady Audley* xxx, How if she..wished to throw my poor friend off the scent by this false announcement? 1878 'BROOKSBY' *Hunting Countries* I. 8 The surrounding country being strongly fenced, and carrying a good scent, a bad hunter is of little use here. 1882 AINGER *Lamb* vi. 116 Lamb had a love of..putting his readers on a false scent. 1884 L. J. JENNINGS *Croker Papers* I. iii. 77 The police..had got scent of the intended affray.

3. In wider sense: Distinctive odour. Now almost exclusively applied to agreeable odours, e. g. those of flowers.

1471 CAXTON *Recuyell* (Sommer) I. 41 Every man rose fro the table abhorryng & eschewyng the sente and sauour of the dede man. 1509 HAWES *Past. Pleas.* IV. iv. (1555) C ij b, And in my mouthe, it had a marueylous cent Of dyuers spyces. 1591 SYLVESTER *Du Bartas* I. v. 148 The fragrant sents of flowry banks. 1635 STAFFORD *Fem. Glory* (1869) 116 It is impossible to handle perfumes, without bearing away part of their sent. 1718 POPE *Iliad* VI. 359 Her rich Wardrobe.. Where treasur'd Odors breath'd a costly Scent. 1774 GOLDSM. *Nat. Hist.* (1776) II. 226 The Negroe nations..of Guinea.. have an insupportable scent. 1826 KIRBY & SP. *Entomol.* IV. 140 There is scarcely a scent odious or agreeable that may not be met with in the insect world. 1862 LONGF. *Wayside Inn* I. Prol. 195 His garments breathed a spicy scent Of cinnamon and sandal blent.

fig. *a* 1586 SIDNEY *Arcadia* III. (Sommer) 266 One..would haue indged that his eies would haue run into him & his soule out of him; so vehemently did either take a sent of danger. 1590 NASHE *Pasquil's Apol.* I. Wks. (Grosart) I. 212 When I see the theefe, and the sente of Church-robbers is in my nosthrils. 1868 FREEMAN *Norm. Cong.* (1876) II. viii. 252 Perhaps some scent of the coming danger reached him.

4. An odoriferous liquid prepared by distillation from flowers, etc.; a perfume.

1750 *Leonardus' Mirr. Stones* 74 It has the smell and colour of myrrh, and is used as a scent. 1898 *Cassell's Mag.* June 42 A certain celebrated scent, made from the original recipe.

5. *attrib.* and *Comb.*: simple attrib., as *scent-ball*, *-casket*, *-sachet*; instrumental, as *scent-laden* adj.; objective, as *scent-snuffing* adj.; special comb.: **scent-bag**, (*a*) a pouch, sac, or gland found in some animals, containing a secreted odoriferous substance; (*b*) a bag containing a strong-smelling substance drawn over ground to make an artificial scent for hounds; (*c*) = SACHET 3; **scent-bean**, an aromatic bean carried with the snuff in a snuff-box; **scent-bottle**, a bottle of scent; spec., an ornamental bottle containing scent, smelling-salts, etc. for the toilet-table or pocket; **scent-box**, (*a*) a box for carrying scent; (*b*) *Pugilistic slang*, the nose; **scent-dog** *Sc.*, a pointer; **scent-gland**, a gland which secretes an odoriferous substance; **scent-holder**, **-jar**, an ornamental vase or jar, usually with perforated top, in which odorous substances are kept to perfume an apartment; **scent-organ** *Ent.* and *Zool.*, an organ that secretes scent, a scent-bag, scent-gland; **scent-scale** *Ent.*, a perfumed scale found on the males of some Lepidoptera; **scent-spray**, an ornamental scent-bottle with apparatus for distributing the scent; †**scent-strong** *a.*, having great scenting powers; **scent-tuft** *Ent.*, a brush-like scent-bearing organ (Webster *Suppl.* 1902); **scent-vase** = *scent-jar*; **scent-wood**, a Tasmanian evergreen shrub, *Alyxia buxifolia* (Treas. Bot. 1866).

1682–3 E. TYSON in *Phil. Trans.* XIII. 38 Two Baggs which I have taken the liberty to call the *Scent-baggs (in a viper). 1889 C. D. WARNER in *Harper's Mag.* Oct. 726/2 The young men..expended an immense amount of energy ..in riding at fences after the scent-bag. 1892 *Cooley's Cycl. Pract. Receipts* 1487/1 Scent-bags. See Sachets. *Ibid.*, *Scent-balls. 1892 H. AINSLIE *Pilgr. Land of Burns* 85 Their mouths were dry as snuff-boxes, and their tongues rattled therein like unto *scent beans. 1833 T. HOOK *Parson's Dau.* I. iv, Cut-glass *scent bottles. 17.. in Ashton *Social Life* (1882) I. 158 A Cane with a Silver Head and *Scent Box. 1826 *Sporting Mag.* XVIII. 315 Pat napped him on the scent-box. 1879 PIESSE *Perfumery* (ed. 4) Index, *Scent-casket. 1894 CROCKETT *Raiders* 29 Nosing them for myself like a *Scent-Dog after birds. 1683 E. TYSON in *Phil. Trans.* XIV. 377 Those scent-bags, or *scent-glands, I have formerly mentioned to be in other Animals. 1866 OWEN *Anat. Vertebr.* I. 615 [During the breeding-season] the anal scent-glands are in active function in both groups [*sc.* Lizards and Serpents]. 1832 G. R. PORTER *Porcelain & Gl.* 22 A *scent-jar, forty-four inches high...The scent is allowed to escape through hexagonal openings in the neck. 1816 KIRBY & SP. *Entomol.* xxi.

(1818) II. 245 Another insect..furnished with osmateria, or *scent-organs. 1892 B. Hinton *Lord's Return* 206 A silken coverlet, quilted and perfumed like a *scent-sachet. 1898 Packard *Text-bk. Entomol.* 198 To these *scent-scales is applied the term *androconia*. 1592 Shaks. *Ven. & Ad.* 692 For there his smell with others being mingled, The hot *sent-snuffing hounds are driuen to doubt. 1897 *Daily News* 9 July 6/3 A silver and Venetian glass *scent spray. 1591 Sylvester *Du Bartas* I. v. 660 The *sent-strong Swallow sweepeth to and fro.

Scent (sent), *v.* Forms: 5–7 (9 *rare*) sent, 6–7 sente, (7 cent), 7– scent. [ME. *sent*, a. F. *sentir* to feel, perceive, spec. to smell; = Pr., Sp., Pg. *sentir*, It. *sentire*:—L. *sentire* to feel, perceive. The spelling *scent* (for this and the sb.) does not occur in our material until the 17th c. A revival of the etymological spelling *sent* was attempted by A. and J. C. Hare (*Guesses at Truth*, ed. 1838).]

1. *trans.* Of a hound or other animal: To find or track (game, prey, etc.) by the smell; also, *to scent out*. In later use said also, with wider application, of persons and animals: To become aware of the presence or approach of, or to recognize at a distance, by the sense of smell; also (*rarely*), to inhale the smell of, to smell at.

c 1400 *Master of Game* (MS. Digby 182) i. 7 b, Whan hares be ygete with the kynde of a conynge..the houndes lust nor sentith hem nought so wele. 1575 Turberv. *Venerie* 117 By that time he have gone xx or xxx paces, the slot is better, and the hounds shall sent him much better. 1602 Shaks. *Ham.* I. v. 58 *Ghost.* But soft, me thinkes I sent the Morning's Ayre; Briefe let me be. 1638 Sir T. Herbert *Trav.* (ed. 2) 179 Let us goe cent the Caspyan ayre. 1721 R. Keith tr. *T. à Kempis' Soliloquy of Soul* x. 177, I myself have even scented from afar the celestial Spices. 1822–34 *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 4) III. 200 The refreshment which is felt on scenting the pungent vapour of carbonate of ammonia. 1834 Pringle *Afr. Sk.* ix. 307 Our oxen had scented the water at a distance. 1853 Kane *Grinnell Exp.* xxix. (1856) 239 A bear and two cubs, that had..been scenting our footmarks of the day before. 1871 L. Stephen *Playgr. Eur.* iv. 230 These animals [*sc.* sheep-dogs] scent the traveller from an incredible distance. 1878 Bosw. Smith *Carthage* 295 Like vultures scenting their prey afar.

b. *fig.* To perceive as if by smell; to find out instinctively; to detect.

1553 *Respublica* 164 Nowe a wheale on suche noses.. That so quicklie canne sente where hidden golde dothe lye. *c* 1620 Fletcher & Mass. *Double Marriage* I. ii, *Fer.* Is Virolet in [the conspiracy]? *Ron.* The head of all, he onely scented me. 1658 Cleveland *Rustick Rampant* (1687) 416 Perhaps not senting the Design of the Clowns. 1833 I. Taylor *Fanaticism* ii. 26 The religious classes who..will scent a heresy in every such definition. 1870 A. R. Hope *Schoolboy Fr.* xiv. 182, I thought he would scent us out. 1897 L. J. Trotter *John Nicholson* xix. 227 Chamberlain, scenting possible mischief, made a forced march to Amritsar.

†**c.** In etymological sense: To discern, perceive. *Obs. rare.*

1586 Bright *Melanch.* xix. 115 Soules haue sense of thinges without organicall senses: and when they bee but fancies, yet that which ministreth the object..is sented with the minde only. 1609 C. Butler *Fem. Mon.* (1623) B 4, Hir horns..are the proper organum of the sense of feeling; by which, with the least touch, the Bee sodainely senteth any tangible object.

2. *intr.* Of a hound or other animal: †**a.** To perceive the smell *of* (the quarry). *Obs.* **b.** To hunt by the sense of smell; also, to 'smell about', sniff the air for a scent.

c 1400 *Master of Game* (MS. Digby 182) ii. 11 And he shall kepe hym..always in be myddell of the water for cause that the houndes shall not sent of hym. 1598 Marston *Pygmal.* iv. 151 But Grillus subtile-smelling swinish snout Must sent, and grunt, and needes will finde it out. 1667 Milton *P. L.* x. 279 So sented the grim Feature, and upturn'd His Nostril wide into the mirky Air. 1730 Swift *Answ. Delany's Fable* 8 The hound would scent the wolf would prowl.

fig. *a* 1641 Bp. Mountagu *Acts & Mon.* (1642) 20 But at length they began to sent after the Egyptians gods.

3. To exhale an odour, to smell. [So F. *sentir.*] Now *rare* or *Obs.*

c 1400 *Beryn* 2765 This gardeyn is..ful of may flouris, ..The wich been so redolent, & sentyn so a boute. 1578 Lyte *Dodoens* I. xliii. 63 The seede is small and black, and senting like Rosin. 1664 Hubert *Catal. Rarities* (1665) 66 A stone that smells only when it is blown on, and the harder one blowes, the stronger it sents. 1698 Fryer *Acc. E. India & P.* 182 The Fruit when Green scents like Turpentine. 1843 tr. *Custine's Empire of Czar* I. 125 This perfumed Cerberus, for he scented of musk at the distance of a league, released us.

fig. 1632 Massinger & Field *Fatal Dowry* iv. I, Season now your youth With one braue thing, and it shall keep the odour..and on your Tombe Sent like sweet oyles and Frankincense. 1642 Fuller *Holy & Prof. St.* iv. xvi. 321 Such is the fresh nature of some Embassages, if not spent presently, they sent ill. 1826 Lamb *Elia* Ser. II. *Genteel Style in Writing*, They [*sc.* Sir William Temple's essays] scent of Nimeguen, and the Hague. 1831 *Fraser's Mag.* IV. 584 The very air scents of knavery.

4. *trans.* [From the sb.] To impregnate with an odour; to perfume.

1697 Dryden *Virg. Georg.* III. 636 With Smoak of burning Cedar scent thy Walls. 1725 Pope *Odyss.* VIII. 398 An hundred altars rise, And breathing odours scent the balmy skies. 1792 Belknap *Hist. New-Hampsh.* III. 147 To decoy him, the hunters scent the ground with a drug. 1837 Dickens *Pickw.* vii, The hundred perfumes of the little flower-garden..scented the air around. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 762 The ointment may be scented with any essential oil.

Scent, obs. form of Saint.

Scented (se·ntéd), *ppl. a.* [f. Scent *v.* and *sb.*]

†**1.** With prefixed adv.: Endowed with the power of tracking by sense of smell. *Obs.*

1579 E. K. *Spenser's Sheph. Cal.* Ep. Ded., So Marot, Sanazarus, and..other..Poetes, whose foting this Author every where followeth; yet so as few, but they be wel sented, can trace him out. 1656 Earl Monm. tr. *Boccalini's Advts. fr. Parnass.* I. iii. 104 There were..Beagles which were very well sented to find out wild beasts.

2. Impregnated with perfume; perfumed.

Scented caper, tea: see Caper *sb.*[1] 4.

1740 C. Pitt *Æneid* IV. 318 Paris..In scented tresses and a mitre gay. 1839 Ure *Dict. Arts* 1149 The scented soap being put into the frames, speedily consolidates. 1879 Piesse *Perfumery* (ed. 4) 316 Scented shells. Venetian Shells..are..steeped into the scent...When dry these shells will serve for perfuming jewel-cases and work-boxes.

3. That has a scent or perfume; exhaling a scent.

1666 Boyle *Orig. Formes & Qual.* 276 One of the subtlest and strongest sented Drugs. 1784 Cowper *Task* VI. 151 The scentless and the scented rose. 1849 M. Arnold *Obermann* xlii, The scented pines of Switzerland. 1886 Britten & Holland *Plant-n.*, Scented Fern. *Nephrodium Oreopteris*, Desv.

Scenter (se·ntəɹ). [f. Scent *v.* + -er [1].] One who or that which scents, in the senses of the vb. Also *scenter out*.

1611 Cotgr., *Flaireur*, a senter, smeller, venter. 1838 Hare *Guesses* Ser. II. (1866) 307 The senters-out [*sic*] of allegories.

Scentful (se·ntfŭl), *a.* [f. Scent *sb.* + -ful.]

1. Full of or abounding in perfume; fragrant.

1612 Drayton *Poly-olb.* xv. 196 The scent-full Camomill. 1732–3 Savage *Volunteer Laureat* II. 34 Ye blossoms,..send your scentful tribute to the skies.

†**2.** Having keen scent or sense of smell. *Obs.*

1616 W. Browne *Brit. Past.* II. iii. 55 For whom (had she not so beene nourished)..The sentfull Osprey by the Rocke had fish'd.

Scenting (se·ntiŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. Scent *v.* + -ing [1].] The action of the verb.

1580 Hollyband *Treas. Fr. Tong*, *Flairement*, smelling, senting. 1855 Bain *Senses & Int.* II. ii. § 3 (1864) 166 In scenting, a pointer keeps his nose close to the ground. 1855 Piesse *Perfumery* 100 The perfumer uses musk principally in the scenting of soap. 1890 'R. Boldrewood' *Col. Reformer* (1891) 209 An unusually difficult tract of country.., where 'scenting' was slow.

†**b.** Sensation. *Obs. rare*—[1].

1657 S. Purchas *Pol. Flying-Ins.* 22 Bees have all the five senses, though there do not appear all those outward Organs of senting, which some other Animals have.

Sce·nting, *ppl. a.* [f. Scent *v.* + -ing [2].]

1. That exhales an odour or perfume.

1577 Kenoall *Flowers of Epigr.* 22 b, Strong sentyng Leekes of Tarentine. 1595 P. T. G. *Blanchardyn* (1890) 216 All costly odors and sweet senting spices. 1772 T. Simpson *Vermin-Killer* 10 The scenting oils may be used as mentioned for rats.

2. Of or pertaining to hunting by scent. Of a hound: That hunts by scent. *Sporting.* Of a day, country: Characterized by the prevalence of a (good, bad, etc.) scent.

1577 Kendall *Flowers of Epigr.* 51 The sentyng hounds pursude the hastie Hare of foote. 1749 Fielding *Tom Jones* VII. iv, When any thing in the least soured him, as a bad scenting day, or a distemper among his hounds. 1897 *Encycl. Sport* I. 543/1 It will be well to select a good scenting covert..for the first morning.

Scentingly: see Scantingly *a.* (quot. *a* 1661).

Scentless (se·ntlés), *a.* [f. Scent *sb.* + -less.]

†**1.** Without the faculty of smell. *Obs. rare*—[1].

1605 Sylvester *Du Bartas* II. iii. III. *Law* 1473 Their deaf, dull Idols, sent-lesse, sight-lesse, dumb.

2. Without odour or perfume.

a 1618 Sylvester *Tri. Faith* IV. xv. Wks. (Grosart) I. 18 By Faith three Hebrews..escape the raging Fire: (Their very garments sent-lesse and entire). 1756 C. Lucas *Ess. Waters* I. 98 Each ingredient before mixture was scentless. 1813 T. Moore *Last Rose of Summer* 16 Where thy mates of the garden Lie scentless and dead. 1870 Hooker *Stud. Flora* 44 Flowers..scentless.

3. *Hunting.* Of ground: That does not carry scent.

1880 'Brooksby' *Hunting Countries* II. 218 Foxes occasionally travel on to these scentless heights from the Vale.

Seep, obs. form of Sheep, Skep, Skip.

Sceppe, Scepper, variants of Skep, Skepper.

Scepsis (ske·psis). [a. Gr. *σκέψις* inquiry, hesitation, doubt, f. *σκέπ-τεσθαι*: see Sceptic.] Sceptical attitude in philosophy.

1876 J. Martineau *Ess. & Addr.* (1891) IV. 94 Among their products were the system of Locke, the scepsis of Hume, the critical philosophy of Kant.

Sceptic, skeptic (ske·ptik), *a.* and *sb.* [ad. F. *sceptique* adj. and sb., or its source late L. *scepticus* (*Scepticī* sb. pl., the Sceptics), lit. inquiring, reflective, assumed by the disciples of Pyrrho as their distinctive epithet; f. *σκεπ-* in *σκέπτεσθαι* to look out, consider, ablaut-var. of *σκοπ-* in *σκοπεῖν* to look, *σκοπός* watchman, mark to aim at, etc.: see Scope *sb.* Cf. Sp. *escéptico*, Pg. *sceptico*, It. *scettico*, G. *skeptiker* sb., *skeptisch* adj.

In Fr. the *sc* is pronounced (s) as in *sceptre*. In Eng. direct recourse to Greek produced the pronunciation with (sk). The spelling with *sk-*, for which cf. Skeleton, occurs in the earliest instance, and has been used occas. by later writers. It is adopted without comment or alternative in Johnson's Dictionary, but did not become general in England; in the U. S. it is the ordinary form.]

A. *adj.* = Sceptical *a.* Now *rare* exc. as the epithet of a school of philosophers (see B. 1).

c 1575 G. Buchanan *Let. to Randolph* Vernac. Writ. (S. T. S.) 57, I can not tak you for ane Stoik philosopher..or ane cairless [*margin* skeptik] hart that taks cuccaldris as thyng indifferent. 1598 Marston *Sco. Villanie* I. i. 174 Fye Gallus, what, a Skeptick Pyrrhomist [*sic*]? 1654 Whitlock *Zootomia* 221 Calling..humble Ductility after further Reason, and Discovery, Sceptick Inconstancy. 1709 Shaftesb. *Moralists* I. ii. 27 Using a known Sceptick Privilege, and asserting strennously the Cause I have hitherto oppos'd. 1839 *Morn. Herald* 14 Sept., The sceptic geologists of the British Association. 1865 W. G. Palgrave *Arabia* II. 3 Free from the sceptic distrustfulness..so common.

B. *sb.*

1. *Philos.* One who, like Pyrrho and his followers in Greek antiquity, doubts the possibility of real knowledge of any kind; one who holds that there are no adequate grounds for certainty as to the truth of any proposition whatever. Also, often applied in a historically less correct sense, to those who deny the competence of reason, or the existence of any justification for certitude, outside the limits of experience.

1587 Golding *De Mornay* i. (1592) 10 There was in deede a kinde of Philosophers called Scepticks..(that is to say Doubters) which did rather suspend their Judgements concerning the Godhead then call it in question. 1608 Bp. Hall *Charact.* 151 Hee is a Scepticke, and dare hardly giue credit to his senses. *a* 1632 Donne *Paradoxes* (1652) 22 The Skeptike, which doubts all, was more contentious then either. 1633 Massinger *Guardian* III. vi, And I have eyes too.. If I have no belief in their assurance, I must turn sceptick. 1661 Glanvill *Van. Dogm.* Ep. Ded., Confidence in uncertainties is the greatest enemy to what is certain; and were I a Sceptick, I'de plead for Dogmatising. 1768–74 Tucker *Li. Nat.* (1834) II. 576, I am apt to think there never yet has really been such a monster in the world as a thorough sceptic. 1781 Cowper *Conversat.* 138 Howe'er ingenious on his darling theme A sceptic in philosophy may seem [etc.]. 1872 Morley *Voltaire* (1886) 11 The old-fashioned nomenclature puts him down among sceptics. 1893 J. Owen (*title*) The Skeptics of the Italian Renaissance.

2. One who doubts the validity of what claims to be knowledge in some particular department of inquiry (e.g. metaphysics, theology, natural science, etc.); *popularly*, one who maintains a doubting attitude with reference to some particular question or statement. Also, one who is habitually inclined rather to doubt than to believe any assertion or apparent fact that comes before him; a person of sceptical temper.

1615 Crooke *Body of Man* 48 The Philosopher..calleth the head, the chest, and the helly, principall Organs, because the most irresolute Scepticke, cannot but acknowledge their action and diuerse composition. 1650 Baxter *Saints' R.* I. iii. (1662) 14 In the meantime I am a Sceptick, and know little in this whole doctrine of Spirits, and spiritual workings, further than Scripture clearly revealeth. 1657 *Treat. Conf. Sin* 342 If we still continue Scepticks in the settlement of Church and Doctrine. 1725 Watts *Logic* II. iii. § 3 The Dogmatist is in haste to believe something...The Sceptick will not take Pains to search Things to the Bottom, but when he sees Difficulties on both Sides resolves to believe neither of them. 1779 Johnson *L. P., Milton* 102 If every sceptick in Theology may teach his follies, there can be no religion. 1820 Byron *Mar. Fal.* I. ii. 154 'Tis the first time that honour has been doubted, And were the last, from any other sceptic. 1848 Lytton *Harold* XI. i, But one smile of the sceptic or the world-man was seen on the paling lips of those present. 1887 *Pall Mall G.* 7 Nov. 2/2 Who says there is no romance in food? Let the sceptic turn to 'Lorna Doone'.

3. *spec.* One who doubts, without absolutely denying, the truth of the Christian religion or important parts of it; often *loosely*, an unbeliever in Christianity, an infidel.

1638 Chillingw. *Relig. Prot.* I. Pref. § 8 So an Atheist or a Sceptique may not conclude as well. 1674 T. Smith (*title*) Christian Religion's Appeal from the groundless prejudices of the Sceptick to the Bar of Common Reason. 1721 G. Hickes *Two Treat. Chr. Priesth.* (1847) II. 154, I wish.. such men would..not give such advantage to deists and sceptics. 1781 Crabbe *Library* 261 There sceptics rest, a still-increasing throng. 1863 R. B. Girdlestone *Anat. Scepticism* 100 In listening to the arguments of a sceptic you are breathing a poisonous atmosphere.

4. Occas. used with reference to the etymological sense: A seeker after truth; an inquirer who has not yet arrived at definite convictions.

a 1618 Raleigh *Sceptick* (1651) 1 The Sceptick doth neither affirm, neither denie any Position: but doubteth of it, and opposeth his Reasons against that which is affirmed, or denied to justifie his not Consenting. 1653 Gauden *Hierasp.* 96 Which temerity..hath, we see, made some poor souls turn Scepticks and Seekers after true Religion. 1865 Grote *Plato* I. vi. 212 Several critics of antiquity considered Plato as essentially a sceptic—that is, a Searcher or Enquirer, not reaching any assured or proved result. 1870 M. D. Conway *Earthw. Pilgr.* xxi. 248 A Sceptic, then, is one who shades his eyes in order to look steadfastly at a thing.

5. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *sceptic-Christian, -friend*; *sceptic-like, -ridden* adjs.

1709 Shaftesb. *Moralists* I. iii. 38 But..bore with me when I treated all his Thoughts as visionary; and when 'Sceptick-like I unravel'd all his Systems. 1711 — *Charac.* III. *Misc. Refl.* II. ii. 72 The best Christian in the World, who..depends only on History and Tradition for his Belief in these Particulars, is at best but a 'Sceptick-Christian. *Ibid.* V. ii. 288 To deal the better with his 'Sceptick-Friend, he falls

again to personating. 1711 Hickes *Two Treat. Chr. Priesth.* (1847) I. 267 He may..regale his atheist-ridden, or theist-ridden, or *sceptic-ridden..or devil-ridden mind.

Sceptical, skeptical (ske·ptikăl), *a.* [f. Sceptic + -al.] **a.** Of persons: Inclined to or imbued with scepticism (in the various senses of that word); in modern use often, dubious or incredulous. **b.** Of doctrines, opinions, etc.: Characteristic of a sceptic; of the nature of scepticism.

1639 Fuller *Holy War* iv. v. (1640) 176 Desiring rather to be sceptical then definitive in the causes of Gods judgements. 1660 Pepys *Diary* 15 May, My Lord and I walked together..talking together upon..religion, wherein he is, I perceive, wholly sceptical, saying, that indeed the Protestants as to the Church of Rome are wholly fanatiques. 1736 Butler *Anal.* I. ii. 42 There is no Sort of Ground for being thus presumptuous, even upon the most sceptical Principles. 1788 Burke *Sp. agst. W. Hastings* Wks. 1821 VII. 82 There were at that time, it seems, in Calcutta a wicked sceptical set of people, who somehow or other believed, that human agency was concerned in this elective [*? read* electric] flash, which came so very opportunely. 1870 Baldw. Brown *Ecct. Truth* 231 There is a sense in which every age is..bound to be sceptical. 1840 Whewell *Philos. Induct. Sci.* (1847) II. 465 The Catastrophist's dogmatism is undermined by the Uniformitarian's skeptical hypotheses. 1884 Ryle *Princ. Churchmen* (ed. 2) 435 Many a sceptical saying is nothing more than a borrowed article, picked up and retailed by him who says it, because it seems clever. 1885 Pater *Marius* I. 157 He continued the sceptical argument he had commenced.

Sceptically, skeptically (ske·ptikăli), *adv.* [f. Sceptical + -ly 2.] In a sceptical manner; like a sceptic.

[1633: see Scepticly *adv.*] 1671 J. Webster *Metallogr.* v. 84 Things being yet so far from being certainly known that I dare but Sceptically treat of them. 1709 Shaftesb. *Charac.* (1711) III. *Misc. Refl.* II. ii. 74 He condescended still, on many occasions, to speak sceptically, and with some Hesitation and Reserve, as to the Certainty of these Divine Exhibitions. 1839 Hallam *Lit. Eur.* III. iii. III. 203 Even this [the atomic theory] has been sceptically accepted by our cautious school of philosophy. 1884 *Harper's Mag.* May 908 'Where did they get the banjo?' asked ..Jones, skeptically.

† Sce·pticalness, ske·pticalness. *Obs. rare.* [f. Sceptical + -ness.] The quality or condition of being sceptical.

1633 Fuller *Serm. Assurance* (1647) 4 Continuall wavering, or Scepticalness concerning our Calling and Election.

Scepticism, skepticism (ske·ptisiz'm). [ad. mod.L. *scepticismus*, f. late L. *sceptic-us*: see Sceptic and -ism. Cf. F. *scepticisme*.]

1. *Philos.* The doctrine of the Sceptics; the opinion that real knowledge of any kind is unattainable.

1661 Blount *Glossogr.* (ed. 2), *Scepticism*, the Doctrine or opinion of the *Scepticks*. 1672 *Phil. Trans.* VII. 5081 Here he taketh occasion to examine Pyrrhonisme or Scepticisme, professed by a Sect of men that speak otherwise than they think. 1768–74 Tucker *Lt. Nat.* (1834) II. 576 There is an air of positiveness in all scepticism, an unreserved confidence in the strength of those arguments that are alleged to overthrow all the knowledge of mankind. 1840 Whewell *Philos. Induct. Sci.* (1847) II. 655 There is by no means any ground of general skepticism with regard to truth involved in the doctrine of the necessary combination of two elements in all our knowledge. 1908 *Hibbert Jrnl.* Oct. 82 Consistent rationalism always in the end collapses into scepticism.

2. Sceptical attitude in relation to some particular branch of science; doubt or incredulity as to the truth of some assertion or supposed fact. Also, disposition to doubt or incredulity in general; mistrustfulness; sceptical temper.

1646 T. Edwards *Gangræna* I. 156 First bring in Scepticisme [*sic*] in Doctrine and looseneesse of life, and afterwards all Atheism. 1661 Glanvill *Van. Dogm.* Ep. Ded., Scepticism is less reprehensible in enquiring years. 1776 Gibbon *Decline & F.* xv. (1782) I. 602 A state of scepticism and suspense may amuse a few inquisitive minds. 1822 *Retrosp. Rev.* V. 103 He was a little tainted with the scepticism of that Irish prelate who qualified his admiration of Gulliver's Travels by hinting, that there were some things in them of which he had his doubts. 1880 Disraeli *Endym.* xlviii, Endymion had often listened, half with fondness and half with skepticism, to Waldershare dilating..on the character and qualities of Imogene.

3. Doubt or unbelief with regard to the Christian religion. Cf. Sceptic B. 3.

1800 *Med. Jrnl.* III. 227 The general prevalence of infidelity and scepticism has been, with some degree of justice, attributed to enthusiasm in religion. 1836 Hor. Smith *Tin Trumpet* (1876) 322 Scepticism may be assumed as an excuse for immorality. 1884 Ryle *Princ. Churchmen* (ed. 2) 433 A vague kind of scepticism or agnosticism is one of the commonest spiritual diseases in this generation.

† Scepti·city. *Obs. rare* −1. [f. Sceptic + -ity.] The quality of being sceptical.

1650 Charleton *Paradoxes* Ep. Ded. 5 Whether my Scepticity, even in such Notions..be not evidence strong enough.

Scepticize (ske·ptisəiz), *v.* [f. Sceptic + -ize.]

† 1. *trans.* With *away*: To remove (a certainty) by casting doubt upon its proofs. *Obs.*

1681 Glanvill *Sadducismus* II. Introd. 2 The more subtle [unbelievers] are ready to Scepticize away those grounds.

2. *intr.* To play the sceptic; to take up the position of a philosophical doubter.

1698 H. B. *Free but Modest Cens.* 6 He hath a great mind to Scepticize, and to maintain Paradoxes. 1709 Shaftesb. *Moralists* II. i. 44 You can afford to scepticize where no one else will so much as hesitate. 1840 Tennyson in *Mem.* (1897) I. 178 You used to scepticize till we both ran away. 1893 *Nat. Observer* 25 Nov. 44/1 Mr. Owen is best described as scepticising *pour encourager les autres*.

† Sce·pticly, *adv. Obs.* = Sceptically.

1633 James in *Hearne's Collect.* (O. H. S.) I. 9, 1, who skeptiklye scarce dare..speake.

Sceptire, obs. form of Sceptre *sb.*

† Sce·ptism. *Obs. rare.* [Badly formed on Sceptic + -ism.] = Scepticism.

1658 J. Roainson *Stone to Altar* 96 Without subscribing to a Protagorean Sceptism, That which is true in one place, may be false in another.

Sceptral (se·ptrăl), *a.* [f. Sceptre *sb.* + -al.] Pertaining to a sceptre; serving as a sceptre.

1838 *Fraser's Mag.* XVIII. 447 Zeus grasps the sceptral lightnings of the air. 1877 Blackmore *Cripps* xxxviii, The Carrier..bore with a bent arm and set muscle the sceptral whip of the family. 1884 Swinburne *Midsummer Holiday* 12 Sceptral stems bore stars whose reign endures, not flowers that fall.

Sceptre (se·ptəɹ), *sb.* Forms: 3–6 ceptre, 4 ceptire, 5 ceptur(e, ceptyr, 5–6 ceptour, 6 cepter; 4 septir, 4–6 septor, septre, septur(e, 4–7 septer, 5 seipter, septere, 5–6 septour(e, 6 septar; 4 sceptir(e, sceptree, 5 sceptoure, 5–6 scepture, 6 sceptar, 6–9 scepter, 4– sceptre. [ME. *ceptre, septre, sceptre*, a. OF. *ceptre, sceptre* (mod.F. *sceptre*) = Sp. *cetro*, Pg. *sceptro*, It. *scettro, scetro*, ad. L. *scēptrum, sceptrum*, a. Gr. *σκῆπτρον* staff, sceptre, f. root of *σκήπτεσθαι* to prop oneself, lean on something.]

1. An ornamental rod or wand (often of gold and jewelled) borne in the hand as a symbol of regal or imperial authority.

In England the royal assent to a bill passed by Parliament is signified by the king's touching it with his sceptre.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 7863 þai sett a ceptre in his hand, þat man clepes kyngs wand. *a* 1340 Hampole *Psalter* Cant. 511 Sceptire is þe kyngis wand, þat bitakyns his pouste. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Monk's T.* 3564 And she that har the ceptre ful of floures Shal here a distaf hire costes for to quyte. *a* 1400–50 *Alexander* 502 Þe king was sett in his sale with septer in hand. 1430–40 Lydg. *Bochas* VIII. xiii[i]. (1494) D ij b, Swerde, sceptre [1554 scepter, 1558 seipter] crowne and state Imperiall. *c* 1485 in *Rutland Papers* (Camden) 10 A septre with the dowe, and a rodd of gold for the King, and with a septre of iuere also with a dove and an other rodd of gold also, for the Quene. 1513 Bradshaw *St. Werburge* I. 151 Duke Engystus in honour excellent, With septre and crowne fyrst reygned royally. 1555 Eden *Decades* (Arb.) 124 She appeared to them shakynge a septer in her hande. 1596 Shaks. *Merch. V.* IV. i. 190 His Scepter shewes the force of temporall power, The attribute to awe and Maiestie. 1613 — *Hen. VIII*, IV. i. 38 Who's that that beares the Scepter? Marquesse Dorset. 1689 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 2461/3 This Act being touched with the Scepter, the President..Adjourned the Parliament to the 17th of this instant June. 1756–7 tr. *Keysler's Trav.* (1760) IV. 353 The figure of a sceptre inclosed within a wreath of crowns and sceptres interwoven. 1813 Scott *Trierm.* II. vii, I swear by sceptre and by sword, as belted knight and Britain's lord. 1871 B. Taylor *Faust* (1875) I. vi. 105 So sit I, like the King upon his throne: I hold the sceptre, here, —and lack the crown alone. 1881 'Ouida' *Maremma* I. 147 The eagle with spread wings upon his ivory sceptre.

b. *Her.* A representation of this.

1610 Guillim *Heraldry* III. i. (1611) 191 The Field is Iupiter, a Scepter Roiall in Pale. 1831 H. Thompson *Heraldry* in *Encycl. Metrop.* V. 614/2 It is not usual, but Heraldic and allowable, to marshal behind the Arms of the Sovereign the different Sceptres to which he is entitled. 1909 Fox-Davies *Compl. Guide to Heraldry* 298 The other chief emblem of sovereignty—the Sceptre—is occasionally met with, as in the Whitgreave crest of augmentation.

c. In figurative context.

1750 Johnson *Rambler* No. 3. ¶ 9 When her examination had convinced her [*sc.* Criticism], that the laws of just writing had been observed, she touched it with the amaranthine end of the sceptre, and consigned it over to immortality. 1813 Shelley *Q. Mab* v. 176 Though they [*sc.* Tyranny and Falsehood] wield With blood-red hand the sceptre of the world.

¶ **d.** Used to render Gr. *σκῆπτρον* staff.

1526 Tindale *Heb.* xi. 21 By fayth Iacob when he was a deyinge, blessed both the sonnes of Ioseph, and worshipped on the toppe of his Ceptre.

2. *fig.* Taken as the power or authority symbolized by a sceptre; hence, royal or imperial dignity, sovereignty, supremacy.

1382 Wyclif *Gen.* xlix. 10 The septre fro Juda shal not be takun awey. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy.* 119 Of Septur and soile he sesit his brothir, And hym crownede as kyng in þat kithe riche. 1535 Coverdale *Ps.* xliv. 6 Thy seate (o God) endureth for euer: the cepter of thy kyngdome is a right cepter. *a* 1586 Sidney *Arcadia* III. (Sommer) 303 b, She (in whose mind Vertue gouerned with the scepter of Knowledge). *c* 1620 A. Hume *Brit. Tongue* (1865) 3 Your Majesties self noe less, commanding, at your first entrie to your Roial scepter, to reform the grammar, and to teach Aristotle in his aun tongue. 1781 Logan in *Sc. Paraphr.* xviii. iv, His sceptre shall protect the just. 1788 Gibbon *Decl. & F.* xlvi. IV. 504 The Persian conqueror governed his new subjects with an iron sceptre. 1820 Byron *Mar. Fal.* I. ii. 269 Could I not shatter the Briarenn sceptre Which in this hundred-handed senate rules. 1865 Ruskin *Sesame* ii. § 90 Before the myrtle crown, and the stainless sceptre, of womanhood. 1902 Fuller-Maitland *Oxf. Hist. Music* IV. Introd. 4 The student of history watches the sceptre of musical supremacy passing, as it were, from England to the Netherlands.

3. A popular name of the sceptred gold unite first coined in 1604; also, † the name suggested for a silver coin in 1695.

1695 Lowndes *Rep. Ess. Amend. Silver Coins* 62 One Piece which may be called the Sceptre or the Silver-Unite. 1736 Folkes *Gold Coins* 6, 2 Ja. I. Sovereigns or Units, vulgarly called Scepters. 1763 Snelling *Gold Coin* 22 The Unitie or Unite..is also frequently called a scepter, from the scepter in the king's hand, in distinction to those..called Laurels, from the laureated head. 1870 Henfrey *Eng. Coins* I. 56.

† 4. A constellation in the southern hemisphere.

1728 Chambers *Cycl., Scepter, Sceptrum*, in astronomy, one of the six new constellations of the southern hemisphere, consisting of 17 stars. 1837 *Penny Cyct.* VII. 476 There are many other constellations formed by different individuals; but these are not now generally admitted. Such are..the Sceptre of Brandenburgh [etc.].

5. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *sceptre-bearer*, † *-holder*, † *-staff*, † *-wand*; *sceptre-bearing* adj.; † **sceptre broad-piece, -piece,** † **-unite** = sense 3; **sceptre-flower** (see quot. 1866); † **sceptre-rule** (see quot.); † **sceptre-state,** a king.

1598 Florio, *Scettrigero*, a ruler, a *scepter-bearer, a sergeant at armes. *c* 1611 Chapman *Iliad* II. 69 The other *scepter-bearing States..obeyd The peoples Rector. 1625 K. Long tr. *Barclay's Argenis* II. viii. 88 Restore them; or no reverence shall withstand Of thy crown'd head, or scepter-bearing hand. 1701 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 3739/4 A striped Silk Spring-Purse with *Scepter Broad Pieces of Gold and others, Guineas, Pistols, &c. 1866 *Treas. Bot.*, *Sceptre-flower. *Sceptranthus. a* 1653 Gouge *Comm. Heb.* I. 81 A Scepter..is so proper to a King, as he is called a *Scepter-holder. 1695 Locke *Further Consid. Value Money* 86, 1 Crown or *Scepter piece o 6 3. 1736 Folkes *Gold Coins* (1745) 12 A unit of his [Jas. I] 2d year, called a scepter piece. 1611 Florio, *Scetro*,..a Kingdome or *Scepter-rule. 1832 Tennyson *Œnone* 124 Till thy hand Fail from the *sceptre-staff. 1598 Chapman *Iliad* II. 83 The other *scepter-states Rose and obayde the Generall. 1853 Humphreys *Coin-Coll. Man.* xxxii. 464 After the coining of the units—coins of similar value—these pieces were sometimes called *sceptre units. 1456 Sir G. Have *Law Armis* (S. T. S.) 189 The *scepter wand suld nocht be away tane fra the princis of Jowry.

Sceptre (se·ptəɹ), *v.* [f. Sceptre *sb.*]

1. *trans.* To furnish with a sceptre.

1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 160 When he was.. crowned with thornes, Septred with a rede in derysyon and scorne. 1634 Bp. Hall *Contempl. N.T., Christ bef. Pilate* 263 Thy head smitten, thy hand sceptred with a reed. *a* 1711 Ken *Hymns Evang.* Poet. Wks. 1721 I. 156 Jesus.. Crown'd with sharp Thorns, and scepter'd with a Reed. 1870 Morris *Earthly Par.* III. iv. 223 Most like a mighty king was he, And crowned and sceptered royally.

2. To touch (with a sceptre) as a sign of royal assent or ratification. (Cf. Sceptre *sb.* 1, quot. 1689.)

1851 Miss Strickland *Queens of Eng.* I. Introd. 18 William III..arrogated exclusively to himself the privilege of sceptering or rejecting bills.

Hence **Sce·ptring** *vbl. sb.*

1821 *Examiner* 449/1 The real meaning of scepterings and anointings.

Sceptred (se·ptəɹd), *ppl. a.* Also 6 cepturyt, 7– sceptered. [f. Sceptre *v.* + -ed 1.] Bearing a sceptre; invested with regal authority. *Sceptred unite* = Sceptre *sb.* 3.

1513 Douglas *Æneis* XI. vi. 25 Thys ancyent kyng dyd set hym dovn amyd The cepturyt men, as first and principall. 1596 Shaks. *Merch. V.* IV. i. 193 But mercy is above this sceptred sway, It is enthroned in the hearts of kings. 1632 Milton *Penseroso* 98 Som time let Gorgeous Tragedy In Scepter'd Pall com sweeping by. 1667 — *P. L.* II. 43 And next him Moloc, Scepter'd King Stood up. 1754 Gray *Progr. Poesy* 20 Perching on the sceptred hand Of Jove. 1806 Landor *Rose Aylmer*, Ah, what avails the sceptred race? 1816 Byron *Ch. Har.* III. xli, For sceptred cynics earth were far too wide a den. 1817 Ruding *Ann. Coinage* II. 221 Scotland, where the Scepter'd Unit..still continued to be coined as before. 1894 Boyd Carpenter *The Son of Man* ii. 36 We see beneath the sceptred symbols of earthly power an unexpected feebleness.

Sce·ptredom. [f. Sceptre *sb.* + -dom.]

† 1. Period of sceptred rule; reign (of a king).

1599 Nashe *Lenten Stuffe* 9 In a faire text hand texting vnto vs how in the Scepterdome of Edward the Confessor, the sands first began to growe into sight at a low water.

2. Sovereign authority.

1878 Boardman *Creative Week* 251 (Cent.) The Sabbath comes down to us..imperial with all the sceptredom of the Creator's example.

Sce·ptreless, *a.* [f. Sceptre *sb.* + -less.] **a.** Obeying no sceptre. **b.** Wielding no sceptre.

1820 Shelley *Prometh. Unb.* III. iv. 194 The man remains Sceptreless, free, uncircumscribed. 1838 Talfourd *Athen. Captive* I. i, Sceptreless, uncrown'd, Unheeded.

† Sceptri·ferous, *a. Obs. rare*−0. [f. Sceptre *sb.* + -iferous.] Bearing a sceptre.

1656 in Blount *Glossogr.* 1658 in Phillips.

† Sce·ptrous. *nonce-wd.* [f. Sceptre *sb.* + -ous.] Of the nature of a sceptre.

1822 T. G. Wainewright *Ess. & Crit.* (1880) 270 The sceptrous wand of fairy Oberon, the lily.

† Sce·ptry, *a.* [f. Sceptre *sb.* + -y.] Sceptred.

1819 Keats *Otho* I. i. 107 E'en for his highness Ludolph's sceptry hand, I would not Albert suffer any wrong.

Scepture, Scer, obs. ff. Sceptre, Shear.

Scere, Scerge, obs. ff. Scare *v.*, Search *v.*

† Scerne, *v. Obs. rare*−1. [Aphetic for Discern *v.*, after It. *scernere*.] *trans.* with *obj. clause.* To perceive, discover.

1590 Spenser *F. Q.* III. x. 22 But, as he nigher drew, he easily Might scerne that it was not his sweetest sweet.

Sceselle, obs. form of Chisel.

Scevity, var. Scævity. **Soew,** obs. f. Skew.

Sch. This sequence of letters corresponds in present or past English spelling to the various sounds or combinations of sounds ʃ, ʧ, sk, s, stʃ.

In ME. it was one of several modes of expressing the sound (ʃ), represented in OE. by *sc*, and in mod.E. normally by *sh*. With this value it continued to be used in Sc. down to the beginning of the 17th c. In ME. *sch* was sometimes miswritten for *ch*, pronounced (tʃ). In this Dictionary the words occurring in early texts spelt with initial *sch* which are not entered with this spelling will ordinarily be found under *sh* or *ch*.

In modern spelling *sch* has the value (ʃ) only in a few alien words from German (e. g. *schnapps*), in *schist* (of Gr. origin, influenced in pronunciation by German) and its derivatives, and in the abnormal (British) pronunciation of *schedule*. Formerly *sch* was often used for (ʃ), after German and French example, in transliterations of Oriental words, as in *schekinah*, *schah*, *haschisch*; but in these *sh* is now almost universally used instead.

In mod.E. (sk) is the normal pronunciation of *sch* in words of classical derivation, where it represents L. *sch*, Gr. *σχ*. (The only exceptions are *schist* etc. and *schedule*, mentioned above, and *schism* etc. for which see below.) *Sch* is also pronounced (sk) in Italian words, e. g. *scherzo*. In Du. words the native pronunciation of *sch* is (sχ) initially and (s) finally; but in the few Du. words with initial *sch* that are used in English without change of spelling the English custom is to substitute (sk).

In ME. texts initial *sch* sometimes occurs where the alliteration or the etymology shows that it is to be pronounced (sk). This probably arose from the fact that many Teut. words existed in two dialectal forms, one from OE. with (ʃ), and the other from ON. with (sk), and as both forms were used by the West Midland and Northern alliterative poets, they were often confused by the scribes. The existence of etymological spellings like *schole* for *scole* (SCHOOL *sb.*[1]), which occur sporadically from the 13th c., may have had some effect in suggesting the use of *sch* as a symbol for (sk).

The only words in which *sch* now represents (s) are *schism* and its derivatives, the pronunciation of the ME. form *cisme* (from OF. *cisme*) having survived although the spelling has been altered in accordance with the ultimate etymology. A similar explanation applies to the now obsolete pronunciation of *schedule* as (se·diul).

The pronunciation of *sch* as (stʃ) occurs only medially in words like *escheat*, *eschew*, *discharge*, where the *s* and the *ch* belong to different syllables.

Scha, schach, obs. forms of SHAH.

† Scha·don. *Obs.* Also 8 **skaddon.** [a. Gr. *σχάδων* (Aristotle).] The larva of a bee.

1609 C. BUTLER *Fem. Mon.* (1623) I 3, The weather keeping them [*sc.* Bees] in, they can do nothing but breed and hatch their schadons. 1657 S. PURCHAS *Pol. Flying-Ins.* 71 That no schadon..can break through into a cell on the other side. 1736 BAILEY *Housek. Dict.* 93 The skaddons or young bees that are in the combs.

Schagh, obs. f. SHAW. **Schako:** see SHAKO. **Schalde,** obs. f. SCALD. **Schallemele, schalme, -muse,** etc.: see SHAWM. **Schamatize:** see SHAMMATIZE *v.* **Schamel,** obs. f. SHAMBLE.

‖ Schanse (skans), *sb. S. Afr.* Also **schanze, schantze.** [Du. *schans* (Cape Du. *skans*) = G. *schanze*. Cf. SCONCE.] A heap or breastwork of stones used as a protection against rifle fire.

1880 *Times* 18 Oct. 4/3 Some of these paths are..barred by lines of schanzes, or stone barricades. 1896 *St. James's Gaz.* 10 Jan. 4/1 Wherever there was a decent lot of rocks and schantzes..to hide behind. 1899 G. H. RUSSELL *Under the Sjamboh* ii. 25 The ruined kraals and schanses were the abodes of innumerable serpents. 1900 *Daily News* 15 Jan. 5/5 The first line of schanzes, or stone breastworks,..were promptly occupied by the Boer sharpshooters.

Hence **Schanze** *v. trans.*, to fortify or protect with a schanse or schanses. *rare.*

1901 *Contemp. Rev.* Dec. 888 The English had schanzed the long ridge for a long distance.

Schape, Schapfold, obs. ff. CHAPE *sb.*, SCAPE, SCAFFOLD. **Schapps:** see SHAPS. **Scharabot,** var. SCARBOT. **Schat(e,** obs. ff. SKATE. **Schathill, Schathles:** see SCATHEL, SCATHLESS. **Schauld, schaule,** var. ff. SHALD. **Schaundle, Schauntillun:** see SCANDAL, SCANTILLON. **Schawage, Schawbert, Schawd:** see SCAVAGE, SCABBARD, SHALD. **Schawnter, Schayle, -lle,** obs. ff. CHANTRY, SKAIL. **Scheam,** obs. f. SCHEME. **Schec(h:** see SHEIKH. **Schecina:** see SHEKINAH. **Schecon,** obs. f. CHICKEN. **Schedare, Schedaw,** obs. ff. SHEATHER, SHADOW.

† Schede. *Obs.* Also 7 **skead(e.** Cf. SCEDE. [ad. L. *scheda* (whence med. Gr. *σχέδη*), also *sceda* or *scida*.] A written paper.

1566 in C. Plummer *Elizab. Oxford* (O. H. S.) 200 There were divers schedes of verses in Greek, Latin, and Hebrew, set upon the doore. 1609 HEYWOOD *Troia Brit.* VII. Argt., Iasons rich Fleece, and proud Troy once more racst By Hercules, in our next skeades are placst. *Ibid.* XII. iii, And all thy skeads Achilles Fame display.

Schede, obs. form of SHEATH.

† Sche·diasm. *Obs.* Also in Gr. form **schediasma.** [a. Gr. *σχεδίασμα*, f. *σχεδιάζειν*: see next.] An extemporized work, a jotting.

1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr.*, *Schediasm*, a sudden invention, or a work extempore. 1716 M. DAVIES *Athen. Brit.* I. Pref. 83 The best Collections of Historical Schediasma's and Memoirs that ever were publish'd. 1787 S. PARR *Let.* Aug., Wks. (1828) VII. 403, I beg of you to print the Schediasm, for it is extremely useful.

† Schedia·stic, *a. Obs. rare*[−1]. [ad. Gr. **σχεδιαστικός* (implied in *-τικῶς adv.*), f. *σχεδιάζειν* to do a thing off-hand.] Off-hand, superficial.

a 1640 JACKSON *Creed* x. viii. Wks. 1654 IX. 44 Such schediastic surveyors of the book of grace.

Schedulate (ʃe·diulēt), *a. rare*[−1]. [ad. mod.L. **schedulāt-us*, f. *schedula*: see next and -ATE[2].] Specified in a schedule; scheduled.

1811 W. SCOTT in *Dodson's Rep.* (1815) I. 39 Mr. Hansen has, by his act in paying the wages schedulate, waved all objection to the informality of the proceedings.

Schedule (ʃe·diul, ʃe·dəl; *U. S.* ske·diul), *sb.* Forms: 4–6 **cedule, sedule,** 5–6 **cedull, sedull,** 6–7 **cedul, scedull, scedule, shedule,** 6 **schedul(l, (chedull, seadule,** 7 **shedulle),** 6– **schedule.** Also 7 in Latin form **scedula.** [ME. *cedule, sedule*, a. OF. *cedule* (mod.F. *cédule*), ad. late L. *scedula* (In med. and mod. Latin also written *schedula*), dim. of L. *sceda* (med.L. also *scheda*): see SCEDE, SCHEDE *sbs.* The word has passed from Latin into most of the Rom. and Teut. langs.: Pr. *cedula, cedola*, Sp. *cédula*, Pg. *cedula*, It. *cedola*; MHG. *zedele, zetele* (mod.G. *zettel*), MLG. *sedele*, MDu. *cedule, cedele* (Du. *cedel, ceel*), Sw. *sedel*, Da. *seddel*, Icel. *seðill*.

In the 16th c., both in Fr. and Eng., the spellings *scedule* and *schedule*, imitating the contemporary forms of the Latin word, were used by a few writers. In Fr. this fashion was transient, but in Eng. *schedule* has been the regular spelling from the middle of the 17th c. The original pronunciation (se·diul) continued in use long after the change in spelling; it is given in 1791 by Walker without alternative; in his second ed. (1797) he says that it is 'too firmly fixed by custom to be altered', though on theoretical grounds he would prefer either (ske·diul), favoured by Kenrick, Perry, and Buchanan, or—'if we follow the French'—(ʃe·diul). The latter he does not seem to have known either in actual use or as recommended by any orthoepist. Smart, however, in 1836 gives (ʃe·diul) in the body of his Dictionary without alternative, although in his introduction he says that as the word is of Gr. origin the normal pronunciation would be with (sk). Several later Dicts. recognize (se·diul) as permissible, but it is doubtful whether this was really justified by usage. In England the universal pronunciation at present seems to be with (ʃ); in the U.S., the authority of Webster has secured general currency for (sk).]

† 1. A slip or scroll of parchment or paper containing writing; a ticket, label, placard; a short note. *Obs.*

1397 *Rolls of Parlt.* III. 378/2 [He] hathe..confessyd.. alle the matiere and poyntz iwrete in this grete roule annexid to this sedule. *c* 1440 *Alphabet of Tales* 58 He prayed hym write his confession in a scrow, and at he wold giff it vnto þe bisshopp...And þe preste offerd þis cedull vnto þis bisshopp. *c* 1465 *Plumpton Corr.* (Camden) 14 Scribled in hast with mine owne hand..the 21 of June, which day your dayly Bedewoman..desired that by this rude sedule, she may humblie be recommended to your..mastership. *c* 1470 HENRY *Wallace* II. 216 Compleyn, Sanctis thus, as your sedull tellis; Compleyn to hewyn. 1483 CAXTON *Golden Leg.* 114/2 He had in hys honde a cedule wherein was wreton the oryson of our lord. *a* 1513 FABYAN *Chron.* (1811) 548 The cedule or byll of renouncement, sygnyd with Kynge Rychardes hande. 1523 LD. BERNERS *Froiss.* I. cclxxii. 408 Writynges and seadules to be set vp on the pales,..sayeng thus [etc.]. *a* 1533 — *Gold. Bk. M. Aurel.* (1546) M iiij, Cedules to hange aboute the peoples necke, to beale the feuer quartayne. 1560 ROLLAND *Seven Sages* 36 Als sone as scho the Chedull had out red, Under hir feit incontinent it tred. 1584 R. SCOT *Discov. Witches.* XIV. iv. 300 A Schedull or Scroll, containing the names. 1598 BARCKLEY *Felic. Man* (1631) 225 About the pigeon's necke they had fastned a little schedule wherein was written [etc.]. 16.. BEAUMONT & FL. *Tri. Love* ii. Four Plays (1647) 33/2 The States advise, that Letters missive be straight dispatcht..And Schedules too divulg'd on every post, to enquire the lost Duke forth. 1612 W. PARKES *Curtaine-Dr.* (1876) 8 Fixed a copious Scedule ore his head, Where all his mischiefes are inregistred. 1615 T. BEDWELL *Arab. Trudg.* L 2 b, Lawes written by Mohammed, as they say, in schedules & litle scroles. 1635 PAGITT *Christianogr., Relig. Brit.* 56 As Pope Urban sent his Bull to Eve, so he sent her a Schedule, or booke of the office or service for that day. 1650 FULLER *Pisgah* IV. vi. 107 Phylacteries..being schedules, or scrouls of parchment..wherein the Decalogue, and..four other sections of the Law were written.

2. † a. Originally (as specific use of sense 1), a separate paper or slip of parchment accompanying or appended to a document, and containing explanatory or supplementary matter; in 16–17th c. sometimes used for a codicil to a will. *Obs.* **b.** Hence (without material reference) an appendix to an Act of Parliament or a legal instrument, containing (often in tabular form) a statement of details that could not conveniently be placed in the body of the document. **c.** In wider sense, any tabular or classified statement, esp. one arranged under headings prescribed by official authority, as, e. g. an insolvent's statement of assets and liabilities, a return of particulars liable to income or other tax, and the like. Also occas. a blank form to be filled up by the insertion of particulars under the several headings.

With reference to the British Income Tax, 'Schedule A,' 'Schedule B,' etc., are the official names for the forms of return applicable severally to the various classes into which sources of taxable income are divided.

c 1420 HEN. V. in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. III. I. 72 We sende yow closed wiyin yis lettre a Cedule contenyng ye names of certein maistres for owr grete shippes. 1429 *Rolls of Parlt.* IV. 346/2 Aftre the fourme and effect of the Cedule annexed to this Bille. 1478 *Bury Wills* (Camden) 80 The same cedule is annexid to myn testament. 1516 *Nottingham Rec.* III. 349 The cedule of the yerely rentes. 1531–2 *Act* 23 *Hen. VIII*, c. 4 This Acte of Brewers and Coupers whereunto this Cedule is annexed. 1560 Q. ELIZ. in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. II. II. 265 We will that you shall from time to time address several Schedules containing the names of all such hable Scholers. 1601 SHAKS. *Twel. N.* I. v. 263, I will giue out diuers scedules of my beautie. It shalbe Inuentoried and euery particle and vtensile labell'd to my will. 1607 COWELL *Interpr.* s. v. *Clerk of the extreates*, He also maketh ceduls of such summes extreated, as are to be discharged. 1625 *Maldon* (Essex) *Documents* (Bundle 201. no. 2), The trained men within the sayd parish (whose names are specified in a Scedula heerevnto annexed). 1626 B. JONSON *Staple of N.* I. vi, Your father..Left it in writing in a Schedule here, To be annexed to his Will; that you.. should take [etc.]. 1735 BERKELEY *Querist* § 179 Whether there should not be published yearly schedules of our trade. 1788 J. POWELL *Devises* (1827) II. 277 Certain acts on the part of the insolvent are necessary, as the delivery of a petition and schedule, constituting it a voluntary alienation, as distinguished from a bankruptcy. 1803 WELLINGTON in Gurw. *Desp.* (1837) II. 612 Of which territories, etc. a detailed list is given in the accompanying schedule. 1824 *Saunders' K. B. Rep.* I. 308 a, *note*, When an inferior court, in obedience to the writ of certiorari, returns an indictment to the K. B. it is annexed to the caption, then called a schedule, and the caption concludes with stating, that 'it is presented in manner and form as appears in and by a certain indictment annexed to this schedule'. 1831 J. MACINTOSH *Sp. Ho. Commons* 4 July, Wks. 1846 III. 538 It does not only itself exhibit the principle of the schedules of this Bill, but [etc.]. 1838 BELL *Dict. Law Scot.* s. v. *Schedule of poinding*, When a poinding is completed, the messenger or officer who executes it, leaves a schedule for the debtor, of the particulars of the effects taken. 1852 MCCULLOCH *Taxation* II. iii. (ed. 2) 288 The head of settlements in the stamp-duty schedule. 1863 KINGSLEY *Water-Babies* iv, The Chancellor of the Exchequer..jumped at the notion; for he saw in it the one and only plan for abolishing Schedule D. 1873 *Daily News* 12 Sept. 4/5 Both schedules show a rapid increase in the number of persons assessed. 1882 A. MACFARLANE *Consanguinity* 13 He took for the basis of his schedule of questions the Roman method of denoting relationships. 1887 *Live Stock Jrnl.* 1 July 21/3 The schedule of the annual [agricultural] show..to be held at Ormskirk on July 20th. has been received.

transf. and *fig.* *c* 1630 DONNE *Serm.* ix. (1640) 95 Then the Accuser will be ready to interline the schedules of thy debts, thy sins, and insert false debts. 1649 JER. TAYLOR *Great Exemp.* I, 118 He gave particular schedules of duty to several states of persons. 1653 — *Serm. for Yr.* ii. 27 The Devill shall accuse the Brethren..and shall tell..the long schedule of omissions of duty. 1654 tr. *Scudery's Curia Pol.* 4 Hedin..desired permission to be inserted in the Schedule of my Triumphs. 1659 *Gentl. Calling* (1696) 17 Having given this Schedule of undeniable Priviledges they enjoy.

3. *U. S.* (See quot.)

1860 BARTLETT *Dict. Amer.* (ed. 3), *Schedule*, in the State of Rhode Island, the printed 'Acts and Resolves' of the General Assembly.

4. A time-table. Chiefly *U. S.* (but cf. SCHEDULE *v.*). Also *transf.*

1873 HALE *In His Name* vi. 47 Halting was not in John of Lugio's schedule for that afternoon. 1883 C. D. WARNER *Roundabout Journey* 2 We travel fast and we reach places at the time named on the schedule. 1891 *Scribner's Mag.* Sept. 270/1 A steamer to-day leaves her wharf at the moment of time set forth in her schedule. 1902 *Munsey's Mag.* XXVI. 606/2 A regular train schedule was established between Caloocan and Manila.

attrib. 1884 J. G. BOURKE *Snake Dance Moquis* i. 6 There was no probability of trains running on schedule time for several days.

† 5. Used to render Sp. *cédula* and It. *cedola*: **a.** A royal writ or permit; **b.** A bond or promissory note. *Obs.*

1622 MABBE tr. *Aleman's Guz. d'Alf.* II. 357 The Captaine ..gaue me leaue to goe at libertie vp and downe the Gally, till his Majesties Royall Scedula should be sent for my absolute discharge. *c* 1645 HOWELL *Lett.* (1650) I. II. xiv. 125, I have procur'd a Royal Cedule..by which Cedule I have power to arrest his very person. 1668 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 278/2 He presented the Pope with..a Cedule of 7000 Ducats, as a Tribute. 1761 *Ann. Reg.* 290/1 Heavy penalties contained in the..royal cedules issued on like occasions in times past.

Schedule (ʃe·diul, *U. S.* ske·diul), *v.* [f. prec.]

1. *trans.* To enter in a schedule or list. In railway use: To enter (a train) in the time-table (cf. SCHEDULE *sb.* 4).

1862 SHIRLEY *Nugæ Crit.* § 7. 303 The mind is not incessantly watched; its most flimsy experiences are not officially scheduled. 1869 *Daily News* 31 Aug., He was told that he would be scheduled as a briber. 1883 *Act* 46 & 47 *Vict.* c. 52 § 122 (10) Any creditor of the debtor..shall be entitled to be scheduled as a creditor of the debtor for the amount of his proof. 1887 JESSOPP *Arcady* ii. 31 To have one's career in a manner cut short by being scheduled with the infirm, is really too bad. 1891 *Law Times* XC. 376/2 The liabilities he had scheduled amounted to nearly £2500. 1897 *Daily*

News 13 Sept. 7/6 Trains which are scheduled to run have to get through some time.

2. To affix as a schedule (*to* an Act of Parliament).

1885 J. Pearson in *Law Times' Rep.* LIII. 385/1 A certain number of these are scheduled to the Act. 1908 *Act 8 Edw. VII*, c. 20 § 3 (4) The letter addressed by senate of the University to the corporation..which is scheduled in an appendix to this Act.

Hence **Sche·duled** *ppl. a.*, **Sche·duling** *vbl. sb.*

1881 *Daily News* 21 Jan. 2/1 Antrim was not in the scheduled district. 1888 *Ibid.* 5 Nov. 5/2 Students..must make up their minds for which particular competition they shall enter, and..must..waste no time by straying from the scheduled path. 1894 *Times* (weekly ed.) 9 Feb. 108/1 The Scheduling of Canadian cattle..may prove..a blessing in disguise.

Schedulize (ʃe·diuləiz), *v. rare*⁻¹. [f. Schedule *sb.* + -ize.] *intr.* To make schedules.

1832 J. Wilson in *Blackw. Mag.* XXXII. 407 We shall either have it in our power to cancel the Whig schedules *in toto*—or be convinced..that, schedulize to the end of the chapter, the national heart is Tory.

Scheele, obs. form of Sheal *v.*

Scheelite (ʃē·lait). *Min.* [f. the name of K. W. *Scheele*, the discoverer of tungstic acid + -ite.] Tungstate of calcium, found in brilliant crystals of various colours.

1837 Dana *Min.* 208. 1878 H. P. Gurney *Crystallogr.* 79.

Scheelitine (ʃē·litin). *Min.* Also **scheeletine.** [f. Scheelite from its resemblance to that mineral + -ine.] An obsolete synonym of stolzite.

1843 Chapman *Pract. Min.* 41 Scheelitine. 1849 Nicol *Man. Min.* 386. 1854 Dana *Syst. Min.* (ed. 4) 349 Scheeletine.

Scheererite (ʃē·rərəit). *Min.* [Named after von *Scheerer*, its discoverer: see -ite.] A solid hydrocarbon, found in pearly, tabular crystals.

1836 T. Thomson *Min., Geol.*, etc. I. 59 Scheererite... Observed in the year 1822. 1883 *Encycl. Brit.* XVI. 429/1.

Scheete, obs. f. Shoot, Skate. **Schefe,** obs. f. Sheaf, Sheave. **Scheff**: see Chief *a.*

Schefferite (ʃe·fərəit). *Min.* [Named 1862 after H. T. *Scheffer*, a Swedish chemist: see -ite.] A manganese pyroxene, of yellowish or reddish-brown colour. 1868 in Dana *Syst. Min.* (ed. 5) 215.

Schei(c)k: see Sheikh. **Scheild,** obs. f. Shield. **Schein,** obs. Sc. f. Sheen *a.* **Scheind,** obs. f. Shend *v.* **Scheip,** obs. f. Sheep, Ship. **Scheir,** obs. f. Sheer *a.* **Schek, Scheke, Schekinah, Schekkar**: see Sheikh, Shake, Shekinah, Shaker. **Scheker, Schekyn,** obs. ff. Chequer *sb.*¹, Chicken.

† **Schelchene.** *Obs. rare.* Also 3 **-ine.** [OE. **scielcen, scylcen*:—OTeut. **skalkinjā*, fem. of **skalko-z* (OE. *scealc*) servant.] A female servant.

c 1000 Ælfric *Hom.* (ed. Thorpe) II. 162 Þæt heora mod wurde ontend to ġalnysse, þurh ðæra scylcena plexan. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 12 Al nis hute ase a schelchine to seruien þe leafdi to riwlen ðe heorte. *Ibid.* 390. *c* 1275 *Passion our Lord* 279 in *O. E. Misc.* 45 Þer com o schelchene gon þat wes myd kayphas.

Scheld, Scheldbrede: see Shield, -board. **Scheldroun, -dtrome**: see Sheltron. **Schel-dur,** etc.: see Shoulder. **Schele**: see Shell, Sheal. **Schellam, -um**: see Skellum.

‖ **Schelling** (ske·liŋ, in Du. sχe·liŋ). *Obs.* exc. *Hist.* Also 6 **shylyng, 7 skilling, schilling,** 7, 8 **skelling.** [Du.: see Shilling. Cf. Schilling, Seilling.] A silver coin formerly current in the Low Countries, of the value of 6 stivers or from 5*d.* to 7½*d.* sterling.

1535 Joye *Apol. Tindale* (Arb.) 22 In al I had for my labour but xiiij shylyngis flemesshe. 1692 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 2829/3 After which time such Skellings are only to pass for five Stivers and a half each. 1693 Dryden *Persius* VI. (1697) 485 And prize a hundred Zeno's just as much As a clipt Sixpence, or a Schilling Dutch. 1700 S. L. tr. *Fryke's Voy. E. Ind.* 6 The Cash-keeper paid us..three Dutch Skillings every day while we stayed on shoar. 1706 Phillips (ed. Kersey), *Schelling*, a Coin in Holland and Flanders, containing 12 Groots or 6 Stivers and equal to 6½ of our English Money. 1772-84 Cook *Voy.* (1790) I. 252 At the Cape ..it was discovered that a number of counterfeit schellings ..had been circulated. 1785 G. Forster tr. *Sparrman's Voy. Cape G. Hope* (1786) I. 68 Eighteen China oranges I had bought in Paarl for one skelling Dutch.

Schelling: see Schilling.

Schelly: see Skelly.

‖ **Schelm** (ʃelm). *arch.* Also **6–7 shelm(e.** [Ger.; for forms repr. the equivalent Du. *schelm* (sχe·ləm), see Skellum.] A rascal. (A term of abuse or contempt, attributed to German speakers.)

1584 ? Sidney *Disc. Def. Earl Leicester* Misc. Wks. (1829) 272 An evil tongued shelm, as the Germans especially call such people. 1603-5 J. Melvil *Mem.* (1735) 23 The Landgrave called him Shelm, Pultroon, Traitor (etc.). *a* 1634 Chapman *Alphonsus* II. ii. 62 Thou art a schelm. *Ibid.* II. iii. 109 Call you me shelme? 1823 Scott *Q. Durward* ii, The rascally schelm shot my bird with an arrow. 1889 Doyle *Micah Clarke* 202 Some rascally schelm..stabbed my horse.

Hence † **Sche·lmish** *a.* [G. *schelmisch*], rascally.

a 1634 Chapman *Alphonsus* III. i. 173, I highly do mistrust this schelmish bowr.

Scheltopusik: see Sheltopusik.

Schema (ski·mă). Pl. **schemata** (ski·mătă). [a. Gr. *σχῆμα*, form, figure: see Scheme *sb.*]

1. *Philos.* In Kant: Any one of certain forms or rules of the 'productive imagination' through which the understanding is able to apply its 'categories' to the manifold of sense-perception in the process of realizing knowledge or experience.

1839 *Penny Cycl.* XIII. 176 To the subsumtion of an object under a category, a schema, 'time', is indispensable, and, apart from all sensation, this schema itself does not subsist. 1877 E. Caird *Philos. Kant* II. x. 408 The schema in itself is nothing but a product of imagination. 1880 Adamson *Kant* in *Encycl. Brit.* XIII. 852 The specific forms of productive imagination are called *schemata.*

2. A diagrammatic representation.

1890 Gould *New Med. Dict.*, *Schema*, figure or design made by the abstraction of certain exceptions or peculiarities, in order to show the general law or type.

Schematic (ski·mæ·tik), *a.* [ad. mod.L. *schēmaticus*, f. *schēmat-* Schema, Scheme *sb.* Late Gr. had *σχηματικός* in the sense 'false, pretended', from *σχῆμα* in the sense 'appearance' (see Scheme *sb.* 8 c). Cf. G. *schematisch.*]

1. Pertaining to a scheme or schema; of the nature of, or resembling, a diagrammatic representation; † corresponding (to something else) according to a scheme.

1701 Beverley *Grand Apocal. Question* 6, I shall, by applying each portion of Time to its proper Schematick Prophecy, Justify this Plan of Time. 1856 Dove *Logic Chr. Faith* II. ii. 110 He must confine himself to a..schematic mensuration of the changes. 1882 W. P. Mears (*title*) Schematic Anatomy; or, Diagrams, tables and notes treating of the association and systematic arrangement of structural details of human anatomy. 1890 Gould *New Med. Dict., Schematic*, pertaining to or of the nature of a schema. *S. eye*, one showing the proportions of a normal or typical eye. 1902 W. James *Var. Relig. Exper.* 209 It seems to me a true account—so far as conceptions so schematic can claim truth at all.

2. Pertaining to logical 'figure'.

1838 Sir W. Hamilton *Logic* xxii. (1866) I. 446 That a hypothetical reasoning was exposed to the schematic modifications of the categorical.

3. Suggested or modified by a preconceived system.

1894 R. V. French *Lex Mosaica* 174 What is said of him is made up merely of the schematic devices of the redactor.

4. *Fine Art.* Following a conventional type.

1868 Geo. Eliot in Cross *Life* III. 45 Their art symbolised these in grand schematic forms. 1907 *Westm. Gaz.* 13 July 2/1 The drawing of the features and of the hands (which is less schematic than is customary with Van Dyck).

† **Schema·tical,** *a. Obs.* [Formed as prec.: see -ical.]

1. Pertaining to rhetorical figures.

1679 J. Goodman *Penitent Pardoned* I. i. (1713) 6 Touching the ancient use of this schematical and figurative way of expression.

2. Pertaining to or founded on a scheme or methodical arrangement.

1701 Beverley *Grand Apocal. Question* Pref. a 2 b, I may shew; That there is strength in Schematical Arguments from, and according to the Laws of a Mystic Prophecy.

3. ? Statistical. *rare*⁻¹.

1762 tr. *Busching's Syst. Geog.* V. 462 The new genealogical, schematical, Imperial and political manual mentions by name the present provincial-commendator thereof.

Schematically (ski·mæ·tikăli), *adv.* [f. as prec. + -ly ².] **a.** By means of a tabular arrangement. **b.** In a definite pattern; according to a symmetrical plan.

1881 *Amer. Naturalist* July 514 Which can be represented schematically. 1892 Symonds *Michel Angelo* (1899) I. iv. 170 These [figures] are schematically arranged in three planes.

Schematism (ski·mătiz'm). [ad. mod.L. *schēmatismus*, a. Gr. *σχηματισμ-ός* the assumption of a certain form or appearance, f. *σχηματίζειν*: see Schematize *v.* Cf. G. *schematismus.*]

† **1.** The use of a 'scheme' or rhetorical figure.

1617 Collins *Def. Bp. Ely* II. x. 446 By tongues, we may understand *omne prodigiosum*, euen all miracles, the *genus* by the *species*, no vnusuall schematisme.

2. Mode of arrangement of parts or particles; inner structure. Now *rare.*

1660 H. More *Myst. Godl.* VII. xiv. 336 Not any Bustles or Counter-blasts of various Aspects of the Heavenly bodies, that do and undo according to the diversities and contrarieties of their Schematisms and Configurations. 1664 Evelyn *Sylva* (1679) 8 Some haply might here recommend to us a more accurate Microscopical examen, to interpret their most secret Schematismes, which were an over nicety for these great Plantations. 1665 Hooke *Microgr.* 109 The pores or interstitia, which may, perhaps, be even in the texture or Schematism of that part of the Wood. 1686 J. Goad *Celest. Bodies* I. 39 Planetary Aspects are no vain Terms of a Bawbling Art, but are Mysterious Schematisms of a secret Force. 1846 Lewes *Hist. Philos.* III. iii. 42 The latent schematism [Bacon's *latens schematismus*] is that invisible structure of bodies on which so many of their properties depend. 1860 Dora Greenwell *Patience of Hope* 24 The structure, the schematism of our faith.

3. A schematic arrangement; a set form for classification or exposition. Also, the schematic method of presentation, or excessive addiction to this.

1701 Beverley *Grand Apocal. Question* 21, I shall therefore compare Three Schematisms of Prophecy, and one Great Apostolic Scripture to Clear this. 1828 Pusey *Hist. Enq.* I. 47 Homiletic consists only in a philosophical schematism, how a sermon is logically to be arranged. 1887 *Pall Mall G.* 23 June 3 There are pages and pages of this sort of thing, chock-full of schematism and mathematical symbols. 1902 Denney *Death of Christ* 211 One could not go to the New Testament with a more misleading schematism in his mind. 1905 Sanday *Crit. Fourth Gospel* 131 Here we have a 'schematism', a stereotyped formula, which shows poverty of invention.

4. *Philos.* 'Schematizing' action (of the intellect). In Kant: The application of the categories, by means of schemata (see Schema 1), to the data of sense-perception.

1839 *Penny Cycl.* XIII. 176/1 (art. *Kant*). 1865 Grote *Plato* II. xxiv. 259 Indispensable to the exigencies and consistent schematism of the theorising intelligence.

Schematist (ski·mătist). [f. Gr. *σχηματ-*, *σχῆμα* Scheme *sb.* + -ist.]

1. The framer of a 'scheme' or system of doctrine.

1693 Chauncy *Rej. to Williams* 13 You are sure I am against all the Confessions of Faith that are orthodox (but indeed you say, which we call orthodox) that we, I suppose, are, you and your Schematists. 1906 *Expositor* Aug. 163 The Christian schematists adjusted to the theogony of the Neoplatonists the Scripture doctrine of God.

† **2.** One who propounds a scheme, a projector.

1710-11 Swift *Exam.* No. 31 ¶ 4 He fill'd the Antichambers with a Crew of his Dependants and Creatures, such as Projectors, Schematists, Occasional Converts to a Party. 1711 — *Let. to Abp. King* 26 Aug., The treasurer ..makes little use of those thousand projectors and schematists, who are daily plying him with their visions. 1716 M. Davies *Athen. Brit.* III. *Diss. Drama* 4 Astrology.. allegorizes the discontented Schematists of all States and Churches; such as Jacobites, Non-Jurors,..&c. 1718 *Freethinker* No. 64 Some of our Schematists might be able to project a Form of Law &c. which, abstractedly considered, may appear as useful as that, which we enjoy. 1739 Cibber *Apol.* (1756) I. 294 As much if not more in favour with their chief manager as a schematist than as an actor.

Schematize (ski·mătəiz), *v.* [ad. Gr. *σχηματίζειν*, f. *σχηματ-*, *σχῆμα* Scheme *sb.*¹ Cf. G. *schematisiren.*]

† **1.** *intr.* To assume new forms or shapes. *Obs.*

1650 Bdlwer *Anthropomet.* Pref., I have observ'd thy Nature-scoffing Art Wherewith th'ast Schematiz'd in every part.

2. *trans.* To formulate in regular order; to reduce to a scheme or formula.

1878 E. Jenkins *Haverholme* 84 If the Benjingo ideas were to be schematised you see that they might lead to prodigious consequences. 1886 Mayor *Eug. Metre* vii. 117 The refrain..(thus schematized ⏑ ⏑ – ⏑ ⏑ – ⏑ ⏑ – ⏑ ⏑ – ⏑ ⏑ –).

3. To give conventional form to.

1908 A. Lang *Orig. Religion* 4 The tendency of representative art to 'schematise' its designs into what seem mere geometrical patterns.

4. *Kantian Philos.* To apply the categories, by means of schemata, to the data of sense-perception.

1839 *Penny Cycl.* XIII. 176 The notion of substance is said to be schematised, when it is not conceived of absolutely as a self-subsisting thing, but as one which persists in time. 1877 E. Caird *Philos. Kant* II. x. 407 To ask how the categories are schematised, is simply to ask how they are applied to the form of inner sense, that through it they may be applied to the matter of all sense.

Hence **Sche·matized** *ppl. a.*; **Sche·matizing** *vbl. sb.* and *ppl. a.*

1828 De Quincey in *Blackw. Mag.* XXIV. 900 To say, therefore, that a man is a great thinker..is but another expression for saying that he has a schematizing..understanding. 1893 W. G. Collingwood *Ruskin* I. 96 The details of schematised Aristotelianism. 1903 *Hibbert Jrnl.* Mar. 603 The charge of schematising may be brought with more justice against M. Loisy himself.

Schematologetically, *adv. nonce-wd.* [f. Gr. *σχῆμα* Scheme *sb.*¹ + *λογ-ητικός* -ologetic + -al + -ly ².] By means of figured language.

1652 Urquhart *Jewel* Wks. (1834) 292 Schematologetically adorning the proposed theam with the most especial and chief flowers of the garden of rhetorick.

Sche·matomancy. *rare.* [f. Gr. *σχηματ(ο)-*, *σχῆμα* form + -mancy.] A form of divination, by which the personal history of a man is inferred from his form and appearance.

1826-7 *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) XVIII. 175 [Modes of divination among the Arabs.] Schematomancy (*kiyáfah*).

Scheme (skīm), *sb.*¹ Forms: 7 **skeme, sceme,** ? **sceame,** 7-8 **scheam,** 6- **scheme.** [a. med.L. *schēma*, a. Gr. *σχῆμα* form, figure, f. root *σχ-*:—pre-Hellenic *zgh-*, zero-grade of Indogermanic **segh-*, whence Gr. *ἔχ-ειν* to have, hold, be in such or such a condition. Cf. F. *schéma, schème*, It., Pg. *schema*, G. *schema.* The earlier uses in Eng. show direct influence from Gr.; the usual med.L. rendering of *σχῆμα* being *figura*, the Eng. *scheme* was in the 16-17th c. a synonym of Figure *sb.* in several technical senses.]

† **1.** *Rhet.* Any of the recognized modes of deviating from the ordinary use and arrangement of words for the sake of effectiveness or beauty of expression: = Figure *sb.* 21. *Obs.*

1553 T. Wilson *Rhet.* 94, I might tary a longe time in declaryng the nature of diuerse Schemes, whiche are woordes or sentencies altered..contrarie to the vulgare custome of our speache. 1617 Collins *Def. Bp. Ely* II. viii. 304 By a scheme of speach they are made to be casters on of the perfume. 1684 Tillotson *Serm.* (1714) III. xlix. 586 In the Text, by a very elegant Scheme of Speech he does, as it

were, once more set them at liberty; and, as if they had never engaged themselves to God by Covenant before, he leaves them to their free choice.

†2. A diagram showing the relative positions, either real or apparent, of the heavenly bodies.

1638 Burton *Anat. Mel.* II. ii. iii. (ed. 5) 257 [They] are all so confident, that they have made skemes and tables of their motions. 1665 *Phil. Trans.* I. 107 Amongst his Observations and Schemes of this Comet. 1755 B. Martin *Mag. Arts & Sci.* 23 What do you intend by those small Stars round Jupiter and Saturn, in the Scheme? 1774 J. Bryant *Mythol.* I. 341 They borrowed all the schemes under which the stars are comprehended, from the Egyptians. 1824 J. Johnson *Typogr.* I. 419 The volume is decorated with schemes of spheres and the signs of the Zodiac.

†b. *esp.* in *Astrology*, a diagram representing the position of the planets at the hour of a person's birth, a horoscope; = Figure *sb.* 14. *Obs.*

1610 B. Jonson *Alch.* IV. iv, My most honor'd ladie, (For so I am now to stile you, hauing found By this my scheme, you are to vnder-goe An honorable fortune, very shortly). 1647 Lilly *Chr. Astrol.* title, The first (Book) containing the use of an Ephemeris, the erecting of a Scheam of Heaven. 1708 Swift *Predict.* Wks. 1751 IV. 188 Upon reviewing my Schemes, I quickly found the cause of that Error. 1770 Langhorne *Plutarch* (1851) I. 472/2 A Chaldean scheme was found in his bosom as he lay. 1815 Scott *Guy M.* iv.

†3. In wider sense: A diagram; a figure drawn to illustrate a mathematical proposition, or to elucidate descriptions of natural phenomena, machinery, etc.; a map or plan of a town; an architect's designs for a building; and the like. *Obs.*

1649 J. Ellistone tr. *Behmen's Epist.* vi. § 81 (1886) 100 Like as my writings do sufficiently and largely show, and here only is represented briefly in a figure or scheme. 1660 Boyle *New Exp. Phys. Mech.* Proem 9 The shape of the Glass, you will find express'd in the first Figure of the annexed Scheme. 1665 *Phil. Trans.* I. 28 The Author hath..drawn all the Schemes of these 60 microscopical objects with his own hand. 1674 Ray *Coll. Words, Wire-Working* 134 The Description whereof would be tedious and difficult to understand without a Scheme and therefore I shall omit it. 1682 *Weekly Mem.* 214 In the next place he gives us a scheme of the city of Lepanto. 1695 Alingham *Geom. Epit.* 117 The delineating of any Geometrick Scheme or Figure. 1703 T. N. *City & C. Purchaser* 60 Unless the Schemes be very large, it will be very difficult to take the Dimensions nicely. 1704 J. Harris *Lex. Techn.* I, *Scheme*, is the representation of any Geometrical or Astronomical Figure or Problem, by Lines sensibly to the Eye; and these are otherwise called Diagrams. 1771 Luckombe *Hist. Print.* 89 He used a great variety of mathematical schemes, maps, and other useful devices to embellish his works. 1826 Scott *Woodst.* xxxii, 'This,' said he, 'is a scheme of the citadel, as I call it, which may hold out long enough'.

†b. *fig.*

1646 Crashaw *Sospetto d'Herode* xlvi, What ever Schemes of Blood, fantastick-frames Of Death Mezentius, or Geryon drew. *a* 1701 Sedley *Tyrant of Crete* v. i, Look upon my misfortunes, and you shall find A perfect scheme of all your saddest evils. 1717 De Foe *Ch. Scot.* (1844) 6, I shall give it [the Particulars] at large in the Scheme I purpose to draw of the State of these Judicatories.

4. An analytical or tabular statement. a. A conspectus, exposition in outline; an epitome exhibiting the structure of a book, passage, argument, etc.; also, an outline draft of a projected literary work.

1647 Clarendon *Hist. Reb.* II. § 68 [Mr. Pym said] that he had only laid that scheme [*sc.* the enumeration of grievances] before them, that they might see how much work they had to satisfy their country. 1652 Needham tr. *Selden's Mare Cl.* 16 Having given you a plain scheme of the Law. 1685 Baxter *Paraphr. N. T.* Matt. vi. 9 So perfect is the method of the Lord's Prayer, that I had thought to have Anatomized it and set it before thee in a Scheme. 1695 Woodward *Nat. Hist. Earth* (1723) 2, I intend this but for a Scheme of a larger Design. 1878 Dale *Lect. Preach.* iii. 75 You may occasionally find it necessary to make a 'scheme' of an argument in order to grasp it. 1882 Farrar *Early Chr.* II. 394 The student who reads it [*sc.* the First Epistle of St. John] in the light of some well considered scheme will gain more advantage from it than others, even if details of his scheme be untenable.

b. A table, a methodical list; a prearranged system of classification. †In *University slang*: see quot. 1780.

Perh. *obs.* exc. as reintroduced from German; cf. G. *schema* blank form to be filled up.

a 1677 Hale *Prim. Orig. Man.* II. ii. 132, I shall prefix a short Chronological Scheme of Times. *a* 1715 Burnet *Own Time* (1766) II. 218 He desired me to give him a scheme of heads fit to be spoken to, and of the order in which they should be laid. 1780 *Gentl. Mag.* L. 278 He provides what is here called a scheme, which contains a collection of all the questions, which will probably be asked him in each science. 1868 Bain *Mental & Moral Sci., Ethics* II. 546 In Chapter ix. is given his (Hobbes') Scheme of Sciences. 1884 tr. *Lotze's Logic* 188 The difference or the kinship between any two conceptions *M* and *N* should be exactly indicated by their position in the universal scheme. 1895 *Daily News* 14 Sept. 2/4 In the majority of the programmes the chief orchestral work will be Tschaikowsky's 'Symphonie Pathétique'.. while the rest of the schemes will be devoted to Wagner.

c. *Pros.* A tabular analysis of the admissible varieties of structure in a particular kind of verse or stanza; the structure of a verse or a stanza as represented by such an analysis.

1838 T. Mitchell *Clouds of Aristoph.* 120 The following scheme of the metre in which this Address is written..is given by the learned editor of Hephæstion.

5. a. A plan, design; a programme of action; the designed scope and method of an undertaking or a literary work, etc. Phrases, *to* †*cast, lay a scheme.*

1647 Clarendon *Hist. Reb.* II. § 68 (Mr. Pym said) that he had only laid that scheme [*sc.* the enumeration of grievances] before them, that they might see how much work they had to satisfy their country. 1652 Needham tr. *Selden's Mare Cl.* 16 Having given you a plain scheme of the Law. 1685 Baxter *Paraphr. N. T.* Matt. vi. 9 So perfect is the method of the Lord's Prayer, that I had thought to have Anatomized it and set it before thee in a Scheme. 1695 Woodward *Nat. Hist. Earth* (1723) 2, I intend this but for a Scheme of a larger Design. 1878 Dale *Lect. Preach.* iii. 75 You may occasionally find it necessary to make a 'scheme' of an argument in order to grasp it. 1882 Farrar *Early Chr.* II. 394 The student who reads it [*sc.* the First Epistle of St. John] in the light of some well considered scheme will gain more advantage from it than others, even if details of his scheme be untenable.

1647 Clarendon *Hist. Reb.* III. § 254 To lay the scheme [*MS.* sceme] how the next year should be spent. 1704 Addison *Campaign* 64 Our god-like leader, ere the stream he past, The mighty scheme of all his labours cast. 1718 *Col. Rec. Pennsylv.* III. 59 That first framed the Scheme and then Laid the Solid ffoundation of this fflourishing Colony. 1726 Shelvocke *Voy. round World* (1757) 5, I also reminded them of the scheme of the voyage. 1727 Gay *Begg. Op.* I. x, That is the whole scheme and intention of all marriage-articles. 1738 Wesley *Ps.* cxxxix. iii. 3 Thine Eye with tender Care survey'd The Growth of every Part, 'Till the whole Scheme thy Thoughts had laid Was copy'd by thy Art. 1754 Shebbeare *Matrimony* (1766) I. 22 The one laid the scheme, and the other took the Town. 1756 Burke *Subl. & B.* Introd. (end), It is the nature of our particular scheme, and the single point of view in which we consider it, which ought to put a stop to our researches. 1775 — *Corr.* (1844) II. 53 This is no time for taking public business in their course and order, and only as a part in the scheme of life, which comes and goes at its proper periods. 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* xlvii, It forms no part of our scheme to tell what became of the remainder. 1859 Jephson *Brittany* x. 162 For us they are things of the past, they find no place in our scheme of life. 1883 Froude *Short Stud.* IV. II. ii. 179 The scheme of teaching for the higher class of men was essentially good.

b. Hence, A plan of action devised in order to attain some end; a purpose together with a system of measures contrived for its accomplishment; a project, enterprise. Often with unfavourable notion, a self-seeking or an underhand project, a plot (cf. Scheme *v.*, Scheming *ppl. a.*), or a visionary or foolish project. Phrase, *to lay a scheme.*

This is now the most prominent use, and in some degree colours the other senses so far as they survive.

1718 *Free-thinker* No. 90. 249 This was the Scheme which the Heads of the Parliament-Party pursued. 1719 De Foe *Crusoe* II. (1858) 333 The scheme hit so exactly with my temper. 1746 *Col. Rec. Pennsylv.* V. 51 It is no new thing for Arbitrary Princes to contrive and promote Schemes for the subversion of a Government. 1750 Johnson *Rambler* No. 73 ¶ 4 Plans of elegance and schemes of pleasure. 1759 Robertson *Hist. Scot.* III. Wks. I. 243 But this deep-laid scheme was in a moment disconcerted. 1775 A. Burnaby *Trav.* 23 Some few, indeed, have been rather more enterprising, and have endeavoured to improve their estates by raising indigo, and other schemes. 1776 Adam Smith *W. N.* II. ii. I. 384 The idea of the possibility of multiplying paper money to almost any extent, was the real foundation of what is called the Mississippi scheme. 1814 Jane Austen *Mansfield Park* viii, Her opposition to Edmund now, arose more from partiality for her own scheme, because it was her own, than from anything else. 1826 Scott *Woodst.* xxxii, Men come and go, lay schemes, and alter them, in my house, without deigning to consult me! 1832 Ht. Martineau *Ireland* iii. 36 Dan proposed a grand scheme to his father-in-law. 1857 *Act* 20 & 21 *Vict.* c. 84 Preamble, The Charity Commissioners..have provisionally approved and certified (among other Schemes for the Application and Management of Charities) a Scheme for the College of God's Gift in Dulwich. 1863 Geo. Eliot *Romola* xxiii, He never thought of any scheme for removing his enemy. 1868 J. H. Blunt *Ref. Ch. Eng.* I. 353 The end of this vast scheme of spoliation. 1888 J. Inglis *Tent Life* 306 The great irrigation schemes of the North-West Provinces. 1895 *Bookman* Oct. 22/2 At the Congress of Ryswick..Louis placed his own dynastic schemes above the interests of the nation.

c. In generalized sense: 'Scheming', contrivance, design. *rare*⁻¹.

1790 Paley *Horæ Paul.* i. 4 A coincidence which shows, by its very obliquity, that scheme was not employed in its formation.

d. An escapade of a humorous character, a 'spree'. Now only *dial.*

1758 Johnson *Idler* No. 33 All the provisions bespoke by some rakish fellow-commoner in the next room, who had been on a scheme to Newmarket. 1762 Foote *Orators* I. (1780) 6 Will and I are here upon a scheme from Oxford. 1764 *Oxf. Sausage* 26 Woodstock, farewell! and Wallingford adieu! Where many a Scheme reliev'd the lingering Day. 1904 *Eng. Dial. Dict.* s.v., [Camb.], I never used to have such schemes when I was young.

Comb. 1764 *Oxf. Sausage* 44 No scheme-enamour'd Youth.

6. †a. A hypothetical construction, a theory. *Obs.* b. A body of related doctrines, a speculative system.

a. 1675 Baxter *Cath. Theol.* I. i. 58 Many Arminians write as if the order of Intention and of Execution were the same, and so begin at the other end, and give us a Scheme just contrary to the first sort. 1682 Creech *Lucretius* v. (1683) 162 And this the later Babylonian Sect Doth hold, and the Chaldean Schemes reject. 1709 Steele *Tatler* No. 69 ¶ 4 Eboracensis has read all the Schemes which Writers have formed of Government and Order. 1725 Watts *Logic* II. iii. § 3 Thro' the Influence which our own Schemes or Hypotheses have upon the Mind, we sometimes become so sharp-sighted as to find these Schemes in those Places of Scripture where the holy Writers never thought of them.

b. 1685 Temple *Ess. Learning* Wks. 1731 I. 291 Des-Cartes was the next that would be thought to excel the Ancients, by a new Scheme or Body of Philosophy. 1754 Sherlock *Discourses* (1759) I. i. 12 Complete Schemes of Natural Religion drawn from Principles and Axioms of Reason. 1858 Sears *Athan.* III. viii. 324 His comprehensive scheme of theology.

7. A complex unity in which the component elements co-operate and interact according to a definite plan; a system of correlated things, institutions, arrangements, etc.; also, the manner in which such a system is organized.

1736 Butler *Anal.* I. vii. 121 (*chapter-heading*), Of the Government of God, considered as a Scheme or Constitution, imperfectly comprehended. 1772 Priestley *Inst. Relig.* (1782) I. 39 Evil..is a necessary part of the whole scheme.

1791 Burke *Corr.* (1844) III. 278 He then asked me whether I had seen that scheme of absurdity, the French constitution, and what I thought of it. 1820 Shelley *Sensit. Pl.* II. 4 There was a Power in this sweet place, An Eve in this Eden; a ruling Grace Which to the flowers, did they waken or dream, Was as God is to the starry scheme. 1833 T. Hook *Parson's Dau.* I. i, To this disadvantage (the only one, perhaps, of the scheme of society to which it belongs) may be attributed many of those ill-assorted matches made by ladies of quality. 1836 J. Gilbert *Chr. Atonem.* iii. (1852) 69 In the present scheme of things, man is so closely linked with his fellow man,..that in a thousand instances the moral exchange is both required and made. 1840 S. Wilberforce *Sp. Missions* (1874) 89 But it must be that a little while longer, and this nation, aye, and all the great scheme of nations, of which it is part, will have passed utterly away, and be no more. 1859 FitzGerald tr. *Omar* lxxiii, Ah Love! could thou and I with Fate conspire To grasp this sorry Scheme of Things entire, Would not we shatter it to bits! 1878 Browning *La Saisiaz* 41 From thine apprehended scheme of things deduce Praise or blame of its contriver. 1888 Henley *Bk. Verses* 121 Pulpit and platform overflowing, Ready the scheme of things to revise.

b. Painting. *Scheme of colour*: the system of selection and arrangement of colours characteristic of a particular painter or school, or adopted in a particular picture. Also *transf.*

1884 *Sat. Rev.* 7 June 745/1 We wish that this artist would abandon the chocolate-like scheme of colour in which he has indulged for the last few years. 1905 P. White *Patient Man* vii. 67 Mrs. Dacre was proud of the 'scheme' of the dining-room, although she admitted it was a little trying to the complexion by daylight.

†8. In certain senses of Gr. σχῆμα. a. = Figure *sb.* 10. b. Stateliness, pomp. c. Form, aspect, appearance. *Obs.*

a. 1638 Junius *Paint. Ancients* 311 Every picture consisting of many figures must needs have some historicall part in it, seeing it is but a dull and unprofitable thing when many schemes are heaped up together without either sense or learning.

b. 1647 H. More *Poems* Pref., So high confidence might become the heat and scheme of Poetry much better than sober Philosophy.

c. 1654 H. L'Estrange *Chas. I* (1655) 125 The Nation and race of men were.., under the scheme of..specious plain-dealing, most perfidious. 1664 H. More *Myst. Iniq.* vii. 21 It is likely the imposing Priests would pretend either of these to the people (though not in that odious scheme) as persuasions of the presence of the Dæmons themselves in these consecrated Places and Images. 1677 Gale *Crt. Gentiles* III. 84 For they had the scheme of truth not the substance. 1682 Sir T. Browne *Chr. Mor.* IV. § 14 (1756) 99 Be not under any brutal metempsychosis while thou livest, and walkest about erectly under the scheme of man. 1743 N. Appleton *Serm.* 13 Contending for the same Thing ultimately, but in a different Scheme.

†9. *Ancient Music.* (See quot. 1753. Cf. 4 c.)

1721 A. Malcolm *Treat. Mus.* 534 The mutual Distances of these *Meses potestate* are expressed in the Scheme by (:) which signifies a Tone, (.) a Semitone or Limma. 1753 *Chambers' Cycl. Supp.*, *Scheme*..in the antient music, is used for the varieties arising from the different positions of the tones and semitones in a consonance. 1811 T. Busby *Dict. Mus.* (ed. 3).

Scheme (skīm), *sb.*² ? *Obs.* Forms: 8 scheam, skeen, 9 skene, 8– scheme. [Of obscure origin. Some etymologists have conjectured that *scheme-arch* is an adaptation of a hypothetical It. *arco scemo*, 'imperfect arch'; but this seems very unlikely.]

The arc of larger radius in the middle of a three-centre arch or elliptical arch; chiefly *attrib.*, in scheme-arch, an arch of this kind (but by various writers defined as an arch of the form of a circular segment less than a semicircle).

1703 Moxon *Mech. Exerc.* 273 Let the length given be AB,..describe the *Hanse* AG;..then..describe a part of the *Ellipsis* BH, which is called the *Hanse*: The other part to be described from G to H, is called the *Scheam*. 1725 W. Halfpenny *Sound Building* 2 To describe a Scheme-Arch. 1772 Hutton *Bridges* 78 A scheme or skeen arch is a segment less than the semicircle. 1842 *Civil Eng. & Arch. Jrnl.* V. 251/2 Scheme or Skene, or Imperfect Arch, less than semicircle.

b. quasi-*adj.* Constructed with a 'scheme'.

1703 T. N. *City & C. Purch.* 8 Of Circular Arches, there are 3 Kinds; Semicircular, Scheme, or Skeen, and Arches of the 3d. and 4th. Point. 1715 Leoni *Palladio's Archit.* (1721) I. 71 The Ceilings are either made semi-circular, or scheme [orig. *a schiffo*], that is, so flat as to have in height only one third of the breadth of the Room.

Scheme (skīm), *v.* [f. Scheme *sb.*¹]

1. *trans.* To devise as a scheme; to lay schemes for; to effect by contrivance or intrigue.

1767 Lewis *Statius' Thebaid* II. 320 For useless lay the now-neglected Chain; Threats fail'd, and Punishments were schem'd in vain. 1832 Scott *Ct. Robt.* xxxiii, Offences which were wilfully and maliciously schemed. 1868 F. E. Paget *Lucretia* 180, I resolved to adopt both plans, and if possible, scheme a mode of escape. 1893 McCarthy *Red Diamonds* I. 3 That modern travel..which has schemed out its great scheme of the Euphrates Valley railroad.

b. *intr.* To lay schemes; to use ingenuity, resort to contrivance; to devise plans, esp. underhand or with sinister motive.

1842 Browning *Count Gismond* ii, And doubtlessly ere he could draw All points to one, he must have schemed. 1851 Hawthorne *Ho. Sev. Gables* x. (1852) 117 You may scheme for me as much as you please; but I'm not going to give up this one scheme of my own. 1865 Carlyle *Fredk. Gt.* xxi. iv. X. 27 It is not true that Friedrich had schemed to send Henri round by Petersburg. 1866 Kingsley *Herew.* xix, Half-a-dozen plans suggested themselves to his crafty brain as he sat brooding and scheming.

2. *trans.* To reduce to a scheme or formula. Also, to *scheme out*: to plan methodically. *rare.*

1716 M. Davies *Athen. Brit.* II. 19 The King's having the Opinion or Endeavour of..any Body..in Scheming out the rough Draft..of the Treatise..can't be any Argument that the King was not the Author of it. 1858 Bushnell *Nat. & Supernat.* xii. (1854) 400 It may scheme out a system or hypothesis. 1865 — *Vicar. Sacr.* I. ii. (1866) 21 Every such attempt to scheme the work of Christ, and put Him in the terms of the understanding.

3. *intr.* To go on the spree. Also *trans.* to play truant from (school). ? *dial.* Cf. Scheme *sb.*[1] 5 d.

1738 Mrs. Montagu *Lett.* (1809) I. 32 We all came croaking down to breakfast the next morning, and said we had caught no cold, as one always says when one has been scheming. 1905 *Blackw. Mag.* Oct. 510/1 He would be leatheriog me for scheming school.

† **Schemed,** *a. Obs.* [f. Scheme *sb.*[2] + -ed [2].] Constructed with a Scheme (*sb.*[2]).

1715 Leoni *Palladio's Archit.* (1721) I. 80 The Arches are schem'd [orig. *sono a schiffo*].

Schemeless (skī·mlės), *a.* [f. Scheme *sb.*[1] + -less.] Destitute of plan; lacking a plot.

1877 Browning *Agamemnon* 118 Since I'm schemeless [Gr. ὄνσμηχανῶ] How to raise up again by words—a dead man! 1887 *Pall Mall G.* 28 Dec. 11/1 He began to turn to account an old inherited habit of sending himself to sleep by making up fanciful, schemeless stories.

Schemer (skī·mər). [f. Scheme *v.* + -er [1].]

1. One who devises or enters into schemes.

1724 Lady M. W. Montagu *Let. to C'tess Mar* Feb. (1893) I. 477 They call themselves Schemers; and meet ..three times a week, to consult on gallant schemes. 1760 C. Johnston *Chrysal* I. iv. (1822) I. 29, I therefore immediately became a Schemer. 1831 Lytton *Godolphin* xxii, I was born a schemer. 1875 Longf. *Masque Pandora* III, Tempt no more the noble schemer.

2. One who plots, or lays plans in an underhand manner.

1849 Marryat *Valerie* vii, Lady M—— is a schemer, always plotting. 1884 *Chr. Commonw.* 14 Feb. 416/2 England has always been too much the prey of fanatics and schemers in matters of this kind.

3. (Cf. Scheme *v.* 3.) One who plans methods for evading duties; a shirker.

1843 Gavin *Feigned or Factitious Dis.* 32 The—regiment ..were all schemers and malingerers.

4. (See quot.)

1867 Smyth *Sailor's Word-bk., Schemer,* one who has charge of the hold of a North Sea ship.

Schemer, obs. form of Shimmer.

Schemery (skī·məri). *rare.* [f. Scheme *sb.*[1] + -ery.] Scheming practices.

1822 *Examiner* 273/1 The long-expected Ministerial Schemery for the Relief..of the People. 1828 *Ibid.* 184/2 The hollow schemery of Prince Metternich.

Scheming (skī·miŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. Scheme *v.* + -ing [1].] The action of the vb. Scheme; planning, contrivance.

1813 Shelley *Q. Mab* v. 163 Blunting the keenness of his spiritual sense With narrow schemings and unworthy cares. 1843 Mrs. Carlyle *Lett.* I. 246 It needed a deal of scheming ..to make them fit our high room. 1884 Church *Bacon* ii. 32 Essex..drifted into discontent,..into questionable schemings for the future of a reign that must shortly end.

Scheming (skī·miŋ), *ppl. a.* [f. Scheme *v.* + -ing [2].] That schemes; contriving, plotting.

1838 Lytton *Alice* I. i, An artful, scheming, almost heartless man. 1884 *Contemp. Rev.* Oct. 514 This class is..recruited ..from voluble, scheming men and zealous charlatans.

Schemist (skī·mist). [f. Scheme *sb.*[1] + -ist.]

† 1. A framer of 'schemes' or horoscopes; an astrologer. *Obs.*

1641 Brome *Joviall Crew* I. (1652) B 1 b, Another Schemist Found, that a squint-ey'd boy should prove a notable Pickpurse.

† 2. One who is concerned with intrigues; a plotter. *Obs.*

1724 Bp. Downes in Nicolson *Epist. Corr.* 581 The schemists have laid out Armagh for the Archbishop of Dublin. 1825 G. McCann *Right Private Judgem.* 266 Manes was an arrogant philosopher and a great schemist.

3. One who forms a scheme; a projector.

1753 A. Murphy *Gray's Inn Jrnl.* No. 42 Her Undertaking is more likely to do Honour to our Country, than that of any other Schemist now in being. 1769 Burke *Late St. Nat.* Wks. 1842 I. 112 Are not these schemists well apprised, that the colonists..import more from Great Britain, ten times more than they send in return to us? 1875 Jevons *Money* (1878) 246 A number of Schemists have urged from time to time, that..there ought to be an interest-bearing currency.

Schene, obs. form of Chain, Scene.

Schenick, Schep, obs. ff. Scenic, Cheap.

‖ **Schepen** (skĕ·pən, in Du. sχē·pən). Forms: 5-6 skepyn, 6 skepon, 7 skepen, 8 schepin, 9 schepen. [Du. *schepen* = OS. *scepino*, OFris. *sceppena*, OHG. *sceffin, scaffin, sceffino* (MHG. *schepfe, scheffe*, mod.G. *schöffe*):—OTeut. types **skapino-z*, **skapinon-*. Cf. Echevin, Scabine, Skevein.] A Dutch alderman or petty magistrate.

c 1481 Caxton *Dialogues* 43 Somme of the skepyns Ryde with [the condemned] There as they be put to death. 1587 Fleming *Contin. Holinshed* III. 1341/1 The amptman, boroughmaisters, and skepoos of Antwerpe came to the said palace of S. Michaell the next thursdaie. 1681 H. Nevile *Plato Rediv.* 77 For Form sake [they] defer something to him as the Approbation of their Skepen and other Magistrates, and some other Matters. 1756 Nugent *Gr. Tour, Netherlands* I. 222 The city magistrates consist of two ..burgomasters, and seven schepins or aldermen. 1809 W. Irving *Knickerb.* III. ii. (1820) 163 This potent body consisted of a schout or bailiff,..five burgermeesters..and five schepens.

Scher, obs. form of Sir.

Scherald, var. Shirrel *Sc. Obs.*

† **Scherand.** *Sc. Obs.* [Origin unknown: ? a form of the name of the French river *Gironde.*] The designation of a kind of wine.

1536 *Elgin Rec.* (New Spald. Club, 1903) I. 30 The pynt of fine Scherand or Amzerk vyne x d. 1564 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* I. 299 The tun of Scherand wyne..and the pynt of Scherand wyne.

Scherat, -att, -et(t: see Chariot, Shirrel.

Schere, obs. f. Cheer, Sir. **Scherk,** obs. f. Sark.

‖ **Scherm** (skerm). *South Africa.* Also **skarm, skerm, schirm.** [Du., = G. *schirm* screen, protection.] A screen or barrier constructed of brushwood or the like, to serve as a protection for troops, as an ambuscade from which to shoot game, or to prevent cattle from straying.

1861 C. J. Andersson *Okavango* xxv. 262 A few bushes having been cut down, and a sort of skarm constructed, we both ensconced ourselves at night-fall therein. 1885 Rider Haggard *Solomon's Mines* iv, We went to work to build a scherm. 1905 *Outlook* 29 July 124/1 With a terrific crash a mob of cattle burst from their scherm of thorns.

Scherv-, scherw-, obs. Sc. spelling of Serv-.

‖ **Scherzando** (skertsa·ndo), *adv. Mus.* [It., gerund of *scherzare* to sport, play, f. *scherzo*: see next.] Playfully, sportively; used to indicate that a movement or passage is to be rendered in a lively manner. Also *attrib.* (quasi-*adj.*), and *ellipt.* as *sb.*, a 'scherzando' movement. So (*rarely*) **Scherzandi·ssimo** (It. superlative).

1811 Busby *Dict. Mus.* (ed. 3), *Scherzando,* or *Scherzo,* in a sportive, playful manner. 1876 Stainer & Barrett *Dict. Mus. Terms, Scherzando, Scherzandissimo...* (1) Playful, lively, jokingly, merry. (2) A movement of a lively and droll character. 1881 Fuller-Maitland in *Grove's Dict. Mus.* III. 245/2 The phrasing of a *scherzando* passage is of paramount importance.

‖ **Scherzo** (ske·rtso). *Mus.* [It., *lit.* sport, jest; of Teut. origin: cf. MHG., mod.G. *scherz* sport.] A movement of a lively character, occupying the second or third place in a symphony or sonata.

1862 E. Pauer in *Programme* 8 Mar., Scherzo, a piece of jocular and cheerful character. 1891 Prout *Counterpoint* (ed. 2) 69 It is comparatively seldom that a long passage of double counterpoint is to be found in a scherzo.

fig. 1907 *Q. Rev.* Apr. 411 Shall we dwell..on the scherzo in the suite, that..comic exposure of the fantastic enigma called the 'Mirror of Justices'?

Schese, var. *chese,* obs. f. Choose *v.*

Scheselle, obs form of Chesil [1], Chisel *sb.*[1]

‖ **Sche·sis.** *Obs.* [mod.L., a. Gr. σχέσις relation, state, condition (in medical writers = sense 2 below), root σχ-:—pre-Hellenic **zgh-*, weak grade of **segh-*, whence Gr. ἔχειν to have, hold, etc.: see Scheme *v.*]

1. The manner in which a thing is related to something else; relation.

1678 Cudworth *Intell. Syst.* I. v. 723 The Idea of God or an absolutely Perfect Being including in it..a necessary schesis or relation to existence, it follows..that He doth exist. 1678 Norris *Miscell.* (1699) 160 If that mind which has existing in itself from all Eternity, all the simple Essences of things, and consequently, all their possible Scheses or Habitudes, should ever change, there would arise a new Schesis in this Mind that was not before.

2 *Phys.* A temporary habit or state of the body. Cf. Schetic *a.*; the explanation in quot. 1706 is erroneous. 1684 tr. *Blancard's Phys. Dict., Schesis* is the Disposition of the Body. 1706 Phillips (ed. Kersey), *Schesis,* the Habit or Constitution of the body; accordingly as it is fleshy or lean, hard or soft, thick or slender.

Schesse, obs. f. Chess *sb.*[1] **Schet,** obs. f. Sheet, Shoot *v.*, Shut, Skeet *adv.* **Schetare,** obs. f. Shooter. **Schete,** obs. f. Sheath, Sheet, Shoot, Skeet *adv.* **Schetel,** obs. f. Shuttle. **Scheten,** obs. f. Shoot, Shut. **Scheter,** obs. f. Shooter. **Scheth(e, -are, -ere,** obs. ff. Sheath, Sheather.

† **Sche·tic,** *a. Path. Obs.* [a. mod.L. *schēticus* (in *schetica febris*), ad. Gr. σχετικός (taken in the etymologically admissible sense 'related to a σχέσις Schesis 2, or temporary condition of the body'; the classical senses are 'holding firm, holding back, retentive'), f. σχ-, ἔχειν: see Schesis.] Of diseases: see quots.

1706 Phillips (ed. Kersey), *Schetick-Feaver,* a Feaver so call'd because it is chiefly seated in the Blood, and may be easily cur'd; upon which account it is oppos'd to a Hectick Feaver, that is fixed in the Very Habit of the Body, and not to be remov'd without great Difficulty. 1753 *Chambers' Cycl. Supp., Schetic diseases,* a term used by the old writers in medicine to express such diseases as were not deeply rooted in the constitution, but might be easily removed.

† **Sche·tical,** *a. Obs.* [See prec. and -ical.]

1. *Path.* = Schetic *a.*

1666 G. Harvey *Morb. Angl.* ii. 14 A feavor that's grown habitual, in opposition to a Schetical or moveable feavor.

2. Relative.

a 1688 Cudworth *Immut. Mor.* I. ii. (1731) 158 Moral Good and Evil are Schetical and Relative Things.

Hence † **Sche·tically** *adv.*, in a relative sense.

1678 Cudworth *Intell. Syst.* I. iv. 188 Images, Statues and Symbols..are only Schetically Worshipped by them, the Honour passing from them to the Prototype.

Schett(e, obs. ff. Sheet, Shut *v.*

Schetylle, Schever(e, obs. ff. Shuttle, Shiver.

† **Schew,** *v.* Aphetic variant of Eschew *v.*

c 1500 Meowall *Nature* (Brandl) I. 346 To hawnt vertue and schew all vyce.

Schew(e, obs. ff. She, Sheaf, Show *v.*, Sky.

Schewill, var. Shewel *Obs.*

Schey, obs. form of Shy *a.*

Scheyff, Sc. aphetic var. of Eschew *v.*

c 1470 Henry *Wallace* III. 264 My lorde, my consaill will I giff; Bot ye do it, fra scaith ye may nocht scheyff.

Scheyl, Schi, obs. ff. Shail *v.*, Sky. **Schiatica, Schiaticke,** obs. ff. Sciatica, Sciatic.

Schich, obs. form of Sheikh.

‖ **Schiedam** (ski·dæ·m). Also **schiedamm, sk(i)edam.** A variety of gin, so called from the town in Holland where it is distilled.

1821 Scott *Pirate* xvii, There was the potent Irish Usquebaugh—right Nantz—genuine Schiedamm. 1831 Tarlawny *Adv. Younger Son* I. 291 A dusty-looking stone bottle of the right bamboo-coloured skedam. *Ibid.* II. 35 To take a glass of skiedam. 1833 Hood To *Adm. Gambier* vi, Consider, too—before all Eau-de-vie, Schiedam or other drinkers, you rebut. 1891 Kipling *Light that Failed* xv, A bottle of peculiarly strong Schiedam.

Comb. 1834 *Tait's Mag.* I. 542/1 Schiedam-punch.

Schieferspar (ʃī·fəɹˌspāɹ). *Min.* [Half-translated ad. Ger. *schieferspath* (1789 C. A. S. Hoffmann in *Bergmännisches Jrnl.* I. 187), f. *schiefer* slate + *spath* spar.] = Slate-spar.

1807 J. Murray *Syst. Chem.* III. 672 The Schieffer Spar, or Argentine,..occurs always massive. 1836 T. Thomson *Min., Geol.,* etc. I. 114 Calcareous Spar...Schiefer spar.

Schiende, var. Shend. **Schiff(e,** obs. ff. Skiff.

Schil, obs. f. Chill *a.*, Skill; var. Shill, shrill.

Schild, obs. form of Child.

c 1450 *Mirk's Festial* (1905) 205 For wondyr sory he was for his wyfys deth, and nedys he most se his schild dye.

‖ **Schill** (ʃil). Also **schiel.** [Ger. *schill.*] A European pike-perch; the Zander.

1885 *Encycl. Brit.* XIX. 89/1 In Europe two species occur, the more celebrated being the 'Zander' of North Germany or 'Schiel' of the Danube (*Lucioperca sandra*). 1888 Goode *Amer. Fishes* 14 In the Old World, as in the New, there are two well marked species, the Zander, or Schill, *Stizostedion lucioperca,* and the Berschick, or Sekret, *S. volgensis.*

Schill, Schille, obs. ff. Chill *a.*, Shell.

‖ **Schiller** (ʃi·ləɹ). *Min.* [Ger., play of colours, glistening brightness.]

1. In certain terms adapted from Ger., denoting minerals or rocks having a shining surface, as *schiller asbestos, rock, -stone*; also Schiller-spar.

1804 Jameson *Syst. Min.* I. 428 Schiller Stone. Schillerstein.—*Werner.* 1862 Dana *Man. Min.* 146 *Picrolite,* Schiller asbestus. A fibrous serpentine, of an olive-green color, constituting seams in serpentine. 1862 Schiller rock [see Schillerite].

2. A peculiar lustre characteristic of certain minerals, as hypersthene. Also *attrib.*

1885 Judd in *Q. Jrnl. Geol. Soc.* XLI. 383 The peculiar phenomenon expressed by the term 'Schiller'. 1888 Teall *Brit. Petrogr.* 446 *Schiller-plane,* a plane in a crystal in which occur the enclosures giving rise to the phenomenon of schiller.

Schillerite (ʃi·ləɹəit). *Min.* [f. Schiller + -ite.] An aggregate of anorthite and enstatite, allied to diallage.

1862 Dana *Man. Geol.* vii. 82 Schillerite or Schiller rock, Diallage rock. A dark green to greenish-black rock made up of Schiller spar.

Schillerization (ʃi·ləɹəizēi·ʃən). [f. Schillerize + -ation.] A process of change in crystals, giving rise to a 'schiller' appearing when the crystal is turned in various directions.

1885 Judd in *Q. Jrnl. Geol. Soc.* XLI. 383 It will be convenient to have a general name for this kind of change, and I propose to employ the term 'Schillerization' to express it. *Ibid.* 385 The phenomena of Schillerization. 1888 Hutton *Ibid.* XLIV. 746 Some of these crystals show traces of schillerization in one direction.

Schillerize (ʃi·ləɹəiz), *v.* [f. Schiller + -ize.] *trans.* To subject (a crystal) to the change known as schillerization. Hence **Schi·llerized** *ppl. a.*, **Schi·llerizing** *vbl. sb.* (in quot. *attrib.*).

1885 Judd in *Q. Jrnl. Geol. Soc.* XLI. 383 Thus I shall call diallage and pseudo-hypersthene 'Schillerized augites', bronzite and the typical hypersthene of Labrador 'Schillerized ferriferous enstatites'. *Ibid.* 384 All Schillerized minerals on analysis yield a small but notable proportion of water. 1886 — in *Mineral. Mag* Dec. 88 The Schillerizing process. 1890 Cole & Gregory in *Q. Jrnl. Geol. Soc.* XLVI. 310 The augite is not schillerized.

Schiller spar (ʃi·ləɹˌspāɹ). *Min.* [ad. G. *schillerspath* (1786 Heyer in *Chemische Annalen* I. 335): see Schiller and Spar *sb.*] = Bastite.

1796 Kirwan *Elem. Min.* (ed. 2) I. 221 Schiller Spar. 1813 Bakewell *Introd. Geol.* 79 Shining laminæ of schiller spar or crystallized serpentine. 1854 Dana *Syst. Min.* (ed. 4) 160 Diallage..includes Schiller spar (in part) and Bronzite. 1879 Rutley *Stud. Rocks* x. 120 Enstatite becomes altered to Schiller-spar or bastite, talc, etc.

‖ **Schilling** (ʃi·liŋ). Also 8 **shilling.** [Ger.; see Shilling. Cf. Schelling, Skilling.] A

silver coin and money of account formerly in use in North Germany, of the value of $\frac{1}{3}$ mark or 12 pfennigs; latterly slightly over 1*d.* sterling.

In some parts of Germany, where coins of various states circulated freely, the names *schilling* and *groschen* were till about 1870 treated as synonymous.

1753 Hanway *Trav.* (1762) I. vii. lxxxviii. 407 [*Dantzig*], 3 Shillings, or 18 phennigen..1 grosch. *Ibid.* II. i. iii. 17 [*Hamburg*], They keep their accounts in marks and schillings, sixteen schillings to a mark. 1838 *Murray's Handbk. N. Germ.* 299/2 Warm sea-baths..cost 24 schillings.

Schilteroun,-thrum, etc., var. ff. Sheltron *Obs.*

‖ **Schi·mmel.** Chiefly *S. African.* [Ger. (ʃi·m'l) and Du. (sχi·m'l, Cape Du. skim'l).] A roan horse.

1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* lxvi, 'There's..Kunz..coming down the market with three schimmels. *Ibid.*, Up sprang Francis to the box, away went the schimmels, and Dobbin with his head on his breast. 1899 Rider Haggard *Swallow* v, You may take my best horse..the thoroughbred schimmel. 1905 *Blackw. Mag.* Sept. 393/2 Saddle the blue schimmel and ride hard after Baas Hartley.

Schin, obs. form of Skin.

‖ **Schindylesis** (skindilī·sis). *Anat.* [mod.L., a. Gr. *σχινδύλησις* (Hippocrates cited by Galen).] An articulation formed by the reception of a thin plate of one bone into a fissure or groove in another.

1830 R. Knox *Béclard's Anat.* 280 Schindylesis is a synarthrosis which results from the reception of the crest or ridge of a bone into the groove of another. 1889 Leioy *Human Anat.* (ed. 2) 50.

attrib. 1840 W. J. E. Wilson *Anat. Vade M.* (1842) 42 The schindylesis suture is the reception of one bone into a sheath or fissure of another.

† **Schine.** *Obs. rare*$^{-1}$. [ad. L. (Vulgate) *schinus*, a. Gr. *σχῖνος* the mastic-tree. Cf. China^{2}.] *Schine-tree* = Mastic *sb.* 2.

1609 Bible (Douay) *Susanna* 54 Under a schine tree.

‖ **Schi·nkel.** *Obs. rare.* [Du. *schinkel* knuckle, shinbone, *schink* gammon, ham; cf. G. *schinken* ham.] A ham, gammon.

a 1634 Chapman *Alphonsus* III. (1654) 33 He and his fellow bowrs..Have brought a schinkel of good raw Bacon.

Schip, -ard, obs. forms of Sheep, Shepherd.

Schiph, obs. form of Skiff.

Schippe, obs. f. Shape *v.*, Ship, Skip.

Schipper: see Skipper (of a ship).

‖ **Schipperke** (sχi·pərkə, ʃi·pəzkɛ). [Du. dial., *lit.* 'little boatman'.] A kind of lapdog.

1887 *Field* 2 July 7/2 The Schipperkes..little black dogs, born without tails, some 10 lb. in weight or so,..are bred by the boatmen in Holland..and..are said to be excellent hands at killing rats. 1895 'F. Anstey' *Lyre & Lancet* xi. 111 Ought a schipperke to have meat?

Schir, obs. form of Sheer, Sir.

† **Schirk,** *v. Obs. rare*$^{-1}$. [f. *schir*, Shire *a.* + *-k* as in Lurk, Talk *vbs.*] *trans.* To brighten.

a 1400–50 *Alexander* 4816 þe schaftis of þe schire son schirkind þe cloudis.

Schirme, var. Skirm *Obs.* **Schirra,** obs. f. Sheriff. **Schirrhus,** etc.: see Scirrhus, etc. **Schirryve,** obs. Sc. form of Shrive.

Schism (siz'm), *sb.* Forms: 4–7 **sciame,** 5 **cisme, cissime,** 5–6 **sisme, sysme, scysme,** 6 **scissym, sciseme, cysme,** *Sc.* **scisma,** 6–7 **schisme,** 7 **scism, shism,** 7– **schism.** [ME. *scisme, cisme, sisme*, a. OF. *scisme, cisme* (mod.F. *schisme*) = Pr. *scisma*, Sp. *cisma*; Pg. *scisma* (masc. schism, fem. whlm), It. *scisma* schism, *cisma* discord, ill-will, ad. eccl. L. *schisma* neut., a. Gr. *σχίσμα* rent, cleft (in the N.T. applied fig. to division in the church), f. *σχιδ-, σχίζειν* to split, rend. In the 16th c. the spelling was altered in Eng. (as also in Fr.) to *schisme* by assimilation to the late L. and Gr. form.]

1. In the versions of the New Testament, used to represent the Gr. *σχίσμα* in some passages, where the sense is that of a (metaphorical) rent or cleft.

1382 Wyclif 1 *Cor.* i. 10, I biseche 30u..that 3e alle seye the same thing, and that scismes, or dyuysiouns, dissencioun, or discordis, be not among 30w. 1552 Abp. Hamilton *Catech.* (1884) 4 Lat na scismes discord or divisioun be amangis yow. 1582 Bible (Rheims) 1 *Cor.* xii. 25 That there might be no schisme in the body. [So 1611.]

2. *Eccl.* A breach of the unity of the visible Church; the division, either of the whole Church or of some portion of it, into separate and mutually hostile organizations; the condition of being so divided, or an instance of this. Also *transf.* with reference to other religions communities.

According to the definition given repeatedly in various forms by Augustine and other Fathers, the term has reference to outward separation, not to inward divergence of belief. Hence a 'schism' does not necessarily proceed from heresy; indeed the most prominent application of the word is to separations caused by disputes on matters of discipline, the validity of an election to a bishopric or of a sentence of deprivation, or the like.

1390 Gower *Conf.* I. 15 And so to speke upon this branche, Which proud Envie hath mad to springe, Of Scisme. [The reference is to the Papal schism: see b.] *c* 1400 *Apol. Loll.* (Camden) 29 þe seedis of scysmis schuld be tan a wey. 1440 in *Wars Eng. in France* (1864) II. 453 Goddes chirche [was] supported, and thestate and oonhede thereof observed; scismes, like elles to have growed thereinne, letted and thoo that were growen letted and ceassed. 1456 Sir G. Haye *Law Arms* (S.T.S.) 25 The kirk..was all..in obscuritee of scisme and of weris. 1549 *Compl. Scot.* xix. 160 Doutles thy abusione, and the sinister ministratione of thy office, is the special cause of the scisma and of diuers sectis that trublis al cristianite, and quhou beit that the rute of thir scismes and sectis be in germane, denmark and ingland. 1558 Q. Mary *Will* in J. M. Stone *Mary I Engl.* (1901) 508 In the tyme of the late Scisme within this Realme. *a* 1600 Hooker *Serm. Jude* i. § 11 (1614) 18 If they breake the bond of vnitie, whereby the body of the Church is coupled and knit in one,..this is to separate themselues by schisme. 1630 Prynne *Anti-Armin.* 175 By which words he doth reiect the Scisme of the Donatists. 1678 Cudworth *Intell. Syst.* 231 Faustus..took up this conceit—That both the Christians and Jews..were no other than schisms or subdivided sects of paganism. 1689 Popple tr. *Locke's 1st Let. Toleration* 61 Schism then..is nothing else but a Separation made in the Communion of the Church, upon account of something in Divine Worship, or Ecclesiastical Discipline, that is not any necessary part of it. 1782 Burney *Hist. Mus.* II. 46 The schism between the Greek and Latin churches, which happened in the ninth century. 1831 Scott *Ct. Robt.* vii, In order to compel the Patriarch to submit himself to the Pope, adopt the Latin form of the cross, and put an end to the schism.

b. *spec.* A state of divided spiritual allegiance in Western Christendom (or, at an earlier period, in Christendom generally) caused by a disputed election to the Papacy; esp. *The Great* (*Western*) *Schism* (1378–1417); other 'schisms' arose from the claims of the rivals of Alexander III (1159–1177) and of the antipope Felix V (1432–1448).

1460 Capgrave *Chron.* (Rolls) 88 In his tyme was a scisme betwix him [Symmachus] and on Laurens. *c* 1460 *Brut* 507 This yere þe general Counsel of Basile deposed Pope Eugeny; & þei chese Felix..; & þan began þe Scisme which endured vnto þe yere of oure Lord Ihesu Crist M^{l} iiij^{c} xlviij. *a* 1513 Fabyan *Chron.* vii. ccxxxvi. 273 The sisme, y^{t} after fell amongis the cardynallys, for eleccion of the pope Alexander the .iii.: which sysme, by mean of the first Frederike than emperoure, endured almooste .xx. yeres. *a* 1548 Hall *Chron., Hen. V*, 34 The long scisme and devision sprong & continued in the catholike church. 1651 N. Bacon *Disc. Govt. Eng.* II. vi. (1739) 34 The Popedom was now under a Schism between two Popes, Clement and Urban. 1761 Hume *Hist. Eng.* I. viii. 167 The schism of the Papacy between Alexander and Victor. 1845 *Encycl. Metrop.* XII. 182/1 The death of Gregory was followed by serious difficulty respecting the choice of his successor, which gave rise to the long-continued dissension in the Church, commonly called *the Great Western Schism.* 1885 Mullinger in *Encycl. Brit.* XIX. 502/1 The outbreak of the great schism struck no less deeply at those sentiments of veneration and deference which had been wont to gather round the pontiff's chair.

c. The offence of promoting the formation or contributing to the permanence of 'schisms' or divisions in the Church or a portion of it; the state of being culpably separated from the Church. Phrase, *In schism.*

1402 *Repl. Friar Topias* in *Pol. Poems* (Rolls) II. 41 Now is that seed of cisme sowen in the chirche; the whete fadith with the floure, oure fode is for to feche. 1551 Crowley *Pleasure & P.* 359 You layde to theyr charge herecie, Sisme, and Sedicion also. 1557 Card. Pole in Strype *Eccl. Mem.* (1721) III. App. lxviii. 254 And for theyr remayninge in Schisme, great Plages of God remayninge styll upon them. 1567 in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. III. III. 324 That doth not comply with the orders of the Church, lately purged or clensed from Sisme and Idolatry. 1571 Campion *Hist. Irel.* xii. (1633) 36 That the onely report of his holynesse and cunning, excited the Scotts (late christened, but abiding in scisme). 1662 *Bk. Com. Prayer, Litany*, From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism. 1670 Walton *Lives* I. 13 There could be no such sin as Schism, if an adherence to some visible Church were not necessary. 1689 Popple tr. *Locke's 1st Let. Toleration* 61 Use, which is the Supream Law in matter of Language, has determined that Heresy relates to Errors in Faith, and Schism to those in Worship or Discipline. 1704 Nelson *Fest. & Fasts* II. x. (1705) 512 Till our refractoriness degenerates into the grievious Sin of Schism. 1769 Blackstone *Comm.* IV. iv. 52 The sin of schism..is by no means the object of temporal coercion and punishment. 1819 Shelley *Peter Bell* Prol. 11 Shielding from the guilt of schism The orthodoxal syllogism. 1842 Tennyson *Epic* 16, I heard The parson..Now harping on the church-commissioners, Now hawking at Geology and schism. 1856 R. A. Vaughan *Mystics* (1860) I. 113 And then, despite all heresy and schism, theocracy will flourish.

d. A sect or body formed by division within the Church; a body which, either in Christendom generally or in some portion of it, maintains an ecclesiastical organization distinct from that of the Catholic Church; a schismatic sect.

c 1511 *1st Eng. Bk. Amer.* (Arb.) 290 They doo therfore with a more constante mynde persener in theyr fyrst fayth ..than doo manye of vs beinge dinided into scismes and sectes whiche thynge neuer chaunceth amonge them. 1577 tr. *Bullinger's Decades* III. vi. 366 Neither Christ nor our saluation is to bee found without the church, in the sects or schismes of wicked heretikes. *c* 1645 Howell *Lett.* (1650) II. 9 Hence comes it that the earth is rent into so many religions, and those religions torn into so many schismes, and various forms of devotion. 1649 Milton *Eikon.* xxvii. 215 That Church that from the name of a distinct place takes its autority to set up a distinct Faith or Government, is a Scism and Faction, not a Church. 1840 Macaulay *Ess., Ranke* (1850) II. 143 If a noble lady is moved..she will end by giving her name to a new schism. 1884 Tennyson *Becket* I. iii, And that I cannot sign: for that would make Our island-Church a schism from Christendom.

fig. 1640 Habington *Q. Arragon* IV. i, If your designe Be to convert me; for I know you hold All Ladies in a Schisme, who are young and proud.

† **e.** ? A schismatical opinion. *Obs. rare*$^{-1}$.

1644 Milton *Areop.* (Arb.) 55 Not to count him fit to print his mind without a tutor and examiner, lest he should drop a scism, or something of corruption.

3. *gen.* In early use, a state of disunion, dissension, or mutual hostility. Now with more restricted meaning (influenced by sense 2 and the Gr. etymology), a division into mutually opposing parties of a body of persons that have previously acted in concert. Also, in recent use, a severance of unity, a discord, breach (between persons or things).

c 1425 Lydg. *Assembly of Gods* 411 The goddys remembryd the scisme odyous Among the three goddesses that she [Discord] had wrought At the fest of Peleus. *c* 1440 Capgrave *Life St. Kath.* II. 454 (MS. Arund.), 'It is ful perillous, he seyde, 'to be a mayde And eke a qveen; 3e may be ful sone afrayde If ony rysynge or ony sisme [*MS. Rawl.* scisme] be sterde.' 1447 Bokenham *Seyntys* (Roxb.) 36 But whan that cyte [Antioch] wyth scysme was ner nowt Oon Austyn to Tuskayne from thens me [St. Margaret] browt. *c* 1440 *Gesta Rom.* xxviii. 196 (Add. MS.) Where that was cissime and debate amonge any, he labored for to make accorde, that good accorde shold be had. 1477 *Coventry Leet Bk.* 420 Eny persone..that haue eny seductions langage, which myght sowe eny sysme betwixt the kynges goode grace and eny his lordez. *a* 1674 Clarendon *Hist. Reb.* x. § 110 But this Schisme carried all the Reputation and Authority to the Army, and left none to the Parliament. 1783 Burke *Indian Committee* Wks. II. 216 An open schism instantly divided the Council. 1834 Macaulay *Ess., Pitt* P 10 The schism which had divided the Whig party was now completely healed. 1839 *Blackw. Mag.* XLV. 460 The eternal and inevitable schism between the Romanticists and the Classicists. 1851 M. Hopkins *Strength & Beauty* xiv. 261 (Funk) It is a prejudice, as disastrous as it is unfounded, that there can be a schism between the heart and the intellect to the advantage of either. 1852 T. Parker *Ten Serm. Relig.* iii. (1863) 42 Attraction is the most general law in the material world, and prevents a schism in the universe. 1872 H. T. Buckle *Misc. Wks.* I. 252 The schism between literature and the government was aided by another schism between literature and religion.

b. *nonce-uses.* A faction, party; a set or class of people.

1819 Shelley *Peter Bell* II. v, He had on an upper Benjamin (For he was of the driving schism). 1820 — *Witch of Atlas* lxxv, In a band The gaolers sent those of the liberal schism Free through the streets of Memphis.

† **4.** *Mus.* = Schisma. *Obs. rare.*

1653 Ld. Brouncker tr. *Des Cartes' Compend. Mus.* 30 A certaine Fraction, which may be the difference betwixt a Tone major and a Tone minor, which we nominate a Schism [orig. *quam schisma nominamus*]. 1694 W. Holder *Harmony* 86, *Note*, whenever I mention Diesis without Distinction; I mean Diesis *Minor*, or Enharmonic: and when I so mention Comma; I mean Comma *Majus*, or Schism.

¶ **5.** Used *jocularly* in the etymological sense: A rent or tear (in a garment).

1767 Sterne *Tr. Shandy* IX. xxiv, My shirts! see what a deadly schism has happen'd amongst 'em. 1772 R. Graves *Spir. Quixote* (1783) II. 140 He..levelled his needle at the schism in his Master's trousers.

6. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *schism-sower, time*; **Schism Act,** the statute 13 Anne c. 7 (1714; repealed in 1719 by 5 Geo. I, c. 4), requiring all teachers to conform to the Established Church; **so Schism Bill; schism-house, -shop,** a contemptuous term for a nonconformist place of worship (occasionally also applied to a proprietary chapel licensed for Church of England services).

1733 *Free-Briton* No. 200 P 6 This was the Act which repealed the *Schism-Act. *Ibid.* P 1 The *Schism-Bill. 1814 W. Wilson *Dissent. Ch. Lond.* IV. 533 The schism bill received the royal assent June 25, 1714. 1843 Miall in *Nonconf.* III. 607 What the vicar calls "schism-houses'. 1893 *Church Times* 21 July 757/4 In Romish schism-houses in this country. 1801 Col. G. Hanger in *Life* II. 404 You might travel 60 or 70 miles and not see a church, or even a *schism-shop. 1823 Southey *Let. to Mrs. Southey* 30 Dec. in *Life* (1850) V. 154, I recollected that in most schism shops the sermon is looked upon as the main thing for which the congregation assemble. *c* 1449 Pecock *Repr.* II. ii. 139 Therfore the aȝenseiers her of ben to be reiated and rebukid as..*scisme sowers and disturblers of the peple. 1589 Nashe *Martins Months Mind* Ep. to Rdr. D 1, Al such vntractable and seditious scisme sowers. 1539 Wriothesley *Chron.* (1875) I. 107 The great studie and stedfastness that he had taken and contynued in all the *scysme and division tyme.

† **Schism,** *v. Obs. rare.* [f. Schism *sb.*] *intr.* To separate schismatically.

1604 H. Jacob *Reasons taken out* 77 He that differeth from the Gospell ioyneth not to the Church, but schismeth from it. 1610 J. Robinson *Justif. Separation* Wks. 1851 II. 293 It is necessary that he which thinks it a true church return unto it, from which he hath wickedly schismed. 1645 Kippen in R. Baillie *Anabaptism* (1647) 69 The notorious guilt of schisming from Rome.

‖ **Schisma** (ski·zmă). *Acoustics.* Pl. **schismata.** Also 9 **skhisma.** [late L. *schisma* 'dimidium commatis' (Boëthius, quoting Philolaus), a special use of Gr. *σχίσμα* division: see Schism *sb.*] A term denoting a small interval of musical pitch.

† **a.** In ancient Greek use, the half of a comma. *Obs.* † **b.** By Descartes and some later writers applied to the difference between a major and a minor tone; = Comma 3 (1). *Obs.* **c.** The difference between a diaschisma and a syntonic comma, represented by the ratio 32.805 : 32.768.

1653 [see Schism *sb.* 4]. 1753 *Chambers' Cycl. Supp.* 1875 Ellis *Helmholtz' Sensat. Tone* III. xiv. 431 *note*, This substitution..amounts to a temperament with perfect Fifths, and major Thirds too flat by a skhisma, or nearly the eleventh of a comma. 1876 C. Brown *Mus. Common Things* II. 38

Between all enharmonic changes,..the interval of the schisma always occurs, 32,768 : 32,805, the difference being 37. **1876** STAINER & BARRETT *Dict. Mus. Terms, Schisma* (Gk.), an approximate half of a Pythagorean comma, that is, half of the difference between twelve fifths and seven octaves. **1885** ELLIS *Helmholtz' Sensat. Tone* Addit. (ed. 2) 432 Twelve Fifths up and seven Octaves down give the sum of a Comma and a Skhisma, known as the Pythagorean Comma.

† Schi·smacy. *Obs.* In 4 scismacye, oismacie. [f. SCHISMAT(E : see -ACY.] = SCHISM *sb.* 2.

1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) VII. 149 In tyme of þis Henry, so moche scismacye [L. *tantum schisma*] was in þe chirche of Rome, þat þre men were chosen popes. *Ibid.*, þis Henry comynge to Rome for to cese þe cismacie [L. *pro schismate sedando*].

† Schi·smarch. *Obs.* [ad. med.L. *schismarcha*, f. *schisma* SCHISM *sb.* + *-archa*, a. Gr. *-ἄρχης* ruler. Cf. *heresiarch.*] A founder of a schism.

1657 J. WATTS *Dipper Sprinkled* 31 Your own original Authors and Scismarchs.

† Schismat(e. *Obs. rare.* [In 15th c. *scismat(e*, a. OF. *scismat* (Godefr.), app. a back-formation from *scismatique* SCHISMATIC.] = SCHISMATIC *sb.*

c **1450** *St. Cuthbert* (Surtees) 3702 3e assent to sin or to scismates. *Ibid.* 4598 To bow þaim to scismats. *c* **1450** *Mirk's Festial* 173 Vo þes orisons, holy chyrch prayth for all maner folke, for Iewes,..for herytykys, for scismatys.

Schismatic (sizmæ·tik), *a.* and *sb.* Forms : 4–6 scismatik, 5 cyamatyke, scismattike, 5–6 sys-, sciamatyk, 6 scysmatik, -yk(e, schismatik, sys-, scismatick, 7 scismatique, 6–7 schismatike, -ique, -icke, 7 shismatick, 7– schismatic. [ME. *cysmatyke, scismatik*, etc., a. OF. *cis-, scismatique* (mod.F. *schismatique*, after Gr. ; the altered spelling came in both in Fr. and Eng. near the end of the 16th c.), ad. eccl. L. *schismaticus*, a. eccl. Gr. *σχισματικός*, f. *σχισματ-, σχίσμα* SCHISM *sb.* Cf. Pr. *sismatic*, Sp. *cismático*, Pg. *schismatico*, It. *scismatico.*

Johnson, Walker, Todd, and Smart (1836–48) have the stress *schi·smatic*, which appears in many early verse examples. The accentuation now current is given by Webster in 1828; cf. quot. 1822 (Byron).]

A. *adj.* Of or pertaining to schism or schismatics ; of the nature of schism ; guilty of the offence of schism.

c **1440** *Promp. Parv.* 78/2 Cysmatyke, *cismaticus, cismatica. Ibid.* 456/2 Sysmatyk, *scismaticus.* **1456** SIR G. HAYE *Law Arms* (S.T.S.) 109 The subjectis of the Emperour suld kepe thair obedience till him alset he war scismattike. **1512** *Act* 4 *Hen. VIII*, c. 19 Preamble, Whiche Scismatyk demeanure of the seid Frensche King ys and hathe ben parlyous and terrible example to all Cristen fayth. **1534** in *Lett. Suppress. Monasteries* (Camden) 8 Vn the whych sermondes he prechyd dyvers sysmatyke and yronyous opinions. **1543** BALE *Yet a Course at Rom. Foxe* 98 h, Hontyngton.. can not amonge all hys heretyques fynde..one scysmatyk Prest. **1645** EVELYN *Diary* 7 July, I went over to St. George's to the ceremonie of the schismatic Greekes, who are permitted to have their Church, tho' they are at defiance with Rome. **1728** MORGAN *Algiers* I. iii. 59 The Schismatick Mahometans ..employed their utmost malice against that unhappy City. **1818** SCOTT *Hrt. Midt.* viii, It was to be hoped, that, though she was the widow of an enthusiastic corporal of Cromwell's dragoons, her grandson might be neither schismatic nor anti-national. **1822** BYRON *Werner* IV. i, Though the schismatic Swede, Gustavus, is Gone home. **1864** PUSEY *Lect. Daniel* (1876) 258 The schismatic kingdom of Israel. **1865** — *Truth Eng. Ch.* 65 There may be schismatic acts, which have not the deadliness of the sin of schism. **1887** RUSKIN *Præterita* II. 312 The..Modern Painters were.. more startled than flattered by my schismatic praise.

B. *sb.* One who promotes or countenances schism or breach of external unity in the Church ; one who is guilty of the sin of schism ; a member or adherent of a schismatical body.

1377 LANGL. *P. Pl.* B. XI. 115 For cryste cleped vs alle come if we wolde, Sarasenes and scismatikes. *c* **1440** *Jacob's Well* iv. 28 Alle, þat kepyn holy cherch-godys, or wythholdyn þat arn alyenyd awey be sysmatykes..& noȝt wyln restoryn þe godys aȝen [etc.]. **1460** CAPGRAVE *Chron.* (Rolls) 242 And because that the Spaynardis were scismatikes, the Pope Urban graunted [etc.]. **1526** *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 218 b, Malicyous lyuers, as moost specially ben these heretykes and scismatykes. **1579** W. WILKINSON *Confut. Fam. Love* 2 Whosoever doth cut a sunder the unitye, and disturbe the peace of the Church,..is a Schismatique. **1600** *Sir John Oldcastle* IV. iii. 134 Old Ruffian past-grace, vpstart schismatike. **1621** BURTON *Anat. Mel.* III. iv. I. i. 715 Enthusiasts, Diuinators, Prophets, Sectaries, Scismaticks. **1642** CHAS. I *Declar. to County York* 3 June 2 Separatists and Shismaticks. **1650** HUBBERT *Pill Formality* 34 Are they not still called Roundheads, Sectaries, Schismaticks, and what not ? **1678** EVELYN *Diary* 22 Feb., Dr. Pierce preach'd at White-hall on 2 Thessal. 3. 6 against our late Schismatics. *a* **1680** BUTLER *Rem.* (1759) I. 230 Support all Schismatics and Sects. **1688** *Answ. Talon's Plea* 16 There is none but the Greek Schismaticks that reject the Councill of Florence. **1726** AYLIFFE *Parergon* 480 By the Laws of England a Schismatick is one that divides and separates himself from the Establish'd Church of the Realm, not on Fundamentals of Faith, but on some Points of Religion relating to Church Discipline and external Worship. **1769** BLACKSTONE *Comm.* IV. iv. 52 Papists and protestant dissenters..were supposed to be equally schismatics in departing from the national church. **1849** MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* II. I. 164 Both [the puritans and quakers] were schismatics. Both hated episcopacy and the liturgy. **1859** JEPHSON *Brittany* VI. 73 Fleury was no longer read by the young clergy, being considered a Gallican and a schismatic. **1866** GEO. ELIOT *F. Holt* XXIII, The wretched cavils of the Nonconformists, and the noisy futility that belongs to schismatics generally.

loosely. **1535** STEWART *Cron. Scot.* 29455 Schort quhill befoir his dais war compleit, The scismatik callit wes Mohomeit, In Arrabie closit his latter dayis.

Comb. **1577** tr. *Bullinger's Decades* III. viii. 422 They saide that Paule..did schismatiquelike sowe in the churches a certeine doctrine peculiar to him selfe.

b. *spec.* In Roman Catholic use, one of those Roman Catholics who in the reign of Elizabeth conformed by occasionally attending the services of the Church of England, in order to avoid the penalties denounced against recusants.

1584 in Foley *Rec. Eng. Prov. S. J.* (1880) VI. 726 The schismatics who come to church, and yet in heart are Papists, they do most mischief. **1600** in Morris *Troubles Cath. Foref.* I. iv. (1872) 194 And this doth touch chiefly schismatics, whose wives for the most part are all recusants, and many Protestants, besides Catholics. **1877** FOLEY *Rec. Eng. Prov. S. J.* I. 1. 147 His friends and relations were Protestants, but his parents and brothers schismatics.

c. *transf.* and *fig.*

a **1652** BROME *Mad Couple* Addr. to Stationer, But 'tis the Custome, and who won't submit, Must he esteem'd a Schismatick in wit. *a* **1704** T. BROWN *Sat. upon Fr. King* Wks. 1730 I. 60 My breeches too..I found grown Schismaticks, and fall'n asunder. **1834** MACAULAY *Ess., Pitt* P 19 Pulteney..was the schismatic ; they [the Whigs] were the true Catholics, the peculiar people, the despositaries of the orthodox faith of Hampden and Russell.

Schismatical (sizmæ·tikăl), *a.* [Formed as prec. + -AL.] = SCHISMATIC *a.*

a **1548** HALL *Chron., K. Hen. V*, 34 b, Gregory the xij was one of the Scismatical numbre. **1558–9** *Act* 1 *Eliz.* c. 1 § 19 Any Error, Heresie, Scisme or Scismaticall Opinion. **1613** PURCHAS *Pilgrimage* (1614) 589 Peucerus maketh the Egyptian Caliphs to be Schismaticall from their first entrance, which was (as he saith) in Anno 703. **1614** RALEIGH *Hist. World* II. XXVI. 600 Syracon, Captain of the Turkes, that had beene in Aegypt, goes to the Caliph of Baldach, offering his best meanes for the extirpation of the Schismaticall Caliph. **1637** *Decree Star-Chamb. concern. Printing* § 1 in Milton *Areop.* (Arb.) 9 That no person..shall presume to print.. any seditious, scismaticall, or offensive Bookes or Pamphlets. **1642** *Compl. to Ho. Comm.* 15 Schismatical men addicted to Anabaptisme and Brownisme. **1659** BP. WALTON *Consid. Considered* 190 That Manasseh..built a temple on Mount Gerizim,..and there worshipped God, and offered sacrifices, (though in a schismatical way,) is out of doubt. **1680** BAXTER *Rep. Stillingfleet's Let.* vi. 16 And therefore your accusation of us thus grounded is Shismatical and unjust. **1686** *Answ. to Printed Paper* 16 Then the Church of Rome is the most Schismatical in the World, that denies Communion with all Churches that are not in all Tridentine points one with her. **1738** *Gentl. Mag.* VIII. 18/1 The Prophets of the Grove, were not indeed Prophets of the Lord, as Elijah was, but they were the only Prophets of the Schismatical Jewish Church at Samaria. **1761** HUME *Hist. Eng.* II. XXVII. 123 He put Pisa under an interdict, and all the places which gave shelter to the Schismatical Council. **1826** SCOTT *Woodst.* x, But what are these schismatical proceedings to our present purpose? **1879** R. T. SMITH *Basil the Great* x. 124 The passage above quoted in respect to baptism, concerning the failure of the gifts of the spirit in schismatical bodies after the first generation, shows how strongly Basil held the doctrine of Apostolical Succession. **1882–3** *Schaff's Encycl. Relig. Knowl.* I. 204/2 One who has received heretical or schismatical baptism when he might have had the Catholic.

b. *spec.* in Roman Catholic use. (See SCHISMATIC *sb.* b.)

1582 ALLEN *Martyrdom Campion* (1908) 108 This blessed man..had an old schismaticall priest to his uncle.

Schismatically (sizmæ·tikăli), *adv.* [f. SCHISMATICAL *a.* + -LY 2.] In a schismatic manner.

1554 BONNER *Art. Visit.* B ij, Item, whether any such, as were ordered scismatically and contrary to the olde order & custome of the catholike churche, or being vnlawfully and scismatically ye married after the late innouation and maner. *a* **1600** HOOKER *Eccl. Pol.* VII. IX. § 2 Aërius, so Schismatically and stifly maintaining it, must even stand where Epiphanius and Augustine have placed him. **1661** *Terms of Accomm.* 9 It was done schismatically. **1683** *Addr. Jr. Sudbury* in *Lond. Gaz.* No. 1847/3 Those People who in their Fanatick Zeal have Schismatically divided from the best constituted Church in the World. **1691** WOOD *Ath. Oxon.* II. 256 He..preached very schismatically. **1871** FREEMAN *Norm. Conq.* IV. xvii. 94 With what eyes..did Stigand look on the works of the predecessor whom, in Norman belief, he had unjustly and schismatically driven from his throne.

Schisma·ticalness. *rare.* [f. SCHISMATICAL *a.* + -NESS.] The quality of being schismatic.

1664 H. MORE *Myst. Iniq., Apol.* x. 562 Your mere Schismaticalness and Contumacy against the Church is so. **1637** H. STUBBE *Further Justif. War Neth.* 47 Their Bishops were recalled, and a plenary toleration granted unto them ; their Madness, or Schismaticalness being left to the immediate punishment of God. **1681** H. MORE *Expos. Dan.* Pref. 90 We are to..repent us..of our Schismaticalness and Rebelliousness. **1718** HICKES & NELSON *J. Kettlewell* III. lxix. 362 The Schismaticalness of the Congregations.

† Schismaticating, *ppl. a. Obs.*—[1] [f. SCHISMATIC + -ATE 3 + -ING 2.] = SCHISMATIZING *ppl. a.*

1712 M. HENRY *Nat. Schism* (1886) 5 Some of the schismaticating doctors the Church has known.

Schisma·tico-, combining form of SCHISMATIC.

1689 *Apol. Fail. Walker's Acc.* 25 It being Canonico-Prelatically impossible, tho Schismatico-Presbyterially certain. **1818** G. S. FABER *Horæ Mosaicæ* I. 315 Their Schismatico-political mode of worship.

Schi·smatism. *nonce-wd.* [f. SCHISMAT-IC + -ISM.] Schismatic principles.

1859 MRS. GASKELL *Round the Sofa* 223 But, at any rate, he is a Baptist, and has been in trade. What with his schismatism and Mr. Gray's methodism, I am afraid all the primitive character of this place will vanish.

Schismatist (si·zmătist). *rare.* [Formed as next + -IST.] A schismatic.

1754 *Let. fr. Member of Ch. of Scot. to Elder of Seceders* 52 He says not to these schismatists you are not a Member of the Church. **1852** *Blackw. Mag.* LXXI. 750 [He] hopes the best for Schismatists, but can't See aught for them within the covenant. **1895** *Cath. News* 12 Oct. 7/5 It would be one of the greatest triumphs of Leo's sovereignty if he succeeded in winning back the Alexandrian schismatists to the true faith.

Schismatize (si·zmătəiz), *v.* [a. OF. *scismatiser* (Cotgr.), f. Gr. *σχίσματ-, σχίσμα* SCHISM + -IZE.]

1. *intr.* To behave as a schismatic ; to favour or advocate schismatic principles ; to lead or belong to a schismatic body.

1602 W. WATSON *Sparing Discov.* A 3 b, The Secular priests haue only..Schismatiz'd and rebelled against M. Geor. Blackwell and his Jesus Masters. **1611** COTGR., *Scismatiser*, to Scismatise it, or play the Scismatick. **1657** J. SERGEANT *Schism Dispatch't* 89 Therefore to schismatize is to divide himself voluntarily from the Church. *Ibid.* 382 Which being too weak a ground in the iudgment of every prudent Conscientious man to hazard his Soul upon, as he must if he begin to Schismatize upon no better Grounds. **1659** GAUDEN *Tears Ch.* I. ii. 42 From which [Church] I rather chose boldly to separate than poorly to *schismatise* in it. **1689** HICKERINGILL *Ceremony-Monger* Concl. iv. Wks. 1716 II. 488 Must we Schismatize from Scripture, and from all the Protestants in the World, to follow a Custom they got into the Greek Church ? **1705** — *Priest-cr.* I. ibid. III. 13 If [the Church of England] say true, then it is impossible ..to Schismatize from her. **1716** M. DAVIES *Athen. Brit.* III. 11 All Foreign Calvinists..disown and condemn our Dissenters for Idiotizing as well as Schismatizing in their Uncivil as well as Unchristian Obstinacy. **1833** J. H. NEWMAN *Arians* I. i. (1876) 6 His intimate friend..Lucian, who schismatized or was excommunicated on his deposition. **1864** — *Apol.* 239 It may be the providential means of uniting the whole Church in one, without fresh schismatizing or use of private Judgment.

b. *transf.* To make a division in a political party.

1793 JEFFERSON *Writ.* (1859) IV. 52, I am not sure whether some of the more furious republicans may not schismatize with him.

2. *trans.* **a.** To lead into schism. **b.** To divide into parties. *rare.*

1645 *Liberty of Conscience* 35 We must distinguish the persons who are in the error, whether Heresiarchs and ringleaders, or whether followers only,..whether schismatizing, or schismatized. **1813** JEFFERSON *Writ.* (1830) IV. 202 They [these questions] now schismatize every people whose minds and mouths are not shut up by the gag of a despot.

Hence **Schi·smatizing** *ppl. a.*

1657 J. SERGEANT *Schism Dispatch't* 559 To reunite..a schismatizing Congregation to the Body it broke from. **1712** M. HENRY *Nat. Schism* (1886) 9 The great schismatizing principle which has been so much the bane of the Christian Church.

† Schi·smic, *a. Obs. rare*—[1]. [f. SCHISM *sb.* + -IC.] Schismatic.

1608 SYLVESTER *Du Bartas* II. iv. III. *Schisme* 525 Then to Carmel's top The Schismick Priests were quickly called up. **1614** — *Little Bartas* 1047 Vouchsafe our souls rest, without Schismick strife.

† Schi·smless, *a. Obs. rare*—[1]. [f. SCHISM *sb.* + -LESS.] Without or free from schism.

1641 MILTON *Ch. Govt.* I. vi. 22 The peace and good of the Church is not terminated in the schismelesse estate of one or two kingdomes.

Schist [1] (fist). *Geol.* Also 8 **shist** ; and see SCHISTUS. [a. F. *schiste* (in 16th c. *scisth*, in 18th c. occas. *chile*, in accordance with the then usual pronunciation), a. L. *schistos* adj., fissile, readily splitting (*lapis schistos*, a kind of stone mentioned by Pliny), a. Gr. *σχιστός* (*σχ. λίθος*, 'probably talc', L. & Sc.), f. *σχιδ-, σχίζειν* to split : see SCHISM *sb.*] A crystalline rock whose component minerals are arranged in a more or less parallel manner.

Some continental writers call any fissile rock a 'schist', prefixing the word 'crystalline' to denote the rocks described in the above definition. The parallel structure in schists is independent of original stratification, being due to metamorphic action ; indeed, many schists are modified igneous rocks.

1795 MILLS in *Phil. Trans.* LXXXVI. 41 A thin stratum of vegetable soil lies uppermost ; then clay, mingled with fine sand, composed of small particles of quartz, mica, and shist. **1832** DE LA BECHE *Geol. Man.* (ed. 2) 309 The schist, and its accompanying clays, contain an abundance of fossils. **1885** TEALL (*title of paper*) On the Metamorphosis of Dolomite into Hornblende-Schist. **1886** BONNEY *Pres. Addr. Geol. Soc.* 57 Again in the mouth of one geologist a 'schist' will mean any rock that has a rough fissility,..while another restricts the term to the foliated rocks. **1903** A. GEIKIE *Text-bk. Geol.* 246 A rock possessing a crystalline arrangement into separate folia is in English termed a Schist. **1904** VAN HISE *Treat. Metamorphism* (U. S. Geol. Survey) 780 Illustrations of the use of the term Schist both as the name of a definite rock and with a structural signification are furnished by the terms mica-schist, chlorite-schist, and hornblende-schist as generally used.

b. *attrib.*

1839 URE *Dict. Arts* 36 The evaporation of the Schist Lixivium. *Ibid.* 39 For evaporating the schist liquors. **1878** *Schiller's Technol. Dict.*, Schist-oil. **1903** GEIKIE *Text-bk. Geol.* IV. VIII. § 1 (ed. 4) 782 The schist district of the Elbe valley hills in Saxony.

Schist [2] (skist). *Acoustics. rare.* In quot. **skhist.** [ad. Gr. *σχιστόν*, neut. of *σχιστός* divided : see SCHIST [1].] A small interval equal to one-eighth of a schisma. **1875** [see SCHISTIC *a.*[3]].

Schista·ceous, *a. Bot.* [f. SCHIST[1] + -ACEOUS.] Having the colour of schist or slate, blue-grey.

1900 B. D. JACKSON *Gloss. Bot. Terms.*

†**Schi·stic,** *a.*[1] *Obs. rare*[−1]. In 8 *erron.* schystic. [ad. assumed Gr. **σχιστικός*, f. σχιδ-, *σχίζειν* to split: see SCHISM *sb.*] Dividing, analytical. (In quot. *humorously pedantic.*)

1742–3 FIELDING *Phil. Trans.* Wks. 1771 VI. 500 We are forced to proceed..by the metabolic or mutative [method], not by the schystic or divisive.

†**Schi·stic,** *a.*[2] *Geol. Obs.* [f. SCHIST[1] + -IC.] Pertaining to, resembling a schist: = SCHISTOID.

1806 *Gazetteer Scot.* (ed. 2) 259 The rocks in the parish are mostly whinstone, and schistic strata. 1807 HEADRICK *Arran* 50 Masses of schistic rock.

Schistic (ski·stik), *a.*[3] *Acoustics.* In 9 skhistic. [See quot.] Of a system of musical temperament, or tones as tempered on this system; Based on an allowance for the difference of a 'schist'.

1875 ELLIS tr. *Helmholtz' Sensat. Tone* App. XIX. 652 Skhistic, or Helmholtzian [temperament] as it may be called. ..The name Skhistic is derived from skhist..which I use for the small interval that is one-eighth of the Greek skhisma. *Ibid.*, The complete series of skhistic tones. *Ibid.* 764 If skhistic intonation could be easily produced in practice.

Schi·stify, *v. Geol.* [f. SCHIST[1] + -IFY.] *trans.* To develop a schistic structure in, to change into schist. Hence **Schi·stified** *ppl. a.*

1890 COLE & GREGORY in *Q. Jrnl. Geol. Soc.* XLVI. 301 Some of this rock is fine-grained, and some schistified with large diallage- and felspar-eyes. *Ibid.* 305 This rock was described..as a schistified serpentine.

Schistoid (ſi·stoid), *a. Geol.* [f. SCHIST[1] + -OID.] Having the nature of, or resembling, schist.

1852 TH. ROSS tr. *Humboldt's Trav.* II. XXIV. 398 We saw in the mountains of Upper Orinoco,..granites passing into gneiss, and schistoid hornblendes. 1858 MAYNE *Expos. Lex.*

Schistoscope (ski·stoskōup). *Chromatics.* [f. Gr. *σχιστό-ς* divided, divisible (see SCHIST[1]) + -SCOPE.] An optical instrument producing complementary colours side by side.

1874 *S. Kens. Mus. Catal. Sci. Apparatus* No. 3678 (1877) 935 Rose's Schistoscope, for the physiology of colour. 1879 ROOD *Mod. Chromatics* xi. 161 Perhaps the..best [instrument] is that which was contrived by Brücke..and called by him a schistoscope...This..is merely a combination of a low-power simple microscope with a polariscope.

Schistose (ſi·stōus), *a.* Also 8–9 shistose. [f. SCHIST[1] + -OSE[1].]

1. *Geol.* Laminated; having a formation resembling a schist.

1794 KIRWAN *Elem. Min.* (ed. 2) I. 182 Shistose Clay... 1st variety, Slate Clay, Shale. 1821 *Tales My Landlord, Fair Witch Glas Llyn* II. 353 A conical hill, called Cerrig Tym, composed of a schistose rock. 1838 W. F. AINSWORTH *Res. Assyria*, etc. 337 With a foliated or shistose fracture in one direction. 1879 *Cassell's Techn. Educ.* IV. 255/2 The ores are rich, and are found in pockets in a schistose rock.

†2. Cleaving after the manner of a schist. *Obs.*

1831 MACCULLOCH *Syst. Geol.* I. 158 A soft claystone, with a schistose tendency on exposure.

†3. Abounding in, characterized by schist. *Obs.*

1843 PORTLOCK *Geol.* 175 Quartz veins are abundant in many parts of the schistose country.

4. *Bot.* 'Slaty, as to tint' (B. D. Jackson, 1900).

Schisto·sity. *Geol.* [f. SCHISTOSE + -ITY.] The direction or line of cleavage in a rock of crystalline formation.

1888 TEALL *Brit. Petrogr.* 446 *Schistosity*,..denotes the fissility of the crystalline schists. 1901 J. HORNE in *Nature* 19 Sept. 513/2 Before the planes of schistosity were developed in these Dalradian schists.

Schistous (ſi·stəs), *a.* [f. SCHIST[1] + -OUS.]

1. *Geol.* = SCHISTOSE *a.* 1.

1802–3 tr. *Pallas's Trav.* (1812) II. 115 It is scarcely ever observed in thin layers between schistous minerals. 1833 L. RITCHIE *Wand. by Loire* 122 An immense schistous rock. 1875 *Wonders of Phys. World* I. 2 The schistous slate separates readily into leaves.

2. Formed of schist.

1829 PEACOCK *Misfort. Elphin* xi. 139 Prince Rhun being safe in schistous bastile, Taliesin commenced his journey. 1835 BROWNING *Paracelsus* I. 812 In the steady, rolling Mayne..is mixed its mass of schistous ore. 1840 ARNOLD *Jrnl.* in Stanley *Life* (1858) II. 351 Bare schistous hills.

3. *Nat. Hist.* = SCHISTOSE *a.* 4.

1858 MAYNE *Expos. Lex.*, *Schistosus*..sometimes applied the same as *Ardisiaceus*, to indicate a shade of blue, as the *Coluber schistosus*: schistous.

‖ **Schi·stus.** *Obs.* Also 9 shistus, 7 in Gr. form schistos. [mod.L.; see SCHIST[1].] = SCHIST[1].

[1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* XXXV. IV. II. 558 Of alume..there is one kind which the Greeks call Schistos, and the nature thereof is to cleave along into certaine filaments or threads like haires. 1623 COCKERAM III, *Schistos*, a stone of Saffron colour, easie to be cleft into thin plates.] 1775 MASSON in *Phil. Trans.* LXVI. 306 A kind of rotten schistus or slate. 1799 *Monthly Rev.* XXX. 12 Micaceous shistus, granite, gneiss, chlorite-shistus, sand-stone, and lime-stone. 1831 BREWSTER *Optics* xiv. 115 Take a plate of regularly formed mother-of-pearl, with its surfaces nearly parallel, and grind these surfaces upon a hone or upon a plate of glass with the powder of schistus.

†**Schize,** *v. Obs. rare*[−1]. [ad. Gr. *σχίζειν*, after the derivative SCHISM *sb.*] *intr.* To separate from, to commit schism. Cf. SCHISM *v.*

1596 H. CLAPHAM *Briefe Bible* I. 80 As they had schized from the true Church, so now likewise from the true worship to a false.

Schizo- (skəi·zo, skəizɒ·), irreg. representing Gr. *σχίζειν* to split, combining with other words of Greek origin in various scientific terms. **Schi·zocarp** (-kāɹp) *Bot.* [Gr. *καρπός* fruit], a term applied to dry fruits which break up into two or more one-seeded mericarps without dehiscing. Hence **Schizocarpic, Schizocarpous** *adjs.*, 'resembling or belonging to a schizocarp' (*Cent. Dict.* 1891). **Schi·zocœle** (-sīl) *Zool.* [Gr. *κοῖλον* a hollow], a perivisceral cavity formed by a splitting of the mesoblast. Hence **Schizocœlic, Schizocœ·lous** *adjs.* **Schizodi·nic** *a. Zool.* [Gr. *ὠδῖνες* birth-pains + -IC], belonging to a group of Mollusca, in which a temporary rupture of the body-wall takes place for the extrusion of the genital products. ‖ **Schi·zodon** *Zool.* [mod.L.; Gr. *ὀδοντ-* tooth], a genus of rodents, distinguished by having a molar with single internal and external folds, which meet in the middle of the tooth. ‖ **Schizoge·nesis** *Biol.* [mod.L. (Haeckel, 1866); Gr. *γένεσις* reproduction], fissiparous generation. **Schizogene·tic** *a. Bot.* [-GENETIC] = *schizogenic*; hence **Schizogene·tically** *adv.* **Schizogenic** (-dʒe·nik) *a. Bot.* [-GEN 2 + -IC], formed by cleavage; applied to cavities formed by the splitting of the common wall of contiguous cells. **Schizogenous** (-ɒ·dʒĭnəs) *a. Bot.* [-GEN 2 + -OUS] = *schizogenic.* **Schizognathism** (-ɒ·gnăþiz'm) *Ornith.* [Gr. *γνάθ-ος* jaw + -ISM], a condition in which the bony palate is cleft from the posterior nares to the end of the beak. Hence **Schizo·gnathous** *a.*, having a cleft palate. **Schizogony** (-ɒ·gŏnĭ) *Zool.* [ad. mod.L. *schizogonia* (Haeckel); Gr. *-γονία*, reproduction] = *schizogenesis.* Hence **Schizogo·nic** *a.*, pertaining to schizogony; spec. *schizogonic cycle*, the second of the two stages in the life-history of a Coccidian. ‖ **Schizomycetes** (·məisī·tīz) *sb. pl. Biol.* [see MYCETES], a group of microscopic, rod-like, unicellular organisms, multiplying by fission, variously known as *Bacteria, Microbes*, etc.; *rarely* in sing. **schizomycete.** Hence **Schizomyce·tic, -myce·tous** *adjs.* **Schi·zophyte** (-fəit) *Biol.* [-PHYTE], a microscopic organism multiplying by fission, akin to *Schizomycetes.* **Schi·zopod** (-pɒd) *Zool.*, a member of the ‖ **Schizo·poda** *sb. pl.* [Gr. *ποδ-* foot], a sub-order of crustaceans, named from the apparent splitting of the thoracic limbs produced by the great development of the exopodites; hence **Schizo·podous** *a.* **Schizorhi·nal** *a. Ornith.* [Gr. *ῥίν-, ῥίς* nose], having each nasal bone deeply cleft or forked. **Schizothe·cal** *a. Ornith.* [Gr. *θήκη* a case], having the podotheca divided by scutellation or reticulation.

1870 *Henfrey's Bot.* § 247 In such a case the term **schizocarp* is employed to designate the whole fruit. 1905 BALFOUR tr. *Goebel's Organogr. Plants* II. 160 Andreæa..is an exception, and its sporogonia are *schizocarpous, for no lid is produced. 1877 HUXLEY *Anat. Inv. Anim.* i. 51 That form of perivisceral cavity which I have termed a *schizocœle. 1888 ROLLESTON & JACKSON *Anim. Life* Introd. 30 The well-known term schizocoele may be retained for them [the coelomic cavities of *Vertebrata*]. 1900 *Lankester's Treat. Zool.* III. 26 Formerly the system was supposed to develop as a cleft in the mesenchyme, and therefore was called the '*schizocoelic system'. 1875 HUXLEY in *Encycl. Brit.* II. 53/1 In the Lamellibranchiata and Odontophora, there is every reason to believe that the perivisceral cavity is formed by splitting of the mesohlast, or that they are *schizocœlous. 1883 E. R. LANKESTER in *Encycl. Brit.* XVI. 682/1 Cœlomate animals are, according to this nomenclature, either *Schizodinic or Porodinic. 1848 WATERHOUSE *Nat. Hist. Mammalia* II. 265 *Schizodon fuscus.* The Brown *Schizodon. 1891 *Century Dict.*, **Schizogenesis*..., fission as a mode of reproduction; generation by fission. 1884 BOWER & SCOTT *De Bary's Phaner.* 213 To the first, *schizogenetic, category belong the larger air-spaces in stem, roots, and leaves of many marsh and water-plants. *Ibid.* 209 The reservoirs arise *schizogenetically. 1885 GOODALE *Physiol. Bot.* 99 *note*, The first mode of development of intercellular spaces has been termed *schizogenic. 1883 *Athenæum* 29 Dec. 870/3 [Mr. J. R. Green concludes] that, at least in some species [of Hypericaceæ], there is also a series of *schizogenous ducts. 1884 COUES *Key N. Amer. Birds* (ed. 2) 170 *Schizognathism is the kind of 'cleft palate' shown by the columbine and gallinaceous birds. 1872 COUES *Key N. Amer. Birds* 229 The palate is *schizognathous. 1887 HUBRECHT in *Q. Jrnl. Microsc. Sci.* Mar. 613 *Schizogony having once been established, it must have been further beneficial to the species. 1902 *Encycl. Brit.* XXXII. 816/1 The *schizogonic cycle..occurs in human blood, giving rise to malarial fever. 1880 A. FLINT *Princ. Med.* 96 The living organisms to which the advocates of the germ theory attribute the causation of the infectious diseases, are embraced under the name **schizomycetes.* 1898 SALTER tr. *Lafar's Techn. Mycol.* I. title, *Schizomycetic Fermentation. 1902 *Cassell's Encycl. Dict.* Suppl., *Schizomycetous. 1880 *Libr. Univ. Knowl.* (N. Y.) XII. 229 **Schizophyte*, a microscopic organism belonging to Cohn's order schizoporeae, and allied to bacteria..regarded as a variety of bacillus. 1887 GARNSEY & BALFOUR tr. *De Bary's Bacteria* 37 This group has received the name of Fission-plants or Schizophytes. 1842 BRANDE *Dict. Sci.* etc., *Schizopods. 1877 HUXLEY *Anat. Inv. Anim.* vi. 348 This may be termed the Schizopod stage. 1840 *Cuvier's Anim. Kingd.* 422 *note*, The *Schizopoda..have been found to be more nearly allied to the order Stomapoda. 1858 MAYNE *Expos. Lex.*, *Schizopodus*, applied..to a tribe of the *Crustaceæ*..the feet of which are deeply divided into slender branches: *schizopodous. 1877 HUXLEY *Anat. Inv. Anim.* vi. 367 The Schizopodous *Podophthalmia.* 1884 COUES *Key N. Amer. Birds* (ed. 2) 165 In the Columbidæ,..the nasal bones are *schizorhinal. 1896 NEWTON *Dict. Birds* Introd. 91 Herein he [Garrod] strove to prove that Birds ought to be divided into two Subclasses—one, called Holorhinal,..and the other, called Schizorhinal. 1884 COUES *Key N. Amer. Birds* (ed. 2) 125 Such a podotheca is holothecal...The generic opposite is *schizothecal.

‖ **Schi·zzo.** *Obs.* Also **skizzo**; *pl.* schizzos, scizzi, scizzis. [It.: see SKETCH *sb.*] A sketch.

1686 AGLIONBY *Painting Illustr.* Explan. Terms s. v., The Schizzos are ordinarily reduced into Cartoons in Fresco Painting, or Copyed and Enlarged in Oyl-Painting. *Ibid.* iii. 117 He seldom Designed a Story in his first Schizzos, that he did not do it four or five several ways, to choose at last the best. *a* 1734 NORTH *Exam.* II. iv. § 6 (1740) 234 The Crafts-masters of that Plot, from the very first *Scizzi* of the Design, considered [etc.]. 1736 LEDIARD *Life Marlborough* I. Ded. 5, I have aim'd at no more than a brief *Skizzo* of it in my Preface. 1793 SIR E. HARINGTON (*title*) A Schizzo on the Genius of Man.

‖ **Schlafrock** (ſlā·fɹɒk). [G., f. *schlaf-en* to sleep + *rock* coat, gown.] A dressing-gown.

1836 LONGF. in *Life* (1891) I. 248 One nasty little professor in a dirty *schlafrock* took the pipe out of his mouth and kissed me on the lips. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* lxv, A student, in jack-boots and a dirty *schlafrock*, was lying on the bed smoking a long pipe.

‖ **Schloss** (ſlɒs). [Ger.] A (German) castle.

[1617 MORYSON *Itin.* I. 202 A Castle (which the Dutch call *Schlosse*).] 1883 'OUIDA' *Wanda* I. 61 She had a beautiful little *schloss* on the green Ebensee. 1896 *Strand Mag.* XII. 282 Virginia creeper draped the quaint grey schlosses with crimson cloaks.

Schnapper (ʃnæ·pəɹ). Formerly also snapper. [An alteration, after the equivalent G. *schnapper*, of SNAPPER (f. SNAP *v.* + -ER[1]), a name which has been given independently in various parts of the world to many different fishes. The original form is retained in some English books, but is obsolete in Australia and New Zealand.] A valuable sparoid food-fish (*Pagrus unicolor*), abundant upon the coasts of South Australia and New Zealand.

1827 P. CUNNINGHAM *N. S. Wales* I. 68 Snappers, bream, flat-heads, and various other descriptions of fishes, are all too found plentifully about. 1850 CLUTTERBUCK *Port Phillip* iii. 44 Besides the fish above numerated, are the Schnapper, black-fish and eel. 1890 'R. BOLDREWOOD' *Col. Reformer* (1891) 171 The first fish, a twelve-pound schnapper.

b. *attrib.* and *Comb.*

1859 *All Year Round* No. 4. 80 We had been accustomed to..fish..for Schnapper-fish weighing from seven to twenty-five pounds. 1883 E. P. RAMSAY *Food Fishes N. S. Wales* 31 Schnapper-fishing.

‖ **Schnapps, schnaps** (ʃnæps). [Ger.] An ardent spirit resembling Hollands gin.

1818 *Blackw. Mag.* III. 403 Enjoy your schnaps, give sorrow to the wind. 1823 BYRON *Juan* X. lxxi, Not like slow Germany wherein they muddle Along the road,..and also pause besides, to fuddle, With 'schnapps'. *a* 1848 O. W. HOLMES *On Lend. Punch-bowl* 16 He went to Leyden, where he found conventicles and schnaps. 1885 C. LOWE *Bismarck* II. 488 A General, talking of drinks, had laid down the principle: 'Red wine for children, Champagne for men, *Schnaps* for Generals'.

Schnebelite (ʃnɛ·ɪ·bĕləit). [f. the name *Schnebel-in* (see below) + -ITE.] An explosive principally composed of specially treated chlorate of potash, invented by the brothers Schnebelin *c* 1893.

1893 *Daily News* 22 Sept. 6/6 L'Abbé Schnebelin, who was illustrating by a series of experiments the advantages of Schnebelite gunpowder. 1894 *Westm. Gaz.* 25 June 6/2 Though the base of the Schnebelite..is chlorate of potash, the..powder seems to be less dangerous to handle than any other.

Schneiderian (ʃnəidī·ɹiăn), *a. Anat.* [f. the name of C. V. *Schneider* of Würtemberg (1610–80), who investigated this structure.] *Schneiderian membrane*, the mucous membrane of the nose.

1803 *Med. Jrnl.* X. 115 The inflammation of the Schneiderian membrane, and that of the mucous membrane of the bronchiæ were much more frequently absent than present. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VI. 753 Situated in the Schneiderian mucous membrane is a large number of bipolar cells.

‖ **Schnorrer** (ʃnɒ·ɹəɹ). *Jewish.* [Yiddish var. of G. *schnurrer*, f. *schnurren* (slang) to go begging.] A Jewish beggar.

1892 ZANGWILL *Childr. Ghetto* I. 4 The Schnorrer felt no false shame in his begging. 1899 *Daily Chron.* 10 Mar. 3/4 The crowd of half-starved immigrants, consisting of street hawkers and schnorrers, who are the plague of the Jewish Board of Guardians.

Scho(e, obs. form of SHE, SHOE, SHOW.

Schoche: see SCOTCH *v.*, SOUCH *v.*

†**Schœnanth.** *Obs.* Also (erron.) schæ-, scœ-. [ad. mod.L. *schœnanthus*, a. late Gr. *σχοίνανθος* (also *σχοινάνθη, σχοινάνθιον*), f. *σχοῖν-ος* rush + *ἄνθος* flower.] A sweet-scented grass of Asia, *Andropogon Schœnanthus*, formerly used in medicine; camel's-hay.

1702 PETIVER in *Phil. Trans.* XXIII. 1257 This is easily known from the other Schœnanths in having hollow Oat-like husks. 1712 tr. *Ponet's Hist. Drugs* I. 110 Schœnanth. 1753 *Chambers' Cycl.* Suppl., *Scœnanth*, or *Schœnanth*.., the dried stalk of a plant brought to us from Arabia.

† **Schœne.** *Obs.* Also **schene.** [ad. L. *schœnus*, a. Gr. σχοῖνος, commonly believed to be a use of σχοῖνος rush, rope, but possibly a foreign word. Cf. F. *schène.*] An ancient measure of distance mentioned by Gr. writers and Pliny (chiefly as in use among the Persians); the length is variously stated at from 30 to 60 stadia (= 3¾ to 7 miles).

1555 EDEN *Decades* (Arb.) 300 Islande..is extended betwene the south and the north almost two hundreth schoenes in longitude. 1603 HOLLAND *Plutarch's Mor.* 274 Measure not wisedome by the Persian Schœne. 1615 G. SANDYS *Trav.* 132 Three Schœnes abone the South angle of the Delta, (each Schœne containing fiue miles at the least, and sometimes seuen and a half). 1674 JEAKE *Arith.* (1696) 112 In Aegypt they reckon by Schœnes of varions Magnitnde, some 60, some 40, some 20 Furlongs.

Schœnobatic (skīnǫbæ·tik), *a. rare*⁻¹. [ad. Gr. σχοινοβατικ-ός, f. σχοινοβάτης (L. *schœnobatēs*) rope-dancer, f. σχοῖνο-ς rope + βα-, βαίνειν to walk.] Pertaining to rope-walking. So **Schœno·batist**, a rope-walker, rope-dancer.

1839 *Blackw. Mag.* XLVI. 21 A troop of young schoenobatists. 1862 *London Rev.* 23 Aug. 160 Scænobatic [*sic*] or acrobatic feats.

Schofeet, obs. form of SOFFIT.

Schoffe, obs. form of SCOFF, SHOVE.

Schoind, variant of SCHYND *Obs.*

Schoir, -ling, Sc. forms of SHORE, SHORLING.

Scholar (skǫ·lăr). Forms: 1 **scolere, scoliere,** 3–7 **acholer,** 4–5 **acolere,** 4–6 **scoler,** 5 **acolare, skolere, scolier,** (*Caxton* **escolyer**), 5–6 **scolar,** 5–7 **scoller,** 6 **scolear, -eir, scollar, skoller, skolar,** 6–7 **scholler, -ar, schooler,** 7 **schoolar, skooller, skollar,** (**sholar**), 6–9 *vulgar* **schollard,** 9 **acholard,** 6– **scholar.** [OE. *scolere, scoliere* (= OHG. *scuolari*, MHG. *schuolære*, early mod.G. *schuler*, now *schüler*), ad. late L. *scholār-is* (f. *schola* SCHOOL), with substitution of the native ending -ER¹. The word is rare in OE., and the ME. *scoler(e* may be wholly or in part a. OF. *escoler, escolier* (mod.F. *écolier*). Cf. Du. *scholier* (? from Fr.), MDu. also *scholare, scholer.*]

1. One who is taught in a school; now *esp.* a boy or girl attending an elementary school. Often qualified by prefixed word, as *Sunday, infant scholar,* DAY-SCHOLAR.

c 1055 *Byrhtferth's Handboc* in *Anglia* VIII. 308 Seo ræding pingð þæne scoliere. 1389 in *Eng. Gilds* (1870) 51 A fraternite was begonne..of ȝonge scolers. *a* 1400–50 *Alexander* 641 If any scolere in þe scole his skorne at him makis. 1402 HOCCLEVE *Let. Cupid* 211 That boke scolers lerne in hir chyldehede. 1538 STARKEY *England* I. i. 3 He was neuer gnd mastur that neuer was scoler. 1596 SHAKS. *Tam. Shr.* III. i. 18, I am no breeching scholler in the schooles. 1610 HOLLAND *Camden's Brit.* I. 266 Two Schoole maisters and threescore and ten schoolers. *a* 1656 BP. HALL *Rem. Wks.* Special. Life 8 Some nnwise friends..perswaded him [my Father] to fasten me upon that School as Master, whereof I was lately a Scholler. 1820 SOUTHEY *Wesley* II. 162 In two or three months there were twenty-eight scholars, notwithstanding the strictness of the discipline. 1843 (*title*) The Sunday Scholar. 1888 J. RUNCIMAN in *Contemp. Rev.* LIV. 39 An accurate inquiry disclosed the fact that 38 per cent. of these poor scholars were breakfastless every morning.

b. One who is receiving, or has received, his instruction or training from a particnlar master; a pupil (*of* a master). Now *arch.* or *rhetorical.*

c 1000 *Canons of Edgar* 10 in Thorpe *Laws* II. 246/14 Þæt æniȝ preost ne underfo oþres scolere. *c* 1305 *St. Edm. Conf.* 247 in *E. E. P.* (1862) 77 His scolers þat ihurde of him gode men were ynouȝ. 1340 *Ayenb.* 39 Ine þis clergie heþ dame anarice uele scolers. 1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) III. 195 Pictagoras hadde þis manere by seuene sciences: non of his scoleres schulde to fore þe senenþe zere axe resonn noþer skile of his lore. 1471 CAXTON *Recuyell* (Sommer) II. 396 Hys escolyers that lerned of hym. *a* 1590 *Marr. Wit & Wisd.* viii. (Shaks. Soc.) 56 *Wit.* Your most vnworthy schollard Giues to you immortall thainks. 1606 SHAKS. *Ant. & Cl.* IV. xiv. 102 Thy Master dies thy Scholler; to do thus I learnt of thee. 1644 MILTON *Areop.* (Arb.) 68 We are become..the backwardest Schollers, of whom God offer'd to hane made us the teachers. 1699 BENTLEY *Phal.* ii. 57 While young, he was Scholar to Thales. 1745 J. HAMMOND *Love Elegies* xiii, And teach my lovely scholar all I know. 1869 TENNYSON *Coming of Arthur* 153 Merlin's master (so they call him) Bleys, Who taught him magic; but the scholar ran Before the master. 1896 BESANT *Master Craftsman* (1897) 67 It looks like Grinling Gibbons ..or perhaps one of his scholars.

c. *transf.* One who acknowledges another as his master or teacher; a disciple.

1577 VAUTROULLIER *Luther on Ep. Gal.* 10 That they were the ministers of Christ and the Apostles scholers. 1597 HOOKER *Eccl. Pol.* V. vii. § 3 To professe themselues therein schollers and followers of the auncient. 1606 B. BARNES *Offices* II. 50 Gower and his Scholler Chancer. 1759 JOHNSON *Idler* No. 68 ¶ 4 The Romans confessed themselves the scholars of the Greeks. 1791 BURKE *Let. Memb. Nat. Assembly* Wks. VI. 37 Your masters, who are his [Rousseau's] scholars. 1842 J. H. NEWMAN *Par. Serm.* V. viii. 127 They think it a fine thing to..profess themselves the devil's scholars.

d. With qualifying adj.: One who is quick (or the reverse) at learning.

c 1605 ROWLEY *Birth of Merlin* II. iii. 232 *Prince.* Dost think thy Lady is of thy opinion? *Gent.* She's a bad Scholar else; I have brought her up, And she dares owe me still. 1719 DE FOE *Crusoe* I. (Globe) 214 He was the aptest Scholar that ever was. 1733 in *Swift's Lett.* (1766) II. 177, I am conscious of only one [good quality], that is, being an apt scholar.

2. One who studies in the 'schools' at a university; a member of a university, esp. a junior or undergradnate member. Now only *Hist.* and in official use.

1303 R. BRUNNE *Handl. Synne* 7999 Þe fourþe sone was a scoler, To lerne more he dyde hys power. *c* 1340 HAMPOLE *Prose Treat.* 7 A scolere at pares had done many full synnys. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Miller's T.* 4 With hym ther was dwellynge a poure scoler, Hadde lerned Art, but al his fantasye Was turned for to lerne Astrologye. 1472–3 *Rolls of Parlt.* VI. 33/2 Your humble Oratours and Snbgiettes, the Chaunceler and Scolers of the Universite in your Toune of Oxonford. 1572 *Act* 14 *Eliz.* c. 5 § 5 All Scollers of the Universityes of Oxford or Cambridge yᵗ goe aboute beginge, not beinge aucthorysed under the Seale of the said Universities. 1579 LYLY *Euphues* (Arb.) 139 Such a confusion of degrees, that the scholler knoweth not his dutie to the Bachelor, nor the Bachelor to the Master. 1596 DALRYMPLE tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* II. 247 The Burgesses and skolleris [at Aberdeen]. 1613–14 *Aberd. Acc.* in *Spalding Club Miscell.* V. 94 Gave to ane Hungarian scoller for his supporte..3 lib. 1632 LITHGOW *Trav.* II. 43 The Schollers here in the night commit many murthers. 1681 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 1656/2 At the very Entrance whereof, the Scholars were placed; First, the Under-Graduates, then the Batchelors of Arts. 1868 *Local Act* 31 & 32 *Vict.* c. 59 Preamble, The Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars of the University of Oxford.

† **b.** In the Elizabethan period, often applied to one who had studied at the university, and who, not having entered any of the learned professions or obtained any fixed employment, sought to gain a living by literary work. *Obs.*

1597 *Pilgr. Parnassus* I. 74 (Macray) Let schollers be as thriftie as they maye, They will be poore ere theire last dyinge daye.

3. One who has acquired learning in the 'Schools'; a learned or erudite person; esp. one who is learned in the classical (i. e. Greek and Latin) languages and their literature.

13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* B. 1554 Scoleres skelten þeratte þe skyl forto synde, Bot þer was neuer on so wyse couþe on worde rede. 1540–1 ELYOT *Image Govt.* (1549) 80 In the habite of a schooler of philosophie. 1599 SHAKS. *Much Ado* II. i. 264, I would to God some scholler would conjure her. 1607 *Peele's Jests* (*c* 1620) 11 He goes directly to the Mayor, tels him he was a Scholler and a Gentleman. 1621 BP. MOUNTAGU *Diatribæ* 181 As becommed a Gentleman and a Scholer. 1779–81 JOHNSON *L. P., Akenside* Wks. 1787 IV. 290 A very conspicuous specimen of Latinity, which entitled him to the same height of place among the scholars as he possessed before among the wits. 1820 LAMB *Elia* I. *Christ's Hospital,* Matthew Field belonged to that class of modest divines who affect to mix in equal proportion the gentleman, the scholar, and the Christian. 1856 EMERSON *Eng. Traits, Religion* Wks. (Bohn) II. 97 Thus the clergy for a thousand years have been the scholars of the nation. 1886 R. C. CHRISTIE in *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 362/2 Joseph Justus Scaliger (1540–1609), the greatest scholar of modern times.

b. with qualifying word indicating the degree of one's attainment.

c 1290 *St. Francis* 154 in *S. Eng. Leg.* I. 58 Bernard, þat was a guod scholer, formest to him cam. 1598 SHAKS. *Merry W.* IV. i. 82 He is a better scholler then I thougbt he was. 1629 LENTON *Yng. Gallants Whirligigg* in *Marr. Wit & Wisdom* (Shaks. Soc.) 125 His Childhood next..Required them to put him unto schoole, Where in processe of time he grew to bee A pretty scholler. 1649 JER. TAYLOR *Gt. Exemp.* II. Disc. vi. 11 An ignorant mans faith..may be as strong as the faith of the greatest Scholler. 1717 LADY M. W. MONTAGU *Let. to Pope* 12 Feb., I pass for a great scholar with him, by relating to him some of the Persian tales. 1719 DE FOE *Crusoe* I. (Globe) 224 He..made me.. a much better Scholar in the Scripture Knowledge, than I should ever have been by my own private meer Reading. 1820 LAMB *Elia* I. *Christ's Hospital,* Under him were many good and sound scholars bred.

c. In illiterate use, one whom the speaker regards as exceptionally learned. Often merely, one who is able to read and write. Freq. in vulgar or dial. form *scholard, schollard,* etc.

1644 QUARLES *Judgem. & Mercy* Wks. (Grosart) I. 79 The Vicar of our Parish..being so good a Churchman, and so great a Schollard, and can speake Latine too. 1667 DRYDEN & DK. NEWCASTLE *Sir M. Mar-all* II. ii, Nay, faith, sir, I am not so good a schollard to say much. 1678 *Quack's Acad.* in *Harl. Misc.* (1809) II. 33 The admiring patient shall certainly cry you up for a great schollard, provided always your nonsense be fluent. 1824 MISS MITFORD *Village* Ser. I. 207 He [*sc.* a lad of thirteen] is a great 'scholar', too, to use the country phrase. 1853 LYTTON *My Novel* I. iii, You know Mark was a schollard, sir, like my poor, poor sister. 1893 PEEL *Spen Valley* 274 When the paper was bought by Law's work-people, they had to seek up John Jowett, or some other scholar to read it aloud to them.

4. A student who receives emolnments, dnring a fixed period, from the funds of a school, college, or nniversity, towards defraying the cost of his education or studies, and as a reward of merit.

At the colleges of Oxford and Cambridge and in the University of Durham such students wear a distinctive academic dress, and have special seats in hall and chapel.

1511–2 *Act* 3 *Hen. VIII,* c. 22 § 5 Any particular persone being fellowe or scoler of any of the said Colleges or Halles. 1584 POWEL *Lloyd's Cambria* 400 The Warden and Scholers of new College in Oxenford. 1693 DRYDEN *Persius* iii. (pref. note), I remember I Translated this Satyr, when I was a Kings-Scholar at Westminster-School, for a Thursday-Nights Exercise. 1831 *Oxf. Univ. Herald* 19 Feb. 3/3 The election for a Vinerian Scholar, in the room of Mr. Giles, will take place on Thursday. *Ibid.* 11 June 3/2 On Monday last, Mr. Spranger, commoner of Exeter Coll. was elected a Scholar of that Society. 1853 'C. BEDE' *Verdant Green* I. v, A scholar's gown was accordingly produced. 1857 *Act* 20 & 21 *Vict.* c. 84 Sched. § 71 The foundation scholars at the lower school [Dulwich] shall be appointed by the governors.

5. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *scholar-craft, -part, phrase*; appositive, as *scholar-printer, -saint*; † *scholar-respecting* adj.

1820 SCOTT *Monast.* xi, And since you like *scholarcraft so well, Mary Avenel, you shall see whether Edward or I have most of it. 1711 SHAFTESB. *Charac.* I. 333 *note,* The full advantage of a just and liberal Education, by uniting the *Scholar-part with that of the real Gentleman and Man of Breeding. 1599 PORTER *Angry Wom. Abingt.* (Percy Soc.) 27 That womans will borne, common, *scholler phrase. 1902 M. R. JAMES in *Camb. Mod. Hist.* I. xvii. 619 The sixteenth century was the age of publication. What had been recovered was given to the world by the great *scholar-printers. 1595 *Polimanteia* in Brydges *Brit. Bibl.* I. 275 A *schollar-respecting honor. 1894 *Dublin Rev.* Oct. 340 The serene *scholar-saint, the Benedictine, Jean Mabillon.

b. *Scholar's mate*: see MATE *sb.*¹ b. Also † *scholar's check.*

1656 tr. *Biochimo's Chesse-Play* 17 The Schollers Mate. 1688 HOLME *Armoury* III. v. 264/1 Scholars Check.

Hence **Scho·lar** *v.* (*nonce-wd.* in pa. pple. and gerund), *intr.* to act the scholar or learner; *trans.* ? to educate as a scholar.

1793 MME. D'ARBLAY *Lett.* (1843) V. 402, I have been scholaring all day, and mastering too; for our lessons are mutnal. 1836 MAHONY *Reliques* I. 309 (tr. Gresset) Thus for a time did Vert-Vert dwell Safe in this holy citadelle; Scholared like any well-bred abbé, And loved by many a cloistered Hebé.

Scholarch (skǫ·laːk). *Hist.* [ad. Gr. σχολ-άρχ-ης (mod.L. *scholarcha*, G. *scholarch*), f. σχολή SCHOOL + -αρχης ruler.] The head or ruler of a school: *spec.* **a.** The head of an Athenian school of philosophy. **b.** In certain parts of Germany, Switzerland, and France, an official, or one of a body of officials, formerly charged with the inspection of the schools within a city or district.

1863 DOWDING *Life G. Calixtus* 145 'I will not deny,' he tells the Scholarchs of Nürnberg, 'that' [etc.]. *a* 1871 GROTE *Aristotle* (1872) I. ii. 52 The Scholarchs, successors of Theophrastus at Athens. 1875 M. PATTISON *Casaubon* 260 Laurence, the scholarch, Casaubon's successor as classical professor. 1884 *Ch. Quarterly* XIX. 227 The first Scholarch after the fall of Coostantinople was Matthew the Camariot. 1888 *Encycl. Brit.* XXIV. 718/2 Xenocrates.., scholarch or rector of the Academy from 339 to 314 B.C.

Hence **Scho·larchate** [= G. *scholarchat*], the office of a scholarch; the body of scholarchs.

1762 tr. *Busching's Syst. Geog.* V. 514 The greatest part of the clergy in the town are referred to the scholarchate and the ecclesiastic office, and those who officiate at the spital to the upper administrator thereof.

Scho·lardom. *rare.* [-DOM.] The realm of scholars or scholarship; scholars collectively.

1882 *Fraser's Mag.* Oct. 440 Under the new secretary [of the Philological Society]..scholardom was ruled to admirable effect. 1907 T. C. MIDDLETON *Geog. Knowl. Time Discov. Amer.* 18 *note,* A most damaging blunder in scholardom.

Scho·larhood. *rare.* [-HOOD.] (In quots.) **a.** The body of scholars, the learned world. **b.** The condition of being a scholar or learner.

1837 *Tait's Mag.* IV. 726 The whole scholarhood of England consented to kiss the toe of William Gifford. 1880 J. ROSS *Hist. Corea* x. 306 He is entirely ignorant of their meaning for at least two years of his scholarhood.

† **Schola·rian.** *Obs. rare*⁻¹. [? f. L. *scholāri-s* SCHOLAR + -AN; or f. SCHOLAR + -IAN.] ? A scholar.

1647 BOYLE *Let.* 8 May, Wks. 1772 I. p. xli, I am confident ..that those elevated spirits will not prove half so costive and pedantical, as the great scholarians of our colleges.

Scho·larism. Now *rare.* [f. SCHOLAR + -ISM.] The learning of the 'schools'; scholarship. Sometimes used disparagingly.

1588 GREENE *Perimedes* To Gentl. Rdrs. A 3 b, If there be anye in England that set the end of scollarisme in an English blanck verse. *c* 1590 MARLOWE *Faustus* Chorus (1604) A 2, So soone hee profites in Diuinitie, The fruitfull plot of Scholerisme grac't, That shortly he was grac't with Doctors name. 1611 G. H. *Anti-Coton* 64 [He] hath a purpose to erect a new Colledge in the Vniuersitie, where he will raise the stndy of good letters, which are falne, sith these men have soyled them, by reducing them vnto a miserable kinde of Schollerisme. 1878 DORAN *Mem. Gt. Towns* 225 There was an impression that this new-fangled scholarism was a very sad matter indeed.

† **Schola·rity.** *Obs. rare.* [ad. med.L. *scholāritāt-em*, OF. *sc(h)olarité*, f. *scholār-is* SCHOLAR: see -ITY.] The status of a scholar.

1599 B. JONSON *Cynthia's Rev.* V. iv. Wks. 1616 I. 251 Content, I'le pay your scholaritie. Who offers? 1895 RASHDALL *Univ. Europe Mid. Ages* II. ii. 595 The certificate of 'scholarity' was to be refused if the applicant's Latinity proved unequal to the strain.

Scho·larize, *v. rare*⁻¹. [f. SCHOLAR + -IZE.] *intr.* To study at a university.

1894 J. H. WYLIE *Hist. Eng. Hen. IV,* II. 359 Thomas Gascoigne, a sickly youth then scholarizing at Oriel.

Scho·larless, *a. rare*⁻¹. [-LESS.] Without scholars or pupils.

1887 RUSKIN *Præterita* II. 310 Turner being..lawless alike and scholarless.

Scho·larlike, *a.* and *adv.* [-LIKE.] **A.** *adj.*

†1. Pertaining to scholars or 'the schools'; scholastic. *Obs.*

1577 tr. *Bullinger's Dec.* v. iv. 895 We do not meane a childlike and scholerlike examination [orig. *examen...puerile et scholasticum*]. 1580 HOLLYBAND *Treas. Fr. Tong, Scholastique,* scholerlike. 1592 NASHE *Strange Newes* D 3, They..bad him performe all the Schollerlike ceremonies and disputatiue right appertaining thereto.

2. Resembling or befitting a scholar or learned man; scholarly.

1589 *Marprel. Epitome* B 1 b, What cannot a smooth tongue, and a schollerlike wit bring to passe? 1672 DRYDEN *Def. Epil.* in *Conq. Granada* II. 172 Truewit was a Scholar-like kind of man. 1734 A. A. SYKES *and Defence, Dissert. Phlegon* 6, I shall always acknowledge the schollarlike manner in which they have both wrote. 1858 MOTLEY *Let.* 28 May, *Corr.* (1889) I. 227 Stirling..is mild, amiable, bald-headed, scholarlike. 1882 MAX MÜLLER *Chips* (1880) I. ix. 195 He set to work in a more scholarlike spirit.

†**B.** *adv.* Like a scholar or learned man; in a manner befitting a scholar. *Obs.*

1551 T. WILSON *Logike* B j b, Euery mans wit, can geue lightly a reason of diuers thinges,..& yet not be able to set the same in order Scholerlike, either to proue, or to confute. 1589 *Marprel. Epitome* B 1 b, Wherein he hath behaued himselfe verye scholerlike. 1627 ABP. ABBOTT *Narr.* in Rushw. *Hist. Coll.* (1659) I. 441, I pray you tell his Majesty that I am dealt with neither Manly nor Scholar-like.

So †**Scholar-likely** *adv.*

1599 H. BUTTES *Dyets Drie Dinner* To Rdrs. Aa 2 b, Thus very rudely, I obtrude vnto thee not a banquet, but a byt rather of each dish Scholler-likely, that is, badly carued. For Schollers are bad Caruers.

Scholarliness (skɒ·lărlinĕs). [f. SCHOLARLY + -NESS.] Scholarly quality or character.

1611 COTGR., *Scholarité,* schollership, schollerlinesse. 1868 MISS YONGE *Cameos* (1877) I. xviii. 132 That mixture of scholarliness and high spirit that was inherent in the Norman and Angevin princes. 1906 *Hibbert Jrnl.* Oct. 54 The writer's argumentative force and facile scholarliness.

Scholarly (skɒ·lărli), *a.* [f. SCHOLAR + -LY [1].] Not in Johnson or Todd.

Pertaining to, or characterizing, a scholar; befitting, or natural to, a scholar; learned, erudite.

1638 PEACHAM *Valley of Variety* Ep. Ded., They are compact of rarieties, to enable ingenious and schollerly discourse. 1821 SCOTT *Kenilw.* xii, And learned Master Mumblazen, too, can say scholarly things of their inferiority. 1863 GEO. ELIOT *Romola* vii, The scholarly poet's temper [got] more and more venomous. 1908 R. BRIDGES *Sel. Poems R. W. Dixon* (1909) p. xix, A tallish elderly figure, its litheness lost in a slight, scholarly stoop.

Scholarly (skɒ·lărli), *adv. rare.* [f. SCHOLAR + -LY [2].] As befits a scholar.

1598 SHAKS. *Merry W.* I. iii. 2 What saies my Bully Rooke? speake schollerly, and wisely. 1868 *Contemp. Rev.* IX. 287 The revision is carefully and scholarly done. 1903 KIPLING *5 Nations* 50 We shall harness horses (Death's own pale horses) and scholarly plough the sands.

Scholarship (skɒ·lărʃip). Forms: see SCHOLAR. [-SHIP.]

1. The attainments of a scholar; learning, erudition; esp. proficiency in the Greek and Latin languages and their literature. Also, the collective attainments of scholars; the sphere of polite learning.

1589 NASHE *Pref. Greene's Menaphon* (Arb.) 16–17 [T. Atchelow] hath more than once or twise manifested his deepe witted schollership in places of credit. 1624 GATAKER *Transubst.* 75 He hath a singular piece of Schollership by himselfe to justify his Exposition. 1784 COWPER *Tiroc.* 280 Ye once were justly fam'd for bringing forth Undoubted scholarship and genuine worth. 1823 D'ISRAELI *Cur. Lit.* Ser. II. (1851) 313 Scholarship has hitherto been a term reserved for the adept in ancient literature. 1887 RUSKIN *Præterita* II. 18 His memory (the necessary instrument of great scholarship) errorless and effortless.

b. Applied, by unlearned speakers, etc., to educational attainments of a more modest character.

1620 ROWLANDS *Nt. Raven* 8 Then for my schollership a gentleman, Both reade and write, and cast a count I can. 1650 COWLEY *Guardian* I. iii, Hast thou scholarship enough to make a Brewers clerk? 1758 JOHNSON *Idler* No. 26 P 6 My reputation for scholarship..was..coosidered as a crime. 1860 WARTER *Sea-board* II. 30, I did not tell you what the lady said to me on my telling her I was no scholar. 'Never mind that,' said she...'Your no scholarship is no hindrance if you are only faithful.'

†c. 'Literary education' (J.). *Obs. rare.*

1644 MILTON *Educ.* 3 This place should be at once both School and University, not needing a remove to any other house of Schollership, except it be some peculiar Colledge of Law, or Physick.

2. The stains or emoluments of a scholar (see SCHOLAR 4) at a school, college, or university.

1535–6 *Act 27 Hen. VIII,* c. 42 § 1 The..Felowshippes Scolershippes Dimishippes..within the said Universities. *a* 1583 SIR H. GILBERT *Q. Eliz. Achad.* (1869) 10 And also the other vniuersities shall then better suffize to releive poore schollers, where now the youth of nobility and gentlemen, taking vp their schollarshippes and fellowshippes, do disapoiocte the poore of their livinges and avauncementes. 1746 T. WARTON *Progr. Discontent* 23 A Scholarship but half maintains, And College Rules are heavy Chains. 1819 R. GILBERT *Liber Scholast.* 3 Craven Scholarships. *Ibid.* 5 Dean Ireland's Scholarships. 1857 HUGHES *Tom Brown* I. vi, I know I'd sooner win two School-house matches running than get the Balliol scholarship any day. 1884 J. F. MOSS *Handbk. New Code* 78 What are called Elementary School Scholarships. 1861 J. S. WATSON *Life Porson* xx. 239 He was sent, on a scholarship, to Jesus College, Cambridge.

†**Schola·ster.** *Obs.* [a. med.L. *scholaster,* ad. OF. *scolaistre, escolastre* (mod.F. *écolâtre*), altered form of *escolaste,* a. L. *scholasticus*: see next.] The holder of a prebend in a cathedral, to which certain teaching duties were attached.

In quot. 1793 app. used loosely for a scholastic divine.

1732 *Hist. Litteraria* IV. 298 The old Translators..have render'd it [*Ecolâtre*] by a very unusual term, viz. the Scholaster Anselm. 1793 D'ISRAELI *Cur. Lit.* II. 63 The inexpugnable ignorance and superstition of the ancient heathens, ..and of the popish scholasters and canonists.

Scholastic (skolæ·stik), *a.* and *sb.* [ad. L. *scholasticus,* a. Gr. σχολαστικός studious, learned, subst. a learned man, scholar, f. σχολάζειν to devote one's leisure (to learning), orig. to be at leisure, f. σχολή leisure: see SCHOOL *sb.*

Cf. F. *scolastique,* Pr. *escolastic,* Sp. *escolástico,* It. *scolastico,* G. *scholastisch* adj., *scholastiker* sb.]

A. *adj.*

†1. Of persons: Having the characteristics of the scholar or student, as distinguished from the man of affairs. *Obs.*

1641 MILTON *Reform.* II. 72 Then shall the Nobles possesse all the Dignities and Offices of temporall honour to themselves, sole Lords without the improper mixture of Scholastick, and pusillanimous upstarts, the Parliament shall void her Upper House of the same Annoyances [etc.].

2. Of or pertaining to the teaching or methods of the Schoolmen.

1596 DALRYMPLE tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* II. 13 This man [Duns Scotus] meruellouslie amplifiet and helpet the scholastik Theologie. 1644 MILTON *Educ.* 2, I deem it to be an old errour of universities not yet well recover'd from the Scholastick grosnesse of barbarous ages, that..they preseot their..novices at first comming with the most intellective abstractions of Logick and metaphysicks. 1712 S. CLARKE *Script. Doctr.* II. 349 The Scholastick Writers in later Ages, have generally put this matter upon another Foot. 1759 GOLDSM. *Pres. State Pol. Learn.* xi. Wks. (Globe) 443/2 The absurdities of scholastic philosophy. *Ibid.* 444/1 This slowness of conferring degrees is a remnant of scholastic barbarity. 1770 BURKE *Pres. Discont.* Wks. II. 340, I remember an old scholastick aphorism, which says, 'that the man who lives wholly detached from others, must be either an angel or a devil'. 1842 *Penny Cycl.* XXIV. 329/2 Those of the former class [of active mind] sought for satisfaction in the scholastic philosophy...It was for the most part a revival of the philosophy of Aristotle. 1873 W. G. WARD *Ess. Philos. Theism* (1884) I. 160 On this particular there is no difference of doctrine, but only of words, between other writers of the scholastic following and the philosopher of Königsberg. 1884 PENNINGTON *Wiclif* iii. 120 He is answering in a scholastic manner those who had attacked him with the weapons of the schoolmen.

3. Pertaining to schools or school education.

1647 CLARENDON *Hist. Reb.* I. § 96 The Bishop of Lincoln ..a man of great wit, and good Scholastick learning. 1691 LUTTRELL *Brief Rel.* (1857) II. 241 The queen has sent a letter to the vicechanceller of Cambridge, to have an account what persons in any scholastick preferments have not taken the oaths. 1751 JOHNSON *Rambler* No. 137 P 11 It is too common for those who have been bred to the scholastick profession..to disregard every other qualification. 1791 BOSWELL *Johnson* an. 1759 I. 190 *note,* Mr. Muller, of Woolwich Academy, the scholastick father of all the great engineers which this country has employed for forty years. 1845 R. W. HAMILTON *Pop. Educ.* vii. (ed. 2) 157 Bavaria..has reached the eighth of its people in the number of its scholastic youth. 1855 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* xiii. III. 297 Carstairs..united great scholastic attainments with great aptitude for civil business. 1870 DICKENS *E. Drood* iii, A dainty room, with nothing more directly scholastic in it than a terrestial and a celestial globe.

4. Following the methods of the 'schools'; befitting the school; in bad sense, 'pedantic, needlessly subtle' (J.).

1779 JOHNSON *L. P., Cowley* Wks. II. 28 The following lines of Donne..have something in them too scholastick. 1820 HAZLITT *Lect. Dram. Lit.* 266 It [Sidney's *Arcadia*] is not romantic, but scholastic; not poetry, but casuistry. 1869 J. MARTINEAU *Ess.* II. 56 The perspicuous good sense and scholastic precision of Whately. 1871 EARLE *Philol. Eng. Tongue* § 251 The modifying words especially..look very much like scholastic products.

B. *sb.*

1. A Schoolman or a disciple of the Schoolmen; a representative or adherent of the scholastic philosophy.

1644 MILTON *Divorce* Introd. 5 Doubt not, worthy Senators, to vindicate the sacred honour and judgment of Moses your predecessor, from the shallow commenting of Scholasticks and Canonists. 1794 SULLIVAN *View Nat.* I. 97 Aristotle, Gasseodus, Des Cartes, with the numerous family of the scholastics, all ran into the same trackless error. 1818 HALLAM *Mid. Ages* (1872) III. 426 It was not only a knowledge of Aristotle that the scholastics of Europe derived. 1875 LONGF. *Monte Cassino* vi, In its streets The Angelic Doctor as a school-boy played, And dreamed perhaps the dream that he repeats In ponderous folios for scholastics made. 1907 *Academy* 30 Nov. 184/2 In the year 1907..one must hesitate to discuss Antonio Rosmini—the last of the Scholastics.

†2. A scholar, man of learning; *occas.* a mere scholar, as opposed to a man of the world. *Obs.*

1657 *Idiota's Div. Love* Ded. 2 They perswade themselues ..that hee hath taught you more high, and euident truths, ..then all the subtile Scholasticks and subtle politicks put together could haue done. 1710 STEELE *Tatler* No. 244 P 2 The Town Orators..despise all Men as unexperienced Scholasticks who wait for an occasion before they speak. 1748 HUME *Ess. Mor. & Polit.* (ed. 3) 223, I..am in Danger ..of passing for a Pedant and Scholastic.

†3. = SCHOLASTER. *Obs. rare* —[1].

1844 CRAIK *Sk. Hist. Lit. Eng.* I. 49 In 1179 it was ordered ..that in every cathedral there should be appointed and maintained a head teacher, or scholastic.

4. *Hist.* (repr. Gr. σχολαστικός). In the Byzantine Empire, an advocate.

1846 *Penny Cycl.* Suppl. II. 558/1 Socrates, the ecclesiastical historian..followed the profession of scholastic or advocate.

5. *R. C. Ch.* A member of the third grade in the organization of the Society of Jesus.

1876 J. MORRIS in J. H. Pollen *Life* (1896) 181 Three different communities under one Rector—the novices, scholastics, and Tertian Fathers. 1881 *Memorials Stonyhurst College* iii. 21 The English Jesuits had another College in Belgium, at Liége. This was for the higher studies of their own scholastics.

6. An artist who adheres to 'scholastic' or academic methods.

1892 *Daily News* 30 Apr. 6/2 Idealists and naturalists, scholastics and impressionists, were necessarily exclusive when each was struggling for the ascendant, and claiming for its school the possession of the truth.

†**Schola·stical,** *a.* and *sb. Obs.* Also 5–6 acco-, 6 sko-. [Formed as prec. + -ICAL.] **A.** *adj.*

1. *Story Scholastical*: tr. med.L. *Historia Scholastica,* the title of a work by Petrus Comestor.

1432–50 tr. *Higden* (Rolls) IV. 367 Also bit is redde in the story scolasticalle, that [etc.].

2. Following the teaching of the Schoolmen; pertaining to Scholasticism. = SCHOLASTIC A. 2.

1551 CRANMER *Answ. to Gardiner* III. 73 So you condemn of madnes not only al y^e^ scholastical doctors..but also your own former saieng. 1599 SANDYS *Europæ Spec.* (1632) 155 Which scholasticall subtilities plaine suiteres doe not love. 1639 ROUSE *Heav. Univ.* ii. (1702) 18 The Scholastical Commentators living in those which are called the dark ages of the Church. 1669 BARROW *Expos. Creed* (1697) 14 *margin,* This scholastical acception is not ancient.

3. Following the methods of the 'schools'; befitting the school, academic; in bad sense, pedantic, unduly formal or subtle.

1531 FRITH *Judgm. Tracy* Wks. (1573) 79 A proper distinction, by the whiche you may escape the scholasticall snares and mases. 1538 STARKEY *England* I. iii. 69 Thys vnyuersal and scolastycal consyderatyon of a veray and true commyn wele lytyl schal profyte. *a* 1583 SIR H. GILBERT *Q. Eliz. Achad.* (1869) 2 For of what Comodity such vse of arte wilbe in our tounge may partely be seene by the scholasticall rawnesse of some newly Commen from the vniuersities. 1614 RALEIGH *Hist. World* IV. vii. § 2. 298 A matter of such consequence, as was not to bee omitted, in regard of any scholasticall disputation. *a* 1626 BACON *Controv. Ch. Eng.* Resuscit. (1657) 177, I speak not of the vain, Scholasticall, Manner of Preaching. 1679 EVELYN *Diary* 4 Apr., The Bishop of Gloucester preach'd, in a manner very like Bishop Andrews, full of divisions, and scholastical, and that with much quicknesse. 1793 D'ISRAELI *Cur. Lit.* II. 37 Terms of art and scholastical expressions.

4. Belonging or attached to a place of learning; academic. = SCHOLASTIC A. 3.

1536 BOORDE *Let.* in *Introd. Knowl.* (1870) 59 In the partes þat I am yn, þe kynges grace hath many, 3e, (& in maner) all maner of persons (exceppt some skolastycall men) þat be hys aduersarys. 1594 HOOKER *Eccl. Pol.* Pref. v. § 1 The fauour of proposing there in conuenient sort whatsoeuer ye can obiect (which thing my selfe haue knowen them [*sc.* the schools in universities] to graunt of Scholasticall courtesie vnto strangers) neither hath (as I thinke) nor euer will (I presume) be denied you. 1612 BRINSLEY *Lud. Lit.* xiii. 174 And the rather haue I bin careful to seek out the easiest and plainest way, that I might allure & draw on my schollars in this exercise,..to proceed as in a scholasticall play, with vnderstanding, loue and delight. *a* 1672 WOOD *Life* (O. H. S.) I. 129 A. W...did never afterwards care to hear of New Coll. school to have given him scholastical education but applied all that he had to that of Thame. 1673 RAY *Journ. Low C.* 36 No Scholastical Habits as Gowns or Caps worn by the Students [in Leyden].

†**B.** *sb.* = SCHOLASTIC B. 1. *Obs. rare* —[1].

1565 JEWEL *Repl. Harding* 259 There is Scotus againste Thomas:..the Nominales against the Reales: the Scholasticalles against the Canonistes.

Scholastically (skolæ·stikăli), *adv.* [f. SCHOLASTICAL + -LY.[2]] In a scholastic manner; like a Schoolman; in the manner characteristic of the schools or of schoolmasters.

1559 BERCHER *Nobility Women* (Roxb. Club 1904) 114 Ye muste geve me leave to speake a lyttle Scolastycallye. *a* 1619 FOTHERBY *Atheom.* Pref. 8 Dealing onely Scholastically, by way of Logicall Arguments. 1711 SHAFTESB. *Charac.* Misc. III. i. 141 When our Princes and Senators became Scholars, they spoke scholastically. 1812 L. HUNT in *Examiner* 9 Nov. 716/1 Poets and others who have been scholastically brought up. 1882–3 *Schaff's Encycl. Relig. Knowl.* III. 2221 The old-fashioned, scholastically developed Lutheran orthodoxy.

Scholasticate (skolæ·stikĕit). *Eccl.* [ad. mod. L. *scholasticātus* (*u* stem), f. *scholastic-us* SCHOLASTIC *a.*: see -ATE [1].] A house of studies for members of the third grade in the Society of Jesus.

1875 J. MORRIS *Troub. Cath. Forefathers* Ser. II. 280 Wherever he went he found the fathers who had been with him in the Novitiate or Scholasticate, now Rectors and Superiors. 1895 *Month* July 101 Let it be placarded in the novitiates and colleges and scholasticates the world over.

†**Scholas·ticated,** *a. Obs. rare* —[1]. [f. SCHOLASTIC + -ATE [3] + -ED [1].] Filled with subtleties.

1772 NUGENT tr. *Friar Gerund* II. i. 270 Seeing Friar Toribio so scholasticated with these vain sophistries.

Scholasticism (skolæ·stĭsiz'm). [f. SCHOLASTIC + -ISM.]

1. The doctrines of the Schoolmen; the predominant theological and philosophical teaching of the period A.D. 1000–1500, based upon the authority of the Christian Fathers and of Aristotle and his commentators.

1756–82 J. WARTON *Ess. Pope* (ed. 4) I. vi. 313 But the talents of Abelard were not confined to theology, jurisprudence, philosophy, and the thorny paths of scholasticism. 1854 MILMAN *Lat. Chr.* VI. ii. (1864) III. 389 Erigena..the parent of scholasticism..as a free discursive Speculative Science, before it had been bound up with rigid orthodoxy.

2. Servile adherence to the methods and teaching of the schools; narrow or unenlightened insistence on traditional doctrines and forms of exposition.

1861 HOLLAND *Lessons in Life* x. 146 He found his county tied up in formalism, scholasticism, and tradition, and by strokes as remarkable for boldness as strength he set it free. 1878 BAYNE *Purit. Rev.* ii. 47 This argument..was quite in the manner of seventeenth century scholasticism. 1879 FARRAR *St. Paul* I. 127 Contact with the world had.. enabled them so far to raise their heads out of the heavy fog of Jewish scholasticism. 1884 HUNTER tr. *Reuss' Hist. Canon* 341 The unattractive form of the works it produced has in general the stamp of a dull, dry scholasticism.

Scholasticizing (skɒlæ·stisəizin), *ppl. a.* [f. **scholasticize* vb. (f. SCHOLASTIC + -IZE) + -ING 2.] Inclining to or favouring scholastic principles.

1857 BADEN-POWELL in *Oxford Ess.* 174 The lingering remains of the old scholasticizing spirit. 1908 *Contemp. Rev.* Aug. 187 These and other baleful consequences of the scholasticising and centralising tendencies inaugurated by Pope Pius IX.

†**Schola·sticly,** *adv.* = SCHOLASTICALLY.

1597 JAS. VI *Dæmonol.* To Rdr., But onelie, to speak scholasticklie..I reason vpon *genus*, leauing *species* and *differentia* to be comprehended therein.

Schold, obs. form of SCOLD *sb.*

Schold(e, obs. pa. t. of SHALL *v.*, obs. ff. SHOAL.

†**Schole.** *Obs. rare*—1. Anglicized form of SCHOLIUM. (Cf. SCHOLY.)

1565 W. ALLEN *Def. Purgatory* x. 98 Aske theime where these prety scholes were first picked.

Schole, obs. form of SCHOOL, SHOVEL.

†**Scho·lian.** *Obs. rare*—1. [? f. SCHOLI-UM + -AN.] = next.

1610 HEALEY *St. Aug. Citie of God* XIX. xii. Vives 768 Our scholians say that wee must neuer respect words in matter of diuinity or Philosophy.

Scholiast (skō·uliæst). [ad. late L. *scholiasta*, a. late Gr. σχολιαστής, f. σχολιάζειν (see SCHOLIAZE *v.*), f. Gr. σχόλι-ον SCHOLIUM. Cf. F. *scoliaste* (16th c. *scholiaste*), It. *scoliaste.*] One who writes explanatory notes upon an author; esp. an ancient commentator upon a classical writer.

In quot. 1820 perh. misused in the sense of 'schoolman' or 'scholastic' (as if = G. *scholast*). The mistake is not uncommon: cf. Funk's *Stand. Dict.* s.v., where the sense is recognized (with a quot. from C. Bucke 1837).

1583 FULKE *Def. Tr. Script.* iv. 137 They [the General Epistles] are not sent to any particular Church or persons, but to all in general, as the Greeke scholiast truly noteth. 1642 MILTON *Apol. Smect.* Wks. 1851 III. 282 Which the Masoreths and Rabbinicall Scholiasts not attending, have often us'd to blurre the margent with *Keri* instead of *Ketiv.* 1770 LANGHORNE *Plutarch* (1879) I. 143/2 The scholiast upon Thucydides tells us, Themistocles served the people of Corcyra. 1820 SCOTT *Monast.* xxxi, This is no vain question, devised by dreaming scholiasts, on which they may whet their intellectual faculties until the very metal be wasted away. 1837 HALLAM *Lit. Eur.* I. iv. § 20 In this academy a Greek press was established, where the scholiasts on Homer were printed. 1866 GEO. ELIOT *F. Holt* Introd., He let it pass, with all the discreetness of an experienced theologian or learned scholiast, preferring to point his whip at some object which could raise no questions. 1880 SWINBURNE *Stud. Shaks.* 5 Least of all will the method of a scholiast be likely to serve him as a clue to the hidden things of Shakespeare.

fig. 1864 LOWELL *Fireside Trav.* 41 With what pride did we hail her [the ship's] return! She was our scholiast upon Robinson Crusoe and the Mutiny of the Bounty.

Scholiastic (skō·uliæstik), *a.* and *sb. rare.* [f. SCHOLIAST + -IC.] **a.** *adj.* Of or pertaining to a scholiast. †**b.** *sb.* ? A scholiast (*obs.*).

1684 N. S. *Crit. Enq. Edit. Bible* App. 292 There is nothing that Simon has written concerning the public Notaries of the Hebrew Nation, but what these Diminitive Saints and nice Stomack'd Scholiasticks are extreamly offended at. 1891 SAINTSBURY *Polit. Verse* Introd. 15 They require..a rather unusual amount of scholiastic annotation to render them intelligible to generations not their own.

†**Scho·lia:sting.** *Obs. rare*—1. [f. **scholiast* vb. (f. SCHOLIAST) + -ING 1.] The action of making a scholium; a commentary, annotation.

1678 CUDWORTH *Intell. Syst.* 212 The ancient Scholiasting upon him [*sc.* Hesiod], writ thus, that Hesiods Love was ὁ οὐράνιος ἔρως, ὃς καὶ Θεός.

†**Scho·liaze,** *v. Obs. rare*—1. [ad. late Gr. σχολιάζειν, f. σχόλι-ον SCHOLIUM.] *intr.* To write scholia, comment.

1645 MILTON *Tetrach.* 64 He..who thinks to Scholiaze upon the Gospel.

†**Scho·lical,** *a. Obs. rare*—1. [f. L. *scholic-us*, Gr. σχολικός (f. Gr. σχολή, L. *schol-a* SCHOOL *sb.*) + -AL.] Pertaining to schools, scholastic.

a 1656 HALES *Golden Rem.* (1688) 351 It is a common scholical error to fill our papers and note-books with observations of great and famous events.

†**Scholio·grapher.** *Obs. rare*—1. [f. late Gr. σχολιογράφ-ος, f. σχόλιον SCHOLIUM: see -GRAPHER.] A writer of scholia.

1710 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 4656/3 Corrected..by the help of ancient MSS. the best Editions, Scholiographers, &c.

‖**Scholion** (skō·uliɒn), *sb.*1 Now *rare.* [Gr.: see SCHOLIUM.] = SCHOLIUM 1.

1579 E. K. *Spenser's Sheph. Cal.* Ded., Hereunto haue I added a certain Glosse, or scholion, for thexposition of old wordes. 1616 T. BRIGHTMAN (*title*) The Revelation of S. Iohn illustrated with an Analysis and scholions. 1706 PHILLIPS (ed. Kersey). 1858 GLADSTONE *Homer* I. 53 An ancient Scholion, recently discovered, names four poets who worked under that prince [Pisistratus]. 1882 FARRAR *Early Chr.* II. 487 *note*, The opinion that the Lady is a Church is mentioned..by an ancient scholion.

†**Scho·list.** *Obs.* [? f. L. *schola* SCHOOL *sb.* + -IST. (But perh. an error for *sciolist.*)] ? One who has nothing but school training, a mere theorist.

1618 W. LAWSON *New Orch. & Gard.* (1623) 1 A Gardner... Concerning his skill, hee must not be a Scholist, to make shew of or take in hand that, which he cannot performe. 1671 PANTON *Spec. Juv.* 104 To breed Gentlemen at Schools, and in Learning, is the way to make them meer Scholists and Pedants.

‖**Scholium** (skō·uliŏm). Pl. **scholia** (skō·uliă); also 8 **scholiums,** 6–7 *erron.* **scholias.** [med.L., ad. Gr. σχόλιον SCHOLION, f. σχολή SCHOOL *sb.*1 Cf. F. *scolie* fem. (from the med.L. plural) in sense 1, *scolie* masc. in sense 1 b.]

1. An explanatory note or comment; *spec.* an ancient exegetical note or comment upon a passage in a Greek or Latin author.

1535 JOVE *Apol. Tindale* (Arb.) 23 And when I shulde make scholias, notis, and gloses in the margent as himself and his master doith. 1660 HEYLIN *Hist. Quinquart.* II. 42 Mr. Fox was fain to make soom Scholia's on it, to reconcile a gloss like that of Orleance, which corrupts the Text. 1760–2 GOLDSM. *Cit. W.* cxiii, Almost every word admits a scholium, and a long one too. 1799 *Monthly Rev.* XXX. 136 Short Scholia are added to almost every chapter, containing various readings, or various translations, selected with much judgment and critical acumen. 1866 G. MACDONALD *Ann. Q. Neighb.* ix, Judy, however, did not choose to receive the laugh as a scholium explanatory of the remark. 1904 R. C. JEBB *Bacchylides* (Proc. Brit. Acad.) 9 From a scholium on the *Iliad* (24. 496) we know that Bacchylides spoke of Theano as having borne fifty sons to Antenor.

b. In certain mathematical works (e.g. Newton's *Principia*): A note added by the author illustrating or further developing some point treated in the text.

1704 J. HARRIS *Lex. Techn.* I, *Scholium*, is a remark made leisurely, and as it were by the by, on that Proposition, Subject or Discourse before advanced, treated of, or delivered. 1715 tr. *Gregory's Astron.* (1726) I. 23 Which is evident likewise concerning the Orbits of Mars, Jupiter and Saturn, from the Scholium to Prop. 9. 1741 WATTS *Improv. Mind* I. xiv, Some..cast all their..metaphysical and..moral learning into the method of mathematicians, and bring every thing relating to those abstracted or those practical sciences under theorems, problems, postulates, scholiums, corollaries, &c. 1824–5 BARLOW in *Encycl. Metrop.* I. 314/2 A scholium is a remark applied to some preceding propositions, in order to point out their relative connection, or general utility and application.

¶2. ? A 'copy-book maxim', trite saying.

1830 MARRYAT *King's Own* xix, The old scholium, that 'too much familiarity breeds contempt'.

Scholl, dial. var. SCHOOL *sb.*2

Scholtrum, variant of SHELTRON.

†**Scho·ly,** *sb. Obs.* Also 6–7 **scholie;** 6 *pl.* **schollies.** [Anglicized form of SCHOLIUM. Cf. F. *scolie* (in 16th c. *scholie*).] = SCHOLIUM.

1549 BECKE *Bible* (1551) Ded., One..commodious Byble is put furth wyth certayn sundry Prologues, schollies, or briefe Annotations. 1570 BILLINGSLEY *Euclid* title, Whereunto are annexed certaine Scholies, Annotations, and Inuentions, of the best Mathematiciens, both of time past, and in this our age. 1594 HOOKER *Eccl. Pol.* III. viii. § 2 That Scholie had neede of a verie fauourable Reader and a tractable. *a* 1697 AUBREY *Lives* (1898) I. 100, I have added plaine declarations and examples, manifold additions, scholies, annotations, and inventions which I have gathered.

†**Scho·ly,** *v. Obs.* [f. SCHOLY *sb.*]

1. *trans.* To write scholia upon; to annotate.

1594 HOOKER *Eccl. Pol.* III. viii. § 16 The dutie of their teachers..must needes be somewhat more, then only to read the sentences of scripture, and then paraphrastically to scholie them. 1612 T. JAMES *Corrupt. Scripture* IV. 51 His Epistles are likewise censured and scholied in 2. places.

2. *intr.* To comment.

1597 HOOKER *Eccl. Pol.* V. xxii. § 7 The very chiefest cause of committing the sacred word of God vnto bookes, is surmised to haue bene, least the Preacher should want a text whereupon to scholie. 1641 J. JACKSON *True Evang. T.* I. 7, I have prefaced and scholied sufficiently unto the Text, I come now to seek out [etc.].

Schomache, Schom(e, obs. ff. SUMACH, SHAME.

Schone, obs. pres. pl. of SHALL.

Schoodic (skū·dik). The name of a lake on the borders of Maine and New Brunswick; used *attrib.* in *Schoodic salmon* or *trout*, the name of a variety of salmon (*Salmo salar*, var. *sebago*) which inhabits landlocked lakes.

1883 G. B. GOODE *Rev. Fish. Industr. U. S.* (Fish. Exhib.) 69 Station for collecting eggs of the Schoodic salmon. 1884 — *Nat. Hist. Aquatic Anim.* 470 The.. 'Fresh-water' Salmon, known..in different parts of Maine as 'Schoodic Trout'.

School (skūl), *sb.*1 Forms: 1 scól (? scolu), 2–7 scole, 3–6 (in Comb.) scol, 3–7 schole, (4 cole), 4–5 skule, 4, 6 scoole, 4–6 skole, *Sc.* scule, 5 skoole, (scwylle), *Sc.* sculle, 5–6 scoll, *Sc.* scoulle, 6 skoll, scolle, *Sc.* scoile, scwle, scuil(l, schuill, schuile, scoill, skuil(l, 6–7 schoole, schoule, (scool), (7 *Sc.* scoull, scoull), 6– *Sc.* schule, 7– school. [OE. *scól* str. fem., a. L. *schola* (in Rom. pronunciation *scōla*) school, a. Gr. σχολή, orig. leisure, hence employment of leisure, study, and (in later use) a school. The L. word has been adopted in nearly all the Rom., Teut., and Celtic langs.: OF. *escole* (mod.F. *école*), Pr., Cat., Pg. *escola*, Sp. *escuela*, It. *scuola*, Roumanian *şcoală*; OHG. *scuola* (MHG. *schuole*, mod.G. *schule*), MDa. *schole* (Da. *school*, mod.Fris. *skoalle*), ON., MSw. *skóle* wk. masc. (Sw. *skola* fem., Da. *skole*); OIrish *scol* (mod. Ir., Gael. *sgoil*), Welsh *ysgol*, Breton *skol*; also Russ. школа *shkola.*

An OE. form *scolu* occurs once in the *OE. Chron.* (Parker MS.) an. 816. It is doubtful whether this is to be read as *scólu*, with irregular *u* due to some analogy, or as *scōlu*, which might be an adoption of L. *schōla* with original short vowel (perhaps from the pronunciation of Britons: cf. Ælfric *Gramm.*, Præfatio). The OE. *scolu* troop (see SHOAL) which is often confused with this word, is certainly unconnected.

The curious 14th c. form *cole* is perh. aphetic from OF. *escole.*]

I. Place or establishment for instruction.

1. An establishment in which boys or girls, or both, receive instruction.

See also BOARDING-, CHARITY-, GRAMMAR-, INFANT-, PUBLIC, SUNDAY-SCHOOL; also *Free school* (FREE *a.* 32 b), *Normal school* (NORMAL A. 3), etc.

c 1000 ÆLFRIC *Saints' Lives* (Skeat) I. 50 Eac þær leornode on þære ylcan scole se æðela Gregorius. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 422 Ancre ne schal nout forwurðen scolmeistre, ne turnen hire ancre hus to childrene scole. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Prioress' T.* 43 A litel scole of cristen folk ther stood..in which ther were Children an heepe. *c* 1440 *Alphabet of Tales* 475 When he was a child and went vnto þe skule. 1512–13 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scotl.* IV. 404 Maister David Vocat, maister of the scule of Edinburgh. 1577 M. LOK in *Frobisher's Voy.* (Hakl. Soc.) 87 My late father..kept me at scholes of grammer in England till I was xiij yeres olde. 1707 J. CHAMBERLAYNE *Pres. St. Gt. Brit.* III. xi. 386 There are in London divers endowed Schools, which in France would be stiled Colleges. 1784 COWPER (*title*) Tirocinium: or, A Review of Schools.

b. Used, without article, to mean: Instruction in, attendance at, a school. Chiefly in set phrases, as *to be at school, to go to school, to put, send,* † *set to school.*

c 1000 *Sax. Leechd.* III. 184 Cildru on scole betæcen. *c* 1205 LAY. 9897 He wes isende to Rom to leornien in scole. ? *a* 1300 *Oxf. Student* 19 in *E. E. P.* (1862) 41 Þis child was siþþe ido to scole. 13.. *S. E. Legendary* (MS. Bodl. 779) in *Archiv Stud. neu. Spr.* LXXXII. 337/17 Crissaunt..to cole [so often in this MS.] gan to go. *c* 1430 LYDG. *Min. Poems* (Percy Soc.) 255, I hadde in custom to come to scole late. 1470–85 MALORY *Arthur* I. ii. 38 The thyrd syster..was put to scole in a nonnery. *a* 1533 LD. BERNERS *Huon* CXVII. 419 He set me to scole to Parys. 1590 SHAKS. *Mids. N.* III. ii. 324 She was a vixen when she went to schoole. 1596 — *Merch. V.* III. iv. 75 That men shall sweare I haue discontinued schoole Aboue a twelue moneth. 1751 JOHNSON *Rambler* No. 141 P 5 From school I was dismissed to the University. 1846 DICKENS *Cricket on Hearth* I. 25 She and I were girls at school together. 1848 J. H. NEWMAN *Loss & Gain* I. xii, Some say that school is the pleasantest time of one's life. 1857 HUGHES *Tom Brown* II. v, The stock contrivances of boys for wasting time in school.

c. *fig.* in various phrases. *To go to school* (*to,* † *with*): to submit to be taught (by). † *To hold at school*: to have under one's control, to keep in tutelage. *To put,* † *set to school*: to subject to teaching; often, to presume to correct (one's superior).

? 1404–8 *Man know thy self* 9 in 26 *Pol. Poems* 27 Lerne to dye, and go to skole, Siþ þou fro deþ may not fle. 1426 LYDG. *De Guil. Pilgr.* 16990 Tyl I hadde gone to Scole with Trybulacion. 1546 J. HEYWOOD *Prov.* (1867) 97 Why sonne thinkst thou me such a foole? That my childe shall set his mother to scoole? 1570–6 LAMBARDE *Peramb. Kent* (1826) 301 Wee must give these good fellowes leave (after their woonted manner) to set the Holy Ghost to schoole. 1605 SHAKS. *Lear* II. iv. 68 Wee'l set thee to schoole to an Ant, to teach thee ther's no labouring i' th' winter. 1643 SIR T. BROWNE *Relig. Med.* I. § 15. 30 What reason may not goe to Schoole to the wisedome of Bees, Aunts, and Spiders? 1647 N. BACON *Disc. Govt. Eng.* I. vi. (1739) 14 Rome held now the most part of the Churches of Europe at School. 1697 DRYDEN *Virg. Georg.* III. 261 The Calf, by Nature and by Genius made To turn the Glebe, breed to the Rural Trade. Set him betimes to School. 1708 MOTTEUX *Rabelais* IV. xlvi, You must e'en go to School yet, you are no Conjurer, for ought I see. 1883 M. PATTISON *Milton's Sonnets* 46 Milton had put his poetical genius to school to the Italians, Dante, Petrarch, and the rest.

d. *To* † *hold, keep* (*a*) *school*: to be the master or mistress of a school. *To teach* (*a*) *school* (now *dial.* and *U. S.*): to teach in a school.

1390 GOWER *Conf.* II. 114 For whanne I schal myn yhen close, Anon min herte he wole oppose And holde his Scole in such a wise, Til it be day that I arise. 1426 LYDG. *De Guil. Pilgr.* 21105, I lernede my konnyng off Sathan, Wych halt hys scole nat hennys ffer. 1487 CAXTON *Bk. Gd. Manners* I. xvii. (W. de W. *c* 1515) E vj b, He became so poore that for to gete his lyuynge he taught the lessoo and held scole to smale chyldren of Corynthye. 1565 COOPER *Thesaurus, Ludum aperire*, to beginne to keepe a schoole. 1590 C. OCKLAND in *Lett. Lit. Men* (Camden) 74, I teach

schole at Grenewych. 1686 Parr *Life Usher* 75 Forbidding them, under great penalties, to teach Schools. 1715 Pope *Iliad* I. *Ess. on Homer* 14 Phemius..taught a School in Smyrna. 1740 J. Clarke *Educ. Youth* (ed. 3) 169 The Business of Teaching School..leaves but little Time for Study. 1770 Goldsm. *Des. Vill.* 196 There..The village master taught his little school. 1821 Combe *Syntax, Wife* III. 47 An Elephant might keep a school. 1828–30 Godwin in C. K. Paul *Life* (1876) II. 304 [Eugene Aram] keeps school at Netherdale. 1883 *Harper's Mag.* July 226/1 By keeping school..she strove to provide for her..family. 1891 J. F. Kirk *Suppl. to Allibone's Dict. Eng. Lit.* s.v. *Emerson*, He taught school for three years. 1893 Leland *Mem.* I. 21 An infant school..kept by the Misses Donaldson.

e. Proverbial phrases. *To tell tales out of school* (or †*the school*), †*forth of school*: said *lit.* of children (now *rare* or *obs.*); hence *fig.*, to betray damaging secrets. Also, †*to tell out of school.*

1546 J. Heywood *Prov.* (1867) 19 To tell tales out of schoole, that is hir great lust. 1579 Gosson *Sch. Abuse* (Arb.) 24, I shoulde tel tales out of the Schoole, and bee Ferruled for my faulte, or hyssed at for a hlah, yf I layde al the orders open before your eyes. 1629–30 in *Crt. & Times Chas. I* (1848) II. 65 We have some news at Cambridge, but it is too long to relate; besides, I must not tell tales forth of school. 1662 Stillingfl. *Orig. Sacræ* I. iv. § 10. 70, I am very prone to think that the ground of the great pique in some of the Greek writers against Herodotus, was, that he told too many tales out of School, and had discovered too much of the Infancy of Greece. 1679 C. Nesse *Antichrist* 221 Which book, were it extant..would tell tales out of the school. 1690 J. Norris *Refl. Cond. Hum. Life* Ep. Ded. (1691) A 6 b, 'Tis well if I do not..make them Angry with me for telling out of School. 1887 T. A. Trollope *What I remember* II. vi. 102 A very handsome..supper, at which, to tell tales out of school,..the guests used to behave abominably. 1894 Sir J. Astley *Fifty Yrs. Life* I. 31 Possessing a slight failing in the shape of 'telling tales out of school' as the saying is.

f. Used, without article, for: A session of school; the set time of attendance at school.

1598 Shaks. *Merry W.* IV. i. 10 How now Sir Hugh, no Schoole to day? 1797 F. Reynolds *The Will* v. (ed. 3) 57 *Alb.* School's up! *School's up!* 1834 *Tracts for Times* No. 22. 5 It still wanted a considerable time to school. 1857 Hughes *Tom Brown* II. iv, About ten minutes before school Martin and Arthur arrived in the quadrangle. 1881 O'Shaughnessy *Songs of a Worker* 176 In yonder quiet ground against the church Where between schools the children play with flowers. 1893 Leland *Mem.* I. 42 Keeping me in after school to study.

g. Those who are present in, or are attending, a school; the scholars of a school.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 12476 All þe scole on him can wonder. 1857 Hughes *Tom Brown* I. v, The whole school of three hundred boys swept into the big school to answer to their names.

h. Applied (with defining word, as *upper, lower school*) to a division of a large school, comprising several forms or classes. Also, in Jesuit schools, a form or class.

1629 Wadsworth *Pilgr.* iii. 15 The Students of the three under schooles, go up to those of the upper. 1857 Hughes *Tom Brown* I. viii, The lower-fourth form..was the largest form in the Lower school. 1857 *Act* 20 & 21 *Vict.* c. 84 Sched. § 45 There shall be two schools, viz. an 'Upper School', and a 'Lower School' [at Dulwich]. 1880 *Macm. Mag.* No. 245. 423 The general students, or boys at Stonyhurst, are..divided into seven forms, or, as they are called there, 'schools'.

i. The building in which a school is carried on. At Rugby, a school-house; also, the large classroom of a school-house.

1843 Dickens *Christm. Carol* ii, The school is not quite deserted...A solitary child..is left there still. 1857 Hughes *Tom Brown* I. viii, There was another large unoccupied desk in the corner of the great school. *Ibid.* I. ix, They saw five or six nearly new balls hit on the top of the School. *Ibid.*, After one or two attempts, [they] scaled the schools.

j. **High school.** A designation applied (with some variety of use) to certain classes of schools for secondary education in the British Islands and the United States. Also *attrib.*

The first school known to have been so designated in Great Britain is that established in Edinburgh in 1519. In the year of its foundation this is referred to in the records of the Town Council as 'the principale schule' and 'the principall gramer schule', and it had by municipal enactment the exclusive privilege of teaching the higher branches of school learning within the burgh. In 1531 it is mentioned as 'the hie schule' (see below); this appellation occurs frequently in the 16th c., and from the 17th c. onwards has continued to be the official name of the institution. About the middle of the 19th c. the name of 'High School' was given, in imitation of the example of Edinburgh, to the principal secondary school in many Scottish burghs; these schools having been for the most part either founded or reconstituted about that time. In the United States, the term seems to have come into use about 1824, and is applied to a class of schools to which pupils are admitted when they have completed their course in the elementary school, and which afford preparation for the college, the university, or the technical school. In England, when used without qualification, the designation 'High School' is understood to refer to the schools established and managed by the Girls' Public Day-school Company (founded 1874) and to some other schools similar to these in the method and character of the instruction given. The few schools for boys in England that are known as 'High Schools' are chiefly of recent foundation. While a 'high school' in the American sense of the term gives advanced instruction only, the schools so designated in Britain usually include elementary classes.

1531 *Edinb. Town Council Rec.* 19 Mar., I. 38 a, Maister Adam Melvil maister of the hie Schule oblist him to mak the bairnys perfyte gramarians within thrie 3eires. 1818 Scott *Hrt. Midl.* iii, The old Town-Guard of Edinburgh, who..were, in my boyhood, the alternate terror and derision of the petulant brood of the High-school. 1826 *Acc. High School for Girls* (Boston, U. S.) 3 The English High School [for boys] has been in successful operation since 1821; and the satisfactory result of this experiment prepared the way for the establishment of the High School for Girls. 1844 Emerson *Lect. New Eng. Reform.* Wks. 1884 I. 262 In a hundred high-schools and colleges.

2. The place in which an ancient Greek or Roman philosopher taught his hearers.

c 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xxi. (*Clement*) 154 He..3ed full of[t]..to þe scule of phylosophy. 1549 *Compl. Scot.* Prol. 13 He persauand thir tua princis entir in his scule, he changit the mater of that present lecture. 1594 Ashley tr. *Loys Le Roy* 67 b, Alexander..gaue to the Philosopher Anaxarchus to set vp his Schoole, a hundred talents. 1634 Milton *Comus* 439 Or shall I call Antiquity from the old Schools of Greece To testifie the arms of Chastity? 1651 Hobbes *Leviath.* IV. xlvi. 369 Also the Philosophers themselves had the name of their Sects, some of them from these their Schools. 1781 Gibbon *Decl. & F.* xvii. II. 40 The most famous school [of jurisprudence] was that of Berytus, on the coast of Phœnicia.

3. *gen.* An institution in which instruction of any kind is given (whether to children or adults). Often with defining word indicating the special subject taught, as *dancing, music, riding school.* In recent use, after French example, employed as the official title of various institutions for superior technical or scientific instruction, e. g. *The School of Mines, The School of Economics*, etc.

Also in the names of certain organizations established by various nations for the systematic prosecution of archæological research, as the British School at Athens and at Rome.

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 449/2 Scole, of pleyynge gamys, or werre, or other lyke.., *gignasium*. *c* 1570 *Pride & Lowl.* (1841) 48 Then to the Master of the daunsing schoole. 1565 Cooper *Thesaurus*, *Ludus gladiatorius*, a schoole of fence. 1579 Gosson *Sch. Abuse* (Arb.) 46 The Senators of Rome..caused Schooles of Defence to be erected in Capua.. *a* 1583 Sir H. Gilbert *Q. Eliz. Achad.* (1869) 5 The..Mathematician..shall haue in his Schole a shippe and gallye, made in modell. 1641 Evelyn *Diary* 5 Oct., To this school join the music and mathematical schools. 1683 *Col. Rec. Pennsylv.* I. 93 Proposed that care be Taken, about the Learning and Instruction of Youth, to Witt, a scool of Arts and Siences. 1802 C. James *Milit. Dict.* s.v., Royal Military School or College. 1816 J. Scott *Vis. Paris* (ed. 5) 232 The school of mines [in Paris]. 1835 *Rep. Sel. Committee on Arts & Manuf.* 35 They prayed for assistance towards establishing a school of design. 1845 Disraeli *Sybil* III. viii, Lady Maud..longed to teach in singing schools. 1886 C. E. Pascoe *Lond. of To-day* xxxvi. (ed. 3) 315 At Chatham..is the School of Military Engineering.

b. *fig.*

1579 Gosson (*title*) The Schoole of Abuse. 1589 R. Harvey *Pl. Perc.* 10 Or else a free schoole of skolds shalbe set vp for the nonce. 1596 Shaks. *Tam. Shr.* IV. i. 54 *Tra.* Faith he is gone vnto the taming schoole. *Bian.* The taming schoole: what is there such a place? 1605 *1st Pt. Jeronimo* I. iii. 23 From drinking schooles.. From dicing houses. 1690 (*title*) The School of Politicks; or the Humours of a Coffee-house. A poem. 1777 Sheridan (*title*) The School for Scandal. 1788 Gibbon *Decl. & F.* I. V. 190 The science of astronomy was cultivated at Babylon; but the school of the Arabs was a clear firmament and a naked plain. 1832 Thirlwall in *Philol. Mus.* I. 495 The ancient rhetoricians were a class of babblers, a school for lies and scandal.

c. Formerly often adopted in the titles of manuals of instruction in particular subjects. Now only *Mus.*, as the title of an instruction-book dealing with a particular instrument.

1696 R. H. (*title*) The School of Recreation: or a guide to the most ingenious exercises of Hunting, Riding, Racing, Fireworks [etc.]. 1733 (*title*) The School of Miniature, erected for the instruction of the ignorant. 1845 E. Holmes *Mozart* 7 The system of fingering laid down in this violin school.

d. *spec.* = *riding-school.* Hence [after F. *école*], the exercises or system of training for horses and riders practised in the schools. *High school* [= F. *haute école*]: the more difficult class of exercises taught in the schools.

1850 Wayte *Equestrian's Man.* 5 Tuition, in the school alone, can seldom make a good rider. 1881 E. L. Anderson *How to Ride*, etc. Introd. 5 It is to be regretted that, in this nation of horsemen, riding as practised in the schools, should have fallen into disuse; for the *manège* is the foundation of horsemanship. 1884 = *Mod. Horsemanship* 143 (*title of chapter*) The High School.

4. *fig.* A place, environment, etc., where one gains instruction or training in virtue, accomplishments, or the like; a person or thing regarded as a source of instruction or training.

c 1000 Ælfric *Saints' Lives* (Skeat) I. 38 Her synd eac þa cnihtas..mid ðam ic becom to cristes scole. *c* 1314 *Guy Warw.* 384 (Auchin. MS.) Þou art y-taust to a liþer scole. *c* 1374 Chaucer *Troylus* I. 634 And þere thow wost þat I haue out myswent, Eschewe þou þat, for swych þyng to þe scole is. 1390 Gower *Conf.* I. 174 As he which of the Scole of helle Is tawht. 1579 W. Wilkinson *Confut. Fam. Love* 1 b, Whether this family haue bene taught in the schole of the holy ghost, or in the schole of the Anabaptistes. 1583 Body in J. H. Pollen *Acts of Engl. Martyrs* (1891) 55 From our school of patience, the 16th Sept., 1583 [i. e. from prison]. 1605 Bacon *Adv. Learn.* I. 29 The Ægyptians; which Nation we know was one of the most ancient Schools of the world. 1656–63 Davenant *Siege of Rhodes* v. (1672) 64, I was bred in Natures simple School. 1671 Milton *P. R.* III. 238 Empires, and Monarchs, and thir radiant Courts, Best school of best experience. 1705 Addison *Italy* Pref., Italy..is the great School of Musick and Painting. 1759 Goldsm. *Pres. St. Pol. Learn.* xi. Wks. (Globe) 443/2 They keep the student from the world, which, after a certain time, is the only true school of improvement. 1813 Byron *Corsair* I. xi, Warp'd by the world in Disappointment's school. 1833 E. Everett *Orat.* (1850) I. 395 The men of 1776 were trained in the strictest school of British military discipline and conduct. 1840 Macaulay *Ess., Clive* (1897) 534 A succession of commanders, formed in the school of Clive. 1849–50 Alison *Hist. Eur.* xlix. § 4 VIII. 3 The best of all schools—that of great operations and adverse fortune. 1856 Emerson *Eng. Traits, First Visit* Wks. (Bohn) II. 5 He [Coleridge] said..that Sicily was an excellent school of political economy.

5. The body of persons that are or have been taught by a particular master (in philosophy, science, art, etc.); hence, in wider sense, a body or succession of persons who in some department of speculation or practice are disciples of the same master, or who are united by a general similarity of principles and methods.

Sometimes (e. g. in *Roman, Venetian, Tuscan School*; *British, French, Flemish School*; with reference to painting), the term denotes in the first place those whose training was obtained in the same locality; but in the main this local association is understood to imply more or less community of doctrines or style.

1612 Bacon *Ess., Atheism* (Arb.) 330 Most of all, that schoole which is most acused of Atheisme, doth demonstrate Religion. That is, the Schoole of Lewsippus, and Democritus, and Epicurus. 1660 Jer. Taylor *Worthy Communic.* I. § 4. 66 If by faith we eat the flesh of Christ; as it is confessed by all the Schooles of Christians; then [etc.]. *a* 1680 Butler *Rem.* (1759) I. 217 A peripatetic Cobler scorn'd to soal A pair of Shoes of any other School. 1728 Chambers *Cycl., School*, in Painting, is a Term used to distinguish the different Manners of Places, and Persons: As, the Roman School, the Venetian School, the Flemish School, &c. 1771 Sir J. Reynolds *Disc.* iv. Wks. 1797 I. 61 The Roman, the Florentine, the Bolognese schools... These are the three great schools of the world in the epick stile. 1849 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* vii. II. 195 William Wycherley, the most licentious and hardhearted writer of a singularly licentious and hardhearted school. 1864 J. H. Newman *Apol.* v. (1904) 173/1 There are various schools of opinion allowed in the Church: and on this point I follow others.

b. *fig.* A set of persons, who agree in certain opinions, points of behaviour or the like. *Of the old school*: old-fashioned.

1798 *Monthly Mag.* Feb. 127/2 He was a whig of the old school. 1817 Byron *Beppo* xxxiv, He was a lover of the good old school. 1827 Scott *Chron. Canongate* vi, She did not hesitate to admit him to her boudoir, after the privilege of the French and the old Scottish school. 1844 Thirlwall *Greece* lxiv. VIII. 295 He was a Roman of the new school, which studied to soften the homely roughness of the old Italian character.

6. *slang.* †a. (See quot. 1812.) *Obs.* b. A company of thieves or beggars working together.

1812 J. H. Vaux *Flash Dict., School*, a party of persons met together for the purpose of gambling. 1851 Mayhew *Lond. Labour* I. 244 He scraped acquaintance with a 'school of shallow coves'; that is, men who go about half naked, telling frightful tales about shipwrecks [etc.]. 1856 Wynter *Cur. of Civ.* xii. (1860) 478 Inferior classes of thieves work in smaller 'schools,' say of a couple of women and a boy. *Ibid.* 481 What is called a 'school' of boys, who pick pockets in concert, under the eye of a master. 1859 *Slang Dict., School*, or *Mob*, two or more 'patterers' working together in the streets.

II. Senses of mediæval academic origin.

7. An organized body of teachers and scholars in one of the higher branches of study cultivated in the Middle Ages; *esp.* one of the various bodies of this kind which jointly constituted a university; a faculty. †In early use the article is commonly omitted after a preposition. Now only *Hist.*

c 900 *Bæda's Hist.* III. xiii. (1890) 190 Sum leornungmon in scole [L. *scolasticus quidam*]. *c* 1380 Wyclif *Sel. Wks.* I. 93 Siche doutes we shulden sende to þe scole of Oxenforde. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Somp. T.* 478 No maister, quod he, but seruitour, Thogh I haue had in scole swich honour. *c* 1440 *Alphabet of Tales* 105 He lefte þe logykk skule, & made hym a monk of Ceustus ordur. *c* 1449 Pecock *Repr.* I. xvi. 88 Summe werers of pilioures in scole of dyuynyte han scantli be worthi for to be in the same scole a good scoler. 1617–20 Moryson *Itin.* (1903) 319 The publike schoole at Strasburg was not reputed an universitie yet gave the degrees of Bachelors and Masters of Artes. 1651 Hobbes *Leviath.* IV. xlvi. 370 That which is now called an University, is..an Incorporation under one Government of many Publique Schools, in one and the same Town or City. In which, the principall Schools were ordained for the three Professions, that is to say, of the Romane Religion, of the Romane Law, and of the Art of Medicine.

b. *collect. plural.* (In later use always *the schools.*) The faculties composing a university; universities in general; the sphere or domain of academic discussion or traditional academic doctrines and methods.

a 1400–50 *Alexander* 4610 Is þar na lare in 3oure land, labour of scolis, Fesike, ne no philosofy. *c* 1449 Pecock *Repr.* I. xvi. 89 Manye, whiche neuere leerned ferther in scolis than her grammer. 1535 Stewart *Cron. Scot.* (Rolls) I. 103 He..haittit all that cunnyng wer in scuillis. 1596 Dalrymple tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* II. 111 That sik frehalderis..sulde susteine thair eldest sones at the schuilis, quhill perfytlie tha vndirstude the Canon lawis. *a* 1628 Preston *Breastpl. Love* (1631) 199 We learne at Schooles what to say in such a controversie, how to dispute rather than how to live. 1634 T. Johnson *Parey's Chirurg.* III. x. (1678) 62 Which I have sometimes shewed in the Physick Schools, at such times as I there dissected Anatomies. 1638

CHILLINGW. *Relig. Prot.* I. v. § 63. 279 Boyes in the Schooles know, that *a Poste ad Esse*, the Argument followes not. 1644 DIGBY *Two Treat.* Ded. a iv, I haue not endeauoured to expresse my conceptions eyther in the phrase, or in the language of the schooles. 1649 LOVELACE *Lucasta* 84 And henceforth..Be able to dispute ith' field, And Combate in the Schooles. 1690 LOCKE *Hum. Und.* III. iii. § 9. 192 This whole mystery of Genera and Species, which make such a noise in the Schools. 1701 SWIFT *Contests of Nobles & Comm.* Wks. 1755 II. I. 12 A mixed government partaking of the known forms received in the schools. 1774 BURKE *Sp. Amer. Tax.* (1775) 52 These are the arguments of states and kingdoms. Leave the rest to the schools; for there only they may be discussed with safety. 1785 COWPER *Task* II. 534 Is Christ the abler teacher or the schools?

†c. In various phrases, as *to go to school*, to study at a university; *man of school*, one who is versed in the learning of the schools; *degree of school(s, in schools*, a university degree. *Obs.*

1377 LANGL. *P. Pl.* B. XX. 271 Enuye..heet freres to go to scole, And lerne logyk and lawe. *c* 1380 WYCLIF *Eng. Wks.* (1880) 427 Degre takun in scole makiþ goddis word more acceptable. *Ibid.* 428 So prestis wiþ-oute degre of scole may profite more þan don þes maystris. *Ibid.*, & þus men of scole trauelen veynly for to gete newe sutiltees. 1426 LYDG. *De Guil. Pilgr.* 11477 Thogh a man wer neuere so wys, And hadde lernyd at Parys, Thys thyrty yer at scole be In that noble vnyuersyte. 1451 *Rolls of Parlt.* V. 222/2 After the degrees in Scoles singulerly of the seide Scolers. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* I. Prol. 381 Amange clerkis in scule. 1591–5 SPENSER *Col. Clout* 702 A filed toung, furnisht with tearmes of art, No art of schoole, but Courtiers schoolery. 1611 CORVAT *Crudities* 392 Though it be no Vniuersitie to yeeld degrees of Schoole to the students. 1638 BP. MOUNTAGU *Art Enq. Visit.* A 4, Of what degree in schools is he?

†d. *To hold* or *keep schools*: to engage in academic disputation or discussion. *Obs.*

c 1460 SIR R. ROS *La Belle Dame* 329 In fayre langage,.. which ye and mo holde scoles of dayly. 1533 MORE *Debell. Salem* Wks. 949/2 We wyl in this matter keepe no longe scholes. 1567 JEWEL *Def. Apol.* III. 345 Wherefore doo your Doctours keepe sutche hote Schooles emongst them selues.

†e. *pl.* with sing. construction: An assembly of the 'schools' of a university, a public disputation.

c 1470 GREGORY in *Hist. Coll. Cit. Lond.* (Camden) 229 Mayster Halden kept the scholys with in the Fryers and dysputyd a gayne a Gray Fryer..; and at that scholys were many grete docters and clerkys to geve hym audyens.

8. *The School, the Schools*: the Schoolmen, the scholastic philosophers and theologians collectively. Now *rare* or *Obs.*

a 1614 DONNE Βιαθανατος (1644) 127 Many of the Schoole, as Aquinas Fra. Victoria, Sotus, Bannes. 1651 HOBBES *Leviath.* IV. xlvi. 374 A *Nunc-stans* (as the Schools call it). 1662 STILLINGFL. *Orig. Sacræ* II. vi. § 3. 181 The spirit of Prophecy came upon them *per modum impressionis transeuntis*, as the Schools speak. 1683 J. NORRIS *Parting* 3, Poems (1684) 20, I now believe the Schools with ease,..That should the sense no torment seize, Yet Pain of Loss alone would make a Hell.

9. a. *sing.* The building or room set apart for the lectnres or exercises of a particular 'school' (in a university). b. *pl.* A building belonging to a university, containing rooms serving in some cases originally for lectures in the several faculties, in later times chiefly for the disputations and exercises for degrees, and for meetings of the academic body or of portions of it. Hence, in modern Oxford use: The building in which most of the university examinations are held.

c 1590 MARLOWE *Faustus* (1604) A 3 b, Ile haue them fill the publike schooles with skill [*mod. edd.* silk] Wherewith the students shalbe brauely clad. 1644 EVELYN *Diary* Jan., We went into some of the Scholes [of the Sorbonne], and in that of Divinity we found a grave Doctor in his chaire, with a multitude of auditors, who all write as he dictates. *a* 1674 CLARENDON *Hist. Reb.* VIII. § 120 They caused provisions of corn to be laid in,..assigning the public schools to that purpose. 1697 EVELYN *Acc. Archit.* Misc. Writ. (1825) 366 Or compare the Schools and Library at Oxford with the Theatre there. 1706 T. HEARNE *Collect.* 3 Oct. (O. H. S.) I. 292 Forreigners..frequently go to ye Schools to hear Lectures. 1751 WESLEY *Wks.* 1872 II. 222, I went to the Schools, where the Convocation was met. 1861 HUGHES *Tom Brown at Oxf.* XXIV, There is no more characteristic spot in Oxford than the quadrangle of the schools. 1873 *Students' Handbk. Univ. Oxf.* 151 A copy of it must be deposited in the Music School.

10. In modern Oxford use. a. *pl.* The periodical examinations for the degree of B.A.

1828 J. H. NEWMAN *Lett.* (1891) I. 180, I am going out of the Schools, and Dornford (I fancy) will supply my place for the ensuing examination. 1861 HUGHES *Tom Brown at Oxf.* XXIV, The row of victims..'sitting for the schools' as it is called. 1868 FREEMAN *Norm. Conq.* II. App. 581 A former colleague of mine in the Oxford Schools. 1882 *Society* 18 Nov. 11/2 The schools at Oxford are 'on' once more, and white ties are again the order of the day.

b. Each of the several courses of study, in any of which an 'honours' degree in Arts may be taken: corresponding to the Cambridge 'Tripos'.

At present the 'Schools' are as follows: '*Literæ Humaniores*' (i. e. classics), Mathematical and Physical Science, Natural Science, Jurisprudence, Modern History, Theology, Oriental Languages, English Language and Literature, Modern Languages.

1873 *Students' Handbk. Univ. Oxf.* 110 Those who have obtained Honours in the School of Theology.

†III. 11. The doctrine or teaching of a master; the lore or knowledge of a subject imparted by teaching. *Obs.*

1390 GOWER *Conf.* III. 84 As thou hast preid above That I the Scole schal declare Of Aristotle. *Ibid.* III. 139 Ther mai a man the Scole liere Of Rethoriqes eloquences. 1423 JAS. I. *Kingis Q.* vii, Quhich to declare my scole is ouer 3ong. *c* 1460 *Wisdom* 86 in *Macro Plays* 38 Teche me þe scolys of yowur dyvynyte. 15.. *Piers of Fullham* 3 in Hazl. *E. P. P.* II. 2 A man, that lovyth fyscheng and fowlyng bothe, ofte tyme that game schall hym be lothe, of that crafte all thoghe he can the scole, yn the see, in rever, in ponde, or yn pole. 15.. *Mayd Emlyn* 128 ibid. IV. 87 Thus by her scole Made hym a fole, And called hym dodypate.

†b. A particular method or discipline taught.

c 1386 CHAUCER *Prol.* 125 Frenssh she spak ful faire and fetisly, After the scole of Stratford atte Bowe. — *Miller's T.* 143 In twenty manere koude he trippe and daunce After the scole of Oxenforde tho. *c* 1400 *Beryn* 2403 So yee aftir my scole Wol do, & as I rede 3ew. *c* 1400 *Sowdone Bab.* 1141, I shall the lerne a newe scole, If thoue so hardy to fighte be. *c* 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* II. 14 At the wendyng slake The yoke, thyne oxen neckes forto cole: But drawing by the horne is noo goode scole. *a* 1529 SKELTON *P. Sparowe* 117 It wold syt on a stole, And lerned after my scole For to kepe his cut.

†c. Schooling, discipline. *Obs.*

1449 PECOCK *Repr.* III. viii. 328 Certis the freelnes of the wil is to be kutt awei and to be leid aside with greet bateil, greet scole, and greet craft.

IV. Repr. L. *schola*, Gr. σχολή, in late senses.

†12. A hostelry at Rome for the reception of pilgrims. *Obs.*

O. E. Chron. an. 816, Þy ilcan 3eare forborn Ongolcynnes scolu. ?*a* 900 in Thorpe *Diplomat. Anglicum* (1865) 116 Ic [Æthelwulf] on Rome..Englisce scole 3esette. *c* 1450 *Brut* 316 Seynt Peters pens,..þe whiche Kyng Iva [*sic*].. ferst graunted to Rome, for þe scole of Engelond ther to be continued.

†13. A public building, gallery, or the like. *Obs.*

c 1400 MAUNDEV. (Roxb.) xl. 44 A kirk theked with leed, þat es called þe Scole of Salomon. 1534 WHITINTON *Tullyes Offices* I. (1540) 33 Solon fyrste edifyed the schole of Areopagus in Athenes. 1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* XXXVI. v. II. 568 In the same place, and namely in the schoole or gallerie of learned men, there be many more images highly commended.

14. *Hist.* One of the cohorts or companies into which the Imperial guard was divided.

1776 GIBBON *Decl. & F.* xiii. I. 388 The avenues of the palace were strictly guarded by the various schools, as they began to be called, of domestic officers. *Ibid.* xvii. II. 57 The whole number consisted of three thousand five hundred men, divided into seven schools, or troops, of five hundred each.

V. 15. [f. SCHOOL *v.*] A cross-country ride.

1892 *Field* 9 Apr. 512/2 Then began a cheery 'school' over some scrubby hills.

VI. *attrib.* and *Comb.*

16. Simple attributive.

a. Pertaining to a school (sense 1) or schools, as *school-age, eleven, -fee, -French, -friendship, -hours* (HOUR 2 b), †*-law, -life, -prank, prize*, †*-recess, -teacher, -vacation, warden, -work, -year*, etc. Also SCHOOL-BOARD, -BOOK, -DAY, -MA'AM, -MASTER, -MISTRESS.

1879 *St. George's Hosp. Rep.* IX. 716 So soon as children have passed *school-age, they [etc.]. 1857 HUGHES *Tom Brown* II. viii, The Captain of the *School eleven..accompanied them. 1511–12 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* IV. 242 In haill payment of half ane 3eris burd and *scoile fee. 1870 *Act* 33 & 34 *Vict.* c. 75 § 25 The school board may, if they think fit,..pay the whole or any part of the school fees payable at any public elementary school by any child [etc.]. 1837 [MISS MAITLAND] *Lett. fr. Madras* XV. (1843) 145 About half of them know the language well, and the rest speak it like *school-French. 1784 COWPER *Tiroc.* 436 *School-friendships are not always found..permanent and sound. 1740 J. CLARKE *Educ. Youth* (ed. 3) 137 Out of *School-Hours. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* ii, Surreptitiously nursing it [a doll] in school hours. 1650 J. M. (*title*) *School-Laws, or Qui Mihi in English. 1857 HUGHES *Tom Brown* II. viii, The care with which he has watched over every step in your *school lives. 1885 WELLDON *Serm. Harrow* i. (1887) 6 In a few days perhaps..you will feel the continuity of your school-life; but for the present it seems to you to have been broken. 1799 HT. LEE *Canterb. T., Poet's T.* (ed. 2) I. 48 Playing *school-pranks with his companions. 1904 'E. NESBIT' *Phœnix & Carpet* xi. 206 Its conversation..was entertaining and instructive—like *school prizes are said to be. 1795 *Jemima* I. 63 A pressing invitation that she would spend the next *school recess at the Hall. 1847 WEBSTER, **School-teacher*, one who teaches or instructs a school. 1787 HAWKINS *Life Johnson* 471 Whose son in his *school-vacation was come home. 1835 *App. Munic. Corpor. Rep.* IV. 2897 The two *School Wardens [at Kingston-upon-Thames] are elected in like manner. Their duty is to visit and superintend the school. 1857 HUGHES *Tom Brown* II. vi, There could be no reason for stopping the *school work at present. *Ibid.* II. ii, There were thirty-eight weeks in the *school year.

b. Taught in or attending school, as *school-child, -chum, -companion*, †*-fere, -maid, -miss*, etc. Also SCHOOL-BOY, -FELLOW, -GIRL, -MATE.

1840 CARLYLE *Heroes* IV. (1841) 207 He [Luther] had to beg, as the *school-children in those times did. 1879 *St. George's Hosp. Rep.* IX. 705 The first case of illness was a school-child. 1846 MRS. GORE *Eng. Char.* (1852) 149 The stupid *school-chum of his private secretary! 1771 SMOLLETT *Humph. Cl.* 31 May (1815) 108 The departure of your *school-companions. 1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) III. 449 One Calistenes, Alisaundre *scolefere under Aristotil. *Ibid.* VII. 397 He..went to Rome at þe laste wiþ oon of his scole feres. 1603 SHAKS. *Meas. for M.* I. iv. 47 Is she your cosen? *Isa.* Adoptedly, as *school-maids change their names By vaine, though apt affection. 1873 BLACK *Pr. Thule* ii, I take her to be an affected *school-miss.

c. Belonging to or connected with the school as a building (cf. 1), as *school-bell, building, -chapel, -door, -roof, -yard*, etc. See also SCHOOLHOUSE.

1862 CALVERLEY *Verses & Transl.* (1894) 12 When the *school-bell cut short our strife. 1829 R. GILBERT *Liber Scholast.* 167 The *school buildings are well adapted [etc.]. 1884 *Tablet* 11 Oct. 591/2 The erection of a *school-chapel was immediately begun. 1641 MILTON *Ch. Govt.* II. Concl. 62 There is not that sect of Philosophers among the heathen so dissolute..but would shut his *school dores against such greasy sophisters. *c* 1340 *Hampole's Wks.* (1895) I. 140 An Abbot þat..neuer lift vp his heued to see þe *scole-rouf. 1870 EMERSON *Soc. & Sol.* v. 99 The warm sympathy with which they kindle each other in *school-yard, or in barn or woodshed.

d. Pertaining to the Schoolmen (cf. sense 8), or to the 'schools' of universities (cf. sense 7 b), scholastic, academic, as in *school-account*, †*-amorist, -argument, author, -clerk*, †*dispicion, -ethics, -exercise*, †*implement, -language, -logic, -manner, matter, -medicine, moralist, morality, name, -opinion, -pedantry, philosopher, philosophy, -phrase, -question, quiddity, -subtilty, -syllogism, term, -theology, trick*, etc.; *school-like* adj. and adv. See also SCHOOL-CRAFT, -DIVINE, -DIVINITY, -DOCTOR, -MAN, -POINT.

1701 NORRIS *Ideal World* I. vii. 408 To lay open the *school-account of this matter, and unravel it through all its abstrusities. 1644 BULWER *Chirol.* 163 Thus the *Schoole-Amorist [=Ovid]. 1587 GOLDING *De Mornay* XV. (1592) 225 The holy Scripture..vseth no *schoole arguments to make vs beleeue that there is a God. 1551 CRANMER *Answ. Gardiner* III. 90 Is it not plainly written of all the Papists, both lawyers and *schole authors, that [etc.]. *a* 1583 SIR H. GILBERT *Q. Eliz. Achad.* (1869) 3 The greatest *Schole clarkes are not alwayes the wisest men. 1600 W. WATSON *Decacordon* (1602) Pref. A 2, Arguments of proofe in shew holden on a whole day by fine wits, in a *schoole despicion. 1710 BERKELEY *Princ. Hum. Knowl.* I. § 100. 145 One may make a great progress in *School-Ethics without ever being the wiser or better Man for it. *c* 1425 *Orolog. Sapient.* I. in *Anglia* X. 327/43 Hem þat in *scole-excersyse..sechene þoo þinges þat bene nedefulle to sowle-hele. 1586 HOOKER *Answ. Travers* xvi. (1612) 19 These *schoole implements are acknowledged by graue and wise men not vnprofitable to haue beene inuented. 1639 DRUMM. OF HAWTH. *Disc. Impresa's* Wks. (1711) 229 For ladies, who understand not the *school languages. 1840 CARLYLE *Heroes* v. (1841) 289 Eagerly devouring what spiritual thing he [Johnson] could come at; school-languages and other merely grammatical stuff, if there was nothing better! 1563–87 FOXE *A. & M.* (1596) 14/2 Such as more distinctlie and *schoolelike discusse this matter. 1601 B. JONSON *Poetaster* v. i. 129 His learning labours not the schoole-like glosse. 1645 MILTON *Tetrach.* 23 Such a methodical and School-like way of defining. 1818 HALLAM *Mid. Ages* IX. II. (1819) III. 538 Philology..degenerated through the prevalence of *school-logic. 1560 DAUS tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* 229 b, He discourseth at large the article of Justifycation after the *scoole maner [orig. *more scholastico*]. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Friar's Prol.* 8 Ye han heer touched al so moot I thee In *scole matere greet difficultee. 1447 in *Epist. Acad. Oxon.* (O. H. S.) I. 260 All his buks of study, also oder boks longyng to scole mater. 1731 *Hist. Litteraria* III. 260 The Venereal Disease had just then made its appearance, which the common *School-Medicine was not able to cure. 1710 NORRIS *Chr. Prud.* iv. 149 This the *School-Moralists..have abundantly proved. *Ibid.* iii. 125 The *School Morality. 1581 SIDNEY *Apol. Poetry* (Arb.) 41 Who thinke vertue a *schoole name. 1751 WARBURTON *Pope's Ess. Man* II. 81 *note*, For this dangerous *school-opinion gives great support to the Manichean or Zoroastrian error. 1704 NORRIS *Ideal World* II. Pref. 16 Which..would perhaps savour a little too much of *school-pedantry. *a* 1704 T. BROWN *Dial. Dead, Reas. Oaths* Wks. 1711 IV. 96 A *School-Philosopher with his newest set of Distinctions. 1701 NORRIS *Ideal World* I. ii. 72 It agrees not with the principles of the *School-Philosophy, that will by no means allow the essences of things to be eternal. 1759 GOLDSM. *Pres. State Pol. Learn.* XI. Wks. (Globe) 443/2 Universities..where the pupils..support every day syllogistical disputations in school philosophy. 1668 HOWE *Blessedn. Righteous* xii. 218 *Servato ordine finis*, as the *School-phrase is. 1586 HOOKER *Answ. Travers* XVI. (1612) 18 If..it were a *schoole question. *a* 1625 E. CHALONER *Six Serm.* (1629) 30 The husbandman..vsed not..those *schoole quiddities to simple labourers. 1629 H. BURTON *Truth's Tri.* 67 No Romish sophistrie, or *schoole-subtilty can inuent any probability. 1709 SHAFTESB. *Moralists* I. 4 Her *School-Syllogism and her Elixir, [are] the choicest of her [Philosophy's] Products. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Merch. T.* 325, I counte nat a panyer ful of herbes Of *scole termes. 1825 SOUTHEY in *Q. Rev.* XXXI. 380 It is (to use a school term) an inseparable accident of Lisbon. 1591 SPENSER *M. Hubberd* 512 And if one could, it were but a *schoole trick.

17. locative, in sense 'at school', with ppl. adjs., as *school-bred, -made, -taught, -trained*, etc.

1784 COWPER *Tiroc.* 840 And if it chance..That though *school-bred, the boy be virtuous still. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VII. 870 As in chorea, so in tic, there are cases which appear to be *school-made. 1765 GOLDSM. *Trav.* 41 Let *school-taught pride dissemble all it can, These little things are great to little man. 1897 MARY KINGSLEY *W. Africa* x. 214 Boys trained in the mission school and married to *school-trained girls.

18. objective and obj. gen., as *school-drilling, -leaving, manager, -teaching*, etc.

1822–29 *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 3) IV. 347 The whole system of *school-drilling education. *Ibid.* 349 Such and a thousand similar recreations..should enter into the school-drilling of the day. 1901 *Daily Chron.* 21 Nov. 3/6 A.. *school-leaving certificate. 1888 *Pall Mall G.* 12 Jan. 4/1 The celibacy of the 'school marm' is a heresy which as yet only exists in the pious dream of *school managers and school boards. 1847 WEBSTER, **School-teaching*, the business of instructing a school.

19. Special combinations: **school air** *Horsemanship*, an 'air' (AIR *sb.* 17) which horses are taught in the school; †**school-butter**, (*a*) cf. quots. 1584–93 (sense obscure); (*b*) *slang*, a flogging; (*c*) *U.S.* 'a teasing call to school children' (Payne *Word-list East Alabama*); **school-cap** *Geol.* (see quot.); **school-dame**, an old woman who keeps a small school for young children; **school-gait** (see sense 3 d); **school-gallop** (see quot.); **school-going** *sb.*, attendance at school; **school-going** *a.*, that goes, or is suitable to go, to school; †**school-hall**, the room or building in which university disputations were held; †**school-hire**, = *school-wage*; **school-learning**, †(*a*) the learning of 'the schools' (7 b), (*b*) education at school; **school-mamma, -mother**, an elder girl at a girls'-school who acts as a protectress of one or more younger ones; †**school-pace**, = *school-gait*; **school-pence**, a small weekly sum of money paid for tuition in elementary schools; **school-rider**, a school-trained horseman; so **school-riding**; †**school-rod** [cf. G. *schulrute*], a birch-rod or cane; †**school-scholar**, one who has the learning taught at school (sense 1); **school-section** *U.S.*, 'a section of land set apart for public schools' (Bartlett 1860); **school-ship**, a ship used for the instruction and training of boys in practical seamanship; **school-tide** = *school-time* (b); **school-time**, (*a*) the time at which school commences, or during which school continues; (*b*) that period of life which is passed at school; **school-wage** (now *dial.*), the periodical payment made for tuition at school.

1885 DODGE *Patroclus & Penelope* 58 Horses educated in all the *School airs which are applicable to road-riding. 1584 A. MUNDAY *Fidele & Fortunio* 1473 in *Archiv Stud. neu. Spr.* CXXIII. 76 O that I had some of Pedículus [*i. e.* Pedante's] *Schoole-butter to make me a lip salue. 1593 G. HARVEY *Pierces Super.* Wks. (Grosart) II. 231 Should the Butterwhore..try all the conclusions of her cherne, she might peraduenture in some sort pay thee home with Schoole-butter: but vndoubtedly she should haue much adoe, to stoppe thy Ouen-mouth with a lidde of Butter. *a* 1700 B. E. *Dict. Cant. Crew, School-butter*, a Whipping. 1829 *Trans. Geol. Soc.* Ser. II. II. 42 The bed below this is called the Top Cap...The next bed is called the *School Cap..; it consists of a compact limestone extremely cellular [etc.]. *a* 1652 J. SMITH *Sel. Disc.* IV. 101 We could suppose our senses to be the *school-dames that first taught us the alphabet of this learning. 1852 T. PARKER *Ten Serm. Relig.* i. (1863) 10 He must study the anicular lines on the school-dame's slate. 1753 *Chambers' Cycl.* Suppl., A **school pace* or *gate* denotes the same with *ecoute*. 1885 DODGE *Patroclus & Penelope* 130 The traverse is a School gait rarely needed on the road. 1884 E. L. ANDERSON *Mod. Horsemanship* 148 The *School Gallop is a pace of four beats, and is procured from the ordinary gallop by demanding a close union, and by sustaining the forehand with the reins [etc.]. 1896 A. MORRISON *Child of Jago* 78 *School-going was a practice best never begun. 1884 *Athenæum* 15 Mar. 347/3 According to these statistics 1 out of 4 boys and 1 out of 89 girls of school-going age are under instruction. 1900 *Daily News* 1 June 6/4, 93,000 school-going children. 1509 *Parlt. Devylles* xl, I wyst hym [Jesus] neuer go to scole, And yet I sawe hym dyspute in the *scole hall. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 449/2 *Scole byre, *scolagium*. 1588 *Wills & Inv. N. C.* (Surtees 1860) II. 182 For schole heir of the childer, for twoe wekes, 13. 2d. More paid to Mr. Turpen, that was owne for Abraham schole heir, 8s. 1681 W. ROBERTSON *Phrasicol. Gen.* (1693) 2099 Schooling or school-hire, *minerval*. *a* 1583 SIR H. GILBERT *Q. Elis. Achad.* (1869) 10 In the vniuersities men study onely *schole learninges. 1751 ELIZA HEYWOOD *Betsy Thoughtless* I. 8 He having finished his school-learning, and was soon to go to the university. 1840 CARLYLE *Heroes* ii. (1841) 84 Mahomet..had no school-learning, of the thing we call school-learning none at all. 1876 MISS YONGE *Womankind* v. 31 The institution of *'school mammas' may secure a protector for each. 1826 MISS MITFORD *Village* II. 30, I..provided myself with a *school-mother, a fine tall blooming girl. 1753 *School pace [see *school gait* above]. 1889 *19th Cent.* Oct. 741 The parents are to pay *schoolpence. 1882 E. L. ANDERSON *School-training for Horses* 75 A distinguished *school-rider, who gave me my first practical lessons in this movement. 1897 LD. RIBBLESDALE *The Queen's Hounds* 264 He was probably not so good a school rider as the Prince Imperial. 1881 E. L. ANDERSON *How to Ride*, etc. Introd. 6 *School-riding, in one form or another, is used in all armies, and, indeed, wherever the horse must be under command. 1633 FORD *'Tis Pity* v. iii, A *Schoole-rod keepes a child in awe. *a* 1697 AUBREY *Lives* (1898) I. 328 At fourteen, he went away [from school] a good *schoole-scholar to Magdalen-hall in Oxford. *a* 1734 NORTH *Life Sir D. North* (1744) 2 In the End, he came out a moderate School-scholar. 1849 *Rep. of Com. of Gen. Land Office* (Bartlett 1860), *School-section. 1891 C. ROBERTS *Adrift Amer.* 37 A school section is a section of land..set apart by the Government for the purpose of raising funds for building and maintaining schools. 1867 LONGF. in *Life* (1891) III. 89 We stopped near the *school-ship, which was crowded with boys. 1808 SCOTT *Autobiog.* in Lockhart *Life* (1839) I. 63 My greatest intimate from the days of my *school-tide was Mr. John Irving. 1740 J. CLARKE *Educ. Youth* (ed. 3) 191 Such Boys..will be at Liberty out of *School-time. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* lvi, The introduction of crackers in school-time. 1890 *Lancet* 4 Oct. 708/1 Life here is but the school-time of eternity hereafter. 1542 *Richmond Wills* (Surtees) 36 To finde John Fell meate and drinke, clothing, boks, and *scolewaige to goo to the scole..to he be xxvi yeares of aige. 1864 CARLYLE *Fredk. Gt.* XV. iii. IV. 30 He is now about to be taught several things;—and will have to pay his school-wages as he goes.

School (skūl), *sb.*[2] Forms: 5 scoll, 5–7 scole, scul(le, 6 skoole, *Sc.* scuill, 6–7 skul, skole, 6–9 scull, skull, 7 skoule, scoale, schole, 7–9 scool, 8–9 schull, 9 *dial.* schule, scholl, 9– school. [a. Du. *school* troop, multitude, 'school' of whales :—MDu. *schole*, OS. *scola* troop = OE. *scolu* :—OTeut. **skulā* str. fem., perh. orig. 'division', f. **skel-, skal-, skul-* to divide: see SKILL, SHELL.

1. A shoal or large number of fish, porpoises, whales, etc. swimming together whilst feeding or migrating. Also *in a school, in* or *by schools*.

c 1400 *Laud Troy Bk.* 14205 Thei falle thikkere than heryng fletes In-myddes the se In here scole. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 450/2 Sculle, of a fysshe (scul of fysh, *S.*), *examen*. 1486 *Bk. St. Albans* f vij, A scoll of ffysh. *a* 1555 LELAND *Itin.* (1769) V. 70 They [bream] appere in May in mightti Sculles, so that sumtime they breke large Nettes. *a* 1578 LINDESAY (Pitscottie) *Chron. Scot.* (S.T.S.) II. 317 Thair come in our firth ane scuill of heirinng. *c* 1585 JANES in *Hakluyt's Voy.* (1600) III. 102 We saw to the West of those Isles three or foure whales in a skull. 1599 HAKLUYT *Voy.* II. II. 108 And this skole of fish continued with our ship for the space of fiue or sixe weekes. 1603 OWEN *Pembrokeshire* (1891) 121 They swymme in great scooles together. 1606 SHAKS. *Tr. & Cr.* v. v. 22 And there they flye or dye, like scaled sculs, Before the belching Whale. 1615 G. SANDYS *Trav.* 100 He saw at the mouth of Nilus..a scole of dolphins rushing up the river. 1641 S. SMITH *Herring Buss Trade* 25 According to the conveniency of the Skales and places of fishing. 1655 WALTON *Angler* x. (1661) 173 Repaire to the River, where you have seen them to swim in skuls or shoales in the Summer time. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* VII. 402 Shoales of Fish that..Glide under the green Wave, in Sculles that oft Bank the mid Sea. 1673 H. STUBBE *Further Justif. War Netherl.* Apol., etc. 127 The latter should not fish within eighty miles of the Coast, least the Scholes of Herrings should be interrupted. 1769 *De Foe's Tour Gt. Brit.* (ed. 7) I. 380 A great Shoal, or, as they call it, a Scool of Pilchards, came swimming..into the Harbour. 1791 LINCOLN in Belknap *Hist. New-Hampsh.* (1792) III. 456 These fish..take each schull its proper river. 1819 W. TENNANT *Papistry Storm'd* (1827) 36 Great skulls o' haddock, cod and ling. 1839 BEALE *Sperm Whale* 20 The groups, herds, or 'schools', which are formed by the sperm whale, are of two kinds. 1863 PENNELL *Angler-naturalist* 285 The smolts assemble in sculls of from forty to seventy together. 1884 *Leisure Hour* Jan. 64/1 A 'school' of porpoises gambolling in mid ocean.

2. *transf.* †**a.** A troop, crowd (of persons); a large number, mass (of inanimate things). *Obs.*

b. A flock, company (of animals).

1555 PHAER *Æneid* II. (1558) D ij b, About him ronnes of boyes & girles y*skull [*Lat.* 238–9 *Pueri circum innuptæque puellæ Sacra canunt*]. *Ibid.* IX. (1584) O vj, Go fisgigs, frisk your woods in double pype in skipping skooles [*Lat.* 617 *Ite per alta Dindymia, ubi adsuetis biforem dat tibia cantum*]. 1563–87 FOXE *A. & M.* (1596) 83/2 A scull of pictured boies did band, about that lothsome sight. *Ibid.* 85/1 The youth in skuls flocke and run togither. 1567 DRANT *Horace, Epist.* To Rdr., So greate a scull of amarouse Pamphlets haue so preoccupyed the eyes, and eares of men, that [etc.]. 1592 LYLY *Midas* IV. iii, He warrant hee hath by this started a couey of Bucks, or roused a scull of Phesants. 1665 BOYLE *Occas. Reft.* VI. iii. (1848) 348 When we dip them [oysters] in Vinegar, we may, for sauce to one bit, devour alive a schole of little Animals. 1858 K. H. DIGBY *Children's Bower* II. 13 Sitting on their heels by the margin of a pond to feed what they call the school of ducks that gathers round them. 1861 DU CHAILLU *Equat. Afr.* xiii. 194 A school of hippopotami. 1880 *Times* 24 Nov. 10/3 The Macclesfield tipplers [pigeons], which fly in schools or 'kits' for hours against another school. 1894 R. LEIGHTON *Wreck Golden Fleece* 189 Look at that school of gulls yonder.

3. *attrib.*: **school-bass**, the *Sciæna ocellata*; **school-cod**, a cod inhabiting the open sea, opposed to *shore-cod*; **school-fish** *U. S.*, any fish which usually appears in schools or shoals, also one of a school of fish; *spec.* the menhaden. So **school-schnapper, -shark, -whale.**

1884 GOODE, etc. *Nat. Hist. Aquatic Anim.* 372 The smaller fish of the species [*Sciæna ocellata*] are called simply 'Bass' or '*School Bass'. *Ibid.* 201 Still another class of fish is known..as 'Deep-water Cod', 'Bank Cod', and '*School Cod'. 1876 GOODE *Fishes of Bermudas* 11 The smaller *school-fishes. 1882 TENISON-WOODS *Fish N. S. Wales* 40 The time of the appearance of the '*school schnapper' is the early part of summer. 1852 MUNDY *Antipodes* viii. (1855) 198 The '*school-shark' is dealt with as above. But if the 'grey-nurse' or old solitary shark be hooked, the cable is cut [etc.]. 1840 F. D. BENNETT *Whaling Voy.* II. 176 A *School Whale, upon being attacked by the boats, rejected from her stomach a bony fish.

School (skūl), *v.*[1] Forms: see SCHOOL *sb.*[1] [f. SCHOOL *sb.*[1] Cf. G. *schulen*.]

1. *trans.* To put or send to school; to educate at school.

1577 STANYHURST *Descr. Irel.* vii. 24 b in *Holinshed*, Schooled in the vniuersitie of Parise. 1600 SHAKS. *A. Y. L.* I. i. 173 Yet hee's gentle, neuer school'd, and yet learned, full of noble deuise. 1846 *Eng. Rev.* VI. 138 The number actually schooled in the State schools was no less than 2,021,421. 1850 LYNCH *Theo. Trinal* XI. 211 How he was born, cradled, schooled, tailcoated, colleged, and the like. 1869 BLACKMORE *Lorna D.* I, My father..being a great admirer of learning sent me to be schooled at Tiverton. 1884 G. ALLEN *Philistia* II. 13 Eight children to be washed and dressed and schooled daily.

†**2.** To have as a member of one's school or sect.

c 1570 L. GIBSON in *Collect. B. L. Ball. & Broadsides* (1867) 115 It seemes, by your doynges, that Cressed doth scoole ye,—Penelopeys vertues are cleane out of thought. 1577 HANMER *Anc. Eccl. Hist.* (1619) 73 This man was first schooled by Valentinus.

3. 'To teach with superiority, to tutor' (J.); † in early use, to 'lecture', admonish, reprimand.

1573 G. HARVEY *Letter-bk.* (Camden) 10 This is the wai that thes fellonli men have taken to school and coole me, silli soul. *c* 1586 C'TESS PEMBROKE *Ps.* L. v, Mildly the good, God schooleth in this wise. 1592 in Fowler *Hist. C. C. C.* (O. H. S.) 160 She [Q. Eliz.] schooled Dr. John Rainolds for his obstinate preciseness. 1606 J. CARPENTER *Solomon's Solace* xxii. 91 He hearkened to..his mother when shee schooled him. *c* 1610 HEYWOOD & ROWLEY *Fortune by Land & Sea* I. i, Nay school us not old man, some of us are too old to learn. 1622 FLETCHER *Span. Curate* I. i, *Arsen.* Fy upon thee. This is prophane. *Mil.* Good Doctor, doe not schoole me, For a fault you are not free from. 1624 *Visibility of True Ch.* 91 He schooleth and lessoneth the Pope plainly. *a* 1657 R. LOVEDAY *Lett.* (1663) 272 That's my Landlord's fault, for which I shall school him. 1687 DRYDEN *Hind & P.* III. 306 It now remains for you to school your child, And ask why God's anointed he reviled. 1691 — *K. Arthur* III. ii, My former Lord, Grim Osmond, walks the Round: Calls o'er the Names, and Schools the tardy Sprights. *a* 1700 B. E. *Dict. Cant. Crew, I school'd him*, I chid him severely. 1710 CONGREVE *Poems, Of Pleasing* Wks. 1720 II. 426 So Macer and Mundungus school the Times, And write in rugged Prose the Rules of softer Rhymes. 1746 SMOLLETT *Rod. Random* xlv, The doctor..was infinitely surprized to find himself schooled by one of my appearance; and..cried, 'Upon my word! you are in the right, Sir! 1818 SCOTT *Hrt. Midl.* xviii, 'I ken a' that as weel as—I mean to say,' he resumed, checking the irritation he felt at being schooled,—a discipline of the mind, which those most ready to bestow it on others, do themselves most reluctantly submit to receive. 1865 LIVINGSTONE *Zambesi* Introd. 13 Many will prefer to draw their own conclusions from them rather than to be schooled by us.

†**b.** To give a lesson to (a person) by punishment; to chastise. *Obs.*

a 1592 GREENE *Jas. IV*, III. ii, I say thou art too presumptuous, and the officers shall schoole thee. 1595 *Locrine* III. iii. 25 Then wil we schoole you, ere you and we part hence. [They fight.] 1628 FORD *Lovers Melancholy* v. i, Take hence the wag, and school him for't.

4. To educate, train (a person, his mind, powers, tastes, etc.); to render wise, skilful, or tractable by training or discipline. Often *transf.*, said of God, the experiences of life, surrounding influences, etc.

a 1591 H. SMITH *Serm.* (1594) 385 Now, Salomon, full of wisdome, and schooled with experience, is licensed to giue his sentence of the whole world. 1591 SPENSER *M. Hubberd* 855 For he was school'd by kinde in all the skill Of close conveyance. 1657 J. WATTS *Dipper Sprinkled* 59 Visited of God with sickness, and so scholed, and enlightned by him therein and thereby. 1755 SMOLLETT *Quix.* (1803) IV. 169 A teacher of the Gentiles, schooled by Heaven, and whose professor and master was Jesus Christ himself. 1762 GOLDSM. *Nash* 174 A mind neither schooled by philosophy, nor encouraged by conscious innocence. 1826 DISRAELI *Viv. Grey* III. i, Having schooled his intellect in the Universities of two nations. 1838 LYTTON *Leila* I. iv, Leila, thou hast been nurtured with tenderness, and schooled with care. 1856 FROUDE *Hist. Eng.* (1858) II. vii. 229 They were too well schooled in the tricks of reservation. 1878 BOSW. SMITH *Carthage* 114 Among these was Xanthippus,..one who had been well schooled in war by the admirable training which the Spartan discipline still gave. 1888 BRYCE *Amer. Commw.* XCV. III. 337 But the ambition of American statesmen has been schooled to flow in constitutional channels.

b. To discipline, bring under control, correct (oneself, one's mind, feelings, thoughts, etc.).

1579 GOSSON *Sch. Abuse*, etc. *To Gentlew. Citizens* (Arb.) 58, I haue seene many of you whiche were wont to sporte your selues at Theaters, when you perceiued the abuse of those places, schoole your selues, and of your owne accorde abhorre Playes. 1605 SHAKS. *Mach.* IV. ii. 15 My deerest Coor, I pray you schoole your selfe. 1657 TRAPP *Comm. Ps.* xlii. 6 Though before he had schooled himself out of his distempers. 1813 SCOTT *Rokeby* IV. xiv, Now must Matilda stray apart, To school her disobedient heart. 1837 DISRAELI *Venetia* V. v, She had too long and too fondly schooled herself to look upon the outraged wife as the only victim. 1844 KINGLAKE *Eothen* xxi. 326 After the first half hour I so far schooled myself to this new exercise [riding a dromedary] that [etc.]. 1865 TROLLOPE *Belton Est.* x, Clara schooled herself into a resolution to bear it with good humour. 1876 GEO. ELIOT *Dan. Der.* VI. xlviii, No wonder that Deronda now marked some hardening in a look and manner which were schooled daily to the suppression of feeling.

c. With advs. *To school away*: to remove by instruction or discipline (*rare*). *To school down*: to subdue by training.

1833 CHALMERS *Const. Man* I. v. (1834) I. 194 It may at least school away those prepossessions of the fancy or of the taste, that would lead us to resist or to dislike such evidence when offered. 1863 KINGLAKE *Crimea* (ed. 3) II. ii. 63 Lord Raglan..was so schooled down by long years of flat office labour that it shocked him to see a man bearing no uniform, yet warlike, and armed to the teeth. 1867 TROLLOPE *Chron. Barset* II. lii. 90 At home she had schooled herself down into quiescence.

d. *passive.* To be educated *in* (certain beliefs, sentiments, habits). Also const. *inf.*

1841 MIALL in *Nonconf.* I. 529 We..have been so schooled in modern ecclesiastical phraseology that we cease to regard it as singular. 1862 LYTTON *Str. Story* 10 Their seniors are cramped by the dogmas they were schooled to believe when the world was some decades the younger.

5. To instruct or inform (a person) how to act; to teach (a person) his part.

1579 SPENSER *Sheph. Cal.* May 227 So schooled the Gate [goat] her wanton sonne, That answerd his mother, all should be done. 1587 HOOKER *Ir. Hist.* 79/1 in *Holinshed*, Wherefore it was blazed in Ireland, that the king [Hen. VII] ..had schooled a boie to take vpon him the earle of Warwikes name. 1596 SHAKS. *Tam. Shr.* IV. iv. 9 But sir here

comes your boy, Twere good he were school'd. 1874 H. R. Reynolds *John Bapt.* vii. 440 Herodias schooled Salome in the part she was to play. 1883 S. C. Hall *Retrospect* II. 271 Schooled by my guide, it was not difficult to realise the scene [etc.].

6. To train or exercise (a horse) in movements.

1869 'Wat. Bradwood' *The O. V. H.* xix, The way you had schooled him [a horse]. 1890 *Daily News* 23 Dec. 2/4 Some well-known horses on the flat are being schooled for hurdle jumping. 1881 E. L. Anderson *How to Ride*, etc. 60 Part II, How to School a Horse. The Early Education of the Horse.

b. *intr.* To ride straight across country.

1885 *Field* 4 Apr. 428/2 We schooled back to the Poorhouse Gorse, and a couple of fences of the order intricate had to be jumped, under the penalty of a long round. 1892 *Ibid.* 9 Apr. 512/2 Let me draw a discreet veil over sundry acts of renaging and recusancy on the part of good hunters and good riders, for in every country it will be found that some few celebrities of the hunting field have a rooted antipathy to 'schooling'.

7. *trans.* To rear (a plant) in a nursery.

1902 Cornish *Naturalist Thames* 122 The young osiers.. should be taken from a nursery in which they have been 'schooled' for one year.

School (skūl), *v.*[2] Forms: see School *sb.*[2] [f. School *sb.*[2]] *intr.* To collect or swim together in 'schools' or shoals (of fish). *To school up*: to collect or crowd close together at or near the surface of the water, said of fishes.

1597 Baeton *Wits Trenchmour* (Grosart) 10/1 The Herings seldom scull, but on a thick misty morning. 1606 S. Gardiner *Bk. Angling* 45 Fishes of each kind skull togeather. 1725 Dudley in *Phil. Trans.* XXXIII. 264 Let the Wind blow which Way it will, that Way they [*sc.* dead whales] will scull a Head, tho' right in the Eye of the Wind. 1873– [see Schooling *ppl. a.*[1] and *vbl. sb.*[1]]. 1884 Goode, etc. *Nat. Hist. Aquatic Anim.* 375 Yellow-tails..do not school, but swim singly or in pairs. 1891 *Century Dict.* s. v., Menhaden do not school up until the beginning of the summer. 1897 Kipling *Capt. Cour.* viii. 154 The caplin schooled once more at twilight.

Schoolable (skū·lăb'l), *a. rare.* [f. School *sb.*[1] + -able.]

†**1.** Capable of being schooled or trained *Obs.*

1594 Carew *Huarte's Exam. Wits* iv. (1596) 38 Amongst beasts of one kind, he which is most Schooleable and skilfull is such because he hath his braine better tempered.

2. Of proper age to attend school.

1846 *Eng. Rev.* VI. 138 In 1831 the number of children between the ages of 7 and 14, the approved schoolable period, was 2,043,030. 1869 *Echo* 15 Mar., 250,000 children of 'schoolable' age. 1888 *Rep. U. S. Commissioner Educ.* 1886–87, 59 Each tax-payer..would have a far less burden to bear in the work of getting all the 'schoolable' children within the schools.

†Schoo·lage. Forms: 6 scolage, 7 scollage, scholage, schoolage. [f. School *sb.*[1] + -age. Cf. med.L. *scolagium*, OF. *escolage.*]

1. *Sc.* The fee paid for tnition at school. Also *schoolage-fee.*

1511–12 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* IV. 242 Item the xxviij day of Januar, send with William Alresky to Maister David Wocat for half ane 3eris burd and his scolage fee at his entre this day to the scoile. 1602 *Stirling Burgh Rec.* (1887) I. 101 And thrie pundis vjs. viijd. to be payed to ilk ane of thame be the maister of the scole furth of the excres of his scollage mair nor wes first conditionate to him be his contract. 1607 in J. Grant *Burgh. Sch. Scot.* II. xiii. (1876) 467 Bringing with them [to school] their quarter's scholage. 1662 *Stirling Burgh Rec.* (1887) I. 238 And it salbe be lawchfull for the said maister Thomas to take for ilk townes bairn in schooleage, each quarter of the yeare, six shilling eight pennyes Scotts money.

2. Instruction in school; the services of a schoolmaster.

1603 Hollahd *Plutarch's Mor.* 454 You are well enough served and receive a due Minervall for your schoolage.

Schoolar, obs. form of Scholar.

†Schoola·tion. *Obs.*[−1] [f. School *v.*[1] + -ation.] Schooling, education at school.

1575 Laneham *Let.* (1871) 22 That throogh good scoolation becam az formall in his action az had he been a bride groom indeed.

School board. [Board *sb.* 8 b.] In England and Wales from 1870 to 1902, and in Scotland since 1872, a body of persons elected by the ratepayers of a 'school district', and charged by statute with the provision and maintenance of sufficient accommodation in public elementary schools for all the children of the district.

In England school boards were established only in districts in which either a majority of the ratepayers approved, or the existing accommodation in public elementary schools was considered by the Education Department to be insufficient. The Education Act of 1902 abolished school boards in England, and transferred their duties and powers to the County Councils.

In Scotland there is a school board in every school district (which is usually either a burgh or a parish). By the Act of 1872 the control of the burgh and parish schools established by previous Acts, was vested in the school boards, which are also required to establish and maintain such additional schools as may be needed.

1870 *Act* 33 & 34 *Vict.* c. 75 § 10 If..the Education Department are satisfied that all the public school accommodation required..has not been so supplied..the Education Department shall cause a school board to be formed for the district. 1872 *Act* 35 & 36 *Vict.* c. 62 § 8 A school board shall be elected in and for each and every parish and burgh [in Scotland]. 1876 Fawcett *Pol. Econ.* II. viii. (ed. 5) 234 A school board is very rarely established in a country parish. 1882 M. Aanold *Ir. Ess.*, etc. 131 You often see the School Boards..making the programme of their elementary schools too ambitious.

attrib. 1891 Kipling *Light that Failed* xiv, Alf was not a nice child, being puffed up with many school-board certificates for good conduct.

Schoo·l-book. [Cf. G. *schulbuch.*]

1. A book of instruction used at school.

1771 Luckombe *Hist. Print.* 103 A patent [was] granted him to print Latin School-books. 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* l, His bundle of school-books hanging by a thong. 1855 Tennyson *Brook* 9 In our school-books we say,..They flourish'd then or then.

b. *attrib.*

1751 *Pope's Wks., Epil. Sat.* i. 76 *note*, Full of school-book phrases and Anglicisms. 1821 C. Simeon *Let.* 27 Nov. in Carus *Life* (1847) 558 The abundance of your own personal labours, and of those engaged in the School-book Society, amazes me.

2. An account-book, register, etc. belonging or relating to a particular school.

1870 *Act* 33 & 34 *Vict.* c. 75 § 72 If the managers or teacher of any school refuse..to allow the inspector to..examine the school books and registers.

Schoolboy (skū·lˌboi). [f. School *sb.*[1] + Boy.]

1. A boy attending or belonging to a school.

1588 Shaks. *L. L. L.* v. ii. 493 O! neuer will I trust to speeches pen'd, Nor to the motion of a Schoole-boies tongue. 1600 — *A. Y. L.* II. vii. 145. 1599 B. Jonson *Cynthia's Rev.* IV. v, Death, what talke you of his Learning? he vnderstands no more then a schoole-Boy. 1654 Jer. Taylor *Real Pres.* 80 Every Schole-boy knows it. 1788 Burke *Sp. agst. W. Hastings* Wks. XIII. 37 School-boys without tutors, minors without guardians. 1813 Southey in *Croker Papers* (1884) I. 49, I should go to the task like a schoolboy. 1881 Crowest *Phases Mus. Eng.* 164 The merest schoolboy, it would be thought, could have detected the absurdity of such a musical passage.

2. *attrib.* passing into *adj.*; also *schoolboy-like* adj.

1687 Settle *Refl. Dryden* 6 This great pretender to Learning has not wit enough to make an Allegory, but violates the common School-boy Rules of sence. 1712 Addison *Spect.* No. 523 ₱ 2 A parcel of School-Boy Tales. 1798 Southey *Autumn* 18, I call to mind The school-boy days. 1802 H. Martin *Helen of Glenross* III. 74, I cannot help laughing at his schoolboy-like joy in his new playthings. 1812 Byron *Ch. Har.* II. xviii, Or schoolboy Midshipman that..Strains his shrill pipe as good or ill betides. 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* xxx, In his big schoolboy handwriting. 1887 *Spectator* 15 Oct. 1380 This curiously schoolboy way of insulting a foreign nation.

Hence **Schoo·lboydom, Schoo·lboyhood,** the state or condition of being a schoolboy; also, schoolboys collectively. **Schoo·lboyism,** action or conduct characteristic of a schoolboy.

1836 E. Howard *R. Reefer* xxi, The pedantic schoolboyism of calling a house-keeper a nymph. 1854 Whewell in *Life* (1881) 436 The recollections of schoolboyhood. 1880 R. G. White *Every-Day English* 277 The first great English grammar, the one by which school-boydom has been chiefly oppressed, was written by an American. 1893 *Temple Bar* XCVIII. 139 Schoolboyhood whispers derision.

Schoolboyish (skū·lboiˌiʃ), *a.* [f. Schoolboy + -ish.] Schoolboy-like.

1831 *Fraser's Mag.* IV. 278 All this being not particularly new, and rather schoolboyish withal. 1888 *Academy* 18 Feb. 112 An eminently schoolboyish story.

Schoolcraft (skū·lkrɑft). *arch.* [f. School *sb.*[1] + Craft.] Knowledge taught in the schools.

1629 B. Jonson *New Inn* II. ii, He has met his parallel in wit and school-craft. 1832 W. Irving *Alhambra* II. 187 Take care how you play off your schoolcraft another time upon an old soldier. 1862 Lytton *Str. Story* II. 271 Had I been less devoted a bigot to this vain school-craft, which we call the Medical Art..I might [etc.]. 1865 Kingsley *Herew.* xv, Schoolcraft and honesty never went yet together.

Schoold, variant of Shald, shallow.

Schoolday (skū·ldēˌ). [f. School *sb.*[1] + Day.]

1. *pl.* The days or period (of one's life) at which one is at school.

1590 Shaks. *Mids. N.* III. ii. 202 O, is all forgot? All schooledaies friendship, child-hood innocence? 1594 — *Rich. III*, IV. iv. 169 Tetchy and wayward was thy Infancie. Thy School-daies frightfull,..Thy prime of Manhood, daring. 1798 Lamb *Old Familiar Faces* i, In my joyful school-days. 1885 Ld. Blackburn in *Law Rep.* 10 App. Cases 388 In his schooldays or in his grown up days.

attrib. 1844 Disraeli *Coningsby* VII. ii, When two schoolday friends..meet at the close of their college careers.

2. A day on which there is school.

1852 Walcot *William of Wykeham* 233 On whole schooldays, morning school lasts from 7 till 8 A.M.; middle school from 9 until noon; evening school begins at 2, and ends at 6. 1857 Hughes *Tom Brown* II. v, It is a whole schoolday. 1873 *Routledge's Young Gentl. Mag.* Dec. 101/1 During the holidays, or on a school-day.

Schoo·l-divi·ne. = Schoolman 1.

1594 Hooker *Eccl. Pol.* III. ix. § 2 The greatest amongst the Schoole diuines studying how to set downe by exact definition the nature of an humaine lawe..found not which way better to do it then in these words [following]. 1613 Salkeld *Treat. Angels* title-p., Collected out of the holy Scriptures, ancient Fathers, and Schoole-Divines. 1737 Pope *Hor. Epist.* II. i. 102 In Quibbles Angel and Archangel join, And God the Father turns a School-divine. 1865 Pusey *Truth Eng. Ch.* 214 What school-Divines call 'Potentia proxima'.

Schoo·l-divi·nity. The religious principles and doctrines maintained and taught in the Schools, or by the mediæval moralists and divines.

1594 Carew *Huarte's Exam. Wits* ix. (1596) 124 The truth of schooldivinity abhorreth many words. 1616 S. Price *Ephesus Warning* 48 It is a true axiome in schoole-Diuinity, that..whatsoeuer is spoken of God bodily, must be vnderstood figuratiuely. 1710 Addison *Whig-Examiner* No. 4 ₱ 1 The most abstruse and profound tract of school-divinity. 1840 Carlyle *Heroes* iii. (1841) 140 His [Dante's] education was the best then going; much school-divinity, Aristotelean logic, some Latin classics.

School doctor.

†**1.** = School-divine.

1528 Tindale *Obed. Chr. Man* 40 b, Marke here how past all shame oure scole doctours are. 1565 Jewel *Repl. Harding* 259 The Schoole Doctours canne in no wise agree: there is Scotus againste Thomas [etc.]. 1609 Bible (Douay) 1 *Kings* viii. Annot. 587 Who so desireth, may search the iudgement of ancient Fathers, and see S. Thomas, and other schole Doctors.

†**2.** The teacher of a school. *Sc. Obs. rare.*

1730 T. Boston *My Life* (1908) 7 The school-doctor's son put a pipe-stopple in each of his nostrils.

3. The medical attendant of a school; esp. a medical practitioner who receives a fixed salary for his services in attending the pupils when ill.

Schooldom (skū·ldəm). [f. School *sb.*[1] + -dom.] The domain or world of school or schools; the persons, things, and conditions concerned in the affairs of schools.

1826 Miss Mitford *My Godfather* in *Lit. Souvenir* 393 A young girl, just freed from the trammels of schooldom. 1854 Marion Harland *Alone* iv, A summons to 'the study' was an event of rare occurrence..in the annals of schooldom. 1902 *Spectator* 26 July 110 The sense of injustice in this particular has permeated the ranks of schooldom.

Schooled (skūld), *ppl. a.* [f. School *v.*[1] + -ed[1].] Taught, trained, or disciplined.

1821 Joanna Baillie *Metr. Leg., Columbus* xl, This all-schooled forbearance would surpass. 1877 Black *Green Past.* iv, Forgetting indeed in this one ontburst all his schooled reticence. 1882 E. L. Anderson *School-training for Horses* 120 It is not necessary to use a sharp spur upon a schooled horse.

Schooler, obs. form of Scholar *sb.*

Schoo·lery. *rare.* [f. School *sb.*[1] + -ery.] That which is taught in a school, or as in a school.

1591–5 Spenser *Col. Clout* 702 A filed tonng, furnisht with tearmes of art, No art of schoole, but Courtiers schoolery. 1807 [Ireland] *Mod. Ship of Fools* 266 Rear'd in folly's ideot schoolerie, Every age thns boasts its foolerie. 1894 W. S. Gilbert *His Excellency* I. 12 Oh you may laugh at our dancing-schoolery, It's all very well, it amuses you.

Schoolfellow (skū·lfeloʊ). [f. School *sb.*[1] + Fellow *sb.*] One who is or formerly was at the same school at the same time with another.

In early use sometimes applied to one's contemporary at a university.

1440 Sir R. Laidamis *Let.* in *Athenæum* (1864) 10 Sept. 340/2 Ye and Y where scollfelaus sumtyme at Hylmyster. 1551 Robinson *More's Utopia* Epist. (1895) 19 The old acquayntaunce, that was betwene you and me in the time of our childhode, being then scolefellowes togethers. 1581 Pettie tr. *Guazzo's Civ. Convers.* I. (1586) 11 A Gentleman sometime my Schoolefellowe at Pad. who in learning was not inferiour to anie Scholler in the Uniuersitie. 1602 Shaks. *Ham.* III. iv. 202 (1604 Qo.) My two Schoolefellowes. 1669 R. Montagu in *Buccleuch MSS.* (Hist. MSS. Comm.) I. 425 Mr. Vernon, who was a schoolfellow of mine. 1690 Locke *Educ.* § 70 (1699) 97 The emulation of Schoolfellows often puts Life and Industry into young Lads. 1783 Cowper *Valediction* 35 Thy schoolfellow, and partner of thy plays. 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* xlix, The Colonel's countenance.. wore as many blushes as the face of a boy of sixteen assumes when he is confronted with his sister's schoolfellows.

Hence **School-fellowship.**

1722 Wodrow *Corr.* (1843) II. 628 It seems there are some secret remains of what we call school-fellowship, that have led him to a better opinion of my book than it deserves. 1844 S. R. Maitland *Dark Ages* 128 Who was perhaps bound to him by what is often the closer and stronger tie of school-fellowship.

Schoolful (skū·lfnl). [f. School *sb.*[1] + -ful.] As much or as many as a school will hold.

1881 *Academy* 22 Oct. 307 Such a monster may perchance exist,..but surely not a whole schoolful of them. 1900 *Daily News* 16 Aug. 6/7 We enjoyed it like a schoolful of children.

Schoolgirl (skū·lgɔ̄ɹl). [f. School *sb.*[1] + Girl.] A girl attending school.

1809 Malkin *Gil Blas* VII. ii, Fortune, wearied out with the school-girl's tricks she had been playing me. 1831 Macaulay *Ess., Boswell's Johnson* ₱ 5 Every school-girl knows the lines: 'Scarce had lamented Forbes paid..'. 1847 C. Bronte *Jane Eyre* xiii, You play a little, I see; like any other English school-girl.

b. *attrib.* passing into adj.

1832 L. Hunt *Sir R. Esher* (1850) 87 A proper school-girl tone. 1847 C. Bronte *Jane Eyre* xiv, Not three in three thousand raw school-girl-governesses would have answered me as you have just done.

Hence **Schoo·lgirlhood,** the state or condition of being a schoolgirl. **Schoo·lgirlism,** the action or conduct of a schoolgirl. **Schoo·lgirly** *a.*, like a schoolgirl, schoolgirlish.

1885 *Spectator* 1010/2 It is all absurdly missish and schoolgirly. 1889 'F. Anstey' *Pariah* I. ii, It isn't nearly so school-girly as it used to be, is it? 1893 Collingwood *Life Ruskin* I. 60 Emancipated from schoolgirlhood. 1901 *Academy* 8 June 495/2 Southport, with its sponge-cakeyness and school-girlism is surely worth study.

Schoolgirlish (skū·lgɔ̄ɹliʃ), *a.* [-ish.] Resembling or characteristic of a schoolgirl.

1867 Miss Broughton *Cometh up as Fl.* I. i. 9 So schoolgirlish as if you had never seen a man before! 1881 Miss Braddon *Asphodel* III. 8 What a romantic schoolgirlish notion!

Hence **Schoolgirlishness.**

1886 *Pall Mall G.* 12 Oct. 5/2 That rather objectionable quality..'school-girlishness', sentimentality, or 'gush'.

Schoo·l-house.

1. A building appropriated for the use of a school; also, the dwelling-house provided by the school authorities for the use of the schoolmaster or schoolmistress, usually attached to or adjoining a school.

1429 *Nottingham Rec.* II. 122 Unam domum vocatam 'Scolehous'. 1523–4 *Rec. St. Mary at Hill* 321 Paid for makyng clene of a chambre in the Abbottes yn for to be a skole howse for Northfolkes children. 1583 *Leg. Bp. St. Androis* 40 in *Satir. Poems Reform.* xlv, Maitland, Melwill, and Matchevellous, Learned never mair knaifrie in a scholehous. 1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* I. x. 18 To haue her knight into her schoole-house plaste That of her heauenly learning he might taste. *a* 1610 HEALEY *Cebes* (1636) 156 It is an easie thing for one to be a deepe scholer,..& yet bee as prone to drunkennesse [etc.] as bee that never saw the inside of a school-house. 1673 *Essex Papers* (Camden) I. 115 In the Diocesse of Raphoe there is a freeschoole..but there is noe publicke schoolhouse built there or elsewhere in that Diocesse. 1818 SCOTT *Hrt. Midl.* ix, But when, seated on the benches of the school-house, they began to con their lessons together, Reuben [etc.]. 1870 *Act* 33 & 34 *Vict.* c. 75 § 72 If the managers or teacher of any school refuse..to allow the inspector to inspect the schoolhouse or examine any scholar. 1875 M'ELWRAITH *Guide Wigtownshire* 45 Here are the school-house, play-ground, and teacher's dwelling.

b. *transf.* and *fig.*

c 1440 *Jacob's Well* xxii. 147 þe tauerne is welle of glotonye, for it may be clepyd þe develys scolehous & þe deuelys chapel. 1541 (*title*) Here begynneth a lytle boke named the Scole house of women. *a* 1568 ASCHAM *Scholem.* I. (Arb.) 62 Erasmus..saide wiselie that experience is the common scholehouse of foles, and ill men. 1607 HIERON *Wks.* I. 252 He doth first traine them vp in the schoole-house of His church.

c. *attrib.*

c 1440 *Alphabet of Tales* 426 Hym happend se þe scolehowse dure oppyn. 1679 *First Cent. Hist. Springfield, Mass.* (1898) I. 427 To Sam: Ely..for entertaining the schoole house raisers..1. 05. 00. 1841–4 EMERSON *Ess., Love* Wks. (Bohn) I. 73 The rude village boy teases the girls about the school-house door.

2. At some public schools, the name given to the headmaster's house. Also, the boys belonging to the 'school-house'.

1857 HUGHES *Tom Brown* I. v, The long line of grey buildings, beginning with the chapel, and ending with the school-house, the residence of the head-master. *Ibid.*, The School-house are being penned in their turn, and now the ball is behind their goal. 1887 *Spectator* 25 June 859/2 When the sixth form, or the School House, played against the rest of the school.

Schooling (skū·liŋ), *vbl. sb.*[1] [f. SCHOOL *v.*[1] + -ING [1].]

1. The action of teaching, or the state or fact of being tanght, in a school; scholastic education.

c 1449 PECOCK *Repr.* I. xvi. 90 But certis her withal y wolde that profound and groundli scoling in logik, philsophi, and dyuynyte, and lawe were not left hihinde. 1579 NORTHBROOKE *Dicing* (1843) 121 All the world seeth so many small children, that are orphans, lacking schooling for want of helpe. 1588 W. KEMPE *Educ. Children* F 3 b, He shall proceede to the second degree of Schooling, which consisteth in learning the Grammar. 1599 HEYWOOD *1st Pt. Edw. IV*, III. ii, That halfyear's schooling at Lichfield was better to thee than house and land. 1766 ENTICK *London* IV. 422 There is a charity-school..for 36 boys,..for schooling only. 1783 WESLEY *Wks.* 1872 XIII. 93, I will give you a year's schooling and board at Kingswood School. 1820 SCOTT *Monast.* Introd. Ep., Whose sons he had at bed, board, and schooling, for twenty pounds per annum a-head. 1837 HT. MARTINEAU *Soc. Amer.* III. 138 To give her Sunday-schooling, and a certain amount of weekday schooling in the year. 1844 THACKERAY *Barry Lyndon* i, Six weeks' was all the schooling I got. 1894 MRS. OLIPHANT *Hist. Sk. Q. Anne* vii. 337 The son..after sundry local schoolings went to Charterhouse. 1904 R. C. JEBB *Bacchylides* (Proc. Brit. Acad.) 17 The man of mere lore and schooling.

b. *transf.* and *fig.*

1540 PALSGR. *Acolastus* II. i. H iij b, Suerly it shulde not greue me so moche, so it myghte be lefull for me, nowe to folowe thy dyscipline .i. to be one of thy scoolynge. 1561 T. NORTON *Calvin's Inst.* IV. xx. (1634) 740 The ceremoniall law was the schooling of the Jewes. 1813 SCOTT *Trierm.* Introd. iv, Then, Lucy, hear thy tutor speak, For Love, too, has his hours of schooling. 1838 PRESCOTT *Ferd. & Is.* II. ix. III. 53 The severe schooling of these wars had prepared it for entering on a bolder theatre of action. 1851 THACKERAY *Eng. Hum.* i. (1876) 158 His mind had had a different schooling. 1870 LOWELL *Among my Bks.* Ser. I. (1873) 12 But perhaps there is no schooling so good for an author as his own youthful indiscretions. 1899 H. LATHAM (*title*), Pastor Pastorum, or the Schooling of the Apostles of our Lord.

c. The maintenance of a child at school, considered as involving expense; hence, cost of school education.

1563 *Haddington Council Rec.* in J. Miller *Rem. Old Haddington* (1883) 183 Ilk bairn [was to pay] ilk term xij of skoilings silver alanerlie. *c* 1610 LADY COMPTON in Grose *Antiq. Rep.* (1808) III. 438 Find my Children Apparel and their Schooling. 1681 W. ROBERTSON *Phraseol. Gen.* (1693) 1099 Schooling or school-hire, *minerval.* 1727 *Philip Quarll* (1816) 34 His parents..being no longer able to continue his schooling. 1802 MAR. EDGEWORTH *Moral T.* (ed. 2) I. iv. 25 She could not afford to pay for her little lass's schooling. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* xlvi, She would..pay his half-year's schooling. 1885 *Law Rep., Weekly Notes* 150/2 The husband refused to pay for the schooling of one of the two youngest daughters.

fig. 1577 *F. de L'isle's Legendarie* B v, In deede during the raigne of Francis the second they were enen with him, and paid for their scholing, as hereafter more at large wil appeare.

d. The employment or profession of teaching in school; 'schoolmastering'. *rare.*

1837 [MISS MAITLAND] *Lett. fr. Madras* (1843) 149 They had not much of a school, only five or six boys; I do not think that schooling will ever be their vocation.

attrib. 1784 COWPER *Tiroc.* 621 For such is all the mental food purvey'd By public hacknies in the schooling trade.

e. *slang.* A term of confinement in a reformatory.

1879 HOASLEY *Jottings fr. Jail* i. (1887) 8 'This is young ——, just come home from a schooling' (a term in a reformatory).

†**2.** Disciplinary correction, chastisement; also, admonition, reproof, scolding. *Obs.*

1557 N. T. (Genev.) 2 *Cor.* Argt., Albeit certeyn wicked persones abused his afflictions to condemne therby his autoritie, yet they were necessarie schollings, and sent to hym by God for their bettering. 1590 SHAKS. *Mids. N.* I. i. 116 But Demetrius come, And come Egeus, you shall go with me, I haue some priuate schooling for you both. 1601 J. CHAMBERLAIN in *St. Papers, Dom.* 1598–1601 (1869) 544 The Lord Keeper has had some schooling about it [the vacant Mastership of the Rolls], and is much troubled, but only cares that Hele may miss it. 1703 QUICK *Serious Inquiry* 32 And she would be there in her stead to give him such a Schooling..., as he never had in all his Life. 1818 SCOTT *Rob Roy* xiii, I confess I thought the schooling as severe as the case merited.

†b. *To have in schooling*: to be engaged in tutoring or admonishing. *Obs.*

1553 *Respublica* v. vi. 1537 Ah, in feith, dame Veritee hath had yone in scooling of late. *a* 1591 H. SMITH *Serm.* (1592) 597 Because ther is such warning before vs, now we haue the drunkard in schooling, I will spend the time that is left to shew you the deformity of this sinne.

3. a. The training or exercising of horse and rider in the riding-school. b. The exercising of horses in the hunting field. Also *attrib.*, as *schooling-match.*

1753 *Chambers' Cycl.* Suppl., *School*, or *Schooling*, in the manege, is used to signify the lesson and labour both of the horse and horseman. 1860 TROLLOPE *C. Richmond* iii, In Ireland a schooling match means the amusement of teaching your horses to jump. 1869 'WAT. BRADWOOD' *The O. V. H.* xxvii, Ralph had gone..to improve the occasion by testing the schooling of the four-year-old filly..over the timber obstacles. 1890 *Daily News* 2 Dec. 3/7 The schooling of horses over hurdles and fences. 1893 *Star* 24 Dec. 3/6 Alec Taylor has had schooling hurdles put up.

4. *slang.* (See quots.)

1859 *Slang Dict., Schooling*, a low gambling party. 1883 *Pall Mall G.* 10 Dec. 1/1, I saw no 'schooling' or gambling groups.

Schoo·ling, *vbl. sb.*[2] [f. SCHOOL *sb.*[2] and *v.*[2] + -ING [1].] The action of swimming together in schools or shoals.

1880 *Rep. Roy. Comm. Fishing N. S. Wales* 12 [The schnapper] has its periods of migration and accumulation in shoals, a movement so well expressed by the term 'schooling' that we shall adopt the phrase for the future. 1884 GOODE, etc. *Nat. Hist. Aquatic Anim.* 374 In November, when schooling begins, the fish are full-roed.

attrib. 1883 E. P. RAMSAY *Food Fishes N. S. Wales* 12 The schooling-season is midsummer.

Schoo·ling, *ppl. a.*[1] [f. SCHOOL *v.*[1] + -ING [2].] **1.** That schools, instructs or educates; also, †admonishing, reproving.

1753 RICHARDSON *Grandison* (1781) II. v. 73 Let me reckon with you, Harriet, said Miss Grandison (taking my hand with a schooling air). 1839–52 BAILEY *Festus* 333 All the schooling spheres he had passed through. 1896 KIPLING *Seven Seas* 65 And the schooling bullet leaped across and showed them whence they came.

2. Attending school.

1890 *Star* 15 Dec. 4/3 We have over 1,000 schooling children.

Schoo·ling, *ppl. a.*[2] [f. SCHOOL *sb.*[2] or *v.*[2] + -ING [2].] That swim together in 'schools'.

1873 S. POWEL in *Rep. U. S. Fish Commission* 1871–2, 74 The scup are known to be schooling, wandering fish of the high seas; and come from the Gulf Stream and from the Florida Cape. 1888 GOODE *Amer. Fishes* 189 Mackerel, mullet, silversides and all our other schooling species contribute also a share to its support.

Schoo·lingly, *adv. nonce-wd.* [f. SCHOOLING *vbl. sb.*[1] + -LY [2].] So as to afford a lesson.

1871 MEREDITH *H. Richmond* lv, The end..came abruptly, and was schoolingly cold and short.

†**Schoo·lish,** *a. Obs. rare*—[1]. [f. SCHOOL *sb.*[1] + -ISH.] Savouring of the 'schools', scholastic.

c 1618 BOLTON *Hypercrit.* iv. § 5 In this fine and meer schoolish Folly..George Buchanan is often taken.

Schoo·l-keeper, schoo·lkeeper.

1. One who 'keeps school'; applied to a schoolmaster or mistress. So **School-keeping.**

1857 H. MORLEY *Gossip* 183 After two years of school-keeping. 1871 M. COLLINS *Marq. & Merch.* I. iv. 126 God is too strong for City men and school-keepers. 1885 [W. H. WHITE] *M. Rutherford's Deliv.* iv, He was tired of school-keeping in England.

2. The caretaker of a school building.

1889 *Daily News* 28 Nov. 3/6 A small room in the school-keeper's house. 1898 *Ibid.* 10 Sept. 3/6 Making it requisite for the schoolkeepers to undertake the arduous work of carrying up the water for flushing these closets.

Schoolless (skū·llés), *a.* [f. SCHOOL *sb.*[1] + -LESS.] Having no school, or attending no school.

1614 SYLVESTER *Little Barlas* 1009 [The Holy Spirit enables] Som (School-lesse, Schollers; Learned, studi-lesse) To understand and speak all Languages. 1848 *Blackw. Mag.* LXIV. 151 Our schoolless art..has wandered into strange and lower lands. 1861 M. ARNOLD *Pop. Educ. France* 101 The 21,025 schoolless children of Glasgow. 1904 J. WELLS *Life J. H. Wilson* xiv. 119 The Saltmarket..was swarming with school-less arabs.

Schoo·l-ma'am. *U. S.* Also -marm. A schoolmistress.

1845 S. JUDD *Margaret* II. viii, She is the best School-ma'am I ever went to. 1886 STEVENSON *Silverado Sq.* 82 The school-ma'am..walking thence to the..shanty where she taught the young ones. 1897 GUNTER *Susan Turnbull* xi. 131 In this cheerful way the Schoolmarm runs on for over an hour, the sky looking very dark for poor Irene.

Schoolman (skū·lmăn). [SCHOOL *sb.*[1] Cf. G. *schulmann*, a man belonging to the scholastic profession.]

1. One of the succession of writers, from about the 9th to the 14th century, who treat of logic, metaphysics, and theology as taught in the 'schools' or universities of Italy, France, Germany, and England; a mediæval scholastic.

a 1540 BARNES *Art.* xvii. Wks. (1573) 213/1 Your owne scholemen say, the popes power is so greate, that no man can, nor may discusse it. 1561 T. NORTON *Calvin's Inst.* II. 76 Peter Lombard and the other scholemen. *a* 1591 H. SMITH *God's Arrow* v. (1614) 87 Thomas Aquinas, a schoolman of the Papists. 1651 HOBBES *Leviath.* IV. xlvii. 383 The frivolous Distinctions, barbarous Terms, and obscure Language of the Schoolmen. 1690 LOCKE *2nd Let. Toleration* 38 And the Artisan must sell his Tools, to buy Fathers and School-men, and leave his Family to starve. 1751 HUME *Enq. Princ. Morals* vi. 120 He would stand, like the Schoolman's Ass, irresolute and undetermin'd, betwixt equal Motives. 1817 COLERIDGE *Biog. Lit.* xii. (1907) I. 170 The substantial forms and entelechies of Aristotle and the schoolmen. 1869 LECKY *Europ. Mor.* I. i. 17 This opinion which was propounded by the schoolman Ockham.

2. One who is versed in the traditional learning of the 'schools', *esp.* (cf. sense 1) one who is expert in formal logic or school-divinity. ? *Obs.*

a 1550 *Image Ipocr.* 103 in *Skelton's Wks.* (1843) II. 434 It is no play..for lay men; But only for schole men For they be witty men. 1571 CAMPION *Hist. Irel.* II. ix. (1633) 115 Wonderfully courteous, a ripe Schooleman. 1590 NASHE *Pref. to Greene's Arcadia* (1616) 2 Some deepe-read Schoolemen or Grammarians. 1622 BACON *Hen. VII* 202 The King had (though hee were no good Schooleman) the Honour to conuert one of them [*sc.* heretics] by Dispute at Canterburie. *a* 1625 FLETCHER *Women Pleas'd* IV. i, To absolve this Riddle? Diviners, Dreamers, Schoolemen, deep Magitians, All have I tride, and all give severall meanings. *a* 1631 DONNE *Poems, The Will* 30 To Schoolemen I bequeath my doubtfulnesse. 1690 LUTTRELL *Brief Rel.* (1857) II. 134 In the schools at Rome..it was held by the majority of the school men to be lawfull. 1732 POPE *Ess. Man* II. 81 Let subtle schoolmen teach these friends to fight, More studious to divide than to unite.

3. One engaged in scholastic pursuits; a professional teacher or student.

1712 STEELE *Spect.* No. 278 P 1 Of late she has got acquainted with a Schoolman, who valnes himself for his great Knowledge in the Greek Tongue. 1756 TOLDERVY *Hist. 2 Orphans* IV. 110 These quotations are made use of..to deter certain schoolmen whom they have been concerned to see employing their hours in censuring, or rather abusing those literary personages. 1870 DISRAELI *Lothair* Pref. 15 These great matters fell into the hands of monks and schoolmen. 1884 *Congregational Year Bk.* 80 The schoolman was greater than the warrior.

4. *slang.* A fellow-member of a 'school' or gang.

1834 AINSWORTH *Rookwood* III. v. 'Jerry Juniper's Chaunt', The knucks in quod did my schoolmen play.

Schoolmaster (skū·lmɑstɔ1), *sb.*[1] Forms: see SCHOOL *sb.*[1] and MASTER *sb.*[1] [f. SCHOOL *sb.*[1] + MASTER *sb.*[1] Cf. G. *schulmeister*, Du. *schoolmeester*, Sw. *skolmästare*, Da. *skolemester.*]

1. The master of a school, or one of the masters in a school.

†*Schoolmaster of Grammar*: a teacher of Latin in a school.

a 1225 *Leg. Kath.* 522 Þes sondes mon..brohte wiþ him fifti scolemaistres. 1429 *Coventry Leet Bk.* 118 Mayster John Pynchard, skolemayster of Grammer, shall haue the place that he duellithe Inne for xls. ye yere, whyles that he duellithe In hit & holdythe gramer skole hym-self ther-Inne. 1480 CAXTON *Descr. Brit.* xv. 18 Othir scolemaistres vse the same way now. 1531 ELYOT *Gov.* I. xv. (1880) I. 166 If the name of a schole maister were nat so moche had in contempte. 1546 in *Eng. Gilds* (1870) 198 For the meyntenaunce of a scolemaster of Gramer. *a* 1583 SIR H. GILBERT *Q. Eliz. Achad.* (1869) 2 First, there shalbe one Scholemaister, who shall teach Grammar, both greke and latine. 1596 DALRYMPLE tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* II. 465 [He and] Robert Maxwal baith scuil maisteris. 1610 HOLLAND *Camden's Brit.* 254 Master Lilye Schoole-maister of Paules. *Ibid.* 761 Reginold Bainbrig..head schoolemaster of Applehey. 1690 LOCKE *Hum. Und.* III. x. § 16. 245 'Twould be a hard Matter, to persuade any one, that the Words which his Father or School-Master..used, signified nothing that really existed in Nature. 1722 DE FOE *Col. Jack* (1840) 173 Every good scholar is not fitted for a schoolmaster, the art of teaching is quite different from that of knowing the langnage tanght. 1815 ELPHINSTONE *Acc. Caubul* (1842) I. 249 The sum commonly paid to a schoolmaster in Peshawer, is about fifteen pence a month. 1815 *Falconer's Dict. Marine* (ed. Burney) *s.v.*, The heads of the examination of a schoolmaster for the Royal Navy, are as follows.

b. *The schoolmaster is abroad*: a saying of Ld. Brougham (see quot. 1828) which became proverbial, at first in its original meaning as expressing exulting confidence in the results of the spread of popular education, afterwards chiefly in derisive use.

Sometimes jocularly misapplied, as if *abroad* meant 'not at home', 'gone out of the country'.

1828 Brougham in *Times* 30 Jan. 3/3 Let the soldier be abroad, in the present age he could do nothing. There was another person abroad... The schoolmaster was abroad.. and he trusted more to him, armed with his primer, than he did to the soldier in full military array, for upholding and extending the liberties of his country. 1831 Praed *Why & Wherefore* in *Pol. & Occas. Poems* (1888) 138 The schoolmaster's abroad, you see: And, when the people hear him speak, They all insist on being free, And reading Homer in the Greek; The Bolton weavers seize the pen, The Sussex farmers scorn the plough. 1836 Haliburton *Clockmaker* Ser. 1. xv, Well, they've got a cant phrase here, 'the schoolmaster is abroad', and every feller tells you that fifty times a day. 1853 Lytton *My Novel* 1. x, In those dark days, before the schoolmaster was abroad. 1857 Trollope *Three Clerks* ii, 'Well, I believe it's quite a new thing,' said Marie Tudor. 'The school-master must be abroad with a vengeance, if be has got as far as that.' [1886 Minchin *Growth Freedom Balkan Penin.* 53 The progress of education in Bosnia and Herzegovina since the Austrian occupation has been immense. The schoolmaster has crossed the Save. Since 1878, no less than forty schools have been established under Government auspices.]

c. *transf.* and *fig.*

1526 Tindale *Gal.* iii. 24 The lawe was oure scolemaster vnto the tyme of Christ. 1550 Coverdale *Spir. Perle* vi. 51 Therefore the beauenly scholemaster knappeth vs on the fingers, tyll we apprehende and learne his wyll more perfitely. 1605 Camden *Rem., Inhabitants* 10 Our countrimen have twice beene schoolemaisters to France. First when they taught the Gaules the discipline of the Druides; and after [etc.]. 1678 J. Browne *Disc. Wounds* 51 Anatomy.. is an excellent Schoolmaster, the which perfectly learneth us to know how the Nerves which are sprinkled about the Face [etc.]. 1875 Jowett *Plato* (ed. 2) II. 506 The sailors of Salamis became the schoolmasters of Hellas, teaching the Hellenes not to fear the barbarians at sea.

†d. Used for the later Schoolmistress. *Obs.*

Quot. *c* 1460 perhaps hardly belongs here, as the poet seems to be comparing the lover's timidity in the presence of his lady to a boy's dread of his schoolmaster. The alteration in the Trinity MS. removes the awkwardness of the expression, but destroys the point.

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 422 Ancre ne schal nout forwurðen scolmeistre, ne turnen hire ancre hus to childrene scole. *c* 1460 Sir R. Ros *La Belle Dame* 137 His scole-maister [*MS. Trin.* scolemaystress] had suche auctorite That..Speke coude he nat, but upon her beaute.

†e. Applied to a private tutor. *Obs.*

c 1510 *Robt. Denyll* in Thoms *Prose Rom.* (1827) I. 10 My sone me thyncke it necessary and tyme, for me to gete you a wyse scole mayster, to lerne vertues and doctrine. 1565 Cooper *Thesaurus* s. v. *A, A studiis*,..a princes schole maister or instructour in learnyng. 1596 Shaks. *Tam. Shr.* 1. i. 94 And for I know she taketh most delight In Musike, Instruments, and Poetry, Schoolemasters will I keepe within my house, Fit to instruct her youth. *Ibid.* 1. ii. 133. 1645 Symonds *Diary* (Camden) 226 Dr. Dereham..received one Horner to be a schoole-mr. to some youthe in his howse. 1654 Gataker *Disc. Apol.* 45 A yong Scholar, who was then School-master in his Familie.

2. Used as a name for certain species of fishes. Also *attrib.*

1734 Mortimer *Nat. Hist. Carolina & Bahamas* in *Phil. Trans.* XXXVIII. 316 *Perca marina, pinnis branchialibus carens.* The School-master. 1876 Goode *Fishes of Bermudas* 55 The School-master Snapper and Silk Snapper of the fishermen probably belong to this genus.

3. *attrib.* and *Comb.*

1642 J. Eaton *Honey-c. Free Justif.* 103 The schoolmaster-like governement began to slacke and cease. *Ibid.* 104 Schoole-master-like whippings inflicted in former times. 1898 A. D. Coleridge *Eton in Forties* 401 Okes was conscious of a difficulty in divesting himself of a schoolmaster manner. 1898 *Academy* 5 Nov. 189/1 Thring was the most original and striking figure in the schoolmaster world of his time.

Hence (*nonce-wds.*) **Schoo·lmasterhood**, the state or condition of a schoolmaster. **Schoo·lmasterism**, the action of a schoolmaster.

1861 E. Steere in *Mem.* (1888) 400 Dry schoolmasterism is a dreary thing, but dry formal office-saying and Bible-reading is a great deal worse. 1887 *Spectator* 29 Oct. 1452 With no more knowledge of actual schoolmasterhood than such as he had gained in organising the squire's school.

Schoo·lmaster, *sb.*2 [f. School *sb.*2, after Schoolmaster *sb.*1] The leader of a 'school' of fishes, etc.; esp. a bull whale.

1839 Beale *Sperm Whale* 178 The old 'schoolmaster had outwitted those in the boats. 1848 *Chamb. Inform. People* I. 692/1 The sailors call a herd [of whales] a 'school', and the old bulls the 'schoolmasters'. 1851 H. Newland *The Erne* 181 Your honour might have landed a schoolmaster [*i. e.* salmon] with it ten minutes afterwards. 1851 H. Melville *Whale* III. ii. 25 Now, as the harem of whales is called by the fisherman a school, so is the lord and master of that school technically known as the schoolmaster.

Schoo·lmaster, *v.* [f. Schoolmaster *sb.*1]

1. *trans.* To govern, regulate, or command in the manner of a schoolmaster. *rare.*

1891 *Chamb. Encycl.* VII. 611 Opitz, originally a schoolmaster, schoolmastered poetry into lifeless imitation of pseudo-classical models. 1893 G. B. Shaw in *Fortn. Rev.* Feb. 279 He [Gladstone] so towers above them..that he is able to schoolmaster them into grudging submission.

2. *intr.* To be a schoolmaster. *rare.*

1908 *Daily Chron.* 18 June 4/6 Carlyle and Edward Irving, who schoolmastered together in the same Kirkcaldy Academy for a couple of years.

Schoo·lmastering, *vbl. sb.* [f. Schoolmaster *sb.*1 + -ing 1.] The occupation or profession of a schoolmaster; also, an education in school.

1844 Craik *Sk. Hist. Lit. Eng.* II. 221 His son, though born to the throne..received a schoolmastering fit for a bishop.

1845 H. Rogers *Ess.* (1874) I. iii. 100 The native bias is so strong, that it is beyond the art of all the schoolmastering in the world to alter it. 1859 Shairp in W. A. Knight *Shairp & his Friends* (1888) 200 As to schoolmastering..all the best comes first. 1864 Carlyle *Fredk. Gt.* XVI. v. IV. 301 A *Candidatus*, say Licentiate,..Subsists, I should guess, by schoolmastering..in the Villages about. 1894 Parry *Stud. Gt. Composers, Schubert* 227 Schoolmastering was a characteristic occupation of the family.

Schoo·lmastering, *ppl. a.* [f. Schoolmaster *sb.*1 + -ing 2.] Like, or acting as, a schoolmaster.

1831 Trelawny *Adv. Younger Son* vii, You don't take me for that lubberly school-mastering parson on board, do you? 1893 *Times* 13 Feb. 5/3 Its artificial schoolmastering tone.

Schoo·lmasterish, *a.* [f. Schoolmaster *sb.*1 + -ish.] Like, or characteristic of, a schoolmaster.

1866 *Pall Mall G.* 15 Dec. 1 The duke of Argyll's presence and address are hard, rigid, schoolmasterish. 1883 Black *Yolande* II. ix. 157 He claimed a sort of schoolmasterish authority over her. 1896 *Nation* (N. Y.) 3 Dec. 421/2 At the risk of seeming schoolmasterish.

Hence **Schoo·lmasterishness.**

1789 Bentham *Mem. & Corr.* Wks. 1843 X. 217 Your age and character fit you better for intimacy with him: the schoolmasterishness of mine acting naturally as a repellant.

Schoo·lmasterly, *a.* [-ly 1.] Characteristic of or resembling a schoolmaster.

1865 *Sat. Rev.* 15 July 77/1 With a masterly knowledge of his subjects, the member for Lynn never seems to get beyond the schoolmasterly way of treating them. 1880 Miss Broughton *Second Th.* 1. xii, Still speaking in that rather harsh and schoolmasterly tone.

Schoo·lmastership. [-ship.] The office or work of a schoolmaster; a post as schoolmaster.

1561 T. Norton *Calvin's Inst.* IV. 49 He [God] did in dede in fewe wordes sette oute bys [Christ's] scholemaistership vnto vs, when he said, heare him. 1642 J. Eaton *Honey-c. Free Justif.* 105 Not needing that legall schoolemastership. 1892 *Times* 15 Feb. 5/4 Schoolmasterships are likely to be bestowed in future on local candidates. 1894 *Athenæum* 14 July 57/1 He..left his parish schoolmastership at Ruthven.

Schoolmate. [f. School *sb.*1 + Mate *sb.*2] A friend or companion at school.

1563 *Homilies* II. *Place & Time of Prayer* 1. 141 Shewe you to be like them, whose schole mates you take vppon you to be, that is, the Apostles and Disciples of Christ. 1810 *Sporting Mag.* XXXV. 303 One of her school-mates, who was priding herself over the rest of the scholars. 1894 S. Fiske *Holiday Stories* (1900) 206 They had been playmates and schoolmates..as long as they could remember.

Schoolmistress (skū·lmistrės). Forms: see School *sb.*1 and Mistress. A woman who teaches in a school; a mistress in a school. † In early use with wider sense, a female teacher, governess. Also *transf.* and *fig.*

a 1500 *Sir R. Ros's La Belle Dame* 137 (MS. Trin.), [see quot. *c* 1460, Schoolmaster *sb.*1 1 d]. 1535 Coverdale *Wisd.* viii. 4 For she [wisdom] is yᵉ scolemastresse of yᵉ nurtoure of God, & yᵉ choser out of his workes. 1560 Becon *Catech.* VI. Wks. I. 537 b, Al that they [*sc.* nuns] were commaunded to do of their scholemastresses and gouernesses. 1598 Grenewey *Tacitus, Ann.* XII. xiii. (1604) 176 A schoolemistris of such practises was chosen of purpose, called Locusta of late condemned of empoisoning. 1639 Fuller *Holy War* II. xii. (1640) 59 Phenicia was the schoolmistresse of Grecia, and first taught her her alphabet. 1726 Swift *Gulliver* IV. vii, But Nature, it seems, hath not been so expert a School-mistress. 1865 Dickens *Mut. Fr.* 1. vi, She had more of the air of a schoolmistress than Mistress of the Six Jolly-Fellowship-Porters.

†Schoo·l-point. *Obs.* [f. School *sb.*1 + Point *sb.*] A point taught or debated in the schools.

1571 Golding *Calvin on Ps.* xxxiv. 20 It is needful for them to be exercised with sundry scholepoints. 1587 — *De Mornay* ix. (1592) 113 It is also a schoolepoint of Platoes teaching, That in these high matters of the Godhead,..and such other like, we must giue credit..to the sayings of men of most antiquitie, as folke that were..nearer to God than we. 1589 Puttenham *Eng. Poesie* III. xii[i]. (Arb.) 180 We are to teache Ladies and Gentlewomen to know their schoole points and termes appertaining to the Art. *a* 1653 Gouge *Comm. Heb.* v. 12 They stuff their Sermons with.. obscure comparisons, and curious School-points.

attrib. *a* 1568 Ascham *Scholem.* II. (Arb.) 131, I neuer saw yet any Commentarie vpon Aristotles Logicke..that euer I lyked, bicause they be rather spent in declaryng scholepoynt rules, than in gathering fit examples for vse and vtterance.

†Schoo·lric. *Obs.*⁻¹ *U. S.* [? f. School *sb.*1 + *-ric*, after *bishopric.*] ? A school district.

1789 *Hist. Pelham, Mass.* (1898) 227 That Each School Rick Shall Build and Maintain their own School Houses. 1797 *Ibid.* 228 District Lists of the Assesment of every School Rick.

Schoolroom (skū·lrum). [f. School *sb.*1 + Room *sb.*]

1. A room in which a school is held. Also, a room in a private house, in which the children of the family receive instruction or prepare their lessons.

1775 Ash, *Schoolroom*, a room in which a school is kept. 1817 Shelley *Rev. Islam* Ded. iii, Until there rose From the near schoolroom, voices. 1837 H. Pidgeon *Mem. Shrewsbury* 144 The school rooms are in the rear of the buildings, in which twenty-five boys and as many girls receive their education. 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* viii, We have a schoolroom on the second floor, with my bedroom leading into it on one side, and that of the young ladies on the other. 1860 M. Arnold *Rep. Elem. Schools* (1889) 86 This..may excuse individual managers for the dirty and unhealthy state of their school-rooms. 1867 W. L. Collins *Public Schools* 176 The noble schoolroom [at Westminster], nearly a hundred feet in length.

2. Accommodation for teaching.

1891 *Century Dict.* s. v., The city needs more school-room.

Schoolward (skū·lwŭɹd), *adv.* and *a.* [f. School *sb.*1 + -ward.] **A.** *adv.* Towards school; in the direction of school.

[*c* 1385 Chaucer *Prioress' T.* 97 To scoleward and homward whan he wente. 1451 Capgrave *Life St. Gilbert* (E. E. T. S.) 118 This clerk in his weye to skoleward fell in grete heuynesse.] 1801 Worosw. *Prioress' T.* 98 Homeward and schoolward whensoe'er he went. 1848 Lowell *Biglow P.* Ser. 1 Introd., Poems 1890 II. 24 The ramble schoolward through dew-sparkling meads. 1886 A. Winchell *Geol. Talks* 47 This mill-pond was dear to every school-ward trudging urchin that had to pass it.

B. *adj.* Directed or going toward school.

1888 *Daily News* 13 Sept. 4/7 By the time a boy reaches the first big station on his schoolward road. 1898 *Blackw. Mag.* Aug. 271 The depression of the schoolward journey.

So **Schoo·lwards** *adv.*

1859 J. C. Atkinson *Walks & Talks* (1892) 86 Away they went schoolwards, as hard as they could.

Schooly (skū·li). *U. S.* [Cf. School *sb.*2] The menhaden. 1891 in *Century Dict.*

Schooner (skū·nəɹ), *sb.*1 Forms: 8 scooner, skooner, 8– schooner. [Of uncertain origin; recorded early in the 18th c. as *skooner, scooner*; the present spelling, which occurs only a few years later, may be due to form-association with *school*, or with Du. words having initial *sch.* The word has passed from English into most of the European langs.: Dn. *schooner, schoener*, G. *schoner, schooner, schuner* (recorded 1786), F. *schooner, schoaner*, Da. *skonnert*, Sw. *skonare, skonert.*

The story commonly told respecting the origin of the word is as follows. When the first schooner was being launched (at Gloucester, Mass., about 1713), a bystander exclaimed 'Oh, how she scoons!' The builder, Capt. Andrew Robinson, replied, 'A scooner let her be!' and the word at once came into use as the name of the new type of vessel. The anecdote, first recorded, on the authority of tradition, in a letter of 1790 (quoted in Babson *Hist. Gloucester*, p. 252), looks like an invention. The etymology which it embodies, however, is not at all improbable, though there seems to be a lack of evidence for the existence of the alleged New England verb *scoon* or *scun*, 'to skim along on the water'. Cf. Sc. (Clydesdale) *scon*, 'to make flat stones skip along the surface of the water', also *intr.* 'to skip in the manner described' (Jam.). The early examples afford strong ground for believing that the word really originated about 1713 in Massachusetts, and probably in the town of Gloucester. The evidence of two or three old prints seems to prove that the type of vessel now called 'schooner' existed in England in the 17th c., but it app. first came into extensive use in New England.]

1. A small sea-going fore-and-aft rigged vessel, originally with only two masts, but now often with three or four masts and carrying one or more top-sails.

The rig characteristic of a schooner has been defined as consisting essentially of two gaff sails, the after sail not being smaller than the fore, and a head sail set on a bowsprit.

1716 in *Hist. Rec.* (Boston) XXIX. 231 Yᵉ Skooner Mayflower from North Carolina. 1721 Moses Prince *Let.* in J. J. Babson *Hist. Gloucester* (Mass.) (1860) 252 Went to see Capt. Robinson's lady. This gentleman was the first contriver of schooners, and built the first of the sort about eight years ago. 1724 *Boston* (*Mass.*) *News-Letter* 16 Apr., Upon the 4th instant Benjamin Chadwell in the Scooner Good-Will, of Marblehead, was taken by a private sloop. 1725 *Ibid.* 22 Apr., The Schooner Swallow. 1741 in Bulkeley & Cummins *Voy. S. Seas* (1743) 126 Witness our Hands, on Board the Speedwell Schooner, in the latitude 50: 40 S. this 8th Day of November, 1741. 1774 T. Hutchinson *Diary* I. 336 We are in pain for Cap. Dundass and passengers in a scooner sent Express from Gen. Gage, and spoke within Scilly the 16th. 1840 Longf. *Wreck of Hesperus* i, It was the schooner Hesperus, That sailed the wintry sea. 1908 *Toilers of Deep* Sept. 178/2 Both the warship and the fishing schooner were sounding fog-alarms.

2. *U. S.* (See quot. 1904).

1858 [see Prairie Schooner]. 1882 B. Harte *Flip* i, The blinding white canvas covers of mountain schooners. 1891 E. Roper *By Track & Trail* xii. 174 Goods and passengers are delivered by the railway to be conveyed by 'prairie schooners' over this road. 1904 P. Fountain *Gt. North-West* xxviii. 342 A prairie schooner is a waggon furnished with all sorts of stores likely to be required in outlying stations and farms.

3. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *schooner-rigged* adj.; **schooner-frigate, -gun-vessel, -yacht**, vessels of various classes resembling a schooner in build or rig.

1799 *Naval Chron.* II. 271 Admiral Knowles constructed ..a *schooner frigate, that carried twenty twelve-pounders on the main-deck, and two eighteen-pounders on her forecastle. 1769 [see Rigged *ppl. a.* 1 b]. 1812 *Examiner* 7 Sept. 576/1 A large *schooner-rigged canoe. 1895 *Oracle Encycl.* I. 503/2 *Brigantine*, a small vessel, partly squnre-rigged and partly schooner-rigged. 1806 A. Duncan *Life of Nelson* 136 The..*schooner gun-vessels made their escape. 1876 T. Hardy *Ethelberta* xxxv, A *schooner-yacht, whose sheets gleamed like bridal satin.

Schooner (skū·nəɹ), *sb.*2 [Of obscure origin; perh. a fanciful use of prec.] **a.** *U.S.* 'A tall glass, used for lager-beer and ale, and containing about double the quantity of an ordinary tumbler' (Webster, Suppl. 1879). **b.** Hence, in British use, a customary measure (see quot. 1896) by which beer is sold by retail in various places.

1886 *Boston (Mass.) Jrnl.* 21 July 2/4 Scene: A beer garden. Mr. Schweitzer (referring to the music): 'Dot vos Meyerbeer.' Mr. Hooligan (excitedly, in view of the fact that only one schooner stands on the table between the two gentlemen): 'Ye're a liar, it's *my* beer'. 1895 *N. B. Daily Mail* (Glasgow) 23 Sept. 4 He..had two glasses of whisky and a schooner of beer. 1896 *Ibid.* 7 Mar. 2 Of these [local measures] 'the schooner' containing 14 fluid ounces, or 2 4-5ths imperial gills, occupied perhaps the most prominent place.., being found in everyday use, under various names, in London, Glasgow, Aberdeen, and elsewhere.

c. *Comb.*: **schooner-house**, a place for the sale of schooners of liquor.

1893 E. M. Whittemore *Delia* ix. 59, I was having a big time sporting round schooner houses.

Schoot, obs. f. Schuyt. **Schoppe**, obs. f. Chop *v.*, Shop; obs. pa. t. of Shape *v.*

Schor(e, Schoreh, Schorchattis: see Score, Shore, Scorch, Scrochat.

Schorer, obs. f. *chorer* charwoman (see *E.D.D.*).

c 1638 Earl Cork in Dor. Townshend *Life & Lett.* (1904) 303 That all the Women Servants under the Degree of Chambermaids be certainly known by their names to the Steward,..and no Schorers to be admitted in the house.

Schorge, obs. f. Scorch *v.*[1], Scourge *sb.*

Schorl (ʃɑl). *Min.* Forms: 8 schoerl, 8–9 shirl, shorl, schorl. [a. G. *schörl*, in the 18th c. also *schierle, schirl, schiirl, schurl, schurell, schirlich, schörlich, schorlet*, in 16th c. *schrul*; of obscure origin. From Ger. are F. *schorl*, Sw. *skörl*, Da. *skjørl*.] Tourmaline, esp. the black variety.

Formerly applied loosely to various other minerals, esp. with prefixed adj., as in *White schorl*, a name for albite, *Blue schorl*, hauyne, etc.

(1761 Da Costa *Tourmalin* in *Phil. Trans.* LII. 446 The miners of Germany vulgarly call them Schirl, and sometimes our English miners name them Cockle and Call.] 1779 *Phil. Trans.* LXIX. 24 It is evident that skirl contains nearly as much earth of allum as the Cornish porcellane clay. 1784 Cullen tr. *Bergman's Phys. & Chem. Ess.* II. 125 A form which, even among the schoerls themselves, is extremely rare. 1811 Pinkerton *Petral.* II. 132 This rock is chiefly composed of the common black shorl, the black tourmaline of Haüy. 1855 Leifchild *Cornwall* 72 Schorl may be observed between and approaching the joints of granite in many places, as, for example, near the Logan stone. 1894 Baring-Gould *Deserts S. France* I. 106 These are sandstone, schorls, and clays.

b. *Comb.*, as **schorl-rock** (see quot. 1882); so **schorl-schist**.

1811 Pinkerton *Petral.* II. 132 *Shorl rock. 1838 Lyell *Elem. Geol.* 201 Schorl rock and schorly granite. 1882 Geikie *Text Bk. Geol.* II. ii. § 6. 134 Tourmaline rock or schorl-rock, is a crystalline aggregate of quartz and black tourmaline or schorl. 1885 *Ibid.* II. ii. § 7 (ed. 2) 131 Tourmaline-schist (*Schorl-schist).

Schorlaceous (ʃɒ̃lē·ʃəs), *a. Min.* Also 8 **sh-**. [f. Schorl + -aceous.] Of the nature of schorl.

1794 Kirwan *Elem. Min.* (ed. 2) I. 89 A fibrous or striated limestone..which consists of asbestine or shorlaceous particles. 1839 De la Beche *Rep. Geol. Cornwall*, etc. vi. 157 It is very frequently porphyritic and here and there schorlaceous. 1886 F. H. Butler in *Mineral. Mag.* Dec. 79 The black highly schorlaceous rock.

†**Schorlite.** *Min. Obs.* Also 8 **shorlite.** [ad. G. *schorlit* (Klaproth 1788): see Schorl and -ite[1] 2 b.] = Pycnite.

1794 Kirwan *Elem. Min.* (ed. 2) I. 286 Siliceous genus.. Shorlite...Infusible at 168°, and no way altered by heat. 1821 Jameson *Man. Min.* 189 Schorlite, or Schorlous Topaz. 1836 T. Thomson *Min. Geol.*, etc. I. 254 Pycnite, or Schorlous Beryl. Schorlite, *staugenstein*.

Schorlomite (ʃɒ̃·ləməit). *Min.* Also *erron.* **schorlamite, schorlemite.** [irreg. f. Schorl; named by Shepard 1846 from its resemblance to that mineral.] A vitreous black silicate of titanium, iron and calcium, resembling garnet.

1846 C. U. Shepard in *Amer. Jrnl. Sci.* Ser. II. II. 252 Fragments of pure schorlomite an inch in diameter..may be detached from this skeleton-crystal. 1858 J. Nicol *Elem. Min.* 275 Sphene, Titanite...Schorlamite, black shining.. from Arkansas, is related. 1883 *Encycl. Brit.* XVI. 426/1 Schorlomite (Ferrotitanite)...Perhaps a titaniferous garnet.

†**Schorlous,** *a. Min. Obs.* [f. Schorl + -ous.] Resembling or having the nature of schorl.

1816 Jameson *Syst. Min.* (ed. 2) I. 61 This substance.. might then be named schorlous topaz. 1836 [see Schoralite].

†**Schorly,** *a. Min. Obs.* [f. Schorl + -ly[1].] Containing schorl; chiefly in *schorly granite*.

1838 Lyell *Elem. Geol.* 201 When felspar and mica are also present, it may be called schorly granite.

Schorn(e, Schorte, obs. ff. Scorn, Shirt.

Schorters(s, Schortechettis: see Scrochat.

‖**Schottische** (ʃɒtē·ʃ, ʃɑ·tiʃ), *sb.* [a. G. (*der*) *schottische* (*tanz*), the Scottish dance.

The quasi-Fr. pronunciation given above is the prevailing one, but has no justification; the form used in Fr. is *scottish*, regarded as Eng. and pronounced (*skotiʃ*); Littré gives also the semi-German spellings *schottish, schotisch*, but with the same pronunciation. In German the pronunciation is (ʃɑ·tiʃə).]

A dance of foreign origin resembling the polka, first introduced in England in 1848. Also the music for such a dance.

1859 Sala *Tw. round Clock* (1861) 299 An adept in the *Schottische.* 1862 *Athenæum* 25 Jan. 111/3 The 'Polka tremblante', or Schottisch, is also a Bohemian national dance, and was brought out in Paris by Cellarius in 1844. 1892 E. Scott *Dancing as an Art* 168 The Schottische is very seldom danced now in its original form...The dance consists of two distinct parts...The first part may appear to bear a certain resemblance to the polka; but there is a considerable difference in the nature of the movements.

b. *Highland* or *Balmoral Schottische*: a lively dance resembling the Highland fling. *Military Schottische*: a dance of American origin.

1882 *Society* 21 Oct. 5/2 There were a couple of reels, a Highland Schottische [etc.]. 1894 E. Scott *Dancing* 134 The Military Schottische or Barn Dance was known to and danced by the Americans long before it became generally popular over here. *Ibid.* 137 Scotch music is naturally the music most suitable for the Highland Schottische.

Schottische (ʃɒtē·ʃ), *v.* [f. prec.] *intr.* To dance a schottische.

1872 'Mark Twain' *Innoc. at Home* xiii. in *Roughing It*, etc. (1882) 340, I polked and schottisched with a step peculiar to myself—and the kangaroo.

Schoul, Schourge: see School, Scowl, Scourge.

‖**Schout** (skɑut, in Du. sχout). Also 5–6 **scoute, 6 scowte, 7–9 scout.** [Du. *schout*, MDu. *schout, schoutet, schoutheet*, corresponding to OS. *sculdhêto* (Essen Gl.), MLG. *schultête, schulte* (mod. LG. *schulte*), OE. *sculthéta* (Corpus Gl.), *scyldhæta, -hâta*, OFris. *skeldata, skella*, OHG. *scultheizo, -heizo* (MHG. *schultheize, -heitze*, mod.G. *schultheiss, schulz, schulze*):—OTeut. type **skuldi-, skuldohaiton-, -tjon-*, f. **skuldi-z, skuldā* obligation, dnty, + **hait-* to command (see Hight *v.*). Cf. med.L. *sculletus.*] A municipal or administrative officer in the Low Countries and in Dutch colonies.

Originally the *schout* was the lord's bailiff in a subject town or village. In later use the functions and status of the officers so named have varied according to time and place as widely as have those of the English *bailiff*, the term sometimes denoting a municipal dignitary of high rank, and sometimes a mere police officer.

c 1481 Caxton *Dialogues* 43 Baylyes, scoutes, Some of the skepyns, Ryde with. *a* 1500 *Arnoldi's Chron.* (1811) 230 We late you weten in beryng witnesse and certifiyng for troueth that y^e^ day of the date of these presentis before oure scoute and vs and appered thesse persones. 1533 J. Coke in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. II. II. 44, I resorted to the Scowte, borowmaisters, and skepyns of the said towne of Barowe. 1617 Moryson *Itin.* III. 285 Ten Judges of criminall causes (vulgarly called Skout). 1670 Temple *Let. to Sir J. Trevor* 15 Aug., Wks. 1720 II. 233 They said the Magistrates did not know the Man, nor any of their Officers. But if I could send some body that did to the Town-house, they would send their Scout with him to execute what I desired. 1673 — *Obs. United Prov.* ii. 82 The Scout, who takes care of the Peace, seizes all Criminals, and sees the Sentences of Justice executed, and whose Authority is like that of a Sheriff in a County with us, or a Constable in a Parish. 1809 [see Schepen]. 1867 Smyth *Sailor's Word-bk., Schout*, a water-bailiff in many northern European ports, who superintends the police for seamen.

Schout, obs. form of Scout *sb.*[3]

Schow(e, obs. ff. She, Shoe *v.*, Shove.

Schowhe, obs. variant of Chough.

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 84/2 Coo, birde, or schowhe, *monedula, nodula.*

Schownd, Schowne: see Schynd, Soon.

Schoy(e, Schoyne, obs. forms of She, Shoe.

Schrad, Schreame, Schreape, Schreen(e, obs. forms of Shred, Scream, Scrape, Screen.

Schreibersite (ʃrəi·bəɹzəit). *Min.* [Named after von *Schreibers*, of Vienna.] A phosphide of iron and nickel occurring in meteoric iron.

1846 C. U. Shepard in *Amer. Jrnl. Sci.* Ser. II. II. 383 Schreibersite. 1868 Lockyer *Elem. Astron.* § 318 Besides these substances, a compound of iron, phosphorus and nickel, called schreibersite, is generally found: this compound is unknown in terrestrial chemistry.

Schrepe, obs. form of Scrape.

Schrich-owl, obs. form of Screech-owl.

Schrippe, Schrole, obs. ff. Scrip *sb.*[1], Scroll *sb.*

Schrozatis: see Scrochat *Sc. Obs.*

‖**Schrund** (ʃrund). [Ger.] A crevasse.

1871 E. Whymper *Scrambles amongst Alps* xiv. (1900) 263 A schrund is simply a big crevasse. 1884 — in *Good Words* Feb. 101/1 Schrunds or great crevasses.

Schryche, obs. form of Screech.

Schuce, var. Scuse. **Schuche,** obs. f. Such.

Schucheon, -ion, obs. forms of Scutcheon.

‖**Schuit** (skoit, Du. sχöit). Also 7 **acuit, 9 schuyt.** [Du. *schuit*, earlier *schuyt*:—MDu. *schûte*, adopted in Eng. as *scute, scoute*, etc. (see Scout *sb.*). Cf. Shout *sb.*[2]] A Dutch flat-bottomed river-boat.

1666 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 28/2 There were seven or eight hundred Seamen sent from Rotterdam, with sixteen or twenty Scuits, and two Men of War. 1833 Marryat *P. Simple* xxvii, He's built like a Dutch schuyt, great breadth of beam, and very square tuck. 1899 *Academy* 18 Nov. 567/1 The Dutch eel schuyt is familiar to Londoners.

Schul, Schulde, obs. ff. Shall, Shield.

†**Schuldere.** *Obs. rare*[−1]. Given as a synonym of Colder *sb.*[1]

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 86/2 Coolder, schuldere,..*petrosa.*

Schuldi, variant of Shildy *a.*, guilty.

†**Schule,** *v. Obs. rare.* [ME. *schüle*, repr. OE. **scýlan*, **sclelan* (only in comb. *bescýlan*), f. *sceolh* awry, oblique. Cf. OHG. *scilihen* (MHG. *schilhen*, mod.G. *schielen*).] *intr.* To look obliquely.

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 210 Summe luglurs beoð þet ne kunnen seruen of non oðer gleo, buten makien cheres, & wrenchen mis hore muð, & schulen mid hore eien. *Ibid.* 212, & 3il þer is out to eadwiten, oðer lodlich, þiderward heo schuleð mid eiðer eien.

Schule, Schull: see School, Shall, Shovel.

†**Schulle.** *Obs. rare*[−1]. [ME. = MDu., MLG. *schulle, scholle* (mod.Du. *schol*), whence mod.G. *scholle*. Cf. Da. *skulle, skulde*, Norw. *skuldra* (Aasen).] A plaice.

a 1300 *Havelok* 759 Þe Butte, þe schulle, þe þornebake.

Schulle: see Shall, Shell, Shill *a.*, Skull.

Schultze (ʃu·ltsə). [The name of Edward *Schultze*, the inventor, used attrib.] *Schultze* (also *Schultze's*) *gunpowder, powder*: an explosive having nitrolignin as its chief constituent, first made in England in 1863; hence *Schultze cartridge*, one charged with this powder.

1881 Greener *Gun* 321 Schultze powder...Schultze gunpowder..is manufactured from light fibrous woods. 1885 *Field* 31 Jan. 139/2, I have used a large quantity of Schultze cartridges during the past season.

Schulzite (ʃu·ltsəit). *Min.* [Named after its discoverer W. *Schulz*: see -ite.] = Geocronite.

1849 J. Nicol *Man. Min.* 483 Geokronite occurs..at Mérédo in Galicia..with galena (*Schulzite*).

Schunder, -ir, obs. Sc. forms of Sunder.

Schup(e, obs. forms of Shape *v.*, Ship.

†**Schur.** *Obs. rare.* [= MLG. *schûr*, OHG. *scûr*; cf. the derivative OHG. *scûra*, LG. *schüre*, mod.G. *scheuer* barn.] A shed, hovel.

a 1400–50 *Alexander* 4049 And þar þai schewid him in schurrys [orig. *tuguria*] to schellis & to caues. 1455 in Stevenson *Rental of Houses in Gloucester* 18 Ric. Hanley, cuttelar, tenet..unum curtilagium cum schura.

Schurge, Schurgynge, Schurling: see Scouroe, Shrugging, Shorling.

Schut, obs. form of Scout *sb.*[3]

Schute, variant of Chute.

1817 J. Bradbury *Trav.* 317 They pass betwixt two rocks in the Indian schute.

Schute, obs. form of Shit, Shoot.

Schw, obs. form of She, Show.

Schwartzembergite (ʃwā·ɹtsəmbɔ̃ɹgəit). *Min.* [Named by Dana, 1868, after *Schwartzemberg*, its discoverer: see -ite.] Oxy-chloro-iodide of lead, found in small yellow crystals.

1868 Dana *Min.* (ed. 5) 120. 1883 *Encycl. Brit.* XVI. 385.

Schwassle: see Swatchel.

Schwatzite (ʃwæ·tsəit). *Min.* Also erron. **schwartzite.** [Named in 1853, f. *Schwaz*, Tyrol + -ite.] A mercurial variety of tetrahedrite.

1887 Dana *Man. Min. & Petrogr.* 150 *Schwatzite.* 1891 T. E. Thorpe *Applied Chem.* II. 97/1 Mercurial fahl-ore has been named Schwatzite, from Schwatz in Tyrol.

Schweizerite (ʃwəi·tsərəit). *Min.* [Named in 1847 after M. E. *Schweizer*, its discoverer: see -ite.] = Antigorite. In some recent Dicts.

Schwendenerism (ʃwe·ndĕnəriz'm). [f. *Schwendener* + -ism.] The theory of S. Schwendener, a German botanist (1829–) that lichens are parasite fungi growing upon algæ (see quot.).

1882 *Encycl. Brit.* XIV. 556/2 Not being able otherwise to account for the origin of the gonidia, and following up one or two alternatives put forward by De Bary..he [sc. Schwendener] promulgated the hypothesis now familiarly known as Schwendenerism.

‖**Schwe·nkfelder.** Also **Schwenokfelder, Schwenkfeldter.** [Ger.] = Schwenkfeldian *sb.*

1882–3 *Schaff's Encycl. Relig. Knowl.* III. 2404 The Schwenckfelders do not observe the sacraments. 1884 *American* VIII. 280 There are Germans, also, who are Schwenkfeldters.

Schwenkfeldian (ʃweŋkfe·ldiăn), *sb.* and *a.* Also 6 **Zuenk-, Swenk-, Suengfeldian, Schuenkfildian.** [f. the name *Schwenkfeld* + -ian.] **a.** *sb.* One of a sect founded by Caspar Schwenkfeld, a Silesian Protestant mystic (1490–1561). **b.** *adj.* Belonging to this sect.

1562 tr. *Jewel's Apol.* 19 b, Certen newe sectes..as Anabaptistes,..Zuenkfeldians. 1564 Harding *Answ. Jewel's Chalienge* xv. 154 The Swenkfeldians. 1587 T. Rogers *Eng. Creed* II. 41 Who wil not vse the Sacraments at al, but contemne them, as the Schuenkfildians. 1876 R. Barclay *Inner Life Relig. Soc.* 243 In 1734, forty Schwenkfeldian families travelled to England, and finally emigrated to Pennsylvania. 1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 463/2 Schwenkfeld left behind him a sect (who were called subsequently by others Schwenkfeldians, but who called themselves 'Confessors of the Glory of Christ').

Hence **Schwenkfeldianism.**

1579 *St. Papers, Foreign 1579–80*, 81 Nestorianism, Eutychianism, Suengfeldianism and the like damnable heresies.

Schwlis, obs. Sc. pl. f. Shovel. **Schwne, Schwt**: see Shun, Shoot. **Schwyne,** obs. Sc. f. *shoon*: see Shoe. **Schye, Schyffe, Schygge,** obs. ff. Sky, Sheave, Shig. **Schyld, -er, Schyl(e, Schylle, Schyn,** obs. ff. Child, Shoulder, Skill, Shell, Chain. **Schynbalde, -band, -bawde**: see Shin-.

†**Schynd, skynd.** *Orkney* and *Shetland. Obs.* Also **schoind, schownd.** [repr. ON. *skyn* perception, in MSw. examination, inquiry.] See quot. 1859. Also *attrib.*

1576 in *Oppress. Orkney & Zetld.* (1859) 58 For making of the divisioun of the said airschip, callit ane Scheind. *Ibid.*, The Laird compellit him to pay ane ox pryce, viz.—thre dolouris, for his scheind fee. 1592 *Ibid.* 102 Ane breiff of divisioun, callit in Denmark and Norroway ane Shownd Bill. 1859 D. Balfour *Ibid.* Gloss. 128 *Schynd, Schoind, Schownd*, an Inquest of Thingmen to examine, sanction, and confirm all procedure respecting the Succession, Impignoration, or Alienation of Heritage; anciently by a *vivâ voce* doom, but frequently (after the accession of the Scottish Jarls) by a Skynd-bref or 'Schynd Bill'. 1883 J. R. Tudor *Orkneys & Shetl.* ii. 18 If disputes arose as to the due division of the property, it was settled by a *Schynd*, or inquest held by the Odallers who constituted the local *Thing* or court of the district.

Schyp, obs. f. Sheep, Ship. **Schyppune:** see Shippen. **Schyrche,** obs. f. Church. **Schyr(e, Schyrray, Schyrreff,** obs. ff. Shire, Sheriff. **Schytle, -ttyl, Schytte,** obs. ff. Shuttle, Shut. **Schytylle,** var. Shittle *a.* **Schytz,** obs. f. Sketch. **Schyver, -vyr,** obs. ff. Shiver. **Schyyd** : see Shide.

† **Scia.** *Obs. rare.* Also 5 scie. Cf. Sciat. [med.L., app. aphetic for the pl. *ischia* (see Ischium) taken as sing.] The hip.

c 1400 *Lanfranc's Cirurg.* II. x. 176 þe place of þe coniunctioun of þese boones is clepid þe scie. *Ibid.* 177 þat oon veyne þerof is clepid sciatica, & þat oþere is clepid renalis, &..oon veyne seruiþ for þe scie, & þat oþer for þe reynes. 1541 R. Copland *Guydon's Quest. Chirurg.* K iij b, The great fote lasteth fro the ioynt of the huckle called scia, vnto the ferdest parte of the toes.

‖ **Sciæna** (səi,ī·nă). [L., a. Gr. *σκίαινα* a fish, perh. the meagre.] † **a.** In the 18th c. a name of the Meague. *Obs.* **b.** In mod. scientific use, the name of the genus to which the meagre (*S. aquila*) belongs; also a fish of this genus.

1774 Goldsmith *Nat. Hist.* (1824) III. 62 The Sciæna.

Sciænoid (səi,ī·noid), *a.* and *sb. Ichth.* [f. Sciæn-a + -oid. Cf. F. *sciénoïde.*] **a.** *adj.* Belonging to, characteristic of or resembling a sciænoid or the sciænoids. **b.** *sb.* A fish of the family *Sciænidæ* (of which Sciæna is the type).

1840-5 Owen *Odontogr.* I. 100 Sciænoids [etc.]. 1863 T. Gill in *Proc. Acad. Nat. Sci. Philad.* 28 Catalogue of the North American Sciænoid Fishes. 1880 Günther *Study of Fishes* 427 To this fish (*Pogonia chromis*) more especially is given the name of 'Drum', from the extraordinary sounds which are produced by it and other allied Sciænoids.

‖ **Sciage** (sī·ăj). [Fr., f. *scier* to saw.] A sawing movement of the hand used in massage.

1885 D. Maguire *Massage* (ed. 4) 46 Sciage is a pressure of a come-and-go movement, similar to the action of a saw, and is practised with the hard side of the hand. 1900 in Gould *Dict. Med.*

[Sciagram, -grammatic, etc. These forms, which the prevailing rules for the treatment of words of Greek etymology would require instead of Skiagram, etc., do not appear to have been in actual use down to the present time (1910). The words are therefore given in this Dictionary with the spelling *Sk-*. The forms Skiagraph, -grapher, etc., which are almost universally adopted for the terms relating to the prodnction of pictnres by means of the Röntgen rays, are given in their alphabetical place, though etymologically identical with Sciagraph, etc.]

Sciagraph (səi·ăgrɑf). Forms: 7 sciograph, 7, 9 sciagraph. [Formed (as if on Gr. type **σκιάγραφον*) after Sciography.]

† **1.** A representation of the section of a building. *Obs.* So F. *sciagraphie.* (Cf. Sciography 2 b.)

1656 Blount *Glossogr., Sciagraph* (*schigrapha*) a description of the whole frame and contrivance of every room. 1855 in Ogilvie, Suppl.

† **2.** A diagram. *Obs. rare*—1.

1657 J. B[eale] *Herefordsh. Orch.* 17, I did..set kernels of the finest sort of apples, with delineating in a sciograph the several kinds in severall places.

3. A picture obtained by means of the Röntgen rays. See Skiagraph.

1898 *Daily News* 1 Apr. 6/7 The visible effect of the X Rays is only..a shadow...It is not enough for the surgeons to have a fine 'sciagraph'. 1901 *Nature* 24 Oct. 625/1 A sciagraph exhibited before a meeting of the Zoological Society.

Sciagrapher (səi,æ·grăfəɹ). *rare.* Also 7 scio-. [f. Gr. *σκιᾱγράφ-ος*, later *σκιογράφος* (f. *σκιά* shadow + *-γράφος* depicting, etc.) + -er 1 : see -grapher.] One who practises sciagraphy.

1690 Leybourn *Curs. Math.* 205 The complete Sciographer can cause the Sun to trace out his way upon the Earth; and by the Shadow of an Axis, to point out to us those Atomes of Time into which our artificial Day is..divided. 1850 Leitch tr. *C. O. Müller's Anc. Art* § 136. 113 Apollodorus of Athens, the sciagrapher, was the first who directed a deeper study to the gradations of light and shade.

Sciagraphic (səi,ăgræ·fik), *a.* Also scio- and see Skiagraphic. [f. Gr. *σκιᾱγράφ-ος* (see prec.) + -ic.] Of or pertaining to sciagraphy.

1815 R. Brown *Princ. Pract. Perspective* 2 Sciagraphic Perspective is the art of projecting shadows of objects from a luminous body. 1857 Barry *Life C. Barry* ix. 308 Sciographic and orthographic rules and systems.

Sciagraphical (səi,ăgræ·fikăl), *a.* Also 7–8 scio-. [Formed as prec. + -ical.] Of or pertaining to sciagraphy; of the natnre of a sciagraph.

1690 Leybourn *Curs. Math.* VIII. 698 This Sciographical Art [*sc.* Dialling]. 1716 M. Davies *Athen. Brit.* II. 76 These Sciographical Pamphlets [*sc.* on Dialling] were writ at the desire of William Tyler. 1892 *Cornhill Mag.* June 633 A shadowy cross, cast by crosslights, on the shaft of the central pillar of the Lady Chapel, which is surely a sciagraphical curiosity.

Hence **Sciagra·phically** *adv.* 1727 in Bailey vol. II.

Sciagraphy (səiæ·grăfi). Forms: 6–9 sciography, 7, 9 sciagraphy. See also Skiagraphy. [a. F. *sciagraphie, sciographie,* ad. L. *scia-, sciographia,* a. Gr. *σκιᾱ-, σκιογραφία,* f. *σκιᾱ-, σκιογράφος* : see Sciagrapher.]

1. That branch of the science of Perspective which deals with the projection of shadows; also, the delineation of an object in perspective with its gradations of light and shade. Cf. Scenography 1.

1598 R. Haydocke tr. *Lomazzo* IV. xxii. 173 Sciographie is..the second part of Perspective; considering the self same reasons of the shaddowes of bodies, which Delineation or drawing doth. 1664 Evelyn tr. *Freart's Archit.* 122 Scenography, or (as some) Sciagraphy, which is the same object elevated upon the same draught and center in all its optical flexures, diminutions and shadows, together with a fore shortning of a third side, so as the whole solid of the edifice becomes visible in perspective. 1788 T. Taylor tr. *Proclus* I. 78 [Optics] is divided into that which is properly called optics..; and into universal catoptrics..: as also into that which is called sciography, or the delineation of shadows. 1789 Smyth tr. *Aldrich's Archit.* I. i. i. 2 Let the Architect first make a draught on paper of the intended work: 1. the Ichnography..; 2. Orthography..; 3. Sciagraphy, or Scenography, which exhibits the front and the sides retiring in a perspective view. 1822 Gwilt (*title*), Sciography; or Examples of Shadows, and Rules for their Projection. 1868 R. C. Puckett *Sciography* Introd., This ..book does not treat upon..Linear Perspective; but is limited to the perspective projection of shadows.

b. = Scenography 2.

1850 Leitch tr. *C. O. Müller's Anc. Art* § 324. 380 This..gave rise to a separate branch of perspective painting, scenography or sciagraphy, in which..more careful and delicate design was sacrificed to the attainment of illusive effects for distant beholders unskilled in art.

¶ **c.** In allusion to the etymology: The depicting of shadows.

1639 Fuller *Holy War* III. ii. 111 Let those who are delighted with Sciographie paint out (if they please) these shadow-Patriarchs.

† **2.** A sciagraphic delineation or picture. *Obs.*

1611 Coryat *Crudities* 486 Plate, A Sciographie or Modell of that stupendious vessell which is at this day shewed in the Palace..in..Heidelberg. 1648 Herrick *Hesper., On Julia's Picture,* How am I ravisht! when I do but see The Painter's art in thy Sciography?

† **b.** = Sciagraph 1. *Obs.*

The only sense of F. *sciographie* given by Littré; it would appear to have arisen from some misunderstanding of the statements of ancient writers respecting *σκιαγραφία.*

1704 J. Harris *Lex. Techn.* I, *Sciography,*..in Architecture,..is sometimes taken for the Draught of a Building cut in its Length or Breadth, to show the Inside of it; as also the Thickness of the Walls, Vaults, &c. 1755 in Johnson, *Sciography.*

† **3.** An outline, draught, rough sketch. Chiefly *fig. Obs.*

[1624 Wotton *Elem. Arch.* 65 Let no man that intendeth to build, setle his Fancie vpon a draught of the Worke.. or..vpon a bare Plant thereof, as they call the Schiographia or Ground lines.] 1678 Cudworth *Intell. Syst.* 146 The first sciography and rude delineation of atheism. 1683 *Weekly Memorials* 22 Hereto is added Dr. Slades Sciagraphy of the Nutrition of Animals. 1686 Goad *Celest. Bodies* I. ix. 32 Nature being nothing else but a Sciagraphy of Divinity. 1721–31 Bailey, *Sciagraphy,* a profile or platform; the first rude draught of a thing. 1738 Ray *Coll. Travels* (ed. 2) II. 445 And thus much of the Sciography, or of the artificial and architectonical part [of the Pyramids].

† **4.** The art or practice of finding the hour of the day or night by observation of the shadow of the sun, moon or stars upon a dial. *Obs.*

[1635 J. W[ells] (*title*) Sciographia, Or the Art of Shadowes.] 1651 Hobbes *Leviath.* 40 Table, Consequences from the Light of the Starres. Out of this, and the Motion of the Sunne is made the Science of Sciography. 1679 Moxon *Math. Dict., Sciography*..is the Art of Shadows, comprehending Dialling, and part of Astronomy, as far as serves for finding out the hour of the Day or Night, or other Question, by the Shadow of the Sun, Moon, or Stars. 1721 Bailey, *Sciagraphy,*..the Art of Dialling.

Sciamachy (səi,æ·măki), **skiamachy** (skəi-). Also 7 sciamachie, 7–9 scio-, 8–9 skio-, 9 skiamachy. [ad. Gr. *σκιᾱμαχία,* f. *σκιά* shadow + *μαχ-, μάχεσθαι* to fight.

The Gr. word is explained as having originally meant 'a fighting in the shade', i.e. in the school; cf. L. *umbratilis exercitatio* (Cic.). It was, however, also used in the sense of 'a fighting with shadows'.]

A sham fight for exercise or practice; also, the action of fighting with a shadow. Often *fig.*

1623 Cockeram, *Sciamachie,* counterfeit fighting. 1637 Ironside *Seven Quest. Sabbath* To Rdr. B iij b, Least thou shouldst perhaps think I affected a Sciomachy or Umbratilous skirmish. 1657 W. Morice *Coena quasi* Κοινή xv. 187 Their arguing against it is but a Sciamachy. 1748 *Answ. Scurrilous Libel* 12 But enough of this skiomachy. 1833 Thirlwall in *Philol. Museum* II. 170 A great part of Cotta's argumentation becomes a mere sciomachy. 1862 *Chr. Remembrancer* Apr. 446 As we have no taste for skiomachy, we leave the fuller exposure of this portentous mare's nest to other hands. 1895 Meredith *Amazing Marriage* I. viii. 88 It was a piece of skiamachy, difficult to render clear to the defeated.

Sciamancy, obs. form of Sciomancy.

Scian (səi·ăn), *a.* [f. *Scio,* mod. It. name of *Chios,* the reputed birthplace of Homer.] Chian.

1820 Byron *Don Juan* III. lxxxvi. Isles of Greece ii, The Scian and the Teian muse,..Have found the fame your shores refuse.

Scians, obs. form of Science.

‖ **Sciapodes** (səi,æ·pŏdīz), *pl.* In 6 *erron.* Siopodes. [L., a. Gr. *σκιάποδες* pl., f. *σκιά* shadow + *ποδ-, πούς* foot.] A fabulous people of Libya 'with immense feet which they used as sunshades' (Liddell & Scott). Hence **Scia·podous** *a.*

1581 J. Bell *Haddon's Answ. Osor.* 267 Seeing that the very poreblinde do see it,..yea wherewith the Siopodes are so well acquainted also:..that it is merueile that any man could be so shameles to deny it to be true. 1798 Ferriar *Varieties of Man* 200 The people were..sciapodous, having feet so large as to shelter the whole body.

† **Sciat.** *Obs. rare*—1. The sciatic vein.

1503 *Kal. Sheph.* (Sommer) h iij, The wayn qwych ys wnder the anthleht of the fowt & yt ys namyt scyat [ed. 1506 sciat].

† **Sciathe·ric,** *a.* and *sb. Obs. rare.* In 7 scioterique, 8 scio-, sciatherick. [ad. late Gr. *σκιᾱθηρικός,* f. *σκιᾱθήρας* (also *σκιάθηρον, σκιόθηρος*), sun-dial, lit. 'shadow-catcher', f. *σκιά* shadow + *θηρᾶν* to catch. Cf. L. *sciothēricon* (Pliny), a sun-dial.] **a.** *adj.* = Sciatherical *a.* **b.** *sb.* in pl. form **Sciatherics,** the art of dialling.

1677 Cary *Chronology* L L § 1. ii. 6 The marking out the Time of the day in such a way as in the Scioteriques, or Art of Dialling,..was rightly imputed to Anaximines. 1721 Bailey, *Sciotherick,* investigating Shadows. *Sciotherick Telescope,* a Mathematical Instrument for observing the True Time for adjusting Pendulum-Clocks, Watches, &c. 1755 Johnson, *Sciatherick,* belonging to a sun-dial.

† **Sciathe·rical,** *a. Obs.* Forms: 7 (sciofericall), scia-, sciotherical, -tericall. [Formed as prec. + -al.] Concerned with the recording of the shadows cast by the planets, esp. that of the sun as a means of finding the hour of the day.

1614 Tomkis *Albumazar* I. vii, With Sciofericall instrument, By way of Azimuth and Almicantarath I'le seeke some happy point in heauen for you. 1646 Sir T. Browne *Pseud. Ep.* V. xviii. 259 There were also..Sciotericall or Sun Dialls. 1656 Blount *Glossogr., Sciatherical. Ibid., Sciotherical.* 1755 Johnson, *Sciatherical...* This should be written *skiatherical.*

Hence † **Sciathe·rically** *adv.*, after the manner of a sun-dial.

a 1646 J. Gregory *Posthuma* (1650) 37 Let the Plane bee sciaterically prepared, and it shall bee necessarie for the shadow of the Sun to go back.

Sciatic (səi,æ·tik), *a.*[1] and *sb.* Forms: 6 scyatyke, sc(h)iaticke, syaticke, 7 sciatique, (seatick), 7–8 sciatick, 8– sciatic. [a. F. *sciatique,* ad. med.L. *sciatic-us,* corrupt form of L. *ischiadic-us* (see Ischiadic). Cf. Pr. *sciatic,* Sp. *ciático,* Pg., It. *sciatico.*] **A.** *adj.*

1. Affecting the hip or the sciatic nerves.

[1398 Trevisa *Barth. De P. R.* VII. lvii. (1495) 271 It helpith them moche that haue this euyll that byghte *Sciatica passio.*] 1547 Boorde *Brev. Health* xxiii. 9 A gout or a syaticke passion. 1552 Lyndesay *Monarche* 4926 Off Malideis it generis mony mo,..As, in the theis, Siatica Passio.] 1586 T. B. *La Primaud. Fr. Acad.* I. 225 Sciaticke gnutes. 1788 Gibbon *Decl. & F.* xlvi. IV. 492 His body was tortured with sciatic pains.

2. Of or belonging to the ischium or hip.

Sciatic artery, the larger of the two terminal branches of the internal iliac; it is distributed to the muscles of the back part of the pelvis. *Sciatic nerve,* each of the two divisions of the sacral plexus, esp. the *great sciatic nerve,* which is the largest nerve in the human body; it emerges from the pelvis and passing down the back of the thigh extends to the foot. *Sciatic notch,* each of the two notches on the posterior border of the hip bone. *Sciatic vein,* † (*a*) the sciatic artery (*obs.*); (*b*) ? each of the companion veins of the sciatic artery.

[*c* 1400 *Lanfranc's Chirurg.* II. x. 177 þat oon veyne þerof is clepid sciatica, & þat oþere is clepid renalis.] 1597 A. M. tr. *Guillemeau's Fr. Chirurg.* 30/1 The third is the Schiaticke vayn, which externallye demonstrateth her selfe aboue the anckle. 1656 Blount *Glossogr.* s. v. *Vein, Sciatique vein*..is a branch of the thigh vein, which descends down the leg to the outward ankle. 1741 Monro *Anat. Nerves* (ed. 3) 69 The largest Nerve..of the Body..is..known by the Name of *Sciatic* or *Ischiatic* Nerve. 1780 *Phil. Trans.* LXX. App. 32 Having laid bare the sciatic nerve of a rabbit. 1828 R. Knox *Cloquet's Anat.* 117 The other two notches are situated..between the sciatic tuberosity and the sacrum. They are named the Sciatic notches. 1836–9 *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* II. 250/1 The alteration in the condition of the sciatic artery..caused by ligature of the femoral..artery presents..remarkable results..: its branch to the sciatic nerve becomes greatly enlarged. 1881 Mivart *Cat* 213 The sciatic artery, which passes out of the pelvis at the great sciatic notch.

B. *sb.*

† **1.** The ischium or hip. *Obs.*

1541 R. Copland *Guydon's Quest. Chirurg.* L j b, That [*sc.* the joint] of the lytell fote is moste dyffycyll [to set], & that of the kne is more, and the scyatyke is meane. 1565 Cooper *Thesaurus, Coxa,* the hippe or huckle bone..Sometime the sciatike.

† **2.** = Sciatica. *Obs.*

1656 COWLEY *Davideis* I. Note 32 Baptista Porta..says, that..Sciatique [is to be cured] by a Musical Instrument made of Poplar. 1678 JAS. DK. OF ALBANY in *15th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. VIII. 232 The fitt of the seatick came so violently on me, that I am forced to make vse of my wifes hand, not beein able to writ myselfe. 1737 POPE *Hor. Ep.* I. vi. 54 Rack'd with Sciatics, martyr'd with the Stone. 1801 RANKEN *Hist. France* I. I. v. 76 Marcellus the empiric..mentions with distinction a remedy for the sciatic, or hip-gout.

3. Short for *sciatic nerve, vein.*

1541 R. COPLAND *Guydon's Quest. Chirurg.* M iij, And there be .viij. [veynes to be let blode] in the fete, two on the knees, two sopheynes, two scyatykes, [etc.]. 1741 MUNRO *Anat. Nerves* (ed. 3) 70 The two Crurals, with the Sciatic ..are distributed to the inferior Extremities. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VI. 667 If one sciatic is paralysed alone, the patient can still walk.

Sciatic (səi,æ·tik), *a.*[2] *Naut.* ? *Obs.* Also 8 **skiatic.** [Of obscure origin: cf. TRIATIC *a.*] Only in *sciatic stay* (see quot. 1805).

Not known to the English nautical experts consulted.

1794 *Rigging & Seamanship* I. 175 *Skiatic-stays* are ropes used for hoisting or lowering burdens in or out of ships. 1805 *Mariner's Dict.* (Washington, U. S.), *Sciatic Stay*, a strong rope fixed from the main to the foremast heads in merchant ships; when loading or unloading it serves to sustain a tackle, which, travelling upon it, may be shifted over the main or fore hatchways. [Hence 1815 in *Falconer's Dict. Marine* (ed. Burney), and in some later Dicts.]

Sciatica (səi,æ·tikă). Forms: 5 **cyetica, aytyca, seyetyka, ciatica,** 5–6 **siatica,** 6 **seattica, schiatica,** 6–7 **cyatica,** 7 **sciathica, acyatica, sciattica,** 6– **sciatica.** [a. med.L. *sciatica* (*passio*), fem. of *sciaticus* SCIATIC *a.* Cf. F. *sciatique.*] A disease characterized by pain in the great sciatic nerve and its branches.

In the first quot. misapplied, perh. with jocular intention.

a 1450 *Mankind* (Brandl) 484 Remembre my brokyne hede..3e, goode ser, & þe sytyca in my erme. 1477 *Paston Lett.* III. 215 Elisabet Peverel hath leye sek xv or xvj wekys of the seyetyka. *c* 1520 SKELTON *Magnyf.* 1956 Allasse, I haue the cyatyca full enyll in my hyppe! 1543 TRAHERON *Vigo's Chirurg.* v. v. 169 Nowe we wyll come to the cure of the goute (called sciatica) of the huckel bones. 1603 SHAKS. *Meas. for M.* I. ii. 59 How now, which of your hips has the most profound Ciatica? 1607 — *Timon* IV. i. 23 Thou cold Sciatica, Cripple our Seoators. 1687 JENNER in *Magd. Coll. & Jas. II* (O. H. S.) 211 The Bishop ill of his sciatica. 1839 BARHAM *Ingol. Leg.* Ser. I. *St. Gengulphus*, Rheumatics,—sciatica,—tic-douloureux! 1860 EMERSON *Cond. Life* v. *Behaviour* Wks. (Bohn) II. 392 If you have headache, or sciatica, or leprosy,..I beseech you, by all angels, to hold your peace. 1866 A. FLINT *Princ. Med.* (1880) 801 Sciatic neuralgia, or sciatica. 1871 NAPHEYS *Prev. & Cure Dis.* III. iv. 701 A victim to sciatica, or neuralgic pain in the hip.

fig. 1596 NASHE *Saffron Walden* Ep. Ded. B 3, They are the verie botts & the glanders to the gentle Readers,.. the Sarpego and the Sciatica of the 7. Liberall Sciences.

b. An attack of this disease.

1444 *Paston Lett.* I. 50 He hath hadde a cyetica that hath letted hym a gret while to ride. 1606 [see LIME-KILN b]. 1641 BROME *Jovial Crew* I. (1652) C 4, He..was taken lame with lying in the Fields by a Sciatica. 1682 N. O. *Boileau's Lutrin* IV. 83 He curst an old Sciatica that Stop'd him. 1697 SIR J. FLOYER *Enq. Baths* Pref. b 7 Erysipela's, Sciatica's, Fluxes. 1722 *Hearne's Collect.* (O. H. S.) VII. 384 For a Sciatica. A Catskin tann'd with the Fur on, and layd upon the Part affected. 1759 STERNE *Tr. Shandy* I. iv, He was all that time afflicted with a Sciatica. 1831 SCOTT *F. M. Perth* Introd., Well, enough that I awake without a sciatica.

†c. **Sciatica cress, grass** (see quot. 1886).

1562 TURNER *Herbal* II. 20 Of Sciatica cresse or wilde cresse. *Iberis. Ibid.* 20 b, It may be called in Englishe.. sciatica cresses, because the herbe is good for the sciatica. 1597 GERARDE *Herbal* II. xlv. 197 Sciatica Cresses hath many slender braunches..with small, long, and narrowe leaues, like those of garden Cresses. The flowers be very small, and yellow of colour. *Ibid.* Table Eng. Names, Sciatica grasse, that is wilde Cresses. 1886 BRITTEN & HOLLAND *Plant-n., Cress, Sciatica.* A name invented by Turner (Herb.) for a cruciferous plant (which Prior identifies with *Iberis amara*, L., but which seems to us a species of Lepidium).

Sciatical (səi,æ·tikăl), *a.* [f. SCIATIC + -AL.]

†1. = SCIATIC *a.* 2. *Obs. rare*[−1].

1597 A. M. tr. *Guillemeau's Fr. Chirurg.* 12/2 The Sciaticalle vayne in the externalle anckle.

2. Pertaining to or of the nature of sciatica. Of a person: Affected with sciatica. Now *rare.*

1657 TOMLINSON *Renou's Disp.* 202 Empasms are used.. to help the Hydroptical, or Sciatical..Patients. *c* 1714 POPE, etc. *Martinus Scriblerus* vi. (1756) 28 Whence is it that I daily deplore my sciatical pains? 1765 STERNE *Tr. Shandy* VII. xxi, Overlooking a sciatical old nun..Margarita, the little novice, was elected as the companion of the journey. 1886 *Times* 13 Apr. 10/1 The [Canadian] Premier continues to improve in health, the sciatical pains are diminishing daily.

Hence **Scia·tically** *adv.*, 'with or by means of sciatica' (Webster 1864).

†**Scibi·lity.** *Obs.* [f. L. *scībilis* knowable (here taken in the active sense = able to know), f. *scīre* to know: see -BLE and -ITY.] Power of knowing.

1677 GALE *Crt. Gentiles* IV. II. v. 332 That God doth not know things future by the Infinitie or Immensitie of his own Scibilitie or Scientivitie.

Scien, obs. form of SCION.

Science (səi·ĕns). Forms: 4 **sienz, cience, cions,** 4–5 **siens, syence, syense,** 4–6 **scyence, scians(e,** 4, 6–7 **sience,** 5 **scians,** 5–6 **syens,** 6 **sienc, scyens,** 6–7 **scyense,** 4– **science.** [a. F. *science* = Pr. *sciensa*, Sp. *ciencia*, Pg. *sciencia*, It. *scienza*, ad. L. *scientia* knowledge, f. *scient-em*, pr. pple. of *scīre* to know.]

1. The state or fact of knowing; knowledge or cognizance *of* something specified or implied; also, with wider reference, knowledge (more or less extensive) as a personal attribute. Now only *Theol.* in the rendering of scholastic terms (see quot. 1728), and occas. *Philos.* in the sense of 'knowledge' as opposed to 'belief' or 'opinion'.

a 1340 HAMPOLE *Psalter* Cant. 500 Ald thyngis deport fra 3owre mouth: for God of sciens is lord, and till him ere redyd the thoghtis. *c* 1374 CHAUCER *Boeth.* II. pr. vii. (1868) 59 Þe soule whiche þat hap in it self science of goode werkes [L. *sibi mens bene conscia*]. 1426 LYDG. *De Guil. Pilgr.* 2697 Therfor ye trewly ber the name Cherubin, ffful of scyence And of dyvyne sapyence. 1532 MORE *Confut. Tindale* Wks. 361/2 Whereof saynt Paule cryeth hymself, *O altitudo diuitiarum sapientie & scientie dei.* O the heyght and depenes of the ryches of the wysedome and scyence of god. 1601 SHAKS. *All's Well* v. iii. 103 Plutus himselfe,..Hath not in natures mysterie more science, Then I haue in this Ring. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* IX. 680 O Sacred, Wise, and Wisdom-giving Plant, Mother of Science. 1678 GALE *Crt. Gentiles* IV. III. 36 Some of our Opponents resolve Gods certain prescience of sin into the infinitude of his science. 1697 tr. *Burgersdicius' Logic* II. xx. 99 The word science is either taken largely to signifie any cognition or true assent; or, strictly, a firm and infallible one; or, lastly, an assent of propositions made known by the cause and effect. 1700 ROWE *Amb. Step-Mother* II. ii. 852 What makes Gods divine But Power and Science infinite. 1725 POPE *Odyss.* II. 198 For lo! my words no fancy'd woes relate: I speak from science, and the voice is Fate. 1728 CHAMBERS *Cycl.* s.v. *Science*, Divines suppose three kinds of Science in God: The first, Science of mere Knowledge...The second, a Science of Vision...The third, an intermediate Science. 1753 JOHNSON *Adventurer* No. 107 P 18 Life is not the object of Science: we see a little, very little; and what is beyond we can only conjecture. 1882 SEELEY *Nat. Relig.* 260 Though we have not science of it [supernaturalism] yet we have probabilities or powerful presentiments.

†b. Contrasted or coupled with *conscience*, emphasizing the distinction to be drawn between theoretical perception of a truth and moral conviction. *Obs.*

1620 T. SCOTT *God & King* (1623) 84 This my Sermon..is perhaps tost by censure and science for a while, but scarce touched by conscience, or drawne into practise. 1637 ABP. LAUD *Sp. Star-Chamber* 14 June 62 The Author is clearely conceived..to have written this Book wholly..against both his science and his conscience. 1654 OWEN *Doctr. Saints' Persev.* xi. 249 A wilfull perverting of it, contrary to his own science & conscience.

2. Knowledge acquired by study; acquaintance with or mastery of any department of learning. Also †*pl.* (a person's) various kinds of knowledge.

13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* B. 1289 Wyth alle þe coyntyse þat he cowþe..De-nised he [salomon] þe vesselment,..Wyth slyȝt of his ciences, his souerayn to loue. 1390 GOWER *Conf.* II. 82 And Heredot in his science Of metre, of rime and of cadence The ferste was of which men note. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 5524 Epistaphus..a discrete man of dedis, dryuen into age, And a sad mon of sciens in the seuyn artis. *c* 1440 *Gesta Rom.* xxxiv. 132 (Harl. MS.) No man myght be likenid to him in no kynne sciens. 1456 SIR G. HAYE *Law Arms* (S. T. S.) 16 Clerkis of hye science, the quhilkis had the grete dignities in haly kirk. *c* 1475 *Partenay* 107 As rose is aboue al floures most fine So is science most digne of worthynesse. 1538 BALE *John Baptist* in *Harl. Misc.* (1744) I. 105 You boast your selues moch, of ryghteousness and scyence. 1557 NORTH *Gueuara's Diall Pr.* II. xxx. (1568) 138 b, The auncient women were more esteamed for their sciences, then for their beauties. 1562 WINȝET *Cert. Tractates* I. 16 Giue Johne Knox and ȝe affirmis your selfis lanchful be ressoun of your science [etc.]. 1738 GRAY *Propertius* ii. 52 Be love my youth's pursuit, and science crown my Age. 1781 COWPER *Conversation* 14 As alphabets in ivory employ, Hour after hour, the yet unletter'd boy, Sorting and puzzling with a deal of glee Those seeds of science call'd his A B C.

b. Trained skill. Now *esp.* (somewhat jocularly) with reference to pugilism (cf. 3 c); also to horsemanship and other bodily exercises.

1785 MRS. BELLAMY *Apol.* (ed. 3) IV. 156 She could by no means be said to surpass Mrs. Yates, who joined hard-earned science to her other great qualifications. 1793 W. ROBERTS *Looker-on* No. 33 (1797) II. 111 Mr. Powell, the fire-eater, is a singular genius; and Mendoza has more science than Johnson. 1812 *Sporting Mag.* XXXIX. 22 Molineux sparred neatly early in the fight, but he lost his science after he had been a good deal punished. 1889 *Field* 12 Jan. 41/2 It was most disappointing to their huntsman to have the cup thus dashed from his lips when it only required a kill to render complete as fine an exhibition of science as could possibly be seen.

3. A particular branch of knowledge or study; a recognized department of learning.

In the Middle Ages, 'the seven (liberal) sciences' was often used synonymously with 'the seven liberal arts', for the group of studies comprised by the *Trivium* (Grammar, Logic, Rhetoric) and the *Quadrivium* (Arithmetic, Music, Geometry, Astronomy).

13.. *Seuyn Sag.* (W.) 48, I wil that ye teche him enyn The sutelte of science senyn. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Frankl. T.* 1122 As yonge clerkes..Seken in euery halke and euery herne Particuler sciences for to lerne. *c* 1400 *Lanfranc's Cirurg.* 7 Therfore he þat wole knowe what siurgie is, he most vndirstonde, þat it is a medicinal science. 1421 *Rolls of Parl.* IV. 158 Thre Sciences that ben Divinite, Fisyk, and Lawe. 1486 *Bk. St. Albans, Her.* e iv b, Bott in thes bordnris ther is a grete differens emong men pretendyng theym experte and wyse in thys sciens. 1509 WATSON *Ship of Fools* II. (1517) A iij, It is they the whiche ben y^e leest experte in scyences, as in lawe. 1542 UDALL *Erasm. Apoph.* 61 A philosophier of Athenes excellyng in all the mathematical sciencies. 1553 EDEN *Treat. Newe Ind.* (Arb.) 5 The good affeccion whyche I haue euer borne to the science of Cosmographie. 1596 SHAKS. *Tam. Shr.* II. i. 57, I do present you with a man of mine Cunning in Musicke, and the Mathematickes, To instruct her fully in those sciences. 1613 PURCHAS *Pilgrimage* (1614) 795 Mexico is now an Vniuersitie, and therein are taught those Sciences which are read in our Vniuersities of Europe. 1662 STILLINGFL. *Orig. Sacræ* II. vi. § 3 The right understanding of the principles of a science, is the ground why all things belonging to that science are understood. 1683 *Col. Rec. Pennsylv.* I. 93 To Witt: a scool of Arts and Siences. 1727 DE FOE *Syst. Magic* I. ii. (1840) 59 And thus you have an honest system of the science called Magic. 1794 GODWIN *Caleb Williams* I, I was taught the rudiments of no science, except reading, writing, and arithmetic. 1864 TENNYSON *Aylmer's F.* 435 So Leolin went; and..toil'd Mastering the lawless science of our law. 189a WESTCOTT *Gospel of Life* 89 Theology is the crown of all the sciences, and Religion the synthesis of all.

transf. 1752 *Adventurer* No. 9 P 10 Give us..that master of the science the celebrated Hoyle, who has composed an elaborate treatise on every fashionable game. 1770 BURKE *Pres. Discont.* 66 Underhand and oblique ways would be studied. The science of evasion, already tolerably understood, would then be brought to the greatest perfection. 1794 GODWIN *Caleb Williams* 20 Unpardonably deficient in the sciences of anecdote and match-making. 1810 SYD. SMITH *Public Schools* Wks. 1859 I. 188 His sister, who has remained at home at the apron-strings of her mother, is very much his superior in the science of manners. 1826 LAMB *Elia* II. *Pop. Fallacies* xvi, But facts and sane inferences are trifles to a true adept in the science of dissatisfaction. 1837 LOCKHART *Scott* I. iv. 128 Scott did not pursue the science of chess after his boyhood.

b. Contradistinguished from *art*: see ART *sb.* 8.

The distinction as commonly apprehended is that a science (=ἐπιστήμη) is concerned with theoretic truth, and an art (=τέχνη) with methods for effecting certain results. Sometimes, however, the term *science* is extended to denote a department of practical work which depends on the knowledge and conscious application of principles; an *art*, on the other hand, being understood to require merely knowledge of traditional rules and skill acquired by habit.

1678 MOXON *Mech. Dyalling* 4 Though we may justly account Dyalling originally a Science, yet..it is now become to many of the Ingenious no more difficult than an Art. 1712 BUDGELL *Spect.* No. 307 P 5 Without a proper temperament for the particular Art or Science which he studies, his utmost Pains and Application..will be to no purpose. 1796 KIRWAN *Elem. Min.* (ed. 2) I. Pref. 11 Previous to the year 1780, mineralogy, though tolerably understood by many as an art, could scarce be deemed a Science. 1834 SOUTHEY *Doctor* CXX. (1862) 294 The medical profession.. was an art, in the worst sense of the word, before it became a science, and long after it pretended to be a science was little better than a craft. 1907 HODGES *Elem. Photogr.* 58 The development of the photographic image is both an art and a science.

c. *The noble science* (*of defence*): the art of boxing or that of fencing. Now *jocular.* Also, in mod. slang, *the science.* (Cf. sense 2 b).

c 1588–1839 [see NOBLE A. 9]. 1837 DICKENS *Pickw.* xlix, Up to that time he had never been aware that he had the least notion of the science [*sc.* fencing].

†d. A craft, trade, or occupation requiring trained skill. *Obs.*

c 1480 *Childe of Bristowe* 78 in Hazl. *E. P. P.* I. 114 He gaf hym gold gret plenté, the child hys prentys shuld be, his science for to conne. 1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 67 Whan a virgyn begynneth fyrst to lerne to sewe in the samplar, that scyence to her as than semeth very harde. 1530–1 *Act* 22 *Hen. VIII*, c. 13 That no..persones..shalbe enterpret or expounded hande craftesmen, in, for, or by reason of usyng any of the snyde mysteryes, or scyens, of bakyng, bruyng, surgery or wrytyng. 1551 ROBINSON tr. *More's Utopia* III. iv. (1895) 139 Husbandrye is a scyence common to them all ingenerall, both men and women, wherin they be all experte and cunnynge. 1576 *Lichfield Guilds* (E. E. T. S.) 26 The Master, Wardens and Combretheren of the mystery, crafte, and Scyence of the Taylers of the Citie of Lichffelde. 1600 DEKKER *Gentle Craft* (1610) B 1 b, My iolly coze..Became a Shoomaker in Wittenberg, A goodly science for a gentleman. 1660 *Boston Rec.* (1877) II. 156 No person shall henceforth open a shop in this Towne, nor occupy any manufacture or Science, till hee hath completed 21 years of age.

4. In a more restricted sense: A branch of study which is concerned either with a connected body of demonstrated truths or with observed facts systematically classified and more or less colligated by being brought under general laws, and which includes trustworthy methods for the discovery of new truth within its own domain.

1725 WATTS *Logic* II. ii. § 9 The word science, is usually applied to a whole body of regular or methodical observations or propositions,..concerning any subject of speculation. 1794 HUTTON *Philos. Light*, etc. 117 Philosophy must proceed in generalising those truths which are the object of particular sciences. 1860 ABP. THOMSON *Laws Th.* § 131 (ed. 5) 281 Classification of the Sciences. Mathematics... Astronomy...Physics [etc.]. 188a ADAMSON in *Encycl. Brit.* XIV. 781/2 It may be said that in all sciences there are implied clearly defined notions, general statements or judgments, and methodical proofs.

b. with defining word.

The many conflicting systems proposed in recent times for the classification of the sciences, and the need frequently arising (apart from any formal classification) for a common designation applicable to a group of sciences that are related by similarity of subject or method, have given currency to a large number of expressions in which the word *science* is qualified by an adj. The application of these collocations, so far as it is not obvious, is explained under the adjs. Among the most prominent of the adjs. designating particular

classes of sciences are: *abstract, concrete, biological, descriptive, exact, experimental, historical, mathematical, mechanical, moral, mixed, pure, natural, physical.*

1795 Burke *Let. to Earl Fitzwilliam* Wks. IX. 1, I am not sure, that the best way of discussing any subject, except those, that concern the abstracted sciences, is not somewhat in the way of dialogue.

5. The kind of knowledge or of intellectual activity of which the various 'sciences' are examples. In early use, with reference to sense 3: What is taught in the schools or may be learned by study. In mod. use chiefly: The sciences (in sense 4) as distinguished from other departments of learning; scientific doctrine or investigation. Often with defining adj. as in 4 b.

In the 17th and 18th c. the notion now usually expressed by *science* was commonly expressed by *philosophy*.

1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) I. 3 After solempne and wise writeres of arte and of science. *c* **1400** Maundev. (1839) xiv. 159 And 3if 3ou lyke to knowe the Vertues of the Dyamand ..I schalle telle 3ou: as thei bezonde the See seyn and afferme of whom alle Science and alle Philosophie comethe from. *c* **1440** *Gesta Rom.* xxxiv. 212 He also hade a sone passyngly wyse and witty,..and no man myght be likenide to him in no kynne sciens. **1651** Hobbes *Leviath.* II. xxxi. 191 The Principles of natnrall Science. **1668** Dryden *Ess. Dram. Poesy* 9 Nothing spreads more fast than Science, when rightly and generally cultivated. **1742** Gray *Eton* 3 Where grateful Science still adores Her Henry's holy Shade. **1744** Akenside *Pleas. Imag.* II. 127 Speak ye the pure delight, whose favoured steps The lamp of Science through the jealous maze Of Nature guides. **1759** Golosm. *Bee* No. 3 P 2 Nature was never more lavish of its gifts than it had been to her [Hypatia], endued as she was with the most exalted understanding and the happiest turn to science. **1857** Henfrey *Bot.* § 1 Botany is that department of Natural Science which deals with Plants. **1859** Ruskin *Arrows of Chace* (1880) I. 194 How strange it seems that physical science should ever have been thought adverse to religion! **1864** Cobbold *Entozoa* 298 This species is new to science.

Comb. a **1628** F. Grevil *Treat. Hum. Learn.* xxvii, Strong iostances to put all Arts to schoole, And proue the sciencemonger but a foole. **1857** Reade *Course of True Love* 151 Casenower, the science bitten, had read all the books.

b. In modern use, often treated as synonymous with 'Natural and Physical Science', and thus restricted to those branches of study that relate to the phenomena of the material universe and their laws, sometimes with implied exclusion of pnre mathematics. Also *attrib.*, as in *science-class, -master, -teacher, -teaching*.

1867 W. G. Ward in *Dubl. Rev.* Apr. 255 *note*, We shall ..use the word 'science' in the sense which Englishmen so commonly give to it; as expressing physical and experimental science, to the exclusion of theological and metaphysical. **1870** Yeats *Nat. Hist. Comm.* Introd. 14 An acquaintance with science or with the systematised knowledge of matter and its properties. **1895** *Educat. Rev.* Sept. 25 Science-teaching is nothing, unless, it brings the pupil in contact with nature.

†**c.** *Oxford University.* Formerly applied to the portions of ancient and modern philosophy, logic, and cognate subjects, included in the course of study for a degree in the school of Literæ Humaniores. *Obs.*

1831 Gladstone *Diary* in Morley *Life* (1903) I. 78 Examined by..Hampden in science. **1848** J. H. Newman *Loss & Gain* III. iv, Our men know their books well, but I should not say that science is their line. **1855** M. Pattison *Oxf. Studies* in *Oxf. Ess.* 290 A new element of uncertainty came in, in the difference between taste and scholarship on the one hand, and attainment in Aristotle (science, it was called) on the other. **1884** E. A. Freeman *Let.* (MS.) 10 Feb., I remember him years ago as a logic and science coach. I don't mean for cutting up cats, but what science meant then, Ethics, Butler, and such like. **1903** *Athenæum* 7 Feb. 176/3 He had none of his brother's love for the Greek philosophy, then known as 'science'.

6. Man of science. †**a.** A man who possesses knowledge in any department of learning, or trained skill in any art or craft. *Obs.* **b.** In modern use, a man who has expert knowledge of some branch of science (usually, of physical or natural science), and devotes himself to its investigation.

1552 in *Vicary's Anat.* (1888) App. ii. 119 Here after is declared the names of all suche officers, men of Scyence, Artyficers, Craftismen, and other mynistres. **1562** Winjet *Cert. Tractates* I. 16 Sen the saidis lordis and gentilmen being men of science [etc.]. **1759** Johnson *and Let. to Gazetteer* 8 Dec., No man of science will deny that architecture has..degenerated at Rome to the lowest state. **1819** Shelley *Peter Bell 3rd* IV. xix, It was his fancy to invite Men of science, wit, and learning, Who came to lend each other light. **1855** Tennyson *Maud* I. iv. vii, The man of science himself is fonder of glory, and vain, An eye well-practised in nature, a spirit bounded and poor. **1890** Le Gallienne *G. Meredith* 71 The man of science is nothing if not a poet gone wrong.

Scienced (sə͡iˈĕnst), *a.* [f. Science + -ed 2.]

†**1.** Possessed of science, learned. *Obs.*

1656 Earl Monm. tr. *Boccalini's Advts. fr. Parnassus* 53 Other Scienced men were served with all the delicacies of Learning. **1743** Francis *Horace, Odes* I. xxxiv. 3, I mock'd at all religious Fear, Deep scienc'd in the mazy Lore Of mad Philosophy. **1746** — *Horace, Ep.* I. xviii. 165 Enquire of every scienc'd Sage. **1836** R. Furness *Astrologer* III. Wks. (1858) 161 Beyond the scienced reach of ought refined In Herschell's mighty ken, or Newton's mind.

2. Trained, well versed, in the knowledge of the art of self-defence.

1820 *Blackw. Mag.* VI. 613 He was a stronger and taller man than Mendoza..full of pluck, and fine scienced.

†**Sci·encer.** *Obs.* [f. Science + -er 1.] A professor of a particular science.

1547 Baldwin *Mor. Philos.* I. vii. (1550) B v, Whan it was asked hym what sciencer he was, he [*sc.* Pythagoras] answered, a Philosopher. **1630** Westcote *View Devonsh.* (1845) 301 The other two, with their protector the mystical sciencer, proceed.

Sciencial, obs. form of Sciential.

†**Sci·encist.** *Obs. rare*−1. [f. Science + -ist.] One who works on scientific principles.

1778 [W. Marshall] *Minutes Agric., Digest* 8 This is the money-getting Farmer, whose Agriculture the Scientist ought to endeavour to excel.

†**Sci·ency.** *Obs. rare.* [ad. L. *scientia*: see Science and -ency.] The condition or fact of knowing; = Science 1.

1642 H. More *Song of Soul* I. II. xxvi, His name is Dæmon, not from Sciency, Although he boasteth much in skilfull pride. *Ibid.* II. iii. I. vi, My hackney fails, not I; my pen, not sciencie.

Sciens(e, obs. forms of Science.

Scient (sə͡iˈĕnt), *a.* and *sb.* [ad. L. *scient-em*, pr. pple. of *scīre* to know.] **A.** *adj.* Having science, knowledge, or skill. Now *rare.*

c **1430** Lydg. *Min. Poems* (Percy Soc.) 27 The clerk that I of tolde, Which was ful fayne feithful counsel to make, For he was scient, expert, and ful bolde. **1597** J. King *On Jonas* (1618) 156 Of what people? The most scient and skilfull in the seruice of God. **1626** Cornwallis *Disc. Prince Henry* (1641) 7 To this so rare a disposition, which being by a Prince entertained, cannot but make him.. scient of the Offices appertaining to his high estate,..is to be added [etc.]. **1798** Landor *Gebir* v. Wks. 1846 II. 498 Together these her scient hand combined and more she added. **1820** T. G. Wainewright *Ess. & Crit.* (1880) 24 Watching with scient eye the number of aureate particles.

B. *sb.* A man of science, scientist. *rare.*

1889 *Harper's Mag.* Feb. 383/1 Philosophers, historians, and scients. **1894** *Ibis* Oct. 555 The contributors to the Tromsö Museum's Annual may be called 'scients' or 'savants', but, please, Mr. Cocks, not 'scientists'.

‖**Scienter** (sə͡iˌe·ntəɹ), *adv. Law.* [L., f. *scient-em*: see Scient.] Knowingly. Often as *sb.* in the phr. *to prove* (*a*) *scienter*, etc., to prove that the act complained of was done knowingly; *law of scienter*, the law with regard to the necessity of 'proving a scienter' in order to obtain damages.

1824 Starkie *Evidence* II. 469 The plaintiff must prove not only the falsity of the representation, but also the *scienter*, the knowledge of the defect on the part of the defendant. **1879** *Cassell's Techn. Educ.* IV. 252/2 The use, therefore, of the name of another manufacturer, whether done scienter or not, is an interference with his business. **1897** *Daily News* 15 Dec. 5/4 In this case the plaintiff stood in a lucky position in regard to the law of scienter. **1898** *Westm. Gaz.* 23 Nov. 3/2 When the injury is to cattle or sheep, the necessity of proving 'the scienter' was abolished by the Dogs Act, 1865.

Sciential (sə͡iˌe·nʃăl), *a.* Forms: 5 sciencial, 7 scientiall, 7– sciential. [ad. med.L. *scientiālis*, f. L. *scientia*: see Science.]

1. Of or pertaining to knowledge or science. †*Sciential faith*: faith resting on demonstrative evidence.

c **1456** Pecock *Bk. of Faith* (1909) 141 The more cleer, sure, and expert evydencis ben had for a sciencial feith, the more is thilk sciencial feith. **1605** B. Jonson *Masque Blackness* Wks. (1616) 898 His light scientiall is, and (past mere nature) Can salue the rude defects of euery creature. **1645** Milton *Tetrach.* 23 Those Sciential rules which are the implements of instruction. **1667** — *P. L.* IX. 837 The power..whose presence had infus'd Into the plant sciential sap. **1680** I. C. *Vind. Oaths & Swearing* (ed. 2) 3 An oath hath place but in such things as depend upon testimony, and the speakers credit and honesty, and is not to be used in things purely sciential and probable by demonstration. **1788** T. Taylor *Proclus* I. 19 He ascended to the greatest and most consummate or telestic virtues; employing for this purpose, the felicity of his nature, and a sciential institution. **1820** Lama *Elia* I. *Oxf. Vac.*, The odour of their old mothscented coverings is fragrant as the first bloom of those sciential apples which grew amid the happy orchard. **1827** Coleridge *Lit. Rem.* (1838) IV. 423 Their entire consonance with..the Scriptures and with the sciential and the practical reason. **1834** Whewell in Todhunter *Acc. Writ.* (1876) II. 186 Modes of conception, sciential conditions, or whatever else you can help me to call them.

2. Endowed with knowledge.

1477 Earl Rivers (Caxton) *Dictes* 17 The wiese man knoweth the prouffit of the riche & the riche knoweth not the prouffit of the sciencial wiese man. **1646** Gaule *Cases of Consc.* 28 That is the Magicall, Speculative, Scientiall, or Arted Witch. **1820** Keats *Lamia* I. 191 Not one hour old, yet of sciential brain To unperplex bliss from its neighbour pain. **1891** Meredith *One of our Conq.* I. xiv. 265 A sciential rascal.

Hence †**Scie·ntialness.** *Obs. rare*−1.

1579 W. Wilkinson *Confut. Familye of Love* 39 b, Onely the taking on knowledge which is learned out of the scientialnes of the letter..is blamed by HN.

†**Scie·ntiate.** *Obs. rare*−1. [f. L. *scientia* Science + -ate 1.] An adept in a science.

1647 tr. *Malvezzi's Pourtract* 100 Such as will learne an Art or a Science, the first object that they set before them, is not immediately that of the Art, or that of the Science, but an Artist, or a Scientiate.

†**Scie·ntic,** *a. Obs.* In 6 scyentyke. [irreg. f. L. *scient-ia* Science + -ic. (Unless it be a mistake for *scientific*, of which in that case this would be the earliest example in Eng.)] = Scientific *a.* Also † **Scie·ntical** *a.*

1541 R. Copland *Guydon's Quest. Chirurg.* Pref., There be ryght many and sondry sortes, aswell of very good and scyentyke bokes, as of ryght expert men within this Realme in the scyentycall arte of Cyrurgery. *Ibid.*, Your scyentycall beneuolence.

Scientician (sə͡iˌĕnti·ʃən). [f. *scient-* (see Scientist) after *physician*, etc.] = Scientist.

1885 J. S. Grimes *Geonomy* 49 in *Science* 13 Feb. 142/1 The reason why scienticians have neglected to investigate the laws of the currents thoroughly,..is that [etc.].

Scientific (sə͡iˌĕnti·fik), *a.* and *sb.* [ad. late L. *scientificus*, f. *scient-em*, pr. pple. of *scīre* to know (or perh., less regularly, f. *scienti-am* knowledge: see Science) + *-ficus* making, f. *facĕre* to make. Cf. F. *scientifique*, Sp. *científico*, Pg., It. *scientifico.*

The ultimate source of the word is to be sought in Aristotelian expressions like that in *Post. Anal.* I. ii. (71 b), where it is said that unless certain essential conditions are fulfilled, a syllogism will not be demonstrative, 'for it will not produce knowledge' (οὐ γὰρ ποιήσει ἐπιστήμην, rendered in the translation attributed to Boethius 'non enim *faciet scientiam*'). In pursuance of the suggestion of this phrase, the translator in the same chapter renders συλλογισμὸν ἐπιστημονικόν by 'syllogismum epistemonicon, *id est facientem scire*', and in I. vi. uses 'scientificæ demonstrationes' for αἱ ἐπιστημονικαὶ ἀποδείξεις. In this application the word survived in Latin text-books of logic down to Aldrich, though some of them have instead *scientiam pariens* or *faciens scire.*

From having been thus employed as a contextual interpretation of ἐπιστημονικός (pertaining to science or knowledge; = med.L. *scientialis*), the L. *scientificus* was afterwards used inappropriately (instead of *scientialis*) in the 13th c. translation of Aristotle's Ethics (VI. i. § 6) to render this Gr. word where it designates the theoretic as opposed to the deliberative faculty of the soul. This use was followed by Aquinas; it is in this application that the It. *scientifico* is used by Dante, and the F. *scientifique* by Oresme (14th c.). Hence the prevailing sense of the adj. in subsequent Latin, in the Rom. langs., and in English, has been 'pertaining to science'; it is merely by a contextual accident that in phrases like 'scientific investigation' the word admits of being interpreted in its etymological meaning. Aquinas also uses *scientificus* for 'expert in science, learned', a sense which still survived in 16th c. Latin. The lateness of the first appearance of the word in English is remarkable.]

A. *adj.*

†**1.** Of a syllogism, a proof: Producing knowledge, demonstrative. Cf. Scientifical *a.* 1. *Obs.*

To be distinguished from the mod. use in phrases like 'scientific proof', 'scientific evidence', where the adj. has the sense 3 or 4 below.

1637 Gillespie *Eng. Pop. Cerem.* III. ix. 198 Aquinas.. maketh the Law of Nature to containe certaine principles, having the same place in practicall reason, which the principles of scientifike demonstrations have in speculative reason. **1667** South *Serm.* (1823) I. 360 No man who first trafficks into a foreign country has any scientific evidence that there is such a country, but by report, which can produce no more than a moral certainty.

2. Of persons, books, institutions, etc.: Occupied in or concerned with science or the sciences. In early use, †concerned with the 'sciences' or 'liberal arts', opposed to *mechanical.*

1589 Puttenham *Eng. Poesie* I. i. (Arb.) 19 The premises considered, it giueth to the name and profession no smal dignitie and preheminence, aboue all other artificers, Scientificke or Mechanicall. **1815** Banks in *Fragm. Rem. Sir H. Davy* (1858) 208 By the more brilliant discoveries you have made, the reputation of the Royal Society has been exalted in the opinion of the scientific world. **1822** Lama *Elia* II. *Detached Th. on Bks. & Reading*, In this catalogue of books which are no books..I reckon Court Calendars,.. Scientific Treatises, Almanacks, Statutes at Large. **1884** F. Temple *Relat. Relig. & Sci.* I. (1885) 4 The scientific man often asserts that he cannot find God in Science. **1888** Rolleston & Jackson *Anim. Life* Pref. 7, I may mention that scientific periodicals on the general subject and its branches have since 1870 been almost doubled.

¶**b.** Having scientific knowledge or given to scientific study *of* something. *nonce-use.*

1877 Ruskin *Fors Clavig.* No. 75 VII. 63 Behold, there is the Universe; and here are we, the British public, in the exact middle of it, and scientific of it in the accuratest manner. **1884** *Ibid.* No. 95 VIII. 257 Most men are not intended to be any wiser than their cocks and bulls—duly scientific of their yard and pasture, peacefully nescient of all beyond.

3. Of or pertaining to science or the sciences; of the nature of science.

1722 Wollaston *Relig. Nat.* iii. 50 Who by a proper exercise of his mind in scientific studies first opens and enlarges its capacity. **1812** Sir H. Davy *Chem. Philos.* 2 Analogy confirmed by experiment becomes Scientific truth. **1859** Darwin *Orig. Spec.* xiv. 485 It is quite possible that forms now generally acknowledged to be merely varieties may hereafter be thought worthy of specific names,..and in this case scientific and common language will come into accordance. **1871** Morley *Carlyle* in *Crit. Misc.* Ser. I. (1878) 163 The familiar distinction between the poetic and the scientific temper is another way of stating the same difference. **1902** *Encycl. Brit.* XXVIII. Pref. 15 To study religions in a scientific spirit is to admit that all religions, if not equally good, spring at least from a common source.

4. Of an art, practice, operation, or method: Based upon or regulated by science, as opposed to mere traditional rules or empirical dexterity. So of a worker or agent: Guided by a knowledge of science, acting according to scientific principles.

1678 Moxon *Mech. Dyalling* 3 Scientifick Dyalists..have found out Rules, to mark out the irregular motion of the Shaddow ... And these Rules of adjusting the motion of

the Shaddow to the motion of the Sun may be called Scientifick Dyalling. 1903 Chamberlain *Sp. Glasgow* 6 Oct. 42 The one is profitless taxation, the other scientific taxation.

b. Devised on scientific principles.

1794 Sullivan *View Nat.* II. 320 Had the Romans any thing so scientific as a sun-dial, even during the second Punic war? 1878 Beaconsfield in *Times* 11 Nov. 10/4 But our North-Western frontier [of India] is a haphazard and not a scientific frontier.

c. Characterized by 'science' or trained skill.

1862 *Lillywhite's Cricket Scores & Biogr.* I. 440 William Searle..was..as a batsman..steady and scientific. 1885 *Field* 17 Jan. 82/3 A strong wind and a spongy ground were against a scientific display [of football].

B. *sb.*

1. A man of science. *colloq.*

1830 Lyell *Let.* in Smiles *Mem. J. Murray* (1891) II. xxxii. 391 The scientifics having at last a government to which they are not ashamed to turn courtiers. 1853 De Morgan in Graves *Sir W. R. Hamilton* (1889) III. 464 This meeting of literaries and arts—not a scientific among them but myself. 1883 Black *Shandon Bells* xxi, Some of the scientifics, as she calls them, are very fond of shooting.

2. *pl.* [See -ic 2, -ics.] Scientific matters. *nonce-use* or *vulgar.*

1842 Lover *Handy Andy* v, 'Leave off your confounded scientifics, there,' shouted Murphy, from the head of the table, 'and let us have a song.'

Scientifical (sə(ɪ)ĕntɪ·fikăl), *a.* Also 6–7 -all. [f. late L. *scientific-us* + -al: see Scientific.]

†1. Of a syllogism, proof, evidence: 'Producing knowledge', demonstrative. Also, of a conclusion: Demonstratively proved. *Obs.*

1588 J. Harvey *Disc. Probl.* 30 But in the meanwhile they presume that this point of philosophy is Scientificall: and doth it indeed *Sub scientiam cadere*, as they presuppose? 1628 T. Spencer *Logick* 282 Our next labour must be, to set out these scientificall Syllogismes hy other properties. 1658 Baxter *Saving Faith* viii. 62 But multitudes..discern not this evidence so clearly, as may make it scientifical to them. 1732 Berkeley *Alciphr.* VI. § 31 Who ever supposed that scientifical proofs were necessary to make a Christian?

†2. Designed for the furthering of knowledge.

1597 Beard *Theatre God's Judgem.* (1612) 143 This is the diuinitie and goodlie instruction that commeth..from that scientificall Vniuersitie and Colledge of the right reuerend Masters. 1640 Howell *Dodona's Gr.* 42 She is alwaies furnished with nurseries of scientificall graffes, which she disperseth up and downe to unfold the sacred Oracles. 1642 T. Taylor *God's Judgem.* I. 1. xxii. (1642) 89 This is the Divinity..that commeth..from that scientifical University.

3. Expert in science; occupied in or concerned with science; treating of science. Now *rare.*

c 1645 Howell *Lett.* (1655) III. ix. 18 And in these modern times, the most speculative and scientificallest men, both in Germany and Italy, seem to adhere to it. 1756–82 Warton *Ess. on Pope* I. § iii. 177 No author ever adorned a scientifical treatise with so many beautiful metaphors. 1793 Smeaton *Edystone L.* § 61 *note*, Consulting my scientifical friends respecting this fact. 1827 Hood *Craniology* 36 Those scientifical hotch-potch men. 1840 Thackeray *Paris Sk. Bk.* I. 169 Works political, philosophical,..scientifical, theological.

4. Of or pertaining to science. *rare.*

1777 Priestley *On Air* Pref. 16 It is rather to be regretted, however, in such a number of nobility and gentry, so very few should have any taste for scientifical pursuits. 1783 Blagden in *Phil. Trans.* LXXIII. 372 This was the period of scientifical enterprise. 1796 Wansey *Jrnl.* 268 Sense of security, which scientifical pursuits require. 1855 Milman *Lat. Chr.* xiv. viii. (1864) IX. 300 Under a guild,..there had been..more close adherence to rule in the scientifical and technical parts.

Scientifically (sə(ɪ)ĕntɪ·fikăli), *adv.* [f. Scientifical + -ly 2.] In a scientific manner; according to the laws of science; † by means of 'scientific' or demonstrative reasoning.

1640 J. Stoughton *Def. & Distrib. Div.* i. 18 Many things he did know then scientifically, which now he doth so much as opinionatively. *a* 1688 Cudworth *Immut. Mor.* (1731) 217 Consider what the Subject of it is, Scientifically comprehended. 1796 Morse *Amer. Geog.* I. 217 The tortoises of the northern states are of several species but have not been scientifically designated. 1855 Kingsley *Glaucus* 69 A party of genera and species which connect families scientifically far apart. 1876 E. R. Lankester *Hist. Creat.* I. i. 6 We are now in a position to establish scientifically the groundwork of a non-miraculous history of the developement of the human race. 1885 FitzGerald in *Law Rep.* 10 App. Cases 227 The law upon this subject has been properly and scientifically put in a later case.

Scientificalness (sə(ɪ)ĕntɪ·fikălnĕs). [f. Scientifical + -ness.] The quality of being scientific.

1866 *Reader* 24 Feb. 206/3 Though markedly deficient in scientificalness. 1876 Morley *Comte* in *Crit. Misc.* (1886) III. 365 The whole of our knowledge will be impressed with ..the character of positivity or scientificalness.

†**Scientificiall,** *a. Obs. rare.* [Bad form of Scientifical, after *artificial.*] = Scientifical.

1646 Sir T. Browne *Pseud. Ep.* I. vii. 26 In naturall Philosophy,..is expected a satisfaction from scientificiall progressions, and such as beget a sure and rationall beleefe. 1649 Jer. Taylor *Gt. Exemp.* Disc. iii. § 21 In other sciences the terms must first be known and then the rules, and conclusions scientificiall.

Scientifico-, used as comb. form of Scientific *a.*, in hyphened nonce-formations with adjs., expressing the sense 'scientific and (something else)'.

1882 *Times* 21 Apr. 5/4 Erasmus Darwin,..known..by his scientifico-poetic work 'The Botanic Garden'. 1884 *Contemp. Rev.* Mar. 395 The novelist proceeds with that scientifico-historical conscience. 1887 *Ibid.* May 715 He [Sardou] attempted to dethrone Jules Verne in the realm of the scientifico-geographical spectacular piece.

Scientintically, *adv.* A burlesque nonce-word, formed by a blending of *scientifically* and *tint.*

1761 Sterne *Tr. Shandy* III. v, He must have redden'd, pictorically and scientintically speaking, six whole tints and a half..above his natural colour.

†**Scie·ntious,** *a. Obs.* [ad. late L. **scientiōsus* (implied in *scientiōsē* adv.), f. *scientia* knowledge, Science: see -ous. Cf. OF. *sciencieux.*] Full of knowledge, knowing. Hence † **Scientiously** *adv.*

1651 Biggs *New Disp.* § 76 There is none amongst all of them that hath scientiously describ'd the properties of simples. 1654 Vilvain *Theorem. Theol.* Suppl. 239 b, Serjeant Glyn..can scientiously satisfy any Man, that ther be such impious confederats with Satan. 1657 W. Morice *Coena quasi* Κοινὴ Def. xxi. 200 Ministers..must be obeyed by more scientious auditors when they speak in his name.

Scientism (sə(ɪ)·ĕntizm). [f. *scient-* (see Scientist) + -ism.] The habit and mode of expression of a man of science.

1877 *Fraser's Mag.* XVI. 274 Its dogmatism on the one hand,..and its 'scientism' on the other, even when most atheistic, are tempered with mutual civility. 1895 *Daily News* 14 Nov. 6/5 By scientism he meant to express that change which had come over the thought of the world in consequence of the wonderful additions to the common stock of knowledge. 1903 *Contemp. Rev.* May 727 What modern Scientism knows as the Supersensuous Consciousness.

†**Scienti·ssimous,** *a. Obs. rare*−1. [f. L. *scientissim-us*, superl. of *sciens* knowing + -ous.] Very learned.

1650 J. Jones *Judges Judged* 88 The Wise, Learned, ..Scientissimous Interpreters of the Laws of England.

Scientist (sə(ɪ)·ĕntist). [f. *scient-* (in L. *scientia* Science, and in Scientific) + -ist.] A man of science.

1840 Whewell *Philos. Induct. Sci.* I. Introd. 113 We need very much a name to describe a cultivator of science in general. I should incline to call him a Scientist. 1840 *Blackw. Mag.* XLVIII. 273 Leonardo was mentally a seeker after truth—a scientist; Coreggio was an assertor of truth—an artist. 1853 F. Hall in *Leslie's Misc.* II. 169 Atrahilious scientists. 1878 T. Sinclair *Mount* 13 They know that the sun is better where it is than under the scalpel or other instruments of the intense scientists.

Scientistic (sə(ɪ)ĕntɪ·stik), *a. rare.* [f. Scientist + -ic.] Characteristic of, or having the attributes of, a scientist. (Used depreciatively). Hence **Scienti·stically** *adv.*

1878 T. Sinclair *Mount* 105 'The more the worse', is the fearful political fact of the coming time; and it will by and bye be seen that scientistic free-trade is responsible for it. 1883 Wright *Dogm. Scepticism* 12 All that may be scientifically true or scientistically false in connexion with bioplasmic theories. 1892 *Sat. Rev.* 6 Aug. 160/1 The most conscientiously scientistic of scientists.

†**Sci·entive,** *a. Sc. Obs.* [a. OF. *scientif*, f. *scient* Scient *a.*: see -ive.] Well-versed, learned.

1560 Rolland *Crt. Venus* II. 536 Then Desperance deliuerit his missiue Vnto thir ten, so sweit and scientiue. 1560 — *Seven Sages* 10 Within ȝeiris fiue He sall be mair cunning and Scientiue Nor I. 1596 Dalrymple tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* II. 44 He was sa weil instructed,..and in al sciences was sa scientiue and cunning, that in quhat science he was cunningest culd na man tel.

†**Scienti·vity.** *Obs. rare*−1. [f. Scientive + -ity.] The power or faculty of knowing.

1677 Gale *Crt. Gentiles* IV. II. 331 The Scientivitie of God and his Intellect is never satisfied with any finite or infinite number of existent singulars of any one species or al. *Ibid.* 332 [see Sciability].

Scientize (sə(ɪ)·ĕntəiz), *v. rare.* [f. *scient-* (as in Scientist) + -ize.] *intr.* To lay down scientific propositions, to theorize.

1890 *Murray's Mag.* May 697 Some few of your philosophers..have scientised over it.

†**Sci·entman.** *Obs. rare*−1. [? f. Scient + Man *sb.*] A man of knowledge.

1636 Prynne *Unbish. Tim.* (1661) 127 Therefore these Elders, must certainly be the better, the most eminent Scientmen, and so Paramount the Angel-Bishops in all these respects.

Scieve, obs. f. Sieve. **Sci. fa.,** abbrev. f. Scire facias. **Scift(e,** obs. ff. Shift. **Scil.,** abbrev. f. Scilicet. **Scild,** obs. f. Shield. **Scilence,** obs. f. Silence. **Scilfisc,** obs. f. Shellfish.

‖ **Scilicet** (sə(ɪ)·lisĕt), *adv.* (*sb.*). [L. *scīlicet* = *scīre licet* 'it is permitted to know'.] To wit; that is to say; namely. Abbreviated *scil.* or *sc.*

1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) II. 335 Looke to fore in þe firste book Capitulo Grecia, scilicet El[l]adia. 1547 Hooper *Declar. Christ & Off.* xii. L vij b, God sentithe an other mystres to scole man, scilicet aduersitie. 1601 [W. Watson] *Dial. Sec. Priest & Lay Gentl.* Pref. *iij b, Vntill they heare the case decided: and who they are, *scil.* the secular priests or the Iesuits. 1643 in J. Simon *Ess. Irish Coins* (1749) 120 They..shall stamp the same on the one side with these letters (*scilicet*) C. R. for *Carolus Rex.* 1652 Gaule *Magastrom.* xviii. 160 The ultimate end of the universe, *sc.* to know, and love God. 1855 J. S. Watson tr. *Xenophon's Anab.* I. x. § 3 *note*, [For πρὸς τῶν Ἑλλήνων] Brodæus suggested πρὸς τὸ τῶν Ἑλλήνων, scil. στρατόπεδον.

† b. Used ironically: Forsooth.

1539 Cromwell in Merriman *Life & Lett.* (1902) II. 207 That holy (scilicet) father of R[ome].

c. as *sb.* The word 'scilicet' or its equivalent, introducing a specifying clause.

1650 *Hobart's Rep.* 171 Now I come to the use of a (viz.) or (sc.) or in english (that is to say) and the nature and force of it. 1669 *Croke's Rep. Jas. I* (ed. 2) 429 But it was adjudged, that *postea convertit*, is sufficient, and the *scilicet* is void. 1805 *East's Rep.* V. 253 Where that which comes under a *scilicet* is consistent with what went before.

‖ **Scilla** (si·lă). [L. = Gr. σκίλλα.] a. *Bot.* A genus of liliaceous plants; a plant of this genus, a squill. b. *Pharmacy.* The bulb of *Urginea Scilla* (formerly called *Scilla maritima*).

1824 Loudon *Encycl. Gard.* § 6502 Some species of scilla, muscari, iris, allium, oxalis. 1880 *Echo* 4 Oct. 4/1 Hardy bulbs, tulips, crocus, and scillas for example.

Scilling, obs. form of Shilling.

Scilli·tic, *a. Pharmacy. rare*−0. [ad. L. *scillītic-us*: see next.] (See quot.)

1876 Dunglison *Med. Lex., Scillitic*, containing squill.

Scillitin (si·litin). *Chem.* Also -ine. [a. F. *scillitine*, f. *scillit-ique* obtained from squills, ad. L. *scillītic-us*, a. Gr. σκιλλῖτικός, f. σκιλλίτης of the same meaning, f. σκίλλα Scilla, Squill: see -ite and -in.] (See quot. 1819.)

1819 Children *Chem. Anal.* 288 Scillitin is the bitter principle of the scilla maritima or squill. 1850 *Chem. Gaz.* VIII. 276 The author [Bley] has obtained scillitine in a crystalline state. 1875 H. C. Wood *Therap.* (1879) 479 Scillitin has been asserted to be the active principle of squill; but the scillitin of different authors is diverse.

Scillonian (silōʊ·niăn), *a.* and *sb.* [f. *Scilly* + *-onian* (? after *Devonian*; but cf. *Islonian*, 'a native of the Isle of Axholme', Peacock *Manley & Corringham Gloss.*).] a. *adj.* Pertaining to the Scilly Isles or their inhabitants. b. *sb.* An inhabitant of the Scilly Isles.

1822 Woodley *Scilly Isl.* I. v. 108 The majority of the Scillonians..are very exemplary. 1884 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 2 Aug. 4/1 The dominant..idea in every Scillonian breast. 1896 Besant *Armorel* I. iv, 'Now to a Scilly boy—' 'A Scillonian,' the girl corrected him.

Scilocco, Scilwis: see Sirocco, Skillwise.

Scim, Scima, obs. forms of Skim, Cyma.

Scimble-scamble, obs. f. Skimble-skamble.

Scimitar (si·mităr). Forms: α. 6 cimitarie, -erie, 7 -ary, -ery; 6 semeterrie, -iterie, -orie, 6–7 -arie, scimitarie. β. 6 cemiterre, -are, cimyter, 6–7 cimiterre, cymiter, 6–9 cimiter, 8 -etar, 7 cymitar, -et(t)er, -etre, cemiter, -ar, -eter, 7–9 cimeter. γ. 6 semitor, symitare, 6–7 semitar, 7 -iter(e, -yter, symeter, 8–9 simitar. δ. 7 scindifer, skimiter, scemiter, 7–9 scimiter, scimeter, ecymitar, -etar, -iter, -eter, scimetar, 6– scimitar. [Adopted in the 16th c. in various forms from different Rom. langs. The word appears as F. *cimeterre* (15th c. in Hatz.-Darm.; also ? *sanneterre*, ? *sauveterre*, and 16th c. *cimiterre*), It. *scimitarra* (formerly also *cimitara*), Sp. *cimitarra*, Pg. *cimitarra*, *semitierra*, *samitarra*. A Turkish origin would be expected, but no likely etymon has been found in that language; the Persian شمشیر *shamshīr*, formerly prononnced *shamshēr* (whence Gr. σαμψήρα 'a barbarian sword', Suidas) agrees in sense but is unsatisfactory as to form. The Basque **cimeterra* 'sharp-edged', has been suggested as the source, but this appears unlikely, and recent Basque dicts. do not give the adj.

In Chr. Richerius Thoringneus *De Rebus Turcarum* (1540), *cymitharra* is given as the name by which the Janizaries called their weapon; but this does not prove that the word was Turkish.]

1. A short, curved, single-edged sword, used among Orientals, esp. Turks and Persians.

α. *a* 1548 Hall *Chron., Hen. VIII*, 6 b, Appareled after Turkey fashion..girded with two swordes, called Cimiteries. 1596 Nashe *Saffron Walden* 8 A trenchant Turkish semitorie. 1603 Florio *Montaigne* II. xxvii. 403 By one onely blow of a Cimitary or broade Persian Sword. 1613 Bingham *Xenophon* 79 With the stroke of a Cimitery. 1623 Cockeram I, *Semitarie*, a crooked Sword or Faulchion.

β. 1579 North tr. *Plutarch, Alexander* (1595) 751 He..ran sodainly to him with a cimiter drawen in his hand. 1596 Spenser *F. Q.* v. v. 3 Vppon her thigh her Cemitare was tide. 1615 G. Sandys *Trav.* 28 The Patrone..drawing a Turkish Cymiter, beginneth to lay about him. 1781 Gibbon *Decl. & F.* III. xxxiv. 266 They worshipped their tutelar deity under the symbol of an iron cimeter. 1838 Lytton *Leila* I. ii, The curving cimiter. 1886 *Harper's Mag.* Feb. 467/2 Shemr raised his glittering cimeter.

γ. 1588 Shaks. *Tit. A.* IV. ii. 91 He dies vpon my Semitars sharpe point. 1592a Kyd *Sol. & Perс.* I. iii. 100 With this Semitor I..Endured some three or foure howers combat. 1634 Sir T. Herbert *Trav.* 53 An vnexpected Semiter ..cut off his head. 1662 Evelyn *Chalcogr.* Table, Damascus Symeters. 1690 *Gt. Scanderberg* 78 His Semitar had cleaved so fast to his hand in the heat of the Fight, that it could not be pluck'd off.

δ. 1562a J. Shute tr. *Two Comm.* II. 43 The sworde that Scanderbeg strake the beste with was a Scimitar bending lyke vnto a falchion. 1621 Burton *Anat. Mel.* I. ii. IV. vii, If they haue a good skimiter, [they] had rather haue a blow on their arme, then their weapon hurt. 1669 Davenant *Man's the Master* IV. 57 Suppose that with a Syrian Scemiter,..I were minc'd into a Py. 1750 Johnson *Rambler* No. 82 P 10 A Scymitar once wielded by a soldier. 1788 Gibbon *Decl. & F.* lxvii. VI. 441 In the hands of the Turks, the scymetar was the only instrument of conversion. 1813 Byron *Corsair* iii. 8 Therefore came I..To smite the smiter

with the scimitar. 1832 W. Irving *Alhambra* II. 64 His scymetar and dagger were of the workmanship of Fez. 1870 Lubbock *Orig. Civilis.* vi. (1875) 310 The Scythians worshipped an iron scimetar as the symbol of the war-god.

b. *transf.* and *fig.*

1689 Cotton *Winter* xxxv, And Pendant by their brawny Thighs, Hang Cimetars of burnisht Ice. 1825 Scott *Talism.* iii, To raise up the scimitar of resistance.

2. Short for *scimitar razor-shell* (see 3).

1855 Kingsley *Glaucus* (1878) 70 The grey scimitars are Soleos.

3. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *scimitar-horned*, *-shaped* adjs.; **scimitar-pea**, a variety of pea (named from the shape of the pod); **scimitar-pod**, the woody legume of the tropical climber *Entada scandens*; **scimitar razor-shell**, the *Solen Ensis*; **scimitar-tree**, an evergreen tree of the genus *Harpephyllum*.

1895 J. G. Millais *Breath fr. Veldt* (1899) 145 The noble presence of the *scimitar-horned sable antelope. 1844 Stephens *Bk. Farm* II. 550 The Carolina, blue *scimitar, and blue and green tall and dwarf imperial [peas]. 1856 Morton *Cycl. Agric.* II. 576 The blue scimitar pea. 1871 J. Smith *Domestic Bot.* 432 *Scimitar Pods (*Entada scandens*)...Its large hard-wooded flat pods..resemble a sword or scimitar. 1819 Turton *Conchol. Dict.* 160 *Solen Ensis*, *Scimitar Razor-shell. 1776 J. Lee *Introd. Bot.* Expl. Terms 386 Acinaciforme, *scymitar-shaped. 1850 R. G. Cumming *Hunter's Life S. Afr.* (1902) 142/2 Knotted, scimitar-shaped horns.

Hence **Sci·mitared** *a.*, (*a*) bearing or armed with a scimitar; (*b*) 'scimitar-shaped, acinaciform' (*Cent. Dict.* 1891).

1845 E. Warburton *Crescent & Cross* II. 280 Turbaned and scimitared servants. 1885 Meredith *Diana* xxxv, The scimitared Mesrour.

Scin, Scinc, obs. forms of Skin, Skink.

Scincidoid (si·nsidoid). [f. mod.L. *Scincidæ* pl., f. L. *scinc-us* Skink: see -id and -oid.] A lizard of the family *Scincidæ*.

1841 *Penny Cycl.* XXI. 73/1 Scincidoïds.

Scincle, obs. form of Shingle.

Scincoid (si·ŋkoid), *a.* and *sb.* [ad. mod.L. *scincoīdēs* (neut. pl. *-oīdea*), f. *scinc-us* Skink: see -oid.] **a.** *adj.* Resembling a skink; belonging to the group *Scincoidea* or the family *Scincidæ* of skink-like lizards. **b.** *sb.* A skink-like lizard.

1790 J. White *Jrnl. Voy. N. S. Wales* 242 The Scincoid, or Skinc-formed Lizard. 1789 G. Shaw *Naturalist's Misc.* Pl. 179 The Scincoid Lizard is a native of New Holland. 1841 *Penny Cycl.* XXI. 72/2 Oppel included under his Scincoïds..the Scinks, the genus *Seps*, the Scheltopusiks, the genus *Anguis*, and the Orvets. 1870 Gillmore tr. *Figuier's Reptiles & Birds* ii. 40 The smooth scales of various Scincoid Lizards.

Scincoidian (siŋkoi·diăn), *a.* and *sb.* Also **-ean.** [f. as prec. + -ian.] = Scincoid.

1840 *Penny Cycl.* XVIII. 258/2 Scincoidian Lizards, or Lepidosauri. 1841 *Ibid.* XXI. 74/1 There is not a single Scincoidian whose geographical range is confined to Europe. 1870 H. A. Nicholson *Man. Zool.* lxiv. (1875) 481 The Scincoidean Lizards.

Scind (sind), *v. rare.* [ad. F. *scinder*, or its source L. *scind-ĕre*: see Scission.] *trans.* To divide, make a scission in.

1870 Baring-Gould *Orig. & Dev. Rel. Belief* II. ii. 25 A fatal mistake to scind what is by its nature indivisible.

Scind, variant of Synd *v. dial.*, to rinse.

† Scindapse. *Obs. rare*—[1]. [ad. Gr. *σκινδαψός* a 'thingumbob', a what-d'ye-call-it.]

a 1641 Bp. Mountagu *Acts & Mon. Ch.* (1642) 211 So might the Sibyls be Scindapses, Counterfaits, *Entia rationis*, no such creatures.

Scinder, var. Sinder *v.* **Scine,** obs. f. Shine.

† Sci·niphes. *Obs.* (See Ciniphes.)

1607 R. C[arew] tr. *Estienne's World of Wonders* Ep. Ded. ¶ 5 Whose prouidence reacheth from the Center to the Circumference; from the silliest Scyniph to the highest Seraphin. 1609 Bible (Douay) *Exod.* viii. comm., *Sciniphes*, smale flying beastes, especially molestiog mens eyes.

Scink: see Skink.

† Scintill, *sb. Obs.* or *arch.* Also 7 syntille, 7, 9 scintil. Anglicized form of Scintilla.

1599 in *Archpriest Controv.* (Camden) I. 158 This gentleman, in whome..neuer scintill of disloyalty..did once lurke. 1644 Bp. Maxwell *Prerog. Chr. Kings* xiii. 128 The scintil from the flint-stone. 1653 A. Wilson *Jas. I*, 55 Some little scintils of Love. 1860 Sangster *Hesperus*, etc. 26 No scintil of their [the stars'] jewelled flame.

† Scintill, *v. Obs.* [ad. F. *scintiller* or L. *scintillāre*, f. *scintilla* (see next).] *intr.* To sparkle.

1681 Colvil *Whigs Supplic.* (1751) 150 His breast so filled was with ire, That's eyes both sparkled and scintilled.

‖ Scintilla (sinti·lă). [L.] A spark; always *fig.*, a minute particle, an atom.

1692 T. Watson *Body of Div.* 434 God takes notice of the least scintilla, the least spark of grace in his Children. *a* 1734 North *Examen* III. ix. § 11 (1740) 655 Such was the Disposition..in most People, upon a Scintilla of Evidence, to conclude the King was a Papist. 1851 Helps *Comp. Solit.* xii. (1874) 229 They are daring words,..but they have a scintilla of truth in them. 1887 T. A. Trollope *What I remember* III. xxii. 324 She expressed herself ..accurately..but without a scintilla of animation.

Scintillant (si·ntilănt), *a.* Also 8 **scintilant.** [ad. L. *scintillant-em*, pres. pple. of *scintillāre* to Scintillate. Cf. F. *scintillant.*] Scintillating.

1737 M. Gresn *Spleen* 219 Who can view the pointed rays, That from black eyes scintillant blaze? 1790 R. Kerr tr. *Lavoisier's Elem. Chem.* 497 Red scintilant zeolite from Edelfors. 1806 Turton tr. *Linn. Syst. Nat.* VII. Expl. Terms, *Scintillant*, emitting sparks of fire when burnt. 1864 G. Musgrave *Ten Days in Fr. Parsonage* II. ii. 53 Cloth of gold,..silk, and other scintillant adornments. 1890 Clark Russell *Shipmate Louise* III. xli. 289 By this time the island had melted into the scintillant dusk of the sky.

b. *Her.* Emitting sparks.

1610 Guillim *Heraldry* III. iv. (1611) 95 He beareth seven Firebrands flammant and Scintillant proper. 1868 Cussans *Handbk. Her.* viii. (1893) 130.

c. *fig.*

1794 Mrs. Piozzi *Brit. Synon.* I. 400 Hudibras too, of all books perhaps most dazzling with scintillant brightness. 1828 D'Israeli *Chas. I*, viii. I. 249 His scintillant wit. 1880 Ruskin *Notes on Prout & Hunt* 9 Genius..scintillant enough to be made more vivid by contraction.

Scintillate (si·ntilēt), *v.* [f. L. *scintillāt-*, ppl. stem of *scintillāre*, f. Scintilla. Cf. F. *scintiller* (13th c. in Hatz.-Darm.).]

1. *intr.* To send forth sparks or little flashes of light; to sparkle, twinkle.

1623 Cockeram I, *Scintillate*, to sparkle or leape vp. 1789 Maskelyne in *Phil. Trans.* LXXIX. 262 They appear to cast out rays of a determinate figure,..and to scintillate a little, if the air be not very clear. 1824 Galt *Rothelan* I. II. ix. 226 Now and then the glancing of armour scintillated out from the grey. 1840 Barham *Ingol. Leg., Lady Rohesia*, Her eyes..scintillating like flint and steel. 1869 Dunkin *Midnight Sky* 191 The latter [planets] have been known to scintillate more or less. 1894 Mrs. F. Elliot *Roman Gossip* xv. 319 Her dark eyes scintillating with fury.

b. *fig.*

1864 *Reader* 23 Apr. 515 A work scintillating throughout with wit and humour. 1899 Ellen T. Fowler *Double Thread* vii. 93 My wit is all of the p.m. variety, and never scintillates in the morning.

2. *trans.* To emit as a spark or sparks; to send forth (sparkles of light); to flash forth.

1809 W. Irving *Knickerb.* I. ii. (1820) 46 That this globe was originally a globe of liquid fire, scintillated from the body of the sun, by the percussion of a comet. *a* 1864 N. Hawthorne *Mother Rigby's Pipe* ii, The star on Feather-top's breast had scintillated actual flames. 1866 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 13 Oct. 1 A little too much given to scintillate bitter epigram.

3. *pass.* To be ornamented with bright specks.

1851 Turner *Dom. Archit.* II. iii. 87 Painted of a green colour, scintillated or starred with gold.

Scintillating (si·ntilētiŋ), *ppl. a.* [-ing 2.] That scintillates; sparkling. *lit.* and *fig.*

1775 Ash, *Scintillating*, sending forth sparks, sparkling as the stars. 1789 E. Darwin *Bot. Gard.* I. (1791) 33 Cold from each point cerulean lustres gleam, Or shoot in air the scintillating stream. 1810 Shelley *Zastrozzi* i. Pr. Wks. 1888 I. 6 A scintillating flame darted from the ceiling to the floor. 1883 F. Harrison *Choice of Bks.*, etc. (1886) 401 It is a very inferior task to extract statements from a thousand writers, and then to piece them together into a sort of scintillating mosaic.

Scintillation (sintilē·ʃən). [ad. L. *scintillātiōn-em*, n. of action f. *scintillāre* to Scintillate. Cf. F. *scintillation* (Cotgr., 1611).]

1. The action of scintillating; emission of sparks or spark-like flashes of light.

1623 Cockeram I, *Scintillation*, a sparkling. 1656 Blount *Glossogr.*, *Scintillation*, a sparkling up of fire, or new wine leaping in the glass. 1671 J. Webster *Metallogr.* vi. 96 Coruscation, or scintillation, is a certain sign of Metals that are unripe. 1836 Macgillivray *Trav. Humboldt* x. 125 The fire-balls seemed to explode, but the largest disappeared without scintillation. 1847 De Quincey *Sp. Mil. Num* § 19 (1853) 59 The sudden scintillation from Kate's dress played upon by the morning sun. 1862 Miller *Elem. Chem., Org.* 686 The red prussiate burns with scintillation when introduced into the flame of a candle.

b. An instance of this; a flash, a spark.

1643 Sir T. Browne *Relig. Med.* I. § 32 That is the Spirit of God, the fire and scintillation of that noble and mighty Essence, which is the life and radical heat of spirits. 1646 — *Pseud. Ep.* V. ix. 247 Our Saviour, and the Virgin Mary ..are commonly drawne with scintillations, or radiant Halo's about their head. 1791–2 Cowper tr. *Milton's Ode to his Father* 22 Some scintillations of Promethean fire. 1866 Tyndall *Fragm. Sci.* iii. (1876) 83 The heat there is competent to raise iron to a temperature at which it throws off brilliant scintillations. 1869 Roscoe *Elem. Chem.* 39 Iron wire held in the flame burns with beautiful scintillations.

c. *spec.* The twinkling or tremulous motion of the light of the fixed stars.

1652 Gaule *Magastrom.* xiii. 115 About the magnitude of the Stars...About their scintillation or their trepidation. 1789 Maskelyne in *Phil. Trans.* LXXIX. 261 When I look at the brighter fixed stars, at considerable elevations,..they appear to me without scintillation. 1873 Herschel *Pop. Lect. Sci.* vii. § 101. 317 The twinkling of the stars and the changes of colour they exhibit during the different phases of their scintillations.

d. of the flashing of the eyes.

1838 *J. M. Wilson's Tales Borders* IV. 175/1 While the fire flashed frae his ee in almost palpable scintillations o' fury. 1867 Miss Broughton *Cometh Up* xxxvi, An angry scintillation flashes from Dolly's superb black eyes.

2. *fig.* A flash, a brilliant display (of wit, of thought).

1751 Johnson *Rambler* No. 141 ¶ 7 A man who..dazzles the attention with sudden scintillations of conceit. 1821 V. Knox *Grammar Sch.* 77 Displaying..scintillations of great genius. *a* 1864 Ferrier *Grk. Philos.* (1866) I. xii. 349 Every time his pages are turned they throw forth..new scintillations of thought. 1867 Lydia M. Child *Rom. Republ.* xxiii. 282 These small scintillations of wit.

¶ Misused for Scintilla.

1654 H. L'Estrange *Chas. I* (1655) 5 Had he had the least scintillation of animosity, or majestick indignation. 1862 Goulburn *Pers. Relig.* I. iii. (1871) 32 If the soul has the least scintillation of a desire to be holy. 1883 S. C. Hall *Retrospect* I. 240 He..had not a scintillation of eloquence, and his manner was brusque.

Scintillator (si·ntilēitəɹ). [f. Scintillate *v.* + -or.] A scintillating star.

1872 Proctor *Ess. Astron.* xxi. 256 Capella is another notable scintillator.

Scintille·scent, *a.* [irreg. f. L. *scintillāre* to Scintillate + -escent.] ? Scintillating feebly.

1860 Ld. Lytton *Lucile* II. iii. § 13. 13 One pale, Minute, scintillescent, and tremulous star.

† Sci·ntillize, *v. Obs.* [f. L. *scintillāre* to Scintillate + -ize.] *intr.* To scintillate.

1694 Motteux *Rabelais* v. xx. (1737) 89 The Probity that scintillizes in the Superficies of your Persons.

Scintillometer (sintilo·mĭtəɹ). [f. L. *scintilla* spark + -(o)meter.] An instrument invented by Montigny for measuring the intensity of the scintillation of the stars.

1877 *Monthly Notices Astron. Soc.* XXXVII. 204 A scintillometer, formed of a circular plate of thick glass, was mounted obliquely in the tube of the telescope.

So **Scinti·lloscope** [see -scope]. (See quot.)

1906 *Nature* 1 Nov. Advts. p. vii/2 Glew's Scintilloscope.. Shows a magnificent display of scintillations, showers of sparks, direct from the mineral Pitchblende, Radium,.. Thorium, or any radio-active substance.

Scinti·llose, *a. rare*—[0]. [f. L. *scintilla* spark + -ose.] 'Full of sparks' (Bailey, vol. II, 1727).

Scinti·llous, *a. rare.* [f. L. *scintilla* spark + -ous.] Scintillating.

1826 Moore *Mem.* (1854) V. 49 The grand march of the line,..coming after the broken and scintillous verses that precede it. 1837 Richardson, *Scintillant,..Scintillous.*

So † **Scinti·llously** *adv.*, so as to produce sparks.

a 1529 Skelton *Bk.* 3 *Foles* Wks. 1843 I. 203 Wyth theyr eyen beholdinge a trauers, of stomackes chaufed syntillously.

Scintle, variant of Skintle *v.*

† Sci·o [1], *Obs.* [Subst. use of L. *scio* I know.] At Oxford University: The formal testimony, by a member of the faculty, to the fitness of a candidate for a degree. Also, a person who gives this testimony.

Before a candidate could proceed to a degree, a certain number of members of his faculty had to 'depone' secretly to the Vice-Chancellor in favour of his fitness with regard to conduct and learning. Nine were required in Arts, three in the other faculties. The Vice-Chancellor put the question to each in Latin, and the answer was given in the word 'Scio', 'Credo', or 'Nescio'.

1664 Wood *Life* (O.H.S.) II. 16, I gave a scio for Sr. Boen and Sr. [Henry] Knap of Merton Coll. 1681 *Ibid.* 518 The scio's taken in Adam Brom's chapel. 1721 Hearne *Collect.* (O.H.S.) III. 278 His Scios were Dr Turner [etc.].

Scio [2] (ʃī·o). [Modern name of the island of Chios (see Chian).] In full *Scio turpentine*: turpentine obtained from *Pistacia Terebinthus*.

1830 Linoley *Nat. Syst. Bot.* 129 Scio turpentine is yielded by Pistacia Terebinthus. 1837 R. Ellis *Laws & Regul. Customs* III. 482 Scio or Cyprus is obtained from the *Pinus Pistacia*.

Sciofericall, variant of Sciatherical *Obs.*

Sciograph, -er, etc., obs. ff. Sciagraph, -er, etc.

Sciolism (səi·ŏliz'm). [f. next: see -ism.] The character or qualities of a sciolist; pretentious superficiality of knowledge.

1816 Coleridge *Statesm. Man.* App. 31 That epidemic of a proud ignorance occasioned by a diffused sciolism. 1855 Kingsley *Glaucus* 44 The tendency to shallow and conceited sciolism, engendered by hearing popular lectures on all manner of subjects. 1876 Farrar *Marlb. Serm.* xvi. 148 The empty sciolism of much that calls itself criticism.

Sciolist (səi·ŏlist). [f. late L. *sciol-us* (see Sciolous *a.*) + -ist.] A superficial pretender to knowledge; a conceited smatterer.

1615 Brathwait *Strappado* (1878) 20 The Generall Sciolists or Poettasters of Britannie. 1656 Blount *Glossogr.* To Rdr. A 4, Every..homebred Sciolist being at liberty..to coyn and innovate new Words. 1782 V. Knox *Ess.* cx. (1819) II. 264 Contemptible sciolists who called themselves theatrical critics. 1817 Coleridge *Biogr. Lit.* I. iii. 58 In proportion as a still greater diffusion of literature shall produce an increase of sciolists. 1880 Swinburne *Stud. Shaks.* 18 The last resource of an empiric, the last refuge of a sciolist.

Hence **Scioli·stic** *a.*, characteristic of a sciolist.

1831 W. Godwin *Thoughts Man* 369 Must there not be in this subtle distribution much of what is arbitrary and sciolistic? 1870 Lowell *Among my Bks.* Ser. II. (1873) 298 Sciolistic theorizing and dogmatism.

Sciolous (səi·ŏləs), *a.* Now *rare.* [f. late L. *sciol-us* smatterer (dim. of L. *scius* knowing, f. *scīre* to know) + -ous. Cf. It. *sciolo.*] Having a smattering of knowledge, sciolistic.

1639 Lo. Digay *Lett. conc. Relig.* (1651) 18 Only sciolous wits float onely in uncertainty. 1640 Howell *Dodona's Gr.* 87, I could wish, that these sciolous Zelotists had more Judgement joynd with their Zeale. 1836 D. Hoffman *Course Legal Study* (1846) 794 The elaborated works of ignorance,..the speculations of the sciolous. 1861 *Temple Bar* IV. 114 Legros was not the superficial, supercilious, sciolous man many of his countrymen are.

‖ Sci·olus. Pl. **scioli.** *Obs.* [L.: see prec.] A smatterer, sciolist.

1612 T. James *Corrupt. Script.* v. 7 Certaine *Scioli*, or cunning men, which tooke vpon them..to mend the old

Bookes vpon coniecture. 1658 Burton *Comment. Itin. Antoninus* 34 Camden..advises to exclnde these words,.. as a *glossema* foisted in by some *sciolus*.

Sciomachy, variant of Sciamachy.

Sciomancy (sə̆i·ŏmænsi). Also 7 -mantie, 8 scia-. [ad. mod.L. *sciomantīa*, f. Gr. σκιο-, σκιά shadow + μαντεία: see -mancy. Cf. F. *sciomance* (Cotgr. 1611).] Divination by communication with the shades of the dead.

1623 Cockeram, *Sciomancie*, dinination by shadowes. 1647 A. Ross *Mystag. Poet.* xii. (1675) 307 This..was but Sciomancy, or a sight of shadows only, not Necromancy. 1656 Blount *Glossogr.*, *Sciomantia*,..the part of Necromancy, practised by shadows. *a* 1693 *Urquhart's Rabelais* III. xxv, If you be afraid of the Dead,..I will make use of the Faculty of Sciomancy. 1728 Chambers *Cycl.* s. v. *Sciomantia*, The Witch who conjured up the Soul of Samuel.. did it by Sciomancy. 1752 *Ibid.* (ed. 7), Sciamantia, Sciamancy, or Sciomancy. 1852 Roget *Thesaurus* § 511 Divination. .. By ghosts; Psychomancy. By shadows or manes; Sciomancy.

Hence **Sciomantic** *a.*, pertaining to sciomancy.

1859 *Mem. E. Henderson* vi. 378 The actual not sciomantic appearance of Samuel at Endor.

Scion (sə̆i·ən). Forms: α. 4 si-, syoun, 5–6 syon, syun, 6–7 si-, syen, 6 sion, 7 seyon. β. 5 cyun, 6–9 cion, 7–8 oi-, cyen, cyon. γ. 6 scyence, 6–7 science, 6–7 siens, sient, 7 sienoe, cions, cyons, -ens, sciance, cyence, scient. δ. 4, 8–9 scyon, 5 scioun, 7 sci-, scyen, 5– scion. [a. OF. *cion, ciun, cyon, sion*, mod.F. *scion* (Picard *chion*), of obscure origin.

The early forms in OF. are inconsistent with the commonly assumed derivation from *scier* to saw.]

1. † **a.** *gen.* A shoot or twig; also, a sucker. *Obs.* exc. *fig.* b. *spec.* A slip for grafting, a graft.

α. *c* 1305 *Land Cokayne* 74 in *E. E. P.* (1862) 158 Þe sionns beþ al sedwale. *c* 1380 Wyclif *Serm.* Sel. Wks. I. 166 As a sioun mai not bere fruyt but if it stonde stable in þe vyne. 1388 — *Num.* xiii. 24 Thei..kittiden doun a sioun with his grape, which twei men baren in a barre. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 457/2 Syyn, of a tree. 1483 *Cath. Angl.* 341/2 A Syon or A twige. 1513 Douglas *Æneis* III. i. 71 The thrid syon of treis [L. *tertia hastilia*]. 1590 Greene *Neuer too late* Wks. (Grosart) VIII. 97 A crooked sieo will proue a straight tree. 1615 Brathwait *Strappado* (1878) 170 Seyons young tender plants Where the quire of woodbirds chants. 1642 D. Rogers *Naaman* 843 The graffing of a sien into the stocke. 1693 Evelyn *De la Quint. Compl. Gard.* Refl. Agric. 75 Young Siens growing out at the Roots.

β. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 79/1 Cyvn' of a tre, *surculus, vitulamen*. 1572 Mascall *Plant. & Graff.* (1592) 14 When trees shall be thus proined, they shall bring great Cions from their rootes, which shall be frank & good to replant. 1697 Dryden *Virg. Georg.* ii. 92 From Roots hard Hazles, and from Cyens rise Tall Ash. *a* 1722 Lisle *Husb.* 441 Cyons grafted upon suckers. 1796 C. Marshall *Gardening* vii. (1813) 85 Proper stocks being ready, and cions or buds procured. 1802 W. Forsyth *Fruit Trees* xxii. (1824) 304 The cion preserves its natural purity and intent, though it be fed and nourished by a mere crab.

γ. 1523 Fitzherb. *Husb.* (1525) 46 The scyences growynge aboute the tree of the same. 1577 B. Googe *Heresbach's Husb.* II. (1586) 76 The yoong sciences plucked from the rootes of the trees will growe. 1597 Gerarde *Herbal* I. xxv. 34 The roote..from the which there doth shoote foorth manie yoong sciences. 1600 Surflet *Country Farm* III. v. 431 The litle sciences of cherry trees growne thick with hairie roots..being remooued [etc.]. 1612 T. Taylor *Comm. Titus* ii. 14 No more than a sient can bring forth fruit which is not set into a stocke. 1626 Bacon *Sylva* § 453 If you can get a Cions to grow vpon a Stocke of another kinde. 1657 Austen *Fruit Trees* I. 48 Graft every Cyence into its own kind. 1688 Holme *Armoury* II. v. 87/1 Suckers,.. sprouts: some call them Sciences.

δ. 1398 Trevisa *Barth. De P. R.* xvii. cxviii. (Tollem. MS.), *Propago* is a ȝonge spray of a vyne, þat spryngeþ of a scyon. *c* 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* II. 89 Lest the scioun crokidly vp crepe. 1619 T. Taylor *Comm. Titus* Ded., Not tied to it as scion to a tree. 1791 E. Darwin *Bot. Gard.* I. 104 Emerging scion, or awaken'd seed. 1814 Southey *Roderick* xix. 78 Ne'er shall it clothe its boughs Again, nor push again its scyons forth. 1849 H. Miller *Footpr. Creat.* xii. (1874) 217 The species propagated itself by seed, bud, or scion. 1882 *Garden* 25 Mar. 200/1 In making the scions only the well ripened portions of such shoots are used.

c. *fig.* and in *fig. context.*

1590 Lodge *Rotalynde* (1592) A 4 b, Shewe your selues siens worthie of so florishing a tree. 1596 Spenser *F. Q.* v. i. 1 Some of the vertuous race Rose up..That cropt the branches of the sient base. 1611 Shaks. *Wint. T.* IV. iv. 93 You see (sweet Maid) we marry A gentler Sien, to the wildest Stocke. 1658 Milton *Lett. State* Wks. 1851 VIII. 404 To prevent the extirpation of this most antient Scien of the purer Religion. 1684 T. Hockin *God's Decrees* 161 To be really in Christ, is to be grafted into him with the Cyon of divine grace. 1790 Burke *Fr. Rev.* 45 Upon that body and stock of inheritance we have taken care not to inoculate any cyon alien to the nature of the original plant. 1818 Busby *Gram. Mus.* 429 Imitation, a scion of which the Fugue is the parent-tree. 1821 Lamb *Elia* I. *Imperf. Sympathies*, An humble and secular scion of that old stock of religious constancy.

2. An heir, a descendant.

1814 Mrs. J. West *Alicia de Lacy* IV. 248 To guard the precious scion of a noble house. 1816 Byron *Dream* ii, Herself the solitary scion left Of a time-honour'd race. 1817 Malthus *Popul.* I. 135 Young scions are then pushed from the parent stock, and instructed..to gain happier seats for themselves by their swords. 1869 Freeman *Norm. Conq.* III. 22 No son of a kingly father, no scion of legendary heroes. 1871 Dixon *Tower* III. vi. 51 A scion of the imperial Hapsburg line.

Scioptic (sə̆i|ɒ·ptik), *a.* and *sb.* [f. Gr. σκιά shadow + ὀπτικός pertaining to vision: see Optic *a.*

From the dates of our examples, it would appear to be a correction of the less regularly formed Scioptric.]

= Scioptric.

1738–52 Chambers *Cycl., Scioptic* [ed. 1728 *Scioptrick*], a sphere or globe of wood, with [etc.]. 1775 Asn, *Scioptic*, belonging to an instrument used in the camera obscura. 1794 G. Adams *Nat. & Exp. Philos.* II. xv. 178 The scioptic ball..may be considered as a kind of artificial eye. 1828–32 Webster, *Scioptics*, the science of exhibiting images of external objects, received through a double convex glass into a darkened room. [App. an error: cf. quot. 1706 s.v. Scioptric B.] 1842 [see Scioptric *a.*].

Scopticon (sə̆i|ɒ·ptikɒn). [Formed as prec. with Gr. neuter ending.] 'A magic lantern adapted for the exhibition of photographed objects' (Knight *Dict. Mech.* 1875).

1876 *S. Kens. Mus. Catal. Sci. Apparatus* No. 964 a (1877) 245 Sciopticon. 1879 *Nature* 16 Oct. 204/2 Advt. 1883 *Eng. Mech.* 6 Apr. 104 Of the oil-lanterns it will be supposed that I prefer the sciopticon. 1885 C. G. W. Lock *Workshop Rec.* Ser. IV. 401/2 To make an enlargement on a 12 by 10 opal, using a sciopticon burning paraffin.

Scioptric (sei|ɒ·ptrik), *a.* and *sb.* Now *rare* or *Obs.* [f. Gr. σκιά shadow, after *catoptric, dioptric*. Cf. Scioptic.] **A.** *adj. Scioptric ball*: a ball of wood with a hole made through it in which a lens is placed, nsed in the camera obscura.

a 1764 J. Harris *Treat. Optics* (1775) 269 For holding the lens, there is a little convenient apparatus to be had ready in the shops, called a Scioptric-ball. 1783 *P. Fletcher's Purple Isl.* v. xxxvi. *note*, Herein is described the *Camera Obscura*,..which exhibit the pictures of external objects in their proper colours, by means of a convex glass, or Scioptric Ball, either in a darkened chamber, or portable box. *c* 1790 Imison *Sch. Arts* I. 270 A scioptric ball and socket being fastened against a hole in the window-shutter in a darkened chamber. 1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) VI. 36/1 Put the object-glass of a 10 or 12 feet telescope into the scioptric ball. 1842 Brande *Dict. Sci.* etc., *Scioptic Ball* or *Scioptric Ball.*

B. *sb.* = *scioptric ball*: see A.

1704 J. Harris *Lex. Techn.* I. s. v. *Obscura Camera*, Such ready fitted are now commonly sold..on Ludgate-hill, and are called Scioptricks. [1706 Phillips (ed. Kersey), *Scioptricks*, a part of Optics. See *Obscura Camera.*] 1721 in Bailey.

Scioterical, -ique: see Sciatherical, -theric.

Sciothe·ism. [f. Gr. σκιο-, σκιά shadow + θε-ός god + -ism.] A proposed term for the form of religion in which ghosts take the place of gods.

1886 Huxley in *19th Cent.* Apr. 493 This sciotheism, as it might be called. 1886 *Blackw. Mag.* CXL. 794 She has been discoursing..upon sciotheism.

Sciotherical, -therick: see Sciatherical, -io.

Scious (sə̆i·əs), *a. rare*—[1]. [f. L. *sci-us* (see Sciolist) + -ous.] Having knowledge.

a 1834 Coleridge *Lit. Rem.* (1839) IV. 428 Brutes may be, and are scious.

Scip, Scipper, Scipple, obs. ff. Ship, Skipper, Sipple. **Scir(e,** obs. ff. Sheer *a.*, Shire.

‖ **Scire facias** (sə̆i·ri fē·ʃiăs). *Law.* [Subst. use of the Law Latin phrase *scire facias*, 'do (him) to wit', the characteristic words of the writ.] A judicial writ, requiring the sheriff to do the party concerned to wit that he should come before the Court to 'show cause' why execution should not be taken against him, or why letters patent, such as a charter, should not be revoked. Often abbreviated *sci. fa.*

In England now practically superseded by other forms of procedure for most purposes, except the revocation of royal charters.

1441. *Rolls of Parlt.* V. 111/1 And he..be admitted therto, and have for his action in this case, a scire fac' ayenst hym that offendith ayenst this Ordenaunce. 1456 *Coventry Leetbk.* 295 And thei to haue for the seid forfatores seueral Scire facias vpon this mater ayenst suche as offenden. 1544 tr. *Nat. Brevium* 176 In these cases a man shal haue a scire facias within the yere. 1641 *Argts. Hutton & Croke* title-p., A Scire facias brought by the Kings Majesty, in the Court of Exchequer, against John Hampden Esquire. 1688 Shadwell *Sq. Alsatia* I. 5 Put the Case you are indebted to me 20*l.* upon a *Scire facias*. 1768 Blackstone *Comm.* III. 48 It's jurisdiction is to hold plea upon a *scire facias* to repeal and cancel the king's letters patent [etc.]. 1818 Cruise *Digest* (ed. 2) II. 73 He may recover the debt out of the goods of the cognizor, by a *scire facias*, or take his body. 1876 Bancroft *Hist. U. S.* II. xxxi. 279 The power..to bring a chartered colony, by a scire facias, before the English tribunals.

Scirmige, -yssh, obs. forms of Skirmish.

Sciroc(co : see Sirocco.

† **Scirpean,** *a. Obs.*—[o] [f. L. *scirpe-us* (f. *scirpus* bulrush) + -an.] 'Of or belonging to bulrushes' (Blount *Glossogr.* 1656).

Scirra, Scirreve, obs. ff. Sierra, Sheriff.

† **Scirrhe.** *Obs.* Also 7 schirrh, schirr(h)e, schyrrhe, skirrh, 8 schir. [a. F. *scirre, scirrhe* (16th c.; now *squirre, squirrhe*), ad. Gr. σκίρρος Scirrhus.] = Scirrhus.

1598 Sylvester *Du Bartas* II. i. *Furies* 486 Phlegmons, Oedems, Schyrrhes, Erysipiles. 1608 *Ibid., Index Hardest Words, Schirrhes*, a kinde of hard (yet paine-lesse) swellings in the flesh. 1601 Holland *Pliny* xxiv. xix. II. 207 Whether the matrice haue a schirre in it and be hard or swolne. *Ibid.* xxx. xiv. II. 397 Hard tumors, schirrhs, and impostumations of the matrice. 1606 — *Sueton.* Annot. 15 These Cancers be certain tumors or swellings,..which he called Scirrhes. 1659 Macallo *Can. Physick* 66 The latter declares an intemperature, that is, an inflammation, a skirrh or wind to be in those parts [liver and stomach, etc.]. 1761 tr. *Störck's 2nd Ess. Hemlock* 3 Fifteen schirs, the smallest of which was equal to a hen's egg. [In a footnote, the translator says he has chosen this form to avoid 'the disagreeable hissing of the word *schirrusses*'.]

Scirrho- (si·ro, sk-), used as combining form of Scirrhus, in *scirrho-contracted* adj.

1829 *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 3) I. 385 What is usually called a scirrho-contracted rectum. 1835 *Cycl. Pract. Med.* IV. 578/1 It has been clearly proved..that scirrho-contracted rectum..is of not infrequent occurrence.

Scirrhoid (si·roid, sk-), *a.* [f. Scirrhus + -oid.] Resembling scirrhus.

1855 Dunglison *Med. Lex.*

‖ **Scirrhoma** (sirðu·mă, sk-). *Path.* [mod.L. (in tr. *Blancard's Phys. Dict.* 1684, Phillips, ed. Kersey, 1706), f. Gr. σκίρρωμα, σκίρωμα, f. σκίρρος, σκῖρος Scirrhus: see -oma.] A schirrous tumour.

1834 *Cycl. Pract. Med.* III. 657/2 Carcinoma may be divided into two species, the first of which we have called *scirrhoma*, the second *cephaloma*.

† **Scirrhose,** *a. Obs.*—[1] In 8 schirrose. [ad. mod.L. *scirrhōsus*: see -ose.] = Scirrhous.

1725 Robinson *Th. Physick* 159 Schirrose Tumours.

Scirrhosity (sirɒ·sĭti, sk-). Also 6 schirrositye, 7 scirrosity, 7–8 schirrosity, 8 scyrrhosity, schirrhosity. [ad. mod.L. *scirrhōsitās*, f. late L. *scirrhōs-us* Scirrhous: see -ity.] A morbid hardness or scirrhous condition of an organ or a part; the quality or state of being scirrhous.

1599 A. M. tr. *Gabelhouer's Bk. Physicke* 363/1 First on the schirrositye, be it wher it will, you must applye a little Sheepes-woolde dipped in Oyle of Lillyes. 1601 Holland *Pliny* xxx. iii. II. 406 They breed obstructions and schirrhosities in the bellie. 1669 *Phil. Trans.* IV. 980 In diseases of..Spleen Liver and Mesentery; and the scirrosity and hardness of those parts. 1730 Stuart ibid. XXXVI. 346 In Scyrrhosities of the Liver. 1733 Chevne *Eng. Malady* II. vii. § 1 (1734) 184 A discoverable..Schirrosity, or Cancer already extant in it [the Stomach]. 1762 R. Guy *Pract. Obs. Cancers* 30 They often produce Schirrhosities which have afterwards proved cancerous. 1776–84 Cullen *First Lines Physic* § 258 Wks. 1827 II. 12 It is in glandular parts chiefly that scirrhosity is observed. 1822–29 *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 3) I. 387 The existence of transverse filaments [in the gut] is generally preceded by scirrhosity.

Scirrhous (si·rəs, sk-), *a.* Also 6 schirrhouse, 7 skirrous, skyrrhus, 7, 9 scirrous, 7–9 schirrous, 8 skirrhous. [ad. F. *scirr(h)eux* (16th c.; now *squirreux*), ad. mod.L. *scirrhōsus*, f. L. *scirrhus*: see Scirrhus and -ous. Cf. Sp. *escirroso*, Pg. *scirrhoso*, It. *scirroso.*] Proceeding from, of the nature of, or resembling a scirrhus.

1563 T. Gale *Antidot.* I. 4 These medicines..make softe bodyes whiche bee scirrhous and harde. 1599 A. M. tr. *Gabelhouer's Bk. Physicke* 362/2 For harde knobbes, and Schirrhouse tumefactiones. 1615 Crooke *Body of Man* 183 The substance of the spleene is more rare and open then that of the Liner, but yet is oftner afflicted with scirrhous tumors. 1666 J. Smith *Old Age* 186 The entrails of man.. become far harder and faster, and more Schirrous than they were before. 1674–7 J. Molins *Anat. Obs.* (1896) 23 The Liver preternaturally large and Skyrrhus. 1754–64 Smellie *Midwifery* I. 132 The parts will grow schirrous and a cancer ensue. 1776 *Trial of Nundocomar* 33/1, I believe he has a scirrhous liver. 1790 J. C. Smyth in *Med. Commun.* II. 481 A..tumor of the indolent or skirrhous kind. 1855 Ramsbotham *Obst. Med. & Surg.* 227 Skirrhous glands may be detected by their being more or less firmly attached to the surrounding structures. 1878 Bryant *Pract. Surg.* I. 119 Scirrhous cancer.

b. *transf.* Indurated; covered with hard excrescences. Also *fig.*

1658 Franck *Northern Mem.* (1821) 299 Worms that are taken and drag'd forth out of a hard and skirrous earth. 1781 Sir J. Reynolds *Tour Flanders* Wks. 1797 II. 97 A fine portrait of Vesalius the Anatomist, when young, by Tintoret. He has a skirrous bone in his left hand, the other holds a compass. 1816 Southey in *Q. Rev.* XVI. 512 In attempting to produce an effect upon schirrous hearts and distempered intellects. 1842 Tennyson *Amphion* 64 Blow, flute, and stir the stiff-set sprigs, And scirrhous roots and tendons. 1845 S. Judd *Margaret* I. ii. (1874) 7 The father disclosed a merry expression of face, shining, scirrhous skin, and a plump, ruby head.

Hence **Sci·rrhousness** (Bailey vol. II, 1727).

‖ **Scirrhus** (si·rŏs, sk-). *Path.* Pl. **scirrhi,** also anglicized **scirrhusses.** Also 7 skyrrhus, schirrous, 7–8 schirrhus, 8–9 schirrus, *pl.* 7 scirri, 8 schirri. [mod.L., a. Gr. σκίρρος, properly σκῖρος a hard coat or covering, a hardened swelling or tumour, related to σκῖρός hard. Cf. F. *scirre* (16th c.; now *squirre*), Sp. *escirro*, Pg. *scirrho, scirro*, It. *scirro.*]

1. A hard, firm, and almost painless swelling or tumour; now *spec.* a hard cancer.

1615 Crooke *Body of Man* 460 In this place sayth Bauhine ..I found a scirrhus or hard tumor. 1658 Rowland tr. *Mouffet's Theat. Ins.* 1000 For a Schirrous of the womb he useth a Buprestis. 1660 Jer. Taylor *Worthy Commun.* ii. § 3. 140 The Priest..thrusts his hand into the region of the lower belly, and looks if there be an ulcer, or a scirrhus. 1674–7 J. Molins *Anat. Obs.* (1896) 20 The weaknesse of the Liver caused by a Skyrrhus. 1681 tr. *Willis' Rem. Med. Wks.* Vocab., *Schirri* and *scirri* are hard swellings in the flesh, without pain, but hardly curable. 1684 Boyle *Porousn. Anim. & Solid Bodies* vi. 55 The outward Medicine resolved

the scirrhus. 1766 *Gentl. Mag.* Dec. 578/2 A schirrus in the right breast..had considerably encreased, looked livid, oozed a little, and was painful. 1782 Hebeboen *Comm.* iii. (1806) 13 Dropsy..or scirrhi of some of the viscera. 1866 A. Flint *Princ. Med.* (1880) 46 A scirrhus is a hard cancer in which the fibrous stroma predominates.

b. *fig.*

1646 Fuller *Wounded Consc.* (1647) 22 And when that Callum, Schirrus or Incrustation drawn over it by nature.. is once fleyed off, the Conscience becomes so pliant and supple, that the least imaginable touch is painfull unto it.

2. The disease of having a scirrhus (sense 1); an instance or attack of this disease.

1605 Timme *Quersit.* iii. 161 Of the congelations of these salts comes goutes stones, scirrhus, hardnesse, and divers kinds of obstructions. 1651 Biggs *New Disp.* § 155 The dysentery, Colick or nephritick Convulsions, schirrhus, &c. 1719 Quincy *Compl. Disp.* 121 It somewhat inclines by Urine, and is reckon'd good in Schirri. 1732 Arbuthnot *Rules of Diet in Aliments*, etc. 323 And many chronical Distempers, as Jaundice, Dropsy, Schirrus's and Scurvies. 1813 J. Thomson *Lect. Inflam.* 126 To regard schirrus as one of the usual effects of ordinary inflammation. 1872 Peaslee *Ovar. Tumors* 20, I also think a single ovary to be more frequently affected by scirrhus than both. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VI. 97 According to Douglas Powell, scirrhus is the most frequent form [of mediastinal cancer].

Sciruy, obs. form of Scurvy.

† **Sci·scitation**. *Obs. rare.* [f. L. *sciscitātiōn-em* inquiry, f. *sciscitārī* to ask, inquire, question, f. *sciscĕre* search, seek to know, inceptive of *scīre* to know.] Questioning.

1634 Bp. Hall *Contempl., N. T.* i. *Annunc.* 8 There is not a more noble proofe of our faith, then..without all sciscitation, to goe blindfold whither he will lead us. 1646 Trapp *John* ix. 7 He believeth and doth as he was bidden, without sciscitation. 1656 — *Heb.* xi. 8 He is to be obeyed without sciscitation, with a blinde obedience. 1690 C. Nesse *Hist. & Myst. O. & N. Test.* I. 132 Abraham..immediately departed without sciscitation or carnal reasonings.

[**Scise** *v.*: see *List of Spurious Words.*]

Sciseme, obs. form of Schism.

Scism(a, -e, etc., obs. forms of Schism, etc.

Scissel (si·sĕl). Also 7 scizell, 9 sizel, scisail(e. [a. F. *cisaille* 'the clipping of coyne presently after the stampe' (Cotgr. 1611), verbal noun from *cisailler* to clip with shears.] (See quot. 1842.)

1622 Malynes *Anc. Law-Merch.* 282 The wast of Copper, which commeth by melting of Bullion, remelting of the Brocage and Scizell, and by working, hammering, often nealing and blaunching of the moneys. 1834–6 Barlow in *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) VIII. 613/2 The remainder of the plate between the holes left by the blank was remelted again, under the denomination of *sizel*. 1842 Brande *Dict. Sci.*, etc., *Scissel*, the clippings of various metals produced in several mechanical operations concerned in their manufacture. The slips or plates of metal out of which circular blanks have been cut for the purpose of coinage are called *scissel* at the Mint. 1864 *Chamb. Encycl.* VI. 481/2 The scrap left after the blanks are cut out, called *scissel*, is sent back to be remelted. 1868 Seyd *Bullion & Foreign Exch.* 273 The perforated ribbons..called Scissel go back to the Melting Room.

[**Scissible**: see Scissile *a.*, quot. 1626.]

Scissile (si·sil), *a.* [ad. L. *scissilis*, f. *scindĕre* to cut or divide. Cf. F. *scissile* (1611 Cotgr.), It. *scissile.*] Capable of being cut or divided; *spec.* in *Min.*, that splits into laminæ, esp. of alum.

1621 Wydowes *Nat. Philos.* 30 Hard Allome or Allome Scissile is thicke, and cleaueth. 1626 Bacon *Sylva* § 846 The Differences of..Scissile and Not Scissile [1635 Scissible and Not Scissible]; and many other Passions of Matter are Plebeian Notions. 1670 *Phil. Trans.* V. 2040 We found it [a stone] somewhat scissile and reducible by a knife into thin lamina's or plates. 1731 Arbuthnot *Aliments* vi. (1735) 194 Animal Fat..is scissile like a Solid. 1753 *Chambers' Cycl.* Suppl. s. v. *Alum*, Scissile or fossile Alum.

Scission (si·ʃən). [a. F. *scission* (14th c. in Hatz.-Darm.) (= It. *scissione*), ad. late L. *scissiōn-em* a cleaving or dividing, f. L. *scindĕre* (ppl. stem *sciss-*) to cut or divide.]

1. The action, or an act of cutting or dividing, as with a sharp instrument.

1676 Wiseman *Chirurg. Treat.* v. iii. 357 Nerves may be many ways wounded, viz. by Scission or Puncture. 1835 Kirby *Hab. & Inst. Anim.* I. Introd. 25 Mix them, and you have an animal which begins to absorb fluid, and..multiplies itself by scissions or germes.

2. *fig.* Division, separation; in early use = Schism.

1443 *Sc. Acts Jas. II* (1814) II. 33/1 Alsua at ferme & faste obedience be kepit til our haly fadir the pape Eugene ..And at rigorouss processis he maid agaynis þe fauoraris of scissione, & the agaynstandaris of þe said obedience. 1736 Hervey *Mem. Geo. II*, 252 A scission (which is the term the Poles have to express an election decided by arms and not by voices). 1789 Jefferson *Writ.* (1853) II. 561 The Princes of the blood..presented and published a memoir, threatening a scission. 1798 *Ibid.* IV. 246 If on a temporary superiority of the one party, the other is to resort to a scission of the Union, no federal government can ever exist. 1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* II. iii. iii. (1872) 97 Things ripen towards downright incompatibility and what is called 'scission'. 1870 Baring-Gould *In Exitu Israel* I. xiv. 185 The Church was divided into two classes,..and the scission between them was almost as sharp as that between the noble and the roturier. 1887 Stevenson *Merry Men*, etc. (ed. 2) 123 He feared..some scission in the continuity of man's experience.

Scissiparity (sisĭpæ·riti). *Biol.* [f. L. *sciss-* ppl. stem of *scindĕre* to cut or divide + *par-ĕre* to produce, bring forth + -ity. Cf. Parity 2.] Reproduction by fission, fissiparity, schizogenesis.

1877 Bateman *Darwinism* 32 This most simple mode of reproduction by scissiparity or self-division is the same by which cells are reproduced. 1901 *Nature* 12 Sept. 496/2 On scissiparity in the Hydroides, by M. Armand Billard.

So **Scissi·parous** *a.* = Fissiparous.

1900 B. D. Jackson *Gloss. Bot. Terms.*

Scissor (si·zəɹ), *v.* Also 7 cizar, 9 scissar. [f. Scissors *sb.*]

1. *trans.* To cut with scissors, to cut *up*, *off*, or *into* pieces with scissors. Also, † to prepare or trim (the beard) with scissors.

1612 *Two Noble K.* I. ii. 59 My poore Chinne too, for tis not Cizard iust To such a Favorites glasse. 1840 L. Hunt *Seer* ix. 21/2 The young shoots of it [*sc.* ivy]..point in a most elegant manner over the edge of a glass or decanter, seeming to have been newly scissared forth by some fairy hand. 1885 Fenn *Brownsmith's Boy* 24, I scissored off two or three berries in the way he had taught me. 1886 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 2 Sept. 1 When the luckless Abdul Aziz was scissored into a bloody grave. 1894 D. C. Murray *Making of Novelist* 31 Each folio being scissored into half a dozen pieces.

2. To clip out (extracts) from newspapers or the like. Also *absol.*

1865 *Dubl. Univ. Mag.* I. 146 Lucy surreptitiously scissored these charming songs, and kept them in a little volume. 1893 Leland *Mem.* II. 133, I had for a long time, at intervals, been at work on a book to be entitled the 'Origin of American Popular Phrases'. I had scissored from newspapers, collected from negro minstrels [etc.].

Scissorer (si·zərəɹ). *U. S.* [f. Scissor *v.* + -er 1.] One who uses scissors; hence, a compiler.

1878 *Cornell Rev.* Feb. 188 Ye scissorers of the college press! 1898 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 26 Sept. 4/1 He certainly does show..considerable ability and discrimination as a scissorer.

Scissoring (si·zĕriŋ), *vbl. sb.* Also scissorating. [f. Scissor *v.* + -ing 1.] The action of cutting with scissors.

1822 *Blackw. Mag.* XII. 111 He may have written some pretty things, but he is taken now to slum, scissorsing, namby pamby, and is quite spoiled. 1892 Mrs. Sala *Famous People* 4 By half-past ten or so his task of scissoring is over.

b. *pl.* Clippings made with scissors.

1890 *Bradford Observer* 6 Jan. 8/3 Is it [the Review of Reviews] not all made up of scissorings from the magazines?

Scissors (si·zəɹz), *sb. pl.* Forms: α. 4–5 sisseures, sisours, 5 sesoura, syssoris, syaors, -our(e)s, -owrys, *sing.* -owre, 6 sycers, sysers, syzers, sis(z)ers, 6–8 sissars, siz(z)ers, 7 sizars, sizzors, sissers, sissors, *sing.* sizar. β. 5 cysors, *sing.* cysowre, 5–6 cysars, 6 cysers, -ours, cyzers, cycers, cyssers, cisars, *sing.* cizar, 6–7 ciz(z)ers, 7 cizars, cissours, cis(s)ers, cissars. γ. 6 scisaoures, 7 scisers, scizars, scizzers, 7–8 scisaers, scizzara, 7–9 scizzors, scissars, 7– *dial.* scithers (see also E.D.D.), 8 scizers, 7– scissors. [ME. *sisours, cysowres*, a. OF. *cisoires* (mod.F. only in the sense 'large shears'; the sense 'scissors' is expressed by the cognate *ciseaux*, pl. of OF. *cisel*, mod.F. *ciseau*: see Chisel *sb.*) = It. *cesoje* (rare; the usual word is *forbici*), a fem. pl. ad. late L. **cīsōria* (neut.) pl. of *cīsōrium* cutting instrument (Vegetius, 4–5th c.), f. *-cīs-, -cīdĕre*, the form assumed in prepositional compounds by *cæs-, cædĕre* to fell, strike, beat, slay, cut. The last sense, rare in the simple vb., is prominent in most of the compounds (as *abscīdĕre, concīdĕre, incīdere, excīdĕre*); hence the late L. use of *cīs-* instead of *cæs-* in derivatives related to this sense.

The spelling with *sc*, first found in the 16th c., appears to be due to etymologizing confusion with L. *scissor*, agent-n. f. *scindĕre* to cut, split, rend. (Cf. also *scythe.*) There appears to be no evidence of this confusion at an earlier date, though in Eng. mediæval documents *scissor* (written also *cissor, cisor*) was the usual Latin word for a tailor.]

1. A cutting instrument consisting of a pair of handled blades, so pivoted that the instrument can be opened to a shape resembling that of the letter X, and the handles then brought together again so as to cause the edges of the blades to close on the object to be cut.

The larger instruments of this kind, especially those which are too large to be manipulated with one hand, are called *shears*. Tailors call the large size *shears*, the medium size *trimmers*, and the small size *scissors* or *cuts*. In Sc. dialects all sizes of the article are called *shears*, the word *scissors* not being in use.

a. in *pl.* form with plural construction, either in singular or plural sense. When qualification by a numeral or an indefinite article is required, *pair of scissors* is used.

a. *c* 1384 Chaucer *H. Fame* 690 (Fairf.) And moo berdys in two oures Withoute Rasour or Sisoures Y-made then greyndes be of sondes. *c* 1400 *Beryn* 2916 Getith a peir sisours, sherith my berd a-noon. *Ibid.* 2917 Som went to with sesours. *c* 1450 *Bk. Curtasye* 830 in *Babees Bk.*, þe snof of hom dose a-way With close sesours, as I 30w say; þe sesours ben schort and rownde y-close, With plate of irne vp-on bose. 1483 *Act* 1 *Rich. III*, c. 12 § 2 No Merchant Stranger..shall bring into this Realm..Tailors Shears, Sysors. 1530 Palsgr. 251/1 Payre of sycers, *ciselets, forces.* *c* 1580 Tusser *Husb.* (1878) 36 A buttrice and pincers, a hammer and naile, an aperne and siszers for head and for taile. 1592 Greene *Quip Upst. Courtier* D 3 b, Then begins he to take his sissars in his hand and his combe. 1617 Moryson *Itin.* II. 45 The haire on his chin..he used almost daily to cut it with his sizers. 1650–63 Cowley *Cutter Coleman Street* I. vi, He..had neither mony enough to hire a Barber, nor buy Sizars. 1682 Shadwell *Lanc. Witches* II. 22 Out upon that filthy visage, My maid with her Sizars in two minutes shall Cut me a Better in brown paper. 1706 Vanbrugh *Mistake* IV. 45 And there's thy pretty Pocket-Sissars thou hast honour'd me with. 1719 De Foe *Crusoe* I. (Globe) 57, I found..one Pair of large Sizzers.

β. 1483 *Cath. Angl.* 65/1 A Pare of cysors. 1487 *Ann. Barber-Surg. Lond.* (1890) 530 My plaster box..and the cysars therein. 1590 Shaks. *Com. Err.* v. i. 175 His man with Cizers nickes him like a foole. 1599 Hakluyt *Voy.* II. II. 87 A paire of sharpe cyzers. 1600 J. Pory tr. *Leo's Africa* VIII. 304 They..shaue off their haires to the very bones without any cizzers or rasors. 1673 E. Browne *Trav. Germ.*, etc. (1677) 161 Cut in pieces with large Cissars. 1686 Plot *Staffordsh.* 391 In the management of her Cisers. *a* 1697 Aubrey *Brief Lives* (1898) II. 21 He would bring a paire of cizers in his muffe.

γ. 1568 *Gonsalvio's Sp. Inquis.* Pref. *B iij b, This gentleman..toke a paire of scissoures, and pared his maker where he was ouergrowne. 1612 Woodall *Surg. Mate* Wks. (1653) 17 Two pair of good Scissers for to cut hair. 1664 Wood *Life* (O. H. S.) II. 8 For grinding my scithers, *2d.* 1673 Ray *Journ. Low C.* 460 They take the fairest bunches, and with a pair of scissers snip off all the faulty grapes. 1785 J. Collier *Mus. Trav.* (ed. 4) 104 Clipping my beard with a pair of scissars. 1815 Elphinstone *Acc. Caubul* (1842) I. 103 Their beards..are never touched by scissors. 1832 G. R. Porter *Porcelain & Gl.* iv. 172 Any superabundance of material is cut away by the scissors while the glass is red-hot. 1856 *Orr's Circ. Sci., Mech. Philos.* 99 Scissors and carpenters' pincers are examples of double levers of the first kind. 1886 H. C. Dent *Yr. Brazil* 409 My men advocated ..cutting them [*sc.* ticks] in two with scissors.

† b. in sing. form, = pair of scissors. *Obs.*

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 78/2 Cysowre, *forpex.* *Ibid.* 456/2 Sysowre, schere, *forpex.* 1611 Cotgr., *Ciselet*, a little sizar, or chisell. *Ibid.*, *Forcette*, a cizar, a small paire of sheeres.

¶ c. in *pl.* form construed as *sing. rare.*

1843 Graves *Syst. Clin. Med.* xxix. 390, I removed the callous edges with a scissors. 1847 Emily Bronte *Wuthering Heights* ix, Now don't you think the lad would be handsomer cropped?..get me a scissors. 1849 Miss Warner *Wide Wide World* iv, What a lovely scissors! did you choose it, mamma, or did it belong to the box? 1906 *Westm. Gaz.* 21 Mar. 12/1 Which is easily removed with a scissors.

d. *transf.* and *fig.* (Cf. *shears*, which is more common in dignified metaphor.)

1655 tr. *Com. Hist. Francion* III. 75 This good Servant.. somewhat courtailed our Commons, and for this reason we gave him the nick-name of being Hortensius his Sissors. 1742 Young *Nt. Th.* v. 698 Aid me, to keep pace With destiny; and ere her scissars cut My thread of life, to break this tougher thread Of moral death, that ties me to the world. 1770 tr. *Mme. Du Bocage's Lett.* II. 211 The scissars of time cut their [Alps'] summits into a thousand strange forms. 1843 Carlyle *Past & Pr.* II. xvi. 169 And Jocelin's Boswellean Narrative suddenly shorn through by the scissors of Destiny, ends. 1883 *Sat. Rev.* 13 Oct. 464/2 A Life of Gargantua on which he has plied the not unnecessary scissors.

e. *Scissors and paste* († *paste and scissors*): proverbially referred to as the instruments used by the newspaper sub-editor or the mere mechanical compiler. Also *attrib.*

1817 Scott *Let.* 16 June in *Lockhart* (1837) IV. 65 The incidents selected should have some reference to amusement as well as information, and may be occasionally abridged in the narration; but, after all, paste and scissors form your principal materials. 1826 F. Reynolds *Life & T.* II. 408, I hastily commenced an alteration, and as hastily concluded it, aided with those two effective co-operators, paste and scissors. 1867 *Chamb. Jrnl.* 14 Dec. 785/1 (*title of article*) Scissors and Paste.

2. *Wrestling.* A grip with the wrists crossed like a pair of scissors. Also *attrib.*

1904 Skinner *Jiu-Jitsu* 117 Hasami Shime, or Scissors Grip. 1909 *Daily Chron.* 10 Feb. 8/1 At the second meeting Crozier quickly fixed his favourite scissors hold. *Ibid.* 8/2 In the second bout Crozier, after a few minutes, again put the scissors on, and this time pinned his man down after using the double nelson.

3. A mechanical contrivance for gripping a block of stone.

1892 Stevenson *Across the Plains* 198 That two men should handle a stone so heavy, even swinging in the scissors.

4. *slang.* An exclamation of disgust or impatience.

1843 Selby *Ant. & Cl.* (Farmer), Oh, scissors; insinuate that it takes nine of us to make a man! 1893 Milliken *'Arry Ballads* 33/1 Oh, scissors! jest didn't we give 'em tantivy.

5. *attrib.* and *Comb.* (chiefly in form *scissor-*), as *scissor-blade, -case, -maker, -smith*; *scissor-like, -tailed, -winged* adjs.; *scissor(s-fashion, -wise* advs.; **scissor-beak, -bill**, a skimmer or shearwater, esp. *Rhynchops nigra*; **scissor bird** = *scissor-tail*; **scissor(s)-grinder**, (*a*) a man who grinds scissors; (*b*) a dial. name for the nightjar, *Caprimulgus europæus*; **scissor-tail**, either of two American birds of the family *Tyrannidæ, Milvulus forficatus* and *M. tyrannus*; **scissor-tooth**, the sectorial or carnassial tooth of a carnivore.

1839 Darwin *Voy Nat.* vii. (1845) 137, I here saw a very extraordinary bird, called the *Scissor-beak (*Rhynchops nigra*). 1839 Beale *Sperm Whale* 212 The large grey pelican, the *scissors-bill and diver. 1869–73 T. R. Jones *Cassell's Bk. Birds* IV. 185 The Scissor-hills (*Rhynchopes*) constitute a group of night birds. *Ibid.*, The Indian Scissor-bill (*Rhynchops orientalis*). *Ibid.* II. 161 The *Scissor Bird of the Brazilians (*Milvulus tyrannus*),..is occasionally met with in the United States. 1879 *St. George's Hosp. Rep.* 514 After closure of the *scissor-blades. 1706 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 4234/5 Two *Scisser Cases.., both of Silver. 1895 *Outing* (U.S.) XXVI. 68/2, I..worked my long legs *scissors-

fashion through the water. 1869 LOWELL *Under the Willows* 227 Here The *Scissors-grinder, pausing, doffs his hat. 1893 in Cozens-Hardy *Broad Norfolk* 50 The Nightjar [is known as the] 'Scissor-grinder'. 1868 *Rep. U. S. Comm. Agric.* (1869) 316 It [*sc.* the instrument] consists of a *scissor-like frame. 1886 GÜNTHER in *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 775/2 They [the piked dog-fish] cut the lines with their scissors-like teeth. 1704 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 4082/4 *Scizer or Knife-maker. 1623-4 *Act* 21 *Jas. I*, c. 31 § 6 The Occupacion of a Cutler, *Scissorsmith, Shearsmith or Sicklesmith. 1813 *Examiner* 10 May 294/2 S. Broadhead and E. Gurney, Sheffield, scissor-smiths. 1839 DARWIN *Voy. Nat.* vii. (1845) 138 A bird with a forked tail, terminated by two long feathers (Tyrannus savana) and named by the Spaniards *scissor-tail, is very common near Buenos Ayres. 1872 COUES *Key N. Amer. Birds* 169 Swallow-tailed Flycatcher. Scissor-tail. 1894 NEWTON *Dict. Birds* III. 816 Scizzors-tail, *Milvulus forficatus*, one of the most beautiful of the *Tyrannidæ*. 1823 LATHAM *Gen. Hist. Birds* VII. 348 *Scissars-tailed Goatsucker...Inhabits Paraguay. 1812 SHAW *Gen. Zool.* VIII. I. 280 Scissars-tailed humming-bird. *Trochilus Furcifer*...Native of Paraguay. 1840 *Cuvier's Anim. Kingd.* 151 The *carnassier*, or *scissor-tooth. 1894 *Outing* (U. S.) XXIV. 53/1 A short..column of *scissor-winged birds. 1873 C. W. THOMSON *Depths of Sea* v. 214 A pair of scoops..close upon one another *scissorwise on a hinge.

Scissure (si·ʃiŭr). ? *Obs.* Also 6 **scissur.** [a. F. *scissure* (16th c. in Hatz.-Darm.), ad. L. *scissūra*, f. *scindĕre* (pa. pple. *scissus*) to cut, divide: see SCISSION.]

1. A longitudinal cleft or opening made by cutting or separation of parts; a rent, fissure.

1521 *Guylforde's Pilgr.* (Camden) 26 Therby also..is a scissure or clyfte in the stone rok, so moche that a man almoste may lye therin. 1616 S. PRICE *Ephesus Warn.* 37 Like an earthquake,..whose rent & scissure is the breaking of the heart. 1633 T. ADAMS *Exp. 2 Pet.* iii. 9 A robe that is thus artificially mangled, if the scissures and breaches be reconciled with 'borders of Gold and studdes of Silver',..appeares more glorious, than the former continuity could have made it. 1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr.*, *Scissure*, a cleft, a cut or rent; the division or parting of a river. *a* 1660 HAMMOND *Serm.* ii. (1664) 20 As when the Body is torn asunder, the Soul is without any farther act of violence forced out of its place, that it takes its flight home to Heaven, being thus let out at the Scissure, as at the Window. 1681 H. MORE *Exp. Dan.* 6 As if a Clayie ground should cleave with a wide scissure and swallow down a sudden Torrent. 1759 tr. *Duhamel's Husb.* (1762) I. viii. 37 And divides it, by making in a manner a scissure. 1822 T. TAYLOR *Apuleius* 169 He thought that the wounds which he had made with his lance would resemble the scissures of teeth.

b. *fig.* A split, division, schism.

[1634 M. WILSON *Charity Maintained* I. v. § 3. 152 Contrary to which, is *Schisme*, from the Greeke word signifying *Scissure*, or *Division*.] 1643 HOWELL *Trn Informer* (1661) 22 To proceed in the true discovery of these Domestick scissures. 1644 — *Engl. Tears* 181 Torn and rent into so many scissures and Sects. *c* 1645 — *Lett.* (1655) III. iii. 6 To this Sect [the Presbyterians] may be imputed all the scissures that have happen'd in Christianity. 1647 HAMMOND *Power of Keys* iv. 67 It would both unpeople their assemblies, and necessarily cause a dangerous scissure in the multitude. 1654 BRAMHALL *Just Vind.* ii. (1662) 14 Schisme signifies a criminous scissure, rent, or division in the Church.

2. *Anat.*, etc. A natural cleft or opening in an organ or part.

c 1400 *Lanfranc's Cirurg.* 263 Scissure is a passioun in a mannes tunge þat is as it were kutting. 1607 TOPSELL *Fourf. Beasts* (1658) 340 In the male [hyæna, under the tail] there is a scissure like the secrets of a female. 1642 H. MORE *Song of Soul* (1647) Notes 138/2 It being a round fruit, and representing the seminall fullnesse of the Earth, by its scissure in the side, full of kernells or seeds. 1658 A. FOX *Wurtz' Surg.* II. viii. 71 If you find after the opening of the skin, neither fracture nor scissure. 1668 WILKINS *Real Char.* II. vii. 277 That Scissure of the Face through which we breath and receive our nourishment. 1725 *Bradley's Fam. Dict.* s.v. *Liver*, These two Lobes [of the Liver] are separated by a Scissure or Cleft through which the Umbelical Vein enters. 1822–29 *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 3) IV. 633 Whether the blood occupy the great interlobular scissure, and thus lie upon the corpus callosum.

†b. A segment. *Obs.*

1662 H. STUBBE *Indian Nectar* iii. 20 It is..divided into several scissures, and pieces, as is a cow's kidney.

3. The action of cutting.

1509 BARCLAY *Shyp of Folys* (1570) 8 Socrates with many mo in wisedome excellent,..Let growe their here without cutting or scissure.

Scissym, obs. form of SCHISM.

†Scitament. *Obs.*—° [ad. L. *scītāmenta* neut. pl., f. *scītus* elegant, dainty, pa. pple of *sciscĕre*: see SCISCITATION.] (See quot.)

1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr.*, *Scitament*, a kind of meat having a very pleasant taste; Also pleasantness, or a fine or witty thing set to adorn ones talk.

Scitamineous (sĭtămi·nĭəs), *a. Bot.* Also **scitaminous.** [f. mod.L. *Scitamineæ* (1810 R. Brown *Prodr.* 305, altered form of *Scitamina* neut. pl., the name given to this order by Linnæus 1751, suggested by L. *scītāmenta*: see prec.) + -OUS.] Of or pertaining to the *Scitamineæ*, a former order of monocotyledonous tropical plants, including the present orders *Musaceæ* and *Zingiberaceæ*.

1806 TURTON tr. *Linn. Syst. Nat.* VII. Expl. Terms, *Scitamineous*, of a spicy taste and odour. 1818 COLEBROOKE *Import Colonial Corn* 130 It is to be had..from yams, potatoes, arrow-roots,..orchideous roots and scitaminous. 1824 LOUDON *Encycl. Gard.* (ed. 2) 930 Scitaminous, or Reedy Stove Plants. 1851–9 HOOKER in *Man. Sci. Enq.* 426 Nothing is known of the origin of the scitamineous fruit to which the name Large Round China Cardamom has been given. 1851 RICHARDSON *Geol.* (1855) 175 Palms and scitamineous plants.

Scitation, obs. form of CITATION.

† Scite. *Obs.*—° [ad. L. *scītum* (*plēbis*) a decree or ordinance (of the people), neut. pa. pple. of *sciscĕre* to accept, approve, hence to appoint, decree, ordain.] (See quot.)

1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr.*, *Scite*, an Ordinance, Decree, or Statute.

Scite, obs. form of CITE *v.* and CITY.

Scithers, obs. and dial. form of SCISSORS.

Scitie, obs. Sc. form of CITY.

†Sci·ture. *Obs.*—[1] [f. L. *scīt-*, ppl. stem of *scīre* to know + -URE.] Knowledge.

c 1540 *Privy Seal of Hen. VIII* Miscell. Bk. (A. O.) xxx. 28 Know ye that we of our certen Sciture and mere mocion ..haue given licence [etc.].

Sciurine (sə·i·ĭŭrin), *a.* and *sb.* [f. L. *sciūr-us*, ad. Gr. *σκίουρος* squirrel (f. *σκιά* shadow + *οὐρά* tail) + -INE.] **a.** *adj.* Of or pertaining to the genus *Sciurus* or subfamily *Sciurinæ* of squirrels. **b.** *sb.* A sciurine rodent; a squirrel.

1842 BRANDE *Dict. Sci.* etc., *Sciurines*...The name of a family of Rodents of which the genus *Sciurus* is the type. 1859–62 SIR J. RICHARDSON, etc. *Mus. Nat. Hist.* (1868) I. 212 The Sciurine Petaurist (*Petaurus sciureus*) or Sugar Squirrel. 1877 COUES & ALLEN *N. Amer. Rodentia* 830 It is at once recognizable by..its general Sciurine form. 1883 *Encycl. Brit.* XV. 416/2 In the Sciurine and Hystricine Rodents the tibia and fibula are distinct.

Sciuroid (sə·i,iŭ·roid), *a.* [f. L. *sciūr-us* (see prec.) + -OID.]

1. *Zool.* Of or pertaining to the *Sciuridæ*, or squirrel-family. 1892 in *Century Dict.*

2. *Bot.* 'Curved and bushy, like a squirrel's tail' (B. D. Jackson *Gloss. Bot. Terms* 1900).

1895 in *Funk's Stand. Dict.*

Sciuromorph (sə·i,iŭə·rŏmɔıf), *a.* [ad. mod.L. *Sciuromorph-a* neut. pl., f. Gr. *σκίουρος* (see SCIURINE) + *μορφή* form.] A rodent of the superfamily *Sciuromorpha*, comprising the *Sciuridæ*, *Anomaluridæ*, etc.

1888 *Pop. Sci. Monthly* XX. 423 The sciuromorphs (squirrels and marmots). 1892 in *Century Dict.*

Hence **Sciuromo·rphic, Sciuromo·rphine** *adjs.*, of, pertaining to, or resembling the *Sciuromorpha*.

1891 *Century Dict.* s.v. *Sciuridæ*, A family of sciuromorphic simplicident rodent mammals. 1894 *Athenæum* 31 Mar. 415/3 Mr. F. G. Parsons read a paper on the myology of the hystricomorphine and sciuromorphine rodents.

Sck-, an occasional ME. spelling for SC- or SK-.

Scl-: ME. and Sc. variant of SL-.

Sclaff (sklæf), *v. Golf.* [A use of Sc. *sclaff* 'to strike with the open hand or with anything having a flat surface', 'to walk in a clumsy way without properly lifting the feet, to shuffle along'. Prob. of onomatopœic origin; cf. *sclaff* sb., 'the noise made by a slight blow' or 'in shuffling the feet' (E.D.D.).] **a.** *intr.* (See quot. 1897.) **b.** *trans.* To scrape (the ground) behind the ball in striking; also, to hit (a ball) after having scraped the ground with the club. Hence **Sclaffed** *ppl. a.*, **Scla·ffing** *vbl. sb.*

1893 A. LANG in *Longm. Mag.* Apr. 651 That they might toe or heel the ball And sclaff along like me. 1896 W. PARK JR. *Game of Golf* 269 In baffing a ball the stroke is played with the intention of lofting it high in the air, whereas a sclaffed ball is not necessarily lofted high. 1897 *Encycl. Sport* I. 473/1 (Golf) *Sclaff*, to scrape the surface of the ground with the sole of the club head before striking the ball. *Ibid.* 469/2 Sclaffing is also the result of striking the ground behind the ball. 1904 *Westm. Gaz.* 13 May 3/1 An uncertain proportion are shorter, in consequence of sclaffing the ground, than the players had intended.

Sclave, Solavic, Sclavonian: see SLAV, etc.

‖ Sclera (sklī·ră). [mod.L. f. Gr. *σκληρός* hard.] The sclerotic coat of the eyeball.

1888 J. M. CLARKE in *Jrnl. Morphol.* II. 261 Immature eyes, in which the sclera has attained no excessive growth.

†Scle·ragogist. *Obs.*—[1] [f. next + -IST.] One who practises 'scleragogy', a rigorous ascetic.

a 1642 BP. MOUNTAGU *Acts & Mon. Ch.* (1642) 403 Ascetæ and Scleragogists they were in most ..rigid manner.

†Scle·ragogy. *Obs.* [ad. Gr. *σκληραγωγία* hardy training, f. *σκληρ-ός* hard, harsh + *ἀγωγ-ή* conducting, guiding.] Severe discipline or training; hard treatment of the body; mortification.

1622 BP. MOUNTAGU *Diatribæ* 379 Amongst Christians, that Scleragogie of the ancient Monks and Ascetæ was in feeding vpon those *λάχανα*. 1659 H. L'ESTRANGE *Alliance Div. Off.* 149 Godly sorrow or contrition, which the Scleragogy..was most like to create. 1680 *Counterplots* 15 We have heard from St. Jerome of the abstinence and Scleragogy of Montanus.

Scleral (sklī·răl), *a.* [f. SCLERA + -AL.] Of or pertaining to the sclera or sclerotic.

1869 G. LAWSON *Dis. Eye* (1874) 139 The blade is now pushed on a little way in the scleral plane. 1888 J. M. CLARKE in *Jrnl. Morphol.* II. 266 The scleral portion of the visual surface is of the same structure as the test. 1890 *Amer. Jrnl. Sci.* Ser. III. XXXIX. 410 In the compound eye of Phacops are continuous patches of scleral integument between the ommatidia.

Scleranth (sklī·rænþ). *Bot.* [Shortened ad mod.L. *Sclēranthæ*, f. *Sclēranthus* (see below), f. Gr. *σκληρ-ός* hard + *ἄνθος* flower.] A plant belonging to the N.O. *Scleranthæ*, of which the typical genus is *Scleranthus* or Knot-grass.

1846 LINDLEY *Veget. Kingd.* 513 Those perigynous plants which are stationed with Scleranths in Ficoidals.

Sclere (sklī·ə). *Zool.* [ad. Gr. *σκλήρον*, neut. of *σκληρός* hard.] A hard siliceous or calcareous body forming an element in the skeleton of a sponge.

1887 SOLLAS in *Encycl. Brit.* XXII. 413/1 The walls of *Ascetta* are strengthened by calcareous scleres, more especially designated as spicules.

Sclereid (sklī·rĭ,id). *Bot.* Also **sclerid.** [Irreg. f. Gr. *σκληρ-ός* hard: see -ID.] (See quot.)

1900 B. D. JACKSON *Gloss. Bot. Termis* 233/2 *Sclereid*, a sclerotic or stone-cell, a strongly thickened or lignified cell; it is sometimes spelled *Sclerid*.

‖ Sclerema (sklī·rī·mă). Also **scleremia.** [mod.L. form of F. *sclérème*, f. Gr. *σκληρ-ός* hard, on the supposed analogy of *œdème* ŒDEMA. The form in *-ia* is due to assimilation to other names of diseases.] (See quot. 1858.)

1858 MAYNE *Expos. Lex.*, *Sclerema*, *Sclerenia*, term for the hardening of the cellular tissue of new-born infants. 1879 KNOBY *Digest Med.* 60 The skin has a peculiar marble-like feel in sclerema and in morphœa. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 675 The genus 'scleremia', in which he included also the œdematous sclerema of infants.

‖ Sclerenchyma (sklī·re·ŋkimă). Also anglicized **sclere·nchym.** [mod.L., f. Gr. *σκληρ-ός* hard + *ἔγχυμα* an infusion, after *parenchyma*.]

1. *Zool.* The hard substance of the calcareous skeleton of sclerodermic corals.

1861 J. R. GREENE *Cœlent.* 161 The 'sclerenchyma' or coral tissue.

2. *Bot.* (See quot. 1900.)

1875 BENNETT & DYER tr. *Sac Bot.* 106 The sclerenchyma in the carpel of stone-fruits (the tissue of the stone in Prunus, Cocos, &c.) forms closed massive layers. 1881 *Encycl. Brit.* XII. 15/2 De Bary includes under the name of sclerenchyma all the hard thickened cells of plants, whether long or short, which have become greatly thickened, and whose cavity is nearly if not quite obliterated. 1883 HUXLEY *Pract. Biol.* 57 The dark-brown bands..consist of cells which are so much elongated as almost to deserve the name of fibres and constitute what is termed sclerenchyma. 1900 B. D. JACKSON *Gloss. Bot. Termis*, *Sclerenchyma*, (1) formerly applied to stone-cells, sclereids; (2) afterwards proposed for bast or liber cells, which are immensely thickened, with their protoplasm lost.

attrib. 1881 *Encycl. Brit.* XII. 16/1 The wall of the sclerenchym fibre often exhibits peculiar split-like pitted markings. 1882 BOWER in *Q. Jrnl. Microsc. Sci.* XXII. 287 Long unbranched sclerenchyma fibres with smooth walls.

Sclerenchymatous (sklī·reŋki·mătəs), *a.* [f. mod.L. *sclērenchymat-*, SCLERENCHYMA + -OUS.] Consisting of, or containing sclerenchyma.

1861 J. R. GREENE *Cœlent.* 215 The numerous laminæ of a sclerenchymatous deposit. 1881 BOWER in *Q. Jrnl. Microsc. Sci.* XXI. 20 Scattered irregularly through the cortical tissue..are sclerenchymatous cells.

‖ Scleriasis (sklī·rəi·ăsis). *Path.* [mod.L., f. Gr. *σκληρ-ός* hard, after *elephantiasis*.] A hard tumour or induration; a scirrhus.

1684 tr. *Blancard's Phys. Dict.*, *Scleriasis*, is a Hardness of any part. 1849 in CRAIG. 1869 *Lancet* 18 Dec. 842/2 Dr. Fagge brought to the Society a living specimen of Scleriasis or Scleroderma. 1872 J. L. MILTON *Dis. Skin* 333 Diffused scleroderma (*scleriasis*).

Sclerid, variant of SCLEREID.

Sclerite (sklī·rəit). *Zool.* [f. Gr. *σκληρ-ός* hard + -ITE.] In the anatomy of invertebrates, each of the definite component portions into which the hard portion of the substance of certain animals is divided.

1861 J. R. GREENE *Cœlent.* 161 Five kinds of these spicules, or 'sclerites'. 1877 HUXLEY *Anat. Inv. Anim.* vii. 410 [In the cockroach.] On the under side of the lingua are two broader sclerites, which also unite and form an arch. 1888 ROLLESTON & JACKSON *Anim. Life* 141 *note*, In the neck there are certain chitinous pieces, or cervical sclerites. 1894 *Athenæum* 10 Feb. 184/1 He [M. Laurie] considered the first two ventral sclerites of the abdomen to be appendages and not sternites.

Hence **Scleri·tic** *a.*, pertaining to sclerites; of the nature of a sclerite.

Scleritis (sklī·rəi·tis). [f. SCLERA + -ITIS.] Inflammation of the sclera, sclerotitis.

1861 BUMSTEAD *Ven. Dis.* (1879) 703 Affections..due to parenchymatous scleritis are rarer still.

Sclero- (sklī·rō), occurring in scientific terms.

1. As combining form of Gr. *σκληρό-s* hard. **Scle·robra·chiate** *a.* [L. *brāchium* arm], the distinctive epithet of those brachiopods in which the arms are supported by a hard plate. **Scle·roda·ctyle** *a. Path.* [Gr. *δάκτυλος* finger], suffering from **Scle·roda·ctyly** [mod.L. *sclerodactyl·ia*], a form of sclerodermia affecting the fingers and toes. **Scle·roske·letal** *a.*, pertaining to or of the nature of the **Scle·ro-ske·leton**, the hardened or ossified fibrous and tendinous tissues which enclose organs.

1854 A. ADAMS, etc. *Man. Nat. Hist.* 163 *Sclerobrachiate-Brachiopods (*Sclerobrachiata*). 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 676 The fingers [may become] 'clawed' (*sclerodactyle, acroscleroderma). 1897 *Ibid.* II. 74 Well-advanced cases [of leprosy] have frequently been confounded with..*sclerodactyly [etc.]. 1884 COUES *Key N. Amer. Birds* (ed. 2) 134 Certain bones developed apart from the systematic endo-

skeleton, in fibrous tissue, are called *scleroskeletal. 1854 Owen in *Circ. Sci., Org. Nat.* I. 163 Those [bones] developed in tendons, ligaments, and aponeuroses, [form] the '*sclero-skeleton'.

2. As combining form of Sclera (chiefly written with hyphen). Sclero-co·rneal *a.*, pertaining to the sclerotic coat and the cornea. Sclero-iri·tis, inflammation of the sclerotic coat and the iris.

1876 *Clin. Soc. Trans.* IX. 3 The plan I now adopt is to make a very small incision in the sclero-corneal junction.

3. Used (after Sclerotium, Sclerotic *a.*[2]) to form the names of a number of chemical substances obtained from ergot, e. g. **sclere·rythrin**, a red colouring matter; **scleromu·cin**, a gummy nitrogenous substance.

1876 *Pharm. Jrnl.* 17 June 1001/1 Scleromucin. *Ibid.* 1001/2 Sclererythrin. Sclerolodin. *Ibid.* 1002/1 Scleroxanthin. Sclerokrystallin. 1878 F. H. Butler in *Encycl. Brit.* VIII. 521 [Ergot contains] minute quantities of sclererythrin, scleroïodin, with sclerokrystallin, scleroxanthin, and other substances.

Sclerobase (sklī·robēs). *Zool.* Also in mod. L. form **sclero·basis**. [f. Gr. *σκληρό-s* hard + *βάσις* Base *sb.*, Basis.] The axis or stem of a compound actinozoan when forming a horny or calcareous skeleton. Hence **Sclerobasio** *a.*, pertaining to or consisting of a sclerobase; also as the epithet of those corals (in mod.L. *Sclerobasica*) which have a sclerobase.

1861 J. R. Greene *Cælent.* 153 The 'sclerobasic' corallum, a true tegumentary excretion, formed by the conversion of successive growths from the outer surface of the ecderon. *Ibid.* 154 Section of a sclerobasis shows it to be, in some cases, solid or nearly so. *Ibid.* 156, Fig. 28 ⊖, epitheca; I, sclerobase. 1870 H. A. Nicholson *Man. Zool.* I. xiii. 99 There may be no corallum, or rarely a 'sclerobasic' one. 1877 Huxley *Anat. Inv. Anim.* iii. 161 It is in these Octocoralla that the form of skeleton which is termed a sclerobase..occurs. 1879 Stormonth *Man. Sci. Terms* s. v. *Sclerobasic*, Forming a solid axis invested by the soft parts of the animal—called the sclerobase.

Scleroblast (sklī·roblæst). [f. Gr. *σκληρό-s* hard + -blast.]

1. *Bot.* A stone-cell or sclereid.

1882 Vines tr. *Sachs' Bot.* 125 Of very common occurrence are, moreover, groups or layers of scleroblasts (especially in the cortex of many woody plants and the juicy flesh of pears). 1884 Masters *Henfrey's Bot.* (ed. 4) 461 The term ..scleroblast or stone-cell.

2. *Zool.* The tissue from which sponge-spicules are produced.

1887 Sollas in *Encycl. Brit.* XXII. 417/2 (*Sponge*) The sigmaspire is formed as a superficial spiral thickening in the wall of a spicule cell or scleroblast. 1909 J. W. Jenkinson *Experim. Embryol.* 3 In some Sponges the scleroblasts begin to secrete spicules in the larval period.

Sclerocele (sklī·rosīl). *Path.* ? *Obs.* [f. Gr. *σκληρό-s* hard + *κήλη* tumour.] A hard tumour.

1811 Ramsden (*title*), On Sclerocele, Hydrocele [etc.].

Scleroclase (sklī·roklēs). *Min.* [f. Gr. *σκληρό-s* hard + *κλάσις* fracture.] (See quot. 1896.)

1868 Dana *Syst. Min.* (ed. 5) 88 As the name Scleroclase is inapplicable, and the mineral was first announced by Sartorius v. Waltershausen, the species may be appropriately called Sartorite. 1896 Chester *Dict. Min.* 244 *Scleroclase*, a syn. of sartorite. Sometimes used as a syn. of dufrenoysite.

Scleroderm (sklī·rodəm), *sb.* and *a.* [ad. mod.L. *sclērodermus*, a. Gr. *σκληρόδερμος*, f. *σκληρός* hard + *δέρμα* skin.] **A.** *sb.*

1. a. A fish of the group *Sclerodermi*, which have the skin covered with hard scales. b. A polyp of the division *Sclerodermata*.

1840–5 Owen *Odontogr.* I. 82 Scleroderms. 1842 Brande *Dict. Sci.*, etc., *Scleroderms*, a name given by Cuvier to his family of Plectognathic fishes, comprehending those which have the skin covered with hard scales. 1896 H. Woodward *Guide Fossil Rept. & Fish Brit. Mus.* 121 Fossil Scleroderms, in an excellent state of preservation, are found in the Eocene Slates of Glaris.

2. 'The hard or stony external skeleton of sclerodermatous zoantharians, or corals in an ordinary sense; corallum; coral' (*Cent. Dict.* 1891).

B. *adj.* 'Of or pertaining to the *Sclerodermi*; sclerodermous' (*Cent. Dict.* 1891).

‖ **Scleroderma** (sklī·rodō·rmă). *Path.* [mod. L., formed as prec.] A chronic hardened condition of the skin, resulting from hypertrophy of connective tissue.

1866 A. Flint *Princ. Med.* (1880) 763 The affection called scleroderma or sclerema, also sclerodermia and scleremia, may be here noticed. 1876 Duhring *Dis. Skin* 69 Hypertrophy of the connective tissue is noted in scleroderma.

Sclerodermatous (sklī·rodō·rmătəs), *a.* [f. Gr. *σκληρό-s* hard + *δερματ-*, *δέρμα* skin + -ous.] Having a hard skin.

1. *Zool.* Belonging to the division *Sclerodermata* of zoantharian polyps. In recent Dicts.

2. *Path.* Pertaining to scleroderma.

1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 494 Unusual forms of wheals .. may simulate .. gummata or sclerodermatous patches.

‖ **Sclerodermia** (sklī·rodō·rmiă). *Path.* [mod. L., f. Scleroderma: see -ia[1].] = Scleroderma.

1866 [see Scleroderma]. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 675 In sclerodermia the most marked character is a peculiar hard stiffening and immobility of the skin.

Sclerodermic (sklī·rodō·rmik), *a.* [f. Sclerodерm + -ic.]

1. *Zool.* a. = Sclerodermatous *a.* 1.

1861 J. R. Greene *Cælent.* 187 Basal gemmation, among sclerodermic Corals, affords very different products. 1875 Blake *Zool.* 365 The sclerodermic corallum differs altogether from the corallum. 1879 Stormonth *Man. Sci. Terms, Sclerodermic*, applied to the corallum deposited within the tissues of certain Actinozoa.

b. Of or pertaining to the order *Sclerodermi* of fishes.

2. *Path.* = Sclerodermatous 2.

1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 677 Parts at some distance from the sclerodermic integument.

Sclerodermite (sklī·rodō·rməit). [f. Scleroderm + -ite.] One of the hard bodies of which the skeleton of Crustacea is composed; also, one of the hard skeletal parts in certain Actinozoans.

1877 Huxley *Anat. Inv. Anim.* vi. 308 The sides only being strengthened by calcareous plates extending inwards from the dorsal hard skeletal element, or sclerodermite. 1884 Sedgwick, etc. tr. *Claus' Text-bk. Zool.* I. 231 In all cases definite calcareous bodies, the sclerodermites, form the foundation of the skeleton.

Sclerogen (sklī·rodʒen). *Bot.* [f. Gr. *σκληρό-s* hard + -gen.] The hard lignified matter on the sides of some cells, which gives hardness to wood, fruit-stones, etc.

1835 Lindley *Introd. Bot.* (1839) 4 Turpin has remarked that this thickening of the membranous sides of cells by means of a hard sedimentary matter, called by him *sclerogen*, is what causes the grittiness of the pear. 1861 Bentley *Man. Bot.* 11 It is these deposits which give hardness and firmness to the wood of plants and to the stones of fruits, and hence the name of Sclerogen..has been given to them.

Sclerogenic (sklī·rodʒe·nik), *a. Phys.* and *Path.* [f. Gr. *σκληρό-s* hard + -gen + -ic.] Tending to produce hardening (of animal tissues).

1892 *Brit. Med. Jrnl.* 17 Sept. 653/1 In this way the creasote treatment of tuberculosis was combined with the 'sclerogenic' method introduced by M. Lannelongue. 1905 H. D. Rolleston *Dis. Liver* 184 It [i. e. alcohol] gives rise to cirrhosis in a secondary manner, either by leading to the production of sclerogenic poisons [etc.].

Sclerogenoid (sklī·rɒ́·dʒĭnoid), *a.* and *sb. Zool.* [f. mod.L. *Sclērogen-idæ* (f. Gr. *σκληρός* hard + *γέν-υς* cheek) + -oid.] a. *adj.* Belonging to the family *Sclerogenidæ* or mail-cheeked fishes. b. *sb.* A fish of this family.

1861 T. Gill *Catal. Fishes Eastern N. Amer.* 5 The Cottoids and other Sclerogenoids..are now placed after the Scombroid and before the Blennoid group.

Sclerogenous (sklī·rɒ́·dʒĭnəs), *a.*[1] [f. Gr. *σκληρό-s* hard + -gen + -ous.]

1. = Sclerogenic.

1847–9 *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* IV. 456/1 The filling up of their cavities [i. e. those of the cells] with..sclerogenous secretions. 1878 Bell tr. *Gegenbaur's Comp. Anat.* 28 Apparently indifferent cells, which secrete a sclerogenous substance. 1891 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 8 July 6/2 Dr. Lannelongue calls his method the sclerogenous method—that is to say, a method destined to render the flesh and fibres attacked capable of being cicatrized.

2. Consisting of sclerogen.

1856 W. L. Lindsay *Brit. Lichens* 40 The thick sclerogenous cell-wall of the seed of the..Ivory Palm.

Sclerogenous (sklī·rɒ́·dʒĭnəs), *a.*[2] *Zool.* [Formed as Sclerogenoid + -ous.] = Sclerogenoid. In some recent Dicts.

Scleroid (sklī·roid), *a.* [f. Gr. *σκληρό-s* hard + -oid.] a. *Bot.* 'Having a hard texture, as the shells of nuts'. b. *Zool.* 'Hard, as a sclere or sclerite; scleritic; sclerons' (*Cent. Dict.* 1891).

1856 in Henslow *Dict. Bot. Terms* 166.

‖ **Scleroma** (sklī·rō·mă). *Path.* Also anglicized **sclerome.** [mod.L., a. Gr. *σκλήρωμα*, f. *σκληροῦν* to harden, f. *σκληρό-s* hard: see -oma.] = Scleriasis 1.

[1684 tr. *Blancard's Phys. Dict.*, *Scleroma*, the same (as *Scleriasis*). 1823 Crabb *Technol. Dict.*, *Scleroma* (*Med.*) or *scleromis*,..a hard tumour, or induration.] 1857 Goodsir in *Edinb. New Philos. Jrnl.* V. 122 For the entire framework of an Entomasome..I employ the term Sclerome. *Ibid.* 123 The source and mode of origin of the Sclerome in the Vertebrate Embryo. 1858 Mayne *Expos. Lex.*, *Scleroma*,..a sclerome. 1874 Buckhill & Tuke *Man. Psych. Med. Insanity* 530 The term scleroma or scleriasis has indeed very properly been substituted for that of cirrhosis, which refers to the colour of the diseased liver, and is obviously inappropriate to designate an analogous change in the brain or spinal cord. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 889 Hence the name rhinoscleroma is not strictly correct, and some authors, as Paultof, speak of scleroma simply.

Sclerometer (sklī·rɒ́·mĭtəɪ). [f. Gr. *σκληρό-s* hard + -meter. Cf. F. *scléromètre.*] An instrument for measuring the hardness of crystals.

1879 in Webster, Suppl. 1886 Judd in *Mineral. Mag.* Dec. 85 A means of expressing the cohesive force in different parts of a crystal mass as determined by the sclerometer. 1895 Story-Maskelyne *Crystallogr.* i. § 9 The hardness of crystals in different directions has been estimated by means of an instrument termed a sclerometer.

‖ **Sclerophthalmia** (sklī·rɒfθæ·lmiă). ? *Obs.* Also 8 anglicized **scleropthalmy.** [mod.L., ad. late Gr. *σκληροφθαλμία*, f. Gr. *σκληρό-s* hard + *ὀφθαλμός* eye.] (See quots.)

[1693 tr. *Blancard's Phys. Dict.* (ed. 2), *Scleropthalmia*, a hard Bleardness of the Eyes accompanied with Pain, a slow Motion of the Eyes, with redness and dryness of 'em.] 1704 J. Harris *Lex. Techn.* I. *Scleropthalmy* [with definition from Blancard]. 1728 Chambers *Cycl.*, *Sclerophthalmia*, a kind of Ophthalmia wherein the Eye is dry, hard, red, and painful.

Sclerose (sklī·rōus), *v.* [Back-formation from next.] *trans.* To affect with sclerosis; to harden.

1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VII. 599 The long-continued deep seated inflammation has sclerosed the bone.

Sclerosed (sklī·rōust), *ppl. a.* [f. Scleros-is + -ed[1].] a. *Path.* Affected with sclerosis; rendered abnormally hard.

1878 A. McL. Hamilton *Nerv. Dis.* 100 Separated from the brain-tissue in the vicinity by a sclerosed mass. 1896 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* I. 382 No power can renew sclerosed nerve-cells. 1898 J. Hutchinson in *Arch. Surg.* IX. 292, I had removed by superficial excision some sclerosed patches.

b. *Bot.* Hardened; lignified.

1881 Shattock in *Linn. Soc. Jrnl.* XIX. 6 In the case which I have described the sclerosed tissue is formed of the indifferent cells of the pith. 1887 Garnsey tr. *De Bary's Fungi* 499 *Sclerosed*, exhibiting sclerosis.

Sclerosic (sklī·rō·sik), *a. Path.* [f. Scleros-is + -ic.] = Sclerotic *a.* 3.

1889 W. B. Lewis *Mental Dis.* 464 We regard these multiple lesions not as a primary sclerosic change, but [etc.].

Sclerosing (sklī·rō·siŋ), *ppl. a.* [f. Sclerose *v.* + -ing 2.] Becoming affected with sclerosis.

1894 *Educator* (Philad.) Sept. 118 The most common lesions which appear to have caused loss of hearing are to be classified under the term sclerosing processes of the middle ear. 1897 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* IV. 425 Perinephritis, either of the sclerosing or suppurative variety.

Sclerosis (sklī·rō·sis). Also 4–7 **sclirosis.** [med.L. (written *sclirosis* in *Alphita*, 15th c.), a. Gr. *σκλήρωσις*, f. *σκληροῦν* to harden, f. *σκληρός* hard: see -osis.]

1. *Path.* † a. A hard external tumour. *Obs.* b. A morbid hardening of any tissue or structure.

1398 Trevisa *Barth. De P. R.* VII. lix. (1495) 274 Of melancolia comyth a postume, and yf the matere is all wytbout the postume highte Sclirosis. *c* 1400 *Lanfranc's Cirurg.* 222 Ofte þer comeþ þerof sclirosis or a festre. 1543 Traheron *Vigo's Chirurg.* 7 And there is a pannicle compounded in y^e^ eye called sclirosis. *Ibid.*, Table, Sclerosis. 1846 G. E. Day tr. *Simon's Anim. Chem.* II. 411 *Sclerosis*. Ragsky has analysed bone in several cases of this affection. 1861 Bumstead *Ven. Dis.* (1879) 593 Sclerosis of the tongue is most frequent about the fifth year of syphilis. 1879 Knoby *Digest Med.* 111 This inflammation occurs in the liver or the kidneys where it is known as cirrhosis, when in the brain or cord, it is called sclerosis. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 642 There was diffuse sclerosis [of the spinal cord].

2. *Bot.* (See quot. 1887.)

1884 Bower & Scott *De Bary's Phaner.* 28 When..a hardening of the wall thus occurs, this process will for the future be indicated by the term *Sclerosis*. 1887 Garnsey & Balfour tr. *De Bary's Fungi* 499 *Sclerosis*, induration of a tissue or a cell-wall either by thickening of the membranes or by their lignification.

Sclerotal (sklī·rō·tăl). *Anat.* [f. Sclerot-is + -al.] Any of the component plates of the bony ring which protects the sclerotic coat of the eyeball in certain birds and reptiles.

1854 Owen in *Orr's Circ. Sci., Org. Nat.* I. 179 An ossified part of the eye-capsule, commonly in two pieces, 'sclerotals'. 1884 Coues *Key N. Amer. Birds* (ed. 2) 182 It is reinforced by a circlet of bones, the sclerotals.

Sclerotic (sklī·rɒ́·tik), *a.*[1] and *sb.* In 7 sclero-, sclirotyke, -tike. [a. med. and mod.L. *sclērōticus* (med.L. in fem. form Sclerotica), a. late Gr. **σκληρωτικός* having the property of hardening, pertaining to sclerosis or hardening, f. *σκληροῦν*: see Scleroma.] **A.** *adj.*

1. *Anat.* In *sclerotic coat, membrane, tunic* = B. 1. Cf. Sclerotica.

1543 Traheron *Vigo's Chirurg.* Interpr., Sclirotike. The fyrst skynne of the eye, which conteyneth vnder hym all the other skinnes, & couereth, in y^e^ hinder parte the glassye, and crystalline humour, is called in Greke Scleros, and barbarouslye sclirotike, that is to saye, harde. 1691 Ray *Creation* II. (1692) 26 The ciliary processes, or rather the ligaments, observed in the inside of the Sclerotick Tunicles of the Eye,..do serve instead of a Muscle. 1741 A. Monro *Anat. of Nerves* (ed. 3) 44 After piercing the sclerotick Coat. 1842 Brande *Dict. Sci.*, etc. s. v. *Eye*, The internal parts of the eye are, the sclerotic membrane, which is the hard outer case of the globe [etc.]. 1882 Newton in *Encycl. Brit.* XIV. 244/1 The irides are of a light orange, and the sclerotic tunics,—equivalent to the 'white of the eye' in most animals,..are in this [the Lämmergeyer] very conspicuous.

b. Of or pertaining to, or connected with the sclerotic coat of the eye.

Sclerotic bone, plate = Sclerotal; *sclerotic ring*, the ring formed by the sclerotic bones of the eyeball.

1822–29 [see Sclerotitis]. 1840 Macgillivray *Brit. Birds* III. 150 The Sclerotic Bones..are in this eye fifteen in number. 1851 Mantell *Petrifactions* iii. § 3. 160 The bony sclerotic plates of the organs of vision. 1883–4 *Medical Ann.* 13/1 Less likely to be followed by complications than sclerotic..incisions. 1896 H. Woodward *Guide Fossil Rept. Brit. Mus.* 8 A genus of Crocodiles remarkable for the presence of a sclerotic ring in the eye and the absence of bony scutes.

† c. See quot. (? A misapprehension.)

1681 tr. *Willis' Rem. Med. Wks.* Vocab., *Sclerotick*, that is troubled with some tumor in the third panicle of the eye, called the cornea membrana, or somewhere thereabouts.

2. Of medicines: Adapted to harden the tissues.
1696 Phillips (ed. 5), *Sclerotic* Medicines, such as unite the parts more firmly amongst themselves. 1858 Mayne *Expos. Lex., Sclerotic*, applied to drying medicines.

3. *Path.* Of or pertaining to sclerosis; affected with sclerosis.
1543 Traheron *Vigo's Chirurg.* 78 Apostemes sclerotyke, of the fyngers and toes. *Ibid.*, Table, Sclirotyke aposteme. 1897 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* II. 521 The lesion invariably consists of a nodule or mass of hard sclerotic tissue with a calcified centre. *Ibid.* 864 Alcohol is usually said to..lead to sclerotic changes in the valves of the heart.

4. *Bot.* Hardened, stony in texture.
Sclerotic cells, grit-cells or sclereids; *sclerotic parenchyma*, grit-cells or stone-cells in pears, etc.
1884 Bower & Scott *De Bary's Phaner.* 330 A sheath composed of sclerotic lignified elements goes all round the bundle. *Ibid.* 419 The outer layer of the cortex of the root is often sclerotic in a high degree.

B. *sb.*

1. The hard outer coat of the posterior part of the eyeball, forming the white of the eye.
1690 J. Edwards *Demonstr. Exist. God* II. (1696) 30 It is the foremost part of this skin which hath the epithet of corneous, and the hinder is properly the sclerotick. 1751 Spry *Morbid Eye* in *Phil. Trans.* XLIX. 19 Yet the blood-vessels of the conjunctive were no way enlarged, nor in the least redder than that and the sclerotic were before. 1872 Huxley *Physiol.* ix. 225 The eyeball is composed..of a.. case consisting of fibrous..tissue the greater part of which is white and opaque, and is called the sclerotic. 1900 J. Hutchinson in *Arch. Surg.* XI. 42 He is a pale sallow man with very white sclerotics.

2. A medicine for hardening the flesh, etc.
1728 in Chambers *Cycl.*; and in later Dicts.

Sclerotic (skliˈərɒˈtik), *a.*[2] [f. Sclerot-ium + -ic.] *Sclerotic acid*, one of the two most active constituents of ergot.
1876 *Pharm. Jrnl.* 17 June 1001/1 In ergot there also occurs from 2 to 3 per cent. of a substance similarly soluble in water,..this..we have named Sclerotic Acid.

‖ Sclerotica (skliˈərɒˈtikă). Also 6 **slirotiqua.** [med.L. *sclērōtica* (written *sclirotica* in Lanfranc *c* 1300), fem. (with ellipse of *tunica* tunic) of **sclērōticus*, a. Gr. **σκληρωτικός*: see Sclerotic *a.* The form in Lanfranc represents the late Gr. pronunciation of η as *i*; cf. OF. *sclirotique* (mod. F. *sclérotique*), Sp. *esclirótica*.]
= Sclerotic *sb.* 1.
1541 R. Copland *Gnydon's Quest. Chirurg.* E iij b, In the inwarde party it is called slirotiqua and in the outwarde cornea. 1667 *Phil. Trans.* II. 536 The Sclerotica formed like a Cup. *c* 1790 Imison *Sch. Arts* I. 196 It is contained in three membranes; the outermost is the *Sclerotica*; the second the *Tunica Choroides*. 1880 Günther *Fishes* vii. 113 The sclerotica is cartilaginous in Chondropterygians.

Sclerotical (skliˈərɒˈtikăl), *a.* [f. Sclerotic + -al.] = Sclerotic. 1897 in Webster.

Sclerotioid (skliˈərɒˈəˈtioid), *a.* Also **sclerotoid.** [f. Sclerotium + -oid.] Resembling a sclerotium.
1857 M. J. Berkeley *Cryptog. Botany* § 405 A large stipitate species with a sclerotoid rooting base. 1874 Cooke *Fungi* 102 Ergot, which is the sclerotioid condition of a species of Claviceps. 1900 B. D. Jackson *Gloss. Bot. Terms, Sclerotioid, sclerotoid*, like a sclerotium.

† Sclero·tis. *Obs.* [mod.L.] = Sclerotica.
1670 *Phil. Trans.* V. 1042 The Optique nerve after its insertion into the Eye is inflected, and extends it self on the Concavity of the Sclerotis about the breadth of 2 or 3 lines.

‖ Sclerotitis (skliˈərotəiˈtis). *Path.* [mod.L., f. prec.: see -itis.] Inflammation of the sclerotica.
1822-29 *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 3) II. 550 Sclerotic inflammation, or *sclerotitis*, as it is frequently termed. 1897 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* III. 68 The affections of the eye in gonorrhœal rheumatism..take the form of conjunctivitis, or sclerotitis, and iritis.

‖ Sclerotium (skliˈərōˈəˈtiŏm). Pl. **sclerotia.** [mod.L. (Tode 1790), f. Gr. *σκληρός* hard.]
† 1. A former genus of *Cryptogamia*, comprising small, hard black bodies producing smut in wheat and ergot in rye; now known to be a particular stage of growth of the mycelium of certain fungi.
1819 *Pantologia, Sclerotium*, in botany, a genus of the class cryptogamia, order fungi. 1845 *Encycl. Metrop.* VI. 51/1 The spur, or ergot, is by some considered as a fungus, a species of sclerotium.

2. A tuberous body forming on the mycelium of a fungus, from which it becomes detached when its growth is complete. (See quot. 1879.)
1871 Garrod *Mat. Med.* (ed. 3) 350 Ergot. The sclerotium (compact mycelium or spawn) of Claviceps purpurea, produced within the paleæ of the common rye, Secale cereale. 1879 G. Murray in *Encycl. Brit.* IX. 828 Sclerotia are tuberous bodies composed of densely interwoven mycelial hyphæ enclosed by a layer of pseudo-parenchyma...They were long regarded as independent forms of fungi, but it has been discovered that they are only resting states in which nourishment is stored up.

3. *Zool.* In *Mycetozoa*, a cyst-like growth enclosing a portion of the plasmodium in its dormant stage.
1885 E. R. Lankester in *Encycl. Brit.* XIX. 841/2. 1888 Rolleston & Jackson *Anim. Life* 909 But if the plasmodium is ripe for sporulation, its resting-phase, the sclerotium, has a different character.

Sclerotome (skliˈərotōum). *Anat.* Also **sk-.** [f. Gr. *σκληρός* hard + *τομή* section, and *-τόμος* cutter: see -tome.]
1. A sclerous element intervening between successive myotomes.
1857 Goodsir in *Edinb. New Philos. Jrnl.* V. 122 To a segment of the sclerome I apply the designation Sclerotome. 1872 Humphry *Myology* 98 A piece of the lateral muscle with one of the myotomes dissected out to shew the sclerotome, or intermuscular septum. 1894 [see Myotome 1].

2. A knife used in incising the sclerotic.
1885 *Lancet* 11 July 56/1 The eyeball is then rotated.. and a lance-pointed sclerotome passed through the sclerotic.

Sclerotomy (skliˈərɒˈtŏmi). *Surg.* [f. Gr. *σκληρός* hard (here repr. its derivative Sclerotic) + *-τομία* cutting.] Incision into the sclerotic coat of the eye-ball; an operation of this kind.
1876 *Clin. Soc. Trans.* IX. 139 The operation of sclerotomy, as performed in the following cases, is a modification of that proposed by M. Quaglino of Pavia. 1879 *St. George's Hosp. Rep.* IX. 535 A late sufferer from glaucoma, for whom two sclerotomies had been done elsewhere.

Sclerous (sklīˈərŭs), *a.* [f. Gr. *σκληρός* hard + -ous.] **a.** *Phys.* Of animal tissues: Hard, bony. **b.** *Path.* Indurated, affected by sclerosis.
1845 Todd & Bowman *Phys. Anat.* I. 48 The sclerous tissue contains a large proportion of inorganic material, to which it owes its hardness. 1876 Dunglison *Med. Lex., Tissue, Sclerous.* This name has been used collectively for the cartilaginous, osseous, and fibrous tissues. 1897 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* II. 863 The cord changes are due to slowly encroaching sclerous changes. 1899 *Ibid.* VI. 486 In so far as the sclerous condition of the skin acts as an impediment.

Scleuthe, Scleve, obs. ff. Sloth, Sleeve.

Scley, obs. f. Sly. **Scleyre,** var. Skleir *Obs.*

Sclinder, obs. Sc. f. Slender. **Sclink,** obs. f. Slink, a kind of leather. **Sclirosis, Sclondre,** obs. ff. Sclerosis, Slander.

‖ Sclope·ta. *Antiq.* [? Pl. of med.L. *sclopētum* (see next), or perh. an incorrect sing.: cf. Sp. *escopeta*.] = Sclopette.
1709 Steele *Tatler* No. 34 ₱ 5 His [*sc.* the antiquary 'Don Saltero's'] double-barrelled Pistols, Targets, Coats of Mail, his Sclopeta, and Sword of Toledo.

Sclopette (sklope·t). *Antiq.* [ad. med.L. *sclopettum, sclopētum*, f. *sclopus*: see Esclopette, Escopette.] 'A hand-culverin of the end of the fourteenth century' (*Cent. Dict.* 1891).

Scluse, Scnorte, obs. forms of Sluice, Snort.

Sco, obs. form of She, Shoe.

Scoad (skōəd), *v. s.w. dial.* Also 7–8 **scode.** *trans.* To scatter (ashes or other agricultural dressing). Hence **Scoa·ding** *vbl. sb.*
1602 Carew *Cornwall* 20 The charges of this Beating, Burning, Scoding and Sanding...amounteth to..twentie shillings for euerie Acre. 1787 Grose *Provinc. Gloss., Scode*, to scatter. Cornw. 1864 T. Quiller-Couch *E. Cornw. Words* in *Jrnl. R. Inst. Cornw.* Mar., *Scoad*, to scatter, spill. 'To scoad dressing'. *a* 1870 J. Couch *Hist. Polperro* vi. (1871) 118 The turf is collected into separate 'burrows' or heaps, burnt, and the ashes 'scoaded', or scattered over the field.

Scoal(e, Scoale, obs. ff. Scale *sb.*[1], School *sb.*[2]

Scoar(e, Scoase, Scoat: see Score, Scorse, Scote *v.*

† Scob[1] (skɒb). *Obs.* Also 5 **scobe,** 5–6 **skobbe,** 7 **scobb.** [Of obscure etymology.] A box, a chest.
1469–70 in Swayne *Sarum Churchw. Acc.* (1896) 13 Pro ij^bus clauibus..vnum..pro parua skobbe in Vestibulo. 1481–2 *Ibid.* 368 A lytell key to the scobbe by fore the Rood Awt'. 1507–8 *Ibid.* 261, j skobbe pro ornamentis Altaris predicte imponend'. 1521–2 *Ibid.* 65 A loke to the sextens scobe. 1550–51 *Ibid.* 91 Sold' to Xp̃fer tucker a skobbe w^ch we Receyued therfor xxd.

b. *Winchester School* (see quots. 1862 and 1891).
c 1615 in Walcott *William of Wykeham* (1852) 167 Item, for a scobb to hold his books 0 3 6. 1862 H. B. Wheatley *Anagrams* 141 At Winchester School the boys are in the habit of calling the huge old boxes that serve them for desks, skobs; skob being box (or rather boks) spelt backwards. 1891 Wrench *Winchester Word-bk., Scob*, or *Scobb*, an oak box with a double lid, set at the angles of the squares of wooden benches in School. It is used as desk and bookcase. 1893 *Q. Rev.* Oct. 382 Here stood the 'Scobs' or oak boxes which contained all that a boy could call his own.

Scob[2] (skɒb). *Weaving.* (See quots.)
1863 J. Watson *Art Weaving* 141 When the weft passes over a portion of the warp without being interwoven with it, the defect is that the yarn hangs loose at that part, and it is called a Scob, Float, or Flow. *Ibid.*, Scob or Float Preventer. 1878 Barlow *Weaving* 442 *Scobs* (Scotch term), the warp and weft not properly interwoven.

† Scobberlotcher. *Obs.* [Cf. Scopperloit.] An idler. (So explained in context.)
a 1697 Aubrey *Lives* (1898) II. 26 Dr. Kettle, when he scolded at the idle young boies of his colledge, he used these names,..Rascal-Jacks, Blindcinques, Scobberlotchers.

Scobby (skɒˈbi). A north-country name for the chaffinch, *Fringilla cælebs.*
1813 Montagu *Ornith. Dict.* Suppl. 1852 F. O. Morris *Hist. Brit. Birds* II. 236.

† Scobe, *sb. Obs. trans.* [a. L. *scob-em, scobs.*] Sawdust.
c 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* III. 901 Ek populer or fir is profitabull To make & lye among hem scobes abull. *Ibid.* IV. 491 Hem summe in cedur scobe..wel witholde.

† Scobe, *v. Obs. trans.* To gag.
1652 *Nicol's Diary* 30 Sept. (MS.) (Jam.), One of them had his mouth scobit. *a* 1657 Sir J. Balfour *Ann.* Hist. Wks. 1825 III. 316 [General Monk] in a rage commandit Mr. Jo. Robertsone not to speake one word, wich if he presumed to doe, he wold scobe his mouthe.

Scobiform (skōəˈbifɒ̄m), *a. Bot.* [f. L. *scob-s* sawdust, filings + -(i)form.] Like sawdust or filings in appearance.
1760 J. Lee *Introd. Bot.* II. xxiii. (1765) 129 The seeds are scobiform. 1830 Lindley *Nat. Syst. Bot.* 52 Seeds scobiform, subulate, smooth.

‖ Scobina (skɒbəiˈnă). *Bot.* [mod.L., use of L. *scobīna* rasp.] 'The zigzag rachis of the spikelets of grasses' (*Treas. Bot.* 1866).
1839 Lindley *Introd. Bot.* I. ii. (ed. 3) 153 In the spikelets of Grasses the rachis has an unusual, toothed, flexuose appearance, and has received the name of *scobina* from Dumortier.

Scochen, -eoun, -ynne, etc.: see Scutcheon.

Scode, variant of Scoad *v. dial.*

Scodgy (skɒˈdʒi). *Sc.* Also 8–9 **scogie, scougie, scudgie, skodge, skodgie, skudgy.** [Of obscure origin.] 'A boy or girl who cleans boots, or does the dirty work of the kitchen; a drudge' (E.D.D.). Also *attrib.*
1786 *Har'st Rig* xci, The Scogie lass does rin wil haste And bring the *kale*. 1850 A. M^cGilvray *Poems* 208 Look after cleaning pans and tins, And all the scudgie matters. 1895 P. H. Hunter *Jas. Inwick* x. 124 Misca'in me for a turncoat, an' a rinawa, an' scodgy to the laird.

Scoff (skɒf), *sb.*[1] Forms: 4 **skof**(f, (*pl.* **scoffes**), 4–6 **scof,** 6 *Sc.* **skwff, skuf,** 6–7 **scoffe, skoffe,** 7 (**schoffe**), *Sc.* **skuff,** 6– **scoff.** [ME. *scof, skof*, of obscure origin.
In sense the word agrees with ON. *skop* neut. (the ablaut-variant *skaup* is more common), corresp. to OHG. *scoph, scopf* and prob. cogn. w. OE. *scop* poet; see Scop. It is possible that there was a cognate and synonymous form **skof* of which the Eng. word may be an adoption; cf. early mod. Da. *skuf, skof*, jest, mockery, *skuffe* to jest, mock, also (as now) to deceive, disappoint, MLG. *schoven*; Richthofen cites a single instance of OFris. *schof*, which he interprets 'mockery'.]

1. a. 'Contemptuous ridicule; expression of scorn; contumelious language' (J.); mockery. Phrase, *to make scoff.* Now *rare* or *Obs.*
13.. *K. Alis.* 667 (Laud MS.) This nis nou3th romaunce of skof [*Lincoln's Inn MS.* scof]. *Ibid.* 5461 Nov it is ypassed, hij ne don þerof Bot gamenen togedres, & ek scoff. *c* 1330 R. Braunne *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 7586 'Drynk hail', he seyþ, & drynkeþ þer-of, Kyssyng hym in bourde & scof. 1340 *Ayenb.* 128 Do away þe scoffes and þe scornes. *a* 1450 Myrc What maner þynge þou art gulty of, Telle me boldely & make no scof. *c* 1530 *Crt. Love* 1185 'Bereve me, godesse', quod he, [of] thy might, My skornes all and skoffes, that I have No power forth, to mokken any wight That in thy service dwell. 1538 Bale *Brefe Comedy Tempt. Chr.* D iv, If ye do beleue, that ye are the sonne of God, Beleue thys also, if ye leape downe here in scoff, From thys hygh pynnacle, ye can take no harme therof. *a* 1572 Knox *Hist. Ref.* Wks. 1846 I. 49 The Bischope was heightly offended, asweill at the skwff and bitter mock, as at the bold libertie of that learned man. 1588 Shaks. *L. L. L.* v. ii. 263 By heauen, all drie beaten with pure scoffe. 1596 Dalrymple tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* II. 188 Doubtles gif we retvrne, we sal vndirly a perpetual skuf and shame. 1598 Grenewey *Tacitus, Ann.* I. iii. (1622) 6 [Augustus] asked the opinion of the Pontife in a scoffe, whether there might be a lawfull marriage betwixt them. 1612 T. Taylor *Comm. Titus* i. 2 As in nicknames taken up in scoffe. 1617 Morvson *Itin.* I. 205 Being to receive the Sacrament he demaunded in scoffe a great piece of bread. *a* 1854 H. Reed *Lect. Brit. Poets* (1857) 360 It was a piece of scoff at his political foes.

b. A derisive jest, an expression of mockery.
1573 G. Harvey *Letter-bk.* (Camden) 14 And now he was thurrouly furnisshid with a cumpani of gud lusti cuts and stateli scofs. 1604 Hieron *Wks.* I. 502 The schoffes of Ismalitish papists. 1610 Healey *St. Aug. Citie of God* xiii. xvi. (1620) 456 But the Philosophers..thinke they giue vs a witty scoffe for saying that [etc.]. 1660 F. Brooke tr. *Le Blanc's Trav.* 313 We..telling him of these spirits, being a Protestant, he made a scoffe at it. *c* 1665 Mrs. Hutchinson *Mem. Col. Hutchinson* (1885) I. 37 He detested all scoffs at any practice of worship. 1741 Watts *Improv. Mind* I. xiv, Some little souls..for want of a due acquaintance with other sciences make a scoff at them all in comparison of their favourite science. 1751 Earl Orrery *Remarks Swift* (1752) 124 The scoffs and sarcasms of Swift, like the bite of the rattlesnake, distinguish themselves more venomously dangerous, than the wounds of a common serpent. 1818 Shelley *Rev. Islam* xii. iii, Yet none do wreak their scoffs on him. 1827 Coleridge *Lit. Rem.* (1839) IV. 319 Why, this is the very scoff of a late Unitarian writer. 1842 J. H. Newman *Par. Serm.* VI. xvii. 258 Worldly men have their scoff at our failure of discernment now. 1877 Froude *Short Stud.* (1883) IV. I. xi. 130 With the scoffs came tales of the retribution which instantly overtook the scoffers.

† **c.** *transf.* A mere jest. *Obs.*
1594 Nashe *Unfort. Trav.* K 4 b, Day by day he digested his meate with leading her the measures [making her 'dance', by flogging]..The ballet of the whipper of late days here in England, was but a scoffe in comparison of him.

2. An object of contempt or scorn; a mark for derision or scoffing.
1640 Sir W. Mure *Counter-Buff* 382 Then with a daring boldnesse, thou reviles That sacred name, and with base skurill stiles..Thou makes of it a sesam, a skuff, a sport. 1660 N. Ingelo *Bentiv. & Ur.* I. (1682) 77 Is not he the common scoff of all beholders? 1668–9 Pepys *Diary* 31 Jan., Dr. Waterhouse..was mighty passionate against people that make a scoff of religion. 1672 Villiers (Dk. Buckhm.) *Rehearsal* III. ii, How has my passion made me Cupid's scoff! 1733 Swift *Apol.* 55 And since I 'scap'd being made a Scoff, I think I'm very fairly off. 1781 Cowper *Hope* 743 These are thy glorious works, eternal truth, The scoff of wither'd age and beardless youth. 1817 Keatinge *Trav.* I. 215 Ancient history, even where only founded on tradition, so long the scoff of shallow ignorance, pseudo-philo-

sophy, and sordid indolence. 1825 Macaulay *Ess., Milton* P.77 The principles of liberty were the scoff of every grinning courtier. 1855 — *Hist. Eng.* xvi. III. 623 But the rest of his army was the scoff of all Europe.

Scoff (skɒf), *sb.*[2] *S. African.* [Cape Du., repr. Du. *schoft*, quarter of a day, hence each of the four meals of the day.] Food; also a meal. (Cf. Scaff *sb.*)

1879 Atcherley *Trip Boërland* 101 Kafirs..get wages varying from 15s. to £1, besides their food, or 'scoff'..Indian or mealie flour. 1892 Ld. R. Churchill *Men, Mines, & Anim.* ix. (1895) 132 They were stranded without any skoff. 1899 Flynt *Tramping with Tramps* II. iii. (1900) 251 Scoff's always more plenty than money. 1900 S. Chambers *Rhodesians* 63 The bones left over from the Boss's skoff.

Scoff (skɒf), *v.*[1] Also 4 scof, 6–7 scoffe, skoffe. [f. Scoff *sb.*[1]]

1. *intr.* To speak derisively, mock, jeer. Const. *at*, † *of*, † *over*, † *upon*, † *with*. Chiefly implying unworthy derision, as of something deserving reverence or consideration.

a 1380 *St. Savina* 255 in Horstm. *Altengl. Leg.* (1878) 97 Hit neodeþ not to þe forte scof. 1530 Palsgr. 706/1, I scoffe, I bourde or jest with one, *je me bourde*. I scoffe with hym, *je me bourde a luy*. *Ibid.*, I scoffe, I jest upon one, *je jouche* and *je larde*. Hast thou naught els to do but scoffe upon me. 1560 Jewel *Reply to Cole* Wks. (1609) 37 The Councell of Paris was scoft at, and iested out of all parts. 1570 Levins *Manip.* 156/39 To skoffe, *scommari*. *a* 1572 Knox *Hist. Ref.* I. (1586) 163 In this disputation manie other thinges were merily skoft ouer. 1590 Spenser *F. Q.* III. vi. 21 Thereat Diana gan to smile, in scorne Of her vaine plaint, and to her scoffing sayd. 1591 Shaks. 1 *Hen. VI*, III. ii. 45 *Burg.* [to Joan of Arc] Scoffe on vile Fiend, and shamelesse curtizan. 1611 Bible *Transl. Pref.* ¶ 2 And yet for as worthy an acte as euer he [David] did.. he was scorned and scoffed at by his owne wife. *a* 1643 Ld. Falkland, etc. *Infallibility* (1646) 94 There is a difficulty which may exercise you instead of scoffing of his Lordship in the close of the Chapter. 1655 Walton *Angler* i. (1661) 4 'Tis an easie thing to scoff at any Art or Recreation; a little wit mixt with ill nature, confidence, and malice, will do it. 1667 Milton *P. L.* VI. 629 So they among themselves in pleasant veine Stood scoffing. 1758 Johnson *Idler* No. 18 ¶ 3 Among the numbers whom you have taught to scoff at the retirement of Drugget, there is one who offers his apology. 1770 Goldsm. *Des. Vill.* 180 And fools who came to scoff, remain'd to pray. 1821 Shelley *Song*, '*Rarely, rarely, comest thou*' ii, With the joyous and the free Thou wilt scoff at pain. 1859 Tennyson *Marr. Geraint* 58 And by and by the people..Began to scoff and jeer and babble of him As of a prince whose manhood was all gone. 1886 G. Allen *Darwin* xii. 201 Harvey's grand discovery..was scoffed at for nearly a whole generation.

2. *trans.* To scoff at, deride, ridicule irreverently. ? *Obs.* exc. *U. S.*

1579 Lyly *Euphues* (Arh.) 170 Such grosse questions are to be aunswered with slender reasons, and such idle heads should be scoffed with adde aunsweres. *c* 1592 Marlowe *Massacre Paris* (?1600) B 3, Was it not thou that scoftes [*sic*] the Organon, And said it was a heape of vanities? 1593 Shaks. *Rich. II*, III. ii. 163. 1607 B. Barnes *Divils Charter* I. v. C 2, Scoffst thou me Gismond with continuall taunts? 1624 Quarles *Job Militant* xi. 39, I would not scoffe you, nor with taunts torment ye. 1643 Trapp *Comm. Gen.* xxxvi. 24 This same foolish wittiness Alexander wittily scoffed, when he gave [etc.]. 1676 Glanvill *Seasonable Reflect.* 35 To Scoff Religion is ridiculously proud and immodest. 1733 Swift *Apol.* 148 To see th' important Man of Dress Scoffing my College Aukwardness. 1795 Southey *Joan of Arc* x. 319 He..scoff'd their easy fears. 1891 Mary A. Dodge *Washington Bible Class* ii. 48 (Funk) The men who are increasing the sum of the world's knowledge are studying, not scoffing the Bible. 1892 Gunter *Miss Dividends* (1893) 210 Oh, how I have scoffed them in my heart.

† **b.** *To scoff out*: to dismiss or put aside scoffingly. *Obs. rare.*

1549 Latimer *7th Serm. bef. Edw. VI* (Arb.) 200 They that be called to aunswere wyll not aunswere directlye, but skoffe the matter out. 1551 Cranmer *Answ. Gardiner* I. 10 And so scoffe out both these hygh mysteries of Christe.

Scoff (skɒf), *v.*[2] *slang* and *dial.* Also scorf, skoff. [app. orig. a variant of Scaff *v.*, taken into slang from dialectal use; latterly associated with the South African Scoff *sb.*[2]]

1. *trans.* To eat voraciously, devour; also *gen.* to eat.

1864 *Hotten's Slang Dict.*, *Scorf*, to eat voraciously. 1876 *Whitby Gloss.*, *Skoff*, to eat with audible voracity. 1883 Clark Russell *Sailors' Lang.*, *Scoffing*, eating. To *scoff* a thing is to eat it. 1886 W. H. Long *Dict. Isle Wight Dial.* 61 They zet down and scoffed every bit o' grub there was on the taable. 1895 A. Patterson *Man & Nature in Broads* 122 A bunch of grey lag-geese as wor scoffin' (eating) the young wheat in a field up hinder. 1901 W. S. Walker *In the Blood* iv, Those birds kill snakes do they?..Rather. ..They goes down themselves and scoffs them.

b. *intr.* To eat or feed; to have one's food *with*. [Cf. Du. *schoften* to take one's meals.]

1899 Lowth *Dau. of Transvaal* xi. 191, I say, here come those three, still skoffing. 1900 S. Chambers *Rhodesians* 18 I'll 'skoff' with Achille this month.

2. *trans.* To seize, plunder.

1893 Kipling *Many Invent., Judson & the Empire*, Are we a set of hairy pirates to scoff the storeroom of a painted Levantine bumboat? *Ibid.*, There's enough [gold-leaf] for two first-rates, and I've scoffed the best half of it. 1898 Hyne *Capt. Kettle* xi. 289 Some of those lousy Portuguese have been on board and scoffed all the money. 1903 B. Mitford *Veldt Vendetta* 122 Why the Kafirs'd have skoffed the whole span long before and started out to rake in more.

† **Sco·ffage.** *Obs. rare*[−1]. [f. Scoff *v.*[1] + -age.] The action or fact of scoffing.

a 1639 Whateley *Prototypes* I. xix. (1640) 222 These gracelesse young men think the threats but words of sport, counterfeit words which have no truth nor substance in them, but were very mockery and scoffage.

Scoffer (skɒ·fəɹ). Also 6 scoffar. [f. Scoff *v.*[1] + -er[1].]

1. One who scoffs. Const. *at*; also (now *rarely*) *of*. Often *spec.*, one who scoffs at religion or morality.

1470–85 Malory *Arthur* x. xlvii. 488 He was a good knyȝt but he was a scoffer and a laper. 1540 Palsgr. *Acolastus* IV. ii. S ij, The order or felowshyp of scoffers, or common gesters. *a* 1568 Ascham *Scholem.* I. (Arb.) 33 In yougthe also they be readie scoffers. 1600 Shaks. *A. Y. L.* III. v. 62 Cry the man mercy, loue him, take his offer, Foule is most foule, being foule to be a scoffer. 1611 Bible *Transl. Pref.* ¶ 16 We might also be charged (by scoffers) with some vnequall dealing towards a great number of good English wordes. 1630 *R. Johnson's Kingd. & Commw.* 190 It is also naturall to the French, to be a great scoffer; for men of light and unsteady braines, have commonly sudden and sharpe conceits. 1691 Wood *Ath. Oxon.* II. 195 He closed with the Presbyterians, notwithstanding he had before..been a scoffer of them. *a* 1768 Secker *Serm.* (1770) I. 209 They have..become Railers and Scoffers at it [Christianity]. 1790 G. Walker *Serm.* II. xxx. 327 The impious scoffer of his Maker, of providence, of religion and of a future world. 1814 Wordsw. *Excurs.* II. 484 This dull product of a scoffer's pen. 1852 T. Parker *Ten Serm. Relig.* iv. (1863) 76 The long line of scoffers from Lucian..down to Voltaire. 1853 Herschel *Pop. Lect. Sci.* ii. § 5 (1873) 52 What would Anaximander or the scoffer of Anaxagoras have said, could he have known what we now know. 1855 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* xiv. III. 445 To put any other interpretation on his words would be..to give an occasion of triumph to scoffers. 1869 Freeman *Norm. Conq.* III. xii. 80 The subject of foolish and brutal jests among the profligate scoffers of his Court.

† **2.** A jester, buffoon. *Obs.*

1530 Palsgr. 268/1 Scoffer or jestar, *gaudissevr*. 1540 — *Acolastus* II. i. H iij b, Take me hardely in all the hast to be bounde prentyse to thy felowshyp or craftes men of scoffars. 1568 Withals *Dict.* 65 a/2 A scoffer, *histrio*. 1623 Cockeram I, *Mimicke*, a scoffer, a iester.

† **Sco·ffery.** *Obs. rare.* [f. Scoff *v.*[1] + -ery, after *mockery*.] **a.** A mockery, ridiculous proceeding. **b.** Mockery, jeering, derision.

1577 Harrison *England* III. vii. 108 b, King Henrye.. thought it a mere scoffery to pursue any fallow Deare with hounds or greyhounds. 1589 Puttenham *Eng. Poesie* I. xxxi. (Arb.) 76 Skelton a sharpe Satirist, but with more rayling and scoffery then became a Poet Lawreat. 1836 *Fraser's Mag.* XIV. 507 With..a scowling scoffery of all the principles which those who gathered together the National Assembly had contemplated.

† **Sco·ffic,** *a. Obs. rare*[−1]. In 7 scophick. [f. Scoff *sb.*[1] + -ic.] Resembling, or of the nature of, a scoff. So also † **Sco·ffical** *a.*

1653 R. Baillie *Dissuas. Vind.* (1655) 86 You must make me a forger of meer reproachful, and scoffical calumnies. 1654 Hammond *Answ. to Animadv.* v. § 1. 118, I must in the same Scophick [*sic*; *bnt in Wks.* 1684 Scoptick] humour, be styled a learned man.

Scoffing (skɒ·fiŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. Scoff *v.*[1] + -ing[1].] The action of Scoff *v.*[1]; † a scoff.

1377 Langl. *P. Pl.* B. xiii. 277 Of scornyng and of scoffyng and of vnskilful beryngе. 1529 More *Supplic. Soulys* Wks. 332/1 He laith agaynst it nothing but skoffing. 1530 Palsgr. 268/1 Scoffynges or tryfles, *fredaynes*. 1723 Swift *Epitaph Judge Boat* 2 Pray, Gentle-folks, forbear your Scoffing. 1820 Byron *Mar. Fal.* v. i. 425 Men whose vice is to start at vice's scoffing. 1883 R. W. Dixon *Mano* IV. xv. 188 He bitter jests and filthy scoffing made.

b. *Comb.*: **scoffing-stock** [cf. Laughing-stock], an object of scoffing.

1571 Golding *Calvin on Ps.* lxix. 13 Hee was a scoffing-stock to y^e^ very princes. 1662 Bargrave *Pope Alex. VII* (1867) 96 The other Cardinals do but make him their scoffing-stock to laugh at. 1870 F. Jacox *Recr. Recluse* I. iv. 86 This same scoffing-stock of the school..displayed the energetic originality of genius.

Scoffing (skɒ·fiŋ), *ppl. a.* [f. Scoff *v.*[1] + -ing[2].] That scoffs; contemptuous, derisive.

1538 Elyot *Dict., Scurriliter*, in raylynge or scoffyng facion. 1540 Palsgr. *Acolastus* II. i. H ij b, Dysours or skoffyng fellowes. *a* 1586 Sidney *Arcadia* II. (Sommer) 184 b, And so in this iollie scoffing brauerie he went ouer vs all, saying [etc.]. 1592 Greene *Upst. Courtier* B 3, Questioning with one that I met why these women were so cholericke, he, like a skoffing fellow, pointed to a bush of nettles. 1610 Holland *Camden's Brit.* I. 534 Niele, a scoffing Poet in those daies,..wrot thus of them. *a* 1637 B. Jonson *Discov., Nil gratius* (1640) 91 Indeed..nothing is of more credit, or request now, then a petulant paper, or scoffing verses. 1683 Soame & Dryden tr. *Boileau's Art Poet.* III. 771 A Socrates himself in that loose age, Was made the pastime of a scoffing stage. *a* 1859 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* xxiii. V. 70 The people of the capital had been annoyed by the scoffing way in which foreigners spoke of the principal residence of our sovereigns.

Scoffingly (skɒ·fiŋli), *adv.* [f. Scoffing *ppl. a.* + -ly[2].] In a scoffing manner.

1538 Elyot *Dict., Ironice*, mockyshly, scoffyngly. 1560 Daus tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* 32 b, To this decree of theyrs aunswereth Philip Melancthon, and after that Luther him selfe, but skoffyngly. 1641 *Pet. Istleworth* 4 He had rather hear an Organ..than singing of Psalmes, which scoffingly he called Hopkins his jigges. 1725 *Pope's Odyss.* III. Notes I. 167 What the Suitors had spoken scoffingly in the preceding book,..appears in this not to be impracticable. 1870 R. C. Jebb *Sophocles' Electra* (ed. 2) 126/1 Clytaemnestra says scoffingly..'now by *thy* favourite goddess'.

† **Scoffion.** *Obs. rare*[−1]. [a. F. *scoffion* (Du Bellay, 16th c.), *escoffion* (Molière), a. Sp. *escofion* or It. *scuffione* augmentative of Sp. *escofia*, It. *scuffia*, synonymous and cogn. w. Sp. *cofia*, It. *cuffia*: see Coif *sb.*] A kind of head-dress.

1604 E. G[rimstone] *D'Acosta's Hist. Indies* IV. xiv. 249 Lelia a Romane Dame bestowed vppon a scoffion [orig. *tocado*] and a garment embroidered with pearle and emerald 400000. ducats.

† **Sco·fting.** *Obs. rare*[−1]. [? f. Du. *schoft* blackguard.] A term of contempt for a person.

1514 Barclay *Cit. & Uplondyshm.* (Percy Soc.) 16 This scorfy scoftynge declareth openly Agaynste rurall men, rebuke and injury.

Scog, variant of Scug *v.* *Sc.* and *dial.*

† **Sco·ggan.** *Mech. Obs.* Also 8 scoggen. [Of obscure origin; as it was a quasi-personal name, it may have been an application of Scoggin.

Commonly alleged to be from a dialect verb *scog*, to idle, loiter; but no such sense of the verb is known to exist. Desaguliers, the sole authority for the 'Humphrey Potter' story, does not say that the boy invented 'Scoggan' to save himself labour; he merely substituted one automatic contrivance for another less efficient. But the truth of the whole story has been questioned: see the art. *Newcomen* in *Dict. Nat. Biog.*]

An automatic contrivance for opening valves in Newcomen's steam engine *c* 1713. (See quot. 1744.)

1719 *Plate repr. Newcomen's engine* (*Dict. Nat. Biog.* art. Newcomen), Scoggen and his mate that do more work than the boy [? = buoy]. 1744 Desaguliers *Exper. Philos.* II. 533 They used before to work with a Buoy in the Cylinder.., which Buoy rose when the Steam was strong, and open'd the Injection,..thereby they were capable of only giving six, eight, or ten Strokes in a Minute, 'till a boy, Humphry Potter, who attended the Engine, added (what he call'd Scoggan) a Catch that the beam Q always open'd: and then it would go 15 or 16 Strokes in a Minute.

Scogger (skɒ·gəɹ). *north. dial.* Also skogger, scugger. [Cf. *cogger* Cocker *sb.*[1] 2.] A footless stocking, or a knitted article of similar form, worn either as a gaiter or as a sleeve to protect the arm; also the foot of a stocking worn over the boot to prevent slipping on ice.

1615 Brathwait *Strappado* 130 Fute-sare I was, for Bille shoon had neane,..Nor hose-legs (wele I wate) but skoggers and, That hardly hap't poore Billes legs fra caud. 1820 Southey *Wesley* I. 51 *note*, So the word [snuffers].. may possibly be a misprint for scoggers, as such sleeves are called in some parts of England. 1829 Brockett *N. C. Gloss.* (ed. 2), *Skogger*, the leg of an old stocking; used by countrymen to keep the snow out of their shoes. 1887 D. Donaldson *Suppl. to Jamieson*, Scoggers, Scuggers. 1899 *Cumberld. Gloss.*, *Scogger*.

† **Sco·ggery.** *Obs. rare.* [App. for **scogginry*: see next and -ry.] Buffoonery, scurrility.

1600 W. Watson *Decacordon* (1602) 95 Villanie, scoggerie, and popularitie. *Ibid.* 266 You might haue left such scoggerie as Parsons hath set out in Greenecoate, to Tarleton, Nashe, or else to some Puritane Martin Mar-prelate.

† **Sco·ggin.** *Obs.*. The name of John *Scoggin* (or Scogan), court fool to Edw. IV, used allusively for: A coarse jester, buffoon.

The allusion is to a fictitious compilation entitled Scoggin's Jests, licensed for printing in 1566; the 17th c. editions attribute the work to Andrew Boorde.

Shakspere (2 Hen. IV, III. ii.) confused the jester with Chaucer's friend Henry Scogan.

1579 G. Harvey *Three Proper Lett.* (1580) 55 Some wordes we haue indeede, as for example..*ayer*, both *pro aere*, and *pro hærede*, for we say not *Heire*, but plaine *Aire* for him to, (or else Scoggins Aier were a poore iest) whiche are commonly, and maye indifferently be vsed eyther wayes. 1593 — *Pierce's Super.* 2 Malice was neuer such an hypocrite, as now; and the world neuer such a Scoggin, as now. 1597 Gerarde *Herbal* I. xlii. 258 [Stinking Orach] is of a most lothsome sauour.., vpon which plant if any should chaunce to rest and sleepe, he might very well report ..that he had reposed himselfe amongst the chiefe of Scoggins heires. 1607 R. C[arew] tr. *Estienne's World of Wonders* 253 Playing the Scoggins with the Scripture; a common thing at this day euen among the Laity. 1625 Hart *Anat. Ur.* I. ii. 26 Hauing discoursed a little with this Scoggin concerning the errand he came for. 1653 R. Sanders *Physiogn.* etc. 67 He that hath such a thing, deserves to be a Scoggin, an Vlespiegle, for he knows all the Tricks of knavery.

Comb. 1607 R. C[arew] tr. *Estienne's World of Wonders* 281 Ridiculous and Scoggin-like speeches.

Hence **Sco·gginism** (also 7 Scoganism), scurrilous jesting. **Sco·gginist,** a scurrilous jester. **Sco·gginly** *a.* (in 7 Scoganly), scurrilous.

1593 G. Harvey *Pierce's Super.* 17 The Ciceronian may sleepe, til the Scogginist hath plaid his part. One sure Conny-catcher, woorth twenty Philosophers. *Ibid.* 149 They ..may peruse his guegawes with indifferency: and finde.. no honesty, but pure Scogginisme; no Religion, but precise Marlowisme. 1620 Br. Hall *Hon. Marr. Clergy* I. viii. 46 But what doe I trouble my Reader with this idle Scoganisme? Scolds or Iesters are onely fit for this combat. *Ibid.* III. iii. 269 Where is the shame of this Romane Priest, whiles he so manifestly belies our holy, reuerend, worthy Master Foxe, whom this Scoganly Pen dare say playes the Goose in the inconstancie of his Relation of this Nicholas?

† **Scogh.** *Obs. rare.* Also skowe, skuwe, scoe. [a. ON. *skóg-r.*] A wood.

a 1375 *Cursor M.* 15826 (Fairf.) Bab ouer hil & scogh. *a* 1400–50 *Alexander* 3915 And many scopid into þe scoghe without scath mare. *Ibid.* 5157 Scho gaffe skirmand skrikis at all þe skowis range. *c* 1420 *Anturs of Arth.* 53 (Irel.) Alle dyrkyns the dere, in the dym scoghes [*v.r.* skuwes], For drede of the dethe droupus the doe. *Ibid.* 129 The bryddus in the boes That of the gost gous Thay scryken in the scoes [*v.r.* skowes].

Scoile, scoill, obs. Sc. forms of School *sb.*[1]

Scoinson (skoi·nsən). *Arch.* [Refashioned form of SCUNCHEON, after its sonrce, OF. *escoinçon.*] Used *attrib.* in *scoinson arch* = REAR-ARCH; also in *scoinson shaft.*

1842 WILLIS *Arch. Nomencl. Mid. Ages* 57 The 'pilastres des écoinsons' of Roubo, correspond exactly in position to the mediæval 'scoinson shaft (or rear-shaft) above described. 1849 E. SHARPE *Decor. Window Tracery* v. 28 In Windows which are placed in walls of considerable thickness, or where the Tracery lies near the outer snrface,..there frequently occurs an arch which is not to be confounded with the Window-Arch...The object of this Arch, to which Professor Willis was the first to call attention, and which he has named the Scoinson-Arch, appears to have been twofold. 1851 TURNER *Dom. Archit.* II. 166 The scoinson arch is trefoiled. 1887 *Archit. Publ. Soc. Dict., Scoinson arch*...Also *rere* and *rear arch.* The interior edge of a window side.

Scoir, Scoit, Scok: see SCORE, SHOOT, SHAKE.

Scoke (skōuk). *U. S.* [Of obscure origin.] The poke-weed, *Phytolacca decandra.*

1794 MORSE *Amer. Geog.* 145 Gargit or Skoke. 1856 A. GRAY *Man. Bot.* (1860) 361 *Phytolacca decandra*, (Common Poke or Scoke. Garget. Pigeon-Berry). 1866 *Treas. Bot.* s.v.

Scol, -age, -ar, etc.: see SCHOOL *sb.*[1], SKOAL, SCHOOLAGE, SCHOLAR, etc. **Scolay:** see SCOLEYE.

Scolourye, obs. form of SKULKERY.

Scold (skōuld), *sb.* Forms: α. *north.* (now *north. dial.* and *Sc.*) 3–4, 8–9 scald, 4–6 skald, 5 skawde, scawde, skalde, scalde, 9 scauld, scaad. β. 3–7 scolde, 4–6 skolde, 5–7 skold, 6 schold, skould, 6–7 scould, 7 scowld, 3– scold. γ. *north.* 6 scolle, skol, scaule, scoule, 8 scaul, scawl. [App. a. ON. *skáld* neut. (see SKALD), originally meaning a poet; the sense-development postulated is strange, but the probability of a sense 'lampooner' as an intermediate stage seems to be indicated by the fact that the derivative *skáldskapr*, lit. 'skaldship', poetry, has in the Icel. law-books the specific sense of libel in verse.]

1. In early use, a person (esp. a woman) of ribald speech; later, a woman (rarely a man) addicted to abusive langnage.

In the example from Ormin, the sense may be 'minstrel'.

α. *c* 1200 OAMIN 2192 Full wel birrþ ure maȝȝdenn ben Forrshamedd, ȝiff mann hrinngeþ Biforenn hire unnþæwfull word & wælinng word þurrh scaldess. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 22030 (Anticrist] sal be born..of bismer brem and bald And geten of a glotun scald (*Gött.* of glotun and skald) þat þar may be na fuler tuin. *Ibid.* 29342 Womman commun and alsua scald, Alle ar suilk for cursd tald. *c* 1400 *Ywaine & Gaw.* 69 He was of his tong a skalde, And for to boste was he ful balde. *c* 1460 *Towneley Myst.* xiii. 596 Lett bren this bawde and bind her fast. A fals skawde hang at the last; so shall thou. 1483 *Cath. Angl.* 322/1 A Scawde, *barda, vt supra vbi* scalde. 1508 KENNEDIE *Flyting w. Dunbar* 322 And knaw, kene skald, I hald of Alathya. 1825 JAMIESON, *Scald*, 1. A scold; applied to a person.

β. *c* 1275 *Prov. Ælfred* 412 in *O. E. Misc.* 127 Be þu neuere to bold, to chiden agen oni scold. *Ibid.* 705 He is cocker, þef, and boreling, scolde, of wrechedome he is king. *c* 1325 *Poem temp. Edw. II* (Percy) li, As wel wol a knyȝt chide As eny scold in a toun. 1362 LANGL. *P. Pl.* A. xii. 34 And when scripture þe skolde hadde þus wyt y-sheued, Clergie in-to a caban crepte anon after. 1377 *Ibid.* B. xix. 279 Ne sholde no scorner ne scolde oute of skyl hym brynge. *c* 1450 *Mirk's Festial* 229 A claterer, a ianguler, a flyter, a curser, a swerer, and a skold of hur mowþe. *a* 1529 SKELTON *Agst. Venemous Tongues* Wks. 1843 I. 132 A sclaunderous tunge, a tunge of a skolde, Worketh more mischiefe than can be tolde. 1565 *Child-Marriages* 127 She takes her for no schold, nor an vnhonest woman. 1577 HARRISON *England* III. vi. 108/1 Scoldes are ducked vpon cuckingstooles in the water. *a* 1586 SIDNEY *Arcadia* III. (1598) 345 Miso interrupted his tale, with rayling at Damætas, with all those exquisite termes, which I was neuer good skold inough to imagine. 1596 SHAKS. *Tam. Shr.* I. ii. 188, I know she is an irkesome brawling scold. 1611 BIBLE *Ecclus.* xxvi. 27 A loude crying woman, and a scolde, shall be sought out to driue away the enemies. 1611 COTGR., *Causeresse*, a scowld, a brabling woman. 1640 in *10th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. iv. 433 For leading scoldes bridled along the Town at Mr. Bayliffes commaund, 6*d*. 1642 FULLER *Holy & Prof. St.* III. xxiii. 218 Fame hath much of the scold in her; the best way to silence her is to be silent. 1713 SNAPTESB. *Judgm. Hercules* iii. Charac. (1723) III. 368 The Painter.. will doubtless beware of representing his Heroine as a mere Scold. 1782 MRS. H. COWLEY *Bold Stroke for Husband* I. ii, Every body supposes my lady an arrant scold. 1817 COLERIDGE *Biog. Lit.* xxiii. (1907) II. 206 The Prior was one of the many instances of a youthful sinner metamorphosed into an old scold. 1842 MRS. GORE *Fascination* 15 'If you only manage to drink the wine *I* send to fetch for you,' said the scold of a wife, 'you won't be much the worse for it.' 1863 P. BARRY *Dockyard Econ.* 67 Too often he is under the dominion of a forbidding scold, who, in addition to her other bad qualities, is slovenly and unthrifty.

γ. 1569 scolle, 1572 skol [see *scold-cart*, below]. 1570 LEVINS *Manip.* 43/45 A Scaule, *rixosa mulier*. *Ibid.* 218/15 A Scoule. 1718 RAMSAY *Christ's Kirk Gr.* III. xvi, Ye's thole for this, ye scaul. 1785 BURNS *Addr. Deil* xviii, His ill-tongu'd, wicked Scawl (*sc.* Job's wife).

b. *Common scold*: a woman who distnrbs the peace of the neighbourhood by her constant scolding.

1467 *Crt. Rolls Maldon, Essex* (Bundle 43 no. 2), Eadem Katerina est communis scolde. 1581 J. BELL *Haddon's Answ. Osor.* 500 Lyke a common skold in a Cage. 1769 BLACKSTONE *Comm.* IV. xiii. 169 A common scold, *communis rixatrix*, (for our law-latin confines it to the feminine gender,) is a public nusance to her neighbourhood. 1858 J. P. BISHOP *Comm. Crim. Law* II. § 147 A common scold is one, who, by the practice of frequent scolding, disturbs the repose of the neighborhood.

c. *Comb.*: **scold's bit, bridle** = BRANKS[1] 1; †**scold-cart,** a cart used for the public exposure of common scolds.

1569 *Nottingham Rec.* IV. 135 Mendyng of the scolle kart. 1572 *Ibid.* IV. 145 Mendyng the skolcart. 1604 *Ibid.* IV. 265 Wee desire we may haue a scould carte for scoulds, and to carye criples in. 1858, 1869 Scold's bridle [see BRANKS[1] 1]. 1884 *Chr. World* 4 Sept. 661/5 Then came Walton, where the famous scold's bit is preserved in the church.

2. [From the verb.] An act of scolding; a scolding rebuke. ? *Obs.* exc. *Sc.*

α. 1773 FERGUSSON *Farmer's Ingle* 54 The waefu' scald o' our Mess-John to bide. 1831 R. SHENNAN *Tales, Songs*, etc. 65 (E.D.D.) Whiles they got a skelp or scauld. 1871 W. ALEXANDER *Johnny Gibb* iv. 33 Aw doot Gushetneuk cam' in for a bit scaad yon'er.

β. 1726 LADY M. W. MONTAGU *Let. to C'tess Mar* Apr. (1893) I. 495 Mamma and I were in an actual scold when my poor father expired. *a* 1774 GOLDSM. tr. *Scarron's Com. Romance* (1775) II. 133 The Lady Abbess had already put him in an ill humour by the scold she gave him for overturning her. 1778 JOHNSON *Let. to Mrs. Thrale* 31 Oct., To-day Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Desmoulins had a scold. 1807 WILLIAMS *Let. to Parr* 28 Dec. in *Parr's Wks.* (1828) VIII. 293, I should not have been so long in answering your sharp scold and soothing invitation had I not [etc.]. 1847 MRS. CARLYLE *Let.* Dec. in *New Lett.* (1903) I. 237, I have not had to transact one scold since this girl came to me. 1854 H. MILLER *Sch. & Schm.* (1858) 91 His scold died out good-naturedly enough in the end, and I saw him laugh as he turned away. 1891 'L. KEITH' *My Bonnie Lady* ix. 93 Now that I have given you your scolds we'll say no more about it.

Scold (skōuld), *v.* Forms: α. 4–6 scolde, 5 scoolde, 5–6 skolde, 6 scoulde, skowlde, scowde, skoolde, 6–7 scould, 7 scowlde, (9 *dial.* scoud), 6– scold. β. *north.* and *dial.* 6 scaule, scoule, 9 scall. γ. *Sc.* 8 scald, scauld. [f. SCOLD *sb.*

Notwithstanding the close resemblance in form and meaning with the WGer. str. vb. OFris. *skelda*, OS. *sceldan* (in a gloss), Du., MLG. *schelden*, OHG. *sceltan* (MHG., mod.G. *schelten*), there appears to be no etymological connexion.]

1. *intr.* †a. Originally, to behave as a scold; to quarrel noisily, to brawl; to rail *at* or wrangle *with* some one; to use violent or nnseemly language in vituperation; said chiefly of women. *Obs.*

b. Now with milder sense (partly as absol. use of sense 3): To use undignified vehemence or persistence in reproof or fault-finding; *colloq.* often merely, to utter continuous reproof.

α. 1377 LANGL. *P. Pl.* B. II. 81 To scorne and to scolde sclaundere to make. 1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* VI. xiii. (1495) 197 Noo man hath more woo than he that hath an euyll wyfe, cryenge and janglynge, chydynge and skoldynge. 1526 TINDALE *N. T.* Prol. A ij b, Lest we..fall from meke lernynge into ydle despicions, braulinge and scoldynge aboute wordes. 1530 PALSGR. 706/2, I scoulde, as a man or woman dothe that chyde, *je tence*...They scolde togyther lyke two women. *a* 1548 HALL *Chron., Hen. VIII*, 160 b, Every day almost they would bryng them furth openly and scolde and chyde with them, and make them beleve that they wonlde hang them if they were not payed. 1584 in D. Fenner *Def. Ministers* (1587) 43 Let him goe home and skoolde with his wife. 1596 SHAKS. *Tam. Shr.* I. i. 177 Mark'd you not how hir sister Began to scold, and raise vp such a storme, That mortal eares might hardly indure the din. 1607 — *Cor.* v. vi. 106 Pardon me Lords, 'tis the first time that euer I was forc'd to scoul'd. *c* 1618 MORYSON *Itin.* IV. (1903) 239 Some runn out to braule and scowlde like women with the next enemyes. 1673 WOOD *Life* (O. H. S.) II. 265, I told her I came to be merry and not to be scolded at. 1675 ALSOP *Anti-Sozzo* III. ii. 193 Therefore go scold with the Apostle: that which will bring him off will bring off the Doctor. 1713 SWIFT *Cadenus & Vanessa* 287 For Gods, we are by Homer told, Can in Celestial Language scold. 1722 DE FOE *Col. Jack* vii, I scolded heartily at him when he came back. 1764 WESLEY *Jrnl.* 21 June, A woman had 'scolded with her neighbour'. 1771 SMOLLETT *Humph. Cl.* 24 Apr. (1815) 37 He might harp as long as he pleased apon her scolding; but she never scolded, except for his advantage. 1822 A. CUNNINGHAM *Tradit. Tales, Death of Laird of Warlzwork* (1887) 273 All women love to be married, were it only for the sake of having somebody to scold at. 1833 T. HOOK *Parson's Dau.* II. iii, I have no doubt that Lady Frances will, at first, look grave, and even perhaps scold, but it will wear off. 1847 C. BRONTË *Jane Eyre* iv, I just put my two arms rounnd her, and said, 'Come, Bessie! don't scold.'

β. 1570 LEVINS *Manip.* 44/2 To Scaule, *rixari*. *Ibid.* 218/24 To Scoule. 1820 J. JOHNSTONE *Poems* 127 (E. D. D.) I'm sure that ye a' got a part o't, And needna scall oft sae at me.

2. quasi-*trans.* with complementary adj., adv., or phrase expressing the result of scolding. Also † *to scold it out*: to continue wrangling to the end.

c 1590 GREENE *Fr. Bacon* xiii. 48 Stand on thy guard, I cannot scold it out. 1613 SHAKS. *Hen. VIII*, v. i. 173 *Lady.* An hundred Marks? By this light, Ile ha more...I will haue more, or scold it out of him. *c* 1645 HOWELL *Lett.* (1655) IV. vii. 18 She had scolded her Husband one day out of doores. 1650 B. *Discolliminium* 10 Meer morall prudence might suffer wise men to stand still.., and such shallow heads as I am, to scould themselves quiet. 1754 WARBURTON *View Bolingbr. Philos.* I. 34 My Master is not a man to be scratched and scolded out of his Kingdom.. 1783 COWPER *Let.* 17 June, No man was ever scolded out of his sins. 1887 R. N. CAREW *Uncle Max* v. 42, I scolded back the foolish thoughts, and felt ashamed of myself for entertaining them.

3. *trans.* To address (esp. an inferior or a child) with continuous and more or less angry reproach; to chide.

This construction is prob. of late introduction from northern dialects. Johnson does not mention it in his Dictionary (1755), though Boswell reports him as having used it orally in 1763. The use is still colloquial rather than literary, and its associations are somewhat undignified; but it is quite free from the discreditable implications which the intransitive use (sense 1) has not yet wholly lost.

1715 RAMSAY *Christ's Kirk Gr.* II. xxiii, Auld nick Should tempt their wifes to scald Them for't. 1763 JOHNSON in *Boswell* (1831) I. 418 You may scold a carpenter who has made you a bad table, though you cannot make a table. 1771 SMOLLETT *Humph. Cl.* 2 June (1815) 120 She has left off scolding the servants. 1781 COWPER *On Madan's Answ. Newton* 12 But the strife is the strangest that ever was known, If a man must be scolded for loving his own [wife]. 1832 LYTTON *Eugene A.* I. v, Well, Walter, I feel, for the first time these ten years, that I have a right to scold you. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* lxi, She scolds the servants from morning till night. 1865 LIVINGSTONE *Zambesi* xix. 398 The headman scolded the fellow for his meanness. 1889 MRS. OLIPHANT *Poor Gentl.* xlii. III. 173 She scolded Anne, ..but so softly that Anne fell asleep in the middle of the little lecture.

Scoldable (skōu·ldăb'l), *a. nonce-wd.* [f. SCOLD *v.* + -ABLE.] Fit or suitable to be scolded.

1857 MISS MULOCK *Woman's Th.* iii. (1858) 44 A kissable, scoldable, sugar plum-feedable plaything. 1903 *Westm. Gaz.* 22 May 3/2 The small caddie is a defenceless, a scoldable thing.

Scolde, obs. form of SCALD *v.*

Scolder[1] (skōu·ldəɹ). [f. SCOLD *v.* + -ER[1].] One who scolds. Formerly, † a common scold.

1423 *Coventry Leet-bk.* 59 A Cookestowle..to punysche skolders and chidders as þe law wyll. 1497 *Will* in Strype *Stow's Surv.* (1754) I. 573/2 Provyded that al Vacabonds, Scowldars, and Brawlers be rewarded after the Mind and Discretion, and good Conscience of mine Executors. *c* 1510 BARCLAY *Mirr. Gd. Manners* (1570) G iij, Heare not that scolder and branling hounde of hell. 1595 KATH. OLIVER *Conf.* in *Trans. Roy. Hist. Soc.* Ser. III. (1907) I. 273, I have bene a scoulder and a slaunderouse person, and a source of strife amongst my neighbors. 1673 H. STUBBE *Further Justif. War Netherl.* 70 A Scoulder and a Taunter is reckoned..with Thieves and Idolaters. 1794 COLERIDGE *Robespierre* I. 183 The cool ferocious Robespierre turn'd scolder! 1875 M. COLLINS *Sweet & Twe.* I. i. vii. 102 Betty Carr was a finer scolder..than you will easily meet with.

Scolder[2] (skōu·ldəɹ). *Orkneys.* Also 8 sceolder. The oyster-catcher, *Hæmatopus ostrilegus.*

a 1795 G. LOW *Fauna Orcad.* (1813) 91 The Sea-Pie..Orc. Sceolder. 1805 G. BARRY *Orkney Isl.* 306 The Sea Pie..in some places here gets the name of the scolder.

Scolding (skōu·ldiŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. SCOLD *v.* + -ING[1].] The action of the verb SCOLD; vituperation, angry reproach, reproof.

1486 *Bk. St. Albans* f. vij, A scoldyng of kemsteris. 1547 *Nottingham Rec.* (1889) IV. 92 We presentt Anes Fylldyng for okypying of comyn skowdyng. *a* 1586 SIDNEY *Arcadia* I. (Sommer) 59 He fell to a fresh scolding, in such mannerlie manner, as might well shewe he had passed thro' the discipline of a Tauerne. 1596 SHAKS. *Tam. Shr.* I. ii. 109 And she knew him as wel as I do, she would thinke scolding would doe little good vpon him. 1651 BAXTER *Inf. Bapt.* 239 And then they make Religion the pretence for all their scoldings. 1755 J. SHEBBEARE *Lydia* (1769) II. 33 MRS. Clench, as I am informed, was obliged to turn her and her mother out of doors, they kept such an eternal scolding to-gether. 1877 O. W. HOLMES *How not to Settle it* 12 A page of Hood may do a fellow good After a scolding from Carlyle or Ruskin. 1875 W. S. HAYWARD *Love agst. World* 38, I shall give him a good scolding after dinner.

b. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *scolding-match*; † **scolding cart** = *scold-cart* (SCOLD *sb.* 1 c); **scolding-stock** *nonce-wd.*, an object for scolding; † **scolding stool,** a cucking stool.

1474 in *Jrnl. Chester Arch. etc. Soc.* (1861) VI. 216 Costes doon in makyng of the scooldyng stoole. 1629 in W. Kelly *Anc. Rec. Leicester* (1855) 78 Paid to Frauncis Pallmer for making two wheeles and one barr for the Scolding-Cart ijs. 1754 FIELDING *Voy. Lisbon* Wks. 1882 VII. 65 She played on two instruments..; these were two maids, or rather scolding-stocks. 1855 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* xv. III. 548 Report indeed spoke of some scolding matches between the Chancellor and his friend.

Scolding (skōu·ldiŋ), *ppl. a.* [f. SCOLD *v.* + -ING[2].] That scolds.

?1533 FAITH *Another Bk. agst. Rastell* B iij, He..calleth them raylynge gestynge and scoldinge wordes. 1577 KENDALL *Flowers of Epigr.* 95 b, But Molzus..caste in his wife, and saied, Naught heauier than a skoldyng wife, I deme there can be waied. 1596 SHAKS. *Tam. Shr.* I. ii. 100 Her name is Katherina Minola, Renown'd in Padua for her scolding tongue. 1638–56 COWLEY *Davideis* III. note 37 Juvenal says of a loud scolding woman, that she alone was able to relieve the Moon out of an Eclipse. 1719 D'URFEY *Pills* II. 324 Think what lives Some of you daily Live with Scolding Wives. 1844 MRS. CARLYLE *Lett.* I. 298, I have written Jeannie a very scolding letter.

transf. and *fig.* 1601 SHAKS. *Jul. C.* I. iii. 5, I haue seene Tempests, when the scolding Winds Haue rin'd the knottie Oakes. 1855 TENNYSON *Brook* 84 The gate Half-parted from a weak and scolding hinge, Stuck.

Hence **Soo·ldingly** *adv.*

1548 ELYOT *Dict., Rixose*, scoldynglie.

† **Sco·ldster.** *Obs. rare*—[1]. In 7 skolster. [f. SCOLD *sb.* + -STER.] A scold.

c 1600 in A. H. A. Hamilton *Quarter Sessions* (1878) 85 [By the entry in the Sessions Book, it appears that Agnes Pringe was indicted for a] Skolster.

Scole, obs. f. SCALE *sb.*[1]; SCHOOL; SHOAL; SKULL.

Scolear, obs. form of SCHOLAR.

Scolecid (skŏlī·sid). [ad. mod.L. *Scōlēcida* neut. pl., f. Gr. σκώληξ SCOLEX: see -ID.] An animal of the class *Scolecida* of *Annuloida.*

1864 HUXLEY *Elem. Comp. Anat.* 76 The ciliated larvæ of some Scolecids and Echinoderms.

Scoleciform (skǫ·lesifɔm), *a.* [f. mod.L. *scōlēc-*, Scolex + -(ɪ)form.] Resembling or having the character of a scolex.

1891 *Century Dict.* s. v., The measles of pork is the scoleciform stage of *Tænia solium*.

Scolecite (skǫ·lĭsəit). Formerly skol-, scolezite. [f. Gr. σκωληκ-, σκώληξ Scolex + -ite I.

The name in sense 1 was given because the mineral sometimes curls up when heated. The orig. form *scolezite* is f. Ger. *scolezit* (1813, see Chester *Dict. Min.* 1896).]

1. *Min.* Hydrous silicate of aluminium and calcium, found in needle-shaped crystals and fibrous or radiated masses.

1823 W. Phillips *Min.* (ed. 3) 40 Skolezite. 1829 *Nat. Philos., Optics* xviii. 61 (U. K. S.) Scolezite. 1857 Dana *Man. Min.* (1862) 167 Scolecite resembles natrolite.

2. *Bot.* The vermiform carpogonium of certain fungi.

1875 Cooke & Berkeley *Fungi* 173 Tulasne observes that this 'scolecite' or ringed body can be readily isolated in Ascobolus furfuraceus. 1882 Vines tr. *Sachs' Bot.* 310 The adjacent threads put out small branches, pollinodia, the terminal cells of which attach themselves firmly to the anterior part of the scolecite.

†**Scolecobrotic.** *Obs.*—[1] [f. Gr. σκωληκ(ο)-, σκώληξ Scolex + βρωτικός inclined to eat. Cf. σκωληκόβρωτος worm-eaten.] A vermifuge.

1661 Loyell *Hist. Anim. & Min.* 369 Ascarides [are killed] by suppositories, clysters, with scolecobroticks, &c.

Scolecoid (skǫlī·koid), *a.* Also *erron.* scolicecoid. [ad. Gr. σκωληκοειδής, f. σκωληκ-, σκώληξ worm, Scolex: see -oid.] Resembling a worm or a scolex.

1858 Mayne *Expos. Lex.*, *Scolecoides*, resembling a worm; vermiform: scolecoid. 1864 [see Scolex]. 1891 in *Century Dict.*

Scolecology (skǫlĭkǫ·lŏdʒi). [ad. mod.L. *scōlēcologia*, f. Gr. σκωληκ(ο)-, σκώληξ worm, Scolex + -λογία -logy.] A treatise on worms.

1858 in Mayne *Expos. Lex.* 1895 in *Funk's Stand. Dict.*

Scolecophagous (skǫlĭkǫ·făgəs), *a.* [f. mod.L. *scōlēcophagus*, a. Gr. σκωληκοφάγος f. σκωληκ(ο)-, σκώληξ worm (see Scolex) + -φάγος: see -phagous.] 'Worm-eating, as a bird' (*Cent. Dict.* 1891).

Scoleir, -er(e, obs. forms of Scholar.

†**Scoleryng.** *Obs. rare*—[1]. [f. *scolere* Scholar. The sense seems to require a fem. rather than a dim. formation, but it is not easy to explain *-ing* as a fem. suffix, as *carling* (Carline [1]), the only example of the fem. ending *-ing*, is purely northern. But Chaucer or his scribe may have been familiar with the Du. and LG. suffix *-in*.]

? A female scholar.

14.. *Chaucer's Wife's Prol.* 44–45 Diverse scoles maken parfyt clerkes..; Of five husbondes scoleryng am I.

‖ **Scolex** (skō·leks). Pl. **scoleces** (skolī·sīz), also *erron.* **scolices** (skō·lisīz). [mod.L., a. Gr. σκώληξ (*pl.* σκώληκες) worm.] The larva or embryo produced directly from the egg in metagenesis; esp. the larva or head of a tapeworm or other parasitic worm.

1855 T. R. Jones *Anim. Kingd.* (ed. 2) 135 The Scolex, therefore, in this stage of development is synonymous with 'the head', or, as it might as well be called, the 'root' of the worm. 1864 Cobbold *Entozoa* 265 These thickened portions, in their turn, become true scolices, or, in some cases, scolicecoid formations. 1888 Rolleston & Jackson *Anim. Life* 233 Van Beneden's discovery of proscolices with scolices in all stages of growth in the intestine of the Lumpfish.

attrib. 1857 tr. *von Siebold's Tape & Cystic Worms* (Syd. Soc.) 87 This worm [*bothriocephalus latus*] is never met with amongst our cattle in a scolex condition. 1865 *Nat. Hist. Rev.* July 349 A small scolex-cyst.

†**Scoleye**', *v. Obs. rare.* Also (*v.rr.*) scolay, scoleie, scholey, schole heye, skole-aye. [? a. AF. **escoleier*, f. OF. *escole* School.] *intr.* To attend school; to study as a scholar.

c 1386 Chaucer *Prol.* 302 But al þat he myghte of his freendes hente, On bookes and his lernynge he it spente, And bisily gan for the soules preye Of hem þat yaf hym wher with to scoleye. *a* 1400–50 *Alexander* 645 Þus skilfull lange he scolaid & þe scole vsed. 1430–40 Lydg. *Bochas* IV. ix. (1494) o vj, Calistenes was in his youth put for to scoleye [*MS. Rawl.* scoleie, 1554 scoleye, 1558 scholey] In the two scoles of prudent Socrates And of plato.

Scolezite, obs. form of Scolecite.

Scoliocecoid, erron. form of Scolecoid.

Scolier, obs. form of Scholar.

Scoliographic, *a. nonce-wd.* [f. Gr. σκολιόγραπτ-ος marked with oblique lines (f. σκολιό-s bent, crooked + γραπτός marked as with letters, f. γράφ-ειν to write, mark) + -ic.] Obliquely marked.

1853 *Fraser's Mag.* XLVII. 257 All mackerel are nearly similar in form, hue, and the scoliographic markings of their sides and backs.

Scolion (skǫu·liŏn). *Gr. Antiq.* Also **skolion,** scolium, *erron.* scholion. [Gr. σκόλιον.] A song sung in turn by the guests at a banquet.

1603 Holland *Plutarch* 1257 Terpander was the inventour of those songs called *Scolia*, which were sung at feasts. 1656 Stanley *Hist. Philos.* vi. iv. 7 Which Athenæus, proveth against the Calumiations of Demophilus not to be a sacred hymne or Pæan, but a *Scolion* or Festivall Song. 1776 Burney *Hist. Mus.* I. 467 In the following Scolium, Timocreon gives his opinion of riches. 1850 Mure *Lit. Greece* III. 101 The celebrated scolion, or series of scolia, addressed to Harmodius and Aristogiton. 1874 Mahaffy *Soc. Life Greece* x. 296, I mean the *Scolia*, when one guest commenced a sentence in verse, and handed a branch to any other he chose, who was compelled to finish the verse in the cleverest way he could.

‖ **Scoliosis** (skǫliǫu·sis). *Path.* [mod.L., a. Gr. σκολίωσις, f. σκολι-ός bent, curved, crooked: see -osis.] Lateral curvature of the spine; distinguished from *lordosis* and *cyphosis*. Hence **Scolio·tic** *a.* [see -otic], pertaining to scoliosis.

1706 Phillips (ed. Kersey), *Scoliosis.* 1849–52 *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* IV. 949/1 The vertebral column misformed by *scoliosis.* 1858 Mayne *Expos. Lex.*, *Scoliotic.* 1875 Knight *Dict. Mech.*, *Scoliosis Brace*, a brace for treating lateral curvature of the spine. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VI. 555 The arguments centering round the nature of the scoliosis which is so common.

Scolk, Scolker: see Skulk, Skulker.

Scoll, obs. form of School; variant of Skoal.

Scollage, Scollar: see Schoolage, Scholar.

†**Scollardicall,** *a. Obs. rare.* [f. *scollard* (see Scholar 3 c) + -ical.] A supposed illiterate epithet for a man of learning.

1654 Whitlock *Zootomia* 69 These peevish Scollardicall Doctors (that will not let people beleive Lies quietly).

Scolle, obs. f. School *sb.*[1], Scold, Skull.

Scoller, Scollerie, obs. ff. Scholar, Scullery.

Scollop, *sb.*[1] and *v.*: see Soallop.

Scollop (skǫ·ləp), *sb.*[2] *Irish.* Also scolp. [a. Irish *sgolb.*] A thatch-peg.

1813 Mar. Edgeworth *Early Lessons* (1829) III. 107 The thatcher..fastens them down with bent twigs which he calls scollops. Here is a scollop: you see it is sharpened at both ends that it may stick in the roof. 1873 O'Curry *Manners Anc. Irish* III. 32 The house..was thatched with straw, rushes, or sedge, and neatly fastened down with what are now Anglicised 'scollops'. 1888 Laws *Little Eng.* 421 [Pembrokeshire word] *Scolps*, thatch pegs.

Scollup, obs. form of Scallop *sb.*

‖ **Scoloc** (skǫ·lǫk). *Hist.* Also scoloch, scolog. [OIrish *scolóc*, f. *scol* School; cf. mod.Irish *scológ, scalóg* farmer, rustic, and Scallag (though these may be of different origin).] (See quots.)

Cf. Reg. Dunelm. *De Cuthberti Vita* (Surtees), p. 179: Clerici illi..qui Pictorum lingua Scollofthes cognominantur.

1852 J. Robertson in *Spalding Club Miscell.* V. Pref. App. 56 Three offices or grades of a scholastic kind—the Scolocs, the Master of the Schools, and the Ferleiginn—obtained in the ancient Scottish Church. *Ibid.* 59 The Lord Bishop protested..that the heir of every Scolog ('*cujuslibet Scolgi*', '*cuius Scolagij*') should enter to his heritage by inquest and seisin. 1873 Burton *Hist. Scot.* (ed. 2) I. 399 Researches through the records show that among the Culdees there was a grade of churchman—the humblest, apparently—who was called the scholar. In the Pictish language, as we are told, he was called Scoloch. 1888 W. Lockhart *Ch. Scot. 13th c.* 122 There had been..a deadly feud between two Scolocs or Scologs (*clerici scholares*).

Scolopaceous (skǫlǫpē·ʃəs), *a. Ornith.* [f. mod.L. *scolopāceus*, f. L. *scolopax* snipe, woodcock, a. Gr. σκολόπαξ: see -aceous.] Resembling a snipe; *spec.* used as epithet of a species of courlan, *Aramus scolopaceus*. Also = next.

1785 Latham *Gen. Synopsis Birds* V. 102 Scolopaceous Heron..inhabits Cayenne. 1819 J. F. Stephens in *Shaw's Gen. Zool.* XI. ii. 540 Scolopaceous courlan (*Aramus Scolopacea*). 1835 Kirby *Hab. & Inst. Anim.* II. xxiii. 454 The plumage of others, especially of some of the scolopaceous tribe, is beautifully mottled. 1841 Selby in *Proc. Berw. Nat. Club* I. No. 9. 254 Of the Scolopaceous family, there are two..residents.

Scolopacine (skǫ·lǫpăsin), *a.* and *sb.* [ad. mod.L. *scolopacinus*, f. L. *scolopac-em, scolopax*: see prec. and -ine [1].] **a.** *adj.* Belonging to the snb-family *Scolopacinæ* or the family *Scolopacidæ*, typified by the genus *Scolopax*, and including the woodcock, redshank, etc. **b.** *sb.* A scolopacine bird. In recent Dicts.

Scolopender (skǫlǫpe·ndəɹ). Also 6–8 scolopendre. [a. F. *scolopendre*, ad. L. *scolopendra.*]

1. = Scolopendra 2.

1562 Turner *Herbal* II. 55 The same [leaves of wild mint] ..are dronken..agaynst scolopendres & stynginges of serpentes. 1569 J. Sanford tr. *Agrippa's Van. Artes* 138 Serpents, Salpeges, Scolopenders. 1597 Gerarde *Herbal* II. ccxv. 553 Mint..is taken in wardly against Scolopenders. 1610 Marcelline *Tri. Jas. I* 5 His Squadrons are prepared, and consiste of Furyes, Scolopenders, Stellions, Phalanges, and Philemons, more mad and enraged then those of Orestes. 1658 Rowland tr. *Mouffet's Theat. Ins.* 1045 The great earth Scolopender. 1759 *Phil. Trans.* LI. 35 This creature, in its figure, is like the Land Scolopendre. *Ibid.* 37 Having put these Sea Scolopendres upon my fingers, they thrust a great number of their prickles into the skin, and caused a sharp pain for some hours. 1867 *Morn. Star* 29 Jan., The body and tail of a monster scolopender. 1881 Darwin *Veg. Mould* ii. 62 Can the plugs aid in concealing the burrows from scolopenders,..the bitterest enemies of the worms?

†**2.** = Scolopendra 1. *Obs.*

1658 Phillips, *Scolopender*,..also a certain fish, which having swallowed a hook vomited up its entrails, and rid of it sucketh them in again.

†**3.** = Scolopendrium. *Obs.* [Cf. Gr. σκολόπενδρα used by Galen for σκολοπένδριον.]

1696 Phillips (ed. 5), *Scolopender*...Also a certain Medicinal Herb, vulgarly call'd Harts-Tongue, in Latin *Scolopendria*, such as Sea-green, Nightshade, Water Lentils, &c.

‖ **Scolopendra** (skǫlǫpe·ndră). Also 7 *erron.* scolopendria. [L., a. Gr. σκολόπενδρα.]

†**1.** A fabulous sea-fish which 'feeling himselfe taken with a hooke, casteth out his bowels, vntill hee hath vnloosed the hooke, and then swalloweth them vp againe' (Bullokar *Eng. Expos.* 1616).

1590 Spenser *F. Q.* II. xii. 23 Bright Scolopendraes, arm'd with siluer scales. 1591 Sylvester *Du Bartas* I. v. 278 But, if the Scolopendra have suckt-in The sowr-sweet morsell with the barded Pin, She hath as rare a trick to rid her from it: For, instantly, she all her guts doth vomit; [etc.). 1635 Swan *Spec. M.* (1670) 342 The Scolopendra is a fish..which refuseth not the bait, but [etc.].

2. A centipede or millipede. Also, a Linnean genus of myriapods, including the largest and most formidable of the centipedes.

1608 Topsell *Serpents* 31 There are Scolopendraes Vipers, and Slow-wormes in Creete, yet..they are without venome. 1611 Cotgr., *Scolopendre*, the Scolopendria, a reddish, many-legd, and venomous worme. 1646 Sir T. Browne *Pseud. Ep.* III. xv. 142 Upon the same ground hath arisen the same mistake concerning the Scolopendra or hundred footed insect. 1673 E. Brown *Trav. Germ.*, etc. (1677) 17 An Indian Scolopendria, or Forty-foot. 1751 Chambers *Cycl.* s.v. *Dying* [*Advancement of*], The amber-coloured scolopendra will give, with lye, a most beautiful and pleasant azure. 1796 Stedman *Surinam* II. xxiii. 167 We discovered some scolopendras, or centipedes, no less than eight or ten inches in length. 1829 H. Murray *N. Amer.* I. xi. 516 Rattlesnakes and scolopendras crawled about. 1861 Hulme tr. *Moquin-Tandon* v. ii. 265 The Scolopendra are insects belonging to the order Myriopoda and to the family Chilopoda. They are commonly termed Millipedes.

†**3.** Applied in reproach to a woman. *Obs.*

1633 Shirley *Gamester* II. ii, More wine, you varlets! And call your mistress up, you scolopendra. *a* 1668 Davenant *Siege* v. (1673) 83 Go bring a Barrel hither; why? when you Scolopendra.

Scolopendre, obs. form of Scolopender.

Scolopendria, obs. erron. f. Scolopendra; obs. f. Scolopendrium.

Scolopendriform (skǫlǫpe·ndrifɔm), *a. Ent.* [f. mod.L. *Scolopendra* (see Scolopendra 2) + -(ɪ)form.] Resembling a centipede; *spec.* applied to the larvæ of certain water beetles.

1828 Kirby & Spence *Entomol.* xxx. III. 167 [The larva of Gyrinus] appears to be the most perfectly Scolopendriform of any yet known.

Scolopendrine (skǫlǫpe·ndrin), *a.* [f. mod.L. *Scolopendrinæ*, f. *Scolopendra* (the Linnean genus: see Scolopendra 2) + -ine.] Resembling or related to the centipedes. **Scolopendrine scale-back,** a polychætous marine annelid of the genus *Polynoë*, as *P. scolopendrina*; a kind of sea-centipede.

1882 *Cassell's Nat. Hist.* VI. 230 This Scolopendrine Scale-back [*Polynoe scolopendrina*] is four inches in length.

‖ **Scolopendrium** (skǫlǫpe·ndriŏm). Also 7–8 scolopendria. [mod.L., ad. L. *scolopendrion* = Gr. σκολοπένδριον a hart's-tongue fern, so called from a fancied resemblance to the scolopendra.] A genus of ferns; a fern of this genus; = Hart's-tongue.

1611 Cotgr., *Scolopendrie vraye*,..called *Vraye*, to make it differ from Harts-tongue, or stone Harts-tongue, which is also (falsly) tearmed *Scolopendria*. 1621 Burton *Anat. Mel.* II. iv. I. iii. 439 Scolopendria, Cuscuta, Ceteratche, Mugwort. 1729 in *Dampier's Voy.* (ed. 3) III. 428 The Flat-ring'd Scolopendria. Is black, with yellow Edges on the Rings. 1882 Geikie *Geol. Sketches* 9 Not a vestige of vegetation could we see save..some dwarfed scolopendriums.

Scolopendroid (skǫlǫpe·ndroid), *a.* [f. Scolopendra + -oid.] Resembling a scolopendra.

1839–47 *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* III. 548/1 In the Scolopendroid races, the rings are flattened.

Scolopophore (skǫ·lŏpǫfĭəɹ). *Ent.* [f. Gr. σκολοπ-, σκόλοψ spike + -phore.] The sheath enclosing the terminal rod of certain cells in insects.

1888 Rolleston & Jackson *Anim. Life* 503.

Scolping, Scolyon, obs. ff. Sculpin, Scullion.

Scolytid (skǫ·litid). [ad. mod.L. *Scolytid-æ*, f. *Scolytus*: see next and -id.] A member of the family *Scolytidæ* of small wood-boring beetles.

1899 D. Sharp *Insects* II. (Camb. Nat. Hist.) 295 The work of particular Scolytids can be recognised by the initiated.

Scolytoid (skǫ·litoid), *a. Ent.* [f. mod.L. (Geoffroy, 1762) *Scolyt-us* + -oid.] **a.** Pertaining or resembling the coleopterous family *Scolytidæ*. **b.** *spec.* A term used by C. V. Riley to denote the sixth and final larval stage of insects which undergo hypermetamorphosis.

1883 C. V. Riley in *Amer. Naturalist* XVII. 790 We would propose, therefore, the following arrangement. Triungulin = first larval stage...Scolytoid = sixth larval stage. 1899 D. Sharp *Insects* II. (Camb. Nat. Hist.) 272 Scolytoid larva.

Scom, obs. form of Scum *v.*

‖ **Scomber** (skǫ·mbəɹ). Pl. **scombri** (skǫ·mbrəi). [L. *scomber*, ad. Gr. σκόμβρος tunny or mackerel.] A mackerel. In mod. use only as the L. name of the genus.

1623 J. Webster in *Cockeram* To Author, Thy leaues shall scape the Scombri, and be read. 1772–84 *Cook's Voy.* (1790) I. 217 Oysters of different sorts, cavalhe or scomber, flat fish. 1854 Badham *Halieut.* 193 Here, accordingly, the thunny fishery is exclusively carried on, nor was one of these scombers, he says, ever known to visit the opposite shore of Chalcedon.

Scombre, obs. form of Scummer.

Scombroid (skǫ́mbroid), *a.* and *sb.* Also (earlier) **scomberoid.** [f. Gr. *σκόμβρ-ος* SCOMBER + -OID. Cf. F. *scombéroïde* (Cuvier).] **A.** *adj.* Resembling the mackerel; belonging to the family *Scombridæ*.

1841 *Penny Cycl.* XX. 462/1 They much more closely resemble the teeth of certain Scomberoid fishes. 1880 GÜNTHER *Fishes* 394 The Scombroid genus, *Gastrochisma*.

B. *sb.* A scombroid fish.

1842 BRANDE *Dict. Sci.*, etc., *Scomberoids*... The name of the family of fishes of which the genus *Scomber* is the type. 1849–52 OWEN *Teeth* in *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* IV. 874/2 As in *Trichiurus*, and some other Scomberoids. 1877 STREETS *Contrib. Nat. Hist. Hawaiian Isl.* 58 The Carangoids and Scombroids.

Scome, Scomer, obs. ff. SCUM, SCUMMER.

Scomfish (skʌ·mfiʃ), *v. Sc.* and *north.* Also 8 **sconfice,** 8–9 **scumfish**; *pa.pple.* 4 **sconfyste,** 8 **scunfest.** [Shortened f. DISCOMFISH.] *trans.* †**a.** = SCOMFIT *v. Obs.* **b.** To suffocate, stifle, choke (with heat, smoke, a bad smell). Also, to injure, 'do for'. (See E.D.D. s.v. *Scumfish.*)

a. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xvii. (*Martha*) 67 And as sconfyste stil he stud.

b. 1768 ROSS *Helenore* 30 Her stinking breath Was just enough to sconfice ane to death. 1787 GROSE *Prov. Gloss.*, *Scumfish'd*, smother'd. N. 1818 SCOTT *Hrt. Midl.* xxxix, A' thing is sae poisoned wi' snuff, that I am like to be scomfished whiles. 1819 — *Montrose* iv, Without scomfishing them with so much smoke. 1853 MRS. GASKELL *Ruth* xviii, I'll scomfish you if ever yon go for to tell.

†**Sco·mfit,** *sb. Obs.* Forms: 4 **scoumfyt, sconfit, scumfite,** 4–5 **scom-, skomfite,** 6 **skumfite.** [f. SCOMFIT *v.*; cf. DISCOMFIT *sb.*] Defeat, discomfiture.

13.. *K. Alis.* 959 Ac the scoumfyt, and the damage, Feol on heom of Cartage. *c* 1320 *Beues* 890 Iosian lai in a castel & se3 þat sconfit euerich del. *c* 1330 *Arth. & Merl.* 6445 (Kölbing) After þis bataile & scumfite. 1422 tr. *Secreta Secret., Priv. Priv.* 129 How youre Same graunde Syre wyth few Pepill Arthure Macmurgho wyth myche pepill to scomfite sette. 1540 *St. Papers Hen. VIII*, III. 173 At the skumfite gyven upon ONeyle and ODonell at the laste insurreccion.

†**Sco·mfit,** *v. Obs.* Forms: 4 **scum-, scoom-, scoum-, scounfit(e, -fyt, -phlt, -fithe,** 4–5 **skom-, sconfit(e, -fyt,** 4–6 **scomfit(e, -fyt(e,** 5 **-fet(t, scum-, scowmfet(e, skunfit, schomfyt.** *Pa. t.* and *pa. pple.* 4 **scumfyghte, scoum-, skoumfit, -fyt,** 4–5 **scum-, skomfit(e, -fyt(e, -fet,** 5 **sckonfet, scoumfyght, (scomfede, -fide),** 4–6 **scomfyt(e;** also regularly **scomfited,** etc. [Shortened f. DISCOMFIT *v.*] *trans.* To defeat, vanquish, discomfit.

1303 R. BRUNNE *Handl. Synne* 4980 þe folk of Isrel bad þoght, and syghte, For þey were twyys scumfyghte. 13.. *Coer de L.* 3777 Viff he scounfithe us in bekyr. 1340 HAMPOLE *Pr. Consc.* 2269 And when þe devel herd hym þus say, Alle skomfit he vanyst oway. 13.. *Cursor M.* 7799 (Gött.) Þai er scumphited wid þair fas. *c* 1380 WYCLIF *Sel. Wks.* III. 147 By þat þei wan þo world and scounfitiden þo fende. *c* 1420 *Chron. Vilod.* 3440 He..scomfede þis enmyes & droff hem ou3t. 1435 MISYN *Fire of Love* 39 All þinge he scumfetis, all þinge he ouercomys. *c* 1440 *Generydes* 570 So rebukyd and skomfite as he was. *c* 1470 in *Three 15th Cent. Chron.* (Camden) 20 Kynge Edward was scomfide and put to flight. 1503 HAWES *Examp. Virt.* XII. 214 Whan I had scomfyte this serpent venymous. *Ibid.* 226 How..Haue ye scomfyted ..The..dragon. *a* 1513 *Fabyan's Chron.* VII. 324, & gaue to hym batayll, & scoumfyght hym at lengthe. 1530 PALSGR. 706/1, I scomfyte, or I overcome, *je vaynes*...He hath scomfyt all his ennemyes.

Hence †**Scomfit** *ppl. a.* (in quot. *absol.*), †**Scomfiting** *vbl. sb.*

c 1333 in *Minot's Poems* (ed. Hall) App. i. 26 So þere itte was welle semyng, þatte with multitude is no scomfiting. *c* 1450 LOVELICH *Grail* lii. 738 For it is A ful gret Merveyl to Me, the Conqwerour to be scomfyt 3olden to be. 1483 *Cath. Angl.* 323/2 A scomfetynge, *superacio, triumphus.*

†**Sco·mfiter.** *Obs. rare*⁻¹. In 5 **skomfitouro.** [Shortened f. *descomfitour* DISCOMFITER.] A discomfiter, victor.

a 1400 *Morte Arth.* 1644 Loke 3e skyfte it so that vs no skathe lympe, ffor na skomfitoure in skoulkery is skomfite euer.

†**Sco·mfiture.** *Obs.* Forms: 4 **scomfitour, 5 scom-, skomfiture, -fyture, -fytour, -fertour, scumfetore.** [Shortened f. DISCOMFITURE.] Discomfiture, defeat.

13.. *Guy Warw.* 5235 Wel gret it was þe scomfitour. ?*a* 1400 *Morte Arth.* 1561 Skilfulle skomfyture he skiftez as hym lykez. *c* 1450 *Brut* 439 But God was lord and maistir of that victorie and scomfiture. *c* 1471 in *Pol. Poems* (Rolls) II. 278 When the comens the skomfertour did understonde, Thay seuyd owte freshly, thay kepud none araye. *a* 1513 *Fabyan's Chron.* v. cxi. 84 He made a newe voyage ageyne theym, & made of theym a nother scomfiture.

†**Scomm.** *Obs.* Also 7 **scomme, scom.** [ad. L. *scōmma* (Macrobius), a. Gr. *σκῶμμα* (*σκωμματ-*), f. *σκώπ-τειν* to jeer, scoff.] A flout or scoff.

The sense 'a buffoon', by which J. explains a mutilated version of quot. 1692, is recorded in all subsequent Dicts.

a 1619 FOTHERBY *Atheom.* II. i. § 8 (1622) 189 Whose vaine ostentation is worthily scoffed with scomme of the Orator. 1628 W. SCLATER *Three Serm.* (1629) 6 Enough of this, least I incurre the prouerbiall scomme; *Sus Mineruam.* 1692 R. L'ESTRANGE *Fables* cccclx. 386 The Scomms of Great Men, or Buffoons of Quality, are every jot as Wolvish in Conversation, as they are here in the Fable. 1711 PUCKLE *Club* (1723) 8 Scomms and derision unbridle fear, and make the peasant brave the prince.

Hence †**Scomma·tic** [Gr. *σκωμματικ-ός*], †**Scomma·tical** *adjs.*, characterized by gibe or scoff. †**Scomma·tically** *adv.* †**Sco·mmatism,** scoffing. †**Sco·mmatizing** *ppl. a.*, derisive.

1602 BP. W. BARLOW *Defence* 88 This imputation scommaticall of faithlesse fidelitie. 1613 SIR E. HOBY *Counter-sn. Ishmael Rabshacheh* 8 Those vniust Cauills and scomatizing imputations. 1650 HOBBES *Answ. Davenant* P 3 From hence have proceeded three sorts of Poesy, Heroique, Scommatique, and Pastorall...The Heroique Poem Dramatique is Tragedy. The Scommatique Narrative is Satyre. 1656 — *Six Lessons* vi. 55 Whatsoever is added of contumely, either directly or scommatically, is want of Charity and uncivil. 1664 H. MORE *Myst. Iniq.* xviii. 67 As he that has been casting his angle a good part of the day into the river, and brings home no fish, may yet be rightly saluted *Mr. Fisherman* or *Mr. Angler* at his return, though not without some kind of Scommatism at the bottom. *Ibid.*, By way of Scommatical reproach. 1668 E. HOWARD *Usurper* Epist. A 3, The other extream..is that of Farce or Scommatick Plays. 1671 SHADWELL *Miser* I. (1672) 6, I know as well as you that I depend (*Scommatically*) upon a Father.

Scommar, Scomme, obs. ff. SCUMMER, SCUM.

Scommer, scomor, -our, -ur, obs. ff. SCUMMER.

Scon, variant of SCONE.

Sconce (skɒns), *sb.*[1] Forms: 4–6 **skonse,** 5–6 **skonce, scons(e,** (5 **sconsce,** 7 **skons,** 8 *dial.* **scoance**), 5– **sconce.** [Aphetic a. OF. *esconse* lantern (also hiding-place), ad. monastic L. *sconsa*, shortened f. *absconsa*, fem. of L. *absconsus*, pa. pple. of *abscondĕre* to hide. Cf. OIcel. *skons*, ?lantern, candlestick (1397 in a church inventory).]

†**1.** A lantern or candlestick with a screen to protect the light from the wind, and a handle to carry it by (as distinguished from a lantern carried suspended from a chain). *Obs.*

c 1392 in *Fabric Rolls York Minster* (Surtees) 129 Pro reparacione de iij skonses fractis in vestiario, 12*d*. 14.. *S. Etheldred* 351 in Horstm. *Altengl. Leg.* (1881) 290 And in a sconsce he hadde hurre candelle with hurre lyst. 1434 *E. E. Wills* (1882) 102, Y bequethe..to..sir John Russhebrok a skonce. 1450 *Pol. Rel. & L. Poems* 11 It wexyth derke, thou nedyst A scons. 1486 *Bk. St. Albans* d ij b, Clymbe to her with a sconce or a lanterne that hath bot oon light. 1530 PALSGR. 268/1 Scons to sette a candell in, *lanterne a mayn.* 1602 MIDDLETON *Blurt* IV. iii, *Wood.* Yonder's a light, Master Constable. *Blu.* Peace, Woodcocke, the sconce approaches. 1644 EVELYN *Diary* 22 Nov., The windows of the whole city were set with tapers put into lanterns, or sconces, of several coloured oiled paper. *c* 1746 J. COLLIER (Tim Bobbin) *View Lanc. Dial.* (1787) 10 It begun t' be dark, on I'r beawt Sconce in a strawnge Country. *transf.* and *fig.* 1532 MORE *Confut. Tindale* Wks. 445/1 Tindal..hydeth himself in the darkenesse of the deuill, walking with a sconse of a dimme light, to make men wene he would shewe them the way. 1747 HERVEY *Medit.* II. 85 The moon is of signal service..to the Mariner..to explore his way and under the influence of this beaming Sconce, to avoid the fatal rock.

b. A flat candlestick with a handle for carrying.

1834 LOVER *Leg. & Stor. Irel.* Ser. II. 190 Put a candle in the tin sconce. 1858 MRS. OLIPHANT *Laird of Norlaw* I. v. 55 Taking the candle..she stood with the little flat brass sconce in her hand. 1897 BARRÈRE & LELAND *Slang, Sconce* (public schools), a tin candlestick.

2. A bracket-candlestick, usually of brass or iron, to fasten against a wall; esp. an ornamental bracket for holding one or more candles, often fitted with a mirror. Also, a candle-bracket for a piano, etc.

c 1450 in Aungier *Syon* (1840) 363 The mynyster of hygho masse schal..lyght the quyer sconses..as ofte as nede is. 1509–10 *Rec. St. Mary at Hill* 270 Paid for iij plattes with nosis for þe skonsis ij*d*. 1662 PEPYS *Diary* 4 Jan., Seeing how my pewter sconces that I have bought will become my stayres and entry. 1685 DRYDEN tr. *Lucretius* II. 28 If Golden Sconces hang not on the Walls, To light the costly Suppers and the Balls. 1688 HOLME *Armoury* III. 381/2 The forms..of these..Sconces, are numberless; some baving them with Faces, others with Birds, Beasts, Fish, Trees and Flowers; some with round or oval imbossed works. 1706 HEARNE *Collect.* 4 Dec. (O.H.S.) I. 310 Mr. Thomas Cherry was buried on Wednesday...The Rooms were very bandsomely set out w^th^ black sconces &c. proper for such occasions. 1729 SWIFT *Direct. Serv.* i. (1751) 22 You may likewise stick the Candle so loose, that it will fall upon the Glass of the Sconce, and break it into Shatters. 1755 JOHNSON, *Sconce*, a pensile candlestick, generally with a looking-glass to reflect the light. 1821 SCOTT *Kenilw.* vi, The dark colour..was relieved by the number of lights in silver sconces, which hung against the walls. 1859 W. COLLINS *Q. of Hearts* (1875) 41 This strange scene was lighted up by candles in high and heavy brass sconces. 1881 BESANT & RICE *Chapl. of Fleet* II. iv, Wax candles, arranged upon the walls on sconces. 1908–9 *Civil Service Supply Assoc. Catal.* 1212 Piano Candle Sconces. *Ibid.* 1241 Adjustable shaving stand..with..Sconces and best mirror.

3. A street-lamp or lantern attached to a wall.

Only in descriptions of Continental life.

1849 JAMES *Woodman* ii, A sconce was lighted on the side of the nunnery. 1873 'OUIDA' *Pascarel* I. 176 The oil wicks were lighted in the iron sconces of the streets.

4. The tube in an ordinary candlestick in which the candle is inserted. 1850 in OGILVIE.

5. *attrib.*, as *sconce candlestick, light, maker.*

1455 in Anstey *Munim. Acad.* (Rolls) II. 664, j. *scons candelstik of latone. 1479 in *Eng. Gilds* (1870) 427 *Skonce light. 1530 PALSGR. 268/1 *Sconsmaker, *lanternier.* 1688 HOLME *Armoury* III. 381/2, S. the like O. with a Candle burning in the Socket proper, is the Badge of the Sconce-makers.

Sconce (skɒns), *sb.*[2] *arch.* Also 6–7 **sconse, skonce.** [Of obscure origin; possibly a slang use of SCONCE *sb.*[1] or of SCONCE *sb.*[3] (though in our quots. recorded earlier than the latter).] A jocular term for: The head; esp. the crown or top of the head; hence, 'head', ability, sense, wit. †Also put for the person himself.

1567 TURBERV. *Epit.*, etc. 105 A curled Sconce he hath, with angrie frowning browe. 1577 KENDALL *Flowers of Epigr.* 94 b, Bartlet a pleasant sconse, whose mirthe all men did muche delight. 1586 A. DAY *Eng. Secretary* II. (1625) 47 Master B. found Socrates in my Letter, and sent to seeke out your well reputed skonce to expound it. 1593 G. HARVEY *New Let. Notable Contents* C 2 b, The Princock..that can play vpon his warped sconce, as vpon a tabor. 1621 BURTON *Anat. Mel.* Democr. to Rdr. 64 Much learning..hath crackt their skonces. 1645 MILTON *Colast.* 25 How many are there ..who have such a Fee simple in their sconce, as to take a Leas of their own Lands from another? 1651 CLEVELAND *Poems* 20 Who swears &c., swears more oaths at once Than Cerberus out of his triple Sconce. 1771 SMOLLETT *Humph. Cl.* 15 Sept., He..running into the house, exposed his back and sconce to the whole family. 1809 W. IRVING *Knickerb.* VI. viii. (1849) 370 As he stooped..Peter Stuyvesant dealt him a thwack over the sconce. 1883 *Century Mag.* XXVI. 915/2 To put it [the sum] up to twelve dollars..if she..showed any sconce for the business. 1888 J. INGLIS *Tent Life in Tigerland* 197 He had received a crack on the sconce.

Sconce (skɒns), *sb.*[3] Forms: *α.* 6–7 **skonce, sconse,** (7 **sconch**), 6– **sconce.** *β.* 6 **scance, skance,** 7 **skants, scans.** [a. Du. *schans* (in early mod.Du. also written *schantze, schenize*), with assimilation of form to SCONCE *sb.*[1] and *sb.*[2]

The word (of which the synonymous early mod. Du. *schranse, schrantze*, seems to be a variant) is found also in late MHG. and mod.G. *schanze* fem.; in the 16th c. it had in Du. the senses 'brushwood', 'bundle of sticks', 'screen of brushwood for soldiers', 'earthwork made with gabions' (cf. Du. *schanskorf* gabion). The ultimate origin is obscure; the late appearance of the word in Teut. would suggest the probability of some Romanic source, but neither form nor sense supports the hypothesis of adoption from OF. *esconse* hiding-place (cf. SCONCE *sb.*[1]) which app. does not occur in any military application.]

1. *Fortif.* A small fort or earthwork; esp. one built to defend a ford, pass, castle-gate, etc., or erected as a counter-fort.

α. 1571 DIGGES *Pantom.* 54 To make Plattes, and set downe the proportion of anye Sconces, Fortes, Bulwarkes, or Townes. 1586 J. HOOKER *Hist. Irel.* 178/2 in *Holinshed*, Caluerleigh..went vnto that end of the towne where the seneschall scaled the wals, & there he made a sconse, or a little bulworke, and..saued the towne. 1599 SHAKS. *Hen. V*, III. vi. 76 They will learne you by rote where Seruices were done; at such and such a Sconce, at such a Breach. 1611 SPEED *Hist. Gt. Brit.* IX. xv. § 39. 630/1 And raising the rampier to a great thicknes whereon he erected many sconces of earth like vnto Castles. 1639 R. NORWOOD *Fortif.* 134 Of small Forts or Field Skonces, and marking them out Mechanically, and first of a Skonce of foure sides. 1656 HEYLIN *Surv. France* 11 Neither is there any of the least Sconces or Blockhouses, on the shore-side of that Countrey [Hampshire]. *a* 1668 DAVENANT *Siege* (1673) 67 The Outworks are made perfect, and our River Guarded by a Sconce. 1673 SIR J. MOORE *Mod. Fortif.* 94 Of small Forts or Skonces, which are built for Defence of some Pass, River, or other place. 1727 A. HAMILTON *New Acc. E. Ind.* I. xiii. 147 The Citizens built Sconces in convenient Places, about half a Mile without the Wall, to protect the Suburbs. 1755 CARTE *Hist. Eng.* IV. 288 They had raised two sconces or breast-works over against two fords passable at low water. 1821 SCOTT *Kenilw.* i, [He] was shot at the head of his regiment at the taking of a sconce near Maestricht. 1849 [J. GRANT] *Mem. Kirkaldy* xxi. 246 The Earl of Morton and his troops..threw up a battery on the southern part of Calton Hill...This sconce they hoped would command the Canongate.

β. 1598 BARRET *Theor. Warres* v. i. 141 To carrie victuals or munition..to a distressed Scance. *Ibid.* Gloss. 252 *Skance*, a Dutch word: and is a small fortresse built of turffe and earth, commonly vsed in the low countries. 1632 HOLLAND *Cyrupædia* 115 To the end it might be, as a warlike and defensive fortresse for themselves, so a strong skants, and offensive to the Assyrians. 1675 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 1017/1 They had beaten the Indians from a certain Scans, on the foresaid Promontory of Land.

†**b.** *fig.*

1590 SHAKS. *Com. Err.* II. ii. 37 And you vse these blows long, I must get a sconce for my head, and Insconce it too. *c* 1592 BACON *Conf. Pleasure* (1870) 23 It is her goverm^t and her gverm^t alone that hath (bene y^e) sconse and forte of all Europe. 1598 SYLVESTER *Du Bartas* II. iv. II. *Magnificence* 337 Honour is but a puffe..Health but a sconce of paper. 1615 T. ADAMS *Blache Devill* 55 If he loose the sconce of the understanding, yet give him the citadell of the affections. 1633 — *Exp. 2 Peter* i. 6 All sins break in at the loss of the sconce, or capitol, reason. 1633 G. HERBERT *Temple, Ch. Porch* xxii, Look to thy mouth: diseases enter there. Thou hast two sconses, if thy stomach call; Carve, or discourse. 1647 WARD *Simple Cobler* 6 To authorise an untruth..is to build a Sconce against the walls of heaven. 1655 FULLER *Ch. Hist.* IV. 148 This was one of the best bulwarks and sconces of Soveraignty. *a* 1670 HACKET *Abp. Williams* II. (1693) 166, I spend too much time to pull down a Sconce of Sand. 1676 HOBBES *Iliad* III. 221 Great Ajax, Who of the Argives is the Sconce [ἔρκος Ἀχαιῶν]. 1721 in 10*th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. v. 198 Flanders was..to be garrisoned, to the end that it might be a sconce between them and France.

c. slang. †*To build a sconce* (see quot. 1730).

1640 NABBES *Bride* III. i, By battering downe with th'engine of their purse Some sconch your drunken valour in a taverne Hath built with sack. 1641 BRATHWAIT *Eng. Gentlem.* 23 These have beene Men in their time,..but now their fortunes falling to an ebbe,..they are enforced..to erect a Sconce whereto the Roarers make recourse, as to their

Rendevous. 1649 Dk. Newcastle *Country Capt.* I. i. 7 *Vnd.* Hee shall read warrs to me and fortification. *Tho.* For a neede I could teach you to build a sconce Sir. 1687 [see *sconce-building* in 5]. *a* 1700 B. E. *Dict. Cant. Crew* s.v., *To build a large Sconce*, to run deep upon Tick, or Trust. *a* 1704 T. Brown *Lett. fr. Dead* III. Wks. 1730. II. 282 A lieutenant and ensign whom once I admitted upon trust, ..built a sconce, and left me in the lurch. 1730 Bailey (fol.), *To build a Sconce*, to run a Score at an Ale-house, Tavern, &c. so as to be afraid to go there, for fear of being dunn'd. 1760 C. Jonnston *Chrysal* (1822) I. 174 Cribbing from the till, and building sconces, and such-like tricks. 1765 Goldsm. *Ess.* viii. Wks. (Globe) 307/2 He ran into debt with everybody that would trust him, and none could build a sconce better than he.

2. *transf.* A protective screen or shelter (from fire or the elements).

1592 R. Bruce *Serm.* R 3, We ar no more bot as stubble is to the fyre, so ar we in the presence of God, who is a consuming fyre, except we haue a sconce, except wee haue Christ Iesus to gang betuixt vs and him. *a* 1616 Beaum. & Fl. *Scornf. Lady* v. I 3 b, I am..a rascal: one that vpon the next anger of your brother, must raise a sconce by the high way, and sel switches. *a* 1670 Hacket *Cent. Serm.* (1675) 454 He would make small Sconces or Tabernacles upon the top of the Hill. 1688 Holme *Armoury* III. 449/1 Some call it [*sc.* an Umbrella] a Skonce, which Gentlewomen ..beare up..to keep and shadow them from heat. 1730 A. Gordon *Maffei's Amphith.* II. xiv. 348 The fervent Heat of the Sun made some kind of Sconce or other necessary at the Games.

3. *dial.* a. A screen, partition.

1695 Kennett *Paroch. Antiq.* s.v. *Helowe-wall, Hollen* in the North is a wall..to secure the family from the blasts of wind rushing in when the *heck* or door is open: to which wall on that side next the hearth is annext a sconce or screne of wood or stone. 1829 Brockett *N. C. Wds.* (ed. 2), *Sconce*, ..a short partition near the fire upon which all the bright utensils in a cottage are suspended. 1863 J. C. Atkinson *Danby Gloss.*, *Sconce*, a screen..lined with some reflecting metal, which is set before the fire when a joint is roasting. 1876 *Whitby Gloss.*, *Sconce*, a screen or partition.

b. (See quots.) [Perhaps a different word.]

1781 Hutton *Tour to Caves* (ed. 2) Gloss., *Sconce*, a fixed seat by the side of a fire place. 1829 Brockett *N. C. Wds.* (ed. 2), *Sconce*, a seat at one side of the fire-place in the old large open chimney. 1885 Hall Caine *Shadow of Crime* vi, She cleared the sconce and took down the flitches that hung from the rannel tree to dry. 1886 Alice Rea *Beckside Boggle* 4 A long freestone slab, or sconce, as dale folk call it, firmly fixed into the wall by the fireplace, which must have made a comfortable fireside couch in olden times.

4. (Also *sconce-piece*.) A low water-washed iceberg (see quot. 1856).

1856 Kane *Arct. Expl.* I. vii. 72 Just then, a broad sconce-piece or low water-washed berg came driving up...As the sconce moved rapidly close alongside us, McGary managed to plant an anchor on its slope. 1889 R. Collinson *Jrnl. H. M. S. Enterprise* 294 We..were..nnable to see our way among the sconces, and..I hove-to for daylight.

5. *Comb.*: **sconce-battle**, a particular mode of drawing up troops in the field; † **sconce-building** *a.*, that 'builds a sconce' (see 1 b); † **sconce-korf** [Du. *schans-korf*], a gabion.

1635 W. Barriffe *Mil. Discipl.* xcv. (1643) 273 The *Sconce Battell is a Figure most properly fit for a whole Regiment. 1687 T. Brown *Saints in Uproar* Wks. 1730 I. 80 Thou huffing, puffing, *sconce-building ruffian. 1629 tr. *Pclegromius' Skertogenbosh* 41 Our Land-souldiers..did set on fire some *Sconce-kornes [*? read* -korues = -korves].

Sconce (skɒns), *sb.*[4] [f. Sconce *v.*[2]]

1. At Oxford (? formerly also at Cambridge): † **a.** A fine imposed for a breach of university or college discipline (*obs.*). **b.** A fine of a tankard of ale or the like, imposed by undergradnates on one of their number for some breach of cnstomary rule when dining in hall.

1650 in Rashdall & Rait *New College* (1901) 176 Taking off the sconce [*misprinted* scoure] which, for their absence from prayers, was laid upon them by the said Warden. 1653 in *4th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* (1874) 456/1 In the case of neglect thereof they shall be punished by sconce, or imposed exercises, as to the officers of the said Colleges.. shall seeme meete. 1691 Wood *Ath. Oxon.* I. 521 Upon the hearing of one of Sir Hen. Savile's mathematic lectures by accident, or rather to save the sconce of a groat, if he had been absent. 1707 in Hearne *Collect.* 23 Dec. (O.H.S.) II. 83 The Dean put y^e^ usual Sconce for missing Prayers upon his Name. 1763 Colman *Terræ-Filius* No. 1 P 10 If I fine them for their Irregularities, it shall be in a much more moderate Sum than Forty Shillings, or any other Sconce imposed by the Proctors. 1885 *N. & Q.* Ser. vi. XII. 523/2 When I was at Oriel,..sconces were the fines..inflicted in the 'gate-bill'...Sconces, as fines for offences in hall *contra bonos mores*, were in vogue in other colleges but not with us.

attrib. 1885 *N. & Q.* Ser. vi. XII. 449/1 The sconce-tankards held about two quarts.

† **2.** In extended application: A mulct, fine (exacted, e. g. from a member of a society, from a servant). *Obs.*

1683 Barnard *Life Heylin* 112 The exacting of Sconses or perdition mony, which he [as Treasurer of Westminster] divided among them that best deserved it. 1703 *MS. Bk. of Receipts Ashm. Museum* 2 b, Gilacholuim's sconces or Forfeits out of his wages, Beginning Oct. 22, 1703.

† **Sconce,** *v.*[1] *Obs.* [f. Sconce *sb.*[3] Cf. Du. (*be*)*schansen*.]

1. *trans.* To fortify, entrench; in later use, to shelter, protect. *To sconce away* Sc., to ward off.

1598 W. Phillip tr. *Linschoten* I. 153/2 They set vppon the towne of Ioor, that was sconsed [orig. *beschanst*] and compassed about with woodden stakes. 1620 Brathwait *Five Senses* 75 Long time, therefore, haue I resolued to sconce my selfe betwixt these two. 1621 G. Sandys *Ovid's Met.* XIV. (1626) 282 A little Bay, by Scylla haunted, lies.. sconst from the Seas and skies Distemper. 1690 C. Nesse *Hist. & Myst. O. & N. Test.* I. 208 A screen to sconce and shelter us from consuming fire. 1706 E. Ward *Wooden World Diss.* (1708) 65 He's pretty well sconc'd against Bullets. *c* 1715 Ramsay *Vision* iii, To..skonce my skap and shanks frae rain. 1746 D. Graham *Hist. Rebell.* x. Writ. 1883 I. 178 Confin'd into a stinking stye, And 'bove his head two hydes of kye, To skonce away the sooty rain.

2. [? By etymological association with F. *esconser* (Cotgr.).] To hide, screen from view.

1652 Urquhart *Jewel* 122 With so close and secret a minde did he harbour in his heart, that new love,..remotely skonsing it from the knowledge of all men. 1663 Sir G. Mackenzie *Religious Stoic* xiii. (1685) 146 As if a thicket of trees could have sconced him from his all-seeing Maker.

Sconce (skɒns), *v.*[2] [Of obscure origin. As a term of University slang, it may have arisen from some far-fetched reference to Sconce *sb.*[1], *sb.*[2], or *sb.*[3] Our first two quots. refer it to Sconce *sb.*[2]; so app. also qnot. 1641 in sense 2.]

1. *trans.* At Oxford (? formerly also at Cambridge): To fine, mnlct; often with the penalty as second object. Formerly said of university and college officials, with reference to fines inflicted for breaches of discipline. Now only of undergradnates when dining in hall: To fine (one of their number) a tankard of ale or the like, as a penalty for some breach of good manners or conventional nsage.

1617 Minsheu *Ductor* s.v., Wherevpon comes the terme in Oxeford to sconce one, Lat. *Mulctare pecunia*, i. to set vp so much in the butterie booke vpon his head to pay for his punishment. 1628 Shirley *Witly Fair One* IV. ii, I have had a head in most of the butteries of Cambridge, and it has been sconced to purpose. 1687 *Magd. Coll. & Jas. II* (O.H.S.) 224 The said persons entering the Buttery, and taking out their crosses, Mr. Charnock thereupon sconced the Butler ten shillings each. 1687 Settle *Refl. Dryden* II The poorest Freshman in the University would be sconced for half so great a blunder. 1688 Wood *Life* Apr. (O.H.S.) III. 265 The vicechancellor told him the Coll. was to be sconced: Charnock said he had provided a preacher. 1706 Hearne *Collect.* (O.H.S.) I. 238 Dr Mill..saying..that no Master of Arts in the Hall shonld for y^e^ future have any Privilege of sconsing or otherwise punishing the Servants in the Hall. 1707 *Ibid.* II. 9 Yesterday the Vice-Chaunc. scons'd all that were without their Hoods at St Marie's. 1728 Johnson in J. Hawkins *Life* (1787) 9 [He said to Jordan] Sir you have sconced me two-pence for non-attendance at a lecture not worth a penny. 1821 *Etonian* II. 391 Hall dinner. Was sconced in a quart of ale for quoting Latin. 1853 'C. Bede' *Verdant Green* III. xi, There was a shout of indignation and he [the punster] was sconced by the unanimous vote of the company.

2. In extended application (cf. Sconce *sb.* 2).

1641 Milton *Ch. Discipl.* II. 85 We must of duty still appear before them once a year..to be taxt hy the poul, to be scons't our head money..in their Chaunlerly Shop-book of Easter. 1755 *Connoisseur* No. 57 P 7 [The toast-master of a drinking society] punishes an offender by sconcing him a bumper. 1849 Rock *Ch. of Fathers* IV. xi. 107 A theft committed on any one of these three [Rogation] days, was, by Alfred's laws, sconced in a two-fold 'bot' or fine. 1869 Gladstone *Sp. Ho. Comm.* 18 June, This superstition..by which every officer..who only had the good fortnne to tie himself to the tail of some Judge,..had built up around him this sanctity of tenure, by which the public had been sconced generation after generation. 1892 Symonds *Life in Swiss Highl.* xvi. 346 He who comes last is sconced three litres of Veltliner for the company. 1901 *Speaker* 27 Apr. 99/1 Why should a small village public-house be sconced five or six times as much as one of the great gin-palaces. 1903 Morley *Gladstone* IV. ii. I. 471 A new minister, who ..did not shrink from sconcing the powerful landed phalanx like other people.

† **b.** *To sconce off*: to take off, rebate. *Obs.*

1768 Foote *Devil* II. Wks. 1799 II. 260 The widow..paid my bill..without sconcing off sixpence.

Hence **Sco·ncing** *vbl. sb.* (Also *attrib.*)

1695 Kennett *Paroch. Antiq.* App. 688 Neither are any polling Officers to draw fees and sconcing money to enrich themselves. 1885 *N. & Q.* Ser. VI. XII. 448/2 Sconcing was a privilege possessed by the senior scholar or commoner dining in hall of fining any delinqnent.

Sconce, *v.*[3] *nonce-wd.* Aphetic form of Ensconce *v.*

1841 Barham *Ingol. Leg.* Ser. II. *Auto-da-fé*, All, save Privy-purse Humez, Who sconced in his room is.

Sconce, dial. form of Scunch.

Sconcer[1] (skɒ·nsəɹ). *north.* [f. Sconce *sb.*[1] + -er[1].] ? = Sconce *sb.*[1] 1.

1731 *Inv. G. Bamforth, Sheffield*, A large glass, six sconcers.

Sconcer[2] (skɒ·nsəɹ). [? f. Sconce *v.*[1] + -er[1].] A malingerer.

1843 G. Hector *Feigned Dis.* 43 One was pronounced by the surgeon an imposter, the other was admitted. It is probahle he had received a hint that one of them was a sconcer.

Sconch, Sconcheon, obs. forms of Sconce *sb.*[3], Scuncheon.

Scond(e, obs. forms of Shand, shame.

Scone (skōun, skɒn). Orig. *Sc.* Also 6–9 **scon, skon,** (8 **sconn**). [Perh. a shortened adoption of MDu. *schoonbrot*, MLG. *schonbrot* 'fine bread'.

The LG. word is explained in the Bremen glossary (1771) as a sort of white loaf with two acute and two obtuse angles, and the similar *schönroggen* ('fine rye') in the Hamburg dialect denoted 'a seed-cake with three rounded corners'. (See Grimm's *Deutsches Wb.* s.v. *Schön.*) From the latter word are MSw. *skanroggā*, MDa. *skonroggen*, Icel. *skonrok* 'a biscuit' (Vigf.).]

1. A large rnnnd cake made of wheat or barley-meal baked on a griddle; one of the four quadrant-shaped pieces into which such a cake is often cut, or a cake of this shape separately baked. Also with defining words, denoting varieties of this cake, as *butter, potato, soda, treacle scone*; **brown scone,** one made of whole meal; **drop, dropped scone,** one made of a small portion of batter dropped on the griddle or on a tin and baked; **fried scone,** one in which the ingredients are made into a batter and fried; **sweetie scone** *Sc.* (see quot. 1808).

The *Eng. Dial. Dict.* has an 18th c. quot. for 'three nucket scons' (three-cornered scones). The context of quot. 1513 below shows that a four-cornered cake was meant.

1513 Douglas *Æneis* VII. iii. 15 The flour sconnis war sett in, by and hy, Wyth wther mesis. 1549 *Compl. Scot.* vi. 43 Thai hed na breyd bot ry caikis and fustean skonnis maid of flour. 1744 in *Scottish Jrnl. Topogr.* (1848) I. 334/2, 3 Pyes and Bread and a Currand Scone. 1787 Burns *Scotch Drink* iv, On thee [*sc.* John Barleycorn] aft Scotland chows her cood, In souple scones, the wale o' food! 1808 Jamieson s.v. *Yule* § 4 What the vulgar call a sweetie-skon, or a loaf enriched with raisins, currants, and spiceries. 1818 Scott *Br. Lamm.* xxvi, Never had there been such..making of car-cakes and sweet scones. 1886 Stevenson *Kidnapped* xx, We lay on the hare top of a rock, like scones upon a girdle.

2. (More fully *scone cap.*) 'The old broad bonnet of the Lowlands' (Jam.).

1820 *Blackw. Mag.* Dec. 322 From the shepherd's shealing ..to the pillared palace..—from the scone cap, to the jewelled bonnet. 1826 G. R. Gleig *Subaltern* xvii, The Lowland bonnet, or scone.

Sconfice, obs. form of Scomfish *v. dial.*

Sconn, obs. f. Scone. **Sconner,** var. Scunner.

Sconscyence, rare obs. form of Conscience.

Scontion, variant of Scuncheon.

† **Sco·ntre,** *v. Obs. rare*[−1]. [app. ad. It. *scontrare*. Cf. Rescounter *v.*] *intr.* = Encounter 1 b.

1545 *St. Papers Hen. VIII*, X. 515 It is raported that Barbarossa is going to Alger with 10 or 12 galeis, and that thImperial galeis are departid to scontre with him.

Scoochion, obs. form of Scutcheon.

Scool(e, Scoolde, obs. ff. School, Scold *v.*

Scoomfit(e, -phit, etc., obs. ff. Scomfit *v.*

Scoomme, obs. form of Scum.

Scoop (skūp, *locally* skōup), *sb.*[1] Forms: 4–6 **scope,** *Sc.* and *north.* **skowp,** 5 **scowpe,** 6 **skop(e, scoupe, skoupe,** *Sc.* **skwpe, skupe,** *north.* **skoppe,** 6–7 **scoope,** 7 **skoope, scowp,** 7– **scoop.** [App. of twofold origin (which is reflected in the diversity of pronunciation): (1) a. MLG. *schôpe* fem. (whence prob. MSw. *skôpa*) or MDu. *schôpe, schoepe* (mod. Du. *schoep*) vessel for drawing or bailing out water, bucket of a water-wheel, corn-scoop = MHG. *schuofe* (early mod.G. *schufe*, mod.HG. dial. *schuffe*) :—WGer. **skōpōn-*, f. **skōp-* ablaut-var. of **skap-*, root of **skappjan* to draw water (OS. *sceppian*, LG., Du. *scheppen*, OHG. *scephan*, MHG. *schepfen*, mod.G. *schöpfen*); (2) MDu. *schoppe* fem. (mod.Du. *schop*) = MLG. *schuppe* shovel (whence mod.G. *schüppe*) :—OTeut. type **skuppōn-*, prob. repr. an older **skubnō-*, f. root **skub-*: **skeub-*: see Shove *v.*

The two words, though etymologically quite distinct, have, owing to their close resemblance in form and sense, been to some extent confused in continental Teut. The senses of both are represented in the Fr. adoption *écope* (*c* 1413 *escope*, mod. dial. *escope, escoupe, écoupe*) vessel or ladle for bailing out water, large shovel, skimming-dish. It is possible that the word may have come into Eng. through Fr.; but the Fr. word is first found nearly a century later than the Eng., and as the term was in nautical use immediate adoption from Du. or LG. is not improbable.]

1. A utensil for bailing out, ladling or skimming liquids; usually in the form of a ladle or a concave shovel with a straight handle. Now chiefly *Naut.* and *dial.*

c 1330 R. Brunne *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 8168 Folk..þat þe water wiþ scopes vp drowe. *c* 1362 *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 566 In emendacione unius scope pro aqua evacuanda in quarera, ij d. *c* 1440 *Jacob's Well* x. 65 A scope is deep & hool to resceyue watyr. 1512 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scott.* IV. 454 Item, for vj greit skowpis for the greit schip to cast the watter, iij s. 1594 in *Archæologia* XLVIII. 133 Item one mashefatt,..iij sooes and ij scopes. 1600 Surflet *Country Farm* III. li. 546 Be furnished of..scoopes of iron, to draw and emptie out the oiles. 1668 Charleton *Onomast.* 96 The long crooked scoop with which Dutch Mariners throw up water to wet their sails. 1725 Bradley *Fam. Dict.* s.v. *Coal*, Water..is dash'd on with a great Dish or Scoop. 1769 Falconer *Dict. Marine* (1780), *Scoop*, a little hollowed piece of wood, employed to throw water out of a boat. 1844 H. Stephens *Bk. Farm* II. 417 The scoop best adapted to this purpose [*i. e.* lifting liquid manure] is a small wooden pitcher,..the helve passing through its sides in an oblique direction. 1867 Smyth *Sailor's Word-bk.*, *Scoop*, a long spoon-shaped piece of wood to throw water, when washing a ship's sides in the morning. 1886 *Cheshire Gloss.*, *Scope*, a bowl with a straight wooden handle fixed to it. Used for baling or skimming...In salt making a scope is a wooden bowl used for skimming the scum from brine.

b. *transf.* and *fig.*

c 1440 *Jacob's Well* I. 2 Watyrs of cursyng..muste be cast out of 3oure pytt with a scope of penaunce. 1589 R. Harvey *Pl. Perc.* 3 They had neede be large long Spoons

(say you) if I come to feed with such whipsters. Let me alone, for my actiuity, at the dish meat, and a long arme, though my scoope be the shorter. 1859 DICKENS *T. Two Cities* I. v, Some men kneeled down, and made scoops of their two hands joined, and sipped.

c. The bucket of a water-wheel or of a dredging or draining machine. [So Du. *schoep*.]

1591 PERCIVALL *Sp. Dict.*, *Alcadus*, the scoope in a water wheele. 1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.*, *Scoop* (Hydraulic Engineering), the bucket of a dredging-machine. 1888 W. H. WHEELER *Drainage Fens* v. 73 The scoops beat or lift the water from the lower to the upper side.

d. Applied to a mechanical contrivance for drawing water.

1580 HOLLYBAND *Treas. Fr. Tong*, *Bascule à tirer l'eau* ..a scoupe to drawe water out of a shallow well. 1851–4 *Cycl. Useful Arts* (ed. Tomlinson 1867) I. 516/2 Mr. W. Fairbairn..has contrived a new form of scoop or alternating trough [for drainage purposes].

2. A kind of shovel (varying greatly in size and shape according to its special purpose), used for dipping out or shovelling up and carrying materials of a loose nature; usually an implement of iron, tin, etc. with a short handle and a broad, concave, or curved blade, the part of which next the handle is often covered over to form a receptacle for the material scooped up.

1487 *Naval Acc. Hen. VII* (1896) 63 Shovills..iij dd j, Scopis..j. 1495 *Ibid.* 203 Skoopes for pitche. 1581 J. BELL *Haddon's Answ. Osor.* 478 His accusations..are throwen together in an heape with full skoupes. 1698 *Phil. Trans.* XII. 1070 Brewers use to keep their Barly..laid about a foot in depth, and so turned over now and then with Scoops. 1839 URE *Dict. Arts* 549 The charge of coals is most conveniently introduced [into the gas retort] in a tray of sheet iron, made somewhat like a grocer's scoop. 1844 H. STEPHENS *Bk. Farm* II. 284 A couple of wooden scoops, ..to shovel up the corn in heaps, are useful implements in a corn-barn. 1851–4 *Cycl. Useful Arts* (ed. Tomlinson 1867) I. 739/2 [Gas-making.] Each retort is recharged by means of a long curved tray of sheet-iron,..called a scoop. 1906 *Daily News* 16 Sept. 6 Huge canvas scoops were used to shovel the dried hops into..heaps.

†b. A gunner's ladle = LADLE *sb.* 2 a. *Obs.*

1525 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scotl.* V. 258 Skupis for the artaljere. 1685 *Phil. Trans.* XV. 1092 The Gunners in charging her, wet not at all the scoop, or spunge.

3. An instrument with a spoon-shaped or gouge-shaped blade, used for cutting out a piece from some soft material, or for removing a core or an embedded substance. a. Applied to various small utensils in domestic use: chiefly short for *apple-scoop*, *cheese-scoop*, *potato-scoop*, for which see the first element.

1747 MRS. GLASSE *Cookery* xiv. 134 With a small Scoope very carefully take off the Eye [of the Codling] as whole as you can, and scoope out the Core. 1774 MRS. DELANY *Lett.* Ser. II. II. 81, I have not been able to get your silver scoop yet...I could not wait for it, as I thought you might want the fruit. 1805 R. W. DICKSON *Pract. Agric.* II. 612 The eye or root-hud of the potatoe..is usually cut out of it by a scoop..to the thickness of about half a crown.

b. A similar instrument for surgical purposes.

1739 SHARP *Surg.* xviii. 86 It is much safer to..lay hold of it [the Stone] with the Forceps, than endeavour with the Scoop..to force it outwards. 1895 *Arnold & Son's Catal. Surg. Instruments* Index, Acne, aural, gallstone, lithotomy, lupus scoops [etc.].

c. (See quot.)

1862 PIESSE *Perfumery* (ed. 3) 254 Balls are cut by hand, with the aid of a little tool called a 'scoop', made of brass or ivory, being, in fact, a ring-shaped knife.

d. Applied to certain tools used in excavation of soil; hence, the quantity of earth taken up at once by a scoop. †Also in *Gardening*, a hollow trowel.

1706 LONDON & WISE *Retir'd Gard'ner* I. vi. 254 The Displanting Scoop is made use of to take up some Sorts of Plants with the Earth about them. 1844 H. STEPHENS *Bk. Farm* I. 503 The scoop..is then employed to cut under the last narrow spit. 1846 J. BAXTER *Libr. Pract. Agric.* (ed. 4) I. 238 Now take a navigator's scoop, that will measure three and a half inches from edge to edge, taking straight across the front or hollow side. With this instrument commence digging another ditch...After the first few scoops have been taken out of the lower ditch..the covering in should commence. 1881 YOUNG *Ev. Man his own Mech.* § 1100 The bottom [of a drain] being made smooth and level by means of the scoop.

†4. A kind of basket. Cf. SKEP, and MDu. *schoepe* winnowing-basket (= FAN *sb.*[1] 1 a). *Obs.*

1546 in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. II. II. 174 A thirde q[t]. a scope of Olyves cost vj[d]. 1641 BEST *Farm. Bks.* (Surtees) 103 To take the same hushell or scopp that wee measured the corne in. 1673 O. HEYWOOD *Diaries* (1883) III. 204 They let him down in a scoop or basket.

5. A variety of coal-box, somewhat resembling a flour-scoop in shape; short for *coal-scoop*.

1850 in OGILVIE; and in later Dicts.

6. Short for *scoop-net*.

1865 LUBBOCK *Prehist. Times* xiv. (1869) 513 The fish nets.. are of two kinds, the scoop and the seine.

7. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *scoop-load*, *-spade*, *-tool*; *scoop-like*, *-shaped* adjs.; **scoop driver** (see quot.); **scoop wheel** [cf. 1 c], a wheel driven by wind or steam for lifting water.

1892 *Labour Commission Gloss.* s. v., The *scoop driver.. guides the scoop into the [gas] retort, turns it over, and then brings it back again for filling. 1676 WISEMAN *Chirurg. Treat.* III. v. 240 A *Scoup-like Instrument. 1883 F. DAY *Indian Fish* 64 A scoop-like net for catching small fish. 1841 *Jrnl. Franklin Inst.* Oct. 233 A *scoop load may be taken at one tenth of a cubic yard. 1844 H. STEPHENS *Bk. Farm* II. 302 The buckets..are..*scoop-shaped. *Ibid.* I. 601 Any loose soil..should be..taken out hy a *scoop spade. 1800 *Trans. Soc. Arts* XVIII. 153 An iron-edged *scoop-tool. 1838 *Civil Eng. & Arch. Jrnl.* I. 90/1, I have always used *scoop-wheels, the float-boards of which dip 5 feet below the water's surface.

Scoop (skūp), *sb.*[2] [f. SCOOP *v.*]

1. The action or an act of scooping.

1742 YOUNG *Nt. Th.* IX. 910 Excavated grots..yawning wide From Nature's structure, or the scoop of Time. 1851 W. BOLLAND *Cricket Notes* 13 That runs were obtained more readily..hy off hitting than by the old scoop to leg. 1908 *Edin. Rev.* Apr. 396 He makes wild scoops at the fighting fish.

2. *concr.* A place scooped or hollowed out; also, a natural concavity or hollow resembling this; *rarely*, an artificial basin for water. Also *scoop-out*.

1762–71 H. WALPOLE *Vertue's Anecd. Paint.* (1786) IV. 289 He felt the delicious contrast of hill and valley changing imperceptibly into each other, tasted the beauty of the gentle swell, or concave scoop. 1821 CLARE *Vill. Minstr.* I. 115 Here a knoll and there a scoop. 1871 ROSSETTI *Poems, Dante at Verona* xxviii, The conduits round the gardens sing And meet in scoops of milk-white stone. 1874 T. HARDY *Far from Mad. Crowd* II. ii. 21 All foot and horse tracks made previous to the storm had been abraded and blurred by the drops, and they were now so many little scoops of water. 1884 *Milit. Engineering* II. 33 Most of the pieces would he fired through countersloping scoops. 1900 *Daily News* 1 June 3/1 Lying in a shallow scoop-out among the hills.

3. In various slang uses. a. *On the scoop*, 'on the drink, or a round of dissipation' (Farmer).

1884 *Graphic* 30 Aug. 223/2 A young stockbroker..who, in the absence of his wife, has gone on the scoop with his father-in-law. *a* 1893 MILLIKEN *Arry Ballads* 47 An English Milord on the scoop carn't be equalled at blueing a quid.

b. *U. S.* (See quots.) Cf. SCOOP *v.*[1] 5 b.

1886 *Phonetic Jrnl.* 6 Feb. 63/1 In American newspaper offices an item of news is valued largely according to the likelihood of its being an exclusive piece of information, or a 'scoop'. *Ibid.* 63/2 'Has the *Herald* got that water-pipe contract paragraph in its City Hall column?' 'No,' answers the *Tribune* city editor,..'It's a scoop'. 1892 HOWELLS *Mercy* 113 'Any scoops?' asked Pinney, warily—'Anything exclusive?' 1892 *Nation* (N. Y.) 29 Dec. LV. 487/3 Is there one of us..who would not..conceal one [*sc.* a reporter] of his own in the shrubbery..so as to get 'a scoop' on his contemporaries?

c. *U. S.* 'A sudden breaking down of prices for the purpose of buying stocks at cheaper rates followed by a rise'.

1879 in WEBSTER, Suppl.; and in later Dicts.

d. A lucky stroke of business, a 'haul'.

1893 KIPLING *Many Invent.* 166 You'll see how I work a big scoop when I get it. 1909 *Daily Chron.* 27 July 1/6 Her engagement..at the Palace is a big 'scoop'.

Scoop (skūp), *v.*[1] Also 4–5 scope, 4, 6 scoupe. [f. SCOOP *sb.*[1]]

1. *trans.* To lade or bail out (water) with or as with a 'scoop'. Also with *out*. Now *rare*.

c 1330 R. BRUNNE *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 8164 Do scope þis water, & turn þe borne. 13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* C. 155 Scopen out þe scaþel water. *c* 1440 *Jacob's Well* i. 2 Vnder þis watyr in 3oure pytt, whan þis watyr is scopyd out, is deep wose be-nethe. *Ibid.* x. 65 3ow nedyth..to scopyn out þis corrupte watyr of curs wyth þe scoope of penaunce. 1530 PALSGR. 699/2 Let us scoupe out the water out of this ponde. *a* 1625 FLETCHER *Woman's Prize* I. ii, Tis as easie with a Sive to scoope the Ocean, as To tame Petruchio. 1697 DRYDEN *Æneid* IX. 26 He scoop d the water from the crystal flood. 1773 MME. D'ARBLAY *Early Diary* July (1889) I. 226 The waves seemed to redouble their violence, and the boat scooped one fairly over us.

absol. *c* 1440 *Jacob's Well* x. 66 Þe scope of þi penaunce ..muste be deep in sorwe,..& ellys thou scopyst in veyn.

2. To remove or detach (a portion of friable or soft material, or part of a heap of objects) by passing a scoop or concave instrument obliquely through the mass, so as to leave a rounded hollow; to rake in as with a scoop. Chiefly with *away*, *out*, *up*. Also, to take *out* (a core, some embedded object) with or as with a scoop.

1622 MABBE tr. *Aleman's Guzman d'Alf.* II. 135 There are some kinde of people so cruell and vnconscionable, that they thinke of nothing but deceit and cozenage, scooping like shouels all to themselues. 1653 H. MORE *Antid. Ath.* II. x. § 5 (1712) 71 Her Forefeet are broad, that she may scoup away much Earth at a time. 1718 POPE *Iliad* XIV. 578 Full in his Eye the Weapon chanc'd to fall, And from the Fibres scoop'd the rooted Ball. 1747 [see SCOOP *sb.*[1] 3]. 1807 G. CHALMERS *Caledonia* I. I. iv. 161 It was plainly formed by scooping the earth from the sides. 1836 W. IRVING *Astoria* I. 164 The Indians..scoop them [*sc.* fish] up with small nets. 1867 HOWELLS *Ital. Journeys* iii. 16 The name of Byron..had been scooped away by the Grand Duke of Tuscany. 1871 ROSSETTI *Poems, Last Confession* 546 She.. fell, and her stiff bodice scooped the sand Into her bosom.

absol. 1705 ADDISON *Italy, Sienna*, etc. 393 Whatever part of the Harbour they scoop in, it has an Influence on all the rest; for the Sea immediately works the whole Bottom to a Level.

b. To heap *up*, or collect *together* as by means of a scoop; *fig.* to obtain by effort from various quarters.

1855 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* xx. IV. 503 The government, instead of laboriously scooping up supplies from numerous petty sources, could now draw whatever it required from an immense reservoir.

c. *U. S.* To take (oysters) with a dredge. Also *intr.* 1891 in *Century Dict.*

3. *trans.* To hollow out with or as with a scoop; to form a concavity or depression in. Also with *out*.

1708 PHILIPS *Cyder* I. 396 The little Race of Birds, that hop from Spray to Spray, scooping the costliest Fruit. 1711 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 50 P 3 As soon as this Rock was thus curiously scooped to their Liking. 1726 *Whole Art Gaming* 31 Such as Quatre-Trois..are made new by the Die-maker ..whereas Loaded Dice are easy to Scoop or Load. 1731 POPE *Ep. Burlington* 60 Consult the Genius of the Place in all; That..scoops in circling theatres the Vale. 1801 MOLLARD *Art of Cookery* 127 Take clean turnips and carrots, and scoop or cut them into shapes. 1871 L. STEPHEN *Playgr. Eur.* iii. (1894) 88 The rocks below having been scooped out by the glacier in old days. 1880 MISS BIRD *Japan* II. 84 The posts are scooped at the top, and heavy poles, resting on the scoops, are laid along them.

b. *intr.* To make a hollow as with a scoop. (In quot. *indirect passive*.)

1863 BARING-GOULD *Iceland* 189 A pitch black rock, scooped into by the stream.

4. To form by scooping or as if by scooping. Also with *out*.

1730–46 THOMSON *Autumn* 740 These..The mountain-cisterns fill,—those ample stores Of water, scooped among the hollow rocks. *c* 1750 SHENSTONE *Elegy* xx. 10 See the wild Sons of Lapland's chill domain, That scoop their Couch beneath the drifted Snows! 1760 GOLDSM. *Trav.* 290 The firm connected bulwark [*sc.* the dikes of Holland]..Spreads its long arms amidst the wat'ry roar, Scoops out an empire, and usurps the shore. *a* 1813 A. WILSON *Foresters* Poet. Wks. 217 Scooped from the woods unnumbered spots were seen, Embrowned with culture. 1816 BYRON *Prisoner of Chillon* vii, He died, and they..scoop'd for him a shallow grave. 1827 HOOD *Mids. Fairies* 433 Sometimes we scoop the squirrel's hollow cell. 1841 B. HALL *Patchwork* I. vii. 107 Vaults scooped out hy the running water. 1856 STANLEY *Sinai & Pal.* i. 60 One of us scooped out a horse, more complete than any of these sculptured animals, in ten minutes. 1877 A. B. EDWARDS *Up Nile* xviii. 484 The path was scooped out to a depth of four feet like a miniature railway cutting.

5. *slang.* a. To take or take up in large quantities; to appropriate (something) in advance of or to the exclusion of other competitors. Chiefly *to scoop in* (or *up*).

1882 J. D. MCCABE *New York* 160 (Farmer) He runs seventy 'busses on this line, and scoops in three 'r four hundred a day. 1888 HOWELLS *Annie Kilburn* xi. 118 The Irish are spreading out into the country and scooping in the farms that are not picturesque enough for the summer folks. 1901 G. DOUGLAS *House with Green Shutters* 11 They felt it..a..personal defeat that he..should scoop every chance that was going.

b. *In journalistic use.* (Orig. *U. S.*) To 'cut out' a rival reporter or editor, or his paper, by obtaining and publishing exclusive or earlier news.

1884 *Christian World* 5 June 421/2 He said he was not going to be scooped out by the other fellow. 1886 *Phonetic Jrnl.* 6 Feb. 63/1 The ever-gnawing anxiety of the city editor [in America] is to 'scoop' the opposition papers. 1902 ELIZ. BANKS *Newspaper Girl* 38 Miss Jackson across the way has got it, and she's going to print it in to-morrow's paper, and I shall be scooped.

c. *intr.* Of a right whale: To feed by taking in large mouthfuls of brit. *U. S.*

1887 GOODE, etc. *Fish. Industr. U. S.* v. II. 264 Again the whale may be 'scooping' or feeding.

†**Scoop,** *v.*[2] *Obs. rare.* In 7 scoup, scoope. [Cf. SWOOP *v.*] *intr.* Of a bird: To swoop *at*. Also *trans.* To take (something) with a swoop.

1605 CHAPMAN *All Fooles* III. G, Like a Iacke-daw that when he lights vpon A dainty morsell, kaas and makes his brags, And then some kite doth scoope it from him straight. 1611 SPEED *Hist. Gt. Brit.* VI. xlvi. § 12. 160 Whiles they were measuring out the circuit, an Eagle scouping at the line, flew with it ouer the Sea.

Scooped (skūpt), *ppl. a.* [f. SCOOP *v.*[1] + -ED [1].]

1. In various senses of the verb. Also *scooped-out*.

1726 *Whole Art Gaming* 28 The Three first Frauds...1. Loaded and Scooped Dice. 1775 ADAIR *Amer. Ind.* 425 On the point of them [*sc.* the arrows] is fixed..a scooped point of buck-horn. 1805 R. W. DICKSON *Pract. Agric.* II. 612 The scooped sets [of potatoes], though they grew, continued in a perfectly dwarfish state. 1862 S. LUCAS *Secularia* 137 Philip of Spain..comes out after this test little better than a scooped turnip. 1886 *Phonetic Jrnl.* 6 Feb. 63–4 'How did you let the *Tribune* man "get away with you" again yesterday?' inquires the excited city editor... Then away the 'scooped' reporter goes to study the *Tribune* file...But a 'scooped' city editor is a disagreeable man to argue with. 1897 ANNE PAGE *Afternoon Ride* 61 Round scooped-out spaces. 1907 *Westm. Gaz.* 24 Aug. 13/1 Venetian lace bordering the scooped-out front.

2. [f. SCOOP *sb.*[1]] Of the hands: Hollowed and joined so as to form a scoop. *rare.*

1860 SALA *Badd. Peerage* i, She stooped..and..plunged her scooped hands into the kennel.

Scooper (skū·pəɹ). [f. SCOOP *v.*[1] + -ER [1].]

1. One who or that which scoops.

1668 [implied in h]. 1755 in JOHNSON. *a* 1861 T. WINTHROP *Canoe & Saddle* iii. (1883) 27 The Indians..sweep down stream with a scoop-net. Salmon..are taken twenty an hour hy every scooper. 1897 *Syd. Soc. Lex.*, *Scoopers' Pneumonia*, a form of chronic *Pneumoconiosis* occurring among grain-scoopers. 1908 *Speaker* 1 Aug. 633/2 The custom was for the steamboat company to go to a 'boss shoveller' and hire his gang of 'scoopers'.

b. A name for the AVOCET (see quot. 1668).

1668 CHARLETON *Onomast.* 96 *Avosetta*,..the Scooper (because his long narrow heak, arched upward, resembles the long crooked scoop). 1768 PENNANT *Brit. Zool.* II. 399. 1856 MORRIS *Nests & Eggs Brit. Birds* III. 15.

2. A tool used for hollowing out portions of the surface worked upon; esp. in *Engraving*.

1837 *Penny Cycl.* IX. 437/2 Other lines being of the same width through their whole depth, must have been produced with that species of graver called a scooper. 1839 CHATTO *Wood Engraving* 653 Gravers; tint-tools; gouges or scoopers; and flat tools or chisels. 1872 *Spon's Dict. Engin.* v. 1817 [Engravers' tools] A flat scooper;..a round scooper. 1884 *Cassell's Family Mag.* Feb. 152/2 [Modelling in clay] A scooper and two or three..scrapers will be..required.

Scooper, Scoopet: see SCUPPER, SCUPPET.

Scoopful (skū·pful). Also -full. [f. SCOOP *sb.*[1] + -FUL.] A quantity that fills a scoop.

1725 DE FOE *Voy. round World* II. 94 The Water falling thus hard, every Scoop-full upon the Sand..wash'd a great deal of it away. 1881 *Scribner's Mag.* XXII. 217/1 They throw rapid scoopfuls..over their shoulders.

Scooping (skū·piŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. SCOOP *v.*[1] + -ING [1].] The action of the vb., in various senses.

1841 *Jrnl. Franklin Inst.* Oct. 233 For successful scooping [in excavation] the ground usually requires loosening. 1865 C. GEIKIE *Scenery & Geol. Scotl.* iv. 80 The scooping out of hollows in solid rock.

attrib. 1871 TYNDALL *Fragm. Sci.* (1879) I. ix. 301 The scooping power of a glacier. 1895 *Daily News* 23 Nov. 5/6 Scooping and boring tools.

b. *concr.* A concavity, hollow.

1862 ANSTED *Channel Isl.* I. ii. (ed. 2) 27 Two or three such scoopings out of the surface are passed on the south-east coast. 1894 BARING-GOULD *Deserts S. France* I. 141 There are..the same caves and scoopings.

Scooping (skū·piŋ), *ppl. a.* [-ING [2].] That scoops, in the senses of the verb. Of a rock, the sea: That forms hollows or depressions.

1821 CLARE *Vill. Minstr.* I. 79 The shepherd leaves his unprotected flock, And flies for shelter in some scooping rock. 1828 HOOD *Poems, To Tom Woodgate* xiv, Be mine the swelling, scooping sea, That is both hill and dale! 1864 J. C. ATKINSON *Stanton Grange* 44 The poor trout were flung out with scooping hands.

b. *Scooping Avocet* = SCOOPER 1 b.

1768 PENNANT *Brit. Zool.* (1776) II. 425 Scooping Avoset. 1828 FLEMING *Brit. Anim.* 101.

Hence **Scoo·pingly** *adv.*, so as to resemble a scoop.

1750 G. HUGHES *Barbados* 232 These leaves turn very scoopingly inward on the upper side.

Scoo·p-net. [f. SCOOP *sb.*[1] or *v.*] A small long-handled net; a dip-net.

1792 BELKNAP *Hist. New Hampsh.* III. 90 The Indian scoop-net is shaped like a pocket. 1883 GOODE *Fish. Industr. U. S.* 51 The ordinary scoop or dip net, also called crab-net. *fig.* 1895 CROCKETT *Men Moss-Hags* xxiv, The townsfolk stood about, but not too near..lest they should be called in question for compliance with the deed,..for the King's scoop-net gathered wide.

Scoore, obs. form of SCORE, SCOUR.

Scoorse, Scoory: see SCORSE *v.*[1], SCOURY *a.*[1]

Scoot (skūt), *sb.*[1] *Sc.* Also scout. [f. SCOOT *v.*] (See quots.)

1825 JAMIESON, Suppl., *Scout*, a syringe. 1880 *Jamieson's Dict., Scoot*, I. A gush or flow of water; also, the pipe or opening from which it flows. Clydes. 1887 SERVICE *Dr. Duguid* III. iv. 259 Stottin' up the gate like a haw from a callan's gulshock scoot.

Scoot (skūt), *sb.*[2] *dial.* or *slang.* [f. SCOOT *v.*] The action or an act of 'scooting'.

1864 *Morning Star* 2 Feb., House-rent, too, as it elegantly expresses it, is on the 'same scoot upwards'. 1884 F. R. STOCKTON *Lady or Tiger?* 95 Ev'ry dog an' man an' nigger made one skoot fur that tree.

Scoot (skūt), *v.* Also 9 skute, skewt, 8–9 scout. [In sense 1, which is purely Sc., the word prob. represents a ME. **skūte*, of Scandinavian origin, cogn. w. ON. **skióta* to SHOOT. The identity of the word in senses 2 and 3 is not quite certain.]

1. *Sc.* a. *trans.* 'To eject, jerk, or squirt' (Jamieson, 1880).

1805 J. NICOL *Poems* I. 155 (Jam.) An' gut an' ga' he scoutit. 1897 C. GREY *Misanthrope's Heir* xv, Naebody kent he was there till he scootit the water on Maister Ogilvy.

b. *intr.* (See quot.)

1880 *Jamieson's Dict.* s. v., To *scoot*,..to flow or gush out with force. Clydes.

2. *Sc.* and *U. S.* To slide suddenly, as on slippery ground.

1838 J. C. NEAL *Charcoal Sk.*, 'Pair of Slippers' (Farmer). Notwithstanding his convulsive efforts to clutch the icy bricks he skuted into the gutter. 1851 H. MELVILLE *Whale* III. xii. 79 The enormous casks..scoot across the slippery decks, like so many land slides.

3. *slang* or *colloq.* To go suddenly and swiftly, to dart; to go away hurriedly. Often with advs.

The (? originally nautical) slang word, written *scout* and prob. pronounced (skŭt), seems to have become obsolete early in the 19th c. The modern *scoot* was app. imported into general British use from the U. S.

1758 Capt. TYRRELL *Let.* 9 Nov. in *Ann. Reg.* II. (1759) 61 The largest frigate being troublesome, I gave him a few of my lower deck pills and sate [= set] him a scouting like a lusty fellow, and he never returned to the action again. 1780 Capt. YOUNG *Let.* 3 June in *Barham Papers* (MS.), They had rigged out the fore topmast studding-sail booms to scout for it. 1805 J. NICOL *Poems* II. 103 (Jam.) Wi' arm raxt out, awa' she scouted. 1810 *Splendid Follies* II. 28 Sponge was actually obliged to scout out of the room to conceal his risible muscles. 1847 LOWELL *Biglow Papers* Ser. I. ii, An' th' Cunnles, tu, could..send the insines skootin' to the bar-room with their banners. 1856 *Knickerbocker Mag.* Mar. (Bartlett 1860), When he goes skewtin about, buying goods in business hours. 1882 B. HARTE *Flip* ii, Yer had better drop that axe and scoot round getting the stranger some breakfast. 1892 *Sat. Rev.* 27 Feb. 244/1 He scoots off like a rabbit in the opposite direction. 1897 OLIVE SCHREINER *Peter Halket* 66 A nigger man met them twenty miles off, and he said they were skooting up for Lo-Magundi's country as fast as they could go. 1904 J. SWEENEY *At Scotl. Yard* xiii. 339 Forster always got wind of the warrant's being drawn out and..conveniently scooted.

Scoot, variant of SCOUT.

Scooter (skū·tər). [f. SCOOT *v.* + -ER [1].]

1. One who 'scoots' or goes hurriedly.

a 1825 FORBY *Voc. E. Anglia* s. v., 'To run like scooter,' i. e. very nimbly. 1893 *Blackw. Mag.* Sept. 367/2 We do not..curse the harmless Saxon...If he is circling the coast of Antrim on mail-cars, we call him a 'Scooter'—nothing worse.

2. *Sc.* and *north.* A syringe, squirt.

1829 in BROCKETT *N. C. Words.* 1882 in JAMIESON.

3. *U. S.* [Perh. a different word: cf. *cooter* dial. form of COULTER.] A simple plough with a single handle used for marking furrows, making drills, breaking up the soil in furrows or between rows of plants.

1868 *Rep. U. S. Commissioner Agric.* (1869) 414, 100 bushels of cotton seed were turned under with a Brinley plow, followed in the same furrow by a scooter, breaking the soil six or seven inches. 1895 *Rural World* 14 Dec. 867/2 If there is no proper subsoil plough, then run a..scooter in the furrow. 1905 *Times*, Engineering Suppl. 9 Aug. 189/3 As soon as the tobacco plants are firmly set, a 'scooter' is run between the rows, which throws up a flat-bottom furrow.

Scop (skɒp). *Hist.* Also (erroneously) **scóp** or **scôp.** [OE. *scop, sceop* = OHG. *scoph, scof* masc., cogn. w. OHG. *scoph* (? neut.) poetry, fiction ('commentum'), sport, jest, derision ('ludibrium'), ON. *skop* railing, mocking: see SCOFF *sb.*[1]] An Old English poet or minstrel.

Beowulf 496 Scop bwilum sang hador on Heorote. *c* 888 K. ÆLFRED *Boeth.* xli. § 1 Omerus se goda sceop. *c* 1205 LAY. 22705 Scopes þer sungen of Arðure þan kingen. 1848 LYTTON *Harold* VI. i, I have heard scops and barpers sing [etc.]. 1887 MORLEY *Introd. to A. Cunningham's Traditl. Tales* 8 The recitations of the Scóp and gleeman. 1892 BROOKE *Early Eng. Lit.* I. 12 The Scôp and the gleeman were professional persons.

Scop, obs. f. SCALP *sb.*[1]; obs. pa. t. of SHAPE.

‖ **Scopa** (skō·pă). *Ent.* [L. *scōpa*, in class. use only in pl. *scōpæ* twigs, shoots, a broom or brush.] A bundle or tuft of bristly hairs on the legs of bees, used for collecting pollen; a pollen-brush.

1802 KIRBY *Monogr. Apum Angliæ* I. 109 *Scopa.* This term, which is used by Schrank to denote another part, to which I have given its diminutive [i. e. *scopula*] as a name, I have adopted to signify the thick coat of hairs which externally covers the posterior tibiæ of many of these insects, by means of which they probably brush the pollen from the flowers. 1840 WESTWOOD *Introd. Classif. Insects* II. 260 The other instruments consist of bundles of hairs, whence they have been termed the scopa or scopula by Mr. Kirby, 'la brosse' by the French, and which we may call the pollen brushes.

Scoparin (skō·părin). Also -ine. [f. SCOPARIUM + -IN.] A diuretic principle found in the common broom.

1850 STENHOUSE in *Phil. Trans.* CXLI. 422 This very impure jelly consisted chiefly of a crystalline yellow colouring matter (scoparine). 1862 MILLER *Elem. Chem., Org.* (ed. 2) 479 Scoparin.

Scoparious (skɒpē·riəs), *a.* [f. mod.L. *scōpārius*, f. *scōpa*: see SCOPA and -ARIOUS. Cf. late L. *scōpārius* a sweeper.] Broom-shaped, scopiform. In recent Dicts.

‖ **Scoparium** (skɒpē·riŭm), **Scoparius** (skɒpē·riŭs). [Use of mod.L. specific name: see below.] Pharmacopœial names for the tops of the common broom, *Spartium scoparium* or *Cytisus* (*Sarothamnus*) *scoparius.*

1871 GARROD *Mat. Med.* (ed. 3) 411 Diuretics..Digitalis. Squill. Scoparium [etc.]. 1875 H. C. WOOD *Therap.* (1879) 483 Scoparius..is a most efficient hydragogue diuretic.

Scopate (skō·pēit), *a. Ent.* [ad. mod.L. *scōpāt-us*, f. *scōpa*: see SCOPA, -ATE 2.] (See quot.)

1826 KIRBY & SP. *Entomol.* IV. xlvi. 347 Scopate (*Scopata*). When it [the tibia] is quite covered with a brush of hairs with which it brushes off the gross pollen, and in which it carries it.

† **Scope,** *sb.*[1] *Obs. rare.* In 4 scoppe. [Related to SCOPE *v.*[1]] A leap or skip.

13.. *K. Alis.* 5777 Tho by seighe that folk, I wys, Hy plumten doune, as a doppe, In the water at on scoppe. 1688 HOLME *Armoury* III. xix. (Roxb.) 184/1 Scop of an horse, is the distance of his treat vpon the ground from the forefeete to the hinder feete, in his full speed.

Scope (skōup), *sb.*[2] Also 6 scoope, skoape, 6–7 skope, *Sc.* scop. [ad. It. *scopo* aim, purpose, ad. Gr. σκοπός mark for shooting at, aim, f. σκοπ- ablaut-variant of σκεπ-, σκέπτεσθαι to look out.]

† 1. A mark for shooting or aiming at. Chiefly in figurative context, and tending to coincide with sense 2 or 3. *Obs.*

1562 *Aberd. Kirk Sess. Rec.* (Spalding Club) 4 Seing also the haill scripture of God to tend and shote at this scope and mark. 1579 SPENSER *Sheph. Cal.* Nov. 155 O!..slipper hope Of mortal men, that swincke and sweate for nought, And, shooting wide, doe misse the marked scope. *a* 1602 W. PERKINS *Cases Consc.* (1619) 24 The sinner makes an abberration from the scope or marke that is set before him. 1670 MILTON *Hist. Eng.* v. Wks. 1851 V. 223 The Saxon Annalist,..runs on a sudden into such extravagant fansies and metaphors, as bare him quite beside the scope of being understood. 1673 O. WALKER *Educ.* I. vi. 49 From want of such a scope or marke it comes that most men shoot under, employ their minds in little by-businesses. 1677 GALE *Crt. Gentiles* IV. 170 This is the primary end of our life, unto which al our actions ought to collime, as arrows to their scope. 1683 D. A. *Art Converse* 54 He shall be a scope to envy in all future times.

† b. The goal or terminal point of a race, a journey, etc. *Obs. rare.*

c 1611 CHAPMAN *Iliad* XXIII. 301 He better skild, that rules worse horse, will all obseruance bend Right on the scope still of a Race [323 αἰεὶ τέρμ' ὁρόων]. *a* 1628 PRESTON *New Covt.* (1634) 182 Every step a man takes tends to some scope or other East or West or North or South.

2. Something aimed at or desired; something which one wishes to effect or attain; an end in view; an object, purpose, aim. Now *rare.*

c 1555 HARPSFIELD *Divorce Hen. VIII* (Camden) 229 The seventh Counsell of Carthage and the Milevitane Counsell, which both tend to one end and scope, that there should be no appellations made out of Affricke. 1559 tr. *Geminus' Anat.* 4/1 If there be 300 scopes or endes of the vse of the partes of the bodie. 1584 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* III. 645 His Majestie hes thocht it maist convenient to mak manifest the cours and scope of the dangerous and indirect dealing pretendit. 1606 WARNER *Alb. Eng.* XV. XCVI. (1612) 383 A mortall Man, sinfull as ye, or worser is the Pope, Your Coyne of all his Practises and Pedlaries the scope. 1622 MALYNES *Anc. Law-Merch.* 60 Gaine being the scope of all merchants. 1669 BOYLE *Contn. New Exp.* I. (1682) 95 One of the scopes I propos'd to my self in this experiment was to discover [etc.]. 1671 MILTON *P. R.* I. 494 Thy coming hither, though I know thy scope, I bid not or forbid. 1731 SWIFT *On Death of Swift* 499 Alas, poor Dean! his only Scope Was to be held a Misanthrope. 1736 BERKELEY *Disc.* Wks. 1871 III. 422 Plato..even maintains religion.. to be the chief aim and scope of human life. 1774 J. BRYANT *Mythol.* I. 171 Truth was the scope, at which they aimed. 1863 M. ARNOLD *Scholar Gipsy* xvii, O Life unlike to ours! Who fluctuate idly without term or scope. 1869 MOZLEY *Univ. Serm.* i. (1876) 8 These societies have two distinct scopes and ends.

† b. A person who is an object of desire or pursuit. *Obs.*

1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* III. iv. 52 He..cursed night, that reft from him so goodly scope. 1594 T. B. *La Primaud. Fr. Acad.* II. 10 God, who is the scope, which we desire & shal one day attaine vnto. 1624 SIR J. DAVIES *Ps.* XXXIX, Of my desires Thou art the only scope. 1707 tr. *Wks. C'tess D'Anois* (1715) 646 Being impatient to see the Princess, who was the only Scope of his hopes and desires.

† c. *To scope*: to the purpose. *Obs.*

1607 SHAKS. *Timon* I. i. 72 'Tis conceyu'd, to scope.

† d. Degree of excellence to be aimed at. *Obs.*

1674 PLAYFORD *Skill Mus.* Introd. A 4 b, Musick..hath been the study of Millions of Men for many thousand years, yet none ever attained the full scope and perfection thereof.

3. The object which a writer or speaker has in view, that which he wishes to express or enforce; the main purpose, intention, or drift of a writer, a book, etc.; † the subject, theme, argument chosen for treatment. Now *rare*: cf. sense 6 b.

1536 CRANMER in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. III. III. 24 The scope and effecte of both my sermons stode in three thyngs. 1549 LATIMER *5th Serm. bef. Edw. VI* (Arb.) 134 *marg.*, The scope or state of the boke, tendes to dysuade the kinge from hys supremycye. 1552 — *Serm. Septuag. Sunday* (1584) 323 Euery parable hath *certum statum*, a certayne scope,..it is enough for vs when we haue the meaning of the principall scope, and more needeth not. 1581 R. GOADE in *Confer.* II. (1584) I iiij, Out of the whole scope and drift of the place, it is euident to be spoken onely of the Apostles. *a* 1591 H. SMITH *Serm.* (1594) 127 The scope of the Euangelist is this: First, that Christ would not binder his doctrine for mother, or brethren, or any kinsman. 1612 BRINSLEY *Lud. Lit.* X. (1627) 157 To consider well the scope and drift of the Author. 1617 MORYSON *Itin.* III. 5 This is the scope of all I say: That by this course the good become best, the bad prove worst. *a* 1703 BURKITT *On N. T.* Mark xii. 8 The design and scope of the parable, is to discover to the Jews..their obstinate impenitency under all the means of grace. 1709–11 POPE *Ess. Crit.* 120 Know well each Ancient's proper character; His fable, subject, scope in ev'ry page. 1776 SIR J. REYNOLDS *Disc. Roy. Acad.* vii. (1778) 322 It has been the main scope and principal end of this discourse to demonstrate [etc.]. 1866 FELTON *Anc. & Mod. Gr.* II. I. xii. 227 In its scope and substance the argument of Demosthenes may be compared [etc.].

b. The intention or tendency of a law; the drift or meaning of a proposal.

1647 SPRIGGE *Anglia Rediv.* III. vi. 155 No sooner did the General satisfie himself in the scope of these Overtures from the Prince and the Lord Goring; but [etc.]. 1674 ALLEN *Danger Enthus.* 32 According to those plain Precepts of the Gospel which answer the Spirit and Scope of the Law. 1696 BENTLEY *Serm. Of Rev. & Messias* 14 The scope and tendency of the Law it self is always mine and every man's advantage.

† c. A person who is a subject or theme of discourse. (Cf. 2 b.) *Obs.*

1659 PEARSON *Creed* (1839) 134 All which had respect unto the Messias, as the scope of all the prophets, and the complement of their propbecies.

† 4. *Med.* A plan or method of treatment; = INTENTION 10, 10 b. *Obs.*

1590 BARROUGH *Meth. Physick* v. xvii. (1596) 312 By this cataplasme you shall very well accomplish the second intention or scope of curing herpes. 1625 HART *Anat. Ur.* Pref. A iv b, Afterwards also were set downe diuerse scopes and indications requisite for the cure of the disease. 1634 T. JOHNSON *Parey's Chirurg.* XVIII. xiv. (1678) 422 The

Palliative cure of that Gout..is performed by four scopes. 1690 BLANCARD *Lex. Med.* 234 Endeixis est morborum indicatio, qua demonstratur, quid sit faciendum...A[ngl.] A scope.

5. †a. ?Skill in aiming. *Obs. rare.* b. The range of a missile weapon; also *fig.* Cf. 8.

a 1548 HALL *Chron., Hen. V*, 65 He knewe that he was nether free from disdain nor yet deliuered from the scope of malice. 1594 *2nd Repl. Dr. Faustus* in Thoms *E. Eng. Prose Rom.* (1858) III. 397 With great scope throwing his launce forwards iust vpon the Turks face. 1830 GALT *Laurie T.* I. i, My infirmity..led me to ettle at butts far beyond the scope of the spring that was thought to be in my bow.

6. The distance to which the mind reaches in its workings or purpose; reach or range of mental activity; extent of view, outlook, or survey.

c 1600 SHAKS. *Sonn.* xxix. 7 Desiring this mans art, and that mans skope. 1775 MASON *Mem. Gray* 5 These papers ..will ascertain, not only the scope and turn of their genius, but of their temper. 1807–8 WORDSW. *White Doe* III. 57 With wishes of still bolder scope On you we look, with dearest hope. 1836 *Random Recoll. Ho. Lords* xvi. 404 He is..a man of very limited scope of mind. 1850 HT. MARTINEAU *Hist. Peace* v. ii. (1877) III. 205 No one doubted his patriotism: the question was of its scope and enlightenment. 1861 BUCKLE *Civiliz.* II. i. 46 In the progress of civilization, the scope of the intellect is widened; its horizon is enlarged. 1862 MISS BRADDON *Lady Audley* xxxix, Her intellect was rather limited in its scope.

b. The sphere or area over which any activity operates or is effective; range of application or of subjects embraced; the reach or tendency of an argument, etc.; the field covered by a branch of knowledge, an inquiry, concept, etc.

1830 HERSCHEL *Stud. Nat. Phil.* 305 Like particular theorems in geometry, which..have..their several scopes and ranges of extensive application. 1844 H. H. WILSON *Brit. India* III. vi. III. 247 An arrangement of a more deliberate and comprehensive scope was at the same time adopted. 1855 LYNCH *Rivulet* LXXX. iv, And teach how great our treasure, How great salvation's scope. 1857 GLADSTONE *Gleanings* VI. i. 47 He may accuse us of incapacity even to measure the scope of our own arguments. 1874 GREEN *Short Hist.* vi. § 4 (1882) 304 Art, if it lost much in purity and propriety, gained in scope. 1875 STUBBS *Const. Hist.* III. xviii. 53 The deliberations of the parliament almost immediately took a much wider scope. 1895 *Bookman* Oct. 25/2 This history..is not dissimilar in scope to Bright's well-known History of England.

c. In phrases, as *within, beyond* (one's) *scope.*

1661 GLANVILL *Van. Dogm.* xii. 107 Every thing that falls within the scope of our enquiry. 1789 BURKE *Corr.* (1844) III. 105 Things, indeed, have already happened so much beyond the scope of all speculation. 1808 WELLINGTON in Gurw. *Desp.* (1835) IV. 169 They did not come regularly within the scope of a military dispatch. 1854 'C. BEDE' *Verdant Green* II. xi, [He] soon saw that the questions were within his scope, and that he could answer most of them. 1858 HAWTHORNE *Fr. & It. Note-bks.* (1871) II. 240 We were above the scope of many of the showery clouds that haunt a hill-country. 1868 M. PATTISON *Acad. Org.* v. 121 An historical enquiry into what Oxford was is beyond the scope of this memoir. 1884 *Law Times Rep.* L. 367/2 At the time of the accident, Moore clearly was not acting within the scope of his employment.

†d. *To have the right scope of*: ?to take the right view of. *Obs.*

1563–83 FOXE *A. & M.* II. 1861/1 Well sayde the king, I well perceiue that you haue the right scope of this matter.

7. Room for exercise, opportunity or liberty to act; free course or play. Often in phrases, *to give scope* (*to* a person or thing); *to have* or *take scope.* Also followed by defining inf., or by *for.*

1534 *Act 26 Hen. VIII*, c. 13 (§ 1) To great a scope of vnreasonable libertie should be giuen to all cankarde and traiterous hartes. 1553 T. WILSON *Rhet.* 17 Wherein we might take a large scope if we would fully speake of all thynges that are comprehended vnder honestie. 1567 FENTON *Trag. Disc.* 139 b, The dames of Myllan haue a more skoape of libertie then the reste of the Ladies in any part in Italie. 1576 E. WATERHOUSE *Let. to Sir H. Sidney* in Collins *Lett. State* (1746) I. 147 Because I wold give free Scope to all Men to utter their Opinions concerning my Behaviour. 1601 SHAKS. *Jul. C.* IV. iii. 108 Be angry when you will, it shall haue scope. 1602 W. S. *Cromwell* I. iii. 99 Giue not such cruell scope vnto your hart. 1610 J. ROBINSON *Justif. Separat.* 171 With their transcendent jurisdiction in their..Diocesan Churches [they] take their scope without orb, or order. 1625 BACON *Ess., Simulation* (Arb.) 509 So that no man can be secret, except he giue himselfe a little Scope of Dissimulation. 1647 CLARENDON *Hist. Reb.* I. § 129 As his person and parts were such as are before mentioned, so he gave them full scope, without restraint. 1678 SIR G. MACKENZIE *Crim. Lawr Scot.* I. xix. § viii. (1669) 101 Which is much safer than that they should be allowed Scop, to break out into the Extreams of either Cruelty or Cowardliness. 1765 BLACKSTONE *Comm.* I. 43 Here the inferior legislature has scope and opportunity to interpose. 1768 STERNE *Sent. Journ., The Captive*, I gave full scope to my imagination. 1809 *Med. Jrnl.* XXI. 188 On this, he pitched on Bristol, where..there appeared to be full scope for an honourable and successful career. 1855 PRESCOTT *Philip II*, I. i, The more adventurous found a scope for their prowess in European wars. 1876 MISS BRADDON *J. Haggard's Dau.* II. 72 Perhaps you have too much common sense, Naomi. You will not give your fancies scope.

†b. An instance of liberty or licence. *Obs.*

1603 SHAKS. *Meas. for M.* I. ii. 131 As surfet is the father of much fast, So euery Scope by the immoderate vse Turnes to restraint.

8. (With more reference to *literal* space or motion). Room to move in; space or range for free movement or activity. (Phrases as in prec. sense.)

1555 EDEN *Decades* III. vi. (Arb.) 163 The sea is here very large, so the waters haue their full scoope. 1555 W. WATREMAN *Fardle Facions* Pref. 7 Walking at free skope emong the wanderyng beastes of the fielde. 1591 SAVILE *Tacitus, Hist.* III. xxiii. 128 To haue an open passage and free scope to shoote out. 1600 FAIRFAX *Tasso* XX. xii, Then through his hoast, that tooke so large a scope, He road. 1600 SURFLET *Country Farm* I. xxi. 119 They be very fierce, and in that respect they are not accustomed to haue either so much scope or light as other birdes. 1601 R. JONNSON *Kingd. & Commw.* (1603) 184 In no place plants may take larger scope to spread their branches..then in this countrie. 1614 RALEIGH *Hist. World* II. i. § 9. 229 Amraphel who held Babylonia it selfe, seemeth at this time to haue had no great scope or large dominion. 1615 CROOKE *Body of Man* 368 The heat when it hath too much scope or roomth..is easily dissipated and vanisheth. *a* 1616 B. JONSON *Hymenæi, Barriers* Wks. I. 930 And to their wiues men giue such narrow scopes, As if they meant to make them walke on ropes. 1653 URQUHART *Rabelais* I. xlviii, To give the ordnance leave to play and range with the larger scope [orig. *pour mieux donner lieu à l'artillerie*]. 1790 BURKE *Fr. Rev.* Wks. V. 403 Publick virtue..requires abundant scope and room, and cannot spread and grow under confinement. 1809 CAMPBELL *Gertrude* II. ii, Yet wanted not the eye far scope to muse, Nor vistas open'd by the wand'ring stream. 1871 R. ELLIS *Catullus* lxviii. 67 He in a closed field gave scope of liberal entry.

9. Extent in space, spaciousness; a (large) space, extent, tract, or area.

1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* III. ix. 46 So huge a scope at first him seemed best, To be the compasse of his kingdomes seat. 1600 SIR F. VERE *Comm.* 93 They would the rather attend the growing of the tide..that the scope of the sands might be less spacious and serviceable for horsmen. ?1601 BACON *Let.* in Spedding *Life* (1862) II. 369 The land is good land, and well countenanced by scope of acres, woods and royalties. 1834 DISRAELI *Rev. Epick* II. v. 63 Of adamant That mighty reservoir: its scope secure Might screen a navy. 1904 A. L. SALMON *Pop. Guide to Devonsh.* 59 The moormen may fish and dig turf, and use the infinite scope for pasturing their cattle.

†10. A tract (of land); esp. a piece of land belonging to an individual owner. ? *Anglo-Irish. Obs.*

1569 *Irish Act Eliz.* (1621) 313 The whole North of Ireland ..wherein he had a scope of a hundred and twentie miles long, and a hundred and odd miles broade to runne and roome himself. 1577 STANYHURST *Descr. Irel.* iii. 11 in *Holinshed*, The paroche was meared from the Crane castle, to the fishambles, called the cockehil with Preston hys Innes, and the lane thereto adioyning, which scope is now vnited to S. Iohn hys paroche. 1618 DAVIES *Why Ireland*, etc. 133 The Scopes of Land which were graunted to the first Aduenturers were too Large. 1659 *Burton's Diary* (1828) IV. 470, 3. That he had gotten vast sums of money and scopes of land, by fraud. *a* 1687 PETTY *Pol. Arith.* i. (1690) 11 Shall not much more time be spared if they [1000 men] lived all upon a Thousand Acres, then if they were forced to live upon ten times as large a Scope of Land. *a* 1691 BOYLE *Hist. Air* (1692) 164 The Czar's chief physician confirmed to me..that in the year 1664, or 65, extraordinary dry and great scopes of land were set on fire, and miserably wasted by the great heat of the sun.

11. *Naut.* The length of cable at which a ship rides when at anchor. Also *riding-scope.*

1697 DAMPIER *Voy.* I. 437 This obliged us to let go our Sheet Anchor, veering out a good scope of Cable. 1726 SHELVOCKE *Voy. round World* 265 Having our yaul in tow, and having but a short scope of boat rope for her. 1841 Riding scope [see RIDING *vbl. sb.* 7]. 1868 *Nat. Encycl.* I. 691 At long scope, Rodgers' [anchor] dragged 7 feet 8½ inches. 1885 *Law Times Rep.* LIII. 53/2 A tow which is being towed with a long scope of hawser by night. 1893 CLARK RUSSELL *Ida Noble* 98 We'll..ride to a short scope.

†12. Short for HOROSCOPE. *Obs. rare*—1.

1603 B. JONSON *Sejanus* IV. v, Casting the Scope of mens Natiuities.

† **Scope**, *v.*1 *Obs.* Also 4, 7 scop, 4 schope. [a. ON. *skopa* (in phr. *skopa skeið* to take a run); cf. MSw., Norw. *skopa* to skip, leap. Cf. SCOUP *v.*]

1. *intr.* To leap, skip. In later use only of horses.

13.. *Cursor M.* 19080 (Göttt.) Þe propheci was þan fild sua, þat said þe halt suld scope [*c* 1400 *Edinb.* scop] as ra. *Ibid.* 23569 Mani thinges mai we do, þat forto do war littel fro, Als forto schope and forto rin, Quen it war better for to blin. 1483 *Cath. Angl.* 323/2 To Scope, *vbi* to rynne or lepe. 1567 DRANT *Horace, Ep.* I. xiv. E iiij b, Yet thitherwarde assuredlye my harte, and mynde is bente. And burnes, and burnes to braste the bondes which doe inclose it so, That it ne can goe scope abrode where it woulde gladly goe. 1572 *Satir. Poems Reform.* xxxiii. 140 Wer not thir thingis that maks me leif in hope, At libertie to se this Lyoun scope, One day to Rore and Ramp vpon his fois. 1607 MARKHAM *Caval.* I. 2 That your Mares and Colts may not bee throng'd vp,..wanting libertie to scope and runne vp and downe at pleasure. *Ibid.* 5 That a Foale may ..by scoping or galloping vp and downe the hill, come to a purenes of winde, and a nimblenes of bodie. 1639 T. DE GRAY *Compl. Horsem.* 5 Grounds..are very profitable for your colts to scope, run, and play in.

2. *trans.* To make (a horse) leap for exercise.

1607 MARKHAM *Caval.* VI. 29 Then you shall gallop and scope him gently vp and down to keep him warme. 1688 HOLME *Armoury* III. xix. (Roxb.) 284/2 Termes used about dressing and feeding of horses...Scop or aire him.

† **Scope**, *v.*2 *Obs. rare.* [f. SCOPE *sb.*2]

1. *intr.* To aim *at* (see quot.). *nonce-use.*

1668 HOWE *Blessedn. Righteous* xv. 267 And the word [σκοπούντων 2 *Cor.* iv. 18] here rendred (*look*)..doth not import..a taking notice, or assenting onely, that there is such things, but a designing or *scoping* at them (which is the very word) with an appropriative eye.

2. *trans.* ? To calculate the scope or range of.

1807 J. BARLOW *Columb.* v. 608 Lincoln..Scoped the whole war and measured well the foes.

Scope, obs. form of SCALP *sb.*1

1578 BANISTER *Hist. Man* I. 16 In the head and scope of the scull are yet diuerse and sundry little Perforations.

Scope, obs. form of SCOOP *sb.* and *v.*

Scope, scopid, obs. pa. t. of SCAPE *v.*1

a 1400–50 *Alexander* 3915 And many scopid in þe scoghe without scath mare.

-scope, an ending representing mod.L. *-scopium* (f. Gr. σκοπεῖν to look at, examine) in MICROSCOPE and TELESCOPE. Hence used, by addition to Greek stems, to form many words denoting scientific instruments or contrivances for enabling the eye to view or examine or make observations: as *auloscope, baroscope, chronoscope, dynamoscope, gyroscope, helioscope, laryngoscope, ophthalmoscope, periodoscope*, etc. (Cf. F. *-scope*, It. *-scopio*, etc.)

1872 O. W. HOLMES *Poet Breakf.-t.* v. 123, I hope you won't lose any patients by my making a little fun of your meters and scopes.

Scopeboard, obs. (perverted) var. of SCUPPER.

† **Sco·peful**, *a. Obs.* In quots. -full. [f. SCOPE *sb.*3 + -FUL.] Having or affording large scope.

1598 FLORIO, *Ampio*, ample, large, scopefull. 1603 — *Montaigne* II. xii. 315 Giving them that were disposed to mock at him, a pleasant and scopefull occasion to doe it. 1611 COTGR., *Ample*,..wide, large, scopefull, spacious. *a* 1618 SYLVESTER *Posthumi, Sonn.* vii. Wks. (Grosart) II. 322/1 Sith round beleaguer'd by rough Neptune's legions Within the straite-nookes of this narrow Ile; The noblest volumes of our vulgar style Cannot escape unto more scopefull Regions.

† **Sco·pel, sco·pple.** *Farriery. Obs.* [? contraction of SCOPPERIL.] A seton: = SCOPPERIL 3.

1737 BRACKEN *Farriery Impr.* (1757) I. 337 Scopels or round Pieces of Leather with Holes in the Middle, lap'd round with Tow, are the most fit and proper in these Cases. *Ibid.* II. 17 They can only bleed a Horse, draw a Sole, put in a Rowel or Scopple, cut for the Lampers.

Scopeless (skōu·plĕs), *a.* [f. SCOPE *sb.* + -LESS.] a. Having no purpose or aim; objectless (? *Obs.*). b. Not affording scope or opportunity.

1666 BP. S. PARKER *Free & Impart. Censure* (1667) 81 Which scopeless desire of searching into things exempt from humane Inquisition, is that which renders Curiosity Criminal. 1866 J. H. NEWMAN *Gerontius* § 1 And drop from out this universal frame Into that shapeless, scopeless, blank abyss, That utter nothingness, of which I came. 1882 *Society* 7 Oct. 12/2 Mr. E. H. Sothern acted well in the scopeless character of the Squire's son.

Scopelid (skǫ·pĭlid). [ad. mod.L. *Scopelid-æ*, f. SCOPEL-US: see -ID.] A fish of the group *Scopelidæ.*

1882 JORDAN & GILBERT *Synopsis Fishes N. Amer.* 279 Family XLII.—Scopelidæ. (The Scopelids.) 1887 HEILPRIN *Distrib. Animals* 297 Among the better known bony-fishes..are the..scopelids.

Scopelidan (skǫpe·lidăn). [f. mod.L. *Scopelid-æ* (see prec.) + -AN.] = SCOPELID.

1859–62 SIR J. RICHARDSON, etc. *Mus. Nat. Hist.* (1868) II. 149 Scopelidans.

Scopeliform (skǫpe·lifĭm), *a.* [f. mod.L. SCOPEL-US + -(I)FORM.] = SCOPELOID *a.*

In some recent Dicts.

Scopeloid (skǫ·pĭloid), *sb.* and *a. Zool.* [f. SCOPEL-US + -OID.] A. *sb.* A fish of the family *Scopelidæ* (see SCOPELID).

1880 GÜNTHER *Fishes* 42 In addition to the rayed dorsal fin, many Malacopterygian fishes (as the Salmonoids, many Siluroids, Scopeloids, etc.) have another of greater or lesser extent. 1896 H. WOODWARD *Guide Fossil Reptiles Brit. Mus.* 112 Herrings, Scopeloids, etc., occur abundantly in association with these.

B. *adj.* Like or pertaining to the *Scopelidæ.*

In recent Dicts.

‖ **Scopelus** (skǫ·pĭlŭs). *Zool.* [mod.L.; introduced (along with the Fr. form *scopèle*) in 1817 by Cuvier, who gives the etymon as 'σκόπελος, Greek name of an unknown fish'; the Gr. word, however, app. means only a rock.] The typical genus of the family *Scopelidæ*: see SCOPELID.

1840 *Cuvier's Anim. Kingd.* 320 *Scopelus*, have the gape and the gill openings very deep. 1880 GÜNTHER *Fishes* 585 Some species never rise to the surface; indeed, Scopeli have been brought up in the dredge from almost any depth to 2500 fathoms.

Scoper, obs. form of SCUPPER.

† **Sco·petine.** *Obs. rare.* [ad. med.L. *Scopetīni* pl., one of the religious orders following the Augustinian rule (Du Cange).] (See quot.)

1537 *Orig. & Sprynge of Sectes* 27 The Scopetines or S. Saluators order. The yeare after Christes byrth .Mcccl.xvii. dyd thys order begynne by certayne spirituall fathers of saynt Austins order.

Scopett, obs. form of SCUPPET.

† **Scopi·ferous**, *a. Obs.* [f. mod.L. *scōpifer* (f. L. *scōp-a* SCOPA + *-fer* bearing) + -OUS.] (See quot.)

1826 KIRBY & SP. *Entomol.* IV. 324 Scopiferous (*Scopiferæ*). When they [the antennæ] are furnished with one or more dense brushes of hair.

Scopiform (skōu·pifōrm), *a. Nat. Hist.* [f. L. *scōp-a* SCOPA + -(I)FORM.] Arranged in bundles; broom-shaped, fascicular.

1794 KIRWAN *Elem. Min.* (ed. 2) I. 278 [Zeolyte] Its texture ..either stelliform or scopiform. 1852 DANA *Crust.* II. 1034 Of the two setiform processes, one is closely ciliate, and the other has a short scopiform extremity.

Hence **Sco·piformly** *adv.*, in a scopiform manner.

1804 JAMESON *Syst. Min.* I. 589 Their cross fracture exhibits a scopiformly diverging aspect.

† **Sco·pious,** *a. Obs.* [f. SCOPE *sb.* + -(I)OUS.] Wide, spacious.

1599 T. M[IDDLETON] *Micro-cynicon* vi. C7, Streames yᵗ are bard their course Swel with more rage, & far more greater force, Vntill there full stuft gorge a passage makes Into the wide mawes of more scopious lakes. **1612** HOOKER *Serm.* III. iii. Wks. 1888 III. 623, I should have a large and scopious field to walk in, if I did here endeavour [etc.].

Scopol- (skɒ·pɒ·l), used *Chem.* and *Pharm.* to form names of certain extractive principles obtained from *Scopolia Japonica* (Japanese belladonna), as **Scopolamine, Scopolenin, Scopoletin.**

The genus *Scopolia* was named after *Scopoli*, an Italian naturalist of the 18th c.

1893 R. H. HARTE, etc. *Local Therap.* 399 Scopolenine. An alkaloid present in Japanese belladonna. **1899** CAGNEY tr. *von Jaksch's Clin. Diagn.* (ed. 4) 397 In cases of poisoning with deadly nightshade berries..the urine has a peculiar fluorescence.., due to the presence of scopoletin. **1899** *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VI. 837 Dilatation of the pupil..dependent..upon..the application of some drug (atropine,.. scopolamine, etc.).

† **Scopo·lian.** *Ent. Obs.* [ad. mod.L. *Scopolīān-us*, app. f. the name of *Scopoli*, an Italian naturalist of the 18th c.] A collector's name for a small brownish-red moth, *Semasia scopoliana.*

1829 STEPHENS *System. Cat. Brit. Insects* II. 180 *Semasia Scopoliana*...Scopolian. **1832** J. RENNIE *Butterfl. & Moths* 169 The Scopolian.

† **Scopo·logy.** *Obs. rare*—¹. [f. Gr. σκοπό-ς aim, end (see SCOPE *sb.*) + -LOGY.] A (suggested) name for a science of the 'ends' of human conduct.

1730 CHAMBERLAYNE *Relig. Philos.* Pref. 34 A Scopology, or Study of Ends, would prove one of the most exalted Parts of Philosophy.

Scopperil (skɒ·pəril). Forms: 5 scop(e)relle, 5, 7, 9 scopperell, 6 scopperelle, 7–9 scop(p)eril(l), scop(p)ril, scop(p)erel, scoprel. See also SCOPEL. [Of obscure origin; a remarkable similarity of form is presented by mod.Icel. *skoppara-kringla* spinning-top, f. *skoppa* to spin like a top; cf. MSw. *skoppa* to jump, run about, MDn., mod.Du. *schoppen* to swing, sea-saw; also SCOPE *v.*²]

1. A kind of teetotum or small top (spun with the thumb and finger) made by passing a pointed peg through the centre of a disc (often a flat button or button-mould). Now *dial.* (see *Eng. Dial. Dict.*).

In some dialects applied to a small disc (as a button-mould) apart from its application.

c **1425** *St. Christina* xxiv. in *Anglia* VIII. 128/35 Alle hir body was..turnyd in to a whirlynge about as a scoprelle or a toppe þat childer playe with. **1483** *Cath. Angl.* 324/1 A scoperelle, *giraculum.* **1621** G. MARKHAM *Hunger's Prevent.* 117 Vpon the least touch it will twerle and tourne as round as any Scopperill. **1636** W. SAMPSON *Vow Breaker* I. i. B 2, If once we creepe out o' th shells, we run from our auld loves like Scopperells, weomens minds are planetary.

b. *transf.* Applied to an active, restless child; also to a squirrel. *dial.* (See *Eng. Dial. Dict.*)

† **2.** *Her.* A badge in the form of a disc. *Obs.*

1486 *Bk. St. Albans, Her.* b ivb, Diaclys be called in armys scopprellys. **1562** LEGH *Armory* (1597) 37 The sixt badge are Diacles, commonly called Scopperelles.

3. *dial.* A seton: = SCOPEL.

1855 ROBINSON *Whitby Gloss.*, A *Scopperil*, a plug put into an issue or seton made in the diseased part of an animal to drain off the humours. **1878** *Cumberld. Gloss.* 82 Scopperel. **1893–4** *Northumbld. Gloss.* II. 603 *Scopper, scopperalt, scoperal*, a seton.

Sco·pperloit. *dial.* Also 7 skoppoloit, -lot. [Of obscure origin: cf. SCOBBERLOTCHER and SCOTERLOPE *v.*] (See quots.)

1691 RAY *S. & E. C. Wds.* III A *Scopperloit*, a time of idleness, a play-time. **1787** in GROSE *Prov. Gloss.* **1878** S. H. MILLER & SKEATCHLY *Fenland* iv. 131 *Skoppoloit, Skoppoloit*, romping, rude, indelicate play.

Scoppet, obs. form of SCUPPET.

Scopple, variant of SCOPEL *Obs.*

Scops (skɒps). [a. mod.L. *Scōps* (generic name), a. Gr. σκώψ the little horned owl.] A genus of *Strigidæ* containing nearly forty species distinguished by plumicorns upon the head; now usually *scops owl.* Also a member of this genus, a horn-owl.

1706 PHILLIPS (ed. Kersey). **1781** LATHAM *Synopsis Birds* I. 129 Scops. E.O. [i.e. belonging to the division 'Eared Owls'.] **1809** SHAW *Gen. Zool.* VII. I. 234 The Scops is a native of the warmer parts of Europe, and is of a migratory nature. **1825** *Sporting Mag.* XV. 271 The scops or little horned owl. **1887** *Athenæum* 19 Mar. 387/2 The little scops owl.

b. *Comb.* **Scops-eared** *a.*, having plumicorns upon the head, the characteristic feature of *Scops.*

Prob. arising from a misunderstanding of quot. 1781 above.

1825 SELBY *Illustr. Brit. Ornith.* I. 56 Scops-eared Owl. **1870** GILLMORE tr. *Figuier's Reptiles & Birds* 551 The Scops-eared Owl..is remarkable for its diminutive size.

† **Sco·ptic,** *a.* and *sb. Obs. rare.* [ad. Gr. σκωπτικός, f. σκώπτειν to mock, jeer.] **A.** *adj.* Mocking, satirical.

1670 S. WARD *Serm. agst. Anti-Script.* 57 Julian and Lucian and other Scoptick wits.

B. *sb. pl.* Mocking or satirical writings.

a **1644** QUARLES *Sheph. Orac.* i. (1646) 9, I fear'd thy gamesome wit began to paint, In shadow'd Scopticks some that beare the Crook In our blest Island. **1656** BLOUNT *Glossogr.*, *Scopticks*, Jests, Jeers, Flouts, Cavils.

† **Sco·ptical,** *a. Obs.* [f. prec. + -AL.] = prec. *a.*

c **1611** CHAPMAN *Iliad* XVI. Comm. 235 It flies all his Translators and Interpreters; who take it meerely for serious, when it is apparantly scopticall and ridiculous. **1684** H. MORE *Answer* 59 The Remarker here is very Magisterial and somewhat Scoptical.

† **Sco·ptically,** *adv. Obs.* [f. SCOPTICAL + -LY ².] In a scornful, satirical manner.

c **1611** CHAPMAN *Iliad* II. Comm. 35 In this first and next verse, Homer (speaking scoptically) breakes open the fountaine of his ridiculous humor following. **1647** R. STAPYLTON *Juvenal* 114 Jove's secret springs: scoptically spoken, as if the astrologers were inspired by Jupiter [etc.]. **1686** H. MORE *Real Pres.* 55 Not as one scoptically would make us to profess, that this real participation of the Body and Blood of Christ, has no reality any where but in our phancy.

‖ **Scopula** (skɒ·piŭlă). *Ent.* [late L. *scōpula*, dim. of *scōpa* a broom.] A small brush-like group of hairs upon the tarsus of bees and spiders.

1802 KIRBY *Monogr. Apum Angliæ* I. 110 *Scopula.* This is the name by which I denominate the hairs which cover the inside of the plantæ, called by Schrank *scopa*, and by Reamur 'la brosse'. **1816** KIRBY & SP. *Entomol.* xix. (1818) II. 127 *note*, Underneath they [the posterior plantæ] are furnished with a *scopula* or brush of stiff hairs set in rows. **1844** BLACKWALL in *Rep. Brit. Assoc.* I. 62 Those remarkable appendages termed *scopulæ* or brushes, with which the tarsi of numerous species of spiders are provided.

Sco·pulate, *a.* [ad. mod.L. *scōpulātus*: see prec. and -ATE ².] (See quot. 1826.)

1826 KIRBY & SP. *Entomol.* IV. xlvi. 348 Scopulate...When the first joint [of the tarsus] on the under side is covered with a dense brush of rigid hairs. **1901** *Proc. Zool. Soc.* I. 212 Both tarsi and protarsi scarcely scopulate in the middle.

Scopulipede (skɒ·piŭlipēd), *a. Ent.* [ad. mod.L. *scōpuliped-, -pēs*, f. *scōpula* (see SCOPULA) + *ped-, pēs* foot.] Of certain bees: Having the feet furnished with scopulæ.

1881 *Cassell's Nat. Hist.* V. 367 The Scopulipede Solitary Apidæ, or those furnished, like the Hive Bee and the Humble Bee, with an apparatus for the conveyance of pollen on the hind legs. *Ibid.* 368 Closing our account of the Scopulipede Bees with this brilliant foreigner, we must now proceed [etc.].

† **Sco·pulous,** *a. Obs.* [ad. L. *scopulōsus* craggy, f. *scopul-us* a rock.] Abounding in rocks, rocky. Hence † **Sco·pulousness,** † **Scopulo·sity** (*rare*—⁰).

1596 DALRYMPLE tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* I. 261 How Scopulous, stendirrie, or stanie, was the stedd..quhairon thay than stude. **1658** FRANCK *Northern Mem.* (1694) 211 Edinburgh..stands on a mighty scopulous Mountain. **1721** BAILEY, *Scopulosity*, Abundance of Rocks. **1727** — vol. II, *Scopulousness.*

Scor, Scorar, obs. forms of SCORE, SCOURER.

‖ **Sco·rbuch, -buicke.** *Obs.* [Du.: see next.] = SCURVY.

1598 W. PHILLIP tr. *Linschoten* I. iii. 8 With sicknes and diseases, as swellings of the legs, and the scorbuicke. **1601** HOLLAND *Pliny* XXV. iii. II. 212 *marg.*, Some thinke this disease to bee the Schorbuck or Scorbute. **1613** PURCHAS *Pilgrimage* VIII. iv. (1614) 748 The Scurnie or Scorbuch much consumed the French in these partes.

† **Sco·rbut(e.** *Path. Obs.* [a. F. *scorbut*, whence Sp. *escorbuto*, Pg. *escorbut, scorbuto*, It. *scorbuto*, mod.L. *scorbūtus* (whence G. *scorbut*).

The Fr. word is app. ad. MLG. *schorbūk*, early mod.Du. *schorbuyck, scheurbuik* (now *scheurbuik*), whence G. *scharbock*, Da. *skørbug*, MSw. *skörbiug* (Sw. *skörbjugg*), OIcel. (14th c.) *skyrbjúg-r.* If the word be orig. LG. or Du., and not an adoption from some foreign source, the etymological sense must be 'disease that ruptures or lacerates the belly' (MLG., MDn. *schoren*, Du. *scheuren* to break, lacerate, MLG. *bûk*, Du. *buik* belly). Cf. early mod.Du. *scheurmond* (*mond* = mouth) scurvy of the gums, *scheurbeen* (*been* = bone) scorbutic affection of the bones.] = SCURVY.

1597 GERARDE *Herbal* II. xvii. 201 Water Cresse..is verie good against the scuruie or scorbute. **1611** in Birch *Crt. & Times Jas. I* (1848) I. 137 His disease proves..to be nothing but the scorbut, or, as we term it, the scurvy. **1634** SIR T. HERBERT *Trav.* 5 The Calenture, Scorbute or Scuruie, Feauers [etc.]. **1665** J. GADBURY *London's Deliv.* vii. 24 His frivolous supposition of the Plague its taking beginning from the disease called the Scorbute.

attrib. **1665** E. MAYNWARING *Treat. Scurvy* 65 The Scorbute Pills are efficacious against the defects and errors of digestion in the first, second and third Office.

Scorbutic (skɒ̄biŭ·tik), *a.* and *sb. Path.* Also 7–8 scorbutick, 8 scurbutick. [ad. mod.L. *scorbūticus*: see prec. and -IC. Cf. F. *scorbutique.*]

A. *adj.*

1. Of or pertaining to scurvy; symptomatic of or proceeding from scurvy; of the nature of scurvy. Of a patient: Affected with scurvy.

Scorbutic gums, a condition of the gums induced by scurvy, characterized by swelling and a tendency to bleed.

1655 CULPEPER, etc. *Riverius* I. v. 19 This is very manifest from the Scorbutick Palsey, or that which is joyned with the Scurvy. **1665** E. MAYNWARING *Treat. Scurvy* 51 The colour of scorbutick spots declaring this Disease, is to be regarded. **1694** tr. *Marten's Voy. Spitzbergen* in *Acc. Sev. Late Voy.* II. 194 Plenty of Vetches, which recover'd our Scorbutick Men. **1748** *Anson's Voy.* III. ii. 311 Vegetables extremely conducive to the cure of..scorbutic disorders. **1835–6** *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* I. 425/1 No attempt..at any chemical examination of the properties of scorbutic blood. **1837** DICKENS *Pickwick* xxxii, A renewal of hostilities between the scorbutic youth and the gentleman in the sanguine shirt. **1853** KANE *Grinnell Exp.* xxxi. (1856) 267 Eight cases of scorbutic gums were already on my black-list. **1897** *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* III. 128 Rickets is produced as certainly by rhachitic diet, as is scurvy by a scorbutic diet. **1898** *Ibid.* V. 589 Very frequently, the first manifestations of a scorbutic taint are excited by extreme cold.

† **2.** Of articles of diet, remedies, etc.: Good against scurvy, anti-scorbutic. *Obs.*

1696 SALMON *Fam. Dict.*, Scorbutic-Syrup. *Ibid.*, Scorbutick-Water. **1710** T. FULLER *Pharm. Extemp.* (1719) 17 A sweetning Scorbutic Ale. *Ibid.* 187 A Scorbutic Foment. **1789** BUCHAN *Dom. Med.* App. (1790) 705 *Scorbutic Whey.* This whey is made by boiling half a pint of the scorbutic juices in a quart of cow's milk...The scorbutic plants are, bitter oranges, brooklime, garden scurvy-grass, and water-cresses.

B. *sb.*

† **1.** The scurvy. *Obs. rare*—¹.

1676 LADY FANSHAWE *Mem.* (1830) 118 He was advised to go to Bath for his scorbutic, that still hung on him.

† **2.** A remedy for the scurvy, an anti-scorbutic.

a **1774** HARTE *Eulogius* 85 Spoon-wort was there, scorbutics to supply.

3. 'One affected with scurvy'.

1855 DUNGLISON *Med. Lex.*

† **Scorbu·tical,** *a. Obs.* [f. SCORBUTIC + -AL.] Relating to, characterized by scurvy.

1656 RIDGLEY *Pract. Physick* 181 Also there is a Gangreen Scorbutical which beginneth commonly from an internal cause. **1676** WISEMAN *Chirurg. Treat.* II. iv. 177 A Person ..of a full and scorbuticall Body. **1753** MAITLAND *Hist. Edin.* (1768) 507 An unctuous substance wherewith it is covered is said to be good for scorbutical disorders.

Hence † **Scorbu·tically** *adv.*

1665 NEEDHAM *Med. Medicinæ* 393 Persons that are.. Scorbutically inclined. **1676** WISEMAN *Chirurg. Treat.* II. iv. 178 Thus in scorbutically-habited ill Bodies..we frequently see these simple Ulcers afflicted with sharp Humours.

† **Scorbu·ticism.** *Obs. rare*—¹. [f. SCORBUTIC + -ISM.] A general tendency to develop scurvy, a scorbutic habit of body.

1665 NEEDHAM *Med. Medicinæ* 86 There are but few Cases wherein there is not somwhat of Scorbuticisms mixt.

Sco·rbutized, *ppl. a. nonce-wd.* [f. SCORBUT-IC + -IZE + -ED ¹.] Affected with scurvy.

1856 KANE *Arct. Expl.* II. vii. 83 Yesterday's walk makes my scorbutized muscles very stiff.

‖ **Scorbutus** (scɒ̄biŭ·təs). *Path.* [mod.L.: see SCORBUTE.] Scurvy.

1866 A. FLINT *Princ. Med.* (1880) 1121 Scorbutus..is frequently combined with other diseases. **1876** tr. *Wagner's Gen. Path.* 235 To the cachectic dropsies belong also those of scorbutus and conditions resembling it.

Scorce, obs. variant of SCORSE *sb.* and *v.*

† **Scorch,** *sb.*¹ *Obs.* Forms: 5 scorche, skorch, scorce, 6 scorch. [a. OF. *escorche, escorce* (mod.F. *écorce*).] Rind, bark.

1480 CAXTON *Ovid's Met.* x. viii, The chylde, of whiche Mirra was grete, grewe, wᵗ payne under the scorche & rynde. **1481** — *Myrrour* II. x. 90 Other trees there growe.. that bere notemygges, And of the rynde and scorce is the canell or synamome. **1579** W. LANGHAM *Gard. Health* (1633) 15 Make..Almond milke.., and eate it with Sugar, and powder of the ryndes and scorches of a Pomegranate.

Scorch (skɒ̄tʃ), *sb.*² Also 7 scortch. [f. SCORCH *v.*¹]

1. A mark or impression produced by scorching; a superficial burn. Also *fig.*

1611 COTGR., *Maquereaux*, red scorches, or spots on the legs of such as vse to sit neere the fire. **1872** CUYLER *Heart-Thoughts* 38 The ugly scorch upon the commercial integrity of the merchant.

2. Scorching effect (of the sun or fire).

1646 SIR T. BROWNE *Pseud. Ep.* VI. x. 330 Not onely their legitimate and timely births, but their abortions are also duskie, before they have felt the scortch and fervor of the Sun. *c* **1790** COWPER *Wks.* (1837) XV. 318 When he calls it a *balm to heal the scar of those corrosive fires* [Milton *P. L.* II. 401], we almost feel the scorch, and the pleasure of the remedy. **1862** LADY DUFF-GORDON in F. Galton *Vac. Tourists* (1864) 162 They said the thermometer was at about 130° where I was walking yesterday, but (barring the scorch) I could not have believed it.

b. *fig.*

1626 BP. H. KING *Serm. Deliv.* 9 Which..shelters vs from the scorches of the last Iudgement. **1672** W. PENN *Spir. Truth Vind.* 52 Persecution comes, with the Scorch of which they are wont to singe and wrap up like a Scrole. **1859** I. TAYLOR *Logic in Theol.* 212 Profligate magnates quailed..whenever this scorch of eternal reason was sent in upon their conscience.

3. [From SCORCH *v.*¹ 3.] An act of 'scorching'; a rapid run on a cycle or a motor-car.

1885 *Cyclist* 19 Aug. 1084/1 Another 24 hours scorch! **1890** *Polytechnic Mag.* 13 Mar. 161/1 An impromptu scorch was started by the members trying to keep behind a really fast cabby to obtain shelter from the wind.

4. *attrib.*: **scorch-patch** (see quot.); **scorch pencil,** a tool used in 'poker-work'.

1897 J. HUTCHINSON in *Archives of Surg.* I. 62 'Scorch-patches' is, I think, the best descriptive epithet to apply to the brown patches which occur in the macular stage of leprosy. **1903** *Daily Mail* 21 Aug. 9/2 The chief instrument used is a 'scorch pencil', so called because with it the required design is burnt upon the prepared wood surface that is to be decorated.

Scorch (skɒ̄tʃ), *v.*¹ Forms: (? 5 schorge), 5–6 skorch, scorche, (6 schorch, 7 scorge, *Sc.* scrotch), 6–8 scortch, 6– scorch. [Related to the earlier synonyms SCORKEN, SCORKLE.

The formation is obscure. It has been supposed that the word is identical with SCORCH *v.*² to skin, the sease being altered by association with *scorken, scorkle.* Against this is the fact that *scorch*, to skin, occurs only in a few translations from Fr. (where the original has *escorchier*), and is therefore not likely to have had any real currency.]

1. *trans.* To heat to such a degree as to shrivel,

parch, or dry up, or to char or discolour the surface; to burn superficially.

14.. *Chaucer's Boeth.* II. metre vi. (*Addit. MS.*) (1868) 55 Alle þe poeples þat þe violent wynde Nothus scorchiþ [*Camb. MS.* scorklith; *orig. has* torret]. 1430 LYDG. *St. Margaret* 415 This gemme of maydenhede Was brent with brondes..Hir sydes skorched. 1471 CAXTON *Recuyell* (Sommer) I. 43 Whan the pelagyens sawe this dede man of whom the skyn was scorched the fflessh rosted the senewes shronken [etc.]. 1511 *Guylforde's Pilgr.* (Camden) 11 An hande with parte of the arme of seynt John Baptyste, some what scorcherde [*sic*] with the fyre as it was brente. 1553 EDEN *Treat. Newe Ind.* (Arb.) 14 The bodyes of men begin to waxe blacke and to be scorched. 1560 DAUS tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* 118 They..wer after let downe into the fyre from on hyghe, and there synged and skorched. 1611 BIBLE *Rev.* xvi. 8 Power was giuen vnto him to scorch men with fire. 1634 MILTON *Comus* 929 Summer drouth, or singed air Never scorch thy tresses fair. 1697 DRYDEN *Virg. Georg.* IV. 616 'Twas Noon; the sultry Dog-star from the Sky Scorch'd Indian Swains, the rivell'd Grass was dry. 1748 *Anson's Voy.* II. vi. 279 He did not awake till the fire came near enough to scorch him. 1764 HARMER *Observ.* I. § 20. 45 He had many times his forehead so scorched as to swell exceedingly. 1781 COWPER *Expost.* 15 Fiery suns, that scorch the russet spice Of eastern groves. 1813 SHELLEY *Q. Mab* VII. 9 His resolute eyes were scorched to blindness soon. 1830 M. DONOVAN *Dom. Econ.* I. 49 Her skeleton..remained entire in the chair, which was only a little scorched. 1882 'OUIDA' *Maremma* I. 18 Much beaten about by sea-winds and scorched by poisonous suns.

absol. 1576 TURBERV. *Venerie* 138 They quenche the skaldyng fire, which skorched with his heate.

b. *fig.*

c 1586 C'TESS PEMBROKE *Ps.* LXXXIX. xiii, Scorcht with Thy wrath is Thy anointed one. 1620 SANDERSON *Serm.* 27 Feb. (1632) 307 Take Truth without Mercy; as an hot poyson it scaldeth vs, and scortcheth vs in the flames of restlesse Despayre. 1702 PRIOR *Song to his Mistress* 1 Whilst I am scorch'd with hot Desire.

absol. 1851 WHITTIER *Chapel of Hermits* 178 The fame that crowned him scorched and burned.

c. with *away, up.*

1598 SHAKS. *Merry W.* I. iii. 74 The appetite of her eye did seeme to scorch me vp like a burning-glasse. *a* 1691 BOYLE *Hist. Air* (1692) 165 The weather being very dry and hot, the grass and other vegetables were scorched up. 1697 DRYDEN *Virg. Georg.* II. 516 Whose Leaves are not alone foul Winter's Prey, But oft by Summer Suns are scorch'd away.

d. *transf.* To shrivel up as if by heat.

1607 TOPSELL *Four-f. Beasts* 274 If a mans feete be scorched with cold, the powder of a Hares Wooll is a remedy for it. 1905 RIDER HAGGARD *Gardener's Year* Oct. 333 Even the hardy Sea-Buckthorns..have been sadly scorched by the spray brought up in the recent gales.

e. *intr.* for *refl.*

Quot. *c* 1430 may belong to SCORCH *v.*[1]; the form in any case is irregular, and may be due to misreading.

c 1430 *Two Cookery Bks.* 42 With a lytil Watere, late hem seþe til þey ben drye, & þat þey schorge. 1896 A. AUSTIN *England's Darling* I. iii, And then together we will watch the cakes, Nor let them scorch.

† **2.** *trans.* To burn, consume by fire. *Obs.*

c 1475 *Partenay* 3412 Ther o soule man escapid noght, But scorched and hrend were to Askes small. 1582 STANYHURST *Æneis* I. (Arb.) 18 As thogh that Pallas could not bee fullye reuenged, Thee Greek fleete scorching. 1624 MIDDLETON *Game at Chess* II. i. D 2, Here (wench) take these papers, Scorch 'em me soundly; burne 'em to French-russet.

3. *intr.* To cycle or motor at high speed.

[Cf. F. *brûler le pavé*, lit. 'to burn the pavement', said of a furious driver.]

1891 *Wheeling* 25 Feb. 405 Be wise in time, and do not 'scorch' while you are out of condition. 1898 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* V. 852 The father..with his nervous system corroded by drudgery and care is determined to scorch on his bicycle or to climb the Alps with any of them.

† **Scorch,** *v.*[2] *Obs.* (Only in translations from Fr.) In 5 **skorche.** [a. OF. *escorchier* (mod.F. *écorcher*):—popular L. **excorticāre*, f. *ex-* (see ES-) + *cortic-*, *cortex* bark. Cf. ESCORSE *v.*] *trans.* To strip off (skin or bark), to flay. Also *fig.*

c 1430 *Pilgr. Lyf Manhode* I. xx. (1869) 15 Shere yow youre shepherde may at his neede but to skorche yow is not yiue him leeue. *Ibid.* III. xvi. 143 Whan the poore ben skorched thus and to pulled and that alle here goodes ben thus shaken and drawen out aod arased. *a* 1450 *Knt. de la Tour* (1868) 6 Her fader..made cast her in-to the Riuer, and drenche her and her childe, And made to scorch [orig. *escorchier*] the knight quicke.

† **Scorch,** *v.*[3] *Obs.* Also 6 **skorch, schortch,** 6–7 **scortch(e.** [An alteration of SCORE *v.*; perh. after *scratch*. Cf. SCOTCH *v.*] *trans.* To slash with a knife.

c 1550 H. RHODES *Bk. Nurture* B ij, Afore dyner nor after, with thy knyfe scorche [1577 scortche] not the borde. 1597 J. PAYNE *Royal Exch.* 23 Baulls preists..skorched there fleshe to the bones with there knyves. 1605 SHAKS. *Macb.* III. iv. 13 We have scorch'd the snake, not kill'd it. 1656 COWLEY *Misc., Duel* 20 The Living and the Killing Arrow ..broke the Bones, and scortcht the Marrow. 1823 [see SCORCHED *ppl. a.*[1]].

Scorchanarrow, obs. form of SCORZONERA.

Scorcheatis: see SCROCHAT *Sc. Obs.*

Scorched (skɔ̄ɹtʃt), *ppl. a.*[1] [f. SCORCH *v.*[1] + -ED[1].]

1. Burnt and discoloured by heat, touched by fire.

1595 SHAKS. *John* III. i. 278 And falshood, falshood cures, as fire cooles fire Within the scorched veines of one new burn'd. 1639 G. DANIEL *Ecclus.* XXXVIII. 81 The Smith.. To apt the Mettall; thrusts his scorched Browes Into the flames. 1715–20 POPE *Iliad* XXI. 14 As the scorch'd Locusts from their Fields retire, While fast behind them runs the Blaze of Fire. 1817 SHELLEY *Rev. Islam* III. 1365 My scorched limbs he wound In linen moist and balmy. 1897 MARY KINGSLEY *W. Africa* 397 'People should be careful with fire', I say sententiously and they all agree with me, the scorched ones enthusiastically.

2. Parched by the sun.

a 1593 MARLOWE *Lucan* I. 208 Like to a Lyon of scortcht desart Affricke. 1600 J. PORY tr. *Leo's Africa* Descr. Places 43 Thither do the people resort, partly for the watring of their scorched grounds. 1707 MORTIMER *Husb., Kalendar* July, The Earth now would be glad of refreshing showers to moisten the scorched Vegetables. 1817 SHELLEY *Rev. Islam* X. iv, Like the roaring Of fire, whose floods the wild deer circumvent In the scorched pastures of the South.

3. *Nat. Hist.* † **a.** Having an appearance as if shrivelled by heat (*obs.*). **b.** Having colouring resembling a scorch.

1682 LISTER *Gœdart of Insects* 33, I could never Observe from these kind of Catterpillars a perfect and compleat Butterfly, but with contracted, and as it were scorched Wings, not to be expanded, or fit for flight. 1832 J. RENNIE *Butterfl. & M.* 162 The Scorched Blunt-wing. *Ibid.* Index 276 Scorched Carpet. Scorched Wing. 1845 LINDLEY *Sch. Bot.* vi. (1858) 84 The scales scorched at the apex. 1859 MISS PRATT *Brit. Grasses* 37 *Carex ustulata* (Scorched Alpine Sedge).

† **Scorched,** *ppl. a.*[2] *Obs. rare*—[1]. [f. SCORCH *v.*[3] + -ED[1].] Slashed, divided.

1823 SCOTT *Quentin D.* i, The members of the League.. like a scorched snake might re-unite.

Scorcher (skɔ̄ɹtʃəɹ). [f. SCORCH *v.*[1] + -ER[2].] One who or something which scorches.

1. *colloq.* A very hot day.

1874 M. C. *Explorers* 25 One regular scorcher we camped before noon. 1899 F. V. KIRBY *Sport E. C. Africa* xxiii. 259 A heavy mist..gave promise of a hot day, and it turned out a 'scorcher'.

2. *colloq.* One who cycles or motors furiously.

1885 PENNELL *Canterb. Pilgr.* Pref., Nor does it seem to us worth while..to record our time, since we were pilgrims, and not scorchers. 1901 *Daily Tel.* 7 Jan. 8/3 (Farmer), As a result of complaints as to the excessive speed at which motor-cars are driven..the police have been keeping a sharp look-out for scorchers.

3. *slang.* **a.** Something scorching or stinging; a scathing rebuke or attack. **b.** One who causes a 'sensation'.

1888 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 27 Jan. 1/1 We have no doubt that his 'letter, in the strongest Saxon I could command', about the Intelligence Department was, as the schoolboys would say, 'a regular scorcher.' 1899 DOYLE *Duel* (1909) 44 A perfec' pair of scorchers.

† **Scorcheresse.** *Obs. rare*—[1]. [a. OF. *escorcheresse*, fem. agent-n. f. *escorchier* to flay, SCORCH *v.*[2]] A female flayer; in quot. *fig.*

c 1430 *Pilgr. Lyf Manhode* III. xvi. (1869) 143 This hand is a skorcheresse and a baconresse of poure folk.

Scorchet(t)is : see SCROCHAT *Sc. Obs.*

Scorching (skɔ̄ɹtʃiŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. SCORCH *v.*[1] + -ING[1].]

1. The action or an act of burning superficially, or of parching or shrivelling up by intense heat.

1563 HYLL *Art Garden.* (1593) 16 And if..you dout either the coldnes or hotnes of the season, in the scorching or burning of your seedes, then couer your beddes with the chaffe of corne. 1649 BP. REYNOLDS *Hosea* V. 22 Those parts of the world which are under..perpetuall scortchings. 1699 EVELYN *Kal. Hort., June* (ed. 9) 74 The excessive Scorchings of this, and the two following Months..do frequently indanger the untimely falling both of Blossom and Fruit before their maturity. 1768 TUCKER *Lt. Nat.* (1834) I. 641 The scorchings of unextinguishable flames and gnawings of the never dying worm.

† **b.** *pl.* Fragments detached by scorching. *Obs.*

1607 TOPSELL *Four-f. Beasts* 253 Goates Horne being burned at the end, and the pieces or scorchinges that rise thereof, must be shaken into a new vessel vntill the horne be quite consumed. 1676 T. MACE *Musick's Monum.* 59 Then with your Working-knife, or Chizzel, take off the Scorchings to the clean Wood.

2. The action of riding a cycle or driving a motor-car at a furious pace.

1891 *Wheeling* 4 Mar. 422 We are..in a strong position to denounce the abuse of 'scorching' through inhabited parts of the country. 1898 *Daily News* 22 July 8/2 Do you ever scorch?—I do not know what you call scorching.

Scorching (skɔ̄ɹtʃiŋ), *ppl. a.*[1] [f. SCORCH *v.*[1] + -ING[2].] That scorches, burning, withering.

1563 B. GOOGE *Eglogs*, etc. (Arb.) 87 The Body dryed by broylyng blase Of preuy schorchyng Flame. 1628 MURE *Doomsday* 206 There, to the drunkard's parched throate, Justice doth scrotching drought allote, In floods of fire. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* X. 691 How had the World Inhabited, though sinless, more then now, Avoided pinching cold and scorching heate? 1697 DRYDEN *Virg., Past.* II. 11 While in the scorching Sun I trace in vain Thy flying footsteps. 1745 *Watts' Hymn*, '*How bright these glorious spirits shine*,' Hunger and Thirst are felt no more, Nor Suns with scorching Ray. 1812 BYRON *Ch. Har.* I. vi, He..from his native land resolved to go, And visit scorching climes beyond the sea. 1875 JOWETT *Plato* (ed. 2) III. 299 Under the heat of a scorching sun.

fig. 1646 CRASHAW *Steps, Charity* 43 No more shalt thou..on Gods Altar cast two scorching [1648 scortching] eyes. 1666 BUNYAN *Grace Abound.* § 294, I have been about to preach upon some smart and scorching portion of the word. 1895 LD. ACTON *Study Hist.* 59 After looking about for a scorching imprecation, he [Titus Oates] began to call them Tories.

b. *transf.* Causing a burning sensation, irritant.

1768 MILLER *Gardener's Dict.* (ed. 8), *Thapsia*...The deadly Carrot, or scorching Fennel.

Hence **Sco·rchingly** *adv.*, **Scor·chingness.**

1593 NASHE *Christ's T.* 70 b, Hauing naturally cleere beauty, scortchingly blazing, which enkindles any soule that comes neere it. 1775 ASH Suppl., *Scorchingness.*

† **Sco·rching,** *ppl. a.*[2] *Obs.* [f. SCORCH *v.*[2] + -ING[2].] Cutting, slashing.

1570 in *E. L. Ballads* (1867) 179 The sister dire, fearce Atropos, with schortchyng cuttynge knyfe, Hath shred the threede that longe dyd holde this godly ladies lyfe.

† **Sco·rchvillein.** *Obs.* [a. AF. **escorchevillein*, f. OF. *escorchier* (mod.F. *écorcher*) to flay + *villein*.] A 'flay-villein'; an oppressive lord.

1577–87 STANYHURST *Descr. Irel.* V. 32/1 in *Holinshed.* [The nickname of Abp. Henry de Loundres; Stanyhurst tells a story to connect it with SCORCH *v.*[1]]

‖ **Scordatura** (skɔ̄ɹdatū·ra). *Mus.* [It. *scordatura*, f. *scordare* to be out of tune, short for *discordare* DISCORD *v.*[1]] A term used for the alteration in the manner of tuning some stringed instruments in order to produce particular effects.

1876 STAINER & BARRETT *Dict. Mus. Terms*, *Scordatura* (It.) the mis-tuning of an instrument. When a violinist alters the *accordatura* of his instrument for a special purpose, he is sometimes said to make a *scordatura*. 1888 *Encycl. Brit.* XXIV. 245 The violoncello is less amenable to the scordatura than the violin.

‖ **Sco·rdium.** *Bot. Obs.* Also 6 **scordion.** [mod.L. (cf. L. *scordion*, Pliny), a. Gr. σκόρδιον a plant that smells like garlic. Cf. G. *skordien*, MDu. *scordioen*.] A name for the Water-Germander, *Teucrium Scordium*, a plant formerly in use in medicine as a sudorific, an antidote for poisons, etc.

[*c* 1050 *Herb. Apuleii* in Cockayne *Sax. Leechd.* I. 174 Wiþ nædran slite genim þas wyrte þe man scordean..nemneð.] 1548 TURNER *Names Herbes* (E.D.S.) 71 Scordium groweth in diuerse places of Germany,..& I heare saye that it groweth also besyde Oxforde. 1578 LYTE *Dodoens* I. lxxv. 111 Scordion is hoate and dry in the thirde degree. 1597 GERARDE *Herbal* II. cciv. 535 Called in English Scordium, Water Germander & Garlicke Germander. 1757 A. COOPER *Distiller* III. xv. (1760) 169 Of the Leaves of Scordium one Pound and a Half. 1866 *Treas. Bot.* 1040/1 Scordium, *Teucrium Scordium*.

Score (skōəɹ), *sb.* Forms: 1 **scoru,** 3–6 **scor,** 4–5 **schore,** 4–6 **skor,** 4–7 **skore,** 5 *Sc.* **scoyr, skowre,** 5, 7 **scoure,** 6 **scoore,** *Sc.* **scower, skoir,** 6–7 **scoare,** *Sc.* **scoir,** 3– **score.** [Late OE. *scoru* str. fem. (sense 16), a. ON. *skor* str. fem., notch, tally, the number of twenty (cf. *skora* wk. fem., notch):—OTeut. type **skurā*, f. **skur-*, wk. grade of **sker-* to cut: see SHEAR *v.*]

I. A cut, notch, mark.

1. † A crack, crevice (*obs.*); a cut, notch, or scratch; a line drawn with a sharp instrument.

c 1400 *Rom. Rose* 2660 Than shal thou go the dore bifore, If thou maist fynde any score, Or hole, or reft, what ever it were. 1570 LEVINS *Manip.* 174/11 A skore, *crenale*. *a* 1585 POLWART *Flyting w. Montgomeric* 555 With scartes and scores, athort his frozen front. 1792 BELKNAP *Hist. New-Hampsh.* III. 113 To procure the sap, an incision is made by two scores, an inch and a half, or two inches deep. 1884 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.* Suppl. 783/2 To make a score on the future angles of the box in order to make the stuff bend readily.

b. *Naut.* and *Mech.* (*a*) The groove of a block or dead-eye round which the rope passes; (*b*) a notch or groove made in a piece of timber or metal to allow another piece to be neatly fitted into it.

1794 *Rigging & Seamanship* I. 29 The cross-trees are let into the trestle-trees, with scores. 1815 *Falconer's Dict. Marine* (ed. Burney), *Score of a Dead-Eye*, is the hole through which the rope passes. *c* 1850 *Rudim. Navig.* (Weale) 155 *Tabling*, letting one piece of timber into another by alternate scores or projections. 1874 THEARLE *Naval Archit.* 16 A score, the width of which is equal to the siding of the post. 1901 *J. Black's Carp. & Build., Scaffolding* 89 This is called the 'strap' and lies in the 'score', or channelled part of the block.

2. A line drawn; a stroke, mark; a line drawn as a boundary.

The sense, though in our examples not found in literal use earlier than the 16th c., seems to be old, as the fig. phrases in **b** apparently belong to it.

1501 DOUGLAS *Pal. Hon.* III. lxxviii, Prosperitie in eird is bot a dreme, Or like as man war steppand ouir ane scoir. 1603 *Philotus* CXXV, Trowis thow to draw me ouir the scoir, Fals feind with thy alluring. 1681 GIA in Wodrow *Hist. Suff. Ch. Scot.* (1722) II. App. lxxiii. 80 Drawing Scores betwixt the Books of the Bible. 1688 HOLME *Armoury* III. iii. 144/2 Feathers of a Ducks Wing, or such like..to wipe off a superfluous score made in a draught by the Charcoal. 1710–11 SWIFT *Jrnl. to Stella* 9 Feb., It was that ugly score [*foot-n.* A crease in the sheet] in the paper that made me mistake. 1783 BURNS *Rantin'*, *Rovin' Robin* V, I see by ilka score and line, This chap will dearly like our kin'. 1818 SCOTT *Rob Roy* I, Draw a score through the tops of your t's. 1836 *Comic Almanack* Sept. (1870) 63 We've chalked a score on every door Of publican or sinner. 1859 DARWIN *Life & Lett.* (1887) II. 171, I hope you will mark your copy with scores.

b. Phrases. † *Out of score*, beyond the mark, excessively, unreasonably (frequent in R. Brunne); † *over score*, over the mark, aside.

1303 R. BRUNNE *Handl. Synne* 6872 Þe aumenere was wroth þerfore, þat he asked so oute of skore. *Ibid.* 11225 But leuer ys me my moupe to steke þan y spak oȝt oute of skore. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* I. Prol. 496 As now war tyme to schift the wers ouer scoir.

† **c.** ? A track, trace of footsteps. *Obs.*

c 1330 R. BRUNNE *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 3377 To trauersen hem al ouer þere score, & passe þe Romayns wel byfore. *Ibid.* 13694 After hym his folk held wel þe score.

3. *spec.* The 'scratch' or line at which a marks-

man stands when shooting at a target, or on which the competitors stand before beginning a race.

1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* v. vi. 70 He suld full sone haue skippit furth befoir And left in dowt quha first coyme to the scoir. 1570 *Satir. Poems Reform.* xx. 69 Stand to, thairfoir, fyle not the scoir, But all togidder draw. *c* 1880 in Greener *Gun* (1881) 506 In case of breech-loaders, the party called to the score shall not place his cartridge in the gun until he arrives at the score.

b. Phrases. *To go off (set off, start) at score*, of a horse, to make a sudden dash at full speed; *fig.* of a person, to break out suddenly into impetuous speech or action. So *to go off full score, to keep on at a score.*

c 1800 R. CUMBERLAND *John De Lancaster* (1809) II. 95 John and his steed were in the same humonr for a start at score. 1807 [E. GOULBURN] *Epwell Hunt* 117 Resolv'd at all Hazards to follow Bob Canning; To accomplish which End he kept on at a Score. 1818 SCOTT *Hrt. Midl.* xvii, Madge oo sooner received the catch-word, than she vindicated Ratcliffe's sagacity by setting off at score with the song: 'O sleep ye sound, Sir James, she said'. 1833 MOORE *Mem.* (1854) VI. 309 Talking of a paragraph lately which stated that all the Church dignitaries meant to resign.., he went off at score on the sad state we should be reduced to by such a resignation. 1834 J. WILSON in *Blackw. Mag.* XXXV. 1016 Start at score and make play we must, if we were now to resume the contest. 1848 DICKENS *Dombey* vi, Lest the black-eyed should go off at score and turn sarcastic. 1863 W. C. BALDWIN *Afr. Hunting* iii. 64 His horse, Blesbok, went off at score, and followed the spoor as accurately as any dog. 1867 M. ARNOLD *Celtic Lit.* 71 After the mediæval touch of the visit to the buttery in the land of the Trinity, he goes off at score: 'I have been instructed in the whole system of the universe [etc.]'. 1869 'WAT. BRADWOOD' *The O. V. H.* xxxiv, The slackened rein..encouraged the gray to take a final kick and fling, and then set off at score up the slope. 1900 POLLOK & THOM *Sports Burma* iii. 99 The bull picked himself up and went off full score.

c. *Curling.* = HOG-SCORE.

1862 *Chamb. Encycl.* III. 368/2 (*Curling*), At a certain distance from each of the tees, a score—the hog-score—is drawn across the ice. 1877 *Encycl. Brit.* VI. 713/2 (*Curling*), Every stone to be a hog which does not clear this score.

4. A line that crosses ont or cancels something.

a 1756 *Pennecuik's Collect. Sc. Poems* 120 A roll of sins hath got the clergy's score.

† 5. *pl.* as the name of a game. *Obs.*

1710 RUDDIMAN *Gloss. to Douglas' Æneis* s.v. *Skore*, The word score, is..most used at the long Bowls, which are sometimes call'd the Scores, because they make draughts or impressions in the ground where they are to begin and leave off.

6. *Mus.* A written or printed piece of concerted music, in which all the vocal and instrumental parts are noted on a series of staves one under the other.

Commonly stated to be so called from the practice (not now always followed) of connecting the related staves by 'scores' or lines continuing the bars.

1701 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 3748/4 The Score of Musick for the Fairy Queen. 1752 AVISON *Mus. Express.* Advt., Music is said to be in Score, when all the Parts are distinctly wrote and set under each other, so as the Eye, at one View, may take in all the various Contrivances of the Composer. 1784 COWPER *Task* II. 360 He..sells accent, tone And emphasis in score. 1785 GEO. III in Mrs. Delany *Life & Corr.* (1862) III. 247 The King has just received the copies of the three operas M^rs. Delany so obligingly borrow'd for him. He therefore returns the three scores. 1845 E. HOLMES *Mozart* 13 This concerto was written with a full score of accompaniments, and even trumpets and drums. 1883 ROCKSTRO in *Grove's Dict. Mus.* III. 427/1 The most important varieties [of scores] are (I.) the Vocal Score; (II.) the Orchestral, or Full Score; (III.) the Supplementary Score, or Partitino; (IV.) the Organ, Harpsichord, or Pianoforte Score; (V.) the Compressed Score; and (VI.) the Short Score. *Ibid.* 434/1 The term *Short Score* is indiscriminately applied to Organ and Pianoforte Scores of works originally written with Orchestral Accompaniments; to Compressed Scores; and to maimed transcriptions, in which the leading Parts only are given *in extenso.*

b. A musical composition with its distribution of parts.

1881 CROWEST *Phases Mus. Eng.* 295 The London Musical Society has set itself the task of familiarising English people with those scores which are either little known, or which have not had a hearing in this country.

7. *Weaving.* = BEER *sb.*[3]

1712 [see BEER *sb.*[2]]. 1726 *Acl* 13 *Geo. I*, c. 26 § 13 So as to distinguish the Number of biers or scores of Threads in the breadth of the said Cloth.

8. A cut or slash, as with a whip.

1881 J. T. MORSE Jr. *John Q. Adams* iii. (1885) 230 There was scarce a back in Congress that did not at one time or another feel the score of his cutting lash.

II. Notch cut for record, tally, reckoning.

† 9. A notch cut in a stick or tally, used to mark numbers in keeping accounts; also the tally itself.

c 1460 *Launfal* 419 All that Launfal had borwyth before Gyfre, be tayle and be score, Vald hyt well and fyne. *c* 1460 *Bk. Curtasye* 416 in *Babees Bk.*, Yf þo koke wolde say þat were more, þat is þo cause þat he hase it in skore. 1530 PALSGR. 268/1 Score on a tayle, *taylles.* 1538 ELYOT *Dict.*, *Crene* [1545 *Crenæ*],..the scores whiche men vnlerned do make on styckes for their remembrance. 1565 COOPER *Thesaurus*, *Crena*, a notche in a skore. *Ibid.*, *Tessera*,.. a tayle or score, wheron the number of thynges deliuered is marked. 1593 SNAKS. 2 *Hen. VI*, IV. vii. 38 Whereas before, our Fore-fathers had no other Bookes but the Score and the Tally, thou hast caused printing to be vs'd.

b. *Games.* A mark made for the purpose of recording a point or the like. Cf. CHALK *sb.* 5.

1680 COTTON *Compl. Gamester* (ed. 2) 102 Lanterloo... Having dealt set up five scores or chalks; and then proceed forwards in your Game. *Ibid.*, Every deal rub off a score, and for every trick you win set up a score by you till the first scores are out, to remember you how many tricks you have won in the several deals in the Game. 1801 STRUTT *Sports & Past.* II. iii. 84 It is called a run, and one notch or score is made upon the tally towards the game. *Ibid.* III. vii. 203 One chalk, or score, is reckoned for every fair pin; and the game of skittles consists in obtaining thirty-one chalks precisely.

10. A record or account (of items of uniform amount to be charged or credited) kept by means of tallies, or (in later use) by means of marks made on a board (with chalk), on a slate, or the like. Now chiefly, the row of chalk marks on a door, or of strokes on a slate, which in rural alehouses serves to record the quantity of liquor consumed on credit by a regular frequenter. Hence occas. *transf.*, a customer's account for goods obtained on credit.

a 1400 in *Eng. Gilds* (1870) 362 ȝif þæt þe axkere bryngeþ skore oþer wryt, and aske þe berynge y-hole-cheche... Whos paye y-maked by skore oþer by scryt oþer by sywete, so þt he bere tayle oþer scryt, to preue hit vp-on hure nature. *c* 1421 26 *Pol. Poems* 119 Þe fendes redy my rolle to rede, þe countretayle to shewe, þe score. *c* 1450 *Mirk's Festial* 255 And he anon radly laft all his scores, and cownturs, and his bokes, and suet Cryst forþe. 1483 *Cath. Angl.* 324/1 A score, *epimeridia.* 1591 R. PERCIVALL *Sp. Dict.*, *Tablilla*, writing tables, a score. 1593 SNAKS. 2 *Hen. VI*, IV. ii. 80 There shall bee no mony, all shall eate and drinke on my score. 1614 RAVENSCROFT in *Festive Songs* (Percy Soc.) 40 When all is gone we have no more, Then let us set it on the score, Or chalke it up behinde the dore. 1648 CRASHAW *Steps to Temple* Matt. xxiii, The stones that on his Tombe doe lye Keep but the score of them that made him dye. *a* 1704 T. BROWN *Laconics* Wks. 1711 IV. 20 He ought to have preach'd against..rubbing out of Ale-house Scores. 1837 HAWTHORNE *Twice-told T.* (1851) II. i. 9 A familiar visitor of the house, who might be supposed to have his regular score at the bar. 1867 LOWELL *Fitz Adam's Story* 388 These paid no money, yet for them he..chalked behind the door With solemn face a visionary score. 1887 JESSOPP *Arcady* i. 19 Formerly every man had a score at the village shop.

† b. *In, upon, on (the) score*: in debt. *To run into scores* or *in score, to run* or *go on* or *upon (the) score*: to incur debts. *Upon the score of*: indebted to. Also *on score, upon the score*: on credit. *Obs.*

1568 FULWELL *Like will to like* E ij, But now my masters you are on the score. 1577 STANYHURST *Descr. Irel.* iii. 11 in *Holinshed*, The citie merchants not vttering their wares, but to such as had not redy chinkes, and therevpon forced to run on y^e score, were very much empouerished. 1592 GREENE *Upst. Courtier* G j, If any chance to go on the skore, you skore him when he is a sleepe. 1596 SHAKS. *Tam. Shrew* Induct. ii. 25 If she say I am not xiiii d on the score for sheere Ale, score me vp for the lyingst knaue in Christendome. 1602 ROWLANDS *'Tis Merrie* 11 There's many deale vpon the score for wine, When they should pay forget the Vint'ners Syne. 1615 R. COCKS *Diary* (Hakl. Soc.) I. 57 He had stolne and pawnd his companions aparell, ..and was gon upon the score in divers howses. 1633 G. HERBERT *Temple*, *The Size* iv, Those have their hopes: these what they have renounce, And live on score. 1649 MILTON *Eikon.* v. 42 He had..begger'd both himself and the Public; and besides had left us upon the score of his needy Enemies, for what it cost them in thir own defence against him. 1649 BP. HALL *Cases Consc.* I. vii. 66 Seneca reports of a Pythagorean Philosopher at Athens, who having run upon the score for his shoos at a shop there [etc.]. 1658 H. CROMWELL in Thurloe *St. Papers* VI. 820 The country, to whom the army is in score, will be all in a flame. 1659 *Gentl. Calling* (1696) 75 'Tis become so fashionable a thing to run into Scores, and so unfashionable to pay them [etc.]. 1667 PEPYS *Diary* 30 Dec., I perceive he is known there, and do run upon the score for plays. 1685 EVELYN *Mrs. Godolphin* 195 Every Saturday she used to sum up, and never went on score. 1702 VALDEN *Æsop at Crt.* iii. 43 See, injur'd Britain, thy unhappy case,..If fond of the expensive pain, When eighteen millions run on score: Let them clap mufflers on again, And physick thee of eighteen more. 1760 GOLDSM. *Cit. W.* lxv, I..drank while I had money left, and ran in score when anybody would trust me.

11. The sum recorded to a customer's debit in a 'score' (sense 10); the amount of an innkeeper's bill or reckoning. Also, † a debt due to a tradesman for goods obtained on credit (*obs.*).

1600 *Ball. Coll. Acc.* (*MS.*), Item, paid to Warde the Baker for 2 skores dewe in Mr. More's yeare, 8li. 18s. 9d. 1601 SHAKS. *All's Well* IV. iii. 253 After he scores, he neuer payes the score. 1615 BRATHWAIT *Strappado* 133 Chauke me on Vinters, and for aw thy skore, Let great words pay for aw, still run on more. 1648 HERRICK *Hesper.*, *Country Life* 14 Or how to pay thy hinds and clear all scores. 1667 PEPYS *Diary* 6 Apr., Away to the Exchange, and mercers and drapers, up and down to pay all my scores. 1675 KIDDER *Charity Directed* 31 How often do men contend at a Tavern who shall pay the score. 1677 OTWAY *Cheats of Scapin* II. i, Some Scores that are due to the Landlady. 1687 SEDLEY *Bellamira* V. i. 53, I have been in the Country, and have brought wherewith to pay old Scores, and will deal hereafter with ready Mony. 1701 *Pennsylv. Hist. Soc. Mem.* IX. 79 Hasten over rents, and all thou canst, for many call upon me for old scores. 1715 PRIOR *Down-Hall* 96 When in the morning Matt ask'd for the score, John kindly had paid it the evening before. 1748 SMOLLETT *Rod. Rand.* ix, After having paid our score. 1761 *Brit. Mag.* II. 626 He had run a score at the public house, which he had no mind to discharge. 1766 COWPER *Wks.* (1837) XV. 9 If..you think I can afford to quit scores with the little Doctor, I shall be obliged to you if you will do it forthwith. 1807 [IRELAND] *Mod. Ship of Fools* 236 Or, when in school, neglecting book, Or, running scores with pastry cook, That breech should feel the twitch of birch. 1824 W. IRVING *T. Trav.* I. 230, I agreed that he should pay the score at our next meeting. 1886 *Contemp. Rev.* July 80 The week's score at the public-house is paid up and a fresh one started.

b. *fig.*, esp. in certain phrases. *To clear, pay, quit a score* or *scores*: to requite an obligation; sometimes, to revenge an injury, to 'be even *with*' some one. † *To cut the score, cut scores*: to forgive a debt.

a 1617 BAYNE *On Eph.* (1658) 170 God cuts all scores betwixt him and his children. 1634 H. SYDENNAM *Serm.* (1637) 70 That that Justice which is conferr'd on them, consists rather in the participation of Christs merits, who cut the score, than in any perfection of Vertues. 1672 DRYDEN *2nd Pt. Conq. Granada* v. ii, Yet, forced by need, ere I can clear that score, I like ill debtors, come to borrow more. 1690 LOCKE *Govt.* I. ix. § 90 To the Grandfather, there is due a long Score of Care and Expences laid out upon the Breeding and Education of his Son. 1707 NORRIS *Treat. Humility* vi. 252 Which she readily accepts, and perhaps does not make so much haste to quit scores, as Pride does. 1775 SHERIDAN *St. Patrick's Day* I. i, Are you sure you do nothing to quit scores with them?

12. [Originally a figurative use of sense 10.] Account, reason, ground, sake, motive. In phrases *on, upon the score (of)*: by reason of, for the sake of, with regard to.

1651 BAXTER *Inf. Bapt.* 346, I presume not to expect this for my own sake and meerly upon the score of Christian love. 1651 EVELYN *Diary* 6 Sept., He..embark'd for Scotland with some men he had raised, who..were all..imprison'd on y^e Marq. of Montrose's score. *a* 1654 SELDEN *Table Talk* (Arb.) 70 By reason..their great Grandfather did not dò it, upon that old Score they think they ought not to do it. 1654 DICKSON *Explic. Ps.* cxxix. 1 (1655) 263 The persecution of former enemies is imputed and put upon the score of present persecutors. 1655 *Clarke Papers* (Camden) III. 3 The House of Peeres was never yet denied by them to be dissolved upon the like scoare. 1661 BOYLE *Style of Script.* (1675) 244 Divers that first believe the Scripture but upon the Church's score, are afterwards by acquaintedness brought to believe the Scripture upon its own score. 1667 DRYDEN *Ind. Emp.* I. ii, I could not do it on my Honour's score. 1722 DE FOE *Plague* (1884) 250 Men..began to be over-easie upon that Score. 1751 *Affecting Narr. Wager* 47 The Crew..were however on that Score implacably incensed against the Captain. 1769 BLACKSTONE *Comm.* IV. 51 All persecution and oppression of weak consciences, on the score of religious persuasions, are highly unjustifiable. 1802 MRS. J. WEST *Infidel Father* I. 231 An eminent solicitor..whom it was fashionable to consult on the score of settlements. 1827 HALLAM *Const. Hist.* x. (1876) II. 269 It was necessary to summon a parliament on the usual score of obtaining money. 1847 MARRYAT *Childr. N. Forest* xviii, Master Heatherstone knows more on that score than any one. 1859 MILL *Liberty* iv. 165 Other countries are not asked to..release any portion of their inhabitants from their own laws on the score of Mormonite opinions. 1883 F. M. CRAWFORD *Dr. Claudius* iv. 59 You have some right to flatter yourself on that score. 1888 BRYCE *Amer. Commw.* xlvi. II. 198 This state of things..disposes the men on one side to reject a proposal of the other side on the score, not of its demerits, but of the quarter it proceeds from. 1907 HODGES *Elem. Photogr.* 13 Much trouble on this score will be avoided.

† 13. A list, enumeration; number as counted. Also *by score*: (after a numeral) by tale, precisely. so many. *Obs.*

c 1325 *Chron. Eng.* 253 (Ritson), That were sixti yer by score Er then Crist were ybore. 1577 tr. *Bullinger's Decades* (1592) 1052 So that hereby wee may iudge what great store the Lorde setteth by Infantes, and learne not to wype them out of the skore of Gods people. *a* 1586 SIDNEY *Ps.* xxx. iii, Thou would'st not sett me in their score, Whom death to his cold boosome drawes. 1596 SPENSER *F. Q.* VI. ix. 21 My lambes doe every yeare increase their score.

14. *Games.* The record or register of points made by both sides during the progress of a game or match; also the number of points made by a side or individnal. *To get the score*: to obtain the highest number of runs (in a cricket-match).

1742 HOYLE *Whist* 8 If a Revoke happens to be made, the adverse Party may take down 3 Points from the Scores, or add 3 Points to his own Score, or take 3 of his Adversary's Tricks; the Revoke takes place of any other Score of the Game. *Ibid.* 68 This Method of Play may be made use of at any Score of the Game, except at 4 and 9. 1778 — *Games* 74 Score of the Game is the Number of Points set up, ten of which make a Game. 1825 T. HOOK *Sayings* Ser. II. *Sutherl.* (Colburn) 33 The care of the score [at billiards] was solely confided to the charge of the tall gentleman in the stockinet pantaloons. 1837 DICKENS *Pickw.* vii, The score of the Dingley Dellers was as blank as their faces. 1850 'BAT' *Cricketer's Man.* 98 It was on this occasion..that Mr. Ward obtained the unprecedented score of 278 runs in one innings. 1861 HUGHES *Tom Brown at Oxf.* xxx, It was true that she liked keeping the score at cricket. 1862 *Lillywhite's Cricket Scores & Biogr.* I. 20 Hogsflesh (by the score) bowled in the second innings of Kent, but he is not inserted among the batsmen on the Hambledon side. *Ibid.* 225 John Small, sen. who got the score in the second innings of Hampshire. 1876 GEO. ELIOT *Dan. Der.* x, The belief in both naturally grew stronger as the shooting went on, for she promised to achieve one of the best scores. 1877 *Encycl. Brit.* VI. 578/2 (*Cricket*), The score was kept by notching each individual run on a stick. 1883 R. W. DIXON *Mano* II. viii. 95 The town in this game made the losing score.

b. Phr. *To make a score off one's own bat*: see BAT *sb.*[2] 3 c.

1869 TROLLOPE *He knew*, etc. xii. (1878) 67 Do you know the meaning of making a score off your own bat, Martha?

15. *colloq.* [From the verb.] a. *lit.* in games: An act of 'scoring' or gaining a point or points. b. *fig.* A successful 'hit' in debate or argument.

1844 MARDON *Billiards* 94 For should he play it slowly and miss the score, he will..leave a certain canon for his

opponent. 1873 BENNETT & 'CAVENDISH' *Billiards* 301 This position gives the striker such command over the balls that it is almost impossible not to leave a score. *Ibid.* 386 A miss should be given so as to leave a difficult score for the adversary. 1875 *Encycl. Brit.* III. 675/2 (*Billiards*), No score can be reckoned for a foul stroke. 1901 *Scotsman* 15 Mar. 7/4 A loud cheer signified that..this was a distinct score. 1901 S. PAGET *Mem. Sir J. Paget* II. 407 An admirable 'score' that he made at Harewood Place.

III. A group of twenty.

[Presumably from the practice, in counting sheep or large herds of cattle, of counting orally from 1 to 20, and making a 'score' (sense 9) or notch on a stick, before proceeding to count the next twenty.]

16. A group or set of twenty. Primarily a sb., const. *of* (in OE. *gen. pl.*), but owing to ellipsis and loss of inflexions often serving (when preceded by *a*, or in uninflected pl. by a numeral) as a numeral adj. (Cf. *dozen, hundred, thousand*, etc.)

The combinations THREESCORE and FOURSCORE are common as mere archaistic synonyms for sixty and eighty; the similar combinations with other numerals are rarely used exc. when there is intentional division into groups of 20.

[*a* 1100 *Bury St. Edm. Rec.* in Napier *Contrib. OE. Lexicogr.* 56 Dæt is..v scora [glossed *quinquies uiginti*] scæp..& viii score [*octies uiginti*] æcere ꝥesawen.] *c* 1290 *S. Eng. Leg.* I. 101/13 Folke..bi manie scor to-gadere. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 3209 Sex scor and seuen yeir liued sarra. *c* 1330 *Arth. & Merl.* 3099 (Kölbing) Wiþ him he brouȝt þritti score Wiȝt knistes him bifore. 1340 HAMPOLE *Pr. Consc.* 3492 Bot yhit þar er ful many ma Of veniel syns, be many a score. 1362 LANGL. *P. Pl. A.* III. 118 Heo makeþ men misdo moni score tymes. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xvii. (*Martha*) 52 Sewyne schore of fute & nu ma. *a* 1400 *Morte Arth.* 2344 The taxe and the trebutte of tene schore wynteres. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 2638 My fader was a philisofer, & of fele yeres, To the nowmber of nene skowre. *c* 1470 *Gol. & Gaw.* 483 Seuyne score of scheildis thai schew at ane sicht. 15.. *Scot. Field* 231 in *Chetham Soc. Misc.* II, There were killed of the Scottes moe than xij scower. 1583 BP. MIDDLETON *Injunct.* in *2nd Rep. Ritual Comm.* (1868) 426/2 Excepte there bee at the leaste, three for euery score communicantes that bee in the Parishe. 1596 SHAKS. *Tam. Shrew* I. ii. 111 Shee may perhaps call him halfe a score knaues, or so. 1611 — *Cymb.* III. ii. 69 How many score of Miles may we well rid 'Twixt houre, and houre? 1645 *Shetland Witch Trial* in Hibbert *Descr. Shetl. Isl.* (1822) 600 At your returne they continoit with you, and conversit *ut supra*, als far back agane as scoir and threttein. *a* 1649 WINTHROP *New Eng.* (1825) I. 286 They chose divers scores men, who [etc.]. 1696 *Lond. Gas.* No. 3190/4, 41 stout Cambridgeshire Wethers, worth about 14 l. a Score. 1734 tr. *Rollin's Anc. Hist.* (1827) I. 340 Six score thousand. *a* 1742 SOMERVILLE *Veom. Kent* 82 Neighbours around, and cousins went By scores, to pay their compliment. 1768 STERNE *Sent. Journ.* (1778) I. 69 (*In the Street*), I form'd a score different plans. 1775 C. JOHNSTON *Pilgrim* 273 He taught him to..bend his body into half a score antic postures. 1800 LD. KEITH in *Paget Papers* (1896) I. 223 The inhabitants of Genoa Die by Scores of hunger. 1810 CRABBE *Borough* V, Till he had box'd up twelve score pounds at least. 1842 MACAULAY *Lays, Lake Regillus* xxviii, And still stood all who saw them fall While men might count a score. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* xxxiv, There were a score of generals cow round Becky's chair. 1883 STEVENSON *Treas. Isl.* vii, I wished a round score of men.

b. with ellipsis of *years* (referring to age). Now *rare* exc. in THREESCORE and FOURSCORE.

13.. *Seuyn Sag.* (W.) 1019 He thoughte wel, at a score, He sscholde passi him before. 1900 H. SUTCLIFFE *Shameless Wayne* viii. (1905) 107 He died at two-score.

17. A weight of twenty or twenty-one pounds, esp. used in weighing pigs or oxen.

c 1460 *Towneley Myst.* xiii. 631 As a shepe of sevyn skore he weyd in my fyst. 1766 *Museum Rust.* I. 475 To kill several hogs in a season, which shall weigh from eight to ten score. 1825 COBBETT *Rural Rides* 274 The thousands of scores of bacon and thousands of bushels of bread that have been eaten from the long oak table. 1829 *Glover's Hist. Derby* I. 217 At fifteen months old, they weigh about 28 score. 1858 *Ulster Jrnl. Archæol.* VI. 361 The meal came down to three thirteens the score. 1885 W. WESTALL *Old Factory* xix. 134, I'll send them a score of meal and half a score of flour and some milk.

†**18.** A distance of twenty paces. *Obs.*

1545 ASCHAM *Toxoph.* II. (Arb.) 157 For I should se one streame wyth in a score on me. 1577–87 HOLINSHED *Chron.* III. 1142/1 The trees were pulled up by the roots and cast twelve score off. 1588 SIR W. WYNTER in *Defeat Sp. Armada* (Navy Rec. Soc.) II. 10 My fortune was to make choice to charge their starboard wing without shooting of any ordnance until we came within six score of them. 1591 LYLY *Entert. Elvetham* Proeme, Wks. 1902 I. 432 Other such buildings..fourteene score off from the house on a hill side. 1598 SHAKS. *Merry W.* III. ii. 34 As easie, as a Canon will shoot point-blanke twelue score. 1622 DRAYTON *Polyolb.* xxvi. 331 At Markes full fortie score they vs'd to Prick and Roue. 1646 ELDRED *Gunners Glasse* 71 Foure Demi-Culverings to the moule Rod or Pole, distant 53 score. 1672 H. MORE *Brief Reply* Pref. *a* 4 b, Wherein the Authors fancy..leaping over all boundaries of Church-Authority,..runs on at eleven-score, as if he were upon a warm scent, giving chase to some of his Platonical Idea's [*sic*].

19. *Coal-mining.* (See quot. 1851.)

1754 T. GARDNER *Dunwich* 216 This Port [Southwold] is of singular note In merchandizing Corn and Coals, where twenty-one is deemed a Score. 1789 BAAND *Hist. Newcastle* II. 681 The wages of hewers 2s. 8d. for hewing every score or twenty corves of coals. 1812 HODGSON in Raine *Mem.* (1857) I. 98 Persons who..wrought 624 scores of coal, equal to 1300 Newcastle chaldrons. 1851 GREENWELL *Coal-trade Terms, Northumb. & Durh.* 46 *Score*, a standard number of tubs or corves of coals at each colliery, upon which the hewers' and putters' prices for working are paid. It varies, in different localities, from 20 to 26 tubs.

20. (See quot.) ? *Obs.*

1854 *Househ. Words* IX. 88 Strips [of straw plait] are..sold in scores, or pieces twenty yards long.

IV. 21. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *score-keeping*; **score-board**, (*a*) a blackboard in a public house, on which debts are chalked up; (*b*) in *Cricket*, a large board erected so as to be seen by the onlookers, on which the score of the game is kept; **score-book**, a book for preserving the scores of games; a scoring-book; **score-card**, (*a*) a printed card with a blank form on which spectators may enter the score in a game of cricket or baseball; (*b*) *U. S.*, 'in exhibitions of poultry, a rating card' (*Funk's Stand. Dict.* 1895); (*c*) see quot. 1909; **score-game** *Golf*, a game in which the player's object is to obtain the highest score possible (opposed to *match game*); so **score-play**; **score-paper** = *score-sheet*; **score-sheet** (see quot. 1895).

1826 HOR. SMITH *Tor Hill* (1838) I. 90 A species of desk on which was lying a black *score-board and a lump of chalk. 1884 *Harper's Mag.* Jan. 299/1 The club has its own score-board. 1904 *Daily Chron.* 26 July 7/1 The score-board showed Somerset 147 up for the loss of four wickets. 1862 *Lillywhite's Cricket Scores & Biogr.* I. 191 In Britcher's printed *score-book, Mr. J. Tufton is..put down as bowled merely. 1902 W. J. FOAD *Hist. Camb. Univ. C. C.* Pref. 9 The C. U. C. C. has but..two scorebooks. 1903 *Daily Chron.* 4 July 5/7 For without stop-watches, *score-cards, and constant figuring, one had no idea where the contestants were. 1905 *McClure's Mag.* June 125/2 The football score-card privilege is 'sold to a New York expert'. 1909 EASTWOOD *Rep. to L. G. B. on Amer. Methods Milk Supply* 69 Most of the cities which I visited have adopted the score card system of inspection. When examining a place where milk is..sold, the inspector fills up a card containing a printed list of the details on which he is required to report. For each detail a maximum score of a certain number of points is assigned. 1905 *Daily Chron.* 19 Aug. 9/7 The amateurs like match play best because they do better in it than they do at the *score game. *Ibid.* 20 Dec. 3/4 Many witty things he has to say, as, for instance, on *score-keeping. 1847 W. DENISON *Cricketer's Comp.* p. xv, [Such runs] ought in fairness not to be placed on the *score-paper as single byes. 1862 *Lillywhite's Cricket Scores & Biogr.* I. 315 Scorers, or those who copied the score papers into the book, must have been very careless. 1902 *Westm. Gas.* 2 Jan. 2/1 In *score play..the same argument does not apply. 1895 *Funk's Stand. Dict.*, **Score-sheet*, a sheet ruled or designed for scoring; specifically, in baseball and cricket, a sheet ruled for recording all the features of the game.

Score (skōr), *v.* Also 5–7 skore, 6 scoore, 6–7 scoure, 7 scoar. [a. ON. *skora* to make an incision, to count by tallies, f. *skor*: see SCORE *sb.* The Eng. development of senses has been largely influenced by the sb., and in some senses the vb. may be regarded as an Eng. formation on this.]

I. To cut, mark with incisions.

1. *trans.* To cut superficially; to make scores or cuts in; to mark with incisions, notches, or abrasions of the skin. Also, † *To score away*, to remove by cutting.

c 1400 *Lanfranc's Cirurg.* 231 If þou desirist to cure glandulas & scrophulas..kutte þe skyn endelongis þe necke, ..& þane score [Latin *discarnare*] him & drawe him out al hool with þe clooþ. *c* 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* VI. 119 Have a thing therfore Made like a swerde this folk [*sc.* the testicles] away to score. 1500–20 DUNBAR *Poems* lxxii. 55 His feit with stanis war rewin and scorde. *a* 1529 SKELTON *Agst. Garnesche* iv. 34 Thow wolde haue scoryd hys habarion. 1570 LEVINS *Manip.* 174/27 To score, *crenare, incidere.* 1622 FLETCHER *Prophetess* IV. v, Scoring a man ore the coxcomb is but a scratch with you. 1748 *Anson's Voy.* II. i. 124 She with her teeth scored his skull in notches in many places. 1794 J. CLARK *Agric. Heref.* 44 When the trees are unkindly 'hide-bound', they are 'scored' by cutting the bark with the point of a knife. 1807 J. BARLOW *Columb.* V. 615 Here stood stern Putnam, scored with ancient scars. 1824 W. IRVING *T. Trav.* (1850) 380 He..found most of the tall trees..more or less scored by the axe. 1845 DARWIN *Voy. Nat.* V. (1879) 84 The elephant..deeply scores with its tusks the trunk of the tree. 1851 MAYNE REID *Scalp Hunt.* X. 75 We see the primitive plough of the forking tree-branch, scarcely scoring the soil. 1852 M. ARNOLD *Tristram & Iseult* III. 172 A briar in that tangled wilderness Had scor'd her white right hand. 1873 BAKER *Nile Trib.* xi. 186 Young infants are scored with a razor. 1891 *Century Dict., Score*, to make a long shallow cut in (cardboard or very thick paper), so that the card or paper can be beat without breaking, as for book-covers or folded cards. 1896 A. E. HOUSMAN *Shropshire Lad* lxii, Out of a stem that scored the hand I wrung it in a weary land.

b. *spec.* in *Cookery.* To make long parallel cuts upon (meat, etc.).

c 1460 *Towneley Myst.* xii. 236 A calf lyuer skorde with the veryose. 1747 MRS. GLASSE *Cookery* ix. 87 To Roast a Cod's Head. Wash it very clean and score it with a Knife. 1771 MRS. HAYWOOD *New Present* 95 The skin [of a loin of pork] must then be scored cross-wise. 1844 H. STEPHENS *Bk. Farm* II. 168 Some butchers in the north country score the fat of the closing of the hind quarter. 1853 SOYER *Pantropheon* 138 Having previously scored the back of the animal [to be baked].

c. To mark by cuts of a whip. Also *transf.* and *absol.*

1606 SHAKS. *Ant. & Cl.* IV. vii. 12 Let vs score their backes. 1785 BURKE *Sp. Nabob of Arcot's Debts* Wks. IV. 286 The remaining miserable last cultivator, who grows to the soil, after having his back scored by the farmer, has it again flayed by the whip of the assignee. *c* 1806 SIR R. WILSON *Cape of Good Hope* in *Life* (1862) I. 362 It is not pretended ..that the lash never scores at the caprice of ill temper.

† d. Sc. *To score aboon the breath*: to gash the forehead of (a suspected witch) with a knife or a rusty nail, in order to render her incapable of mischief. *Obs.*

1787 W. TAYLOR *Poems* 93 (Jam.) A witty wife did than advise Rob to gang to Maukin Wise, An' score her over, ance or twice, Aboon the breath. 1807 HOGG *Mountain Bard* Note xi, He seized her forcibly, and cut the shape of the cross on her forehead. This they call *scoring aboon the breath.*

e. *Geol.* To mark with scratches or furrows; said esp. with reference to glacial action.

1862 TYNDALL *Mountaineer.* iii. 19 All around the rocks are carved, and fluted, and polished, and scored. 1878 HUXLEY *Physiogr.* 161 These stones, pressed by the weight of ice above, scratch and score the rocky bed in the direction of the ice-flow. 1879 LE CONTE *Elem. Geol.* I. ii. 66 If the water be not sufficiently deep, they ground, and being swayed by waves and tides they [*sc.* icebergs] chafe and score the bottom in a somewhat irregular manner.

†**2.** To fracture, wreck (a ship). *Obs.*

1504 in *Charters*, etc. *Edinb.* (1871) 188 The schip callit the Litill Martin latlie skorit or brokin in tha partis. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* V. iv. 91 Hir foirschip hang, and sum deill scorit throwout [orig. *inlisaque prora pependit*]. 1513 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* IV. 482 Item, for the mendyng of the said boit, scho beand skorit with greit artailyery passand to the schippis. 1546 [see SCOAING *vbl. sb.* 1].

3. To produce (marks, figures, etc.) by cutting. Also (with allusion to sense 10), to record or express by cuts or notches.

1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* I. i. 2 And on his brest a bloodie crosse he bore,..Upon his shield the like was also scor'd. 1592 SHAKS. *Com. Err.* I. ii. 65 She will scoure your fault vpon my pate. 1605 B. JONSON *Volpone* III. ii, Draw your iust sword, And score your vengeance, on my front, and face. 1616 R. C. *Times' Whistle* (1871) 81 My pen shall point thee out, And thy lewde actes vpon thy forehead score. 1824 W. IRVING *T. Trav.* (1850) 380 On the bark of the tree was scored the name of Deacon Peabody. 1869 FROUDE *Short Stud.* Ser. II. (1871) 325 If we except the Athenians and Jews, no people so few in number have scored so deep a mark in the world's history as you [Scots] have done. 1889 — *Two Chiefs of Dunboy* xxvii. 415 They shall..score such marks on you as the quarter-master leaves on the slaves that you hire to fight your battles.

4. *Naut.* To make a 'score' or groove in; to fix by means of a 'score'.

1779 BARNARD in *Phil. Trans.* LXX. 108 Pl. 3, E. Pillars in hold about which every half Beam was scored. 1845 *Encycl. Metrop.* VIII. 298/1 These brass wheels..are fixed over the centre of each block that is to be scored. 1869 SIR E. REED *Shipbuild.* ii. 27 This bulb-iron is scored down between the floors sufficiently deep to lay hold of the Keelson-pieces with a double row of rivets.

5. *U. S.* [? fig. use of 1 c.] To rate, scold severely.

1891 LOUNSBURY *Studies Chaucer* III. vii. 223 Even poor Lipscomb..was soundly scored for his grossness and vulgarity. 1896 *Nation* LXIII. 37/2 He does not hesitate to score the Germans for their obstinate adherence to their own language and manners.

II. 6. To mark with a line or lines.

1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* XVI. vii. (1495) 555 Thouh sylver be white, yet it makyth blacke lynes and strakes in the body that it is scoryd therwyth or rulyd therwyth. 1530 PALSGA. 706/a Whan your tymber is well scoored, you can never fayle to sawe it right. 1602 *2nd Pt. Return fr. Parnassus* III. iii. 1326 Then with his nayle score the margent as though there were some notable conceit. 1632 MARMION *Holland's Leaguer* I. v, No name or title but on posts and trenchers, And doors scored with a coal instead of chalk. 1672 *Essex Papers* (1890) 18, I desire his Majtie would bee pleasd to review ye severall clauses wch for his greater ease I have scored with a pen in the severall copys here transmitted. 1784 W. KING *Cook's 3rd Voy.* V. vii. III. 151 They have likewise a method of scoring them [*sc.* gourds] with a heated instrument. 1833 LOUDON *Encycl. Archit.* § 185 Covered with cement, scored (lined) in imitation of stone, and white-washed. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* I, Passages had been scored in his favourite books. 1869 PARKMAN *Discov. Gt. West* xiii. (1875) 154 The plains were scored with their pathways. 1872 BLACK *Adv. Phaeton* ii. 20 Fields and meadows, scored with hedges. 1878 BOSW. SMITH *Carthage* 384 A votive tablet covered with Punic characters and scored with rude figures of a triangle and an uplifted hand. 1881 FROUDE *Short Stud.* (1883) IV. II. I. 163 We had found..a copy of the once famous Tract 90..scored over with pencil marks.

b. *absol.* To make marks.

1698 *Phil. Trans.* XX. 272 Upon Torrefaction it was all become a Yellow Ochre, and would score like it.

† c. To mark *out* (a path, a boundary, etc.).

1608 DAY *Hum. out of Breath* II. i, Giue me money, ile be thy snaile and score out a siluer path to his confusion. 1610 G. FLETCHER *Christ's Tri.* IV. 20 Acquieting the soules that newe before Their way to heav'n through their owne blood did skore. 1633 G. HERBERT *Priest to Temple* xiii, These Two Rules..excellently score out the way, and fully, and exactly contain..what course is to be taken. 1638 G. SANDYS *Paraphr. Job* 55 Hast thou..Scor'd out the bounded Suns obliquer wayes? 1652 NEDHAM tr. *Selden's Dominium Maris* Advt., The limits thereof, beeing a fluent element, could not bee scored out, or certainly determined. 1712 J. JAMES tr. *Le Blond's Gardening* 84 Never to take up the Stakes till the Track be scored out very plain upon the Ground.

† d. *To score out*: to sketch in outline, adumbrate. *Obs.*

1615 CROOKE *Body of Man* 265 Almost in the same instant the first threds of the spermaticall partes are together and at once skored or shaddowed out with rude lines.

7. To draw a line through (writing, etc.) in order to cancel. Often with *out*.

1687 JOHNSTON in *Magd. Coll. & Jas. II* (O. H. S.) 154 In the..Paper I found it scored out. *a* 1722 FOUNTAINHALL *Decis.* (1759) I. 10 Where the penalty in a bond was left blank, and the said blank scored, the Lords refused to modify any expences. 1832 HT. MARTINEAU *Ireland* iii. 42 Scoring the lease from corner to corner, with his newly-

mended pen. 1872 Blackie *Lays Highl.* 184 His full Mercy's gracious store With liberal dash thy guilt shall score And blot the sentence. 1879 *Daily Tel.* 29 May, The passage in the will containing the bequest of the annuity to the noble Lord and his Lady was scored out.

† 8. *trans.* To stripe, braid. *Obs. rare.*

1604 T. M. *Black Bk.* D 3 b, A payre of Velvet slops, scored thicke with Lace.

9. *Mus.* a. To write down in score. b. To compose or arrange for orchestral performance.

1839 Hood *Storm at Hastings* xvi, Handel would make the gusty organs blow Grandly, and a rich storm in music score us! 1850 W. Irving *Goldsmith* xxxiv. 326 He pretended to score down an air as the poet played it. 1871 R. Browning *Prince Hohenstiel-Schwangau* 1813 Who scores a septett true for strings and wind Mulcted must he. 1884 *American* VIII. 94 Mr. Gilchrist skilfully scored the cantata for full orchestra. 1885 *Manchester Exam.* 9 Jan. 5/6 The Adagio is scored with great beauty, the treatment of the wood instruments and horns being especially effective.

III. To record by scores.

10. To record (debts) by means of notches on a tally; hence to write down as a debt. Also with *up*.

c 1386 Chaucer *Shipman's T.* 416 And, if so be I faille, I am your wyf; score it vp-on my taille, And I shal paye, as soone as ever I may. *c* 1460 *Bk. Curtasye* 407 in *Babees Bk.*, Per-fore on his 3erde skore shalle he Alle messys in halle þat seruet be. 1530 Palsgr. 706/2, I score, I marke upon a tayle or score, *je marque*. Score it, I pray you, for forgettyng. 1596 Shaks. 1 *Hen. IV*, II. iv. 29 Score a Pint of Bastard in the Halfe Moone. 1600 Rowlands *Lett. Humours Blood* viii. 14 He..scores his dyet on the Vitlers post. 1631 Heywood *Fair Maid of West* II. 15 When I brought them a reckoning, they would have had me to have scor'd it vp. 1669 Etheredge *Love in Tub* I. ii, The Chandler refus'd to score a quart of Scurvy-grass. 1719 D'Urfey *Pills* IV. 184 Let's..keep drinking and scoring brisk Claret. 1749 Fielding *Tom Jones* VIII. xii, He answered: 'That signifies nothing: Score it behind the door'. 1840 Dickens *Barn. Rudge* lxxxii, Joe provided him with a slate, upon which the old man regularly scored up vast accounts. 1860 Sala *Badd. Peerage* iv, Pleading some ridiculous three-and-ninepence scored against me on the slate.

fig. 1600 Holland *Livy* xxx. 760 And certes you also ..may skore up this for none of the least. *c* 1600 Shaks. *Sonn.* cxxii, Nor need I tallies thy dear love to score. 1647 N. Bacon *Disc. Gov. Eng.* I. lxiv. (1739) 133 The Subject must be contented rather to score it up against the future, than require present pay. 1852 Mrs. Stowe *Uncle Tom's C.* xxxvi, I won't deal with you now,..I'll score it against ye, and some time I'll have my pay out o' yer old black hide. 1883 Tyndall in *Contemp. Rev.* XLIV. 39 His [Rumford's] inference from his experiments was scored in favour of those philosophers who held that heat is a form of motion.

† b. *To score* (something) *on* a person or thing: to lay to the charge of, to impute to. *Obs.*

1645 Milton *Colasterion* 3 Bearing us in hand as if hee knew both Greek and Ebrew, and is not able to spell it; which had hee been, it had bin either writt'n as it ought, or scor'd upon the Printer. *a* 1661 Fuller *Worthies, Surrey* (1662) III. 96 This was the true Cause of his Execution, though in our Chronicles all is scored on his complying in a Plot.

† 11. *intr.* To run up a score; to obtain drink, goods, etc. on credit. *Obs.*

1594 Nashe *Unfort. Trav.* K 1 b, Pitch and pay, they will pray all day: score & borrow, they will wish him much sorrow. 1631 Heywood *Fair Maid of West* I. 12 It is the commonest thing that can bee for these Captaines to score and to score, but when the scores are to be paid, *Non est inventus*. 16.. Cleveland *May Day* xiv. Wks. (1687) 253 Then lose the Flood-gates George, wee'll pay or score. 1727 *Philip Quarll* 83 Being as welcome to score, as with ready Money. 1779 *Mirror* No. 23 P 3 Which title [*sc.* of an honest fellow] he continued to enjoy..while he had credit to score for his reckoning.

b. *trans.* To add (an item) to one's score; to incur (a debt). In quot. *fig.*

1681 Dryden *Sp. Fryar* I. i. 3 It seems the holy Stallion durst not score Another Sin before he left the world.

12. *trans.* To enter as a debtor. Also with *up*.

1592 Greene *Upst. Courtier* G j, If any chaunce to go on the skore, you skore him when he is a sleepe, and set vp a grote a daye more than he hath. 1596 Nashe *Saffron Walden* L 4 b, He stood noted or scoard for it in their bookes manie a faire day after. 1639 Fuller *Holy War* v. ix. (1640) 244 By dying for the Crosse [they did] crosse the score of their own sinnes and score up God for their debtour. 1801 Huntington *God Guardian of Poor* 64 Thus I scored up my blessed Master, who, in his own time, always discharged my debts with honour. 1809 Malkin *Gil Blas* X. x. P 17 You may earn your board easily enough, by scoring up the customers, and keeping my ledger.

† b. *To score up*: to placard as an offender.

1581 Pettie tr. *Guazzo's Civ. Conv.* I. (1586) 38 b, I thinke good they [flatterers] were scored up among the intollerable. 1596 Shaks. *Tam. Shr.* Induct. ii. 25 If she say I am not xiiii. d. on the score for sheere Ale, score me vp for the lyingst knaue in Christendome.

13. To record the number of (anything) by notches or marks; to keep an account of; to count and set down the number of (e. g. sheep). Also with *up*.

a 1400 *Quatrefoil of Love* in *Furnivall Miscell.* 128 Oure werkes are wretyn and scorde, In a role of recorde. 1571 Campion *Hist. Iret.* II. ix. (1633) 119 Wherein the age to come may skore him among the auncient Princes. 1609 Rowlands *Whole Crew* 7 When I was Maid, with Chalke behind our doore, Some fiue and forty Suitors I did score. 1621 T. Williamson tr. *Goulart's Wise Vieillard* 40, I haue not taken vpon mee to score vp all the accidents and occasions to further old age. 1631 A. Wilson *Swisser* III. ii, Wee will score vp Summs Of our embraces. 1633 G. Herbert *Temple, Good Friday* iii, Or shall each leaf, Which falls in Autumne, score a grief? 1656 Cowley *Anacreontics* vi. Poems 34 An hundred Loves at Athens score, At Corinth write an hundred more. 1681 Dryden *Sp. Fryar* I. i. 6 We were in haste; and cou'd not stay To score the men we kill'd: But there they lye. 1681 — *Abs. & Achit.* I. 542 Such were the tools; but a whole Hydra more Remains of sprouting heads too long to score.

14. In a game or contest: To set down in the score: often with *complementary obj.* Chiefly in *passive*.

1742 Hoyle *Whist* i. 15 If your Game is scored 1, 2, or 3, you must play the Reverse. 17.. in *Lillywhite's Cricket Scores & Biogr.* (1862) I. Pref. 10 Y^e Umpires..in case of hindrance may order a Notch to be Scored. 1862 *Lillywhite's Cricket Scores & Biogr.* I. 22 Leg-before-wicket was also introduced about this time [1775], but at first simply scored down as bowled. *Ibid.* 191 [Aug. 12–15, 1795] In this match 'leg-before-wicket' is found scored for the first time. 1892 *Hurlingham Club Rules* 241 If a bird that has been shot at perches or settles on the top of the fence,..it is to be scored a lost bird.

b. *absol.* or *intr.* To record the points in a game or contest, to act as scorer.

1846 W. Denison *Sk. Players* 11 Mr. Whittaker..accompanied Mr. Mynn, and scored for him. 1862 *Lillywhite's Cricket Scores & Biogr.* I. 244 No one was bowled out on the England side, therefore (owing to the imperfect way of scoring at this period [1798]) it is impossible to say who got the wickets. 1891 W. G. Grace in *Outdoor Games* 14 The great thing in keeping score, after keeping it correctly, is to score neatly.

15. *trans.* Of a player or competitor: To add (so many points) to one's score. Also said of an incident in the game: To count for (so many points) in a player's score. Phr. *to score a miss*: see Miss *sb.*[1] 7 b.

1742 Hoyle *Whist* 8, A and B are to score 10 Points. 1782 Burnay in *Kentish Gaz.* 20–3 Nov., Now the Batsman ..Sends the Ball Over all Scores six Notches for the feat. 1833 Nyren *Yng. Cricketer's Tutor* 81 When a batter.. was scoring more runs than pleased our general, he would put Mann in to give him eight or twelve balls. 1850 'Bat' *Cricketer's Man.* 100 Pitch scored sixty-one. 1856 'Capt. Crawley' *Billiards* (1859) 33 My first stroke scored three. 1862 'Cavendish' *Whist* (1879) 2 To score honours is not sufficient; they must be called at the end of the hand. 1869 Trollope *He knew*, etc. xxii. (1878) 125 On the present occasion a great many sixpenny points [at whist] were scored. 1885 *Manchester Exam.* 13 July 5/5 Two batsmen of the Harrow eleven..scored respectively 100 and 135. 1897 *Encycl. Sport* I. 264/2 (Curling) *Souter*, to score a love game; not to allow the opponents to score. 1898 *Ibid.* II. 262/2 (Ringoal) If the ring hit the goal-post and glance off it through the goal, it shall score a point to the server.

b. *intr.* To make points in a game or contest: said of a player or competitor; also, of a card or an incident in the game.

1844 Maroon *Billiards* 115 But, should the striker not score, it is at the option of the opponent to break them or not. *Ibid.* 116 If either of the balls lodge on a cushion, it is off the table; and should a canon or hazard be made, it does not score. 1853 Lytton *My Novel* IX. xi, It might score well in the game. 1862 *Lillywhite's Cricket Scores & Biogr.* I. 440 William Beldham was now fifty-five years of age, and still continued to score largely. 1873 Bennett & 'Cavendish' *Billiards* 417 Sometimes it is advisable to combine safety with an attempt to score. 1875 *Encycl. Brit.* III. 676/1 The player whose ball is in hand cannot score, unless he play his ball out of baulk before striking the object-ball. 1889 *Field* 12 Jan. 47/3 Spit drew out three lengths, scored thrice, and after a few exchanges with Gradation, picked puss up.

c. To count or be reckoned in a score.

1885 *Field* 19 Dec. 847/1 The hazard scores to the striker.

16. *transf.* and *fig.* (chiefly *colloq.*) a. *trans.* To gain, win (a success, etc.).

1883 J. Hawthorne *Dust* xv. 124 She felt that she had scored the first success in the encounter. 1884 *Athenæum* 24 May 658 Occasionally the latter editor scores a point. 1884 *Manchester Exam.* 12 May 5/3 Last year he scored two unequivocal successes. 1885 *Ibid.* 13 Jan. 5/1 Prince Bismarck has at length scored a victory in his impracticable Reichstag. 1908 *Athenæum* 27 June 786/2 Though never exactly profound, Macaulay invariably scores his point.

b. *intr.* To achieve a success; to make a hit. *To score off* (a person): to gain a triumph over, to make a point at the expense of.

1882 'Lucas Malet' *Mrs. Lorimer* I. xiii, For once she felt she had scored off her adversary. 1884 *Illustr. Lond. News* 29 Nov. 522/1 The hat was cut and smashed, the lord's head was uninjured; so that, happily, the lord may be said to have 'scored'. 1887 Doyle *Study in Scarlet* (1892) 87, I told you that, whatever happened, Lestrade and Gregson would be sure to score. 1890 Saintsaury in *New Rev.* Feb. 143 The Republic scores by its appeal to..the most widely diffused of human weaknesses. 1891 *Spectator* 1 Aug. 148/1 Boys home for the holidays delight in 'scoring off' their most beloved friends and relatives.

IV. 17. *intr.* To 'go off at score' (see Score *sb.* 3 b).

1858 R. S. Surtees *Ask Mamma* xxxviii. 160 They [the hounds] score away full cry on getting upon more propitious ground. 1897 *Encycl. Sport* I. 583/1 (Fox-hunting) *Scoring*. Hounds 'score' when the whole pack speak to a strong scent.

Scored (skōəd), *ppl. a.* [f. Score *v.* + -ed [1].] In senses of the vb.: Marked with lines, furrows, or grooves.

1535 in Weaver *Wells Wills* (1890) 208 To henry my son, a red scoryd cow. 1775 Schuyler in Sparks *Corr. Amer. Rev.* (1853) I. 41, I..beg you to erase the scored part of the letter after perusal. 1793 Martyn *Lang. Bot.* s.v., Scored stem, *exaratus caulis*, marked deeply with parallel lines, or rather grooves. 1796 Withering *Brit. Plants* (ed. 3) I. 210 Seeds 2, egg-oblong, convex and scored on one side. 1854 Hooker *Himal. Jrnls.* II. xviii. 45 With ragged bark, and scored timbers. 1875 Knight *Dict. Mech.*, *Scored pulley*, a pulley grooved around its perimeter for a round hand. 1897 *Bookseller's Catal.* Oct. 10/1, 4 vols in 2, cr. 8vo, full bound scored russia.

†Scorel, skorrell. *Obs.* ?Loppings of trees.

1671 *Maldon* (Essex) *Borough Deeds* (Bundle 97. no. 2), To John Wright for one load of skorrell and three load of slag wood to make a groyn. 1817 J. Mayer *Sportsman's Direct.* (ed. 2) 128 To take the mantle off the water, lash bits of scorels, about four feet long, to each other [etc.].

Scorel, obs. form of Squirrel.

Scoreless (skōəlès), *a.* [f. Score *sb.* + -less.]

1. Making no 'score' or mark.

1611 J. Davies *Rights Living & Dead* (Grosart) 69 Thy patient bearing this thy Scourge (or Crosse) Doth make it scorelesse.

2. In a game: Having no score.

1885 *Field* 4 Apr. 447/1 When both their hands had been disposed of they were still scoreless. 1890 *Times* 20 May 11/1 Three Notts batmen had been got out scoreless.

Scorer (skōəroi). [f. Score *v.* + -er [1].]

1. One who marks trees for felling.

1394 in *Archæologia* XXIV. 310 Et sic deficiunt ij lodes xij pedes [meremii] unde respondent le scorer et le carier et alii ministri ibidem. 1880 *Lumberman's Gaz.* 7 Jan. 28 The scorers and liner fell the trees and roughly trim the two opposite sides.

2. Any instrument used for scoring (see quots.).

1688 Holme *Armoury* III. vi. 290/2 The Scorer is a round piece of Iron-plate fixed in another long piece,..with this Taylors score, or make a mark on Cloth before they venture to cut it. 1831 Loudon *Encycl. Agric.* (ed. 2) 374 The scorer is a well known instrument used by woodmen in marking numbers on timber trees. 1875 Knight *Dict. Mech.* 2056 *Scorer* (*Joinery*), an instrument employed to cut transversely the face of a board to enable it to be planed without slivering.

3. In a game or contest: One whose duty it is to keep a record of the score.

1773 *Kentish Cricketers* in *Canterbury Jrnl.* 21–8 Sept., And underneath the shady tree The Scorer's fix'd the Runs to see. 1833 Nyren *Yng. Cricketer's Tutor* 65 The whole eleven, with the umpire and scorer, were conveyed in one caravan. 1837 Dickens *Pickw.* vii, The umpires were stationed behind the wickets; the scorers were prepared to notch the runs. 1890 W. Camp in *Century Mag.* June 206 There is one scorer, who records the order in which contestants finish, as well as their time.

4. One who makes a score.

1884 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 16 July 8/2 The highest scorer in the first stage of the Queen's Prize. 1901 *Scotsman* 11 Mar. 4/8 Credit must be given to Bell, to whom the scorer was indebted for getting the ball.

Scorey, variant of Scaurie.

Scorf, Scorfy, obs. ff. Scurf, Scurvy *a.*

Scorge, obs. var. Scourge *sb.*[1], *sb.*[2], and *v.*

‖ Scoria (skōəriă). Pl. **scoriæ** (skōəriī) and (rarely) **sco·rias.** Cf. Scorium, Scoey. [L. *scōria* dross, a. Gr. σκωρία, f. σκῶρ dung. Cf. F. *scorie*.]

1. The slag or dross remaining after the smelting out of a metal from its ore. Also *transf.*

1398 Trevisa *Barth. De P. R.* xvi. xliv. (1495) 568 Syndre hyght Scoria and is the fylth of yren that is clensyd therfro in fyre. 1601 Holland *Pliny* xxxiii. iv. II. 467 The grosse substance cast up from the pot or vessell & swimming aloft..is named Scoria. 1683 Digby *Chym. Secrets* 105 See that you do not cast away the *Scoria*. 1758 Reid tr. *Macquer's Chym.* I. 146 These floating matters take the name of *Scoriæ*. 1878 Newcomb *Pop. Astron.* III. ii. 245 Dark patches, like scoria, floating on the molten surface of the photosphere. 1887 A. M. Brown *Anim. Alkaloids* 144 Those alkaloids and extractive matters..must be regarded as veritable scoria, resulting in the processes of physiological combustion of the elements of the organic tissues.

fig. 1808 Bentnam *Sc. Reform* 41 So redundant is the population of the Inner House found to be,..so large the proportion of the mass that runs into *scoriæ* [etc.]. 1836 Emerson *Nature, Lang.* Wks. (Bohn) II. 154 'Material objects', said a French philosopher, 'are necessarily kinds of *scoriæ* of the substantial thoughts of the creator'.

2. Rough clinker-like masses formed by the cooling of the surface of molten lava upon exposure to the air, and distended by the expansion of imprisoned gases.

1792 Belknap *Hist. New Hampsh.* III. 37 A company of persons..have found further evidences of internal fires; particularly a large quantity of *scoriæ*. 1830 Herschel *Stud. Nat. Phil.* 294 The ejected scoriæ of volcanoes are receptacles in which mineral products previously unknown are constantly discovered. 1896 F. M. Crawford *Corleone* ii. (1898) 16 A barren stretch of burnt lava and scoriæ, which had descended..from some lower crater of the volcano.

attrib. 1872 C. King *Sierra Nevada* xi. 235 The further ascent lies up along scoria ridge of loose, red, pumiceous rock.

Scoriac (skōəriăk), *a.* [f. prec. + -ac.] = next.

a 1849 Poe *Ulalume* 15 These were days when my heart was volcanic As the scoriac rivers that roll. 1878 Langley in Newcomb *Pop. Astron.* 280 Views which regard..the spots as analogous..to scoriac matter.

fig. 1870 Friswell *Mod. Men of Lett.* xvi. 275 There is something scoriac about the face, as if the fires of a volcano had nearly burnt themselves out. 1876 Farrar *Marlb. Serm.* iii. 26 They rush madly to the 'scoriac fire of passion' and consume their very beings with draughts of its liquid fire.

Scoriaceous (skōəriēiʃəs), *a.* [f. Scoria + -aceous. Cf. F. *scoriacé*.] Having the nature of scoria.

1776 *Phil. Trans.* LXVI. 527 Since it has no one character of scoriaceous matters melted by artificial fire. 1811 H. E. Lloyd tr. *Kotzebue's Voy.* III. 352 Scoriaceous Lava, resembling the dross of a forge. 1882 Geikie *Text Bk. Geol.* II. ii. § 3. 89 Portions..are called scoriaceous, this being the character of the rough clinker-like scoriæ of a recent lava stream.

Scoriated (skōəriēitèd), *ppl. a.* [f. Scoria + -ate [3] + -ed [1].] Reduced to scoria, scorified.

1891 *New Rev.* Oct. 325 Hideous tracts of scoriated refuse.

†Scoria·tion. *Obs. rare.* [Aphetic form of EXCORIATION.] = EXCORIATION 3.

1582 HESTER *Secr. Phiorav.* III. li. 73 The oyle of Vitriol healeth all the Scoriaciones of the mouth.

Scorie, variant of SCAURIE.

Scorification (skō·rifikā·ʃən). [f. SCORIFY; see -FICATION.] The process of reducing to scoria; formation of scoria or slag; *spec.* as a method of refining or assay.

1754 LEWIS in *Phil. Trans.* XLVIII. 683 The scorification and dissipation, which most of the metals suffer in the fire. 1825 J. NICHOLSON *Oper. Mech.* 762 If..the extremity of the hook..is covered with a thin, shining, smooth crust, the scorification is perfect. 1881 RAYMOND *Mining Gloss.* s. v., The operation involves roasting, fusion, and scorification proper, or the formation of a slag.

attrib. 1877 GEE *Silversmith's Handbk.* 18 The scorification process..is..applicable to the assay of all kinds of argentiferous ores.

b. *transf.* (Cf. SCORIA 2.)

1867 W. W. SMYTH *Presid. Addr. Geol. Soc.* 72 We may conclude that the peridotic rocks..are the most direct products of a scorification which took place at an enormously remote epoch. *Ibid.* 73 Such is the metallurgical sense in which the scorification of the globe is intended to be understood.

Scorified (skō·rifeid), *ppl. a.* [f. SCORIFY + -ED¹.] Reduced to the form of scoria.

1815 *Edin. Rev.* XXV. 99 The scorified remains of a current of lava. 1878 RAMSAY *Phys. Geol.* 614 The scorified ramparts of the forts in Bohemia.

Scorifier (skō·rifəiəɹ). [f. SCORIFY + -ER¹.] A vessel of fire-clay used in the process of the purification of metals in assaying.

1758 REID tr. *Macquer's Chym.* I. 177 These vessels are called Tests, or Scorifiers: they are scarce ever used but in the Docimastic art, that is, in making small Assays of ores. 1861 J. PERCY *Metallurgy, Fuel,* etc. 456 Scorifiers or roasting dishes. 1881 *Metal World* No. 6. 83 The scorifier must be large enough to admit the charge without filling it.

Scoriform (skō·rifɔim), *a.* [f. SCORIA + -FORM.] Having the form of scoria, resembling scoria.

1794 KIRWAN *Elem. Min.* (ed. 2) I. 169 The substance.. melts into a scoriform mass. 1862 G. P. SCROPE *Volcanoes* 23 Instantaneously congealed into a thick scoriform crust. 1871 *Hartwig's Subterr. World* vi. 62 The black chaotic rocks of scoriform lava which form the floor of the crater.

Scorify (skō·rifəi), *v.* [f. SCORIA + -FY.]

1. *trans.* To reduce to scoria or slag.

1754 LEWIS in *Phil. Trans.* XLVIII. 686 Mixtures of platina with bismuth..were..scorified in assay-crucibles. 1822 IMISON *Sci. & Art* II. 214 The lead which in this operation is scorified, and scorifies along with it the imperfect metals. 1864 *Q. Jrnl. Sci.* I. 492 The iron is fused under an oxidizing flame, by which about 10 °/₀ is scorified.

2. To convert (lava) into scoria.

1852 T. ROSS tr. *Humboldt's Trav.* I. ii. 115 Wherever these lavas are scorified, and where they have a shining surface,..the development of vegetation is extremely slow.

Scoring (skō·rin), *vbl. sb.* [f. SCORE *v.* + -ING¹.]

1. The action of the verb SCORE in various senses; an instance of this.

1546 *St. Papers Hen. VIII,* XI. 145 Mr Seymour who landed here yesternyght..,scapyog a scoryng, beyng chased furst by that knave cowerd Burley, and put in gret dawnger with the shot of a sacre.. 1592 GREENE *Disput. Hee & Shee Conny-c.* F 4, Hearing how that poore woman did finde fault with his scoring, the Gentleman not only put her out of doores without wages, but would haue arrested her. 1698 PLOT *Blacklead* in *Phil. Trans.* XX. 183 [Called] by Dr. Merret, *Nigrica Fabrilis,* from its use in Scoring. 1769 FALCONER *Dict. Marine* II. (1780), *Assembler,* to unite the several pieces of..a ship, as by..scarfing, scoring, tenenting, &c. 1885 *Athenæum* 4 Apr. 446/1 The bold drawing and emphatic scoring of the graver. 1893 F. F. MOORE *I Forbid Banns* (1899) 109 Julian did not admire this 'scoring' on Bertha's part.

2. *concr.* Lines or figures scored.

1688 HOLME *Armoury* III. iii. 94/1 Scoreing or Strick lines on the Canvice to sow straight. 1864 *Reader* 13 Feb. 209/3 Sir Charles Nicholson..referred to the scorings of human or animal forms on rocks. 1890 *St. Nicholas* Nov. 66/2 In the sandstone..the deep, broad scorings can be plainly seen.

3. *attrib.*: **scoring board,** a board on which the state of the score at a match or contest is shown; **scoring-book,** a book in which the scores of games are entered; **scoring engine** *Naut.,* a machine for scoring blocks; **scoring iron** (see quot. 1688); **scoring-knife,** a knife for marking turf; **scoring machine** = *scoring engine*; also, a machine for scoring cardboard for making boxes (Knight *Dict. Mech.* 1884); **scoring-sheet** = *score-sheet*; **scoring stroke** *Golf,* a stroke in score-play; **scoring-table** *Cricket,* the table at which the scorer or scorers sit.

1894 *Times* 16 July 8/1 The Scottish eight was at least nine points better than the *scoring boards gave them credit for being. 1856 'STONEHENGE' *Brit. Rural Sports* III. I. i. 490/2 (*Cricket*), *Scoring-books (Lillywhite's). 1883 F. M. CRAWFORD *Dr. Claudius* vii, The little card-box and the scoring-book of the players. 1839 URE *Dict. Arts* I 47 The *scoring engine receives two blocks ..and forms the groove round their longest diameters for the reception of their ropes or straps. 1688 HOLME *Armoury* III. ix. 397/1 A *Scoaring Iron...With this..they Scoare and run Veines on the Leather. 1725 *Bradley's Fam. Dict.* s. v. *Green-plot,* After the Lines are thus scored out with a sharp *Scoring-knife. 1845 *Encycl. Metrop.* VIII. 298/1 Scoring the blocks..is performed by the *scoring Machine. 1891 W. G. GRACE in *Outdoor Games* 15 *Scoring-sheet. Match played at Bilbery. 1857 HUGHES *Tom Brown* II. viii, 'How many runs?' Away scamper three boys to the *scoring-table.

Scorious (skō·rɪəs), *a.* [f. SCORIA + -OUS.] Of the nature of scoria; abounding in scoria.

1646 SIR T. BROWNE *Pseud. Ep.* II. ii. 59 By the fire they omit..many drossie and scorious parts. 1676 BOYLE in *Phil. Trans.* XI. 808 The other part of the Cone..is of a more scorious Nature. 1816 P. CLEAVELAND *Min.* 256 In porous or scorious lavas, the crystals are more friable and opaque, than those in more compact lavas. 1852 TH. ROSS tr. *Humboldt's Trav.* I. ii. 73 These débris form a wall of scorious rock. 1862 MRS. SPEID *Last Yrs. India* 34 Aden—shrubless, flowerless, dusky, grim, and scorious.

†Sco·rium. *Obs.* Erroneously formed sing. to SCORIA, mistaken for a neut. pl.

1681 GREW *Museum* III. § ii. i. 325 The Scorium of the Freybergick S[ilver] Ore. 1705 ADDISON *Italy, Antiq. near Naples* 237 As we see the *Scorium* of Metals always gathers into a solid Piece.

†Sco·rken, *v.* In 3 (Ormin) scorrcnenn. [? a. ON. *skorpna* to be shrivelled, f. *skorpenn* shrivelled.] In *passive*: To be scorched or parched.

c 1200 ORMIN 1474 Þe rihhte dom iss starrc & harrd & all Þe rihhte wræche, Swa summ itt wære scorrcnedd laf Þatt iss wiþþutenn crummess. *Ibid.* 8626 Forr Þatt te land wass driȝȝedd all & scorrcnedd Þurrh Þe druhhþe.

†Sco·rkle, *v. Obs. rare.* [? Altered form of prec.] *trans.* To scorch.

c 1374 CHAUCER *Boeth.* II. met. vi. (Camb. MS.) (1886) 43 And ek nero gouernede alle Þe poeples Þat the vyolent wynd nothus scorklith [*Addit. MS.* scorchiþ; *orig. has* torret], and hakyth the brennyng sandes hy hys drye hete. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 450/1 Scorklyd, *ustillatus.* Scorkelyn, *ustulo.* Scorklynge [*v.r.* Scorkelyng], *ustillacio.*

Scorn (skɔ̄ɪn), *sb.* Forms: *α.* 2–3 skarn, 3 scarn, scharne. *β.* 2–7 scorne, 3–4 schorn, 3–7 skorn, 4 schorne, 4–7 skorne, 6 *Sc.* scrone, 2– scorn. [Early ME. *skarn, scharne,* aphelic a. OF. *escarn, escharn* = Pr. *esquern-s,* Sp. *escarnio,* Pg. *escarnho,* It. *scherno*; n Com. Rom. word of Tent. origin: cf. OHG. *skern,* MHG. *schern,* OS. *scern,* early mod.Du. *scherne* mockery, sport.

The *β* forms, which both in the sh. and in the vb. appear equally early with the *α* forms, are not easy to account for. The remarkable similarity of form and sense with It. *scornare,* lit. to deprive of the horns (:—popular L. **ex-cornāre,* f. L. *cornū* horn), hence to disgrace, slander, deride, *scorno* (vbl. sb.) dishonour, insult, contempt, has given rise to the suggestion that the form of the Eng. words may have been influenced by OF. *escorner* (mod.F. *écorner*) to deprive of horns. But although the Fr. verb occurs (rarely) in the 16th c. with the sense 'to put to confusion', 'to mock', this seems to be a late adoption from Italian; OF. *escorner* has, besides its literal meaning, only the transferred sense to despoil. In the 16th and 17th c. the It. word may perh. have influenced the Eng. literary use.)

1. Mockery, derision, contempt; in mod. use, indignant or passionate contempt.

a. *c* 1200 ORMIN 4402 Þatt tu ne take nohht wiþþ skarn, Wiþþ hæþinng, ne wiþþ idell, Þe name off ure Laferrd Crist. *Ibid.* 4876, & all onn hæþing & o skarn Off me gaþ e33whær spæche. *c* 1205 LAY. 17307 Þa Þe king Gillomar makede muchel hoker & scarn.

β. *c* 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 169 Þo ne mihte no man for stenche cumen him enden..ac mest manne gremede him mid scorne. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 106 Amid Þe muðe me gurde him sume cherre, inoh reðe, ase me to beot his cheoken, & spette him a schorn [*v.r.* o scharne]. *c* 1290 *S. Eng. Leg.* I. 255/8 Gret scorn heo hadden of alle Þulke: Þat icristnede were. 1303 R. BRUNNE *Handl. Synne* 12495 With skorne wenest Þou Þe quyte As a fals ypocryte. 1340 *Ayenb.* 22 Þe vifte out-kestinge of Þe ilke stocke is scorn. 1377 LANGL. *P. Pl.* B. x. 304 In scole Þere is scorne but if a clerke wil lerne. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 5557 Hit is heghly to haue, & of hert dryue Soche sklaundur & skorne, Þat skathis to mony. *c* 1450 *Mirk's Festial* 147 Þen was he for scorne lad to Þe ȝate of Þe cyte of Rome. 1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 259 The vestymentes [betokeneth] the garmentes in y^e^ whiche our Sauyour was clothed in scorne. 1528 LYNDESAY *Dreme* 2132 Quhilk bled with effusioun, With scrone and derisioun, And deit with confusioun, Confirmand our peace. 1599 SHAKS. *Much Ado* II. iii. 133 Shall I, saies she, that haue so oft encountred him with scorne, write to him that I loue him? 1616 T. SCOT *Philomythie* II. C 3, As when laden gun Spits forth its load, in scorne to be restraind. *a* 1645 WALLER *To A. H.* 12 Till my just disdain Of her neglect above that Passion born, Did pride to pride oppose, and scorn to scorn. 1719 OZELL tr. *Misson's Mem. & Observ.* 25 The Bull, immoveable, looks down upon the Dog with an Eye of Scorn. 1781 COWPER *Table-T.* 201 Or tell me, if you can, what pow'r maintains A Briton's scorn of arbitrary chains? 1866 SWINBURNE *Select. fr. Byron* Pref. 15 Scorn is brief or silent: anger alone finds vent in violent iteration and clamorous appeal. 1882 'OUIDA' *Maremma* I. 25 His great black eyes blazing in a scorn he strove to assume.

b. Alliteratively coupled with *scathe. Sc.* and *arch.*

a 1300 [see SCATHE *sb.* 2 d]. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* XXXII. (*Justin*) 767 Iustine & cypriane of Þe caldrone son wes tane als hale & fere, but schath & schorne, as Þai ware of Þare modir borne! *c* 1400 [see SCATHE *sb.* 2 d]. *a* 1585 MONTGOMERIE *Cherrie & Slae* 211 As skorne cummis commonlie with skaith. 1819 SCOTT *Leg. Montrose* iv, And at the best I shall be ill enough off, getting both the scaith and the scorn. 1864 [see SCATHE *sb.* 2 d].

c. *personified.*

1500–20 DUNBAR *Poems* xlii. 81 Thrucht Skornes noss thai put a prik, This he wes banist and gat a blek. 1599 SHAKS. *Much Ado* III. i. 51 Disdaine and Scorne ride sparkling in her eyes, Mis-prizing what they looke on. 1613 J. DAVIES *Muses Teares* (Grosart) 5 For Hate, by feare, is held from bold Attempt: But, Scorne doth make it daring. 1742 GRAY *Eton* 73 Ambition this shall tempt to rise, Then whirl the wretch from high, To bitter Scorn a sacrifice. 1833 T. HOOK *Parson's Dau.* II. vi, The mark for scorn to point his finger at.

2. A manifestation of contempt; a derisive utterance or gesture; a taunt, an insult. *arch.*

c 1275 LAY. 29564 And subþe ȝ[eiden] hine on mid hire foule scornes. *a* 1330 *Otuel* 1316 Þo otuwel sauȝ is cheke bon, He ȝaf clarel a skorn a non. *c* 1410 *Sir Cleges* 393 He cam anon, and teryde natt, Wythout any skorn. 1523 SKELTON *Garl. Laur.* 1382 Also a deuoute Prayer to Moyses hornis, Metrifyde merely, medelyd with scornis. 1604 SHAKS. *Oth.* IV. i. 83 Do but encaue your selfe, And marke the Fleeres, the Gybes, and notable Scornes That dwell in euery Region of his face. 1692 R. L'ESTRANGE *Fables* xi. 12 What Man then that is not stark Mad, will Voluntarily Expose himself to the..Scorns of Great Men! 1850 TENNYSON *In Mem.* lxix. 9, I met with scoffs, I met with scorns From youth and babe and hoary hairs.

3. †a. Matter for scorn, something contemptible. (Cf. *to think scorn* in 4.) *Obs.* b. An object of mockery or contempt.

c 1350 *Leg. Rood* (1871) 81 Scho..trowed no vertu in Þe tre; Hir thoght it was scorne in hir wit Þat oþer men so honord it. 1535 COVERDALE *Ps.* xxi. 6 But as for me, I am a worme and no man: a very scorne of men and the outcast of the people. 1590 SHAKS. *Com. Err.* IV. iv. 106 Thou..art confederate with a damned packe, To make a loathsome abiect scorne of me. 1671 MILTON *Samson* 34 Made of my Enemies the scorn and gaze. 1692 R. L'ESTRANGE *Fables* ccxxiii. 195 But in a Dead Calm, a Man loses his Spirits, and lies in a Manner Expos'd, as the Scorn and Spectacle of Ill Fortune. 1718 *Free-thinker* No. 57. 29 Let him live to be the Scorn of every Honest Man. 1870 BRYANT *Iliad* I. III. 82 A scandal and a scorn To all who look on thee.

4. Phr. † *To bring,* †*drive to scorn,* to shame, disgrace; †*to do* (a person) *scorn,* to insult; †*to get the scorn* (Sc.), to be treated with contumely; †*to hold,* †*have scorn at, of,* to entertain a feeling of contempt for; *to laugh to scorn,* now *arch.* and *literary* (see LAUGH *v.* 3); †*to make scorn at, to,* to mock, deride; †*to put a scorn on, upon,* to offer indignity to; *to speak scorn of,* to revile, speak opprobriously of; †*to take scorn at,* to despise; †*to take scorn,* to be indignant *that,* to disdain *to* do something; †*to take at* or *in scorn,* to feel as an indignity; *to think scorn of,* to despise; *to think (it) scorn,* to disdain (const. *that* or *inf.*), now *arch.* and *literary.*

In the 16–17th c. *foul* often appears as an intensive qualification of *scorn* in these phrases. Cf. quot. *c* 1275 in 2.

a 1300 [see DRIVE *v.* 17]. *c* 1320 *Beues* 1357 Beues..louȝ hem alle Þer to scorn. *c* 1330 R. BRUNNE *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 5391 Scorn hym þought, & swor his heued Þer truage schold nought so be leued. *c* 1375 *Cursor M.* 16701 (Fairf.) To hym mekyll scorne they made. *a* 1400–50 *Alexander* 641 If any scolere in Þe scole his skorne at him makis, He skapis him full skathely bot if he skyp better. *c* 1400 MAUNDEV. (Roxb.) xxii. 103 Þise smale men hase als grete scorne at Þe grete men. *c* 1430 *Chev. Assigne* 264 And he of suche one gret skorne he þowte. 1470–85 MALORY *Arthur* VIII. xvi. 297 Syre Sagramore loked vpon syre Tristram and hadde scorne of his wordes. *Ibid.* X. iii. 417 That strong knyght toke his wordes at scorne and said he said it for mockery. 1523 CROMWELL in Merriman *Life & Lett.* (1902) I. 38 They wold thynck grete skorne, to take lether for our prynce. 1535 COVERDALE *Ps.* cv[i]. 24 Yee they thought scorne of y^t^ pleasaunt londe. *c* 1560 A. SCOTT *Poems* (S.T.S.) ii. 94 Thay wist not how to get him pynd, That thame had drevin to skorne. 1561 T. HOBY tr. *Castiglione's Courtyer* IV. (1577) V vj, Neyther can I thinke that Aristotle and Plato tooke scorn at the name of a perfect Courtier. 1568 GRAFTON *Chron.* II. 213 Thus he passed..with Trumpes and Pipes of Reedes blowen before him, to do him the more scorne and despight. 1575 tr. *Marlorat's Apocalips* 49 In Dathan, Core, Abyron: and in the Prophetes of Baal: all whych perished miserably for taking skorne to amend. 1577 HANMER *Anc. Eccl. Hist.* (1619) 228 Neither took I in scorne that I coupled myself with you in those affaires. 1579 [see HOLD *v.* 12]. 1581 HANMER *Jesuites Banner* A 1 b, Vee take scorne that I tearme him a cripled soldiour. 1593 ARP. BANCROFT *Dangerous Positions* IV. i. 137 They doe take it in scorne to be thought so weake. 1601 DENT *Pathw. Heauen* 309 They hold scorn to be taught. 1611 BIBLE *Esther* iii. 6 Hee thought scorne to lay hands on Mordecai alone. 1615 BRATHWAIT *Strappado* 222 The God of heauen, Who in his great compassions, thought 't no scorne, That the Creator take the creatures forme. 1622 MABBE tr. *Aleman's Guzman d'Alf.* I. 248 So his Steward..turn'd me out of doores. Which I tooke in that foule scorne..that in a kind of sullen and dogged fashion..I left the house. 1633 [see PUT *v.* 23 b]. 1653 HOLCROFT *Procopius, Goth. Wars* II. 53 All sat and ate with him, and put licentious scornes on him. 1738 WESLEY *Ps.* II. iv, The Lord..Shall..laugh to Scorn their furious Pride. *a* 1850 ROSSETTI *Dante & Circle* I. (1874) 7 Messer Corso spoke great scorn of Messer Vieri, calling him 'the Ass of the Gate'. 1856 F. E. PAGET *Owlet of Owlst.* 227 The worst manager among them thinks scorn of wastefulness in a superior. 1866 [see LAUGH *v.* 3]. 1876 FREEMAN *Norm. Conq.* V. xxii. 35 The straightforward and business-like writs which did not think it scorn to speak to Englishmen in the English tongue.

5. *Comb.,* as *scorn-blighted, -pointing, -worthy* adjs.

1819 SHEIL *Evadne* II. ii. 33 Be all who bear Colonna's name *scorn-blighted. 1898 ARCH *Story Life* xi. 253, I made myself as blind as I could to the *scorn-pointing finger pointed it ever so scornfully. 1602 CAREW *Cornwall* I. 66 To make great prouision vpon small hope of vtterance were to incurre a *skorne-worthy losse. 1859 W. ANDERSON *Discourses* (1860) 19 It makes a most scorn-worthy exhibition of itself.

Scorn (skɔ̄ɪn), *v.* Forms: *α.* 2–3 skarne, 3 scarne, (scœrn). *β.* 3–5 schorn, 3–6 skorn, 4 scornie, 4–7 scorne, skorne, 6 *Sc.* scowrn, 7 *vulgar* squorn, 3– scorn. [Early ME. *scarne, schorne,* aphetic a. OF. *escarnir, escharnir,*

eschernir = Pr. *esquernir, escarnir*, Sp., Pg. *escarnir* (more commonly *escarnecer*), It. *schernire* :—Com. Rom. **skernīre*, of Tent. origin; cf. OHG. *skernôn, skirnôn* (MHG. *schernen*), MDu. and early mod.Du. *schernen* to ridicule, treat with contumely, f. the sb. represented by OHG. *skern*, OS. *scern*: see SCORN *sb.*

With regard to the vowel of the β forms see the remarks under the sb.]

†1. *intr.* To speak or behave contemptuously; to use derisive language, jeer. Const. *at, with. Obs.*

α. *c* 1200 ORMIN 7397 Þa beþ hemm 3arrkedd mare inoh & werrse pine inn helle, Þann iff Þe33 haffdeno herrd itt rohht Ne skarnedd tær onnȝæness.

β. 1303 R. BRUNNE *Handl. Synne* 12481 Skorne nat, and seye Þou wylt forsake Þy synne, and eft a3en hyt take. 1362 LANGL. *P. Pl.* A. XI. 221, 'I nile not scorne', quod scripture 'but scryueyns liȝe'. *c* 1400 MAUNDEV. (1839) xvii. 178 Thei scornen, whan thei seen ony strange Folk goynge clothed. 1449 *Paston Lett.* I. 85 And dey bade me do my wurst, bycause I had so fewe schyppys and so smale, that they scornyd with me. *c* 1520 NISBET *N. T.* Matt. xxvii. 29 Thai knelit before him, and scornit, and said, Haile, king of Jewis. 1565 JEWEL *Repl. Harding* (1611) 302 And in like sort Iuuenal an Heathen Poet, scorneth at this folly. *c* 1660 WOOD *Life* (O. H. S.) I. 297 Scorning at anything that seemed formall. 1816 SCOTT *Antig.* xxxiii, She gecked and scorned at my northern speech and habit.

†2. *trans.* To treat with ridicule, to show extreme contempt for, to mock, deride. *Obs.*

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 248 And hweðer so he deð, hokereð & schorneð, & lauh weð Þe olde ape lude to bismare. *a* 1300 *E. E. Psalter* ii. 4 Þat wones in heuen scorne Þam salle, And tauerd sal snere with-alle. 1340 HAMPOLE *Pr. Consc.* 1189 Bot Þa Þat wille him folow, he ledes And Þam scornes and taries in his nedes. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Sec. Nun's T.* 506 It is a shame that the peple shal So scorne thee and laughe at thy folye. 1421 *Coventry Leet-bk.* 27 Allso that no man throw ne cast at noo straunge man, ne skorn hym. *c* 1440 *Ipomydon* 323 That they hym scornyd wist he noght. 1470 HENRY *Wallace* VI. 133 'Quhom scornys thow?' quod Wallace. 1500–20 DUNBAR *Poems* xxxiii. 98 Þe ja him skrippit with a skryke, And skornit him as it was lyk. 1577 KENDALL *Flowers of Epigr.* 52 b, Replide the Goddesse: what? skornste thou in armour me? 1631 *High Commission Cases* (Camden) 208 He that in the two former partes of his life mocked and scorned all both the message and messengers of God.

3. To hold in disdain; to contemn, despise.

α. *a* 1275 *Prov. Ælfred* 238 in *O. E. Misc.* 117 Bi-foren he Þe bimened, bi-hindin he Þe scarned.

β. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xxxiii. (*George*) 417 Nocht-Þane, Þo Þu oure godis skorne, Þu tellis ws first quhar Þou wes borne. *c* 1500 *Young Childr. Bk.* 57 in *Babees Bk.*, Scorne not Þe pore, ne hurte no mane. *c* 1590 MARLOWE *Faustus* iii. (1604) B 2 b, Learne thou of Faustus manly fortitude, And scorne those ioyes thou neuer shalt possesse. 1600 in T. Stafford *Pac. Hib.* I. xiv. (1633) 87 Hee most be maintained with a convenient attendance, that they may not scorne him. 1669 DRYDEN *Wild Gallant* III. 37 *Franc.* Come, come, you'r a slanderful huswife, and I squorn your hallottry trick. 1697 — *Virg. Past.* II. 43 Nor scorn the pipe: Amyntas, to be taught, With all his kisses would my skill have bought. 1697 CONGREVE *Mourning Bride* III. viii, Heav'n has no Rage, like Love to Hatred turn'd, Nor Hell a Fury, like a Woman scorn'd. 1742 YOUNG *Nt. Th.* I. 411 'Tis not in fólly, not to scorn a fool. 1813 SCOTT *Rokeby* I. viii, Death had he seen.., Knew all his shapes, and scorn'd them all. 1827 WORDSW. *Miscell. Sonn.* II. i. 1 Scorn not the Sonnet. 1855 TENNYSON *Maud* I. XIII. 1 To be scorn'd by one that I scorn.

b. *fig.* Of things: †To defy, be secure against (*obs.*); also *poet.* to be immeasurably superior to.

1648 GAGE *West Ind.* xviii. 130 Such is this Golfe, whose entrance is straitned with two rocks or mountains on each side (which would well become two great Peeces and so scorne a whole fleet). 1764 GOLDSM. *Trav.* 319 Where lawns extend that scorn Arcadian pride.

4. With *inf.* as object. To feel it beneath one, to disdain indignantly *to* do something.

1605 [WAYER?] *Dick Bowyer* C 2, I scorne to humble the least part about me. 1702 DE FOE *Trueborn Eng.* 36 They scorn their Laws or Governours to fear. 1780 BURKE *Sp. Bristol* Wks. III. 373 We were saved the disgrace of their formal reception, only because the congress scorned to receive them. 1837 LOCKHART *Scott* (1839) II. 104 He scorned for a long while to attach any consequence to this complete alternation of habits. 1885 E. ARNOLD *Secret of Death* 23 Thou Scorned'st to tread the path of wealth, wherein The foolish perish.

†5. *Comb.*: **scorn-book**, an unwilling learner; **scorn-gold** *a.*, out-vying gold in colour. *Obs.*

a 1586 SIDNEY *Arcadia* I. Ecl. i. (1598) 86 Braue crest to him her scorn-gold haire did yeeld. 1682 N. O. *Boileau's Lutrin* I. Argt., St. George oth' back-side of the Horn-book, The Dragon kills, to Humour Scorn-book.

Scorned (skɔ̄md), *ppl. a.* [f. SCORN *v.* + -ED 1.] Despised, contemptible.

1598 Q. ELIZ. *Horace* 151 The hilz ther frute do yeld, a skorned mouse is born. 1616 T. SCOT *Philomythie* II. C 1, The crested Horse..with head Tost in the ayre his hardned hoofes doth tread The scornd earth with contempt. *a* 1625 FLETCHER *Knt. Malta* I. i, The wages of scorn'd Love is baneful hate. *a* 1704 T. BROWN *Satire on Quack* Wks. 1730 I. 64 Be the most scorn'd Jack-pudding in the pack. *a* 1882 CHR. G. ROSSETTI *Poems* (1904) 176/2 The scorned thief who hangs by Thee.

Scorner (skɔ̄rnəɹ). [f. SCORN *v.* + -ER 1.]

1. One who scorns, derides, mocks or contemns; esp. one who scoffs at religion.

1303 R. BRUNNE *Handl. Synne* 4934 Lyers, robbours, and lechours, Skorners, and also auoutours. *c* 1381 CHAUCER *Parl. Foules* 357 The fesaunt skornere of the cok be nyghte. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 450/1 Scornare, *derisor.* 1500–20 DUNBAR *Poems* xx. 35 Be nocht in countenance ane skornar, nor by luke. 1596 SPENSER *State Irel.* Wks. (Globe) 640/1 Very present in perrills, very great scorners of death. 1657 *Penit. Conf.* ix. 291 As Apes are inimical imitators of mens actions, so do skorners usually act. 1651 BAXTER *Saints' Rest* III. (ed. 2) 43 The vilest..scorner at Godliness. 1733 BERKELEY *Guardian* No. 3 ¶ 1 Whatever one of these Scorners may think, they certainly want Parts to be Devout. 1817 COLERIDGE *Biog. Lit.* ii. (1907) I. 24 From others only do we derive our knowledge that Milton, in his latter day, had his scorners and detractors. 1820 SHELLEY *To Skylark* 100 Thou scorner of the ground! 1847 TENNYSON *Princess* IV. 402 Not a scorner of your sex But veneerator.

b. Phr. *Seat (chair, stool) of the scorner*, the position of a mocker (a reminiscence of Ps. i. 1).

1589 NASHE *Pasquil's Ret.* C iiij, He roares and he fomes, and sets himselfe downe in the Scorners Chayre. 1596 SPENSER *F. Q.* VI. viii. 21 Thus I triumphed long in lovers paine, And, sitting carelesse on the scorners stoole, Did laugh at those that did lament and plaine. 1788 V. KNOX *Winter Even.* (1790) I. xliv. 377 The frontispiece to the *Rules of holy dying* cannot but excite mirth even in those who do not habitually sit in the seat of the scorner.

¶ 2. As a proposed term of rhetoric: see quot.

1589 PUTTENHAM *Eng. Poesie* III. xix. (Arb.) 219 Yee haue another figure much like to the *Sarcasmus*, or bitter taunt ..and is when with proud and insolent words, we doo vpbraid a man, or ride him as we terme it: for which cause the Latines also call it *Insultatio*, I choose to name him the *Reprochfull* or *scorner.*

Scornful (skɔ̄rnfŭl), *a.* [f. SCORN *sb.* + -FUL.]

1. Full of scorn, contemptuous, derisive.

a 1400 *Morte Arth.* 2840 Thow skornede vs lang ere with thi skornefulle wordez. 1480 CAXTON *Chron. Eng.* CCXXX. 244 And whan he had of hem but a short and a scornefull ansuere he told it to the kyng. 1596 SHAKS. *Tam. Shrew* V. ii. 137 And dart not scornefull glances from those eies. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* x. 625 To gratifie my scornful Enemies. 1711 STEELE *Spectator* No. 272, I offered..to each of them a Kiss; but, one, more scornful than the rest, turned her Cheek. 1848 DICKENS *Dombey* liv, The same defiant, scornful woman still.

quasi-*adv.* 1667 MILTON *P. L.* IV. 536 So saying, his proud step he scornful turn'd.

b. *absol.* (Cf. SCORNER 1 b.)

1535 COVERDALE *Ps.* i. 1 O blessed is y^e man, y^t..sytteth not in y^e seate of the scornefull. 1894 K. GRAHAME *Pagan P.* 73 Did they..sit at the table of the scornful and learn, with Dante, how salt was alien bread?

c. Const. *of.*

1704 PRIOR *Let. to Boileau* 180 The English Muse..Scornful of Earth and Clouds, should reach the Skies. *a* 1763 SHENSTONE *Elegies* x. 22 Honorio built, but dar'd my laws defy; He planted, scornful of my sage commands.

†2. Regarded with scorn, contemptible. *Obs.*

1570 LEVINS *Manip.* 187 Scornful, *ridiculus.* *a* 1586 SIDNEY *Apol.* (Arb.) 66 But I speake to this purpose, that all the end of the comicall part, bee not vpon such scornefull matters, as stirreth laughter onely. 1592 GREENE *Upst. Courtier* D 2, Of a scornefull Taylor, he sets up an vpstart scurvy Gentleman. 1593 SHAKS. *Lucr.* 520 So thy surviuing husband shall remaine The scornefull marke of euerie open eye. 1596 *Edw. III*, I. ii. 7 Thou dost not tell him, what a griefe it is To be the scornefull captiue to a Scot. 1628 WITHER *Motto* (1621) C 2, To whom the riches of the minde, doe seeme A scornefull pouerty. 1624 DONNE *Devot.* (ed. 2) 277 And wee haue heard of death, vpon small occasions, and by scornfull instruments; a pinne, a combe, a haire, pulled, hath gangred, and kild.

Scornfully (skɔ̄rnfŭli), *adv.* [f. SCORNFUL *a.* + -LY 2.] In a scornful manner.

c 1380 *Sir Ferumb.* 356 Fyrumbras on him glente ys eyȝe scornfullich & low. 1447 BOKENHAM *Seyntys* VII. 156 (Horstm.) Oon Theophyl preyid hyr schornfully..That she sum rosys wold hym sendyn hastyly From hyr spousys gardyn. 1533 BELLENDEN *Livy* III. 242 And in Þe mene tyme ane of Þe equis cryit skornefully, It was propir to romanis erare to mak ane vane manassing, Þan to gif batall. 1599 SHAKS. *Hen. V*, IV. ii. 42 Their ragged Curtaines poorely are let loose, And our Ayre shakes them passing scornefully. 1661 COWLEY *Vis. Cromwell* 55 It was bold to violate so openly and so scornfully all Acts and Constitutions of a Nation, and afterwards even of his own making. 1783 W. THOMSON *Watson's Philip III* (1839) 367 He scornfully declined to solemnize the double marriages. 1835 W. IRVING *Tour Prairies* xxiv, 'Head,' he would say, scornfully, 'is only fit for a child.' 1906 H. VAN DYKE *Ideals* viii. 153 It is the fashion nowadays to speak scornfully of a book religion.

Scornfulness. [f. SCORNFUL *a.* + -NESS.] The quality or state of being scornful; contemptuousness; † contemptibleness.

1535 COVERDALE *Job* xxxiv. 7 Where is there soch one as Ioh, that drinketh vp scornefulnes like water? 1581 SIDNEY *Apol. Poetry* (Arb.) 66 The scornefulnes of the action, stirreth laughter. 1606 HOLLAND *Sueton.* 203 Hee exacted also with great skornefulnesse and extremitie, good money rough and new coyned. 1665 J. FRASER *Polichron.* (S.H.S.) 315 Montrose..receaved no answer from him but what relisht of scornfullness. 1727 BAILEY vol. II, *Scornfulness*, contemptuousness.

Scorning (skɔ̄rnin), *vbl. sb.* [f. SCORN *v.* + -ING 1.] The action of the verb SCORN.

a 1205 LAY. 2791 Nefden heo of heore kinge buten heora scærninge. *a* 1240 *Lofsong* in *Cott. Hom.* 207 Bi his scornunge and bi his spotlunge and bufettunge. 1303 R. BRUNNE *Handl. Synne* 12484 3yt wyl y warne Þe of o Þyng, Yn shryfte make Þou no skornyng. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Pars. T.* 635 Afterward speke we of scornynge which is a wikked synne. *c* 1460 J. RUSSELL *Bk. Nurture* 291 in *Babees Bk.*, Speke not lowd be war of mowynge & scornynge. 1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 250 b, And here consyder with thankes, the paynes & illusyons or scornynges that he suffred. 1641 J. JACKSON *True Evang. T.* II. 152 Breaches of charity..by the wincking and scorning of our eyes. 17.. RAMSAY *Throw the Wood* iii, I'm fash'd wi' their scorning. 1833 TENNYSON *Goose* 42 He took the goose upon his arm, He utter'd words of scorning.

†b. Phr. *to laugh* or *take to scorning. Obs.*

13.. *Cursor M.* 1830 (Gött.) Quen Þai forsoke his sarmoning And toke his speche to scorning. *Ibid.* 2028 Cam..was vnkind enogh, To skorning he his fader logh.

Scorning (skɔ̄rnin), *ppl. a.* [f. SCORN *v.* + -ING 2.] That scorns; scornful, contemptuous.

c 1325 *Lei le Freine* 62 A proude dame..Squeymous and eke scorning. *c* 1381 CHAUCER *Parl. Foules* 346 The skornynge lay. 1483 *Cath. Angl.* 324/1 Scornande, *deridens, illudens.* 1582 STANYHURST *Æneis* I. (Arb.) 18 And Paris his scorning iudgement dooth burne in her entrayls.

Hence **Sco·rningly** *adv.*

c 1440 *Gesta Rom.* xxiii. (Add. MS.) 80 The Porter toke all his wordes in scorne; neverthelesse scornyngly he went to the Empereesse,..and told her all the prive tokens that he had herd.

†**Sco·rning-stock.** *Obs. rare*—1. [f. SCORNING *vbl. sb.* + STOCK *sb.*] An object of scorn.

a 1586 SIDNEY *Arcadia* III. (Sommer) 301 Clinias, finding bimselfe the scorning-stocke of euery companie.

†**Sco·rnless,** *a. Obs. rare*—1. [f. SCORN *sb.* + -LESS.] Free from insult or contempt.

c 1400 26 *Pol. Poems* 27 Speke no good of frend ne foo, Let non skorneles fro 3ow wende.

†**Sco·rnliche,** *adv. Obs. rare*—1. [f. SCORN *sb.* + *-liche*: see -LY 2.] Scornfully.

c 1300 *Beket* 710 (Percy Soc.) 34 The Kyng bihuld him al anhoker, and scornliche somdel louȝ.

Scorny (skɔ̄rni), *a. vulgar.* [f. SCORN *sb.* + -Y 1.] Todd (1818) quoted *Mirr. Mag.* but the earliest ed. reads *scorvy*, SCURVY.

Scornful, contemptuous.

1836 HALIBURTON *Clockm.* Ser. I. xii, And off she sot, looking as scorney as a London lady. 1867 G. MUSGRAVE *Nooks & Corners O. France* I. 334 The 'scorny' look I gave to these ridiculous lumps.

Scorodite (skɒ·rədəit). *Min.* Also **skorodite.** [ad. G. *skorodit* (1818), f. Gr. σκόροδ-ον garlic: see -ITE 1 (so called from its odour when heated).] Hydrous phosphate of iron, found in pale-green or brown crystals and crusts.

1823 W. PHILLIPS *Min.* (ed. 3) 321 Skorodite. 1836 T. THOMSON *Min. Geol.*, etc. I. 475 Scorodite. 1857 DANA *Man. Min.* (1862) 249 Scorodite.

†**Scorp,** *v. Sc. Obs. rare.* [Of obscure origin: cf. SCRIP *v.*?] *intr.* To mock, deride, scoff.

1535 STEWART *Cron. Scot.* I. 544 Thir 3oung lordis sum scorpit with greit scorne, Sayand agane [etc.]. *a* 1572 KNOX *Hist. Ref.* 93 (Jam.) Thair was presentit to the Quein Regent..a calfe having two heidis, whairat sche scorppit [1586, 1846 scripped, 1644, 1790 skipped], and said, 'It was bot a comoun thing'.

‖ **Scorpæna** (skɒɹpī·nă). Also 8 **scorpena.** [L., ad. Gr. σκόρπαινα a kind of fish; app. irreg. fem. f. σκορπίος, SCORPION.

The fish named σκόρπαινα by the ancients was prob. so called from being prickly (cf. the cognate σκορπίς, σκορπίος, which are names of fishes expressly described as having spines). The application of *Scorpæna* as a mod. generic name is due to the resemblance of the word to It. *scorpina* (see SCORPENE).]

In early use, a name applied vaguely (like the vernacular synonyms *scorpion-fish, sea-scorpion*) to various prickly fishes, chiefly of the families *Scorpænidæ* and *Cottidæ*. Now only as the name of a genus (Linnæus 1758) of acanthopterygian fishes, originally of wide extent, but subsequently much restricted; the typical genus of the family *Scorpænidæ*.

1706 PHILLIPS (ed. Kersey), *Scorpæna*, or *Scorpides*, the lesser Scorpion-fish. 1752 J. HILL *Hist. Anim.* 269 The red Scorpæna, with numerous beards. 1772 *Cook's Voy.* (1790) I. 155 In all the coves of this bay we found plenty of cuttle-fish,..scorpenas, or rock-fish [etc.]. 1774 GOLDSM. *Nat. Hist.* (1824) III. 62 The Scorpæna or Father-lasher.

Hence **Scorpæ·nid,** a fish of the family *Scorpænidæ*. **Scorpæ·noid,** *a.* of or pertaining to the *Scorpænidæ*; *sb.* a scorpænoid fish.

1842 J. RICHARDSON in *Ann. & Mag. Nat. Hist.* IX. 120 *Centropristes scorpenoides* (Cuv. & Val.), Scorpenoid Centropristes. 1862 T. GILL in *Proc. Acad. Nat. Sci. Philad.* 329 Scorpænoids. 1880 GÜNTHER *Stud. Fishes* 413 The habit of living on the bottom has also developed in many Scorpænoids separate pectoral rays, by means of which they move or feel. *Ibid.* 417 To complete the list of Scorpænoid genera, we have to mention *Tænianotus* [etc.]. 1885 *Riverside Nat. Hist.* (1888) III. 249 The latter [name]..is inapplicable to the Scorpænids, because they are entirely unlike the cod.

Scorpene (skɒ·ɹpīn). Forms: 8 **scorpen,** 9– **scorpene.** [Anglicized form of SCORPÆNA; in the U. S. perhaps ad. the cognate Sp. *escorpina*, It. *scorpina.*] = SCORPÆNA; now only *U. S.* as a name for *Scorpæna guttata.*

1777 G. FORSTER *Voy. round World* I. 126 Scorpens, mullets, horse-mackrel, and many other sorts. 1884 GOODE, etc. *Nat. Hist. Aquatic Anim.* 263 Scorpene (*Scorpæna guttata*)..known by the names 'Scorpene', 'Scorpion', and 'Sculpin'.

Scorper (skɒ·ɹpəɹ). [A misspelling of *scauper*: see SCALPER 1.] a. *Wood-* and *Metal-work.* 'A gouging-tool for working in a depression, as in hollowing bowls, butter-ladles, etc. Also used in removing wood or metal from depressed portions of carvings or chasings' (Knight *Dict. Mech.* 1875). b. A jeweller's instrument for drilling holes and cutting away parts of the metal-work around settings to hold precious stones (*Cent. Dict.* 1891).

1843 HOLTZAPFFEL *Turning* I. 164 Small gouges, chisels, and scorpers of various forms and sizes [for working ala-

baster]. 1883 Mollett *Dict. Art & Archæol., Scorpers*, in wood engraving, tools used for cutting away large spaces after outlining or engraving, so as to leave only the drawing in relief. 1884 F. J. Britten *Watch & Clockm.* 230 Scorper, a kind of graver used for squaring the corners of sinks, easing watch bezels and other purposes.

† Scorpiac, *a. Obs.*[−1] [a. late Gr. σκορπιακ-ός pertaining to a scorpion, f. σκορπίος Scorpion : see -ac.] Stinging like a scorpion ; in quot. *fig.*

a 1670 Hacket *Abp. Williams* I. (1693) 82 To wound him first with Arrows of sharp-pointed Words, and then to Sting him with a Scorpiack censure.

Scorpillyng : see under Scapple *v.*

‖ Scorpio (skǭɹpio). *Astr.* [L., see Scorpion.] A zodiacal constellation, the Scorpion. Also, the eighth sign of the zodiac, named from this ; situated between Libra and Sagittarius ; entered by the sun about 23 October.

c 1391 Chaucer *Astrol.* I. § 8 The names of the Twelve Signes, as Aries..Scorpio. 1398 Trevisa *Barth. De P. R.* III. x. (1495) 313 The sygne of Scorpio hath the hous of deth and of drede. *a* 1563 Sackville *Induct. Mirr. Mag.* v, Scorpio dreading Sagittarius dart. *a* 1670 Hacket *Abp. Williams* I. (1693) 82 The two malignant Signs of the Zodiaque, *Sagitary* and *Scorpio*. 1741 *Poor Robin* C 3 b, Next *Scorpio* comes, an ugly Beast. 1899 R. H. Allen *Star-n.* 364 In southern latitudes Scorpio is magnificently seen in its entirety.

Scorpioid (skǭɹpioid), *a.* and *sb.* [ad. Gr. σκορπιοειδής, f. σκορπίο-ς Scorpion : see -oid.]

A. *adj.*

1. *Bot.* (See quot. 1875.)

1839 Lindley *Introd. Bot.* I. ii. (ed. 3) 160 The cyme of Monocotyledons..is *helicoid* or *scorpioid*, according as its peduncles are *homodromal* or *antidromal*. 1875 Bennett & Dyer *Sachs' Bot.* 159 *note*, The term scorpioid was introduced by H. P. De Candolle..to express a unilateral cyme the undeveloped portion of which is usually rolled up...Bravais amended De Candolle's definition of the scorpioid cyme by pointing out that the flowers are in two rows parallel to the pseud-axis. 1896 G. Henslow *Wild Flowers* 156 The flowers are arranged in scorpioid or curled racemes.

2. *Zool.* a. Resembling a scorpion; belonging to the scorpion family. b. Resembling the tail of a scorpion ; 'cincinnal ; coiled in a flat spiral' (*Cent. Dict.*).

1864 Webster, *Scorpioid*, Scorpion-like.

B. *sb.*

1. *Bot.* (See quot.)

1855 Ogilvie *Suppl.*, *Scorpioid*, an inflorescence which is rolled up towards one side, in the manner of a crosier, unrolling as the flowers expand. 1866 in *Treas. Bot.*

2. *Zool.* A scorpion or scorpion-like animal.

1887 Heilprin *Distrib. Animals* 146 The discovery of a true scorpioid (Palæophoneus) in the Upper Silurian deposits of both Sweden and Scotland.

Scorpioidal (skǭɹpioi·dăl), *a. Bot.* [Formed as prec. + -al.] = Scorpioid *a.* 1.

1835 J. S. Henslow *Bot.* I. iv. 85 If..one bud only is developed in the dichotomous cyme, and always on the same side of the axis, it assumes a peculiar character, termed 'scorpioidal'. 1857 A. Gray *First Less. Bot.* (1866) Gloss., *Scorpioid* or *Scorpioidal*.

‖ Scorpioides. *Obs.* Also 7 *erron.* scorpoides. [mod.L. *scorpioïdes*, a. Gr. σκορπιοειδέι, neut. of σκορπιοειδής : see Scorpioid.] Scorpion grass.

1578 Lyte *Dodoens* I. xlii. 61 Scorpioides or Scorpions grasse..is a small, base or lowe herbe. 1669 Eyelyn *Kal. Hort., Apr.* (ed. 3) 15 Sow divers Annuals to have Flowers all Summer; as..Scorpoides, Medica, Holyhock [etc.]. 1706 Phillips (ed. Kersey), *Scorpioides*, a kind of Pulse.

† Scorpiolocust. *Obs. rare*[−1]. [ad. mod.L. *scorpiolocust-a*, f. L. *scorpi-us* (see Scorpion) + *locusta* Locust.] A locust resembling a scorpion (see Rev. ix. 3–10).

1561 Daus tr. *Bullinger on Apoc.* xxxix. 256 Whome by the iust iudgement of God these Scorpiolocustes [orig. *scorpiolocustæ*] distroie with their poyson.

Scorpion (skǭɹpiən). Also 3 scorpiun, 4–5 scorpyo(n)n, scorpien, 4–6 scorpioun, scorpione, 5 scorpyone, (scarpyn, 6 scorpiowne, 7 scorpean). [a. OF. *scorpion*, *scorpiun* (also *escorpiun* ; mod.F. *scorpion*) = Pr., Sp. *escorpion*, Pg. *escorpião*, It. *scorpione* :—L. *scorpiōnem* (*scorpio*), extended form of *scorpius* (whence It. *scorpio*), a. Gr. σκορπίος.

The word has been adopted into all the Teut. langs. : OHG. *scorpio*, *scorpo*, MHG., MDu. *schorpe*, MLG. *schorpie* ; also, in forms showing later adoption from Fr. or Latin, mod.Ger. *skorpion*, MDu., mod.Du. *schorpioen*, MLG. *schorpion*, Sw., Da. *skorpion*.]

1. An arachnid of any of the genera (*Scorpio*, *Buthus*, *Androctonus*, etc.) forming the group *Scorpionidæ*, having a pair of large nippers and a general resemblance to a miniature lobster ; they inhabit tropical and warm temperate countries in both hemispheres. The intense pain caused by the sting of the scorpion (situated at the point of the tail) is proverbial.

a 1225 [see b]. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 693 Þe scorpion for-bare is stang Fra bestes þar he lai amang. 1377 Langl. *P. Pl.* B. xviii. 153 For of alle venymes foulest is þe scorpioun. 1382 Wyclif *Luke* xi. 12 Ethir if he schal axe an ey, whether he schal dresse to him a scorpioun? *c* 1475 *Pict. Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 766/4 *Hic scorpio*, a scarpyn. 1593 Shaks. 2 *Hen. VI*, III. ii. 86 But well fore-warning winde Did seeme to say, seeke not a Scorpions Nest, Nor set no footing on this vnkinde Shore. 1683 Robinson in *Ray's Corr.* (1848) 137–8 Since my coming to Montpellier I have seen several scorpions creeping on the walls...Animals stung by these scorpions fall generally into tremblings and convulsive motions. 1770 Goldsm. *Des. Vill.* 352 Those poisonous fields with rank luxuriance crowned, Where the dark scorpion gathers death around. 1806 Shaw *Gen. Zool.* VI. 485 The common Italian Scorpion usually measures something more than an inch in length from the head to the setting on of the tail. *Ibid.* 486 The *Scorpio Afer* of Linnæus, or great African Scorpion. 1882 E. R. Lankester in *Linn. Soc. Jrnl.* XVI. *Zool.* 455 The beautiful citron-coloured Scorpion, *Androctonus funestus*. *Ibid.* 460 A large number of Italian Scorpions belonging to the species *Euscorpius italicus*, *E. carpathicus*, and *E. flavicaudus*. *Ibid.* 462 The *Androctonus occitanus* or yellow Scorpion of Southern France and Spain. 1902 — in *Encycl. Brit.* XXV. 538/2 The desert Scorpion, *Buthus australis*.

b. in allusions to various fabled habits or properties of the animal.

The flesh of the scorpion was supposed to be a cure for its own sting (see also 1 e). The alleged fact, related by ancient writers, that a scorpion, when surrounded by a ring of fire, will commit suicide by stinging itself, is discredited by naturalists, though many persons in modern times have claimed to have observed it.

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 206 Þe scorpiun is ones cunnes wurm þet haueð neb, ase me seið, sumdel iliche ase wummon, & is neddre bihinden, makeð feir semblaunt, & fikeð mid te heaued, & stingeð mid te teile. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Merch. T.* 814 O thou fortune Instable, Lyk to the Scorpion, so deceyuable, That flaterest with thyn heed, whan thou wolt s[t]ynge. *a* 1625 Fletcher & Mass. *Cust. Country* v. v, Women..rellish much of Scorpions, For both have stings, and both can hurt, and cure too. *a* 1711 Ken *Edmund* Poet. Wks. 1721 II. 137 The Scorpion sucks the Poison he convey'd, An antidote to his own Poison made. 1813 Byron *Giaour* xvi, The Mind, that broods o'er guilty woes, Is like a Scorpion girt by fire. 1819 Shelley *Cenci* II. ii. 70 And we are left, as scorpions ringed with fire. What should we do but strike ourselves to death?

c. *transf.* and *fig.*

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 206 Ich ne der nemen þeo unkundeliche kundles of þisse deouel scorpiun, attri iteiled. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Manciple's T.* 167 Traitour quod he, with tonge of Scorpion Thou hast me broght to my confusion. 1500–20 Dunbar *Poems* iv. 57 That scorpioun fell [*i.e.* Death] hes done infek Maister Johne Clerk, and James Afflek. *a* 1548 Hall *Chron., Hen. V* 44 Some private Scorpion in your heartes.. hath caused you to conspire my death and confusion. 1605 Shaks. *Mach.* III. ii. 36 O, full of Scorpions is my Minde, deare Wife. 1719 Young *Busiris* II. i, That thought has fixed a scorpion on my heart That stings to death. 1825 T. H. Lister *Granby* xvii. (1836) 112 'That detrimental class, the Scorpions.' 'What do you mean?' 'Why, younger brothers.'

d. *Her.* A representation of a scorpion as an armorial bearing (see quot. 1780).

1780 Edmondson *Her.* Gloss. s. v., It is..usually borne erect, or with its head strait upwards,..in which case it is, in blazon, called a *Scorpion*, without any addition..; but when it is borne with the head downwards, it is to be called, in blazon, a *Scorpion reversed*. 1906 Vinycomb *Fict. & Symb. Creatures in Art* 122 The Scorpion..is generally borne erect.

† e. Oil of scorpions, scorpion's oil : an oily substance formerly prepared from scorpions, used as an antidote against the sting of a scorpion, and for other medicinal purposes. *Obs.*

1594 Nashe *Unfort. Trav.* L 1, Ere the officers come to extend, Ile bestow an hundred pound on a doale of bread, which Ile cause to be kneaded with scorpions oyle, that will kill more than the plague. 1607 Topsell *Four-f. Beasts* 185 Wherunto he layed Garlicke, Rue, and oile of Scorpions. 1663 Boyle *Usef. Exp. Nat. Philos.* I. ii. 48 The Oyl of Scorpions is not onely Antidotal against their Stings, but is witnessed..to be very useful to bring away the descending Stone of the Kidneys. 1741 *Compl. Fam.-Piece* I. i. 57 Take Oil of Scorpions, and Oil of Bees-wax, of each a like Quantity.

f. Applied to other animals resembling or popularly confounded with the scorpion : (*a*) to arachnids of the closely related groups *Pseudoscorpionidæ* (tailless or false scorpions, including the chelifers or book-scorpions) and *Pedipalpi* (including the genus *Thelyphonus*, known as whip-scorpions); (*b*) in the U.S., to tarantulas, centipedes, various lizards, etc. (*Cent. Dict.* 1891) ; † (*c*) see Water-*scorpion*.

1709 [see *scorpion-lizard* in 8 c]. 1863 Wood *Illustr. Nat. Hist.* III. 679 Book Scorpion, *Chelifer Wideri*.

2. *Astr.* The constellation and (now somewhat rarely) the zodiacal sign Scorpio.

c 1384 Chaucer *H. Fame* II. 948 Til that he sey the Scorpioun, Whiche that in heuen a sygne is yit. *c* 1400 *Treat. Astron.* 4 (MS. Bodl. Add. B. 17), The viij signe is Scorpio, he regneþ in octobre and is y cleped the signe of a Scorpion þt is an Adder. 1593 G. Harvey *New Letter* Wks. 1884 I. 278 Not much vnlike the progresse of the resplendent Sunne in the Scorpion. 1667 Milton *P. L.* x. 328 Satan in likeness of an Angel bright Betwixt the Centaure and the Scorpion stearing His Zenith. 1754 Hill *Urania* s. v. *Scorpio*, The Scorpion is not a very large constellation, but, for its extent, it contains a considerable quantity of stars, and some of them very conspicuous. *Ibid.*, They call this..Cor Scorpionis, the Scorpion's Heart. 1785 W. Herschel in *Phil. Trans.* LXXV. 256 In the body of the Scorpion is an opening. 1868 Lockyer *Guillemin's Heavens* (ed. 3) 382 The bifurcation [of the Galaxy] continues through the Wolf, the Altar, the Scorpion, and Sagittarius. 1870 Mrs. Lockyer *Flammarion's Marv. Heavens* 81 The Scales and Scorpion only formed one sign with the Latins before Augustus : the Scales were then the claws of the Scorpion. 1880 Longf. *Poet's Cal.*, Oct., Then on the frigid Scorpion I ride.

3. Applied to certain fishes armed with spines : a. Used to render L. *scorpio*, *scorpius*, Gr. σκορπίος, in ancient writers. b. In Australia and America, the local name for certain species of *Scorpænidæ* (cf. Scorpæna, Scorpene, and *scorpion fish*).

c 1520 Andrew *Noble Lyfe* III. lxxxvi. in *Babees Bk.*, The Scorpion of the see is so named because whan he is taken in any mannys handes he pricketh him with his stinge of his tayle. 1608 Topsell *Serpents* 110 Catterpillers..are also a very good meate to diuers byrdes..& to a certaine Sea-fish called a Scorpion. *Ibid.* 223 The Scorpion of the water or of the Sea, whose discourse or history is to be found among the fishes. 1874 Hill in Tenison-Woods *Fish N. S. Wales* (1882) 49 The scorpion or Fortescue, as these fish are popularly termed by fishermen, have been known for a long time, and bear that name no doubt in memory of the pain they have hitherto inflicted. 1884 [see Scorpene].

4. † a. A name for Aconite. b. The scorpion plant, *Genista scorpius*.

1601 Holland *Pliny* xxvii. iii. II. 271 And for that the root [of Aconite] doth turne and crooke inward in manner of a Scorpions taile, there be that give it the name Scorpion. 1608 Topsell *Serpents* 231 The greene Scorpion which is bredde of Basill,..beeing beaten and pounded with the herbe Scorpion, and so made into pills, then dryed and put into a glasse, are very profitable to him that hath the Falling-sicknesse. 1840 Paxton *Bot. Dict.*, Scorpion, see *Genista scorpius*.

5. In the figurative passage 1 Kings xii. 11 (and 2 Chron. x. 11), where chastisement 'with scorpions' is referred to as a symbol for severe oppression, the word has commonly been supposed to denote a kind of whip made of knotted cords, or armed with plummets of lead or steel spikes, so as to inflict excessive pain. Allusions to the passage are common, esp. (after Milton) in the phrase *a whip* or *lash of scorpions*.

1382 Wyclif 2 *Chron.* x. 11 My fader beet 30u with scourgis, I forsothe schal beten 30u with scorpiouns [1388 V schal bete 30u with scorpiouns, that is, hard knottid roopis]. 1390 Gower *Conf.* III. 229 If he hem smot with roddis smale, With Scorpions thou schalt hem smyte. *a* 1632 T. Taylor *God's Judgem.* I. i. x. (1642) 26 They..chose rather to bee ..scourged with Scorpions..than yeeld to deny their Maker. 1667 Milton *P. L.* II. 701 Back to thy punishment, False fugitive, and to thy speed add wings, Least with a whip of Scorpions I pursue Thy lingring. 1788 V. Knox *Winter Even.* (1790) I. xx. 180, I speak my thoughts freely, though I know the editors of newspapers have vengeance in their own hands, and are able to repel their assailants, with a lash of scorpions. 1816 Byron *Siege of Corinth* xxi. 31 Scourge, with a whip of scorpions, those Whom vice and envy made my foes.

b. Hence used quasi-*Hist.* as the name of a supposed ancient instrument of torture. Also *Antiq.* as the name of a mediæval weapon (see quot. 1870).

1541 Elyot *Image Gov.* xxxix. 98 His correction mought be no lasse than that he being al naked, shuld by his lybertines be fyrst of all whipped throughoute the citie of Rome with whyppes full of ruelles called Scorpions. 1817 Shelley *Rev. Islam* x. viii, He..bade the torturing wheel Be brought, and fire, and pincers, and the hook, And scorpions. 1870 Black tr. *Demmin's Weapons of War* 425 Scorpion or flail, with four chains without balls,..a Hussite weapon of the fifteenth century [figured].

6. (tr. Gr. σκορπίος, L. *scorpio*, *scorpius*.) An ancient military engine for hurling stones, darts, and other missiles, used chiefly in the defence of the walls of a town.

1382 Wyclif 1 *Mac.* vi. 51 He..ordeynyde..tourmentis for to cast stoons and darts, and scorpiouns for to sende arowis [1388 scorpiens, 1535 Coverdale scorpions to shute arowes; 1609 *Douay*]. 1584 Hudson *Du Bartas' Judith* III. 112 Here croked coruies, fleeing bridges tal, Their scathfull scorpions that ruynes the wall. 1600 Holland *Livy* xxiv. 533 They within shot closely against the enemies, some arrowes out of bowes, some quarrels out of scorpions and brakes. *a* 1693 *Urquhart's Rabelais* III. Prol., Balists, scorpions, and other such warlike engines. 1840 [see Onager 2]. 1879 Froude *Cæsar* xix. 325 The slings, the crossbows, the scorpions were all at hand and in order.

7. *Military slang.* A nickname for a civil inhabitant of Gibraltar. Also *Rock-scorpion*.

1845 Ford *Handbk. Spain* I. 342 The houses..are fit only for..'scorpions', as those born on the Rock are called. 1889 H. M. Field *Gibraltar* 34 A choice variety of natives of Gibraltar, called 'Rock scorpions'.

8. *attrib.* and *Comb.* : a. simple attrib. (often *fig.*), as *scorpion-nest*, *-sting*; *scorpion-like* adj.

1581 J. Bell *Haddon's answ. Osorius* 497 So much rayling in such *scorpionlike nipping & bitternesse. 1668 H. More *Div. Dial.* IV. xv. (1713) 320 Scorpion-like Locusts. 1813 Byron *Corsair* II. iv, Dream they of this our preparation, doom'd To view with fire their *scorpion nest consumed? 1797 *The College* 2 Hardly could..Syd'nham's worth her *scorpion-sting assuage.

b. With sense 'stinging like a scorpion' (cf. sense 5), as *scorpion curse*, *lash*, *whip*, etc.

1803 Heber *Palestine* 111 Israel's sons by *scorpion curses driven. 1744 Akenside *Pleas. Imag.* II. 513 His hand, Armed with a *scorpion lash. 1900 *Pilot* 23 June 526/2 But exactitude in the hands of second-rate scholars is a *scorpion-scourge. 1865 Ruskin *Sesame* I. § 31 It [the nation] must discipline its passions, and direct them, or they will discipline it, one day, with *scorpion whips.

c. Special combinations : † scorpion-bow, ? = sense 6 ; scorpion-broom = *scorpion plant* (b) ; scorpion-bug *U.S.*, the water-scorpion (*Cent. Dict.* 1891); scorpion fish, any spiny fish of the genus *Scorpæna* or family *Scorpænidæ* ; also, an East Indian cat-fish (*Saccobranchus*) ; scorpion-fly, an insect of the family *Panorpidæ*, the slender abdomen of which is armed with forceps, and curls like the tail of a scorpion ; scorpion iris, *Iris alata*, a native of Spain and Northern Africa; scorpion-

lizard, some kind of North American lizard; **scorpion lobster**, a long-tailed decapod crustacean of the family *Thalassinidæ*; **scorpion oil** = *oil of scorpions*: see sense 1 e (*Cent. Dict.*); **scorpion plant**, (*a*) a Javanese orchid, *Arachnanthe moschifera* (*Renanthera arachnitis*), having creamy-white or lemon-coloured flowers, somewhat resembling a spider; (*b*) a plant of South-western Europe, *Genista scorpius*, also called *scorpion-broom*, or *-thorn*; **scorpion senna**, the *Coronilla Emerus*, a common plant of Southern Europe, with bright-yellow flowers; **scorpion-shell**, a gastropod of the Indian seas and Pacific, of the genus *Pteroceras*, having a development of long tubular spines from the outer lip of the aperture; **scorpion-spider**, a name given to various arachnidans (see quots.), now usually any arachnidan of the order *Pedipalpi*, a whip-scorpion; **scorpion's tail**, any plant of the genus *Scorpiurus*; **scorpion('s-thorn** = *scorpion plant* (b); **scorpion-wort**, (*a*) = SCORPION GRASS; (*b*) *Ornithopus scorpioides*, native of Southern Europe.

1641 HINDE *J. Bruen* xxxviii. 118 Cyprian strikes them through, as with a *Scorpion bow. 1884 W. MILLER *Plant-n.* 199 *Genista scorpius*, *Scorpion Broom. Scorpion-plant. 1661 LOVELL *Hist. Anim. & Min.* 221 *Scorpion-fish... They are not the worst of fishes, especially if taken in the winter, yn stony places, & the pure Sea. 1863 WOOD *Illustr. Nat. Hist.* III. 247 Red Scorpion-fish—*Scorpæna scrofa*. 1883 F. DAY *Indian Fish* (Fish. Exhib. Publ.) 36 In some fresh-water siluroids they [the eggs] are of a light pea-green, as in the scorpion fish, *Saccobranchus fossilis*. 1668 CHARLETON *Onomast.* 48 *Scorpio alatus*, the *Scorpion-Fly. 1869 G. GUYON in *Hardwicke's Sci. Gossip* 1 Jan. 23 The Scorpion-fly is quite harmless. 1900 *Field* 15 Dec. 936/1 The *Scorpion Iris (*I. alata*).—Bulbs of this lovely blue iris are now flowering in pots in a cool greenhouse. 1709 LAWSON *Voy. Carolina* 131 The *Scorpion-Lizard is no more like a Scorpion, than an Hedge-Hog; but they very commonly call him a Scorpion. He is of the Lizard Kind, but much bigger. 1858 BAIRD *Cycl. Nat. Sci.* s.v. *Macroura*, The *scorpion lobsters of India, *Thalassina*, which live a part of their lives on land. 1865 *Treas. Bot.*, *Scorpion-plant, *Renanthera arachnitis*; also *Genista scorpius*. 1731 MILLER *Gard. Dict., Emerus*, *Scorpion Sena. 1862 H. MARRYAT *Year in Sweden* II. 271 Among the ruins grows the scorpion senna. 1752 J. HILL *Hist. Anim.* 144 The *Scorpion-shell, commonly called the Spider-shell. 1859–62 SIR J. RICHARDSON, etc. *Mus. Nat. Hist.* (1868) II. 341 Genus Pterocera.—The Scorpion Shells, as they are called. 1802 tr. *Pallas' Trav.* I. 112, I had before observed the *Phalangium araneodes*, or *scorpion-spider. 1880 SILVER & Co. *S. Africa* (ed. 3) 179 The large and wonderfully swift scorpion-spiders [*Galeodes*] abound in the dry upland districts. 1884 SEDGWICK, etc. tr. *Claus' Text-bk. Zool.* I. 506 *Pedipalpi* (Scorpion-Spiders)... The Scorpion-spiders are allied both to the Spiders and the Scorpions. 1548 TURNER *Names of Herbes* (E. D. S.) 41 Heliotropium mai be called in englishe *Scorpiones tayle. 1835 PARTINGTON *Brit. Cycl. Nat. Hist.* I. 747/1 The *Scorpiurus* (scorpion's tail) of botanists. 1866 *Treas. Bot.* s.v. *Scorpiurus*, [The seed-pod] has a fancied resemblance to the tail of some reptile—whence its name, Scorpion's-tail. 1760 J. LEE *Introd. Bot.* App. 326 *Scorpion's Thorn, *Ulex*. 1578 *Scorpion-wort (see SCORPION GRASS). 1611 COTGR., *Oreille de lievre*, Scorpion-wort, or scorpion-grasse. 1725 BRADLEY *Fam. Dict., Scorzonera*, or *Scorpion-wort*, a Plant that has Leaves a span long. 1852-6 WRIGHT *Dict., Scorpion-wort*, the plant *Ornithopus scorpioides*.

Scorpion grass. A plant of the genus *Myosotis*; the forget-me-not or mouse-ear. Also with qualifying words, denoting particular species or varieties.

Lyte and some other botanists assign the name to *Scorpiurus sulcatus* ('scorpion's tail'), 'with which various species of *Myosotis* are associated' (Britten & Holland).

1578 LYTE *Dodoens* I. xlii. 61 Bysides these two kindes of Scorpioides, there is yet twoo other small herbes whiche some do also name Scorpion grasse, or Scorpion worte. 1608 TOPSELL *Serpents* 254 To this end they doe prescribe Bayberries, Scorpion-grasse [etc.]. 1690 RAY *Synopsis Meth. Stirpium* (1724) 229 Mouse-ear Scorpion-grass. *c* 1710 PETIVER *Cat. Ray's Eng. Herbal* Tab. xxix, Water Scorpion-grass, Field Scorpion-grass, Small Scorpion-grass. 1763 MILLER *Gardener's Dict.* (ed. 8) Index, Scorpion-grass, or Caterpillar, see Scorpiurus. 1833 *Proc. Berw. Nat. Club* I. No. 1. 29 *Myosotis sylvatica*—Wood Scorpion-grass. 1865 GOSSE *Land & Sea* (1874) 235 The early scorpion-grass or hill forget-me-not.

Scorpionic (skɔ̃pipɔ̃·nik), *a. rare.* [f. SCORPION + -IC.] Pertaining to the scorpion.

a 1711 KEN *Edmund* Poet. Wks. 1721 II. 331 Which like Apocalyptick Locusts fierce, Their Scorpionick Poison did disperse. 1886 PROCTOR in *Sci. Amer.* 3 July 3/3 Below the Serpent Bearer we find the Scorpion (*Scorpio*), now fully risen, and showing truly scorpionic form.

Scorpionid (skɔ̃·rpionid), *a.* [f. mod.L. *Scorpionidæ* pl., f. L. *scorpiōn-em* SCORPION: see -ID.] Of or pertaining to the gronp *Scorpionidæ* of arachnidans, typified by the genus *Scorpio*.

1895 in *Funk's Stand. Dict.* 1902 *Nature* 25 Sept. 529/2 The facts do not prove the total independence of the scorpionid and limuloid series. *Ibid.*, The Silurian Scorpions simplify the existing Scorpionid type.

† Scoˑrpionist. *Obs. rare*⁻¹. [f. SCORPION + -IST.] One born under the sign Scorpio.

1689 *Wonderful Predict. Nostredamus* 3 When the two Scorpionists [Jas. II and Louis XIV] conjoin'd shall be.

† Scoˑrpionly, *a. Obs. rare*⁻¹. [f. SCORPION + -LY 1.] Scorpion-like.

1573 DAUS tr. *Bullinger on Apoc.* (ed. 2) 120 b, Of their Scorpionly tayles, and of the fiue monethes I haue spoken before.

† Scorse, *sb. Obs. rare*⁻¹. [f. SCORSE *v.*¹] Barter, exchange.

1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* II. ix. 55 Yet liuely vigour rested in his mind, And recompenst him with a better scorse: Weake body well is chang'd for minds redoubled forse.

Scorse (skɔ̃rs), *v.*¹ *Obs.* exc. *dial.* Also 6 scorss, skose, skoase, 6–8 scorce, 6–7, 9 scose, 7 scoarse, scoorse, skorce, 7–8 scourse, 8 scoss, *dial.* scoase (see also *Eng. Dial. Dict.*). [Early 16th c. *scose, scorse*, related to the synonymous Coss, CORSE *vbs.*

Prof. Skeat suggests that the vb. is a back-formation from SCORSER, and that this arose from *horse-scorser*, corrupt form of HORSE-CORSER.]

1. *trans.* To barter, exchange.

1509 BARCLAY *Shyp of Folys* (1874) I. 159 And for one god scosyth gladly twayne. 1548 FORREST *Pleas. Poesye* 481 Pryuate Commodye withe Commone wealthe to scorse: as Rentis to come downe from owterage so hye too Price indifferent to helpe manye bye. 1565 JEWEL *Replie Harding's Answ.* viii. § 5. 382 These partes bicause they are ioined in one Mysterie, therfore oftentimes thei scorce names, the one enterchangeably with the other. 1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* III. ix. 16 But Paridell sore brused with the blow, Could not arise, the counterchaunge to scorse. 1598 T. BASTARD *Chrestoleros* VI. xxii. (1880) 76 He that will loue through water and through fire,.. Which will not scorse me for a better friend. 1612 DRAYTON *Poly-olb.* xii. 45 Their fortune will'd that after they should scorse Blowes with the big-boan'd Dane, exchanging force for force. 1618 AINSWORTH *Annot. Lev.* XXVII. 10 *Not alter* or, not scourse it, nor change it. 1623 MIDDLETON *More Dissemblers* v. i. 84, I know the barber will scourse it [a fiddle] away for some old cittern. 1706 PHILLIPS (ed. Kersey), To *Scoss* or *Scourse*, (old word) to change. 1853 W. D. COOPER *Sussex Gloss.* (ed. 2), *Scorse*, or *Scose*, to exchange.

2. *intr.* To make or effect a barter or exchange.

1589 WARNER *Alb. Eng.* VI. xxxi. 139 Pollitians knowe to cheapen, what to offer, when to skoase [*rime* closse]. 1591 HARINGTON *Orl. Fur.* XX. lxxviii. (1634) 159 One was on foote the tother on a horse You thinke perhaps the horsman vantage had No sure, no whit; he would have wished to skorce For why, at last to light he must be glad. 1600 HEYWOOD *1st Pt. Edw. IV*, III. i. (1613) F 1, *K. Ed.*.. Wilt thou take my courser for thy mare? *Ho*... If I were so mad to scorce, what boote wouldst thou giue me? 1614 B. JONSON *Barth. Fair* III. iv, Will you scourse with him? you are in Smithfield, you may fit your selfe with a fine easy-going street-nag. 1662 *Rump Songs* I. 209 Did'st thou not scourse, as if enchanted For Articles Sir Thomas granted?

Hence **Scoˑrsing** *vbl. sb.*

1509 BARCLAY *Ship of Fools* (1874) II. 141 Of folysshe exchanges scorsynges and permutacions. 1611 COTGR., *Compermutant*, changing, scoorsing, bartering, interchanging. *Ibid.*, *Courratage*, brokage; scoursing, horse-scoursing. 1674 JEAKE *Arith.* (1696) 479 Barter (vulgarly called Truck and Scosing) and the Concerns thereof..may be comprised under the 10 following Cases.

† Scorse, *v.*² *Obs.* (? *nonce-wd.*) [f. It. *scorsa* a run, f. *scorrere*:—L. *excurrĕre*: see EXCUR.] *trans.* To chase.

1596 SPENSER *F. Q.* VI. ix. 3 Him..From the country back to priuate farmes he scorsed [*rimes* coursed, forsed].

† Scoˑrser. *Obs.* [f. SCORSE *v.*¹ + -ER 1.] One who exchanges or barters. See also HORSE-CORSER.

1531 ELYOT *Gov.* I. x, Virgile leaueth farre behynde hym all..bakneymen, and skosers. 1567 JEWEL *Def. Apol.* VI. 738 Christe sommetime thruste sutche Buiers, Sellers, Brokers, & Scorsers out of the Temple. 1611 COTGR., *Compermutant*, a changer, scoorser [etc.]. 1617 [see HORSE-CORSER]. 1755 JOHNSON s.v. *Scourse*, A *horse scourser*.

Scorsheatis: see SCROCHAT *Sc. Obs.*

Scort, obs. form of SHORT.

Scortation (skɔ̃te·ɪʃən). *rare.* [n. of action to L. *scortārī*: see next and -ATION.] Fornication.

1556 KNOX *Baptism* Wks. 1855 IV. 127 The Halie Gaist ..wald have restraynit and exceptit it, as he hath done scortatioun. 1651 BAXTER *Inf. Bapt.* 85 The sanctifying of the unbelieving Husband or Wife cannot be meant of making or continuing the Marriage lawfull, in opposition to Adultery (or scortation). 1658 ROWLAND tr. *Mouffet's Theat. Ins.* 919, I see no reason why the modesty of the Bee and of the Drone, whereby they abandon publick scortation and venery, should debar them of the private use of copulation. 1794 tr. *Swedenborg's Delights Wisd. Conjugial Love* (1811) II. 312 It is a scortation more opposite to conjugial love than the common scortation, which is called simple adultery. 1885 L. OLIPHANT *Sympneumata* 113 Rapacity,..filth, and scortation.

† Scortaˑtor. *Obs. rare*⁻¹. [L. *scortātor*, agent-n. f. *scortārī* to associate with harlots, f. *scort-um* a harlot.] (See quot. 1656.)

1615 T. ADAMS *Lycanthropy* 26 There be..luxurious scortators, and their infectious harlots. 1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr.*, *Scortator*, a whoremonger, a hunter of Harlots.

Scortatory (skɔ̃·rtătəri), *a. rare.* [f. prec.: see -ORY.] 'Pertaining to, or consisting in, fornication or lewdness' (Webster, 1864).

1794 (*title*) tr. Swedenborg's Delights of Wisdom concerning Conjugial Love: after which follow the pleasures of Insanity concerning Scortatory Love. 1860 EMERSON *Cond. Life, Worship* Wks. (Bohn) II. 396 Here are..churches that proscribe intellect; scortatory religions.

Scortoh, Scorte, obs. ff. SCORCH, SHORT.

Scortitsohe: see SCROCHAT *Sc. Obs.*

† Scoˑry. *Obs.* [Anglicized form of SCORIA.] (See quot.)

1607 TOPSELL *Four-f. Beasts* 182 The little scories or iron chips which flie off from the Smithes hotte iron while he beateth it.

Scorza (skɔ̃·rzə). *Min.* Also **skorza.** [Ger. (1800: see Chester *Dict. Min.*), said to be Wallachian.] An obsolete name for epidote, when found in the form of dark green sand.

1821 URE *Dict. Chem., Scorza*, a variety of epidote. 1837 DANA *Syst. Min.* 293. 1868 WATTS *Dict. Chem.*, Skorza.

† Scorzoner. *Obs. rare.* [Anglicized form of SCORZONERA. Cf. F. *scorsonère* (also spelt *scorzonère*).] = SCORZONERA.

1597 GERARDE *Herbal* II. ccxlii. 599 In English we may call it Scorzoner after the Spanish name, or Vipers grasse. 1694 SALMON *Bate's Dispens.* (1713) 343/1 A Dyet of Veal and Chicken Broth, with Scorzoner and Sarsaparilla in it.

Scorzonera (skɔ̃zɪnī·ʳă). Also *rarely* 7 **scorsonera, skarsinarie, scozonera,** 8 **scorcha-narrow, -enarrow.** [a. It. *scorzonera* (whence mod.L. *scorzonēra*) = F. *scorsonère, scorzonère*, Sp. *escorzonera*, Pg. *escorcioneira*; prob. f. It. *scorzone* some kind of venomous snake, Sp. *escorzon* (Cat. *escorçu*), some kind of toad or lizard deemed venomous. Cf. the following:

1580 J. FRAMPTON *Monardes' 2 Med. agst. Venom* 133 They call this herbe *Escuerçonera* because it doeth heale.. the bytinges of this beast called *Escorçu* [printed *Estorçu*] in the Catalan tongue, and the same roote is like too the sayde beast.]

A plant of the modern genus (Tournefort, 1700) *Scorzonera*, esp. *S. Hispanica* or black salsify, much cultivated in Europe for its root which is used as a vegetable and somewhat resembles the parsnip. *S. Hispanica* was also formerly called *viper's-grass*. Also the root of this plant.

It was supposed to be good against the bites of vipers and other venomous creatures.

1629 PARKINSON *Parad.* 301 Wee call them in English Vipers grasse, or Scorsonera. 1666 OLDENBURG *Let. to Boyle* 15 Nov. *B.'s Wks.* (1744) V. 363 Colonel Blunt presented the company..with excellent scorroneras, which he said might be propagated in England as much as parsnips. 1690 in *Thanes of Cawdor* (Spald. Club) 353, 2 drope of skarsinarie ..ane vnce of Turkie persell. 1732 ARBUTHNOT *Rules of Diet* in *Aliments*, etc. I. 250 Scorzonera, demulcent in the Small Pox. 1738 *Ochtertyre House Bk.* (S. H. S. 1907) 142 Eggs bufft harrings and scorchanarrow. 1756 J. HILL *Brit. Herbal* 444 Tall, narrow-leaved Scorzonera. 1866 *Treas. Bot.* s.v., *Scorzonera hispanica*..is a native of Spain, but is cultivated in this country; and its root is sold in the markets as Scorzonera. 1882 *Garden* 11 Nov. 425/3 Salsafy and Scorzonera can be strongly recommended for culture. 1884 W. MILLER *Plant-n.* 122 Scorzonera, French, *Scorzonera picroides* (*Picridium vulgare*). Scorzonera, Garden, *Scorzonera hispanica*.

b. *attrib.*

1666 W. BOGHURST *Loimogr.* (1894) 76 Juniper berryes, *Scorzonera roots. 1731 *Gentl. Mag.* I. 91 Sow *scorzonera salsfy, and slip skerrits of the last years growth. 1772 GRAVES *Spir. Quix.* (1820) II. 155 Mr. Selkirk asked him, what the virtues of that *Scorzonera-water were, which he observed he drank every day after dinner.

Scot (skɒt), *sb.*¹ Forms: 1 *pl.* **Scottas,** 3–6 **Scotte,** 4 **Skot, Skotte,** 6 **Skott, (Skote),** 7 **Scott,** 5– **Scot.** [OE. **Scot*, pl. *Scottas*, ad. late L. *Scottus*; first in writers of *c* 400. Late Latin had a variant *Scōtus* (cf. med. Gr. Σκῶτος), which became the usual form in med.L. A third form, *Scŏtus*, may perh. be inferred from the ON. *Skotar* pl., though the examples of it in med. Latin verse are prob. mere mistakes.

The source of the late Latin word is obscure. There is no evidence that it represents the native name of any Gaelic-speaking people (the Irish *Scot*, an Irishman, pl. *Scuit*, appears to be a learned word from Latin), nor does it exist in Welsh, though Welshmen in writing Latin have from the earliest times used *Scoti* as the rendering of *Gwyddel* (Gaels). It may possibly be an adoption of a name bestowed at an early period by Britons or Gauls on a Gaelic people (cf. the Gaulish personal names *Scottos, Scottios*); Sir J. Rhŷs has suggested that it may have meant 'tattooed', cogn. w. Welsh *ysgwthr* a cutting, carving, or sculpturing; other conjectures have also been offered.

The OHG. *Scotto* (MHG., mod.G. *Schotte*), MDu. *Schotte, Schot* (mod.Du. *Schot*), agree with the Eng. form; adoptions from literary Latin appear in OF. *Escot*, Sp., Pg. *Escoto*, It. *Scoto*.]

1. *Hist.* One of an ancient Gaelic-speaking people, first known to history as inhabitants of Ireland, who in the 6th century A.D. settled in the north-west of Great Britain, and from whom the northern part of the island ultimately received its name.

Down to the reign of Alfred, *Scottas* was the ordinary word for Irishmen (as *Scotland* for Hibernia). In the next reign there were relations between the Anglo-Saxon kingdom and the kingdom of the Scots in North Britain, and from that time onward the name was no longer associated with Ireland except in historical statements.

O. E. Chron. an. 891, Þrie Scottas comon to Ælfrede cyninge, on anum bate butan ælcum gereþrum of Hibernia. *a* 900 *Bæda's Hist.* I. i. (1890) 28 Hibernia Scotta ealond. *c* 1205 LAY. 5575 Bruttes & Wailsce, Scottes & Densce. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Man of Law's T.* 482 This Constable was no thyng lord of this place..But kepte it strongly many wyntres space, Vnder Alla, king of al Northhumbreland,..Agayn the Scottes. 1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) I. 331 And þat londe [Hibernia] hatte Scotland also, for Scottes woned þere somtyme, or þey come into þe oþer Scotland, þat longede to Bretayne. *c* 1400 *Brut* lxxvi (1906) 76 Arthure turnede him aʒeyne þere þat he was, into þe place þat he hade lefte þe Scottes. 1570–6 LAMBARDE *Peramb. Kent* 2 These Scots (as them selues do write) were a people of Scythia, that came first into Spaine, then into Ireland, and from thence to the North part of Britaine. 1596 DALRYMPLE tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* I. 1. 80 The ʒeir quhen the scottis cam in the Iles of Albion first, quhilkes we cal Hebrides now. 1606 WARNER *Alb. Eng.* XIV. lxxxiii. (1612) 346 Till the Picts, a People stout, Were by th' inuading Irish-Scots long thence debelled out. 1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) XIV. 560/1 When the Scots became masters of the

low country. 1873 Burton *Hist. Scot.* (ed. 2) I. 286 A chief among the Scots of Ulster,..who lived in the middle of the third century. 1882 Rhŷs *Celtic Brit.* v. 154 Now the Scots were Christians, while the Picts ruled over by Brude were still pagans. *Ibid.*, Columba, who was connected with the royal family of the Dalriad Scots, came over from Ireland in the year 563.

†**b.** *Comb.*, as *Scot-lede, -thede*, the people of the Scots. *Obs.*

c 1205 Lay. 20047 þer liðen to-somne alle Scotleode. *Ibid.* 20417 Al Scot-þeode he 3af his ane þeine.

2. A native of Scotland, a Scotchman, a Scotsman. †*Irish Scot*: a Highlander.

Since the 17th c. till recently chiefly *Hist.* exc. in jocular or rhetorical use. In Scotland there has latterly been a tendency (esp. in newspaper writing) to the more extended use of the word.

1338 R. Brunne *Chron.* (1810) 304 At Foukirke in Scotlond, Scottis escapid none. *a* 1352 Minot *Poems* (ed. Hall) ii. 1 Skottes out of Berwik and of Ahirdene. 1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) II. 73 Þe see þat departeþ Englische men and Scottes in þe est half. *c* 1475 *Harl. Contin. Higden* (Rolls) VIII. 320 The firste Edwarde..wan Scotlonde, magre the Scottes stronge. 1513 [? Skelton] in Flügel *Neuengl. Lesebuch* (1895) 155 Of the out yles ye rongh foted scottes we have well eased you of the bottes. *a* 1536 *Songs, Carols*, etc. (E. E. T. S.) 102 A litill balet..made at Mr. Shawes table by a Skote. 1536 A. Boorde in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. III. II. 303 Shortly to conclude, trust yow no Skott, for they wyll yowse flatteryng wordes, and all is fal[s]hode. 1585 Pilkington *Expos. Nehemiah* iv. 13. 61 If any shoot ill fauouredly, we saie he Shooteth like a Scott. 1587 Golding *De Mornay* ii. 22 It is..one selfesame Sunne that maketh the Ethyopian blacke, and the Scotte yellowish. 1596 Shaks. 1 *Hen. IV*, I. iii. 212 Those same Noble Scottes That are your Prisoners. 1631 Pory in *Crt. & Times Chas. I* (1848) II. 125 The same Mackey, a Western or Irish Scot,..was, of all the Scots, most affected by the King of Sweden. 1639 *Hamilton Papers* (Camden) 78 For who knoethe, when your Ma^tie is neer the borders, what Scots may flocke to you, if I be gone. 1793 Burns *Bruce's Addr.* i, Scots! wha hae wi' Wallace bled, Scots! wham Bruce has aften led. 1849 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* i. 1. 66 In perseverance, in self-command, in forethought, in all the virtues which conduce to success in life, the Scots have never been surpassed. 1876 Bancroft *Hist. U.S.* VI. xli. 281 Paul Jones, a Scot by birth, in the service of the United States.

Comb. 1643 [Angier] *Lanc. Vall. Achor* 18 We (Scotlike) knew not the meaning of a Pardon.

3. *dial.* (See quots.)

1787 Marshall *Rural Econ., Norf.* 387 *Scots*, Scotch cattle. 1886 *Field* 7 Aug. 217/3 Prime large oxen 4*s.* 6*d.* to 4*s.* 8*d.* ditto Scots &c. 4*s.* 8*d.* to 5*s.*

4. *slang.* (See quots.)

1812 J. H. Vaux *Flash Dict., Scot*, a person of an irritable temper, who is easily put in a passion, which is often done by the company he is with, to create fun, such a one is declared to be a fine *Scot*. 1859 *Hotten's Slang Dict.* 87 *Scot*, temper or passion; 'oh! what a scot he was in'. 1864 Eliz. Murray *Ella Norman* II. 53, 'I am tired.'—'Yes and in a greater scot than I ever saw you. Why, we can raise you worse than Ma!'

Scot (skɒt), *sb.*[2] Also 3–4 scoth, 4 scott, 5–6 scotte, 6 skot(t, skotte. [Ultimately identical with OE. *sc(e)ot, gesc(e)ot* Shot *sb.*; its formal relation to this is somewhat uncertain.

There can be little doubt that ME. *scot* is in part of Scandinavian origin, a. ON. *skot*; but in some instances it may represent the OF. *escot* (mod.F. *écot*), which is an adoption of the Teut. word; in some uses, again (esp. in Rome-scot) the OE. written form may have been preserved traditionally or revived from documents.]

1. A payment, contribution, 'reckoning'; esp. payment for entertainment; a or one's share of such payment; chiefly in the phrase *to pay* (*for*) (*one's*) *scot*: *lit.* and *fig.*

1297 R. Glouc. (Rolls) 6oor Verst hii wolde ete & drinke ..& xuþþe þe louerd of þe hous quelle..& xuþþe brenne al is hous al uor hor scot ywis. 1340 *Ayenb.* 51 And þanne me hine (*sc.* the glutton] anbongeþ. Þis is þet scot: þet me ofte payþ. 1398 Trevisa *Barth. De P. R.* VI. xxiii. (1495) 213 After souper that is freely yeue it is not honest to compell a man to pay his scot. *c* 1430 *Pilgr. Lyf Manhode* III. xxii. (1869) 147 Þat is þilke þat biseecheth hred for þe loue of god, and wole in no place pay scotte for no thing þat she dispendeth. 1483 Caxton *G. de la Tour* i iij b, God payeth yt grete scot for he rendred to C. double. 1534 More *Comf. agst. Trib.* II. Wks. 1177/2 If so be..that they baue founde out so easye awaye to heauen, as to take no thought, but make mery,..and then lette Chrystes passion paye for all the scotte. *c* 1566 *Merie Tales of Skelton* in *S.'s Wks.* (1843) I. p. lviii, Ise bay for your skott to London. 1729 P. Walkoen *Diary* 4 July (1866) 29, I asked him what I owed him;..I gave him half-a-crown, but he gave me 6*d.* back...So we are clear of all the scots that I know of. 1759 in *Catal. Archives All Souls' Coll.* (1877) 227 The scots have been very high. 1860 Emerson *Cond. Life, Wealth* Wks. (Bohn) II. 346 No system of clientship suits them; but every man must pay his scot. 1870 A. Steinmetz *Gaming Table* I. viii. 214 Some silly lad..allows himself to be..wheedled into paying their scot. 1879 Pattison *Milton* iii. 36 He paid his scot by reciting from memory some of his youthful Latin verses. 1879 Miss Jackson *Shropsh. Word-bk., Scot*, an ale-house reckoning.

†**b.** *Comb.*, as *scot-penny*.

1319 in Gross *Gild Merch.* (1890) II. 13 Solvent denar' qui Scot peny vocatur. 1338 *Andover Gild Rolls* ibid. 335 Summa denariorum receptorum de scotpanes, sigepanes et hanspanes in domo inferiori xiii.*s.* v*d.*

†**2.** A customary tax laid on, or a contribution paid by subjects according to their ability; a custom paid to the use of a sheriff or bailiff; a local or municipal tax. *Obs.*

1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) II. 97 Scot, a gaderynge in work of baylifes. 1432–50 tr. *Higden* ibid., Scot, that is the paymente of a certeyne money to the vtilite of the lorde. 1545 Elyot *Dict., Cloacarium*, scotte in a towne for clensynge of commune draughtes. 1646 J. Benbrigge *Usura Accom.* 15 So they may..at least be eased in their Scots and Taxes.

3. *spec.* A tax levied on the inhabitants of the marshes and levels of Kent and Sussex (see quots.).

1793 A. Young *Agric. Sussex* 22 In Pevensey, and generally in all the levels, is raised a tax by the acre, called Scot, both general and particular. The general scot is applied for the purposes of paying water-bailiffs expenses...The particular scot is applied for the..looking after the streams and sewers. 1896 *Daily News* 1 June 4/6 This 'scot' is a special rate on the agriculturists of the marshes, and in some years has amounted to as much as 8*s.* in the £.

4. *Scot and lot* (earlier *lot and scot*): a tax levied by a municipal corporation in proportionate shares upon its members for the defraying of municipal expenses. Phrase, *To pay* (a person *off*) *lot and scot* (fig.), to pay out thoroughly, to settle with. Also *shot and lot*: see Shot *sb.*

1227 in Gross *Gild Merch.* (1890) II. 211 Si aliquis natiuus alicuius in prefato Burgo manserit,..et fuerit in prefata Gilda et Hansa et loth et Scoth cum eisdem Burgensibus [etc.]. 1320 *Rolls of Parlt.* I. 377/2 Quod cum villa de Pevenese..fuerit..in Lote & Scott cum illa villa de Hastinges. 1494 in *Eng. Gilds* (1870) 289, I shalbe redy at scotte and lotte, and all my duties truly pay and doo. 1537 in W. H. Turner *Select. Rec. Oxford* 150 Roht. James..shall bere almaner of skotte and lotte. 1540 *Act* 32 *Hen. VIII*, c. 42 § 6 The said barbours..shal beare and pay lot and scot ..within the sayd citie. 1596 Shaks. 1 *Hen. IV*, v. iv. 115 Twas time to counterfet, or that hotte Termagant Scot, had paid me scot and lot too. 1640 *Jrnl. Ho. Commons* II. 14 The Election was free to every one that paid Scot and Lot. 1710 Addison *Whig Exam.* No. 5 P 3 The freeholders of Great Britain, as well as those that pay scot and lot. 1822 Galt *Sir A. Wylie* xii. I. 92 Ye maun just gang your ways, for scot nor lot will I pay you, or the like o' you. 1835 *App. Munic. Corpor. Rep.* I. 5 The Juries are selected by the bailiffs from the inhabitants paying scot and lot. 1844 Dickens *Mart. Chuz.* xxiv, I'll pay you off scot and lot by and bye. 1865 — *Mut. Fr.* I. xvi, She paid scot and she paid lot when she had money to pay. 1876 Browning *Pacchiarotto* xiii, This notable Club Pacchiarotto Had joined long since, paid scot and lot to, As free and accepted 'Bardotto'.

b. *attrib.*

1718 Prior *Prologenes & Apelles* 12 Protogenes, Historians note, Liv'd there, a Burgess Scot and Lot. 1809 Malkin *Gil Blas* III. iv. P 8 This is really too flattering, interrupted the scot and lot gentleman. 1832 *Lincoln Herald* 29 Apr., By Scot and Lot Voting. 1835 *App. Munic. Corpor. Rep.* II. 1059 (Seaford, Kent) The Commonalty are the scot and lot inhabitants. 1869 Rogers *Hist. Gleanings* I. 67 The scot-and-lot voters. 1898 J. E. C. Bodley *France* II. III. iii. 157 Scot-and-lot electors.

Scot (skɒt), *sb.*[3] [Cf. Icel. *Skotti*, a nickname for 'a horse whose body and tail are of different colours' (Vigf.), *skott* a (fox's) tail; also Scut *sb.*]

1. A name of a horse. Now *dial.* (Suffolk): see E.D.D.

c 1386 Chaucer *Prol.* 616 This Reue sat vpon a ful good stot, That was al pomely grey, and highte Scot. *Ibid. Friar's T.* 245 Hayt Brok, hayt Scot, what spare ye for the stones?

†**2.** An old name for the hare. *Obs. rare*—[1]. Cf. Scotart, Scotewine.

a 1325 *Names of Hare* in *Rel. Ant.* I. 133 The scot, the deubert [etc.].

Scot (skɒt), *v.* See also Shot *v.* [f. Scot *sb.*[2]]

†**1.** *intr.* To participate, share (*with* a person).

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 348 Ase 3e schotteð mid him of his pine on eorðe, also 3e schulen scotten mid him of his blisse ine heouene.

b. *Sc.* in phr. *to scot and lot*: see Soat *v.*[2]

1531 *Burgh Rec. Edin.* (1871) II. 53 Because the saidis vnfremen nowthir scottis lottis, walkis nor wardis within our said fredome. 1583 J. Balfour *Practicks* (1754) 48 Gif ony wedow buy and sell within burgh with the nichtbouris, sche sall scot and lot with thame in taxatiounis and utheris helpis.

2. *trans.* To lay (a person or property) under contribution of 'scot'; to assess.

c 1750 in *Catal. Archives All Souls' Coll.* (1877) 226 List of owners of land scotted to Lydd Wall. 1774 E. Jacob *Faversham* 28 All which lands and tenements are geldable by the abbot, and scotted and lotted as well as ourselves, for the service of our lord the king. 1864 Lower in *Sussex Archæol. Collect.* XVI. 253 As low lands drained at a public or common charge are still said to be 'scotted'.

Hence **Sco·tted** *ppl. a.*, **Sco·tting** *vbl. sb.*

1545 *Aberdeen Reg.* (Jam.), Thair scotting & lotting, with the furing of his guids furth of Aberdeen to Leyth. 1893 *Doncaster Chron.* 10 Nov. 1/5 That the sum of £500 be allowed from the estate in reduction of the engine rates on the scotted lands.

Sco·tale, sco·t-ale. *Obs.* exc. *Hist.* Also 2 scot(t)hale, (scotteshale), 4 scotal(l. [f. Scot *sb.*[2] + Ale.] An 'ale' or festival at which ale was drunk at the invitation of the lord of the manor or of a forester or other bailiff, for which ale a forced contribution was levied.

[1155–8 in *Cal. Charter Rolls* (1906) II. 472 Quod omnes sint quieti de burdel..et de scotala..ita quod vicecomes meus..scotalam non faciat.] 1190 in Stubbs *Sel. Charters* (1895) 266 Quod omnes sint quieti de jeresgieve et de scottes-hale, ita quod si vicecomes noster vel aliquis alius baillivus scotthale faciat. 1217 *Charter of Forest* vii, Nullus forestarius vel bedellus de cetero faciat scotale, vel [etc.]. 1235–52 *Rentalia Glastonbury* (Somerset Rec. Soc.) 108 Item, potabit iij scotallas. 1474–5 in Swayne *Sarum Churchw. Acc.* (1896) 17 Et in clauis emptis pro domo scotale hoc anno, vd. 1598 Manwood *Lawes Forest* xxi. § 4 (1615) 203/2 A Scottall or Scot-ale is, where any officer of the Forest doth keepe an Alehouse..and by colour of his office doth cause men to come to his house, and there to spend their money, for feare of hauing his displeasure. 1660 Somner *Gavelkind* 29 It seems to be the same with what was afterwards called Scot-ale, whereof you may read in Matth. Paris, the Charter of the Forest, Bracton, the Mirroir, and elsewhere. 1874 Stubbs *Const. Hist.* xiii. (1897) I. 672 Next to this the 'scot-ale' seems to have been the most burdensome local custom. The nature of this exaction is very obscure. It was however levied by the sheriff for his own emolument, probably as a reward for his services in maintaining the peace.

†**Sco·tart.** *Obs. rare*—[1]. [? f. Scut *sb.* + *-art*, -ard. Cf. Scot *sb.*[3] 2.] An old name for the hare.

a 1325 *Names of Hare* in *Rel. Ant.* I. 133 The hare, the scotart, the bigge, the bouchart.

Scotch (skɒtʃ), *sb.*[1] In 5 skoch, 8 skotch, *dial.* squotch. [Cognate with Scotch *v.*[1]]

1. An incision, cut, score or gash.

c 1450 *Two Cookery-bks.* 102 Kut him in þe bakke in two or þre places, but not þorgh, And drawe him in þe sket [*Douce MS.* skoch] next the hede, as thou doest a rounde pike. 1526 *Grete Herball* cclxxiii. (1529) P iv b, In that countree the people make scotches or clyftes in the barke of this tre. 1565 Cooper *Thesaurus, Cicatricosa vitis*, a vine full of scotches and choppes. 1606 Shaks. *Ant. & Cl.* IV. vii. 10 Wee'l beat 'em into Bench-holes, I haue yet Roome for six scotches more. 1625 N. Carpenter *Geog. Del.* I. ii. (1635) 37 A round bowle..indented here and there with scotches. 1655 Walton *Angler* xiii. (1661) 194 Then give him [the eel] three or four scotches with a knife. 1684 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 1895/4 A pretty big chubbed Man,..a Scotch in his Face. 1787 Grose *Prov. Gloss., Skotch*, or *Squotch*, a notch, or cut. 1787 W. H. Marshall *Norfolk* (1795) II. 387 *Scotches*, scores, or notches. 1832 L. Hunt *Boileau's Battle of Bks.* 51 All arm them as they can: one gives a scotch With 'Love's Decree'; another, with the 'Watch'.

2. *spec.* A line scored or marked upon the ground, in the game of Hopscotch. Also *Comb.* †**scotch-hoppers, -hob,** names for the game.

1677 *Poor Robin* To Rdr., The time when School-boys should play at Scotch-hoppers. 1693 Locke *Educ.* § 76 (1699) 116 Dancing and Scotch-hoppers would be the same thing to them, were the Encouragements and Discouragements equal. *Ibid.* § 129. 1823 E. Moor *Suffolk Words, Scotch-hob.* 1890 Wedgwood in *N. & Q.* Ser. VII. X. 64 Taking care that the tile shall be driven clear over the scotch, or scored line.

†**3.** Phr. *Out of all scotch and notch*, ? beyond all bounds or calculation. Cf. Scotch *v.*[1] 1 b. *Obs.*

1589 *Marprel., Hay any Work* A ij b, The pleasure which you haue done vnto me, is out of all scotche and notche. 1594 Lyly *Mother Bombie* II. iii, We gird them and flout them out of all scotch and notch, and they cannot see it. 1596 Nashe *Saffron Walden* 9 Thou wilt be as ready as any catchpoule, out of all scotch & notch to torment him.

Scotch (skɒtʃ), *sb.*[2] Also 7 skatch, 9 skotch. [Belongs to Scotch *v.*[2]: of obscure origin; perh. cogn. w. Scote *v.*

If the 17th c. form *skatch* be correct, the word may be identical with Scatch *sb.*, stilt.]

1. A block placed under a wheel, a cask, or the like, to prevent moving or slipping.

1639 Horn & Rob. *Gate Lang. Unl.* xlii. § 458 Behind there is a skatch to stay the wagon in some steep descent. 1861 J. B. Krene *Pract. Gauging* 40 They [*sc.* casks] are to be firmly fixed, by means of scotches placed underneath, in a horizontal position, bung upwards. 1859 F. A. Griffiths *Artil. Man.* (1862) 115 Two shod handspikes, and two scotches. 1877 *Field Exerc. Infantry* 415 The wheels must be well secured with lashing rope and scotches. 1897 *Daily News* 11 Feb. 8/5 The scotches failed, and the boiler began to back down the hill.

b. *fig.*

1601 Sir W. Cornwallis *Ess.* II. xlv. (1631) 251 It is time so soon as our breathing hath set a scotch upon Time. 1861 Ruffini *Dr. Antonio* x, The Baronet, who did not like so many scotches put to his plans. 1887 *S. Chesh. Gloss.* s.v., So we often speak metaphorically of 'putting a *scotch* on a person's wheel', i.e. checking him; and to put a *scotch* on a project is to put difficulties in its way.

2. (See quot.)

1875 Knight *Dict. Mech., Scotch*, a slotted bar which slips upon a rod or pipe, and forms a bearing for a shoulder or collar thereon, so as to support it while a section above is being attached or detached. Used in boring and tubing wells.

Scotch (skɒtʃ), *a.* and *sb.*[3] Also 7 Scot'sh. [Contracted var. of Scottish.

The three forms of the adj., *Scotch, Scottish, Scots*, are still current, with some difference in use, which, however, is somewhat unsettled. Down to the middle of the 16th c. the only form used in southern English was *Scottish*; but in the dialect of Scotland (and in that of the north of England in the 14th and 15th c.) the form was *Scottis* (cf. *Inglis* = English), subsequently contracted to *Scots*. So far as our quotations show, the contraction of *Scottish* into *Scotch* is not recorded before 1570 (in the compound *Scotchman*), though the colloquial pronunciation which it represents may well be much older; instances of *Scotch cap, Scotch jig* occur in 1591–99, but the adj. did not become common in literature until the second half of the 17th c. From that time until recently *Scotch* has been the prevailing form in England, though *Scottish* has always been in use as a more formal synonym. In Scotland, the authors who wrote in dialect (down to Ramsay and Fergusson early in the 18th c.) used *Scots*, while those who anglicized adopted the form *Scottish*. But before the end of the 18th c. *Scotch* had been adopted into the northern vernacular; it is used regularly by Burns, and subsequently by Scott; still later, it appears even in official language in the title of the 'Scotch Education Office'. Within the last half-century there has been in Scotland a growing tendency to discard this form altogether, *Scottish*, or less frequently *Scots*, being substituted. At present, while in England *Scotch* is the ordinary colloquial word, the literary usage prefers *Scottish* in applications relating to

the nation or the country at large or its institutions or characteristics. Thus it is usual to speak of 'Scottish literature', 'Scottish history', 'the Scottish character', 'a Scottish lawyer', 'the Scottish border'. On the other hand, it would sound affected to say 'a Scottish girl', 'a Scottish gardener,' and there is no alternative for expressions like 'Scotch tweeds', 'Scotch whisky'. Although 'the Scottish dialect' is now the usual designation, it is seldom that *Scottish* is used as a sb. instead of *Scotch*. Recent usage favours *Scots* in 'Scots law', and it is now almost universal in historical references to money, as 'a pound Scots'.]

A. *adj.*

1. Of persons: Of, belonging to, or native to, Scotland.

1606 WARNER *Alb. Eng.* XIV. lxxxiv. (1612) 350 Ferquard did with the fatall Chaire, earst spoke-of, send his Sonne. That thereupon of Scotch-Kings Here the Title first begunne, And all Scotch-Crownings earst as his, on it were Else-where done. 1654 H. L'ESTRANGE *Chas. I* (1655) 166 The Scot'sh Revolters in the state I left them, were not like to meliorate nor to goe lesse in animosity. *c* 1655 MILTON *Sonn., Forcers of Conscience* 12 By shallow Edwards and Scotch what d'ye call. 1701 *Cowel's Interpr., Acre*, an old sort of Duel fought by single Combatants, English and Scotch, between the Frontiers of their Kingdom, with Sword and Lance. *a* 1704 T. BROWN *Laconics* Wks. 1711 IV. 15 An English Bull-dog, and a Scotch Presbyterian, are of a different Species from all the Bull-dogs and Presbyterians in the World. 1775 *Brit. Chronol.* II. an. 1717, 19 June, Several of the Scotch clergy, being convicted a second time, of not praying for king George by name, were silenced for three years. 1838 W. BELL *Dict. Law Scot.* Pref. 7 To which no Scotch lawyer of the present century can refer, without [etc.]. 1860 THACKERAY *Round. Papers, On some carp at Sans Souci*, That tipsy Scotch gentleman who used to come to the chambers sometimes. 1861 PEARSON *Early & Mid. Ages Eng.* xxvi. 313 His marriage with Maud, the aunt of the Scotch king. 1894 SIR J. ASTLEY *Fifty Yrs. Life* II. 201 He had no Scotch blood in him that I know of!

b. *Scotch cuddy, draper,* † *merchant,* etc.: a travelling draper or pedlar: see quots. and SCOTCHMAN[1] 1 a.

1706 PHILLIPS (ed. Kersey), *Pedler*, one that sells small Wares about the Streets; a Hawker; a Scotch or wand'ring Merchant. 1818 SCOTT *Rob Roy* xxii, [He] spoke of Jarvie as a petulant, conceited Scotch pedlar, with whom there was no dealing. 1894 *Northumb. Gloss., Manadge-man*, an itinerant vendor of goods on credit for household requirements. Sometimes called in Newcastle a 'Scotch draper'. 1901 G. DOUGLAS *Ho. Green Shutters* 96 The 'Scotch Cuddy' is so called because he is a beast of burden, and not from the nature of his wits. He is a travelling packman, who infests communities of working men, and disposes of his goods on the credit system, receiving payment in instalments. *Ibid.* 98 Sandy..had been a Scotch Cuddy in the Midlands. 1908 E. PARRY in *Daily Chron.* 9 June 4/7 A Scotch draper is a credit travelling draper, and I believe they originally came from Scotland.

c. In the names of military bodies consisting of Scotchmen.

Scotch Greys: sometimes used for the official form *Scots Greys* (see GREY *sb.* 8).

1756 *Act* 29 *Geo. II*, c. 17 § 5 The Corps in the Service of ..the United Provinces, distinguished by the Name of The Scotch Brigade. 1817 J. SCOTT *Paris Revisit.* (ed. 4) 139 At this moment the Scotch Greys poured in upon the enemy as a flood. 1818 SCOTT *Hrt. Midl.* iii, The corps long maintained in the service of the States of Holland, and called the Scotch Dutch. 1853 STOCQUELER *Milit. Encycl., Scotch Brigade*, a brigade of Scotchmen, gentlemen and others, who served under the elector of Bavaria in the reign of James I, and subsequently under Gustavus Adolphus in the thirty years' war.

d. Characteristic of Scotland or its people.

1815 R. BELL *Conveyance of Land* Introd. 8 The statute acting (agreeably to Scotch ideas) as a charter of confirmation in favour of every subsequent purchaser. 1834 M. SCOTT *Cruise of Midge* viii, 'What ship is that?' This was answered Scotch fashion—'What felucca is that?' 1900 *St. James's Gaz.* 9 Apr. 3/1 What the sailors call 'Scotch seamanship', which is all stupidity and main strength.

e. *Scotch cousin*: a distant relative (in allusion to the practice in Scotland of tracing kinship to remote degrees).

1864 *Times* 10 Aug. (Hoppe), A Scotch cousinship of ten removes. 1887 MARY CHOLMONDELEY *Danvers Jewels* i, I have no deserving nephew or Scotch cousin.

2. Of things: Of or pertaining to Scotland or its inhabitants (often denoting a particular variety or quality of the thing named, e.g. *Scotch ale, cambric, carpet, paling, rite, whisky*, etc.).

1591, 1595 [see SCOTCH CAP]. 1599 SHAKS. *Much Ado* II. i. 77 The first suite is hot and hasty like a Scotch jigge (and full as fantastical). 1669 DIGBY *Closet Opened* 114 The excellent Scotch Ale is made thus. *a* 1700 B. E. *Dict. Cant. Crew* s.v. *Luggs*, A Scotch Proverb. 1738 *Gentl. Mag.* VIII. 296/2 The Scotch Settlement there [at Darien]. 1785 *Spanish Rivals* 7, I have stuck to my master like a Scotch plaid, in all weathers. 1785 BURNS *Scotch Drink* i, I sing the juice Scotch bear can make us. *Ibid.* ii, O thou, my Muse! guid, auld Scotch Drink! 1808 SCOTT in *Lockhart* (1837) I. i. 58 The Scotch law lectures were those of Mr. David Hume. 1820 *Trials for High Treason Scot.* (1825) I. 93 We are here to deal with Scotch law in a Scottish court. 1832 *Scoreby Farm Rep.* 5 in *Libr. Useful Knowl., Husb.* III, Scotch-Paling, neat light fence, peculiarly adapted for gardens, for securing single trees,..was introduced at Scoreby [Yorkshire], from Lanarkshire, by John Wood, Esq., M.P., a few years ago. 1838 W. BELL *Dict. Law Scot.* 5 In Scotch law language, however, the term *absolute disposition* is generally used in relation to heritable property. 1839 URE *Dict. Arts* 263 The three-ply imperial carpet, called the Scotch, is coming very much into vogue. 1855 J. F. W. JOHNSTON *Chem. Common Life* xiv. I. 337 While malt liquors give our Scotch and Irish whiskies. 1858 SIMMONDS *Dict. Trade, Scotch-cambric*, a cotton fabric made in imitation of French cambric. 1861 PEARSON *Early & Mid. Ages Eng.* xxviii. 337 The transition of races that was rapidly going on in the Scotch Lowlands. 1883 *Grove's Dict. Mus.* III. 437 The impressions of his [Mendelssohn's] Scotch tour in 1829.

b. As the epithet of various weights and measures, etc. (differing from the English standard), used formerly in Scotland. *Scotch acre*, 6,084 square yards; *Scotch ell*, 37·0958 inches; *Scotch mile*, see MILE *sb.*[1] 1; etc. Cf. SCOTS *a.* 16, SCOTTISH *a.*

1774 PENNANT *Tour Scot. in* 1772, 314 The half-Davoch..consists of ninety-six Scotch acres of arable land..with a competent quantity of mountain or grazing land. 1785 BURNS *Death & Dr. Hornbook* vii, Its stature seem'd lang Scotch ells twa. 1786 — *Auld Farmer's Salut. Mare* x, But sax Scotch mile, thou try't their mettle. 1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) X. 718/1 The Scotch quart contains 210 inches. 1799 J. ROBERTSON *Agric. Perth* p. vi, Table Weights etc., 1 Scotch pint = 103.4 cubic inches...A Scotch acre commonly = 6084 square yards. N.B. If the difference of inches were narrowly attended to in making the Scotch chain, a Scotch acre would be equal to 6150.7 square yards. 1801 *Farmer's Mag.* Apr. 179 A good crop of hay, upon an English statute acre, will not exceed 240 Scotch stone. 1818 SCOTT *Rob Roy* xix, At the rate of twelve shillings (Scotch) per diem. 1843 LOUDON *Encycl. Agric.* Suppl. (1857) § 8308 The following table exhibits the cost per Scotch acre of draining in this method.

c. With the names of various animals and birds.

Scotch dipper, duck, teal, local U.S. for the *Charitonetta* or *Bucephala albeola* (in Cent. Dict. 1891 and later Dicts.).

a 1700 B. E. *Dict. Cant. Crew, Scotch-hobby*, a little sorry, scrubbed, low Horse of that Country. 1847 W. C. L. MARTIN *The Ox* 61/1 Black Scotch cattle. 1877 *Encycl. Brit.* VI. 515/2 The chief breeds of coursing greyhounds now in vogue are the Newmarket, the Lancashire, and the Scotch. 1885 SWAINSON *Prov. Names Birds* 28 [The sedge-warbler is called] Scotch nightingale (Roxburgh; Stirling). 1887 *Field* 18 June 845/3 Some people at Felling-on-Tyne..were taken in by buying skinned cats for 'Scotch hares'.

d. With the names of various insects, esp. butterflies and moths. (See quots.)

1832 J. RENNIE *Butterfl. & Moths* 13 The Scotch Ringlet (*Hipparchia Blandina*, Leach) appears in August. *Ibid.* 19 The Scotch Argus (*Polyommatus Artaxerxes*, Stephens) appears at the end of July. *Ibid.* 135 The Scotch Pug (*Eupithecia cognata*, Stephens)...Scarce. Fifeshire and Mid Lothian. 1869 NEWMAN *Brit. Moths* 68 The Scotch Amulet (*Dasydia obfuscata*). 1876 J. GIBSON in *Encycl. Brit.* IV. 595/1 Other species are extremely local, as the Scotch Argus (*Lycæna artaxerxes*), confined to a few Scottish hillsides. 1887 *Cassell's Encycl. Dict., Scotch-sawfly*, the genus Lophyrus.

3. As the designation of the variety of northern English which is vernacular in Scotland. Hence of words, expressions, etc., belonging to this, and of works composed in it. Cf. SCOTS *a.* 2, SCOTTISH *a.*

1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) XIV. 560/1 *marg.*, Causes of the purity of the Scotch dialect of this ancient language. 1801 W. BEATTIE (*title*), Fruits of Time Parings, being a small collection of original poems, Scotch and English. 1828 P. CUNNINGHAM *N.S. Wales* (ed. 3) II. 239 Many spoke the Scotch dialect so broadly as almost to puzzle *me* to unravel it. 1829 SCOTT *Rob Roy* Introd., To secure the adherence of stout, able-bodied, and, as the Scotch phrase then went, *pretty* men. 1863 *Smith's Dict. Bible* III. 1649/2 Similar to the Scotch pronunciation of the initial H. 1878 *Encycl. Brit.* VIII. 398/2 So in early Scotch books we find *sellow, ze, yat, yem*.

4. Special collocations: **Scotch bait** (see quot.); † **Scotch boot** = BOOT *sb.*[3] 3; † **Scotch hum**, a kind of bustle; **Scotch catch** *Mus.* = *Scotch snap*; **Scotch chocolate, coffee** *slang* (see quots.); **Scotch collops** (see COLLOP[1] 2 c); **Scotch douche** [= F. *douche écossaise*] (see quot.); **Scotch face** *Printing* (see quot.); † **Scotch fall**, an article of dress; **Scotch fiddle** *slang*, the itch (see FIDDLE *sb.* 4 c); **Scotch fines**, a particular quality of rags used in papermaking; **Scotch furnace**, 'a simple form of ore-hearth used in smelting lead ores' (*Cent. Dict.* 189.); **Scotch hand, hearth** (see quots.); † **Scotch-land**, Scotland; **Scotch marriage** (see MARRIAGE 2); **Scotch mist** (see MIST *sb.*[1] 1 c), also allusively; hence **Scotch-misty** *a.*, characterized by Scotch mist; **Scotch pebble** (see PEBBLE *sb.* 2 c); **Scotch prize** *Naut.*, a capture by mistake; † **Scotch rabbit**, ? a 'Welsh rabbit'; † **Scotch saddle**, a particular variety of saddle (cf. *Scotissh sadell*, SADDLE *sb.* 1 b), also *attrib.* or *adj.*; **Scotch scale** *Mus.* (see quot.); † **Scotch-sleeve**, ? a person wearing sleeves of 'Scotch cloth'; **Scotch snap** *Mus.* (see quot.); **Scotch spur** *Her.*, a bearing representing a prick spur; **Scotch stone** (see quot.); **Scotch terrier** (see TERRIER). See also SCOTCH BONNET, CAP, CLOTH.

1785 GROSE *Dict. Vulgar T.*, **Scotch bait*, a halt and a resting on a stick, as practised by pedlars. 1697 COLLIER *Ess. Mor. Subj.* I. (1709) 123 They..immediately..got a sort of *Scotch-Boot to bend their Hams in. 1607 DEKKER & WEBSTER *Westw.-Hoe* II. ii, That French gowne, Scotch fals, *Scotch bum, and Italian head-tire you sent her. 1785 GROSE *Dict. Vulgar T.*, **Scotch chocolate*, brimstone and milk. 1864 *Hotten's Slang Dict.*, **Scotch coffee*, biscuits toasted and boiled in water. Sea. 1883 CLARK RUSSELL *Sailor's Lang.*, *Scotch coffee*, hot water flavoured with burnt biscuit. 1891 *Century Dict.*, **Scotch douche*, a douche of hot water, beginning at a temperature of 40° C., increased gradually to 45–50° C., and immediately followed by cold water; more generally, a succession of alternate hot and cold douches. *Ibid.* s.v. *Serif*, in the *Scotch-face it [the serif] is curved like a bracket on the inner side. 1607 *Scotch fall [see *Scotch bum*]. 1675 EARL OF ROCHESTER *Tunbridge Wells* 120 And then more smartly to expound the Riddle Of all this Prattle, gives her a *Scotch Fiddle. 1880 J. DUNBAR *Pract. Papermaker* 23 *Scotch Fines. 1884 *Girl's Own Paper* Jan. 155/3 Little rolls of butter (made with the two little wooden bats known as *Scotch hands). 1881 RAYMOND *Mining Gloss.*, **Scotch hearth*, a low forge or furnace of cast-iron, with one tuyere, in which rich galena is treated by a sort of accelerated roasting and reaction process. 1654 GAYTON *Pleas. Notes* III. iv. 88 In *Scotch-land. 1768 GOLDSM. *Good-n. Man* v, *Landlady*...For certain, *Scotch marriages seldom turn out well. 1647 J. C[LEVELAND] *Char. of Lond.-Diurn.* 7 This is he, that hath put out one of the Kingdoms eyes, by clouding our Mother-University, and (if the *Scotch-mist further prevaile) will extinguish this other. 1662 *Gusman's Ephemeris* A 2 b, Since the first Scotch Mist in England 20 [years]. 1679 C. NESSE *Antichrist* 204 By sundry vials powr'd upon it, a Scotch mist is upon it. *a* 1700–[see MIST *sb.*[1] 1 c]. 1866 CARLYLE *Remin.* I. 210 A windless, Scotch-misty, Saturday night. 1867 SMYTH *Sailors' Word-bk.*, **Scotch prize*, a mistake; worse than no prize, or one liable to hamper the captors with heavy law expenses. 1747 MRS. GLASSE *Cookery* ix. 97 To make a *Scotch-Rabbit. Toast a Piece of Bread.., butter it, cut a Slice of Cheese,..toast it on both Sides, and lay it on the Bread. 1598 FLORIO, *Naso schiacciato*, a flat *Scotch-saddle nose. *c* 1800 BUSBY *Dict. Mus.* **Scotch-Scale*, a Scale differing from that of the other nations of Europe by its omission of the *fourth* and *seventh*; a peculiarity from which all the genuine Scottish melodies derive their national and distinguished character. 1705 HICKERINGILL *Priest-cr.* II. iii. 30 Poor Lawn-Sleeves (or *Scotch-Sleeves)..was so assaulted, as..he had probably perished by their violence. 1883 J. M. WOOD in *Grove's Dict. Mus.* III. 437 *Scotch Snap or Catch is the name given to the reverse of the ordinary dotted note which has a short note after it—in the snap the short note comes first and is followed by the long one. 1688 HOLME *Armoury* III. vii. 304/1 *Scotch Spur. 1847 *Gloss. Heraldry* 293 The Scotch or prick-spur has a spike instead of a rowel. 1881 *Encycl. Brit.* XII. 135/1 Among hones of less importance ..may be noted..Water of Ayr stone, *Scotch stone, or snake stone, used for tools and for polishing marble.

b. In names of plants: **Scotch asphodel** (see ASPHODEL 2 d); **Scotch attorney**, a name given in Jamaica to various species of *Clusia* or woody vines which twine round the trunks of trees and destroy them (cf. SCOTCHMAN 1 d); **Scotch barley**, (*a*) a Scotch variety of barley; (*b*) 'a variety of pot-barley (BARLEY *sb.* 1 b), made by simply grinding off the husk' (Ogilvie *Suppl.* 1855); **Scotch bear, bigg**, bear (*sb.*[2]), and bigg, grown in Scotland; **Scotch broom**, 'an American designation of the common broom, *Cytisus scoparius*' (Cent. Dict. 1891); **Scotch cinquefoile, crocus, curlies** (see quots.); **Scotch elm**, *Ulmus montana*; **Scotch fir** (see FIR 1); **Scotch gale** = GALE *sb.*[1]; **Scotch geranium**, *Geranium Robertianum* (Britten & Holland 1886); **Scotch grass**, the *Panicum molle* of the West Indies (see quots.); **Scotch greys**, a variety of oats; **Scotch heath or heather** (see quot.); **Scotch kale** (see KALE 1 b); **Scotch laburnum** (see LABURNUM); **Scotch lilac** (see quot.); **Scotch lovage** = LOVAGE b; **Scotch mercury** (see MERCURY *sb.* 10 d; **Scotch parsley** = LOVAGE b; **Scotch pine** (see PINE *sb.*[2] 2); also *attrib.*; **Scotch primrose** (see PRIMROSE 2); **Scotch rose** (see quot. 1820); † **Scotch scurvy-grass**, the sea-side bindweed, *Convolvulus Soldanella*. See also SCOTCH THISTLE.

1796 WITHERING *Brit. Plants* (ed. 3) II. 358 Tofieldia palustris..*Scotch Asphodel, Marsh Tofieldia. 1864 GRISEBACH *Flora W. Ind. Islands* 787 *Scotch attorney: *Clusia*. 1871 KINGSLEY *At Last* v, The Matapalo (or Scotch Attorney, as it is rudely called here). 1707 MORTIMER *Husb.* (1721) I. 131 In Lincolnshire they sow a sort of Barley that they call *Scotch Barley. 1825 LOUDON *Encycl. Agric.* § 4689 Of pot-barley there are two sorts, pearl and Scotch; both are produced by grinding off the husk. 1839 URE *Dict. Arts* 87 The *Scotch beer or bigg, is the *hordeum vulgare hexasticon*. *Ibid.* 91 An inferior Scotch bigg. 1843 BAXTER *Brit. Phænog. Bot.* VI. 470 Sibbaldia procumbens. Procumbent Sibbaldia. *Scotch Cinquefoil. 1882 *Garden* 28 Jan. 66/2 The Cloth of Silver or *Scotch Crocus is a large variety of the Italian Crocus biflorus. 1891 *Century Dict.*, **Scotch curlies*, a variety of kale, so called from its curled leaves. 1840 BAXTER *Brit. Phænog. Bot.* V. 386 Ulmus montana. Mountain Elm. *Scotch Elm. Wych Elm. 1696 PLUKENET *Almagestum* Wks. 1769 II. 297 The *Scotch Firr. 1897 BARING-GOULD *Bladys* xxii, The wind sang in a Scotch fir rooted in the red cliff overhead. 1795 *Statist. Acc. Scot.* XIV. 60 Near to the King's Well, in the same barony, is to be found what is called the *Scotch-gale, a species of the myrtle. 1756 P. BROWNE *Jamaica* (1789) 133 *Scotch Grass. This plant is cultivated and thrives very luxuriantly in all the low and marshy lands of Jamaica. 1839 *Penny Cycl.* XIII. 75/1 The Scotch grass grows with great luxuriance by the sides of the rivers [of Jamaica]. 1805 R. W. DICKSON *Pract. Agric.* I. 578 The blue oat..is suggested in Miller's Dictionary as the sort known to farmers under the title of **Scotch Greys*. 1891 *Century Dict.*, **Scotch heath* or *heather*, most properly, *Erica cinerea*..; also (U.S.), the common heather, *Calluna vulgaris*. 1840 PAXTON *Bot. Dict.*, **Scotch laburnum*, see *Cytisus alpinus*. 1759 MILLER *Gard. Dict.* (ed. 7) s.v. *Syringa*, One of these [varieties] has white Flowers, one blue, and the third has purple Flowers; the latter is commonly known by the Title of *Scotch Lilac, to distinguish it from the other. 1731 *Ibid.*, *Ligusticum*; *Scoticum...*Scotch Lovage. 1774 PENNANT *Tour Scot. in* 1772, 310 *Ligusticum scoticum*, *Scotch parsley, or the *shunis* of this island [Hebrides]. 1731 MILLER *Gard. Dict.* s.v. *Abies* 3/2 The *Scotch Pine

or Pinaster, will grow on the North or East side. 1840 LOUDON tr. *Köllar's Treat. Insects* 363 The Scotch Pine Bark-Beetle. *Hylesinus* (*Hylurgus*) *piniperda*, Fabr. 1863 PRIOR *Plant-n.* 184 *Scotch-Primrose. 1731 MILLER *Gard. Dict.* s. v. *Rosa* 6, The strip'd *Scotch Rose...The sixth Sort is found wild in Scotland. 1820 J. SAAINE in *Trans. Hort. Soc.* (1822) IV. 281 The Scotch Rose has been, and still is, sometimes called the Burnet Rose; it is the Rosa spinosissima of the English authors. 1787 LIGHTFOOT *Flora Scot.* I. 140 Convolvulus foliis reniformibus pedunculis unifloris..Sea Bindweed. *Scotch Scurvy-Grass.

B. *sb.* (Elliptical uses of the adj.)

1. *The Scotch* (pl.): The inhabitants of Scotland or their immediate descendants in other countries.

1781 J. RIPLEY *Sel. Orig. Lett.* 41 Let the words English and Scotch be entirely obliterated and lost in that more ancient and significant word Britons. 1818 SCOTT *Rob Roy* iv, The Scotch of that period were guilty of similar injustice to the English. 1825 LOUDON *Encycl. Agric.* § 4718 The fine powder which is produced by husking the corn,..forms the sowens of the Scotch. 1861 PEARSON *Early & Mid. Ages Eng.* xxviii. 337 Meanwhile, the Scotch were divided by a quarrel as to who should lead the van.

b. *Scotch and English*: the English Border name for prisoner's base; cf. *French and English* (see FRENCH *sb.* 2 b).

1802 W. HUTTON *Hist. Roman Wall* 105 The children of this day, upon the English border keep up the remembrance [of former scenes] by a common play, called *Scotch and English*, or, *The Raid* (inroad). 1825 JAMIESON, *English and Scotch*, a common game among young people. 1869 MRS. SOMERVILLE *Personal Recoll.* (1873) I. 22 In our play-hours [at school in 1790] we amused ourselves..at 'Scotch and English', a game which represented a raid on the debatable land, or Border between Scotland and England, in which each party tried to rob the other of their playthings.

2. The Scotch language: see A. 3.

a 1700 B. E. *Dict. Cant. Crew, Sawny*, a Fool. *He's a meer sawny*, he is very soft, tho' (in Scotch) it is only for Alexander. 1818 SCOTT *Hrt. Midl.* iv, Which is to say, in plain Scotch, the gallows. 1824 — *Redgauntlet* let. iii, I myself have since that time acquired Scotch in perfection, and many a Scotticism withal. 1878 *Encycl. Brit.* VIII. 400/2 The revival of [interest in] Lowland Scotch last century. 1896 ASHBY-STERRY *Tale of Thames* viii, I can read French as well as I can English, but it is impossible for me to comprehend Scotch.

3. Often *elliptically* (the sb. being contextually known), e. g. for *Scotch whisky*; also = a glass of Scotch whisky. Also formerly for *Scotch snuff*.

1823 J. BADCOCK *Dom. Amusem.* 100 The finely levigated snuff, known as 'Scotch'. 1886-96 MARSHALL *He Stumbered* ('Pomes,' 118) (Farmer) In the early evening watches he had started well on Scotches. 1893 H. CRACKANTHORPE *Wreckage* 125 Two bitters and a small Scotch. 1894 SIR J. ASTLEY *Fifty Yrs. Life* II. 124 And over a drop of Scotch and a cigar discuss the leading topics of the day. 1898 G. B. SHAW *Plays* II. *You never can tell* 307 *Waiter*..Scotch and syphon for you, sir?

Scotch (skɒtʃ), *v.*[1] Forms: 5 **scoocche, skoocche, schoche**, 5–6 **skoche**, 6 **scotche**, 6–7 **skotch**, 6– **scotch**. [Of obscure origin; identity with SCORCH *v.*[3] (first in 16th c.) is hardly possible.]

1. *trans.* To make an incision or incisions in; to cut, score, gash. ? *Obs.*

c 1412 HOCCLEVE *De Reg. Princ.* 3727 With his nayles cracched he his face, And scocched [*Ro.b.* skocched] it with koyues, and to-rente. *c* 1450 *Two Cookery-bks.* 101 Schoche him [the fish] by þe hede in þe backe,..And skoche him in two or iij. peces in þe bak, but nozt thorgh. 15.. *Scot. Field* 218 *Chetham Soc. Misc.* II, Our Englishmen full egerly attilde them to shott; Skochen the cruell Scottes with their kene arrowes. 1562 TURNER *Herbal* II. 46 b, If ye will haue the iuice, ye must scotche & pryck the rootes in many places. 1576 TURBERV. *Venerie* xiii. 131 When they haue well skotched it [the deer-skin] with their wood-knives, that the houndes may the more easily teare off the fleshe. 1596 NASHE *Saffron Walden* Ep. Ded. C 3 b, I..will deliuer him to thee to be scotcht and carbonadoed. 1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* IV. v. I. 74 Thus many creekes doth scotch and cut Peloponnesus. 1651 T. BARKER *Art of Angling* (1653) 17 Wash the Eele cleane...Scotch it all along both the sides. 1675 HAN. WOOLLEY *Gentlew. Comp.* 129 Scotch with your knife the back of the Carp. 1747 MRS. GLASSE *Cookery* 33 When you have clear'd the Pig of both [skin and hair], scotch him down to the Bones.

absol. 1573 TUSSER *Husb.* (1878) 73 How euer ye scotch, saue pole and crotch.

† b. Phr. *To notch and scotch.* (? A term used in Tennis: cf. SCOTCH *sb.*[1] 3.) *Obs.*

1607 SHAKS. *Cor.* IV. v. 198 He scotcht him, and notcht him like a Carbinado. 1797 MME. D'ARBLAY *Lett.* Dec. (1891) IV. 49 They play all day at tennis, and learn with vast skill to notch and scotch and go one.

2. Theobald's generally accepted conjectural reading of *Mach.* III. ii. 13, 'We have scotch'd the snake, not kill'd it' (see SCORCH *v.*3), has become a stock quotation, in which the verb *scotch* is taken to mean: To inflict such hurt upon (something regarded as dangerous) that it is rendered harmless for the time.

1798 COOKE in *Ld. Auckland's Corr.* (1862) III. 393, I fear relaxation and too much clemency; but the snake must be killed not scotched. 1820 BYRON *Mar. Fal.* III. ii. 268 Would that the hour were come! We will not scotch, But kill. 1843 LE FEVRE *Life Trav. Phys.* II. II. viii. 279 The malaria is scotched, not killed, and the intermittent returns at some future period. 1879 MERIVALE *Early Ch. Hist.* ii. 86 It was by Augustine most of all that the Arian heresy was scotched, if not actually killed. 1894 BARING-GOULD *Deserts S. France* II. 115 From the time of St. Louis, the feudal power in France was scotched, though far from killed.

b. To crush, stamp upon, stamp out (something dangerous).

1825 *Q. Rev.* XXXII. 277 If we, in our own language, were to scotch the insidious forgetfulness, *we* might, perhaps, be accused of 'coarse and insulting abuse'; and shall therefore only cite the gentle remonstrance of Lord Byron. 1880 A. H. HUTH *Buckle* I. iii. 189 Attempting to scotch the pestiferous germs of heresy. 1908 *Expositor* Dec. 527 Fanaticism which constitutes a danger to mankind should be scotched.

Hence **Scotched** *ppl. a.*, cut, scarred; also in *scotched collops*, an etymologizing perversion of *Scotch collops*; **Sco·tching** *vbl. sb.*

1559 FECKENHAM in Strype *Ann. Ref.* (1709) I. App. ix. 26 There was no scotchinge nor cuttinge of the Faces and Legs of the Crucifix and Image of Christ. 1625 LISLE *Du Bartas, Noe* 98 The Lombard left,..Unto the skotched [*balafrez*] Hunnes the divers furrowd marge Of Ister. 1708 W. KING *Art Cookery* 21 A Cook perhaps has mighty things profest, Then sent up but two Dishes nicely drest, What signifie Scotcht-Collops to a Feast.

Scotch (skɒtʃ), *v.*[2] Also 8 **skatch.** [f. SCOTCH *sb.*[2]]

1. *trans.* To block or wedge (a wheel, log, gate, etc.) so as to keep from moving or slipping. Also with *up* (see quot. 1898). Also *fig.*

1642 FULLER *Holy & Prof. St.* II. xiii. § 4 Hedges and counterhedges..serve for barracadoes, and will stick as birdlime in the wings of the horse, and scotch the wheeling about of the foot. 1645 T. HILL *Olive Branch* (1648) 29 If now jealousies and misunderstandings should creep in, and scotch the wheel. 1663 DRYDEN *Wild Gallant* I. i. (1669) 2 Then will I first scotch the Wheeles of it, that it may not run. 1706 PHILLIPS (ed. Kersey) To *Skatch a Wheel.* 1713 M. HENRY *Conc. Meekness & Quietn. of Spirit* (1822) 141 Abigail prudently scotched the wheels of his passion. 1844 EMERSON *New Eng. Reformers* Wks. (Bohn) I. 259 Stop, dear nature, these incessant advances of thine; let us scotch these ever-rolling wheels. 1859 F. A. GRIFFITHS *Artil. Man.* (1862) 125, 2 has charge of the..skidding, scotches the wheels. 1866 *Cornh. Mag.* Sept. 323 It was..noticed that near most of the gates that would have had to be opened, a stone was lying, as if it had been used to 'scotch' it. 1887 *S. Chesh. Gloss.* s.v., To *scotch* a ladder is to 'foot' it, and thus prevent its slipping. 1895 LO. WATSON in *Law Times Rep.* LXXIII. 636/2 Hopper..insufficiently scotched the waggon which ran down the incline and killed the deceased. 1898 ANSTED *Dict. Sea Terms* s.v., To be *scotched up* is to be supported, as a boat may be when propped or 'scotched up' against a quay by timber shores or legs.

b. *fig.* To render inoperative, cripple the action of; to frustrate (a plan).

1876 L. STEPHEN *Eng. Th. 18th C.* I. 33 The name of Spinozism was of course dreaded by them [*sc.* the Deists]; they take care both to avoid the imputation, and to make it understood by carefully scotching their logic. 1895 in *Funk's Stand. Dict.* 1897 'O. RHOSCOMYL' *White Rose Arno* 163, I scotched the project of retreat for this council, at any rate.

† 2. *intr.* (Chiefly with negative.) To hesitate, scruple, boggle, or stick *at*; to hesitate *to do* something. Also, to haggle *with* a person *for* something. *Obs.* exc. *dial.*

1601 DENT *Pathw. Heaven* 74 For when [men] come to giuing vnto holy and necessarie vses, then they will sticke at a pennie, and scotch at a groat, and euery thing is too much. 1627 J. CARTER *Plain Expos.* 47 He will haue vs value our humilitie, loyaltie, and pliablenesse to the higher powers..at so high a rate, as to scotch at no hardship, to give them, or their assignes, inst content. *Ibid.* 81 God hath giuen the greater,..wherefore out of question, hee will not scotch with vs for the lesse. *a* 1825 FORBY *Voc. E. Anglia, Scotch v.* to spare; to refrain...So when we say 'I did not scotch to tell him my mind', we mean 'I did not at all mince the matter'. 1887 *S. Chesh. Gloss., Scotch*, to hesitate, stick at. 'He scotches at nowt'.

3. *intr.* Of a horse: ? To boggle, shy.

1894 SIR J. ASTLEY *Fifty Yrs. Life* II. 216 Soon after he [*sc.* a racehorse] started he began to scotch, and was on the point of stopping to kick.

Hence **Sco·tching** *vbl. sb.* Also **Sco·tcher** *nonce-wd.*, an implement for scotching or blocking.

1800 MAR. EDGEWORTH *Parents' Assist.* (1856) 460, 'I call this thing my scotcher,' said Paul, 'because I always scotch the wheels with it.' 1859 F. A. GRIFFITHS *Artil. Man.* (1862) 110 This is called scotching, or chocking.

Scotch, variant of SCUTCH *sb.* and *v.*

Scotch bonnet.

1. (See BONNET *sb.* 1.)

a 1803 J. BEATTIE (*title*), To the Right Honourable Lady Charlotte Gordon, Dressed in a Tartan Scotch Bonnet, with plumes. 1840 DICKENS *Old C. Shop* xvii, Their Scotch bonnets, were ornamented with plumes of jet black feathers. 1876 A'BECKETT *Holiday in Scot. Highlands* 29 The sentry..in spite of wearing a Scotch bonnet, had evidently been born in the sister island.

2. *pl.* a. The fairy-ring mushroom, *Marasmius oreades.* b. The bonnet-pepper, *Capsicum tetragonum.*

1696 RAY *Synopsis Stirp. Brit.* (ed. 2) 13 Fungus lamellatus,..Scotch-bonnets. 1858 SIMMONDS *Dict. Trade, Scotch-bonnets*, a name for the champignon; also for a variety of capsicum. 1861 H. MACMILLAN *Footn. Page Nat.* 256 Every one is familiar with the common campignon or Scotch bonnets, which form those sour ringlets in the grassy meadows popularly called fairy rings. 1866 in *Treas. Bot.*

Scotch cap.

1. A man's head-dress made of thick firm woollen cloth, without a brim, and decorated with two tails or streamers.

One form is the GLENGARRY which is elongated, with a depression in the middle. Another is the BALMORAL, which is round and flat, the top projecting all round the head.

1591 SPENSER *M. Hubberd* 209 Vpon his head an old Scotch cap he wore. 1595 *Locrine* IV. ii. 20 *Stage-Direction*, Enter Strumbo with a pitchforke and a scotch-cap. 1889 CLARK RUSSELL *Marooned* (1890) 274 Nothing was wanting to him but his Scotch cap.

2. *U.S.* a. The wild black raspberry, *Rubus occidentalis.* 1891 in *Century Dict.*

b. The salmon-berry, *Rubus parviflorus.* 1902 in WEBSTER *Suppl.*

† **Scotch cloth.** *Obs.* A textile fabric resembling lawn, but cheaper; said to have been made of nettle fibre.

1675 GREW *Anat. Plants, Trunks* (1682) 139 Hemp, is nothing else but the Sap-Vessels of the Barque of the Plant so called. And Scotch-Cloath, is only the Housewifery of the same Parts of the Barque of Nettle. 1696 J. F. *Merch. Wareho. laid open* 37 Scotch Cloth..is a sort of white Sleasie Soft-Cloth,..and since Callico hath been dear, is much used for Linnens for Beds and for Window Curtains. *a* 1704 T. BROWN *Dial. Dead, Reas. Oaths* Wks. 1711 IV. 76 A Physician turn'd a Zealous Expounder of the Bible; or a Sworn Friend of Scotch-Cloth, reconciled to Lawn-Sleeves. 1738 *Gentl. Mag.* VIII. 147/1 A high Altar..at which a brawny Priest officiated in a Habit of Scotch Cloth.

attrib. 1705 HICKERINGILL *Priest-cr.* (1721) I. 54 Because this is a Prying Age, and Scholarship and Craft is not now ..confin'd to a Cassock, or Scotch-cloth Sleeves.

Scotcheon, obs. form of SCUTCHEON.

Scotcher, variant of SCUTCHER.

Sco·tchery. *nonce-wd.* [f. SCOTCH *a.* + -ERY.] Scotch characteristics.

1740 H. WALPOLE *Let. to Conway* 23 Apr., His solemn Scotchery is a little formidable.

Scotchify (skɒ·tʃifəi), *v.* [f. SCOTCH *a.* + -(I)FY.] *trans.* To render or make Scotch. Hence **Sco·tchified** *ppl. a.*; also **Sco·tchifica·tion.**

1795 *Jemima* II. 94 That man..who sometimes talks scotchified. 1817 J. EVANS *Excurs. Windsor*, etc. 487 The general character of the place [Ostend] was marked by the long windows and Scotchified gable ends of the houses. 1824 J. GILCHRIST *Etym. Interpr.* 272 Even the English are perceived to be Scotchified in their speech after a short residence in the North. 1832 *Fraser's Mag.* VI. 501 [It] is only a Scotchification of a well-known Spanish proverb. 1850 T. MCCAIG *Mem. Agnew* 211 They begged him not to 'Scotchify' their Sunday. 1891 *Daily News* 19 Jan. 5/6 The 'Scotchification of Essex'—we use the local expression. ..It is all owing to Scotch agriculturists taking a fancy for Essex farms.

Scotchiness (skɒ·tʃinės). [f. SCOTCHY *a.* + -NESS.] The state or condition of being Scotchy.

1815 SOUTHEY *Lett.* (1856) II. 411 [Murray's letters have] a certain cast of Scotchiness about them. 1876 J. BROWN *Lett.* (1907) 247 Your mother would have rejoiced in Bogle —his sense, his homeliness,..his Scotchiness.

Scotchion, obs. form of SCUTCHEON.

Scotch-Irish, *a.* Belonging to that part of the population of northern Ireland which is descended from Scotch settlers. Also *absol.* in plural sense. So **Scotch-Irishman.**

1876 BANCROFT *Hist. U.S.* IV. iii. 333 But its convenient proximity to the border counties of Pennsylvania and Virginia had been observed by Scotch-Irish Presbyterians and other bold and industrious men. 1883 *Harper's Mag.* Feb. 421/2 The so-called Scotch-Irish are the descendants of the Englishmen and Lowland Scotch who began to move over to Ulster in 1611. 1897 *Outing* (U.S.) XXX. 136/2 Late in the afternoon we got into the Scotch-Irish part of the valley.

† **Sco·tchism.** *Obs. rare*—[1]. [f. SCOTCH *a.* + -ISM.] A Scotch peculiarity. (Cf. SCOTTICISM.)

1737 OZELL *Rabelais* III. 231 *note*, This is not a Scotchism but an Irish-ism.

Scotchman (skɒ·tʃmăn). Also 6 **Scotcheman**, 7 *Sc.* **Scotsshman.** [f. SCOTCH *a.* + MAN.] A man of Scottish nationality.

The usual English name; the prevalent form used now by Scotch people is SCOTSMAN.

1570 LEVINS *Manip.* 21/3 Scotcheman, *Scotus.* 1597 P. LOWE *Chirurgerie* title, The Whole Covrse of Chirurgerie. ..Compiled by Peter Lowe Scotchman. 1632 MASSINGER *City Madam* II. ii, May the Great Fiend, booted & spurr'd With a Sithe at his girdle, as the Scotchman saies, Ride headlong down her throat. 1671 FRASER *Polichron.* (S. H. S.) 491 After the pence he went up to Pole with other Scotsshmen. 1706 PHILLIPS (ed. Kersey), *Scots* or *Scotch-men*, the People of Scotland, a part of Great Britain. 1763 JOHNSON in *Boswell* (1791) I. 231 The noblest prospect which a Scotchman ever sees is the high-road that leads him to England! 1773 MACPHERSON *Ossian's Poems* (1806) I. *Dissert.* 37 A Scotchman, tolerably conversant in his own language, understands Irish composition. 1810 SCOTT *Monast.* Introd. Ep., 'Then,' said I, 'you are a native Scotchman..?' 'Not so, answered the monk; 'I am a Scotchman by extraction only.' 1821 LAMA *Elia* I. *Imperf. Sympathies*, I have been trying all my life to like Scotchmen and am obliged to desist from the experiment in despair.

Comb. 1833 L. RITCHIE *Wand. by Loire* 26 Determining.. to be exceedingly prudent and Scotchman-like.

b. (Also *Flying Scotchman.*) A familiar name for the Scotch express (London to Edinburgh) on the Great Northern and on the London & North-Western Railway. Cf. IRISHMAN b (*b*).

1874 R. C. RAFIER *Signals Railw.* 56 On arriving at King's Cross, the Flying Scotchman had not yet departed. [1879 Flying Scotsman: see SCOTSMAN.] 1881 REYNOLDS *Engine-driving Life* 59 The same express-men..were proceeding down a bank..at about 3 a.m. in summer with the 'Scotchman'. 1885 G. DOLBY *Dickens as I knew him* 33 A railway carriage which was being dragged along at the rate of fifty miles an hour by the 'Flying Scotchman'. 1892 *Strand Mag.* Feb. 195 This Scotch Express (significantly named 'The Flying Scotchman') is believed to be the fastest train in the world.

c. A travelling draper or pedlar: see SCOTCH *a.* 1 b. *dial.* (See examples in *Eng. Dial. Dict.*)

1851 MAYHEW *Lond. Labour* I. 381 Mother, here's the Tallyman, Mother, here's the Scotchman.

d. *Scotchman hugging a Creole*, a West Indian name for various species of *Clusia*.

1835 M. SCOTT *Tom Cringle* xiv, Do you see that Scotchman hugging the Creole? 1889 *Boston* (Mass.) *Jrnl.* 25 May 6/6 One more queer tree is the wild fig, familiarly called 'Scotchman hugging a Creole'.

e. A New Zealand name for a smaller kind of the prickly bushy grass called 'Spaniard' (*Aciphylla colensoi*).

1895 W. S. ROBERTS *Southland in* 1856, 39 (Morris) As we neared the hills speargrass of the smaller kind, known as 'Scotchmen', abounded, and although not so strong and sharp-pointed as the 'Spaniard', would not have made a comfortable seat.

2. *Naut.* A piece of hide, wood, or iron, etc. placed over a rope to prevent its being chafed.

1841 R. H. DANA *Seaman's Man., Scotchman*, a large batten placed over the turnings-in of rigging. 1850 R. G. CUMMING *Hunter's Life S. Afr.* (1902) 1/2 On the top of this are placed coarse Kaffir mats made of reeds, which act as a Scotchman (to use a seafaring phrase), to keep the waggon sail, which is of stout canvas, from chafing. *c* 1860 H. STUART *Seaman's Catech.* 83 A Scotchman should be made of leather,..to allow the new skin to harden. 1882 NARES *Seamanship* (ed. 6) 68 How is the lower rigging protected from being cut by the futtock rigging? By lashing iron Scotchmen on the shrouds.

3. *S. African.* A florin. (See quot. 1879.)

1879 ATCHERLEY *Trip Boërland* 55 In dealing with the Kafirs, I frequently heard the term 'Scotchman' applied to a two-shilling piece: and upon enquiry was informed that an enterprising gentleman of that nationality having once passed a large number of florins to the Kafirs as half-crown pieces, the latter had ever since christened the florin 'Scotchman'. 1887 RIDER HAGGARD *Jess* x, Jantjé spat upon the 'Scotchman', as the natives in that part of Africa [Transvaal] call a two-shilling piece.

4. *U. S.* The 'Scotch duck', *Charitonetta* (or *Bucephala*) *albeola*. 1895 in *Funk's Stand. Dict.*

5. *colloq.* A Scotch fir.

1901 'LUCAS MALET' *Sir R. Calmady* VI. vii, 'What shall we do with it [a piece of land]?' 'Oh, plant,' she said. 'With the ubiquitous Scotchman?' 'It wouldn't carry anything else, except along the boundaries.'

Scotchness (skɒ·tʃnés). [f. SCOTCH *a.* + -NESS.] Scotch quality or character.

1865 G. MACDONALD *A. Forbes* xxviii, Annie had a certain Scotchness in her which made her draw back from the offer. 1892 STEVENSON *Let. to J. M. Barrie* (1899) II. 247 My own Scotchness tends to intermittency.

Sco·tchwoman. [f. SCOTCH *a.* + WOMAN; orig. two words.] A woman who is a native of Scotland or of Scotch descent.

1818 SCOTT *Hrt. Midl.* xxxiii, The neat, clean, quiet-looking little Scotchwoman, who now stood before her. 1827 — *Chron. Canongate* v, Knowing her honesty,..and, although a Scotchwoman, her cleanliness and excellent temper.

Scotchy, *sb. colloq.* [f. SCOTCH *a.* + -Y.] A nickname for a Scotchman.

1861 *Two Cosmos* II. 62 Will you come it now, Scotchy, and I don't mind if I forgive you if you can lick me?

Scotchy (skɒ·tʃi), *a.* [f. SCOTCH *a.* + -Y.] Having the characteristics of what is Scotch.

1815 SOUTHEY *Lett.* (1856) II. 414 It is impossible that any compositions can be more booksellerish and more Scotchy. 1896 ASHBY-STERRY *Tale of Thames* viii, I don't read them all [*i.e.* Scott's novels]. Some of the very Scotchiest ones I cannot stand.

Comb. 1874 A. J. C. HARE *Story My Life* (1900) IV. xvii. 258 A great Scotchy-looking house.

†**Scote,** *sb.*[1] *Obs.* [Cf. Du. *schoot* 'sheet' (i. e. rope), whence OF. *escoute* (mod.F. *écoute*).] ? A kind of cable.

1394 *Issue Roll*, Easter 17 Rich. II, 5 Sept. (Devon), [Five cables, weighing 594*l* lbs...two] scotes [weighing 348 lbs.].

†**Scote,** *sb.*[2] *Obs. rare.* [? a. MDu. *schote*, a definite quantity of some article.] = BEAT *sb.*[3]

1633–4 *N. Riding Rec.* III. 365 A labourer for stealing 7 scotes of hemp. *Ibid.*, A labourer presented for stealing 7 beates or scotes of hemp.

Scote (skōut), *sb.*[3] *dial.* [Of obscure origin: cf. Norw. *skota* pole, bar, forked stick; also OF. *escot* (mod.F. *écot*) stump.] (See quot. 1890.)

1839 *Herefordsh. Gloss., Scote*, a dragstaff (Glouc.). 1890 *Glouc. Gloss.* 132 *Scote*, an ironshod staff attached to the axle of the hind wheel of a waggon to prevent it running back down hill.

Scote (skōut), *v. Obs.* exc. *dial.* Also 7–8 scoat, 9 scort. [f. SCOTE *sb.*[3] Cf. SCOTCH *v.*[2]] *trans.* To set a drag upon (the wheel of a wagon).

1642 R. HARRIS *Serm.* 45 This is that that scoat's the businesse in publike. 1678 PHILLIPS (ed. 4), To *Scoat*, to put a Stone or peece of Wood under a Cart to stop it from going forward. 1890 *Glouc. Gloss.* 132 *Scort* or *Scote*.

Scoteino·graphy. *nonce-wd.* [f. Gr. σκοτεινό-ς dark + -γραφία: see -GRAPHY.] Illegible writing.

1779 TWINING *Let.* 17 Sept., in *Parr's Wks.* (1828) VIII. 267, I thought myself a tolerable adept in this art of scoteinography, but I give you the wall.

†**Scoteo·graphy.** *Obs.* [irreg. f. Gr. σκότεο-ς gen. of ἀκόρος darkness + -γραφία writing: see -GRAPHY.] (See quot.)

1803 J. GOUGH in *Nicholson's Jrnl.* VII. 53 Scoteography or the Art of Writing in the Dark.

Scoter (skōu·tər). [Of obscure origin.] A duck of the genus *Œdemia*, esp. *Œdemia nigra*, a native of the Arctic regions and common in the seas of Northern Europe and America. Also *scoter-duck*.

1674 RAY *Collect., Catal. Birds* 96 The Scoter: *Anas niger*. 1768 PENNANT *Brit. Zool.* (1776) II. 494 Scoter...This bird is allowed in the Romish church to be eaten in Lent. 1808–13 A. WILSON & BONAPARTE *Amer. Ornith.* (1831) III. 212 Scoter duck. 1845 *Zoologist* III. 1077 The scoter..has occurred twice in winter at some water in Basing parish. 1870 GILLMORE tr. *Figuier's Reptiles & Birds* 239 The writers of the Middle Ages and the Renaissance..had very vaguely described the Scoter Duck.

†**Sco·terlope,** *v. Obs.* [Metathesis of SCOPPERLOIT *v.*, after LOPE *v.*] *intr.* ? To wander aimlessly.

1583 GOLDING *Calvin on Deut.* xix. 113 God mindeth to try our obedience, by restreining vs from..scoterloping ouer the fieldes [orig. F. *de courir à travers champs*] to raught at euerie thing that we like off.

Scotewache, obs. variant of SCOUTWATCH.

†**Scotewine.** *Obs. rare*[−1]. [Cf. SCOT *sb.*[3] 2, SCOTARE.] An alleged name for the hare.

a 1325 *Names of Hare* in *Rel. Ant.* I. 133 The scotewine, the skikart.

Scot-free, *a.* Also *rarely* 6 scotchfree, 7 scotts-free. See also SHOT-FREE. [f. SCOT *sb.*[2] + FREE *a.* Cf. MDu. *schotvri* (the mod.Da. *schotvrij* 'shot-proof' is independently formed), OSw. *skutfri-r.*] Free from payment of 'scot', tavern score, fine, etc.; exempt from injury, punishment, etc.; scatheless. Almost exclusively *predicative*; esp. in the phrase *to go scot free*.

In the mod. use of the expression, 'scot' is probably often interpreted as a mere intensive.

?12.. *Charter of* 1066 in Kemble *Cod. Diplom.* IV. 191 Scotfre and gauelfre, on schire and on hundrede. 1531 TINDALE *Expos.* 1 *John* (1537) 22 The poore synner shulde go Skot fre without oughte at all. 1546 *St. Papers Hen. VIII*, XI. 129 What damages their cuntrey and peple had suffred by this warre, and that Your Majestie went not all scott free. *a* 1548 HALL *Chron., Edw. IV*, 233 They payed no money, but were set scot free. 1567 MAPLET *Green Forest* 93 Daniell scaped scotchfree by Gods prouidence. 1579–80 NORTH *Plutarch, Tiberius & Caius* (1595) 878 Cains..had charged the poore citizens with an annuall rent for the lands ..Linius..did please them by..letting them haue the lands scotfree. 1622 MABBE tr. *Aleman's Guzman d'Alf.* II. 231 The first speaker scapes scot-free. 1665–6 WOOD *Life* (O. H. S.) II. 73 Oxford escaped scot fre of the plague. 1740 RICHARDSON *Pamela* (1824) I. 117 She should not, for all the trouble she has cost you, go away scot-free. 1792 WOLCOT (P. Pindar) *Odes of Condolence* Wks. 1794 III. 237 Scot-free the Poets drank and ate; They paid no taxes to the State! 1819 SCOTT *Ivanhoe* xii, Do as much for this fellow and thou shalt pass scot-free. 1858 R. S. SURTEES *Ask Mamma* xiv. 45 The sporting inhabitants thereof preferred the money-griping propensities of a certain Baronet..to the scot-free sport with the frigid civilities of the noble Earl. 1875 STUBBS *Const. Hist.* xiv. I. 133 The people had not been heavily taxed, and the clergy had passed..scot-free. 1877 BLACK *Green Past.* xiii, When some notorious offender has got off scot free.

¶ b. ? Mis-used for: Without inflicting damage.

1652–66 in Gilbert *Contemp. Hist. Irel.* I. 25 [They] shooted at him with earnest tenell, and not scotts-free for presently he was tumbled to the earth deadly wounded.

‖ **Scotia** (skōu·ʃiă). *Arch.* [L. *scotia* (Vitruvius), a. Gr. σκοτία, f. σκότος darkness (so called from the dark shadow within the cavity); cf. F. *scotie*.] A hollow moulding. = CASEMENT 1.

1563 SHUTE *Archit.* II The nethermost Trochilus or Scotia. 1664 EVELYN tr. *Freart's Archit.* 125 Our Workmen retain the antient Scotia..but more vulgarly they call it the Casement. 1789 SMYTH tr. *Aldrich's Archit.* (1818) 90 Other particles of an order are hollow, the common name to which is scotia. *a* 1878 SIR G. SCOTT *Lect. Archit.* (1879) I. 152 In England another kind of base is frequent, in which a bead is substituted for the scotia.

†**Sco·tian,** *a. nonce-wd.* [f. med.L. *Scōtia* Scotland + -AN.] Of or belonging to Scotland.

1803 LEYDEN *Scenes Infancy* I. 232 But long Their fame shall flourish in the Scotian song.

Scotic (skɒ·tik), *a.* Also 8–9 Scottic. [ad. late L. *Scōticus, Scotticus*, f. *Scōt-us, Scott-us*: see SCOT *sb.*[1]]

†**1.** Used as a designation for the Scottish dialect. *c* 1645 HOWELL *Lett.* (1655) II. 74 The English speech..hath..divers subdialects..but her chiefest is the Scotic, which took footing beyond Tweed about the last conquest.

2. Pertaining to the ancient Scots.

1796 MORSE *Amer. Geog.* II. 183 The uncorrupted native language of the Irish is the Gaedhloc, or Scottic. 1851 D. WILSON *Archæol. & Preh. Ann. Scot.* 470 Cairbre Riada, a celebrated Scottic warrior. *Ibid.* 479 The Scotic line of princes. 1873 *Contemp. Rev.* XXI. 253 Our method of colonization has failed with the children of the Scotic race. 1882–3 *Schaff's Encycl. Relig. Knowl.* II. 1232 Celestius, the companion of Pelagius, is supposed by some to have been of Scotic, i.e., Irish origin. 1902 MACBAIN in Skene *Highlanders Scot.* 400 Donald being likely a Scotic prince.

†**Sco·tical,** *a. Obs. rare*[−1]. [Formed as prec. + -ICAL.] Of or belonging to Scotland; Scottish.

a 1548 HALL *Chron., Hen. IV* (1550) 16 b, Wherof the occasion shall bee to you declared accordyng to the Scoticall histories.

Scotican (skɒ·tikăn), *a.* [f. late L. *Scōtic-us* (see SCOTIC), after ANGLICAN.] Of or pertaining to the Scots ecclesiastically.

1635 [see ANGLICAN *a.* 1]. 1830 CHAMBERS *Jas. I*, II. ix. 257 Equalizing the Anglican and Scotican Churches. 1844 *Bp. Sage's Wks.* I. Mem. 23 They regarded the Scotican Church..as schismatical.

Scoticè, -icism: see SCOTTICÈ, -ICISM.

Scoti·ety. *humorous nonce-wd.* [f. the name *Scōtus*, in imitation of scholastic terms.] The essential nature of John Duns Scotus.

1655 FULLER *Ch. Hist.* III. 97 The very Scotiety of Scotus belongeth to England as his Native Country.

Scotify: see SCOTTIFY.

†**Sco·tism**[1]. *Obs.*[−°] [f. late L. *Scōt-us* SCOT + -ISM.] = SCOTTICISM.

1570 LEVINS *Manip.* 146 [Words that end in *isme*] be of three sortes...The second be taken of a countrey or language, as of..Scotte, *Scotisme, Scotismus*.

Scotism[2] (skōu·tiz'm). *Theol.* [ad. med.L. *Scōtismus*, f. *Scōt-us* (see SCOTIST) + -ISM.]

1. The teaching of Scotus or the Scotists.

a 1871 G. S. MORRIS tr. *Ueberweg's Hist. Philos.* (1872) I. 454 Scotism is..like Thomism, one of the doctrines in which Scholasticism culminates. 1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 429/2 Hervæus Natalis (*ob.* 1323) and Thomas Bradwardine (*ob.* 1349) were determined opponents of Scotism. 1900 *Month* July 50 This would go to show that Scotism, for which England had been celebrated in the middle ages, had already lost its hold on English Catholic thought.

2. *pl.* (*nonce-use*). Subtleties such as are characteristic of the Scotists.

1645 MILTON *Tetrach.* 28 These ages wherin Canons, and Scotisms, and Lumbard Laws, have dull'd, and almost obliterated the lively Sculpture of ancient reason.

Scotist (skōu·tist), *sb.* and *a. Eccl.* [ad. med.L. *Scōtista*, f. *Scōtus*: see below.] **a.** *sb.* A follower or disciple of John Duns Scotus (known as 'The Subtle Doctor'), a scholastic philosopher and theologian of the 13th c., whose system in many respects was opposed to that of Thomas Aquinas. (See DUNCE.) **b.** *adj.* Belonging to the Scotists.

1530 [see DUNCE, etym. note]. 1562 tr. *Jewel's Apol.* 21 How happeneth it then that the Scotistes and the Thomistes do agree no better about merytes of conueniency, and merites of duety? 1661 tr. *Erasm. Life Colet* in *Colet's Serm.* 75 His Bishop..was a superstitious and stubborn Scotist. 1709 POPE *Ess. Crit.* 244 Scotists and Thomists now in peace remain Amidst their kindred cobwebs in Duck-lane. 1884 *Catholic Dict.* (1897) 826/2 Decrees were passed requiring the Scotist doctrine to be taught in all the Franciscan schools. 1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 429 This primacy of the undetermined will..was the central contention of Scotists against the Thomist doctrine.

†**Scoti·stical,** *a.*[1] *Obs.* [f. prec. + -ICAL.] Pertaining to or characteristic of the Scotists.

1600 tr. *Garzoni's Hosp. Incur. Fooles* A 4 b, Betweene them and Folly there is a iust Logicall equipollence..and a Scotisticall Identitie. 1716 M. DAVIES *Athen. Brit.* III. *Diss. Drama* 4 The Thomistical and Scotistical Schools and Preaching Orders of Dominicans, Franciscans [etc.].

†**Scoti·stical,** *a.*[2] *Obs.* [f. SCOT *sb.*[1] + -ISTICAL (see -ISTIC).] ? Favouring what is Scottish.

1650 A. B. *Mutat. Polemo* 14 Neither can they imagine whether these Scotisticall Pioneers will be Scots or no Scots.

†**Sco·tistry.** *Obs. rare*[−1]. [f. SCOTIST + -RY.] The habit of thought proper to a Scotist.

1651 FULLER *Abel Rediv., Colet* 105 His own Bishop, of whose Sophisticall Scotistry the Deane made no great account, and the Bishop as little of his Ciceronian Divinity.

†**Sco·tize,** *v. Obs.* Also 6–7 scottize. [f. SCOT *sb.*[1] + -IZE.] *intr.* To imitate the Scots; to favour Scottish ways. Hence **Sco·tizing** *ppl. a.*

1593 ABP. BANCROFT *Dangerous Positions* 41 *headline*, English Scottizing for Discipline. 1607 SIR J. HARINGTON *Nugæ Ant.* (1804) II. 25 His Majestie had long since understanding of his wryting against the genevising and scotising ministers. 1623 W. LISLE *Ælfric on O. & N. Test.* To Rdr. 13 An Englishman Scottizing once to our King was roundly reproued for it. 1659 GAUDEN *Tears Ch.* III. xix. 323 A Scotizing zeal. *a* 1662 HEVLIN *Laud* IV. (1668) 328 The English had Scotized in all their Practises. *Ibid.* V. 460 Thereby drawing on himself the general hatred not only of the Scots, but Scotizing English.

†**Sco·tized,** *ppl. a. Obs.* [f. prec. + -ED[1].] Imbued with Scottish (ecclesiastical) principles.

1657 SANDERSON *Serm.* Pref. § 24 The rigid Scotised, throughpaced Presbyterian on the one side and the giddy Enthusiast on the other. 1711 G. HICKES *Two Treat. Chr. Priesth.* Pref. Disc. 220 The High-scotized Flyers..among the Presbyterians.

†**Sco·tnail.** *north. Obs.* Forms: 4 scot-, 4–5 schot-, 5 shot-. [Cf. Du. *schotspijker* (f. *schot* ? partition + *spijker* nail).] Some kind of nail. Cf. SCOTSEM-NAIL.

1349–50 in *Bp. Hatfield's Surv.* (Surtees) 202 In spykings ferri, lednaylis, schotnaylis et bordnaylis empt. pro aula cooperienda ut supra, 3*s.* 10*d.* 1349–50 *Durh. Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 550 Spykyng', et Scotnayls pro fonte infra Abbathiam. 1374 *Ibid.* 211 Et in spikyngs, schetnaill' [? *read* schotnaill'], stanbrod..42*s.* 5*d.* 1449–50 *Ibid.* 239, 200[ms] del spikyngez, 200[ms] del shotnaill. 1454 *Ibid.* 149 Item..ij wayneclowtez cum spikyng et shotnayll.

Scoto- (skɒ·to, skōu·to), combining form of late L. *Scōtus* SCOT *sb.*[1], prefixed (with hyphen) to ethnic adjs. (rarely sbs.) either with the sense 'belonging to Scotland', as in *Scoto-Britannic, -Celtic, -English, -Gaelic, -Gallic, -Norwegian, -Scandinavian* adjs., *Scoto-Norman* sb., or with the sense 'partly Scottish and partly . . .', as in *Scoto-Irish* adj.

1650 B. *Discolliminium* 45 The good man is in such a wofull Scoto-Britannick pickle. 1824 G. CHALMERS *Caledonia* III. III. vi. 253 This Scoto-Irish people. 1828–43 TYTLER *Hist. Scot.* (1864) I. 249 The Saxons and the Scoto-Normans. 1837 LOCKHART *Scott* II. 332 The clergy of the primitive Scoto-Celtic Church. 1846 C. INNES *Liber de Calchou* (Bannatyne Club) Pref. 30 The permanent incorporation of

the Scoto-Saxon lowlands with the kingdom of Scotland proper. 1851 D. Wilson *Archæol. & Prehist. Ann. Scot.* 490 The subsequent history of the Scoto-Norwegian kingdoms. *Ibid.* 522 Scoto-Scandinavian relics. 1858-61 Ramsay *Rentin.* vi. (1870) 245 Scoto-Gallic words were..differently situated. 1867 Burton *Hist. Scot.* I. vii. 261 The Scoto-Irish saints. 1876 Smiles *Sc. Natur.* viii. (ed. 4) 138 Their language is Gaelic, whereas that of the rest of the county [Banffs.] is Scoto-English. 1905 *Athenæum* 7 Oct. 466/1 Most purely Scoto-Gaelic words prefix the article.

Scotograph (skōʊ·tǫgraf). [f. Gr. *σκότο-ς* darkness + *-γραφος* : see -OGRAPH.] An instrument for writing in the dark, or without seeing.

1869 Nuttall *Dict. Sci. Terms, Scotograph*, an instrument with which a blind person may write.

Scotography (skoʊtǫ·grăfi). *rare.* [f. Gr. *σκότος* darkness : see -GRAPHY.] The exhibition of the effect of the Röntgen rays; the production of a picture by means of such rays; = Radiography. Hence **Scotogra·phic** *a.* = Radiographic *a.*

1896 Sir Alfred Wills in *Times* 10 Mar. 12/2 [The X rays] have very little in common with light. Would not 'scotography' be a better name for their work than 'photography'? 1896 *Westm. Gaz.* 18 Mar. 1/3 A correspondent who was present on Friday sends us some notes of that remarkable 'skotographic' séance.

‖ **Scotoma** (skoʊtōʊ·mă). *Path.* Pl. **scotomata** (skoʊtōʊ·mătă). [late L. *scotōma*, a. Gr. *σκότωμα* dizziness, f. *σκοτοῦν* to darken, make dim-sighted, f. *σκότος* darkness.]

†**1.** Dizziness accompanied by dimness of sight; = Scotomy. *Obs.*

1543 Traheron *Vigo's Chirurg.* Interpr. s. v. *Scotomia*, Some go about, to make a foolysh difference of scotoma, and vertigo. 1822-29 *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 3) IV. 534 Hence Linnæus..has even made scotoma, or dizziness with blindness and a tendency to swoon, a distinct genus also.

2. An obscuration of part of the visual field, due to lesion of the retina or of the ophthalmic centres in the brain.

1875 Walton *Dis. Eye* 645 Without limitation of the visual field or scotomata,..direct vision may be much diminished in the region of the yellow spot. 1897 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* III. 219 Central scotoma, or loss of vision in the central part of the field, is common [in diabetes].

†**Scotoma·tical,** *a. Obs. rare.* [f. med.L. *scotōmatic-us* (f. *scotōma* : see prec.) + -AL.] Suffering from or under the influence of scotoma.

1656 Blount *Glossogr.* *a* 1691 Baxter in *Relig. B.* (1696) I. II. 199, I was then under great Weakness and Soporous or Scotomatical Illness of my Head.

‖ **Scoto·mia.** *Path.* [med.L., irreg. f. *scotōma*, after names of diseases in *-ia.*] = Scotoma 1.

1543 Traheron *Vigo's Chirurg.* Interpr. s. v., *Scotomia.* They shoulde saye, Scotoma, and it is a disease, when [etc.]. 1728 Chambers *Cycl.*, *Scotomia*, or *Scotoma*, in medicine, a dizziness or swimming in the head. 1879 Khory *Digest Med.* 13 There may be flashes of light or muscæ volitantes or scotomia.

†**Sco·tomy.** *Path. Obs.* [Anglicized form of Scotomia.] = Scotoma 1.

c 1400 *Lanfranc's Cirurg.* 118, & if þat he hadde scotomie, þat is to seie a maner sijknes, whanne þat þer semeþ as flien or oþere smale gnattis fleen tofore his yȝen. *a* 1500 in James *West. MSS. Trin. Coll. Camb.* (1902) III. 494 Scotomye is such a sekenes of the Brayne that maketh a man to seme that he sethe flyes or blake thingis in þe eyre. 1533 Elyot *Cast. Helthe* II. xxxiv. (1541) 50 In swellyng of the body and legges..mygrimes, and scotomies, which is an imagination of darkenes. 1605 B. Jonson *Volpone* I. iv. (1607) C 2, How do's he, with the swimming of his head? *Mos.* O, Sir, tis past the Scotomy; he, now, Hath lost his feeling, and hath left to snort. *a* 1640 Massinger, etc. *Old Law* III. ii, I ha got the Scotony [*sic*] in my head already, The whimzy: you all turne round, do not you dance gallants? 1710 T. Fuller *Pharmacop.* 223 We employ it [i.e. the Infusion] with happy Success in..Scotomy, &c.

†**Sco·toscope.** *Obs.* [f. Gr. *σκότο-ς* darkness + -SCOPE.] An instrument which enables the user to see in the dark.

1664 Pepys *Diary* 13 Aug., There comes also Mr. Reeve with a microscope and scotoscope..a curious curiosity it is to discover objects in a dark room with. *c* 1670 Collins in Rigand *Corr. Sci. Men* (1841) II. 291 The perfection of telescopes, microscopes, scotoscopes, and burning glasses.

†**Sco·try.** *Obs. rare*$^{-1}$. [f. Scot *sb.*^{1} + -RY.] The Scots collectively.

c 1470 Harding *Chron.* CCXL. (1812) 420 *note*, Betuene the see of the West occion, And the hilles of Scotlonde occident, The wilde Scotrie have their propre mancion.

Scots (skǫts), *a.* (*sb.*) Orig. *Sc.* and *northern.* Forms: 4 Skot(t)is, 4–6 Scottis, 5–7 Scottes, 6 Skottes, Scotes, Scotis, 6–8 Scotts, 7– Scots. [Orig. *Scottis*, northern var. of Scottish. (Cf. *Inglis* English.)

For the relation in use between this form and the two others, see Scotch *a.*]

1. Of or belonging to Scotland or its inhabitants, Scottish, Scotch.

a 1352 Minot *Poems* (ed. Hall) i. 79 And þarfore many a Skottis brid With dole er dight þat þai most dwell. 1473 Warkw. *Chron.* (Camden) 2 The Scottes host. 1500–20 Dunbar *Poems* lxxxvii. 40 Fair gem of joy, Mergreit of the I meyne: Gladethe thoue Queyne of Scottis regioun. 1513 Douglas *Æneis* I. Prol. 103 This buik I dedicaite, Writing in the language of Scottis nationn. 1622 Malynes *Anc. Law-Merch.* 80 Scots-coale, Wheat, Barley and all kind of graines in both Kingdomes. 1637 Monro *Exped.* II. 23 The other Scots Officers of the Regiment. 1797 Dr. Burney *Let. to Mme. D'Arblay* 28 Sept., A Scots lady. 1827 Hallam *Const. Hist.* xvii. (1857) III. 337 The Scots parliament took care to bring on the crisis by the act of security in 1704. 1902 Buchan *Watcher by Threshold* 125 He thought Scots games inferior to southern sports.

b. Qualifying the name of a coin or a money of account (in contradistinction to *sterling*), as *mark Scots, penny Scots, pound Scots, shilling Scots* (see the sbs.). Also in names of weights and measures denoting a particular variation from the English standard, *Scots acre, boll, mile, pint, stone, Troy weight* (see the sbs.). Now *arch.* or *Hist.*

1520 *Charges conc. Dk. Albany* in G. Douglas *Wks.* (1874) I. Introd. 109 Fourty thousand pund of Scottis money. *Ibid.*, Bettir than ten thousand pundis Scottis. 1632 [see Mile *sb.*^{1} 2]. 1641 in Cochran-Patrick *Rec. Coinage Scot.* (1876) I. Introd. 30 The king hes vpon the coinage of enerie Scots staine of siluer bulyion 64 li. 1697 in A. I. Ritchie *Churches of St. Baldred* (1880) 39 Whoever shall desire the great bell to be rung to any burial, must pay for the same ten shillings Scots. 1765 *Museum Rust.* IV. 455 From eleven to twelve pecks, Linlithgow measure, of Dutch or Riga seed, is generally sufficient for one Scots acre. 1775 *Brit. Chronol.* an. 1719 II. 51/2 An act for laying a duty of two pennies *Scots*..upon every pint of ale or beer that shall be vended or sold within the town of Inverness. 1791 Burns *Tam o' Shanter* 7 We think na on the lang Scots miles.. That lie between us and our hame. *c* 1792 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) X. 718/1 It was enacted by..James VI that it [the pint] should contain 55 Scots Troy ounces of the clear water of Leith. 1801 *Farmer's Mag.* Jan. 72 In one instance, the produce is stated to be..92 Scots bolls per English statute acre. 1824 Scott *Redgauntlet* xx, What say ye to another pot? or shall we cry in a blithe Scots pint at once? 1838 W. Bell *Dict. Law Scot.* s. v. *Schools*, The salaries of the schoolmasters were to be fixed at from 300 to 400 merks Scots. *Ibid.* s. v., Sterling money is twelve times the value of the same denomination of Scots money. 1883 *American* VI. 270 A legacy by word of mouth is good to the extent of £100 Scots, or £8 6s. 8d. sterling.

c. With reference to law. Cf. Scottish *a.* 1 e.

In this application recent literary usage favours the form *Scots* rather than *Scottish* or *Scotch*, but Scottish legal writers have apparently never followed this rule.

1766 Blackstone *Comm.* II. iv. 57 These inferior feudatories ..held what are called in the Scots law 'rere-fiefs'. 1773 (*title*) An Institute of the Law of Scotland..By John Erskine ..Sometime Professor of Scots Law in the University of Edinburgh. 1820 *Trials for High Treason Scot.* (1825) I. 15 The old Scots law of treason was by no means well defined.

d. In the names of trees and plants. More commonly Scotch.

c 1710 Celia Fiennes *Diary* (1888) 20 On y^{e} right side of y^{e} house is a large grove of firrs halfe scotts halfe norroway. 1728 Bradley *Dict. Bot.* II, *Scots Scurvy-Grass*, i.e. *Soldanella.* 1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) XIV. 761/2 The [*pinus*] *rubra*, commonly called the Scots fir, or pine. 1908 *Q. Jrnl. Forestry* Jan. 70 The whole enclosure was planted in the spring of 1905 with oak,..larch, and Scots pine.

†**e.** *Scots goose* : the barnacle goose. (So Norfolk dial. *Scotch goose* : see *E. D. D.*)

1668 Charleton *Onomast.* 98 *Anser Bernicla*, the Barnacle, or Scots-goose.

2. Of language: **a.** The distinguishing epithet of the dialect of English spoken by the inhabitants of the Lowlands of Scotland. Also *absol.* as *sb.*, the Scottish dialect.

1542 *Sc. Acts Mary* (1814) II. 415/1 It salbe lefull to all o^{r} soniane ladyis lieges to haif þe haly write baiⁱ þe new testament and þe auld in þe vulgar toung In Inglis or scottis of ane gude and trew translatioune. 1563 Winȝet *Cert. Traclates* Wks. (S. T. S.) I. 74 'By' in Scottis and in Inglis toung is nocht ane. 1596 Dalrymple tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* II. 179 Translating the Æneids of Virgil in scotis; sa rycht..that ilk scotis verse concordet with the latin. 1788 in *Shirrefs' Poems* (1790) p. xxvi, For Scots is neither flat nor lame:..When we had kings and courts at hame, They spake nae ither. 1818 Scott *Rob Roy* xxvii, Kilted loons that dinna ken the name o' a single herb or flower in braid Scots, let abee in the Latin tongue. 1839 Hallam *Lit. Eur.* II. v. § 77 It would be a great omission to neglect..the Scots and English ballads. 1861 *Two Cosmos* I. 294 To use a good old-fashioned Scots phrase. 1902 Buchan *Watcher by Threshold* 281 She speaks broad Scots.

b. Used quasi-*Hist.* for: Scottish Gaelic. *rare*$^{-1}$.

1831 Scott *Cast. Dang.* v, An antique language,..being a species of Scots or Gaelic, which few would have comprehended.

3. Characteristic of or peculiar to Scotland or a Scotsman. Now *rare* or *Obs.*

1616 W. Haig in J. Russell *Haigs* (1881) 163 That Scots kindness (ever ready to a friend, but oft inconsiderate). 1812 *Sporting Mag.* XXXIX. 17 Captain Barclay..has reduced Crib from upwards of sixteen stone to the above weight, by Scots living.

4. *Mil.* **a.** In names of regiments in the British Army, as *Scots Fusiliers, Scots Greys* (see Grey *sb.* 8), *Scots Guards.* **b.** In names of bodies of mercenaries in foreign service, as *Scots Brigade, Scots Dutch* (see the equivalent forms under Scotch).

1637 Monro *Exped.* II. 25 Which..thereafter was still called the Scots Briggad commanded by Hepburne. 1646 *Sc. Acts Chas. I* (1870) VI. I. 597/2 Sr. Robert Murray Lieut: colonell to the Scotis Regiment of the guard in France. 1823 Scott *Quentin D.* vii. *note*, Such disputes between the Scots Guards, and the other constituted authorities of the ordinary military corps, often occurred. 1862 A. K. Murray *Scottish Regiments* 70 The Scots Fusilier Guards, with the Grenadiers and Coldstreams, were stationed in the chateau and grounds of Hougomont. 1867 Burton *Hist. Scot.* III. xxvii. 108 The celebrated Scots Guard was established—it is said to have begun in the few who survived the slaughter at Vernenil. 1883 *Macmillan's Mag.* XLVII. 443 Twenty-five mounted infantry of the 2nd Battalion Royal Scots Fusiliers. 1893 Stevenson *Catriona* xii. 132 Lieutenant-colonel in a regiment of the Scots-Dutch.

†**Sco·tsem-nail.** *Obs.* Also 4 **scotsem, scotsum-, scotsom-,** 5 **scotseme-, scotesem-, schotsem-.** [Presumably formed as Scotnail; the middle syllable may be Seam *sb.*, rivet.]

1336 in J. R. Boyle *Hedon* (1895) App. 17 In C. clavis de scotsem emptis..iij d. 1371 *Fabric Rolls York Minster* (Surtees) 7 In 10.m. de Scotsomnail emptis pro celura. 1408 *Durham Acct. Roll* in *Eng. Hist. Rev.* XIV. 518, cccIx schotsemnaylle, c ad viii^{d}; c clavis parvis [etc.]. 1434 *Fabric Rolls York Minster* (Surtees) 53 In xij.m de stonebrodes, in v.m Scotesemnailes, 5s. 5d. In vij.m DCCC Scotsemnailes, 9s. 2d.

Scotsman (skǫ·tsmæn). Forms: 4 **Scottis man,** 5 **Scottys man, Scottes man, Scotesman,** 5–6 **Scottisman, Scottesman,** 6 **Scotisman,** 7 **Scotts man,** 7–8 **Scots-man,** 6– **Scotsman.** [f. Scots *a.* + Man (orig. two words).] = Scotchman.

c 1375 Barbour *Bruce* XI. 8 Quhen he herd schir Philip say, That Scottis men had set ane day To fecht [etc.]. *c* 1425 Wyntoun *Cron.* IX. xxi. 401 þar Scottismen fel gret tynsaille. *c* 1490 *Paston Lett.* III. 366, I conceyve also that the same Thomas is noysed in Norffolk for a Scotesman borne. 1515 *Minute of Council* in G. Douglas *Wks.* (1874) I. Introd. 61 My Lord Gouernour traistit nocht that ony Scotisman in the realme wald sek help at Inglismen in his doingis. 1548 W. Patten *Exped. Scot.* D viij b, But what saynte so euer he bee, he is sure no Scottes mans frend. 1565 Stapleton tr. *Bede's Hist. Ch. Eng.* III. xxi. 97 These priestes were called Cedda, Adda, Betti, and Diuna, who was a scottesman borne, the other thre english. 1637–50 Row *Hist. Kirk* (Wodrow Soc.) 441 Books and Treatises published by Scotts men. 1780 *Mirror* No. 82 The Earl of Bute, who was both a Scotsman and a favourite. 1818 Scott *Hrt. Midl.* iv, Are not we, like them, Scotsmen and burghers of Edinburgh? 1879 *G.N.R. Tourist-guide* 1 The splendid express known as the 'Flying Scotsman'. 1902 Gairdner *Eng. Ch. 16th Cent.* xiii. 246 The Protector might..have reckoned on the devotion of a little band of Scotsmen in a Scottish stronghold by the sea to assist him.

Hence **Sco·tsmanship,** the nature or quality of a Scotsman.

1828 *Examiner* 56/2 If there is gallantry in Dudley, conceit in Ellenborough, Scotsmanship in Melville. 1894 R. Wallace in *Life & Last Leaves* (1903) 485 'Proud' of his Scotsmanship, he might [etc.].

Sco·tswoman. [Scots *a.*] = Scotchwoman.

1820 Scott *Abbot* iii, 'The slothful hinds!' exclaimed Mary, thinking and feeling like a Scotswoman of the period. 1822 — *Nigel* viii, The old Scotswoman.

Scott(e, variant forms of Scot.

Scottall, Scottel(l, obs. ff. Scotale, Scuttle.

Scottic, variant of Scotic.

‖ **Scotticè, Scoticè** (skǫ·tisi), *adv.* [med.L. *Scottic-ē, Scōtic-ē*, f. late L. *Scottic-us, Scōtic-us* Scottish.] In Scotch.

1818 Scott *Hrt. Midl.*, *note* L, *Lockman*, so called from the small quantity of meal (Scottice, *lock*) which he was entitled to take. 1861 *Two Cosmos* II. 129 An enormous pair of old worn-out shoes (Scottice, bauchles).

Scotticism, Scoticism (skǫ·tisiz'm). [f. late L. *Scōtic-us* (*Scotticus*) + -ism. The spelling with *tt* has prevailed owing to the analogy of *Scottish.*]

1. An idiom or mode of expression characteristic of Scots; esp. as used by a writer of English.

1717 De Foe *Mem. Ch. Scot.* II. 137 This is a Scoticism in Speech. 1759 W. Robertson *Hist. Scot.* VIII. Wks. 1851 II. 323 Many of those vicious forms of speech, which are denominated *Scotticisms*, have been introduced by them [lawyers] into the language. 1772 Wesley *Jrnl.* 11 Dec. (1827) III. 470 The book is wrote with great accuracy of language, (allowing for a few Scotticisms). 1815 L. Hunt *Feast of Poets* Notes 62 His style in prose, setting aside it's Scotticisms, is very well where [etc.]. 1892 B. Matthews *Americanisms & Briticisms* 16 The Scotticisms of the North Briton.

2. Scottish sympathies.

1807 G. Chalmers *Caledonia* I. II. i. 230 His ardour of Scoticism hurries him headlong, from the paths of truth. 1862 Lowell *Lett.* I. 361 He seems to me a remarkably good critic, where his Scoticism doesn't come in his way.

Scotticize (skǫ·tisaiz), *v.* [f. late L. *Scotticus* (*Scōticus*) Scottish, Scotch (see Scotic) + -ize.]

1. *trans.* To imbue with Scottish ideas or characteristics.

1763 Wilkes *N. Briton* No. 34 None but Scots or Jacobites, or such English as are Scotticized, must expect favour or preferment under him. 1859 Masson *Brit. Novelists* iii. 204 He [Scott] has Scotticized European literature.

2. To give a Scottish form to (a foreign word); to turn (a work) into Scottish dialect.

1874 Small *Douglas' Wks.* I. Pref. 165 He accordingly, in his version of Virgil, does not scruple to Scotticise a Latin word. 1901 Law *N. T. in Scots* (S.T.S.) Introd. 15 A Scotticised transcript of it was added..at the end of the volume.

Scottified (skǫ·tifəid), *ppl. a.* Also 7 **scotified.** [f. next + -ed 1.] Having Scottish characteristics.

1644 Needham *Case of Commonw.* 67 The ambition of a few scotified English. 1763 Wilkes *N. Briton* No. 37 P 4 The chaste and scrupulous integrity of the knot of Tories, Scottish members, and Scottified English. 1814 Scott in *Lockhart* (1839) III. 315, I think you will like it [*The Lord of the Isles*]: it is Scottified up to the teeth.

Scottify (skǫ·tifəi), *v.* Also **Scotify.** [f. Scott-(ish) + -(t)fy.] *trans.* To render Scottish.

1869 F. J. Furnivall *Forewords Q. Eliz. Acad.* 17 The conclusion then forced on me was, that Adam Loutfut..had copied the poem from an original, and scottified it as he copied. 1881 *Athenæum* 8 Jan. 55/3 The chap-books sold by Scotch pedlars at the annual Lammas Fair of Kirkwall [Orkney] played an important part in Scottifying the ver-

nacular. 1902 G. G. Smith *Spec. Mid. Scots* p. xxxv, It may be a 'Scotifying' of S[outhern] *those*.

Hence **Sco·ttifica·tion**, the process of 'Scottifying'; quasi-*concr.* a rendering into Scottish dialect.

1869 F. J. Furnivall *Forewords Q. Eliz. Acad.* 17 Which scottification I hope some day to print opposite Caxton's own text. 1894 A. J. Balfour in *Times* 23 July 3/2, I watch with satisfaction the gradual Scottification of England by this great golfing propaganda. 1900 *Westm. Gaz.* 11 May 2/2 Scotification is clearly Lord Rosebery's policy.

Scottish (skɒ·tiʃ), *a.* and *sb.* Forms: [1 Scyttisc, Scyttysc, Scittisc], 2 Scottysc, 3 Scottisc, 5 Scottissh, 6 Scottys(s)he, Skottishe, Skottyshe, 6–7 Scottishe, Skottish, 7–9 Scotish, 6– Scottish. [Late OE. (12th c.) *Scottisc*, a new formation on *Scotta* Scot *sb.* + *-isc*, -ish [1], replacing the older *Scyttisc* with umlaut. Cf. MDu., Du. *schotsch*, LG. *schottsch*, G. *schottisch* (earlier *schöttisch*), ON. *skotzk-r.*] **A.** *adj.*

1. Of or belonging to Scotland or to the people of Scotland; esp. of persons: of Scotch nationality, birth, or descent. † *Scottish cap* = Scotch cap.

[*c* 900 tr. *Bæda's Hist.* III. xxi. (1890) 222 Se nyhsta wæs Scyttisces cynnes; þa oðre wæron Englisce.] *c* 1205 Lay. 20355 Patric þe ricche mon þat wes a Scottisc þein scone an his londen. *c* 1450 *Merlin* xiii. 197 For thei were but two scottissh myle fro the town. 1507 in *Songs, Carols*, etc. (E.E.T.S.) 154 Per was gret plente of Skottishe samon. 1548 W. Patten *Exped. Scot.* Lvij, The Skottish goouernor..caused the erle Bothwel to be let out of prison. 1553 in *Roy. Engin. Jrnl.* 3 Mar. (1910) 174 Euery souldiour to have Jackes covered wth fustian & Skullis with Scotishe cappes. 1596 Shaks. *1 Hen. IV*, I. iii. 259 Then once more to your Scottish Prisoners. Deliuer them vp without their ransome straight. 1618 J. Taylor (Water-P.) *Pennyless Pilgr.* E 4, The olde Prouerbe of a Scottish Miste was verified, in wetting mee to the skinne. 1637 Monro *Exped.* I. 55 Here also our Scottish High-landmen are prayse-worthy. 179. Burke *Let. to W. Smith* Wks. IX. 407 A zealous Anglican or Scottish Church principle. 1827 Scott *Chron. Canongate* ii, A.. broken-down Scottish laird. 1876 Bancroft *Hist. U.S.* II. xlii. 559 The settlement of the Scottish emigrants at Port Royal.

b. In the names of various trees and plants: cf. Scotch 4 b, Scots 1 d.

1855 Miss Pratt *Flower. Pl.* V. 279 *Scottish Asphodel. 1796 Withering *Brit. Plants* (ed. 3) II. 297 *Scottish lovage, or Sea Parsley. 1855 Miss Pratt *Flower. Pl.* IV. 232 *Scottish Primrose. 1597 Gerarde *Herbal* II. ccxciii. 690 *Sotdanella*..in English Sea Withwinde,..of some..*Scottish Scuruie grasse.

† **c.** (See quot.)

1623 J. Taylor (Water-P.) *Praise Hemp-seed* 7 Many a Gallant..Hath got the Spanish pip,..or the Scottish fleas, or English Pox, for al's but one disease.

d. *Mil. Scottish Guard* = *Scots Guard. Scottish Rifles* (see quot 1888).

1823 Scott *Quentin D.* v, With these followers, and a corresponding equipage, an Archer of the Scottish Guard was a person of quality and importance. 1888 Lawrence-Archer *Brit. Army* 240 The King's Own Scottish Borderers. *Ibid.* 246 The Cameronians...This peculiar old corps..now forms the first battalion of the Scottish Rifles.

e. Used with reference to law. Cf. Scots *a.* 1 c.

1726 (*title*) Minor Practicks, or, a Treatise of the Scottish Law. Composed by..Sir Thomas Hope..Advocate to His Majesty King Charles I. 1826 Scott *Jrnl.* 9 June, The consequence of this will in time be, that the Scottish Supreme Court will be in effect situated in London. Then down fall—as national objects of respect and veneration—the Scottish Bench, the Scottish Bar, the Scottish Law herself. 1875 *Encycl. Brit.* II. 639/2 *Art and Part*, a term used in Scottish Law to denote the aiding or abetting [etc.].

† **2. Scottish earth** *Min.*, strontian. *Obs.*

1796 Kirwan *Elem. Min.* (ed. 2) I. 13 Scottish, or Stronthian Earth.

† **3.** *transf.* Marked by Scottish characteristics.

1532 More *Confut. Barnes* VIII. Wks. 739/2 The rude rimelesse runninge of a scottishe ieste. 1610 Marcelline *Triumphs Jas. I* To France B 4 b, My life is innocent, my heart Christian, my tongue to Scottish, and he is too good and wise a King, to bee flattered by any. *c* 1620 A. Hume *Brit. Tongue* I. vii. (1870) 18 The assumption is Scottish, and the conclusion false.

4. Applied to the language (see Scots *a.* 2).

1780 *Mirror* No. 83 The Scottish dialect is our ordinary suit; the English is used only on solemn occasions. 1818 Scott *Rob Roy* iv, This was the first time I had heard the Scottish accent. 1862 *Chamb. Encycl.* IV. 65/1 Gavin Douglas (died 1522), whose best work is a translation of Virgil's Æneid into Scottish verse.

5. *Comb.*, as *Scottish-hearted*; **Scottish-French**, French spoken by Scots; **Scottish-Irish** = Scotch-Irish.

1823 Scott *Quentin D.* v, The well-known sound of the *Scottish-French was as familiar in the taverns near Plessis, as that of the Swiss-French in the modern *guinguettes* of Paris. 1818 — *Hrt. Midl.* xviii, Walking hand in hand with the real noble *Scottish-hearted barons. 1876 Bancroft *Hist. U.S.* IV. xviii. 443 Presbyterians of *Scottish-Irish descent.

B. *sb.* (absolute uses of the adj.)

1. The Scottish language.

1759 Robertson *Hist. Scot.* Wks. 1851 II. 368 The letters were very early translated into Scottish. 1818 Scott *Rob Roy* xxxv, Nor was there the least tincture of that vulgarity, which we naturally attach to the Lowland Scottish. 1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 541/2 Bellenden also translated the first five books of Livy into Scottish.

2. *The Scottish* (with pl. sense): the Scots. *rare.*

1632 *Swed. Intelligencer* II. 13 The Scottish have hitherto had the honour and the danger, to be the first men that are put upon such a businesse. 1814 Scott *Wav.* xviii, The large measure which the Scottish allowed of their land. 1831 — *Cast. Dang.* xx, The necessary conditions were speedily agreed on, which put the Scottish in possession of this stronghold.

† **Sco·ttish,** *v. Obs. rare*—[1]. In 7 Scotish. [f. the adj. (Cf. *to English.*)] *trans.* To render in the Scottish tongue.

1623 Lisle *Ælfric on O. & N. Test.* To Rdrs. c 4 b, At length I lighted on Virgil Scotished by the Reuerend Gawin Douglas.

† **Sco·ttishman.** *Obs.* [f. Scottish *a.* + Man.] = Scotsman.

[1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) VI. 389 þe Scottyshe men ..took a carabum..and wente þerynne.] 1523 Surrey in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. I. I. 215 Bothe with thies contreymen and Scottishmen. 1530 Palsgr. 268/1 Scottyssheman, *Escoyssoys.* 1548 W. Patten *Exped. Scot.* G vij, The Scottishmens pykes wear as long or lenger then their staues. 1632 *Swed. Intelligencer* I. 86 One Scottish-man protested he had kill'd 18 men with his owne hand. 1748 Smollett *Rod. Rand.* xlii. Contents (1760) II. 41 We are accosted by a priest, who proves to be a Scottishman. 1808 Scott in *Lockhart* I. i. 3 Every Scottishman has a pedigree. 1831 — *Cast. Dang.* xix, It seems almost unnatural for Scottishmen and English to meet and part without a buffet.

Scottishness (skɒ·tiʃnės). [f. Scottish *a.* + -ness.] The quality of being Scottish.

1859 Ramsay *Remin.* 154 It is the Scottishness that gives the zest.

Scotty (skɒ·ti), *sb. colloq.* [f. Scot *sb.*[1] + -y.] A nickname for a Scotchman.

Scotty (skɒ·ti), *a.* [f. Scot *sb.*[1] + -y.] **a.** Having the characteristic temperament of a Scot. **b.** [Cf. Scot *sb.*[1] 4.] Angry, 'cross'.

1892 Stevenson *Let. to J. M. Barrie* (1899) II. 247 We are both Scots besides, and I suspect both rather Scotty Scots. 1901 *Blackw. Mag.* Feb. 220/2 It made me scotty with every one and every thing.

Scotylle, Scouce: see Scuttle, Scouse.

Scoug, Scouk: see Scug, Skulk.

Scoul, Scould, obs. forms of Scowl, Scold.

Scoulding: see Sculding *Orkney and Shetl.*

Scoule, obs. form of Scold, Scull.

Scoulerite (skū·lərəit). *Min.* [Named after Dr. J. *Scouler.*] An impure variety of mesole; also, a pipe-stone from N. America, having a similar composition.

1840 R. D. Thomson in *Lond. & Edin. Phil. Mag.* Ser. III. XVII. 408 My son..distinguished it [this mineral] by the name of Scoulerite, in honour of Dr. Scouler. 1843 J. E. Portlock *Geol.* 215 The Scoulerite variety occurs, rarely, at Portrush in small spheres. 1850 Ansted *Elem. Geol., Min.* etc. § 422 Scoulerite, Pipestone.

Scoulion, Scoull(e, obs. ff. Scullion, School.

Scoult, obs. form of Scout *sb.*[4]

Scoulyon, Scoum, obs. ff. Scullion, Scum.

Scoumar, variant of Scummer, pirate.

Scoumfit(e, -phit, etc.: see Scomfit.

Scoundrel (skau·ndrĕl), *sb.* and *a.* Also 6 skown-, skoundrell, scondrell, 7 skundrell, scoundril, 8 scoundrell. [Of unknown origin.

Derivation from Sc. Scunner *sb.* and *v.* is inadmissible on phonological grounds; and although *scoundrel* is now vernacular in Scotland (pronounced skū·nrĕl or skū·ndrĕl), all the early examples of the word are English. The phonetic character of the word suggests a Fr. origin; it might conceivably represent an A F. derivative of *escondre* to abscond, but the late date of its first occurrence is against this supposition.]

A. *sb.* 'A mean rascal, a low petty villain' (J.). Now usually with stronger sense: An audacious rascal, one destitute of all moral scruple.

1589 Warner *Alb. Eng.* VI. xxxi. 137 Must I, thought I, giue nime to such a Skrub and sueh a Saint, That Skowndrell, and this Counterfeit. 1589 R. Harvey *Pl. Perc.* 22 You see my quarter staffe, is it not a blesse begger, thinke you? A washing blow of this is as good as a Laundresse,.. and must needs dry beate a skoundrell, if it be artificially managed. 1594 Lodge *Wounds Civ. War* IV. G 3, *Clown.* Haue I master thou scondrell? I haue an Orator to my master. 1601 Shaks. *Twel. N.* I. iii. 36 By this hand they are scoundrels and substractors that say so of him. 1605 Chapman *All Fooles* v. i. I 3, Your Mother..a lustie stoute Woman, bore great Children, you were the verie skundrell of am all. 1623 Bingham *Xenophon* 119 If you take away my life, you shall put an honest man to death for a cowards and a scoundrels sake. 1711 Swift *Jrnl. to Stella* 17 Nov., I often advised the dissolution of that Parliament, although I did not think the scoundrels had so much courage. 1734 Pope *Ess. Man* IV. 212 If your ancient, but ignoble blood Has crept thro' scoundrels ever since the flood. 1775 Johnson in *Boswell* 7 Apr. (1791) I. 478 Patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel. 1834 Southey *Doctor* liii. (1862) 121 When a woman is married for the sake of her fortune, the chances are five hundred to one that she marries a villain, or at best a scoundrel. 1837 Dickens *Pickw.* xxxi, 'They are great scoundrels,' said Mr. Pickwick. 1877 Tennyson *Harold* IV. i, My father, Who shook the Norman scoundrels off the throne. 1879 Froude *Cæsar* xv. 224 He saw these high-born scoundrels coming home loaded with treasure. 1886 Stevenson *Treasure Isl.* i, If you keep on drinking rum, the world will soon be quit of a very dirty scoundrel!

b. *attrib.* and *appositive.*

1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* II. I. ii, Of a Jourdan Coupe-tête, who has skulked thitherward..and will raise whole scoundrel-regiments. 1850 — *Latter-d. Pamph.* II. 9 [Model Prisons.] The 'sympathy' of visitors..for his interesting scoundrel-subjects..was evidently no joy to this practical mind. Pity, yes:—but pity for the scoundrel-species? 1894 H. Nisbet *Bush Girl's Rom.* 120 This scoundrel-fool Shafton had been the cause of his misfortunes.

B. *adj.* Now *rare.*

1. Of a person: That is a scoundrel; having the characteristics of a scoundrel; scoundrelly. Of a company: Composed of scoundrels.

1643 Milton *Divorce* II. i. (1645) 33 We read, not that the scoundrel people, but the choicest, the wisest, the holiest of that nation have frequently us'd these lawes. *a* 1700 B. E. *Dict. Canting Crew, Scab*, a..Scoundril-Fellow. 1710 Swift *Jrnl. to Stella* 21 Dec., I met that beast Ferris,..and that scoundrel dog is as happy as an emperor. 1715 Hearne *Collect.* (O. H. S.) V. 53 The Printer is that scoundrel Rascal Curle. 1727–46 Thomson *Summer* 1638 The cruel wretch ..has squander'd vile, Upon his scoundrel train what might have cheered A drooping family of modest worth. 1807 Crabbe *Par. Reg.* III. 789 We'll vex those scoundrel-boys. 1833 L. Ritchie *Wand. by Loire* 187 The scoundrel governor ..was the Duke of Montpensier.

2. Pertaining to or characteristic of a scoundrel. Of conduct: Mean, unprincipled.

1681 Hickeringill *Dial. Philautus & Timoth.* iii. 5 Shouldest thou not in all justice and Conscience, instance something..that deserves..such scoundrel, Billings-gate Ribaldry..? *a* 1704 T. Brown *Declam. in Def. Gaming* Wks. 1709 III. I. 134 What..is there more scoundrel? What more beastly, than a man depriv'd of his Manhood..by an Inundation of Claret? 1729 Mandeville *Bees* II. 101 An Italian No-man of Scoundrel Extraction. 1731 Medley *Kolben's Cape G. Hope* (1738) I. 227 He (*sc.* the Hottentot dog) makes such a Scoundrel-Figure, that all his good Qualities together, are hardly a Ballance for it. 1738 J. Hildrop *Let. Commandm.* (ed. 4) 17 Stealing we all know is the most pitiful, scoundrel Act of Injustice. 1748 Thomson *Cast. Indol.* I. l, 'A penny savèd is a penny got'—Firm to this scoundrel maxim keepeth he. 1757 Warburton *Lett. to Hurd* xciii. (1809) 218 He..died..here in England; but of so scoundrel a temper, that he avoided ever coming into my sight. 1757 Mrs. Griffith *Lett. Henry & Frances* (1767) III. 84, I am shocked at the mean, scoundrel Behaviour of Mr. P——. 1850 Thackeray *Pendennis* lviii, Her parents..encouraged me, with all sorts of coarse artifices and scoundrel flatteries.

† **3.** Of a thing: Base, degraded in character or type. *Obs. rare.*

1700 Astry tr. *Saavedra's Royal Politician* II. 160 Trade was ruin'd by this troublesome, scoundrel Metal. 1727 A. Hamilton *New Acc. E. Ind.* II. xxxviii. 75 Their Religion is also a Sort of scoundrel Mahometism.

Hence **Scou·ndrel** *v. trans.*, ?to treat as a scoundrel, to vilify. **Scou·ndreldom,** the world of scoundrels, scoundrels collectively; also = Scoundrelism. † **Scou·ndrelish** *a.*, befitting a scoundrel. **Scou·ndrelship,** the behaviour of a scoundrel, scoundrelism. **Scou·ndrelry,** scoundrels collectively.

1701 W. Nicolson *Let.* 9 May in Evelyn *Diary & Corr.* (1906) 721 This being one of the matters wherein I am scoundreled by the late reply of Dr. Wake. 1705 Rowe *Biter* I. i, I being in somewhat scoundrelish, or, as your Honour calls it, scurvy Terms with him my self. 1837 Carlyle *Diamond Necklace* xvi, Let the eye of the mind ..astound itself with the magnificent extent of Scoundreldom; the deep, I may say unfathomable, significance of Scoundrelism. 1856 *Chamb. Jrnl.* VI. 361, I was dirty and grim-looking enough to represent any amount of scoundrelship. 1859 Sala *Tw. round Clock* (1861) 415 It is astonishing to find how much foreign riff-raff and alien scoundrelry will turn up at a masquerade. 1864 *Reader* 23 Jan. 101/1 With such consummate scoundrelship in the foreground, one may be pretty sure..that there is no lack of incident. 1864 Kingsley *Rom. & Teut.* iii. 68 All greedy villains and adventurers, the scoundreldom of the whole world. 1876 Froude *Hist. Eng.* lxix. XII. 111 Either as an effect of looseness of life, or from inherent scoundreldom of temperament.

Scoundrelism (skau·ndrĕliz'm). [f. Scoundrel *sb.* + -ism.] The character, conduct, or practices of a scoundrel; also, a piece of scoundrelism, a scoundrelly act or trait.

1611 Cotgr., *Villaquerie*, villanie, roguerie, rascalitie, skowndrellisme. 1773 Johnson in Boswell *Tour Hebrides* (1785) 111 Why, Sir,..There is generally a scoundrelism about a low man. 1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* I. v. ix, Thus ..shall the Bastille be abolished from our Earth; and with it, Feudalism, Despotism; and one hopes, Scoundrelism generally. 1890 G. B. Shaw *Fabian Ess., Socialism* 194 Hungry mobs, nuclei of all the socialism and scoundrelism of the city. 1902 F. E. Hulme *Proverb Lore* ii. 62 The epigrams [of John Davies] are, most of them, of a most offensive character..There are two hundred and ninety-two of these scoundrelisms.

Scoundrelly (skau·ndrĕli), *a.* [f. Scoundrel *sb.* + -ly [1].] Having the character of a scoundrel; of, belonging to, or characteristic of a scoundrel; characterized by scoundrelism.

1790 Burns *Let.* 2 Mar., Mankind are by nature benevolent creatures, except in a few scoundrelly instances. 1816 Scott *Antiq.* vi, I have directed the constables to take up that old scoundrelly beggar, Edie Ochiltree, for spreading disaffection. 1826 Cobbett *Rur. Rides* (1885) II. 266, I read on till I got to the base and scoundrelly part of the address. 1847 Thackeray in *Fraser's Mag.* Jan. 116/2 Tom Starlight, the poacher,..inveighing against the tyranny of a scoundrelly aristocracy. 1862 Carlyle *Fredk. Gt.* VIII. iv. III. 18 Money back? 'I will none of His scoundrelly money'. 1885 *L'pool Daily Post* 9 Feb. 4/8 A scoundrelly pasha..opened the gates of the city and let the Mahdi in.

† **Scou·ndrelously,** *adv. rare*—[1]. [f. Scoundrel + -ous + -ly [2].] In a scoundrelly manner.

1681 Hickeringill *Dial. Philautus & Timoth.* xiii. 28 Thou handlest the matter..so scouodrelously, and so far below the Rules of all Logick and Morality.

Scouner, obs. form of Scunner *v.*

Scoup (skoup), *v.* Chiefly *Sc.* Forms: 5–6 scoupe, 6 skowp, 8 scowp, 7– scoup. [Of

obscure origin; perh. cognate with the synonymous Scope *v.*[2] *intr.* To bound, caper, skip. Of an animal: To go with leaps and bounds.

a 1425 *Cursor M.* 23569 (Trin.) Mony þingis may we do þat better were vndone þen so As for to scoupe [*Cott.* skip, *Fairf.* lepe, *Gött.* schope] & to ryn Whenne bettur tyme were to blyn. 1530 Palsgr. 699/2, I scoupe, as a lyon or a tygre dothe, whan he doth folowe his pray, *je vas par saulites*. I have sene a leoparde scoupe after a bucke. *a* 1585 Montgomerie *Cherrie & Slae* 23 The hart, the hynd, the dae, the rae,..War skowping all fra brae to brae, Amang the water broxe. 1721 Ramsay *Elegy on Patie Birnie* vi, The corky cowp That to the Papists' country scowp, To lear' ha, ha's. 17.. — *Addr. of Thanks* iii, Lads..scowp around like tups and bulls. 1739 A. Nicol *Nature without Art* 87 Your Head's sae fu' o canty Tales That scoups o'er many Muirs and Dales. 1756 *Pennecuik's Collect. Sc. Poems* 55 But dawt red-coats and let them scoup Free, for the fou of cutty-stoup. 1818 Scott *Hrt. Midl.* xxvi, 'Wha the deil are ye?' said the fat dame to poor Jeanie,..[I] scouping about a decent house at sic an hour in the morning?'

b. *Phrase.*

a 18ox *Ld. Thomas & Fair Annie* xv. in Child *Ballads* II. 70/1 Tbe shame [*i.e.* the Devil] scoup in his company. 1824 Scott *Redgauntlet* Let. xi, Deil scowp wi' Redgauntlet!

Hence **Scou'ping** *vbl. sb.* Also **Scou'per.**

a 1572 Knox *Hist. Ref.* IV. Wks. 1848 II. 416 Witnes the Lordschip of Abercorne,..and diverse utheris..gyffin in heritage to scouparis, dansaris, and dalliaris with damis. *a* 1585 Polwart *Flyting w. Montgomerie* 757 Land lowper, light skowper, ragged rowper like a raven. 1593 B. Barnes *Parthenophil & P.* Ode xi. in Arb. *Garner* V. 457 To see the frisking, and the scouping!

Scoupe, obs. form of Scoop.

Scour (skaʊəɹ), *sb.*[1] Also 4 skour(e, skowr(e, scowr, 6 scoure. [See Scour *v.*[1]]

1. The action of moving rapidly or going in haste; a run or rush. †Adv. phr. *good scour* = with hasty movement, at a good pace (*obs.*).

a 1300 *K. Alis.* 4276 To his ost he farith, good skour. *c* 1796 J. Burness *Thrummy Cap* 31 Sae on they gaed at a gude scow'r. 1820 L. Hunt *Indicator* No. 16 (1822) I. 122 Robin..was a fine eager-looking dog, and seemed to have all his faculties ready for a scour.

†2. An onset or attack. *Obs.*

a 1400 *Rel. Pieces fr. Thornton MS.* 96 Thane schalle erthe for erthe suffire scharpe scowrrys (*v.r.* schouris). 1575 *Gamm. Curton* v. ii. 196 (Manly), *Hodge.* Was not wel blest, Gammer, to scape that scoure?

3. The rush of a driving wind.

1808 Jamieson, *Skour* of wind. 1906 G. A. B. Dewar *Faery Year* 65 The thrushes and blackbirds love the driving scour and the wind-rocked tree.

Scour (skaʊəɹ), *sb.*[2] Also 8–9 scower. [f. Scour *v.*[2]]

1. An apparatus for washing auriferous soil. Cf. Scour *v.*[2] 11 d.

1619 Atkinson in *Macfarlane's Geogr. Collect.* (S.H.S.) III. 30 In all these places following..natural gold is to be found out, & you shall alwayes find skilfull seekers and discoverers thereof..for to use the Trough or Skower; but not very perfit in the Buddle. 1824 G. Chalmers *Caledonia* III. vi. viii. 733 The places where the gold mines were formerly wrought, at the gold scours, in the valley of the Elwan.

2. The action of a current or flow of water in clearing away mud or other deposit; in *Civil Engineering*, an artificial current or flow produced for this purpose; also, an engineering work constructed for the purpose of producing such a current.

17.. in Lediard *Life Marlborough* (1736) III. 438 The useless Refuse, took a cleansing Scour, Along the rapid Scheld's intrenched Shore. 1729 in Labelye *Result View Level Fens* (1745) 39 Experienced Mechanick-Practice in making Drains, Sluices, Banks, Scours, &c. 1736 Badeslade *New Cut Canal* 5 Capt. Perry was making Sluices..to hold up Water to make a Scour, by the force of which he expected to drive the Sand to Sea and deepen that River. 1745 Labelye *Result View Fens* 33 As to artificial Scours by means of Reservoirs, or relieving Basons or Sluices. 1878 Huxley *Physiogr.* 146 The scour of the ebb-tide co-operates with the rapid flow of the river to sweep away any sediment. 1890 *Engineer* LXVIII. 452 (Cent.) There is a low water depth of only about 4 ft., but this is to be increased by about 20 ft. by dredging and scour. 1909 *Daily News* 15 Dec. 9 A small piece of land at the far end of the reservoir..together with..15 manholes, one air valve, three scours in connection with the pipe line.

3. A place in a river where the bottom is scoured by the stream; a river-shallow with a gravel bottom.

1681 Chetham *Angler's Vade-m.* xli. § 6 (1689) 310 In March they shoot into the Scours to spawn. 1787 Best *Angling* (ed. 2) 30 Angle..for pearches, in scours. 1833 Bowlker *Art of Angling* 82 The haunts of Roach, during spring, are on the shallows and scowers. 1871 Taunt *Map of Thames* 21/2 Below are fine scours and deeps, affording good fishing.

4. *Sc.* A hearty drink (*of* a beverage); a 'swig'. Cf. Scour *v.*[2] 11 e.

1724 Ramsay *Tea-t. Misc.* (1733) II. 167 If that her tippony chance to be sma' We'll tak a good scour o't, and ca't awa. — *Robt., Richy, & Sandy* 132 We'll take a scour o't to put aff our pain.

5. A kind of diarrhœa in cattle.

1764 *Museum Rust.* I. 450 It actually gives, or inclines them to a scower (and other disorders well known to the shepherds). *Ibid.* II. 9 A remedy for the white scour in sheep. 1802 Willich *Dom. Encycl.* IV. 60/2 The White Scour is an uncommon looseness, occasioned by feeding sheep on putrescent vegetables. 1881 Sheldon *Dairy Farming* 61/2 An effectual preventive of 'scour', a malady from which young calves, when reared away from their mothers, are constantly liable to suffer.

6. The detergent matter used in scouring wool.

1888 *Encycl. Brit.* XXIV. 657/1 The wool..was rinsed in a current of clean water to remove the 'scour'.

7. An act of scouring, cleansing, or polishing.

Mod. colloq. Give the floor a good scour.

8. *Comb.*: scour-hole, a hole made in mud or sand by the scour of the tide; scour-way (see quot.); †scour-wort, a name suggested for *Saponaria officinalis.*

1890 Kipling *City Dreadf. Ni.* 24 She sank there, and the next tide made a *scour-hole on one side of her. 1895 *Funk's Stand. Dict.*, **Scourway*, Geol., a drainage-furrow caused by a strong current, as by a glacial river flowing over a gravel plain. 1548 Turner *Names Herbes* (E. D. S.) 66 Radicula..if we had it here, it myghte be called in english sopewurt or *skowrwurt.

Scour (skaʊəɹ), *v.*[1] Forms: 4 scur(e, schoure, 4–7 skour(e, scoure, 5–8 scowr(e, 6–7 skowr(e, 7–8 scower, 6– scour. [Of obscure origin.

In some of the senses explained below there may have been coalescence of words of identical form but etymologically unconnected; it is difficult in some uses to distinguish between this verb and Scour *v.*[2], by association with which its sense-development has certainly been influenced. The relation to the cognate Scour *sb.*[1] is uncertain; from the early date of the latter, it is perh. more likely to be the source of the verb than a derivative of it, so that the sb. may be ad. ON. *skúr* storm, Shower *sb.*, and the vb. may correspond to Norw. *skura* to rush violently. In the originally military uses, the vb. may perh. be partly a back-formation from Scourer.

The current view, that the verb is a. OF. *escourre* (:—L. *excurrĕre*, f. *ex-* out + *currĕre* to run) seems untenable, as the OF. word would normally have assumed in ME. the form *scurre* instead of *scoure.*]

1. *intr.* To move *about* hastily or energetically; *esp.* to range about in search of something, or in movements against a foe.

1297 R. Glouc. (Rolls) 390 Corineus herwiþ harde smot & stured [MS. *a* scurede, β scured, γ scuryd] him aboute, & made is wey hi eiþer side & percede þe route. *c* 1470 Henry *Wallace* IX. 180 Skour weyll about for scoukaris in the se. 1477 *Paston Lett.* III. 185 In plesurys new, your hert dooth score and raunge So hye and ferre. 1576 Turberv. *Venerie* lxii. 176 Lette him carie them [the hounds] home vncoupled, that they may skoure at large and skommer. 1594 Kyd *Cornelia* IV. i. 196 He that..fearles scowres in danger's coasts, T'enlarge his countries liberty. 1603 Knolles *Hist. Turks* (1621) 641 Barbarussa thus scouring alongst the coast of Italie,..strucke such an exceeding terrour into the mindes of the citizens [etc.]. 1615 Heywood *Four Prentises* I. D 3 b, Sirra go you and scoure about the hill. 1647 Trapp *Comm. Rev.* iv. 6 Furnished with six wings apiece..to scoure about for the peoples benefit. 1692 R. L'Estrange *Fables* ccxxiv. 196 There was a Freak took an Ass in the Head, to Scoure abroad upon the Ramble. 1706 Phillips (ed. Kersey), *To Scour about*, to ramble or run raking about. 1735 Somerville *Chase* III. 323 While these intrepid Bands..out-fly the Storm, And scowring round, make Men and Beasts their Prey. 1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* III. ii. ii, Furnishers scour in gigs over all districts of France. 1865 A. Smith *Summer in Skye* I. 152 How John Kelly shouted and objurgated, and how his dog scoured about! [driving cattle]. 1879 Sala in *Daily Tel.* 26 June, The City authorities scoured fruitlessly about in quest of a new site for a debtors prison.

b. To move rapidly, go in haste, run. Chiefly with advs., indicating the direction, etc.

13.. *K. Alis.* 3722 Lordynges, be saide, hit is nought to fleon! We buth the ost and the water bytwene... Hit is beter that we to heom schoure [*Bodl.* scoure], So longe so we may dure. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xi. (*Symon & Judas*) 297 Þai wysmen þan scouryt þam faste. 15ix *Helyas* in Thoms *Prose Rom.* (1858) III. 104 The swanne put him afore the shippe, the which he made to scoure upon the water in suche wise that they were anon ferre fro Lyleforte. 1590 Spenser *F. Q.* I. ii. 20 The lady..from him fled away with all her powre: Who after her as hastily gan scowre. *a* 1600 *Floddan F.* iii. (1664) 23 The Scots anon they scoured in And plyed apace unto their prey. *a* 1630 *Tom Thumb* 410 in Hazl. *E. P. P.* II. 229 She took him up between her jaws, And scower'd up a tree. 1632 J. Hayward tr. *Biondi's Eromena* 39 The Galley scowred away a maine course. 1692 R. L'Estrange *Fables* lxxxiii. 81 They..Scoure off themselves and leave Those that Trust them to pay the Reck'ning. 1707 J. Stevens tr. *Quevedo's Com. Wks.* (1709) 139 He scour'd after me as hard as he could. 1719 De Foe *Crusoe* II. (Globe) 566 Away he scowered, and left my Pilot..a compleat Victory. 1810 Southey *Kehama* xxiii. xi, Through the red sky terrific meteors scour. 1842 Borrow *Bible in Spain* viii. 51, I..scoured on my way with more speed than before. 1851 Carlyle *Sterling* II. iv, Sterling..took to daily riding in summer; scouring far and wide on a swift strong horse. 1865 Livingstone *Zambesi* viii. 181 Dogs turn tail and scour off in dismay.

†c. (Without adv.) To depart in haste, run away, decamp. (Chiefly *colloq.* or *slang.*) *Obs.*

a 1592 Greene *Alcida* (1617) H 2, Whereupon the mariners reioyced, hoising vp sailes, and thrusting into the maine, we scowred and returned home to the court. 1687 Sedley *Bellamira* Prol., Till all the Ladies and some Gallants scowre. 1688 Shadwell *Sq. Alsatia, Expl. Cant, To Scamper, to rubb, to scowre*, to run away. 1688 Luttrell *Brief Rel.* I. 486 Some of them that lay most obnoxious are scowring; several of which are taken and secured making their escapes. 1697 Vanbrugh *Relapse* IV. iv. (*end*), No, no; fire over their Heads only to fright 'em; I'll warrant the Regiment scours when the Collonel's a Prisoner. 1753 Foote *Englishm. in Paris* I. Wks. 1799 I. 35 How the powder flew about, and the Monsieurs scour'd.

2. *trans.* To pass rapidly over or along (a tract of land or water); *esp.* to traverse in quest of something, or in order to capture or drive away a foe.

Cf. Scour *v.*[2] 8.

c 1380 Wyclif *Sel. Wks.* II. 363 And þis lore shulden prestis lerne, and speciali hey prelatis, sip þei shulden scure [*v.r.* skoure] þe weie to þe oost þat comeþ aftir. 1456 Sir G. Have *Law of Arms* (S. T. S.) 230/11 Gif a Franche knycht..had runnyn before Bordeaulx to scoure the contree and tak prisouneris. *a* 1513 Farvan *Chron.* VI. cxciii. 196 This Edgar..vsed, in the somer tyme, to scowre the see with certeyne shyppes of warre. 1553 Brende *Q. Curtius* D viij, By that time such as were sent before to scowre the countrey, came in, and reported. 1568 Grafton *Chron.* II. 464 The king before he would take his voyage, sent the Erle of Huntyngdon to serche and scowre the Seas. *Ibid.* 833 The noble men..without any tariyng, scouryng the wayes as fast as their horses could runne. 1594 Kyd *Cornelia* v. 79 Euen so our battails..Dyd scoure the plaines in pursuite of the foe. 1636 *3rd Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* 73/2 You..may spare part [of your fleet] to scour the Channel to the Land's End westward. 1667 Milton *P. L.* 529 And Scouts each Coast light-armed scoure, Each quarter, to descrie the distant foe. 1776 Johnson *Let. to Boswell* 5 Mar., I know not but we may scour the country together, for I have a mind to see Oxford and Lichfield. 1807 G. Chalmers *Caledonia* I. III. iii. 342 Their piratical countrymen..scoured those coasts, in quest of prey. 1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* I. v. v, Patrols..scour the streets, all that night. 1856 Stanley *Sinai & P.* xi. (ed. 3) 390 The sloping hills..scoured by herds of gazelles. 1885 C. F. Holder *Marvels Anim. Life* 116 He went aloft, scoured the hold, examined the galley.

b. *fig.* To run over in the mind, with the eye, etc.

1883 *Sunday Mag.* July 432/2, I stand here scouring the universe with my imagination. 1909 Max Beerbohm *Yet Again* 69 You scour the list vaguely, and order a pint of 273.

3. *spec.* in 17th–18th century slang (cf. Scourer[1] 2). a. *intr.* To roam about at night uproariously, breaking windows, beating the watch, and molesting wayfarers.

1673 Shadwell *Epsom Wells* II. i, You drink Burgundy perpetually and Scower as you call it. 1687 Sedley *Bellamira* III. i. Wks. 1778 II. 152, I went home drunk, and scour'd outragiously. 1711 Steele *Spect.* No. 358 P 1 There is no Inhabitant of any standing in Covent-Garden, but can tell you a hundred good Humours, where People have come off with little Blood-shed, and yet scowered all the witty Hours of the Night. 1717 Prior *Alma* III. 233 From Milksop He starts up Mohack:..So thro' the Street at Midnight scow'rs: Breaks Watch-men's Heads, and Chair-men's Glasses. 1756 *Gentl. Mag.* XXVI. 37 As bees for honey range from flow'r to flow'r, From house to house I see Mundungus scow'r!

b. *trans.* To ill-treat or 'maul' (the watch, wayfarers, etc.) while roistering in the streets.

1681 Dryden *Sp. Fryar* Prol. 39 Scowring the Watch grows out of fashion wit. 1687 Sedley *Bellamira* IV. i. Wks. 1778 II. 177 *Mer.* The house is beset: What's here, scourers?..*Cun.* We'll scour 'em for a company of uncivil fellows, thus to disturb lovers at their innocent recreations. 1692 *Scarronides* II. 33 Our Watch they scowre, and greet with ill-blows. 1723 *Briton* No. 19 (1724) 83 They got drunk, ..scower'd the Watch, abused the Constable.

c. To roister through (the streets).

1691 *Comedy, Win Her & Take Her* I. i. 2 We'le scour ev'ry street And kick all we meet. 1753 *Scots Mag.* Oct. 491/2 We scoured the street after our nocturnal revel.

Scour (skaʊəɹ), *v.*[2] Forms: 3–4 schur, skur, 3–5 scur(e, 3–7 skour(e, 4–7 skowre, 4–8 scowr(e, scoure, 5–6 score, 5–7 skore, scoore, 6 skower, 5–9 scower, 9 *dial.* scaur, 4– scour. [Prob. a. MDu. or MLG. *schûren* (mod.Du. *schuren*, mod.LG. *schüren*), whence mod.G. *scheuern* and MSw., Sw. *skura*, Da. *skure*; Du. has also a vb. *schuieren* to brush, which is prob. a dialectal variant. The Du. and LG. word is prob. a. OF. *escurer* (mod.F. *écurer*) = Pr., Sp. *escurar*, It. *sgurare, scurare* (rare) :—popular L. **excūrāre* (med.L. *escūrāre, scūrāre*) to polish, scour, f. *ex-* out + *cūrāre*, in class. Latin to take care of (f. *cura* care), in med.L. also to clean (so F. *curer*).

Direct adoption from OF. *escurer* is not likely, as the word should in that case have become *scure* in mod. Eng. (cf. *cure, pure*). The same objection applies to the hypothesis of adoption from monastic Latin, unless it be supposed that the word had been English for some centuries before the date of the first known examples. Possibly the word was brought in as a technical term by Flemish workmen.]

1. *trans.* To cleanse or polish (metal, earthenware, wood, etc.) by hard rubbing with some detergent substance. Sometimes with compl. adj., as *bright, clean.* Also const. *of, from* (rust, etc.).

?*a* 1366 Chaucer *Rom. Rose* 540 Hir heer was as yelowe of hewe As any basin scoured newe. *c* 1440 *Alphabet of Tales* 223 Sho..wasshid dysshis & skowrid pottys. *c* 1450 *Merlin* xx. 313 Thei..scowred hauberkes and furbisshed swerdes and helmes. 1530 Palsgr. 707/1, I scoure vessel, I make it bright and cleane. 1576 Gascoigne *Steele Gl.* (Arb.) 78, I see you Peerce, my glasse was lately scowrde. 1598 Hakluyt *Voy.* I. 62 They skowre them so bright that a man may behold his face in them. 1612 Marbe tr. *Aleman's Guzman d'Alf.* I. 132, I was..in my Masters Kitchen, scowring of the Panns and the Spits. 1697 Dryden *Æneid* VI. 1114 By dint of Sword his Crown he shall increase; And scour his Armour from the Rust of Peace. 1709 *Female Tatler* No. 4/3 When the Cook Maid's Sick, he'll..scowre down the Stairs. 1712 Arbuthnot *John Bull* III. vii, Grudging a quarter of a pound of Soap and Sand to scowre the Rooms. *c* 1714 Arbuthnot, etc. *Mem. Martinus Scriblerus* I. iii, The Truth was, the Maid..had scoured it as clean as her Andirons. 1835 Thirlwall *Greece* xiv. II. 195 His slaves were scouring the vessels of gold and silver displayed on the sideboard. 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* liv, [He] passed by the scared female who was scouring the steps. 1878 Huxley *Physiogr.* 193 The stone largely used for scouring paint is a lava of very porous texture.

b. *fig.* Also with *over, up* (cf. 'polish up'). Now *rare* or *Obs.*

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 25867 Els moght moght na clensing fire þi saul skur to make it schirre. *Ibid.* 28058 Þarfor ilkan i rede forloke þat þai..skir þam sua wit þair in-sight, þair conscience sua clene and bright, þat þai þar-in leue nakin thing þat ani nede haf o scuring. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xviii. (*Egipciane*) 1219 Þai..þat þame-self ofe syne wil scoure. *c* 1430 *Pilgr. Lyf Manhode* iv. xli. (1869) 195 She leueth no thing þat she ne correcteth and skowreth and forbisheth. *c* 1450 *Mirk's Festial* 93 Wherfor þys tyme of Lenton ys ordeynt only to scowre and to clanse your concyens of all maner roust and fulþe of synne. 1556 Parker *Ps.* cxix. 140 Skord cleane full out thy word is seene : fine tride from drosse impure. 1594 Hooker *Eccl. Pol.* iv. xii. § 5 Some few..who..are not so scowred of their former rust, as to forsake their auncient perswasion. 1608 Day *Law Trickes* i. i, How the daw Scoures ore his rustie phrases! 1611 Speed *Chron.* ix. xxiv. 871/2 [Q. Eliz. said] I haue been enforced this day to scowre vp my old Latine, that hath laine long in rusting. 1617 Moryson *Itin.* i. 161, I will..scoure up that little Toscane language, which ..shall be remaining vnto me. 1639 Fuller *Holy War* i. v. (1640) 7 Heraclius..scoured bright an old holy-day with a new solemnitie. 1654 — *Two Serm.* 58 Such who by Art and Education..have scoured over the dimme inscription of the Morall Law, that it appeared plaine unto them.

c. *absol.* or *intr.*

a 1450 *Knt. de la Tour* viii. (1906) 11 Score so long on this plate till ye haue hadde awey all the blacke spottis. 1591 Shaks. *Two Gent.* iii. i. 315 Item, she can wash and scoure. 1710 Steele *Tatler* No. 248 ₱ 5 The Wench in the Kitchen sings and scours from Morning to Night. 1859 Geo. Eliot *Adam Bede* xxxii, Listening to all manner o' gossip when they should be down on their knees a-scouring.

d. *trans.* (*hyperbolically*). To thrust (a sword, knife) in a person's body.

1613 Hayward *Will. I* 68 Encouraging one another..to scoure their swords in the entrailes of their enemies. 1818 Scott *Hrt. Midl.* xxx, Have ye a mind I should scour my knife between your ribs, as my mother says?

e. To clean the inside of (a gun) after firing.

1611 Beaum. & Fl. *Knt. Burn. Pestle* v. i, Let me see your peece neighbor Greene-goose, when was she shot in? *Greene.* And like you maister Captaine, I made a shot euen now, partly to scoure her, and partly for audacity. 1627 Capt. Smith *Seaman's Gram.* xiii. 61 Souldiers scowre your peeces. 1658 A. Fox tr. *Wurtz' Surg.* i. iii. 9 Even as Musquetieres are scouring their Musquets after much shooting.

†f. *slang.* To wear (fetters); to sit in (the stocks). *Obs.*

c 1450 *Mankind* 634 in *Macro Plays* 24 Me semyth ȝe haue scoryde a peyr of fetters. 1533 J. Heywood *Pardoner & Frere* 602 Thou shalt not escape me, Tyll thou hast scouryd a pare of stokys. 1561 Awdelay *Frat. Vacab.* (1869) 84 To skower the cramp-rings, to weare boltes or fetters. *a* 1700 B. E. *Dict. Cant. Crew, Scoure,* to wear.

2. *trans.* To remove grease or dirt from (cloth, wool, silk, etc.) by some detergent process.

1467–8 *Rolls of Parlt.* V. 630/1 The said Clothes..clene scowred, full dryed, and redy to the sale. *c* 1483 Caxton *Dialogues* 34 *Rescourer vne robe,* Skowre agayn a goune. 1496 *Coventry Leet Bk.* 574 To scoure & fresche old bonettes. 1565 *Act* 8 *Eliz.* c. 11 § 2 The same Cappe [shall] be first well scoured and closed upon the Banke. 1601 Holland *Pliny* xix. i. II. 5 There is a kind of Poppies much sought after for blaunching and bleaching of linnen cloths; for being skoured therewith, it is wonderfull how white and pure they will looke. 1626 Bacon *Sylva* § 362 In some Lakes the Water is so Nitrous, as if Foule Cloaths be put into it, it scoureth them of it selfe. 1683 Wilding in *Collect.* (O. H. S.) I. 257 For scouring my Coate 00 00 06. 1751 *Chambers' Cycl.* s. v. *Dying, Dying of thread* is begun by scouring it in a lye of good ashes. 1844 G. Dodd *Textile Manuf.* iii. 107 When the cloth is woven, he sends it..to be 'scoured' and 'fulled'. 1888 *Encycl. Brit.* XXIV. 657/1 Stale urine was a favourite medium in which to scour wool.

b. *absol.* Also *fig.*

1624 Quarles *Job Militant* Med. vi. 41 Teares, mingled with thy Blood can scower so, That Scarlet sinnes shall turne as white as Snow. 1626 Bacon *Sylva* § 362 Warme Water scoureth better than Cold.

3. To wash vigorously (the hands, face, teeth); to 'scrub'. Now only *jocular.*

1589 Warner *Alb. Eng.* vi. xxx. (1612) 147 Vnto the Trough he hies, And skowres his coly fists and face. 1602 *How to chuse good Wife* iii. iii. F 4, He had a pound of sope to scowre his face. 1675 Hobbes *Odyssey* (1677) 72 They.. gave him th' oyl to scour his skin withal. *a* 1704 *Compleat Servant-Maid* (ed. 7) 65 To wash the Face, to keep it smooth and to scower it clean. 1712 Swift *Midas* 71 British Midas' dirty Paws; Which..the Senate strove to scour. 1871 R. Ellis *Catullus* xxxvii. 20 And teeth a native lotion hardly scours quite pure.

b. *transf.* To cleanse (the teeth) by chewing some substance. Also, †*to scour one's mouth on,* to abuse, vilify.

1598 Florio To Rdr. a viij, Let Aristophanes and his comedians make plaies, and scowre their mouthes on Socrates. 1781 C. Johnston *Hist. J. Juniper* I. 83 To eat cold beef, and drink strong beer for breakfast, and to scour his teeth after it with a quid of tobacco.

4. To cleanse (a wound, ulcer, the entrails of an animal) by treating with some medicament.

c 1420 *Liber Cocorum* (1862) 9 Take, wasshe tho isues of swannes anon, And skoure tho guttus with salt ichon. 1547 Boorde *Brev. Health* Pref. 4 That they clense and scoure the woundes from al corupcion. 1612 Woodall *Surg. Mate* Wks. (1653) 31 This unguent serveth well to cleanse and scowre ulcers. 1747 Mrs. Glasse *Cookery* (1796) xviii. 290 Take your eel and scour it well with salt.

5. To clear out (a channel, ditch, drain, etc.) by removing dirt, weeds, etc. Also with *out,* † *up.*

1412–20 Lydg. *Chron. Troy* ii. 754 The canel skoured was so clene. 1519 *Presentm. Juries* in *Surtees Misc.* (1890) 31 The grett Inquest..commandes all wattersewers..be dykid and scoried be Withesonday. 1523 Fitzherb. *Husb.* § 123 Than scoure the olde dyche, and cast it vp newe. 1579 in W. H. Turner *Select. Rec. Oxford* (1880) 403 The..ryvers.. shalbe ryde and scowred. 1589 Ive *Pract. Fortif.* 3 It may haue the riuer turned into the ditch to skowre the ditch of any thing that may be cast into it. 1645 Symonds *Diary* (Camden) 231 A large ditch..lately scowred and cast vp. 1657 G. Thornley *Daphnis & Chloe* (1893) 79 He scowred the Fountains, that the Water might be clear and transparent. 1724 De Foe *Mem. Cavalier* (1840) 52 Working hard to scour their moats. 1740 J. Leaford *Observ. S. Level Fens* 21 It is proposed..To scour out St. John's Ean, and lay the Earth on the Norfolk side. 1747 Franklin *Lett.* Wks. (1887) II. 81, I first scoured up my ditches and drains, and took off all the weeds. 1785 Burke *Sp. Nabob of Arcot's Debts* Wks. 1906 III. 232 These watercourses again call for a considerable expense to keep them properly scoured and duly levelled. 1844 H. Stephens *Bk. Farm* II. 433 The hedger now resumes his work of water-tahling and scouring ditches. 1886 *Act* 49 & 50 *Vic.* c. 49 § 9 The Admiralty may ..dredge scour and deepen the foreshore and bed of the sea within the said limits.

b. *To scour a hedge* (see quot. 1847).

1562 *Act* 5 *Eliz.* c. 13 § 5 The Hayes, Feuses, Dykes or Hedges..shall from time to tyme be diked, scoured, repaired and kept lowe. 1847 Halliwell, *Scour.* (1) To scour a hedge, to deepen the ditch, and to breast up the hedge with the soil taken out. *North.*

6. To clear out or cleanse by flushing with water.

1587 Fleming *Contn. Holinshed* III. 1547/1 So as by the space of foure daies there could be no water reteined within the pent, to scowre the mouth of the hauen. 1619 S. Atkinson *Gold Mynes Scot.* (Bannatyne Club) 1 Sufficient water ..for..scowring places..with which all sorts of earth are to be washed or scowred. 1642 Fuller *Holy & Prof. St.* iv. xix. 339 If his land accosteth the sea, he considereth..what Keys are rusty with sands and shelves, and what are scoured with a free and open tide. 1839 *Civ. Engin. & Arch. Jrnl.* II. 86/1 The projection of this isle,..forcing the tide-wave southward, causes it to run northward, again, with great force, and scour out the Bay of Weymouth. 1847 Lyell *Princ. Geol.* xix. (ed. 7) 263 During other seasons of the year, the ocean makes reprisals, scouring out the channels.

b. with *away* : To form (a channel) by flushing.

c 1683 *Cowley's Voy.* in *Cook's Voy.* (1790) III. 846 There cannot be so great a lack of water, but must needs scowre a channell away at the ebbe deepe enough for shipping to goe in.

c. To clear or refresh (the throat) with liquor. *Sc.*

1787 W. Taylor *Scots Poems* 4 (E. D. D.) Upo' that hint I scour'd my rusty throat. 1801 W. Beattie *Fruits of Time Parings* (1873) 15 (ibid.) Lat's see a drappie o' yer heer, To scour my crap.

7. Of a medicine, or of one who administers it: To purge (an animal, a person, the body, etc.); to evacuate (the stomach or bowels). Also, to cleanse (worms, fish, etc.) by purging.

1375 Barbour *Bruce* iii. 542 Thai eyt it with full gud will, That soucht [nane othir] salss thar-till Bot appetyt, that oft men takys; For weill scowryt war thar stomakys. 1577 B. Googe *Heresbach's Husb.* i. (1586) 35 b, At which tyme they are very good to skowre horses. 1594 Kyd *Cornelia* iii. ii. 71 Like to a Curre that Carrion hath deuour'd, And cannot rest, vntill his mawe he scour'd. 1610 Holland *Camden's Brit.* i. 434 Ponds or Stewes..to feed Pikes and Tenches fat, and to scoure them from the strong and muddy fennish taste. 1653 Walton *Angler* vi. 138 A Lob or Garden worm, which should be wel scowred, that is to say, [kept] seven or eight dayes in Moss before you fish with them. 1656 Ridgley *Pract. Physic* 87 Clysters in great quantity if you would scowre the guts. 1691 *Braggadocio* iii. i. 35, I hate to have a puddle o' your Outlandish Nusance cloging my Stomach. *Top.* Puh.—a scouring Bottle of Pontack will scour it again, Mun. 1765 *Treat. Dom. Pigeons* 29 Pease, wheat, and barley are apt to scour your Pigeons too much. 1817 J. Mayer *Sportsman's Direct.* (ed. 2) 132 Scour them [*sc.* gentles] in sand, in a flannel bag. 1843 Mrs. Carlyle *Lett.* I. 210 [He] immediately proceeded to scour him with the most potent medicines. 1856 'Stonehenge' *Brit. Sports* i. v. ii. § 3. 236/2 All these worms should be scoured, a process which consists in starving them, by placing them in damp moss. 1888 J. Inglis *Tent Life in Tigerland* 72 This food..has a tendency to scour the animals.

b. *absol.* Of medicine or food: To act as a purge.

1597 Gerarde *Herbal* ii. xlvi. 261 Pellitorie of the wall.. hath force to scoure. 1657 W. Coles *Adam in Eden* xx. 42 The ordinary great Celandine..scowreth and cleanseth effectually. 1884 *Farm & Home* 25 Oct. 275/2 Potatoes and middlings tend to scour.

c. *refl.* Chiefly of worms and fish: To become clean by purging.

1594 Plat *Jewell-ho.* iii. 12 These wormes did first scoure themselves, either in mosse, lome, or hran. 1661 Lovell *Hist. Anim. & Min., Isagoge* d 4 b, Pond-fish..are not so sweet as river fish, except they have been kept in rivers to scoure themselves. *Ibid.* d 6 b, Snailes..are best towards winter having scoured themselves. 1867 F. Francis *Angling* iv. (1880) 104 Pike..spawn from early April to the end of May,..and, after a short rest,..scour themselves in the streams or shallows.

d. *intr.* (for *refl.*) To be purged. Of worms, fishes, etc.: To be cleansed by purging. Of cattle: To have diarrhœa.

1592 *Repentance of Robert Greene* D 2, Al his paine was in his belly. And although he continually scowred, yet still his belly sweld. 1616 Surfl. & Markham *Country Farm* iv. xvi. 514 The wormes..will not onely liue long therein, but also scoure and feed. 1681 Chetham *Angler's Vade-m.* iii. § 16 (1689) 26 The Dew preserves them [*sc.* baits] and makes them scour and thrive. 1707 Mortimer *Husb.* (1721) I. 242 If you turn Sheep into Wheat or Rye to feed, let it not be too rank..lest it make them Scowre. 1725 *Bradley's Fam. Dict.* s. v. *Bait,* A dead Man's Skull heaten to powder for the Worms to scour in. 1764 *Museum Rust.* II. 147 Those which had the lask, and scowered. 1909 *Daily News* 5 May 4 Young spring grass is about the worst food for calves, causing them to scour very badly.

8. *fig.* To rid, clear (a place, the sea, etc.) *of* or *from* an enemy or other undesirable occupants.

Closely associated with Scour *v.*[1] 2.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 475 He..schurd [*Gött.* skourd, *Trin.* scoured] þat curt o þam sa clene, þat sithen þar sted was neuer sene. 1531 *Dial. on Laws Eng.* ii. xlvii. [li.] 97 b, The lord of the narowe see is bounde..to scoure the see of pyrattes. 1603 Drayton *Bar. Wars* vi. lxiv, As..Some fleet-wing'd haggard..th'ayre of all her feath'red flocks doth skower. 1611 Beaum. & Fl. *Knt. Burn. Pestle* v. i, And like a sort of true-borne Scauingers, scoure me this famous Realme of enemies. *a* 1627 Hayward *Ann. Q. Eliz.* (Camden) 49 He was appointed to skowre the seas from unlawfull adventurers. 1698 Fryer *Acc. E. India & P.* 98 It is the Catwals Business with a Guard of near Two hundred Men, to scower the Streets..of idle Companions. *a* 1701 Maundrell *Journ. Jerus.* 28 Feb. (1732) 4 Maintaining the ways in good repair, and scouring them from Arabs, and Robbers. 1716 B. Church *Hist. Philip's War* (1865) I. 180 Church received a Commission..to Scoure the Woods of some of the lurking Enemy. 1786 W. Thomson *Watson's Philip III,* vi. (1839) 317 This..contributed not a little to scour the sea from the pirates. 1826 Scott *Diary* in Lockhart *Life* (1839) IX. 17 He might have done well there could he have scoured his brains of politics. 1876 Voyle & Stevenson *Milit. Dict.* (ed. 3) s. v., *To scour the country* means to clear the country of the enemy for miles around.

b. *fig.* (of a devastating plague).

1607 J. Davies *Summa Totalis* (Grosart) 21/2 The Plague (which late our Mother-Citty scour'd And erst the Kingdome made halfe desolate!)

9. *fig.* To beat, scourge. Hence, to punish, treat severely.

c 1386 Chaucer *Pars. T.* ₱ 596 He..hroghte a yerde to scoure with the child. *c* 1400 *Rule St. Benet* 1536 Þe nouices, whils þai er ȝing Aw to be scorid for swilk a thing. *c* 1425 Lydg. *Testament* Minor Poems (Percy Soc.) 255 Of the yeerde somtyme I stood in awe, To be scooryd that was al my dreede. *c* 1440 *Alphabet of Tales* 259 He tuke a wand and skowrid þaim bathe. *c* 1485 *Digby Myst.* (1882) iii. 737 ȝa! thys hard halys on þi bottokkys xall byte!..cum vp, ȝe horsons, and skore a-wey þe yche! *c* 1590 Marlowe *Faustus* 977 Ile teach ye to impeach honest men: stand by, Ile scowre you for a goblet. [1599 Shaks. *Hen. V,* ii. i. 60 If you grow fowle with me Pistoll, I will scoure you with my Rapier, as I may, in fayre tearmes.] 1662 Pepys *Diary* 4 Feb., We shall scoure him for it. 1730 Fielding *Author's Farce* i. viii, But I will pay the dog, I will scour him.

10. To sweep or rake (a place, position, a body of men, etc.) with gun-shot. Also, to command (a position, etc.) with one's guns.

1563 W. Cothe in *15th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. ii. 32 Our steple..on the which stoode iii fayre Demi-Colveryns to skowre the topp of the hills. 1578 T. N. tr. *Conq. W. India* 320 Cortes unshipped three peeces of ordinance to scoure the Cawsey, which was full of enemies. 1589 Ive *Pract. Fortif.* 11 That the artillerie which shoulde scoure the front of y[t] one Bulwarke might lye couered in the other Bulwarke. *c* 1620 Fletcher & Mass. *Double Marriage* ii. i, How many saile of wel man'd ships before us,..Have we pursued and scowerd. 1630 R. Johnson *Kingd. & Commw.* 304 The South part..is well defended with Casemats, the better to scoure the Curtaine. 1704 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 4082/3 The Ditch is doubly Palisadoed, with very good Flanks within, to scour the Moat when they enter. 1706 Phillips (ed. Kersey), To *Scour the length of a Line,* to rake a Line from end to end with the Shot, so that every Bullet which comes in at one end, sweeps all along to the other. 1781 Simes *Milit. Guide* (ed. 3) 12 Small parties of light cavalry to scour the flanks. 1802 C. James *Milit. Dict.* s. v. *Firing, Street Firing* is the method of firing adopted to defend or scour a street, lane, or narrow pass of any kind. 1876 Bancroft *Hist. U. S.* V. xx. 567 He ordered up heavy artillery and scoured the woods with grape.

11. To remove, get rid of. Chiefly with advs., as *away, off, out.* a. To remove (rust, dirt, etc.) by cleansing or hard rubbing. Also *fig.*

c 1410 Lydg. *Life Our Lady* lxv. (? 1484) k j, He came for our sauacion To scoure aweye the rust of al our blame. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 450/2 Scowryn (*Winch. MS.* scoryn) a-wey ruste, *erugino, erubigino.* 1596 Shaks. *1 Hen. IV,* iii. ii. 137, I will..staine my fauours in a bloody Maske: Which washt away, shall scowre my shame with it. 1631 Sanderson *Serm.* II. 15 The stains will not easily (if at all) be scoured off ngain. *a* 1674 Clarendon *Hist. Reb.* xv. § 31 He would often speak that there was much of good in the order of bishops, if the dross were scoured off. 1806 J. Beresford *Miseries Hum. Life* xi. No. 18 (ed. 3) I. 263 The face or hands..begrimed with that mysterious sort of filth, which, as soon as you have, with great difficulty, scoured it away, returns again and again. 1866 Redgrave *Cent. Painters* II. 605 Many a one whose qualifications consist only in the reckless impudence with which he dares to use the spirit or the alkali to scour off dirt and art together, places a half-washed portrait in the window, and duhs himself a restorer.

b. To drive (an enemy, etc.) *out of* the land.

1470 Henry *Wallace* viii. 16 How thai suld tak on hand The rychtwys blud to scour out of Scotland. *a* 1600 *Floddan F.* viii. (1664) 73 The gray gooswing did work such greif, And did the Scots so skoure and skaile. 1603 Knolles *Hist. Turks* (1638) 287 After that Scanderbeg had thus.. scoured the Turks out of euery corner of Epirus. 1605 Shaks. *Macb.* v. iii. 56 What Rubarb, Cyme, or what Purgatiue drugge Would scowre these English hence? 1642 Fuller *Holy & Prof. St.* v. iii. 365 King Saul, who had formerly scoured Witches out of all Israel. 1655 — *Ch. Hist.* iii. 112 Fullers earth, a precious ware is daily scowred hence, though by law forbidden to be transported.

c. To discharge, evacuate, purge away (a humour, disease, excrement, etc.).

1577 B. Googe *Heresbach's Husb.* iv. (1586) 190 b, It scowreth away the collections of a Plurisy beginning. 1620 Fletcher *Chances* iii. ii, Has given me a dam'd Glister,.. Has almost scour'd my guts out. 1620 Venner *Via Recta* vii. 157 It concocteth and scowreth downwards crude and

phlegmaticke humors. 1657 W. Coles *Adam in Eden* ciii, The same stamped with Honey..consumeth and scoureth away the Ulcers of the Head. 1694 Motteux *Rabelais* iv. xliii, They sow..but..Wind-flowers..herbs that may make One break wind to the purpose, these scowre them off carefully. 1737 Bracken *Farriery Impr.* (1757) II. 84 There are Horses which put off, or scour off their Meat (as we say) very fast.

d. To remove or clear away by flushing with water.

c 1582 T. Digges in *Archæologia* XI. 227 Beache..vnder the Sowthern jawe of the haven mowth..by the force of the Master Sluce shall allway be scowred and remooued. 1596 Harington *Metam. Ajax* 42 By turning a streame of water on the mickesons, he scowred away that in a weeke, that an hundred could scant haue done in a yeare. 1619 Atkinson in *Macfarlane's Geogr. Collect.* (S. H. S.) III. 31 Their usual manner is, when they seek for Gold..to frame or make a long seuch or scowring place into which they bring the stream of water, to scowr away the light earth from the heavy sandy earth. 1849 Lyell *2nd Visit U. S.* (1850) II. 152 The tide enters far up each channel, scouring out mud and sand.

†**e.** To drink *off* (a health). *Obs. Sc.* (Cf. Scour *sb.*[2] 3.)

1718 Ramsay *Christ's Kirk Gr.* iii. xi, He..scour'd aff healths anew, Clean out that day.

†**Scour,** *v.*[3] *Obs. rare.* [Aphetic f. *discour(e,* Discover.] *trans.* To divulge, reveal, disclose.

1584 Munday *Fidele & Fortunio* 12 in *Archiv Stud. neu. Spr.* CXXIII. 48 Heare you Maister Fortunio..Doo but scoure yoor minde to mee, and shut vp your greef: Either Ile finde you some ease, or you shalbe hangd for a theef.

†**Scou·rage**[1]. *Obs.* Forms: 5 scur-, 6 scurr-, scower-, scourage, scouradge. [f. Scour *v.*[1] + -age.] The act of scouting or skirmishing. Phr. *to make* or *keep scourage.*

1470 Hardyng *Chron.* Pref. 1 To scarmyse als, and make sykyr scurage. 1520 in *Rutland Papers* (Camden) 43 It is ordred that Sir Griffythe Ryce, Sir William Bolmer, Sir Richard Tempest, with theyre cumpanyes, shall make scurrage that day for discoueryng the cuntrey for the kings suertie. 1557 Ld. Waaton in Strype *Eccl. Mem.* (1721) III. ii. 266 Our Men..upon their Retyre followed them with Scowerage towards Tividale. 1560 in J. Scott *Berwick-upon-Tweed* (1888) 448 Yf any soldiers of the garrison be appointed to keep scourage. 1579 Digges *Stratiot.* 108 He is to appoynt which bands of Horse shall go to the watch or scouradge.

Scou·rage[2]. *rare.* In 7 -idge. [f. Scour *v.*[2] + -age.] Material for scouring; 'refuse water after cleansing or scouring' (Ogilvie, 1882).

a 1603 T. Cartwright *Confut. Rhem. N. T.* (1618) Pref. 30 The sope, niter and scouridge, that the Iesuites are able eyther to beg, to borrow, to steale, or otherwise come by; are not able to cleanse the vulgar translation.

Scoure, obs. form of Score *sb.* and *v.*

Scoured (skau·ɪd), *ppl. a.* [f. Scour *v.*[2] + -ed[1].]

1. Polished by rubbing; cleansed by scrubbing with a detergent. Also *fig.*

c 1450 *M. E. Med. Bk.* (Heinrich) 186 Droppe hyt in a clene scoured bacyn. 1535 Coverdale *Ezek.* i. 7 They glistred, as it had bene fayre scoured metall. 1549 Coverdale, etc. *Erasm. Par. Eph.* iv. 17–22 He cannot be sene, but onely with the scoured iyes of the soule. 1675 Han. Woolley *Gentlew. Comp.* 141 Set it a-boiling in a clean scoured skillet. 1705 tr. *Bosman's Guinea* 465, I saw seven white scoured Elephants Teeth. 1852 Mrs. Stowe *Uncle Tom's C.* xviii, Dinah would contract such an immoderate attachment to her scoured tin, as to insist upon it that it shouldn't be used again for any possible purpose.

b. With *out*, of a glass: Cleaned out, emptied. *Sc.*

1805 J. Nicol *Poems* I. 158 (Jam.) An' ilka blade had fill'd his wame, Wi' monie scour'd-out glasses.

2. Of silk, wool, etc.: Treated with a detergent.

166. Petty in Sprat *Hist. Roy. Soc.* (1667) 305 The same scowred Silk. 1716 Gay *Trivia* III. 270 The new-scower'd Manteau. *c* 1830 Mrs. Sherwood *Houlston Tracts* III. No. 81. 6 She wore a scoured silk trimmed with gimp. 1868 J. Turner *Woollen Manuf. Assist.* 56 To find weight of greasy wool required to produce a certain weight of scoured wool.

b. quasi-*sb.* = scoured wool.

1894 *Times* 14 Mar. 3/4 The Continent again purchased freely of scoureds. 1897 *Daily News* 19 Mar. 9/5 Good bodied and light dry scoureds maintain previous series' prices.

3. Purged; cleansed by purging.

1653 Walton *Compl. Angler* xi. (1878) 87 At a well scowred lob-worm he [*sc.* the barbel] will bite as boldly as at any bait. 1873 G. C. Davies *Mount. & Mere* xiii. 106 A small well-scoured red worm will take them when nothing else will.

Scourer[1] (skau·rəɹ). Forms: 5 **skoverour, skowrrour, skouriour,** scorer, -ar, 6 **sourer, skourer,** 6–8 **scowrer,** 8 **scowerer,** 5– **scourer.** See also Scurrier. [In sense 1 orig. aphetic f. Discoverer (OF. *descouvreor*); afterwards confused with the agent-n. f. Scour *v.*[1] + -er 1.]

†**1.** One sent out to reconnoitre; a scout or avant-conrier; = Discoverer 2 and Scurrier.

a 1400 *Morte Arth.* 3118 Than skyftes þes skouerours, and skippes one hyllis, Discoueres for skulkers that they no skathe lymppene. *c* 1470 Henry *Wallace* III. 103 Send twa skowrrouris to wesy weyll the playne. *Ibid.* IV. 431 Set skouriouris furth the contre to aspye. *c* 1471 *Arriv. K. Edw. IV* (Camden) 28 The Kynge..sent afore hym bis forrydars and scorars, on every syde hym. *c* 1500 *Melusine* xxx. 224 Thenne he loked on the ryght syde vpon a lytel mountaynne & sawe the grete batayll, and sawe the watche and the scourers al about the oost. 1534 More *Comf. agst. Trib.* II. Wks. 1181/2 Out was our scurer sent agayn,..to shew wher aboute ye place was. 1553 Brende *Q. Curtius* II vij, By the spring of the day the scourers that he sent before to discover, returned to him wyth reporte that Darius was comming. 1565 Cooper *Thesaurus, Antecursor,* a fore runner,..a scourer. 1579 Digges *Stratiot.* 109 To give order that the Scowrers come not out of the fielde till the Trumpet sounde. 1826 Hor. Smith *Tor Hill* (1838) I. 39 The scourers now took the lead, looking vigilantly around them.

2. In the 17th–18th c.: One who made a practice of roistering throngh the streets at night, beating the watch, breaking windows, etc.

1672 Wycherley *Love in Wood* v. ii, No Burgundy man or drunken Scourer will reel my way. 1684 Wood *Life* (O. H. S.) III. 120 Several lusty fellows..pull'd down some of the railes before Ball: Coll: and broke windowes in S. Giles and Magd. parishes. These they call 'Scourers'. 1691 Shadwell (*title*) The Scowrers. 1712 Steele *Spect.* No. 276 P 3 [He] has been, he tells me, a Scowrer, a Scamperer, a Breaker of Windows. 1716 Gay *Trivia* III. 325 Who has not heard the Scowrer's Midnight Fame? 1849 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* xi. III. 58 In those days of highwaymen and scourers.

3. One who ranges over (land or sea).

1878 B. Harte *Hoodlum Band* ii, Who but the Pirate Prodigy—the relentless Boy Scourer of Patagonian seas?

Scourer[2] (skau·rəɹ). Also 5 **scourour,** 6 **skourer,** 6–8 **scow(e)rer,** 7 **skowrer.** [f. Scour *v.*[2] + -er 1.] One who, or a thing which, scours.

1. One who polishes or cleanses by hard rubbing. Used esp. as the designation of certain servants in the Royal Household.

1576 in Nichols *Progr. Eliz.* (1823) II. 39 Ten services to the Porters and Skowrers of all sides. 1647 Haward *Crown Revenue* 32 Six Porters, and Scourers, Larges at Easter:—5. 0. 0. 1662 *Comenius' Janua Ling. Triling.* 103 The sword-cutler [maketh] swords, which the scourer furbisheth. 1669 E. Chamaerlayne *Pres. St. Eng.* 317 Three Turnbroaches, each 18*l.* 5*s.* Two Scowrers, each 18*l.* 5*s.* 1767 S. Paterson *Another Trav.* I. 209 So scowerers assist painting, and plaisterers mend statuary. 1840 Thackeray *Catherine* ii, A small person..acted as scourer, kitchen-wench, and scullion. 1901 *Westm. Gaz.* 18 Apr. 12/2 The 'Kitchen Staff' comprised a chief cook.., two assistant cooks, four scourers, three kitchenmaids.

b. *fig.* (with *new*). One who furbishes afresh or renovates.

1554 T. Martin *Marr. Priests* ii. B j, Oure menne (beinge but newe scourers of their olde beresie).

2. One who cleans wool, cloth, clothes, etc.

1574 *Life Abp. Parker* B vij b *marg.*, His Father was an honest poore man, a scourer or Calender of worsteddes of Norwich. 1688 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 2328/4 One Zechariah Pickford,..a Scowrer by Trade,..is lately gone away with a Cantoon grey cloth Bed. 1756 Foote *Engl. ret. fr. Paris* I. Wks. 1799 I. 102 Carry..his coat to a scowrer's. 1832 Marryat *N. Forster* xxxi, Bottlecock and Co., Dyers, Callenderers, and Scourers. 1886 *Lond. Gaz.* 5 Jan. 68/1 Dyer and Scourer.—Robert Pullar, Perth.

3. One who cleans ont drains, etc.

c 1515 Masser scourer [see Masser 2]. 1536 in *Gentl. Mag.* (1813) May 427 John Wylkynson of Busshopgate strete in London, scourer of synks. 1540 *MSS. Dk. Rutland* (Hist. MSS. Comm.) IV. 309 Maser scowrer. 1902 C. G. Harper *Cambridge Road* 206 The main drains are scoured by 'scourers'.

4. An implement or contrivance for scouring or scrubbing.

1884 Knight *Dict. Mech.* Suppl., *Scourer,* a form of grain cleaner in which the berry is subjected to a rubbing action to remove all extraneous matters. 1885 *Harper's Mag.* Jan. 276/2 Hides brought to the currying..are put under a 'scourer', a machine constructed of a number of diminutive wheels, which are made to move powerfully and swiftly over the yet damp hide.

†**5.** A wad or sponge for cleaning out the bore of a gun; a ramrod fitted with such a contrivance.

1467 *Maldon* (Essex) *Court Rolls* (Bundle 43, No. 14), 1 posnet, 1 scourour, et 1 ladell. 1591 *Garrard's Art Warre* 4 His scowrer must be trimmed on the end with a Lynnen cloth. 1611 Cotgr., *Esgueuillon,* a Spunge, or Scourer for a peece of Ordnance. 1616 J. Lane *Contn. Sgr.'s T.* v. 249 With ladles, chargers, skowrers, carthridges. 1631 in Rymer *Fœdera* XIX. 315 For a new Musket with Mould, Worm and Scowrer. *ol.* xvs. *vid.* 1708 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 4455/4 Fine Triangle Worms.., experienc'd for drawing of Balls out of Pieces, with Scowerers and Washers to them. 1711 *Milit. & Sea Dict.* (ed. 4), *Rammer,* or *Scourer,* is a Rod belonging to all Fire-Arms..serving to thrust down the Powder and Ball.

6. A purgative agent, a cathartic.

1719 Quincy *Compl. Disp.* 96 Spleenwort .. has..been reckon'd..a Scowrer of the Spleen. 1840 Blaine *Encycl. Rural Sports* § 3113. 1002 The process of worm scouring is somewhat mechanical...Sound moss is the best scourer.

Scou·ress. *nonce-wd.* [-ess.] A female scourer.

1648–60 Hexham, *Een Schuerster,* a Scouresse or a Woman scourer.

Scourge (skəɪdʒ), *sb.* Forms: 3–5 **schurge,** 3–6 **schourge, scurge,** 3–7 **skurge,** 4 **sohorge,** 4–5 **skourge, scowrge,** 4–6 **skorge, scorge,** 6 **scourdge, squorge,** 7 **skurdge, scurdge,** 4– **scurge.** [s. AF. *escorge, escurge,* related (the precise nature of the relationship is obscure) to OF. *escorgiee* (mod.F. *écourgée*) = It. *scuriada, scuriata* (earlier *scoriata*) :—popnlar L. **excoriāta* sconrge, lit. strip of hide, f. late L. *excoriāre* to strip off the hide, f. *ex-* Ex- + *cori-um* hide.

Another view is that the sb. is a verbal noun from *escorgier* to scourge, and that this directly represents late L. *excoriāre* in the sense to skin by flogging (cf. Hide *v.*). OF. had also a parallel form *corgie* sb., an English adoption of which appears to occur in the following example:

13.. *S. E. Legendary* (MS. Bodl. 779) in *Archiv Stud. neu. Spr.* LXXXII. 410/107 Wit stauis & wit courgis he let hem bete so faste.]

1. A whip, lash. Now only *rhetorical,* with reference to the torturing of human beings, or to ascetic discipline. Formerly *gen.*, e.g. in †*top and scourge* (see Top *sb.*).

The use as applied to a whip for a top still survives *dial.*; see E.D.D.

a 1225 *Leg. Kath.* 1551, & beaten hire bare flesch & hire freoliche bodi mit cnottede schurgen. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 25542 Wit knotted skurges hard and lang. *c* 1330 *Arth. & Merl.* 8445 (Kölbing) He laid on wiþ schourge & bad hir go. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xxxviii. (*Adrian*) 41 And bad his tormentouris son bring Skurgis of senonis felly mad. 1382 Wyclif *John* ii. 15 And whanne he hadde maad as a scourge of smale coordis, he castide out alle of the temple. [So in most later versions.] *a* 1400–50 *Alexander* 1924 Laches me þis losengere..þat I may him skelp with a skorge. *c* 1430 Lydg. *Min. Poems* (Percy Soc.) 147 Oon knelith doun, requerith of the tothir, Pleyn remissioun of oold cursidnesse, Bete with a scorge, took it with meeknesse. *a* 1500 *St. Margaret* 196 in *Brome Bk.* 113 They bete hyre with scowrgys stronge. 1535 Coverdale *Ps.* lxxxviii. 31, I wil vyset their offences with the rodde, and their synnes with scourges. 1567 *Gude & Godlie Ball.* 153 First I was betin lang, With scurgis scharp and strang. 1609 Bible (Douay) 3 *Kings* xii. 11 My father bette you, with scourges, but I wil beate you with scorpions. 1644 Symonds *Diary* (Camden) 47 Escocheons with severall bearings alluding to the passion, of the scourge, whip &c. 1732 Lediard *Sethos* II. vii. 83 Scourges of cords ..made the blood flow from every part. *a* 1793 G. White *Poem* in *Selborne* (1854) 8 The happy schoolboy brings transported forth His long forgotten scourge, and giddy gig. 1842 Tennyson *St. Sim. Styl.* 177 Mortify Your flesh, like me, with scourges and with thorns. 1871 R. Ellis *Catullus* xxv. 11 The scourge's heavy branding.

†**b.** A blow with a whip. *Obs. rare*[−1].

1741 tr. *D'Argens' Chinese Lett.* xii. 74 The next Moment he called for Cords, to imitate the frowzy St. Dominic, who gave himself 300,000 Scourges every Week.

2. *fig.* and in figurative context; chiefly, a thing or person that is an instrument of divine chastisement.

The Scourge of God (= L. *flagellum Dei*): a title given by historians to Attila, the leader of the Huns in the 5th century.

1382 Wyclif *Isa.* xxviii. 15 Scourge flowend [Vulg. *flagellum inundans*; 1611 the ouerflowing scourge]. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Clerk's T.* 1157 He..suffreth vs as for oure exercise With sharpe scourges of Aduersitee fful ofte to be bete in sondry wise. 1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) V. 247, I am Athila, Goddes scourge [L. *Ego sum Attila flagellum Dei*]. *c* 1400 26 *Pol. Poems* 44 þat sellen soules for temperal getyng, þey maken skourges to here owe betyng. 1574 tr. *Marlorat's Apocalips* 32 The faithfull had neede of inuincible constancie and incredible pacience, that they may know them to be gods squorges, and the instrumentes of his wrath. 1819 Shelley *Cenci* III. i. 316 Mocking our poverty, and telling us Such was God's scourge for disobedient sons.

3. a. A cause of (usually, widespread) calamity. Applied, e.g. to a cruel tyrant, a warrior, a war, a disease that destroys many lives. **b.** One who 'lashes' vice or folly.

Primarily identical with the figurative sense 2; but used without conscious reference to divine chastisement.

c 1535 Ld. J. Butler in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. II. II. 48 OConnor that evyr hath bene the oonly scourge of the Englishe pale..is his right hand. 1560 Daus tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* 410 b, Marques Albert ye scourge of priests. 1596 Spenser *Sonn., Scanderbeg,* The scourge of Turkes, and plague of infidels, Thy acts, o Scanderbeg, this volume tels. 1603 Florio *Montaigne* I. xxvi. 89 Glory and curiositie are the scourges of our soules. 1607 Shaks. *Cor.* II. iii. 97 You haue bin a scourge to her enemies. 1726–46 Thomson *Summer* 1499 Raleigh, the scourge of Spain! 1727 Tindal *Rapin's Hist. Eng.* IV. 275 Though this terrible Scourge [the plague] had fallen no less heavy on France, Philip was making great Preparations to renew the War. 1756 C. Lucas *Ess. Waters* II. 60 The great Swift, that severe scourge of the vices and follies of his time. 1821–2 Shelley *Chas. I*, II. 301 And I speak it not As loving parliaments, which, as they have been..The scourges of the bleeding Church, I hate. 1879 Wallev (*title*) The Four Bovine Scourges: pleuro-pneumonia, foot-and-mouth disease, cattle plague, tubercle (scrofula). 1882 'Ouida' *Maremma* I. 23 He had the same temper as of old made the tyrants of Padova and Verona..the scourges of their generation.

†**4.** [After L. *flagellum.*] An offshoot of a vine or other tree, a sucker. *Obs.*

1382 Wyclif *Isa.* xvi. 8 The lordis of Ientiles hewen doun his scourges; vnto Iaser thei ful camen. *c* 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* III. 113 The squorges hie & graffes from the folde,.. for fruitful let hem not be tolde. 1578 Lyte *Dodoens* I. liv. 80 Beluedere..hath diuers small shutes or scourges.

5. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *scourge-procuring, -proof, -tormented* adjs.; **scourge-crop** [cf. Scourge *v.* 3], the result of a method of cultivation which impoverishes land; †**scourge-stick,** a whip used with a child's top (also *transf.*); †**scourge-top,** a whip-top.

1842 J. Aiton *Dom. Econ.* (1857) 192 When a minister's incumbency is apparently drawing to a close, one *scourge crop after another is sometimes taken from a glebe. 1593 Nashe *Christ's T.* (1613) 137 Wherefore did our Sauiour thunder forth such a terrible woe against the causers of offence, or discontent, but that it was the most heynous *sconrge-procuring transgression of all others? 1808 Coleridge *Lett.* (1895) II. 528 The ass's skin is almost *scourge-proof. *c* 1500 *World & Child* (Roxb. Club) A ij b, I can with my *scorge stycke My felowe vpon the heed hytte. 1585 Higins *Junius' Nomencl.* 297 *Flagellum..*: a scowrgesticke. 1662 J. T. *Grim, Collier of Croydon* 18, I am whipt up and down with the scourge-stick of Love. 1693 Locke *Educ.* § 130 (1699) 243 But if they had a Top, the Scourge-stick, and Leather-strap should be left to their own making and fitting. 1627 W. Hawkins *Apollo Shroving* Prol. 5 *Prol.*..We play

at our best game. *Lala.* What? Blow-point?..*Prol.* No Tomboy, no. Nor *scourge-top, nor Trusse, nor Leape-frog. 1888 *Longman's Mag.* XIII. 516 Scourge-tops, peg-tops and humming-tops were all patronised. 1900 SWINBURNE *Astræa Victrix* 66 We loosed not on these knaves Their *scourge-tormented slaves.

Scourge (skɝ̄ɪdʒ), *v.* Forms: 3, 6 scurge, (3 scruge), 3–4, 6 skurge, 4 schourge, (4–5 schoruge), 4, 6 skourge, skurge, 4–7 scorge, 5 so(h)owrge, skorge, ohorge, shorge, 5–6 skowrge, squo(u)rge, 3– scourge. [a. OF. *escorgier*, either f. *escorge* SCOURGE *sb.* (which however occurs in AF. only), or directly repr. late L. *excoriāre* (see the sb.).]

1. *trans.* To beat with a scourge; to whip severely, flog. Now *rhetorical* (cf. SCOURGE *sb.* 1).

1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 5304 Hii nome him an scourgede him & supþe naked him bounde To a tre. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 16398 Iesus..to scruge he taght þem til. *Ibid.* 19356 For þan wit suepes þai þam suang, And scurged sare, þai let þam gang. 1382 WYCLIF *John* xix. 1 Therfore Pilat took thanne Jhesu and scourgide. *c* 1400 in *Hampole's Wks.* I. 203 Then Pilate comandede theyme þat he sulde be betyne & schorugede. 1447 BOKENHAM *Seyntys* I. 337 (Horstm.) The tormentours hyr shorgyd so cruelly That lyk as watyr in a ryuer So ran hyr blood owt plenteuously. *Ibid.* III. 283 And anone she chorgyd was so cruelly That uerrey pete it was to behold & se. 1508 KENNEDIE *Flyting w. Dunbar* 327 With ane hauthorne skurge thy self and dyng. 1530 PALSGR. 731/2, I squourge one with whyppys, *je fouette.* 1625 *Peebles Charters*, etc. (1872) 413 Item, to the man that scorgit Issobell Gray xiijs. 4d. 1642 MILTON *Apol. Smect.* Wks. 1851 III. 291 They scourg'd the confessors of the Gospell. 1725 DE FOE *Voy. round World* (1840) 87 Our people did scourge him severely from head to foot. *a* 1873 LYTTON *Pausanias* II. i, Let him pass,..he will get scourged if he is too late. 1903 A. SMELLIE *Men of Covenant* (1908) I. ix. 167 It was his habit to scourge and afflict himself.

b. With complementary adv. or phrase: To drive or force by or as by blows of a whip.

1667 MILTON *P. L.* IV. 914 Till the wrauth, Which thou incurr'st by flying..scourge that wisdom back to Hell Which taught thee yet no better. 1744 ARMSTRONG *Art Preserv. Health* II. 18 This vital fluid [*sc.* the blood)..scourg'd for ever round and round, Enrag'd with heat and toil, at last forgets Its balmy nature. 1812 LANDOR *Ct. Julian* v. ii, How bitter is the tear that fiery shame Scourges and tortures from the soldier's eye. 1870 BRYANT *Iliad* I. II. 47 If I Shall fail to..send thee forth, Howling,..Scourged from the council with a storm of blows.

c. In figurative context.

1591 SHAKS. 1 *Hen. VI*, I. i. 4 Comets importing change of Times and States, Brandish your crystall Tresses in the Skie, And with them scourge the bad reuolting Stars. 1812–2 SHELLEY *Chas. I*, II. 218 For the waves never menace heaven until Scourged by the wind's invisible tyranny. 1887 *Times* 12 Aug. 13/3 The great masted ironclads throb and shake.. and their great screws scourge the water behind them.

2. *fig.* To punish, chastise, correct (often said of God, with reference to Heb. xii. 6); to 'lash' with satire or invective; to afflict, torment; to devastate (a country) with war or pestilence.

1382 WYCLIF *Heb.* xii. 6 Forsoth he scourgith euery sone that he receyueth. 1387–8 T. USK *Test. Love* III. ix. 74 So that goddes hand, whiche that merciably me hath scorged, berafter in good plite from thence merciably me kepe and defende. 1530 PALSGR. 707/1 God hath scourged the lande of Italye very sore in our tyme. 1540 — *Acolastus* v. iii. Z j b, To seke out Pelargus agayne, which scourgeth or tourmenteth hym selfe with vnreasonable .i. endlesse cares. 1570–6 LAMBARDE *Peramb. Kent* (1826) 225 This house, and the whole Ile was scourged thrice within the space of twenty yeeres and a little more by the Danes. 1607 DEKKER *Wh. Babylon* H 4, You shall with rods of iron scourge these treasons. 1799 *Monthly Rev.* XXX. 530 The wars that have scourged Europe since the treaty of Westphalia. 1835 LYTTON *Rienzi* I. iii, That is the way one patrician always scourges the insolence of another. 1876 T. HARDY *Ethelberta* xlviii, God has got me in his power at last, and is going to scourge me for my bad doings.

3. *Sc.* To exhaust the fertility of (land). Said of a crop; also of the agriculturist. Also *absol.*

1799 J. ROBERTSON *Agric. Perth* 166 Both crops scourge the ground. 1830 *Kyle Farm Rep.* 47 in *Lib. Usef. Knowl., Husb.* III, A tenant..was unable to make the necessary outlays on his farm, and forced to scourge as far as he could. 1842 J. AITON *Dom. Econ.* (1857) 55 He will find it to be his interest to scourge every thing out of the land. 1888 J. HARRISON *Scot in Ulster* VII. 111 Flax..is a crop which scourges the ground.

4. *Comb.* †**scourgemutton** (lit. a scourger of sheep), one who is irrationally cruel.

1581 J. BELL *Haddon's Answ. Osor.* 181 b, This cruell scourgemotton [orig. *Orbilius*] weried throughly wt whippyng poore Luther miserably,..doth now at the length hyde his rod. *Ibid.* 385 This cruell scourgemutton.

Scourged (skɝ̄ɪdʒd), *ppl. a.* [f. prec. + -ED 1.]

1. Beaten, flogged.

1543 TRAHERON *Vigo's Chirurg.* 232 Ye shall applye vpon the skourged place this cerote [following]. 1563–83 FOXE *A. & M.* 2062/1 In this societie of the scourged professors of Christ, was also one Iames Harris. 1693 S. HARVEY *Dryden's Juvenal* IX. (1697) 238 Let the Great Man, whom gaping Crowds attend, Fear a scourg'd Slave. 1713 YOUNG *Last Day* II. 242 Now tell the scourg'd Impostor he shall bleed! 1831 GEN. P. THOMPSON *Exerc.* (1842) I. 454 There will always be a difference of opinion on the amount of evil between the oppressor and the oppressed, between the scourger and the scourged. 1853 O. W. HOLMES *Poem Amer. Med. Assoc.* 47 The scourged racer.

trans. 1821 JOANNA BAILLIE *Metr. Leg., Wallace* liv. 5 While the scourged oak and shaken pine Aloft in brighten'd verdure shine.

2. Of land: Exhausted by improper cultivation.

1880 *New Virginians* I. 85 A sign of scourged land and disgraceful farming.

Scourger (skɝ̄ɪdʒəɹ). Also 6 *Sc.* skurgeare, 7 *Sc.* scurger. [f. SCOURGE *v.* + -ER.]

1. One who scourges or flogs; † an official charged with the duty of whipping offenders.

1580 HOLLYBAND *Treas. Fr. Tong, Rabroveur de petits enfans*, a scourger, a rebuker of children by the way. 1612 R. SHELDON *Serm. St. Martin's* 23 The mercilesse scourgers whipped and tormented him. 1662 *Aberdeen Reg.* (1872) IV. 203 The tuo litle housses under the Gallowgait Port to be ane duelling hous to the said scurger dureing his service. 1828 P. CUNNINGHAM *N. S. Wales* (ed. 3) II. 321 Every district magistrate has..a scourger, to inflict corporal punishment. 1886 SPURGEON *Treas. Dav.* CXXIX. 3 The scourgers tore the flesh as ploughmen furrow a field.

b. (See quot.)

1892 *Labour Commission* Gloss., *Scourger*, a cab-driver who treats his horse with undue severity.

2. *fig.* One who punishes or oppresses; one who 'lashes' with satire or invective.

1533 BELLENDEN *Livy* II. xv. (S. T. S.) I. 189 The pepill had na litill Indignacioun, þat þis marcius suld rise sa haistelie to be þare new fleschour and skurgeare. 1577–87 HOLINSHED *Chron.* III. 1242/2 Joseph de Chancie..was tresuror in the second yeere of the scourger of the Scots king Edward the first. 1812 BYRON *Ch. Har.* I. lii, The West must own the Scourger of the World. 1881 W. R. NICOLL *Incarn. Saviour* xxiii. 377 He was the scourger of Pharisees.

†**3.** = FLAGELLANT. *Obs.*

1537 *Orig. & Sprynge of Sectes* 22 Scourgers of the .I. secte. *Ibid.* 37 Scourgers of the .II. secte. 1728 TINDAL *Rapin's Hist. Eng.* VI. 467 The Sect of the Scourgers.

Scourging (skɝ̄ɪdʒiŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. SCOURGE *v.* + -ING 1.] The action of the vb. SCOURGE.

1. Infliction of blows with a whip. Also *fig.*

a 1340 HAMPOLE *Psalter* xxxi. 13 Many ere þe scourgynges the swyngyns of synful: hot hopand in lord mercy sall vmgif. *c* 1425 *Processional Nuns Chester* (1899) 31 Ihu thy Crowne satt full soore and thy scowrgynge when thow bett wore. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* VII. vi. 133 Thou may skurgeyngis and strakis in lugeings rais, And thow of frendis may mak mortale fays. 1563–83 FOXE *A. & M.* 2060/1 The scourging of Thomas Greene. *c* 1570 W. WAGER *The longer thou livest* 142 (Brandl), I am good at scourging of my Toppe. 1625 T. GODWIN *Moses & Aaron* v. (1641) 206 This beating or scourging was commanded, Deut. 25. 2, 3. where the number of stripes was limited, which the Iudge might not exceed. 1796 BURKE *Corr.* (1844) IV. 390 You remember with what indignation I heard of the scourging of the soldier at Carrick. 1824 W. IRVING *T. Trav.* I. 257 In spite of all the scourgings I suffered at that school. 1893 *Athenæum* 30 Sept. 445/3 Those whom we have seen put to death certainly bore no traces of recent scourging.

b. As a part of religious discipline.

c 1386 CHAUCER *Pars. T.* 1055 Thanne is discipline eek in knokkynge of thy brest, in scourgynge with yerdes, in knelynges. *a* 1425 *Cursor M.* 23289 (Trin.) And for þei wolde no scourgyng þole for loue of heuen kyng þei shul be beten euer on on. *a* 1440 *Found. St. Bartholomew's* (E. E. T. S.) 41 Betwene oure squorgyng, 3eue we thankyngys to God. 1665 J. SPENCER *Disc. Vulg. Proph.* 42 Severe disciplines of the body by excessive fastings and scourgings.

†**2.** *transf.* Correction. *Obs. rare.*

c 1374 CHAUCER *Compl. Mars* 42 And þus she norisshe þe him in hir manere With no thinge but with skowrginge of hir chere.

3. A picture of the scourging of Our Lord: = FLAGELLATION b.

1756–7 tr. *Keysler's Trav.* (1760) II. 350 Here is also the scourging of Christ, and the four seasons by Albani.

4. The action of impoverishing the soil by reckless methods of cultivation.

1842 J. AITON *Dom. Econ.* (1857) 192 Let the same rule hold in respect to an outgoing incumbent which restricts an outgoing tenant, and let that rule be—no scourging.

Scou·rging, *ppl. a.* [f. SCOURGE *v.* + -ING 2.]

1. That chastises with a scourge. *lit.* and *fig.*

c 1586 C'TESS PEMBROKE *Ps.* LXXIII. ii, The scourging plagues, which on their neighbours fall, Torment not them. 1602 MARSTON *Antonio's Rev.* IV. iii, There is a thing cald scourging Nemesis. 1600 C. EDMONDS *Observ. Cæsar's Comm.* VII. xv. 79 Our English nation caried a scourging hand in France. 1706 E. WARD *Hud. Rediv.* I. v. 20 Next, lay thy scourging Hand, good L..d Upon that High-Church Scribe, Ned Ward.

2. That impoverishes (ground under cultivation).

a 1799 SIR W. MURRAY in J. Robertson *Agric. Perth* 167 *note*, Perhaps lint..is not a very scourging crop. 1851 *Chamb. Jrnl.* 3 May 279/2 Exhausting the natural soil with a scourging succession of grain crops.

Scouridge, Scourie: see SCOURAGE, SCAURIE.

Scouring (skau·əriŋ), *vbl. sb.*1 [f. SCOUR *v.*1 + -ING 1.] The action of advancing as a scout, of roving with hostile purpose, of moving swiftly about, of overrunning a country, etc.

c 1471 *Arriv. K. Edw. IV* (Camden) 3 By the scuringe of suche persons as for that cawse were, by his said rebells, sent afore into thos partes for to move them to be agains his highnes, the people were sore endwsed to be contrary to hym. 1607 SHAKS. *Timon* v. ii. 15 The Enemies Drumme is heard, and fearefull scouring Doth choake the ayre with dust. 1611 COTGR., *Escumement*,..a scowring of the seas. 1829 W. IRVING *Conq. Granada* I. xlii. 371 Journeying securely along the pleasant banks of the Xenil, so lately subject to the scourings of the Moors. 1872 SPENCER *Princ. Psychol.* II. 541 As the motions are superfluous bounds and scourings around.

attrib. 1781 SIMES *Milit. Guide* (ed. 3) 11 Scouring parties of light cavalry. 1905 *Daily Chron.* 1 June 4/2 It was in the course of these scouring operations that Admiral Rozhdestvensky was captured on board a destroyer.

Scou·ring *vbl. sb.*2 [f. SCOUR *v.*2 + -ING 1.]

1. The action of polishing or cleaning by hard rubbing.

a 1300 [see SCOUR *v.* 1 b]. 1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* XVI. I. (1495) 552 By frotynge and scourynge of grauel golde, bras and yren is made bryght. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 197/1 Glacynge, or scowrynge [*Winch. MS.* shorynge] of harneys, *pernitidacio, perlucidacio.* 1477–9 *Rec. St. Mary at Hill* 80 For scowryng of the Standardis candilstikkis, & the Rode loft. 1547 in E. B. Jupp *Carpenters' Co.* (1887) 387 Paid to the bedylls wyffe for skoryng of the vessell, iiij d. 1620 SANDERSON *Serm.* I. 240 Brass and copper and baser metals are kept bright with scowring. *c* 1714 ARBUTHNOT, etc. *Mem. M. Scribl.* I. iv, Thus..hath Heaven..afflicted me with the scouring of my Shield. 1862 MORRALL *Needle-making* 11 The next process is scouring.

b. *fig.*

1528 TINDALE *Obed. Chr. Man* 147 b, Those doctours.. nether thought or once dreamed..of any soch whisperinge or of pardons, or scouringe of purgatory as they have fayned.

2. The process of cleansing wool, cloth, etc.

1464 *Mann. & Househ. Exp.* (Roxb.) 251 Payd to the taylor, for makenge, lynynge, and scorynge of my masterys blake gown, iij.s. ix.d. 1467–8 *Rolls of Parlt.* V. 630/1 The seid brode setne Clothes, after all the said sufficiant and perfit werkmanship, scowring, full dryng. 1548 *Act* 2 & 3 *Edw. VI*, c. 26 White Ashes..are verie necessarie..for the ..dyinge and scowringe of wollen Clothe. 1566. PETTY in Sprat *Hist. Roy. Soc.* (1667) 304 Scowring and Washing of Stuffs to be dyed, is to be done with special Materials. 1713 *Guardian* No. 38 (1756) I. 163 It is the last time my black coat will bear scouring. 1879 *Cassell's Techn. Educ.* IV. 339/2 After the sorting, the first process is scouring, by which the wool is cleansed from the grease.

3. The action of cleaning out a ditch, a gun-bore, etc.; the clearing of a channel by flushing or by a natural flow of water. Also with *out.*

1458–9 *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 411 In le scurryng unius fossati. 1479–80 in *Finchale Priory Charters* (Surtees) p. cccxlvii, Pro le scowryng fossatorum et factura sepium. 1497 *Naval Acc. Hen. VII* (1896) 234 Abought skowryng & clensyng of..the Kynges dokke. 1543 in *Lett. & Pap. Hen. VIII*, XVIII. II. 118 For skoryn of a water souer. 1571 *Act* 13 *Eliz.* c. 18 § 8 The scowring, clensinge, repayring, and keping of the said Ryver of Lee. 1575 *Nottingham Rec.* IV. 159 Payd for skowryng of the guns to Thomas Lockesmeth ijs. 1662 PETTY *Taxes* 12 The cutting and scowring of rivers into navigable. 1780 [see HORSE *sb.* 23]. 1859 T. HUGHES (*title*) The Scouring of the White Horse. 1878 HUXLEY *Physiogr.* 147 There is sufficient scouring out of the mouth [of the river] to keep its channel open. 1898 *Jrnl. Sch. Geog.* (U. S.) Oct. 283 This scouring cuts the uplands into hills, but eventually they, too, are worn down.

4. The action of purging the bowels. † Also *concr.*, a purgative medicine.

1575 TURBERV. *Faulconrie* 234 If these receytes and skowrings yeelde no remedie then must you to the actual cauterie. 1614 MARKHAM *Cheap Husb.* I. i. 9 Let exercises and mashes of sweet Mault after, be his usual scowrings. 1682 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 1742/4 All sorts of Drugs for Purging, Scouring, and Sweating of Running-Horses or Hunters.

b. The state or fact of being purged; a looseness or flux of the bowels, diarrhœa; *esp.* as a disease in cattle (= SCOUR *sb.*2 2).

1597 GERARDE *Herbal* III. clix. 1378 Lungwoort..stoppeth the bloudie flix, and other flixes and scourings, either vpwards or downwards. 1615 CROOKE *Body of Man* 92 Hee ate a pound of Cherries, heereupon he fell into a scowring. 1753 *Chambers' Cycl.* Suppl. s.v. *Sheep*, It generally throws them into scowerings. 1787 'G. GAMBADO' *Acad. Horsem.* (1809) 26 Horses full of grass are very subject to scourings. 1884 F. J. LLOYD *Sci. Agric.* 297 Diarrhœa. This is termed when applied to animals, 'scouring'.

†**5.** The action of clearing or ridding of undesirable occupants or the like. *Obs.*

1606 HOLLAND *Sueton.* 92 The skouringe or riddance of the worke-house prisons.

6. The action of beating, drubbing or chastising; also *fig.* Phr. *to scape* or *escape a scouring.*

1426 LYDG. *De Guil. Pilgr.* 17000 Blyssed be the betynges and skowrynges that compellyn a chylde to declyne from his trespacys and his errours. 1588 *Marprel. Epist.* (Arb.) 44 With what a manly countenance you giue your brethren this scouring. 1600 HOLLAND *Livy* XXII. 457 In my former Consulship, I hardly escaped a scouring. 1663 DRYDEN *Wild Gallant* v. i. (1669) 70 What a scowering have I scapt to night. 1721 DE FOE *Mem. Cavalier* x. (1840) 187 Aylesbury escaped a scouring for that time. 1771 SMOLLETT *Humph. Cl.* 8 June (1815) 140 Certain it is, I have not 'scaped a scouring.

7. *concr.* Dirt or refuse removed by scouring.

1588 LAMBARDE *Eiren.* IV. iv. 475 If any person..haue cast the scouring of any ditch..into the high way. 1652 FRENCH *Yorksh. Spa* iii. 34 The Sulphur-Well in York-shire smells like the scowring of a Gun that is very fowl. 1771 SMOLLETT *Humph. Cl.* 28 Apr. (1815) 53 It is very far from being clear with me, that the patients in the pump-room don't swallow the scourings of the bathers. 1831 T. L. PEACOCK *Crotchet Castle* i, The Thames (not yet polluted by the tide, the scouring of cities, or even the minor defilement of the sandy streams of Surrey). 1857 KINGSLEY *Misc.* (1859) II. 371 And out of the scourings of that vast mass of chalk was our gravel-pit made.

†b. Dirt or scum naturally collected. *Obs.*

1592 SPENSER *Virg. Gnat* 229 The frogs, bred in the slimie scowring Of the moist mœres.

c. *fig.* (esp. of persons: cf. OFF-SCOURING 2 b).

1721 *Lett. Mist's Jrnl.* (1722) I. 76 The Scum and Scouring of the People. 1838 DICKENS *O. Twist* XI, The associate of the scourings of the jail and hulks. 1853 H. REEVE in *Life & Corr.* (1898) I. 271 How far will the next 'Quarterly' support this strain? Unhappily Croker's influence still condemns us to several sheets of his scourings.

8. *Tanning.* (See quot.)

1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) XVIII. 307/1 (*Tanning*) After which they [the hides] are removed into another pit called a *scowering*, which consists of water strongly impregnated with vitriolic acid, or with [etc.].

9. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *scouring-work*; also **scouring bit** (see quot.); †**scouring clay** or **earth, fuller's earth**; **scouring drops** (see quot. 1867); †**scouring house**, a room where plate, pewter, etc. is scoured; also *fig.*; **scouring machine, mill**, an apparatus for scouring cloth after weaving; **scouring paper**, emery-paper, glass-paper, or the like; **scouring power** (see quot. 1855); † **scouring-rod** = *scouring-stick*; **scouring rush**, *Equisetum hyemale*; **scouring sand**, a kind of sand used for scouring; †**scouring-stick** = SCOURER 2 5; also *transf.* (jocular); †**scouring-stocks**, a form of scouring-machine; **scouring-stone**, a stone used for cleaning paved floors; †**scouring woman**, a charwoman.

1860 *Eng. & Foreign Mining Gloss., Derbysh.* 43 **Scouring bit*, a bit attached to the ends of boring rods for the purpose of extracting the ruhbish. 1660 MARVELL *Let.* 29 Nov., Wks. (Grosart) II. 26 To-morrow will be carryed up that [bill] against transporting Wooll,..Fullers Earth and all *Scowring clay. 1808 *Times* 19 Jan. 1/3 Bayley's *Scouring Drops, for taking grease out of silk, woollen cloth, &c. 1867 BRANDE & COX *Dict. Sci.* etc., *Scouring Drops*, the essential oils of lemon and of bergamotte are sold under this name. 1661 PETTY in T. Birch *Hist. Roy. Soc.* (1756) I. 61 The best Wooburn earth resembleth Castle-soap not obscurely, that and all other *scowring earths consisting..of very fine sand, answering to the salt in soaps [etc.]. 1603 *Inv.* in Gage *Hengrave* (1822) 21 Y* chamber over y* *skoringe house. *Ibid.* 22 Y* scooring house. 1647 TRAPP *Comm.* 2 *Tim.* ii. 21 O happy be yon that you be now in this scouring house: for shortly you shall be set upon the celestial shelf. 1851-4 *Tomlinson's Cycl. Usef. Arts* (1867) II. 938/1 This form of washer is called a **scouring-machine* in Yorkshire. 1799 G. SMITH *Laboratory* I. 399 They must before they are sent to the dye-house, be well scowered in a *scowering mill. 1771 MRS. HAYWOOD *New Present* 252 To rub the stove and fire-irons with *scowring-paper. 1858 SIMMONDS *Dict. Trade, Scouring-Paper Maker*, a manufacturer of emery and glass papers for brightening metals, &c. 1838 *Civil Eng. & Arch. Jrnl.* I. 338/1 He..expresses his complete disapproval of the *scouring power. 1855 OGILVIE *Suppl., Scouring-power*, the efficiency of a stream of water employed to carry away shingle, &c., from the mouth of a harbour, river, and the like, hy flushing. 1697 DAMPIER *Voy.* I. 118 Lance-wood..is very hard, tongh and heavy, therefore Privateers esteem it very much..to make..*Scowring-Rods for their Guns. 1845-50 MRS. LINCOLN *Lect. Bot.* 113 In the *scouring rush (*Equisetum*), the quantity of silex is such, that housekeepers find it an excellent substitute for sand, in scouring wood or metals. 1648 HEXHAM II, *Schuer-sandt*, *scouring-sand, or gravell. 1700 in *Phil. Trans.* XXV. 1539 Not unlike what we call white scowering Sand. 1577-87 HOLINSHED *Chron.* III. 1228/1 One of the gunoers..was shot in the side with a piece of *scowring stick, left in one of the calivers. 1602 DEKKER *Satirom.* Wks. 1873 I. 229 Wher's the Sering thou carriest about thee? O have I found thee my scowring-sticke. 1625 MARKHAM *Souldiers Accid.* 3 Straight scowring stickes, headed at the one end with Rammers of horne, suitahle to the bore of the Piece. 1687 A. LOVELL tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* I. 72 They..ram down a sizable Bullet with the Scowring-stick, which is all Iron. 1835 URE *Phil. Manuf.* 187 The helves of the fulling-mallets are placed in a position different from those of the *scouring-stocks. 1648 HEXHAM II, *Een schuer-steen*, a *Scouring stone. 1894 SPEIGHT *Nidderdale* 380 A small excavation from which in former times scouring-stones for the flagged floors of Ripley Castle were obtained. *c* 1610 MIDDLETON, etc. *Widow* II. i, I ha'.. no child of mine own, But two I got once of a *scowring woman. 1620 FLETCHER *Chances* I. vi, To..consume my selfe in candles, And *scowring works, in Nurses Bells and Babies. 1806 A. HUNTER *Culina* (ed. 3) 154 [This soup] may be considered as an assistant to Archæus, when he has any scouring work to perform.

Scou·ring, *ppl. a.*[1] [f. SCOUR *v.*[1] + -ING 2.] That moves about with hostile purpose; *spec.* roistering through the streets.

1691 SHADWELL *Scowrers* v. iii. 51 They tell me you were disturb'd with Roysters, and scowreing Rogues. 1704 SWIFT *Mech. Operat. Spirit* ii, A set of roaring, scouring companions, overcharged with wine. 1716 GAY *Trivia* III. 314 If hapless you Should chance to wander with the scow'ring crew.

Scou·ring, *ppl. a.*[2] [f. SCOUR *v.*[2] + -ING 2.]

1. That cleanses; detergent.

1594 PLAT *Jewell-ho.* II. 31 Those scowring effectes, for the which it [*sc.* Fullers' earth] is diuerse wayes had in vse amongst vs. 1600 SURFLET *Country Farm* III. XXVII. 484 The wood being burned doth yeelde a sharpe smoke, and the ashes a verie scouring lee.

2. Purging, cathartic.

1597 GERARDE *Herbal* II. XVI. 199 Lampsana is of nature hot, and somewhat abstersiue or scowring. 1656 RIDGLEY *Pract. Physick* 11 Scowring things, as figs. 1743 *Lond. & Country Brewer* II. (ed. 2) 93 Barley..is scouring. *fig.* 1617 HIERON *Wks.* II. 196 To see how that scowring potion of Reproofe would worke to his humilation, before he would minister to him any Cordials. 1864 BUNYAN *Holy Life Beauty Chr.* 43 Repentance is the scouring grace, 'tis that which purges.

3. Of slag: Having an erosive action on the hearth of the furnace.

1880 WRIGHT in *Encycl. Brit.* XIII. 296/1 If the slag becomes more or less of a 'scouring' character. 1884 W. H. GREENWOOD *Steel & Iron* 110 Heavy burdens and a reduced temperature of the furnace are accompanied by a scouring slag or cinder, flowing as freely as water.

Hence **Scou·ringly** *adv.* (in quot. = cathartically).

1528 PAYNELL *Salerne's Regim.* (1541) 67 Muste prouoketh one to pysse, hy reason yt the erthy partes scouryngly bitethe the bladder.

Scourse, obs. variant of SCORSE *v.*[1]

Scou·ry, *a.*[1] *Sc.* Also 6 **skowry**, 9 **scoory.** Shabby, disreputable. Hence **Scou·riness.**

1500-20 DUNBAR *Poems* xxxii. 15 The tod wes nowder lene nor skowry, He wes ane lusty reid haird lowry. 1792 A. WILSON *Poems & Lit. Prose* (1876) II. 27, I wha stand here, in this hare scoury coat Was ance a packman. 1814 *Saxon & Gael* III. 58 (Jam.) That little whippy maun be casting up our poortith and your scouriness. *a* 1894 J. SHAW in R. Wallace *Country Schoolmaster* (1899) 352 A 'scoory-looking blade', a broken-down looking tramp.

†**Scou·ry,** *a.*[2] *Obs. rare*—[1]. [? f. SCOUR *v.*[1] or 2 + -Y.] ? Scouring, bitter, sharp.

a 1774 FERGUSSON *Farmer's Ingle* Poems (1845) 39 May Scotia's summers aye look gay and green Her yellow hairsts frae scoury blasts decreed.

Scouse (skaus). Also **scouce.** [Shortened from LOBSCOUSE.] = LOBSCOUSE.

1840 R. H. DANA *Bef. Mast* v, The cook had just made for us a mess of hot 'scouse'. 1876 C. H. DAVIS *Polaris Exp.* vi. 163 A couple pounds of which we used last night making scouse. 1884 *Pall Mall Budget* 22 Aug. 13/2 Bear and walrus were boiled up with vegetables and made into scouce or soup.

†**Scout,** *sb.*[1] *Obs.* exc. *dial.* Also 4 **scowte.** [a. ON. *skúte* (in Icel. 'cave formed by jutting rocks', Vigf.); cf. *skúta* to jut out, cogn. with *skióta* to SHOOT *v.*] A high overhanging rock.

13.. *Gaw. & Gr. Kn.* 2167 þe skwez of þe scowtes skayued hym þo3t. 1781 HUTTON *Tour to Caves* (ed. 2) 94 Gloss., *Scout*, an high rock. 1869 in *Lonsdale Gloss.*

Scout, *sb.*[2] *Obs.* exc. *Sc.* Forms: 4 **scoute**, 5 **skowte, scowte**, 5, 9 *Sc.* **scout**, 9 *Sc.* **scoot.** [? cogn. w. SCOUT *v.*[2]] A term of contempt applied both to men and women.

c 1380 *Sir Ferumb.* 2285 Roland cryede an heȝ 'mountioye' wan he be-huld þay scoute. *c* 1425 *Seven Sag.* (P.) 2218 The godman..callyd hys wyf foule scout. *c* 1450 *Cov. Myst.* (Shaks. Soc.) 217 Come forthe, thou stotte I com forthe, thou scowte! *c* 1485 *Digby Myst.* (1882) I. 313 Avaunt, ye skowtys {*addressed to women*}, I defye you enery-chone. 1822 GALT *Sir A. Wylie* I, 'Base scoot!' exclaimed Andrew, ..'what puts such a thought into your head?' 1825 JAMIESON, *Scoot, Scout*, a term of the greatest contumely, applied to a woman; as equivalent to trull, or camp-trull. 1869 R. LEIGHTON *Scotch Words*, etc. 18 The learned, pious, yet unworthy skoot, Neglects his sacred trust to catch a troot!

Scout (skaut), *sb.*[3] Forms: 5 **scowte**, 5–7 **skowt**, 5–8 **scowt**, 5, 9 **scut**, 6 **skut**, 6–8 **scute**, 7 **soaut, schut, skeut**, 7, 9 **skute**, 5, 8–9 **schout**, 9 **scoot**, 7– **scout.** [a. MDu. *schûte* (mod.Du. *schuit*: see SCHUIT) = ON. *skúta* (Sw. *skuta*, Da. *skude*). Cf. SHOUT *sb.*] A flat-bottomed boat; 'a Dutch vessel, galliot rigged, used in the river trade of Holland' (Smyth *Sailor's Word-bk.* 1867).

'A boat called *skoute*,' app. Flemish, is mentioned in *Close Roll* 20 *Edw. II* (Latin; 26 Sept. 1326).

1419 *Liber Albus* (Rolls) 239 Item, de qualibet scut descendente in dicta Ripa (*i.e.* Queen-Hythe], cum busca sivo blado, capiendus est i denier. 1436 in *Exch. Rolls Scot.* IV. 679 Pro naulo barce vocate scowte. 1497 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* I. 382 Item to ane scowt that baid apone the King, and landit his folk and hed thaim on hurd. 1550 BALE *Image Both Ch.* xviii. B b vj, All they that occupye boates, wheries, and scutes, or sayle vpon the sea. 1582 STANYHURST *Æneis*, etc. (Arh.) 136 Where skut's forth launched. *a* 1609 ALEX. HUME *Day Estivall* 32 The Salmon ont of cruifs and creils Up hailed into skowts. 1617 MORYSON *Itin.* I. iv. 42 We went in a skeut by water..one mile to Dockam. 1700 T. BROWN *Acc. Journ. Exon.* Wks. 1709 III. II. 101 Had I been travilling in a Dutch Scout, or a Gravesend Tilt-Boat, I conld not have been treated with less Manners. 1769 *De Foe's Tour Gt. Brit.* (ed. 7) II. 157 Hoys, Bilanders and Schouts,..vessels peculiar to their inland and coasting Navigation. 1827 *Linc. & Lincolnsh. Cabinet* 18 The Witham..covered with..a portable kind of boats called *schouts*. 1893 STEVENSON *Catriona* xxii. 261 Ye can get a passage down the Maes in a sailing scoot.

attrib. 1493 *Halyburton's Ledger* (1867) 34 Item to the schont man ilk pip 4 g*. *Ibid.* 37 Item for schout hir, toyll, and pynor fe, 12 g*.

b. A vessel more or less similar used in warfare. Cf. SCOUT *sb.*[4] 5.

1703 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 3950/4 A Scout, of an unknown Name, taken by the Chester. 1799 CAPT. WINTHROP in *Naval Chron.* II. 343 Lieutenant Searle..commanded a schoot converted into a gun-boat.

Scout (skaut), *sb.*[4] Forms: 6 **scoult, skowlt, scowte**, 6–7 **scoute, skout**, 7 **scowt, skowt**, 6– **scout.** [a. OF. *escoute* fem., action of listening, *concr.* listener, scout, vbl. noun from *escouter* to listen = Pr. *escoltar*, Sp. *escuchar*, Pg. *escutar*, It. *ascoltare*:—L. *auscultāre.*

The compound SCOUT-WATCH appears in our quots. much earlier than the simple word.]

1. The action of spying out or watching in order to gain information; chiefly in the phrases *on* or *in (the) scout, to the scout.*

1553 BRENDE *Q. Curtius* H vij, But those y[t] discovered for the Percians, were hut a .M. horsemen, whiche kepynge the scoute a farre of, semed to the Macedons to be a great army. 1587 FLEMING *Contn. Holinshed* III. 1080/2 The order of their march was this,..the light horssemen..tended to the skout a mile or two before. 1618 BOLTON *Florus* I. xvii. (1636) 50 None of these things hindered the Generall from sending his brother in scowt, to discover the pase. 1687 A. LOVELL tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* II. 199 There are Malabar Barks commonly upon the scout, especially in the evening, skulking behind some Points of Land. 1719 DE FOE *Crusoe* I. (Globe) 203, I set my self upon the Scout as often as possible. 1775 P. SCHUYLER in Sparks *Corr. Amer. Rev.* (1853) I. 29 Capt. Baker..without my leave, went upon a scout and ..was shot. 1788 COWPER *Mrs. Throckmorton's Bulfinch* 34 A beast forth-sallied on the scout, Long-back'd, long-tail'd, with whisker'd snout. 1864 SIR T. SEATON *From Cadet to Colonel* xviii. 373, I thought it advisable to send Hodson on scout to Bilram. 1892 BIERCE *In the Midst of Life* 23 The commander asked him if in his scout he had learned anything of advantage to the expedition.

2. *Mil.* One sent out ahead of the main force in order to reconnoitre the position and movements of the enemy. Hence occas. in wider sense: One sent out to obtain information.

1555 EDEN *Decades* (Arh.) 91 He fownde two scoutes of his ennemyes. 1591 SHAKS. 1 *Hen. VI*, v. ii. 10 What tidings send our Scouts? 1644 SYMONDS *Diary* (Camden) 7 Some bodyes of theire horse and many of their scoutes appeared on the hill. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* VI. 529 Others from the dawning Hills Lookd round, and Scouts each Coast light-armed scoure, Each quarter, to descrie the distant foe. 1725 DE FOE *Voy. round World* (1840) 346 While they lay here ..expecting the return of their Scouts, they used what diligence they could in getting provisions. 1816 SCOTT *Antiq.* iii, Davy Wilson..was the very prince of scouts for searching blind alleys, cellars, and stalls, for rare volumes. 1837 W. IRVING *Capt. Bonneville* III. 53 The captain, therefore, continued to maintain the most vigilant precautions; throwing out scouts in the advance, and on every rising ground. 1869 BROWNING *King & Bk.* XII. 724 This foul-mouthed friar shall find His Noah's-dove that brought the olive back, Is turned into the other sooty scout, The raven. 1896 R. S. S. BADEN-POWELL *Matabele Campaign* iv, Without special training a man cannot have a thorough confidence in himself as a scout.

†**b.** *fig.* and in fig. context. *Obs.*

1598 SYLVESTER *Du Bartas* I. vi. 630 The Ears..The bodie's Scouts. 1613 PURCHAS *Pilgrimage* (1614) 889 In this sea we may see many Ilands which Nature hath seemed to set,.. as skowts to espie, and as Garrisons to defend their soueraigne, Earth. 1633 G. HERBERT *Temple, Search* v, I sent a sigh to seek thee out,..Wing'd like an arrow: but my scout Returns in vain. 1659 W. CHAMBERLAYNE *Pharonnida* III. iv. (1820) II. 65 Had not the wise endeavours of her maid..grief's pale scouts betrayed, By sly deceit.

c. *Boy scout*: in the British Empire, a member of an organization (first established in 1908 by Gen. Baden-Powell) consisting of boys who meet periodically to practise exercises and to undergo training in the dnties belonging to a scout.

The name of *girl scouts* is sometimes incorrectly applied to the 'Girl Guides', an organization formed in imitation of the Boy Scouts.

[1908 R. S. S. BADEN-POWELL *Scouling for Boys* 3 We had an example of how useful Boy Scouts can be on active service, when a corps of boys was formed in the defence of Mafeking.] 1908 *Scout* 18 Apr. 1 Although the Boy Scouts have only been set going within the last two months, they are rapidly increasing all over the country. 1909 *Daily Mail* 6 Sept., The following message from the King was read at Lieutenant-General Baden-Powell's review of the Boy Scouts at the Crystal Palace on Saturday..' The King is glad to know that the Boy Scouts are holding their first annual parade. Please assure the boys that [etc.]'. 1909 B. W. HENDERSON in *Times* 21 Sept., At Oxford we have seen the number of Boy Scouts rise from 30 to 300 in nine months, and there are no scouts, I believe, outside the organization.

†**3.** A body of men sent out to gain information.

1577-87 HOLINSHED *Chron.* III. 1198/2 The English scout, being thirtie good harquebutters, were set upon by the enemies. *a* 1619 BEAUM. & FL. *Knt. of Malta* IV. ii, *Mount.* What were those past by? *Roc.* Some scout of Souldiers, I think. 1716 B. CHURCH *Hist. Philip's War* (1867) II. 57 He immediately sent away a Scout of 60 Men. 1775 L. BROWN in Sparks *Corr. Amer. Rev.* (1853) I. 462 Being informed.. that two scouts, of fifty men each, were sent out often.

4. One who keeps watch upon the actions of another; a watchman. †Formerly often in opprobrious sense: A mean spy, a 'sneak': cf. SCOUT *sb.*[2]

1584 A. MUNDAY *Fidele & Fortunio* 465 in *Arch. Stud. new. Spr.* CXXIII. 57 As close as I can, in this place I wil stand, Unseen vnto any, yet vewing of all: A prety scowte to take a knaue in a pit-fall. 1596 BACON *Max. & Use Com. Law* II. (1635) 4 These constables should keepe watch about the towne for the apprehension of rogues and vagabonds, and night-walkers, and eves-droppers, scouts, and such like. 1691 MOUNTFORT *Greenwich Park* v. ii. 54, I suppose the Spark was come, for one of her Scouts came and whisper'd her. 1748 SMOLLETT *Rod. Rand.* XV, For though I be a poor cohler's son I am no scout. 1809 MALKIN *Gil Blas* IV. xi. P 7 Lamela performed the office of a scout. 1883 *Century Mag.* July 327/2 The leading oil brokers of Bradford and Oil City employed scouts to watch it [the boring] after the hole had got down nearly to the depth where it was expected the oil-bearing sandstone would be reached.

b. *slang.* Used allusively for 'watch' = pocket timepiece.

1688 SHADWELL *Sq. Alsalia* II. i. 23 Sirrah. Here's a Scout: What's a Clock? what's a Clock, Sirrah? *a* 1700 B. E. *Dict. Cant. Crew, Scout*, a Watch. 1821 HAGGART *Life* (ed. 2) 28 Sporting an elegant dross-scout, drag, and chats..I succeeded in undubbing the stretch which slung the scout round her waist.

5. A type of war-vessel adapted for the purposes of reconnoitring. Cf. *scout-ship, vessel*; also SCOUT *sb.*[3] b, which may have been confused with this.

1706 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 4233/1 The Monk and Experiment Men of War,..put ashore near Cape de Gat a French Scout of 40 Guns. 1867 SMYTH *Sailor's Word-bk., Scouts*, small vessels of war for especial service. 1896 *Daily News* 20 Apr. 5/1 Many of our older scouts and commerce-protectors will show a higher rate of speed. 1902 *Westm. Gaz.* 24 Oct. 6/2 The Admiralty have accepted the tenders of [certain ship-

building firms]..for the construction by each firm of one vessel described as a 'scout'. These scouts are a new departure in the Navy.

6. *Cricket.* = FIELDSMAN 8. Also in *Baseball.* ? *Obs.* **b.** A boy who is employed to run after the balls at 'practice'. (Cf. SCOUT *v.*[1] 1 c.)

1824 MISS MITFORD *Village* Ser. I. 178 He was..nothing of a scout to John Simmons. 1837 DICKENS *Pickw.* vii, It fell upon the tip of the bat, and bounded far away over the heads of the scouts. 1851 LILLYWHITE *Guide to Cricketers* 54 Mr. Dark engages..to attend on the Marylebone Club.. six boys as scouts. 1870 EMERSON *Misc. Papers, Plutarch* Wks. (Bohn) III. 347 They are like the baseball players, to whom the pitcher, the bat, the catcher, and the scout are equally important.

7. In pigeon-shooting: An outlying marksman set to prevent the escape of wounded birds.

1859 'STONEHENGE' *Shot-gun* I. ii. 9 But if a bird, so hard hit by the shooter that, in the opinion of the referee, it would have fallen within bounds, is shot at by a scout, the shooter may be allowed another bird.

8. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *scout boat,* †*canoe, -craft, -law,* †*-path, patrol,* †*-shallop, -ship, vessel*; † **scout-ken** *slang* (see quot.).

1902 *Westm. Gaz.* 16 July 7/3 Designs and tenders..for ten *scout boats. 1798 COL. BARROW in *Naval Chron.* (1799) I. 247, I sent out two *scout canoes. 1908 R. S. S. BADEN-POWELL *Scouting for Boys* 24 A scout's badge..is given him when he passes the tests in *scout-craft necessary to make him a scout. 1812 J. H. VAUX *Flash Dict.*, **Scout-ken*, a watch-house. 1750 in Temple & Sheldon *Hist. Northfield, Mass.* (1875) 378 About twelve or fifteen Indians Way-laid the *Scout-Path from Fort Dummer to Colerain. 1909 *Daily Chron.* 21 Aug. 5/4 To direct and help those who were forming *scout patrols all over the world. 1704 S. SEWALL *Diary* 1 Apr. (1879) II. 98 Read Brother's Letter about a *Scout-Shallop. 1694 LUTTRELL *Brief Rel.* III. 356 A *scout ship of theirs [the French] taken gives account that [etc.]. 1849 GROTE *Hist. Greece* II. lviii. (1862) V. 166 They awaited the return of the three scout-ships from Egesta. 1869 *Daily News* 13 July, The *scout vessels I have mentioned were necessary enough at first. 1902 *Westm. Gaz.* 17 July 4/1 Tenders had been asked for a new 'Scout' vessel.

Scout (skaut), *sb.*[5] Forms: 6 **scowt,** 7 **scoute,** 7–9 **skout,** 9 (*dial.*) **scoot,** 8– **scout.** [Of obscure origin: connexion with COOT *sb.*[1] appears to be impossible.] A local name for various sea-birds native to Great Britain; as the Guillemot (*Alca troile*), the Razor-bill (*Alca torda*), and the Puffin (*Fratercula arctica*). *Green scoot*: a local name for the Green Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax Graculus*).

1596 DALRYMPLE tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* I. 26 Ane certane kynd of fowle, in our mother toung named the Skout. 1635 BRERETON *Trav.* (Chetham Soc.) 98 Abundance of fowl breed here, solangeese, storts, scoutes, and twenty several sorts of fowl. *a* 1672 WILLUGHBY *Ornith.* III. iii. iv. (1676) 244 *marg.*, Alia avis est quam Scoti circa insulam Bassam, & Northumbrici circa Fernas insulas Skout vocant. 1710 SIBBALD *Hist. Fife & Kinross* 45 The Fowls which most frequent the Bass are..the Scout, the Scarts [etc.]. 1805 G. BARRY *Orkney Isl.* 305 The Guillemote..here the skout, remains with us all the winter. 1852 MACGILLIVRAY *Brit. Birds* V. 392 *Phalacrocorax Graculus.* The Green Cormorant. ..Green Scout. 1893–4 *Northumb. Gloss., Scoot,* the guillemot, *Uria troile.* So-called near Spittal.

Scout (skaut), *sb.*[8] [Of unknown origin: identity with SCOUT *sb.*[4] has been conjectured, but evidence is wanting.] At Oxford (also at Yale and Harvard): A (male) college servant.

In the first quot. the word seems to be applied to a woman (unless 'goody' is peculiarly used).

1708 HEARNE *Collect.* (O. H. S.) II. 117 One shilling to goody Earl a Scout y[t] belongs to Oriel Colledge. 1750 *Student* I. 55 My scout, indeed, is a very learned fellow. 1800 *Sporting Mag.* XV. 85 Waked at eight o'clock by the scout, to tell me the bell was going for prayers. *a* 1851 *Yale Lit. Mag.* XI. 282 (Hall *College Words*), We had to send for his factotum or scout, an old black fellow. 1888 MRS. H. WARD *R. Elsmere* 52 The scout who intrusively asked him every morning what he would have for breakfast.

Scout (skaut), *v.*[1] Also 4–6 **skowt,** 6 **scoute, skoute,** 6–7 **scowt,** 7 **skout.** [f. SCOUT *sb.*[4]]

1. *intr.* To act as a scout, to play the spy; to travel about (in search of information).

13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* B. 483, & ho skyrmez vnder skwe & skowtez aboute, Tyl hit was nyȝe at þe nazt & noe þen sechez. *a* 1575 GASCOIGNE *Posies, Dan Barth.* 108 Such was his hap..To watche and warde at euery time and tyde, Though foes were farre yet skowted he alwaye. 1590 SIR R. WILLIAMS *Brief Disc. War* 31 Besides, they must skoute, discouer, with all dueties that belongs vnto an Armie. 1601 SHAKS. *Twel. N.* III. iv. 193 Scout mee for him at the corner of the Orchard like a bum-Baylie. 1644 SYMONDS *Diary* (Camden) 7 We scouted beyond Cumner, and mett with some of them. 1756 WASHINGTON *Lett.* Writ. 1889 I. 257 If they are at greater distances, it is inconvenient for the soldiers to scout. 1816 SCOTT *Woodst.* x, It will be necessary that I scout abroad a little. 1855 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* xx. IV. 665 Keyes, who had been out scouting among his old comrades, arrived with news more ominous still. 1886 STEVENSON *Kidnapped* xx. 192 Keeping only one eye above the edge of our..shelter, [he] scouted all round the compass.

transf. 1704 SWIFT *Mech. Operat. Spir.* ii. Misc. (1711) 303 These are the Men who pretend to understand a Book, by scouting thro the Index.

b. To skulk, lie hid (as a spy) in concealment. *Obs.* exc. *dial.* (See E. D. D. *s. v.*)

1577 KENDALL *Flowers of Epigr.* 23 The little Conie loues to scoute, In Berries that are digged out. 1633 HABT *Diet of Diseased* Introd. 3 Many of these supposed Physitians.. lie skoutiog in corners of the famous Citie of London.

2. = FIELD *v.* 5. ? Now *dial.*

1828 [implied in SCOUTING *vbl. sb.*[1] 2]. 1887 HAVERGAL *Hereford. Gloss.* s. v., In Herefordshire cricket fields, to scout out = to field out. 1908 *Daily Chron.* 14 Aug. 4/7 On many suburban cricket grounds, where the small boys of the neighbourhood gather to field (or scout, as they call it) for the members at the nets.

†**3.** *trans.* With adv., *to scout round*: to surround with a watch. Also in *passive*, to be followed *about* by spies. *Obs.*

1619 FLETCHER *Bonduca* v. ii, Take more men, And scout him round. 1671 WOOD *Life* (O. H. S.) II. 227, I must be a papist: and then, upon that account, I was scouted about.

4. To reconnoitre, to examine with a view to obtaining information.

1704 SWIFT *Batt. Bks.* Misc. (1711) 260 One surveys the Region round, while the t'other scouts the Plain. 1821 CLARE *Vill. Minstr.* II. 23 The fox is loth to 'gin a long patrole, And scouts the woods, content with meaner prey. 1871 *Daily News* 24 July, Bazaine has been condemned by every military authority in Europe for not scouting the ravine of Gorze. 1900 *Ibid.* 25 May 7/2 Major Karri Davies, with eight men of the Light Horse, were ordered to scout the country.

Scout (skaut), *v.*[2] Forms: 7 **scowt, skowt,** 8– **scout.** [Of Scandinavian origin: cf. ON. *skúta, skúte* sb., a taunt, prob. f. root of *skióta* to SHOOT. Cf. ON. *skútyrði*, also *skotyrði*, abusive language.]

†**1.** *trans.* To mock at, deride. Also *absol. Obs.*

1605 MARSTON *Dutch Courtezan* Prol., As for some few, we know of purpose here To taxe and scowt. 1610 SHAKS. *Temp.* III. ii. 130 Flout 'em, and cout 'em: and skowt 'em, and flout 'em. 1691 WOOD *Life* (O. H. S.) III. 357 He scouted me and told of 'virtue' (for 'vertue') [i.e. that the former was bad spelling]. 1768 GOLDSM. *Goodn. Man* II, When he speaks upon his legs, by the Lord he's prodigious, he scouts them.

2. To reject with scorn (a proposition); to treat as absurd (an idea); to dismiss scornfully the pretensions of (a person, a work, etc.).

1710 PALMER *Proverbs* 102 They pass the rhodomontade till they're expos'd and scouted. 1711 HEARNE *Collect.* (O.H.S.) III. 133 Those who laugh at and scout it. 1782 MME. D'ARBLAY *Let.* 6 Apr. (1891) I. 426 The people..who have been fond of blood and family, have all scouted *title* when put in any competition with it. 1819 F. HAMILTON *Nepal* 315 All alliances with the chief,..are scouted by the purer inhabitants of the southern mountains. 1822 HAZLITT *Table-t.* Ser. II. x. (1869) 212 Many great philosophers have not only been scouted while they were living, but forgotten as soon as they were dead. 1849 DICKENS *Barn. Rudge* xxxix, His turned-up nose..scouted all things of earth with deep disdain. 1872 *Q. Rev.* Jan. 251 Simple and obvious remedies are scouted or neglected. 1883 MRS. R. RITCHIE *Bk. Sibyls* i. 47 The poem..was scouted at the time and violently attacked. 1884 TENNYSON *Becket* II. ii, I am glad that France hath scouted him at last. 1898 BODLEY *France* II. III. v. 247 The King..scouted the idea of his functions being reduced to those of an English monarch.

Scout, Scoutchin: see SCOOT *sb.*[1], SCUTCHEON.

Scouted (skau·tèd), *ppl. a.* [f. SCOUT *v.*[2] + -ED [2].] Scorned, flouted.

1810 *Naval Chron.* XXIII. 38 No public breakfasts cheer these scouted tars.

†**Scou·ter.** *Obs.* Also 7 **skooter, scowter.** [f. SCOUT *v.*[1] + -ER [2].] A scout or spy.

1642 in *10th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. IV. 434 To Robert Addams..for goeing as a skooter to Coventry to hearken out how nere the soldiers were cominge. 1645 SYMONDS *Diary* (Camden) 193 The horse..were persued by a body of the enemyes horse and loose scowters. *c* 1776 in W. Irving *Washington* (1856) II. 606 A famous scouter and wood-hunter. 1827 J. F. COOPER *Prairie* xviii, But this is a scouter in his war-paint!

‖ **Scoute·tte, scouttet.** *Obs. rare.* [MDu. *schoutet, schoutheet*: see SCHOUT.] = SCHOUT.

1534 *St. Papers Hen. VIII,* VII. 543 Yisterdaye I had the Scouttet and Lordes of this town at dynner with me. *Ibid.* 547 The Quene hath send owt hyr placarts of comandment to all drossarts, scoutettes, ballyys, and othyrs offyssers of the contres abowth.

Scouth (skauþ). *Sc.* Also 8–9 **scowth, skouth.** Opportunity, scope. Also, abundance, plenty.

Also in phrase *Scouth and routh*: see *Eng. Dial. Dict.*

1591 R. BRUCE *Serm.* (1843) 387 There are Bands which circle & fetter him, that he hath no scouth or liberty to run out. 1728 RAMSAY *Robt., Richy, & Sandy* 10 He seeks the dowy glen That he may scowth to a' his mourning len. 1785 BURNS *To Rev. J. M'Math* x, They talk o' mercy, grace, and truth, For what?—to gie their malice skouth On some puir wight. 1815 FINLAYSON *Rhymes* 38 (E. D. D.) The sturdy tiller o' our plaids, Whose work demands nae scowth o' brains.

Scouting (skau·tiŋ), *vbl. sb.*[1] [f. SCOUT *v.*[1] + -ING [1].] The action of the vb. SCOUT.

1. Spying, reconnoitring.

1644 SYMONDS *Diary* (Camden) 22 Some scowting beyond Banbury that evening; little or no hurt on neither side. 1754 in Temple & Sheldon *Hist. Northfield, Mass.* (1875) 285 However, if the scouting be faithfully performed, there will not, I apprehend, any considerable body of the enemy get within ye line aforesaid undiscovered. 1893 LELAND *Mem.* I. 30 Often I sat on a little cricket at his feet, and listened to tales of battles, scoutings, and starving.

attrib. 1856 W. IRVING *Washington* III. 852 He had recently signalized himself in scouting-parties.

b. The exercises practised by 'boy scouts'.

1908 R. S. S. BADEN-POWELL *Scouting for Boys* 1 Instruction in scouting should be given as far as possible through practises, games, and competitions.

2. Fielding at cricket. ? *Obs.* exc. *dial.*

1828 *Sporting Mag.* XXIII. 38 Both were so completely knocked up, with alternately bowling and scouting, as to be nearly incapable of walking home.

†**Scou·ting,** *vbl. sb.*[2] *Obs.* [f. SCOUT *v.*[2] + -ING [1].] A snubbing reproof, a scolding.

1794 MARIA J. HOLROYD *Lett.* (1896) 301, I gave Louisa a good scouting for indulging her moralizing turn.

Scouting (skau·tiŋ), *ppl. a.* [f. SCOUT *v.*[1] + -ING [2].] That sconts; watching, exploring, spying.

1663 *Brief Acc. Turks Late Exped.* 21 There followed into the Town a great Body of Tartars after these scouting Troupers. 1820 CLARE *Rural Life* (ed. 3) 31 The owls mope out, the scouting bats Begin their giddy round. 1907 *Standard* 19 Jan. 7/5 Scouting air vessels could follow night and day every movement of the armies.

†**Scou·tinger.** *Obs. rare*[−1]. [? f. SCOUTING *vbl. sb.* + -ER [1]; or f. SCOUT *sb.*[4] after *harbinger, messenger,* etc.] ? A military scout, a spy.

1642 *True Copy of Let. from Oxford* 7 A good scoutinger is worth a kingdome, being the very key of the worke, and for want of it, many rare opportunities are lost.

Scoutmaster, scout-master (skau·t-māstəɹ). [f. SCOUT *sb.*[4] + MASTER *sb.*[1]]

1. A leader or captain of a band of scouts. In recent use, also the officer who has charge of a 'troop' of boy scouts.

1579 DIGGES *Stratiot.* 99 The Scout maister oughte diligently to viewe and note rounde aboute the campe. 1590 SIR R. WILLIAMS *Brief Disc. War* 16 The General of the horsmen hath to serue him, his Lieftenant, Colonels, Captaines, and Scoutmasters. 1633 T. STAFFORD *Pac. Hib.* II. xxi. 235 Captaine Crofts the Scout-Master [was killed] with a shot in the backe. 1755 *Gentl. Mag.* XXV. 54 Parson Hudson, an able divine, was his scout-master, and Chillingworth his engineer. 1819 SCOTT *Ivanhoe* xxxv, The scoutmaster arrived after a brief delay. 1908 R. S. S. BADEN-POWELL *Scouting for Boys* 25 The badge is worn by scout masters on the left side of the hat or cap.

fig. 1644 SIR E. DERING *Prop. Sacr.* d iiij b, Archbishop Laud..takes the words which Heylin (his Scoutmaster) had found passable.

b. *Scoutmaster general*: (Hist.) The chief of the intelligence department of the Parliamentary army.

1644 WHITELOCKE *Mem.* (1853) I. 321 Scoutmaster general Bedford came to the house with letters from the commissioners in the army, of the particulars of the battle at Newbury. 1647 SPRIGG *Anglia Rediv.* 326 (List of Officers), Major Watson, Scoutmaster Gen. to the Army. 1682 BUNYAN *Holy War* 289 Forasmuch as he [Mr. Prywell] was so naturally inclined to seek their good, and also to undermine their foes, they gave him a Commission of Scoutmaster-general. 1736 CARTE *Ormonde* II. 498 No body was more active in procuring these witnesses, than the Bishop of Meath, who had been Scoutmaster General to Oliver Cromwell's army.

¶ **2.** Erroneously used for SCHOUT.

1652 EARL MONM. tr. *Bentivoglio's Hist. Relat.* 5 The Sheriffs [of the cities of Holland] together with the Scoutmaster [orig. *Sculteto*] deal in the administration of Justice both Civill and Criminall. 1690 *Moral Ess. Pres. Times* vii. 117 There is in every one of these parishes of Holland, one they call a Scout-Master, which is the chief Magistrate of it.

†**Scou·t-watch.** *Obs.* Forms: 4 **scowte-, skowtte-,** 4–6 **skowte-,** 4–7 **skoute-,** 5 **scote-,** (*erron.* **skoulk-**), 7 **skowt-,** 5–8 **scout(e-,** 4 **-wach,** 4–5 **waoche,** 5–6 **-wache, watche,** 6–8 **-watch.** [f. SCOUT *sb.*[4] + WATCH *sb.*]

1. A sentinel, spy; one that keeps guard.

13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* B. 838 In grete flokkez of folk, þay fallen to his ȝatez, As a scowte-wach scarred, so þe asscry rysed. *a* 1400 *Morte Arth.* 2468 Skayres thaire skottefers, and theire skowtte-waches. 1442 *Beckington's Jrnl.* (1828) 97 Whan they were approched nigh the same towne there comme upon theym the skoulk wache, and there a showte was made of St. George d'Angleterre. 1470–85 MALORY *Arthur* I. xiii, But the scoute watche by her hoost cryed lordes att armes for here be your enemyes at your hand. 1562 [? PILKINGTON] *Burn. Paules Ch.* (1563) Bv, The word *Episcopus* is Greke, and signifies a Scoutwatche, an ouerloker or Spie. 1609 BIBLE (Douay) 2 *Kings* xiii. 34 And the servant that was the scoutewatch, lifted up his eies, and looked: and behold much people came by a hyway. 1706 PHILLIPS (ed. Kersey), *Scouts* or *Scout-Watches*, Sentinels that keep Guard in the advanced Posts.

2. The action of keeping watch and guard.

1464 *Mann. Housch. Exp.* (Roxb.) 161 Item, my mastyre payd the same day to ix. men that made scotewache on horse bakke, vj. s. viij. d. 1532 HERVET *Xenophon's Treat. Househ.* (1768) 75 It is best to kepe watches and scoutwatches both by nyght and by daye. 1556 J. HEYWOOD *Spider & F.* lxiv. 2 Being in scoutwatch: a spider spiyng me, In the head spiders name: wild me speedilie, To tell this to you all. 1616 J. LANE *Contn. Sqr.'s T.* v. 357 Make skowt-watch, inrodes, gett intelligence.

3. A body of men told off for the purposes of watching and keeping guard.

1523 LD. BERNERS *Froiss.* I. xvi. 17 If theyr Scoutwatche hard any noyse, or mouyng of people drawyng to the cite warde, than incontynent they shulde gyue them knowledge. 1611 SPEED *Hist. Gt. Brit.* IX. xix. § 50. 723 Neither durst he for the Kings Scout-watch demand direction to Tamworth.

Scouty-aulin (skū·ti,ɔ̄·lin). *dial. Sc.* Forms: 8 **scuti-allan,** 8–9 **scouti-aulin,** 9 **scoutiallin, scouty-, scootie-allan, scoute-, scouti-allen, scouty-aulin.** [app. f. **scouty,* **scooty* adj. (f. *scout* = SCOOT *v.* 1) + *aulin, allan,* which is used separately as the name of the bird. Cf. the synonymous *dirty allan.*] The Arctic Gull or Skua (*Stercorarius crepidatus,* or *richardsoni*).

1701 BRAND *Descr. Orkn.* etc. (1703), There is a Fowl there called the Scutiallan, of a black colour, and as big as a Wild Duck. *a* 1795 G. LOW *Fauna Orcad.* (1813) 118 The Arctic Gull..Orc. Scouti-Aulin. 1852 MACGILLIVRAY *Brit. Birds* V. 492 *Lestris Richardsonii.* Richardson's Skua...Scoute-allen. 1896 NEWTON *Dict. Birds* 870 It [*Stercorarius crepidatus*] is..the Shooi of the Shetlands, and the Scouti-

allen of the fishermen of Orkney and on the east coast of Scotland.

Sco·van. *Mining* (Cornw.). [Related to next.] = SCOVE *sb.* *Scovan lode*: see quots.

1778 PAYCE *Min. Cornub.* 90 A Scovan Lode, is formed of a hard compact crystalline Stone, either of a brown or black hue, according to the colour of the Tin with which it is mixed. *Ibid.* 105 If it takes its course through a Scovan Lode, it mostly damages..the Scovan. 1814 W. PHILLIPS in *Trans. Geol. Soc.* II. 118 When tin ore is intimately mingled with quartz and chlorite, the vein is termed a scovan load. 1860 *Eng. & Foreign Mining Gloss., Cornw.* (ed. 2) 22 *Scovan lode*, a lode having no gossan on its back or near the surface.

Scove. *Mining* (Cornw.). [Prob. from Celtic Cornish.] (See quots.)

1778 PAYCE *Min. Cornub.* 90 The Ore is often rich, ponderous, and solid in this Stone; and when it is worth one half for Metal, they call it Scove. 1808 POLWHELE *Cornish-Eng. Vocab.* 56/2 We say of a rich lode *'tis all skove*; *pure and clean.* 1880 D. C. DAVIES *Metallif. Min.* 420 *Scove* C[ornish], very pure tin that hardly needs dressing.

Sco·vel(l. *Obs.* exc. *dial.* [a. early mod.F. *escouvelle* (Cotgr.), dim. of *escouve* (:—L. *scōpa*) broom. (The ordinary Fr. word for the baker's 'malkin' is *écouvillon*, OF. *escouvillon*.)] A baker's malkin.

1562 WITHALS *Dict.* 44 b/1 A scouell, dragge, or malkyn, wherewith the floore of the ouen is made cleane, *peniculus.* 1662 *Comenius' Janua Ling. Triling.* 84 But first he [*sc.* the baker] rakes the fire from it with a scovel (maukin, cole-rake). 1688 HOLME *Armoury* III. 317/1 Bakers Terms in their Art, ..A Scovel, a Maukin, an Oven sweep.

Scovillite (skō·viləit). *Min.* [f. the name of the *Scoville* ore-bed, Salisbury, Conn., U.S., its locality: see -ITE.] Hydrous phosphate of cerium, yttrium, and other rare metals; rhabdophanite.

1883 BRUSH & PENFIELD in *Amer. Jrnl. Sci.* Ser. III. XXV. 463. 1884 *Athenæum* 12 Apr. 479/1 The author [Mr. W. N. Hartley] shows that a new mineral, scovillite, described by Brush and Penfield..is but a variety of rhabdophane. 1892 [see *Rhabdophanite*: s. v. RHABDO-].

Sco·vin. *Obs.* exc. *dial.* Also 7 scoven. [Altered form of SCOVEL.] = SCOVEL.

1657 C. BECK *Universal Char.* H 7, A malkin or scoven. 1884 *Upton-on-Severn Gloss., Scovin*, a cloth, mat, or old fishing-net, attached to a pole and used for cleaning out a baker's oven.

Sco·vy, *a. dial.* Also scovey, scawvy. [Cf. SCAWE, SCAWED *a.*] Streaked, mottled, smeared.

1777 *Horæ Subsecivæ* 382 (E. D. D.) Scovy wool, wool of several colours, not duely mixt in scribling, but streaky. ..Scovy cloth, when the abb, or the woof is not all of the same colour,..and the cloth appears in streaks or lines. 1864 T. Q. COUCH *Wds. E. Cornw.* in *Jrnl. R. Inst. Cornw.* Mar., *Scovey*, spotted, mottled. 1892 SARAH HEWETT *Peasant Sp. Devon* 120 *Scawvy* = smeary. 'Go an' scrub thickee planche floor again; 'tez za scawvy I'm ashamed tu zee 'n.'

† Scow [1], **skow.** *Sc. Obs.* [Possibly a. Du. *schouw* (see next) in an unrecorded sense; the HG. etymological equivalent, *schalte*, has in Bavarian dialects the sense 'wood for coopers, thin laths' (*Deutsches Wb.* s. v.).] *pl.* Strips of wood for wattle-work, barrel-staves, fixing thatch, etc.

1524-5 *Burgh Rec. Edin.* (1869) I. 221 Thai had maid expenssis vpoun the standand graith of the commoun mylnis in stra, scowis, rauchteris, lyme [etc.]. 1538 *Aberdeen Reg.* XVI. (Jam.), Girchtstingis & skowis. 1543 *Ibid.* XVIII. (ibid.), Tymmer skowis Suadene buirdis, guirdstingis and boddummis. 1614 *Shipping Lists of Dundee* in Wedderburne *Compt Buik* (S. H. S.) 246 The said bark laitlie arryved frome Melstrand contenand .. anch thowsand barrellis of Skowie [? *rsad* Skowis] & ane hundreth pyp staffis. 1705 *Sc. Acts Anne* (1824) XI. 293/2 Knaple, skows, hoops, dutch nets..shall be free of custome.

Scow [2] (skau). *U. S., Scotland, Ireland.* Also skow. [a. Du. *schouw*, MDu. *schouwe*, *schoude* = LG. *schalde*, HG. dial. *schalte* punt-pole, boat propelled by a pole; related to OS. *scaldan* to push (a boat) from the shore. Cf. Gael. *sgoth.*]

1. A large flat-bottomed lighter or punt.

1780 JEFFERSON *Corr.* Wks. 1859 I. 254, I have empowered Colonel Carrington to have twelve boats, scows or batteaux, built. 1841 CARLYLE in Froude *Life in Lond.* I. 221 Three fishers too, whose rude Annan voices I heard busy in their skows in the Gallowbank Pool. 1848 BARTLETT *Dict. Amer., Scow*...On Lake Ontario they are sometimes rigged like a schooner or sloop, with a lee-board or sliding keel, when they make tolerably fast sailers. 1862 W. H. RUSSELL in *Times* 4 Apr., By 2 o'clock..about 8,500 men were on their way to..Fortress Monroe. They were carried in 12 large river steamers, some of which tugged scows for horses and artillery. 1877 LD. HATHERLEY in *Law Rep., App. Cases* II. 842 The navigation [on the river Leven] appears to be carried on in what are called scows, large barges, I suppose we should call them. 1878 BRET HARTE *Hoodlum Band* 102 A long, low, sloop-rigged scow,..worked her way out of the mill-dam towards the Sound. 1880 *Antrim & Down Gloss., Skeow*, a large flat barge, used to receive the mud raised by a dredging machine. 1884 G. ALLEN *Strange Stories* 154 Captain Pierpoint arranged to take down a scow or flat-bottomed boat, laden with grain, from Milwaukee for the Erie Canal. 1909 *Times* 27 Jan. 6/5 For the water he would use skows (flat-bottomed boats) which would also be capable of progressing upon the ice.

2. Applied locally to a coracle.

1825-82 JAMIESON, *Skow*, a small boat made of willows, &c. covered with skins, Moray.

3. *attrib.*, as *scow-crew*; *scow-shaped* adj.

1775 J. ADAMS in *Fam. Lett.* (1876) 60 Father Smith prayed for our scow crew, I doubt not. 1897 *Outing* (U. S.) XXIX. 547/1 A clumsy, scow-shaped cattle-boat.

Scow (skau), *v.* [1] [f. prec.] a. *intr.* To cross *over* (a river) by means of a scow. b. *trans.* (See quot. 1828-32.)

1749 W. DOUGLASS *Summary* I. 460 The ferry is about 80 rod, and..runs two or three knots, scowed over in about 9 minutes. 1828-32 WEBSTER, *Scow*, to transport in a scow.

Scow (skau), *v.* [2] *Naut.* [Of obscure origin.] *trans.* in *To scow an anchor*: on a foul bottom, to bend the cable to the crown and stop it within the ring, so that in weighing the seizing may be broken and the anchor tripped. Hence **Scowed** *ppl. a.*

1878 D. KEMP *Man. Yacht Sailing* 366 Scowing an Anchor. 1879 W. ROSSITER *Dict. Sci. Terms*, Scowed anchor.

Scow·banker. *slang* (?and *dial.*). Also skow-, skull-. [Of obscure origin. Adm. Smyth (*Sailor's Word-book*, 1867) gives a word *scow-banker* with the explanation 'a manager of a scow'; but this is prob. a mistake.] A loafer (see quots.).

1864 *Holten's Slang Dict.* 233 *Skow-Banker*, a fellow who loiters about the premises of any one willing to support him without the necessity of working for his living; a rogue, a rascal. Common at Melbourne, Australia. 1866 A. MICHIE *Retrospects & Prospects* 9 (Morris) A skull-banker is a species of the genus loafer...He is a haunter of stations, and lives on the squatters,..affecting to seek work and determining not to find it. 1898 E. E. MORRIS *Austral English, Skull-banker*, or *Scowbanker*, a slang name in Australia for a loafer, a tramp.

Hence **Scow·bank** *v. intr.*, to loaf; also *sb.* = SCOWBANKER. **Scow·banking** *ppl. a.*

1868 E. BAILEALEY *Fratchingtons* iii. 40 If skeawbankin' fro aleheause to aleheause isno' drinkin', what is? 1881 CLARK RUSSELL *Sailor's Sweeth.* I. ii. 44 A sprinkling of black-browed scowbanks from Mediterranean ports. 1888 *Sheffield Gloss.* Suppl., He's a scow-banking sort of fellow! 1901 F. E. TAYLOR *Folk Sp. S. Lanc.* (E. D. D.), He does nowt bu' skeaw-bank abeawt o day.

Scowde, obs. form of SCOLD *v.*

Scowder (skau·dəɹ), *sb. Sc.* Forms: 8 scowder, scouder, 9 scowdher, scouther. [f. the vb.]

1. Scorching, slight burning.

a 1774 FERGUSSON *Election* Poems (1845) 40 Till, in a birn, beneath the crook Theyre sengit wi' a scowder, To death that day. 1793 T. SCOTT *Poems* 358 (E. D. D.) Love has gie'n his heart a scouder. 1816 SCOTT *Black Dwarf* vii, If things be otherwise than weel wi' Grace Armstrong, I'se gie you a scouther, if there be a tar-barrel in the five parishes.

2. *Anglo-Irish.* (See quot.) *lit.* and *fig.*

1830-2 W. CARLETON *Traits Ir. Peas.* (1844) II. 131 'Franky,' they would say, 'is no finished priest in the larnin'; he's but a scowdher'. Now a scowdher is an oaten cake laid upon a pair of tongs placed over the..embers...In a few minutes the side first laid down is scorched: it is then turned, and the other side is also scorched.

Scowder (skau·dəɹ), *v. Sc.* Forms: 6 skolder, skowder, 7 scouther, 8 scouder, 7- scowther, scowder. [Of obscure origin: with the 16th c. form *skolder* cf. the synonymous SCALDER *v.*] a. *trans.* To scorch, burn slightly. b. *intr.* To undergo scorching. Hence **Scow·dered** *ppl. a.*, scorched; also see quot. 1781. **Scow·dering** *ppl. a.*, scorching; also (of cold, etc.) withering, blighting.

1508 DUNBAR *Flyting* 122 Fy! skolderit skyn, thow art bot skyre and skrumple. *Ibid.* 171. 1535 STEWART *Cron. Scot.* II. 534 His skowdrit skyn wes blak as ony ruke. 1606 BIRNIE *Kirk Buriall* (1833) 4 By scowdring their skins in the Sunne. 1672 *Pasquil on Stair Family* in *Bk. Scotish Pasquils* (1868) 183 On shoulder clap made her Mess James embrace, And lick the dreepings of his scouther'd face. *a* 1774 FERGUSSON *Farmer's Ingle* viii. Poems (1800) 134 For weel she trows,..That kye hae tint their milk wi' evil eie, And corn been scowder'd on the glowin kill. 1776 C. KEITH *Farmer's Ha'* x, Gude scoudered bannocks. 1781 HUTTON *Tour to Caves* (ed. 2) Gloss., *Scowder'd*, over-heated with working. 1799 J. STRUTHERS *Poet. Wks.* (1850) II. 202 Cauld winter wi' his scowdering eye. 1831 MISS FERRIER *Destiny* I. xx, Your cook's not a good hare-dresser...After all, I believe it's only a little scowthered. 1856 G. HENDERSON *Pop. Rhymes Berwick* 54 We'll..send them [*sc.* witches] hame, To scouther forever in h—'s blue flame! 1875 STEVENSON *Lett.* (1899) I. 109 The snell an' scowtherin' norther blow Frae blae Brunteelan'.

Scower, obs. form of SCORE, SCOUR.

Scowl (skaul), *sb.* [1] Also 6 scowle, 7 scoul. [f. SCOWL *v.*] A louring or malevolent look.

1500-20 DUNBAR *Poems* xxxiii. 123 The air was dirkit with the fowlis, That come..With skryking, skrymming and with scowlis, To tak him in the tyde. 1625 in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. I. III. 206, I suppose none but a Queene could have cast such a scowl. *a* 1764 R. LLOYD *Genius, Envy & Time* 9 Each letter'd, grave, pedantic dunce Wakes..And, being dull, looks wond'rous wise, With solemn phiz, and critic scowl. 1847 TENNYSON *Princess* VII. 114 By axe and eagle sat, With all their foreheads drawn in Roman scowls,..The fierce triumvirs. 1860 AAP. THOMSON *Laws Th.* § 27. 39 Natural signs, as a scream to express terror, a scowl for hatred. 1909 *Blackw. Mag.* Sept. 369/2 He was received with scowls and curses.

b. *transf.* Of clouds, the elements, etc.

1648 CRASHAW *Delights of Muses, Death Herrys*, A ruddy storme whose scoule Made Heavens radiant face looke foule. 1878 BROWNING *Poet's Croisic* Prol. 2 Sky—what a scowl of cloud.

† Scowl, *sb.* [2] *U. S. Obs.* ? Corrupt f. SCOW.

1778 T. ANBURY *Trav. America* (1789) II. lix. 278 We crossed the river in scowls, which are flat bottom boats, large enough to contain a waggon and horses. 1796 H. WANSEY *Jrnl.* 56 While our conchee, and all its passengers were passing this fine river in a scowl.

† Scowl, *sb.* [3] *dial. Obs.* Forms: 6 skoole, skole, scowle, scoule, 8 scoil. [Cf. SCOWLES.] Rubbish, debris.

1538-9 in R. N. Worth *Cal. Tavistock Par. Rec.* (1887) 17 Itm for Carynge awaye of the Skoole there ij[d]. *Ibid.* 18 Itm for Carynge oute of the Skole of the churche ij[d] ob. 1561-2 *Ibid.* 26 Itm payed for Caryinge of Scowle that laye in the churche yarde ij[s] viij[d]. 1574-5 *Ibid.* 33 Itm paid for caryadge awaie of the scoule, iiij[d]. 1777 *Horæ Subsecivæ* 380 (E. D. D.) *Scoil*, rubbish; the head of a quarry before the solid rock is reached.

Scowl (skaul), *v.* Forms: 4 skoul, 5 schoul, 5-6 scowle, 6 skoule, 6-8 scoul, 6-7 scoule, 7- scowl. [Prob. of Scandinavian origin; cf. Da. *skule* of the same meaning.]

1. *intr.* To look with louring brows and a malignant or threatening expression; to look angry or sullen. Const. *at*, *on*, *upon*.

1340 HAMPOLE *Pr. Consc.* 2225 Devels sal..raumpe on hym, and skoul, and stare. *c* 1400 *Laud Troy Book* 16158 Menelaus hadde grete envy Off that quene Pantasaly,.. On hir that tyme ful foule he schouled And seyde: that [etc.]. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 450/1 Scowle, wythe eyne, *oboculo*. 1535 COVERDALE *Job* xvi. 9 Myne enemy skouleth vpon me with his eyes. 1573 TUSSER *Husb.* (1878) 21 A mistres that scowles. 1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* II. ii. 35 But with bent lowring browes, as she would threat, She scould, and frownd with froward countenaunce. 1593 SHAKS. *Rich. II*, v. ii. 28 Euen so, or with much more contempt, men's eyes Did scowle on Richard. 1702 YALDEN *Æsop at Crt.* viii. 33 Shall I [*sc.* Phoebus] the universe benight..Because you [*sc.* an owl] rail and scoul. 1803 JANE PORTER *Thaddeus* i, His brow scowled. 1828 SCOTT *F. M. Perth* xiii, Albany scowled, but was silent. 1856 EMERSON *Eng. Traits, Wealth* Wks. (Bohn) II. 72 Whether it were not possible to make a spinner that would not rebel, nor mutter, nor scowl, nor strike for wages? 1882 B. D. W. RAMSAY *Recoll. Mil. Serv.* I. vi. 119 We met many disbanded soldiers,..but beyond scowling at us they did us no harm.

b. To be exhibited or expressed frowningly or with a scowl. *poet.* or *rhetorical.*

1719 YOUNG *Busiris* I. i, A sullen gloom Scowls on his brow, and marks him thro' the dusk. 1812 CRABBE *Tales* xv. 296 Amazement scowl'd upon his clouded face. 1824 W. IRVING *T. Trav.* I. 89 A menace scowled upon the brow.

2. *transf.* and *fig.* Of inanimate things (sometimes personified): To assume a gloomy, forbidding, or threatening aspect.

1587 CHURCHYARD *Worthies of Wales* N 4, When..Clowdes waxe cleere, that now doth lowre and skoule. 1622 MABBE tr. *Aleman's Guzman d'Alf.* I. 56 What squint-ey'd Starre hath scowl'd vpon me? 1695 BLACKMORE *Pr. Arth.* I. 312 The Day returns, the Heav'ns no longer scowl. 1783 COWPER *Task* III. 541 Not so when winter scowls. Assistant art Then acts in nature's office. 1846 KEBLE *Lyra Innoc.* (1873) 16 Fretting cares scowl far aloof. 1905 J. B. FIRTH *Highways of Derbyshire* 168 The edge..scowls down upon a bleak Staffordshire moorland.

3. *trans.* in *nonce-uses.* To send forth with a scowl; to express with a scowl.

1667 MILTON *P. L.* II. 491 As when..the dusky clouds.. o'respread Heavn's chearful face, the lowring Element Scowls ore the darkn'd lantskip Snow, or showre. 1757 GRAY *Bard* II. iii, Fell Thirst and Famine scowl A baleful smile upon their baffled Guest.

Hence **Scow·ling** *vbl. sb.* Also **Scow·ler.**

1575 *Gammer Gurton* I. i, There is howlynge and scowlyng, all cast in adumpe, With whewling and pewling. 1858 O. W. HOLMES *Aut. Breakf.-T.* viii. (1859) 188, I had rather meet three of the scowlers than one of the smilers.

Scowl(e, Scowle: see SCOLD, SCALE *sb.* [1]

† Scowled, *a.* ? Striped.

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 450/1 Scowlyd, *radiatus.*

Scowles, *sb. pl. dial.* [Of obscure origin: cf. SCOWL *sb.* [3]] (Also *scowl-holes.*) See quots. Hence **Scowle** *v. intr.*, (of mine-workings) to cave in.

1835 *4th Rep. Dean Forest Comm.* 3 The excavations, provincially called Scowles, which exist in many parts of the Forest, have evidently been made for the purpose and in the course of getting out the ore. 1884 *N. & Q.* Ser. VI. X. 288 The word applied to the actual quarries is usually scowl-holes, Scowles having become a place-name in several localities. 1890 *Glouc. Gloss., Scowles*..A very common word here [*i.e.* Forest of Dean] for the sides of workings in coal or iron mines falling in. The miners say 'scowling in'.

Scow·lful, *a. nonce-wd.* [f. SCOWL *sb.* + -FUL.] Full of or characterized by scowling.

1881 F. T. PALGRAVE *Vis. England* 278 The musket gripp'd; the brow firm set; a scowlful smile of joy.

Scowling (skau·liŋ), *ppl. a.* [f. SCOWL *v.* + -ING [2].] That scowls; having a sullen or malignant expression of countenance.

1552 HULOET, Skowlyng of countenaunce, *supercilliosus.* 1577 KENDALL *Flowers of Epigr.* 15 b, Then euery skowlyng scholemaster would read with harshie voyce Thy verse. *a* 1586 SIDNEY *Arcadia* II. (Sommer) 125 But Miss..came with skowling eyes to deliuer a slanering good morrow to the two Ladies. *c* 1618 MORYSON *Itin.* IV. (1903) 290 The Conversation of gentlemen is very Austere, full of scowling gravity. 1748 RICHARDSON *Clarissa* (1811) VIII. 158 Daughters, who surveyed her with scouling, frightened attention. 1852 MRS. STOWE *Uncle Tom's C.* xviii, Prue had a peculiar scowling expression of countenance. 1871 DIXON *Tower* III. viii. 75 A young man..with sickly face and scowling brow.

b. *transf.*

1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* VII. xiii. 19 Or on the scharp craggy rochis hie,..Wyth bingand hewis and mony a skowland bra. 1583 T. WATSON *Poems* (Arb.) 114 What scowling cloudes haue ouercast the skie. 1727-46 THOMSON *Summer* 1124 In rueful gaze The cattle stand, and on the scowling heavens Cast a deploring eye. 1872 BLACKIE *Lays Highl.* 2 Wilt thou change the smiling Erin For the scowling Pictish skies?

Hence **Scow'lingly** *adv.*, with a scowling face.
1755 in JOHNSON. 1838 *Fraser's Mag.* XVIII. 32 The.. beldame..scowlingly opened the door.

Scowlke, Scowmar: see SCULK, SCUMMER.

Scowmfet(e, Scowner: see SCOMFIT, SCUNNER.

Scowp(e, Scowrge: see SCOOP, SCOURGE.

Scowry, var. SCAURIE; obs. f. SCOURY.

Scowse, var. SCUSE, aphetic f. *excuse* vb.

Scowt(e, Scowth: see SCOUT, SCOUTH.

Scoyer, Scoymes, -ous: see SQUIRE, SQUAIMOUS.

Scoyr, obs. Sc. form of SCORE.

Scr-. 1. While as a general rule an initial *sc-* or *sk-* in a mod.Eng. word indicates that the word is not of OE. origin (OE. *sc-* being normally represented, in dialects as well as in standard English, by *sh-*), it is doubtful whether the rule applies to the combination *scr-*. The modern representation of OE. *scr-* in dialects varies between (ʃr-), (ʃər-), (ʒr-), and (sr-), and there is some reason for supposing that in some localities it normally becomes (skr-). Several words of undoubted OE. descent (there being no corresponding form in Scandinavian) have in ME. or in mod.E. two parallel forms with (ʃr-) and (skr-) respectively: e.g. *shred, screed*, from OE. *scréade*; *shrew*, dial. *screw*, from OE. *scréawa*; ME. *screpe* and *schreape*, from OE. *screpan* to scrape. The same variation of the initial consonant appears in some other words, which have not been found in OE., but which have Teut. cognates: *scream*, ME. also *schreame*; *scram* and *shram* dial. to benumb, to paralyse (cf. OE. *scrimman* of similar meaning); *shrog* and *scrog* dial., a bush. As the combination (skr-), unlike the Midland (sr-), is consistent with the articulatory habits of standard English, some dialectal forms with this beginning have found their way into the literary language; in one instance (*screed, shred*) an OE. word with *scr-* survives in two parallel forms with differentiation of meaning. In view of these facts, it seems doubtful whether there is sufficient ground for the usual assumption of Scandinavian origin for words like *scrape*, which existed in OE. (*scrapian*) as well as in ON. (*skrapa*).

2. Many Eng. words beginning with *scr-* agree more or less closely in meaning with other words differing from them in form only by the absence of the initial *s*. Examples of such pairs are *crab* (apple), *scrab*; *crag* (neck), *scrag*; *cramble, scramble*; *cranch, scranch*; *cratch, scratch*; *crawl, scrawl* (v.[1]); *creak, screak*; *crimple, scrimple*; *cringe, scringe*; *croak, scroak* (dial.); *crump, scrump*; *crumple, scrumple*; *crunch, scrunch*; *crush, scrush* (dial.). It does not appear that these coincidences are due to any one general cause (see the articles on the several words), but it is probable that the existence of many pairs of synonyms with *scr-* and *cr-* produced a tendency to change *cr-*, in words expressive of sounds or physical movements, into *scr-* so as to render the word echoic or phonetically symbolic; apparent examples are *scrawl* vb.[1], *scranch, scrunch, scringe, scroak*.
For other instances in dialects see Wright *Eng. Dial. Gram.* § 323, where examples are also given of parallel forms with (sk, k) before a vowel or (w).

Scraa, variant of SCRAW.

Scrab (skræb), *sb.*[1] *Sc.* and *north.* Also 6 **skrab.** [Prob. of Scandinavian origin: cf. Sw. dial. *skrabba* of the same meaning, Sw. *scrabba* sea-scorpion.] The crab or wild apple = CRAB *sb.*[2] Also *attrib.*, as *scrab-apple, scrab-tree.*
1467-8 *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 92 Pro ij bus. de Scrabbez emp. pro verius inde fiend., xxijd. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* VII. iii. 18 Braid trunschouris dyd thai fyll..Wyth wyld scrabbis and wther frutis large. 1528-9 *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 163 Scrabstre medow. 1562 TURNER *Herbal* II. 47 Malus Sylvestris in Englysbe in the Southe countre, a Crab tre, in y^e^ North countre a Scrahtre. 1587 *Wills & Inv. N. C.* (Surtees 1860) 157, iiij mells for brusing of skrabbes, 6^d^. 1595 DUNCAN *App. Etym.* (E. D. S.), *Vnedo, fructus arbutii*, a scrab-aple. 1894 *Northumbld. Gloss., Scrab-apple.*

†**Scrab**, *sb.*[2] *Sc. Obs.* [Cf. SCRUB *sb.*] In plural, 'Stumps of heath or roots' (Jam.).
1768 ROSS *Helenore* I. 20 A hail half mile she had at least to gang, Thro' birns an' pits an' scrabs, and heather lang.

Scrab (skræb), *v. Obs.* exc. *dial.* Also 5 **skrab.** [a. Du. *schrabben*: allied to SCRAPE *v.*]
1. *trans.* To scratch, claw. *lit.* and *fig.*
1481 CAXTON *Reynard* xxxix. (Arb.) 106 Reyner..stode aboue the wynde skrabbing and casting wyth his feet the duste [orig. *boven winds staen scrabben in dat slof*]. 1808 W. TAYLOR in *Monthly Mag.* XXVI. 111 The police of the metropolis is already curious..enough: without employing new ferrets to scrab the remaining pleasures out of their skulking-holes. 1823 MOOR *Suffolk Words* s.v., A dog scrabs a rabbit from its burrough. 1880 *Antrim & Down Gloss.* s.v., The cat near scrabbed his eyes out.
2. To snatch, grab.
1890 P. H. EMERSON *Wild Life on Tidal Water* xxiii. 100 When we see them Tom Taylors [i.e. Stormy Petrels] we scrab the nets in quick as we can.

Hence **Scrabbed** *ppl. a.*, scratched; also in *scrabbed eggs* (see quot.). **Scra'bbing** *vbl. sb.*
a 1825 FORBY *Voc. E. Anglia, Scrabbed-eggs*, a lenten dish, composed of eggs boiled hard, chopped and mixed, with a seasoning of butter, salt, and pepper. 1880 S. LAKEMAN *Kaffir-Land* 13 That small garden..was overrun with weeds and scarred with poultry scrabbings. 1890 *Daily News* 20 Nov. 5/1 Small heed was paid in those days to scrabbed face and bleeding hands.

Scrabble (skræ'b'l), *sb.* [f. SCRABBLE *v.*] A scrawling character in writing, hence, a document composed of such characters. Also, a picture composed of or characterized by careless or hastily-executed line-work.
1842 P. F. TYTLER in Burgon *Mem.* xiv. (1859) 311 Peregrine's letters they could read, but the Duchess of Suffolk.. defied them..with her fearful scrabbles. 1862 MISS YONGE *Countess Kate* i, With some peaked scrabbles and round whirls intended for smoke. 1867 SMYTH *Sailor's Word-bk., Scrabble*, a badly written log. 1881 RUSKIN in *19th Cent.* Oct. 517 Yesterday..came to me from the Fine Art Society, a series of twenty black and white scrabbles. 1908 *Athenæum* 11 Apr. 457/2 A composition of some grace, but much of it executed in a scrabble of lines which wants repose.

Scrabble (skræ'b'l), *v.* Also 7 **scrable.** [a. Du. *schrabbelen* (in sense 2; for sense 1 cf. *schrabbelaar* 'bad writer, scrawler', Verdam), frequentative of *schrabben* SCRAB *v.*]
1. *intr.* To make marks at random; to write in rambling or scrawling characters; to scrawl, scribble.
1537 BIBLE (Matthew's) 1 *Sam.* xxi. 13 And he..raued in their handes and scrabled on the dores of the gate. [So 1611.] 1625 [cf. SCRABBLED *ppl. a.*]. *a* 1628 PRESTON *Serm. bef. His Majestie* (1630) 86 We reckon men mad..when they scrabble vpon the walls. 1854 MISS A. E. BAKER *Northampt. Gloss., Scrabble*, to write in an uncouth and unsightly manner; to make unmeaning marks, as boys often do with chalk on a wall or gate. *a* 1889 in Baring-Gould & Sheppard *Songs of West* (1905) 67 So with his finger dipp'd in blood, He scrabbled on the stones.
b. *trans.* To write or depict (something) in a scrawling manner; also, to scrawl upon (something).
1856 MISS YONGE *Daisy Chain* II. v. (1879) 386, I do scrabble down things that tease me by running in my head, when I want to clear my brains. 1857 H. MILLER *Sch. & Schm.* ii. 21 One of my first attempts at a work of art was to scrabble his initials with my fingers, in red paint, on the house-door. 1883 *Spectator* 5 May 557 Technically the painting is better..though the white ruff of the collie could be improved by being toned down, and not being scrabbled about so much. 1894 *Cornhill Mag.* June 635 The face of the cliff is..scrabbled all over with marks of men's hands making homes for themselves in the living rock.
2. *intr.* Of an animal: To scratch about hurriedly with the claws or paws; hence, of a person, to scratch or scrape about with the hands or feet.
1600 SURFLET *Country Farm* I. xv. 93 Cast out..fresh straw right ouer against the barne, where the pullen vse to scrabble. 1668 J. HOWE *Blessedn. Righteous* xiii. 240 'Tis a low, Dunghil spirit; fit for nothing but to rake, and scrabble in the dirt. 1863 WOOD in *Intell. Observ.* IV. 22 The mole..then scrabbled about until he came upon the rest of the warm. 1896 KIPLING *Seven Seas* 74 Gangs of the prying gull That shriek and scrabble on the river hatches. 1900 ELINOR GLYN *Vis. Elizabeth* (1906) 62 Upon which Victorine looked coy, and began scrabbling with her toes on the parquet.
b *trans.* To make scratching movements with.
1890 W. H. POLLOCK in *Longm. Mag.* Aug. 406 The parrot..scrabbled his beak on the edge of his food-can.
3. *intr.* Of a person: To scramble on hands and feet; to stumble or struggle along; *lit.* and *fig.*; also *occas.* of an animal. Now somewhat *rare.*
1638 *2nd Relat. Accidents Wydecombe* 23 Then presently the rest of the people scrabled forth the Church as well as they could. 1666 BUNYAN *Grace Abound.* § 198, I did liken myself..unto..a child that was fallen into a mill-pit, who, though it could make some shift to scrabble and sprawl in the water, yet [etc.]. 1678 — *Pilgr. Progr.* I. 167 Little-faith came to himself, and getting up made shift to scrabble on his way. 1738 *Universal Spectator* 11 Nov. 3/3 The Hog had scrabbled up Stairs, shook the Child out of its blankets, [and] kill'd it. 1742 WESLEY *Extr. Jrnl.* 1 Mar. (1749) 32 The boat..was driven down among the rocks: on one of which we made shift to scrabble up. 1774 J. ADAMS in *Fam. Lett.* (1876) 12 One member of the General Court, he said, as they came down stairs after their dissolution at Salem said to him, 'Though we are killed, we died scrabbling, did not we?' 1812 J. HENRY *Camp. agst. Quebec* 115 Scrabbling out of the cavity, without assistance. 1854 MISS A. E. BAKER *Northampt. Gloss.* s.v., I have hard work to get a living, but I hope I shall manage to scrabble on. 1894 BLACKMORE *Perlycross* XXXVI, A dozen or so of poor creatures,..too tipsy to battle with the wind,..wallowed upon sacks, and scrabbled under the stanchion-boards, where the gaiety [of the Fair] had been. 1900 F. T. BULLEN *Idylls of Sea* 184 The poor possessors of only a four-oared galley hope to rise to the dignity of a lugger, so that they may quit scrabbling along the shores.
4. *trans.* To scratch or rake (something) *up, off, out*, etc. hurriedly; to obtain by scratching or raking about.
1657 BUNYAN *Vindic. Gospel Truths* (1862) II. 203 How dost thou run about the bush, seeking to scrabble up an answer. 1658 F. OSBORNE *Trad. Mem. K. Jas.* 85 The King..casting himselfe upon the heap scrabled out the quantity of 2 or 3 hundred poundes. 1808 *Sporting Mag.* XXXII. 82 The wool, with part of the skin scrabbled off. 1863 BARING-GOULD *Iceland* 121 The snow had been scrabbled up by the puffed hands in the death agony. 1899 F. T. BULLEN *Way Navy* 95 The trimmers must lie flat and scrabble the coal away as fast as it is pelted down. 1905 E. NESBIT *Amulet* I. in *Strand Mag.* May 587/2 It scrabbled a hasty hole in the sand.
5. *intr.* To struggle or scramble *for* (something).
1698 VANBRUGH *Prov. Wife* III. (1709) 32 That Phantome of Honour, which Men in every Age have so contemn'd, they have thrown it amongst the Women to scrabble for. 1861 C. C. ROBINSON *Dial. Leeds* 399 A generous juvenile 'scrammles' a handful 'o' peis', which are instantly 'scrabbled' for.

Scrabbled (skræ'b'ld), *ppl. a.* [f. SCRABBLE *v.* + -ED[1].] Inscribed with scrawling characters, written in a scrawling style.
1625 JACKSON *Orig. Unbelief* xlvii. 425 [They] frame such compositions of sacred lines, as men in phrenzie..do out of scrabled walls or painted cloaths. 1857 H. MILLER *Sch. & Schm.* vii. 141 The blank spaces were occupied with deplorably scrabbled couplets. 1880 WEBB *Goethe's Faust* II. iv. 101 A scrabbled parchment, signed and sealed.

†**Scra'bblement.** *Obs. rare*[−1]. [f. SCRABBLE *v.* + -MENT.] Writing of a rambling character like that of a madman.
a 1603 T. CARTWRIGHT *Confut. Rhem. N. T.* (1618) 219 Of the departed Saints Patronage, wee reade not, but in the scrablements of the Iesuites.

Scrabbling (skræ'bliŋ), *vbl. sb.* [-ING[1].] The action of the vb. SCRABBLE; also, an instance of this.
1582 STANYHURST *Æneis* IV. (Arb.) 116 Al they the like poste haste dyd make, with scarboro scrabbling. 1631 BOLTON *Conf. Aff. Consc.* xiv. (1635) 74 Such..speeches are but as so many catches and scrabblings of a man over head in water. *a* 1650 P. FLETCHER *Father's Test.* (1670) 20 They were suddenly frighted by some noise (perhaps the scrabling of their cat or dog).

Scrabe (skrēb). *Sc.* and *north.* Also 7 **skrabe,** 9 **scraib.** [a. Da. *scrabe*, ad. Færöese *skrápur*: cf. next.] The Manx Shearwater, *Puffinus anglorum.*
1676 J. S. tr. *Debes' Descr. Færoe* ii. 144 The other eatable Sea Fowls are found in great quantities.., namely the Skrabe [etc.]. *Ibid.* 145 The Skrabe builds..under the Earth, scraping with its Beak and Claws,..whence it is called Skrabe. 1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 781 *note*, Scraib and Scraber are also used [for the Shearwater] in Scotland.

Scraber (skrē'·bəɹ). *Sc.* [Of obscure origin; in Gaelic *sgrabair*. Cf. prec.] A name for the Black Guillemot, *Uria Grylle*, and the Manx Shearwater, *Puffinus anglorum.*
1698 M. MARTIN *Voy. St. Kilda* (1749) 30 The Scraber [the black Guillemot, *Uria Grylle*], so called in St. Kilda. 1768 PENNANT *Brit. Zool.* II. 412. 1852 MACGILLIVRAY *Brit. Birds* V. 441 *Puffinus Anglorum.* The Manx Shearwater. ..Scrabe. Scraber. 1857 F. O. MORRIS *Hist. Brit. Birds* VI. 33 Black Guillemot. Common Scraber.

†**Scrabroun.** *Obs. rare*[−1]. [ad. corrupt form (see Diefenbach) of L. *crābrōn-em, crābro* hornet.]
1388 WYCLIF *Exod.* xxiii. 28 And Y schal sende out bifore scrabrouns [1382 stynggynge flies, Vulg. *crabrones*].

Scrac(c)h, obs. forms of SCRATCH.

Scrae (skrē), *sb.*[1] *Sc.* Also **scray, skrae.** [? Subst. use of SCRAE *a.*]
1. A diminutive or skinny person.
1803 JAMIESON in Scott *Minstrelsy* III. 363 [To a crying child], Lie still, ye skrae. 1823 LOCKHART *Reg. Dalton* VII. ii. III. 119 Yon poor shaughlin' in-kneed bit scray of a thing! 1819 W. TENNANT *Papistry Storm'd* (1827) 136 Lean skraes o' men.
2. 'A shrivelled old shoe' (Jam.).
1721 KELLY *Sc. Prov.* 251 Mickle Sorrow comes to the Screa, e'er the Heat come to the Tea [= toe]. Spoken when one holds his Shoe to the Fire to warm his Foot.

Scrae (skrē), *sb.*[2] *Orkney and Shetland.* [a. ON. *skreið* dried fish.] Dried fish. Also *scrae-fish.*
1806 P. NEILL *Tour Orkney & Shetl.* 78 The gables of the cottages here, were..hung round with hundreds of small coalfish,..strung upon spits, and exposed to dry, without salt. The fishes dried in this manner are called scrae-fish.

Scrae (skrē), *a. Sc.* Also **skrae.** [? a. LG. *schrae, schra, schrade*, etc. (see Grimm s.v. *schrade*) lean, dried up, shrivelled.] Thin, lean. Also *Comb.* **scrae-shanked** *a.*
1822 HOGG *Three Perils of Man* II. vii. 232 The skrae-shankit Laidlaws. 1898 L. E. HAMILTON *Mawkin of the Flow* xviii. 241 This skrae-shankit laddie.

Scrae, var. SCREE *Sc.* and *north.*, debris of rock.

Scrafis(c)h, -fissh, etc.: see SCRAYFISH.

Scrag (skræg), *sb.*[1] Also 6 **skrag, skragge,** 8 **scraig, scragg.** [As the senses are those of the older CRAG *sb.*[2] (and *sb.*[3]), it is probable that this is an alteration of that word, due to some feeling of phonetic expressiveness.
The senses below are placed in the order of their first appearance in our quots.; the order of arrangement in CRAG *sb.*[2] is prob. in accordance with that of development.]
1. A lean person or animal. (In depreciatory use.) Cf. CRAG *sb.*[3] (which occurs only in UDALL).
1542 UDALL *Erasm. Apoph.* 270, I feare..yonder same spare slendre skragges and pale salowe coloured whooresoonnes [orig. L. *graciles illos ac pallidos*]. 1582 STANYHURST *Æneis* III. (Arb.) 89 We beheld a windbeaten hard shrimp, With lanck wan visadge,..A meigre leane rake..When the skrag had marcked [etc.]. *c* 1600 *Lust's Dom.* IV. v, You see I am but a scrag, my Lord; my legs are not of the biggest. 1602 DEKKER *Satirom.* L 4 b, Horace was a goodly Corpulent Gentleman, and not so leane a hollow-cheekt Scrag as thou art. 1608 TOPSELL *Serpents* 66 The elder sort of them are rough, hard, thinne and leane scragges,..nothing but skinne and bone. *c* 1815 SCOTT in *Lockhart* (1837) III. 379 May be some bird had whispered Daisy [his charger] that I had been to see the grand reviews at Paris on a little scrag of a Cossack, while my own gallant trooper was left behind. 1845 S. JUDD *Margaret* II. v. (1881) 255 We are going to catch every scrag that comes this way from the Pest.

2. The lean and inferior end of a neck of mutton (or veal). Also (earlier) *scrag-end* (also used *transf.*). Cf. *crag-end*, CRAG *sb.*[2] 3.

a 1644 QUARLES *Virgin Widow* v. i, The Devill a bit of meat have I gotten these nine dayes, but once a leane scrag end of a Neck of Mutton. 1728 E. S[MITH] *Compl. Housew.* 29 To dress a Neck of Mutton. Take the best End..and cut it into Stakes..: Take the Scrag-End of the Mutton, break it in pieces [etc.]. 1747 MRS. GLASSE *Cookery* ii. 33 A Leg of Mutton..: Or a fine Neck, with the Scraig cut off. *Ibid.* 35 Shalot-Sauce for a Scraig of Mutton boiled. 1752 FIELDING *Amelia* v. ii, They sat down..to a scrag of mutton and broth. *a* 1754 — *Fathers* III. i, I may not marry whom I please, but must have crammed down my throat some.. scrag end of a woman of quality. 1769 MRS. RAFFALD *Eng. Housekpr.* (1778) 61 Cut a scrag-end of a neck of veal in pieces. *Ibid.* 63 Take a scrag of veal [etc.]. 1771 MRS. HAYWOOD *New Present* 32 Boil the scragg an hour before you put in the other end [of the neck]. 1820 LAMA *Elia* Ser. I. *Christ's Hosp.*, In lieu of..our scanty mutton scrags on Fridays..he had his hot plate of roasted veal. 1837 HOOD *Hymeneal Retrospect.* I. viii, That neck, not a swan could excel it in grace,..Though now a grave 'kerchief you properly place, To conceal the scrag-end of your charms! 1848 THACKERAY *Bk. Snobs* xix, Lady MacScrew..serves up a scrag-of-mutton on silver. 1874 MRS. H. WOOD *Master of Greylands* xxxi, I could only get the scrag end this morning, aunt: the best end was sold.

3. The neck (of a sheep). Cf. CRAG *sb.*[2] 3.

1842 BISCHOFF *Woollen Manuf.* (1862) II. 384 The scrag or neck should be strong and masculine. 1869 *Daily News* 7 Aug., The judges thought the breed much improved, both in their scrags and general symmetry.

4. *slang.* The neck (of a human being).

[1756: ? Implied in SCRAG v. 1.] 1829 *Vidocq's Mem.* IV. 266, I advise you to nose on your pals,..that'll be the best way To save your scrag. 1847 C. BRONTË *Jane Eyre* xxxvii, I have your little pearl necklace at this moment fastened round my bronze scrag under my cravat. 1857 'DUCANGE ANGLICUS' *Vulgar Tongue* 43 And you must sport..a yellow wipe tied loosily Round your scrag. 1887 HENLEY *Villon's Straight Tip* 27 Until the squeezer nips your scrag.

5. **Scrag-whale**, a finner-whale of the sub-family *Agaphelinæ*, esp. *Agaphelus gibbosus*, common in the North Atlantic; so also †*scrag-tail whale*.

1701 C. WOLLEY *Jrnl. New York* (1860) 39 A Scrag-tail Whale. 1725 DUDLEY in *Phil. Trans.* XXXIII. 258 The Scrag Whale is near a-kin to the Fin-back, but, instead of a Fin upon his Back, the Ridge of the After-part of his Back is scragged with half a Dozen Knobs or Nuckles. 1835 O. MACY *Hist. Nantucket* I. ii. 28 A whale, of the kind called 'scragg', came into the harbor. 1850 GRAY *Catal. Mammalia Brit. Mus.* I. 18 *Balæna gibbosa*. The Scrag Whale.

Scrag (skræg), *sb.*[2] Now chiefly *dial.* [Of obscure origin: cf. SHBAG, SCROG, SHROG *sbs.*]

1. A stump of a tree; also, a rough projection (on a pole, trunk, or stump of a tree, rock, etc.).

1567 TUBBERV. *Epit.* etc. 99 b, The sielie Beast to scape the Dogs did iumpe vpon a roote. The rotten scrag it burst, from Cliffe to Seas he fell. 1574 R. SCOT *Hop Garden* 30 It is very necessarie that your Poales be streyght without scrags or knobbes. 1855 CARLYLE *Misc. Ess.* (1857) IV. 346 His wish was,..Only liberty to cut, of scrags and waste wood, what would suffice for his charring-purposes, in those wild forests. 1886 STEVENSON *Kidnapped* xviii. 174 It was a rough part, all hanging stone, and heather, and bit scrags of birch wood. 1890 *Glouc. Gloss., Scrag*, a crooked, forked branch. 1894 BLACKMORE *Perlycross* xvi, He took the springy spar of ash..and getting a good purchase against a scrag of flint, brought the convexity of his pole to bear on the topmost jag of boulder.

2. Rough, rocky and barren ground.

1858 CARLYLE *Fredk. Gt.* VIII. v. II. 359 Friedrich Wilhelm found it scrag and quagmire; and left it what the Tourist sees. *Ibid.* IX. iii. II. 426 Fields grew green again, desolate scrubs and scrags yielding to grass and corn. *Ibid.* XVIII. x. V. 242 Nypern, with its bogs and scrags.

Scrag (skræg), *v. slang.* [f. SCRAG *sb.*[1]]

1. *trans.* To hang (on the gallows).

1756 TOLDERVY *Hist. 2 Orphans* III. 111 Many an honester man than he..has been scragg'd...Scragg'd, said she, is being hung in chains. 1780 R. TOMLINSON *Slang Pastoral* 10 If he does, he'll to Tyburn..be dragg'd, And what kiddy's so rum as to get himself scragg'd. 1827 LYTTON *Pelham* lxxxiii, If he pikes, we shall all be scragged. 1842 BARHAM *Ingol. Leg.* Ser. II. *Dead Drummer*, So Justice was sure,.. And the Sergeant, in spite of his 'Gammon', got 'scragg'd'.

b. To wring the neck of; also, to garotte.

1823 'JON BEE' *Dict. Turf* 213 Cock-feeders, when they twist the necks of their dungs, call it scraggiag them. 1883 W. E. NORRIS *No New Thing* xxv, 'Confound the fellow!' he exclaimed; 'I wish to heaven his mother had scragged him when he was a baby!' 1886 W. H. MALLOCK *Old Order Changes* I. 290 That I might send some minion to meet him and have him scragged on the road. 1897 *Encycl. Sport* I. 429/2 (Football), *Scrag*, (R.) to screw an opponent's neck under the arm in order to induce him to drop the ball.

2. *Comb.*: **scrag-boy**, the hangman.

17.. in W. *Ireland* 60 *Y'eare Ago* (1847) 88 De scrag-boy may yet be outwitted.

Hence **Scra·gging** *vbl. sb.*; also *attrib.* in *scragging-post*, the gallows; **Scra·gger**, the hangman.

1812 J. H. VAUX *Flash Dict.*, *Scragging-post*, the gallows. 1834 H. AINSWORTH *Rookwood* v. i. 383, I wish I was as certain of my reward, as that Turpin will eventually figure at the scragging post. 1837 DICKENS *Pickwick* x, Never mind George Barnwell,..it's always been my opinion, mind you, that the young 'oomao deserved scragging a precious sight more than he did. 1897 P. WARUNG *Old Regime* 213 We're all a-stuffed in 'ere till the scragger comes along for you fellows.

†**Scragged**, *a.*[1] *Obs.* Also 6 **skragged**. [? Alteration of CRAGGED. Cf. SCRAG *sb.*[2]] Rough and irregular in outline; of ground, rugged and barren. Also *fig.* Cf. CRAGGED *a.*[1]

1519 HORMAN *Vulg.* 177 Beste hylly grounde is nat that: the whiche is hye vpright, and skragged, but that the whiche is ful of wodde, herbes, and grasse. 1541 MILTON *Ch. Govt.* Concl. 53 The universities..fed with nothing but the scragged and thorny lectures of monkish and miserable sophistry. 1692 BENTLEY *Serm.* viii. § 10 (1724) 331 Is there then any physical deformity in the Fabric of a Human Body; because our Imagination can strip it of its Muscles and Skin, and shew us the scragged and knotty Backbone? 1725 [see SCRAG *sb.*[1] 5].

Scragged (skrægd), *a.*[2] Also 6 **skregged**, 7 **scregged**. [f. SCRAG *sb.*[1] + -ED [2].] Scraggy.

a 1591 H. SMITH *Serm.* (1592) 1030 Many of vs..after twenty or thirty yeares feeding, are as skregged and leane as we were before. 1607 T. TWINE *Patt. Paineful Advent.* viii. F, Her bodie of comely stature,..not scregged with leanenesse, nor vndecently corpulent. 1684 tr. *Bonet's Merc. Compit.* III. 100 That Noble Person..scragged, as it seems, of a cold and dry temper..was frequently taken with the Colick. 1702 VANBRUGH *False Friend* I, The Handsome, she's all Divinity..; The scragged lean pale Face, has a shape for Destruction. 1800 MRS. HEAVEY *Mourtray Fam.* II. 45 That man with the scragged neck.

Scraggled (skræ·g'ld), *ppl. a.* [Formed as next + -ED [1].] Drawn with rough and irregular strokes.

1858 *Sat. Rev.* 20 Nov. 507/1 The hazy and lazy impertinence which asked us to accept a blue blot for a man, and a scraggled scratch for a tree.

Scraggling (skræ·g'liŋ), *ppl. a.* [As if f. **scraggle* vb. (f. SCRAG *sb.*[1] and *sb.*[2]) + -ING [2].]

†1. Scraggy, meagre. *Obs. rare* —[1].

1616 T. ADAMS *Sacrif. Thankfulness* 20 The Lords Sacrifice must be fatte and faire; not a leane, scraggling, starued Creature.

2. Straggling, irregular in outline or distribution.

a 1722 LISLE *Husb.* (1752) 79 They, by being weak, were forced to plough the ground scragling. 1766 MRS. S. PENNINGTON *Lett.* III. 169 Where scraggling sloes their ebon branches spread. 1854 MISS A. E. BAKER *Northampt. Gloss.*, *Scraggling*, irregular, scattered. Applied principally to a village where the houses are situated irregularly...Also applied to vegetation that grows wild and disorderly. 1870 HAWTHORNE *Eng. Note-bks.* I. 471 The remains [of Hastings Castle] being somewhat scanty and scraggling.

Scraggly (skræ·gli), *a.* [Formed as prec. + -Y.] Irregular or ragged in growth or form; scraggy.

1879 TOUGEE *Fool's Errand* vii. 26 He had a long scraggly beard. 1892 *Harper's Mag.* Dec. 115/1, I watched her struggling up the..hillside, passing in and out of sight among the scraggly pines.

Comb. 1889 MARY E. WILKINS *Far-away Melody* (1890) 28 The walls..had a scraggly-patterned paper on them.

Scraggy (skræ·gi), *a.*[1] [f. SCRAG *sb.*[1] + -Y.]

1. Of persons, animals, or their limbs: Lean, thin, bony. Chiefly in depreciatory use.

1611 COTGR., *Cadavreux*, .. leane, skraggie, fleshlesse. *Ibid.*, *Rachais*, leane, carrion, scraggie. 1732 ARBUTHNOT *Diet* (1735) 290 A Body hard, dry, scraggy, hairy, warm.. with firm and rigid Muscles [etc.] are Signs of strong, rigid, and elastic Fibres. 1740 RICHARDSON *Pamela* (1824) I. 84 He is a giant of a man for stature;..large-boned and scraggy. 1781 JUSTAMOND *Priv. Life Lewis XV*, II. 133 Her sister, who was thin and scraggy. 1848 THACKERAY *Bk. Snobs* xviii, A bevy of dowagers, stout or scraggy. 1851 MRS. CARLYLE *Lett.* II. 143, I hope the summer will plump out my poor scraggy arms. 1871 L. STEPHEN *Playgr. Eur.* iv. 250 Our party started..in a long procession, mounted on scraggy ponies. 1898 W. WHITE *Jrnls.* 214 There were too many scraggy necks and shoulders.

b. *transf.* and *fig.* Meagre, thin, scanty.

1837 CARLYLE *Misc.* (1857) IV. 64 The scraggiest of prophetic discourses. 1881 *Spectator* 24 Dec. 1654 'Receive me, thy poor Christian..' is very poor and scraggy, when compared to the stately simplicity of..' Recevez-moi ' [etc.]. 1897 GLADSTONE *Let.* 25 June, in *Daily News* 30 June 7/2, I thank you for the Newark paper, a contrast with the scraggy sheet which strove to live there in my time.

2. Of meat: Lean. *Scraggy end* = scrag-end.

1725 *Bradley's Fam. Dict.* s.v. *Broth*, The scraggy End of a Neck of Mutton. 1871 M. COLLINS *Marq. & Merch.* I. ii. 65 He ate..scraggy chops.

Hence **Scra·ggily** *adv.*[1]; **Scra·gginess**[1].

1865 MISS BRADDON *Sir Jasper* i, That general scragginess which distinguishes the arrangements of a gentleman's servants when they are cast upon their own resources. 1867 CARLYLE *Remin.* II. 148, I recollect being thankful (scraggily thankful) for the day of small things. 1869 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 9 Sept. 12 Where..do all the scraggy, had-fleshed beasts come from..and what is the cause of their scragginess?

Scraggy (skræ·gi), *a.*[2] [f. SCRAG *sb.*[2] + -Y. In some applications difficult to distinguish from SCRAGGY *a.*[1]] Rough, irregular or broken in outline or contour; esp. of rocks, rugged; of a stem or branch, knotted, full of projections; of trees, ragged, stunted or scanty in growth.

1574 R. SCOT *Hop Garden* (1578) 35 If your Poales be scraggye, so as you cannot stryp the stalkes from them. 1686 B. RANDOLPH *Pres. St. Morea* 6 The Walls are high, and their Foundatioos on scraggy Rocks. 1708 J. PHILIPS *Cider* I. 8 A scraggy Rock, whose Prominence Half overshades the Ocean. 1796 KIRWAN *Elem. Min.* (ed. 2) II. 276 [Black Cobalt ore] Its surface scraggy and botryoidal. 1815 MME. D'ARBLAY *Diary* (1876) IV. lxvi. 365 The walk was immensely long..through the scraggy and hilly streets. 1858 CARLYLE *Fredk. Gt.* IV. ix. II. 21 There is game abundant in the scraggy woodlands. 1859 R. F. BURTON *Centr. Afr.* in *Jrnl. Geog. Soc.* XXIX. 1 The plateaus produce..bush and scraggy thorn. 1886 RUSKIN *Præterita* I. 396 To use a broken scraggy touch for the tops of mountains.

Hence **Scra·ggily** *adv.*[2]; **Scra·gginess**[2].

1882 BLACKMORE *Christowell* ii, Within a landyard the lane is jumping scraggily, with ribs of solid rock. 1885 *Harper's Mag.* Jan. 274/1 With their scraggy edges looking the very climax of scraggyness.

Scraich, scraigh (skrēχ), *v. Sc.* [Echoic: cf. SCRAUGH, SKREIGH *vbs.*, parallel onomatopœias with different vowels.] *intr.* To utter a harsh cry. So **Scraich, scraigh** *sb.*, a harsh cry. (See *Eng. Dial. Dict.* s.v. *Screigh.*)

1785 BURNS *Ep. to Lapraik* i, While..Paitricks scraichan loud at e'en..Inspire my Muse.

Scraip, obs. Sc. form of SCRAPE *v.*

Scrall, obs. form of SCRAWL, SCROLL.

Scram (skræm), *a. s.w. dial.* Also **skram**. [Cogn. w. SCRAM *v.*] Abnormally small, insignificant-looking, puny. *Scram hand*, a withered hand (Elworthy, *West Som. Gloss.*); hence Comb. *scram-handed* adj.

1825 J. JENNINGS *Dial. W. Eng.* 69 *Skram* adj., awkward; stiff, as if benumbed. *Ibid.*, *Skram-handed* adj., having the fingers or joints of the hand in such a state that it can with difficulty be used; an imperfect hand. 1853 PULMAN *Rustic Sk.* (1871) Gloss., *Scram*, small, puny. 'What a scram cheeld!' 1872 HARDY *Greenwood Tree* v, There's sure to be some poor little scram reason for't. 1891 — *Tess* xxix, I'd ha' knocked him down wi' the rolling-pin—a scram little feller like he!

Scram (skræm), *v. s.w. dial.* Also 9 **scramb, skram**. [var. of SHRAM *v.*; cf. OE. *scrimman* (once; ? str. vb.) to shrivel, shrink.] *pass.* To be paralysed; to be benumbed (with cold). Also *transf.* of a wheel. Hence **Scra·mmed** *ppl. a.*

[*c* 1400 *Beryn* 2381 A Crepill..with hondis al for-skramyd.] 1697 R. PIERCE *Bath Mem.* I. x. 235 He..being..willing to play; but, not having a ready Use of his Lower Parts, could not, but was Scramm'd, drawn up altogether. 1825 J. JENNINGS *Dial. W. Eng.* 69 To *Skram* v. a., to benumb with cold. 1847 HALLIWELL, *Scrambed*, deprived of the use of some limb by a nervous contraction of the muscles. *Somerset.* 1876 HARDY *Ethelberta* xlii, On a frosty winter night he'll keep me there..till my arms be scrammed for want of motion. 1894 BEATRICE WHITBY *Mary Fenwick's Dau.* III. iii. 63 When the engine stops, her wheels get clogged up, and scrambed [with snow].

Scramasax (skræ·măsæks). *Antiq.* Also **-saxe**, and in L. form **-saxus**. [a. OFrankish **scrâmasahs* (latinized: 'cum cultris validis, quos vulgus *scramasaxos* vocant', Gregory of Tours, 6th c.), f. **scrâmo* of uncertain meaning + *sahs*: see SAX.] A large knife used by the Franks in hunting and in war; identified by antiquaries with a particular type of weapon found in Teutonic burial-mounds.

1862 *Proc. Soc. Antig.* 4 Dec. 163 One of these weapons was the scramasaxus, or knife-shaped sword of the Anglo-Saxons, with one edge. *Ibid.*, Index, Scramasax from Little Hampton. 1870 BLACK tr. *Demmin's Weapons of War* 35 The long dagger or cutlass about twenty inches in length, called a scramasaxe.

Scramble (skræ·mb'l), *sb.* [f. SCRAMBLE *v.*]

1. A struggle with others for something or a share of something; hence, an indecorous struggle, a confused or disorderly proceeding.

1674 *Essex Papers* (1892) I. 201 The Truth is, y^e^ Lands of Ireland have bin a meer scramble, & y^e^ least done by way of orderly distribution of them as perhaps hath ever been known. 1687 WOOD *Life* 5 Sept. (O. H. S.) III. 237 His majesty..seeing the people begin to scramble after the victualls..he stood still to see the beginning of the scramble. 1692 R. L'ESTRANGE *Fables* I. cccLxv. 347 Somebody threw a Handful of Apples among them, that set them presently together by the Ears upon the Scramble. 1745 in *Priv. Lett. Ld. Malmesbury* (1870) I. 21 He declined making purchases in land, that by leaving what he had in money, the scramble might be made the easier among those that came after him. 1788 A. FALCONBRIDGE *Acc. Slave Trade* 33 Sometimes the mode of disposal [of slaves] is that of selling them by what is termed a scramble...The negroes were..placed together in a large yard,..the doors of the yard were suddenly thrown open, and in rushed a considerable number of purchasers.. [who] seized such of the negroes as they could..lay hold of. 1839 CARLYLE *Chartism* iii. (1858) 12 The arrangements of good and ill success in this perplexed scramble of a world. 1839 DK. WELLINGTON *Let.* 12 Nov. in *Croker Papers* (1884), It is probable that Lord Melbourne's Government..will.. give us a better chance of tranquility than a Government formed by a scramble of Tories! 1860 MISS YONGE *Stokesby Secr.* ii. (1880) 191 Lessons were always rather a scramble. 1870 LOWELL *Among my Bks.* Ser. II. (1873) 107 That scramble after undefined and indefinable rights which ends always in despotism. 1907 LD. CURZON *Frontiers* 8 But the scramble for new lands..will become less acute as there is less territory to be absorbed.

2. An act of scrambling or struggling progression; a scrambling journey.

1755 JOHNSON, *Scramble...2.* Act of climbing by the help of the hands. 1851 MAYNE REID *Scalp Hunt.* xli, A scramble of five miles brought us to the eastern end of the valley. 1865 G. MACDONALD *Alec. Forbes* viii, The rats made one frantic scramble and were still. 1873 HALE *In His Name* i, Félicie liked nothing better than a brisk scramble to the top.

Scramble (skræ·mb'l), *v.* [Of obscure origin; first recorded late in the 16th c. Cf. dial. *scramb*, *scrame* 'to pull or take together with the hands' (Hutton *Tour to Caves*, ed. 2, 1781), also SCRAWM, SCAMBLE, and CRAMBLE *vbs.*]

1. *intr.* To raise oneself to an erect posture, to get through or into a place or position, by the struggling use of the hands and feet; hence, to make one's way by clambering, crawling, jumping, etc. over difficult ground or through obstructions. Cf. SCAMBLE *v.* 4.

a 1586 SIDNEY *Arcadia* II. (Sommer) 221 The cowardly

wretch fell down, crying for succour, & (scrambling through the legs of them that were about him) gat to the throne. *Ibid.* III. 320 But Amphialus scrambled vp againe. 1614 J. TAYLOR (Water P.) *Water-worke* Ded., But if you will not assist me, I will attend the next hightide, & scramble vp into Pauls Church-yard. 1619 FLETCHER *M. Thomas* I. iii, *Dor.*..I know she loves him. *Alice.* Yes, and will not lose him, Unless he leap into the Moon,..And then she'l scramble too. 1622 MABBE tr. *Aleman's Guzman d'Alf.* I. 132 My Master & my Mistrisse..scrambled (as well as they could) to bed [after a drinking-bout]. 1687 A. LOVELL tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* II. 67 We..then scrambled up a very high and steep hill. 1740 CIBBER *Apol.* (1756) I. 52 In this alarm our troops scrambled to arms. 1772 PENNANT *Tours in Scot.* (1774) 339 The height was taken by a little boy, who scrambled to the top. 1837 W. IRVING *Capt. Bonneville* II. 117 Sometimes they scrambled from rock to rock, up the bed of some mountain stream. 1842 TENNYSON *St. Simeon* 181, I hardly, with slow steps,..and much exceeding pain, Have scrambled past those pits of fire. 1855 BROWNING *Fra Lippo* 65 There was a ladder! Down I let myself, Hands and feet, scrambling somehow. 1877 OWEN *Desp. Wellington* p. xxvi, Lake's..over-confident attempts to scramble into Bhurtpore without proper appliances.

b. *transf.* and *fig.*

1670 G. H. *Hist. Cardinals* II. III. 180 Girolamo Farnese.. has made a shift, without any Foreign assistance, to scramble into several Honours. 1785 COWPER *Tiroc.* 125 Lisping our syllables, we scramble next, Through moral narrative, or sacred text. 1863 COWDEN CLARKE *Shaks. Char.* xvi. 411 He is a fellow who will scramble through the world with a light heart. 1879 MISS BRADDON *Vixen* i, He had only time to scramble through a hurried toilet. 1900 ELINOR GLYN *Vis. Elizabeth* (1906) 93, I had not even scrambled into my clothes when the clock struck five.

quasi-*refl.* (with *complement*). 1815 JANE AUSTEN *Emma* iii, A..boarding-school,..where girls might be sent to be out of the way, and scramble themselves into a little education.

c. *trans.* To collect or gather *up* hastily or in disorder; also, to cause (a crowd) to move in hurried confusion.

1822 M. A. KELTY *Osmond* I. 214 She had scrambled the boy's nine-pins into a bag. 1833 T. HOOK *Love & Pride* xi, He hastily scrambled up the papers. 1853 LYTTON *My Novel* VIII. v, Juliet, scrambling up her hair, darted into the house. 1859 SALA *Gaslight & D.* xxix. 339 These poor wretches have been scrambling and scraping their passage-money together for months. 1898 *Westm. Gaz.* 9 Nov. 7/1 There is no earthly reason for rushing and scrambling the crowds into tight-fitting places.

2. *intr.* To strive or struggle with others for mastery; to contend with a crowd for a share of food, coin, wealth, etc. Cf. SCAMBLE *v.* 1.

c 1590 A. GORGES *Let. to R. Cecil* in P. F. Tytler *Life Raleigh* (1833) 132 At the first I was ready to break with laughing to see them two scramble and brawl like madmen. 1603 KNOLLES *Hist. Turks* (1621) 1289 Many of them, in scrambling for the money that was cast abroad,..having their hands and fingers cut off. 1637 MILTON *Lycidas* 116 Of other care they little reck'ning make, Then how to scramble at the shearers feast, And shove away the worthy bidden guest. 1692 RAY *Creation* II. (ed. 2) 56 Had we wanted this Member [*sc.* the hand] in our Bodies, we must have lived.. without any Artificial..Meats; but must have scrambled with the wild Beasts for Crabs and Nuts. 1696 BROOKHOUSE *Temple Opened* 33 The Servants of God were not left to scramble for their Livings. 1722 WOLLASTON *Relig. Nat.* ix. 205 When we are got out [into the world], and left to scramble for ourselves, how many hardships and tricks are put upon us. 1790 BURKE *Fr. Rev.* Wks. 1808 V. 77 Which exposed their sure inheritance to be scrambled for and torn to pieces by every wild litigious spirit. 1848 W. H. KELLY tr. *L. Blanc's Hist. Ten Y.* II. 549 Princes..were seen scrambling for lucre with footmen and prostitutes. 1862 LADY DUFF-GORDON in F. Galton *Vac. Tourists* (1864) 163 He..amused himself by making the little blackies scramble for halfpence in the pools left in the bed of the river.

b. *trans.* To contend or struggle with others for (a share of something distributed); hence, to seize rapaciously or unscrupulously.

1647 R. STAPYLTON *Juvenal* 5 A little basket now before the doore They set forth, to be scrambled by the poore. 1654 H. L'ESTRANGE *Chas. I* (1655) 126 His [the king's] revocation..of such things as had been depredated and scrambled away from the Crown in his Father's minority. 1656 OSBORN *Adv. Son* 27 The meanest; who have the impudence to scramble up any thing that suits to their advantage.

c. To scatter (money, etc.) to be scrambled for.

1851 MAYHEW *Lond. Labour* II. 563/2 And then they scrambles money between us. 1875 *New Q. Rev.* Oct. 202 A fairy princess,..who scrambles the diamonds to the crowd.

3. To cook (eggs) in the manner called 'scrambled'.

1864 in WEBSTER. 1903 *Munsey's Mag.* XXIX. 247 She scrambled eggs and bacon, and ate them.

Scrambled (skræ·mb'ld), *ppl. a.* [f. SCRAMBLE *v.* + -ED 1.] In the senses of the verb.

1609 ARMIN *Maid of More-Cl.* G j b, Ha, what scrambled ends heape vp confusedly? 1873 BLACK *Pr. Thule* xviii, The scrambled dinners in the small cabin.

b. *Scrambled eggs*, a dish of eggs broken into the pan and fried with milk, butter, salt, and pepper. Cf. SCRABBED *ppl. a.*

1864 SALA in *Daily Tel.* 9 Feb., 'Here you,' he cried.. 'bring me..some scrambled eggs'. 1897 M. L. HUGHES *Mediterr. Fever* v. 192 In the later stages eggs lightly poached or scrambled may safely be used.

Scra·mblement. *nonce-wd.* [f. SCRAMBLE *v.* + -MENT.] The action or an act of scrambling.

1747 MRS. DELANY *Life & Corr.* (1861) II. 481 After the dinner is over the common people are let in to carry off all that remains..; you may imagine what a notable scramblement it occasions.

Scrambler (skræ·mblə). [f. SCRAMBLE *v.* + -ER 1.] One who scrambles. (Cf. SCAMBLER.)

1687 WOOD *Life* 5 Sept. (O.H.S.) III. 237 Dr. Derham.. was here noted for a scrambler, being in his scarlet, so notorious that they flung things in his face. 1716 ADDISON *Freeholder* No. 40 P 1 All the little scramblers after fame fall upon him, publish every blot in his life [etc.]. 1806 W. TAYLOR in *Ann. Rev.* IV. 251 Nature..proportions the multiplication of the people to their comforts, and thus provides an everlasting supply of scramblers for subsistence. 1861 *Sat. Rev.* 7 Sept. 236 A scramble for sovereigns..would be sure to attract plenty of scramblers. 1871 L. STEPHEN *Playgr. Eur.* xiii. (1894) 337 The mountaineer..is not a mere scrambler.

Scrambling (skræ·mblin), *vbl. sb.* [-ING 1.] The action of the vb. SCRAMBLE; an instance of this.

1598 CHAPMAN *Achilles Shield* Ded., His [Virgil's] skirmishes are but meere scramblings of boyes to Homers. 1641 MILTON *Ch. Discipl.* I. 9 The Bishops, when they see him tottering, will leave him, and fall to scrambling, catch who may, hee a Patriarch-dome, and another what comes next hand. 1792 BARLOW *Constit. of* 1791, 13 Money..creates a perpetual scrambling for power. 1819 BYRON *Juan* II. cvii, At last, with swimming, wading, scrambling, he Roll'd on the beach, half senseless. 1888 GARNETT *Emerson* ii. 86 An age was impending of selfish scrambling and shameless manœuvring. 1908 M. M. HARPER *Rambles in Galloway* vii. 109 We were amply repaid for all our scramblings and genuflexions by the extent and beauty of the prospect.

b. *attrib.*, as *scrambling-ground, -place.*

1878 E. JENKINS *Haverholme* 49 He..protested against making the House of Commons a mere scrambling place for office. 1884 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 2 Feb. 1/1 The Soudan flung away to be the scrambling-ground of the piratical adventurers of the world.

Scrambling (skræ·mblin), *ppl. a.* [f. SCRAMBLE *v.* + -ING 2. Cf. SCAMBLING *ppl. a.*]

1. Of persons: That scramble or contend one with another. Also applied to a meal at which the partakers help themselves to what they can get.

1607 BEAUMONT *Woman Hater* III. iv, Farewell my fellow Courtiers all, with whome, I haue of yore made many a scrambling meale In corners, behind Arasses, on staires. 1697 DRYDEN *Virg. Past.* VIII. 42 Scatter thy Nuts among the scrambling Boys. 1831 JANE PORTER *Sir E. Seaward's Narr.* III. 17 We enjoyed our scrambling meal infinitely more than we did our dinner yesterday. 1834 HT. MARTINEAU *Moral* II. 52 To be divided..among a scrambling multitude.

2. Irregular or rambling in form or habit. Of a plant: Of straggling or rambling growth.

1688 HOLME *Armoury* II. 86/2 Scrambling Trees are such as grow confusedly wide and spreading, and will not be kept in order. 1826 SCOTT *Woodstock* xxi, A huge old scrambling bed-room. 1830 LINDLEY *Nat. Syst. Bot.* 46 Shrubs, having sometimes a scrambling habit. 1851 *Florist* 228 Scrambling Roses, to be pegged down during their season of growth, do not make the kind of effect in beds that one could wish. 1863 PRIOR *Plant-n.* 200 Scrambling Rocket.

b. Of a person: Shambling, uncouth.

1765 COWPER *Lett.* 14 Sept., I am upon good terms with.. five families, besides two or three odd scrambling fellows like myself. 1821 SCOTT *Kenilw.* x, What should such an ill-favoured, scrambling urchin do at court?

3. Irregular, unmethodical.

1778 PR. FREDERICK in *Buccleuch MSS.* (Hist. MSS. Comm.) I. 417 There had been a scrambling fight between Admiral Biron and Monsieur Destin. 1780 *Newgate Cal.* V. 196 The ceremony was a business of so scrambling and shabby a nature, that she could as safely swear she was *not*, as that she *was* married. 1795 NELSON 29 July in Nicolas *Disp.* (1845) II. 64 The scrambling distant fire was a farce. 1829 CARLYLE *Misc.* (1857) II. 45 Their too purblind, scrambling controversies. 1878 STUBBS *Mediæval & Mod. Hist.* vii. 137 Peter [of Blois] seems to have led a scrambling sort of literary existence. 1893 G. TREGARTHEN *Austral. Commw.* 244 The scrambling, and inefficient administration of the law.

Hence **Scra·mblingly** *adv.*

1653 BLITHE *Eng. Improv. Impr.* (ed. 3) To Husbandman, Half or one third part of so much land as many of you Till, shall..yeeld you as much corn as all that great quantity scramblingly husbanded.

Scran (skræn), *sb. slang* and *dial.* Also **skran.** [Of obscure origin; the coincidence with mod. Icel. *skran* rubbish, odds and ends (Björn Haldorson, 18th c.) is prob. accidental.]

†1. (See quot. 1725.) *Obs.*

1724 in *Bacchus & Venus, Collect. Canting Songs* (1737) N2, E'er for the Scran he had tipt the Cole. 1725 *New Cant. Dict., Scran*, a Reckoning at a Boozing-ken.

2. a. A collection of eatables; provisions for a slight repast or picnic; a portion of food carried by a labourer into the field for a meal. *Cold scran*, cold refreshment. b. Broken victuals; rarely, scraps of butchers' meat.

1808 JAMIESON s.v. *Skran*, 1. *Fine skran*, a phrase used by young people when they meet with any thing, especially what is edible, which they consider as a valuable acquisition, S. 2. The offals or refuse of human food, thrown to dogs, Loth. 1826–30 T. WILSON *Pitman's Pay* I. lxxxi. (1843) 14 Se weel she ettles what aw get..That nyen can say we.. want for owther claes or scran. 1851 MAYHEW *Lond. Labour* I. 418 Most of the lodging-house keepers buy the 'scran' (broken victuals) of the cadgers. 1857 'DUCANGE ANGLICUS' *Vulgar Tongue, Scran*, food. Thieves. 1859 *Hotten's Slang Dict., Scran*, pieces of meat, broken victuals. 1887 *Kent Gloss., Scran*, a snack of food; the refreshment that labourers take with them into the fields. *a* 1892 MILLIKEN *'Arry Ballads* 3 But to cart you off suddent to Chawbacon-shire and cold scran...I call it 'ard lines.

3. Phrase. *Bad scran to —!* = 'bad luck to'. Chiefly *Anglo-Irish.*

1841 LEVER *Charles O'Malley* lxxxv, Bad scram [*sic*] to me if I wouldn't marry you out of a face this blessed morning just as soon as I'd look at ye. 1867 KENNEDY *Banks Boro* xxv. 190 But bad scran to the note they'd give me back.

4. (From the verb.) The action of collecting broken victuals.

1864 *Hotten's Slang Dict.* (1865) s.v. *Scran*, Scranning or 'out on the scran', begging for broken victuals.

5. *Comb.*: **scran bag,** (*a*) a cadger's receptacle for broken victuals; (*b*) a soldier's haversack; (*c*) a receptacle for impounded articles negligently left lying about the deck by sailors; hence **scran-bag** *v.*, to impound (such articles); **scran-pock** *Sc.* (see quot.); **scran wallet** *Sc.* = *scran-bag* (a).

1855 [BURN] *Autobiog. Beggar-boy* 17 Your professional pickpocket looks down with contempt upon a knight of the *scranbag. 1864 *Hotten's Slang Dict.* 222 *Scran bag*, a soldier's Haversack. 1898 *Tit-Bits* 26 Mar. 493/3 The 'scran-bag' as the sailors term it, is the receptacle for all loose articles of clothing, &c., which are left about the ship by the men. 1903 L. YEXLEY in G. T. Wilson *Log of H.M.S. Phaeton* p. i, The Scran Bag. 1899 F. T. BULLEN *Way Navy* 20 We came to the cells, and, lo! the only prisoner was a 'bike', '*scran-bagged' and awaiting ransom by its owner. 1825 JAMIESON Suppl., **Skran-pock.* 1. A beggar's wallet..Loth. 2. A bag meant for receiving the spoil or plunder of the dead who may have fallen in battle, when it is gathered by the women who follow the army. S.O. The term was thus explained, at the time of the trial of the Radicals at Falkirk, A. 1819. 1861 QUINN *Heather Lintie* (1863) 192 Regardless o' '*scran-wallat' watchers, Or vile nefarious beggar catchers.

Scran (skræn), *v.* [f. SCRAN *sb.*]

1. *slang.* a. *trans.* To provide with 'scran' or food. b. *intr.* To collect scran or broken victuals.

c 1742 in Hone *Every-day Bk.* (1827) II. 527 Tickets to be had for three Megs a Carcass to scran their Pannum-Boxes. 1839 in 'Ducange Anglicus' *Vulgar Tongue* (1857) 33 *Scrauning*, begging. [Peculiar to the Scotch.] 1859 *Hotten's Slang Dict., Scranning*, begging for broken victuals.

2. *Sc. trans.* and *intr.* (See quots.)

1825 JAMIESON, Suppl., To *Skran*, to make a promiscuous collection of things in whatever way, either by fair or by foul means, Edin. 1867 W. GREGOR *Banffsh. Gloss., Skran*, to gain; to gather; to catch; as, 'Fin we're at the Heilan fishan, we're eye skrannin' something'.

Scranch (skrɒnʃ), *sb. dial.* [f. SCRANCH *v.*] A 'scranching' noise or sound.

1881 T. E. BROWN *Fo'c's'le Yarns* 188 It [*sc.* the storm] come With a rip and a roar,..Rip-rip-rip—you know the scranch of it.

Scranch (skrɒnʃ), *v. Obs.* exc. *dial.* Also **scraunch.** [App. an onomatopœic formation, related to CRANCH *v.* (which is slightly later in our quots.); cf. *crunch, scrunch* vbs., and SCR- 2.

Mod.Du. and LG. have a vb. of similar form and sense: *schransen* to eat heartily, in 16th c. (Kilian) *schrantsen*, 'mandere, dentibus frangere', W. Flem. *tchranzen* to crunch, chew noisily.]

1. *trans.* = CBUNCH *v.* 1.

1620 SHELTON *Quixote* II. xiii. 78 Sancho fell to, without inuitation, and champed his bits in the darke, as if he had scraunched knotted cordes. 1658 ROWLAND *Mouffet's Theat. Ins.* 983 Locusts..have teeth..with which they easily eat ears of corn, and scranch them with a great noise. 1672 MARVELL *Reh. Transp.* I. 84 [He] epicurizes upon burning Coals, drinks healths in scalding Brimstone, scraunches the Glasses for his Desart. 1706 PHILLIPS (ed. Kersey), To *Scranch*, to crunch, crack, or break any hard thing between the Teeth. 1707 *Curios. in Husb. & Gard.* 72 We see the Swine scranching the Acorns. 1712 STEELE *Spect.* No. 431 P 3, I then took a strange Hankering to Coals; I fell to scranching 'em. 1755 JOHNSON, To *Scranch*, To grind somewhat crackling between the teeth. The Scots retain it. 1785 [R. GRAVES] *Eugenius* I. vi. 35 Flora..scranching her apple. 1823 MOOR *Suffolk Words, Skranch*, the act of chewing or munching any thing that sounds short under the tooth, green apples, raw carrots, hard biscuits, &c. 'How 'a dew skransh em'. 1894 *Northumb. Gloss., Scranch, scrunch*, to grind with a crackling noise between the teeth.

2. = CRUNCH *v.* 2.

1845 JUDD *Margaret* I. xvii. (1874) 158 A troop of boys and girls..were coming up the hill, goring and scranching the crust [of the snow] with their iron corks. 1853 G. J. CAYLEY *Las Alforjas* I. 261 [It] broke, being scranched in my pocket, when I fell off pony-back.

Hence **Scra·nching** *vbl. sb.* and *ppl. a.*

1846 W. SANDYS [Jan Treenoodle] *Spec. Cornish Dial.* 38 (E.D.D.) Apples ripe for scranching. 1854 MISS A. E. BAKER *Northampt. Gloss.* s.v. *Scraunch*, A bow drawn in, an awkward, unskilful manner across a violin makes a scraunching noise.

Scranky (skræ·ŋki), *a. Sc.* and *north.* Also **sk-.** [Cf. Norw. *skrank* lean, large-boned figure (Ross); ? cogn. w. SHRINK *v.*] Lean, slender, scraggy.

17.. RAMSAY *Addr. Thanks* xiv, Ye lads of little rent, Wha..did lament Your purses being skranky. 1826 J. WILSON *Noct. Ambr.* Wks. 1855 I. 289 The skranky ancle bespeaks skranky neck and bosom. 1835 M. SCOTT *Cruise Midge* xiv, It was a desolate-looking place..lumbered..with several skranky leathern-backed Spanish chairs. 1882 J. WALKER *Sc. Poems* 114 Poor devils, scranky as the kitchen tongs.

Scrannel (skræ·nĕl), *a.* [Cf. Norw. *skran* lean, shrivelled.] Thin, meagre. Now chiefly as a reminiscence of Milton's use, usually with the sense: Harsh, unmelodious.

1637 MILTON *Lycidas* 124 Their lean and flashy songs Grate on their scrannel Pipes of wretched straw. 1667 H. MORE *Div. Dial.* II. xviii. (1713) 145 As lank and scrannel as a Calf that sucks his Dam through an hurdle. 1788 ANNA SEWARD *Lett.* (1811) II. 92 His voice has a scrannel tone. 1858 G. MACDONALD *Phantastes* xvii. 209 Voices like those of children in volume, but scrannel and harsh as those of decrepit age. 1862 SMILES *Engineers* III. 20 Time..which he spent in birdsnesting, making whistles out of reeds and scrannel straws [etc.]. 1868 BROWNING *Ring & Bk.* VI. 1000 Now from the stone lungs sighed the scrannel voice. 1889 *Antiquary* Nov. 196 It would have..made the scrannel list of honest men show thinner still in history. 1908 DOBSON *De Libris* 191 In this cash-cradled Age, We grate our scrannel Musick.

b. *Comb.*: scrannel-piping, the use of a 'scrannel pipe'.

1831 Carlyle *Sartor Res.* III. x. A kind of infinite, unsufferable, Jew's-harping and scrannel-piping.

Scranny (skræ·ni), *a.*[1] Chiefly *dial.* [Cf. Scrannel.] Lean, thin. Of diet: Poor, meagre.

1820 Clare *Rural Life* (ed. 2) 89 Want! thy confinement makes me scranny. 1820 Shelley *Œd. Tyr.* I. 268 *Rat*... Creeping thro' crevice, and chink, and cranny, With my snaky tail, and my sides so scranny. 1867 E. Waugh *Owd Blanket* iii. 71 Hard wark..an' poor scranny livin'.

Scranny (skræ·ni), *a.*[2] *dial.* Crazy, wild, 'silly'.

1858 Bailey *Age* 178 The people must go scranny once a year. 1862 J. C. Jeaffreson *Bk. Doctors* xxiii. 259 His niece's scranny lover. 1886 *S. W. Linc. Gloss.* s.v., Oh, dear! I'm well nigh scranny. The bairns are fit to drive one scranny.

Scrap (skræp), *sb.*[1] Forms: 4–7 scrappe, 8 *Sc.* scrape, 6– scrap. [a. ON. *skrap* scraps, trifles (Sw. *skrap*, Da. *skrab*), f. root of *skrapa* Scrape *v.*]

1. *pl.* The remains of a meal; fragments (of food); broken meat. *rare* in *sing.* Also *fig.*

1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) I. 15 3if I myȝt gadre somwhat of þe crommes þat falleþ of lordes bordes... And also 3if I myȝt gadre eny scrappes of þe releef of þe twelf cupes. 1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 151, I shall in generall, gather certayne scrappes & crommes that holy doctours hath left behynde them in wrytynge. *c* 1550 Cheke *Matt.* xv. 27 For yᵉ whelpes eat of yᵉ scrappes yᵗ fal from yeer Mʳˢ table. 1588 Shaks. *L. L. L.* v. i. 40 They haue beene at a great feast of Languages, and stolne the scraps. 1610 Rowlands *Martin Mark-all* E 3, *The muggill will tip you fat scraps and glorious bits*, the Beadle will well bumbast you. 1612 Bacon *Ess., Of Judicature* (Arb.) 456 Those that ingage Courts in quarrels of Iurisdiction,..for their own scrappes and aduantage. 1621 Burton *Anat. Mel.* I. ii. iv. vi. 207 He drinks water, and liue's of wort leaues, pulse, like a hog, or scraps like a dog. 1690 Locke *Hum. Und.* Ep. to Rdr., He who has raised himself above the alms-basket, and not content to live lazily on scraps of begged opinions, sets his own thoughts on work to find and follow truth. 1718 Pope *Odyss.* XVII. 259 'Twas but for scraps he ask'd. 1768–74 Tucker *Lt. Nat.* I. 239 Feeding them only with delusive expectations and stale scraps of enjoyment. 1810 Crabbe *Borough* xiii. Wks. 1834 III. 221 Scraping they lived but not a scrap they gave. 1856 Macaulay *Johnson* Misc. Writ. 1860 II. 274 He appeased the rage of hunger with some scraps of broken meat. 1859 Geo. Eliot *Adam Bede* xxi, He brought out of the pantry a dish of scraps [for a dog].

2. A remnant; a small detached piece; a piece very small by comparison with the whole; a fragmentary portion. Often with negative context = (not) the least piece. a. Of material things.

1583 Stubbes *Anat. Abus.* II. 39 Neuer so little scraps or shreds or sbort ends of lace. 1682 Bunyan *Holy War* (1905) 261 If Mansoul come to be mine, I shall not..consent that there should be the least scrap, shred, or dust of Diabolus left behind. 1726 Swift *Gulliver* III. ii, Like the scraps of paper fastened by school-boys at the end of the string that holds their kite. 1761 Gray *Let. J. Brown* 24 Sept., Then I got a scrap of supper, and..walked home. 1819 Scott *Ivanhoe* xxxvi, As she passed through the crowd,..a scrap of paper was thrust into her hand. 1837 Ht. Martineau *Soc. Amer.* II. 27 Not a scrap of meat, or an ounce of biscuit, was left on board. 1878 Black *Green Past.* xxix, Without a scrap of jewellery either round her neck or on her hands.

b. Of immaterial things, conversation, literary compositions, etc.

1607 Marston *What you will* II. i, A horse, a horse, my kingdom for a horse, Looke the I speake play scrappes. 1693 Locke *Educ.* § 166. 209 Languages are to be learn'd only by reading, and talking, and not by scraps of Authors got by Heart. 1700 Congreve *Way of World* I. v, He is a Fool with a good Memory, and some few Scraps of other Folks Wit. 1711 Steele *Spect.* No. 96 ₱ 2, I..was forced to get what Scraps of Learning I could by my own Industry. 1728 Woodrow *Corr.* (1843) III. 359 My Lord Grange took up the debate,..in a very distinct discourse, which I cannot pretend to resume; it's but scrapes I can give. 1767 Wesley *Jrnl.* 17 July, In my scraps of time..I read over that.. poem. 1847 Tennyson *Princess* II. 353 Follow'd then A classic lecture,..With scraps of thundrous Epic lilted out By violet-hooded Doctors. 1868 Freeman *Norm. Conq.* II. App. 613 There is not a scrap of evidence in support of it. 1879 McCarthy *Own Times* II. xxix. 400 He could turn to account every scrap of knowledge..which he happened to possess. 1888 Bugon 12 *Gd. Men* I. i. 22 The following note..is almost the only scrap of his early private correspondence which has reached me.

c. A small picture, cutting, etc. to be put in a Scrap-book or used for ornamenting a screen, box, or the like.

1880 *N. & Q.* Ser. VI. II. 212/1 Having mounted many scraps of many kinds, including photos, I have found nothing so good as a..solution of gum arabic.

3. *pl.* a. The pieces of blubber, fish, etc. remaining after the oil has been extracted. Also *collect. sing.* b. (See quot. 1823.) *dial.*

Cf. the synonymous Crap *sb.*[1] 3.

1631 E. Pelham *Gods Power* 22 The Frittars or Graves of the Whale. *marg. note.* These be the Scraps of the Fat of the Whale, which are flung away after the Oyle is gotten out of it. 1823 Moor *Suffolk Words, Scraps*,..the small pieces of fat pork remaining after the operation of boiling for the purpose of extracting the lard. 1839 T. Beale *Sperm Whale* 187 The crisp membranous parts after the oil is extracted, and which are called by whalers 'scraps', serving for fuel. 1878 L. Maddocka *Menhaden Fish. Maine* 32 The article bears the same name when bought and sold as material for the superphosphate manufacturers, being called *green* or *dry* scrap, according to the moisture contained. 1879 G. B. Goode *Catal. Anim. Resources U.S.* 187 Oil-factory scraps. Fish-scraps. 1898 F. T. Bullen *Cruise Cachalot* iii. (1900) 18 The fires were fed with 'scrap'.

4. *Founding.* a. *pl.* Remnants of metal produced in cutting up or casting. b. = Scrap-iron.

a. 1790 Keir in *Phil. Trans.* LXXX. 367 In cutting out the rolled plated metal into pieces of the required forms and sizes, there are many shreds, or scraps as they are called, unfit for any purpose but the recovery of the metals by separating them from each other. 1891 *Labour Commission Gloss.* s.v., When the bottom of a puddling furnace requires renewing, malleable scrap-iron is put in and burned up till the bottom is covered with a coating of silica. This operation is termed 'putting scraps on'.

b. 1846 Greener *Gun* 136 'Twopenny' or 'Wednesbury skelp'..is made of an inferior scrap. 1890 W. J. Gordon *Foundry* 109 The pigs are to farm the bath in which wrought iron and steel scrap is to be melted.

5. *attrib.* quasi-*adj.* Consisting of scraps.

1815 *Gentl. Mag.* LXXXV. II. 540/1 The scrap-knowledge of musick is immethodically made up of second-hand quotations. 1890 W. J. Gordon *Foundry* 14 Nine tons and more of mild scrap steel. 1902 *Daily Chron.* 4 Jan. 6/6 While two women..were digging for scrap coal into a disused railway embankment.

6. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *scrap gatherer*; **scrap-box**, a receptacle for scrap-iron; **scrap-cake**, (*a*) *dial.* (see quot. 1877); (*b*) the solidified residuum of tried-out fat; (*c*) refuse of fish, etc.; **scrap dinner**, a makeshift dinner; **scrap-furnace**, one for melting scrap-iron; **scrap-hopper**, a trough used in trying out blubber; **scrap-monger**, one who deals in (literary) scraps; **scrap-pie**, a pie consisting of scraps or remains of meals; **scrap pudding** (see quot.). Also Scrap-book, -heap, -iron.

1858 Greener *Gunnery* 15 If they could return and see their handiwork consigned to the *scrap-box as old iron. 1877 *Holderness Gloss.*, **Scrap-keeaks*, cakes made of dough mixed with scraps of fat or dripping. 1879 *U.S. Comm. Fish & Fisheries* V. 174 This cheese or scrap-cake is ground to different degrees of fineness. 1776 in *Archives of Maryland* XI. 96 Will it be agreeable to the Governor and yourself to take a *Scrap Dinner with me tomorrow. 1824 Miss Mitford *Village* Ser. I. 182 Mr. Sidney always came unseasonably... So sure as we had a scrap dinner, so sure came he. 1861 Fairbairn *Iron* 89 Balling and *scrap furnaces. 1586 T. B. *La Primaud. Fr. Acad.* I. 136 Parasites and *scrap-gatherers at free-cost feasts. 1879 G. B. Goode *Catal. Anim. Resources U.S.* 175 *Scrap-hopper. 1786 Wolcot (P. Pindar) *Ep. Boswell* 23 Thou, curious *scrapmonger, shalt live in song When Death hath still'd the rattle of thy tongue. 1829 Caroline Bowles (Mrs. Southey) *Chapters on Churchyards* II. i. 23 Just as the 'young gentlemen' had risen from their Saturday's commons of *scrap-pie and stick-jaw. 1876 J. Payn *Halves* xii, 'Scrap pie' and unattractive cutlets. 1886 *W. Somerset Word-bk.*, **Scrap pudding*, a pudding made by mixing flour with the small pieces of meat left after the fat of a pig has been melted down to lard.

Scrap (skræp), *sb.*[2] *slang.* Also 8–9 scrapp. †1. (See quots. 1725, 1809) *Obs.*

1679–80 C. Hatton in *H. Corr.* (Camden) 217 The factious personns of his gange,..now mightily commiserat him, as if his accusation wase only to carry on yᵉ pretended Presbiterian plot; for in truth they are in great feare Sʳ Robᵗ. Payton shou'd bring them into yᵉ scrappe. 1725 *New Cant. Dict.*, *Scrap*, a Design, a purpos'd Villainy, a vile Intention; also a perpetrated Roguery: *He whiddles the whole Scrap*; He discovers all he knows. 1809 G. Andrewes *Dict. Slang, Scrapp*, a villainous scheme.

2. A struggle, scrimmage, tussle; a boxing-match.

1874 [see Scrap *v.*[1]]. 1885 G. Dolav *Dickens* iv. 102 Papers, which he threw carelessly amongst a group of passengers to be scrambled for—producing an effect more resembling a 'scrap' in a game of football than the action of a lot of sober citizens. 1905 *Century Mag.* Aug. 485/1 A suggestion to match the two coxswains..for a 'feather-weight scrap'.

Scrap (skræp), *v.*[1] *dial.* [var. of Scrab *v.*] *intr.* (See quot. 1895.)

c 1475 *Cath. Angl.* 324/2 (MS. Addit.), To Scrappe as a hen dose, *ruspare*. 1895 *E. Angl. Gloss.*, *Scrap*, to scratch in the earth; as a dog or other animal having that propensity.

Scrap (skræp), *v.*[2] *slang.* [f. Scrap *sb.*[2]] a. *intr.* To fight, box. Also, to scrimmage.

1874 *Hotten's Slang Dict.* 280 *Scrap*, to fight. Also used as a substantive. 1891 *Anthony's Photogr. Bull.* IV. 137 Look..at the football picture opposite; note the two quarter backs scrapping with each other in friendly combat.

b. *trans.* To box with (an opponent).

1893 P. H. Emerson *Signor Lippo* xvii. 83, I could put up my dooks, so I was backed to scrap a cove bigger nor me.

Scrap (skræp), *v.*[3] [f. Scrap *sb.*[1]]

1. *trans.* To break up into scrap-iron (machinery or ironwork which has become worn out or superseded); to consign to the scrap-heap. Also *fig.*

1902 *Daily Chron.* 27 Oct. 8/4 The Americans would 'scrap' it [*sc.* a machine] at once if they discovered that something better had got on the market. 1904 G. B. Shaw *Comm. Sense Municipal Trading* 41 Private enterprise..will not start a new system until it is forced to scrap the old one. 1906 *Morning Post* 6 July 6/6 A clause which will have to be 'scrapped'. 1908 *Sat. Rev.* 11 July 38/1 The policy of..building fast small cruisers while scrapping numerous vessels of older type.

2. To make scrap or refuse of (menhaden or blubber). 1891 in *Century Dict.*

Scrapable (skrē·păb'l), *a.* [f. Scrape *v.* + -able.] Capable of being scraped.

1840 Caroline Fox *Old Friends* (1882) 71 [A picture] which, upon examination, he found scrapable; he scraped and developed a Coreggio.

Scra·p-book. [f. Scrap *sb.*[1]] A blank book in which pictures, newspaper cuttings, and the like are pasted for preservation. Hence occas. as the title of a printed book of miscellaneous contents.

1825 (*title*) The Scrap Book, or a selection of..anecdotes, 1854 Thackeray *Leech's Pict.* (1869) 328 Great swollen scrap-books,..full of the comic prints of grandpapa's time. 1881 Lang *Library* 2 An assortment of broadsheet ballads and scrapbooks, bought in boyhood, was the nucleus of Scott's library.

Hence **Scra·p-book** *v.*, to place in a scrap-book.

1881 'Mark Twain' *Tramp abroad* xlvi, I scrap-booked these reports during several months. 1883 *North Star* 25 Oct 3/2 We trust that our wage-earning readers especially will scrap-book these Letters, for after-study.

Scrape (skrēp), *sb.*[1] [f. Scrape *v.*]

I. Means, act, or result of scraping.

1. An instrument for scraping, a scraper. †a. A scraping tool held in the hand (*obs.*). b. *Eastern U. S.* 'A small dredge' (Funk's *Stand. Dict.*).

c 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* IV. 607 Or brasen scrapis out of euery dalke Hem scrape [orig. *uncinis æreis tollendi sunt vermes ex ficu*]. 1688 Holme *Armoury* III. xx. (Roxb.) 247/1 The Fourth is an Iron Scrape..set in a wooden handle, it is for the skullion to scrape and clense the furnice hole.

2. An act of scraping. a. *gen.*

1483 *Cath. Angl.* 324/2 A Scrape (*MS. Addit.* to Scrappe) as a hen dose; *ruspare*. 1553 Ascham *Disc. Germ.* 27 b, And how soone *emig* [read *einig*] may be turned into *ewig*, not with scrape of knife, but with the least dash of a pen, so that it shall neuer be perceiued, a man that will proue, may easely see. 1611 Cotgr. *Gratture*, a scratch, a scrape.

b. *Scrape of a pen* (Sc.): a hasty scribble, a small scrap of writing. Cf. Scribe *sb.*, Scrip *sb.*

1690 Earl of Melfort in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. II. IV. 198 And in all this time we have not one scrape of a pen to free us from all these pains we suffer. 1814 Scott *Wav.* xlii, It..wad cost but the scrape of the pen to make it out. 1830 Galt *Laurie T.* IX. viii, Just give me a scrape of a pen to him to transfer the amount to your credit.

c. An awkward bow or salutation in which the foot is drawn backwards on the ground. Often coupled with *bow* or *leg*.

1628 Earle *Microcosm.*, *Scholler* (Arb.) 41 But his scrape is homely, and his nod worse. 1660 Wood *Life* (O.H.S.) I. 366 That they might make long legs and scrapes to them. 1721 Amherst *Terræ-Filius* No. 39 (1726) II. 50 A formal fellow.. going to see an acquaintance of his..made a thousand scrapes and cringes. 1722 De Foe *Col. Jack* vi, I..made him abundance of bows and scrapes. 1787 J. P. Andrews *Anecd.* (1790) 146 He drew from his purse a guinea, and with a scrape, made an uncouth offer of it. 1842 Lover *Handy Andy* i, To every one of these assurances..Andy made a bow and a scrape. 1869 Blackmore *Lorna D.* xv, Uncle Reuben made his very best scrape and then walked up to the table.

d. A drawing of the bow over the violin.

1831 Coleridge *Table-t.* 7 July, He can actually sell the tones of his fiddle at so much a scrape. 1847 Disraeli *Tancred* IV. xi, Baroni appeared..with his violin. He gave a scrape or two, and the audience became orderly.

e. *jocular.* A shave.

1859 *Hotten's Slang Dict.*, *Scrape*, low wit for a shave. 1879 G. Macdonald *Sir Gibbie* iv, I's jist gang ower to the barber's an' get a scrape.

f. *Fencing.* (See quots.)

1889 Pollock, etc. *Fencing* (Badm. Libr.) 52 The scrape.—If slang were allowed, this ought to be called the 'scrooge'; but there is no English word which precisely reproduces the French *froissé*. It is delivered in tierce when the adversary has his point too low, or his arm stretched out. *Ibid.*, Giving his sword a scrape which ought to unnerve his hand for the moment. 1897 *Encycl. Sport* I. 385/1 (Fencing), The *scrape* (this is the nearest English word for the French *froissé*) is made only in the high lines and mostly in the upper line (tierce).

g. A sound of scraping.

1886 Hall Caine *Son of Hagar* II. xiv, The harsh scrape of Natt's clogs was on the gravel.

3. One who 'scrapes' or uses excessive economy, a miser. *Obs.* exc. *dial.* (see *E. D. D.*).

1727 Bailey vol. II, *A Scrape*, as meer Scrape, a saving industrious Person.

4. a. A place scraped bare on a hillside. *dial.*

1781 Beckford *Th. upon Hunting* (1802) 258, I have known them lie in sheep's scrapes, on the sides of hills, and in small bushes. 1848 Barnes *Poems Rural Life* (ed. 2) Gloss., *Scrape*, a sheep-scrape; a bare place, where the turf has been scraped off by sheep's feet on a steep down-side. 1894 Patterson *Newfld. Words* in *Trans. Amer. Folk-Lore Soc.* (E.D.D.), *Scrape*, a rough road down the face of a bank or steep hill, used specially in regard to such as are formed by sliding or hauling logs down.

b. A place where the soil has been scraped up.

1862 *Athenæum* 27 Sept. 391 The deer which..were addicted, at certain seasons, to dig up the land with their fore feet, in holes to the depth of..half a yard, contributed a new word to our language. These were called 'scrapes'. 1901 *Scotsman* 9 Apr. 7/4 Rabbit holes and scrapes at once appeared in shoals to the terror of the old golfers.

5. A layer (of butter) scraped thin; chiefly in *bread and scrape* (colloq.).

1847 C. Bronte *Jane Eyre* vii, A double ration of bread ..with the delicious addition of a thin scrape of butter. 1861 *London Rev.* 16 Feb. 170 Cutting the children's bread and scrape! 1873 Miss Broughton *Nancy* xlvii, Some people have their happiness thinly spread over their whole lives, like bread and scrape!

6. (See quot. 1879.)

1856 Olmsted *Slave States* 343 It [turpentine] is occasionally..scraped off, and barreled by itself. It is, therefore, known in market as 'scrape'. 1879 F. H. Butler in *Encycl. Brit.* IX. 711/1 The concreted turpentine obtained in the United States by making incisions in the trunk of a species of pine, *Pinus australis*,..is commercially known as 'scrape'. 1884 C. S. Sargent *Rep. Forests N. Amer.* 517 The yield of the 'scrapes'..is estimated..at from 60 to 70 barrels of 280 pounds [of turpentine] each.

II. 7. An embarrassing or awkward predicament or situation, usually one into which a person is brought by his own imprudence and thoughtlessness.

[Prob. from the notion of being 'scraped' in going through a narrow passage: see SCRAPE *v.* 4 c, and the later sense 9.]

1709 STEELE & SWIFT *Tatler* No. 71 ¶ 8 A Youngster in a Scrape, is a Word out of Date. 1714 MRS. MANLEY *Adv. Rivella* 89 Cleander told Rivella what a Scrape they were brought into. 1740 tr. *De Mouhy's Fort. Country-Maid* (1741) I. 273, I congratulated myself on my Dexterity in getting out of the Scrape. 1755 JOHNSON, *Scrape*, difficulty; perplexity; distress. This is a low word. 1771 FRANKLIN *Autobiog.* Wks. 1840 I. 11, I was generally the leader of the boys and sometimes led them into scrapes. 1818 BYRON *Juan* I. xx, And let few opportunities escape Of getting her liege lord into a scrape. 1845 DISRAELI *Sybil* II. vii, Every scrape of the government was a step in the ladder to the great boroughmonger. 1861 HUGHES *Tom Brown at Oxf.* v, Here one has only just to take care of oneself, and keep out of scrapes. 1867 TROLLOPE *Chron. Barset* xlvi, If you don't take care, young man,..you will find yourself in a scrape with your Madalina. 1873 BLACK *Pr. Thule* iv, If anyone was in a scrape about money.

Scrape (skrēip), *sb.*[2] *dial.* [Of obscure origin; the ON. *skreppa* mousetrap has been compared, but connexion is very doubtful.] A trap for catching birds; = SHRAPE *sb.*

1620 J. WILKINSON *Treat. Statutes* 124 Next you shall enquire if there be in euery parish..a crow net,..and it is not enough to haue one, but it must be vsed, & scrapes made in the winter to that purpose. 1668 WORLIDGE *Dict. Rust.*, A Shrape, or Scrape, a place baited with Chaff or Corn to entice Birds. 1706 BAYNARD *Cold Baths* II. 425 Catch'd like Sparrows in a Scrape of Chaff. 1877 E. LEIGH *Cheshire Gloss.* 177 *Scrape*, seeds or corn laid on the snow, in order to get a raking shot at birds.

Scrape (skrēip), *v.* Pa.t. and pa. pple. **scraped** (skrēipt). Also 6 *Sc.* **scraip**(e, **skraip** (pr. pple. **screpand, screpping**, 7 *rarely* pa. pple. **scrapen**. [ME. *scrape* (also SHRAPE), perh. (see SCR- 1) directly repr. OE. *scrapian* (see quot. under sense 4); perh. a. the corresponding ON. *skrapa* to scrape, erase, in Icel. to clatter (Sw. *skrapa*, Da. *skrabe* to scrape) = MDu., Du. *schrapen* :—OTent. type **skrapōjan*, f. root **skrap-*, ablaut-var. of **skrep-* in OE. *screpan* (str.; ME. SCREPE wk.) to scrape.

Other cognates are Du., LG. *schrappen* to scrape (whence G. *schrappen*, *schraffen*), MHG. *schreffen* (mod.G. *schröpfen*) to scarify; the Du. *scrabben* SCRAA *v.* is prob. more remotely connected.

The Teut. root **skrep-* : **skrap-* may be a metathetic form of **skerp-* : **skarp-* (see SHARP *a.*); cf. OE. *scearpian* to scarify.]

1. *trans.* To remove (an outer layer or something excrescent or adhering) by drawing across the surface the edge of some instrument held nearly perpendicularly. Chiefly with advs., *off*, *away*, *out*, or const. *from*, *off*, *out of*.

1382 WYCLIF *Job* ii. 8 The whiche with a sherd scrapide [1388 schauyde] awei the quyture, sittende in the dunghil. 1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) VIII. 213 þat men of þat lond ete þe flesche of her owne children, and meny scrapede of þe pouder of an hil and ete it as it were mele. *c* 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* IV. 608 Or brasen scrapis out of enery dalke Hem scrape. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 450/2 Scrapyn, or schavyn a-wey, *abrado*. 1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 240 b, He scraped y^e^ stynkyng fylth & corrupcyon of her deed body. 1535 COVERDALE *Lev.* xiv. 43 After y^t^ the stones are broken out, & the playster scraped of [etc.]. 1568 GRAFTON *Chron.* II. 16 Of this Robert reporteth Reynulph that he scraped from one Beame of his Church in Conentrie fiue hundreth marke, to fill the hande of king William. 1597 SHAKS. *2 Hen. IV*, I. i. 205 He..doth enlarge his Rising, with the blood Of faire King Richard, scrap'd from Pomfret stones, Deriues from heauen, his Quarrell, and his Cause. 1613 PURCHAS *Pilgrimage* (1614) 550 With kniues in their hands, to scrape from their legs the bloud-leeches. 1686 N. COX *Gentl. Recreat.* (ed. 3) v. 94 After your Groom has..scrapt off all the Sweat from your Horses. 1729 SWIFT *Direct. Serv.* I. Wks. 1751 XIV. 23 When you cut Bread for a Toast,.. lay it on the Coals;..and, if you find it toasted quite through, scrape off the burnt Side, and serve it up. 1782 COWPER *Gilpin* 189 But let me scrape the dirt away That hangs upon your face. 1786 CHELSUM *Hist. Engrav. Mezzotinto* 6 These parts are scraped away in a greater or less degree, as the lights are intended to be stronger or weaker. 1845 BUDD *Dis. Liver* 191 Covered by a soft pulpy matter, which may be readily scraped away. 1855 TENNYSON *Brook* 193, I scraped the lichen from it [the tombstone]. 1877 R. H. HUTTON *Ess.* (ed. 2) I. 37 Like dry colours scraped off a picture.

†**b.** *spec.* To erase (writing, etc.) with a knife. Chiefly with advs. *out*, *away*, *off*, and const. *out of*.

The earliest recorded use; the older SCREPE *v.* occurs in the same sense. Sometimes (as in quot. 1563–83) the sense appears to be: To delete by crossing through with a pen.

1303 R. BRUNNE *Handl. Synne* 7044 And commannded alle yn rape A-wey þat wrytyng for to skrape. ?1384 CHAUCER *Wordes unto Adam* 6 So ofte a daye I mot thy werk renewe, Hit to correcte and eek to rubbe and scrape, And al is through thy negligence and rape. *c* 1430 *Pilgr. Lyf Manhode* II. xxi. (1869) 83 Which thing if it so were, riht so alle hise ordenaunces shulden be put out of the book, and defaced and scraped. ?*a* 1500 *Chester Pl.* (Shaks. Soc.) 190, I will skrape this awaie anon, Their as a virgine is wrytten on, I will wryte, a good woman. 1530 PALSGR. 707/1 Scrape out this lyne, it is falsely written. 1531 MORE *Confut. Tindale* Wks. 421/1 A..learned priest, that through out al the ghospels scraped out *diabolus* and wrote *Iesus Christus*. 1563–83 FOXE *A. & M.* 1591/2 Then he tooke his penne & said that he would scrape it out for my pleasure. 1577 HOLINSHED *Chron.* II. 1189/1 Bookes..beautified with Images, the heads wherof had bin scraped off. 1600 J. HAMILTON *Facile Traictise* 152 Screpping out the wordis (*ful of grace*) and putting in..(*Jrelie beloouit*). *Ibid.* 276 Screpand out thir wordis, *Except* [etc.]. 1603 SHAKS. *Meas. for M.* I. ii. 9 Thou conclud'st like the Sanctimonious Pirat, that went to sea with the ten Commandements, but scrap'd one out of the Table. 1688 HOLME *Armoury* III. xv. (Roxb.) 19/2 One end was sharpe to make the letters, the other end broad with an edge, to scrape what was amise, out againe.

transf. and *fig.* *c* 1350 *Will. Palerne* 448 Faire so his figure is festened in mi 3out [*read* þout], þat wiþ no coyntise ne craft ne can y it out scrape. 1387 TREVISA tr. *Higden* (Rolls) IV. 431 Haue mynde of Moyses, hym was levere be scraped out of þe book of lyf. *a* 1548 HALL *Chron., Edw. IV*, 203 His vnhappy predestinate chaunce coulde not by any pollicy be put by, nor by any instrument scraped away. *c* 1580 SIDNEY *Ps.* IX. xii, The poore in sprite Shall not be scrapt, from out of heav'nly score. 1598 SHAKS. *Merry W.* IV. ii. 231 Yes, by all meanes: if it be but to scrape the figures out of your husbands braines.

2. To deprive of an outer layer or to free from excrescent or adhering matter by drawing the edge of some instrument over the surface; to abrade, clean, or render smooth, or to obtain scrapings from, by this process.

c 1430 *Two Cookery-bks.* 18 Take þe Mawes of Turbut, Haddok, or Codelyng, & pyke hem clene, & skrape hem, & Wasshem clene. 1530 PALSGR. 707/1, I scrape a parchement skynne to make it the better to write on. *Ibid.*, Scrape the knedynge troughe or you put in the meale. 1535 COVERDALE *Lev.* xiv. 41 Then shall he command..the house to be scraped within rounde aboute. 1560 DAUS tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* 43 And with a piece of glasse he skrapeth his fingers. 1592 SHAKS. *Rom. & Jul.* I. v. 2 Where's Potpan, that he helpes not to take away? He shift a Trencher? he scrape a Trencher? 1631 GOUGE *God's Arrows* I. § 25 *Onicha*, a kind of spice very cleare, which being scraped giveth an extraordinary sweet savour. 1645 MILTON *Colast.* 19 It may bee his trenchers were not scrap't. 1662 FAITHORNE *Art Graving* 48 After you have graved part of your work, it will be necessary to scrape it with a sharp edge of another Graver. 1678 MOXON *Mech. Exerc., Joinery* 70 These hard woods are..more properly said to be Scraped than Plained. 1725 *Bradley's Family Dict.* s. v. *Horse-radish*, The Root..is scraped and used with Vinegar for Sauce to roast Beef, Mutton, &c. 1791 BOSWELL *Johnson* an. 1783 (1811) IV. 205 He..scraped the joints of his fingers with a pen-knife, till they were quite red and raw. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* xli, The gravel walk and terrace had been scraped quite clean. 1860 TYNDALL *Glac.* II. xxii. 349 Ice at 32° may..be scraped with a knife with even greater facility than some kinds of chalk. 1880 *Standard* 12 Apr. 2/8 He at once seized him and discovered that he had a gold band bracelet,..worth about 5*l*..It had evidently been tested, for it was 'scraped' in more than one place. 1884 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 16 Oct. 2/2 An ironclad's..bottom is always foul when she cannot be periodically docked and scraped. 1891 *Labour Commission* Gloss., *Scraping*, cleaning the spars of a ship and parts of the hull with a small piece of sharp iron, steel, or glass.

b. To remove the dirt from the soles of (one's boots or shoes) by drawing them over a door-scraper.

1844 DICKENS *Mart. Chuz.* xliii, I'd scrape my shoes on the scraper of the door.

c. Used jocularly for: To shave.

1773 FERGUSSON *Poems* (1807) 280 Their barber bauld his whittle crooks And scrapes them for the races.

d. To inscribe or portray on stone by scraping away the surface.

1532 MORE *Confut. Tindale* Wks. 728/2 But if he feele it written there in dede as he saith he doth, then he feleth it scribled and scraped in his hert by the croked clouen clawes of the deuill. 1581 L. ALDERSEY in *Hakluyt's Voy.* (1589) 282 The outside of the [holy] sepulchre is very foule, by meanes that euery man scrapes his name and marke vpon it. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* xliv, The family arms were just new scraped in stone.

e. To prodnce (a mezzotint engraving) by scraping the prepared copper plate. Also *absol.*

1747 *Sculptura-Hist.-Techn.* 225 Mezzotinto, called Scraping or Burnishing on Copper. 1762–71 H. WALPOLE *Vertue's Aneed. Paint.* (1786) III. 239 Several prints were made from his works, and several plates he etched and scraped himself. 1892 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 18 Feb. 3/1 The painter has scraped a mezzotint from his picture.

†**3.** Of a beast or bird: To remove (soil, etc.) by scratching with the feet or claws; to make (a hole) by scratching. Also *absol.* or *intr.* to scratch in the ground. *Obs.*

c 1430 *Sir Tryam.* 392 (Percy Soc.) Hys gode hownde.. scraped on hym bothe ryne and mosse, And fro hym nevyr wolde gone! *c* 1440 *Alphabet of Tales* 308 Sho [a wolf] began to skrape & grafe abowte þe rowte with hur naylis. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 450/2 Scrapyn, as hennys, *ruspor*. 1530 PALSGR. 707/1 Yonder dogge scrapeth to make a hole to hyde his dyner in. 1538 ELYOT *Dict., Scalpturio*, to scrape as a Cocke dothe, or other fowles. ?*a* 1598 *D. Ferguson's Sc. Prov.* No. 327 (1785) 13 He is a proud tod that will not scrape his ain hole.

fig. 1662 STILLINGFL. *Orig. Sacræ* I. v. § 5 Those Arabick traditions which that author scrapes as much for, as Æsops Cock did on the Dunghill. *Ibid.* III. ii. § 4 Scraping and searching into the natures of things.

b. *trans.* with adv. or phrase. † *To scrape out, forth*: to dig out with the nails or claws. Also *fig.*

1530 PALSGR. 707/1 She loved nat her housbonde whyle he lyved, and now she wolde be gladde to scrape hym out of the yerthe with her nayles. 1549 *Compl. Scot.* To Rdr. 12 For ane hen that seikis hyr meyt in the mydding, may scraipe sa lang amang the fyltht, quhil sche scraip furtht sum ald knyfe that hes been tynt. 1845 GOSSE *Ocean* iv. (1849) 205 The females [turtles]..lay their eggs in holes [in the sand] which they scoop out with their fin-like feet. The work being accomplished, the sand is again scraped back over the eggs, and the surface made smooth as before.

†**4.** To scratch with the finger-nails or claws; also *intr.* Also, to caress (a dog, etc.) by scratching or clawing. *Obs.*

c 1000 *Sign Language* § 67 in *Techmers Zeitschr.* II. (1885), Ðif þu ægera heþurfe, þonne scrapa þu mid þinum fingre up on þinne wynstran þuman. *a* 1400–1450 *Bk. Curtasye* 87 in *Babees Bk.*, Yf þy nown dogge þou scrape or clawe, þat is holden a vyse emong men knawe. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 450/2 Scrapyn, a(s) bestys (*MS. S.* schrapen), *scalpo*. 1577 KENDALL *Flowers of Epigr.* 97 Thou likst ill men, ill men thee laude. So Mules of mules are scrapt and clawd. 1607 TOPSELL *Four-f. Beasts* 163 The little Dog, seeing his true maister returned home, ranne barking to the doore,..fawning and scraping his Lord and maister also.

†**b.** Phr. *Go scrape!* app. a form of contemptuous dismissal. *Obs.*

1611 COTGR., *Envoyer au grat*, to send a grazing; a Maister to put away his man; (and, perhaps from this phrase came our contemptuous, *Goe scrape*).

†**c.** To scratch, lacerate (with thorns). *Obs.*

c 1430 LYDG. *Min. Poems* (Percy Soc.) 113 The pryst demyd them devylles both, wyth them he wolde not mett; He sparyd nother hylle, nor holte, busche, gryne, nor grett; Lord! he was fowle scrapyd!

†**d.** To make a scratching noise with the finger-nails on (a door), by way of an unobtrusive signal. In later use *intr.* with const. *at*. *Obs.*

Cf. SCRATCH *v.* 7.

c 1400 *Beryn* 481 ȝit trowid he no gyle, but went[e] nere to, And scrapid the dorr welplich, & wynyd with his mowith. 1718 *Free-thinker* No. 24. 173, I hope we shall never.. condescend to Scrape, instead of Knocking, at a Great Man's Door. 1829 LYTTON *Devereux* IV. vi, We came to the door of a second chamber, at which Fleuri scraped gently.

5. *(fig.* of sense 3.) 'To gather by great efforts, or penurious or trifling diligence' (J.); to amass, get possession of, collect, or bring together with difficulty. Now only with *together* or *up*.

[1540 PALSGR. *Acolastus* II. i. H ij b, It shuld not greue me..to scrape my lyuyng out of the harde stone walles, with my nayles.] 1549 COVERDALE, etc. *Erasm. Par. Ephes.* Prol., Whan was there more haftyng and craftyng to scrape money together..than now. 1559 *Mirr. Mag., Northumbld.* xvi, Who in my cause al that he could ey skrapte. 1588 *Munday's Banq. Daintie Conceits*, '*The Statelie pine*' v, The wealthy chuffe, that..scrapes and scratches all the mucke he may. 1596 SPENSER *F. Q.* v. ii. 27 Thereafter all that mucky pelfe he tooke,..The which her sire had scrap't by hooke and crooke. 1617 MORYSON *Itin.* III. 178 Busie..in scraping up money for such idle expences. 1644 MILTON *Educ.* 2 We do amisse to spend seven or eight yeers meerly in scraping together so much miserable Latin, and Greek. 1654 JER. TAYLOR *Real Pres.* 142 But to make up this also he does *corradere* scrape together some things extrinsecal to the words of this authoritie. 1654 WHITLOCK *Zootomia* 278 The greatest, but not best part of men..scrape up Wealth by Hooke, or by Crooke. 1655 FULLER *Ch. Hist.* x. i. 24 The Prelaticall party complained, that to swell a number, the non-conformists did not chuse, but scrape Subscribers. 1712 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 299 ¶ 2 By the Age of Five and twenty I had scraped together Four thousand two hundred Pounds Five Shillings, and a few odd Pence. 1805 H. K. WHITE *Let.* Apr. *Life & Rem.* (1850) 330 The poor Tallow-chandler, who..at length scraped money enough to retire. 1841 D'ISRAELI *Amen. Lit.* (1867) 683 The fervent dean scraped together all his properties..to endow it [a College]. 1888 BURGON *Lives* 12 *Gd. Men* II. x. 272 The first money he was able to scrape together by strict frugality. 1890 'L. FALCONER' *Mlle. Ixe* iii. 80 They really must scrape some men together to balance all these heavy girls.

b. *To scrape (an) acquaintance*: to get on terms of acquaintance *with* by careful effort and insinuation; rarely with *up*. So † *to scrape kindred.*

'A low phrase. To curry favour, or insinuate into one's familiarity' (J.). Cf. † *to scratch acquaintance*, SCRATCH *v.* 1 e.

1600 ROWLANDS *Lett. Humours Blood* Epigr. xxxi, One newlie practis'd in Astronomie..Would scrape (forsooth) acquaintance of the skie, And by his arte, goe knocke at heanen dore. 1602 *How a Man may Chuse gd. Wife* F 1 b, O this acquaintance was well scrapte of me. 1641 C. BURGES *Serm.* 5 Nov. 58 Although God be gratiously indulgent, yet is he not inconsiderately prodigall of mercies to all that scrape acquaintance with him in their troubles. 1658 W. BURTON *Itin. Anton.* 157 Affecting relation to Troy, and scraping kindred thence. 1740 RICHARDSON *Pamela* (1824) I. lx. 402 Mrs. Harris scraped acquaintance with Mrs. Thomas. 1825 MRS. SHERWOOD *Yng. Forester* (Houlston Tr.) I. 5 He contrived to scrape acquaintance with certain smugglers. 1844 ALB. SMITH *Adv. Mr. Ledbury* lix, Two or three of the immates..with whom Jack had already scraped up an acquaintance. 1880 L. OLIPHANT *Land of Gilead* i. 8 After establishing ourselves..we went out to look about us, and scrape acquaintance with the people. 1904 F. WHISHAW *Lovers at Fault* v. 43 Her two dearest friends had contrived to scrape acquaintance without introduction.

c. *absol.* and *intr.* To hoard up penuriously; to save or economize; to gather together money, etc. with labour and difficulty. Now chiefly *dial.*

1552 LATIMER *Serm., St. Andr. Day* (1562) 120 They intend to gette that money agayne which they haue layed out, and afterwarde to scrape for purchasyng. 1552 — *1st Sund. Epiph.* (1584) 302 b, Euery manne scrapeth for hymselfe. *a* 1591 H. SMITH *Serm.* (1594) 109 Zacheus, which before hee had seene Christ, knew nothing but to scrape; but as soone as he had heard Christ, all his minde was set vpon gining. 1592 *Nobody & Someb.* D 3, Let them griene That scrape for wealth, I will the poore relieue. 1760 GOLDSM. *Cit. W.* lxv, She scraped and scraped at pleasure, till I was almost starved to death. 1835 *Court Mag.* VI. 74/2 How he got it [so much money], save by scrape—scraping, the Lord alone knows. 1881 *Century Mag.* Nov. 133 You do have a hard time, don't you?..to slave and tug and scrape to get a house over your head.

6. Used disparagingly for: To play (a fiddle); occas. *to scrape catgut*; to play (a tune, etc.) on the fiddle. Cf. F. *râcler*. Chiefly *absol.*

1599 [see CATGUT 1]. 1607 DEKKER & WEBSTER *Westward*

Hoe t v. i, They are but rozining, sir, and theile scrape themselues into your company presently. *Mono.* Plague a their Cats guts and their scraping. 1623 MASSINGER *Dk. of Milan* II. i, You shall scrape, and Ile sing, A scuruie Dittie to a scuruie tune. *a* 1672 Wood *Life* (O. H. S.) I. 189 Like contry fidlers [to] scrape for our livings. 1764 *Oxf. Sausage* 37 Save where some Fiddler scrapes a drowsy Tune. 1779 V. KNOX *Ess.* lxxi. (1782) I. 310 It is..necessary to do little else than scrape and pipe. 1840 R. H. DANA *Bef. Mast* xxvii, The musicians were still there..scraping and twanging away. 1842 LEVER *J. Hinton* ix, While fiddles, French-horns, and dulcimers, scraped and blew their worst. 1848 DICKENS *Dombey* lviii, He..was scraping consolation out of its deepest notes.

7. To rub harshly on (a surface) in passing along or over it, so as to cause abrasion or produce a grating noise; to draw (something) roughly over a surface.

1731 POPE *Ep. Burlington* 152 The chiming Clocks to dinner call; A hundred footsteps scrape the marble Hall. 1857 O. W. HOLMES *Autocrat* iii, Somebody happened to scrape the floor with his chair just then; which accidental sound..broke the charm. 1871 DARWIN *Descent of Man* II. xiii. 61 Turkey-cocks scrape their wings against the ground, and some kinds of grouse thus produce a buzzing sound. 1897 *Encycl. Sport.* I. 473/1 (Golf) *Sclaff*, to scrape the surface of the ground with the sole of the club head before striking the ball.

b. *intr.* To graze *against* or *on*.

1774 GOLDSM. *Nat. Hist.* (1776) IV. 344 When the animal therefore is compelled to make a step forward, it scrapes on the back of the nails along the surface. 1853 KANE *Grinnell Exp.* xlvi. (1856) 423 Fangs of broken ice, which scraped against the beach as the tides rose and fell.

†c. *transf.* To pass very closely *along*. *Obs.*

1603 KNOLLES *Hist. Turkes* (1621) 750 Then scraping along the island Prochita.., he put into the bay of Puteoli.

d. To draw one's feet noisily over the floor. Hence † *trans.* to insult by doing this in a public assembly (*obs.*). Also *To scrape down*: to silence (a speaker) by making a noise with the feet.

1561 [see SCRAPING *vbl. sb.* 1 b]. 1773 JEBB in Disney *Mem.* J.'s Wks. 1787 I. 57 The young men were offended at him [Wilgress] for his behaviour as proctor, and therefore *scraped* him. When the sermon was over, the vice-chancellor called to the proctors, to take the names of all the gentlemen in one of the galleries. 1785 [see SCRAPING *vbl. sb.* 1 b]. 1832 *Tour through College* 25 (Hall *College Words*), They not unfrequently rose to open outrage or some personal molestation, as..'scraping him'. 1855 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* xxii. IV. 749 Another [orator] was coughed and scraped down.

8. *intr.* To make obeisance, to bow drawing the foot back, 'to make an awkward bow' (J.).

Often *to bow and scrape*, with contemptuous reference to over-ceremonious politeness or reverence.

1645 GIPPS *Serm.* 12 Who will scrape to a keeper for a piece of Venison, who may have free accesse to the master of the game to aske and have? 1646 J. WHITAKER *Uzziah* 24 Have you not known some in a low condition, to bow and scrape? 1761 CHURCHILL *Rosciad* 396 By turns transform'd into all kinds of shapes, Constant to none, Foote laughs, cries, struts, and scrapes. 1818 SCOTT *Hrt. Midl.* xxviii, He ducked with his head and shoulders, scraped with his more advanced hoof,..and withdrew to his own domains. 1867 TROLLOPE *Chron. Barset* xxxv. I. 301 Bowing and scraping and rubbing his hands together.

†b. trans. *To scrape a leg*: to make a leg (see LEG *sb.* 4). *Obs.*

1602 [see LEG *sb.* 4]. 1673 H. MORE *Brief Reply* 328 Scraping many legs to him, and desiring him to tell his demands. *Ibid.*, And scraping many Legs, asked a largess of the Knight. 1681 D'URFEY *Progr. Honesty* v. 5 Sure he has some suit to beg, That thus he sneaks and scrapes a Leg.

9. intr. *To scrape along*: to manage or 'get along' with difficulty. *To scrape through*: to get through a trial, an examination, so as just to escape failure.

1884 W. CUDWORTH *Yorksh. Dial. & Character Sk.* 33 (E.D.D.) Boath him an' his father hed scraped along withaht wommanly help. 1905 VACHELL *The Hill* iii. 51 We must mug up our 'cons' well enough to scrape along without 'puns' and extra school. 1907 ELINOR GLYN *Three Weeks* i, He scraped through his 'Smalls' and his 'Mods'.

b. *trans.* (causatively.) *To scrape* (a person) *through*: barely to enable him to get through.

1897 FLANDRAU *Harvard Episodes* 243 A futile effort to scrape Billy through an examination. 1902 *Westm. Gaz.* 7 July 7/2 The..tests of fitness for promotion,..for which officers cram up a little theoretical knowledge, just sufficient to scrape them through.

10. *Comb.* **a.** in contemptuous designations of persons, as †**scrape-all** (see quot.); †**scrape-good**, a miser, also *adj.* miserly; **scrape-gut**, a fiddler; †**scrape-pelf, -penny, -scall**, a miser; †**scrape-shoe**, ? an obsequious person, a toady; **b.** †**scrape-pan**, an instrument for scraping a salt-pan.

a 1700 B. E. *Dict. Cant. Crew*, **Scrape-all*, a Money-Scrivener; also a miserable Wretch, or griping Fellow. 1611 COTGR., *Caqueduc*, a niggard, micher, miser, *scrape-good. *a* 1693 *Urquhart's Rabelais* III. iv, None will there be..a Scrape-good wretch or churlish hard hearted refuser. 1837 LOCKHART *Scott* I. v. 152, I greatly douht, sir, you were born for nae better than a *gangrel* **scrape-gut*. 1746 T. LOWNDES *Brine Salt improved* 10 And then instantly, with the common iron *scrape-pan, stir the Brine very briskly in every part of the pan for about a minute. 1626 W. FEHNER *Hid. Manna* (1652) 28 No covetous, nor drunkard, *scrape-pelfe, nor swearer,..partaketh of it with you. 1584 LODGE *Alarum agst. Usurers* 3 b, Assuring him y^t he is to think wel of his master *scrapepenie y^e vsurer. 1755 [see SCRAPER 1]. 1602 *Withals Dict.* 80/1 Regarding nothing but the gaine, a Scraper, or *scrape-scall. 1607 *Puritan* I. iii. 12 Why, how now, we three? Puritanicall *Scrape-shoes, Flesh a good Fridayes! 1632 MASSINGER *City Madam* IV. i, Live scrape-shoo, and be thankfull.

Scrapeage (skrēi·pėdʒ). *rare*—1. [f. SCRAPE *v.* + -AGE.] That which is scraped off.

1851 [see RAKEAGE].

Scraped (skrēipt), *ppl. a.* [f. SCRAPE *v.* + -ED 1.]

1. Deprived of the surface, or freed from excrescent or adherent matter, by scraping. Also, reduced to the condition of scrapings.

1597 A. M. tr. *Guillemeau's Fr. Chirurg.* 20 b, They stoppe it with scraped linte. 1769 MRS. RAFFALD *Engl. Housekpr.* (1778) 21 Garnish it with..scraped horse-radish. 1853 WHYTE MELVILLE *Digby Grand* i, My companion escaped..with no greater injury than a black eye and a scraped shin. 1897 W. ANDERSON *Lupus* 8 Applying caustic potash to the scraped area. 1897 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* III. 543 Scraped raw beef, taken at first in very small quantities, has been well borne.

2. Collected together or amassed. Also *scraped-up*.

1598 MARSTON *Sco. Villanie* H 4, His huge long scraped stock Of well penn'd playes. 1840 DICKENS *Old C. Shop* ii, And add a few scraped shillings every week to the money you can hardly count. 1897 MARY KINGSLEY *W. Africa* 387 By the aid of it..and a carefully scraped-up candle and a box of matches, the fire soon blazes.

3. *Sc.* in *well-scraped, ill-scraped*, said of the tongue of a person as having or lacking refinement and courtesy of speech. Cf. FILED *ppl. a.*

1785 R. FORBES *Poems Buchan Dial.* 24 Thersites, Wha for's ill-scrappit tongue..got on his back Puss wi' the nine tails hung. 1818 SCOTT *Rob Roy* xxvii, It's ill-scraped tongues like yours, that make mischief atween neighbourhoods and nations. 1820 — *Monast.* xxvi, Martin should keep a weel-scrapit tongue in his head. 1858, 1884 Ill-scraped [see ILL- B.].

†Scra·pelet. *Obs.* In 7 **skraplet**. [f. SCRAPE *sb.* + -LET.] A small scraping.

1615 LISLE *Du Bartas, Noe* Pref. 1 Conyes..do make many skraplets and profers on the ground before they dig earnestly for their neast or litter.

†Scra·peling. *Obs. rare*—1. [f. SCRAPE *v.* + -LING.] A money-grubber, miser.

1629 GAULE *Distractions* 321 Is it you..old Pouch-penny? Methought, twas some such Scrapeling.

Scraper (skrēi·pəɹ). [f. SCRAPE *v.* + -ER 1.]

I. One who scrapes.

1. One who 'scrapes together'; *esp.* one who strives meanly to make and save money, a money-grubber. Now *rare*.

1561 T. NORTON *Calvin's Inst.* III. 216 As about this present question he taketh in a maner al out of Augustines boke of repentance, which is foolishly botched of good & bad by som scraper together. 1619 HIERON *Wks.* I. 35 The rakers and scrapers of this world,..as though there were no God in heauen to make prouision for them, lay about them, leauing no vile vngodly oppressing courses vnassayed. 1633 G. HERBERT *Temple, Ch. Porch* xxvi, Never was scraper brave man. 1755 JOHNSON, *Scraper*, a miser; a man intent on getting money; a scrapepenny. 1882 BESANT *All Sorts* xlii, Everywhere there are scrapers and scatterers; the scrapers are few, and the scatterers are many.

†b. An unscrupulous plunderer. *Obs.*

1598 BARRET *Theor. Warres* I. ii. 11 Not in the spoile of apparel, robes, and trash, Least he be accounted an vnruly scraper, as too many now a dayes be. *a* 1604 HANMER *Chron. Irel.* (1809) 320 Hugh Tirell his fellow scraper, tooke from the poore Priests at Armagh, a great brasse panne.

2. One who scrapes (something specified or implied). *Mezzotint scraper*: see SCRAPE *v.* 2 e.

1591 PERCIVALL *Sp. Dict.*, *Escarvador*, a scraper, *Scalptor*. 1762–71 H. WALPOLE *Vertue's Anecd. Paint.* (1786) III. 234 *note*, He was both painter and scraper in mezzotinto. 1788 LD. R. SEYMOUR in *Murray's Mag.* I. 484 A Carrot Scraper in St. James' Market, who sleeps in a little Kennel. 1839 URE *Dict. Arts* 943 After which it [parchment] is transferred to the *scraper*. This workman employs here an edge tool of the same shape as the fleshing-knife, but larger and sharper.

b. A derogatory term for a fiddler.

1611 CHAPMAN *May-day* IV. i, Strike vp, Scrapers. 1709 ADDISON *Tatler* No. 157 P 16 Mr. Bickerstaff..summons all his Disciples, whether..Toasts, Smarts,..Musicians or Scrapers, to make their Appearance at the Playhouse. 1835 CARRICK, etc. *Laird of Logan* (1841) 140 'Year!' responded the astonished scraper of cat-gut. 1898 BESANT *Orange Girl* I. i, A common scraper on a crowd like a one-legged man with a Jack in the Green.

c. A contemptuous term for a barber.

1792 *New Year's Morning Edin.* 12 (E.D.D.) Gart the puir scraper tyne his feet. 1869 *Public Opinion* 19 June (Farmer), The beard and moustache which the sailors in the Royal Navy will be permitted to wear, thereby doing away with the objection that blue-jackets have to the scraper.

3. A bird that 'scrapes' or scratches in the soil. Used *Ornith.* to render mod.L. *Rasores*, a former order of gallinaceous birds.

1615 CHAPMAN *Odyss.* XXIV. Epil., Yet this inestimable Pearle, wil all Our Dunghil Chanticleres, but obuious call; Each Moderne scraper, this Gem scratching by; His Oate preferring far. 1837 MACGILLIVRAY *Brit. Birds* I. 100 Order 1. Rasores. Scrapers. 1894 *Month* Oct. 163 The old school of ornithologists divided them..into birds of prey, perchers, climbers, scrapers, waders, and swimmers.

II. An instrument for scraping with.

4. A scraping instrument held in the hand. **a.** *gen.* and in various technical applications: see quots.

1552 HULOET, Scraper or rubber, *scalprum*. Scrapynge knyfe, *scalprum*. 1751 CHAMBERS *Cycl.* s.v. *Bookbinding*, Manner of gilding books on the edges.—The book, being put in the press, between two boards, is scraped with a knife called a scraper. 1849 *Weale's Dict. Terms, Scraper*, a piece of iron used to take out the pulverized matter which remains in a hole when bored previous to hinging. 1852 MORFIT *Tanning & Currying* (1853) 203 Over which the skin..is laid with the hair side up; and he then scrapes the surface strongly from above downward, with the scraper. 1894 SIR J. ASTLEY *Fifty Yrs. Life* I. 14, I hated scraping ham—that was a job I did bar; for in the first place, it isn't easy, and the next, you are more likely to scrape your knuckles with the scraper than the ham. 1895 *Stores' Price List*, Artists' Scrapers. 2½ in. Steel Blade, Ebony Handle. *Ibid.*, Steel pipe bowl scraper.

b. (*a*) *Antiq.* Used to render the L. *strigil* (see STRIGIL). (*b*) 'An instrument with which to clean the tongue by scraping off the fur' (*Cent. Dict.* 1891). (*c*) An instrument for scraping off the sweat from horses.

(*a*) 1581 MULCASTER *Positions* xxxiv. (1887) 123 Then with certaine scrapers called Strigiles, they had all their filth scrapte of their bodies. 1756 C. SMART tr. *Hor., Sat.* II. vii. (1826) II. 165 Is that boy guilty, who by night pawns a stolen scraper for some grapes? 1904 BUDGE *3rd & 4th Egypt. Rooms Brit. Mus.* 43 Iron strigil, or skin-scraper.

(*b*) 1685 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 2040/4 A Gold Scraper for the Tongue. 1895 *Stores' Price List*, Tongue Scrapers (Tortoiseshell and Ivory).

(*c*) 1667 DR. NEWCASTLE *Method of Dressing Horses* 124 But, the Best of all is the Knife-[of-]Heat, which is the Scraper; for, when he is Hot, Scraping of Him gets all the Sweat..out of him. 1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.* 1895 KIPLING *Maltese Cat* in *Pall Mall Gaz.* 26 June 2/2 [A polo pony] stiffening up to get all the tickle out of the big vulcanite scraper.

c. An instrument (of various forms) used for scraping off paint, tar, adhesive labels, etc. from wooden surfaces.

A common form in nautical use consists of a triangular plate of metal, with a handle inserted perpendicularly in the middle; another form has a curved blade between two handles.

1691 T. H[ALE] *Acc. New Invent.* 80 Cleaned with brushes, or Scrapers if barnicled. 1883 CLARK RUSSELL *Sailors' Lang., Scraper*, a triangular iron instrument for scraping the deck.

d. *Engraving.* A three-sided tool used to remove burrs left by the graver, etching needle, or dry-point, or to obliterate lines. Also the similar instrument used in 'scraping' mezzotint.

1747 *Sculptura-Hist.-Techn.* 225 Take a Burnisher, or Scraper, and burnish that Part of the Plate. 1883 MOLLETT *Dict. Art & Archæol., Scraper*, an engraver's tool for removing burrs.

e. An implement of varying construction used by uncivilized peoples for removing the hair from skins. Hence, in prehistoric archæology, applied to a particular type of flint implements (otherwise known as *thumb-flints*), from their conjectured use.

1865 LUBBOCK *Preh. Times* 71 The so-called 'scrapers'.. are oblong stones, rounded at one end, which is brought to a bevelled edge by a series of small blows. 1872 J. EVANS *Anc. Stone Implements* xiii. 268 One of the simple forms into which flakes are susceptible of being readily converted has, in consequence of its similarity in character to a stone implement in use among the Esquimaux for scraping skins and other purposes, received the name of a 'scraper', or, to use the term first, I believe, employed by the late Mons. E. Lartet, a *grattoir*. 1900 *Archæol. Æliana* XXII. 83 A 'thumbflint' or 'scraper' and also a large rough flint core were found by a tenant of one of the glebe farms.

5. An appliance, usually consisting of a metal blade with a horizontal upper edge, fixed outside the door of a house for persons to scrape off upon it the dirt from the soles of their boots or shoes before entering.

1729 SWIFT *Direct. Serv.* iii. Wks. 1751 XIV. 47 Never clean your Shoes on the Scraper, but in the Entry,..by which..the Scraper will last the longer. 1833 J. BENNETT *Artificer's Lexicon* 366 Scrapers. Garden, hall, and door, from 1*s.* 6*d.* 1871 *Punch* 2 Dec. 235/2 Due observance of the scraper and the door-mat.

6. *Lithography.* (See quot. 1875.)

1825 J. NICHOLSON *Operat. Mechanic* 304 Behind the inking-cylinder K, a rubber, or scraper, is placed, to press very lightly against the cylinder, and to prevent the ink accumulating in rings round the cylinder. 1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech., Scraper*, the board in a lithographic press whose edge is lowered on to the tympan-sheet, to bring the requisite pressure upon the paper.

7. A machine (or scoop) drawn by horses or oxen for excavating ditches, canals, etc., for levelling and making roads, or for raising and removing soil, dirt, weeds, etc. a short distance.

1840 H. S. TANNER *Canals & Rail Roads U.S.* 259 *Scraper*, a machine drawn by horses or oxen, for excavating trenches, for canals, rail-roads, &c. 1884 *Longman's Mag.* Feb. 414 Subsequent snows are removed by means of a 'scraper', a kind of scoop upon wheels which is drawn over the ice by horses. 1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XX. 588/1 A horse scraping machine which delivers the mud at the side is also used, the blades of the scrapers being mounted obliquely.

b. An instrument for scraping dirt, mud, etc. from roads, etc. Also *road-scraper*.

1831 LOUDON *Encycl. Agric.* (1857) § 2464 The scraper may be described as a broad hoe, of treble the usual size and strength, used in cleaning roads or court-yards, and sometimes in cleaning grassy surfaces. *Ibid.* § 3133 The Dutch hoe is a good road and lawn scraper. 1858 SIMMONDS *Dict. Trade, Scraper*,..a long hoe for cleansing roads of mud. 1909 *Daily News* 22 Dec. 6/1 There were some men out with scrapers, but..until late in the afternoon, pedestrians had to wade through..the..streets ankle deep in slush.

c. *U. S.* A small dredge for taking oysters, etc.

1887 G. B. GOODE, etc. *Fisheries U. S.* V. II. 571.

III. Slang or jocular uses.

8. *Anglo-Irish.* Phrase: *to take to one's scrapers*: to take to one's heels, decamp.

1824 MACTAGGART *Gallovid. Encycl.* 47 She took to her 'scrapers', as the Irish phrase it. 1842 LOVER *Handy Andy* xxxvi, He took to his scrapers.

9. A cocked hat.

Perh. with allusion to the shape: see 4 c.

1828 MOIR *Mansie Wauch* xi. 95 He had a well-worn scraper on his head, peaked before and behind. 1867 SMYTH *Sailor's Word-bk., Scraper*...Also, metaphorically, a cocked hat, whether shipped fore-and-aft or worn athwart-ships.

IV. 10. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as in *scraper-knife*; **scraper-box**, the frame holding the 'scraper' of a lithographic press; **scraper-mat**, a door-mat of wire or parallel strips of metal serving the purpose of a scraper; **scraper-plane** = *scraping-plane* (see SCRAPING *vbl. sb.* 3).

1853 URE *Dict. Arts* II. 79 The..*scraper-box [in the lithographic press]. 1903 *Daily Mail* 3 Sept. 7/3 The bee-keeping beginner should provide himself with..a *scraper-knife, a comb foundation [etc.]. 1884 *Health Exhib. Catal.* 89/1 Metal *Scraper-Mats..suitable for all gravel-walk entrances. 1895 *Stores' Price List*, Adjustable *scraper Planes...For scraping and finishing Veneers [etc.].

Scra·pe-trencher. *Obs.* exc. *Hist.* [f. SCRAPE *v.* + TRENCHER.] A servant whose office was to scrape the trenchers after use. (In Oxford colleges the term was in regular use till the 18th c.)

1603 H. CROSSE *Vertues Commw.* (1878) 77 Euery slouenly seruingman, and greasie scrape-trencher will exceede the bounds of his calling. 1607 G. WILKINS *Miseries Enf. Marr.* I. A 2, But stay, here is a Scrape-trencher ariued. 1688 HOLME *Armoury* III. 199/1 The Common Servants to each Hall..are..the Porter, Scrape Trencher, Cook, and his under Servants. 1691 *Case of Exeter Coll.* 3 Ferdinand Smith, Scrape-trencher of the Colledge. 1772 FOOTE *Nabob* III. Wks. 1799 II. 318 Mr. Scrape-trencher, let's have no more of your jaw! 1862 GRANT *Capt. of Guard* i, A train of cut-throats, swashbucklers, and scrapetrenchers.

attrib. 1857 SIR F. PALGRAVE *Norm. & Eng.* II. 496 The King should present himself wholly disarmed, not having even a scrape-trencher blade or whittle-dagger.

Scra·p-heap. [f. SCRAP *sb.*[1]] A heap of SCRAP IRON; an accumulation of disused and broken-up ironwork for refounding. Hence *fig.* in phrases, as *to cast on* or *consign to the scrap-heap*, to cast aside as worn out or superseded.

1838 *Civil Eng. & Arch. Jrnl.* I. 121/1 *note*, All its contemporary rivals [*sc.* locomotive engines] that have escaped the fate of the 'scrap heap' have been re-made. 1891 (see SCRAP IRON]. 1903 G. B. SHAW *Man & Superman* xxxi, This is the true joy of life..; the being thoroughly worn out before you are thrown on the scrap heap.

. Hence **Scra·p-heap** *v. trans.*, to consign to the scrap-heap. So **Scra·p-heaping** *vbl. sb.*

1905 *Daily News* 4 Dec. 6 The recent scrap-heaping of war vessels. 1907 *Westm. Gaz.* 4 Mar. 7/3 They cannot very well 'scrap-heap' the boats.

† Scrapia·na, *pl. Obs.* [quasi-L., f. SCRAP *sb.*[1] or SCRAPE *v.*: see ANA.] A collection of literary scraps or 'scrapings'.

1792 (*title*) Scrapeana. Fugitive Miscellany. 1811 MRS. JACKSON in *Sir G. Jackson's Diaries & Lett.* (1873) I. 256, I shall finish the last volume of scrapiana I began here. 1818 (*title*) Scrapiana: or elegant extracts of wit: being a complete collection of humorous pieces in prose and in verse.

Scrapill, obs. form of SCRAPPLE *sb.*[1] and *v.*

Scraping (skrē·piŋ), *vbl. sb.* [-ING[1].]

1. The action of the verb SCRAPE in various senses.

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 450/2 Scrapynge, or schawynge, *rasura, abrasio.* 1577 HOLINSHED *Chron.* II. 1189/1 The Abbot of saint Albons sent the boke so disfigured with scrapings & blotting out..vnto the king. 1612 DEKKER *If it be not good* D 3 b, Each one sweares (By Orpheus fiddle-case) they will tickle your eares If they can doo 't with scraping. 1641 MILTON *Ch. Govt.* Wks. 1851 III. 130 All your learned scraping in antiquity. 1818 SCOTT *Rob Roy* xv, They [the poultry] had siccan a skarting and scraping in the yard, that there's nae getting a bean or pea keepit for them. 1834 DICKENS *Sk. Boz, Steam Excursion*, Here the scraping [*i.e.* bowing] was renewed. 1842 BROWNING *Pied Piper* iv, Only a scraping of shoes on the mat. 1853 KANE *Grinnell Exp.* x. (1856) 72 The scraping of my pen over the paper. 1897 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* IV. 430 It is better to treat each focus independently by scraping or by the excision of a wedge.

b. The noise produced by drawing something roughly over a surface. † Also, the action of expressing disapproval of a speaker by shuffling the feet (see SCRAPE *v.* 7 d).

1561 T. HOAY tr. *Castiglione's Courlyer* I. K 2 b, Then was there hard a great scraping of fete in the floore. 1785 GROSE *Dict. Vulgar T., Scraping*, a mode of expressing dislike to a person or sermon, practised at Oxford by the students, in scraping their feet against the ground during the preachment. *a* 1801 G. WAKEFIELD *Mem.* (1804) I. 94 A comical incident..respecting that scraping of the Proctor, Mr. Wilgress, whilst preaching. 1894 HALL CAINE *Manxman* 436 There was the scraping of a chair behind the speaker. 1897 'A. HOPE' *Phroso* xvii. (1905) 327 The scraping of men's limbs and the rasping of cloth on the rock.

2. *pl. concr.* That which is scraped off, up, or together. Rarely *sing.*

1511–12 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* IV. 321 The scrapenis of certane giltin weschele. 1533 *Respublica* I. i. 97 The flettance, the scrapinges,..The skimmynges, the gubbins of booties and praies. 1575 GASCOIGNE *Posies, Flowers* 33 Catche, snatche, and scratche for scrapings and for crommes. 1607 TOPSELL *Four-f. Beasts* 391 The scraping of the inward parts of his own hoones beaten into powder and mingled with wine. 1678 *Phil. Trans.* XII. 1063 A fourth sort we have which we call Scrapings, that is a course sort of Salt ..that cleaves to the tops of the sides of the Phats. 1730 SWIFT *Lady's Dressing Room* 40 The Bason takes whatever comes, The Scrapings from her Teeth and Gums. 1790 SPEECHLY *Cull. Vine* 33 The dust and scrapings from roads. 1835 DICKENS *Sk. Boz, The Streets, Morning*, An apprentice ..thinking of..the miseries of the milk and water, and thick bread and scrapings. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 704 The microscopic examination of scrapings reveals at once their [*sc.* certain diseases'] characteristic fungi.

fig. 1566 T. STAPLETON *Ret. Untr. Jewel* I. 32 The scrapinges of malice it selfe. 1860 TENNYSON *Sea Dreams* 77, I..trusted him with all, All my poor scrapings from a dozen years Of dust and deskwork.

3. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *scraping-iron, -knife, machine, -plane, -tool*; **scraping-ground**, a place where deer scrape or rub the velvet off their antlers.

1877 HALLOCK *Sportsman's Gaz.* 89 (Cent.) The lordly bucks begin their nocturnal rambles over their favourite runways and *scraping-grounds. 1717 *Protestant Merc.* 16 Aug. 4 The Tree..scraped on the Bark, as if it had been done with a *Scraping-Iron or Addice. 1906 *Daily Chron.* 16 Feb. 6/6 The pressure of the scraping-iron used by the workman was sufficient to knock a huge hole in the vessel. 1382 WYCLIF *Jer.* xxxvi. 23 He kutte it with a *scraping knife of the scribe. 1662 *Comenius' Janua Ling. Triling.* 87 A Butcher ..scalds swine all over first with hot water, and scrapes them with a scraping knife. 1852 MORFIT *Tanning & Currying* (1853) 166 For removing the hair, the scraping-knife alone must be used. 1886 *Scraping machine [see SCRAPER 7]. 1846 HOLTZAPFFEL *Turning* II. 483 This tool is called a *scraping plane, and is used for scraping the ivory keys of piano-fortes, and works inlaid with ivory, brass, and hard-woods. 1591 PERCIVALL *Sp. Dict., Escoplo*, a *scraping toole, a plaine for a carpenter.

Scra·ping, *ppl. a.* [f. SCRAPE *v.* + -ING[2].]

1. That scrapes, in various senses of the verb SCRAPE.

1599 *1st Pt. Ret. Parnass.* Prol. 2 That scrapinge legg, that dopping curtisie. 1790 BURNS *Let. to Mrs. Dunlop* 8 Aug., A quality rather rare in compliments of these grinning, bowing, scraping times. 1824 SCOTT *Redgauntlet* ch. xix, The blind scraping scoundrel [a fiddler]. 1879 *Organ Voicing* 17 A scraping or chiffing noise is sometimes heard accompanying a note. 1890 H. G. DAKYNS *Xenophon* I. Introd. 121 *note*, Scraping courtiers and nodding satellites.

2. *esp.* Money-grubbing, miserly.

1593 SHAKS. *Rich. II*, v. iii. 69 He shall spend mine Honour, with his Shame; As thriftlesse Sonnes, their scraping Fathers Gold. *a* 1618 RALEIGH *Prerog. Parl.* 27 The Duke of Lancaster was as scraping as shee. 1732 FIELDING *Miser* III. iii, You are never mentioned but by the names of covetous, scraping, stingy. 1861 THORNBURY *Turner* (1862) I. 74 He had always been brought up to be saving and thrifty by the careful scraping old barber, his father.

Hence **Scra·pingly** *adv.*, in a scraping manner.

1680 J. SHARP *Serm. on Eccl.* iii. 10, 26 That live scrapingly and uncharitably,..all their lives long.

Scrap iron. [f. SCRAP *sb.*[1]] Iron which has already been cast or wrought and broken up or cast aside for re-casting or re-working; broken pieces and small articles of old and disused iron-work. Also *attrib.*

Scrap wrought iron, scrap consisting of pieces of malleable iron, which when re-cast produces a superior iron.

1823 'JON BEE' *Dict. Turf* 214 Mere 'gatherers of scrap-iron'. 1839 *Civil Eng. & Arch. Jrnl.* II. 432/2 The bolts to be of the best scrap iron. 1862 *Times* 13 Aug. 4/2 In another..process scrap wrought iron is melted in admixture with pig iron. 1891 *Labour Commission Gloss.* s.v., In Government yards, where they do not sell old boilers, &c. these are broken up and the pieces are placed in heaps (scrap heaps) and sold as old iron. Men employed at this are said to be on *scrap iron work.*

Scraplet (skræ·plĕt). Forms: 6 **scrappelet**, 9 **scraplet**. [f. SCRAP *sb.*[1] + -LET.] A small scrap.

1519 HORMAN *Vulg.* 160 Fet a voyder to haue awey this scrappelettis [*quisquilias*]. 1878 E. W. BENSON *Cathedral* viii. 123 He thinks his little scraplets will do more for him and his people than the 'History of the Jews'.

Scrapling (skræ·plĭŋ). [f. SCRAP *sb.*[1] + -LING.] A small scrap. (See E.D.D. s.v. *Scrappling.*)

1843 TENNYSON in *Mem.* (1897) I. 220 Don't be angry at this scrapling.

Scrappe, obs. form of SCRAP.

† Scra·pper[1], *Obs. rare*—[1]. [f. SCRAP *sb.*[1] + -ER[1].] One who collects scrap-iron.

1648 in *Victoria Hist. Sussex* II. 245 Russell the scrapper for pickinge of soe much iron as made three tunne and 17 hundred at 3[li] per tunne.

Scrapper[2] (skræ·pəɹ). *slang.* [f. SCRAP *v.*[2] + -ER[1].] A pugilist.

1874 in *Hotten's Slang Dict.* 280. 1904 J. A. RIIS *Roosevelt* v. 104 He was a scrapper first, last, and all the time, with but little regard for whom he tackled, so long as he had him.

Scrappet (skræ·pĕt). *rare.* [f. SCRAP *sb.*[1] + -ET.] A small quantity or amount, a little scrap.

1901 *Pilot* 19 Jan. 75/2 Scrappets of science such as can be read in penny weekly papers. 1905 F. HARRISON in *Westm. Gaz.* 24 Feb. 6/3 Political interest is transferred to scrappets in halfpenny prints.

Scrappily (skræ·pĭli), *adv.* [f. SCRAPPY *a.* + -LY[2].] In a scrappy manner.

1886 MAX MÜLLER in *Contemp. Rev.* June 779 Carlyle..was still a raw, narrow-minded, scrappily educated Scotchman. 1909 *Athenæum* 28 Aug. 244/2 The attempt at final summary is rather a failure, being written scrappily.

Scrappiness (skræ·pĭnĕs). [f. SCRAPPY *a.* + -NESS.] The state or condition of being scrappy.

1867 *Lond. Rev.* 17 Aug. 183 What shall we say of the local newspaper? its essence is scrappiness. 1881 *Athenæum* 25 June 840/3 The great fault of his selection [*sc.* Arnold's *Poetry of Byron*] is its scrappiness.

Scrapping (skræ·piŋ), *vbl. sb.*[1] *slang.* [f. SCRAP *v.*[2] + -ING[1].] Fighting; boxing. Also *attrib.*

1891 *Pall Mall. Gaz.* 28 May 7/3 Discussing the rival merits of a wrestling match, of a lottery, and of a scrapping match. 1897 HOWELLS *Landl. Lion's Head* 387, I got to scrapping with a man,..and he left his marks on me. 1902 *Blackw. Mag.* July 40/1 What do you want me for? Is it for a straight 'scrapping' with Boers?

Scra·pping, *vbl. sb.*[2] [f. SCRAP *v.*[3] + -ING[1].] The action of 'sending to the scrap-heap'.

1905 *Daily Chron.* 23 May 4/4 The scrapping or sale of ships that ought to have been retained. 1907 *Morn. Post* 17 Jan. 2/3 The scrapping of ships.

Scrapple (skræ·p'l), *sb.*[1] *dial.* Forms: 4 **scrapill, scrapyll**, 7 **skrapple**, 7–9 **scraple**, 9– **scrapple**. [f. SCRAPE *v.* + -EL. Cf. WFlem. *schrepel* in the same sense.] A tool used for scraping or raking up.

1354 in *Finchale Priory Charters* (Surtees) p. xxxvij, j scrapill, j securis. 1397 *Ibid.* p. cxviij, Item j por et j scrapyll. 1615 W. LAWSON *Country Housew. Gard.* (1626) 46 A skrapple of iron..For Nettles and ground-Iuy after a showre. 1825 JAMIESON, *Scraple*, I. An instrument used for cleaning the Bake-board, Roxb. 2. One for cleaning a cow-house. 1875 W. DICKINSON *Cumbriana* 51 The girl came out with a small coal-rake, to which the old dame pointed, saying, 'Whè, that's what a scrapple may be!'

Scra·pple, *sb.*[2] *U. S.* [dim. of SCRAP *sb.*[1]] An article of food made from scraps of pork, etc. stewed with meal and pressed into large cakes.

1871 NAPHEYS *Prev. & Cure Dis.* I. ii. 59 The sausage and scrapple of New Jersey. 1881 *Harper's Mag.* Jan. 181 Milk, eggs, sausage, scrapple, vegetables, and poultry, all fresh from the farm.

Scra·pple, *v. dial.* Also 6 **skraple**, 8 **scraple**. [f. SCRAPPLE *sb.*[1]] To scrape or use a 'scrapple'.

1504 *Nottingham Rec.* III. 321 For skraplyng of ij. trees. 1711 HEARNE *Collect.* (O.H.S.) III. 138 This pavem[t]., after a little earth was scrapled away from its surface..was very fresh and faire. 1847 HALLIWELL, *Scrapple*, to grub about. *Oxon.* 1881 J. SARGISSON *Joe Scroap's Journ.* 48 (E.D.D.) They scrapplt up t'wet spots gayly wee.

Scrappy (skræ·pi), *a.* [f. SCRAP *sb.*[1] + -Y.] Consisting of scraps; made up of odds and ends; disjointed, unconnected.

1837 HOWITT *Rur. Life* (1842) 474 If you take any of the volumes of the living poets [in Germany], you are amazed at ..the short and scrappy nature of their effusions. *a* 1849 POE *Marginalia* xliii. Wks. 1864 III. 509 The partial genius is flashy—scrappy. 1858–9 THACKERAY *Virgin.* lvi, It may be that..there is a dreadfully scrappy dinner, the evident remains of a party to which I *didn't* invite you. 1864 BROWNING *Youth & Art* 62 Each life's unfulfilled, you see; It hangs still, patchy and scrappy. 1888 FRITH *Autobiog.* III. vii. 156 This chapter..is intended to be desultory, disjointed, ..scrappy, in fact. 1897 MARY KINGSLEY *W. Africa* 436 My classical knowledge is scrappy.

Scrapy (skrē·pi), *a.* [f. SCRAPE *v.* + -Y.] Having or producing a harsh grating noise.

1890 'L. FALCONER' *Mlle. Ixe* ii. 47, I get tired of hearing her scrapy voice. 1890 *Working Men's Coll. Jrnl.* 101 A particularly loud and scrapy violin.

Scrapyll, obs. form of SCRAPPLE *sb.*[1]

† Scrash, *v. Obs. rare*—[1]. [Onomatopœic var. of CRASH *v.*] = CRASH *v.* 1.

1640 tr. *Verdere's Rom. of Rom.* III. iii. 8 Hee seized upon the Knights Shield with his teeth, and pulling it easily from him,..hee scrashed it into a thousand pieces whilst hee trampled it under his feet.

Scrat, *sb.*[1] *Obs.* exc. *dial.* Forms: 5 **skratt**, **scrat(t)e, scrette**, 6 **scrayte, skarth**(t, (*erron.* **karthe**), **scarcht, scratche**, 6–7 **skrat**, 7–8, 9 (*dial.*) **scrat, scart, scratch**. See also SCARTH *sb.*[2] [Perh. repr. OE. **scratta* (? miswritten *scritta*), app. (in spite of the difference of sense) corresp. to ON. *skratte* wizard, goblin, monster, mod.Icel. *skratti* devil (MSw. *skratte* goblin); cf. OHG. *scrato, skraz* (pl. *skrazzâ, skrezza*) satyr, wood-demon, MHG. *schrat(e, schraz, schraz*, goblin, elf; for many mod.Ger. derivatives see Grimm s.v. *schrat.*]

1. A hermaphrodite.

c 1000 ÆLFRIC *Gloss.* in Wr.-Wülcker 161/11 *Hermafroditus*, wæpenwifestre, *uel* scritta [? *read* scrattn], *uel* bæddel. 14.. *Nom.* ibid. 695/2 *Hic et hec armifraudita*, a skratt. *c* 1475 *Pict. Voc.* ibid. 793/31 *Hec armifodrita*, a scrate. 1482 CAXTON *Trevisa's Higden* II. i. 73 Somtyme one of mankynde is both man & woman & suche..in englyssh is called a scrette [1527 scratte]. 1552 HULOET, Scrayte whyche is both male and female. *a* 1578 LINDESAY (Pitscottie) *Chron. Scot.* I. xxxi. (S.T.S.) I. 145 Ane bairne borne quhilk had baitht the kyndis of maill and famell, callit in our langage karthe [*v.rr.* scarcht, scratche]. 1600 HOLLAND *Livy* XXXIX. 1036 An Hermaphrodite or Skrat. 1634 T. JOHNSON *Parey's Chirurg.* XXV. iv. (1678) 592 Hermaphrodites, or Scrats. 1691 RAY *N. C. Words*, A *Scrat*; an Hermaphrodite: used of Men, Beasts, and Sheep. 1878 *Cumberld. Gloss., Scrat, scart, scratch*;..a female hermaphrodite sheep.

2. *dial.* (See quot.) Cf. SCRATCH *sb.*[2]

1855 ROBINSON *Whitby Gloss., Scrat*, Satan, generally with the prefix—old, 'Aud Scrat'.

Scrat, *sb.*[2] *Obs.* exc. *dial.* Also 6 **scratte**. [f. SCRAT *v.*]

1. An act of scratching, a mark resulting from scratching. Also, † a weal made by a whip.

1542 UDALL *Erasm. Apoph.* 84 b, The markes or scrattes of the stripes declared as plainly as if he had spoken it..how he had been handled. 1865 ATKINSON *Danby Gloss., Scrat*, a scraping, or scratching together, with pains and toil.

2. A small portion or part of anything.

1593 G. HARVEY *Pierce's Super.* 172 The golden Asse, in the superabundance of his rich humours, promiseth many other golden mountaines; but hath neuer a scrat of siluer. 1877 *Holderness Gloss., Scrat*, a trifle, or minimum of income. ..'He's not woth a scrat'. 1896 LUMSDEN *Poems* 89 Sma'

wheat was saun, an' maist o' that Was droun'd out to a waesome scrat Ere Mayday cam.

3. One who scrapes; a saving, miserly person.

a 1700 B. E. *Dict. Cant. Crews*, v. *Flay*,.. *He'll flay a Flint*, of a meer Scrat or Miser. 1866 Mrs. Lynn Linton *Lizzie Lorton* xvi. II. 77 Bella was an industrious, hard-working little body, generally called a 'lile scrat' by her neighbours.

Scrat, *v. Obs.* exc. *dial.* Forms: 3–6 scratte, 4–6 skrat, 5 skratt, 6 scratt, 4– scrat. Also 6 Scart *v.* [Early ME. *scratte*, of difficult etymology.

The sense coincides with that of MSw. *kratta* to scratch (so also in mod.Sw. dial.; cf. Sw. *kratta* to rake) = OHG. *krazzôn* (G. *kratzen*):—OTeut. **krattôjan*, believed to be the source of It. *grattare*, Sp., Pg. *gratar*, F. *gratter* to scratch, Grate *v.*[1] Possibly the ME. word may be an alteration (see Scr- 2) of an unrecorded **cratte* (either:—OE. **crattian* or adopted from Scandinavian), representing this Teut. verb. Another possibility is that the word may be a. OF. *esgrater*, f. *es-* (see Es-) + *grater*, *gratter* (see above).]

1. *intr.* To use the nails or claws for attack; to scratch (*at* a person).

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 186 And nis þet child fulitowen þet schrepeð [*MS. T* scratteð] aȝean, & bit upon þe ȝerde? *c* 1500 *Smyth & Dame* 374 in Hazl. *E. E. P.* III. 215 All way fast gan she scrat At hym wyth all her myght. 1526 Skelton *Magnyf.* 1314 A perylous thynge, to cast a cat Vpon a naked man, and yf she scrat. 1790 Mrs. Wheeler *Westmld. Dial.* (1821) 69 They braaid, skrat, an font, like mad fowk.

2. *trans.* To lacerate, wound, or mark superficially by dragging the nails, claws, or anything pointed or prickly, over the skin or surface.

1340 Hampole *Pr. C.* 7378 Ilk ane scratte other in þe face. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xxxi. (*Eugenia*) 365 For-þi hyr face scho skratit þare, And of hyre hewid rugit þe hare. *c* 1440 *Alphabet of Tales* 515 And þan he come home all tobittyn and skrattyd with thornys and breers. 1530 Palsgr. 707/2 The catte hath scratte hym by the face. 1577 Hellowes *Gueuara's Chron.* 197 Hee caused the brestes of the priests to be scrat with combs of yron in his presence. 1621 Burton *Anat. Mel.* III. iii. II. i. 684 It is an ordinary thing for women in such cases, to scrat the faces, slit the noses of such as they suspect. 1797 Bridges *Hom. Trav.* I. 235 If they won't fight, their steps he traces, And..scrats their faces.

† **b.** *fig.* in *passive.* To be superficially marked.

1559 Aylmer *Harborowe* A 3 b, A little scratted with som shewe and apparance of learning.

c. with advs.: To pull *out*, scrape *off* with the claws or nails.

c 1500 *Robt. Deuyll* in Thoms *Prose Rom.* (1828) I. 9 He scratte out theyr eyen. 1589 Nashe *Martin's Mouths Mind* Ep. Ded., We shall reach them a rappe, as they will never clawe of, except they scratt off the skinne from the verie bones.

3. To rub lightly with the finger-nails, etc., to relieve itching or the like; = Scratch *v.* 2.

1542 Udall *Erasm. Apoph.* 324 Scrattyng his hedde with one fynger. 1576 Turberv. *Venerie* xlvii, Sometimes he would skrat his thyghes with his foote. 1598 Hall *Sat.* VI. i, And bite my nayles, and scrat my dullard head.

4. *intr.* Of a bird or animal: To rake in the ground with the claws. Also *transf.* of persons.

1556 J. Heywood *Spider & F.* xv. 58 While ye were in that diche scrallyog, And scratting in the myre to saue your life. 1621 Burton *Anat. Mel.* I. ii. III. xii. 156 Seeing a Crow scrat vpon the muck-hill, [he] returned in all hast. 1859 Geo. Eliot *Adam Bede* i, If a man..scrats at his bit o' garden, and makes two potatoes grow i'stead o' one [etc.].

b. *trans.* with advs. To get *out*, *up*, by scratching.

a 1560 Becon *Fl. Godly Prayers* Pref., Wks. II. 176 The Iewes were compelled for very hunger..to scratte out the most filthy and stinking dounge,..and for very famine to eate it. 1864 Mrs. H. Wood *Trev. Hold* I. ii. 22 The hole was scratted out by the dog. 1886 *Chesh. Gloss.* s.v., Th' ens have been i' th' garden, and scratted up everythink.

5. *intr.* (fig. of 4). To struggle to make a living or to gain money: Scratch *v.* 5.

1579 W. A. *Spec. Rem. Lawless Love* c j (Roxb. Club), He ..scrapes and scrattes as though all were his owne, And hoordes it vp within his bagges to rust. 1587 *Mirr. Mag., Wolsey* ii, Ambitious minde, a world of wealth would haue, So scrats and scrapes, for scorse, and scorny drosse. 1861 Geo. Eliot *Silas M.* xiv, We may strive and scrat and fend, but its little we can do arter all.

Hence **Scra·tting** *vbl. sb.*, and *ppl. a.*

c 1375 *Cursor M.* 11823 (Fairf.), & wiþ skratting he toke þe skurf he barked ouer as a turfe. 1555 Watreman *Fardle Facions* II. viii. 179 Thei canne finde none ende of their scrattinge, but the more thei haue, the fellier gnaweth their longing. 1593 Churchyard *Challenge* 1 The restles race, that mortall men doe runne, Seemes smooth to sight, yet full of scratting breers. 1602–3 in P. F. Tytler *Hist. Scot.* (1864) IV. 312, I hope you will bear with my molesting you too long with my scrattinge hand. 1667 Lacy *Sauny the Scott* II. i. (1698), I take as Muckle Pleasure, Sir, in Scratten and Scrubben, as ye de in Tiplin and Mowing.

Scratch (skrætʃ), *sb.*[1] [f. Scratch *v.*]

I. Result of scratching.

1. A slight tearing or incision of the skin produced by a sharp instrument. (Sometimes applied slightingly to a trifling flesh-wound.) Cf. Scrat *sb.*[2]

a 1586 Sidney *Arcadia* I. (Sommer) 82 Al the Lion could do, was with his paw to teare of the mantle and sleeue of Zelmane, with a little scratch, rather then a wound. 1598 Shaks. *Rom. & Jul.* III. i. 96 *Ben.* What art thou hurt? *Mer.* I, I, a scratch, a scratch, marry 'tis inough, Where is my Page? go Villaine fetch a Surgeon. 1613 Beaum. & Fl. *Philaster* v. i, *Leon.* Are all his wounds well? *Tra.* All, they were but scratches, but the losse of blood made him faint. 1672 Wiseman *Wounds* I. x. 96 But if the blood ..be recent, it possibly happened from some scratch of your Terebra. 1719 De Foe *Crusoe* II. (Globe) 394 The third had a little scratch in the shoulder. 1828 Scott *F. M. Perth* iii, Surely a few drops of blood from a scratch, and a few silly words from a foolish wench's lips, are not to part father and son. 1851 Tennyson *Edwin Morris* 63, I would have hid her needle in my heart, To save her little finger from a scratch. 1889 Corbett *Monk* i. 10 The young ensign passed through the four months of..fighting without a scratch.

b. *fig.*

1592 Timme *Ten Eng. Lepers* vii. H 2 b, Rase it over but with a little scratch, and all the matter of love is gone. 1682 Sir T. Browne *Chr. Mor.* (1756) 94 Angred pride makes a noise, like Homerican Mars, at every scratch of offences. 1759 H. Walpole *Let. to Mann* 30 Nov., Our loss is a scratch, one lieutenant and thirty-nine men killed [etc.].

c. slang. *No great scratch*: of no serious importance, of no great value.

1844 *Maj. Jones' Courtship* 136 (Bartlett), There are a good many Joneses in Georgia, and I know some myself that ain't no great scratches. 1864 *Hotten's Slang Dict.* s.v., 'No great scratch', of little worth.

2. a. *pl.* A disease of horses, in which the pastern appears as if scratched; = *cratches*, Cratch *sb.*[2] 2.

1591 Percivall *Sp. Dict., Arestin*, the scratches in a horses pasterns, *Scabies in equorum suffragine.* 1650 B. *Discolliminium* 16 My Mare hath the Scratches on her hinder Heeles. 1754 Bartlet *Gentl. Farriery* xxxvii. (ed. 2) 305 Scratches in the heels have so much affinity with the grease ..thnt [etc.]. 1881 *Scribner's Monthly* XXII. 644 The history of a galled shoulder or of an obstinate case of scratches. *fig.* 1596 Nashe *Saffron Walden* 26 So hath hee..vncessantly perswaded me to preserue my credit from iadish dying of the scratches.

b. The mange. Cf. Cratch *sb.*[2] 1.

1828 *Sporting Mag.* XXIII. 26 The appearance of mange, or scratch as it is sometimes called, among my hounds.

3. A mark or furrow produced by the grinding contact of two substances; a shallow linear incision.

1662 Faithorne *Art Graving* 48 And if you perceive any scratches in your plate, rub them out with your bornisher. 1677 Moxon *Mech. Exerc., Smithing* 15 The course File cuts deep and makes deep scratches in the work. 1816 J. Smith *Panorama Sci. & Art* II. 818 The scratch made on the glass at the commencement, need scarcely be more than a point. 1853 Dana *Man. Geol.* 538 There are deep scratches or groovings in the rocky surface of the country across which the stones were carried. 1907 Hodges *Elem. Photogr.* 25 Any adherent grit will cause scratches.

4. A rough or irregular mark made by a pencil, paint-brush, etc.; hence, a slight sketch, a hasty scrawl.

1646 Evelyn *Diary* Apr., 400 leaves full of scratches of Indians. 1653 Urquhart *Rabelais* I. xxviii, Drawing scratches on the hearth with a stick burnt at the one end. 1752 Mrs. Delany *Life & Corr.* (1861) III. 124, I send you a little scratch not worthy to be called a sketch. 1785 Cowper *Let. to Newton* Wks. 1836 V. 153 Every scratch of his pen was accounted a treasure. 1811 Byron *Let. to Dallas* Wks. 432 *note*, A scratch under *last*, to show where the joke lies. *a* 1871 De Morgan *Budget Parad.* (1872) 466 If any one should have the sense to leave out of his Greek the unmeaning scratches which they call accents. 1908 *Outlook* 14 Nov. 655/2 The scratch of a Minister's pen may be worth millions of dollars to some favoured person or some inside syndicate.

5. *Sporting.* A line or mark drawn as an indication of a boundary or starting-point; † in *Cricket*, a 'crease' (*obs.*); in *Pugilism*, the line drawn across the ring, to which boxers are brought for an encounter. Hence in various phrases (often *fig.*), as *to come up to the scratch*, *to bring to the scratch*, *to toe the scratch*, etc.

1778 Cotton in Nyren *Yng. Cricketer's Tutor* (1833) 67 Ve strikers..Stand firm to your scratch, let your bat be upright. 1821 *John Bull* 7 Jan. 29/3 He started a few seconds before the time and came up in speed to the scratch at the moment appointed. 1830–57 De Quincey *Bentley* Wks. VII. 131 No prudent champion, however game, would have chosen to offer himself to the scratch for a second round. 1881 *Sportsman's Year-bk.* 37 [Pigeon shooting rules.] 21. In Shooting Matches..The shooter is bound in his turn to appear at the scratch within five minutes when called upon. 1894 Sir J. Astley *Fifty Yrs. Life* I. 41 Some eight or ten toed the scratch, and I won very easily.

b. The starting-point in a handicap of a competitor who receives no odds; sometimes *colloq.* used *ellipt.* for such a competitor.

1867 *Athlete for* 1866, 9 W. Collett, scratch 1. 1876 *Bicycle Jrnl.* 18 Aug. 7/1 Mr. Tom Sabin, of the Coventry Bicycle Club, has won, during last week, three races from scratch. 1885 *Field* 31 July 182/2 In the [lawn tennis] match between Messrs. G. Butler (owes 15) and E. A. Butler (scratch), the odd set again had to be resorted to.

6. The sound produced by the friction of two more or less rough surfaces.

1787 Mme. D'Arblay *Diary* 8 Nov., At the Royal doors there is always a particular kind of scratch used, instead of tapping. 1898 G. B. Shaw *Arms & Man* I. 8 There is a scratch, and the flame of a match is seen in the middle of the room.

7. *Salt making.* (See quot.) Also *attrib.*

Perhaps so called because *scratched* from the side of the pan. Possibly, however, it is a different word: cf. Scratchings.

1723 Brown in *Phil. Trans.* XXXII. 354 Whilst the Brine is boyling, there precipitates n hard crusty Matter,..Part of it fixes on the Bottom of the Iron Pan so hard, as to be afterwards dug off; and this the Workmen call Scratch. 1753 *Chambers' Cycl.* Suppl., *Scratch*, in the language of the salt-workers of our country, the name of a calcarious earthy or stony substance, which separates from sea water in boiling it for salt. Scratch pans, in the English salt-works, a name given to certain leaden pans, which [etc.]. 1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) XVI. 627/1 At the four corners of the salt-pan, where the flame does not touch its bottom, are placed four small lead pans called scratch pans.

II. 8. An act of scratching. *rare.*

1765 *Museum Rust.* III. 157, I pass a moderate-sized roller over the field, and then give it a slight scratch with a pair of light harrows. 1844 O. W. Holmes *Verses for After-dinner* 28 No rubbing will kindle your Lucifer match, If the fiz does not follow the primitive scratch. 1861 Hughes *Tom Brown at Oxf.* xxxvi, Lifting the back of his short hat off his head to make room for a scratch. 1899 *Daily News* 31 Mar. 4/7 The little finger is going to descend on the nearly bald pate and gently tickle it—the scratch of feigned wonderment or perplexity.

b. A skirmish, a trivial fight.

1840 De Quincey *Style* Wks. XI. 218 The philosopher should not have had it all his own way; there should have been a 'scratch' at least between us.

† **III. 9.** (See quot.) *Obs.*

1618 Atkinson *Gold Mynes Scot.* (Bannatyne Club) 1 The iron raake or scratch to cull and devide the great stones.

IV. 10. Ellipt. for *scratch periwig* (see 11).

Possibly the etymological notion was 'a periwig that gives opportunity for scratching the head'.

1755 *Connoisseur* No. 77 P 1 His long lank greasy hair may be exchanged in Middle-Row for a smart bag or a jemmy scratch. 1764 *Oxf. Sausage* 26 Quips, and Cranks, and wanton Wiles, That love to live within the one-curled Scratch. 1806 Surr *Winter in Lond.* II. 119 A stout short man, with a flaxen scratch. 1830 O. W. Holmes *Treadmill Song* 30 Don't pull his hair, Because he wears a scratch. 1904 Baroness von Hutten *Pam* 285 Either his hair is beginning to grow, or he is wearing a craftily made scratch.

V. 11. *attrib.* and *Comb.*

a. attributive uses of sense 5 b, as *scratch-car*, *-line*, *-man*, *-player*, *-race.*

1908 *Westm. Gaz.* 21 Apr. 4/2 Two thousand two hundred and thirty-one yards separated the limit car from the *scratch car. 1897 *Encycl. Sport* I. 62/1 (Athletics) **Scratch line*, the mark from which the length of any race is measured. 1877 *Bicycle Jrnl.* 7 Sept. 6/1 The ultimate result was a brilliant and well earned victory by the two *scratch men. 1888 *Athenæum* 16 June 760/3 The tone of brutality towards bad players which *scratch players always adopt. 1897 *Encycl. Sport* I. 473/1 (Golf) *Scratch player*, a good player, who receives neither handicap nor penalty. 1864 *Hotten's Slang Dict.*, **Scratch-race* (on the Turf), a race where any horse, aged, winner, or loser, can run with any weights. 1888 P. Furnivall *Phys. Training* 6 Next comes the knotty point as to whether the rider intends training for handicaps or scratch races.

b. Special combinations (some of which may perh. be referred to the verb): **scratch-block**, a scribbling block (cf. sense 4); **scratch-card**, an instrument for polishing metals formed by fastening long lengths of steel wire upon a pad of leather or cloth; **scratch-carding**, the use of the *scratch-card*; **scratch-cat**, humorous epithet for a spiteful person; **scratch-coat** (? *U. S.*), a rough coating of plaster scratched before it is quite dry in order that the following coat may adhere properly; hence **scratch-coated** *a.*, treated with such a coating of plaster; **scratch-comma**, a diagonal stroke used by some early printers in place of the comma; **scratch-cradle**, a name for Cats-cradle; **scratch-figure** *Typogr.* = *scratched figure*; **scratch-finish** (see quot.); **scratch-grass**, a dial. name for *Galium Aparine*, *Cynosurus cristatus*, and, in U.S., *Polygonum sagittatum*; † **scratch-hoeing** (see quot.); **scratch-knot**, a simple form of scratch-brush consisting of a single bunch of wire; **scratch-pan** (see sense 7); **scratch-periwig** = *scratch-wig*; **scratch-rattle** = Scratch-back 2; **scratch-weed**, *Galium Aparine*; **scratch-wig**, a small, short wig; **scratch-work** (see quot.). Also Scratch-brush.

1897 Flandrau *Harvard Episodes* 192 His note-books and *scratch block were lying open. 1839 *Scratch card [see Scratch-brush]. 1839 F. A. Griffiths *Artil. Man.* 3 The operation of *scratch-carding is..to commence. 1880 'Ouida' *Moths* I. 39 She was the most obstinate, humdrum, nasty old *scratch-cat in the County. 1891 *Century Dict.*, **Scratch-coat.* 1823 J. F. Cooper *Pioneers* xi, The brown sides of the *scratch-coated walls. 1888 Jacobi *Printers' Voc.*, **Scratch comma*, a sign thus / used in old documents and reprints. It is now used as a shilling mark. 1892 Lounsbury *Stud. Chaucer* I. 342 The mark that goes under the name of a scratch-comma. 1822 Nares *Gloss.* s. v. *Cratch*, A childish game, corruptly called *scratch-cradle. 1888 Jacobi *Printers' Voc.*, **Scratch-finish*, a finish for decorative objects of metal-work, in which a surface otherwise smooth is diversified by small curved scratches forming irregular scrolls over the whole field. 1846–50 A. Wood *Class-bk. Bot.* 475 *Polygonum sagittatum.* *Scratchgrass. 1886 Britten & Holland *Plant-n.*, Scratch Grass. 1733 Tull *Horse-Hoeing Husb.* vii. 56 The Shallow Horse-Hoeing..is but an Imitation of the Hand-Hoe,..and may be properly called *Scratch-Hoeing. 1905 Hasluck *Electro-plating*, Fig. 44 *Scratch-knot. 1771 Smollett *Humph. Clinker* 31 May, Our.. footman..lost his *scratch periwig. 1870 Bartley 1 *Square Mile E. London* 50 The abolition of Greenwich and other fairs having much damaged the sale of the *scratch-rattle toy, which was his speciality. 1855 Miss Pratt *Flower. Pl.* III. 154 (Goose-grass or Cleavers)...Lenves, stems, and globular fruits are all bristly, and the latter often cling to the clothing,..thus it is called..*Scratchweed. 1868 *Paxton's Bot. Dict., Scratch-weed.* 1775 Mme. D'Arblay *Early Diary* 26 Mar., [Garrick] was himself in a most odious *scratch wig. 1889 Gretton *Memory's Harkback* 7 A good-humoured, easy-going veteran in a scratch wig. 1710 J. Harris *Lex. Techn.* II, **Scratch-work*, in Italian, *Sgraffitti*, was a way of Painting in Fresco, by preparing of a black Ground, on which was placed a white Plaster; and this White being taken off with an Iron Bodkin, the Black appears thro the Holes, and serves for Shadows.

Scratch (skrætʃ), *sb.*[2] *colloq.* (now chiefly *dial.*) [Alteration of Scrat *sb.*[1], after Scratch *v.*] A name for the devil, usually *Old Scratch.*

1740 *Christmas Entertainments* iv. (1883) 38 Old Scratch or Nicholas the Antient. 1756 Amory *Buncle* (1825) I. 303 Scratch was the name I had for the evil one. 1762 [see Old *a.* 9]. 1858 Trollope *Three Clerks* xx, He'd have pitched me to Old Scratch..if [etc.]. 1873 Will. Carleton *Farm Ball.* 43 Do you mind my melon-patch—How you gobbled the whole batch,..just to raise the scratch?

Scratch (skrætʃ), *a.* [Orig. the sb. used attrib.]

1. Hastily sketched, roughly drawn.

1853 R. S. Surtees *Sponge's Sp. Tour* xx. 98 A scratch map he had made on a bit of paper.

2. Gathered together promiscuously, hastily assembled. *Scratch vote, division, majority*: one which, owing to accident or stratagem, does not represent the actual state of opinion in a constituency or deliberative body (cf. *snap, snatch*).

1859 Jephson *Brittany* ix. 147 Our pack was what is called a 'scratch pack'. Every one contributed a dog or two. 1864 *Times* 17 Mar. (Hoppe), Compared with the Oxford men, those sent up by Cambridge on this occasion were little better than a scratch crew. 1872 Lever *Ld. Kilgobbin* lxiii, The company was what he irreverently called..a scratch team. 1883 Sheree *At Home & in India* 119 A scratch troop of domestics..secured all the glass doors. 1891 *Newcastle Daily Jrnl.* 9 Oct. 4/6 All he looks forward to is a scratch majority, obtained..by keeping the whole question in the dark. 1900 *Edin. Rev.* Jan. 266 Scratch brigades..hastily constituted with scratch staffs.

b. *absol.* A scratch crew.

1896 *Daily News* 26 Mar. 7/2 The eights paddled up steadily against the ebb, the scratch stopping short at Barnes with the Dark Blues going on. 1908 *Daily Chron.* 2 Apr. 6/5 It is not so easy to race away from a fresh scratch towards the end of a twelve minutes row.

Scratch (skrætʃ), *v.* Forms: 5 **scracch, scartch, 6 scratche, skratch(e, searche, 6–7 scrach, 5– scratch.** [App. produced by a confusion of the synonymous Scrat, Cratch *vbs.*

First in Caxton. The form *scartch, scarche*, which occurs once in Caxton and once in Du Wes, may possibly be a mere misprint, although metathesis of *rs* is not uncommon.]

1. *trans.* To wound superficially by dragging the claws or finger-nails over the skin. Also, in wider sense: To wound superficially with anything pointed and hard dragged over the skin or in contact with its moving surface, so as to produce a slight linear tearing or abrasion.

1474 Caxton *Chesse* II. i. (1883) 20 He scracchid hym in the visage. *c* 1489 — *Sonnes of Aymon* xxii. 491 For she scartched her face and pulled her heres from her hede for grete sorow. 1530 Palsgr. 720/1 Se howe she hath scratched me by the face. *c* 1532 Du Wes *Introd. Fr.* ibid. 943 To scarche, *esgratigner. Ibid.* 945 To scratche, *esgratigner.* 1541 R. Copland *Galyen's Terap.* 2 Dij b, He hath scratched hymself in any party, as on the arme, and sodaynly is rysen a blyster or pustule. 1591 Shaks. *Two Gent.* I. ii, How way-ward is this foolish loue; That (like a testie Babe) will scratch the Nurse, And presently, all humbled kisse the Rod? 1638 Sir T. Herbert *Trav.* (ed. 2) 238 Who to expresse their zeale the better, burne and scratch their armes and breasts, cutting their flesh. 1766 Grav *Impromptus* 6 Bishop of Chester,..If you scratch him will fester. 1870 Bryant *Iliad* I. v. 155 A golden buckle scratched her tender hand. 1872 Calverley *Fly Leaves* (1884) 57 But all too soon my kitten Became a full-sized cat, by which I've more than once been scratch'd and bitten.

b. With adv.: To tear *out* (e.g. the eyes) or to drag *off* (a portion of the skin, a pimple, etc.) with the claws or nails.

1591 Shaks. *Two Gent.* IV. iv. 209, I vow, I should haue scratch'd out your vnseeing eyes. 1609 B. Jonson *Masque of Queens* Wks. 1616 I. 952, I scratch'd out the eyes of the Owle before. 1674 Brevint *Saul at Endor* 120 Thus when she killed one once and scratcht out the eie of another.

c. *absol.* or *intr.* To use the claws or nails as weapons of offence. Also occas. of inanimate things, to produce a scratch or superficial abrasion.

1589 *Pappe w. Hatchet* Lyly's Wks. 1902 III. 406 If a field may be pitcht we are readie: if they scratch wee will bring cattes. *a* 1629 Goffe *Courag. Turk* III. iii. (1632) E 3, Enter some Truls both sides, they fight and scratch. 1839 Hood *Rural Felicity* 28 But, mercy on us, how nettles will sting, and how the long brambles do scratch. 1855 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* xxi. IV. 666 It was better to die biting and scratching to the last than to be worried without resistance or revenge. 1885 *Sat. Rev.* 3 Jan., Children, especially when they grow to years of discretion, should not scratch.

†**d.** *fig.* To skirmish or fight without doing serious injury. *Obs.*

1596 Nashe *Saffron Walden* O 4, Euerie circumstance I cannot stand to reckon vp, as how wee came to take knowledge of one anothers being there, or what a stomacke I had to haue scratcht with him. 1625 in Rushw. *Hist. Coll.* (1659) I. 193 What is it for his Allies to scratch with the King of Spain, to take a Town to day, and lose it to morrow.

2. *trans.* To rub or scrape lightly (a part of the body) with the finger-nails or claws (e.g. to relieve itching). So *to scratch one's head*, as a gesture indicating perplexity.

1530 Palsgr. 707/2 Come, scratche my backe, I pray the. 1590 Shaks. *Mids. N.* IV. i. 7 Scratch my head, Peaseblossome. 1617 Moryson *Itin.* III. 83 In the morning when they turne them [their Hogges] forth, they scratch them with their fingers, as Barbers doe mens heads. 1645 Evelyn *Diary* 29 Sept., An antiq of a dog in stone scratching his eare. 1712 Steele *Spect.* No. 498 P 3 The fellow thereupon surrendered his whip, scratch'd his head, and crept into the coach. 1822 Byron *Juan* VI. 100 He scratch'd his ear, the infallible resource To which embarrass'd people have recourse. 1885 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 12 Jan. 1/2 The homely adage, 'Scratch my back and I'll scratch yours.'

b. *intr.* for *refl.*

1590 Shaks. *Mids. N.* IV. i. 28 If my haire do but tickle me, I must scratch. 1698 Fryer *Acc. E. India & P.* 92 So stupid, that notwithstanding Chints, Fleas, and Muskeeto's, torment them every Minute [they] dare not presume to scratch where it itches. 1810 *Spirit Publ. Jrnls.* XIII. 71 My dogs itch and scratch with the mange.

3. *trans.* To make slight linear abrasions on (a surface of any kind).

1669 Evelyn *Diary* 13 July, Observing that..some idle persons began to scratch and iniure them [*viz.* marbles]. 1794 Sullivan *View Nat.* I. ix. 73 Marble is soft, and can be scratched with a knife. 1832 G. R. Porter *Porcelain & Glass* xvi. 324 These specimens were sufficiently hard to scratch rock-crystal. 1863 Dana *Man. Geol.* 676 The stones which have produced the furrowing are sometimes scratched themselves.

absol. 1878 Huxley *Physiogr.* 134 The coarse sediment scratching along the bottom, helps to tear it up.

b. *hyperbolically.* To furrow (the soil) very lightly for the purpose of cultivation.

1697 Dryden *Virg. Georg.* III. 797 The lab'ring Swain Scratch'd with a Rake, a Furrow for his Grain. 1733 Tull *Horse-Hoeing Husb.* vii. 62 Sarrition scratched and broke so small a part of the Earth's Surface. 1860 *Chamb. Encycl.* I. 82/1 The ground, in such cases, requires no further culture than treading in the seed by animals or slightly scratching the surface with bushes. 1878 Bosw. Smith *Carthage* 422 Its cultivators—if those who just scratch the surface of the earth may be so called.

c. To produce (marks) or portray (an object) by light incisions on a surface.

1644 Symonds *Diary* (Camden) 71 Another huge large stone, three pictures of men in armes scratcht upon the stone. 1741 Middleton *Cicero* II. viii. 235, I had scratched, as it were, out of the block, some faint resemblance of an image. 1872 Tennyson *Gareth & Lynette* 522 When both were children, and in lonely haunts Would scratch a ragged oval on the sand, And each at either dash from either end.

†**d.** *intr.* In the election of the Lord Mayor: To put a mark against the name of the candidate voted for. *Obs.*

1773 *Chron.* in *Ann. Reg.* 142/1 The number of aldermen who scratched for each being equal, it was decided..by the casting voice of the present Lord-Mayor.

e. *trans.* To polish = Scratch-brush *v.*

1856 G. Gore in *Orr's Circ. Sci., Pract. Chem.* 76 After being again washed in water, they are 'scratched' at the brush. 1877 G. B. Gee *Silversmith's Handbk.* x. 161 After either of the processes of whitening or plating, the work has to be scratched, unless required to be left a dead white.

4. *intr.* Of a bird or animal: To remove earth, etc., with the claws. Also *trans.* with advs., *to scratch out*, to extricate or disinter with the claws; *to scratch up*, to heap up by scratching.

c 1520 Andrew *Noble Lyfe* in *Babees Bk.* (1868) 220 They put their bylles in the erthe sometyme so depe that they can nat gete it vp agayne & than they scratche theyr billes out agayn with theyr fete. 1617 Moryson *Itin.* I. 247, I found they [*sc.* jackals] had scratched up the earth almost to his body. 1867 Miss Broughton *Cometh Up* xxiv, We..found the doomed chanticleer scratching and scraping peaceably on the dunghill.

5. *fig.* **a.** To struggle to make money, to 'scrape'. Also *trans.* to scrape up (money). Now *dial.*

1509 Barclay *Ship of Fools* (1874) I. 43 If he can be a fals extorcyoner Fasynge and bostynge to scratche and to kepe He shall be made a comon costomer. *c* 1550 *Vertuous Scholehous* C 6, Thou doest scratche and rake so long at home. 1560 Pilkington *Expos. Aggeus* (1562) 66 Is it tyme for you that ye scrape and scratch together, all ye can laye youre handes on? 1900 *Pearson's Mag.* May 475/2 For this they put by ivery ha'penny they could scratch an' save.

b. *intr.* with adv. To get *along, on, through* with difficulty.

1838 Haliburton *Clockm.* Ser. II. iv. 53, I think a body might have a chance to make out to scratch along to live here. 1867 Miss Broughton *Cometh Up* xxix, I suppose we shall manage to scratch on pretty much as other people do. 1887 *Kentish Gloss.* s. v., 'Times is bad, but I just manage somehows to keep scratching along'. 1890 *Eng. Illustr. Mag.* Dec. 152 Charley..contrived to scratch through for the Edinburgh M.D.

†**6.** *trans.* To seize rapaciously, as a bird with its claws; to get possession of by effort or with difficulty. *To scratch acquaintance* = 'to scrape acquaintance' (see Scrape *v.* 5 b). *Obs.*

1582 G. Martin *Manif. Corrupt. Script.* vi. 96 What a peeuish, malicious, & impudent corruption is this,..to seeke to scratch aduantage of the word Presbyter, & to make it signifie an Elder, not a Priest. *c* 1610 Rowlands *Terrible Batt.* 2 The great and good report which my beloued friend ..hath giuen of you, hath made me more then halfe in loue with you, which makes me thinke in some sort (as the rude and rusticke phrase is) to scratch acquaintance of you. 1658–9 Ludlow in *Burton's Diary* (1828) III. 145 If we take the people's liberties from them, they will scratch them back again. 1680 C. Nesse *Ch. Hist.* 387 Satan, with all his savage sanhedrims, could not yet scratch Christs Apostles out of their mansions.

†**b.** intr. *To scratch for*, to struggle fiercely to obtain.

1581 J. Bell *Haddon's Answ. Osor.* 415 Such as will skratch for heaven by force [orig. *violentis illis, qui regnum Dei rapturi sunt*], must undertake no small travayles. 1618 Fletcher *Loyal Subj.* IV. iii, And were I fit to be your wife ..Trust me I would scratch for ye but I would have ye.

7. a. trans. *To scratch out*: to erase (writing) with a penknife. Also (cf. 3 c), to delete by crossing through with a pen.

1711–12 Swift *Jrnl. to Stella* 25 Jan., I have often scratched out passages from papers and pamphlets sent me,..because I thought them too severe. *a* 1720 Sewel *Hist. Quakers* (1765) I. IV. 253 [He] did, with his knife, scratch out the letters. 1849 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* viii. II. 302 The butler refused to scratch Hough's name out of the buttery book.

b. To erase the name of (a person) from a list; hence † to expel from a club or society (*obs.*); to expunge from a list of candidates or competitors; *Sporting*, to withdraw (a horse or other animal) from the list of entries for a race or other competition.

1685 *Roxb. Ball.* (1888) V. 607 They kick'd me out of Goldsmiths'-Hall..; One cursed Tory scratch'd me! 1825 *Examiner* 762/1 All payments should be made on the quarterly night, or be scratched; if ladies got intoxicated, they would be scratched. 1851 Mayhew *Lond. Labour* I. 343 Of course I got 'scratched' from the trade Society. 1852 Dickens *Bleak Ho.* lxiii, 'Scratch you out of her will, I think you mean?' 'Of course I do. In short..I mean—*to*—Scratch me.' 1859 *Hotten's Slang Dict.* s.v., Tomboy was scratched for the Derby at 10 A.M. on Wednesday. 1885 *Truth* 28 May 854/2 If he is not to start, the sooner Lord Alington scratches him the better.

c. *U.S. Politics.* Of a voter: To erase the name of (one or more of the candidates) from the party ticket. Also *absol.*

1888 Bryce *Amer. Commw.* III. lxvi. II. 494 The number of candidates is often so great, and the knowledge which the average citizen has..of them so small, that many who would be glad to 'scratch' or 'paste' have really no data for doing so. 1890 C. L. Norton *Polit. Americanisms* 100.

d. *intr.* for *refl.* To withdraw from a competition; *jocularly*, to withdraw one's acceptance of an invitation.

In Oxford University, formerly said of an undergradnate who after having entered for an examination, and perhaps having done all or part of the paper work, withdrew his name before undergoing the *viva voce*, with the intention of presenting himself for the examination at a later time.

1866 *Mysteries of Isis* 292 He was ploughed for 'Smalls' as you know; eventually he had 'scratched' at 'Mods', and on a second attempt had been again ploughed. 1878 *Athletic World* 5 Apr. 12/1 Middlesex scratched to Charing Cross [in a cup-tie]. 1897 *Punch* 6 Nov. 210/2 Wonder.. how many people will scratch at the last moment.

†**8.** *intr.* To fish with a line with three or four hooks attached. *Obs.*

1659 T. Barker *Angling* (ed. 2) 41 Nicholas Harridans.. hath killed many a dish of Barbells that way with scratching.

9. To drag the nails or claws over a surface so as to make a faint grating noise. Also, of a pen, to move over the paper with a slight noise.

1703 *Rules of Civility* 14 At the door of a Prince..it would be rude to knock; we are only to scratch. [Cf. quot. 1787 in Scratch *sb.*¹ 6.] 1909 *Daily News* 2 Oct. 4/6 He [a dog] scratched so persistently at the door, that they let him have his way.

¶ **b.** The verb-stem (or the imperative) is sometimes used quasi-adv. to express the sound of scratching.

1848 Mrs. Gaskell *Mary Barton* xxix, The pen went.., scratch, scratch over the paper. 1858 Lytton *What will He do* I. i, Scratch across his back went one of those ingenious mechanical contrivances familiarly in vogue at fairs.

c. *trans.* To rub gratingly on a rough surface.

1875 F. T. Buckland *Log-Bk.* 98 A match being scratched on a box for ignition. 1864 Lowell *Fireside Trav.* 163 One may scratch a thought half a dozen times and get nothing at last but a faint sputter.

10. To scribble, write hurriedly or carelessly. Also with advs.

1806 Scott *Fam. Lett.* June (1894) I. ii. 47, I also scratched down another ballad the morning of the day of meeting. 1883 Reade in *Harper's Mag.* June 98/1, I..left her to scratch him a receipt. 1889 Lady Waterford in Hare *Two Noble Lives* (1893) III. 461 The usual scene, Jenny singing and me scratching off letters for the second post.

11. *intr.* Of horses: To contract the disease known as 'the scratches' in the hoofs.

1737 Bracken *Farriery Impr.* (1757) I. 345 They would grease and scratch sooner behind than before.

12. *Comb.* (with object), as *scratch-eye* adj.; **scratch-my-back** = Scratch-back 2; **scratch-penny**, a money-grubber (cf. *scrape-penny*).

1681 Colvil *Whigs Supplic.* (1751) 36 It turned to a *scratch-eye scuffle. 1887 *Mayor's Proclam. Oxf.* 19 Aug. (*St. Giles's Fair*), Any person..who may prove to have assaulted any ..person,..by means of a squirt, *scratch-my-back. *c* 1817 Hogg *Tales & Sk.* V. 213 Are the military to starve, that a *scratchpenny may thrive?

Scra·tchable, *a. nonce-wd.* [-able.] Capable of being scratched. (Cf. Scratch *v.* 3 b.)

1858 Carlyle *Fredk. Gt.* XVIII. viii. (1872) VII. 236 [The] country..is now under poor plough-husbandry, arable or scratchable in all parts.

Scra·tch-back. [f. Scratch *v.* + Back *sb.*¹]

1. An instrument for scratching the back to allay itching, usually in the form of a small hand of ivory or metal fixed to a long handle; a back-scratcher.

1864 *Chambers' Bk. of Days* II. 238/1 [Description]. 1880 Goldw. Smith *Cowper* vii. 107 It is almost as easy to get a personal memento of Priam or Nimrod as it is to get..a spinning wheel, a tinder box, or a scratch-back.

2. A toy formed on the principle of a rattle, producing a sound of tearing cloth when rubbed upon a person's back.

1858 Lytton *What will He do* I. i, But to pay such a price for a scratch-back!—Prodigal! 1865 Knight *Passages Work. Life* III. xii. 263 Greenwich Fair too has died out—its bonnettings and its scratch-backs.

Scratch-brush (skræ·tʃˌbrʌʃ), *sb.* [f. Scratch *sb.* or *v.*] A brush of fine wire used in gilding, electroplating, etc. to polish or clean articles of metal.

1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) VII. 740/1 First, the gilded piece of metal is ruhhed with a scratch brush (which is a

brush composed of brass wire) till its surface is made smooth. 1839 F. A. Griffiths *Artil. Man.* 3 The [gun] barrel..is to be well rubbed over with a steel scratch card or scratch brush, until the rust is..removed. 1873 Spon *Workshop Rec.* Ser. I. 174/2 For delicate objects, scratch-brushes are made of spun glass. 1877 G. B. Gee *Silversmith's Handbk.* x. 162 The beautiful frosted surfaces to be seen upon silver lockets..are all produced by means of the scratch-brush.

b. *attrib.* **scratch-brush lathe**, a lathe with a circular revolving scratch-brush.

1856 G. Gore in *Orr's Circ. Sci., Pract. Chem.* 48 'Scratch brush' lathes..for scouring and preparing the surfaces of metal articles to receive a deposit. 1877 G. B. Gee *Silversmith's Handbk.*, Fig. 40 Scratch-brush Lathe.

Scratch-brush (skræ·tʃˌbrʊʃ), *v.* [f. prec. sb.] *trans.* To polish by means of a scratch-brush.

1799 G. Smith *Laboratory* I. 87 Take it out and scratch-brush it in clean water. 1884 F. J. Britten *Watch & Clockm.* 135 The articles must be..rinsed in water and scoured with sand, or scratch-brushed.

Hence **Scra·tch-brusher**, a workman who operates a scratch-brush; **Scra·tch-brushing** *vbl. sb.*, the process in which a scratch-brush is used.

1839 F. A. Griffiths *Artil. Man.* 3 The barrel will [then] be sufficiently corroded for the operation of scratch-brushing. 1885 *Brit. Alm. Comp.* 94 (Occupations) Scratch brusher.

Scratched (skrætʃt), *ppl. a.* [-ED 1.]

1. In senses of the verb Scratch. *Scratched figure* (Typogr.): A nnmeral figure with a slanting line drawn across it, used in printing examples of arithmetical operations involving cancelling.

1562 A. Brooke *Romeus & Juliet* 2422 With scratched face, and heare betorne. 1771 Luckombe *Hist. Printing* 256 Scratched figures..were used here in that Species of Arithmetic which is called Division. 1871 *Amer. Encycl. Printing* (ed. Ringwalt), *Scratched Figures*..are frequently called canceled figures. 1890 *Anthony's Photogr. Bull.* III. 409, I purchased a small printing frame..and some scratched negatives from a local photographer.

Prov. 1584 Lyly *Alex. & Camp.* IV. iv, Truth is never with out a scracht face. 1625 J. Robinson *Esr.* xxxiii. Wks. 1851 I. 142 Truth goes with a scratched face, less or more.

b. *Sporting.* Withdrawn (from a race, etc.).

1869 'Wat. Bradwood' *The O. V. H.* xix, The peccant owner of the scratched animal.

†2. *slang.* Drunk. *Obs.*

1622 J. Taylor (Water-P.) *Water Cormorant* B 4 b, For though hee be as drunke as any Rat, He hath but catcht a foxe... Or some say hee's bewitcht, or scratcht or blinde.

Scratcher (skræ·tʃəs). [f. Scratch *v.* + -er 1.]

1. One who scratches, in various senses of the vb.

1557 Edgeworth *Serm.* Repert., Giuers of their owne shale be riche, scratchers of other mens be euer at beggers state. 1674 N. Fairfax *Bulk & Selv.* To Rdr., They must look for no better fare from a world of Bears and Scratchers, than [etc.]. 1736 Ainsworth, *Scalptor*, a graver, a cutter in metal, a scratcher, an etcher. 1771 Smollett *Humph. Cl.* 26 June (1815) 197 His master declared he was the best scratcher in the family. 1852 Jeaban *Autobiog.* I. xxiv. 203 We have a considerable proportion of very superficial scratchers of the soil, both among authors and critics.

b. *Ornith.* Used in *pl.* to render mod.L. *Rasores*, in Illiger's system (1811) an order of birds including the families *Gallinacei, Epollicati, Columbini, Crypturi* and *Inepti*. Cf. Scraper 3.

1831 *Montagu's Ornith. Dict.* (ed. Rennie), *Rasores* (Illiger), Scratchers, a family of birds who scratch their food from the earth. 1851 Richardson *Geol.* (1855) 310, 4th Order.—Rasores (or Scratchers, fig. 213).

c. *U.S. Politics.* A voter who 'scratches', i. e. declines to support some of the candidates named on his party ticket. Cf. Paster.

1883 *Atlantic Monthly* LII. 327 To whom a 'scratcher' or a 'bolter' is more hateful than the Least.

d. In certain trades: A scratch-brusher.

1881 *Instr. Census Clerks* (1885) 96 Electro and other Plated Ware Manufacturer..Scratcher. 1884 *Wham Daily Post* 24 Jan. 3/3 Chandelier-Trade.—Women Scratchers wanted.

e. *U.S. Cant.* (See quot.)

1894 *N. Amer. Rev.* Apr. 454 A professional forgery gang consists of: First, a capitalist or backer; second, the actual forger, who is known among his associates as the 'scratcher'.

2. An instrument used for scratching. a. A tool used in plastering to roughen the surface of the preliminary coating.

1811 P. Nicholson *Mech. Exerc.* 312 (Plastering) Scratcher, the instrument for scratching the plaster, as its name implies. 1873 Spon *Workshop Rec.* Ser. I. 121/2 After the coat is laid on, it is scored in diagonal directions with a scratcher.

†b. = Scratch-back 2.

1835 Dickens *Sk. Boz, Greenwich Fair*, The noise of these various instruments,..the shouting, the 'scratchers', and the dancing, is perfectly bewildering.

c. *Comb.* (See quot. 1858.)

1858 Simmonds *Dict. Trade, Scratcher-up*, a bookbinder's tool. 1902 Hasluck *Bookbinding* iv. 52 After lightly pasting the back of each book, a 'scratcher up' is drawn several times..down the back.

†**Scra·tchets**, *pl. Obs. rare.* [f. Scratch *sb.* + -et.] = *scratches*, Scratch *sb.*1 2 a.

1611 Florio, *Crepdecij*, the scratchets, or rats-tailes in a horse; some horsemen say they are little chaps or rifts about the coronet of the horses hoofe. 1683 Shafr *Anat. Horse* I. ii. (1686) 3 Inflammations or breakings out, which we call *Grease in the heels* or *Scratchets*.

Scra·tchifica·tion. *jocular nonce-wd.* [f. Scratch *v.* + -(i)fication.] A spiteful attack.

1840 Miss Edgeworth *Let.* in H. Zimmern *Mem.* (1883) 206 Among the various scratchifications and scarifications in this volume, you may remark that there have been reiterated scratches at Mrs. and Miss Wilmot.

Scratching (skræ·tʃiŋ), *sb. Obs.* exc. *dial.* Chiefly pl. Also 5 *pl.* **scrachenis.** [App. a corrupt form of the word which appears variously as Cratchen, Cracon, Crackling 3, Crawke; cf. also the synonymous Criton (F. *cretons*), Croote (Wyclif).] **a.** The refuse of tallow remaining after refining. **b.** The residue of pork fat left after rendering lard: = Crackling 3 b.

c 1440 *Psalmi Penit.* ci. 3 (1894) 36 My bones beth drie and forsoke, As scrachenis [Vulg. *cremium*] that beth forfryed. 16.. *More's note to Ray's N.C. Words, Greaves* or *Scratchings*, sebi reliquiæ. 1859 Geo. Eliot *Adam Bede* xviii, She'd take a big cullender to strain her lard wi', and then wonder as the scratchins run through. 1867 F. Francis *Angling* ii. (1880) 70 Scratching as they term greaves on the Trent. 1883 *Knowledge* 18 Aug. 99/1 'Scratchings'—a delicacy greatly relished by our British ploughboys, but rather too rich in pork fat. 1899 *Fishing Gaz.* 2 Dec. 455/1 Scratchings, or..the refuse of the tallow chandlers' boilings, is anything but a desirable substance to handle.

Scratching (skræ·tʃiŋ), *vbl. sb.* [-ing 1.] The action of the vb. Scratch in various senses.

1549 Latimer *Ploughers* (Arb.) 24 For what shall I loke for amonge thornes but prickyng and scrachinge? 1606 Shaks. *Tr. & Cr.* II. i. 30, I would thou didst itch from head to foot, and I had the scratching of thee. 1760–72 H. Brooke *Fool of Qual.* (1809) IV. 37, I heard a scratching about my bed; I am sure it must be rats. 1817–8 Cobbett *Resid. U.S.* (1822) 60 In the broadcast method the after-culture must, of course, be confined to hoeing, or, as Tull calls it, scratching. 1860 Tyndall *Glac.* I. xv. 100 We crossed the Grimsel pass, and traced the [glacier] scratchings to the very top of it. 1884 *Boston* (Mass.) *Jrnl.* 7 Oct 1/8 There is always more or less scratching of names of the Electors, and a recount would be necessary to settle this point alone. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 490 Pruritic dermatoses in which rubbing and scratching are induced.

b. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *scratching tool*; **scratching-board**, a board upon which are posted the names of those who have withdrawn from a competition; **scratching ground, -shed, shelter**, a part of a poultry-run reserved for the dust-bath; **scratching post**, a stake (or the like) against which animals rub themselves to allay itching.

1891 N. Gould *Double Event* 118 Judging from the *scratching-board there would be good fields. 1901 *Westm. Gaz.* 26 Jan. 1/3 One of the Crick hens..wearied of her legitimate *scratching-grounds, and flew over the low wall that divided the holdings of the neighbours. 1895 *Outing* (U.S.) XXVII. 47/1 We little dreamed that one of our nags would use the bow of our birch as a *scratching post. 1902 L. Wright in *Encycl. Brit.* XXXI. 881/2 In several cases it [the colony plan] has been abandoned for the system of houses and *scratching sheds. 1880 A. R. Wallace *Isl. Life* vii. 111 The harder blocks would serve as *scratching and grinding tools.

Scratching (skræ·tʃiŋ), *ppl. a.* [-ing 2.] That scratches, in various senses of the verb.

1577 Kendall *Flowers of Epigr., Trifles* 3 A Crowne of thorne with scratching pricks our Christ did willing weare. 1614 Latham *Falconry* (1633) 34 These kinde of scratching Hawks, that I did never love should come too neere my fingers. 1865 Dickens *Mut. Fr.* I. ii, Like the legs of scratching poultry.

†**Scra·tchingly**, *adv. Obs. rare*—1. [f. Scratching *ppl. a.* + -ly 2.] In a scratching manner.

a 1586 Sidney *Arcadia* II. (Sommer) 122 b, Like a cat, when scratchingly she wheeles about after a mouse.

Scratchless (skræ·tʃˌlès), *a.* [f. Scratch *sb.*1 + -less.] Without a scratch.

1887 Browning *Parleyings, Apollo & Fates*, Not scratchless bot unscathed, he somehow eluded Each blow fortune dealt him.

Scratchy (skræ·tʃi), *a.* Also 8 **scrachy.** [f. Scratch *sb.*1 + -y.]

†1. *Farriery.* Affected with the disease known as 'the scratches'; see Scratch *sb.*1 2. *Obs.*

1710 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 4788/4 Lost.., a..Mare.., her Legs very hairy and scrachy. 1800 *Med. Jrnl.* III. 294 Being well fed, or want of exercise, will frequently excite swellings, which are by no means connected with a scratchy heel.

2. Of work executed with the pen or brush: Composed of scratches, as opposed to bold, firm lines.

1827 Hood *Progress of Art* ii, Some scratchy strokes.. Suffic'd for my design. 1866 Mrs. Carlyle *Lett.* III. 332 Such a scratchy, illegible hand. 1892 *Nation* 29 Dec. 502/2 The illustrations are..occasionally scratchy.

3. Of hair: Scanty, straggling.

1820 L. Hunt *Indicator* No. 46 (1822) I. 371 His mane is scratchy and lax.

4. Apt to scratch.

1866 Cockayne *Sax. Leechd.* III. 402 This interlineation ..has been written with a scratchy pen. 1874 Symonds *Sk. Italy & Greece* (1898) I. viii. 145 He swept the frescoes over with a scratchy broom.

5. *Sporting.* Of action: Ill-sustained, uneven, 'ragged'.

1881 *Sportsman's Year-bk.* 100 Over a short course, where a fast, scratchy stroke often gets a bad boat home in front. 1894 *Field* 9 June 829/1 Galston's action was of a scratchy character, and Sempronius did not look at his best. 1908 *Daily Chron.* 2 Apr. 6/5 The Dark Blues did several starts, some of which were scratchy and some were good.

Scrath (skrāþ). *Sc.* [Metathesis of *scarth*, Scart *sb.*1] = Scart *sb.*1, Scarf *sb.*4

16..in *Macfarlane's Geogr. Collect.* (S. H. S.) II. 133 The Scrath, the Badoch are two great black fowls. 1880 'Shirley' (J. Skelton) *Crookit Meg* xxi. 228 A large scrath with a look of insatiate gluttony stamped on its ugly face. 1893 *Blackwood's Mag.* Aug. 228 Some æons ago, the scrath and the phoca had the [Orcadian] islands pretty much to themselves.

†**Scra·ttle**, *v. dial.* [Frequent. f. Scrat *v.*]

1. *intr.* To keep on scratching; *trans.* to scrape *away* by quickly repeated movements.

1739 Shenstone *Let.* Wks. 1777 III. 5, I sat down, and wrote thus far: scrattle, scrattle, goes the pen. 1817 Wilbraham *Chesh. Gloss.*, *Scrattle*, to scratch, as fowls do. 1870 *Daily News* 16 Apr., The authoress..can toil through a long day 'scrattling' the snow away from frozen sheep.

2. (See quot. 1864.)

1855 Kingsley *Westw. Ho!* xxx, Nobody..cared for nothing but scrattling up and down alongshore like to prawns in a pule. 1864—*Roman & Teuton* 175 With west-countrymen, to scrattle still means to scramble or shuffle about.

Hence **Scra·ttling** *vbl. sb.*, scraping, scratching.

1861 Hughes *Tom Brown at Oxf.* iii, A bouncing and scrattling was heard on the stairs, and a white bull-dog rushed in.

†**Scra·ttop.** *Obs. rare*—1. [? For *scrat-up*, f. Scrat *v.* + Up *adv.*] (A term of abuse.)

1593 Nashe *Strange Newes* G 3 b, Why thou arrant butter whore, thou cotqueane, & scrattop of scofdes, wilt thou neuer leaue afflicting a dead Carcasse.

Scraugh (skrɔ̄χ), *sb. Sc.* [Belongs to Scraugh *v.*] A loud, hoarse cry.

1818 Scott *Br. Lamm.* xxiv, I blew sic points of war, that the scraugh of a clockin-hen was music to them. *a* 1826 Moir in J. Wilson *Noctes Ambr.* Wks. 1855 I. 198 The old woman o'er the way To our cheer a scraugh gave back. 1893 *Northumbld. Gloss.* s.v., The scraugh of a heron.

Scraugh (skrɔ̄χ), *v. Sc.* Also 9 **scrauch.** [Echoic: cf. Scraigh, Skreigh *vbs.*] *intr.* To utter a loud hoarse cry.

1805 A. Scott *Poems* 15 (Jam.) Thus gaed they on wi' deavin din, A' scraughin, yelpin thro' ither. 1818 Scott *Hrt. Midl.* xviii, And if ye are deaf, what needs ye sit cockit up there, and keep folk scraughin' t'ye this gate? 1831 J. Wilson *Noct. Ambr.* Wks. 1856 III. 102 The unhappy somnambulists are scrauching.

Hence **Scrau·ghing** *ppl.a.*, in quot. harsh, guttural.

1849 R. Curzon *Monasteries Levant* IV. vi. 421 My knowledge of his scraughing language did not extend very far. 1897 F. Mackenzie *Sprays N. Pine* xviii. 231, I carena though I never hear your scrauchin' voice again.

†**Scraw,** *sb.*1 *north. Obs.* Also 5 **skraw.** [a. ON. *skrá* a dry skin, a scroll.] A scroll or tag of parchment or leather.

c 1460 *Towneley Myst.* xxiii. 516 How felowse, se ye not yond skraw? It is writen yonder within a thraw. 1483 *Cath. Angl.* 325/2 A Scrawe.., *cedula*. *a* 1641 Spelman *Glossarium* (1664) 459 Pictatium est epistola brevis & modica; vel schedula de membrana excisa; vel illa particula corii, quæ solearum repeciatæ insuta est...Anglicè A scraw, or a speck, or a clout of a shoo.

Scraw (skrɔ̄), *sb.*2 *dial.* (Anglo-Irish, Sc., Manx.) Also 8 **scra,** 9 **scraa.** [a. Irish and Gael. *sgrath*, pronounced (skrā).]

1. A turf used for covering the roof of a hovel beneath the thatch, or for burning.

1725 Swift *Drapier's Let.* vii. Wks. 1755 V. II. 152 That odious custom..of cutting scraws (as they call them) which is flaying off the green surface of the ground to cover their cabins, or make up their ditches. 1823 *Ann. Reg., Chron.* 37 Witness dug down, and on the rim of the ground got a scraw, under which he discovered a body stark naked. 1894 Hall Caine *Manxman* I. iv. 19 Fixing her hazy eyes on the scraas under the thatch.

†2. A thin covering of grass-grown soil formed upon the surface of a bog. *Obs.*

1776 G. Semple *Building in Water* 120 This Bog is generally covered over with a Scraw, or Scurff of mossy Grass. 1820 Mar. Edgeworth *Mem. R. L. Edgeworth* II. 316 A slight surface of peat heath or grass, called by the common people a shaking scraw.

3. *Comb.*, as *scraw-spade*; †*scraw-built* adj.

1789 D. Davidson *Seasons, Spring* 42 Down frae the scra-built shed the swallows pop. 1830 Carleton *Traits* (1843) I. 294 A scraw-spade is an instrument resembling the letter T, with an iron plate at the lower end, considerably bent, and well adapted to the purpose for which it is intended [cutting sods].

†**Scraw,** *sb.*3 *Obs.* Also 6 **skralle.** [? a. Du. *schraag* trestle.] A frame upon which textile fabrics are hung to dry.

c 1563 *Churchw. Acc. St. Dunstan, Canterbury* (MS.), Item solde [a] skralle for a Towell. 1791 Hamilton *Berthollet's Dyeing* I. II. II. ii. 161 A kind of broad ladder..called a scraw or scray, on which the fleece is drained. 1837 Whittock *Bk. Trades* (1842) 192 In dyeing wool in the fleece, a kind of broad ladder with very close rounds, called by the Dyers of this country, a 'scraw' or 'scray' is used.

†**Scraw,** *v. Obs. rare*—1. [Echoic: cf. L. *screāre*.] *intr.* To clear the throat, to 'hawk'. Hence † **Scraw·ing** *vbl. sb.*

1656 Ridgley *Pract. Physick* 38 If it come forth by spitting alone, it proceeds from the gums; if by scrawing from the Throat [etc.].

Scrawl (skrɔ̄l), *sb.*1 Forms: 8 **scrall, skrawl, skrale,** 7– **scrawl.** [f. Scrawl *v.*2]

1. Something scrawled; a hastily and badly written letter, a careless sketch.

1693 Congreve *Old Bach.* v. vii, There, read. (*Shows Letters.*) That..That's a Scrawl of Quality. 1739 Lady M. W. Montagu *Let to C'tess Pomfret* Jan. (1893) II. 37, I forget you are at Paris, and 'tis not polite to trouble you with such long scrawls as might perhaps be supportable at Monts. 1792 Scott *Let.* in Lockhart (1837) I. vii. 188 Taking the advantage..of my father's leaving this place, who will take charge of this scrawl, I sit down to answer your favour. 1840 Thackeray *Paris Sk.-bk.* (1867) 52 A scrawl from his pencil brings an enormous price. 1882

B. D. W. Ramsay *Recoll. Mil. Serv.* I. xi. 286 An hour or two had not elapsed before I received a scrawl in Sir Colin's own handwriting.

†**b.** *pl.* Scrawled or illegible characters. *Obs.*

1728 Tickell *Horn-bk.* 34 So from the letters of our native tongue, Put in Greek scrawls, a mystery too is sprung. *a* 1767 Harte *Vis. Death* 264 In sable scrawls 1 Nero's name perus'd. 1807 Crabbe *Par. Reg.* II. 290 Mark now in what confusion, stoop or stand, The crooked scrawls of many a clownish hand.

2. A careless, illegible style of handwriting.

1710 Swift *Jrnl. to Stella* 3 Nov., A bad scrawl is so snug. 1775 Mme. D'Arblay *Early Diary, Let.* Nov. (1889) II. 90 Her hand-writing..was..a miserable scrawl. 1865 Dickens *Mut. Fr.* I. xv, The scrawl of childish hands.

Scrawl (skrǭl), *sb.*[2] *dial.* [Perh. f. Scrawl *v.*[1] But cf. OF. *escrouelle* river-shrimp.] (See quot. 1847.)

1847 Halliwell, *Scrawl*, the young of the dog-crab, or a poor sort of crab itself. *Linc.* 1861 Tennyson *Sailor Boy* 12 And on thy ribs the limpet sticks, And in thy heart the scrawl shall play.

Scrawl, *v.*[1] *Obs.* exc. *dial.* Forms: 4, 6–7 scrawle, 5–6 scraule, 6 scrale, skrall(e, skrawl, 6–7 scraul, scrall, 6–8, 9 (*dial.*) scrawl. [App. an altered form of Crawl *v.*, perh. suggested by Sprawl *v.* of cognate meaning.]

†**1.** *intr.* To spread the limbs abroad in a sprawling manner; to gesticulate. *Obs.*

c 1380 Wyclif *Serm.* ccxxx. Sel. Wks. II. 204 And þis spirit cryinge, made him scrawle [*v.rr.* spraule, scraule], or, al to-teerynge him, went oute from him. 1560 Phaer *Æneid* ix. Aa 2, As he there did pendant skralle; He pluckt him back by foarce. 1582 Stanyhurst *Æneis* II. (Arb.) 51 Hec freams, and skrawling to the skye brayes terribil hoyseth.

2. To move with a scrambling and shuffling motion. = Crawl *v.*[1] 1.

1530 Tindale *Lev.* xi. 41 All that scrauleth vpon the erth. 1573–80 Tusser *Husb.* (1878) 108 If gentils be scrauling, call magget the py. 1611 Speed *Hist. Gt. Brit.* IX. xxiv. § 84. 1155 Not so few as one hundred and twentie of knowne Iesuites and Seminaries scrawled like Frogs, thorow her faire soyle. 1677 Coles *Eng.-Lat. Dict.*, To scrall (stir); *motito*. 1719 D'Urfey *Pills* I. 127 He scrawling, she tugging, with hawling and lugging, Through Window at last he got in. 1851 *Cumberland Gloss.*, Scrawling. 189*a* C. A. Clarke *Tum Fowt Sketches* 40 (E. D. D.) T' poor pig what had just scrawled through t' bottom o' t' cart.

†**3.** *transf.* To teem. = Crawl *v.*[1] 5. *Obs.*

1530 Tindale *Exod.* viii. 3 And the ryuer shall scrale with frogges. 1643 Lightfoot *Glean. Ex.* (1648) 14 The waters.. scrawle with frogges.

Scrawl (skrǭl), *v.*[2] Also 7 scraul, scrall. [Perh. a use of Scrawl *v.*[1], the development of sense being suggested by the coincidence of the initial cons.-group with that of *scrabble, scribble, scroll.*]

1. *trans.* To write or draw in a sprawling, untidy manner.

1612 [implied in Scrawling *vbl. sb.*]. 1629 Quarles *Argalus & Parth.* III. Wks. (Grosart) III. 274 To whom poore Vulcan..Scrall'd many a thank. 1748 Lady M. W. Montagu *Let. to C'tess Bute* 26 July (1893) II. 169, I enclose to you a rough draft of it [my garden] drawn (or more properly scrawled) by my own hand. 1781 Cowper *Truth* 156 Who, where'er he came, Scrawl'd upon glass miss Bridget's lovely name. 1879 McCarthy *Own Times* xxvii. II. 304 The war correspondent now scrawls his despatches as he sits in his saddle under the fire of the enemy. 1887 Jessopp *Arcady* vii. 215 [The] accomplishment of scrawling their names at the bottom of a cheque.

b. To cover (a surface) with scrawling inscriptions or marks. Also with *over.*

1647 Cowley *Mistr., Written in Juice Lemmon* ii, Like Hypocrites, which seem unspotted here; But when they sadly come to dye, And the last Fire their Truth must try, Scrauld ore like thee, and blotted they appear. 1771 Smollett *Humph. Cl.* 13 July (1815) 237 The windows of all the inns are scrawled with doggrel rhimes. 1841 Borrow *Zincali* I. ix. 1. 153 Many people carry papers about with them, scrawled with hieroglyphics. 1860 Motley *Netherl.* I. i. 2 Letters..all to be scrawled over in the margin by the diligent old man. 1889 Rider Haggard *Allan's Wife* 36 The western tempest was scrawled all over with lines of intolerable light.

2. *intr.* To scribble, to write carelessly or awkwardly. Also †*to scrawl il.*

1611 Cotgr., *Griffonner*, to write fast, and ill; to scrible, to scrall it. [1647: *? indirect passive*; see 1 b.] 1748 Richardson *Clarissa* (1811) IV. 47, I have ordered Dorcas ..to be always scrawling with a pen, lest inky fingers should give suspicion. 1842 Tennyson *Day-dream* 142 The butler drank, the steward scrawl'd. 1878 Browning *Poets Croisic* 75 Splash and scrawl, Completed lay thy piece, swift penman Paul!

†**Scrawla·tion.** *Obs. rare*[−1]. [f. Scrawl *v.*[1] + -ation.] ? Disorderly behaviour.

1774 Toplady *Let.* 11 Jan., Wks. (1853) 853 Perhaps it may conduce to render both your antagonist, and his antecedent scrawlation (forgive a homely Devonshire term), more conspicuous, than they might otherwise have been.

Scrawled (skrǭld), *ppl. a.* [f. Scrawl *v.*[2] + -ed[2].] Scribbled, badly written.

1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* lviii, Many other scrawled memoranda regarding the bygone frequenters of the house.

Scrawler (skrǭ·lər). [f. Scrawl *v.*[2] + -er[1].] One who writes carelessly.

1734 Swift *Let. to Miss Hoadly* 4 June, I will shew the paper to every female scrawler I meet, who will soon spread about the town, that your writing and spelling are ungenteel and unfashionable, more like a parson than a lady. 1831 Trelawny *Adv. Younger Son* I. ix. 65 The paltry, dirty scrawler [the captain's clerk].

Scrawling (skrǭ·liŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. Scrawl *v.*[2] + -ing[1].] The action of Scrawl *v.*[2]; scribbling, careless untidy writing.

1612 Brinsley *Lud. Lit.* xx. 230 Schollars now will be carefull to keepe their Greeke Testaments faire from blotting or scrauling. 1764 Reid *Inquiry* iv. § 2. 108 Is it not pity that the refinements of a civilized life, instead of supplying the defects of natural language, should root it out, and plant in its stead..the scrawling of insignificant characters? 1809 W. Irving *Knickerb.* VI. viii. (1820) 424 The drop of ink which hangs trembling on his pen, which he may either dash upon the floor, or waste in idle scrawlings. 1848 Dickens *Dombey* xxxvii, After much painful scrawling and erasing,..the old woman produced this document.

†**Scraw·ling,** *ppl. a.*[1] *Obs.* [f. Scrawl *v.*[1] + -ing[2].] Crawling.

1561 Daus tr. *Bullinger on Apoc.* (1573) 219 The duste brought forth the scralling lise. 1589 *Rare Tri. Love & Fortune* I. in *Five Old Plays* (Roxb. Club) 84 Brought up in blood, and cherisht with scrauling snakes. 1637 G. Daniel *Genius of this Isle* 285 Here Scrauling wretches, too, too bad to tell, Endure a Torment.

Scrawling (skrǭ·liŋ), *ppl. a.*[2] [f. Scrawl *v.*[2] + -ing[2].] That scrawls. Of handwriting: Careless, untidy, illegible.

1747 Carte *Hist. Eng.* IV. 375 Parsons..could make a shift to write a scrawling hand. 1860 *All Year Round* No. 52. 33 He was continually shaking sand from a pepper-box over scrawling entries in marble-covered copy-books. 1886 G. Allen *Maimie's Sake* xvii, Written..in a loose, scrawling uneducated hand.

Scrawly (skrǭ·li), *a.* [f. Scrawl *v.*[2] or *sb.*[1] + -y.] Badly or untidily written; irregularly designed.

1833 Mrs. Stowe in C. E. Stowe *Life* (1889) 70 The envelope was written in a scrawny, scrawly, gentleman's hand. 1859 G. Wilson *Life E. Forbes* iii. (1861) 76 Its statements are exceedingly brief, some in ink, many in pencil, all of them very scrawly. 1901 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 27 May 6/1 Three yellowish eggs with their unmistakable black, scrawly marks.

Hence **Scraw·liness.**

1903 F. W. H. Myers *Human Pers.* II. 168 Before one can feel sure that the resemblance is in more than some formal scrawliness.

Scrawm (skrǭm), *v. dial.* [App. a phonetically symbolic formation after words beginning with *scr-*.] *trans.* To scratch.

In dialects also in other senses: To scramble, sprawl; to climb, clamber; to scribble, scrawl: see *Eng. Dial. Dict.*

1880 Tennyson *North. Cobbler* iv, He scrawm'd an' scratted my faäce like a cat. 1886 *S. W. Linc. Gloss.*, *Scrawm*, to scratch, scrawl; as of a foot-rule packed up carelessly with tools,—'They're scrawming it all over'.

Scrawny (skrǭ·ni), *a. U. S.* [Variant of Scranny.] Lean, scraggy.

1833 [see Scrawly]. 1847 Emerson *Poems*, *Alphonso* Wks. (Bohn) I. 408 Yon pale, scrawny fisher fools, Gaunt as bitterns in the pools. 1876 C. D. Warner *Winter on Nile* ii. 35 What a lot of scrawny old women. 1883 W. H. Bishop *Old Mexico* xxiii. 333 The..tough, fragrant, but scrawny, eucalyptus is much in use as a shade-tree.

Hence **Scraw·niness,** scragginess.

1863 Hawthorne *Our Old Home* (1883) I. 390, I often found,..in the persons of such of my dear countrywomen as I now occasionally met, a certain meagreness, (Heaven forbid that I should call it scrawniness!)

Scray[1] (skrē[1]). In 9 **scraye.** [History obscure: cf. the synonymous Welsh *ysgräen, ysgräell.*] The common tern, *Sterna hirundo.*

1668 Wilkins *Real Char.* II. v. § 4. 155 Sea-swallow, Scray. 1678 Ray *Willughby's Ornith.* 353 In other places of England they are called Scrays. 1813 Montagu *Ornith. Dict.* Suppl., Tern—Common..Rittock or Rippock, Spurre, Scraye. 1852 Macgillivray *Brit. Birds* V. 638.

Scray[2], *dial.* [?Altered form of Spray.] A bush.

c 1650 *Robin Hood & Butcher* 14 in *Percy Folio MS.* I. 20 Robin he marcht in the greene forrest, vnder the greenwood scray. 1869 E. Peacock in *Once a Week* 27 Mar. 230 The thorn scray grows at the horn of the river.

Scray[3], *dial.* = Scraw *sb.*[3] 1791 [see Scraw *sb.*[2]].

†**Scray·fish.** *Obs.* Forms: 4 scrafisse, -fysse, -fisch, -fish, skrafysch, -fisch, schraf(f)ysch, 5 scra(y)fysche. [Corruptly ad. OF. *escrevisse* (mod.F. *écrevisse*): see Crayfish.] A crayfish.

1309–10 *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 6 De lx de Scrafisse. 1333–4 *Ibid.* 20 In xxvij Skrafysch, playc' [etc.]. 1355–6 *Ibid.* 555 Et in 30 Skrafisshes empt. pro d'no Priore, 5*s.* 9*d.* 1397 in *Finchale Priory Charters* (Surtees) p. cxviii, Item vj scraffysch. 1483 *Cath. Angl.* 324/2 Scrayfysche (*MS. A* Scrafysche); *vbi* stoklysche.

†**Scray·foot.** *dial. Obs.* [? f. Scray [3].] *attrib.* in *scrayfoot pot*, a pot with a tripod support.

1512 *Bury Wills* (Camden) 249 Bras potte called a scrayfote potte.

Scraze (skrēⁱz), *v. dial.* [App. a blending of Scratch and Graze *vbs.*] *trans.* To scratch, graze (see E.D.D.). Hence **Scraze** *sb.*, a scratch or graze.

1703 Evelyn *Mem.* (1857) III. 397 A defluxion which fell into one of my legs, caused by a slight scraze on my shin bone, falling on a stump as I was walking in Brompton Park. 1865 *East Kent Gazette* 7 Jan. 4/5, I found a small scraze of the right shin, which might have been caused by a fall.

†**Scre·able,** *a. Obs.*[−0] [f. L. *screā-re* to hawk, hem: see -able.] See quot. and cf. Excreable.

1656 Blount *Glossogr.*, *Screable* (*screabilis*) that may be spitted out. 1721 in Bailey. 1755 in Johnson.

Screade, obs. form of Screed.

Screak (skrīk), *sb.* Now chiefly *dial.* For forms see the vb. [f. Screak *v.*]

1. A shrill cry; a shrill grating sound.

1513 Douglas *Æneis* II. xii. 14 The ȝing childring, and frayit matrounis eik, Stude all on raw, with mony peteous screik. *Ibid.* IV. viii. 111 And oft with wild skrek the nycht oule, Heich on the ruif, allane, was hard ȝoule. 1614 H. A. *Scourge of Venus* (1876) 30 What may these scremes & dolefull scriks portend. *a* 1710 Br. Bull *Serm.* xx. (1713) III. 801 Others peep forth into the Light, as it were only to see it, and having, by a Skreek or two given Testimony to the Misery of this Life, presently die and vanish. 1727 *Philip Quarll* 87 His Landlady..gave a Screek as if she had seen the Devil. 1768 Pennant *Brit. Zool.* I. 223 Their note of anger or fear is very harsh, between a chatter and a skreek. 1799 Southey *Eng. Ecl., Dancing Bear* 3, I would rather hear cat-courtship Under my bed-room window in the night, Than this scraped catgut's screak. 1819 W. Tennant *Papistry Storm'd* (1827) 34 And siccan hidyous yells and shrieks!—A' the warld soundit wi' their skrieks! 1894 *Tablet* 8 Sept. 362 The old flagellants..whipped themselves to the screak of the fife and the roll of the drum.

b. *In a screek*, ? crying out with pain.

1681 O. Heywood *Diaries* (1885) IV. 81 Very sick, much pained, had been in a screek most part of the night.

2. A name for some species of Shrike.

1802 Montagu *Ornith.* s. v. *Shrike*, Murdering-bird. Skreek, or Skrike. Night-jar.

3. *Screak of day*, daybreak (*dial.*: see E. D. D.). Cf. Skreigh, Skrike, Creek *sb.*[2], Creking.

1768 Ross *Helenore* (1789) 51 Ilka morning by the screak o' day, They're set to wark. 1830 Carleton *Traits* (1843) I. 60 That morning we were all up at the skriek of day.

Screak (skrīk), *v.* Now chiefly *dial.* Forms: *a.* 5–6 screke, 6 skrek(e, screake, *Sc.* screik, 6–7 screeke, skreeke, 6–8 screek, scriek, 6–9 skreak, skreek, skriek, 7–8 screeck, 6– screak. *β.* 6 skrick(e, *pa. pple.* skrigd, 7 scrick(e, scrik. See also Skrike. [a. ON. *skrækja*, prob. echoic; cf. Screech, Shriek *vbs.* In dialects there are parallel forms with other vowels, symbolizing different varieties of sound, as *scraik, scrawk, scroke.*]

1. *intr.* To utter a shrill harsh cry; to screech or scream. Also with *out.*

? *a* 1500 *Chester Pl.* (Shaks. Soc.) II. 37 (*Passion*), Though he sore skricke, A buffitte shall bytte. 1567 Drant *Horace, Ep., A. P.* B iiij, They all would screeke vnto the skye and laughe at hym aloude. 1605 Armin *Foole upon F.* (1880) 14 The cracke made them all screeke out. 1609 Holland *Amm. Marcell.* xiv. x. 25 Dreadfull spectres and fansies skreaking hideously round about him. *a* 1670 Hacket *Cent. Serm.* (1675) 588 The Impenitent shall howl, the Unjust skreek out. 1707 tr. *Wks. C'tess D'Anois* (1715) 374 She skreem'd, she skreek'd, she haul'd, she yaul'd. 1721 De Foe *Plague* (1884) 78 Her Mother..scriekt out. 1787 *Minor* II. x. 98 The situation made the servant screak.

b. of certain animals.

1607 Topsell *Four-f. Beasts* 513 When mice cry and screeketh aboue their ordinary custome, it presageth an alteration and change of the Weather. 1614 H. A. *Scourge of Venus* (1876) 30 To heare the night-crowes scrik, and goblins play. 1863 Kingsley *Water-Bab.* 32 The very magpies and jays followed Tom up, screaking and screaming.

c. Of things such as an ungreased hinge or axle: To make a shrill grating sound. Cf. Creak *v.*

1565 Cooper *Thesaurus* s. v. *Strideo, Tibia stridebat cantu*, screaked. 1609 Bible (Douay) *Amos* ii. 13 Behold I wil screak under you, as a wayne screaketh loden with hay [Vulg. *stridebo..stridet*]. 1676 Hobbes *Iliad* xvi. (1677) 247 The yoke screeks [xvi. 470 κρίκε δὲ ζυγόν]. 1715 tr. *Pancirollus' Rerum Mem.* I. iv. xvii. 222 They oil'd the Hinges of the Door, least they should screak and make a Noise. 1731 Miller *Gard. Dict.* s. v. *Vitis*, Especially when the Screw is perceiv'd to be rough, or screaks in the Nut when the Trendle is turn'd. 1843 Dickens *Christm. Carol* iv. 130 Stop till I shut the door of the shop. Ah! How it skreeks? 1904 *Westm. Gaz.* 14 July 2/3 The noise that the slate pencil can make in the hands of a child.. can only be rendered by a word which is onomatopœic if not correct—'screak'.

2. *trans.* To cry *out* or utter with a screak.

1569 W. Hubbard *Ceyx & Alc.* A vij, She screeketh out, why doest thou flie and leaue me alone. 1598 Q. Eliz. *Plutarch* xiv. 19 Whan..old man had skrigd out, 'O worthi me whom nide to spike constrains.

†**Screa·ker.** *Obs.* In 6 skreker. [-er[1].] One who screaks.

1549 Chaloner *Erasm. on Folly* I iij, But and if the skreker (the preacher I woulde have saied) falleth out of his purpose.

Screa·king, *vbl. sb.* [-ing[1].] The action of the verb Screak; utterance or emission of a shrill cry or grating sound.

1565 Cooper *Thesaurus* s. v. *Stridor*, To heare the screakyng or crashyng of a saw. 1597 Morley *Introd. Mus.* 7 So that vnder Gam vt the voice seemed as a kinde of humming, and aboue E la a kinde of constrained skricking. 1668 Culpepper & Cole *Barthol. Anat.* III. ix. 149 The noise of Water-streams, or the screekings of Grass-hoppers. 1722 De Foe *Plague* (1754) 95 Terrible Shrieks and Skreekings of Women. 1728 Morgan *Algiers* I. iv. 129 These Brutes, whose Language resembled the Screeking of Bats. 1816 Scott *Old Mort.* xiv, The screaking of a cracked fiddle. 1905 *Westm. Gaz.* 12 May 4/2 A silence broken only by the perpetual 'skreeking' of the katydids in the locust-trees.

Screa·king, *ppl. a.* [-ing[2].] That screaks; that makes a shrill strident sound.

1565 Cooper *Thesaurus* s. v. *Aridus, Sonus aridus*, a shrill screkyng sounde. 1567 Turbervile *Epit.* etc. 125, I would become a Cat To combat with the creeping Mouse and scratch the screeking Rat. 1615 Rowlands *Melancholie Knt.* 30 Your skreeking Parrot will distract my sence. 1686 Plot *Staffordsh.* 384 Which joynt..moves not without a strong screaking pressure of the parts. 1825 Hazlitt *Spirit of Age* 88 With a harsh screaking voice.

Screaky (skrīⁱki), *a. rare.* Also screeky, skrieky. [f. Screak *sb.* or *v.* + -y.] Apt to screak.

1892 *Dial. Notes* (U. S.) V. 231 (Kentucky Words) *Skricky*,

creaky. 1893 R. Bridges *Humours of Court* III. ii. 2473 I'll shut him in the screeky cupboard.

†Screa·ling. *Obs. rare*—[1]. [app. in some way related to Norw. *skrælling*, Da. *skrælling* weakling, OIcel. *Skrælingjar* (pl.), the name given to certain American aborigines.] A dwarf, pygmy.

1613 W. H. in R. Anton *Moriomachia*, Their indifferent dealings Did proue them to meane Knights, not Gyants, nor Screalings.

Scream (skrīm), *sb.* In 6 *Sc.* screym, skreyme, 7 schreeme, 8 skream. [f. Scream *v.*] A shrill piercing cry, usually expressive of pain, alarm, or other sudden emotion.

1605 Shaks. *Macb.* II. iii. 61 And (as they say) lamentings heard i' th' Ayre; Strange Schreemes of Death. 1708 Pope *Ode on St. Cecilia's Day* 57 Dreadful gleams, Dismal screams. 1820 Shelley *Prometheus* I. 498 Oh, ye who shake hills with the scream of your mirth. 1842 Apperley *Life Sportsman* ii. 33 His scream, or view-halloo, is, indeed, wonderful. 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* xxxix, She dropped them with a scream of terror. 1877 A. B. Edwards *Up Nile* xix. 563 It was a sharp, sudden scream, following a shot.

b. *transf.* Applied to the shrill cry of certain birds and beasts, and to any similar noise.

1513 Douglas *Æneis* XII. v. 76 And sone the other fowlis heich in the sky Turnit agane, with mony screym (*ed.* 1710 skreyme] and cry, To chais and to assail thar aduersair. 1774 Goldsm. *Nat. Hist.* (1776) V. 14 The scream of a peacock. 1810 Scott *Lady of L.* I. x, The eagles answer'd with their scream. 1849 Alb. Smith *Pottleton Legacy* xvi. 138 The engine gave a shrill scream. 1855 Tennyson *Maud* I. iii, Listening now to the tide..., Now to the scream of a madden'd beach dragg'd down by the wave.

Scream (skrīm), *v.* Forms: 2 scræme, 3 screame, 4–5 screme, skreme, 7 schreame, 8 skreem, skream, 7– scream. [Early ME. *scrǽmen*, *screamen*, *schreamen*, perh. :–OE. **scrǽman*. Cf. mod. WFris. *skrieme* to weep (for the sense-development cf. *weep, cry*) :–OFris. **skrêma*. Early ME. *sc* may stand for either (sk) or (ʃ); see the rare parallel form Shream. In Shakspere's *schreame, schreeme* (see Scream *sb.*) *sch* probably stands for (sk), after the spelling of words of classical derivation.]

1. *intr.* To utter a shrill piercing cry, normally expressive of pain, alarm, mirth, or other sudden emotion. Also, to produce unpleasantly loud and shrill upper notes in singing. Also with *out, away*.

a 1200 *Twelfth Cent. Hom.* 128 Þær is ece eadiȝnesse; þær eald ne granեð, ne child ne scræmeð. *c* 1230 *Hali Meid.* 37 Þat wif..þat ihereð, hwen ha cumeð in, hire bearn screamen [*MS. Bodl.* schreamen]. *c* 1325 *Pol. Songs* (1839) 158 Heo biginnith to shryke ant scremeth anon. *c* 1400 *Laud Troy Bk.* 9998 A dredful dreme that lady dremed, That In hir sclepe sche cried & scremed. 1483 *Cath. Angl.* 325/2 To screme. 1634 Bæbeton *Trav.* (Chetham Soc.) 6 Others elder..guided these little ones, and sung, screaming, and squeaking, and straining their voices. 1706 Phillips (ed. Kersey), To *Scream* or *Scream out*, to cry out, especially as one that is scar'd or frighted. 1707 tr. *Wks. C'tess D'Anois* (1715) 374 She skreem'd, she skreek'd. 1775 Johnson *Tax. no Tyr.* 4 These antipatriotic prejudices are the abortions of Folly impregnated by Faction...They are born only to scream and perish. 1782 Cowper *Mutual Forbearance* 27 Yes, truly—one must scream and bawl—I tell you, you can't hear at all! 1821 Scott *Kenilw.* xxxiii, 'Nay, scream away if you like it,' said he, still holding her fast. 1825 Dannelev *Encycl. Mus.*, To *Scream*, is to sing in so loud a manner that the tones of the voice cannot be appreciated. 1855 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* xix. IV. 311 She screamed for help.

b. Of certain birds and beasts: To emit their characteristic shrill cry.

c 1340 *Nominale* (Skeat) 747 *Putois garit.* Fulmarde scremyth. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 910 A wonderfull noyse [the cry of the dragon] Skremyt vp to the skrow with a skryke ffelle. 1605 Shaks. *Macb.* II. ii. 16, I heard the Owle schreame, and the Crickets cry. 1720 Pope *Iliad* XVII. 529 So flies a Vulture thro' the clam'rous Train Of Geese, that scream, and scatter round the Plain. 1757 Gray *Bard* 38 The famish'd Eagle screams, and passes by. 1860 Tyndall *Glac.* I. xi. 87 A marmot screamed near me. 1894 Hall Caine *Manxman* 415 Under the cliffs, where the sea-birds scream.

c. Of an inanimate thing: To make a noise like a scream.

1784 Cowper *Task* IV. 478 The fiddle screams Plaintive and piteous. 1792 Wolcot (P. Pindar) *Odes of Condolence* Wks. 1794 III. 233 Wild screams the trumpet's brazen note so clear. 1827 Scott *Chron. Canongate* iv. There it [the sign of an inn] hung, creaking, groaning, and screaming in every blast of wind. 1882 F. W. H. Myers *Renewal of Youth* 138 Winds that screamed and storms that fled. 1886 Corbett *Fall of Asgard* II. 159 The ships screamed and groaned, ..as they ground together.

d. quasi-*trans.* with complementary adv. or phr.

1801 Scott *Let.* in *Lockhart* (1837) I. x. 334 Bugles indeed we have; but it is only to scream us out of bed at five in the morning. 1862 F. W. Robinson *Owen* IV. ix, If he stayed there by her side, she would scream the house down in a minute more.

2. *fig.* To express oneself angrily, excitedly, etc., in speech or writing.

[1775: see 1.] 1880 G. A. Simcox in *Macm. Mag.* XLI. 401 The Bishop of Exeter 'screamed' at the idea of having to listen to the same speaker for two months. 1883 *Brit. Q. Rev.* Oct. 445 'The Times'—..it screamed, it bullied, it worked itself up into a perfect whirlwind of wrath. 1890 *Spectator* 7 June, We receive quite as many communications screaming at us for 'insufferable complaisance' towards Mr. Gladstone.

3. *trans.* To utter with a scream. Also with *out.*

1710 Steele *Tatler* No. 15 ₱ 2 Clapping me on the Back and skreaming a Lullaby. 1823 Byron *Island* IV. xiii, The sea-birds..screaming high their harsh and hungry dirge. 1836 Dickens *Sk. Boz, Streets—Night*, Mrs. Macklin..has no sooner opened her little street-door, and screamed out 'Muffins!' with all her might, than [etc.]. 1890 Doyle *White Company* xxxi, Screaming out the doggerel lines which had long been the watchword of the Jacquerie.

Screamer (skrī·mər). [f. Scream *v.* + -er [1].]

1. One who screams; one who sings in shrill piercing tones.

1712 Swift *Jrnl. to Stella* 15 Nov., She must have been tortured with the noise of the Grub Street screamers mentioning her husband's murder to her ears. 1818 Scott *Hrt. Midl.* xxvi, The screamer aforesaid, who added good features and bright eyes to the powers of her lungs. 1830 Cunningham *Brit. Painters* I. 208 An age which lavished its tens of thousands..on Italian screamers. 1851 Mayhew *Lond. Labour* I. 223/2 The ballad singers—or street screamers, as we calls 'em.

2. An animal that utters a cry like a scream.

1801 Southey *Thalaba* III. xxxix, Forth from her shadowy haunt Flies the large-headed screamer of the night. 1818 Scott *Rob Roy* xxvii, These tiresome screamers of the morass [the lapwing and curlew]. 1892 W. H. Hudson *Naturalist in La Plata* I. 15 At night when camping out I have heard its [the aguará's] dismal screams, but the screamer was sought in vain.

3. *spec.* a. A name for the birds of the S. American family *Palamedeidæ*; esp. the Kamichi or Horned Screamer, and *Chauna chavaria*, the Crested Screamer.

The name Crested Screamer is also given to the Seriema or Cariama (*Palamedea cristata* Linn., *Dicholophus cristatus* Illiger) of Brazil.

1773 Pennant *Genera of Birds* 43 *Palamedea* of Linnæus, *Anhima* and *Cariama* of Brisson...I call it Screamer, from the violent noise it makes. Only two species. 1785 Latham *Gen. Synopsis Birds* III. I: 18 Horned Scr[eamer]. *Palamedea cornuta* Lin. *Ibid.* 20 Crested Scr[eamer]. *Palamedea cristata* Lin. 1869–73 T. R. Jones *Cassell's Bk. Birds* IV. 91 The Brazilian Cariama, or Crested Screamer (*Dicholophus cristatus*). *Ibid.* 95 The Screamers (*Palamedeæ*) constitute a group of strange birds. *Ibid.* 96 The Aniuma or Horned Screamer (*Palamedea cornuta*) is characterised by a horn upon the brow. 1892 W. H. Hudson *Naturalist in La Plata* I. 20 The spur-winged crested screamer; a noble bird as large as a swan.

b. A local name for the swift.

1813 Montagu *Ornith. Dict.* Suppl. 1852 F. O. Morris *Brit. Birds* II. 75.

4. *slang.* a. A person, animal, or thing of exceptional size, attractiveness, etc.; a splendid specimen; e.g. a well-grown or beautiful female; a 'heavy swell'; a large fish; a large sum of money.

1837 A. Greene *Glance at New York* (Bartlett 1860), The folks are all waiting to see the fast steamer..; Ah, here she is now; sir, ain't she a screamer? 1846 Mrs. Kirkland *West. Clearings* 44 'But she's a screamer of a girl,' persisted Master George; 'I'd rather have her than all the rest.' 1850 Smedley *Frank Fairleigh* xiii, Well, you are a screamer, and no mistake...Be merciful towards the ladies. 1853 Whyte Melville *Digby Grand* xx, I am in for a 'screamer', and the bill for which I am arrested is only a ruse to prevent my leaving England. 1861 Hughes *Tom Brown at Oxf.* xxxvi, I..lost one screamer just up the back ditch there. He must have been a four-pounder.

b. A composition of a startling or exaggerated character; e.g. a thrilling or funny story, a 'screaming' farce. Also, a person who tells exaggerated stories.

1844 Dickens *Mart. Chuz.* xvi, A peculiar style of broad-side-essay called 'a screamer'. 1849 Alb. Smith *Pottleton Legacy* xxiii. 234 'Stranger,' said the man..'you are a screamer!' 1854 *Househ. Words* VIII. 77 Actors speak of such and such a farce being a 'screamer'. 1872 'Mark Twain' (*title*) Screamers; a gathering of scraps of humour, delicious bits, and short stories. 1888 in *Echoes fr. Oxf. Mag.* (1890) 111 And I'll write you a regular screamer If you dare to come up in the Long.

Screaming (skrī·miŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. Scream *v.* + -ing [1].] The action of the verb Scream.

c 1400 *Destr. Troy* 10182 The skrew for þe skrykyng & skremyng of folke, Redoundet with dyn drede for to here. 1687 T. Brown *Saints in Uproar* Wks. 1730 I. 72 Such roaring and screaming, such swaggering and bouncing. 1768–74 Tucker *Lt. Nat.* (1834) II. 443 Nor may we pretend to faint away at the screamings of a country church, because we happen to have a fine ear..for music. 1892 Henley *Song of Sword* 9 A noise Of the screaming of eagles.

Screa·ming, *ppl. a.* [-ing 2.]

1. That screams; sounding shrilly.

1602 B. Jonson *Poetaster* To Rdr. 100 Like so many screaming grasse-hoppers. 1700 Dryden *Theodore & Honoria* 100 And from afar he heard a screaming sound, As of a Dame distress'd, who cry'd for Aid. 1781 Cowper *Hope* 353 The screaming nations, hov'ring in mid air, Loudly resent the stranger's freedom there. 1892 Bierce *In Midst of Life* 89 Storms of screaming grape, which..splintered the trees. 1896 A. E. Housman *Shropshire Lad* XXXV, Far the calling bugles hollo, High the screaming fife replies.

2. *transf.* and *fig.* a. Tending to excite screams of laughter; said esp. of a farce.

1854 'C. Bede' *Verdant Green* II. x, It was a situation for a screaming farce. 1873 Hopkins *Making Worst of it* viii, The gorgeous and screaming new and original burlesque drama.

b. Violent or startling in effect; glaring.

1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* xxi, '——!' burst out his father with a screaming oath. 1883 *Harper's Mag.* Apr. 700/2 When we..added these startling spots of colour..the effect was rather screaming.

c. *slang.* First-rate, splendid.

1864 *Hotten's Slang Dict.*, *Screaming*, first rate, splendid. 1879 Miss Braddon *Cloven Foot* I. vi. 125 'Well', cried the manager, radiant, 'a screaming success. There's money in it.' 1883 E. Pennell-Elmhirst *Cream Leicesterh.* 314 The Belvoir have, again, had a screaming run, a brilliant day, and a grand finish. 1897 *Badminton Mag.* IV. 386 The Rioters had come out of the wood on a screaming scent.

Hence **Screa·mingly** *adv.*; chiefly in the phr. 'screamingly funny' (cf. prec. 2 a).

1847 Kinglake *Eothen* 173 The joyous girls will suddenly, and screamingly, and all at once, explain to each other that [etc.]. 1879 Geo. Eliot in Cross *Life* (1885) III. 368 You would be screamingly amused by one. 1892 *Cornhill Mag.* Apr. 444 They are screamingly funny.

Screamy (skrī·mi), *a. colloq.* [f. Scream *sb.* or *v.* + -y.] Given to screaming; having a screaming voice or sound; *fig.* characterized by exaggerated or undignified expression of anger, complaint, or the like; violent or glaring in colour.

1882 *Spectator* 25 Feb. 265/1 The two thoroughly unworthy and screamy [sonnets] on Carlyle's *Reminiscences*, by Mr. Swinburne. 1885 *Truth* 11 June 927/1 Dining-rooms.. fidgety with glitter, gilt, and screamy colouring. 1891 *Jrnl. of Educ.* 1 Nov. 572/2 We deprecate the 'screamy' temper in which so many of the aggrieved feel and write.

Hence **Screa·miness.**

1884 Haweis *Mus. Life* 233 A word about violin strings... Thick strings will mellow the screaminess of a Stainer. 1891 *Spectator* 9 May 666/2 She impairs its effect for English readers by a certain screaminess of tone.

Screane, obs. form of Screen *v.*

†Screa·tion. *Obs.*—[0] [f. L. *screāre* to hawk, hem: see -ation.] Hawking or spitting.

1658 Phillips, *Screation*, a spitting.

Screbel, screble, obs. forms of Scribble *v.*[1]

Screch, obs. form of Screech *v.*

†Screde, *v. Obs. rare.* [dial. var. of *shrede*, Shride *v.*] *trans.* To clothe, array.

a 1400 *Octouian* (W.) 1676 In armes that owghte the Sarsyns deede The Crysten knyghtes gonne hem screde.

Scree (skrī), *sb.* Also 9 *erron.* scrae. [a. ON. *skriða* landslip (Sw., Da. *skred*), cogn. w. *skríða* to slide, glide (= OE. *scrīðan* to go, glide).

The existing form of the sing. is prob. a back-formation from the pl. *screes*, in which the medial ð is dropped as in 'clo'es' for *clothes*.]

A mass of detritus, forming a precipitous, stony slope upon a mountain-side. Also the material composing such a slope.

1781 J. Hutton *Tour to Caves* (ed. 2) Gloss. 96 *Skirl*, or *screes*, small stones or pebbles. 1813 Scott *Trierm.* III. viii, Far on the sloping valley's course,..Shingle and Scrae, and Fell and Force, A dusky light arose. 1851 *Fraser's Mag.* XLIV. 137 The cliffs, and screes, and snowpatches looked uglier and steeper. 1905 Weyman *Starvecrow Farm* 209 And now the screes of Bow Fell, flecked with snow, were not more cold and hard than her face.

attrib. 1888 Davison in *Q. Jrnl. Geol. Soc.* XLIV. 232 The instability of scree-material being so great, the causes of its motion are consequently numerous.

Screech (skrītʃ), *sb.* Forms: 6 skreeche, 7 scriech, screitch, skreech, 7–8 skriech, 8 schreetch, skreetch, 7– screech. [f. Screech *v.* Cf. Scritch *sb.*]

1. A loud shrill cry, usually one expressive of violent and uncontrollable pain or alarm.

1560 *Ovid's Narcissus* A ij b, Ecco..the dobbeler of skreeche [*rime* speche]. 1614 Sylvester *Bethulia's Rescue* II. 238 Th' one insulting proud; Th' other in skrieches, and sad cryes, as loud, Deafned the shores. 1615 G. Sandys *Trav.* I. 11 A great lamentation, accompanied with grones and skreeches. 1628 Ld. Carleton in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. I. III. 259 But to returne to the screeches made att the fatall blow given. 1722 De Foe *Plague* (1884) 109 A Woman gave three frightful Skreetches. 1743 Appleton *Serm.* 93 Draw forth Teares, yea, to cause Schreetches and screamings out. *a* 1822 Shelley *Hate-song* 3 He sang a song which was more of a screech [*rime-word* ditch] 'Gainst a woman that was a brute. 1851 Hawthorne *Ho. Sev. Gables* xix. (1852) 230 Shouting to her at mouth-wide screech. 1864 C. Geikie *Life in Woods* vii. (1874) 128 Suddenly an unearthly sound broke from one side, a sort of screech.

†*fig.* 1671 Flavel *Fount. Life* xii. 35 Oh what a fearful scriech will thy Conscience give.

2. A name for various birds having a harsh discordant cry, e.g. the Barn-owl (*Strix flammea*), the Swift (*Cypselus apus*), the Missel-thrush (*Turdus viscivorus*), etc. Now only *dial.*

1637 G. Daniel *Genius of this Isle* 346 Where the owle And yelling Screitch, (full of portent and Fate) Late kept. 1802 Montagu *Ornith. Dict.*, Swift...Screech. 1822 Shelley tr. *Goethe's Faust* ii. 67 Are the screech, the lapwing, and the jay, All awake as if 'twere day? 1852 F. O. Morris *Brit. Birds* II. 75 Swift...Black Martin. Screech.

3. *transf.* A harsh, squeaking sound made by some inanimate object.

1832 Ht. Martineau *Hill & Valley* iii. 46 He was completely roused by a creak and screech of the latticed window. 1863 Hawthorne *Our Old Home* II. 85 We could hear the galloping sweep of a railway train..and its discordant screech.

4. *attrib.* and *Comb.* a. Simple attrib., with the sense 'screeching, loud and discordant'.

a 1830 Cockburn *Mem.* (1856) 179 A wild-looking..man with sandy hair, a screech voice, and staring eyes.

b. In dial. names of birds with reference to their characteristic cry (cf. sense 2), as **screech-bird, -thrush,** the Fieldfare (*Turdus pilaris*); **screech-**

cock, -drossle, -thrush, the Missel-thrush (*Turdus viscivorus*); screech-devil, -martin, the Swift (*Cypselus apus*); screech-hawk, the Nightjar (*Caprimulgus Europæus*). See *Eng. Dial. Dict.*

1802 Montagu *Ornith. Dict.*, Swift...Screech Martin. 1839 Macgillivray *Brit. Birds* II. 114 *Turdus viscivorus*. The Missel Thrush...Screech Thrush.

¶ 5. Misused for Screak, Skreigh, break of day.

1883 F. M. Crawford *Dr. Claudius* iii, I am a very early bird: I get up at the screech of dawn.

Screech (skrīʧ), *v.* Forms: 6 skrech, 7 screch, skriech, scrietch, 8 skrietch, screetch, 7– screech. [Echoic modification of Scritch *v.*]

1. *intr.* To utter a sharp, piercing cry, as of pain or alarm; to scream or call out with a shrill voice; also occas. used *transf.* of inanimate things.

1577 Kendall *Flowers of Epigr.* 26 b, Thou weepest still, thou skrechest shrill, thou halest from head thyne heares. 1602 Marston *Antonio's Rev.* III. iii, Now croakes the toad and night crowes screech aloud. 1704 *Loud. Post* 28–30 June 2/1 The Nurse and 2 Maids who lay in a Room backwards, were heard to Skriech out a considerable time, in a most pitiful manner. 1792 Wolcot (P. Pindar) *Odes of Condolence* Wks. 1794 III. 232 The fiddles screech with rapture one and all. 1853 Kane *Grinnell Exped.* xix. (1856) 146 Crowds of Auks and Ivory Gulls, screeching with execrable clamor. 1862 Mrs. H. Wood *Mrs. Hallib. Troub.* III. x, I screeched out all the more..when I remembered the quarrel that had took place at dinner. 1888 Henley *Bk. Verses* 152 A draggled fishwife screeches at the gates.

2. *trans.* To utter (a word or sentence) with a loud, shrill, piercing sound.

1844 Disraeli *Coningsby* v. iv. 205 'Rigby', screeched a hoarse voice, 'don't you mind'. 1889 Barrie *Window in Thrums* 149 Next minute she screeches, 'What, what, what?'

3. To cause to utter a shrill, squeaking noise. *rare.*

1862 Lady Duff-Gordon in F. Galton *Vac. Tourists* (1864) 161 When I went into the hall, a Dutchman was screeching a concertina hideously.

Screecher (skrīʧəɹ). [f. Screech *v.* + -er 1.] 1. One who screeches. *lit.* and *fig.*

1869 J. Burroughs *Wake-Robin* viii. (1895) 210 The fly-catchers..are not properly songsters, but nre classed by some writers as screechers. 1884 *St. James's Gaz.* 25 Jan. 6/2 They are as unpatriotic in their way as screechers about Bulgarian atrocities. 1908 *Academy* 11 July 27/2 These screechers are beginning to learn that hysterics are of little use where argument is concerned.

2. A dial. name for several birds having a harsh screaming cry; e. g. the Swift (*Cypselus apus*), the Gull-billed Tern (*Sterna anglica*), and the Missel-thrush (*Turdus viscivorus*).

1848 *Zoologist* VI. 2290 The common swift is in G[loucestershire] a 'screecher'. 1864 Atkinson *Bird-n.*, Screecher... Gull-billed Tern. *Sterna Anglica.*

Screeching (skrīʧiŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. Screech *v.* + -ing 1.] The action of the vb. Screech; shrill crying, howling.

1616 Breton *Good & Badde, Vnquiet Woman* Wks. (Grosart) II. 12/2 Her voice is the skrieching of an owle. 1673 Hickeringill *Gregory F. Greybeard* 307 This ratcatcher owl..with her howtings and scrietching she spoils the musick. 1753 Miss Collier *Art Torment.* Concl. (1811) 221 How have I seen a whole company made uneasy from the screeching of a cork between some person's fingers! 1777 W. Dalrymple *Trav. Sp. & Port.* cxxix, They make a most disagreeable screetching. 1828 Scott *F. M. Perth* vii, 'I prithee, peace', said Craigdallie, who was obviously tired of the tuneless screeching of the worthy deacon. 1871 O. W. Holmes *Smiling Listener* 54 More banging, more screeching of fiddle and drum.

Screeching (skrīʧiŋ), *ppl. a.* [f. Screech *v.* + -ing 2.] That screeches. Hence **Scree·chingly** *adv.*

1816 Scott *Let.* in *Lockhart* (1839) V. 141 My old peacock, who chooses to..sit below my bedroom window to keep me awake with his screeching lamentation. 1854 *N. Brit. Rev.* XXI. 217 Old ones cry out screechingly. 1886 W. J. Tucker *E. Europe* 209 The screeching appeals which greeted the discovery of our misdemeanour.

Scree·ch-owl. Also 7 skreech-, 8 scriech-. [f. Screech *v.*; altered form of Scritch-owl.]

1. A name for the Barn Owl (*Aluco flammeus* Fleming, *Strix* Linn.), from its discordant cry, supposed to be of evil omen.

1593 Shaks. 2 *Hen. VI*, I. iv. 21 The time when Screech-owles cry, and Bandogs howle. 1612 Dekker *London Triumphing* B 1 b, Let Bats and Skreech-Owles murmure at bright Day. 1711 Addison *Spect.* No. 7 ¶ 2 A Screech-Owl at Midnight has alarmed a Family, more than a Band of Robbers. 1773 G. White *Selborne, To Barrington* 8 July, From this screaming probably arose the common people's imaginary species of screech-owl, which they superstitiously think attends the windows of dying persons. 1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* III. vi. vi, Long-winded, unmelodious as the screech-owl's, sounds that prophetic voice. 1872 Calverley *Fly Leaves* (1884) 5 And the screech-owl scares the peasant As he skirts some churchyard drear.

2. *transf.* Applied to a bearer of evil tidings, or one who presages misfortune.

1606 Shaks. *Tr. & Cr.* v. x. 16 Let him that will a screech-oule aye be call'd, Goe in to Troy, and say there, Hector's dead. 1819 Scott *Ivanhoe* xxx, 'Vile murderous hag!' replied Front-de-Bœuf; 'detestable screech-owl!' 1896 Jane Barlow *Mrs. Martin's Comp.*, etc. 50 To be pitied for havin' to put up wid the ould screech-owl's foolish talk.

3. *attrib.*

1796 Wolcot (P. Pindar) *Satire* Wks. 1812 III. 409 Of Screech-owl satire Pitt has shorn the wings. 1815 Scott *Guy M.* ii, The harsh and dissonant voice, and the screech-owl notes to which it was exalted when he was exhorted to pronounce more distinctly. 1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* III. vi. vi, Then, secondly, his rejected screech-owl Oration.

Screechy (skrīʧi), *a.* [f. Screech *sb.* + -y 1.] Of a voice: Given to screech; loud, shrill, and discordant. Also *transf.*

a 1830 Cockburn *Mem.* (1856) 154 His voice..got sputtering and screechy when he became excited. 1865 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 24 Apr. 10 She has a moderate mezzo soprano, rather reedy and screechy in its upper notes. 1891 *Leeds Mercury* 8 Oct. 8/6 Vilification of the screechiest kind.

Screed (skrīd), *sb.* Forms: 4 screade, 5 screde, 6 *Sc.* skreid, screid, 7 skread, 8–9 skreed, 7– screed. [Variant of Shred *sb.*, repr. OE. *scréade*; cf. Scr- 1.]

I. 1. A fragment cut, torn, or broken from a main piece; in later use, a torn strip of some textile material. Also *collect. sing. Obs.* exc. *dial.*

c 1315 Shoreham I. 824 Þaȝ eny hest devoured hyt,.. Ech screade ȝet al so longe hys godes body, Ase lest þe fourme of brede. *c* 1425 *Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 655/11 *Hoc preseguien*, screde. *a* 1460 *Pol. Poems* (Rolls) II. 252 Robes made of scredes. *a* 1510 Douglas *Conscience* 7 Of his habite out cuttit thay ane skreid. 1560 Rollano *Seven Sages* 37 Scho raif hir clais all into screid. 1825 Croker *Fairy Leg.* I. 162 He has been sometimes seen going about with hardly a skreed to cover him. 1894 Crockett *Raiders* (ed. 3) 208 By a screed o' her druggit goown tangled on a blackthorn.

b. A strip of land; a parcel of ground.

1615 Brathwait *Strappado* 220 Thou Ahab, thou that by extortion gaines, Some Skreads of Land to better thy demains. 1644 Slingsby *Diary* (1836) 126 Northscales, a town in Wawne [Walney] Iseland wch is a narrow screed of land lying before Fourness. 1793 Smeaton *Edystone L.* § 337 The sea encroached upon these cliffs, by taking off parallel Screeds. 1843 *Lincolnsh. Topogr. Soc. Papers* 64 The triangular screed of land lying on the north side of the Cross-cliff hill, was the ancient Swine-grun of Lincoln. 1889 Raine *Hist. Hemingborough* 165 There is a long screed or tongue of land called Bishop's Meadows.

c. An edging, a bordering strip; the border or frill of a woman's cap. *dial.*

1828 Carr *Craven Gloss.*, *Skreed*, a border or shred of cloth. 1849 C. Brontë *Shirley* xxiii, The screed, or frill of the cap, stood a quarter of a yard broad round the face of the wearer. 1855 *Whitby Gloss.*, A *Screed*, a border or edge of paper, or other flat surface. 'A cap screed.'

2. *fig.* A long roll or list; a lengthy discourse or harangue; a gossiping letter or piece of writing.

a 1789 in Ross *Helenore* To Author p. vii, I here might gie a skreed of names. 1812 Chalmers *Let.* in Hanna *Mem.* (1849) I. 293 Mr. Manson threatens a long screed of poetry on the subject. 1816 Scott *Fam. Let.* 28 Dec. (1894) I. 392 The lady would not be kept from Eildon Hills when there was any worthy..to give her a screed of doctrine. 1884 *St. James's Gaz.* 31 Oct. 7/1 What Montaigne meant by his 'emprunts' was something altogether different from Mr. Tregellas's great screeds of cribbing. 1902 A. Dobson *S. Richardson* v. 117 Richardson's reply is a screed of malevolence.

b. A piece, portion (of a literary work).

1829 Scott *Jrnl.* 12 June, After dinner I..took a screed of my novel.

† c. A (drinking) bout. *Obs.*

1815 Scott *Guy M.* xxv, Naething confuses me unless it be a screed o'drink at an orra time. 1823 Galt *Entail* xxxii, Had he no deet amang hands in one o' his scrieds wi' the Lairds o' Kilpatrick, I'm sure I canna think what would hae come o' me and my first wife. 1828 J. Wilson *Noct. Ambr.* Wks. 1856 II. 59 A skreed in any room of his house clears my head for a month.

3. *Plastering.* a. An accurately levelled strip of plaster formed upon a wall or ceiling, as a guide in running a cornice or in obtaining a perfectly even surface in plastering; a strip of wood used for the same purpose.

1812 P. Nicholson *Mech. Exerc.* 308 Floating Skreeds differ from cornice skreeds in this, that the former is a strip of plaster, and the latter wooden rules for running the cornice. 1846 *Penny Cycl.* Suppl. II. 431/2 Ledges or margins of plaster, called screeds, are formed at the angles. 1855 Reinnel *Masons'* etc. *Assist.* 61 The work must be correctly plumbed up by means of flat-headed nails, and screeds for the guidance of the floating rule formed with Roman cement.

b. *Comb.*: screed-coat, a coat of plaster made level with the screeds (*Cent. Dict.* 1891).

c. (See quot.)

1901 *J. Black's Carp. & Build., Home Handicr.* 92 The concrete [for the floor should be]..thrown on..and its upper surface brought perfectly level by passing a 'screed', or large wooden straight-edge, over it.

II. 4. *Sc.* [From the verb.] A rent, tear. Also *fig.* ? *Obs.*

a 1728 Ramsay *Til for Tal* iii, He had lent ane's Guts a Skreed, Wha had gi'en him a broken Head. 1786 Burns *Holy Fair* iv, Ye, for my sake, hae gien the feck Of a' the ten comman's A screed some day.

5. *Sc.* A sound as of the tearing of cloth; hence, 'any loud, shrill sound' (Jam.).

a 1805 Macneill *Poems* (1844) 125 Fearfu' ye sang till some agreed The notes war true; Whan grown mair bauld, ye gae a screed That pleased nae few. 1805 J. Nicol *Poems* II. 12 (Jam.) Their cudgels brandish'd 'boon their heads,— Their horns emittin martial screeds.

Screed (skrīd), *v. Obs.* exc. *dial.* Forms: 5 screde, 8 skreed, 8– screed. [Orig. a var. of Shred *v.*, repr. OE. *scréadian*; in later use f. Screed *sb.*]

1. *trans.* To shred, tear, rip.

c 1430 *Two Cookery Bks.* 30 Take Apples, & pare hem, an smal screde hem in mossellys. 17.. *Fair Helen* xiii. in Child *Ballads* II. 212/2 And out he took a little pen-knife, And he screeded the winding-sheet.

b. *intr.* for *refl.*

1818 Scott *Rob Roy* xxxi, Had I been in ony o' your rotten French camlets now, or your drab-de-berries, it would hae screeded like an auld rag wi' sic a weight as mine.

2. *intr.* To produce a sound as of tearing cloth. Hence, of a musical instrument, to make a loud shrill sound.

a 1706 *Watson's Collect. Sc. Poems* I. 38 It made me Yelp, and Veul, and Yell And Skirl and Skreed. 1756 *Pennecuik's Collect. Sc. Poems* 77 He gar'd his pipe, when he did play, Baith skirl and skreed. 1835 Carrick, etc. *Laird of Logan* (1841) 77, I mind the verra tune that the fiddler played to us, as weel as if I heard the bow screeding o'er the strings the noo.

3. *To screed off, away*: to give audible expression to, to relate or repeat (a matter) readily from memory.

a 1774 R. Fergusson *Poems* (1807) 239 Sing then, how, on the fourth of June, Our bells screed aff a loyal tune. 1839 Ballantine in *Whistle-Binkie* Ser. II. 5 There's nae Carritch question, nor auld Scottish sang, But the loun screeds ye aff in the true lowland twang.

Screeding (skrīdiŋ), *vbl. sb. Plastering.* [f. Screed *sb.* + -ing 1.] The forming of the screeds.

1825 J. Nicholson *Oper. Mech.* 617 When the screeding is finished, compo is prepared in larger quantities and..the workmen spread it..over the wall in the space left between each pair of screeds.

Screen (skrīn), *sb.*1 Forms: (? 4 scren), 5–6 screne, 5–7 skrene, skreene, 6 scren, skreine, 7 skrein, 6–7 screene, 7 schreen(e, 8 skreyn, 7–9 skreen, 7– screen. Also 6–7 scrine, skrine. [Of difficult etymology. The sense corresponds with that of F. *écran*, OF. *escran* (1318 in Hatz.-Darm.), in glossaries also *escrin*, *escren* (Du Cange s. vv. *Antipirgium*, *Antypira*); Godefr. gives one instance of *escrime* fem. in the same sense. The ME. *skrene*, *skreene*, however, does not admit of being regarded as an adoption of any of these forms; though it may represent some AF. variant or derivative. The form has probably been influenced by confusion with *screne* = Scrine, chest, coffer.

The OF. *escrin*, *escren* (? whence *escran*) is prob. a. OHG. *skirm*, *skerm* (mod.G. *schirm*) of the same meaning; the fem. *escrime* is presumably a derivative of the same word.)

1. A contrivance for warding off the heat of a fire or a draught of air. a. A piece of furniture consisting usually of an upright board or of a frame hung with leather, canvas, cloth, tapestry, or paper, or of two or more such boards or frames hinged together. Cf. Fire-screen.

The meaning of the word in quots. 1393–1403 is uncertain; it is not impossible that they ought to be placed under Scaine, coffer. In quot. 1530 the meaning may be a fireguard.

1393 *Test. Ebor.* (Surtees) I. 194 Unum skreu [? *read* skren] ferreum. 1403 *Nottingham Rec.* II. 20, j. skrene, iijs. 14.. *Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 564/24 *Antipera*, a screne. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 450/2 Screne.., *ventifuga*. *c* 1460 *Bk. Curtasye* 462 in *Babees Bk.*, And fuel to chymné hym falle to gete, And screnes in clof to y-saue þo hete Fro þo lorde at mete when he is sett. 1530 Palsgr. 271/1 Skrene made of wycars to put bytwene the fyre, *escrain*, *estrane*. 1603 *Inv.* in Gage *Heugrave* (1822) 27 Itm, one great foulding skreene of seaven foulds. 1630 Bp. Hall *Occas. Medit.* cxii. (1633) 282 This screene, that stands betwixt me and the fire, is like some good friend at the Court, which keepes me from the heate of the unjust displeasure of the great. 1711 *Hermit* 25 Aug. 2/1 Indian Skreens must be purchased to succeed Abraham and Isaac [on tapestry]. 1854 *Househ. Words* VIII. 58/2 Tables, chairs, pole-screens and chevalscreens. 1899 Cowan *Hist. Kiss* 230 There was a draught-screen just at the door.

b. A frame covered with paper or cloth, or a disk or plate of thin wood, cardboard, etc. (often decorated with painting or embroidery) with a handle by which a person may hold it between his face and the fire; a hand-screen. Also applied to a merely ornamental article of similar form and material.

1548 *MS. Harl.* 1409 lf. 61 Two litle Skrenes of silke to hold againste the fier. 1688 Holme *Armoury* III. xvi. (Roxb.) 83/1 The first is nominated a screene, it is a thing made round of crisped paper, and set in an handle to hold before a Ladies face, when she sits neere the fire. 1712 Steele *Spectator* No. 336 ¶ 2 [They] plague me..to cheapen Tea or buy a Skreen. 1852 Dickens *Bleak Ho.* ii, Is it what you people call law-hand? she asks..toying with her screen.

c. A wooden seat or settle with a high back to keep away draughts.

1826 Wilbraham *Cheshire Gloss.* (ed. 2) 77 *Skreen*, a wooden settee or settle, with a very high back, sufficient to screen those who sit on it from the external air. 1879 in Miss Jackson *Shropsh. Word-bk.* Suppl. 512.

d. A contrivance in the form of a screen (sense 1 a), for affording an upright surface for the display of objects for exhibition; a flat vertical surface prepared for the reception of images from a magic lantern or the like; a frame for photographs resembling a folding screen.

1859 R. Hunt *Guide Mus. Pract. Geol.* (ed. 2) 46 The screen on the eastern wall..exhibits the russet and bird's-eye marble, in the base. 1888 *Lady* 25 Oct. 374/3 Some of the most delightful panel screens for photographs I ever set eyes on.

e. *Mining.* (See quot.)

1883 Gresley *Gloss. Coal Mining*, *Screen*,..a cloth brattice or curtain hung across a road in a mine to direct the ventilation.

2. *Arch.* A partition of wood or stone, pierced by one or more doors, dividing a room or building into two parts.

c 1460 *Bk. Curtasye* 28 in *Babees Bk.*, And sithen byfore the screne þou stonde In myddys þe halle. 1553 Bale tr. *Bp. Gardiners Serm.* H j b, I am..compelled to take my wyfe Truthe to me, whan she commeth agayne at leynght peeping behynde the scrine. 1589 *Hay any Work for Cooper* 44 When he hadd gotten some fatte meat of O the fellowes table, would go to the skrine, and first wipe his mouth on the on[e] side and then O the other, because he wanted a napkin. 1596 Spensea *F. Q.* v. x. 37 Streight th' other fled away, And ran into the Hall, where he did weene Him selfe to saue: but he there slew him at the skreene. 1684 Bunyan *Pilgr.* II. 118 He always loved good talk, and often would get behind the Skreen to hear it. 1851 Turner *Dom. Archit.* I. ii. 44 Behind the screen, or 'in the screens' as it was called was..the Lavatory. 1875 Stubbs *Const. Hist.* I. xi. (1897) 380 The name [chancellor], derived probably from the *cancelli*, or skreen behind which the secretarial work of the royal household was carried on.

b. *Eccl.* (See Chancel-*screen*, Rood-Screen.)

1643 Evelyn *Diary* 24 Dec., They greatly reverence the Crucifix over the skreene of the Quire. 1762–71 H. Walpole *Vertue's Anecd. Paint.* (1786) II. 265 He committed the same error at Winchester, thrusting a screen in the Roman or Grecian taste into the middle of that cathedral. 1826 Scott *Woodst.* i, Two fair screens of beautiful sculptured oak had been destroyed. 1908 F. Bond (*title*) Screens and Galleries in English Churches.

c. A wall thrown out in front of a building and masking the façade.

1842 R. Brown *Dom. Arch.* 318 *Screen*, a row of columns with their continued entablature, erected along the top of a dwarf-wall, between which and the dwelling-house is a court, generally attached to palaces. 1886 C. E. Pascoe *Lond. of To-day* xxxi. (ed. 3) 283 The screen on the Whitehall side [of the Admiralty]. *Ibid.* xxxii. 295 Devonshire House, a large mansion with a screen in front, at the corner of St. James's Street.

d. *Mil.* = *Screen-battery* (sense 7 below).

1876 Voyle & Stevenson *Milit. Dict.* (ed. 3) 35 Small openings are made in the screens corresponding with the embrasures of the batteries.

3. *transf.* **a.** Applied to any object, natural or artificial, that affords shelter from heat or wind.

Ramsay's application of the word to a scarf worn by a woman over the head has been echoed by later writers as if it were a dialectal specific sense.

1538 Elyot *Dict.*, *Vmbella*, a lyttel shadow, also a skrine to kepe away the light of the sonne. 1642 Fuller *Holy & Prof. St.* III. vii. 167 A South-window in summer..needs the schreen of a curtain. 1724 Ramsay *Tea-t. Misc.* (1733) I. 66 My mistris in her tartan screen. 1784 tr. *Beckford's Vathek* (1868) 31 When the sun began to break through the clouds they ordered a pavilion to be raised, as a screen from the intrusion of his beams. 1818 Scott *Hrt. Midl.* xxv, Her tartan screen served all the purposes of a riding-habit, and of an umbrella.

b. Something interposed so as to conceal from view. Also *fig.*

1605 Shaks. *Macb.* v. vi. 1 Now neere enough: Your leauy Skreenes throw downe, And shew like those you are. *a* 1674 Traherne *Chr. Ethics* (1675) 91 All Things are naked and open before his Eyes, and there be no Walls to exclude, or Skreens to hide..nor Distance to over come, but all Things equally neer and fair. *a* 1704 T. Brown *On the Beauties* Wks. 1730 I. 44 Next, over all, must Phryne's skin be drawn ..Through which most lovely and unfaithful screen The various passions of the soul are seen. 1788 Burke *Sp. agst. W. Hastings* Wks. XIII. 284 The screen, the veil spread before this transaction, is torn open by the very people themselves, who are the tools in it. 1818 Scott *Hrt. Midl.* xiv, The sun set beyond..the screen of western hills. 1851 Gallenga *Italy* 23 He sought, it would be difficult to say whether a comfort or a screen in the observance of religious practices.

c. *Mil.* A small body of men detached to cover the movements of an army.

1892 Home & Peatt *Précis Mod. Tactics* 81 The dispersion on a wide front which is necessary to obtain what is generally called the cavalry screen necessarily entails weakness. 1894 Gall *Mod. Tactics* (ed. 3) 175 Large bodies of infantry when there is a possibility of contact with the enemy will be covered by what is now called a screen of troops in extended order.

d. A line or belt of trees planted to give protection from the wind.

1644 Evelyn *Diary* 21 Mar., A pretty garden,..having at the entrance a skreene at an exceeding height, accurately cutt in topiary worke. 1791 W. Gilpin *Forest Scenery* II. 75 In a part of the skreen, which divides these grounds from the road, we have an opportunity of remarking the disagreeable effect of trees planted alternately. 1842 J. Wilson *Chr. North* (1857) I. 246 Screens of oak and sycamore trees. 1882 *Garden* 28 Jan. 65/1 All..screens of Privet, Beech, Holly, Yew, &c. to be kept thick must be cut anually.

4. *fig.* A means of securing from attack, punishment, or censure. Also, anything which intervenes obstructingly.

1610 Shaks. *Temp.* I. ii. 107 To haue no Schreene between this part he plaid, And him he plaid it for, he needes will be Absolute Millaine. 1625 Bacon *Ess., Envy* (Arb.) 514 There be so many Skreenes betweene him, and Envy. 1760 *Ann. Reg.* III. *Misc. Ess.* 213 A worthless rascal who has found out the art of deceiving under the screen of royal authority. 1817 Jas. Mill *Brit. India* II. v. viii. 651 He would not have scrupled to form for himself a screen out of his own ambiguity. 1877 Noatncote *Rom. Catacombs* I. i. 24 They furnished a real and legal screen for the protection of the Christian Society. 1878 Browning *La Saisiaz* 56 There's no longer screen betwixt soul and soul's joy.

b. (*a*) See quot. 1710; (*b*) a chaperon. ? *nonce-uses.*

1710 Steele *Tatler* No. 171 Advt., All false Buyers at Auctions being employ'd only to hide others, are from this Day forward to be known in Mr. Bickerstaff's Writings by the Word Screens. 1818 Scott *Rob Roy* xiv, I will bribe old Martha with a cup of tea to sit by me and be my screen.

5. An apparatus used in the sifting of grain, coal, etc. Cf. Scry *sb.*

1573 Tusser *Husb.* (1878) 37 A skuttle or skreine, to rid soile fro the corne. 1667 Mearet in *Phil. Trans.* II. 466 The Skreens are made with two partitions, to separate the dust from the Corn. *c* 1710 Celia Fiennes *Diary* (1888) 101 A frame..made all of small wire just as I have seen fine Screens to screen Corne in. 1760 Milles in *Phil. Trans.* LI. 538 The smaller coal is separated from the clay by a skreen, or grated shovel. 1805 Dickson *Pract. Agric.* I. Pl. xiv, The corn passes through the skreen G into the hopper H. 1844 H. Stephens *Bk. Farm* I. 547 There is a portable screen or harp for riddling and depositing the stones. 1872 Raymond *Statist. Mines & Mining* 61 An improvement has been made ..by the substitution, at several mills, of coarse screens, with apertures one-quarter of an inch in diameter, instead of the one-eighth-inch screens heretofore in use.

b. An arrangement of bars at the end of an overflow pipe, to prevent the escape of fish from a pond.

1888 Goode *Amer. Fishes* 57 They had..gone through the screen at the mouth of the pipe.

6. Applied to various portions of optical, electrical, and other instruments, serving to intercept light, heat, electricity, etc.

1819–23 Barlow *Optics* in *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) III. 474/2 A skreen of gauze, or gummed muslin posited vertically. 1878 *Encycl. Brit.* VIII. 29/1 What are called electrical screens, i.e. sheets of metal used to defend electrical instruments, &c., from external influences. 1879 *Cassell's Techn. Educ.* III. 1 (Photogr.) A screen of ground-glass. 1893 Sloane *Electr. Dict.*, *Screen*, Electric, a large plate or a hollow case or cage of conducting material connected with the earth, and used to protect any body placed within it from electrostatic influences. 1902 *Encycl. Brit.* XXVIII. 54/1 Screens which become fluorescent under the influence of the Röntgen rays are generally made of platino-cyanides.

7. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *screen-bulkhead, -door,* † *-fan, fence, -plantation, -shape, wall, -work* (also *fig.*); † *screen-faced*, † *-like* adjs.; **screen-battery** *Mil.* (see quot.); **screen-cell**, a part of a gaol where a prisoner may be kept under constant observation; **screen-chamber**, an enclosure containing a screen (sense 5); **screen-cloth**, † (*a*) the material used to cover a screen; (*b*) *Mining*, a mat hung in an airway to promote ventilation; **screen-man**, a worker at the screen (sense 5), *spec.* in the *Coal-trade* = Screener; **screen-perch** (see quot.); **screen-tower**, an elevated building containing a series of screens (sense 5).

1876 Voyle & Stevenson *Milit. Dict.* (ed. 3) 35 A *screen battery is a parapet of earth running across the front of the batteries and thus forming a screen. 1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) XVII. 404/1 The beam abaft, which comes under the *screen bulkhead. 1892 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 24 Oct. 5/2 He was confined in a *screen cell. 1877 Raymond *Statist. Mines & Mining* 432 The screens are provided with latticed hoppers, which allows a current of air to flow freely up through the *screen-chambers. 1603 *Inv.* in Gage *Hengrave* (1822) 27 A *skreen cloth..of green kersey. 1889 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 22 Apr. 3/1 By the expenditure of a few shillings in hanging a mid wall of screencloth a plentiful supply of air could have been obtained. 1840 *Civil Engin. & Arch. Jrnl.* III. 84/1 Its effect is..unavoidably impaired by the interference of two pairs of *screen doors. 1601 Munday *Downf. Robt. Earl Huntingdon* B 4 b, Is it thy part, thou *screenfac't snotty nose, To hinder him that gaue thee all thou hast? 1664 Butler *Hud.* II. iii. 367 Are sweating Lanthorns, or *Screen-fans, Made better there than th'are in France? 1856 Morton *Cycl. Agric.* II. 817 Along the side [of the plantation] most exposed to the sea-breeze, erect a *screen fence composed of turf [etc.]. 1611 Cotgr., *Araraye*, a round or *skreene-like ornament of feathers, worne by the West-Indian Sauages at their backes. 1851 Greenwell *Coal-trade Terms Northumb. & Durh.* 48 *Skreenmen, 1891 *Labour Commission Gloss.*, *Screeners* or *Screenmen*, men at bank who shovel the coals over the flat of the screens into the wagons and clean them. 1891 Harting *Bibl. Accipitr.* 229 *Screen-perch*, the form of perch used for hawks when kept in a room. 1799 J. Robertson *Agric. Perth* 420 Soften the rigour of winter, by sheltering the lower farms with *skreen-plantations. 1888 *Lady* 25 Oct. 374/3 A smaller frame, *screen shape,..to hold six 'midget' photographs. 1877 Raymond *Statist. Mines & Mining* 447 All [the ore] was elevated some seventy feet to the top of the *screen-tower. 1900 *Yorksh. Archæol. Jrnl.* XV. 303 The *screen-wall between the pillars of the nave. 1648–58 Hexham s.v. *Voye*, The Top of some *schreene-worke. 1850 *Parker's Gloss. Archit.* (ed. 5) I. 416 The oldest piece of screen-work that has been noticed is at Compton church, Surrey. 1858 Froude *Hist. Eng.* II. 354 Unhappily, behind the screen-work of these poor saints, a whole Irish insurrection was blazing in madness and fury. 1904 Gasquet *Eng. Monastic Life* ii. 20 In some places, it is true, certain screenwork divisions appear to have been devised.

Screen (skrīn), *sb.*[2] *Cant.* ? *Obs.* [? Connected with Screeve *sb.* and *v.*] A bank-note. Chiefly in *queer screen*, a forged bank-note.

1812 J. H. Vaux *Flash Dict.*, *Queer screens*, forged Bank-notes. 1830 Lytton *P. Clifford* xxxi, Bill Fang..was stretched for smashing queer screens. 1864 *Hotten's Slang Dict.*, *Screen*, a bank note. *Queer Screen*, a forged bank note.

Screen (skrīn), *v.* Forms: 5 **screane**, 7 **screene, skreene**, 7–9 **skreen**, 7– **screen**. [f. Screen *sb.*[1]]

1. *trans.* To shelter or protect with or as with a screen, *from* heat, wind, light, missiles, or the like.

c 1632 *Poems in Athenæum* 27 Jan. (1883) 121/2 From whose inward light The Angells with their wings must skreene their sight. 1671 Milton *P. R.* IV. 30 Back'd with a ridge of hills That soreen'd the fruits of the earth and seats of men From cold Septentrion blasts. 1728 Chambers *Cycl.* s. v. *Eye*, To screen his Eye, he will presently cover it therewith. 1784 Cowper *Task* III. 440 He therefore timely warn'd himself supplies Her want of care, screening and keeping warm The plenteous bloom. 1823 W. Scoresby *Jrnl. Whale Fish.* 201 The adjoining mountains..skreened the ice near their bases, from the solar rays. 1879 Geikie *Geol.* in *Encycl. Brit.* X. 268/2 Being hard, they resist the action of the falling drops and screen the earth below them.

b. To shut off by something interposed. *rare.*

Now only with *off.*

1700 Dryden *Sigism. & Guisc.* 211 The Curtains closely drawn, the Light to skreen. 1861 Tyndall *Fragm. Sci.* (1871) 384 You will perhaps try whether the magnetic power is not to be screened off.

2. To hide from view as with a screen; to shelter from observation or recognition.

1686 Goad *Celest. Bodies* II. iv. 196 Clouds..shall skreen the Sun from us. 1711–12 Swift *Jrnl. to Stella* 6 Jan., When he came out, Mr. Secretary..walked so near him that he quite screened me from him with his great periwig. 1784 Cowper *Task* I. 168 Our fav'rite elms, That screen the herdsman's solitary hut. 1818 Scott *Rob Roy* xxv, A small hedge, which imperfectly screened the alley in which I was walking. 1844 H. H. Wilson *Brit. India* III. vii. III. 357 The Coorgs effectually screened themselves behind the bushes. 1893 *Hansard's Parl. Deb.* 30 Mar. 1500 To send vessels to sea whose lights are screened on different principles.

b. *Mil.* To employ a body of men to cover (an army's movements). Also *absol.* (Cf. Screen *sb.*[1] 3 c.)

1881 Bell tr. *C. von Schmidt's Instr. Training Cavalry* 173 In all these different cases the leading thought..must.. be to see without being seen, reconnoitre and screen. 1884 Trench *Cavalry in Mod. War* 270 The duties to be performed by the division—*i. e.*..to screen the movements of one's own army, to unmask those of the enemy [etc.]. 1899 *Westm. Gaz.* 11 Dec. 1/3 The duty of reconnoitring the foe and screening the friend.

c. In immaterial senses.

1670 Cotton *Espernon* I. iv. 151 The artifice of his Enemies in skreen'd his merits from his Majesties observation, that he receiv'd very little thanks for his labour. 1692 Bentley *Boyle Lect.* i. 6 There are some Infidels among us, that..to avoid the odious name of Atheists, would shelter and skreen themselves under a new one of Deists. 1813 Shelley *Q. Mab* v. 27 Compelled by its deformity, to screen With flimsy veil of justice and of right, Its unattractive lineaments.

3. To shield or protect from hostility or impending danger; *esp.* to save (an offender) *from* punishment or exposure; to conceal (a person's offence).

c 1485 *Plumpton Corr.* (Camden) 58 If I shold therfore screane myself, & my frynds also, & not put me therfore to hurt. 1630 Bp. Hall *Occas. Medit.* cxii. (1633) 283 But how happy am I, if the interposition of my Saviour..may screene mee from the deserved wrath of..God. 1693 Locke *Educ.* § 214 (1699) 376 He that Travels with them is to skreen them; get them out when they have run themselves into the Briars [etc.]. 1738 *Gentl. Mag.* VIII. 141/2 Were there any Hopes that he could ever be brought to skreen the most notorious Corruption, I dare say he would meet with the Approbation of this virtuous Society. 1780 *New Newgate Cal.* V. 206 All his artifices could not screen him from the justice of his country. 1817 Jas. Mill *Brit. India* II. v. ix. 696 Mr. Hastings had taken presents, and skreened himself by giving them up at last to the Company. 1824 W. Irving *T. Trav.* II. 244 Great exertions were made to screen him from justice, but in vain. 1850 Browning *Easter-D.* ix, No misery could screen The holders of the pearl of price From Caesar's envy. 1894 Sir J. Astley *Fifty Yrs. Life* II. 4, I more than once helped—or at any rate screened—a man who had taken a drop too much.

† **b.** *intr.* To interpose oneself as a protection.

1655 tr. *Com. Hist. Francion* v. 11, I..took no care to approach to his assistance, being unwilling to skreen betwixt him and the abuse.

4. *trans.* To sift by passing through a 'screen'.

1664 Evelyn *Kal. Hort.*, May 67 Mixing it [*sc.* earth] with..very mellow Soil, screen'd and prepar'd some time before. 1693 Moxon *Mech. Exerc.* (1703) 251 A Skreen.. with which one Man will Skreen as much Lime..as two Men can with a Sieve. 1763 *Museum Rust.* (ed. 2) I. 79 If it is necessary to screen all the corn at this time, a small screen is fixed under the aperture of the second floor. 1815 J. Smith *Panorama Sci. & Art* I. 191 Sea-coal ashes, sifted or skreened through a sieve or skreen ½ an inch wide. 1847 *Act* 10 & 11 *Vict.* c. 89 § 28 Every Person who..slacks, sifts or screens any Lime. 1901 *Daily Chron.* 11 July 7/6 Screening water through fine gauze was sometimes substituted for filtration.

† **b.** *fig. Obs.*

1657 Reeve *God's Plea* 249 How ought we to skreen and riddle our soules concerning the steyn of blood-shed.

5. In the Inns of Court: To post upon a screen or notice-board.

1870 *Echo* 10 Jan., An attempt was made by the Benchers to shame them into honesty by 'screening' or posting their names in the dining hall. 1895 *Daily News* 22 Oct. 5/3 The Treasurer of the Inner Temple..has caused to be screened in the vestibule of the Hall an invitation [etc.].

6. *Comb.*: **screen-berth** (see quot.).

1867 Smyth *Sailor's Word-bk.*, *Screen-berth*, pieces of canvas temporarily hung round a berth, for warmth and privacy.

Screened (skrīnd), *ppl. a.* [f. Screen *v.* + -ed[1].]

1. Protected by a screen, sheltered.

1696 Whiston *Theory of Earth* IV. iv. 355 In the more retired and skreen'd Plains and Valleys. 1833 T. Hook *Parson's Dau.* III. xi, A screened-off place was made up for the maids. 1872 Browning *Ring & Bk.* IX. 567 Midnight meetings in a screened alcove Must argue folly in a matron. 1894 *Daily News* 3 Jan. 5/4 Thirteen degrees of frost in the heart of London is a record which is not often obtained from a screened glass.

b. *fig.* Concealed, hidden away.

1844 *Queen's Regul.* 123 The positive absence of Crime is the criterion of a well-established Discipline, not its screened existence.

2. Sifted by means of a screen.

1677 J. W[ORLIDGE] *Art Gard.* I. iii. 32 The Gravel Walkes ..which if made with a fine skreened red Gravel do very much adorn your Garden. 1807 A. YOUNG *Agric. Essex* II. 193 He now does them [*sc.* the drains] with picked and skreened stone. 1838 *Civil Engin. & Arch. Jrnl.* I. 341/2 A composition of 'screened' (otherwise almost uselessly small) coal, river mud, and tar. 1858 SIMMONDS *Dict. Trade, Screened-coal*, sifted or large coal; that from which the breeze or fine dust has been separated.

3. Posted upon a screen. (See SCREEN *v.* 5.)

1897 *Westm. Gaz.* 12 May 4/3 Two are described in the screened list, as gentlemen.

Screener (skrī·nəɹ). [f. SCREEN *v.* + -ER 1.] (See quot. 1816.)

1816 J. H. H. HOLMES *Coal Mines Durh. & Northumb.* 247 *Screeners*, men employed to screen the coals, which descend an iron screen into the wagon, and suffer the small coal or culm to pass through. 1892 *Daily News* 21 Mar. 6/2 The screeners..who sift and load the coal at the pit bank.

Screening (skrī·nin), *vbl. sb.* [-ING 1.] The action of the vb. SCREEN in various senses.

1. The action of sheltering or concealing with or as with a screen.

1788 BURKE *Sp. agst. W. Hastings* Wks. XIII. 246 It was done for the screening of his own guilt. 1893 *Hansard's Parl. Deb.* 30 Mar. 1500 The new Order in Council in reference to the screening of side lights in passenger vessels.

attrib. 1881 BELL tr. *C. von Schmidt's Instr. Training Cavalry* 231 Four squadrons being placed in 1st line for screening and reconnoitring purposes.

2. A sorting or sifting carried on by means of a 'screen'.

1725 *Bradley's Fam. Dict., Skreyn*, an Instrument..made of Lath for the Skreening of Earth, Sand, Gravel, &c. 1763 MILLS *Pract. Husb.* III. 128 This was then easily separated by proper screening, and the wheat proved so good, that the bakers bought it at the highest market price. 1877 RAYMOND *Statist. Mines & Mining* 451 Screening through fine screens is, at best, a very imperfect..operation.

b. *pl.* Material which has passed through the operation of screening.

1730 WRIGLESWORTH *Jrnl. of the 'Lyell'* 23 Sept., This morning put out another Boat Load of our Screenings. 1885 *Law Times' Rep.* LII. 427/2 The footpaths..should be made of good gravel or ballast, or fine stone screenings.

3. The posting of an offender's name upon a screen or public notice-board.

1908 *Westm. Gaz.* 28 Mar. 7/1 The Benchers..have imposed the penalty of a reprimand and 'screening'.

Screening (skrī·nin), *ppl. a.* [f. SCREEN *v.* + -ING 2.] That screens; that hides or protects.

1817 HUGHSON *Walks through London* 395 The screening colonade of the latter will be taken down. 1861 GEO. ELIOT *Silas M.* I. ii, He felt hidden even from the heavens by the screening trees and hedge.

Scree·ny, *a. nonce-wd.* [f. SCREEN *sb.* + -Y.] ? Resembling the kind of decoration usual on screens.

1820–2 PYNE *Wine & Walnuts* (1823) I. xx. 262 Reynolds ..observing that Wilson's pictures were screeny in effect. This was in allusion to the sudden effects of his lights on the shadows.

Screeve (skrīv), *sb. Sc.* and *slang.* Also scrieve, scrive. [f. SCREEVE *v.*2] a. A piece of writing; †b. *spec.* a banknote, = SCREEN *sb.*2 (*obs.*); c. a begging letter (now the usual sense).

1788 W. BRODIE 10 Apr. in Roughead *Trial of Brodie* (1906) 154 Acquaint him I glimed the scrive I had of him. 1801 *Sporting Mag.* XIX. 88 Fearns asked, what he gave for the one-pound screeves? 1812 J. H. VAUX *Flash Dict., Screeve*, a letter, or written paper. 1897 CROCKETT *Lad's Love* xxix, Juist gie me a screeve o' a note to that effect.

Screeve (skrīv), *v.*1 Now *dial.* Also 5 scryve, 9 screive. [Aphetic a. OF. *escreve-r* (usually said of wounds):—L. **excrepāre*: see Es- and CREVE.] *intr.* Of a wound: To open and discharge matter. In mod. dial., to ooze, exude moisture.

a 1450 *Le Morte Arth.* 382 His woundis scryved and stille he lay And in his bedde he swownyd thrye. 1882 *Lancs. Gloss., Screeve*, to froth at the mouth as in a fit. 1886 *Cheshire Gloss., Screeve*, to ooze out, to exude moisture. 1887 *S. Cheshire Gloss.* s. v., A sack of corn may screive; liquid manure in a pigsty is said to screive out. But the word is specially used of moisture exuding from a corpse.

Hence **Scree·ving** *vbl. sb.*

c 1400 *Lanfranc's Cirurg.* 121 In scryuyngis of þe brayn panne.

Screeve (skrīv), *v.*2 *slang.* Also scrieve. [Ultimately from L. *scrībĕre* to write; the proximate source is uncertain; possibly It. *scrivere*.

Cf. Sc. (Ayrshire) *scrieve*, 'to read or write quickly or continuously' (Jam.); but connexion of the slang word with this is very doubtful.]

1. *trans.* To write.

1851 MAYHEW *Lond. Labour* I. 246 Ah! once I could 'screeve a fakement' (write a petition).

2. *intr.* To draw pictures on the pavement with coloured chalks; to be a 'pavement artist'.

1851 MAYHEW *Lond. Labour* I. 415, I then took to screeving (writing on the stones). 1876 MRS. EWING *Jan of Windmill* xxxi. 302 A street-artist who was 'screeving', or drawing pictures on the pavement in coloured chalks. 1887 HENLEY *Villon's Straight Tip* 1 Suppose you screeve?

Screeve (skrīv), *v.*3 *dial.* [app. a. ON. *skrefa* to stride (Norw. *skreva*, Da. *skræve*, Sw. *skrefva* to open one's legs wide, straddle.] *pass.* Of horses: To have the legs split apart in running on ice.

18.. WHEELER *Fens* App. 12 (E. D. D.) *Screeve*, a term used to describe an accident which occasionally happened to horses in the fens when running over ice in winter their legs became parted and torn off at the joint. 1895 *Naturalist* 321 The poor horses..got on the ice in winter, and were screeved.

Screever (skrī·vəɹ). *slang.* Also 9 scriever. [f. SCREEVE *v.*2 + -ER 1.]

1. A begging letter writer.

1851 MAYHEW *Lond. Labour* I. 313 'He writes a good hand', exclaimed one, as the screever wrote the petition.

2. A pavement artist.

1876 MRS. EWING *Jan of the Windmill* xxxv. 336 The horrors of his life as a screever. 1894 MARKS *Pen & Pencil Sk.* II. 100 The pavement-artist, or 'scriever', as he is called in the profession.

Scremus, obs. Sc. form of SKIRMISH.

Screpand, obs. Sc. pr. pple. of SCRAPE *v.*

†**Screpe,** *v. Obs.* [OE. *screpan* str. vb.: see SCRAPE *v.* Cf. SHREPE *v.*] *trans.* To scrape, scratch *out*, erase. In OE. also *intr.* to scratch.

c 725 *Corpus Gloss.* 1828 *Scalpio*, scriopu. *Ibid.* 1805 *Scarpinat*, scripiδ. *c* 975 *Rushw. Gosp.* Mark ix. 18. And fæmeδ & gristhites miδ toδum & screpes. [Mistranslates *arescit.*] *c* 1000 *Sax. Leechd.* II. 38 Screp þonne of þam fæte þat biþ swiδe god sealf þam men þe hæfδ þicce bræwas. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 344 Vor nis non so lutel þing of þeos þet þe deouel naueδ embreued on his rolle. Auh schrift screapeδ hit of, and makeδ him uorte leosen muchel of his hwule. *c* 1230 *Hali Meid.* 33 Ha beoδ iscrepte ut of liues writ in heuene.

Screpping, obs. Sc. pr. pple. of SCRAPE *v.*

†**Scresent,** var. of or error for CRESCENT *sb.* 3 b.

1486 *Bk. St. Albans, Her.* d vij b, Powderit with croslettys molettys Scresentis smale briddis or other difference.

†**Screte,** *a. Obs. rare* −1. Supple, pliant.

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 450/2 Screte, or lethy [*Winch. MS.* Streyte, or lythy], *gracilis, lentus.*

Screutore, obs. form of SCRUTOIRE.

Screvelio, obs. form of SCRIVELLO.

Screw (skrū), *sb.*1 Forms: 5 scrwe, skrew(e, 6–7 skrue, skrew, 6–8 scrue, 7– screw. [Apparently, in spite of the difference of sense, a. OF. *escroue* fem., also *escro* masc. (mod.F. *écrou*) female screw, nut; not found in the other Rom. langs. The Teut. langs. have (though not recorded from their earliest periods) a word meaning 'screw' which may be related in some way to the OF. word: MLG., MDu., *schrûve* (mod.Du. irreg. *schroef*), late MHG. *schrûbe* (mod.G. *schraube*), Sw. *skrufva*, mod.Icel. *skrúfa*, Da. *skrue*. The North-eastern OF. *escruve*, a screw (misread *escrime*: the examples are placed by Godefr. under that word), is prob. from MDn.

The ultimate etymology of the Fr. word, and the nature of its relation, if any, to the Teut. words, remain obscure. Diez's suggestion that it represents the L. *scrobem*, ditch, is phonologically impossible. Baist, followed by Kluge, would refer both the Fr. and the Teut. words to the L. *scrōfa* sow (in med.L. also an engine for undermining walls), comparing the Sp. *puerca* sow, also (= *tuerca*) female screw; but this does not account for the Teut. forms. The supposition that the Fr. word is an adoption from the MLG. *schrûve* presents very great difficulties.]

I. The general name for that kind of mechanical appliance of which the operative portion is a helical groove or ridge (or two or more parallel helical grooves or ridges) cut either on the exterior surface of a cylinder (*male screw*) or on the interior surface of a cylindrical cavity (*female screw*). Hence applied to various other contrivances resembling this.

Ordinarily *screw* without defining word is taken to mean a male screw, which seems indeed to be the proper sense in Eng.; but there are occasional exceptions in speaking of instruments in which the female screw is the moving part of the combination.

A screw is called *right-handed* or *left-handed* according as the rotation necessary to carry the screw away from the operator is towards his right or his left.

1. A male screw (see above) with a correspondingly grooved or ridged socket in which it can revolve or which can revolve upon it; used for the purpose of converting a motion of rotation into a motion of translation bearing a fixed proportion to it.

a. As an apparatus for raising weights or applying pressure or strain.

For a supposed earlier instance see quot. 1393 under SCREEN *sb.* 1; *skreu* being prob. a misreading for *skren*, screen. Whether quot. 1497 belongs to this word is somewhat doubtful; the spelling *skrewe* would not be expected to occur so early if the Fr. etymology is correct.

1404 *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 396 Item 1 rabitstoke cum 2 scrwes. 1497 *Naval Acc. Hen. VII* (1896) 95 Skrewe with her apperell. *Ibid.* 122 Lading gynnes ij. Skrewes j. Wilkyn rammes iij. 1599 T. M[OUFET] *Silkwormes* 35 Then those great coches which themselues did driue With bended scrues, like things that were aliue? Ingenious Germane, how didst thou conuey Thy Springs, thy Scrues, thy rowells, and thy flie? 1629 MASSINGER *Picture* IV. ii, He moues like the faery King, on scrues and wheeles Made by his Doctors recipes. 1683 MOXON *Mech. Exerc., Printing* xxv. 352 He puts them into the Standing Press..observing to set in every Pile..an equal number of Books, that each Pile may equally feel the force of the Screw. *a* 1711 KEN *Blandina* Poet. Wks. 1721 IV. 520 Then on the Rack the Saint they stretch, Her Limbs with Screws and Pulleys retch. 1768 TUCKER *Lt. Nat.* I. iii. 59 A curious engine compounded of wheels, screws and pulleys. 1825 J. NICHOLSON *Oper. Mech.* 14 The hollow screw, or the counterpart in which a screw operates, when in the form of a small movable piece, is called a nut, and the cavity is termed a female screw. 1861 F. CAMPIN *Hand-turning* v. 105 Double, triple, and quadruple screws, are those which have two, three, or four distinct threads upon them.

b. Considered as one of the mechanical powers; in mechanical theory treated as a modification of the inclined plane.

1570 J. DEE *Math. Pref.* c iiij b, For, in many thinges, the Skrue worketh the feate, which, els, could not be performed. 1648 WILKINS *Math. Magic* I. ix. 56 The sixth and last Mechanick faculty, is the Screw, which is described to be a kind of wedge that is multiplyed, or continued by a helicall revolution about a Cylinder. 1764 J. FERGUSON *Lect.* iii. 43 The screw..cannot properly be called a simple machine, because it is never used without the application of a lever. 1825 J. NICHOLSON *Oper. Mech.* 14 The screw is applied to mechanical purposes chiefly to obtain great pressures in small distances. 1879 *Cassell's Techn. Educ.* I. 33/2 The efficiency of the screw is largely diminished by friction... This contrasts the screw with the lever, for in the latter the effect of friction is quite imperceptible.

c. Used for regulating or measuring longitudinal movement.

1612 WOODALL *Surg. Mate* (1639) 7 Of the Speculum oris with a screw. 1833 ARNOTT *Physics* II. 158 The coal..was moved up like the wick of a lamp, by its screw. 1840 *Civil Engin. & Arch. Jrnl.* III. 78/1 This movement may be also effected..by a screw and pinion. 1881 F. CAMPIN *Mech. Engin.* iv. 50 The lathe generally travels the tool rest by a screw called the 'leading screw'. 1883 *Encycl. Brit.* XVI. 244/2 The screws of micrometers are generally made with 50 or 100 threads to the inch.

d. With various qualifying words. *Bench screw*: a joiner's vice. *Double screw*: one with a pair of screws to carry the vice-cheek with a parallel motion. *Endless screw*: see ENDLESS *a.* 4 b. *Perpetual screw* = prec. *Screw of Archimedes, water screw* = ARCHIMEDEAN screw.

1574 EDEN in *Decades* Life 47/1 An engin..wherewith a man with the strength of onely one hande, by helpe of the instrument called Trispaston (which in our tongue some cal an endlesse Scrue), brought a Shyp..from the lande into the sea. 1641 Water screw [see COCHLEA]. 1648 WILKINS *Math. Magic* I. ix. 60 Another invention, commonly styled a perpetuall screw, which hath the motion of a wheel, and the force of a screw. 1655 MRQ. WORCESTER *Cent. Invent.* § 54. 35 How to make a Water-scrue tite, and yet transparent. 1678 MOXON *Mech. Exerc.* iv. 60 The Bench-Screw..to Screw Boards in whiles the edges of them are Plaining or Shooting. *Ibid.* 61 Sometimes a double Screw is fixed to the side of the Bench. 1807 T. YOUNG *Nat. Philos.* I. 328 A single pipe wound spirally round a cylinder which revolves on an axis in an oblique situation, has been denominated the screw of Archimedes. 1821 R. TURNER *Arts & Sci.* 91 *note*, When the screw acts in a wheel, it is called a perpetual screw. 1848 L. HUNT *Jar of Honey* 187 The lower deck could be pumped by a single man, with the aid of a machine, ..which we..name the screw of Archimedes.

e. *The screws* (rarely *the screw*): an instrument of torture formerly in use, designed to compress the thumbs of a prisoner in order to extort a confession; the 'thumbikins'. Cf. THUMBSCREW.

1663 *Aron-bimn.* 32 The Bedlam, and the chain, the whip and the skrews, all the violences of a severe discipline. *a* 1715 BURNET *Own Time* xvi. (1900) II. 422 Little screws of steel were made use of, that screwed the thumbs...They put his thumbs in the screws; and drew them so hard, that [etc.]. 1788 COWPER *Negro's Compl.* 31 Your knotted scourges, Matches, blood-extorting screws. 1840 HOOD *Up the Rhine* 177 Crush the thumbs of the Jew With the vice and the screw, Till he tells where he buried his treasure. 1855 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* xiii. III. 259 Carstairs..hated prelacy with the hatred of a man whose thumbs were deeply marked by the screws of prelatists.

2. *fig.* A means of 'pressure' or coercion.

1648–9 *Eikon Bas.* xiv. 113 When Politicians most agitate desperate designs against all that is settled..in Religion, and Laws, which by such scrues are cunningly, yet forcibly wrested by secret steps..from their known rule and wonted practise. 1664 H. MORE *Myst. Iniq.* 50 There being sufficient Props and Engines, nay Screws and Pulleys, if you will, to raise mens Love and Devotion. 1796 G. WALPOLE in B. Edwards *Proc. Maroon Negroes* 19 All this will..prove to your lordship the impropriety of holding forth more harsh conditions..: Should there be any person so dull..as to think that another turn of the screw would be better, ask him this question. 1803 WELLINGTON in Gurw. *Desp.* (1837) I. 497 This chief ought..to be pressed upon this point..and all the screws, menaces, &c. might be brought to bear upon him. 1855 *Illustr. Lond. News* 28 July 126/2 His Lordship owned himself unable to resist the mild influences of the 'screw' [*sc.* of a deputation]. 1861 *Times* 22 Aug., The farmer..the tradesman..the passengers who travelled less frequently... had all felt the screw before it touched the Railways. 1883 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 3 Nov. 3/1 If any body wants anything nowadays, he must put on the screw on the powers that be, and the only efficacious screw is that of agitation.

b. Phrases. *To put on, apply, turn the screw* or *screws* and similar phrases: (*a*) to apply moral pressure; (*b*) to force the payment of a debt or loan; also *rarely*, to limit the giving of credit.

1845 JUDD *Margaret* II. vii. (1874) 290 We didn't put on the screws half hard enough. The Insargents ought to have been hung. 1852 *Dow's Serm.* I. 302 (Bartlett 1859) Love strains the heart-strings of the human race, and not unfrequently puts the screws on so hard as to snap them asunder. 1859 BARTLETT *Dict. Amer.* s.v., *To put the screws on*; *to turn the screws*, to press, and figuratively to extort, to enforce payment in money transactions; to force a debtor, by any compulsory means, to pay. 1860 *All Year Round* 26 May 160 When there is work and plenty of it, the operatives turn the screw upon the masters. 1861 HUGHES *Tom Brown at Oxf.* x, These creditors..are sueing him in the.. Court, thinking now's the time to put the screw on. 1882 E. O'DONOVAN *Merv Oasis* I. 317 The local authorities kept on the screw for their own private benefit. 1883 SIR H. COTTON in *Law Times Rep.* XLIX. 150/2 It cannot be said that he did it..for the purpose of putting the screw on the company, and forcing them to abandon a defence

bonâ fide claimed by them. 1888 Bryce *Amer. Commw.* II. xliii. 133 *note*, Occasionally the assessors of a country town take it into their heads to apply the screw.

3. A metal pin or bolt (cylindrical or, more commonly, slightly tapering) with a spiral ridge upon its shank, used in joining articles of wood or metal, fastening fittings to woodwork, etc. (It is turned and driven in by means of a screwdriver or spanner.)

Blake's screw: see quot. 1879. *Wood screw*, a more definite name for the screw commonly used for woodwork.

1622 F. Markham *Five Dec. War* I. ix. 35 See that the breech [of the gun] be strong and close, all the screwes and pinnes about it fast and sure. 1768 Tucker *Lt. Nat.* II. i. ii. 22 And then I look upon the boards, the legs, the hinges, the screws, the glue..as one thing, which I call a table. 1794 W. Felton *Carriages* (1801) I. 105 A nut headed screw, is a large, thick screw with a strong thread. 1816 J. Smith *Panorama Sci. & Art* I. 39 A screw-plate is a cheap and handy instrument for making screws. 1841 *Penny Cycl.* XXI. 109/1 The blanks for wood-screws were formerly forged by the workmen who make nails. 1879 *Cassell's Techn. Educ.* III. 256/1 The outside planking is temporarily secured to the frames by fastenings, known as 'Blake's screws'...These screws consist of bolts with an eye formed on one end and a wood-screw cut on the other. 1885 J. B. Leno *Boot & Shoemaking* xvi. 131 Brass, and Iron Screws. These are usually employed in clump work.

b. *A screw loose*: fig. something wrong in the condition of things; a dangerous weakness in some arrangement.

1810 *Sporting Mag.* XXXVI. 166 The others..had got a screw loose. 1821 *Ibid.* VII. 192 A screw, it seems, has been loose between Neat and the Champion of England. 1848 Alb. Smith *Chr. Tadpole* xli, It was evident that there was a screw loose in the programme. 1833 E. FitzGerald *Lett.* (1889) I. 21 In fact, a genius with a screw loose, as we used to say. 1844 Dickens *Martin Chuz.* xiii, I see well enough there's a screw loose in your affairs. 1870 R. Brough *Marston Lynch* xii. 110 There may be some little screw loose between him and the..step-daughter. 1883 V. Stuart *Egypt* 314 Who will put his finger upon the loose screw?

c. Helical grooving or ridging.

1879 *Cassell's Techn. Educ.* I. 34/2 A bolt 12 inches long, and with 2 inches of screw on the end.

4. Each of the component parts of a screw-fastening or screw-joint.

1648 *Bury Wills* (Camden) 217, I give him alsoe my chaine of beads with scrues. 1684 R.H. *School of Recreation* (1696) 165 And lastly his Landen Hook, with a Screw at the end to screw it into the socket of a Pole. 1688 Holme *Armoury* III. xv. (Roxb.) 22/2 The second..a long round Inke-horne, some haue only a screw at each end, one for Inke, the other to put in the pens. 1800 *Med. Jrnl.* IV. 181 The tube is divided into four parts, which are well joined by screws.

†b. *Needle and screw, screw and bodkin*: some kind of fastening for jewellery. *Obs.*

1605 in *Heriot's Mem.* (1822) App. VII. 202 Item, put to v great diamondis, v needles, and v scrues of gold. 1607 *Ibid.* 213 Item, made a screw and a bodkin for a jewell. *c* 1610 *Ibid.* 217 For gold, and making of a needle and a skrew for the King of Denmark's picture.

5. The worm or boring part of a gimlet; also, † the gimlet itself.

1577 Harrison *England* I. viii. 19/1 in *Holinshed*, Which some doe liken..to a vice, skrew, or wide sleeue, bycause they are very small at the east end, and large at west...They resemble the slope course of the cutting part of a skrew or gimlet. 1633 G. Herbert *Temple, Confession* x, No scrue, no piercer can Into a piece of timber work and winde, As Gods afflictions into man. 1812 P. Nicholson *Mech. Exerc.* 34 At the lower end [of the auger] is a worm or screw of a conic form, for entering the wood.

6. An instrument terminating in a 'worm' for screwing into something in order to pull it out; esp. a corkscrew; also, the 'worm' itself. Also *fig.*

Screw or kettle=corkscrew (*i.e.* wine) or hot water (*i.e.* grog).

1657 W. Morice *Coena quasi Κοινή* Dial. iii. 145 They must be strange Scrues and Wires that shall draw this conclusion from the Text. 1702 Bottle Screw [see Bottle *sb.*1 5]. 1768–74 Tucker *Lt. Nat.* (1834) II. 461, I have stopped the bottle with a good cork; I can draw it out again with a screw. 1819 *Edin. Ann. Reg.* (1823) XII. App. 74 James Smith proved his making a worm or screw to the ramrod of the pistol. 1832 J. Barrington *Sk.* III. iv. 44 He was the hardest-goer either at kettle or screw..of the whole grand-jury. 1835 W. H. Maxwell *My Life* II. i. 7 Good eating, produced good drinking;..and the commander politely inquired whether I would be for 'screw or kettle'.

b. A gunner's instrument. *Obs.* exc. *Hist.*

?1594 Barwick *Dise. Weapons* 8 His scrues and wormes to serue all for his skowring sticke. 1611 Cotgr., *Tirebourre*, a worme, or skrue; the Instrument wherewith a charged Cannon is vnladen. 1870 C. C. Black tr. *A. Demmin's Weapons of War* 499 Swiss cannon rammer..the end of which contains a wadding screw.

7. A screw-propeller (see Propeller 3).

Hoisting screw, one adapted to be disconnected and lifted when not required for use.

[1788 M. Cutler in *Life*, etc. (1888) I. 408 We..constructed a machine in the form of a screw with short blades, and placed it in the stern of the boat, which we turned with a crank. 1815 R. Trevithick in *Abridgm. Specif. Patents, Marine Propulsion* (1858) 62 A worm or screw..which revolves in a cylinder,..or without a cylinder, at the head, sides, or stern of a vessel.] 1838 *Civil Engin. & Arch. Jrnl.* I. 385/1 The propeller or paddle..will be worked by a communicating shaft, acting upon a screw called the Archimedean screw, in the application or use of which the invention is grounded. 1839 *Ibid.* II. 442/2 The screw (of the *Archimedes*] consisted of one whole turn of a single thread, 7 feet in diameter, and 8 feet pitch. 1861 Murray *Shipbuilding* 131/1 The hoisting screw has been adopted generally for war-steamers. 1867 Dickens *Lett.* (1880) II. 302 The passage here was delightful, and we had scarcely motion beyond that of the screw.

8. A ship driven by a screw-propeller.

(Ellipt. for *screw-steamer*.)

[1844 *Proc. Inst. Civ. Engin.* III. 82 A diagram of the propeller used on board the 'Liverpool Screw'.] 1867 Dickens *Lett.* (1880) II. 310 These screws are tremendous ships for carrying on, and for rolling. 1876 A'Beckett *Holiday in Scot. Highlands* 2 The 'Seven Stars' was a long three-masted screw. 1887 *Scribner's Mag.* I. 533/2 Many of the iron screws..are still in..service.

9. Something having a spiral course or form.

1649 G. Daniel *Trinarch., Rich. II*, cccxlvi, This subtle Gin Thus open'd, & hee following the Scrue, Run in a Labirinth, without a Clew. 1682 *Phil. Collect.* XII. 151 They have a skrue or spiral Valve within them..; this skrue in both the *Intestina* winds about twenty turns. 1833 Brewster *Nat. Magic* x. 251 The German also exhibited his strength in twisting into a screw a flat piece of iron. 1857 Gosse *Omphalos* 136 [Screw-pine.] A tree of this size makes a 'screw', or imperfect spire of leaves in about three years. 1869 Blackmore *Lorna D.* x, There was scarcely the screw of his tail to be seen.

b. = *screw-stone* (see 22).

1729 Woodward *Catal. Eng. Fossils* II. 102 A Mass of Stone, with several of these Screws...From the same Mine. *c* 1774 J. Walcott *Descr. Petrifactions* 41 Stones. Which represent the interior form of univalve shells; in which they were moulded when soft...From Fig. 48. to Fig. 54. inclusive are called by the quarry-men Screws. 1860 R. Damon *Geol. Weymouth & Portl.* 76 The common 'screw', *Cerithium Portlandicum*, so characteristic of the roach [-bed], is almost entirely absent.

10. *slang*. a. (See quots.)

1795 Potter *Dict. Cant* (ed. 2), *Screw*, a false key. 1811 *Lex. Balatron.*, *Screw*, a skeleton key...To stand on the screw signifies that a door is not bolted, but merely locked. 1812 J. H. Vaux *Flash Dict.*, To *screw* a place is to enter it by false keys; this game is called *the screw*. Any robbery effected by such means is termed *a screw*. 1896 *Westm. Gaz.* 29 May 2/1 So the next night I borrows a bunch of screws—them's skeleton keys—and an old jemmy.

b. A prison warder, a turnkey.

1821 Egan *Life in Lond.* ii. (1869) 60 Washing the ivory with a prime screw. *Ibid.* xiv. 379 The officer..was compelled to put him under the screw. 1877 *Five Yrs. Penal Serv.* ii. 77 The slang name for all the officials is 'screws'.

II. Senses derived from Screw *v.*

11. An act of screwing up; a turn of the screw.

1709 Woorow *Corr.* (1843) I. 84 So I term those that..are followers of Mr. M'Millan, and some that are a screw higher than he. 1781 Cowper *Truth* 385 What is man?..An instrument, whose chords upon the stretch, And strain'd to the last screw that he can bear, Yield only discord in his Maker's ear. 1796 Earl Balcarres in B. Edwards *Proc. Maroon Negroes* 20, I am perfectly with you, that the pin ought not to receive another screw; but also clear that it ought not to be relaxed.

b. *Billiards*. A stroke by which a twist is given to the cue-ball by striking it below its centre; also, the twist resulting from this stroke, esp. in the phrase *to put on screw*.

1849 H. Turner *Billiards* (title-page), The Side Stroke—the Screw—and the Double. 1856 Pardon ('Capt. Crawley') *Billiards* (1859) 17 The Screw or Twist..is made by striking your ball very low, with a sort of jerk. 1866 — *Billiard Bk.* iii. 38–9 The High Oblique Screw. The effect of the High Screw is to cause the ball to jump a little, and to twist back on reaching the Object-ball. *Ibid.* ix. 106 The Slow-screw is made with a decided twist, your ball struck low. 1873 Bennett & 'Cavendish' *Billiards* 190 Balls thus struck are said to be played with screw.

c. *Cricket*. A twist imparted to the ball in its delivery.

1867 Selkirk *Guide to Cricket Ground* 35 *Screw*, a twist put upon the ball by the bowler to make it vary in pace and direction after the pitch. 1891 W. G. Grace in *Outdoor Games* 13 The next ball, very swift, with lots of screw on, is snicked into the slips.

d. *Rowing*. The action of swinging the body from one side to the other during the stroke. (Cf. Screw *v.* 16 a.)

1875 W. B. Woodgate *Oars & Sculls* viii. 64 For the fault which causes the screw may be his own, though unconnected with his swing.

12. *slang*. A tonic, a 'pick-me-up'.

1877 *Five Yrs. Penal Serv.* iii. 232 He was in the habit of taking every morning a 'screw' in the shape of a little dose of bitters to correct the effects of the last evening's festivities.

13. The state of being twisted awry; a contortion (of the body or features).

1708 *Hickelty Pickelty* in Ashton *Soc. Life Q. Anne* I. 140 The nice Management of his Italian Snuff box, and the affected Screw of his Body, makes up a great Part of his Conversation. 1828 *Lights & Shades* I. 195 You are all in a screw: every limb is disjointed: you lisp and you smile. 1848 Dickens *Dombey* i, Running up to him with a kind of screw in her face and carriage, expressive of suppressed emotion.

14. A small portion (of a commodity) wrapped up in a twist or cornet of paper; esp. a penny packet (of tobacco); also, a wrapper of this kind.

1836 Dickens *Sk. Boz, Tuggses at Ramsgate*, The poisonous voice of envy distinctly asserted that he..retailed.. tobacco by the screw, and butter by the pat. 1839 'J. Fume' *Paper on Tobacco* 114 A penny paper of tobacco is in London termed a screw. 1844 Dickens *Martin Chuz.* xxxvi, A knife, some butter, a screw of salt. 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* lvii, A halfpenny-worth of snuff in a cornet or 'screw' of paper. 1893 Miss F. M. Peard *Swing of Pendulum* i, Followed by children shyly inviting him to buy paper screws, containing each four or five strawberries.

15. One who forces down (prices) by haggling; a stingy, miserly person.

1835 Frith *Autobiog.* (1888) III. iii. 46 Aunt is just as great a screw as ever. 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* viii, They both agreed in calling him an old screw; which means a very stingy, avaricious person. 1893 C. G. Leland *Mem.* II. 211 He and his wife had the reputation of being fearful screws.

16. *U. S. College slang*. (See quot.)

1851 B. H. Hall *College Words* 265 In some American colleges, an..unnecessarily minute, and annoying examination of a student by an instructor is called a *screw*. The instructor is often designated by the same name. An imperfect recitation is sometimes thus denominated. *Ibid.*, Passing such an examination is often denominated *taking a screw*.

III. Senses of obscure origin.

17. A horse not perfectly sound; also *transf.*, a cow not perfectly healthy.

Perh. originally a race-horse that can be made to obtain a place by 'screwing' on the part of the jockey.

1821 *Sporting Mag.* VIII. 262 The farrier..pronounced her 'a most complete screw'. 1847 *Illustr. Lond. News* 2 Oct. 219/2 Mr Drinkald [won] the Chester Cup, with an old screw. 1859 Meredith *R. Feverel* xviii, 'Doctor', replied Sir Austin, 'if you had a pure-blood Arab barb would you cross him with a screw?' 1864 *Hotten's Slang Dict.* (1865), *Screw*, an unsound, or broken-down horse, that requires both whip and spur to get him along. 1891 *Law Times* XC. 395/1 Defendant bought the cow in question and a smaller one,..remarking that they were both screws. 1893 Chesney *Lesters* III. ii. xxi. 12 Lionel was mounted on an obvious screw, but in good going condition.

18. *slang*. Salary, wages.

1864 *Hotten's Slang Dict.*, *Screw*, salary or wages. 1884 Hunter & Whyte *My Ducats* xxviii. (1885) 453, I said it was in payment of my screw—my salary, I mean. 1894 Doyle *Sherlock Holmes* 58 The screw was a pound a week.

IV. *attrib.* and *Comb.*

19. Simple attrib. a. with the meaning 'of or belonging to a screw', as *screw-arbor, -curve, -head, -hole, motion, -worm*.

1777 Ramsden *Descr. Engine* 1 A Circle of Brass being fixed on the *Screw Arbor. 1856 *Orr's Circ. Sci., Mech. Philos.* 247 The drawing of a *screw-curve. 1688 Holme *Armoury* III. 436/1 A Key for a *Screw Head. 1835 Sir J. Ross *N.-W. Passage* iii. 52 The *screw holes in the flaunches. 1852 Seidel *Organ* 63 There is upon every key a *screw-worm and brass wire.

b. with the meaning, 'of or pertaining to a screw-propeller', as *screw-blade, -post, -shafting*.

1844 *Proc. Instit. Civ. Engin.* III. 77 The *screw blades. 1882 Ogilvie, **Screw-post*, the inner stern-post through which the shaft of a screw propeller passes. 1886 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 5 Aug. 3/2 A warship..with all her armour in its place, her *screw-shafting and propeller fitted.

c. with the meaning 'fitted with, or driven by means of, a screw-propeller', as *screw boat, ship, steamer, steamship, vessel*; also *screw fleet*, a fleet of screw-vessels.

1848 Woodcroft *Steam Navig.* 91 The screw boat, the *Francis B. Ogden*. *Ibid.* 101 The first screw steamer, the *Ericsson*. 1850 E. P. Halsted *Screw-fleet of Navy* Introd. 4 These trials..caused their Lordships to lay the foundation of our present Screw Fleet, by ordering the construction of 'Screw ships'..to the extent of twenty-three vessels. *Ibid.* ii. 12 Screw-frigates. *Ibid.* 14 Screw-corvettes. 1852 J. Bourne *Screw Propeller* x. 216 H.M.S. 'Amphion', the first screw vessel constructed in this country. 1854 F. Moresby *Two Admirals* (1909) 158 The ability of the screw fleet to hold the Russian ships in check. 1861 Murray *Ship-building* 132/2 Results of Trials made in her Majesty's Screw-ships. 1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 825/2 Screw steamship propulsion.

d. Used in names of appliances operated by or working upon a screw, as *screw-borer, -brake, candlestick, -clamp, -collar, -elevator, -feed, gill, lever, lifting jack, -pad, -valve, -ventilator*.

1766 *Complete Farmer* s. v. *Borer*, **Screw-borer*, an instrument..for searching or exploring the nature of any soil. 1871 Z. Colburn *Locomotive Engin.* xxv. 268/2 A *screw-brake is applied to the engine. 1688 Holme *Armoury* III. 315 *Screw Candlestick, with double sockets..; by the help of the Screws the sockets are raised or lowered according to pleasure. 1825 J. Nicholson *Oper. Mech.* 302 These gallies are attached to the four sides of the central axis of the prism by the *screw-clamps. 1854 Pereira *Lect. Polar. Light* 301 By means of a *screw-collar he managed to vary the distance between the first and second compound lens. 1884 Knight *Dict. Mech.* Suppl., **Screw Elevator*. 1874 Raymond *6th Rep. Mines* 512 In place of the *screw-feed..a new hydraulic feed has been tried with success. 1853 Ure *Dict. Arts* (ed. 4) I. 765 Thus constructed the '*screw gill' continues to be the most esteemed in principle. 1884 W. S. B. McLaren *Spinning* v. § 65. 62 Screw gill boxes. 1802 *Encycl. Brit.* Suppl. II. 796/2 s. v. *Weaving*, The rollers..are cylinders, pressed together by a *screw lever. 1851 *Offic. Catal. Gt. Exhib.* 236 Improved *screw lifting jacks. 1813 J. Thomson *Lect. Inflam.* 257 Pressure is made with a *screw-pad over the extremity of the wounded artery. 1850 Fownes *Elem. Chem.* (ed. 3) 159 Furnished with a *screw-valve of peculiar construction.

20. Objective and obj. genitive, as *screw-chasing, -cutter, -cutting, -maker, -making, -manufacturer, -slotting*; instrumental, as *screw-driven, -propelled, -torn* adjs.; parasynthetic, as *screw-stoppered, threaded* adjs.

1888 *Lockwood's Dict. Mech. Engin.*, **Screw Chasing*, the cutting..of screw threads in the lathe by means of chasing tools. 1846 Holtzapffel *Turning* II. 605 The temporary *screw-cutter possesses the same interval or thread as before. 1909 *Daily Chron.* 2 Feb. 9/7 Wanted..Engineer.—Good general turner and screw cutter. 1832 Babbage *Econ. Manuf.* xi. 82 *Screw-cutting. 1846 Holtzapffel *Turning* II. 580 The screw-cutting lathe. 1831 J. Holland *Manuf. Metal* I. 209 A Staffordshire *screw-maker. 1747 *Gen. Descr. Trades* 21 *Screw-making is also a Branch by itself. 1841

Penny Cycl. XXI. 109/1 In the infancy of screw-making the thread was formed with a file. 1853 URE *Dict. Arts* (ed. 4) II. 588 The screw-making machine. 1848 WOODCROFT *Steam Navig.* 101 The *New Jersey* was the first *screw-propelled vessel practically used in America. 1888 *Lockwood's Dict. Mech. Engin.*, **Screw Slotting*, the slotting of the grooves in the heads of cheese-headed and button-headed screws. 1891 *Daily News* 1 Dec. 7/4 Two tin gallon cans, *screw-stoppered, full of naphtha. 1907 HODGES *Elem. Photogr.* 29 Never..use screw-stoppered beer or other bottles. 1865 in *Abridgm. Specif. Patents, Nails* (1873) 291 *Screw-threaded bolts. 1897 KIPLING *Capt. Cour.* vii. 143 The little schooner staggered..in a rush of *screw-torn water, as a liner's stern vanished in the fog.

21. Similative, as in *screw-twist*; *screw-like, -shaped* adjs.; *screw-wise* adv.; also quasi-adj. with the meaning 'spiral', as in *screw gut, gutter, motion, stair, stair-case.*

1681 GREW *Musæum* I. § v. i. 99 The *Skrew-Gut of the Raja..winds between parallel lines like a Screw or Stair-case. 1833 LOUDON *Encycl. Archit.* § 738 The water might be conducted more regularly from the apex to the base..by forming round it a *screw gutter. 1705 *Observ. Seed-Vessels Polypodium* in *Phil. Trans.* XXV. 1872 The *Screw-like parts of the Seed Vessel. 1883 *Encycl. Brit.* XV. 754/2 Screw-like or helical motion. 1882 MINCHIN *Unipl. Kinematics* 244 *Screw Motion of a Liquid. 1760 J. LEE *Introd. Bot.* I. xiii. (1776) 34 The Figure of the Filaments is either ..Spiral, *Skrew-shaped, as in Hirtella [etc.]. 1867 N. MACLEOD *Starling* II. x. 116 He..lived in a very small house, above his shop, which was reached by a *screw stair. 1786 MACKENZIE *Lounger* No. 87 § 6 A *screw stair-case. 1894 R. BRIDGES *Nero* II. III. ii. 1234 Very few Are what they show the world: there's a *screw-twist In every mind. 1687 A. LOVELL tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* III. 46 Fasten to each of the two pieces that are to enter into one another, some Iron, Copper, or Silver wire, turned *Screw-wise.

b. Similative (quasi-*adj.*), as in *screw-shell, snail, -turbo*, applied to various gasteropods with slender spiral shells.

1731 MEDLEY *Kolben's Cape G. Hope* II. 212 There is a Sort of Water-Snails at the Cape, which the Europeans there call Screw-Snails. 1753 *Chambers' Cycl.* Suppl., *Turbo*, the Screw-Shell...5. The screw-Turbo, with variegated lines and spots. 1819 TURTON *Conchol. Dict.* 62 *Helix Terebra.* Screw Snail-shell. *Ibid.* 95 *Murex Gyrinus.* Screw Rock-shell. *Ibid.* 165 *Strombus.* Screw-shell. *Ibid.* 216 *Turbo Terebra.* Screw Turban. 1859–62 SIR J. RICHARDSON, etc. *Mus. Nat. Hist.* (1868) II. 339 The family of Turret or Screw shells (*Turritellidæ*).

22. Special combinations: **screw-alley, -area** (see quots.); **screw auger**, an auger with a spiral shank; **screw-barrel** *sb.* (see quot. 1888); **screw-barrel** *a.*, (*a*) of a fire-arm, having a screwed barrel (see SCREWED *ppl. a.* 5 b); also *ellipt.* as *sb.* a fire-arm with a screwed barrel; (*b*) *Mech.* see quot. 1888; **screw battery**, a battery composed of screw-guns (see *screw-gun* a); **screw-bell** (see quot.); **screw-blank**, the piece of metal upon which a thread or worm is to be cut to form a screw; **screw board** (see quot.); **screw-bolt**, a bolt with a thread or worm at the end to be secured by means of a screw-nut; hence **screw-bolt** *v.*, *trans.*, to fasten with a screw-bolt; hence **screw-bolting** *vbl. sb.*, the use of screw-bolts; **screw-box**, † (*a*) = NUT *sb.*[1] 11; (*b*) a tool for cutting the thread on a wooden screw; **screw-cap** (see quot.); **screw-chuck**, a variety of lathe-chuck (see quot.); **screw-coupling** (see quot.); **screw-cut** *a.*, fashioned as a screw, furnished with a screw-thread; **screw-die** = DIE *sb.*[1] 6 a; **screw-dock** *U.S.*, a dock in which the cradle is raised by screws; **screw-dog**, a clamp adjustable by a screw, to hold timber while being sawn; **screw-dollar** *U. S.*, 'a medallion of which the obverse and reverse may be screwed together to form a box' (*Cent. Dict.* 1891); **screw-drill**, a drill with a spiral shank; **screw engine**, (*a*) a machine for raising water by means of a screw, a water-screw; (*b*) a steam-engine adapted to drive a screw-propeller; **screw-eye**, (*a*) a screw having a loop or eye for its head; (*b*) 'a long screw with a handle, used in theatres by stage carpenters in securing scenes' (*Cent. Dict.*); **screw-eyed** *a.*, having the eyes screwed up; **screw-fish** ? *U. S.*, 'fish packed under a screw press' (*Cent. Dict.*); **screw forging**, a screw-blank of forged iron; **screw-gear**, gear consisting of an endless screw and a toothed wheel; **screw-grip (action)**, see quot. and GRIP *sb.*[1] 5; **screw-gun**, see quot. 1877–81; **screw-hook**, (*a*) see quot. 1688; (*b*) see quot. 1875; (*c*) a small hook, usually of brass, with a screwed shank to screw into wood-work; **screw-jack** = JACK *sb.*[1] 10; **screw-joint**, (*a*) *Mech.*, a joint formed by screwing together the ends of piping, etc.; (*b*) *Anat.*, a joint in which there is a slight lateral sliding of one bone upon the other; **screw-key**, (*a*) = *screw-wrench*; (*b*) a key furnished with a thread or worm; **screw-line** *Bot.* (see quot.); **screw-lock**, one operated by turning a wormed key on a similarly wormed pin; **screw-machine**, (*a*) a machine operated by a screw; (*b*) a machine for making screws (Knight *Dict. Mech.* 1875); (*c*) see quot. 1884; **screw-mandrel**, a screw-cutting mandrel having on its spindle screws of various sizes and pitches; **screw medal** *U. S.* = *screw-dollar* (Cent. Dict.); **screw micrometer** (see MICROMETER 2); **screw mill**, a mill for driving screw-cutting machinery; **screw-moulding**, (*a*) the moulding of screws in sand for casting; (*b*) the forming of screws in metal collars, caps, etc. (*Cent. Dict.*); † **screw mouth**, an ill-shaped mouth; **screw-nail**, a screw or wood-screw (see sense 3); **screw nut** = NUT *sb.*[1] 11; † **screw pelican** *Dentistry* (see quot.); **screw pile**, a foundation pile with a screw at its lower end adapted for screwing instead of driving; hence **screw-pile, -piled** *adjs.*, built upon screw piles; **screw-plate**, a hardened steel plate for cutting the threads of small screws by means of a series of drilled and tapped holes of various diameters; **Screw Plot** *Hist.*, an imaginary plot to destroy the Queen and the Court on Thanksgiving Day, 1710, by the removal of some of the iron bolts from the timbers of the roof of St. Paul's in order to cause its fall; **screw-press**, a machine in which pressure is applied by means of a screw; **screw propeller** (see PROPELLER 3); **screw-pump**, an ARCHIMEDEAN screw; † **screw range**, ? a cooking range with screw adjustment for the grate; **screw-rasp**, a kind of file (see quot.); **screw rod**, a binding or connecting rod with a screw and nut at one or both ends (*Cent. Dict.*); † **screw-rope**, ? a rope for use with some form of screw-jack; **screw-rudder** (see quot.); **screw shackle (joint)**, a variety of coupling joint; **screw-shaft**, (*a*) a shaft having a screw-thread cut upon it; (*b*) see quot. 1869; **screw spanner** = *screw-wrench*; **screw-spike** (see quot.); **screw stock** = DIE *sb.*[1] 6 a; **screw-stone**, a stone containing the hollow cast of an encrinite (= *pulley-stone*, PULLEY *sb.*[1] 5); **screw-tap**, (*a*) a screw of hardened steel used for cutting an internal or female screw; (*b*) a draw-tap with a screw-down plug; **screw-thread**, the spiral ridge of a screw; also, one complete turn of its thread regarded as a portion of a unit of length of the axis of the screw; **screw tool**, a lathe-tool for cutting screws; **screw-tool cutter** (see quot.); **screw-turn** (*dial.*), **-turner**, a screwdriver; † **screw-ways** *adv.*, in a spiral or twisted direction; **screw-well** (see quot.); **screw-wheel**, the toothed wheel associated with the endless screw in screw-gearing; **screw-wire**, a cable-twisted wire used to fasten the soles of boots to the uppers (*Cent. Dict.*); **screw-wise** *adv.*, after the manner of a screw, spirally; **screw-worm**, (*a*) see quot. *a* 1892; (*b*) the larva of certain American flesh-flies; **screw-worm chuck** = *screw-chuck*; **screw-wrench**, a wrench or spanner adapted to fit over or grasp the heads of screw-bolts, nuts, etc., and turn them. Also SCREW-CUT, -CUTTER, -CUTTING, SCREWDRIVER, SCREW-PIN.

1866 *Chamb. Encycl.* VIII. 685/2 In screw-steamers,..a tunnel, known as the *screw-alley, has to be kept open for the shaft of the screw from the engine-room to the stern. 1888 *Lockwood's Dict. Mech. Engin.*, **Screw Area* in a propeller is the area of the circle described by the tips of the blades. 1825 J. NEAL *Bro. Jonathan* III. 149 They were at work..with broad axes and *screw augers. 1742 *Phil. Trans.* XLII. 173 A short *Screw-barrel Pistol. 1753 HANWAY *Trav.* (1762) I. III. xl. 179 Being ignorant also how to use the screw-barrels, he offered to return them. 1888 *Lockwood's Dict. Mech. Engin.*, *Screw Barrel*, a chain barrel having a continuous spiral groove cut around its periphery to receive the links edgeways. 1877–81 VOYLE & STEVENSON *Milit. Dict.* Suppl. 26/2 The *screw battery did excellent service in the last Afghan war. 1881 RAYMOND *Mining Gloss.*, **Screw-bell*, a recovering tool in deep boring, ending below in a hollow screw-threaded cone. 1833 J. HOLLAND *Manuf. Metal* II. 147 The *screw-blank being exactly turned in the lathe to the thickness and length required. 1887 *Archit. Publ. Soc. Dict.*, **Screw board*, or *Side board*, the vertical board at the side of a carpenter's bench pierced with holes..which admit of pins for holding up the object to be planed [etc.]. 1793 SMEATON *Edystone L.* § 42 The..fastening of the outside uprights to the solid, by means of Jag-bolts, or *screw-bolts. 1795 HERSCHEL in *Phil. Trans.* LXXXV. 376 Two loops..are *screw-bolted to the ends of them. 1869 SIR E. REED *Shipbuild.* xxi. 475 *Screw-bolting has been almost universally adopted in the French iron-clads. 1677 MOXON *Mech. Exerc.* I. 5 The Nut or *Screw-Box hath also a Square Worm. 1846 HOLTZAPFFEL *Turning* II. 593 The instrument which is commonly employed for making long screws in the soft woods, namely, the screw box. 1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.*, **Screw-cap*, I. A cover to protect or conceal the head of a screw. 2. A cover for a fruit-jar. 1895 *Mod. Steam Eng.* 87 The *screw-chuck..shows on its right side a flat circular surface, from the centre of which projects a large, coarse, conical screw for holding firmly any large piece of wooden work. 1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.*, **Screw-coupling*, (*a*) a device for joining the ends of two vertical rods or chains and giving them any desired degree of tension; (*b*) a screw-socket for uniting pipes or rods. 1794 *Rigging & Seamanship* X 2 b, Cylindrical pieces of wood or iron, *screw-cut at one end. 1846 HOLTZAPFFEL *Turning* II. 593 On cutting external screws, with *screw dies. 1864 WEBSTER, **Screw-dock*. 1867 SMYTH *Sailor's Word-bk., Gridiron*...The Americans also use for a similar purpose an apparatus called a screw-dock. 1869 RANKINE *Machine & Hand-tools* Pl. Q 16, 4 The carriages to support the ends of the timber are furnished with adjustable *screw-dogs. 1869 C. KNIGHT *Mechanician* 126 A *screw-drill..is advantageous for drilling long holes. 1767 J. FERGUSON *Lect.* Suppl. 22 Archimedes's *Screw-Engine for raising water. 1852 J. BOURNE *Screw Propeller* ix. 199 Screw engines are divisible into two great classes—geared screw engines and direct-acting screw engines. 1873 *Abridgm. Specif. Patents, Nails*, etc. 332 *Screw-eyes, adapted for holding stair rods [etc.]. 1810 *Splendid Follies* I. 158 The demure looking *screw-eyed cat. 1818 E. WOOLLEY in *Abridgm. Specif. Patents, Nails*, etc. (1873) 19 The *screw forging is formed or shaped from round or cylindrical rod iron. 1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.*, **Screw-gear*. 1908 *Westm. Gaz.* 14 May 4/2 The commutator is driven by screw-gear from the magneto driving shaft. 1897 *Encycl. Sport* I. 498/2 [Guns] The *Screw Grip Action...The barrels..are held down, first by the ordinary Purdey bolt system operated by a vertical shaft..; this shaft carries upon it the 'screw grip'..working in a square-threaded screw cut in..the breech. 1877–81 VOYLE & STEVENSON *Milit. Dict.* Suppl. 26/1 To be added to the list of M.T. guns is the *screw gun, which takes in two, being fastened together by a screw, hence its name. 1688 HOLME *Armoury* III. xvi. (Roxb.) 87/1 Two *screw hookes (or Boate hookes with screws). 1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.*, *Screw-hook* (Surgical), an instrument for withdrawing foreign bodies from the ear or nostrils. 1719 DE FOE *Crusoe* iv. (Globe) 54 In the Carpenter's Stores I found..a great *Skrew-Jack. 1846 HOLTZAPFFEL *Turning* II. 680 Cast-iron water-pipes with *screw joints. 1882 *Syd. Soc. Lex.*, *Cochlearthrosis*...Screw joint. 1850 OGILVIE, *Screw wrench or key. 1852 SEIDEL *Organ* 28 The screw-key..is an invention of our own time. 1855 in *Abridgm. Specif. Patents, Locks* (1873) 134 A screw pin (being an exact counterpart of the key, which is a screw-key) is fitted to the lock plate. 1869 C. KNIGHT *Mechanician* 16 Screw keys..have screwed ends, for the convenience of having a nut to prevent the key slipping back..while in use. 1900 B. D. JACKSON *Gloss. Bot. Terms*, **Screw-lines*, spirals in phyllotaxis. 1685 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 2037/4 A black-brown Gelding.., with a *Screw-lock on his near Foot before. 1841 *Penny Cycl.* XXI. 108/2 The ingenious *screw-machine which was invented by Mr. Hunter..consists of one convex screw which works in the interior of another convex screw. 1884 *Health Exhib. Catal.* 115/2 Standard Screw Machine for attaching the soles of boots and shoes with screws instead of rivets. 1885 J. B. LENO *Boot & Shoemaking* xxiii. 189. 1680 MOXON *Mech. Exerc.* xi. 199 Another sort of Mandrel is called the *Screw-Mandrel. 1846 HOLTZAPFFEL *Turning* II. 612 The screw-mandrel or traversing mandrel. 1798 S. SHAW *Staffordsh.* I. 109/1 The brook..turned a corn mill, which was converted into a *screw mill..about 1766. 1707 *Wks. C'tess D'Anois* (1715) 374 She would not change her flat Nose and her *skrew Mouth for all Gratiosa's Beauty. 1660 FULLER *Mixt Contempl.* xxxiv. 51 *Screw-nailes, which had holes prepared for their reception. 1831 J. HOLLAND *Manuf. Metal* I. 199 The wood screw, or, as it is sometimes called .., the screw nail. 1815 J. SMITH *Panorama Sci. & Art* I. 39 The pin by which the spirals of a *screw nut are formed, is called a tap. 1688 HOLME *Armoury* III. 435/1 A *Screw Pelican,..a kinde of pincers to draw out the..grinding teeth withall. 1840 *Civil Engin. & Arch. Jrnl.* III. 182/2 The foundation of the building is formed of seven *screw piles. 1893 KIPLING *Many Invent.* 6 Dowse was in charge of a *screw-pile Light called the Wurlee Light. 1840 *Civil Engin. & Arch. Jrnl.* III. 181/2 The *screw-piled pillars. 1677 MOXON *Mech. Exerc.* I. 7 The *Screw-plate is a plate of Steel..with several holes in it, each less than other. 1884 F. J. BRITTEN *Watch & Clockm.* 232 Screw a piece of steel of the desired size in an ordinary right-handed screw plate. 1722 A. BOYER *Hist. Q. Anne* 480 Which pretended *Screw-Plot, (as it was afterwards called) many of the Tories..were ready enough to charge upon the Whigs. 1688 HOLME *Armoury* III. 371/1 He beareth Gules, a Stationers, or Book-Binders *Screw-press, Or. 1864 BURTON *Scot Abr.* II. i. 23 *note*, The device on its title-page of the press-man at work on the screw-press of the day. 1839 *Screw propeller [see PROPELLER 3]. 1776 G. SEMPLE *Building in Water* 42 [The water] that soaked from the Bed of the River..we conveyed into the S.E. Corner for the *Screw-pump. 1798 *Times* 28 June 4/1 The very neat and excellent Household Furniture, Plate, China, a capital *Screw Range, a Copper, and other Effects. 1688 HOLME *Armoury* III. 388/1 A Flote, or *Screw-Rasp..is three Square, smooth on one side, and toothed like a Saw on the other two. 1497 *Naval Acc. Hen. VII* (1896) 118 Gynne rope with an hoke of iren..j, *Skrew rope. 1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.*, **Screw-rudder*, an application of the screw to purposes of steering, instead of a rudder. 1882 W. J. CHRISTY *Joints* 102 *Screw Shackle Joint. This..is used by the carpenter with tie-rods. *Ibid.* 126 Coupling Joint. ..Amongst builders it usually takes the form of a hinge, union, screw shackle [etc.]. 1852 J. BOURNE *Screw Propeller* x. 216 The bearings of the *screw shaft are of cast iron. 1853 URE *Dict. Arts* (ed. 4) I. 787 These gills are supported and traversed by their extremities, taken into the threads of two screw shafts. 1869 C. KNIGHT *Mechanician* 386 The screw-shafts of a pair of engines properly include the crank-shaft, all the intermediate shafts, and the propeller-shaft. *Ibid.* 120 *Screw spanners..may be made to fit nuts and heads of several different diameters. 1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.*, **Screw-spike*, a round spike having a shallow screw-thread cut on a portion of its stem. It is driven partly home and screwed the remaining distance. 1846 HOLTZAPFFEL *Turning* II. 605 These *screw stocks were found to cut very rapidly. 1729 WOODWARD *Catal. Eng. Fossils* II. 102 This is one of those Bodies that are call'd, tho' improperly, *Screw-Stones. From a Lead-Mine near Worksworth, in the Peak, Derbyshire. 1829 J. PHILLIPS *Geol. Yorksh.* 109 The screw-stones which are casts in the central hollow of crinoidal columns. 1677 MOXON *Mech. Exerc.* ii. 31 The *screw-tap, that makes the Screw in the Nut. 1869 E. A. PARKES *Pract. Hygiene* (ed. 3) 14 Common taps do not answer, and the best screw taps..must be used. 1812 P. NICHOLSON *Mech. Exerc.* 353 *Screw Threads, the parts which are left standing between the spiral grooves of the screw. 1854 RONALDS & RICHARDSON *Chem. Technol.* (ed. 2) I. 271 The rocking motion of the bars is accomplished by what is vulgarly called a drunken screw-thread. 1817 SCHELLEN *Spectrum Anal.* § 25. 88 In order to measure accurately the amount of motion the value of a screw-thread must be ascertained. 1812 P. NICHOLSON *Mech. Exerc.* 370 *Screw Tools are employed in cutting of screws

of various sizes of threads. 1846 HOLTZAFFEL *Turning* II. 591 The cutter [*sc.* tap] is then called a hob, or a *screw-tool cutter. 1831 J. HOLLAND *Manuf. Metal* I. 208 So that a *screw-turner will only operate upon the screws in one direction. 1705 DERHAM in *Phil. Trans.* XXV. 2140 Which not only separateth the fibres of the Iron..but also changeth their situation from Longways to *Skrew-ways. 1867 SMYTH *Sailor's Word-bk.*, *Screw-well*, a hollow trunk over the screw of a steamer, for allowing the propeller to be disconnected and lifted. 1825 J. NICHOLSON *Oper. Mech.* 428 The *screw-wheel to act in the worm. 1731 MEDLEY tr. *Kolben's Cape G. Hope* II. 126 The horns of the Hottentot hart..run up twisting, *screw-wise, to about half their length. 1884 *Leisure Hour* Feb. 84/2 The screw-pine..with long prickly leaves set screw-wise. *a* 1892 G. H. KINGSLEY *Sport & Travel* v. (1900) 120 Wherever we stopped in the woods we could hear the queer creaking rasp of the big boring grub which they call the *screw-worm. 1897 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* IV. 704 To the larva of the latter [Sarcophaga Georgina] the term 'screw-worm' has been applied. 1858 SIMMONDS *Dict. Trade*, *Screw-wrench*, a turn-screw; a bed-wrench. 1866 *Chamb. Encycl.* VIII. 571/2 *Screw-wrench*, a tool used for grasping the flat sides of the heads of large screws.

b. In names of plants, as **screw-bean, -mezquit, -moss** (see quots.); **screw-palm, -pine**, any of the plants belonging to the N.O. *Pandanaceæ* (see quot. 1836); also *attrib.*; **screw-stem**, a plant of the N. American genus *Bartonia* (or *Centaurella*); **screw-tree** (see quot.).

1866 *Treas. Bot.* 930/1 *Prosopis pubescens*,..is the *Screw-bean or *Screw Mezquit of the Americans..and is so called from the screw-like form of its pods. 1869 C. C. PARRY in W. A. Bell *New Tracks N. Amer.* II. 289 In the river bottoms we meet with luxuriant growths of mezquit and 'screw-bean'. 1817 PURTON *Brit. Plants* II. 540 *Tortula*. *Screw-moss. 1867 J. HOGG *Microsc.* II. i. 309 The common or Wall Screw-moss. 1851 E. FORBES *Veg. World* i. in *Art Jrnl. Illustr. Catal.*, Hats, made of the leaves of *screw-palms. 1836 BUCKLAND *Geol. & Min.* (1837) I. 503 The Pandaneæ, or *Screw-Pines..abound in the Indian Archipelago...Their aspect is that of gigantic Pine apple plants having arborescent stems. 1861 BENTLEY *Man. Bot.* 687 Pandanaceæ.—The Screw-pine Order. 1873 DRURY *Usef. Plants India* 325 *Pandanus odoratissimus*... Fragrant Screw-pine. 1902 A. ALCOCK *Nat. in Indian Seas* 58 Scenery, which consists chiefly of slimy creeks and screw-pine swamps. 1846-50 A. WOOD *Class-bk. Bot.* 454 *Centaurella autuminalis*...*Screw-stem. 1756 P. BROWNE *Jamaica* 330 The *Screw Tree. [*Helicteres Jamaicensis*, Jacq.] This curious shrub is very frequent in the low gravelly hills.

Screw (skrū), *sb.*[2] Also 7, 9 scrow. [Prob. of Fr. origin: cf. F. *escrouelle* (Cotgr.), now *écrouelle*, of the same meaning.] A small crustacean of either of the genera *Gammarus* and *Niphargus*; a river-shrimp.

1684 R. SIBBALD *Scotia Illustr.* II. VII. x. 34 Squilla, nostratibus the Scrow. 1808 JAMIESON, *Scrow*, the name given most commonly to the minute cancri observed in pools and springs,..also occasionally applied to some of the aquatic larvae of flies and beetles. 1834 J. WILSON *Let.* 27 June, in J. Hamilton *Mem.* v. (1859) 186 We found their interior crammed full of screws, or fresh-water shrimps. 1846 BROCKETT *N. C. Words* (ed. 3), *Screws*, the small shrimp-like insect found in fresh-water pools. 1850 A. WHITE *List Specim. Crustacea Brit. Mus.* 52 *Gammarus fluviatilis*. The Freshwater Screw. 1857 — *Brit. Crustacea* 182 *Gammara locusta*, Common Coast Screw. *Ibid.* 187 *Niphargus aquilex*... The Well Screw.

Screw (skrū), *sb.*[3] *Orkney and Shetl.* Also scroo, skroo, skrew (see E.D.D.). [a. Norw. *skrue, skruv*, ON. *skrúf*.] A small stack (of corn, hay or straw).

1814 SHIRREFF *Agric. Shetld.* 155 Forty Linlithgow bolls are sometimes preserved in one of these piles, here called beaks or screws. 1897 SIR H. MAXWELL *Mem. Months* 46 The slender ricks, locally called 'screws'..shaped like pepper-castors.

Screw (skrū), *v.* Forms: 7 scrue, (screue), skrue, screwe, 7-8 skrew, 6- screw. [f. SCREW *sb.*[1] Cf. Du. *schroeven*, G. *schrauben*, Icel. *skrúfa*, Sw. *skrufva*, Da. *skrue*.]

I. To attach with a screw or screws.

1. *trans.* To attach with an inserted screw or screws; hence *fig.*, to fix firmly. *To screw down, up*: to close and secure with screws.

1611 SHAKS. *Cymb.* II. ii. 44 Why should I write this downe, that's riueted, Screw'd to my memorie. 1669 STURMY *Mariner's Mag.* II. xvi. 93 The best way to hold the Quadrant..is to skrew it with a Brass-Pin..to a Staff. 1669 in Willis & Clark *Cambridge* (1886) II. 559 The outward dores to have..locks to them well scrued on. 1768 TUCKER *Lt. Nat.* II. I. ii. 25 If while our backs are turned an unlucky boy screws a piece of deal upon one of the leaves [of a table]. 1762 *Gentl. Mag.* Jan. 43 The coffin being skrewed down before she came. 1792 in *Abridgm. Specif. Patents, Fire-arms* (1859) I. 33 The trigger has a spring screwed to the frame. 1815 J. SMITH *Panorama Sci. & Art* I. 30 A square piece of wood,..being firmly screwed to the under side of the board. 1862 MRS. H. WOOD *Mrs. Hallib.* II. vii. 183 Think of being screwed down in a coffin, and put into the cold ground. 1885 J. B. LENO *Boot & Shoemaking* xxiii. 189 The boot, instead of being nailed or riveted, is by this machine really screwed together. 1885 *Law Rep.* 15 Q.B.D. 359 A metal cap was put over the shaft and screwed to the bearer.

II. To press, strain, or force with or as with a screw.

2. To force, press, or strain, by or as by means of a screw; to compress or hold fast in or as in a vice. *To screw up*: to tighten by turning a screw. † Also, to torture with 'the screws'.

1612 WOODALL *Surg. Mate* (1639) 7 This Speculum serveth to screw open the mouth..for conveying nourishment. 1620 *Swetnam Arrayned* IV, ii. I 3, You haue spoke to mutch alreadie, you damn'd Rogue But weele reward..you for't. Skrew his iawes. 1677 MOXON *Mech. Exerc.* ii. 30 Screw the shank..in the Vice. 1680 *Ibid.* xii. 208 And screw your Work a little lightly up: Then..you may without more ado screw up your Work tight. 1820 KEATS *Hyperion* II. 25 Cœus, and Gyges..Were..Dungeon'd..and all their limbs Lock'd up like veins of metal, crampt and screw'd. 1902 HASLUCK *Bookbinding* xi. 104 Screw the book into the press.

b. transf. *To screw in, up*: to compress the waist of (a person) by tight-lacing.

1785 HOLCROFT *Tales of Castle* (ed. 2) I. 17 Ridiculous vanity made her bear..to be screwed up till she could scarcely breathe. 1815 JANE AUSTEN *Emma* iii, The mistress of a school—not of a seminary..where young ladies for enormous pay might be screwed out of health and into vanity. 1825 T. HOOK *Sayings* Ser. II. *Man of Many Fr.* (Colburn) 107 The eldest girl..was screwed in, and poked out, to look like a woman.

3. To stretch tight by turning a screw; *esp.* to increase the tension or pitch (of a musical string) by winding up the screws or keys. Chiefly with *up*. Often in figurative context.

1652 BENLOWES *Theoph.* III. xcviii, Love, to high Graces key skrues up low Natures Strings. 1656 EARL MONM. tr. *Boccalini's Advts. fr. Parnass.* I. xii (1674) 15 They break the strings by scruing them up too high. 1679 DRYDEN *Troilus & Cr.* Pref. b 1 b, For what melody can be made on that Instrument all whose strings are screw'd up at first to their utmost stretch, and to the same sound? 1760 STERNE *Tr. Shandy* III. v, Being a lover of such kind of concord as arises from two such instruments being put in exact tune,—he would instantly have skrew'd up his to the same pitch. 1864 TENNYSON *Aylmer's F.* 469 Screw not the chord too sharply lest it snap.

transf. 1831 O. W. HOLMES *My Aunt* 30 They pinched her feet, they singed her hair, They screwed it up with pins.

absol. 1677 W. HUGHES *Man of Sin* II. xii. 216 Agatho screwed a Note above Ela when he Decreed,..that the Popes Decrees should be received as if S. Peters mouth had confirmed them.

b. *fig.* With object a person or his attributes.

1605 SHAKS. *Mach.* I. vii. 60 *Lady.* We faile? But screw your courage to the sticking place, And wee'le not fayle. 1615 CHAPMAN *Odyss.* IX. 438 [He] occasion gaue For me to vse my wits; which to their height, I striu'd to skrew vp. 1617 FLETCHER *Valentinian* II. i, All your arts..screw to th' highest; For my main piece is now a-doing. 1646 QUARLES *Judgem. & Mercy* I. Wks. (Grosart) I. 69/1 Let's skrue our pamper'd hearts a pitch beyond the reach of dull-browd sorrow. 1648 J. BEAUMONT *Psyche* XXI. clxx, The Voice, though scrued to appear Divine, seem'd something out of tune to Her. 1672-5 COMBER *Comp. Temple* Pref. (1702) 6 When we need Variety and Novel Expressions to skrew us up into a Devotion. *a* 1677 [see PEG *sb.*[1] 2 a]. 1823 *Examiner* 272/2 The first series of calculations by which the Bourbon government was screwed up to undertake this awful..business. 1840 TENNYSON *Vis. Sin* IV. vii, Let me screw thee up a peg: Let me loose thy tongue with wine. 1868 M. PATTISON *Academ. Org.* V. 269 To screw up their exertions to an unnatural pitch. 1873 TRISTRAM *Moab* V. 92, I had some difficulty in screwing my courage..to open an abscess. 1886 STEVENSON *Dr. Jekyll* x, My love of life screwed to the topmost peg.

refl. 1841-44 EMERSON *Ess.* vii. *Prudence* Wks. (Bohn) I. 100 He..must screw himself up to resolution. 1858 S. BROOKS *Gord. Knot* xlvi. (1860) 348 Whether Earnshaw screwed himself up to assent to the terms that night, or [etc.]. 1868 C. ROSSETTI *Let.* in *Life Anne Gilchrist* (1887) 173, I am not certain that in any case I should have screwed myself up to accept it [*sc.* an invitation], as I am shy amongst strangers.

c. With immaterial object; *esp.* to stretch, strain, force the meaning of (words).

1628 PRYNNE *Censure Mr. Cozens* 32 Those Prayers were published..in the very infancy of Reformation,..therefore our Author may not racke and scrue them to our Aged and noone-tide seasons of the Gospell. 1640 HOWELL *Dodona's Gr.* 127 Matters being scrued up to this height. *a* 1658 CLEVELAND *Poems* (1659) 98 Since then the Heroes of the pen with mee Nere scrue the sense With difference, We all agree, agree. 1664 POWER *Exp. Philos.* I. 69 Let us screw our Enquiry a little further. 1698 CLARK *Scripture Justif.* Ep., I have not first taken up a Notion and then screwed and wrested Scripture to countenance and confirm it. 1807 JEFFERSON *Writ.* (1830) IV. 67 The British commissioners appear to have screwed every article [of a treaty] as far as it would bear. 1790 BURKE *Fr. Rev.* 213 Or, rigidly screwing up right into wrong, did they convert a legal claim into a vexatious extortion? 1802-12 BENTHAM *Ration. Judic. Evid.* (1827) IV. 215 This may be done..by jurisprudential construction, screwing up misdemeanours into felonies.

d. *To screw up*: to raise (a payment, rent, etc.) to an exacting or extortionate figure.

1631 W. BRADFORD *Hist. Plymouth Plant.* (1896) 357 He scrued vp his poore old father in laws accounte to aboue 200[li] and brought it on y[e] generall accounte. 1654 *Nicholas Papers* (Camden) II. 126 He is now only bussy to scrue up his pension by Lord Percy,..and he hath gott an order to be this day paid two pounds. 1696 in *Home Papers* (Hist. MSS. Comm., 1902) 270 When wee got 2 secretaries the admission of Writers was scrued up to 800 merks. 1697 VANBRUGH *Æsop* IV. ii, I screw up their rents till they break and run away. 1725 SWIFT *Drapier's Let.* vii. Wks. 1824 VII. 40 The rents of Ireland,..have been of late so enormously raised and screwed up. 1838 LYTTON *Alice* I. vii, While some of my tenants appear to pay nominal rents..others are screwed up higher than any man's in the county. 1883 *Fortn. Rev.* Nov. 676 Screw up your rents as your neighbours are doing.

4. To operate or adjust (an instrument) by turning its screw.

1708 J. PHILIPS *Cider* II. 100 When the Press, by utmost Vigour screw'd, Has drain'd the pulpous Mass. 1795 *Phil. Trans.* LXXXV. 140 Whilst the instrument was screwing to its focus. 1803 *Med. Jrnl.* X. 158 The surgeon always screws the tourniquet till he suppresses the pulse in the lower part of the limb. 1837 BROWNING *Strafford* I. i, How that man taught Tyranny..To ply the scourge yet screw the gag so close That strangled agony bleeds mute to death. 1902 HASLUCK *Bookbinding* iv. 52 The standing press..is screwed down tightly.

5. To extort by pressure. **a.** To force or draw out (information, a secret, the truth, etc.) *from* a person by moral pressure; to draw *out* by close questioning; to force the admission of.

In quot. 1715 lit. to force *out* by applying the thumbscrew.

1622 MABBE tr. *Aleman's Guzman d'Alf.* II. 65 A certaine friend of his,..told him..that euery one might scrue what he would from me, and draw all those secrets from me. 1632 B. JONSON *Magn. Lady* I. vii, *Int.* Hee Will screw you out a Secret from a Statist—. *Com.* So easie, as some Coluer wormes a Dog. 1650 STAPYLTON *Strada's Low-C. Wars* V. 137 Was any of his Ministers of State so dull-brained,..to suffer these mysterious parts of Government to be scrued out of his mouth or hands? 1699 W. CLAGETT 17 *Serm.* 370 The court by multiplying questions may screw out the truth at last. *a* 1715 BURNET *Own Time* XVI. (1900) II. 423 Upon what was screwed out of these two persons,..six or seven gentlemen of quality, were clapt up. 1794 SCOTT *Let.* 5 Sept. in *Lockhart*, He tried them on every side, and screwed out of them the evidence they were so anxious to conceal. 1818 —*Rob Roy* xix, I screwed out of him these particulars.

b. To force or exact (money) *out of* or *from* (an unwilling giver, a miserly or necessitous person); to get (something) *out of* (a person) by pressure.

1693 *Humours Town* 95 What they can in any way screw out of the Necessitous. 1700 T. BROWN *Amusem.* 127 Finding not a Penny to be screw'd out of the Prig. 1718 OZELL tr. *Tournefort's Voy. Levant* I. 128 They made a thousand Scruples before they would let us see them [*sc.* Alum mines]; only to skrew a little Mony out of us. 1838 DICKENS *Nich. Nick.* viii, They held..that their business..was to get as much from every boy as could by possibility be screwed out of him. 1878 SIMPSON *Sch. Shaks.* I. 51 Cecil, not being able to screw it out of the Queen, had to pledge his own credit. 1882 *Century Mag.* XXIV. 785 The rate of taxation is simply the maximum that can be screwed out of the people.

6. To put compulsion upon, to constrain, oppress. **a.** To oppress (a person, esp. a tenant) with exactions; also *to screw down, to screw out of*, to deprive of or dispossess of by extortion.

1638 *Whole Duty Man* ix. (1687) 90 Landlords, who..rack and skrew them beyond the worth of the thing. 1792 BURKE *Corr.* (1844) IV. 80 The system of laws which..had screwed the Roman Catholics out of their landed property. 1826 COBBETT *Rural Rides* (1885) II. 191 In order to see how the labourers are now screwed down, look at the following facts. 1838 *Lett. fr. Madras* (1843) 225 They are so screwed by taxes,..that they never have a farthing in hand. 1842 LOVER *Handy Andy* li, 'The lord' had been screwed out of a good sum of money by way of separate maintenance. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* xxxix, He quarrelled with his agents and screwed his tenants by letter.

b. To force (a seller) to lower his price, to 'beat down'.

1677 YARRANTON *Eng. Improv.* 178 The severe customs..that some of the greatest Traders..use unto some of their own Trade, by scruing and pinching them in such things they sell them in their necessity. 1745 *De Foe's Eng. Tradesman* (1841) I. xix. 179 They should not stand and haggle and screw the shopkeeper down. 1851 MAYHEW *Lond. Labour* I. 294/2 They're fairish customers, but they often screw me. 1853 LYTTON *My Novel* XII. vii, Why I am not sure that it is already bought—that is, paid for...Spend-quick complains that Levy screws him.

c. To examine rigorously. *Obs.* exc. in *U. S.* college slang (see quot. 1851). Also *absol.*

1626 B. JONSON *Staple of N.* V. iii, And there hee sits like an old worme of the peace.., screwing, Examining, and committing the poore curres. 1639 N. N. tr. *Du Boscq's Compl. Woman* Pref., They examine all the conceits, they weigh all the words, they scrue all the syllables [orig. F. *ils espluchent toutes les syllabes*]. 1851 B. H. HALL *College Words* 265 *Screw*, to press with an excessive and unnecessarily minute examination. 1851 O. W. HOLMES *Song of 'Twenty-nine'* 10 At last the day is ended, The tutor screws no more.

7. To produce, attain, or elicit with an effort. Also with *out*, *up*, or complementary phrase.

1679 ALSOP *Melius Inq.* II. v. 325 All that can possibly be screwed out of these instances of Paternal Authority is no more than this. 1814 *Sporting Mag.* XLIII. 47 One of our Place-mongers..To serve a Premier and betray the Nation At length screwed out a situation. *c* 1820 S. ROGERS *Italy, Bergamo* 54 Screwing a smile into his dinnerless face. *a* 1848 O. W. HOLMES *Nux Postc.* 33 It's a vastly pleasing prospect, when you're screwing out a laugh, That your very next year's income is diminished by a half. 1859 DARWIN *Life & Lett.* (1887) II. 106 If you could screw time to send me ever so brief an answer. 1869 J. GREENWOOD *Seven Curses Lond.* ix. 170 If I entrust my tailor with stuff for a suit, and it afterwards comes to my knowledge that he has 'screwed' an extra waistcoat out of it. 1874 HELPS *Soc. Pressure* ii. 32 Another inventor screws light out of coals. 1898 J. B. WOLLOCOMBE *Morn till Eve* ii. 15 Gillard..saw his opponent in front of him, doing his utmost to screw up a trot.

8. *intr.* To be parsimonious.

1849 THACKERAY *Let.* 10 Apr., I must screw and save in order to pay off the money. 1855 — *Newcomes* xliv, Did you ever hear of me screwing? No, I spend my money like a man.

III. To turn a screw.

9. *trans.* To work (a screw or something fashioned as a screw) by turning.

1635 QUARLES *Embl.* I. Invoc., Rowze thee, my soul,..Skrue up the heightned pegs Of thy Sublime Theorboe foure notes higher. 1640 HOWELL *Dodona's Gr.* 23 He resolvd to governe them by subalterne Ministers, who it seems scrud up the pinnes of power too high. 1648 WILKINS *Math. Magic* I. ix. 59 The chief inconvenience of this instrument is, that in a short space it will be screwed unto its full length. 1665 HOOKE *Microgr.* 13 That a pin be screw'd

so firm and hard, that though it has a convenient head to it, yet it can by no means be unscrew'd by the fingers. 1680 Moxon *Mech. Exerc.* xii. 208 Screw your Pike wider or closer, according as the length of your Work requires. 1688 Holme *Armoury* III. xxii. (Roxb.) 273/1 The Spanner..is put on the Nut heads and so to screw and unscrew them at pleasure. 1856 *Farmer's Mag.* Nov. 396 A series of posts driven or 'screwed' (with Mitchell's Archimedian screw) into the ground. 1869 C. Knight *Mechanician* 122 The simplest mode..consists in screwing a hard steel screwed plate on to the piece to be made into a screw. 1879 *Cassell's Techn. Educ.* I. 34/2 Their nuts [may be] kept tight by the simple process of screwing a second nut down home on the top of the first.

10. To insert or fix one thing *in*, *into*, *on*, *to*, or *upon* another or two things *together* by a turning or twisting movement, one or both having the surface or part of it cut into a screw for the purpose.

1612 Woodall *Surg. Mate*, Enema Fumosum (1639) G 2, Put the pipe prepared into the fundament..with the first short pipe screwed to it. *Ibid.* G 2 b, The stopple to be screwed upon the head thereof. 1687 A. Lovell tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* II. 79 These trumpets are taken in two at the middle..; when they have a mind to sound, they skrew the two parts together. 1688 Holme *Armoury* III. xv. (Roxb.) 22/1 A pockett Inkhorne with..the penner or top screwed on it. 1774 Mackenzie *Maritime Surv.* 28 Screw the Ball firm in the Socket. 1849 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* xiii. III. 371 Mackay..ordered all his bayonets to be so formed that they might be screwed upon the barrel without stopping it up. 1883 F. Campin *Details of Mach.* xi. 159 The bolt is screwed into some part of the cast-iron framework.

b. *fig.* †(*a*) To implant firmly (a notion) by means of gradual insinuation; to contrive to insert. Also *refl.* to insinuate oneself by degrees (into a person's favour, etc.). *Obs.* (*b*) colloq. *To have one's head screwed on right* or *the right way*, and similar phrases, implying the ability to use one's brains to one's own advantage, or to 'know what one is about'. *To screw one's head on tight*, to make an effort to prevent its being 'turned'.

1611 Speed *Hist. Gt. Brit.* VII. xliv. (1632) 414 That opinion was skrewed deeper into their fearefull conceit by a cloud appearing. 1621 Burton *Anat. Mel.* II. iii. II. 389 Others buy titles,..and by all meanes skrew themselues into ancient families. 1622 Mabbe tr. *Aleman's Guzman d'Alf.* II. 339 Thus by little and little, I went scruing my selfe into his seruice, getting more ground still vpon him. 1634 Sir T. Herbert *Trav.* 160 Howbeit a while after they got breath, and screwed into their good fauour and opinion King Cazell. 1642 Fuller *Holy & Prof. St.* I. ii. 5 Ill customs being not knockt, but insensibly scru'd into our Souls. 1674 *Govt. Tongue* ix. 157 No discourse can be administred, but..they [*sc.* Boasters] will..screw in here and there some intimations of what they did or said. 1667 Dryden & Dk. Newcastle *Sir M. Mar-all* II. ii, You would do well to screw yourself into her father's good opinion. 1680 C. Nesse *Church Hist.* 47 He trys his skill by an intrinsick engine, screwing himself into the minds of Israel. 1826 Scott *Prov. Antiq. Scot.* 194 He had screwed himself into the partial confidence of Laird Bour. 1855 Burn *Autobiog. Beggar-boy* (1859) 95 It was true I had a small quantity of brains, but the fact was, my head was not screwed on right to enable me to turn them to my advantage. 1897 M. Creighton *Let.* Life & Lett. (1904) II. vii. 235, I feel it necessary to screw my head on tight and go my own way gently. 1900 *Daily News* 12 Dec. 7/5 Elizabeth has, to use a slang phrase, 'her head very well screwed on'.

c. *intr.* in passive sense. To be adapted for joining or taking apart by means of component screws.

1680 Moxon *Mech. Exerc.* xiv. 235 A Brass Coller with a Female Screw in it, to screw on the Mandrel. 1776 G. Semple *Building in Water* 18 The Rods were in three Pieces..which screwed together occasionally. 1791 Gilpin *Forest Scenery* II. 43 He carried with him a gun, which screwed into three parts, and which he could easily conceal in the lining of his coat. 1821 *John Bull* 18 June 215/1 The head [of the vessel] screws off at the middle of the neck. 1881 F. Campin *Mech. Engin.* iv. 53 The face-plate which screws on the mandrils.

d. trans. *To screw out*: to take out (a screw) by turning; to unscrew. *rare.*

1611 Speed *Hist. Gt. Brit.* IX. xviii. (1632) 904 Euill opinions once fastened in mens hearts, hardly can be screwed out againe. 1841 *Penny Cycl.* XXI. 109/1 An apparatus for screwing the patterns..out of the mould, so as to leave the impression of the thread uninjured.

11. *intr.* To penetrate as a screw; to penetrate with a winding course. In quots. *fig.*, to worm one's way.

1614 C. Brooke *Ghost Rich. III*, xxxix, Proud of this Knowledge I scru'd into the state, And of that Nature got intelligence. 1627 P. Fletcher *Locusts* II. xxviii, By flattery They [*sc.* the Jesuits] worme and scrue into their conscience. 1640 Howell *Dodona's Gr.* 80 They have a way to scrue into the most inmost Closets of Princes. 1642 D. Rogers *Naaman* 447 To scrue and dive into the hearts of men by degrees.

IV. To move in a twisting direction.

12. *trans.* To twist round, esp. to twist with violence so as to alter the shape. *To screw one's neck*: to kill by wringing the neck. *To screw up*: to twist (e.g. a piece of paper) into a spiral form.

a 1711 Ken *Hymns Evang.* Poet. Wks. 1721 I. 173 The Pillars on which arch'd Heav'ns rely, Were on their sev'ral Bases screw'd awry. 1852 Dickens *Bleak Ho.* viii, They all pinched me at once, and in a dreadfully expert way: screwing up such little pieces of my arms that I could hardly forbear crying out. 1869 'Wat. Bradwood' *The O. V. H.* xxiv, Jack screwed his moustache,..in deep deliberation. 1872 *Routledge's Every Boy's Ann.* Dec. 46/1 I'll screw his neck. 1888 F. Hume *Madame Midas* I. ii, I wish you'd screw that bird's neck, Slivers; he's too clever by half.

13. To twist awry, contort (the features, body, mouth); to twist (one's head, oneself) *round* in order to look at something.

1599 B. Jonson *Ev. Man out of Hum.* v. i, Screw your face a t'one side thus, & Protest. 1612 *Two Noble K.* v. i. 117 The aged Crampe Had screw'd his square foote round, The Gout had knit his fingers into knots. 1635–56 Cowley *Davideis* III. 55 Sometimes a violent laughter scru'd his face. 1645 Quarles *Solomon's Recant.* ii. *Solil.* ii. Wks. (Grosart) II. 174/2 What pleasure is't, to skrue An Antick face and grimme. 1673 Dryden *Marr. à la Mode* IV. iii, Oh how yon'd..scrue your Face into a submissive Smile. *a* 1680 S. Butler *Characters* (1908) 134 He is always giving Aim to State Affairs, and believes by screwing of his Body he can make them shoot which Way he pleases. 1815 Scott *Guy M.* ii, Some grotesque habits of..screwing his visage, while reciting his task, made poor Sampson the ridicule of all his school-companions. 1821 W. Irving *Sk.-Bk.* I. 74 (Rip van Winkle) The self-important man..screwed down the corners of his mouth, and shook his head. 1837 Dickens *Pickw.* ii, Screwing himself round to catch a glimpse in the glass of the waist buttons. 1881 Fenn *Vicar's People* xlvi, Setting his teeth, and screwing his mahogany-brown face into a state of rigid determination. 1889 F. Cowper *Capt. of the Wight* 304 From where Ralph stood, by screwing his head a little he could just see the top of the masts.

fig. 1647 C. Harvey *School of Heart* Poems (Grosart) 171 An heart..That's..screw'd aside with stubborne wilfulnesse, Is onely fit to be cast forth.

b. *To screw up*: to contract the surrounding parts of (the mouth, eyes).

1743 Fielding *Journey fr. this World* I. ii, But that female spirit screwing up her mouth, answered, she wondered at the curiosity of some people. 1852 Dickens *Bleak Ho.* xvi, Jo screws up his mouth into a whistle. 1883 F. M. Crawford *Dr. Claudius* ii, Mr. Barker screwed up his eyes and put out his jaw.

†**c.** To produce (a gesture) by contortions. *Obs.*

1635 Quarles *Embl.* I. x. 41 See how their curved bodies wreathe, and skrue Such antick shapes as Proteus never knew. *Ibid.* IV. iii. 193 My antick knees can turne upon the hinges Of Complement, and skrue a thousand Cringes.

14. To propel by a spiral movement; to force or squeeze (one's body) by a tortuous movement *into*, *through*, etc. (a comparatively small space).

1635 Swan *Spec. M.* vi. § 2 (1643) 201 They [springs] do (as it were) scrue themselves up to the convenientest place of breaking out. 1669 Stuamy *Mariner's Mag.* v. i. 2 A Silk thred [is] twisted and screwed through a small hole..and fastned with a small wooden pin. 1690 C. Nesse *Hist. & Myst. O. & N. Test.* I. 109 If the subtle serpent can but see a hole..he will easily screw in his whole body. 1719 D'Urfey *Pills* I. 127 He screw'd himself under the Bed. 1812 Scott *Fam. Lett.* 2 Sept. (1894) I. 257 We are all screwed into the former farmhouse. 1835 [see Screwer]. 1872 Bagehot *Physics & Pol.* (1876) 42 They have screwed themselves into the uncomfortable corners of a complex life. 1868 Pitt-Rivers *Prim. Warfare* II. 125 [The boomerang] is caused to rise by virtue of its rotation, screwing itself up in the air.

15. *intr.* To wind spirally.

1823 J. Badcock *Dom. Amusem.* 55 They [*sc.* the shoots of the honeysuckle] coalesce for mutual support, the one screwing round the other to the right, the other to the left.

16. *Sporting.* **a.** intr. *Rowing.* (See quot. 1898.)

1875 W. B. Woodgate *Oars & Sculls* viii. 68 Possibly.. each man [*sc.* of a pair of oarsmen] may screw to match the other instinctively. 1898 *Encycl. Sport* II. 297/2 (Rowing) *Screw*, to swing the body from one side to the other during the stroke, instead of swinging straight backward and forward. If the man swings toward his oar during the stroke he is said to screw 'into the boat'; if away from it 'out of the boat'.

b. trans. *Rugby Football.* To cause (the scrummage or one's opponents in a scrummage) to twist round by pushing in a body to the right or left. Also *absol.* (Said of either set of forwards composing a scrummage.)

1887 Shearman *Athletics & Football* 311 One team.. cleverly 'screwing' the scrimmage and taking the ball out. 1889 H. Vassall *Rugby Football* 32 It is no use trying to screw as long as your opponents have command of the ball. You must then..devote your energies to stopping your opponents from screwing you. 1897 *Encycl. Sport* I. 408/2 You must wheel to the side on which you can best screw off your adversaries, and then rush ahead with the ball. 1901 *Scotsman* 11 Mar. 4/8 The Englishmen screwed the first scrum in capital style.

c. *Games.* To impart a screw or twist to (the ball); to cause to swerve. Also *absol.*

1839 *Bentley's Miscell.* VI. 348 Cue in hand,..chalking, screwing, and pocketing..after a most extraordinary fashion. 1881 Forgan *Golfer's Handbk.* 35 *Screw*, see *Draw* [i. e. to drive widely to the left hand]. 1887 Shearman *Athletics & Football* 350 The back knows..when he should kick true, or when he should 'screw'.

d. *intr.* (for *refl.*) *Racing.* Of a horse: To force his way *through*. Also *trans.* Of a rider: To force (a horse) *over* (an obstacle); *to screw in*, to force to the front at the finish of a race.

1840 Blaine *Encycl. Rural Sports* § 1658. 470 Others [*sc.* horses] however screw through, that is, they actually push themselves through these hedges. 1842 Lever *J. Hinton* viii, I have been trying a new horse in the Park, screwing him over all the fences. 1856 H. H. Dixon *Post & Paddock* 48 Alfred Day..screwing in Vivandière half a head in front of Butler.

17. *intr.* Of Polar ice-floes: To ram together.

1901 [see Screwing *vbl. sb.*]. 1909 *Westm. Gaz.* 4 Sept. 9/2 At the 88th degree the ice screwed badly.

V. In various uses from senses of the sb.

18. *trans.* To break into (a house, etc.) by means of a 'screw' or skeleton key.

1812 J. H. Vaux *Flash Dict.* Mem. 1819 II. 204 To screw a place is to enter it by false keys. 1879 *Macm. Mag.* XL. 503/1 We went and screwed (broke into) his place, and got thirty-two quid. 1896 A. Morrison *Child of Jago* xxiv. 236 He was..the King of High Mobsmen...He did no vulgar thievery: he never screwed a chat, nor claimed a peter.

19. To furnish with a helical groove or ridge; †to rifle (a firearm) (*obs.*); to furnish (a screw-blank, pin, cylinder, etc.) with a thread or worm; to cut a screw-thread *upon*.

1635 A. Rotsipen in *Abridgm. Specif. Patents, Fire-arms* (1859) I. 22 To rifle, cutt out, or screwe barrells as wyde or as clos, or as deepe or as shallowe as shalbe required. 1680 R. H. *Milit. Discipl.* I. ii. 22 Carabins..whose Barrel..is screwed and rifled: that is to say, wrought and crevassed in the inside..in form of a Screw. 1833 J. Holland *Manuf. Metal* II. 145 The vice-pin intended to be screwed..is placed in the stock. 1869 C. Knight *Mechanician* 346 Screwed plugs..for screwing nuts to stated diameters. 1880 *Daily Tel.* 23 Dec., The breech part,..with the front end screwed for the purpose of uniting with the barrel.

absol. 1870 *Amateur Mech. Workshop* 46 It is of great importance when screwing..that the pin should be passed perpendicularly through the tool.

20. *intr.* To travel on the water by means of a screw-propeller; also *trans.* in *to screw its way*.

1860 W. H. Russell *Diary India* I. vii. 94 We lay-to during the night, and now we are screwing up against the.. current. 1862 H. Marryat *Year in Sweden* I. 165 We screwed slowly along till we landed on the little jetty. 1898 *Westm. Gaz.* 1 Sept. 2/1 The boat rolled and screwed its way northward.

21. *trans.* To make a screw of (a horse), to 'crock'.

1890 'R. Boldrewood' *Col. Reformer* (1891) 102 Jedwood will see you far enough before he gives you another one in his place, if you screw him doing his work.

VI. 22. The verb-stem in comb. **a.** with advs., as **screw back** (see quot.); **screw-down** *a.*, adapted to be closed by screwing; **b.** with sbs., as **screw cannon** (also **screw-back cannon**) *Billiards*, a cannon made by striking the ball very low down and so causing it to recoil from the object ball; **screw kick, shot, stroke** (in various games: see quots.), one that causes the ball to swerve; **screw-smile** *nonce-wd.*, a forced smile.

Most of these admit of being regarded as combinations of Screw *sb.*[1] II.

1884 W. Cook *Billiards* 12 **Screw Back*, the same rotary motion [as that described under *screw*] causing the ball to run backwards after striking another ball. 1866 Pardon *Billiard Bk.* xi. 125 Another very good stroke is the Wide *Screw Canon...This may be made with a slow twist..from the baulk. 1873 Bennett & 'Cavendish' *Billiards* 325 A screw-back cannon may here be made by playing a three-quarter ball on the red, without side, No. 2 strength. 1862 *Catal. Internat. Exhib.* II. x. 54 Strong round-way *screw-down bib and stop cocks. 1889 Welch *Text Bk. Naval Archit.* xi. 124 Their upper ends are fitted with screw-down valves. 1887 Shearman *Athletics & Football* 349 The back may turn the ball with a *screw kick. 1887 *Field* 5 Nov. 714/1 [Assoc. Football] The Harrow captain..putting in a low *screw shot. 1897 *Encycl. Sport* I. 252/2 [Croquet] The chop, *screw, or stop stroke. *Ibid.* 254/1 It resembles the screw shot in billiards. 1879 Meredith *Egoist* xiii, The well-known *screw-smile of duty upholding weariness worn to inanition.

Screwable (skrū·ăbl), *a.* [f. Screw *v.* + -able.] Capable of being screwed.

18.. *Engineer* LXIX. 411 (Cent.) A screwable bracket.

Screwage (skrū·ėdʒ). *rare*—[1]. [f. Screw *sb.*[1] + -age.] The action or process of screwing.

1865 Carlyle *Fredk. Gt.* XX. vi. IX. 105 The Butes and Hardwickes working incessantly with such rare power of leverage and screwage in the interior parts.

Screwdriver (skrū·drəivəɹ).

1. A tool for turning screws into or out of their places. It is shaped like a chisel, with a blunt end which fits into the nick in the head of the screw.

1812 P. Nicholson *Mech. Exerc.* 353 Screw Driver, a tool used to turn screws into their places. 1840 Thackeray *Catherine* vii, A screwdriver and a crowbar. 1842 Gwilt *Archit.* § 2109 Some [bits]..are provided with a screw-driver for sinking small screws into wood.

Comb. 1893 *Dunglison's Dict. Med. Sci.* (ed. 21), *Screwdriver teeth*, peculiar teeth seen in young subjects of hereditary syphilis.

2. *punningly.* One who drives a 'screwy' horse.

1835 Apperley *Nimrod's Hunting Tours* 215 (Farmer) Mr. Charles Boultbee, the best screw driver in England.

Hence **Screw·drive** *v.* (nonce-wd.), *trans.*, to drive in as if with a screwdriver.

1894 Clark Russell *Good Ship Mohock* I. 105 He stared at me for some moments fixedly, as though he would screw-drive his gaze through my brain.

Screwed (skrūd), *ppl. a.* [f. Screw *v.* + -ed[1].]

1. Attached or fastened with inserted screws, or by means of component screws.

1770 *Ann. Reg.* 19 The great superiority of the Russians may be attributed..to their charging with screwed bayonets. 1874 Ruskin *Fors Clav.* IV. xxxix. 53, I was stopped..by a sign over a large shop advising me to buy some 'screwed boots and shoes'. 1885 J. B. Leno *Boot & Shoem.* xxiii. 189 With a screwed boot..the fastening actually holds for its entire length in the leather. 1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 831/1 The principal disadvantage in the use of standard screwed soles is the great difficulty met with in removing.. an old sole.

†**2.** Strained or forced with or as with a screw. Of wit: Strained to its highest pitch. *Obs. rare.*

1648 J. Beaumont *Psyche* XL I, And rais'd her self to that transcendent pitch Of Monstrousness, which never any Fiend With Hell's most scrued wit before could reach.

3. Furnished with an adjustable screw.
1688 Holme *Armoury* III. 398/1 A single Beak Pellican with a screw,..called a Screw'd tooth Forcer.

4. Twisted round or awry. a. Of the face: Contorted. Of (the surrounding parts of) the eyes: Contracted. Also with *up*.
1697 Vanbrugh *Relapse* (1708) Pref., As for the Saints (your thorough-pac'd ones I mean, with screw'd Faces and wry Mouths) I despair of them. 1710 Steele *Tatler* No. 257 ¶ 1 Notwithstanding..the Pliancy of the Matter in which the Images are wrought..he did not think it possible for it to be twisted and tortured into so many skrew'd Faces and wry Features. 1785 Burns *Holy Fair* x, On this hand sits a chosen swatch, Wi' screw'd up, grace-proud faces. 1901 C. Holland *Mousmé* 15 [His] gravely screwed-up eyes.

†b. Winding, spiral. *Obs. rare*⁻¹.
1655 Mrq. Worcester *Cent. Invent.* § 48 A scrued Ascent, instead of Stairs.

c. Twisted into a spiral form.
1855 Dickens *Dorrit* I. xix, He held the usual screwed bit of whity-brown paper in his hand, from which he ever and again unscrewed a spare pinch of snuff.

5. Having a helical groove or ridge on its surface. *Screwed plate* = *screw-plate* (see Screw *sb.*¹ 22). *Screwed work*, the cutting of screws.
1655 Mrq. Worcester *Cent. Invent.* § 71, (1663) 51 A Key perfectly square, with a Scrue turning within it..and no heavier then the triangle-scrued Key. 1716 Halley *Lights in Air* in *Phil. Trans.* XXIX. 421 Certain skrewed or striate Particles, adapted to the Pores they are to enter. 1819 Peckston *Gas-Lighting* 209 Service-pipes..are..screwed at one end, and furnished with a screwed socket at the other. 1843 Holtzapffel *Turning* I. 72 [The wood of the apple-tree] is better adapted..for screwed work. 1869 C. Knight *Mechanician* 122 Screwed plates are..screw formers for rods, wire, small bolts [etc.]. 1883 F. Campin *Details of Mach.* xix. 224 The strength of a bolt or any description of screwed end must be determined from its diameter. 1907 H. A. Bethell *Mod. Guns* 9 The screwed breech of the gun is cut away to match.

b. Of a firearm: Furnished with a screwed barrel, i.e. one having a helically grooved bore.
1646 Evelyn *Diary* (1850) I. 240 (Geneva) Excellent screwed guns. 1657 *Burton's Diary* (1828) II. 485 The two persons being apprehended, they were found to have screwed pistols. 1678 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 1271/4 A Case of screw'd barril Pistols. 1680 R. H. *Milit. Discipl.* I. ii. 23 The King commands at present that in every Troop of his Guards be carried eight rifled or screwed Carabins.

6. Partly intoxicated; 'tight'.
1838 Barham *Ingol. Leg., Witches Frolic*, Alone it stood, while its fellows lay strew'd, Like a four-bottle man in a company screw'd, Not firm on his legs, but by no means subdued. 1859 Lang *Waud. India* 381 Intoxicated! not a bit of it! Screwed, nothing more! 1881 F. A. Paley in *Fraser's Mag.* Feb. 202 We read in Plato of Alcibiades coming to a party somewhat 'screwed'. 1891 Kipling *Light that Failed* xi, I swear I can see all right when I'm—when I'm moderately screwed.

7. *Comb.* **screwed-surfaced joint** *Anat.* = *screw-joint* b (see Screw *sb.*¹ 22).
1875 W. Turner *Hum. Anat.* I. 68 An important modification of the ginglymus is the screwed-surfaced joint.

Screwer (skrɪ̄·əɹ). [f. Screw *v.* + -er¹.] One who or that which screws. Also with *up*.
1654 R. Whitlock *Zootomia* 484, I am, saith he, incredibly taken with Musick and Dancing..it seemeth a Screwer up of lower Passions (more than Pins). 1826 Cobbett *Rural Rides* (1885) II. 198 A cruel screwer down of the labourers. 1835 Ure *Philos. Manuf.* 214 The locks of flax are screwed into the holders by a boy called the screwer. 1842 Col. Hawker *Diary* (1893) II. 342, I left the carbine in charge of Jones, a very clever 'screwer together'. 1881 Greener *Gun* 285 The gun is sent to the screwer to have the trigger-plate let in and the breech pin fitted.

Screwiness (skrɪ̄·inés). [f. Screwy *a.* + -ness.] The state or condition of being screwy.
1872 *Daily News* 26 Aug., [The horses] are certainly on the confines of screwiness. 1886 Baring-Gould *Court Royal* I. vi. 96 A screwiness about money.

Screwing (skrɪ̄·iŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. Screw *v.* + -ing¹.] The action of the verb (in its various senses); also, an instance of this.
1673 *Remarques Humours Town* 54 A scruing up the courage of a friend to those fantastick heights. 1680 Bunyan *Mr. Badman* (1905) 115 Extortion is a screwing from men more than by the Law of God or men is right. 1738 Swift *Pol. Conversat.* Introd. 18 Every Turn of their Hands, every Screwing of their Bodies. 1812 [see Screwsman]. 1825 T. Hook *Sayings* Ser. II. *Sutherl.* (Colburn) 27 The tall gentleman..played billiards with uncommon skill, and possessed all the delicate arts of chalking, and twisting, and screwing. 1840 Blaine *Encycl. Rural Sports* § 1647. 468 For screwing and creeping, however, he beat every horse we ever rode. *Ibid.* § 1658. 470 Screwing..is a method of getting through the thick hedges that cannot be got over. 1848 *Illustr. Lond. News* 22 Jan. 36/2 Cheapness, economy, or 'screwing' will be found at the bottom of most railway casualties. 1901 *Munsey's Mag.* XXV. 610/2 But if the vessel is caught in an 'ice screwing', the ramming together of giant floes, it will be crushed like an eggshell. 1903 *Daily Chron.* 21 July 11/1 Counsel explained that 'screwing' meant committing burglary.

b. *attrib.* and *Comb.* (in the sense 'cutting screw threads'), as *screwing apparatus, -engine, -machine, table, tackle, tool, trade*; **screwing die, stock** = *screw die, stock* (see Screw *sb.*¹ 22).
1850 Ogilvie, *Screwing-machine*, a highly important implement..for forming the screws of bolts and nuts by means of the machinery of the factory. 1861 F. Campin *Hand-Turning* 120 Dies very similar to the above are also used in a machine called a screwing-engine. 1869 Rankine *Machine & Hand-tools* Pl. R 1, Sets of screwing dies, *Ibid.*, This form of screwing stock..produces threads approximating in accuracy to those cut by the slide lathe. 1870 *Amateur Mech. Workshop* 47 The above [stock] forms the most usual screwing apparatus of the general mechanic. 1875 Knight *Dict. Mech., Screwing-table*, a kind of screw-stock, used for forming threads of screw-bolts or wooden screws. 1890 *Daily News* 22 Sept. 2/6 Lifting and screwing tackle are in good demand. 1909 *Installation News* III. 58 Screwing tools.

Screwing (skrɪ̄·iŋ), *ppl. a.* [f. Screw *v.* + -ing².] That screws (in the senses of the verb).
1707 in *Sewall's Diary* (1879) II. 39* The Governour, with his Son Paul..are very Screwing and Exacting upon the People. 1737 Swift *Let.* 30 Mar., Wks. 1841 II. 789 Your society has raised the rents..to four times the value of what they formerly paid; which is beyond all I have ever heard even among the most screwing landlords of this impoverished kingdom. 1889 *Daily News* 25 May 5/4 Screwing ice, maëlstroms, and impassable ice..stopped them.

Screwish (skrɪ̄·iʃ), *a. rare.* [f. Screw *sb.*¹ + -ish.] Of the nature of a screw.
1570 J. Dee *Math. Pref.* c iiij b, Archimedes, setting to his Skruish Engine, caused Hiero the king, by him self, at ease, to remoue her [*sc.* a ship]. 1829 *Sporting Mag.* XXIII. 285 How unlucky then that he chanced to have so screwish a set [of horses].

Screw-pin. [Screw *sb.*¹] A pin with a screw cut upon it: a. the screw of a vice; also *fig.*; b. an adjusting screw, finger screw; c. the pin which forms the foundation of a screw.
1614 T. Freemah *Rub & Gt. Cast* G 2, Since these three [*sc.* Chaucer, Lydgate and Gower] knew to turne perdy The Scru-pin of Phylosophy As well as they [*sc.* the Greeks and Romans]. 1631 in Rymer *Fœdera* XIX. 315 For a whole Worke, consisting of the Pan, the cover of the Pan, the Scutchion and the screw Pynn. *a* 1646 J. Gregory *Posthuma* (1650), *Terrestrial Globe* 265 It [the Quadrant] is..affixed to the Meridian with a little Screw-pin, to bee removed at pleasure. 1677 Moxon *Mech. Exerc.* i. 29 The Nut is turned about hard upon the Screw-pin. 1765 H. Timberlake *Mem.* 16, I pulled the trigger, which missing fire, broke off the upper chap and screw-pin. 1826 *Sporting Mag.* XVII. 175 A screw-pin, by which to regulate the main-springs of locks of every description of fire-arms. 1833 J. Holland *Manuf. Metal* II. 146 The screw-pin is sometimes infirm, in consequence of its having but partially resisted the torsion. 1884 C. G. W. Lock *Workshop Receipts* Ser. III. 115/2 By means of a nut on the screw-pin they are pressed closely together.

Screwsman (skrɪ̄·zmăn). *slang.* [f. Screw *sb.* + Man *sb.*: after *cracksman*, etc.]
1812 J. H. Vaux *Flash Dict.* Mem. 1819 II. 204 *Screwsman*, a thief who goes out a screwing. 1910 *Dundee Advertiser* 8 Jan. 7, I believe you are a 'screwsman'. Where's the jemmy and the 'twirls'?

Screwy (skrɪ̄·i), *a.* [f. Screw *sb.*¹ and *v.* + -y¹.]
1. Slightly 'screwed' or tipsy.
1820 T. Creevey in *C. Papers* (1904) I. 339, I..drank an extra bottle..; not that I was the least screwy, but [etc.]. 1855 Thackeray *Newcomes* xlvii, Blest if I did'nt nearly drive her into a wegetable cart. I was so uncommon scruey!

2. Of a person: Given to screwing, mean, stingy.
1851 Mayhew *Lond. Labour* I. 295/1 Mechanics are capital customers..; they're not so screwy. 1861 J. Pycroft *Agony Point* xliii. (1862) 367 Whereas before we never knew what we could afford..and I used to feel a very unpleasant 'screwy' sensation from one year's end to the other. 1876 Miss Braddon *J. Haggard's Dau.* xxx, He was so hard upon 'em, and that screwy, never a drop of milk or a fagot to give 'em. 1887 Blackmore *Springhaven* II. xx. 287 To a scrimpy and screwy man..such a position would have done a deal of harm.

3. Of a horse: That is 'a screw'; unsound.
1852 Smedley *L. Arundel* xxiii, It's like turning a screwy horse out to grass. 1899 Baring-Gould *Book of West* I. vii. 106 Two likely-looking hunters, perhaps a little screwy, were brought round.

4. Of a track: That winds about.
1891 Atkinson *Last of Giant Killers* 15 A jaggy, steep, screwy little trackway.

Screwze, obs. form of Scruze *v.*

†Scrib¹. *Obs.* [? var. of Scrub.] ? A miser. (Quot. 1608 is obscure, and the text may be corrupt; with 'bonny scribs' cf. 'bonny scrubs' in Scrub *sb.*³)
1600 Barton *Pasquils Madcap* 16 If she haue playde the thrifty prowling scribbe, To purchase Grasse to greaze the Bullockes ribbe. 1608 Middleton *Mad World* III. iii, Why then set forward; and as you scorne..twelvepenny Pandarisme, and such base bribes, guard me from bonny Scribs, and bony Scribes [*ed.* 1640 *adds* and bony rags]. 1634 *Withal's Dict.* 575 *Promus magis quam condus.* He is none of these miserable scribs, but a liberall Gentleman.

†Scrib². *nonce-wd.* Abbreviation of Scribble *sb.*
1795 Dr. Burney *Let. to Mme. D'Arblay* 7 May, It strikes three o'clock;..and I must send off my scrib.

Scribable (skrəi·băb'l), *a. Obs.* exc. *arch.* Also 5 scryvable. [irreg. f. L. *scrībĕre* to write: see -able. The form *scryvable* represents a possible OF. **escrivable*.] Suitable for being written on.
14.. Lydg. *Ballad of deceitful Women* 44 Though al the erth..Were parchemyn smothe, whyte and scribable. *c* 1450 *M. E. Med. Bk.* (Heinrich) 182 Wyt leþer or in good [*v. r.* scribable] pauper. *Ibid.* 14 Scryuable. *a* 1500 *Arnolde's Chron.* (1502) 26 Paper scribabil the bale, vi. d'. 1889 Lowell *Lett.* (1894) II. 412 One filled every scribable corner of his foolscap.

Scribacious (skrəibē·ɪ·ʃəs), *a. rare.* Also incorrectly *-atious*. [f. L. *scrībĕre* to write + -acious.] Given to, or fond of, writing. Hence **Scriba·ciousness**, fondness for writing.
a 1677 Barrow *Pope's Suprem.* (1680) 165 We have some Letters of Popes (though not many; for Popes were then not very scribacious..). 1870 Emerson *Soc. & Solit., Books* Wks. (Bohn) III. 87 Cornelius Agrippa 'On the Vanity of Arts and Sciences' is a specimen of that scribatiousness which grew to be the habit of the gluttonous readers of his time.

Scribal (skrəi·b'l), *a.* [f. Scribe *sb.* + -al.]
1. Of, pertaining to, or characteristic of a scribe or copyist, or his work.
1857 *Fraser's Mag.* LVI. 674 Jobares was an easily committed scribal corruption of Jomanes. 1868 R. Morris *O. E. Hom.* Pref. 6 The scribal blunders that it contains. 1893 Skeat in *Athenæum* 17 June 765/1 Scribal errors abound throughout [Chaucerian MSS.].

2. Of or pertaining to the Jewish scribes.
1863 *Smith's Dict. Bible* III. 1164/2 (*Scribes*) We must look back to what is known of the five pairs..of teachers who represented the scribal succession. 1896 *Expositor* Feb. 109 The saying..is diametrically opposed to the Scribal method of teaching.

†Scri·bbet. *Obs.* Also 7 scribet. [? f. Scribe *v.* + -et.] A charcoal for drawing.
1673-4 Grew *Anat. Trunks* etc. (1675) 75 It (sallow) maketh an excellent Coal for Painters Scribets. 1725 *Bradley's Fam. Dict.* s.v. *Sallow*, Sallow-Coal is..the best of all for Painters Scribbets to design their Work with.

Scri·bblage. *nonce-wd.* [f. Scribble *v.* + -age.] Scribblings, ephemeral writing.
1805 W. Taylor in *Monthly Mag.* XX. 39 The polemic scribblage of theology and politics.

Scribblative (skri·blătiv), *a. rare.* Also **scriblative.** [f. Scribble *v.*¹ + -ative. Cf. *talkative.*] Pertaining to scribbling.
1829 Southey *Sir T. More* II. 48 All of which are..denied by our professors of the arts babblative and scribblative. 1881 *Sat. Rev.* 26 Feb. 282/2 He did not see anything that hundreds and thousands of professors of the arts gaddative and scriblative have not seen before him.

Scri·bblatory, *a. nonce-wd.* [f. Scribble *v.*¹ + *-atory*: see -ory.] Tending to cause scribbling.
1802-12 Bentham *Ration. Judic. Evid.* (1827) V. 246 The dilatory, scribblatory..mode of the courts of equity.

Scribble (skri·b'l), *sb.* Also 7-8 **scrible.** [f. Scribble *v.*¹]
1. Something hastily or carelessly written, esp. a depreciatory term for a letter (usually one's own); also, a worthless or trivial composition.
1577 Sidney *Lett.* Misc. Wks. (1829) 304 But I will leaue [that] till I may my selfe say it unto yow, and so, his speeches at my farewell, wch I am afraide I was in the beginninge of these scribbles to longe in. 1592 Unton *Corr.* (Roxb.) 397 Your honors pardon I crave for this my shorte and hastie scribbles. 1632 Hide in *Randolph's Jealous Lovers* To Author, When they that write by guesse, Scatter their scribbles, and invade the presse. 1691 Wood *Ath. Oxon.* II. 155 He made a shift to get a livelyhood by his mendicant scribbles. 1711 Hearne *Collect.* (O. H. S.) III. 131 In the Margin..are some scribbles. 1730 Swift in *Portland Papers* (Hist. MSS. Comm.) VI. 33 If a scribblo comes out complaining of our hardships here, it is infallibly laid at my door. 1814 J. Adams *Wks.* (1856) X. 96 As you seem to have found some amusement in some of my scribbles, I beg your acceptance of another morsel. 1865 Princess Alice *Mem.* 14 Aug. (1884) 107, I have made little scribbles on the way.

2. Hurried or negligent and irregular writing; an example of this. Also, a number of irregular and unmeaning marks made with pen or pencil.
1709 Steele & Swift *Tatler* No. 70 ¶ 7, I shall trouble you with no more Scribble. 1788 Twining in *Select Papers T. Family* (1887) 185, I shall refer you for my thanks to the packet which you will receive, containing no less than five sheets of scribble. 1828 D'Israeli *Chas. I*, I. ii. 19 The hand-writing of Charles..was elegant, and opposite to the slovenly scribble of his father. 1841 Hawthorne *Amer. Note-bks.* (1868) II. 21 Did you ever behold such a vile scribble as I write since I became a farmer? 1881 Fitch *Lect. Teach.* 192 The scribble of men who think good writing a thing for clerks and shopmen. 1896 *Amer. Annals Deaf* Feb. 70 The speed of writing, even at a scribble, hardly exceeds thirty words a minute.

†b. *transf.* A hurried manner of walking. *Obs.* (? *nonce-use.*)
1665 Howard *Committee* I. i, O are you come, Long look't for comes at last. What,—you have a slow set pace, As well as your hasty scribble sometimes.

3. *attrib.* and *Comb.*
1653 [F. Philips] *Consid. Crt. Chancery* 24 Other Mungrel and Scrible dashed hands made out of the Roman and Italian. 1907 *Edin. Rev.* July 230 The conventional 'scribble' foliage has descended to oblivion with the drawing books of our fathers.

Scribble (skri·b'l), *v.*¹ Forms: 5 scribyl, 6 scribel, -il, -ul, screble, scrybel, skrible, 6-7 scryble, scrible, 6- scribble. [app. ad. late med. L. *scrībillāre* (cf. rare class. L. *conscrībillāre*), a diminutive formation on L. *scrībĕre* to write. Cf. G. *skribbeln, skribeln*, for which recent writers substitute *schreibeln, f. schreiben*; OHG. had *scribilôn* (? *f*), 'scriptitare'.]
1. *trans.* To write hastily or carelessly. a. To write in an irregular, slovenly, or illegible hand through haste or carelessness; also, to produce (marks, a drawing, etc.) or portray (an object) by rapid and irregular strokes like those of hurried writing. b. To write hurriedly or thoughtlessly, so that what is written is faulty in style or worthless in substance.
c 1465 *Plumpton Corr.* (Camden) 14 Scribled in hast with mine owne hand in default of other helpe. 1490 *Paston*

Lett. III. 363 Scribyllyd in the moste haste, at..Aucland. 1513 More *Rich. III*, Wks. 56 For al y^e^ time..could scant haue suffised vnto y^e^ bare wryting alone, all had it bene but in paper & scribled forth in hast at aduenture. 1537 Layton in *Lett. Suppress. Monasteries* (Camden) 77 Scribullede this Satterday, an written with the hasty hand of your assurede servant. 1575 G. Harvey *Letter-bk.* (Camden) 90 An answer to a..vayne letter..scribblid longe since. 1653 Dorothy Osborne *Lett.* (1903) 15 This (if you can read it, for 'tis strangely scribbled) will be enough to answer yours. 1692 Bentley *Boyle Lect.* ii. 38 That the innumerable Members of a 'Human Body'..were at first fortuitously scribbled, and by meer accident compacted into this beautifull, and noble, and most wonderfully usefull Frame. 1710–11 Swift *Jrnl. to Stella* 31 Jan., So I could not scribble my morning lines to MD. 1764 *Oxf. Sausage* 184, I scribble Verses? why you know, I left the Muses long ago. 1842 S. Sharpe *Egypt under Romans* iii. 66 Travellers..have at all times been fond of carving or scribbling their names on the spot. 1884 *Publisher & Bookbuyer's Jrnl.* 15 Nov. 19/1 Writers who scribble bosh. 1899 M. Creighton in *Life & Lett.* (1904) II. xii. 403, I must scribble a line to tell you how much I feel for you.

fig. 1532 More *Confut. Tindale* Wks. 728/2 But if he feele it written there in dede as he saith he doth, then be feleth it scribled and scraped in his hert by the croked clouen clawes of the deuill.

b. With various advs., as *away*, *down*, *out*. † Also *to scribble up*: to compile hastily.

1583 J. Hawkins in *Archæologia* XXXIII. 193, I have brefflye..scryblyd out a note of the joynnynge of thordynary and extraordynary together, which I send. 1596 H. Clapham *Briefe Bible* II. 234, I haue for your vses, sodainly scribled vp this Breviarie of the Bible. 1619 Hales *Golden Rem.* II. (1673) 70 His sudden and unexpected departure hath made me scribble up this, more rudely and concisely than I had intended. 1800 Lamb *Lett.* (1849) 113, I could not resist so facile and moderate demand, so scribbled out another, omitting sundry things. 1826 J. W Croker in *C. Papers* (1884) 20 Mar., I was easily induced to take up my pen..and I scribbled away a reply. 1831 Greville *Mem.* 31 July (1875) II. 174, I have scribbled down all I can recollect of a very loose conversation. 1901 *Athenæum* 31 Aug. 294/1 The liquid brush-work with which the light leaves of the oak were rapidly and easily scribbled down by the painter.

c. To cover with scribblings. Chiefly with *over*.

1540 Palsgr. *Acolastus* Ep. Ded. A iij b, They chuse moste commonly the very worste [words], and therewith scryble the bokes of theyr latyne auctours. *a* 1593 Marlowe *Ovid's Elegies* II. v. 18 Not silent were thine eyes, the board with wine Was scribled, and thy fingers writ a line. 1593 Shaks. 2 *Hen. VI*, IV. ii. 88 Is not this a lamentable thing..that Parchment being scribled ore, should vndoe a man. 1667 Milton *P. L.* VIII. 83 How [they will] gird the Sphear With Centric and Eccentric scribl'd o'er, Cycle and Epicycle, Orb in Orb. 1702 Addison *Dial. Medals* III. Wks. 1766 III. 154 Having scribbled over both sides [of the medal], they are forced, as it were, to write upon the margin. 1717 Berkeley *Tour in Italy* Wks. 1871 IV. 519 Most of these obelisks are scribbled over with hieroglyphics. 1852 Thackeray *Esmond* I. iii, The page found my lord's sheet of paper scribbled over with dogs and horses. 1859 Tennyson *Merlin & V.* 527 Thou read the book! And every margin scribbled, crost, and cramm'd With comment. 1882 B. D. W. Ramsay *Recoll. Mil. Serv.* II. xiii. 26 The walls of every room are scribbled over with the names of visitors.

fig. 1651 Hobbes *Leviath.* II. xxx. 176 The Common-peoples minds..scribbled over with the opinions of their Doctors.

2. *intr.* To write something hastily or carelessly, either as to handwriting or composition; to produce abundance of worthless writing. Also, to make random or irregular lines resembling careless writing.

1534 Cranmer *Let.* cxviii. Misc. Writ. (Parker Soc.) II. 291, I have..made them to write their shepe mark, or some other mark, as they can..scribble. 1601 Q. Eliz. *Let. to Mountjoy* in *Moryson's Itin.* II. (1617) 151, I end, scribling in hast, Your loving Soveraigne. E. R. 1661 Marvell *Let. to Mayor of Hull* 1 June, If I wanted my right hand yet I would scribble to you with my left, rather than neglect your business. 1721–2 Bolingbroke in *Swift's Lett.* (1766) II. 23 The expression is equivocal; a fault, which our language often betrays those, who scribble hastily, into. 1780 Cowper *Progr.* 318 Ye..teach her..To scribble as you scribbled at fifteen. 1782 Miss Burney *Cecilia* x. vi, Contenting himself with doing nothing but scribble and scribe. 1844 Dickens *Mart. Chuz.* v, I have scribbled myself but have not yet published. 1880 *Print. Trades Jrnl.* XXX. 35 If a man scribbles for a Newspaper, or writes a magazine article. 1888 Burgon 12 *Good Men* II. v. 36 He utilized a railway journey..to get out his writing materials, and to scribble on a kind of swing-desk.

b. *To scribble on*: to go on or continue scribbling or writing carelessly.

1575 Gascoigne *Posies, Herbs* 141 My hasty hand forthwith doth scribble on apace. 1683 *Agathocles* 6 The harden'd Wretches sinn'd, and scribbled on.

c. quasi-*trans.* with complementary adv. or phrase.

a 1704 T. Brown *Laconics* Wks. 1711 IV. 25 Stay but a while, and you'll find he'll scribble himself out of his little Reputation. 1734 Pope *Let. to Swift* 15 Sept., I have scribled the remainder of this page full. 1837 Lytton *E. Maltrav.* I. xv, At our age we have passion, fancy, sentiment; we can't read them away, nor scribble them away.

† **3.** *Comb.* as **scribble-mania** = Scribbleomania; **scribble-paper** = *scribbling paper*; **scribble-wit**, a wit who scribbles (see quot.).

1672 Wycherley *Love in Wood* II. i. 26 *Lyd.* But what is your Chamber-Wit or Scribble-Wit? *Dap.* He..searches all the Records of Wit, to compile a breviate of them for the use of Players [etc.]. 1792 Coleridge *Let. to M. Evans* (1895) 35, I have never had the scribble-mania stronger on me. 1854 'C. Bede' *Verdant Green* II. ii, Having furnished the table with pens, ink, and scribble-paper.

Scribble (skrib'l), *v.*[2] Forms: 7–8 **scrible**, 7 **scruble**, 8– **scribble**. [Prob. from LG.; cf. the synonymous G. *schrubbeln*, *schrobbeln*, *schrobeln*, *schruppeln*, *schroppeln*, Sw. *skrabbla*; the vb. is a frequentative f. LG., Ger. *schrubben*, *schrobben*: see Scrub *v.*] *trans.* To card or tease (wool) coarsely, to pass through a 'scribbler'.

1682 [implied in Scribbler[1], Scribbling *vbl. sb.*[2]]. 1687 *Rec. Cloth Manuf. New Mills* (S. H. S.) 142 That noe cloath..be permitted to be woven, scribled or dressed by any of our servants. 1733 P. Lindsay *Interest Scot.* 106 At Gallowshiels are made a few coarse Kerseys,..and was their Wooll better scribled,..they might serve in place of the lowest-pric'd York-shires. 1835 Ure *Philos. Manuf.* 181 The wool having been scribbled in the ordinary way. 1884 W. S. B. McLaren *Spinning* (ed. 2) 53 All woollen yarns are carded or, to use another name, 'scribbled'.

Scribbleable (skri·b'lăb'l), *a. nonce-wd.* [f. Scribble *v.*[1] + -able.] Capable of being scribbled or written on.

1867 Howells *Ital. Journ.* 83 Every scribbleable inch of its walls.

Scribbled (skri·b'ld), *ppl. a.*[1] [f. Scribble *v.*[1] + -ed[1].] Carelessly or hastily written or composed; also hastily or carelessly written on.

1548 W. Thomas *Ital. Gram.* Epist. (1567), I knowe these fewe scribledde rules to bee muche imperfect. 1591 Horsey *Trav.* (Hakluyt Soc.) 266, I..haue forboren to incert..som propper inferrences for explanacion of such names..and terms, as you haue not been used to read, especially in so scribled a hand. 1595 Shaks. *John* v. vii. 32, I am a scribled forme, drawne with a pen Vpon a Parchment, and against this fire Do I shrinke vp! 1621 Elsing *Debates Ho. Lords* (Camden) 52 Mr. Sergeaunt Crewe and Mr. Attourney perused the scrybled booke and perfected the same in the places marked by their noates taken therof. 1643 F. Bell in Mrs. Hope *Franciscan Martyrs Eng.* xiv. (ed. 3) 194 By chaunce they found in my pocket a little ragg of scribbled paper in Spanish. 1656 *Disc. Auxil. Beauty* 54 Ill scribled bills; which seem to be as so many charms or spells. 1909 P. C. Simpson *Life of Rainy* II. xxi. 183 It is a scribbled and unfinished draft.

Hence † **Scri·bbledly** *adv. rare.*

1681 H. More *Expos. Dan.* Pref. 7 It being writ..so scribledly as I may so say, and brokenly. 1685 — *Illustr. Dan.* v. 55 The writing being writ more scribledly on purpose.

Scribbled, *ppl. a.*[2] [f. Scribble *v.*[2] + -ed[1].] Carded, or passed through a 'scribbler'.

1835 Ure *Philos. Manuf.* 171 The scribbled wool is weigbed.

Scri·bbledom. *nonce-wd.* [f. Scribble *sb.* + -dom.] The practice of 'scribbling'.

1887 Miss Betham-Edwards *Next of Kin Wanted* II. xvii. 221 Without any apprenticeship to the sublime art of scribbledom, she could write sweet, unalloyed, rustic English.

Scri·bbleism. *nonce-wd.* [f. Scribble *sb.* + -ism.] Scribbling.

1801 Coleridge *Let. to Southey* (1895) 363 Other perseverants in the noble trade of scribbleism.

Scribblement (skri·b'lmĕnt). [f. Scribble *v.*[1] + -ment.] Something scribbled; = Scribble *sb.* 1.

a 1608 Dee *Relat. Spir.* I. (1659) 175, I see lines and scribblements (as before) going athwart the lines. *c* 1662 F. Kerby in *O. Heywood's Diaries* (1883) III. 24 The intents of them who first set down these scribblements. 1784 Cowper *Let. to Unwin* 20 Oct., I am tired of this endless scribblement. Adieu! 1785 — *To same* 22 Oct., The crabbed epigrams and scribblements of the minor poets. 1833 Carlyle in *Froude* (1882) II. 382 In about a week hence..I shall be done with this scribblement. 1887 T. A. Trollope *What I remember* II. xvii. 349 The exhortation addressed to me..was the writer's characteristic mode of exciting me to new scribblements.

Scri·bbleoma·nia. [f. Scribble *v.*[1] + -mania.] The craze or mania for scribbling.

1815 [see -mania]. 1877 M. Pattison in *Fortn. Rev.* XXII. 660 Catherinot is a bye-word, the typical case of scribbleomania,—of the *insanabile scribendi cacoethes*.

Scribbler[1] (skri·blə1). [f. Scribble *v.*[1] + -er[1].] One who scribbles or writes hastily or carelessly; hence 'a petty author; a writer without worth' (J.).

a 1553 Udall *Roister D.* III. v. (Arb.) 58 Fare thou well scribler...*Scriuener.* Fare ye well bibbler. 1610 Bp. Hall *Apol. Brownists* ii. 5, I neuer yet could see any Scribler so vnlearned, as that he durst not charge his opposite with ignorance. 1682 Dryden *Religio Laici* Pref. 7 The first Presbyterian Scribler. 1727 A. Hamilton *New Acc. E. Ind.* I. Ded., I have known some Scriblers, or Authors, dedicate their Works to great Men who they hardly knew any more of than their illustrious Names. 1778 Mme. D'Arblay *Diary* Aug. (1891) I. 25 She talked..very highly of a new novel called 'Evelina'; though without a shadow of suspicion as to the scribbler. 1825 Macaulay *Ess., Milton* P 46 Venal and licentious scribblers, with just sufficient talent to clothe the thoughts of a pander in the style of a bellman. 1880 L. Stephen *Pope* V. 124 The Dunciad was thus a declaration of war against the whole tribe of scribblers.

attrib. 1834 *Tait's Mag.* I. 727/1 Slave parasite and joker, With scribbler-satirist.

Scri·bbler[2]. [f. Scribble *v.*[2] + -er[1].]

1. A person who scribbles wool, or who tends a scribbling-machine.

1682 *Rec. Cloth Manuf. New Mills* (S. H. S.) 16 To ingage 2 shear-men, 2 weavers and 2 scrublers. 1733 P. Lindsay *Interest Scot.* 109 We have but few Scriblers who understand the close mixing of Wooll on the Cards for Medleys. 1774 *Act* 14 *Geo. III*, c. 25 § 1 If any Picker, Scribbler, Spinner or Weaver..shall not return all working Tools.. delivered out. 1776 Adam Smith *W. N.* I. i. I. 14 The woolcomber..., the dyer, the scribbler [etc.].

2. A machine for scribbling (wool).

1805 J. Luccock *Nat. Wool* 146 The chief point of attention in the scribbler is to break it [the staple] no further than the hookedness of the pile will admit of. 1884 W. S. B. McLaren *Spinning* (ed. 2) 101 We now have the wool ready for the scribbler, or first carding machine.

attrib. 1825 J. Nicholson *Oper. Mech.* 391 The scribbler-engine has three distinct parts or cylinders in one frame.

Scri·bble-scra·bble, *adv., sb.,* and *a. colloq.* [Reduplicated formation on Scribble *v.*]

† **A.** *adv.* In a scribbling manner. *Obs.*

1589 R. Harvey *Pl. Perc.* (1590) 22 A Iewes letter scrible scrable ouer the Courtenaunce of a mans countenance, will dash a body wickedly.

† **B.** *adj.* Covered with scribble. *Obs.*

1702 Farquhar *Twin-Rivals* v. iii, Uboo, here ish nothing but scribble scrabble Paper, I tink.

C. *sb.* † **1.** A scribbler. Also, ? a harum-scarum person. *Obs.*

1665 Howard *Committee* I. i, By your grave and high demeanor make yourself Appear a hole above Obadiah; lest your Mistriss Should take you for another scribble scrabble as he is. 1707 *Muses Mercury* I. 216 I'll be your Arbitrator, Quo' Scribble Scrabble; so he op'd The Oyster fat, and at a sup, He swallow'd down the Creature.

2. A scribble; hasty or careless writing.

1838 W. Irving *Life & Lett.* (1866) III. 123 But enough of this scribble scrabble. 1839 *Ibid.* 145, I am running on into idle 'scribble scrabble' about a matter now passed away.

So **Scri·bble-scrabble** *v., trans.,* to scribble.

1860 W. Collins *Wom. White* (1861) 255 The respectable lawyers who scribble-scrabble your deeds and your wills.

Scribbling (skri·blin), *vbl. sb.*[1] [f. Scribble *v.*[1] + -ing[1].]

1. The action of the verb Scribble *v.*[1]

c 1532 Latimer *Let. to Baynton* in Foxe *A. & M.* (1583) 1751/2, I had made an end of this scribling, and was beginning to write it agayne more truely and more distinctly, and to correcte it. 1536 Beerley in *Lett. Suppress. Monasteries* (Camden) 132 My lowly and myck scrybullyng unto your nobull grace at this tyme. 1709 Pope *Ess. Crit.* 595 When they promise to give scribbling o'er. 1820 Byron *Blues* II. 9 What with learning, and teaching, and scribbling, and shining In science and art.

2. Something scribbled; a scrawl or scribble.

1705 Hearne *Collect.* II Dec. (O.H.S.) I. 124 In this Book are a great many scribblings of William Smith. 1835 W. Irving *Abbotsford* P 2, I..had reason to think, from the interest he had taken in some of my earlier scribblings, that a visit from me would not be deemed an intrusion. 1856 Stanley *Sinai & P.* i. (ed. 3) 58 Their likeness to the scribblings of casual travellers in halting-places. 1894 R. B. Sharpe *Birds Gt. Brit.* I. 47 There are distinct scribblings near the larger end [of the eggs], similar to those of a Yellow Bunting.

3. Short for *scribbling paper*.

1859 *Stationers' Hand-bk.* 64 Demy Scribling (scribling demy), a writing paper of a printing demy size.

4. *attrib.* as *scribbling-block, -book, diary, paper*; **scribbling itch,** tr. L. *Cacoethes scribendi.*

1908 *Outlook* 26 Sept. 397/1 With pencil and *scribbling-block in his hand. 1850 Thackeray *Pendennis* xliii, He had taken the manuscript out of a long-neglected chest, containing..old Oxbridge *scribbling-books, his old surplice, and battered cap and gown. 1883 *Stationers' & Booksellers' Jrnl.* Advt. iii, Small *Scribbling Diary. 1787 Wolcot (P. Pindar) *Ode upon Ode* Wks. 1812 I. 440 I'm much afraid of that same *scribbling-itch. 1905 A. Doason *De Libris* 149 But that some scribbling itch attacked Him in and out of season. 1803 *Gradus ad Cantabr.* 118 **Scribbling paper*, an inferior sort used by the mathematicians, and in the lecture room.

Scri·bbling, *vbl. sb.*[2] [f. Scribble *v.*[2] + -ing[1].] The action of Scribble *v.*[2]; the first process in the operation of carding wool.

1683 *Rec. Cloth Manuf. New Mills* (S. H. S.) 56 For piking scribbling and oyll. 10s. 1835 Ure *Philos. Manuf.* 165 Scribbling is merely a rude species of carding the oiled wool. 1879 *Cassell's Techn. Educ.* IV. 339/2 The various stages in the manufacture of woollen cloth, then, are:—..8. Oiling and teasing. 9. Scribbling by first carding-engine.

b. *attrib.* as *scribbling-card, -machine, -mill,* etc.

1682 *Rec. Cloth Manuf. New Mills* (S. H. S.) 17 One dozen scrubleing cards. 1795 *Statist. Acc. Scot.* XV. 80 They have erected a teasing or scribling, and a carding machine. 1796 *Monthly Mag.* May 350/1 The scribbling mill at Holbeck, near Leeds, has been lately consumed by fire. 1805 J. Luccock *Nat. Wool* 179 Kemps are commonly much coarser than the wool in which they are found, and often so intermingled with it as not to be separated even by the motion of the scribbling machine. 1857 *P. O. Directory Yorksh.* 1051 Scribbling Millers. 1876 W. Cudworth *Round abt. Bradford* 373 Extensive premises..containing willeying, moiting, scribbling, and condensing machinery. 1888 J. Paton in *Encycl. Brit.* XXIV. 659/1 Fig. 4—Diagram of Scribbling Card.

Scri·bbling, *ppl. a.* [f. Scribble *v.*[1] + -ing[2].]

1. Given to scribbling.

1595 *Hist. France* Ep. Ded. A 4, In this scribling age. 1641 Howell *Vote* ii, Scribling pamphletors who story stain With loose imperfect passages. 1765 Goldsm. *New Simile* 2 Long had I sought in vain to find A likeness for the scribbling kind.

† **2.** Badly or carelessly written. *Obs. rare.*

1592 G. Harvey *Four Lett.* Wks. (Grosart) I. 187 Is this Greene with the running Head, and the scribling Hand. 1621 Sir G. Calvert in *Fortescue Papers* (Camden) 154 An yll favored piece of paper and a scribling hand.

Hence **Scri·bblingly** *adv.,* in a scribbling manner.

1653 in *Shropsh. Parish Documents* (1903) 246 What was disorderly and scribblingly set down on this side was taken out of a luse paper. *a* 1697 Aubrey *Lives* (1898) I. 10 These minutes which I have hastily and scriblingly here sett downe. 1860 in Worcester.

Scribbly (skri·bli), *a.* [f. SCRIBBLE *sb.* + -Y.] Characterized by scribbling, resembling a scribble.

Scribbly gum, *Australian*, a variety of gum-tree (see quots.).

1883 F. M. BAILEY *Synopsis Queensland Flora* 174 (Morris) Scribbly or White-Gum...A tree, often large, with a white, smooth, deciduous bark, always marked by an insect in a scribbly manner. 1898 MORRIS *Austral Engl.* s.v. *Gum*, Scribbly Gum *Eucalyptus hæmastoma*, Smith. Scribbly Blue Gum *E. leucoxylon*, F. v. M. (South Australia).

Scribe (skrəib), *sb.*[1] Also 4–6 scrybe. [ad. L. *scrība* writer, amanuensis, secretary, f. *scrībĕre* to write. Cf. F. *scribe* (14th c. in Hatz.-Darm.). Sp., Pg. *escriba*, It. *scriba*.] A writer; one whose business is writing. In various specific or limited applications.

1. *Jewish Hist.* A member of the class of professional interpreters of the Law after the return from the Captivity; in the Gospels often coupled with the Pharisees as upholders of ceremonial tradition.

Used, after the Vulgate *scriba*, to render Gr. γραμματεύς in the New Testament. The corresponding Heb. word is סוֹפֵר *sōphēr*, active pple. of *sāphar* to write, to count, number. In Biblical Heb. the sb. had generally the sense 2 below; it was also used for a man of learning, a scholar, and as the designation of EZRA (Ezra vii, Neh. viii. 9, etc.) it comes near to the post-Biblical use.

1377 LANGL. *P. Pl.* B. xv. 383 And so may saraseneș be saued, scribes and iewes. 1382 WYCLIF *Matt.* vii. 29. [And in all later versions.] 1390 GOWER *Conf.* I. 14 And thus for Pompe and for beyete The Scribe and ek the Pharisee Of Moises upon the See In the chaiere on hyh ben set. 1532 MORE *Confut. Tindale* Wks. 510/2 These heretikes may properly bee called not onelye mercennaries,..but also verye Scribes and Pharisees...For these be false Scribes, that is to wit wryters, not wryting any true bokes of scripture, but fals gloses and contrary commentes vpon scripture. 1671 MILTON *P. R.* I. 261 What was writ Concerning the Messiah, to our Scribes Known partly. 1862 STANLEY *Jew. Ch.* (1877) I. xix. 365 The Religion..was fully revealed..., not prophets were needed to declare it, but 'scribes' to expound and defend it.

2. *Anc. Hist.* A general designation for any public official (whether of high or low rank) concerned with writing or the keeping of accounts; a secretary, clerk.

The usual rendering of L. *scriba* and Gr. γραμματεύς, and of Heb. *sōphēr*: cf. the note under sense 1.

1382 WYCLIF 2 *Kings* xviii. 18 Forsothe Elichym,..prouost of the hous, wente out to hem, and Sobna, scribe [1388 scryueyn], and Joache, the sone of Azaf, chauncelere. 1611 BIBLE 2 *Kings* xxv. 19 The principall Scribe of the hoste [*marg.* Or, scribe of the captaine of the hoste], which mustered the people of the land. 1838 THIRLWALL *Greece* xxxii. IV. 230 Tisamenus, who..had filled the office of a public scribe. 1849 LAYARD *Nineveh* xiii. II. 76 The secretaries and scribes from the palace left their divans.

†**3.** Used as the official designation of various public functionaries performing secretarial duties.

1530 PALSGR. 268/1 Scrybe in a spyrituall court, *scribe*. Scrybe in a temporall court, *greffier*. 1533 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* VI. 160 To Thome Cameroune, scribe to the futband vs. 1533 in *Sel. Pleas Crt. Admiralty* (1894) I. 93 The noble John Aborow Englysheman patron of the shypp Saynt Mighell...And allso the noble John Andreas allso Englysshman scrybe of the saide shipp consenting [etc.]. 1560 *Maitland Club Misc.* III. 225 Gevin vnder the Seill quhilk we wse..and the subscriptioun manuall of our scribe [of a kirk session]. 1562 *Burgh Rec. Edin.* (1875) III. 153 The council continewis Jhonne Young, writer, thair scribe, and ordanis him to serue [etc.]. 1581 LAMBARDE *Eiren.* IV. iv. (1588) 431 If any Ordinarie, or his scribe, or register have taken mo, or greater fees..then he ought to take. 1641 BAKER *Chron., Hen. VIII* (1653) 396 Amongst other Officers of the Court [of Hen. VIII's divorce], Stephen Gardiner..sate as chief scribe. The Court being set, the Judges commanded silence, whilst their Commission was read; which done, the Scribes commanded the Cryer to call the King. *a* 1707 S. PATRICK *Autobiog.* (1839) 13 And soon after made me the college scribe, which brought me in a great deal of money, many leases being to be renewed.

†**4.** One who writes at another's dictation; an amanuensis. *Obs.*

a 1513 FABYAN *Chron.* VI. clix. (1533) 88 b, One of the foresayde two persones so condempned was scrybe to the pope. 1592 SHAKS. *Two Gent.* II. i. 146 That my master being scribe, To himselfe should write the Letter. 1598 B. JONSON *Ev. Man in H.* v. i. 323 These two gentlemen..very strongly supposing me to be your worships scribe, entreated me to procure them a warrant. 1838 LYTTON *Calderon* i. 64 This remarkable personage had risen from the situation of a confidential scribe to the Duke of Lerma.

b. *fig.*

a 1475 ASHBY *Dicta Philos.* 961 The first vertue is to kepe man is tong, For it is scribe of his discrecion, For what it wol say it writith at longe. 1860 FARRAR *Orig. Lang.* vii. 152 The senses themselves can tell us nothing except in so far as they are 'scribes of the soul'.

5. A copyist, transcriber of manuscripts; now esp. the writer of a particular MS. copy of a classical or mediæval work.

1535 JOYE *Apol. Tindale* (Arb.) 43, I tolde his scrybe, euen him that wrote and corrected the testament for him. 1611 BIBLE *Transl. Pref.* ¶ 6 The Grecians..had many of their seruants, ready scribes, to copie them [the books] out. *a* 1638 MEDE *Wks.* (1672) 878 If the Scrivener, whom I hired to write me out a fair Copy thereof, had not disappointed me, I could ere this have lent you a Copy, it may be, as good as the Authors; I believe somewhat more distinct, by such directions as I gave my Scribe. 1746 FRANCIS tr. *Horace, Art of Poetry* 481 We ne'er those Scribes with Mercy treat, Who, though advis'd, the same Mistakes repeat. 1850 SIR F. MADDEN *Wycliffite Bible* List of MSS. No. 65 Each scribe has peculiarities of orthography. 1861 PALEY *Æschylus* (ed. 2) *Supplices* 247 *note*, If the nominative had been found by a scribe in his copy, he was not very likely to have altered it. 1892 LOUNSBURY *Stud. Chaucer* I. 375 No one familiar with the work of the scribe will be disposed to pay too much respect to his authority.

6. A penman, one (more or less) skilled in penmanship. Now somewhat *arch.*

1588 SHAKS. *Tit. A.* II. iv. 4 Write downe thy mind, bewray thy meaning so, And if thy stumpes will let thee play the Scribe. 1705-6 PENN in *Pennsylv. Hist. Soc. Mem.* X. 111, I must recommend him to your care, being a scribe and an accomptant. 1849 JAMES *Woodman* ii, I could make out plain court hand a great deal better when written by a good scribe. 1852 DICKENS *Bleak Ho.* liii, Mr. Bucket..is no great scribe; rather handling the pen like the pocket-staff he carries about with him.

†b. (See quot.) *Obs. rare.*

1696–1715 *Laws Maryland* ii. (1722) 3 One Master, One Usher, and One Writing-Master or Scribe to a School.

7. Used (more or less playfully) for: One who writes or is in the habit of writing; an author; the writer (of a letter, etc.).

1585 JAS. I *Ess. Poesie* (Arb.) 31 Vour shameles rymes,..ô Scrybes prophane [orig. *Profanes escriuains*]. 1712 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 475 ¶ 4, I have been engaged in this Subject by the following Letter, which comes to me from some notable young female Scribe. 1778 MME. D'ARBLAY *Diary* 20 July (1891) I. 16 As I am often writing..he commonly calls me the scribe. 1886 TUPPER *Autobiog.* 60 Some frivolous larks in the Waterford days, wherewith I need not say the present scribe had nothing to do. 1892 DU MAURIER *Peter Ibbetson* I. 7, I am but a poor scribe, ill versed in the craft of wielding words and phrases.

b. Applied to a political pamphleteer or journalist; chiefly with contemptuous notion, a party hack. (Coloured by sense 4.)

1826 COBBETT *Rur. Rides* (1885) II. 100 The impudent scribes would make us believe, that England was formerly nothing at all, till they [the Scotch] came to enlighten it. 1830 D'ISRAELI *Chas. I*, III. xiv. 303 Leighton seems to have been the first of our political scribes..who [etc.]. 1884 *St. James's Gaz.* 8 Feb. 3/1 So conscious are the scribes of the Government of the state of feeling in the country. 1885 *Liverpool Daily Post* 1 June 5/3 The youngest scribe of a Tory organ could manage national affairs much better.

†**8.** A cuttle-fish. (See quot.) *Obs.*

1655 MOUFFET & BENNET *Health's Improv.* xviii. 151 Cuttles, (called also..scribes for their inky humour).

9. *Comb.*, as **scribe palsy**, 'writers' cramp' (*Dunglison's Dict. Med. Sci.* 1876); **scribe-work** *nonce-wd.*, work for 'scribes' or clerks.

1829 W. IRVING *Life & Lett.* (1864) II. 415 There is likely to be but moderate scribe work in the legation.

Scribe (skrəib), *sb.*[2] [f. SCRIBE *v.* Cf. SCRIVE *sb.*[2]]

1. A tool for scribing (see SCRIBE *v.*) in *Carpentry*, *Building*, etc.

1812 P. NICHOLSON *Mech. Exerc.* 212 (Bricklaying) The Scribe is a spike or large nail ground to a sharp point, to mark the bricks on the face and back by the tapering edges of the mould, in order to cut them.

b. *attrib.* **scribe-awl** (see quot.); **scribe-mark**, a mark made with a scribing-iron on a log, etc.; a mark scored on stone as a guide for cutting.

1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.*, *Scribe-awl*, an awl used for making lines to be followed in sawing or cutting out work. 1881 YOUNG *Every Man his own Mech.* § 156 The following are the 'scribe marks' indicating the quality of Memel and Dantzic timber. 1883 NASMYTH *Autobiog.* xiv. 256 The delicate scribe marks by which the mason some 1900 years ago lined out his work on the blocks of stone he was about to chip. 1888 BURT *Stand. Timber Meas.* 278 Table of Scribe Marks of Cubic Contents on Log Timber.

2. *dial.* A written mark; a scrap of writing; usually *scribe o' the pen.* (Cf. SCRAPE *sb.*[1] 2 b.)

1805 R. ANDERSON *Cumbld. Ball., Ruth* iii, She..Ne'er yence sent the scribe of a pen. 1829 BROCKETT *N. C. Words* (ed. 2), *Scribe of a pen*, a letter. 1903 CROCKETT *Banner of Blue* viii. 88 Jeems Carlyle never wrote a scribe o' print, or hand-write either.

Scribe (skrəib), *v.* [Of obscure history; in sense 1 perh. aphetic for DESCRIBE *v.*; in sense 2 partly ad. L. *scrībĕre* to write, partly f. SCRIBE *sb.*[1] Cf. SCRIVE *v.*]

1. In technical uses. a. *trans.* Originally, in *Carpentry*, to mark the intended outline of (a piece of timber) with one point of a pair of compasses, moved parallel with the other point which is drawn along the edge of the piece to which the 'scribed' piece is to be fitted. Now in wider sense: To mark or score (wood, metal, bricks) with a pointed instrument (often regulated by a gauge or similar contrivance) in order to indicate the outline to which the piece is to be cut or shaped; to draw (a line, etc.) in this way.

1678 MOXON *Mech. Exerc.* VII. 112 To make these two peeces of Stuff joyn close together all the way, they Scribe it, (as they phrase it,) thus [a long explanation follows]. 1688 HOLME *Armoury* III. 101/2 *Scribe*, is the drawing of a line or streak with the Compasses upon a piece of stuff that is straight, thereby to cut it so as it may join to an Irregular piece, whether bowed or cornered. 1811 *Self Instructor* 528 With your ivory point scribe them. 1878 MAYER *Sound* 154 With the separated points of a pair of spring dividers scribe around the edge of the templet. 1902 P. MARSHALL *Metal Tools* 18 The edge against which the required line is scribed.

b. Hence, to shape the edge of (a piece of timber, metal, etc.) so that it will fit into the irregular edge of another piece or to an uneven surface. (See quot. 1842.)

1679 MOXON *Mech. Exerc.* VIII. 140 The Joysts are always scribed to project over..the Roundness or waynniness of the upper side of the Girder. 1812 P. NICHOLSON *Mech. Exerc.* 177 To Scribe one piece of Board or Stuff to another. *Ibid.*, Thus the skirting boards of a room should be scribed to the floor. 1830 HEDDERWICK *Mar. Archit.* 259 Make a mould for the foot of the stem with its cog or coak, scribing it so that it will fit very completely. 1837 WHITTOCK *Bk. Trades* (1842) 289 (*Gun-Maker*) Parts of the locks and springs are 'scribed' in to the butt of the gun-stock. 1842 GWILT *Encycl. Archit.* Gloss., *Scribing*, fitting the edge of a board to a surface not accurately plane, as the skirting of a room to a floor. In joinery, it is the fitting one piece to another, so that the fibres of them may be perpendicular to each other, the two edges being cut to an angle to join. 1844 H. STEPHENS *Bk. Farm* II. 69, 6 slots are then laid at due distances upon the heads, and the latter are scribed to the size of each slot, to regulate the mortises.

c. To draw (lines) on wood with a pointed tool.

1890 W. J. GORDON *Foundry* 59 A drawing-board..on which the lines are first chalked and then carved, or scribed.

d. To mark (timber, a cask, etc.) with a scribing-iron.

1859 (implied in SCRIBING *vbl. sb.* 2). 1883 CLARK RUSSELL *Sailors' Lang., Scribe*, to mark packages in bond with the number and weight. 1888 BURT *Stand. Timber Meas.* 75 The Raze Knife, for scribing the numbers and contents on the logs for identification.

e. To delineate with incised marks.

1896 KIPLING *Seven Seas, Story of Ung* 12 He..Pictured the mountainous mammoth..Out of the love that he bore them, scribing them clearly on bone.

2. a. *intr.* To act as a scribe, to write. b. *trans.* To write down. *rare* exc. *dial.*

1782 MISS BURNEY *Cecilia* x. vi, Contenting himself with doing nothing but scribble and scribe one day. 1787 J. CLARKE *Lakes* Introd. 26 *To scribe* is still to write. 1801 SOUTHEY in Robberd *Mem. W. Taylor* (1843) I. 378 As if the author of 'Joan of Arc' and of 'Thalaba' were made a great man by scribing for the Irish Chancellor of the Exchequer. 1838 *Fraser's Mag.* XVII. 322 A writer..scribing about Jeffery as if it was a living thing. 1882a STEVENSON *Fam. Stud., Pepys* (1888) 299 He desires that..gentleman, ..to recall..the very line his own romantic self was scribing at the moment. 1894 CROCKETT *Raiders* (ed. 3) 364 Patrick Walker (he that scribes the stories of the sufferers and has had them printed).

Scribed (skrəibd), *ppl. a.* [f. SCRIBE *v.* + -ED[1].]

1. *Carpentry, Building*, etc. In sense 1 of the verb.

1882a W. J. CHRISTY *Joints* 61 [Mason's Joints] Scribed Joint.—This occurs where stone cornices and mouldings unite with corresponding ornamentations in cast iron. *Ibid.* 74 [Joiner's Joints.] Scribed Joint is formed by scribing.

2. *Her.* Of an escutcheon: Having its base formed by two undulating curves meeting at the apex.

1892 E. CASTLE *Engl. Book-plates* 128 The square-sided, eared, scribed or angular based escutcheon.

Scribedom (skrəi·bidəm). [f. SCRIBE *sb.*[1] + -DOM.] The (Jewish) scribes as a body.

1863 *Smith's Dict. Bible* III. 1164/2 (*Scribes*) The spirit of Scribedom was growing.

Scribel, obs. form of SCRIBBLE *v.*[1]

†**Scri·belet.** *Obs. rare*—[1]. In 6 scriblet. [f. SCRIBE *sb.*[1] + -LET.] An insignificant scribe or writer.

1599 *Broughton's Let.* ii. 10 Your scriblets, forsooth, must countenance the Bible.

Scriber (skrəi·bəɹ). [f. SCRIBE *v.* + -ER[1].] A tool or appliance for scribing.

1834–6 P. BARLOW in *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) VIII. 296/2 The chisels [of the mortising machine] are provided with small teeth..: these are called scribers. 1869 C. KNIGHT *Mechanician* 109 A scriber for marking diagrams on tables or plattens, is a piece of steel wire which [etc.]. 1875 *Carpentry & Join.* 58 With a steel scriber or sharp hard pencil trace each dovetail carefully on the end of the wood. 1908 *Remin. Stonemason* 104 The workman runs round the pattern with a sharp-pointed tool called a scriber. This scriber ploughs a minute furrow in the stone.

attrib. 1869 C. KNIGHT *Mechanician* 111 A scriber-block is an instrument consisting of two principal parts; these are the movable scriber, and the block to which the scriber is attached...Scriber-blocks are principally used to mark straight lines upon engine-work of all classes. 1902 P. MARSHALL *Metal Tools* 19 A little chalk rubbed over the surface of the metal will often enable the scriber lines to be more clearly seen.

Scribeship (skrəi·bʃip). *rare*—[2]. [f. SCRIBE *sb.*[1] + -SHIP.] The office or function of a scribe.

1624 BP. MOUNTAGUE *Gagg* To Rdr. 5 The Scribe was some puny-nouice in euery point of Scrib-ship. 1810 in *Spirit Publ. Jrnls.* XIV. 149 Myself his scribe, and all my scribeship then To note how many casks were gaug'd.

Scribing (skrəi·biŋ), *vbl. sb.* [-ING[1].]

1. The action of the verb SCRIBE.

1710 J. HARRIS *Lex. Techn.* II, *Scribing*, when the Joyners would fit a piece of Board, &c. to an irregular Surface, or any other irregular Piece: they [etc.]. 1876 PAPWORTH in *Encycl. Brit.* IV. 494/1 This operation is called scribing, and the result of it is evidently to make the skirting fit down on the floor with the utmost precision. 1896 KIPLING *Seven Seas, Story of Ung* 50 Ung, a maker of pictures, fell to his scribing on bone.

2. *concr.* The identifying mark on a cask, etc.; *pl.* incised markings on stone, etc.; also, writings, scribblings.

1859 M'CLINTOCK *Voy.* '*Fox*' *in Arctic Reg.* xiii. 242 The heading [of a cask] has been brought on board, but the

'scribing' upon it is very indistinct. 1895 *Nature* 28 Nov. 83 A number of mysterious rock-scribings. 1895 *Athenæum* 14 Dec. 839/1 Many of them [megalithic remains] are marked with scribings and other ornamentations. 1897 CROCKETT *Lad's Love* Ded. 9 But if you like my scribings not—well, pass; at least I was entirely happy when I wrote them.

3. *attrib.* In the names of various instruments or appliances for 'scribing', as *scribing-block, gauge, -iron, point,* etc. (See quots.)

1863 F. CAMPIN *Mech. Engin.* 66 (Cent.) A *scribing-block, which consists of a piece of metal joined to a wooden block at one end, and having at the other a point; it is useful for making centres, and for similar purposes. 1902 P. MARSHALL *Metal Tools* 19 Sometimes..a scriber is used in conjunction with a scribing block or surface gauge. 1839 URE *Dict. Arts* 269 A *scribing cutter is made to traverse round, and cut the pieces [*sc.* for the heads of casks]. 1895 *Mod. Steam Eng.* 84 *Scribing gauge. 1858 SIMMONDS *Dict. Trade,* **Scribing-iron,* an iron-pointed instrument for marking casks and logs of timber. 1879 *Nature* 30 Oct. 623/1 It is necessary that one and the same *scribing point should describe the sum of the two motions.

Scribism (skrəi·biz'm). [f. SCRIBE *sb.*[1] + -ISM.] The teaching and literature of the ancient Jewish scribes (SCRIBE *sb.*[1] 1); the qualities of the scribes.

1657 J. WATTS *Scribe, Pharisee,* etc. II. 203 As of all the other your Texts alleged against us, so of this, and the Scribism of the same. 1850 F. W. ROBERTSON *Serm.* Ser. III. v. (1857) 72 With our Evangelicalism, Tractarianism, Scribeisms, Pharisaisms, we have ceased to front the living fact. 1892 BRUCE *Apologetics* II. iv. 219 A risk which the subsequent career of scribism shows to have been far from imaginary.

†**Scribi·stical,** *a. Obs. rare*[−1]. [f. SCRIBE *sb.*[1] + -ISTICAL.] Characteristic of or relating to the scribes (SCRIBE *sb.*[1] 1).

1600 W. WATSON *Decacordon* (1602) 61 Their Pharisaical holinesse and Scribisticall zeale and religion.

Scriblative, variant of SCRIBBLATIVE *a.*

Scrible, etc., obs. forms of SCRIBBLE, etc.

†**Scrick-shoe.** *Obs. rare*[−1]. [a. MDu. *schricschoe,* f. stem of *schricken* to stride + *schoe* SHOE *sb.* Cf. MHG. *schriteschuoch,* mod.G. *schlittschuh,* in the same sense.] A skate.

1659 HOOLE *Comenius' Vis. World* (1672) 275 Boyes exercise themselves in runing, either upon the Ice, in Scrick-shooes,..or in the open field.

Scriddan (skri·dăn). *Sc.* Also **scridan.** [a. Gael. *sgriodan.*] (See quot. 1820.)

1793 *Statist. Acc. Scot.* VI. 249 The farms which are bases to high mountains, as in Kintail, suffer great losses from what is called Scriddan, or 'mountain torrent'...The farm of Auchuirn..was, in 1745, rendered uninhabitable..by an awful Scriddan. 1820 *Glenfergus* I. 203 (Jam.) When the rain falling on the side of a hill, tears the surface, and precipitates a large quantity of stones and gravel into the plain below, we call it a scridan. 1820 *Marmaiden o' Clyde* I. in Whitelaw *Bk. Sc. Ballads* (1857) 93/2 There's no ae burn in braid Clydesdale But wimples at my will, Nor a scridden broun that but my leave Comes tumbling doun the hill.

†**Scride,** *v. Sc. Obs.* [? Echoic: cf. SCREED *v.*] *intr.* To make a shrill sound. Hence **Scriding** *vbl. sb.*

c 1690 in *Roxb. Ball.* (1888) VI. 608 What? shall my Viol silent be, or leave her wonted Scriding?

Scrie, Scrieh : see SCRY, SKREIGH.

Scrieve (skrīv), *v. Sc.* Also **screeve, skrieve, screive, scrive.** [app. a. ON. *skrefa* to stride.] *intr.* To move or glide along swiftly. (See also *Eng. Dial. Dict.* and Jam.)

1785 BURNS *Halloween* xxiv, She thro' the whins, an' by the cairn, An' owre the hill gaed scrievin. — *Sc. Drink* v, But oil'd by thee, The wheels o' life gae down-hill, scrievin, Wi' rattlin glee. 1822 HOGG *Perils of Man* I. 54 Scrieving o'er law and dale. 1896 CROCKETT *Grey Man* i. 3 A screed of muirburn screeving across the hills.

Scrift(e, obs. forms of SHRIFT.

Scriggle (skri·g'l), *sb.* Chiefly *dial.* [f. SCRIGGLE *v.*] A wriggle; also, a scrawly piece of writing.

1832 J. WILSON *Nocl. Ambr.* in *Blackw. Mag.* Apr. 697 Unproductive of so much as the scriggle of a single tadpole. 1895 *E. Angl. Gloss., Scriggle,* a quick motion caused by tickling, a wriggle. 1905 *Daily Chron.* 18 Sept. 4/5 The last scriggle I had from him came on Friday night.

Scriggle (skri·g'l), *v.* Chiefly *dial.*: see *Eng. Dial. Dict.* Also **sk-.** [Phonetically symbolic: cf. SCRUGGLE *v.*] *intr.* To wriggle or struggle.

1806 BLOOMFIELD *Wild Flowers, Horkey* 169 They skriggl'd and began to scold, But laughing got the master. 1830 W. TAYLOR *Hist. Surv. Germ. Poetry* II. 359 How brisk [the fish] play And swarm, and scriggle everywhere! 1895 *E. Angl. Gloss., Skriggle,* to wriggle or struggle away.

Hence **Scri·ggler,** a wriggling creature; **Scri·ggling** *ppl. a.,* that 'scriggles'; **Scri·ggly** *a.,* wriggly, scrawly.

1823 E. MOOR *Suffolk Words* 355 A skriggler eel. 1854 MISS BAKER *Northampt. Gloss.* II. 207 A person who writes a light, scratchy, irregular hand, is said to write a *scriggling* hand. 1888 FENN *Dick o' Fens* 232 The scriggly legs of a beetle. 1895 A. PATTERSON *Man & Nature on Broads* 51 Into it [the eel-set] the scrigglers swim. 1905 *Daily Chron.* 16 Nov. 4/6 L. F. Austin's scriggly manuscript.

†**Scright.** *Obs.* In 4 **skrythe** (*but rimed with* -nyghte). [f. SCRIKE *v.*] A shout, cry.

13.. *St. Cristofer* 315 in Horstm. *Altengl. Leg.* (1881) 459 Whene þat it was abowte mydnyghte, Byȝonde þe water he herde a skrythe, Full lowde one heghte he herde it cry.

Scriit, variant of SCRITE, writing.

Scrike (skrəik), *sb.* Now only *dial.*: see *Eng. Dial. Dict.* For forms see the vb. [f. SCRIKE *v.* Cf. SCREAK *sb.*]

1. A shrill cry, a screech; = SCREAK *sb.*

13.. *Coer de L.* 4709 The Crystene men gunne make a scryke: Anon they wunnen ovyr the dyke. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 910 A wonderfull noyse Skremyt vp to the skrow with a skryke ffelle. *c* 1425 *Seven Sag.* (P.) 491 A grete scryke up he nam. 1500–20 DUNBAR *Poems, Fenȝeit Freir* 97 The ja him skrippit with a skryke. 1548 UDALL *Erasm. Par., Mark* xv. 37 Jesus..gaue a great skryke, and therwith yelded vp the ghost. 1631 *Celestina* xix. 190 You will haue mee fill my Fathers house with cryes and skrikes. 1891 ATKINSON *Last of Giant-Killers* 107 The savagest scrike ever uttered by a raving giant.

2. *Skrike of day,* the dawn. Cf. SCREAK *sb.* 3.

1746 COLLIER (Tim Bobbin) *View Lanc. Dial.* Wks. (1862) 41, I geet up be skrike o Dey. 1866 BROGDEN *Prov. Lincs.*

Scrike (skrəik), *v.* Now only *dial.*: see *Eng. Dial. Dict.* Forms: 4–6 **scryke, skryke,** 4–7, 8–9 *dial.* **scrike, skrike;** *pa. t.* 4 **skryȝte.** [Prob. of Scandinavian origin: cf. Norw. *skrika* (str. vb.), Da. *skrige.* See also SHRIEK.] *intr.* To utter a shrill harsh cry; = SCREAK *v.* 1.

1340 HAMPOLE *Pr. Consc.* 7347 Þe devils ay omang on þam salle stryke, And þe synfulle þare-with ay cry and skryke. *c* 1340 *Nominale* (Skeat) 744 *Senge braie,* Ape scrikith. *c* 1380 *Sir Ferumbr.* 1609 Loude þay cryede & skryȝte an hye: 'Mahoun wat is þy red?' *c* 1420 *Chron. Vilod.* 1671 He woke wt þat & scrykede for fere. *c* 1420 *Anturs of Arth.* 129 (Douce MS.) Þe birdes in þe bowes, þat one þe goost glowes, þei skryke [*Ireland* scryken] in þe skowes. *c* 1460 *Towneley Myst.* iii. 232 For all if she stryke, yit fast will she skryke. 1590 GREENE *Never too late* (1600) 98 Hee is such a sneaking fellowe, that..touch him and he will scrike. 1596 SPENSER *F. Q.* VI. iv. 18 The litle babe did loudly scrike and squall. *a* 1600 *Flodden Field* i. (1664) 8 Their names make..children skrike.

Hence **Scri·king** *vbl. sb.* and *ppl. a.* Also **Scri·ker,** one who scrikes.

1340 HAMPOLE *Pr. Consc.* 7352 Þare salle be swilk rareyng and ruschyng..And skrykyng of synfulle. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 10182 The skrew for þe skrykyng & skremyng of folke, Redoundet with dyn drede for to here. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 450/2 Scrykynge, of chyldyr, *vagitus.* 1599 HAKLUYT *Voy.* II. II. 112 Notwithstanding his pitifull lamentation and skrikings. 1631 R. BOLTON *Comf. Afft. Consc.* (1640) 241 They shall never more be heard, though with much violence they throw their scrikings into the Aire. 1632 LITHGOW *Trav.* IX. 401 A scriking noyse, as if it had beene the chirking of Frogs. 1891 ATKINSON *Last of Giant-Killers* 149 Others used to call it the 'Scriker' because of the awful scrikes (shrieks) it uttered.

Scrim (skrim). [Of obscure origin.] A kind of thin canvas used for lining in upholstery, and for other purposes. Also *attrib.*

1792 *Statist. Acc. Scot.* VI. 514 A few yard-wides called Scrims. 1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech., Scrims,* thin canvas glued on the inside of a panel to keep it from cracking or breaking. 1881 *Carter & Co.'s Pract. Gardener* 75 It is a good plan to have coarse scrim canvas strained over the ventilators. 1881 T. MOORE in *Encycl. Brit.* XII. 220/2 They should have attached to them scrim cloth (a sort of thin canvas), which admits light pretty freely, yet is sufficient to ward off ordinary frosts. 1885 *N. Y. Weekly Sun* 13 May 6/7 White goods, scrim curtains and table damasks have a fairly liberal outlet. 1895 *Daily News* 2 Feb. 2/6 The recent briskness in scrims has shown no sign of falling off.

†**Scri·mer.** *Obs. rare*[−1]. In 7 **scrimure.** [aphetic var. of ESCRIMER.] A fencer.

1602 SHAKS. *Ham.* IV. vii. 101 (Qo.[2]) The Scrimures of their nation He swore had neither motion, guard nor eye, If you opposd them.

†**Scri·mish,** *sb. Obs.* Forms: 6 **skrimishe, skrymisshe, scrimishe, scresmys, screamishe.** [f. SCRIMISH *v.* Cf. the later form SCRIMMAGE *sb.*]

1. = SKIRMISH *sb.*

1557 MACHYN *Diary* (Camden) 144 The xvij day of July was a scresmys at Margyson be-twyn the Englysmen and Frenchemen. 1562 MONTGOMERY in *Archæologia* XLVII. 224 As the auncient and faulmous Romainges..who exercised theire souldiors to the screamishe, to marche in battaile [etc.]. *Ibid.* 226 To be instructed yn martiall fealtes..whithe the marche, scrimishe, and order of battaile.

2. An alarm, an outcry. *rare.* Cf. SCRIMMAGE 2.

1505 in *10th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. v. 391 Every man that answerith not the crye or skrimishe at every of the town gattes..with his feansabull weapon, to paie and forfayte xii.*d.*

†**Scri·mish,** *v. Obs.* In 6 **skrymysshe, skryssmys.** [variant (after OF. *escremiss-*) of SKIRMISH *v.* (a. OF. *eskermiss-*), q. v. for the full history. Cf. the later form SCRIMMAGE *v.*] *intr.* To skirmish.

1523 LD. BERNERS *Froiss.* I. xviii. 9 b, And some of the oste mounted on good horses, and rode forth to skrymysshe with theym. 1554 MACHYN *Diary* (Camden) 60 Ther the qweyns men and [Wyatt's] men dyd skryssmys.

Scrimmage (skri·midʒ), **scrummage** (skrʌ·midʒ), *sb.* Forms: *α.* 5 **scrymmage,** 6 **scrymage,** 7 **scrimage,** 7, 9 **skrimmage,** 8 **skrimage,** 8–9 **scrimmage;** *β.* 9 **skrummage, scrummage.** [Altered form of SCRIMISH *sb.,* the ending being associated with -AGE *suffix.* Cf. the parallel *skirmage,* obs. var. of SKIRMISH *sb.*]

†1. = SKIRMISH *sb.* Also, a fencing bout. *Obs.*

c 1470 HENRY *Wallace* III. 359 Ane Inglisman, on the gait, saw he play At the scrymmagis a bukler on his hand. *Ibid.* IX. 458 Then Longaweill, that ay was full sawage, With Wallace past, as ane to that scrymmage. 1549 *MSS. Dk. Rutland* (Hist. MSS. Comm.) IV. 356 To ij Duchemen that were hurt in the scrymage at Dunbar, XS. 1567 DRANT *Horace, Ep.* I. xviii. F v, The Oste denydes their bargies, and the water scrymage then..in foishe guyse is playde by youthely men. 1643 *Par. Reg. St. Mary's Beverley* 30 June, O'r great scrimage in Beverley & god gave us the victory.

†2. An outcry, alarm; = SCRIMISH *sb.* 2. *Obs.*

1632 *Acts Durham High Comm. Crt.* (Surtees) 30 Shee heard her mistris..make a great skrimmage or outcry.

3. *colloq.* A noisy contention or tussle; also, a confused struggle between persons, often with exchange of blows; a free-fight, scuffle.

α. 1780 JOHNSON *Lett.* 6 June, Mrs. Vesey protests that I do not love them since that skrimage. 1826 J. F. COOPER *Mohicans* XX, That we shall have what you may call a brisk push of it, is probable; and it may happen, a brush, a skrimmage. 1844 *Catholic Weekly Instr.* 127 The wild exultant cry so frequently heard in an Irish scrimmidge. 1884 *Manch. Exam.* 15 Nov. 5/2 There was generally a chance of a scrimmage with the police when these mounted processions took their outing. 1897 MARY KINGSLEY *W. Africa* 138 Fearful scrimmage heard going on all the time on the deck below.

β. 1823 E. MOOR *Suffolk Words* 356 *Skrummage,* a battle, a fray; probably skirmish. 1830 MARRYAT *King's Own* XXVI, In two scrummages only two men were killed out of hundreds. 1833 — *P. Simple* XIII, 'Was there a fight?' 'Not much of a fight—only a bit of a skrummage—three crowner's inquests, no more.' 1905 *Daily Chron.* 15 July 6/3 [The] entrance arrangements, which necessitated a scrummage lasting from five to fifteen minutes to those who were ticket-holders.

b. *dial.* A confused, noisy proceeding. (Cf. *Eng. Dial. Dict.* and SCRIMMAGE *v.* 2.)

1855 KINGSLEY *Westw. Ho!* XXX, If everybody's caranting about to once, each after his own man, nobody'll find nothiog in such a scrimmage as that.

4. *Rugby Football.* Originally, a confused struggle in which the players on either side endeavour to force their opponents and the ball towards the opposite goal; now, an ordered formation in which the two sets of forwards pack themselves together with their heads down and endeavour by pushing to work their opponents off the ball and break away with it or heel it out. Phr. *To carry the scrimmage,* to gain ground in a scrimmage. *To hold the scrimmage,* to prevent one's opponents from gaining ground.

α. 1864 *Field* 10 Dec. 403/2 After several severe scrimmages in the School goal, a run-in was obtained. 1887 SHEARMAN *Athletics & Football* 311 The first and essential requisite to a forward team is that it should be able to 'hold', if not always to 'carry the scrimmage'. 1899 W. CAMP in *Football* (Badm. Libr.) 287 (American Football) Someone upon his side..must place the ball on the ground at that spot for a 'scrimmage', as it is termed.

β. 1857 HUGHES *Tom Brown* I. V, Then the two sides close and you can see nothing for minutes but a swaying crowd of boys, at one point violently agitated. That is where the ball is..This is what we call a scrummage, gentlemen. 1867 *Routledge's Handbk. Football* 47 A Scrummage commences—i. e. the bolder puts the ball down on the ground, and all who have closed round on their respective sides begin kicking at the ball. 1889 H. VASSALL *Rugby Football* 32 A team must contain enough honest workers to be able to hold the scrummage. 1892 *Outdoor Games* 548 A maul, or tight scrummage. *Ibid.* 549 A loose scrummage may be described as half way between a maul and a dribble.

b. A tussle for the ball among players (in various games).

1883 F. M. CRAWFORD *Mr. Isaacs* VIII, [Polo] Twice the ball was sent over the line..by long sweeping blows from Isaacs, who ever hovered on the edge of the scrimmage. 1889 *Field* 12 Jan. 61/3 [Hockey] Lucas putting the ball through out of a scrummage in front of goal off the goal-keeper. *Ibid.* 89/1, [Association] A scrimmage in the mouth of the goal appeared likely to result in a further point.

Scri·mmage, scru·mmage, *v.* [f. the sb.]

1. *intr.* 'To skirmish, quarrel; to scramble; to argue' (*Eng. Dial. Dict.*).

α 1825 FORBY *Voc. E. Anglia, Scrimmage, Scrummage* v., to skirmish, &c.

2. To bustle about.

1833 T. HOOK *Love & Pride* VI, You keep here, sir, while I go skrimmiging about the premises. 1883 PENNELL-ELMHIRST *Cream Leicestersh.* 255 Without a scent, hounds scrimmaged hither and thither with the cubs in the low dense gorse. 1887 HARE *Story Life* (1900) VI. 59 She scrimmaged at the fire, and raked out all she possibly could.

3. *Rugby Football.* To put (the ball) in a scrummage as a means of re-starting the game when and where it has been temporarily stopped, as for some breach of the rules; also, to propel or take along in a scrimmage.

1881 *Sportsman's Year-bk.* 165 The ball is scrummaged where the act of off-side was committed. 1887 *Field* 19 Nov. 790/1 The ball had been dead a short way outside, and when scrummaged off was removed out of danger. 1892 *Outdoor Games* 540 If it [*sc.* the ball] is scrummaged over [the goal-line], the chances are ten to one that the defending side avert disaster by means of a touch-down.

Scri·mmager, scru·mmager. [f. SCRIMMAGE *v.* + -ER[1].] One who takes part in a scrimmage.

1881 *Sportsman's Year-bk.* 263 [Hockey] A somewhat heavier stick best suits the scrimmager. 1889 H. VASSALL *Rugby Football* 28 But as every [forward] player..has to go into scrummages whether he likes it or not, he can at least learn not to spoil the play of the genuine scrummagers.

fig. 1903 *Q. Rev.* Apr. 534 It is the fashion to decry those

hardy scrimmagers whose battle-pieces occupy so much of the old reviews.

Scri·mmaging, scru·mmaging, *vbl. sb.* [f. SCRIMMAGE *v.* + -ING 1.] The action of the vb.

1887 SHEARMAN *Athletics & Football* 304 It became necessary to choose some for their scrimmaging, and others for their dribbling and following up. 1889 *Field* 26 Jan. 123/1 A lot of fast scrummaging was indulged in.

b. *attrib.*

1887 *Field* 19 Nov. 790/1 The forwards are a capital set in the open, but lack scrummaging power. 1887 SHEARMAN *Athletics & Football* 305 The loose scrimmaging system.

Scri·mmaging, *ppl. a.* [f. SCRIMMAGE *v.* + -ING 2.] That scrimmages; hustling, fussy.

1853 R. S. SURTEES *Sponge's Sp. Tour* xiv. (1893) 75 Mrs. Jawleyford..was a very scrimmaging, rough-and-ready sort of woman. *Ibid.* liii. 293 Their management [pack of hounds] was only of the scrimmaging order.

Scrimp (skrimp), *a.* and *adv.* [This and the related SCRIMP *v.* first appear in the 18th c. The origin is obscure; cognate forms are Sw., Da. *skrumpen* shrivelled, MHG. *schrimpfen* (Mid.Ger. *schrimpen* str. vb.) to contract, *trans.* to wrinkle up (the nose), G. *schrumpfen* to shrivel; also SHRIMP *sb.*, in ME. a diminutive creature. More remotely allied are OE. *scrimman* to be paralysed, SCRAM *a.*] **A.** *adj.* Scant, scanty, meagre.

1718 WODROW *Corr.* (1843) II. 380 They say the young man is none of the greatest abilities, and the people are not so much for him, and his call scrimp; and it's alleged this aversion comes from the Presbytery. 1725 RAMSAY *Gentle Sheph.* III. iv, He gangs about sornan frae Place to Place, As scrimp of Manners as of Sense and Grace. 1733 W. CRAWFORD *Infidelity* (1836) 59 Our own soul..is..too scrimp an image to give us either a full or clear representation of him. 1812 Sir J. SINCLAIR *Syst. Husb. Scot.* I. 15 The accommodations necessary for preparing the grain for market ought never to be too scrimp. 1854 Miss KEDDIE *Phemie Millar* I. ii. 24 Mrs. Millar in a scrimp dark green woollen dress. 1876 SMILES *Sc. Natur.* xviii. 386 Edward, though poor and scrimp of means, has always enjoyed a happy home. 1897 *Westm. Gaz.* 9 Nov. 1/3 Their scrimp management of the most lucrative investment in the world.

†**B.** *adv.* Scarcely, barely. *Obs.*

1824 Miss FERRIER *Inher.* xl, Not that he's come so far as to need it—for it's but scrimp six miles. 1834 M. SCOTT *Cruise Midge* xi. (1863) 189 And I can scrimp deny that same.

Scrimp (skrimp), *v.* Also *Sc.* **skrimp.** [See SCRIMP *a.*]

1. *trans.* To keep on short allowance; esp. with regard to food.

a 1774 FERGUSSON *Poems* (1807) 254 At Hallow-fair, whare browsters rare..dinna scrimp ye o' a skair O' kebbucks frae their pantries. 1818 SCOTT *Hrt. Midl.* xxxix, I trust you winna skrimp yourself for what is needfu' for your health. 1886 TENNYSON *Locksley Hall After* 221 There the Master scrimps his haggard sempstress of her daily bread.

2. To cut short in amount; to be sparing of.

1834 *Tait's Mag.* I. 726/2 Pensions and sinecures were now defensible By wisdom's rules; and who could think of scrimping 'em. 1875 TENNYSON *Q. Mary* III. iii, Do not scrimp your phrase, But stretch it wider.

3. *intr.* To economize, to be niggardly.

1848 LOWELL *Biglow P.* Ser. I. viii. Poems 1890 II. 131 While we are saving and scrimping at the spigot, the government is drawing off at the bung. 1909 *New York Observer* 2 Sept. 313/2 The result of overwork in frequent but fruitless endeavors to scrimp on household expenses.

Hence **Scri·mping** *vbl. sb.* and *ppl. a.*

1855 Mrs. WHITCHER *Widow Bedott P.* xxvii. (1883) 123 Bethiar Nobles..knows..how every lady in town carries on her kitchenary consarns, how scrimpin' they live, and all that. 1893 LELAND *Mem.* I. 290 This wretched scrimping prevailed through the whole business.

Scrimped (skrimpt), *ppl. a.* Also 8 *Sc.* **scrimpit, -et.** [f. SCRIMP *v.* + -ED 1.] Stinted, contracted, narrow.

1725 RAMSAY *Gentle Sheph.* I. i, A Mind that's scrimpit never wants some Care. 1786 BURNS *Ep. to J. S.* iii, That auld, capricious carlin, Nature, To mak amends for scrimpet stature, She's turn'd you off a human-creature On her first plan. 1889 *Daily Tel.* 22 Apr. 2 The 4th West Surrey had the new haversack, the cover of which is too scrimped.

Scrimpiness (skri·mpinės). [f. SCRIMPY *a.* + -NESS.] 'Scrimpy' quality, meagreness.

1858 SURTEES *Ask Mamma* li, Monsieur, rising in the gig, showing the scrimpiness of his coat.

†**Scri·mple,** *v. Obs. rare.* [Cf. CRIMPLE *v.*; also SCRUMPLE *v.* and G. *schrumpeln, schrumpfeln.*] *trans.* To shrivel with fierce heat, to scorch. Also, to crumple, crinkle. Hence †**Scri·mpled** *ppl. a.*

1535 STEWART *Cron. Scot.* (Rolls) III. 396 The Scottis hirdis..Of scrymplit ledder mony closbow maid. *a* 1572 KNOX *Hist. Ref.* Wks. 1846 I. 17 A trane of powder was ..sett a fyre, quhilk gave to the blessed martyre of God a glaise, skrimpled his left hand, and that syd of his face.

Scrimply(skri·mpli), *adv.* [f. SCRIMP *a.* + -LY 2.]

1. In a niggardly, parsimonious manner.

1724 RAMSAY *Health* 364 Nor scrimply save from what's to merit due. *a* 1728—*Miser & Minos* 6 He..scrimply fed on Crumbs and Water. 1864 J. BROWN *Jeems* 5 Nature..had finished off the rest of Jeems somewhat scrimply, as if she had run out of means.

2. Barely, scarcely.

1786 BURNS *Vision* I. xi, Down flow'd her robe, a tartan sheen, Till half a leg was scrimply seen. 1873 *Contemp. Rev.* XXI. 432 It is a cheap and easy course, but scrimply honest.

Scrimpy (skri·mpi), *a.* [f. SCRIMP *a.* + -Y.] Of meagre dimensions, scanty.

1855 ROBINSON *Whitby Gloss., Scrimpy.* 1866 Mrs. GASKELL *Wives & Dau.* xiii, A..jacket over her scrimpy and short white petticoat. 1883 *Mag. of Art* Aug. 402/1 A hall and staircase less abjectly 'scrimpy' than those usually met with.

Scrimshank (skri·mʃæŋk), *v. Mil. slang.* Also **skr-.** [Of obscure origin.] *intr.* To shirk duty. Hence **Scri·mshanking** *vbl. sb.* and *ppl. a.*; also **Scri·mshank** *sb.*, an act of 'scrimshanking'; **Scri·mshanker,** a shirker.

1890 BARRÈRE & LELAND *Slang* Scrimshank *v.*, Scrimshanker. 1893 KIPLING *Many Invent.* 135 If Mulvaney stops skrimshanking..I lay your lives will be trouble to you. 1902 *Blackw. Mag.* Jan. 2/2 A skrimshanking Tommy. 1903 *Pilot* 17 Oct. 378/1 We all know that you are due for a long skrim-shank next month.

Scrimshaw (skri·mʃɑ̧), *sb. Naut.* [Of obscure origin; the surname *Scrimshaw*, if not actually the source, may have influenced the form of the word. Cf. prec.] A general name (also *scrimshaw work*) for the handicrafts practised by sailors by way of pastime during long whaling and other voyages, and for the products of these, as small manufactured articles, carvings on bone, ivory, or shells, and the like. Also **Scri·mshaw** *v.*, *trans.* to decorate or produce as scrimshaw work; *absol.* to employ oneself in scrimshaw work; **Scri·mshander, -shandy** = SCRIMSHAW *sb.*; **Scri·mshoner,** one who practises scrimshaw work.

1851 H. MELVILLE *Whale* I. 14, I found a number of young seamen..examining..divers specimens of scrimshander. *Ibid.* II. 128 Other like skrimshander articles. 1864 *Hotten's Slang Dict.*, *Scrimshaw*, anything made by sailors for themselves in their leisure hours at sea is called Scrimshaw-work. 1883 CLARK RUSSELL *Sailors' Lang., Scrimshandy*, an Americanism signifying the objects in ivory or bone carved by whalemen during their long voyages. 1883 *Fisheries Exhib. Catal.* 198 Collection illustrating the games, amusements, literature, art-work of the fishermen; musical instruments, carvings ('scrimshandy'), &c. *Ibid.* 207 Walrus tusks scrim-shawed, and frame made of walrus ivory. 1887 GOODE, etc. *Fisheries of U. S.* v. II. 231 Scrimshawing is..the art.. of manufacturing useful and ornamental articles at sea. 1898 F. T. BULLEN *Cruiss of 'Cachalot'* viii. 83 The great jawpans were sawn off, and placed at the disposal of anybody who wanted pieces of bone for 'scrimshaw', or carved work. *Ibid.* xxi. 258 Such pieces as were useful to the 'scrimshoners' for ornamenting their nicknacks. 1906 B. LUBBOCK *Jack Derringer* 171 Specimens of skrimshander, rare shells and Japanese nitchkies in cabinets.

Scrin (skrin). *dial. Mining.* Also 9 **skrin, scrinn.** [Cf. MDu. *schrinde, schrunde* (Kilian) = OHG. *scrunta* (mod.G. *schrunde*) fissure, crack, OHG. *scrintan* (MHG., MDu. *schrinden*) to crack.] (See quot. 1881.)

1747 HOOSON *Miner's Dict.* D 4, In Scrins they are usually made by Choaking in long Stones between the two Sides. 1829 *Glover's Hist. Derby* I. 65 Small (lead) veins, usually called *strings*, or *scrins*, often extend from the rake. 1836 R. FURNESS *Astrologer* I. Wks. (1858) 135 In shaft, and scrinn, broad-rake, flatt, pipe, and vein, His mode of timbering shew'd all others mean. 1881 RAYMOND *Mining Gloss., Scrin*, or *Skrin*, Derb., a small subordinate vein.

Scrinch (skrintʃ), *v. U. S.* [Cf. SCRINGE *v.*] *intr.* To sit closely, to squeeze together.

1869 Mrs. WHITNEY *We Girls* vi, Nor have to scrinch all up..for fear she'd touch us.

†**Scrine.** *Obs.* Forms: *a.* 3, 5–6 **scryne,** 6 **scrine, scrynne, skryne,** 6–7 **skrine**; *β.* 5 **screne,** 6 **screene.** [a. OF. *escrin* (mod.F. *écrin* jewel-case):—L. *scrinium* box for books and papers, writing-desk, whence OE. *scrin* SHRINE *sb.* Cf. MDu., Du. *schrijn* (MDu. also *schrein, schreen*, whence possibly the *β* forms above).] A box for the safe-keeping of valuables; *spec.* a chest in which the relics of saints are preserved, a SHRINE.

a 1300 *Leg. Rood* (1871) 46 Þe quene of seluer and [of] gold an riche scryne wro3te. 14.. *Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 610/35 *Scrinium, vas vel locus ubi libri vel thesauri servantur*, a screne. *c* 1450 *Mirk's Festial* 180 He com to þe chyrch and to þe scryne of Saynt Wenefryd. *a* 1553 UDALL *Royster D.* IV. vii. (Arb.) 73, I haue seene your head with it full many a tyme, Conered as safe as it had bene with a skrine. 1556 *Chron. Grey Friars* (Camden) 94 Item the vth day of Januarij [1555] was sent Edwardes day and thene was sett up the scrynne at Westmyster. 1570 LEVINS *Manip.* 69/31 A screene, *scrinium*. 1591 G. FLETCHER *Russe Commw.* vi. 17 b, In the great Church..is erected a stage whereon standeth a scrine that beareth vpon it the Imperiall cappe and robe of very riche stuffe. 1648 HEXHAM II, *Een Schrijne*, a Skrine, or a Coffin.

b. *fig.*

1542 UDALL *Erasm. Apoph.* 145 b, The mynde or solle of manne is..housed or bidden within the tabernacle or skryne of the bodye.

†**Scri·nerary.** *Obs. rare*—1. [ad. It. *scrinerario*, erron. form of *scriniario.*] = SCRINIARY.

1670 G. H. tr. *Hist. Cardinals* I. III. 85 The Chancellor.. had under him twelve Scrineraries, and one Proto-Scrinerary.

Scringe (skrindʒ), *sb.* [Belongs to SCRINGE *v.*2] A kind of seine net. Also *scringe net.*

1851 *Act* 14 & 15 *Vict.* c. 26 § 6 It shall not be lawful for any Person to use for the Purpose of taking Herrings..any Sweep, Circle, Ring Net, or Scringe Net, or any Net prohibited by the said..Acts. 1895 'J. BICKERDYKE' *Sea Fishing* 282 There are broadly speaking, three descriptions of seine nets: (1) the common or deep-water seine, (2) the tuck seine, and (3) the ground seine, foot seine, or scringe.

Scringe, *v.*1 *Obs.* exc. *dial.* Also 9 (*dial.*) **skreenge, skringe.** [Altered form of CRINGE: see SCR-.]

1. *trans.* To screw up (one's face); to shrug (the back or shoulders) from cold.

1608 ARMIN *Nest Ninn.* (1880) 51 This morrall motion gaue the world such a buffet, that she skrindge [? *read* skringed] her face as though she were pincht home. 1823 E. MOOR *Suffolk Words* 355 *Skringe*, screw, shrink; in this sense, sheep clipped in cold weather are said to skringe their backs up.

2. To squeeze violently.

1790 Mrs. ANN WHEELER *Westmorld. Dial.* iii. 73 Tom.. fel a top on him an skreengd him terrably. 1854 Miss BAKER *Northampt. Gloss., Skringe.*

3. *intr.* To flinch, cower.

a 1825 FORBY *Voc. E. Anglia, Scringe*,..to cringe; to shrink as it were from fear of chastisement. 1861 LOWELL *Biglow P.* Ser. II. i. Poems 1890 II. 230 That makes European tyrans scringe in all their gilded pel'ces. 1897 BARTRAM *People of Clopton* vii. 192 Ye needn't scringe, Exeter, tain't so baad as all that.

Scringe (skrindʒ), *v.*2 *dial.* Also **screenge, skreenge.** [Prob. a use of the dialectal *skreenge* 'to scourge, flog' (Jam.).] *intr.* To fish with a scringe net. Also *trans.* Hence **Scri·nging** *vbl. sb.* and *ppl. a.* Also **Scri·nger.**

1825 JAMIESON, *Skreengin.* 2. A mode of fishing with small nets during the night, without the aid of torches, on the coast of Argyleshire. This mode of fishing is simply *scourging* the water. 1898 MACMANUS *Bend of Road* 208 Her bate wasn't to be foun', nor yet her like again, an' screenge all Irelan' with a herrin' net. 1901 *Scotsman* 4 Mar. 10/1 It is a fashion for yacht owners to say that scringing, if carried on by their crews, is not carried on by their consent. *Ibid.*, On the calm summer nights scringing crews will travel long distances. *Ibid.*, Professional scringers are in no sense sportsmen.

Scri·niary. [ad. late L. *scrīniārius*, f. *scrīnium*: see SCRINE.] A keeper of the archives.

1866 STUBBS *Lett.* (1904) 104 The Archbishop of Treves was Ludolf, and a Ludolf was scriniary in 978, and may have been the same person.

Scrip (skrip), *sb.*1 *arch.* Forms: 3–7 **scrippe,** 4–5 **scripe, skrippe,** 4–6 **skrip,** 5 **scryp(e, skryppe,** 5–6 **skryp, scryppe,** 3– **scrip.** Prob. a. OF. *escrep(p)e* wallet, purse, bag for alms (later *escerpe, escharpe*, mod. F. *écharpe* scarf). Cf. SHRIP.

ON. had *skreppa* (Sw. *skräppa*, Da. *skreppe*) in the same sense, but it is doubtful whether the word is native or from OF. The OF. word is commonly supposed to be of Teut. origin; cf. the MHG. gloss 'scherbe, *pera*' (Graff.). The commonly cited OE. *scrīpp* has no existence; the supposed instance is a scribal or editorial mistake for *scip* (ship).]

A small bag, wallet, or satchel, *esp.* one carried by a pilgrim, a shepherd, or a beggar.

In ME. frequently coupled with BOURDON 2 (= staff); cf. OF. *escrepe et bordon.*

a 1300 *K. Horn* 1093 Horn tok burdon and scrippe. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 11425 Þair scrippes..þam failed neuer o drinc ne fode. 1393 LANGL. *P. Pl.* C. VIII. 180 Ich seyh neuere palmere with pyk ne with scrippe [*v.r.* shrippe] Asken after hym. *c* 1400 *Rom. Rose* 7405 She had a burdoun al of Thefte And a scrippe of Fainte Distresse. 1483 CAXTON *Gold. Leg.* 262/3 [He] clad hym with thabyte of a pylgryme ..a scryppe on his sholder and a pylgryms staff in his right honde. 1524 in G. Oliver *Historic Coll.* (1841) App. 15 A staffe and scryppe of Seynt James. 1572–3 in Nichols *Progr. Eliz.* (1823) I. 324 A scrippe of mother-of-perle,.. hanging at three little cheines of golde. 1610 FLETCHER *Faithf. Sheph.* I. i, Every Shepherds Boy Puts on his lusty green, with gandy hook, And hanging scrip of finest Cordevan. 1648 HERRICK *Hesper., Captiv'd Bee* 23 He laid his little scrip Of hony 'fore her Ladiship. 1661 MORGAN *Sph. Gentry* II. viii. 104 Argent a Cheveron between three Palmers scrips Sable. 1766 GOLDSM. *Hermit* vii, A scrip with herbs and fruits supplied. 1840 DICKENS *Barn. Rudge* xlv, He wore, hanging with a long strap round his neck, a kind of scrip or wallet, in which to carry food. 1870 MORRIS *Earthly Par.* I. II. 458 A staff he bore, but nowise was he bent With scrip or wallet.

allusively. 1587 GREENE *Penelopes Web* D 1, Fallen from a Crowne to a Cottage, and from a Scepter almost to a Scrip. *Comb.* 1530 PALSGR. 799 Scryppe wyse, lyke or in maner of a scryppe.

†**Scrip,** *sb.*2 *Sc. Obs.* [f. SCRIP *v.*2] A scornful grimace.

1470 HENRY *Wallace* VI. 143 Ane maid a scrip, and tyt at his lang suorde.

Scrip (skrip), *sb.*3 *Obs.* exc. *dial.* (see E.D.D.). [App. an alteration of SCRAP *sb.* and SCRAPE *sb.*, with weakened vowel expressive of smallness; prob. influenced by association with SCRIPT *sb.*]

1. A small piece or scrap (of paper, usually with writing upon it; rarely, of other things).

1617 HIERON *Wks.* II. 92 There is not the least scrip of the bill kept in hand for any second demand, when once the bond is cancelled. 1676 C. HATTON in *Hatton Corr.* (1878) 134, I punish myself y^t I may revenge myself on you for y^r little scripps of paper. 1681 E. MURPHY *State Irel.* § 16 He would not save the least scrip of his goods. 1692 LOCKE *Consid. Lower. Interest* (1692) 25 That cannot be till scrips of Paper can be made current Coin. 1704 J. PITTS *Relig. Mohammetans* v. 33 They'll not suffer a scrip of clean Paper to lie on the Ground. 1754 SHEBBEARE *Matrimony* (1766) I. 243 Of such strange Importance can Love make a Scrip of Paper, and a few black Lines. 1809 W. IRVING *Knickerb.* To Public (1849) 27 And here have I.. collected, collated, and arranged them, scrip and scrap.

2. *Scrip* (*of a pen*): a small scrap of writing. Cf. SCRAPE *sb.*1 2 b, SCRIBE *sb.*2 2.

1710 R. WARD *Life H. More* Pref., It was the Expression

of a very great Person, That not a Scrip of the Doctor's should be lost. 1775 JEFFERSON *Let.* Writ. 1892 I. 489, I never had received the scrip of a pen from any mortal breathing. 1779 J. ADAMS in *Fam. Lett.* (1876) 357 For God's sake never reproach me again with not writing or with writing scrips. 1874 *N. & Q.* Ser. v. I. 66, I sent you a 'scrip' at once, to thank you for the parcel, and now write more fully. 1909 *Westm. Gaz.* 13 Apr. 2/3 When I write to you, I often sigh To see so poor a scrip.

3. *U. S.* Fractional paper currency.

1889 MACOUN *List Canadian Plants*, The price of the list is 50 cents per copy. Scrip preferred to postage stamps.

Scrip (skrip), *sb.*[4] [Short for SUBSCRIPTION.]

1. (Short for †*subscription receipt.*) Originally, a receipt for a portion of a loan subscribed. Now, in strict commercial use, a provisional document entitling the holder to a share or number of shares in a joint-stock undertaking, and exchangeable for a more formal certificate when the necessary payments have been completed; often *collect. sing.* Hence, in loose or popular language, applied to share certificates in general.

1762 T. MORTIMER *Ev. Man own Broker* (ed. 5) iv. 174 The receipts for the 3 per Cent. Annuities, are called by the Brokers, Scrip. and Light-Horse...In the month of March ..just after the second payment, a person may buy a receipt for 500*l.* Scrip. for 25*l.* 1796 GROSE *Dict. Vulgar T.* (ed. 3) s.v., Scrip is also a Change Alley phrase for the last loan or subscription. What does scrip go at for the next rescounters? what does scrip sell for delivered at the next day of settling? 1820 G. G. CAREY *Guide Publ. Funds* 10 When the loan is in progress..the separate parts..are called Scrip. 1828–32 WEBSTER s.v., A certificate of stock subscribed to a bank or other company, or of a share of other joint property, is called in America a scrip. 1833 THACKERAY in *National Standard* 18 May, The eighths, halves, and quarters, scrip, options, and shares. 1848 *Rev. Statutes Wisconsin* (1858) 40 No scrip, certificate, or other evidence of state debt. 1850 CARLYLE *Latter-d. Pamph.* vii. 4 You find a dying railway, you say to it, Live, blossom anew with scrip. 1855 TENNYSON *Brook* 4 Lucky rhymes to him were scrip and share. 1865 *Shareholders' Guard.* 8 Nov. 847/2 'Scrip'..is applied to the stocks given in exchange for a loan, as Reduced Scrip, Consol Scrip, &c. 1888 F. HUME *Mme. Midas* I. ii, The small table before him was covered with scrip. 1901 *Rules Stock Exch.* 141 In case the payment of an instalment on Foreign or other Scrip falls on a Settling-day,

b. *attrib.*

1798 *Chron.* in *Ann. Reg.* 33/1 Robert Reaves the stock broker who was..found guilty..of forging scrip-receipts. 1839 DE LA BECHE *Rept. Geol. Cornw.* etc. 565 The number of shares has amounted to 10,000 or more in the scrip mines. 1841 THACKERAY *Gt. Hoggarty Diam.* xi, The shares were scrip shares, making the dividend payable to the bearer. 1850 CARLYLE *Latter-d. Pamph.* vii. 3 Mounted on some figure of a Locomotive, garnished with Scrip-rolls proper. 1869 REDFIELD *Law Railways* (ed. 4) I. 7 They have no right to decline accepting such scripholder, as a shareholder. 1881 *Chicago Times* 4 June, The directors of the Atlanta and West Point railroad have decided to issue a scrip dividend of 100 per cent. interest. 1882 OGILVIE, *Scrip-company*, a company having shares which pass by delivery, without the formalities of register or transfer. 1901 *Rules Stock Exch.* 129 Every bond or scrip share is to be considered perfect, unless it be much torn or damaged.

2. *Bookselling.* (Short for *subscription price.*) A trade price 25 % below the published price.

So called because this was originally the price at which books were sold by the publisher to the booksellers who 'subscribed' them, i. e. agreed before publication to take a certain number of copies. Now, however, 'scrip' is the most unfavourable trade terms that are given, the ordinary trade rate being known as 'sale price'.

1884 *Bookseller* 6 Nov. 1173/1 To enter the books at scrip. 1897 *Publishers' Circular* 3 July 8/2 Those dealers who refuse to come into the arrangement..should be supplied at no better terms than scrip.

†**Scrip,** *v.*[1] *Obs. rare.* In 5 skryp. [f. SCRIP *sb.*[1]] *refl.* To provide oneself with a scrip.

1426 LYDG. *De Guil. Pilgr.* 6515 Whan they hem skryppen enerychon.

†**Scrip,** *v.*[2] *Sc. Obs.* Also 6 skrip(e, 7 scirp. [Cf. SCORP *v.*] a. *trans.* To mock, deride. b. *intr.* To scoff, jeer.

c 1450 HOLLAND *Howlat* 67 Sum skripe me with scorne. 1500–20 DUNBAR *Fenzeit Freir* 97 The ja him skrippit with a skryke. *a* 1572 KNOX *Hist. Ref.* Wks. 1846 I. 119 The Cardinall scripped and said, 'It is but the Island flote'. 1651 CALDERWOOD *Hist. Kirk* (1843) II. 278 When Lethington had viewed the Apologie, he scripped and said, '*Homines obscuri*'. 1658 R. BAILLIE *Lett. & Jrnls.* (1841) III. 362 They scirp at all we can doe or say for peace.

†**Scrip·ple,** *sb. Obs.* Also 4 scripil(le, scripul, 5 scrypull, 6 scripple. [ad. L. *scrūpulum*, var. of *scrūpulus*, *-um* SCRUPLE, esp. in the sense of 'small weight'.] = SCRUPLE *sb.*[1] and [2].

c 1380 WYCLIF *Sel. Wks.* II. 201 þus seiен seintis, þat him wantiþ not scripul of privy felowship, þat leeveþ to blame an open synne. 1382 — *Exod.* xxx. 13 A sicle, that is, a nounce, hath twenti half scripilles. *Ibid.* 1 *Sam.* xxv. 31 This shal not be to thee..into scripil of herte [Vulg. *in scrupulum cordis*]. *c* 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* II. 418 Putte theryn A scriple of foyl, and half a scriple of fyn Saffron. *c* 1450 *Mirk's Festial* 18 This holy apostoll preuet so oure fay, þat he lafte no scrypull yn no parte þeryn. 1540 J. HEYWOOD *Four PP.* 614 Here is a syrapus de Bizansys A lyttell thynge is ynough of thys For euen the weyght of one scrippull Shall make you stronge as a crippull.

†**Scrip·ple,** *a. Obs. rare.* In 5 scrypyll. [Origin obscure, but cf. SCRUPLENESS.] Scrupulous.

a 1500 MEDWALL *Nature* I. 1281 (Brandl) Yf he vary agayne Of scrypyll ymagynacyon.

Scripless (skri·plės), *a.* [SCRIP *sb.*[1]] Without scrip or wallet. (With allusion to Malt. x. 10.)

1850 J. HAMILTON *Mem. Lady Colquhoun* vi. 234 Then it was that on the adherents of the new and scripless Institution was poured out that spirit of joyful contribution. 1867 R. PALMER *Life P. Howard* 3 As purseless, scripless and shoeless as the seventy-two disciples of Christ.

Scrippage (skri·pėdʒ). [f. SCRIP *sb.*[1] + -AGE.] In Shakspere's phr. *scrip and scrippage*, modelled on *bag and baggage*; rarely used independently.

1600 SHAKS. *A. Y. L.* III. ii. 171 Come Shepheard, let vs make an honorable retreit, though not with bagge and baggage, yet with scrip and scrippage. 1812 SCOTT *Fam. Lett.* 20 Sept. (1894) I. viii. 259, I wrote to Morritt that I would make a raid on him with bag and baggage, scrip and scrippage about Monday. 1855 *Chamb. Jrnl.* IV. 218, I.. found I should be knocked entirely to pieces by the graze and jam of the boxes and scrippage, as the tide of carrier-ponies crushed past me.

†**Scri·pper.** *Cant. Obs.* (See quot.)

1591 GREENE *Not. Discov. Cosenage* (1592) C2, In high Lawe The theefe is called a High lawier. He that setteth the Watch, a Scripper. 1608 DEKKER *Belman of Lond.* (ed. 2) G 4 b.

Scri·p-scrap. *colloq.* [reduplication of SCRAP *sb.*] Miscellaneous scraps; odds and ends.

[1804 J. COLLINS (*title*) Scripscrapologia.] 1894 *Leisure Hour* Feb. 266 [Heading of a collection of snippets.] Scrip-scrap.

Script[1] (skript). Also 5 skript. [In ME. an etymological spelling of SCRITE (so OF. *escript* for *escrit* :—L. *scriptum*); later, ad. L. *script-um*, neut. pa. pple. of *scrībĕre* to write, used subst.]

1. Something written; a piece of writing. Now *rare.* †*Script of mart*: see MART *sb.*[6]

c 1374 [see SCRITE]. *c* 1400 *St. Alexius* (Laud 108) 409 In his hond he fond a skript [*Vernon MS.* skrit; *rime* as tyd]. 1600 HOLLAND *Livy* XLII. 1129 He delivered unto them a script to this effect as followeth. 1624 FLETCHER *Wife for Month* I. ii, Do you see this Sonnet, This loving Script? do you know from whence it came too? 1665 J. ELIOT *Commun. Ch.* Pref., A few copies of this small script are printed. 1690 EVELYN *Let.* Aug. in *Pepys' Diary* (1879) VI. 168 This hasty script is to acquaint you that [etc.]. 1722 *Hearne's Collect.* (O. H. S.) VII. 315 He delivered to me a Parchment Script..the words of which Script here follow. 1781 W. POLLARD *Let. to Dr. Parr* 25 Feb. in *P.'s Wks.* (1828) VIII. 383, I once more repeat, that any script of paper assuring me of your welfare will give me the greatest satisfaction. 1879 E. ARNOLD *Lt. Asia* VIII. ad fin., Forgive this feeble script, which doth thee wrong, Measuring with little wit thy lofty Love. 1900 *Contemp. Rev.* Mar. 374 The green banner with its script of gold.

fig. 1891 *Harper's Mag.* Mar. 534/2 A beardless face, full of the script of years.

2. Handwriting, the characters used in handwriting (as distinguished from print). Also *attrib.*, as in *script hand, letter.*

1860 S. S. HALDEMAN *Analyt. Orthogr.* iii. 25 Script and printing are essentially different. 1865 M. PATTISON *Ess.* (1889) I. 86 The press in each country..reproduced exactly the script-hand of each country. 1885 'S. LUSKA' *As it was written* 184 The writing is German Script. 1887 (*title*) Script Letters for Perforating and Sewing. 1899 HUTTON in *Life of H. Calderwood* (1900) 288 It was written in full on a sheet of ship paper in his own clear script.

b. *Typogr.* (In full *script type.*) A kind of type devised to imitate the appearance of handwriting.

1838 TIMPERLEY *Printers' Man.* 63 Script Type. Script was in former times called Cursive. 1841 W. SAVAGE *Dict. Printing* 751 Since 1820 the English letter founders have produced a variety of beautiful Scripts of different sizes. 1846 *Wood & Sharwood's Spec. Bk. Type*, Great Primer Script, cast on a common Square Body.

c. Used *attrib.* of systems of shorthand which resemble longhand in general appearance and in the movements of the hand that are required.

1888 (*title*) Science Victorious!..Published by the Script Phonography Co. of Scotland. *Ibid.* 7 Shorthand constructed on the Script or one-slope principle. 1907 *Daily Chron.* 16 July 6/6 The shorthand was Mr. Malone's script system.

3. A kind of writing, a system of alphabetical or other written characters.

1883 SAYCE *Fresh Lt. fr. Anc. Monum.* i. 15 The inscriptions of Nineveh turned out to be written in the same language and form of cuneiform script. 1883 I. TAYLOR *Alphabet* I. 268 Thus both scripts were probably employed concurrently for a considerable period. 1899 *Athenæum* 26 Aug. 277/2 A..knowledge of Japanese, especially of its complicated scripts. 1909 *Expositor* May 437 Recent excavation has carried the history of the use of the Babylonian script in Palestine a little further.

4. *Law.* 'The original or principal instrument, where there are part and counterpart'. Cf. *rescript.*

1856 BOUVIER *Amer. Law Dict.* (ed. 6) s. v. *Parl*, Covenants were formerly made in a script and rescript, or part and counterpart.

5. In theatrical parlance, short for MANUSCRIPT. (Written '*script.*)

1897 *Westm. Gaz.* 13 May 10/1 Hearing of the success of the play from a friend, Macready wrote asking to see the 'script. 1900 *Ibid.* 22 Mar. 10/1 Mrs. Campbell has had the 'script of 'Tess' on her hands for quite a while.

†**Script**[2]. *Obs.* [Var. of SCRIP *sb.*[4]] = SCRIP *sb.*[4] 1.

1768 TUCKER *Lt. Nat.* II. III. 374 The Bank of England give no interest upon their notes, whereas the Bank of the Universe improve what we have lying there to immense advantage, far beyond what could be made in Script by any Jew or clerk in the secretary office let into secrets.

Scription (skri·pʃən). [ad. L. *scriptiōn-em*, f. *scrībĕre* to write. Cf. OF. *escripsion, escricion.*]

†1. A writing; a document; an inscription. *Obs.*

1597 A. M. tr. *Guillemeau's Fr. Chirurg.* 5 b, To imploye their time in the readinge of my scriptsons (*sic*) and writinges. 1607 BP. J. KING *Serm.* 5 *Nov.* 34 Let the scription of those tables hee. *Non nobis domine* [etc.]. 1693 DRYDEN *Ded. 3rd Misc.*, I care not much if I give this handle to our bad illiterate Poetasters, for the defence of their Scriptions, as they call them.

2. The action of writing. *rare.*

1802–12 BENTHAM *Ration. Judic. Evid.* (1827) I. 279 Recordation, registration, scription.

3. Handwriting; a kind of handwriting. *rare.*

1846 MASKELL *Mon. Rit.* II. p. xxxiv, The vellum is rough, and the scription careless. 1849 ROCK *Ch. of Fathers* I. 18 *note*, This Anglo-Saxon MS. is of the early part of the ninth century, and a fac-simile of its scription is given by Hickes. *Ibid.* I. iii. 275 Britain taught Ireland a peculiar style of scription.

†**Scriptita·tion.** *Obs. rare*—[1]. [ad. L. **scriptitātiōn-em*, n. of action f. *scriptitāre*, frequent. of *scrībĕre* to write.] Continual writing.

1653 R. BAILLIE *Dissuas. Vind.* (1655) 38 The Brownists, whose contrary scriptitations had divulged all their divisions.

Scriptitious (skripti·ʃəs), *a. rare.* [f. L. *script-*, ppl. stem of *scrībĕre* to write + -ITIOUS.] Committed to writing. Hence **Scripti·tiously** *adv.*

1802–12 BENTHAM *Ration. Judic. Evid.* (1827) I. 55 Scriptitious or scriptitiously delivered depositional testimony.

†**Scriptoir, -our.** *Obs.* [Aphetic a. OF. *escriptoire*, ad. L. *scriptōrium*: see SCRIPTORIUM and cf. SCRUTOIRE.] A pen-case.

1474 CAXTON *Chesse* III. iii. (1883) 93 And that is signefied by the scriptoire and the penne. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* XII. Prol. 305, I hynt a scriptour and my pen furth tuike, Syne thus begouth of Virgill the twelt buike.

Scriptor (skri·ptǫr). *rare.* Also 6 -our. [a. L. *scriptor*, agent-n. f. *scrībĕre* to write. Cf. OF. *escriptor, scripteur.*] A writer, a scribe.

1535 STEWART *Cron. Scot.* (Rolls) I. 306 Tacitus, The Roman scriptour. 1847 LD. LINDSAY *Chr. Art* I. p. clxxiii, No art was allowed there except that of the scriptor.

†**Scriptore.** *Obs.* Also 8 -ure. [? Etymologizing refashioning of *scritoire*, SCRUTOIRE.] A writing-desk, escritoire.

1716 in J. O. Payne *Engl. Cath.* (1889) 84 Several of the goods were very good, and particularly a scriptore. 1724 *Let. to W. Woods* Swift's Wks. (1824) VII. 76 Every monied man, instead of a scriptore, or an iron chest,..must have a warehouse. 1732 in W. Macgill *Old Ross-sh.* (1909) 137 A Scripture [escritoire]. 1752 *Ibid.* 140 Old wainscot Scriptore.

Scriptorial (skriptō·riăl), *a.* [f. late L. *scriptōri-us* SCRIPTORY + -AL.] Relating to or used for writing.

1831 CARLYLE in Froude *Life* (1882) II. 156, I must not take all your encomiums about my scriptorial genius. 1859 *Macm. Mag.* 31 Graphic or scriptorial materials.

†**Scripto·rian,** *a. Obs.* [Formed as prec. + -AN.] = SCRIPTORY *a.*

1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr.*, *Scriptorian*, of, belonging, or serving to writing.

‖**Scriptorium** (skriptō·riŭm). Pl. **scriptoria, -iums.** [med.L. f. L. *script-*, *scrībĕre* to write: see -ORIUM.] A writing-room; *spec.* the room in a religious house set apart for the copying of manuscripts.

1774 T. WEST *Antiq. Furness* Expl. Ground Plan, H, the chapter-house, over which were the library and scriptorium. 1828 H. ANGELO *Remin.* (1830) I. 66 The attics or scriptoriums of the poets of the last age. 1874 GREEN *Short Hist.* iii. § 1 (1882) 113 Writing-rooms or scriptoria, where the chief works of Latin literature..were copied and illuminated. 1907 *Times, Lit. Suppl.* 18 Jan. 17/1 Drowsy intelligences and numbed fingers in a draughty scriptorium, will easily account for deviations.

Scriptory (skri·ptəri), *a.* and *sb. rare.* [ad. L. *scriptōri-us*, f. *script-*, *scrībĕre* to write: see -ORY.]

A. *adj.* 1. Pertaining to or used in writing.

a 1682 SIR T. BROWNE *Misc. Tracts* i. (1683) 82 Reeds, Vallatory, Sagittary, Scriptory, and others. 1827 CARLYLE *Germ. Rom.* III. 21 Let the English reader fancy a Burton writing, not an *Anatomy of Melancholy*, but a foreign romance, through the scriptory organs of a Jeremy Bentham. 1905 *Daily Chron.* 31 Jan. 4/3 There is a tendency nowadays to unify the scriptory characters of all languages.

2. Expressed in writing, written.

1704 SWIFT *Tale of Tub* ii. 67 Of Wills, *duo sunt genera*, Nuncupatory and Scriptory. 1805 EUGENIA DE ACTON *Nuns of Desert* II. 133 Selwyn..was assured that Aurora had no intercourse, either verbally or scriptory, with any one.

B. *sb.* A writing-room, scriptorium.

a 1483 *Liber Niger* in *Househ. Ord.* (1790) 35 These clerks to have dynners & soupers to theyre scriptory. 1844 PALEY *Church Restorers* 14 It was the favourite scriptory of the writer.

Scriptour: see SCRIPTOR, SCRIPTURE.

†**Scri·ptule.** *Obs.* [ad. L. *scriptulum*, var. spelling of *scrūpulum* = *scrūpulus* SCRUPLE.] The weight called a scruple.

1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* XXXIII. iii. 11. 463 A scriptule of gold was taxed and valued at twentie sesterces.

Scriptural (skri·ptiŭrăl), *a.* [ad. mod.L. *scriptūrāl-is*, f. L. *scriptūra* SCRIPTURE.]

1. Based upon, derived from, or depending upon Holy Scripture.

1641 J. JACKSON *True Evang. T.* I. 53 A method..very Scripturall, and Authentick. 1725 WATTS *Logic* III. iv. (1736)

333 The Importance of any scriptural Doctrine or Duty. 1832 J. J. Blunt *Sk. Reform. Eng.* v. 95 An eager appetite for Scriptural knowledge was excited among the people. 1858 Hawthorne *Fr. & It. Note-bks.* (1871) II. 219 Immense engravings of Gothic or scriptural scenes. 1881 Stubbs *Med. & Mod. Hist.* xii. (1886) 288 The translation of the Bible and Scriptural formulæ of prayer.

2. Of or pertaining to writing.

1802–12 Bentham *Ration. Judic. Evid.* (1827) III. 28 Cases of scriptural forgery [draw] upon the arts of the engraver, the paper-maker [etc.]. 1841 D'Israeli *Amen. Lit.* (1867) 73 The day arrived that even barons were incited to scriptural attempts.

Scripturalism (skrĭ·ptiŭrăliz'm). [f. prec. + -ism.] Close adherence to or dependence upon the letter of Holy Scripture.

1858 J. Martineau *Stud. Chr.* 33 In every branch..of the Genevan Reformation..a rigorous Scripturalism prevails. 1899 Dowden in *Contemp. Rev.* July 24 The spirit of the Reformation..lost some of its more liberal temper in a narrow Scripturalism.

So **Scri·pturalist**, †? one well versed in Holy Scripture; an advocate of scripturalism.

1725 De Foe *Tour Gt. Brit.* II. iii. 20 King Charles II ridiculing the warm Disputes among some Critical Scripturallists..concerning the visible Church. 1857 Gladstone *Glean.* (1879) VI. 84 Those Scripturalists of the present day, who conceive that the measure..aims at the vindication of Bible freedom against the tyranoy of the church.

Scripturality (skriptiŭræ·lĭti). [f. Scriptural + -ity.] The quality or condition of being scriptural or based upon Holy Scripture.

1831 *Fraser's Mag.* III. 487 We give them credit for scripturality of creed. 1842 G. S. Faber *Prov. Lett.* (1844) II. 62 If we reject unscripturalities, we must, would we be consistent, reject Scripturalities also. 1904 J. Ginson *Waldenses* 11 The boldness and scripturality of the preaching.

Scripturalize (skri·ptiŭrăləiz), *v. rare.* [f. Scriptural + -ize.] *trans.* To render scriptural.

1858 F. W. Faber *Spir. Confer.* 382 This I must heighten, modify and scripturalize a little.

Scripturally (skri·ptiŭrălĭ), *adv.* [f. Scriptural + -ly 2.] In accordance with the Scriptures; by means of Scripture.

1679 Penn *Addr. Prot.* II. iii. Wks. 1782 IV. 80, I shall briefly say something of what is *not* faith, before I speak of that which appears to me to be truly and scripturally such. 1833 J. H. Newman *Arians* i. § 4 (1876) 112 A scripturally-worded creed.

Scripturalness (skri·ptiŭrălnĕs). [f. as prec. + -ness.] = Scripturality.

1874 Morley *Compromise* i. (1888) 35 Firm persuasion of the greater scripturalness of episcopacy. 1881 *Brit. Q. Rev.* Jan. 42 Not upon the scripturalness or the rationality of her creed, but upon its ecclesiastical authority.

†**Scriptura·rian.** *Obs.* [f. mod.L. *scriptūrārius* (see next) + -an.] One who makes Holy Scripture the sole authority for religious belief.

A form *scripturarius* (? after *textuarius*) occurs in mod.L.; the printed reading in quot. 1718 may be due to the author.

1678 *Lively Oracles* vi. § 1. 165 Protestants..being call'd by them [Romanists] in contemt the Evangelical men, and Scripturarians. 1718 Prideaux *O. & N. Test. Connected* II. v. (1719) 265 From hence they had the name of Karraites, which is as much as to say *Scriptu[r]arians.*

†**Scripturary.** *Obs.* [ad. mod.L. *scriptūrārius*, f. *scriptūra* Scripture: see -ary.] = prec.

1659 Thorndike *Epil. Trag. Ch. Eng.* I. xxvi. 190 But, there is another sort of Jews called Scripturaries,..which admit nothing but the leter of the Scriptures.

Scripture (skri·ptiŭ), *sb.* Forms: 4–6 **scriptur, scrypture,** 5 **scryptour, skreptour, skrypt(o)ur,** 5–7 **scriptour,** 6 **scriptuir, scriptor, scryptor, skrypture, skripture, scrituro,** 4– **scripture.** [ad. L. *scrīptūra* writing, f. *scrīpt-, scrībĕre* to write: see -ure. Cf. OF. *escriture*, also written *escripture* (mod.F. *écriture*), Sp., Pg. *escritura*, It. *scrittura.*]

1. (Usually with capital initial.) The sacred writings of the Old or New Testament, or (more usually) of both together; Holy Writ; the Bible. Often with *holy* prefixed.

a. Scripture (without demonstrative).

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 327 For-þi es godd, als sais scripture. *c* 1400 *Rom. Rose* 6452 And this ageyns holy scripture. 1447 Bokenham *Seyntys* Prol. 60 (Horstm.) And to thys manyfold of nature Exaunplys accordyth weel scrypture. *c* 1485 *Digby Plays, Mary Magd.* 1522 And on þe sonday, be gan rest take, as skryptur declarytt pleyn. *c* 1511 *1st Eng. Bk. Amer.* (Arb.) Introd. 31 They haue theyr scrypture in ye Greekes speche. 1565 Stapleton tr. *Staphylus' Apol.* 167 He acknowledgeth the bookes off the Machabees for Scripture. 1596 Shaks. *Merch. V.* I. iii. 99 Marke you this Bassanio, The diuell can cite Scripture for his purpose. 1638 Chillingworth *Relig. Prot.* I. ii. 54 Scripture is as perfect a rule of Faith as a writing can be. 1746 Hervey *Medit.* (1818) 53 Every page of scripture will sanctify thy passion. 1849 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* i. I. 82 The extreme Puritan.. employed, on every occasion, the imagery and style of Scripture. 1852 Manning *Grounds of Faith* ii. 28 Holy Scripture is Holy Scripture only in the right sense of Holy Scripture. 1888 *Encycl. Brit.* XXIII. 264 The revelation of God in nature is presupposed by that in Scripture.

β. the (Holy) Scripture. Now *rare.*

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 22168 Queþer þat he be crist or nai, þat þai of here þe scriptur sai. *a* 1450 *Knt. de la Tour* lxxxii. (1906) 105 Ensaumple is of Sarra, whom the scripture hathe in gret Recommendation. 1676 Glanvill *Ess. Philos. & Relig.* v. 24 That there is a God; or, That the Scripture is his Word. 1741 Johnson *Morin* in *Gentl. Mag.* XI. 377/2 After his Return [from Mass] he read the Holy Scripture, dined at eleven [etc.]. 1831 Scott *Ct. Robt.* xxviii, I have ..renounced what the Scripture calls the pride of life.

γ. pl. *the (Holy) Scriptures.* († In early use also without article.)

1382 Wyclif *John* v. 39 Seke ȝe scripturis. 1526 Tindale *1 Cor.* xv. 4 Accordynge to the scriptures [1382 Wyclif vp the scripturis, 1388 after scripturis]. *c* 1560 A. Scott *Poems* (E. E. T. S.) i. 171 Caus everye stait to þair vocatiounn go, Scolastik men þe scriptouris to descrywe, And maiestratis to vse þe sword also. 1651 Hobbes *Leviath.* III. xxxiii. 206 The Scriptures are not made Laws, by the Universall Church. 1704 Nelson *Fest. & Fasts* xviii. (1739) 229 The Perfection and Perspicuity of the holy Scriptures. 1782 Priestley *Nat. & Rev. Relig.* I. Pref. 35, I would teach the knowledge of the scriptures only. 1831 Scott *Ct. Robt.* i, But while many of the converts were turning meekly towards their new creed, some..were limiting the Scriptures by their own devices. 1871 E. F. Burr *Ad Fidem* i. 7 The Scriptures, illuminators of mankind.

b. A particular passage or text of the Bible. Now *rare* (after biblical use).

1382 Wyclif *Mark* xii. 10 Wher ȝe han not rad this scripture [so all later versions], The stoon the which [etc.]. 1565 Allen *Defence Purg.* xvii. 283 For which we haue broughte diuerse scriptures, all construed by most learned fathers for that sense. 1607 R. Wilkinson *Serm. Whitehall* 1 This whole chapter is a scripture written for women. 1818 Scott *Hrt. Midl.* xxvii, I have marked a scripture..that will be useful to us baith. 1845 Kitto *Cycl. Bibl. Lit.* s. v. *Scribes*, At the close of this striking Scripture our Lord thus describes these men. 1864 Tennyson *Aylmer's F.* 44 Worse than had he heard his priest Preach an inverted scripture, sons of men Daughters of God.

c. Something as surely true as Holy Scripture; = Gospel *sb.* 4.

1573 G. Harvey *Common-pl. Bk.* (Camden) 10 Marri not so, that I can strait wai take it for scripture what soeuer he hath giun his wurd for.

d. *sing.* or *pl.* Sacred writings or records.

1581 Marbeck *Bk. of Notes* 257 A Councell..decreed..that no Scripture be read in the Church, but Canonicall. 1764 Gibbon *Misc. Wks.* (1814) IV. 358 His [Homer's] works and those of his successors were the scriptures of the nation. 1841 Elphinstone *Hist. India* I. v. 225 The system..professes to be founded on the authority of the Védas, and appeals for proofs to texts from those Scriptures. 1854 Thoreau *Walden* (1884) 116 Most men do not know that any nation but the Hebrews have had a scripture.

e. *fig.* and *allusively.*

1742 Young *Nt. Th.* ix. 644 'Tis elder Scripture, writ by God's own hand; Scripture authentic! uncorrupt by man. 1774 Burke *Sp. Amer. Tax.* Wks. II. 369 Here, Sir, is a canonical book of ministerial scripture; the general epistle to the Americans. 1839–48 Bailey *Festus* 281 *Festus.* What are ye orbs? The words of God—the Scriptures of the skies? 1908 W. Raleigh in *S. Lee's Shaks. Tr. & Cr.* Introd. 16 This scripture [Guido's *History of Troy*] was divulged in England, for the benefit of the men of Shakespeare's time, in two principal versions.

2. The action or art of writing; handwriting, penmanship. Also *concr.* written characters. Now *rare.*

1432–50 tr. *Higden* (Rolls) II. 255 Somme men haue chaungede the names for feirenesse of scripture. 1426–7 in *Cal. Proc. Chanc. Q. Eliz.* I. (1827) Introd. 21 Symkyn hathe had the hole scripture rased of a chartre undre the seal of armez of my lord of York. 1471 Ripley *Comp. Alch.* Recapit. i. in Ashm. (1652) 186 By Fygures, and by Colors, and by Scrypture playne. 1535 Coverdale *Ezra* iv. 7 The scripture of yᵉ letter was wrytten in the Syrians speach. 1847 Disraeli *Tancred* II. xii, The handwriting was of that form of scripture which attracts; refined yet energetic; full of character. 1875 Ruskin *Fors Clav.* lviii. 295 The wooden blocks of Germany abolished the art of scripture.

3. An inscription or superscription; a motto, legend, or posy. Also, in generalized use, inscribed words. *Obs.* exc. *arch.*

13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* B. 1546 When hit þe scrypture hade scraped wyth a strof penne. *c* 1374 Chaucer *Troylus* III. 1369 Sone after this they speke of sondry thinges, As fil to purpos of this aventure, And pleyinge entrechaungeden hir ringes, Of which I can nought tellen no scripture. 1420 Hen. V *Let.* in Rymer *Fœdera* (1709) IX. 907/2 As touching the Scripture of the Seeles, us seemeth that this word Regent may be owte wel ynogh. *c* 1440 *Gesta Rom.* xxxii. 123 (Add. MS.), On the balle was this scripture written, he that shall pleye with me [etc.]. 1447 Bokenham *Seyntys* x. 234 (Horstm.) In hys hand boldyng a scrypture, Wych wrytyn was wyᵗ lettrys of gold. 1463 *Bury Wills* (Camden) 40 My owune seel of silvir, therin a egle with scripture. 1533 J. Coke in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. II. II. 44 With a scripture over her head, saiyng that Love was lighter then a fether. 1540 *Test. Ebor.* (Surtees) VI. 98 For my grave a picture of latten..with scriptur about it and the iiij evangelistes. 1556 *Chron. Grey Friars* (Camden) 90 The xviij. day of the same monyth [July 1554] stode a man on the pyllery..with a paper and a scryptor on hys hed, that was consentynge there-to. *a* 1600 *Flodden F.* iv. (1664) 32 A certain scrall, whose scripture said, Jack of Norfolk be not too bold. 1771 *Antiq. Sarisb.* 199 Three fair basons,..with a Scripture, Orate pro anima Will. Normanton. 1900 Hope in *Yorks. Archæol. Jrnl.* XV. 296 A scroll with this scripture..*Benedicite fontes Domino.*

4. A written record or composition; *pl.* writings. *Obs.* exc. *arch.*

Sometimes with more or less allusion to sense 1; cf. 1d, 1e.

1382 Wyclif *Isa.* xxxviii. 9 The scripture of Ezechie, king of Juda. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Knt.'s T.* 1186 And over his heed ther shynen two figures Of sterres, that been cleped in scriptures, That oon Puella, that other Rubeus. *a* 1400–50 *Alexander* 2119 (Ashmole) Scamandra þe slire flode þe scriptour it callis. *c* 1450 Lovelich *Merlin* 5799 So now we knowen be that scripture of these aventures. 1611 Shaks. *Cymb.* III. iv. 83 What is heere, The Scriptures of the Loyall Leonatus, All turn'd to Heresie? 1755 Smollett *Quix.* (1803) II. 239, I am not so well read in the scriptures of errantry as your worship. 1845 Trench *Huls. Lect.* I. 15 Through a Scripture alone, that is, through a written record, could any great epoch..transmit itself unimpaired to the after world. 1876 Swinburne *Erechtheus* 517, I had made no question of thine eyes or heart, Nor spared to read the scriptures in them writ, Wert thou my son.

† b. In generalized use: Written composition.

1390 Gower *Conf.* II. 89 Thei that writen the scripture Of Grek, Arabe, and of Caldee. *c* 1430 Lydg. *Min. Poems* (Percy Soc.) 5 But for to tellyng alle the circumstaunces.. Conveyed be scripture with fulle grete excellense; Alle to declare, I have noone eloquence. 1430–40 — *Bochas* I. xv. (1494) e iij, And as poetis recorde by scripture He callyd was the faire adonydes. 1534 Lo. Berners *Gold. Bk. M. Aurel.* (1546) C iiij, There haue bene many famous and renouned by scripture and lerning. 1595 *Locrine* I. ii. 34, I will dite an aliquant loue-pistle to her, and then she hearing the grand verbositie of my scripture, will loue me presently.

† c. *In scripture*: in writing; on record. *Obs.*

c 1374 Chaucer *Boeth.* I. pr. iv. (1868) 17, I haue put it in scripture and remembraunce. *c* 1470 Harding *Chron.* lxxiii. xix, The Secretorye shulde put it in scrypture. 1535 Coverdale *Ecclus.* xliv. 5 They..brought forth the pleasaunt songes in scripture. 1571 Campion *Hist. Irel.* II. vii. (1633) 99 It shall never bee chronicled, nor remaine in scripture,.. that Ireland was lost by my negligence. 1609 Bible (Douay) *1 Macc.* xii. 21 It is found in Scripture of the Spartians, and the Jewes that they are bretheren.

5. *attrib.* and *Comb.* a. Simple attributive, with the sense 'of or pertaining to Holy Scripture', as in *scripture-lesson, light, mine, sword*; 'recorded in Holy Scripture', as in *scripture account, history, miracle, saint, story.*

1718 Atterbury *Serm.* (1734) I. 195 The *Scripture Accounts of these things are short. 1693 J. Edwards *Author. O. & N. Test.* I. 305 Mr. Selden..avers that the most impious Customs among the Gentiles had their Original from *Scripture-History. 1821 Scott *Kenilw.* iii, Scenes taken from Scripture history. 1867 W. L. Collins *Public Schools* 56 There is a *Scripture or Greek Testament lesson at 4. 1627 Sanderson *Serm.* (1681) I. 262 By reason of the darkness of their understandings, and the want of *Scripture-light. 1781 Cowper *Hope* 298 That cannot hear the blaze of scripture light. 1781 — *Retirem.* 698 Strong judgment lah'ring in the *scripture mine. 1751 J. Brown *Ess. on Shaftesbury's Charac.* 284 This seems to be the true light, in which the evidence arising from the *scripture-miracles ought to be placed. 1671 Woodhead *St. Teresa* I. Pref. 12 The Prayers of the greatest and most illuminated *Scripture-Saints are rather frequent. 1711 Steele *Spect.* No. 142 ¶ 2 The Tapestry Hangings, with the great and venerable Simplicity of the *Scripture Stories, had [etc.]. 1736 *Gentl. Mag.* VII. 345/1 The World assails thee with ambition, wield Thy *scripture-sword.

b. attrib., passing into adj., with the senses 'used in or adopted from Holy Scripture', as in *scripture expression, language, name, phrase,* † *speaking, style, word*; 'derived from, prescribed by, or conformable to Holy Scripture, scriptural', as in *scripture church, doctrine, notion, proof, rule, view, warrant.*

1720–1 *Lett. fr. Mist's Jrnl.* (1722) II. 94 One might justly have expected, that their Opposition to the *Scripture Church should have been clearly demonstrated, from the Writings of the New Testament. 1712 S. Clarke (*title*) The *Scripture Doctrine of the Trinity. 1658 Sir T. Browne *Hydriot.* i. 2 Collectible from *Scripture-expression. 1791 Boswell *Johnson* an. 1773, 3 Apr., A scripture expression may be used, like a highly classical phrase, to produce an instantaneous strong impression. 1745 J. Mason *Self-Knowl.* I. iii. (1853) 33 A good and a bad Principle, (called in *Scripture-Language the Flesh and the Spirit). 1713 Steele *Guardian* No. 132/4 When thou art converted, thou must take to thee a *Scripture-Name. 1861 Mrs. Stowe *Pearl Orr's Isl.* iv. 24 Miss Jones..called her twins Tiglath-Pileser and Shalmaneser—Scriptur' names both, but I never liked 'em. 1659 Pearson *Creed* 353 For in this particular the *Scripture-notion of priority excludeth an antecedent, but inferreth not a consequent. 1649 Milton *Eikon.* i. 10 The lip-work of every Prelatical Liturgist, clapt together, and quilted out of *Scripture phrase. 1827 [Apperley] *Turf* (1852) 125 The Scripture phrase..is now every day being verified, the race not being to the swift. 1594 Hooker *Eccl. Pol.* II. vii. § 9 *Scripture-proofe..in strength & value exceedeth all. 1672 *Disc. Conc. Evang. Love* 68 The sentence of Natural Reason, or *Scripture-Rule. 1834 *Tracts for Times* No. 22. 7 To try this Athanasian Creed by Scripture rules. 1617 Hieron *Wks.* (1620) II. 369 The last clause, 'Thou wilt not despise', is to be observed also, as being such which, in *Scripture-speaking, betokeneth more then is expressed. 1686 [Hickes] *Spec. B. Virg.* 30 S. Ignatius..mentions her by the name of plain Mary in the *Scripture-stile. 1791 *Fash. World* 216 From a *scripture view of what real religion is. 1834 *Tracts for Times* No. 24 (*title*) The Scripture View of the Apostolic Commission. 1818 Scott *Rob Roy* xix, The bits o' stane idols were broken in pieces by *Scripture warrant. 1626 Bacon *Sylva* § 948 There are vsed also *Scripture-Words. 1851 Pusey *Let. Bp. London* (ed. 3) 127/1 That wide-opened Hand, trickling (in Scripture-words) with 'the Blood of God'.

c. Objective and objective-genitive, as in *scripture knowledge, quoter, scorning* (adj.), *searcher*; adverbial, as in *scripture diviner, learned* adj. (hence *-learnedness*), *-read* adj.

1826 W. E. Andrews *Exam. Fox's Cal. Prot. Saints* 253 His list of heterogeneous fanatics and *scripture-diviners. 1661 Boyle *Style of Script.* (1675) 140 Every new degree of *Scripture-knowledge. 1579 W. Wilkinson *Confut. Fam. Love* A ij b, Vnto which..holy annoynting no conceited *Scripture-learned or Doctour of the letter..hath in these days attained. 1607 T. Rogers 39 *Art.* vi. (1625) 28 In whose bookes nothing is more frequent then the tearming of Gods reuerend ministers, and preachers, Scripture-learned. 1608 H. Clapham *Errour Right Hand* 49 Leaue

your *Scripture-learnednesse, and submit your selfe to the spirit of Loue. 1828 P. CUNNINGHAM *N. S. Wales* (ed. 3) II. 268 [In women-convict ships] there was not a single *Scripture-quoter, such as we find in men-ships. 1888 DOUGHTY *Arab. Des.* I. 144 Great *scripture-read scholars. 1593 NASHE *Christ's T.* 58 Bold blasphemies and *Scripture-scorning ironies against God. 1844 LD. LEIGH *Walks in Country* 129 The humble *scripture-searcher prays for grace.

d. Special combinations: **Scripture Janus** *nonce-wd.*, one who quotes Holy Scripture 'both ways'; † **Scripture-proof** *a.*, secured by Holy Scripture; **Scripture-reader**, (*a*) a reader of the Scriptures; so *scripture-reading*; (*b*) one who is employed to read the Bible to the uneducated poor in their own houses; **scripture-wort**, letter-lichen.

1715 PITTIS *Life Radcliffe* 53, I cannot be induc'd to love a *Scripture-Janus, such as is the Arch-Bishop of Glascow. 1641 SANDERSON *Serm.* (1681) II. 5 When their doctrines were found not to be *Scripture-proof. 1647 TRAPP *Comm. 1 Cor.* ii. (1656) 663 Our whole preaching must be Scripture-proof, or it will burn, and none be the better for it. 1625 GOODWYN *Moses & Aaron* I. ix. 43 They had their name קראים *Karaim*,..or *Scripture readers, because they adhered to Scripture alone. 1882 OGILVIE, *Scripture-reader*, one employed to read the Bible in private houses among the poor and ignorant. 1849 STOVEL *Canne's Necess.* 55 These *scripture-reading believers in the Lord. 1856 *Scripture-wort [see *letter-lichen*, LETTER *sb.*[1] 8]. 1866 in *Treas. Bot.*

† **Scri·pture,** *v. Obs.* [f. SCRIPTURE *sb.*] *trans.* To write, place on record.

c 1470 HARDING *Chron.* CXLII. xv, At Newerke died, at Worcester sepultured, In chronicles, as is playnly scryptured. *Ibid.* CXLVII. ii, As some menne wrote the right lyne to depryue, Through great falshed made it to bee scripturedd.

† **Scri·ptured,** *a. Obs.* Also 6 **scryptured.** [f. SCRIPTURE *sb.* + -ED [2].]

1. Learned or versed in the Scriptures; well acquainted with Holy Scripture.

1532 MORE *Confut. Tindale* Wks. 391/2 Me semeth it is.. of such a scripturedd manne not very scripturelye spoken. 1533 — *Answ. Poysoned Bk.* Wks. 1093/1 Whither he bee scryptured or not, he hath a very bare barain wytte when he can wene yt this argument were aught.

2. Warranted by Holy Scripture.

1606 BIRNIE *Kirk-Buriall* (1833) E 2 b, Although there be nothing more plentifully scriptured nor buriall exemples.

3. Covered with writing.

1856 D. G. ROSSETTI *Burden of Nineveh* XX, Those scriptured flanks it cannot see. 1899 T. S. MOORE *Vinedresser* 35 When I read from the scriptured scroll Those ancient words I prize.

Scriptureless (skri·ptiūrlĕs), *a.* [-LESS.] Not according to or founded upon the Scriptures.

1563 DAVIDSON *Answ. to Kennedy* in *Wodrow Soc. Misc.* I. 238 He callis thaim factious men, because thay will not subscrive to Scripturelles Councels. 1606 BIRNIE *Kirk-Buriall* (1833) B 3, Buriall is ordinarilie traduced as a scripturelesse thing. 1885 A. BLACKBURN in *Homiletic Rev.* July 57 There is a godless spiritualism, a Christless Unitarianism, and a Scriptureless 'new theology'.

† **Scri·pturely,** *a. Obs.* [f. SCRIPTURE *sb.* + -LY [1].] Scriptural.

1549 OLDE *Erasm. Par. Eph.* Prol. 2 In scriptnrely fastyng, in ghospellike prayer. 1597 J. PAYNE *Royal Exch.* 45 The which scripturely speche S. Paul vseth thus.

† **Scri·pturely,** *adv. Obs.* [-LY [2].] Scripturally.

1532 [see SCRIPTUREO *ppl. a.*[1]].

Scripturian (skriptiū·riăn), *sb.* and *a. rare.* Also 7 **-ean.** [f. SCRIPTURE *sb.* + -IAN.]

A. *sb.* A biblical scholar; a scripturist.

1599 CHAPMAN *Hum. Days Mirth* G 3 b, *Flo.* Cursed be he that maketh debate twixt man & wife. *Lem.* O rare scripturian! you haue sealed vp my lips. *a* 1612 HARINGTON *Epigr.* (1633) IV. lxxxiii, Great Scriptureans.., That cite Saint Paul at every bench and boord.

B. *adj.* = SCRIPTURARIAN *a.*

1826 *Examiner* 35/2 An Irish Priest..had called him a Bible-reading vagabond, a Scripturian rapscallion, &c. merely because he refused to part with his Bible.

Scripturiency (skriptiū·riĕnsi). [f. SCRIPTURIENT: see -ENCY.] A mania for writing.

1652 URQUHART *Jewel* Wks. (1834) 262 Though scripturiency be a fault in feeble pens. 1685 *Reflect. on Baxter* I The Disease of Scripturiency in R. B. taken notice of. 1717 *Entertainer* No. 3. 18 This Bladder of Scripturiency.

Scripturient (skriptiū·riĕnt), *a.* and *sb.* [ad. L. *scripturient-*, pres. pple. of late L. *scripturīre* to desire to write, f. L. *script-*, *scrībĕre* to write.]

A. *adj.* Having a desire for writing or authorship.

1643 *Copy of Two Lett.* 5 This I know, that a Scripturient Engine, may finde matter enough for exercise in Gerson, Bucerus..and other moderne Authors, which yet lye unanswered. 1710 R. WARD *Life H. More* 151 He labour'd under the Scripturient Disease. *a* 1711 KEN *Lett.* Wks. (1838) 84 There is a remarkable scripturient person, who keeps correspondence with your adversaries here.

B. *sb.* One who has a passion for writing.

1659 HEYLIN *Examen Hist.* II. Pref., Most of our late Scripturients affecting rather to be doing, then to be punctuall and exact in what they doe.

† **Scri·pturing,** *vbl. sb. Obs.* [f. SCRIPTURE *sb.* + -ING [1].] Reading or discussing of the Scriptures.

1588 J. UDALL *Diotrephes* (Arb.) 7 As for these controuersies and this Scripturing, I neuer trouble my selfe with it.

Scripturism (skri·ptiūriz'm). [f. SCRIPTURE *sb.* + -ISM.]

1. Reliance upon the Scriptures alone; devotion to Scripture.

1864 GLADSTONE in Morley *Life* v. 2. (1903) II. 165 This rude shock to the mere scripturism which has too much prevailed. 1889 T. K. CHEYNE *Orig. Psalter* v. (1891) 202 The Song of the Sun was provided with a new conclusion more in harmony with the intense Scripturism of the post-Exile period.

2. A Scripture phrase or expression.

1884 J. W. HALES *Notes & Ess. on Shaks.* 181 There are several 'scripturisms' in Hamlet.

Scripturist (skri·ptiūrist). [f. SCRIPTURE *sb.* + -IST.]

1. One who is versed in the Scriptures.

1661 BOYLE *Style of Script.* (1675) 140 To engage us to grow ready Scripturists. 1713 NELSON *Life Bull* 509 He was also esteemed a very good Grecian and a great Scripturist. 1792 W. NEWCOME *Eng. Biblical Transl.* 6 Wiclif was not only a good divine and scripturist, but well skilled in the civil, canon, and English law. 1878 C. STANFORD *Symb. Christ* ii. 38 The Puritan fathers, those devout Scripturists, delighted to say that they found in Scripture a hundred and eight of His names.

2. One who bases his religious belief or opinions upon Scripture alone.

1624 GODWYN *Moses & Aaron* (1641) 47 The Sadduces were termed קראים *Karaim*, Biblers, or Scripturists. 1737 WATERLAND *Rev. Doctr. Eucharist* Introd. 9 It must argue great Conceitedness..for a Man to expect to be heard, or attended to, as a Scripturist, or a Textuary, in opposition to the Christian World.

† **Scri·pulous,** *a. Obs. rare.* Also 5 **screpulus,** 6 **scripulus.** By-form of SCRUPULOUS: cf. SCRIPLE *sb.*

1464 *Coventry Leet Bk.* 328 For-somoche as the mater dependyng betwix Joh. Abery & Will. Bedon on that oon partie and Will. Huet on the other..ys screpulus & doubtefull. 1549 *Compl. Scot.* 165 Sum scripulus preistis, hefand there consciens subiect to traditions. 1602 YARINGTON *Two Lament. Trag.* I. iii. in Bullen *O.Pl.* IV., Peace, conscience, peace, thou art too scripulous. *Ibid.* IV. vi, It cannot out Unlesse your love will be so scripulous That it will overthrowe your selfe and me.

Scris, variant pl. form of SCRITE.

Scritch (skrit∫), *sb. arch.* Also 6 **skrych,** 6–7 **scrich, skrich,** 7 **skritch.** [See the vb.] A screech, shriek, loud cry.

1513 MORE in *Hall's Chron. Rich. III* (1550) 4 b, With pitefull scriches she repleneshyd the hole mancion. 1599 HAKLUYT *Voy.* I. 560 Monstrous skritches are heard round about this mountaine. 1635 J. HAYWARD tr. *Biondi's Banish'd Virg.* 190 Gave she not her selfe over to scritches and cries. 1797 COLERIDGE *Christabel* I. xvii, Perhaps it is the owlet's scritch. 1833 TENNYSON *'My life is full'* 20 Sudden scritches of the jay.

† *Comb.* 1582 STANYHURST *Æneis* IV. (Arb.) 120 Up to the sky staring, with belling skrichcrye she roareth.

Scritch (skrit∫), *v. arch.* Forms: 3, 6–7 **scrich,** 4 **skriche,** 6 **skritche,** 6–7 **skrich,** 6– **scritch.** [Onomatopœic: cf. SCRIKE, SHRIEK *vbs.*] *intr.* To utter a loud cry, screech, shriek.

a 1250 *Owl & N.* 223 (Jesus MS.) Þu scrichest & yollest to þine fere, þat hit is gryslich to ihere. 13.. *Seuyn Sag.* (W.) 1290 Loude he gan to crie and skriche [*rime* diche]. 1566 PAINTER *Pal. Pleas.* I. 45 She cried out, and all her maides skriched with her. *a* 1586 SIDNEY *Arcadia* V. (1598) 441 Then would she imagine..she heard the cries of hellish ghosts, then would she skritch out for succour. 1632 J. HAYWARD tr. *Biondi's Eromena* 99 With a shril voice he suddenly scritch'd out. 1652 GAULE *Magastrom.* 181 The pyes chattering about the house, the owles scritching. 1840 BROWNING *Sordello* II. 458 Only let..the hungry curlew chance to scritch Or serpent biss it, rustling through the rift, However loud, however low.

Hence **Scri·tching** *vbl. sb.* and *ppl. a.*

1592 NASHE *Strange Newes* F 1, Like a scritching night-owle. 1603 KNOLLES *Hist. Turks* (1621) 314 Then began their sorrowes afresh, with pitious scriching and teares. 1626 BACON *Sylva* § 700 Squeaking or skriching Noise. *Ibid.* § 713 Feare causeth Palenesse;..Starting; and Skritching. 1648 GAGE *West Ind.* 155 This is a very rude sport, and full of scriechings and hideous noise. 1888 DOUGHTY *Arab. Des.* I. 305 We heard scritching owls sometimes in the still night.

Scri·tch-owl. Now *arch.* Forms: see SCRITCH *sb.* [f. SCRITCH *sb.* + OWL.] = SCREECH-OWL.

1530 PALSGR. 268/1 Scrytche houle a byrde. *Ibid.* 271/1 Skrytche heule. 1590 SHAKS. *Mids. N.* V. 383 Whil'st the scritch-owle, scritching loud, Puts the wretch that lies in woe, In remembrance of a shroud. 1609 B. JONSON *Masque of Queens* Wks. 1616 I. 951 The Scrich-owles egges, and the feathers blacke,..I haue been getting. 1697 COLLIER *Ess. Mor. Subj.* II. (1709) 24 The Warbling of Cats and Scritch-Owls. 1813 COLERIDGE *Remorse* IV. iii. 6 The scritch-owl only wakes.

transf. and *fig.* 1594 *Contention* II. (1843) 151 Bring forth that fatall scrichowle to our house, That nothing sung to vs but bloud and death. 1641 J. JACKSON *True Evang. T.* III. 187 What is poore, and silly man alone, but a very scrich-owle, and satyre.

attrib. 1799 COLERIDGE *Music*, 'Tis thou who pour'st the scritch-owl note.

Scri·tch-scratch. [Reduplicated formation on SCRATCH.] Continual scratching. Hence **Scritch-scratching** *vbl. sb.*

1842 *Blackw. Mag.* LI. 320 One could not work; he never could whilst men were making such a scritch-scratch with their pens. 1881 ETHEL COXON *Basil Plant* I. 67 Do leave that confounded scritch-scratching alone this afternoon.

† **Scrite.** *Obs.* Also 3–4 **scrit,** 4 **scritte, skryt(e, scriit, skrite,** *pl.* **scris,** 4–5 **scryt(e,** 5 **skrit.** [Aphetic a. OF. *escrit*: see ESCRIPT.] A writing, written document.

1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 7682 Let it write clene ynou & þat scrit dude iwis In þe tresorie at westmunstre þere it þut is.. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 17634 Þai..raght him for to rede þat scritte. 1303 R. BRUNNE *Handl. Synne* 7002 To Seynt Ihon he wrote a skryte. 13.. *Sir Beues* 1240 (A.) Al in solas and in delit þow most him bere þis ilche scriit! *c* 1320 *Sir Tristr.* 1944 Swiche cas him was bi falle As we finde in scrite. *c* 1330 R. BRUNNE *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 8071 We fynde writen in our scrytes Of swylk manere of spyrites. 1338 — *Chron.* (1810) 224 Þe chartres and þe scris. 13.. *K. Alis.* 2936 (Bodl. MS.), þat ich habbe by a skryt 3ou seide Oiþer 3ee shullen ben sore ennoyed. *c* 1374 CHAUCER *Troylus* II. 1130 She..seyde scryt [*v.rr.* scrit, script] ne bille, For loue of god..Ne bryng me noon. *a* 1400 in *Eng. Gilds* (1870) 357 Treweleche a-countes 3elde to godemen of þe town twy3es by þe 3ere, by skore oþer by scryt. *a* 1400 *St. Alexius* (Vernon) 409 In his hand he heold a skrit. *c* 1450 *St. Cuthbert* (Surtees) 6520 þis semys agayn saint bede scrite.

† **Scrithe,** *v. Obs.* Forms: 1 **scriðan,** 3 **scripen,** 4 **skrith, skrythe,** 5 **scrith(e, scryth(e;** *pa. t.* 1 **scrað,** 3 **scrað, scroð;** *pa. pple.* 1 **scriden, scriðen,** 3 **iscriðen,** 5 **scrithen, -in, -yn.** [A Common Teut. str. vb.: OE. *scrīðan* = OS. *scrīðan, scrītan*, OHG. *scrītan* (MHG. *scrīten*, G. *schreiten*), ON. *skrīða* :—OTeut. **skrīþan, *skrīdan.*]

1. *intr.* To go, pass; in OE. also, to glide, creep; to wander.

Beowulf 163 Hwyder helrunan hwyrftum scriþað. *c* 1205 LAY. 4109 Þa iherde Staterr..mid muchele Scot ferde he scraȝ to þisse londe. *Ibid.* 10809 Whar beo ȝe mine Scottes scriðeð me biside. *a* 1352 MINOT *Poems* (ed. Hall) v. 68 Þe schipmen of Ingland sailed ful swith þat none of þe Normandes fro þam might skrith.

2. In immaterial sense.

a 1000 *Guthlac* 942 (Gr.) Dagas forð scridun. *c* 1340 HAMPOLE *Pr. Treat.* (1866) 2 *note* 3, Þer skrythes in to my mynde delyciost swetnes. 1434 MISYN *Mending of Life* XI. 126 In þi swetnes scryth in-to me.

b. To fall or lapse (*into* sin).

1434 MISYN *Mending of Life* I. 107 Truly a man I saw of qwhome þai sayd þat fyftene 3ere his body [he] chastisyd with mernelus scharpnes and afterward skrithyn into synne with his seruandis wife. 1435 — *Fire of Love* II. i. 70 3it many after penans has fallin fro innocence eftsoyns scrythand to ydilnes. 1483 *Cath. Angl.* 326/1 To be Scrythen (Scrythin *A.*), *illabi.*

3. *intr.* and *refl.* To urge, entreat.

c 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 1055 He..scroð him wel, And bead hem hom to is ostel To herbergen wiþ him ðat niȝt. *Ibid.* 1834 Iacob was wo ðat he is for-soc, And scroð him so ðat sum he ðor tok. *Ibid.* 2023 Often 3he ðrette, often 3he scroð, Oc al it was him o-like loð.

Hence † **Scrithing** *ppl. a.*, passing away, wandering, erring.

1435 MISYN *Fire of Love* I. xxii. 49 Criste truly had no scrithyng þoghtis. *Ibid.* II. ix. 92 As if maners or riches or fayrnes frenschyp be had with yll maners, riches scripinge, fayrnes wastyd.

† **Scri·thel,** *a. Obs.*—° In 5 **scrythylle.** [repr. OE. **scriðol* (found in *wīdscriðol* far-wandering, roving), f. root *scrīð-* (see prec.).] Fleeting.

1483 *Cath. Angl.* 326/1 Scrythylle, *labilis.*

Scritoire, scritore, obs. ff. SCRUTOIRE.

† **Scritory.** *Obs.* Anglicization of ESCRITOIRE.

1687 MIEGE *Gt. Fr. Dict.* II, Scritory, a great sort of Cabinet with Drawers, and the conveniency of a Table to write upon, *bureau.* 1706 PHILLIPS (ed. Kersey), *Scrutoir*, or *Scritory.*

Scrittoir, Scriture: see SCRUTOIRE, SCRIPTURE.

† **Scrivan.** *Obs.* Anglicized form of next.

In the examples relating to India it may be a. Pg. *escrivão.*

1511 *Guylforde's Pilgr.* (Camden) 16 There scryuan euer wrytyng our names man by man as we entred in the presens of the sayd Lordes. 1632 LITHGOW *Trav.* X. 460 [He] commanded the Scriuan to draw vp a Warrant. 1698 FRYER *Acc. E. India & P.* 112 Few of their Great Men or Merchants can read, but keep a Scrivan of the Gentues. 1711 C. LOCKYER *Acc. Trade in India* 153 Scrivans at the fort. Scrivans and boatmen at Canton.

attrib. 1632 LITHGOW *Trav.* X. 450, I was brought forth before these foure Caualliers,..and the Scriuan-table set, with pen and paper to write my confession.

‖ **Scriva·no.** *Obs.* Also 7 **scriuana, skrivano,** 8 *pl.* **scrivani.** [It. = F. *écrivain* (see SCRIVEIN). Cf. prec. and ESCRIVAN.] A professional writer; a notary; one who keeps accounts; a clerk, etc.

1581 J. BELL *Haddon's Answ. Osorius* 403 There must a Bull be desired at the length I suppose, or some scrow of Release from the Popes Scrivanoes. 1596 NASHE *Saffron Walden* O 2, If there were euer a paltrie Scriuano, betwixt a Lawiers Clark & a Poet, or smattering pert Boy [etc.]. *c* 1605 E. SCOT in Purchas *Pilgrims* (1625) I. III. 169 He bad me I should shew his Scriuana those Captaines. 1626 SHIRLEY *Brothers* IV. i, You do not know the quirks of a Scrivano, A dash undoes a Family. 1782 *Ann. Reg.* II. 14 The scrivani, or commissaries, who have the department of warrants, arrests, and police, are allowed no pay.

† **Scrive,** *sb.*[1] *Obs.* A shriek, a noise.

c 1400 *Destr. Troy* 9511 The shippes on a shene fyre shot þai belyue, That the low vp lightly launchit aboute; And all chrickenede with the scriue þurgh the stym ost.

Scrive (skrəiv), *sb.*[2] [f. SCRIVE *v.* 2.] = SCRIBE *sb.*[2]

1839 CHATTO *Wood Engraving* 2 'To scrive'..signifies, in our own language, to cut numerals or other characters on timber with a tool called a scrive.

Scrive (skrəiv), *v.* Also 4 **skr-.** [Formation somewhat uncertain; perh. aphetic for DESCRIVE.]

† 1. a. *trans.* To describe. b. *intr.* To write. *Obs.*

13.. *Ipotis* 399 (Vernon MS.) in Horstm. *Altengl. Leg.* (1881) 345 Glotenye, I wol now skriue, Is among monkunne ful ryue. *c* 1430 *Hymns Virgin* (1895) 58 How mankinde dooþ bigynne is wondir for to scryue so. *a* 1529 SKELTON *Agst. Garnesche* iv. 91 It semyth nat thy pyllyd pate Agenst a poyet lawreat To take vpon the for to scryue. 1530 PALSGR. 707/2, I scryve a thyng, I discrybe the maner of it, *je descris.*

2. *trans.* = SCRIBE *v.*

1829 BROCKETT *N. C. Gloss.* (ed. 2), *Skrive*, to mark or scratch wood or metal. 1839 [see SCRIVE *sb.*[2]]. 1874 THEARLE *Naval Archit.* 143 When the lines of the sections or frames are accurately drawn, they are scratched or 'scrived' in by a sharp-pointed tool.

Scrive, obs. (north.) form of SHRIVE *v.*

Scrive-board (skrəi·v,bōəɹd). *Shipbuilding.* [f. SCRIVE *v.*] A large drawing-board made of planks, on which the lines of a vessel are scribed.

1869 SIR E. REED *Shipbuild.* xx. 429 The name commonly given to these boards by the workmen is the scrive or scriving boards. 1890 W. J. GORDON *Foundry* 59 When the lines are passed as accurate, moulds or skeleton outlines of them are taken, and thus they get transferred to the 'scrive-boards', from which the shipwrights work.

†Scrivein, -eyn. *Obs.* Also 4 -ayn, scryvane, -ein, -eyne, screweyny, 4–5 scry-, 5 skry-, skreveyn. [Aphetic n. OF. *escrivain, -ein*, etc. (mod.F. *écrivain*): see ESCRIVAIN.] = SCRIVENER 1.

a 1300 *E. E. Psalter* xliv. [xlv.] 2 My tunge is peune of þe scriuayn swiftich wrytand. 1340 *Ayenb.* 44 þise scriueyns þet sseweþ guode lettre ate ginnynge and efterward makeþ wycked. *c* 1374 CHAUCER *To Scriv.* 1 Adam scryveyne if euer it þee byfalle Boece or Troylus for to wryten nuwe. 1389 *Eng. Gilds* 119 Yis gylde schal hawe..to screweynys. *Ibid.*, And if ony of hem for-sake hys office,..eyther screweyny [schal payn] a qwarter of wax. *c* 1400 tr. *Secreta Secret., Gov. Lordsh.* 106 Al-so it fallys þat þou chese of wyse men & of Skreueyns, sweche þat hauyn perfeccion of enournede eloquence, & of sotyll record; And right as þe Skryueyn ys enterpretour of þy wyl [etc.]. 1430–40 LYDG. *Bochas* II. xv. (1494) b j b, Of a scryueyn Bochas maketh mencion.

‖ Scrivello (skrive·lo). Also 8 screvelio, (9 crevelle). Pl. **-oes, -os.** [repr. Pg. *escrevelho*, ? var. of *escaravelho* pin, peg. Cf. F. *escarbeille, -belle, -balle.*] An elephant's tusk weighing less than 20lb.

1735 S. ATKINS *Voy Guinea* 181 The screvelios are small, from 15 to 4 lbs. weight. 1757 *List of Cargoes* in Beatson *Nav. & Mil. Mem.* (1790) II. 187, 14 scrivellos. 1819 *Rees' Cycl.*, Crevelles. 1864 R. F. BURTON *Dahome* 41 The horn is a small scrivello with a large oblong hole near the point. 1891 *Times* 24 Oct. 4/5 Billiard ball pieces and cut descriptions few sold. Ball scrivelloes dearer.

Scriven (skri·v'n), *v.* [Back-formation f. SCRIVENER.] *trans.* and *intr.* (with *advs.*) To write as a scrivener does.

a 1685 LD. GUILFORD in North *Life* (1742) 311 Here's a Mortgage scrivened up to ten Skins of Parchment; and the King's Attorney General is content with six lines. 1839 MRS. GORE *Courtier* iii, The attorney's clerks..were scrivening away in Mr. Heneage's justice-room.

Scrivener (skri·v'nəɹ). Forms: 4 **scriveyner,** 4–6 **skrivener,** 5 **skri-, scryvenere, skerevener,** 5–6 **scry-, skryvener,** 6 **skryvynar, scryvenar, -our, skrevener,** 7 **scrivender, scrivenor, scrivner,** 5– **scrivener.** [f. SCRIVEIN + -ER[1].

The form *escrivener* occurs in 1415 (*York Myst.* ed. 1885, Introd. p. xxvi).]

1. A professional penman; a scribe, copyist; a clerk, secretary, amanuensis.

c 1375 in *Trans. Shropsh. Archæol. Soc.* Ser. III. (1901) I. 121 Reinaldus le scriueyner. *c* 1402 LYDG. *Compl. Bl. Knt.* 194 But euen-lyk as doth a skrivenere That can no more what that he shall wryte, But as his maister besyde doth endyte. 1455 in E. B. Jupp *Carpenters' Co.* (1887) 10 Item payd to the skerevener for the dyvyce of the ordinaunce and for þe wrytyn in pahir iij[s] iiij[d]. 1530–1 *Act 22 Hen. VIII*, c. 13 No person or persones straungers, beyng a comon baker, bruer, surgeon or scryvenour shalbe enterpret or expounded hande craftesmen. *a* 1548 HALL *Chron., Hen. VII* 46 Richard Scelton a tayler and Jhon Asteley a Skrivener. 1602 ROWLANDS *Greenes Ghost* 18 This fellow came into a Scriueners shop to haue a letter written to his wiues mother. *a* 1619 FOTHERBY *Atheom.* II. i. § 3 (1622) 176 The Scriuener of Nature [said of Aristotle by Suidas]. *a* 1680 BUTLER *Rem.* (1759) I. 210 Scriveners take more Pains to learn the Slight Of making Knots, than all the Hands they write. 1829 SOUTHEY *Sir T. More* II. 91 A very little suffices for the stock in trade, upon which the scribes and scriveners of literature, who take upon themselves to direct the public, set up. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 19 Thereupon the scrivener throws the burden of pen-prehension upon other muscles.

transf. 1607 TOURNEUR *Rev. Trag.* I. iii, Thou hast beene Scriuener to much knauery then. 1806 WOLCOT (P. Pindar) *Tristia* Wks. 1812 V. 339 Sir, let fools say, what fools think fit Trust to that upright Scrivener, call'd Time.

attrib. 1483 *Rolls of Parlt.* VI. 256/2 The third to teche to Write, and all suche thyng as belonged to Scrivener Craft.

b. *Scrivener's cramp, palsy*, writer's cramp.

1855 DUNGLISON *Med. Lex., Scrivener's cramp.* 1877 *Encycl. Brit.* VI. 543/2 The disease known as Writer's Cramp, or Scrivener's Palsy.

†c. An author. *Obs.*

a 1660 *Contemp. Hist. Irel.* (Ir. Archæol. Soc.) III. 90 All the politicke scriuners that euer handled such a subjecte.

d. 'A writing-master' (Halliwell, 1847).

2. A notary.

1477–9 *Rec. St. Mary at Hill* 83 Item, to—masse, Scryvenere, for ouerseyng the olde endentures of the same howse. 1577 HELLOWES tr. *Guevara's Fam. Epist.* 83 As God made you a Knight, if he had made you a Scriuener, you would haue bene more handsome to colour Cordouan skinnes, then to haue written processe. 1596 SHAKS. *Tam. Shr.* IV. iv. 59 My Boy shall fetch the Scriuener presentlie. 1622 MALYNES *Anc. Law-Merchant* 100 The Bills were tendered with a Scriuener according to their agreement. 1656 H. PHILLIPS *Purch. Patt.* (1676) 3 Some skilful Lawyer, and knowing Scrivener. 1706 PHILLIPS (ed. Kersey), *Scrivener*, one that draws up and engrosses Writings or Deeds, as Bonds, Bills, Leases, Releases, &c. 1712 E. COOKE *Voy. S. Sea* 85 Notaries, Scriveners, and Clerks of the Court of Justice. 1806–7 J. BERESFORD *Miseries Hum. Life* XXI. (1826) 296 Why what the plague? where is this scoundrel of a scrivener? what if I should die before he comes!

attrib. 1757 MRS. GRIFFITH *Henry & Frances* (1766) IV. 44 Vulgar Phrases, and scrivener Id[i]oms.

3. One who 'received money to place out at interest, and who supplied those who wanted to raise money on security' (Tomlins). Also *money scrivener. Obs.* exc. *Hist.*

1607 DEKKER & WEBSTER *Northward Hoe* II. D 2 b, Here was a scriuener but euen now, to put my father in minde of a bond, that wilbe forfit this night. 1625 BACON *Ess., Of Riches* (Arb.) 237 The Scriueners and Broakers doe valew vnsound Men. 1637 *Prynne Docum.* (Camden) 77 To make inquiry into the breach of the statute, that noe scrivener shoull take above 5[s] brokadge in the £. 1677 YARRANTON *Eng. Improv.* 8 Let a Gentleman..come to a Money Scrivener, and desire Four thousand pounds to be lent him on all his Land. *a* 1700 DRYDEN tr. *Hor. Epodes* ii. 5 How happy in his low Degree, Who leads a quiet Country Life, Discharg'd of Business, void of Strife, And from the griping Scrivener free? 1704–84 [see MONEY *sb.* 8]. 1706 ESTCOURT *Fair Example* III. i. 28 *Sir Ch.* Sir, I am oblig'd to you, you shall have my Note. *Fan.* No, but I won't, I am no Scrivener, Sir; there's a Bill payable at sight. 1818 CRUISE *Digest* (ed. 2) II. 207 T. Gibson and Co. being scriveners, and having large sums of money of other peoples' in their hands, had lent Mr. Stiles [etc.].

Hence **Scri·venership** *rare*—[0].

1611 COTGR., *Escrivainerie*, Scriuenership.

Scrivenery (skri·v'nəri). Also 9 (Dicts.) **scrivenry.** [f. SCRIVENER: cf. -ERY, -RY.]

1. The occupation of a scrivener; writing, as of a copyist or clerk.

1847 LE FANU *T. O'Brien* 257 He pursued his scrivenery with industrious taciturnity. 1891 *Law Times* XCII. 99/1 The books are beautiful specimens of scrivenery, and from cover to cover may be searched without finding a blot.

attrib. 1887 *Whitaker's Almanack*, Law Offices, etc., Scrivenery Department.

2. A room in which scriveners work.

1897 *Times* 26 Feb. 3/6 Mr. Spedding's Biography..disclosed..that Bacon and his brother Anthony kept a scrivenery financed by Essex. 1898 *Proc. Soc. Antiq.* 20 Jan. 39 Nineteen lines of beautiful script, possibly written in the scrivenery attached to the court.

Scrivening (skri·v'niŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. SCRIVEN *v.* + -ING[1].]

1. Writing, esp. of a mechanical or arduous kind.

1809 MAR. EDGEWORTH *Ennui* xxi, (1893) 237 He..would, after two or three hours' hard scrivening,..permit me to yawn, and stretch, and pity myself, and curse the useless repetitions of lawyers. 1883 STEVENSON *Silverado Sq.* 221 When I had done my scrivening, Hanson strolled out.

b. *attrib.*

1828 *Craven Gloss., Scrivenin time*, time appropriated to writing. 1856 R. A. VAUGHAN *Mystics* VI. i. (1860) I. 141 Had I that same scrivening art at my service, I should write me a book setting forth what I..observed. 1896 CROCKETT *Grey Man* xi. 79 Two sheets of clean scrivening paper.

2. *Money scrivening*: the business of a money scrivener. *Hist.*

1885 *Weekly Notes* 68/1 They did a considerable business in money scrivening, receiving money from clients both for specific and general investment.

Scri·vening, *ppl. a.* [Formed as prec. + -ING[2].] Following the occupation of a scrivener.

a 1754 FIELDING *Fathers* Prol., Now Slipslop enters..tho' this scriv'ning vagrant Salted my virtue, which was ever flagrant. 1814 MAR. EDGEWORTH *Patronage* xxiii. (1893) I. 364 When he was a scrivening nobody in his garret.

†Scri·venliche, *adv. Obs. rare*—[1]. [f. SCRIVEN + -LY[2].] In the manner of a scrivener.

c 1374 CHAUCER *Troylus* II. 1206 (MS. Harl. 3943) Ne scryvenlich [*v.rr.* scryuenyssh, scriuenisshli(che, etc.] or craftly þow it write.

†Scri·ver. *Obs.* [? f. SCRIVE + -ER[1]. Cf. SCREEVER.] = SCRIVENER.

1689 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 2479/4 Huntley Bigg, Scriver, near the New Exchange. *c* 1700 in *Law's Memor.* (1818) 199 *note*, Another that was scriver to a troop, who was sitting in a chamber himself,..the house fell and smoored him.

Scri·ving, *vbl. sb.* [-ING[1].] The action of SCRIVE *v.*; *attrib.* in **scriving-board** = SCRIVE-BOARD; **scriving-iron** = *scribing-iron.*

1847 HALLIWELL, *Scriving-iron*, an instrument used for numbering trees for sale. 1869 [see SCRIVE-BOARD].

Scrob, obs. form of SCRUB *v.*

Scrobe (skrōub). [ad. L. *scrob-is* trench.]

†1. A trench. *Obs. rare*—[1].

1686 GOAD *Celest. Bodies* I. vi. 17 Enjoining to dig their scrobes, for the Planting of Trees at the Full Moon.

2. *Ent.* (See quot.)

1891 *Century Dict., Scrobe*, ..(*a.*) A groove in the side of the rostrum in which the scape or basal joint of the antenna is received, in the weevils or curculios. (*b.*) A groove on the outer side of the mandible, more fully called mandibular scrobe. 1895 *Funk's Stand. Dict.*

†Scro·bicle. *Obs. rare*—[0]. = SCROBICULE.

1721 BAILEY, *Scrobicle*, a little Ditch.

Scrobicular (skrobi·kiŭlăɹ), *a.* [f. mod.L. *scrobicula* or late L. *scrobiculus* SCROBICULE + -AR.] Pertaining to or surrounded by scrobicules.

1888 ROLLESTON & JACKSON *Anim. Life* 558 In *Palaeechinidae*...The larger tubercles are surrounded by a smooth area—the scrobicula—and this by a ring of smaller scrobicular tubercles which bear correspondingly small spines. 1900 *Lankester's Treat. Zool.* III. 287 Generally surrounded by a circle of granules called the 'scrobicular circle'.

Scrobiculate (skrobi·kiŭlĕt), *a. Bot.* and *Zool.* [Formed as prec. + -ATE[2].] Having many small depressions; furrowed or pitted; *Ent.* foveate.

1806 TUATON tr. *Linn. Syst. Nat.* VII. Expl. Terms, *Scrobiculate.* 1882–4 COOKE *Brit. Fresh-w. Algæ* I. 77 Zygospore globose or broadly elliptic, dark olive, scrobiculate, formed in the canal of conjugation.

So **Scrobi·culated** *a.*

1860 R. FOWLER *Med. Voc.* 1881 WATSON in *Linn. Soc. Jrnl.* XV. 269 Rounded, almost scrobiculated varix.

Scrobicule (skrōu·bikiŭl). *Biol.* [ad. mod.L. *scrobicula* or late L. *scrobiculus*, dim. of *scrobs* (see SCROBE).] A small pit or depression; *spec.* the smooth area around the tubercles of a sea-urchin.

1880 C. R. MARKHAM *Peruv. Bark* 39 It would appear that at one period of growth these little pits or scrobicules are wanting, but when the plant is in full vigour they are markedly prominent. 1900 *Lankester's Treat. Zool.* III. 287 Around the base of each primary tubercle is a smooth, level surface called the 'scrobicule'.

Scrobiculous (skrobi·kiŭlŏs), *a. Bot.* [f. mod. L. *scrobiculōs-us*, f. *scrobiculus* or *scrobicula*: see prec. and -OUS.] = SCROBICULATE.

1889 WAGSTAFFE *Mayne's Med. Voc.* (ed. 6), *Scrobiculous* Bot., applied the same as *Scrobiculate.*

†Scrochat. *Sc. Obs.* Forms (*pl.*): 5 scro-(s)chatis, scorzat(t)is, schrozatis, 5–6 scorchet(t)is, 6 schorchattis, scorcheatis, -sheatis, scrottiszarttis, scrotchertis, schoiretts, schorters(s, schortschettis, 7 scortitsche. [Of obscure origin.] A kind of sweetmeat.

1448 *Aberdeen Reg.* (1844) I. 17 A propyne to our souerane lord..xij half pundis of scorchetis. 1496 *Halyburton's Ledger* (1867) 15 Item 12 li scrozattis, cost 5s. 1552–3 *Burgh Rec. Edin.* (1871) II. 276 Item, on the sacrament day gevin to the Bischop of Ross that bure the sacrament, inwyne and scrottiszarttis that extendit to xvj[s] viij[d]. 1581–2 *Aberd. Acc.* in *Spalding Club Miscell.* V. 54 Item, payt to Alex. Cullen vyff for vyn and schoiretts. 1583–4 *Ibid.* 55 Schorterss. *Ibid.* 56 Schortschettis. 1647–8 *Ibid.* 110, 10 pond scortitsche and confectionis.

Scrod (skrɒd). *U. S.* Also **scrode.** [Possibly a. Du. † *schrood*, MDu. *schrode* piece cut off = OE. *scrēade* SHRED *sb.* The variant ESCROD is difficult to explain.

The recent U.S. dictionaries have a verb *Scrod*, 'to shred, to prepare for cooking by tearing in small pieces,' which they assign as the source of this word.]

A young cod weighing less than three pounds, *esp.* one that is split and fried or boiled.

a 1873 MRS. SPOFFORD in *Casquet Lit.* IV. 9/2, I..made the nicest little supper ready—scrod, as brown outside and as white inside as a cocoa-nut is, and cold turkey [etc.]. 1894 *Outing* (U.S.) XXIII. 404/2 Eighteen hundred-weight of scrod.

Scroddled (skrɒ·dl'd), *a.* [Of obscure origin; cf. LG. *schrodel* scrap.] (See quot.)

1884 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.* Suppl., *Scroddled Ware.* (*Ceramics.*) Ceramic ware, made by taking scraps and pieces of differently colored clays, such as are left over in making vases and plaques, and laying them together, joined but not intermixed, so as to produce a marbled or mottled effect.

Scrodgill (skrɒ·dgil), *sb.* ? *U. S.* [Cf. SCROUGER.] = *Pull-devil* (see PULL- 2). Hence **Scro·dgill** *v. trans.*, to take or catch with a 'scrodgill'.

1891 in *Century Dict.*

†Scrof, *a. Obs.* [? f. *scrof*, SCRUFF *sb.*[1]] Rough.

13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* B. 1546 When hit þe scrypture hade scraped with a scrof [*MS.* strof] penne.

Scrofe, obs. form of SCRUFF, SCURF.

†Scro·ffles, *sb. pl. Obs.* Also 5 **scurffyls, skorphillys,** 5–6 **scrofulus, scruphules,** 5–7 **scrophules,** 6 **scrofules.** [a. OF. *scrophules*, ad. L. *scrōfulæ*: see SCROFULA.] Scrofulous swellings.

[*c* 1000 *Sax. Leechd.* III. 62 Cymeles & scrofelles.] *a* 1400–50 *Stockh. Med. MS.* 141 It desolwyth skorphillys. *c* 1400 *Lanfranc's Cirurg.* 19 (Addit. MS.) Þe þridde entencioun is to remevyn þat þat ys to myche as scurffyls [Ashm. MS. scrofulus] of þe hed & þe nekke. 1483 CAXTON *Gold. Leg.* 243/4 A poure woman that had a sone whyche was gretely tormented with scrophules. 1541 COPLAND tr. *Guydon's Quest. Chirurg.* S j b, Propre for scrophules and kyrnelles. 1576 BAKER *Jewell of Health* (1597) 144 b, Instill two or three droppes into the eare of the pacient, on that syde where Scroffles be. 1684 tr. *Bonet's Merc. Compit.* XVI. 573 A certain Woman had the Scroffles all over her Neck.

Scrofula (skrɒ·fiŭlă). Also 5–9 **scrophula,** 6 **skurfula,** 7–8 **sohrophula**; *pl.* 5–7 **scrophule,** 7 **scrofulæ.** [In early use pl. after late L. *scrōfulæ* swelling of the glands, dim. of *scrōfa* breeding sow (supposed to be subject to the disease: cf. the use of Gr. χοιράδες, pl. of χοιράς like a hog's back). Later in sing. form after med. L. *scrofula, scrophula* (also *schrof-, scrufula*).

From L. pl. are: F. *scrofules* (see SCROFFLES), G. *skrofeln*, Sw. *skrofler*; also F. *écrouelles* (:—pop. L. **scrofellas*: see ESCROELES, CREWELS); from L. sing., It. *scrofola*, Sp. *escrófula*; also from pop. L. type OE. *scrofell.* See also SCURFLE.]

A constitutional disease characterized mainly by chronic enlargement and degeneration of the lymphatic glands. Also called KING'S EVIL and STRUMA.

a. plural. *c* 1400 *Lanfranc's Cirurg.* 207 Also blood is medlid wiþ greet fleume & malancolie, & engendriþ glandulas & Scrophulas...Also greet fleume is medlid with malancoli, & þerof comeþ glandula & Scrophule. 1537 ANDREW *Brunswyke's Distyll. Waters* D iij, The sam withdryveth Scrofulas

wher so ever they be on the body. *a* 1625 Lonce *Foore Maus Talentt* (1881) 13 For the Scrophulæ or Kinges euill. 1670 *Phil. Trans.* V. 2080 Most inhabitants of which are troubled with the Scrofulæ or Kings Evil. 1694 Salmon *Bate's Dispens.* (1713) 411/1 An absolute Cure for all kinds of Struma's or Schrophula's whatsoever.

β. sing. 1791 Boswell *Johnson* an. 1712, Young Johnson had the misfortune to be much afflicted with the scrophula, or King's-evil. 1843 Graves *Syst. Clin. Med.* xx. 248 Scrofula has a tendency to attack every tissue in the body. 1897 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* IV. 597 Thus in the sixties and the seventies it was as common to see persons marked by the scars of scrofula as it still was to see the ravages of small-pox.

Scrofulide (skrɒ·fiŭlid). *Path.* [a. F. *scrofulide* (Hardy), f. *scrofule* Scrofula.] A scrofulous or strumous skin-disease.

1864 W. T. Fox *Classif. Skin Dis.* 20 Scrofulides. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VII. 470 The sudden retrocession of an extensive eruption of phlegmonous scrofulides.

Scrofulism (skrɒ·fiŭliz'm). [f. Scrofula + -ism.] A scrofulous diathesis.

1893 *Dunglison's Dict. Med. Sci.* (ed. 21). 1894 Gould *Illustr. Dict. Med.*

Scrofulitic (skrɒfiŭli·tik), *a.* [irreg. f. Scrofula + *-itic*, after *rachitic*, etc.] Scrofulous.

1866 *Morn. Star* 13 Nov., The Margate Infirmary is for scrofuletic patients. She was in no way scrofuletic [*sic*]. 1882 O'Donovan *Merv Oasis* II. 387 Fifty per cent. of the population..had..scrofulitic and scorbutic ailments.

Scrofulo- (skrɒ·fiŭlo), used as combining form of Scrofula, forming adjs. with the sense 'characterized by scrofula and . . .'.

1878 A. M'L. Hamilton *Nervous Dis.* 59 The children.. were generally scrofulous or scrofulorachitic. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 473 The chronic scrofulo-tuberculous gummata..can hardly be mistaken.

‖ **Scrofuloderma** (skrɒfiŭlodə·ɹmă). Pl. **-dermata** (-də·ɹmătă). Also anglicized **scro·fuloderm.** [mod.L., f. Scrofulo- + Derma.] A skin-lesion considered to be of scrofulous origin. So **Scro·fulode·rmia** [see -ia 1], the condition of being affected with scrofulodermata.

1857 W. J. E. Wilson *Dis. Skin* (ed. 4) 321 Scrofuloderma. 1888 J. N. Hyde *Dis. Skin* (ed. 2) 492 The Small Pustular Scrofuloderm. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 795 Scrofulodermia may appear in the same class of subjects as lupus.

Hence **Scro·fulode·rmic** *a.*

1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 801 The second variety of scrofulodermic lesion appears as an ulceration limited to the neighbourhood of the natural apertures.

† **Scro·fulose,** *a. Obs. rare*−1. In 8 **scroph-.** [ad. mod.L. *scrofulōs-us*, f. Scrofula: see -ose.] = Scrofulous.

1753 R. Russell *Diss. Sea Water* 70 Cancerous, scrophulose, and scorbutic Humours.

‖ **Scrofulosis** (skrɒfiŭlō·sis). *Path.* [mod.L., f. Scrofula + -osis.] Scrofula without tubercle; 'scrofulous diathesis' (*Syd. Soc. Lex.*).

1860 R. Fowler *Med. Voc., Scrophulosis*, the condition of being scrofulous. 1876 tr. *Wagner's Gen. Pathol.* 457 Scrofulosis is a disease especially of childhood and youth.

Scrofulous (skrɒ·fiŭləs), *a.* Also 7–9 **scrophulous.** [f. Scrofula + -ous. Cf. F. *scrofuleux*.]

1. Caused by, or of the natnre of scrofula.

1612 Woodall *Surg. Mate* (1639) 395 A body having *Struma*, or scrupulous [*sic*] tumours. 1732 Arbuthnot *Aliments, Rules of Diet* 386 The English Consumptions, generally speaking, proceed from a Scrophulous Disposition. 1856 Macaulay *Biog.* 78 (*Johnson*), He had inherited from his ancestors a scrofulous taint.

fig. 1784 Cowper *Task* IV. 582 Excess, the scrofulous and itchy plague That seizes first the opulent [etc.].

2. Affected with, or suffering from, scrofula.

1708 Swift *Abol. Chr.* Wks. 1755 II. 1. 86 What would become of the race of men in the next age, if we had nothing to trust to beside the scrophulous consumptive productions furnished hy our men of wit and pleasure? 1855 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* xiv. III. 479 Charles once handled a scrofulous Quaker, and made him a healthy man and a sound Churchman in a moment.

3. *transf.* Having the appearance of being affected with scrofula.

1837 P. Keith *Bot. Lex.* 79 The punctured leaf assumes a wrinkled, reddish, and scrofulous appearance.

4. *fig.* Of literature, etc.: Morally corrupt.

1842 Browning *Solil. Span. Cloister* viii, Or, my scrofulous French novel On grey paper with blunt type! 1866 Thornbury *Greatheart* III. 328 Eight or ten numbers of the most scrofulous of the French novels. 1889 *Ch. Times* 28 June 593/2 Holywell-street was re-named 'Booksellers'-row' because of its scrofulous reputation.

Hence **Scro·fulously** *adv.*, **Scro·fulousness.**

1727 Bailey vol. II, *Scrofulousness.* 1847–54 Webster, *Scrofulously.* 1894 Gould *Illustr. Dict. Med.*, *Scrofulousness.*

Scrog (skrɒg), *sb.* Chiefly *Sc.* and *north.* Forms: 4 skrogg, 5 scroge, 7 skrog, 6– scrog(g. [App. related to Scrag *sb.*2; cf. Shrog.]

1. A stunted bush; usually *pl.*, brushwood, underwood.

a 1400 *Morte Arth.* 1641 Discoueres now sekerly skrogges and other, That no skathelle in the skroggez skorne vs hereaftyre. 1483 *Cath. Angl.* 326/1 A Scroge; *vbi* A buske. 1513 Douglas *Æneis* IX. Prol. 37 Full litill it wald delite To write of scroggis, broym, haddir, or rammale. 1615 W. Lawson *Country Housew. Gard.* (1626) 32 What an infinite number of bushes, shrubs, and skrogs of hazels, thornes, and other profitable wood. 1719 Ramsay *3rd Answ. to Hamilton* 18 Yet sometimes leave the Riggs and Bog, Your Howms, and Braes and shady Scrog. 1810 *Blackw. Mag.* VI. 568, I have gathered nuts from the scrogs of Tynron. 1893 Stevenson *Catriona* xi, In a bit scrog of a wood by east of Silvermills.

b. *Her.* A branch of a tree: a blazon sometimes used by Scottish heralds.

1780 Edmondson *Her.* Gloss., *Scrogs*, the term used hy the Scots in blazoning a small branch of a tree. 1828–40 Berry *Encycl. Herald.* II, *Scrogie*, or *Scroggie*, ar. a chev. or, betw. two scrogs, or starved branches, in chief, and a man's heart in base, ar. 1868 Cussans *Heraldry* vi. (1893) 104 Amongst Scotch Heralds a Branch is termed a Scrog.

2. a. The blackthorn. **b.** The crab-apple tree.

1691 Ray *N. C. Words* 61 *Scrogs*; Blackthorn. 1853 [see 3].

3. *attrib.*, as *scrog-apple, -branch, -bush, -tree.*

1853 G. Johnston *Bot. E. Bord.* 79 Pyrus Malus..Crab-apple: Scrogs or *Scrog-apple. 1824 Scott *St. Ronan's* xxxvi, 'Scrogie Touchwood, if you please,' said the senior; 'the *scrog branch first, for it must become rotten ere it become touchwood.' 1596 Dalrymple tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* I. 288 The kingis body is layd on a horse, and twa myles frome the castell castne in a *scrogg buss. 1824 Scott *St. Ronan's* xviii, He got a handsome piece of parchment, blazoned with a white lion for Mowbray, to be borne quarterly, with three stunted or scrog-bushes for Scrogie, and became thenceforth Mr. Scrogie Mowbray. 1887 R. M. Calder in *Minstrelsy of Merse* (1893) 259 The *scrogg tree in the meadow.

Scrog (skrɒg), *v. dial.* [f. Scrog *sb.*] *trans.* To cut with a hook.

1847 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* VIII. II. 282 Beans are either pulled by women or cut with a hook, 'scrogged'. 1893 in Cozens-Hardy *Broad Norfolk* 84 *Scrog*, to cut field beans with a sickle or hook.

Scrogged (skrɒgd), *ppl. a.* [f. Scrog *sb.* + -ed 2.] Stunted, dwarfed.

1814 W. Nicholson *Poet. Wks.* (1897) 149 The auld scrogged hawthorn, where aft we had met. 1878 in Miller & Skertchly *Fenland* IV. 130 *Scrogged*, twisted, stunted.

Scroggy (skrɒ·gi), *a.* Chiefly *Sc.* and *north* Also 5 **scrogghy,(scourgy),** 6 **skroggy,** 8 **scrogy,** 8–9 **scroggie.** [f. Scrog *sb.* + -y 1.] Abounding in stunted bushes or underwood. Also, of trees: Stunted.

c 1440 *Gesta Rom.* viii. 19 (Harl. MS.) And þe wey toward þe Cite was stony, þorny, and scroggy. *Ibid.* 20 This stony & scourgy wey. *c* 1470 Henry *Wallace* v. 131 At the mur syde, in till a scroggby slaid. 1513 Douglas *Æneis* VIII. vi. 84 Quhair now standis the goldin Capitoll, Vmquhyll of wyld huskis rouch skroggy knoll. 1728 Ramsay *Robt., Richy, & Sandy* 11 The clinty craigs and scrogy briers. 1788 Burns *My Hoggie* 8 We heard nought but the roaring linn, Amang the braes sae scroggie. 1843 Hardy in *Proc. Berw. Nat. Club* II. xi. 66 A sprinkling of scroggy birches.

Scrolar (skrōu·lăɹ), *a. Math.* [f. Scroll *sb.* + -ar.] Pertaining to a 'scroll'.

1869 Cayley *Math. Papers* (1893) VI. 334 If there be on a surface a right line which is such that the tangent plane is different at different points of the line, the line is said to be scrolar.

Scroll (skrōul), *sb.* Forms: 5–8 **scrowle,** 6 **scrolle, schrole, skrole, scrall,** 6–7 **scroule,** 6–8 **scrole,** 7 **scroul, scrowll, skroule,** 7–9 **scrowl,** 8 **scrawl,** 6– **scroll.** Also Escroll. [In 15th c. *scrowle*, altered form of the earlier Scrow.

Possibly due to assimilation to *rowle*, Roll *sb.* The form would be abnormal as an adoption of OF. *escro(u)ele*, dim. of *escro(u)e* Escrow, Scrow.]

1. A roll of paper or parchment, usually one with writing upon it.

14.. *Nom.* in Wr.-Wülcker 682/26 *Hec sidula*, a scrowle. *a* 1513 Fabyan *Chron.* VII. (1533) 152 b, He therfore redde the scrowle of resignacyon him selfe, in maner and fourme as foloweth. 1526 Tindale *Rev.* vi. 14 And heven vanysshed awaye as a scroll when hitt is rolled togedder. 1588 Shaks. *Tit. A.* IV. ii. 28 What's heere? a scrole, & written round about? *c* 1590 Marlowe *Faustus* 562, I, of necessitie, for here's the scrowle, Wherein thou hast giuen thy soule to Lucifer. *a* 1648 Ld. Herbert *Hen. VIII* (1683) 456 Thus bowing his head to look upon a scroul lapt about his finger, he made a pause. 1704 Swift *Tale of Tub* ii. Wks. 1751 I. 58 An old Parchment Scrowl was tagged on according to Art in the Form of a Codicil annexed. 1742 W. Collins *Ode, Manners* 76 Let some retreating Cynic find Those oft-turn'd scrolls I leave behind. 1820 Shelley *Witch Atl.* xix, Other scrolls whose writings did unbind The inmost lore of Love. 1868 Tennyson *Lucretius* 12 He past To turn and ponder those three hundred scrolls Left by the Teacher, whom he held divine. 1879 Froude *Cæsar* xxvi. 460 A stranger thrust a scroll into his hand, and begged him to read it on the spot.

b. *fig.*

1649 Jer. Taylor *Gt. Exemp.* III. Disc. xv. 34 God was pleased to shew the scrowles of his eternall counsels. 1817 Shelley *Rev. Islam* II. 765 And now, to me The moonlight ..Interpreted those scrolls of mortal mystery. 1891 F. Thompson *Sister-Songs* (1895) 22 Summoned by some presaging scroll of fate.

c. *transf.*

1656 Cowley *Pindar. Odes, Isa.* xxxiv. iii, The wide-stretcht Scrowl of Heaven. 1862 Tyndall *Mountaineer.* iii. 26 As the day sinks, scrolls of pearly clouds draw themselves around the mountain crests. 1886 Stevenson *Kidnapped* 12, I saw a scroll of smoke go mounting.

d. A roll or bundle of any material.

1852 Dickens *Bleak Ho.* xxix, Chesney Wold is shut up, carpets are rolled into great scrolls in corners of comfortless rooms. 1856 Kane *Arct. Expl.* II. xvii. 177, I took Sir John Franklin's portrait..and cased it in an India-rubber scroll.

2. A piece of writing, *esp.* a letter.

1534 Starkey *Let. to Cromwell* in *England* (1878) p. ix, Syr, the grete gentylnes of you so manyfestely schowyd toward me,..gyuyth me yet a lytyl more boldnes to trowbul you wyth the redyng of thys scrole. 1606 Shaks. *Ant. & Cl.* III. viii. 5 Do not exceede The Prescript of this Scroule. 1723 Wodrow *Corr.* (1843) III. 101 Forgive me this long scroll, which is not my ordinary, and give my wife's and my humble duty to your lady and family. 1808 Scott *Marmion* v. xxi, And that between them then there went Some scroll of courteous compliment.

b. A list, roll, or schedule (of names). Also *fig.*

1546 *Supplic. Poore Commons* (E.E.T.S.) 78 A scrowle, wherin wer written the names of the parishes wherof he was parson. 1556 in Burnet *Hist. Ref.* (1681) II. II. II. xxviii. 302 To whose hands..any of the said Accompts, Books, Scroles, Instruments, or other Writings..did or is come. 1590 Shaks. *Mids. N.* I. ii. 16 Now good Peter Quince, call forth your Actors by the scrowle. 1621 Bp. Hall *Heaven upon Earth* § 7 Neither can it suffice for peace, to haue crossed the old scrole of our sinnes, if we preuent not the future. 1667 Milton *P. L.* XII. 336 Such follow him, as shall be registerd Part good, part bad, of bad the longer scrowle. 1820 Hazlitt *Lect. Dram. Lit.* I Men whom fame has eternised in her long and lasting scroll. 1903 Morley *Gladstone* v. v. (1905) I. 718 He was..to add another to the long scroll of tragedies in the house of Austria.

c. A draft or copy (of a letter). ? *Sc.* ? *Obs.*

1790 [see *scroll-copy* in 6 c]. 1855 Brewster *Newton* II. xxvi. 382 He wrote scrolls of almost every letter he composed. 1889 Stevenson *Master of Ballantrae* 165 The best will be to reproduce a letter of my own..of which (according to an excellent habitude) I have preserved the scroll.

3. A strip or ribbon-shaped slip of paper with a legend inscribed; a graphic or plastic representation of this.

a 1600 *Flodden F.* iv. (1664) 32 A certain scrall, whose scripture said, Jack of Norfolk be not too bold. 1644 Symonds *Diary* (Camden) 17 This motto is in divers severall scrowlls: 'Mercy and Grace'. 1751 Hurd *Poet. Imit.* 148 Painters continuing, for a long time, to put written scrolls in the mouths of their figures; and contriving, by this expedient, to make them tell their business to the spectator.

b. *Her.* The ribbon-like appendage to a coat of arms, on which the motto is inscribed; = Escroll 2. Also, *transf.* the words inscribed upon the scroll.

1610 Guillim *Heraldry* VI. vi. (1611) 265 Three or foure words which are set in some Scrole or Compartement, placed usually at the foot of the escocheon. 1828–40 Berry *Encycl. Herald.* I, *Scroll*, part of the outward ornaments of the shield, achievement or escocheon of arms in which the motto is inscribed. 1859 Tennyson *Vivien* 326 A knightly shield..; the scroll 'I follow fame'.

c. App. used for: A streamer, narrow flag.

1808 Scott *Marmion* IV. xxviii, A thousand streamers flaunted fair..Scroll, pennon, pensil, bandrol there O'er the pavilions flew.

4. An ornament resembling a scroll of paper partly unrolled.

a. A convoluted or spiral ornament; *spec.* the volute of the Ionic and Corinthian capitals. **b.** *Shipbuilding.* A curved piece of timber bolted to the knee of the head. **c.** The curved head of instruments of the violin kind, in which the tuning-pins are set. **d.** *U.S.* A flourish (or sometimes a circle) added to a person's signature to represent a seal, and having the same value.

a. 1611 Cotgr., *Vrilles*, hooke-like edges or ends of leaues (called by some of our workemen Scrolls, and) sticking out in the upper parts of pillers, and of other peeces of Architecture. 1655 Evelyn *Diary* 2 Mar., A most rich achat cup..having a figure of Cleopatra at the scroll. 1663 Gerbier *Counsel* 88 For scrowles to the said windowes, six sbillings a piece. 1704 J. Harris *Lex. Techn.* I, *Scrowles*, or *Volutes*. 1762–71 H. Walpole *Vertue's Anecd. Paint.* I. (1786) 285 The capitals are gilt and painted with ugly scrolls and compartments, in the taste of that reign. 1823 P. Nicholson *Pract. Build.* 200 The Scroll is the termination of the hand-rail of a geometrical stair, in the form of a spiral. 1884 W. C. Smith *Kildrostan* 43 Dark slabs carved with the great Cross-sword, And..the galley, with scrolls all round.

b. 1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) XVII. 394/2 The upper part [of the upper cheek] may run in a serpentine as high as where the shoulder of the figure is supposed to come, at which place it may be turned off with a scroll. The distance from the scroll to the heel of the figure is called the hair-bracket. 1898 Ansted *Dict. Sea Terms, Scroll* or *scroll-head.*

c. 1836 Dubourg *Violin* i. (1878) 8 The Scroll, that crowning charm of the fiddle's form. 1875 G. Hart *Violin* 288 He calmly set himself to open the parcel containing his dissected 'Strad', when..he failed to find its scroll.

d. 1856 Bouvier *Amer. Law Dict.* (ed. 6) II. 500 *Scroll*, a mark which is to supply the place of a seal, made with a pen or other instrument on a writing. In some of the states this has all the efficacy of a seal. 1871 *Amer. Encycl. Printing* (ed. Ringwalt), Scroll is also used for the flourish made at the end of a signature, representing a seal.

5. Applied variously in technical use to scroll-shaped or spiral parts, figures, etc. (see quots.).

1868 [see *scroll-wheel* in 6 c]. 1875 Knight *Dict. Mech.*, *Scroll*, (*Hydraulic Engineering.*) A spiral or converging adjutage around a turbine or other reaction water-wheel, designed to equalize the rate of flow of water at all parts around the circumference of the wheel, by decreasing the capacity of the chute in its circuit. 1891 *Century Dict.*, *Scroll*, the mantling or lambrequin of a tilting-helmet. (Rare.) *Ibid.*, *Scroll*, in *anat.*, a turbinate bone.

b. *Geom.* A skew ruled surface.

1862 Cayley *Math. Papers* (1892) V. 90 The skew surface of the third order, or 'cubic scroll'..may be considered [etc.].

6. *attrib.* and *Comb.* **a.** Simple attrib., with the sense: Consisting of, having the form of, or decorated with scrolls, scrolled; as *scroll-case, -handle, -keystone, -leg, -moulding, -work*; *scroll-patterned, -shaped* adjs.; *scroll-wise* adv.

1896 *Daily News* 5 Mar. 7/4 A clock by Vulliamy, in *scroll case. 1878 Nesbitt *Catal. Glass Vessels S. Kens. Mus.* 128 Vase..with two *scroll handles. 1813 *Gentl. Mag.* LXXXIII. I. 38/1 To this arch a *scroll key-stone, and to the postern ditto plain key-stones. 1850 *Parker's Gloss.*

Archit., Roll-moulding... It is sometimes called the *scroll moulding, from its resemblance to a scroll of paper or parchment with the edge overlapping. 1866 Geo. Eliot *F. Holt* xiv, As if she had to work out her deliverance from bondage by finishing a *scroll-patterned border. 1896 *Daily News* 5 Mar. 7/4 A large Louis XV. ormolu cartel clock,.. in a *scroll-shaped case. 1857 Gosse *Omphalos* vii. 129 Young leaves..coiled up *scroll-wise at their tips. 1739 Gray *Let. to West* 22 May, Sugar-loaves and minced-pies of yew; *scrawl-work of box, and little squirting jets-d'eau. 1842 *Civ. Engin. & Arch. Jrnl.* III. 2/1 The three doors will be of oak, relieved by the quaint and beautiful ramified iron scroll-work so characteristic of this style of architecture.

b. objective; as *scroll-cutter, -cutting, -filer*; instrumental; as *scroll-cut* adj.

1837 *Civ. Engin. & Arch. Jrnl.* I. 75/1 Separated by *scroll-cut standards. 1892 *Daily Chron.* 28 Apr. 8/1 Gun Engraving. Wanted at once good *scroll cutter. 1873 Richards *Operator's Handbk.* 125 For *scroll cutting, slitting, and with narrow blades generally, the matter of teeth has not such importance. 1881 *Instr. Census Clerks* (1885) 91 Whitesmith... *Scroll Filer.

c. Special combinations: **scroll-bone** (see quot.); † **scroll chair**, a chair with a carved scroll ornament; **scroll-chuck**, a lathe-chuck with a spiral arrangement for operating the jaws; **scroll-copy** *Sc.*, a rough draft or copy; **scroll-creeper** *Arch.* (see quot.); **scroll-drum** *Mech.*, a drum of tapering form; **scroll-finis**, a scroll containing the word 'finis'; **scroll-gall** *Bot.*, a malformation consisting in the curling over of a leaf caused by an insect; **scroll-gear** (see quot.); **scroll-guard**, (see quot. 1824); **scroll-head** = sense 5 b; **scroll-iron, -lathe** (see quots.); **scroll-saw**, a saw for cutting scrolls; so *scroll-sawing*; **scroll-wheel**, a wheel actuated by scroll-gear.

1891 *Century Dict., Scroll-bone*... The principal *scroll-bones are the ethmoturbinals, maxilloturbinals, and sphenoturbinals. 1614 in *Archæologia* XLII. 354 One highe Chaire with a longe cushin, two *scrowle chaires, two highe stooles. 1875 Knight *Dict. Mech.*, **Scroll-chuck*. 1790 Scott *Let.* in *Lockhart* (1837) I. vi. 172, I send you the *scroll copy of an essay on the origin of the feudal system. 1829 — *Rob Roy* Postscr., These were taken from scroll copies in the possession of his Grace the present Duke. 1825 Fosbroke *Encycl. Antiq.* I. 90* Crockets,..by professionalists termed '*scroll creepers'. 1875 Martin *Winding Mach.* 42 It would..be advisable..to give up all idea of using *scroll drums like those used in England and in Germany. 1856 Mrs. Browning *Aur. Leigh* III. 957 That fair *scroll-finis of a wicked book. 1895 Oliver tr. *Kerner's Nat. Hist. Plants* II. 530 *Scroll-galls are caused by gall-mites, leaf-lice [etc.]. 1875 Knight *Dict. Mech.*, **Scroll-gear*, a gear-wheel of spiral or snail form. 1820 Col. Hawker *Diary* (1893) I. 194 The keeper..hooked the gun by the *scroll guard and brought it up. 1824 — *Instr. Yng. Sportsmen* (ed. 3) 54 *Scroll-guard*, an extra bow, continued from the guard [which defends the triggers], to steady the hand. 1867 Smyth *Sailor's Word-bk.*, **Scroll-head*. 1871 Z. Colburn *Locomotive Engin.* xxxii. 303/1 *Scroll-irons. 1886 *Lockwood's Dict. Mech. Engin., Scroll Irons*, small brackets attached to the underside of railway wagons, to which the ends of the bearing springs are attached. 1884 Knight *Dict. Mech.* Suppl., **Scroll Lathe*, one adapted to turn spiral and scroll work, such as balusters, table and piano legs. 1875 *Ibid.*, **Scroll saw*... The band-saw is a scroll-saw, and operates continuously. 1888 *Amer. Jrnl. Psychol.* I. 473 On the outside of the door is tacked up a circle cut from thin wood with a scroll saw. 1874 *Spon's Dict. Engin.* VIII. 3093 This class of sawing is usually termed sweep or *scroll sawing for the heavier class of work, and fret sawing for the lighter or ornamental kinds. 1868 J. Turner *Woollen Manuf. Assist.* 18 To find revolutions of rim for 1 of scroll... Divide the product of the driven (1st sh. roller wheel, 1st short wheel, 1st *scroll wheel and scroll) by the product of the drivers.

Scroll (skrōl), *v.* Also 7 scrool. [f. Scroll *sb.*]

1. *trans.* To write down in a scroll (Scroll *sb.* 1, 3). *rare.*

1606 Warner *Alb. Eng.* xiv. lxxxix. 361 And from his mouth was scrooll this Mott: So I do euery day. 1630 Daumm. of Hawth. *Flowres of Sion* 43 But thou in thy great Archieues scrolled hast In parts and whole, what euer yet hath past. 1852 C. W. H[oskins] *Talpa* 8 The motto which might be scrolled up over so many a splendid door-way.

2. † **a.** To draft, make a rough copy of. *Obs.* b. ? *Sc.* To engross. Also *absol.*

a. 1730 T. Boston *Acc. My Life* (1908) 305, I had brought up the Account of My Life as scrolled in shorthand characters to the day of my beginning it. 1818 Scott *Hrt. Midl.* viii, I'll scroll the disposition in nae time.

b. 1814 Scott *Wav.* xlii, He wald scroll for a plack the sheet, or she kenn'd what it was to want.

3. *intr.* for *refl.* To roll or curl up.

1868 M. C. Lea *Photogr.* 428 (Cent.) When gum mucilage is used, the addition of a very little glycerine will make it hold better, and diminish its tendency to separate or scroll.

Hence **Scro·lling** *vbl. sb.*

1731 T. Boston *Acc. My Life* (1908) 332 With some difficulty I carried the scrolling of my letter some length.

Scrollage (skrō·lĕdʒ). [f. Scroll *sb.* + -age.] Decoration in the manner of a scroll.

1847 Winston *Glass* I. 65 Flowing tendril-like scrollages.

Scrolled (skrōld), *ppl. a.* [f. Scroll *sb.* or *v.* + -ed.]

1. In the form of, or decorated with, scrolls.

1603 *Inv.* in Gage *Hengrave* (1822) 26 Itm, two scrowled cheyers. 1863 Geo. Eliot *Romola* v, Trim doors, with conspicuous scrolled hinges. 1887 Hissey *Holiday on Road* 27 The scrolled plaster-work between the oaken beams.

b. *transf.* Curled.

1863 Sala *Last Crusader* 208 The haughty angelica, the scrolled acanthus. 1876 Geo. Eliot *Dan. Der.* I, An envoy with a scrolled mustache.

2. Inscribed with mottoes.

1875 Henley *Bk. Verses* (1888) 69 The silken shrouds with spells are manned, The hull is magically scrolled.

3. *Anat.* (See quot.)

1891 *Century Dict., Scrolled*, in *anat.*, turbinated as a bone; scroll-like.

Scrollery (skrō·lĕri). [f. Scroll *sb.* + -ery.] Scroll-work.

1892 L. F. Day *Nat. Ornament* xi. 194 One is inclined to ask what the little Love..is doing amongst the scrollery. 1901 E. L. Arnold *Lepidus* 196 A fine sweep of tesselated pavement, not quite perfect,..but still wonderful enough in its green and white scrollery, its vines and doves.

Scrolly (skrō·li), *a.* [f. Scroll *sb.* + -y.] Scrolled, scroll-like.

1845 Ford *Handbk. Spain* I. 373 It is difficult to distinguish..the modern Arabic character from the scrolly ornaments. 1883 *Harper's Mag.* Mar. 538/2 Who were now buying the scrolly chiffoniers?

Scrone, obs. Sc. form of Scorn *sb.*

Scroo, Scrooby: see Screw *sb.*3, Scruby.

Scroo(d)ge, var. forms of Scrouge *v.*

Scroof(fe, Scrool, obs. ff. Scruff, Scroll *v.*

Scroop (skrūp), *sb.*1 [Echoic; cf. Scroop *v.*] A harsh, strident, or scraping noise.

a 1859 *Household Words* XXX. 139 This man could mimic every word and scroop and shout that might be supposed proper to such a scene [the pulling of teeth]. 1868 Miss Braddon *Trail of Serpent* VI. iv, The door opened with a scroop. 1892 *Chamb. Jrnl.* 12 Nov. 734/2 There is always a scroop of chairs moving on the stone floor.

Scroop, *sb.*2 *rare*−1. ? Perh. a mistake for Scruff.

1850 E. Brontë *Wuthering Heights* iii, I took my dingy volume by the scroop, and hurled it into the dog-kennel.

Scroop (skrūp), *v.* [Echoic.

Cf. *skruke*, 'the noise made by a chair being drawn along a brick floor' (Colgan-Hardy, *Broad Norfolk*, 1893).]

intr. To make a strident, grating, or scraping sound; to grate, creak, squeak.

1787 Grose *Prov. Gloss.* s. v., The jack scroops. 1826 Cobbett *Rur. Rides* (1885) II. 194 It is boundless joy to me, to contemplate this infernal system [of paper-money] in its hour of wreck: swag here; crack there; scroop this way: souse that way. 1849 Alb. Smith *Pottleton Legacy* xxxiv. 401 She heard the shutters of the dairy scroop on their hinges. 1886 J. Ashby-Sterry *Lazy Minstrel* 110 The iron gate scrooped on its hinges.

Hence **Scroo·ping** *vbl. sb.*

1849 Alb. Smith *Pottleton Legacy* xxxiv. 410 Without any of the scrooping or vibrating that usually accompanies a pull-up. 1884 Miss Braddon *Ishmael* II. 232 Opening the doors as cautiously as a practised burglar, lest the porter or his wife should be awakened by the scrooping of a bolt.

† **Scrophe.** *Obs. rare.* [ad. med.L. *scropha* in the originals.] App. a measure of land.

The addition 'or diches' is prob. due to a mistaken guess at the meaning.

c 1450 *Godstow Reg.* 279 To Petir of Esserugge, half j. acre of mede in Roweneye,..with iij. scrophis of the seid half acre liyng to them. *Ibid.* 290, ij. yerdes of mede in Farnhull..with iiij. scrophis or diches. *Ibid.* 292, ij. Rodis and iiij. scrophis of mede [L. *scrophas prati*] in Farnehulle.

‖ **Scrophularia** (skrŏfiū·lē·riă). *Bot.* Also 7–8 scrof-, 7 schroph-. [mod.L. (sc. *herba*), f. med.L. *scrophula* Scrofula: see -ary.] A genus of monopetalous plants (the fig-worts), typical of the N.O. *Scrophulariaceæ*; a plant of this genus.

[1527 Andrew *Brunswyke's Distyll. Waters* B iv, Scrofularia in latyn. The best parte & tyme of his dystyllacyon is the rote wasshed, and the lenes stroped fro the stalkes and so togyder dystylled.] 1663 Boyle *Usef. Exp. Nat. Philos.* II. v. viii. 192 Our Chymist told me he had made such *Prima entia* of Scrophularia. 1741 *Compl. Fam.-Piece* II. iii. 385 You have besides the scarlet Lichnis,.. Spanish Scrophularia (*printed* Scorphularia), Larkspur.

Hence **Scrophularia·ceous** *a.*, belonging to the N.O. *Scrophulariaceæ*; **Scrophula·riad**, a plant of this order.

1846 Smart Suppl., *Scrophulariaceous*. 1866 *Treas. Bot.* 1263 *Bartsia*, unpretending annuals, belonging to Scrophulariads. 1884 *Athenæum* 20 Sept. 375/2 The classification of the labiates, the scrophulariads, the Leguminosæ [etc.].

Scrophularin (skrŏfiū·lărin). *Chem.* [f. Scrophular-ia + -in 1.] A bitter substance obtained from *Scrophularia nodosa* (knotted figwort).

1868 Watts *Dict. Chem.* V. 209 *Scrophularia nodosa* contains a bitter substance called by Walz *a*-scrophularin... *Sc. aquatica* contains a bitter substance *β*-scrophularin.

Scrophularineous (skrŏfiūlări·nĭəs), *a.* [f. mod.L. *Scrophularineæ* + -ous.] Of or pertaining to the *Scrophularineæ* (or *Scrophulariaceæ*).

1845 G. Don in *Encycl. Metrop.* VI. 108* Scrophularineous Plants. 1882 G. Allen in *Cornhill Mag.* Jan. 32 The scrophularineous family, to which the snapdragon belongs.

† **Scrophulary.** *Obs.* Also 5 scropholarie, 6 scrophularye. Anglicized form of Scrophularia (cf. F. *scrofulaire*).

c 1400 *Lanfranc's Cirurg.* 269 Oupir take scrophularie þe ryndе þerof & grinde it wiþ grese, & make þerof an emplastre. 1578 Lyte *Dodoens* I. xxxi. 44 The roote..euerlasting, putting forth yearely new springs, as also doth the rootes of the other two Scrophularies. 1725 *Bradley's Fam. Dict.* I. s. v. *Cancer*, Tisans composed of Maiden-Hair, Ceterach, great Scrophulary or Knot-grass.

Scrophules: variant of Scroffles *pl.*

† **Scro·ppit,** *a. Sc. Obs. rare.* 'Mean, scraping, niggardly' (Jam.).

? *a* 1550 *Peder Coffeis* 10 in *Lyndesay's Min. Poems* (1871) 588 Thay are declarit in sevin pairtis; Ane (scroppit cofe) quhen he begynnis, Sornand all and sindry airtis, For to by hennis reid-wod he rynnis.

Scroschatis: see Scrochat *Sc. Obs.*

Scrotal (skrō·tăl), *a.* [ad. mod.L. *scrōtālis*, f. Scrotum.] Of or pertaining to the scrotum.

1800 *Med. Jrnl.* III. 331 A. B...had many years been subject to a large scrotal hernia. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 808 Sinuous raised infiltration of the scrotal skin.

† **Scro·tcher.** *Obs. rare*−1. ? = Croche *sb.*2

1611 Cotgr. s. v. *Semé, Teste de cerf bien semée*, a Stags head which hath all it spillers, rochers, and scrotchers on both sides.

Scrotchertis: see Scrochat *Sc. Obs.*

Scrotiform (skrō·tifɔrm). *Bot.* and *Biol.* [f. Scrotum + -(i)form.] Pouch-shaped.

1775 J. Jenkinson *Brit. Plants* 256 *Scrotiform*, in the form of the *Scrotum*. 1856 Henslow *Dict. Bot. Terms*, *Scrotiform*. 1866 *Treas. Bot.*

Scrotocele (skrō·tosil). *Path.* [f. *scroto-* combining form of Scrotum + Cele.] A scrotal hernia.

1693 tr. *Blancard's Phys. Dict.* (ed. 2), *Scrotocele*, a Rupture of the *Scrotum*. 1858 Mayne *Expos. Lex.* 1898 *Syd. Soc. Lex.*

Scroto-femoral (skrō·to,fe·mŏrăl), *a. Path.* [formed as prec. + Femoral.] Pertaining to the parts about the scrotum and the thigh.

1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 510 The popliteal hollow, the groins, the scroto-femoral flexures.

Scrottiszarttis: see Scrochat *Sc. Obs.*

‖ **Scrotum** (skrō·tŏm). *Anat.* [L. *scrōtum.*] The pouch-like tegument enclosing the testicles.

1597 A. M. tr. *Guillemeau's Fr. Chirurg.* 21/2 The Scrotum, which we call the bagg wherin the testicles are contayned. 1690 R. Davies *Jrnl.* (Camden) 114 He was shot through the scrotum, and thereby forced to retire. 1772 D. Lysons *Pract. Ess.* 66 His neck, abdomen, scrotum, legs, and all parts of his body were greatly tumified. 1878 Bryant *Pract. Surgery* I. 46 Where much cellular tissue exists, oedema will rapidly show itself, as in the eyelids or scrotum.

Scrouge (skrūdʒ, skroudʒ), *sb. colloq.* or *vulgar.* Also scrowge. [f. Scrouge *v.*]

1. A crush, squeeze, or crowd.

1839 C. Clark *J. Noakes* cxxiii, Agin these shows, oh, what a scrowge! 1887 C. Keene *Let.* in *Life* xii. (1892) 383, I went to the Academy 'Swarry' last night—the usual scrouge.

2. *U. S.* (See quot.)

1851 B. H. Hall *College Words, Scrouge*, an exaction. A very long lesson, or any hard and unpleasant task, is usually among students denominated a *scrouge*.

Scrouge (skrūdʒ, skroudʒ), *v. colloq.* or *vulgar.* Also 8–9 skrowdge, 9 scroodge, scrooge, scroudge, scrowge, skrouge. [App. an onomatopœic alteration of Scruze.]

1. *trans.* To incommode by pressing against (a person); to encroach on (a person's) space in sitting or standing; to crowd.

1755 Johnson s. v. *Scruze*, This word..is still preserved, at least in its corruption, *to scrouge*, in the London jargon. 1756 Toldervy *Hist. a Orphans* III. 198, I assure you, that I am not used to be skrowdged by any man, not even my husband; therefore, pray sit farther from me. 1811 *Ora & Juliet* III. 131, I hope, Miss, I don't scrouge you? 1840 Dickens *Old C. Shop* xxxix, Kit had hit a man on the head with a handkerchief of apples for 'scrowdging' his parent with unnecessary violence. 1896 *Westm. Gaz.* 24 July 7/2 A barrister applied at Westminster Police-court to-day for a summons against a solicitor's clerk, alleged to have 'scrooged' applicant when..he tried to obtain a seat at the *Drummond Castle* inquiry the other day.

b. *intr.*

1821 Egan *Life in London* viii. (1870) 194 Who's that that scroudges?—you shan't shove my wife. 1873 *Punch* 14 June 247/1 He, like the rest, scrooged and elbowed and leaned forward to see.

2. *U. S.* (See quot.)

1851 B. H. Hall *College Words, Scrouge*,..said of an instructor who imposes difficult tasks on his pupils.

Hence **Scrou·ging** *vbl. sb.*

1843 B. R. Hall *New Purchase* II. 59 (Bartlett 1860) After hard scrouging each way some hundred yards, we came together and held a council. 1894 Hall Caine *Manxman* IV. xvi. 263 Such pushing and scrooging, you never seen the like.

Scrou·ger. [f. Scrouge *v.* + -er 1.]

1. *U. S.* Anything exceptional in size, capacity, etc.; a 'bouncer'.

1847 Roan *Squatter Life* (Bartlett 1860), The gals among them warn't any of your pigeon critters,..but real scrougers; any of 'em could lick a bar easy. 1852 Haliburton *Traits Amer. Humour* xxi. (1866) 119 A drum, and a regular scronger at that.

2. A fishing-line fitted with several hooks used for illegal fishing (= Scrodgill).

1897 Kipling *Capt. Cour.* viii. 157 A man..had been convicted of using a tackle with five or six hooks—a 'scrowger' they call it—on the Shoals.

Scrow (skrōu), *sb.* Also 3–6 scrowe, 5 skraw, ? skrew, 5–7 skrow, 6 schrowe, 6–7 skro. [Aphetic a. AF. *escrowe* (see Escrow).]

† 1. = Scroll *sb.* 1. *Obs.*

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 282 3if þu hauest knif oðer cloð, mete oðer drunch, scrowe oðer quaer, holi monne uroure. 13.. *Coer de L.* 3395 Looke every mannys name thou wryte, Upon a scrowe off parchemyn. 1382 Wyclif *Matt.* xxiii. 5 Filateries, that ben smale scrowis. *c* 1400 *Brut* ccxxxi. 313 And whan they had þus swore, þey token her scrowes that þe

othes were comprehendid in, to the Notaries. *c* 1450 *M. E. Med. Bk.* (Heinrich) 99 Wryte þis charme on a skrowe. 1550–1 *Rec. St. Mary at Hill* 392 Paid for a scrow to syng on ij d. 1596 DALRYMPLE tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* II. 397 Tha offir to the Quene a scrow of requeist conteining sum poyntes of thair schisme, inuentiounis, and denyses. 1615 *Irish Act Jas. I*, c. 9 (1621) 444 Vet neuerthelesse all estreates of such fines..shall..be orderly charged and deliuered by scrowes into the office of the pype in the court of Exchequer.

† b. *pl.* Writings. *Obs.*

1508 KENNEDIE *Flyting w. Dunbar* 26 Dirtin Dumbar, quhome on blawes thow tby boist? Pretendand the to wryte sic skaldit skrowis. *a* 1513 FABYAN *Chron.* VII. 624 Knowynge that y^e^ sayd Baylly vsed to bere scrowys and prophecye aboute hym, shewyng to his company that he was an enchaoter and of ylle disposicion. *a* 1585 MONTGOMERIE *Flyting* 112 Thy scrows obscure are borowed fra some buike. 1646 *Stirling Burgh Rec.* (1887) I. 190 The haill actis and scrowis that ar not buikit..in the counsall book.

† 2. The expanse of heaven, the sky. *Obs.*

c 1400 *Destr. Troy* 910 As þe welkyn shold walt, a wonderfull noyse Skremyt vp to the skrow with a skryke ffelle.

† 3. A note, memorandum. *Obs.*

1424 *Paston Lett.* I. 18 This scrowe is mad only for the informacion of the worthy and worshipfull lordes the arbitrores. *c* 1538 R. COWLEY in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. II. II. 94 There coulde be founde no maner roll, boke, or scrowe of the Kinges Revenues.

† b. A list, inventory, schedule. *Obs.*

a 1545 in *Archæologia* XXXIV. 38 Two prepositores in euery forme, whiche doth giue in a schrowe the absentes names at any lecture. 1596 DALRYMPLE tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* II. 196 Heirefter how lang king Frances lyuet, he labouret to put the scotis in the skrow of his maist faythful seruandes.

† c. *Clerk of the scrow* = *Rotulorum clericus*, Clerk of the Register. *Obs.*

1596 DALRYMPLE tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* II. 435 James Makgil quha clark is called of the lytle scrow.

4. *pl.* or *collect. sing.* Strips or clippings of hide or leather used for making glue.

1339–40 *Sacrist Rolls Ely* (1907) II. 99 Item in iiij buss. de strowes [*read* scrowes] empt. pro cole [*i. e.* glue] inde faciend. 1811 *Dues on Goods* in *Thom's Hist. Aberd.* II. 54 Scrows of ox and cow, or other hides, per ton, o. 4. o. 1879 *Encycl. Brit.* X. 133/1 So prepared the 'scrows' or glue pieces, as they are termed, may be kept a long time without undergoing change.

Scrow (skrau), *a. dial.* [? cogn. w. SHREW.] (See quots.)

1674 RAY *S. & E. C. Words* 77 *Skrow*: surly, dogged, used most adverbially, as to look skrow [*printed* shrow], i. e. to look sowrly. 1859 HUGHES *Scouring W. Horse* vii. 182 Owld Tovey at this did look main scrow. 1883 *Hampsh. Gloss., Scrow*, (1) Cross. (2) Angry, scowling. (3) Dark, threatening, as weather, 'A scrow night'.

Scrow, variant of SCREW *sb.*[2]

Scrowl (skraul). A thin incrustation, calcareous or silicious, upon the wall of a lode.

1778 W. PRYCE *Min. Cornub.* 99 What they call a Scrowl of the true Lode in the Cross-Gossan. 1884 R. HUNT *Brit. Mining* 912.

† **Scroyle** (skroil). *Obs.* Also 7 scroile. [Of obscure origin.

The conjecture that it is a. OF. *escroele*, scrofulous sore, is not quite satisfactory as to form, and the assumed development of sense, though plausible, has no evidence.]

A scoundrel, wretch.

1595 SHAKS. *K. John* II. i. 373 By heauen! these scroyles of Angiers flout you, kings. 1601 B. JONSON *Poetaster* IV. iii. 35, I cry mercy (my good scroile) was't thou? [Cf. *ante* 20 By thy leaue, my neat scoundrell.] 1622 J. TAYLOR (Water-P.) *Water-cormorant* E 3, Then vpon Sabbath dayes the scroyle beginnes With most vnhallowed hands, to weed vp sinnes. 1794 I. WILLIAMS *Crying Epist.* 20 P—t was presuming when a young beginner: S—d—y's a Scroyle—A—d—n's a luckless winner! 1821 SCOTT *Kenilw.* xix, 'Hang him, foul scroyle, let him pass,' said the mercer.

Scrub (skrvb), *sb.*[1] Also 6 schrub. [var. of SHRUB: see SCR- I.]

I. 1. A low stunted tree. Cf. SHRUB.

1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* XVII. XXV. (Tollem. MS.), In euery scrub [orig. *in omni frutice*], where þe reynebowe schineþ strayte þeron, þe same swetnesse of smel is all þe while, þat þe bowe schineþ þere. 1597 *Regul. Manor of Scawby, Lincs.* (MS.), That none shall take or carrye away any common ffurrs, being common rootes or scrubbes. 1868 HUNTLEY *Gloss. Cotswold Dial., Scrub*, shrub.

2. *collect.* Stunted trees or shrubs, brushwood; also, a tract of country overgrown with 'scrub'.

1809 A. HENRY *Trav.* 281 At four o'clock in the afternoon, we reached a little scrub, or bushy tract, on which we encamped. 1833 STUART *S. Australia* I. i. 21 We encamped about noon in some scrub. 1873 *Gentl. Mag.* Jan. 60 There are few trees, but plenty of scrub and bushes. 1885 H. FINCH-HATTON *Advance Australia!* 152 Upon one occasion a traveller was riding quickly round the corner of a scrub, when he came suddenly on to a camp of wild Blacks.

b. *transf.* and *fig.*

1860 C. KINGSLEY *Miscell.* I. 295 The Elizabethan poets dwindled down into a barren scrub of Vaughans and Cowleys, etc. 1885 RIDER HAGGARD *K. Solomon's Mines* vii, He felt his chin, on which the accumulated scrub of a ten day's beard was flourishing.

3. spec. *Mallee scrub* (*Eucalyptus oleosa*) and *Horizontal scrub* (*Anodopetalum biglandulosum*), native trees of Australasia, common in thickets and undergrowth. *Tea-scrub*: see TEA-TREE.

1857 HOWITT *Tallangetta* xii. II. 2 This Mallee scrub..consists of a dense wood of a dwarf species of gum-tree. 1909 G. SMITH *Nat. Tasmania* 117 The most formidable constituent of this underscrub is the..Horizontal Scrub.

II. 4. a. A breed of cattle distinguished by their small size. † b. A dwarf; a person of mean presence.

a. 1555 *Act* 2–3 *Phil. & Mary* c. 3 § 1 Persons..haue layde theyr Landes..to feeding of Sheepe, Oxen, Runtes, Schrubbes, Steeres & Heckfers, and suche other lyke Cattell. 1581 LAMBARDE *Eiren.* IV. IV. 449 Oxen, rontes, steeres, scrubs, heifares, or kine. 1884 *Harper's Mag.* July 297/2 The latter receives most of the 'through Texans', the old cows, and the 'scrubs' and 'culls' from the better lots.

b. 1611 COTGR., *Vn manche d'estrille*, a dwarfe, elfe, dandiprat, low scrub.

5. *transf.* A mean insignificant fellow, a person of little account or poor appearance.

1589 WARNER *Alb. Eng.* VI. XXXI. 137 Must I, thought I, giue aime to such a Skrub and such a Saint, That Skowndrell, and this Counterfeit. 1657 TRAPP *Comm. Ps.* lxii. 4 Neither is there ever a better of these glavering companions, dissembling scrubs. 1749 FIELDING *Tom Jones* VIII. iv, He is an arrant scrub, I assure you. 1876 T. HARDY *Ethelberta* xlvii. II. 256 Any poor scrubs in our place must be fools not to think the match a very rare and astonishing bonour, as far as the position goes.

III. *attrib.* and *Comb.*

6. *attrib.* and *Comb.*: (sense 2), as *scrub-cattle, -horse, -land*; (sense 1), as *scrub-tree*; **scrub-itch**, a skin-disease peculiar to the jungles of New Guinea.

1870 A. L. GORDON *Bush Ballads* 14 'Twas merry 'mid the blackwoods, when we spied the station roofs, To wheel the wild *scrub cattle at the yard. 1823 J. F. COOPER *Pioneers* xvii, The rider of *scrub-horses. 1909 K. MACKAY *Across Papua* 125 We were now in the region of leeches and *scrub-itch. 1852 MUNDY *Antipodes* (1857) 15 Innumerable tracks for equestrians across the stunted *scrub-land. 1749 LADY LUXBOROUGH *Lett. to Shenstone* (1775) 163, I ordered a crooked row of *scrub trees to be fallen. 1888 LIGHTHALL *Yng. Seigneur* 153 A hamlet of thirty or forty cabins crowded together among some scrub trees in the midst of a stony moor.

b. In names of birds; as **scrub-bird**, a bird of the Australian family *Atrichiiadæ*; **scrub-hen** = MOUND-BUILDER 2; **scrub-robin**, any bird of the genus *Drymodes*, Gould; **scrub-tit, -wren**, small birds of the order *Sericornis*, Gould (Morris, *Austral Eng.*); **scrub-turkey**, *Tallegalla lathami* or *Leipoa ocellata*.

1869 J. GOULD *Birds of Australia* Suppl. Pl. 26 *Atrichia rufescens*. Rufescent *Scrub-bird. 1864 J. ROGERS *New Rush* II. 33 The monster *Scrub-hen, waddling past, Affrights. 1848 J. GOULD *Birds of Australia* III. Pl. 10 *Drymodes Brunneopygia*, Gould, *Scrub Robin. 1872 C. H. EDEN *Queensland* 124 The *scrub turkey (*Talegalla Lathami*).. much resembles the English hen turkey, though but little larger than a fowl.

c. In names of Australasian and American trees and plants; as **scrub-oak**, *Villaresia moorei* and *Casuarina cunninghamii*; **scrub-pine, -vine** (see quots.). Also **scrubwood** (see quots.).

1805 PIKE *Sources Mississ.* (1810) 40 Found some *scrub oak. 1884 E. P. ROE in *Harper's Mag.* Feb. 457/1 An envious scrub-oak tore it off. 1872 COUES *N. Amer. Birds* 103 In sparse low woodland, cedar thickets and old fields grown up to *scrub-pines. 1884 SARGENT *Forests N. Amer.* 199 *Pinus clausus* Vasey...Sand Pine. Scrub Pine. Spruce Pine. 1898 MORRIS *Austral Eng.* s.v. *Pine*, Scrub Pine, *Frenela endlicheri*. 1866 *Intell. Observ.* No. 52. 242 The *scrub-vine, a species of cassytha. 1898 MORRIS *Austral Eng.* s.v. *Bauera*, A shrub, *Bauera rubioides*..the Scrub Vine, or Native Rose. 1874 *Treas. Bot.* Suppl. s.v. *Commidendron, C. rugosum* is called the *Scrub Wood and Gum Shrub. 1875 MELLISS *St. Helena* 284 *Aster glutinosus*...The indigenous plant called 'Scrubwood' is a native of the low, outer zone of the Island.

Scrub (skrvb), *sb.*[2] [f. SCRUB *v.*]

1. The action or an act of scrubbing.

1621 J. TAYLOR (Water-P.) *Praise Beggery* D 1 b, Then (after a scrub or a shrug) you must conceine he meetes with a Lawyer, and fitting his phrase to his language, hee assaults him thus, and ioynes issue. 1900 *Daily News* 14 Aug. 5/1 Afterwards the Carlton goes over to the Junior Carlton, the senior club requiring a scrub up.

2. A broom or brush with short hard bristles.

1687 MIÈGE *Gt. Fr. Dict.* II, Scrub, or old Broom, *un vieux Balais*...She has but a Scrub to sweep the Room withall. 1829 *Yng. Lady's Bk.* 466 The brushes used [for painting on velvet] are called scrubs. 1882 *Worc. Exhib. Catal.* iii. 57 Brushes for slippers, deck and paint scrubs.

3. One who scrubs; a hard-worked servant, a drudge. Perhaps with some reference to *sb.*[1] 5.

[1707 FARQUHAR *Beaux' Stratagem* Dram. Pers., *Scrub*, Servant to Mr. Sullen.] 1709 [E. WARD] *Rambling Fuddle-Caps* 10 [The cook-wench says] Altho' I'm a Scrub that is doom'd to a Kitchin. 1776 BURNEY *Hist. Mus.* I. 304 He [Pan as described by Lucian] was a kind of *Scrub*, a drudge, fit for *all work*. 1888 *Poor Nellie* 447 A young girl of fifteen—a kitchen scrub he had never seen before.

4. The third grade in the quality of the heads of teasels; cf. KING, MIDDLING, QUEEN.

1766 *Museum Rust.* VI. 2 Another, or third sort, are such of the largest, or those which grew on the middle stem, as are damaged by the mildew, wet, or other accident...These therefore are thrown to a third sort, and denominated scrubs. 1813 (see QUEEN *sb.* 9 a).

5. *attrib.* a. **scrub-grass** (see quots.); b. *U. S.* (in transf. use of sense 1: cf. SCRATCH *sb.*[1]) **scrub-crew, -nine** (see quot. 1891); **scrub-race, -game**, an impromptu race or game between competitors who have not trained beforehand.

1891 *Century Dict.* s.v. *Scrub*, **Scrub-crew*, **nine*, etc. in contests or games, a crew, nine, or the like, the members of which have not trained beforehand. 1814 BRACKENRIDGE *Views Louisiana* 206 Through all these islands, and on the Missouri bottoms, there are great quantities of rusbes, commonly called *scrub grass. 1898 *Syd. Soc. Lex.*, *Scrub-grass*, a syn. for *Scouring rush* [*Equisetum hyemale*]. 1807–8 W. IRVING *Salmag.* (1824) 283 To start in a *scrub-race for honour and renown. 1878 *N. Amer. Rev.* CXXVII. 14 The scrub-race of American politics.

† **Scrub**, *sb.*[3] *Obs.* [? f. SCRUB *v.*: cf. SCRUBBADO.] The itch.

1709 O. DYKES *Eng. Prov., Union Prov.* (ed 2) 7 We English are as much afflicted with the Scurvy, as they are with the Scrub. 1719 D'URFEY *Pills* V. 311 The Pox, the Mulligrubs, the Bonny Scrubs.

Scrub (skrvb), *a.* [attrib. use of SCRUB *sb.*[1]]

1. Mean, insignificant, contemptible.

1710–11 SWIFT *Jrnl. to Stella* 13 Jan., Upon Steele's leaving off, there were two or three scrub Tatlers came out, and one of them holds on still. 1743 H. WALPOLE *Let. to Mann* 3 Oct., How dismal,..how scrub does this town look. 1813 SCOTT 9 Jan. in *Lockhart* III. i. 36 Charlotte is with me just now at this little scrub habitation.

† 2. ? = Bob (tail). *Obs.*

1711 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 4888/4 A large scrub Tail, dapple grey.

Scrub (skrvb), *v.*[1] Forms: 3–4 scrobbe, 6–7 skrub, 6– scrub. [Of obscure history: adopted from or corresp. to MLG., MDu. *schrobben, schrubben* (whence G. *schrubben, schruppen*, Sw. *skrubba*, Da. *skrubbe*), perh. related to SCRAPE; cf. GRUB *v.*

The existence of the variant SHRUB *v.* suggests the possibility that there may have been an OE. **scrobbian* or **scrybban*. In the mod. sense 3 the word may perh. have been re-imported from Du. as a nautical term: cf. *swab.*]

† 1. *trans.* To curry-comb (a horse). *Obs.*

13.. *K. Alis.* 4310 The knave greytheth the hors, and scrobbeth [*Laud MS.* þe knaues graiþen her hors, & shrubben].

† 2. To scratch, rub (a part of one's body). Also *intr.* for *refl. Obs.*

1596 NASHE *Saffron Walden* O 2 b, He put his hand in his pocket but to scrub his arme a little that itcht. 1598 MARSTON *Sco. Villanie* II. vi. E 8, Capro reads, sweares, scrubs, and sweares againe, Now by my soule an admirable straine. 1643 LIGHTFOOT *Glean. Exod.* 17 He is glad to get a potsheard to skrub himselfe. 1725 *Bradley's Fam. Dict.* s.v. *Vives*, With a Clout fastned to a Stick scrub the Place four or five Mornings, until the inflam'd Part becomes soft and ripe.

3. To clean (esp. a floor, wood, etc.) by rubbing with a hard brnsh and water. Also *fig.*

c 1595 MAYNARDE *Drake's Voy.* (Hakluyt Soc.) 13 If part of our companie had been sent thither upon our first arrival at Rio de la Hacha, doubtles we had done much goode, but now they [the Spaniards] had scrube [*read* scrubd] it very bare. 1697 DAMPIER *Voy.* I. 52 We careen'd Capt. Wright's Bark and scrubb'd the Sugar-prire and got 2 Guns out of the Wrecks. 1709 W. KING *Art of Love* VIII. 1104 You'll scrub the rooms, or make the bed. 1828 SCOTT *F. M. Perth* Introd., I hastened to the spot, and found the well-meaning traveller scrubbing the floor like a housemaid. 1896 A. AUSTIN *England's Darling* I. ii, These poor arms you fold about you now Oft scrub the settle, scour the pans, and knead The homely dough.

b. *transf.* To rub with something bristly.

1844 THACKERAY *Arabella* in *Colburn's New Monthly* II. 170 He has a kind word for both, and scrubs the little girl's fresh cheek with his bristly beard.

4. *techn.* To carry on the process of cleansing coal-gas from impurities by means of a 'scrubber'.

1885 C. G. W. LOCK *Workshop Receipts* Ser. IV. 5/1 The particular arrangement of the interior of the scrubber adopted here, is that patented by Henry Green of Preston, and used in the gasworks there for scrubbing gas.

5. In *Comb.*, as *scrub-broom, -girl, -pail, -woman.*

1675 V. ALSOP *Anti-Sozzo* iii. § 2. 223 He brings nothing New, his Rayling faculty, like an old *Skrub-broom, being worn to the Stumps. 1839 MRS. KIRKLAND in Griswold *Prose Writers Amer.* (1847) 464 Fetch the broom, Betsey! and the scrub-broom, Betsey! 1895 *Forum* (N.Y.) Jan. 556 A majority of the mothers work out as washerwomen or *scrubwomen.

† **Scrub**, *v.*[2] *Obs.* Also skrub. [? f. SCRUB *sb.*[1] (sense 5).] *intr.* To go in mean attire.

a 1591 H. SMITH *Serm. Wedd. Garmt.* 18 Therfore when we may goe in our maisters attire, shall wee scrubbe like beggars patched in our rags? 1597 BP. HALL *Sat.* I. iii. 7 Now soouping in side robes of Royalty, That earst did skrub in lowsie brokery.

† **Scrubba·do.** *Obs.* Also 7 scrubadoe, 7–8 scrubado. [f. SCRUB *sb.*[3] + -ADO: cf. SCABBADO.] The itch.

1651 BIGGS *New Disp.* 112 He was still troubled with his guest, the scrubadoe. 1709 *Female Tatler* No. 6/4 A new Nostrum for the Scrubbado. 1729 FIELDING *Author's Farce* III. Air xii, Were I laid on Scotland's Coast, And in my Arms embrac'd my dear, Let Scrubado do its most, I would know no Grief or Fear.

† **Scru·bbed,** *a. Obs.* [f. SCRUB *sb.*[1] + -ED [2].]

1. Stunted, dwarfed.

1596 SHAKS. *Merch. V.* v. i. 163 Now by this hand I gaue it to a youth, A kinde of boy, a little scrubbed boy No higher then thy selfe, the Iudges Clearke. 1607 J. NORDEN *Surv. Dial.* v. 237 They suffer their sheepe and cattell to bruire them [Furze bushes] when they are yonog, and so they grow to scrubbed and low tufts, seldome to that perfection that they might. 1723 T. TAYLOR in *Portland Papers* (Hist. MSS. Comm.) VI. 87 The first wood..consisting all of oaks, but very scrubbed ones. 1835 W. IRVING *Tour Prairies* xvii, Straggling forests of the kind of low scrubbed trees already mentioned.

2. Squalid, insignificant. *rare*—[1].

1688 BUNYAN *Heavenly Footman* (1724) 72 Consider, there-

fore, that as bad as thou have got thither; thither went scrubbed, beggarly Lazarus, &c.

Scrubber[1] (skrʌ·bəɹ). [f. Scrub *v.*[1] + -er[1].]

1. One who, or something which scrubs.

1839 Mrs. Kirkland in Griswold *Prose Writers Amer.* (1847) 464 Her floor is scoured every night, after all are in bed but the unlucky scrubber, Betsey, the maid of all work. *a* 1864 Gesner *Coal, Petrol.* etc. (1865) 166 Steam at forty lbs. is an excellent scrubber.

2. An instrument for scrubbing. **a.** A scrubbing-brush. (In mod. Dicts.) **b.** An apparatus for cleansing coal-gas from impurities.

1853 S. Hughes *Gas-works* 42 The scrubber or breeze, condenser is used for the same purpose. 1876 *Engineering* 16 June 514/2 It was yet an open question which were the better, washers or scrubbers.

Scrubber[2] (skrʌ·bəɹ). [f. Scrub *sb.*[1] + -er[1].] A person or animal that lives in the scrub.

1859 H. Kingsley *G. Hamlyn* xxix, The captain was getting in the 'scrubbers'—cattle which had been left..to run wild in the mountains. 1890 'R. Boldrewood' *Col. Reformer* (1891) 411 Don't you stick at home all your life, like a mallee scrubber.

Scru·bbery. [f. Scrub *v.*[1] + -ery.] Drudgery.

1834 Beckford *Italy* I. 31, I escaped the ennui of this endless scrubbery. 1884 Mrs. F. Miller *Ht. Martineau* 108 Brains tell in the mean and dirty scrubbery of life as well as in pleasanter things.

Scrubbing (skrʌ·biŋ), *vbl. sb.* [-ing[1].] The action of Scrub *v.*[1], in various senses.

†**1.** Scratching. *Obs.*

1622 Mabbe tr. *Aleman's Guzman d'Alf.* I. 119 The cattell went grazing on the humane Pasture of my miserable corps; I awaked with their nibbling, fell a scrubbing, and [etc.]. 1667 [see Scratting *vbl. sb.*, under Scrat *v.*]

2. Rubbing with a hard brush and water; *transf.* rubbing with something bristly.

1681 [see Scrubbing-brush]. 1693 Dryden *Juvenal* VI. (1697) 141 To shun the scrubbing of a bearded Kiss. 1749 Berkeley *Word to Wise* Wks. III. 445 A little washing, scrubbing, and rubbing, bestowed on their persons and houses.

†**3.** A beating, a drubbing. *Obs.*

1813 Sir R. Wilson *Priv. Diary* II. 485 Three thousand French horse..have given Schenbler a severe scrubbing.

†**Scru·bbing,** *ppl. a. Obs.* [f. Scrub *v.*[2] + -ing[2].] Squalid, beggarly.

1603 Dekker *Wonderf. Yr.* D j, Hungry Coffin-sellers, scrubbing Bearers, and nastie Graue-makers. 1622 Massinger *Virg. Mart.* III. iii, Nor do I care From what a lauish hand your money flies, So you giue none away, feed beggers...And to the scrubbing poore.

Scrubbing-brush (skrʌ·biŋbrʌʃ). Also 7 **scrubing-brush.** [f. Scrubbing *vbl. sb.*] A brush with hard bristles for scrubbing purposes.

1681 Grew *Museum* II. § i. iv. 204 The outward Skin being taken off, the Fruit looks and feels like a round Scrubing-Brush. 1712 Arbuthnot *John Bull* III. i. 7 She never would lay aside the Use of Brooms and scrubbing Brusbes. 1893 Basing-Gould *Cheap Jack Zita* xxiii, A woman over her soapsuds and scrubbing-brush.

†**Scru·bbish,** *a. Obs. rare.* [f. Scrub *a.* + -ish[1].] Like a 'scrub', contemptible.

1798 *Sporting Mag.* XI. 43 The Dutch, truckling, scrubbish.

Scrubby (skrʌ·bi), *a.*[1] [f. Scrub *sb.*[1] + -y.]

1. Stunted, under-developed.

1591 Harington *Orl. Fur.* xiii. xxxiv. 98 A short thicke planke stood on a scrubby post That seru'd them for a boord to drinke and eat. 1727 Swift *Baucis & Phil.* 177 The other Tree was griev'd, Grew scrubby, dy'd a-top, was stunted. 1794 W. Pearce *Agric. Berks* 55 Woods...The scrubby stuff is..burnt into charcoal. 1860 Wraxall *Life in Sea* ii. 30 The ground is..covered with scrubby lichens.

2. Covered with scrub or brushwood.

1676 Petty *Polit. Anat. Irel.*, etc. (1691) 115 About two Millions of Rocky, Boggy, and Scrubby Pasture, commonly call'd Unprofitable. 1835 T. Batman in *A. Cornwallis's New World* (1859) I. 373 The country, however, proved too scrubby to enable the dogs to have a fair run.

3. Insignificant, shabby, paltry, of poor appearance.

1782 Miss Burney *Cecilia* v. xii, To be treated like a little scrubby apprentice? 1860 Mrs. Carlyle *Lett.* III. 35, I am so sorry to put you off with such a scrubby letter. 1894 Mrs. F. Elliot *Roman Gossip* i. 22 They were but a very scrubby mixture of the lowest peasants.

Scrubby (skrʌ·bi), *a.*[2] [f. Scrub *v.*[1] + -y.] Rough, bristly.

1856 Lever *Martins of Cro' M.* xl. 411 'Well, I should like to see her', drawled out Merl, as he smoothed down his scrubby mustachios.

†**Scru·bly,** *adv. Obs. rare*—[1]. [f. Scrub *a.* + -ly[2].] Meanly, shabbily.

1732 Lo. Tyrawly in *Buccleuch MSS.* (Hist. MSS. Comm.) I. 383 This room few of my predecessors made use of..; and..such of them as did furnish it, did it very scrubly.

†**Scru·by.** *north. Obs.* Also 6 **scrubby,** 6, 9 **scrubie,** 7 **scrobie, scrooby.** [Perh. a metathetic alteration of Scobbute or its source.] Scurvy. Also 16th c. *scruby ill. Comb.* **Scruby-grass,** scurvy-grass.

1551 Turner *Herbal* I vj, The scuerbucb whyche is called in the North cuntre the scruby ell [1568 the scrubby ill, or the crepel ill]. 1597 Gerarde *Herbal* II. lxxxii. 325 In English it is called Spoonewort, Scrubie grass, and Scurvie grasse. 1655 Lamont *Diary* (Maitland Cl.) 87 This year, Mr. Jhone Duncan..died of the Scrobie. 1676 Row *Contn. Blair's Autobiog.* App. (1848) 593 Scruby, gout, and gravel. 1691 Ray *N. C. Words* 61 *Scrooby-grass.*

†**Scrud,** *v. Obs. rare*—[1]. [Of obscure origin: cf. Scrub *v.*] (See quot.)

1483 *Cath. Angl.* 326/1 To Scrud (Scrvde *A*) ɨ *ubi* to rub.

Scrue, obs. form of Screw *sb.*[1] and *v.*

Scruff (skrʌf), *sb.*[1] Forms: 1, 7–9 **scruf,** 5 **scrofe,** 6 **scruffe,** *Sc.* **skrufe, skruif(e, skruiff, scruef,** 6–8 **scroof,** 7 **scroofe, scrooffe,** 7– **scruff.** [Metathetic var. of Scurf *sb.*[1]]

†**1.** A scabby or scaly condition of the skin; = Scurf *sb.*[1] 1. *Obs.*

[*c* 1000 *Sax. Leechd.* I. 316 Wið scruf, & wið sceb.] 14.. *Metr. Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 626 *Glabra*, scrofe or scalle.

† **b.** A scab. *Obs. rare*—[1].

1710 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 4716/4 Stoln.., a black Gelding.., with a large Wart or Scruff over his near Eye.

2. = Scurf *sb.*[1] 2.

1526 *Grete Herball* clx. (1529) K ij b, Agaynst the scruffe of the heed and habundaunce of lyce. 1678 Hobbes *Decam.* x. 124 Jumbling them together make them rub off their scruf from one another. 1843 R. J. Graves *Syst. Med.* xxvii. 339 Where there was a copious detachment of scruf.

3. A thin crust or coating. Cf. Scurf *sb.*[1] 4.

1591 Bruce *Serm.* T 2 b, The outwarde scroofe, suppose it appeareth to be whole, where the inward is festered, auaileth nothing, bot maketh it to vndercoate again. 1695 *Sc. Acts Will. III* (1822) IX. 452/2 Pulling up..Bent Juniper and broom bushes which did loose and break the surface and scrooffe of the saids bills.

4. Applied to what is worthless or contemptible; refuse, litter; † *spec.* base money; also used (like 'dross', 'muck') as a contemptuous term for money.

1559 in Knox *Hist. Ref.* II. Wks. 1846 I. 403 They spair not planelie to brek doun and convert the guid and stark money..into this thair corruptit skruiff and baggage of Hard-heidis and Non Suntis. *c* 1560 A. Scott *Poems* (S. T. S.) i. 65 Thai brocbt þair bastardis, wᵗ þe skrufe thai skraip To blande þair blude wᵗ barrownis be ambitioun. 1656 Blount *Glossogr.*, *Scruff*, is a kinde of fuel, which poor people..gather up at ebbing water, in the bottom of the Thames about London, and consists of Coal, little sticks of Wood, Cockle-shells, and the like. 1768 *Woman of Honor* II. 103 The..dirty current..carrying away with it the little trifling straw, scruff, and bubbles on its surface.

† **b.** (See quot.) *Obs.*

1673 *Cal. Treas. Bks.* (1909) IV. 404 As to the importation of whale fins, commonly called scruffe, which you conceive ought to pay as whalebone, you are to state a case.

5. *Comb.*: **Scruff-stone,** ? rubble.

1869 Blackmore *Lorna D.* ii, Old Cop..had jammed the double gates in under the scruff-stone archway.

Scruff (skrʌf), *sb.*[2] Also *dial.* scruft. [Corrupt form of Scuff *sb.*[2], assimilated to prec.] The nape of the neck.

1790 Grose *Prov. Gloss.* (ed. 2), *Scruff*, the nape of the neck. North. 1834 Marryat *P. Simple* xxix, He would have fallen overboard, if I hadn't caught him by the scruff of the neck. 1892 J. K. Jerome in *Idler* June 498 We adopted a more pressing method, and coaxed the dog out by the scruff of his neck.

transf. 1869 Blackmore *Lorna D.* xxix, 'John Fry, you big villain!' I cried, with John hanging up in the air by the scruff of his neck-cloth.

Scruff (skrʌf), *v.*[1] *Sc.* and *north. Obs.* Also 8 **scruiff.** [f. Scruff *sb.*[1]] *trans.* To touch slightly, graze (see Jam. and E.D.D.); in quots. *fig.* to treat superficially, slur *over*. Hence **Scru·ffer.**

1658 in J. Campbell *Balmerino* (1899) 410 Calling him [the minister] a betrayer of sowles, a scruffer of Scriptures. 1707 *Min. Ayr Presbyt.* (MS.), He doth often change his text, and doth not raise many heads and doth not prosecute such as he names, but scruffs them. 1713 *Humble Plead. Good old-way* 92 Many scandalous practises of Presbyterian ministers in some places, tho flagrant and notour, little heeded, and, when complained of, scruiffed over with private accomodations. 1720 E. Erskine *Wks.* (1871) I. 91 Many there are who scruff over the duty in a superficial manner.

Scruff (skrʌf), *v.*[2] [f. Scruff *sb.*[2]] *trans.* To seize (a person) by the nape of the neck.

1885 H. Finch-Hatton *Advance Australia!* 100, I once had a narrow escape of being 'scruffed' by an alligator.

Scruffy (skrʌ·fi), *a.* [f. Scruff *sb.*[1] + -y.] Scaly, covered with scurf.

1660 Howell *Parly of Beasts* 76 The Serpent goes to Fenell when he would..cast off his old scruffy skin to wear a new one. 1841 Lever *C. O'Malley* xxx, Every man, woman, and child has a brown, scruffy, turf-like face. 1885 *U. S. Cons. Report* No. lviii. 150 (Cent.) The sheep [in South Africa] becomes scruffy and emaciated.

Scruge, obs. form of Scourge *v.*

†**Scru·ggle,** *v. Obs.*—[o] [Cf. Struggle, Soriggle *vbs.*] *intr.* To contend, struggle.

1530 Palsgr. 707/2, I scruggell with one to gette from bym, or by cause I wyll nat obey his correction.

Scruish, Scruitore: see Screwish, Scrutoire.

Scrum (skrʌm). [Abbreviated form of Scrummage.] = Scrimmage *sb.* 4.

1888 *Pall Mall G.* 22 May 11/2 The Englishmen are particularly weak behind the 'scrum'.

Comb. 1896 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* I. 652 The impetigo or scrum-pox of Rugby football players..seems to be traced to chafing by jerseys infested with pyogenetic cocci.

Scrummage, variant of Scrimmage *sb.*

Scrump (skrʌmp). *dial.* [Cf. Scrimp *a.* and *v.*] Anything withered or dried up.

1840 Lady C. Bury *Hist. Flirt* xxiii, You two old scrumps, suppose you sit an hour in the pump-room. *a* 1887 Jefferies *Field & Hedgerow* (1892) 193 A mouse is baked in the oven to a 'scrump', then pounded to powder.

†**Scru·mple,** *sb. Obs. rare*—[1]. [var. form of Crumple; see Scr- 2.] A wrinkle, crease.

1508 Dunbar *Flyting* 122 Fy! skolderit skyn, thow art bot skyre and skrumple.

Scru·mple, *v. Obs.* exc. *dial.* [f. the sb.] *trans.* To crush, fold, wrinkle.

c 1575 *Balfour's Practicks* (1754) 188 Ane chartour, sasine, or uther evident, being be chance brint, singit be the fire, scrumpillit, or the seil thairof meltit and brokin. 1894 Moss *Cheadle* 172 Her rough hair was scrumpled into a chenille net.

Hence **Scru·mpled** *ppl. a.*

1902 *Longman's Mag.* Sept. 441 A scrumpled face.

Scrumptious (skrʌ·mpʃəs), *a. colloq.* or *vulgar.* [Prob. identical with the dial. *scrumptious* 'mean, stingy, close-fisted', related to *scrimption* small quantity, f. Scrimp *v.* The transition to sense 1 below is not impossible; for the development of sense 2 cf. Nice *a.*]

1. Fastidious, hard to please. ? *U. S.* only.

1845 Judd *Margaret* II. vii. (1874) 291, I don't mean to be scrumptious about it, Judge; but I do want to be a man, if I..haven't so much eddication as the rest.

2. a. *U. S.* Stylish, handsome. **b.** Used as a vague epithet of enthusiastic praise: First rate, 'glorious'.

1836 Haliburton *Clockm.* Ser. I. xxiii, A little tidy scrumptious looking slay. 1865 Meredith *R. Fleming* xxxi, Hang me, if ever I see such a scrumptious lot. 1901 F. Hume *Golden Wang-ho* iv, 'I shan't show it [the picture] to anyone till it's done..; then you'll say it is scrumptious'.

Scrunch (skrʌnʃ), *sb.* [f. Scrunch *v.*]

1. The noise made by scrunching.

1857 Dufferin *Lett. High Lat.* 219 Leaning forward in expectation of the *scrunch* I knew must come. 1892 'Vernon Lee' in *Contemp. Rev.* May 670 Its snow was becoming less crisp (before you might have almost heard its scrunch).

2. An act of scrunching.

1854 Thackeray *Newcomes* I. 297, I brought my heel well down on his little varnished toe and gave it a scrunch.

Scrunch (skrʌnʃ), *v.* [Cf. Crunch *v.* and Scr- 2.]

1. *trans.* To bite with a crushing noise, = Crunch *v.* 1.

1825 Jennings *Obs. Dial. W. Eng.* 66 A person may be said to scrunch an apple or a biscuit, if in eating it he made a noise. 1838 Southey *Doctor* cxliv. (1848) 366 This horse would eat oysters with great delight, scrunching them shells and all between his teeth.

2. To crush, tread crushingly upon; also, to squeeze into small compass; = Crunch *v.* 2.

1861 Sala *Dutch Pictures* viii. 111 An old lady..scrunches the boots of her opposite neighbours. 1880 *Print. Trades Jrnl.* xxx. 33 Paper as everyone knows, burns well when scrunched up. 1895 Symonds in *Life* I. iii. 71, I scrunched the muddy gravel, beneath the boughs of budding trees.

b. *refl.* To squeeze oneself into compact shape. Cf. Scrinch, Scringe *vbs.*

1844 Kinglake *Eöthen* (1845) 265 Now belaying, and now letting go—now scrunching himself down into mere ballast. 1851 Mayhew *Lond. Labour* II. 566/1 The first night I slept out..I..scruntched [*sic*] myself into a doorway, and the policeman passed by..without seeing me.

3. *intr.* To produce a sound of being crushed.

1844 W. Barnes *Dorset Poems, Lydlinch Bells* 6 When vrozen grass, as white's a sheet, Did scrunchy sharp below our veet. 1851 Mayhew *Lond. Labour* I. 403/1, I could hear the stones scrunch under his feet.

Hence **Scrunched, Scru·nching** *ppl. adjs.*

1835–7 Dickens *Sk. Boz, Last Cab-driver*, He had compromised with the parents of three scrunched children, and just 'worked out' his fine for knocking down an old lady. 1897 Mary Kingsley *W. Africa* 189 But after some alarming scrunching sounds, and creaks from the canoe, we were shot ignominiously out down river.

Scrunt (skrʌnt). *Sc.* Anything stunted or worn out, esp. the stump of a tree.

1535 Stewart *Cron. Scot.* (Rolls) III. 115 And no redres that ȝe will mak thairfoir, Nocht worth ane scrunt of all that to restoir. 1894 Crockett *Raiders* vii. 75 In the midst of the bit scrunts of birks and..thorns.

Scrupilous(e, obs. forms of Scrupulous.

Scruple (skrū·p'l), *sb.*[1] Also 6–7 **scrupul,** 6–8 **scrupule**; and see Scriple, Scriptule. [ad. L. *scrūpulus*, more freq. *scrūpulum* (also *scrīpulum, scrīplum, scrīptulum, scrīptlum*, whence Scriple, Scriptule), commonly regarded as identical with *scrūpultus* Scruple *sb.*[2], the sense 'small weight or measure' being supposed to be developed from the etymological sense 'small pebble'.

The assumed sense-development presents no difficulty, but the relation between the forms with *ū* and those with *ī* has not been satisfactorily explained, and some scholars dispute the identity of the word.

Cf. F. *scrupule* (15th c.), Sp. *escrúpulo*, Pg. *escrupolo*, It. *scrupolo, scrittolo* (:—L. *scriptulum*), G. *skrupel.*]

A small unit of weight or measurement.

1. A unit of weight = 20 grains, ⅓ drachm, $2\frac{1}{4}$ oz. Apothecaries' weight. Denoted by the character ℈.

[1382–: see Scriple.] 1564–78 Bullein *Dial. agst Pest.* (1888) 42 Take Theriaca..ij Scruples..; bole Amoniacke, prepared, half a Scruple. 1590 Barrough *Physick* (1596) A viij b, A Scruple is twentie barley cornes. 1632 Massinger *Emperor East* IV. iv, With some few scruples of sassa-fras and Guacum. 1710 P. Blair *Misc. Observ.* (1718) 63 It weighed betwixt a Scruple and half a Dram. 1843 T. Watson *Lect. Physic* I. xxxix. 700 It consists of the iodide of mercury, mixed with lard, in the proportion of two scruples to the ounce.

attrib. 1879 *St. George's Hosp. Rep.* IX. 647 He was ordered scruple doses of salicylate of ammonia.

¶ **b.** Alleged values of doubtful authority.

1656 Blount *Glossogr.*, *Scruple* (*scriptulum*), is of Troy weight seven grains and an half. 1688 Holme *Armoury*

III. 339/1 A scruple is 14 graines. 1728 CHAMBERS *Cycl.* s. v., Among Goldsmiths, the Scruple is 24 Grains.

2. One-sixtieth of a degree; a minute of arc.

First, second, third scruple, the first, second, third power of one-sixtieth. Cf. MINUTE *sb.*[1], etymological note.

1610 HOLLAND *Camden's Brit.* I. 205 The latitude fiftie degrees, and fortie scruples or minutes. *Ibid.* 474 Two and fiftie degrees and fortie scrupuls from the Aequator. 1655 FULLER *Hist. Camb.* 16 Northampton lying within twenty nine scruples of the same degree of longitude with Oxford. 1709–29 V. MANDEY *Syst. Math., Arith.* 75 A Degree is subdivided into Minutes, or First Scruples, 60'. A First Scruple, into Seconds, 60". Seconds, into Thirds, and so on.

† **b.** *Astr.* in special collocations (see quots.).

In some mod. Dicts. *scruple* is said to be synonymous with DIGIT 4, but this seems to be an erroneous inference from statements like that in quot. 1728.

1633 H. GELLIBRAND *App. Longitude* in T. James *Voy.* R 2, The middle motion of the ☉ Center...The Prosthaphæresis of the Center add...The Proportional Scruples.—I. 1658 GAOBURY *Doctr. Nativities* II. 229 Then..take out the Scruples of proportion, and reserve them until anon. 1728 CHAMBERS *Cycl.* s. v., Scruples eclipsed are that Part of the Moon's Diameter which enters the Shadow, expressed in the same Measure wherein the apparent Diameter of the Moon is expressed. See *Digit. Ibid.*, *Scruples* of Immersion, or Incidence, are an Arch of the Moon's Orbit, which her Centre describes from the Beginning of the Eclipse, to the Time when its Centre falls into the Shadow...*Scruples* of Emersion, are an Arch of the Moon's Orbit, which her Centre describes in the Time from the first Emersion of the Moon's Limb, to the End of the Eclipse.

† **3.** As a unit of time. **a.** *Scruple of an hour*: the sixtieth part of an hour, a minute: more fully *first scruple*, the successive smaller fractions of the sexagesimal scale being called *second scruple* (=our 'second'), *third, fourth, fifth*, etc. *scruple*. **b.** Similarly, the day of 24 hours was divided sexagesimally into *first, second*, etc. *scruples*, the 'first scruple' being=24 minutes. **c.** In Rabbinical chronology, the 1080th part of an hour, equal to 1-18th of a minute (=late Heb. חֵלֶק *ḥēleq*; the attribution of this measure to the Arabs is a mistake). *Obs.*

a. 1603 HEYDON *Def. Judic. Astrol.* iv. 143, I haue a plumbe watche..and this, with one motion giueth me so perfectly, both the minute and second scruple of time, that hauing obserued [etc.]. 1631 QUARLES *Samson* Med. xxi. 128 How can it be expected, we have power To hold out Seige, one scruple of an hower. 1640–72 WILKINS *Disc. New Planet* II. (1684) 124 If a Man, leaping up in a Ship, may abide in the Air one second scruple of an hour. *c* 1653 T. WHALLEY in *Ussher's Lett.* (1685) 603 [A computation expressed in sexagesimals of an hour is referred to as being] in hourly scruples.

b. 1709–29 V. MANDEY *Syst. Math., Arith.* 77 Astronomically, a Day is divided as an Integer, into first Scruples 60'. A Prime or first Scruple into 60", and so on.

c. 1728 CHAMBERS *Cycl.* s. v., The Chaldee Scrupule is 1/1080 Part of an Hour; called, by the Hebrews, Helakim. These Scruples are much used by the Jews, Arabs, and other Eastern People. 1788 MARSDEN in *Phil. Trans.* LXXVIII. 419 The lunar month..according to the computation of the Arabian Astronomers, consists of 29 days, 12 hours, and 792 scruples or parts in 1080.

† **4.** A Roman land-measure of ten feet square, being the 24th part of an *uncia* and 288th of a *jugerum*. *Obs.*

1674 JEAKE *Arith.* (1696) 114 A Scruple of an Arpent is 1/48 of an Arpent or 10 Feet Square every way.

5. One-twelfth of an inch; a line. Also, one-tenth of a geometrical inch. (*Cent. Dict.*)

1802 H. MARTIN *Helen of Glenroie* III, This to me, who never leave one scruple of an inch of my paper unadorned by my literary genius.

6. *fig.* A very small quantity or amount; a very small part or portion.

1574 HELLOWES *Gueuara's Fam. Ep.* (1577) 77 There is no loue in this worlde so perfecte, as that whiche holdeth no scruple of interest. 1603 SHAKS. *Meas. for M.* I. i. 38 Nature neuer lends The smallest scruple of her excellence But [etc.]. 1644 MILTON *Areop.* (Arb.) 54 Look into Italy and Spain, whether those places be one scruple the better. *a* 1680 BUTLER *Rem.* (1759) I. 111 Each Word and Syllable brought to the Scale, And valu'd to a Scruple in the Sale. 1830 GALT *Lawrle T.* II. i, In the choice of a second wife, one scruple of prudence is worth a pound of passion.

Scruple (skrū·p'l), *sb.*[2] Also 6 **scrupule, scrupple, scropple**). [ad. F. *scrupule* (14th c.), ad. L. *scrūpulus*, lit. a pebble (recorded only in late L.), fig. a cause of uneasiness, scruple, dim. of *scrūpus* rough or hard pebble, used fig. by Cicero for a cause of uneasiness or anxiety.

Cf. F. *scrupule* (14th c.), Sp. *escrúpulo*, Pg. *escrupulo*, It. *scrupolo*, G. *skrupel*.]

1. A thought or circumstance that troubles the mind or conscience; a doubt, uncertainty or hesitation in regard to right and wrong, duty, propriety, etc.; esp. one which is regarded as over-refined or over-nice, or which causes a man to hesitate where others would be bolder to act. Often, *scruple of conscience*.

1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 63 b, He wyll..lette the ..symple persone from the performynge of his dutyes.., by the reason of..feares and scruples. *c* 1534 MORE *Wks.* 1435/1 Though men..say it is no consience but a foolish scruple. *a* 1548 HALL *Chron., Hen. VIII* 179 The kyng of England ..was in a great scruple of his conscience and not quiet in his mynde. 1602 SHAKS. *Ham.* IV. iv. 40 (2nd Qo.) Some crauen scruple Of thinking too precisely on th'euent. 1660 JER. TAYLOR *Duct. Dubit.* I. vi. Rule 1, A Scruple is a great trouble of mind proceeding from a little motive. 1692 R. L'ESTRANGE *Fables* xli. 43 Upon the nicest Scruples of Honour. 1759 FRANKLIN *Ess.* Wks. 1840 III. 389 The assembly did not, however, start any scruple on this head. 1788 GIBBON *Decl. & F.* xlix. V. 90 The scruples of reason, or piety, were silenced by the strong evidence of visions and miracles. 1854 FABER *Growth in Holiness* xvii. (1872) 317 A scruple is..a vain fear of sin where there is no reasonable ground for suspecting sin. 1868 E. EDWARDS *Ralegh* I. ii. 34 They had to deal with enemies who were troubled with few scruples.

b. in generalized sense. (Sometimes=scrupulosity.)

1547–8 *Ordre of Communion* 7 To the satisfaccion of his mynde, and auoydyng of all scruple and doubtfulnes. 1660 JER. TAYLOR *Duct. Dubit.* I. vi. Rule 2 § 1 This is a right course in the matter of scruple; *proceed to action*. 1689 EVELYN *Diary* 21 Feb., The Abp. of Canterbury and some of the rest, on scruple of conscience..enter'd their Protests and hung off. 1788 GIBBON *Decl. & F.* xlix. V. 90 At first, the experiment was made with caution and scruple. 1848 BARONESS BUNSEN in Hare *Life* (1879) II. iii. 114 He expresses much concern and scruple about the trouble he occasions. 1872 BLACKMORE *Maid of Sker* vi, Just as I had made up my mind to lift up the latch, and to walk in freely, as I would have done in most other houses, but stood on scruple with Evan Thomas.

c. Phr. *Without scruple.*

1526 TINDALE *Acts* x. 29 Therfore cam I unto you with outen scruple [*orig.* ἀναντιρρήτως]. 1598 SHAKS. *Merry W.* v. v. 157. 1788 GIBBON *Decl. & F.* xlix. V. 98 The Jewish king, who had broken without scruple the brazen serpent. 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* ii. I. 186 Attacked by the civil power, they without scruple repelled force by force.

d. Phr. *To have scruples*; *to have little, no scruple*, etc. Const. *about* (a matter), *in* (doing something).

1719 DE FOE *Crusoe* I. 340, I had some little Scruple in my Mind about Religion, which insensibly drew me back. 1736 *Gentl. Mag.* VI. 709/2 That the Quakers can have no Scruple of Conscience in paying Tythes. 1828 MACAULAY *Ess., Hallam's Const. Hist.* (1897) 80 A man without truth or humanity may have some strange scruples about a trifle. 1850 J. W. CROKER in *C. Papers* 14 June (1884) I. i. 18 If you have the slightest [objection], pray have no scruple in leaving my curiosity ungratified. 1865 KINGSLEY *Herew.* viii, [They] had little scruple in applying to a witch.

e. *To make scruple* (also *a, no*, etc. *scruple*): to entertain or raise a scruple or doubt; to hesitate, be reluctant, esp. on conscientious grounds. Const. infin.; also with *of* (*at, in*)=to stick at, hesitate to do or allow, etc. ? *Obs.* (Cf. F. *faire scrupule*, with similar constructions.)

1589 NASHE *Pasquill & Marf.* B j, They presume to make a shrewde scruple of their obedience. 1591 SAVILE *Tacitus, Hist.* I. lxxxix. 51 Making a scruple that the holy shields called Ancilia were as yet not layed up againe. 1603 B. JONSON *Sejanus* IV. v. (1605) I 4 b, *Lac.* But is that true, it 'tis prohibited To sacrifice vnto him? *Ter.* Some such thing Cæsar makes scruple of, but forbids it not. 1605 BACON *Adv. Learn.* II. xxiii. § 36 Cæsar..made no scruple to professe that hee had rather bee first in a village, then second at Rome. 1639 N. N. tr. *Du Bosq's Compl. Woman* I. 57 The superstitious make more scruple of a little sinne then of a great. 1669–70 MARVELL *Corr.* cxxxii. Wks. (Grosart) II. 298 One of those who thinke it the greatest point of wisdome to make the most scruples. 1722 DE FOE *Moll Flanders* (1840) 210, I made no scruple at taking these goods. 1845 FORD *Handbk. Spain* I. 14 Small scruple is made by the authorities in opening private letters.

† **2.** A doubt or uncertainty as to a matter of fact or allegation; an intellectual difficulty, perplexity, or objection. *Beyond a scruple*, beyond doubt or cavil. *Obs.*

The phrase 'scruple of suspition' (quot. 1534) perh. contains an etymologizing reference to SCRUPLE *sb.*[1] 6. Cf. 'un seul scrupule de doubte', 16th c. in Littré.

1534 MORE in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. I. II. 49 In eny parte of all which my dealing, whither eny other man may perndventure put eny dowt, or move eny scruple of suspition. 1568 GRAFTON *Chron.* II. 644 For auoyding of which scruple and amhiguity: Edmund Erle of Marche..made his tytle and righteous clayme. 1597 MORLEY *Introd. Mus.* 16 In the Table there is no difficultie..yet, to take away all scruple, I will shew you the vse of it. 1662 STILLINGFL. *Orig. Sacræ* I. v. § 2 The only scruple is whether it was used in their sacred accounts or no. *a* 1718 PENN *Innocency with open Face* Wks. 1726 I. 267, I hope my Innocency will appear beyond a Scruple. 1725 DE FOE *Voy. round World* (1840) 22 Our captain..raised several scruples about the latitude which we should keep in such a voyage. 1741 HARRIS *Three Treat.* III. I. (1765) 140 A Subject, where one's own Interest appeared concerned so nearly would well justify every Scruple, and even the severest Inquiry.

† **b.** Disbelief or doubt *of*. *To have* or *make scruple of*: to hesitate to believe or admit. Also rarely with *how* and clause. *Obs.*

1597 SHAKS. *2 Hen. IV*, I. ii. 149 But how I should bee your Patient, to follow your prescriptions, the wise may make some dram of a scruple, or indeede, a scruple it selfe. 1611 — *Cymb.* V. v. 182 Whereat, I wretch Made scruple of his praise. *a* 1628 PRESTON *New Covt.* (1634) 116 When there is no scruple in our hearts of Gods love towards us. 1662 EVELYN *Chalcogr.* 12 That Letters, and consequently Sculpture, was long before the Flood, we make no scruple of. 1666–7 MARVELL *Corr.* lxix. Wks. (Grosart) II. 210 If you find any thing perplext in it, I shall..resolve any scruple that you may have of its exposition. 1672 VILLIERS (Dk. Buckhm.) *Rehearsal* I. (Arb.) 33 If you make the least scruple of the efficacie of these my Rules, do but come to the Play-house, and you shall judge of 'em by the effects.

† **c.** *Without scruple*: without doubt or question, doubtless. (Used to qualify an assertion.) *Obs.*

1612 SELDEN *Illustr. Drayton's Poly-olb.* xi. 189 As is, without scruple, apparant in the date of the synod. 1690 CHILD *Disc. Trade* (1698) 49 The same house to be sold.. would have yielded without scruple 1000 or 1200 l.

¶ **d.** A suspicion *of* (something). *rare*[−1].

1597 SIR R. CECIL in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. I. III. 42 Wherein that you may see the poore unfortunate Secretarie will leave no scrupule in you of lack of industry, to yeald you all satisfaction..I have thought good to [etc.].

† **e.** A quibble, fine distinction. *Obs.*

1709 FELTON *Diss. Classics* (1718) 43 If there is any Thing else Commentators concern themselves about, it is Property of Expression, or rather some Verbal Niceties, and Grammatical Scruples.

3. *Comb.*, as † *scruple-drawer* (applied to a confessor), *-monger*; *scruple-selling* ppl. a.

a 1704 T. BROWN *Laconics* Wks. 1711 IV. 19 The late Ordinary of Newgate, Mr. Smith, who was one of the most famous *Scruple-drawers of his Time. 1675 WALTON *Hooker* in Wordsw. *Eccl. Biog.* (1818) IV. 223 There were also many of these *Scruplemongers that pretended a tenderness of conscience, refusing to take an oath before a lawful magistrate. *a* 1704 T. BROWN *Reas. Oaths* Wks. 1711 IV. 91 b, Printed by one of those Godly Wholesale Dealers in Scandal, those *Scruple-selling Vermin of the Poultry.

Scruple (skrū·p'l), *v.* Also 7 **scrupule, scroople.** [f. the sb. Cf. OF. (15th c.) *scrupuler* 'examiner scrupuleusement' (Godefroy).]

1. *trans.* To have or make scruples about; to demur to, take exception to, question the propriety or expediency of (something done or to be done); to hesitate or stick at (doing something). ? *Obs.*

1627 W. SCLATER *Exp.* 2 *Thess.* (1629) 175 Was euer a Papist knowne to scruple this sinne? Not to extenuate it as veniall? 1692 LOCKE *3rd Let. Toleration* iii. Wks. 1714 II. 347 Perhaps it is because he scruples the Cross in Baptism. 1721 DE FOE *Mem. Cavalier* (1840) 302 Let no man scruple my honourable mention of this noble enemy. 1748 CHESTERF. *Lett.* II. cxlv. 18 He scrupled no means to obtain his ends. 1837 HALLAM *Lit. Europe* III. iii. § 86 *note*, It seems reasonable not to scruple the use of a word so convenient.

† **2.** To doubt, question, hesitate to believe (a fact, allegation, etc.); to question the truth, goodness, or genuineness of. *Obs.*

1640 D. CAWDREY *Three Serm.* (1641) 13 The Truth of this Grant may well be scrupled. 1660 tr. *Amyraldus' Treat. conc. Relig.* III. viii. 474 The Doctrine of a Third [Person] ought not to be scrupul'd. 1752 J. GILL *Trinity* iv. 75 Though the Father's Deity is not scrupled, or called in question. 1787 R. TYLER *Contrast* III, Though I don't scruple your veracity, I have some reasons for believing you were there. 1846 W. H. MILL *Five Serm.* (1848) 142 The charge of ignorance of the Gospel is often made against those who scruple statements resembling..this.

† **b.** with obj. a sentence introduced by *that* or *whether*. *Obs.*

1642 *Collect. Rights & Priv. Parlt.* 9 They at the first scrupuled, whether or no they might take up armes for their own defence against that cruell arrest. 1651 BIGGS *New Disp.* P 275 It is not to be scrupled that the omnipotent and wise Creator saw and judged all things that he had made to be good. 1665 MANLEY *Grotius' Low C. Warres* 7 They were of invincible spirits to undergo all manner of..dangers, whereby it was scrupled by the rest of the World, Whether they were more greedy of Honour or Wealth?

† **3.** *causative.* To excite scruples in (a person), to cause to feel scruples. *Obs.*

1638 CHILLINGW. *Relig. Prot.* I. vi. § 72. 380 But all of them..fear the event of such a tryall [of their religion] that they may be scrupled and staggered and disquieted by it. 1657 J. WATTS *Scribe*, etc. III. 72 The dangerous tentations of the Devil, wherewith he and his instruments..do mainly assault the mindes, and scruple the consciences,..of the weaker amongst us. 1689 *Col. Rec. Pennsylv.* I. 255 If he had anything that scrupled him in matter of Law.

4. *intr.* To entertain or raise scruples; to hesitate, demur, † doubt. Chiefly *to scruple at* (also in indirect passive). Now *rare.*

1639 SALTMARSHE *Pract. Policy* 120 When you are to be engaged in imploiment, and your abilities are doubted and questioned, and therefore you are scrupeld at. 1686 tr. *Chardin's Trav. Persia* 63 Although M. de Nointel scrupl'd at first, yet he consented at length. 1708 *Misc. Curiosa* III. 407 Whilst I was scrupling at this Relation, they brought me Gallasius his Commentary upon Exodus. 1824 SOUTHEY *Sir T. More* (1831) I. 26 The sovereigns..who scrupled at no means for securing themselves on the throne. 1861 BUCKLE *Civiliz.* (1873) II. viii. 481 His love for the Church was a passion and he scrupled at nothing which could advance its interests.

b. quasi-*refl.* with complement: To allow one's scruples to drive one *out of*.

1786 J. NEWTON in J. Bull *Mem. W. Bull* (1864) 163 Mr. R. of Birmingham has indeed had some sceptical qualms about his situation in the Church, and some thoughts of seceding or dissenting from us...I shall be sorry if he scruples himself out of a sphere of usefulness.

5. *Const.* inf.: To hesitate or be reluctant (*to do* something), esp. on conscientious grounds, or out of regard for what is fit and proper. (The current use.)

1660 F. BROOKE tr. *Le Blanc's Trav.* 357 Fathers not scrupling to make their own children victims. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* IX. 997 He scrupl'd not to eat Against his better knowledge. 1687 A. LOVELL tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* II. 119 The Muletors scrupuled to let us have Mules to Ride on. 1761 HUME *Hist. Eng.* II. xxxv. 279 The lords for some time scrupled to pass this clause. 1864 BRYCE *Holy Rom. Emp.* x. (1875) 164 The Pope did not scruple to preach a crusade against the Emperor himself 1871 R. ELLIS tr. *Catullus* p. xix, Nor have I scrupled to forsake the ancient quantity in proper names.

Hence **Scru·pled** *ppl. a.*, questioned, made an

object of scruple. **Scru·pling** *vbl. sb.* and *ppl. a.*

1641 *Vindic. Smectymnuus* 36 Unable to give solid satisfaction to a scrupling conscience. 1665 WITHER *Lord's Prayer* 127 Therefore the scrupling at this conditional Petition is causless. 1670 BAXTER *Cure Ch. Div.* 381 Let all Rulers multiply unnecessary scrupled impositions in their own dominions. 1696 WHISTON *Theory of Earth* II. 151 One of the most scrupled and exceptionable Points of his Narration, that of the Universal Deluge. 1818 scrupling [see RAP *v.*[1] 3 c]. 1827 HALLAM *Const. Hist.* (1876) III. xv. 173 The bill of comprehension proposed to parliament went no farther than to leave a few scrupled ceremonies at discretion. 1894 *Athenæum* 24 Nov. 708/3 [He] scorned the constraint which prevents a scrupling dullard from describing what he never saw.

Scru·pleless, *a. rare*—[1]. [f. SCRUPLE *sb.* + -LESS.] Having no scruples, unscrupulous.

1823 SCOTT *Peveril* xliv, Your Grace's swordsmen have had ill-luck of late; and it is hard, since you always choose the best hands, and such scrupleless knaves too.

†**Scru·pleness.** *Obs. rare.* Also 5 scrupulenes, 6 scrupulnes. [irreg. f. SCRUPLE *sb.* + -NESS.] Scrupulousness.

1489 CAXTON *Faytes of Armes* IV. i. 230 To take awaye all scrupulenes. 1549 *Compl. Scot.* xix. 165, I exort 30u..to put al cerimonial scrupulnes furtht of 30ur hartis. 1573–80 TUSSER *Husb.* (1878) 69 (*heading*) Against fantasticall scruplenes. 1647 HEXHAM I, Scruplenesse of conscience.

Scrupler (skrū·plə1). [f. SCRUPLE *v.* + -ER [1].] One who scruples, one who has scruples.

Applied *spec.* to the Scots divines who objected to take the Abjuration Oath in 1712.

1631 BP. HALL *Rem. Wks.* (1660) 295 Away then with those nice scruplers. 1650 J. DURY *Just Re-proposals* 20 To satisfie scruplers, all their scruples must be first known. 1712 T. BOSTON *Acc. Life* (1908) 191 There the lawfulness of the Oath of Abjuration was debated *pro* and *con*,..betwixt the scruplers and the clear brethren. 1843 *Wodrow's Corr.* II. 401 Warden..refused to swear the Abjuration Oath, even after the change of its form in 1719, which induced the greater number of scruplers to take it.

Scru·plesome, *a. rare*—[1]. [f. SCRUPLE *sb.* + -SOME.] Inclined to be scrupulous.

c 1800 MAR. EDGEWORTH *Let.* in Emily Lawless *Mem.* (1904) 95 It was raining very hard, and Pat in his yellow waistcoat, which you know he is scruplesome about wetting.

†**Scrupose,** *a. Obs.* [ad. L. *scrūpōsus*, f. *scrūpus* rough or sharp stone: see -OSE.] Rough, jagged.

1753 *Chambers' Cycl.* Suppl. s.v. *Corallina*, The feathered, scrupose coralline.

†**Scru·pular,** *a. Obs. rare.* [ad. L. *scrūpulār-is* (*scrīp-*), f. *scrūpul-um* SCRUPLE *sb.*[1]] Of or amounting to a scruple in weight.

1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr.*, *Scrupular*, of or belonging to a scruple, small. 1771 RAPER in *Phil. Trans.* LXI. 492 The latter coins of this scrupular standard are like the Denarii of the age in which they were struck.

Scrupule, obs. f. SCRUPLE *sbs.* and *v.*

Scrupulist (skrū·piŭlist). [f. L. *scrūpul-us* SCRUPLE *sb.*[2] + -IST.] One who has scruples or raises difficulties.

1681 R. L'ESTRANGE *Casuist Uncas'd* 5 The Rebells assaulting of their Sovereign..might have given your Scrupulists as hard thoughts of the Faction that did it. 1711 SHAFTESB. *Charac.* Misc. II. iii. (1737) III. 109 These are the Scepticks or Scrupulists, against whom there is such a Clamour rais'd. 1863 *Times* 14 Oct. 8/4 Foolish scrupulists, who in a matter of life and honour would not use their only weapons of defence because carved with objectionable figures.

†**Scru·pulize,** *v. Obs.* [formed as prec. + -IZE.] **a.** *trans.* To scruple at. **b.** *intr.* To make scruples.

1625 BP. MOUNTAGU *App. Cæsar* 244 If in this, why not in other Articles that eyther are or may be so scrupulized..? 1642 FEATLY *Vertumnus* 126, I admire that any man hath so long scrupulized to the losse of himselfe and fortunes. 1678 R. L'ESTRANGE *Seneca's Mor.* I. xii. (1696) 49 Whensoever my duty calls me, 'tis my part to attend, without Scrupulizing upon Forms, or Difficulties.

Scrupulosity (skrūpiŭlo·sĭlĭ). [a. F. *scrupulosité* (14th c. in Littré) or ad. L. *scrūpulōsitāt-em*, f. *scrūpulōs-us* SCRUPULOUS: see -ITY.]

1. The state or quality of being scrupulous (see the adj.).

1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 66 Our lorde for his tender mercy preserue all those that entendeth this holy iourney of perfeccyon from..scrupulosite and pusillanimite of spiryte. 1654 EVELYN *Diary* 12 July, Thence we went to New College, where the Chapel was in its ancient garb, notwithstanding the scrupulositie of the times. 1690 STILLINGFL. *Serm.* XXXV. Wks. I. 558 Avoid a needless Scrupulosity of Conscience, as a thing which keeps our Minds always uneasie. 1759 JOHNSON *Rasselas* XXVI, Age looks with anger on the temerity of youth, and youth with contempt on the scrupulosity of age. 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* II. I. 273 It would have been thought strange scrupulosity in him to quit his post, because his advice as to matters not strictly within his own department was not taken by his master. 1879 GEO. ELIOT *Theo. Such* 5 When I was a lad I danced a horupipe with arduous scrupulosity.

b. An instance of this; † a scruple.

a 1562 G. CAVENDISH *Wolsey* (1893) 123 It was a certeyn scrupulositie that prykked my concyence. *a* 1600 HOOKER *Eccl. Pol.* VI. iv. § 7 Or else..we fall into timorous scrupulosities. 1831 LAMB *Recoll. Royal Academ.* in *Mrs. Leicester's School*, etc. (1886) 309 For the thousand tints—the grains—which in life diversify the nose, the chin, the cheek..he cared nothing at all about them. He left such scrupulosities to opticians and anatomists. 1879 FARRAR *St. Paul* I. 264 It shows that Peter had already abandoned Rabbinic scrupulosities.

†**2.** *Astr.* [After SCRUPLE *sb.*[1] 3.] Minute determination (of time). *Obs.*

1633 H. GELLIBRAND *App. Longitude* in T. James *Voy.* R 3, The scrupulosity of time is vnknowne, and therefore we cannot argue the) true place from thence.

Scrupulous (skrū·piŭləs), *a.* Also 6 scrupilous(e, scrupulouse, scrupulus. Cf. SCRIPULOUS. [ad. F. *scrupuleux* (16th c., *scrupuleusement* 14th c.), or ad. L. *scrūpulōs-us*, f. *scrūpul-us*: see SCRUPLE *sb.*[2] and -OUS.]

1. Troubled with doubts or scruples of conscience; over-nice or meticulous in matters of right and wrong. Also (of things, actions, etc.), characterized by such scruples.

1450–1530 *Myrr. our Ladye* 52 Yt is good in suche case to be gouernyd by the consayle of a dyscrete gostly father leste the dome of bys owne conscyence be other to scrupulous or to recheles. 1513 MORE *Rich. III*, Wks. 58/1 Of spiritual men thei toke such as had wit,..& had no scrupilouse consience. 1528 HENRY VIII in R. Hall *Life Fisher* F.'s Wks. (E. E. T. S.) II. 61 Whiche thinge..ingendred such a scrupilous doubt in me, that my mind was incontinently accombred, vexed, and disquyeted. 1593 SHAKS. 3 *Hen. VI*, IV. vii. 61 *Rich.* Why Brother, wherefore stand you on nice points?..*Hast.* Away with scrupulous Wit, now Armes must rule. 1594 HOOKER *Eccl. Pol.* IV. xi. § 5 Abusing their libertie and freedom to the offence of their weake brethren which were scrupulous. 1667 in *Cath. Rec. Soc. Miscell.* III. 64 And yet, though he spent so much time in examining his consciens, he was not the least scrupulous nor long at Confession. 1765 BLACKSTONE *Comm.* I. vi. 226 Whatever doubts might be formerly raised by weak and scrupulous minds about the existence of such an original contract. 1835 I. TAYLOR *Spir. Despot.* iii. 108 The common people superstitious, fanatical, scrupulous, licentious. 1907 A. C. BENSON *Altar Fire* 134 The religion recommended was a religion of scrupulous saints and self-torturing ascetics.

†**b.** Prone to hesitate or doubt; distrustful; cautious or meticulous in acting, deciding, etc. Also (of actions, etc.), characterized by doubt or distrust; (of objections) cavilling. *Obs.*

1559 W. CUNINGHAM *Cosmogr. Glasse* 46 It is truely said, that knowledge hath no enemie but ignoraunce. There are..no small number of Lactantius sort, not scrupulous enemies onely, but also Physicians, of whom [etc.]. 1560 DAUS tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* Pref. 2 b, Thucydides was so desyrous of the verity, and so doubt full and scrupulous in wryting of his story. 1611 CORYAT *Crudities* 67 The Italians are so curious and scrupulous in many of their cities..that they will admit no stranger within the wals..except he bringeth a bill of health from the last citie he came from. 1614 RALEIGH *Hist. World* II. xxiii. § 4. 574 But in filling vp the blankes of old Histories, we neede not be so scrupulous. *a* 1681 WHARTON *Apotelesma* Wks. (1683) 44 Nor any one [*sc.* art or science] that can truly say, it is free from every scrupulous exception. 1695 WOODWARD *Nat. Hist. Earth* Acc. Observ. 8, I have been the more scrupulous and wary, in regard the Inferences drawn from these Observations are of some importance.

†**c.** with *const.*: Loth or reluctant, through scruples, *to* (do something); doubtful or suspicious *of* (a person or thing); chary *of* or *in* (doing something); anxious or fearful *about*. *Obs.*

1608 D. T[UVILL] *Ess. Pol. & Mor.* 125 Hee was no way scrupulous to circumvent, and kill, *insontes sicuti sontes*. 1643 SIR T. BROWNE *Relig. Med.* I. § 3. 4 And therefore I am not scrupulous to converse and live with them. *c* 1645 HOWELL *Lett.* (1650) II. 32 The Father is scrupulous of the Son, the Son of the Sisters, and all three of me, to whose award they referr'd the business three severall times. 1658 SIR T. BROWNE *Hydriot.* I. 5 The Jews..as they raised noble Monuments and Mausolæums for their own Nation, so they were not scrupulous in erecting some for others. 1662 STILLINGFL. *Orig. Sacræ* II. ix. § 21. 320 The primitive Christians were very scrupulous of calling the Emperours *Dominus*. 1754 RICHARDSON *Grandison* IV. xxi. 161 She often directed herself to me in Italian. I do not talk it well: But..I was not scrupulous to answer in it. 1785 PHILLIPS *Treat. Inland Nav.* 33 Those..whom I have consulted on the subject, where I was scrupulous of my knowledge. 1845 S. JUDD *Margaret* II. viii. (1871) 284 Don't you stir out of the house; I am scrupulous about what might happen.

d. *absol.* (*The scrupulous* = scrupuloas persons.)

1625 B. JONSON *Staple of N.* III. ii. 118 'Tis the house of fame, Sir, Where both the curious, and the negligent, The scrupulous, and carelesse;..all doe meet. 1690 LOCKE *Hum. Und.* III. vi. § 12 There are some Birds..whose Bloud is cold as Fishes, and their Flesh in taste so near akin, that the Scrupulous are allow'd them on Fish-days.

†**2.** Of a thing: Causing or raising scruples; liable to give offence; meriting scruple or cavil, dubious, doubtful. *To make it scrupulous*: to scruple, hesitate (*to do* something). *Obs.*

a 1548 HALL *Chron., Hen. VII* 57 The scrupulous stynges of domesticall sedicion. 1574 HELLOWES *Guevara's Fam. Epist.* (1577) 66 If your warre had ben vpon Ierusalem, it were to be holden for iust, but for that it is vpon Marsillius, alway we hold it for scrupulous. 1593 *Tell-trothe's New Yeare's Gift* 3 And it being my hap to enquire first from whence hee came, hee made it not scrupulous to certifie his comming from hell. 1622 BACON *Holy War* Misc. Wks. (1629) 117 As the Cause of a Warre ought to be Iust; So the Iustice of that Cause ought to be Euident; Not Obscure, not Scrupulous. 1685 BUNYAN *Quest. Seventh-day Sabbath* ii. 16 This yet seems to me more scrupulous, because that the punishment due to the breach of the Seventh-day Sabbath was hid from men to the time of Moses.

†**b.** Of the nature of a mere scruple. *Obs.*

1605 in *10th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. v. 372 Let not nny man mervaylle of the manyfould downefalles into synne, or think it a thing scrupulous.

3. Careful to follow the dictates of conscience; giving heed to the scruples of conscience so as to avoid doing what is wrong; strict in matters of right and wrong.

A use of sense 1 developed chiefly in contexts with a negative expressed or implied.

1545 ELYOT *Dict.* s. v. *Religiosus*, *In testimonio religiosi*, scrupulouse in bearynge wytnesse. 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* ii. I. 210 His more scrupulous brother ceased to appear in the royal chapel. 1863 MRS. GASKELL *Sylvia's Lovers* iii, Yet, though scrupulous in most things, it did not go against the consciences of these good brothers to purchase smuggled articles.

b. With inf.: Careful (to do something) in obedience to one's conscience.

1729 BUTLER *Serm.* Wks. 1874 II. 50 We should be religiously scrupulous and exact to say nothing..but what is true.

4. Of actions, etc.: Rigidly directed by the dictates of conscience; characterized by a strict and minute regard for what is right.

1756 BURKE *Tracts Popery Laws* Wks. IX. 338 This point is carried to so scrupulous a severity, that chamber practice, and even private conveyancing..are prohibited to them under the severest penalties. 1779 *Mirror* No. 37 While he gave to business the most scrupulous attention. 1855 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* xiii. III. 248 William saw that he must not think of paying to the laws of Scotland that scrupulous respect which he had wisely and righteously paid to the laws of England. 1876 MISS BRADDON *J. Haggard's Dau.* I. 9 A scrupulous honesty recommended him even to careful housekeepers.

5. Minutely exact or careful (in non-moral matters); strictly attentive even to the smallest details; characterized by punctilious exactness.

1638 JUNIUS *Paint. Ancients* 77 Examining..every little moment of Art with such infatigable though scrupulous care. 1711 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 160 ¶ 4 Where we would make some Amends for our want of Force and Spirit, by a scrupulous Nicety and Exactness in our Compositions. 1779 JOHNSON *L. P., Cowley* (1805) I. 44 Thus all the power of description is destroyed by a scrupulous enumeration. 1837 DICKENS *Pickwick* ii, Great men are seldom over scrupulous in the arrangement of their attire. 1862 MILLER *Elem. Chem., Org.* (ed. 2) II Scrupulous attention to the purity of the matter submitted to analysis is of course of primary importance. 1881 WESTCOTT & HORT *Grk. N.T.* Introd. § 11 A scrupulous jealousy as to their text. 1863 GEO. ELIOT *Romola* V, Shelves, on which books..were arranged in scrupulous order. 1886 *Manch. Exam.* 14 Jan. 5/4 The various performances were gone through with scrupulous exactitude.

†**6.** Wrought or produced with minute care and exactness. *Obs.*

1634 RAINBOW *Labour* (1635) 34 If seelings be an ornament, what are scrupulous carvings?

Scrupulously (skrū·piŭləsli), *adv.* [-LY [2].] In a scrupulous manner; with scruple, doubt, or cautiousness; with conscientious strictness; with minute care or punctilious exactness.

1533 ELYOT *Cast. Helthe* (1541) 51 Most diligently, and as I mought say, most scrupulously to be obserued. 1696 TAYON *Misc.* ii. 33 'Tis well known how Scrupulously the Pythagoreans..abstained from Flesh. 1712 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 291 ¶ 9 Works..which are scrupulously exact and conformable to all the Rules of correct Writing. 1847 C. BRONTE *Jane Eyre* xxviii, An elderly woman, somewhat rough-looking, but scrupulously clean. 1880 L. STEPHEN *Pope* ii. 56 In all this, by Pope's own showing, Addison seems to have been scrupulously fair.

Scrupulousness (skrū·piŭləsnės). [-NESS.] The quality of being scrupuloas (see the adj.).

1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 82 Spirituall..diseases:..as glotony, lechery, and scrupulousnes. 1577–87 HOLINSHED *Chron.* III. 872/2 To the end that none should haue anie scrupulousnesse of conscience in so dooing. 1689 W. A. *Herbert's Acc. Exam.* 55 Such was Sir Edward's great scrupulousness, and tenderness, where the Life of Man was concern'd. 1742 RICHARDSON *Pamela* IV. 13 If a precise or unnecessary Scrupulousness he avoided. 1863 A. BLOMFIELD *Mem. Bp. Blomfield* II. x. 208 Nothing could exceed his scrupulousness, about running into debt. 1877 M. ARNOLD *Last Ess. Church* 35 Religion is a matter where scrupulousness has been far too active.

Scruse, variant of SCRUZE, to squeeze.

Scrutable (skrū·tăb'l), *a.* [As if ad. L. **scrūtābilis*, f. *scrūtārī*: see SCRUTATOR. Cf. It. *scrutabile*.] That can be understood by scrutiny. Chiefly in implied contrast with *inscrutable*.

c 1600 *Distr. Emperor* I. i. in Bullen *Old Pl.* (1884) III. 176 If the thoughts of men were scrutable To man and mongst men. 1718 HICKES & NELSON *J. Kettlewell* II. xlviii. 153 Magnifying the Providence of God, which is by Mortals Scrutable. 1856 MRS. BROWNING *Aur. Leigh* IV. 320 Cognisant Of the less scrutable majesties. 1878 *Life G. Combe* I. ii. 23 Nobody conceived the cause of these phenomena to be scrutable.

Scrutate (skrūtē·t), *v. rare.* [f. L. *scrūtāt-*, ppl. stem of *scrūtārī*: see SCRUTATOR.] *trans.* To search out; to investigate.

1882 BERESFORD-HOPE *Brandreths* II. xxix, Scrutating all a sovereign yearns to learn.

Scrutation (skrutē·ʃən). [ad. L. *scrūtātiōn-em*, n. of action f. *scrūtārī*: see next.] Minute search or examination.

1593 NORDEN *Spec. Brit., M'sex* I. 37 After long scrutation and inquisition, this well was found and performed the cure. 1638 T. WHITAKER *Blood of Grape* 20 For though we be very curious in our scrutation [etc.].

Scrutator (skrutē·tə1). [a. L. *scrūtātor*, agent-n. f. *scrūtārī* to examine, scrutinize, app. f. *scrūta* pl., 'old or broken stuff, trasb, frippery, trumpery' (L. & Sh.); the etymological sense of the vb. is supposed to be 'to search even to the rags' (*ibid.*).]

1. One who examines or investigates.

1593 NORDEN *Spec. Brit., M'sex* I. 10 Master Camden, a singuler scrutator of antiquities. 1676 HALE *Contempl.* I. 452 The very disquisition concerning any one part of the Brain, the Eye, the Nerves, the Blood hath perplexed the most exact Scrutators. 1822 *Q. Rev.* XXVIII. 188 He threw down the gauntlet of defiance to the learned scrutators into the hidden mysteries of hieroglyphical lore. 1879 MEREDITH *Egoist* xlii, She would have declared herself innocent before the scrutator.

2. *spec.* One whose office it is to examine or investigate closely, *esp.* one who acts as an examiner of votes at an election, etc. ; a scrutineer.

1618 HALES *Let. fr. Synod of Dort* Golden Rem. II. (1673) 2 The manner of election was by Scrutiny...The Scrutators were two of the Seculars,..these calculated the voices and pronounced the election. 1734-5 *Act* 8 *Geo. II*, c. 6 § 4 The justices of the peace..shall be scrutators of the ballot. 1908 *Athenæum* 16 May 609/3 Messrs. M. S. Giuseppi and W. A. Littledale were appointed scrutators of the ballot.

b. As the title of a university official. (See quots.) Now only *Hist.*

1580 GRINDAL *Let. to Burleigh* in Strype *Life* (1710) 251 The said Mr. Barrow..alledgeth another [university] Statute, made by Grace,..concerning the Scrutators. 1665 J. BUCK in Peacock *Stat. Cambridge* App. B, p. lv, The Scrutators also doe..give over their office by delivery of their keys to the V. Ch. 1793 *Acc. Proc. Camb. agst. W. Frend* 195 The statutes which relate to the duty of scrutators and moderators on passing graces. 1831 SIR W. HAMILTON *Discuss.* (1852) 412 *note*, In Oxford..the two Proctors..were necessarily chosen, one from the Northern, the other from the Southern men; also the two Scrutators, anciently distinct (?) from the Proctors. 1835 in Willis & Clark *Cambridge* (1886) III. 117 The Vicechancellor, Proctors, and Scrutators examine the votes received. 1841 PEACOCK *Stat. Cambridge* 25 The two scrutators were elected by the non-regents of each congregation, to collect the votes, and announce the decisions of their house, in the same manner as was done by the two proctors in the house of regents.

Scrutatory (skrūˑtătəri), *a.* [f. L. *scrūtāt-, scrūtārī*: see SCRUTATOR and -ORY.] Searching, examining.

1893 *Temple Bar* XCVIII. 131 Loripont dropped a scrutatory glance.

† **Scrute,** *v. Obs. rare*—[1]. [ad. L. *scrūtārī*; see SCRUTATOR.] *trans.* To scrutinize.

1536 *Primer Eng. & Lat.* 121 My synne and inequite why doste thou scrute so.

Scrutener, -enous, -y : see SCRUTINEER, etc.

Scrutinant (skrūˑtinănt), *a. rare.* [a. F. *scrutinant*, pr. pple. of *scrutiner* to scrutinize, f. *scrutin* SCRUTINY.] Occupied in scrutinizing.

1876 RUSKIN *Fors Clav.* lxxii. 378 Live here in my Venetian palace..scrutinant of dome, cloud and cockle-shell.

† **Scruˑtinate,** *v. Obs. rare.* [f. F. *scrutin-er* (see prec.) + -ATE [3].] *trans.* = SCRUTINIZE.

a 1734 NORTH *Life Ld. Kpr. Guilford* (1742) 43 The Court..scrutinated all Points of Form.

† **Scruˑtinator.** *Obs.* [quasi-Latin agent-noun f. SCRUTINE *v.*] = SCRUTINEER.

1691 W. B. *Hist. Roman Conclave* v. 15 These Votes.. are set upon a File..by one of the Scrutinators.

† **Scruˑtine,** *v. Obs.* [a. F. *scrutine-r*, f. *scrutin* SCRUTINY.] *intr.* To make an investigation or examination. Hence † **Scruˑtining** *vbl. sb.*

1592 GREENE *Upst. Courtier* H 2 b, They..departed to scrutine of the matter by inquirie amongst themselues. 1657 W. MORICE *Coena quasi* Κοινή v. 62 Free admission to the Sacrament..without any scrutining or proof of their real holiness.

Scrutineer (skrūtinīˑəˑr). Forms: *α.* 6 **scrutener,** 7–8 **scrutiner** ; *β.* 7– **scrutineer.** [f. SCRUTINY + -ER [2], -EER.] One whose duty it is to scrutinize or examine; esp. one who acts as an examiner of votes at an election, etc.

1557 *Order of Hospitalls* B vij h, That there be..elected.. ij Scruteners to gather in the Legacies. 1617 COLLINS *Def. Bp. Ely* I. iv. 182 Else what neede the Canon either the Fathers consent, or the scrutiner to begin with *placet vobis*? 1682 LUTTRELL *Brief Rel.* (1857) I. 229 The scrutineers of the poll relating to the lord mayor have mett severall times. 1773 *Gentl. Mag.* XLIII. 102 The balloting began at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, and ended at Six, when the scrutineers reported to the Directors. 1811 SHELLEY *St. Irvyne* iii. Pr. Wks. (1888) I. 152 He gazed on the mysterious scrutineer who stood before him. 1894 *Proc. Incorp. Assoc. Munic. Engin.* XX. 3 The Scrutineers report the result of the voting as follows.

† **Scruˑtinist.** *Obs. rare.* [f. SCRUTIN-Y + -IST.] ? A curious investigator.

1669 WORLIDGE *Syst. Agric.* 207 They [certain ploughs] are of no great Advantage to the..Husbandman, onely invented to satisfie the minds of some scrutinists.

Scrutinize (skrūˑtinəiz), *v.* [f. SCRUTIN-Y + -IZE.]

1. *trans.* To subject to scrutiny; to examine methodically and with close attention.

1671 SALMON *Syn. Med.* Introd. 6 We have with much labour scrutinized the best Authors, &c. 1764 REID *Inquiry* vi. § 6 Des Cartes gave a noble example of turning our attention inward and scrutinizing our sensations. 1800 MRS. HERVEY *Mourtray Fam.* I. 295 She began..to scrutinize her heart, with an uncommon degree of severity. 1876 MISS BRADDON *Y. Haggard's Dau.* I. 75 Mr. Pentreath scrutinised his son through his spectacles, perhaps to make sure that he was sober. 1881 FROUDE *Short Stud.* IV. II. iv. 215 The closer all such documents are scrutinised the more clear becomes the nature of their origin.

b. *spec.* with reference to votes. (Cf. SCRUTINY 2 c.)

1750 H. WALPOLE *Let. to Mann* 25 Feb., The Westminster election, which is still scrutinising, produced us a parliamentary event this week.

† 2. *intr.* To make scrutiny. Const. *into. Obs.*

1699 LUTTRELL *Brief Rel.* (1857) IV. 256 The bank is now scrutinizing upon whom the choice of the new directors is fallen. 1742 *Lond & Country Brew.* I. (ed. 4) 17 The latest and best Doctors have so far scrutinised into the prime Cause of our British Malady the Scurvy as to affirm [etc.]. 1743 in *Etoniana* (1865) 69 After prayers and sacrament they began to vote...Thus they continued scrutinising and walking about. 1788 *Trifler* No. 9. 114 They will have a better opportunity of scrutinizing into the minutest circumstances.

Hence **Scruˑtinizing** *vbl. sb.* and *ppl. a.* ; **Scruˑtinizingly** *adv.*

1782 MISS BURNEY *Cecilia* I. iv, With the scrutinizing observation of a man on the point of making a bargain. 1810 BENTHAM *Packing* (1821) 172 Thus it is that to any scrutinizing eye the secret, had there been any, would have been betrayed. 1828 *Blackw. Mag.* XXIV. 49 We look rather more scrutinizingly into its expression. 1883 ANNIE S. SWAN *Aldersyde* I. ii. (ed. 2) 34 Her restless black eyes wandered scrutinizingly over the face and figure of her comely young kinswoman.

Scrutinizer (skrūˑtinəizəˑ). [f. SCRUTINIZE *v.* + -ER [1].] One who scrutinizes.

1728 MORGAN *Algiers* II. iii. 250 Marmol, to whom I refer every curious Scrutinizer, relates this whole story very differently. 1839 J. W. CROKER in *C. Papers* 14 Mar., The eye is a cold and jealous scrutiniser of those that are opposite to us. 1863 COWDEN CLARKE *Shaks. Char.* xvi. 401 The scrutiniser into her course of conduct will allow that she is at once grave, sedate, witty, social, humorous, cheerful.

Scrutinous (skrūˑtinəs), *a.* Now *rare.* Also 6 **scrutinus,** 7 **scrutenous.** [ad. F. † *scrutineux* (1512 in Godefr.), f. *scrutin* SCRUTINY : see -OUS.] Closely examining ; searching.

1599 NASHE *Lenten Stuffe* 21 How impetrable hee was in mollyfying the adamantinest tiranny of mankinde..those that be scrutinus to pry into, let them [etc.]. 1618 M. BARET *Vineyard Horsem.* I. Ded. to King 9 Although my Artlesse pen hath not made it so delightfull as to reuiue the dead senses of all scrutenous braines, which no Tullies Eloquence as yet could euer perswade. 1745 ELIZA HEYWOOD *Female Spect.* No. 3 (1748) I. 159 They cannot be too scrutinous into the principles of the persons entrusted with the direction of them. 1822–29 *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 3) V. 695 Dr. Gordon, after a scrutinous examination, has added his testimony to the same fact. 1891 *Blackw. Mag.* CL. 815/2 Don't let us be too searching and scrutinous.

Scrutinously (skrūˑtinəsli), *adv.* [f. SCRUTINOUS *a.* + -LY [2].] In a scrutinous manner.

1649 MARBURY *Habakkuk* i. 3 (1650) 21 To look into his brethren ; I do not say so scrutinously as the Hypocrite in the Gospel, who [etc.]. 1654–66 EARL ORRERY *Parthen.* (1676) 364, I was begging Ventidius to enquire scrutinously who the Parthian was. 1751 ELIZA HEYWOOD *Betsy Thoughtless* II. 130 Having scrutinously examined all within reach of his view. 1813 W. TAYLOR in *Monthly Mag.* XXXV. 216 The more scrutinously the book of Genesis is analysed, the more evident it becomes that [etc.].

Scrutiny (skrūˑtini), *sb.* Also 5 **scrutyny,** 6 **scruteny, -enie,** 6–7 **scrutinie.** [ad. late L. *scrūtinium*, f. *scrūtārī*: see SCRUTATOR. Cf. OF. *scrutinie, scrutine*, mod.F. *scrutin*, Sp., Pg. *escrutinio*, It. *squittino, scrutinio, scrutino.*]

1. a. The formal taking of individual votes, as a method of electing to an office or dignity, or of deciding some question proposed to a deliberative assembly ; an instance of this procedure.

Now chiefly in *Canon Law.* In English municipal and university procedure, 'scrutiny' was commonly resorted to only when the result of show of hands or acclamation was not accepted, so that in some examples it is doubtful whether the word partakes more of this sense or of sense 2 c. In Oxford University, the Latin formula *Fiat scrutinium*, 'let a scrutiny be made', is still employed, but the English word is rarely if ever used with reference to present practice.

c 1450 in Aungier *Syon* (1840) 288 The thre formes of eleccion schal be declared..That is to say, the wey of the holy-goste, the wey of scrutyny, and the wey of compromys. 1555 EDEN *Decades* (Arb.) 123 After many scrutinies they elected one Iohn Quicedus. 1573 G. HARVEY *Letter-bk.* (Camden) 46 Whereuppon he and M. Jackson went strait wais up to the table to cal for our voices in 'scrutinie'. 1600 HOLLAND *Livy* x. 360 The people went to a scrutinie and began to giue their voices. 1620 *Cheque Bk. Chapel Royal* (Camden) 9 By a scruteny he was ellected. 1623 WOTTON *Lett.* (1907) II. 275 We have at last a new Pope, after many scrutinies. 1670 G. H. *Hist. Cardinals* III. II. 285 The Election of the Pope is usually in three manners, the first by Scrutiny, the second by Access, and the third by Adoration. 1705 HEARNE *Collect.* (O. H. S.) I. 62 The Proctors went to a Scrutiny. 1708 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 4493/3 Upon a Scrutiny the following Persons were declared to be duly elected Directors. 1897 *Catholic Dict.* (ed. 5) 311 *Election*...In canon law, the act of choosing a fit person for a vacant post...The actual choice may be made in one of three ways ; by inspiration.., by scrutiny, or by compromise.

† b. A vote in one's favour, a suffrage. *Obs.*

1523 SKELTON *Garl. Laurel* 781 Of all gentylwomen he hath the scruteny, In Fames court reportynge the same.

c. (See quot.)

1728 CHAMBERS *Cycl.* s. v., Scrutiny is also used, in the Canon Law, for a Ticket, or little Paper Billet, wherein, at Elections, the Electors write their Notes privately, so as it may not be known for whom they vote.

2. Investigation, critical inquiry; an instance of this. Formerly often (now *rarely*) const. *into*, † *of.*

1604 DRAYTON *Moses* I. 6 At three monthes a scrutinie was held, And serchers then sent euery where about. 1604 R. CAWDREY *Table Alph., Scrutinie*, diligent Search, inquiry. 1641 J. JACKSON *True Evang. T.* III. 190 Let us.. stretch the scrutiny to that Angelicall birth-Caroll of our blessed Lord. 1671 MILTON *P. R.* IV. 515, I thought thee worth my nearer view And narrower Scrutiny. 1680 EVELYN *Diary* 30 Oct., An accurate scrutinie of all my actions past. *a* 1701 MAUNDRELL *Journ. Jerus.* (1721) 38 Making..an exact scrutiny into this antiquity. 1786 BURKE *Art. agst. W. Hastings* Wks. 1842 II. 186 To threaten him with scrutinies into his conduct. 1855 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* xviii. IV. 176 The closest scrutiny will detect little that is not deserving of approbation. 1856 RUSKIN *Mod. Paint.* III. IV. XVI. § 16 Whatever may first lead us to the scrutiny of natural objects, that scrutiny never fails of its reward. 1876 MOZLEY *Univ. Serm.* ii. 35 He is safe from his own scrutiny.

b. *Eccl.* (See quot. 1897.)

1728 in CHAMBERS *Cycl.* 1897 *Catholic Dict.* (ed. 5) 832/1 *Scrutiny* (*scrutinium*). An examination of those who were about to receive baptism...The days appointed for the different scrutinies varied in different places...In the Roman Church, under Pope Siricius, there were apparently three scrutinies only; at a later date, seven.

c. An official examination of the votes cast at an election, in order to eliminate any votes that are invalid, and to rectify or confirm the numbers stated in the return. (Cf. 1 a.)

1728 CHAMBERS *Cycl.* s. v., Among us, Scrutiny is chiefly used for a strict Perusal, and Examination of the several Votes hastily taken at an Election. 1750 H. WALPOLE *Let. to Mann* 31 Jan., The Westminster election is still hanging in scrutiny ; the Duke of Bedford paid the election, which he owns to have cost seven thousand pounds ; and Lord Gower pays the scrutiny, which will be at least as much. 1838 W. BELL *Dict. Law Scot.* 887 It is frequently necessary to subject the votes of both parties to a scrutiny. 1875 *Encycl. Brit.* III. 290/1 It has been found possible to render voting perfectly secret and to provide for a scrutiny.

† d. *Winchester School.* 'An examination of the seven seniors and seven juniors in College, on the subject of their personal comfort, etc.' (R. G. K. Wrench, *Winchester Word-Book*, 1891).

In the original Latin statutes the section relating to this subject is headed 'De Scrutiniis seu Capitulis ter in Anno in Collegio Celebrandis'.

3. In recent use: The action of looking searchingly at something ; a searching gaze.

1796 MME. D'ARBLAY *Camilla* III. 183 The celebrated Mrs. Berlinton still appeared not to undergo a scrutiny. 1818 SCOTT *Hrt. Midl.* xi, He adjusted his hat fiercely, turned round, and came forward, as if to meet and defy scrutiny. 1853 C. BRONTE *Villette* vi, I observed him throwing a glance of scrutiny over all the passengers. 1863 GEO. ELIOT *Romola* i, One [man] was stooping slightly, and looking downward with the scrutiny of curiosity. 1865 DICKENS *Mut. Fr.* III. ix, It was natural that John Harmon should have his own secret reasons for a careful scrutiny of her countenance. 1909 *Blackw. Mag.* Sept. 402/1 A brief scrutiny informed him that she was neither in the ball-room nor the supper-room.

† **Scruˑtiny,** *v. Obs.*—[0] [f. SCRUTINY *sb.*] *trans.* = SCRUTINIZE. 1755 in JOHNSON.

Scruto (skrūˑto). *Theatre.* [Of obscure origin.] A spring trap-door, made of strips of wood or whalebone, flush with the floor of the stage. Also *attrib.*

1853 *Punch* XXIV. 128/2 The working of various mysterious engines of machinery called 'sloats' and 'scruto-pieces'. 1859 *Ibid.* XXXVI. 58/2 Gorgeous transformations, on which..scruto-work, gas-battens, and all the resources of 'sink and fly', have been lavished. 1861 *Ibid.* XL. 14/1 A land of..scruto-work and profiling, And shivering *coryphées.*

Scrutoire (skrutōˑəˑ, -twȳˑəˑ). Forms: *α.* 7–8 **scritoire, -ore,** 7 **'scritore,** 8 **scrittoir.** *β.* 7–9 **scrutoir(e, -ore,** 8 **'scrutore, scrutor, screutore, scruitore.** [Aphetic ad. F. *escritoire*: see ESCRITOIRE, which appears later in our quots. The change from *i* into *u* in *scrutoire, escrutoire* (18th c.) is unexplained.] = ESCRITOIRE.

a. 1678 *Trial of Coleman* 41 his, Then I came to his own Study where his 'Scritore was. 1682 OLDHAM *Imit. 3rd Sat. Juv.* Poems & Transl. (1684) 198 One gives a fine Scritore or Cabinet. 1715 NELSON *Addr. Pers. Qual.* p. xi, He searched his Scrittoir for something further to give me. 1718 PRIOR *Solomon* Pref. P 14, I had locked up these Papers in my Scritoire. 1752 HUME *Ess. & Treat.* (1777) I. 372 Bank-stock, or India-bonds..are not idle, even when in his scritoire.

β. 1665 SIR T. HERBERT *Trav.* (1677) 44 There they sell ..Scrutores or Cabinets of Mother of Pearl. 1698 in *MSS. Ho. Lords* N. S. (1905) III. 345 He had several trunks and a scrutoir in the ship. 1750 H. WALPOLE *Let. to Mann* 22 Dec., A person who had stolen sixty guineas out of his scrutoire. 1823 DE QUINCEY *Dice* Wks. 1859 XI. 293 There was still preserved in the house a scrutoire fixed in the wall. *a* 1844 F. HOWES *Horace, Sat.* I. i. (end), But hold !—You'll think I've pillaged the scrutoir Of blear Crispinus.

attrib. 1737 HOPPUS *Salmon's Country Build. Estim.* (ed. 2) 110 Cabinet Locks..and Scruitore Locks.

Scruyde, obs. form of SHROUD *v.*

Scruze (skrūz), *v.* Now *dial.* Also 7–8 **scruse,** (7 **screwze**). [? Suggested by SCREW and SQUEEZE *vbs.*] *trans.* To squeeze.

1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* II. xi. 46 Having scruzd out of his carrion corse The lothfull life. *Ibid.* II. xii. 56 Whose sappy liquor, that with fulnesse sweld, Into her cup she scruzd with daintie breach Of her fine fingers. 1611 SPEED *Hist. Gt. Brit.* IX. vii. (1623) 530 Those huge sums, which he had scruzed out of Stephen. 1624 BP. HALL *True Peace-Maker* Wks. (1625) 542 The oppressing Gentleman, that..scruzes his Tenants to death. 1664 *Court & Kitchin Eliz. Cromwell* 114 Scruze into it the juice of two or three lemons. 1683 MOXON *Mech. Exerc., Printing* 186 The whole Stick of Letters..are screwed together. 1706 PHILLIPS (ed Kersey), To *Scruse*, to crowd, to press or thrust hard.

Scrwe, obs. form of SCREW *sb.*[1]

† Scry, *sb.*[1] *Obs.* Forms: 4–6 **scry(e, 5–6 skry(e, 6 scrie, skrie.** [Aphetic form of ASCRY or ESCRY: cf. SCRY *v.* In many places it is impossible to tell whether we should read *ascry(e* in one word, or *a scrye* in two: see quotations below.]

1. Crying out, shout, exclamation, clamour.

Quot. *a* 1450 was misunderstood by Skinner (*Etymologicon*, 1671), who interpreted 'scrye of foules' to mean a flock of wild fowl. The error was repeated hy Blount 1674, and appears in many dictionaries.

1419 *Ordin. War.* xii. in *Black Bk. Admir.* (Rolls) I. 462 For unlawefull scryes..that none escrie the whiche is called mount. 1440 J. SHIRLEY *Dethe K. James* (1818) 16 With the which the ladis, and all the wemen, mayd a sorowfull skrye. *a* 1450 *Fyttshynge w. Angle* (1883) 5 The blastes of hornys and the scrye of foulis. 1470 HENRY *Wallace* IV. 671 The scry sone rais, the hald Loran was dede. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* VIII. xi. 33 Thayr was also engravyt all at rycht The sylver ganer, flyghterand wyth lowd skry. 1553 BRENDE *Q. Curtius* 41 b, Towardes that parte where the skrye was heard. 1581 STYWARD *Mart. Discipl.* I. 54 Euerie one to help other to arme and diligentlie to resort to the place of scruice, at scrie or larum vpon paine. 1616 *Barbour's Bruce* XIX. 564 The noyis weill soyn raiss and the skry. 1819 W. TENHANT *Papistry Storm'd* (1827) 137 Wi' skirl, and skry, and rallion-shout, Stood thick and fair the rabble-rout.

2. An attack; a reconnoitre.

1523 LD. BERNERS *Froiss.* I. xviii. 24 Euery nyght the Englissbe oste made good and sure watche, for they doubted makyng of skryes. 1568 GRAFTON *Chron.* II. 249 To make a skrye in the Scottes hoste. 1577–87 HOLINSHED *Chron.* III. 813/1 On a daie the Frenchmen made a skrie toward the English campe.

Scry (skrəi), *sb.*[2] *Obs.* exc. *dial.* (see E.D.D.). Also 7 **scrie,** 9 **scree.** [App. related to SCREEN *sb.* 5.] A kind of sieve.

c 1615 BOYS *Wks.* (1629) 347 Winnowed corne is..made cleane by the fanne and scrie, for the masters owne vse: so though our enemie sift vs, his scrying is but our trying. *Ibid.* 428 He must be like the scry, keeping the good seed but casting away the dust and vnprofitable darnell. 1892 *Auction. Catal. Kent Farm Sale,* Manure scry.

Scry (skrəi), *sb.*[3] [f. SCRY *v.*[2]] Something 'scried' in a crystal.

1898 A. LANG *Making of Relig.* v. 95 The 'scries' which came right were sometimes those of which the 'agent', or person scried for, was consciously thinking.

† Scry, *v.*[1] *Obs.* [Aphetic form of DESCRY *v.*[2]] *trans.* To describe.

a 1400 *Sir Degrev.* 1859 I knewe never mane so wys, That couth telle the servise, Ne scrye the metys of prys Was servyd in that sale. *c* 1440 *Bone Flor.* 333 That men myght mewse on many a yere, Or he hyt scryed wyth stevyn. 1568 T. HOWELL *Arb. Amitie* (1879) 69, I neede no scribe to scrie my care, in restlesse rigour spreade.

Scry (skrəi), *v.*[2] Also 6 **skrie.** [Aphetic f. DESCRY *v.*[1]]

1. *trans.* To descry, see, perceive. *Obs.* exc. *dial.*

1555 PHAER *Æneid* III. (1558) G iv, Whom Phebus token trees & starres of heauen, hath taught to skrie. 1570 DEE *Math. Pref.* a iv, Landmarkes from the sea..well hable to be skried. *c* 1595 CAPT. WYATT *R. Dudley's Voy. W. Ind.* (Hakl. Soc.) 57 Our Generall..was the first that scryed a sayle. *a* 1734 NORTH *Examen* I. iii. P 43 (1740) 147 The most that any close Inspection can scry out of, it is that a Party was found that would oppose the Exclusion Bill. 1807 STAGG *Poems* 41 Forth frae the bit they scry'd it furst, Agean the demon springs. 1855 *Whitby Gloss.* s.v. *Scried,* 'I scried it lang afore I com at it'.

absol. 1589 R. ROBINSON *Gold. Mirror* (Chetham) 8 As I ken'd him farre, as eyes could scry.

2. *intr.* To see images in pieces of crystal, water, etc. which reveal the future or secrets of the past or present; to act as a crystal-gazer.

Revived recently as a technical term: cf. SCRYER.

1528 W. STAPLETON *Confess.* (P. R. O.), His said boye did scrye unto him, which said spirytt I had after myself. And for a tryall..he caused his servaunt to goo hyde a certeyn money in the gardeyn, and I shewed for the same and oone Jakeson scryed unto me, but we could not accomplisshe our purpose. 1894 A. LANG *Cock Lane & Common-sense* 223 Thus the conditions under which the scryer can scry, are, as yet unascertained. 1897 — *Dreams & Ghosts* iii. 61 In using the ball she..succeeded in seeing..persons..familiar to people for whom she 'scried', but totally strange to herself.

Hence **Scry·ing** *vbl. sb.*, crystal-gazing.

a 1608 DEE *Relat. Spir.* II. (1659) 4, I thereupon appointed with myself to bring the Childe to the place, and to offer him, and present him to the service of Seeing and Skrying from God. 1894 A. LANG *Cock Lane & Common-Sense* 212 The practice of 'scrying', 'peeping', or 'crystal-gazing' has been revived in recent years. 1902 F. PODMORE *Mod. Spiritualism* IV. vi. II. 297 The substances commonly used for scrying—crystal, glass, water,..etc.

Scry, *v.*[3] *Obs.* exc. *dial.* (see E. D. D.). Also 9 **scree.** [f. SCRY *sb.*[2]] *trans.* To sift (corn, etc.). In quot. *fig.* Hence **Scry·ing** *vbl. sb.*

c 1615 BOYS *Wks.* (1629) 428 He must scry the Sermons of the Prophets and try the spirits, examining all things, and then holding that which is good. *Ibid.*, Scrying [see SCRY *sb.*[2]].

Scry (skrəi), *v.*[4] *Sc.* and *north.* Also 8 **skry.** [Aphetic form of ASCRY, ESCRY, a. OF. *escrier* to cry out.] *trans.* To proclaim (a sale, etc.).

1710 RUDDIMAN *Gloss.* to *Douglas' Æneis* s. v., To skry a Fair, i. e. to proclaim it. 1871 W. ALEXANDER *Johnny Gibb* xi. (1881) 70 If Samie Pikeshule had a roup to scry.

Scryer (skrəi·əɹ). Also 6 **scrier,** 6, 7, 9 **skryer.** [f. SCRY *v.* + -ER[1].] One who 'scries'; a crystal-gazer.

1549 in *Narr. Reform.* (Camden) 334 Thomas Malfrey..and a woman..are scryers of the glasse. 1555 EDEN *Decades* (Arb.) 319 The scrier which deerneth the veine of the myne goth before the workemen. *a* 1608 DEE *Relat. Spir.* I. (1659) 91 He..willed me to use John my Boy as my Skryer. 1691 WOOD *Ath. Oxon.* I. 244 Kelley was several times..false to Dee, yet he mostly performed the office of Skryer. 1889 *Proc. Soc. Psych. Research* XIV. 495 Dee's..scryer or seer, Kelly. 1900 *Edin. Rev.* Jan. 36 The profession of skryer, crystal-gazer, or speculator.

Scrymppys, obs. pl. of SHRIMP.

† Scu. *Obs.* Also 4 *pl.* **skwez.** [?repr. OE. *scuwa, sciła* shadow; the *sc* for the normal *sh* may be due to the influence of the corresponding ON. *skugge*: see SCUG *sb.*] **a.** A shadow. **b.** A screen.

13.. *Gaw. & Gr. Knt.* 2167 Þe skwez of þe scowtes skayned hym þo3t. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 450/2 Scu, spere in a howse, *idem quod* screne, *scrineum, ventifuga.*

Scua, obs. form of SKUA.

† Scu·age. *Obs.* [Aphetic form of ESCUAGE.] = ESCUAGE 2, SCUTAGE.

c 1450 *Godstow Reg.* 206 þat þe foresayde Abbesse & couente..be free & quiet of scuage & sute of here myllys. *c* 1460 *Osney Reg.* 48 Be lose and quite fro scuage, tallage, & all oþer seculer exaccions.

† Scubard. *Obs. rare*[−1]. [a. OF. (*en*) *escobart.*] *In scubardis*: secretly, in private.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 26936 Sum men in scubardis til oþer men telles þair folis, and sais amang riot ron 'All men wat wel þat i ha don'.

Scuchen, -in, -(i)on, obs. ff. SCUTCHEON *sb.*[1]

Scud (skʊd), *sb.*[1] Also 7 **scudde,** 8 **scudd.** [f. SCUD *v.*; in some uses perh. onomatopœic.]

1. The action of scudding; hurried movement.

1609 B. JONSON *Case Altered* IV. iv, O how she skudded, O sweet scud, how she tripped, O delicate trip and goe. *a* 1700 B. E. *Dict. Cant. Crew, Scud,* the Course or motion of the Clouds, in Fleeting. 1853 HERSCHEL *Pop. Lect. Sci.* i. § 54 (1873) 42 The scud of the clouds before the wind. 1880 MEREDITH *Tragic Com.* xviii. (1892) 241 At times he came flashing through the scud of her thoughts.

b. A certain figure in skating.

1892 *Gentlew. Bk. Sports* I. 145 The hand-in-hand figures, such as the Mercury, the Q scud, the half-double scud [etc.].

2. a. Light clouds driven rapidly before the wind.

1669 DRYDEN & DAVENANT *Tempest* I. i, The Scud comes against the Wind, 'twill blow hard. 1762 FALCONER *Shipwr.* II. 128 The black'ning ocean curls; the winds arise; And the dark scud in swift succession flies. 1814 SCOTT *Ld. of Isles* I. xiii, The darkening scud comes on. 1885 H. O. FORBES *Nat. Wand. E. Archip.* 209 Peaks..along whose flanks the clouds rolled upwards in white humps and scuds.

b. A driving shower (of rain or snow).

1687 A. LOVELL tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* II. 187 With every change [of wind] we had a scud of Wind and Rain. *a* 1722 LISLE *Husb.* (1752) 3 After such a scudd of rain cool cloudy weather ensues. 1825 COBBETT *Rur. Rides* 207, I had hut one little scud during the day; just enough for St. Swithin to swear hy. 1879 *Gd. Words* Jan. 48 The rain blowing in drizzling scuds.

c. A sudden gust of wind.

1694 MOTTEUX *Rabelais* V. xviii. (1737) 76 Some Gusts, or Scuds of Wind..arose. 1863 'C. BEDE' *Tour in Tartanland* 293, I beheld my wife..borne in a wild scud immediately in front of the three-abreast horses. 1893 'Q.' (Quiller-Couch) *Delect. Duchy* 193 A sullen pond, over which the wind drove in scuds.

d. Ocean foam or spray driven by the wind.

1850 B. TAYLOR *Eldorado* XXI. I. 143 Bailing out the scud thrown over the gunwale by every surge. 1894 N. BROOKS *Tales of Maine Coast* 218 The air was drenched with spume and flying scud.

transf. 1884 HOWELLS *Silas Lapham* (1891) I. 63 She..was..shielding her face from the scud of ice flung from the mare's heels.

e. *attrib.*

1860 *Merc. Marine Mag.* VII. 342 Light scud clouds driving across heavy masses show wind and rain. 1897 *Daily News* 4 Mar. 7/1 The boat disappeared in a yeast of scud rain and spindrift.

3. *School slang.* A swift runner.

1857 HUGHES *Tom Brown* I. v, You ain't a bad scud, not by no means. *Ibid.* I. vii, Unless you're a first-rate scud.

Scud (skʊd), *sb.*[2]

† 1. Dirt, refuse. *Obs.*

1641 BEST *Farm. Bks.* (Surtees) 95 For now the scudde and scumme passed away, and the dyke was as cleare and fresh att the last as att the first.

2. *Coal-mining.* (See quot. 1883.)

1829 *Glover's Hist. Derby* I. 59 Scud or ming coal. 1883 GRESLEY *Gloss. Coal-mining, Scud,* iron pyrites embedded in coal seams. *Ibid., Scud* (Leicester), very thin layers of soft matter, such as clay, sooty coal, &c.

Scud (skʊd), *sb.*[3] *dial.* [Belongs to SCUD *v.*[4]] A wisp of twisted straw, used for stopping a drain.

1843 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* IV. i. 26 We fill up either with haulm.., or ling,..or a scud of straw, or turf. 1847 *Ibid.* VIII. II. 279 The materials..are 'haulm' (stubble), straw, 'scuds' (twisted straw), ling, or hushes.

Scud (skʊd), *v.*[1] Also 6 **scudde, skude, squdde,** 6–7 **scudd,** 6–8 **skud,** 7 **scude.** *Pa. t.* 7 **scud**; *Pa. pple.* 6 **scudde.** [Of obscure etymology.

First recorded in the 16th c., but prob. much older in colloquial use. The initial *sc* shows that the word cannot descend from OE.: if not formed onomatopœically or by phonetic symbolism, it was presumably adopted either from Scandinavian or from LG. or Du. Formally, a possible origin would be MLG., MDu. *schudden* to shake (:—OS. *scuddian*), whence Sw. *skudda,* Da. *skudde*; but the sense seems not sufficiently near. The ON. *skunda,* to hasten, agrees in sense but not in form. It has been usual to refer the word to Da. *skyde* (with long vowel) to shoot (=ON. *skiôta*), *skud* shot (=ON. *skot*), but the Da. change of *t* into *d* is a late development, and is not represented in Eng. words of Anglo-Danish origin. It may be noted that several dialects have a synonymous *scut* vb., of which *scud* may be an altered form. As the earliest instance of *scud* refers to the movement of a hare, and this has always been a prominent application of the vb., it seems possible that it may be connected with *scut* sb., the tail of a hare, sometimes applied to the animal itself.]

1. *intr.* To run or move briskly or hurriedly; to dart nimbly from place to place.

1532 MORE *Confut. Tindale* Wks. 721/2 Tindall hath, as ye haue hearde, scudded in & out lyke an hare yᵗ had .xx. brace of greyhoundes after her. 1553 *Respublica* 1632, I have trodde & scudde tyll my winde is almost paste. 1567 DRANT *Horace, Epist.* I. i. B viij, Sumtymes I skude abowt the towne in ciuyll matters drounde. 1602 MARSTON *Ant. & Mel.* IV. H 1, My sinewes tremble, and my panting heart Scuds round about my bosome to goe out. 1613–16 W. BROWNE *Brit. Past.* I. ii. 25 The Trout within the weeds did scud. 1707 *Curios. in Husb. & Gard.* 344 Animals.. bounding over the Hills, and skudding along the Plains. 1812 BYRON *Childe Har.* I. lxx, Some Richmond-hill ascend, some scud to Ware. 1822 LADY GRANVILLE *Lett.* 10 Mar. (1894) I. 223, I never saw him so slim and active, and he scuds into dinner [etc.]. 1830 TENNYSON *'How' & 'Why'* 30 The black owl scuds down the mellow twilight. 1866 J. H. NEWMAN *Gerontius* IV. 30 They scud away as cowards from the fight. 1894 MRS. RITCHIE *Chapters fr. Mem.* ix. 131 He stood looking at us fixedly,..and the train scudded off.

b. In the imperative: Be off! Make haste!

1602 MIDDLETON *Blurt* IV. i. 68 Nay, scud:..begone and mum. 1649 DK. NEWCASTLE *Country Capt.* III. 51 Scud and bringe wine you varletts. *c* 1854 THACKERAY *Wolves & Lamb* I. Wks. 1869 XXII. 353 There's the outer hell. Scud, you vagabond!

2. To sail or move swiftly on the water. Now chiefly (and in technical nautical use exclusively), to run before a gale with little or no sail.

1582 STANYHURST *Æneid* III. (Arb.) 85 Italye see yoonder: thither with nnuye be squdding. *a* 1592 GREENE *Opharion* (1599) 39 (*Song of Arion*) Seated vpon the crooked Dolphins back, Scudding amidst the purple coloured waues:..Neptune..Threw forth such stormes as [etc.]. 1600 HOLLAND *Livy* XXXVII. 951 Pausistratus..skudded amaine with his ship to the entrance of the haven. 1669 STURMY *Mariner's Mag.* I. ii. 17 She scuds before the Sea very well. 1697 DRYDEN *Æneid* V. 1086 They scud before the Wind. *a* 1704 T. BROWN *Walk round Lond., Thames* Wks. 1709 III. iii. 60 The next [person] that we met was a jolly Parson, skudding from Lambeth-House in a Skuller. 1769 FALCONER *Dict. Marine* (1780) s.v. *Scudding,* A ship either scuds with a sail extended on her foremast, or, if the storm is excessive, without any sail, which..is called scudding under *bare poles.* 1845 DARWIN *Voy. Nat.* vi. 109 Having fairly scudded before the gale, we arrived by the middle of the day at the Sauce posta. 1884 LADY BRASSEY in *Good Words* Mar. 163/1 There was too much wind to scud.

3. Of clouds, foam, etc.: To be driven by the wind.

1699 GARTH *Dispens.* V. 93 The rising Mists skud o're the dewy Lawns. 1793 COLERIDGE *Songs of Pixies* ii, When.. scuds the cloud before the gale. 1833 TENNYSON *Dream of Fair Wom.* 39 Crisp foam-flakes scud along the level sand, Torn from the fringe of spray. 1853 C. BRONTE *Villette* XXXVIII, They [the hours] passed like drift cloud—like the rack scudding before a storm.

4. *trans.* To pass, travel, or sail quickly over.

1632 LITHGOW *Trav.* X. 424 Then scud I France, and cross'd the Pyrheneise. *c* 1750 SHENSTONE *Ruined Abbey* 197 His less'ning flock In snowy groups diffusive scud the vale. 1802 SCOTT *Cadyow Castle* xiii, The startled red-deer scuds the plain.

transf. 1895 MEREDITH *Amazing Marr.* I. iv. 41 Immense was the range of vision scudding the peaks.

5. *dial.* **a.** To throw (a flat stone) so as to make it skim the surface of a body of water. **b.** To shoot or discharge (a load of herrings) into the hold of a vessel.

See *Eng. Dial. Dict.*, and cf. *scudding-pole, -stone* (SCUDDING *vbl. sb.*[1] b).

1874 HOLDSWORTH *Deep-Sea Fishing* 110 'Scudding the fish', as it is termed, enables them to be easily shaken out of the net, whence they fall on the deck and then through temporary openings into the well or hold.

Scud, *v.*[2] *Sc.* ? *Obs.* [Of obscure origin: cf. SCUDS *sb. pl.*] *trans.* 'To quaff, to drink liberally' (Jamieson, 1808).

a 1728 RAMSAY *Monk & Miller's W.* 3 You wha laughing scud brown Ale, Leave Jinks a wee, and hear a Tale.

Scud (skʊd), *v.*[3] [? f. SCUD *sb.*[2]]

1. *dial.* (See quot.)

1788 W. H. MARSHALL *Yorksh.* II. 350 *Scud,* to clean or scrape with a 'spittle' [i. e. a small spade].

2. *Tanning.* To remove remaining hairs, dirt, etc., from (skins or hides) with a hand-knife.

1880 *Times* 27 Sept. 12/6 The cost of unhairing, fleshing, and scudding all kinds of skins appears to have been reduced. 1883 R. HALDANE *Workshop Receipts* Ser. II. 372/2 The.. remaining hairs, and other dirt, can now be very readily scudded out.

Scud (skʊd), *v.*[4] *dial.* [Belongs to SCUD *sb.*[3]] *trans.* To make straw into 'scuds'.

1803 YOUNG *Annals Agric.* XL. 332 (E.D.S.) Straw twisted together (provincially called skudded) is used [in covering drains]. 1843 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* IV. i. 40 The system of shallow parallel drains filled with wood and straw, or straw only, twisted or 'scudded', is universally adopted.

Scuddaler (skʊ·dələɹ). *Sheil.* Also **scudler, skudler.** [Of obscure origin: Hibbert's explanation (quot. 1822) is untenable.] The leader of a band of maskers.

1821 SCOTT *Pirate* ii, It augured well of the expedition if

Mordaunt could be prevailed upon to undertake the office of skudler, or leader of the band. 1822 Hibbert *Shetl. Isles* 560 The whole are under the controul of a director, named a scudler. [*Footnote*, An ancient Shetland name given to the pilot of a Scuda or twelve-oared boat.] 1888 Mrs. Saxby *Lads of Lunda* 211 Who disguise their persons, and under the guidance of a Scuddaler, do pass from house to house entertaining the folks.

Scudder (skʌ·dəɹ). [f. Scud *v.*[1] + -er [1].] One who or that which scuds. In recent Dicts.

Scuddick (skʌ·dik). *slang* and *dial.* Also **scuddock, scuttick, skiddi(c)k, skuddick, scurrick** (see E.D.D.). An extremely small coin or amount. Also, something very small.

1823 'Jon Bee' *Dict. Turf, Scuddick* is used negatively; 'not a scuddick'—not any brads, not a whinn, empty clies. 1823 *Grose's Dict. Vulgar T.* (ed. Egan), *Scurrick*, a half-penny. *Cant.* 1831 *Election Sp. Newport* (I. W.) 20 Apr. (E.D.D.), I won't pay one scuttick towards the taxes. 1840 E. Howard *Jack Ashore* xlvii, So I..offers the chaps their wages in advance —true-blue Jacks—wouldn't take a scuddick—so up anchor and off. 1863 Robson *Bards of Tyne* 303 To hear fine Sinclair tune his pipes Is hardly worth a scuddock. 1901 'Zack' *Tales of Dunstable Weir* 248 Poor little skiddick! Shall I go for the doctor?

Scudding (skʌ·diŋ), *vbl. sb.*[1] [f. Scud *v.*[1] + -ing [1].] The action of the verb in various senses.

1583 Golding *Calv. on Deut.* xxiv. 140 There is scudding from aultar to aultar. 1769 Falconer *Dict. Marine* II. (1780), *Treon*, a square-sail, used in scudding. *c* 1850 *Rudim. Navig.* (Weale) 81 Scudding will tend to carry the ship beyond its influence.

b. *Comb.*: **scudding-pole**, 'a pole erected for the purpose of shooting herrings conveniently into the hold' (E.D.D.); **scudding-stone**, a thin stone that can be made to skim the surface of a body of water.

1874 Holdsworth *Deep-Sea Fishing* 110 The 'scudding-pole'..is fixed fore and aft between the mitch-board and the mast. 1897 Ld. E. W. Hamilton *Outlaws of Marches* xv. 166 While her great bobble of a lad's aye flinging scuddin'-stanes in Keeldar's Pool.

Scudding (skʌ·diŋ), *vbl. sb.*[2] *Tanning.* [f. Scud *v.*[3] + -ing [1].] The action of the vb. Scud [3]. Also *attrib.*

1882 Paton in *Encycl. Brit.* XIV. 384/1 This is partly accomplished by going over the hide on the beam with a scudding knife. *Ibid.* 389/2 The general sequence of unhairing..scudding, washing, and treating with the bran drench is the same as in the case of other skins.

Scudding (skʌ·diŋ), *ppl. a.* [f. Scud *v.*[1] + -ing [2].] That scuds, in senses of the vb.

1545 Ascham *Toxoph.* II. (Arb.) 126 That shafte whiche one yeare for a man is to lyghte and scuddinge, for the same selfe man the next yeare may chaunce be to heuy and hobblynge. 1762 Falconer *Shipwreck* III. 35 What regions now the scudding ship surround. 1849 Helps *Friends in C.* II. iv. (1851) II. 6 Strange images are sought out in the scudding clouds.

† Scu·ddle, *v.*[1] *Sc. Obs.* In 6 **scudle.** [? Back-formation from Scudler.] **a.** *trans.* To wash (dishes). **b.** *intr.* 'To act as a kitchen-drudge' (Jam. 1828–81).

1581 *Satir. Poems Reform.* xliv. 194 The fyre to big, and scudle dischis clene.

Scuddle (skʌ·d'l), *v.*[2] Now *dial.* [Frequentative f. Scud *v.*[1]] *intr.* To run away hastily, to scuttle. 'A low word' (Johnson, 1755).

1661 R. Burney Κέρδιστον Δῶρον 77 Lucifer might scuddle away as a subordinate sinner. 1706 Phillips (ed. Kersey), To *scud*, or *Scuddle away*, to scamper or run away all of a sudden. 1766 [Anstey] *Bath Guide* xiii. 45 How the Misses did huddle, and scuddle, and run. 1886 A. D. Willock *Rosetty Ends* (1887) 38 They gathered themsel's up an' scuddled awa into the hoose.

Scuddy (skʌ·di), *a.*[1] and *sb. Sc.*

A. *adj.* Naked. Also *scuddy-naked.*

1829 J. Wilson *Noct. Ambr.* Wks. 1855 II. 267 Some skuddy-naked, some clothed in duds. 1831 *Ibid.* III. 286 Strip a kintra lass..perfectly skuddy. 1906 N. Munro in *Blackw. Mag.* Jan. 79/1 Scuddy little dolls.

B. *sb.* A naked child. Also, an unfledged bird.

1815 W. Finlayson *Simple Sc. Rhymes* 92 (E. D. D.) Wad ye hae them to rin like scuddies Without a rag? 1865 Janet Hamilton *Poems, Ess. & Sk.* (1870) 67 The mavis nest O' naked scuddies fu'.

† Scu·ddy, *a.*[2] *Obs.* [f. Scud *sb.*[2] + -y.] ? Turbid, full of sediment.

1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) XVIII. 872/2 It sometimes happens that wines scuddy and stubborn will not fall with one or even two forcings.

Scude, obs. form of Scud *v.*

† Scu·dler. *Sc. Obs.* Also 5 **scudler,** 6 **scudlar, skuddiller.** [App. a. early OF. **escudeler* (later *escuelier*), f. **escudele* (later *escuele*, mod.F. *écuelle*) dish. Cf. Squiller.] A scullion.

c 1470 Henry *Wallace* v. 1027 In the kyching scudleris lang tyme had beyne. 1536 Bellenden *Cron. Scot.* (1821) I. 179 He commandit al scudlaris..to be exilit within ane certane day. 1595 Duncan *App. Etym.* (E.D.S.), *Lixa*, a scullion, or scudler; *calo.* 1596 Dalrymple tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* I. 196 The skuddilleris and kitchine boyes, and a few suddartis ..invade the Ennimies. 1638 *New Litany* in *Bk. Sc. Pasquils* (1868) 87 From horsruber, scudler, scold and hagge, Tinker, treulerd, slouene and sluit.

Scudler, variant of Scuddaler.

‖ Scudo (skū·do). Pl. **scudi** (skū·di), 8 *erron.* **scudis.** [It. = OF. *escu* (mod.F. *écu*), Sp., Pg. *escudo* shield. hence used as the name of a coin bearing a shield :—L. *scūtum* shield.] A silver coin and money of account formerly current in various Italian states, usually worth about 4 shillings.

In some states a gold scudo of the same value was also used, and occasionally the name was given to gold coins of much higher value.

1644 Evelyn *Diary* 29 Nov., I am told the gardener is annualy alowed 2000 scudi for the keeping it. 1766 *Ann. Reg.* 121 She found means hy her industry to save a sum of 6000 scudis. 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* lxiv, Everyhody who had a balance of above five hundred scudi was invited to the balls which this prince of merchants gave.

Scuds, *sb. pl. Sc.* [? f. Scud *v.*[2]] Ale, beer.

1711 Ramsay *On Maggy Johnstoun* iv, We guzl'd Scuds. 1806 J. Cock *Simple Strains* (1810) I. 104 I'll strive to smooth your thrawart fate Wi' whisky and gude scuds.

† Scuet. *Obs. rare*[−1]. [Of obscure origin: possibly an error for *scuer* skewer.] ? = Skewer.

1634 Sir T. Herbert *Trav.* 150 In some Buzzars they haue Camell or Mutton cut in mammocks or small bits put vpon scuets and carbonaded.

Scufe. *Sc.* Also **scoof, scuff.** [Cf. ON. *skúfa* to shove, push.] (See quot.)

1825–80 Jamieson, *Scoof, Scufe*, a sort of battledoor made of wood, used for striking the ball at Tennis, in order to save the palm of the hand from the severity of the stroke, Teviotdale. *Ibid., Scufe, Scuff*, a bat used by boys for playing at hand-ball, Roxb.

Scuff (skʌf), *sb.*[1] Also **skuff.** [? f. Scuff *v.*]

1. *Sc.* A slight glancing blow; a 'brush' with the hand. *To get upon the skuff*, to get to scuffling.

1824 Mactaggart *Gallovid. Encycl.* s.v., The scuff is the wind, as it were; the scuff of a cannon ball, blows a man to pieces. 1825 Jamieson, Suppl., *Scuff.* 1. The act of grazing, or touching lightly. 2. A stroke, apparently a slight one, Banffs. 1839 Moir *Mansie Wauch* xxiii. 292 After giving his hreeches-knees a skuff with his loof, to dad off the stoure. 1854 H. Miller *Sch. & Schm.* (1858) 337 We got upon the skuff after you left us. 1899 J. Strang *Lass of Lennox* xv, 'She was a dacent woman Lucky'... 'She was a' that', says he, gie'in' his een a bit scuff wi' the back o' his haun'.

b. *transf.* A gust or puff of wind or rain.

1895 Crockett *Men of Moss-Hags* xlviii, It was a dark, gloomy day, with..scuffs of grey showers scudding among the hilltops.

2. The noise made by the 'scuffing' of feet: see Scuff *v.* 2 b.

1899 B. M. Dix *Hugh Gwyeth* xvi, They rode a long space in silence, save for the soft scuff of the horses now and again as they came upon a stretch of sandy road.

3. A rowdy crowd, rabble; also, one of such a crowd. Cf. Scurf *sb.*[1] 4.

1856 J. Ballantine *Poems* 67 On Queen's birth-days, thy squibs and pluffs Slappit in face o' drucken scuffs. 1879 *Macm. Mag.* XL. 501/1 This got a scuff (crowd) round us.

Scuff (skʌf), *sb.*[2] Forms: *α. dial.* 8–9 **skuft,** 9 **skufft,** scuft. *β.* 9 scuf, scuff. [Of obscure origin: cf. the variant forms Scruff *sb.*[2], Cuff *sb.*[4]

It is usually assumed that the form *scuft* is the original, and that the word is ad. ON. *skopt* (poet.) hair = Goth. *skuft*. But there is little affinity of sense with the ON. word. The NFris. *skuft*, 'back of the neck of a horse', sometimes cited as cognate, seems to be = Du. *schoft* shoulder.]

The nape of the neck (only in references to seizing by the 'scuff (of the neck)'.

α. 1787 Grose *Provinc. Gloss.*, *Skuft* (of the neck), the cuff or back of the neck. 1818 Wilbraham *Chesh. Gloss.*, *Skufft*, the back part of the neck. 1878 Hartley *Clock Alm.* 31 (E.D.D.) He seized Dawdles by th' scuft o' th' neck.

β. 1823 in *Spirit Publ. Jrnls.* 129 The champion caught the scampering coppersmith by the 'scuff of the neck'. *α* 1846 Landor *Imag. Conv.* Wks. 1853 II. 91/1 Take them by the scuf, and out with 'em. 1864 M. Evre *Lady's Walk S. France* xiii. (1865) 159, I caught him [a dog] by the scuff of his neck.

Scuff (skʌf), *v.* Also 6 **scuffe,** 7, 9 **skuff.** [Of uncertain and possibly mixed origin; perh. connected with Scruff, Scurf *vbs.*; possibly in part of onomatopœic origin (cf. quot. 1825 in Scuff *sb.*[1] 2, and the Sc. dial. phrase 'to go scuff', to fly past with a whizzing noise). With sense 4 cf. Cuff *v.*; with sense 3 b cf. Scuffle, Shuffle *vbs.*]

† 1. *trans.* ? To evade, shirk (duty). Cf. Scruff *v. Sc. Obs.*

1595 Duncan *App. Etym.* (E.D.S.), *Eludo*, to scuffe, to shift off.

2. To touch lightly in passing; to strike with a slight glancing blow; to brush against (an object); to wipe off (something) with such a blow or stroke.

1824 Mactaggart *Gallovid. Encycl.*, *Scuff*, to touch, to graze. 1826 G. Beattie *John o' Arnha* (ed. 5) 63 [The bird] Now soar'd aloft, now scuff'd the ground. 1832–53 A. Crawford in *Whistle-binkie* III. 84 The sun clam up.. And frae his e'ehrows scuff'd the mornin' dew. 1867 Gregor *Banffsh. Gloss.*, *Scuff*, to wipe very lightly; as, 'Scuff the stew aff o' yir sheen'.

b. To scrape (the ground, boards, etc.) with the feet; to wear off by treading.

1897 Beatty *Secretar* xlviii, To whilk speech, after I had skuffed the hoards with my feet,..I made answer. 1905 Treves *Other Side of Lantern* II. xvii. 115 A common of worn earth from which a million feet have scuffed whatever living thing has grown upon it.

3. *intr.* To walk (through dew, dust, snow, etc.) so as to brush it aside or throw it up; hence *trans.*, to throw *up* (dust by this manner of walking).

1768 Ross *Helenore, Rock & wee pickle Tow* xvii, With a pair of rough rullions to scuff thro' the dew. 1893 *Wiltsh. Gloss.* s. v., To 'scuff up' the dust..by dragging a foot along the road. 1900 *Academy* 28 Apr. 363/1 How pleasant it is to scuff along amidst the clattering leaves!

b. To shuffle with the feet.

1847 Halliwell, *Scuff*, to shuffle in walking. *West.* 1890 *Glouc. Gloss.* 1896 *Warwicksh. Gloss.* 1902 *Blackw. Mag.* Jan. 41/1, I vainly tried to scuff over the boards with my leather-soled shoes in the same noisy fashion as the men whose hobnailed boots scraped and hanged against the wood.

4. *trans.* To buffet (a person).

1841 *Blackw. Mag.* L. 482/1 By these [persons]..this man of medicine is huffed and scuffed about. 1845 *Round Preacher* ii. 40 The gentleman..scuffed and kicked him. 1875 J. Ballantine *Gaberlunzie's Wallet* (ed. 3) Gloss. (E.D.D.), Scuffs his ear.

Hence **Scu·ffing** *vbl. sb.*

1883 Stallybrass tr. *Grimm's Teut. Myth.* III. 967 A man ..hears at midnight a scuffing of shoes. 1895 *Century Mag.* Aug. 571/1 There was a scuffing of many feet on the beach below.

† Scuffe. *Obs. rare*[−1]. (See quot.)

1599 Hakluyt *Voy.* II. I. 169 Other seruingmen there were with the sayd Bassas, with red attire on their heads, much like French hoods,..with scuffes or plates of mettall, like vnto the chape of an ancient arming sword, standing on their foreheads like other Janisaries.

Scuffed (skʌft), *pa. pple.* and *ppl. a. Sc., Anglo-Irish*, and *U.S.* [f. Scuff *v.* + -ed [1].] Of clothing, etc.: Worn, shabby.

1819 Tennant *Papistry Storm'd* (1827) 90 And scapularies scuff'd and shent..Lay hither-thither on the bent. 1839 Carleton *Fardorougha* (ed. 2) 62 Differing very little in his dress from an absolute squireen, save in the fact of his Caroline hat being rather scuffed. 1879 *New York Tribune* 12 Dec. (Cent.), How to restore scuffed gloves.

Scuffle (skʌ·f'l), *sb.*[1] Also 7 **skuffle.** [f. Scuffle *v.*[1]]

1. A scrambling fight; an encounter with much hustling and random exchange of blows; a tussle.

Comb. *scuffle-royal* (nonce-wd.) after *battle-royal.*

1606 Shaks. *Ant. & Cl.* I. i. 7 His Captaines heart, Which in the scuffles of great Fights hath burst The Buckles on his brest. *c* 1645 Howell *Lett.* (1650) I. II. xix. 32 Ther was a scuffle lately here 'twixt the Duke of Navers and the Cardinal of Guise, who..meeting the last week..from words they fell to Blows. 1670 Baxter *Cure Ch.-div.* (ed. 3) Pref. II. § 7 B 4, I tell you again that a battel or a foot-ball skuffle will not settle the discomposed and divided Churches. 1725 De Foe *New Voy.* (1840) 354 There had been a scuffle among them in which one of their canoes had been overset. 1760–72 H. Brooke *Fool of Qual.* (1809) II. 17 A scramble, boys, a scramble! Hereupon a scuffle-royal instantly ensued. 1818–19 Byron *Don Juan* II. xcii, Just like a black eye in a recent scuffle. 1876 Freeman *Norm. Conq.* IV. xviii. 107 The victor in this struggle, a scuffle rather than a battle, again took possession of the Earldom. 1891 'J. S. Winter' *Lumley* ii, A friendly scuffle between a fox-terrier pup and a fine black cat.

b. *transf.* and *fig.* Now *rare.* Formerly often, † a heated controversy.

1641 Milton *Ch. Discipl.* II. 69 Such poore drifts to make a Nationall Warre of a Surplice Brabble, a Tippet-scuffle. 1662 H. More *Antid. Ath.* I. ix. § 2 (1712) 26 All those changes and varieties we see in the World are but the result of an Eternal Scuffle of coordinate Causes. 1664 [see Scamble *sb.*[2]]. 1675 Baxter *Cath. Theol.* I. I. 22 And here the Thomists and Scotists have another skuffle, Whether [etc.]. 1731 T. Boston *Mem.* vii. (1899) 111 With the student above referred to I had had some scuffles on the Arminian points. 1770 Burke *Pres. Discont.* 74 They were not afraid..that their resolution to stand or fall together should, by placemen, be interpreted into a scuffle for places.

2. The action of scuffling; confused utterance (of speech); shuffling (of feet).

1899 B. Capes *Lady of Darkness* 260 His wry jaw and crippled scuffle of speech. 1905 Treves *Other Side of Lantern* IV. viii. (1906) 290 The scuffle of naked feet upon the stones makes little more sound than the rustle of a snake.

Scuffle (skʌ·f'l), *sb.*[2] [a. Du. *schoffel* weeding-hoe.]

1. = Scuffler [2].

1798 J. Middleton *Agric. M'sex.* V. 96 Every farmer of arable land should possess himself of a scuffle... This implement is used in the same manner as a harrow: its feet cut up the weeds, and, altogether, it pulverizes the soil. 1805 R. Somerville *Agric. Surv. E. Lothian* 69 The Horse-hoe or Scuffle..is used more or less in all drill crops. 1856 'Stonehenge' *Brit. Rural Sports* I. I. v. § 1. 49 Another very considerable proportion was left in rough fallow, undisturbed by the scuffle.

2. A gardener's thrust-hoe. *local* and *U. S.*

1841 Hartshorne *Salop. Antiq.* 558 *Scuffle*, a hoe, chiefly used in gardens for cutting up weeds. 1848 Lowell *Biglow Papers* Ser. I. iii, Where so much is to do in the beds, he were a sorry gardener who should wage a whole day's war with an iron scuffle on those ill weeds that make the garden-walks of life unsightly. 1879 Miss Jackson *Shropsh. Word-bk.*, *Scuffle*, a garden implement used for cutting off weeds at the roots,—generally known as a Dutch hoe.

Scuffle (skʌ·f'l), *v.*[1] Also 6 **skufle,** 7 **skuffle.** [A frequentative formation on a base perh. of Scandinavian origin: cf. Sw. *skuff* a push, *skuffa* to push, f. Teut. root **skuf-* (*skuð*): see Shove, Shuffle *vbs.*

The Eng. Scuff *v.* (which is later in our quots.) can hardly be directly connected; cf. however sense 5 below with Scuff *v.* 3 b.]

1. *intr.* To struggle confusedly *togelher* or *with* another or others; to fight at close quarters in a disorderly manner, with pulling, pushing, and random delivery of blows; to tussle.

1590 R. Harvey *Pl. Perc.* 6 Shall we haue neighbors

children, lie skuffling in the kennel together by the eares like bride well birds? 1600 HOLLAND *Livy* II. 75 He.. rushed amongst the thickest of the Veientians, and skuffled with many of them together. 1612 DRAYTON *Poly-olb.* XII. 196, I..hane seene in former dayes The best Knights of the world, and scuffled in some frayes. 1622 BEAUM. & FL. *Philaster* v. i, Weele skuffle [1st ed. 1620 *reads* shuffle] hard before he perish. 1743 N. APPLETON *Serm.* 21 They scuffle, and oftentimes quarrel as Children. 1849 ALB. SMITH *Pottleton Leg.* ix. 64 The field-mice..scuffled amongst the corn. 1852 MRS. STOWE *Uncle Tom's C.* XXXIX, Only groans and people scuffling and rolling round on the garret-floor half the night!

b. *transf.* and *fig.* Now *rare*; in the 17th c. often with the sense: † To contend vigorously or resolutely.

1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* XXXVI. XV. II. 585 When the great men of the citie, Cæsar and Pompey, were skuffling together by the eares, hee knew well how to fish in a troubled water. 1639 N. N. tr. *Du Bosq's Compl. Woman* I. 7 Here I must needs scuffle with two great errors. *a* 1668 LASSELS *Voy. Italy* (1670) I. 99 [Genoa] is so well fortified on the other side..that they could scuffle notably in their own defence. 1678 R. L'ESTRANGE *Seneca's Mor., Ep.* XXVIII. (1696) 614 Both at Sea and Land we Tug and Scuffle for Dominion and Wealth. 1796 BURKE *Regic. Peace* Wks. VIII. 181 Even when their perverse and litigious nature sets them to equivocate, scuffle, and fight about the terms of their written obligations. 1841 CATLIN *N. Amer. Ind.* (1844) II. lviii. 249 To scuffle for a few years upon the plains with the wild tribes, ..for the flesh and the skins of the last of the buffaloes.

2. *trans.* To put *on, out, up*, etc. in a scrambling or confused manner.

1579 TOMSON *Calvin's Serm. Tim.* 63/1 There should be a ..discipline [in the Church], to the end that matters might not be huddeled and scuffled vppe together confusedly, and without order. 1839 *Lett. fr. Madras* (1843) 285, I had to rise and scuffle all my things out into the other half of the building..in a heavy rain. 1844 ALB. SMITH *Adv. Mr. Ledbury* XXII. (1886) 96 Scuffling on his dressing-gown, [he] advanced towards them. 1863 J. G. WOOD in *Intell. Observ.* IV. 22 [The mole] passing the worm underneath his body from his fore to his hind feet in a very peculiar manner, scuffling it, as it were, backwards and forwards.

3. *intr.* To struggle *through, on, along*; hence, to go hurriedly and superficially (*through* or *over* some operation).

1784 COWPER *Tiroc.* 340 The rude will scuffle through with ease enough, Great schools suit best the sturdy and the rough. 1844 H. STEPHENS *Book of Farm* II. 218 They are usually scuffled over in the morning with the currycomb. 1844 THACKERAY in *Punch* VII. 83/2 Scuffling through our blessed meals, that we may be early on the road. 1885 RUNCIMAN *Skippers & Sh.* 235 You go to school and scuffle on the best way you can.

4. To go in hurried confusion; to move with much effort and fuss; also *trans.* (causatively).

1838 *Lett. fr. Madras* XX. (1843) 204 The bearers, Peons, and people whom I had scuffled half out of their lives to get ready in time. 1840 THACKERAY *George Cruikshank* (1869) 298 The outward rush of heroes,..scuffling at the door, is in the best style of the grotesque. 1886 RUSKIN *Præterita* I. 412 Drive the populace headlong past it as fast as they can scuffle.

5. To move with a shuffling gait; also, to shuffle (with the feet).

1825 T. HOOK *Sayings* Ser. II. *Passion & Princ.* vi, The man..scuffling slipshod along the sanded floor. 1896 'IAN MACLAREN' *Brier Bush* 219 Is't true Elspeth scuffled wi' her feet at the laist head [of the sermon] and gar'd him close?

6. *Comb.*: **scuffle-shoe** *nonce-wd.*, a person of 'slipshod' habits.

1895 MEREDITH *Amazing Marr.* XXXV, So scathing was Gower's tone of irate professor to shirky scholar—or it might be put, German professor to English scuffle-shoe.

Hence **Scu·ffling** *vbl. sb.* and *ppl. a.* Also **Scu·fflingly** *adv.*

1599 NASHE *Lenten Stuffe* 43 This scuffling or bopeepe in the darke they had a while without weame or bracke. 1610 HOLLAND *Camden's Brit.* II. 134, I may passe over with silence the skuffling skirmishes which hapned euery daie. 1622 FLETCHER *Prophetess* IV. v, Your scurvie scuffling trade. 1709 *Brit. Apollo* II. *Supernum. No.* 2. 3/2 They had a scuffling for it. 1796 SOUTHEY *Lett. fr. Spain* (1799) 351 A noise like scuffling of feet. 1868 MISS BRADDON *Dead-Sea Fruit* I, The wrestling, and scuffling, and striving, and struggling of modern commerce. 1886 KIPLING *Departm. Ditties*, etc. (1899) 91 My Son, if a maiden deny thee and scufflingly bid thee give o'er. 1894 — *Jungle Bk.* 51 The monkeys..would..fight and cry in scuffling crowds.

Scuffle (skʌ·fl), *v.*[2] [f. SCUFFLE *sb.*[2] Cf. Du. *schoffelen.*] *trans.* To scarify or stir the surface (of land) with a thrust-hoe or horse-hoe; to hoe (a crop), cut up (weeds), turn in (seed) by means of a scuffle or scuffler.

1766 *Complete Farmer* s. v. *Walk* 7 Z 3/1 If they [*sc.* walks] are scuffled over with a Dutch hoe in dry weather, and raked smooth, it will destroy the moss and weeds. 1805 DICKSON *Pract. Agric.* I. Pl. x, The seed is by this implement scuffled in. 1807 T. RUDGE *Agric. Glouc.* (1813) 110 The land is immediately 'scuffled' or torn to pieces with the scuffler. 1863 *Intell. Observ.* IV. 199 A labourer..scuffling turnips.

Hence **Scu·ffling** *vbl. sb.* (also *attrib.*).

1802 W. AMOS *Drill Husb.* 243 Mellow land..requires no other preparation than scuffling, harrowing, &c. 1844 H. STEPHENS *Book of Farm* III. 959 The [mould-board] plough ..is convertible into a scuffling or cleaning plough, or horse-hoe. *Ibid.*, A second mortise is punched in each wing-bar to receive the scuffling coulters.

Scu·ffle-hunter. *Naut. slang.* (See quots.)

1796 COLQUHOUN *Police Metrop.* (ed. 3) 54 The prevailing practice of discharging and delivering the cargoes of ships by a class of aquatic labourers, known by the name of lumpers and scufflehunters. *Ibid.* 66 Those (who are distinguished by the nick-name of *Scuffle-hunters*) prowl about the wharfs .., under pretence of asking employment: but their chief object is to pillage and plunder whatever comes in their way. 1840 MARRYAT *Poor Jack* xviii, We've..the Scuffle Hunters, and the River Pirates.

Scuffler[1] (skʌ·flə). Also 7 **scufler.** [f. SCUFFLE *v.*[1] + -ER[1].] One who scuffles.

1633 MARMION *Fine Comp.* III. iv. F 2 b, *Fid.* Ile belabour you the next time I meet you. *Cap.* What Scufler, dost thou thinke ile faile my friends? No Hector I scorne it. 1642 *Tom Nash his Ghost* (title-p.), To the three scurvy Fellowes of the upstart Family of the Snufflers, Rufflers and Shufflers; the thrice Treble-troublesome Scufflers in the Church and State.

Scuffler[2] (skʌ·flə). [f. SCUFFLE *v.*[2] + -ER[1].] An agricultural implement for scarifying and stirring the surface of the ground, esp. between the rows of crops; a horse-hoe.

1797 BILLINGSLEY *Agric. Somerset* (ed. 2) 278 I verily think, that his [J. Cooke's] instruments called the scuffler, and scarifier, are the best contrivances I ever beheld, for the pulverization of the soil, and the destruction of weeds. 1891 *Times* 5 Oct. 3/2 The best remedies for the pest..being nitrate of soda..and the use of scufflers, or of horse-hoes.

b. Each of the scuffling coulters of a scuffler.

1844 H. STEPHENS *Book of Farm* III. 959 In returning it to the double mould-board state, it is only necessary to remove the scufflers and the feathered share.

Scuffy (skʌ·fi), *a. Sc.* [f. SCUFF *v.* + -Y]. = SCUFFED *a.* Also *fig.*

1858 M. PORTEOUS *Real 'Souter Johnny'* 32 Some scuffy chiels to mak a boddle On thy sweet muse hae daured to saddle..Brain hrats that ye wad scorn to cuddle Or think were thine. 1895 W. C. FRASER *Whaups of Durley* xiii. 189 He wears black claes, awfu' scuffy.

Scuft, dial. variant of SCUFF *sb.*[2]

Scufting (skʌ·ftiŋ). (See quots.)

1688 HOLME *Armoury* III. 85/2 Bran or Scufting, the Husk of the Corn. 1881 *Leic. Gloss.* s.v. *Meal*, The various qualities of meal are distinguished into—1. Bran. 2. Shorts. 3. Scuftings, pollards, or shorts-and-sharps.

Scug (skʌg), *sb.*[1] *Sc.* and *north.* Forms: 5–7 (9) **scoug, 6 skug, (skowg, skugg, 7 skough, scugg, scugge), 9 sco(o)g, skoug, 6– scug.** [a. ON. *skugge* wk. masc., shadow (Sw. *skugga* fem., Norw. *skugge*, Da. *skygge*) = OE. *scu(w)a*, OHG. *scuwo* shade, Goth. *skuggwa* mirror:—OTeut. **skuwon-*.]

1. Originally, shadow; the shade or shelter afforded by a rock, bush or the like; hence, a shelter. *To take scug*: to take shelter.

1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* VI. iv. 8 And skuggis dym of a full dern wod schaw. *Ibid.* 74 As Jupiter,..With erdis scug hydis the hevynis all. *Ibid.* VII. Prol. 47 Thik drumly scuggis dirknit so the hevyne. 1596 DALRYMPLE tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* (1888) I. 30 In the scoug of the craig and castell is a verie quyet hauining place. *Ibid.* II. 321 Hume with sum of his cumpaniounis slipis quyetlie in the skug [orig. *ad umbracula*], and thair he rested and hid him selfe. 1823 GALT *Entail* XXI, Instead o' gallanting awa under the scog and cloud o' night. 1825 BROCKETT *N. C. Gloss., Skug*, a sheltered place. 1890 'H. HALIBURTON' *In Scottish Fields* 33 Hastening through the rain to rustic scoogs or the shelter of friendly cottages.

b. *fig.* Cloak, pretence, outward show.

1456 SIR G. HAYE *Law Arms* (S.T.S.) 281 How thai suld be punyst that beris otheris armes wrangwisly, in entencioun to do mys under scoug of thame covertly. *a* 1578 LINDESAY (Pitscottie) *Chron. Scot.* (S.T.S.) II. 282 That the said lord micht have sic ane skug of him [*sc.* a counterfeit hishop] to the eies of the peopill that be him he micht obteine the proffeit of the said benefice. 1606 BIRNIE *Kirk-Buriall* XIX. (1833) F 3, Under skough of the conscience scruple. 1688 A. SHIELDS *Notes & Heads* (1709) 17 (Jam.) Some did boast of their pretended performances, and so make them a scugg to hide their knavery with. 1871 W. ALEXANDER *Johnny Gibb* (1873) 215 But brawly kent I that a' this was but a scoug to keep some ither thing oot o' sicht.

Scug (skʌg), *sb.*[2] *dial.* A squirrel.

1718 J. FOX *Wanderer* 73 He first chid me, then depriv'd me of my poor skug. 1804 CHARLOTTE SMITH *Conversat.*, etc. I. 123 Scug does not very willingly expose himself in the open day far from his trees.

Scug (skʌg), *sb.*[3] *School slang.* Also **skug.** (See quot. 1881.)

1825 C. M. WESTMACOTT *Eng. Spy* I. 82 Come fill the bowl with Bishop up, Clods, Fags, and Skugs, and Muttons. *Note*, Scug or Skug, a lower boy in the school, relating to sluggish. 1847 MRS. GORE *Castles in Air* XIX, Whereas, to lay by ten thousand a-year out of eighteen, till his best days are gone by, makes what, at Eton, we used to call, a scug of him at once. 1881 *Everyday Life in Public Sch.* 312, *Scug*, Et[on]. Har[row]. Negatively, a boy who is not distinguished in person, in games, or social qualities. Positively, a boy of untidy, dirty, or ill-mannered habits; one whose sense of propriety is not fully developed.

Scug (skʌg), *v. Sc.* and *north.* Forms: 6, 8–9 **scug,** 6, 9 **scoug,** 9 **sco(o)g, skug.** [f. SCUG *sb.*[1]]

1. *trans.* To shade, shelter, screen, protect.

1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* VII. ii. 24 Joyfull and blyth thai entir in the flude, That derne about scuggit wyth bewis stude. *Ibid.* VIII. vi. 90. *a* 1774 FERGUSSON *Song*, '*My ain kind Deary, O!*' 7 At thornie dike and birken tree, We'll daff, and ne'er be weary, O! They'll scug ill een fra you and me. 1822 GALT *Sir A. Wylie* II. ii. 21 I'll gang..mysel, and muddle about the root o' this affair till I get at it...Naebody in this country-side kens me; I'll be scoggit wi' my ain hamely manner. 1825 BROCKETT *N. C. Gloss., Skug*, to hide, to screen. 1898 C. SPENCE *From Braes of Carse* 29 He has hives o' bees..Weel scouged wi' shrubs..Frae ony blast the wind can blaw.

absol. 1818 *Edin. Mag.* Sept. 154/1 He hadnae call'd on the Halie Name That scugs in the evil hour.

2. *refl.* and *intr.* To take cover or shelter, to hide.

1819 W. TENNANT *Papistry Storm'd* (1827) 187 Within their sacrify'd abodes Scougin' themsel' frae stanes and clods. 1823 W. JAMESON *Mem. & Lett.* (1845) 94, I went to His holy table and felt like one in the pelting of a storm, scugging under Immanuel.

3. *trans.* To take shelter from (the elements).

1812 W. GLASS *Caledonian Parnassus* (1814) 20 Beneath the ivy-twining bow'r, Where aft I've scoug'd the simmer show'r. 1886 'H. HALIBURTON' *Horace* (1900) 43 Wind and snaw, Are far abune oor fit, But while we scoog them, let them blaw.

Scuggery (skʌ·gəri). *north. dial.* [f. SCUG *sb.*[1] + -ERY.] Concealment, secrecy.

a 1568 *Henryson's Two Mice* xiv. (Bannatyne MS.), In skugry ay, throw rankest girss and corne, And wondir sly, full preuely ewth thay creip. 1788 W. H. MARSHALL *Yorksh.* II. 350 In *scuggery*, in secrecy; hid, as from creditors.

† **Scu·ggy,** *a. Sc. Obs. rare*[−1]. In 6 **skogy.** [f. SCUG *sb.*[1] + -Y.] Shady, gloomy.

1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* VII. x. 54 Quham the sydis of a thik wode of tre Closis full derne wyth skogy bewis hie.

Scuil(l, obs. forms of SCHOOL.

Scul, obs. form of SCHOOL, SKULL.

Sculc, Sculcare, obs. ff. SKULK, SKULKER.

Sculch (skʌlʃ). *dial.* and *U. S.* Also **sculsh, scultch, skultch.** [var. of CULCH.] = CULCH 1, 2.

1847 HALLIWELL, *Sculsh*, rubbish. 1865 W. WHITE *Eastern Engl.* II. 236 Here from time to time the men throw into the river what they call 'skultch', which an outsider would call rubbish...Of such stuff as this a comfortable bed [for oyster spawn] is made. 1891 M. COLE *Cy Ross* 38 They dumped the tunnel full of big rock an' sculch.

Sculck, obs. form of SKULK.

† **Sculd.** *Obs. rare*[−1]. [Connected with ON. *skilja* to divide.] A parting.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 15541 þis ilk night sal he a sculd [*Gött.* a skaile, *Fairf.* parting, *Trin.* a scaterynge] betuix you and me.

† **Scu·lding, scou·lding.** *Obs. Orkney* and *Shetl.* [a. Norw. *skulding* accusation.] (See quot.)

1576 in *Oppress. Orkney & Zetld.* (1859) 49 The Laird.. chargit ten houshaldis for scoulding. 1576 *Ibid.* 51 Thair is ane branche of this law of Granderie, callit Sculding, that is to say, ane brute or sclander of thift, pykrie, or sic uther crymes, rasit by the deid of ane single persoun [etc.].

Sculduddery (skʌldʌ·dəri). *Sc.* and *U.S.* Also 8 **sculdudry,** 8–9 **sculduddry,** 9 **skulduddery, *U. S.* skulduggery.** [Of obscure origin.]

1. 'A term, now used in a ludicrous manner, to denote those causes that come under the judgment of an ecclesiastical court, which respect some breach of chastity' (Jam.).

Jamieson's words imply that the word was originally in serious use, but of this there seems to be no evidence.

1713 CENTLIVRE *Wonder* III. iii. Wks. 1760 III. 42 But I'm seer ther's na sike honest People here, or there wou'd na be so muckle Sculdudrie [*note* Fornication]. 1714 RAMSAY *On J. Cowper* 5 There's none..Could sa'r sculdudry out like John. *c* 1730 BURT *Lett. N. Scot.* (1818) I. 190 If any one be brought before a presbytery &c., to be questioned for sculduddery, *i. e.* fornication or adultery. 1818 SCOTT *Hrt. Midl.* xvi, [They] can find out naething but a wee bit skulduddery for the benefit o' the Kirk-treasurer.

2. Obscenity.

1821 GALT *Legatees* ix. Let. xxxii. 271 All the sculduddery of the business might have been well spared from the eye of the public. 1824 SCOTT *Redgauntlet* Let. xi, Speaking blasphemy and sculduddry.

¶ 3. *U. S.* (With form **skulduggery.**) ? Malversation of public money.

1890 *N. & Q.* Ser. VII. X. 224/1 Some two or three years ago one of the New York papers..announced that a missionary on the Congo intended to return to America and blow up the whole scullduggery; meaning, apparently, to expose the false pretences on which money had been collected for the mission. 1892 *Boston* (Mass.) *Jrnl.* 7 Nov. 7/4 Unfounded Charges of Skulduggery. 1893 *Columbus* (Ohio) *Dispatch* 22 Dec., The United States Courts..are now very busy affixing the penalties for violations of the national banking laws and for general skulduggery in the management of the institutions.

4. *attrib.* passing into *adj.* a. Concerned with 'sculduddery' as a punishable offence. b. Of literature or conversation: Obscene.

1756 A. PENNECUIK *Coll. Sc. Poems* 136 Sculdudry-fowk may now sing dool, And steep their graith in a cald pool. *a* 1779 D. GRAHAM *Misc. Writ.* (1883) II. 135 They did na like sculdudery wark, but said na meikle against it. 1824 SCOTT *Redgauntlet* Let. xi, The rental-book..was lying beside him; and a book of sculduddry sangs was put betwixt the leaves.

Scule, obs. form of SCHOOL.

Sculk, -er, -ing: see SKULK, -ER, -ING.

Scull (skʌl), *sb.*[1] Also 4–5 **skulle,** 7 **soul,** 5 **sculle,** 4–9 **skull.** [Of obscure origin.

Some would identify it with SKULL bowl, goblet, supposing that the name refers to the hollowed form of the blade; but this seems very improbable.]

1. A kind of oar. a. An oar used to propel a boat by working it from side to side over the stern of the boat, reversing the blade at each turn. b. An oar, shorter and lighter than a 'rowing' oar, so that a pair can be operated at once by one person, who sits midway between the sides of the boat.

1345-6 in Nicolas *Hist. Royal Navy* (1847) II. 477 [For four large and long oars called] skulles [4*s.* 8*d.*]. 1486 *Naval Acc. Hen. VII* (1896) 13, ij sculles..for the bote of the said ship. 1495 *Ibid.* 193 After skullys..j. *a* 1500 *Piers of Fulham* 275 in Hazl. *E. P. P.* II. 12 And for to rowe in

a barge with a skulle Avayleth not but the flud be at full. 1530 PALSGR. 268/2 Scull to rowe with, *auiron*. 1674 PETTY *Disc. R. Soc.* 56 Suppose a Paralellipipedon-Boat or Vessel, of breadth fit for a pair of Skulls..and of length sufficient for 9 such Skulls or Oars. 1856 KANE *Arct. Expl.* II. xxix. 287 We moved on in deep silence, with a single scull astern. 1869 DICKENS *Mut. Fr.* I. i, The girl rowed, pulling a pair of sculls very easily. 1875 W. B. WOODGATE *Oars & Sculls* xv. 118 On a sliding seat the sculls, like oars, should be a trifle longer inboard.

†**2.** A boat propelled with a scull or a pair of sculls; a sculling-boat. *Obs.*

1621 COTGR., *Napelette*, a small skiffe, scull, or cocke-boat. 1661 PEPYS *Diary* 3 Dec., Thence by water..being carried by him in oares that the other day rowed in a scull faster than my oares to the Towre.

†**3.** One who sculls; a sculler. *Obs. rare.*

1663 BUTLER *Hud.* I. iii. 89 He loves, but dares not make the motion;..Like..rowing Skull, he's fain to love, Look one way and a nother move. 1719 D'URFEY *Pills* (1872) III. 5 Where Sculls did once row, Men walk to and fro.

4. *pl.* A sculling race.

1878 *Athletic World* 5 Apr. 8/2 The following races have been fixed..Lowe Senior Sculls, July 22;..Handicap Sculls, Aug. 21.

5. An act of sculling.

1886 TUPPER *Autobiog.* 59 The gallop with Mr. Murrell's barriers, or the quick scull to Iffley. 1897 MRS. RAYNER *Type-writer Girl* xvii. 176 To ask me to fill in a journal with the day's events is like asking a galley-slave to take a scull in a pleasure-boat after his toil is over.

†**Scull,** *sb.*[2] *Obs.* Also 6–7 **skul,** 7 **scul.** [? Shortened from SCULLION.] A scullion. Also Comb. *scull-boy.*

1566 DRANT *Horace, Sat.* II. iii. G 4 b, Foulers, fishers, sculls, podingwrightes, the trulls of Tuscus streate. 1598 tr. *G. de la Perriere's Mirr. Policie* D d, The Romane law..ordained that honest Romane wiues should be exempt from..playing the skuls in the kitchen. 1643 VICARS *Looking Glass* 35 God most wisely..makes them..to be but as it were, the very drudges and scull-boyes of his Church. 1743 A. BUSH in Howell *St. Trials* (1813) XVII. 1196 He was a little scull that used to go of errands.

Scull (skʌl), *sb.*[3] A name given locally to various species of gulls.

1813 MONTAGU *Ornith. Dict.* Suppl., Gull-Arctic. Larus Parasiticus...Provincial. Scull. 1852 MACGILLIVRAY *Brit. Birds* V. 492 *Lestris Richardsonii.* Richardson's Skua... Scull. 1885 SWAINSON *Prov. Names Birds* 210 Common Skua (*Stercorarius catarrhactes*)...Scull.

Scull (skʌl), *v.* Also 7–9 **skull.** [f. SCULL *sb.*[1]]

1. *intr.* or *absol.* To proceed by means of a boat propelled with a scull or a pair of sculls; to use a scull or a pair of sculls in propelling a boat. Also *to scull it*, and with complement denoting the position of the sculler.

1624 [implied in SCULLING *vbl. sb.*]. 1679 V. ALSOP *Melius Inquir.* 159 Others have nothing to do but skull away with the Tide when it comes in. 1834 M. SCOTT *Cruise Midge* ii, As we sculled along in the clear creek. 1851 MAYNE REID *Rifle Rangers* ii, I had steamed it down the Mississippi, and sculled it up the Orinoco. 1892 FURNIVALL *Hoccleve's Minor P.* Forew. 47 *note*, When he peeld to scull bow down-streame.

b. *transf.* Of a fish: To propel itself. Of the tail: To act as a propeller.

1850 SCORESBY *Cheever's Whalem. Adv.* (1858) viii, He has two curious fins to scull with. 1894 *Outing* (U. S.) XXIV. 59/1 A long greenish form with fins that wavered slowly, and a tail that sculled with just sufficient power to keep its owner in his hiding-place.

c. *trans.* To make (a particular stroke) in sculling.

1875 W. B. WOODGATE *Oars & Sculls* xv. 116 It is possible to scull a much longer stroke than can be rowed.

2. *trans.* To propel (a boat) by means of a scull or a pair of sculls. Also *refl.* of a fish, etc., to propel itself as by a scull or sculls.

1665 HOOKE *Microgr.* 186 [Serving] for the finns and tail, for the Oars and Ruder of this little creature [*sc.* a water-insect], wherewith it was able..to move himself any whither, and to skull and steer himself as he pleas'd. 1773 *Hist. Brit. Dom. N. Amer.* II. ii. § 12. 217 He [the whale] sculls himself in the water with a large horizontal tail. 1798 S. WILCOCKE in *Naval Chron.* (1799) II. 63 They [*sc.* the boats] are sculled instead of being rowed. 1865 DICKENS *Mut. Fr.* I. i, Another boat..dropped alongside. 'In luck again, Gaffer?' said a man..who sculled her.

b. *intr.* Of a boat: To admit of being sculled (well, easily, etc.).

1891 *Century Dict.* s.v., The boat sculls well.

3. *trans.* To convey (a person) by water in a sculling-boat or by sculling.

1827 GLADSTONE in Morley *Life* (1903) I. i. 43 Sculled Hallam to Surly after 6. 1883 'OUIDA' *Wanda* I. 246 He went home sculling himself across the lake. 1903 MORLEY *Gladstone* I. i. ii. 40 The more sinewy Gladstone used to scull him up to the Shallows.

Scull: see SKULL. **Scull(e,** obs. ff. SCHOOL.

Scullen, obs. form of SCULLION.

Sculler (skʌ·lər), *sb.* Also 6 **scullar, skoller, -oer,** 7 **skullar,** 7–8 **skuller.** [f. SCULL *v.* + -ER[1].]

1. One who propels a boat by means of a scull or a pair of sculls; one skilled in the management of a sculling-boat.

1530 PALSGR. 268/2 Scullar, *batellier.* 1563 FOXE *A. & M.* (1596) 1081/2 He went ouer vnto Westminster bridge with a Sculler, where he entred into a Whirry that went to London. 1660 PEPYS *Diary* 2 Nov., I was told the Queen was a-coming; so I got a sculler for sixpence to carry me thither and back again. 1751 SMOLLETT *Per. Pic.* lxx, Ply for employment like scullers at Hungerford stairs. 1755 JOHNSON, *Sculler*, one that rows a cockboat. 1875 W. B. WOODGATE *Oars & Sculls* xv. 116 If anything, a sculler can reach his hands an inch or two farther forward than the oarsman.

2. A boat propelled by sculling; a sculling-boat; also, rarely † *a pair of scullers.*

Double-sculler, a sculling-boat to seat two scullers.

1567 HARMAN *Caveat* xi. (1869) 54 He went to the water syde and toke a Skoller [ed. 1573 skolloer], and was sette ouer the Water into Saincte Georges feldes. 1585 HIGINS *Junius' Nomencl.* 220/2 *Linter*, a wherry or sculler. *a* 1640 W. FENNER *Sacrif. Faithfull* (1648) 211 A man cannot row upon the maine ocean in a paire of Scullers. 1697 DRYDEN *Virg. Georg.* IV. 735 Her Soul already was consign'd to Fate, And shiv'ring in the leaky Sculler sate. 1760 *Brit. Chron.* 23 Jan. 79 On Sunday evening a skuller, with twelve people in it, struck on a hawser..and overset. 1861 DICKENS *Gt. Expect.* liv, Early as it was, there were plenty of scullers going here and there that morning, and plenty of barges. 1902 *Working Men's Coll. Jrnl.* VII. 366 Our skipper told us our boat drew too much water..and persuaded us to hire a double-sculler.

†**3.** A sculling oar. *Obs. rare*[−1].

1766 *Maldon* (Essex) *Borough Deeds* (Bundle 79. no. 14), [Gideon Whetstone, mariner] saw him sink and try'd with his sculler to feel for him but could not reach him.

†**4.** *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as **sculler-boat,** a sculling-boat; **sculler-man,** one who plies a sculling-boat for hire. *Obs.*

1663 PEPYS *Diary* 1 May, Going thither..I met a boy in a sculler-boat. 1815 *Ann. Reg., Chron.* 109 The other captain and the scullerman were saved. 1822–29 *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 3) V. 598 With us it [Nigrescent leprosy] is chiefly found among soldiers, sailors, sculler-men, stage-coachmen [etc.].

†**Scu·ller,** *v. Obs. rare*[−1]. [f. SCULLER *sb.*] = SCULL *v.* 3.

1681 HICKERINGILL *Black Non-Conf.* Introd., Wks. 1716 II. 4 What they paid for being Sculler'd back again, is not in the Book of Rates..for Charon's Boat is always empty of Passengers back again.

Scullery (skʌ·lərі). Forms: *α.* 4 **squillerye,** 5–6 **squillery,** 6 **-erie, squyllary, squylery, suyllarye;** *β.* 5 **skulery,** 6 **skullary, scullary, -arie, -erie,** 6–7 **skullery,** 7 **-erie,** 5– **scullery.** [a. OF. *escuelerie*, f. *escuelier* SQUILLER.]

1. The department of a household concerned with the care of the plates, dishes, and kitchen utensils. Also the room or rooms in which the work of this department is carried on. *Obs.* exc. *Hist.*

α. [1330 *Rolls of Parlt.* II. 33/1 Johan de la Squillerye.] 1445 in *Turner's Dom. Arch.* (1859) III. I. 78 To make in all hast possible..a new halle with a squillery, saucery, and surveyng place. *a* 1548 HALL *Chron., Hen. VII* 10 b, He had been a turne broche and executed such vile officies in the kynges kytchyn & suyllarye for a space. 1576 in Nichols *Progr. Eliz.* (1823) II. 43, 1 Serginant and Clerk of the Squillery.

β. c 1440 Scullery [see SAUCERY]. 1481–90 *Howard Househ. Bks.* (Roxb.) 179 [Given] to the kinges cookes white x.s. And to the skulery iij.s. iiij.d. 1520 [see SAUCERY]. 1555 LATIMER *Let.* in Foxe *A. & M.* (1570) III. 1911/2 And as for suffrage,..I had leauer haue the suffrage of iacke of the skullery. 1583 in Nichols *Progr. Eliz.* (1823) II. 402 The kitchin, with hylinge-house, scullery, pastry, and larders. 1634 W. WOOD *New Eng. Prosp.* II. vi. 67 Some of their scullerie having dressed these homely cates, presents it to his guests. *a* 1656 BP. HALL *Rem. Wks.* (1660) 258 Holding it unheseeming that the businesses of the scullery should be done in our parlour. 1708 CHAMBERLAYNE *Pres. St. Gt. Brit.* (1710) 537 Her Majesty's Household Officers [etc.], Scullery.

†b. *Silver scullery*: the department concerned with the care of the silver utensils. *Obs.*

1686 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 2140/4 Whoever shall give notice thereof unto any Officer of the King's Silver Scullery, shall have two Guinea's Reward. 1725 *Ibid.* No. 6364/1 The Officers of the Board of Greencloth, or Silver Scullery.

†c. Kitchen refuse. *Obs.*

1659 GAUDEN *Tears Ch.* II. xxxiii. 258 Besides the black pots, among which these doves [*sc.* ministers of the Church] must lie, I mean the soot and scullery of vulgar insolency.. and fanatick contempt.

2. In modern use: A small room attached to a kitchen, in which the washing of dishes and other dirty work is done; a back kitchen.

1753 MISS COLLIER *Art Torment.* I. i. (1811) 36 In the wash-house or the scullery, performing the most laborious offices. 1869 E. A. PARKES *Pract. Hygiene* (ed. 3) 332 Attached to the wards are attendants' rooms, scullery [etc.]. 1882 MISS BRADDON *Mt. Royal* II. x. 229 Everything must have a name, even the slate that roofs your scullery.

3. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *scullery board, boy, maid, man, work.*

1519 HORMAN *Vulg.* 156 Wasshe all the grecy dysshes.. and set them clene vpon the *squylery bourde. 1675 HAN. WOOLLEY *Gentlew. Comp.* 217 [Directions] To *Scullery-Maids in great Houses. 1595 in *Sussex Archæol. Collect.* VII. 210 The *Scullerye man and his Office.

Sculling (skʌ·lіŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. SCULL *v.* + -ING[1].] The action of the verb.

1624 CAPT. SMITH *Virginia* VI. 225 Being with skulling and bayling the water tired. 1820 SCORESBY *Arctic Reg.* I. 466 As a boat is forced along, with a single oar, by the operation of skulling. 1875 W. B. WOODGATE *Oars & Sculls* xv. 118 Recovery is a matter of greater ease in sculling than in rowing. *Ibid.*, Double sculling is faster than pair-oar rowing.

b. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *sculling-boat, outrigger, race*; **sculling boy,** one who sculls a wherry for hire; **sculling-crutch** (see quot.); **sculling eight, four,** a sculling-boat propelled by eight or four pairs of sculls respectively; **sculling float,** a flat-bottomed sculling-boat; **sculling-hole,** a hole for a sculling oar; **sculling motion, stroke,** that resembling the motion or stroke of a sculling oar; **sculling oar,** an oar used in sculling over the stern of a boat.

1856 'STONEHENGE' *Brit. Rural Sports* I. I. ix. 76/2 It has a deck like the outrigger *skulling-boats used on the Thames. 1673 R. HEAD *Canting Acad.* 125 The *Skulling-boy [?a public house bearing this sign] lying just over the Gate. 1898 *Encycl. Sport* II. 168/2 (Punt shooting) **Sculling-crutch*, the spur on the starboard side of the punt in which the fowler 'sculls' with his oar. 1885 *Sculling eight [see *sculling four*]. 1874 J. W. LONG *Amer. Wild-fowl* xxii. 230 They may also be approached..in the *sculling-float. 1885 FURNIVALL in *N. & Q.* Ser. VI. XI. 324/1 The first '*sculling four'..was put on the Thames, at my suggestion..in 1883; and..the first '*sculling eight' was brought out..in January, 1885. 1892 — *Hoccleve's Minor P.* Forew. 47 *note*, How different it was yesterday, in our narrow sculling-four! 1874 J. W. LONG *Amer. Wild-fowl* iv. 91 The *sculling-hole..is placed six inches to larboard of centre of stern. 1833 J. RENNIE *Alph. Angling* 51 It [the tail of fish] acts very much like the *sculling oar of a boat.

Scullion (skʌ·lyən). Forms: *α.* 6 **squylyon;** *β.* 5 **sculȝon, scwlione,** *Sc.* **skulȝeoun,** 6–7 **scullian, skullion, -an, scullen,** 6 **scolion, (-yon, scoulion, -yon, skolyon, scullyon, schoolyone, scullyan,** 7 **skullen**), 6– **scullion.** [Perh. an alteration of F. *souillon* scullion, due to assimilation to SCULLERY.] A domestic servant of the lowest rank in a household who performed the menial offices of the kitchen; hence, a person of the lowest order, esp. as an abusive epithet. Now only *arch.*

α. a 1533 LD. BERNERS *Huon* xxxvii. 118 Squylyons of y* kechyn.

β. 1483 *Cath. Angl.* 326/1 A Sculȝon (Scwlione *A.*), *calcula, lixa.* 1515 BARCLAY *Egloges* iii. 17 Me thought the scullians like fendes of their lookes Came forth with whittels. 1531 ELYOT *Gov.* (1580) 151 The Jewes..made of the Gabaonites, being theyr confederates, their scullyons, and drudges. 1579 LOUTH in *Narr. Reform.* (Camden) 50 There Cooke in that hyghe court was dressed lyke a schoolyone. 1597 SHAKS. 2 *Hen. IV*, II. i. 65 Away you Scullion, you Rampallian, you Fustillirian. 1602 — *Ham.* II. ii. 616. 1610 HOLLAND *Camden's Brit.* I. 542 Haveloke..having beene first a skullen in the King's Kitchin. 1768 GOLDSM. *Good-n. Man* I. i, Ay, it's the way with them all, from the scullion to the privy-councillor. 1872 TENNYSON *Gareth & Lynette* 151 Among the scullions and the kitchen-knaves.

b. *attrib.*, as *scullion-boy, -clout, -maid, -work.*

1624 BP. MOUNTAGU *Gagg* Pref. 18 And those Tararagmales, the Decretall Epistles of the Popes *scullen-boyes making. *c* 1500 *Rowlis Cursing* 121 in Laing *Anc. Poet. Scot.*, With *skulȝeoun clowttis and dressing knyvis. *c* 1684 *Roxb. Ball.* (1889) VI. 267 Would I had been a *scullian-maid, or a servant of a low degree. 1632 SHERWOOD, A *scullion wench, *Souillonne.* 1658 A. FOX *Wurtz' Surg.* 342 Such a one, which is forced to do all manner of *skullion work? 1700 C. NESSE *Antid. Armin.* (1827) 8 If it be but skullion-work to brighten vessels.

c. quasi-*adj.* Base, mean.

1658 [cf. *scullion work* above]. 1824 BYRON *Deformed Transf.* I. i. 128 The forester Hunts not the wretched coney, but the boar.., leaving paltry game to petty hurghers, who leave once a year Their walls, to fill their household caldrons with Such scullion prey. 1870 EMERSON *Soc. & Sol., Courage* Wks. (Bohn) III. 114 We must have a scope as large as Nature's to deal with beast-like men, detect what scullion function is assigned them.

Scullionish (skʌ·lyənіʃ), *a. rare*[−1]. [f. SCULLION + -ISH.] Befitting a scullion.

1850 B. TAYLOR *Eldorado* xix. (1862) 195 The most ludicrous combination of scullionish and poetical ideas it was ever my lot to hear.

Scullionize (skʌ·lyənəiz), *v. rare*[−1]. [f. SCULLION + -IZE.] *intr.* To perform the office of scullion.

1853 KANE *Grinnell Exp.* xxxiv. (1856) 309 He has scullionized at the 'Trois Frères', and played *chef* to a London club-house.

†**Scu·llionly,** *a. Obs. rare.* [f. SCULLION + -LY[1].] Pertaining to or used by a scullion.

In the quot. from Milton (Wks. 1738 I. 304), given by Todd and some later Dicts., the correct reading is 'cullionly'.

1623 tr. *Favine's Theat. Hon.* IX. i. 342 This Doue behelde her selfe as dead and entranced,..among the Scullionly potts, spits and dripping pans, of Indian..Infidels.

†**Scu·llionry.** *Obs.*[−α] [f. SCULLION + -RY.] (See quot.)

1611 COTGR., *Marmitonnage*, Scullionrie, or th' Office of a Scullion. *Ibid., Souillonnerie*, scullionerie, drudgerie.

Scullionship (skʌ·lyənʃip). [f. SCULLION + -SHIP.] The business of or period of employment as a scullion. Also as a mock title.

1622 MABBE tr. *Aleman's Guzman d'Alf.* I. 150 If..I had not before indured some stormes of Aduersity, neuer in that faire weather of my Scullion-ship [orig. Sp. *sollastria*], should I haue knowne how to Sayle in my putting forth from the Kitchen. 1707 *Wks. C'tess D'Anois* (1715) 434 What would your Skullionship have with the King, I pray now?

‖ **Scullo·gue.** *Obs.* [Irish *sgológ*: cf. SCALLAG, SCOLOC.] An Irish farm labourer.

1665 R. HEAD *Eng. Rogue* I. (1666) 5 The [Irish] Rebels.. met with my Mother, attended hy two Scullogues, her menial servants. 1681 T. DINELEY in *Jrnl. Kilkenny Archæol. Soc.* (1858) I. 176 The scullogues, in digging for turfe, find large whole trees of oake, elme and firr. 1690 MACKENZIE *Siege London-Derry* 1/1 For his Army here could not bear it, to see themselves out-rivall'd by a Crew of Scullogues in their Prince's Favour.

†Sculp, *sb.*[1] *Obs.* [f. SCULP *v.*[1]]

1. An engraving or wood-cut used as an illustration in a book.

1696 EVELYN *Let. to Place* 17 Aug., I do not say the Holland Sculps are ill perform'd; but [etc.]. 1706 PHILLIPS (ed. Kersey). *Sculp*, a Cut, Print, or Engraved Picture; as *A Book full of fine Sculps.*

2. A piece of sculpture.

c 1845 J. MORRIS in Pollen *Life & Lett.* (1896) 23 Two sculps in the marble tell the same tale.

Sculp (skʌlp), *sb.*[2] *N. Amer. dial.* [f. SCULP *v.*[2]] The skin of a seal with the blubber attached.

1840 JUKES *Excurs. Newfoundld.* (1842) I. 273 The [seal-] skin in this state is called the 'pelt', and sometimes the 'sculp'. 1895 *Outing* (U. S.) XXVII. 23/2 The 'sculp' of the dog hood sometimes weighs six hundredweight.

transf. 1904 W. CHURCHILL *Crossing* vi. 61 You damned Dutchmen..I wish the devils had every one of your fat sculps.

Sculp (skʌlp), *v.*[1] [f. L. *sculp-ĕre* to carve.]

†1. *trans.* To carve or engrave (upon something).

c 1535 DU WES *Introd. Fr.* in *Palsgr.* 947 To grave or sculpe, *grauer*. 1638 SANDYS *Paraphr. Job* xix. 26 Oh.. that the tenor of my just complaint Were sculpt with steele on Rocks of Adamant! 1673 BLOUNT *World of Errors* A 2, A pompous Frontispiece, wherein are sculped our two famous Universities. *a* 1695 WOOD *City of Oxford* (O. H. S.) III. 170 Out of whose mouth on a scroule is this sculped: *Sancta Trinitas* [etc.].

†2. To cut *out* with a graving tool. *Obs.*

1683 MOXON *Mech. Exerc., Printing* xiii. § 4 [He] digs or Sculps out the Steel between the..Marks..on the Face of the Punch.

3. To sculpture. Now chiefly *colloq.* or *jocular.*

1784 *Sel. Fables* Life Æsop 8 The Athenians..erected a noble statue..sculped by the famous Lysippus. 1887 STEVENSON *Lett.* 21 Nov., St. Gaudens the sculptor sculping me.

b. *intr.* or *absol.*

1889 W. E. NORRIS *Miss Shafto* (1890) 36, I wouldn't for the world deny that you can sculp or sculpt, or whatever the proper word is. 1893 KIPLING *Many Invent.* 26 Men who write, and paint, and sculp.

Hence **Scu·lping** *vbl. sb.*

1683 MOXON *Mech. Exerc., Printing* xiii. § 4 The Letter-Cutter does not expect to perform this Digging or Sculping at one single Operation.

Sculp (skʌlp), *v.*[2] *N. Amer. dial.* [Cf. SCALP *v.*] *trans.* To skin (a seal).

1840 JUKES *Excurs. Newfoundld.* (1842) I. 274 They skin, or, as they call it, 'sculp' them with a broad clasp-knife, called a sculping-knife. 1883 *Fisheries Exhib. Catal.* (ed. 4) 175 Drawings exhibiting Sealers..Sculping young Seal.

b. *fig.* To strip (a person) of all his possessions.

1904 W. CHURCHILL *Crossing* vi. 61 We've all been burned out and sculped up river.

Sculpin (skʌ·lpin), *sb.* Also 8 **scolping, sculpion,** 9 **skulpin, sculpen, sculping.** [? Corruption of SCORPENE.]

1. A name for various small worthless fish having a spiny appearance: **a.** A fish of the genus *Callionymus*, e. g. *C. draco*; **b.** A fish of the genus *Cottus*, e. g. *C. virginianus*; **c.** *Hemitripterus hispidus* or *americanus*; **d.** *Scorpæna guttata* (see SCORPENE); also **†***Sculpin fish.*

1672 W. HUGHES *Amer. Physit.* 7 A Sculpin Fish..called by us in those parts, the Sea Hedge-Hog. 1712 E. COOKE *Voy. S. Sea* 342 The Sea Porcupine, or a sort of Sculpion. 1767 tr. *Crans' Greenland* I. 95 The Ulkes, *scorpius marinus*, which we call Toadfish, or in Newfoundland Scolping. 1778 COOK *Voy. Pacific* IV. v. (1784) II. 379 We caught a few sculpins about the ship. *a* 1849 HAWTHORNE *Twice-told T., Village Uncle*, The very air was fishy, being perfumed with dead sculpins, hardheads, and dogfish. 1860 O. W. HOLMES *Prof. Breakf.-t.* i, Now the Sculpin (*Cottus Virginianus*) is a little water-beast which pretends to consider itself a fish. 1884 GOODE, etc. *Nat. Hist. Aquatic Anim.* 258 'Deep-water Sculpin'...This fish, *Hemitripterus hispidus* or *H. americanus*, attains the length of two feet, and is conspicuous by reason of its russet-orange or brick-red colors [etc.]. 1890 E. GOSSE *Life of P. H. Gosse* 114 The large, richly coloured sculpen (Cottus), so common in the clear water round the wharves of Carbonear.

2. *transf.* A mean, worthless person or animal.

1833 MARRYAT *P. Simple* ii, What are you gaping at, you young sculping? 1836 HALIBURTON *Clockm.* Ser. I. xxvii, Go along, you old sculpin [a horse], and turn out your toes. 1877 SARAH O. JEWETT *Deephaven* (1893) 105 Ye see the miser'hle sculpin thought I'd never stop to open the goods.

Scu·lpin (skʌ·lpin), *a. U. S.* [f. prec.] Worthless, despicable.

1864 LOWELL *Fireside Trav.* 126 Existence on such sculpin terms,..What is it all but dross to me.

Sculpt (skʌlpt), *v. rare* exc. in jocular use. [ad. F. *sculpter*, f. L. *sculpt-*, ppl. stem of *sculpĕre*; but apprehended as a ludicrons back-formation from SCULPTOR.] *trans.* To sculpture; *absol.*, to practise the art of sculpture. Hence **Scu·lpting** *vbl. sb.* and *ppl. a.*

1864 *Reader* 5 Mar. 300/1 Galileo..says: As to what sculptors argue, that Nature moulds men but does not paint them, I reply that she makes them not less by painting than sculpture, because she both sculpts and colours. 1876 BESANT & RICE *Gold. Butterfly* xxi, It isn't enough to go to shops and buy pictures. We must go in for sculpting too. 1883 KATH. S. MACQUOID *Her Sailor Love* v. i. II. 135 A well-known sculptor..had been commissioned by the squire of Trant to sculpt his wife. 1884 *Pall Mall G.* 14 Oct. 2/2 Mr. Watts's well-known principle is..that the sculptor should paint and the painter should sculpt. 1886 O. LODGE in *Liverpool Univ. Coll. Mag.* Mar. 138 The statues we sculpt..the less said about them the better. 1894 SIR E. SULLIVAN *Woman* 105 A sculptor advised a young sculpting friend to lose no time in completing the bust of the deceased husband whenever it was ordered by the inconsolable widow.

†Sculpta·ted, *a. Obs. rare*[−1]. [irreg. f. F. *sculpt-er* (see prec.) + -ATE[3] + -ED[1].] Sculptured.

1653 R. SANDERS *Physiogn.* 243 The ears very round, plain, and not sculptated.

†Scu·lpter. *Obs. rare.* Also 7 **sculptor.** [As if ad. L. type **sculptrum*, f. *sculpĕre* to engrave.] Some kind of graving tool.

1680 MOXON *Mech. Exerc.* xiii. 225 The Tool, which is commonly a Graver, or sometimes a Sculptor, fit to such Moldings as are to be made on the Mettal. *Ibid.*, Afterwards with Sculptors, Round or Flat, or great or small, they work their intended Moldings. 1683 — *Printing* xiii. § 3 He uses the Knife-buckt Sculpter. *Ibid.* § 4 With.. proper shaped and Pointed Sculptors and Gravers, [he] digs or Sculps out the Steel.

†Scu·lptile, *a.* and *sb. Obs.* Also 7 **sculptill.** [a. L. *sculptilis*, f. *sculpt-*, ppl. stem of *sculpĕre* to carve, sculpture.]

A. *adj.* Sculptured, graven. Also *fig.*

1621 *Gude & Godlie B.* App. 237 Let be thy sculptill honouris vaine. 1646–58 SIR T. BROWNE *Pseud. Ep.* v. ix. (ed. 4) 300 The commandment against sculptile Images. 1679 RYCAUT *State Grk. Ch.* 322 All carved Images they abhor, and Anathematize the adorers of Sculptile Representations. 1816 SINGER *Hist. Cards* 135 Adopting a lighter and more regular character, but still using sculptile or sculpto-fusile types.

B. *sb. pl.* Graven images [= L. *sculptilia*, Vulg.].

a 1340 HAMPOLE *Psalter* lxxvii. 64 Pere sculptils þai lout, noght god. 1382 WYCLIF *Micah* i. 7 Alle sculptilis, or grauen ymagis. 1609 BIBLE (Douay) *Ps.* xcvi. 7 Let them al be confounded that adore sculptils.

†Scu·lpto-fu·sile, *a. Obs.* [f. *sculpto-* taken as comb. form of L. *sculptus* engraved + FUSILE *a.* The word in Meerman's Latin is *sculptofūsus* (*fūsus* pa. pple. of *fundĕre* to cast).]

(See quot.)

1816 SINGER *Hist. Cards* 167 Meerman..was an advocate for sculpto-fusile types, or types of which the body was cast and the letter engraved.

Sculptor (skʌ·lptəɹ). [a. L. *sculptor*, agent-n. f. *sculpĕre* to carve, engrave, sculpture. Cf. F. *sculpteur*, Sp. *escultore*, Pg. *esculptor*, It. *scultore*.]

1. One who practises the art of sculpture; chiefly, an artist who produces works of statuary in marble or bronze.

1634 SIR T. HERBERT *Trav.* 59 A Pegasus: an inuention of the Sculptor, to expresse his workemanship. 1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr., Sculptor*, a graver or carver. 1680 MORDEN *Geog. Rect., Modena* (1685) 209 Here are many Sculptors both for Ivory and Wood. 1718 LADY M. W. MONTAGUE *Lett.* II. liii. 78 His sculptors could have made no other figure so proper for that purpose as this statue. 1841 W. SPALDING *Italy* II. 231 Jacopo della Quercia, a sculptor whose works are now to be sought in Siena, Lucca, and Bologna. 1893 *Academy* 13 May 413/1 The fronts of the mansion were decorated with statues by skilled sculptors.

†2. An engraver. *Obs.*

1641 EVELYN *Diary* 24 May, He brought over Wenceslaus Hollar, the sculptor. 1658 SIR T. BROWNE *Gard. Cyrus* ii. 42 Sculptors in their strongest shadows, after this order doe draw their double Haches.

3. *Astr.* (See quot.)

1852 HIND *Astron. Vocab.* 52 *Sculptor*, an abbreviation for *Apparatus Sculptoris*, one of the southern constellations introduced by Lacaille.

Sculptress (skʌ·lptrĕs). Also 7 **sculpteress.** [f. SCULPTOR + -ESS.] A female sculptor.

1662 EVELYN *Chalcogr.* Table & Contents, Propertia de Rossi (a sculpteress) 52. *Ibid.* iv. 52 The glory of the Sex, Propertia de Rossi a Florentine Sculptress. 1825 COLERIDGE *Let. to J. Gillman* (1895) 743 The ci-devant sculptress with all her kaleidoscopic freaks and symmetries! 1889 ALGER *Englishm. in Fr. Rev.* 251 Mrs. Damer, the amateur sculptress.

Sculptural (skʌ·lptiŭrăl), *a.* [f. SCULPTURE *sb.* + -AL.]

1. Of or pertaining to sculpture.

1819 SHELLEY *Lett.* Prose Wks. (1888) II. 287 The moulding of the face modelled with sculptural exactness. 1849 RUSKIN *Sev. Lamps* v. § 8. 144 Sculptural sketching exactly correspondent to a painter's light execution of a background. 1864 BURTON *Scot Afr.* I. v. 319 There will naturally be associated with it those relics of sculptural ribaldry,..to be found in the decorations of old ecclesiastical buildings.

b. *transf.*

1898 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* V. 59 The wall of the cavity presents none of that sculptural detail which [etc.].

2. Having the qualities of a piece of sculpture.

1849 PATMORE in *Quaritch's Rough List* Nov. (1899) 123 The poems seem to me to be too sculptural. 1880 'OUIDA' *Moths* II. 362 She is faultlessly made, face and form... It is like sculpture...What I said—she is sculptural.

Sculpturally (skʌ·lptiŭrăli), *adv.* [f. SCULPTURAL + -LY[2].]

1. By means of sculpture.

1825 *Examiner* 290/2 The sculpturally translated beauties of Painting. 1859 RUSKIN *Two Paths* v. 222 The quaint beauty and character of many natural objects..is sculpturally expressible in iron only.

2. In accordance with the canons of sculptural art.

1880 'OUIDA' *Moths* II. 269 Those slender beautiful white arms, that Paris said were sculpturally faultless. 1890 *Harper's Mag.* Jan. 222/1 All are sculpturally muscled.

Sculpturation (skʌlptiŭrē·ĭ·ʃən). [f. SCULPTURE *v.* + -ATION.] A marking resembling sculpture.

1866 R. TATE *Brit. Mollusks* iv. 218 Its minute size and its sculpturations serve to distinguish it.

Sculpture (skʌ·lptiŭ), *sb.* Also 6 sculture. [ad. L. *sculptūra*, f. *sculpĕre* to carve, engrave, sculpture. Cf. F. *sculpture* (15–16th c.; an older synonym was *sculpeüre*, f. *sculper* to 'sculp'), Sp. *escultura*, Pg. *esculptura*, It. *scultura* (whence the 16th c. Eng. form *sculture*).]

1. Originally, the process or art of carving or engraving a hard material so as to produce designs or figures in relief, in intaglio, or in the round. In modern use, that branch of fine art which is concerned with the production of figures in the round or in relief, either by carving, by fashioning some plastic substance, or by making a mould for casting in metal; the practice of this art.

Now chiefly used with reference to work in stone (esp. marble) or bronze (similar work in wood, ivory, etc. being spoken of as *carving*), and to the production of figures of considerable size. Thus to apply the term, e. g. to die-sinking or to stone-carving on a small scale would now be regarded as a transferred use.

1390 GOWER *Conf.* II. 83 Zenzis fond ferst the pourtreture, And Promotheüs the Sculpture. 1563 SNUTE *Archit.* A ij, And hauing the sayde trikes and deuises aswell of sculture & painting as also of Architecture. 1570 DEE *Math. Pref.* d ij b, Though I mencion not Sculpture, in my Table of Artes Mathematicall. 1763 J. BROWN *Poetry & Mus.* xxxv. 76 The Excellence of Sculpture is the Effect of repeated Experience, which refers itself to the Works of Nature, as to its Archetype. 1817 SHELLEY *Rev. Islam* I. 573 Nor in painting's light, or mightier verse, Or sculpture's marble language. 1873 SYMONDS *Grk. Poets* x. 320 Sculpture is the language of the body, music the language of the soul.

b. †The operation of cutting or engraving (*obs.*); the operation of sculpturing.

1661 LOVELL *Hist. Anim. & Min.* Isagoge e 8 b, All may have Sculpture by the powder of smiris, except the adamant. 1860 RUSKIN *Mod. Paint.* V. ix. vi. § 20. 262 The dog.. watches the progress of the sculpture with a grave interest.

c. Kind or quality of sculptured work.

1653 MARVELL *Corr.* Wks. (Grosart) II. 4 And I shall hope to set nothing upon his spirit but what may be of a good sculpture.

2. *concr.* a. The product of the sculptor's art; that which is sculptured († or engraved); sculptured figures in general.

1390 GOWER *Conf.* III. 167 And of what Ston his sepulture Thei sholden make, and what sculpture He wolde ordeine therupon. 1638 SIR R. COTTON *Tower Rec.* 23 For money is not meerely to bee esteemed in respect of the sculpture or figure. 1750 GRAY *Elegy* 79 Some frail memorial still erected nigh, With uncouth rhimes and shapeless sculpture deck'd. 1815 J. SMITH *Panorama Sci. & Art* II. 763 When sculpture is represented, as it is always supposed to be white marble or stone, the engraving should be light and smooth.

fig. 1645 MILTON *Tetrach.* 28 These ages wherin Canons, and Scotisms, and Lumbard Laws, have dull'd and almost obliterated the lively Sculpture of ancient reason.

b. In particularized sense: A work of sculpture; a sculptured († or engraved) figure or design.

1616 BULLOKAR *Eng. Expos., Sculpture*, a carving, a graving. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* I. 716 Cornice or Freeze, with bossy Sculptures grav'n. 1756–7 tr. *Keyrler's Trav.* (1760) II. 66 A pretty church..remarkable for its exquisite marble sculptures. 1847 TENNYSON *Princess* v. 54 Like some sweet sculpture draped from head to foot, And push'd by rude hands from its pedestal. 1870 LUBBOCK *Orig. Civiliz.* ii. (1875) 53 In some places of Western Europe, rock sculptures have been discovered.

fig. 1658 GURNALL *Chr. in Arm.* II. verse 14 III. i. 207 Righteousness..is a sculpture, the Spirit ingraves on none, but the children of God. 1678 CUDWORTH *Intell. Syst.* I. v. § 47. 675 The Divine art and wisdom..would..everywhere impress the sculptures and signatures of itself.

†3. A picture or illustration printed from an engraved plate or block; an engraving; engravings collectively. *Obs.*

1654 OGILBY *Wks. Virg.* title-p., Translated, adorn'd with Sculpture and illustrated with Annotations. 1670 — *Africa* title-p., Adorn'd with peculiar Maps, and proper Sculptures. 1691 T. H[ALE] *Acc. New Invent.* Introd. 13 An admirable Draught or Sculpture of this Ship..in four large sheets of Dutch Paper, will shortly be published. 1779–81 JOHNSON *L. P., Dryden* Wks. 1816 IX. 324 Settle..had published his play with sculptures and a preface of defiance.

4. *Nat. Hist.* Marking of the skin, shell, or surface of any animal or plant resembling that produced by a carving tool.

1826 KIRBY & SP. *Entomol.* III. xxxiv. 397 The sculpture of the integument of insects is often very remarkable. 1833 LYELL *Princ. Geol.* III. 277 In a few the claws are visible, and the sculpture, and even some degree of local colouring are preserved. 1859 DARWIN *Orig. Spec.* v. (1873) 116 But in some of these plants the seeds also differ in shape and sculpture. 1894 *Geol. Mag.* Oct. 434 In its sculpture *Ammonites Bainii*..somewhat resembles the present species.

5. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *sculpture-gallery*; *sculpture-like* adj.

1834 MRS. HEMANS *Scenes & Hymns of Life, Water-lily* 237 Thou sculpture-like and stately River-Queen! 1856 W. HUGHES *Treas. Geog.* 250/2 The glyptothek, or sculpture-gallery [of Munich].

Sculpture (skʌ·lptiŭ), *v.* [f. SCULPTURE *sb.*]

1. *trans.* To represent in sculpture, to carve (a design or figure) from the solid.

1645 EVELYN *Diary* June, The altar is cover'd with a canopy of ophit, on which is sculptur'd the storie of the Bible. 1852 T. PARKER *Ten Serm. Relig.* ii. (1863) 36 As they who sculptured loveliness in stone two thousand years ago. 1875 MCILWRAITH *Guide Wigtownshire* 33 A square stone, on which dials have been carefully sculptured.

b. *transf.* and *fig.*

1817 SHELLEY *Rev. Islam* IX. 3746 That record shall remain..And fame, in human hope which sculptured was, Survive the perished scrolls of uneuduring brass. 1835 *Penny Cycl.* IV. 154/1 The wax-workers..do not possess the power of sculpturing the cells. 1852 T. PARKER *Ten Serm. Relig.* ii. (1863) 36 All the manly excellence that we slowly meditate and slowly sculpture into life. 1860 TYNDALL *Glac.* I. vi. 42 The edges..are soon sculptured off by the action of the sun.

2. To decorate with sculpture. Also *passive* (*Nat. Hist.*), to bear marks resembling sculpture.

1645 EVELYN *Diary* 25 Jan., The very bell, cover of a book, sprinkler &c. were all of the rock, incomparably sculptur'd with the holy story in deepe Levati. 1737 POPE *Imit. Hor., Ep.* II. ii. 264 Gold, Silver, Iv'ry, Vases sculptur'd high. 1835 J. DUNCAN *Beetles* (Nat. Lib.) 155 The thorax is sculptured with numerous excavated dots.

Sculptured (skʌ·lptiŭd), *ppl. a.* [f. SCULPTURE *v.* + -ED [1].]

1. Produced or represented by sculpture. Also, covered or adorned with sculpture.

c 1710 T. PARNELL *Night-piece on Death* 41 Whose pillars swell with sculptured stones. 1807 WORDSW. *White Doe* vii. 347 Sculptured Forms of Warriors brave. 1894 J. T. FOWLER *Adamnan* Introd. 61 The sculptured crosses and round tower.

2. *Nat. Hist.* Having a conformation or markings similar to those produced by sculpture.

Often in specific names, rendering L. *sculptus* or *insculptus*.

1819 TURTON *Conchol. Dict.* 221 *Turbo insculptus.* Sculptured Turban. 1853 T. BELL *Brit. Stalk-eyed Crustacea* 263 Sculptured Shrimp.

Sculpturer. *rare.* [f. SCULPTURE *v.* + -ER [1].] One who sculptures; †a sculptor.

1732 LE BLON in Hogarth *Anal. Beauty* (1753) Pref. 13 The sculpturers, the architects, &c., began to apply it to their several arts.

Comb. 1835 *Penny Cycl.* IV. 154/1 The cells are made by the sculpturer-bees, who are smaller than the wax-workers.

Sculpturesque (skʌlptiŭre·sk), *a.* [f. SCULPTURE *sb.* + -ESQUE.] Like sculpture, having the qualities of sculpture.

1835 PARTINGTON *Brit. Cycl. Arts* I. 10/2 A more sculpturesque effect. 1876 GEO. ELIOT *Dan. Der.* xiii, Her face [was] rather emaciated, so that its sculpturesque beauty was the more pronounced.

absol. 1873 PATER *Renaissance* viii. 197 His insight into the typical unity and repose of the sculpturesque. 1883 SYMONDS *Ital. Byways* v. 83 The sublime of sculpturesque in crag structure is here.

Hence **Sculpture·squely** *adv.*

1883 *Athenæum* 10 Mar. 319/1 On our right..appears Joseph, in red and yellow garments, which are sculpturesquely disposed.

Sculpturing (skʌ·lptiŭriŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. SCULPTURE *v.* + -ING [1].] The action of SCULPTURE *v.*; *concr.*, a sculptured marking.

1842 H. MILLER *O. R. Sandst.* iv. (ed. 2) 108 The sculpturings seem intended evidently for effect. 1879 LE CONTE *Elem. Geol.* I. ii. 11 Thus land-surfaces everywhere, especially in mountain-regions, are cut away by a process of sculpturing. 1888 ROLLESTON & JACKSON *Anim. Life* 501 The chitinoid cuticle..is more or less marked by hexagonal areæ and hy various sculpturings (dots, pits, lines, &c.).

†**Scu·lpturist.** *Obs. rare.* [f. SCULPTURE *sb.* + -IST.] A sculptor.

1689 E. HOWARD *Caroloiades* A 2 b, The skillfull Sculpturist, out of some rough Mass of Stone, polisheth and forms his several figures.

†**Scu·lptury.** *Obs. rare*—°. [Alteration of SCULPTURE, after words in *-ury*.] Sculpture.

1623 COCKERAM I, *Sculpturie*, a caruing or grauing. 1647 HEXHAM I, Sculptury, *Graveringe ofte snijdinge.*

Sculsh, variant of SCULCH.

‖ **Scult,** *sb. Obs.* [LG. *schulte.*] = SCHOUT.

1548 HALL *Chron., Hen. VII* (1550) 17 [They] sent to hym ..the Scult called Peter Longoll.

†**Scult,** *v. Obs.* ? = SKULK *v.*

1622 PRESTON *Godly Man's Ing.* i. 6 For shame Adam skulted in the groue of Paradise. *a* 1652 BROME *Eng. Moor* v. i. (1659) 74 The man Scults closs i' th' house here.

Scum (skʌm), *sb.* Forms: 3, 5 scume, 4 skume, 4–6 scome, 5–7 scumme, 6 scomme, skomme, scoomme, 6–7 skumme, 7 skom(e, 7–8 skum, scumm, 5– scum. [Identical with MLG. *schûm* masc. (MSw., Sw., Norw., Da. *skum*), MDu. *schuum* masc., neut., *schûme* fem. (Du. *schuim* neut.), OHG. *scûm* masc. (MHG. *schûm*, mod.G. *schaum*) :—OTeut. **skūmo-*, f. Tent. and Indogermanic root **skeu-* to cover. The Teut. word was adopted in Rom. as OF. *escume* (mod.F. *écume*), Pr., Sp., Pg. *escuma*, It. *schiuma*. For the shortening of the vowel (which, as the spelling *scome* shows, had taken place already in the 14th c.), cf. *thumb, plum.*

The proximate source is uncertain. The word cannot represent an OE. **scûm*, which would have given an initial *sh*. The locality of the early quots. does not favour adoption from Scandinavian, and the word is not found in ON., the mod. Scandinavian form being prob. from LG. The mod. Eng. form cannot well come from the OF., though that may have been the source of the ME. *scume*, assuming that the *u* represents the sound *ü*. Possibly the form adopted from OF. may have been replaced by one imported from MDu. or MLG. as a term of brewing or some other industry.]

†**1.** Foam, froth; *pl.* bubbles. *Obs.*

In the first quot. the identity and meaning of the word are doubtful.

a 1250 *Prov. Ælfred* 334 in *O. E. Misc.* 122 For hit seyþ in þe loþ as scumes forteoþ. 1340 *Ayenb.* 32 Ase deþ þe tavernyers þet velleþ þe niesure mid scome. *c* 1374 CHAUCER *Boeth.* IV. met. vii. 39 And the bristlede boor markede with scomes [L. *spumis notavit*] the shuldres of Hercules. 1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* XIX. xi. (1495) 871 Also white matere is gendryd of thynnynge and spredynge of ayre as it faryth in skume. 1490 CAXTON *Eneydos* xv. 53 Gnawyng his bytte garnysshed wyth botones of golde, alle charged wyth the scume of the horse. 1534 LD. BERNERS *Gold. Bk. M. Aurel.* (1546) K k, They haue growen as a hole piece, and sodeynly wasted as a skumme. 1598 SYLVESTER *Du Bartas* I. v. 336 Those small white Fish to Venus consecrated, Though without Venus' ayd they be created Of th' Ocean scum. 1694 tr. *Marten's Voy. Spitzbergen* in *Acc. Sev. Late Voy.* II. 29 The following Wave raiseth it again, with much curled and foaming Scum.

fig. 1637 RUTHERFORD *Lett.* (1664) 169 The scum & froth of my letters I father upon my own unbeleeving heart. 1642 FULLER *Holy & Prof. St.* V. xvi. 421 Though malice boyled hot in their hearts, yet no scumme ran over in their mouthes.

2. †**a.** Dross which rises to the surface in the purifying of a metal; refuse, slag. *Obs.*

1526 *Grete Herball* clx. (1529) K iij, One or two vnces of lytargy or scomme of syluer. 1604 E. G[RIMSTONE] *D'Acosta's Hist. Indies* IV. ix. 233 There was great store of these poore mettalls, whereof they made no great account, but were reiected..as the skumme of the good mettall. 1811 W. J. HOOKER *Iceland* (1873) II. 201 No. 1 [a specimen of lava] resembles externally the scum of iron.

b. A film or layer of floating matter formed upon the surface of a liquid in a state of fermentation, ebullition, etc.; hence, a film formed upon stagnant, foul water, etc.

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 449/2 Scome, or scum of fletynge, *spuma.* 1530 PALSGR. 268/2 Scumme of a potte, *écume.* 1555 EDEN *Decades* (Arh.) 321 Floting aboue the water lyke a scoomme. 1661 J. CHILDREY *Brit. Baconica* 122 Whereon floweth a thick skum of liquid Bitumen. 1707 MORTIMER *Husb.* (1721) I. 283 Put it [the finest honey] up warm into Pots by it self;..two or three days time work up a Scum of course Wax, Dross, and other stuff. 1748 *Anson's Voy.* I. v. 63 After it [water] has been in the cask a day or two it begins to purge itself,..and is soon covered over with a green scum. 1820 SHELLEY *Sensit. Pl.* III. 70 Spawn, weeds, and filth, a leprous scum, Made the running rivulet thick and dumb. 1851 CARPENTER *Man. Phys.* (ed. 2) 18 The green scum, which floats upon ponds, ditches, &c., and which consists of the cells of a minute Cryptogamic Plant. 1857 *G. Bird's Urin. Deposits* (ed. 5) 380 When saccharine urine is left in a warm place, a scum soon forms on its surface.

c. *fig.*

1648 JENKYN *Blind Guide* i. 12 Scum and scurrility making up his whole book. 1819 SHELLEY *Peter Bell 3rd* IV. xvi. 3 A leaden-witted thief—just huddled Out of the dross and scum of nature. 1875 FARRAR *Silence & Voices* iii. 63 Her literature became a seething scum of cynicism and abomination.

3. *transf.* Applied to persons: The offscourings of humanity; the lowest class of the population of a place or country.

1586 MARLOWE *1st Pt. Tamburl.* III. iii, These are the cruell pirates of Argeire, That damned traine, the scum of Affrica. 1610 B. RICH *Descr. Irel.* 37 The Kerne of Ireland are next in request, the very drosse and scum of the Countrey. 1712 ARBUTHNOT *John Bull* III. vi. 25 Scoundrels! Dogs! the Scum of the Earth! 1768–74 TUCKER *Lt. Nat.* (1834) II. 56 Many of the scum of our people have been employed in protecting us against foreign enemies. 1889 R. BUCHANAN *Heir of Linne* I, Away, ye scum o' Egypt and o' Scotland.

†**b.** In particularized sense: An assemblage or body of 'scum'. *Obs.*

1594 SHAKS. *Rich. III*, V. iii. 317 A scum of Brittaines, and base Lackey Pezants. *a* 1618 RALEIGH *Apol.* 28, I know ..what a Scumme of men you have. 1622 BACON *Hen. VII*, 235 As for the Seueritie vsed vpon those which were taken in Kent, it was but vpon a Scumme of People. 1819–22 SHELLEY *Chas. I*, ii. 234 Unleash the sword and fire, that in their thirst They may lick up that scum of schismatics. 1829 SCOTT *Anne of G.* xxxiv, I was lately Charles of Burgundy, called the Bold—now am I twice beaten by a scum of German peasants.

†**c.** Applied to an individual: A worthless wretch. *Obs.*

1598 SHAKS. *Merry W.* I. i. 168 Froth, and scum thou liest. 1607 DEKKER & WEBSTER *Northw. Hoe* V. H 3 b, Out you base scums, come you to disgrace mee in my wedding shooes? 1818 SCOTT *Hrt. Midl.* iii, Knockdunder answered, 'that the soul of such a scum had been long the tefil's property'.

4. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *scum-gatherer*; *scum-like* adv.; **scum-board,** †**-pan** = SCUMMER *sb.* 1; **scum-soap,** a lathering soap [? orig. G. *schaumseife*].

1898 *Daily News* 10 Feb. 6/4 Much fat floats on the surface, and is cleared off with *scum-boards. 1586 T. B. *La Primaud. Fr. Acad.* I. 649 After that sollicitors were suffered in the middest of them all, to be, as it were, the *skum-gatherers of suits. 1821 BYRON *Juan* III. c, That trash of such sort not alone evades Contempt, but from the bathos' vast abyss Floats *scumlike uppermost. 1648 HEXHAM II, *Een Schuympan*, a Scummer, or a *Scumme-pan. 1852 J. J. SEIDEL *Organ* 145 A mixture of fine olive-oil and *scum-soap.

Scum (skʌm), *v.* Forms: 4–5 scume, 4–6 scome, 4, 6–8 skum, 5 scom, 5–6 scomme, skom, 5–7 scumme, skumme, 6 scoum, skume, 7 scumm, 5– scum. [f. the sb. Cf. OHG. *scûmen* (MHG. *schûmen*, mod.G. *schäumen*), MLG., MDu. *schûmen* (mod. Du. *schuimen*), Da. *skumme*, Norw. *skuma*, Sw. *skumma*; also OF. *escumer* (mod.F. *écumer*) and SKIM *v.*]

†**1.** *trans.* To clear (the surface of a liquid) of impurities or floating matter; to SKIM. Also, to remove as scum, to skim *off*. *Obs.*

1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* XIX. lx. (1495) 897 The pigmentaries other the leche skumyth awaye the fylthe warely wyth a fether. *c* 1400 *Lanfranc's Cirurg.* 242 Take þe white of an ey & scume it, & loke þat þere falle no filþe þeron. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 450/1 Scummyn lycurys, *despumo.* 1509 WATSON *Ship of Fools* lvii. (1517) O j b, This foole settynge his pottes to the fire is so lunatyke that he taketh no hede to scumme them. 1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* II. vii. 36 Some scumd the drosse that from the metall came; Some stird the molten owre with ladles great. 1607 TOPSELL *Four-f. Beasts* 650 That which swimmeth aboue in the manner of fat, they scum it off with their handes, and put it away in a vessell of Tinne. 166a *Comenius' Janua Ling. Triling.* 82 The next day after she [*sc.* the milkmaid] skums the cream which swims on the top. 1748 *Phil. Trans.* XLV. 551 As it is dissolving in Water, I have scummed off from some Lumps of it a dark-purple bituminous Substance. 1817 KITCHINER *Cook's Oracle* (1818) 59 The oftener it is scummed, and the cleaner the top of the water is kept, the cleaner will he the meat.

b. *transf.* and *fig.*

1592 NASHE *P. Penilesse* 19 b, Thou hast skumd ouer the schoole men, and of the froth of their folly, made a dish of diuinitie Brewesse, which the dogges will not eate. 1675 PLUME *Life Hacket* 37 Till the heats which boyl in the blouds of youth were well scum'd off, if not quite boyl'd away. 1796 COLERIDGE *Watchman* ii. 38 We shall select from each speech whatever lines contain a fact or argument not before urged in the debate, scummed and clarified in the following manner.

†**2.** To scour (the sea or land). Cf. F. *écumer la mer. Obs.*

c 1420 *Brut* 385 And for to speke moore of the Erle of the Marche, þat þe King hadde sette to scom þe see and the Coostes of Engelonde for enymys. 1470–85 MALORY *Arthur* I. xiii. 52 Soo by Merlyns aduys ther were sente fore ryders to skumme the Countreye. 1670 MILTON *Hist. Eng.* II. Wks. 1851 V. 89 Without certain seat, they liv'd by scumming those Seas and shoars as Pyrats. 1690 I. MATHER *Vind. N. Eng.* 44 in *Andros Tracts* (1869) II. 62 Are not at least Four of the 12, Inhahitants of other Towns? Must they Scumm Water-Town and Cambridge also to pack a Charles-Town Jury?

†**3.** To pass lightly over, 'skim' (a surface). *Obs.*

1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* IV. v. 149 Lyke a foull that..Fleis by the watir, scummand the fludis law.

†**b.** *fig.* To study superficially, 'skim'. Also *intr.* (Const. *upon.*) *Obs.*

1625 BP. MOUNTAGU *App. Cæsar* 248 You understand not the state of Limbus Patrum, nor the depth of the Question, but scumme upon the surface, and gibberish you cannot tell for what. 1664 EVELYN tr. *Freart's Archit.* Pref. 1 There was no need to have scumm'd them [*sc.* those books] thus superficially over.

†**c.** *absol.* ? To skim the air. *Obs.*

1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* XIII. ii. 120 Lyke as quhen that the gredy gled on hycht Scummand vp in the ayr oft turnis his flycht. 1585 JAS. I *Ess. Poesie* (Arb.) 44 Thus whill she vsde to scum the skyes about, At last she chanced to sore out ower the see Calld *Mare Rubrum.*

†**4.** *To scum together*: to collect as scum. *Obs.*

1570–6 LAMBARDE *Peramb. Kent* (1826) 431, I had almost forgotten to tell you here, of that adoe which Thomas Fawconbridge..made at London with a handfull of rakehelles which he had scummed together in this our shire.

5. *intr.* †**a.** To rise to the surface as scum. *Obs.*

1481 CAXTON *Myrr.* II. xxiii. 115 The erthe whiche is in the bottom of thise valeyes [of the sea] scumeth for the hete of the sonne vpward. 1525 LD. BERNERS *Froiss.* II. xlix. 170 Golde and syluer was no more spared then thoughe it had rayned out of the clowdes, or scomed out of yᵉ see.

†**b.** To foam (at the mouth). *Obs.*

c 1380 *Sir Ferumbr.* 3888 Wan Agolafre haþ herd hym speke, For angre þat he ne drast him wreke, A skuntede [*read* skumede] als a bore. 1485 CAXTON *Chas. Gt.* 156 Galafre..began to scumme at the mouth.

c. To throw up foul matter as a scum; to become covered with a scum.

1661 [implied in SCUMMING *vbl. sb.* 1 b]. 1769 MRS. RAFFALD *Eng. Housekpr.* (1778) 342 Stir them twice a day at least, or they will scum over. 1839–52 BAILEY *Festus* 53 Belike you think your lives will dribble out As brooks in summer dry up. Let us see! Try: dike them up: they stagnate—thicken—scum. 1873 SPON *Workshop Rec.* Ser. I. 373/2 The mass scums very much.

Scum-: see SCOM-.

Scu·mber, *sb. Obs.* exc. *dial.* Also 7 skommer, skomber, 7, 9 (*dial.*) skummer. [f. SCUMBER *v.*] The dung of a dog or fox. Hence *dial.*, filth, dirt.

1647 HEXHAM I, Skummer or filth, *Schuym ofte ruyligheyt.* 1655 MENNES & J. SMITH *Mus. Delic.* (1656) 4 For here [Epsom] old Ops her upper face Is..safroniz'd with mortall scumber. 1671 PHILLIPS (ed. 3), *Scumber*, (a Term in Hunting) the dung of a Fox. 1688 HOLME *Armoury* II. vii. 133/2 Terms..proper for the Ordure..of several Beasts... An Hound,..and all sorts of the Dog kind, its called, Skommer, or Skomber. 1825 J. JENNINGS *Dial. W. Eng.* 69 *Skummer*, a foulness made with a dirty liquid, or with soft dirt.

Scu·mber, *v. Obs.* exc. *dial.* Forms: 4–5 scombre, 6 skammer, skom(m)er, 6–8 scummer, 7 scumer, 7–8 scumber, 7–9 (9 *dial.*) skummer. [App. aphetic a. OF. *descombrer* (mod.F. *décombrer*) to relieve of a load. Cf. DISCUMBER *v.*, of equivalent formation.]

1. *intr.* Of a dog or fox: To evacuate the fæces. Also *jocularly* of a person.

c 1400 *Master of Game* XX. (MS. Digby 182), Also y will teche þe childe to leede þe houndes to scombre twyse on þe daye. 1508 DUNBAR *Flyting* 113 Bettir thow ganis to leid ane doig to skomer..than with thy maister pingill. 1576 TURBERV. *Venerie* 176 Lette him carie them home vncoupled, that they may skoure at large and skommer. 1611 COTGR. s. v. *Chien, Tandis que le chien chie le loup s'en va*: Prov. While the dog scummers the wolfe scuds away. 1656 *Choyce Drollery* 37 Beware of fire when you scumber.

fig. 1611 J. DAVIES *Commend. Verses to Coryat's Crudities* 49 And for a Monument to After-coommers Their Picture shall continue (though Time scummers Vpon th' Effigie).

2. *trans.* To void (ordure); *fig.* to produce (something foul). Also *dial.* (see quot. 1825).

1596 NASHE *Saffron Walden* V 2, Where he and his Brother..scumnierd out betwixt them an Epistle to the Renders against all Poets and Writers. 1694 MOTTEUX *Rabelais* IV. lii, For four or five Days I hardly scumber'd one poor butt of Sir-reverence. 1819 KEATS *Let. to Haydon* 3 Oct., I have not seen the portentous Book which was skummer'd at you just as I left town. 1825 J. JENNINGS *Dial. W. Eng.* 69 To *Skummer*, to foul with a dirty liquid, or to daub with soft dirt.

Hence † **Scu·mbering** *vbl. sb.*, the excrement of a dog or fox.

1611 FLORIO, *Schinchimurra*,..a skummering of a dog. 1817 J. MAYER *Sportsman's Direct.* (ed. 2) 203 You may know if it is a good scenting day, by the smoke and strong scent of their scummerings.

Scumble (skʌ·mb'l), *sb.* [f. SCUMBLE *v.*] A thin coat (of colour) put on by scumbling; a softened effect produced by scumbling (see SCUMBLE *v.* 1 and 2).

1834 T. H. LISTER *Anne Grey* iii, [The uncertainty as to] whether your drawing is..to be brought suddenly to a sharp edge, or a scumble, by the entrance of a visitor. 1859 GULLICK & TIMBS *Painting* 230 After a time the scumble partially sinks into the colour over which it is laid. 1862 THORNBURY *Turner* I. 77 It is carefully and thinly painted with thin scumbles of semi-opaque colour. 1880 MUCKLEY *Handbk. Painters* 75 When the tint forming the scumble is nicely calculated, no doubt a more delicate and transparent grey will be the result, than when produced by solid painting.

transf. 1884 *Harper's Mag.* Sept. 528/2 A golden scumble of October haze.

Scumble (skʌ·mb'l), *v.* [? Frequentative f. SCUM *v.*; cf. quot. s. v. SCUMMING *ppl.a.*]

1. *trans.* In *Oil Painting.* To soften or render less brilliant (the colours in a portion of a picture) by overlaying with a thin coat of opaque or semi-opaque colour; to spread or 'drive' (a colour) thinly over a portion of a picture in order to soften hard lines or blend the tints; to produce (an effect) by this process.

1798 *Trans. Soc. Arts* XVI. 280 The artist then painted the lights with pure white..where the light was brightest..; and, where the demi-tints were afterwards to be, scumbling it thinner by degrees. 1830 CUNNINGHAM *Brit. Painters* I. 234 Over that is scumbled thinly and smooth a warmer tint. 1866 REDGRAVE *Cent. Painters* II. 112 The hills and distant bay are scumbled into a mighty haze. 1872 C. KING *Sierra Nevada* x. 212 I'll scumble in a sunset effect. 1882 P. G. HAMERTON *Graphic Arts* xxi. 232 If ground colours are to be scumbled over they ought not to be full of strong and deep brush-marks.

b. *absol.*

1868 TYRWHITT *Handbk. Pict. Art* II. v. 336 *note*, To scumble is to use partly opaque colours and white, in the same way [as in glazing]. 1870 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 2 Nov. 11 M. Legros has in no single place permitted himself to scumble or retouch.

2. In *Pencil, Chalk,* or *Monochrome Drawing.* (See quots.)

1815 R. BROWN *Princ. Pract. Perspective* 76 *Scumbling* is giving a kind of rough shadow to trees, grass, gravel-walks, &c. in a drawing when it is nearly finished. It is performed with a brush having some dark colour in it, and nearly dry. 1854 FAIRHOLT *Dict. Terms Art, Scumbling*..is produced by lightly rubbing the blunt point of the chalk over the surface, or spreading the harder lines by the aid of the stump.

3. *transf.* of natural effects.

1905 J. H. MCCARTHY *Dryad* 92 More frequent clouds now scumbled the sky.

Hence **Scu·mbled** *ppl. a.*, **Scu·mbling** *vbl. sb.*

1815 (see SCUMBLE *v.* 2). 1816 SIR J. REYNOLDS *Char. Painters of Italy* 113 A..description of the effect of glazing or scumbling, such as was practised by Titian. 1849 [see DRIVE *v.* 12]. 1859 GULLICK & TIMBS *Painting* 229 Scumbling..is used to modify certain portions of a picture which may require to be rendered cooler, greyer, and less definite. 1862 THORNBURY *Turner* II. 198 His light tints, the result of pearly scumblings, make his light pictures as luminous as his water-colour drawings. 1868 TYRWHITT *Handbk. Pict. Art* II. v. 354 This system of covering the canvas with scumbled shade first and painting on the lights seems the best for a beginner. 1877 'OUIDA' *Puck* xxv, Fancying they have got 'atmosphere' in dabs of grey and yellow, and.. 'sunset' in scumbled lakes and ochres.

Scumless (skʌ·mlĕs), *a.* [f. SCUM *sb.* + -LESS.] Lacking or forming no scum.

1881 TYNDALL *Ess. Floating Matter of Air* 151 In one of them [i. e. the tubes] the infusion was scumless throughout.

Scummed (skʌmd), *ppl. a.* [f. SCUM *v.* + -ED¹.]

1. Skimmed, deprived of any matter floating upon the surface.

c 1425 tr. *Arderne's Surgery* 40 If þou haue noȝt redy þe forseid tapsimell, be þe same done wiþ scomed hony. 1681 CHETHAM *Angler's Vade-m.* xlii. § 1 (1689) 315 Take scummed milk which hath stood so long that no more cream will rise from it. 1703 T. N. *City & C. Purchaser* 207 You may temper your Lime and Sand with scum'd Milk. 1833 J. RENNIE *Alph. Angling* 67 The scummed fat of a pot wherein fresh meat has been boiled.

2. Covered with foulness or scum.

1909 *Blackw. Mag.* Feb. 221/2 An old Arab reservoir from whose scummed and stagnant waters the third class passengers push to fill their water bottles.

† **Scu·mmer,** *sb. Obs.* Forms: 4 scummar, schumour, scomeoure, skumo(u)r, scomor, 4–6 scommer, skumer, 4–5, 7 scomer, 5 scowmar, scomur(e, scomour, scomowre, scommyr, schomore, scummour, scummowre, scwmure, skumoure, 5–6 skomer, 6 scommar, skomor, skwmmer, 6–7 skommer, skummer, 7 scumur, 8 scumer, 6–9 scummer. [f. SCUM *v.* + -ER¹; in sense 1 after OF. *escumoir* (mod.F. *écumoire*), in sense 2 after *escumeor* (mod.F. *écumeur*) respectively instrumental noun and agent-noun to *escumer* to skim, f. *escume*: see SCUM *sb.*]

1. A shallow ladle or sieve for removing scum or floating matter from the surface of a liquid.

1326 *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 15 In..uno schumour pro coquina, 12*d.* 1399 *Fabric Rolls York Minster* (Surtees) 18, j scomor cum j podyngiren. 1487 *Paston Lett.* III. 466 A ladill and a scomer of laton. 1582 HESTER *Secr. Phiorav.* III. xxxiii. 48 Thereon will come a thinne skime, the whiche ye shall gather together with a Scummer. 1644 NYE *Gunnery* I. (1647) 16 Be you ready, as scum shall rise, to take it away with a scummer. 1727 *Bradley's Fam. Dict.* s. v. *Conserve*, You must suffer your Scummer or Spattle to drain. 1825 J. NICHOLSON *Oper. Mech.* 360 Another large iron ladle pierced like a scummer.

2. One who scours the sea; a rover, pirate. [So F. *écumeur de la mer.*]

1375 BARBOUR *Bruce* XIV. 375 Ane scummar [*MS. E* scowmar] of the se. 1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* XV. civ. (1495) 526 The men of Norwey..ben stronge skumoures and see theues. 1585 T. WASHINGTON tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* IV. xv. 130 Pirates, Coursaries, and Skummers of the sea.

3. One who gathers scum. Also *fig.*

1602 *Narcissus* (1893) 440 That same youthe's the scummer of all skorne. 1653 URQUHART *Rabelais* II. XXX, Pope Boniface VIII. a scummer of pots.

† **Scu·mmer,** *v. Obs. rare.* [f. SCUMMER *sb.*]

1. *intr.* To make a predatory raid.

1633 *Swed. Intelligencer* IV. 121 Having again thus scummerd over the frontiers of Paderborn, he passes the river Weser.

2. *trans.* To scour, furbish up.

1679 V. ALSOP *Melius Inq.* Introd. 33 If some of the old superstitious Ceremonies (when well scraped and wiped) were left for decency,..why were not the rest scummer'd up, that the Worship might be more decent?

Scummer, variant of SCUMBER.

† **Scu·mmerfare.** *Obs. rare.* [f. SCUMMER *sb.* (sense 2) + FARE *sb.*] Piracy.

1358 in S. P. H. Statham *Dover Charters* (1902) 86 Que bona et quanta cepissent per Skomerfare, tempore quo dictus Custos optinuerit ballivam suam. 1390 GOWER *Conf.* III. 321 Out of a barge faste by, Which hidd was ther on Scomerfare, Men sterten out.

Scumming (skʌ·miŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. SCUM *v.* + -ING¹.]

1. a. The action of removing scum from the surface of a liquid. Also *fig.*

1611 COTGR., *Escumement*,..a scumming, or skimming. 1704 SWIFT *Batt. Bks.* Misc. (1711) 220 There is a Brain that will endure but one Scumming:..Wit, without Knowledg, being a sort of Cream. 1832–53 *Whistle-binkie* III 37 There is naething abroad like our hearty aitmeal, Nor guid sheep-head-kail, for nae outlandish woman Has the gumption to ken that they need sic a scummin'.

attrib. 1683 PETTUS *Fleta Min.* I. 333 Put the Salt-Petre gently..in it, and turn it about with the scumming Spoon.

† b. The action or process of forming or throwing up a scum. *Obs.*

1661 RABISHA *Cookery Dissected* 40 Set it over the fire, watch the boyling and scumming thereof; then [etc.].

2. *concr.* in *sing.* and *pl.* The matter removed in the form of scum from the surface of a liquid. † Also, the matter rising to the surface as scum.

1530 PALSGR. 268/1 Scomyng of a pot, *escume de pot.* 1567 GOLDING *Ovid's Met.* VII. 368 And where the fire had from the pan the scumming cast..the ground did springlike florish there. *c* 1720 W. GIBSON *Farrier's Dispens.* iii. (1734) 133 Most Apothecaries make this Syrup with the brownest Sugar, and reserve the Scummings for Clysters. 1841 *Maxwell's Questions* 415 From the scummings of the sugar when boiling an inferior kind of spirit is made.

Scu·mming, *ppl. a.* [-ING².] That scums. (In quot. app. = *scumbling.*)

1818 *Sporting Mag.* II. 89 This most eminent artist has lately adopted..a sort of scumming, smearing, slubbering way of sketching.

Scummy (skʌ·mi), *a. rare.* [f. SCUM *sb.* + -Y.]

1. Having the nature or appearance of scum.

1577 tr. *Bullinger's Decades* (1592) 297 The skummie froathe is not mixed with the oyle. *a* 1618 SYLVESTER *Job Triumphant* IV. xli, Hee makes the deep sea like a pot to boyl, A pot of Oyntment (casting scummy Soyl). 1818 KEATS *Endym.* III. 330 To breathe away as 'twere all scummy slime From off a crystal pool. 1839–52 BAILEY *Festus* 44 This fair earth..'Tis but the particoloured, scummy, dross Of the original element wherefrom The fiery worlds were framed.

fig. *a* 1586 SIDNEY *Arcadia* IV. (1598) 414 These were the skummy remnant of those rebels. 1690 C. NESSE *Hist. & Myst. O. & N. Test.* I. 140 The strength of his faith dashes down all the scummy bubbles of carnal reasonings.

2. Abounding in scum. Also *fig.*

1593 NASHE *Christ's T.* 83 London, thou art..the Sea that sucks in all the scummy chanels of the Realme. 1727 BAILEY vol. II, *Scummy*, frothy, dreggy, &c. as a boiling Pot.

Scunage, variant of SKIVINAGE *Obs.*

Scunch (skʌnʃ). *Arch. Obs.* exc. *dial.* Also 7 scuncheon, 9 sconce. [Shortened from SCUNCHEON. Cf. SQUINCH.] = SCUNCHEON.

1611 COTGR., *Escoinson*, a Scunche; the backe part of the iaumbe of a window. 1899 DICKINSON & PREVOST *Cumbld. Gloss.*, *Scunch, Sconce, Scunchen*, the stone or brick reveal of a door or window.

Scuncheon (skʌ·nʃən). *Arch.* Forms: 4 scochon, 5 sqwynchun, sconchon, scouchon, skonchon(e, skochyn, skownsiom, sconcheon, 8 skimshion, 9 scuncheon, (scontion, scuntion, scunchen). [a. OF. *escoinson*, also written *escochon, escouchon* (mod.F. *écoinson*), app. f. *es-* Ex- + *coin* angle. Cf. the later form SCOINSON.] The bevelled inner edge of the side or jamb of a window, door, etc.

In the earlier quots. the sense is uncertain. Godefr. gives for *escoinson* a sense 'piece of stone or wood projecting inside a building, to support a beam, etc.'

1435 *Contract Fotheringhay Ch.* (1841) 27 The said Stepill ..shall be chaungid and turnyd in viij panes, and at every Sconchon a boutrasse fynysht with finial. 1450 in *Hist. Dunelm. Script. tres* App. 325 Pro factura..j sol skownsiom. 1473 *Churchw. Acc. St. Mich. Cornhill*, For scuncheons and a felet for the same pewes. 1487–8 *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 651 Et sol. Will. Mayson pro dolacione..36 skonchones ad 3*d.*, 9*s.*; 17 jawmys ad 4*d.*, 5*s.* 8*d.* 1490 in Rogers *Agric. & Prices* III. 559/4, 4 skochyns [for library window @] /8. 1789 in Macgill *Old Ross-sh.* (1909) 195, I mean to build a house..to be built of what is called solid mud except the corners, door, and window skimshions, Lintols and soles [etc.]. 1833 LOUDON *Encycl. Archit.* § 929 Soffits, Ingoings, Scuncheon Linings, &c...The scuncheons (the beveled parts, splays, or elbows, of the inside of a window opening, where the shutters are placed) of the two parlour windows are to have framed linings to correspond with the shutters. 1844 H. STEPHENS *Book of Farm* § 60 I. 144 The corners of its [*sc.* the door's] scuncheon should be rounded off. *Ibid.* § 214 I. 200 Scontions of all voids [*i. e.* spaces for doors and windows] are..measured over and above the rubble-work. *Ibid.* § 2847 III. 1007 When the dyke has a scuncheon for its end, a large boulder..should be chosen as the foundation-stone. 1885 *Blacklaws Quarry Price List*, Scuntions, 20 in. by 11 in. by 7 in. each 7*d.*

† b. *attrib.* in *scuncheon anglers, scuncheon-crest,* of obscure meaning.

1372 *Ely Sacrist Roll* in Willis *Arch. Nomencl.* 38 In 8 scochoncrestes magnis empt'. 8*s.* pro pet. 12*d.* 1429–30 in Willis & Clark *Cambridge* (1886) II. 445 Pro xvij ped' et di de sqwynchuncrest v*s.* 1443 *Ibid.* I. 386, xij coynes iiij skouchons-anglers and viij Square Anglers to the..legement table.

Scunfest, obs. f. pa. pple. of SCOMFISH *v. dial.*

Scunk, obs. form of SKUNK.

Scunner (skʌ·nəɹ), *sb. Sc.* and *north.* Forms: 7, 9 skunner, 8 skonner, 8–9 sconner, 5–6, 8– scunner. [f. SCUNNER *v.*] A loathing disgust; esp. in the phrase *to take a scunner at* or *against.*

a 1500–20 DUNBAR *Poems* XXVII. 34 In barte he tuke ȝit sic ane scunner. 1697 W. CLELAND *Poems* 106 (Jam.) We might have miss'd a beastly blunner, Had we not spewed out our skunner Against this Test. 1755 R. FORBES *Ajax*, etc. 29 It was enough to gi' a warsh-stamack'd body a scunner. 1827 SCOTT *Surg. Dau.* ii, I thought she seemed to gie a scunner at the eggs and bacon that Nurse Simson spoke about to her. 1881 R. G. WHITE *Words & Uses* (ed. 3) 252 Cultivated and well-meaning people sometimes take a scunner against some particular word or phrase.

Scunner (skʌ·nəɹ), *v. Sc.* and *north.* Forms: *α.* 4, 7, 9 skunner, 4–5 skoner, 5 scowner, skowner, scouner, 8 sconner, 7 scunder, 7– scunner; *β.* 6 skynner, skinner. [Of obscure origin.

The sense naturally suggests connexion with SHUN *v.*, but there is no variant with *sh-*, and no cognate verb in Scandinavian. The suffix is app. the frequentative -ER⁵. But cf. the earlier synonym SCUAN *v.*]

1. *intr.* † a. To shrink back with fear, to flinch. b. To be affected with violent disgust, to feel sick.

1375 BARBOUR *Bruce* V. 201 (Edin. MS.) Bot thai war skownrand vounder sair Sa fer in Scotland for to fair. *Ibid.* XVII. 651 Bot thai..skunnyrrit [*v. r.* scounryt] tharfor na-kyn thing, Bot went stoutly till assalyng. *c* 1425 WYNTOUN *Cron.* II. xvi. 1451 Syne faynt of kynde al women was, And mekil skonerande for to se blude. *a* 1578 LINDESAY (Pitscottie) *Chron. Scot.* (S.T.S.) I. 47 The rest of the Douglassis skynnrit [*v. r.* skinnerat], thinking the marieage to be wnlesum. 1635 T. JACKSON *Creed* VIII. XXX. 354 The Jew ..perhaps would not so much as have scunnered at the Altar, if our Saviour had beene offered upon it, specially in the Temple. *c* 1643 R. BAILLIE in *Sc. Metr. Psalter* (1864) 36/2 Seducers in this land have drawne on their followers to scunder at and reject our whole psalmes in meeter. *a* 1728 RAMSAY *Fable* xix. 8 Their sickly stamacks scunner'd at the prey. 1786 BURNS *To James Smith* xxii, And yill an' whisky gie to Cairds, Until they scunner. 1826 J. WILSON *Noct. Ambr.* Wks. 1855 I. 121 It's no features, though they're had aneuch in general, but the expression that makes me skunner. 1894 CROCKETT *Stickit Minister* 121 When he preached on the Sabbath he gied the fowk no gospel to ca' gospel, but he did mak them scunner with the Law.

2. *trans.* To disgust, sicken.

1871 W. ALEXANDER *Johnny Gibb* (1873) 216 It was aye 'oor Patie's this', an' 'oor Patie's that', till it wud 'a scunner't a tyke. 1901 G. DOUGLAS *Ho. Green Shutters* 282 It always scunnered me, for I aye liked things tidy.

Hence **Scu·nnering** *ppl. a.*, sickening.

1820 *Blackw. Mag.* Aug. 513 When it's fairly on lowe, its thick and stenming scent wad smother the scunnering smell o' an acre o' corses.

Scup (skʌp), *sb.*¹ *U. S.* [a. Du. *schop.*] A swing.

1848 BARTLETT *Dict. Amer., Scup*...A New York word. 1849 MISS WARNER *Wide Wide World* xi, A scup! maybe you don't know it by that name [said Mr. Van Brunt]; some folks call it a swing.

Scup (skʌp), *sb.*² *U.S.* [Shortened a. Narragansett *mishcup* 'thick-scaled', f. *mishe* large + *cuppi* scale.] The fish *Pagrus argyrops*; = PAUGIE.

1848 BARTLETT *Dict. Amer., Scup.* 1873 S. POWEL in *Rep. U. S. Fish Commission* 1871–2, 74 The scup are known to be schooling, wandering fish of the high seas, and come from the Gulf Stream and from the Florida Cape.

Scup (skʌp), *v. U.S.* [a. Du. *schoppen*, cf. *schop*, Scup *sb.*[1]] (See quot.)

1848 Bartlett *Dict. Amer., To Scup*..to swing. Common in New York.

Scuppaug (skʌ·pɒ̄g). *U. S.* [Shortened a. Narragansett *mishcuppâuog*, pl. of *mishcup*: see Scup *sb.*[2]] = Scup *sb.*[2]

1873 T. Gill *Catal. Fishes East N. Amer.* 27 *Stenotomus argyrops* (Linn.) Gill.—Scup; scuppaug; porgy (New York). 1884 Goode, etc. *Nat. Hist. Aquatic Anim.* 386 The Scup ..is often known in New England as the 'Scuppaug'.

Scupper (skʌ·pəɹ), *sb. Naut.* Chiefly *pl.* Forms: 5 skopor, skopper, 6 scopper, 7 scuper, scopeboard (*erron.*), 7–8 scoper, skupper, 6–scupper. [Of disputed etymology.

Some regard it as an agent-n. f. Scoop *v.* (sense 1); others as an adoption of an AF. derivative of OF. *escopir* to spit. Cf. G. *speigat* scupper, f. *speien* to spit.]

1. An opening in a ship's side on a level with the deck to allow water to run away.

1485, 1497 [see *scupper-nail -leather*, in 2]. 1592 Wyrley *Armorie, Ld. Chandos* 34 Voiding scoppers voided out their bloud. 1622 Drayton *Poly-olb.* xviii. 418 The whilst those mightie Ships out of their scuppers ponr'd Their trayterous cluttred gore. 1669–79 T. B[ateman] *Asia* lf. 48 With girdlines from the said cradle to her ports or Scopebonrds. 1748 *Anson's Voy.* III iv. 443 We made a great quantity of water through our hawse-holes, ports and scuppers. 1834 Marryat *P. Simple* xxxv, Every scupper of her running blood and water. 1883 Stevenson *Treas. Isl.* III. xiii, The Hispaniola was rolling scuppers under in the ocean swell.

† **b.** Used for: A pump. ? *nonce-use.*

1610 Holland *Camden's Brit.* To Rdr. 2 Whereas conjectures are certain detections of things vnknowne..I have alwaies thought that they were to be accounted among the skuppers [orig. *inter autlias*] wherewith Time worketh and draweth Veritie out of Democritus his deepe dungeon.

2. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as **scupper-hole, -hose, -leather, -nail, -shoot** (see quots.).

c 1590 E. Wright in *Hakluyt's Voy.* (1599) II. ii. 163 Euery *scupper-hole, and other place where it [*sc.* rain] ranne downe. 1702 *Milit. & Sea Dict.* (1711), *Skuppers*, or *Skupper-Holes* are the Holes close to all the Decks, through the Ship's sides, through which the Water runs out of the Ship from the Decks. 1903 H. Clifford *Free Lance* x. 82 Her scupper-holes spouting. 1769 Falconer *Dict. Marine* (1780) s. v., The scuppers of the lower deck of a ship of war are usually furnished with a leathern pipe, called the *scupper-hoase, which hangs downward from the mouth or opening of the scuppers. The intent of this is to prevent the water from entering, when the ship inclines under a weight of sail. 1497 *Naval Acc. Hen. VII* (1896) 298 *Skopperlethers & Skoppernayles. 1702 *Milit. & Sea Dict.* II. (1711), *Skupper-Leathers* are the round Leathers nail'd over the Skupper-Holes,..which keep out the Sea-Water from coming in, and yet let any Water run out from the Deck. 1485 *Cely Papers* (Camden) 180 For ij^e *skopor nayll vj^d. 1702 *Milit. & Sea Dict.* II. (1711), *Skupper-Nails*, are little short Nails, with broad Heads, made on purpose to nail on the Skupper Leathers. *c* 1850 *Rudim. Navig.* (Weale) 135 *Scupper nails.* 1867 Smyth *Sailor's Word-bk.*, *Scupper-shoots*, metal or wooden tubes which carry the water from the decks of frigates to the sea-level.

Scupper (skʌ·pəɹ), *v. Mil. slang.* [perh. f. prec. sb., but the connexion of meaning is not clear.] *trans.* To surprise and massacre.

1885 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 2 Apr. 3/2 The fierce warriors who 'scupper' Tommy Atkins within the lines of Snakin. 1885 *St. James's Gaz.* 31 Mar. 4/1 Being quietly chopped to pieces in their beds, or 'scuppered', as some grim wits have termed it. 1896 Kipling *Seven Seas* 98 We preach in advance of the Army, We skirmish ahead of the Church, With never a gunboat to help us When we're scuppered and left in the lurch. 1896 *Daily News* 19 May 8/1 It was pretty much like a 'scuppering' surprise in the Eastern Soudan. 1902 *Blackw. Mag.* Mar. 333 It's a great relief to find that advance squadron hasn't been scuppered.

Scuppernong (skʌ·pəɹnɒŋ). *U. S.* The name of a river in North Carolina. Used *attrib.* and *ellipt.* in *Scuppernong* (*grape*), a variety of the Fox-grape (*Vitis vulpina*), indigenous to the basin of the Scuppernong River.

1854 Longf. *Catawba Wine* ii, It is not a song Of the Scuppernong From warm Carolinian valleys. 1868 *Rep. U. S. Commissioner Agric.* (1869) 215 The Scuppernong grape does best in low lands.

attrib. 1887 *Century Mag.* XXXIV. 335/2 Then she.. begged Mrs. Colonel Ledbeter to give her her recipe for making the scuppernong wine she had heard so much praised.

Scu·ppet, *sb. Obs.* exc. *dial.* Forms: 5–6 scopett, 6 scopytt, skuppat, 8 scoopet, skippet, 9 scuppett, skoppit, 6, 9 scuppet. [App. f. *scope* Scoop *sb.*[1] (sense 2) + -ET (possibly an AF. formation on the Eng. sb.).] A spade used for trenching and in making ditches; also, a similar instrument used for turning hops while drying.

1485 *Naval Acc. Hen. VII* (1896) 40 Shovilles shodde.. xxiiij, Scopettes..xij. 1573 Tusser *Husb.* (1878) 17/19 Sharpe cutting spade, for the deuiding of mow, With skuppat and skauel, that marsh men alow. 1764 *Museum Rust.* II. 194 Help the water out of the nts with scoops or skippets. 1843 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* IV. II. 582 In this marsh I limed 120 rods of bank during the summer with unslacked lime, and in the winter it might have been moved with a barn scuppet. 1892 *Auction Catal. Farm Sale* (Kent), Hop scuppet.

Scu·ppet, *v. Obs.* exc. *dial.* Also 7 scoppet. [f. prec.] *trans.* To shovel (*out, away*). Also *fig.*

1599 Nashe *Lenten Stuffe* 28 Our mitred Archpatriarch.. scuppets not his benificence into their mouthes with such freshwater facility as M. Ascham..would imply. *a* 1656 Bp. Hall *Rem. Wks.* (1660) 77 Vain man, can he possibly hope to scoppet it out so fast as it fills. 1837 E. FitzGerald *Lett.* (1889) I. 37, I take a spade, and scuppet away the snow from the footpaths.

Scur, variant of Skirr *v.*; obs. f. Shower.

Scurage, Scurby: see Scourage[1], Scurvy *sb.*

Scurdge, obs. form of Scourge *sb.*

Scu·rdy. *Sc.* ? *Obs.* A kind of rock, whinstone. 1789 J. Williams *Min. Kingd.* I. 71 Basaltine rocks are.. called skurdy in the north of Scotland. 1866 Mitchell *Hist. Montrose* ii. 19 The town was built of trap rock or scurdy..with free stone dressings.

Scure, obs. form of Skewer.

Scurell(e, Scurer, obs. ff. Squirrel, Scourer[1].

Scurf (skɐ̄ɪf), *sb.*[1] Forms: 4–5 scorf, 4, 7 skurf, 5–7 scurfe, 6 scorfe, skorfe, skurffe, 6–7 scurff(e, skurfe, 1, 3, 6– scurf. See also Scruff *sb.*[1], Shroff[1]. [Late OE. *scurf* ? masc., a later form, prob. due to Scandinavian influence (cf. OSw. *skorver*, acc. *skorff, skurff*, mod.Sw. *skorv*, Da. *skurv*, mod.Icel. *skurfur* pl.) of OE. *sceorf* (also *scruf*: see Scruff *sb.*[1]), corresp. to MLG., LG. *schorf*, MDu. *schorf(t, schurf(t*, Du. *schurft* fem., OHG. *scorf* (MHG., mod.G. *schorf* masc.):—OTeut. **skurbo-*, **skurfo-*, prob. from the root represented in OE. *sceorfan* str. vb., to gnaw, *scearfian* to cut into shreds (= OHG. *scarbôn*).]

† **1.** A morbid condition of the skin, esp. of the head, characterized by the separation of branny scales, without inflammation. *Obs.*

c 1000 *Sax. Leechd.* I. 316 Wið scruf [*v.r.* scurf] & wið sceb. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 11823 Wit þe crache him tok þe scurf, þe fester thrild his bodi thurgh. 1398 Trevisa *Barth. De P. R.* VII. iii. (1495) 223 Ofte thyse scales cleue to the rotes of the heere, vnnethe suche skalles other scorf is heelyd. *c* 1450 *St. Cuthbert* (Surtees) 4140 All þe bolnyng went away, And þe scurfe with in a day. 1526 Skelton *Magnif.* 1958, I am lowsy and vnlykynge and full of scurffe. 1570 Levins *Manip.* 190/37 Scurfe, itch, *prurigo*. 1607 Topsell *Four-f. Beasts* 681 They which drink or eat sow milk fal into scurffes and Leprosies. 1661 Lovell *Hist. Anim. & Min.* 23 The gall helpeth the leprosy and scurfe.

† **b.** A similar condition in animals. *Obs.*

c 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* VI. 138 And ouer yeer they wol been in good poynte Withouten scorf or scalle in cors or ioynte. 1523 Fitzherb. *Husb.* § 116 There is a disease amonge horses that is called the scabbe, and it is a skorfe in dyuers places of his body. 1607 Topsell *Four-f. Beasts* 28 The vrine with the owne dung,..taketh away the scurffe of Oxen.

2. The scales or small laminæ of epidermis that are continually being detached from the skin; esp. such scales detached in abnormally large quantity as a consequence of disease, or forming accumulations at the roots of the hair or elsewhere. † Formerly also, a single scale or lamina of this kind.

a 1000 *Bede's Eccl. Hist.* v. ii. (MS. B.), Se..swa micle hreofle & scurf [*v. rr.* scyrf, sceorfe; L. *furfures*] on his heafde hæfde, ðæt him næfre æniȝ feax on ufan ðam heafde acenned beon meahte. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 451/1 Scurf, of scabbys, *squama, squamula*. 1483 Caxton *Gold. Leg.* 326/1 Of kyrnellys & botches of his face & of scurffys there ranne grete plenty of blood. 1540 Palsgr. *Acolastus* Prol. B iij b, By whiche their so doing, they clawe of their owne skabbe, i. their new gathered scurfe, therby makynge their skynne rawe agayne. 1579 Langham *Gard. Health* (1633) 7 The flowers sodden in lée, and the head washed therwith taketh away the skurfe..thereof. 1786 J. Hunter *Treat. Vener. Dis.* VI. ii. (1810) 473 It broke out after in venereal scurfs, upon the skin. 1815 Elphinstone *Acc. Caubul* (1842) I. 341 The bather is scrubbed by the men of the bath till every particle of dirt or scurf is cleared off his skin. 1870 Swinburne *Ess. & Stud.* (1875) 270 His bones foul with leprous scurf and green corruption of the grave.

b. *transf.* in *Bot.* Minute scales found on the leaves of certain plants.

1839 Lindley *Introd. Bot.* (ed. 3) 63. 1857 A. Gray *First Less. Bot.* (1866) Gloss.

3. Any incrustation upon the surface of a body; rust, † a scab (*obs.*); a saline or sulphurous deposit, mould, or the like. Now *rare.*

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 451/1 Scurfe, of metel, *scorium*. 1538 Elyot *Dict., Crusta*,..the scurfe of a scabbe or wounde [*read* (with ed. 1548) the scurfe or scabbe of a wounde]. 1581 Stafford *Exam. Compl.* ii. (1876) 59 Then there is no rust nor scurfe that diminisheth the goodnes or wasteth the substaunce of Gold. 1624 Capt. Smith, etc. *Virginia* III. 58 The waters..had left a tinctured spangled skurfe, that made many bare places seeme as guilded. 1665 Hooke *Microgr.* 135 Growing Trees..that have been long expos'd to the Air and Rain, will be all over cover'd with a greenish scurff. 1667 Milton *P. L.* I. 672 There stood a Hill not far whose griesly top Belch'd fire and rowling smoak; the rest entire Shon with a glossie scurf, undoubted sign That in his womb was hid metallic Ore, The work of Sulphur. 1752 *Phil. Trans.* XLVII. 410 The bottom of the great crater, which was before an indurated scurf of bitumen and sulphur, is now full of large rents or openings. 1842 Tennyson *Vision of Sin* v. 5 By shards and scurf of salt, and scum of dross.

b. *fig.*

? 1533 Latimer *Let. to Morice* in Foxe *A. & M.* (1583) 1741/2, I neuer denyed Pilgrimage. And yet I haue sayed that much scurffe must be pared away ere euer it can be wel done, superstition, idolatry, [etc.]. 1642 D. Rogers *Naaman* 30 Job was an holy man, yet such naturall scurffe the Lord saw to lurke in his spirit that he was faine..at last to wring this speech from him. 1697 Dryden *Æneid* VI. 1011 Then are they happy, when by length of time The Scurf is worn away, of each committed Crime. 1854 Emerson *Lett. & Soc. Aims, Poet. & Imag.* Wks. (Bohn) III. 253 'Tis boyish in Swedenborg to cumber himself with the dead scurf of Hebrew antiquity.

c. *spec.* A deposit of coke on the inner surface of a gas retort.

1884 C. G. W. Lock *Workshop Rec.* Ser. III. 81/2 Pieces of the hard coke obtained as scurf in gas retorts are sometimes employed.

† **4.** A thin layer of turf. *Obs.*

1708 *Phil. Trans.* XXVI. 59 The first is by cutting of the Scurf of the Ground, making up the Turf so cut in heaps, and when the Sun has dryed these Heaps, they are then set on Fire. *a* 1726 King in *Nat. Hist. Irel.* 106 Now that swerd or scurf of the earth, that consists of the roots of grass, being lifted up and made fuzzy by the water in winter ..is dried in the spring.

5. a. The 'scum' of the population. *rare.*

1688 in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. II. IV. 143 Some of the scurf and meaner part run in to them, as they would to see a show. 1870 Longf. *Dante's Inferno* xv. 111 Thou hadst seen there, If thou hadst had a hankering for such scurf (*di tal tigna*), That one, who by the Servant of the Servants From Arno was transferred to Bacchiglione.

b. *slang.* A contemptible person, esp. a miser, skinflint. Also *spec.*, an employer who pays less than the usual rate of wages; a labourer who accepts less than the usual rate; also *attrib.*

1851 Mayhew *Lond. Labour* II. 208 The inferior paying class..are..known among their work-people as 'scurfs'. *Ibid.* 236 Let me now speak of the Scurf labourers. *Ibid.*, A scavager, working for a scurf master, gave me the following account. 1854 *Househ. Words* VIII. 75 A low person is a snob, a sweep, and a scurf. 1889 A. T. Pask *Eyet Thames* 39 The crowd of loafers on the quay. These are the 'scurfs' or 'ufflers' who hang about for any odd jobs.

Scurf (skɐ̄ɪf), *sb.*[2]. Also 5 scurffe, 7 scurfe, 7–8 skurff, 8 scurff; 7 *pl.* scurves. [Possibly identical with Scurf *sb.*[1]

The fuller form *salmon-scurf*, though not found in our quots. before the 19th c., may be the original; for *scurf* in the sense of something inferior of its kind, cf. Scurf *sb.*[1] 5 and Scruff *sb.*[1]]

The Sea-trout, *Salmo eriox* or *S. trutta.*

1483 *Cath. Angl.* 326/2 A scurffe, *quidam piscis*. 1557 Turner in *Gesner's Hist. Anim.* IV. (1558) 1296 *Accipi eundem in alijs Britanniæ prouincijs uocari* a Gray trout, *& in alijs* a Skurf. 1655 Moufet & Bennet *Health's Improv.* (1746) 283 There are two sorts of them [Bull-trouts], Red Trouts..and Gray Trouts or Skurffs. 1740 R. Brookes *Art of Angling* 26 The Scurf..or Salmon-Peale..differs in shape from a Salmon in not having a forked Tail. 1861 *Act* 24 & 25 *Vict.* c. 109 § 4 All migratory Fish of the Genus Salmon, whether known by the Names herein-after mentioned, that is to say, Salmon..Bull Trout, Whitling, Scurf,..or by any other local Name. 1865 Couch *Brit. Fishes* IV. 200 The Scurf, Bull Trout.

Scurf (skɐ̄ɪf), *v.* [f. Scurf *sb.*[1]]

† **1.** *trans.* To cover with a scurf or incrustation. *Obs. rare.*

[1599: Implied in Scurfing *vbl. sb.*] *a* 1658 Lovelace *To E. R.* 36 So..Scurf'd all ore with its unseemly crust. The Diamond, from 'midst the humbler stones, Sparkling, shoots forth the price of Nations. 1699 T. Boston *Art Man-fishing* (1899) 30 Many this way, by having the wound scurfed over, are rather killed than cured.

2. *intr.* To rise *up* in the form of scurf.

1862 Thornbury *Turner* II. 168 The pure gold runs here and there to schist, the dross now and then is scurfing up upon the surface.

3. *trans.* To remove by scraping; to chip off (hard deposits) from the surface of a boiler or retort.

1839 *Civ. Engin. & Arch. Jrnl.* II. 361/2 Scurfing castings, ..1s. od. 1879 J. Paton in *Encycl. Brit.* X. 92 A carbonaceous deposit forms on the sides of the retorts, which requires to be periodically removed by 'scurfing' with chisels.

Scurfed (skɐ̄ɪft), *a.* [f. Scurf *v.* + -ED[1].] Covered with scurf.

1646 *Full Relat. Fountain Halberstadt* 11 A Boy of Egeln, which had a scurffed head.

Scurffyls, variant of Scroffles *pl. Obs.*

Scurfily (skɐ̄·ɪfili), *adv.* [f. Scurfy *a.* + -LY[2].] In a manner resembling scurf; like scurf.

1870 Hooker *Stud. Flora* 174 *Viburnum Lantana.* Scurfily pubescent.

Scurfiness (skɐ̄·ɪfinės). Also 6 scorffynesse. [f. Scurfy *a.* + -NESS.] The condition of being scurfy or covered with scurf.

a 1529 Skelton *Dk. Albany* 140 In lousy lothsumnesse And scabbed scorffynesse. 1657 W. Coles *Adam in Eden* ciij, The same stamped with Honey..consumeth and scoureth awny..all scurfinesse of the Head and Face. 1799 Underwood *Dis. Childhood* (ed. 4) II. 20 Some infants early contract a scurfiness on the head.

b. *Bot.* (See quot. 1900.)

1857 A. Gray *First Less. Bot.* (1866) Gloss., Scurfiness. 1900 B. D. Jackson *Gloss. Bot. Terms, Scurf..Scurfiness*, the appearance produced by membranous scales.

Scurfing (skɐ̄·ɪfiŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. Scurf *v.* + -ING[1].]

† **1.** The formation of scurf. *Obs. rare*—[1].

1599 A. M. tr. *Gabelhouer's Bk. Physicke* 359/1 [A prescription] for all manner of scurfinge of the externalle skinne.

2. An incrustation formed in boilers or retorts.

1884 C. G. W. Lock *Workshop Rec.* Ser. III. 104/2 Get new carbons, made out of gas-retort 'scurfing', as it is called.

Scurfy (skɐ̄·ɪfi), *a.* [f. Scurf *sb.*[1] + -Y.]

1. Covered with scurf; suffering from cutaneous disease. Also, of the nature of scurf.

1483 *Cath. Angl.* 326/2 Scurfy, *vbi* scabbyde. 1692 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 2803/4 A bright bay Mare,..with..scurffy Heels before. 1758 J. S. *Le Dran's Observ. Surg.* (1771) Dict. Cc 2, *Lepra*, a dry Scab that makes the Skin scurfy. 1804 *Med. Jrnl.* XII. 404 By persevering in the use of these remedies,..the white scurfy scales intirely disappeared. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 513 A head which has been scurfy for many years becomes sore and eczematous.

2. *transf.* Covered as with scurf incrusted; resembling scurf.

1731 *Phil. Trans.* XXXVII. 201 Those Diamonds that lay more superficially, and exposed to the Air and Sun were more scurfy, and by Consequence lost more by polishing than the other. 1849 W. H. Harvey *Sea-Side Bk.* 232 Very similar to the barnacle is the animal of the *Balanus*, whose shells cover, in scurfy patches, the surface of exposed rocks.

b. *spec.* in *Bot.* (See quots.)

1796 Withering *Brit. Plants* (ed. 3) I. 79 Scurfy (*squarrosus*) applied to a cup in compound flowers, the scales of which are bent outwards at the ends, so as to give the whole a ragged appearance. 1871 W. A. Leighton *Lichen-Flora* 9 Thallus crustaceous, squamose, scurfy, powdery [etc.].

† **3.** Of turf: Forming a thin crust. *Obs. rare*—¹.

1710 *Phil. Trans.* XXVII. 297 A Scurfy Heath Turf will at last grow on the Top of it.

Scurge, obs. form of Scourge *sb.* and *v.*

Scuril, Scuring, obs. ff. Scurril *a.*, Scouring.

Scurling, variant of Skirling.

† **Scurn,** *sb. Obs. rare*—¹. [f. Scurn *v.*] Hesitation, bashfulness.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 8963 Sco lift hir skirt wit-vten scurn, And bar-fote wode sco þat burn.

† **Scurn,** *v. Obs.* Forms: 3 skur(r)n, 4 skurne, 4–5 schurn, scurn(e. [Of obscure origin; perh. cognate with ON. *skirra-sk* (see Scare *v.*). Cf. Scunner *v.*] *intr.* To shrink, flinch, take fright.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 19446 He sagh him croised þat ilk turn þat he for staning suld not skurn. *Ibid.* 20960 Noght he skurnd wit hir stang, Bot on his hand þer scho was fest, He schok and in þe fir hir kest. *c* 1325 *Metr. Hom.* 24 Quen sun and mon sal thusgat turn, Than sal the sinful sar scurn. *c* 1330 R. Brunne *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 120 And menne besoght me..To turne it bot in light[e] ryme. Þai sayd, if I in strange it turoe, To here it, manyon suld skurne.

† **Scurr.** *Obs. rare*—¹. [ad. L. *scurra* buffoon.] A buffoon or jester.

1596 Dalrymple tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* I. 121 Bardis, scurris,..wt sik sort of persouns, lat skurge. 1823 Mactaggart *Gallov. Encycl., Scurr*, a low blackguard.

Scurr, variant of Skirr *v. dial.*

Scurrage, variant of Scourage¹ *Obs.*

Scurrick, variant of Scuddick.

† **Scu·rrier.** *Obs.* Forms: *a.* 5 scurrour, 6 scurrer, skurrer, skyrrer; *β.* 6 scurreour, -lour, -ior, -yer, scurier, 6–7 scurrier. [App. aphetic a. OF. *descouvreor* Discoverer; cf. the Sc. forms *discurrour, discuriour* (14–16th c.), and the 14th c. *skouerour* s. v. Scourer¹. The coincidence of sense with *currour*, Courier 2, has probably influenced the form. The It. *scorridore* (agent-n. f. *scorrere* to run out: cf. Excur *v.*) has the same meaning, but there is no equivalent OF. **escoureor.*] One sent out to reconnoitre; a scout, avant-courier.

c 1470 Henry *Wallace* VII. 796 Apon the moss a scurrour sone fand he. 1525 Ld. Berners *Froiss.* (1812) II. xxxiii. 99 He sente forthe scurrers to aduyse the dealynge of their ennemyes. 1536 Bellenden *Cron. Scot.* (1821) I. 94 Claudius,..send his scurriouris to spy the nature of the cuntre. *c* 1540 tr. *Pol. Verg. Eng. Hist.* (Camden) 21 John Fastolf.. had intelligence of his comming, by meane of scurryers. *a* 1548 Hall *Chron., Hen. VIII* 119 Then the Dukes skyrrers made profer afore the toune, out of the whiche issued a great compagnie of horsemen and skyrmished with the Dukes horsemen. 1607 B. Barnes *Divils Charter* II. i. C 4 b, Our scurriers, Are now return'd.

fig. 1537 *St. Papers Hen. VIII*, II. 491, I wolde not haue the Deputye, representing the Kinges person, be a comen skurrer for every lyght mater; but, whan he shulde begynne a warre, begynne it upon a juste goode grounde, and [etc.].

Scu·rrifunge, *v.* ? *dial.* Also **scurry-.** [A word of jocular formation, used in various senses with little or no discoverable connexion.] a. ? *trans.* To scrub, scour. b. *intr.* (See quot. 1777.) c. ? To wriggle about.

1777 *Horæ Subsecivæ* (MS.) in *Eng. Dial. Dict.*, s.v. Scurrifunge, to lash tightly; colre. 1789 Cowper *Let. to Lady Hesketh* 6 June, Half a dozen tooth brushes...Two of the brushes abovesaid must be for inside scurryfunging, viz. they must be hooked. 1894 *Punch* 1 Sept. 102/1 So he scurryfunged around with his stomach on the ground,..And he spied 'a stag of ten'.

Scurrile, scurril (skʌ·ril), *a.* Now somewhat *arch.* Forms: 6–7 scurrill, skurrill, 7 skurrile, scuril, 6– scurrile, scurril. [a. F. *scurrile*, † *scurrille* (14th c.), or ad. L. *scurrilis*, f. *scurra* buffoon.] = Scurrilous.

1567 Drant *Horace, A. P.* B 1, If I, or you the taunting grace can iudge from scurrill gere. 1586 A. Day *Eng. Secretary* 1. (1595) 4 That it containe not base, filthy or scurrile matter. 1606 Shaks. *Tr. & Cr.* I. iii. 148 With him, Patroclus.. Breakes scurrill Iests. 1644 Milton *Areop.* (Arb.) 43 It had bin plainly partiall..to correct him for grave Cicero, and not for scurrill Plautus. 1701 Rowe *Amb. Step-Moth.* II. ii. (1720) 30 With scurrile Taunts and blackest Infamy They load my Name. 1838–43 Arnold *Hist. Rome* II. xxxvii. 479 Scurril songs, and gestures, and clapping of hands, were the only answer returned to him. 1854 Trench *Synon.* xxxiv. 141 Which would attract many..whom scurrile buffoonery would only revolt and repel. 1883 R. W. Dixon *Mano* II. v. 83 All which full oft she turned to scurril jest.

¶ App. misused for: Rough, rugged, 'unfriendly'.

1632 Lithgow *Trav.* VI. 262 Wee came to the most scurrile and timorous Discent of the whole passage. *Ibid.* IX. 423 Wee Coasted the scurrile and Rockey face of Norway.

† **Scu·rrilely,** *adv. Obs.* In quots. **scurril(l)y.** [f. Scurrile *a.* + -ly ².] In a scurrile manner.

1647 Hexham I, Scurrilly, *Als een rabaut.* *a* 1707 S. Willard *Body Div.* (1726) 903/1 [In praying] we may do nothing rashly, nothing scurrily, or unbecomingly.

Scurrility (skʌri·liti). Forms: *a.* 6 scurrilite, -illitie, skurrillity, 6–7 scur(r)ilitie, scurrillity, 7– scurrility; *β.* 6–7 squirilitie, 6 squirrilitie, 7 -ility. [a. F. *scurrilité* (15th c.), or ad. L. *scurrīlitās*, f. *scurrilis*: see Scurrile *a.* and -ity.] The quality of being scurrilous; buffoon-like jocularity; coarseness or indecency of language, esp. in invective and jesting.

a. 1508 Dunbar *Flyting* 58 Scarth fra scorpione, scaldit in scurrilitie. 1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 90 b, Scurrilite or spekynge of fylthy wordes. 1588 Shaks. *L. L. L.* v. i. 4 Your reasons at dinner haue beene..pleasant without scurrillity. 1654 Gataker *Disc. Apol.* 3, I list not to contend with him in scurrilitie and bad language. 1759 Symmer in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. II. IV. 414 The hawkers..every day have some new piece of scurrility against him, to bawl about the streets. 1849 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* v. I. 650 He was, as usual, interrupted in his defence by ribaldry and scurrility from the judgment seat. 1874 Green *Short Hist.* vii. § 1. 346 The Sacrament of the Mass..was attacked with a scurrility and profaneness, which passes belief.

β. a 1566 R. Edwards *Damon & Pithias* (1908) B j b, I came not yet to be the Kinges foole, Or to fill his eares with seruile squirilitie. 1577 Stanyhurst *Descr. Irel.* ii. 6 b in *Holinshed*, The heathen misliked in an orature squirilitie. 1607 Dekker & Webster *Westw. Hoe* II. i. B 4 b, So long as your mirth bee voyde of all Squirrility.

b. Something scurrilous.

1589 Puttenham *Eng. Poesie* I. xxxi. (Arb.) 76 Such among the Greekes were called Pantomimi, with vs Buffons, altogether applying their wits to Scurrillities & other ridiculous matters. 1733 Pope *Dunc.* II. 299 *note*, Concanen.. was author of several dull and dead scurrilities in the British and London Journals. 1830 D'Israeli *Chas. I*, III. xi. 244 Who could have imagined that the writers of these scurrilities were scholars.

† **c.** Buffoon-like behaviour. *Obs.*

1614 J. Norden *Labyrinth Mans Life* L 4, Heroicke acts, that make men honorable, Are only sweet and most inestimable; The rest are false, found mere scurrilitie, By which some loose, both fame and dignitie. 1624 Heywood *Gunaik.* I. 24 We may as well say, Cats, Goates and Apes, are by chance given to voracitie, lust, and squirilitie.

Hence † **Scurri·litiship** *nonce-wd.*, ? the state of persons who indulge in scurrility

1592 Nashe *Strange Newes* G 2 b, Maister Bird shall.. meeter it mischieuously in maintenance of their scurrilitiship and ruditie.

Scurrilize (skʌ·rilәiz), *v. rare.* [f. Scurrile *a.* + -ize.] *trans.* † **a.** To attack with scurrility, speak scurrilously of. **b.** To make scurrilous.

1609 [W. Barlow] *Answ. Nameless Cath.* 157 What is this vncircumcised Iesuite, that hee should, in so base tearmes, scurrilize so great a King? 1884 Symonds *Shaks. Predec.* i. 5 All inducements to degrade or scurrilise the theatre.. ended in [etc.].

Scurrilous (skʌ·rilәs), *a.* Also 6 skurulous, 7 scurulous, scurrillous. [f. Scurrile *a.* + -ous.] 'Using such language as only the licence of a buffoon can warrant' (J.); characterized by coarseness or indecency of language, esp. in jesting and invective; coarsely opprobrious or jocular.

1576 Gascoigne *Needles Eye* Wks. 1910 II. 419 What shall we thinke of skurulous, deceyptfull, byting, slanderous.. wordes? 1597 Hooker *Eccl. Pol.* v. Ded. § 7 The scurrilous and more then Satyricall immodestie of Martinisme. 1611 Shaks. *Wint. T.* IV. iv. 215 Forewarne him, that he vse no scurrilous words in's tunes. 1651 Hobbes *Leviath.* II. xxi. 110 Sometimes a scurrilous Jester, as Hyperbolus. 1716 Addison *Freeholder* No. 23 P 1 They are grown scurrilous upon the Royal family. 1828 Macaulay *Ess., Hallam* (1851) I. 56 They might be violent in innovation and scurrilous in controversy. 1874 Green *Short Hist.* vii. § 2. 359 The old scurrilous ballads were heard again in the streets.

Hence **Scu·rrilously** *adv.*, in a scurrilous manner; † after the manner of a buffoon. Also **Scu·rrilousness.**

1597 Beard *God's Judgem.* II. xxxvi. (1631) 431 Such as shamed not as soone as they had glutted their..heads with wine, to fall scurrilously a dauncing. 1666 Pepys *Diary* 17 Oct., Heard the Duke discourse, which he did mighty scurrilously, of the French. 1727 Bailey vol. II, *Scurrilousness*, scandalous Language, saucy Drollery, Buffoonry. 1789 W. Belsham *Ess.* (1799) II. 369 He has been..scurrilously reviled as the genuine successor and counterpart of..Hugh Peters.

Scurrio(u)r, scurrour: see Scurrier.

Scurry (skʌ·ri), *sb.* [f. Scurry *v.*]

1. The act of scurrying; a hurried movement, a rush; hurry, haste, bustle. *Hurry and scurry*: cf. Hurry-scurry *sb.*

1823 E. Moor *Suffolk Words* 356 *Skurry*, haste, impetuosity. 1830 W. Irving *Life & Lett.* (1864) II. 437 It was such a treat after the hurry and scurry, and heartless bustle of London. 1865 Trollope *Belton Est.* xix. 218 Belinda would usually come down in a scurry as she heard her mother's bell. 1873 G. C. Davies *Mount. & Mere* v. 34 Unsuspecting gulls..took to wing with a tremendous scurry. 1910 *Q. Rev.* Jan. 181 Far away from the scurry and the scramble..of London life.

2. *Sporting.* A short quick run or race on horseback.

1824 W. Taylor in *Monthly Mag.* LVII. 407 They travelled for adventures to the courts Of princes,—where at tournaments and skurries, Fame could be earn'd. 1829 *Sporting Mag.* XXIV. 51 A very fast scurry with Lord Lonsdale the day before I left. 1885 *Field* 17 Jan. 63/3 To wind up, a Flat Scurry, at catch weights, usually gave good sport. *Ibid.* 21 Feb. 219/3 Although only a few fields separate the two coverts,..more than one coat changed colour during the short scurry. 1898 *Daily News* 6 Sept. 4/7 There are still at Doncaster too many of the five furlong scurries.

b. A run (made by an animal).

1865 *Daily Tel.* 4 Mar., She [the hare] steals the help of a scurry up the ditch-bottom. 1874 S. Beauchamp *Grantley* I. xiii. 247 [The dog] has his scurry..night and morning.

3. A fluttering assemblage (e. g. of birds, snow, foam) moving or driven rapidly through the air. † Also, a confused tangle of material.

1839 Thackeray in *Corsair* 26 Oct. *Stray Papers* (1901) 177 Ladies at work at a frame in the midst of a great skurry and labyrinth of worsted balls, making slipper-tops [etc.]. 1858 B. Taylor *Northern Travel* xxvi. 267 The birds circled overhead, or dropped like thick scurries of snowflakes on the water. 1868 Huntley *Gloss. Cotswold Dial., Skurry*, a flock in confused flight. 1873 Lowell *Lett.* (1894) II. 123 That flight of baby angels caught up and whirled along in the wake of Gabriel like a skurry of autumn birds. 1880 Blackmore *May Anerley* I. xviii. 312 A scurry of foam flew like pellets from the rampart.

Scurry (skʌ·ri), *v.* Also **skurry.** [In sense 1, app. a back-formation from Scurrier. In the current sense perh. taken from Hurry-scurry, a reduplication of Hurry *v.*]

† **1.** *intr.* ? To ride out as a 'scurrier'. *Obs.*

1580 North *Plutarch, Annibal* (1595) 1135 Then he commaunded the horsemen of the Numidians to scurrie to the trenches of the Romanes, to intise him to come to battell.

2. To go rapidly, move hurriedly. Often with advbs., as *off, away.*

1810 Southey *Kehama* V. xiii, The wind..opens the clouds; Scatter'd before the gale, They skurry through the sky. 1839 Thackeray *Major Gahagan* v, The ladies..skurried out of the apartment. 1872 Black *Adv. Phaeton* xvi. 219 They scurry away like rabbits when they see her coming. 1894 Mrs. Anne Ritchie *Chapters from Mem.* ii. 14 Remembered events come cheerfully scurrying up one after another.

b. *Hurry and scurry*: cf. Hurry-scurry *v.*

1857 Trollope *Barchester T.* xix. (1858) 145 Charlotte hurried and skurried about the room hither and thither, doing or pretending to do many things. 1889 J. K. Jerome *Idle Thoughts* 140 How petty seems the work on which they are hurrying and skurrying.

3. *trans.* To cause to go hastily or move rapidly.

1850 Thackeray *Lett.* 26 Feb., Off we set,..skurrying the policemen off the road. 1853 F. W. Newman *Odes of Horace* I. xv, When the traitor-swain with ships of Ida Scurried o'er the wave his hostess Helen. 1892 Garland *Little Norsk* iv. 32 The wind..scurried the snow south or east.

Hence **Scu·rrying** *vbl. sb.* and *ppl. a.*

1862 Thornbury *Turner* I. 75 A view of flustered and scurrying fishing-boats in a gale of wind. 1869 'Wat. Bradwood' *The O. V. H.* xix, A hurrying, scurrying crowd of horses. 1878 Tennyson *Q. Mary* III. v, The scurrying of a rat, Affrighted me. 1883 Rollins *New Eng. Bygones* 93 The scurrying drops came thicker and thicker. 1885 *Harper's Mag.* Feb. 398/2 There was a sound of skurrying steps.

† **Scurryvaig.** *Sc. Obs.* [? ad. L. *scurra vagus* wandering buffoon.] A vagabond.

1513 Douglas *Æneis* VIII. Prol. 68 Swingeouris and scurrevagis [*v. r.* skuryvagis], swankeis and swanis. 1819 *St. Patrick* III. 305 (Jam.) Ye may hide the vile scurrievaig.

† **Scurve·tical,** *a. Obs. rare*—¹. [Irreg. f. Scurvy.] Good against the scurvy, scorbutic.

1663 in Myddelton *Chirk Castle Acc.* (1908) 165 Paid for a pint of scurveticall water, 2s. 6d.

† **Scu·rvical,** *a. Obs. rare*—¹. [f. Scurvy *sb.* + -ical.] = Scurvied.

1728 *Brice's Weekly Jrnl.* 8 Mar. 3 Offensive Breath, often occasioned by..Scurvical Gums.

Scurvied (skə·rvid), *a.* [f. Scurvy *sb.* + -ed².] Affected with scurvy.

1856 Kane *Arctic Expl.* II. v. 65 The scurvied sick of Rensselaer. *Ibid.* vii. 83 Able to empty a slop-bucket or rub a scurvied leg.

Scurvily (skə·rvili), *adv.* Now *arch.* [f. Scurvy *a.* + -ly ².] In a scurvy manner.

a. Shabbily, meanly; sorrily, unsatisfactorily.

1599 B. Jonson *Cynthia's Rev.* v. iii. Wks. 1616 I. 243 His hat was carried skiruily. 1671 Clarendon *Dialogues* Tracts (1727) 306 We are scurvily used, but that is because we are scurvy fellows, and deserve no better. 1707 *Reflex. upon Ridicule* 236 Her Fondness for a Spark of hers was scurvily interpreted. 1710 Swift *Jrnl. to Stella* 12 Dec., And, passing an evening scurvily enough, [I] did not come home till eight. 1817 Scott *Surg. Dau.* iv, I will lay no bets about Miss Grey,..I think I should act very scurvily, if I were to make her the subject of any idle debate betwixt you and me. 1873 Browning *Red Cott. Nt.-cap* 111 The young pair quitted Paris to reside At London: which repaid the compliment But scurvily.

† **b.** Sourly, rudely. *Obs.*

1607 Middleton *Fam. Love* IV. i. (1608) E 4 b, Speak pittifully, looke scuruily, and dissemble cunningly. 1647 J. Berkenhead *On Happy Collect. Fletcher's Wks.* 90 Such boyst'rous Trifles Thy Muse would not brooke, Save when she'd show how scurvily they looke.

† **Scu·rviness.** *Obs.* [f. Scurvy *a.* + -ness.] The quality or condition of being 'scurvy'.

1548 Elyot *Dict., Psorothalmia*, a scuruinesse of the browes with an ytche. 1596 Mascall *Govt. Horses* 138 The scratches is a long scuruines right behind the legge. 1607 Topsell *Four-f. Beasts* 83 Leprosies, botches, and scuruinesse of the skinne. 1648 Hexham II, *Schorftheydt, ofte Schorftigheydt*, Scurvynesse, Scabbinesse, or Manginesse. 1727 Bailey vol. II, *Scurviness*, Badness, Naughtiness, Sorriness.

Scurvy (skə·rvi), *sb.* Forms: *a.* 6 skurvie, 6–7 scurvie, 7 skirvye, 7–8 scurvey, 6– scurvy;

β. 6 **scurby, skyrby, scorbie,** 7 **scorby.** [Subst. use of SCURVY *a.* (cf. *scurvy disease* under sense 1 of the adj.); the specific sense was determined by the use of the word to render the like-sounding F. *scorbut*, MLG. *schorbûk*, etc. (see SCORBUTE), and the β forms above proceed from assimilation of the native to the foreign word. See also SCRUBY.]

1. A disease characterized by general debility of the body, extreme tenderness of the gums, foul breath, subcutaneous eruptions and pains in the limbs, induced by exposure and by a too liberal diet of salted foods; SCORBUTUS.

Formerly used more vaguely, including what is now distinguished as PURPURA.

α. *c* 1565 R. BAKER in *Hakluyt's Voy.* (1589) 151 Our legs now..swolne euery ioint withall With this disease, which, by your leaue, the Scruuie men doe call. *c* 1603 HEYWOOD & ROWLEY *Fortune by Land & Sea* III.i. (1655) 21 They'l find work enough about home to keep us from the scurvey. 1620 J. MASON *New-found-land* in *Mem.* (1887) 149 A grent roote grows in fresh water ponds that is good against the skiruye. 1712 E. COOKE *Voy. S. Sea* 35 About 30 more had the Scurvy. 1742 *Lond. & Country Brewer* I. (ed. 4) 17 Our British Malady the Scurvy. 1840 R. H. DANA *Bef. Mast* XXXV. 133 The scurvy had begun to show itself on board. 1898 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* V. 586 Scurvy is a general apyretic and non-contagious disorder.

β. 1586 A. H. tr. *Guillemeau's Treat. Eyes* title-p., A worthy treatise of the eyes &c. together with a profitable treatise of the scorbie. 1597 GERARDE *Herbal* I. xii. 195 The disease..which we in England call the Scurvie, and Scurby, and vpon the seas the Skyrby. *Ibid.* II. lxxxii. 325 Which excellent plant, Cæsars soldiers..found to preuaile..against that plague and hurtfull disease..called *Scorbutum*; in English the Scruuie, and Skyrbie.

† **b.** *pl.* Attacks of this disease. *Obs.*

1592 NASHE *P. Penilesse* Wks. 1904 I. 171 Hee lyes in brine, in Balist, and is lamentable sicke of the scuruies. 1628 WITHER *Brit. Rememb.* I. 400 Sloath-bred Scurvies. 1732 ARBUTHNOT *Rules of Diet* in *Aliments*, etc. 257 A temperate Sea-Salt, very useful in Scurvies. 1764 FOOTE *Mayor of G.* I. Wks. 1799 I. 162 Your scurvies, and gouts.

† **2.** A disease of cattle. Cf. SCURF *sb.*[1] 2.

1604 E. G[RIMSTONE] *D'Acosta's Hist. Indies* VI. xv. 465 If the mangie or the scurvie which they call carache take any beast they were presently commaunded to bury it quicke, lest it should infect others.

3. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *scurvy-rickets*, *-spot*; † **scurvy-ale,** medicated ale intended as an antidote to scurvy (cf. *scurvy-grass ale*); † **scurvy-weed, -wort** = SCURVY-GRASS.

1618 J. TAYLOR (Water-P.) *Pennyless Pilgr.* C 2, We had a sort of Ale, called *Scuruy Ale. 1897 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* III. 18 In infants I have known *scurvy rickets mistaken for rheumatism. 1896 KANE *Arct. Expl.* I. xiv. 163 The *scurvy-spots that mottled our faces. 1568 TURNER *Herbal* I. (ed. 2) 90, I could neuer learne anye name of it, but *Scurby wede, or *Scurby wurt.

Scurvy (skɔ̄·rvi), *a.* Forms: 6 **skurvy, scurvye, skurvie, skyrvye,** 6–7 **scurvie,** 7 **scirvy, skirvie, scurvey**; 6– **scurvy.** [f. SCURF *sb.*[1] (with regular change of *f* into *v*) + -Y. Cf. the later SCURFY *a.*; also Sw. *skorfvig*, LG. *schorfig*, Du. *schurftig*.]

† **1.** Covered with scurf; suffering from, or of the nature of, skin disease; scurfy, scabby. *Obs.*

Scurvy disease: *spec.* = SCURVY *sb.*

1515 BARCLAY *Egloges* iii. (1570) B vj b, Iugglers and pipers, and scuruy wayfarers. *a* 1529 SKELTON *E. Rummyng* 140 A sorte of foule drubbes All scurvy with scabbes. 1535 COVERDALE *Lev.* xxi. 20 Whether he be blynde,..or is gleyd, or is skyrvye or scaulde. 1577 FRAMPTON *Joyful Newes* II. (1596) 38 Shee was healed of her skurnie disease very well. 1580 HOLLYBAND *Treas. Fr. Tong*, *Le mal Saint-Mein*, the Scurnie disease. 1597 GERARDE *Herbal* I. xl. 60 The bran of Wheate..rubbed vpon them that be scurnie and mangie, easeth the partie very much. 1610 MARKHAM *Masterp.* II. lxxviii. 351 This medicine is well approued to cure..Moully heeles, or any other scirny scalls whatsoeuer. 1642 D. ROGERS *Naaman* 439 Contrary to the scurvy and unsightly flesh of a leper. 1758 J. S. *Le Dran's Observ. Surg.* (1771) Dict. C c 7 *Psoriasis*, a Scurvy Scabbiness in the Body.

b. *transf.* Of vegetable growths: Resembling scurf, scurfy.

1763 MILLS *Pract. Husb.* IV. 319 The situation..should communicate to the vines a moisture which is neither bitter nor salt; for either of these will vitiate the taste of the wine, and give a scurvy rough coat to every plant that grows on such land. 1837 P. KEITH *Bot. Lex.* 42 A ring of scurvy and diseased matter.

2. *fig.* Sorry, worthless, contemptible. Said both of persons and things. Cf. SCABBED *a.* 2. Also of treatment, etc.: Shabby, discourteous. Now somewhat *arch.*

1579 NORTHBROOKE *Diceing* 64 b, Looke that thou flee and eschewe this scabbed and scuruie company of Daunicers. 1587 *Mirr. Mag., Wolsey* ii, Ambitious minde, a world of wealth would haue, So scrats and scrapes, for scorfe, and scoruy drosse. 1592a KYD *Sp. Trag.* III. v. 1411 Ist not a scurnie iest that a man should iest himselfe to death? 1604 SHAKS. *Oth.* IV. ii. 140 The Moore's abus'd by some most villanous Knaue, Some base notorious Knaue, some scuruy Fellow. 1632 LITHGOW *Trav.* III. 107 He reporteth..that the scurvy Ile of Manne, is so abundant in Oates, Barley, and Wheate, that it supplieth the defects of Scotland. 1710 SWIFT *Jrnl. to Stella* 19 Nov., Steele and I sat among some scurvy company over a bowl of punch. 1710–11 *Ibid.* 9 Jan., We only had a scurvy dinner at an alehouse. 1751 SMOLLETT *Per. Pic.* (1779) II. lxv. 217 The music of a scurvy organ and a few other instruments. 1823 SCOTT *Peveril* xliv, Take your hand from my cloak, my Lord Duke,..I have a scurvy touch of old puritanical humour about me. I abide not the imposition of hands. 1876 BLACKIE *Songs of Relig.* 113 The hare brae seems clad in mockery, With one thin belt of lean, and scurvy trees. 1902 BRENAN *House of Percy* II. ii. 83 Scant preferment and scurvy friendship..the Earl received.

† **b.** quasi-*adv.*

1623 WEBSTER *Duchess Malfi* III. ii, How scurvy prowd he would looke when the treasury was fult!

Scu·rvy-grass. *Bot.* Forms: see SCURVY *sb.*; also SCRUBY-*grass*.

1. A cruciferous plant, *Cochlearia officinalis*, believed to possess anti-scorbutic properties.

α. 1597 GERARDE *Herbal* II. lxxxii. 323 Round leafed Scuruie grasse is a low or base herbe. 1611 MIDDLETON & DEKKER *Roaring Girl* F 2 b, Would any husband suspect that a woman crying, Buy any scurni-grasse, should bring loue letters amongst her herbes to his wife. 1741 *Compl. Fam.-Piece* I. iv. 247 Take..of Scurvygrass half a Bushel. 1767 *Byron's Voy. round World* 47 We carried off a grent quantity of cocoa nuts, scurvy-grass, and other vegetables, for the use of the sick. 1856 KANE *Arct. Expl.* I. xxi. 269 Peterson brought me quite a handful of scurvy-grass (*C. fenestrata*). 1872 H. MACMILLAN *True Vine* vii, The saxifrage and the scurvy-grass give a faint tinge of verdure to the snow-white sterility of the arctic lichens.

β. 1622 R. BANISTER 113 *Dis. Eyes* N 5 b, Scorby-grasse, water-cresses, brooke-lime.

† **b.** *Spirit of scurvy-grass*: a volatile oil distilled from the plant. *Obs.*

1676 GREW *Anat. Plants, Lect.* ii. (1682) 242 Spirit of Scurvy-grass maketh no Luetation with any Acid. 1694 SALMON *Bate's Dispens.* (1713) 184/2 If it be made with Spirit of Scurvy-grass [etc.].

† **2.** *Sea* or *Scottish Scurvy-grass*: the Sea Bindweed, *Convolvulus Soldanella*.

1597 GERARDE *Herbal* II. ccxciii. 690 *Soldanella*..in English Sea Withwinde,..of some Sea Folefoote, and Scottish Scurnie grasse. 1676 T. GLOVER *Virginia* in *Phil. Trans.* XI. 629 *Soldanella* or Sea-Scurvygrass.

† **3.** = *Scurvy-grass ale* (see 4). *Obs.*

1664 ETHEREDGE *Love in Tub* I. ii. 5 And but this morning the Chandler refus'd to score a quart of Scurvy-grass. 1708 J. CHAMBERLAYNE *St. Gt. Britain* I. III. vii. (1743) 188 There are sold in London..many sorts of ales, very different, as Cock, Steponey,..Betony, Scurvy grass, &c.

4. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as † **scurvy-grass ale,** ale medicated with scurvy-grass; similarly † *scurvy-grass drink*; † **scurvy-grass medicine,** a medicine containing scurvy-grass as the chief ingredient.

1661 in W. M. Myddelton *Chirk Castle Acc.* (1908) 152 Pd for a qrte of *scurvigrasse ale and plaine ale 8d. 1679 J. LOCKE in Ld. King *Life* 135 There are also several sorts of compounded ales, as cock-ale,..scurvy grass-ale, college-ale, &c. 1658–9 WOOD *Life* (O. H. S.) I. 273 *Scurvy-grass drink began to be frequently drunk in the mornings as physic-drinke. 1609 T. COCKS *Diary* (1901) 77/5 Paide for longe pepper gruynes, cloves, mace, and saffron for my *skurvye-grasse medicine, vj d.

Scurzonera, obs. rare form of SCORZONERA.

† **Scusa·tion.** *Obs.* Also 5 **skeusacion, skew(y)sasyon, skosacion, skwsacion, -cyon.** Aphetic form of EXCUSATION.

c 1430 *Freemasonry* 112 (Halliw.) And to that semble he most nede gon, But he have a resenabul skwsacyon. *c* 1440 *Alphabet of Tales* 52 When sho cuthe gett no skosacion to helpe hur with, bod at sho trewid vereli[e] to dye, sho shrafe hur vnto þe preste [etc.]. 1477 *Paston Lett.* III. 215 He seydyt [*sic*] but for a skwsacion.

† **Scuse,** *sb. Obs.* Also 6 **skuse,** 7 **schuce.** Aphetic form of EXCUSE *sb.*

1523 LD. BERNERS *Froissart* I. cccIxiii. 52 So the knight coude make no scuse. *a* 1553 UDALL *Roister D.* v. ii, Better (they say) a badde scuse, than none. 1592 GREENE *Disput.* 8 Tis as hard to find a Hare without a Muse, as a woman without a scuse. *a* 1634 CHAPMAN *Alphonsus* III. (1654) 35 If all be well with us, that schuce shall serve.

Scuse (skiūz), *v. Obs.* exc. in illiterate use. Also 6 **scowse, skewse, skuse.** Aphetic form of EXCUSE *v.*

1491 CAXTON *Vitas Patr.* (W. de W. 1495) II. 186 They that had done it scused them. 1532 MORE *Confut. Tindale* Wks. 577/2 To skewse hym and keepe hym from beatynge. 1556 *Chron. Grey Friars* (Camden) 70 He wolde have gevyne moch to a be scowsyd. 1594 R. CAREW] *Tasso* (1881) 110 He you to Captaine skuse. *c* 1611 CHAPMAN *Iliad* XXIV. 250 Would to beauen, that all the abiect blood, In all your veines, had Hector scusde. 1830 GALT *Lawrie T.* III. ix. (1849) 114 The gentleman will 'scuse me'. 1887 T. E. BROWN *Doctor* 22 'Scuse me, your honour.

Scut (skʌt), *sb.*[1] Also 6–7 **scutte,** 6–8 **skut(t,** (9 **scud).** [Of obscure origin: prob. allied to SCUT *a.* Connexion with ON. *skut-r* stern of a vessel (Norw. *skut* either end of a boat), or with mod. Icel. (*dȳu-*) *skott* (fox's) tail, has often been assumed, but appears unlikely.]

1. A short erect tail, esp. that of a hare, rabbit, or deer. (Quot. 1530 may belong to sense 2, which is recorded earlier.)

1530 PALSGR. 268/2 Scutte. 1576 TURBERV. *Venerie* 243 The tayle of an Hare and Conney is called their Skut. 1598 SHAKS. *Merry W.* v. v. 20 My Doe, with the blacke Scut? 1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* XI. I. 352 Those that be long shagged and rugged, have very little and short skuts, as Beares. 1646 SIR T. BROWNE *Pseud. Ep.* VI. x. 329 How the Indian Hare came to have a long tayle, whereas that part in others attains no higher then a scut? 1770 G. WHITE *Selborne, To Pennant* Mar. (1789) 79 It's scut (the moose's] seemed to be about an inch long. 1868 CUSSANS *Her.* (1893) 89 The tail of a Fox is called the Brush;..of a Hare or Rabbit (heraldically termed *Coney*), the Scut. 1869 BLACKMORE *Lorna D.* xix, The goat..rushed at him..his little scut cocked like a gun-hammer.

† **b.** (See quot.) *Obs.*

1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* XXXII. v. II. 434 If the husband take a frogg and spit her..alength upon a reed, so as it goe in at the skut or nature [*printed* mature] behind and come foorth againe at the mouth.

† **2.** A hare. *Obs.*

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 451/1 Scut, hare. 1523 SKELTON *Garl. Laurel* 632 Masid as a marche hare, he ran lyke a scut.

† **b.** *Hunting.* The hare as the object of the chase. Also *fig. Obs.*

1809 MALKIN *Gil Blas* VIII. ix. (Rtldg.) 296 The minister was ready to burst with laughing, to see me so eager after the scut. 1826 *Sporting Mag.* XVII. 378 This day being devoted to the scut, we accompanied Mr. Lyster.

Hence **Scu·tted** *a.* (only in *Comb.*)

1634 W. WOOD *New Eng. Prosp.* II. xv. 89 An English Mare..stumbled into one of these traps;..the Indians ..seeing such a long scutted Deere, praunce in their Merritotter [etc.].

† **Scut,** *sb.*[2] *Obs. rare.* [Perh. a. early mod. Du. *schut, schutte* embankment.] ? An embankment.

1561 *Nottingham Rec.* IV. 124 Tellyng of the skutte and other worke about the Bryges.

† **Scut,** *a.* and *sb.*[3] *Obs.*—[o] [Of obscure origin: perh. related in some way to SHORT *a.*, SKIRT *sb.*] **a.** *adj.* Short. **b.** *sb.* A short garment.

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 451/1 Scut, or schort, *curtus, brevis. Ibid.*, Scut, garment, *nepticula*.

† **Scut,** *v. Obs.* [? f. SCUT *a.*] *trans.* To dock, cut short. 1530 PALSGR. 707/2, I scutte, *je docque*.

Scut, variant of SCOUT *sb.*[3]

Scutable, obs. form of SKEW-TABLE.

Scutage (skiū·tēdʒ). *Obs.* exc. *Hist.* Also 5 **scutagie.** [ad. med.L. *scūtāgium*, f. *scūtum* shield, after OF. *escuage*: see ESCUAGE.] A tax levied on knight's fees; chiefly in restricted sense, such a tax paid in lieu of military service.

c 1460 *Oseney Reg.* 123 Þe foresaide [canons] schall aquite towarde Richard fiȝt Odone and his heyres (þat is to say, ij. s. iiij. d., how that euer þe scutage goo, weþer it be more or lasse). *a* 1513 FABYAN *Chron.* VII. (1811) 345 A taske callyd the scutage. 1583 FOXE *A. & M.* (ed. 4) 276/1 The king more and more incensed against hym,..called him to a counte of..scutagies, gifts, presents, scapes of prisoners. 1766 BLACKSTONE *Comm.* II. v. 74 We find in our antient histories, that,..when our kings went to war, they levied scutages on their tenants..to defray their expenses, and to hire troops. 1874 STUBBS *Const. Hist.* I. xii. 454 The term *scutage*, now first employed, indicates that the assessment of the knights' fees was coming into use. 1884 TENNYSON *Becket* I. i, It seem'd to me but just The Church should pay her scutage like the lords.

Scutal (skiū·tăl), *a.* [ad. mod.L. *scūtālis*, f. L. *scūtum* shield: see SCUTUM.]

1. *Zool.* Of the nature of or pertaining to a scutum.

1857 GOSSE *Omphalos* 218 On each of the scutal valves in this individual I can count about 260 growth-lines.

2. In etymological sense: Of or pertaining to a (heraldic) shield. *Extra-scutal* adj., of a heraldic device, placed outside the shield.

1868 CUSSANS *Her.* ii. 43 A good example of these scutal monstrosities. 1900 PIXLEY *Hist. Baronetage* v. 244 Some Baronets add the badge as an extra-scutal appendage to their arms.

† **Scu·tarde**[1]. *Obs. rare.* = SCOTART.

a 1400 *Med. Rec.* in *Rel. Ant.* I. 52 Tak a scutarde als hale als he es taken, and bryn him in a newe potte al to powder.

† **Scu·tarde**[2]. *Sc. Obs.* [? f. *scute*, SCOUT *v.* + -ARD.] ? One who pours out.

1508 DUNBAR *Tua Mariit Wemen* 92 Ane skabbit skarth, ane scorpioun, ane scutarde behinde.

Scutate (skiū·tēt), *a.* [ad. L. *scūtātus* provided with a shield, f. *scūtum* shield: see SCUTUM.]

1. *Zool.* Covered with scuta or large flat scales.

1826 KIRBY & SP. *Entomol.* IV. xlvi. 274 Scutate (*Scutata*). Covered with large flat scales. 1858 W. CLARK *Van der Hoeven's Zool.* II. 265 *Hydrophes*. Head scutate, small.

2. *Bot.* Buckler-shaped.

1836 LOUDON *Encycl. Plants* 925 Root scutate. *Ibid.* Gloss., *Scutate*, formed like an ancient round buckler. 1837 P. KEITH *Bot. Lex.* s. v. *Algæ*, Where a root exists it is merely a fibrous or scutate base.

Hence **Scuta·ted** *a.* = SCUTATE *a.* 1.

1802 SHAW *Gen. Zool.* III. 221 Scutated lizard, *Lacerta Scutata. Ibid.* 518 Scutated Snake, *Coluber Scutatus*. 1839 *Penny Cycl.* XVIII. 445 Head scutated.

Scutation (skiutē·ʃən). *Zool.* [f. SCUTATE *a.*: see -ATION.] Arrangement of scuta.

1852 *Zoologist* X. 3402 The integument of the naked part of the foot [presenting] its well-marked scutation. 1881 OWEN in *Nature* XXIII. 402 The horny scutation of lizards.

Scutch (skʌtʃ), *sb.*[1] Now chiefly *dial.* [f. SCUTCH *v.*] A stroke with a stick or whip.

1611 COTGR., *Fessée*, a scutch on the breech, a lash on the buttocks. *Ibid.*, *Singlet*, a scutch,..or ierke with a rod, &c.

Scutch (skʌtʃ), *sb.*[2] Also 8 **skutch,** 9 **scotch.** [a. OF. *escouche* (15th c.; mod.F. *écouche*).

The remarkable correspondence of the OF. word with the mod. Norw. synonym *skoka* suggests that it may be of Scandinavian origin. By Hatz.-Darm., however, it is regarded as f. **escoucher, escousser* to scutch, thrash, and this is identified with *escousser* to shake:—pop.L. **excussāre* (cf. EXCUSS *v.*).]

1. = SCUTCHER.

c 1791 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) VII. 291/2 Common flax; which from the skutch proceeds to the heckle. 1836 L. HEBERT *Engin. & Mech. Encycl.* I. 510 Arms to which are attached scotches revolving within a cylindrical casing. 1845 *Encycl. Metropol.* VIII. 702/2 An instrument somewhat resembling a curry-comb, and called a hand-scutch. 1891 *Century Dict.* s. v. *Scutcher*, The fluted rollers *b*, *b'*, which seize it and present it to the scutches or beaters, *c*.

2. 'One of the pieces of wood which in a thrashing mill beats out the grain' (Jam.). Cf. SCUTCHER.

1805 R. SOMERVILLE *Agric. E. Lothian* 77 The purpose of separating the grain from the straw might be accomplished ..by skutches acting upon the sheaves by their velocity, and beating out the grain.

Scutch (skʊtʃ), *sb.*[3] *dial.* [Var. of SQUITCH, altered form of QUITCH *sb.*[1]]

1. = QUITCH *sb.*[1] Chiefly in Comb. *scutch-grass* in the same sense.

1685 *Phil. Trans.* XV. 957 It has turned the Bog into a green sod, with a very fine scutch grass on it. 1763 *Museum Rust.* I. lxx. 307 It is only fit for wet, or bog lands, growing from every joint, like the scutch, or couch grass. 1785 TAUSLER *Mod. Times* II. 105 What he could not lay down properly, he suffered nature to lay down for him with scutch grass, thistles and docks. *a* 1889 'CUTHBERT BEDE' (Webster 1897), The smoke of the burning scutch.

2. a. *dial.* Rubbish (see *Eng. Dial. Dict.*). **b.** *Glue-making.* (See quot.)

1883 R. HALDANE *Workshop Rec.* Ser. II. 301/2 The matter left in the pans after boiling is termed 'scutch'.

Scutch (skʊtʃ), *v.*[1] Now chiefly *dial.* Also 8–9 **skutch.** [Of somewhat uncertain etymology. Commonly assumed to be a transferred use of SCUTCH *v.*[2], which, though later in our quots., must from its etymology have existed at least from the 15th c. This is not impossible (cf. *thrash*), but more probably the present verb is an independent onomatopœic formation: cf. *scotch* vb.]

trans. To strike with a stick or whip, to slash, switch. Also *intr.* to strike *at*.

1611 COTGR., *Singler*,..also, to switch,..scutch, or scourge with a rod. 1643 Z. BOYD *Battle Newburn* (1853) 12 The Scots them scutcht both upon back and shoulder. 1652 BROME *City Wit* I. i. A 6, What Scold hath scutch'd thy skonce? 1746 J. COLLIER (Tim Bobbin) *Misc. Wks.* (1775) 57 Shou'd they naw be..scutcht with' seme Rod wi'ther Clarks? 1829 J. HUNTER *Hallamsh. Gloss., Scutch*, to strike with a thin switch, which is often done to snakes by cruel boys. 1867 BRIERLEY *Daisy Nook Sk.* 53 He skutcht at him wi' his whip. 1886 C. SCOTT *Sheep-farming* 204 The master should always give his orders in an even, calm voice, devoid of passion, so that the dog cannot tell from his tone whether he is to be scutched or not.

Scutch (skʊtʃ), *v.*[2] Also **skutch.** [a. OF. **escoucher, escousser*: see SCUTCH *sb.*[2]]

1. *trans.* To dress (fibrous material, flax, hemp, cotton, silk, wool) by beating.

1733 [see SCUTCHING *vbl. sb.*[3]]. 1763 in *Scottish Forfeited Estates Papers* (S. H. S. 1909) 225 A person skilled in raising, breaking, scutching and heckling of lint. 1812 SCOTT *Fam. Lett.* 23 Jan. (1894) I. 242 A heckle is the many-toothed implement with which hemp is broken and scutched. 1844 G. DODD *Textile Manuf.* v. 159 When the heads of flax are ready for working, they are 'scutched' out at the ends. 1880 O. CRAWFURD *Portugal, Old & New* 194 Some portion of the flax..is broken and skutched by hand. 1884 *Spectator* 26 Apr. 548 Wool must be scutched to be worn.

absol. 1808 *Ann. Reg., Charac.* 101 To try whether any improvement can be made in the mode of skutching. 1839 URE *Dict. Arts* 345 Indeed, each machine not only beats, scutches, but blows.

2. *Tanning.* (See quot.)

1688 HOLME *Armoury* III. 86/1 Scutching the Bark is, cleansing it from Moss, and the rough crusty outward Bark.

3. To strike the grain from (ears of corn). Cf. SCUTCHER[2] 2.

1844 H. STEPHENS *Bk. Farm* II. 271 The feeder-in supplies the mill in small quantities with the stick, so as the roughs may have time to be thoroughly scutched by the drum.

4. *Comb.*: **scutch-mill, -rake** (see quot. 1858).

1852 *Act* 15 & 16 *Vict.* c. 34 For the Erection of Buildings suitable to Scutch Mills for Flax in Ireland. 1858 SIMMONDS *Dict. Trade, Scutch-mill*, a mill for preparing flax. *Scutch-rake*, a flax dresser's implement.

Hence **Scutched** *ppl. a.*

1853 URE *Dict. Arts* (ed. 4) I. 785 A holder, containing a strick of scutched flax.

† **Scutchane'le** *v. Obs.* [f. *scutchanele*, obs. f. COCHINEAL.] *trans.* To colour with cochineal.

1596 NASHE *Saffron Walden* I 1 b, To haue scutchaneled and painted his pickerdeuant.

Scutchenel, obs. form of COCHINEAL.

Scutcheon (skʊ·tʃən), *sb.*[1] Forms: 4 scochoun, 4–5 scochon, 5 skochonne, 6 scocheon(e, scotchion, -yon, skotcheon, 7 scotcheon; 4–5 skochen, 5–6 scochen, 6 schochen; 5 scoochion, 6 schoocheon, skoochion; 5 scotchyne, 5–6 skochyn; (5 scogion, scogen, skecon, squechon); 5 scouchon, 6 scoucheon, scou(t)chin, skouchin; 5 scuchon, 6 schuchion, scuchen, -in, -ion, skuchin, skuttchin, 6–7 scutchin, -ion, 7 schucheon, scutshion, skutchin, 6– scutcheon. Sometimes written '*scutcheon*. [Aphetic variant of ESCUTCHEON.]

1. = ESCUTCHEON 1. Formerly often † *scutcheon of arms.*

a 1366 CHAUCER *Rom. Rose* 893 With losenges and scochouns. *c* 1380 WYCLIF *Wks.* (1880) 99 For as scottis token þe skochen of armes of seynt george & here-bi traieden englischemen, so [etc.]. 1395 *E. E. Wills* (1882) 4 Tapites of iute,..ypouthered with chapes and scochons, in the corners, of myn Auncestres armes. 1459 *Paston Lett.* I. 477 Item, j. ball of coper gilt, embrauded rechely with j. skogen hongyng therbi. *c* 1470 *Rauf Coilȝear* 684 Greit Squechonis on hicht, Anamalit and weill dicht. 1486 *Bk. St. Albans, Her.* b iv, Fesy target is whan a scogion or an engislet is made in the myddull of the cootarmure. *Ibid.* e iii b, It shall be shewyt in thys scoochon next folowyng. 1529 MORE *Suppl. Soulys* Wks. 335/2 Setting vp oure skouchin & cote armours on yᵉ wall. 1527 in Gage *Hengrave* (1822) 47 For xiij skuttchens with armes. 1540 WRIOTHESLEY *Chron.* (Camden) I. 112 Which were all rychlie hanged with schuchions and targattes and banners. 1548 ELYOT *Dict., Scutulum*, a littell shielde or scouchin. 1555 EDEN *Decades* (Arb.) 342 The scuchen of armes gyuen to Colon by Don Ferdinando. 1578 LYTE *Dodoens* IV. xxviii. 485 The leaues be smal and tender (triangled like a scuchion). 1588 SHAKS. *L. L. L.* v. ii. 567 My Scutcheon plaine declares that I am Alisander. 1601 LYLY *Love's Metam.* I. i, I will hang my Skutchin on this tree in honour of Ceres. 1602 DEKKER *Satirom.* B 1 b, They [*sc.* flowers] sticke like the scutchions of madame chastity, on the sable ground. 1611 CORYAT *Crudities* 318 Betwixt two golden scutchins ouer the dore. 1646 SIR T. BROWNE *Pseud. Ep.* V. i. 233 In the Crest and Scucheon of many Noble families. 1682 BUNYAN *Holy War* (1905) 218 His Scutcheon was the three burning Thunder-Bolts. ? 1718 POPE *Let. to Dk. Buckhm.* Lett. (1737) 199 A vast arch'd window beautifully darken'd with divers scutcheons of painted glass. 1808 SCOTT *Marm.* I. xii, And on the gibbet-tree reversed His foeman's scutcheon tied. 1820 KEATS *St. Agnes* xxiv, A shielded scutcheon blush'd with blood of queens and kings.

b. *fig.* = ESCUTCHEON 1 b.

c 1440 *Gesta Rom.* liv. 236 (Harl. MS.) God haviþe iij. scochens, scil. [the] powere, the whiche is the scochon of the fadir; he hathe wisdome, þe which is þe scochon of the sone [etc.]. 1683 *Apol. Prot. France* iv. 18 Had not Heresie, ..been so great a blot in her Scotcheon. 1780 BURKE *Sp. Œcon. Reform.* Wks. III. 246 Carefully avoiding a sort of blot in their scutcheon, which they think would degrade them for ever. 1838 *J. M. Wilson's Tales Borders* IV. 151 You have blotted..the proudest scutcheon of England. 1843 LYTTON *Last Bar.* IV. v, A scutcheon as stainless as the best.

c. *transf.*

a 1678 MARVELL *Clorinda & D.* 3, I have a grassy Scutcheon spy'd, Where Flora blazons all her Pride.

† **d.** Used for: A shield. *Obs.*

1600 HOLLAND *Livy* v. 215 Here are the fires of Vesta, here be the scutcheons come downe from heaven.

2. A hatchment. = ESCUTCHEON 2.

1711 in Macgill *Old Ross-sh.* (1909) 152 Ane accompt off the Laird of Balnagowns ffuneral charges, .. Wm. Kerr painter in Nairne for Scutchins. 1739 H. WALPOLE *Let. to R. West* 21 Apr. *Priv. Corr.* (1820) I. 19 The burial..was a most vile thing...No plumes,..led horses, scutcheons, or open chariots. 1781 COWPER *Hope* 265 The busy heralds hang the sable scene With mournful 'scutcheons. 1814 BYRON *Lara* I. iii, A hundred scutcheons deck with gloomy grace The Laras' last and longest dwelling place. 1814 SCOTT *Ld. of Isles* II. xxviii, It..Rends Honour's scutcheon from thy hearse. 1850 THACKERAY *Kickleburys* (1851) 7 When Sir Thomas Kicklebury died..who does not remember the scutcheon with the coronet..that flamed over No. 36?

† **3.** A badge. *Obs.*

1442 *Coventry Leet Bk.* 200 Sub Condicione quod habeant vnum Trumpet, prout infra fit mencio etc. & les skecons sub securitate inventa habebunt etc. 1530 PALSGR. 267/2 Scochen a badge, *escuisson.* 1594 G. ELLIS in *Bucclench MSS.* (Hist. MSS. Comm.) 25 He is upon a journey, messenger like, with a skuchin on his breast. 1598 GRENEWEY *Tacitus, Germanie* vi. 270 For a skutchion of their superstition, they carry the pictures of wilde Boares.

4. Anything shaped like an escutcheon. † **a.** A brooch. *Obs.*

1483 *Cath. Angl.* 326/1 A scuchon, *monile*, & cetera, vbi a bruche.

† **b.** *Arch.* (See quots.)

1565 COOPER *Thesaurus*, *Tholos*,..a scochen in the middes of a timber vaute where the postes reste. 1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr., Thole*, a knot in the midst of a timber vault, where the ends of the posts meet, called a Scutchin.

c. *Horticulture.* A piece of bark cut more or less in the form of a shield, and bearing a bud, for grafting between the wood and the bark of a stock. = ESCUTCHEON 3 d and SHIELD *sb.*

[After F. *en écusson* (16th c. in Littré).]

1572 MASCALL *Plant. & Graff.* v. 34 The foarth maner to graffe..is to graffe in the scutchion. *Ibid.* 35 With the pointe of a sharpe knyfe softly raise the sayd shield or scutchion, round about, with the oylet in the middest. 1658 EVELYN *Fr. Gard.* (1675) 63 After your scutcheon has put forth its first sap, you may prune it at top. 1706 LONDON & WISE *Retir'd Gard.* I. 162 The Figure of a Scutcheon ought to resemble that of a V, when 'tis taken off from the Stock with its young Shoot. 1759 MILLS tr. *Duhamel's Husb.* I. ii. (1762) 4 The tree might be grafted by a scutcheon.

† **d.** The plate of a gun-lock. *Obs.*

1632 in Rymer *Fœdera* XIX. 315 For a whole Worke, consisting of the Pan, the cover of the Pan, the Scutchion, and the screw Pynn. 1783 JUSTAMOND tr. *Raynal's Hist. Indies* IV. 82 Placentia..at present..supplies fourteen thousand four hundred [fire-locks], with the scutcheons of their locks.

e. A key-hole plate, a name-plate, etc. = ESCUTCHEON 3 c.

1706 PHILLIPS (ed. Kersey), *Scutchion*,..a small Plate of Iron or Brass to be set before a Lock. 1794 W. FELTON *Carriages* (1801) I. 162 The Keyhole is covered with a double Scutcheon. 1842 FRANCIS *Dict. Arts*, etc., *Scutcheon*,..an ornament put round a key hole, door handle, knob of a door, or other similar object. 1851 TURNER *Dom. Archit.* II. i. 10 The scutcheons of locks are frequently ornamented. 1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.* 2078 *Scutcheon*, a name plate on a coffin, pocket-knife, or other object.

f. *Zool.* A large scale or bony plate, a scute.

1846 *Amer. Jrnl. Sci.* Ser. II. I. 368 The head and anterior part of the body [of this fossil fish] are covered with large osseous plates or scutcheons. *Ibid.* 369 The central lateral scutcheon plates. 1851 MANTELL *Petrifactions* v. § ii. 448 The teeth, spines, or fin-rays, tubercles and scutcheons, vertebrae,..are the only parts preserved in a fossil state.

5. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as (sense 1) *scutcheon fashion*; (sense 4 b) *scutcheon-graft* sb. and vb., *-grafting*; (sense 4 d) *scutcheon lock*; also *scutcheon-like* adj., *scutcheonwise* adv.

1614 SELDEN *Titles Hon.* 353 The Baron is made by giuing him a square Ensigne, or Banner, but the Banneret, by an Ensigne in *Scutchion fashion. 1706 LONDON & WISE *Retir'd Gard.* I. 169 Make use of the Slit or the *Scutcheon-Graft. 1727 *Bradley's Fam. Dict.* s.v. *Grafting*, Let them be *Scutcheon-grafted. 1706 LONDON & WISE *Retir'd Gard.* I. 159 In *Scutcheon-grafting we cut the Body of the Stock to Four Inches. 1600 SURFLET *Country Farm* III. xvii. 454 The *scutcheon like graft. 1851 MANTELL *Petrifactions* v. § 2. 439 [*Blochius longirostris*] has..scutcheon-like scales. 1850 CHUBB *Locks & Keys* 9 There is one adaptation of the principle of this lock, designed as a '*scutcheon lock'. 1693 EVELYN *De La Quint. Compl. Gard.* I. 10 The most common and best Method of Graffing, is either cleftwise, or *Scutcheonwise.

Scu·tcheon, *sb.*[2] *Arch.* (*Hist.*) Modernized form of ME. *scochon, scouchon*, etc.: see SCUNCHEON.

1850 *Parker's Gloss. Archit.* (ed. 5) I. 417 *Scutcheon*,..an old name for the angles of buildings or parts of buildings, such as window-jambs, &c., but apparently for those only which are more obtuse than right angles.

† **Scu·tcheon,** *v. Obs.* (? *nonce-wd.*) [f. SCUTCHEON *sb.*[1]] *trans.* To trick *out* on a scutcheon.

1596 NASHE *Saffron Walden* Q 4 b, To approue his Heraldrie [he] scutchend out the honorable Armes of the smoakie Societie.

Scutcheoned (skʊ·tʃənd), *ppl. a.* [f. SCUTCHEON *sb.* + -ED[1].]

1. Furnished or decorated with scutcheons.

1813 SCOTT *Trierm.* III. xv, The scutcheon'd emblems which it bore, Had suffer'd no decay. 1863 WHITTIER *Countess* 148 Far off her lover sleeps as still Within his scutcheoned tomb.

2. *Zool.* Bearing scutcheons or scutes.

1846 *Amer. Jrnl. Sci.* Ser. II. I. 371 This is so far as we know, not only the first instance of finding scutcheoned fishes in this country, but also [etc.].

Scutcheonless (skʊ·tʃənlĕs), *a.* [f. SCUTCHEON *sb.* + -LESS.] Having no scutcheon.

1692 E. WALKER tr. *Epictetus' Enchir.* XXX, No honour ..shall I have, But 'Scoch'onless descend into the Grave.

† **Scu·tcheonry.** *Obs. rare.* [f. SCUTCHEON *sb.* + -RY.] Emblazoned figures collectively.

1827 POLLOCK *Course T.* x. (1860) 280 Reading the fiery scutcheonry that blazed On high, upon the great celestial bow.

† **Scu·tcher**[1]. *Obs.* [f. SCUTCH *v.*[1] + -ER[1].] A stick, a whip.

1611 COTGR., *Verge*,..a whisker, switch, or scutcher, to ride with. *Ibid.* s.v. *Singlant.*

Scu·tcher[2] (skʊ·tʃəɹ). Also **scotcher, skutcher.** [f. SCUTCH *v.*[2] Cf. OF. **escouchoir*, in 15th c. *escoussour* flail.]

1. An implement or apparatus for scutching.

Variously applied to: A hand tool for scutching flax or hemp, a scutch-blade; one of a number of projections on a revolving drum or axle in a scutching-machine; a machine (of various kinds) for scutching flax, silk, cotton, etc.

1766 *Compl. Farmer* s.v. *Hemp* A 3/1 The workman..strikes it with the sharpened edge of a long, flat, and strait piece of wood, commonly called a swingle hand, or scutcher. 1771 *Encycl. Brit.* II. 604/2 A lint-mill with horizontal scutchers upon a perpendicular axle. 1825 J. NICHOLSON *Oper. Mech.* 379 A scotcher, revolving rapidly upon its axis, strikes the cotton with its two edges. 1856 *Farmer's Mag.* Nov. 379 It is grasped at the proper moment by the holding apparatus of the second pair of the scutchers. 1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.* 2079 *Scutcher*..a beating-engine, in which floss and refuse silk..is brought to a downy condition.

attrib. 1839 URE *Dict. Arts* 347, GH and MN are the two scutcher frames.

2. The part of a thrashing machine which strikes off the grain.

1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) XVIII. 507/1 While the scutchers strike off the grain from the straw as it passes through. 1844 H. STEPHENS *Bk. Farm* II. 285 The essential parts of the thrashing apparatus, the feeding-rollers and the beater or scutcher. 1861 SMILES *Engineers* II. 110 Mr. Oxley is said to have afterwards tried the plan of stripping the corn from the straw by means of a scutcher.

3. A person employed in scutching.

1847 NICHOLLS in *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* VIII. II. 457 Having a slit..into which the scutcher slips the flax. 1891 S. WEBB in *Econ. Jrnl.* I. 641 Average Earnings per Week in 1885 of Scutchers.

† **Scu·tchery.** *Obs.* Knavery. (Chiefly in Nashe.)

1594 NASHE *Unfort. Trav.* C, Yet left I not here, but committed a little more scutcherie. 1594 — *Terrors of Nt.* E iij b, Now that he [Senior Sathan] is thoroughly steeled in his scutcherie he playes aboue board boldly. 1595 [J. DANDO & H. RUNT] *Maroccus Ext.* (Percy Soc.) 15 His private scutcherie wounds not the commonwealth farther than that his whoore shall haue a house rent free.

† **Scu·tchin.** *Obs.* ? Corruption of CUTCH[1], catechu.

1818 *Art Bookbinding* 78 Add half a pint of the spirits of wine, and one pennyworth of yellow scutchin.

Scutchin, -el, obs. ff. SCUTCHEON, COCHINEAL.

Scu·tching, *vbl. sb.*[1] [f. SCUTCH *v.*[1] + -ING[1].] The action of SCUTCH *v.*[1]

1611 COTGR., *Singlement*,..a whisking, lashing, lerking, scutching. 1641 R. BAILLIE *Lett. & Jrnls.* (Bannatyne Cl.) I. 326 Discourse falling in concerning the Deputie's scutching of a gentleman with a rod. 1641 HINDE *J. Bruen* xi. 36 Not to be fierce and furious..in immoderate..scutching and lashing.

Scutching (skʊ·tʃiŋ), *vbl. sb.*[2] [f. SCUTCH *v.*[2]]

1. The action of SCUTCH *v.*[2]; the process of beating flax stalks to get rid of the straw and prepare the fibre for hackling; the similar operation applied to hemp, cotton, silk, etc.

1733 P. LINDSAY *Interest Scot.* 159 There must be at every Mill, besides the Boys that attend the breaking and scutch-

ing of the Mill, at least, two or three skilful Flax-dressers. 1766 *Compl. Farmer* s. v. *Hemp* A 3/1 After the hemp has been broken, it undergoes a second operation, which is commonly termed swingling or scutching. 1836 L. Hebert *Engin. & Mech. Encycl.* I. 539 The hand methods of breaking and scotching of flax. 1844 G. Dodd *Textile Manuf.* i. 26 This process called 'scutching', or 'batting' or 'blowing'—is effected in various ways:—The cotton is laid [etc.]. 1851–4 *Tomlinson's Cycl. Usef. Arts* (1867) I. s. v. *Hemp*, The after processes of scutching and heckling [*sc.* hemp and flax] are likewise similar.

concr. 1887 Jamieson Suppl., *Scutchings, Scutchins*, refuse lint or flax that remains after the process of scutching; waste tow.

2. *attrib.*, as *scutching apparatus, arm, barrel, board, machine, mill, season*; † **scutching knife**, a tanner's tool (cf. Scutch *v.*[2] 2); **scutching shaft**, in a cotton mill, the revolving shaft which carries the first beater; **scutching-stock**, the support on which the flax or hemp is placed in a scutching machine; **scutching-sword**, a scutch-blade; **scutching tow**, the refuse of flax after scutching.

1812 Sir J. Sinclair *Syst. Husb. Scot.* II. App. 48 The wheels and *scutching apparatus. 1839 Ure *Dict. Arts* 346 This last fan is suppressed in many blowing machines, as the *scutching arms supply a sufficient stream of air. *Ibid.*, In the figure we see the feed-cloth, the *scutching barrel, the squirrel suction [etc.]. 1854 Delamer *Flax & Hemp* 66 The *écouche-pied*, or *scutching-board. 1688 Holme *Armoury* III. 350/2 Instruments belonging to the Tanners Trade; the first is a *scutching Knife. 1837 *Penny Cycl.* VIII. 95/1 The *scutching machine is used to open the locks of cotton and separate its fibres. 1847 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* VIII. 457 The growers, after having steeped their flax at home, send it to some *scutching-mill to be dressed. 1851–4 *Tomlinson's Dict. Usef. Arts* (1867) I. 452/2 The *scutching-shaft, makes 2,000 turns per minute. 1771 *Encycl. Brit.* II. 604/2 This sloping stroke is got by raising the *scutching-stock some inches higher than the centre of the axle. 1875 Knight *Dict. Mech.* 2079 Scutching is performed with the *scutching sword *a* held in the right hand. 1853 Ure *Dict. Arts* (ed. 4) I. 789 The yield was 187 lbs. of flax; and of *scutching tow, 12 lbs. 6½ oz. fine.

Scutchion, obs. form of Scutcheon.

Scute (skiūt), *sb.* Also 7 sceute, skute. [ad. L. *scūtum* shield, whence OF. *escut, escu* (F. *écu*).]

1. An English name for the French coin called *écu*: see Écu, Escu. *Obs.* exc. *Hist.*

c 1400 *Three Kings of Cologne* 100 As men clepe in þis contrey gold of biȝende þe see Scutys, Motouns or floryns. 1420 *Treaty of Troyes* in Rymer *Fœdera* (1709) IX. 916 The forsayd Katerine shall take and haue Douer in our Roiaulme of Englond..to the Somme of forty Mill. Scutes be Vere; of the whiche Tweyne algates shall be worth a Noble Englyssh. *c* 1483 Caxton *Dialogues* 17 Scutes of the kyng [F. *escutz du roy*], Ryallis nobles of englond. *c* 1522 Skelton *Why Nat to Courte* 167 With scutes and crownes of gold I drede we are bought and solde. 1549–50 Edw. VI *Jrnl.* Rem. (Roxb.) 251 The French to pay 200,000 scutes within three days after the delivery of Boullein. 1606 G. W[oodcocke] *Lives Emperors* in *Hist. Justine* L 1 4, The King of England demanded of the Emperor interest for fiue hundred thousand skutes which he had borrowed. 1611 Speed *Hist. Gt. Brit.* IX. xv. (1623) 812 Forty thousand sceutes, that is, two to a Noble. 1671 H. M. tr. *Erasm. Colloq.* 80 Peter bought a maids kiss for a scute [orig. *scutato emit*].

¶ **b.** Used as a (? jocular) name for an English coin; ? a crown. *Obs.*

1472 Sir J. Paston *Let.* 8 Jan. in *P. Lett.* III. 33, I beseche yow to remember my brother to doo hys deveyr thatt I maye have agayn my stuffe,..how so evyr he doo, thoghe I scholde gyffe xx^ti Scutes by hys advyse to my Lady Brandon. 1472 — *Let.* 22 Nov. *Ibid.* 64, I thynke verrely to come to gyff him xx scutys.

c. Used vaguely for a coin of small value.

1594 Nashe *Christ's T.* To Rdr. *ij b, Therein I imitate rich men who hauing gathered store of white single money together, conuert a number of those small little scutes into great peeces of gold, such as double Pistols and Portugues. 1596 — *Saffron-Walden* Q 1, The diuell a scute had he to pay the reckoning. 1605 Chapman *All Fools* v. i. H 4 b, And from a paire of Gloues of halfe a crowne To twenty crownes: will to a very scute Smell out the price. 1834 Sir H. Taylor *Artevelde* I. i. iii, Five hundred marks—I'll bate you not a scute.

† **2.** An escutcheon. *Obs.*

1575 Gascoigne *Posies, Flowers* 51 He..hare the selfe same armes that I dyd quarter in my scute.

3. A disk, small piece. Now only *dial.*, a small patch of leather on the sole of a boot or shoe; also, a metal heel- or toe-plate. (See *Eng. Dial. Dict.*)

In the first quot. prob. merely *transf.* from sense 1.

1635 T. Heywood *Hierarchie* IX. 574 Round scutes of horne, and pieces of old leather. 1775 Ash, *Scute*,..a small piece of leather set on a shoe.

4. *Zool.* A large scale or bony plate, forming part of the integument of certain animals, as the tortoise, armadillo, echinoderms, various fishes, etc.

1848 Owen in *Times* 14 Nov. 8/6 Without scales, scutes, or other conspicuous modifications of hard and naked cuticle. 1870 Gillmore tr. *Figuier's Reptiles & Birds* I. 10 The stiff epidermal scutes crossing the under surface of the body. 1873 Mivart *Elem. Anat.* 278 The 'scales' of Fishes should rather be termed 'scutes'. 1887 *Encycl. Brit.* XXII. 107/2 A scute is a hardening of the outermost portion of the dermis, with an investment from the deepest layer of the epidermis.

Scute, obs. form of Scout *sb.*[3]

Scutel (skiū·tel). [ad. mod.L. *scūtellum.*]

1. *Ent.* = Scutellum 2.

1806 Turton tr. *Linn. Syst. Nat.* VII. Expl. Terms, *Scutel*, the portion on the back of an insect which is situated between the thorax and abdomen. 1862 T. W. Harris *Insects Injur. Veget.* (ed. 3) 23 The wings of beetles are covered and concealed by a pair of horny cases or shells, meeting in a straight line on the top of the back, and usually having a little triangular or semicircular piece, called the scutel, wedged between their bases. 1875 *De Saussure's Synopsis Amer. Wasps* 160 Scutel flat. Post-scutel arcuate on its posterior border.

2. *Bot.* = Scutellum 1.

1819 *Pantologia.* 1900 B. D. Jackson *Gloss. Bot. Terms.*

Scutel(l, obs. forms of Scuttle *sb.*[1]

‖ **Scutella** (skiū·telă). Pl. **scutellæ.** [mod.L.; originally a use of L. *scutella* platter, but mistaken for a dim. of L. *scūtum* shield, and hence altered in application.] = Scutellum in various senses.

1771 *Encycl. Brit.* II. 224/2 They [*sc.* snakes] have a number of scuta, or hard crusts, on the belly; and scutellæ, or scales, on the tail. 1837 P. Keith *Bot. Lex.* s. v. *Scutella*, The little shields or cups found on the thalli of the Lichens, are by botanists designated scutellæ. 1859 Darwin *Orig. Spec.* i. (1878) 16 The number of scutellæ on the toes.

Scutellar (skiū·telăr), *a. Ent.* [f. Scutellum + -ar.] Of or pertaining to a scutellum.

1826 Kirby & Sp. *Entomol.* III. xxxv. 561 Another nervure ..appears to diverge upwards from the scutellar angle to the Intermediate Area.

Scutellarin (skiū·telărin). *Chem.* [f. mod.L. *Scutellaria* (f. *scutella* dish) + -in.] (See quot.)

1883 Martindale *Extra Pharmacop.* 240 Scutellarin... The dried extract of *Scutellaria lateriflora*—mad-dog skull-cap..given as a nervous stimulant.

Scutellate (skiū·telēt), *a.* [ad. mod.L. *scutellātus*, orig. f. L. *scutella* platter, but apprehended as f. Scutellum: see -ate. Cf. Scutulate.]

1. *Bot.* (See quots.)

1785 Martyn *Rousseau's Bot.* xxxii. 497 The sections of the genus [Lichens] are,..2. Scutellate, or such as have little shields, or roundish receptacles with a rim. 1821 W. P. C. Barton *Flora N. Amer.* I. 79 Calix scutellate as in the whole genus. 1857 A. Gray *First Less. Bot.* (1866) Gloss., *Scutellate*..saucer-shaped or platter-shaped. 1887 W. Phillips *Brit. Discomyc.* 284 Cup superficial,..sessile, scutellate. *Ibid.* Gloss., *Scutellate*, formed like a dish or saucer, orbicular and nearly flat.

2. *Zool.* a. *Ent.* Of an insect: 'Having a visible scutellum'. 1826 Kirby & Sp. *Entomol.* IV. 332.

b. *Ornith.* Of the feet of birds: Covered with scutella.

1872 Coues *Key N. Amer. Birds* 46 A tarsus so furnished is said to be scutellate, before or behind, or both. 1893 Newton *Dict. Birds* 511 The *podotheca* or covering of the tarsus, which is scutellate behind as well as in front.

c. Of certain structures: Shaped like a platter.

1849–52 *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* IV. 4/2 Amœba enclosed in an urceolate or scutellate shell. 1856–8 W. Clark *Van der Hoeven's Zool.* I. 48 *Arcella*, Ehrenb. Lorica scutellate, globose, or hemispherical.

Scutellated (skiū·telēt-ėd), *ppl. a.* [f. prec. + -ed[1].] = prec.

1729 Woodward *Catal. For. Fossils* II. 28 It seems to be part of the scutellated Bone of a Sturgeon. 1872 Coues *Key N. Amer. Birds* 11 Thrushes with booted tarsi, and thrushes with scutellated tarsi.

Scutellation (skiūtelē·ʃən). *Zool.* [f. Scutellate *a.*: see -ation.] **a.** Scutellate formation (of the feet of birds). **b.** Arrangement of scutes or scales (in lizards, serpents, etc.).

1872 Coues *Key N. Amer. Birds* 47 The Crus, when bare below, may present scutellation. 1882 Günther in *Encycl. Brit.* XIV. 733/2 Scutellation similar to that of the skinks. 1887 — *Ibid.* XXII. 195/2 The Venomous Colubrine snakes which combine with the possession of a perfect poison apparatus the scutellation and general appearance of the typical non-poisonous snakes.

Scutelliform (skiūtel·ifōm), *a.* [f. Scutellum + -form.] Having the form of a scutellum.

1826 Kirby & Sp. *Entomol.* III. xxxv. 538 In many of the species here quoted the prothorax is producted posteriorly into a long scutelliform horizontal horn. 1830 Lindley *Nat. Syst. Bot.* 212 The cuculli were also observable, but still very small and green, nearly scutelliform. 1882 *Encycl. Brit.* XIV. 554/1 The disciform apothecia..present various shapes.., (*a*) peltate..(*b*) *lecanorine*, or scutelliform.

Scutellum (skiūtel·ŏm). Pl. **scutella.** [mod. L.; app. in origin a supposed correction of *scutella* (see Scutella), due to the notion that this was a dim. of L. *scūtum* shield; the applications are based on the rendering 'little shield'.

The correct L. dim. of *scūtum* was *scūtulum*, which some mod. scientific writers have adopted as a basis for derivatives, using, e. g., Scutulate instead of *scutellate.*]

1. *Bot.* a. (See quots.)

1760 Lee *Introd. Bot.* III. xxii. (1765) 227 *Scutellum*, a small Buckler, which is a concave orbiculate Fructification, the Margin of which is elevated on every Side. 1793 Martyn *Lang. Bot.*, *Scutellum*...An orbicular concave fructification (in some Lichens). 1866 in *Treas. Bot.*

b. An anterior cotyledon in certain grasses.

1832 Lindley *Introd. Bot.* I. ii. 191 In wheat there is a second small cotyledon on the outside of the embryo, inserted a little lower down than the scutelliform cotyledon. This last is called scutellum by Gærtner, who considered it of the nature of vitellus. 1880 Bessey *Bot.* 451 The first leaf of the young plant (the cotyledon or scutellum). 1882 Vines tr. *Sachs' Bot.* 620 In Grasses, however, the whole of the plumule projects from the seed, the scutellum only remaining behind in it.

c. (See quot.)

1900 B. D. Jackson *Gloss. Bot. Terms*, *Scutellum*..the conical cap of the endosperm in Cycadeae.

2. *Zool.* a. *Ent.* The third of the four sclerites composing any segment of the tergum of an insect; usually, the mesoscutellum.

1819 Samouelle *Entomol. Compend.* 266 Two stripes near the scutellum. 1896 tr. *Boas' Zool.* 259 A triangular median portion of the mesothorax (scutellum) remains uncovered.

b. *Ornith.* One of the horny plates which cover the feet of certain birds.

1840 Macgillivray *Man. Brit. Ornith.* I. 64 Toes short, feathered, all with two scutella at the end. 1884 Coues *Key N. Amer. Birds* (ed. 2) 249 *Mimus*...Tarsal scutella always distinct.

Scutibranchiate (skiūtibræ·ŋkiĕt), *a.* and *sb.* [f. mod.L. *Scūtibranchiāta* neut. pl., f. *scūt-um* shield + *branchiæ* gills: see -ate[2].] **a.** *adj.* Pertaining to the *Scutibranchiata*, a group of gasteropods comprising the sea-ears and limpets. **b.** *sb.* A member of this group.

1836 *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* II. 391/1 With the exception of the Scutibranchiate..orders, the heart is single. 1883 *Science* II. 22/1 It treats of..scutibranchiate limpets.

Also, in the same senses, **Scutibra·nchian** *a.* and *sb.*; **Scutibranch** (skiū·tibræŋk) *a.* and *sb.*

1839 *Penny Cycl.* XIV. 322/1 The third class, Gastropods, are divided into the following orders and suborders:—..Scutibranchians.

† **Scu·tifer.** *Obs.* Also 5 **skotifer, skottefer.** [a. med.L. *scūtifer*, f. L. *scūtum* shield + *-fer, ferre* to carry.] A shield-bearer; one who bears his master's shield.

a 1400 *Morte Arth.* 2468 Skayres thaire skottefers, and theire skowtte-waches. *Ibid.* 3034 Skotiferis. *c* 1450 *Brut* 540 Scutifers of þe Kynges house. *c* 1450 Holland *Howlat* 691 Scutiferis and sqwyeris, and hachilleris blyth.

Scutiferous (skiūti·fĕrəs), *a.* [f. med.L. *scūtifer* (see prec.) + -ous. Cf. -ferous.]

1. 'That bears a Buckler or Shield' (Blount *Glossogr.* 1656).

2. *Zool.* = Scutigerous (*Cent. Dict.* 1891).

Scutiform (skiū·tifōm), *a.* Chiefly *Anat.* [ad. mod.L. *scūtiformis*, f. *scūt-um* shield + *forma*: see -form.] Shield-shaped.

1656 Blount *Glossogr.*, *Scutiform*, fashioned like a Scutcheon or Shield. 1696 Phillips (ed. 5) *Scutiform Gristle*, the first, the broadest and the biggest of the two Gristles of the Larynx, resembling a Buckler. 1826 Kirby & Sp. *Entomol.* IV. xlvi. 330 A single joint of the hand is dilated into a broad scutiform plate. 1822–34 *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 4) I. 382 Two flat plates, composing the thyroid or scutiform cartilage. 1882 Vines tr. *Sachs' Bot.* 447 The two upper give rise to the first leaf (cotyledon), which, on account of its peculiar form, is known as the 'scutiform leaf'.

So † **Scu·tifo·rmal** *a.*

1694 W. Cowper *Myotomia Ref.* 82 The Thyroidal or Scutiformal Cartilage.

‖ **Scutiger** (skiū·tidʒə). [Late L. *scūtiger* shield-bearing, f. *scūt-um* shield + *-ger, gerĕre* to carry; in med.L. used subst. for 'esquire'.]

1. *jocular nonce-use.* A squire.

1839 Syd. Smith *Ballot* Wks. 1859 II. 306/2 All set upon the unhappy scutiger; and the squire, unused to be pointed at,..is driven to the brink of suicide.

2. *Zool.* A centiped of the genus *Scutigera*; any member of the family *Scutigeridæ*.

1842 Brande *Dict. Sci.* etc., *Scutigers*, *Scutigera*, the name of a genus of unequal-legged Chilopodous Myriapods, which frequent houses..in the South of Europe.

Scutigeral (skiūti·dʒĕrăl), *a. nonce-wd.* [f. Scutiger + -al.] Pertaining to a squire.

1819 Syd. Smith *Game Laws* Wks. 1859 I. 259/2 After many years of scutigeral folly—loaded prisons—nightly battles—poachers tempted—and families ruined, these principles will finally prevail.

Scutigerous (skiūti·dʒĕrəs), *a. Zool.* [f. med. L. *scūtiger* (see Scutiger) + -ous.] Provided with a scute or with scuta (*Cent. Dict.* 1891).

Scutiped (skiū·tiped). *Ornith.* [f. L. *scūt-um* shield + *ped-em, pēs* foot.] (See quot.)

1842 Brande *Dict. Sci.* etc., *Scutipeds*, the name given by Scopoli to one of the divisions of his binary system of ornithology, including those birds which have the anterior part of the legs covered with segments of unequal horny rings terminating on each side in a groove.

Scutle, obs. form of Scuttle *sb.*[1], *sb.*[4], and *v.*[1]

Scutshion, Scutte: see Scutcheon, Scut.

Scuttel(l, obs. forms of Scuttle.

Scutter (skv·tər), *sb.* Chiefly *dial.* [f. Scutter *v.*[2]] An act of 'scuttering'; a hasty, scrambling, noisy rush.

1826 J. Wilson *Noct. Ambr.* Wks. 1855 I. 238 Ilka half-hour there was a toutin o' horns lang tin anes, I'm sure, frae the scutter o' broken-winded soun. 1847 E. Bronte *Wuthering Heights* xiii. (1850) 127 The dog's endeavour to avoid him was unsuccessful; as I guessed by a scutter down stairs, and a prolonged piteous yelping.

† **Scu·tter,** *v.*[1] *Obs. rare*[—1]. App. a var. of Squitter *v.*, *intr.* to have diarrhœa.

1565 *K. Daryus* (Brandl) 1140 Nay then I wil geue you no bread and butter. Here, take some, it will make thee to scutter.

Scutter (skv·tər), *v.*[2] *colloq.* and *dial.* [? Alteration of Scuttle *v.* with substitution of suffix -er[5].] *intr.* To go hastily with much fuss and bustle, as from excitement or timidity.

1781 in *Mrs. Delany's Corr.* Ser. II. (1862) III. 44 She staid ab^t 24 hours, then scutter'd away to Badminton. 1862 Mrs. H. Wood *Mrs. Hallib.* xxvii, The men..scuttered

down the stairs. 1892 KIPLING *Life's Handicap* 160 A whirling dust-devil would scutter across the plain for a couple of miles. 1892 JANE BARLOW *Irish Idylls* IV. 102 She scuttered off towards her dwelling.

Hence **Scu·ttering** *vbl. sb.* (also *attrib.*).

1848 W. E. FOASTER in T. W. Reid *Life* (1888) I. 232 We heard cannon firing and a mighty scuttering among the guards. 1888 FENN *Dick o' the Fens* xxvi. 364 Noises in the fen..mingled with the quacking of the ducks and the scuttering of the drakes. *Ibid.* 367 The scuttering noise made by a duck dabbling its bill in the ooze.

Scuttle (skʊ·t'l), *sb.*[1] Forms: 1, 4 **scutel**, 4–5 **scutell**, 5 **scutelle** (**scutylle**, **scwtylle**, **scotel**(**l**, **scotill**, **-ylle**, **scotle**, **schewtell**, **scuttyl**, **skuttel**, **skuttyl**), 5–6 **skottell**, (**scutle**) 6–7 **scuttell**, 6–9 **skuttle**, 6– **scuttle**. [OE. *scutel* in sense 1, prob. pronounced with (sk), ad. L. *scutella* dish, platter; the word appears in other Tent. langs.: ON. *skutill*, MDu., Du. *schotel*, MLG. *schötel*, OHG. *scuzzila* (MHG., G. *schüssel*).

The development of sense 2 is somewhat strange, but there seems no reason to doubt the identity of the word.]

†**1.** A dish, trencher, platter. *Obs.*

c 1050 *Ags. Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 280/22 *Catinus*, scutel. 14.. *Pict. Voc.* ibid. 770/21 Nomina pertinencia coquine... *Hec scutella*, a scotylle. 1701 *Cowel's Interpr.* (ed. Kennett), *Scutella*,..sax. Scutel, Scuttle, any thing of a flat and broad shape, like a Shield, especially a Plate or Dish, as [*read* a] shallow wooden Bowl or Platter is still call'd a Scuttle.

2. a. A basket for sifting or winnowing corn; hence, a large shovel to cast grain in winnowing, a casting-shovel. Now only *dial.*

1366–7 in *Finchale Priory Charters* (Surtees) p. lxxij, Et in pane equorum, cum ferrura..scutels sive pal', cribris [etc.]. 1411–12 *Durh. Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 139 In j vanga, j shouill, j scotill, j boll empt. *xd. ob.* 1427–8 *Ibid.* 142 In ij scotill empt., 6 d. 14.. *Nom.* in Wr.-Wülcker 726/7 *Hoc ventilabrum*, a scotylle. 1573 TUSSER *Husb.* (1878) 37 A skuttle or skreine, to rid soile fro the corne. 1681 WORLIDGE *Dict. Rust.* (ed. 3) s. v. *Skepe*, A *Skepe*, or *Scuttle*; a flat and broad Basket made to winnow corn withal. 1701 *Cowel's Interpr.* (ed. Kennett) s.v. *Scutella*, In Kent the broader Shovel with which they turn Malt or Corn, is call'd the Skuttle. 1819 W. & H. RAINBIRD *Agric. Suffolk* (1849) 299 (E.D.D.) *Scuttle*, the large casting shovel used in barns for moving threshed corn,..and especially for casting it from side to side of a barn the whole length of a dressing place that the light grains may fall short.

b. A large open basket wide at the mouth and narrow at the bottom, usually of wickerwork, used for carrying corn, earth, vegetables, etc.

1404 *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 398 Item in orreo..1 berlepe novum, 2 scotlys, 4 wedhokys. 1415–16 *Ibid.* 225 Pro 2 scoteles virgeis pro cova. *c* 1440 *Alphabet of Tales* 184 And he..garte þaim..make skuttels & lepis of wandis evyn vnto evyn. 1541 in J. H. Glover *Kingsthorpiana* (1883) 81 Ther be bones of dede persones dygged up wt conyes whiche would fylle a scutle. 1560 *Nottingham Rec.* (1889) IV. 124 For a skottell to serue ye tyllar, iij d. 1570 *Wills & Inv. N. C.* (Surtees) I. 318 In the Larder Howse, buttertubbes scuttles and other stuff. 1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* xxxiii. iv. II. 467 The earth and stones..they are faine to carie from under their feet in scottles and baskets, upon their shoulders. 1635 QUARLES *Embl.* III. viii. 158 Alas! aod what's a man? A scuttle full of dust. 1655 TZAAV *Voy. E. India* ix. 203, I have observed them to lay down scuttles or broad open wicker Basketts upon the ground. 1759 *Phil. Trans.* LI. 283, I had the mortification..to see all the tiles and a chimney shoot off from the house, as if shot out of a skuttle. 1814 T. HAYNES *Treat. Strawberry*, etc. (ed. 2) 40 After which, afford a good dressing with..manure..; which will most easily be performed by taking it out of scuttles or wheelbarrows on each side the bed.

c. = COAL-SCUTTLE 1.

1849 ALB. SMITH *Pottleton Leg.* vii. 46 Fourteen skuttles of coals. 1909 *Blackw. Mag.* Dec. 774/1 A brass scuttle stood by the fireplace.

d. *Comb.*, as *scuttle-carrier, -maker*; **scuttle-mouth** (see quot.).

1611 COTGR., *Hotteur*, a Basket-carrier, or *Scuttle-carrier. 1483 *Cath. Angl.* 327/1 A *Scutelle (Scutylle *A.*) maker, *scutellarius*. 1610–11 in *N. Riding Rec. Soc.* (1884) I. 208 [They] present..John Welbanck.., brewer, and Geo. Murrey .., scuttle maker..as vagrants and sturdy rogues. 1851 MAYHEW *Lond. Labour* I. 75/1 The very large shelly oysters.. were introduced from the Sussex coast...The costermongers distinguished them by the name of '*scuttle-mouths'.

Scuttle (skʊ·t'l), *sb.*[2] Forms: 5 **skottelle**, 7 **scottel**, **soutle**, 7–8 **skuttle**, 6– **scuttle**. [Of obscure origin; identical with F. *écoutille* hatchway, in 16th c. *escoutille*, = Sp. *escotilla*, Pg. *escotilha*; the sense 'scuttle' is expressed by the derivatives F. *écoutillon*, Sp. *escotillon*, Pg. *escotilhão*.

The Eng. word is commonly believed to be adopted from the Fr., and this from the Sp.; but the relation between the three, and the ultimate etymology, remain uncertain. According to a quotation given by Jal, the Fr. word formerly meant the hatch or trap-door covering the hatchway; if this was the original sense, the word might be a derivative of Du. or LG. *schutten* to shut; cf. Eng. *shuttle* (of a dam).]

1. *Naut.* A square or rectangular hole or opening in a ship's deck smaller than a hatchway, furnished with a movable cover or lid, used as a means of communication between deck and deck; also a similar hole in the deck or side of a ship for purposes of lighting, ventilation, etc.

1497 *Naval Acc. Hen. VII* (1896) 323 A chayne of yron for the skottelles of the haches. *c* 1595 CAPT. WYATT *R. Dudley's Voy. W. Ind.* (Hakluyt) 20 Wee have had in a watch in the night a fish flie into a little scuttle of a cabbin, noe bigger then the hande of a man. 1622 *Recov. of the 'Ex-change' fr. Pirates* D 3, He had ropes, and iron hookes to make fast the scottels, gratings, and cabhines. 1644 MANWAYRING *Sea-man's Dict.*, A *Scuttle* is a square hole..cut through any Hatch or any part of the Deck to goe downe by..: also for vent for the Ordnance, there are small scuttles with grateings..: Also all the little windowes and holes which are cut-out aloft in the Captaines, or Masters cabhins, are called Scuttles. 1673 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 754/1 Some hurt in his face, received when he was making a Sally out of the Scuttle, to drive the Dutch from the Deck. 1726 SHELVOCKE *Voy. round World* 51 Two small skuttles to give light into the great cabhin. 1833 M. SCOTT *Tom Cringle* xv. (1842) 355 A room..lighted by a long scuttle, or skylight, in the deck above. 1874 THEARLE *Naval Archit.* 223 *Scuttles*.. are openings by which to obtain access to certain compartments when necessary,..scuttles in some cases are covered with *cap* and in others with *flush* covers. In the former they..are termed *cap scuttles*, and in the latter. *flush scuttles*. 1899 F. T. BULLEN *Log Sea-waif* 186 The second mate..was hanging over the open scuttle, absorbed in watching the game.

b. A hole cut or bored through any part of a ship, esp. for salving the cargo. Cf. SCUTTLE *v.*[2] 2.

1780 *Phil. Trans.* LXX. 102 Several scuttles or holes in the ship's side were made..to facilitate the discharge of the ..cargo.

c. The lid of a scuttle-hole or hatchway.

1688 CLAYTON in *Phil. Trans.* XVII. 784 We hoised out a Boat, and took one of the Scuttles that cover'd one of the Hatches of the Ship. 1697 DAMPIER *Voy.* I. 474 We..took up..a small Hatch, or Scuttle rather, belonging to some Bark. 1769–80 FALCONER *Dict. Marine* II, *Ecoutille qui s'embotte*, a hatchway with a scuttle which covers its border. 1908 PAASCH *From Keel to Truck* 118 *Scuttle*,..the term is also given to the framing and the thick piece of glass (Bull's-eye) by which the aperture is closed.

2. An opening in the roof, floor, wall, etc. of a building closed with a shutter or lid; a trap-door; also the shutter of such an opening. Now only *U.S.*

1707 MORTIMER *Husb.* (1721) I. 148 For the Hole in the Door, have a small Scuttle to shut down when you go in. 1737 [implied in *scuttle hinge*, see 4 below]. 1828–32 WEBSTER, *Scuttle*, a square hole in the roof of a house, with a lid. 1877 WHITTIER *Witch of Wenham* II. xvi, She forced the oaken scuttle back; A whisper reached her ear: 'Slide down the roof to me' it said. 1902 R. STURGIS *Dict. Archit.* III. 524 Occasionally smaller skylights are in the form of glazed scuttles arranged to be opened for access to the roof.

†**3.** (See quot.) Cf. SHUTTLE.

1705 *Act* 4 & 5 *Anne* c. 8 [21], Owners..of..Mills, upon any..rivers..shall constantly keep open One Scuttle or small Hatch of a Foot Square in the Waste Hatch or Water course..for the Salmon to pass and repass freely.

4. *Comb.*: **scuttle-butt, cask** = *scuttled-butt, cask* (see SCUTTLED *ppl. a.*); **scuttle-hatch**, a lid or covering of a scuttle; **scuttle hinge**, a hinge for a scuttle or trap-door; **scuttle-hole** = sense 1.

1840 R. H. DANA *Bef. Mast* xxxii. 123 Going to the *scuttle-butt for a drink of water. 1803 *Naval Chron.* X. 183 Water from the *scuttle-cask on the quarter-deck. 1627 CAPT. SMITH *Seaman's Gram.* ii. 7 A *scuttle-hatch is a little hatch doth couer a little square hole we call the Scuttle. 1737 HOPPUS *Salmon's Country Build. Estim.* (ed. 2) 107 *Scuttle Hinges..are sold by the Dozen. 1684 I. MATHER *Rem. Prov.* 5 The *scuttle-hole of the quarter-deck. 1828 P. CUNNINGHAM *N. S. Wales* (ed. 3) II. 212 Scuttle-holes, to open and shut for the admission of air, are cut along the ship's sides.

†**Scu·ttle**, *sb.*[3] *Naut. Obs.* Also 6 **skutele**. [Of obscure origin; not easily to be connected with either of the preceding sbs.] A platform at the head of a lower mast; a 'top'.

1597 BEARD *Theatre God's Judgem.* I. ii. (1631) 4 Their carefull watchfulnesse..ought to serue them for sails, cables, ankrs, masts, and skuttles, whereby to gouerne and direct the Vessel. 1611 COTGR., *Hune*, the scuttle of the mast of a ship. 1653 URQUHART *Rabelais* II. xxviii. 181 Let down this white wine of Anjou, from the scuttle [orig. *la Hune*] of the mast of the ship. 1671 H. M. *Erasm. Colloq.* 172 On the top of the main mast stood one of the Marriners, in the skuttle [orig. *in galea*]..looking about him, if he could see any land. 1763 *Brit. Mag.* IV. 592 This mast..has at its extremity a scuttle like that of the masts of a ship.

Scuttle (skʊ·t'l), *sb.*[4] Forms: 6 **scottell**, **scuttel**(**l**, 8 **scutle**, **skuttle**, 7– **scuttle**. [Altered form of CUTTLE *sb.*[1]] Also *scuttle fish*.

1530 PALSGR. 268 Scottell a fysshe, *seiche*...Scuttell fysshe, *saiche*. 1644 DIGBY *Nat. Bodies* xxxvi. § 11. 315 The scuttle fish, when he is in straights of being taken..casteth out a blackenesse that is within him. 1712 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 476 P 4 Our Disputants put me in mind of the Skuttle Fish, that when he is unable to extricate himself, blackens all the Water about him, till he becomes invisible. 1876 GOODE *Fish. Bermudas* 10 The 'Scuttle', a large Octopus.

b. *attrib.* **Scuttle-bone, shell** = CUTTLE-BONE.

1530 PALSGR. 268 Scottell bone,..Scuttell bone, *os de saiche*. 1703 DAMPIER *Voy.* III. I. 114 We began to see some Scutle-bones floating on the Water. *Ibid.* 130 We saw..abundance of Scuttle-shells swimming on the Sea.

Scuttle (skʊ·t'l), *sb.*[5] Also 8 **skuttle**. [f. SCUTTLE *v.*[1]] The action or an act of scuttling.

1. A short hurried run.

1623 WEBSTER *D'chess Malfi* III. ii, Pluto the god of riches, When he's sent (by Jupiter)..goes limping,..but when he's sent One the diuells arraud, he rides poast, and comes in by scuttles. 1712 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 323 P 7 From Twelve to One. Shut my self up in my Chamber, practised Lady Betty Modely's Skuttle. 1755 JOHNSON, *Scuttle*...3. (From *scud.*) A quick pace; a short run; a pace of affected precipitation.

b. *Political slang.* (See SCUTTLE *v.*[1] 2.)

1884 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 30 Dec. 5/1 In other words, scuttle, if adopted as a ministerial policy, may lead to the evacuation of Downing-street, for the evacuation of Egypt is quite impossible for at least a year yet. 1892 C. RHODES in *Daily Tel.* (1901) 12 Oct. 9/7, I was horrified..to read a speech of Mr. Gladstone's evidently foreshadowing a scuttle if he came in.

2. In Manchester: A street faction-fight between bands of young people.

1864 in G. Milner *Odds & Ends* (1875) I. 43 When the boys of one street take offence at boys of another street, they often fall to fighting in a body. This is called a 'scuttle'.

Scuttle (skʊ·t'l), *v.*[1] Also (? 5 **scottle**), 7 **scutle**, 8 **skuttle**. [? Altered form of SCUDDLE *v.*[2] It is doubtful whether the 15th c. *scottle* belongs to this word, the sense being somewhat obscure.]

1. *intr.* To run with quick, hurried steps. Chiefly with *away, off*.

a 1450 [implied in SCUTTLING *vbl. sb.*[1]]. 1657 THOANLEY *Daphnis & Chloe* (1893) 21 Then she told him all that had happened; how she scutled up to Dorco; how [etc.]. 1681 OTWAY *Soldier's Fortune* I. (1683) 4 So away he scuttled with as great joy as if he had found the Philosophers stone. 1739 H. WALPOLE *Let. to R. West* 20 July, We scuttle upstairs in great confusion. 1785 GROSE *Dict. Vulgar T., Scuttle off*, to run away. 1814 SCOTT *Wav.* lxv, With the first dawn of day, old Janet was scuttling about the house to wake the Baron. 1858 R. S. SURTEES *Ask Mamma* xxi. 74 Causing the conceited hares to scuttle away for the.. hills. 1871 J. R. GREEN *Lett.* III. (1901) 278 The bit of ground..which everybody scuttles over by train. 1882 BESANT *Revolt of Man* xiv, In a moment the house was empty. It is not too much to say that the Duchess scuttled.

b. *transf.* in *Political slang.* To withdraw in a precipitate and undignified manner from the occupation or control of a country. Cf. SCUTTLE *sb.*[5] 1 b.

App. first used in 1883 with reference to the suggested abandonment by England of its control in Egypt. Still not uncommon in journalistic use.

1883 LD. R. CHURCHILL *Sp.* 18 Dec. (1889) I. 79 Now—so says Mr. Gladstone at the Guildhall—we, the Liberal Government..are going to scuttle out of this pandemonium as soon as we can. 1884 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 4 July 1/2 Even if we were going to scuttle next year from Egypt.

2. In Manchester: To take part in a 'scuttle' or street-fight. See SCUTTLE *sb.*[5] 2.

1890 *Daily News* 14 Aug. 5/1 Five men, or rather lads, were in the dock [at the Manchester City Sessions] charged with 'scuttling'...The prisoners, arming themselves with belts and clasp knives, made their way through the Manchester streets stunning or stabbing, without provocation, every one who came in their way.

Scuttle (skʊ·t'l), *v.*[2] [f. SCUTTLE *sb.*[2]]

1. *trans.* To cut or bore a hole or holes in the sides or bottom of (a vessel, boat, etc. for the purpose of sinking her).

1642 in R. H. Hore *Hist. Wexford* (1900) I. 300 He went ..on board and scuttled and set fire to the ships. 1790 BEATSON *Nav. & Mil. Mem.* I. 91 Orders had been given to scuttle each ship for sinking,..and they had all a large square plug ready to pull out when the signal..was given. 1821 BYRON *Juan* III. xli, He was the mildest manner'd man That ever scuttled ship or cut a throat. 1877 FROUDE *Short Stud.* Ser. IV. 106 The vessel..had been scuttled.

fig. 1888 *Ch. Times* 3 Feb. 89 A few of them once had a fine Protestant appearance, but they have been scuttled by three recent discoveries.

2. To cut a hole in (the deck of a vessel), esp. for the purpose of salving the cargo (see quot. 1867).

1789 A. DUNCAN *Mariner's Chron.* (1805) IV. 37 It was thought necessary to scuttle the deck close aft, which.. would enable them to get up and throw overboard some of the provisions and stores. 1816 'QUIZ' *Grand Master* I. 21 The decks are scutt'ld, and we lay Far in the hollow of the sea. 1867 SMYTH *Sailor's Word-bk.*, To *scuttle*, to cut or bore holes through part of a ship when she is stranded or overset,..in order to save any part of her contents.

b. *transf.*

a 1797 C. MACKLIN in *Europ. Mag.* (1801) XL. 16/1 Sir, I remember the time when the price of admission here (at Sadler's Wells] was but threepence, except a few places scuttled off at the sides of the stage at sixpence.

3. Pugilistic slang. *To scuttle* (a person's) *nob*: to break (his) head.

1834 F. S. MAHONY *Reliques F. Prout* in *Fraser's Mag.* Dec. 671/1 I'll..scuttle your nob with my fist. 1842 BARHAM *Ingol. Leg., Dead Drummer*, What!..desart..and then rob! And go scuttling a poor little Drummer-boy's noh.

Scuttled (skʊ·t'ld), *ppl. a. Naut.* [f. SCUTTLE *v.*[2] + -ED 1.] Having a hole cut in it. *Scuttled butt* (see quot. 1846); so *scuttled cask, puncheon*.

1743 BULKELEY & CUMMINS *Voy. S. Seas* 160 We sent ashore in a scuttled Puncheon some wearing apparel [etc.]. 1777 G. FOASTER *Voy. round World* I. 86 A centry was placed at the scuttled-cask, and a regular allowance of water was daily served out. 1840 R. H. DANA *Bef. Mast* iii, Filling the 'scuttled butt' with fresh water. 1846 YOUNG *Nant. Dict., Scuttled-butt* or (as it is generally abhreviated) *Scuttle-butt*, a cask with a square hole cut in its hilge, kept on deck to hold water for ready use.

Scuttleful (skʊ·t'lful). [f. SCUTTLE *sb.*[1] + -FUL.] As much as will fill a scuttle.

c 1440 *Alphabet of Tales* 109 He tuke a skuttylfull of corn. 1600 SUAFLET *Country Farm* II. xli. 253 You must first put horse-dung..a scuttle full to enerie border. 1897 WATTS-DUNTON *Aylwin* v. i, I thought the gift as entirely gratuitous, *mon cher*, as giving a scuttle-ful of coals to Newcastle.

Scuttler[1] (skʊ·tlə1). [f. SCUTTLE *v.*[1] + -ER 1.]

1. a. *Political slang.* One who advocates a policy of 'scuttle' (see SOUTTLE *sb.*[5] 1 b).

1884 *Pall Mall G.* 1 Dec., Thus the scuttlers..will be restrained from saying a word about scuttling.

b. *U. S.* A local name for the lizard *Cnemidophorus sexlineatus* (Cent. Dict. 1891).

1886 *Trans. Amer. Philol. Assoc.* XVII. 46 Scuttler or streakfield (striped lizard).

2. In Manchester: One who takes part in a 'scuttle' or street-fight. See SCUTTLE *sb.*[5] 2.

In the first quot. app. used for: A street urchin, 'gamin'. If the word is identical with that current in Manchester, the writer seems to have misapprehended its meaning.

1867 C. G. GORDON *Let.* (*Manchester*) 21 Sept. in *Lett. to Sister* (1888) 23 The poor scuttlers here, male and female, fill me with sorrow. They wear wooden clogs,..and make such a noise. [Also in later letters dated from other places, 1882–3, *ibid.* pp. 253, 271, 300, 302; sometimes glossed 'boy' by the editor.] 1887 *Daily News* 7 Feb. 6/2 A gang of 'scuttlers' who parade the streets [of Manchester] at night and assault passengers with belts and frequently with knives.

Scuttler[2] (skʌ·t'lə). [f. SCUTTLE *v.*[2] + -ER[1].] One who scuttles a ship; esp. with the design of 'losing' her and claiming the insurance-money.

1869 *Daily News* 11 Dec., The over-insured..as well as the scuttler, should be..punished severely. 1884 *Manch. Exam.* 9 Aug. 5/1 Supposing the scuttlers..had not bungled in the business, the ship would have been among the missing.

Scuttling (skʌ·t'liŋ), *vbl. sb.*[1] [f. SCUTTLE *v.*[1] + -ING[1].] The action of SCUTTLE *v.*[1]

a 1450 *Mankind* in *Macro Plays* 4 *Nought.* 3ys, Mary, I prey yow, for I loue not þis rewelynge [*sc.* of dancing]. ..Go to! for I haue hade a praty scottlynge. *Mercy.* Nay, brother, I wyll not daunce. 1873 'CUTHBERT BEDE' *Little Mr. Bouncer* 147 The scuttling of rabbits in and out of their holes. 1884 [see SCUTTLER[1] 1 a]. 1890 [see SCUTTLE *v.*[1] 2]. 1894 HALL CAINE *Manxman* IV. xiv. 256 It was the scuttling of the feet of the towns-people as they ran to meet the procession.

Scuttling (skʌ·t'liŋ), *vbl. sb.*[2] [f. SCUTTLE *v.*[2] + -ING[1].] The action of SCUTTLE *v.*[2]

1622 SIR R. HAWKINS *Voy. S. Sea* xvii. 40 Great care is to be had also..in Hooping or Scutling of Caske. 1748 *Anson's Voy.* II. xiii. 269 The other ships..were prepared for scuttling. 1877 GLADSTONE *Glean.* IV. xx. 350 It does not at once appear how the Canal could be secured against the furtive scuttling of ships.

Scuttling (skʌ·t'liŋ), *ppl. a.* [f. SCUTTLE *v.*[1] + -ING[2].] That scuttles; characterized by scuttling.

1895 C. R. B. BARRETT *Surrey* vii. 171 A stray water-hen made a flapping, scuttling progress across the pool. 1900 *Longm. Mag.* Apr. 541 A couple of skulking scuttling spies. 1904 *Ibid.* Dec. 122 The patter of scuttling sheep could be heard on the soft turf.

Scuttock (skʌ·tək). *local.* [Perh. a dim. of SCOUT *sb.*[5]: see -OCK.] The common guillemot.

1813 MONTAGU *Ornith. Dict.* Suppl., Guillemot, Foolish, Uria Troile...Provincial...Skuttock [1831, 545 Scuttock].

Scutty (skʌ·ti). [? f. SCUT *sb.*[1] + -Y.] A name applied locally to the wren (see quots.).

1885 SWAINSON *Prov. Names Birds* 35 Wren (*Troglodytes parvulus*)...From its short bob-tail it has the name of.. Scutty (Sussex). 1899 *Pall Mall Mag.* Nov. 355 The wren ..is commonly known [in Ireland] by the name of 'Scutty' ..on account of its short, upright tail.

Scuttyl, obs. form of SCUTTLE *sb.*[1]

Scutulate (skiū·tiŭlĕt), *a.* Also *erron.* **scutilate.** [ad. mod.L. *scūtulāt-us*, f. L. *scūtulum* dim. of *scūtum* shield.] = SCUTELLATE. Also **Scu·tulated** *a.*

1827 R. JAMESON tr. *Cuvier's Theory of Earth* (ed. 5) 310 Two-thirds of the leg, and the whole length of the toes, are scutulate. 1848 HEPBURN in *Proc. Berw. Nat. Club* II. 276 Tarsus short,..scutilate in front. 1885 C. F. HOLDER *Marv. Animal Life* 127 [Other species] are the..spotted, scutulated, confluent, and the black-tail rattlesnakes.

Scutule (skiū·tiŭl). [ad. L. *scūtulum* (in sense 1 through It.), f. *scūtum* shield.]

†**1.** ? An escutcheon-shaped marking. *rare*—[1].

1592 R. D. *Hypnerotomachia* 48 Because the circumduct and compassing coulers, meeting together in the selfe same smoothe and cleane stones, did yeeld a reflection, no part being faultie, eyther of the square checkers or scutuls and Trigons [orig. *scutuli, trigoni, quadrati*].

2. *Zool.* A small scute or dermal plate.

1841 *Penny Cycl.* XIX. 469/2 Rhinoceros...One-horned; ..scutules of the skin angled at the margin.

‖ **Scutulum** (skiū·tiŭlŭm). *Path.* Pl. **scutula** [mod.L. use of L. *scūtulum*, dim. of *scūtum* shield.] A shield-shaped crust or disc developed in the skin-disease favus.

1888 J. N. HYDE *Dis. Skin* (ed. 2) 598 The inferior surface of this disk or scutulum rests upon the scalp. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 862 The characteristic lesion [of favus] is a small yellow-coloured disc or scutulum. *Ibid.* 863 In old scabs the scutula are lost.

b. *Zool.* A scutellum. 1902 in *Webster's Suppl.*

‖ **Scutum** (skiū·tŭm). Pl. **scuta** (skiū·tă). [mod.L. use of L. *scūtum* shield, f. Indogermanic root **skŭ-* (: **skeu-*) to cover, whence SKY *sb.*

The L. *scūtum* denoted specifically the large oblong shield, in contradistinction to the *clipeus* or buckler.

In mod. anatomical Latin the word was formerly used as a name for the knee-cap and for the thyroid cartilage.]

1. *Bot.* 'The broad dilated stigma in some asclepinds' (*Treas. Bot.* 1866).

1832 LINDLEY *Introd. Bot.* I. ii. 122 The circular space in the middle of the top of the orbiculus is the *scutum*.

2. *Ent.* The second segment of each of the three divisions of the tergum in insects.

The scuta respectively of the pronotum, mesonotum, and metanotum are called proscutum, mesoscutum, and metascutum. The term *scutum* alone sometimes = *mesoscutum*.

1830 MACLEAY in *Zool. Jrnl.* V. 169 The *scutum*, whether the collar be apparent or not, is therefore the second piece of the mesothorax. 1833 F. WALKER in *Entomol. Mag.* I. 26 A yellow line extends along the suture [of *Decatoma bigutlata*], between the scutum and the parapsides of the mesothorax.

3. *Zool.* A shield-like dermal plate; a scute.

1771 [see SCUTELLA]. 1870 H. A. NICHOLSON *Man. Zool.* lxiv. (1875) 482 [The true Lizards and the Monitors] are chiefly separated by the..fact that the abdomen and head are covered with ordinary scales, and not with large 'scuta'. *Ibid.* Gloss., *Scuta*, applied to any shield-like plates; especially to those which are developed in the integument of many reptiles.

Scutylle, obs. form of SCUTTLE *sb.*[1]

Scuwe, scwe: see SKEW.

Scwle, scwylle, rare obs. ff. SCHOOL *sb.*[1]

Scwtylle, Scwyer, obs. ff. SCUTTLE, SQUIRE.

†**Scy·bal.** *Obs. rare.* Also 5 **squibal.** [a. F. *scybale*, ad. med.L. *scybalum.*] = SCYBALUM.

c 1425 tr. *Arderne's Surg.* 76 Water alon & salt boiled togidre and 3ette in by a clistrye bringeþ out squiballez. *Ibid.* 78 þis [clistery] bryngeþ out hard squiballez of what enery cause þai be withholden. 1694 MOTTEUX *Rabelais* IV. lxvii, Sir-reverence, Ordure,..Scybal or Syparathe.

Scybalous (si·bălәs), *a. Path.* [f. med.L. *scybal-um* + -OUS.] Of or pertaining to, or of the nature of, scybala.

1799 *Med. Jrnl.* I. 349 These stools, small in quantity, having a scybalous appearance, and constantly mixed with blood. 1897 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* III. 735 Scybalous masses may frequently give rise to diarrhœa.

‖ **Scybalum** (si·bălŭm). *Path.* Usually pl. **scybala.** [med.L. *scybalum*, a. Gr. *σκύβαλον.*] One of a collection of round masses of constipated fæces formed in the bowels in certain diseases.

1684 tr. *Blancard's Phys. Dict.*, *Scybala*, are Sheeps, or Goats, &c. Buttons, or Excrement. 1808 *Med. Jrnl.* XIX. 308 One scanty stool without scybala. 1889 MATTHEWS *Dis. Women* xiv. (ed. 4) 98 A Scybalum is a rounded or oval mass of fæces.

Scye (səi). *Tailors' term.* [A use of a Sc. and Ulster dialect word (written also *sey, sci, si, sie, sy* in glossaries) meaning 'the opening of a gown, etc., into which the sleeve is inserted; the part of the dress between the armpit and the chest' (E.D.D.); of obscure etymology.] The opening in a coat into which a sleeve is inserted.

[1825 JAMIESON *Suppl.* s.v. *Sey*, The sey of a gown or shift is the opening through which the arm passes.] 1830 DAVEY *Syst. Cutting* 7 Measure the distance from the top of the back to the bottom of the back scye. 1899 WHITEING *No.* 5 *John-St.* xviii, What's wrong with the Scye? 1909 *Daily News* 22 Oct. 12/1 There is..a very clean fit about the scye, and an excellent shoulder.

Scyelite (səi·ĕlәit). *Min.* [f. the name of Loch *Scye* in Caithness + -LITE.] A combination of mica with hornblende-picrite.

1885 JUDD in *Q. Jrnl. Geol. Soc.* XLI. 401 The Scyelite (altered Mica-Hornblende-Picrite) of Caithness.

Scyle, Scylful, obs. ff. SKILL, SKILFUL.

Scylence, -ens, obs. forms of SILENCE.

Scylla (si·lă). [L.; a. Gr. Σκύλλα.] A rock upon the Italian side of the Straits of Messina facing CHARYBDIS (q. v. for the proverbial use); also personified as a dangerous sea-monster.

c 1520 ANDREW *Noble Lyfe* III. lxxii, Scilla is a monster in the see betwene Italye & Sicill, it is great ennemye vnto man. ? *a* 1547 ? SURREY in *Totiel's Misc.* (Arb.) 241 Seas.. Which we [*read* me] haue tossed sore: From Sicilla [*read* Scilla] to Caribdis cliues. *c* 1580 W. SPELMAN *Dialoge* (1896) 3, I ffell from Silla into Caribdes, from euyll to woors. 1596 SHAKS. *Merch. V.* III. v. 19. *c* 1620 T. ROBINSON *Mary Magd.* 607 Or as y^e^ iawes of Scyllas barkinge hounds, That aye for greedinesse of booties raue. 1651 *Reg. Comm. Gen. Assembly* (1909) 244 Our former Warnings..hes stiered a steadie course betwixt the Shylla of Malignants and Charibdis of Sectaries. 1703 KELSEY *Serm.* 290 The Scylla's and Charibdis's which have swallowed up many Mortals. 1865 H. KINGSLEY *Hillyars & Burtons* iii, Alas, the poor father in avoiding Charybdis had run against Scylla.

Scylling, Scyment, obs. ff. SHILLING, CEMENT.

Scymetar, -er, scymitar, -er: see SCIMITAR.

Scymme, obs. form of SKIM.

Scymmer: see SCUMMER *sb.*, SKIMMER *sb.*

Scyn, Scyne, obs. ff. SKIN *sb.*, SHINE *v.*

Scyon, Scyoure: see SCION, SEWER.

‖ **Scypha** (səi·fă). *Bot.* [mod.L. *scypha*, a. Gr. *σκύφη*, var. of *σκύφ-os* drinking cup.] = SCYPHUS.

1832 LINDLEY *Introd. Bot.* I. iii. 205 *Scypha*, is a cup-like dilatation of the Podetium, bearing shields on its margin. 1856 HENSLOW *Dict. Bot. Terms, Scypha, Scyphus.* 1900 B. D. JACKSON *Gloss. Bot. Terms, Scypha* or *Scyphus.*

Scypher, obs. form of CIPHER *v.*

Scyphi- (səifi), combining form of L. *scyphus* cup (see SCYPHUS), used in scientific terms, chiefly *Bot.* and *Zool.* (Properly, this form should be used only for compounds with Latin words, and SCYPHO- for those with Greek words; but this rule has often been neglected.) **Scyphiferous** (səifi·fĕrəs) *a.* [-FEROUS] *Bot.*, bearing a scyphus; = SCYPHOPHOROUS. **Scy·phiform** (-fɔm) *a.* [-FORM], (*a*) *Bot.*, resembling a scyphus in shape; (*b*) *Zool.*, 'boat-shaped, scaphoid' (*Cent. Dict.*). **Scyphi·phorous** (-fŏrəs) *a. Bot.* = SCYPHOPHOROUS, SCYPHIFEROUS. ‖ **Scyphi·stoma** *Zool.* = SCYPHOSTOMA. Hence **Scyphi·stomoid** *a.*, of or belonging to a scyphistoma (in quot. *absol.*); **Scyphi·stomous** *a.* (*Cent. Dict.*).

1871 W. A. LEIGHTON *Lichen-Flora* 57 Podetia from disk of laciniæ...*scyphiferous. *Ibid.* 2 Apothecia biatorine on *scyphiform or simple podetia. 1879 *Ibid.* (ed. 3) 521 *Scyphiphorous. 1870 H. A. NICHOLSON *Man. Zool.* (1875) 122 The **Scyphistoma* assumes the aspect of a pile of saucers, arranged one upon another with their concave surfaces upward. 1902 G. H. FOWLER in *Encycl. Brit.* XXVII. 131 The non-sexual *scyphistomoid (corresponding to the hydroid) alternating with the medusoid.

Scypho- (səi·fo, səifɒ·), representing Gr. *σκυφο-*, combining form of *σκύφος* cup (see SCYPHUS), chiefly in scientific terms: cf. SCYPHI-. **Scypho·geny** (-dʒĭni) [-GENY], *Bot.*, production of ascidia. **Scyphomancy** (-mænsi) [-MANCY], divination by means of a cup. ‖ **Scyphomedu·sa** [mod.L.], *Zool.*, a group of Hydrozoa. Hence **Scyphomedu·san, -medu·soid** *adjs.* (Cent. Dict.). **Scy·phophore** (-fōəɹ) [ad. mod.L. **scyphophor-us*], *Zool.*, a member of the *Scyphophori*, an order of physostomous fishes (*Cent. Dict.*). **Scypho·phorous** (-fŏrəs) *a.* [-PHOROUS], *Bot.* = SCYPHIFEROUS. **Scyphopolyp** (-pɒ·lip) [POLYP], a cup-shaped polyp; also *attrib.* **Scypho·stoma** [Gr. *στόμα* mouth], *Zool.*, a non-sexual hydroid form of the Hydrozoan Acraspeda (also called SCYPHISTOMA).

1900 B. D. JACKSON *Gloss. Bot. Terms*, **Scyphogeny.* 1855 SMEDLEY *Occult Sci.* 293 The existence of a kind of *scyphomancy, or divination with a cup, is supposed to be alluded to. 1881 E. R. LANKESTER in *Encycl. Brit.* XII. 553/1 And now the ancestry took two distinct lines, which have given rise respectively to the two great groups into which the *Hydrozoa* are divisible—**Scyphomedusæ* and the *Hydromedusæ.* 1871 W. A. LEIGHTON *Lichen-Flora* 64 Nigrescent and albo-guttate at the base, *scyphophorous, scyphi proliferous. 1882 tr. *Haeckel* in *Challenger Rep., Zool.* IV. II. p. xiii, The Acraspedæ [originate] from *Scyphopolyps by terminal gemmation. *Ibid.* p. xiv, Developed from the Scyphopolyp nurse. 1878 BELL *Gegenbaur's Comp. Anat.* 98 The *Scyphostoma seems to be more highly organised than most of the Hydroid-Polyps. 1888 ROLLESTON & JACKSON *Anim. Life* 787 *note*, Haeckel believes that the Tesseroniæ possess a Scyphostoma stage.

Scyphose (səi·fōəs), *a. Bot.* [f. SCYPH-US + -OSE.] Having a scyphus or scyphi.

1879 W. A. LEIGHTON *Lichen-Flora* (ed. 3) 521 *Scyphose*, bearing thalline cups as in *Cladonia.*

‖ **Scyphulus** (səi·fiŭləs). *Bot.* [mod.L. *scyphulus*, dim. of SCYPHUS.] (See quot. 1856.)

1856 HENSLOW *Dict. Bot. Terms, Scyphulus*, the cup-like appendage from which the seta of Hepaticæ arises. Used also synonymously with Scypha.

‖ **Scyphus** (səi·fŏs). *Bot.* Pl. **scyphi** (səi·fəi). [mod.L. use of L. *scyphus*, ad. Gr. *σκύφος* a large drinking vessel without a foot.] **a.** A name given by Haller to the corona of certain plants when forming a cup or funnel-shaped appendage. **b.** A dilatation of the podetium in lichens bearing shields on its margin. Cf. SCYPHA.

1777 ROBSON *Brit. Flora* 23 A scyphus is a fructification in the form of a cup, in some species of Archil. 1832 LINDLEY *Introd. Bot.* I. ii. 121 The most common form of appendage is the *corona*,..forming sometimes an undivided cup, as in Narcissus, when it becomes the *scyphus* of Haller. 1866 *Treas. Bot.*, *Scyphus.* 1871 W. A. LEIGHTON *Lichen-Flora* 63 Scyphi denticulate at the margins. *Ibid.* 64 Dilated upwards into a scyphus.

Scyrle, obs. form of SKRILL *a.*

Scyrmyssh, obs. form of SKIRMISH *v.*

Scyrrhosity, obs. form of SCIRRHOSITY.

Scyrt, obs. form of SHORT *v.*

Scyrtte, obs. form of SKIRT *sb.*

Scysme, obs. form of SCHISM.

†**Scy·tal(e.** *Obs.* Also 6 **scitale,** 7 **scytal(l, scythale.** [ad. L. *scytalē* (med.L. *scitalus*), a. Gr. *σκυτάλη*, app. a use of *σκυτάλη* staff: see next.

Owing to a misreading of *σκυτάλην* for *μυγάλην* in Columella VI. xvii (ed. Stephanus 1543), the word was frequently supposed to have the sense of shrew-mouse.

In mod. zoological Latin *scytalē* is used as the name of a genus of snakes (the type of the order *Scytalidæ*), and also as the specific name of a coral-snake (*Tortrix scytale*).]

A serpent mentioned by ancient writers, described as resembling a round staff of uniform thickness. Also, a figure of this as a heraldic bearing.

1572 BOSSEWELL *Armorie* II. 62 O beareth Argente, on a Pale Vert, a Scitale, proper. This serpente is so called, because he shinethe with suche diuersitie of speckles vpon his backe, that all that looke thereon haue wonder, and likinge to see him. 1608 TOPSELL *Serpents* 232 This Scytall is very full of markes or spots vppon the back so variable and delectable, that it possesseth the beholders with admiration. 1613 PURCHAS *Pilgrimage* VI. i. 467 The Scythale is admirable in her varied jacket. 1677 GILPIN *Demonol.* (1867) 421 No otherwise doth he keep them at a gazing admiration of worldly pomp,..than the serpent Scytale doth with passengers, whom she stays, by amazing them with her beautiful colours, till she have stung them. 1770 J. & W. LANGHORNE *Plutarch, M. Crassus* III. 465 His army resembled the serpents called *Scytalae.*

‖ **Scytale** (si·tăli). *Antiq.* Also 6 in Latin form **scytala.** [Gr. *σκυτάλη* staff, also *spec.*: see below.] A method of secret writing practised by the Spartans, consisting in writing the message on a strip of parchment wound spirally round a cylindrical or tapering staff, so that it became illegible when the parchment was unrolled, and could be read only by the use of a staff of precisely the right form

and size. Hence, a secret dispatch conveyed by this method.

1580 North *Plutarch, Lysander* (1595) 487 To him selfe they sent immediately that which they call Scytala...The Scytala is in this sort. When the Ephori doe send a Generall, or an Admirall to the warres, they cause two litle round staues to be made [etc.]...These two litle staues they call Scytales. *Ibid.*, This litle scrowle of parchment also is called as the rowle of wodde, Scytala. 1640 G. Watts tr. *Bacon's Adv. Learn.* VI. 268 A Spartan letter sent once in a Scytale or round cypher'd staffe. 1838 Thirlwall *Greece* xxxvii. V. 17 A scytalé would at all times be sufficient to procure whatever they wished.

Scyte, obs. f. Site *sb.*[1], Sheet *sb.*

Scyth (siþ). Now *rare.* Forms: 4 Sithe (Schyte, Schite, 5 Scite, Shite, Scytte), 7 Scythe, 9 Scyth. [ad. L. *Scytha,* Gr. Σκύθης.] A Scythian.

1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) II. 257 Of Egipcians in þe souþ, and of Sithes [MS. *a* Schytes; Caxton, Shites] in the norþ. 1480 Caxton *Descr. Scot.* (1520) 1/1 Scottes ben called as it were scyttes for they came out of Scicia. 1557 North *Gueuara's Diall. Pr.* (1619) 707/1 The Greekes the Romaines, ..the Scythes were alwayes temperat in eating and drinking. 1596 Spenser *State Irel.* Wks. (Globe) 632/2 The old English also which there remayneth haue gotten up theyr cryes Scythian-like...And herein also lyeth open an other manifest proof that the Irish be Scythes or Scotts. 1871 P. Smith *Anc. Hist. East* xxiii. § 12 (1881) 473 The *Sacæ* of Greek writers on Persian affairs are simply Asiatic Scyths.

Scythe (səið), *sb.* Forms: *a.* 1 siȝdi, siðe, 3–6 syþe, 4–7 sith, 5 cithe, (sythy), 5–6 cythe, 6 syith, 6–7 syth, sieth, 7 siethe, seith, sight, syeth, 3–9 sythe, 4–9 sithe; *β.* 5 seth, 7 saith; *γ.* 7 scith, scithe, 7– scythe. [OE. *siðe* masc., earlier **siȝði* (written *siȝdi* in Epinal Gl.) = LG. *seged, seid, sicht,* ON. *sigð-r* (mod.Icel. *sigð* fem., Norw. *sigd, sigde, sidde* masc.) :—OTeut. **segiþjo-z,* f. root **seg-* to cut, whence the synonymous OS. *segisna* (MLG., MDu. *seisene,* Du. *zeisen, zeis*), OHG. *segansa* (MHG. *segense, seinse,* G. *sense*).

The etymologically correct spelling *sithe* was preferred by Johnson, but his authority has not prevailed against the currency of the spelling with *sc,* due to erroneous association with L. *scindere* to cut. Cf. *scissors.*]

1. An agricultural implement for mowing grass or other crops, having a long thin curving blade fastened at an angle with the handle and wielded with both hands with a long sweeping stroke.

a. *c* 725 *Corpus Gloss.* 834 *Falcis:* wudubil, siðe, riftras. *c* 825 *Epinal Gloss.* 62 *Falces,* uudubil, sigdi, riftr. *c* 1000 Ælfric *Hom.* II. 162 Befeoll an siðe of ðam snæde into anum deopan seaðe. 13.. *Coer de L.* 6788 They slowen Sarezynes al soo swythe, As gres fallyth fro the sythe. 1382 Wyclif *Isa.* ii. 4 Thei shul bete togidere their swerdes in to shares and ther speres in to sithes. 1404 *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 396 Item..i fot ax, i cithe, i hamer. 1523 Fitzherb. *Husb.* § 23 Take hede that thy mower mow clene and holde downe the hynder hand of his sith. 1580–3 Greene *Mamillia* I. 12 The grasse looketh better being vncut, then that which withereth with the sieth. 1612 Drayton *Poly-olb.* xvi. 48 Thou sawest great-burthen'd Ships through these thy valleys pass, Where now the sharp-edg'd Sithe sheeres vp the spyring grasse. 1632 Milton *L'Allegro* 66 And the Mower whets his sithe. 1766 *Ann. Reg.* 62 Samples of home-made sithes. 1822 T. Taylor *Apuleius* VI. 120 There, likewise, were sithes, and all the instruments of harvest. 1828–32 Webster, *Sythe.*

β. 14.. *Nom.* in Wr.-Wülcker 728/40 *Hec falx,* a sykyl, or a seth. 1625 *Althorp MS.* p. lxi, To Gibson one daie waitiog on my lo. of Southampton in the parke with the saith yor lop bid him call for oo or oo.

γ. 1602 J. Bruen in Hinde *Life* (1641) 147 My son..took up a scith to see how he could mow, and the scith entered in at his stocking. 1716–8 Lady M. W. Montague *Lett.* I. xxxviii. 151 He was..followed by..several reapers..with scythes in their hands, seeming to mow. 1863 Macdonald *D. Elginbrod* I. x. (1871) 47 The day arrived when the sickle must be put into the harley, soon to be followed by the scythe in the oats. 1875 J. Wilson in *Encycl. Brit.* I. 362/1 The common scythe...is very extensively used for reaping grain in all parts of the kingdom.

2. *transf.* and *fig.,* esp. as the attribute of Time or Death.

1387–8 T. Usk *Test. Love* I. Prol. 99 Sithen al the grettest clerkes..with their sharpe sythes of conning al mowen and mad therof grete rekes and nohle. 1506 *Kal. Sheph.* (Sommer) 90 They fyght and cose on eche other wonder with the sythe of deuyls dredabyll. *c* 1600 Shaks. *Sonn.* xii, And nothing gainst Timessieth can make defence Saue [etc.]. 1659 Pecke *Parnassi Puerp.* 112 Time devours Things; His Sithe our Legs will hit. *a* 1711 Ken *Hymnotheo* Poet. Wks. 1721 III. 185 See how Death preys on humane Race; Out with his Scythe the Tyrant goes, Great Multitudes at once he mows. 1809 Byron *Bards & Rev.* 632 Whet not your scythe, suppressors of our vice! Reforming saints! 1854 Brewster *More Worlds* I. 16 The swarm of human life.. has never been perceptibly reduced by the scythe of famine, of pestilence, or of war. 1883 O. W. Holmes *Loving-cup Song* 29 Old Time his rusty scythe may whet.

3. A weapon having a long curving blade resembling a reaping hook. *Obs.* exc. *Hist.* with reference to scythed chariots (see Scythed *a.*).

a. *a* 1300 *Havelok* 2553 Hand-ax, syþe, gisarm, or spere. *a* 1400–50 *Alexander* 3058 For-þi þe chariots in þe chace choppid þaim to deth, þe cartis þat I carpid of with þe kene sithis [*v. r.* sythe]. *c* 1500 *Melusine* 302 But the geaunt stert vp lyghtly, in grete yre, & as geffray passed by, he smote hys hors behynd with hys sythe of fyn stele. 1610 Holland *Camden's Brit.* I. 30 They use axeltrees armed at both ends with hookes and sithes.

4. *attrib.* and *Comb.*: **a.** Simple attrib., as *scythe-blade, -handle, -smith, -stick, -sweep, -work*; *scythe-like* adj.

a 1400–50 *Alexander* 3023 Chariotis..sett aþire side full of *sythe-bladis, Kene keruand as knyfes. 1829 Scott *Rob Roy* Introd. 2nd half, He supplied the want of guns and swords with scythe-blades set straight upon their handles. 1707 Mortimer *Husb.* (1721) II. 51 It is also good for Rake and *Scythe-handles. *c* 1835 *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) XXIII. 464/2 Giving the edge of the fin a *scythe-like shape. 1633 J. Clarke *Two-fold Praxis* 24 In the street next above, bee shoesmiths, *sythesmiths, bladesmiths, cutlers. 1890 Amphlett *Hist. Clent* 119 Philip Cix, also a scythesmith. 1831 Loudon *Encycl. Agric.* (1857) § 7799 *Scythe-sticks and stones for sharpening scythes, hay-knives. 1856 Allingham *Mowers* 7 A *scythe-sweep, and a scythe-sweep, We mow the grass together. 1598 Sylvester *Du Bartas* II. ii. III. *Colonies* 713 Their flowry Fleece Affords us *Sithe-work yearly twice or thrice. 1904 Edith Rickert *Reaper* 183 He was stiff with scythe-work.

b. objective, as *scythe-grinder, -maker, whetting*; *scythe-bearing* adj.

1633 Drumm. of Hawth. *Poems* (1656) 165 The old Lucadian *Syth-bearing Sire..for thee feeles flames of sweet desire. 1619 *Canterb. Marr. Licences* (MS.), Robert Brooke of Goudhurst, *sightgrinder. *Ibid.,* Edward Male of Goudhurst, *sightmaker. 1833 J. Holland *Manuf. Metal* II. 55 Hay and straw knives are manufactured by the scythe-makers. 1857 FitzGerald *Let. to Cowell* 27 June, One wakes to the tune of the Mower's *Scythe-whetting.

c. similative, as †*scythe-billed, -shaped,* †*-tusked* adjs.

1668 Charleton *Onomast.* 103 *Falcinellus*..the *Scyth-bill'd Heron. 1815 S. Brookes *Introd. Conchol.* 80 The animal of *Anomia tridentata* has two flat arms somewhat *scythe-shaped. 1612 *Two Noble K.* I. i. 79 Most dreaded Amazonian, that hast slain The *scythe-tusk'd boar.

d. instrumental, as *scythe-armed* adj.

1811 Scott *Don Roderick* II. xxv, The scythe-arm'd Giant turn'd his fatal glass. 1838 Thirlwall *Greece* xxxiii. IV. 304 Scythe-armed chariots.

5. Special combinations, as † **scythe-bill,** a suggested name (after mod.L. *Falcinellus*) for the Glossy Ibis; **scythe-chariot** *Hist.* = *scythed chariot* (see Scythed *a.*); **scythe-cradle,** a framework of wood fastened to a scythe for carrying the mowings clean into the swath; **scythe-hook, -sickle,** a reaping-hook with a smooth cutting blade as contrasted with one in which the edge is cut into teeth; † **scythe-land** (see quot.); † **scythe-sand** (see quot.); **scythe-snathe, -sned** *dial.,* the curved handle to which the blade of the scythe is attached; **scythe-stone,** a whetstone for scythes; also in *Comb.*

1678 Ray *Willughby's Ornith.* 295 The Falcinellus of Gesner and Aldrovand, which we may English, The *Sithe-Bill. 1695 J. Edwards *Author. O. & N. Test.* III. 215 With these *sithe-chariots they mowed men down. 1695 Kennett *Par. Antiq.* s.v. *Carecta,* In Kent a *Sithe-cradle, or rack of wood fastened to a sithe for carrying the mow'd barley clean into the swath. 1884 *Century Mag.* Jan. 447/1 Grain was reaped with sickles, though "*scythe-cradles" were not unknown. 1844 H. Stephens *Bk. Farm* III. 1079 The smooth-edged sickle, or *scythe-hook. 1597 Skene *De Verb. Sign.* s.v. *Husbandland,* Hvsbandland conteinis commonly 6. aikers of sok & *syith land: That is of sik land as may be tilled with ane pleuch, or may be mawed with ane syith. 1686 Plot *Staffordsh.* 154 An excellent sand to whet their Sithes, whence it has the denomination of *Sithe-Sand. 1844 H. Stephens *Bk. Farm* III. 1055 The *scythe sickle is so called, because of its being provided with a cutting edge. 1845 S. Judd *Margaret* II. i. (1871) 184 His bare head pillowed on a *scythe-snath. 1907 "J. Halsham" *Lonewood Corner* xix. 212 Ne'er he nor his father afore him ever bought a *scythe-sned. 1688 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 2413/4 Who hath formerly been an Apprentice to a *Scythe-Stone Cutter near Darby. 1879 Rutley *Study of Rocks* xiv. 278 The Rotherham stone is worked for building purposes and for grindstones, and that at Hurt Hill for scythe-stones.

Scythe (səið), *v.* [f. Scythe *sb.*]

† **1.** *intr.* To use a scythe. *Obs. rare*—[1].

1573–80 Baret *Alv.* M 541 He that sietheth with a bill, or he that vseth a sieth or hooke, a mower, *falcarius.* [After Elyot's (and Cooper's) rendering of *Falcarius*: "He that fighteth with a bill".]

2. *trans.* To cut or mow with a scythe.

1597 Shaks. *Lover's Compl.* 12 Time had not sithed all that youth begun. 1892 Henley *Song of Sword* 9 Where the tall grain is ripe Thrust in your sickles:..Scything and binding The full sheaves of sovranty.

3. *intr.* To move with a sweeping motion as of one mowing with a scythe. *nonce-use.*

1897 Kipling *Capt. Courageous* v. 111 The foresail scythed back and forth against the blue sky.

Scythed (səiðd), *ppl. a.* [f. Scythe *sb.* and *v.* + -ed.]

1. Furnished with a scythe; esp. *Hist.* (= Gr. δρεπανηφόρος, L. *falcatus*) of war-chariots provided with scythes fastened to a revolving shaft projecting from the axle-trees; attributed by classical writers to the Persians and the Britons.

a 1400–50 *Alexander* 3821 For with his florantis olifants him folowed a thousand, Of sithid chariotis. 1618 Bolton *Florus* (1636) 120 Three hundred thousand foot, and not a lesse number of Horse, and of seithed Chariots. 1750 Warton *Verses, Montaubon* 19 Galgacus' scythed, iron car. 1816 Scott *Bl. Dwarf* vi, Let Destiny drive forth her scythed car through the..trembling mass of humanity.

2. Cut down with a scythe.

1865 Swinburne *Poems & Ball.* Ser. I. 209 *Before Parting,* And yet who knows what end the scythèd wheat Makes of its foolish poppies' mouths of red?

Scytheless (səi·ðlés), *a.* [f. Scythe *sb.* + -less.] Without a scythe.

1817 Coleridge *Limbo* 5 Scytheless Time with branny hands. 1857 Ruskin *Pol. Econ. Art* ii. (1868) 98, I tell you, Time is scytheless and toothless; it is we who [etc.].

Scytheman (səi·ðmæn). Also 8–9 **scythesman.** [f. Scythe *sb.* + Man *sb.*[1]]

1. One who uses a scythe.

1577 Peacham *Gard. Eloq.* P ij b, Reapers cutting downe Corne in euery fielde, Sithmen labouryng harde. 1605 *1st Pt. Jeronimo* III. ii, As sithmen trim the long haird Ruffian fields, So fast they fall. 1797 Coleridge in J. Cottle *Early Recoll.* (1837) I. 215 When the scythes-man o'er his sheaf Caroll'd in the yellow vale. 1844 H. Stephens *Bk. Farm* III. 1050 The scytheman requires a person to follow him and carefully gather the corn he has mown into sheaves in bands. 1894 Crockett *Raiders* 297 Three kinds of sand he brought me to see, but not being a scytheman I could not tell the difference.

b. A member of an irregular body of troops, armed with a scythe as a weapon.

1849 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* vi. II. 23 Another said that he should be glad to know how the Devonshire trainbands, who had fled in confusion before Monmouth's scythemen, would have faced the household troops of Lewis. 1889 Doyle *Micah Clarke* 138 See that your scythesmen line the quickset hedge upon the right.

2. *fig.* Applied to Time and to Death.

1818 Scott *Rob Roy* x, 'The old scythe-man has moved so rapidly,' I answered, 'that I could not count his strides.' 1844 W. H. Maxwell *Scotland* xxxix. (1855) 305 Time, that villanous old scytheman. 1909 *Daily News* 1 Apr. 4 The stroke of the dread scythesman.

Scyther (səi·ðəɹ). [f. Scythe *v.* + -er[1].] A mower; *esp.* with allusion to Time. Cf. Scytheman.

1863 Macdonald *D. Elginbrod* I. x. (1871) 47 David..was the best scyther in the whole country side. 1901 Meredith *Reading of Life* 2 And unto the pallid Scyther Either points us.

† **Scy·thiac,** *a. Obs.* [Sec -ac.] = Scythian.

1794 Sullivan *View Nat.* II. 280 There is a strong similarity between the Hebrew and the Scythiac languages.

Scythian (si·þiăn), *a.* and *sb.* Also 6–7 Sythian. [f. L. *Scythia,* a. Gr. Σκυθία (f. Σκύθης Scyth) + -an.]

A. *adj.*

1. Pertaining to Scythia, an ancient region extending over a large part of European and Asiatic Russia, or to the nomadic people by whom it was inhabited.

1567 Golding *Ovid's Met.* xv. 312 Hypanis That springeth in the Scythian hilles. 1587–90 Marlowe *1st Pt. Tamburl.* I. i. 44 Tamburlaine, that sturdie Scythian thiefe. 1596 Spenser *State Irel.* Wks. (Globe) 630/1 For though it [Nomadism] be an old Scythian use, yet it is very behoofull in that countrey of Ireland. *a* 1625 Beaum. & Fl. *Four Plays in One, Tri. Death* vi, What Scythian snow so white? what crystal chaster? 1776 Mickle tr. *Camoens' Lusiad* Introd. 14 The irruptions of northern or Scythian barbarians. 1882 Ruskin *Bible of Amiens* iii. 100 The northern kingdoms are moated from the Scythian desert by the Vistula.

transf. 1814 Scott *Wav.* xviii, All the domestic accommodations of milk, poultry, hutter, &c., were out of the question in this Scythian camp.

2. Special collocations: **Scythian antelope** = Saiga; **Scythian disease** [for the reason for the name, cf. Herodotus I. cv], atrophy of the male organs of generation, accompanied by loss of masculine attributes (*Syd. Soc. Lex.* 1898); **Scythian insanity,** the mental perversion occurring in the Scythian disease, manifested in the assumption of female dress and habits (*ibid.*); † **Scythian lamb,** = Barometz; **Scythian stone,** some mineral.

1608 Topsell *Serpents* 147 The gall of this beast [*sc.* the Dart] mixed with the Scythian Stone, yealdeth a very good Eye-salue. 1659 R. Lovell *Herbal* 524 Scythian Lamb *Agnus Scyth.* 1781 Pennant *Quadrupeds* I. 86 Scythian Antelope. 1800 Shaw *Gen. Zool.* II. 339 The Saiga or Scythian Antelope, is an inhabitant..of all the deserts from the Danube and the Dnieper to the river Irtish.

† **3.** *Philol.* Used as a designation for the Ural-Altaic family of langnages. *Obs.*

1885 Whitney *Philol.* in *Encycl. Brit.* XVIII. 779/1 Ural-Altaic (Scythian, Turanian) Family.

B. *sb.*

1. A person belonging to the race by which Scythia was inhabited; = Scyth.

1543 Becon *Invect. agst. Swearing, Cerl. Laws* Wks. 1560 I. 223 b, The law among the Scythyans was y[t], if [etc.]. 1590 Marlowe *2nd Pt. Tamburl.* III. v, Raile not proud Scythian. 1596 *Edward III,* II. i. 72 That it may rayse drops in a Tarters eye, And make a flyntheart Sythian pytifull. 1781 Gibbon *Decl. & F.* xxvi. (1787) II. 563 *note,* In speaking of all, or any, of the northern shepherds of Europe, or Asia, I indifferently use the appellations of *Scythians,* or *Tartars.* 1883 Morfill *Slavonic Lit.* ii. 38, I shall not discuss the question here as to whether the Scythians were a Mongolian or Indo-European race.

2. The language of Scythia.

1668 Wilkins *Real Char.* I. i. § 3. 3 The European Tartar, or Scythian, from which some conceive our Irish to have had its original.

3. Comb. *Scythian-like* adj. and adv.

1596 Spenser *State Irel.* Wks. (Globe) 632/2 The old English also which there remayneth have gotten up theyr cryes Scythian-like, as the Geraldins Croum-abowe. *Ibid.* 633/1, I thought this manner of lewd crying and howling not impertinent to be noted as uncivill and Scythian-like.

Scythic (si·þik), *a.* [ad. L. *Scythicus,* a. Gr. Σκυθικός, f. Σκύθ-ης Scyth.] Scythian.

1623 LISLE *Ælfric on O. & N. Test.* Pref. 5 But we shall hence, some to the thirsty Moore, To swift Oront of Creet, to Scythicke shore. 1634 SIR T. HERBERT *Trav.* (1638) 20 The Arimaspi..not seldome from their Scythic holes attempting the conquest of Mammon inclos'd in the Rhypheian hills. 1802 PINKERTON *Mod. Geog., Turkey in Asia* II. 15 The original population of these regions consisted chiefly of Scythic nations. 1871 P. SMITH *Anc. Hist. East* xxiii. § 12 (1881) 473 *note*, The Scythic element in the population of Western Asia.

† Scy·thical, *a. Obs.* [Formed as prec. + -AL.] Befitting the Scythians, barbarous.

1559 MORWYNG *Evonym.* Pref. A ij b, There is also..a heauenlye water..whiche boothe Democritus and Mercury Trimegistus knewe: callinge it sometimes a deuine water, somtimes a Scythicall liquor. 1602 F. HERING *Anat.* 20 Such Schythicall..torturing and massacring of Men.

Scything (səi·ðiŋ), *ppl. a.* [f. SCYTHE *v.* + -ING 2.] That cuts like a scythe.

1822 'B. CORNWALL' *Flood of Thessaly* I. 448 Fierce as the North In March, when scything blasts strip all the bones.

† Scy·thism. *Obs.* [ad. late Gr. Σκυθισμός, f. Σκύθης SCYTH: see -ISM.] **a.** The type of paganism to which the religion of the Scythians belonged. **b.** (See quot. 1793.)

1609 BIBLE (Douay) *Gen.* Contin. Ch. 48 The second mother of al Sectes beginning after the floud..was Scythisme. 1793 HELY tr. *O'Flaherty's Ogygia* Pref. 59 The Scythians are looked upon to be the most ancient people. *Ibid.* 70 Wherefore that interval of time..between the deluge and the Babylonian monarchy..is denominated a scythesm, as Epiphanius affirms. 1816 G. S. FABER *Orig. Pagan Idol.* I. 86 From their supposed founders..we may call the one Scythism, and the other Ionism.

Scy·thized, *a. rare.* [f. L. *Scyth-a* SCYTH + -IZE + -ED 1.] Assimilated to the Scythians.

1861 W. L. BEVAN *Student's Man. Anc. Geog.* I. iii. § 7 (1864) 35 The inhabitants of this district were partly Scythized Greeks, but mainly Scythians.

Scytho- (səi·þo), combining form of L. *Scytha, Scythēs* SCYTH; prefixed (with hyphen) to ethnic sbs. or adjs. with the sense 'partly Scythian and partly . . .', as in *Scytho-Aryan, -Greek, -Median.*

1844 W. D. COOLEY *Larcher's Notes on Herod.* IV. CV. II. 57 The Scytho-Greeks. 1871 P. SMITH *Anc. Hist. East* xxiii. § 10 (1881) 472 *note*, Which is sometimes expressed by calling them Scytho-Aryans. *Ibid.* § 12. 473 The Persian and Scytho-Median columns [of the Achæmenid inscriptions].

'Sdeath (zdeþ), *int. Obs.* exc. *arch.* A euphemistic abbreviation of *God's death* (see GOD *sb.* 14 a) used in oaths and asseverations.

1606 *Sir. G. Goosecappe* I. ii, S'death they put not all their virtues in their smockes..as our Ladies doe. 1607 SHAKS. *Cor.* I. i. 221 Sdeath. 1616 B. JONSON *Ev. Man in Hum.* II. i, 'Sdeath, he mads me. 1697 CIBBER *Woman's Wit* III. 31 S'Death, Sir, is that a Question to ask a Dying Man? 1735 POPE *Prol. Sat.* 61 'Sdeath I'll print it. 1821 SCOTT *Kenilw.* xl, 'Sdeath! to think on it is distraction! 1869 BROWNING *Ring & Bk.* XI. 1279 'Sdeath! Here's a coil raised.

† Sdeign, *sb. Obs. rare.* In 6 sdeigne, sdaine. [ad. It. *sdegno*, f. *sdegnare*: see next.] Disdain.

1594 SPENSER *Amoretti* v, Scorn of base things, & sdeigne of foule dishonor. 1596 — *F. Q.* V. v. 51 So she departed, full of griefe and sdaine.

† Sdeign, *v. Obs.* Also 6 s'dain, sdaine, sdayn, s'deigne, 7 sdain, sdein. [ad. It. *sdegnare*, aphetic var. of *disdegnare* to DISDAIN. Sometimes used as an English shortening of *disdain.*]

1. *trans.* = DISDAIN *v.* in various senses.

1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* III. i. 40 They sdeigned such lasciuious disport. *Ibid.* 55. 1591 — *M. Hubberd* 679 As if he.. sdeign'd the low degree. 1596 — *F. Q.* V. v. 44 Yet durst she not disclose her fancies wound,..for doubt of being sdayned. 1596 FITZ-GEFFREY *Sir F. Drake* XXV. B 5, Sdaine nott that our harsh plaints should beate your eares. 1599 II. BUTTES *Dyets Drie Dinner* A a 3, Come welcome Guest: s'deigne not..this shot-free entertainement. 1614 DAUMM. OF HAWTN. *Tears Death Mœliades* A 3 b, The Shepheards left their Flocks with downe-cast Eyes, Sdaining to looke vp to the angrie Skies. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* IV. 50 Lifted up so high I sdeind subjection.

2. *intr.* = DISDAIN *v.* 3.

1590 MARLOWE *Edw. II*, V. ii. H 4 b, Why yongling, s'dainst thou so of Mortimer?

† Sdei·gnful, *a. Obs.* Also 6 sdainfull, 8 'sdeignfull. [f. SDEIGN *sb.* + -FUL.] Disdainful.

1596 SPENSER *F. Q.* V. ii. 33 In sdeignfull wize he drew vnto him neare. 1598 TOFTE *Alba* (1880) 22 A Sdainfull thought through Hatred doth arise. 1600 FAIRFAX *Tasso* VII. xlii. 125 The Prince (whose lookes his sdainfull anger show). *Ibid.* XX. CXXVIII. 389 She shrikes, and twines away her sdeignfull eies. 1748 SHENSTONE *Schoolmistress* xxix. in Dodsley *Poems* I. 259 As he who now with 'sdeignfull fury thrill'd Surveys mine work; and levels many a sneer,

† 'Sdeynes, *int. Obs.* Shortened form of *God's deynes, God's dines*: see DINES.

1616 B. JONSON *Ev. Man in Hum.* II. i, 'Sdeynes, I know not what I should say to him, i' the whole world. [1601 *reads* Faith...] *Ibid.* II. ii, 'Sdeynes, and I swallow this, Ile nere draw my sword..againe. [1601 *reads* S'blood and I...]

† 'Sdi·ggers, *int.* = *God's diggers* (see GOD *sb.* 14). 1687 A. LOVELL tr. *Bergerac's Com. Hist.* 25 S'diggers.

‖ Sdru·cciola, *a. Obs. rare.* [It. *sdrucciola* (sc. *rima*), fem. of *sdrucciolo*), lit. 'slippery', whence Sp. *esdrújulo*, used similarly with reference to versification.] Epithet of that kind of rhyme in which the words ending the lines are accented on the antepenultimate; trisyllabic (rhyme).

English writers on verse have sometimes used *sdrucciolo*, or the phrase *versi sdrucciolí*, as a foreign technical term, esp. in referring to Italian poetry.

a 1586 SIDNEY *Apol. Poetry* (Arb.) 71 Lastly, euen the very ryme it selfe, the Italian cannot put in the last silable, by the French named the Masculine ryme, but still in the next to the last, which the French call the Female; or the next before that, which the Italians terme *Sdrucciola.* The example ..of the *Sdrucciola* [is] *Femina, Semina.* 1605 CHAPMAN *All Fools* II. i. 176 In any Rime Masculine, Feminine, Or Sdruciolla [*printed* Sdrnciolla].

† Se, *pron.* (*def. art.*) *OE.* and carly *ME.*: see THE.

Se, obs. form of SAY *sb.*3

1567 *Wills & Inv. N. C.* (Surtees 1835) I. 267, xxix milk bowells & skeles, one stand, one se, ij kymes.

Se, obs. form of So *adv.*, SEE *sb.* and *v.*, SHE.

Se-, *prefix*, occurring only in Latin derivatives, represents the L. *sē-*, identical with the OLatin *sē* (also *sēd*) prep. and adv., without, apart. With prepositional force the L. *sē-* occurs in one or two adjs., as *sēcūrus* secure (from **sē cūrā* without care); with advb. force (= apart) it is chiefly found in verbs, of which the following (as also their derivatives) have come into English in adapted forms: *sēcēdĕre, sēcernĕre, sēclūdĕre, sēdūcĕre, sēgregāre, sēparāre.* The form *sēd-* occurs in *sēditio* sedition (lit. 'going apart').

The L. *sē, sēd* is believed to be related to the pronoun *sē*, oneself. It is disputed whether the *d* of *sēd* is an ablative sign or represents a particle *-de.*

Sea (sī), *sb.* Forms: 1 sǽ, (2 seo), 2–3 sæ, 2–6 se, see, 4 (*Ayenb.*) ze, (seo, sse), 4–5 cee, 4–6 *Sc.* sey, 6 *Sc.* seye, sie, 2– sea. *Pl.* 1 sǽs, sǽas, sǽ, 4 sen, 4–5 sees, 4–6 (chiefly *Sc.*) seis, 6 seaes, sease, (saezes), seeis, *Sc.* seyis, seyes, 6– seas. [Common Teut.: OE. *sǽ* str. masc. and fem. corresponds to OFris. *sē* masc., OS. *sēo, sēu*, dat. *sēwa* masc. (MLG. *sē*, MDu. *see* masc. and fem., Dn. *zee* fem.), OHG. *sēo, sē*, dat. *sēwe* masc., sea, lake, pond (MHG. *sē* masc. and fem., sea, lake, mod.G. *see* masc., lake, *see* fem., sea), ON. *sæ-r, sjá-r, sjó-r* masc. (Sw. *sjö*, Da. *sø*), Goth. *saiw-s* masc., sea, also marsh:—OTeut. **saiwi-z.*

The word has no certain affinities, and it is doubtful whether the *w* represents a pre-Teut. *w* or (by Verner's Law) a pre-Teut *gʷ* (or *kw*). On the assumption of a guttural root, and of the priority of the sense 'marsh' (occurring in Gothic) it has been suggested that the word may be cogn. w. OHG. *gisig* (*gisic, gezik*), found in glosses as a collective for ponds or marshes (*stagna, paludes*), and with the OHG. *stgan* to flow down, sink, OE. *stgan* to descend: see SYE *v.*]

I. The simple word.

1. The continuous body of salt water that covers the greater part of the earth's surface. Often *poet.* with epithet as *broad, deep* (see DEEP *a.* 1), † *large, salt* (see SALT *a.*1 1), † *side, wide, wild*, etc.

Since Early Middle English always with prefixed article, exc. in phrases with preps. (see esp. 1 c and 10–17).

Beowulf 2394 Ofer sæ side. *c* 1205 LAY. 30496 On þare sæ brade. *c* 1275 *Moral Ode* 82 in *O. E. Misc.* 61 He makede fysses in þe sea. *c* 1385 CHAUCER *L. G. W.* 2163 In an yle, amid the wilde see. *c* 1386 — *Knt.'s T.* 1098 Fletynge in the large see. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 1982 Blouen to þe brode se. *c* 1430 *Syr Gener.* 6553 Toward the cee he rode a pase. 1593 SHAKS. *Rich. II*, II. i. 46 This precious stone, set in the siluer sea. 1647 H. MORE *Philos. Devot.* 32 As the thankfull Rivers pay What they borrowed of the Sea. 1779 COWPER *Olney Hymns* III. xv. 3 God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform; He plants his footsteps in the sea, And rides upon the storm. 1807 WORDSW. *Sonn. to Liberty* I. xii, Two Voices are there; one is of the Sea, One of the mountains; each a mighty Voice. 1842 TENNYSON *Farewell* 1 Flow down, cold rivulet, to the sea.

b. For *ocean sea, sea ocean, sea of ocean*, see OCEAN *sb.* 1. Also *the great sea* (*of ocean*).

c 1290 *St. Michael* 632 in *S. Eng. Leg.* I. 317 The gret se of occean. *Ibid.* 654 þe eorþe amidde þe grete se ase a luyte bal is round. 1500–20 DUNBAR *Poems* lxvi. 67 Our all the grit se occeane. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* IV. ix. 14 Neir by the end of the gret occiane see, Thar as the son..gois doun.

c. Often coupled with *land*, to express the idea of the whole surface of the earth; similarly † *sea and earth, sea and sand.* Also with preps., as *by land and sea, on sea or land*, etc.

c 1000 *Ags. Gosp.* Matt. xxiii. 15 Ze befarað sæ & eorþnn þæt ze don anne elþeodine. 1338 R. BRUNNE *Chron.* (1810) 281 At his wille to be, bi se & bi land. 1340 *Ayenb.* 37 Of zuichen þer byeþ uele maneres ine londe and ine ze. *a* 1352 MINOT *Poems* (ed. Hall) iii. 1 God þat schope both se and sand. *c* 1366 CHAUCER *A. B. C.* 50 Neither in erthe nor in see. *c* 1386 — *Man of Law's Prol.* 127 Ye seken lond and see for yowre wynnynges. *a* 1400 *Pistill of Susan* 254 Was neuer more sorweful segge bi see nor bi sand. 1475 *Bk. Noblesse* (Roxb.) 8 Batailes bothe by lond and see. 1530 LYNDESAY *Test. Papyngo* 756 Quhat thow hes hard, be landis, or be seis, Off ws Kirkmen. 1805 WOROSW. *Eleg. Stanzas, Peele Castle* 15 The light that never was, on sea or land. 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* iii. I. 300 Cimon and Lysander, Pompey and Agrippa, had fought battles by sea as well as by land.

d. *pl.* Different parts or tracts of the ocean. (Often merely *poet.* or *rhetorical*, like *waters.*)

c 825 *Vesp. Psalter* xxiii. 2 He ofer sæas [Vulg. *super maria*] zesteaðelade hie. *c* 1000 ÆLFRIC *Gen.* I. 10 And God zeciġde þa driżnisse eorðan and þæra wætera ġegaderunga he het sæs [Vulg. *maria*]. *c* 1430 LYDG. *Lyke the Audience* 44 in *Pol. Rel. & L. Poems* (1903) 49 Shipmen..that haue experience In troubly seis. 1550 BP. DAY in Ellis *Orig. Lett. Ser.* III. III. 303 No lesse vnpleasaunt..than it is to the merchaunte to sayle againe in those seeis wherin he hathe suffered shipwrack before. 1600 *Will* in *Yorks. Archæol. Jrnl.* (1902) XVII. 121 In the name of Gode, the maker of heven and yerth, the saezes and all that therin ys. 1605 SHAKS. *Macb.* II. ii. 62 This my Hand will rather The multitudinous Seas incarnadine. 1820 KEATS *Ode to Nightingale* vii, Magic casements, opening on the foam Of perilous seas. 1871 R. ELLIS *Catullus* iv. 18 To carry thence a master o'er the surly seas.

e. In a more or less pregnant use, with reference to naval operations, the shipping trade, the profession or employment of a sailor, life on shipboard, etc. *To keep the sea*: to prevent the enemy from occupying it, to keep it clear for one's own ships and traffic.

1338 R. BRUNNE *Chron.* (1810) 161 Bernard of Bayoun, þat was kepand þe se [orig. *ke la mer gardait*]. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Prol.* 276 He wolde the see were kept for any thing Bitwixe Middelburgh and Orewelle. 1414 26 *Pol. Poems* xiii. 108 Whanne ze han made pes wiþynne,..Strengþe ȝoure marche, and kepe þe see. 15.. '*Doun by ane Rever*' 41 in *Dunbar's Poems* (1893) II. 306 Gif thow beis ane marchand man, And wynnis thy living be the see. 1556 *Chron. Grey Friars* (Camden) 18 Thys yere the lorde Talbot..was made.. amyralle of the see. 1625 BACON *Ess., Greatness Kingd.* (Arb.) 489 To be Master of the Sea, is an Abridgement of a Monarchy. *Ibid.* 491 The Command of the Seas. *a* 1674 CLARENDON *Hist. Reb.* XI. § 64 Who did not think that the fleet could have been so soon ready for sea. 1707 FREIND *Peterborow's Cond. Sp.* 178 Without the assistance of the sea, the best dispositions in Italy are useless. 1745 *Life Bampfylde-Moore Carew* 9 His Friends..put him on board a Man of War, but neither the Sea, nor any settled Employ agreeing with his wandering Inclinations, he soon forsook the King's Service. 1776 ADAM SMITH *W. N.* II. v. I. 447 The antient Egyptians had a superstitious antipathy to the sea. 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* iii. I. 302 As soon as he came back from sea he was made Colonel of a regiment of foot. 1889 *Sat. Rev.* 16 Mar. 304/1 We are afraid that few Englishmen at present claim the sovereignty of the seas for their country.

f. Proverbs, proverbial phrases, and similitudes.

1591 SHAKS. *Two Gent.* IV. iii. 33 A heart As full of sorrowes, as the Sea of sands. 1601 — *Twel. N.* II. iv. 103 As hungry as the Sea. 1637–1894 [see DEVIL *sb.* 22 b]. 1614 T. GENTLEMAN *England's Way to win Wealth* 45 *marg.*, The Sailors Prouerbe: The Sea and the Gallowes refuse none.

g. High sea. (Now usually *pl.*) The deep or open sea; the main sea or main. *spec.* in *Law* (*sing.* and *pl.*): (*a*) The main sea; the sea as far as it is regarded as being within the jurisdiction of the courts of admiralty; (*b*) The area of the sea not within the territorial jurisdiction of any nation, but the free highway of all nations.

Cf. F. *haute mer*, L. *altum* (*mare*), and the OE. compound *hēahsǽ* quoted below.

[*a* 1000 *Boeth. Metr.* xi. 3 Se is eac weoldend woruldġesceafta heofones & eorðan & heahsæ.] *c* 1300 *Havelok* 719 And sone did he leyn in [a ship] an ore, And drou him to þe heye se. *a* 1400–50 *Alexander* 61 He sa3e þam in þe hize see sailand to-gedire. 1490 CAXTON *Eneydos* vi. 27 Whan they were well on the waye oute of the lande, in the hye see. *c* 1532 LD. BERNERS *Huon* xlvi. 155 They..came in to the hye see and had wynde at wyll. 1765 BLACKSTONE *Comm.* I. Introd. iv. 107 The main or high seas are part of the realm of England. 1836 W. IRVING *Astoria* III. xvii. 226 They had heard of the frigate Phœbe and the Isaac Todd being on the high seas. 1888 BAYCE *Amer. Commw.* I. 580 Piracies and felonies committed on the high seas.

2. A part of the general body of salt water, having certain land-limits or washing a particular coast, and having a proper name, as *the Red, Black, Irish, Adriatic Sea.* † *The great sea*: the Mediterranean. *The Severn Sea* (arch.): the Bristol Channel. †Formerly sometimes in pl., as *the Red, Irish, Indian Seas*; cf. NARROW SEAS.

c 825 *Vesp. Psalter* CXXXV. 13 Se todaelde ðone readan sae. *c* 1290 *St. Michael* 636 in *S. Eng. Leg.* I. 317 Ech oþur se among us here, ne beo heo so gret non, Nis bote a lime of þulke se. 1382 WYCLIF *Numb.* xxxiv. 6 The west plage forsothe shal begynne fro the greet see. [So 1611 and 1884 (*Revised*).] 1390 GOWER *Conf.* I. 362 To passe over the grete See To werre and sle the Sarazin. 1500–20 DUNBAR *Poems* viii. 13 To the Turk sey all land did his name dreid. 1533 BELLENDEN *Cron. Scot.* I. (1541) A i, Pharo..quhais son.. wes drownit..wt all his army in ye reid seis. 1563 SACKVILLE *Induct. Mirr. Mag.* v, The Beare, that in the Iryshe seas had dipt His grisely feete. 1577–87 HOLINSHED *Chron.* I. 167/1 The Danes..comming into the Seuerne sea. 1614 T. GENTLEMAN *England's Way to win Wealth* 20 When as they [*sc.* herrings] come into Yermouth Seas yearely about S. Luke, and sometimes before. 1634 SIR T. HERBERT *Trav.* 43 The River Indus, which their ingulfes herselfe into the Indian Seas. 1635 SWAN *Spec. Mundi* vi. § 2 (1643) 187 The sea, is a part of the ocean, to which we Cannot come but through some strait. 1641 EVELYN *Diary* 28 Sept., We sailed over a sea call'd the Plaet, which is an exceeding dangerous water. 1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 578/2 Any part of the ocean marked off from the general mass of water may be called a sea. In geography the name is loosely applied: for instance, the Arabian Sea is an open bay, Hudson's Bay is an enclosed sea.

b. *The four seas*: the seas bounding Great Britain on the four sides. Phr. *Within the four seas* = in Great Britain.

a 1325 *MS. Rawl. B.* 520 lf. 30 þe chef lordes..þat beȝ of plener age ant hi þinne þe four sen ant out of prisone. *a* 1400–50 *Alexander* 4406 þe soile ne þe foure sees suffice ȝowe nouthire. 1642, 1886 [see FOUR *a.* 1].

c. *Astr.* The name of 'seas' is still given to those darker portions of the moon's surface which were formerly supposed to be covered with water.

1873 PROCTOR *Moon* 383 Index to the Map of the Moon. Table I. Grey Plains, usually called Seas.

3. A large lake or landlocked sheet of water,

whether salt or fresh. *Obs.* exc. in *inland sea* and in proper names, as the Sea of Galilee, the Dead Sea, the Caspian Sea, the Sea of Aral.

c 893 K. Ælfred *Oros.* I. i. § 9 Þeah sume men secgen þæt [the Nile] þær wyrcð micelne sæ [*vastissimo lacu exundare*]. *c* 1000 *Ags. Gosp.* John vi. 1 Æfter þyson for se hælend ofer þa galileiscan sæ, seo is tiberiadis. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 230 And te swin anonriht urnen & adreinten ham suluen iðer see. *c* 1250 — [see Dead Sea]. 1375 Barbour *Bruce* xv. 275 A myle wes betnix the seis. 1590 [see Inland B. 1]. 1665 Sir T. Herbert *Trav.* (1677) 186 This [the Caspian], as other Seas, is a gathering together of perpetual Waters nourished with Springs. 1876 *Encycl. Brit.* V. 176/1 The Caspian Sea..is the largest of those salt lakes or closed inland seas which may be considered as 'survivals' of former oceanic areas.

4. The volume of water in the sea considered in regard to the ebb and flow of the tide. † *Full sea*, high tide (also *fig*). † *The sea was in*, it was high water.

c 1000 *Sax. Leechd.* III. 176 Þonne þu wyte þæt sæ si ful. *c* 1205 Lay. 22019 Whænne þa sæ vlegeð. *Ibid.* 22025 Þenne þa sæ falleð in. 1390 Gower *Conf.* I. 35 The See now ebbeth, now it floweth. *c* 1391 Chaucer *Astrol.* II. § 46 In which place of the firmament the mone being, maketh fulle see. 1470 Henry *Wallace* x. 419 The sey was in, at thai stoppyt and stud; On lond he cryt and bad thaim tak the flud. *a* 1500 *Brut* (Lamb. MS.) 583 Remembres how ye drowned at full see. 1536 in *Sel. Pleas Crt. Admiralty* (1894) I. 58 Goyng from the porte of London at a full see with a full wynde. 1621 Burton *Anat. Mel.* Democr. to Rdr. 27 A Satyrrical Roman in his time thought all vice, folly, and madness were at a full sea. 1677 W. Hubbard *Narrative* (1865) I. 181 But it was now full Sea with Philip his Affairs. 1805 Forsyth *Beauties Scot.* III. 512 During spring tides these sluices are opened, and at full sea they are shut.

5. With an epithet indicating the roughness or smoothness of the waves, the presence or absence of swell, etc. Hence without qualification = a heavy swell, rough water.

c 888 K. Ælfred *Boeth.* xiv. § 1 Ful oft we fageniað smyltre sæ. *c* 1205 Lay. 12005 Þe sæ wes wunder ane wod and ladliche iwraðed. 1390 Gower *Conf.* I. 282, I wode as doth the wylde Se. 1555 Towason in *Hakluyt's Voy.* (1589) 103 We..found the entrance very ill, by reason that the sea goeth so high. 1641 Evelyn *Diary* 27 Sept., We.. sailed again with a contrary and impetuous wind, and a terrible sea. *c* 1743 Woodroofe in *Hanway's Trav.* (1762) I. IV. lix. 275 When there is any sea, the breakers are visible. 1745 P. Thomas *Jrnl. Anson's Voy.* 114 We found a large under-rolling Sea. 1769–80 Falconer *Dict. Marine* s.v., A long sea implies an uniform and steady motion of long and extensive waves; on the contrary, a short sea is when they run irregularly, broken, and interrupted, so as frequently to burst over a vessel's side or quarter. 1834 Marryat *P. Simple* xxviii, We were now past Devil's Point, and the sea was very heavy. 1837 T. Hook *Jack Brag* xx, It was pitch-dark, a good deal of sea on. 1840 Longf. *Wreck of Hesperus* xi, Some ship in distress, that cannot live In such an angry sea! 1865 *Daily Tel.* 8 Dec. 5/6 During the passage..they had continued fine weather, and no sea.

b. The direction of the waves or swell.

1769–80 Falconer *Dict. Marine*, *Sea*..is..applied by sailors..to their [waves'] particular progress or direction. Thus they say,..the sea sets to the southward. Hence a ship is said to head the sea, when her course is opposed to the setting or direction of the surges. *Ibid.* II, *Franchir la lame*, to head the sea; to sail against the setting of the sea.

c. A large heavy wave.

1582 Stanyhurst *Æneis* I. (Arb.) 21 Theire ships too larboord doo nod, seas monsterus haunt theym. 1632 Lithgow *Trav.* III. 93 Two huge broken Seas, which twice conered the..boat. 1769–80 Falconer *Dict. Marine*, *Sea*..is.. applied by sailors, to a single wave...Thus they say, a heavy sea broke over our quarter, or we shipped a heavy sea. 1861 Lady Duff-Gordon in F. Galton *Vac. Tourists* (1864) 121 A sea struck us on the weather side. 1892 W. Pike *Barren Ground N. Canada* 26 The heavy fresh-water seas broke with great violence on the weather shore.

6. *Salt* or *bitter sea*: sea-water. *poet.*

1602 Marston *Antonio's Rev.* IV. ii. G 3 b, They'l..eat like salt sea in his siddowe ribs. 1697 Dryden *Virg. Georg.* IV. 622 His finny Flocks about their Shepherd play, And rowling round him, spirt the bitter Sea. 1840 Longf. *Wreck of Hesperus* xxi, The salt sea was frozen on her breast.

7. *fig.* With reference to metaphorical sailing, drowning, waves, etc.; also, a copious or overwhelming quantity or mass (*of* something). See also 4.

a 1200 *Vices & Virtues* 45 On ðessere michele sea of ðare bitere woreld. 1574 Higins *Mirr. Mag.* I. Induct. v, Sithe those on whom, for Fortunes giftes we stare, Ofte sooniste sinke in greatest seas of care. *a* 1586 Sidney *Apol. Poetrie* (Arb.) 59 A whole Sea of examples woulde present themselues. 1602 Shaks. *Ham.* III. i. 59 To take Armes against a Sea of troubles. 1613 — *Hen. VIII*, III. ii. 360, I haue ventur'd.. This many Summers in a Sea of Glory, But farre beyond my depth. 1632 Massinger *Emp. East* III. ii, The peoples joy In seas of acclamations flow in, To wait on yours. 1667 Milton *P. L.* X. 718 In a troubl'd Sea of passion tost. 1692 T. Watson *Body Divin.* 365 Men will for a drop of Pleasure drink a Sea of Wrath. 1816 Scott *Antiq.* I, The elder traveller..plunged, nothing loath, into a sea of discussion concerning urns, vases [etc.]. 1822 Lama *Elia* Ser. II. *Conf. Drunkard*, To waste whole seas of time upon those who pay it back in little inconsiderable drops of grudging applause. 1872 Bagehot *Physics & Pol.* (1876) 220 A complex sea of forces and passions trouble men in life and in action.

8. *transf.* **a.** A large level tract (*of* some material substance or aggregate of objects).

1585 T. Washington tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* IV. x, In al this sandy sea, is found no water. 1644 Evelyn *Diary* 2 Nov., We could perceive nothing but a sea of thick cloudes. 1654 *Ibid.* 22 July, After dinner,..we passed over the goodly plaine, or rather sea of carpet. 1667 Milton *P. L.* III. 440 So on this windie Sea of Land, the Fiend Walk'd up and down alone. 1770 Langhorne *Plutarch* (1851) II. 598/2 The billows of an immense sea of sand surrounding the whole army. 1849 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* x. II. 655 All the space as far as Charing Cross was one sea of heads. 1862 Miss Braddon *Lady Audley* xxxvii, His uncle's wife, in a criminal dock, hemmed in on every side by a sea of eager faces. 1869 Tozer *Highl. Turkey* I. 340 The open country extends in a sea of green vegetation.

b. Hyperbolically, a great quantity of liquid, esp. (in figurative context) of blood. So, allusively, *Red Sea* (see 2), with reference to blood or wine.

1598 Chapman *Hero & Leander* iii. 323 And all this while the red sea of her blood Ebd with Leander. 1646 Quarles *Sheph. Oracles* vii. 83 Oyl-steep'd Anchovis, landed from his brine, Came freely swimming in red seas of wine. 1756 Burke *Nat. Soc.* Wks. I. 77 These wars, which have spilled such seas of blood. 1821 Scott *Kenilw.* i, We will have one of Friar Bacon's pupils..to conjure them [such troublesome thoughts] away..—Or, what say you to laying them in a glorious red sea of claret, my noble guest? 1864 Lowell *Fireside Trav.* 239 The ghost of a creed..may be laid, after all, only in a Red Sea of blood.

9. *Antiq.* The great brazen laver in the Jewish Temple. [Literally from Heb.]

1382 Wyclif 1 *Kings* vii. 23 He made forsothe the 3oten see. *c* 1450 *Mirour Saluacioun* (Roxb.) 47 Thilk see of brasse Whilk in the entree of the Temple of Jerusalem sette was. 1899 Sayce *Early Israel* vi. 251 In the court of the temple was a 'sea' or 'deep', like that which was made by Solomon.

II. Phrases.

10. At sea. a. Out on the sea, on ship-board; (sailing, trafficking, fighting, etc.) on the sea; in employment as a sailor. Also † *at the seas*.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 13284, At see sant Iohn and Iam he fand. 1585 T. Washington tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* I. v. 4 Wee discouered at the Seas [Fr. *en plaine mer*] two Foystes. 1596 Shaks. *Merch. V.* I. i. 177 Thou knowst that all my fortunes are at sea. 1601 Holland *Pliny* xxxiv. v. II. 491 The beake-heads..which were taken from them in a conflict at sea. 1672 C. Manners in *12th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. v. 24 The Duke is at sea allready, to draw by his example others to the fleete. *a* 1687 Sir W. Petty *Polit. Arith.* iii. (1690) 55 To persuade the World, how considerable the King of France was..at Sea. 1793 [see At *prep.* 5]. 1836 Marryat *Midsh. Easy* xix, I have not been long at sea, and, of course, cannot know much about these things.

b. *fig.* In a state of mind resembling the condition of a ship which is out of sight of land and has lost her bearings; in a state of uncertainty or perplexity, at a loss. Also *all at sea*.

1768 Blackstone *Comm.* III. xxvii. 440 If a court of equity were still at sea, and floated upon the occasional opinion which the judge who happened to preside might entertain of conscience in every particular case. 1818 Cruise *Digest* (ed. 2) I. 486 If there were not the same rules of property in all courts, all things would be as it were at sea; and under the greatest uncertainty. 1855 Dickens *Dorrit* II. ix, Mrs. Tickit..was so plainly at sea on this part of the case..that Clennam was much disposed to regard the appearance as a dream. 1893 Selous *Trav. S. E. Africa* 219, I was rather surprised to find that he seemed all at sea, and had no one ready to go with me.

11. Beyond (the) sea or seas. Out of the country, in foreign parts, abroad. Cf. Beyond B. 1. For *beyond-sea* as adj. see Beyond D.

c 900 tr. *Bæda's Hist.* v. xix. (1890) 458 Mid þy he þa gena wæs beȝeondan sæ wuniende. *a* 1122 *O. E. Chron.* an. 1041 (MS. C.) Fram beȝeondan sæ. *c* 1205 Lay. 29149 Sum fleh bi-ȝeonden sæ in to Bruttaine. 1340 *Ayenb.* 165 Ine þe londe be-yende þe ze. 1485 *Rec. St. Mary at Hill* 28 A standyng bed, corven with estrich borde of beyond see makyng. 1536 in *Sel. Pleas Crt. Admiralty* (1894) I. 56 All my goods whersoever they may be found as well on this syde the see as beyende the see. 1555 *Burgh Rec. Edin.* (1871) II. 227 Sindry schippis cumin furth of Burdeaux, Scherand, and vtheris places beyond sey. 1590 J. Smyth in *Lett. Lit. Men* (Camden) 58 When her Majestie called me from beeyond the seas. 1640 May *Hist. Parl.* I. ii. 23 The Reformed Churches beyond the Seas. 1710 Swift *Jrnl. to Stella* 26 Oct., He is a very ingenious man, and a great scholar, and has been beyond sea. 1879 Miss Braddon *Cloven Foot* xxxii, The husband, or lover, may have been out of the way —beyond seas, perhaps.

12. By sea. † a. Close to the sea, at the seaside. (Now *by the sea*). **b.** By way of the sea, on or over the sea (as a mode of transit or conveyance). **c.** In the region of the sea, at sea. (See also sense 1 c.)

c 1205 Lay. 1485 Heo forð fusden toward sele Brutun þer he bi sæ wonede. 1375 Barbour *Bruce* XIII. 615 Send the Kyng by se Till Balmeburch in his awne cuntre. *c* 1470 Henry *Wallace* IX. 1131 Few fled with him, and gat away be see. 1625 Bacon *Ess., Greatness Kingd.* (Arb.) 489 We see the great Effects of Battailes by Sea. 1719 De For *Crusoe* I. (Globe) 6 One of my Companions being going by Sea to London. *Ibid.* 293, I had been very unfortunate by Sea. [1836 Longf. (*title*) The Castle by the Sea.] 1891 Ld. Hobhouse in *Law Times Rep.* LXV. 562/2 From the Melbourne factory they carried butterine by sea to Sydney.

† 13. By long sea. Short for *by long sea passage*: see Long *a.*[1] 18. Also *by the long seas*.

1645 Evelyn *Diary* Aug., I made a collection of divers curiosities..which I sent for England by long sea. 1694 Luttrell *Brief Rel.* (1857) III. 290 Two dispatches are sent to our fleet at Cadiz, one by way of the Groyn, the other by long sea. 1721 Strype *Eccl. Mem.* II. iii. II. 265 To pass into Ireland, either by the long Seas, or by Bristow.

14. On or upon the sea. (In early use *on* or *upon sea.*) **a.** On the sea's surface, afloat, at sea, on shipboard. In OE. also = in the sea. **b.** Of a dwelling, etc.: At the sea's edge, on the sea-coast.

c 900 tr. *Bæda's Hist.* I. xiii. (1890) 48 We..oððe sticode beoð oððe on sæ adruncene. *a* 1000 *Colloq. Ælfric* in Wr.-Wülcker 94 For hwi ne fixast þu on sæ. *O. E. Chron.* an. 877, Þa mette hie micel yst on sæ. *c* 1200 Ormin 13296 Þatt iss to farenn uppo sæ, To fisskenn affterr fisskess. *c* 1330 R. Brunne *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 9795 Colgrim had a broþer on þe se. 1389 *Eng. Gild's* (1870) 48 Þorow losse on þ° se. *a* 1400–50 *Alexander* 83 For he him-self is on þe se with siche a somme armed. *c* 1489 Caxton *Sonnes of Aymon* xiv. 327, I fled in to Spayn to Alaffre vpon the see. 1560 in *Sel. Pleas Crt. Admiralty* (1897) II. 25 The marrynors ..in eny ship or vessel laboring and travayling upon the seaes. 1568 Grafton *Chron.* II. 711 The Bastard.. made sayle with all haste, and roued on the Sea, as before he was accustomed. 1832 Tennyson *Pal. of Art* 97 In a clear-wall'd city on the sea. 1860 W. Whiting *Hymn*, '*Eternal Father, strong to save*' 6 O hear us when we cry to Thee For those in peril on the sea.

15. Over (the) sea. a. Of motion: Across the sea, to the other side of the sea. **b.** Of position: On the other side of the sea; abroad. Cf. Over-sea *a.* and *adv.*, Over-seas *adv.*

O. E. Chron. an. 894 (end) Ond þæt wæs ymb twelf monað þæs þe hie ær hider ofer sæ comon. *c* 1205 Lay. 3502 Ouer sea icomen, hauene sone anomen. 1338 R. Brunne *Chron.* (1810) 25 He..ferde oner the see, & conquerd Normundie. 1377 Langl. *P. Pl.* B. XIII. 392 If I sent ouer see my seruantz to Bruges. 1458 *Cal. Anc. Rec. Dublin* (1889) 300 Ther marchandys, the wyche they takyth ovre the se. 1583–1886 [see Over-seas *adv.*]. 1616–1895 [see Oversea *adv.*]. 1845 Browning *Time's Revenges* 1 I've a Friend, over the sea.

16. To sea (also † *to the sea*). Out on the water, on a voyage, or on ship-board. *To go to sea*, to go aboard ship, go on a voyage; to enter upon, or follow, the profession of a sailor; † also with ellipsis of the verb. *To put, put off, put out, to sea*: see Put *v.*[1] 7, 8, 45 n, 47 j. *To stand out to sea*: see Stand *v.*

c 900 tr. *Bæda's Hist.* I. xiii. (1890) 48 Us drifað þa ellreordan to sæ. *c* 1205 Lay. 19368 To þere sa heo wenden. *c* 1275 *Ibid.* 11968 Hii seileden [down the Thames] forte hii to see come. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xviii. (*Egipciane*) 474 Til I percase a-pone a day saw men of luby & egipe hast þame to sey, for to schype. 1488 *Paston Lett.* III. 344 All suche capeteyns as wente to the see in Lente..makythe them redy to goo to the see ageyn as schortely as they can. 1584 Cogan *Haven Health* ccxvii. 216 Wherefore if any be desirous to vomit, let them rather go to the Sea. 1591–5 Spenser *Colin Clout* 209 Let him to sea. 1677 Yarranton *Eng. Improv.* 41, I waited upon the Lord Clarendon and some other Gentlemen to Sea. 1686 tr. *Chardin's Trav. Persia* 53 The Ottoman Fleet..putting to sea from Constantinople, Landed in Candy. 1726 Shelvocke *Voy. round World* 61 He knew I was not allowed an ounce of fresh provisions to sea with me. 1849 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* v. I. 550 On the afternoon of the second of May he stood out to sea before a favourable breeze.

17. To take the sea (also † *to take sea, the seas*, ME. *to nim the sea*). To go on board ship, embark; to start on a sea-voyage, launch forth, put out to sea (said also of the ship). Cf. F. *prendre la mer*.

c 1205 Lay. 1281 Bi Rnscikadan heo nomen þa sæ. *Ibid.* 4966 Þer he þa sæ nom. *c* 1400 *Laud Troy Bk.* 4099 And Achilles toke the see With his vitayles and his nane. *c* 1489 Caxton *Sonnes of Aymon* xxiv. 530 Reynawde dyde doo hale vp saylle, & take the see. 1542 Udall *Erasm. Apoph.* 287 The maryners,..beeyng lothe to take y° seaes, Pompeins hymself first of al entreed into the shippe. *a* 1604 Hanmer *Chron. Irel.* (1809) 366 For want of skill they could not take the seas, but were tossed with winde and weather, along the Coast. 1641 Earl Monm. tr. *Biondi's Civil Warres* IV. 68 The 27. of April he tooke sea at Dover. 1867 Swinburne *Ess. & Stud.* (1875) 119 The first hymn of Orpheus as Argo takes the sea. 1890 S. Lane-Poole *Barbary Corsairs* vii. 83 He..was able to take the sea with a fleet of eighty-four vessels. 1903 *Daily Chron.* 30 July 3/1 All the ships ..are able to touch 24 knots, but their lines and the way they take the sea is cause of common complaint.

III. Attributive uses and combinations.

18. Simple attributive: **a.** Of or belonging to the sea or a sea, as *sea-arm, -basin, bed, † -bore, brim, -brink, † -flash, -floor, harbour, -haven, -marge, -pull, -spray, -tide, -wave*.

1637 Heywood *Descr. Royall Ship* (1638) 28 The Great Colosse..who bestrid The spacious Rhodian *Sea-arme. 1865 W. G. Palgrave *Arabia* II. 203 Between the islands runs a narrow sea-arm. 1884 Geikie *Phys. Geog.* xiv. (1886) 123 Most of the great *sea-basins. 1838 *Penny Cycl.* XI. 142/2 So as to stain the whole *sea-bed for 1000 feet or yards in depth. *c* 1325 *Metr. Hom.* (Small) 135 That betes thaim wit dede and word Als *se bare betes on schip bord. 1621 G. Sandys *Ovid's Met.* IX. (1626) 225 With blood the *sea-brimme blusht. 1879 F. W. Robinson *Coward Consc.* I. iii, A country full of life and animation even to its sea-brim. *a* 1300 *Horn* 151 (Camb. MS.), Bi þe *se brinke No water þe na drinke. *c* 1820 S. Rogers *Italy* (1839) 84 On the sea-brink, another train they met. 1634 Sir T. Herbert *Trav.* 7 Sometimes the surges or *Sea-flashes doe rebound top-gallant height. 1855 Kingsley *Glaucus* (1878) 60 The variety of its rocks, aspects, and *sea-floors. 1648 Hexham II, *Een Zeehaven*, A *Sea-haven, or a *Sea-harbor. 1843 Carlyle *Past & Pr.* v. 89 No monstrous pitchy City, and Seahaven of the world! 1610 Shaks. *Temp.* IV. i. 69 Thy *Sea-marge stirrile. 1896 Kipling *Seven Seas* 68 The *sea-pull drew them side by side, gunnel to gunnel laid. 1812 Sir J. Sinclair *Syst. Husb. Scot.* I. 47 Withering mentions a thorny shrub..which stands the *sea-spray. 1601 Holland *Pliny* V. i. I. 90 It.. is only not overflowed by the *sea tides. 1727–46 Thomson *Summer* 1600 The loud *sea-wave. 1860 Tyndall *Glac.* I. xxv. 185 The sea-waves..sometimes reach the shore before the wind which produces them.

b. That is an attribute or quality of the sea, as *sea-blink, -calm, -murmur, -music, -roughness, -shine, -smell, -voice*.

1850 B. Taylor *Eldorado* xxxiii, Far away to the right I saw the *sea-blink along the edges of the sky. **1821** *Sea-calm [see *sea-roughness* below]. **1818** Shelley *Eugan. Hills* 347 A dell..Which the wild *sea-murmur fills. **1819** — *Prometh.* III. iii. 27 And thou, Ione, shalt chant fragments of *sea-music. **1821** Lamb *Elia, Witches* (end), The billows gradually subsiding, fell from a *sea-roughness to a sea-calm, and thence to a river motion. **1867** Augusta Wilson *Vashti* xiv, The greenish *sea-shine breaking through the dense foliage. **1880** Swinburne *Studies in Song* 179 Streak on streak of glimmering seashine crosses All the land. **1833** Tennyson *Rosalind* ii, Fresh as the early *seasmell blown Through vineyards from an inland bay. **1859** — *Guinevere* 245 And strong man-breasted things stood from the sea, And sent a deep *sea-voice thro' all the land.

c. Consisting of sea, as *sea-frontier, -lane,* †*-limit, -path, pool,* †*-tract, -valley.*

1905 *Westm. Gaz.* 15 Aug. 3/1 The *sea-frontier of England. **1878** Tennyson *Revenge* v, And the little Revenge ran on thro' the long *sea-lane between. **1577** Dee *Memor. Navig.* 59 All, within the *Sea-limits of our Brytish Royallty. **1653** Milton *Ps.* viii. 22 Fowl of the Heavens, and Fish that through the wet *Sea-paths in shoals do slide. **1596** Spenser *State Irel.* 2, I heard it often wished also..that all that land were a *Sea poole. **1883** *Fisheries Exhib. Catal.* p. lxxxvii, A Seapool arranged as a grotto. **1600** R. Johnson *Kingd. & Commw.* 169 So huge a *sea-tract full of hauens. **1857** Emerson *Poems* 81 *Sea-valleys and the deep of skies Furnished several supplies.

d. (Phenomena) occurring at sea, as *sea-cloud, dew, -meteor, -storm, -sunset,* †*-tempest.*

1811 Scott *Don Roderick* xxxvi, That *sea-cloud, in size like human hand. **1888** F. Cowper *Captain of Wight* (1889) 306 The *sea-dew glittered on spar and mast and straining sail. *a* **1818** M. G. Lewis *Jrnl. W. Ind.* (1834) 39 The above-mentioned floating lights are a kind of *sea-meteors. **1610** Shaks. *Temp.* I. ii. 177 And now I pray you Sir,..your reason For raysing this *Sea-Storme? **1839–52** Bailey *Festus* 428 Nor that it now sinks Like a *sea-sunset. **1871** Tennyson *Last Tourn.* 505 A low sea-sunset glorying round her hair. *c* **1400** *Sc. Trojan War* II. 1011 And sene þat so þe *see-tempestes Lownyt not, nor yhet toke restes.

e. (*a*) Deposited by or in the sea, as *sea-clay,* †*-gravel, -mud, -ooze, -slob,* †*-slub, -slutch,* †*-turf, -warp*; (*b*) formed by the sea, as †*sea-concretion*; (*c*) proceeding from the sea, as *sea-blast, fog, fret, -gale, haze,* etc.

1798 Southey *Henry the Hermit* 25 And underneath a rock that shelter'd him From the *sea-blast, he built his hermitage. **1531** *Lett. & Pap. Hen. VIII*, V. 183 Longe cartes caryng of see turff and *see clay from the floo marke. **1695** J. Edwards *Author. O. & N. Test.* III. 282 Others would persuade us that it [Stone-henge] is a *sea-concretion. **1796** H. Hunter tr. *St.-Pierre's Stud. Nat.* (1799) I. 171 Long belts of land and *sea-fogs, which accompany the melting of all ices. **1846** Brockett *N. C. Words* (ed. 3), **Sea-fret*, a wet mist, or haze proceeding from the sea inland. **1882** W. B. Scott *Poet's Harvest Home* 33 But still she stared across the bar Through blinding locks and blind seafret. **1821** Scott *Pirate* i, A garden..produced such vegetables as..the *sea-gale would permit to grow. *c* **1440** *Jacob's Well* 304 Þin herte is lyche þe *see-grauel & sande, þat sokyth in, & drynketh in, all waterys, and þit þe see is neuere full. **1864** Tennyson *Enoch Arden* 673 Till anon drawn thro' either chasm,..Roll'd a *sea-haze and whelm'd the world in gray. **1726** Leoni *Alberti's Archit.* II. 125/2 If their holes were stopt up with *Sea-mud, or ashes, it wou'd destroy them. **1669** Worlidge *Syst. Agric.* (1681) 68 All manner of *Sea-Owse, Owsie-mud, or Sea-weeds,..are very good for the bettering of Land. **1823** E. Moor *Suffolk Words*, **Sea-roke*, a fog or mist suddenly approaching from the direction of the sea. **1869** *Zoologist* Ser. II. IV. 1943 A gray sea-roke drifting in across the sand-dunes. **1883** *Chamb. Jrnl.* 20 It was no easy matter to distinguish between salt *seascud and driving rain. **1776** M. Murray in *A. Young's Tour Irel.* (1780) I. 279 Part [manured] with *sea-sloh and lime mixed. **1610** W. Folkingham *Art of Survey* I. x. 30 They vse both Orewood, Sea-sand, and *Sea-slubbe for soylings. **1795** J. Holt *Agric. Lanc.* 126 *Sea slutch, from the Ribble and Wyre, is in some places adjacent, made use of as a substitute for marle. **1860** Tennyson *Sea Dreams* 52 A full tide Rose with ground-swell, which, on the foremost rocks Touching, upjetted in spirts of wild *sea-smoke. **1531** *Sea turf [see *sea-clay* above]. **1705** Addison *Italy, Pesaro* etc. 142 Expos'd to the Winds and Salt *Sea-Vapours. **1839** *Civ. Engin. & Arch. Jrnl.* II. 450/1 By introducing fascine jetty work, which greatly accelerated the deposit of the *sea warp.

f. Situated in or by the sea, as *sea-cape, -cave,* †*-city, crag, -down, -dune, -flat, -grove, -hall, -home, -marsh, -point, -quag, -scar, -terrace, -wold, -wood.*

a **1876** M. Collins *Th. in Garden* (1880) II. 251 *Seacapes divine which the merry winds whiten. **1805** Scott *Last Minstrel* VI. xxiii, But the *sea-caves rung, and the wild winds sung, The dirge of the lovely Rosabelle. **1849** M. Arnold *Forsaken Merman* 61 Come back to the kind sea-caves! **1600** J. Pory tr. *Leo's Africa* I. 29 All the *sea-cities and inland-cities of Barbarie. **1595** Duncan *App. Etym.* (E. D. S.), *Scopulus*,..a *sea-craig. **1865** Swinburne *Chastelard* I. ii. 30 Between the *sea-downs and the sea. **1885** Tennyson *Flight* xxiii, We shall light upon..Some lodge within the waste *sea-dunes, and hear the waters roar. **1823** Corbett *Rur. Rides* (1885) I. 275 The wheat on..the *sea-flats at Havant. **1830** Tennyson *Merman* ii, Then we would wander away..To the pale-green *sea-groves. *Ibid.*, I would fill the *sea-halls with a voice of power. *a* **1746** Holdsworth *On Virg.* (1768) 400 There could be no fleet lying there, no *sea-marshes, no lines drawn across them to intercept communication. **1736** *Gentl. Mag.* VII. 357/2 To he built on the *sea-point of the same Island. **1882** Stevenson *New Arab. Nts.* II. ii. 15 The Graden Floe and the other *sea quags that fortified the shore against invaders. **1535** Stewart *Cron. Scot.* II. 415 Ane fair castell standand on the *se skar. **1868** Ld. Lytton *Chron. & Char., Siege Constant.*, The solemn obelisks And sombre cypress stripe with blackest shade *Sea terraces. **1884** Geikie *Phys. Geog.* xxiii. (1886) 217 Fig. 40 View of an old sea-terrace or raised beach, with sea-worn caves on its inner margin. **1830** Tennyson *Mermaid* iii, We would run to and fro, and hide and seek, On the broad *sea-wolds in the crimson shells. **1902** Buchan *Watcher by Threshold* 213 A *sea-wood of alders slipping from the hill's skirts to the water's edge.

g. Occasionally = 'at the sea-side', as *sea-place, -quarters, -sojourn,* †*-watering-place.*

1814 Coleridge *Let. to H. F. Cary* (1895) 733 Both Mrs. G. and myself have returned much benefited by our sea-sojourn. **1833** T. Hook *Parson's Dau.* II. xiv, 'Where's St. Leonard's?' 'Oh, the sea watering-place, close to Hastings'. *Ibid.* III. iii, The proposition of her removal to some sea-watering place. **1861** Mrs. Carlyle *Lett.* III. 81 East Cliff..would be perfect as sea-quarters if it weren't for the noise. **1877** P'cess Alice *Mem.* 25 July (1884) 356 The nicest sea-place I have been as yet.

h. Pertaining to the sea as a sphere of warlike operations, as *sea army, battle, campaign, conquest, dominion, empire,* etc.

1600 E. Blount tr. *Conestaggio* 181 The arrinall of his *sea-armie. **1835** *Partington's Brit. Cycl. Arts* s.v. *Signals*, The movements of a sea-army having a necessary dependence on the wind, they cannot [etc.]. **1598** Hakluyt *Voy.* I. 12 In the yeere 1156..there was a *Sea-battell fought. **1678** Marvell *Growth Popery* Wks. 1875 IV. 264 This fatal conclusion of all our *Sea-champaynes. **1627** May *Lucan* III. Argt., Brutus maintaines The siege, and Cæsars first *Sea-conquest gaines. **1652** Neeonam tr. *Selden's Mare Cl.* 58 The *Sea-Dominion of the Lydians. **1696** B. Kennett *Rom. Antiq.* II. I. iv. (1717) 46 The *Naumachiæ*, or Places for the Shows of *Sea-Engagements. **1712** Addison *Spect.* No. 299 P 2 Such an one commanded in such a Sea Engagement. **1910** *Nation* 22 Jan. 671/2 They controlled a *Sea-empire over the Aegean. **1577** Dee *Memor. Navig.* 59 Our *Sea-forces prenayling. **1669** R. Montagu in *Buccleuch MSS.* (Hist. MSS. Comm.) I. 444 Four *sea regiments of three thousand men a-piece. **1682** C. Irvine *Hist. Sc. Nomencl.* Ded. *iv, By your careful Conduct, you made Britain triumph over her most powerful *Sea-Rival. **1577** Dee *Memor. Navig.* 21 Appropriat to her peculiar Inrisdiction and *Sea Royallty. *Ibid.* 5 That expert and hardy Crue of some Thousands of *Sea soldiers wold be to this Realme a Treasor incomparable. **1708** J. Chamberlayne *St. Gt. Brit.* I. II. ii. (1710) 53 He can soon Man the same with the best Sea-Soldiers in the whole World. **1615** *Trade's Incr.* 33 This goodly engine of our *sea-state. *a* **1649** Drumm. of Hawth. *Jas. IV*, Wks. (1711) 64 A *sea-victory obtained by Sir Andrew Wood. **1727** Arbuthnot *Tables Anc. Coins*, etc. 241 This *Sea War cost the Carthaginians five hundred Quinquiremes.

i. Sea-going, as Sea-boat, *sea-coble, -ship.* Also in fanciful terms descriptive of various kinds of sea-going vessels, as *sea-car, -castle, -coffin,* †*-kennel, -terrier,* †*wasp.*

1851 C. L. Smith tr. *Tasso* XVII. liv, Over the self-same paths which the *sea-car Had traced in coming, backward hence it goes. **1655** Marq. Worcester *Cent. Invent.* § 16 How to make a *Sea-castle or Fortification Cannon-proof. **1841** Ld. J. Manners *England's Trust* 18 On furthest ocean's heaving breast meanwhile Ride the sea-castles of our merchant-isle. **1878** Tennyson *Revenge* iv, Till the Spaniard came in sight, With his huge sea-castles heaving upon the weather bow. **1505** *Berwick Reg.* in *Var. Collect.* (Hist. MSS. Comm.) I. 9 That all the *see cowbells commynge frome the se shall lande upon this syde of the water of Twede. **1565** [see Corle[1] 2]. **1899** *Pall Mall Mag.* Feb. 230 Many coasters were called *Sea-coffins after Mr. Plimsoll..denounced the ship-owner as the rapacious destroyer of his species. **1676** Wycherley *Pl. Dealer* III. i, You shou'd be ty'd up again, in your *Sea-kennel, call'd a Ship. **1535** Coverdale 1 *Kings* x. 22 The kynges *Seeshippe y*t sayled vpon the See with y* shippe of Hiram. **1838** Longf. *Beowulf* 20 He bade him a sea-ship..prepare. **1865** E. Burritt *Walk to Land's End* 275 The Fowey seamen made a remarkable reputation in their day with their little *sea-terriers. **1666** Davden *Ann. Mirab.* cliii, She seems a *sea-wasp flying on the waves.

j. Pertaining to life at sea; used or worn at sea; as *sea-biscuit, -boot* (hence *sea-booted* adj.), *bread, cap,* †*-cates, coat,* †*compass*, etc. Also, characteristic of life at sea or of seamen, nautical, as *sea-bow, -gibberish, -hornpipe, -language, manners*, etc.

1680–90 Temple *Ess. Health & Long Life* Wks. 1731 I. 283 A Spoonful of Powder of *Sea-bisquet. **1851** H. Melville *Whale* ix, A low rumbling of heavy *sea-boots among the benches. **1897** Kipling *Capt. Cour.* v. 107 With his *sea-booted feet cocked up on the table. **1748** Smollett *Rod. Rand.* (1812) I. 11 My uncle after two or three *sea-bows expressed himself in this manner. **1876** Davis *Polaris Exp.* xi. 261 A hash made of dried salmon and *sea-bread. **1601** Shaks. *Twel. N.* III. iv. 364 Now you haue no *sea-cap on your head. **1688** Jane Barker *Poet. Recreat.* I. 92 The best of *Sea-Cates we wish for thy Diet. *c* **1578** Frobisher in *Proc. Rec. Comm.* (1833) 562 At Bristo, wher his carde and his *se-clothes dyd ly to pawne. **1687** *Loud. Gaz.* No. 2290/4 A black Negro..having a *Sea-Coat lin'd with white Bays. **1570** J. Dee *Math. Pref.* a ivb, Certaine Landmarkes ..well hable to be skried, in what point of the *Seacumpase they appeare. **1712** J. James tr. *Le Blond's Gardening* 81 This Instrument is generally furnished with the Sea Compass. **1867** Smyth *Sailor's Word-bk., Sea-pie*,..a favourite *sea-dish in rough weather. **1889** *Century Dict., Furling-line*, a line wound spirally about a sail and its yard in furling. Also called **sea-gasket*. **1608** Sylvester *Du Bartas* II. iv. III. *Schisme* 929 Strike, strike our saile (the Master cryes) amain,..but hee cryes in vain; For, in his face the blasts so bluster ay, That his *Sea-gibb'rish is straight born away. **1602** Shaks. *Ham.* v. ii. 13 Vp from my Cabin My *sea-gowne scarft about me in the darke. **1699** Dampier *Voy.* II. I. 91 My Guide carried my Sea-gown, which was my covering in the night. **1745** *Life Bamfylde-Moore Carew* 58 He..furnishes himself with a tattered *Sea-Habit. **1687** *Lond. Gaz.* No. 2256/4 With a *Sea Hankerchief about his Neck. **1798** O'Keeffe *Wild Oats* I. i, *John.* You know, on our quitting harbour—. *Sir Geo.* Damn your *sea-jaw, you marvellous dolphin, give the contents of your log-book in plain English. **1855** Dickens *Dorrit* I. vi, The doctor was amazingly shabby, in a torn and darned rough-weather *sea-jacket [etc.]. **1884** Sir F. S. Roberts in *19th Cent.* June 1069 *Sea-kits should be issued gratis [to the army] as required. **1728** Chambers *Cycl., Offing*, in the *Sea-language, that part of the Sea a good distance from Shore. **1838** *Civ. Engin. & Arch. Jrnl.* I. 358/1 A *sea lead is charged at its heavy end with a small iron tube. **1740** Johnson *Life Drake* Wks. 1816 XII. 99 Bred from his earliest years to the labour and hardships of a *sea life. **1853** Kane *Grinnell Exp.* v. (1856) 35 The recurring noonday, the meridian starting-point of sea-life. **1829** Marryat *F. Mildmay* iv, My *sea manners were not congenial to the drawing-room. **1668** *Lond. Gaz.* No. 262/4 A *sea Neckcloth about his neck. **1659** Torriano, *Avaria*, a *sea-phrase, viz. a..distribution of the losse made, when [etc.]. **1778** Miss Burney *Evelina* (1791) II. xxxvii. 248, I suppose it to be some sea-phrase. **1886** Stevenson *Kidnapped* x, Then there came a single call on the *sea-pipe, and that was the signal. *c* **1611** Chapman *Iliad* II. 538 King Agamemnon, on these men, did well-built ships bestow To passe the gulfie purple sea, that did no *sea rites know. **1884** 'H. Collingwood' *Under Meteor Flag* 172 He made an elaborate *sea-scrape with his right foot. **1857** Dufferin *Lett. High Lat.* (ed. 3) 400 [We] were nearly run into ourselves by a clumsy merchantman, whom we had the relief of being able to abuse in..the most racy *sea-slang. **1748** *Anson's Voy.* I. ix. 91 Some place..where ships might refresh and supply themselves with the necessary *sea-stock for their voyage. **1840** F. D. Bennett *Whaling Voy.* II. 349 This fruit..is very eligible for sea-stock. **1659** Rushw. *Hist. Coll.* 415 All manner of Tackle, *Sea-stores, and Ammunition. **1834** Marryat *P. Simple* viii, We were ordered to the dock-yard to draw sea-stores. **1603** Dekker *1st Pt. Honest Wh.* I. ii. *Stage-dir.*, Enter Fustigo in some fantastic *sea-suit. **1710** Pope *Let. to H. C.* (1735) I. 105, I agree with you in your Censure of the Use of *Sea-Terms in Mr. Dryden's Virgil. **1898** Ansted (*title*), A Dictionary of Sea Terms. **1747** Mrs. Glasse *Cookery* xi. 125 To make *Sea Venison.

k. Applied to pay received or 'due for actual service in a duly-commissioned ship' (Smyth *Sailor's Word-bk.* 1867).

In sea-pay, †*at sea-wages*: (of a sailor) in actual service on the sea; (of a ship) in commission.

1490 *Act 7 Hen. VII*, c. 1 § 2 If the Captain be at Sea-wages, he [shall] shew the departing..of the said Soldier.. to the Admiral of the Navy. **1667** Pepys *Diary* 29 Aug., My Lord Crewe and his friends take it very ill of me that my Lord Sandwich's sea-fee should be retrenched. **1758** *M. P.'s. Let. on R. N.* 6 When such Ships shall have been eighteen Months in Sea-pay, the Wages of the first twelve Months shall be paid. **1889** *N. & Q.* 7th Ser. VII. 81/2 The fleet then left by Pepys in sea-pay comprised 76 vessels, and the men numbered 12,040.

l. Applied to works of art or literature, narratives, etc., representing the sea or life at sea, as *sea-eclogue, -sonnet, -story, -subject, -tale, -yarn*, etc. So also *sea-painter, -poet.*

1712 (*title*) Nereids: or *Sea-Eclogues. **1909** *Q. Rev.* July 140 Joseph Antran the *sea-poet of Marseilles. **1659** *Lady Alimony* III. iii. F 4, Let us have a *Sea-sonnet before we lanch forth in our Adventure-Frigot. **1855** (*title*) *Sea Stories: tales of discovery, adventure, and escapes. **1885** *Academy* 21 Nov. 338/3 Mr. Russell undoubtedly 'struck oil' with his earlier sea-stories. **1850** Marg. F. Ossoli *Wom. in 19th Cent.* (1862) 267 Painters of *sea-subjects. **1888** F. M. Crawford *With Immortals* II. 129, I used to ..listen to the *sea-tales of the sailors. **1890** 'R. Boldrewood' *Col. Reformer* (1891) 157 Spinning *sea-yarns all night.

m. Applied to nautical maps and charts, as †*sea-chart, -map, -plat*, etc. Also Sea-book, -card 1.

c **1635** N. Boteler *Dial. Sea Services* (1685) 266 This *Sea-cart is also called a Plot. **1745** Pococke *Descr. East* II. I. 210 The modern sea carts make it [Cyprus] only one hundred and thirty-five [miles] in length. **1669** Sturmy *Mariner's Mag.* IV. iii. 157 By the true *Sea-chart you are arrived at G. **1883** *Encycl. Brit.* XV. 520/2 By 1601 Mercator's projection was in use for all sea charts. **1632** Sherwood, A sea-card, or *Sea-map, *Carte marine, Hydrographie.* **1839** *Penny Cycl.* XIV. 405/1 There are two kinds of terrestrial maps—geographic or land maps, and hydrographic or sea maps. **1697** Dampier *Voy.* I. 416 The Drafts or *Sea-plats being first consulted, it was [etc.].

n. By sea; also, pertaining to navigation or maritime or naval affairs; as *sea-business, -carriage,* †*-concernment, -passage, -passenger, -route, -trade, -traffic, -transport,* †*-wandering*, etc. Also Sea-voyaging.

1625 K. Long tr. *Barclay's Argenis* IV. xv. 289 The hurly-burly of such as were unskilfull in *sea-business, was like to bring no lesse danger than the storms violence. **1712** M. Henry *Daily Commun. with God* (1866) 45 Whatever your employment be, in country-business, city-business, or sea-business,..go about them in the fear of God. **1766** Smollett *Trav.* I. xx. 315 This wine is of a strong body,..and improves by *sea-carriage. **1868** Rogers *Pol. Econ.* iii. (1876) 20 The relative values of food, clothing, metals, and sea-carriage remain the same. *a* **1687** Petty *Pol. Arith.* i. (1691) 27 Wherefore he whom this latter Party doth affectionately own to be their Head, cannot probably be wronged in his *Sea-concernments by the other. **1615** *Trade's Incr.* 2 A man may runne a course this way [by fishing] to enrich himselfe..more easily..then any other *sea-course can persuade vs to. **1619** Hieron *Wks.* I. 643 It is an allusion to a sea-course: When he the admirall hangs out a lanterne, and all that come behind steere to that. *a* **1586** *Sea-discipline [see Land-service]. **1666** Marvell *Corr.* lviii. Wks. (Grosart) II. 197 The *sea-news is not good from severall places. **1634** Sir T. Herbert *Trav.* 2 The description of our *Sea passage. **1873** M. Arnold *Lit. & Dogma* (1876) 181 Because a man has frequently to make sea-passages, he is not gifted with an immunity from sea-sickness. **1592** Greene *2nd Pt. Conny-catching* Wks. (Grosart) X. 89 Syrens, who sitting with their watching eies vpon the rockes to allure *Sea-passengers to their extreame preiudice. **1858** Timbs *Curiosities of Sci.* Ser. I. 184 Ocean highways: how *sea-routes have been shortened. **1886** C. E. Pascoe *Lond. Today* xliii. (ed. 3) 372 In communication with the Continent by the shortest sea route. **1664** Exton *Maritime Dicæol.* I. iii. 14 Other things..done—either on or at the sea, con-

cerning *Sea-trade. 1885 J. F. Payne in *Encycl. Brit.* XIX. 166/2 Two insular outbreaks [of plague]..both thought to be cases of importation by *sea-traffic. 1847 Webster, **Sea-traveling*, traveling by sea voyages. 1599 Nashe *Lenten Stuffe* 50 Like..Vlysses (well knowne vnto them by his prolixious *seawandering).

o. In designations of persons, as living or exercising their functions at sea, as *sea-boy*, *-carpenter*, *-commander*, *-friend*, *-robber*, etc.; † also occas. quasi-*adj.*, that is a sailor, nautical, as *sea-lover*, *-philosopher*, *-reader*.

1597 Shaks. 2 *Hen. IV*, III. i. 27 Canst thou (O partiall Sleepe) giue thy Repose To the wet *Sea-Boy, in an houre so rude. 1860 Gen. P. Thompson *Audi Alt.* cxii. III. 38 A Hull sea-boy went to see his master when his time was out. 1753 *Chambers' Cycl.* Suppl., *Scarfed*, in the *sea carpenter's language, is the same as pierced, or fastened or joined in. 1718 Blackmore *Alfred* III. (1723) 87 Rigid *Sea-Chiefs and turbulent of Mind. 1672 Wiseman *Wounds* II. App., To Rdr., My design was to help the *Sea-Chirurgions. 1659 Rushw. *Hist. Coll.* I. 4 One of the last *Sea-Commanders then living bred under Queen Elizabeth. 1661 J. D[avies] *Civil Warres* 326 Coll. Popham one of their *Sea-Generalls. 1666 Evelyn *Diary* 2 Dec., Van Tromp, the Sea Generall. 1669 Sturmy *Mariner's Mag.* v. xiii. 85 Hand-Granadoes [are]..made by *Sea-Gunners upon a Mould made with Twine. 1758 J. Blake *Plan Mar. Syst.* 42 To *sea-lads under 18 not more than 22s. 6d. per month. *c*1688 Pepys *Mem. R. N.* in Moorhouse *Pepys* (1909) 253 For ascertaining the duty of a *sea-lieutenant, and for examining persons pretending to that office. 1723 *Pres. St. Russia* II. 341 The same happened to another Sea-Lieutenant Michucow. 1797 *Sporting Mag.* X. 322 A *sea-loobhy that did not know how to reckon. 1695 Congreve *Love for Love* IV. xii, What, has my *sea-lover lost his anchor of hope then? 1600 Abp. Abbot *Expos. Jonah* viii. 169 These *sea-people in like sort might well thinke of the Lord, and yet not leaue their idolatry. 1748 Smollett *Rod. Rand.* xxxii. (1760) I. 248, I was much pleased and edified with the maxims of this *sea-philosopher. 1726 Shelvocke *Voy. round World* Pref. 4, I do not here pretend to give my *Sea-Reader a compleat system of the Navigation on the coasts of Chili, Peru, &c. 1513 Douglas *Æneis* VII. vii. 48 3one fals *see rewir will leif in sturt. 1595 Duncan *App. Etym.* (E.D.S.), *Pyrata*, a sea-rewar, a pyrate. 1568 Grafton *Chron.* II. 435 When the Erle..had not founde one Pirate or *Sea robber, be [etc.]. 1870 Morris *Earthly Par.* III. IV. 305 On the mast Hung the sea-robbers' fair shields, lip to lip.

p. In appellations of mythological or other imaginary beings supposed to inhabit the sea, as *sea-cattle*, *-deity*, *-giant*, *-goblin*, *-idol*, etc.

1710 W. King *Heathen Gods & Heroes* I. (1722) 179 He [Proteus] is said to ride in a Chariot drawn by *Sea-Cattle, a sort of Horses with two Legs, and Tails like Fishes. 1613 Purchas *Pilgrimage* (1614) 677 Neptune with his ruder *Sea-Deities. 1888 F. M. Crawford *With Immortals* (1890) 294 The match between gods and *sea-giants for souls of sailors. 1823 Scott *Ess. Romance* (1874) 97 Begot betwixt a monster and a *sea-goblin. 1855 Kingsley *Heroes, Argon.* v. 161 In that cave lives Scylla, the *sea-hag. 1671 Milton *Samson* 13 This day a solemn Feast the people hold To Dagon thir *Sea-Idol. 1604 *Meeting of Gallants at Ordinarie* 22 Riding upon a *Sea-mare. 1589 Greene *Menaphon* (Arb.) 52 How oft haue I descending Titan seene His burning lockes couch in the *Sea-queenes lap. 1590 Spenser *F. Q.* II. xii. 24 The horrible *Sea-satyre, that doth shew His fearefull face in time of greatest storme.

q. That lives in the sea, or is found in the sea, esp. as opposed to a similar thing found or living on land, or in fresh water.

1601 Holland *Pliny* XXII. xxii. II. 128 Others affirme, that Alimon is a sea-wort, of a salt and brackish tast. 1611 Speed *Theat. Gt. Brit.* xl. (1614) 79/2 Sea-winkles, cockles and other sea-fish. 1767 tr. *Crantz' Greenland* I. 60 Of the Land and Sea Vegetables. 1848 Owen in *Times* 14 Nov. 9/1 The Sea Saurians of the Secondary periods of geology. 1859 Ld. Lytton *Wanderer* (ed. 2) 329 My coat..Salt as a sea-sponge. 1867 Brande & Cox *Dict. Sci.* s.v. *Sea-serpent*, Mesozoic sea-reptiles (*Ichthyosaurus*, *Plesiosaurus*).

19. Objective, as †*sea-binding*, *-convulsing*, †*drying*, *-framing*, *-loving*, †*-shouldering*, etc., adjs. Also †*sea-wright* sb.

1616 W. Browne *Brit. Past.* I. iv, O ye *sea-binding cleeves! *Ibid.* II. i. 10 By thickets which aray'd The high *Sea-bounding hill, so neare she went [etc.]. 1861 S. Brooks *Silver Cord* xvii, The basin in which stood..the *sea-compelling Poseidon. 1821 Shelley *Hellas* 474 The *sea-convulsing figbt. 1605 Sylvester *Du Bartas* II. iii. IV. *Captaines* 294 Let faint Women shake At their Drad God, at their *Sea-drying Lord. 1601 R. Chester *Love's Mart.* (1878) 78 The flowing Riuer Thamasis is nam'd, Whose *Sea-ensuing Tide can neare be tam'd. 1860 Tennyson *Sea Dreams* 33 They..Ran in and out the long *sea-framing caves. 1862 Wood *Illustr. Nat. Hist.* II. 700 The Dunlin..is the commonest of the *sea-loving Sandpipers. 1590 Spenser *F. Q.* II. xii. 23 Spring-headed *Hydraes* and *sea-shouldring Whales. 1616 W. Browne *Brit. Past.* II. i. 26 Bearded Goates, that on the clonded head Of any *sea-surnaying Mountaine fed. *c*1586 C'tess Pembroke *Ps.* xcv. ii, The sea is his, and he the *sea-wright was.

20. Similative, as *sea-colour*; *sea-blue*, *-deep*, *-grey*, *-wide* adjs. Cf. Sea-green.

1850 Tennyson *In Mem.* xc[i], Or underneath the barren bush Flits by the *sea-blue bird of March. 1610 Holland *Camden's Brit.* I. 233 Three springs of hote water, of a blewish or *sea colour. 1896 Housman *Shropshire Lad* xiv, *Sea-deep, till doomsday morning, Lie lost my heart and soul. 1906 *Academy* 6 Jan. 14/1 Our ancient *sea-grey town. 1756 Dyer *Fleece* IV. 220 Those [lakes] a *sea-wide surface spread.

21. Instrumental, as †*sea-partition*; *sea-bathed*, *-bounded*, †*-broke*, †*-circled*, *-deserted*, *-divided*, *-driven*, *encircled*, *-scented*, *-tossed*, †*wrecked* adjs.

1640 Sandys *Christ's Passion* I. 80 *Sea-bath'd Hesperus, who brings Night on. 1610 Niccols *Winter night's Vision*, *Mirr. Mag.* 573 Our *sea-bounded Britanie. 1649 G. Daniel *Trinarch., Hen. V*, clx, As a brave Vessell, *Sea-broke, lyes to Hull. 1594 Nashe *Unfort. Trav.* Wks. (Grosart) V. 20 Their *sea-circled Ilands. 1820 Shelley *Witch* iv, The *sea-deserted sand. 1649 G. Daniel *Trinarch., Hen. V* lxxviii, *Sea-Devided France. 1581 W. S. *Compend. or Briefe Exam.* 8 b, Towards what Coastes yee be *Sea dryuen. 1730–46 Thomson *Autumn* 926 Round the *sea-encircled globe. 1597 Drayton *Heroic. Ep.* 44 b, This *Sea-inuirond Ile. 1735 Somerville *Chase* III. 431 All now is plain, Plain as the strand *sea-lav'd. 1597 J. Payne *Royal Exch.* 3 Neyther *sea partition nor distans of place can be anye lawfull excuse to he..silent. 1592 in Sir J. Picton *L'pool Munic. Rec.* (1883) I. 70 *Sea rounded groundes. 1845 Browning *Meeting at Nt.* ii, Warm *sea-scented beach. 1648 Herrick *Hesper.* 85 (*Welcome to Sack*), Far more welcome then the happy soile, The *Sea-scourg'd Merchant, after all his toile, Salutes with tears of joy. 1744 Young *Nt. Th.* VII. 32 He whom *Sea-sever'd Realms obey. 1725 Pope *Odyss.* IV. 827 *Sea-surrounded realms. 1610 Shaks. *Temp.* II. i. 251 She that from whom We all were *sea-swallow'd, 1616 W. Browne *Brit. Past.* II. I. 3 Into as fayre a Baye As euer Merchant wisht might be the rode Wherein to ease his *sea-torne Vessels lode. 1608 Shaks. *Per.* III. Gower 60 Vpon whose Decke The *seas tost Pericles appeares to speake. 1594 Lodge & Greene *Looking-gl.* (1598) F 2, You returne thus *sea-wrackt as I see.

22. Locative, as *sea-based*, *-bred*, *-built*, †*-lost*, *-packed*, *-potent*, *-setting* adjs.; also *sea-setting* sb.

1839–48 Bailey *Festus* 67/1 Like *seabased icebergs. 1695 Congreve *Love for L.* Dram. Pers., Ben, Sir Sampson's younger Son, half home-bred, and half *sea-bred. 1666 Dryden *Ann. Mirab.* lvii, The *sea-built forts in dreadful order move. 1624 Quarles *Sion's Elegies* II. xi. D 1 b, As a *Sea-lost Roner, Shee roames, but can no land of peace discouer. 1891 *Century Dict.*, **Sea-packed*, packed at sea or during a voyage, as fish to be sold on arrival in port. 1743 Francis tr. *Hor., Odes* III. xxviii. 9 The *Sea-potent King, And Nereids. 1685 Dryden *Albion & Alb.* III. i, *Sea-racing Dolphins are train'd for our Motion. 1655 Marq. Worcester *Cent. Invent.* Index 2 A *Sea-sailing Fort. 1839–48 Bailey *Festus* xix. 211 My soul sank within me like a star *Sea-setting. 1865 A. Smith *Summer in Skye* I. 200 [The] wan sea-setting of the moon. 1789 E. Darwin *Bot. Gard.* I. 15 *Sea-wilder'd crews the mountain-stars admire.

23. Special combinations: †**sea-affairs**, nautical or naval affairs, or things occurring at sea; †**sea-agate**, ? an agate with green wave-like markings; **sea-anchor**, (*a*) (see quot. 1769); (*b*) = *drift-anchor* (see Drift *sb.* 19 c); †**sea-artist**, a master of the art of navigation; **sea-beggar** *Hist.* [= F. *gueux de mer*], a seaman of the small fleet organized by William of Orange in 1572 to combat the Spaniards; **sea-blacking** *jocular*, the effect of sea-air in darkening the skin; **sea-bloom**, **-blossom**, a flower or blossom of marine vegetation; **sea-bow**, a phenomenon similar to the rainbow, formed by the action of light on sea-spray; †**sea-brace**, a piece of timber used to strengthen a framework against the stress of the waves; **sea-breach**, (*a*) a breaker; (*b*) an irruption of the sea; **sea-break** = prec. (*b*); **sea-brief** (see quot. 1875); **sea-bud**, a bud of marine vegetation, also *attrib.*; **sea-cap** (see quot.); †**sea-carriage**, a gun-carriage for a ship's gun; **sea-change**, a change wrought by the sea; **sea-cheat**, a seaman's chest or box for his own clothing, etc.; **sea-clam**, **-clamp**, 'a clam, clamp, or forceps closed by a weight, for use with deep-sea sounding-lines' (*Cent. Dict.* 1891); **sea-cloth**, a painted cloth spread over the stage and moved so as to represent waves; **sea-cobble**, a pebble rounded by the action of the sea, used for paving and building; †**sea-common** (see quot.); **sea-cook**, a cook on board ship; esp. in *son of a sea-cook* used as a term of abuse; **sea-crust**, the incrustation formed on an iron ship during a sea-voyage; **sea-daddy** [cf. Du. *zeevader*], an old sailor who befriends and instructs a midshipman; †**sea-dingle**, an abyss or deep in the sea; †**sea-distemper** = Sea-sickness; **sea-door**, a means of access (to a country) from the sea; †**sea-drags**, **-dust** (see quots.); **sea-edge**, the brink of the sea; also *spec.* 'the boundary between the icy regions of the "north water" and the unfrozen portions of the Arctic Sea' (Smyth *Sailor's Word-bk.* 1867); **sea-farm**, 'an area of sea-bottom devoted to the cultivation of molluscs; an oyster-farm' (*Funk's Stand. Dict.* 1895); **sea-fencible**, an old coastguard; **sea-fire**, phosphorescence at sea; **sea-flier**, one of the longipennine natatorial sea-birds, as gulls, etc.; **sea-fort**, a fort on the coast; **sea-gauge**, (*a*) (see quot.); (*b*) 'the depth that a vessel sinks in the water' (Webster 1828–32); **sea-gipsy**, one of a roving tribe of fishermen of Malayan type living all their life on the sea, in the Malay Archipelago; **sea-glass**, † (*a*) isinglass; (*b*) (see quot. 1895); †**sea-grave** = *sea-reeve*; **sea-grocer**, 'a sobriquet for the purser' (Smyth *Sailor's Word-bk.*); **sea-guard**, a guarding or protecting by sea; †**sea-gulf**, a whirlpool; †**sea-head**, ? a sea-wall or bank; **sea-horizon**, the line where sky and sea seem to meet; in *Navigation*, 'the small circle which bounds the portion of the surface visible to a spectator in the open sea' (Harbord *Gloss. Navig.* 1863); **sea-ice** (see quot. 1835), also simply, the ice of the sea, frozen sea-water; **sea-ivory**, ivory from the tusks and horns of marine mammalia; **sea-kindly** *a.*, (of a ship) easy to handle at sea; hence *sea-kindliness*; **sea-lake**, a land-locked portion of the sea, a lagoon; **sea-league**, three nautical miles; **sea-ledger**, ledger tackle (see Ledger *sb.* 8) used in sea-fishing; **sea-letter** = *sea-brief*; **sea-loch** *Sc.*, an inlet of the sea; **sea-lock**, a lock at the marine extremity of a ship canal; **sea-log**, an official record of a ship's voyage (see also quot. 1867); **sea-lord**, a naval lord (of the Admiralty); †**sea-master**, a sailing-master; **sea-mile**, a geographical or nautical mile (see Mile *sb.*[1] 3); **sea-mine** (see Mine *sb.* 3); **sea-mountain**, (*a*) a high wave; (*b*) a mountain covered or partly covered by the sea; **sea-net**, a net used in sea-fishing; †**sea-office**, an office on board ship; **sea-pass** (see quot.); **sea-peril** = *sea-risk*; **sea-preacher**, ? = Sea-lawyer; **sea-pup** *jocular*, a 'young sea-dog', a child of a sailor or fisherman; **sea-purple** = Purple *sb.* 3, also the dye derived from it; **sea-rainbow** = *sea-bow*; **sea-rake**, a rake used for collecting shell-fish, etc., a clam-rake; †**sea-rat**, a pirate; **sea-rate**, reach (see quots.); **sea-reeve**, an officer who took care of the maritime rights of the lord of the manor, and watched the shore and collected wrecks; **sea-risk**, 'liability to losses by perils of the sea' (Smyth *Sailor's Word-bk.*); **sea-run** *a.*, 'having returned to the sea after spawning, as an anadromous fish' (*Cassell's Suppl.* 1902); **sea-runner**, ? = *sea-flier*; **sea-running** *a.*, 'anadromous; entering rivers to spawn and returning to the sea' (*Cassell's Suppl.*); †**sea-ruttier** = Ruttier; **sea-scurvy**, the form of scurvy incident to life on ship-board; **sea-sergeant** (see quot. 1867); **sea-shoal**, (*a*) a shoal of fish in the sea; (*b*) a shoal or bank in the sea; †**sea-shoe** (in *phrase*: see quot.); **sea-slope**, a slope facing the sea; **sea-sorrow** *arch.*, a catastrophe or cause of trouble at sea; **sea-speed**, the ordinary speed of a vessel when at sea, as distinguished from *full speed*; **sea-stick**, a herring cured at sea; **sea-stroke**, the stroke of a heavy wave; **sea-tan**, tan produced by exposure to sea-air; **sea-tath** (see Tath 3); **sea-time**, (*a*) time spent at sea in service; (*b*) the way of reckoning time at sea; **sea-toss** *colloq.*, 'a toss overboard into the sea' (*Cent. Dict.*); **sea-transom**, 'that which is bolted to the counter-timbers, above the upper, at the height of the port-sills' (Smyth *Sailor's Word-bk.*); **sea-trap**, a trap in the sea for catching fish, etc.; †**sea-trod** *a.*, sea-faring; **sea-turn**, (*a*) a gale or breeze (usually accompanied by mist, etc.) from the sea; (*b*) 'a tack into the offing' (Smyth *Sailor's Word-bk.*); **sea-valve**, 'any one of several valves in the bottom or side of a steamship communicating with the sea below the water-line' (*Cent. Dict.*); †**sea-wake**, the duty of watching the sea; †**sea-warth**, the sea-shore; †**sea-watch**, (*a*) a chronometer; (*b*) (see quot. 1769); **sea-wax** = Maltha 2; **sea-wit**, a naval jester or wit; also, nautical wit or facetiousness; **sea-woman**, a mermaid; **sea-work**, a work or construction in the sea, also naval work or work on a ship or in service; †**sea-yoke**, a combination of pulleys and ropes for working the helm in stormy weather.

1633 T. Stafford *Pac. Hib.* III. vi. (1821) 546 Conversant in *Sea-affaires. 1798 O'Keeffe *Wild Oats* I. i, Since you've ..retired to live in quiet, on your estate, and had done with all sea affairs. *a*1593 Marlowe *Hero & Leander* I. 138 The wals were of discoloured Iasper stone, Wherein was Proteus carued, and o'rehead, A linelie vine of greene *sea agget spread. 1769 Falconer *Dict. Marine* II, *Ancre du Large*, the *sea-anchor, or that which lies towards the offing. 1877 J. Dixon in *Daily News* 19 Oct. 6/4 She also had a floating bag, or sea anchor, to keep her head to windward. 1669 Sturmy *Mariner's Mag.* IV. i. 138 Such young Sea-faring Men, as are desirous to be *Sea-Artists or Navigators. 1845 M. Russell in *Encycl. Metrop.* XIII. 603/1 Repulsed by the *Sea-beggars, he [the Count de Bossu] endeavoured to seek a refuge in Dort. 1840 R. H. Dana *Bef. Mast* xxx, It was surprising to see how much soap and fresh water did for the complexions of many of us; how much of what we supposed to be tan and *sea-blacking we got rid of. 1819 Shelley *Ode W. Wind* 39 The *sea-blooms and the oozy woods which wear The sapless foliage of the ocean. 1865 Swinburne *Chastelard* I. ii. 38 Some *sea-blossom stripped to the sun and burned At naked ebb. 1728 Chambers *Cycl.* s.v. *Rainbow*, The Marine or *Sea-Bow is a Phænomenon sometimes observ'd in a much agitated Sea. 1776 G. Semple *Building in Water* 131 You may also extend the..Sills..toward the Sea, and thereon fix your five *Sea-braces. *c*1610 Beaum. & Fl. *Philaster* v. iii, Let me stand the shock of this mad *sea-breach, Which I'le either turne, or perish with it. 1697 Collier *Ess. Mor. Subj.* II. (1709) 14 You might as good attempt to..stop a Sea-breach by proving the Water gets nothing by overflowing. 1884

Chamb. Jrnl. 3 May 275/1 The whole coast also suffers much from sea-breaches. *a* 1688 J. WALLACE *Descr. Orkn.* (1693) 19 How great is the power of the *Sea-break may appear from this, that..there are by the violence of the sea & winds, large stones thrown up..a great way above the rock. 1566 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* I. 481 The lettres of marqne, or *sey brevis of the Kingis of Denmark, Swaden, or ony uther foreign Prince. 1755 MAGENS *Insurances* II. 460 All kind of Ships and Vessels..shall be only obliged to shew nnto the Officers acting in the Ports of the said States, ..their Passport commonly called a Sea-Brief. 1875 BEDFORD *Sailor's Pocket Bk.* vi. (ed. 2) 224 The Sea-letter, or Sea-brief, ..is the document which entitles the Master to sail under the Flag..of the Nation to which he belongs; and it also specifies the nature and quantity of the cargo [etc.]. 1817 SHELLEY *Pr. Athanase* II. iv. 11 The grass in the warm sun did start and move, And *sea-buds burst under the waves serene. 1830 TENNYSON *Mermaid* ii, My starry sea-bud crown. 1867 SMYTH *Sailor's Word-bk.*, **Sea-cap*, the white drift or breaks of a wave. *White horses* of trades. 1669 STURMY *Mariner's Mag.* IV. xii. 64 *Sea-Carriages are made ..as the Block-maker that makes them hath Rules for. 1610 SHAKS. *Temp.* I. ii. 400 Nothing of him that doth fade, But doth suffer a *Sea-change Into something rich, & strange. 1669 STURMY *Mariner's Mag.* v. xiii. 86 Like a *Sea Chest. 1883 STEVENSON *Treas. Isl.* i, His sea-chest following behind him in a hand-barrow. 1891 *Century Dict.*, **Sea-cloth*, *Theat.* 1901 *Referee* 4 Aug. 3 (Cass. Suppl.) The quicksand in 'Wrestler Joe' was crudely represented by a black 'sea-cloth'. 1810 *Hull Improv. Act* 36 Paved with such good and substantial *sea-cobbles. 1584 in *3rd Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* 5/1 All fishermen may fish in and upon *sea-commons, that is, all such places in rivers, creeks, or bays as are covered by the water at high tide. 1706 E. WARD *Wooden World Diss.* (1708) 82 A *Sea-Cook has been an able Fellow in the last War. *c* 1825 CHOVCE *Log Jack Tar* (1891) 30 [They] struck the landlord, and called him an out-landish son of a sea-cook in his own house. 1865 H. KINGSLEY *Hillyars & B.* lv, If he got any more cheek from him, or any other..post and rail son of a sea-cook. 1896 KIPLING *Seven Seas, Coastwise Lights* 21 Go, get you gone up-Channel with the *sea-crust on your plates. 1899 'MARTELLO TOWER' *At School & at Sea* 80 'Mas'r Tower', said my *sea-daddy to me one quiet evening, 'I was wantin' to say a word to you, sir.' *a* 1240 *Sea dingle [see DINGLE *sb.*]. *a* 1641 FINETT *For. Ambass.* (1656) 153 Giving to the Queen some time of refreshing after her *Sea-distempers, before he would see her. 1745 *Life Bampfylde-Moore Carew* 22 So violently were Bampfylde and his Friend afflicted with the Sea-Distemper. 1861 LOWELL *Pickens-and-Stealin's Rebell.* Wks. 1890 V. 83 The seceding States, every one of which had a *sea-door open to the invasion of an enemy. 1884 JOAQUIN MILLER *Memorie & Rime* (N. Y.) 120 Portland sits at the sea-door [of Oregon]. 1706 PHILLIPS (ed. Kersey), **Sea-Drags*,..any thing that hangs over the Ship in the Sea; as Shirts, Gowns, &c. or the Boat when it is towed. 1879 GEIKIE in *Encycl. Brit.* X. 266/1 The dust or sand of dried lakes or river-beds is sometimes borne away into the upper regions of the atmosphere,..it may descend again to the surface, in the form of 'red-fog', '*sea-dust', or 'sirocco-dust'. 1820 SCORESBY *Acc. Arctic Reg.* I. 102 The Seven Icebergs are each, on an average, about a mile in length, and perhaps near 200 feet in height at the *sea-edge. 1910 N. MUNRO in *Blackw. Mag.* Aug. 231 The drystone dykes that marked them rose from the sea-edge dripping. 1803 SIR J. MOORE in *Tait's Mag.* (1834) I. 333/2 The Volunteers, *Sea-Fencibles, and all, were turned out. 1814 SCOTT *Ld. of Isles* Note ix, The phenomenon called by sailors *Sea-fire. 1869–73 T. R. JONES *Bk. Birds* IV. 175 The *Sea-fliers (*Longipennes*). *Ibid.* 219 The Oar-footed Sea-fliers (*Steganopodes*). 1879 SIR C. NUGENT in *Encycl. Brit.* IX. 450/1 Fig., Plan of *Sea Fort, with continuous Iron wall. 1751 *Phil. Trans.* XLVII. 213 Upon the passage, I made several trials, with the bucket *sea-gage. 1817 MOORE *Lalla Rookh, Fire-worshippers*, That Eastern Ocean, where the *sea-gipsies, who live for ever on the water, enjoy a perpetual summer in wandering from isle to isle. 1848 *Simmonds' Col. Mag.* Jan. 49 The sea-gipsies skimming over the waters in prahus filled with their wives and children. 1747 COOKE in *Hanway's Trav.* (1762) I. IV. lviii. 266 We observed a great quantity of *sea-glass [*note* Commonly called isinglass, of which lanthorns are made]. 1895 *Outing* (U. S.) XXVII. 240/1 Our object in visiting the reefs was to look through the sea-glasses, which consist of funnels of wood about a yard long, with a piece of glass at the lower end. 1583 in *N. Riding Rec.* (1894) I. 250 [They] have had *seagroves [*read* sea-graves] chosen..from tyme to tyme for the presenntynge of all such wreckes and Regall fishes. 1876 BANCROFT *Hist. U. S.* III. v. 366 It was Grenville who introduced a more than Spanish *sea-guard of British America. 1902 *Times* 15 Aug. 5/3 The [naval] review of this week may also be regarded as a kind of national stock-taking of the Empire's sea-guard. 1571 GOLDING *Calvin on Ps.* xlii. 8 By y^e^ name of (depth) he sheweth that y^e^ temptacions, wherwith he was assaulted might bee compared too *seagulfes. *a* 1593 MARLOWE *Dido* v. (1594) F 4 b, I hope that that which loue forbids me doe, The Rockes and Sea-gulfes will performe at large, And thou shalt perish in the billowes waies. 1531 *Lett. & Pap. Hen. VIII*, V. 181 Chawlke for making of a *see hedd be the West Bray gate, which was brokyn by the great rage of the see. 1821 SHELLEY *Hellas* 632 The Sirocco ..drove his flock of thunder-clouds Over the *sea-horizon. 1878 TYNDALL *Fragm. Sci.* (1879) I. x. 306 A luminous sheet which grazes the sea-horizon. 1835 SIR J. ROSS *Narr. and Voy.* Explan. Terms p. xv, **Sea ice*, ice within which there is a separation from the land. 1909 *Edin. Rev.* Oct. 484 Travelling over the sea-ice. 1883 *Fisheries Exhib. Catal.* (ed. 4) 78 *Sea Ivories, Horns, Bone, &c. manufactured and rough. 1876 *Whitby Gloss.*, **Sea-kindly*. 1897 F. T. BULLEN *Cruise of 'Cachalot'* 133 But for the build and *sea-kindliness of the *Cachalot*, she could not have come out of that horrible cauldron again. 1827 MONTGOMERY *Pelican Island* II. (1828) 30 A *sea-lake shone amidst the fossil isle. 1890 'R. BOLDREWOOD' *Col. Reformer* (1892) 161 The slumbering sea-lake. 1903 KIPLING *Five Nations* 23 They forced the sea a *sea-league back. 1887 'J. BICKERDYKE' *Angling in Salt Water* 24 The *Sea Leger..is a very useful piece of tackle for catching flat fish. 1755 MAGENS *Insurances* II. 501 The Ships and Vessels belonging to the Subjects of the other Ally must be furnished with *Sea-Letters, or Passports, expressing the Name, Property and Bulk of the Ship [etc.]. 1848 ARNOULD *Law Marine Insur.* II. iii. (1866) II. 577 In New York..a difference has been held to exist between a passport and a sea-letter, the latter term being confined to a mere certificate of ownership. *c* 1645 in Maclarlane *Geogr. Collect.* (S.H.S.) II. 522 Ther is a *sealoch cumeth in betwixt both the countreys of Morrour and Knodeart. 1817 COLERIDGE *Biog. Lit.* xx. (1907) II. 84 Would any but a poet..have brought all the different marks and circumstances of a sea-loch before the mind, as the actions of a living and acting power? 1839 *Civ. Engin. & Arch. Jrnl.* II. 11/1 The difficulties experienced in building the *sea lock at the eastern end of the [Caledonian] canal. 1867 SMYTH *Sailor's Word-bk.*, **Sea-log*, that part of the log-book relating to whatever happens while the ship is at sea. 1817 CANNING in *Parl. Deb.* 322 The Admiralty ought to be constituted partly of lay and partly of *sea lords. 1872 *Daily News* 19 Jan., The First Sea Lord had charge of all ships in commission. 1907 *Who's Who* s. v. *Fisher*, Fisher, Admiral Sir John Arbuthnot,..2nd Sea Lord of Admiralty, 1902–3. 1582 J. DEE *Priv. Diary* (Camden) 17 The same day cam M^r^ Clement the *seamaster. 1796 HUTTON *Math. & Phil. Dict.* I. 530 *Geographical Mile*, which is the *sea-mile or minute. 1871 PROCTOR *Lt. Sci.* 224 At the rate of three or four hundred sea-miles an hour. 1694 tr. *Marten's Voy. Spitzbergen* in *Acc. Sev. Late Voy.* II. 30 The Ships do not feel these smaller Waves but only the great ones, that are called *Sea-Mountains. 1774 GOLDSM. *Nat. Hist.* (1824) III. 70 That extensive flat [the sand-banks off Cape Breton] seems to be no other than the broad top of a sea mountain, ..surrounded with a deeper sea. 1851 *Act* 14 & 15 *Vict.* c. 26 § 6 It shall not be lawful for any Person to use for the Purpose of taking Herrings any Drag Net, or *Sea Net mounted for trawling. 1669 DRYDEN & DAVENANT *Temp.* III. iii, This [the boatswain's whistle]..is a Badge of my *Sea-Office. 1864 WEBSTER, **Sea-pass*, a document carried by neutral merchant vessels, in time of war, to show their nationality. 1811 E. H. EAST *Cases K. B.* (1812) XIV. 465 The ship..was run foul of by another vessel in a gale of wind, and from that and other *sea perils received so much damage as to be obliged to put into Warberg Roads. 1867 SMYTH *Sailor's Word-bk.*, *Sea-peril*, synonymous with *sea-risk*. 1855 HAWTHORNE *Eng. Note-bks.* (1883) I. 566 The poor old fellow..seems to have been a mischief-maker,—what they call a *sea-preacher,—promoting discontent and grumbling. 1897 WATTS-DUNTON *Aylwin* II. iii, Associating with fisher-boys and all the shoeless, hatless' *sea-pups' of the sands. 1862 PALEY *Æschylus* (ed. 2) *Agamem.* 921 *note*, Garments of the precious *sea-purple. *Ibid.* 933 *note*, The shores of Laconia.. produced the sea-purple (*Murex trunculus*) little inferior to the Tyrian. 1753 *Chambers' Cycl.* Suppl. s. v. *Iris, Iris marina*, the **Sea Rainbow*. This elegant appearance is generally seen after a violent storm. 1902 R. W. CHAMBERS *Maids of Paradise* x. 176 Dragging a *sea-rake over the ground [*sc.* the sand] behind her. 1634 MASSINGER *Very Woman* v. i, I'll make..you the Neptunes of the Sea, you shall No more be *Sea-rats. 1867 SMYTH *Sailor's Word-bk.*, **Sea-rate*, the going of a chronometer as established on board, instead of that supplied from the shore [etc.]. *Ibid.*, **Sea-reach*, the straight course or reach of a winding river which stretches out to sea-ward. 1855 OGILVIE *Suppl.*, *Sea-reeve. 1727 ARBUTHNOT *Tables Anc. Coins*, etc. 273 He charged himself with all the *Sea-risque of such Vessels as carried Corn to Rome in the Winter time. 1884 *G. W. R. Time Tables* July 82 The Company will not be responsible for Sea risks of any kind. 1885 *Science* 22 May 424 The group [of Salvelini] includes fontinalis, known in the *searun condition as immaculatus. 1896 JORDAN & EVERMANN *Fishes N. & Mid. Amer.* 492 Sea-run specimens are nearly uniform silvery. 1872 COUES *Key N. Amer. Birds* 324 Petrels..are oceanic birds..; excepting the *sea-runners, none of them dive. 1599 NASHE *Lenten Stuffe* 10 My Tables are not yet one quarter emptied of my notes out of their Table, which..is, as it were a *Sea Rutter diligently kept amongst them from age to age. 1748 *Anson's Voy.* II. i. 110 Languishing..for the land and its vegetable productions, (an inclination constantly attending every stage of the *sea-scurvy). 1835–6 *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* I. 423/2 In sea-scurvy..in similar state occurs. 1744 *Gen. Even. Post* No. 1670 On Saturday the 14th Day of July next will be held the Anniversary Meeting of the Society of *Sea-Serjeants. 1867 SMYTH *Sailor's Word-bk.*, *Sea-sergeants*, a society of gentlemen, belonging to the four maritime counties of South Wales...It was a secret association of early date, revived in 1726, and dissolved about 1765. 1738 [G. SMITH] *Cur. Relat.* II. v. 8 There are a great many *Sea Shoals floating about the Sea, between which the Fishermen in still Weather look out for Whales. 1903 MORLEY *Gladstone* IV. vii. (1905) I. 346 Like quicksands or sea-shoals. 1769–80 FALCONER *Dict. Marine* II, *Avoir le pied marin*, to wear *sea-shoes; or to walk firm in a ship like a sailor. 1838 *Civ. Engin. & Arch. Jrnl.* I. 136/2 The Plymouth Breakwater..has a *sea-slope of about one in five. 1883 *Fortn. Rev.* Feb. 277 The sea-slope of the mountains. 1610 SHAKS. *Temp.* I. ii. 170 Sit still, and heare the last of our *sea-sorrow. 1908 *Westm. Gaz.* 27 Apr. 10/2 The *sea-speed aimed at in the contract will be about 16½ knots. *a* 1618 *Rates Marchandizes* M 4 b, Herrings, Shotten, vnpacked, or *Sea-sticks y^e^ Last, cont. 18 barrels, iiij l. 1641 S. SMITH *Herring Buss Trade* 7 The sea-sticks are all the Fishing season as they come from the sea..repact on shore. 1813 *Q. Rev.* IX. 291 All the Herrings caught and packed to be bought by Government at 25/ a barrel of sea-sticks. 1856 EMERSON *Eng. Traits, Voy. to Eng.* 33 Chances of squall, collision, *sea-stroke, piracy, cold, and thunder. 1902 R. W. CHAMBERS *Maids of Paradise* x. 176 She was a lithe creature..with the *sea-tan on throat and knee. 1663 PEPYS *Diary* 7 Jan., Commanders did never heretofore receive any pay for the rigging time, but only for *Seatime. 1793 RENNELL in *Phil. Trans.* LXXXIII. 193, I have, throughout, reckoned according to sea time; that is, the day commences at noon. 1899 MAHAN in *Eng. Hist. Rev.* July 483 The date of this Opinion is misleading to-day, because it uses the now obsolete sea-time. 1876 SMILES *Sc. Natur.* xiv. 280 He usually visited his *sea-traps once a month. 1624 CHAPMAN *Homer's Hymn to Apollo* 684 The Light himselfe..made the *Sea-trod ship [ποντοπόρος νηῦς] ariue them nere The Grapefull Crissa. 1627 CAPT. SMITH *Seaman's Gram.* x. 46 All the night it [the breeze] is from the shore which is called a Turnado, or a *Sea-turne. 1792 BELKNAP *Hist. New Hampsh.* III. 23 Sometimes the extreme heat of several days, produces, in the maritime parts, a sea turn, and in the inland parts, a whirlwind. 1883 HOWELLS *Woman's Reason* I. 97 A dull chilly morning when the sea-turn was beginning to break in a thin, chilly rain. 1201 *Rot. Chart.* (1837) 89/1 Quieta de schiris et hundredis..de *sewake, castelwerke, taillagio, cornagio, et de omni theloneo. *c* 888 K. ÆLFRED *Boeth.* xxxii. § 3 Be *sæwaroðe. *c* 1450 *Mirk's Festial* 7 As he walket on þe see-warth, he segh a drownet man cast vp on þe watyr. 1767 *Ann. Reg.* X. i. 141/1 Two time-pieces or *sea-watches. 1769–80 FALCONER *Dict. Marine* II. s. v. *Bordee, Faire la grande Bordee*, to set a watch of half the ship's crew, when in any dangerous road, usually called the sea-watch. 1807 T. THOMSON *Chem.* (ed. 3) II. 455 *Sea wax, or maltha, is a solid substance found on the Baikal lake in Siberia. 1855 in *Ogilvie's Suppl.* 1695 CONGREVE *Love for Love* III. vi, I swear Mr. Benjamin is the verriest Wag in nature; an absolute *Sea-wit. 1706 E. WARD *Wooden World Diss.* (1708) 98 He and his Brother Jacks lie pelting each other with Sea-Wit. 1728? ARBUTHNOT *A's Misc. Wks.* (1751) II. 164 In this Instance his absolute Sea-Wit seems to come somewhat short of the Mark. 1609 E. GRIMSTON *Hist. Netherl.* 116 A *Sea-woman swimming in the Zuyderzee. 1901 *Westm. Gaz.* 22 Aug. 2/3 The green weed shone as silken as a sea-woman's hair. 1528 *Lett. & Pap. Hen. VIII*, IV. II. 2228 The ordinary reparations of the town sluices, *see works [etc.]. 1567 GOLDING *Ovid's Met.* XIII. 1079, I Was given too seawoorkes, and in them mee only did apply. 1855 KINGSLEY *Westw. Ho!* xxix, He never saw sea-work to my remembrance. Never saw a shot fired by sea, except ours at Smerwick. 1897 *River & Coast* 29 May 12/2 Mr. Gibson well-known in connection with sea-work, including bridges, screw-pile piers, jetties, &c. 1704 J. HARRIS *Lex. Techn.* I, **Sea-Yoke.*

b. In the names of marine mammalia, as † **sea-boar**, some kind of large cetacean; **sea-canary**, a sailor's name for the white whale or beluga, *Delphinapterus leucas*, of the dolphin family (see quot.); **sea-goose**, 'a dolphin, so called from the shape of the snout' (*Cent. Dict.* 1891); **sea-leopard**, a name for various seals of the antarctic and southern seas, esp. of the genus *Ogmorhinus* (formerly *Stenorhynchus*); **sea-monk**, 'the monk-seal' (*Cent. Dict.*); † **sea-monoceros** = SEA-UNICORN 1; **sea-morse**, the morse or walrus, also *attrib.*; **sea-pellock** *dial.*, the porpoise (*E.D.D.*); **sea-pig**, applied to the porpoise, the dolphin, the dugong, etc. (see also PIG *sb.*[1] 4); **sea-seal**, the seal; † **sea-veal** = SEA-CALF.

1634 T. JOHNSON tr. *Parey's Chirurg.* XXV. xxi. 1005 The effigies of a *Sea-Bore. Olaus Magnus writes that this monster was taken at Thyle. 1879 E. P. WRIGHT *Anim. Life* 130 When under water, they [dolphins] emit a peculiar whistling sound,..and on this account the seamen often call them *sea-canaries. 1664 HUBERT *Catal. Rarities* (1665) 14 A *Sea-Leopard. 1825 WEDDELL *Voy. S. Pole* 22 Having seen some sea-leopards on shore, I sent the second mate to take them. ..This creature resembles the quadruped of the same name in being spotted. 1891 FLOWER & LYDEKKER *Introd. Mammals* 605 One species, *Ogmorhinus leptonyx*, the Sea-Leopard, widely distributed in the Antarctic and southern temperate seas. 1672 JOSSELYN *New-Eng. Rarities* 32 Sea Vnicorn or *Sea Mononeros. 1631 J. ROUS *Diary* (Camden) 64 A *Sea-morce as big as an oxe. 1642 *Rates Merchandizes* 48 Sea morse teeth the pound 00. 05. 00. 1858 SIMMONDS *Dict. Trade, Sea-morse-teeth*, a name for the canines or tusks of the hippopotamus. 1826 *Sea-pig [see PIG *sb.*[1] 4]. 1879 E. P. WRIGHT *Anim. Life* 130 [Dolphins] are sometimes also called 'sea-pigs'. 1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* XVIII. lxxii. (1495) 840 The skynne of the *see Sele. 1851 *Zoologist* IX. 3298 The common sea-seal or elephant is very numerous on our coast [California]. 1576 FLEMING tr. *Caius' Eng. Dogs* (1880) 19 The sea Calfe,.. other more largely name a *Sea Vele.

c. In names of birds: **sea-brant**, (*a*) *U. S.*, the white-winged scoter, *Œdemia deglandi*; (*b*) 'the brant- or brent-goose' (*Cent. Dict.* 1891); **sea-bumblebee** = *sea-dove* (ibid.); **sea-coot**, † (*a*) the cormorant; (*b*) the guillemot (see COOT *sb.*[1] 1); (*c*) a scoter of the genus *Œdemia* (Cent. Dict.); (*d*) the American coot (see COOT *sb.*[1] 2); **sea-coulter**, the puffin, *Fratercula arctica*; **sea-dotterel**, the turnstone, *Strepsilas interpres*; also a local name for the ring-plover; **sea-dove**, the little auk, *Mergulus alle*; **sea-drake**, a cormorant or sea-crow; also *U. S.*, the male eider-duck; **sea-goose** *U. S.*, a phalarope (see quot.); **sea-kittie**, a dial. name for the kittiwake, also for any sea-gull; **sea-magpie** = SEA-PIE[1]; † **sea-moit** [F. *mouette*], a sea-gull; † **sea-peacock**, the Balearic or Crowned Crane; **sea-piet, -pilot** = SEA-PIE[1]; **sea-plover**, a local name for *Squatarola helvetica*; **sea-quail** *U. S.*, the sea-dotterel or turnstone; **sea-skimmer**, a skimmer, a bird of the genus *Rhynchops*; **sea-titling**, the rock-pipit; † **sea turtle-dove** = SEA-TURTLE[1]; **sea-whaup** *Sc.*, a species of sea-gull; **sea-widgeon**, (*a*) 'the pintail duck'; (*b*) 'the scaup-duck' (*Funk's Stand. Dict.*); **sea-woodcock**, (*a*) some West Indian bird; (*b*) applied *dial.* to various birds, e.g. the bar-tailed godwit, *Limosa lapponica*, the oyster-catcher or SEA-PIE, and the little grebe, *Trachybaptes fluviatilis*.

1888 TRUMBULL *Names & Portr. Birds* 99 *Sea Brant. 1575 TURBERV. *Faulconrie* 137 The flesh of the Bitter and *Sea Coote is good. 1684 SIBBALD *Scotia Illustr.* II. III. vii. 22 *Avis Marina* *Sea-Coulter *dicta*. *a* 1672 WILLUGHBY *Ornith.* (1676) 231 *Morinellus marinus*...The Turnstone or *Sea-Dotterel. 1805 G. BARRY *Orkney Isl.* 300 The Turnstone or Sea Dotterel (*charadrius morinellus* Lin. Syst.). 1826 J. F. STEPHENS in *Shaw's Gen. Zool.* XIII. i. 34 (*Mergulus melanoleucos*)...*Sea-dove. 1855 KINGSLEY *Westw.*

Hol xxvii, Or if I was a say-dove, to fly unto the shoor. 1632 SHERWOOD, *Sea-drake, sea-raven, or sea-cormorant, *diable de mer*. 1861 [see SEA-DUCK 1]. 1861 COUES in *Proc. Philad. Acad.* 229 The [*Phalaropus*] *fulicarius* and *hyperboreus* are both known by the..inappropriate, though curious name of '*Sea-geese'. 1885 SWAINSON *Prov. Names Birds* 206 Kittiwake (*Rissa tridactyla*)...*Sea kittie (Norfolk; Suffolk). 1805 *Sporting Mag.* XXV. 226 *Sea-magpye. 1681 GREW *Museum* I. § iv. iv. 77 The Egg of the *Sea-Moit. 1774 GOLDSM. *Nat. Hist.* (1824) II. 362 Some have described them [the Balearic cranes] by the name of the *Sea Peacock. 1710 SIBBALD *Fife & Kinross* 46 *Hæmotopus Bellonii*, the *Sea-Piot. 1880 BLACK *White Wings* xx, There is no screaming sea-pyot to give warning. 1891 *Century Dict.*, *Sea-pilot. 1682 A. MUDIE *Pres. St. Scot.* i. 12 *Sea-plover, Pewits, Woodcoks [etc.]. 1888 TRUMBULL *Names & Portr. Birds* 186 *Sea Quail. 1839 *Penny Cycl.* XIII. 333/1 Brisson placed in his twenty-third order..the Gulls,..Terns, *Sea-skimmer or *Rhyncopsalia*. 1872 LATHAM *Dict.*, *Sea-titling. *a* 1672 WILLUGHBY *Ornith.* (1676) 245 *Columba Groenlandica dicta*. The Greenland-Dove or *Sea-Turtle-Dove. 1822 H. AINSLIE *Pilgr. Land of Burns* 208 The *sea whaups cry As they rise frae the whitening roar. 1624 CAPT. SMITH *Gen. Hist.* v. 171 Coots and Red-shankes, *Sea-wigions, Gray-hitterns [etc.]. 1666 J. DAVIES *Hist. Caribby Isles* 106 There is another kind of Becunes, by some called *Sea-Wood-Cocks from the figure of the Beak. *a* 1682 SIR T. BROWNE *Norf. Fishes* Wks. 1835 IV. 329 A *scolopax* or sea woodcock of Rondeletius. 1887 A. C. SMITH *Birds Wilts.* 423 In consequence of their great length of beak, they [*sc.* the bar-tailed godwits] are often called 'Sea Woodcocks'.

d. In the names of fishes, jelly-fishes, molluscs, shells, etc., as **sea-acorn** (see ACORN 4), also *sea-acorn shell*; **sea-anemone** (see ANEMONE 2); **sea-angel**, the angel-fish; **sea-arrow**, (*a*) a mollusc of the genus *Ommastrephes*; (*b*) a member of the *Sagittidæ*; **sea-attorney**, 'the ordinary brown and rapacious shark' (Smyth *Sailor's Word-bk.* 1867); **sea-barrel**, an ascidian of the class *Tunicata*; **sea-barrow**, the egg-case of the skate; **sea-basket**, a basket-fish or gorgon's head; †**sea-beard**, a sertularian coral (see quot.); †**sea-bleb** = SEA-BLUBBER 2; †**sea-blewling** [cf. G. *bläuling* pilchard], some blnish fish; **sea-blub** = SEA-BLUBBER 2; **sea-bread**, = *sea-cracker*; **sea-bristle**, a sertularian polyp, *Plumularia setosa*; **sea-bug**, †(*a*) a triton shell; (*b*) (see quot. 1884); **sea-bun**, the heart-nrchin; **sea-butterfly**, a mollusc of the sub-class *Pteropoda*; †**sea-button**, a sea-urchin (cf. *button-fish* s. v. BUTTON *sb.* 12); **sea-cactus**, a holothurian of the family *Thyonidæ*; **sea-cap**, 'a basket-shaped sponge which sometimes attains great size, found in Florida' (*Cent. Dict.*); †**sea-capon** (see quot.); **sea-carnation**, a kind of sea-anemone; **sea-caterpillar**, (*a*) a marine worm of the genus *Polynoë*; (*b*) a chiton shell; **sea-catfish**, a name for various marine siluroid fishes; **sea-centipede**, (*a*) a large marine errant anaelid; (*b*) an isopod of the family *Idoteidæ*; †**sea-chameleon**, the BLEAK; **sea-cheatnut**, a sea-nrchin; †**sea-chough**, ? = SEA-CROW; †**sea-chub** (see quot.); **sea-clam** = HEN-CLAM; also *Arctic sea-clam*, '*Mya truncata*, the chief food of the walrus' (*Cent. Dict.*); **sea-clerk**, the calamary; **sea-cockroach**, a crustacean of the genns *Remipes*; †**sea-coralline**, a coralline or coral; **sea-corn** *U. S.*, the string of egg-capsules of the whelk; **sea-cracker** (see quot.); **sea-crawfish**, **-crayfish**, †(*a*) (see CRAYFISH 2); (*b*) a crustacean of the genus *Palinurus* (= CRAYFISH 3 b); **sea-croaa**, a jelly-fish; †**sea-cup**, a polyp (see quot.); **sea-cut**, the cuttle-fish or calamary; †**sea-cypress**, a sertularian polyp; **sea-dace**, the sea-perch or bass; **sea-danger**, a jelly-fish; †**sea-dart** (see quots. and DART *sb.* 5); **sea-date**, **sea date-shell** (see quots. and *date-shell* s. v. DATE *sb.*[1] 4); †**sea dog-fish**, the SEA-FOX or SEA-APE; †**sea-emperor**, a sword-fish; †**sea-fig**, a polyp (see quot.); **sea-finger** (see qnots.); **sea-fir**, a sertularian polyp or coral; **sea-flea**, the sand-flea or sand-hopper; †**sea-forty-legs** = *sea-centipede*; **sea-frog** = ANOLER 2; †**sea-galliwasp**, a Jamaican name for *Elops saurus*; †**sea-gar**, a crustacean (see quot.); **sea-gherkin**, one of several small holothurians, akin to the sea-cucnmber; **sea-ginger** (see qnot.); †**sea-grasshopper**, a squill or mantis-shrimp; **sea-gudgeon** (see GUDGEON *sb.*[1] 1 b); **sea-hag**, the hag-fish; **sea-hair**, a sertularian polyp; †**sea-hare-fish**, the SEA-HARE (*Aplysia*); †**sea hog-louse**, a sea-slater; **sea-honey-comb** (see *sea-corn* above); **sea-insect**, †(*a*) a coral-polyp (or '-insect'); (*b*) a crustacean; **sea-jelly**, a jelly-fish; †**sea-kite**, a kind of flying-fish; †**sea-lampern** = *sea-lamprey* (*a*); **sea-lamprey**, †(*a*) = REMORA 1; (*b*) a marine lamprey, *Petromyzon marinus*; **sea-leech**, a marine annelid of the genus *Pontobdella*; **sea-lemon**, (*a*) a nudibranchiate gastropod of the family *Doridida*; (*b*) *Austral.*, 'a holothurian of the genus *Cuvieria*; sea-orange' (*Funk's Stand. Dict.*); **sea-lily**, a crinoid; †**sea-liver** (see quots.); **sea-locuat** *arch.* [L. *locusta*], a lobster; **sea long-worm**, a nemertean worm of the family *Lineidæ* and genus *Lineus*; **sea mantis**, the mantis-shrimp; **sea-marigold**, a kind of sea-anemone; **sea-mat**, a polyzoan of the family *Flustridæ* and genus *Flustra*; **sea-mat acorn-shell** (see quot.); **sea-melon**, a holothurian of the family *Pentactidæ*; **sea-minnow**, †(*a*) the anchovy; (*b*) *dial.* (see quot.); †**sea-mulberry**, a variety of coral (see quot.); †**sea-mushroom**, a sea-anemone; †**sea-nail** = *sea-finger* (above); †**sea-navel** (see quot.); **sea-necklace** (see *sea-corn* above); **sea-needle**, the gar-fish, *Belone vulgaris* (cf. NEEDLE-FISH); **sea-orange**, a large holothurian (*Lophothuria fabricii*) of a globose shape and orange-coloured; **sea-orb**, a swell, globe, or orb-fish; **sea-pad**, a star-fish; **sea-palm**, a crinoid (see quot.); **sea-panther**, †(*a*) ? a hound-fish or shark; (*b*) 'a South African fish, *Agriopus torvus*, of a brown color with black spots' (*Cent. Dict.*); **sea-parson**, the stargazer; **sea-peach** (see quot.); **sea-pear**, an ascidian or sea-squirt of the genus *Boltenia*; †**sea-pelican** = *sea-dart*; †**sea-pencil**, the razor-shell or spout-fish; **sea-perch** (see PERCH *sb.*[1] 2); **sea-pert**, the OPAH; **sea-pill-ball**, an isopod crustacean (*Sphæroma*), a globe-slater; **sea-pincushion**, (*a*) = *sea-barrow*; (*b*) 'a kind of starfish of the genus *Goniaster*' (Smyth *Sailor's Word-bk.*); †**sea-pipe**, ? a 'pipe-worm'; **sea-poacher**, the armed bull-head or pogge; **sea-porcupine**, the porcupine-fish, *Diodon hystrix*; **sea-potato** *local U. S.*, an ascidian, as *Boltenia reniformis* or *Ascidia mollis* (Cent. Dict.); †**sea-poult**, ? a sea-hen; †**sea-prieat** (cf. *sea-parson*); **sea-pudding**, †(*a*) an *Actinia* or sea-anemone; (*b*) a large sea-cucumber; **sea-qualm**, a jelly-fish or cuttle-fish; **sea-quince** = *sea-orange*; †**sea-roach**, the canner; **sea-roll**, 'a holothurian' (*Cent. Dict.*); **sea-rose**, (*a*) = *sea-corn*; (*b*) 'a sea-anemone, *Urticina nodosa*, found on Newfoundland, etc.' (*Cent. Dict.*); **sea-ruff** = RUFF *sb.*[1] 1; **sea-ruffle** = *sea-corn*; **sea-sac**, any ascidian of the class *Tunicata*; **sea-salmon**, a pollack, also the spotted weakfish and the white sea-bass (*Funk's Stand. Dict.*); **sea-scallop**, 'the great northern scallop' (ibid.); **sea-acurf**, a polyzoan of the genus *Lepralia*; †**sea-shears**, ? = *sea-woodlouse*; †**sea-shilling** [Du. *zeeschelling*], a sea-nrchin; **sea-shrub**, an alcyonarian polyp of the family *Gorgonidæ*, a sea-fan; **sea-silkworm**, a bivalve mollnsc of the genus *Pinna*; **sea-alater**, a small isopod crustacean, *Ligia oceanica*; **sea-aleeve**, a cuttle-fish or calamary; †**sea-snapple** (see quot.); **sea-sow** *dial.*, the ballan wrasse; †**sea sparrow**, ? the plaice; †**sea sparrow-hawk**, the lizard- or snake-fish, *Synodus fœtens*; **sea-squirt**, any ascidian or tunicate, also *attrib.*; †**sea-star-flower**, a sea-anemone; **sea-atickle**, **-stickle-back**, the (marine) fifteen-spined stickleback, *Gasterosteus spinachia* or *Spinachia vulgaris*; †**aea-atickling**, ? = the *glaucus* of Pliny; †**aea-stranger** *Sc.*, the adder-pike, *Trachinus vipera*; **aea-atrawberry**, 'a kind of polyp, *Alcyonium rubiforme*' (Cent. Dict.); **sea-aucker**, a sucker, a fish of the family *Cyclopteridæ*; †**aea-sun**, a kind of starfish; **aea-aunflower**, a sea-anemone; **aea-surgeon**, 'a surgeon-fish' (*Cent. Dict.*); **aea-tamariak**, a sertularian polyp; **aea-tenoh**, 'the black sea-bream, *Cantharus lineatus*' (Cent. Dict.); **sea-thorn** (see quot.); †**sea-tod** *Sc.*, the ballan wrasse, *Labrus maculatus*; †**aea-torchthiatle**, a variety of sea-anemone; **aea-umbrella**, 'a pennatulaceous polyp of the genus *Umbellularia*' (Cent. Dict.); **sea-vampire**, 'a devil-fish or manto' (ibid.); **sea-washball**, a local name for the egg-case of the whelk; **sea-weasel**, 'an old name of the lamprey' (Smyth *Sailor's Word-bk.*); **aea-weever**, the greater weever (*Trachinus draco*); **aea-whip** = SEA-FAN; **sea-wife**, a kind of wrassse, *Acantholabrus yarrelli*; **aea wood-borer**, a wood-ahrimp, *Chelura terebrans*; **sea-woodlouse**, (*a*) a sea-slater; (*b*) a chiton or coat-of-mail shell, so called from resembling the above; **sea-wreath**, a sertularian polyp.

1755 *Gentl. Mag.* XXV. 33 *Sea Acorns, *Balani*. 1879 E. P. WRIGHT *Anim. Life* 531 The Sea Acorn Shells. 1742 H. BAKER *Microsc.* II. v. 99 The *Sea-Mushroom.., some Naturalists have called it the **Sea-Anemone*. 1855, 1881 [see ANEMONE 2]. 1891 *Century Dict.*, **Sea-angel*. 1896 tr. *Boas' Text-bk. Zool.* 384 There are Sharks (*Squatina*, the Sea-angel), which are somewhat flattened. 1851 WOODWARD *Mollusca* 73 The sailors call them '*sea-arrows' or 'flying squids' from their habit of leaping out of the water. 1854 A. ADAMS, etc. *Man. Nat. Hist.* 142 Sea-Arrows (*Sagittidæ*). 1876 tr. *Haeckel's Hist. Creat.* II. 150 Sea-sacs, Tunicata, Sea-squirts, *Sea-barrels. 1860 WORCESTER (cites *Gentl. Mag.*), *Sea-barrow. 1865 T. R. JONES *Anim. Creation* 65 The *Sea-baskets (*Gorgonocephalus*). 1755 J. ELLIS *Corallines* 15 Lobster's horn Coralline, or *Sea-beard. 1700 C. LEIGH *Nat. Hist. Lancs.*, etc. I. 133 We have frequently cast upon the sea-shore the *Sea-Blebs, the whole substance of which seems to be nothing but a perfect Gelly. 1668 CHARLETON *Onomast.* 135 *Glaucus Bellonii*...Idem forte, quem piscatores nostri *Sea-Blewling vocant. 1885 *Riverside Nat. Hist.* (1888) I. 89 Those called the Discophora, 'sea-nettles', '*sea-bluhs', or jelly-fishes. 1888 *Sea-bread [see *sea-cracker* below]. 1755 J. ELLIS *Corallines* 19 *Sea-Bristles. 1843 *Zoologist* I. 209 Sea-bristles (*Plumularia setacea*). 1602 DOLMAN *La Primaud. Fr. Acad.* (1618) III. 783 The Triton (otherwise called the *sea Bug). 1884 GOODE, etc. *Nat. Hist. Aquatic Anim.* 701 These [Chiton] shells have been called by different names,..such as..'Sea-hug', and 'Sea-caterpillar'. 1888 *Cassell's Nat. Hist.* VI. 270 *Spatangus* (Heart-urchin or *Sea-bun). 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Sci.* s.v. *Lithodomus*, It [the bivalve *L. lithophagus*]..is generally known by the name of the 'sea date shell'. 1611 COTGR., *Peis espase*, the sea Fox, or *sea Dog-fish. 1672 JOSSELYN *New-Eng. Rarities* 25 *Sea Emperour or Sword Fish. 1755 J. ELLIS *Corallines* 82 *Alcyonium pulmonis instar lobatum*...*Sea Fig. 1748 *Veg. Renatus of Distemp. Horses* 42 Those small Shell Fishes they call Sea-nails or *Sea-fingers. 1876 SMILES *Sc. Natur.* xvi. 329 'Dead-men's paps, sea-fingers, etc.' (*Alcyonium digitatum*). 1633 JOHNSON *Gerarde's Herbal* III. clxv. 1574 *Abies marina Belgica*, Clus. Clusius his *Sea Firr. 1755 J. ELLIS *Corallines* 4 *Corallina marina Abietis forma*... Sea-Fir. *a* 1776 — *Zoophytes* (1786) 36 *Sertularia abietina*. Sea Fir Coralline. 1870 NICHOLSON *Man. Zool.* vii. (1875) 90 The Sea-firs (*Sertularida*). 1658 ROWLAND tr. *Mouffet's Theat. Ins.* 1127 The *Sea-fleas are larger...It shewes a wonderful deal of agility when men strive to catch it. 1750 G. 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Anim.* IV. 1106 *Eliota Anglus interpretatur* a Sterrefyshe. *Ego ab erudito quodam Anglo audiui nominari* a *Seepadde. 1661 [see Pad *sb.*1 2]. 1773 Johnson (ed. 4), *Sea-pad*, the star-fish. 1896 tr. *Boas' Text-bk. Zool.* 130 *Sea Palms (*Pentacrinus*) are large animals with ten arms, which may divide repeatedly. 1668 Charleton *Onomast.* 128 *Pardalus Marinus*..the *sea-Panther. 1681 Grew *Musæum* i. § v. i. 91 The Spoted Houndfish or Sea-Panther. 1898 E. P. Evans *Evol. Ethics* v. 184 On account of this sanctimonious look it [the fish called stargazer] is also known as the '*sea parson'. 1885 *Riverside Nat. Hist.* (1888) III. 57 The fishermen call some of the species of the genus *Cynthia* by the rather appropriate name '*sea peach'. *Ibid.*, The..genus..*Boltenia*..embraces the '*sea pears' of the fishermen's terminology. 1664 *Sea-Pelican [see *sea-dart*]. 1755 *Gentl. 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Cyrus* iii. 53 The handsome Rhombusses of the *Sea-poult, or Werrell. 1672 Josselyn *New-Eng. Rarities* 29 Priest Fish or *Sea Priest. 1750 *Sea pudding [see *sea-leech* above]. 1756 P. Browne *Jamaica* (1789) 387 The Sea-Pudding. This insect ..is soft and glutinous, of a cylindric form, short, and furnished with a great number of small flabby *tentaculæ.* 1694 tr. *Marten's Voy. Spitzbergen* in *Acc. Sev. Late Voy.* II. 168 Called *Sea-qualms by the Seamen, as if they were a thick Scum of the sea coagulated together. 1802 Bingley *Anim. Biog.* (1805) II. 373 The Sea-qualm (a kind of Cuttle fish). 1861 *Sea-quince [see *sea-orange* above]. 1668 Charleton *Onomast.* 140 *Erythrynus*..the *Sea-Roach. 1722 Diaper tr. *Oppian's Halieut.* 1. 135 Sea-Roach in ruddy Shoals frequent the Land. 1850 Miss Pratt *Comm. Things of Seaside* v. 282 This mass of eggs is called on the coast bladder-chain,..*sea-rose,..or wash-ball. 1896 tr. *Boas' Text-bk. Zool.* 128 The *Actiniaria* (Sea-anemones, Sea-roses). 1668 Charleton *Onomast.* 140 The *Sea-Rough. 1672 Josselyn *New-Eng. Rarities* 27 Sea Ruff and Reeves. 1773 in Johnson (ed. 4) [and in later Dicts.]. 1876 tr. *Haeckel's Hist. Creat.* II. 150 *Sea-sacs. Tunicata. Sea-barrels. 1884 Goode, etc. *Nat. Hist. Aquatic Anim.* 230 In the Gulf of Saint Lawrence they [*sc.* Pollock] are known as '*Sea Salmon'. 1881 *Cassell's Nat. Hist.* V. 279 The *Sea-scurfs. 1664 Hubert *Catal. Rarities* (1665) 27 A Sea insect called the *Sea Shears: It hath many scales like a wood louse, two long hornes, and a forked tayle. 1713 Petiver *Aquat. Anim. Amboinæ* Tab. iii, *Echinus planus*... *Sea-Shilling. 1681 Grew *Musæum* II. § v. i. 242 *Sea-Shrubs. 1755 J. Ellis *Corallines* 56 Next in Order to the Corallines, may be ranked the *Frutices coralloides*, or Sea-shrubs. 1870 Nicholson *Man. Zool.* xiv. (1875) 145 The *Gorgonidæ*, or 'Sea-shrubs'. 1822–29 *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 3) V. 291 Reaumur denominates the pinna the *sea-silk-worm. 1850 A. White *List Specim. Crustacea Brit. Mus.* 71 *Ligia oceanica.* Great *Sea Slater. 1867 Smyth *Sailor's Word-bk.*, **Sea-sleeve*, a name of the flosk or squid, *Loligo vulgaris.* 1658 Phillips **Seasnapple*, a kinde of Shell-fish, called in Latin *Cochlea Veneris*, i. *Venus* shell. 1838 Johnston in *Proc. Berw. Nat. Club* I. vi. 172 *Labrus maculatus*...Ballan Wrasse...*Sea Sow. 1672 Josselyn *New-Eng. Rarities* 27 Plaice or *Sea Sparrow. 1743 Catesby *Nat. Hist. Carolina*, etc. (1754) II. 2 The *Sea Sparrow-Hawk..is a slender long Fish. 1850 Miss Pratt *Comm. Things of Sea-side* iii. 182 One of those strange looking things, commonly called *sea-squirts (*Ascidiæ*). 1880 [see Appendiculakian]. 1767 J. Ellis in *Phil. Trans.* LVII. 436 The Actinia aster, or *Sea star flower. 1896 tr. *Boas' Text-bk. Zool.* 390 The *Sea Stickle (*Spinachia vulgaris*) is exclusively marine. 1880 Günther *Stud. Fishes* 506 The *Sea-Sticklebach (*Gasterosteus spinachia*) is likewise a nest builder. 1896 tr. *Boas' Text-bk. Zool.* 377 *note*, The male Sea Sticklebach (*Spinachia vulgaris*). 1668 Charleton *Onomast.* 123 *Glaucus*..the *Sea-Stichling [*sic*]. 1710 Sibbald *Fife & Kinross* 53 *Draco sive Araneus minor*; I take it to be the same our Fishers call the Otter-pike or *Sea-stranger. 1750 G. Hughes *Barbados* 259 The *Sea-Sucker. 1883 *Fisheries Exhib. Catal.* 161 One form of sea-sucker (*Lepidogaster*) affixes its eggs to the inside of a dead shell. 1731 Medley *Kolben's Cape G. Hope* II. 210 There is a sort of shell-fish at the Cape, which the Europeans there call *Sea-suns. 1773 Cook *Voy.* (1790) I. 323 Sea-suns and sea-stars, are small round shell-fish, and receive their denominations from the great variety of prickles, which shoot from them like rays of light. 1767 J. Ellis in *Phil. Trans.* LVII. 436 The *Actinia helianthus* or *Sea sun-flower. 1755 — *Corallines* 4 *Corallina vesiculata sparsim et alternatim ramosa* [etc.]...*Sea-Tamarisk. *a* 1776 — *Zoophytes* (1786) 36 *Sertularia tamarisca.* Sea-Tamarisk Coralline. 1602 Carew *Cornwall* II. 127 They beare..a *sea-tenche nayante proper. 1778 *Eng. Gazetteer* (ed. 2) s.v. *Holyhead*, Sea-tenches,..and plenty of other fish. 1891 *Century Dict.*, *Pustule of the sea*, a sailor's name of sessile barnacles or acorn-shells. Also called **sea-thorns.* 1710 Sibbald *Fife & Kinross* 53 *Turdi alia species*; It is called by our Fishers, the *Sea-Tod or Kingervie. *a* 1776 J. Ellis *Zoophytes* (1786) 2 *Actinia Cereus.* *Sea Torch-thistle. 1755 — *Corallines* 84 *Alcyonium, seu Vesicaria marina.* ..*Sea Wash-balls. 1902 H. H. Littlejohn in *Encycl. Brit.* XXX. 609/1 *Trachinus draco* or *sea-weever. 1775 J. Ellis in *Phil. Trans.* LXVI. 1 Those [Zoophytes].. called..*Gorgoniæ*; and known in English by the names of sea-fans, sea-feathers, and *sea-whips. 1836 Yarrell *Brit. Fishes* I. 284 The *Sea Wife. *Labrus vetula* (1841 (ed. 2) I. 339 *Acantholabrus Yarrellii*, Cuv. et Valenc.). 1850 A. White *List Spec. Crustacea Brit. Mus.* 56 *Chelura terebrans.* *Sea Wood-Borer. 1858 Baird *Cycl. Nat. Sci., Chitonidæ*,..*Sea Wood-lice. *Ibid.* s.v. *Isopoda*, The sea wood lice, *Asellidæ.* 1863 Wood *Illustr. Nat. Hist.* III. 631 The Great sea-Slater, or Sea-woodlouse. 1860 *Sea-wreath [see Sea-bell 2]. 1865 T. R. Jones *Anim. Creation* 35 The Sea-wreaths (*Sertularidæ*) are known to every sea-side visitor.

e. In names of seaweeds: **sea-apron**, the genus *Laminaria* (Cent. Dict. 1891); **sea-belt**, *Laminaria saccharina* (in Turner perh. *Zostera marina*); **sea-bottle**, the bladder-wrack; also applied to the pod or vesicle of some American fnci; **sea-catgut** = *sea-lace*; **sea-chitterling**, 'common name for the plant otherwise called *Enterophytum*' (Mayne *Expos. Lex.* 1858); †**sea-cluster**, **-colander** (see quots.); **sea-furbelow**, the *Laminaria bulbosa*; **sea-girdle**, *Laminaria digitata*; also = *sea-belt*; † **sea grass-wrack**, the seaweed *Zostera*; **sea-hanger**, *Laminaria bulbosa*; **sea-lace**, *Chorda filum*; **sea-lentil**, the gulf-weed; † **sea-lungwort**, the seaweed *Ulva lactuca* or Sea-lettuce; **sea-membrane**, dulse, *Rhodymenia palmata* (Cassell's Encycl. Dict. 1887); **sea-network** (see Network 3); **sea-ore** (see Ore *sb.*6); **sea-points** = *sea-lace*; †**sea-ragged-staff**, ? the *Ascophyllum nodosum*; **sea-staff** = *sea-girdle*; **sea-tang**, **-tangle** (see Tang *sb.*3, Tangle *sb.*1); **sea-tape** (see quot.); **sea-thong**, one of several chord-like seaweeds, as *Chorda filum*, *Himanthalia lorea*, etc.; **sea-thread** (see quots.); **sea-turnip**, a seaweed of the genus *Nereocystis*, having a turnip-shaped protuberance of the stem; **sea-wand**, *Laminaria digitata* = Tangle *sb.*1 2; **sea-whip**, **-whipcord**, **-whiplash** = *sea-thong*; **sea-whistle**, *Ascophyllum nodosum*. See also Sea-oak, Seaware, Seaweed, Seawrack, etc.

1548 Turner *Names of Herbes* (E. D. S.) 27 Cingulum is named in greeke Zoster,..& is like a gyrdel, wherefore it maye be named in englishe, fysshers gyrdle or sea gyrdel, or *sea belte. 1841 *Penny Cycl.* XXI. 156/1 *Laminaria saccharina*, or the sugar sea-belt. 1825 Jennings *Dial. W. Eng.* 66 Many of the species of the sea-wrack, or *fucus*, are called **sea-bottles*, in consequence of the stalks having round or oval vesicles or pods in them. 1859 J. M. Jones *Nat. in Bermuda* 176 That very curious marine plant, commonly designated the '*sea bottle'...These '*sea bottles*' are transparent, and shaped like a small balloon. 1833 *Penny Cycl.* I. 322/2 The Chorda filum, or *sea cat-gut, of Orkney. 1777 Lightfoot *Flora Scot.* II. 968 Gut Laver or *Sea Chitterling. 1728 Bradley *Dict. Bot.* II, *Sea-cluster, *Uva marina.* 1866 *Treas. Bot.*, **Sea-colander*, the American name in the North-eastern States of *Agarum Turneri.* 1808–30 *Edinb. Encycl.* X. 20/2 *Fucus bulbosus*..sometimes called *sea furbelows. 1860 Tennyson *Sea Dreams* 257 The dimpled flounce of the sea-furbelow. 1548 *Sea-girdle [see *sea-belt* above]. *c* 1550 Lloyd *Treas. Health* (*c* 1560) X 7, Take of dragons bloud, seagyrdel [etc.]. 1845 Gosse *Ocean* i. (1849) 34 The sea-weed usually called in England the Sea-girdle,..(*Laminaria digitata*). 1796 Withering *Brit. Pl.* (ed. 3) II. 497 *Zostera*...*Sea Grass-wrack. 1633 Johnson *Gerarde's Herbal* III. clxiv. 1569 The diuided one they may call *Sea Hangers. 1666 *Sea-lace [see *sea-point* below]. 1877 Bryant *Sella* 136 The dulse with crimson leaves, and streaming far, Sea-thong and sea-lace. 1633 Johnson *Gerarde's Herbal* App. xxii. 1615 *Lenticula marina angustifolia.* Narrow leaued *Sea Lentill. 1597 Gerarde *Herbal* III. clix. 1377 *Lichen Marinus.* *Sea Lungwoort, or Oister greene. 1657 W. Coles *Adam in Eden* cvi. 1666 Merrett *Pinax* 40 *Fucus marinus rotundus*, *Sea points or laces. 1633 Johnson *Gerarde's Herbal* III. clxiv. 1569 Mr. Thomas Hickes being in our companie did fitly name it *Sea ragged Staffe. *Ibid.* 1570 *Fucus spongiosus nodosus.* Sea ragged Staffe. 1865 Mrs. L. L. Clarke *Seaweeds* vi. 116 *Laminaria Digitata.* Sea-girdles, Tangle, *Sea-staff, Sea-wand, Cows'-tails. 1861 Bentley *Man. Bot.* 720 *Laminaria saccharina* is called **Sea-tape* in China, where it is used for food and other purposes. 1633 Johnson *Gerarde's Herbal* III. clxiv. 1568 *Quercus marina secunda.* *Sea Thongs. 1845 Gosse *Ocean* i. (1849) 43 The common Sea-thong (*Himanthalia lorea*). 1843 *Zoologist* I. 209 The knotted *sea-thread (*Laomedea geniculata*). 1878 B. Harte *Man on Beach* 39 The long, snaky, undulating stems of the *sea turnip. 1841 *Penny Cycl.* XXI. 156 *Laminaria digitata*, or *sea-wand. 1858 K. H. Digby *Children's Bower* II. 67 These sea-laces or *sea-whips. 1833 Hooker *Brit. Flora* II. 1. 275 *Chordaria flagelliformis*, Ag. (common *Sea-Whipcord). *Ibid.* 276 *Chorda Filum*, Lamour. (common *Sea Whip-lash). 1808–30 *Edinb. Encycl.* X. 19/1 Boys amuse themselves by cutting them [the fronds] transversely near the end, and making whistles of them; hence the name **sea-whistles* sometimes bestowed on the plant [*Fucus nodosus*].

f. In names of plants growing on the sea-shore: **sea-ash**, *Xanthoxylon Clava-Herculis* or *carolinianum*; **sea-aster** = *sea-starwort*; †**sea ay-green** = *sea-houseleek*; **sea-beard**, a marine plant, *Cladophora* (*Conferva*) *rupestris*; **sea-beet**, (*a*) a variety of the common beet, *Beta vulgaris*, often called *Beta maritima*; (*b*) = *sea-lavender* b; **sea-bent**, *Psamma* or *Ammophila arenaria* (see Bent *sb.*1 1); **sea-berry**, †(*a*) some South American plant; (*b*) *Austral.*, applied to the genera *Haloragis* and *Rhagodia*; **sea-bindweed**, *Convolvulus Soldanella*; **sea-blite**, *Suæda fruticosa*; **sea-buckthorn**, *Hippophaë rhamnoides*; **sea-bugloss** = *sea-lungwort*; **sea-burdock**, the small burdock or burweed, *Xanthium strumarium*; **sea campion**, *Silene maritima*; **sea-catchfly** = prec.; **sea-chickweed** = *sea-sandwort*; **sea cock's-foot-grass**, *Spartina stricta*; **sea coco**, **coco-nut** (see Coco 6); **sea-cole**, **-colewort**, (*a*) = Sea-kale; † (*b*) = *sea-bindweed*; **sea-cushion** = Sea-pink a; **sea cypress** (see quot.); **sea-daffodil**, the bulbous plant *Pancratium maritimum*, also the allied Peruvian plant *Hymenocallis* (*Ismene*) *calathina*; †**sea-dock**, *Acanthus mollis*; †**sea dog's grass**, a maritime variety of couch-grass; **sea-fennel**, samphire; **sea-gilliflower** = Sea-pink a; **sea-goosefoot** = *sea-blite*; **sea-gromwell**, the sea-bugloss (*Cassell's Encycl. Dict.* 1887); **sea hard-grass**, one of various maritime species of hard-grass; **sea-heath**, a 'heath' of the genus *Frankenia*; **sea hog's-fennel** (see quot.); **sea-houseleek**, the aloe; † **sea-hull** = Sea-holly; **sea-hulver** = Sea-holly (see Hulver), also *attrib.*; †**sea-ivy** ? = prec.; **sea-kemp** *Sc.* = *sea-plantain*; **sea-laurel**, the seaside laurel; **sea-lavender**, †(*a*) ? some species of *Heliotropium*; (*b*) *Statice Limonium* (see Lavender *sb.*2 1 b); **sea-lungwort**, the oyster-plant, *Mertensia maritima*; **sea mat-grass**, **matweed**, *Psamma arenaria*; †**sea-mugwort** = *sea-wormwood*; † **sea-narcissus** = *sea-daffodil*; †**sea-navel**, **-navelwort**, some plant resembling the genus *Cotyledon*; **sea-onion** (see Onion *sb.* 2 c); **sea-orach**, *Atriplex littoralis*; **sea ox-eye**, the seaside ox-eye (see Ox-eye 3 e); **sea-parsley** (see quot.); † **sea-pennywort** = *sea-navelwort*; **sea-plantain**, *Plantago maritima*; **sea-poppy** (see Poppy *sb.* 3); † **sea pot-herb** = *sea-orach*; **sea-purslane** (see Purslane 2); **sea-purslane tree** (see quot.); **sea-radish**, a variety of the wild radish, sometimes regarded as a species (*Raphanus maritimus*); **sea-ragwort**, a common cultivated foliage-plant, *Senecio Cineraria* (or *Cineraria maritima*); **sea-reed**, **reed-grass** = *sea-bent*; **sea-rocket** (see Rocket *sb.*2 3); **sea-rosemary**, (*a*) = *sea-blite*; (*b*) = *sea-lavender* b (Cent. Dict.); **sea sand-reed** (see quot.); **sea-sandwort**, a variety of sandwort, *Honkenya* (*Arenaria*) *peploides*, growing in the sand of the coasts of Europe and N. America; † **sea spike-grass**, thrift; **sea-spleenwort**, a fern, *Asplenium marinum*, growing on the rocky coasts of Western

Europe; **sea-spurge**, a maritime spurge, *Euphorbia Paralias*; **sea spurrey, spurrey sandwort** (see quols.); **sea-starwort**, *Aster Tripolium*; **sea-stock** (also *great sea stock*), *Matthiola sinuata*; †**sea stock-gillyflower** = prec.; **sea sulphurweed, -wort**, *Peucedanum officinale*; **sea-thrift** = SEA-PINK a; †**sea trifoly**, *Astragalus Glaux*; †**sea wartwort**, a variety of spurge, *Euphorbia Peplis*; **sea-wheat, -wheatgrass**, the wheatgrass *Triticum junceum*, growing on the sandy seashore; **sea-withwind**, *Convolvulus Soldanella*; †**sea-wormwood**, *Artemisia maritima*.

1884 SARGENT *Rep. Forests N. Amer.* 30 *Sea Ash. **1812** CRABBE *Tales* x. I. 196 *note*, The *Sea-aster, the dullest of that numerous and hardy genus. **1551** TURNER *Herbal* I. Bvj, Some haue called it semper viuum marinum, that is *sea aigrene. **1777** ROBSON *Brit. Flora* 317 *Conferva rupestris*...*Sea-beard. *c* **1710** PETIVER *Catal. Ray's Eng. Herbal* Tab. 8 *Sea Beet. **1838** G. DON in *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) XXV. 28/2 *Statice limonium*, the Sea Beet, or Sea Lavender. **1866** *Treas. Bot.* s. v. *Beta*, The Sea Beet, *Beta maritima*, a perennial,..grows wild on the sea coast in various parts of Britain. **1551** TURNER *Herbal* II. 144 Sparta..is a kind of *sea bente or sea rishe. **1899** *Cumbld. Glossy*, *Sea bent*, the sea-side grasses — *Psamma arenaria*, or *Ammophila arundinacea*, growing on the Bent hills at Maryport. *c* **1711** PETIVER *Gazophyl.* vi. 60 Brasil *Sea-berry...Its leaves very green, juicy, and thick like Purslain. **1884** W. MILLER *Plant-n.* 123 Sea-berry, of Australia, the genera *Haloragis* and *Rhagodia*. **1597** *Sea-bindweed [see SEA-BELL 1]. **1786** *Gentl. Mag.* LVI. I. 35 *Convolvulus Soldanella*, Sea Bindweed. **1762** W. HUDSON *Flora Anglica* 92 *Chenopodium..maritimum...Anglis*, *Sea Blite or white Glasswort. **1855** Miss PRATT *Flower. Pl.* IV. 267 *Suæda* (Sea-Blite). **1866** *Treas. Bot.* s. v. *Schoberia*, *S. fruticosa*, the Shrubby Sea-blite, abundant on the muddy coast of Norfolk,..locally known by the name of Sea Rosemary. **1731** MILLER *Gard. Dict.*, *Rhamnoides*, the *Sea Buckthorn. **1905** RIDER HAGGARD *Gardener's Year* Sept. 323 Four or five years ago I planted some hundreds of Sea-buckthorn upon the face of my cliff. **1884** W. MILLER *Plant-n.* 123 *Sea Bugloss, *Pulmonaria* (*Mertensia*) *maritima*. **1845–50** Mrs. LINCOLN *Lect. Bot.* App. 186/2 *Xanthium..strumarium* (cockle-burr, *sea-burdock). **1597** GERARDE *Herbal* II. cxxi. 382 *Lychnis marina Anglica*. English *Sea Campion. *Ibid.*, The sea rose campion. **1762** W. HUDSON *Flora Anglica* 164 *Silene..amœna...Anglis*, Sea Campion. **1864** BRADY in *Intell. Observ.* V. 27 The *Sea Catchfly (*Silene maritima*). **1786** *Gentl. Mag.* LVI. I. 35 Arenaria Peploides, *Sea Chickweed, remarkable for the depth and length to which it runs its roots. **1837** BAXTER *Brit. Phænog. Bot.* III. 203 *Spartina stricta*. Twin-spiked Cord-grass. Smooth Sea-grass. *Sea Cock's-foot-grass. **1795** tr. *Thunberg's Trav.* IV. 183 A Borassus or *Sea-Cocoa, brought from the Maldive islands. **1850** F. MASON *Nat. Product. Burmah* 168 *Sea-cocoanut. **1548** TURNER *Names of Herbes* (E.D.S.) 20 Brassica sylnestris groweth in Douer cliffes...It may be named in english *sea cole. **1578** LYTE *Dodoens* III. liv. 394 Of Soldanella or Sea Cawle. **1858** MAYNE *Expos. Lex.*, *Sea cole*, a common name for the *Crambe maritima*, or sea-kale. **1700** C. LEIGH *Nat. Hist. Lancs.*, etc. I. 93 *Sea-colewort. **1725, 1794** (see COLEWORT 2 b). **1796** WITHERING *Brit. Pl.* (ed. 3) II. 240 Scottish Scurvy Grass. Sea Colewort. Sea Bindweed. **1629** PARKINSON *Parad.* 317 *Caryophyllus Marinus*. Thrift, or *Sea Cushion. **1855** Miss PRATT *Flower. Pl.* II. 305 *Tamarix Anglica*..is in England commonly called *Sea Cypress. **1597** GERARDE *Herbal* I. lxxxv. 135 The sea Onion of Valentia, or rather the *sea Daffodill, hath many long and fat leaues. **1629** PARKINSON *Parad.* 98 *Narcissus Marinus Africanus, sive Exoticus Lobelii*. The Sea Daffodil of Africa. **1866** *Treas. Bot.* s. v. *Ismene*, The name of Sea Daffodil is given to *I. calathina*. **1387** *Sinon. Barthol.* (Anecd. Oxon.) 13/1 *Branca ursina, herba est*, an. *scehock [? read scedock]. *c* **1450** *Alphita* (Anecd. Oxon.) 25 *Branca ursina*..sedokke. **1597** GERARDE *Herbal* Suppl., Sedocke [ed. 1636 Sea Docke] is the brank vrsine. **1758** BORLASE *Nat. Hist. Cornw.* 235 The bloody sea-dock, *Lapathum marinum sanguineum*. **1597** GERARDE *Herbal* I. xviii. 23 *Gramen Caninum marinum* *Sea Dogs grasse. **1731** MILLER *Gard. Dict.*, *Crithmum*;..Smaller Samphire, or *Sea-Fennel. **1629** PARKINSON *Parad.* 318 The greater or Leuant Thrift, or *Sea Gilloflowe. **1806** *Gazetteer Scot.* (ed. 2) 403 The root of sea-gilliflower, *statice armeria*. **1856** A. GRAY *Man. Bot.* (1860) 366 *Chenopodina*...*Sea Goosefoot. **1843** BAXTER *Brit. Phænog. Bot.* VI. 476 *Rottbollia incurvata*...*Sea Hard-grass. *c* **1710** PETIVER *Cat. Ray's Eng. Herbal* Tab. 10 *Sea heath. **1762** W. HUDSON *Flora Anglica* 120 *Frankenia..lævis*.., smooth Sea Heath. **1855** Miss PRATT *Flower. Pl.* III. 55 *Peucedanum officinale* ('Sea Hog's-fennel, or Sulphur-weed). **1597** GERARDE *Herbal* II. cxxxiv. 410 The same effect *Sea Housleeke works as well as thees. **1608** TOPSELL *Serpents* 45 The Sea-thistle called *Eryngium marinum*, which some call *Sea-hull, or Huluer. **1548** TURNER *Names of Herbes* (E. D. S.) 36 Eryngium is named in englishe *sea Hulver or sea Holly. *a* **1592** GREENE *Mamillia* II. Wks. (Grosart) II. 288 Resembling the sea hulner leafe. **1588** — *Pandosto* (1607) C 4 b, To see if perchance the sheepe was browzing on the *Sea Iuie. **1889** *Century Dict.* s. v. *Kemp*, *Sea-kemp, *Plantago maritima*, the sea-plantain. **1820** T. GREEN *Univ. Herbal* II. 875 *Sea Laurel. *Phyllanthus*. **1696** PLUKENET *Almagestum* Wks. 1769 II. 182 Heliotropium Gnaphaloides litoreum fruticescens Americanum, *Sea-Lavender Barbadensibus dictum. **1865** GOSSE *Land & Sea* (1874) 31 Enormous tufts of the common thrift or Sea-lavender. **1597** GERARDE *Herbal* III. clix. 1377 *Sea Lungwoort or Oister greene. **1840** PAXTON *Bot. Dict.*, *Sea matgrass, *Psamma arenarin*. **1843** BAXTER *Brit. Phænog. Bot.* VI. 408 *Ammophila Arundinacea*. *Sea Mat-weed. **1548** TURNER *Names of Herbes* (E. D. S.) 16 Arthemisia is of three sortes, the fyrst is the herbe that I cal *sea Mugworte. **1664** EVELYN *Kal. Hort., May* (1679) 17 Flowers in Prime, or yet lasting,.. Peonies,..*Sea-Narcissus [etc.]. **1597** GERARDE *Herbal* II. cxliv. 426 The *sea Nauell is of a diureticke qualitie. **1728** BRADLEY *Dict. Bot.* II. s. v. *Pennywort*, *Sea-Pennywort* is the *Sea-Navel*. **1597** GERARDE *Herbal* II. cxliv. 426 *Sea Nauel wodrt prouoketh vrine. [**1398** TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* XVII. xliii. (1495) 628 Cepe caninum..is founde by the see syde therfore Plato callyth it Sepe marina as it were a *see syneon.] **1526** *Grete Herball* ccccxiii. (1529) Y iv, A squyll or see onyon. **1548** — [see ONION *sb.* 2 c]. **1845–50** Mrs. LINCOLN *Lect. Bot.* 151 The genus *Atriplex*, (*sea-orache). **1856** A. GRAY *Man. Bot.* (1860) 213 *Borrichia*...*Sea Ox-eye. **1843** BAXTER *Brit. Phænog. Bot.* VI. 472 *Ligusticum scoticum*. Scotch Lovage. Scotch Parsley. *Sea Parsley. **1597** GERARDE *Herbal* II. cxliv. 425 Of *Sea Pennywoort. *Ibid.* xciv. 343 The *sea Plantaine hath small and narrow leaues. **1562** TURNER *Herbal* II. 77 It may be named in Englishe horned poppy or *see poppy, or yelow ppppy. **1706** J. STEVENS *Span. Dict.*, *Salgada*, the Plant call'd *Sea-pot-herb. **1548** TURNER *Names of Herbes* (E.D.S.) 25 Cepaea Plinij groweth by the sea syde, and because it is very lyke Purcellayne, it maye be called in englishe *sea Purcellayne. **1578** [see PURSLANE 2]. **1786** ABERCROMBIE *Gard. Assist.* Arrangem. 26 *Atriplex Halimus*, or *sea-purslane tree. **1847** BABINGTON *Brit. Bot.* (ed. 2) 32 *Raphanus maritimus*,..*Sea Radish. **1741** *Compl. Fam.-Piece* II. iii. 374 Buphthalmums, Sea Holly, *Sea Ragwort. **1852** G. W. JOHNSON *Gard. Dict.*, *Cineraria maritima* (sea Ragwort). **1575** LANEHAM *Let.* Pref. (1871) 160 Mercurius that playit on ane *sey reid. **1717** PARNELL *Homer's Battle Frogs & Mice* II. 77 Tap'ring Sea-Reeds for the polish'd Spear. **1861** S. THOMSON *Wild Flowers* III. (ed. 4) 213 The sea-reed, or *Ammophila arundinacea*, deserves our attention. **1777** *Sea reed-grass [see REED-GRASS 1]. **1866** *Sea rosemary [see *sea-blite* above]. **1856** A. GRAY *Man. Bot.* (1860) 548 *Calamagrostis arenaria* (*Sea Sand-Reed). **1850** Miss PRATT *Comm. Things of Sea-side* i. 35 The *sea sandwort (*Arenaria peploides*).. is very common. **1882** THOMSON in *Proc. Berw. Nat. Club* IX. III. 449 The Sea Sandwort (*Honkenœja peploides*). **1597** GERARDE *Herbal* I. xvi. 17 *Sea Spike grasse hath many small leaues. **1850** Miss PRATT *Comm. Things of Sea-side* i. 88 The *sea spleenwort (*Asplenium marinum*). **1859** J. C. ATKINSON *Walks & Talks* (1892) 337 A habitat of the sea-spleenwort. **1597** GERARDE *Herbal* II. cxxxii. 401 The first kinde of *Sea Spurge riseth foorth of the sands. **1855** Miss PRATT *Flower. Pl.* V. 9 *Euphorbia Paralias* (Sea Spurge). **1762** W. HUDSON *Flora Anglica* 169 *Arenaria..marina*... *Sea Spurrey. **1853** Miss PRATT *Wild Fl.* II. 95 Sea Spurrey Sandwort, *Arenaria marina*. **1597** GERARDE *Herbal* II. lxxxviii. 334 *Tripolium*,..is called..in English *Sea Starwort. **1861** S. THOMSON *Wild Flowers* III. (ed. 4) 248 The sea-star-wort, or Michaelmas daisy. **1849** M. ARNOLD *Forsaken Merman* 69 The sandy down Where the *sea-stocks bloom. **1862** ANSTED *Channel Isl.* II. viii. 177 The purple flowers of the great sea stock (*Matthiola sinuata*). **1597** GERARDE *Herbal* II. cxv. 374 The *Sea Stocke Gilloflowerhath a small wooddie roote very threddie. **1850** Miss PRATT *Comm. Things of Sea-side* i. 67 The *Sea Sulphur-weed (*Peucedanum officinale*) is a much more rare plant of the salt marsh. **1807** SMITH & SOWERBY *Eng. Bot.* XXV. 1767 *Peucedanum officinale*. *Sea Sulphur-wort. **1706** LONDON & WISE *Retir'd Gard'ner* I. 311 *Sea-Thrift, [is vivacious] by its Tufts. **1862** ANSTED *Channel Isl.* I. v. 112 A flower of the sea-thrift. **1548** TURNER *Names of Herbes* (E. D. S.) 40 Glaux..may be called in englishe *sea Trifoly. **1601** R. CHESTER *Love's Mart.* (1878) 82 Blessed thistle and Sea Trifoly. **1548** TURNER *Names of Herbes* (E. D. S.) 60 Peplis ..may be called in english *sea wartwurt. **1597** GERARDE *Herbal* II. cxxxii. 407. **1839** MARY HOWITT *Marien's Pilgr.* VIII. xi, Where only the dry *sea-wheat grew. **1796** WITHERING *Brit. Plants* (ed. 3) II. 173 *Triticum*...*Sea Wheatgrass. **1597** GERARDE *Herbal* II. ccxciii. 690 Soldanella..in English *Sea With-winde. **1548** TURNER *Names of Herbes* (E. D. S.) 8 *Sea wormwod is hote in the seconde degree and dry in the fyrste, frenche wormwod is weaker then Sea wormwod is. **1747** WESLEY *Prim. Physick* (1762) 117 The Tops of Sea Wormwood. **1855** *New Cycl. Bot.* II. 461 *Artemisia maritima*. Sea Wormwood.

Sea (sī), *v. nonce-wd.* [f. SEA *sb.*] *intr.* To go *along* as a part of the sea.

1839 BAILEY *Festus* xxi, To ride upon the broad-backed billow, Seaing along and plunging on his precipitous path.

Sea, obs. form of SAY *sb.*[1]; SEE *sb.*; SO.

Sea'-adder. [ADDER 2.]

†**1.** A sea-serpent. *Obs.*

1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* VI. xxiii. 132 About these Islands [in the Persian Gulf] they might see sea-adders and serpents so monstrous great, that [etc.].

2. The Pipe-fish.

a **1672** WILLUGHBY *Hist. Pisc.* (1686) 160 Acui Aristotelis congener pisciculus, pueris Cornubiensibus *Sea-Adder*.. dictus. **1752** J. HILL *Hist. Anim.* 202 *Syngnathus*...The people of Yorkshire call it the Sea-worm; but it is more generally known in England by its Cornish name of the Sea-adder. **1896** tr. *Boas' Text-bk. Zool.* 391 The Sea-adder family (*Syngnathidæ*).

3. The sea-stickleback, *Spinachia vulgaris*.

1836 YARRELL *Brit. Fishes* I. 87 The Fifteen-spined Stickleback. Great sea adder, Cornwall.

Sea air. The air above or in the neighbourhood of the sea; air containing saline or gaseous matter derived from sea-water.

1685 BOYLE *Eng. Notion Nat.* vii. 318 Most persons, the first time they go to sea,..are, by the unwonted agitations, ..(assisted perhaps by the sea-air..) cast into that disease.. called the sea-sickness. **1707** SLOANE *Jamaica* I. 2 Joseph Acosta ascribes it [this sickness] to the Sea-Air. **1795** COLERIDGE *Reft. Place Retirem.* 67 And myrtles fearless of the mild sea-air. **1833** T. HOOK *Parson's Dau.* III. v, The advice of her physicians to try the effect of sea-air and sea-bathing. **1897** WATTS-DUNTON *Aylwin* II. iii, The English lady..has gone to live at Carnarvon to get the sea air.

Sea-angler. [ANGLER[1].]

1. The Fishing Frog, = ANGLER[1] 2.

1653 WALTON *Angler* i. 22 For this reason some have called this fish the Sea-Angler. **1906** *Daily Chron.* 13 July 6/7 A 'sea-angler' has just been brought into Yarmouth.

2. An angler who fishes in the sea.

1893 *Fishing Gaz.* 11 Feb. 101/1 The British Sea-anglers' Society.

So **Sea-angling** *vbl. sb.*, angling in the sea.

1833 J. RENNIE *Alph. Angling* 58 River, canal, pond, lake, and sea-angling. **1893** *Fishing Gaz.* 11 Feb. 101/1 At different sea angling resorts.

Sea-animal. [ANIMAL *sb.*]

1. An animal or creature living in the sea.

1745 tr. *Egede's Descr. Greenland* 65 Of the Greenland Sea Animals, and Sea Fowl and Fishes. **1753** *Chambers' Cycl.* Suppl., *Hippocampus*,..a small sea animal caught in the Mediterranean. **1854** DICKENS *Hard T.* II. viii, Mr. Bounderby..sighed like a huge sea-animal. **1855** KINGSLEY *Glaucus* (1878) 91 One of the rarest of British sea-animals.

2. *transf.* Applied to a sailor.

1706 E. WARD *Wooden World Diss.* (1708) 107 Take this plain blunt Sea-Animal,..and you'll find him of more intrinsick Value to the Nation, than the most fluttering Beau in it.

Sea'-ape. [APE *sb.*]

1. The sea-fox (*Alopias vulpes*). See APE *sb.* 5.

1607 TOPSELL *Four-f. Beasts* 5 The Dolphin recouereth by eating a sea-ape. **1769–1861** [see APE *sb.* 5].

†**2. a.** ? The manatee. **b.** The Northern manatee: see MANATEE 2. *Obs.* Also *attrib.*

1755 tr. *Pontoppidan's Nat. Hist. Norway* II. 191 These Mer-men, or, as we may rather call them Sea-apes. **1781** PENNANT *Quadrupeds* II. 544 Sea Ape Manati. Mr. Steller saw on the coast of America another very singular animal which he calls a Sea Ape: it was five feet long: the head like a dog's: [etc.].

3. 'The sea-otter: so called from its gambols' (*Cent. Dict.* 1891).

a **1891** H. PARTRIDGE (Cent.), When holding a fore-paw over their eyes in order to look about them with more distinctness, they are called sea-apes.

4. The Northern Chimæra (*C. monstrosa*).

1862 COUCH *Brit. Fishes* I. 145 Arctic Chimæra...Sea Ape.

Sea'-apple. [APPLE *sb.*]

†**1.** The sea-urchin. *Obs.*

1666 [see SEA-EGG 1]. **1752** J. HILL *Hist. Anim.* 199 The roundish Centronia, with crooked..spines, the Sea apple.

2. The sea-coconut (see COCO 6).

1864 GRISEBACH *Flora W. Ind. Islands* 787 Sea-apple: *Manicaria Plukenetii*.

Sea-bank. [BANK *sb.*[1]]

1. †**a.** The sea-coast or sea-shore; = BANK *sb.*[1] 9.

c **1350** [see BANK *sb.*[1] 9]. *c* **1450** *St. Cuthbert* (Surtees) 5173 To þe see bank þe cors þai bring. **1604** SHAKS. *Oth.* IV. i. 138, I was the other day talking on the Sea-banke with certaine Venetians. **1794** Mrs. RADCLIFFE *Myst. Udolpho* xvi, My music leads to lofty groves, That wild upon the sea-bank wave.

b. A dune or sand-hill.

1848 CLOUGH *Amours de Voy.* 89 The cypress-spires..Ever more growing,..Over the low sea-banks, of the fatal Ilian city. **1865** SWINBURNE *Chastelard* I. ii. 31 The next [star], that saw not love, saw me Between the sea-banks and the sea.

c. A sand-bank; = BANK *sb.*[1] 5.

1828 FLEMING *Brit. Anim.* 191 This fish [the cod]..is eagerly sought after on those sea-banks which it frequents.

d. *attrib.*

a **1593** MARLOWE *Ovid's Eleg.* I. i. 34 Elegian Muse..Girt my shine browe with Sea-banke Mirtle praise [*read* sprays].

2. An embankment built for protection against the sea, a sea-wall.

1647 HEXHAM I, The Sea-bankes, *De Zee-dijcken*. **1655** MARQ. WORCESTER *Cent. Invent.* § 96 A way to make a Sea-bank so firm..that a stream can have no power over it. **1733** *Act* 6 *Geo. II*, c. 37 § 5 If any Person..shall unlawfully and maliciously break down..any Sea Bank. **1839** *Civ. Engin. & Arch. Jrnl.* II. 450/1 A Sea Bank constructed..for the purpose of enclosing a quantity of sea marsh land.

attrib. **1852** WIGGINS *Embanking* 64 The execution of sea-bank work.

So **Sea-banking,** the building of sea-banks.

1852 WIGGINS *Embanking* 2 Sea-banking, or sea-walling, has hitherto formed but a small portion of the practice of Engineers.

[Sea-bar, 'the sea-swallow or tern' (in mod. Dicts.), comes from a misprinted entry in Ainsworth *Eng.-Lat. Dict.* (1736) which should read '*Sea-bat*, hirundo piscis' (i. e. the flying-fish).]

Sea'-bass. *U. S.* [BASS *sb.*[1] Cf. Du. *zeebaars*.] A name for various fishes. **a.** A serranoid fish, *Centropristis furvus* (black sea-bass). **b.** A sciænoid fish, *Cynoscion nobilis* of California (white sea-bass). **c.** *Sciæna ocellata*. **d.** The sturgeon, *Acipenser transmontanus*, of the Pacific coast (*Cent. Dict.*).

1775 A. BURNABY *Trav.* 70 Fish are in the greatest plenty ..; particularly..sea-bass. **1849** H. W. HERBERT *Forester's Fish & Fishing U.S.* 242 The Striped Sea Bass. Rock Fish, Bar Fish. *Ibid.* 264 The Sea Bass. Black Sea Bass. **1884** GOODE, etc. *Nat. Hist. Aquatic Anim.* 378 *Cynoscion nobile*. This species is everywhere known as the 'Sea Bass' ('Sea-Trout'), sometimes as 'White Sea Bass', to distinguish it from the Black Sea Bass or Jew-fish. *Ibid.* 407 The Sea bass, *Serranus atrarius*. **1885** *Riverside Nat. Hist.* (1888) III. 215 In the Carolinas, Florida, and the Gulf, we meet with the names 'bass' and its variations, 'spotted-bass', 'red-bass', 'sea-bass'. *Ibid.* 223 The common sea-bass of the north, *Centropristis furvus*.

Sea'-bat. [BAT *sb.*[1]]

1. A flying-fish, esp. the flying gurnard, *Dactylopterus volitans*.

1611 FLORIO, *Accola*, a sea Swallow or a Sea Bat. **1665** SIR T. HERBERT *Trav.* (1677) 39 The French call it *Aronder dumer* [sic], the Swallow of the Sea; others a Sea Bat, or Rere-mouse of the Sea. *a* **1672** WILLUGHBY *Hist. Pisc.* (1686) App. 24 Sea Batt. Belgis. An ex Acaraunis? **1884** GOODE, etc. *Nat. Hist. Aquatic Anim.* 255 The Sea-bat or Flying Gurnard.

2. The fish *Malthe vespertilio*.

1756 P. BROWNE *Jamaica* (1789) 457 The Sea-Bat. This

curious fish..by the expansion of its side-fins and its small ventrals, represents a bat in some measure. 1758 Edwards *Glean. Nat. Hist.* 156 The Sea-bat appeared to me..all over of a dark brown or dusky colour. 1884 Goode, etc. *Nat. Hist. Aquatic Anim.* 173 The Sea Bat, *Malthe vespertilio.*

3. A fish of the genus *Platax*.

1880 Günther *Fishes* 448 There are probably not more than seven species of 'Sea-bats' [*Platax*], if so many, and they all belong to the Indian Ocean and Western Pacific, where they are very common.

Sea'-bath. [Bath *sb.*1] A bath or bathe in the sea. Also a place for sea-bathing.

1785 Phillips *Treat. Inland Nav.* 43 Wivenhoe..is at present a very pretty, clean town...There is a good sea-bath. 1833 *Cycl. Pract. Med.* I. 249/1 The cold shower-bath..is found to suit better at this hour than the sea-bath. 1878 *Masque of Poets* 199 In sea-baths sheltered from the prowling shark He cooled his fever.

Sea'-bathe, *v. rare.* [Back-formation from next.] *intr.* (in quot. quasi-*trans.* with complement). To bathe in the sea.

1872 Ruskin *Fors Clav.* xix, The dirty population of Venice..gets itself dragged by a screaming kettle to Lido next morning, to sea-bathe itself into a capacity for more tobacco.

Sea-bathing. Bathing in the sea.

1753 R. Russell *Diss. Sea Water* 142 He entered upon a Course of Sea Water,..joining, as usual, the Sea Bathing towards the End of the Cure. 1771 Smollett *Humph. Cl.* 26 June (1815) 207 To Scarborough; where I propose to brace up my fibres by sea-bathing. 1824 Laetitia M. Hawkins *Annaline* II. 115, I daresay [she] will not be restored even by sea-bathing. 1875 McIlwraith *Guide Wigtownsh.* 71 There is here excellent sea-bathing.

attrib. 1797 *Margate Guide* 63 The Sea Bathing Infirmary at West-brook. 1803 (*title*) A Guide to all the Watering and Sea-Bathing Places.

Sea beach. [Beach *sb.*] = Beach *sb.* 3.

1775 Ash, *Seabeach*, the seashore. 1797 Mas. Radcliffe *Italian* ix, He left the palace and strolled down to the sea-beach. 1840 Longf. *Wreck of Hesperus* 77 At daybreak, on the bleak sea-beach, A fisherman stood aghast. 1877 Ruskin *St. Mark's Rest* I. i. 5 The place by the sea-beach in Palestine, where Dorcas worked for the poor.

attrib. 1864 Browning *Death in Desert* 153 To tell dry sea-beach gazers how I fared When there was mid-sea.

Sea'-bean.

†1. A small stone or pebble (see quot. 1607).

1607 Topsell *Four-f. Beasts* 143 There is a little blacke stone in Nilus about the bignesse of a Beane...Such as these I saw at Lyons in France, which they called Sea-beanes, and they prescribed them to be hanged about a Nurses necke to encrease her milke. 1847 Halliwell, *Sea-beans*, small black pebbles. *Devon.*

2. A name given to the seeds of the tropical leguminous plant *Entada scandens*, carried by sea to the British coasts, and often made into trinkets.

1696 Sloane *Catal. Plant. Jamaica* 70 Phaseolus maritimus rotundifolius, flore purpureo [etc.]..The Sea bean. 1867 Smyth *Sailor's Word-bk.*

3. A small univalve shell of the family *Triviidæ*; also the operculum of any shell of the family *Turbinidæ*. Both are often used for charms, trinkets, etc.

1885 Lady Brassey *The Trades* 335 Dealers..were constantly..bringing all sorts of shells,..sea-beans or bay-beans, and other marine curiosities. 1891 *Century Dict.*

Sea'-bear. [Bear *sb.*1]

†1. The sea-urchin. *Obs.*

1611 Cotgr., *Oursin*, the sea Beare. 1668 Wilkins *Real Char.* II. v. § 2. 128. 1694 Motteux *Rabelais* IV. lx, Sea-Bears.

2. The ursine or fur-seal, *Callorhinus ursinus*, of the North Pacific. Also applied to the various smaller otaries (species of *Arctocephalus*) of the southern seas, as distinguished from the larger hair-seals, called Sea-lions. See also Bear *sb.*1 5.

1771 Pennant *Synopsis Quadrupeds* 344 Ursine Seal. There are three marine animals, which..seem divided between the N. E. of Asia, and N. W. of America...These are ..the Sea Lion and Sea Bear, and the Manati. 1847 [see Bear *sb.*1 5]. 1880 H. W. Elliott *Rep. Seal Isl. Alaska* (1884) 109 The eared-seal, or sea-bear (*Otaria ursina*).

3. A polar bear. *rare.*

1829 J. Richardson *Fauna Bor.-Amer.* I. 30 *Ursus Maritimus*, Polar or Sea Bear. 1876 Davis *Polaris Exp.* xxi. 552 What is called the Sea-bear (*Ursus Maritimus*).

Sea'-beast. A beast living in the sea.

c 1450 *St. Cuthbert* (Surtees) 1644 Se bestys serued him at hande. 1667 Milton *P. L.* I. 200 That Sea-beast Leviathan. 1849 M. Arnold *Forsaken Merman* 39 Where the sea-beasts rang'd all round Feed in the ooze of their pasture-ground.

transf. 1695 Congreve *Love for L.* I. iv, If he be but as great a Sea-Beast, as she is a Land-Monster, we shall have a most Amphibious Breed.

Sea'-beat, *a.* [Beat *ppl. a.*] = next.

1579 Spenser *Sheph. Cal.* Feb. 34 That, once sea-beate, will to sea againe. 1600 Fairfax *Tasso* xvi. lxxi, Wandering lonely on the sea-beat strand. 1725 Pope *Odyss.* IX. 196 Along the sea-beat shore Satiate we slept. 1883 Stevenson *Silverado Sq.* (1886) 24 That gray country, with its rainy, sea-beat archipelago.

Sea'-beaten, *a.* [Beaten *ppl. a.*]

1. Of a ship, a sailor, etc.: Tossed about or beaten by the waves of the sea. Now *rare* or *Obs.*

1562 A. Brooke *Romeus & Iuliet* 808 God graunt no daungers rocke..wracke thy sea beaten barke. 1587 Turberv. *Trag. Tales* Ded. A ij b, Following herein sea-beaten soldiers, and miserable mariners. 1606 Bp. Hall *Heaven upon Earth* Ded., Ships..both extremely Sea-beaten, and at last wracked. 1801 Mrs. Robinson *Sylphid* III. 142 (Jod.) The sea-beaten sailor.

2. Of a shore, rock, etc.: Lashed by the sea.

1793 Cowper *A Tale* ('*In Scotland's realm*') 19 Sea-beaten rocks and naked shores, Could yield them no retreat. 1868 Stevenson *Let.* July in *Scribner's Mag.* (1899) XXV. 31/1, I am utterly sick of this gray, grim, sea-beaten hole. 1883 *Longman's Mag.* Oct. 632 Quiet bays and sea-beaten cliffs.

Sea'-beaver.

†1. = Hippocampus 2. *Obs.*

1755 tr. *Pontoppidan's Nat. Hist. Norway* II. 51 The Sea-Beaver is another and larger Insect, peculiar to the sea... Called in the Mediterranean Hippocampus.

2. The sea-otter.

1759 Dumaresque in *Phil. Trans.* LI. 488 Many of them go thither, to catch sea-beavers. 1764 Grieve tr. *Krasheninnikoff's Kamtschatka* 130 The sea beavers [*Lutra marina*] have not the least resemblance to the other beavers.

Sea-beef.

†1. Pickled beef used on shipboard. *Obs.*

1594 Nashe *Christ's T.* To Rdr.**, A prouerbe..as stale as sea-biefe. 1606 Dekker *Newes fr. Hell* Wks. (Grosart) II. 112 Though such kind of Theeuerie bee more stale then Sea-beefe.

2. The flesh of a porpoise or whale. Also locally applied to various food-fishes (*jocularly* to herring).

1672 Josselyn *New-Eng. Rarities* 27 Ling, Sea Beef. [Cf. quot. 1661 s.v. Beef *sb.* 2 a.] 1850 Scoresby *Cheever's Whalem. Adv.* vi. (1858) 77 The porpoise..is harpooned..and its carcass eaten by the name of 'sea beef'.

Sea-bell.

1. A species of bindweed, *Convolvulus Soldanella.*

1597 Gerarde *Herbal* II. cccxiii. 690 Sea Withwinde, Sea Bindweed, Sea bels, Sea Coale, and of some Sea Folefoote, and Scottish Scuruie grasse. 1866 *Treas. Bot.*

2. A zoophyte of the genus Campanularia.

1860 tr. *Hartwig's Sea & Wonders* 278 The delicate feathery forms of the sea-wreaths, sea-feathers, and sea-bells (sertulariæ, plumulariæ, and campanulariæ).

Sea'-bird. A bird frequenting the sea, or the land near the sea. Also *attrib.*

1589 Rider *Bibl. Scholast.* 1704 A Seabirde great and ravenous, *charadrius.* 1662 J. Davies tr. *Mandelslo's Trav.* 259 We..saw infinite multitudes of little Sea-birds. 1766 Smollett *Trav.* I. xix. 301 All sea-birds are allowed by the church of Rome to be eaten on meagre days, as a kind of fish. 1865 Tennyson *Captain* 71 The lonely seabird crosses With one waft of the wing. 1898 Kearton *Wild Life at Home* 100 The Orkney and Shetland Islands are rich in sea-bird life.

Sea'-bladder.

†1. The bladder-wrack. Cf. next 1. *Obs.*

1681 Grew *Musæum* II. § v. ii. 250 The Roped Sea-Bladder ..is also wrought with fibrous Veins, as the former.

2. The Portuguese man-of-war.

1860 Wraxall *Life in Sea* x. 243 The Physaliæ, or Sea-bladders.

Seable, obs. form of Seeable.

Sea'-blubber. Also 7-blobber. [Blubber *sb.*1]

†1. The bladder-wrack. Cf. prec. 1. *Obs.*

1681 Grew *Musæum* II. § v. ii. 250 Sea-Blobber. *Vesicaria marina*..'Tis a Cluster of small roundish Bladders..of a light brown colour.

2. A jelly-fish. See Blubber *sb.*1 3.

1683–4 Robinson in *Phil. Trans.* XXIX. 478 The *Urtica Marina* (called Sea Gelly or Blubber, tho' it be an Animal). 1769 *Ann. Reg.* I. 189/1 Boat-loads of what the sailors called sea-blubbers. 1845 Gosse *Ocean* iii. (1849) 151 These *Medusæ*, or Sea-blubbers, as they are familiarly called, form a considerable portion of the Whale's food.

Seaboard (sī'bōəd), *sb.* and *a.* Forms: see Sea *sb.* and Board *sb.* Also 9 -bord. [f. Sea *sb.* + Board *sb.*]

A. *sb.*

†1. The plank to cover up the port-hole. *Obs.*

c 1400 *Beryn* 3001 Why close they the port with the see bord?

†2. With prepositions *a, at, on, to seaboard*, on or to the seaward side (of a ship, etc.). *Obs.*

a 1490 Botoner *Itin.* (1778) 110 Et insula de Ushand jacet in le seebord anglice south et north. 1525 Ld. Berners *Froiss.* II. cl. 165 Y^e wynde was so streynable on see borde, that they coude nat departe thence. 1535 Stewart *Cron. Scot.* I. 297 [He] With mony schip to se burd passit syne. *c* 1566 in *Hakluyt's Voy.* (1589) 390 There lay two rocks two miles to sea boord of vs. 1581 J. Bell *Haddon's Answ. Osorius* 70 To preserve their course the better at Seaboorde. 1582 Lichefield tr. *Castanheda's Conq. E. Ind.* I. v. 13 Our men discried three Ilands a Seaboard. 1602 Mansel *True Rep. Service* 1 My selfe being neerest that coast, Captaine Iones next vnto me, and the Dutch men of warre a Sea-board, and to the westward of him. *c* 1625 J. Taylor (Water-P.) *Braue Sea-fight* Wks. 1630 III. 40/2 The Enemie making all the sayle he could to Sea-boord of the English. *c* 1635 Capt. N. Boteler *Dial. Sea Services* (1685) 281 When a Ship..bath another Ship on her other side to Seaward, or (as the phrase is) to Sea-board.

†3. *By* (*be*) *seaboard*: by sea. *On seaboard*: at sea, on board ship. *Obs.*

1535 Stewart *Chron. Scot.* I. 369 Out of Denmark be se burd mony myle, Ane greit armie in Albione wes send. 1549 *Compl. Scot.* xi. 91 Nocht alanerly be gryt multitude of men of veyr, and ane grit nauen of schipis be seey burde, bot [etc.]. 1581 J. Bell *Haddon's Answ. Osorius* 420 Whenas beyng on Seaborde he was in daunger to be drowned. 1597 J. Payne *Royal Exch.* 32 In all my tyme on Seaboorde..I have knowen nombers that were of another disposition.

4. The line where land and sea meet, the coast-line; the sea-shore or the land near the sea, esp. considered with reference to its extent or configuration.

1825 J. Neal *Bro. Jonathan* I. 78 Certain alarming movements on the sea-board. 1840 Carlyle *Heroes* i. (1841) 26 On the seabord of this wild land [Iceland] is a rim of grassy country, where cattle can subsist. 1860 H. Miller *My Schools* xiii. 143/1 The population of extensive Islands and seaboards of the country. 1867 Freeman *Norm. Conq.* (ed. 3) I. ii. 25 These kingdoms have a large sea-board. 1887 J. Ball *Nat. in S. Amer.* 124 The sea-board is nearly a straight line running from north to south.

Comb. 1897 Mary Kingsley *W. Africa* xxii. 316 The sea-board-dwelling Tschwis.

B. *adj.* Bordering on or adjoining the sea. *rare.*

1590 Spenser *F. Q.* III. iii. 47 There shall a Lyon from the sea-bord wood Of Neustria come roring. 1828–32 Webster, *Sea-bord, Sea-bordering*, bordering on the sea or ocean. 1888 J. Shallow *Templars' Trials* 8 The Hospitallers, whose property was largely sea-board, left Cyprus for Rhodes. 1909 *Daily Chron.* 18 Aug. 4/4 The French sea-board hotels.

Hence **Sea'-boarder,** an inhabitant of the sea-board.

1611 Speed *Hist. Gt. Brit.* v. vii. § 3. 38 The Kentish [men] and Seaborders being full of humanity, and little differing from the French ciuility.

Sea'-boat. [Boat *sb.*]

1. †a. A boat for the sea. *Obs.* b. A vessel considered in reference to her behaviour at sea.

Beowulf 633 Þa ic on holm gestah, sæ-bat gesæt mid minra secga gedriht. 1725 De Foe *Voy. round World* (1840) 199 Our brigantine..an excellent sea-boat. 1727 Arbuthnot *Tables Anc. Coins*, etc. 241 The Roman Shipwrecks were occasion'd undoubtedly by their Ships being bad Sea-boats, and [etc.]. 1769 Falconer *Dict. Marine* (1780), *Sea-Boat*, a vessel that bears the sea firmly, without labouring heavily. 1793 Smeaton *Edystone L.* § 92 Any good sea-boat, may make her course good to Fowey.

attrib. 1888 R. Edmondston & Saxby *Home of Naturalist* 31 He always had unbounded faith in the sea-boat qualities of a Shetland sixaerin.

2. A name for a *Chiton* or coat-of-mail shell.

1884 Goode, etc. *Nat. Hist. Aquatic Anim.* 701 These shells have been called by different names,..such as 'Wood-louse', 'Sea-bont',..' Sea-bug', and 'Sea-caterpillar'.

Sea'-book.

†1. A sea-log (see Sea *sb.* 23 a). *Obs.*

a 1642 Sir W. Monson *Naval Tracts* III. (1704) 336/1 The Captain may require a Copy of the Sea Book from the Purser.

2. (See quot. 1883). *Obs.* exc. *Hist.*

1726 Shelvocke *Voy. round World* 34 All arms, sea-books and instruments..is plunder. 1883 *Encycl. Brit.* XV. 519/2 When the loxodromic maps came into existence, hand-books with sailing directions were written to accompany them, hence the titles 'sailing directions', 'sea-books',..or cartas da marear.

3. A book representing life at sea, etc. Sea *sb.* 18 l.

1894 Clark Russell in *My First Book* 30 It is the first sea book I ever wrote.

Sea-border. The land bordering on the sea.

1686 *Charter of Romney-Marsh* title-p., Very useful..for all Lords of Towns, and other Landholders within Romney-Marsh,..and all other Marshes, Fenns, and Sea-Borders. 1880 Swinburne *Studies in Song* 180 These alone in all the wild sea-borders Fear no blast of days and nights that die.

†**Sea-borderer.** *Obs. rare.* One who inhabits the land adjacent to the sea.

a 1593 Marlowe *Hero & Leander* I. 3 On Hellespont.. In view and opposit two cities stood, Seaborderers [earliest eds. (1598–1613) Seaborders], disioin'd by Neptunes might: The one Abydos, the other Sestos hight. 1599 Nashe *Lenten Stuffe* 46 Their heauenly hoods..decreede, that for they were either of them seaborderers and drowned in the sea, stil to the sea they must belong. 1670 Cotton *Espernon* III. ix. 442 A barbarous and inhumane people (as generally Sea-borderers are).

Sea'-bordering, *a. rare.* Bordering on the sea.

1597 Beard *Theatre God's Judgem.* (1612) 533 Amongst sea-bordering Cities,..Tire in former ages was most famous. 1612 Drayton *Poly-olb.* xvii. 358 Tow'rds those Sea-bordring shores of ours. 1626 Sir D. Diggs *Sp.* in Rushw. *Hist. Coll.* (1659) I. 302 All the Sea-bordering parts of this Kingdom. 1852 Ansted *Phys. Geog.* in *Man. Geog. Sci.* I. 259 Those rich sea-bordering clays, whose fertility is such as to induce men to risk disease in swampy climates.

Sea'-born, *a.* Born in or of the sea. a. Of persons, etc., chiefly mythological, esp. of Venus.

a 1593 Marlowe *Dido* III. i. 763 Seaborne Nymphes shall swarme about thy ships. *a* 1645 Waller *To my Lord Admiral* 55 Like Neptune and his Sea-borne Neece. *a* 1664 Kath. Philips *To Lucasia* Poems (1667) 147 Eyes so sweet as these, No power that is Sea-born can displease. 1726 Pope *Odyss.* xvii. 160 Learn what I heard the sea-born Seer relate, Whose eye can pierce the dark recess of fate. 1871 R. Ellis *Catullus* lxiv. 17 Sea-born Nymphs.

b. Produced by or having its origin in the sea.

1646 Quarles *Sheph. Oracles* vii. 83 The Sea-born Sturgeon, and the broad-side Bream. 1764 Goldsm. *Trav.* 121 Sea-born gales their gelid wings expand To winnow fragrance round the smiling land. 1808 Scott *Marm.* II. xvi, If on a rock..Saint Cuthbert sits, and toils to frame The sea-born beads that bear his name. 1868 *Rep. U. S. Commissioner Agric.* (1869) 402 During all the unknown..geological ages in which these mountains of sea-born rocks have been slowly growing.

c. Of an island, etc. rising from the sea.

1726 Pope *Odyss.* xix. 197 Ninety cities crown the sea-born Isle. 1817 Byron *Beppo* x, That sea-born city [Venice] was in all her glory.

Sea'-borne, *a.* [Borne *ppl. a.*]

1. Conveyed by sea. (Said usually of articles of commerce.)

1823 *Edin. Rev.* XXXVIII. 236/1 Very few buildings have ..been erected of sea-borne stone. 1844 H. Stephens *Bk. Farm* III. 996 The best sea-borne English lime. 1850 Hr. Martineau *Hist. Peace* IV. xi. (1877) III. 79 A reduction of duties on sea-borne coal. 1864 Burton *Scot Abr.* II. ii. 152 To the sea-borne traveller it is the most conspicuous stronghold along the sea-coast. 1910 *Spectator* 11 June 920/1 Germany would never run the risk of invading France by a sea-borne expedition.

2. Of a ship, etc.: Carried or floating on the sea. See also quot. 1867.

1840 *Evid. Hull Docks Comm.* 44 A dock of sufficient depth for sea-borne vessels. 1857 Gosse *Omphalos* ii. 51 The impressions..would have been totally obliterated, if the trees had been sea-borne and shore-rolled, as pretended. 1867 Smyth *Sailor's Word-bk., Sea-borne*, arrived from a voyage: said of freighted ships also afloat.

3. *elliptical*. quasi-*sb*. Sea-borne coal. Used *attrib.*

1892 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 12 Feb. 5/1 The number of men on strike this morning is 7,500, many of the 'seaborne' men having left work since yesterday morning.

Sea-bottom. The bottom or lowest depth of the sea; a tract of ground covered by a sea.

a 1400–50 *Alexander* 5532 How he mi3t seke doun sounde in-to þe see bothom. 1582 Stanyhurst *Æneis* iii. (Arb.) 93 Alpheüs..Vnder seabottoms this passadge ferreted. 1876 Page *Adv. Text-bk. Geol.* iii. 50 The heterogeneous deposit of a former sea-bottom. 1885 Child *Ballads* II. 50/1 A mermaid, from the sea-bottom, cries out to him.

Sea-bound, *a.*[1] [Bound *ppl. a.*[2]] Bound or confined by the sea.

Cf. *sea-bounded* adj. (Sea *sb.* 21), with which this is often confused.

1636 G. Sandys *Paraphr. Ps.* ii. 2 Subject all Nations to thy Throne, And make the Sea-bound Earth thine owne. 1828–32 Webster, *Sea-bound, Sea-bounded*, bounded by the sea. 1902 *Westm. Gaz.* 3 June 3/2 The sea-bound lands. 1910 *Blackw. Mag.* Aug. 264/2 He lived..in a sea-bound solitude.

Sea-bound, *a.*[2] [Bound *ppl. a.*[1]] Bound for or on the way to the sea.

1839–52 Bailey *Festus* (ed. 5) 80 The sea-bound river. 1895 *Funk's Stand. Dict.* s.v., A sea-bound voyage. 1899 *Westm. Gaz.* 1. Aug. 4/3 To catch their sea-bound train.

Sea-bream.

1. A name applied to several sparoid fishes, esp. *Pagellus centrodontus*.

1530 Palsgr. 269/1 See breame a fysshe. 1613 R. Harcourt *Voy. Guiana* 30 Of Sea-fish, there is Sea-breame, Mullet, Sole [etc.]. 1620 Shelton *Quix.* II. xi. 64 Thou saydst she had eyes of Pearles, and such eyes are rather the eies of a Sea-Breame then a faire Dames. 1672 Josselyn *New-Eng. Rarities* 95 Sea Bream, which are plentifully taken upon the Sea Coasts, their Eyes are accounted rare Meat, whereupon the proverbial comparison, It is worth a Sea Breams Eye. 1752 J. Hill *Hist. Anim.* 253 The reddish Sparus.., The Sea-bream. 1840 *Cuvier's Anim. Kingd.* 297 Sparidæ (the Sea-bream Family). 1896 *Roy. Nat. Hist.* (ed. Lydekker) V. 347 The black sea-bream (*Cantharus lineatus*) of the British seas.

2. Applied to the coryphænoid genus *Brama*.

1710 Sibbald *Fife & Kinross* 53 *Brama Marina nostras*, the Sea-Bream. 1891 *Century Dict.*

Sea-breeze. [Breeze *sb.*[2]]

1. A breeze blowing from the sea.

1697 Dampier *Voy.* I. 348 Taking the advantage of the Land breezes by nyht, and the Sea breezes by day. 1743 Bulkeley & Cummins *Voy. S. Seas* 160 A Sea-Breeze came in, and blow'd so hard that we were obliged to weigh. 1769 W. Stork *Descr. East-Florida* (ed. 3) 25 The sea-breezes keep it in constant agitation. 1825 J. Neal *Bro. Jonathan* I. 359 Before a strong sea-breeze. 1873 B. Harte *Fiddletown* 28 The chill sea-breeze made him shiver. 1888 Lowell *Hearts-ease & Rue* 130 Where sea-breeze and sunshine meet.

2. 'Also, a cool sea-drink' (Smyth *Sailor's Word-bk.* 1867).

Hence **Sea-breezed** *a.*, having sea-breezes, or blown on by sea-breezes; **Sea-breeziness**, the condition of being breezy or having sea-breezes. *fig.*

1760 Br. Hildesley in W. Hanbury *Charit. Found. Ch.-Langton* (1767) 114 Plants or trees..suitable to this sea-breez'd island [Man] and its sandy gravelly soil. 1837 [see Breeziness]. 1903 *Daily Chron.* 25 Sept. 3/4 There is a sea-breeziness about it [the book].

Sea-bull. [Bull *sb.*[1]]

†1. The male of the sea-cow or seal. *Obs.*

a 1400–50 *Alexander* 3846 Of Seeles & of see-Bules a swyth grete nounbre. *Ibid.* 4098 A cowdrife breste [*? read* beste], Of sembalaunce as a see-bule. *c* 1520 Andrew *Noble Lyfe* iii. xxxviii, Focas is a see bulle, & is very stronge & dangerous. 1688 Holme *Armoury* II. 216/1 He beareth Argent, a sea Bulls-head couped, Sable.

2. The male of the sea-cow or hippopotamus.

1863 W. C. Baldwin *Afr. Hunting* iii. 88 A large sea-bull lying asleep close inland behind some reeds.

Seabylle, Seac, obs. ff. Seeable, Sick.

Sea-cabbage.

1. a. = Sea-kale. b. *dial.* (See quot. 1904.)

1731 Miller *Gard. Dict., Crambe.* Sea-Cabbage. 1855 Miss Pratt *Flower. Pl.* I. 140 *Brassica oleracea* (Sea Cabbage). 1904 *Eng. Dial. Dict., Sea Cabbage*, the great mullein, *Verbascum thapsus*.

†2. The sea-otter's cabbage. *Obs.*

1764 Grieve tr. *Krasheninnikoff's Kamtschatka* 131 They have three different ways of catching them: 1st. By nets placed among the sea cabbage [note *Fucus marinus*], whither the beavers retire in the night time.

Sea-cale, varlant of Sea-kale.

Sea-calf. [Calf[1].] A common name for the seal, esp. the common seal, *Phoca vitulina*. [So med.L. *vitulus marinus*, F. *veau marin*, G. *seekalb*.]

1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) II. 13 Þere beeþ ofte i-take dolphyns, and see calues [orig. *vituli marini*], and haleynes. 1558 Gesner *Hist. Anim.* iv. 831 Angli etiam nominant a Sea caulfe: uel Seele. 1563 Hyll *Art Garden.* (1593) 26 Some also hang..the skinne of the Sea-Calfe in the middle of the garden..as a prooued defence to it against tempestes. 1668 H. More *Div. Dial.* II. i. (1713) 89 The playing of two Sea-Calves before a Storm. 1880 *Standard* 20 May 3 The 'sea calves' of the North Atlantic are solely 'hair seals'.

attrib. *c* 1440 tr. *Pallad. on Husb.* I. 961 A seecalf skyn.

b. *allusively.*

1755 J. Shebbeare *Lydia* (1769) II. 67 You grow pert, madam, since you have caught your sea-calf. 1883 Stevenson *Treas. Isl.* viii, 'Why what a precious old sea-calf I am!' he said.

Sea-captain. The captain or commander of a ship; usually applied to the captain of a merchant vessel.

1612 Webster *White Devil* II. i. 380 To what scorn'd purpose else should we make choice Of him for a sea captaine? 1708 *Proclam.* 20 May in *Lond. Gaz.* No. 4440/1 In case any Sea-Captain, Inferior Commission or Warrant Sea-Officers belonging to any Ship of War..be absent. 1897 Watts-Dunton *Aylwin* II. xiii, The widow of a sea captain.

†**Sea-card.** *Obs.* [Card *sb.*[2]]

1. A chart of the sea (see Card *sb.*[2] 3 b and Chart *sb.*[1] 1 b). *Obs.*

1571 Digges *Pantom.* I. xxxv. L iij, You shall make a sea carde wherin you may by the former rules place Coastes, Harboroughes, Rockes, Sandes [etc.]. 1745 Pococke *Descr. East* II. ii. 148 The whole, according to the sea-cards, being the bay of Contessa.

2. The card of the mariner's compass (see Card *sb.*[2] 4).

1555 [see Card *sb.*[2] 4]. 1618 Fletcher *Chances* I. xi, We are all like sea-Cards, All our endeavours and our motions, ..still point at beauty. 1666 Pepys *Diary* 22 Sept., A little gold frame for one of my sea-cards.

transf. 1710 Shaftesb. *Adv. Author* I. iii. 53 Thus much for..those Rules of Art, those Philosophical Sea-Cards by which the adventuring Genius's of the times were won't to steer their Courses, and govern their impetuous Muse.

Sea-cat. [Cf. F. *chat de mer*, 'the smallest kind of dog-fish' (Cotgr.).]

1. A name for various fishes. a. The wolf-fish, *Anarrhichas lupus*. b. The great weever, *Trachinus draco*. c. A shark, *Scyllium catulus*. d. *Chimæra monstrosa*. e. Any sea-catfish, as *Ælurichthys marinus*.

1601 Holland *Pliny* xxxii. ix. II. 445 The fish named the Sea-cat or Wearill. 1710 Sibbald *Fife & Kinross* 51 *Lupus Marinus Shonfeldii & Nostras*; our Fishers call it the Sea-Cat, or Cat-fish. *a* 1779 D. Graham *Buck-Haven* Writ. (1883) II. 220 Spout-fish, sea-cats, sea-dogs. 1860 Wraxall *Life in Sea* v. 108 The Spotted Shark, or Sea Cat (*Scyllium catulus*, Cuvier). 1884 Goode, etc. *Nat. Hist. Aquatic Anim.* 628 The Gaff-topsail Catfish..is known [in various places] as the 'Sea Cat'. 1885 *Riverside Nat. Hist.* (1888) III. 72 *Chimæra monstrosa*,..sea-cat, sea-rat, etc. of fishermen.

†2. [Du. *zeekat.*] A squid or cuttlefish. *Obs.*

1601 Holland *Pliny* xxxii. ii. II. 428 The foresaid writer Trebius Niger reporteth, That the sea-cats or Cuttle fishes ..wil flie out of the sea [etc.].

†3. The Sea-hare. *Obs.*

1758 *Phil. Trans.* L. 586 Some call them..sea-cats.

†4. The sea-bear or common fur-seal. *Obs.*

1764 Grieve tr. *Krasheninnikoff's Kamtschatka* 123 The sea cat is about half the size of the sea lion; in form resembling the seal. 1772–84 *Cook's Voy.* (1790) V. 1668 Sea-cats..have long hairs standing out on each side of their mouths like those of a cat.

Seace, obs. form of Cease, Seise.

Sea-cliff. A cliff on the seashore.

In Geology sometimes applied to rocks which are now inland, but were on the shores of ancient seas.

c 888 K. Ælfred *Boeth.* vii. § 4 Swa fela welena swa þara sondcorna bið þe þisum sæclifum. *c* 1205 Lay. 18638 He is mid sea cliuen [*c* 1275 see cluues] faste biclused. 1610 Holland *Camden's Brit.* I. 634 Compassed with a triple ditch ..cast in forme of a bowe, the string whereof is the seacliffe. 1769 *Atwick Inclosure Act* 5 The said allotments.. shall lie contiguous to the sea-cliff. 1830 Lyell *Princ. Geol.* II. vi. (1835) II. 28 An ancient sea-cliff is to be seen, now inland. 1876 Page *Adv. Text-bk. Geol.* iii. 50 Waves wearing away the sea-cliffs.

Sea-coal (sī·kōəl). [Coal *sb.*[1]]

†1. In Old English: Jet. *Obs.*

In early times jet was chiefly found washed ashore by the sea.

c 1050 *Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 416/2 *Gagates*, sæcol.

2. a. A name for mineral coal ('coal' in the ordinary modern sense) as distinguished from charcoal. Now only *Hist.*

Commonly explained as meaning 'coal brought by sea'. But *carbo maris* occurs in the *Newminster Cartulary* (Northumberland) *c* 1236 (see quot. in Coal *sb.*[1] 5a); and in 1306 a Glamorganshire document (*Inquis. Post Mortem*, Ioan. de Clare, 35 Edw. I) speaks of 'unus puteus in quo fodiuntur *carbones maris*'. Unless we suppose that the documents were written by Londoners, or (what is very unlikely) that the London term had been adopted in the coal-producing regions themselves, these early examples appear to point to some different explanation. Possibly in early times the chief source of coal supply may have been the beds exposed by marine denudation on the coasts of Northumberland and South Wales. Cf. quot. *a* 1552. The name of Seacoal lane, London (*Secollane*), occurs 1339 in Riley *Mem. Lond.* 207.

c 1253 [see Coal *sb.*[1] 5a]. 1282 [see *seacoal-pit* in 3]. 1371 in *York Minster Fabric Rolls* (Surtees) 9 Et in ij schaldres de secole emptis pro eodem, 10*s.* 1429 *Rolls of Parlt.* IV. 359/2 Under wodde..seecole, and in oþer manere. *a* 1552 Leland *Itin.* (1769) VIII. 19 The vnynes of the se-coles by sometyme upon clives of the se, as round about Coket Island. 1635 [Glapthorne] *Lady Mother* I. ii. in Bullen *Old Pl.* (1883) II. 112 The wholesome smell of seacole. 1645–52 Boate *Ireland's Nat. Hist.* (1860) 101 The inhabitants..want wood for firing (being therefore constrained to make shift with turf, or sea-coal, where they are not too far from the sea). 1663 Dudley (*title*) Metallum Martis: or Iron made with Pit-coale, Sea-coale, &c. 1673 Shadwell *Epsom Wells* I. Wks. 1720 II. 194 You'll never leave that place of sin and sea-coal. 1769 *De Foe's Tour Gt. Brit.* (ed. 7) II. 151 The City of London, and Parts adjacent, as also all the South of England, are supplied with Coals, called therefore Sea-coal, from Newcastle upon Tyne, and from the Coast of Durham and Northumberland. 1818 Scott *Rob Roy* x, The rusty grate, seldom gladdened by either sea-coal or fagots.

b. *U. S. rare.* 'Soft coal as distinguished from anthracite' (*Funk's Stand. Dict.* 1895).

3. *attrib.*, as *sea-coal ashes, fire,* †*-meter,* †*pit,* †*prong, soot*; **sea-coal room,** a room with a sea-coal fire.

1699 Evelyn *Kal. Hort.* May (ed. 9) 64 Sift a little Lime discreetly with it, or rather *Sea-coal Ashes. 1597 Shaks. 2 Hen. IV*, II. i. 95 Sitting..by a *sea-cole fire. 1817 Byron *Beppo* xlviii, I like a seacoal fire, when not too dear. 1668 *Act for Preventing Fires*, etc. 6 The *Seacole-meters. 1282 *Dean Forest Survey*, Item una trenchea incipiens apud *Secole puttes. 1629 *Leather* 7 Our Sea-coale Pits being able..to furnish the whole Iland. 1664 Butler *Hud.* II. iii. 1063 Whachum his *Sea-coal-Prong threw by, And basely turn'd his back to flie. 1719 D'Urfey *Pills* V. 84 We'll sit close and snug in a *Sea-coal Room. 1707 Mortimer *Husb.* (1721) I. 121 Soot is very good for Corn and Grass, but *Sea-coal Soot is the best by much.

Sea-coal, obs. f. *sea-cole* (see Sea *sb.* 23 f).

Sea-coast.

1. The land adjacent to the sea; = Coast *sb.* 4.

13.. *Coer de L.* 4782 Kyng Richard and Phelyp, with her boost; Wente foorth be the see-coost. *a* 1451 Fortescue *Wks.* (1869) 551 The coost of France is no longer by the narow see coost than from Calyce in Pycardy unto Seynt Malous in Bretany. 1590 Spenser *F. Q.* II. x. 6 Those white rocks..Which all along the Southerne sea-coast lay, Threatning vnheedie wrecke. 1614 Raleigh *Hist. World* III. vii. § 5. 83 All the Sea-coast..[was] exposed to the waste of an enemie too farre ouer-matching him. 1790 Beatson *Nav. & Mil. Mem.* II. 164 To defend the sea-coasts of his own dominions. 1831 Sir J. Sinclair *Corr.* II. 336 Prussia.. has a considerable range of sea-coast. 1876 A. S. Murray *Mythol.* iii. (1877) 38 The Sirens are strictly personifications, not of the sea, but of the dangers of the sea-coast to sailors.

2. *attrib.* or *adj.*

1622 Malynes *Anc. Law-Merch.* 146 The Sea-coast Townes of France. 1719 De Foe *Crusoe* I. (Globe) 103 So that I fancy'd now I had my Country House, and my Sea-Coast-House. 1866 *Treas. Bot.* s.v. *Lavatera, L. arborea*..being a common plant in sea-coast cottage gardens.

Hence †**Sea-coaster,** a wrecker; †**Sea-coasting** *a.*, situated on the sea-coast.

c 1550 in *Trans. Roy. Hist. Soc.* (1902) XVI. 83 [To assist ship-owners against pillage by the] sea-coasters. 1610 Healey *St. Aug. Citie of God* xviii. ii. 657 But their opinion that make Aegialia to be a sea-coasting citty is better.

Sea-cob [1]. [Cob *sb.*[3]] A sea-gull.

1530 Palsgr. 268/2 Seecobbe a byrde, *mauve de mer.* 1544 Turner *Avium Præcip.* D 8 b, *De Gavia*..a se cob or seegell. 1638 Mayne *Lucian* (1664) 68 Feel the tongue and point of the hook with your fingers..and take you the boldnesse to be caught, and like a Sea-cob swallow the whole bait. 1725 Bailey *Erasm. Colloq.* 285 Wherever I find an hungry Sea-cob, I throw him out a Bait. 1880 Baring-Gould *Mehalah* I. ix. 176 What have these boys of their own?.. They have nothing, no more than the sea-cobs.

Sea-cob [2]. [Cob *sb.*[1]] A fish (see Cob *sb.*[1] 3).

1655 Moufet & Bennet *Health's Improv.* (1746) 274 Two Sea-Gudgeons, called Paganelli,..which our western Fishermen call by the Name of Sea-cobs.

Sea-cock. [Cock *sb.*[1]]

†1. A kind of crab. *Obs.*

1668 Wilkins *Real Char.* II. v. § 2. 128 Sea cock. [Margin, *Cancer Heracleoticus.*]

2. A local name applied to various birds, (*a*) in quot. 1684 perh. the foolish or common guillemot, *Uria troile*; (*b*) the grey plover, *Squatarola helvetica*; (*c*) in Caithness 'the puffin, *Fratercula arctica*' (Eng. Dial. Dict.).

1684 Sibbald *Scotia Illustr.* II. iii. vii. 22 *Avis Marina* Sea-Cock *dicta.* 1885 Swainson *Prov. Names Birds* 181 Grey plover..Sea cock (Waterford).

3. A name for species of gurnard (see quots.). [So F. *coq de mer*, G. *seehahn*, Du. *zeehaan*.]

1704 tr. *Nieuhof's Voy. Brasil* Churchill's Collect. II. 348 The Sea-Cock is a Fish of a very odd shape, more like a Sea-Monster than a Fish. 1858 Simmonds *Dict. Trade, Sea-cock*, a species of gurnard (*Trigla cuculus* and *T. hirax*) much sought after by Russian epicures. 1881 *Cassell's Nat. Hist.* III. 96 The Sapphirine Gurnard...In some European languages the..crowing noises which these fishes produce have gained for them the name of Sea Cocks.

4. *jocularly.* A bold sailor or sea-rover.

1865 Kingsley *Herew.* iv, Such a gay young sea-cock does not come hither for naught. 1886 Corbett *Fall of Asgard* II. 2 They cried to one another how no young sea-cock ever crowed with truer ring.

5. In a marine steam-engine (see quot. 1858).

1855 Franke *Beil's Technol. Dict.* II. 451 Sea-cock of a sea steam-engine (a cock placed on the pipe which goes from the boiler into the sea, through the side of the vessel). 1858 R. Murray *Marine Engines* (ed. 3) 29 It is better in the case of large engines to have two injection cocks fitted between the sea and each condenser,—one, the sea cock, close to the side of the vessel. 1895 *Times* 18 Mar. 7/4 The sea-cock was left open, and late at night the men on board were surprised to find the vessel gradually filling with water.

Sea-conny. Also **seacunny, sea-cunny, seconny, seacony, sea-connie.** [App. a perversion (after Sea *sb.* and perh. Con *v.*[2]) of Pers. سکّانی *sukkānī*, f. Arab. سكّان *sukkān* rudder. The word appears in 16th c. Pg. as *socões* (pl.), and in English in 1805 as *soucan* (Yule).] A steersman or quartermaster in a ship manned by lascars.

1800 *Asiatic Ann. Reg.* III. 21/1 A Frenchman..concerted a plan with a Spaniard and four of the seacunnies, for

murdering the officers and seizing the ship. 1801 in A. Duncan *Marin. Chron.* (1804) II. 355 Leaving Captain Porter, who, with six Manilla seconnies, remained on board the wreck. *Ibid.* 356 This seconny afterwards went back to the wreck. 1801 *Naval Chron.* VI. 427 The Lascars..killed two of the..Seaconnies. 1806 *Ibid.* XV. 471 Had on board as helmsmen (*vulgo* seaconies) natives of Luconia. 1832 Marryat *N. Forster* xli, The crews are composed of.. a small proportion of Portuguese sea-cunnies. 1888 Clark Russell *Death Ship* III. 172 When they have the Devil for a sea-cunny they will hit their port.

†Sea'-co:rnet. *Obs.* [Cornet *sb.*[1]]

1. A kind of shell-fish.

1601 Holland *Pliny* IX. xxxviii. I. 259 The sea cornet Buccinum. 1666 J. Davies *Hist. Caribby Isles* 122 There are also seen in the Caribbies two sorts of those great Shells called Sea-Cornets, which are turned at the end like a Screw.

2. A cornet (musical instrument) used at sea.

1653 H. Cogan tr. *Pinto's Voy.* lviii, Throughout this Fleet they played on so many barbarous and ill accorded instruments, as Bels, Cymbals, Drums, and Sea-cornets.

Sea'-cow. [Cow *sb.*[1]]

1. The Manatee; also applied to other sirenians, as the dugong. Often applied to the now extinct sirenian, *Rhytina stelleri*, called *arctic, northern*, or *Steller's sea-cow*.

1613 R. Harcourt *Voy. Guiana* 30 There is also a Seafish..the Indians call it *Coiumero*, and the Spaniards *Manati*, but we call it the Sea-cow. 1769 E. Bancroft *Guiana* 186 This is the Manatee, or Sea-Cow, called by the French Lamentin. 1859–62 Sir J. Richardson, etc. *Mus. Nat. Hist.* (1868) I. 206 The Mexican Sea-cow (*Manatus latirostris*), a very large species, upwards of fifteen feet in length. 1883 Flower in *Encycl. Brit.* XV. 374/1 The *Rhytina* or Northern Sea-Cow was..limited to a single island in the extreme north of the Pacific Ocean.

2. The Morse or Walrus. Also *attrib.* ? *Obs.*

1668 Charleton *Onomast.* 169 *Walrus*..the Mors, or Sea-Cow. 1782 Capt. Coffin in *J. Adams' Wks.* (1851) III. 330 The sea-cow fishery was..carried on to great advantage. 1819 *Act* 59 *Geo. III*, c. 52 Tab. A., Sea Cow, Sea Horse, or Sea Morse Teeth, the cwt. 3. 4. 0. 1837 T. Bell *Brit. Quadrup.* 285 Walrus. Morse, Sea-cow, Sea-horse.

†3. [tr. Gr. *βοῦς*.] A kind of ray. *Obs.*

1722 J. Jones *Oppian's Halieut.* 227 Βοῦς..the Sea-Cow or Broad-Ray.

4. [S. African Dn. *zeekoe*.] The hippopotamus.

1731 Medley *Kolben's Cape G. Hope* II. 129 There is seen in the large rivers about the Cape a very large animal call'd the Sea-Cow. 1863 W. C. Balowin *Afr. Hunting* i. 15 Nine or ten crocodiles..gorged with sea-cow, and fast asleep.

b. *attrib.* or *adj.*, as *sea-cow sjambok*, *-whip*, etc.

1850 R. G. Cumming *Hunter's Life S. Afr.* (1902) 93/2 An equally persuasive sea-cow jambok. 1908 Rider Haggard *Ghost Kings* viii. 102 We have sea-cow whips here.

5. A fisherman's name in the west of England for *Holothuria nigra*. 1884 *Proc. Zool. Soc.* 563.

Sea'-crab. [Crab *sb.*[1]]

1. A marine crab, as distinguished from a river- or land-crab.

1601 Holland *Pliny* xxxii. x. II. 449 The ashes of the Sea-crab and Scolopendre both. 1756 P. Browne *Jamaica* (1789) 421 The common Sea-Crab or *Sherigo*. This species is very common in all the harbours of Jamaica. 1860 Wraxall *Life in Sea* vi. 142 The Portunus, or real Sea-crab.

†b. In allusions. *Obs.*

1604 *Fr. Hubburd's Tales* in *Middleton's Wks.* (Bullen) VIII. 95 One amongst them..likened me to a sea-crab, because I went all of one side. 1636 Featly *Clavis Myst.* ix. 116 In which there is no more true controversie in point of law, than head in a sea-crab.

†2. a. Applied jocularly to a boatman. *Obs.*

1609 Dekker *Gull's Horn-bk.* vii. Wks. (Grosart) II. 252 No, your Oares are your onely Sea-crabs, boord them, and take heed you neuer go twice together with one paire.

†b. *slang.* A sailor. *Obs.*

1785 in Grose *Dict. Vulgar T.*

†3. A Crab (*sb.*[1] 7) used at sea. *Obs.*

1689 *Patent Office* No. 262 A new Invencion or Sea-Crabbe for working in the Sea for Fishing and taking vp of Shipps.

Sea'-craft.

1. Maritime skill, skill in navigation. Often written *seacraft*.

1727 Arbuthnot *Tables Anc. Coins*, etc. 221 Alexander.. to shew how little he considered the Sea-craft of the Persians,..employed none of that Country in his Fleet. 1865 W. G. Palgrave *Arabia* II. 246 Its population were pre-eminent in sea-craft and traffic.

2. *Ship-building.* (See quot.)

1867 Smyth *Sailor's Word-bk.*, *Sea-crafts*,..a term for the scarphed strakes otherwise called *clamps*.

Sea'-crafty, *a. rare.* Skilled in seafaring matters. (Rendering OE. *lagucræftig* in Beowulf.)

1838 Longf. *Beowulf's Exped. to Heort* 41 The warrior showed, Sea-crafty man! The landmarks, And first went forth. 1892 Brooke *Early Eng. Lit.* x. 232 Beowulf and his sea-crafty men.

Sea'-crow. [Crow *sb.*[1] Cf. Welsh *morfran*.]

1. A local name for various birds: (*a*) the cormorant, *Phalacrocorax carbo*; (*b*) the pewit-gull, *Larus ridibundus*; (*c*) the chough, *Pyrrhocorax graculus*; (*d*) the razor-billed auk, *Alca torda*; (*e*) the common skua, *Stercorarius catarrhactes*; (*f*) the jackdaw; (*g*) the American coot, *Fulica americana*, and the black skimmer, *Rhynchops nigra*.

1579 T. Stevens in *Hakluyt's Voy.* (1599) II. ii. 100 But sometimes his other enemy, the sea-crow, catcheth him [a fish] before he falleth. 1668 Charleton *Onomast.* 95 *Graculus Palmipes*..the Cowt, or Sea-Crow. 1813 Montagu *Ornith. Dict.* Suppl., *Auk*, Razor-billed. Provincial...Sea-crow. 1897 'Allen Raine' *Welsh Singer* viii. 68 On the ledge of rock the jackdaws, or the 'little sea-crows', as they were called on the coast, had built their untidy nest of twigs.

†2. Used to translate Gr. *κορακῖνος*, a black river-fish. *Obs.*

1722 Diaper tr. *Oppian's Halieut.* I. 213 Here Sea-Crows dwell, nam'd from their dusky Hue.

3. A local name for the sapphirine gurnard, *Trigla hirundo*. 1880–4 F. Day *Brit. Fishes* I. 61.

Sea cucumber. †a. [transl. of L. *cucumis*.] Some shell-fish. *Obs.* b. [= F. *concombre de mer*]. The common name for any holothurian, sometimes restricted to the *Psolidæ*.

1601 Holland *Pliny* xxxii. xi. II. 451. 1841 E. Forbes *Brit. Starfishes* 209 The Sea-Cucumbers are the most typical of the Holothuriadæ. *Ibid.* 221 The Glassy Sea-Cucumber is a most beautiful and delicate animal, being almost transparent and of an opaline hue. 1879 E. P. Wright *Anim. Life* 572 The body in the Sea Cucumbers is mostly cylindrical, and covered with a coriaceous skin.

Sead, obs. f. Sad *a.*, Said *ppl. a.*

Sea-daisy.

†1. Some kind of sea-anemone. *Obs.*

a 1776 J. Ellis *Zoophytes* (1786) 2 *Actinia Bellis*, Sea Daisie.

2. = Sea-pink a.

1838 Scrope *Art Deer-stalk.* 388 The highest hills..are scattered over with the sea daisy and other plants. 1876 Smiles *Sc. Natur.* i, There..grew..the beautiful sea daisy.

Sea'-de:vil.

1. A devil supposed to inhabit the sea.

c 1594 Capt. Wyatt *R. Dudley's Voy. W. Ind.* (Hakl.) 14, I thinke wee weare haunted with some divelish witches, or at least with some sea divells. *a* 1711 Ken *Edmund* Poet. Wks. 1721 II. 23 The Sea-Devil, Dagon. 1891 Kipling *Light that Failed* viii. (1900) 132 Sea-devils and sea-angels, and the soul half drowned between them.

2. A name for various ugly fish, as the fishing-frog, various large rays, etc. Cf. Devil-fish.

1634 T. Johnson tr. *Parey's Chirurg.* xxv. xxi. 1004 The effigies of a Sea Devill. 1666 J. Davies *Hist. Caribby Isles* 105 There is sometimes taken by the Fishers a Monster which is ranked among the kinds of Sea-Devils,...what got it the name of Sea-Devil is, that above the eyes there are two little black horns..like those of a Ram. *a* 1672 Willughby *Hist. Pisc.* (1686) 85 *Rana piscatrix*. The Toad-fish or Frog-fish, or Sea-Divel. 1842 in *Mem. Amer. Acad.* (1846) II. 516 *Cephaloptera vampyrus*, Sea-Devil. 1848 *Zoologist* VI. 1976 Angel Fish, *Squatina angelus*. This strange fish..is frequently called a 'monk' and still more commonly a 'sea-devil'. 1881 *Cassell's Nat. Hist.* V. 44 The Ox Ray or Sea-devil, *Dicerobatis giornæ*. 1882 Jordan & Gilbert *Synopsis Fishes N. Amer.* 52 *Mantabirostris*...Sea Devil; Devil Fish.

3. *fig.* Any formidable engine of submarine warfare.

1878 *N. Amer. Rev.* CXXVII. 230 One of these stealthy and effective sea-devils [torpedoes]. 1902 *Daily Chron.* 14 Oct. 5/2 The two British submarines..go out almost daily for the purpose of familiarising officers and seamen with the mechanism of these 'modern sea-devils'.

Sea'-dike. [Cf. Du. *zeedijk*.]

1. An embankment against the sea, a sea-wall.

14.. *Pict. Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 797/40 *Hoc fossatum*, a sedyke. 1878 Miller & Skertchly *Fenland* i. 8 The old sendykes—like those along the coast of East-Holland in Lincolnshire.

2. *attrib.*

1395 in *East Anglian* (1871) IV. 79 [The iiij part of one labour in] Sedyksylver, *Ibid.* 92 [Of xxv labours by custom called] Sediksylver. 1567 Drant *Hor. Epist.* I. xv. E vj, When I cum to seadyke syde [Lat. *ad mare cum veni*]. 1799 A. Young *Agric. Lincs.* 272 The Old Sea-dike bank.

Hence **Sea'-diked** *a.*

1851 S. Warren *Lily & Bee* 22 In busy sea-dyked Holland.

Sea'-dog. [Cf. Du. *zeehond*, G. *seehund*.]

1. The common or harbour seal, *Calocephalus vitulinus*; 'also (in California), one of the eared seals, *Zalophus californianus*' (Cent. Dict. 1891).

1598 W. Phillip tr. *Linschoten's Voy.* 415/2 Wee found great store of Sea wolues, which wee call Sea dogges. 1743 Bulkeley & Cummins *Voy. S. Seas* 132 A large Seal or Sea-Dog. 1808 Scott *Marm.* II. ii, The sea-dog..His round black head..Rear'd o'er the foaming spray. 1879 G. B. Goode *Catal. Anim. Resources U. S.* 5 *Zalophus Gillespiei*. ..The Sea Dog. Pacific Coast.

2. A dog-fish or small shark. ? *Obs.*

1601 Holland *Pliny* ix. xxxv. I. 255 If they [*sc.* mother-of-pearl shell-fish] be in the deepe, accompanied lightly they are with curst Sea-dogs [orig. *marinis canibus*]. 1613 Purchas *Pilgrimage* 401 In which [place] are many fishes called Sea-dogges. They which are weary of this world..cast in themselues here to be deuoured of these fishes. 1725 Pope *Odyss.* xii. 118 The Sea-dog and the Dolphin are her food. 1802 Pinkerton *Mod. Geog., Europe* I. 11 The chief fisheries [of the Mediterranean] are those of the tunny, of the sword fish, and of the sea dog, a species of shark.

3. *Her.* (See quot. 1780.)

[1758 J. Kennedy *Curios. Willon Ho.* 50 A Figure recumbent, leaning on a Sea-Dog, and representing the River Meander.] 1780 Edmondson *Heraldry* II. Gloss., *Sea-dogs*, are drawn in shape like the talbot, but with a tail like that of the beaver; a scalloped fin continued down the back, from the head to the tail; the whole body, legs, and tail, scaled, and the feet webbed. 1871 Burke *Peerage* s.v. *Stourton*, Supporters.—Two sea-dogs, sa., scaled and finned, erm.

4. A privateer or pirate, esp. of the time of Queen Elizabeth.

1659 Pell *Impr. Sea* Proem B 3, They bunt the Pirat.. and sometimes they find..a Dunkirk Hare, squatted down very closely..and then is there brave gain, when our Sea-dogs follow after her. 1788 Jefferson *Writ.* (1859) II. 387 A regard to the safety and liberty of our seamen..forbids us to give such prices for those in captivity as will draw on our vessels peculiarly the pursuit of those sea-dogs. 1877 Dowden *Stud. Lit.* (1889) 1 The galleons of the Spanish Armada were pulled down by the sea-dogs of Drake.

5. A sailor, usually one long used to the sea, chiefly with the epithet *old*.

1840 R. H. Dana *Bef. Mast* xxiii, The carpenter..was an old sea-dog. 1855 Kingsley *Westw. Ho!* iii, Sniffing the keen salt air like a young sea-dog. 1887 Besant *World went* xxix, Other Captains..are no whit behind the most old-fashioned sea-dog in courage.

6. A luminous appearance near the horizon, regarded by mariners as a prognostic of bad weather.

1825–80 Jamieson, *Dog, Sea-dog*, a name given by mariners to a meteor seen, immediately above the horizon [see Dog *sb.* 10]. *Ibid.*, The term, although used as synon. with *Weather-gaw*, properly denotes a luminous appearance of a different kind. For while the weather-gaw seems a detached section of a rainbow, the dog has no variety of colours, but is of a dusky white. 1867 Smyth *Sailor's Word-bk.*, *Sea-dogg*, the meteor called also *stubb*.

7. *dial.* A rough wave in the mouth of a river.

1863 R. F. Burton *Wand. W. Africa* I. 1 White sea-dogs coursed and worried one another over Father Mersey's breadth of mud. 1877 *N. W. Linc. Gloss.*, *Sea-dogs*, *Sea-hosses*, rough waves in the Humber and Trent.

Sea'-dra:gon. [Dragon [1].]

1. Various fishes, as the weever; the bullhead; a dragonet (*Callionymus*); a flying sea-horse, *Pegasus draco*; also a kind of pipe-fish (see quot. 1898).

1551 Turner *Herbal* I. A v b, Wormwood..is good against ..the hytinge of a shrewe, and the sea dragon. 1601 Holland *Pliny* xxxii. v. II. 434 Since I haue named the sea-dragon [orig. *draco marinus*], this would be noted, That himselfe outwardly applied, is a remedie [etc.]. 1674 T. P., etc. *Eng. & Fr. Cook* 412 Potage of Vives or Sea-dragons. *Ibid.*, Take out your Sea-Dragons, and put them with Ragoust [etc.]. 1752 J. Hill *Hist. Anim.* 272 The Cottus with the second back fin white. The Sea-dragon. 1835 J. F. South in *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) XXIII. 165/1 *Pegasus Draco*, Lin.; Sea Dragon. 1898 Morris *Austral Engl.*, *Sea-Dragon*, any Australian fish of any one of the three species of the genus *Phyllopteryx*, family *Syngnathidæ*.

2. A mythical marine monster resembling a dragon.

1749 *Gentl. Mag.* XIX. 506 It [a creature resembling a winged alligator, said to have been lately captured in a mackerel-net] is said..to have been described by naturalists under the name of the Sea-Dragon. 1884 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 11 Sept. 2/1 When a junk is fully laden and on the eve of sailing, the crew commend themselves to the sea-dragon in a frightfully noisy religious service.

¶ 3. Misused to render F. *draconcule*, guinea-worm.

1775 *Phil. Trans.* LXV. 211 Those..enemies to man, the tape, the hair worm, and the sea dragon.

4. A popular name for any large marine saurian.

1896 H. Woodward *Guide Fossil Reptiles Brit. Mus.* 52 Most of the 'Sea-Dragons'..were obtained from the Lias of Street,..Lyme Regis [etc.].

Sea'-duck.

1. Any duck of the sub-family *Fuliguliuæ*, as the common scoter, *Œdemia nigra*, and the eider-duck.

1753 *Chambers' Cycl.* Suppl., *Shoveler*,..the name of a species of sea-duck. 1861 Coues in *Proc. Philad. Acad.* 239 *Somateria mollissima*...Eider Duck. 'Sea-duck.' *Ibid.* 240 They are..known as 'Sea-ducks', the males being.. distinguished as 'Sea-drakes'. 1867 T. R. Jones *Nat. Hist. Birds* 506 The Tufted Sea-duck (*Fuligula cristata*).

2. A fish, the 'Bombay duck'.

1883 *Fisheries Exhib. Catal.* 351 Twelve Tins of Sardines ..and two of Sea-Duck in oil.

Seadule, obs. form of Schedule.

Sea'-ea:gle.

1. An eagle of the genus *Haliaëtus*, esp. the White-tailed Eagle, *H. albicilla* (see Eagle *sb.* 6 a). Also a name for the frigate-bird and the skua-gull.

1668 Charleton *Onomast.* 62 Haliætus, Aquila marina, the Sea-Eagle. 1710 Sibbald *Fife & Kinross* 46 *Cataractes*, some call it the Sea-Eagle. 1805 G. Barry *Orkney Isl.* 313 The Sea Eagle (*falco ossefragus*, Lin. Syst.) is often seen. 1817 Shelley *Laon* vii. xv, The sea-eagle looked a fiend, who bore Thy mangled limbs for food! *a* 1843 J. F. South in *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) XXV. 408/2 The Frigate Bird, Man-of-War Bird, Sea Eagle, and Halcyon, by all of which names it [*Tachypetes Aquilus*] is known to sailors, is commonly found between the tropics. 1848 Maunder *Treas. Nat. Hist.* 599, *Sea-eagle*, the Erne: also the name sometimes given to the Osprey. 1875–84 Lavard & Sharpe *Birds S. Africa* 46 *Haliaetus vocifer*. African Sea-Eagle.

2. The eagle-ray (see Eagle 6 b).

1722 J. Jones *Oppian's Halieut.* 227 'Αετός..the Sea-Eagle, a kind of Ray. 1740 R. Brookes *Art of Angling* II. lxvii. 188 The Sea-Eagle..has a Head almost like that of a Toad. 1836 Yarrell *Brit. Fishes* II. 591. 1847 [see Eagle *sb.* 6 b].

Sea'-ear. [Ear *sb.*[1]]

1. A univalve mollusc of the genus *Haliotis*; an ormer or ear-shell.

1681 Grew *Musæum* I. § vi. i. 139 [Of Shells] The Sea-Ear. *Auris marina*. It hath its Name from its Figure. 1755 *Gentl. Mag.* XXV. 32 Univalves...Sea Ears, *Planæ*. These are very flat, resembling a man's s-ear. 1772–84 *Cook's Voy.* (1790) IV. 1326 Muscles and sea-ears supply the place of other fish. 1883 N. Okoshi *Fisheries Japan* (Fish. Exhib. Catal.) 16 The shells of sea-ear are now exported to Europe for the manufacture of buttons and other purposes.

†2. A plant [tr. L. *auris marina*]. *Obs. rare*[—1].

1668 Wilkins *Real Char.* II. iv. § 3. 71 Herbs considered according to their leaves...Sea-ear. [marg. *Auris marina*.]

3. = *sea-corn* (see quot. 1891, s. v. Sea *sb.* 23 d).

Sea'-eel. A salt-water eel, a conger.

c 1050 *Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 447/36 *Murenula*, sæael. 1585 Jas. VI *Ess. Poesie*, Sonn. viii. (Arb.) 16 As whailes so huge, and Sea eylis rare, that be Myle longs, in crawling cruikis of sixtie pace. 1704 tr. *Nieuhof's Voy. Brasil* Churchill's Collect. III. 347 There is another kind of Sea-Eels, or rather

Water-Serpents in the Indies, of about three foot long [etc.]. 1761 *Ann. Reg.* I. 189 A sea eel, 6 feet long..weighing 30lb. was lately taken..at Whitstable. 1886 SHELDON tr. *Flaubert's Salammbô* i. 15 On her neck she wore a collection of luminous gems which imitated in their medley the scales of a sea-eel.

Sea'-egg.

1. An ECHINUS or sea-urchin.

1666 J. DAVIES *Hist. Caribby Isles* 126 There is found..a production of the Sea, called Sea-egges, or Sea-Apples... These Egges should rather be called Sea-Urchins or Sea-Chestnuts. · 1758 BORLASE *Nat. Hist. Cornw.* 278 The round and flat sea-egg. 1885 C. F. HOLDER *Marvels Anim. Life* 84 Sea-eggs (black echini, with long needle-like spines).

2. A kind of medic, *Medicago Echinus*.

1884 W. MILLER *Plant-n.*, Sea-egg, *Medicago Echinus*.

Sea-elephant. The elephant seal, *Macrorhinus elephantinus* or *proboscideus*. Formerly applied to the morse or walrus.

1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* IX. v. I. 236 There were sea-Elephants and Rams, with teeth standing out. 1634 T. JOHNSON tr. *Parey's Chirurg.* XXV. xxi. 1005 The Sea Elephant is bigger than the land Elephant, as Hector Boëtius writes in his description of Scotland. 1755 tr. *Pontoppidan's Nat. Hist. Norway* II. 157 Their two large teeth or tusks..are as good as ivory for any kind of turn'd work; and therefore this creature [the walrus] is called by some the Sea-Elephant. 1798 [see ELEPHANT 6]. 1875 KIDDER *Nat. Hist. Kerguelen Isl.* 39 In former years the Kerguelen group of islands was noted as a favorite breeding-place for the sea-elephant (*Macrorhinus leoninus*, L.).

attrib. 1828 P. CUNNINGHAM *N. S. Wales* (ed. 3) II. 103 A considerable portion of sea-elephant oil is also procured at Macquarie Island. 1883 *Fisheries Exhib. Catal.* 201 Sea Elephant oil, crude and bleached.

Sea-face. The face or side (of a cliff, etc.) exposed to the sea.

1889 *Played On* iii. 7 A bluff headland..on its sea-face presenting a sheer cliff of some two hundred feet. 1900 *Edin. Rev.* July 34 The Admiral's care now was to disarm the sea-face of the city fortifications.

attrib. 1897 *Westm. Gaz.* 9 Feb. 2/1 One of the most beautiful sea-face roads in the world.

Sea'-fan. [FAN *sb.*[1]] An alcyonarian polyp of the sub-order *Gorgoniacea*, esp. *Rhipidogorgia* (*Gorgonia*) *flabellum*.

1633 JOHNSON *Gerarde's Herbal* App. xxiv. 1617 *Frutex marinus reticulatus*. Sea Fan. 1664 POWER *Exp. Philos.* I. 5 The Common Fly: her wings look like a Sea-fan with black thick ribs or fibers dispers'd and branch'd through them. 1755 J. ELLIS *Corallines* 67 *Keratophyton flabelliforme*..Warted Sea-fan. 1902 G. C. BOURNE in *Encycl. Brit.* XXV. 456/2 The most familiar example [of the Axifera] is the pink sea-fan, *Gorgonia Cavolinii*.

attrib. 1789 E. DARWIN *Bot. Gard.* I. (1791) 121 Her [the mermaid's] shell-wrack gardens, and her sea-fan bowers.

Sea'-fardinger. *arch.* [? Alteration of Da. *zeevaarder* SEAFARER, after *passenger*.] A seafarer.

a 1550 SIR R. GRENVILLE in Tregellas *Cornish Worthies* (1884) II. (*title of poem*) Another, of Sea Fardingers, describing Euill Fortune. 1867 SMYTH *Sailor's Word-bk.*, *Seafardinger*, an archaic expression for a sea-faring man. 1889 'Q.' (Quiller-Couch) *Splendid Spur* xix. 307 'Yo-heave ho!' like the salted seafardingers upstairs. Push, push!

Sea'-fare. [FARE *sb.*[1]]

1. a. Food obtained from the sea. b. Fare or food on board ship.

1597 MIDDLETON *Wisd. Sol.* xix. 19 Her sea-fare now is land-fare of content:..The fishes are her food, and they are sent Vnto drie land. 1850 B. TAYLOR *Eldorado* vi, The fresh milk, butter, and excellent beef of the country, were real luxuries after our sea-fare.

2. Travel by sea, a sea-voyage. *Obs.* exc. *dial.*

1601 WHEELER *Treat. Comm.* 20 These men..linked and bound themselues together in Companie for the exercise of Merchandise and sea-fare, trading in Cloth, Kersies [etc.]. 1620 MARKHAM *Farew. Husb.* (1623) 137 These [kinds of Pulse] in cases of Sea-fare and War-fare ought principally to be eschewed & shunned.

Seafarer (sī'fē·rər). [f. SEA *sb.* + FARER. Cf. G. *seefahrer*, Da. *zeevaarder*.] A traveller by sea, esp. one whose life is spent in voyaging, a sailor.

1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* v. xiii. 30 From the eft schip wprais anone the wind, And followit fast the se fararis behind. 1608 SHAKS. *Per.* III. i. 41 Yet for the lone Of this poore Infant, this fresh new sea-farer, I would it [the flaw] would be quiet. 1654 VILVAIN *Enchir. Epigr.* III. lxxi. 73 The 7 famous Sailers or Seafarers, who gav a girdle to the Geographic Globe. 1725 POPE *Odyss.* VIII. 180 A wand'ring merchant he frequents the main, Some mean sea-farer in pursuit of gain. 1876 BANCROFT *Hist. U. S.* I. ii. 27 Stephen Gomez, an able Portuguese seafarer.

transf. 1841 BROWNING *Pippa Passes* III, *1st Girl*. There goes a swallow to Venice—the stout seafarer! 1887 MORRIS *Odyss.* XI. 11 The sails of our seafarer were filled with the wind all day.

Seafaring (sī'ˌfē·riŋ), *sb.* [f. SEA *sb.* + FARING *vbl. sb.*] Travelling by sea; the business or calling of a sailor.

1592 WARNER *Alb. Eng.* Prose Addit. 190 After long and wearie Sea-faring. 1628 LE GRYS tr. *Barclay's Argenis* II. 108 My Countrey..is Rhegium; my profession, sea-faring. 1712 STEELE *Spect.* No. 486 P 4 She is the Wife of a Sailor, and the kept Mistress of a Man of Quality; she dwells with the latter during the Sea-faring of the former. 1879 BUTCHER & LANG *Odyss.* 172 All day long her sails were stretched in her seafaring.

b. *attrib.* quasi-*adj.* Of or pertaining to travelling, living or working at sea.

1601 R. JOHNSON *Kingd. & Commw.* (1603) 40 The skilfull prowesse and seafaring dexteritie of the English. 1745 *Life Bamfylde-Moore Carew* 22 An Insight into the Seafaring Life. 1867 FREEMAN *Norm. Conq.* I. ii. (1877) 56 The old seafaring spirit seems to have died out.

Sea'-faring, *a.* [f. SEA *sb.* + FARING *ppl. a.*]

1. Of persons: Travelling on the sea; following the sea as a calling, gaining a livelihood at sea. † Also *absol.* in pl. sense.

c 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 161 Đan þe safarinde men seð þe sasterre, hie wnten sone wuderward hie sullen weie holden. 1405 *York Bidding Prayer* in *Lay-Folks Mass Bk.* 65 Ze sal pray..for al land tilland and for al see farand..and for the fruyt that es on erthe. 1566 *Act* 8 *Eliz.* c. 13 § 1 Beyng as beakons and markes of auncient tyme accustomed for Seafaryng men. 1590 SHAKS. *Com. Err.* I. i. 81. 1691 T. H[ALE] *Acc. New Invent.* p. lxx, Some Sea-faring People, inhabitants by the Thames-side in Wapping. 1744 BERKELEY *Siris* § 117 To sailors and all seafaring persons. 1819 *Edin. Ann. Reg.* (1823) XII. App. 85 James Lincoln, a seafaring man at Sunderland, knew the prisoner Eden for twenty years. 1868 MISS BRADDON *Run to Earth* I. i. 2 The two men..belonged to the seafaring community.

b. *transf.* Applied to a bird.

1880 SWINBURNE *Studies in Song* 86 Seafaring birds.

† 2. Of a plant: Growing by the sea. *Obs. rare*[−1].

1670 W. SIMPSON *Hydrol. Ess.* 69 A marine salt..works it self into the texture of those sea-faring plants.

Sea'-feather. [Cf. G. *seefeder*, *meerfeder*.] A coral or polyp of the family *Pennatulidæ*.

1624 CAPT. J. SMITH *Gen. Hist.* v. 171 *marg.*, The Sea feather. [Described in text.] 1633 JOHNSON *Gerarde's Herbal* App. xxiii. 1616 *Myriophyllum marinum*. The Sea Feather. 1750 G. HUGHES *Barbados* 288 The Sea Feathers. These seldom grow, on the Shores of this Island, above two Feet and an half high. 1896 tr. *Boas' Text-bk. Zool.* 115 Sea-feathers (genus *Pennatula* and others).

Sea'-fern.

1. Any alcyonarian polyp or coral resembling a fern. Also *attrib.*

1688 HOLME *Armoury* II. 98/1 English Sea-Fern..with brownish marks on the back, like land Fern. 1855 KINGSLEY *Glaucus* (1878) 86 The sea-fern tribe of branching polypidoms.

2. A fern, the sea-spleenwort.

1855 *New Cycl. Bot.* II. 601 *Asplenium marinum*, Sea Fern.

Sea'-fight. A naval battle, a fight or engagement between ships at sea.

1600 E. BLOUNT tr. *Conestaggio* 292 Behold the issue of the sea fight. 1601 SHAKS. *Twel. N.* III. iii. 26. 1625 BACON *Ess., Greatness Kingd.* (Arb.) 489 There be many Examples, where Sea-Fights haue beene Finall to the warre. 1690 EVELYN *Diary* 7 Mar., He concluded there would shortly be no other method of sea-fight. *c* 1700 in Walpole *Vertue's Anecd. Paint.* (1765) III. 59 Mr. William Vandevelde, senior, late painter of sea-fights to their majesties king Charles II. and king James dyed 1693. 1842 W. C. TAYLOR *Anc. Hist.* ix. § 5 (ed. 3) 241 The naval engagement between the Corcyrians and Corinthians (B.C. 650) is the first sea-fight recorded in history. 1858 LONGF. *My Lost Youth* v, I remember the sea-fight far away, How it thundered o'er the tide!

Sea'-fish, *sb.* [Cf. ON. *sæfiskr*.] A fish of the sea as distinguished from a fresh-water fish.

a 900 CYNEWULF *Crist* 987 (Gr.) Þonne on fyrbaðe swelað sæfiscas sundes ȝetwæfde. *c* 1205 LAY. 22550 Fulle sixti scipen..ifulled..mid gode sæ fisce [*c* 1275 see visce]. 1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) I. 335 Grete plente of samon, of lampreys, of eles, and of oþer see fisch. 1526 in *Househ. Ord.* (1790) 143 The King's purveyor of see-fish shall see that such provisions of see-fish..bee good and of the best. 1634–5 BERETON *Trav.* (Chetham Soc.) 76 Sea-fish upon the coast of Lanckashire perished in the storm fifty cart-load together. 1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) XIII. 537/1 This sea-fish [the oyster] occupies [etc.]. 1845 GOSSE *Ocean* ii. (1849) 80 Large pools for the preservation of sea-fishes. 1868 *Act* 31 & 32 *Vict.* c. 45 § 5 The Term 'Sea-Fish' does not include Salmon..but save as aforesaid, includes every Description both of Fish and of Shell-Fish which is found in the Seas to which this Act applies.

Sea'-fish, *v. rare.* [Back-formation from SEA-FISHING.] *intr.* To practise sea-fishing.

1894 'J. BICKERDYKE' in *Blackw. Mag.* Sept. 428/2 Since I first commenced to seafish one of the greatest improvements..is in connection with the rod.

Sea'-fisher.

1. One who fishes in the sea. † Also the fishing-frog or angler. *Obs.*

1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* IX. xlii. I. 261 The fish called the sea Frog, (and of others, the sea Fisher) is as craftie everie whit as the other. 1893 *Fishing Gaz.* 6/3 An Amateur Sea Fisher's Club. 1898 'J. BICKERDYKE' (*title*) Practical letters to young sea fishers.

† 2. An officer of the royal household. *Obs.* Cf. quot. 1526 s. v. SEA-FISH *sb.*

1455 in *Househ. Ord.* (1790) * 21 Th' Office of the Catery. ..William Hampton, See-Fyssher. 1526 *Ibid.* 143 Sea-Fisher.

So **Sea-fisherman,** one who fishes in the sea.

1865 J. C. WILCOCKS (*title*) The Sea-Fisherman,..comprising the chief methods of Hook and Line Fishing in the British and other Seas.

Sea'-fishery. The business or occupation, etc. of catching fish in the sea (see FISHERY 1). Also *pl. attrib.*, as in *sea fisheries act*.

1865 L. YOUNG *Sea-Fishing* v. 185 History of Sea-fisheries. 1868 *Act* 31 & 32 *Vict.* c. 45 § 2 This Act may be cited as The Sea Fisheries Act, 1868.

Sea'-fi·shing, *vbl. sb.* [FISHING *vbl. sb.*[1]] Fishing in the sea.

1833 J. RENNIE *Alph. Angling* 135 In sea-fishing..your line ought to be sixty fathoms in length. 1890 F. G. AFLALO (*title*) Sea-Fishing on the English Coast.

Sea'-float, *a. rare*[−1]. [f. SEA *sb.* ? + (A)FLOAT *a.*] ? Afloat on the sea.

1880 G. MACDONALD *Diary Old Soul* Jan. 13 Boisterous wave-crest never shall o'erwhelm Thy sea-float bark.

Sea'-flood. *Obs.* exc. *arch.* The sea, the tide.

c 893 K. ÆLFRED *Oros.* II. vii. 90 An sæflod com. *c* 1205 LAY. 2630 He lætte bi sæ flode ȝenrkien scipen gode. *a* 1275 *Prov. Alfred* 146 in *O. E. Misc.* 111 Stronge it his to roȝen aȝen þe se flod. *c* 1440 *Alphabet of Tales* 521 þe se-flude vmlappid hothe hym & þe cow & þe calfe, & drownyd þaim. 1867 MORRIS *Jason* V. 91 The yellow sands the sea-flood's hem.

Sea'-flower. A flower growing in or by the sea. Also, an actinia or sea-anemone. Also *attrib.*

1805 FORSYTH *Beaut. Scot.* II. 366 [The sea-anemones'] lively colours..equal anything recited by natural historians of the sea-flowers of other climates. 1817 MOORE *Lalla Rookh, Fire-Worshippers* (near end), Fair as the sea-flower close to thee growing. 1819 SHELLEY *Prometh. Unb.* III. ii. 47 Nereids..With..starry sea-flower crowns. 1830 TENNYSON *Merman* ii, Dressing their hair with the white sea-flower. 1850 DANA *Geol.* i. 10 The waters abound in..the variously coloured actinias or sea-flowers.

Sea'-foam.

1. Foam of the sea.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 14409 Moyses..led þaim thoru þe see fame. 14.. *Sir Beuis* (MS. C.) 502 Til þay come to þe se fome. *c* 1460 *Emare* 805 When she was fled onur þe see fome, The nobulle kyng dwelled at home, Wyth fulle heny chere. 1611 COTGR. s.v. *Escumier*, Venus..is fained to haue beene bred of the sea-foame. 1808 SCOTT *Marm.* II. i, The merry seamen laugh'd to see Their gallant ship so lustily Furrow the green sea-foam. 1865 SWINBURNE *Chastelard* I. ii. 31 Between the sea-foam and the sea.

b. *attrib.*

1611 COTGR., s. v. *Sel*, *Escume de sel*, Sea-foame salt.

† 2. = SEA-FROTH 3. *Obs.*

1725 [see SEA-FROTH 3]. 1852 E. A. ANDREWS *Lat.-Eng. Lex.* s. v. *Alcyoneus*, Alcyoneum medicamen..Sea-foam, a good remedy for white specks in the eyes.

3. [tr. Ger. *meerschaum*] = MEERSCHAUM.

1837 DANA *Syst. Min.* 256 Sea Foam; called also Meerschaum, and Magnesite.

Sea'-fowl. [Cf. OE. *Sæfugol* occurring as a proper name in *O. E. Chron.* an. 560.] A sea-bird.

1340–70 *Alisaunder* 811 Þan fetches hee a seafoule faire of his wynges. 1620 J. MASON *New-found-land* in *Mem.* (1887) 151 The sea fowles are gulles, sea pigeons [etc.]. 1767 tr. *Cranz' Greenland* I. 79 The sea-fowls have all alike webbed feet like a goose. *Ibid.* 82 The second class of sea-fowl. 1870 YEATS *Nat. Hist. Comm.* I. ix. (1872) 92 Innumerable sea-fowl skim the surf or sweep the sky.

attrib. 1898 KEARTON *Wild Life at Home* 103 The famous Noup of Noss is a perfect sea-fowl paradise.

Sea'-fox. [tr. L. *vulpēs marīna* (Pliny).] The Thrasher-shark, *Alopias vulpes*, also called SEA-APE, etc. Also † *sea fox hound*.

1591 SYLVESTER *Du Bartas* I. v. 287 The..subtle Sea-Fox. 1668 CHARLETON *Onomast.* 128 *Vulpecula Marina*..the Sea Fox Hound. *a* 1672 WILLUGHBY *Hist. Pisc.* (1686) 54 *Vulpes marina Rondelet.*..The Sea Fox or Ape. 1836 YARRELL *Brit. Fishes* II. 379 The Fox Shark. Sea-fox. Thresher.

Sea-front.

1. That portion or side of a building, etc. which faces the sea.

1879 SIR C. NUGENT in *Encycl. Brit.* IX. 450/2 These forts ..are protected with shields or walls of iron upon their sea-fronts. 1881 FREEMAN *Venice* 142 We can trace out the long line of the sea-front of the palace which became a city.

2. The land on the side of a town, etc. facing the sea.

1879 SIR C. NUGENT in *Encycl. Brit.* IX. 450/1 Upon the sea fronts the works consist..of isolated forts. 1886 C. E. PASCOA *Lond. of To-day* xix. (ed. 3) 188 A short distance from the sea-front.

Sea-frontage. An extent of sea-front.

1897 D. BUTLER *Ch. & Par. Abernethy* i. 17 *note*, The western side has a sea-frontage of 1500 feet long.

Sea'-froth.

† 1. Seaweed. *Obs. rare.* (In quots. tr. L. *alga*.)

c 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* IV. 329 Other, so dolnen, kesteth seefroth yn. *Ibid.* 335 Oildregges ek is good, outher see-froth. *Ibid.* 621 Sefroth the ferthe is go To honge vp.

2. The froth or foam of the sea; sea-foam.

1582 STANYHURST *Æneis* I. (Arb.) 22 Neptun..glyds on the seafroth, with wheales of gould wagon. 1825 J. NEAL *Bro. Jonathan* I. 272 A little white foam, like sea froth. 1895 W. B. YEATS *Poems* (1899) 235 Wool whiter than sea froth. *attrib.* 1643 A. ROSS *Mel Helic.* 86 Fair Venus With her sea-froth countenance.

† 3. (See quot.) *Obs. rare*[−0]. Cf. SEA-FOAM 2.

1725 *Bradley's Fam. Dict.*, *Sea-Froth* or *Foam*; in Latin *Alcyonium*, in all appearance a sort of Spungy Plant found in the Sea..; some..take it to be the Scum of the Sea, which has been hardned by the Sun Beames.

4. Meerschaum (cf. SEA-FOAM 3).

1801 T. THOMSON *Min.* in *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) *Suppl.* II. 217/1 Myrsen—Seafroth. 1856 *Eng. Cycl., Nat. Hist.* IV. 731.

Sea'-gate[1]. [GATE *sb.*[2]]

† 1. Distance or journey by sea. *Obs. rare*[−1].

1576 in *Oppress. Orkney & Zetld.* (1859) 59 Fra the Vle of Brassay to Swounburgh, quhilk is twentie myles of seagait.

2. A long rolling swell; also, the condition in which two vessels are when thrown aboard one another by such a swell.

1583 *Fenton's Voy.* (MS. Cott. Otho E viii. 185), With the force of the winde and the Seagate our cable br[oke]. 1628 *World Encompassed by Drake* 50 The sea-gate being at that present very great. *c* 1635 CAPT. N. BOTELER *Dial. Sea Services* (1685) 142 Two Ships by lying aboard one another in a Sea-Gate (that is a Billow, or wave). 1704 J. HARRIS *Lex. Techn.* I, *Sea-Gate*, when two Ships are aboard one another by means of a Wave or Billow: The Sea-men say, They lie aboard one another in a Sea-Gate. 1867 SMYTH *Sailor's Word-bk.*, *Sea-gate* or *gait*.

† 3. ? An inlet of the sea. *Obs.*

1598 SYLVESTER *Du Bartas* II. i. III. *Furies* 134 But, since

his sin, the wofull wretch findes none..Beast, mountain, valley, sea-gate shore or haven, But bears his Death's doom openly ingraven.

Sea'-gate[2]. [GATE *sb.*[1]]

1. A gate towards, or giving access to, the sea; or a convenient approach to the sea.

1861 J. M. NEALE *Notes Dalmatia* 115 The sea-gate..is Roman. 1869 TOZER *Highl. Turkey* I. 238 Over the sea-gate of the city stands the Lion of St. Mark.

2. A place of access to the sea.

1883 F. G. HEATH in *Century Mag.* Dec. 165/1 Plymouth, the great sea-gate of sunny Devon. 1896 *Daily News* 30 Dec. 6/2 Delagoa Bay, the seagate of Secheleland.

3. One of a pair of supplementary or outer gates opening outwards, placed sometimes at the entrance of an exposed dock or tidal basin, as a safeguard against a heavy sea. 1875 in KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.*

Seage, obs. form of SIEGE *sb.*

Sea'-girt, *a.* Girt or surrounded by the sea. (Sometimes said of a peninsula or of a place that has the sea almost completely surrounding it.)

1621 G. SANDYS *Ovid's Met.* I. (1632) 12 Sea-girt Tenedos. 1670 MILTON *Brutus* 9 in *Hist. Brit.*, In th' Ocean wide Beyond the Realm of Gaul, a Land there lies, Sea-girt it lies. 1797 D. SIMPSON *Plea Relig.* (1808) 170 The little sea-girt empire of the Knights of Malta. 1812 BYRON *Ch. Har.* II. xxviii, The joys and sorrows sailors find, Coop'd in their winged sea-girt citadel. 1818 SHELLEY *Rosal. & Helen* 1050 A green and sea-girt promontory. 1856 STANLEY *Sinai & P.* vi. (ed. 3) 262 That sea-girt city [Cæsarea]. 1897 'A. HOPE' *Phroso* i, Round sea-girt rocks.

Sea'-god. A god of the sea, a marine deity.

1565 COOPER *Thesaurus* s. v. *Deus, Cærulei dij*, Sea gods. 1602 CAMPION *Hymn in Praise of Neptune* 8 Enery Seagod paies a Iem..To decke great Neptunes Diadem. 1840 THIRLWALL *Greece* liv. VII. 52 Here he again sacrificed to the sea-god, whose proper realm he had now entered.

So **Sea'-goddess,** a goddess of the sea.

1710 W. KING *Heathen Gods & Heroes* (1722) Index, *Ino*, a Sea-Goddess. 1835 THIRLWALL *Greece* v. I. 157 The son of a sea-goddess.

Sea'-going, *sb.* Going or travelling by sea.

1848 DICKENS *Dombey* lxii, Released from sea-going, after that first long voyage with his young bride.

attrib. 1860 *All Year Round* No. 66. 380 Sea-going togs, and other requirements. 1895 *Pop. Sci. Monthly* July 401 The first seagoing chronometer..was made by him.

Sea'-going, *a.*

1. Going on the sea, applied to a vessel which makes distant journeys as opposed to a coasting, harbour, or river vessel.

1829 MARRYAT *F. Mildmay* x, I should be sent out..in some sea-going ship. 1909 *19th Cent.* Dec. 1009 The personnel of the sea-going fleet.

in fig. context. 1848 DICKENS *Dombey* iv, The shop itself ..seemed almost to become a snug, sea-going, ship-shape concern, wanting only good sea-room.

2. Going to the sea, esp. of a fish, caladromous.

1842 *Proc. Berw. Nat. Club* II. No. x. 4 Several of the different fry of the sea-going fish. 1888 GOODE *Amer. Fishes* 16 The sea-going rivers of Germany.

3. Travelling by sea, seafaring.

1855 KINGSLEY *Heroes, Argon.* v. 166 Alcinous the rich sea-going king. 1887 B. V. HEAD *Hist. Numorum* Introd. 37 Subsequently the Greeks..became a sea-going people.

Sea'-grape. [GRAPE *sb.*[1]]

1. The glassworts, *Salicornia herbacea* and *Salsola Kali.*

1578 LYTE tr. *Dodoens* I. lxxviii. 116 *Salicornia*..in English Sea grape. 1839 BAXTER *Brit. Phænog. Bot.* IV. 307 *Salicornia herbacea*...Sea-grass...Sea-grape. 1855 Miss PRATT *Flower. Pl.* IV. 288 *Salsola Kali* (Prickly Saltwort) ..is in country places often called Sea-grape.

† 2. The plant *Ephedra distachya. Obs.*

1597 GERARDE *Herbal* II. ccccxliii. 958 Sea Grape is not vnlike to Horse taile. 1611 COTGR., *Raisin de mer*, sea Grape. 1728 BRADLEY *Dict. Bot.* II. s.v. *Polygonum*, Ephedra sive Anabasis, Climbing Knot-Grass or Sea-Grape. *Ibid.*, *Polygonum bacciferum*, sive Uva marina major, The great Sea-Grape.

† 3. A fish mentioned by Pliny. *Obs. rare.*

1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* XXXII. x. II. 450 Likewise the fish called the Sea-grape [L. *uva*] putrefied in wine, doe infuse this vertue into the foresaid wine.

4. In W. Indies, the grape-tree or seaside grape, *Coccoloba uvifera.*

1806 T. MOORE *'I stole along the flowery bank'* i, Many a bending sea-grape drank The sprinkle of the feathery oar. 1884 SARGENT *Rep. Forests N. Amer.* 118 *Coccoloba uvifera.* ..Sea Grape.

5. *pl.* The clustered egg-cases of the cuttle-fish and other cephalopods.

1835–6 *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* I. 560/2 The eggs of the Cuttlefish..resemble in this state a bunch of grapes, as the name 'sea-grapes'..implies. 1850 Miss PRATT *Comm. Things of Sea-side* iii. 233 That singular cluster..commonly called by the fishermen Sea-grapes, is a group of the eggs of the common cuttle-fish.

6. The gulf-weed, which has large bladders in clusters resembling grapes.

1825 LONGF. *Sea Diver* iv, They rested by the coral throne, ..Where the pale sea-grape had o'ergrown The glorious dwellings made for them. 1850 Miss PRATT *Comm. Things of Sea-side* ii. 111 The Sea-grape is an olive-green weed, with..berries about as large as a pea.

Sea'-grass. [Cf. G. *seegras, meergras.*]

1. A grass which grows by the sea. Also one of various grass-like plants: (*a*) = SEA-PINK a; (*b*) one of the glassworts, *Salicornia herbacea*; (*c*) the grass *Spartina stricta.*

1578 LYTE *Dodoens* IV. l. 509 Sea grasse...Some call it in Englishe our Ladies quishion. 1629 PARKINSON *Parad.* 318 In English, Thrift, Sea grasse, and our Ladies Cushion. 1791 W. GILPIN *Forest Scenery* II. 158 Its banks..are covered, like the other mud-lands of this country, with seagrass, which gives them the air of meadows when the tide retires. 1837 BAXTER *Brit. Phænog. Bot.* III. 203 *Spartina stricta.* Twin-spiked Cord-grass. Smooth Sea-grass. Sea Cock's-foot-grass. 1839 [see SEA-GRAPE 1].

2. One of various plants and seaweeds growing in the sea: (*a*) a pondweed, *Ruppia maritima*; (*b*) the eel-grass or grass-wrack, *Zostera marina*; (*c*) the gulf-weed; (*d*) the *Enteromorpha compressa.*

1591 PERCIVALL *Sp. Dict.*, *Ova*, reeke, sea grasse, ducke weede, *Vlua, alga, lens palustris.* 1605 B. JONSON *Masque of Blackness*, Oceanus..was gyrlonded with *Alga*, or seagrasse. 1762 W. HUDSON *Flora Anglica* 63 *Ruppia maritima*...Sea-grass. 1857–8 LONGF. *M. Standish* IV. 12 Welcome, O wind of the East..Blowing o'er fields of dulse, and measureless meadows of sea-grass. 1883 E. P. RAMSAY *Food Fishes N. S. Wales* (Fish. Exhib. Catal.) 48 The food of the Dugong consists of sea-grasses, chiefly a species of *Zostera.*

3. A variety of cirrus cloud.

1887 ABERCROMBY *Weather* 98.

4. *attrib.*

1864 SALA in *Daily Tel.* 2 Aug., Ligatures of seagrass twine—which cut like razors. 1895 *Outing* (U. S.) XXVI. 356/1 Off speeds the bass with an hundred foot pennon of sea-grass line trailing from his bloody jaws.

Sea'-green, *a.* and *sb.* [Cf. F. *vert de mer.*]

A. *adj.* Pale bluish-green.

1603 *Inv.* in Gage *Hengrave* (1822) 36 Saddles covered with sea grene clothe. 1666 DRYDEN *Ann. Mirab.* xxi, Lawson..Whom sea-green Sirens from the rocks lament. 1809 SHAW *Gen. Zool.* VII. 388 Sea-green Roller, with..wings varied with blue, sea-green, and black. 1811 *Ibid.* VIII. 152 Sea-green Bee-Eater, with yellow throat. 1823 BYRON *Island* III. ii, Their sea-green isle. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* II. IV. iv, O seagreen Incorruptible, thou shalt see! 1878 NEWCOMB *Pop. Astron.* III. iv. 354 [Uranus] has a decided sea-green color.

B. *sb.*

1. A sea-green colour.

1598 CHAPMAN *Hero & Leander* IV. 73 With a pure Sea greene She did so queintly shadow euery lim. 1662 MERRETT tr. *Neri's Art of Glass* xx, Between a Sea-green and a skie-colour. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* ix, She..appeared..in draggled sea-green, or slatternly sky-blue.

† 2. Houseleek. Cf. AY-GREEN, SENGREEN. *Obs.*

Perh. orig. a misprint: see the first quot.

1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* XVIII. xvii. I. 575 The hearb Housleek or Sea-greene [*Errata*, *read* Sengreene]. 1696 PHILLIPS (ed. 5), *Scolopender*,..a certain Medicinal Herb,..such as Sea-green [etc.]. 1755 JOHNSON, *Seagreen*, saxifrage. A plant.

3. A collector's name for a moth, the *Hadena thalassina.* 1832 J. RENNIE *Butterfl. & Moths* 67.

4. *pl.* (*Sc.*) (See quot.)

1765–8 ERSKINE *Inst. Law Scot.* II. vi. § 17 Sea-greens.. *i. e.* grounds in some measure gained from the sea, but which still continue to be overflowed in spring-tides.

Seagrim, obs. variant of SEGGRUM.

Sea'-ground.

† 1. The bottom of the sea (cf. GROUND *sb.* 1 a).

Beowulf 564 Sægrunde neah. *c* 1220 *Bestiary* 517 in *O. E. Misc.* 16 Dis fis wuneð wið ðe se grund. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 20952 A dai and of a night to stound He [Paul] was stad atte see ground. *c* 1450 *St. Cuthbert* (Surtees) 640 The ankir... To þe se gronde doune slypp. 1611 SPEED *Hist. Gt. Brit.* IX. xii. 34 The ship..sunke sodainely to the Sea-ground.

2. *pl.* ? Land covered at high tide by the sea.

1826 BARNEWALL & CRESSWELL *K. B. Rep.* IV. 486 The messuage,..sea-grounds, oyster-layings [etc.]. *Ibid.* 491 The words *sea-grounds*, by themselves, would have been sufficient to pass the right of soil in the shore.

Sea'-gull. Also 6 **seegell.** = GULL *sb.*[1]

1542 *Rutland MSS.* (1905) IV. 324 For bringing seygwlles and other fowlles, vs. 1544 [see SEA-COAL[1]]. 1576 FLEMING *Panopl. Epist.* 401 The counterfect philosopher..sheweth himself like unto a sea Gull among a sort of faire swannes. 1659 PELL *Impr. Sea* 236 A *Fezerallo*, is a black-coloured bird, hut somewhat less than a Sea-Gull. 1766 GRAY *Kingsgate* 7 Here sea-gulls scream, and cormorants rejoice. 1837 DICKENS *Pickw.* xx, To watch the flight of a seagull. 1888 F. HOME *Mme. Midas* I. Prol., Flocks of white seagulls ..were constantly circling round.

transf. and *fig.* 1599 NASHE *Lenten Stuffe* 60 That greedy seagull ignorance is apt to deuoure any thing. 1642 MILTON *Apol. Smect.* Wks. 1851 III. 276 Now trust me not, Readers, if I be not already weary of pluming and footing this Seagull, so open he lies to strokes.

‖ **Seah** (sēˌä). *Hebrew Antiq.* [Heb. סְאָה *sᵉ·āh*, in the Eng. Bible translated 'measure' (e. g. Gen. xviii. 6, 2 Kings vii. 1), as is also the Græcized form σάτον in the New Testament (e. g. Matt. xiii. 33).] A Hebrew dry measure, equal (according to Rabbinical statements) to six times the cab (CAB *sb.*[1]) and to one-third of the ephah.

1705 ARBUTHNOT *Tab. Grec.*, etc. *Coins* 14, 15. 1737 WHISTON *Josephus, Antiq.* IX. iv. § 4 Two seahs of barley should be sold in the market for a shekel, and a seah of fine flour should be sold for a shekel [2 *Kings* vii. 1]. *Ibid.* § 5 A seah is equal to an Italian modius and a half.

Sea-hare. [Cf. G. *see-, meerhase*, Dn. *zeehaas*, in both senses.]

1. A mollusc, *Aplysia depilans* (and other species), having an oval body with four tentacles.

A rendering of the *lepus marinus* of Pliny, whose account is the source of most of the older English references. The designation is thought to be due to the resemblance of the two skinny lobes of the animal to the ears of a hare. Pliny's notion that the animal is venomous has no foundation.

1593 G. HARVEY *Pierces Super.* Wks. (Grosart) II. 251 Good against the empoisonment of the sea-hare. 1626 BACON *Sylva* § 983 It hath beene anciently receiued, that the Sea-Hare hath an Antipathy with the Lungs, (if it commeth neare the Body,) and erodeth them. 1759 tr. *M. Adanson's Voy. Senegal* 208 Several soft fishes, as sea hares, cuttle fish, and polypus. 1854 H. MILLER *Sch. & Schm.* (1858) 65 The cuttle-fish and the sea-hare.

2. The Lump-fish: see LUMP *sb.*[2] *rare.*

1896 tr. *Boas' Text-bk. Zool.* 390.

Sea'-hawk. [HAWK *sb.*[1]]

† 1. Some kind of fish. a. ? The eagle-ray or sea-eagle. b. A flying fish. *Obs. rare.*

a. 1655 MOUFET & BENNET *Health's Improv.* (1746) 243 The Sea-Hawk is of hard Flesh and slow Digestion, as Galen avoucheth. 1661 LOVELL *Hist. Anim. & Min.* 235 Sea Hauke hath a very moist and soft flesh.

b. 1722 DIAPER tr. *Oppian's Halieut.* I. 714 Sea-Hawks [*orig.* ἰρηξ], the Swallow, and the wanton Sleve Their native Streams for airy Pastime leave.

2. One of various gull-like birds, as one of the skuas, and the frigate-bird.

1852 MACGILLIVRAY *Brit. Birds* V. 496 (Skua) The Sea-Hawk follows the frightened bird in all its motions. 1860 G. BENNETT *Gatherings Naturalist Austral.* 80 The Frigate-bird (*Tachypetes aquila*)..is also known by the name of Sea Hawk, or Man-of-war Bird.

Sea-hedgehog.

1. An echinus or sea-urchin.

1602 CAREW *Cornwall* I. 32 The Sea-hedge-hogge,..is enclosed in a round shell,..garded by an vtter skinne full of prickles, as the land Vrchin. *a* 1682 SIR T. BROWNE *Norf. Fishes* Wks. 1835 IV. 333 *Echinus Echinometrites* sea hedgehog, whose neat shells are common on the shore.

attrib. 1845 GOSSE *Ocean* iv. (1849) 259 Fragments of coral, sea-hedgehog shells, and their broken off prickles.

2. The globe-fish or other diodont fish; so called from having erectile spines.

c 1721 PETIVER *Gazophyl.* vi. 60 Sea Porcupine...This thorny Fish, is a sort of Sea Hedge-hog. 1879 GÜNTHER in *Encycl. Brit.* X. 685/1 *Globe-fish* or *Sea-Hedgehog.*

Sea'-hen.

1. A name for the piper-gurnard, *Trigla lyra*, and the lump-fish, *Cyclopterus lumpus.*

[Cf. G. *seehahn* (='sea-cock'), applied to both fishes.]

1611 COTGR., *Poullarde*, the Sea-henne; a fish. 1684 SIBBALD *Scotia Illustr.* II. II. 24 *Lyra, quibusdam* the Crowner, *aliis ex nostratibus* the Sea-Hen. 1892 H. A. MACPHERSON *Vertebr. Fauna of Lakeland* 480 The fishermen of the English Solway generally apply the title of 'Sea hen' to this species [*Cyclopterus lumpus*].

2. A local name for the common guillemot, *Uria troile*, and the great skua, *Stercorarius catarrhactes.*

a 1672 WILLUGHBY *Ornith.* III. III. iv. (1676) 244 *Northumbris & Dunelmensibus*, a Guillemot or Sea-hen. 1852 MACGILLIVRAY *Brit. Birds* V. 318 *Uria Troile.* Foolish Guillemot. ..Sea-hen. 1879 KUMLIEN *Contrib. Nat. Hist. Arctic Amer.* 94 *Buphagus skua*...'Sea-hen' of whalemen.

‖ **Sea'-herr.** *Obs.* [? Du. *zeeheer*, f. *zee* SEA + *heer* lord.] One who has dominion over the seas.

1615 *Trade's Incr.* 7 Our neighbours the now *Sea-herrs*, the Nation..whose troubles begot their liberty [the Dutch].

Sea'-hog. [HOG *sb.*[1]; cf. G. *meerschwein.*]

1. A popular name for the porpoise. ? *Now rare.*

1580 HOLLYBAND *Treas. Fr. Tong, Marsouin*, a sea hog. 1686 J. DUNTON *Lett. fr. New-Eng.* (1867) 32 A vast number of Fishes called Sea-hogs, or Porpoises. 1760 *Ann. Reg.* 97 A porpus, or sea-hog,..came up the river as far as Londonbridge. 1896 tr. *Boas' Text-bk. Zool.* 524 The Sea-hog or Porpoise (*Phocæna communis*).

† 2. = HOG-FISH 3. *Obs.* 1608 [see HOG-FISH 3].

Sea'-holly. The plant ERYNGO.

1548 TURNER *Names of Herbes* (E. D. S.) 36 Eryngium is named in englishe sea Hulver or sea Holly. 1642 *Rates Merchandizes* 48 Sea-holly rootes. 1741 *Compl. Fam.-Piece* II. iii. 374 Buphthalmums, Sea Holly, Sea Ragwort. 1882 *Garden* 15 Apr. 249/1 The ordinary Sea Hollies.

Sea'-holm[1]. *rare*—°. [HOLM 1.] 'A small uninhabited island' (J.); hence in later Dicts.

Sea'-holm[2]. [HOLM 2.] = SEA-HOLLY.

c 1550 LLOYD *Treas. Health* (*c* 1560) N v b, The herbe and rote of seaholme sodden and dronke with wyne. 1612 DRAYTON *Poly-olb.* I. 125 The Seaholme heere, that spreadeth all our shore,..Whose roote th' Eringo is. 1728 BRADLEY *Dict. Bot.* II, *Sea-Holm*, or *Hulver*, in Latin, Aquifolium. 1850 Miss PRATT *Comm. Things of Sea-side* i. 18 [*Eryngium maritimum*] is known on the several parts of our coast by a variety of names, as the sea hulver, sea holly, and sea holme.

attrib. 1602 CAREW *Cornwall* I. 19 The Seaholme roote.

Sea'-horse. [Cf. G. *seepferd, seeross.*]

1. The walrus. [Cf. *horse-whale*, HORSE *sb.* 27 b.]

c 1475 *Pict. Voc.* in WR-WÜLCKER 765/2 [*Nomina piscium marinorum*] *Hoc rosina*, a sehors. 1585 JAS. I *Ess. Poesie* (Arb.) 16 Daulphins, Seahorse, Selchs with oxin ee, And Merswynis, Pertrikis als of fishes race. 1613 PURCHAS *Pilgrimage* (1614) 748 *note*, Some call the Morse a Sea horse. *a* 1682 SIR T. BROWNE *Of Greenland* Wks. 1835 IV. 375 The stomachs of sea horses or morses. 1877 W. JONES *Finger-ring* 148 A ring made of a sea-horse's tooth.

¶ By extension apparently applied to the narwhal.

1674 tr. *Martiniere's Voy.* 115 The Horn of this Sea-horse, was full ten foot long,..wreathed..tapering.

2. A fabulous horse-like marine animal.

As represented in heraldry (and formerly in pageants) it has the fore-parts of a horse and the tail of a fish, like the steeds (*equi bipedes*, Verg. *Georg.* IV. 389) drawing the chariots of Neptune and Proteus as depicted in ancient paintings.

1587 FLEMING *Contn. Holinshed* III. 1340/1 Before the which [*sc.* the mint] there was a huge and monstrous seahorsse of twentie foot high. 1648 HERRICK *Hesper., His Cavalier*, That dares bestride The active sea-horse, and.. Through that huge field of waters ride. *a* 1700 EVELYN

Diary 27 Feb. 1644, In the third is Neptune sounding his trumpet, his charriot drawne by sea-horses. 1761 *Ann. Reg.* 238 The fishmongers pageants consisted of..two mairmaids and two Sea-horses. 1780 EDMONDSON *Heraldry* II. Gloss., *Sea-Horse*, the upper part is formed like the horse, with webbed feet, and the hinder part ends in a fish's tail. 1874 BLACK *Pr. Thule* 9 The black sea-horse that had been seen in Loch Suainabhal. 1885 *Encycl. Brit.* XIX. 559/1 s.v. *Poseidon*, Sometimes he was represented riding a bull, a horse, or a sea-horse.

3. a. = HIPPOCAMPUS 2.

1589 RIDER *Bibl. Scholast.* 1723 A sea horse, *hippocampa*. 1721 BRADLEY *Philos. Acc. Wks. Nat.* 69, Fig. 111. The Shell-Fish call'd the Sea-Horse, found upon the Coast of Italy. 1862 ANSTED *Channel Isl.* II. ix. 213 The curious little sea horse (*hippocampus brevirostris*).

b. The acanthopterygian fish *Agriopus torvus* (*Cent. Dict.*). *Flying* or *Winged sea-horse*: a fish of the order or sub-order *Pegasidæ*.

1854 A. ADAMS, etc. *Man. Nat. Hist.* 83 The *Pegasi*, or Flying Sea-Horses. *Ibid.* 94 Winged Sea-Horses (*Pegasidæ*).

†4. The hippopotamus. *Obs.*

1600 J. PORY tr. *Leo's Africa* Introd. 30 The teeth of sea-horses: which creatures are commonly found in the riuers of Nilus, Niger, &c. 1678 DRYDEN *All for Love* I. 1 Sea-Horses floundring in the slimy mud. 1700 C. LEIGH *Nat. Hist. Lanc.* etc. I. 183 A young Hippopotamus or Sea-Horse. 1759 tr. *M. Adanson's Voy. Senegal* 133 The hippoptami [*sic*] or sea horses, are common.

5. A large white-crested wave; cf. *white horse*, HORSE *sb.* 23 b.

1877 *N. W. Linc. Gloss., Sea-dogs, Sea-hosses*, rough waves in the Humber and Trent. 1886 A. PEMBER *Slipping away* i, Alice's eyes are fixed on the white sea-horses.

6. *attrib.* (senses 1 and 4), as *sea-horse fat, hide, leather, oil, skin, tooth.*

1764 *Ann. Reg.* II. 12 The whale and the *sea horse fat they also boil with roots. 1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* VI. xxix. I. 144 There may a man have plentie of the *Sea-horse hides. *a* 1682 SIR T. BROWNE *Comm.-pl. Bks.* Wks. 1835 IV. 396 A girdle of *sea-horse leather. 1820 SCORESBY *Acc. Arctic Reg.* I. 507 On this adventure, 22 tons of *Sea-horse oil..were obtained. 1626 BACON *Sylva* § 964 Rings of *Sea-Horse Teeth. 1858 SIMMONDS *Dict. Trade*, *Sea-horse tooth*, a name given to the teeth of the walrus, and of the hippopotamus, which yield ivory.

Sea-hound. [tr. L. *canis marinus* (Pliny). Cf. G. *seehund*, Du. *zeehond*; also HOUND *sb.* 5, HOUNDFISH 1.]

1. A dog-fish.

13.. *K. Alis.* 5653 (Bodl. MS.), And a maner folk þer is yfounde þat men hem clepeþ Cee hounde. *c* 1330 R. BRUNNE *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 3781 'Marebellow' [Fr. *marine bélne*] ys þe se hound. 1601 CHESTER *Lover's Mart.* (1878) 100 Here swimmes..The Sea-horse, Sea-hound, and the wide-mouth'd Plaice. 1669 J. DAVIES tr. *Olearius' Voy. Ambass.* IV. 133 In this place we saw a great number of Dog-fishes, or Sea-hounds. 1831 KEIGHTLEY *Mythol. Ital. & Gr.* I. xix. 247 She [Scylla]..catches the dolphins, sea-hounds, and other large animals of the sea which swim by.

2. Used *allusively*.

1905 MEREDITH *October Twenty-first* in *Outlook* 21 Oct. 533 [Nelson] Her sea-hound and her mortal stroke.

Seaide, obs. 1st and 3rd ind. pa. t. of SAY *v.*[1]

†Sea'ish, *a. Obs. rare.* [f. SEA *sb.* + -ISH.] Of or pertaining to the sea, marine.

1530 PALSGR. 323/2 Seeysshe, belongyng to the see, *marin.* 1579 W. A. *Remedy Agst. Love* F iij, Whose syns dooth more then seaish sands abound. 1586 WARNER *Alb. Eng.* I. iv. (1612) 13 How the Gods of Sun and Seas, offended, do require Each month a Virgin, to appease a Seaish Monsters ire. 1610 R. TOFTE *Hon. Acad.* 59 But what more wavering did you ever find Then Seaish waves, what more faire or unkind?

Sea-island, *a.* The designation of a fine variety of cotton grown on the islands off the coast of Georgia and South Carolina, now also acclimatized in other countries. Also *absol.*

1834 MCCULLOCH *Dict. Comm.* (ed. 2) 436 s.v. *Cotton*, The best of the first [*sc.* long stapled cotton] is the sea-island cotton, or that brought from the shores of Georgia. 1839 URE *Dict. Arts* 344 Having a breadth varying from 1/800 of an inch in the strongest Smyrna or candle-wick cotton of the Levant, to 1/2300 of an inch in the finest Sea-island. 1858 HOMANS *Cycl. Comm.* 438/1 The sea-island plant yields about 125 or 130 pounds of clean ginned cotton per acre.

Seak, obs. form of SICK.

Sea-kale. Forms: 7 sea-keele, 8–9 -cale, 8– sea-kale. [f. SEA + KALE *sb.*; cf. the southern form *sea-cole*, SEA *sb.* 23 f.]

1. A cruciferous plant, *Crambe maritima*, found wild on the shores of western Europe, and often cultivated for its young shoots.

1699 EVELYN *Acetaria* 16 Our Sea-keele (the ancient *Crambe*) and growing on our Coast [is] very delicate. 1732 ARBUTHNOT *Rules of Diet* in *Aliments*, etc. I. 257 Sea-Cole or Cale. 1795 *Times* 30 Apr. 1/4 Sea-Kale, a new Culinary Vegetable. 1847 BARHAM *Ingol. Leg.* Ser. III. *Wedding-day* (end), Every complexion less pale than sea-kale!

2. Sea-kale beet, white beet, so called from its resemblance in colour.

1882 *Garden* 21 Jan. 50/1 White or Seakale Beet.

Seake, obs. form of SACK *sb.*[3] (wine), SICK.

Sea-king.

1. One of the piratical Scandinavian chiefs, who in the ninth and succeeding centuries ravaged the coasts of Europe. [After ON. *sækonungr*: cf. OE. *sæcyning* (Beowulf).]

1819 LINGARD *Hist. Eng.* I. v. 253 The two sea-kings.. returned to Denmark. 1840 CARLYLE *Heroes* i. (1841) 52 Hrolf, or Rollo Duke of Normandy, the wild Sea-king. 1862 BURTON *Bk. Hunter* IV. 380 The races descended from ancient sea-kings. 1863 TENNYSON *Welcome to Alexandra* 1 Sea-kings daughter from over the sea.

2. Applied to the god of the sea.

1582 STANYHURST *Æneis* I. (Arb.) 21 Thee sea king Neptun. 1888 J. PAVN *Prince of Blood* XXV. (1892) 201 Like mermen in attendance upon the sea-king.

Seal (sīl), *sb.*[1] Forms: *a.* 1 seolh, 4 ?selȝ; *Sc.* 5 selghe, 5–6 selcht, 5–7 selche, 5–8 selch, 6 saylch, selk, 9 sealgh. *β.* (1 siol-, seol-), 3–6 sele, 4–7 seel, 5 sel, ceel, cele, zele, seylle, 5–6 seele, seyle, sealle, 5–7 seale, 6 seall, seayle, seayll, 7 siele, seil, sayle, 7– seal. See also SOILE. [OE. *sīol-, sēol-*, declensional form of *seolh* (whence the *a* forms above, which are mainly Scottish) = OHG. *selah*, MLG. *sêl*, MDu. *seel, sael* (*-hont*), *zele*, ON. *sel-r* (Sw. *sjel, säl*, Da. *sæl*) :—OTeut. *selho-z.*]

1. A member of the family *Phocidæ*, sub-order *Pinnipedia*, of aquatic carnivorous mammals, with limbs developed into flippers and adapted for swimming, and having an elongated body covered with thick fur or bristles and terminated by a short tail; *spec.* the Common Seal, *Phoca vitulina*, an inhabitant of all waters of the temperate and frigid zones. Also applied (chiefly with defining word: see 2) to amphibious mammals of other families closely resembling the Common Seal in appearance.

a. c 1000 *Sax. Leechd.* III. 34 Das onsænde seolh ofer sæs hrygc. 1383 *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 434 Coopertus cum pelle de sely [? = selȝ]. *c* 1425 WYNTOUN *Cron.* III. i. 48 Þe carl was fat as any selche [*v.r.* selghe]. 1502 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* II. 342 Item to ane man brocht ane quyk selch fra Pittinweme to Faukland to the King, xiiij s. 1549 *Compl. Scot.* vi. 60 The selcht, quhilk sum men callis the see volue. 1596 DALRYMPLE tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* I. 57 Sey calues or saylches. 1789 D. DAVIDSON *Seasons* 17 Gib's now gane for the Western seas, Whare selchs an' pellucks whamble. 1821 SCOTT *Pirate* v, What the devil mean you by..levelling your gun at folk's heads as you would at a sealgh's?

β. *c* 893 K. ÆLFRED *Oros.* I. i. 18 On þæm sciprapum, þe beoð of hwæles hyde ȝeworht, & of seoles. *c* 1050 *Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 408/37 *Focus*, seol. *c* 1300 *Havelok* 755 He tok þe sele. 1409 *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 53 In di. ceel de Tes, 4*s.* 1416 *Ibid.* 54 In 3 quarters unius zele et plays de Tese, 8*s.* 6*d.* *c* 1460 J. RUSSELL *Bk. Nurture* 823 in *Babees Bk.*, The baly of þe fresche samon, eis purpose, or seele. *c* 1552 LELAND *Itin.* (1769) VII. 119 Seles when they cast theyr Calves they cum to Lond. 1579 HAKE *Newes out of Powles* iv. (1872) D iij, Straunge kindes of fysh at second course...As Porpesse, Seale and Salmond good. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* XI. 831 An Iland salt and bare, The haunt of Seales and Orcs. 1743 BULKELEY & CUMMINS *Voy. S. Seas* 159 To carry a Line to haul some of the Seal aboard. 1815 SCOTT *Ld. of Isles* IV. x, Staffa..Where..the shy seal had quiet home.

2. With defining word, e. g. *Eared, Elephant, Fur, Hair, Harp, Hooded, Leonine, Leporine, Monk, Pied, Ribbon, Ringed, Rough, Ursine seal*, etc. (see these words); also **Bottle-nosed Seal**, *Phoca leonina*; **Crab-eating Seal**, *Labodon carcinophaga*; **Floe, Small-ringed Seal** = SPOTTED *seal*; **Great Seal**, *Phoca barbata* (Pennant); **Greenland, Heart Seal** = HARP *seal*; **Marbled Seal**, *Calocephalus discolor.*

1781 PENNANT *Quadrupeds* II. 525 Hooded Seal. *Ibid.*, Harp Seal...Our Fishers call this the Harp or Heart Seal. *Ibid.* 531 Bottle-nose Seal. 1841 *Penny Cycl.* XXI. 160/2 In the eye of the Greenland Seal..the cornea was thin and yielding. 1842 C. H. SMITH *Introd. Mammalia* 258 *Stenorhincus Leptonyx*, or Small Nailed Seal, from the South Seas. 1879 E. P. WRIGHT *Anim. Life* 124 The Grey Seal (*Halichoerus grypus*) is met with around the north and west coasts of Scotland. 1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 581/1 The small ringed seal or 'floe-rat' of the sealers (*Phoca hispida*). *Ibid.* 582/2 The floe or spotted seal.

3. Short for SEALSKIN.

1886 BECK *Draper's Dict.*, *Seal* (fur). This valuable fur is sought annually on the shores of Spitzbergen. 1886 *Leeds Mercury* 29 Dec. 4/4 An active demand for seals and plushes.

4. *attrib.* and *Comb.*: **a.** simple attributive, as *seal-blubber, -bone, leather, -oil*; in sense 3, *seal-coal.*

1873 *Routledge's Young Gentl. Mag.* Jan. 115/2 Such luxuries as *seal-blubber. 1616 *Shetland Witch Trial* in Dalyell *Darker Superst. Scot.* (1834) 384 The '*selch bone' with which Barbara stirred her milk to divine the product. 1901 *Munsey's Mag.* XXV. 351/1 The desire of a woman for a *seal coat. 1882 J. PATON in *Encycl. Brit.* XIV. 388/1 *Seal leather is generally finished on the grain side as 'levant' seal with a large coarse grain. 1839 URE *Dict. Arts* 248, 1/8 of a gallon of good *seal oil, weighs 6010 gr.

b. 'Connected with the catching of a seal', as *seal-club, -lance, -pike, -ship, -shot, -trap.*

1820 SCORESBY *Acc. Arctic Reg.* I. 512 A blow with a '*seal-club'..on the nose, immediately stuns it. 1895 KIPLING *2nd Jungle Bk.* 161 Kotuko looked over the deer-sinew fastenings of his harpoon and his *seal-lance. 1908 *Daily Chron.* 29 Apr. 5/5 Both the Walrus and the Panther were among the oldest of the fleet of *seal-ships. 1842 *Seal-shot [see SEALING *vbl. sb.*[1] b]. 1876 C. H. DAVIS *Polaris Exped.* viii. 219 Hans set some *seal-traps, without success.

c. similative, as *seal-brown, -like* adjs.

1874 CARA *Judith Gwynne* vii, The boy shambled over in a seal-like manner. 1884 *Western Daily Press* 28 Nov. 7/4 Entire costumes are made of this attractive fabric..in colour a lovely seal-brown.

d. objective, as *seal-fisher, -fishery, -hunt, -hunter, -spearing.*

1820 SCORESBY *Acc. Arctic Reg.* I. 513 The *seal-fishers have to pursue them over the ice. 1785 J. KNOX *View Brit. Emp.* I. 351 The greatest *seal fishery is on the coast of Labrador. 1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 582/2 On the western shore of the White Sea the *seal-hunt is less productive than on the eastern. 1781 PENNANT *Quadrupeds* II. 524 Our Newfoundland *Seal-hunters. 1895 KIPLING *2nd Jungle Bk.* 172 The men used to sing it after *seal-spearing.

5. Special combinations: **seal calf**, the young of the seal; **seal-cloth** (see quot.); **†seal-fish** = sense 1; **seal-fur**, the skin of the Hair-seal (*Otaria*) used as a material for garments; **seal-grain**, a preparation of seal leather used in ornamental work; **seal-hole**, a space of clear water among ice floes in which the seal obtains its food; **seal-plush**, a fabric made to imitate seal-skin; **seal-vat**, part of the apparatus used in the production of seal-oil.

c 1450 *St. Cuthbert* (Surtees) 566 Per com a *cele calf and it toke. 1881 WARDLE *Handbk. Wild Silks India* 37 The manufacture, first accomplished in 1880 in England, of the fabric known as '*Seal cloth', which consists of a Tusser silk plush woven into a cotton back. *c* 1420 *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 57 In j *Selfysh empt. per Celerarium, 3*s. 4*d.* 1661 J. CHILDREY *Brit. Baconica* 160 Certain rocks, about which the Seal-fishes meet together. 1894 'J. S. WINTER' *Red Coats* 121 The pitmen could afford to buy costly *seal-fur coats for their spouses. 1906 *Westm. Gaz.* 5 Dec. 10/2 A new series of white *seal-grain tablet calendars. 1895 KIPLING *2nd Jungle Bk.* 169 The new *seal-holes are not two days' distant. 1896 *Westm. Gaz.* 24 Sept. 3/2 An abomination of former times, a fabric known as '*seal plush'. 1853 S. G. ARCHIBALD in Ure *Dict. Arts* II. 590 The *seal-vat consists of what are termed the crib and pan.

Seal (sīl), *sb.*[2] Forms: 3–5 sel, seel, 3, 5 ceel, 3–6 sele, 3–4, 6 seile, 3, 5–6 seil, 4 sehel, cel, ceale, 4–5 sell, cele, seeal, 4–6 seele, seell, sealle, selle, 4–7 seale, 5 seaul, sill, 5–6 seyl, 5–7 seill, 5, 7 seall, 6 ceall, seyalle, *Sc.* sayll, 3– seal. [a. OF. *seel* (mod.F. *sceau*) = Pr. *selh-s*, Sp. *sello* (also in learned form *sigilo*), Pg. *sello* (also *sigillo*), It. *suggello* (also *sigillo*) :—L. *sigillum* (in classical Latin only in plural), small picture, engraved figure, seal, dim. of *signum*: see SIGN *sb.*

The Latin word was at various periods adopted into several Teut. langs.: Goth. *sigljō* neut., MHG. *sigel* masc. (mod.G. *siegel* neut.), MLG., MDu. *segel* (LG. *segel*, Du. *zegel* neut.), Sw. *sigill* neut., Da. *segl*, Icel. *sigli* neut. A compound form of the same meaning occurs in OE. *insegel* (see INSEIL *sb.*) = OHG. *insigili*. The OE. *sig(e)l* brooch (cf. OHG. *sigilla* 'lunula'), *sig(e)le* neut., necklace (= ON. *sigli*) are, in spite of the difference of sense, prob. connected with some early Teut. adopted form of L. *sigillum.*]

1. A device (e. g. a heraldic or emblematic design, a letter, word, or sentence) impressed on a piece of wax or other plastic material adhering or attached by cords or parchment slips to a document as evidence of authenticity or attestation; also, the piece of wax, etc. bearing this impressed device.

In modern (legal) practice the seal is often represented by a coloured wafer following the signature of each of the parties.

Leaden seals were used by the Popes, the Eastern Emperors, and certain other high dignitaries.

1258 *Charter of Hen. III* (Bodl. MS.) in *Phil. Soc. Trans.* 1880–1, 174* We senden ȝew þis writ open, sened wiþ vre seel. *c* 1290 *Beket* 627 in *S. Eng. Leg.* I. 124 Þe opere bischopus al-so On þis chartre heore seles sette. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Pardoner's Prol.* 9 And thanne my hulles shewe I alle and some Our lige lordes seel on my patente. 1428 *E. E. Wills* (1882) 79 On this my present testament I haue put my seal. 1497 *Certificate* in *Surtees Misc.* (1890) 51 In witnes herof, ..we haue put our seaulx. 1500–20 DUNBAR *Poems* xliii. 40 With expeditioun And full conditioun, Thair seilis ar to pendit. 1596 SHAKS. *Merch. V.* IV. i. 139 Till thou canst raile the seale from off my bond Thou but offend'st thy Lungs to speake so loud. 1644 EVELYN *Diary* 21 Apr., The University is..divided now..into that of four nations,..who have each their respective protectors, severall officers, Treasurers, Consuls, Seales. 1728 CHAMBERS *Cycl.* s.v. *Bull*, Golden Bull..on the backside of it there are several knots of black and yellow silk; to which hangs a bull, or seal of gold. 1819–22 SHELLEY *Chas. I*, ii. 196 Let there be No seal on it, except my kingly word And honour as I am a gentleman. 1845 S. AUSTIN *Ranke's Hist. Ref.* v. ii. III. 49 As a proof, he subjoined Friedemann's letter and seal.

b. *fig.* A token or symbol of a covenant; something that authenticates or confirms; a final addition which completes and secures.

In allusion to 1 Cor. ix. 2, some of the Evangelical divines of the 19th c. were accustomed to speak of a preacher or a pastor as having 'many seals to his ministry' (i.e. persons converted through his preaching). The expression was often quoted derisively as an example of sectarian jargon.

c 1230 [see SEAL *v.*[1] 2]. 1526 TINDALE 1 *Cor.* ix. 2 For the seale off myne Apostleshippe are ye in the lorde. 1590 SHAKS. *Mids. N.* III. ii. 144 O let me kisse This Princesse of pure white, this seale of blisse. 1594 NASHE *Unfort. Trav.* Wks. 1904 II. 325 To sweare and forsweare, and commit Iulian-like violence on the highest seales of religion. 1615 BEDWELL *Mohant. Impost.* III. § 105 Iohn..was the last of the Prophets, & the seale of them all. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* IX. 1043 There they thir fill of Love and Loves disport Took largely, of thir mutual guilt the Seale, The solace of thir sin. 1775 SHERIDAN *Rivals* V. i, The solemn engagement..puts the seal of duty to an act of love. 1853 CONYBEARE *Church Parties, Ess. Eccl. & Social* (1855) 92 *note*, A preacher is said in this [the Recordite] phraseology to be 'owned' when he makes many converts, and his converts are called his 'seals'. 1863 MACLAREN in *Macm. Mag.* Feb. 277 Let no one undervalue this source of information: it gives the seal to all experimental knowledge.

c. Phrases. (*a*) **†** *To set to* (*one's*) *seal* [*to* is here adv., not prep.]: to affix one's seal; *fig.* to avouch one's conviction *that* (obs.). *To set one's seal*: to

affix one's seal *to* a document; *fig.* to express one's assent *to*. (*b*) *Under* (*one's*) *seal*: in a document attested by one's seal.

(*a*) *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 6889 And ilk waand þat þai þere bare He sperd wit-in þer santuare, And wrat þe nam, and sett to sele, þat man suld oþer nan bitele. *c* 1400 *Brut* II. 560 Which appoyntement truly to be kept þe kyng and the said Ambassatoures sette-to þaire seales. *c* 1450 *Mirk's Festial* 41 And for Thomas wold not sette to hys sele of þe curset lawe..he was dampned as a traytour. 1534 TINDALE *John* iii. 33 He that hath receaved hys testimonye hath set to his seale that God is true. [*So* 1611; *Revised Version* 1881 hath set his seal to this, that God is true.] 1659 H. MORE *Immort. Soul* II. i. (1713) 58 To this Truth Mr. Hobbs sets his seal with all willingness imaginable, or rather eagerness.

(*b*) 1451 *Rolls of Parlt.* V. 215/1 Without the assent and wille of the said [4 persons named] by writing under their seales. 1536 *Cal. Anc. Rec. Dublin* (1889) 497 Under owre setye selle. 1613 SHAKS. *Hen. VIII*, II. iv. 222 By particular consent [I] proceeded Vnder your hands and Seales.

d. †*Farthing seal*, ? = QUARTER *seal*. *Fisher's* or *Fisherman's seal* (see FISHER 7). †*Secret, secre seal, seal manual*: see those adjs. †*Seal of* (or *at*) *arms*, the impression of a signet engraved with the heraldic bearing of the owner.

1399 *Rolls of Parlt.* III. 437/2 Null Drap..ne soleit ensealez estre de nul Seal appelle le Ferthyng Seal. *a* 1400–50 *Alexander* 2802 To þe þat salutis I send þe sele of myn armes. 1478 in W. G. D. Fletcher *Shropsh. Grants of Arms* (1909) 12 In wyttnesse wherof I the said King of Armes to these presentes have sette my seall of armes and signed wt my hand. 1596 NASHE *Saffron-Walden* Wks. 1905 III. 68 A little epitomizd *Bradfords Meditations*, no broader volum'd than a Seale at Armes or a blacke melancholy velvet patch. 1623 *St. Papers, Col.* 1622–4, 203 The Company's seal-at-arms is so great, they can make no use thereof, having none but hard wax.

†**e.** A letter or other document bearing a seal; a promissory note. Also, a promise attested by one's seal. *Obs.*

c 1380 WYCLIF *Wks.* (1880) 66 3e to spende at rome many 3eris & daies, to paie for selis or bullis, to plede for benefices. *c* 1470 HENRY *Wallace* x. 606, I am so boundyn with wytnes to be leill, For all Ingland I wald nocht fals my seill. 1632 MASSINGER *Maid of Hon.* v. ii, I have a seale, or two to witnesse, yet..I'll never sue you.

†**f.** A stamp, usually in lead, fastened to a piece of material as a guarantee of quality or quantity.

1480 in *Cely Papers* (1900) 55 He schawll fynd clossyd in hys lettyr the sayll of ij sarpelers wholl. 1518 *Coventry Leet-bk.* 657 Then to sett vpon hit the Olyvaunt in lede, and of the Bak of the seall the lengh of the Cloth.

†**g.** A baker's stamped mark on bread. *Obs.*

a 1400 *Old Usages Winchester* in *Eng. Gilds* (1870) 355 And þat euerych bakere habbe hys seal y-knowe vpon hys loff.

h. The impression of one's signet placed upon an article as evidence of a claim to possession; *fig.* a mark of ownership.

1782 MISS BURNEY *Cecilia* x. v, [He] informed her she might put her seal upon whatever she meant hereafter to claim. 1821 SHELLEY *Hellas* 703 Her citizens, imperial spirits, Rule the present from the past, On all this world of men inherits Their seal is set. 1848 DICKENS *Dombey* xlvii, The haughty and indignant passions that now claimed her for their own, and set their seal upon her brow.

i. *transf.* An impressed mark serving as visible evidence of something.

1592 GREENE *Upst. Courtier* Wks. (Grosart) XI. 253 A fat knaue with a foggie face, wherein a cup of old sack hath set a seale. 1593 LODGE *William Longbeard* A 4 *b*, The good woman..espieng the seales of his shame shadowed in his blushing browes, tooke hold of his gowne sleeue, praieng him to staie a little while. 1603 SHAKS. *Meas. for M.* IV. i. 6 But my kisses bring againe, bring againe, Seales of loue, but seal'd in vaine, seal'd in vaine. 1620 *Westward for Smelts* (Percy Soc.) 45 Thou hast the seales on thy face, which those creatures (called whores) doe give. 1770 LANGHORNE *Plutarch* (1879) I. 66/2 His [Lycurgus'] tomb was struck with lightning; a seal of divinity which no other man ..has had, except Euripides. 1849 RUSKIN *Sev. Lamps* v. § 1. 136 Sea sands are made beautiful by their bearing the seal of the motion of the waters.

j. An impression left by the foot of an animal in soft ground or mud, esp. that of the otter.

1686 BLOME *Gentl. Recr.* II. 100 The Mark or Seal of an Otter. 1735 SOMERVILLE *Chase* IV. 397 Ah on that yielding Sag-bed, see, once more His Seal I view. 1875 G. C. DAVIES *Rambles Sch. Field-club* XXXVI. 271 One man had been down to the river side, to see if he could discover the 'seat', or track of an otter.

2. A piece of wax or some other plastic or adhesive substance (originally, and still frequently, one bearing the impression of a signet: cf. sense 1), fixed on a folded letter or document, or on a closed door or receptacle of any kind, in such a way that an opening cannot be effected without breaking it.

†*Flying seal*: see FLYING *ppl. a.* 3 c.

a 1272 *Luue Ron* 194 in *O. E. Misc.* 99 Þis rym mayde ich þe sende open and wiþ-vte sel. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 16907 Þai did þair seles þar-apon, ar þai þeþen went. 13.. *K. Alis.* 6666 (Bodl. MS.), He braak þe seal & þe lettre seie. 1382 WYCLIF *Rev.* v. 1 And I siȝe in the riȝthalf of the sittinge vpon the troone, a book..seelid with seuen seelis. 1591 SHAKS. *Two Gent.* III. i. 139 What Letter is this same?..He be so bold to breake the seale for once. 1710 SWIFT *Jrnl. to Stella* 10 Nov., I forgot to leave a gap in the last line but one for the seal, like a puppy. 1859 TENNYSON *Elaine* 1264 But Arthur spied the letter in her hand, Stoopt, took, brake seal, and read it. 1861 PALEY *Æschylus, Agamem.* 592 *note* (ed. 2) 370, διαφθείρειν σημαντήρια is to spoil or tamper with the seals affixed to the doors and store-houses in the absence of the lord.

b. *fig.* That which 'seals a person's lips', an obligation to silence, a vow of secrecy; esp. *the seal of confession* or *the confessional*. Also (often with allusion to the 'seven seals' of Rev. v. and vi.), that which prevents the understanding of Holy Scripture or some other book.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 27444 Or for it es als vnder sel O scrift him scend al to consail. 1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 301 Put blessed lorde the seale and locke of scylence to my mouth. 1632 MASSINGER *Emp. East* III. ii, What now I must deliuer Vnder the deepest seale of secrecy. 1692 R. L'ESTRANGE *Fables* xxi. 23 A Thing that's done in Hugger-mugger, under a Seal of Secrecy and Concealment. 1781 COWPER *Conversation* 544 They..wanting him to loose the sacred seal, Found him as prompt as their desire was true To spread the new-born glories in their view. 1831 LOVER *Leg. & Stor. Irel.* Ser. I. 73 'Twas under the seal of confession', said I, 'that you disclosed the deadly secret, and under that seal my lips must have been for ever closed.' 1897 'A. HOPE' *Phroso* vii. (1905) 126 The secret was out through Constantine's fault, not hers, and the seal was removed from her lips.

c. *Hermes' Seal, Hermetic seal* (see HERMES 3 a, HERMETIC *a.* 2 b).

1569 J. SANDFORD tr. *Agrippa's Van. Arles* 158 *b*, The foolish misteries..of the seale of Hermes,..& of infinite like trifles.

d. *Seal of relics* [med.L. *sigillum altaris*], a stone cemented above the aperture in which relics are placed at the consecration of an altar. (The use in quot. 1843 is prob. an error.)

1843 *Ecclesiologist* Sept. III. 6 A stone Altar may be provided two ways. Either make it a plain solid mass of masonry, the slab (technically called *seal* or *table*) of black granite or marble.., or [etc.]. 1897 *Catholic Dict.* (ed. 5) 238/1 The consecration endures till the altar-stone is broken or the seal of relics broken.

3. An engraved stamp of metal or other hard material used to make an impression upon wax, etc. affixed as a 'seal' (in sense 1 or 2). Cf. SIGNET.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 557 Als prient of seel in wax es thrist, þer in he has his licam fest. *c* 1380 WYCLIF *Sel. Wks.* III. 103 As þe tendre wex makeþ no preynte in þe seel, hot þe seel makeþ a preynt in tendere wex. 1463 *Bury Wills* (Camden) 15 A dowhill seel with two prentys. 1518 *Coventry Leet-bk.* 657 The sealles [for marking cloth] to be put in a Cofre with ij keys. 1591 LAMBARDE *Archeion* (1635) 56 And then, thus have you the Chancellor furnished with the Seale of Grace, and Seale of Common Iustice. 1600 J. PORY tr. *Leo's Africa* III. 160 Neere vnto the mint stande the gold-smiths shops, whose Consul or gouernour keepes the seale and stamps of the coine.. 1770 LANGHORNE *Plutarch* (1851) I. 454/1 This seal he always wore and constantly sealed his letters with it. 1864 BOUTELL *Her. Hist. & Pop.* xxiv. 398 In taking these impressions, two dies or matrices ..were employed; these were severally called the Seal and Counter-Seal. 1879 A. S. MURRAY in *Encycl. Brit.* X. 137/2 The favourite shapes [of gems] in Assyria were the cylinder pierced lengthways, and sometimes fitted with a swivel so as to be used as a seal [etc.].

fig. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Wife's Prol.* 604 Gat tothed I was and that bicam me weel, I hadde the prente of seint Venus seel [*Cambr. MS.* seynt peterys sel]. 1670 DRYDEN *Tempest* IV. 53 He has a melting heart, and soft to all the Seals Of kindness; I will undertake for his compassion.

b. As a mark or sign of office. Chiefly *the seals*, as the symbol of the position of Lord Chancellor or of Secretary of State.

c 1480 HENRYSON *Mor. Fab.* (S.T.S.) 1699 Syne cummis Uer quhen winter is away, The Secretar of Somer with his Seill. 1667 CHAS. II in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. II. IV. 316 As my purpose was also to say something to you concerning my taking the Seals from the Chancellor. 1710 LUTTRELL *Brief Rel.* (1857) VI. 571 A patent is passing the seales to create the marques of Kent a duke. 1775 *Brit. Chronol.* I. 3 Apr. 1704, The earl of Nottingham not being satisfied with the Queen's measures, resigned the seals as secretary of state. 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* iv. I. 447 Sunderland..was suffered to retain his seals. 1870 STANHOPE *Hist. Eng.* 1701–13, i. 6 The King sent to him the Earl of Jersey, with a peremptory order to return the Seals.

†**c.** The keeper of the seal of a court. (Cf. 4 b.)

1658 FANSHAW *Pract. Exch. Crt.* 102 The Seale of the Court. Is the Officer that keepeth the Seale of the Court all terme time under every Chanceller.

d. A device or inscription engraved on a seal.

1609 BIBLE (Douay) *Ecclus.* xlv. 14 A crowne of gold vpon his miter graven with a seale of holines. 1610 HOLLAND *Camden's Brit.* I. (1637) 244 He used the Helme of a ship for a seale in his ring. 1818 BYRON *Juan* I. CXCVIII, The seal a sunflower; '*Elle vous suit partout.*' 1851 TENNYSON *E. Morris* 105 She sent a note, the seal an *Elle vous suit.*

e. *Under the cold seal*: see quot.

1832 *M. Bacon's Abridgm. Law* (ed. 7) IV. 610 *marg. note.* Sometimes new magistrates are added under the cold seal, as it is termed; that is, their names are indorsed on the old commission, and the seal is pro formâ, applied again to the same wax.

f. A trinket, containing either an engraved stone for sealing letters, or a flat stone or piece of coloured glass in imitation of this, formerly often worn as an ornamental appendage to a watch-guard. Hence applied in plural to the bunch of trinkets of this and other shapes worn in this manner.

1837 DICKENS *Pickwick* x, A gold watch-chain, and seals, depended from his fob. 1848 THACKERAY *Bk. Snobs* xxxiv, A large plethoric man, with a bunch of seals in a large bow-windowed light waistcoat..His seals jingle as he walks.

†**g.** *Burning seal* (Sc.): an iron for branding casks. *Obs.*

1692 in *Extracts Rec. Convent. Burghs Scot.* (1880) IV. 153 Each royall burrow that makes casks for export they are to keep ane burning sale,..and befor they be loadned the maker of the saids casks is..to call the visitor appoynted by the said toune whoe is to try the samen, and if sufficient to put the publict sale vpon them.

4. Great Seal. The seal (in sense 3) used for the authentication of documents of the highest importance issued in the name of the sovereign or (in a republic) of the highest executive authority; also, the impression of this on wax. Formerly also BROAD SEAL.

When England, Scotland, and Ireland were separate kingdoms, each had its own Great Seal, the custodian of which was normally the Lord High Chancellor; in England the Lord Keeper (of the Great Seal) was formerly sometimes a different person from the Chancellor, but under Q. Elizabeth the offices were united. Since the Union England and Scotland have only one Great Seal, of which the Chancellor has the custody; Ireland on the contrary has its own Great Seal, in the hands of the Irish Lord Chancellor. The Great Seal of the United States is kept by the Secretary of State.

c 1400 MAUNDEV. (1839) viii. 82, I hadde Lettres of the Soudan, with his grete Seel; and comounly other Men have but his Signett. 1432 *Rolls of Parlt.* IV. 418/2 Lettres Patentes of proteccion under his grete Seall. 1473 *Paston Lett.* III. 99 Item, the Kynge hathe sent ffor hys Great Seall. 1613 SHAKS. *Hen. VIII*, III. ii. 347 For your stubborne answer About the giuing backe the Greate Seale to vs, The King shall know it, and (no douht) shal thanke you. 1685 BAXTER *Paraphr. N. T.* Mark xiv. 22 As the King maketh a piece of Wax to become his Great Seal, by which he conveyeth Land, Liberty and Life. 1726 SWIFT *Gulliver* I. iii, The Man Mountain shall not depart from our Dominions without our Licence under our great Seal. 1886 J. H. MIDDLETON in *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 587/2 The great seal of the Commonwealth is a marvel of ugliness.

†**b.** *elipt.* The custodian of the Great Seal, the Lord High Chancellor or Lord Keeper. *Obs.*

1621 ELSING *Debates Ho. Lords* (Camden) 15 Shall the Greate Seale come to the barr? First sende to him and heare his answere, before he be sent for to come to the barr. 1641 in *Fasti Aberd.* (Spalding Cl.) 153 And his majestie wills and declaires, that thir presentis sall be a sufficient warrand ..to the great seill and to his majestie's heigh chancellar for appending of the said seill, without passing of any uther seills or registeris.

†**5.** **a.** An assembly for the purpose of witnessing the affixing of the Great Seal to documents; a sealing by the Chancellor or the Commissioners having the custody of the Great Seal. **b.** The place at which documents are sealed by the Chancellor. *Obs.*

[After F. *sceau*, 'l'action de sceller, le temps et le lieu où l'on scelle' (Littré).]

a. 1660 PEPYS *Diary* 20 Aug., Here I staid, and saw my Lord Chancellor come into his Great Hall, where wonderful how much company there was to expect him at a Seale. 1686 EVELYN *Diary* 5 May, There being a Seale it was fear'd that we should be requir'd to passe a doquett dispensing with Dr. Obadiah Walker. 1705 LUTTRELL *Brief Rel.* (1857) V. 602 This day the lord keeper held a public seal in the Middle Temple hall.

b. 1672 *Essex Papers* (1890) I. 43 By a Clause there I am forbid to intermedle in y^e^ passing of any Charters to Corporacions, w^ch^ for y^e^ present stops that of Dundalke, for w^ch^ I had granted a Warr^t^, and it now stays at y^e^ Seale til I can receive some directions from y^r^ LOP.

†**6.** = BUTTON 2 c. *Obs.*

1611 COTGR. s.v. *Bosse*, The first putting out of a deeres head formerly cast; which our wood-men call, if it bee a red deeres, the burle, or seale.

7. *techn.* (transferred use of 2.) **a.** = *dip-pipe* (DIP *sb.* 11). **b.** The quantity of water or tar left in the dip-pipe for preventing the escape of gas. **c.** A small quantity of water left in a trap to prevent the escape of foul air from a sewer or drain.

1853 S. HUGHES *Gas-works* 197 When the whole of the gas-holder was out of the water and hanging in air (with the exception of the water seal). 1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech., Seal* 2. (Gas-works) a water-trap joint, as in gas-works, where the gas is drawn or forced beneath a plate, whose lower edge is beneath the level of the water in the tar-well. 1877 W. RICHARDS *Manuf. Coal Gas* 172 In estimating the capacity of a tank and its corresponding holder, due allowance must be made for the height of the dip or seal. *Ibid.* 210 An argument raised against telescopic gasholders is the liability of the water forming the lute, or seal, to freeze. 1884 WARING in *Century Mag.* Dec. 263/1 The depth of seal is the distance from the surface of the water in the bowl to the top of the intake. 1889 — *Sewerage* 282 This trap lost one inch of its seal in five trials out of ten.

8. *attrib.* and *Comb.*: **a.** objective, as †*seal-cutter, -cutting, -engraver, -keeper* (also *fig.*).

1624 FLETCHER *Rule a Wife* IV. i, Brick me into that wall there for a chimney peece, And say I was one oth Cæsars, done by a *seale-cutter. 1847 LINDSAY *Chr. Art* I. p. ccix. *note*, A complete classification should include artists in wood-carving, in *cisellatura* or goldsmiths' work, in medal-casting, gem and *seal-cutting. 1842 FRANCIS *Dict. Arts*, etc., *Seal engraver's lathe. 1560 DAUS tr. *Steidane's Comm.* 119 *Seale keepers [orig. *sigilliferi*], Notaries, and such other lyke. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* xv, Why should he not declare himself..seal-keeper of that young woman's conscience?

b. Special combinations: **seal-bag**, the case in which the official seals were formerly kept (*Cent. Dict.* 1891); **seal-cup**, in gas-works, the receptacle for tar or water in a seal or dip-pipe; **seal-cylinder** = CYLINDER 4 a; †**seal-day** (*Guernsey*), a date fixed for the meeting of a State Council at which official papers received the seal; **seal-flower**, the plant *Dicentra spectabilis* (Miller *Plant-n.* 1884); **seal-lock**, a lock fitted with a 'seal' (often a small square of glass) which must be broken before the lock can be opened; **seal-**

master, an official whose duty was to affix a seal to textile fabrics as a guarantee of the standard of excellence, etc.; †**seal-office** = sense 5 b, also *allusively*; **seal-pipe**, in gas-works, = *dip-pipe*; **seal-press**, a machine for embossing a device upon paper or other soft material (Knight *Dict. Mech.* 1875); **seal-ring**, a finger ring bearing a seal (cf. SIGNET *sb.* 1); **seal-stamp** = *seal-press*; **seal-stone**, a precious stone bearing an engraved device; **seal-top** *a.*, (of a spoon) having the handle finished with a seal (also ellipt. as *sb.*); †**seal-wax** = SEALING WAX; †**seal-work**, ornamentation resembling that of a seal; **seal-wort**, (*a*) *Sagina procumbens*; (*b*) = SOLOMON'S SEAL (*Polygonatum*).

1872 W. C. HOLMES & Co. *Manag. Gas Works* 108 Care should be taken to keep the *seal-cups of telescopic gas-holders..free from ice. **1874** KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.* s.v. *Dip-pipe*, The seal-cup is charged with tar. **1871** P. SMITH *Anc. Hist. East* xvi. § 10 (1881) 339 fig., *Seal-cylinder on metal axis. **1682** WARBURTON *Hist. Guernsey* (1822) 93 At the next *seal-day..it may be sealed. **1871** *Patent* No. 1440 *Chronol. Index* 325 *Seal-lock manufacturer. **1905** *Rec. Cloth Manuf. New Mills* (S. H. S.) Introd. 75 No cloth could be sold unless it was sealed by the official *seal-master. *c* **1614** BEAUM. & FL. *Wit at Sev. Weap.* I. i, Here's first my hand, now't goes to the *Seale Office. [*Kisses her.*] **1819** TAUNTON *Rep. Cases Comm. Pleas* VII. 182 Until which hour, by the rule of Court, the seal-office ought not to be shut. **1875** KNIGHT *Dict. Mech., Seal-pipe* (Gas), a pipe whose inlet or exit is beneath the surface of the water in a hydraulic main to prevent reflux of gas. **1608** MIDDLETON *Five Gallants* II. iii, My grandfather's *seal-ring. **1866** J. AYRE *Treas. Bible Knowl.* (1870) 804/2 According to Jewish writers the Hebrew women used seal rings. **1851** MAYNE REID *Scalp Hunters* xxvi, The brass *seal-stamp of the merchant's clerk. **1774** HILL *Theophr. Hist. Stones* 42 Hence the Word Seal Stone, σφραγὶς or σφραγιδιτον, became with them a common Word for what we call Gem. **1900** E. CLODD *Story of Alphabet* iii. 51 Seal-stones engraved with signs which are..designed to convey information about their owners. **1898** *Daily News* 11 July 10/5 A 16th century *seal-top spoon. **1905** *Circle* May 35/1 An Elizabethan spoon, mark St. Catherine's wheel, £50; a 'seal-top', of the same reign, engraved L.C.F.M., £48. *c* **1714** ARBUTHNOT, etc. *Mem. M. Scribl.* I. xiv. (1741) 51 He saw his Monkey exceedingly busy in picking the *Seal-wax by little bits from a Letter. **1768** STERNE *Sent. Journ.* (1778) I. 146 (*The Letter*), La Fleur.. fetch'd sand and seal-wax. **1648** HERRICK *Hesper., Temple* 63 A thin Subtile, and ductile Codlin's skin; Which o're the board is smoothly spred, With little *Seale-work Damasked. **1837** BAXTER *Brit. Phænog. Bot.* III. 199 *Sagina procumbens*..*Seal-wort. **1863** PRIOR *Plant-n.*, Seal-wort,..the Solomon's seal.

Seal, *sb.*[3] *Obs.* exc. *dial.* Also 5 **sele,** 6 **seale,** *Sc.* **selll.** [f. SEAL *v.*[2]] = SALE *sb.*[3] Also *attrib.*

c **1440** *Promp. Parv.* 452/1 Sele, horsys harneys, *arquillus*. **1530** PALSGR. 269/1 Seale horse harnesse. **1597** in *Spalding Club Misc.* (1841) I. 179 Scho tuik tua oxin, and hand in on seill. **1844** H. STEPHENS *Bk. Farm* I. 135 Cattle are bound to the stake in various ways. One way is with an iron chain, commonly called a binder or seal. *Ibid.* 136 The seal-stake is placed in an inclined position to allow its top to be fastened to the wall.

Seal, *sb.*[4] *Obs.* exc. *dial.* Also 6, 8–9 **sale,** 7 **seale,** 9 *Sc.* **sealh.** [See SALLOW *sb.*]

1. A willow. In Spenser: Willow-twigs.

1579 SPENSER *Sheph. Cal.*, Dec. 81 Who to entrappe the fish in winding sale Was better seene, or hurtful beastes to hont? *Ibid. Gloss.*, *Sale* or *Salow*, a kind of woodde like Wyllow. **1682** *Quarter Sess. Rec.* 11 July in *N. Riding Rec. Soc.* VII. 57 For cutting and carrying away twenty seales. **1795** *Trans. Soc. Arts* XIII. 157 Seals, Black Cherry Trees, Balm of Gilead Trees. **1882** J. LUCAS *Stud. Nilderdale* 116 In Sykes Moss, most of the buried trees are sealhs, oaks, and birches.

2. A plantation of willow trees.

1794 DONALDSON *Agric. Northampt.* 34 The forest underwood, through the whole sale, or part which is cut, does not in general bring above 4*l.*

Seal, *sb.*[5] *Obs.* exc. *dial.* Also 9 (*dial.*) **sale.** [Perh. repr. OE. *sæl, sǽle* house.] (See quot. 1756.)

1756 C. LUCAS *Ess. Waters* II. 35 The houses in which the salt works are carried on..are also called Seals. **1882** MRS. CHAMBERLAIN *W. Worc. Gloss., Sales*, or *Seals*, salt-works. (Droitwich.)

Seal (sīl), *v.*[1] Forms: 3, 5–7 **seale,** 3 **seil,** 3–6 **sele,** 4–6 **seele,** 6 **seel,** (4 **ceel,** 4–5 **cele**), 5 *Sc.* **seyll, sell,** 6 *Sc.* **seil**(l, 6 **seall,** 5– **seal.** [a. OF. *seeler, seieler* (mod.F. *sceller*), f. *seel, seiel*: see SEAL *sb.*[2]]

I. To attest by a seal.

1. *trans.* To place a seal upon (a document) as evidence of genuineness, or as a mark of authoritative ratification or approval.

In legal use often coupled with *sign* or *deliver*; now chiefly in the full phrase 'signed, sealed, and delivered', indicating the complete execution of a deed.

1338 R. BRUNNE *Chron.* (1810) 29 Of him haf þei chartre seled with his seale. *a* **1400** *Old Usages Winchester* in *Eng. Gilds* (1870) 359 Myd wham men seleþ þe chartres of ffeffement of þe town. **1477** EARL RIVERS (Caxton) *Dictes* 11 Whan thou shalt commaunde eny lettres to thy klerke to be made, signe nor seale them not til thou haue ouerseen thaim. **1592** WEST *1st Pt. Symbol.* § 104 To do, suffer & make seale & deliuer al such assurances..as shal be deuised..by the said R. **1596** SHAKS. *Merch. V.* I. iii. 146 Goe with me to a Notarie, seale me there Your single bond. **1653** EVELYN *Diary* 21 Jan., I went to London and there seal'd some of the writings of my purchase of Sayes Court. **1700** J. TYRRELL *Hist. Eng.* II. 763 The King's Charter which was formerly Sealed with Wax,..was now Sealed with Gold. **1719** DE FOE *Crusoe* II. (Globe) 465 They only desired one general Writing under my Hand for the whole, which I caused to be drawn up and sign'd and seal'd to them. **1818** CRUISE *Digest* (ed. 2) IV. 138 The deed was sealed and delivered, but no livery of seisin was given. **1855** MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* xx. IV. 427 The Privy Council..ordered the Charter to be sealed.

absol. *c* **1470** HENRY *Wallace* X. 1148 The Bruce and he completyt furth thar handis; Syn that samyn nycht thai sellyt with thar handis. **1596** DALRYMPLE tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* II. 337 Thir to confirme, the King ilk ane seilis, and euerie ane than seilit, conforme to the Queines pleisure. **1685** EVELYN *Diary* 24 Dec., Attended by three of the Clearks of the Signet, we met and seal'd. **1692** R. L'ESTRANGE *Fables* IX. 9 Wherefore Friendships, Charities, and Kindnesses, should be well Weigh'd and Examin'd,..before we Sign and Seal. **1818** SCOTT *Rob Roy* ix, How does Farmer Rutledge?..I hope you found him able to sign, seal, and deliver? **1825** T. HOOK *Sayings* Ser. II. *Sutherl.* (Colburn) 65 To-morrow, Sutherland, we will sign and seal.

b. *fig.* To authenticate or attest solemnly by some act compared to the affixing of a seal.

a **1600** *Satir. Poems Reform.* xix. 68 This commoun weil he luifit sa tenderlie,..His lufe to it he schew maist faithfullie, And with his blude he seillit it up at last. **1593** SHAKS. 3 *Hen. VI*, v. vii. 29 The duty that I owe vnto your Maiesty, I Seale vpon the lips of this sweet Babe. **1655** SIR E. NICHOLAS in *N. Papers* (Camden) II. 275 Hee is resolued to credit nothing contrary to yᵉ relation hee hath receiued, which though yᵉ informer should seale with ten thousand sacraments will one day to his shame appeare notoriously false. **1761** GRAY *Williams* 6 The first in blood his infant honour seal'd.

c. To conclude, ratify, render binding (an agreement, etc.) by affixing the seals of the parties to the instrument. Also *fig.*, to ratify or clinch (a bargain) by some ceremonial act.

c **1470** HENRY *Wallace* VIII. 1567 Thai scyllyt the pes with out langar delay. **1560** DAUS tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* 105 Hereof were obligations made and sealed in the later ende of November. **1589** GREENE *Menaphon* (Arb.) 89 They plighted faith and troth, and Carmela..sealed it with a kisse. **1617** MORYSON *Itin.* III. 88 When they sell houses or lands, they bring a tun of beere or vessell of wine into the streete, and seale the bargaine by drinking with their neighbours. **1719** YOUNG *Busiris* III. i, Before the rising sun my lord arrives, To seal our vows. **1807** CRABBE *Par. Reg.* III. 968 Brides..and bridegrooms..By love or law compell'd their vows to seal. **1836** THIRLWALL *Greece* xiii. II. 164 Peace was concluded, and sealed by a marriage.

d. To grant (a charter, etc.) under one's seal; †*fig.* to give (testimony, a promise, etc.) in an authoritative manner or with solemn pledges of good faith.

a **1625** FLETCHER *Custom of Country* v. i, My hospitable word..Did I not Seale still to thee? **1628** COKE *On Litt.* § 534 And as to the disseisee who sealed the same Deed, this shall enure but by way of confirmation. **1641** HINDE *J. Bruen* xxxi. 97 The University in his youth, and the countrey in his riper age, may, and will seale him a worthy testimony for a Gentleman. **1660** PEPYS *Diary* 17 Mar., This day..I did seal my will to her [my wife], whereby I did give her all that I have in the world.

e. To impose (an obligation, a penalty) *on* a person in a binding manner.

1622 MASSINGER & DEKKER *Virg. Mart.* v. ii, Who for the same cause in my presence seald His holy anger on his daughters hearts. **1633** FORD *Broken H.* III. iv, You have seal'd ioy close to my soule. **1870** C. J. VAUGHAN *Earnest Words* 110 A man who can speak thus..seems..to have sealed upon himself that which God never meant him for—a life of hardness and a death of despair]

f. *fig.* Of a thing or act: To attest or ratify as a seal does; to be a 'seal' to.

1648 HERRICK *Hesper., Panegerick* 128 No Planke from Hallowed Altar..do's seale A curse to Thee or Thine. **1654** Z. COKE *Logick* 178 Extream Unction is a Sacrament: therefore, it sealeth spiritual graces. **1720** POPE *Iliad* XVII. 246 Then with his sable Brow he gave the Nod, That seals his Word. **1888** LANE *Illust. Notes Eng. Ch. Hist.* II. xxviii. 233 Those whose profession of Christianity had been sealed by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

g. To decide irrevocably (the fate of a person or thing); to complete and place beyond dispute or reversal (a victory, defeat, etc.).

1810 SHELLEY *Marg. Nicholson Fragm.* 9 Fate, envious Fate, has sealed my wayward destiny. **1817** — *Revolt of Islam* IV. xxv, Why pause the victor swords to seal his overthrow? **1834** PRINGLE *Afr. Sk.* v. 197 A gun was levelled, ..to seal the fate of this brave and generous officer. **1837** DISRAELI *Venetia* III. vii, Tomorrow would seal his triumph. **1867** SMILES *Huguenots Eng.* v. (1880) 82 The massacre of Saint Bartholomew..sealed the fate of Mary Stuart.

2. To mark by a seal as reserved for a particular destination. Chiefly *fig.*, esp. In certain uses of New Testament origin: To designate, set apart, assign *to* another person or bind *together*, by an inviolable token or pledge.

a **1225** *St. Marher.* 4 He hit wat ful wel þe hauեð iseilet to him me seolf. *c* **1230** *Hali Meid.* (MS. Bodl.) 14/128 Ant tu..þet art iloten to him with meiðhades merke, ne brec þu nawt þet seil þet seileð inc to gederes. *c* **1374** CHAUCER *Troylus* IV. 293 Syn ye Cryseyde and me han fully brought In-to your grace and bope our hertes seled, How may ye suffre allas it be repeled? **1526** TINDALE *Rev.* vii. 3 [The angel] cryed..saying: hurt not the erth..tyll I have sealed [*Wycl.* 1382 til we signe, 1388 til we marken] the seruauntes of oure god in their foreheddes. **1596** SPENSER *State Irel.* Wks. (Globe) 646, I doe not blame the christening of them, for to be sealed with the marke of the Lambe..I hold it a good and gracious woorke. **1630** SHIRLEY *Grateful Serv.* III. i, Hath some wound, Or other dire mis-fortune, seal'd him for The grave. **1827** POLLOK *Course T.* x, Have not all my money, all my love, been sealed and stamped with signature of heaven? **1865** SEELEY *Ecce Homo* iv. (ed. 8) 32 God, who had sealed that [Abraham's] family for himself.

b. In allusions to Rev. vii. 5–8.

In the original passage the verb is not really construed with *of*, as in the imitative use.

[**1535** COVERDALE *Rev.* vii. 5–8 Of the tryhe of Iuda were sealed xij. M...Of the tryhe of Beniamin were sealed xij. thousande. (Similarly **1611**.)] *a* **1637** B. JONSON *Underwoods* lxv. (*title*) An Epistle, answering to one that asked to be Sealed of the Tribe of Ben. **1906** *Macm. Mag.* Apr. 441 He was a king among us [*sc.* fishermen],—if two long seasons ..may entitle the writer of this modest tribute to account himself sealed of the tribe.

c. Among the Mormons of Utah, to set apart (a woman) by a solemn ceremony *to* a man as one of his 'spiritual wives'.

1857 J. HYDE *Mormonism* 84 (Bartlett 1860) People, according to Mormon technology, are married for time, but sealed for eternity.

3. To impress a seal upon (weights or measures) to indicate that their correctness has been tested by municipal or other lawful authority. Also, to place an official stamp on (merchandise, e.g. pieces of cloth) to certify that it is of standard measure or quality.

1467 *Coventry Leet-bk.* 334 The mesuris to be delyueryd by the comyn seriant to delyuer hem selyd with-owt money-takyng therfor. **1518** *Ibid.* 657 A Sealer to be ordeyned & sworne to stryke the Cloth & seale hit & wrete hit & fynde leed & to haue a peny for his labor. **1615** BRATHWAIT *Strappado* 6 Those Who are appointed by their charge to know, Whether thy pots be sealed yea or no. **1682** SALA *Seven Sons* III. 4, I wonder they did not ask to see..the cat-o'-nine-tails, sealed with the seal of the visiting justice.

†4. *intr.* (Cf. 1 *absol.*) To set one's seal (*to* a document). Also *spec.* to set one's seal to or execute a promissory note; to become security *for* a person. Also *to seal under*. *Obs.*

1523 LD. BERNERS *Froiss.* I. ccxiii. 263 At the request of the kyng of Englande, the frenche kyng..confyrmed and sealed to the gyfte of syr John Chandos, he to possede and to haue the same landes, as his true heritage for euer. **1596** SHAKS. *Merch. V.* I. iii. 89 He borrowed a boxe of the eare of the Englishman, and swore he would pay him againe when he was able: I thinke the Frenchman became his suretie, and seald vnder for another. *Ibid.* I. iii. 172 Yes Shylocke, I will seal vnto this bond. **1632** MASSINGER *City Madam* I. ii, At the Academie of valour...Where they are taught the ways, Though they refuse to seal for a Duellist, How to decline a challenge. **1633** MARMION *Fine Comp.* III. iv. F 1 b, Hee is either trudging now vnto a broaker, Or to invite some new heire to a breakefast, To seale for the commodity.

†b. *fig.* To assent, lend one's support or authority *to* a statement or proposal. *Obs.*

1579 W. WILKINSON *Confut. Fam. Love* 10 It is sufficient ..that if they lauish out any vntruth, that I be pardoned for not sealyng vnto it. **1607** CHAPMAN *Bussy D'Ambois* III. i. 34 *Gui.* I seale to that. **1665** NEEDHAM *Med. Medicinae* 353 And pray you, who is ignorant of this truth? Not an old woman in all the Town but will seal to it. **1683** LUTTRELL *Brief Rel.* (1857) I. 282, 85 were for sealing to the regulation required by his majestie, and 103 against it.

†c. *fig.* ? To make peace. *Obs.*

1596 NASHE *Saffron Walden* N 2, I haue not yet seald and shakt hands with him for making two such false Prophets of Saturne & Iupiter.

II. To fasten with or as with a seal.

5. *trans.* To fasten (a folded letter or other document) with melted wax or some other plastic material and impress a seal upon this, so that opening is impossible unless the seal is broken.

a **1225** *Ancr. R.* 388 Ase a king þet..sende his sondesmen biforen..mid lettres isealed. [*Cf. below*: ase lettres iopened.] *a* **1400** *Arthur* 272 Þis lettre was celyd fast, Y-take the Messagerez on hast. *c* **1450** *Merlin* xxxi. 619 He drough oute the letter of kynge Rion that was seled with x seles roiall. **1560** DAUS tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* 105 b, They wryte an aunswere to the Emperour..and delivered the same sealed to the intercessours. **1616** R. COCKS *Diary* (Hakl. Soc.) I. 113, I sealed up my packet letters for England. **1710** SWIFT *Jrnl. to Stella* 10 Nov., I will seal my letter early. *c* **1808** PORTER *Russia & Swed.* (1813) I. ii. 14 [Nelson] desired Colonel Stewart to send some one below for a light, that he might seal his despatch. **1841** THACKERAY *Gt. Hoggarty Diamond* iii, This letter, sealed with his lordship's own crown.

b. Said of the signet itself.

1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* xxxv, The very seal that sealed it had been robbed from George's dead body as it lay on the field of battle.

c. To stamp the wax fastening (a letter) *with* something substituted for a seal.

1718 *Free-thinker* No. 108. 24 In breaking open the Second Letter, I observed it was sealed with a Thimble.

d. To fasten up (a letter, a parcel) with sealing-wax, a wafer, gum, or the like.

1818 SCOTT *Hrt. Midl.* xxviii, She sealed her letters carefully, and put them into the post-office with her own hand. **1848** THACKERAY *Van. Fair* liii, This letter, sealed with a wafer, was despatched by one of the messengers.

6. To place a seal upon the opening of (a door, a chest, etc.) for security. Also with *up*.

a **1300** *Cursor M.* 17348 Þai..did to sper þe dors fast, Locked bath wit-vte and in And seild wit þair seiles tuin. **1398** TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* I. 8 And notwythstondynge that his sepulcre or graue was seelyd and syned & kept with knightes yet the thyrde day he rose in his humanite. **1592** SHAKS. *Rom. & Jul.* v. ii. 11 The Searchers of the Towne..Seal'd vp the doores, and would not let vs forth. **1865** DICKENS *Mut. Fr.* I. viii, Then Mrs. Boffin and me seal up his box..and..I come down here in search of a lawyer to advise. **1891** C. ROBERTS *Adrift America* 56 When the train is composed mainly of empty cars, the doors are often

open, and never sealed...But when they are full the little end doors are usually bolted, and the side doors sealed with a little leaden button or tag. It is an indictable offence to break these.

b. In figurative phrases, esp. *to seal* (a person's) *lips*, to bind or constrain to silence or secrecy; *to seal* (a person's) *eyes* or *ears*, to render blind or deaf, also to restrain from looking or listening. Also with *up*.

In *to seal the eyes*, this verb is not always distinguishable from the figurative use of SEEL *v.*

1633 MARMION *Fine Comp.* II. ii. E 4 b, I would seale my eares, Deafe as the sea, to shiprack't marriners. 1700 DRYDEN *Sigism. & Guisc.* 214 Sleep did his office soon, and sealed his sight. 1782 MISS BURNEY *Cecilia* I. viii, I make it quite a principle to seal up my lips the moment I perceive him. 1814 BYRON *Lara* II. xxii, And seal'd is now each lip that could have told. 1864 BROWNING *J. Lee's Wife* IV. iii, Seal my sense up for your sake? 1888 *Sat. Rev.* 4 Feb. 140/1 The two Ruthvens' mouths were thus sealed for ever.

7. To place in a receptacle secured by a seal.

c 1420 *Brut* 355 Þay waged hatayle & cast doun her glowes; & þanne þey were take vp and seled, and the day & þe place of batayle assygned at Couyntre. 1530 PALSGR. 708/2, I have sent him all his writynges sealed in a bagge. *a* 1547 in J. R. Boyle *Hedon* (1875) App. 81 Thover plus of money ..shalbe bagged and seallyde with xij^th sealis.

b. Chess. *To seal a move.* Of a player in a match or tournament: To place in a sealed envelope a statement of the move he intends to make when the game is resumed after an adjournment.

1891 *Daily News* 16 Jan. 2/4 [This] move was sealed by Mr. Gunsberg at the adjournment. It is worthy of note that so far Mr. Steinitz has not sealed a move.

8. To close (a vessel, an aperture, etc.) securely by placing a coating of wax, cement, or lead, over the orifice, or, in wider sense, by any kind of fastening that must be broken before access can be obtained. *To seal hermetically*: see the adv.

1661 in T. Birch *Hist. Roy. Soc.* (1756) I. 54 The spirit of wine must be the highest rectified. It will do better in a bolt-head sealed up hermetically. 1683 K. DIGBY *Chymical Secrets* 32 Then Seal it Hermetically. 1853 S. HUGHES *Gas-works* 195 The cylinder..may be described as a cylinder inverted over a cistern of water, both the inlet and outlet pipes having their orifices above the surface of the water, so that the gas is hermetically sealed up within the holder, and can only escape through the outlet-pipe. 1877 W. RICHARDS *Manuf. Coal Gas* 210 No ill effects are experienced—at least, so long as the holder remains sealed.

b. *Surg.* To close up (a wound) with a covering that is not to be removed until healing has taken place.

1862 *Med. Times & Gaz.* 6 Dec. 601/2 July 1.—The ulcer was sealed. 4th.—Unsealed, and found to be diminished in circumference half-an-inch; re-sealed. 1863 *Lancet* 8 Aug. 177/2. 1879 *St. George's Hosp. Rep.* IX. 659 Another method of practice handed down from very ancient times..is to seal up the wound.

9. To fasten *on* or *down* with wax or cement.

1665 HOOKE *Microgr.* 38 When I have thus filled it, I can very easily in the..flame of a Lamp seal and joyn on the head of it. 1739 LADY M. W. MONTAGU *Let. to C'tess Pomfret* 10 Oct. (1893) II. 47 A gnat had saluted one of my eyes so roughly that it was for two days absolutely sealed down. 1769 BANCROFT *Guiana* 219 The glass is then to be filled with rum, and the cork sealed down, to prevent its exhalation.

b. *fig.* To fasten, fix immoveably.

a 1661 FULLER *Worthies, M'sex* (1662) II. 189 Otherwise the hot Sun arising, sealeth (to use the Husbandmans Phrase) the Mildew upon the Straw. 1849 M. ARNOLD *Forsaken Merman* 82 But, ah, she gave me never a look, For her eyes were sealed to the holy book.

c. *intr.* To apply wax, etc. in fastening.

1894 BOTTONE *Electr. Instr.* 191 He then immediately seals all round the cork..with good red sealing wax.

10. *Building. trans.* To secure in position in a wall by means of mortar, cement, etc. [So F. *sceller.*]

1662 J. DAVIES tr. *Olearius' Voy. Ambass.* 242 Thence we were brought to the Kitchin...The great Cauldrons were all set in a row, and seal'd within the Wall.

11. *transf.* To enclose, shut *up* within impenetrable barriers.

1667 MILTON *P. L.* v. 966 If from this houre Within these hallowd limits thou appeer, Back to th' infernal pit I drag thee chaind, And Seale thee so, as henceforth not to scorne The facil gates of hell too slightly barrd. 1850 TENNYSON *In Mem.* lv, Shall men..Who loved, who suffer'd countless ills, Who battled for the True, the Just, Be blown about the desert dust, Or seal'd within the iron hills? 1853 KANE *Grinnell Exp.* xxi. (1856) 162 In case we should lose our vessels or become sealed up in permanent ice.

†**III. 12.** a. *trans.* To impress (a mark) *upon.*

b. *intr.* To make marks like those on a seal. *Obs.*

a. *a* 1225 *St. Marher.* 5 He haueð his merke on me iseilet. *a* 1585 MONTGOMERIE *Flyting* 100 The castell 3ee weir well seiled on 3our shoulder.

b. 1567 MAPLET *Gr. Forest* 20 b, That which is grauen or by any wyse sealed vppon.

Seal (sīl), *v.*[2] *dial.* [Specific use of OE. *sǽlan* to bind with a rope, f. *sál* rope (=OS. *sêl*, Du. *zeel*, OHG. *sâl*, mod.G. *seil*, ON. *seil*). Cf. Sw. *sela* to harness.] *trans.* 'To bind or fasten (cattle) in their stalls' (E. D. D.).

1633 in *J. Webster's Displ. Witchcraft* (1677) 348 His Father bad him go and fetch home two Kine to seal. 1729 P. WALKDEN *Diary* (1866) 61 Seeing her like for calving before morning, we brought her up and sealed her. *a* 1843 SOUTHEY *Comm.-pl. Bk.* (1851) IV. 552 As the wife of E. Fearnley was sealing up the cows [etc.].

Seal (sīl), *v.*[3] [f. SEAL *sb.*[1]] *intr.* To hunt for seals.

1828 P. CUNNINGHAM *N. S. Wales* (ed. 3) II. 66 Now we have four vessels constantly whaling; six sealing. 1891 *Times* 27 Jan. 7/1 The claims of the Victoria sealers for compensation in consequence of their not being permitted to seal in the Behring sea.

Sealable (sī·lăb'l), *a. rare.* [f. SEAL *v.*[1] + -ABLE.] That can be or requires to be sealed. Also, † suitable for use in sealing.

1477 *Rolls of Parlt.* VI. 190/2 That in the Citee of London .., such Clothes sealeable, be sealed with Leede as it hath be accustumed. 1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr., Sigillative*, sealable.

Sea'-lark. [LARK *sb.*[1] Cf. mod.L. *alauda marina*, F. *alouette de mer*, G. *seelerche, meerlerche.*]

1. A local name for various small birds frequenting the sea-shore, as (*a*) the ringed plover, *Ægialitis hiaticula*; (*b*) various sandpipers, as the dunlin, *Tringa alpina*, and the sanderling, *Calidris arenaria*; (*c*) the turnstone, *Strepsilas interpres*; (*d*) the sea-titling or rock-pipit, *Anthus obscurus.*

1602 CAREW *Cornwall* I. 35 Amongst the first sort, we reckon the Dip-chicke..Coots, Sanderlings, Sea-larkes [etc.]. *a* 1672 WILLUGHBY *Ornith.* (1676) 230 *Charadrius sive Hiaticula.* The Sea-Lark. 1774 GOLDSM. *Nat. Hist.* (1824) II. 376 With hills very short—the Lapwing,..the Turnstone, and the Sea-lark. 1893 NEWTON *Dict. Birds* 512 Sand-Lark and Sea-Lark are likewise names often given to some of the smaller members of the *Limicolæ.*

† **2.** The smooth blenny, *Pholis lævis. Obs.*

1694 MOTTEUX *Rabelais* IV. iii, A Sea-Lark..is a Fish.. with cartilaginous Wings..by the means of which, I have seen them fly about three Fathom above Water. 1740 R. BROOKES *Art Angling* II. xix. 124 The Sea-Lark or Bulcard.

Sea'-law. A law relating to the duties and rights of persons on the seas. Chiefly in *plural*, applied by writers of the 16th and succeeding centuries to certain mediæval collections of customary laws relating to maritime affairs, esp. the Laws of Wisby, relating to the North Sea and the Baltic, and the Laws of Oléron, relating to the Atlantic.

1613 W. WELWOD (*title*) An Abridgement of all Sea-Lawes. 1664 EXTON *Maritime Dicæologie* I. iii. 13 Dionysius ascribeth the first making of Sea-laws to the Phenicians. 1909 W. ASHBURNER (*title*) The Rhodian Sea-Law.

Sea-lawyer.

1. A shark, the tiger-shark. Also the grey or mangrove snapper.

1811 *Lex Balatron., Sea Lawyer*, a shark. 1876 GOODE *Catal. Fishes Bermudas* 54 *Lutjanus Caxis*...Gray Snapper...Its extreme cunaing..has gained it the soubriquet of 'Sea Lawyer'.

2. An argumentative sailor (see quot. 1867).

1848 C. C. CLIFFORD *Aristoph. Frogs* 37 But now they are sea-lawyers every one, And when you bid them pull, they do demur. 1867 SMYTH *Sailor's Word-bk., Sea-lawyer*, an idle litigious 'long-shorer, more given to question orders than to obey them. One of the pests of the navy as well as of the mercantile marine.

Sealchie, -kie (sī·lxi, sī·lki). *Orkney and Shetland.* Forms: 8 selchie, 8–9 selkie, 9 selky, selchy, sealkie, sealchie, saelkie, silkey. [dim. form of *sealgh* SEAL *sb.*[1]] =SEAL *sb.*[1]

c 1550 MONRO *Descr. Hebrides* (1774) 29 Ane ile callit Ellan Askerin,..guid for fishing and slaughter of selchies. 1744 PRESTON *Zetland* in *Phil. Trans.* XLIII. 61 There are many Otters, which they call Tikes; and Seals, which they call Selkies. 1822 SCOTT *Pirate* xxviii, Our kinswoman has got a pretty seal, too—Here, sealchie, my man. 1888 MRS. SAXBY *Lads of Lunda* 90 Gibbie is no a sealkie, nae mair is Gibbie a cal-loo.

Sealed (sīld), *ppl. a.* [f. SEAL *v.*[1] + -ED[1].]

1. Bearing the impression of a signet in wax (or other material), as evidence or guarantee of authenticity.

a 1225 *Leg. Kath.* 407, & sende iseelede writes wið his ahne kinering. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Man of Law's T.* 736 Lo, heere the lettres seled of this thing. *c* 1511 *1st Eng. Bk. Amer.* (Arb.) Introd. 32/1 Also certefye yow with our lettres sealed. 1602 SHAKS. *Ham.* I. i. 87 A Seal'd Compact, Well ratified by Law, and Heraldrie. 1654 SIR E. NICHOLAS in *N. Papers* (Camden) II. 263 Wee have had much talke in Paris upon a project of sealed paper, wherein all contracts and legall busines should be written. 1905 *Daily Chron.* 29 June 2/2 Spanish 'sealed' bonds..were better at the close.

b. Of weights and measures: Stamped with a mark affixed by a duly appointed officer as a guarantee of accuracy.

1522 *Coventry Leet-bk.* 683 Ordained that all bruers & Typlers order them-selffe to sell ther ale with Sealyd Mesures soche as byn ordenyd. 1573 TUSSER *Husb.* (1878) 38 Beame, scales, with the weights, that be sealed and true.

c. *fig.*

a 1619 FOTHERBY *Atheom.* II. xi. § 4 (1622) 318 A sealed and infallible truth. 1637 RUTHERFORD *Lett.* (1664) 111 Concluded & sealed Salvation may goe through & be ended. 1664 H. MORE *Myst. Iniq.* II. II. vi. 373 Those true Members and marked or sealed Souldiers of Christ. *Ibid.*, The 144 thousand sealed Servants of God.

† **d.** *Sealed earth* [med.L. *terra sigillata*, Gr. *σφραγίς, σφραγῖτις*]: a medicinal earth found in the Island of Lemnos, believed to possess antitoxic properties, sold by apothecaries in cubical blocks bearing a stamp, formerly an impression of the head of Artemis. Also any earth resembling this, in appearance or properties. *Obs.*

1526 *Grete Herball* cccxliv. (1529) Z v, Sealed erthe is of grete vertue to stanneche. 1693 *Phil. Trans.* XVII. 932 Our Author takes notice of Nine sorts of sealed Earths, which he hath observed to be sold by the Drugists of London, under the Title of *Terra Sigillata.* 1762 tr. *Busching's Syst. Geog.* V. 415 The principal of these are its good clay and sealed earth, as also its silver.

† **e.** *Sealed porter*: a porter having the sealed licence of one of the companies of porters. *Obs.*

1625 B. JONSON *Staple of N.* v. iii, I know he was a Porter, And a seal'd Porter for he bore the badge On brest I am sure.

f. *Nat. Hist.* In specific names: Bearing a mark resembling a seal.

1803 SHAW *Gen. Zool.* IV. 474 Sealed Sparus, *Sparus Sigillatus*..marked on each side by a longitudinal paler stripe and a yellow-red ellipse behind each eye.

g. Sealed book: the MS. copy of the Book of Common Prayer, annexed to the official copy of the Act of Uniformity of 1662 preserved in the House of Lords, and constituting the final authority for the text of the book; also, each of the printed copies of this book sent to the Deans and Chapters, and to each of the Courts at Westminster, and to the Tower, accompanied by Letters Patent bearing the Great Seal.

1710 NICHOLLS (*title*) A Comment on the Book of Common Prayer...The text of the whole being compared and amended according to the sealed Books. 1849 STEPHENS (*title*) The Book of Common Prayer...The text taken from the Sealed Book for the Chancery and collated with the Sealed Books for the King's Bench [etc.].

h. Sealed pattern: in British military and naval use, a pattern (e. g. of a weapon or other article of equipment) accepted by the War Office or the Admiralty. In quot. *attrib.* (*nonce-use*).

1902 *Words of Eyewitness* 233 A useful lot, thinks Colonel Jones, but somewhat of an anxiety to his sealed-pattern soldier's mind.

2. Fastened with a seal; closed in such a manner that access (to the contents) is impossible without breaking the fastening. *Sealed orders*: written directions given to the commander of a vessel concerning the destination of a voyage, which are not to be opened until the vessel has left port. *Sealed verdict*: a verdict delivered in a sealed packet in the absence of a judge.

a 1400–50 *Alexander* 5100 Þan sendis scho to him sandismen with selid lettris. *c* 1450 *Mirour Saluacioun* (Roxb.) 2 And eke y^e seled welle [*Song Sol.* iv. 12]..and Balaam sterre. 1611 BIBLE *Transl. Pref.* 4 That person mentioned by Esay, to whom when a sealed booke was deliuered [etc.]. 1615 R. COCKS *Diary* (Hakl. Soc.) I. 89 He thought that Capt. Speck would be content to let hym carry our sealed letters. 1857 MILLER *Elem. Chem., Org.* (1862) 176 Berthelot found that by exposing the alcohol and the acid in sealed tubes for some hours [etc.]. 1872 LOWELL *Dante* Wks. 1890 IV. 237 Most men make the voyage of life as if they carried sealed orders which they were not to open till they were fairly in mid-ocean. 1894 FISKE *Holiday Stories* (1900) 38 Judge Gedney says that you can bring in a sealed verdict without waiting for him.

b. *fig.* or in fig. context. *A sealed book*: often used predicatively of something involved in obscurity, or beyond a person's capacity to understand.

1818 BYRON *Juan* I. xlviii, This, too, was a seal'd book to little Juan. 1840 CARLYLE *Heroes* iii. (1841) 173 Nature with her truth remains to the bad, to the selfish and the pusillanimous, forever a sealed book. 1841 BORROW *Zincali* II. xi. iii. 107 It is no longer a sealed language. 1881 O'SHAUGHNESSY *Songs of a Worker* 171 O bearer with sealed lips of all the lore Man yearns to know.

c. (See sense 2 c of the vb.)

1856 B. G. FERRIS *Mormons at Home* 114 (Bartlett 1860) The extra wives of the Mormons are called by some of them 'spirituals', by others sealed ones.

Sea legs, *pl. jocular.* [Cf. F. *avoir le pied marin.*] In phrases, *To have* or *get one's sea legs on, to find one's sea legs*, to have or acquire the power of walking steadily on the deck of a ship.

1712 W. ROGERS *Voy. round World* 8 They had..got their Sea-Legs. 1840 R. H. DANA *Bef. Mast* ii, In addition to all this, I had not got my 'sea legs on'. 1898 BARING-GOULD *Old Eng. Home* xii. 286, I have been..a seaman for fifteen years, and have never yet found my sea-legs.

Sealer (sī·lər), *sb.*[1] Forms: 4 seeler, 4, 6 seler, 5– sealer. [f. SEAL *v.*[1] + -ER[1].]

1. One who affixes a seal to a document.

1382 WYCLIF 2 *Esdras* x. 1 Selers forsothe weren Neemias, Athersata [etc.]. 1485 *Rolls of Parlt.* VI. 337/2 The Sealer in the Chauncery. 1580 HOLLYBAND *Treas. Fr. Tong, Chauffecires*, sealers of patentes. 1708 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 4467/4 Complaint hath been made..that the Sealer to the Great Seal has demanded extraordinary Fees for his Attendance in the Country. 1819 TAUNTON *Rep. Cases Comm. Pleas* VII. 182 The sealer of writs is not guilty of a contempt in refusing to seal a writ on St. Luke's day. 1833 *Act* 3 & 4 *Will. IV*, c. 84 § 2 As the Offices..of Chaff Wax and Sealer..become vacant..the Duties of such several Offices shall be performed by the said Purse-bearer.

2. † **a.** One who attaches the official mark or seal to leather or other material as evidence of quality, etc. *Obs.* **b.** An Inspector of weights and measures.

1467–8 *Rolls of Parlt.* V. 630/1 That all the seid Clothes ..be sealed by the Kynge Awnager or Sealer. 1511–2 *Act* 3 *Hen. VIII*, c. 6 § 1 The Alnager or Seler..shall put to every Wollen cloth..the Kynges Seales of leed. 1592 GREENE *Upst. Courtier* E iv b, Whereas your backes of al other shoulde bee best tanned, you bring them so full of horne to the market, that did you not grease the sealers of Leaden hall thoroughly in the fiste, they should neuer be sealed. 1835 *App. Munic. Corpor. Rep.* I. 431 (Barnstaple) The Sealers of Weights and Measures are appointed by the mayor and capital burgesses; they are paid by the fees charged for sealing. *Ibid.* II. 1005 (Axbridge) The office of the Ale Tasters and Leather Sealers has been long obsolete.

1858 *Rev. Statutes Wisconsin* 176 One sealer of weights and measures; and one overseer of highways.

†3. *fig.* One who gathers up and closes the efforts or labours of others. *Obs. rare*—1.

1615 T. Bedwell *Moham. Impost.* III. § 106 Iohn was the sealer vp of the sayings of the Prophets.

†4. *slang.* (See quots.)

1688 Shadwell *Sq. Alsatia* I. i. 7 Cheatly who has drawn in so many young Heirs, and undone so many Sealers. *Ibid. Expl. Cant, Sealer*, one that gives Bonds and Judgments for Goods and Money. 1785 Grose *Dict. Vulgar T., Sealer* or *Squeeze Wax*, one ready to give bond and judgment for goods or money.

Sealer (sī·lǝɹ), *sb.*2 [f. Seal *v.*3 + -er 1.]

1. A vessel engaged in the sealing trade.

1820 W. Scoresby *Acc. Arctic Reg.* I. 508 Many vessels equipped only as sealers, proceed annually into the Greenland Sea. 1904 *Times* 15 Aug. 4/3 The sealer Teresa is at Dutch Harbour..seized for using fire-arms..before..season.

2. One who hunts the seal.

1842 Bonnycastle *Newfoundld.* II. 167 To pay the sealers, or the same men as cod-fishers, regular wages, would at present be impracticable. 1880 H. W. Elliott *Rep. Seal Isl. Alaska* (1884) 164 The sealers on St. Paul..just as the season opens, invariably prophesy a bad year for seals.

Sealery (sī·lǝri). *rare.* [f. Seal *sb.*1 + -ery.] The occupation of hunting the seal.

1895 Kipling *2nd Jungle Bk.* 146 Coming back north.. for the musk-ox hunting and the regular winter sealery.

Sea·less, *a. rare.* [f. Sea *sb.* + -less.] Having no sea, without sea.

1867 H. Macmillan *Bible Teach.* xv. (1870) 303 The greatest happiness of the sealess heaven.

Sea-lettuce. The seaweeds *Ulva Lactuca* and *U. latissima.*

1668 Wilkins *Real Char.* II. iv. § 3. 71 Sea-lettice. 1732 [see Laver *sb.*1 2]. 1753 *Chambers' Cycl.* Suppl., *Lactuca marina*, sea lettuce, in botany, a name used by some authors for the *lichen marinus*, commonly called oister green. 1875 *Encycl. Brit.* II. 218/2 [He] recommends the growth of sea-lettuce (*Ulva latissima*) in tanks, as suitable both for oxygenating the water and for food for the fishes.

Sea-level.

1. The mean level of the surface of the sea, the mean level between high and low tide.

1806 *Gazetteer Scot.* (ed. 2) 550 The altitude of which is 1498½ feet above the sea level. 1869 E. A. Parkes *Pract. Hygiene* (ed. 3) 444 The height of the barometer at sea-level. 1894 *Nature* 26 July 293/2 The correction of the individual readings of the barometer to the sea-level.

2. A level or flat surface of the sea.

1873 M. Collins *Miranda* I. 168 She sat and worked, and looked across the vast sea-levels.

Sealgh, Sealie: see Seal *sb.*1, Seely.

Sea·-light. [Light *sb.*]

†1. Phosphorescence seen at sea. *Obs. rare.*

1755 tr. *Pontoppidan's Nat. Hist. Norway* I. 5 A sea-light or a luminous appearance in the water, called by the Norwegians, Moor-Ild.

2. A beacon, lighthouse, or harbour-light to guide ships at sea.

1691–2 Stillingfl. *Serm.* xxx. Wks. I. 487 It helps them to see their Folly, and like a Sea-light to a sinking Ship in a dark Night, makes those who are aboard, to behold their Misery, without helping them out of it. 1846 *Penny Cycl.* Suppl. II. 527/2 Sea-lights are commonly divided into two principal classes. 1867 Manning *Eng. & Christendom* 164 They who destroy sea-lights are enemies of the human race.

Sea·-like, *a.* and *adv.* [f. Sea *sb.* + -like.]

A. *adj.* Resembling the sea.

1594 T. B. *La Primaud. Fr. Acad.* II. Ep. Ded., The tempestuous..waues of this sea-like worlde. 1610 Holland *Camden's Brit.* I. 20 *Rapidus Garumna*, that is, the strong sealike and swift Garumna. 1776 Mickle tr. *Camoens' Lusiad* VII. 285 Declining southward many a land they lave, And widely swelling roll the sea-like wave. 1878 H. M. Stanley *Dark Cont.* I. xv. 403 The sea-like expanse of the Victoria Lake.

B. *adv.* After the manner of the sea.

1606 Shaks. *Ant. & Cl.* III. xiii. 171 Our seuer'd Nauie too Hane knit againe, and Fleete, threatning most Sea-like. 1864 Tennyson *Specimen tr. Iliad* 1 So Hector said, and sea-like roar'd his host.

Sea·-line. [Line *sb.*2]

1. The coast-line or sea-board.

a 1687 Petty *Pol. Arith.* iv. (1690) 78 The Sea-line of England, Scotland, and Ireland, and the adjacent Islands, is about Three thousand Eight hundred Miles. 1884 W. C. Smith *Kildrostan* I. i. 21 Oaks along the low sea-line Are greenly feathered with fern and moss.

2. The horizon, the line where sea and sky seem to meet.

1880 W. Watson *Prince's Quest* (1892) 58 When the sealine grew O'erhazed with visible heat. 1888 Stevenson *Across the Plains*, etc. (1892) 193 The sea-line rough as a wood with sails.

fig. *a* 1881 Rossetti *House of Life* x, May know The very sky and sea-line of her soul.

3. A line used at sea; (*a*) a sounding line; (*b*) a long line used in sea-fishing in deep water.

1828 *Blackw. Mag.* XXIV. 896 These passages are not cited with so vain a purpose as that of furnishing a sea-line for measuring the 'soundless deeps' of Jeremy Taylor. 1836 Yarrell *Brit. Fishes* II. 145 One mode is by deep sea-lines, called bulters, on the Cornish coast.

Sealing (sī·liŋ), *vbl. sb.*1 [f. Seal *v.*1 + -ing 1.]

1. The action of affixing a seal or stamp to a document as a ratification, or to a manufactured article as evidence of genuineness, measure, or quality.

1338 R. Brunne *Chron.* (1810) 300 For he had grantid þer to þe Chartre forto sele, & after þat selyng alle suld þei come þe harons & þe kyng, & tak of þam hard dome. 1463 *Bury Wills* (Camden) 26 Sum thrifty man..to be at the selyng. 1662 *Act* 14 *Chas. II*, c. 5 § 2 The said Warden.. shall have..Power and Authority..to make Seales from time to time for the sealing of the same [Worsted-] Stuffs. 1818 Cruise *Digest* (ed. 2) IV. 234 Testified by a writing under their hands and seals, attested by two or more witnesses; the attestation extending only to the sealing and delivery of the deed.

†b. *fig. Obs.*

1546 Bale *Eng. Votaries* I. (1560) 28 b, Vowes, othes, ohlygations and sealynges to the Beastes holy seruice. 1555 in Strype *Eccl. Mem.* (1721) III. App. xliii. 121 That God of his free mercy wil give us the ful sealing of his..grace.

2. The action of closing or fastening with a seal.

c 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* vii. (*Jacobus Minor*) 786 Bot Ihesus, quhene he rase fra dede,..al vnsterynge þe stekyne of þe presone & þe selynge, owte of þe cawe þan can me ta. 1669 R. Montagu in *Buccleuch MSS.* (Hist. MSS. Comm.) I. 438 St. Alban's seemed mightily dissatisfied with this sealing up of the goods. 1884 tr. *Gaboriau's Little Old Man* v, The commissary of police was finishing the sealing-up of the cupboards in the bedroom.

b. *Surg.* The close bandaging of wounds, etc.; also. the bandage.

1862 *Med. Times & Gaz.* 6 Dec. 601/2 Treatment of ulcers ..by 'Sealing'. *Ibid.*, It was necessary to remove the sealing. 1863 *Lancet* 1 Aug. 148/1 The Sealing of Ulcers.

†3. = Seal *sb.*2 1 j. *Obs. rare*—1.

1591 Cockaine *Treat. Hunting* D 2 b, Your huntsman early in the morning..must goe to the water; and seeke for the new swaging of an Otter, and in the mud or grauell finde out the sealing of his foote.

4. The action of making an impression upon wax or other soft material by means of a signet.

1674 N. Fairfax *Bulk & Selv.* 176 Little otherwise Gods working or knowing differs from ours, as sealing or printing does from limning and drawing.

b. The impression made by such an act.

1904 *Q. Rev.* Oct. 392 Those monstrous shapes..appear in great variety on gem sealings. 1905 A. J. Evans in *Ann. Brit. Sch. Athens* XI. 12 Among the fragmentary clay sealings..were several of religious import.

5. *Building.* (See quot. and Seal *v.*1 10.)

1728 Chambers *Cycl., Sealing*, in Architecture, the fixing a Piece of Wood or Iron in a Wall, with Plaister, Mortar, Cement, Lead, or other solid Bindings. 1823 P. Nicholson *Pract. Builder* 592.

6. Among the Mormons of Utah: the ceremony of taking a 'spiritual' wife.

1856 B. G. Ferris *Mormons at Home* 114 (Bartlett 1860) These left-hand marriages are called sealings.

7. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as †**sealing money**, a fee paid at the signing of a lease; **sealing-thread**, ? a thread or string laid upon, or covered with, wax before making an impression with the signet; **sealing-water**, water standing in the trap of a drain which prevents the escape of foul air from a sewer.

1599 in Fowler *Hist. C. C. C.* (O. H. S.) 350 Sometimes is noted how much beside the fine the tenants gave for *sealing mony. 1591 Florio *2nd Frutes* 89 Gine me some wax, some *sealing thrid, my dust box, & my seale. 1884 Waring in *Century Mag.* Dec. 260/2 The current thus produced is to carry the *sealing-water with it.

Sealing (sī·liŋ), *vbl. sb.*2 [f. Seal *v.*3 + -ing 1.] The hunting of the seal.

1848 Maunder *Treas. Nat. Hist.* 805 *Sealing*, the operation of taking seals and curing their skins. 1870 *Daily News* 18 Apr., Sealing was exceptionally early this season.

attrib. 1842 Jukes *Excurs. Newfoundld.* I. 277 Captain Forneaux..killed two with his sealing-gun loaded with seal shot. 1858 Greenea *Gunnery* Advt. 2 W. G. will undertake contracts for quantities of arms..such as..rifles or sealing guns. *Ibid.* 3 Sealing rifles. 1860 *Merc. Marine Mag.* VII. 4 Coasting, sealing, or fishing vessels.

Sealing (sī·liŋ), *ppl. a.* [f. Seal *v.*1 + -ing 2.] That seals. Usually *fig.*

c 1450 *Mirour Saluacioun* (Roxb.) 2 To make seling prove of the forsaid sothfastnes. 1682 Flavell *Fear* 102 The sealing graces are in you, the sealing spirit is ready..the sealing promises belong to you. 1856 Ruskin *Mod. Paint.* III. iv. xiv. § 40 It embodies in a few syllables the sealing difference between the Greek and the mediæval.

Sea·ling-wax. [f. Sealing *vbl. sb.*1] In early use, beeswax or a composition containing this, in later use a composition consisting of shellac, rosin, and turpentine, prepared for the purpose of receiving the impression of seals. Also *attrib.*

The modern 'sealing-wax' resembles wax in its fusibility and its plasticity when softened by heat, but its superior hardness when solidified renders it more capable of receiving a sharp and durable impression. It is usually coloured scarlet with vermilion, but black sealing wax is used for mourning, and green, blue, etc. for reasons of ornament.

13.. *Test. Christi* 143 in *Minor Poems fr. Vernon MS.* 647 Þe selyng-wax was deore aboȝt,..And tempred al wiþ vermilonn Of my rede blod þat ran doun. 1580–1 *Act* 23 *Eliz.* c. 8 § 3 Wares wrought with Waxe, as..Staff-Torches, Red Waxe or Sealing Waxe. 1694 *Phil. Trans.* XVIII. 194, I covered the Cork with Sealing-wax. 1712 tr. *Pomet's Hist. Drugs* I. 204 Black sealing Wax is ..colour'd with Smoak Black. 1849 Noad *Electricity* (ed. 3) 28 Mr. Woodward strongly recommends the covering the glass pillars..with sealing-wax varnish. 1894 Bottone *Electr. Instr.* 191 The top of the cork must also be well coated with sealing wax.

Sea·-lion.

†1. A kind of lobster or crab (see Lion *sb.* 8).

1601 Holland *Pliny* xxxii. xi. II. 452 Sea Lions, which haue cleies or armes in manner of Crabfishes, but in other respects resembling Locusts.

2. A fabulous animal. In *Her.* (see quot. 1780).

1661 Tatham in Heath *Grocer's Comp.* (1869) 478 In the Reare..are placed two Sea Lyons riding on the surface of the water, and on their backs two Trytons playing on retorted Pipes or Hornes antique, agreeable with the Musick of Neptune. 1780 Edmondson *Heraldry* II. Gloss., *Sea-lion.* The upper part is formed like that of a lion, and the lower part like the tail of a fish...Sometimes they are drawn erect, and on their tails; and then they are blazoned as follows: *Sea-lions erect on their tails.*

3. One of several large eared seals: (*a*) the largest otary of the North Pacific, *Otaria* (*Eumetopias*) *stelleri*, Steller's or the Northern sea-lion; (*b*) the Southern or Patagonian sea-lion, *Otaria jubata*; (*c*) the *Zalophus lobatus* of Australian seas, also the distinct species *Z. californianus* of the North Pacific.

1697 Dampier *Voy.* I. 90 The Sea Lion is a large creature about 12 or 14 foot long. 1748 *Anson's Voy.* II. i. 124 A sailor..employed in skinning a young sea-lion. 1887 *Cassell's Nat. Hist.* II. 226 White-necked Otary, or Australian Sea-Lion [*Otaria albicollis*]. *Ibid.*, The Patagonian Sea Lion, or Cook's Otary [*Otaria jubata*]. 1880 H. W. Elliott *Rep. Seal Isl. Alaska* (1884) 84 The northern sea-lion, *Eumetopias Stelleri.*

Hence †**Sea-lioness**, a female sea-lion. *Obs. rare.*

1750 Parsons in *Phil. Trans.* XLVII. 111 But, if a shewman gives out, that his animal is a sea-lioness, he will easily report any other absurdity. 1771 tr. *Pernety's Voy. Malouine Isl.* (1773) 186 M. Guyot brought..five sea-lionesses.

Sea-lizard.

†1. Some kind of fish. *Obs. rare*—1. [tr. L. *lacertus.*]

1601 Holland *Pliny* xxxii. xi. II. 452.

2. A gasteropod of the genus *Glaucus.*

1860 G. Bennett *Gatherings Nat. Austral.* 44 Fig. 3. The Sea Lizard (*Glaucus hexapterygius*).

3. An extinct saurian of the sea.

1859 Darwin *Orig. Spec.* xiii. 379 The extinct gigantic sea-lizards.

Sealless (sī·lǝlès), *a. rare.* [f. Seal *sb.*2 + -less.] Not bearing a seal; not possessing a seal.

1644 Prynne & Walker *Fiennes's Trial* 5 The datelesse, namelesse,..seallesse Proclamation. 1895 Rashdall *Universities* I. 327 *note*, The Faculty of Theology continued sealless.

Sea·-louse. [= L. *pediculus marīnus* (Pliny).]

1. A parasitic isopod crustacean of *Cymothoa* and allied genera; a fish-louse.

1601 Holland *Pliny* xxxii. viii. II. 442 Those creepers or insects which be called sea-lice. *a* 1682 Sir T. Browne *Norf. Fishes* Wks. 1835 IV. 328 The gills of these fish we found beset with a kind of sea-louse. 1756 P. Browne *Jamaica* (1789) 393 Corephium...The Sea-Louse. This creature..is often found sticking, like the Limpite, to the rocks. 1858 Baird *Cycl. Nat. Sci.* s. v. *Isopoda*, The genus *Cymothoa*..is called the sea louse by fishermen on the coast.

2. The Molucca crab, *Limulus moluccensis.*

1681 Grew *Museum* I. § vii. iii. 177 The Sharp-Tail'd Sea-Louse. *Pediculus marinus cauda acuta.* 1805 G. Barry *Orkney Isl.* 310 In winter they [*sc.* Stares]..feed on what are called the sea-lice, or *cancer pulex* of Linnæus.

†3. A cowry. *Obs.*

1815 Burrow *Elem. Conchol.* 199 *Cypræa Pediculus* Sea Louse.

Sealskin (sī·lskin), *sb.* and *a.* Forms: see Seal *sb.*1; formerly also seal's skin. [f. Seal *sb.*1 + Skin *sb.*] **A.** *sb.*

1. The skin of any of the Fur Seals, prepared for use as a garment, for the covering of a box, etc.

1325–6 *Ely Sacrist Rolls* (1907) II. 55 In selisskymys empt. ad easdem [campanas]. 1631–2 *Aberd. Acc.* in *Spalding Club Miscell.* V. 149 For a trunk coverit with selches skyn. 1398 in J. R. Boyle *Hedon* (1875) App. 107 Et solnti pro iiij. sele skynnes pro cooperturis, vij.d. 1511–12 *Acc. Ld. High. Treas. Scot.* IV. 201 The dichteyne of ane selk skyne. 1549 *Compl. Scotl.* vi. 60 Tentis..of selcht skynnis. 1610 *Alihorp MS.* in Simpkinson *Washingtons* (1860) App. 6, 3 hampers for the plate covered with sayle skinnes. 1594 Nashe *Unfort. Trav.* Wks. 1904 II. 316 His breast and his belly with seale skins they grated ouer. 1752 *Rec. Elgin* (1903) I. 464 Ilk dozen selch or salt watter otter skins ditto 1s. 1776 Adam Smith *W. N.* I. xi. 1. 292 The price of raw hides is a good deal lower at present than it was a few years ago; owing probably to the taking off the duty upon seal skins. 1886 Ashby-Sterry *Lazy Minstrel* 45 A dainty young damsel is Pearl, Beclad in the softest of seal skin.

b. Applied to textile fabrics imitating the appearance of sealskin.

1860 S. Jubb *Shoddy-trade* 53 Sealskins—These are a cloth made of mohair and other bright-haired materials. 1882 Caulfeild & Saward *Dict. Needlework* 442 *Sealskin Cloth.* The yarn used for this kind of cloth is the finest kind of Mohair. *Ibid.* 450 *Silk Sealskin*, is a very beautiful patent textile, composed of Tussar Silk, and made in imitation of Sealskin Fur.

2. A garment made of sealskin.

1873 *Spectator* 8 Feb. 167 Ladies who pride themselves on their 'seal-skins', and who enjoy the comfort of them.

B. *adj.* Made of sealskin.

1769 Falconer *Dict. Marine* (1780) L 1, The Indian's seal-skin jacket. 1837 Lockhart *Scott* (1839) VII. 187 A pleasant sight it was to see the gallant old gentleman in his seal-skin cap and short green jacket. 1880 H. W. Elliott *Rep. Seal Isl. Alaska* (1884) 80 Seal-skin sacques.

Hence **Sea·lskinned** *a.*

1599 Nashe *Lenten Stuffe* 66 His seale-skind rineld lippes.

Sea-lungs. [tr. L. *pulmo marinus*, Gr. πλεύμων θαλάσσιος, said to be so called from the alternate contraction and expansion, as if breathing.

Cf. Sp. *pulmon marino*, 'a bright Froth in the Sea that shines (Stevens, 1706).]

An acaleph of the Ctenophora.

1640 Wats *Bacon's Adv. Learn.* IV. iii. 215 Which [light] is likewise seen in the fervent froath of the Sea which they

call the Sea-longs [orig. *Pulmonem marinum*]. 1653 R. G. tr. *Bacon's Hist. Winds* 234 Sea water violently stirred up with Oars, will give a light, & seem to burn, which kind of burning or light the Spaniards call the Sea-luogs. *c* 1675 Sir T. Browne *Misc. Tracts* (1684) 197 That passage of Pythæas mentioned by Strabo, that all the air beyond Thule is thick, condensed and gellied, looking just like Sea Lungs. [Strabo πλεύμονι θαλασσίῳ ἐοικός.] 1752 J. Hill *Hist. Anim.* 89 The Sea Lungs. This is a very singular and odd animal; it seems a mere lump, of a whitish semi-pellucid jelly. *a* 1776 J. Ellis *Zoophytes* (1786) 175 *Alcyonium Pulmonaria.* Sea Lungs.

Seam (sīm), *sb.*[1] Forms: 1 seam, 4–5 sem, 4–6 seme, (4 seem), 4–6, 8 seyme, (6 seym), 6–7 seame, 5– seam. [Com. Tent.: OE. *séam* masc. = OFris. *sâm*, MDu. *sôm* (Du. *zoom*), OHG. *soum* hem (MHG., mod.G. *saum*), ON. *saum-r* seam (Sw. *söm*, Da. *søm*) :–OTeut. **saumo-z*, f. **sau-* ablaut-variant of *su-* (cf. L. *suĕre* to sew), by-form of Indogermanic **syu-* in OE. *síwian* to Sew, Skr. *syūman* seam.]

I. Sature, junction.

1. The junction made by sewing together the edges of two pieces or widths of cloth, leather, etc.; the ridge or the furrow in the surface which indicates the course of such a junction; sometimes (cf. Seamy *a.*) the protruding edges of the joined pieces on the wrong side of the cloth.

c 1000 Ælfric *Hom.* II. 254 And heoldon his tunecan untoslitene, forðan ðe heo wæs eal buton seame. 1382 Wyclif *John* xix. 23 Forsothe the coote was with out seem, and aboue wouun bi al. *c* 1400 *Laud Troy Bk.* 11174 A man may se to sow a sem In the furthest of the chirche A-boute mydnyght. *c* 1430 Lydg. *Min. Poems* (Percy Soc.) 201 Hire crowpe doth the semys shrede, Whan they so streyght lasyd been. 1577 Harrison *England* II. vii. in *Holinshed*, Then must the long seames of our hose be set by a plumb-line. 1617 Moryson *Itin.* III. 169 They weare short cloakes..with one small lace to cover the seames. 1630 Drayton *Muses Eliz.* viii. 75 And euery Seame the Nimphs shall sew With th' smallest of the Spinners Clue. 1723 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 6150/3 A white great Coat,..with two Gussits in the Shoulder-Seam. 1842 [see Fell *v.* 6]. 1843 Hood *Song of Shirt* iii, Seam, and gusset, and band. 1885 J. B. Leno *Boot & Shoemaking* ix. 76 The Oxonian or Oxford Shoe..was formerly closed with a flat seam.

† **b.** *Surg.* The joining of the edges of a wound by sewing. *Obs.*

1541 R. Copland *Guydon's Quest. Chirurg.* L ij b, Demaunde, Howe many and what maners are there of seames: Answere, Thre, that is a seam incarnatyfe...The other seame sowyng hyght restraynytyfe of blode...The thyrde is called the seame of conseruatyfe..made..to mayntayne the lyppes tyll the wounde be closed. 1541 — *Galyen's Terap.* 2 G ij h, All the great vlceres ought to be conioyned, eyther by seames or by byndyng.

c. An embellished seaming used in joining costly fabrics; an ornamental strip of material inserted in or laid over a seam; also, material for this purpose.

c 1394 *P. Pl. Crede* 552 Þei ben y-sewed wiþ whiȝt silk & semes full queynte, Y-stongen wiþ stiches þat stareþ as siluer. 1496–7 *Rec. St. Mary at Hill* 33 A flyne Corporas ..with semys of gold. *a* 1548 Hall *Chron., Hen. VIII*, 208 b, The semes of the same wer covered with brode wrethes, of goldsmithes worke. 1687 Wood *Life* 3 Sept. (O.H.S.) III. 230 The king..with an old French course hat on edged with a little seem of lace. 1833 T. Hook *Parson's Dau.* II. vi, A small..'page' to aunt Eleanor..who in that character ..wore red seams down his pantaloons.

d. *fig.*

c 1386 Chaucer *Pars. T.* ¶ 42 Chidynge and reproche..vnsowen the semes of freendshipe in mannes herte. 1589 *Pappe w. Hatchet* Lyly's Wks. 1902 III. 412 Hee runnes ouer his fooleries with a knaues gallop, ripping vp the sonterlie seames of his Epistle. 1608 Shaks. *Per.* II. i. 156 *Sec. Fish*[*erman*]...T'was wee that made vp this Garment [a coat of armour] through the rough seames of the Waters. 1693 Addison *Ess. Virg. Georgics* Wks. 1721 I. 250 Precepts..should be so finely wrought together in the same piece, that no coarse seam may discover where they join. 1768–74 Tucker *Lt. Nat.* (1834) II. 124 One or two of Horace's purple rags, botched together with coarse seams of abuse, will gain prodigious applause.

† **e.** *transf.* An intervening strip. *Obs.*

1678 Marvell *Growth Popery* 44 There is yet a Seam of Land between the French and us [the Dutch].

† **2.** *Anat.* The line of junction of two bones forming an immovable joint, esp. in the skull; a suture. *Obs.*

c 1050 *Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 379 *Cerebrum*, seam þære heafodpannan. *c* 1400 *Lanfranc's Cirurg.* 108 Þe semis þat ben of þe brayn panne. 1552 Udall tr. *Geminus' Anat.* B vij b, The places where the bones do close together maye be called the seames. 1612 Woodall *Surg. Mate* Wks. (1653) 91 If the offence of the *Pericranium* be in the suture or seam it is more dangerous [etc.]. 1653 [see Lambdoidal *a.* 1]. 1668 Culpepper & Cole *Barthol. Anat.* I. xxii. 55 It hath a line..which divides it into a right and left part, and is called a suture or seam.

3. An interstice formed by the abutting edges of planks; a narrow crevice between the edges and ends of the planks or plates of a ship. Chiefly *pl.*

c 1000 Ælfric *Hom.* I. 20 Wyrc þe nu ænne arc,..ȝebref hit eall, and ȝeclæm ealle þa seamas mid tyrwan. 1497 *Naval Acc. Hen. VII* (1896) 294 Payed for..here & Scye..layed in the Semys of the seid Ship. *a* 1618 [see Caulk *v.* 1]. 1666 Dryden *Ann. Mirab.* cxlvii, With boiling pitch, another near at hand,..the seams instops. 1748 *Anson's Voy.* I. viii. 78 The ship..let in the water at every seam. 1790 Cowper *On Rec. Mother's Picture* 103 Sails ript, seams op'ning wide, and compass lost. 1844 Hood *Haunted House* II. xxv, The floor was redolent of mould and must, The fungus in the rotten seams had quicken'd. 1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 820/1 When the planks are fastened, the seams or the intervals between the edges of the strakes are filled with oakum.

4. A line, groove, farrow or the like formed by the abutting edges of two parts of a thing; an indentation or mark resembling this. **a.** on a surface of rock, stone, etc.

c 1330 R. Brunne *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 13976 Þe blod ran þer as water stremes In chynes, in creuesses, & in semes. 13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* B. 555 As þe beryl bornyst byhouez be clene, þat is sounde on vche a syde & no sem habes. 1687 A. Lovell tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* I. 134 That which at first seemed to be seams or joynings of the Stones, are only veins in the Rock. 1851 Mayne Reid *Scalp Hunt.* xli. 314 Shaggy pines hung top downwards, clinging in their [*sc.* rocks'] seams. 1874 Symonds *Sk. Italy & Greece* (1898) I. xi. 212 The seams between the layers of bricks..yield no point of vantage to the penknife. 1876 Page *Advd. Text-bk. Geol.* v. 91 The line that marks this separation between two strata is the seam or line of bedding.

b. on the face or body: † A long incised wound; † the parting (of the hair); a scar (of a healed wound); a deep wrinkle.

c 1400 *Laud Troy Bk.* 5631 In his front he him smot, The blod start out fot hot, He set on him a foule seme. 1585 Higins *Junius' Nomencl.* 24 *Discrimen capillorum*,..the seame of the head or parting of the haire. 1681 Dryden *Abs. & Achit.* 72 [They] looking backward..Saw seams of wounds,..In contemplation of whose ugly scars They cursed the memory of civil wars. 1765 Goldsm. *Double Transf.* 86 In vain she tries her paste and creams, To smooth her skin or hide its seams. 1800 *Med. Jrnl.* III. 263 Those irregular marks, or seams, found after other applications, are not to be met with after the turpentine. 1817 Shelley *Rev. Islam* xii. x, The seams Of his rent heart..a creed Had seared with blistering ice. 1840 Dickens *Barn. Rudge* i, A deep gash, now healed into an ugly seam. 1875 Buckland *Log-Bk.* 59 No seams are perceptible in the features.

c. *Nat. Hist.* (*a*) *Bot.* (see quot. 1796); (*b*) *Conchol.* (see quot. 1816).

1577 B. Googe *Heresbach's Husb.* II. 94 b, Wallnuttes..are set in the ground..the seame downeward, about the beginning of March. 1796 Withering *Brit. Plants* (ed. 3) I. 79 *Seam*, the line formed by the union of the valves of a seed-vessel. *Ibid.* 226 Berry not unlike a capsule,..coat very thin, opening by various seams. 1816 T. Brown *Elem. Conchol.* 163 *Seam*, the line formed by the union of the valves.

† **d.** *Farriery* = *False quarter*: see False *a.* 7 a.

1610 Markham *Masterp.* II. lxx. 334 A False Quarter is a rift or open back seame..in..the hoofe. 1682 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 1712/4 Stolen..,two Gray Geldings, one..with Seams in his Heel. 1759 T. Wallis *Farrier's Dict.*, *Seams*, or Seyms, in horses, are certain clefts in their quarters.

e. *Agric.* A furrow, (seed) drill.

1799 J. Robertson *Agric. Perth* 153 The grassfield is ploughed before winter; it is harrowed thereafter, when the grass begins to shoot up in the seams. 1893 *Surrey Gloss.* s.v., You've no call to drill it, you've got a capital seam...I don't care for no seam, so long as I can bury the seed.

f. *dial.* (See quot.)

1870 H. Stevenson *Birds Norf.* II. 311 The rest of the ground, from which the turf is cut, consists of alternate ridges or 'seams' of peat, and wide trenches.

g. *nonce-use.* Applied to a streak of lightning.

1860 Tyndall *Glac.* I. v. 41 The seams of lightning which ran through the heavens.

5. *Geol.* A thin layer or stratum separating two strata of greater magnitude.

1592 *Sc. Acts Jas. VI* (1814) III. 556/2 Quhersoeuir ony myne or seme of mettaill wes found be ony of the leigis of this realme. 1684 *Phil. Trans.* XVII. 741 The Seam or Vein of Copper-Ore. *a* 1728 Woodward *Nat. Hist. Fossils* I. (1729) I. 166, I observ'd a Termination of a Seam, as they call it in the North, or a Stratum of Coal, where it divided into several thin Plates. 1794 Kirwan *Elem. Min.* (ed. 2) I. 381 The seams are of a darker colour. 1815 Bakewell *Introd. Geol.* 179 Numerous beds or seams of coal occur in one coal field. 1851 Mantell *Petrifactions* iii. § 5. 304 The Kentish-rag is seen in nearly horizontal layers, separated by thin seams of loose sand.

6. A joint used in uniting the edges of sheet metal either by folding and pressing them together or by joining them with solder; also, the line produced by this process. *False seam*: see quot. 1881.

1825 J. Nicholson *Oper. Mech.* 634 The method of joining by seams..consists in simply bending the approximate edges of the lead up and over each other, and then dressing them down close to the flat. 1855 Franke *Beil's Technol. Dict.* II. 451 Seam of a musket barrel (the jagged line produced by welding), *die Schweissnath. Soudure.* 1881 F. Campin *Mech. Engin.* ii. 32 When the casting is quite cool the false seams formed at the junctions of the mould are chipped off. 1882 W. J. Christy *Joints* 203 When the plumber forms pipes of large diameter out of sheet lead the seam is soldered.

7. *Knitting.* [transferred use of 1.] A line of purled stitches (see Purl *v.*[1] 4) down the leg of a stocking, simulating the appearance of a joining. Also short for *seam-stitch*.

a 1825 Forby *Voc. E. Anglia* s.v. *Purle*, The seams of stockings..are purled. 1849 Esther Copley *Compr. Knitting-bk.* 12 In stocking knitting, the 1st method [of reducing the number of stitches] is employed when a narrowing is required just before what is called the 'seam'. 1882 Caulfeild & Saward *Dict. Needlework* 286/1 *Seam*, a name given to Purl Knitting, but usually indicating the one Purled Stitch down the leg of a stocking that forms the seam.

8. (See quot.)

1867 *Ure's Dict. Arts* II. 286 Such also are the rags known technically as 'seams'; being the clippings which fall from woollen rags under the scissors of the sorters.

II. **9.** [Cf. ON. *saumar* pl.; also OE. *séamere* tailor.] Sewing, needlework. Also in phr. † *work of seam*. *White seam*, plain needlework. *Obs.* exc. *dial.*

a 1400 *Octouian* 1865 Y dwellede yn Jerusalem With kyng and quene, And taught her maydenys werk of sem. 1581 *Nicol Burne's Disput.* 189 b, From threid, seyme, and neidil, To danse at the feidil. 1594 Lyly *Mother Bombie* I. iii, It is you that goe about to match your girle with my boy, shee beeing more fit for seames than for marriage. 1738 in *Fasti Aberd.* (1854) 447 The want of an accomplished gentlewoman for teaching white and coloured seam. *c* 1786 Burns *Answ. to Ep. Tailor* ii, Gae mind your seam, ye prick-the-louse! 1818 Miss Ferrier *Marriage* xiv, With ..a large work-bag well stuffed with white-seam, she took her place. 1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* III. II. v. 123 Citoyennes who bring their seam with them, or their knitting-needles. 1882 *Harper's Mag.* June 117 He asked her to put down her seam, and come for a walk.

III. 10. Comb.: † **seam-biter** *Sc.* (jocular), a tailor; **seam-blast** (see quot.); † **seam-bone**, each of the bones connected by the lambdoidal suture; **seam hammer, joint** (see quots.); **seam-lace** (Webster, 1864) = *seaming lace* (see Seaming *vbl. sb.*); **seam-presser**, (*a*) (see quot.); (*b*) a tailor's goose for pressing seams (Knight *Dict. Mech.* 1875); † **seam-rend** [back-formation from *seam-rent* adj.] *v. trans.*, to tear apart at the seams; † **seamrent** *sb. rare*–° (see quot. 1755); **seam-rent** *a.*, rent or torn apart at the seams, *lit.* and *fig.*; (of a person) having torn garments; **seamrept, -ripped** *pa. pple.* and *ppl. a.*, ripped or torn apart at the seams; **seam-rip** (see quot.); **seam-roller**, (*a*) (see quot.); (*b*) = *seam presser* a. (Ogilvie, 1882); **seam rubber, set** (see quots.); **seam-stitch** (see 7 above) = *purl-stitch* (Purl *sb.*[1] 5).

1500–20 Dunbar *Poems* xxvii. 10 The tail3eour, baith with speir and scheild, Convoyit wes vnto the feild, With mony lymmar loun, Off *seme byttaris. 1860 Worcester (citing *Hale*), **Seam-blast*, a blast made by filling with powder the seams or crevices made by a previous drill-blast. 1576 Baker *Jewell of Health* 170 b, Take the hinder *seame bones of dead men (named Sutura lamdoides) those put into calcyning. 1875 Knight *Dict. Mech.*, **Seam-hammer* (Coppersmithing), a creasing hammer for flattening seams and joints. 1882 W. J. Christy *Joints* 202 [Plumbers' Joints.] *Seam Joint is a mode of uniting the edges of sheets of metal by means of a seam. 1843 Ransome *Implem. Agric.* 96 The *seam presser is, in fact, an abstract of a drill-roller, consisting of but two cylinders of cast iron, which, following the plough in the furrows, press and roll down the newly turned up earth. 1647 Ward *Simple Cobler* 76, I have here and there taken a few finish stitches..; but I cannot now well pull them out, unlesse I should *seame-rend all. 1755 Johnson, **Seamrent*, a separation of any thing where it is joined, a breach of the stitches. 1548 Udall, etc. *Erasm. Par. Luke* iv. 31–7 Workes forbidden [on the Sabbath] as..to botche vp theyr garment beeyng broken or *seamerent. 1599 B. Jonson *Ev. Man out of Hum.* II. vi, I wonder at you..that you can consort your selues with such poore seame-rent fellowes. 1605 Rowlands *Hell's Broke Loose* 39 Our seame-rent Souldiers are exceeding bare. 1622 Massinger & Dekker *Virg. Mart.* III. iii, All my hopes are seame-rent, and go wetsbod. 1866 [R. Hallam] *Wadsley Jack* ix (E.D.D.), One on 'em fell on me. ..I wor compleately seam-rent. 1886 *Cheshire Gloss.*, *Seam-rent*, said of a shoe when the upper leather begins to part from the sole. 1625 J. Wodroephe *Marrow Fr. Tongue* 128 My shirt is all broken, rent, and *seamerept. 1891 *Labour Commission Gloss.*, **Seam Rip*, the ripping or tearing of the seams or joints of a boiler, caused by a too sudden expansion or contraction, &c. 1570 Foxe *A. & M.* (ed. 2) 363 b/2 Which coate of Christian vnitie, albeit of long time it had bene now *seameript before..: yet notwithstanding in some peece it held together in some meane agreement [etc.]. 1621 Quarles *Argalus & P.* (1678) 93 His seam-ript Garments. 1887 *S. Chesh. Gloss.*, *Shem-ripped.* 1875 Knight *Dict. Mech.*, **Seam-roller*, a burnisher, or rubber, for flattening down the edges of leather where two thicknesses are sewn together. *Ibid.*, **Seam-rubber.* 1885 J. B. Leno *Boot & Shoemaking* xxv. 202 Seam Rubber..for pressing seams in order that they may be made to lie flat. 1841 Hartshorne *Salop. Ant.*, **Seam Set*, a grooved wooden instrument used by shoemakers, for smoothing the seams of boots and shoes. 1843 Holtzapffel *Turning* I. 387 The seam-set for closing the seams [of thin metals]. *Ibid.* 393 The lap-joint..is set down flat with a seam-set. 1825 Jamieson, *Pearl*, the *seam-stitch in a knitted stocking.

Seam (sīm), *sb.*[2] Forms: 1 séam, *Northumb.* séom, 3 *Ormin* sæm, 3–6 seme, 4–7 seem, 4 sem, 5 ceme, (*w. dial.*) zeme, 6 seym(e, seayme, (sheme), 6–7 seame, 9 *w. dial.* zame, zeam, 6– seam. [OE. *séam* masc., OHG., MHG. *soum* (G. *saum*), a W.Ger. adoption of med.L. *sauma, salma, sagma* load (a. Gr. *σάγμα* packsaddle, f. *σαγ-*, *σάττειν* to pack, load), whence It. *salma, soma* burden, Pr. *sauma* beast of burden, F. *somme* burden, Sp. *salma, jalma* tonnage (of a ship).]

1. A pack-horse load. *Obs.* exc. *dial.* In early use also *gen.*, † a load, burden.

c 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* Luke xi. 46 Soð he cuoeð & iuh æs wisestum wæ forðon ȝie semað menn mid seamum [*c* 975 *Rushw.* seomum] ðaðe ȝebeara ne maȝon. *c* 1000 Ælfric *Gram.* ix. (Z.) 59, *Honus* seam oððe byrðen. *c* 1100 Ormin 3718, & asse..hafeþþ mikell afell To berenn upp well mikell sæm. *c* 1250 *Owl & Night.* 775 An hors is strengur þan a mon Ac..berþ on rugge grete semes. *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 1368 Ðor he leide hise semes [of camels] dun. *Ibid.* 2373 And .x. asses wið semes fest. *c* 1350 *Will. Palerne* 2554 Sum seluer for our semes in þe Cite to gete. 1860 *Eng. & For. Mining Gloss.* (ed. 2) *Cornwall terms*, *Seam*, a horse-load.

b. The amount of a horse-load; often identified

with a definite quantity, varying according to the commodity and locality.

The 'seam' of glass is said to be 120 lbs. (in the 14th c. it was 100 lbs.); of grain, 8 bushels; of sand, 6–8 pecks; of apples, 9 pecks.

1318 *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 373 Item de vitro j seme et di., prec. 10s. *a* 1325 *MS. Rawl. B.* 520 lf. 43 Þe sem of glas contenez of .xx. ston, ant eueri ston of .v. pond. 1339–40 *Ely Sacr. Rolls* II. 90 In j sem ferri empt...xxiijs. 1377 Langl. *P. Pl.* B. iv. 38 For, wot god, þei wolde do more for a dozeine chickenes..or for a seem of otes. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 65/2 Ceme, or quarter of corne, *quarterium*. *Ibid.* 452/1 Seem. 1459 *Patton Churchw. Acc.* (Somerset Rec. Soc.) 100, xxx ceme of bordys, xij^{d} the ceme, and iij ceme of plangys xij^{d} the ceme. 1531–2 *Durham Housek. Bk.* (Surtees) 113 Pro cariago j seayme salmonum, 10d. 1536 *MS. Acc. St. John's Hosp., Canterb.*, Payd for iij seymis of lyme to ye chymney. 1545 *Ludlow Churchw. Acc.* (Camden) 23 Item, for a sheme of wood at the makynge of the pascalle ..ij d. 1674 Jeake *Arith.* (1696) 80 Glass, by the same Ordinance containeth 1 Seam, 24 Stones, 1 Stone 5 Pounds. 1675 *Phil. Trans.* X. 294 [Cornwall.] These useful Sands ..are fetched..on Horse-back; one Horse carrying about 13 or 14 gallons...Each seime (or hors-load) with the carriage comes to about 8d. or 9d. 1679 Blount *Anc. Tenures* 52 A Seam or Horseload of Oats, which in some places is accounted Eight Bushels, in others perhaps more properly, but four. 1705 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 4108/3 The Cargo..containing 751 Seams of Barilla. 1813 T. Rudge *Agric. Glouc.* 224 From ten to eleven 'seam', of nine pecks each, of juicy fruit, are generally sufficient for a hogshead of 100 gallons wine measure [of cider]. 1887 *Kentish Gloss.* s. v., A sack of eight bushels is now called a seam, because that quantity forms a horse-load.

c. Phrase. † *Sack and seam*: pack-horse traffic.

1631, 1829 [see Sack *sb.*^{1} 1 e].

2. A cart-load; esp. a definite amount of 3 cwt. (of hay or mannre) or 2 cwt. of straw. *w. dial.*

1726 *Brice's Weekly Jrnl.* 5 Aug. 4 Several paved Courts, wherein are made a Thousand Seams of Dung every Year. 1856 J. C. Morton *Cycl. Agric.* II. 1126 *Seam* (Devons.), of dung, 3 cwts. 1880 *Cornwall Gloss., East Cornw., Seam*, or *Zeam*, a load of hay, manure, &c. It means with us no definite quantity, but a cart-load, waggon load, &c. 1888 'Q' (Quiller-Couch) *Troy Town* xi, I wants you to..go to beach for ore-weed..an' carry so many seams as you can.

Seam (sīm), *sb.*^{3} Forms: 2–3 seime, 3 seim, 4–5 ssym, (5 sayme, 5 sem), 5–6 seme, 6–7 saime, same, 6, 9 *Sc.* seyme, 7 seame, 8–9 *dial.* and *Sc.* saim, 7– seam. [a. OF. *saim* (also *saime* fem.), later *sain*, mod.Fr. only in *saindoux* lard; a Com. Rom. word, = Pr. *sagin-s, saïns*, Catal. *sagin, sagi*, Sp. *sain*, It. *saime*:—popular L. **sagīmen*, related to classical L. *sagīna* fattening, fatness.]

†**1.** Fat, grease. *Obs.*

c 1200 *Eadwine's Canterb. Ps.* lxii. 6 Swæ swa mid seime & mid fetnesse 3efelled beoð sawul min. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 412 3e ne schulen eten vlescbs ne seim buten ine muchele seenesse. 13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* C. 275 Þer [*sc.* in the whale's belly] in saym & in sorȝe þat sanoured as helle, þer was bylded his bour. *c* 1483 Caxton *Dialogues* 46/18 He coryeth his hydes with sayme of heryngs. 1513 Douglas *Æneis* VII. xi. 61 And sum polyst scharp speyr heydis of steyll, To mak thaim brycht wyth sat cresche or same. 1541 R. Copland *Guydon's Quest. Chirurg.* H iiij b, Mezentereon.. is couered..with glandynous grease, and is commonly called seame. 1595 *Balliol Coll. Acc.* (*MS.*), Item, for sem for the plumpe..and to Owen for mending of it, xviiid. 1606 Shaks. *Tr. & Cr.* II. iii. 195 Shall the proud Lord, That bastes his arrogance with his owne seame...Shall he be worshipt. 1613 J. May *Est. Clothing* v. 27 They will not scoure the same cloth cleane, but leaue a bad substance of oyle and seame in it. 1634 T. Johnson tr. *Parey's Wks.* III. vii. 91 And there is another kind of fat, which is called *Sevum*, seame [orig. L. *sepum*],..that is much dryer. 1651 J. C. *Poems* 1 A person of so rare a frame, Her bodie might be lin'd with' same. 1691 Ray *Collect. Words* 131 *Saime*, which we pronounce sometimes Seame. It signifies not only Goose-grease, but in general any kind of Grease or Sewet or Oil, wherewith our Clothiers anoint..their Wool. 1697 Dryden *Æneid* VII. 867 Part scour the rusty Sheilds with Seam.

2. Hogs' lard.

1530 Palsgr. 269/1 Seme for to frye with, *seyn de pourceau*. 1558 Waroe tr. *Alexis' Secr.* (1568) 40 Take..halfe an unce of..Hogges grease or seyme. 1606 *Churchw. Acc. Pittington*, etc. (Surtees) 287 For a pound of swine's seame to the belles, iiij d. 1788 W. Marshall *Yorksh.* II. 349 *Saim*, hogs-lard. 1894 Latto *Tammas Bodkin* vi, The ancient dames were..discussin' the efficacy o' hartshorn an' swine's seam as a cure for the rheumatics.

Seam, *sb.*^{4} *Sc.* and *north.* Also 5 seme, seyme, 9 (*Orkn. and Shetl.*) same. [Corresponds to ON. *saum-r* nail (Sw. *söm*, Da. *søm*), perh. identical with *saum-r* Seam *sb.*^{1}

The form represents the OE. *sēam* Seam *sb.*^{1}; the sense is prob. due to the influence of the ON. formal equivalent.]

A kind of nail or rivet for fastening the overlapping edges of a clinker-built boat, the end of the nail being clinched on a rove (Rove *sb.*^{2}, Roove *sb.*). Also *seam-nail* (*Northumb. Gloss.*, 1894).

Usually associated with *rove*, its counterpart.

1406 *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 606 Item in exp. Ricardi Couhird..pro seme et Rufe, 2*s.* 1474–5 *Ibid.* 645 Cum seme, rove, clavis ferr. et lign., pice, et bitumine [for repairing a ferry-boat]. *c* 1425 *Noah's Ark* 26 in *Non-Cycle Mystery Plays* 20 Bid him go make a ship...All things I him fulfill, Pitch, tar, seam and rowe. 1494 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* I. 253 Item, for thre stane and tua pund of seyme and rufe to the cokbate. *Ibid.* 254 Seme and ruyf. 1892 [see Roove *sb.*].

†**Seam,** *v.*^{1} *Obs.* In 1 sȳman, sēman, 2–5 seme. [OE. (**sleman*), *sēman, sȳman*:—WGer.

**saumjan*, f. **saumo-z* Seam *sb.*^{2}] *trans.* To put a burden on, load, weigh down; also *intr.*, to weigh heavily.

c 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* Luke xi. 46 Ȝe semað menn mið seamum ðaðe ȝebeara ne maȝon. *c* 1000 Ælfric *Gen.* xliv. 13 (Gr.) And hiȝ..symdon hyra assan and cyrdon eft to þære birig. *c* 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 93 Þe asse þe ure helende uppe set ben þo forsinegede..and sinne hem is loð to leten..for hem þincheð þat godes hese heuieliche semeð. *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 1365 Ten kameles semeð [? *read* semed] forð he nam. *c* 1315 Shoreham *Poems* 82 Þo þat me oppone hys swete body þe heuye crouche semde. *c* 1450 *Mirk's Festial* 211 A man þat was..takyn wyt enmyes,..and was semot wyth yerns also mony as he myȝt bere.

Seam (sīm), *v.*^{2} [f. Seam *sb.*^{1}]

1. *trans.* To sew the seam or seams of; to fasten or join *on, together, up* with a seam or seams.

1582 Stanyhurst *Æneis* IV. (Arb.) 100 There too watrye Inno, tbe chaplayne Seams vp tbee bedmatch. 1599 Dekker *Shoem. Holiday* I. i, Here take this pair of shoes, cut out by Hodge, Stiched by my fellow Firk, seamed by myself. 1794 *Rigging & Seamanship* I. 93 All linings are seamed on. 1862 Mrs. H. Wood *Mrs. Hallib.* I. xviii, Some made the gloves; that is, seamed the fingers together and put in the thumbs.

absol. 1905 Mabel Barnes-Grundy *Vacill. Hazel* xix, I was seaming with black cotton.

†**b.** To furnish or ornament with an inserted seam; also, of a material, to serve as a seam for.

1590 Greene *Mourn. Garm.* (1616) 11 His coat was greene, With welts of white, seamde betweene. 1604 *Meeting of Gallants* B 2 b, There was not so much Velnet stirring, as would haue..seamde a Lieftenants Buffe-doublet. *a* 1625 Beaum. & Fl. *Four Plays in One, Tri. Time* i, She shew'd me gowns and head-tires, imbroider'd wastcoats, smocks seam'd thorow with cut-works. 1740 Somerville *Hobbinol* I. 218 Tbis Pair of Gloves, by curious Virgin Hands Embroider'd, seam'd with Silk, and fring'd with Gold.

c. *intr.* To sew. *dial.*

1833 Ht. Martineau *Berkeley the Banker* I. v. 104 The widow immediately went on seaming. 1886 *Cheshire Gloss., Seam*, to sew a seam.

d. *Knitting. trans.* and *intr.* To form a seam-stitch; to make a seam or seam-stitch in (a piece of knitting).

1842 Miss F. Lambert *Hand-bk. Needlewk.* xvii. 303 [Knitting.] To *seam*, to knit a stitch with the cotton before the needle. 1886 Bynner *A. Surriage* xiii. 142 She seamed and narrowed another entire round.

2. *trans.* To mark (a surface) with lines or indentations; to furrow. a. Said of a river, chasm, line of railway, etc. as marking the face of the earth.

1596 Spenser *State Irel.* Wks. (Globe) 616/2 And sure it is yet a most beautifull and sweet countrey..seamed throughout with many goodly rivers. 1796 Kirwan *Elem. Min.* (ed. 2) II. 242 The prisms [of Rock Crystal] are generally seamed perpendicularly to their axis. 1815 Scott *Ld. of Isles* II. xvi, The grisely gulfs and slaty rifts Which seam its shiver'd head. 1854 O. W. Holmes *New Eden* 2 Scarce could the parting ocean close, Seamed by the Mayflower's cleaving bow, When [etc.]. 1863 Kinglake *Crimea* (1877) I. i. 1 The little rivers which seamed the ground. 1878 Hooker & Ball *Marocco* viii. 179 The great mountain chain that rose steeply before us, seamed with snow that.. lay in hollows..forming long vertical streaks. 1878 M. Maccoll 3 *Yrs. of Eastern Q.* x. (ed. 3) 241 Plains seamed by railways.

b. Said of a scar, wound, etc.; also of care or the passions as marking the face.

1695 Blackmore *Pr. Arth.* v. 147 Scars of Honour seam'd his manly Face. 1725 Pope *Odyss.* IV. 335 Seam'd o'er with wounds, which his own sabre gave. 1749 Fielding *Tom Jones* I. viii, It would be much better for them, if their faces had been seamed with the small-pox. 1825 Scott *Betrothed* xxvii, A veteran whose face had been seamed with many a scar. 1859 Tennyson *Elaine* 258 Seam'd with an ancient swordcut on the cheek. 1864 — *Aylmer's F.* 814 Her.. meagre face Seam'd with the shallow cares of fifty years. 1865 Dickens *Mut. Friend* III. x, His face..seamed with jealousy and anger.

c. *intr.* To become fissured; to crack.

1880 L. Wallace *Ben-Hur* 400 Their lips began to parch and seam.

3. *trans.* To join (sheets of lead or metal) by means of a seam (see Seam *sb.*^{1} 6).

1763 T. N. *City & C. Purchaser* 194 The Sheets of Lead.. which are seam'd in the Platform. 1712 J. James tr. *Le Blond's Gardening* 211 The Sheets of Lead..should be seamed one to another with Solder. 1795 Herschel in *Phil. Trans.* LXXXV. 366 Seaming bars, setting tools, and claw-screws,..were made..to confine and stretch the parts as they were seamed together.

4. To furnish with a seam or thin stratum (of ore).

1899 E. J. Chapman *Drama of Two Lives* 6 The rocky core Of those lone mountains, rent and old, Is seam'd and vein'd with glittering ore.

†**Seam,** *v.*^{3} *Obs.* [f. Seam *sb.*^{2}] *trans.* To dress (wool) with grease.

1511–2 *Acl* 3 *Hen. VIII*, c. 6 § 1 Not excedyng in weight after the rate of xij pounde Wolle seymed above oon quarter of a pound for the waste. 1592 Nashe *P. Penilesse* A 4 b, Barrelling vp tbe droppings of her nose, in steede of oyle to saime wool withall.

Sea'-maid. *poet.* = Mermaid 1. Also, a goddess or nymph of the sea.

1590 Shaks. *Mids. N.* II. i. 154 And certaine starres shot madly from their Spheares, To heare the Sea maids musicke. 1603 — *Meas. for M.* III. ii. 115 Some report, a Sea-maid spawn'd him. 1609 *Ev. Woman in Hum.* I. i. in Bullen *O. Pl.* IV, They call them Sea-maides or Mermaides, singing sweetelye. 1633 P. Fletcher *Piscatory Ecl.* ii. 21 You fisher-boyes and sea-maids dainty crue Farewell. 1725 Pope *Odyss.* IV. 599 But the bright sea-maid's gentle power implor'd, With nectar'd drops the sick'ning sense restor'd. 1789 Cowper *Queen's Vis. London* 70 So, ancient poets say, serene The sea-maid rides the waves. 1818 Milman *Samor* I. 127 Rocks, where basks At summer noon the Sea-maid. 1859 Ld. Lytton *Wanderer* 28 We caught the gleam of sea-maids' hair.

So **Sea-maiden.**

1893 D. O'Donoghue *Brendaniana* 89 Tbe wonderful sea-maiden whom Brendan restored to life. 1898 N. Munro *J. Splendid* vii. 68 Stories..of fairies, wizards, water-horse, and sea-maiden.

Sea'-mall. Also seamel(l. = Seamew.

The form *seanell* is perh. spurious, invented as a conjectural emendation of *scamels* in Shaks. *Temp.* II. ii. 176.

a 1672 Willughby *Ornith.* (1676) 262 *Larus cinereus minor.* The common Sea-Mall. 1752 J. Hill *Hist. Anim.* 448 The lesser Gull, or Sea-mall...The deep, grey, Sea-mall. 1778 Stevens *Shaks. Temp.* II. ii. 176 Wks. I. 63 *note*, Theobald had very reasonably proposed to read sea-malls, or sea-mells. 1894 Newton *Dict. Birds, Sea-mall, -mel* or *-mew* have been used indifferently for Gulls.

Seaman (sī'mĕn). Pl. **-men.** [f. Sea *sb.* + Man. Cf. Du. *zeeman*, G. *seemann*, ON. *sjómað-r.*]

1. a. *gen.* One whose occupation or business is on the sea; a sailor as opposed to a landsman. Now only *poet.* or *rhetorical.* Also, with qualifying word: One skilled in navigation. b. *spec.* A sailor below the rank of officer.

Leading, able, ordinary seaman, the three grades (beginning with the highest) of seamen in the Royal Navy. *Merchant seaman*, a seaman in the merchant service.

Beowulf 329 Garas stodon, sæmanna searo samod ætgædere. *c* 1205 Lay. 1165 Brutus hit herde siggen þurh his sæ-monnen [*c* 1275 see mannen]. 1436 *Libel Eng. Policy* in *Pol. Poems* (Rolls) II. 166 That gode see-menne wold no more deferre, But bete theme home. *c* 1470 Henry *Wallace* IX. 40 Semen he feyt, and gaiff thaim gudlye wage. 1540 *Act* 32 *Hen. VIII*, c. 14 Tbe nauy..is..the maintenaunce of many masters mariners and seamen. 1595 Shaks. *John* III. i. 92 But (on this day) let Sea-men feare no wracke. 1667 Milton *P. L.* I. 205 Him..The Pilot..Deeming some Island, oft, as Seamen tell,..Moors by his side. 1702 *Proclam.* 1 June in *Lond. Gaz.* No. 3815/2 To..Able Seamen, Ordinary Seamen, Two Eighth Parts. 1745 *De Foe's Eng. Tradesman* (1841) I. xxv. 248 Our seamen are..esteemed the best sailors in the world. 1852 Tennyson *Ode Dk. Wellington* 83 Mighty Seaman, this is he Was great by land as thou by sea. 1854 *Act* 17 & 18 *Vict.* c. 104 § 2 [Merchant Shipping Act.] 'Seaman' shall include every Person (except Masters, Pilots, and Apprentices..) employed or engaged in any Capacity on board any Ship. 1867 Smyth *Sailor's Word-bk.* s. v., The able seaman is the seafaring man who knows all the duties of common seamanship...His rating is A. B...The ordinary seaman is less qualified. 1884 *Encycl. Brit.* XVII. 291 The personnel of the British navy is composed of two different bodies of men, the seamen and the marines, each of which has its appropriate officers. *Ibid.* 295/1 The crew of a ship of war consists of leading seamen, able seamen, ordinary seamen, engine-room artificers [etc.].

†b. *Seamen's beer*: see quot. *Obs.*

1795 Sir J. Dalrymple *Let. to Admiralty* 2 There are four kinds of beer in Britain: Strong Beer, Porter, Table Beer, or what is called Seamen's Beer, and Small Beer.

c. *attrib.* and *Comb.*: †**seaman card** = Sea-card; **seamancraft,** seamanship; **seaman-gunner** (see quot. 1867).

1636 W. Strode *Floating Isl.* III. iii, No other rarities these many Ages But Powder, Printing, *Seaman Card, and Watches. 1871 Blackie *Four Phases Mor.* i. 21 In the navigation of which no *seamancraft could avail against miserable shipwreck. 1867 Smyth *Sailor's Word-bk.*, **Seamen-gunners*, men who have been trained in a gunnery ship, and thereby become qualified to instruct others in that duty.

†**2.** = Merman 1. *Obs.*

1569 Fenton *Secret Wond. Nature* 53 Conradus Gesner writeth that there was seene at Rome in the great riuer, a sea man, or monster of the sea. 1610 Holland *Camden's Brit.* I. 466 Plinie hath reported of..the seaman caught in the streights of Gibraltar. 1753 *Chambers' Cycl.* Suppl. s. v. *Siren*, The Philosophical Transactions also contain an account of a sea-man seen in the American seas.

Seamanlike (sī'mĕnlaik), *a.* and *adv.* [f. Seaman + -like.] a. *adj.* Characteristic of or befitting a (good) seaman. b. *adv.* In a seamanlike manner.

1796 T. Twining *Trav. Amer.* (1894) 2 But everything on board was seamanlike and neat. 1821 Scott *Pirate* xxx, Master Triptolemus Yellowley will tell you how seaman-like I piloted him to the little haven. 1881 *Times* 30 June 11/5 In the opinion of the Court the vessel was not navigated by the master with proper and seamanlike care.

Seamanly (sī'mĕnli), *a.* and *adv.* [f. Seaman + -ly.] = prec.

1798 Southey *Lett.* (1856) I. 51, I believe, had you been there, you would have rapped out some most seamanly oaths. 1885 Clark Russell *Strange Voy.* III. xiii. 238 But for the seamanly foresight of Nipper in anchoring a line to warp along with we shouldn't have been able to stir the raft from the ship's side. 1905 *Speaker* 11 Nov. 126/1 Their desires, apart from the desire to do their difficult work seamanly, are centred in seal-steaks and bear-soup.

Seamanship (sī'mĕnʃip). [f. Seaman + -ship.] The art or practice of managing a ship at sea; the skill of a good seaman.

1766 Smollett *Trav.* I. xiv. 241 The first captain..who knows as little of seamanship as I do of Arabic. 1855 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* xviii. IV. 236 They maintained the conflict with their usual courage and with more than their usual seamanship. 1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 589/1 Seamanship is the art of sailing, manœuvring, and preserving a ship or a boat in all positions and under all reasonable circumstances.

Sea'-mark.

1. The boundary or limit of the flow of the sea. *lit.* and *fig.* † *Full sea mark*, the limit of high tide.

1485 MALORY *Arthur* v. v. 168 And so weltryng and walowynge they rolled doune the hylle tyl they came to the see marke. 1572 in *9th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. I. 277/2 This yere the kaiye on southesyde..was builded by the towne vnder full seamarcke. 1637 RUTHERFORD *Lett.* clxxiii. (1862) I. 406 As the houses of sand within the sea-mark, which the children of men are building. 1731 T. BOSTON *Mem.* (1899) 72 And here, I think, was the full sea-mark of my perplexing circumstances aforesaid. 1758 BORLASE *Nat. Hist. Cornw.* 51 A few violent repeated storms should ..raise those sands above full Sea-mark. 1818 SHELLEY *Rev. Islam* I. xvi, On the bare strand Upon the sea-mark a small boat did wait. 1851 MRS. BROWNING *Casa Guidi Wind.* 18 We must look to it to excel as ye And bear our age as far, unlimited By the last sea-mark!

2. A conspicuous object distinguishable at sea which serves to guide or warn sailors in navigation.

1566 *Act* 8 *Eliz. c.* 13 That the foresayd Mayster Wardens ..of the Trinytie Howse..shall..set up suche and so many Beakons and Signes of the Sea..for Sea Markes. 1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* II. x. 6 The venturous Mariner..For safeties sake that same his sea-marke made, And namd it Albion. 1617 MORYSON *Itin.* I. 119 Upon the top of this Mountaine was a Tower,..upon which a light was hung for a sea-marke. 1778 *Eng. Gazetteer* (ed 2) s.v. *Stoke*, The steeple is a sea-mark to ships that pass the mouth of the Orwell. 1843 ARNOLD *Hist. Rome* III. 284 Two solitary pillars still remain, and serve as a seamark to guide ships into the great harbour. 1877 TENNYSON *Harold* II. i, If I caught them, they should hang Cliff-gibbeted for sea-marks.

attrib. 1885 RUSKIN *Pleas. Eng.* 88 The sea-mark isle, Heligoland.

b. *fig.* and in fig. context.

1589 *Pasquil's Return* A iij b, I desire not to cast it out as a block..for any to stumble at,..but as a Sea-marke to discouer the quicksands of newe Religions. 1607 SHAKS. *Cor.* v. iii. 74 Like a great Sea-marke standing euery flaw, And sauing those that eye thee. 1693 O. HEYWOOD *Best Entail* vi. Wks. 1826 IV. 473 Wicked parents are set before you as sea-marks, to avoid, not as landmarks, to guide you. 1739 CIBBER *Apol.* (1756) II. 43 A Sea-mark of danger to future managers in their theatrical course of government.

Sea'-maw. Now *dial.* Forms: 5 semawe, -mow, 6-maw, 7-sea-maw. [MAW *sb.*3] = SEAMEW.

c 1425 *Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 641/1 *Hec fuliga*, semawe. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 452/2 Semow, bryd, *aspergo*. *c* 1450 [see MAW *sb.*3]. *a* 1490 [see MOW *sb.*2]. 1544 TURNER *Avium Præcip.* D7, De Folica..Anglicè a white semaw with a black cop. 1605 DRAYTON *Man in Moon* 183 The greedie Sea-maw fishing for the fry. 1818 SCOTT *Hrt. Midl.* xliv, Like seamaws and clack-geese before a storm.

Sc. Proverb. 1721 KELLY *Sc. Prov.* 118 Give your own Sea Maws your own Fish Guts. If you have any Superfluities give them to your poor Relations. 1816 SCOTT *Antiq.* xv, Ye ken my gudeman likes to ride the expresses himsell —we maun gie our ain fish-guts to our ain sea-maws. 1895 P. H. HUNTER *James Inwick* xix, Na, na, we'll keep oor ain fish guts for oor ain sea maws!

Seame, obs. Sc. form of SEEM *v.*

Seamed (sīmd), *ppl. a.*1 [f. SEAM *v.*2 + -ED 1.] In the senses of the verb.

1656 L. THETFORD *Markham's Perf. Horseman* 122 A rough, grosse seamed Hoof, shewes an age or over-heating. 1864 WHITTIER *Poems, What the Birds said* 25 O'er dusky faces, seamed and old..We saw your star-dropt flag uncoil. 1871 L. STEPHEN *Playgr. Eur.* iv. (1894) 101 The seamed and distorted rocks. 1885 MISSES BRIETZCKE & ROOPER *Needlewk. & Knitting* II. 99 Purl knitting is also called seamed knitting.

Sea'-med, *ppl. a.*2 *rare*—°. [?erron. inferred from *enseamed*: see ENSEAM *v.*1 1.] (See quot.)

1864 *Chamb. Encycl.* s.v. *Falconry*, When in good condition, she [a hawk] is enseamed; when out of condition, seamed. Hence in later Dicts.

Seamer (sī'mǝr). [f. SEAM *v.*2 + -ER 1. (OE. had *seámere* tailor, f. *seám* SEAM *sb.*1)] **a.** (See quot. 1843.) **b.** A seaming-machine.

1843 *Penny Cycl.* XXVII. 181/1 There are three classes of operatives engaged [in the stocking-trade]: the 'winders' ..; the 'stockingers'; and the 'seamers', who make the stockings out of the pieces thus produced...The 'seamers' are women. 1872 T. COOPER *Life* 141 He had also to pay so much per dozen to the female 'seamer' of the hose. 1884 [see *seaming-machine*, SEAMING *vbl. sb.*].

Seamew (sī'miū). Forms: 5-6 se(e)mewe, 6-7 sea mewe, (7 sea mue), 6- seamew. [f. SEA *sb.* + MEW *sb.*1] The common gull, *Larus canus*.

c 1430 LYDG. *Min. Poems* (Percy Soc.) 202 The semewe with his fetherys whyte. 1480 CAXTON *Ovid's Met.* XI. xxi, They ben called Alcyones or see mewes. 1555 EDEN *Decades* (Arb.) 184 Seemewes, gulles. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* XI. 831 An Iland salt and bare, The haunt of Seales and Orcs, and Seamews clang. 1725 POPE *Odyss.* v. 86 The chough, the seamew, the loquacious crow. 1812 BYRON *Ch. Har.* I. Song i, The breakers roar, And shrieks the wild sea-mew. 1890 R. BOLDREWOOD *Col. Reformer* (1891) 149 The yacht, sweeping like a seamew over the..billow.

†**Sea'ming,** *sb. Obs.* A variety of apple.

1664 EVELYN *Kal. Hort., Aug.* 72 The Seaming Apple.

Seaming (sī'miŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. SEAM *v.*2 + -ING 1.] The action of SEAM *v.*2; also *concr.*, a seam or seams.

c 1450 *Mirour Saluacioun* 3205 Hire sons cote inconsutyle with out semyng. 1541 R. COPLAND *Guydon's Quest. Chirurg.* L ij b, Questyons vpon the Anathomy of seamynge or stytchynge. 1631 T. POWELL *Tom of All Trades* 47 Let them [i.e. your daughters] learne plaine workes of all kind, so they take heed of too open seaming. 1795 HERSCHEL in *Phil. Trans.* LXXXV. 365 A kind of seaming, well known to those who make iron funnels for stoves. 1880 *Plain Hints* 53 For those who are called upon to do seaming and felling, these [pieces of calico] will be divided, so as to form two pieces. 1884 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.* Suppl., *Seaming*, the marginal line which surrounds a seine, and to which the meshes are seized.

b. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *seaming bar, machine, mallet, stitch, twine*; **seaming lace,** lace used for insertion in or for covering and ornamenting seams; **seaming plough,** one for drawing seed-drills.

1795 *Seaming bar [see SEAM *v.*2 3]. 1616 B. JONSON *Devil an Ass* II. v. 9 That weares such petticoates, and lace to her smocks, Broad *seaming laces (as I see 'hem hang there). 1858 SIMMONDS *Dict. Trade, Seaming-lace*, a coach-maker's lace, used to cover seams and edges. 1865 MRS. BURY PALLISER *Hist. Lace* 300 *note*, 'Seaming' lace and spacing lace appear to have been generally used at this period [Jas. I] to unite the breadths of linen, instead of a seam sewed. We find them employed for cupboard cloths,..shirts, &c. throughout the accounts of King James and Prince Charles. 1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.*, **Seaming-machine*, a machine for forming the joints at the edges of sheet-metal plates. 1884 *Ibid.* Suppl., *Seaming Machine*. The Royer & Lincoln seamer..trims woven goods neatly and evenly; and joins the margin of cloth outside the seam. 1703 T. N. *City & C. Purchaser* 193 So much of the Sheet as lies over the Cavity is set down into it with the *Seaming-mallet. 1842 LANCE *Cottage Farmer* 16 There may be a *seaming plough pass over the land...to draw the drills; the seed may then be cast thinly. 1880 *Plain Hints* 16 The shape of the *seaming-stitch is quite different to hemming. 1794 *Rigging & Seamanship* I. 92 The seams..are..stitched up..with double *seaming twine.

Seamless (sī'mlĕs), *a.* Also 5 semlesse, semeles. [f. SEAM *sb.*1 + -LESS.] Without a seam; of a garment, woven without a seam.

The word was used very freely by 17th c. divines in such phrases as *Christ's seamless coat, garment, vest*, etc. with reference to John xix. 23, as typifying unity in the Church.

1483 *Cath. Angl.* 329/1 Semlesse (*MS. A.* Semeles), *inconsutilis*. 1624 DONNE *Wks.* (1839) V. 265 Christ..suffered his flesh to be torn, but not his seamless garment. 1880 *Times* 21 Sept. 4/4 The one novelty..in the exhibition is a small case of absolutely seamless boots. 1901 *Westm. Gaz.* 5 Feb. 8/1 An ingenious system of building extremely light, seamless boats.

Comb. a 1661 FULLER *Worthies, York-Sh.* (1662) III. 208 Wearing seamless-woven-coats.

Hence **Sea'mlessly** *adv.*

1906 SAINTSBURY *Hist. Eng. Prosody* I. 367 The whole web is woven seamlessly and without break.

Seamlet (sī'mlĕt). [f. SEAM *sb.*1 + -LET.] A small seam or stratum.

1891 J. C. ATKINSON *Moorland Parish* 395 The bed of laminated clay, with intercalated seamlets of very fine sand.

Sea'-monk.

†**1.** The monk-fish. *Obs.*

1611 FLORIO, *Mónaco*...a fish called a Sea-munke. 1666 J. DAVIES *Hist. Caribby Isl.* I. xvii. 101 There is another kind of Porposes which..from the resemblance there is between their heads and the frocks of Friers, some call them Monks-heads, and Sea-Monks [orig. F. *Moines de Mer*].

2. 'The monk seal' (*Cent. Dict.* 1891).

Sea-monster. A monster of the sea.

1. A huge fish, cetacean, or the like.

c 1586 C'TESS PEMBROKE *Ps.* CIV. xi, Sea-monsters there, their plaies and pastymes show. 1611 BIBLE *Lam.* iv. 3 Euen the sea-monsters [*marg.* or, sea calues] draw out the breast. 1762 *Ann. Reg.* 103 A sea-monster was cast ashore ..near Leith. It is supposed to be of the shark kind. 1860 WRAXALL *Life in Sea* ii. 27 This sea-monster [*Rhytina Stelleri*]..had a black skin an inch thick.

2. A fabulous marine animal of terrifying proportions and shape.

1596 SHAKS. *Merch. V.* III. ii. 57 When he did redeeme The virgine tribute, paied by howling Troy To the Seamonster. 1599 B. JONSON *Cynthia's Rev.* IV. i, Like a seamonster, that were to ravish Andromeda from the rocke. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* I. 462 Dagon his Name, Sea Monster, upward Man And downward Fish.

3. *jocular.*

1761 COLMAN *Jealous Wife* III. i, He is a perfect Sea-Monster, and always looks and talks as if he was upon Deck.

Sea-moss.

1. A kind of seaweed; = CORALLINE *sb.*1 1.

1548 TURNER *Names of Herbs* (E.D.S.) 21 Bryon thalassion named in latin Muscus marinus is of two sortes...The one kynde is called Vsnea marina, & it may be called in english sea mosse, it groweth aboute stones and shelles in the sea. 1579 LANGHAM *Gard. Health* (1633) 594 Sea mosse is good to be laid to hot tumors. 1612 DRAYTON *Poly-olb.* xviii. 761 From Shepey, sea-moss some [bring], to cool his boiling blood. *c* 1711 PETIVER *Gazophyl.* vi. 58 Soft-feathered Cape Coralline...This elegant Sea Moss is not brittle like the Shop Coralline. 1877 BRYANT *Sella* 177 Thou shalt sleep Thy weariness away on downy banks Of sea-moss.

2. = CARRAGEEN. 1891 in *Century Dict.*

3. = *Sea-mat* (SEA *sb.* 23 d).

1885 *Encycl. Brit.* XIX. 429/1.

Seamost (sī'mōst), *a. rare.* [f. SEA *sb.* + -MOST.] Situated nearest the sea.

1626 *Sir F. Drake Revived* (1628) 47 He sent the Lyon, to the seamost Island of the Catinaas, to discry the truth of the report. *a* 1851 MOIR *Poet. Wks.* (1852) II. 26 Thy seamost town, Yclept in Saxon Chronicles Eske-mouthe.

Sea'-mouse. [Cf. L. *mūs marīnus* (Pliny), some shell-fish.]

1. A marine dorsibranchiate annelid of the family *Aphroditidæ*, esp. *Aphrodite aculeata.*

c 1520 L. ANDREWE *Noble Life* III. lvii. in *Babees Bk.*, Mus marinus, the see mouse, gothe out of the water, &..laith her egges in..the erthe. 1580-3 GREENE *Mamillia* I. Wks. (Grosart) II. 98 The Lyon cooleth his stomacke with eating the Seamouse. 1664 HUBERT *Catal. Rarities* (1665) 16 A Sea Mouse, so called from the forme of his head and beard; this fish..but for his finnes..is something like a Serpent in colour, and is about a foot long. 1752 J. HILL *Hist. Anim.* 90 The subcylindric variegated Aphrodita. The Sea Mouse. 1854 H. MILLER *Sch. & Schm.* (1858) 64 The brilliant metallic plumage of the sea-mouse (*Aphrodita*), steeped as in the dyes of the rainbow, excited our admiration. 1863 WOOD *Illustr. Nat. Hist.* III. 706 The Sea-mouse, as the creature is called from its hairy coat. 1894 HALL CAINE *Manxman* III. vii. 141 The sea-mouse shining like fire.

2. [? For **sea-mose*; cf. *titmouse.*] A local name for the dunlin and other small shore-birds.

1885 SWAINSON *Prov. Names Birds* 194 Dunlin (*Tringa alpina*)... Sea mouse (Lancashire; Dumfries). *Ibid.* 203 Little Tern (*Sterna minuta*). Sparling (West Lancashire). Where the eggs and young are called 'sea mice'. 1894 *Northumb. Gloss.*, *Sea-mice*, the small waders; the sanderling,..the stints,..the dotterils.

Seamster, sempster (sī'mstǝr, se'mpstǝr). *arch.* Forms: *a.* 1 sēmestre, séamystre, sémestre, 1-2 séamestre, 4 semstere, 4-7 semster, 5-7 semester, 6 seamester, (*Sc.* semestair, -are, semistar, 6-7 *Sc.* semister), 7- seamster; *β.* 6 shempster, 7 seampster, 6- sempster. [OE. *séamestre*, fem. formation corresponding to *séamere* tailor: see SEAMER and -STER.] One who sews; one whose occupation is sewing, esp. the making and mending of garments; a tailor, seamstress.

Originally a designation of a woman, but in OE. already applicable to a man. Now only applied to one of the male sex, *seamstress* being commonly used for a female sewer.

a. c 995 in Kemble *Cod. Diplom.* VI. 131 Ane crencestræn, and ane semestran. *c* 1000 ÆLFRIC *Gram.* XXX. (Z.) 190/6 *Sartum* (oþ ðam is *sartor* seamystre, *sartrix* heo). *a* 1100 *Ags. Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 312 *Sartrix*, seamestre. 1379 *Poll-tax W. Riding* in *Yorks. Archæol. Jrnl.* VI. 327 Margareta filia dicte Matilde, *Semstere*. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 1585 Sadlers, souters, semsteris syn. 1479 *Nottingham Rec.* II. 300 Cecily..semster. 1527 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* V. 314 Item, to Jonet Dowglas, semestair of the Kingis lynnyng claithis, XXVli. 1573 TUSSER *Husb.* (1878) 176 Good semsters be sowing of fine pretie knackes. 1601 F. GODWIN *Bps. of Eng.* 372 This woman was commended to him for a very cunning seamster. 1630 BRATHWAIT *Eng. Gentlem.* (1641) 255 A gentleman is a man of himselfe, without the addition of either Taylor, Millener, seamster or haberdasher. 1857 KINGSLEY *Two Y. Ago* I. x. 159 Tom was a good seamster, as all travellers should be. 1858 CARLYLE *Fredk. Gt.* X. iii. II. 611 He told me, 'The Duke of Strelitz was an excellent seamster'; fit to be Tailor to Your Majesty in a manner. 1890 S. J. DUNCAN *Soc. Departure* 213 He was squatting on the floor of a room.. with two or three fellow seamsters.

β. 1550 BALE *Eng. Votaries* II. E iij, A yong wench ther, which was a very connyng shempster. 1599 BRETON *Will of Wit*, etc. (Grosart) 59/1 If hee bee a good taylor, shee is a good sempster. 1659 HEYLIN *Certamen Epist.* 331 They might have put up all their gettings into a Sempsters Thimble, and not filled it neither. 1719 D'URFEY *Pills* IV. 102 Sempsters, Tire-women. 1765 STERNE *Tr. Shandy* II. v, [Corporal Trim] attending my uncle Toby..as a valet, groom, barber, cook, sempster, and nurse. 1836 N. H. NICOLAS *Walton's Angler* Life 2 *note*, Izaak Walton followed the trade of a sempster or haberdasher.

†**b.** *attrib.*

1571 *Wills & Inv. N. C.* (Surtees 1835) 362, vj clowtes of fyne semster nedles. 1599 *Return fr. Parnass.* I. i. 372 He..bringes out signiour Barbarisme in a case of nightcapps, ..like a blocke in a seamster-shopp.

Hence **Se'mpstering** *vbl. sb. rare*, the occupation of a seamster. Also *attrib.*

1812 LAMA *Elia* Ser. I. *Compl. Decay of Beggars*, Expiating their fallen condition upon the three-foot eminence of some sempstering shop-board. 1874 HARDY *Far fr. Mad. Crowd* xli, She's been picking up a living at seampstering.

Seamstress, sempstress (sī'mstrĕs, se'mpstrĕs). Forms: *a.* 7 semstresse(e, seamstresse, 8 seemstress, 9 semstress, 7- seamstress; *β.* (7 sempstresse, sempstriss), 7- sempstress. [f. SEAMSTER, SEMPSTER + -ESS.] A woman who seams or sews; a needlewoman whose occupation is plain sewing as distinguished from dress or mantle-making, decorative embroidery, etc.

a. 1644 HOWELL *Twelve Treat.* (1661) 47 A great masse of money and plate was brought into the Guild-hall, the Semstresse brought in her silver Thimble,..the Cook his Spoons. 1665 PEPYS *Diary* 8 Apr., To the Old Exchange, and there, of my pretty seamstress, bought four bands. 1711 STEELE *Spect.* No. 182 ¶ 3 An Irish Fellow, who dresses very fine..and is the Admiration of Seamstresses who are under Age in Town. 1872 *Daily News* 24 July, The wrongs and hardships of the seamstress and the milliner have been set forth in thrilling poetry.

β. a 1613 OVERBURY *Charact., Maquerela* Wks. (1856) 100 Shee can easily turne a sempstresse into a waiting gentlewoman. 1659-60 PEPYS *Diary* 2 Feb., I..went to Mrs. Johnson, my Lord's sempstress. 1726 SWIFT *Gulliver* I. vi, Two hundred sempstresses were employed to make me shirts, and linen for my bed and table. 1758 JOHNSON *Idler* No. 33 ¶ 23 My sempstress..has lost the measure. 1871 *Daily News* 6 Nov., Among the prisoners..were two women—a sempstress ..and a servant.

Hence **Sea'mstressing** *nonce-wd.*, the action of working as a seamstress. **Sea'mstress-ship,** the position, work, or skill of a seamstress.

1816 SCOTT *Antiq.* xvi, The little apartment was..ornamented too by such relics of her youthful arts of sempstress-ship as Mrs. Hadoway had retained. *a* 1854 CAROLINE B. SOUTHEY *Poet. Wks.* (1867) 94 And near at hand [sat] The maiden sister friend..At her conrse sempstresship. 1873 MRS. WHITNEY *Other Girls* vii, Dull work in the great warerooms, or now and then all days' seamstressing in families.

†**Sea'mstressy.** *Obs. rare*—1. [f. SEAMSTRESS + -SY.] The occupation or work of a seamstress.

1760 STERNE *Tr. Shandy* III. xlii, As an appendage to seamstressy, the thread-paper might be of some consequence to my mother.

† Sea·mstry, se·mpstry. *Obs.* [f. SEAMSTER + -Y.] The occupation or employment of a seamster or seamstress. Also *attrib.* in *seamstry-work*.

a. 1598 FLORIO, *Dietro punto*, a back-stitch in seamstrie worke. *c* 1630 *Trag. Rich. II* (1870) 38 Tis strange to take her from her semsterye. 1688 HOLME *Armoury* III. 97/2 Seamstry work follows next in order to that of a Taylor.

β. 1631 T. POWELL *Tom of All Trades* (1876) 173 She may learne what belongs to her improvement, for Sempstrie. 1695 A. DE LA PRYME *Diary* Mar. (Surtees) 53 The Quakers ..now were fine cloathes, and learns all sorts of sempstry and behavour. 1760–72 H. BROOKE *Fool of Qual.* (1809) I. 127 My wife had lately requested her to look out for some sempstry-work among the neighbours.

† Sea·my, *a.*[1] *Obs. rare*[−1]. In 6 seymy. [f. SEAM *sb.*[3] + -Y.] Greasy.

a 1529 SKELTON *Agst. Garnesche* iii. 169 Thou gresly gargone glaymy, Thou swety slouen seymy.

Seamy (sī·mi), *a.*[2] [f. SEAM *sb.*[1] + -Y.]

1. Having a seam or suture; characterized by seams. *Seamy side*, lit. the under side of a garment, etc. on which the rough edges of the seams are visible; *fig.* [after Shaks.] the worst, most degraded or the roughest side (of life, character, etc.).

1604 SHAKS. *Oth.* IV. ii. 146 Some such Squire he was That turn'd your wit, the seamy-side without, And made you to suspect me with the Moore. 1837 MRS. CAROLINE NORTON *Let.* 4 Nov. in Smiles *Publisher & Friends* (1891) II. 415, I begin to think it would be pleasanter to follow a marching regiment than to see the seamy side of this intellectual trade. 1859 *Sat. Rev.* 2 Apr. 403/1 He appreciated to a considerable extent, what we may perhaps venture to call the seamy side of human affairs. 1865 CARLYLE *Fredk. Gt.* x. ii. III. 223 The splendid and the sordid, the seamy side and the smooth, of Life at Cirey. 1882 L. STEPHEN *Swift* viii. 185 The righteous hatred of brutality and oppression which is but the seamy side of a generous sympathy. 1899 H. A. DOBSON *Paladin of Philanthropy* vi. 146 The knowledge of the seamy side of letters.

2. Of the nature of or resembling a seam or seams; marked with a seam.

1776 MICKLE tr. *Camoens' Lusiad* IV. 75 His crimson seamy scars reveal The sure-aim'd vengeance of the Lusian steel. 1786 BURNS *Addr. to Edinb.* v, Like some bold Vet'ran.. mark'd with many a seamy scar. 1857 GEO. ELIOT *Scenes Cler. Life, Amos Barton* ii, A one-eyed woman, with a scarred and seamy face. 1874 S. LANIER *Corn* 127 To where ..Yon old deserted Georgian hill Bares to the sun his piteous aged crest And seamy breast.

Comb. 1840 CARLYLE *Heroes* v. (1841) 289 The rough seamy-faced, rawboned College Servitor.

Hence **Sea·miness.**

1875 BESANT & RICE *With Harp & Crown* ix, A gleam of light upon his face, which brought out the more forcibly the seaminess with which his passions were furrowing it. 1898 G. WYNDHAM *Poems of Shaks.* Introd. 60 Jonson's..virulence..spared neither the seaminess of an opposite's apparel nor the defects in his personal appearance.

Sean, alternative form of SEINE.

Sean, obs. f. SCENE; variant of SENE *Obs.*, synod.

Seanachie, variant form of SENNACHIE.

‖ Séance (se·ans). [Fr. *séance* a sitting, f. OF. *seoir* (:—L. *sedēre*) to sit.]

1. *gen.* A sitting of a deliberative or administrative body (esp. of a learned society), or of a number of persons assembled for discussion, or instruction by a lecturer, or the like.

1803 LAMB *Let. to Manning* Wks. 1876 II. 216 Your séances and conversaziones, which I have a shrewd suspicion must be something dull. 1884 *Kendal Mercury* 3 Oct. 5/3 The British Association..should be a..secret conclave, and every one attending its seances for reporterial purposes deserves to have his ears cropped.

2. *spec.* A meeting for the study of spiritualistic phenomena.

1845 WARBURTON *Cresc. & Cross* I. xv. 153 The hour was so late that no other boys were to be found; and so the seance broke up. 1860 *All Year Round* No. 66. 373 The spirits rapped out their dismissal, and the séance was at an end. 1881 FROUDE *Short Stud.* Ser. IV. (1883) 225 The disciple who has been at a spiritualist's séance. 1902 F. PODMORE *Mod. Spiritualism* I. ii. I. 41 The development of the Poltergeist performance into the phenomena of the séance-room.

3. A 'sitting' for medical treatment.

1875 H. C. WOOD *Therap.* (1879) 37 The electrical séances should be tri-weekly, each lasting about fifteen minutes, and they should be persevered in for months. 1887 D. MAGUIRE *Art Massage* (1888) 101 After the third massage séance, the patient ceased having these mishaps during several hours.

Seane, variant of SENE *Obs.* synod.

Sea·-nettle. The popular name of certain radiate marine animals of the class *Acalephæ*, having the property of stinging when touched. † Formerly applied also to the sea-anemone.

1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* XXXII. x. II. 449 The Sea-nettle (a fish so called). 1747 *Gentl. Mag.* 121 Among which he reckons..the sea-star and sea-nettle. 1835 KIRBY *Hab. & Inst. Anim.* I. vi. 197 These belong to what are vulgarly called the jelly-fish or sea-nettles. 1862 ANSTED *Channel Isl.* II. ix. (ed. 2) 239 Acalephæ, or Sea Nettles.

Seangreen, obs. form of SENGREEN *Obs.*

Seannachie, variant form of SENNACHIE.

Seant, obs. form of SEEING *ppl. a.*

Sea·-nymph.

1. *Myth.* A nymph (NYMPH *sb.* 1) supposed to inhabit the sea; a Nereid.

1565 GOLDING *Ovid's Met.* I. 353 The Seanymphes wondred under waves the townes and groves to see. 1601 [see NEREIDES]. 1610 SHAKS. *Temp.* I. ii. 402 Sea-Nimphs hourly ring his knell. 1710 W. KING *Heathen Gods & Heroes* xxxix. (1722) 166 The Sea Nymphs were in great Numbers call'd Nereides. 1815 SCOTT *Ld. of Isles* III. xxviii, Hark! hears he not the sea-nymph speak Her anger in that thrilling shriek! 1871 PALGRAVE *Lyr. Poems* 49 O Italy, mother of nations Like her own fair sea-nymph's brood, Who turn and read their mother.

2. An antarctic petrel, *Procellaria nereis*.

1875 J. H. KIDDER *Nat. Hist. Kerguelen Isl.* I. 31.

Sea·-oak. [tr. mod.L. *quercus marina.*] The seaweed *Fucus vesiculosus*, and other seaweeds of similar appearance; bladder-wrack.

1597 GERARDE *Herbal* II. clix. 1378 *Quercus marinus.* Sea Oke, or Wrake. 1598 SYLVESTER *Du Bartas* II. i. I. *Eden* 598 There lives the Sea-Oak [orig. *le chesne marin*] in a little shell. 1657 W. COLES *Adam in Eden* cvi, Sea Oke or Wrake. 1700 C. LEIGH *Nat. Hist. Lanc.*, etc. I. 92 In some of the Alga's or Sea-Oaks I have observ'd various Capsulæ impleted with a pellucid Gelly. 1796 [see TANG *sb.*[3]]. 1822–29 *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 3) III. 358 The bibulous marine plants which..have been applied to the strumous tumours in the form of epithems, as sea-wrack (*fucus vesiculosus*), sea-tang (*alga marina*), and sea-oak (*quercus marina*).

b. *attrib.*: **sea-oak coralline, sertularia,** the polyp *Sertularia pumila.*

1754 J. ELLIS in *Phil. Trans.* XLVIII. 632 This species I have call'd the sea-oak coralline, from its being most frequently found..adhering to the largest species of the *quercus marinus.* 1802 BINGLEY *Anim. Biog.* (1813) III. 482 The Sea Oak Sertularia. 1888 *Cassell's Nat. Hist.* VI. 290 The Sea Oak Coralline is a common example.

Sea-officer. Now somewhat *rare* (very common in 17–18th c.). A naval officer.

1669 R. MONTAGU in *Buccleuch MSS.* (Hist. MSS. Comm.) I. 456 Out of these [gentlemen] the King intends always to choose his sea officers. 1708 *Proclam.* 20 May in *Lond. Gaz.* No. 4440/1 In case any..Warrant Sea-Officers belonging to any Ship of War..be absent. 1833 T. HOOK *Parson's Dau.* I. vii, Saying which..the gallant sea-officer quitted the Parsonage. 1860 GEN. P. THOMPSON *Audi Alt.* III. 129 The first of England's living sea-officers.

Sea-otter. A marine otter of the shores of the North Pacific, *Enhydris marina* or *lutris.*

1664 HUBERT *Catal. Rarities* (1665) 14 A Sea-Otter. 1710 SIBBALD *Fife & Kinross* 49 *Lutra Marina*, the Sea-Otter, ..differeth from the Land-Otter, for it is bigger, and the Pile of its Furr is rougher. 1772–84 *Cook's Voy.* (1790) V. 1738 Sea-otters are amphibious. 1818 SCOTT *Rob Roy* xxxiv, A large leathern pouch,..made of the skin of the sea otter. 1836 W. IRVING *Astoria* I. 174 Numbers of canoes soon came off, bringing sea-otter skins to sell. 1879 *Cassell's Techn. Educ.* I. 74/1 The fur of the sea-otter is thick, soft, and woolly.

b. **Sea-otter's cabbage,** the large seaweed *Nereocystis Lütkeana* of the North Pacific, the fronds of which are a favourite resort of sea-otters.

1866 *Treas. Bot.*

Sea·-owl.

1. The lump-fish, *Cyclopterus lumpus.*

1601 [see LUMP *sb.*[1] 1]. *a* 1672 [see COCK-PADDLE]. 1836 YARRELL *Brit. Fishes* II. 270.

2. The puffin.

1842 BONNYCASTLE *Newfoundld.* II. 234 The puffin (*alca arctica*) which may be called the sea-owl, from its extraordinary head and wise look.

† Sea-ox. *Obs.*

1. The hippopotamus. Cf. SEA-COW.

1600 J. POEY tr. *Leo's Africa* IX. 335 The creatures therein [in the Nile] contained are exceeding strange, as namely sea-horses, sea-oxen, crocodiles [etc.]. *Ibid.* 344 The sea-oxe being covered with an exceeding hard skinne is shaped in all respects like vnto the land-oxe; saue that in hignes it exceedeth not a calfe of sixe moneths olde. 1607 TOPSELL *Four-f. Beasts* 328 Some Græcians call him sometimes a Sea-horsse, and sometimes a Sea-oxe. 1660 F. BROOKE tr. *Le Blanc's Trav.* 202 A hundred Elephants, caparison'd with the skins of Sea-oxen. *Ibid.*, This *Besign* beares a bow and quiver, a short sword, and a coat of Sea-oxe. 1791 SMELLIE tr. *Buffon* (ed. 3) VI. 278.

2. The walrus or morse.

1613 PURCHAS *Pilgrimage* 626 Neere to New-found-land in 47 deg. is great killing of the Morse or Sea-oxe.

Sea-parrot.

1. The puffin.

1664 HUBERT *Catal. Rarities* (1665) 9 A Sea-Parret or Coppernose of Greenland. 1694–1865 [see PARROT *sb.* 3 a].

2. One of several fishes (see PARROT-FISH).

1666 J. DAVIES *Hist. Caribby Isl.* 98 There are also in these Parts certain Fishes scaled like a Carp, but as to colour are as green as a Parrot, whence they are by some called Sea-Parrots. 1706, 1883 [see PARROT *sb.* 3 b].

Sea-pen. [PEN *sb.*[2]] A polyp of the genus *Pennatula* or family *Pennatulidæ.*

1763 J. ELLIS in *Phil. Trans.* LIII. 420 This Animal was well known to the ancients by the name of the Sea-Pen. 1768 SOLANDER *Let. to J. Ellis* in *Ann. Reg.* (1769) XII. 188/2 We can hardly buy a plate of shrimps [at Rio de Janeiro], without finding a dozen of your *Pennatula reniformis*, or kidney shaped sea pen, among them. 1840 F. D. BENNETT *Whaling Voy.* II. 102 The sandy beach of the bay is strewn with..sponges, sea-pens [etc.]. 1879 E. P. WRIGHT *Anim. Life* 591 fig., The sea pen (*Pteroides spinosus*). 1883 C. F. HOLDER in *Harper's Mag.* Jan. 184/2 The sea-pens are remarkable for their phosphorescence.

Sea-pheasant.

1. The turbot.

1633 [see PHEASANT 2 b]. 1672 JOSSELYN *New-Eng. Rarities* 26 Hallibut or Sea Pheasant. 1737 in W. Walker *Bards Bon-Accord* (1887) 161 Turbot, far requested for his white And mellow flesh, sea-pheasant often named.

2. The pintail duck, *Dafila acuta*; also the long-tailed duck, *Harelda glacialis.*

a 1672 WILLUGHBY *Ornith.* (1676) 289 *Anas caudacuta*... Sea Pheasant: The Cracker. 1674, 1837 [see PHEASANT 2 b]. 1842 BONNYCASTLE *Newfoundld.* II. 236 The pintail duck ..from its plumage and the shape of its tail is called the sea pheasant. 1845 ELIZA ACTON *Mod. Cookery* (ed. 2) 285 To roast the pintail, or sea-pheasant. 1893 in Cozens-Hardy *Broad Norf.* 47 *Sea-Phaysant*..Longtailed Duck.

Sea-pie[1]. [PIE *sb.*[1]] A common name for the oyster-catcher, *Hæmatopus ostralegus.* Also used in *Her.* as an armorial bearing (see quot. 1780).

1552 *Acc. Pcess Eliz.* 40 in *Camden Misc.* (1853) II, Paid in rewarde..to..Mr. Levetts servauntes for briaging of seapies, x. s. *c* 1557 S. BURROUGH in *Hakluyt's Voy.* (1599) I. 279 In this place we found plenty of young foule, as Gulles, Seapies, and others. 1615 MARKHAM *Pleas. Princ.* viii. (1635) 37 The Sea-pie is a great devourer of all sorts of Fish. 1747 MALLET *Amyntor & Theod.* Wks. 1759 I. 127 The Sea-Py ceas'd At once to warble. 1772–84 *Cook's Voy.* (1790) IV. 1323 Among the rocks are found black sea pies, with red bills. 1780 EDMONDSON *Heraldry* II. Gloss., *Sea-pie*, a water-fowl, of a dark brown colour, with a red head, and the neck and wings white. 1862 KINGSLEY *Water Bab.* iv. 140 The sea-pies with their red bills and legs, flew to and fro from shore to shore. 1873 BLACK *Pr. Thulé* ix. 141 Not even a gull or a sea-pye crossed the..moorland.

transf. 1607 DEKKER & WEBSTER *Northw. Hoe* I. B 2 b, Now blew-bottle? what flutter you for[,] Sea-pye? *Serving-man.* Not to catch fish, sir.

Sea-pie[2]. [PIE *sb.*[2]] A dish of meat and vegetables, etc. boiled together, with a crust of paste, or 'in layers between crusts, the number of which denominate it a two or three decker' (Smyth *Sailor's Word-bk.* 1867).

1751 *Affect. Narr. of Wager* 66 They shot several wild Fowl, some of which they roasted, putting the rest into what we call a Sea Pye. 1827 SCOTT *Surg. Dau.* vi, Lobscous, sea-pie, and other delicacies of a naval description. 1886 CUNLIFFE *Rochdale Gloss.*, *Sea-pie*, a pie of potatoes and flesh baked in a pan over the fire. 1897 MARY KINGSLEY *W. Africa* 227 Using it also in the preparation of a sort of sea-pie they [the natives] make with meat and fish.

transf. 1847 THACKERAY in *Fraser's Mag.* Jan. 123 Pictorially, *The Drawing-Room Scrap-Book* is a sea-pie, made up of scraps that have been served at many tables before.

Sea·-piece. [PIECE *sb.* 17 b.] A picture representing a scene at sea.

1656 EVELYN *Diary* 10 July, A piece representing Sir F. Drake's action in the year 1580, an excellent sea-piece. 1681 GREW *Museum* IV. § iii. 378 A Sea-Piece, consisting wholly of Inlay'd-work, of several Colours, in Stone. 1712 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 489 ¶ 4 Great Painters..very often employ their Pencils upon Sea-Pieces. 1797 HOLCROFT tr. *Stolberg's Trav.* (ed. 2) II. lxii. 420 He has painted a moonlight sea piece. 1829 BRIGHTON *Sir P. Wallis* 228 Two sea-pieces by Musin occupy a considerable space.

Sea-pigeon.

1. A name given (locally) to various birds, as the rock-dove, *Columba livia*, the black guillemot, *Uria Grylle*, the grey kittiwake, *Larus canus.*

1620 J. MASON *New-found-land* in *Mem.* (1887) 151 The sea fowles are gulles, sea pigeons. 1664 HUBERT *Catal. Rarities* (1665) 9 A Sea-Pidgeon of Green-land. 1767 tr. *Cranz' Greenland* I. 84 The sea-pidgeon..is like the willock in almost every thing, except its being less. 1819 STEPHENS in *Shaw's Gen. Zool.* XI. 23 Sea pigeon. (*Columba littoralis.*) *Ibid.* 24 It occurs in abundance in New Guinea and Java; by the natives of the latter, it is distinguished by the name of the Sea Pigeon. 1861 COUES in *Proc. Philad. Acad.* 256 They [Black Guillemots] are universally known to the natives and fishermen [of Labrador] as 'Sea-pigeons'. 1870 GILLMORE tr. *Figuier's Reptiles & Birds* 285 The Grey Kittiwake (*Larus canus*) is often called the Sea Pigeon. 1885 SWAINSON *Prov. Names Birds* 168 Rock Dove (*Columba livia*)...Sea pigeon (Ireland).

2. *U. S.* A large green sea-slug.

1885 C. F. HOLDER *Marvels Anim. Life* 169 One of the sea-slugs, a great green creature, commonly known on the [Florida] reef as the sea-pigeon.

Sea-pike[1]. [PIKE *sb.*[4]] One of various fishes, as (*a*) a gar-fish, esp. *Belone vulgaris*; (*b*) any fish of the family *Sphyrænidæ*, esp. the genus *Sphyræna*; (*c*) the hake, *Merlucius vulgaris*; (*d*) a fish of the family *Centropomidæ*, of tropical America, esp. *Centropomus undecimalis* (Cent. Dict. 1891).

1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* XXXII. ii. II. 427 The sea pike Lupus. 1611 COTGR., *Peis escome*, the Sea pike, or Spit-fish. 1668 CHARLETON *Onomast.* 136 *Sphyræna*..*Lucius Marinus*, the Sea-Pike, or Spitt-Fish. 1769 PENNANT *Brit. Zool.* III. 274 The common sea pike, or sea needle, sometimes grows to the length of three feet, or more. 1840 *Cuvier's Anim. Kingd.* 294 *Sphyræna*, the Sea Pike, which has been confounded with the *Esox* or True Pike. 1860 BARTLETT *Dict. Amer.* (ed. 3), *Bill-fish*, (*Belone truncata*) a small sea-fish...Also called Sea-pike. 1880–84 F. DAY *Brit. Fishes* I. 301 *Merluccius vulgaris*...The hake,..or sea-pike. 1898 MORRIS *Austral Engl., Sea-Pike*, a fish of New South Wales, *Lanioperca mordax* Günth., of the family *Sphyrænidæ.*

Sea-pike[2]. [PIKE *sb.*[5]] A trident.

1870 BRYANT *Iliad* XV. II. 109 He bore A sea-pike two and twenty cubits long.

Sea-pine.

1. See PINE *sb.*[2] 2.

1753 *Chambers' Cycl.* Suppl. s.v. *Pine*, 5. The wild sea-pine. ..6. The Idæan sea-pine. 1845 BROWNING *Englishm. in Italy* 191 The flat sea-pine crouches.

2. A dark-coloured seaweed. ? *Obs.*

1762 W. HUDSON *Flora Anglica* 470 *Fucus..incurvus*..., black Fucus, or Sea Pine. 1777 ROBSON *Brit. Flora* 310 *Fucus incurvus*...Black Wrack. Sea Pine.

Sea-pink. [PINK *sb.*[4]] **a.** The plant Thrift, *Armeria maritima.* † **b.** *Cerastium repens.*

1731 MILLER *Gard. Dict.*, *Statice*; Thrift or Sea Pink. 1759, etc. [see PINK *sb.*[4] 1 b]. 1850 ALLINGHAM *Poems*,

Before Breakf. ii, Now the cliff spreads its cheerful adorning Of matted sea-pink under foot. 1897 'ALLEN RAINE' *Welsh Singer* viii. 68 Flinging himself on the sea-pinks.

Sea-plant. [PLANT *sb.*1] A plant growing in the sea or in salt-water, a marine or maritime plant.

1681 GREW *Museum* II. § v. i. 247 These, and other Sea-Plants hereafter descrih'd. 1764 *Ann. Reg.* II. 10 A sea-plant which they boil in seal's fat. 1860 WRAXALL *Life in Sea* viii. 184 They [sea-hares] inhabit the rocks on the coast, and crawl about on the sea-plants.

Sea-poose, variant of SEA-PURSE (sense 4).

Sea-pork. a. 'The flesh of young whales in the western isles of Scotland' (Smyth *Sailor's Word-bk.* 1867). b. *Local U. S.* (see quot.).

1885 *Riverside Nat. Hist.* (1888) III. 58 *Amaroecium*, a genus [of compound ascidians] common on our coasts, forms large colonies... The general color is much like that of boiled salt pork,..and the fishermen..call them sea-pork.

Seaport (sī·pōəɹt). [PORT *sb.*1] A harbour or port on the sea-coast; a town or city on such a harbour. = PORT *sb.*1 1 and 2.

1596 DALRYMPLE tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* I. 12 It hes thir tounes Kircoubrie, Wigtoune, and the quhyt Case, al the thrie gude seyportes. 1712 E. COOKE *Voy. S. Sea* 388 We shall pass by the Sea-Ports, having mention'd them in the precedent Chapter. 1735 BERKELEY *Querist* § 266 Wks. 1871 III. 378 The sea-ports of Galway, Limerick, Cork. 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* iii. I. 335 Bristol, then the first English seaport. 1874 GREEN *Short Hist.* iv. § 3 (1882) 184 The great merchant city..sank..into a petty seaport.

b. *attrib.*, esp. in *seaport town* (cf. PORT-TOWN 2).

1705 *Proclam.* 18 Jan. in *Lond. Gaz.* No. 4090/1 Until they Arrive at some Sea Port-Town. 1838 DICKENS *Nich. Nick.* xxii, Portsmouth is a seaport town. 1909 *Edin. Rev.* Oct. 391 Apollo meets the Seaman at a seaport tavern.

Sea-pouce, variant of SEA-PURSE (sense 4).

Sea-power.

1. A nation or state having international power or influence on sea. Cf. POWER *sb.*1 6 b.

1849 GROTE *Greece* II. xxxix. V. 67 The conversion of Athens from a land-power into a sea-power. 1890 MAHAN *Infl. Sea-power Hist.* 225 Before that war [of the Spanish succession] England was one of the sea powers; after it she was *the* sea power, without any second. 1906 W. M. RAMSAY in *Expositor* Apr. 365 Tarsus..became a harbour and a sea power.

2. The strength and efficiency of a nation (or of nations generally) for maritime warfare.

The currency of the term in its more abstract use is due to Captain A. T. Mahan's book, *Influence of Sea-power on History* (1890). In a letter of 19 Feb. 1897, printed in E. Marston, *After Work* (1904) 257, Capt. Mahan states that the combination was deliberately adopted by him 'in order to compel attention'.

1883 SIR J. R. SEELEY *Expansion Eng.* 89 Commerce..was swept out of the Mediterranean by the besom of the Turkish sea-power. 1885 *Encycl. Brit.* XVIII. 574/1 Themistocles..the founder of the Attic sea-power. 1902 SIR C. BRIDGE in *Encycl. Brit.* XXXII. 493/1 In the first and greatest of the contests waged by the nations of the East against Europe—the Persian wars—sea-power was the governing factor.

Seapoy, Seapt, obs. forms of SEPOY, SEPT *sb.*

Sea-purse. Also (in sense 4) **sea-pouce, -puss, -poose.**

1. A zoophyte of the genus ALCYONIUM. ? *Obs.*

1806 TURTON *Linn. Syst. Nat.* IV. 653 *Alcyonium Bursa* ..Sea Purse.

2. The horny egg-case of a skate, ray, or shark; a mermaid's purse.

1856 *Eng. Cycl., Nat. Hist.* IV. 530 The young [of Skates] are deposited..in their horny cases... These..are sometimes called sea-purses. 1891 C. L. MORGAN *Anim. Life & Intell.* 220 Each is also protected by a horny case with pointed corners—the so called sea-purse of seaside visitors.

3. A siphonaceous alga, *Codium bursa*, which resembles a sponge.

1853 *Eng. Cycl., Nat. Hist.* I. 115 *Codium*, the Sea-Purse, is a hollow, sub-globose, dark green plant, composed [etc.].

4. *U. S., Atlantic coast.* A swirl of the undertow or a double undertow formed by two waves meeting at an angle, making a small whirlpool on the surface of the water, dangerous to bathers.

1891 *Century Dict., Sea-purse*, ..2. A swirl of the undertow [etc.]... Also called *sea-pouce* and *sea-puss*. 1896 *Athletic Sports, Surf & Surf bathing* (1898) 247 As the word is ignored by Webster, I shall invent my own spelling and write it 'sea-poose'. This term is loosely used in different parts of the coast.

Seapy, obs. form of SEPOY.

Sea-quake, seaquake. [after EARTHQUAKE.] A convulsion or sudden agitation of the sea from a submarine eruption or earthquake.

1680 C. NESSE *Church Hist.* 333 This σεισμὸς..is usually understood of an earth-quake, but here 'tis a sea-quake. 1774 GOLDSM. *Nat. Hist.* (1824) I. 53 A violent agitation, or heaving, of the sea...This agitation..may be called, for the sake of perspicuity, a seaquake; and this also is produced by volcanoes. 1827 *Blackw. Mag.* XXI. 273 The phenomenon called a mare moto or seaquake, was heaving the waters of the harbour. 1889 HICKSON *Nat. N. Celebes* iii. 45 This was accompanied by a terrible seaquake.

Sear (sīəɹ), *sb.*1 Forms: 6 serre, 6–7 seare, 7 saer, 9 sere, scear, sear. [Of obscure history.

Commonly regarded as a. OF. *serre* grasp, something that grasps or holds fast, f. *serrer* to grasp, hold fast, press close, repr. late L. *serāre* to bar, bolt, f. L. *sera* bar for a door. The Fr. word, however, has app. not been found with this specific meaning; in the sense 'foot of a bird of prey' (SERE *sb.*) it is still current, and in OF. it also meant a lock or bolt.]

1. A portion of a gun-lock which engages with the notches of the tumbler in order to keep the hammer at full or half cock, and which is released (at full cock) by pressure upon the trigger.

1596 LAMBARDE *Peramb. Kent* (ed. 2) 452 Euen as a pistole that is rendy charged and bent, will flie off by and by, if a man do but touch the Seare. 1622 F. MARKHAM *Bk. War* I. ix. 35 Let the Cocks and Trickers be nimble to goe and come; for as concerning Seares, they are vtterly out of date. 1688 HOLME *Armoury* III. xviii. (Roxb.) 135/1 The seuerall parts of a Fire lock...The saer or dog. 1802 *Trans. Soc. Arts* XX. 246 Further motion being prevented by a notch in the small sear. 1864 WHEELWRIGHT *Spring Lapl.* 200 It [a gun-lock] seemed to be altogether destitute of a scear, but with a famous mainspring. 1898 *Proc. Soc. Antiq.* 17 Mar. 109 The cock is caught by the nose of the sear projecting from the lock-plate. 1903 SIR M. G. GERARD *Leaves fr. Diaries* x. 367 The bent of the sear had broken—the piece being at half-cock.

b. *Tickle* or *light of the sear* (fig.): easily made to 'go off', readily yielding to any impulse (cf. quot. 1596 above). So † *to go glib upon the sear.*

?1560 *Dial. Comen Secretarye & Jelowsye* 7 She that is fayre, lusty, and yonge,..Thynke ye her tayle is not lyght of the seare. 1583 H. HOWARD *Defensative* H iv, Discouering the moods and humours of the vulgar sort,.. to be so loose and tickle of the seare, as there wanted nothing but a leader, of great courage and deepe wisedome to begin the game. 1600 BRETON *Pasquil's Fooles-cap* B 2, An idle Mate, Whose tongue goes all too glibbe vpon the seare. 1602 SHAKS. *Ham.* II. ii. 337 The Clowne shall make those laugh whose lungs are tickled [*read* tickle] a th' sere.

2. *Comb.*, as **sear-nose,** the end of the sear which engages with the notches in the tumbler; **sear-pin, -pivot,** the bolt upon which the sear turns; **sear-spring,** a spring which keeps the sear in position, also, in some gun-locks a spring which throws the hammer back to half-cock after a discharge (also *attrib.* in *sear-spring cramp, -pin*).

1859 *Musketry Instr.* 16 The arm of the sear is that part on which the trigger acts to raise the *sear-nose out of the full bent of tumbler. 1853 URE *Dict. Arts* II. 251 The *sear-pin. 1892 GREENER *Breech-loader* 16 Tumbler and *scear pivots. 1688 HOLME *Armoury* III. xviii. (Roxb.) 135/1 The *saer spring or feather spring. 1831 DARWIN in *Life & Lett.* (1887) I. 211 Two sere-springs, four nipples or plugs. 1844 *Queen's Regul. Army* 96 *note*, One *Sear-Spring Cramp, for Arms with back-action Locks. 1892 GREENER *Breech-loader* 15 The bridle and *scear-spring pins.

Sear (sīəɹ), *sb.*2 Also 6 seare. [f. SEAR *v.*] A mark or impression produced by searing. Also *fig.*

1874 O'SHAUGHNESSY *Music & Moonlight* 122 Her dear wan life is dearer to me keeping The sear upon its whiteness of her fall. 1875 MANNING *Internal Mission Holy Ghost* viii. 216 If you had ever been burnt, there would remain the sear of the burn as long as you live.

Sear (sīəɹ), *v.* Forms: 4–6, 9 sere, 5–8 seer, (6 ceer), 6–7 seare, 6– sear. [OE. *séarian* = OHG. (*ar-*)*sôrên* :—OTeut. type **saurêjan*, f. **sauro-*, OE. *séar* dry, SERE *a.*]

1. *intr.* To dry up, to wither away; to become sere. Now *rare.*

?*c* 890 in Cockayne *Shrine* 168/22 Greau [leaf] weaxað..hy eft onginnað searian. *c* 1430 LYDG. *Reson & Sens.* 2736 Ful of trees..whose fressh beaute and greenesse..Nouther Sere, nor wexen olde. 1496 *Dives & Pauper* (W. de W.) I. xxviii. 66/2 Whan other herbes sere and drye up. 1530 PALSGR. 709/2 This tree wyll seere within a yere or twayne. 1878 *Scribner's Monthly Mag.* XVI. 332/2 As the autumn seared and browned and grayed at last into winter. 1901 A. AUSTIN *Royal Homecoming* x, What Nature feels when Autumn stacks and seres, Or Yule-gusts blow.

2. *trans.* To cause to wither, to blight.

1412–20 LYDG. *Chron. Troy* I. 1655 Eke 3onge trees to sere, rote and riade, And afterward make hem, agein kynde, With lusty braunchis blosme and budde newe. *c* 1550 CHEKE *Matt.* xxi. 19 And y^e fig tree was seered bi and hi. 1561 HOLLYNUSH *Hom. Apoth.* 25 b, The same heate dryeth or seereth the stomake. 1784 COWPER *Task* III. 30 When summer sears the plains. 1815 SHELLEY *Alastor* 249 His scattered hair Sered by the autumn of strange suffering Sung dirges in the wind. 1876 SWINBURNE *Erechtheus* 1459 If no fire of sun or star untimely sear the tender graia. 1896 A. AUSTIN *England's Darling* III. i, How often have I crushed their [reeds'] crackling stems, Sered by the wind and manacled in ice.

† b. *To sear up*: to subject to a process which causes withering, to dry up from the roots. *Obs.*

1430–40 LYDG. *Bochas* VIII. xv. (1494) D iij b, The frutles trees vp seryd to the rote. 1589 HAKLUYT *Voy.* 97 They cut the branches euery euening, because they are seared vp in the day by the heate of the Sunne.

3. To burn or char (animal tissues) by the application of a hot iron; to cauterize (a wound, the stump of an amputated limb, etc.) in order to destroy virus or prevent the flow of blood.

1530 PALSGR. 709/2, I sere with a hoote yron, as a smyth or cyrurgien dothe. 1555 W. WATREMAN *Fardle Facions* I. vi. 107 If [it ware] a wenche, they [Amazons] streighte ceared y^e pappes, that thei might not growe to hindre them in the warres. 1634 CANNE *Necess. Separ.* (1849) 145 A chirurgeon trieth all gentle means before lancing, searing, or cutting off. 1778 JOHNSON in *Boswell* 20 Apr., It is a sad thing for a man ..to bleed to death, because he has not fortitude enough to sear the wound, or even to stitch it up. 1831 VOUATT *Horse* 227 Preventing bleeding by searing the vessels with a hot iron. 1865 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* Ser. II. I. 252, I prefer searing at about eight or ten weeks as a..more humane process than drawing...I have never lost a lamb from searing.

b. *fig.* Chiefly after 1 Tim. iv. 2, to render (the conscience) incapable of feeling.

1582 N. T. (Rhem.) 1 *Tim.* iv. 2 Having their conscience seared [1611 seared with a hote iron]. 1633 FORD *'Tis Pity* v. 1 2, Thy Conscience youth is sear'd. *a* 1674 TRAHERNE *Chr. Ethics* (1675) 190 They are obdurate and seared, that cannot discern and feel the wound which they inflict on themselves, who grieve and offend their Creator. 1772 MACKENZIE *Man World* I. iii, To give firmness to sensibility..without searing its feelings where they led to virtue. 1816 BYRON *Fare thee well* xv, Sear'd in heart, and lone, and blighted, More than this I scarce can die. 1851 ROBERTSON *Serm.* Ser. IV. xv. (1863) 116 Christianity does not sear the human heart; it softens it. 1868 FREEMAN *Norm. Conq.* (1876) II. viii. 210 A long career of ambition, craft, and despotic rule never utterly seared his conscience. 1879 SPENCER *Data of Ethics* xiv. § 93. 245 The destructive activities carried on against external enemies sear it [sympathy].

c. *To sear up*: to close (a wound, vein, etc.) by actual cautery. Also *fig.*

1600 W. WATSON *Decacordon* (1602) 41 [The Jesuits] haue bespattered with a most dangerous Gangrene, the whole bodie misticall of Christ (which vnlesse it be seared vp with hot irons here in England, wil neuer come at Rome to be soundly cured). 1629 B. JONSON *New Inn* II. i, The rogue deserues..To be crop'd with his owne Scizzers..And ha' the stumps sear'd vp with his owne searing candle. 1697 COLLIER *Ess. Mor. Subj.* II. 145 The Vein of Rhetorick was seared up. 1768–74 TUCKER *Lt. Nat.* (1834) I. 644 Then for the worm of conscience,..they have seared up his mouth with a hot iron that he cannot bite. 1839 HALLAM *Lit. Eur.* III. iv. § 79 The political system of Hobbes, like his moral system,..sears up the heart.

† d. To brand, stigmatize. Also *fig. Obs.*

c 1520 SKELTON *Magnyf.* 360 And boyes to the pylery gan me plucke,..And some bade sere hym with a marke. 1601 SHAKS. *All's Well* II. i. 176 A divulged shame Traduc'd by odious ballads: my maidens name Seard otherwise. 1611 — *Wint. T.* II. i. 73 Calumnie will seare Vertue it selfe. 1638 *Brief Relat.* 21 Now the Executioner being come, to seare him and cut of his eares, Mr. Prynne spake these words to him [etc.]. 1644 MILTON *Divorce* I. i. (ed. 2) 7 Not to suffer the ordinance of his goodnes and favour, through any error to be ser'd and stigmatiz'd upon his servants to their misery and thraldome.

4. In wider sense: To burn, scorch; † to put *out* (one's eyes) by burning. Also *fig.* ? *Obs.*

1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* I. xi. 26 The scorching flame sore swinged all his face, And through his armour all his bodie seard. 1593 NASHE *Christ's T.* Wks. 1904 II. 136 To the intent that..he might with the bright reflection of his [the sun's] beamy radiation seare out his eyes. *c* 1610 BEAUM. & FL. *Philaster* II, All the Court shall hoot thee through the Court Fling rotten Oranges, make ribald Rimes, And sear thy name with Candles upon walls. 1650 FULLER *Pisgah* III. xiii. 349 Tophet..where children were offered to Moloch, searing them to death with his burning imbracements. 1652 GATAKER *Antinom.* 8 Poor souls for fear of searing their lips, dare not put the cup to their mouths. 1725 POPE *Odyss.* V. 307 A lofty wood Whose leafless summits to the skies aspire, Scorch'd by the sun, or sear'd by heav'nly fire. 1810 SCOTT *Lady of L.* III. x, For as the flames this symbol sear, His home, the refuge of his fear, A kindred fate shall know.

Sear, variant of SERE *a.*; obs. Sc. f. SORE.

Sea-raven.

1. The cormorant.

[A transl. of L. *corvus marinus*: see etymol. note s.v. CORMORANT.]

1611 COTGR., *Corbeau d'eau*, a Cormorant. *Corbeau de mer*, the same; or, the sea-Raven. 1774 GOLDSM. *Nat. Hist.* (1776) VI. 102 When the great sea-raven, as Jacobson informs us, comes to take away their young, the puffins boldly oppose him.

2. † a. A fish mentioned by Pliny. *Obs.* b. A large North American fish, *Hemitripterus americanus*, also called deep-water sculpin.

1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* XXXII. xi. II. 451 [List of fishes.] The Sea-Raven Corvus. 1672 JOSSELYN *New-Eng. Rarities* 29 Sea Raven. 1836 J. RICHARDSON *Fauna Bor.-Amer.* III. 50 *Hemitripterus Americanus*...The Sea-raven...inhabits the cod-banks on the coast of New York, Nova Scotia, and the Gulf of St. Lawrence. 1888 GOODE *Amer. Fishes* 302 The Sea-raven is decidedly palatable.

† c. A large African fish. *Obs. rare*—1.

1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) XVI. 15/2 *Sea Raven*, or *corvo marino*, of Kongo in Africa,..is about six feet long, and big in proportion.

Searce (sōəɹs), *sb.* ? *Obs.* Forms: [? 4 sace], 5 saarce, sars, sarsse, sarche, 5–7 sarce, 6 cearse, 6–8 serce, searse, 7 sarse, serse, 7–8 sierce, 7–9 search, 5–9 searce. [ME. *saarce*, a. (with unexplained insertion of *r*) OF. *saas* (mod.F. *sas*) = Pr. *sedas*, Sp. *cedazo*, It. *staccio* (Neapolitan *setaccio*) :—pop. L. **sætāceus* (*pannus*), lit. (cloth) made of bristles, f. L. *sæta* bristle.] A sieve or strainer. (In the first quot. the word may be AF.)

[1329–30 *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 17, 1 sace, 4*d.*] *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 441/2 Saarce, instrument. 1459 *Inv. Sir J. Fastolf's Goods* in *Paston Lett.* I. 490 Item,..j. sars of brasse. Item,..j. sarche of tre. 1546 LANGLEY tr. *Pol. Verg. de Invent.* III. i. 65 Siues and sarces of heare. 1578 BANISTER *Hist. Man* I. 10 The couer..Galen likeneth to a searse, as though it were full of holes. 1594 *Good Huswife's Handmaide* 52 When it [the flour] is baken, it will be full of clods, and therefore ye must searse it through a search. 1624 QUARLES *Job Militant* med. iv. 17 My Mem'ry's like a Searce of Lawne (alas) It Keepes things grosse, and lets the purer passe. 1669 STURMY *Mariner's Mag.* v. xii. 66 Sift it through a fine Sieve, or a Search. 1674 RAY *Coll. Words, Prepar. Tin* 122 The fine [tin] is lewed in a fine sierce. 1719 DE FOE *Crusoe* I. (Globe) 124 My next Difficulty was to make a Sieve, or Search, to dress my Meal. 1780 MACKENZIE *Mirror* No. 93 § 9 His brain, poor man! was like a gauze searce, it admitted nothing of any magnitude. 1839 URE *Dict. Arts* 262 Adding the fish-glue dissolved in a great deal of water, and passed through a searce

[*printed* seuree]. 1844 N. PATERSON *Mause Garden* 147 Put all the earth through a search or riddle, of which the wires are one inch apart.

fig. 1603 FLORIO *Montaigne* II. xii. (1632) 296 Vet will our selfe overweening sift his diuinitie through our searce. 1655 FULLER *Ch. Hist.* VI. 279 Whereas other Orders of Monks and Fryers were after their first institution sifted (as I may say) thorough many other searches. 1662 GURNALL *Chr. in Arm.* III. verse 18. I. xvii. 330 His Mediation is the fine searse through which our prayers are boulted.

b. *Comb.*, as † *searce-net*; † *searce-wise* adv.

1526 *Grete Herball* ccccxxxv. (1529) Z iij, Take veray small powdre therof and passe it through a sarcenet. 1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* XI. xxiv. I. 323 The long yarne in her web wrought serce-wise.

Searce (sɔ̄ɪs), *v.* ? *Obs.* Forms: 5 saarce, sarge, serge, (sayeres ?), 5–6 sarse, 5–7 sarce, 6 searsse, cerse, cerce, serche, 6–7 serse, serce, seirce, 6–8 sierse, 7–8 sierce, 5–9 searce, 6–9 searse, search (see also E.D.D.). [f. SEARCE *sb.*; cf. F. *sasser.*] *trans.* To sift through a searce.

c 1400 *Lanfranc's Cirurg.* 183 Grynde all þese & sarce hem. *c* 1430 *Two Cookery-bks.* 20 Take Appelys an sethe hem, an Serge [*Ashmole MS.* Sarge] hem þorwe a Sefe in-to a potte. *c* 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* XI. 414 Bete al this smul, and sarce hit smothe at al. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 441/2 Saarcyn, *colo.* 1543 TRAHERON *Vigo's Chirurg.* II. ii. 15 Take of the cromes of breade well cerced a pounde. 1545 RAYNOLD *Byrth Mankynde* 84 Strewe vpon it yᵉ powder..beaten very smal & searched through sylke. 1575 TURBERV. *Faulconrie* 301 Beate it into pouder and serce it through a fine cloth. 1675 HAN. WOOLLEY *Gentlew. Comp.* 118 Grate a penny loaf, and seirce it through a Cullender. 1719 DE FOE *Crusoe* I. (Globe) 124 Fine thin Canvas, or Stuff, to search the Meal through. 1741 *Compl. Fam.-Piece* I. ii. 187 Searce some fine Sugar over them. 1747 MRS. GLASSE *Cookery* 141 Take two Pounds of Flour, a Pound of Sugar finely search'd, mix them together. 1799 G. SMITH *Laboratory* I. 8 Be very careful..that..all these ingredients be well mixed together and searsed through a fine sieve.

b. *transf.* and *fig.*

c 1535 NISBET *N. T., Rom.* Prol. (S.T.S.) III. 315 The mare grundly it is searssit, the preciouser thingis ar founde in it. 1591 SYLVESTER *Du Bartas* I. iii. 147 The dry Earth, having these waters (first) Through the wide sieve of her void entrails sierst. 1623 WEBSTER *Devil's Law-Case* II. i. C 4 b, You haue Potecaries..will put foure or fiue coxcombs into a sieue..; theyle searse them through like Ginny Pepper. 1644 DIGBY *Nat. Soul* v. § 3. 395 When we haue sifted and searsed the essence of any notion whatsoeuer. 1831 SCOTT *Ct. Robt.* x, His eye was of that piercing kind which seems designed to search and winnow the frivolous from the edifying part of human discussion.

Hence **Searced** *ppl. a.*, **Sea·rcing** *vbl. sb.*

1544 PHAER *Regim. Lyfe* (1546) Cc iv b, Than take pouder of stauisacre serced and myngle all togyther. 1599 B. JONSON *Cynthia's Rev.* v. iv, Tut, it is the sorting,..and the searcing, and the decocting, that makes the fumigation, and the suffumigation. 1662 MERRETT tr. *Neri's Art of Glass* v. 14 Good and well sersed Tarso. 1688 HOLME *Armoury* III. 337/2 The Searce, or Searcer..is a fine Sieve with a Leather cover..to keep the Dant..that nothing be lost of it in the Searceing. 1707 SLOANE *Jamaica* I. Introd. 18 The searc'd and dry Farina is spread in the Sun to dry further.

Searcer (sɔ̄·ɹsəɹ). Also 6 serchar, 6–7 sercer, 7 searser, 8–9 searcher. [f. SEARCE *v.* + -ER¹. With sense 1 cf. OF. *sas(s)oire* sieve (Godefroy); with sense 2 cf. F. *sasseur.*]

1. A searce or sieve.

1545 RAYNOLD *Byrth Mankynde* 121 All these beate together and serche them through a serchar. 1577 B. GOOGE *Heresbach's Husb.* I. 11 b, Siues, Sercers, Boulting tubbes. 1639 T. DE GRAY *Compl. Horsem.* 266 Searce it through a fine searcer. 1676 *Phil. Trans.* XI. 754 The Author hath often observ'd, that having in the morning put an Egg near these Searsers [indigo-sifters], it hath been found in the evening all blew within. 1688 [see SEARCED *ppl. a.*]. 1883 R. HALDANE *Workshop Rec.* Ser. II. 446/1 The pulp is..passed through a 'searcher', to remove the tough skin and pips.

2. One who searces or sifts. *rare* —⁰.

1611 COTGR., *Sasseur*, a sifter, searcer, boulter of corne, &c. 1755 JOHNSON, *Searcer*, he who searces.

Search (sɔ̄ɹtʃ), *sb.* Forms: 4–6 serche, 5 serge, 5–6 searche, 5–7 serch, 6 sertche, serse, 6– search. [a. AF. *serche* (Rolls of Parlt. 1314–5, 1353), OF. *cerche* (mod.F. *cherche*), vbl. sb., f. *cerchier*: see SEARCH *v.* In some uses prob. an Eng. formation on the verb.]

1. The action or an act of searching; examination or scrutiny for the purpose of finding a person or thing. Const. *after, for,* † *of* (the object sought). † Also, investigation of a question; effort to ascertain something.

c 1400 *Destr. Troy.* 524 The woman..shewid forth her ernd..In snuyng hir seluen and serche of his wille. *c* 1450 *Cov. Myst.* (1841) 292 Thurwe alle Galyle a serge to make, Yf Ihesu be enteryd 3our pepyl among. *c* 1460 FORTESCUE *Abs. & Lim. Mon.* xiv. (1885) 142 This serche which we nowe haue made..hath be a digression ffrom the mater in wich we labour. 1530 PALSGR. 269/1 Sertche enquyre, *enqueste.* 1565 ALLEN *Def. Purg.* I. vi. 61 b, Let vs entre into the searche of the meaning of these two textes, withe suche plainesse and sincerityе that [etc.]. 1570 LEVINS *Manip.* 82/20 A Serse, *scrutinium.* 1608 SHAKS. *Per.* III. Prol. 16 By many a dearne and painefull pearch Of Perycles the carefull search,..Is made with all due diligence. *c* 1610 *Women Saints* 43 Wheo after earnest serch none could be founde, whome they iudged worthie of her. 1681–6 J. SCOTT *Chr. Life* (1747) III. 127 [Ministers] who by their..diligent Search of Scripture, were..to qualify themselves to teach [etc.]. 1697 DRYDEN *Virg. Past.* I. 38 Nor did my search of liberty begin, Till my black hairs were chang'd upon my chin. 1744 AKENSIDE *Pleas. Imag.* II. 29 Where studious ease consumes the silent hour In shadowy searches and unfruitful care. 1746 FRANCIS tr. *Horace, Epist.* I. i. 16 Farewel to Verses, for the Search of Truth And moral Decency hath fill'd my Breast. 1829 SCOTT *Rob Roy* Introd. 2nd half, Robin Oig absconded, and escaped all search. 1860 TYNDALL *Glac.* II. xxvii. 390, I..resolved to devote another year to a search among the chief glaciers. 1875 JOWETT *Plato* (ed. 2) IV. 352 The whole of our discussion from the very beginning has been a search after knowledge. 1888 J. A. H. MURRAY *N. E. D.* Pref. 16 Those who..have been always ready to undertake searches in connexion with groups of words at which the Editor and his staff were actually working.

quasi-*personified.* 1675 OTWAY *Alcibiades* II. i, Beyond what Search can see or Fancy track.

b. Phrases. *In search of* (= F. *en cherche de*): In quest of; in order to find; also, *predicatively*, occupied in searching for. *To make* (*a*) *search* (see MAKE *v.*¹ 59 a): to search (*for* some lost, concealed, or desired object).

1455 *Cal. Anc. Rec. Dublin* (1889) 287 That they make serch withyn har qarterys. 1555 EDEN *Decades* (Arb.) 77 To make diligent searche and inquisition what maner of people inhabited the land. 1595 SHAKS. *John* II. i. 428 If zealous loue should go in search of vertue, Where should he finde it purer then in Blanch? 1610 — *Temp.* II. i. 323 Lead off this ground and let's make further search For my poore sonne. 1644 EVELYN *Diary* 5 Nov., I received instructions how to behave in towne, with directions to masters and bookes to take in search of the antiquities, churches, collections, &c. 1716–8 LADY M. W. MONTAGU *Lett.* I. xxiii. 70, I might run into Turkey in search of liberty. 1809 HAN. MORE (*title*) Coelebs in Search of a Wife. 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* ii. I. 234 Search was made; and Godfrey's corpse was found in a field near London. 1879 LUBBOCK *Sci. Lect.* iii. 71 Some species..ascend bushes in search of aphides. *Mod.* I am at present in search of a house.

† **c.** Object of search. *Obs.* (? *nonce-use.*)

1806 H. SIDDONS *Maid, Wife, & Widow* I. 244 Content is the end, the search of all mankind.

† **d.** In wider sense: Examination (with regard to quality, conduct, etc.). *Obs.*

1523 *Act* 14 & 15 *Hen. VIII*, c. 2 Euery such stranger, occupieng any mistery or handy craft..shalbe under the serche and reformacion of the wardens. 1613 J. MAY *Decl. Estate Clothing* iv. 17 The Law hath effectually prouided for the search in all points, that in euerie place where cloth is made and sold, two, foure, six, or eight shall bee appointed for the search thereof, that it be according to law.

2. *spec.* **a.** An examination of a ship's cargo, etc. for the purpose of enforcing customs duties.

1462 *Paston Lett.* II. 107 The seyd Chapman is of no reputacion,..and be colour of hise office of supervisor of the searche shal gretly hurte the port. 1686 tr. *Chardin's Trav. Persia* 62 The saique, which is a sort of Turkish Vessel that takes the Commander aboard, is not expos'd to the search of the Customers. 1700 LAW *Counc. Trade* (1781) 260 By multiplying of oaths, searches, dangers and difficulties. 1891 OLVER & O'REILLY *Imperial Tariff* 82 Such search, so far as passengers' baggage is concerned, need in future only be made by the officers when requested to do so by the police.

b. An examination of a register or of documents in public custody, for the discovery of information which is believed to be contained therein.

1465 *Paston Lett.* II. 243 John Salatt hathe made a serge in the regestre..aftre the wylles and testements. 1554 in *Shropsh. Parish Documents* (1903) 54 For the serche of the Regestre at lychefylde viˢ viiiᵈ. 1836 *Act* 6 & 7 *Will. IV*, c. 86 § 37 For every general Search of the said Indexes shall be paid the Sum of Twenty Shillings.

† **c.** Self-examination of conscience, mental introspection. *Obs.*

1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 234 The exercyse..is called a meditacyon, as longe as it is with any inquisicyon, serche, or difficulty of yᵉ mynde. 1659 A. HAY *Diary* (S. H. S.) 50, I..then retired myself to my preparatioun and weeklie search, and had a very comfortable allowance in some meditations. *a* 1673 SWINNOCK in Spurgeon *Treas. Dav.* Ps. iv. 4 The most successful searches have been made in the night season.

d. *Right of Search*: the right, recognized by the law of nations, by which a duly commissioned ship of war of a belligerent state is empowered, outside neutral waters, to stop and examine a merchant vessel for contraband; also *occas.* in wider sense (cf. quot. 1817). *Visit and Search*: see VISIT *sb.*

1817 BROUGHAM in *Parl. Deb.* 9 July 1800 The only means of ultimate success consisted, in his opinion, in the adoption of some arrangement among the greater powers of Europe, which should establish a mutual right of search [of slave vessels]. 1879 MCCARTHY *Own Times* II. 345 The plenipotentiaries before separating came to an agreement on the subject of the right of search, and the rules generally of maritime war.

† **3.** Range to which search extends. *Obs.*

1610 B. JONSON *Masques, Pr. Henriet Barriers* 89 Beyond the paths and searches of the sunne Let him tempt fate. 1792 S. ROGERS *Pleas. Mem.* I. 361 That eye so finely wrought, Beyond the search of sense.

4. Searching effect (of cold or wind). Cf. SEARCH *v.* 9.

1609 DEKKER *Raven's Almanack* Wks. (Grosart) IV. 196 By which meanes the spring to some people..proue [*sic*] as fatall and as busie in priuie Searches as the fall of the Leafe. 1902 *Blackw. Mag.* Nov. 591/2 Outside there was the drip of the thatch eaves, the old search and pity of the wind, but they heard not these.

5. *concr.* applied to persons: † **a.** A searcher, examiner; *spec.* in a Bridgetin convent, the official title of the sisters (at Sion House four in number) who were under the Prioress entrusted with the supervision of the behaviour of the nuns. *Obs.*

Cf. the similar use of SEARCHER 2 c.

c 1450 in Aungier *Hist. Syon* (1840) 251 In the chaptyr noon schal..speke..but the president, the chantour, the serches, and they that confesse her owen defautes. 1450–1530 *Myrr. our Ladye* 154 Yet she muste aske forgyuenesse afterwarde and the souerayne and serches that haue cure of the relygyon oughte to se that she be sadly correcte. 1652 J. WRIGHT tr. *Cautus' Nat. Paradox* IX. 215 The Shee-Inquisitors came first thither to doe their Office...There was not one of the three Searches, but judged this good Office as fesasble as reasonable.

† **b.** A search-party. *Obs.*

1604 SHAKS. *Oth.* I. i. 159 That you shall surely find him Lead to the Sagitary the raised Search.

6. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *search-making, -party*; † **search-day**, ? an occasion of an official visitation; † **search-house**, the building or room in which goods are searched by the custom-house officers; **search-parade**, a periodical gathering of convicts in a prison for purposes of examination of their clothing for the detection of unlawful possessions; **search-room**, the room in the Public Record Office provided for members of the public who wish to search documents there preserved; **search-sheet** (see quot.); **search-warrant**, a warrant authorizing the searching of the dwelling of a person suspected of crime.

1547 in E. B. Jupp *Carpenters' Co.* (1887) 386 Item payd for oure dynner on the *serche day of oure lands, vjˢ iijᵈ. *c* 1530 in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. II. II. 39 All our caringe was had home to the *serch house, where all my Master's apparail and the gentlemens, with the rest of the servaunts were serched to th'uttermost. 1495 *Cov. Leet-bk.* 568 And that þe shirrifs wekely make serch..vppon þe peyn to lese C s. at euery tyme they be founde laches in *serch-makyng. 1903 [NEVILLE] *Penal. Serv.* v. 43 The *search parade and the 'rub down' four times a day constitutes a sort of drill. 1884 *Graphic* 23 Aug. 202/1 A *search party was sent back, and presently they espied a pool of blood in the footpath. 1897 *Dict. Nat. Biog.* LI. 211 The Record Office, where he ultimately became superintendent of the *search room. 1902 *Encycl. Brit.* XXX. 132/1 The deeds are indexed according to properties—each property having a separate number and folio called a '*search sheet', on which all deeds affecting it are referred to. 1818 SCOTT *Rob Roy* xiv, If there was to be a *search-warrant granted, he thought the siller wad be fund some gate near to St. James's Palace. 1879 FARRAR *St. Paul* (1883) 130 The brethren who remained had either eluded his search-warrant, or been rescued from his power.

Search (sɔ̄ɹtʃ), *v.* Forms: *a.* 4–6 serch(e, cerche, 5 sorche, 5–6 sarche, searche, 6 sarych, scarche, sertche, seyrch, *Sc.* scearche, seirch(e, 7 cherch, 6– search; *β.* 5 serge, scerge, seerge, cerge; *γ.* 5–6 sers, 6 seirs, searse, *Sc.* searce, seirce, serce, serss, cers, cerse, cerss. [a. OF. *cerchier* (mod.F. *chercher*), corresp. to Pr. *cercar*, It. *cercare* to seek, Sp., Pg. *cercar* to surround:—late L. *circāre* to go round, f. L. *circus* circle.]

I. To explore, examine thoroughly.

1. *trans.* To go about (a country or place) in order to find, or to ascertain the presence or absence of, some person or thing; to explore in quest of some object.

a. *c* 1330 *King of Tars* 929 Thou scholdest come withoute bost, And serche uche cuntray. *c* 1400 MAUNDEV. (1839) xxxi. 315, I..have..cerched manye fulle straunge places. 1480 CAXTON *Chron. Eng.* CCXXX. q 3 b, They wente and serched and skymmed the see. *a* 1548 HALL *Chron., Hen. IV*, 28 b, When the erle had searched all the coaste of Fraunce, and had founde not one pirate or sea robber. 1611 BIBLE *Num.* xiii. 2 Send thou men, that they may search the lande of Canaan. 1697 DRYDEN *Virg. Georg.* IV. 170 The Guardian of the Bees, For Slips of Pines, may search the Mountain Trees. 1871 R. ELLIS *Catullus* xlvii. 7 Shall..they, my jolly comrades, Search the streets on a quest of invitation?

β. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 453/2 Seergyn, or serchyn, *scrutor, lustro, perlustro.*

γ. *a* 1500 *Droichis Part of Play* 162 in *Dunbar's Poems* (1893) 320 Gar sers baith Louthiane and Fyf And vale to me a mekle wyf. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* II. xi. 118 To toune agane I sped with all my mycht..Wilfull all aventuris newlingis to assay, And for to serce Troy, every streit, and way.

2. To look through, examine internally (a building, an apartment, a receptacle of any kind) in quest of some object concealed or lost.

1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) IV. 443 Houses were besiliche y-serched 3if out myȝt be y-founde. 1471 CAXTON *Recuyell* (Sommer) 51 He serchid all the palais of kyng lichaon, and maad thepiriens to sease his richesses. 1535 COVERDALE 1 *Kings* XX. 6 Tomorow aboute this tyme wil I sende my seruauntes vnto the, yᵗ they maye serch thyne house. 1598 SHAKS. *Merry W.* IV. ii. 167 Helpe to search my house this one time: if I find not what I seeke, shew no colour for my extremity. *a* 1656 BP. HALL *Rem. Wks.* (1660) 47 They.. will search every Coach for you with Torches. 1819 SHELLEY *Cenci* IV. iv. 31 Even now they search the tower, and find the body. 1843 POE *Purloined Letter*, When G— detailed to us his mode of searching the premises.

3. To examine (a person) by handling, removal of garments, and the like, to ascertain whether any article (usually, something stolen or contraband) is concealed in his clothing.

1426 LYDG. *De Guil. Pilgr.* 2770 And also that ye wel provyde To cerche hem wel on euery syde, Thys synful folk, with pakkys large. 1474 CAXTON *Chesse* II. v. (1883) 62 The Iayler serchid her that she shold bere no mete ne drynke to her moder. 1646 EVELYN *Diary* Apr., The officers search'd us thoroughly for prohibited goods. 1687 LOVELL tr. *Theve-*

not's Trav. 266 But not before we and our Goods had been searched at the Custome-house. 1843 Poe *Purloined Letter*, He has been twice waylaid..and his person rigorously searched under my own inspection. 1891 Olver & O'Reilly *Imperial Tariff* 82 A power is given to officers of the Board to search persons suspected of concealing prohibited goods about their persons.

† b. In wider sense: (see quot.). *Obs.*

1692 Wood *Life* 20 Aug. (O.H.S.) III. 399 The maid was search'd and found to be with child.

4. To peruse, look through, examine (writings, records) in order to discover whether certain things are contained there.

α. 1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) I. 41 Iylius Cesar..lokede and serchede stories and bookes of his 3eres of doynge and dedes. 1526 Tindale *N. T.* John v. 39 Searche the scriptures, for in them ye thynke ye have eternal lyfe. 1664 Exton *Marit. Dicacol.* Ded. a iij b, Having some time since in those sad and distracted times, bestowed some labour in searching and perusing..the Records. 1769 Burke *Late St. Nat.* Wks. II. 52, I have been at the trouble to search the Journals in the period between the two last wars.

γ. 1563 Winjet tr. *Vincent. Lirin.* iii. Wks. (S.T.S.) II. 20 Than sall he do diligence to inquire and serce the sentences of our forefatheris conferrit amang thame selfis.

5. With immaterial object: To investigate, make oneself thoroughly acquainted with; to examine rigorously (one's own heart, thoughts, etc.); to examine, penetrate the secrets of (another's mind or thoughts). Also with *out*.

The phrase *search and sift*, common in the 16–17th c., perhaps indicates confusion with Searce *v.*

c 1386 Chaucer *Melib.* § 38 The sciences and the Iuggementz of oure lord god almyghty been ful depe, ther may no man comprehende ne serchen hem suffisantly. *c* 1400 *Sege Jerus.* (E.E.T.S.) 339 Þe cite haþ [vs] sent to serche 3our wille, To here þe cause of 3our comyng, [& what] 3e coueyte wolde. 1535 Coverdale *Ps.* cxxxix. 1 O Lorde, thou searchest me out, and knowest me. 1579 Hake *Newes out of Powles* To Rdr. (1872) A iv. b, To searche and syfte owte the..deceytes that the lewde sorte of this people..doe vse to gette money with. 1591 Shaks. *1 Hen. VI*, III. iii. 12 Search out thy wit for secret pollicies, And we will make thee famous through the World. 1663 Bp. Nicholson *Catechism* 58 For hee will try, sift, search all things, and without flattery or favour proceed according to every mans works. 1697 Dryden *Virg. Georg.* III. 690 Receits abound; but searching all thy Store, The best is still at hand, to launch the Sore: And cut the Head. 1820 Shelley *Prometh. Unb.* III. iii. 34 And we will search,..For hidden thoughts, ..Our unexhausted spirits. 1842 Manning *Serm.* xx. (1848) I. 295 We feel as if we saw the tokens of His presence.. coming and going in an awful way, as if to gaze upon us, and search out our very thoughts.

b. Of an impersonal agency: To test, reveal the nature of.

1586 A. Day *Eng. Secretary* II. (1625) 2 The wit is searched by the outward quality or condition of a man. *a* 1616 Beaum. & Fl. *Custom Country* II. i, Prosperity does search a Gentleman's temper, More than his adverse fortune. 1818 Shelley *Rosalind* 257 For scorn whose arrows search the heart, From many a stranger's eye would dart.

6. To look scrutinizingly at.

1811 Sir A. Boswell *Clan-Alpin's Vow* II. 33 Fierce Malcolm watched the passing scene, And searched them through with glances keen. 1861 O. W. Holmes *Agnes* II. 85 He searched her features through and through. 1867 Augusta Wilson *Vashti* xxxi, While he drank, his eyes searched her face, and lingered admiringly on her beautiful hand.

† 7. *To search up*: to dig up (the soil). *Obs.*

c 1400 *Destr. Troy.* 1534 Sone he raght vpon rowme, rid vp þe dykis Serchit vp the soile here þe Citie was.

† 8. To probe (a wound). *Obs.*

a 1400–50 *Alexander* 3132 To serche þaire saluys & þar saris with surgens noble. *c* 1450 *Merlin* xxxii. 664 And the wounded lete hem be ledde to townes, and serched theire sores. 1588 Shaks. *Tit. A.* II. iii. 262 Now to the bottome dost thou search my wound. *a* 1625 Fletcher *Valentinian* I. iii, You search the sore too deep. *a* 1631 Donne *Poems* (1633) 150 So..nice in searching wounds the Surgeon is. 1687 Miege *Gt. Fr. Dict.* II. s.v., To search a Wound, *sonder une Plaie.*

9. Of wind, cold, fire-arms, etc.: To penetrate, reach the weak places of.

1412–20 Lydg. *Chron. Troy* II. 7271 For Achilles, sturdy as a wal, Gan cerche scheltrouns & her rengis brake. *c* 1586 C'tess Pembroke *Ps.* cix. viii, Oile through flesh doth search the hidden bone. 1594 Nashe *Unfort. Trav.* Wks. 1904 II. 315 They basted him with a mixture of Aqua fortis, [etc.]..which..searcht him to the marrowe. 1642 D. Rogers *Naaman* 36 But now perhaps being searcht to the quicke [etc.]. 1822 Byron *Werner* I. i. 723 The ice-wind..Searching the shivering vassal through his rags. 1829 Napier *Penins. War* IX. ii. II. 394 The guns of the first corps..were enabled..to search the whole of the British line to the left.

† 10. To examine in order to ascertain the character or dispositions of. *Obs. rare.*

1476 *Order of Council* in *York Myst.* Introd. 37, iiij of the most connynge..to serche here, and examen all þe plaiers and plaies and pagentes. 1617 Moryson *Itin.* I. 56 These [men of warre] used to send out in lesser boates some bodies of men, to search the Barkes, whether they he friends or not.

II. 11. To look for or seek diligently, to try to find. Now only with *out* exc. (*rarely*) *poet.*

α. 1338 R. Brunne *Chron.* (1810) 334 Sir Eymer had no drede, he serchid þam alle oute. *c* 1440 Capgrave *Life St. Kath.* IV. 202 He sente oute letteris on-to euery Iustice To serche the cristene, to hange hem and to drawe. 1471 Caxton *Recuyell* (Sommer) 36 We shall followe the and goo wyth the and serche our auentures in other landes. *Ibid.* 219 Perseus gaf hym [the monster] many woundes, serchyng his herte. And at laste he fonde hit. *c* 1500 *Melusine* 330 And thenne geffray cerched the keyes so longe tyl he fonde them. 1562 A. Brooke *Romeus & Iuliet* 164 Yong damsels thether flocke, of bachelers a rowte, Not so much for the banquets sake, as bewties to searche out. 1608 *Acc. Exch., King's Rem.* 533/11 Item for Cherching nioles in lyttle parke ij s. vj d. 1611 Shaks. *Cymb.* v. v. 11 He hath bin search'd among the dead & liuing; But no trace of him. 1726 Swift *Gulliver* II. vi, These [Bishops] were searched and sought out through the whole Nation..among such of the Priesthood as were [etc.]. 1820 Shelley *Hymn Merc.* xciv, Whilst they [the Fates] search out dooms, They sit apart and feed on honeycombs. 1842 Tennyson *Day-dream* L'Envoi iii, My fancy, ranging thro' and thro', To search a meaning for the song. 1887 *Weekly Times* 25 Feb. 8/1 His primary object is to search out the truth.

β. *c* 1440 Capgrave *Life St. Kath.* 1803 It is but foly to spende ony labour Swiche preuy thingis for to serge and seeke. 1464 *Paston Lett.* II. 159 If it schuld be scergyd in the regester it wold take a fortenyght werk.

γ. *c* 1440 *York Myst.* xxxii. 275, I schall sers hym my selfe sen þou has hym solde. 1516–17 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* V. 98 To Eicht, messinger, to ryd agane to Coldinghame, Duns, and Laudar, to cers and sek George Howme with souerties vndir payne of hornyng. *a* 1586 *Satir. Poems Reform.* xxxvii. 59 It is bot slychtis 3e haue seirsit, To cloik þe crafte quhairto 3e ar Inclynd.

† b. To seek to discover. Chiefly with indirect question as object. Also with *out*. *Obs.*

α. *c* 1450 in Aungier *Syon* (1840) 257 If any..besyly and curyously serche what other sustres or brethren speke betwene themselfe. 1538 Starkey *England* I. i. 25 Fyrst therfor..we wyl serche out, as nere as we can, what ys the veray and true commyn wele. 1571 Digges *Pantom.* Zj, Octaedrons side giuen, to searche his superficiall and solide contente. *Ibid.* Ccj b, Octaedrons side ginen, to searche out all his conteyned bodies, sides, diameters and axes. 1614 B. Jonson *Barth. Fair* Induct., Any State-decipherer,..so solemnly ridiculous, as to search out, who was meant by the Ginger-bread-woman, who by the Hobby-horse-man [etc.]. 1644 Milton *Educ.* 1 To search what many modern Ianua's and Didactics more then ever I shall read, have projected, my inclination leads me not.

β. 1513 Douglas *Æneis* I. vi. 5 To sers and knaw To quhat kin coistis he with the wind was blaw. 1544 *Aberd. Reg.* (1844) I. 199 Item, the consell ordanis the maisteris of artilzery to pas with the mayster of kirkwark, and serss quhar ony irn may be gottin pertening the kyrk.

III. Absolute and intransitive uses.

[The difference between the sense of branch I and that of branch II vanishes when the vb. is used *absol.*]

12. To make a search. Const. *after, for, into.*

c 1330 R. Brunne *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 13679 Þey serched ouer al vp & doun Til þey seye his gonfanoun. *c* 1450 *Merlin* xxiii. 423 Bot euer Grisandol so serched thourgh the forestes, oon hour foreward, another bakke. 1535 Coverdale *Job* viii. 8 Enquere of them that haue bene before the, search diligently amonge thy forefathers. 1654 Evelyn *Diary* 9 July, Advising the Students to search after true wisdome. 1702 Addison *Medals* i, He never thinks of the beauty of the thought or language, but is for searching into what he calls the Erudition of the Author. 1703 Pope *Thebais* 8 Cadmus searching round the spacious sea. 1774 Goldsm. *Nat. Hist.* (1776) VI. 101 At the latter end of March..come over a troop of their spies or harbingers, that stay two or three days, as it were to view and search out for their former situations. 1822 Shelley tr. *Calderon's Mag. Prodig.* i. 57 Search even as thou wilt, But thou shalt never find what I can hide. 1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* I. vii. iv, To see so many Judiths..rushing out to search into the root of the matter!

† 13. To devise means (*to do* something). *Obs.*

1338 R. Brunne *Chron.* (1810) 268 Now gos Turbeuile, & serchis day bi day, To do þe kyng a gile. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 11193 Antenor & Eneas, with þaire avne sons, Serchid hy hom-seluyn in sauyng hor lyues. *a* 1533 Ld. Berners *Huon* lxvi. 229 He saw wel his brother serched all that he coude to fall at debate with hym. 1567 *Gude & Godlie Ball.* 100 Thair counsell is to seirche and to Inquyre, The Innocent with wrang for till accuse.

Search, variant of Searce *sb.* and *v.*

Searchable (sɔ̃·ɹtʃăb'l), *a.* [f. Search *v.* + -able.] Capable of being searched.

1558 Bp. Watson *Sev. Sacram.* viii. 45 Otherwyse the maner of it is not searcheable. 1588 J. Harvey *Disc. Probl.* 76 Fore-knowledge of future things and euents, inquirable by legitimate skill, or otherwise searchable by assured experience. 1683 Salmon *Doron Med.* III. 647 This and such like specificks are not searchable whilst in their body. 1827–44 Willis *Starlight* 8 The faded West looks deep, as if its blue Were searchable.

Hence **Sea·rchableness**, 'the state of being searchable' (Webster, 1847, and in recent Dicts.).

† **Sea·rchant**, *a.* and *vbl. sb. nonce-wd.* [f. Search *v.* + -ant, after *rampant*, etc.] a. *adj.* As a mock-heraldic term: Searching. b. *vbl. sb.* Used for rime (after Fr. gerunds).

1614 B. Jonson *Barth. Fair* Induct., A ciuill Cutpurse searchant. 1683 *Robin Consc.* in *Songs Lond. Prentices* (Percy Soc.) 79 A merchant Was so affrighted when I came, That presently he blush'd for shame, His countenance did show the same in searchant.

Searcher (sɔ̃·ɹtʃəɹ). Forms: α. 4–6 **serchere**, 4–7 **sercher**, 5 **sercho(w)re**, 5–6 **serch(e)our**, 6 **sercheor(e**, 5– **searcher**; β. 5 **seergiour**; also (with *i* for *j*) **seriowre**, **cer(e)iowre**, **ceriore**; γ. 6 **sersour**, *Sc.* **searcer**, **seircear**. [a. AF. *cerchour* (Rolls of Parlt.), OF. *cerchere*, *cercheor* (cf. mod.F. *chercheur*), f. *cerchier* Search *v.*; (2) f. Search *v.* + -er 1. The two formations, coincident in sense and in their modern phonetic development, do not admit of being distinguished.]

1. One who searches, in various senses of the verb; one who explores or investigates, or who endeavours to find something. Const. as the verb. Also *searcher-out.*

α. 1382 Wyclif *Jer.* xxx. 17 For cast awei thei clepeden thee Sion; this is she that hadde not a3een serchere [Vulg. *quæ non habebat requirentem*]. 1398 Trevisa *Barth. De P. R.* xviii. xxix. (1495) 790 Sextius was a moost dylygente sercher of medycyn. 14.. *Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 608/7 *Rimatorium*, a serchour. 1553 Bale *Vocac.* 5, I haue bene in parell of the sea.., in parell of curiouse searchers. 1572 J. Jones *Bathes Ayde* I. 8 b, The Phisicyon is a viewer and sercher out of Nature. 1576 Fleming *Panopl. Epist.* 283 They dig the ground like greedie metal mongers, and insatiable searchers for siluer. 1620 Shelton *Quix.* II. l. 332 Cid Hamete, the most punctuall Searcher of the very moats of this true History. 1726 Leoni tr. *Alberti's Archit.* I. 23/2 Pamphilus, an excellent Searcher into Antiquity. 1841 Myers *Cath. Th.* III. § 10. 34 An honest earnest searcher of the Scriptures. 1884 Church *Bacon* I. 20 He was not one of the high-minded and proud searchers after knowledge and truth, like Descartes.

β. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 67/1 Cereiowre (*v.rr.* ceriore, cerioure), *scrutator, perscrutator. Ibid.* 453/2 Seriowre, or serchowre.

γ. 1562 Winjet *Cert. Tractates* Wks. (S.T.S.) I. 24 Curius seircearis of the hie mysteriis of God.

b. *Searcher of (men's) hearts*: applied to God (chiefly with allusion to Rom. viii. 27, etc.).

1535 Coverdale *Wisd.* i. 6 God is a witnesse of his reynes, a true searcher out of his hert. 1562 Eden *Let.* 1 Aug. in Arb. *1st Eng. Bks.* Pref. 43/1 The only searcher of mens hartes, the eternall god. 1631 Gouge *God's Arrows* I. § 32. 51 Before God the searcher of hearts. 1870 Dickens *E. Drood* x, What may he in your heart when you give him your hand, can only be known to the Searcher of all hearts.

2. One whose office is to search. † a. An official appointed by a guild or company to resist the violation of its customs and laws, and to prevent the production of work below a certain standard of excellence. *Obs.*

1419 *Engl. Misc.* (Surtees) 14 It was accorded and assented be bathe the partys that the sercheours of the masons and of the wryghtes of this cite of York suld ga and see what were ryght for ayther party. 1516 *Nottingham Rec.* III. 345 The Sercheres of the Fysheres..they suffer corupe fyshe nnd noght to be sold in the market. 1592 in *Vicary's Anat.* (1888) App. xv. 274 Imprimis, that y^e Serchers and Maisters of the saide arte or science [that of Barber-Surgeons] be chosen euerye yeare. 1681 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 1655/3 The humble Address of the Master, Wardens, Searchers, Assistants, Freeholders, and Freemen of the Corporation of Cutlers in Hallamshire.

b. An officer of the custom-house appointed to search ships, baggage, or goods for dutiable or contraband articles.

α. 1422 *Rolls of Parlt.* IV. 176/1 Poisours, Sercheours, and all suche other Officers. 1494 *Act* 11 *Hen. VII*, c. 13 The Oath..taken before the Customer or Searcher of the same Port. 1526 *Sc. Acts Jas. V* (1814) II. 306/1 Archibald douglace provest of Edinburgh to be serchor principale at þe port of leith. 1559 *Act* 1 *Eliz.* c. 11 § 7 Any..searcher,..or other officer, parteynyng to the subsidie, custome, or custome house. 1652 Evelyn *Diary* 3 June, I receiv'd a letter from Coll. Morley to y^e Magistrates and Searchers at Rie, to assist my wife at her landing. *a* 1715 Burnet *Own Time* III. (1724) I. 475 And then some searchers were sent from the Custom House to look for some forbidden goods. 1840 R. Ellis *Brit. Tariff for 1841*, 276 Landing Surveyor.. Searcher [etc.]. 1891 Olver & O'Reilly *Imperial Tariff* 267 Goods..may be received back into warehouse..on receipt of a certificate of short shipment from the searcher.

β. 1461 *Paston Lett.* I. 78 The best takyng of schepynge is at Yernemuthe er Kyrley...I schall haf favour he now wyt ther seergiours.

γ. 1598 in *Extracts Rec. Convent. Burghs Scot.* (1870) I. 75 Reformation to be put to the sersouris vpliftand ane extraordinar dewtie of x s. of ilk chalder of salt passing furth of this realme.

† c. One appointed to observe and report on any offences against discipline or good order in a religious house, a community, body of workmen, etc.

a. *c* 1490 Caxton *Rule St. Benet* 132/19 And the serchers of the relygyon owe to see warely about þat they be occupyed in lecture therof sonday and other. 1538 Elyot *Dict., Circuitores*, the serchers of watches. 1604 E. G[rimstone] *D'Acosta's Hist. Indies* VI. xv. 465 They had searchers to examine if they did employ themselves in these workes, and to punish the negligent. *c* 1620 Boyd *Zion's Flowers* (1855) App. 41 Searchers appointed.., to go through the town to see who Bann or Swear. 1845 *Coll. Biog. Soc. Jesus* 159 The Searcher, according to his commission, examined him.

γ. 1596 Dalrymple tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* I. 218 He appoynted that the names of the offenders..sulde, be the searceris, elected, and to that office chosen, (be) writne vpe and secreitlie endyted in the kingis hukes.

† d. As the designation of various municipal or government officials; e. g. a sanitary inspector; an inspector of markets; an examiner of certain articles of manufactnre that were not allowed to be sold unless certified by him as of standard quality, etc. *Obs.*

1500 in *Extracts Rec. Convent. Burghs Scot.* (1870) I. 505 That thair be serchouris chosin within ilk burch,..to serche and seik the personis brekeris of the saidis actis of parliament. 1514 *Cov. Leet-bk.* 639 þat ne wener delyuer eny cloth..tyll the serchers haue seen it whedir it be lawfully wrought or no. 1518 *Ibid.* 663 [Ordained] that [four men named]..schal-be serchers of the Brode-well & the comen broke from the Hillmyll vnto seint Johyns at euery faute they ffynde the Offender to pay xij d. 1613 J. May *Decl. Estate Clothing* iv. 18 The best search made by the searchers in any place, is hut to cast the Clothes into skales to see if they be weight or no. 1738 *Act* 11 *Geo. II*, c. 28 § 3 Which said Searchers shall and may have full Power..to enter into and inspect all such Mills, Shops, Warehouses [etc.] of Makers, Merchants or Dealers in Narrow Cloth. 1835 *App. Munic. Corpor. Rep.* III. 1675 (Pontefract), 2 Searchers of the Corn-market.

† e. A person appointed to view dead bodies and to make report upon the cause of death. *Obs.*

1592 SHAKS. *Rom. & Jul.* v. ii. 8 The Searchers of the Towne Suspecting that we both were in a house Where the infectious pestilence did raigne. 1607 MIDDLETON *Mich. T.* IV. i, Then will I..make an ende [*i.e.* pretend to die]. ..I haue indented with a couple of searchers, who..shall fray them out a'th Chamber with report of sicknesse, and so la, I start vp, and recouer agen. 1616 R. C. *Times' Whistle* (1871) 121 Knowe, in my rage I have slaine a man this day, And knowe not where his body to conveigh And hide it from the searchers inquisition. 1625–6 in *Brit. Mag.* (1833) IV. 147 Itm paid for 2 redd wands for the searchers in the sycknes tyme 00 00 04. 1662 J. GRAUNT *Observ. Bills Mortality* 11 When any one dies..the Searchers..(who are antient Matrons, sworn to their Office) repair to the place where the dead Corps lies, and..examine by what Disease or Casualty the Corps died. 1759 *Coll. Bills of Mortality* Pref. 7 Every parish appoints a searcher, whose business it is to examine the corpse, and to report the distemper.

f. An official appointed to search the clothing and person of any one arrested and detained by the police.

1726 SWIFT *Gulliver* I. v, I kept..a Pair of Spectacles in a private Pocket, which..had escaped the Emperor's Searchers. 1858 SIMMONDS *Dict. Trade*, Searcher,..a woman who examines female prisoners at a police station. 1863 *Times* 10 Aug. 9/6 The female searcher at the Kennington-lane police-station. 1890 M. WILLIAMS *Leaves of a Life* II. iv. 38 The searchers next came upon her handkerchief.

g. (See quot.)

1886 *Law Times* LXXXI. 152/1 Official searchers should be appointed whose duty it should be to search the register of charges.

3. An instrument used in making a search.

a. *Surg.* A probe or sound.

1597 A. M. tr. *Guillemeau's Fr. Chirurg.* 12/3 Try the thicknes of the bone with a little privette or searcher. 1831–40 LISTON *Elem. Surg.* II. (ed. 2) 650 After almost every operation for stone..a searcher is useful to ascertain whether or not all [fragments] have been removed.

b. *Farriery.* (See quot.)

1855 FAANKE *Beil's Technol. Dict.* II. 452 Searcher, of farriers (an instrument for examining the horse's hoof). 1873 *Weale's Dict. Terms* (ed. 4).

† **c.** (See quot.) *Obs. rare* —[1].

1775 FALCK *Day's Diving Vessel* 25 Also a marine searcher (of my own contrivance) being an iron, somewhat like a sounding lead, but with a sharp ragged spike.

† **d.** An instrument for testing the soundness of cannon after discharge; = GUN-SEARCHER. *Obs.*

1800 *Naval Chron.* IV. 54 Muzzle the searcher, and ram it home in the gun. 1859 F. A. GRIFFITHS *Artil. Man.* (1862) 55 They are..examined with a searcher after each round.

e. In microscopical work: An objective of low power used to obtain a general view of the object.

1870 ROYSTON-PIGOTT in *Q. Jrnl. Microsc. Sci.* X. 393 The Aplanatic Searcher is intended to improve the penetration [etc.]. 1898 P. MANSON *Trop. Dis.* xxxi. 451 An inch objective being used in the first instance as a searcher. 1899 CAGNEY tr. *Jakseh's Clin. Diagn.* (ed. 4) 436 The eye-pieces of extremely low power are called 'searchers'.

† **4.** *gen.* Something that searches or penetrates.

1694 SALMON *Bate's Dispens.* (1713) 381/1 A Glass of Infusion of Sassafras in Wine,..is a Searcher which immediately penetrates the whole Body. 1742 *Lond. & Country Brewer* I. (ed. 4) 61 But, to sweeten a Barrel, Kilderkin, Firkin, or Pin in the great Brewhouses, they put them over the Copper-hole for a Night together, that the Steam of the boiling Water or Wort may penetrate into the Wood; this Way is such a furious Searcher, that, unless the Cask is new hooped just before, it will be apt to fall in Pieces.

Hence † **Sea'rcheress**, a female searcher; **Sea'rchership**, the office of a searcher.

1582 STANYHURST *Æneis* IV. (Arb.) 117 Of theese drirye dolours eeke thow Queene Iuno the searchresse [L. *curarum conscia Iuno*]. 1462 *Paston Lett.* III. 97 Wherfor I beseke youre maistirshipp..that it lyke you to desyre the nomynacion of on of the officez, eythyr of the countroller or serchorship of Jernemuth, for a servaunt of yowrez. 1895 *Harper's Mag.* Apr. 718/2 The positions they fill are the 'judgeship', the 'searchership', the 'spankership' [etc.].

† **Sea'rchery.** *Sc. Law. Obs.* Also 6 **sercheorie, searchearie, sercheric.** [f. SEARCHER *sb.* + -Y [3]; see -ERY.] That which is characteristic of the duty or office of a SEARCHER (sense 2). *Letters of searchery*: documents authorizing the prosecution of a search or examination.

1566 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* I. 481 Certane allegeit lettres of sercheorie and utheris favourabill writtingis. 1634 *Reg. Mag. Sig. Scot.* (1897) 8/2 Officium inquisitionis lie searchearie bonorum inhibitorum ibidem. 1705 *Sc. Acts Anne* (1824) XI. 256/1 The office of searcherie of all prohibited and uncustomed goods comeing to or going from the said Burgh of Ely or port thereof.

Searchful (sɔ̄·ɹtʃfŭl), *a.* [f. SEARCH *sb.* + -FUL.] Full of anxious attention; diligent in search.

1594 CAREW *Huarte's Exam. Wits* iv. 48 The creature foresightfull, searchfull, apt for many matters..whome we call by the name of Man. 1607 BRETON *Murmurer* (Grosart) 10/2 Can the labourer, the foote bee wounded? but the body of the State will feele it, the head be carefull, the eye searchfull, and the hand bee painfull in the cure of it? 1893 D. O'DONOGHUE *Brendaniana* 11 A youth hostful, searchfull, lithe, He was a help to the men of Erin.

Searching (sɔ̄·ɹtʃiŋ), *vbl. sb.* [-ING [1].] The action of the verb SEARCH in its various senses.

c 1400 *Destr. Troy* 9206 Hit semith me vnsertain, all serchyng of wayes Ys stokyn vp full stithly, shuld streche to my hele! 1501 *Reg. Privy Seal Scot.* I. 88/1 A Letter.. of serching and sichtyng of skinnys..with[in] the burgh of Hadingtoun. †1639 in Pettus *Fodinæ Reg.* (1670) 71 The searching in any Ship, Cellar, Warehouse, etc. 1750 tr. *Leonardus' Mirr. Stones* 155 It is sought for by mariners when they have no light, and from this searching it took the name of topaz. 1842 BISCHOFF *Woollen Manuf.* II. 23 [The] laws applying to the stamping, stretching, and searching of woollen cloth in the West Riding of Yorkshire. 1877 *Encycl. Brit.* VI. 322 A very difficult question rose in the American civil war with regard to the searching of mail bags.

¶ **b.** Used for: Necessity of searching.

1527 *Prymer* Title, This prymer of Salysbury vse is set out a long without ony serchyng.

c. *Searching of heart*: inward self-scrutiny.

The reading of the Heb. text is uncertain, but the phrase has become proverbial in English.

1611 BIBLE *Judg.* v. 16 For the diuisions of Reuben, there were great searchings of heart. 1885 *Manch. Exam.* 11 June 4/7 The deserters should not be left solely to the searchings of their own hearts.

d. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *searching-house*; **searching-candle** = CANDLE *sb.* 4 b; †**searching-instrument, -iron, -probe** (in quot. *fig.*), †**-tool** *Surg.*, a probe.

1672 WISEMAN *Wounds* I. viii. 66 The *searching Candle or Probe. 1858 *Chamb. Jrnl.* 17 July 34/1, I accompanied her upon her way, in custody, to the *searching-house [at the custom-house]. I did not see her searched, but [etc.]. 1591 PERCIVALL *Sp. Dict.*, *Tienta*, a *searching instrument, *Specillum*. 1597 A. M. tr. *Guillemeau's Fr. Chirurg.* 6/4 Your finger is the best *searchinge iron: 1658 A. Fox tr. *Wurtz' Surg.* I. vi. 22 Is it not enough, that one [Surgeon] with his searching iron shew his judgement and cruelty. 1770 LANGHORNE *Plutarch* (1879) I. 220/2 The *searching-probe of free advice. 1591 PERCIVALL *Bibl. Hisp.*, *Calador*, a *searching toole, *Specillum*.

Searching (sɔ̄·ɹtʃiŋ), *ppl. a.* [f. SEARCH *v.* + -ING [2].] That searches, in various senses of the verb.

1. Of observation or examination: Minute, rigorous. Of a look: Penetrating, keenly observant.

c 1580 SIDNEY *Ps.* XVII. iii, Where silent Night might seeme all faultes to hide, Then was I, by thy searching insight tride. 1593 SHAKS. *Rich. II*, III. ii. 37 The searching Eye of Heauen. 1627 ABP. ABBOT in Rushw. *Hist. Coll.* (1659) I. 438 King James..had..a searching Wit of his own to discover his Servants, whom he put in trust, whether they took any sinister courses, or no. 1837 DICKENS *Pickw.* ii, He felt quite calm under his searching glance. 1861 BUCKLE *Civiliz.* (1873) III. iii. 184 A spirit of inquiry was abroad, so general and so searching that no country could entirely escape from its action. 1878 BOSW. SMITH *Carthage* 295 By a searching inquisition every free-born citizen..had been swept into the ranks. 1884 F. TEMPLE *Relat. Relig. & Sci.* vii. (1885) 215 St. Paul's evidence..cannot now be put to the test of searching questions.

b. Of an impersonal agency (e. g. of liquids, wind, rain, etc., or of bodily diseases): That finds out weak points, keen, sharp, 'piercing'. Also *fig.*

1593 SHAKS. *2 Hen. VI*, III. ii. 311 Bitter searching termes. 1597 — *2 Hen. IV*, II. iv. 30 That's a maruellous searching Wine. 1602 MARSTON *Antonio's Rev.* IV. ii, These vinegar tart spirits are too pearcing, Too searching in the unglewd joynts of shaken wits. 1634 WOOD *New Engl. Prosp.* I. ii. (1865), The searching sharpnes of that purer Climate,..caused death and sicknesse. 1746 HERVEY *Medit.* (1818) 147 Ere long, the searching beams will open these silken folds, and draw them into a graceful expansion. 1790 BURKE *Regic. Peace* iv. Wks. IX. 72 Even the Negroes in the West Indies, know nothing of so searching, so penetrating, so heart-breaking a slavery. 1851 CARLYLE *Sterling* xii, The rain was so searching, that she could not stay there long. 1873 MISS BROUGHTON *Nancy* i, The searching wind blows in dry and biting. 1898 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* V. 85 The residual phlegm dislodged by the searching cough is exceedingly offensive.

2. Engaged in or given to searching.

1626 D'EWES in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. I. III. 216, I dare say he meant it plainlie, yet searching braines might picke much from it. 1710 NORRIS *Chr. Prud.* iv. 153 The searching Bee wanders from Flower to Flower. 1841 HELPS *Ess., On Pract. Wisd.* (1842) 4 Many persons are considered speculative merely because they are of a searching nature.

Searchingly (sɔ̄·ɹtʃiŋli), *adv.* [f. SEARCHING *ppl. a.* + -LY [2].] In a searching manner.

1574 J. JONES *Nat. Beg. Growing & Living Th.* 48 Such as with all diligence, care, and coste studiously day and night serchingly Saile through the Occian Seas of Naturall Science. 1593 NASHE *Christ's T.* 38 b, Though I deale more searchingly then common Soule-Surgions accustome. 1837 *New Monthly Mag.* LI. 245 Mathews looked searchingly about. 1908 E. G. SIHLER *Testim. Animæ* I. 1 His book deals with many incidental questions warmly and searchingly.

Searchingness (sɔ̄·ɹtʃiŋnės). [f. SEARCHING *ppl. a.* + -NESS.] Searching quality or nature.

1685 *Reflect. on Baxter* 2, I thought he had studied that Sacred Writing with that Care and Searchingness, that [etc.]. 1803 W. TAYLOR in *Ann. Rev.* I. 400 Passages of great feeling, animation, and searchingness. 1875 GREG *Misc. Ess.* iii. (1882) 71 Two Courts of Justice, after investigations of unequalled searchingness and duration had [etc.].

† **Sea'rchless,** *a. Obs.* [f. SEARCH *sb.* + -LESS.] Inscrutable, impenetrable, resisting investigation.

1605 DRAYTON *Man in Moon* 383 Her searchlesse Judgement. 1706 WATTS *Horæ Lyr.* I. 55 Great God, how searchless are thy ways! 1818 SHELLEY *Rev. Islam* x. xlvi, He might man's deep and searchless heart display. 1834 *Tait's Mag.* I. 301 In searchless heaps of stifling dust We have buried the hearts of the wise and just.

Sea'rch-light. [f. SEARCH *sb.* + LIGHT *sb.*]

1. An electric arc-lamp fitted with a reflector and sunspended in a frame so that it may throw a beam of light in any desired direction; used in naval defence and for signalling purposes, etc.

1883 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 2 Oct. 16/1 These Dynamos can be supplied..for arc, search-light, or incandescent lamps. 1884 *Ibid.* 18 Sept. 8/1 An admiral..reported..that no search lights..could enable him to prevent a torpedo boat steaming within 400 yards of his flagship. 1902 *L.C.C. Bye-law* in *Encycl. Brit.* XXV. 97/1 No person shall exhibit any searchlight so as to be visible from any street and to cause danger to the traffic therein.

fig. 1892 MRS. CROSSE *Red-letter Days* II. 195 Kinglake in his history reveals, with the searchlight of a detective, the secret chronicles of the 'Brethren of the Elysée'. 1904 S. G. TALLENTYRE *Life Voltaire* II. xl. 234 Each..turned on some miscarriage of civil justice the searchlight of truth.

Sear(e cloth: see CERE-CLOTH.

Seare, obs. form of CERE *v.*, SERE *sb.* and *a.*

Seared (sĭəd), *ppl. a.* [f. SEAR *v.* + -ED [1].]

1. Dried up, parched, withered.

1538 ELYOT *Dict.*, *Ramale*, a seryd or deed bowghe. 1599 THYNNE *Animadv.* (1875) 48 Of freshe coolor..whiche hathe no sered nor withered cooloor in his leafes. 1791 COWPER *Iliad* XIII. 687 Part [of the weapon] within his disk remain'd Like a seer'd stake. 1844 DICKENS *Mart. Chuz.* ii, The seared leaves only flew the faster for all this. 1886 W. J. TUCKER *E. Europe* 298 We reached the outskirts of the village, surrounded by rich pasture-lands and dense copses of thicket, now seared and bare.

2. Cauterized. Also *fig.*, of the conscience, heart, etc., rendered incapable of feeling.

1684 J. SHARP *Disc. Conscience* 7 If..we..talk of..a Tender Conscience or a Seared Conscience or the like. 1862 CALVERLEY *Verses & Transl.* (1894) 53 Seared is, of course, my heart—but unsubdued Is, and shall be, my appetite for food. 1903 A. SMELLIE *Men of Covenant* vi. 90 Perhaps even this man, seared as his conscience was, felt a tremor of awe.

Seared, obs. form of CERED *ppl. a.*

† **Sea'redness.** *Obs.* [f. SEARED *ppl. a.* + -NESS.] The condition of being seared.

1620 BP. HALL *Hou. Marr. Clergy* III. ii. 261 Hee wonders at my extreme prodigalitie of credit, and seardnesse of conscience, in citing an Epistle so conuicted. 1705 WALL *Inf. Bapt.* II. (1720) 329 That Socinian Doctrin seems to have infected all its Disciples..with such a Degree of Searedness, that [etc.]. 1782 J. BROWN *Nat. & Revealed Relig.* III. i. 228 Judicial blindness of mind, hardness of heart, searedness of conscience.

Searfe, obs. form of SERVE *v.*

Searge, variant of CIERGE, SERGE.

Seargeant, obs. form of SERGEANT.

Sea'-rim. [OE. *sǽrima*: see RIM *sb.*[1]]

† **1.** The sea-shore. *Obs. rare.*

O. E. Chron. an. 897, Þær mycel ysel ȝedydon, æȝðer ge on Defenum ȝe wel hwær be ðæm sæ riman. *Ibid.* an. 994 (Laud MS.) Be ðam sæ riman on East Seaxum. *c* 1205 LAY. 6216 We habbeoð isoht hi þisse sæ rime a lond..þe us were liðe þe we mihten on libben. *Ibid.* 10485 Þa a þan ilke time verden bi sæ rime vtlaȝen to iwiten fulle sixti scipen.

2. The sea horizon.

a 1881 LANIER *Hymns of Marshes, Sunrise* 145 The wave-serrate sea-rim sinks unjarring. 1896 KIPLING *Seven Seas, Coastwise Lt.* 12 The lover from the sea-rim drawn—his love in English lanes. 1899 F. T. BULLEN *Way Navy* 28 Mast-head semaphores..to be read and answered by ships whose hulls are below the sea-rim.

Searing (sĭə·riŋ), *vbl. sb.* [-ING [1].] The action of SEAR *v.*; scorching, cauterizing; *concr.* a result of searing, a seared portion of something. Also *fig.*

1395 *Cartul. Abb. de Whiteby* (Surtees) II. 601 Pro seryng unius equi et cura alterius. 1552 HULOET, Blastynge or Searynge, as of corne. 1562 *Act* 5 *Eliz.* c. 14 § 12 Persons that shall so offende..shall have..losse of Eares, slytting and searing of Nose. 1682 NORRIS *Hierocles* 82 As Physicians heel Malign Ulcers by Scarifyings and Searings. 1720 WELTON *Suffer. Son of God* II. xix. 525 When a Man neglects to pare off the first Searings of His Heart, He gradually goes on to Harden in his Obstinacy. 1858 W. ARNOT *Laws fr. Heav.* Ser. II. xli. 329 There must be a rude, hearty blow, for there is a hard searing to be penetrated.

b. *Comb.*: **searing-iron,** an iron used for cauterizing, branding, etc.

1541 [see IRON *sb.*[1] 4 b]. 1574 tr. *Marlorat's Apocalips* 2 They..yell oute as if they were burned with a searingyron. 1626 T. H[AWKINS] *Caussin's Holy Crt.* 131 Theyr phrensy would haue no other remedyes, but the searing-Iron, and fyre. 1683 tr. *Eusebius' Hist. Ch.* VIII. xiii. (1709) 170 His Eyes also (altho' he could not then see) were burnt out with Searing-irons. 1896 *Daily News* 11 Sept. 7/6 Mr. G. said his client denied using a searing iron to the mare's tail.

fig. 1646 J. HALL *Horæ Vac.* 36 Such a wonderfull Nature hath the word, that..it is as well a searing Iron, as a two edged sword. *a* 1649 DRUMM. OF HAWTH. *Hist. Jas. V*, Wks. (1711) 101 Since the Roman church had received..a deadly wound,..she was constrained to use a searing iron.

Searing (sĭə·riŋ), *ppl. a.* [f. SEAR *v.* + -ING [2].]

1. That withers or becomes parched.

1665 BRATHWAIT *Comment Two Tales* (1901) 49 You compare a Woman's Love..to barren Land,..thirsty and seering. 1849 J. HAMILTON *Life Lady Colquhoun* vii. 282 Instead of the roughening lake and the searing forest, God had showed her 'the pure river, clear as crystal' [etc.].

2. That scorches; burning, scarifying.

1818 KEATS *Endym.* III. 260 Will he touch me with his searing hand, And leave a black memorial on the sand? 1897 ANNE PAGE *Afternoon Ride* 60 The searing sunshine and hot winds of Africa.

fig. a 1860 S. MILLER in *Mem.* (1883) 89 Let us also fear lest it turn out a searing ordeal. 1899 CORNFORD *R. L. Stevenson* 163 The captain, with his searing memory of his child.

Searing, Searment: see CERING, CEREMENT.

Sea-robin. [ROBIN [1].]

1. *U. S.* A gurnard or trigloid fish, esp. of the genus *Prionotus.*

1844 LINSLEY *Fishes Connecticut* in *Amer. Jrnl. Sci.* XLVII. 59 Prionotus strigatus, Cuv., Sea Robin, Grunter. 1884 GOODE, etc. *Nat. Hist. Aquatic Anim.* 255 The Searobin or Gurnard family..is represented on our Atlantic coast by several species. The most striking of them all is the Sea-bat or Flying Gurnard, *Dactylopterus volitans. Ibid.* 256 The web-fingered Sea-robin, *Prionotus palmipes.*

2. A local name for: a. *U.S.* The red-breasted merganser, *Mergus serrator* (Cent. Dict. 1891). b. The spotted fly-catcher, *Muscicapa grisola* (Cumberld. Gloss. 1899).

Sea'-rod. [ROD *sb.*[1]]

1. A pennatulaceous polyp of the family *Virgulariidæ*. Cf. SEA-RUSH 2.

1750 G. HUGHES *Barbados* 288 The Incrusted Sea-Rods. 1877 H. A. NICHOLSON in *Encycl. Brit.* VI. 385/1 The 'Sea-pens' and 'Sea-rods' are compound *Alcyonaria*.

2. A fishing-rod used for sea-fishing (ROD *sb.* 5).

1902 'J. BICKERDYKE' in *Encycl. Brit.* XXXII. 487/1 Very excellent sea-rods have..been designed by anglers and tackle makers.

Sea'-room. Space at sea free from obstruction in which a ship can be manœuvred easily. Esp. in phr. *to have sea-room*, also *to give* or *take sea-room*.

Also, (of a naval commander) †*to give* (the enemy) *sea-room*: to take flight.

a 1554 Sir H. WILLOUGHBY in *Hakluyt's Voy.* (1589) 269 Then perceiuing it to be a lee shoare, we gat vs into the sea, to the end to haue sea roome. 1579–80 NORTH *Plutarch, Philop.* (1595) 399 This ouerthrow made his enemies despise him vtterly, perswading themselues he was fled for altogether, & had giuen them sea rome. 1608 SHAKS. *Per.* III. i. 45 But Sea-roome, and the brine and cloudy billow Kisse the Moone, I care not. *a* 1613 OVERBURY *A Wife*, etc. (1638) 158 Give him Sea-roome in never so small a vessell. 1627 MAY *Lucan* III. (1631) 580 When so little Sea-roome did divide Both fleetes. 1698 Capt. LANGFORD in *Phil. Trans.* XX. 410 So with the North Wind they may run away to the South, to get themselves Sea-room. 1748 *Anson's Voy.* I. x. 104 We had sufficient sea-room. 1884 SELBORNE in *Law Rep.* 9 App. Cases 348 The danger in the gulf is greater, because there is less sea-room there.

fig. 1603 HOLLAND *Plutarch's Mor.* 198 If a word be issued out of the mouth, as out of her haven, and haue gotten sea-roome,..away she goes. 1754 RICHARDSON *Grandison* VII. xliii. 215 Leave her sea-room, leave her land-room, and let her have time to consider, and she will be a Bride. 1842 H. WARE in *Longfellow's Life* (1891) I. 449 You want more sea-room for so grand an idea.

Sea-rover. [ROVER [2].]

1. A pirate, = ROVER [2] 1. (Now often apprehended as meaning one who 'roves' over the sea: see ROVER [1] 3.)

1579–80 NORTH *Plutarch, Lucullus* (1595) 541 Besides what the Pyrates and sea-rouers had hidden. 1670 MILTON *Hist. Eng.* I. Wks. 1851 III. 10 A certain Iland long before dispeopl'd and left waste by Sea-Roavers. 1786 *St. Papers* in *Ann. Reg.* 280/1 They shall cause all such pirates and sea-rovers..to be brought to condign punishment. 1872 YEATS *Growth Comm.* 50 The Greeks like sea-rovers generally were first induced to build ships for the sake of plunder, rather than of commerce.

2. 'A ship or vessel that is employed in cruizing for plunder' (Webster, 1828–32).

Hence **Sea-roving** *vbl. sb.* and *ppl. a.*

1840 CARLYLE *Heroes* i. (1841) 52 Nor was it altogether nothing, even that wild sea-roving and battling, through so many generations. 1847 WEBSTER, *Sea-roving, a.* wandering on the ocean. 1855 KINGSLEY *Heroes, Argon.* v. (1856) 134 Those crafty sea-roving Phæaces. 1900 W. WATT *Aberd. & Banff* i. 19 Thorfinn..went sea-roving like all his kindred.

Searse, -er, obs. forms of SEARCE, SEARCER.

Searsucker, variant of SEERSUCKER.

Sea-rush. [RUSH *sb.*[1]]

1. A species of *Juncus* (see RUSH *sb.*[1] 4 a). Also †*sea-rush grass*.

1562 TURNER *Herbal* II. 144 b, Sparta..is a kind of sea bente or sea rishe. 1597 GERARDE *Herbal* I. xxiii. 30 The flowers of this Sea Rush grasse are faire and beautifull. 1600 J. PORY tr. *Leo's Africa* III. 160 They make them certaine socks of sea-rushes. 1712–13 HEARNE *Collect.* (O.H.S.) IV. 69 Our Saviour himself was to be crown'd with a Crown of Thorns made of y^e^ same sea Rushes. 1725 *Bradley's Fam. Dict., Sea-Rush, Sea-Rush-Grass*, or *Spanish Trefoil*, a Plant whose Seed is very small, and black. 1796 WITHERING *Brit. Pl.* (ed. 3) II. 346 *Juncus acutus*,..Pricking large Sea-rush. Sand Hills on the sea coast of Merionethshire. Ray. 1882 'OUIDA' *Maremma* I. 116 The pungent sea-rush grew in long lines along the shore.

2. = SEA-ROD 1.

1850 Miss PRATT *Comm. Things of Sea-side* iv. 262 The *Virgularia*, which the fishermen call Sea-rush. 1855 KINGSLEY *Glaucus* (1878) 37 Sea-rush (*Virgularia mirabilis*), a spine a foot long, with hundreds of rosy flowerets arranged in half-rings round it from end to end.

Searve, Seas, obs. ff. SERVE, CEASE.

Sea'-salt, *sb.* Common salt obtained by the evaporation of sea-water. See SALT *sb.*[1] 1.

1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* XXXI. vii. II. 416 After which they esteemed most, all the sea salts. 1685 BOYLE *Salubr. Air* 86 A little sea-salt dissolv'd in a few spoonfulls of fair water. 1766 SMOLLETT *Trav.* I. xxiv. 358 The atmosphere being ..impregnated with sea-salt. 1836–41 BRANDE *Chem.* 362 Sea-salt, or chloride of sodium. 1883 STEVENSON *Treas. Isl.* iv, There was an old boat-cloak, whitened with sea-salt.

Sea'-salt, *a. rare.* [SALT *a.*[1]] Salt like the sea; impregnated with or containing sea-salt.

1588 SHAKS. *Tit. A.* III. ii. 20 That all the teares that thy poore eyes let fall May..Drowne the lamenting foole, in Sea salt teares. 1596 R. L[INCHE] *Diella* (1877) 78 In Sea-salt teares hee long hath lin'd. 1897 WATTS-DUNTON *Aylwin* XIV. iv, I was kissing Winnie's sea-salt lips.

Sea-sand. Forms: see SEA *sb.* and SAND *sb.*[2]; also 5 *see-sownde*.

1. Sand of the sea or of the sea-shore.

c 1220 *Bestiary* 504 A neilond ðat sete one ðe se sond. *c* 1420 *Sir Amadace* (Camden) xlvii, The messingerns welke bi the see sonde. *c* 1450 *Mirk's Festial* 206 Þen saw he a chylde syttyng on þe see-sownde. 1610 HOLLAND *Camden's Brit.* I. 184 A certaine kind of fruitfull Sea-sand. 1664 EVELYN *Kal. Hort., Apr.* (1699) 53 Sea-sand mingled with the Mould..contributes to the flourishing of this rare Exotick. 1798 COLERIDGE *Anc. Mar.* IV. i, Thou art long, and lank, and brown, As is the ribb'd sea-sand. 1845 GOSSE *Ocean* vi. (1849) 275 It is remarkable to see this graceful palm rising from the very sea-sand.

†b. *pl.* Grains of sea-sand. *Obs.*

1656 EAAL MONM. tr. *Boccalini's Advts. fr. Parnass.* I. lxxvii. 158 [They] do for number equal the stars of heaven, or the sea-sands.

2. *pl.* Tracts of sea-sand; = SAND *sb.*[2] 3 a.

c 1420 *Anturs of Arth.* 268 He shal lighte ful lowe on þe se sondes. 1626 BACON *Sylva* § 572 The Sea-Sands seldome beare Plants. 1644 VICARS *God in Mount* 160 The way thither is on the Sea-sands. 1838 LYTTON *Alice* I. iii, The rude steps that wound down the cliff to the smooth sea-sands.

Sea-scape, seascape (sī'skēip). [Formed in imitation of LANDSCAPE; see also SCAPE *sb.*[3]]

1. A picture of the sea, a sea-piece; sea-pieces collectively.

1799 *Hull Advertiser* 5 Jan. 2/4 One of the most eminent marine painters has painted sea-skips. 1876 *Macm. Mag.* Mar. 461 It is in these respects that the seascape with figures ..gains. 1893 *Times* 29 Apr. 13/2 For sea-scape we have.. one by a new painter.

2. A picturesque view or prospect of the sea.

1806 *Guide Watering Places* 190 A fine sea-scape from a terrace in the garden. 1883 LD. R. GOWER *Remin.* II. xxix. 313 The view from Europa Point [Gibraltar] is the finest seascape imaginable.

3. *attrib.*

1884 HUNTER & WHYTE *My Ducats* xi, I think you have met Floyd, the seascape painter. 1906 *Daily Chron.* 13 Mar. 3/4 Realistic seascape painting.

Hence **Sea'sca·pist,** a painter of sea-scapes.

1884 *Guardian* 28 May 802/2 The Dutch sea-scapist, Mr. Mesdag. 1900 *Daily News* 16 Oct. 6/6 Stanfield and Cooke, ..who painted not quite as the seascapists do now.

Sea-scorpion. †a. = SCORPION 3 a. *Obs.* b. Any fish of the *Scorpænidæ*, a scorpion-fish. c. A sculpin, a cottoid fish, *Cottus scorpius*.

1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* XXXII. vii. II. 438 The reddish sea scorpions. 1681 GREW *Museum* I. § v. ii. 106. 1755 tr. *Pontoppidan's Nat. Hist. Norway* II. 160 The Ulk or Marulk, the Sea-Scorpion, called by the Ichthyologians Scorpius Marinus, because its bite is poisonous. 1758 G. EDWARDS *Glean. Nat. Hist.* Pl. 284 The Sea Scorpion. 1859–62 SIR J. RICHARDSON, etc. *Mus. Nat. Hist.* (1868) II. 122 The Sea-scorpion or Sutor (*Acanthocottus scorpius*). 1896 tr. *Boas' Text-bk. Zool.* 390 The Sea Scorpion (*Cottus scorpius*), with a large head, naked skin, spines on the head.

Seasde, obs. pa. t. and Sc. pa. pple. of SEIZE *v.*

Sease, obs. form of CEASE *v.*, SEISE, SEIZE.

Seasen, obs. form of SEASON *v.*

Sea'-serpent.

1. a. Any ophidian inhabiting the sea; esp. any of the venomous snakes of the order *Hydrophidæ*, inhabiting the tropical Indo-Pacific Ocean.

1671 *Phil. Trans.* VI. 3093 There are Serpents in Ceylon, which they call Sea-Serpents, 8, 9, or 10 Ells long; (I suppose he speaks of Dutch measure). 1674 JOSSELYN *Two Voy. New-Eng.* 23 They told me..of a Sea-Serpent or Snake, that lay quoiled up like a Cable upon a Rock at Cape-Ann. 1859–62 SIR J. RICHARDSON, etc. *Mus. Nat. Hist.* (1868) II. 122 The Sea or Pelagic Serpents (*Hydrina*) are not very numerous in species.

b. *The (great) sea-serpent*: a sea-monster of serpentine form and great length, frequently reported to have been seen at sea.

For conjectures as to the origin of the belief in the sea-serpent, see *Encycl. Brit.* (1886) XXI. 608–9.

1774 GOLDSM. *Nat. Hist.* (1776) VI. 193 To believe all that has been said of the sea-serpent, or the Kraken, would be credulity. 1820 BIGELOW in *Amer. Jrnl. Sci.* II. 147–164. *fig.* 1885 *Western Daily Press* 6 Jan. 3/2 The affair, in short, has turned out to be the liveliest political 'sea serpent' seen for some time.

2. Applied to various fishes. †a. A kind of eel or murænа found in the Mediterranean. †b. = ELLOPS 2. c. The king of the herrings, *Regalecus glesne*.

1646 SIR T. BROWNE *Pseud. Ep.* III. xxiv. 169 Many there be which make out their nominations, as the Hedg-hog, Sea-serpents, and others. 1661 LOVELL *Hist. Anim. & Min.* Isagoge a 6 b, The Linge,..tunie,..sea-serpent, conger [etc.]. 1740 R. BROOKES *Art of Angling* II. lxxix. 201 The Sea-Serpent..is commonly about five Foot long..is taken very frequently in the Mediterranean. 1752 J. HILL *Hist. Anim.* 237 The cylindrick Murænа, with the tail naked and acute. The Sea-serpent...It is frequent in the Mediterranean. 1774 [see ELLOPS 2]. 1851 A. WHITE *List Brit. Fish Brit. Mus.* 40 Regnlecus Glesne. King of the Herrings...Sea Serpent.

3. = SEA-SNAKE 4. 1891 in *Century Dict.*

4. (See quot.)

1831 SCOTT *Ct. Robt.* ii, Others navigated the Mediterranean in their sea-serpents, as they termed their piratical vessels.

Hence **Sea-serpentism** *nonce-wd.*

1877 OWEN in *Q. Jrnl. Geol. Soc.* XXXIII. 699 The advocate for the sea-serpentism of the extinct Mosasauroids determines the pterygoids to be the palatines.

Sea'-service.

1. Service at sea; the condition or function of serving in the navy; naval service, as opposed to land-service. Also, service or employment (of a person, ship, etc.) on the high seas, as distinguished from shore or harbour duty.

1610 HOLLAND *Camden's Brit.* I. 811 The first Cohort.. was in pay for sea service. 1659 RUSHW. *Hist. Coll.* I. 429 [He] did..prepare and set out to Sea, a Royal Fleet for Sea-service. 1726 SHELVOCKE *Voy. round World* Pref. 25 A defection amongst my Officers (I mean those chiefly design'd for the Sea-Service..). 1858 GREENER *Gunnery* 118 The 13-inch mortars used for sea-service in the attack on Sweaborg. 1867 SMYTH *Sailor's Word-bk., Sea-going*, fit for sea-service abroad. 1909 *19th Cent.* Dec. 1011 The number of officers and men voted for sea service is much greater.

2. A service rendered at sea, or in naval warfare.

1654 GAYTON *Pleas. Notes* 67 Doe but recount..what bonour a Ship hath..for some singular Sea-service.

Sea'-shell. A marine shell, the shell of any salt-water mollusc.

a 900 *O. E. Martyrol.* 14 Jan. 18 Understregd mid sæscellum & mid scearpum stanum. 1707 MORTIMER *Husb.* 84 Sea-shells of any sort are a very great improver of Land. 1805 SOUTHEY *Madoc* II. ix. 192 Whose thunders, ever and anon, Commingling with the sea-shell's spiral roar Closed the full harmony. 1858 O. W. HOLMES *Mare Rubrum* 28 Like emptied sea-shells on the sand.

attrib. 1901 F. HUME *Golden Wang-ho* i, Complexion of the most delicate sea-shell pink.

b. Material consisting of sea-shells.

1837 P. KEITH *Bot. Lex.* 251 Mineral manures are silica, lime, alumina, under the modifications of sand, clay,..marl, sea-shell, gypsum.

Sea-shore. The coast of the sea, or the land lying adjacent to the sea; also, in more restricted sense, the ground actually washed by the sea at high tides (usually, covered with sand or shingle).

In *Law* commonly taken to denote the ground between the ordinary high and low water-marks. See Erskine *Inst. Law Scot.*, 1765–8, II. vi. § 17.

1526 TINDALE *Heb.* xi. 12 So many in multitude..as the sonde of the see shore which is innumerable. 1529 *Reg. Mag. Sig. Scot.* (1883) 160/1 Salmonum piscariam super le seyschoire subtus villam de Ioverbervy. 1610 HOLLAND *Camden's Brit.* I. 210 It hath a descent even to the very Sea shore. 1735 JOHNSON *Lobo's Abyssinia, Voy.* I. 7 Finding themselves too much crouded in their own Country, [they] had extended themselves to the Sea-shore. 1831 SCOTT *Ct. Robt.* V, He hastens to his bark on the sea-shore. 1843 RUSKIN *Mod. Paint.* I. II. I. vii. § 5 The broad wild sea-shore, with its bright breakers, and free winds.

attrib. 1850 Miss PRATT *Comm. Things Sea-side* i. 8 The flower of the sea-shore medick. 1852 WIGGINS *Embanking* 78 One of these was sea-shore land.

Seasible, obs. form of SEIZABLE.

Sea'-sick, *a.*

1. Suffering from sea-sickness. Chiefly *predicative*.

a 1566 R. EDWARDS *Damon & Pithias* (1908) B ij b, I am euen yet so Seasicke that I faynt as I go. 1611 SHAKS. *Wint. T.* v. ii. 128 The Shepherds Daughter..who began to be much Sea-sick. 1701 FARQUHAR *Sir H. Wildair* IV. i, Look ye, Captain, I shall be Sea-Sick presently. 1819 BYRON *Juan* II. xix, Here the ship gave a lurch, and he grew sea-sick. 1836 Miss MAITLAND *Lett. fr. Madras* (1843) 8 Towards evening, like all other sea-sick people, I grow very brisk. 1883 F. M. CRAWFORD *Dr. Claudius* vii. 109 [He] would..make his rounds to see that every one was all right and nobody sea-sick.

fig. a 1627 MIDDLETON *Wom. beware Wom.* II. ii, Her tender modesty is sea-sick a little.

†2. Tired or weary of travelling by sea. *Obs.*

1592 SHAKS. *Rom. & Jul.* V. iii. 118 Come vnsauory guide, Thou desperate Pilot, now at once run on The dashing Rocks, thy Sea-sicke wearie Barke.

3. *nonce-use* [after *home-sick*]. Longing for the sea.

1826 Miss MITFORD *Village Ser.* II. 112 She..pined for the water, and was,..in a new sense of the word, sea-sick.

Sea-sickness. Nausea and vomiting induced by the motion of a ship at sea.

1625 PURCHAS *Pilgrims* III. 926 *marg.*, Sea sicknesse whence. 1633 T. STAFFORD *Pac. Hib.* II. xxvii. 266 When his sea-sicknesse was past, he lodged in the Earles house. 1785 *Liberal Amer.* I. 141 Should I be attacked with the sea-sickness, I shall be unfit for..any thing. 1819 BYRON *Juan* II. xiii, The best of remedies is a beef-steak Against sea-sickness. 1844 DICKENS *Mart. Chuz.* XV, Martin was too far gone in the lassitude of sea-sickness.

fig. 1706 E. WARD *Wooden World Diss.* (1708) 8 This Pride of his, is the only Sea-sickness that he's plagu'd with.

attrib. 1865 BP. WILBERFORCE *Let.* in A. J. Wilberforce *Life* (1882) III. vi. 159 All was ready for my start to Cannes, down even to the sea-sickness powders.

Sea-side, seaside (sī'səi·d).

1. The margin or brink of the sea: chiefly with prepositions, as *by* or *at the sea-side*, also †*on* or †*upon*, and *to the sea-side*. Now *rare* or *Obs.*

c 1205 LAY. 25661 Bi þere sæ side þet londe he weste wide. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* iii. (*Andrew*) 25 Þane þe angel can hym say, þat he to þe sey-syd suld fare. *c* 1400 MAUNDEV. (Roxb.) v. 15 At Tyre euen apon þe see syde men may fynd many rubies. 1512 *Act 4 Hen. VIII*, c. 1 § 2 All the inhabitantes..to bee at the See side with such instrumentes as they have. 1533 CROMWELL *Let.* 6 Dec. in Merriman *Life & Lett.* (1902) I. 368 Your said ferme lieth nygh the see syde. 1617 MORYSON *Itin.* I. 148 Towards the West it lies open to the most pleasant Valy of Arno, which Valy continueth as far as Pisa and to the sea-side. 1619 in Foster *Eng. Factories India* (1906) 71 Promising the 12th following to meete and confer with Captain Bonner upon the shoare neere the sea syde. 1726 SHELVOCKE *Voy. round World* 55 Among the rocks by the sea-side you find what is commonly called the sea-egg. 1818 SCOTT *Hrt. Midl.* I, Jeanie..had walked down to the sea-side.

†b. *plural. Obs.*

1387–8 T. USK *Test. Love* III. i. (Skeat) I. 45 On the see-sydes, in the more Britayne,..the best [*sc.* pearls] ben engendred. 1600 SURFLET *Country Farm* II. xlix. 315 Rosemarie..groweth in any aire, but best by the sea sides.

†c. Formerly sometimes *the seas's side*. *Obs.*

c 1400 *Cursor M.* 21049 (Edinb.) Of grauel bi þe seis side. 1530 TINDALE *Deut.* i. 7 Vnto the sees syde in the londe of

Canaan. 1543 Grafton *Contn. Harding* 99 Those that dwel by the seas syde.

2. Now chiefly: The sea-coast as resorted to for health or pleasure.

1797 Abernethy *Surg. & Physiol. Ess.* III. 112 As he had an opportunity of going to the sea-side, I encouraged him to do so. 1833 T. Hook *Parson's Dau.* III. v, Thence to proceed to such town at the sea-side as she might suggest or the physicians recommend. 1859 Helps *Friends in C.* Ser. II. (1877) I. i. 53 A family in the middle class of life going to the seaside. 1893 J. A. Hodges *Elem. Photogr.* (1907) 109 Exposed for sale in the shops at the sea-side.

3. The side towards or facing the sea.

1867 J. Macgregor *Rob Roy on Baltic* xii. 149 After returning from a delightful excursion on the sea side of the town. 1869 Tozer *Highl. Turkey* I. 317 On the sea-side of it rose the Mount Rumia.

4. *attrib.* or quasi-*adj.* Belonging to, situated or taking place at the sea-side.

1784 Cowper *Task* VI. 245 As countless as the sea-side sands. 1810 Crabbe *Borough* ix. 2 We amuse Ourselves.. with sea-side walks and views. 1861 Mrs. Carlyle *Lett.* III. 86 Ramsgate, one of the most accessible sea-side places. 1868 Browning *Ring & Bk.* IX. 373 The Pope, we know, is Neapolitan And relishes a sea-side simile.

b. in names of plants, etc. (often rendering L. *maritimus*), as *sea-side alder, balsam, convolvulus, fiorin, oat*, etc.; †**sea-side beech**, a species of *Cinchona*; **sea-side grape, laurel** (see the sbs.).

1884 Sargent *Rep. Forests N. Amer.* 162 *Alnus maritima*. *Seaside Alder. 1756 P. Browne *Jamaica* (1789) 347 Croton 2...The small *Sea-side Balsam...Croton 4...The Sea-side Balsam. 1852 G. W. Johnson *Cottage Gard. Dict.*, Sea-side Balsam, *Croton cleut(h)eria*. 1777 W. Wright in *Phil. Trans.* LXVII. 504 The *Sea-side Beech..rises only to twenty feet. 1855 Miss Pratt *Flower. Pl.* IV. 21 *Calystegia Soldanella* (*Sea-side Convolvulus). 1852 Wiggins *Embanking* 104 The *agrostis maritima* or *sea-side fiorin. 1696 Plukenet *Almagestum* Wks. 1769 II. 394 *Sea-side Grape. 1822 Loudon *Encycl. Gard.* (1824) Index, Uniola, *sea-side oat..H[ardy] peren[nial] N. Amer. of easy culture.

Seasin, obs. form of Seisin.

Seasing, obs. form of Seisin, Seizing.

Seasir, variant of Seiser, *Law. Obs.*

Sea'-slug.

1. = Trepang.

1779 Forrest *Voy. N. Guinea* 373 They lay at anchor, fishing for swallo, or sea slug, in seven or eight fathom water. 1884 *Pall Mall Gaz.* '*Extra*' 24 July 20/2 This so-called 'Bêche de Mer' is a sea-slug, found among the Polynesian islands and in the Pacific seas generally.

2. Any marine gasteropod of the order *Opisthobranchiata* (see quot. 1879).

1845 Gosse *Ocean* iii. (1849) 133 Its [a whale's] support is derived from creatures of very small bulk..such as shrimps, sea slugs, sea blubbers, and animalcules still smaller. 1855 Kingsley *Glaucus* (1878) 130 The Cucumaria is a low radiate animal—the sea-slug is a far higher mollusc. 1879 E. P. Wright *Anim. Life* 550 The molluscs of this order [*Opisthobranchiata*] may be termed sea-slugs, since the shell, when it exists, is usually small and thin, and wholly or partially concealed by the animal.

Seasment, obs. form of Sessment.

Sea'-snail.

1. A name for various marine gasteropods.

c 1000 Ælfric *Glos.* in Wr.-Wülcker 122/24 *Chelio, testudo, uel marina gugalia*, sæsnæl, *uel* pinewinclan. *c* 1050 *Suppl. Ælfric's Gloss.* Ibid. 181/8 *Conche, uel cochlee*, scille, *uel* sæsnæglas. 1538 Elyot *Dict.*, *Chelydros*, a see snayle. 1607 Topsell *Four-f. Beasts* 77 Take the blood of a sea-snaile, and for want thereof a common snaile. 1774 Goldsm. *Nat. Hist.* (1824) III. 116 Of all sea snails, that which is most frequently seen swimming upon the surface..is the Nautilus. 1820 Scoresby *Acc. Arctic Reg.* I. 543 *Clio helicina*...Sea-snail. 1860 G. Bennett *Gatherings Naturalist Austral.* 41, I caught a *Janthina fragilis*, or Violet Sea Snail. 1865 Mrs. L. L. Clarke *Sea-weeds* i. 23 Bright yellow Nerits, the commonest sea-snail of our coast.

attrib. 1681 Grew *Museum* I. § v. iv. 121 A Sea-Snail shell. 1850 Miss Pratt *Comm. Things of Sea-side* iii. 221 There is a shell lying about most of our beaches and sandy shores,..called the Sea Snail-shell.

2. A fish of the family *Liparididæ*, esp. the *Liparis vulgaris*, or unctuous sucker.

a 1672 Willughby *Hist. Pisc.* (1686) Tab. H 6, Liparis nostras. Sea Snail Dunelmensibus. 1769 Pennant *Brit. Zool.* III. 105 The sea snail takes its name from the soft and unctuous texture of its body resembling that of the land snail. 1881 *Cassell's Nat. Hist.* V. 97 The Sea Snail..is often known as the Unctuous Lump-sucker.

Sea-snake.

1. = Sea-serpent 1 b.

1755 tr. *Pontoppidan's Nat. Hist. Norway* II. 195 The Soe Ormen, the Sea-Snake, Serpens Marinus Magnus..is a wonderful and terrible Sea-monster. 1805 Scott *Last Minstrel* VI. xxii, Of that Sea-Snake, tremendous curl'd Whose monstrous circle girds the world. 1817 Byron *Manfred* I. i. 79 Where the wind is a stranger, And the sea-snake hath life. 1830 Tennyson *Mermaid* 23 That great sea-snake under the sea.

2. = Sea-serpent 1 a.

1827 Buckingham *Trav. Mesopot.* I. 446 *note*, Dampier met with sea-snakes about four feet long, four fingers broad, flat tail, and spotted with yellow, on the coast of New Holland. 1860 G. Bennett *Gatherings Naturalist Austral.* 278 Two Sea-Snakes, caught on the coasts of Australia, are both venomous. One is the *Platurus laticaudatus*, of a bluish colour with black rings,..and the other is the *Pelamis bicolor*. 1887 Günther in *Encycl. Brit.* XXII. 197/2 Of Sea Snakes (*Hydrophidæ*) some fifty species are known.

3. = A chain of salps. Cf. Sea-serpent 4.

1863 Wood *Illustr. Nat. Hist.* III. 442 Sailors often call these chains of Salpæ by the name of Sea Snakes.

Sea-snipe.

1. A local name for several of the sandpipers, as the dunlin, and the knot.

1767 tr. *Crantz' Greenland* I. 85 The least bird is a sea-snipe. 1862 Wood *Illustr. Nat. Hist.* II. 700 The Dunlin is known under a variety of names, such as the Stint, the Ox-bird, the Sea-snipe, and the Purre. 1885 Swainson *Prov. Names Birds* 195 Knot (*Tringa canutus*)...Sea snipe (Dublin).

2. †**a.** A kind of gar-fish. *Obs.* **b.** The trumpet-fish or snipe-fish, *Centriscus scolopax*, so called from its long tubular snout.

1826–7 J. F. South in *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) XVIII. 624/2 There are three varieties of it [*Esox Belone*], one of which, found in North America, is called the Sea Snipe. 1836 Yarrell *Brit. Fishes* I. 302 The Trumpet-fish. Sea-snipe. ..*Centriscus scolopax*. 1859–62 Sir J. Richardson, etc. *Mus. Nat. Hist.* (1868) II. 132.

Season (sī'z'n), *sb.* Forms: 4–5 seson(e, -un(e, -oun(e, -owne, -yn(e, ceson(e, -un, -oun(e, 5–6 *Sc.* sessoun, 6 *Sc.* sessone, sesone, -oun; 4 seysyne, 4–5 seyson(e, -oun, 5 seison; 6 *Sc.* saison, sasoun, -one; 4–5 seasun, 5 seasone, (seosynne), 5–6 ceason, 6 *Sc.* seasoun, 4– season. [ME. *seson*, a. OF. *seson, seison* (mod. F. *saison*) = Pr. *sazó-s*, Catal. *sahó*, Sp. *sazon*, Pg. *sazão*, It. dial. *sason*:—L. *satiōn-em* act of sowing (in vulgar Lat. time of sowing, seed-time), n. of action f. *sa-* root of *serĕre* to sow.

Not connected with the synonymous It. *stagione*, which represents L. *statiōn-em* Station.]

I. A period of the year.

1. Any one of the periods, longer or shorter, into which the year is naturally divided by the earth's changing position in regard to the sun, and which are marked by varying length of day and night, by particular conditions of weather, temperature, etc. More specifically, each of the four equal periods—Spring, Summer, Autumn, Winter—into which the year is divided by the passage of the sun from equinox to solstice and from solstice to equinox; also, each of the two periods—the rainy and the dry—into which the year is divided in tropical climates.

Often with defining word prefixed, as *summer, winter, May, Lent season* (see the different words).

1340–70 *Alex. & Dind.* 929 But whan þe daies dimme ben hit doþ hem to mourne, For siht of þe sesoun þat semus vnbliþe. *c* 1350 *Will. Palerne* 29 þe sauor of þe swete sesoun & song of þe briddes. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Prol.* 347 After the sondry sesons of the yeer, So chaunged he his mete and his soper. *c* 1400 tr. *Secreta Secret., Gov. Lordsh.* 72 Off þe ffoure seysouns of þe 3ere. 1548 Latimer *Plowghers* (Arb.) 19 Fyrste for their labour of all ceasons of the yere. For there is no tyme of the yere, in whiche the ploughman hath not some speciall worke to do. 1671 Milton *P. R.* II. 72 In such a season born when scarce a Shed Could be obtain'd to shelter him or me From tho bleak air. 1719 De Foe *Crusoe* I. 122 The rainy Season, and the dry Season, began now to appear regular to me. 1727 Swift *Gulliver* III. iv, All the Fruits of the Earth shall come to Maturity at whatever Season we think fit to chuse. 1822 *Trans. Hort. Soc.* (1826) VI. 115 Directions for forcing Onions to produce bulbs in clusters, at an early season. 1845–7 Longf. *Evangeline* I. iii. 1 Now had the season returned, when the nights grow colder and longer. 1864 Tennyson *Enoch Arden* 624 The sunny and rainy seasons came and went Year after year. 1866 Mrs. Gaskell *Wives & Dau.* xlii, The autumn drifted away through all its seasons.

b. in personification and art-representation.

a 1700 Evelyn *Diary* 22 Oct. 1644, The 4 Seasons in white marble. 1821 Shelley *Adonais* xviii, Fresh leaves and flowers deck the dead Seasons' bier.

c. A day or period of the year marked by some special festivity, as Christmas and New Year.

1791 Burns *Let. to Cunninghame* 23 Jan., Many happy returns of the season to you, my dear friend! 1821 Lamb *Elia* I. *All Fool's Day*, The compliments of the season to my worthy masters, and a merry first of April to us all!

d. In reckoning time or age: A year, twelvemonth. (Cf. *summer.*)

1827 Roberts *Voy. Centr. Amer.* 43 A child of about five years or 'seasons' old. 1833 Tennyson *Two Voices* 82 Will thirty seasons render plain Those lonely lights that still remain, Just breaking over land and main?

2. A period or time of year mentioned with reference to the conditions of weather, etc. that characterize it in a particular year.

13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* A. 39, I entred in þat erber grene, In augoste in a hyȝ seysoun, Quen corne is coruen wyth crokez kene. *c* 1450 Holland *Howlat* 7 So soft was the sessoun our Souerane doyne sent.., That all was amyable owr the air and the erd. 1526 Tindale *Acts* xiv. 17 Gevynge vs rayne from heven and frutfull ceasons. 1663 Evelyn *Diary* 16 July, A most extraordinary wet and cold season. 1676 Lady Chaworth in *12th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. v. 34 The season continues so seveere I cannot get away my ill cold nor goe out of the house. 1812 G. Chalmers *Dom. Econ. Gt. Brit.* 298 The corn act..appeared..to have completely failed..owing to..the unfavourable seasons. 1855 Tennyson *Maud* II. v. viii, The lily and rose That blow by night, when the season is good. 1871 Schele de Vere *Americanisms* 540 *Season* is, in the South, often misused for 'weather'. 'This is a good *season* for planting' does not mean, this is the proper time, but, this is favorable weather for planting tobacco.

3. The time of year assigned to some particular operation of agriculture.

13.. *K. Alis.* 61 (Bodl. MS.), By han [*sc.* the planets] men han þe seysyne To londe, to watre to corne to wyne. 13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* B. 523 Se-sounez schal yow neuer sese of sede ne of heruest. 1393 Langl. *P. Pl.* C. VII. 112 (MS. F.) In cesoun of heruest-tyme. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 178 And alse sede in þe season sowe it on þe erthe. 1664 Evelyn *Kal. Hort., Feb.* (1679) 10 Now is your Season for Circumposition by Tubs or Baskets of Earth. 1796 C. Marshall *Gardening* v. (1813) 63 The season for committing seeds to the ground should be as early as the nature of the plant to be cultivated will bear.

b. *local.* (See quots.)

1778 [W. H. Marshall] *Minutes Agric.* 20 Oct. 1775 *note*, Season..signifies (here, at least) the state of the soil at seed-time. Thus, if at seed-time the soil be clean, in high tilth, and neither too wet nor too dry, the Farmer is said to have got a good season—or a fine season. If it be cloddy, a rough season. 1875 Parish *Sussex Dial.* 101 *Season*, ground in good condition. 1876 *Surrey Gloss.* s.v., 'To make a good season' is to get the land in good condition for sowing.

4. The time of year when a plant flourishes, when it blooms or bears fruit, etc. (See also 15 b.)

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 22881 Ilkin frut in his sesun. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Frankl. T.* 306 Appollo, god and gouernour Of euery plaunte, herbe, tree and flour, That yeuest, after thy declinacion, To ech of hem his tyme and his seson. *c* 1400 Maundev. (1839) v. 49 Also in that Contree..Men fynden longe Apples to selle, in hire cesoun. 1535 Coverdale *Ps.* i. 3 Like a tre..yᵗ bringeth forth his frute in due season. 1637 Milton *Lycidas* 7, I come to pluck your Berries harsh and crude...Bitter constraint, and sad occasion dear, Compels me to disturb your season due. 1747–96 Mrs. Glasse *Cookery* xii. 184 Half a pint of green peas, when it is the season for them. 1883 R. W. Dixon *Mano* II. vi. 85 Grass and leaves may flourish all the year, But corn and fruit one season only own.

5. The time of year when an animal is in heat, pairs, breeds, migrates, is killed for food or hunted, etc. (Also *pairing, breeding, close*, etc. *season.*)

† *Of* (*the*) *season* = in season (see 15 b).

c 1400 *Master of Game* (MS. Digby 182) iii, þere [*sc.* the bucks'] seson dureth fro þe moneth of May into þe mydle of Septembre. 1486 *Bk. St. Albans* e v, The seson of the fox [is] fro the Natiuyte Tyll the annunciacion of owre lady fre. *c* 1490 *Plumpton Corr.* (Camden) 86, I..desire and pray you to caus a bucke of season to be taken. 1576 Turberv. *Venerie* lxxix. 240 The seasons of all Chaces. 1598 Shaks. *Merry W.* III. iii. 169, I warrant you Bucke, And of the season too. 1603 — *Meas. for M.* II. ii. 85 Euen for our kitchins We kill the fowle of season. 1697 Dryden *Virg. Georg.* III. 101 Six Seasons use; but then release the Cow, Unfit for Love, and for the lab'ring Plough. 1711 Steele *Spect.* No. 78 ᵖ 5 The Day was fix'd for the Entertainment, which was in Venison Season. 1737 Bracken *Farriery Impr.* (1757) II. Index 14 Not to leap many Mares in a Season. 1760–72 H. Brooke *Fool of Qual.* (1809) III. 123 My neighbours were not as birds of the season; they neither despised nor forsook me because of my poverty. 1842 Tennyson *Audley Court* 32 Then touch'd upon the game, how scarce it was This season. 1844 H. Stephens *Bk. Farm* III. 1112 Its effect upon the skin may also interfere with the coming of the season upon the ewe. 1857 Hughes *Tom Brown* I. iii, Others went after butterflies and birds'-eggs in their seasons.

attrib. *c* 1400 *Master of Game* (MS. Digby 182) iv, þei [*sc.* Roebucks] renneth wele and longer þan dothe a grete hert in þe hye seson tyme.

6. *fig.* Time of ripeness or maturity. Cf. 15 c.

1508 Dunbar *Tua Maritt Wemen* 289 Bot leit the sueit ay the sour to gud sesone bring. *a* 1639 Carew *To A. L.* 79 O then be wise, and whilst your season Affords you days for sport, do reason. 1648 *Eikon Bas.* iv. 18 Whose..impatience was such, that they would not staie the ripening and season of Counsels, or fair production of Acts, in the order, gravitie, and deliberateness befitting a Parliament; but [etc.].

†**7.** A term or session of a court, university, or the like. Phr. *to keep* or *hold season. Obs.*

?*a* 1400 *Arthur* 137 Arthour wolde of honour Hold a fest at Eestour..; And sende Messanger To kynges ferre & neer ..To come to þis Dyner...They come þyder in gode aray, And kept þeire Ceson At the Castell Carlyon. *c* 1435 *Torr. Portugal* 2157 Sir Torent dwellid thare Fourty days in moche care, Season for to hold. 1669 Evelyn *Diary* 13 July, Which the Vice-Chancellor promis'd to do the next season. 1825 Wordsw. in *M. Baillie's Wks.* I. Life 9 He there attended the Greek and Latin classes during the first two seasons; in the third season he became a diligent mathematician.

8. A period of time astronomically fixed or recurring. † Also, a period or phase of an eclipse.

1535 Coverdale *Gen.* i. 14 That they maye be vnto tokens, seasons, dayes, and yeares. 1666 Rook in *Phil. Trans.* I. 389 Those Seasons of the Eclipse, when there is the suddenest Alteration in the Apparences. 1671 Milton *P. R.* III. 187 He in whose hand all times and seasons roul. 1820 Keats *Hyperion* I. 293 The sacred seasons might not be disturb'd. Therefore the operations of the dawn Stay'd in their birth. 1871 R. Ellis *Catullus* lxvi. 4 How in seasons due vanishes orb upon orb.

9. The portion of a year regularly devoted to a particular business, sport, or amusement, or when the greatest activity prevails therein. Often with defining word, as the *fishing, hunting, publishing, racing, theatrical, holiday season.* The period when such pursuits are inactive is called the *dead, dull*, or *off season*: see also Silly *season.*

1687 Lovell tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* I. 100 When I was at Chio, I could not have that Diversion, for then it was not the Season. 1718 *Free-thinker* No. 68. 86 Publick Business, and Publick Diversions, have the same Season. 1740 Cibber *Apol.* (1756) I. 144 He bound himself to give them two plays every season. 1798 Forester in *Paget Papers* (1896) I. 115 We have this day had the best run of the Season. 1820 W. Scoresby *Acc. Arctic Reg.* I. 248 In the season of 1684, fourteen of their ships were wrecked. 1856 H. H. Dixon ('The Druid') *Post & Paddock* 303 That gentleman bought Hermit and rode him for nine seasons. 1878 *Athletic World* 5 Apr.

7/2 Pickwick Bicycle Club. The season will be commenced by a run to..Edmonton on Saturday. **1891** E. KINGLAKE *Australian* 87 The 'season' in Australia—by which is indicated the dance-giving period—is winter and early spring.

10. The period of the year during which a particular place is most frequented for business, fashion, or amusement; esp. the time (now May to July) when the fashionable world is assembled in London. *Dead season*, the period when 'society' has departed from a place of resort.

1705 J. TAYLOR *Journ. Edinb.* (1903) 68 Most of the Gentry of the North of England and Scotland resort hither [to Scarborough] in the Season of the year, but we hapned to be something of the latest. **1709** STEELE *Tatler* No. 50 ₱ 7 Until the Company was gone, and Season over. **1760** H. WALPOLE *Let. to Mann* 20 Jan., You cannot figure a duller season: the weather bitter, no party, little money [etc.]. **1766** [ANSTEY] *Bath Guide* x. 6 What Numbers one sees, who, for that very Reason Come to make such a Figure at Bath ev'ry Season! **1789** *Triumphs Fortitude* I. 10 Be happy in all the enjoyments this dead season can afford. **1836** MARRYAT *Japhet* xxi, The season was now over, and everybody of consequence quitted the metropolis. **1870** H. SMART *Race for Wife* ii, She gave up her season in London.

11. *transf.* (from 2). **†a.** A spell of (bad or inclement) weather.

1605 SHAKS. *Lear* III. iv. 32 How shall your House-lesse heads..defend you From seasons such as these? **1667** MILTON *P. L.* x. 1063 And teach us further by what means to shun Th' inclement Seasons, Rain, Ice, Hail and Snow, Which now the Skie with various Face begins To shew us in this Mountain.

b. *spec.* The 'rains' or spells of wet weather in tropical countries. In the southern U.S., 'a shower of rain or period of damp weather suitable for setting out tobacco and other plants'.

1707 SLOANE *Jamaica* I. Introd. 15 After Seasons, i.e. three or four or more days rain, all manner of provisions, Maize, Guinea-corn, Pease, Potatos &c. are planted. **1766** STORK *Acc. E. Florida* 63 It often happens in the West-Indies, as it did last year, that when the ground is prepared, and the cane planted, the rains, or seasons as they are called, fail. **1873** *Routledge's Young Gentl. Mag.* July 478/2 The seasons were only just over, and all tropical nature was fresh.

II. *gen.* A time, period, occasion.

12. A particular time or period during which something happens, or which is defined by some characteristic feature or circumstance. See also NIGHT-SEASON, *mean season* (MEAN *a.*[2] 2).

a **1300** *Cursor M.* 3509 God was þe werld in þat sesun And mikel it bar o benisun. *Ibid.* 5419 Quils þam lasted þat sesun dere. *c* **1400** *Destr. Troy* 1442 A Sesyn of sorow þat þere snet after. *c* **1450** in Anngier *Syon* (1840) 268 Euery persone that..hath there the rewle of the religion atteleste for that ceson. **1497** *Naval Acc. Hen. VII* (1896) 234 Duryng the season that the seid ship lay in the Dokke. **1568** GRAFTON *Chron.* II. 650 During this season the Queene was greatly encouraged with the victory, obteyned late at Wakefielde. **1665** BOYLE *Occas. Medit., Disc.* IV. iv. (1848) 69 When we greedily pursue after Honour, and Pleasure, of which this Life is not the proper Season. **1777** BURKE *Let. to Sheriffs of Bristol* Wks. 1842 I. 215 Calamity is unhappily the usual season of reflection. **1833** MACAULAY *Ess., War Succes. Sp.* ₱ 5 His annual revenue..in the season of his greatest power. **1871** FREEMAN *Norm. Conq.* (1876) IV. xviii. 278 They may have been well pleased to accept a season of peace even at the hands of the stranger.

b. *For a season*: for an indefinite period, for some time, for a while. Similarly, *for a long, short*, etc. *season*. Also adverbially, without *for*.

1465 *Pol. Rel. & L. Poems* (1903) 1/17 Than stode y stille a litile Sesone. **1481** *Coventry Leet-bk.* 500 There hath long season depended variance & contrauersie betwixt you. **1526** TINDALE *Luke* iv. 13 He departed from hym for a season. *a* **1533** LD. BERNERS *Huon* lxxxv. 267 Than Oberon stode styll a season. **1668** CULPEPER & COLE *Barthol. Anat.* I. ix. 21 That it might further the Stomachs Concoction, and make the meats abide therein, a convenient season. **1790** COWPER *Iliad* XIX. 169 Or if it please thee, though impatient, wait, Short season **1851** CARLYLE *J. Sterling* I, This most.. beautiful human soul; who walked with me for a season in this world. **1871** FREEMAN *Norm. Conq.* (1876) IV. xvii. 70 He was constrained for a season to leave the successors of Leofric and Siward in possession of [etc.].

13. (Without the idea of duration.) A time at which, or occasion when, something happens. *At*, *† in this* (or *that*) *season*, at this time; on this occasion; also adverbially without *in*. *At*, *† in*, *on a season*, at a certain time. *At all seasons*, at all times, always. *At seasons*, on different or recurring occasions, from time to time. Also, *fit, due, proper, just season*: cf. sense 14. Now *rare*.

13.. *Seuyn Sages* 3939 He says soth in this sesowne. **1340–70** *Alisaunder* 339 On a season isett assembled they boþe. *a* **1400–50** *Alexander* 881 Sone eftir in a seson,.. Come driuand fra Darius..Heraudis on heȝe hors. *c* **1400** *Ywaine & Gaw.* 903 Thus was syr Ywayne sted that sesowne. *a* **1440** *York Myst.* xxvi. 42 We seke for youre socoure þis sesoune. **1470–85** MALORY *Arthur* XXI. xii. 858 So at a seson of the nyght they al went to theyr beddes. **1497** BP. ALCOCK *Mons Perfect.* D iij, And many seasons of y^e^ daye sore wept in remembraunce of y^e^ same. **1519** *Interl. Four Elem.* (Percy Soc.) 31 Other thynges mo I have in store, That I coude tel therof, but now no more Tyll another season. **1526** TINDALE *Acts* xx. 18 After what maner I have bene wyth you at all ceasons. **1611** *R. Johnson's Kingd. & Commw.* 119 He may come to her house,..Court her in all places, and at all seasons. **1628** HOBBES tr. *Thucydides* (1822) 23 These things were done for you in a season when men going to fight against their enemies neglect all respects but of victory. **1686** tr. *Chardin's Coronat. Solyman* 122 He knew the proper season to shew the violence of his Revenge. **1692** R. L'ESTRANGE *Fables* CCXV. 187 There are Many Cases, and Many Seasons, wherein Men must either Bend or Break. **1711** STEELE *Spect.* No. 78 ₱ 5 You well know it is of great Consequence to clear Titles, and it is of Importance that it be done in the proper Season. **1827** SCOTT *Highl. Widow* ii, When Hamish..absented himself from her cottage at such season, and for such length of time as he chose. **1837** CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* I. IV. iv, Pike and helm lie provided for thee in due season. **1850** TENNYSON *In Mem.* CXI. 8 The churl in spirit..Will let his coltish nature break At seasons thro' the gilded pale.

†b. Sometimes substituted for *time* in collocations proper to that word: as *afore seasons* = AFORETIME; *in old season*, of old. *Obs.*

1463 in *Eng. Hist. Rev.* Apr. (1905) 301 He as yit stondeth destitute of cxj li. which he afore seisons hath..receyued yerely at þe fest of Estre. **1530** PALSGR. 143 *Avtemps jadis*, afore-season. **1582** STANYHURST *Æneis* I. (Arb.) 17, I that in old season..whistled My rural sonnet.

14. The right, proper, due or appointed time; a fit or favourable occasion, an opportunity. (Cf. 15 a.) Const. *† to, for, to* with inf.

a **1300** *Cursor M.* 29366 Als suith as he mai sesun se, And wend to rome at soilled be. **13..** *K. Alis.* 5251 The kyng of-sent erles and barouns, For to sopere it was seysouns. **1388** WYCLIF *Eccles.* viii. 6 Tyme and cesoun is to ech werk. *c* **1440** *Generydes* 271 So went she fourth hyr seosynne to endure. **1470–85** MALORY *Arthur* XIX. vi. 781 Thenne whan season was, they wente vnto their chambres. **1484** CAXTON *Æsop* VI. vii, Alle thynges which ben done & made in theyr tyme & season ben wel made. **1513** BRADSHAW *St. Werburge* I. 2793 A sensuall prynce..Taryed the season to fynde her solytary. **1642** D. ROGERS *Naaman* 29 Telling him..it was no season for him to take upon him imperiously. **1671** MILTON *P. R.* IV. 146 When my season comes to sit On David's Throne. **1790** J. BRUCE *Trav. Source of Nile* I. 78, I had sat up a great part of the night waiting a season for observation, but it was very cloudy. **1851** TENNYSON *To the Queen* 30 And statesmen at her council met Who knew the seasons when to take Occasion by the hand.

III. Phrases with prep.

15. In season. a. At the right and proper time, opportunely. Also (? chiefly *U. S.*), at the proper time or in good time *for* or *to do* something. *To be in season*, to be seasonable or opportune.

c **1330** R. BRUNNE *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 2542 Þre ȝer after was he kyng, In ful sesyne made hys endyng. **1414** *Deed is Working* 79 in 26 *Pol. Poems* 58 To chastyse fooles is ny in seson. **1484** CAXTON *Æsop* VI. vii, Therfore hit appiereth wel that the thynges whiche ben made in season ben wel made and done by reason. **1611** BIBLE *Isa.* I. 4 That I should know how to speake a worde in season [1535 COVERDALE in due season] to him that is wearie. **1639** FULLER *Holy War* v. v. (1640) 236 After six moneths siege they surrendered the citie to their own honour, and shame of other Christians who sent them no succour in season. **1649** DAVENANT *Love & Hon.* v. i. 78, *Alt.* Good morrow, cavaliers. *Vas.* 'Twill be an houre yet before that greeting Be in season. **1760–72** H. BROOKE *Fool of Qual.* (1809) I. 168 [He] had just cleared one eye, in season, to remark where his enemy entered. **1844** DICKENS *Mart. Chuz.* xii, The two young men desired to get back again in good season. **1858** SEARES *Athan.* II. iii. 195 They arrive in season for the meeting. **1872** HOWELLS *Wedd. Journ.* (1892) 312 Mr. March has to be home by a certain day; and we shall just get back in season. **1906** W. WALKER *Calvin* v. 108 News of this intention reached him in season to effect his escape.

b. Of game, etc.: At the time for hunting, catching, etc. *To be in season*: (of a plant or animal) to flourish, be in its finest condition, be in the best state for eating; also, (of an animal) to be in heat. Similarly, *to come in* or *into season*.

1375 BARBOUR *Bruce* VII. 497 Than the deir war in sesoun. **1473** *Rolls of Parlt.* VI. 93/1 Oon Hert, to be taken in season..and 11 Bukkes in season. **1558** *Act 1 Eliz.* c. 17 § 1 Any Samons or Trowtes, not being in season. **1576** TURBERV. *Venerie* lxxix. 240 Conies are al wayes in season, either yong or old: but their skinnes are in best season from Alhallontide vnto Shrouetide. **1661** LOVELL *Hist. Anim. & Min.* 220 Salmon..come in season, and goe out with the Buck. **1665** BOYLE *Occas. Reft., Disc.* IV. iv. (1848) 68 If the same Fruit were let alone till it were fully Ripe, and in Season. **1688** HOLME *Armoury* II. 135/1 The Hart or Stagg ..is in Season..from Midsummer until Holy-Rood Day. **1709** ADDISON *Tatler* No. 148 ₱ 7 To eat every Thing before it comes in Season. **1772** FOOTE *Nabob* II. (1778) 31 Have you any pinks or carnations in bloom? *Crocus.* They are not in season, your honour. **1807** COL. HAWKER *Diary* (1893) I. 6 A very fine trout..he proved..to be very well in season, **1834** MEDWIN *Angler in Wales* I. 176 He is in high season, as proved by the crimson of his fins. **1865** *Reader* No. 154. 646/3 The fish being in perfect season from October to June. **1903** F. SIMPSON *Bk. Cat* iii. 38 Cats come in season about every three weeks during the spring and summer.

†c. *fig.* Flourishing, at one's best. *Obs.*

c **1400** *Rom. Rose* 4981 As longe as Youthe is in sesoun, They dwellen in oon mansioun. **1625** BACON *Ess., Goodness* (Arb.) 205 Such Men, in other mens Calamities, are, as it were, in season.

d. Of a place of resort, etc.: (To be) fashionable, in a state of activity. Cf. sense 10.

1718 LADY M. W. MONTAGU *Let. to Lady Rich* 10 Oct., The fair of St. Lawrence is now in season. **1868** EARL OF WILTON *Sports Engl.* 68 From the first day of grouse to the last day of pheasants, London is never in season.

e. Of timber: Seasoned.

1627 CAPT. SMITH *Seaman's Gram.* I. 2 The masts and yards are chained together in some great water to keepe them from rotting, and in season.

16. Out of season. a. Unseasonably, inopportunely; *predicatively*, unseasonable, inopportune.

1377 LANGL. *P. Pl.* B. XIII. 351 And as wel in lente as oute of lente, alle tymes ylyche, Suche werkes with hem were neuere oute of sesoun. **1548** UDALL *Erasm. Par., Mark* i. 29–31 He loueth those that eal vpon him, cal they neuer so importunatly, and out of season. **1649** DAVENANT *Love & Hon.* IV. iv. 37 Although the rack be somewhat out Of season with my old bones. **1667** MILTON *P. L.* v. 850 So spake the fervent Angel, but his zeale None seconded, as out of season judg'd. **1718** *Free-thinker* No. 27. 190 True Wit and Good Sense..can be spoiled only by making use of them Improperly, or out of Season. **1864** 'HOLME LEE' *Silver Age* II. 239 Be consoled—you will have your joys, though they come rather out of season. **1868** TENNYSON *Lucretius* 267 Howbeit I know thou surely must be mine Or soon or late, yet out of season, thus I woo thee roughly.

b. Not in season; not at the time for hunting, catching, eating, etc. Also *fig.*

1500–20 DUNBAR *Poems* lix. 18 Off ane vod fuill far owt off seasonn, He wantis nocht bot a rowndit heid. **1683** ROBINSON in *Ray's Corr.* (1848) 132 We..could not meet with the Macreuse [the scoter], it being now out of season.

c. Not in fashion; not in its period of fashion.

1847 TENNYSON *Princess* Prol. 179 The hard-grain'd Muses of the cube and square Were out of season. **1891** FREEMAN *Sk. Fr. Trav.* 180 He will prefer Clermont out of season to Clermont in the season.

17. *In season and out of season*: at all times, without regard to what is considered opportune.

1526 TINDALE 2 *Tim.* IV. 2 Be fervent, be it in season or out of season [εὐκαίρως ἀκαίρως]. **1841** HELPS *Ess., Trans. Business* (1842) 93 He will be repeating his folly in season, and out of season, until at last it has a hearing.

†18. *By season*: at the right time, in time. *Sc.*

1600 in Pitcairn *Crim. Trials Scot.* II. 180 This deponar desyrit Maister Alexander to dischone with him, be ressoun his awin culd nocht be sasone be preparit.

†IV. 19. [f. the vb.] Seasoning, relish, flavour.

c **1480** HENRYSON *Test. Cress.* 421 With Saipheron sals of ane gude sessoun. **1599** B. JONSON *Cynthia's Rev.* V. i. 16 Bearing no season, much lesse salt of goodnesse. **1599** SHAKS. *Much Ado* IV. i. 144 The wide sea Hath..salt too little, which may season giue To her foule tainted flesh. **1605** — *Macb.* III. iv. 141 You lacke the season of all Natures, sleepe. *a* **1635** NAUNTON *Fragm. Reg.* (Arb.) 44 He had a large proportion of gifts and endowments, but too much of the season of envy. **1664** MARVELL *Corr.* Wks. (Grosart) II. 122 Those his Friends who formerly made his adversity more tolerable, and do now give the truest season and sweetness to his better fortune.

V. 20. Short for *season-ticket* (see 21).

1896 *Daily News* 29 Dec. 7/4 Asked for his ticket, he replied that he had left his season at home. **1901** *Westm. Gaz.* 2 Apr. 9/1 The company..is about to issue third-class seasons.

VI. 21. *Comb.*, as *season-measured* adj.; **season-ticket**, a ticket which admits the holder to travel on a boat or on a line of railway, to enter an exhibition, etc., an unlimited number of times during a season or specified period, at a reduced rate of payment; hence *season-ticket holder*.

1827 J. H. NEWMAN *Lyra Apost.* xliii. (1836) 48 In childhood, when with eager eyes The *season-measured year I viewed. **1835** DICKENS *Sk. Boz, River*, The regular passengers, who have *season-tickets, go below to breakfast. **1886** *Encycl. Brit.* XX. 228/2 The proportions of passengers, independent of season-ticket holders, were as follows.

Season (sīˑzˈn), *v.* Forms: 4 seasen, 4–5 ses(o)un, 4–6 seson, 5 seeson,sesyn,cesyn, -un, -on, 6 seasyn, (sayson, seacon), *Sc.* saison, sasoun, cessoune, 4– season. [a. OF. *saisonner* (cf. mod.F. *assaisonner*), f. *saison* SEASON *sb.*

Sense 1 is a development from the primary sense in OF., to ripen, to render (fruit) palatable by the influence of the seasons (cf. sense 4, which in Eng. appears much later).]

1. *trans.* To render (a dish) more palatable by the addition of some savoury ingredient.

13.. *Gaw. & Gr. Kn.* 889 Segge[1] hym serned semly innoȝe. Wyth sere sewes & sete, sesounde of þe best. *c* **1375** *Sc. Leg. Saints* Prol. 110 As salt sesonis all, þe hartiss at one crist will eale. *c* **1420** *Liber Cocorum* 9 Seson bit with sugur. *c* **1440** *Promp. Parv.* 67/1 Cesyn (*P.* cesun) or welle aray mete or drynke, *tempero*. **1530** PALSGR. 707/2, I season meate as a coke dothe, *je saysonne la viande*. *c* **1550** LYNDESAY *Tragedie* 357 Ane cunyng Cuke, quhilk best can cessone caill. **1661** LOVELL *Hist. Anim. & Min.* Isagoge c 5 If seasooed with salt, and spices, it [meat] is yet dryer. **1769** E. BANCROFT *Guiana* 324 All season their food with a great quantity of spices. **1806** A. HUNTER *Culina* (ed. 3) 68 Take three or four beef steaks cut thick, and season them with pepper, salt, and onion shred fine. **1867** PARKMAN *Jesuits N. Amer.* XXV. (1875) 366 Maize, pounded and boiled, and seasoned..with morsels of smoked fish.

b. *fig.* To mix, intersperse, or imbue with something that imparts relish; to adapt or accommodate *to* a particular taste.

1520 NISBET *N. T., Col.* IV. 6 Youre word be sesonnit in salt euirmare in grace. **1592** SHAKS. *Rom. & Jul.* II. iii. 72 How much salt water throwne away in wast, To season Loue that of it doth not tast. **1596** KEMYS *Relat. 2nd Voy. Guiana* E 2 b, Pardon it..if..my speech, which is altogether vnsauourie, season it selfe with some of the leauen of your own discourse. **1667** MILTON *P. L.* x. 609 Till I [*sc.* Sin] in Man residing through the Race, His thoughts, his looks, words, actions all infect, And season him thy [*sc.* Death's] last and sweetest prey. **1675** W. OKELEY *Eben-ezer* Pref. A j, Every Narrator is under a strong Temptation to Season his Discourse to the Gusto of the time. **1699** DRYDEN *To John Driden* 60 You season still with sports your serious hours. **1711** ADDISON *Spect.* No. 166 ₱ 6 Writers ..who employ their Parts in propagating Immorality, and seasoning vicious Sentiments with Wit and Humour. **1822** SHELLEY *Faust* II. 10 To..climb those rocks..Is the true sport that seasons such a path.

ironically. **1615** G. SANDYS *Trav.* 121 He had a hundred blowes on the feet to season his pastimes.

†c. *To season with the same liquor*: *fig.*, to imbue or endow with the same qualities. *Obs.*

1648 Symmons *Vind. K. Chas.* 36 Truly we do imagine that our subtile and suspected Brethren..would fain season us with the same liquor, which infecteth them.

†d. To qualify by a beneficial admixture; to moderate, alleviate, temper. *Obs.*

1594 Shaks. *Rich. III*, III. vii. 149 To reprone you for this suit of yours, So season'd with your faithful loue to me. 1602 — *Ham.* I. ii. 191 Season your admiration for a while With an attent eare.

†2. *transf.* To imbue with a taste or scent. *Obs.*

1559 Morwyng *Evonym.* 270 They do al season the urin with their smel. *a* 1591 H. Smith *Serm.* (1607) 538 What licour our vessels bee seasoned with at the first, they will taste of the same euer after.

†b. To imbue (a person, his mind) *with* opinions, ideas, etc.; in later use only in good sense (cf. 1 b).

1617 Moryson *Itin.* II. 48 They who had his eare, might easily season him with good or ill opinion of his servants or strangers. 1709 Steele & Addison *Tatler* No. 111 ₱ 3 [Shakspere] seems to have had his Mind thoroughly seasoned with Religion. 1791 Boswell *Johnson* an. 1754, 6 Mar., Garrick, who I can attest from my own knowledge had his mind seasoned with pious reverence.

†c. *intr.* To savour *of*. *Obs.*

1618 Fletcher *Chances* I. ix, Lose not your labour and your time together, It seasons of a fool, son, time is pretious.

†3. *trans.* To embalm. Also *fig.* *Obs.*

c 1440 *Alphabet of Tales* 458, & on þe morn when þai wold base opynd hym & sesond hym with spycis at he myght hafe bene curid, he rase vpp & was whikk. 1601 Shaks. *Twel. N.* I. i. 30 She will..water once a day her Chamber round With eye-offending brine: all this to season A brothers dead loue, which she would keep fresh And lasting, in her sad remembrance. 1638 Junius *Paint. Ancients* 171 He hath seene true dead bodies brought in the banquet, after they had been seasoned a good while and dried up.

4. To bring to maturity, ripen; to render fit for use by prolonged exposure to atmospheric influences, or by gradual subjection to conditions of the kind to be undergone in actual working; often, to dry and harden (timber) by long keeping.

1545 [see Seasoned 3]. 1555 Eden *Decades* (Arb.) 99 They browght with them Cinamome and gynger: but not very good, bycause they were not there fully seasoned with the heate of the soone. 1617 Moryson *Itin.* III. 74 The houses very seldome keepe out raine, the timbers being not well seasoned. 1686 Plot *Staffordsh.* 161 They also heat their furnace for a weeks time with charcoal without blowing it, which they call seasoning it. 1725 De Foe *Voy. round World* (1840) 71 Casks..which their coopers assisted us to trim, season, and fit up. 1858 O. W. Holmes *Aut. Breakf.-T.* v. 53 Knowledge and timber shouldn't be much used till they are seasoned.

b. *intr.* for *refl.* To become seasoned.

1679 Moxon *Mech. Exerc.* ix. 155 They generally Rough-plain their Boards..that they may set them by to season. 1881 *Cassell's Fam. Mag.* VII. 511 An artificial method.. which has the effect of ageing the wood in a few hours, as well as if it had been kept seasoning for years.

c. *trans.* To fortify (a person) by habit against conditions that might otherwise be deleterious; to acclimatize.

1601 Mountjoy *Let.* in Moryson *Itin.* II. (1617) 108 They will come over well cloathed against the Winter and may have time to rest, and to be seasoned, till Christmas. 1760 Goldsm. *Cit. W.* cxix, Many of them died, because they were not used to live in a gaol, but for my part it was nothing to me, for I was seasoned. 1812 Byron *Ch. Har.* II. lxix. In war well season'd, and with labours tann'd. 1896 A. E. Housman *Shropshire Lad* lxii, And easy, smiling, seasoned sound, Sate the king when healths went round.

†d. To prepare or fit (a person); also, to discipline, train. *Obs.*

1602 Shaks. *Ham.* III. iii. 84 Am I then reneng'd, To take him in the purging of his Soule When he is fit and season'd for his passage? 1612 Brinsley *Lud. Lit.* xxii. 253 How schollars may be seasoned and trained vp in Gods true Religion and in grace. 1644 Milton *Educ.* 4 And withall to season them, and win them early to the love of vertue and true labour. 1658 Cleveland *Rustick Rampant* 16 The Kentishmen, seasoned by this Priest or Prophet of the Idol, are easily tempted by the Essexians.

†e. To bring into a healthy condition. Also, to disinfect. *Obs.*

1601 Holland *Pliny* xxiii. I. II. 148 As touching grapes preserved in earthen pots, they refresh and season the mouth which was out of tast. 1722 De Foe *Plague* (1756) 281 Those people..did take particular Directions for what they called Seasoning of their Houses and abundance of costly things were consumed..which..not only seasoned those houses.. but filled the air with very grateful smells.

†f. To temper (metal). *Obs. rare.*

1730 Savery *Magnet. Observ.* in *Phil. Trans.* XXXVI. 307 Steel cannot be seasoned too hard for Retension. *Ibid.* 328 With this little Bar naked I touched a small Dial-Needle made of Steel..I seasoned it very hard, and cleansed it well.

†5. Of a bird or beast of prey: To 'flesh' (its claws); hence *intr.* to seize *upon*. *Obs.*

It is possible that Palsgrave may have been thinking of *season* = Seisin *v.*

1530 Palsgr. 707/2, I season upon a thynge, as a hauke dothe, *je assaysonne*. She saysonned upon the fesante at the first flyght. 1540—*Acolastus* II. iii. L iij b, This pray is worthy for our clawes .i. this is one as mete for vs to season vpon, as it is mete for any lyon..to season his pawes vpon his pray.

†6. To manure (land). *Obs.*

1563 Hyll *Art Garden.* (1593) 10 So that the same [dung] be scattered like seedes on the ground, wherby to season ground the better. 1589 Puttenham *Eng. Poesie* III. xxv, (Arb.) 309 Or as the good gardiner seasons his soyle by sundrie sorts of compost.

†7. To impregnate, to copulate with. *Obs. rare.*

[1511-38: see Seasoning *vbl. sb.* 1 a.] 1555 Eden *Decades* (Arb.) 383 When the male hath once seasoned the female he neuer after toucheth her. 1601 Holland *Pliny* VIII. xlv. I. 224 This prince..would not suffer the Buls to come unto the Kine and season them, before they were both foure yeares old.

Seasonable (sī·z'năb'l), *a.* [f. Season *v.* and *sb.* + -able.]

1. Occurring at the right season, opportune.

c 1412 Hoccleve *De Reg. Princ.* 578 For-þi ne lakke þou not age at al; Whan youþe is past, is age sesonable. 1455 *Paston Lett.* I. 349, I have written unto Yelverton, the justice, that he wol, at some sesonable tyme, common with Sir Thomas Tudenham. *c* 1586 C'tess Pembroke *Ps.* civ. xi, [All creatures] in seasonable tyde Their hungry eyes on thee their feeder throw. 1631 Gouge *God's Arrows* Ded. (v), Are not these times seasonable..for such a Subject as is here handled? 1655 Fuller *Ch. Hist.* IV. i. 130 Here it will be seasonable to give in a List of Wicliffes Opinions. 1719 De Foe *Crusoe* I. 294 His Caution was so seasonable, and his Advice so good, that [etc.]. 1869 J. Martineau *Ess.* II. 94 This is a very seasonable book.

b. Of weather, etc.: Suitable to the time of year.

1380 Wyclif *Sel. Wks.* III. 416 Heven lokes lesse to fruyt of þo erthe, monnes strength is lesse, here lyve is shortere, þo tyme is lesse sesounable, and charite withdrawen. 14.. *Tundale's Vis.*, etc. (1843) 155 Tho sesonabuldst wedur with-owton leyse That euer mon sawe dryvun tyl a nende. 1520 Nisbet *Epist. O. T.* xxi. (S. T. S.) III. 284 As the flour of rosis in the dais of sesonnabile somer. *a* 1603 Bacon *Maxims Com. Law* Ep. Ded. 6 It is your Majesties reigne that hath beene as a goodly seasonable spring weather to the advancing of all excellent arts of peace. 1793 Smeaton *Edystone L.* § 261 Though the weather was not favourable for delivering their cargoes, yet it being seasonable, I determined they should keep out. 1819 Keats *Ode to Nightingale* v, Each sweet Wherewith the seasonable month endows The grass, the thicket, and the fruit-tree wild. 1843 Dickens *Christm. Carol* iii. 90 His thread-bare clothes darned up and brushed, to look seasonable.

†c. Enduring but for a season, temporary. *Obs.*

1549 Latimer *1st Serm. bef. Edw. VI* (Arb.) 38 Not a seasonable fayeth, which shall laste but a whyle, but a fayeth, whiche is continuynge in God.

†d. 'In season', said of game at the time when proper to be hunted and killed. *Obs. rare*—1.

1596 Harington *Metam. Ajax* 32 Doth not the keeper.. shew you his semisbing, that thereby you may iudge if he be a seasonable deare?

e. Belonging to one's season or prime.

1883 R. W. Dixon *Mano* I. viii. 20 Thou poppy,..Why hangest thou down ere ripeness be begun, Ere yet be come thy seasonable hour?

†2. Capable of serving as seasoning; tasty, savoury. *Obs. rare*—1.

c 1420 *Liber Cocorum* (1862) 28 Take brede..And drawȝhe hit þorowghe a clothe by kynde, With venegur gode and sesounabulle.

†3. Well seasoned, matured. *Obs. rare.*

1531-2 *Act* 23 *Hen. VIII*, c. 4 § 2 Coupers..shall make the same vessels..of good and seasonable wodde.

Seasonableness (sī·z'năb'lnĕs). [f. prec. + -ness.] The quality of being seasonable; aptitude to time or circumstance; fitness of occurrence.

1546 Langley tr. *Pol. Verg. de Invent.* I. iii. 5 The fruictfull rankeness of the soyle and seasonableness of the Aire. 1623 Markham *Country Contentm.* I. xi. (1631) 76 The seasonablenesse, or vnseasonablenesse of the weather. 1740 Warburton *Vind. Pope's Ess. Man* vi. 108 The Seasonableness of this Reproof will appear evident enough to those who know, that [etc.]. 1831 Mackintosh *Hist. Eng.* II. 83 Frion, a discarded secretary of Henry, who, from the seasonableness of his defection, may be suspected at all times to have been more a spy on Perkin than a traitor to Henry. 1878 Seeley *Stein* II. 535 The previous agitation lost at once its suitableness and seasonableness at the same time that all its objects were fully attained.

Seasonably (sī·z'năbli), *adv.* [f. Seasonable *a.* + -ly 2.] In a fitting time; at the right moment; in due season.

1387-8 T. Usk *Test. Love* II. vi. (Skeat) 67 Pardy, shine the sonne neuer so bright, and it bringe forth no hete, ne sesonably the herbes out-bringe of the earthe,..ye wolde wonder and dispreyse that sonne. 1575-85 Abp. Sandys *Serm.* ii. 43 The prince will be but a steward hereof, seasonably to lay it out for publike vse. *a* 1671 Ld. Fairfax *Mem.* (1699) 55 When I was almost senseless, my Surgeon came seasonably, and bound up the wound, and stopt the bleeding. 1711 Hearne *Collect.* (O. H. S.) III. 246 This Sermon was very seasonably deliver'd. 1817 Southey *Wat Tyler* I. i, The sun would shine as cheerly, The rains of heaven as seasonably fall, Though neither of these royal pests existed. 1885 *Manch. Exam.* 28 Sept. 5/3 A controversy which has broken out seasonably in the columns of a London contemporary.

†Sea·sonage. *Obs.* [f. Season *v.* + -age.] The action of seasoning; that which serves to season.

a 1716 South *Serm.* (1744) VIII. 408 The light; which is that, that gives a seasonage to all other fruitions, that.. gives opportunity to the enjoyment of all the other senses. *Ibid.* IX. 152 Charity is the grand seasonage of every christian duty.

Seasonal (sī·z'năl), *a.* and *sb.* [f. Season *sb.* + -al.] **A.** *adj.*

1. Pertaining to or characteristic of the seasons of the year, or some one of them.

Seasonal dimorphism, a variation in the appearance of different broods of the same insect according to the time of year at which they are produced.

1838 Mudie *Phys. Man* ii. 58 The call of the partridge—the seasonal song of the nightingale. 1844 H. Stephens *Bk. Farm* I. 291 The daily and seasonal motions of the earth. 1887 Abercromby *Weather* 51 Changes which are due to..the season of the year..we shall call..seasonal variations of the general character. 1888 Rolleston & Jackson *Anim. Life* 238 The individuals of broods appearing at different times of the year often differ from one another in a marked manner. In this case the phrase seasonal dimorphism is employed. 1894 Coit in *Forum* (U. S.) May 285 The regular seasonal lack of work is no dire calamity.

b. *transf.* Pertaining to the seasons or periods of human life.

1843 J. Martineau *Chr. Life* (1867) 3 The seasonal changes of character, of which I now speak. 1866 Alger *Solit. Nat. & Man* II. 46 So shall we hereafter retrace in our successive sorrows the seasonal stages of our growth.

2. Of certain trades: Dependent on the seasons. Of workers, servants: Employed or engaged only during a particular season.

1904 *Daily News* 30 Dec. 6/2 The problem of the casual and seasonal worker. 1909 *Times* 13 Feb. 4/3 Hotel servants were not of the best class; they were seasonals. 1909 *Englishwoman* Apr. 225 Some trades are seasonal: there is a great rush of work to be done at one season and comparatively little at another.

3. Periodical, recurrent at more or less regular intervals.

1880 Jevons *Methods Soc. Ref.* (1883) 313 The seasonal fluctuations of a small paper currency. 1893 Solomon in *Class. Rev.* Feb. 11/1 These regularly recurrent diseases.. are, I believe, called by the doctors 'seasonal'. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 557 In some patients the relapses have a certain seasonal periodicity.

B. *sb.* A periodical issued at certain seasons of the year.

1895 (*title*) The Evergreen: a Northern Seasonal. 1897 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 24 Nov. 11/3 Mr. Scott has decided to issue his 'Book Sales' as a seasonal instead of as an annual.

Seasonally (sī·z'năli), *adv.* [f. prec. + -ly 2.] At a certain time of year, at some seasons.

1834 Mudie *Feathered Tribes Brit. Isl.* (1841) I. 22 One species is often found, at least seasonally, upon those grounds. 1887 *Athenæum* 12 Feb. 227/2 The fact of the moth being seasonally dimorphic was likely to introduce disturbing elements into the experiments.

Seasoned (sī·z'nd), *ppl. a.* [f. Season *v.* + -ed 1.]

†1. Seasonable, opportune, suitable. *Obs. rare.*

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 67/2 Cesonyd, yn tyme.., *tempestus, tempestivus*. 1634 Heywood *Maidenhead lost* III. F 4, It shall goe hard with mine affaires But Ile find season'd houres to visit them.

2. Flavoured, spiced.

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 454/1 Seasonyd, as mete, *temperatus*. 1709 Addison *Tatler* No. 148 ₱ 3, I have seen a young Lady swallow all the Instigations of high Soups, seasoned Sauces, and forced Meats.

b. *fig.*

1660 F. Brooke tr. *Le Blanc's Trav.* 270 The company by this means had but a bad seasoned supper. 1742 Young *Nt. Th.* VIII. 837 Joys season'd high, and tasting strong of guilt. 1864 Kirk *Chas. the Bold* I. iv. 217 Serving as a text for the highly seasoned discourses of the itinerant friars.

3. Fitted for use, matured, brought to a state of perfection. Of timber: Dried and hardened by keeping.

1545 Ascham *Toxoph.* II. (1904) 84 A stele muste be well seasoned for Castinge, and it must be made as the grayne lieth, & as it groweth or els it wyl neuer flye clene. 1633 G. Herbert *Temple, Vertue* 14 Onely a sweet and vertuous soul Like seasoned timber, never gives. 1711 W. Sutherland *Shipbuild. Assist.* 163 Season'd Plank or Timber; such as is thoroughly dry, and will not be apt to shrink. 1860 Tyndall *Glac.* II. xxii. 346 Two pieces of seasoned box-wood. 1881 C. A. Edwards *Organs* 40 Well seasoned wood is sapless.

b. *fig.* and in figurative context.

1583 Stubbes *Anat. Abus.* I. D j b, These be well seasoned reasons, and substantiall asseuerations in deed. 1607 Shaks. *Cor.* III. iii. 64 We charge you, that you haue contriu'd to take From Rome all season'd Office. 1881 Besant & Rice *Chapl. Fleet* I. xii, I, who am now as seasoned as a port-wine cask.

c. Of persons or animals: Fortified by habit; acclimatized; familiarized with a certain mode of life or occupation; †trained, disciplined.

a 1643 Cartwright *Siedge* I. iv, I would not Venture my self with a stale Virgin, or A season'd Widow for a Kingdom. 1690 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 2526/4 Pair of Black season'd Stone-horses for a Coach. 1703 Marlborough *Lett. & Disp.* (1845) I. 169 The difficulty..of replacing a seasoned regiment in this country. 1793 Smeaton *Edystone L.* § 294 New hands..would act with more courage, by having seasoned men amongst them. 1821 Scott *Kenilw.* ii, The wine had made some impression even on the seasoned brain of mine host. 1869 'Wat. Bradwood' *The O. V. H.* xviii, The welter race, contested mainly by seasoned hunters, had less refusals. 1884 *Nonconf. & Indep.* 4 Sept. 865/1 A flying column of 4000 seasoned troops.

†4. Of soil: Manured. *Obs.*

1604 E. G[rimstone] *D'Acosta's Hist. Indies* IV. i. 204 The rough and barren earth is as a substance and nutriment for mettalls; and that which is fertile and better seasoned [Sp. *de mas sazon*] a nourishment for plants.

†5. Embalmed. Also *fig.* *Obs.*

1644 Milton *Areop.* (Arb.) 35 We should be wary therefore..how we spill that season'd life of man preserv'd and stor'd up in Books. 1673 Cave *Prim. Chr.* III. ii. 274 The seasoned and embalm'd bones and heads of Martyrs.

†Sea·sonedness. *Obs.*—1 [f. prec. + -ness.] The state or quality of being (well) seasoned.

1679 Moxon *Mech. Exerc.* ix. 158 The well-seasonedness of the Boards.

Seasoner (sī·z'nəɹ). [f. Season *v.* + -er 1.] One who, or something which seasons.

† 1. One who seasons viands. *Obs.*

1598 Florio, *Conditore*, a seasoner, a cooke, a temprer, a comfiter. 1638 Penkethman *Artach.* A j b, Yet behold The Seasoner heating, or with Bavin-fires Preparing th' oven as the Case requires. 1647 Hexham I, A seasoner, *Een sausse ofte confituer bereyder.*

2. Something that serves to season. *rare.*

1693 J. Beaumont *Burnet's Th. Earth* I. 63 Salt is..a good Seasoner. 1802 T. Thomson *Chem.* II. 316 Muriat of Soda ..has been..in common use as a seasoner of food from the earliest ages.

fig. 1620 Ford *Lineæ Vitæ* (1843) 66 His actions are the seasoners of his speeches, as his profession is of his actions.

Sea-song. A song such as is sung by sailors.

1659 *Lady Alimony* III. iii. F 4, *Stage-dir.*, The Sea-Song [*follows*]. 1823 (*title*), [C.] Dibdin's Original Sea-Songs. 1859 Ld. Lytton *Wanderer, Thoughts at Sunset* ii, With a sea-song in mine ears Of the bronzen buccaniers. 1883 Stevenson *Treas. Isl.* i, Then breaking out into that old sea-song that he sang so often afterwards.

Seasoning (sī·z'niŋ), *vbl. sb.* [-ing 1.]

1. The action of the verb Season.

† a. The act or time of impregnation. *Obs.*

1511 *MS. Acc. St. John's Hosp., Canterb.*, Payd for sesnyng of iij sowys jd. ob. 1538 Elyot *Dict., Admissura*, the acte or tyme whan beastes doth their kinde in generation. Seasoning. 1601 Holland *Pliny* xvi. xxv. I. 472 This time, our rusticall peasants call the Seasoning, when as Nature ..is in the rut and furious rage of love.

b. The imparting of a flavour to a dish.

1601 R. Johnson *Kingd. & Commw.* (1603) 136 The nobility is very gallant,..spending more then their reuenues in diet and apparell, and the seasoning of their meates. 1732 Arbuthnot *Aliments, Rules of Diet* 260 Vegetables used in Seasoning, as Thyme, Savory. 1790 Burke *Fr. Rev.* Wks. 1808 V. 261 To stimulate their cannibal appetites by variety and seasoning.

c. The maturing of wood by drying, etc.; †also, tempering, hardening (of metals).

1641 Best *Farm. Bks.* (Surtees) 112 Firre-deales are accounted better for bordeninge with then oake that hath not had time for seasoninge. 1730 Savery *Magnet. Observ.* in *Phil. Trans.* XXXVI. 330, I imagine it must be owing to some..Difference in seasoning, it being almost impossible to make both Ends equally hard. 1859 Burton in *Jrnl. Geog. Soc.* XXIX. 136 The rafters also are favourite places for small articles that require seasoning.

d. The process by which a person becomes hardened or inured to a strange climate, acclimatization.

1812 Brackenridge *Views Louisiana* (1814) 111 It is a prevailing notion, that to be sick the first summer, is what every settler must expect...In some parts of the territory.. this seasoning is severely paid. *a* 1859 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* xxix. V. 229 This was merely the seasoning which people who passed from one country to another must expect. 1897 *Daily News* 30 Mar. 6/5 Anglo-Saxons who have had no tropical seasoning.

e. Hence, an attack, more or less severe, of ague or some kindred disease suffered by those who take up their abode for the first time in a tropical district.

1670 D. Denton *Descr. New York* (1845) 18 The Climate hath such an affinity with that of England, that..the name of seasoning hath never there been known. 1774 Wesley *Wks.* (1872) XI. 67 About a fourth part more [of the slaves] die at the different islands, in what is called the seasoning. 1882–29 *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 3) II. 176 Its more common name, however, in the present day..is yellow fever; and when the attack upon new comers is slight, *seasoning*.

fig. 1641 Hinde *J. Bruen* xxxi. 99 His desires and endeavours, for the seasoning of others, both persons and families, with the salt of true religion. 1910 *Q. Rev.* Jan. 223 The best of things are the better for liberal seasonings of laughter.

† f. Training, discipline. *Obs.*

1649 Jer. Taylor *Gt. Exemp.* I. Disc. i. 38 It concerns the Parents care, in order to a vertuous and vitious life of the childe, to secure its first seasonings.

2. *concr.* Something added to a dish which gives it a distinctive or appetizing flavour.

1580 Hollyband *Treas. Fr. Tong, Assaissonnement*, a seasoning. 1693 Locke *Educ.* § 14. 13 Our Palates like the Seasoning and Cookery they are set to. 1769 Mrs. Raffald *Eng. Housekpr.* (1778) 47 Rub them well with your seasoning. 1837 Dickens *Pickw.* xxxi, Nice seasonin' for sassages, is trousers' huttons, Ma'am. 1861 Hulme tr. *Moquin-Tandon* II. iii. 175 It is necessary to prepare them [snails] with strong seasonings—as with plenty of ham, anchovies [etc.]. *fig.* 1819 Scott *Ivanhoe* iii, His favourite clown..whose jests..served for a sort of seasoning to his evening meal.

3. *attrib.* and *Comb.*: † seasoning disease, † distemper, † fever = sense 1 e; seasoning room, a store-room where tobacco is kept until matured.

1802 *Engl. Encycl.* IX. 293/1 All *seasoning diseases are of the inflammatory kind. 1701 Wolley *Jrnl. in New York* (1860) 25 It does not welcome its Guests and Strangers with the *seasoning distempers of Fevers and Fluxes. 1814 W. Brown *Hist. Propag. Chr.* (1823) I. 627 He was attacked by the *seasoning fever. 1890 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 5 Aug. 2/1, 1.. followed the tobacco from its arrival in the bale, through the *seasoning room, to the wetting and sorting tubs.

Seasoning (sī·z'niŋ), *ppl. a.* [f. Season *v.* + -ing 2.] That seasons, that adds a flavour or relish.

1562 J. Heywood *Prov. & Epigr.* (1867) 183 No seasonyng lyckour, can season it well. 1697 Dryden *Virg. Georg.* III. 615 Sparingly they steep [cheese] With seas'ning Salt, and stor'd, for Winter keep. 1760 Woolman *Jrnl.* vii. Wks. (1775) 125 The Lord..was pleased to favour us with the Seasoning Virtue of Truth.

Sea·sonless, *a.* [f. Season *sb.* + -less.]

† 1. Lacking flavour, tasteless, insipid. *Obs. rare*—1.

1595 Markham *Trag. Sir R. Grinuile* Ded. to Earl Southampton, And when the stubborne stroke of my harsh song Shall seasonlesse glide through almightie eares, Vouchsafe to sweet it with thy blessed tong.

2. Having or knowing no change of season.

1816 Byron *Darkness* 71 The world was void,..Seasonless, herbless,..lifeless. 1895 A. Austin in *Blackw. Mag.* Apr. 519 Then over the seasonless sea he [the cuckoo] came.

Seasour, obs. form of Seizure.

Sea spider.

1. A name for various marine spider-like creatures. a. A spider-crab or maioid.

1666 J. Davies *Hist. Caribby Isles* 120 The Sea-Spider is by some conceiv'd to be a kind of Crab. 1694 tr. *Marten's Voy. Spitzbergen* in *Acc. Sev. Late Voy.* (1694) II. 113 The Sea Crawfish without a Tail, or Sea Spider. 1752 Watson in *Phil. Trans.* XLVII. 465 We observe a great variety in the operations of nature: the crab, the cuttle-fish, and the sea spider. 1863 Wood *Illustr. Nat. Hist.* III. 559 On account of this great length of limb and small size of body, these crabs [*Leptopodia*] are often called Sea Spiders.

b. A marine arthropod of the group *Pycnogonida*, a pycnogonid.

1855 Kingsley *Glaucus* (1878) 80 A little black sea-spider, a Nymphon, who has this peculiarity, that possessing no body at all to speak of, he carries his needful stomach in long branches, packed inside his legs. 1909 Shackleton *Heart of Antarctic* II. 266 Here we first got the long-legged sea-spiders (*Pycnogonida*).

c. An octopus or other member of the family *Octopodidæ*.

1858 Baird *Cycl. Nat. Sci.*, *Octopodidæ*, Sea Spiders...The common sea spider, *O[ctopus] tuberculatus.* 1859–62 Sir J. Richardson, etc. *Mus. Nat. Hist.* (1868) II. 311.

† 2. A fish, = Quaviver, Sea-dragon 1. *Obs.*—1

1672 Josselyn *New Eng. Rarities* 25 Sea Dragon or Sea Spider, Quaviver.

Sea-spout.

† 1. A sea-anemone. *Obs. rare.*

1731 Medley *Kolben's Cape G. Hope* II. 212 The Sea-Spout is a very strange production of nature. It looks like a spunge or lump of moss, and sticks to the sea-rocks so fast that no beating of either winds or waves can move it. 1772–84 *Cook's Voy.* (1790) I. 323 The Sea-spout..is of a green colour, emits water, and within is like a tough piece of flesh.

2. (See quot.)

1867 Smyth *Sailor's Word-bk.*, *Sea-spout*, the jetting of sea-water over the adjacent lands, when forced through a perforation in a rocky shore; both its egress and ingress are attended with a rumbling noise, and the spray is often injurious to the surrounding vegetation.

† **Sea-spring.** *Obs.*—1 A spring-tide.

1627 Hakewill *Apol.* II. i. § 2. 65 The high Seasprings of the yeare are alwayes neere unto the two Æquinoctialls and Solstices.

Seasse, obs. form of Cease, Seise.

Sea-star.

† 1. A star which guides mariners at sea. *Obs.*

Chiefly repr. med.L. *stella maris*, a title given to the Virgin Mary, from the erroneous belief that it expressed the etymological meaning of the Heb. name Miriam, Mary.

c 1050 *Pseudo-Matth.* (Assmann) 8 Nu is hyre nama gereht ..sæsteorra. *c* 1200 Ormin 21232 Forr hire name tacneþþ uss Sæsteorrne onn Ennglissh spæche, & 3ho beoþ æfre, & wass, & iss Sæsteorrne inn hali3 bisne. *c* 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 141, 161. 1808 *Vesper Bk.* 112/2 Sea-star by which we sail, And gate of heav'nly rest! 1817 Moore *Lalla Rookh, Fire-Worshippers* (near end), With nought but the sea-star to light up her tomb.

2. A starfish. [Gr. ἀστήρ, L. *stella* (*marina*).]

1569 Fenton *Secret Wond. Nature* 50 b, A kind of fishe called *Stella*, or Sea starre, bycause it hath the figure of a painted starre. 1594 Nashe *Unfort. Trav.* C 2, The fishes called Sea-starres, that burne one another by excessiue heate. 1658 Sir T. Browne *Gard. Cyrus* v. 72 Why amongst Sea-starres nature chiefly delighteth in five points? 1772–84 *Cook's Voy.* (1790) I. 323 Sea-suns and sea-stars, are small round shell-fish, and receive their denominations from the great variety of prickles, which shoot from them like rays of light. 1856 R. Knox tr. *Edwards' Man. Zool.* § 382 The sea stars, the holothuria.., and the sea-urchins, are types of this class (*Echinodermata*). 1891 F. Thompson *Sister-Songs* (1895) 16 And her feet Were most sweet, Tinged like sea-stars, rosied brown.

Sea-straud. *Obs.* exc. *arch.* = Sea-shore.

c 1000 Ælfric *Hom.* (Thorpe) I. 68/29 Beraþ..þa stanas to sæ-strande. *c* 1205 Lay. 9235 At Port-chæstre heo comen alond & stepen up a sæ strond [*c* 1275 þat see strond]. *c* 1303 in *Pol. Songs* (Camden) 188 Betere hem were at home in huere londe, Then for te seche Flemmysshe by the see stronde. 14.. *Beues* 515 (MS. C), They arevyd at þe see stronde. 1548 Hall *Chron., Hen. VI* (1550) 28 He..came to the sea stronde at Douer. 1849 J. A. Carlyle tr. *Dante's Inf.* xxx. 361 Hecuba..on the sea-strand forlorn. 1865 Swinburne *Chastelard* I. ii. 31 Between the sea-strand and the sea. 1882 Child *Ballads* I. 112/2 They come to a sea-strand or other water.

Sea-stream. [= OS. *sêo-strôm.*]

† 1. An ocean current; *poet.* the sea. *Obs.*

a 1000 *Andreas* 749 (Gr.) Salte sæstreamas. *c* 1205 Lay. 326 He iwende sorhful ouer sea streames into Griclonde. *a* 1225 *St. Marher.* 9/34 Þu steorest te sea stream þ hit fleden ne mot fir þan þu markedest.

2. (See quot.)

1820 Scoresby *Acc. Arctic Reg.* I. 228 A stream is an oblong collection of drift or bay-ice, the pieces of which are continuous. It is called a sea-stream, when it is exposed on one side to the ocean, and affords shelter from the sea, to whatever is within it. 1867 in Smyth *Sailor's Word-bk.*

Seasur(e, obs. forms of Seizure.

Sea-swallow.

1. = Flying fish. [After L. *hirundo* (Pliny).]

1598 Florio, *Accola*, a sea swallow, or a sea reare-mouse. 1601 Holland *Pliny* IX. xxvi. I. 249 The sea Swallow flieth: and it resembleth in all points the bird so called. 1611 Cotgr., *Arondelle de mer*, the flying fish called the sea Bat, or sea Swallow. 1664 Hubert *Catal. Rarities* (1665) 19 A great flying-fish or Sea Swallow. 1740 R. Brookes *Art of Angling* II. liii. 171 The Flying-Fish or Sea-Swallow..is very common between the Tropicks. 1844 Linsley *Fishes Connecticut* in *Amer. Jrnl. Sci.* XLVII. 59 Dactylopterus volitans, Cuv., Sea Swallow, Long Island Sound.

2. a. A name for any one of the terns (from their general resemblance to swallows). b. The stormy petrel, *Procellaria pelagica.*

1647 Hexham I. App., A Sea-swallow, *Een Zee-swaluwe.* 1668 Charleton *Onomast.* 90 *Hirundo Marina*, the Sea-Swallow. *a* 1672 Willughby *Ornith.* (1676) 269 *Larus Piscator* Aldrov...The lesser Sea-Swallow. 1734 Albin *Birds* II. Pl. 88 The greater Sea Swallow. 1831 M. Russell *Anc. & Mod. Egypt.* xi. § 3 (1832) 484 The *Sterna Nilotica*, or Egyptian sea-swallow. 1852 Macgillivray *Brit. Birds* V. 460 *Thalassidroma pelagica.* The Common Storm-Petrel. ..Sea Swallow. 1887 Hall Caine *Deemster* vii, The sea swallow shot over him too, with its low mournful cry.

3. The trepang or bêche-de-mer.

[= Du. *zeezwaluw*; but the second element represents the Malay name ايوان *swālā.*]

1802 *Naval Chron.* VIII. 380 Sea swallow (called beach de mar by the Portuguese, and trepong by the Malays). 1902 *Encycl. Brit.* XXVI. 310/2 Animals of economic value [in Borneo] are the sea-swallows, whose edible nests are prized as the best in the archipelago.

Sea-swine.

1. A porpoise. *Obs.* exc. *dial.*

1398 Trevisa *Barth. De P. R.* xiii. xxvi. (Bodl. MS.), Isidre..spekeþ of þe see swyne þat is comynlich icleped suillus. *a* 1450 *Mirk's Festial* 2 The iij. day þe seeswyne and þe cloppys of þe see schull stond on þe see and make roryng noyse so hyddous. 1509 Watson *Ship of Fools* lxx. (1517) Q vi, Loke that thou be well ware of the yre of the see swyne the whyche wyll folowe thy shyppe. 1671 Ray in *Phil. Trans.* VII. 2279 Most nations calling this fish *Porcus Marinus*, or the Sea-swine. 1884 *Leisure Hour* June 374/2 The porpoise..was found on the table of the queen. The Saxons called it sea-swine.

2. *Sc.* (See quot. 1880–4.)

1803 *Sibbald's Fife & Kinross* 128 *note*, Several of them [Wrasses] are occasionally caught in the Frith of Forth, and are called by our fishers by the general name of Sea Swine. 1880–4 F. Day *Brit. Fishes* I. 255 *Labrus lineatus*... Ballan-wrasse, sea-swine, Moray Firth, owing to its making a squeaking noise like a pig.

Seat (sīt), *sb.* Forms: 2 *Kent.* sate, 2–3 sæte, 3–5 seete, 3–6 sete, sette, 4–5 seet, *Sc.* set, 5–6 *Sc.* seit(t, (5 *Sc.* seytte, 6 *Sc.* saitt, sate), 5–7 seate, *Sc.* sait, 6– seat. [a. ON. *sæti* = OHG. *gasâzi* (MHG. *gesæze*, mod.G. *gesäss*), MDu. *gesaete, gesete* (mod.Dn. *gezet*):—OTeut. *(*ga*)sētjo-m*, f. **sēt-* ablaut-var. of **set-*: see Sit *v.* The same grade of the root is represented in OE. *sæt* (=ON. *sát*) str. fem., ambush, which occurs only in two obscure passages, and did not survive into ME.]

I. Action or manner of sitting.

† 1. *gen.* The action of sitting. Also an assembly at a banquet. *Obs.*

c 1200 Ormin 11059 He turrnde waterr inntill win..Att an bridaless sæte. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 28471, I haue halden quen i was sett langsum setes at my mete. *Ibid.* 29085. *a* 1300 *E. E. Psalter* cxxxviii. 2 Þou knew mi seete and mi risinge. *a* 1400 *Octavian* 1002 He fonde the boordys covyrde alle, And redy to go to mete; The maydyn..In a kyrtulle there sche stode, And bowne sche was to sete. *c* 1400 *Rule of St. Benet* 32 Sain Benet..sais þat vnait sete es il to þe saule. *c* 1420 *Chron. Vilod.* 2747 Þis bysone mone full wery of sete he was And ryȝt gret lust he hadde to slepe.

b. *concr.* A setting or 'clutch' (of eggs). ? *dial.*

1892 *Wild & Tame* 33 A merchant in Norfolk had a seat of Duck's eggs hatched off.

2. Manner of sitting (on horseback). (Chiefly with qualifying adj.) Also *predicatively*, one who has a (good, etc.) seat, a (good, etc.) horseman.

1577 B. Googe *Heresbach's Husb.* III. (1586) 115 b, The ridgebone ouer the shoulders being something hie, giues the horseman a better seate. 1667 Dk. Newcastle *Meth. Dressing Horses* 205 The Seat is so much..as it is the only thing that makes a Horse go Perfectly. 1693 Locke *Educ.* § 186. 237 It conduces to give a Man a firm and graceful Seat on Horseback. 1787 'G. Gambado' *Acad. Horsem.* (1809) 48 [Virgil] tells us the exact seat of a Roman dragoon. 1819 Scott *Ivanhoe* viii, Touch the Hospitaller's shield; he has the least sure seat, he is your cheapest bargain. 1840 Dickens *Barn. Rudge* x, The graceful seat of an experienced horseman. 1883 Miss F. M. Peard *Contradictions* II. 278 Miss Molyneux would never have fallen.. for there wasn't a better seat in the county. 1891 N. Gould *Double Event* 295 He has a fine seat on a horse.

3. The sitting of a court or the like. Now *Sc.*

1635 *Maldon* (Essex) *Borough deeds* (Bundle 80. no. 2), The freeholders within the burrough summoned to appere att the forrest seate or sitinge at Chelmesford. 1638 *Ibid.* (Bundle 80. no. 3), x^s. paid to Mr. Hamound for his charges att the justice seate. 1889 H. Johnston *Chron. Glenbuckie* iii. 35 We had had a long seat in the Boar's Head hearing reports frae the delegates.

† b. A sitting body, court of justice. *Justice seat*: see Justice *sb.* 12. *Obs.*

1560 Daus tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* 150 Of the counsell, for that it is the hyghe judicial seate of the churche [*ecclesiæ supremum tribunal*]. 1604 E. G[rimstone] *D'Acosta's Hist. Indies* VI. xxv. 486 There were divers seates and iurisdictions, with their Counsellors and Iudges of the Court.

c. *Sc.* (More fully *seat of session.*) The Court of Session, the supreme Civil Court of Scotland; esp. in *Lords of the seat.*

1500–20 Dunbar *Poems* xiii. 41 Sum sanis the Sait, and sum thame cursis. 1532 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* VI. 59 To charge him to compere before the lordis of the sait to ansuer [etc.]. 1545 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* I. 5 Becaus of the fere of the pest that is laytlie risyn in the toun of Edinburcht, the seite of Sessioun may nocht surelie remaine

thairin. 1574 *Ibid.* II. 378 For the administratioun of justice upon offendouris,..in the north partis..far distant frome the ordinar sait of justice. 1818 Scott *Hrt. Midl.* iv, 'Is he a lord of state, or a lord of seat?'...'A lord of seat—a lord of session.—I fash mysell little wi' lords o' state.'

d. *Sc.* The court of Kirk-session. ? *Obs.*

1558 *Reg. St. Andrews Kirk Session* (1889) I. 313 The quhilk day Andro Alexander is admonisched he the Superintendent and Seat.

†4. 'Stool', evacuation of the bowels. (Cf. Siege *sb.* 3 b.) *Obs.*

1697 *Phil. Trans.* XIX. 367 The Juice of the leaves of Betonica, in Spring, will not Work by Vomit and Seat as well as the Roots.

5. The 'set' or 'sit' (of a garment). ? *Obs.*

1824 Miss Ferrier *Inher.* xxi, And only look at my ruff!.. Colonel Delmour has spoil'd the seat of it.

II. Place or thing to sit upon.

6. The place on which a person is sitting, or is accustomed to sit; a place to seat one person at a table, in a public building, conveyance, etc.

c 1205 Lay. 30841 Þat folc hafden alle iseten and arisen from heore seten. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 15282 Quen þis super was all don, Iesus ras of his sette [*other texts* sete; *rime* lete]. *c* 1380 Wyclif *Sel. Wks.* II. 62 And þei loven first seetis at soperis. 1470–85 Malory *Arthur* x. vii. 424 Kynge Arthur..maade hym knyght of the table round and his seate was where the good Knyghtes sir Marhaus seate was. 1567 *Gude & Godlie Ball.* 102 Full slyddrie is the sait that thay on sit. 1575 Gascoigne *Posies, Flowers* (1907) 91 Me thought I was a loft, and yet my seate full sure: Thy heart dyd seeme to me a rock which ever might endure. 1600 *Weakest goeth to Wall* G 2, Sexton, I haue sought thee in euery seate in the Church. 1697 Dryden *Virg. Georg.* IV. 496 Starting at once from their green Seats, they rise; Fear in their Heart, Amazement in their Eyes. 1716 Lady M. W. Montagu *Let. to C'tess of Mar* 14 Sept., She ordered me a seat at her right hand. *a* 1763 W. King *Polit. & Lit. Anecd.* (1819) 244 He went every Sunday to St. James's church, and used to sit in Mr. Salt's seat. 1832 Tennyson *Œnone* 21 Till the mountain shade Sloped downward to her seat from the upper cliff. 1873 O. W. Holmes *Addr. Opening Fifth Avenue Theatre* 99 See where the hurrying crowd..Streams to the aumbered seat each paste-board fits. 1908 R. Bagot *A. Cuthbert* iii. 22 Then she stalked out of the church. Fortunately we were in the free seats, near the door.

transf. and *fig.* 1399 Langl. *Rich. Redeles* III. 49 Thanne cometh..Anoþer proud partriche..And sesith on hir sete [*MS. alteration of* cete] with hir softe plumes, And houeth þe eyren. 1590 Shaks. *Mids. N.* II. ii. 81 When thou wak'st, let loue forbid Sleepe his seate on thy eye-lid. 1741–2 Gray *Agrippina* 51 If bright ambition from her craggy seat Display the radiant prize. 1784 Cowper *Tiroc.* 432 For Providence..In spite of all the wrigglers into place, Still keeps a seat or two for worth and grace.

b. Hence, the use of, or right to use, a seat (in a church, theatre, conveyance, etc.). Cf. Sitting.

1520 *Churchw. Acc. St. Giles, Reading* 9 Rec[d] of Thoms Gyles for his wifes sete iiij[d]. *c* 1618 Moryson *Itin.* IV. (1903) 149 A Countesse..litle or nothing respected..in the Church, where she could hardly gett a seate. 1815 tr. *Paris Chit-Chat* (1816) III. 176 To-day it is discussed how much should be exacted for seats on the day when Monseigneur comes to confirm. 1844 O. W. Holmes *Lines Berksh. Jubilee* 51 We'll give you at least..a seat on the grass, And the best of old—water—at nothing a glass. 1879 J. Kerr *Ess. Castism & Sectism* 79 She paid a pound out of her scanty wages for a seat in the church.

c. A right to sit as a member, or the position of being a member, of a deliberative or administrative body, *esp.* of Parliament or other legislative assembly; a place (whether occupied or temporarily vacant) in the membership of the House of Commons, Congress, or the like.

Sometimes qualified by the designation of that one of the contending parties to which the holder of the (Parliamentary) seat belongs: e.g. 'The polls for three Liberal and three Conservative seats will be declared to-morrow'.

1774 Burke *Sp. Amer. Tax.* Wks. II. 399 In the year sixty-five..not having the honour of a seat in this house. 1787 J. Jay in Sparks *Corr. Amer. Rev.* (1853) IV. 153 Members who will find it convenient to make their seats subservient to partial and personal purposes. 1798 Tyrwhitt in *Paget Papers* (1896) I. 138 All those who purchased Seats are selling as well as they can. 1818 Scott *Hrt. Midl.* li, He was generally respected by those of his own profession, as well as by the laity who had seats in the Assembly. 1849 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* iv. I. 453 Jeffreys..very soon after the death of Charles, obtained a seat in the cabinet. 1885 *Manch. Exam.* 10 July 5/4 A seat on the Committee will compel them to hear..the first principles of economical science. 1885 *Encycl. Brit.* XVIII. 309/2 By the English Reform Act of 1867..twenty-six seats were taken from boroughs...Seven other English boroughs were disfranchised by the Scottish Reform Act of 1868, these seats being given to Scotland.

7. Something adapted or used for sitting upon, as a chair, stool, sofa, etc. Also *spec.* a bench to seat one or more persons; a horizontal board or framework in a boat, vehicle, etc.; †a sedan chair.

c 1375 *Cursor M.* 14734 (Fairf.) Paire setis [*Colt.* setles, *Trin.* seges] þer þai in con sete he kest ham doun vnder þaire fete. *c* 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* I. 1094 Anend the setis [of a bath] sette hit so witboute The fourneys. 1584 *Churchw. Acc. S. Andrew's, Canterb.* (MS.), For a borde to make seates in the belfry & braggett's, vj. 1588 Hickock tr. *Frederick's Voy.* 40 b, The noble men neuer goe on foote, but are caried by men in a seat. 1667 Milton *P. L.* v. 392 Rais'd of grassie terf Thir Table was, and mossie seats had round. 1784 Cowper *Task* v. 162 But in order due Convivial table and commodious seat..were there. 1818 Shelley *Rosalind* 106 They came To a stone seat beside a spring. 1875 Jowett *Plato* (ed. 2) III. 700 A light chariot without a seat. 1879 *Encycl. Brit.* IX. 848/1 [The Romans'] chairs, couches, and seats were of similar shape to those of the Greeks.

b. in narrower sense: That part (of a chair, saddle, etc.) upon which its occupant sits.

1778 Miss Burney *Evelina* (1791) II. 251 Miss Mirvan and I jumped involuntarily upon the seats of our chairs. 1809 Malkin *Gil Blas* IV. xi. P 5 Chairs without any seats. 1875 Knight *Dict. Mech., Seat*, the broad part of a saddle on which the rider sits; also, the top piece on a gig saddle. 1879 *Encycl. Brit.* IX. 850/1 The seats, backs, and ends are stuffed and upholstered with rich materials.

8. Contextually applied to the chair set apart for the holder of some position of authority or dignity, the throne of a king or a bishop, or the like, the throne of God or of an angel. Hence *fig.* the authority or dignity symbolized by sitting in a particular chair or throne. *Regal* or *royal seat* (arch.), † *seat-royal*, a royal throne.

a 1200 *Vices & Virtues* 105 *Iusticia et iudicium preparatio sedis eius*,..Riht wisnesse and dom, hi makieð godes sate. *c* 1200 Ormin 11959 Þedeofell hrohhte Jesu Crist Wiþþutenn o þe temmple Upponn an sæte uppo þe rof,..Forr þær wass greȝȝedd sæte o lofft Till þa þatt sholldenn spellenn. 1390 Gower *Conf.* II. 155 King of Crete He hadde he; bot of his sete He was put doun. *c* 1400 *Gamelyn* 855 Gamelyn sette him doun in the Iustices seet. *a* 1533 Ld. Berners *Huon* xlii. 141 Thou art not worthy to sytt in a sete royall. 1533 Bellenden *Livy* III. xxii. (1903) II. 36 He callit þe consullis to raise ane new contentioun to þare seittis. 1593 Shaks. 3 *Hen. VI*, I. i. 26 This is the Pallace of the fearefull King, And this the Regall Seat: possesse it Yorke. 1617 Purchas *Pilgrimage* (ed. 3) 595 The King comes forth in open audience, sitting in his Seat-royall. 1659 Hammond *On Ps.* xx. 6 Paraphr. 116 As if by his own right hand from heaven, his holy seat of mansion, he should reach out deliverance to him. 1667 Milton *P. L.* VI. 27 On to the sacred hill They led him high applauded, and present Before the seat supreme. 1676 Dryden *Aurengz.* v. i, I, for myself, th' Imperial Seat will gain. 1746 Francis tr. *Horace, Epist.* I. vi. 80 A third..Can give or take the Honours of the State, The Consul's Fasces, and the Prætor's Sent. 1820 Shelley *Witch of Atlas* 634 The king would dress an ape up in his crown And robes, and seat him on his glorious seat.

b. *spec.* The throne *of* a particular kingdom.

1599 Shaks. *Hen. V*, I. i. 88 Of his true Titles to some certaine Dukedomes, And generally, to the Crowne and Seat of France. *Ibid.* I. i. 269 We neuer valew'd this poore seate of England. 1896 A. Austin *England's Darling* I. i, And in the seat of Mercia Ceowulf rules.

†c. *Apostolic seat* [F. *Siège apostolique*], *Holy seat* [F. *Saint-Siège*], *Peter's seat*: the papal chair, its occupant or his office. (Cf. See *sb.*) *Obs.*

1560 Daus tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* 16 b, He that hathe the Seate and faith of Peter, was ever taken for his successour. 1563 Winȝet tr. *Vincent. Lirin.* viii. Wks. (S.T.S.) II. 25 Pape Steuin.., Prælat of the Apostolik Sait [*apostolicæ sedis antistes*]. 1588 Parke tr. *Mendoza's Hist. China* 405 The authoritie where with they do it, is not knowen,..the seat apostolicke did neuer giue it them. 1673–4 Clarendon *Relig. & Policy* (1811) I. 202 The reserving of the first-fruits of all vacant benefices to the holy seat.

†d. as the title of an order of angels; = Throne. (Used to render L. *sedes*.) *Obs.*

1398 Trevisa *Barth. De P. R.* II. x. (1495) 37 The thyrde Ordre is the ordre of Thrones...Ysidore & therfore Denys calle theym þ[t] hyghest setes [*sedes altissimæ*] for they ben hye as it were by auctoryte of god ordened for to deme... Sadde setes [*Sedes compactæ*] for they ben couenable & conuenyently Joyned towchynge the Joynture & conuenyentes of domes of god. 1577 tr. *Bullinger's Decades* IV. ix. 737/2 Truely the Apostle sayth, Whether seates, (thrones) whether lordships, whether principalities, whether powers.

9. The sitting part of the body; the posteriors. Also jocularly, *seat of honour* (and nonce-variations).

1607 Topsell *Four-f. Beasts* 189 A plaister thereof..cureth also all tumours in the priuy parts, and in the seate. 1727 Gay *Fables* xxiii. 80 They stick with pins my bleeding seat. 1782 Cowper *Gilpin* 84 The snorting beast began to trot, Which gall'd him in his seat. 1785 R. Cumberland *Observer* No. 24 P 12 With one kick, pretty forcibly bestowed upon the seat of dishonour. 1792 Wolcot *Pair of Lyric Ep.* 18 Behold him seir'd, his seat of honour bare; The bamboo sounds—alas! no voice of Fame. 1796 Burke *Regic. Peace* iii. (1892) 148 The Turk..gave him two or three lusty kicks on the seat of honour. 1809 Malkin *Gil Blas* v. i. P 3 My seat of vengeance was firked most unmercifully. 1820 Combe *Syntax, Wife* II. 289 While with his spade the conq'ror plied, Stroke after stroke, the seat of shame, Which blushing Muses never name. 1835 Hood *Dead Robbery* iii, The stiff 'un that he thought to meet Starts sudden up, like Jacky-in-a-box, Upon his seat! 1878 *Athletic World* 10 May 66/2 A well-ventilated [bicycle-] saddle is the best preventative for those blisters which favour the seat of honour.

b. That part (of a garment, esp. of a pair of trousers) which covers the posteriors.

1835 Marryat *Jac. Faithf.* ii, I had a pair of trowsers with no seat to them. *a* 1849 Hawthorne *Twice-told T., Village Uncle*, Another [fellow] has planted the tarry seat of his trousers on a heap of salt.

10. The 'form' of a hare. ? *Obs.*

[Cf. Gr. ἡ καθέδρα τοῦ λαγῶ Xen. *Cyneg.* iv. § 4]

1735 Somerville *Chase* II. 25 So the wise Hares Oft quit their Seats, lest some more curious Eye Shou'd mark their Haunts. 1856 'Stonehenge' *Brit. Sports* I. II. vi. 139 The Form of the Hare, or as it is sometimes called, her seat.

11. *Boot-trade.* An engagement to work at making boots of a specified kind. Const. *of.*

1791 J. Lackington *Mem.* xvii. 114, I could not bear the idea of returning to the leather-branch; I therefore attempted and obtained a seat of Stuff in Bristol. *Ibid.* xviii. 118, I left my seat of work at Bristol, and returned..to Taunton. 1896 *Daily News* 2 Mar. 10/6 Boot trade. Wanted, a Seat of Woman's Work.

III. Residence, abode, situation. [Cf. L. *sedes*.]

12. Applied *spec.* (after L. *sedes*) to: The abiding place or resting place (of departed souls); a position in this place. Now *arch.* or *poet.*

c 1275 *Sinners Beware* 52 in *O. E. Misc.* 73 Wikede beoþ þe sete [*sc.* Hell] And the wurmes eke þat doþ þe saule teone. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 25448 Reu me lauerd..and wiss me waies þare þare santes has þair seli sete. 1390 Gower *Conf.* III. 36 Thanne he preide Unto the Patriarch and seide: Send Lazar doun fro thilke Sete, And do that he his finger wete In water. *c* 1440 *Alphabet of Tales* 416 Behold! I se hevyn oppyn & a seatt ordand for me. 1561 Daus *Bullinger on Apoc.* (1573) 218 b, The soules passing out of the body before the end and last iudgement go right into the blessed seates. 1593 Shaks. *Rich. II*, v. v. 112 Mount, mount my soule, thy seate is vp on high. 1707–45 Watts *Hymn*, '*How bright these glorious Spirits*', How came they to the happy Seats of everlasting Day? 1832 Tennyson *Œnone* 129 Gods, who have attain'd Rest in a happy place and quiet seats Above the thunder.

13. (Cf. 8.) A city in which a throne, court, government is established or set up; a capital.

c 1400 *Destr. Troy* 1630 Priam..a pales gert make Within the Cite full Solempne of a sete riall. 1585 T. Washington tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* II. xiii. 49 Mehemet..resoluing to keep there the seat of his empire. 1595 T. Beoingfield tr. *Machiavelli's Florent. Hist.* I Rome, the antient Emperiall seate. 1678 Wanley *Wond. Lit. World* v. i. 467/2 Constantinople was taken by Mahomet, and made the chief Seat of the Turkish Empire. 1719 De Foe *Crusoe* II. (Globe) 541 Peking, the Royal Seat of the Chinese Emperor. 1836 Thirlwall *Greece* xii. II. 85 This [Miletus] was the seat chosen by Neleus himself. 1851 Dixon *W. Penn* I. (1872) 4 His seat of government was far away from the coast.

b. (Cf. 8 c.) = See *sb.* Now only *seat of a bishop*.

1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) II. 77 þe chief moderchirche of al Wales, and þe chief sete [*Caxton* see]. *c* 1475 *Harl. Contin. Higden* (Rolls) VIII. 436 Maister John Barnette, hischop of Wocester, was translate to the seete of Bathe. *a* 1552 Leland *Itin.* IV. 16 The which was at that tyme nother of his Inheritaunce nor Purchace, but as a thing taken of the Sete of Wiccestre in Farme. 1582 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* III. 474 The cheptoure of the seitt of Glasgow. 1888 Bryce *Amer. Commw.* II. lii. 296 In England a city is usually taken to be a place which is or has been the seat of a bishop.

14. The thing (esp. the organ or part of the body) in which a particular power, faculty, function or quality 'resides'; the locality of a disease, sensation, or the like.

1390 Gower *Conf.* III. 100 The dreie Colre..his propre sete [L. *domus*] Hath in the galle, wher he duelleth. 1398 Trevisa *Barth. De P. R.* v. ii. (1495) 102 The heede is pryncypall place and seete of wyttes. 1676 Grew *Musæum, Anat. Stomach & Guts* vi. 26 The said Three Ventricles.. are the Seat of Tast. 1753 R. Russell *Diss. Sea Water* 182 The Patient..complained only of those Parts, which were the late Seat of the Disease. 1777 Priestley *Matt. & Spir.* I. iv. (1782) 47 We formed a judgment concerning the necessary seat of thought. 1842 J. H. Newman *Par. Serm.* VI. vii. 98 The heart may be considered as the seat of life. 1843 R. J. Graves *Syst. Clin. Med.* xxviii. 363 Mercurial ostitis of the head is a very common form of disease: its more usual seats are the frontal and parietal bones. 1860 Tyndall *Glac.* I. xxvii. 196 The air itself between the eye and the distant pines being the seat of the colour. 1862 H. Spencer *First Princ.* II. v. § 57 (1875) 185 The string is the seat of a tension generated by the motion of the ball. 1874 Carpenter *Ment. Phys.* I. ii. § 61 (1879) 63 The Sensorial centres whose seat is in the head. 1892 W. R. Gowers *Man. Dis. Nerv. Syst.* I. 333 The lesions of chronic myelitis resemble those of acute myelitis in seat and distribution:

b. Similarly, of the soul or its parts.

1579 Hake *Newes out of Powles* iv. (1872) D iij b, The stomack ouerchardgde..Doth make the minde and inwarde man vnfit for reasons seate. 1716–17 Bentley *Serm.* xi. 383 [His heart is] the Seat of selfishness. 1751 Jortin *Serm.* I. iii. (1771) 57 A mind tormented with furious passions, the seat of hopes which are disappointed. 1847 R. W. Hamilton *Rewards & Punishm.* viii. (1853) 365 Sin has its seat in the soul. 1850 M[c]Cosh *Div. Govt.* III. i. (1874) 309 We regard the will as the seat of all virtue and vice.

15. A place where something takes place, or where some particular condition of things prevails. *Seat of war* [= L. *sedes belli*]: the region in which warfare is going on.

c 1560 A. Scott *Poems* xxxv. 4 Alwayis to fle iniquite And sait of syn and schame. 1565 Cooper *Thesaurus* s.v., *Sedes luxuriæ*. Cic. The seate or habitation of riot and sensualitie. 1593 Shaks. *Rich. II*, IV. i. 140 In this Seat of Peace. 1662 Stillingfl. *Orig. Sacræ* II. i. § 2. 110 Those parts which were furthest remote from the seat of those grand transactions. 1673 Temple *Observ. United Prov.* I. 44 The other retires into Holland, and makes that the seat of the War. *a* 1687 Petty *Pol. Arith.* I. (1690) 9 A plain open Country.. where the seat of War may be both Winter and Summer. 1736 Butler *Anal.* II. vii. 259 Foretelling, at what Time Rome or Babylon or Greece..should be the most conspicuous Seat of..Tyranny and Dissoluteness. 1803 Wellington in Gurw. *Desp.* (1837) I. 432 Forage, for which every large body of troops must depend upon the country which is to be the seat of its operations. 1810 Crabbe *Borough* xii. 303 And who shall say where guided? to what seats Of starving villany? of thieves and cheats? 1876 A. J. Evans *Through Bosnia* iii. 87 Many Croats and Slovenes..were..leaving for the seat of war. 1878 Huxley *Physiogr.* xvii. 278 The region which has been the seat of these changes.

b. A city or locality in which (a branch of trade, learning, etc.) is established.

1585 T. Washington tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* II. xiii. 49 Galata, being the seate of trade of the Geneuoises. 1610 Holland *Camden's Brit.* I. 488 Cambridge..was a seat of learning about the time of King Henry the First. 1788 Priestley *Lect. Hist.* v. xxxvi. 264 So little attention was given to matters of science in Europe, their former seat. 1849 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* v. I. 585 Taunton..was a celebrated seat of the woollen manufacture. 1865 Dircks *Life Marq. Worc.* I. 1 Blackfriars was..the seat of fashion. 1868

FREEMAN *Norm. Conq.* (1876) II. vii. 153 It was in those days the chief seat of the Irish slave-trade.

16. A place of habitation or settlement (of a tribe, people, etc.). Also *transf.* (of birds).

1535 STEWART *Cron. Scot.* II. 217 Baith Scot and Pecht.. war baneist all out of tha boundis, And Saxonis sone in thair saittis set doun. *c*1611 CHAPMAN *Iliad* XV. Comment., We often see with a clap of thunder doves or other fowles driven headlong from their seates. 1614 RALEIGH *Hist. World* IV. vii. § iii. 301 These Gaules were the race of those, that issued out of their Countrie, to seeke new seates in that great expedition. *a* 1674 CLARENDON *Hist. Reb.* XI. § 146 The seat of the old Irish..was the province of Ulster. 1697 DRYDEN *Virg. Georg.* I. 327 Betwixt the midst [the torrid zone] and these [the frigid zones], the Gods assign'd Two habitable Seats for Humane Kind. 1762a HUME *Hist. Eng.* I. i. 2 The convenience of feeding their Cattle was even a sufficient motive for removing their seats. 1835 THIRLWALL *Greece* V. I. 149 Corinth, one of the principal seats of the Minyan race. 1853 J. H. NEWMAN *Hist. Sk.* (1873) II. i. 13 Central Europe was not at that time the seat of civilized nations.

† **b.** *Seat and soil* [= L. *sedes ac solum* (Livy)]: a region of habitation. *Obs.*

a 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 1749 All þe gracious godis..þat sauys sete & soile & sustaynes þe erth. 1614 RALEIGH *Hist. World* I. iii. § 3. 38 [Certain places are said in Scripture to resemble Paradise:] being compared to a seat and soyle of farre exceeding excellencie. *Ibid.* § 5. 40 Or if the soile and seate had not remained, then would not Moses, who wrote of Paradise about 850 years after the floud, haue described it so particularly.

c. = COUNTRY-SEAT.

1607 NORDEN *Surv. Dial.* III. 85 Let Princes haue their Palaces, and great men, their pleasant seates. 1610 HOLLAND *Camden's Brit.* I. 481 Rising-castle..the seat in times past of the Albineys. 1796 PEGGE *Anonym.* (1809) 325 Houses, better than farm-houses, but not sumptuous enough to be called seats or capital mansions. 1812 CRABBE *Tales* iii. 56 And guests politely call'd his house a seat. 1847 TENNYSON *Princess* Prol. 98 And here we lit on..lady friends From neighbour seats. 1859 W. COLLINS *Q. of Hearts* i, No gentleman's seat is within an easy drive of us.

† **17.** Local or geographical position or situation. *Seat of living*: habitat (of an animal). *Obs.*

1607 TOPSELL *Four-f. Beasts* 660 We shall manifest, that either the colour or seate of liuing, cannot agree with the *Strepsiceros*. 1614 RALEIGH *Hist. World* I. iii. § 1. 33 The Lord God planted a garden, Eastward, in Eden...Of this seate and place of Paradise, all ages haue held dispute. 1663 BUTLER *Hud.* I. i. 173 He knew the Seat of Paradise, Could tell in what Degree it lies. 1695 WOODWARD *Nat. Hist. Earth* I. 36 But the Sea..left these Shells there as marks of its ancient bounds and seat.

18. Position (of ground, a city, habitation) as regards surroundings, climate, etc.; situation, site; hence, the position of a person or living thing with regard to habitation or situation.

1549 RUSSELL in Froude *Hist. Eng.* (1882) IV. 435 They found the rebels strongly encamped, as well by the seat of the ground as by the entrenching of the same. *a* 1566 R. EDWARDS *Damon & Pithias* (1908) C ij b, But mee thinkes, this is a pleasant Citie, The Seate is good, and yet not stronge. 1574 R. SCOT *Hop Garden* (1578) 9 The Hoppe that lykes not..his seate, his grounde,..or the manner of his setting &c. commeth vp..small in stalke. 1591 FLORIO *2nd Frutes* 29 You are lodged then in a verie good seate [*In buon sito*]. 1605 SHAKS. *Mach.* I. vi. 1 This Castle hath a pleasant seat. 1615 G. SANDYS *Trav.* 6 Although the seate of the Towne be excessive hot, yet it is happily qualified by a North-East gale. 1625 B. JONSON *Staple of N.* III. Intermeane, In Siluer-streete, the Region of money, a good seat for a Vsurer. 1625 BACON *Ess., Building* (Arb.) 547 Hee that builds a faire House, upon an ill Seat, committeth Himselfe to Prison. 1673 TEMPLE *Observ. United Prov.* I. 44 Holland..was strong by its nature and sent among the Waters that encompass and divide it. 1693 DRYDEN *Persius* vi. 1 Has Winter caus'd thee, friend, to change thy seat, And seek in Sabine air a warm retreat? *a* 1701 SEDLEY *4th Bk. Virg. Georg.* Wks. 1778 I. 26 First, for your Bees a seat and station chuse Shelter'd from winds.

† **19.** A definite place (on a surface, in a body or organ, in a series). *Obs.*

1574 H. BAKER *Well-spring Sci.* (1617) 2 [In Numeration] a place is called a seat or roome that a figure standeth in. 1576 FLEMING tr. *Caius' Dogs* (1880) 2 Of these three sortes ..so meane I to entreate, that the first in the first place, the last in the last roome, and the myddle sort in the middle seate, be handled. 1578 BANISTER *Hist. Man* I. 9 That Seame..rising from the hollowes of the temples, pearseth, through the middle seates of the eyes. 1653 LD. BROUNCKER tr. *Des Cartes' Compend. Mus.* 40 Unlesse all the Tones of these be removed by a Fourth or Fifth, from their proper Seat. 1676 in Willis & Clark *Cambridge* (1886) II. 521 The Seates or places where the same Bookes are to be putt..shall have the name of the said Sr Thomas Sclater putt upon them. 1726 LEONI *Alberti's Archit.* I. 39 b, If..Buildings obstruct your Sight from discovering and fixing upon the exact Seat of every Angle. 1775 T. SHERIDAN *Art of Reading* 38 For many Contiguous letters [of the alphabet] as they now lie are performed in such different seats and with such different exertions of the organs.

† **b.** = LOCUS 2. *Obs.* (? *nonce-use.*)

1628 T. SPENCER *Logick* 14 Aristotle assigneth ten places, or seates of arguments, in the fourth Chapter of his Categories.

† **20.** A term of the game of Post and Pair. *Obs.*

1680 COTTON *Compl. Gamester* xxii. (ed. 2) 106 You must first stake at Post, then at Pair; after this deal two Cards apiece, then stake at the Seat.

IV. Basis, foundation, support.

† **21.** A place prepared for something to be erected or set up upon it; a building site. *Obs.*

1615 MARKHAM *County Contentm.* I. i. 14 Against the side of this hill would be cut or digged diuers large and broad seats one aboue an other,..which seats would bee..boorded ..on the sides..and also close boorded aloft,..the number of these seats would bee according to the number of your Hounds. *a* 1627 HAYWARD *Edw. VI* (1630) 85 A Church by Strand-bridge, and two Bishops houses, were pulled downe to make a seat for his new building. 1662a GERBIER *Principles* 14 But as for a Seate on Moorish Grounds.., in effect 'tis to Build perpetually.

† **b.** *transf.* in *Perspective.* (See quot.)

1815 R. BROWN *Princ. Pract. Perspective* 3 *Seat* is the space that an object would occupy on the ground plane.

22. That part of a thing upon which it rests or appears to rest, usually the broadest part; the base.

1661 N. N. *Drayning Fenns* 7 Banks..9 foot high and 60 foot wide at seat or bottom. 1681 GREW *Musæum* I. § vi. i. 139 The first..is the Edible Button Fish. These have very great Prickles, with Seats or Bases proportionable. 1828 P. NICHOLSON *Masonry* 37 A horizontal section of a wall, through the base-line, is called the seat of the wall. 1830 HEDDERWICK *Mar. Archit.* 118 *Seat*, the bottom part of a timber; the seat of the floors is that part which rests on the keel. *c* 1850 *Rudim. Navig.* (Weale) 114 The eddy which the ship draws after her at her seat or line of flotation. 1855 FRANKE *Beil's Technol. Dict.* II. 452 Seat of wooden bellows (the lower or fixed chest or box), *der Unterkasten, Gtte.*

23. *Mech.* A part or surface upon which the base of something rests.

1805 *Shipwright's Vade-m.* 129 *Seat*, the scarph or part trimmed out for a chock, &c. to fay to. 1844 H. STEPHENS *Bk. Farm* I. 414 The beam being received into the seats formed on..the palms [of a plough]. 1858 R. MURRAY *Marine Engines* (ed. 3) 71 It more frequently happens that the valve fits its seat so badly as to allow of the escape of steam. 1875 T. SEATON *Fret Cutting* 103 Carvers leave a level place called a seat, where this extra thickness is required, and glue on a piece. 1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech., Seat*, that part of the bore of a chambered piece of ordnance at which the shell rests when rammed home. 1884 F. J. BRITTEN *Watch & Clockm.* 129 A hole is drilled so much less in size than the jewel as to allow of a firm seat for it. 1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XX. 583/1 To obtain the requisite convexity by rounding the formation surface or seat of the road.

24. *Mining.* **a.** The floor of a mine. **b.** The stratum (of clay, rock, etc.) upon which coal lies.

1860 *Eng. & Foreign Mining Gloss.* (ed. 2) 43 [Derbyshire terms.] *Seat*, or *Sole*, the floor or bottom of the mine. 1867 SMYTHE *Coal* 25 The floor, thill, or seat.., of the coal is an underclay.

25. *Shoemaking.* A piece of leather pegged or sewn to the boot as a foundation for the heel.

1882 *Worc. Exhib. Catal.* iii. 30 The nails..spread as they go in so as to nail the heel closely round the seat of the boot. 1895 *Hasluck's Boot Making* VII. 107 If a pegged seat is wanted, it must be arranged for before the boot is lasted, as it is necessary to skive the stiffener much thinner..than is wanted for a sewn seat.

† **26.** Used to render L. *sedes* in technical senses. **a.** Anat. *Seat of the heart*: see quots. 1398. *Seat of the skull*: app. the cheek-bone. **b.** *Surg.* [after Gr. *βέλεος ἕδρη*, Hipp.] See quot. 1634. *Obs.*

1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* V. XXXVI. (1495) 149 And the herte hath in the brede therof two grystlewe bones, whyche ben callyd the setes therof. *Ibid.* V. lix. 175 In the mydyll of the herte of a beest is a grystyll bone sette in the brede therof and that is callyd the seet and subtylte of the herte. 1552 UDALL tr. *Geminus' Anat.* B vij b/2 The seate of yᵉ scull, whych we call the stonny seate [orig. *sedes calvariæ, quam lapidosam dicimus*]. *Ibid.*, Thys seate together wyth hys felowe on the other syde, we call the cheake bones. 1634 T. JOHNSON tr. *Parey's Chirurg.* X. i. 337 Hippocrates ..in his Booke..seemes to have made 4. or 5. kinds of fractures of the Scull...The 4. is named Sedes, or a seat. *Ibid.* 338 Seate, when the marke of the weapon remaines imprinted in the wound, that the wound is of no more length, nor bredth than the weapon fell upon.

V. 27. Phrases. **a.** *To hold, keep a* or *one's seat*: to remain seated, to keep from falling; also, to retain one's position as a Member of Parliament. Similarly, *to lose one's seat.*

c 1400 *Destr. Troy* 7409 Than Achilles..At to hurlet the helme of þe high prinse; But hym seluyn was safe, & his seate helde. 1599 SHAKS. *Hen. V*, I. i. 36 Nor neuer Hidra-headed Wilfulnesse So soone did loose his Seat. 1602—*Ham.* I. v. 96 While memory holds a seate In this distracted Globe. 1605—*Macb.* III. iv. 54 Sit worthy Friends:..Pray you keepe Seat. 1745 *Life Bamfylde-Moore Carew* 66 The Quack being no longer able to keep his Seat [on horseback] falls headlong. 1847 TENNYSON *Princess* V. 485 Part [of the riders] reel'd but kept their seats. 1881 GLADSTONE *Sp. at Leeds* 7 Oct. in *Times* 8 Oct. 6/3, I never was called upon ..to exercise an option between Leeds and Mid Lothian. My seat for both was lost by my acceptance of office.

b. † *To make one's seat* (obs.), *to take a seat*: to sit down. *To take one's seat*: to take the sitting-place assigned to one; to assume one's official position, to be formally admitted to Parliament or Congress.

c 1400 *Rule of St. Benet* 1791 Of þam þat er not redi þair To say þe grace & take þer sete. *c* 1425 *Cursor M.* 8291 (Trin.) On a bowȝe he [*sc.* an angel] made his sete Of þat tre þat was so swete. 1593 SHAKS. 3 *Hen. VI*, III. iii. 10 On the ground, Where I must take like Seat vnto my fortune. 1789 COWPER *Queen's Vis. London* 2 When long sequester'd from his throne George took his seat again. 1802 MAR. EDGEWORTH *Moral T.* (1816) I. 222 The..judge having taken his seat. 1817 SHELLEY *Rev. Islam* II. 997 Ere this power can make In human hearts its calm and holy seat. 1818 CRUISE *Digest* (ed. 2) III. 238 A writ of summons was issued to him, and he took his seat accordingly. 1847 C. BRONTË *J. Eyre* XXXIV, I took a seat: St. John stood near me. 1855 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* xii. III. 203 About two hundred and fifty members took their seats. 1865 H. PHILLIPS *Amer. Paper Curr.* II. 49 [He] took his seat in congress as one of the delegates from Pennsylvania.

c. *To take a* or *the back seat*, orig. *U. S.*, *fig.* to take up the least prominent position, to occupy a subordinate place.

1868 in *Farmer's Slang Dict.* s. v. *Back Seat*, [Andrew Johnson's famous saying in 1868 that in the work of Reconstruction traitors should take back seats.] 1888 BRYCE *Amer. Commw.* II. xlvi. 195 A leader came to care for his influence within his State chiefly as a means of gaining strength in the wider national field...The State, therefore, had, to use the transatlantic phrase, 'to take the back seat.'

VI. Combinations.

28. General relations: **a.** simple attrib., as *seat cushion, frame, lug, pillar, rail, row, stitch*; objective, as *seat borer, maker, owner.*

1875 *Guide High Wycombe* 56 [Chair-] *seat-borer. 1860 G. A. SPOTTISWOODE *Vac. Tour* 82 We suddenly saw *seat-cushions, books, and plaids neatly lifted out by the wind. 1881 YOUNG *Every Man his Own Mech.* § 781 The front and back of the *seat-frame are connected by short rails. 1875 *Guide High Wycombe* 56 [Chair-] *seat-maker. 1898 *Cycling* 34 The *seat pillar [of a bicycle] should never project more than two inches from the *seat lug. 1891 *Century Dict.*, **Seat-rail*,..one of the horizontal members of the frame which forms or supports the seat, as in a chair or sofa. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* II. VI. iii, The Thirty *seat-rows of that famed Slope are again full. 1895 *Hasluck's Boot Making* ii. 47 One way to sew them [*sc.* upper and sole] together again is by loop-stitching...The *seat-stitch is another way.

29. Special comb.: **seat-arch**, an arched recess in a wall having a flat place to serve as a seat; **seat-back**, a piece of tapestry, leather or other material for covering the back of a seat (*Cent. Dict.* 1891); **seat-board**, (*a*) (see quot. 1884); (*b*) = *seat-tree*; (*c*) a board suspended from scaffolding to serve as a seat for a workman; **seat-bone** *Anat.*, the innominate bone or hip-bone; more strictly the ISCHIUM; **seat-box** (see quot.); **seat-breaker**, a shoemaker's tool (see quot.); **seat-clay** = next (*Cent. Dict.*); **seat-earth**, one of the various names applied to the bed underlying a coal-seam; **seat-file**, a shoemaker's file for smoothing the 'seat' of a boot; **seat-holder**, (*a*) one who occupies a particular seat; (*b*) one who rents or owns a seat or sitting (esp. in a church, theatre, etc.); **seat-house** *dial.*, a dwelling-house, 'the manor on an estate' (Jam.); **seat-iron**, a shoemaker's tool (see quot.); **seat-mate** *U. S.*, one who shares the same seat with another; **seat-mongering**, trading in parliamentary seats; **seat-owner**, one who owns a 'pocket-borough' or a county seat; **seat-piece** *Shoemaking* = sense 25 (above); **seat-rent**, the amount paid for a sitting in a church; **seat-seller**, one who sells parliamentary seats; hence *seat-selling*; **seat-sock**, a sock for the heel of a boot or shoe; **seat-stone** = *seat-earth*; **seat-transom** *Naut.* (see quot.); **seat-tree**, the seat of a hand-loom; **seat wheel** (see quot. 1895); **seat-worm**, a thread-worm, *Oxyuris vermicularis*, infesting the fundament.

1703 T. N. *City & C. Purchaser* 224 A pair of Stone-peers with *Seat-arches. 1884 F. J. BRITTEN *Watch & Clockm.* 233 *Seat Board..in a long case clock [is] the shelf that supports the movement. 1891 H. JOHNSTON *Kilmaltie* I. i. 6 When the laddie's legs had grown almost sufficiently to warrant his elevation to the 'seat-board'. 1901 *J. Black's Carp. & Build., Scaffolding* 68 The crack in the side of the stack was successfully repaired by the men working from seat boards suspended from the platform above. 1662 *Comenius' Janua Ling. Triling.* 48 The *sent-bone under the loins is called the flank-bone. 1855 RAMSBOTHAM *Obst. Med. & Surg.* 4 The os ischium, os sedentarium, or seat-bone. 1801 FELTON *Carriages* (ed. 2) I. 149 The *seat-box, a box made to slide under the seat...It is..convenient to carry linen, &c. 1895 *Hasluck's Boot Making* VIII. 130 To make up the seat after the seat has been nicely pared up, damp the leather and use the *seat breaker, rubbing it evenly round the seat. 1877 HUXLEY *Physiogr.* 236 Each bed of coal is supported by a layer of shale known as under-clay or *sent-earth. 1891 in W. Andrews *Bygone Northamptonshire* 194 The implements of [the shoemaker's] craft,..the awl, clincher.., hammer, *seat-file. 1825 HONE *Every-day Bk.* I. 1184 A large space, which..greatly to the discomfiture of the lower *seat-holders, was nearly occupied by spectators. 1842 CARD. WISEMAN *Ess.* (1853) I. 378 The English seat-holder surrounded by all the luxury of worsted-worked cushions [etc.]. 1483 in *Finchale Priory* (Surtees) 96 And the sayd Sr Georg sall repare..the forsayd messuag' that is to say on *seyt house of v rowmys on berne of v rowmys. 1885 J. B. LENO *Boot & Shoemaking* xvii. 137 The *Seat Iron. This once popular piece of kit has been partially superseded by the seat wheel; but many of the best workmen still employ it to set the seat..before using the seat wheel. 1885 *New York Times* 26 Dec., The mother, tho' wholly unaware of her *seat-mate's identity, did her utmost to protect him. 1813 *Examiner* 12 Apr. 237/1 My Lord Castlereagh's *seat-mongering. 1818 COBBETT *Pol. Reg.* XXXIII. 355 On the absolute sway of the great *seat owners over King, Ministers, and People. 1885 J. B. LENO *Boot & Shoemaking* viii. 55 *Seat pieces for common work may be cut from almost any scraps of leather. 1865 *Ch. Times* 11 Mar. 76/4 The incumbent raised the *seat-rents to prevent the parishioners taking seats. 1821 COBBETT *Rural Rides* (1853) 14 Their blue arms and lips, would have made any heart ache, but that of a *seat-seller or a loan-jobber. 1817 — *Pol. Reg.* XXXII. 14, I did not believe that there could be any such thing as *seat-selling. 1895 *Hasluck's Boot Making* VIII. 145 Gent's boots or shoes will only want a *seat-sock. 1878 GREEN *Coal* I. 28 *Seat-stones vary very much in their composition, the generality of them are clays. 1805 *Shipwright's Vade-m.* 129 **Seat transom*,

that transom which is fayed and bolted to the countertimbers, next above the deck transom, at the height of the port sills. 1790 A. Wilson *Poems & Lit. Prose* (1876) II. 242 '*Groans fr. Loom*', Go,..live o'er a *seat-tree—on nought! 1885 *Seat wheel* [see *seat iron* above]. 1895 *Hasluck's Boot Making* viii. 130 Run the seat-wheel evenly round [the edge of the seat], so that it leaves..one straight line of regular indentations. 1893 R. H. Harte *Local Therap.* 158 Lime-water is used with advantage as an injection to destroy *Seat-worms.

Seat (sīt), *v.* [f. Seat *sb.*]

1. *trans.* To place on a seat or seats; to cause to sit down.

1613 Shaks. *Hen. VIII*, I. iv. 31 So now y'are fairely seated. 1662 J. Davies tr. *Olearius' Voy. Ambass.* 298 Their Poets and Historians are great frequenters of these places...These are seated in a high Chair, in the midst. 1669 Evelyn *Diary* 15 July, This ended, we were..seated by the Vice-Chancellor amongst the Doctors on his right hand. 1672 Wiseman *Wounds* II. 91 Seat him [*sc.* the patient] so as it may be for your conveniency. 1725 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 6382/4 The Great Master..seated the Proxy down in the Stall. 1805 T. Linolev *Voy. Brazil* 150 The old man seated me. 1847 C. Bronte *Jane Eyre* xxiii, He seated me and himself. 1859 Geo. Eliot *Adam Bede* xlv, Dinah raised her gently from her knees, and seated her on the pallet again. *fig.* 1776 Toplady *Hymn*, '*Holy Ghost, dispel our Sadness*', Seat us with Thy saints in glory. 1859 Tennyson *Merlin & V.* 727 Because of that high pleasure which I had To seat you sole upon my pedestal Of worship.

b. *refl.* To take one's seat, sit down. Const. *at, in, upon*, etc.

1589 Greene *Menaphon* (Arb.) 37 Ist fit an Eagle seate him with a Flie? 1622 Mabbe tr. *Aleman's Guzman d'Alf.* II. 100 To seate him-selfe sure in the Saddle. 1765 J. Brown *Chr. Jrnl.* 204 Vonder fly has seated himself upon the surface of a rough stone. 1779 *Mirror* No. 9 We went at an early hour, and seated ourselves in the middle of the pit. 1818 Scott *Hrt. Midl.* xx, 'Wha was it?'..said Effie, seating herself upright. 1833 T. Hook *Parson's Dau.* II. xiv. Lady Catherine good-naturedly seated herself at the piano-forté. 1864 Lowell *Fireside Trav.* 245, I saw the landlady..seat herself amply before a row of baskets.

†c. *intr.* for *refl.* To sit down; also (of animals) to lie down. Of a hare: To sit in its form.

1596 Spenser *F.Q.* VI. ix. 4 The folds, where sheepe at night doe seat. 1609 W. M. *Man in Moon* (Percy Soc.) 7 Long had they not seated, but one knocked at the gate. 1610 Guillim *Heraldry* III. xiv. (1660) 166 You shall say that a Hare Seateth or Formeth. 1686 Blome *Gentl. Recr.* II. 76 A Hare Seateth or Formeth, a Coney Sitteth. 1760–72 H. Brooke *Fool of Qual.* (1809) IV. 146 There, seating,..I will now tell you, my uncle, says he.

d. *trans.* To cause or enable to sit *in* or *on* a throne, chair of state or office, or other seat of authority or dignity. Hence, to establish (a person) in a position of authority or dignity. Formerly without const., † to enthrone (a king).

1593 Shaks. *3 Hen. VI*, I. i. 22 Before I see thee seated in that Throne, Which now the House of Lancaster vsurpes, I vow by Heauen, these eyes shall neuer close. 1600 E. Blount tr. *Conestaggio* 101 They doubted not to seate a King, at their pleasures. 1606 G. W[ooococke] *Hist. Justine* II. x. 13 Xerxes being thus mutually seated in the kingdome. 1667 Milton *P. L.* I. 720 To inshrine Belus or Serapis their Gods, or seat Thir Kings. 1670 Cotton *Espernon* I. I. 22 By that means [she] seated her self absolute Mistress of that Court. 1715 Pope *Iliad* I. *Est. Homer* 2 There is also in Mankind a Spirit of Envy or Opposition which makes them uneasy to see others of the same Species seated far above them in a sort of Perfection. *a* 1763 W. King *Polit. & Lit. Anecd.* (1819) 185 He [Burnet] was a better pastor than any man who is now seated on the bishops' bench. 1831 Scott *Cl. Robt.* xxiv, I could ill have kept my seat in the high place where Heaven has been pleased to seat me. 1847 Tennyson *Princess* III. 143, I find you here but in the second place, Some say the third..We will seat you highest.

e. To put into a seat in a deliberative assembly.

1797 Burke *Let. Affairs Ireland* Wks. IX. 457 The new representative was at that time seated and installed by force and violence. 1818 Cruise *Digest* (ed. 2) III. 165 He was summoned to parliament..and was seated in the place of the ancient Barons of Berkeley. 1845 Disraeli *Sybil* IV. vii, Many of whom he has succeeded in seating in the parliament of his country. 1866 *Pall Mall Gaz.* No. 378. 1341/1 Mr. Kinglake has been seated for Bridgewater.

f. To find seats for; to accommodate with seats or sitting room; to assign seats to. Of a building, room, etc.: To afford sitting accommodation for.

1828–32 Webster, *Seat*,..to place in a church; to assign seats to. In New England..it is customary to seat families for a year or longer time; that is, assign and appropriate seats to their use. 1856 Merivale *Rom. Emp.* xli. (1871) V. 67 The first object..was to seat the greatest number of the people possible. 1887 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 9 Sept. 2/2 Each theatre should be registered and advertised as capable of seating a specified number.

2. *Passive.* To be sitting, to be in a sitting posture.

1608 Shaks. *Per.* II. iv. 7 When he was seated in A Chariot of an inestimable value. 1703 Tate *Hymn*, '*While Shepherds watched*', While Shepherds watched their flocks by night All seated on the ground. 1791 Cowper *Yardley Oak* 139 Seated here On thy distorted root. 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* xxiv, Osborne from his chair regarded Dobbin seated blank and silent opposite to him. 1875 W. S. Hayward *Love agst. World* i, Three young men are seated at breakfast.

3. *trans.* To place as a resident in a district or country; to settle or establish (a people, a body of colonists, etc.) in a particular locality. Now *rare.*

1589 Warner *Alb. Eng.* Prose Addit. 161 Seated wee must bee, and here wee would be. 1599 Shaks. *Hen. V*, I. ii. 62 Charles the Great Subdu'd the Saxons, and did seat the French Beyond the Riuer Sala. 1612 in Capt. Smith *Map Virginia* II. 96 Mr West hauing seated his men at the Falles, presently returned...The President..followed him to the falles: where he found this company so inconsiderately seated, in a place not only subiect to the rivers invndation, but [etc.]. 1639 Fuller *Holy War* II. xxvi. (1640) 77 The Carmelites..were first seated at Newenden in Kent. 1719 De Foe *Crusoe* I. (Globe) 197 Providence, which so happily had seated me at the Brasils, as a Planter. 1776 Gibbon *Decl. & F.* x. (1782) I. 295 In the age of the Antonines, the Goths were still seated in Prussia. 1797 Washington *Let.* Writ. 1892 XIII. 406 If..they could have been first seated as tenants. 1910 Hirth in *Encycl. Brit.* VI. 191/1 Whether the Chinese were seated in their later homes from time immemorial,..or whether [etc.].

†b. *refl.* To take up a permanent abode, to settle (in a place). *Obs.*

1601 R. Johnson *Kingd. & Commw.* (1603) 112 Whose tenants to injoy the liberties granted to Nepolitans, did forsake their owne..to seate themselves there. 1639 Fuller *Holy War* v. v. (1640) 236 They wonne the Island of Rhodes from the Turks..and there seated themselves. 1755 *Acts Assembly Pennsylv.* (1762) II. 54 Many Persons residing in this Province have seated themselves on certain large Tracts of Land, neither having Property therein, or paying Rent for the same. 1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) X. 693/1 At length, in 1638, the Dutch seated themselves here [Mauritius].

†c. *intr.* for *refl.* To settle down permanently, to establish a residence, to fix or take up abode. *Obs.*

1622 *Relat. Eng. Plant. Plymouth, New Eng.* 4 Some of our people..desired..to travaile by Land into the Countrey,..to see whether it might be fit for vs to seate in or no. 1623 Bingham *Xenophon's Anab.* III. ii. 48 If he perceiued, we prepared our selues to seat here. 1697 in W. S. Perry *Hist. Coll. Amer. Col. Ch.* I. 44 Abundance of People were desirous to seat there. 1709 J. Lawson *New Voy. Carolina* 141 [This] would doubtless be a great prejudice to the Planters that should seat there.

transf. 1612 T. Taylor *Comm. Titus* ii. 3 The knowledge of God seateth not in their hearts. 1655 Vaughan *Silex Scint.* I. 126 Thy root sucks but diseases; worms there seat And claim it for their meat.

d. *passive.* To have one's 'seat' or mansion in a specified place.

1683 Evelyn *Diary* 13 Oct., A..gentleman, seated neere Worcester, and very curious in gardening. *a* 1845 Barham *Ingol. Leg.* Ser. III. *Blasphemer's Warning* (init.), In Kent we are told There was seated of old, A handsome young gentleman. 1859 *Symonds' Diary* (Camden) 75 *note*, Although the grandfather of Sir Richard became seated in Cornwall by his marriage with a coheiress of Trethurffe.

4. *trans.* With a thing as object: To place in a 'seat' or situation. (*Rare* exc. *passive* as in 5.) a. To set or secure in its proper place; to fix in proper position on a base or support. Now only *Mech.* †Also *intr.* for *refl.* to lie, rest *upon.*

1605 B. Jonson *Volpone* II. i, In youth it perpetually preserues, in age restores the complexion; seat's your teeth, did they dance like Virginall iacks, firme as a wall. [Cf. 1667 s. v. Seated *ppl. a.* 1.] 1662 R. Mathew *Unl. Alch.* 153 Clap into thy Furnace an iron Kettle, and let the bottom thereof seat upon the iron Barr. 1688 Holme *Armoury* III. 89/2 Seat the Shooe, fit it to the Foot [of a horse]. 1872 *Spon's Dict. Engin.* v. 1804 The slotted head of the common wood screw is frequently split when much force is required to seat it or to remove it.

b. To locate or establish *in* a specified place.

1603 Knolles *Hist. Turks* (1638) 143 He himselfe made choice of the city Neapolis..to seat his regall Palace in. 1650 Bulwer *Anthropomet.* xi. (1653) 183 Neither would she have seated the mouth in so eminent, open, and conspicuous a place. *c* 1750 Shenstone *Elegy* i. 30 In thy youthful soul Love's gentle tyrant seats his awful throne.

†c. To found (a city). *Obs. rare.*

1612 Heywood *Apol. for Actors* I. 23 Thebes, seated by Cadmus. *a* 1657 W. Bradford *Plymouth Plantation* (1856) 368 Their neigbours of y^e^ Massachusets..had some years after seated a towne (called Hingam) on their lands.

5. In *passive*, to have its seat, be situated.

a. Of a country, town, house, etc.: To be situated in a certain position; to have a certain kind of situation (e. g. as regards salubrity or pleasantness).

1577 B. Googe *Heresbach's Husb.* IV. (1586) 172 Euery house is not so seated, as it hath errable ground about it. 1593 Shaks. *Lucr.* 1144 Some darke deepe desert seated from the way, That knowes not parching heat, nor freezing cold, Will wee find out. 1615 Brathwait *Strappado* 83 A pleasant Vale seated betowe Some steepy Mount. 1631 Weever *Anc. Funeral Mon.* 284 The Mannor of Shurland seated Eastward from hence. 1633 Heywood *Eng. Trav.* III. F 3 b, [The house] 'tis well seated, Rough-cast without, but brauely lined within. 1655 Marq. Worcestea *Cent. Invent.* § 100 To..furnish Cities with water though never so high seated. 1700 Dryden *Sigism. & Gnisc.* 221 The Garden, seated on the level Floor. 1707 Mortimer *Husb.* (1721) I. 93 Lands seated on Marle are usually very rich. 1857 *Zoologist* XV. 5618 The house was seated in a pretty garden. 1872 Yeats *Growth Comm.* 52 Seated on the confines of Europe and Asia, it [Byzantium] links the two shores of the Bosphorus. 1877 Huxley *Physiogr.* 213 London..is seated on clay.

b. Hence of a person with reference to his dwelling. Also *fig.*

1596 Shaks. *Merch. V.* I. ii. 8 They are as sicke that surfet with too much, as they that starue with nothing; it is no smal happinesse therefore to be seated in the meane. 1598 Hakluyt *Voy.* I. 65 When we came vnto Bathy..we were seated a good league distant from his tabernacles. 1601 B. Jonson *Poetaster* II. i. (*init.*), You are most delicately seated here, full of sweet delight and blandishment! an excellent ayre! 1624 Wotton *Elem. Archit.* I. 5 By no meanes to build too nere a great Neighbour, which were in truth to bee as vnfortunately seated on the earth, as Mercurie is in the Heauens. 1803 Wellington *To Lieut.-Gen. Stuart* in Gurw. *Desp.* (1835) II. 73 It appears..that we shall have a war immediately, or a protracted negotiation with Scindiah and the Rajah of Berar, seated upon the Nizam's frontier.

†c. Of a material object: To have a certain place (e. g. in the body, in a building). *Obs.*

c 1580 Sidney *Ps.* (1823) xxii. ix, Whose hart..Doth melt away, though it be inmost seated. 1632 G. Herbert *Priest to Temple* xiii. (1830) 35 A poor man's box conveniently seated, to receive the charity of well-minded people. 1728 Chambers *Cycl.* s. v. *Eye*, In Birds, and some other Creatures, the Eyes are so seated, as to take in near a whole Sphere.

d. Of a seed or fruit (with transferred notion of sense 2): To be fixed *on* something, or in a particular place.

1857 T. Moore *Handbk. Brit. Ferns* (ed. 3) 8 The part of the vein on which the sorus is seated is called the *receptacle.* 1882–4 Cooke *Brit. Fresh-w. Algæ* I. 175 Dwarf males seated upon or about the oogonia.

e. Of an immaterial thing, a quality, feeling, etc.: To have its seat or abode in a certain place.

1602 Shaks. *Ham.* III. iv. 55 See what a grace was seated on his Brow. 1622 Fletcher *Sea Voy.* I. iii, The greatest plagues that humane nature suffers, Are seated here, wildnesse, and wants innumerable. 1691 Hartcliffe *Virtues* 263 Their Inclinations, which are seated in the Heart. 1748 Melmoth *Fitzosborne Lett.* lii. (1749) II. 61 The latter [*i. e.* generosity] is seated in the mind. 1820 Hazlitt *Lect. Dram. Lit.* 8 We there see..the same thoughts passing through the mind and seated on the lips.

f. Of a disease: To have its seat *in* a certain part of the body. Also *To be deeply seated*: lit. to be situated far below the surface; hence (often *fig.*) to be firmly established in the system, to be beyond the reach of superficial remedies.

a 1619 Fotherby *Atheom.* I. xiii. § 3 (1622) 140 His plague was seated into his bowells. 1647 N. Ward *Simp. Cobler* 6 Fiery diseases, seated in the spirit, embroile the whole frame of the body. 1843 R. J. Graves *Syst. Clin. Med.* xxvi. 330 Spongy chancres..were seated on the inner lamella of the prepuce. 1871 Smiles *Charac.* vii. 212 *note*, The disease had become too deeply seated for recovery. 1893 W. R. Gowers *Man. Dis. Nerv. Syst.* (ed. 2) IV. 333 [Miliary tubercles are] seated in the pia mater.

†**6.** *trans.* To 'plant' with inhabitants, people, settle (a country). *Obs.* (App. *N. American.*)

1684 in *Pennsylv. Arch.* I. 85 Vpon Lands not Seated before in ye Dukes Time. 1776 C. Carroll *Jrnl. Vis. Canada* in B. Mayer *Mem.* (1845) 78 The country on each side of the St. Lawrence is level, rich, and thickly seated; indeed, so thickly seated, that the houses form almost one continued row. 1784 Washington *Writ.* 1891 X. 366 To see these lands seated by particular societies.

7. To fix a seat on (a chair); to repair (trousers, a chair) by renewing or mending the seat.

1762 Foote *Orators* II. (1780) 46 As I was sitting cross-legged on my shop-board, new seating a cloth pair of breeches. 1828–32 Webster, *Seat*,..to repair by making a seat new; as, to seat a garment. 1886 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 15 Apr. 14/1 Then the chair is handed over to the women to be 'seated'.

8. To furnish (a building, a room, etc.) with seats.

1818 Scott *Rob Roy* xx, A portion of which was seated with pews, and used as a church. 1870 F. R. Wilson *Ch. Lindisf.* 69 The nave is now seated with two rows of low-backed benches. 1899 *Eclectic Mag.* Feb. 201 A..carriage which was seated for fifteen.

b. (See quot.) Cf. 1 f.

1828–32 Webster, *Seat*,..to appropriate the pews in, to particular families; as, to seat a church.

Seatage (sī·tėdʒ). [f. Seat *v.* + -age.] Seating accommodation.

1889 *Daily News* 19 July 2/2 More than half the total seatage.

Seated (sī·tėd), *ppl. a.* [f. Seat *sb.* and *v.* + -ed.]

1. Fixed in position. *Obs.* or *arch.*

1605 Shaks. *Mach.* I. iii. 136 Whose horrid Image doth vnfixe my Heire, And make my seated Heart knock at my Ribbes. 1667 Milton *P. L.* VI. 644 From thir foundations loosning to and fro They pluckt the seated Hills with all thir load, Rocks, Waters, Woods.

†**2.** With adverb: (Well) situated; (well) provided with a 'seat' or mansion. *Obs.*

1621 in Kempe *Losely MSS.* (1836) 456 Bruxells..being a well seated and well watered towne as ev^r^ I sawe. 1663 Gerbier *Counsel* b 5 Your..well seated Pallace with a wood at its back. 1720 De Foe *Capt. Singleton* (1906) 278 Mr. Knox was so well seated, and could not be supposed to leave such an estate.

3. Sitting down; in a sitting posture or condition. *The Seated Lady*, the constellation Cassiopeia.

1818 Scott *Rob Roy* xx, The seated part of the congregation. 1870 *Murray's Handbk. Essex*, etc. 206 Seated figures of the Apostles serve as pinnacles of the buttresses. 1886 Proctor in *Sci. Amer.* 3 July 3/3 Low down, between north and north-east, we find the Seated Lady (*Cassiopeia*).

4. Of a room, etc.: Provided with seats.

1829 Bentham *Justice & Cod. Petit., Abr. Petit. Justice* 37 The appeal goes..from the four-seated court in Westminster Hall to the House of Lords.

5. Provided with a seat, as a chair, pair of trousers, etc. Only in parasynthetic formations, as *double-, hard-, two-seated*, etc.

1841 J. T. Hewlett *Parish Clerk* II. 163 Several hard-seated wooden chairs. 1898 *Cycling* 21 Cycling knickerbockers should all be double-seated outside. 1903 *Westm. Gaz.* 25 Sept. 8/2 Two-seated vehicles.

6. *U.S.* (See quot.) *Obs.* exc. *Hist.*

1877 W. H. Burroughs *On Taxation* 208 In Pennsylvania, prior to 1844, seated lands, that is, lands occupied by residence, or cultivation, could not be sold for taxes.

Seater (sī·tər). *rare.* [f. Seat *sb.* and *v.* + -er.]

†**1.** *N. American.* ? One who apportions the sittings in a meeting-house. *Obs.*

1713 S. Sewall *Diary* 4 May (1879) II. 381 Mr. Pemberton declares a Necessity of adding to the number of the Seaters.

Ibid. 10 June II. 389 Mr. Pemberton..would not have me resigo my Seaters place now.

2. Comb.: *two-seater*, a motor-car having two seats.

1906 *Daily Chron.* 15 Nov. 3/6 Two-cylinder, two-seater car.

†Seath. *Obs.* Also 7 seth (9 seeth). [OE. *sēaþ* masc. = OFris. *sâth* (NFris. *soath*, *suad*, *suas*, EFris. *sôth*, *sôd*, WFris. *saed*), LG. *sood* draw-well, MHG. *sôt*:—OTeut. **saupo-z.*] A pit, hole, well, or pool.

c 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* Mark xii. 1 Wingeard gesette monn & ymb-salde haga & dalf seaþ [L. *lacum*]. *c* 1205 LAY. 841 Heo nomen þæt þær & wel hit biburiede inne deope seaðen. 1656 SMITH & WEBB *Vale-Royal* I. 66 A Seth or pit of that Brine. 1877 E. LEIGH *Cheshire Gloss.*, *Seath* or *Seeth*, an old word, found in some legal documents, for a brine-pit.

Seath, var. SAITHE; obs. f. SEETHE *v.*

Sea'-thief. [Cf. G. *seedieb.*] A pirate, a sea-rover.

c 1050 *Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 347/26 *Archipiratta*, heah sæðeof. 1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) I. 173 Sclauonia..haþ wylde men and see þeues. *Ibid.* VI. 415 þe see þeves of Danes. 1576 CURTEYS *Two Serm.* C j b, Th'one be Sea theeues suche as lye in the straights and corners of the Sea, & take other mens goods from them by force. 1627 DRAYTON *Elegies, Lady Aston's Dep.* 50 Or if some proling Rouer shall but dare, To seize the ship.., Let the fell fishes of the Maine appeare, And tell those Sea-thiefes, that [etc.]. 1891 E. PEACOCK *N. Brendon* I. 59 The sea-thieves were taken by surprise.

transf. 1591 SYLVESTER *Du Bartas* I. v. 340 Those small white Fish..Combine themselves, that their joynt strength doth hold Against the greediest of the Sea-theeves' sallies.

Seathin, obs. form of SHITTIM.

Sea'-thistle.

1. The sea-holly, *Eryngium maritimum*. ? *Obs.*

In quot. *c* 1265 perh. the water-caltrops (CALTROP 3).

c 1265 [see CALTROP 3]. 1608 TOPSELL *Serpents* 45 The Sea-thistle called *Eryngium marinum*, which some call Sea-hull, or Huluer. 1626 BACON *Sylva* § 568 *Eryngium*, (Sea-Thistle). 1805 FORSYTH *Beauties Scot.* II. 365 The coast..produces scurvy-grass, colewort, and sea-thistle.

†2. The echinus or sea-urchin. *Obs.*—1

1661 LOVELL *Hist. Anim. & Min.* 230 They are so full of prickles, that they cannot be held, therefore some call them the Sea Thistles.

†3. In full *sea-thistle weed*: ? gulf-weed. *Obs.*

1703 DAMPIER *Voy.* III. i. 14 We..saw Flying-fish, and a great deal of Sea-Thistle Weed floating. 1727 DORRINGTON *Philip Quarll* (1754) 66 We saw some Flying-fish, and a great deal of Sea-thistle swimming.

Seating (sī'·tiŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. SEAT *sb.* and *v.* + -ING 1.]

†1. The action of providing with a residence, or of settling in a country; quasi-*concr.* opportunity for settling, footing. Also (*N. American*) colonization, settlement (of a country). *Obs.*

1596 SPENSER *State Irel.* Wks. (Globe) 666 Also doe I greatly mislike the lord Deputyes seating at Dublin. 1603 KNOLLES *Hist. Turks* (1638) 153 Promising also to giue them aid for the seating of them there [in Achaia and Bœotia]. 1611 SPEED *Hist Gt. Brit.* v. vii. § 9 There are reported to haue come into Ireland..& finding no seating there to haue entered into Britaine. 1624 WOTTON *Elem. Archit.* 6 In the seating of our selues..Builders should bee as circumspect as Wooers. 1699 *Phil. Trans.* XXI. 441 At the first Seating of Maryland there were several Nations of Indians in the Country.

2. The action of providing with seats; the manner in which a building, etc. is seated; *concr.* the seats with which a building, etc. is provided.

1880 *Daily News* 7 Oct. 2/5 The seating of the church is but little altered. 1895 *Ibid.* 11 Dec. 5/3 Additional seating has been provided.

3. Material for upholstering the seats of chairs, etc.

1833 J. BENNETT *Artificer's Lexicon* 366 Seating. Horse-hair for sofas, chairs, &c. 1858 SIMMONDS *Dict. Trade, Seating*, horse-hair fabric, American leather, or other materials, made for covering the cushions of chairs, couches, &c. 1909 *Athenæum* 20 Mar. 340/1 Chair-seating..most of this seating is now done with split canes instead of rushes.

4. *Mech.* A fitted support for a part of a structure or machine, usually *pl.* or *collect. sing.*

1844 *Civil Eng. & Arch. Jrnl.* VII. 191/1 An arrangement like that of the plunger pump, which permitted both valves to be fixed in seatings. 1868 FAIRLEY *Gloss. Coal-Mining Bristol*, etc. 29 *Seating*, the place in the pumps where the clack is seated. 1889 HASLUCK *Model Eng. Handybk.* (1900) 71 The seatings for the lugs of the cylinder.

5. That part of a structure, etc. which rests on some other part. *Ship-building* (see quot. 1805: and cf. SEAT *sb.* 22).

1805 *Shipwright's Vade-mecum* 129 *Seating*, that part of the floor which fays on the deadwood; and of a transom which fays against the post. 1838 *Civil Eng. & Arch. Jrnl.* I. 178/2 The wedges were then struck, and the weight of the ribs thrown upon their seatings and head joints. 1889 in Anglin *Design of Structures* (1891) 488 All girders shall have seatings of the best hair felt, graduated in lengths so as to insure the pressure being on the centre of bearing when the greatest load is on the girder.

6. *attrib.* a. (of sense 4), as *seating block, plate.*

1838 *Civ. Engin. & Arch. Jrnl.* I. 178/1 The masonry at each end [of the bridge] was ready to receive the cast-iron seating plates of the wood arch. 1884 *Health Exhib. Catal.* 55/1 Boiler Seating Blocks.

b. (in the sense of providing seats or sitting room for), as *seating accommodation, capacity.*

1887 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 9 Sept. 2/2 In no case should the seating capacity [of a theatre] ever be exceeded. 1907 H. WYNDHAM *Flare of Footlights* i, The seating accommodation [of the theatre] embodied every new device for the comfort of its occupants that ingenuity could suggest.

Seatless (sī'·tlĕs), *a.* [f. SEAT *sb.* + -LESS.] Having no seat or seats (in any sense of the sb.).

1807 J. BARLOW *Columb.* II. 229 What a world their seatless nations led! 1826 *The Ass* 1 Apr. 1 A sleeveless coat and seatless breeches. 1859 *All Year Round* No. 30. 78 The third-class carriages..were..seatless and unsheltered cattle-trucks. 1871 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 19 Jan., Three seatless chairs.

Sea'-toad.

1. A name given to several fishes, as **a.** The fishing-frog or angler, *Lophius piscatorius.* **b.** *U. S.* The sculpin. **c.** 'The toadfish, *Batrachus tau*' (Cent. Dict. 1891).

1558 RONDELET *Gesner's Hist. Anim.* IV. 961 Seetode *id est rubetam marinam Anglicè.* *c* 1640 J. SMYTH *Hund. Berkeley* (1885) 319 An haddocke, a Roucote, the sea tad. 1700 C. LEIGH *Nat. Hist. Lanc.*, etc. I. 186 The *Rana Piscatrix* or Sea-Toad found frequently in the River Wire in Lancashire. 1884 GOODE, etc. *Nat. Hist. Aquatic Anim.* 258 On our Atlantic coast are found several species of this family [Cottidæ], generally known by the name 'Sculpin', and also by such titles as..'Sea-toad', and 'Pig-fish'.

†2. ? Some kind of starfish. *Obs.*—1

1710 SIBBALD *Fife & Kinross* 84 *Stella Marina squamosa*; the Fishers call it the Sea-Toad, for that in colour it resembles a Toad.

3. The great spider-crab (see quot.).

1857 A. WHITE *Brit. Crustacea* 22 The *Hyas*...Mr. Gordon says that the fishermen there [*sc.* Moray Firth] call it 'sea-toad', that is sea-toad.

4. ? *nonce-use.* A turtle.

1754 GARRICK *Prol. to Y. Brown's 'Barbarossa'*, He eat a great Sea-Toad! It came from Indies—'twas as big as me, He call'd it Belly-patch and Carapee.

Seaton, obs. form of SETON.

Sea-tortoise. A marine tortoise or turtle. Also Comb. *sea-tortoise-shell.*

[1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* XVIII. cviii. (1495) 850 The see Tortuca etyth all thynge and his mouth is stronger than any other beestes mouth.] 1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* XI. XXXVII. I. 339 The sea-Tortoise hath neither tongue nor teeth. 1681 GREW *Museum* III. § i. i. 260 The spaces betwixt which [rows], are cancellated much after the manner of the Sea-Tortoiseshell. 1698 FRYER *Acc. E. Ind. & P.* 122 A Sea-Tortoise was brought to the Fort, in length Six Feet. 1750 G. EDWARDS *Nat. Hist. Birds* IV. 206 The Sea-Tortoise is commonly call'd by our Sea-Captains Turtle. 1881 FREEMAH in W. R. W. Stephens *Life & Lett.* (1895) II. 237 A terrapin is..a small turtle or sea-tortoise.

Sea'-town. Now *rare.* (Common in 17th c.) A town situated on or near the sea, a sea-port town.

1578 J. STOCKWOOD *Serm.* 24 *Aug.* 36 Cesarea was a Sea-town, not far from the Mount Carmel. 1622 BACON *Hen. VII*, 61 A maritime Prouince, full of Sea-townes, and Hauens. 1796 BURKE *Regic. Peace* Wks. VIII. 373 These two islands, with their extensive, and every where vulnerable coast, should be considered as a garrisoned sea-town. 1905 *Westm. Gaz.* 30 Jan. 2/3 The darkening roofs of the sea-town.

†Sea-tree. *Obs.*

1. A huge polyp [L. *arbor marina*].

1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* XXXII. xi. II. 451 [The 'greatest monsters' of the sea are] The Sea-Trees, Whirlepooles [etc.]. 1611 FLORIO, *Albero*, .. a monstrous sea-fish, called the Sea-tree.

2. Some tree-like seaweed.

1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* XIII. XXV. I. 402 The branches and leaves of the sea trees, so long as they were under water looked greene, but when they be taken forth, presently dried with the heat of the Sunne. 1666 J. DAVIES *Hist. Caribby Isles* 127 Sea-Trees...Certain Trees which are immediately glaz'd with a salt-peter, which renders them extremely white. Some conceive them to be a kind of Coral. 1755 tr. *Pontoppidan's Nat. Hist. Norway* I. 152 The ocean here produces various species of large vegetables, which are known by the name of sea-trees. 1758 *Phil. Trans.* L. 634 This pivot..forms something like the knot of the sea-tree. 1823–4 in *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) XV. 298/2 The sea-tree lines many parts of the coast [of St. Bartholomew], has its leaves platted together, and looks as if it was completely glazed.

Sea'-trout.

1. The *Salmo trutta*, = SALMON-TROUT 1; also the bull or grey trout, *S. eriox.*

1745 tr. *Egede's Descr. Greenland* 91 Small Salmon or Sea-Trout of different Kinds and Sizes. 1769–76 PENNANT *Brit. Zool.* III. 259. 1875 F. FRANCIS in *Encycl. Brit.* II. 41/1 Next to the salmon ranks in value for sport the sea-trout. Of these there are two kinds: 1st, The salmon-trout (*Salmo trutta*); and 2d, The bull or grey trout (*Salmo eriox*).

2. In U. S. and Australia applied to other fishes.

1859–82 SIR J. RICHARDSON, etc. *Mus. Nat. Hist.* (1868) II. 126 The Sea-trouts of Australian seas belong to the genus *Arripis.* 1884 GOODE, etc. *Nat. Hist. Aquatic Anim.* 267 (*Hexagrammus decagrammus*..)...From San Francisco southward, the names 'Rock Trout' and 'Sea Trout' are common. *Ibid.* 362 With the other members of the genus [the Squeteague] is spoken of under the name 'Sea Trout'. 1891 *Century Dict., Sea-trout*, 1. Any catadromous trout or char, as the common brook-trout of the United States, *Salvelinus fontinalis.*

3. *attrib.*

1875 F. FRANCIS in *Encycl. Brit.* II. 41/1 A day's sea-trout fishing. 1904 GALLICHAN *Fishing & Shooting in Spain* 28, I was soon trying to lure him with a sea-trout fly.

Sea-trumpet.

†1. A trumpet-shell or triton-shell. *Obs.*

1668 CHARLETON *Onomast.* 177 Cancellus in Buccino degens, the bigger Souldier-Crab dwelling in the Sea-Trumpet.

2. A kind of trumpet used at sea.

1776 BURNEY *Hist. Mus.* I. 522 The *Concha*, *Tromba Marina*, or Sea-Trumpet.

3. A very large seaweed, *Ecklonia buccinalis.*

So called because the hollow upper part of the stem when dried, is used as a trumpet at the Cape of Good Hope.

1829 LOUDON *Encycl. Plants* (1836) 945 L[aminaria] buccinalis furnishes the singular vegetable production called the sea-trumpet. 1866 *Treas. Bot.* s. v. 1882 J. SMITH *Dict. Pop. Names Plants* 419 Trumpet, Sea (*Ecklonia buccinatis*) a strong-growing seaweed of the Laminaria section of Algæ.

Seatsman (sī'·tsmĕn).

†1. A shoemaker. *Obs. rare.* Cf. SEAT *sb.*

1719 D'URFEY *Pills* V. 241 The Character of a Seat's-man; written by one of the Craft.

2. One who makes the seats of clogs.

1881 *Instr. Census Clerks* (1885) 76 Patten, Clog Maker ..Clog Clasper. Clog Seatsman.

Seattica, obs. form of SCIATICA.

†Sea't-town. *Obs.*

1. A town used as the head-quarters of an army.

1591 SAVILE *Tacitus, Hist.* III. xxxii. 133 It was chosen ..for the seate-towne of the warre [L. *belli sedes*]. 1610 HOLLAND *Camden's Brit.* I. 237 Robert Bishop of Constance..chose it for the Seat-towne of the whole warre.

2. A capital town, = SEAT *sb.* 13.

1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* VI. XXVII. I. 138 The auncient royall pallace and seat towne of the Persian K[ings].

Sea-turtle 1. The black guillemot.

1678 RAY *Willughby's Ornith.* 326 The Greenland-Dove or Sea-Turtle: Columba Groenlandica dicta. 1752 J. HILL *Hist. Anim.* 446 The Colymbus with webbed feet, and three toes to each. The Sea-turtle. 1896 NEWTON *Dict. Birds* s. v. *Turtle*, Greenland Turtle and Sea-Turtle are sailors' names for the Black Guillemot.

Sea-turtle 2. A turtle or sea-tortoise.

1764 *Ann. Reg.* 92 Lately taken..on the Devonshire coast ..a sea-turtle, about seven feet long. 1860 GOSSE *Rom. Nat. Hist.* (1861) 357 Two pairs of paddles, very much like those of a sea-turtle.

Seatwell, obs. form of SETWALL.

Seau, Seaul: see SEW, pottage; SEAL *sb.*2

Sea-unicorn.

1. The Narwhal.

1646 SIR T. BROWNE *Pseud. Ep.* III. xxiii. 167 The Sea-Unicornes,..are of that strength and bignesse, as able to penetrate the ribs of ships. *a* 1711 KEN *Edmund* Poet. Wks. 1721 II. 30 The Angel a Sea-Unicorn espy'd. 1853 KANE *Grinnell Exp.* XXXVII. (1856) 340 That monodontal process which gives them their name of sea-unicorn.

attrib. 1858 SIMMONDS *Dict. Trade, Sea-unicorn Tooth*, a name for the spiral horn or tusk of the narwhal

2. = SEA-BAT 3.

1830 J. F. SOUTH in *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) XXI. 722 Near the openings of the nostrils is a little, hard, horny appendage, terminating in a tubercle, and hence the fish [*Malthe vespertilio*] has sometimes been called the Sea Unicorn.

Sea'-u·rchin.

1. An animal of the genus *Echinus* (see ECHINUS 1) or the order *Echinoidea.*

1591 SYLVESTER *Du Bartas* I. v. 382 What stile can worthily declare (O! Galley-Fish,..and Sea-Urchin) your dexterity In Sailor's Art. 1681 GREW *Museum* I. § vi. i. 139 The round Sea-Urchin or Button-Fish. *Echinus orbicularis. Ibid.*, The Great Oval Sea-Urchin. *Echinometra Aristotelis.* 1704 PETIVER *Gazophyl.* iv. 36 Mr. James Cuninghame found this elegant Sea Urchin on the Coast of China. 1896 tr. *Boas' Text-bk. Zool.* 134 In some Sea-urchins the body is almost spherical.

¶ **2.** Humorously applied to a young sailor.

1824 W. IRVING *T. Trav.* (1850) 414 The domineering spirit of this boisterous sea-urchin at length grew quite intolerable.

Seave (sēv). *north.* Forms: 5, 9 seve, 5 seyfe, 5, 9 seive, 8 seave, 8–9 sieve, 6– seave, 9 seeave (see also Eng. Dial. Dict.). [a. ON. *sef* (Sw. *säf*, Da. *siv*).] A rush; also, a rushlight.

14.. *Nominale* in Wr.-Wülcker 712/9 *Hic papirus*, a seue [*printed* sene]. *c* 1450 *St. Cuthbert* (Camden) 470 He began be seiues graythe, And made a fournays for be bell. 1483 *Cath. Angl.* 327/2 A Seyfe, *iuncus.* 1594 in *Trans. Cumb. & Westm. Archæol. Soc.* (1903) III. 152 None..shall mowe or sheare any seaves between Tailbothe and Sleddaile. 1684 MERITON *Yorksh. Dial.* 72 Then strike a Fire, and leet a Seave I Reed. 1777 *Wallingfen Inclos. Act* 21 Seaves, reeds, whinns, or sods.

b. *attrib.*, as †*seave-busk* (= bush), *-candle, -light*; **seave-cap,** the black-headed bunting.

1483 *Cath. Angl.* 327/2 A *Seyfebuske, *iuncetum.* 1703 THORESBY *Let. to Ray* Philos. Lett. (1718) 336 *Seaves*, pill'd Rushes, of which they make *Seav Candles. 1864 ATKINSON *Prov. Names Birds*, *Seave-cap..Black-headed Bunting *Emberiza Schæniclus.*

Seave, Seaven, obs. ff. SIEVE *sb.*, SEVEN.

Seaver, obs. form of SEVER.

Sea-view.

1. A picture representing a scene at sea, a 'seascape'.

1781 REYNOLDS *Journ. Flanders & Holl.* Wks. 1797 II. 80 The picture..appears to be a sea-view. 1817 LADY MORGAN *France* v. (1818) II. 37 Altering the position of the pictures ..and adding to their number the sea-views of Vernet.

2. A view or prospect of the sea, or at sea.

1864 A. MCKAY *Hist. Kilmarnock* (1880) 289 A fine sea-view from the hills of Dundonald. 1872 CALVERLEY *Fly Leaves* (1903) 32 Those 'Lodgings with an ample sea-view', Which were..'To Let'. 1897 'A. HOPE' *Phroso* ii. (1905) 25 About half-way up,..and commanding a splendid sea-view, stood an old grey battlemented house.

Sea-voyage. A voyage by sea.

1609 FIELD *Woman a Weathercock* I. (1612) C 2, Captain, what think'st thou of such a woman in a long Sea Voyage? *a* 1649 DRUMM. OF HAWTH. *Poems* (1656) 204 Life a Sea-voyage is, Death is the Haven. 1726 SWIFT *Gulliver* II. iv, Having been long used to sea voyages, those motions, although sometimes very violent, did not much discompose

me. 1875 JOWETT *Plato* (ed. 2) I. 224 [He] appeared to have newly arrived from a sea-voyage.

So **Sea-voyager**, one who goes on a sea-voyage; **Sea-voyaging**, going on a sea-voyage.

1622 DRAYTON *Poly-olb.* xix. Argt. 10 Our Brittish braue Sea-voyagers. 1856 EMERSON *Eng. Traits, Voy. to Eng.* Wks. (Bohn) II. 12 'There are many advantages', says Saadi, 'in sea-voyaging, but security is not one of them'. 1906 *Westm. Gaz.* 10 Apr. 10/1 Captain Alexander Simpson, who has just completed two million miles of sea-voyaging.

Seavy (sī·vi), *a. north.* [f. SEAVE + -Y.] Containing 'seaves' or rushes, overgrown with rushes; also, composed of rushes.

1684 MERITON *Yorksh. Dial.* 41 Our Land is .. full of strang whickens, Cat whins, and Seavy Furs. 1691 RAY *N.C. Words*, s.v. *Seaves.* Seavy ground, such as is overgrown with Rushes. 1851 *Cumbld. Gloss., Seevy-cap*, a cap made of rushes. 1892 M. C. F. MORRIS *Yorksh. Folk-Talk* 156 'Seavy flats' are merely the level pastures which..grow an abundance of seeaves or seves, the common soft rush.

Seaw, var. SEW *v.*, to drain; obs. f. SHOW.

Sea-wall.

1. A wall or embankment to prevent the encroachment of the sea, or to form a breakwater, etc.

In OE. a cliff by the sea.

Beowulf 1924 Hīzelac..wunade..sæwealle neah. *c* 1440 *Jacob's Well* 6 Þe more þe watyr in þe se is styred wyth þe wynde, þe more it flowyth, & brekyth out, ouer þe se-wallys in-to dyuerse placys. 1565 COOPER *Thesaurus, Agger*,..a water-banke: a sea wall. 1707 MORTIMER *Husb.* (1721) I. 29 The..making of Drains, Sea-walls [etc.]. 1862 ANSTED *Channel Isl.* I. iii. 52 The inroads of the sea..have been checked, wherever necessary, by a sea wall.

b. *N. Amer.* 'An embankment of stones thrown up by the waves on a shore' (*Cent. Dict.* 1891).

1896 *Trans. Roy. Soc. Canada* II. ii. 210 Sea-wall, a gravel or boulder ridge thrown up by the waves.

2. The sea as a wall or barrier of defence. Cf. *sea-walled. rare.*

1879 GEO. ELIOT *Theo. Such* xviii. 327 Many of us have thought that our sea-wall is a specially divine arrangement.

So **Sea-walled** *a.*, surrounded or protected by the sea as a wall of defence; **Sea-waller**, one who builds sea-walls; **Sea-walling**, the building or repairing of sea-walls.

1593 SHAKS. *Rich. II*, III. iv. 43 When our Sea-walled Garden, the whole Land, Is full of Weedes. 1790 *Trans. Soc. Arts*, etc. VIII. 92 A contract was entered into with two companies of sea-wallers,..for the erection of a new wall. 1794 *Ibid.* XII. 115 One of the chief uses to which Chestnut is applied..is sea-walling, or embankments against the sea. 1852 WIGGINS *Embanking* 2 Having been for many years connected much with sea-walling, both in building and repairing.

‖ **Seawan(e, seawant** (sī·wɑn, -wɒnt). *Amer. Ind.* Also 9 **se(e)wan, zeband.** [Narragansett *seawohn* scattered, loose (in opposition to the strung beads, called *peag*).] Wampum.

1701 C. WOLLEY *Jrnl. New York* (1860) 32 Their Money is called Wampam and Sea-want. 1834 *Mem. Hist. Soc. Pennsylv.* III. 131 Their money consists of beads..these they called zeband. 1851 SCHOOLCRAFT *Indian Tribes* I. 85 Four grains of sewan made a penny. 1870 *Putnam's Mag.* VI. 525 Indian Shell Money generally, the true generic name of which was seawan in the Algonquin language.

Seaward (sī·wɒd), *adv.* (and quasi-*sb.*) and *a.* See also SEAWARDS. [f. SEA *sb.* + -WARD.]

A. In adverbial phrases and as adverb.

1. Phrases. **a.** *To (the) seaward*: towards the sea; in the direction of the sea; in the direction of the open sea, away from the land. *To the seaward of*: to or at a place nearer the sea (or, at sea, farther from the land) than.

[In the early examples *to* and *ward* form a compound prep. governing the interposed sb. In later use *seaward* seems to be apprehended as an absolute use of the adj.]

a. with article. 1387–8 T. USK *Test. Love* III. v. (Skeat) I. 75 Waters to the see-ward ever ben they drawing. *c* 1440 LOVELICH *Seint Graal* II. 86 Thanne Nasciens his weye gan to take, and faste to the Seward gan he schake. 1535 COVERDALE *Ezek.* xxxix. 11 Where..men go from the east to the see warde. *c* 1582 T. DIGGES in *Archæologia* XI. 225 To the Seawarde this Baye shall allway be defended and garded with a massye banke of beache. 1640 tr. *Verdere's Rom. of Rom.* III. xxxix. 174 [He] wheeled about with his forces to the Seaward. 1698 T. FROGER *Voy.* 142 We discovered a ship two leagues off to the Sea-ward. 1748 *Anson's Voy.* II. v. 177 Mr. Brett..did really discover her..steering off to the seaward. 1852 KINGSLEY *Andromeda* 27 The flame shone far to the seaward.

β. without article. 1540 in *Sel. Pleas Crt. Admiralty* (1894) I. 92 The maryners..imediately wente to see ward withowte ancre or cable. 1567 GOLDING *Ovid's Met.* VI. 508 The River ..to Seaward runnes a pace Through Phrygie. 1624 CAPT. SMITH *Virginia* VI. 216 Three Iles, seene farre to Sea-ward. 1683 CHALKHILL *Thealma & Cl.* 138 The Eagle..Soaring aloft to seaward took her flight. 1810 SCOTT *Lady of L.* III. ix, The billow..That far to seaward finds his source. 1890 DOYLE *White Company* xvii, The wrack had thickened to seaward, and the coast was but a blurred line.

b. In mod. use, *From (the) seaward*: from the direction in which the sea lies.

1719 DE FOE *Crusoe* II. (Globe) 404 It blew a terrible Storm of Wind that Evening from the Seaward. 1855 KINGSLEY *Westw. Ho!* xx, A point where she [the ship] could not be seen from the seaward. 1856 GROTE *Greece* II. xcii. XII. 128 The defenders were powerfully aided from seaward by the Persian ships with their numerous crews. 1882 DE WINDT *Equator* 128 On the approach from seaward Cadiz ..presents more the appearance of a Moorish town than a European city.

2. *adv.* Towards the sea or the open sea (away from the land).

1610 HOLLAND *Camden's Brit.* I. 318 Couched betweene a high cliffe sea-ward and as high an hill land-ward. 1725 POPE *Odyss.* IV. 681 The rock rush'd sea-ward. 1849 M. ARNOLD *Forsaken Merman* 128 When sweet airs come seaward From heaths starr'd with broom. 1877 HUXLEY *Physiogr.* 126 The total quantity of matter..carried seaward is something enormous. 1883 KAY in *Law Rep.* 11 *Q. B. Div.* 500 Helpsford Scar..is further seaward than the place where this accident occurred.

b. *Comb.*

1857 DUFFERIN *Lett. High Lat.* (ed. 3) 395 The seaward-facing crag. 1860 TENNYSON *Sea Dreams* 16 Now seaward-bound for health they gain'd the coast. 1864 — *Enoch Arden* 559 In a seaward-gazing mountain-gorge They built..a hut. 1888 STEVENSON *Across the Plains*, etc. (1892) 193 A strange sight it is to see (of an afternoon) the heights of Pulteney blackened by seaward-looking fishers, as when a city crowds to a review.

B. *adj.*

†1. Fresh from the sea. *Obs. rare* —1.

c 1450 J. RUSSELL *Bk. Nurture* 642 in *Babees Bk.* 161 White herynge in a dische, if hit be seaward & fresshe.

2. Going out to sea, going to seaward or in seawardly direction.

a 1621 DONNE *To Sir H. W. going Ambass. Venice* 14 After those loving papers which friends send With glad griefe, to your Sea-ward steps, farewel. 1795 SOUTHEY *Joan of Arc* VIII. 603 Marking the playful tenants of the stream..stem the sea-ward tide. 1830 H. N. COLERIDGE *Grk. Poets* (1834) 376 And he Anchises' famous son embark'd Captive Æneas in the seaward ship. 1904 EDITH RICKERT *Reaper* 188 He turned along the seaward road.

3. Directed or looking towards the sea; facing the sea, or the open sea; situated on the side or portion (of a thing) which is nearest the sea.

1725 POPE *Odyss.* IV. 1034 The sea-ward prow invites the tardy gales. ?1803 COLERIDGE *Recoll. Love* ii, I lay On seaward Quantock's heathy hills. 1820 SCORESBY *Acc. Arctic Reg.* I. 104 Various heaps of broken ice denoted recent shoots of the seaward edge [of the glacier]. 1852 TENNYSON *Ode Wellington* 173 Your cannons moulder on the seaward wall. 1875 *Encycl. Brit.* I. 110/2 The seaward sides of the mountain ranges. 1902 *Act 2 Edw. VII*, c. 24 § 7 (2) Two hundred yards from the seaward extremities of the work.

b. Of a wind: Blowing from the sea.

1810 *Naval Chron.* XXIII. 123 Sheltered from seaward winds. 1905 BEDE CAMM *Voy. of 'Pax'* 10 The large black sails were filled with a seaward breeze.

Seawardly (sī·wɒ̈dli), *a.* and *adv.* [f. prec. + -LY.] **A.** *adj.* Habituated to looking seaward.

1849 G. CUPPLES *Green Hand* xi. (1856) 97 The keen gray seawardly eye, under the peak of the naval cap, kept changing and twinkling. 1890 CLARK RUSSELL *Ocean Trag.* I. v. 104 Dry, tough, burnt, seawardly chaps. 1890 — *My Shipm. Louise* I. xiv. 296 His keen seawardly eye took in everything in a breath.

B. *adv.* Towards the sea. *rare.*

1902 *19th Cent.* Feb. 176 We see roof-ridge and telegraph-wire packed with seawardly attentive birds.

Seawards (sī·wɒ̈dz), *adv.* [f. SEA *sb.* + -WARDS.] = SEAWARD *adv.* In early use *to (the) seawards.*

1517 TORKINGTON *Pilgr.* (1884) 19 To the se wardes ys the Stopull of Craggs. 1585 T. WASHINGTON tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* I. xl. 13 Leauing the coast..we bare roome to seawards. 1621 in Foster *Eng. Factories Ind.* (1906) 241 All our Shipps ..stood off to seawards for that night. 1858 *Sat. Rev.* 20 Nov. 501/2 Near either shore [of the Atlantic] and seawards down to a depth of about two thousand feet, the composition of the sea-bottom varies greatly. 1902 BUCHAN *Watcher by Threshold* 114 He turned eagerly seawards.

Sea'-ware. Also 8 -were, 8–9 -waur(e. [OE. *sæwār*, f. *sǽ* SEA + *wār* 'alga': see WARE *sb.*[2]] Seaweed; esp. coarse, large seaweed thrown up on the shore by the sea, and used as manure, etc.

c 1000 ÆLFRIC *Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 135/21 *Alga*, sæwaur. *c* 1662 in G. Barry *Orkney Isl.* (1805) 452 Where they and the cows do eat together sea-wure. 1725 T. THOMAS in *Portland Papers* (Hist. MSS. Comm.) VI. 112 It is lately much improved by a manure of the sea-weed called the sea-were, which grows on the sea rocks, and is thence torn off by the waves and thrown upon the shore. 1763 *Museum Rust.* I. 29 [In Kent] sea-waure or sea-wracks, or sea-weeds, are reckoned a very good manure. 1856 EMERSON *Eng. Traits* xviii. 299 Multitudes lived miserably by shell-fish and seaware. 1899 *Folk-Lore* Sept. 278 She was taking home a load of sea-ware in a cart.

Sea'-washed, *a.* Washed by the sea; exposed to the 'wash' of the sea.

1762–9 FALCONER *Shipwr.* III. 769 And those yet breathing on the sea-wash'd ground. 1830 SCOTT *Anchindrane* II. i, Our mighty Earl forsakes his sea-wash'd castle. 1890 'R. BOLDREWOOD' *Col. Reformer* (1891) 113 The moon-lighted, sea-washed verandah.

Sea'-water.

1. The water of the sea, or water taken from the sea.

c 1000 *Sax. Leechd.* (Rolls) II. 28 Celeþonian seaw & sæwæter. *c* 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 159 Þe tere þet mon weþð for his aȝen sunne is alse salt water, and þer fore bit is inemned see water. *c* 1450 *Mirk's Festial* 167 Wyth his hond wyth a lytyll schell he toke of þe see-watyr and powret into þat put. 1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* XXXI. vii. II. 416 The salt made of sea-water. 1610 SHAKS. *Temp.* I. ii. 462 Sea water shalt thou drinke. 1657 W. COLES *Adam in Eden* xlvi. 90 On the Essex and Kentish shores, as far as the brackish Sea-water commeth. 1771 SMOLLETT *Humph. Cl.* 8 Aug. (1815) 282 Being drenched with sea-water. 1850 TENNYSON *In Mem.* xix. 6 The salt sea-water passes by. 1888 F. HUME *Mme. Midas* I. Prol., A rough blue suit of clothes, all torn and stained by sea-water.

b. *pl.*

1697 POTTER *Antiq. Greece* II. iv. (1715) 222 If the Sea-waters could be procur'd, they were preferr'd before all others. 1860 WRAXALL *Life in Sea* xv. 308 The iridescence of the sea-waters is most generally produced by living light-bearers.

c. *attrib.* and *Comb.*

1588 SHAKS. *L. L. L.* I. ii. 86 Tell me precisely of what complexion? *Boy.* Of the sea-water Greene sir. 1596 *Will* in *Longman's Mag.* Apr. (1905) 534 My see-water colored green cloke.

†2. A precious stone, the AQUAMARINE I. *Obs.*

[1598: cf. AQUAMARINE I.] 1617 MORYSON *Itin.* I. 235 Round stones called *Cornioli*, of yellow colour and others of white, called the Sea-water of India.

Sea'-way, sea-way.

1. A way over the sea; the sea as a means of communication; the open sea. Also (*nonce-use*) a channel made for the sea.

a 1000 *Ags. Ps.* viii. 8 (Thorpe) Fleogende fuglas, and sæfiscas, þa farað geond þa sæ-wegas. [Vulg. *qui perambulant semitas maris.*] *c* 1425 *Eng. Conq. Irel.* xxxiii. 80 From thens thay wentten to lysmore,..robbeden & prayeden, & hy the see wey senten many grete prayes to Watyrford. 1856 KANE *Arct. Expl.* I. xxiv. 323 We passed beyond the protection of the straits into the open seaway. 1866 *Daily Tel.* 11 Jan. 5/4 Xerxes cut a sea-way through Mount Athos. 1890 'R. BOLDREWOOD' *Col. Reformer* (1891) 432 The graceful craft, leaning to the..south wind, swept forth towards the sea-way. 1891 J. WINSOR *Columbus* App. 641 Sebastian Münster, in his maps..makes a clear seaway to the Moluccas somewhere in the latitude of the Strait of Belle Isle.

2. 'The progress of a ship through the waves' (Smyth *Sailor's Word-bk.* 1867).

1787 BURNS *Addr. to Unco Guid* iv, Wi' wind and tide fair i' your tail, Right on ye scud your sea-way.

3. A rough sea. Usually *in a sea-way* (said of a ship).

1840 *Civ. Engin. & Arch. Jrnl.* III. 181/2 The effects of a sea-way upon the Eddystone or Bell Rock. *c* 1860 H. STUART *Seaman's Catech.* 62 Weights at the extremities cause a ship to be uneasy in a sea-way. 1867 SMYTH *Sailor's Word-bk., Sea-way*,..said when a vessel is in an open place where the sea is rolling heavily. 1883 STEVENSON *Treas. Isl.* xxiii, The coracle..was a very safe boat..,both buoyant and clever in a seaway.

4. *attrib.*

1867 SMYTH *Sailor's Word-bk., Sea-way measurer*, a kind of self-registering log invented by Smeaton. [The term is not used in Smeaton's paper, *Phil. Trans.* XLVIII. (1754) 532.] 1907 *Daily Chron.* 6 Dec. 6/4 The Nantucket Lightship, warning seaway travellers of a deadly shoal.

Sea-weary, *a. rare.* Weary or fatigued by, with, or of the sea.

a 1000 *Andreas* 862 (Gr.) Us sæwerize slæp ofereode. *c* 1205 LAY. 4619 We beoh sæ-werie men. 1901 TAENCH *Deirdre Wed* 101 Sea-weary, yes, but human still, and whole, —A circumnavigator of the soul.

Seaweed (sī·wīd). [f. SEA *sb.* + WEED *sb.*]

1. *collect.* Any marine plants of the class *Algæ* (see ALGA).

1577 B. GOOGE *Heresbach's Husb.* II. (1586) 56 b, Wrap it in seaweede. 1591 PERCIVALL *Sp. Dict., Alga marina*, reeks or sea weede, *Alga*. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* VII. 404 Part single or with mate Graze the Sea weed thir pasture. 1734 POPE *Ess. Man* iv. 292 Mark by what wretched steps their glory grows, From dirt and sea-weed as proud Venice rose. 1762 MILLS *Syst. Pract. Husb.* I. 91 A fresh manure of sea-weed being laid on each year that barley is sown. 1855 DICKENS *Dorrit* XX, Funeral garlands of sea-weed twisted about them by the late tide. 1906 OLIVE MALVERY *Soul Market* xvii. 268 Mattresses of American leather stuffed with sea-weed.

2. A particular marine alga.

a 1700 EVELYN *Diary* July 1645, Ashes made of a sea-weede brought out of Syria. 1756–7 tr. *Keysler's Trav.* (1760) IV. 195 He shewed some sea-weeds inclosed in crystal. 1837–42 HAWTHORNE *Twice-t. Tales, Foot-pr. on Sea-shore* 4 A sea-weed, with an immense brown leaf. 1894 H. DRUMMOND *Ascent of Man* 414 Whole classes in the plant world—the sea-weeds for instance—have no roots at all.

3. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *seaweed belt, collector, limpet, poultice*; *seaweed-covered* adj.; seaweed-fern, the hart's tongue, *Scolopendrium vulgare.*

1884 GEIKIE *Phys. Geog.* xiv. (1886) 120 The *sea-weed belt which fringes the land has an average breadth of about a mile. 1865 MRS. L. L. CLARKE *Seaweeds* ii. 42 A useful hand-book for the *seaweed collector. 1900 *Jrnl. Sch. Geog.* (U.S.) Jan. 28 *Seaweed-covered rocks. 1865 *Hardwicke's Sci. Gossip* 1 Aug. 190 The *Seaweed-fern. 1858 H. & A. ADAMS *Recent Mollusca* I. 467 The '*Sea-weed Limpet' is readily distinguished from the Rock Limpet. 1885 MAYNE *Expos. Lex., Cataplasma Fuci*, the *sea-weed poultice for scrofula [etc.].

Hence **Sea'-weeded** *a.*, covered with seaweed; **Sea'-weeding** *vbl. sb.*, the action of collecting seaweed; **Sea'-weedy** *a.*, covered with seaweed; characteristic of seaweed.

1832 FR. A. KEMBLE *Let.* in *Rec. Girlhood* (1878) III. 178 Those..sea-weedy shores. 1845 HIRST *Poems* 162 Half hidden in drifted sand, Sea-weeded, mossy, black with age, are bones. 1865 MRS. L. L. CLARKE *Seaweeds* i. 17 The preparations for a seaweeding. 1866 *Intell. Observ.* No. 53. 335 The sea-weedy smell.

Sea-willow.

†1. The sea-buckthorn. *Obs. rare* —1.

1548 TURNER *Names of Herbes* (E.D.S.) 41 Halimus..may be called in englishe sea wyllowe or prickwylowe because it bath the leaues of a wylowe and prickes lyke a thorne.

b. The papyrus or paper-reed, BIBLUS.

1807 ROBINSON *Archæol. Græca* IV. xv. 416 The ancient Greeks..preferred cables of rushes or sea-willow. [*Odyss.* XXI. 391 ὅπλον νεὸς ἀμφιελίσσης βύβλινον.]

2. A gorgoniaceous polyp.
1755 J. Ellis *Corallines* 68 Sea-willow. *a* 1776 — *Zoophytes* (1786) 89 *Gorgonia anceps*. Sea-Willow Gorgon.

Sea-wind. A wind from the sea; a sea-breeze.
1604 E. G[rimstone] tr. *D'Acosta's Hist. Indies* III. viii. 142 The land windes blow from mid-night to the sunne rising, and the sea windes vntill sunne setting. 1808 Scott *Marm.* II. xxxi, Then shall these vaults, so strong and deep, Burst open to the sea-winds' sweep. 1842 Tennyson *Morte d'Arthur* 48 Over them the sea-wind sang Shrill, chill, with flakes of foam. 1873 Symonds *Grk. Poets* v. 128 Fruits such as only the southern sun and sea-wind can mature.

Sea-wing.
1. *poet. nonce-use.* Means of 'flight' by sea.
1606 Shaks. *Ant. & Cl.* III. x. 20 The Noble ruine of her Magicke, Anthony, Claps on his Sea-wing, and (like a doting Mallard) Leauing the Fight in heighth, flyes after her.
2. A wing-shell.
1681 Grew *Museum* I. § vi. ii. 141 The Sea-Wing. *Pinna*. Each Valve is very like in shape to the Wing of a large Fowl, from whence I name it. 1813 Bingley *Anim. Biog.* (ed. 4) III. 459 The sea-wing.

Sea-wolf.
† 1. A fabulous amphibious beast of prey. *Obs.*
1297 R. Glouc. (Rolls) 2812 Ac after hom þer ssal arise a worm of germanye & þe se wolf him ssal bringe vp. *a* 1587 Greene *Card of Fancie* (1593) E iv, The Lyon saueth his sicknesse by eating the Sea Woolfe. 1607 Topsell *Four-f. Beasts* 749 The sea-wolfe of the ancient writers..is..a Foure-footed Beast that liueth both on sea and land, satisfying his hunger on the most part vpon fishes.
2. A voracious sea-fish; esp. the bass, *Labrax lupus*, and the wolf-fish, *Anarrhicas lupus*.
1390 Gower *Conf.* II. 265 Sche tok therafter the bouele Of the Seewolf. 1632 Sherwood, A base, or sea-wolfe, *bar.* 1694 Motteux *Rabelais* IV. xix, I'll maul thee worse than any Sea-Wolf. 1784 André in *Phil. Trans.* LXXIV. 274 The teeth of the *Anarrichas Lupus*, or Sea-wolf. 1879 E. P. Wright *Anim. Life* 433 The genus Anarrhichas, one native species of which, the Sea Wolf, grows to a length of seven feet (*A. lupus*).
† 3. A seal; a sea-elephant or sea-lion. *Obs.*
1549 *Compl. Scot.* vi. 60 The sycond is the selcht, quhilk sum men callis the see volue. 1598 W. Phillip tr. *Linschoten's Voy.* 170/2 We saw..many Sea-wolues [orig. *zee-wolueu*], which they hold for certain signes of the cape *de Bona Speranza*. 1698 T. Froger *Voy.* 67 A great many Sea-wolves lying asleep on their backs, upon the surface of the water. 1725 Pope *Odyss.* xv. 517 The future food Of fierce sea-wolves [φώκησι], and monsters of the flood. 1771 tr. *Pernety's Voy. Malouine Isl.* (1773) 187 There are several kinds of sea wolves and lions. 1839 R. Hamilton *Amphib. Carnivora* 208 *note*, The Proboscis Seal or Elephant Seal.. is also..the Sea-Wolf of Pernetty.
4. quasi-*arch.* A pirate, sea-robber. Also in recent use, a privateer vessel.
1849–50 Alison *Hist. Europe* VIII. liii. § 22. 418 Their enemies were talking about sea-wolves and maritime skill. 1860 Longf. *Wayside Inn* I. *K. Olaf* xix. vii, Sullenly answered Ulf, The old sea-wolf. 1867 Smyth *Sailor's Word-bk., Sea-wolves*, a name for privateers. 1884 *Pall Mall G.* 18 Sept. 5/2 Against fast sea-wolves of the *Alabama* type, we are tolerably secure.

Sea-worn.
1. Any marine annelid.
1681 Grew *Museum* I. § vii. iii. 178 Not being naturally Tubulous, but made so by a sort of Sea-Wormes. 1769–76 Pennant *Brit. Zool.* III. 62 Porpesses..often descend to the bottom in search of sand eels and sea worms. 1800 *Hull Advertiser* 31 May 2/2 Ships which have made long voyages..are subject to the sea worm. 1888 E. Clodd *Story Creation* iv. 30 Traces of marine organisms survive in the trails and borings of sea-worms.
† 2. The pipe-fish. *Obs.* 1752 [see Sea-adder 1].
† 3. A sea-serpent. *Obs. rare.*
1799 T. Holcroft *Mem.* (1816) III. 227 Finding this leviathan [the Kraken] so familiar to their belief, I next inquired if they had heard or knew any thing of the sea-snake, by some called the sea-worm.

Sea'-worn, *a.* Worn or abraded by the sea; also worn out or wearied by a life on the sea.
1612 Drayton *Poly-olb.* ii. 218 That on the Sea-worne shore See at the Southerne Iles the Tides at tilt to runne. 1828 Coleridge *Gard. Boccaccio* 35 In the sea-worn caves. 1828 'B. Cornwall' *Sforza* ii, A sea-worn captain who Had sailed all 'round the world brought it for me. 1871 Kingsley *At Last* xi, The old sea-worn mountain wall.

Seaworthiness (sī'wɜ:ðinės). [-ness.] The condition of being seaworthy.
1813 Eldon in Dow *Appeals Ho. Lords* (1814) I. 347 Want of sea-worthiness was sufficiently proved. 1823 W. Scoresby *Jrnl. Whale Fish.* p. xvi, Every known principle calculated for producing strength, accommodation, sea-worthiness, and fast sailing..was adopted. 1876 T. Robinson *Job* iv. 28 Storms prove the ship's seaworthiness.

Seaworthy (sī'wɜ:ði), *a.* [f. Sea *sb.* + Worthy *a.*] Of a ship: In a fit condition to undergo a voyage, and to encounter stormy weather.
1807 Ellenborough in J. Campbell *Cases Nisi Prius* (1818) I. 2 The hull of the ship in this case was sufficient and sea-worthy. 1823 Byron *Juan* x. iv, My slight, trim, But still sea-worthy, skiff. 1856 Grote *Greece* II. xcv. XII. 376 Four hundred triremes in a seaworthy condition. 1864 Tennyson *Enoch Arden* 657 The vessel scarce sea-worthy. 1902 W. Gow in *Encycl. Brit.* XXIX. 528/2 In a voyage policy it is an implied warranty that at the commencement of the voyage the ship shall be seaworthy for the particular venture insured.

Sea-wrack. Forms: see Wrack.
1. *pl.* Property cast ashore by the sea. *Obs.*
1548 *Reg. Mag. Sig. Scot.* 61/1 Terras de Terbert, cum manerio, molendino et *lie sey-wrakis* earundem.
2. a. *collect.* Seaweed, esp. any of the large coarse kinds cast up on the shore, as *Fucus, Laminaria*, etc. Sometimes applied *spec.* to *Zostera marina*.
1551 Turner *Herbal* I. K iv, Alga..is commonly called in englyshe see wrak. 1654 in *N. Riding Rec.* V. 161 [Indicted for unjustly taking 10 horse load of sea-wreck]. 1759 Martin *Nat. Hist.* II. *Yorksh.* 298 They gather up the Sea-wreck and lay it in Heaps. 1831 Carlyle *Sart. Res.* I. ii, Wherein the toughest pearl-diver may dive to his utmost depth, and return not only with sea-wreck but with true orients. 1906 Mrs. F. Campbell *Dearlove* 29 A litter of brown sea-wrack.
b. A particular kind of seaweed.
1611 Cotgr., *Spariée*, a sea-wrecke. *Ibid., Varech*, a sea-wracke, or wrecke. 1658 Sir T. Browne *Gard. Cyrus* iii, The Spongy leaves of some Sea-wracks..are over-wrought with Net-work. 1681 Grew *Museum* II. § v. ii. 248 The Bearded Sea-Wrack. *Fucus capillaris tinctorius.* 1846 Lindley *Vegel. Kingd.* 145 *Zosteraceæ*.—Sea wracks. 1852 Th. Ross tr. *Humboldt's Trav.* I. i. 33 To rank it provisionally among the sea-wracks.
c. *attrib.* **sea-wrack grass,** *Zostera marina*.
1829 Loudon *Encycl. Plants* 8 *Zostera*. Sea Wrackgrass. 1840 Paxton *Bot. Dict.* 1861 Bentley *Man. Bot.* 691 *Zosteraceæ*, the Sea-wrack Order.

Seax, Seayle, seayll: see Sax, Seal *sb.*[1]

Seaze, obs. form of Seize *v.*, Sess *v.*

Seazement, obs. variant of Sessment.

Seazen, obs. form of Seisin.

Seazir, variant of Seiser.

Seazning, obs. form of Seisining.

† **Seba'cean,** *a. Anat. Obs. rare*—°. [f. L. *sēbāce-us* Sebaceous + -an.] (See quot.)
1656 Blount *Glossogr.*, *Sebacean*, made of tallow or sewet.

Sebaceous (sĭbē'ʃəs), *a.* Also 9 sebacious. [f. L. *sēbāce-us, f. sēb-um* tallow: see -aceous.]
1. Pertaining to, of the nature of, or resembling tallow or fat; oily, greasy.
1783 *Phil. Trans.* LXXIII. 240 The sebaceous substance generally called Spermaceti. 1838 *Penny Cycl.* XI. 52 *Gallinæ*..Body sebaceous, muscular, delicate. 1859 R. F. Burton *Centr. Afr.* in *Jrnl. Geog. Soc.* XXIX. 85 The sebaceous odour of the skin amongst all these races is overpowering. 1894 A. Morrison *Mean Streets* 176 His face was a sebaceous trickle of long features.
† b. *Sebaceous acid* = Sebacic *acid. Obs.*
c 1789 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) IV. 593/2 The metal [lead] is precipitated by sebaceous acid from the nitrous, in white needle-like crystals, easily soluble in water.
2. *Phys.* a. Having the nature or characteristics of Sebum; as *sebaceous humour, secretion*, etc.
1747 tr. *Astruc's Fevers* 104 But why this sebaceous humour should be augmented in this case,..I will not undertake to answer at present. 1878 Gamgee tr. *Hermann's Hum. Phys.* 158 The sebaceous secretion is closely allied to ..milk. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VI. 100 A dirty yellowish fluid containing..a large quantity of solid sebaceous material.
b. Connected with the secretion of sebum; as *sebaceous crypt, duct, follicle, gland*, etc.
1728 Chambers *Cycl.* s. v. *Gland*, Sebaceous glands. 1831 R. Knox *Cloquet's Anat.* 309 It [axilla] is filled with sebaceous follicles which furnish an excretion, having a strong smell, and more or less coloured. *a* 1843 J. F. South in *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) VII. 186/2 In many animals there are cavities or sacs of some size, upon the sides of which the sebaceous ducts open. 1870 H. A. Nicholson *Man. Zool.* lxxvii. (1875) 615 In all the Deer there is a sebaceous gland, called the 'lachrymal sinus', or 'larmier', which is placed beneath each eye, and secretes a strongly-smelling waxy substance. 1876 *Van Beneden's Anim. Parasites* 134 Another interesting acarus, which is developed in man in the sebaceous crypts of the nostrils.
3. *Path.* Of a cyst, tumour: Formed upon a sebaceous gland.
1871 Bryant *Pract. Surg.* Ix. 652 The external labia may also be the seat of sebaceous tumours. 1876 Duhring *Dis. Skin* 124 Sebaceous cyst appears as a..roundish, more or less prominent tumor having its seat in the skin.
4. *Bot.* (See quots.)
1899 Heinig *Gloss. Bot. Terms*, *Sebaceous*, containing or secreting oily or fatty matter. 1900 B. D. Jackson *Gloss. Bot. Terms*, *Sebaceous*, like lumps of tallow. [So mod.L. *sebaceus* in Henslow *Gloss. Bot. Terms*, 1856.]

Sebacic (sĭbæ'sik), *a. Chem.* [f. L. *sēbāc-eus* Sebaceous + -ic.] *Sebacic acid*: an acid obtained by the distillation of oleic acid. (Cf. Sebic.)
1790 Kerr tr. *Lavoisier's Elem. Chem.* 286 To obtain the sebacic acid, let some suet be melted [etc.]. 1836 [see Sebic]. 1881 *Encycl. Brit.* XIV. 50/2 His [Kerner's] investigations on the influence of sebacic acid on animal organisms.

Sebacin (sĭbē'sin). [formed as prec. + -in [1].]
1. *Chem.* A hydrocarbon obtained by the dry distillation of calcium sebate with an excess of calcium carbonate.
1857 Miller *Elem. Chem., Org.* 380. 1898 *Syd. Soc. Lex.*
2. *Bot.* (See quot.)
1898 *Syd. Soc. Lex.*, *Sebacin*, a fatty substance contained in the fruit of *Myristica sebifera*.

† **Seba'cine.** *Phys. Obs. rare.* [? formed as prec. + -ine [5].] = Sebum.
a 1843 J. F. South in *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) VII. 186/2 The sebacine in weakly unhealthy persons is often secreted in large quantities.

Sebacious, variant of Sebaceous.

Sebago (sĭbē'gō). The name of a lake in Maine, U.S.A.; used *attrib.* in *Sebago salmon* or *trout*, a variety of non-migratory salmon; see Schoodic.
1884 *Century Mag.* Apr. 905/1 The land-locked salmon called..the 'Sebago salmon'..is..distinguishable from the sea-going salmon. 1884 Goode, etc. *Nat. Hist. Aquatic Anim.* 470 The..'Fresh-water' Salmon, known..in different parts of Maine as 'Schoodic Trout', 'Sebago Trout'.

Se-baptism (sē-bæ'ptiz'm). *Eccl. Hist.* [f. L. *sē* oneself + Baptism, after the phrase *sē baptizāre* to baptize oneself.] The action of baptizing oneself.
1646 R. Baillie *Anabaptism* (1647) 173 Divinity admits not of Se-baptisme, and permits not the baptized to be agents. 1881 H. M. Dexter *Story J. Smyth* 34 Those who charged him with Se-baptism.

Se-baptist (sē-bæ'ptist). *Eccl. Hist.* [f. L. *sē* + Baptist: see prec.] One who baptizes himself; a name given to an offshoot of the Brownist sect, in the seventeenth century, from the action of their leader John Smith.
1610 R. Bernard (*title*) Plaine evidences:..directed against..Mr. Smith the Se-baptist. 1732 Neal *Hist. Puritans* (1754) I. 437 Mr. Smith..being at a loss for a proper administrator of the ordinance of baptism..plunged himself, and then performed the ceremony upon others, which gained him the name of a Se-Baptist.
So † **Se-bapti'stic** *a.*, pertaining to Se-baptists.
1610 R. Bernard *Plain Evid.* 20 This hath he lost againe by his se-baptisticke way till he be chosen againe.

Sebastan, obs. variant of Sebesten.

Sebastine (sĭbæ'stin). Also -in. An explosive composed of nitroglycerine, charcoal, and saltpetre.
1884 Knight *Dict. Mech.* Suppl., *Sebastine*... Patented in Sweden in 1872. 1889 Cundill *Dict. Explosives* 60 Sebastine. 1890 Eissler *Mod. Explosives* 39 Sebastin. 1892 *Daily News* 24 June 5/2 A hundred and twenty cartridges charged with the compound were packed in a handbag, with a packet of 'sebastine' in the middle, and with mining gunpowder to fill all the intervening spaces.

‖ **Sebat** (sĭ'bæt), **Shebat** (ʃĭ'bæt). [Heb. שְׁבָט *sh'bat.*] The eleventh month of the Jewish ecclesiastical year and fifth of the civil year.
1535 Coverdale *Zech.* i. 7 Vpon the xxiiij. daye of the xj. moneth (which is the moneth Sebat [so 1611; 1885 *Revised* Shebat]). 1876 *Encycl. Brit.* IV. 678/2 Table VI.—Hebrew Months...Sebat.

Sebate (sĭ'bĕt). *Chem.* Also 8 sebat. [f. L. *sēb-um* tallow + -ate [1]; in F. *sébate*.] A combination of sebacic acid with a base.
1794 G. Adams *Nat. & Exp. Philos.* (Amer. ed.) I. App. 547 Sebats of the alkaline earths and of alkalies. 1802 Pye *New Chem. Nomencl.* 33 Sebates. 1898 *Syd. Soc. Lex.*

Sebesten (sĭbe'stĕn). *Bot.* Also 7 sebastan, 8 sebest, (sebesta), 9 sebestin, sebestan. [a. Arab. سبستان *sabastān*, a. Persian سپستان *sapistān*.
Said to have been originally *seg-pistān*, lit. 'dog's teats'. The word is found in several European langs.: F. *sébeste* Sp. *sebesten, sebasta*, Pg. *sebeste, -a*, It. *sebesten.*]
The plum-like fruit of a tree of the genus *Cordia* (formerly *Sebestena*); a preparation of this used as a medicine. Also the tree itself. Also *attrib.*
c 1400 *Lanfranc's Cirurg.* 74 Take a potel of water & of barly clensid .iiij.ℨ., juiube, sebesten ana. ʒ.ss. [etc.]. 1543 Traheron *Vigo's Chirurg.* Interpr., Sebesten bene frutes lyke prunes [etc.]. *c* 1550 Lloyd *Treas. Health* (*c* 1560) R v b, Reasons, myrabolans, Sebesten sede. *Ibid.* V iv, Take of violettes, sebesten, of Borage floures [etc.]. 1601 Holland *Pliny* xvii. x. I. 511 The fruit Sebesten [L. *myxas*, F. *sebesten*] and the Seruises may be graffed and planted both upon the same kind of stocke. 1698 Fryer *Acc. E. India & P.* 294 Pears, Prunellaes, Sebastans. 1725 *Bradley's Fam. Dict.* s.v. *Syrup for Asthmas*, Having boiled all for half an Hour more, put in the stoned Dates chopt with the Jujubes, Sebests and Raisios of the Sun. 1728 Chambers *Cycl.* s. v. *Sebesten*, The Syrians make a kind of glue or birdlime, of the sebestens, called birdlime of Alexandria. 1828 *Lancet* 14 June 326/1 In diseases affecting the mucous membranes..cardamom, licorice, and sebestin (fruits of *cordia myxa*) are used. 1858 Bairo *Cycl. Nat. Sci.* s. v. *Cordiaceæ, Cordia Myxa*..is known as the Sebesten plum, and used formerly to be employed in disorders of the chest and urinary organs. 1866 *Treas. Bot.*, *Sebestans*, or *Sebestens*, the name under which the dried fruits of Cordia Myxa and C. latifolia have long been used as a medicine in India.

Sebic (sī'bik), *a. Chem.* [f. L. *sēb-um* tallow + -ic.] = Sebacic.
1836 Brande *Chem.* 1186 *note*, Thenard's sebacic or sebic acid. 1898 in *Syd. Soc. Lex.*

Sebiferous (sĭbi'fərəs), *a. Anat.* and *Bot.* [f. Seb-um + -iferous.] (See quots.)
1858 Mayne *Expos. Lex.*, *Sebiferus*, bearing fat or grease, as the fruits of the *Myristica sebifera* and of the *Croton sebiferum*: sebiferous. 1898 *Syd. Soc. Lex.*, *Sebiferous*, fat-bearing, sebum-bearing. 1900 B. D. Jackson *Gloss. Bot. Terms*, *Sebiferous*,..bearing vegetable wax or tallow.

Sebific (sĭbi'fik), *a.* [f. Seb-um + -ific.] Producing fat or a fatty substance.
1880 *Libr. Univ. Knowl.* (N. Y.) IX. 122 There exudes from the tip of the body a frothy mucous matter...This is the sebific fluid..secreted by the sebific or cement gland.

Sebi'lla. *Obs. rare*—[1]. [Altered (? quasi-Sp.) form of F. *sébile* († *sébille*, Cotgr.), wooden bowl.] a. A wooden bowl used in the mechanical assay of ores. b. (See quot. 1875.)
1839 Ure *Dict. Arts* 826 These kinds of assays [*sc.* mechanical]..are performed by a hand-washing, in a small trough of an oblong shape, called a *sebilla*. 1875 Knight *Dict. Mech.*, *Sebilla*, a wooden bowl, to hold the sand and water used in sawing or grinding marble [etc.].

Sebiparous (sĭbi'pərəs), *a.* [f. Seb-um + -(i)parous.] Producing sebum.
1855 Dunglison *Med. Lex.*, Sebaceous or Sebiparous Glands. 1876 Duhring *Dis. Skin* 31 The sebaceous or sebiparous glands are always situated in the corium.

Se'blet. *dial.* Also 9 siblet (see *E. D. D.*). [Metathesis of *sedlib*, Seedlip.] A basket in which

seed is carried in sowing broadcast; see SEEDLIP. *Seblet cake*: see quot. 1855.

1633–4 *Althorp MS.* in Simpkinson *Washingtons* (1860) App. 64 For a seblet to sowe corne 00 01 00. 1852 BEARN in *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* XIII. I. 101 The drill takes the place of the seblet. 1855 *Leisure Hour* 751 The seblet-cake was a seed-cake with which it was once the custom to regale the workmen when all the wheat for the season had been sown.

Sebolith (se·bŏlĭþ). *Path.* [f. L. *sēb-um* (see SEBUM) + -(o)LITH.] 'A calculus formed in a sebaceous gland' (*Syd. Soc. Lex.* 1898).

Seborrhœa (sebŏrĭ·ă). *Path.* [f. *sebo-* used as combining form of SEBUM + Gr. *ῥοία* flow, flux.] An excessive discharge from the sebaceous glands forming a greasy or scaly coating upon the skin.

1876 DUHRING *Dis. Skin* 48 Sebaceous crusts, as those of seborrhoea, are light yellow, dirty yellow, or blackish in color. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 759 The name seborrhœa..is not a satisfactory one.

Hence **Seborrhœ·ic** *a.*, of the nature of, or pertaining to, seborrhœa.

1893 CROCKER *Dis. Skin* (ed. 2) 696 Seborrhœic Dermatitis. *Ibid.* 355 The last-named wishes to revert to the old term of seborrhœic wart. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 904 The diplococcus of seborrhœic eczema.

Sebow, variant of SYBO.

†**Sebum** (sī·bŏm). *Phys.* [mod.L. use of L. *sēbum* (also *sēvum*) suet, grease.] The fatty secretion which lubricates the hair and the skin.

[1706 PHILLIPS (ed. Kersey), *Sevum*, or *Sebum*, Sewet, Tallow. 1728 CHAMBERS *Cycl.* s. v. *Glandula*, *Glandulæ Sebaceæ*..separate a greasy Matter, like *Sebum*, or Tallow. 1845 TODD & BOWMAN *Phys. Anat.* I. 83 The softer kinds of fat were denominated by the older anatomists *pinguedo*, *lard*; and the more solid, *sebum* or *sevum*, suet, tallow.] 1876 DUHRING *Dis. Skin* 33 The sebaceous glands secrete a fatty product known as sebum or sebaceous matter. 1887 AFFLECK in *Encycl. Brit.* XXII. 121/1 The sebum frequently accumulates in the sebaceous ducts, giving rise to the minute black points..to which the term comedones is applied. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 666 The secretion of sebum is diminished.

Sebundy (sĭbʊ·ndi). Also 8 **sibbandy**, **-endy**, **sybundee**, 8–9 **sebundee**, **sib(b)undy**, 9 **sib(b)undi**, **sib(b)andi**, **seebundee**, **-y**, **shi-**, **sirbandi**, **sibondi**. [Urdū سبندي *sibandī*.] A class of irregular soldiers in the Indian army chiefly employed in police and revenue duties and on local government service; also a member of this class.

1782 BURKE *Nabob of Arcot's Debts* App. IV. Wks. 1792 II. 536 One considerable charge upon the naboh's country was for extraordinary sibbendies, sepoys, and horsemen, who appeared to us to be an unnecessary incumbrance on the revenue. 1784 *Report* in Carmichael *Vizagapatam* 209 Sibbandy & Pike [= *phik*] peons for the forts and hilly countries. 1803 WELLINGTON in Gurw. *Desp.* (1837) II. 171 In times of war the sebundy of the country are hired and paid. *a* 1821 R. LINDSAY *Anecd. Ind. Life* (1840) 19 *note*, Here I found him in the command of a regiment of Sebundees, or native militia. 1823 SIR J. MALCOLM *Central India* I. 326 In all these services Ameer Khan and his followers were employed as Sebundy, or local militia. 1858 J. B. NORTON *Topics* 168 An addition to the armed sebundies of Vizagapatam was necessary to this end, and it was proposed to locate a body of this force..in the very considerable town of Jeypoor.

attrib. 1803 WELLINGTON in Gurw. *Desp.* (1837) II. 169 It would be best to authorize the collectors to raise sebundy troops for these services.

Sec, obs. form of SACK *sb.*[1], SICK *a.*

Sec., abbreviation of SECANT, SECOND, SECTION, SECRETARY, etc.

1641 in *Nicholas Pap.* (1886) 8 Mr. Sec. Vane. 1878 *Athletic World* 5 Apr. 3/1 The Mile..was..won..in the fair time of 4 min. 40 3–5th sec. 1881 *Sportsman's Yearbk.* 125 A very fine race..Time, 1 min. 16½ secs.

Secability (sekăbi·lĭti). *rare*—[1]. [ad. late L. *secābilitās*, f. *secābilis*: see prec. and -ITY.] Capability of being cut.

1842 T. GRAHAM *Elem. Chem.* I. iii. 119 It is possible that it [matter] may not be indefinitely divisible; that there may be a limit to the successive division or secability of its parts.

†**Secable**, *a. Obs. rare*—[1]. [ad. late L. *secābilis*, f. L. *secāre* to cut: see -ABLE.] Capable of being cut.

1642 E. WIRLEY *Prisoners Rep.* A 4 b, 'T was a thicke wall built with soft freestone, and therefore the more secable.

‖ **Secale** (sĭkā·lī). *Bot.* [L. *secāle* rye.] A genus of grasses, represented by the common rye.

In *Pharmacy*, formerly used for *secale cornutum*, ergot.

1584 COGAN *Haven Health* v. (1612) 26 Secale commonly called Rie, a Graine much vsed in Bread. 1785 MARTYN *Rousseau's Bot.* xiii. (1794) 143 Secale or Rie has two flowers included in the same calyx.

†**Secament.** *Obs.*—[0] [ad. L. *secāmentum* (only pl., carved work), f. *secāre* to cut: see -MENT.] (See quot.)

1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr.*, *Secament*, that which is cut or shread from a Log or Block, as chips, and such like.

Secancy (se·kănsi). [f. SECANT: see -CY.] The properly or fact of being secant.

1857 C. DAVIES & W. G. PECK *Math. Dict.* s. v. *Secant*, If a secant line be revolved about one of the points of secancy until the other point of secancy coincides with it the secant becomes a tangent.

‖ **Se·cans.** *Obs.* Pl. **seca·ntes**. [L. form of next.] = SECANT *sb.*

The mod.L. *secans* in this use was introduced by Thomas Finck *Geom. Rotundi*, Basle 1583, pp. 73, 76.

1599 E. WRIGHT *Err. Navig.* D 1, The Secans of the latitude of each poynt. *Ibid.*, The Secantes answerable to the latitudes of each point or parellel.

Secant (sī·kănt), *a.* and *sb.* [a. L. *secant-em*, pres. pple. of *secāre* to cut. Cf. F. *sécant* adj., *sécante* sb., Sp., Pg., It. *secante*.]

A. *adj. Geom.* Of a line or surface in relation to another line or surface; Cutting, intersecting.

1593 BLUNDEVIL *Exerc.* II. (1597) 57 b, They call the line Secant the Hipothenuse. 1864 WEBSTER, *Secant plane*, a plane cutting a surface or solid. 1866 PROCTOR *Handbk. Stars* 16 By increasing the true length in the proportion of the whole length of the secant line..to that part of it which lies between the point of projection and the division-point in P. A.

B. *sb.* (Ellipt. for *secant line.*) a. *Trig.* One of the three fundamental trigonometrical functions (cf. TANGENT, SINE): *orig.* The length of a straight line drawn from the centre of a circular arc through one end of the arc, and terminated by the tangent or line touching the arc at the other end; in mod. use, the ratio of this line to the radius, or (equivalently, as a function of an angle), the ratio of the hypotenuse of a right-angled triangle to that of one side, the given angle (or, if obtuse, its supplement) being that contained between them. Abbrev. *sec.* See SECANS.

1593 BLUNDEVIL *Exerc.* II. (1597) 104 The Table of Secants. 1681 COLVIL *Whigs Supplic.* (1751) 23 In which scheme if ye draw some lines, Ye may have secants, tangents, signs. 1752 *Phil. Trans.* XLVII. 443 We have..to find..the secant of the spherical hypothenuse. 1811 HUTTON *Course Math.* III. 55 The secant of an arc. 1868 LOCKYER *Elem. Astron.* § 516. 243 The secant of *A* (written *sec. A*).

b. *Geom.* A line that cuts another; esp. a straight line that cuts a curve in two or more parts.

1684 *Elem. Geom.* 24 From the Center D, draw the Secant DC. 1728 CHAMBERS *Cycl.* s.v., The Line AM..is a Secant of the Circle AED. 1798 HUTTON *Course Math.* I. 304 The Angle formed, Without a Circle, by two Secants, is Measured by Half the Difference of the Intercepted Arcs. 1881 CASEY *Sequel to Euclid* 92 If from any point two tangents be drawn to a circle, the points of contact and the points of intersection of any secant from the same point form a harmonic system of points. 1887 J. H. SMITH *Geometr. Conic Sect.* 18 Hence a secant to the parabola cuts the curve in two points only.

Secar, obs. form of SAKER [2].

1699 ROBERTS *Voy. Levant* 36 Jacomores Castle..fortified with 20 Secar Iron Guns.

‖ **Sécateur** (sekatŏr). [Fr., as if ad. L. **secātor* (bad form for *sector*), agent-n. f. *secāre* to cut.] A kind of pruning shears with crossed blades. *rare* in *sing.*

1881 *Encycl. Brit.* XII. 234/1 For pruning purposes a variety of instruments have been invented, under the names of sécateurs, pruning-shears, pruning-scissors, &c. 1901 *Gardener* 12 Jan. 1052/2 In certain positions it is difficult to sever a shoot with the knife without steadying it with the other hand; the sécateurs steady and cut at the same time. 1909 *Daily Chron.* 13 Mar. 7/6 All dead stems should be removed with a sharp knife or secateur.

†**Seca·tion.** *Obs.* [Badly f. L. *secāre* to cut + -ATION.] (See quot. 1656.)

1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr.*, *Secation*, a cutting, sawing, parting, or dividing. 1657 J. WATTS *Scribe, Pharisee*, etc. I. 21 The best Physician comes seldom, and very hardly, to searing, or secation of a Member from the body.

Secatour, variant of SECUTOR *Obs.*, executor.

Secau, obs. form of SICCA.

†**Se·ccatored**, *ppl. a. Obs. rare*—[1]. [f. It. *seccatore* a bore.] Bored.

1763 EARL MARCH *Let. to Selwyn* 1 July in Jesse *Selwyn & Contemp.* (1843) I. 247 Williams suspects you begin to be a little *seccatored*.

Secchell, obs. form of SATCHEL *sb.*

‖ **Secco** (se·kko), *a.* and *sb.* [It. *secco* :—L. *siccus* dry.] A. *adj.* in *Music.* (See quots.)

1876 STAINER & BARRETT *Dict. Mus. Terms*, *Sec* (Fr.), *Secco* (It.), dry, unadorned, plain, as *recitativo secco*, plain recitative, that is, without band accompaniments. 1883 GROVE *Dict. Mus.* III. 454/2 *Secco Recitative*, accurately *Recitativo Secco*—that is 'dry'..The simplest form of Declamatory Music, unrelieved either by Melody or Rhythm, and accompanied only by a Thoroughbass.

B. *sb.* in *Painting.* Ellipt. for It. *fresco secco*, 'dry fresco', a process of painting on dry plaster with colours mixed with water.

1852 ROCK *Ch. of Fathers* III. i. 194 *note*, It is painted in secco, over the western side of the great arch. 1854 FAIRHOLT *Dict. Terms Art*, *Secco* (Ital.), fresco painting 'in secco' is that kind which absorbs the colours into the plaster, and gives them a dry, sunken appearance.

Seccoon, variant of SECONDE *Fencing.*

Seccotine (se·kotīn), *sb.* [App. suggested by It. *secco* dry. Cf. -INE.] The maker's name for a composition serving as a strong adhesive. Hence **Se·ccotine** *v. trans.*, to cement with seccotine.

1894 *Trade Marks Jrnl.* 19 Dec. 1040 Seccotine. 1903 GROSS & COLE *Mod. Microscopy* (ed. 3) 220 Seccotine or some other liquid glue may be used with advantage. 1903 *Daily News* 23 May 8/4 These spots are sometimes made of velvet seccotined to the material that they adorn.

Seccutur, variant of SECUTOR *Obs.*, executor.

Secce, obs. form of CEASE, SEIZE.

Secede (sĭsī·d), *v.* [ad. L. *sēcēdĕre* to withdraw, f. *sē-* (see SE-) + *cēdĕre* to go.]

1. *intr.* † a. To go away from one's companions, go into retirement (*obs.*). b. *nonce-use.* Of a thing: To retire, withdraw to a distance. (A Latinism.)

1702 MATHER *Magn. Christi* III. Introd. (1852) 240 A strange work of God upon the spirits of men that were no ways acquainted with one another inspiring them, as one man, to secede into a wilderness, they knew not where. 1856 RUSKIN *Mod. Paint.* IV. v. xix. § 31 The great mountains secede into supremacy through rosy depths of burning air.

2. To withdraw formally from an alliance, an association, a federal union, a political or religious organization.

The most prominent applications of the verb are to the action of a minority of a religious body, and to that of a state forming part of a federal union.

1755 JOHNSON, *To secede*, to withdraw from fellowship in any affair. 1777 BURKE *Let. to Rockingham* Wks. IX. 170 He is of opinion, that if you adhere to your resolution of seceding, you ought not to appear on the first day of the meeting. 1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) XVII. 226/2 Accordingly the ejected ministers declared in their protest that they were laid under the disagreeable necessity of seceding, not from the principles and constitution of the church of Scotland,..but from the present church-courts. 1825 JEFFERSON *Autobiog.* Wks. 1859 I. 13 Possibly their colonies might secede from the Union. 1846 J. MACFARLANE *Late Secess. Ch. Scot.* 124 It were grievous misconception to suppose that all who seceded did so on the substantial merits of the question at issue. 1845 S. HINDS in *Encycl. Metrop.* X. 764/1 He who is convinced that his Church is essentially in error is bound to secede. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* xlvi, A member of the house from which old Sedley had seceded was very glad to make use of Mr. Clapp's services. 1876 E. MELLOR *Priesth.* viii. 391 The numerous clergy..who have seceded to Rome. 1883 H. B. LEECH in *Contemp. Rev.* XLIII. 267 The law..suggests a distrust of the State which secedes from a confederacy without justifiable excuse.

b. *rarely* in wider sense: To withdraw from taking part (in conversation).

1856 Miss MULOCK *J. Halifax* xii, The conversation fell to the three younger persons—I may say the two—for I also seceded, and left John master of the field.

Hence **Seced·ed** *ppl. a.*

1894 *Daily News* 25 Apr. 4/7 Even in Birmingham multitudes of seceded Liberals are tired of serving the Tory party.

Seceder (sĭsī·dəɹ). [f. SECEDE *v.* + -ER [1].]

1. One who secedes.

1755 JOHNSON, *Seceder*, one who discovers his disapprobation of any proceedings by withdrawing himself. 1787 SIR J. HAWKINS *Johnson* 425 *note*, I was the only seceder from this society. 1808 *Med. Jrnl.* XIX. 323, I had reason at this time to consider myself the first seceder from the established practice. 1844 H. H. WILSON *Brit. India* I. i. I. 101 Athough seceders in some respects from the orthodox religion of the Hindus, the Sikhs retain so many essential articles of the Brahmanical faith that [etc.]. 1851 W. E. SCUDAMORE (*title*) Letters to a Seceder from the Church of England to the Communion of Rome. 1861 *Sat. Rev.* 7 Dec. 570 He says that the Northern Americans would have been stigmatized as cowards if they had let the seceders go in peace.

2. *spec.* A member of the Secession Church.

1758 A. GELLATLY *Some Observ.* To Rdr. 2 *note*, As they made a Secession from the established Church, they are termed Seceders. 1771 SMOLLETT *Humph. Cl.* II. 8 Aug., There is a sect of fanaticks, who have separated themselves from the established kirk, under the name of Seceders. 1835 [T. JACKSON] *Man. Sects & Heresies* 112 *Seceders*, a numerous sect of Presbyterians in Scotland, who have withdrawn from the communion of the Established Church...The Seceders were formerly subdivided into Burghers and Anti-burghers ..; but in 1829 the two bodies were re-joined under the name of the United Secession Church.

b. *attrib.*

1833 J. S. SANDS *Poems* 51 (E. D. D.) He raised a kirk himsel' alane Just on the great Seceder plan. 1834 *Tait's Mag.* I. 16/1 The Seceder meeting-house. 1854 H. MILLER *Sch. & Schm.* (1858) 544 Which I had overheard in my cousin the Seceder minister's house.

Seceding (sĭsī·dĭŋ), *ppl. a.* [f. SECEDE *v.* + -ING [2].] That secedes; *occas.* † belonging to the Secession Church.

1757 SMOLLETT *Hist. Eng.* (1760) XI. 54 The seceding members had again resumed their seats in the house of commons. 1758 A. GELLATLY *Some Observ.* To Rdr. 2 The seceding (or associate) Ministers thought [etc.]. 1868 G. DUFF *Polit. Surv.* (1868) 121 Reconstruction is readmission of the seceding States to political communion. 1886 GLADSTONE in Morley *Life* IX. vii. (1903) III. 322 Will the seceding colleagues come if they are asked?

Secern (sĭsɜ·ɹn), *v.* Also 7 **secerne**. [ad. L. *sēcernĕre*, f. *sē-* aside (see SE-) + *cernĕre* to separate, distinguish, secrete. In its physiological application (sense 2) the Latin word renders Gr. *ἀποκρίνειν*.]

1. *trans.* To separate; now only, to separate in thought; to place in a separate category, distinguish, discriminate.

1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr.*, *Secerne*, to divide, to lay or separate one from another, to sever, to chuse from among others. *Bac.* 1657 W. MORICE *Coena quasi Κοινή* iii. 148 A local and bodily secerning our selves from evil men. *a* 1734 NORTH *Exam.* I. iii. § 92 (1740) 187 An Herculean Labour which..few or none will undertake, and yet fewer be able throughout to secern the true from the false. 1836–7 SIR W. HAMILTON *Metaph.* xxvii. (1870) II. 156 Averroes secerns a sense of titillation and a sense of hunger and thirst. 1855 BAILEY *Mystic* 102 Whereby the good from ill they might secern. 1905 *Sat. Rev.* 15 Apr. 483 He knows that mimes cannot be utterly secerned from their life of mimicry.

2. *Phys.* To separate from the blood; to SECRETE. Now *rare.*

1657 W. MORICE *Coena quasi Κοινή* Pref. 18 Humors which ..being secerned and gathering head [etc.]. 1779 C. CAUTWELL *Adv. to Lying-in Women* 6 Milk..being secerned. 1822–29 *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 3) II. 165 An unusual proportion of bile is secerned. 1849–52 *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* IV.

1114/1 The secretion of the gland..is simply secerned from the circulating current for a time.

absol. 1626 BACON *Sylva* § 680 Their Flesh doth assimilate more finely, and secerneth more subtilly.

Secerned (sĭsə·nd), *ppl. a.* [f. SECERN *v.* + -ED [1].] Secretcd.

1722 QUINCY *Lex. Phys.-Med.* (ed. 2) 17 The secerned Particles for Nourishment and Accretion. 1728 CHAMBERS *Cycl.* s.v. *Animal Secretion*, Diversities of secerned Fluids. 1822–29 *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 3) V. 262 Proving that most of the secerned materials are not formally existent in the blood.

Secernent (sĭsə·nĕnt), *a.* and *sb.* [ad. L. *sēcernentem*, pres. pple. of *sēcernĕre*: see SECERN *v.*]

A. *adj.* That secretes.

1822–29 *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 3) V. 261 Peculiar ferments, conveyed by the blood to the secernent organ. 1835–6 *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* I. 65/2 The activity of the nutritive, secernent, and absorbent processes.

B. *sb. Phys.* a. A secreting organ.

1808 *Ann. Reg.* 115 The secernents of its cutis exude a sweet, saccharine, nutritive gum. 1822–29 *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 3) V. 261 Whence, indeed, the name of Secernents or Secretories, which mean nothing more than separating powers. 1844 HOBLYN *Dict. Med., Secernents.*

† b. Something which promotes secretion. *Obs.*—o In Webster 1828, with reference to Darwin; see the following quot.:

[1796 E. DARWIN *Zoon.* II. 694 Those things which increase the irritative motions, which constitute secretion, are termed secernentia.]

Secerning (sĭsə·nĭŋ), *ppl. a.* [f. SECERN *v.* + -ING [2].] = SECERNENT *a.*

a 1721 KEILL *Anim. Œcon.* (1738) 104 The Secretions are formed in the Blood, before they arrive at their secerning Glands. 1804 T. TROTTER *Ess. Drunkenness* iv. § II. 134 All secreted fluids partake of the vices of the secerning organ. *a* 1843 J. F. SOUTH in *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) VII. 259/1 Of the Secerning Glands or True Glands.

Secernment (sĭsə·nmĕnt). [f. SECERN *v.* + -MENT.]

1. *Phys.* The action of secerning or secreting.

1822–29 *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 3) II. 310 The globules are produced while it lies on the surface of the sore, usually..in about fifteen minutes after its secernment. 1835 KIRBY *Hab. & Inst. Anim.* II. xviii. 268 The means..for rejecting from the body the residuum after the secernment..of the finer life-supporting products.

2. Separation.

1894 *Yellow Bk.* I. 72 With the universal use of cosmetics and the consequent secernment of soul and surface.

Secesh (sĭse·ʃ), *sb.* and *a. colloq.* [Shortened from SECESSION.] A. *sb. U. S. Hist.* A secessionist. Also secessionists collectively.

1862 O. W. HOLMES *Old Vol. of Life* (1891) 36 'There are two wounded Secesh', said my companion. 1879 TOURGEE *Fool's Errand* vi. 25, I was one of the original 'Secesh',—one of the immortal thirteen that voted for it in this county.

¶ b. *nonce-use.* Secession.

1868 GREEN *Lett.* II. (1901) 203 A Limehouse grocer proclaims his secesh from Newton.

B. *adj.* = SECESSIONIST *a.*

1861 *Ohio Statesman* 6 Nov. in *A. E. Lee's Hist. Columbus* II. 102 The following distinguished secesh prisoners have been sent. 1862 'ARTEMUS WARD' *His Bk.* (1865) 145 He axed what was my principles? 'Secesh!' I answered. 1871 SIR S. NORTHCOTE in *Life* (1890) II. 38 The whole town [Richmond, Va.] is still 'Secesh' to the heart's core.

Secesher (sĭse·ʃəɹ). *colloq. U. S.* [f. SECESH + -ER [1].] A secessionist.

1861 O. W. HOLMES *Sweet Little Man* 47 While the wind scatters the chaffy seceshers. 1861 LOWELL *Biglow P.* Ser. II. i. Poems 1890 II. 239 Knowin' t' much might spile a boy for bein' a Secesher.

† **Sece·ss.** *Obs.* [ad. L. *sēcessus* (*u* stem), f. *sēcēdĕre*: see SECEDE *v.*] Withdrawing; retirement. Also a secession, revolt from allegiance.

1563 FOXE *A. & M.* (1596) 789/2 This sickenes tooke him after supper, with the which he vehemently contending, required secesse into a hye chamber. 1647 H. MORE *Song of Soul* 8/1 Silent Secesse, wast Solitude Deep searching thoughts often renew'd. 1663 HEATH *Flagellum* Pref. (1672) 2 For there have been more Revolts, Defections, and Secesses made in Europe, than for many Centuries before. 1675 A. HUYBERTS *Corner-Stone* 18 This contrivance was made.. merely for fear lest these should make a Secess to Mount Aventine, and set up for a popular Rebellion..against the Senate of the Colledge.

Secession (sĭse·ʃən). [ad. L. *sēcessiōn-em*, n. of action f. *sēcēdĕre*: see SECEDE *v.* Cf. F. *sécession* (17th c. in Hatz.-Darm.), Sp. *secesion*, It. *secessione.*]

† 1. The action or an act of going away from one's accustomed neighbourhood, or of retiring from public view; the condition of living remote from one's former home, or retired from public view; retirement. *Obs.*

1604 F. HERING *Mod. Defence* B j, Secession and departing the city hath beene a meane to preserue many [from the Plague]. 1645 BP. HALL *Peace-maker* viii. 64 The cels and cloysters of retired Votaries, whose very secession proclaimes their contempt of sinfull seculars. 1648 — *Select Th.* Pref., To make use of my late Secession for the production of divers..Tractates. 1659 PEARSON *Creed* (1839) 302 The unspotted soul of our Jesus was really and actually separated from his body, that his flesh was bereft of natural life by the secession of that soul. 1689 *Andros Tracts* II. 152 They [the Puritan founders of New England] resolved on a peaceable secession into a corner of the World. 1760 STERNE *Tr. Shandy* IV. xv, No desire—or fear—or doubt that troubles the air,..that the imagination may not pass over without offence in that sweet secession. 1803 BEDDOES *Hygëia* x. 31 During this secession he lived under the same roof with an insane patient. 1847 YEOWELL *Anc. Brit. Ch.* x. 106 The secession of many eminent men from the island.

† b. Of a material thing: Departnre, removal to a distance; separation. *Obs.*

1633 T. ADAMS *Exp.* 2 *Peter* v. 19 Natural darkness;.. necessarily following upon the secession or absence of the sun. 1646 SIR T. BROWNE *Pseud. Ep.* II. ii. 57 The accession of bodyes upon, or secession thereof, from its surface. 1797 CRUIKSHANK in *Phil. Trans.* LXXXVII. 213 The secession of the amnion from the chorion.

† c. (See quot.) *Obs.*

1706 PHILLIPS (ed. Kersey), *Secession of a Parliament*, the Adjournment or breaking-up of it.

2. *Rom. Hist.* Used to render L. *secessio* (*plebis*), the temporary migration of the plebeians to a place outside the city, in order to compel the patricians to grant redress of their grievances.

1533 BELLENDEN *Livy* II. xxiv. (S. T. S.) I. 231 At þat tyme war acceppit be þame may wikkit & sorouffull lawis þan evir war acceppit be secessioun of pepill to þe sacrate montane. *a* 1760 W. DUNCAN *Cicero's Sel. Orat.* xiv. (1841) 298 At first, Caesar, you thought it only a secession, not a war. 1878 BOSW. SMITH *Carthage* 63 Nor need we relate..how these same Plebeians,..by..their secessions to the sacred mount first obtained inviolable magistrates of their own.

† b. A desertion, repudiation of allegiance. *Obs.*

1601 BP. W. BARLOW *Serm. Paules Crosse* 23 They..who with Shebah,..will make a secession from their prince.

3. The action of seceding or formally withdrawing from an alliance, a federation, a political or religious organization, or the like. Hence, a body of seceders.

War of Secession: the American Civil War (1861–5), which arose out of the attempt of eleven of the Southern States to secede from the United States of North America.

1660 R. COKE *Power & Subj.* 222 The Sesession [*sic*] of the Church, King, and Kingdom of England, from the Papacy. 1670 in Somers *Tracts* I. 12 This Secession of Members did very much facilitate the Entry into, and Continuance of the War. 1697 S. SEWALL *Diary* 30 Sept. (1878) I. 460 That Mr. Cotton should make an orderly secession from the Church. 1777 BURKE *Let. to Rockingham* Wks. IX. 171 If the Secession were to be general, such an attendance, followed by such an act, would have force. 1825 MACAULAY *Ess., Milton* (1851) I. 21 After so many deaths, secessions and expulsions. 1845 *Encycl. Metrop.* X. 764/1 The Church of England..would be naturally perpetuated as it now is, and every secession from it would be as truly a Schism. 1848 MRS. JAMESON *Sacr. & Leg. Art* (1850) 115 The secession of the Protestant Church. 1861 LOWELL *E Pluribus Unum* Pr. Wks. 1890 V. 53 Rebellion smells no sweeter because it is called Secession. 1861 *Times* 23 May, The term 'secession' is objected to,..because 'secession', like 'federation', expresses an absolute equality and correlation of rights which..the Northern States are not prepared to concede. 1872 YEATS *Growth Comm.* 355 If the private interest of any town could be better served by severance from the league there was no spirit to prevent a secession. 1879 *Encycl. Brit.* X. 469/2 (*Germany*), Several communities as well as individuals declared their secession from the Roman Church. 1885 M. PATTISON *Mem.* 235, I have spoken of the sudden lull which fell upon Oxford..the moment the secessions to Rome were announced. 1888 A. JOHNSTON in *Encycl. Brit.* XXIII. 772/2 Some assurance of united action must have been obtained, for South Carolina ventured into secession.

b. *spec.* The separation from the Established Church of Scotland, initiated in 1733 by the Rev. Ebenezer Erskine and other ministers; the religious body (more fully *the Secession Church*) which originated from this separation.

1733 E. ERSKINE, etc. *Protest* in A. Thomson *Hist. Secession Ch.* (1848) 72 Therefore we do..protest that we are obliged to make a secession from them [the prevailing party in this Established Church], and that we can have no ministerial communion with them, till [etc.]. 1782 J. BROWN *Addr. Students of Div.* p. xviii, I look upon the Secession as indeed the Cause of God. 1860 J. CAIRNS *Mem. J. Brown* i. 3 That form of Scottish dissent, called the Secession..had taken its rise in 1733.

c. *rarely* in wider sense: Withdrawal (from a share in conversation, etc.).

1843 LYTTON *Last of Barons* I. vi, Perfectly unconscious of the secession of his other listeners.

† 4. (See quots.) *Obs.*

1657 TOMLINSON *Renou's Disp.* I. xiv. 28 A Medicament is called Cathartick, or purging, because by some way it draws noxious humours out of our bodies, as by vomiting, or secession. 1724 BAILEY (ed. 2), *Secession* (among Physicians), the going off [1742 (ed. 10) of a Disease] by Secretion.

5. *attrib.* and *Comb.*: a. in sense 3 b, as in *Secession church, movement, principles, synod*; b. with reference to the attempted secession from the United States (1861–5), as in *secession-sympathizer*; **Secession War** = *War of Secession* (see 3).

1803 W. TAYLOR *J. Brown's Lett. on Toleration* Pref. 19 Evils which he saw coming on the Secession Churches. 1835 [T. JACKSON] *Man. Sects & Heresies* 113 In 1829 the two bodies were re-joined under the name of the United Secession Church. 1861 WHITTIER in *Life* (1893) 136 In so doing I seem to take sides with the secession-sympathisers of the North. 1867 *Chamb. Encycl.* IX. 645/2 It is not necessary to describe minutely the gradual extension of the 'Secession movement'. 1883 *Encycl. Brit.* XV. 132/2 This departure ..from Secession principles. *Ibid.*, Negotiations for union between the Burghers and Antiburghers resulted, in 1820, in the formation of the United Secession Synod. 1899 *Daily News* 19 Oct. 6/4 Colonel Henderson..has long since made an exhaustive and minute study of the Secession War.

6. *attrib.* (quasi-*adj.*) in the senses: a. Belonging to the Secession Church; b. Favouring the cause of secession (from the United States), secessionist. (With capital S.)

1838 A. THOMSON *Hist. Secession Ch.* 171 The name among Secession authors which..is best known in purely literary circles is that of Dr. Jamieson. 1863 BRIGHT *Sp. Amer.* 26 Mar. 127 Not Union planters only, but Secession planters began to bring in the produce.

Secessional (sĭse·ʃənăl), *a.* [f. prec. + -AL.]

1. Of or pertaining to secession.

1884 *Manch. Exam.* 8 Apr. 5/1 If..any whiff of secessional sentiment has blown upon him, he must have been restored to his better purpose.

2. *Sc.* Pertaining to the Secession Church. *Obs.*

1838 *United Secession Mag.* Feb. 103 Secessional Intelligence. 1844 J. MACFARLANE *Mem. J. Campbell* iii. 69 These [interests of Gospel truth] are insured in Secessional testimonies.

Secessionism (sĭse·ʃəniz'm). [f. SECESSION + -ISM.] a. *U. S. Hist.* The principles of those in favour of secession. b. *Scottish Ch. Hist.* The principles and doctrine of the Secession Church.

1898 E. MARTYN *Neal Dow* xxxiv. in *New York Voice* 5 May 6/5 Lincoln..found himself in possession of a bankrupt government, confronted by an arrogant secessionism. 1899 *Q. Rev.* July 177 Carlyle represented the 'dour' secessionism of the Border peasantry. 1904 R. SMALL *Hist. U. P. Congreg.* I. 328 Such were the workings of disrupted Secessionism at Alyth.

Secessionist (sĭse·ʃənist). [f. SECESSION + -IST.] One who favours secession; one who joins in a secession. a. *spec.* in *U. S. Hist.* One in favour of the attempt of the Southern States to withdraw from the Union.

1860 BARTLETT *Dict. Amer.* (ed. 3), *Secessionists*, the party in the South which would dissolve the Union, or go out of it immediately, without the coöperation of other States. Another party, calling themselves 'coöperationists', would only dissolve it when other States had joined them. 1861 LOWELL *E Pluribus Unum* Pr. Wks. 1890 V. 52 The list of grievances put forward by the secessionists is a sham and a pretence. 1892 *Nation* (N. Y.) 14 July 32/2 The secessionists made war, not only on the Union, but on the progress of the age.

b. *gen.*

1881 G. J. HOLYOAKE in *Daily News* 26 Oct. 6/4 The Irish Secessionists. 1901 *Daily Chron.* 1 July 3/5 Their [*i.e.* Austrian painters] work suggests that as Secessionists, they have felt the necessity of doing something as no one has done it before. 1902 *Scotsman* 3 Jan. 6/2 Other 'secessionists' ['blackleg' workmen] managed to reach their homes safely, but only under strong police escort.

c. *attrib.* and *appositive* (quasi-*adj.*).

1861 *Morn. Chron.* 3 Aug., The plough lying abandoned, as it was left by the secessionist owner. 1898 MCCARTHY *Gladstone's Life* 239 Disraeli accepted the support of the secessionist Liberals.

† **Sece·ssive,** *a. Obs.* [as if ad. L. **sēcessīvus*, f. *sēcēdĕre*: see SECEDE *v.*] Retired, private.

1653 URQUHART *Rabelais* I. xl, Like dung-chewers and excrementitious eaters, they are cast into the privies and secessive places, that is the Covents and Abbeys. *Ibid.* III. viii, Conserved and put in store as in a Secessive Repository, and Sacred Warehouse.

Sech(e : see SEEK, SIEGE, SIGH, SITCH, SUCH.

Sechell, Secher, Sechino, Secir, obs. ff. SATCHEL, SEEKER, SEQUIN, SICKER.

Seck, *a.*: see RENT-SECK.

Seck(e, obs. forms of SACK *sb.*[1], *sb.*[3], SICK *a.*

Secke, obs. pa. t. of SUCK *v.*

Seckel (se·kĕl). Also **Seckle.** [See quot. 1817.] A kind of pear. Also *Seckel pear.*

1817 W. COXE *View Cultiv. Fruit Trees Amer.* 189 Seckle Pear...So called from Mr. Seckle of Philadelphia, the proprietor of the original tree. 1845 DOWNING *Fruits Amer.* 416 The Seckel pear. 1860 HOGG *Fruit Man.* 211 (Pears) Seckle (New York Red-cheek; Shakespear; Sicker).—Fruit small, obovate. Skin yellowish-brown [etc.].

Secker, obs. form of SICKER *a.*

Secket, dial. variant of SIKET (runnel).

Seckle, var. SECKEL; and of SICKLE *a. Obs.*

Secktur, variant of SECUTOR *Obs.*, executor.

† **Se·cky,** *a. Obs.* [? Corruption of *seggy*, SEDGY *a.*] ? Sedgy.

1610 W. FOLKINGHAM *Art of Survey* I. x. 28 They soile their sandy layers (both blacke and red) being seckie, tough and wet, with lime.

† **Se·cle.** *Obs.* Also 7 sæcle. [ad. (prob. independently by several writers) L. *sēclum, sæculum* age: see SECULAR *a.* For the forms obtained through Fr., see SIECLE.] A century, an age.

c 1532 DU WES *Introd. Fr.* in *Palsgr.* 1079 The Romayns [were wont to reken] by lustres..and by indicions..: a secle is an hundred yere, and sometyme taken for a mannes lyfe. 1644 HAMMOND *Pract. Catech.* I. ii. (1646) 10 'Tis wont to be said that three generations make one sæcle, or hundred yeares. 1772 [T. NUGENT] tr. *Hist. Fr. Gerund* I. 352 To the argent season succeeded the secle hight ferruginous. 1846 KEIGHTLEY *Notes Virg., Bucol.* iv. Observ., The augural books of the Tuscans said that there were successive secles or ages assigned to states and empires.

Secler(e, obs. forms of SECULAR.

Secli, variant of SICKLE *v. Obs.*

Seclude (sĭklū·d), *v.* Also 6 secluid. [ad. L. *sēclūdĕre*, f. *sē-* (see SE-) + *claudĕre* to shut. Cf. OF. *seclorre.*

Now almost restricted to sense 2, which is close to the primary etymological meaning, though narrower than the use of *secludere* in Latin. Formerly often used loosely as a synonym of *exclude*: see 3, 4, 5 below.]

† 1. *trans.* To shut off, obstruct the access to (a thing). Const. *from. Obs.*

1451 CAPGRAVE *Life St. Gilbert* 127 The last two dayes was his drynk secluded fro him, so closed wer his pipes. *a* 1548 HALL *Chron., Hen. VI*, 87 The sure nutriment of their liuyng was from them secluded.

2. † **a.** To shut up apart, to enclose or confine so as to prevent access or influence from without. Const. *from*. Also, to enclose or confine (a material thing) in a separate place. *Obs.* (merged in 2 b.)

1597 A. M. tr. *Guillemeau's Fr. Chirurg.* 32 b/2 To drawe therout all humors which are therin secluded. 1599 — tr. *Gabelhouer's Bk. Physicke* 23/1 Take also a Peacock, seclud him in the decreasing of the Moon, on some clean Chamber, and collect the dung..therof. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 19 Aug. 1641, The women were secluded from the men, being seated above in galleries. 1728-46 THOMSON *Spring* 1132 Let eastern tyrants from the light of heaven Seclude their bosom slaves.

b. In wider sense: To remove or guard from public view; to withdraw from opportunities of social intercourse. Often *refl.*, to live in retirement or solitude. Chiefly const. *from*.

1628 FORD *Lover's Mel.* II. ii, We are secluded From all good people. 1686 J. SCOTT *Chr. Life* II. vii. Wks. 1718 I. 416 He is secluded by the infinite sacredness of his own Majesty from all immediate converse and intercourse with us. 1726 SWIFT *Gulliver* II. vii, Great Allowances should be given to a King who lives wholly secluded from the rest of the World. 1748 MELMOTH *Fitzosborne Lett.* liv. (1749) II. 68 Virtue..must either..seclude herself in cells and desarts, or [etc.]. 1751 JOHNSON *Rambler* No. 159 ₱ 1 The studious part of mankind, whose education necessarily secludes them in their earlier years from mingled converse. 1788 GIBBON *Decl. & F.* xli. IV. 202 It was enviously secluded from the public view. 1781 V. KNOX *Liberal Educ.* iii. 35 He..will suffer worse consequences from it, than if he had not been secluded from boys at a boyish age. *a* 1834 LAMB *Let. to Southey* in *Mrs. Leicester's Sch.*, etc. (1885) 338 It is an error more particularly incident to persons of the correctest principles and habits, to seclude themselves from the rest of mankind, as from another species, and form into knots and clubs. 1851 HAWTHORNE *Ho. Sev. Gables* xiv, Miss Hepzibah, by secluding herself from society, has lost all true relation with it. 1855 PRESCOTT *Philip II*, II. ii. I. 158 Shut up in his carriage, he seemed desirous to seclude himself from the gaze of his..subjects. 1910 EMILY J. PUTNAM in *Contemp. Rev.* May 556 Under these conditions, it was apparently not necessary to seclude a wife; at any rate, the Roman matron of all periods enjoyed personal freedom.

c. To shut off or screen *from* some external influence.

1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* VI. xvii. I. 124 The region of the Attaci..secluded from all noisome wind and aire. 1870 LOWELL *Among my Bks.* Ser. I. (1873) 170 Investigations and habits of thought that secluded them from baser attractions.

† **3.** To shut or keep out *from* a place, society, etc.; to deny entrance to. Sometimes with double object, To forbid (a person) to enter (a place, etc.).

1498 in J. Bulloch *Pynours* (1887) 57 And quha brekis this Statut..salbe secludit and forboden the tone thai being conuikit thairintill. 1538 BALE *God's Promises* (1908) A ij, Man must nedes be lost, And cleane secluded, from the faythfull chosen sorte, In the heauens abone. 1558 FORREST *Grysilde the Second* 85 So was goode Grysilde secluded the Courte. 1565 STAPLETON tr. *Bede's Hist. Ch. Eng.* 188 Vtterly to seclude from your presence and face..the habit ..and figure of his countinaunce. 1680 *Spirit of Popery* Pref. 2 The Doctrines,..for which the Jesuits are Secluded both Kingdoms by Capital Laws. 1680 *Papists bloody Oath of Secrecy* 4 Till the days of our Grand-Fathers, when in England the Pope and his Clergy were secluded.

† **b.** To debar *from* a privilege, advantage, dignity, succession, etc.; to prevent *from* doing something. Also const. *inf. Obs.*

a 1533 FRITH *Disput. Purgat.* To Chr. Rdr. A iij b, You haue bene of longe continuaunce secluded from the scriptures. 1549 COVERDALE, etc. *Erasm. Par. Heb.* iii. 7-13 Leste he..dooe grieuously puoyshe them, and seclude them from the rest and quietnes promised. 1556 ROBINSON tr. *More's Utopia* II. (ed. 2) 116 b, *marg.*, Irreligious people secluded [*text has* excluded] from all honours. 1557 *Order of Hospitalls* H 7, Upon every fault found, your staffes shall be taken from you, and [you] to be secluded for ever more for serving in those romes. 1560 DAUS tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* 137 h, And by that occasion usurped the Dukedome of Millan, secludyng Valentine [orig. *exclusa Valentina*]. 1574 in *10th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. v. 333 Wives were alwaies secluded and barred to demande any intrest in their said thirde of the said fermes. 1613 SIR T. SMYTHE in *Buccleuch MSS.* (Hist. MSS. Comm.) I. 132 We now know what they endeavour, to seclude us from trading in those parts. 1628 COKE *On Litt.* 99 b, The heire cannot take anything..when the ancestor himself is secluded. 1656 G. COLLIER *Answ.* 15 *Quest.* 5, I shall prove they ought to be secluded [from communion]. 1681 *Let. to Person of Honour conc. D. of M.'s Mother* 12 An apprehension of being otherwise Secluded from his Right over that kingdom. *a* 1722 FOUNTAINHALL *Decis.* (1759) I. 5 If the buyer..must immediately offer it back, so soon as he knows the vitiosity, else will be secluded both from the *redhibitoria* and *quanti minoris*. 1775 JOHNSON *Tax. no Tyr.* 26 They are more secluded from easy recourse to national judicature.

† **c.** To regard as having no share (in something). Const. *from*. *Obs.*

1581 W. CHARKE in *Conf.* IV. (1584) D d iiij b, The ende why works are secluded from iustification doeth proue for me. 1586 A. DAY *Eng. Secretary* II. (1625) 57 Confessing that if any waies I haue erred vnto you, as I will not vtterly seclude my selfe from any errour, it was but..by ignorance. *a* 1676 HALE *Prim. Orig. Man.* I. iii. (1677) 71 Almighty God, whom he totally secludes from the concerns of the World.

† **d.** With noun of action as obj.: To prohibit, preclude. *Obs.*

1566 SECURIS *Detection* B iij b, The..sauegard of many a sick man..shall be hyndred and secluded. 1579 RICE *Invective agst. Vices* C iij, Thou wilt perchaunce saie, that I am to harde to reprehende that thyng, that maie for an honest recreation bee frequented, where as the companie is sober,..secludyng blasphemie, riot, dronkenship, and such like excesse. 1578 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* II. 681 That nane of his Hienes liegis..mak ony bargayne, blok, or conditioun..secluding the ressaving of ony of the Kingis lauchfull money in payment. 1664 EVELYN *Kal. Hort., Nov.* (1679) 29 Enclose your tender Plants..in your Conservatory, secluding all entrance of cold.

† **4.** To exclude from consideration, leave out of account. *Obs.*

a 1533 FRITH *Disput. Purgat.* Prol. A viij b, Imaginginge that two men dispute this matter by naturall reason and phylosophye, secludynge Chryste and all scrypture. 1584 R. SCOT *Discov. Witchcr.* VIII. ii. (1886) 127 Onelie God and man knoweth the heart of man and therefore..the divell must be secluded. 1607 TOPSELL *Four-f. Beasts* 435, I vtterly seclude al their opinions, which translate this word Arabian wolues, for the Hæbrew notes cannot admit such a version or exposition. 1620 E. BLOUNT *Horæ Subs.* 123, I doe not by this seclude society, and conuersation: for such a solitary, & vnsociable disposition, I hold to be worse then this Gadder. 1620 T. GRANGER *Div. Logike* 159 [This] Secludeth ambiguous, equiuocall, or doubtfull significations. 1656 JEANES *Mixt. Schol. Div.* 82 Alwayes provided, you abstract, and seclude that, which implieth imperfection. 1672 WALLIS in Rigaud *Corr. Sci. Men* (1841) II. 531 What I said..was only to seclude that consideration from what was then in hand. 1682 H. MORE *Annot. Glanvill's Lux O.* 69 For such, says he, is God in the rest of his Attributes, if you seclude his Goodness. 1725 WATTS *Logic* I. ii. § 2 If we seclude space out of our consideration.

† **b.** The pr. pple. used absol. as quasi-*prep.*: Excepting, apart from. *Obs.*

1624 F. WHITE *Repl. Fisher* 414 Secluding the authoritie of the Roman Church, there is [etc.]. 1637 C. DOW *Answ. to H. Burton* 168 That we come to know the scriptures by the testimony of the church, and that secluding that, wee cannot..bee perswaded that they are the word of God. 1638 in Spalding *Troub. Chas. I* (Bannatyne Club) I. 58 We condemn no Episcopall Government, secludeing the personall abuse therof. *a* 1677 BARROW *Serm.* iii. Wks. 1687 I. 27 But, secluding a regard to the Precepts of Religion, there can hardly be [etc.]. 1706 W. JONES *Palm. Math.* 129 If all the Negative Products made of the Roots taken by 2's, 3's, 4's, &c. (Secluding their Signs) are equal to all the Affirmative ones. 1728 tr. *Newton's Treat. Syst. World* 22 A body revolved in our air..would (secluding the resistance of the air) compleat a revolution in 1 h. 24′. 27″.

† **5.** To banish, expel *from* a country; to put out of an office or out of membership of a society. (Cf. EXCLUDE *v.* II.) *Obs.*

1572 WHITGIFT *Answ. Admonition* 40 God..prescribeth no generall rule of secluding them from theyr ministerie, if they falling, afterwarde repent. 1632 LITHGOW *Trav.* I. 7, I choosed..to seclude my selfe from my soyle. *a* 1734 NORTH *Life Ld. Keeper North* (1742) Pref. 3 He served his Country in diverse Parliaments, and was misled to sit in that of Forty, till he was secluded.

† **b.** To banish, put away (a thought, etc.). *Obs.*

1549 COVERDALE, etc. *Erasm. Par. Rom.* XV. 14-19 That all heauines and dissencion secluded, it maye please hym to fulfyll you with all ioye and concorde.

† **c.** To expunge from a record. *Obs.*

1550 BALE *Eng. Votaries* I. Ep. Ded., Secludynge theyr names from the lambes boke of lyfe.

d. *Textual criticism.* To exclude as spurious [= mod.L. *secludere*].

1893 A. PLATT in *Classical Rev.* Feb. 31/2 And why should this be secluded, when o 225-256 are retained, though the editors agree with Nitzsch in condemning them?

6. To separate, keep apart. † **a.** To separate as a barrier; to intervene so as to shut off (e. g. a portion of an army from the main body). *Obs.*

1610 HOLLAND *Camden's Brit.* I. 113 The Britwales or Welchmen..were secluded from the English Saxons by a Ditch or Trench which King Offa cast. 1623 BINGHAM *Xenophon* 63 They were driuen to a necessitie, either by force to dislodge the enemy from the place and cut him off, or else to be secluded from the rest of the army. 1632 LITHGOW *Trav.* I. 22 Discending Mount Synais from La Croix Southward, which secludeth Sauoy. *a* 1652 J. SMITH *Sel. Disc.* VI. xiii. (1821) 299 Things..that were cast into periods of time secluded one from another by vast intervals. *a* 1678 MARVELL *Loyal Scot* 93 Nothing but clergy could us two seclude, No Scotch was ever like a bishop's feud.

† **b.** To separate in thought, to consider apart *from*. *Obs.*

1655 FULLER *Ch. Hist.* VIII. 42 Take Queen Mary in her self abstracted from her Opinions, and by her self, secluded from her bloody councellours, and her Memory will justly come under Commendation.

c. To select and separate; to set aside for use.

1771 GOLDSM. *Hist. Eng.* I. 7 No plunder taken in war was used by the captor until the Druids determined what part they should seclude for themselves. 1876 GLADSTONE *Gleanings* II. 333 This transitory literature..requires immense sifting and purgation, like other coarse raw material, in order to reduce the gross to the nett, to seclude, and to express, the metal from the ore.

Secluded (sĭklū·dĕd), *ppl. a.* [f. prec. + -ED 1.]

1. In senses of the vb., *esp.*: Shut up or withdrawn from view; † (of a privilege) withheld from the multitude; † (of a member of parliament) expelled, excluded.

1604 E. G[RIMSTONE] *D'Acosta's Hist. Indies* V. xi. 358 So the Divell hath his sacrifices,..his secluded and fained holinesse, with a thousand sortes of false prophets. 1649 PRYNNE (*title*) A Vindication of the Imprisoned and Secluded Members of the House of Commons From the Aspersions cast upon them. 1660 *Trial Regic.* 86, I was one of the Secluded Members. *a* 1674 CLARENDON *Hist. Reb.* XVI. § 132 He made no scruple to declare, that in justice the secluded members ought to be admitted. 1790 BURKE *Fr. Rev.* Wks. V. 86 If she were communicating some privilege, or laying open some secluded benefit. 1842 J. PEDDIE *Exp. Jonah* vii. 119 Consider the secluded condition of Eastern monarchs. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* xvii, His secluded wife ever smiling and cheerful.

2. Of a place or dwelling: Remote or screened from observation or access; withdrawn from society; seldom visited on account of distance or difficulty of approach; sequestered, retired.

1798 WORDSW. *Poems Imag.* xxvi. *Tintern Abb.* 6 Once again Do I behold these steep and lofty cliffs, That on a wild secluded scene impress Thoughts of more deep seclusion. 1842 J. WILSON *Chr. North* (1857) I. 254 Is not the secluded scene felt to be most beautiful? 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* v. I. 538 In that secluded province his father had bought a small estate. 1862 BURTON *Bk. Hunter* IV. 378 A secluded hollow near the small tarn called Lochcolissor. 1908 [MISS FOWLER] *Betw. Trent & Ancholme* 40 Over-hanging a secluded garden.

Hence **Seclu·dedly** *adv.*, **Seclu·dedness**.

1835 *New Monthly Mag.* XLIII. 455 A bower of the most approved secludedness and beauty. 1837 LOCKHART *Scott* I. v. 164 Both living secludedly, they had scarcely seen each other for many years.

Secluding (sĭklū·dĭŋ), *ppl. a.* [f. SECLUDE *v.* + -ING 2.] That secludes.

a 1851 MOIR *Lines in Park of Kelburn* i. Poet. Wks. 1852 I. 194 The green secluding hills, that hem it round. 1857 J. HAMILTON *Less. fr. Gt. Biog.* 189 With no barrier round Him except His own secluding sanctity.

Secluse (sĭklū·z), *a.* Now *rare*. [ad. L. *sēclūsus*, pa. pple. of *sēclūdĕre* SECLUDE *v.* Cf. OF. *seclus*, Sp. *secluso*.] Secluded; withdrawn from view or from society. † Also *absol.* in plural sense.

1597 BP. HALL *Sat.* II. ii. 4 Whom better fit some cotes of sad secluse. 1603 HARSNET *Decl. Pop. Impost.* iii. 11 Places ..for their situation, beeing remote and secluse from ordinary accesse. 1668 S. PATRICK *Pilgrim* XV. 111, I cannot see by what merit the Seclusе do assume to themselves the title of Religious more than others. 1675 E. W[ILSON] *Spadacrene Dunelm.* 70 Penetrating by its tenuity of parts the most secret and secluse parts of our Bodies. 1858 *Sat. Rev.* 28 Aug. 203/2 His [W. S. Landor's] has always been a secluse, estranged existence. 1861 R. GARNETT in *Macm. Mag.* IV. 248 Who, secluse, a serious priest of Pallas, Daily, nightly, patient accumulatest Lore on lore.

Hence † **Seclu·seness**, secludedness, seclusion.

1847 in WEBSTER. 1860 in WORCESTER (citing MORE).

Seclusion (sĭklū·zən). [ad. med.L. *sēclūsiōnem* (Diefenb.), f. L. *sēclūs-*, *sēclūdĕre*: see SECLUDE *v.*]

1. The action of secluding; † exclusion (*obs.*).

1623 COCKERAM I, *Seclusion*, a shutting apart. 1664 OWEN *Vind. Animad. Fiat Lux* xviii. 450 Nor can I gather that.. you suffered..for your..love to Monarchy: Seeing some of you would have been contented with its everlasting Seclusion. *c* 1680 *Let.* in Somers *Tracts* (1748) I. 131, I think it both unreasonable and unjust, for any Subject of England to attempt his Seclusion from the Crown. 1808 in *Encycl. Brit.* (1885) XIX. 748/2 Recognizing the importance of attempting reformation by the seclusion, employment, and religious instruction of prisoners.

attrib. 1895 *Law Times* 13 July 258 An inmate was subjected to the discipline of a 'seclusion cell'.

2. The condition or state of being secluded; an instance of this. *In seclusion*, apart from society.

1784 COWPER *Task* III. 675 Oh, blest seclusion from a jarring world, Which he, thus occupied, enjoys! 1794 MRS. RADCLIFFE *Myst. Udolpho* XXX, Several days passed with Emily in total seclusion. 1856 STANLEY *Sinai & P.* i. (ed. 3) 96 The elevation and seclusion of some of its edifices, perched high among almost inaccessible rocks. 1872 J. G. MURPHY *Comm., Levit.* xii. Introd., The period of seclusion after child-bearing. 1886 RUSKIN *Præterita* I. 427 Brought up ..in severe seclusion.

3. A place or abode in which one is secluded.

1791 MRS. RADCLIFFE *Rom. Forest* iv, La Motte had now passed above a month in this seclusion. 1829 I. TAYLOR *Enthus.* viii. 196 There was certainly as much piety without as within these seclusions—and much more learning. 1859 HAWTHORNE *Marb. Faun* viii, A seclusion, but seldom a solitude; for..all who breathe Roman air, find free admission. 1884 SINNETT *Esoteric Buddhism* ix. 148 They have sometimes been isolated in separate seclusions.

Seclusionist (sĭklū·zənist). [f. SECLUSION + -IST.] One who advocates seclusion; applied, e. g. to the supporters of monasticism, and to a Chinese or a Japanese who is adverse to the admission of foreigners to his country.

1839 I. TAYLOR *Ancient Chr.* I. iv. 521 The Jewish seclusionists well understood..that a community of goods was impracticable. 1887 *Fortn. Rev.* May 677 Now [in Japan).. it would probably be difficult to find so much as one genuine seclusionist. 1886 *Atlantic Monthly* Nov. 604 If the progressionists had not seized the reins of government [in Korea], the seclusionists would soon have had everything their own way. *Ibid.*, The head of the seclusionist party.

Seclusive (sĭklū·sĭv), *a.* [As if ad. L. **sēclūsivus*, f. *sēclūs-*, *sēclūdĕre*: see SECLUDE *v.*]

1. Serving or tending to seclude; disposed to seclude oneself, affecting seclusion.

a 1834 COLERIDGE (Worcester 1860). 1834 I. TAYLOR *Sat. Even.* 274 Religion or the devotional part of it is..by its necessary condition seclusive. 1890 F. BARRETT *Between Life & Death* I. ii. 29 Her ways were odd and seclusive. 1894 J. T. FOWLER *Adamnan* Introd. 38 On the top a palisade and quick hedge for seclusive enclosure. 1903 *Daily Chron.* 2 Feb. 4/6 The Royal Society electing him to their seclusive membership.

2. *Sc. Law.* Exclusive *of*.

1855 *Deed* in *Law Rep.*, 9 App. Cases 304 In liferent for her liferent alimentary use of the annual proceeds thereof allenarly, and seclusive of the jus mariti of [her husband].

Hence **Seclu·sively** *adv.*, **Seclu·siveness.**

1822 *Examiner* 347/2 [The picture] Landscape with fall of water, &c. is poetical seclusiveness. 1883 W. Jolly *Life J. Duncan* xxxix. 466 The enclosing hills seemed to shut out the cottage more seclusively from the world. 1885 J. M. Ludlow in *Homil. Rev.* Apr. 282 What we may call their [Jewish Rabbins] seclusiveness of thought.

†Seclu·sory. *Obs.*⁻° [ad. L. *sēclūsōrium*, f. *sēclūdĕre*: see Seclude *v.* and -ory.] (See quot.)

1656 Blount *Glossogr.*, *Seclusory*, a place where any thing is shut up a part from other; a Coop.

Secomoure, obs. form of Sycamore.

Second (se·kənd), *sb.*¹ *Math.* Forms: 4, 6 seconde, 6- second. [a. F. *seconde*, ad. med.L. *secunda*, fem. of L. *secundus* Second *a.*, used ellipt. for *secunda minuta*, lit. 'second minute', i. e. the result of the second operation of sexagesimal division; the result of the first such operation (now called 'minute' simply) being the 'first' or 'prime minute' or 'prime' (see Prime *sb.*² 2).

The med. L. *secunda* is also represented by G. *sekunde*, Du. *secunde* fem. (whence Sw. *sekund* masc., Da. *sekund*). Med.L. had a neut. *secundum* (cf. *minūtum* a minute), whence Sp, Pg. *segundo*, It. *secondo*.]

1. *Geom.* (*Astr.*, *Geog.*, etc.) A sixtieth part of a minute, $\frac{1}{3600}$th part of a degree. See Minute *sb.*¹ 2, Degree *sb.* 9.

c 1391 Chaucer *Astrol.* I. § 8 Thise degrees of signes ben euerich of hem considered of 60 Mynutes, & euery Minute of 60 secondes. 1599 E. Wright *Err. Navig.* D 2, Let the meridian (diuided into degrees, minutes, seconds, &c.) roule vpon a streight line. 1713 J. Ward *Young Mathem. Guide* (ed. 2) 350 Every Circle is suppos'd to be divided into 360..Degrees; every Degree is sub-divided into 60 Parts call'd Minutes; and every Minute into 60 Seconds, &c. 1870 Proctor *Other Worlds* vii. 171 The star Alpha Centauri ..exhibits..an annual parallax of one second.

2. In measurement of time: The sixtieth part of a minute, $\frac{1}{3600}$th of an hour.

1588 A. King tr. *Canisius' Catech.* g viii, Ye cowrse of ye sone, quhilk sence hes bene obserueit to be accompleseit in 365 dayes 5 houris 10 min: and 16 Secondis. 1695 Congreve *Love for Love* iii. ix, At Ten a Clock, punctually at Ten. *Sir Samp.* To a Minute, to a Second; thou shalt set thy Watch, and the Bridegroom shall observe it's Motions. 1762 [W. Young] *Treat. Weights & Meas.* 24 The pendulum which vibrates seconds at London, has been commonly esteemed 39,2 English inches. 1883 R. S. Ball in *Encycl. Brit.* XV. 668 [In the C. G. S. system] the unit of length is the *centimetre*, the unit of mass is the *gramme*, and the unit of time is the *second*.

b. Used vaguely for an extremely short time, an 'instant'.

1825 Scott *Betrothed* iv, A momentum of speed which increased with every second. 1897 *Daily News* 14 June 5/7 There was a second's panic in the crowd. 1906 Charl. Mansfield *Girl & Gods* xii, Do you mind if I slip away for just two seconds and take off this frock?

3. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as second- (seconds-) hand, a hand or pointer of a timepiece indicating seconds; second- (seconds-) mark *Math.*, the character ″, denoting a second or seconds (either of angle or of time); second- (seconds-) pendulum, a pendulum of a timepiece vibrating seconds; second pivot (see quot.); †second- (seconds-) watch, a timepiece indicating seconds.

1759 Pringle in *Phil. Trans.* LI. 250 Upon looking at a watch, which had a *second-hand,..he stopped me when I had counted 13 seconds. *c* 1850 *Rudim. Nav.* (Weale) 41 Your watch..should be furnished with a seconds-hand. 1888 Ld. Grimthorpe in *Encycl. Brit.* XXIV. 398/1 In the chronograph watch there is, in addition to the centre seconds-hand, an independent seconds-hand which, when not in operation, stands at zero. 1888 Jacobi *Printers' Voc.*, **Seconds mark.* 1763 Murdoch in *Phil. Trans.* LIV. 31 A *second-pendulum at the equator would be 39·154 inches long. 1837 Whewell *Hist. Induct. Sci.* (1857) II. 221 Determining the length of the seconds' pendulum in different latitudes. 1884 F. J. Britten *Watch & Clockm. Handbk.* 233 [The] *Seconds Pivot..[is] the prolongation of the fourth wheel arbor to which the seconds hand of a watch is fixed. 1754 Smeaton in *Phil. Trans.* XLVIII. 537 A third observed, by a *seconds-watch, the time taken up in running these 357 feet. 1763 Short *ibid.* LIII. 329 Each observer had a Second-watch in his hand.

Second (se·kənd), *a.* and *sb.*² Forms: 3-7 secund(e, 4-5 secounde, 4, 6 seconde, 4-6 secound, 5 secownde, seycond, 6 *Sc.* secunnd, sycond, 4- second. [a. F. *second* = Pr. *segon*, Sp., Pg. *segundo*, It. *secondo*, ad. L. *secundus* following (hence favourable, prosperous, primarily of a breeze), next, second, f. root of *sequī* to follow.

OE. had no proper ordinal for the number two (like G. *zweite*, Du. *tweede*, F. *deuxième*), the sense being expressed by *ōðer* (see Other *a.*); this being ambiguous, the Fr. word found early acceptance.]

A. *adj.*

1. Coming next after the first according to any contextually understood principle of enumeration (e.g. in order of time, position, rank, quality, conventional or arbitrarily adopted sequence): the ordinal corresponding to the cardinal two.

(*a*) with sb. expressed; also *predicatively*.

1297 R. Glouc. (Rolls) 5724 In þe secunde 3ere þat he verst bissop was. 1303 R. Erunne *Handl. Synne* 1. 9787 The secunde sacrament, y vndyrstonde, Ys graunted of þe bysshop honde. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Sec. Nun's T.* 139 Euery secounde or þridde day scbe faste. *c* 1440 *Jacob's Well* 46 Here brekyst þou þe secunde tyme þe x. comaundementes. 1507 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* III. 290 The secund day of Maii. 1549 *Compl. Scot., Epist. Q. Grace* 6 Numa pompilius, the sycond kyng of rome. 1588 Shaks. *L. L. L.* I. ii. 183 The first and second cause will not serue my turne. *a* 1674 Clarendon *Hist. Reb.* xi. § 152 The Convertine, a ship of the second rank. 1700 Dryden *Sigism. & Guisc.* 35 Youth, Health, and Ease, and most an amorous Mind, To second Nuptials had her Thoughts inclin'd. 1872 FitzGerald *Omar* (ed. 3) lv, You know, my Friends, with what a brave Carouse I made a Second Marriage in my house. 1884 Ld. Brabourne *Lett. Jane Austen* I. v. 87 Jane's picture of a clergyman is generally that of a second son who enters the profession in order to hold a family living.

(*b*) with ellipsis of sb. understood from the context.

a 1300 *X Commandm.* 25 in *E. E. P.* (1862) 16 Þe secunde [commandment] so is þis, sundai wel þat 3e holde. 1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) II. 23 In Bretayn, beeþ many wondres..Þe firste is at Pectoun..Þe secounde is at Stonhenge by sides Salisbury. *c* 1470 Henry *Wallace* VII. 211 The fyrst writtyng was gross letteris of bras, The secound gold, the thrid was siluir scheyne. 1636 Heywood *Challenge Beauty* IV. Wks. 1874 V. 50 If you Would add a second to this curtesie. 1748 Richardson *Clarissa* IV. 201, I liked her at first sight, and better at second. 1814 Cary *Dante, Inf.* XVIII. 38 Ah! how they made them bound at the first stripe! None for the second waited, nor the third. 1858 *Chamb. Jrnl.* 20 Nov. 334/1 In the first of which objects, by the way, they have succeeded much better than in the second.

b. *The second*: appended to a personal name to designate the second bearer of the name in a succession of persons (chiefly sovereigns, or persons jocularly likened to sovereigns). Also (now *rarely*) used to designate one resembling the person to whom the name belongs (cf. 4 below).

c 1386 Chaucer *Man of Law's T.* 261 O Sowdanesse, roote of iniquitee, Virago, thou Semyrame the secounde. 1535 Stewart *Cron. Scot.* III. 4 Henrie the secund rang into his steid, The emprice sone. 1558 W. Forrest (*title*) Grisild the Second. [Meaning Kath. of Aragon.] 1735 Johnson *Lobo's Abyssinia, Descr.* I. 44 In the Reign of King John the second. 1886 C. E. Pascoe *London of To-day* xviii. (ed. 3) 165 'Dick' Tattersall, or Richard the Second, the grandson of the founder. 1891 Smiles *Publisher & Friends* I. 29 John Murray the Second—the 'Anak of Publishers', according to Lord Byron.

c. *Gram.* In *second person*: see Person *sb.* 8. Also in *second declension, conjugation*, and in names of tenses, as *second aorist, future, perfect*, where the reference is to a conventional order of enumeration adopted by grammarians.

By recent grammarians this method of designation has been almost entirely abandoned as regards tenses, and to a great extent as regards declensions and conjugations, descriptive terms being substituted for numerical.

1530 Palsgr. *Introd.* 31 Of the seconde conjugation. *c* 1532 Du Wes *Introd. Fr.* in *Palsgr.* 1011 The Seconde Future. I shuld knele. 1580 Hollyband *Treas. Fr. Tong*, Thirdly, the second perfect, *j'ay aimé*, I haue loued. *a* 1637 B. Jonson *Eng. Gram.* xiv. (1640) 60 The second Declension formeth the Plurall from the Singular, by putting to *n*. *Ibid.* xviii. 63 The second Conjugation. 1875 T. K. Arnold *Henry's First Lat. Bk.* 14 Verbs whose infinitive ends in *ēre*, are of the second conjugation.

d. *absol.* The person or thing that has been mentioned in the second place. So in *Heraldry* (see quot. 1868).

1572 Bossewell *Armorie* 114 b, He beareth Argent, a fesse Gules, betwene three Eaglettes Sable, membred and beaked of the second. 1868 Cussans *Her.* xi. (1893) 158 A tincture must never be mentioned twice in the same Blazon: should it occur again, it must be expressed as of the first (or field), of the second, of the last, &c., as the case may be.

2. Next in rank, quality, importance, or degree of any attribute, *to* (a person or thing regarded as first). Hence, in negative and limiting contexts, Inferior (*to none, only to . . .*). [Cf. L. *nulli secundus.*]

c 1374 Chaucer *Troylus* v. 836 Troylus was neuere vn-to no wight As in his tyme in no degre secounde. 1590 Shaks. *Com. Err.* v. i. 7 Of very reuerent reputation sir,.. Second to none that liues heere in the Citie. 1593—2 *Hen. VI*, I. ii. 43 Nay Elinor, then must I chide outright, Presumptuous Dame, ill-nurter'd Elianor, Art thou not second Woman in the Realme? 1667 Milton *P. L.* III. 409 Regardless of the Bliss wherein hee sat Second to thee, offerd himself to die For mans offence. 1754 Gray *Poesy* 95 Nor second He, that rode sublime Upon the seraph-wings of Extasy, The secrets of th' Abyss to spy. 1821 Canning *Sp.* 2 Apr. (1828) IV. 306 Among the names he had missed one, now no more, never second in the zeal of his resistance. 1860 Tennent *Story Guns* (1864) 233 In the search for improvement failures have a value second only to success. 1872 Yeats *Growth Comm.* 49 Miletus was scarcely second to Tyre in luxury and wealth.

b. With following superlative: Having only one superior in the specified attribute. Cf. Second-best.

1533 *Test. Ebor.* (Surtees) VI. 42 My secunde gretest braspotte.

c. In designations of office, denoting the lower of two, or the next to the highest of several persons holding the same office; e. g. *second captain, lieutenant* (see quots.), *second lord* (of the Admiralty, etc.), *second master* (in a school), *second mate, officer* (in a merchant ship).

The Fr. expression *en second* (quot. 1702) occurs sometimes in Eng. official use in the 18th c.; 'officers en second' are mentioned, e. g. 'in the *London Gazette* 1716–20. Cf. Second *v.*³

1702 *Milit. Dict.* (1704), *Second Captain*, or *Lieutenant en Second*, one whose Company has been broke, and he is joyn'd to another, to act and serve under the Captain or Lieutenant of it...There are also Second Captains and Lieutenants of the First Creation, that is, who were never so in the other Companies...Second Lieutenants are much us'd among the Foot in France. 1709 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 4543/2 The second Lieutenant, and Mr. Lawrence,..were shot through the Body. 1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) X. 36/1 *Second Lieutenant in the Artillery*, is the same as an ensign in an infantry regiment,..and must assist the first lieutenant in the detail of the company's duty.

d. *Mil. Second in command*: holding a position only subordinate to the chief commander of an army or one of its subdivisions. Often *absol.* (quasi-*sb.*).

1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* II. iv. iii, Poor Commandant Gouvion, watching at the Tuileries, second in National command, sees several things hard to interpret. 1882 *Manch. Guard.* 6 Sept. 5 Baker Pasha will be appointed second in command and 'adjoint' of the Turkish Commander-in-Chief.

e. *Mus.* Used to distinguish the next to the highest part in a piece of concerted music. Hence of a voice or instrument: Rendering such a part.

1724 *Short Explic. For. Wds. in Mus. Bks.*, *Violino Secondo*, the Second Violin. 1746 Tansur *New Mus. Gram.* 131 If you would set a Second Treble, or Cantus, Medius, or Counter, to any Piece of Musick that was before in Two Parts, to make Three Parts; let it begin from the Bass on some different Cord from the Tenor [etc.]. 1769 Second voice [see Contralto 2]. 1836 Hickson *Singing Master* 1. Pref. 4 The second parts will always be sung with most effect by boys between the ages of twelve and fourteen. 1885 W. S. Gilbert *Mikado* I. 15 Assuming the disguise of a Second Trombone, I joined the band in which you found me.

3. Having the degree of quality, fineness, etc. next to the best; of the second grade or class. Now only *Comm.* in certain customary uses.

In some applications there is also the notion of being produced by a second operation, after the best has been already obtained.

c 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* XII. 482 And aftir oil secounde Is maad, that on a sadder mylle is grounde. 1577 B. Googe *Heresbach's Husb.* IV. (1586) 184 The fragments of the Coame ..heated and strained againe, doe make a seconde Hony. 1618 in *Archæologia* XLIV. 411 Item for second bread 2 o o. 1638 Penkethman *Artach.* D 4, When the second wheate (which is the Red being in meale) is sold for iiii l. the Quarter in the market. 1799 in *Spirit Publ. Jrnls.* III. 14 My coat ..made of good second cloth. 1842 Bischoff *Woollen Manuf.* II. 124 We used to have a certain description of cloth for livery purposes, called second cloth, made of English wool. 1856 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* XVII. II. 483 Each cow gives about 1 lb. per week of 'second butter', fetching 2*d.* per lb. less than the best. 1860 Newlands *Carp. & Joiner's Assist.* Gloss., *Second Bricks*, bricks of a quality next to the finest mail stocks or cutters.

4. Other, another; additional to that which has already existed, taken place, been mentioned, etc. Often qualifying a proper name, to designate one who equals or closely resembles the bearer of the name.

c 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xxvi. (*Nycholas*) 1068 He tuk þe secund coupe in hand, & one þe altare fore offerand It set. 1500–20 Dunbar *Poems* vii. 17 Welcum in were the secound Iulius, The prince of knightheyd, and flour of cheualry. 1558 W. Forrest *Grisild the Second* (Roxb.) 30 A famous kynge [Hen. VII]..Called (in his tyme) the Seconde Salomon. 1589 Greene *Menaphon* (Arb.) 62 And therewith her eyes distilled such abundance of teares, as..made her seeme a more than second Niobe. *c* 1600 Shaks. *Sonn.* lix, If their bee nothing new, but that which is, Hath beene before, how are our braines beguild, Which laboring for inuention beare amisse The second burthen of a former child? 1784 *Rolliad* viii. (1795) 49 Vansittart, thou, A second Hastings, if the Fates allow. 1805 Scott *Let.* in *Lockhart* (1837) II. ii. 59 Could any one bear the story of a second city being taken by a wooden horse? 1850 Sir F. Madden *Wycliffite Bible* List of MSS. No. 28, The Ms...has been corrected throughout by a second, but nearly contemporary scribe.

b. *Proverb.*

The L. form, *consuetudo est altera* (or *secunda*) *natura*, is found in St. Augustine and Macrobius, and approximately in Cicero (see Lewis & Short s. v. *Natura*); the notion occurs in Aristotle (e. g. *Probl.* IV. xxvi, *Eth. N.* VII. x) and other Greek writers.

1390 Gower *Conf.* III. 23 For in Phisique this I finde, Usage is the seconde kinde. 1662 J. Davies tr. *Olearius' Voy. Ambass.* 89 That habit being as it were converted into a second nature. *a* 1729 J. Rogers *Nineteen Serm.* xii. (1735) 254 Habits which..are become a kind of second Nature to him. 1821 Scott *Kenilw.* xxxii, Those to whom long practice has rendered them [*sc.* frivolous fopperies] a second nature.

c. *Second self*: a friend who agrees absolutely with one's tastes and opinions, or for whose welfare one cares as much as for one's own.

After L. *alter ego*, Gr. ἄλλος αὐτός and ἕτερος αὐτός (Arist. *Eth. N.* IX.).

1586 T. B. *La Primaud. Fr. Acad.* (1594) I. 141 The mightie and inviolable bond of friendship, as of a second-selfe did constraine him to lend his eare to his friend. 1665 Brathwait *Comment Two Tales* (1901) 93, I will offer to your choice two things, wherein please your self, and you shall please me who am your second self. 1778 Miss Burney *Evelina* xxvi, As to Miss Mirvan, she is my second self, and neither hopes nor fears but as I do. 1851 Lytton *Not so bad* I. i. 6 Ha, Softhead! my Pylades—my second self!

transf. *c* 1600 Shaks. *Sonn.* lxxiii. 8 Blacke night..Deaths second selfe that seals vp all in rest.

†5. 'Helpful, lending assistance' (Schmidt). *Obs.*

1611 Shaks. *Wint. T.* II. iii. 27 Nay rather (good my Lords) be second to me.

6. quasi-*adv.* Secondly, in the second place (*rare*); as the second in succession. Also, † for the second time.

1382 Wyclif *Gen.* xxvii. 36 The ristis of my fyrst geting biforn he took a wey, and now secounde he hath vnder rauyshide my benysoun. 1536 Cranmer in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. III. III. 25 Seconde,..I shewed the people that this thynge ought no thynge to move theym, for it was [etc.]. 1842 Whitehead *R. Savage* (1845) II. vii. 271, I was confounded first, and incensed second. *a* 1859 De Quincey *Posth. Wks.* (1891) I. 55 First, it was not to be too complete; second, even for this incompleteness it was not to be concentrated within a short time. *Mod.* Mr. A. opened the debate. Mr. B. spoke second.

7. Combinations.

a. In syntactical combs. of a permanent nature or with special meaning (many of which are also used *attrib.* or as *adj.*, and are then written with hyphen), as *second cause, childhood, coming, course, cousin, death,* † *deliverance, fiddle, fluxion, intention, inversion, movable, notion, order, power, reading, story, table, thought(s, vote, water, wind, year* (see these words); **second Adam, Man** *Theol.*, titles given to Christ with ref. to 1 Cor. xv. 45, 47; **second advent** *Theol.*, the expected Second Coming of Christ as Judge (see Advent 2), hence **second adventist** = Premillenarian *sb.*; **second birth,** (*a*) *Theol.* = Regeneration 2; † (*b*) = Secundine 1; † (*c*) the entrance upon a new life after death; **second business** (see quot.); **second chamber,** in a legislature consisting of two chambers, the one which has chiefly the function of revising the measures prepared and passed by the other; also *attrib.*; **second chop** (see Chop *sb.*[5] 4); **second cut** *a.* (see quot. 1846); **second division** *Civil Service*, the lower grade of government clerks, admitted by a competitive examination of more limited range than that prescribed for the higher division; **second floor,** the floor or story of a building next but one above the ground-floor; also *attrib.*; **second girl** *U. S.*, an under-housemaid; † **second ground** *Paint.*, the middle distance (see Middle *a.* 6); **second growth,** a crop of vegetation replacing one previously destroyed; also *attrib.*; **second guard,** an additional guard on a sword hilt; **second head** *Venery* (see quots. and cf. Head *sb.* 6 b); also *allusively*; **second horse** (see quot. 1827); also *attrib.*; † **second infancy,** second childhood (see Childhood 4); † **second inquest** *Law*, a petty jury; **second line** *Mil.* (see quot. 1876); also *attrib.*; † **second minute** (see Minute *sb.*[1] and cf. Prime *sb.*[2] and etymological note to *sb.*[1] above); **second moment** *Math.* (see quot.); † **second mourning,** a style of dress allowed by etiquette to be worn when strict mourning is discarded; also *attrib.*; † **second nobles,** the lower nobility or gentry; **second person (of the Trinity)** *Theol.*, the Son (see Person *sb.* 7); **second price,** a charge lower than the highest for seats in a play-house; **second scent** (*nonce-use*, after Second sight: cf. quot.); **second seer,** one who practises Second sight; † **second service,** the Communion Service of the Church of England, as following Morning Prayer; † **second stature,** ? medium height. Also Second best, Second-class, Second hand, Second-rate, Second sight.

1739 C. Wesley *Hymn*, '*Hark how all the Welkin rings*' ix, *Second Adam from above, Reinstate us in thy Love. 1736 *Gentl. Mag* VI. 347/2 But all,..who hope And love his *second advent, will receive The same reward. 1513 Braoshaw *St. Werburge* I. 2935 By the *seconde byrthe..we haue regeneracyon. 1545 Raynald *Byrth Mankynde* 39 And then secondlye, [issueth] the foresayd after birth: & therefore it may be iustly called ye second byrth or seconde. 1643 Digby *Observ. Relig. Med.* 102 Assoone as Death hath played the Midwife to our second birth, our Soule shall then [etc.]. 1749 C. Wesley *Hymn*, '*Father, Son and Holy Ghost, In Solemn Power*' i, Plunge Her by a Second Birth Into the Depths of God. 1823 *Ann. Reg.* 214* By the phrase *second business is meant that sort of business in which the lead is given to the counsel who are not yet arrived at the dignity of a silk gown. 1861 Mill *Repr. Govt.* xiii. 231, I set little value on any check which a *Second Chamber can apply to a democracy otherwise unchecked. 1846 Holtzapffel *Turning* 820 Double cut files..are thus respectively named by the Lancashire..makers:—1. Rough. 2. Middle-cut. 3. Bastard. 4. Second-cut. 5. Smooth. 6. Superfine. 1897 *Westm. Gaz.* 27 July 3/2 The large body of *Second Division clerks. 1821 Coleridge *Let. to Allsop* 20 Oct. *Lett.* etc. (1858) 137 A house to the *second-floor window of which I had been gazing. 1840 Thackeray *Shabby-genteel Story* vii, Suddenly the second-floor window went clattering up, and Fitch's pale head was thrust out. 1872 Howells *Wedd. Journ.* (1892) 32 The human wave is beginning to sprinkle the pavement with cooks and *second-girls. 1801 Fuseli *Lect. on Art* i. (1848) 354 The series of figures on the *second or middle ground being described as placed above those on the foreground. 1863 Bates *Nat. Amazon* iv. (1864) 94 Tracts of *second-growth woods. 1879 Tourgee *Fool's Errand* xliv. 327 With all her fearlessness as a horse-woman, she did not quite relish the idea of his bursting away through the low-branching second-growth to follow the pack. 1869 Boutell *Arms & Armour* 173 Finally, there is the *second guard (*seconde garde*), between the two extremities of the rings of the *pas-d'âne*. 1774 Goldsm. *Nat. Hist.* (1824) I. xlv. 378 The old stags usually shed their horns first..; those of the *second head, (namely, such as are between five and six years old) shed their horns about the middle..of March. 1805 Scott *Guy M.* xxxviii, The buck of the second-head, for a buck of the first-head he was not, had hitherto been slapping his boots with his switch whip. 1827 '*Nimrod*' *Chace* (1852) 18 The '*second-horse man'..rides the second horse, which is to carry his master with the hounds after his having had one..chace on the first. 1860 Whyte Melville *Mkt. Harb.* 125 The second-horse men, notwithstanding their numbers, appeared to be all cut from the same pattern. 1599 Massinger, etc. *Old Law* I. i, Are there not..Churchmen that even the *second infancy Hath silenc'd? 1681 *Addr. Grand Jury Chester* in *Loud. Gaz.* No. 1657/4 We Your Majesties most Loyal Subjects of the *second Inquest of the same County, at the same Assize, heartily and chearfully say Amen, and joyn with the Grand Jury in this Address. 1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) XVIII. 738/1 The first line ought to consist of 20 battalions, with..16 battalions in the *second line. 1876 Voyle & Stevenson *Milit. Dict.* 231 An army, when drawn up for battle, should be formed in three distinct lines; the first line to commence the battle, the second, to support it, and to fill up the gaps; the third..as a reserve. 1904 *Westm. Gaz.* 17 May 9/1 The main body of the investing force will be composed of fortress and second-line troops. 1382 Wyclif 1 *Cor.* xv. 47 The firste man of erthe, ertheli; the *secunde man of heuene, heuenli. 1848 R. I. Wilberforce *Doctr. Incarnation* x. (1852) 233 Joined by supernatural union to that Second Man, the new Adam, Who is God's son by nature. 1641 Wilkins *Math. Magick* II. v. 184 In an hower a man will need at least 360 respirations, betwixt every one of which there shall be 10 *second minutes. 1694 *Phil. Trans.* XVIII. 67 A Temporaneous progressive motion of the parts of the Air at the rate of 276 Paces in a second Minute of time. *a* 1879 W. K. Clifford *Elem. Dynamic* IV. (1887) 15 If the density of an area is proportional to the distance from a line in its plane, being reckoned positive on one side of the line and negative on the other,..the mass-centre of the area..is called the pole of the line in regard to the area; and the moment of it in regard to the line is called the *second moment of the uniform area in regard to the line, or of the line in regard to the uniform area. 1693 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 2843/4 A dark Grey *Second-Mourning Surtoot-Coat. 1713 Tickell *Spect.* No. 410 P 1 She was dressed..in an agreeable Second-Mourning. *a* 1814 *Sailors' Ret.* I. iv. in *New Brit. Theatre* II. 322 Enter Lady Growl and Lucy Delves, in conversation—Lucy in second mourning. 1625 Bacon *Ess., Of Empire* (Arb.) 301 Kings haue to deale with..their Nobles; their *Second-Nobles or Gentlemen [etc.]. *c* 1380 ? Wyclif *Wks.* (1880) 362 To þe *secunde persone in trinyte..awnswerip þe state of þe clergy. 1513 Braoshaw *St. Werburge* I. 837 A lorde Ihesu, the seconde persone in trynyte. 1821 Byron *Let.* 4 Jan., It is then for the gallery and *second-price boxes. 1817 Moore *Lalla Rookh, Fire-Worshippers* III. 45 That keen, *second-scent of death, By which the vulture snuffs his food In the still warm and living breath. 1826 *Examiner* 193/2 After reverting to the past, our *second-seer makes bold to conjecture the future. 1654 H. L'Estrange *Chas. I* (1655) 200 While the *second-service was reading at the Communion Table..it was disturbed by a Psalme begun. 1657 Sparrow *Rationale* 239 In the meanwhile that part of the Service which she [*sc.* the Church] uses may perhaps more fitly be called the Second Service then the Communion. 1632 Lithgow *Trav.* VI. 296 The people..are commonly all of the *second Stature.

b. Chiefly with ppl. adjs. and with quasi-advb. sense, as † *second brewed, described,* † *found, recited.* Also in verbs formed on syntactical combs., as **second-colour** *v.* (*House painting*), *trans.* to cover with a second coat of paint.

1721 N. Amherst *Terræ Fil.* No. 48. 257 Trap's *second-brew'd balderdash runs thus [etc.]. 1812 P. Nicholson *Mech. Exerc.* 316 When the priming is quite dry..mix white lead, and a very small portion of red with linseed oil, ..and second colour your work. *Ibid.* 317 This coat is technically called by painters second colouring old work. 1835 J. Nicholson *Oper. Mech.* 436 The sliding movement ..in the *second-described machinery. 1594 Blundevil *Exerc.* II. (1636) 109 Subtract the Arch of that Quotient ..and you shall have the *second found number. 1857 *Act* 20 & 21 *Vict.* c. 59 § 2 The said *second-recited Act.

B. *sb.*[2]

I. One who or something which is second.

1. Elliptical uses of the adj. passing into quasi-sb. (mostly admitting of plural). **a.** *Second in blood,* † *second of kin* (Sc. Law): one related in the second degree of consanguinity.

1567 *Sc. Acts Jas. VI* (1814) III. 26/1 Item, Our Soueraue Lord..declaris, that secundis in degreis of consanguinitie, and affinitie..may lauchfullie marie. 1582 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* III. 481 Alexander Rutherfurd, alsua his sister sone, Alexander Chalmer, second and thriddis of kin to him. 1754 Erskine *Princ. Sc. Law* (1809) 66 By seconds in blood, are meant first cousins.

b. *Gram.* Used elliptically for *second person* (only before *singular* or *plural*).

1530 Palsgr. *Introd.* 33 The seconde plurell endeth ever in EZ. 1841 Latham *Eng. Lang.* IV. xix. (1850) 298 The second singular of the preterite tense.

c. A place in the second class in an examination; one who takes such a place. Also, the competitor who comes next to the winner in a contest.

1852 Baisted *Five Yrs. Eng. Univ.* (ed. 2) 283 To take even a good Second in Classics, one must [etc.]. 1892 Shearman in *Eng. Illustr. Mag.* Mar. 445 This [the silver O. U. A. C. medal], and this alone, the winners and seconds receive for their place in the Oxford Sports. 1907 '*Barbara Burke*' *Barbara goes to Oxford* 43 Miss Jones has a first-class and Miss Smith a second.

d. *Second of exchange* (see Exchange *sb.* 5, and cf. First *a.* 7 b).

2. One next to another (considered as the first in a series) in rank, quality, etc. Also, † a second instance, a match *to* something.

1594 Drayton *Idea* 839 And see if Time (if he would strive to prove) Can shew a Second to so pure a Love. 1849 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* iii. I. 354 That City, being then not only without equal in the country, but without second, had ..exercised almost as great an influence on the politics of England as [etc.].

b. = *Second in command.* (See A. 2 d.)

1604 Shaks. *Oth.* II. iii. 144 And 'tis great pitty that the Noble Moore Should hazard such a place, as his owne Second With one of an ingraft Infirmitie. 1800 Lo. Keith in *Paget Papers* (1896) I. 257 From my late second [Lord Nelson] I derived no advantage.

† **c.** *Printing.* A pressman's assistant. *Obs.*

1683 Moxon *Mech. Exerc., Printing* 319 The one [Pressman] they distinguish by the name of First, the other his Second, these call one another Companions: The First is he that has wrought longest at that Press.

† **3.** *pl.* = Secundine. *Obs.*

1562 Turner *Herbal* II. (1568) 163 The seed of it [gelovers] ..dryveth doune floures, secondes, and the byrthe. 1657 W. Coles *Adam in Eden* ii. 5 The Root..is good for Women in Child-bed, to purge their Seconds and Termes.

4. *Mus.* **a.** A term for the interval represented by 8; a tone two diatonic degrees above or below any given tone; the interval between any tone and a tone two diatonic degrees distant from it; the harmonic combination of two such tones.

1597 Morley *Introd. Mus.* 71 All such as doe not make concord as a second, a fourth, a seuenth. *a* 1620 Campion *Counterpoint* Wks. (1909) 199 If the Base descends or falls, a second, third, or fourth. 1730 *Treat. Harmony* 15 The Second or Ninth of the key. 1788 Cavallo in *Phil. Trans.* LXXVIII. 238 The second minor. 1873 W. A. Barrett *Chorister's Guide* 94 The whole of the successive notes or intervals making a scale are seconds, the tones being called major and the semitones minor seconds.

b. The next to the highest part in a piece of concerted music. Hence, a voice suitable to such a part.

a 1774 Goldsm. *Surv. Exp. Philos.* (1776) II. 159 So that we see how injudiciously the performers on glasses manage, who play firsts, seconds, and sometimes a base altogether upon an instrument, whose only excellence depends, not on its strength, but its simplicity of tone. 1840 J. T. G. Hewlett *P. Priggins* iii, [I] passed two or three pleasant hours standing over a pianoforte and a very fine girl, to whom I was well contented to sing second. 1905 J. Heywood *Music in Churches* 14 Some ladies persist in singing in thirds below the melody...This, I believe, is..called 'putting in a second'.

5. *pl. Comm.* A quality (of bricks, flour, etc.) second and inferior to the best. Also *fig.*

c 1600 Shaks. *Sonn.* cxxv, And take thou my oblacion, poore but free, Which is not mixt with seconds, knows no art. 1700 *Acts Assembly Pennsylv.* (1762) I. 11 If any Person..offer to Sale any Trash or Seconds, rotten or frost bitten Tobacco, or such [etc.]. 1812 P. Nicholson *Mech. Exerc.* 225 The finest kind of marls [bricks] called firsts... The next best called seconds. 1823 J. Badcock *Dom. Amusem.* 30 A weakness which is occasioned by the millers' grinding their corn too much, particularly white samples, nearly the whole whereof is brought to market as seconds and thirds. 1858 Skyring *Builders' Prices* 93 For seconds glass, up to 1 foot 7, deduct 1*d.* 1903 *Daily Chron.* 21 Apr. 2/6 Cork Butter.—Firsts, 86s; seconds, 80s; thirds, 78s.

† **6.** One-half. (On the analogy of *third, fourth,* etc.) *Obs. rare.*

1594 Blundevil *Exerc.* I. vii. (1636) 20 The Numerator is alwayes set above, and the Denominator beneath, having a little line drawne betwixt them thus ½ which signifieth one second or one halfe. 1660 J. Moore *Arith.* 5 As if the unite be conceived to be divided into two parts, the parts are called seconds or halves.

7. In systems of fractional numeration (or of weights or measures) having a constant modulus: The subdivision next but one below the unit, and next below the 'prime'; the lower subdivisions being usually called 'thirds', 'fourths', etc.

Cf. Second *sb.*[1], which is a special case of the sense here defined, but is treated separately because it was taken from med.L. or Rom.; the uses below may be most conveniently regarded as applications of the Eng. ordinal numeral suggested by Second *sb.*[1]

† **a.** *Scottish Troy Weight.* The 576th part ($1 \div 24^2$) of a grain. *Obs.* 1604 [see Prime *sb.*[2]].

† **b.** (*a*) *Arith.* The quantity ·01 or $\frac{1}{100}$. (*b*) *Surveying.* The 100th part of a perch, = 1·98 inches.

1619 Lyte *Art of Tens* 14 Euerie vnite of a prime being diuided into ten parts, are called seconds. 1658 Phillips, A *Second* in surveying, is the tenth part of a prime, and contains one inch, and 49 of 50 parts of an inch. 1766 Hutton *School Master's Guide* 55 The 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, &c. places of decimals, counting from the left-hand towards the right, are denominated the places of primes, seconds, thirds, and fourths, &c. respectively. 1794 Cunn *Doctr. Fractions* 61 Primes, or Tenth Parts. Seconds, or Hundredth Parts. Thirds, or Thousandth Parts.

c. *Duodecimals.* The twelfth part of a 'prime' or inch.

Formerly (if quot. 1703 be correct), the 144th part of an inch, the 12th being called a 'prime'.

1703 T. N. *City & C. Purchaser* 123 Inches by (12th) Parts, produce Seconds, or 12th Parts of the 12th Part of an Inch. 1714 Cunn *Doctr. Fractions* 119 To multiply any Integers, Primes, Seconds, &c. by a Multiple of 12 Integers; first Multiply by 12 [etc.]. 1842 Gwilt *Archit.* § 868 Feet and inches are marked with their initial letters, but twelfths or seconds by a double accent, thus 2″.

II. 8. One who or something which renders aid or support to another. † **a.** *gen.*

1590 Sir R. Williams *Brief Disc. War* 23 When those that giue the first charge begin to retire or wax colde, the

great Officers command their seconds to the assaults. 1610 Shaks. *Temp.* III. iii. 105 Ile be thy Second. 1626 Middleton *Women beware Women* II. ii. 295 We wish no better seconds in society Than your discourses, madam. 1632 Lithgow *Trav.* VIII. 355 But the gold was my best second, ..[and] was my continuall vade Mecum. 1650 Fuller *Pisgah* I. iii. 7 Glasses are but the seconds, which succeed on the Cupboard, when Plate the principall is otherwise disposed of. 1711–12 Swift *Jrnl. to Stella* 15 Mar., People will not understand: I am a very good second, but I care not to begin a recommendation, unless it be for an intimate friend. 1740 Richardson *Pamela* (1824) I. lii. 382 She is very happy in Mrs. Jervis, who is an excellent second to her admirable lady.

b. *spec.* One who acts as representative of a principal in a duel, carrying the challenge, arranging locality and loading weapons. Similarly in a pugilistic contest.

1613 Webster *Devil's Law-Case* II. i, *Erc.* Shall's haue no Seconds? *Con.* None, for feare of preuention. *Erc.* The length of our weapons? *Con.* Weele fit them by the way. 1632 *Star Chamb. Cases* (1886) 113 Indeed his second J. S. was acquitted, for that it appeared he knew not of the combatt before he came there. 1712 Swift *Jrnl. to Stella* 12 Dec., Colonel Hamilton, who was second to the Duke of Hamilton, is tried to-day. 1814 Scott *Chivalry* (1874) 25 It was usual to have more seconds even to the number of five or six. 1852 Thackeray *Esmond* I. xiv, 'There was no need for more seconds than one,' said the Colonel, 'and the Captain or Lord Warwick might easily withdraw.' 1897 *Encycl. Sport* I. 139/2 (Boxing) *Seconds*, men, generally professional boxers, appointed to attend on the contestants in the intervals between the rounds.

†**c.** Assistance, aid, support. Also pl. in the same sense. *Obs. rare.*

1603 B. Jonson *Sejanus* II. ii, This second (from his Mother) will well vrge Our late dissigne, and spur on Cæsars rage. *a* 1609 Sir F. Vere *Comm.* (1657) 12, I gave them no second till I might perceive those within had spent their ready powder in their furnitures. *Ibid.* 18 An officer with two hundred souldiers..came to their seconds. 1640 tr. *Verdere's Rom. of Rom.* I. xix. 82 This blow so affrighted the enemy, that they had certainly retired to their trenches, if the Cariffe of Africca..had not..come into their second.

Second (se·kənd), *v.*[1] [a. F. *second-er* (OF. *segonder*), †to come after (*obs.*), to favour (=Pr. *segondar*, Sp., Pg. *segundar*, It. *secondare*), ad. L. *secundāre* to direct favourably, favour, further, f. *secund-us* following, favourable: see Second *a.* In some uses partly an independent Eng. formation on the adj.]

1. *trans.* To support, back up, assist, encourage (a person, his actions, aims, etc.).

a 1586 Sidney *Arcadia* III. (Sommer) 246 Shall I (said she) second his boldnesse so farre, as to reade his presumptuous letters? 1601 Shaks. *Jul. C.* III. i. 29 Where is Metellus Cimber, let him go, And presently preferre his suite to Cæsar. *Bru.* He is addrest: presse neere, and second him. 1650 Bulwer *Anthropomet.* 148 He seconds that which he ought to withstand. 1719 Swift *To Young Clergym.* Wks. 1755 II. II. 9 If in company you offer something for a jest, and no-body seconds you in your own laughter. 1844 Disraeli *Coningsby* III. v, His family had imbibed all his views, and seconded them. 1847 Prescott *Peru* (1850) II. 201 So eagerly did he press forward the work, and so well was he seconded by the multitude of labourers at his command. 1875 Stubbs *Const. Hist.* II. xvi. 486 His efforts were seconded by a somewhat subservient parliament.

†**b.** To act as a second or assistant to (a leader).

1588 Allen *Admon.* 15 So jelous be all tyrants and vsurpers, of their state, and so lothe they are to be seconded by any other then of their owne creation. 1590 Sir R. Williams *Brief Disc. War* 16 What other Officers ought to second their great Officers.

†**c.** To follow, attend, accompany. In *pass.*, to be accompanied (*with*). *Obs.*

1600 Surflet *Country Farm* VII. xxv. 847 The horsemen appointed to waite vpon the companie, must alwaies second and keepe by the sides of the dogs. 1601 B. Jonson *Poetaster* III. iv. Wks. 1616 I. 308 See, here's Horace, and old Trebativs, the great lawier, in his companie; let's auoid him now: He is too well seconded. 1632 Lithgow *Trav.* IX. 381 The Bashaw went.., seconded with twelue followers.

d. To sing second to (a singer, song).

1586 Beyskett *Past. Aeglogue* 13 in Spenser *Astrophel*, With sobs and sighes I second will thy song. 1883 J. Hawthorne *Dust* I. 175 Lancaster would second Marion's soprano with his baritone.

2. *esp.* To support, back up (a combatant, a body of troops) in attack or defence. Also, to act as second to (a pugilist).

1588 Willoughby in *Defeat Sp. Armada* (Navy Rec. Soc.) II. 32 Those that are taken here cry out upon the Duke of Parma, that they are betrayed by him, because they were not seconded according to their expectation. 1590 Sir R. Williams *Brief Disc. War* 22 He deuides his troupes to second one the other, according to the widenes of the breach. 1607 Shaks. *Cor.* V. vi. 57 Let him feele your Sword, Which we will second. *c* 1611 Chapman *Iliad* XI. 306 Hector..rusht with clamor on the king, right soundly seconded With troupes of Troians. 1645 Symonds *Diary* (Camden) 258 A party of Arcall horse charged the persuers, and were seconded by part of Prince Maurice's life-guard. 1799 Ht. Lee *Canterb. T., Trav. T.* (ed. 2) I. 22 A young cavalier..seconded him with so much spirit, that one of the villains was presently stretched upon the spot. 1821 *John Bull* 5 Mar. 89/3 The Black was seconded by Richmond and Paddington Jones. *c* 1850 *Arab. Nts.* (Rtldg.) 470 Being seconded by his slaves, who all promised to be faithful, he attacked the negro. 1884 *Manch. Exam.* 13 Aug. 5/1 Griffiths..is said to have seconded Henry, and to have interfered to prevent the fight being stopped.

†**b.** To reinforce with additional numbers.

a 1609 Sir F. Vere *Comm.* (1657) 5 In the mean time the enemie seconded their troops of shot with to the number of four or five hundred.

†**c.** To take the place of, succeed (a combatant who is *hors de combat*). *Obs.*

1593 Shaks. 2 *Hen. VI*, IV. ix. 35 But now is Cade driuen back, his men dispiere'd, And now is Yorke in Armes, to second him. 1597 — 2 *Hen. IV*, IV. ii. 45, 46 And though wee here fall downe, Wee haue Supplyes, to second our Attempt: If they mis-carry, theirs shall second them. 1614 Raleigh *Hist. World* II. v. iii. § 17. 542 Being ouer-pressed on either side, they had a safe retrait vnto their foot; and one troupe seconding another by course, returned to charge.

†**d.** *absol.* and *intr.* To render aid; to side *with*. *Obs. rare.*

a 1609 Sir F. Vere *Comm.* (1657) 11 A signall of drums, at which the first four troops should go to the assault; and another signall to the other four troops to second, if need required. 1654 Fuller *Comm. Ruth* 45 The mother, because her sonne is flesh of her flesh,..pleades it is right, that he should side and second with her.

3. To support (a speaker, a proposition) in a debate or conference by speaking in the same sense; *spec.* to rise to support (a mover or motion) as a necessary preliminary to further discussion or to the adoption of the motion.

1597 Bacon *Ess., Ceremonies* (Arb.) 28 It is a good precept generally in seconding another: yet to adde somewhat of ones owne. 1647 Clarendon *Hist. Reb.* II. § 75 This method was ..diverted by other propositions, which being seconded took much time without pointing to any conclusion. 1685 Evelyn *Diary* 22 May, Mr. Seymour made a bold speech against many Elections..but no one seconded him. 1692 R. L'Estrange *Fables* xxvii. 26 The Motion was Seconded and Debated. 1782 Miss Burney *Cecilia* VII. v, Mrs. Charlton ..instantly seconded the proposal. 1817 *Parl. Deb.* 23 The noble lords who moved and seconded the address. 1837 Thirlwall *Greece* IV. xxxiv. 331 Cheirisophus seconded this proposal, and they immediately proceeded to the election. *absol.* 1802 G. Rose *Diaries* (1860) I. 496 Lord Lowther had been applied to to move the address...Lord Nelson was to second.

†**b.** To support, back (a statement, opinion, a person *in* his opinion); to confirm, corroborate (a report). *Obs.*

1596 Lambarde *Peramb. Kent* (ed. 2) 113 In which opinion, I am the more willing to dwell, because..I finde myselfe verie learnedly seconded by master Camden. 1605 B. Jonson *Volpone* II. i, I heard, last night, a most strange thing reported By some of my Lords followers, and I long To heare, how't will be seconded! 1607 Shaks. *Cor.* IV. vi. 62 The Slaues report is seconded. *a* 1677 Barrow *Serm.* Wks. 1716 II. 97 Whose affirmation..I intend to second with particular instances. 1699 Bentley *Phal.* 278 Plato himself relates it as a Paradox; and no body that came after him, would second him in't. 1741 Richardson *Pamela* (1785) III. xxxiii. 293 The Countess..ran on in my Praise.. and Lady Davers seconded her.

4. To further, assist the effect of, reinforce (a thing, activity, etc.). (With subject either a person or thing.)

a 1586 Sidney *Arcadia* III. (Sommer) 317 Nowe seconding their terrible blowes with cunning labouring the horses. 1639 Du Verger tr. *Camus' Admir. Events* 127 Her froward husband..replyed with sharpe words seconded with such heavy blowes. 1665 Temple *Lett.* Wks. 1731 II. 4 The Vigour of his Body does not second that of his Mind. 1759 Johnson *Rasselas* xlii, Seconding every fall of rain with a due proportion of sunshine. 1858 Stanley *Arnold* I. v. 203 Deeds must second words when needful.

†**5.** (With little or nothing of the idea of furthering or assisting.) To follow up or accompany *with* (or *by*) some second thing. In *pass.*, to be followed, succeeded, or accompanied. *Obs.*

1609 Tuvill *Vade-mecum* (1629) 139 The Wise Physition doth neuer minister a Potion..but hee seconds it with something that is more pleasing and Delicious to the taste. 1631 Weever *Anc. Funeral Mon.* 54 This Proclamation was seconded by another, to the same purpose. *a* 1716 South *Serm.* (1744) XI. 220 After the overflowing of sin upon the whole earth, God in his justice seconds it with a deluge of waters. 1759–74 Toplady *Hymn*, '*I saw and lo!*', So sung the Saints. Th' Angelic train Second the anthem with a loud Amen.

†**b.** To add a second to; to follow or succeed as a second. *Obs.*

1655 Earl Norwich in *Nicholas Papers* (Camden) II. 304, I would haue agayne seconded my last to him after the receipt of his in answer to my former, but y[t] I feard [etc.]. 1781 Bentham *Corr.* Wks. 1843 X. 110 To-day, at dinner, I had the favour of yours of the 29th, as to my not seconding my last letter sooner.

†**c.** To repeat (an action, esp. a blow). *Obs.*

1610 Healey *St. Aug. Citie of God* V. vi. 204 Natures powre is such that a woman hauing once conceiued cannot second any conception vntil she bee deliuered of the first. 1648 Gage *West Ind.* 192 He struck off two of the Fryers fingers, and had undoubtedly seconded another blow..had not the Indians interposed themselves. 1667 Milton *P.L.* X. 335 Hee..saw his guileful act By Eve, though all unweeting, seconded Upon her Husband. 1684 Bunyan *Pilgr.* II. 110 Then Mr. Great-heart seconded his blow, and smit the head of the Giant from his shoulders. 1737 [S. Berington] *G. de Lucca's Mem.* (1738) 32 Before he could second his Shot, I gave him..a Stroke with my Broad Sword. 1831 Scott *Ct. Robt.* xxxiii, The Count was in the act of again seconding his blow.

†**6.** To match with a second instance. *Obs.*

1600 W. Watson *Decacordon* (1602) 276 Our soueraigne Queene Elizabeth..is knowne to be in her owne high towring princely wisedome of as high a pitch..: in reach not to be seconded of any of these [kings and princes]. 1601 Holland *Pliny* VII. xxv. I. 168 He left such a president behind him, as I forbid all men to match or second it. 1612 Drayton *Poly-olb.* xi. 256 Next Sebert them succeeds Scarce seconded againe for sanctimonious deeds. 1632 Lithgow *Trav.* VIII. 369 [Fez] may rather second Grand Caire, than subioyne it selfe to Constantinople.

†**7.** To come second to (in quality). *Obs. rare*—[1].

1601 Dolman *La Primaud. Fr. Acad.* III. lxxxiii. (1618) 825 The white [dogs] are best...The browne doth second them [orig. *les secondent*].

Hence **Se·conding** *vbl. sb.*

1613 Chapman *Rev. Bussy D'Ambois* III. iii. 23 Nay we shall lay on hands of too much strength To need your secondings. 1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* I. II. v, Which indeed, with such seconding as he had, one may reckon heroic.

Second (sĭkɛ·nd), *v.*[2] *Mil.* [f. F. *second* in the phrase *en second*: see Second *a.* 2 c.] *trans.* To remove (an officer) temporarily from his regiment or corps, for employment on the staff, or in some other extra-regimental appointment.

1802 C. James *Milit. Dict.* s.v., *Capitaine en Second.. Lieutenant en Second..*are officers whose companies have been reduced, but who do duty in others, and are destined to fill up the first vacancies. We have borrowed the expression and say, *To be seconded*. When an officer is *seconded*, he remains upon full pay, his rank goes on, and he may purchase the next vacant step, without being obliged to memorial in a manner that a half-pay officer must. 1833 *Westm. Rev.* Apr. 308 How to cut down an army of 300,000 men to one of 100,000, with the least subsequent expense of half-pay, is a problem that ought to be solved..; and the solution would be found in the obsolete practice of *second*-ing (or as the proper pronunciation in a mess-room is, *segoond*-ing). 1869 *Times* 15 Apr. 9/3 As this officer was placed on the seconded list of the Royal Artillery..he will have to wait for a vacancy to occur. 1875 Colley in *Encycl. Brit.* II. 576/1 Officers holding certain appointments are 'seconded'—that is, their place in the regiment is filled up, and they become supernumerary, their names being shown in italics in the *Army List*; but they still belong to the regiment, and rise in it in due course. 1897 *Q. Rev.* July 242 The officers in question had been..'seconded' for service in the forces of the Chartered Company.

†**Secondar,** *a. Sc. Obs.* In 5–6 secundar(e. [ad. L. *secundārius* Secondary *a.*: see -ar[2]. Cf. Secondarly *adv.*] Of second quality; of the second rank with respect to size; =Secondary *a.*

1474 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* I. 26 Item iij quarteris of secundare vellus to the lynyng of the sammyn sleiffis. 1482 in *Charters*, etc. *Edinb.* (1871) 169 Of ilk grete schip xiiis iiiid. The secundare x s. The mydlest vi s. viiid. 1529 *Burgh Rec. Edinb.* (1871) II. 6 [Thai] sall sell thar best corne..for vj d the pek, and the secundar for v d the pek. 1566 in Hay Fleming *Mary Q. of Scots* (1897) 499 Sax pound of secundar threid in divers sortis.

Secondarily (se·kəndărĭli), *adv.* [f. Secondary *a.* + -ly[2].]

†**1.** In the second order in time or temporal sequence; for the (or a) second time; also, as the (or a) second action, event, etc. *Obs.*

c 1475 *Partenay* 512 Raymonde swere agayn secundarilie, That neuer no day forsworne wolde he he. 1477 Sir J. Paston in *P. Lett.* III. 187 Snaylwell, by my grauntefadres will ones, and by my fadris will seconderely [*sic*], is entaylyd to the issyw of my fadres body. *a* 1513 Fabyan *Chron.* v. lxxxviii. 65 [Vortimerus] gaue vnto theym a great Batayll vpon the Ryuer of Darwent...And secundaryly he faught with theym vpon y[e] Foorde called Epifoorde. 1527 Andrew *Brunswyke's Distyll. Waters* M ij b, Dystylle them secondarely in a newe glasse in balneo marie. 1578 Lyte tr. *Dodoens* II. lxxxv. 263 The Rosemary floureth twise a yeare, once in the spring time of the yeare, and secondarily in August. 1609 Bible (Douay) *Ps.* lxvii. Comm., Other Apostles of divers tribes sent first to the Jewes, secondarily to the Gentiles.

†**2.** Secondly; in the second order or place (in an argument, discourse, or the like). (Very common in the 16th c.) *Obs.*

1523 [Coverdale] *Old God* (1534) Lj, Secundaryly I fynde the saide ceremonies on euery syde sundry & vnlike among theym selues. 1534 in W. H. Turner *Select. Rec. Oxford* (1880) 128 And secondaryly, if such lycence..were suffered it should be the occasions of many frays, of much robory and bribery. 1599 Shaks. *Much Ado* V. i. 221 They haue committed false report,..secondarily they are slanders,.. thirdly, they haue verified vniust things, and to conclude they are lying knaues. 1604 N. Bownd *Storeh. Comfort* iii. 26 Secondarily, if wee should neglect to pray for them. 1647 Hexham I, Secondarily or secondly, *Ten tweeden.*

3. As a secondary consequence, indirectly; through an intermediate agency or train of events.

1637 Gillespie *Eng. Pop. Cerem.* III. viii. 196 Whereupon secondarily and accidentally will follow their falling away from their Ecclesiasticall office and function. 1647 H. More *Song of Soul* II. III. i. 21 She sees more clear Then we that see but secondarily. 1678 Cudworth *Intell. Syst.* 732 Our Knowledge here is not After Singular Bodies, and Secundarily or Derivatively From them; but in order of Nature, Before them, and Proleptical to them. 1690 Stillingfl. *Serm.* xxvii. Wks. I. 441 Those who had the Apostolical Office committed to them, (whether Primarily by Christ himself, or Secondarily by the Apostles, as Timothy and Titus and others) had great need of this Apostolical Spirit. 1748 Hartley *Observ. Man* I. iii. § 3. 371 An Action that is not automatic primarily or secondarily. 1803 Beddoes *Hygëia* IX. 11 It would be more exact to consider him as nervous because he has been gouty. He is only secondarily nervous. 1884 Bower & Scott *De Bary's Phaner.* 459 The large medullary rays have originated secondarily from the primary ones.

4. (The chief modern sense.) With reference to other than temporal order: In the second place, second in order of importance, not first of all; subordinately.

1525 Fitzherb. *Husb.* § 163 Wherfore thou must fyrst loue god principally, and thy neyghbour secondarely. 1621

DONNE *Serm.* xv. (1640) 151 Thereupon doe the Fathers.. take that place of Ezekiel..to be primarily intended of the last resurrection, and but secundarily of the Jews restitution. 1690 C. NESSE *Hist. & Myst. O. & N. T.* I. 52 The godly seed of the woman shall secondarily partake of this triumph. 1813 LEACH *Parl. Deb.* 15 Feb. in *Examiner* 22 Feb. 116/2 An office which was primarily judicial and secondarily political. 1899 J. F. HURST in *Amer. Jrnl. Theol.* Oct. 680 The first Prayer Book [of 1549] was based primarily, on the old Latin service-books, and secondarily on Archbishop Hermann's Consultation.

Secondariness (se·kŏndărinés). [f. SECONDARY *a.* + -NESS.] The quality of being secondary or subordinate.

1678 NORRIS *Misc., Let. Love & Mus.* (1687) 448 That then which is peculiar and discriminative must be taken from the Primaryness and Secondaryness of the Perception. 1878 EMERSON *Misc. Papers, Fort. Repub.* Wks. (Bohn) III. 397 The secondariness and aping of foreign and English life. 1883 *Century Mag.* XXVII. 70 Full of a girl's sweet sense of secondariness to the object of her love.

†**Secondarly,** *adv. Obs. rare.* [f. SECONDAR *a.* + -LY 2.] = SECONDARILY.

1543 GRAFTON *Contn. Hardyng* 127 Neuerthelesse, this is not like to be true by diuers reasons. Fyrst, that [etc.].. Secondarely that [etc.]. 1560 *Maitland Club Misc.* III. 223 The greatnes of his offens first to God and to his Kirk Secundarlie towardes me dois merite no less. 1567 GOLDING *Ovid's Met.* VIII. 654 Render thou agen Thy twice given life, by bearing first, and secondarly when I canght this firebrand from the flame. 1771 *Antiq. Sarisb.* III. 33 God visibly and secundarly interferes in doing justice to the innocent.

Secondary (se·kəndări), *a.* and *sb.* Also 4–5 **secondarye, secoundarie, secundari, -arye,** 4–7 **secundarie,** 4–8 **secondary,** 5–7 **secondari(e.** [ad. L. *secundāri-us* of the second class or quality, f. *secund-us*: see SECOND *a.* and -ARY 1, Cf. F. *secondaire* (1372 in Hatz.-Darm.), Pr. *secundari*, Sp., Pg. *secundario*, It. *secondario.*]

A. *adj.*

1. Belonging to the second class in respect of dignity or importance; entitled to consideration only in the second place. Also, and usually, in less precise sense: Not in the first class; not chief or principal; of minor importance, subordinate.

1386 *Almanak of Year* 1 Ther es difference bitwyx þe principal howce and þe secundary howce. ?*a* 1396 [? W. HYLTON] *Angels' Song* in Horstm. *R. Rolle* I. 178 For þe souereyn & þe essencial loye es in [þe] lufe of god.., and [þe] secundarie es in communynge & behaldynge of aungels. *c* 1425 *Orolog. Sapient.* iv. in *Anglia* X. 354/27 Siche opere exercises..schulbe..demyd as secundarye and lesse worth. 1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 151 Theyr outwarde labour is not theyr principall entent, but it is onely the secondary entent of theyr charite. 1532 MORE *Confut. Tindale* Wks. 492/2 Therfore these causes be but diuined and gessed at, and seme but very secundary. 1632 in *10th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. v. 478 Your request in that particular was accompanied with some secundarie respectes not then made knowne unto us. 1735 J. PRICE *Stone Br. Thames* 15 Things..purely Ornimental, are no more than of secondary Consideration. 1742 YOUNG *Nt. Th.* VIII. 1171 Those secondary goods that smile on earth, He, loving in proportion, loves in peace. 1796 MORSE *Amer. Geog.* II. 6 Secondary powers are those of Turkey, Spain, Holland. 1801 ELIZ. HELME *St. Marg. Cave* (ed. 2) IV. 233 And is there no secondary motive for that wish, Isabel? 1838 GUEST *Eng. Rhythms* I. iv. I. 78 When the word contains two or more syllables there *may* be a second accent; this, of course, must be subordinate to the first, and is commonly called the *secondary accent.* 1866 GEO. ELIOT *F. Holt* xxxvi, Something that made the threat..only a secondary alarm. 1899 HEINIG *Gloss. Bot. Terms, Secondary,* subordinate. *Secondary axes,* those proceeding from the main axis. 1908 R. BAGOT *A. Cuthbert* II. 12 Besides, the religious difficulty was only a secondary, a very secondary matter.

†b. Second best; of the second grade of quality.

1428 *E. E. Wills* (1882) 82 My Russet Candelstykes, and 1 paire Candelstekes secundaries next þoo. 1508 in *Ripon Ch. Acts* 330 My secondarie gowne. 1564 *Wills & Inv. N. C.* (Surtees 1835) 225 His best dublatt xij^{li}..a secondari dublatt viij^{li} a nother payre of hose viij^{li}..one old dublatt iiij^{li}. 1580 BLUNNEVIL *Cur. Horses Dis.* clxxviii. 77 Take of..Mirrh secondarie two pound [etc.]. 1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* XXXIII. viii. II. 477 They put secundarie Vermillion in an earthen pot.

†c. Of a lower kind; entitled in a lower degree to the appellation. *Obs.*

† *Secondary wife* (app. only in Wyclif): a concubine.

1382 WYCLIF *Gen.* xxv. 6 To the sonys forsothe of the secondarye wyues [Vulg. *concubinarum*] he 3aue 3iftis. *Ibid. Gen.* xxii. 24, *Judges* viii. 31, *Song Sol.* vi. 7. 1782 J. BROWN *Compend. View Nat. & Rev. Relig.* I. i. 24 Servants in families ought to be considered as secondary children, and have due instruction [etc.]. 1788 GIBBON *Decl. & F.* xliv. IV. 382 From the age of Augustus to the tenth century, the use of this secondary marriage [*i. e.* concubinage] prevailed both in the West and East.

†d. Of an official: Second in rank or status. Of a judge: Not chief or principal; = PUISNE *a.* 1 b.

c 1450 in Aungier *Syon* (1840) 337 The secundary preste schal sense the fyrste, and the principal senser of the lay brethern schal sense the seyd secundary preste thre castys. 1450 *Rolls of Parlt.* V. 196/2 Gilbert Maltoft, secondary Baron of oure Eschequier. 1599 in T. Stafford *Pac. Hib.* I. i. (1633) 7 If the said Iustice, or assistant, and secondary Iustice, shall depart [etc.]. 1607 in *Verney Papers* (1853) 96 With him as secondarie men in charge, was one maister Philip Giffard. 1630 WESTCOTE *View Devonsh.* (1845) 431 Sir John Whiddon..was also secondary Justice of the King's Bench.

e. Of persons: Second-rate. *rare.*

1827 HARE *Guesses* II. (1873) 349 Secondary men, men of talents, may be mixt up like an apothecary's prescription. 1829 LANDOR *Imag. Conv., Emp. China & Tsing-Ti* Wks. 1853 II. 148/1 He will never have a minister who is not taken from the ranks; never a man of genius, never an honest man; but secondary and plausible. 1836 — *Pericles & Aspasia, Asp. to Anaxag.* ibid. 426/2 No writer of florid prose ever was more than a secondary poet.

f. Subsidiary, auxiliary; that is used only in the second resort, or that serves to assist something else.

1751 LABELYE *Westm. Bridge* 22 Every Arch..is double, the first..built with great Blocks of Portland Stone,..over which there is another Arch..bonded in with the under semicircular Arch...By means of these secondary Arches.. every Arch of Westminster Bridge is able to stand by itself. 1802 BINGLEY *Anim. Biog.* (1805) II. 232 Parrots..never climb nor creep without fastening by the bill; with this they begin, and they use their feet only as secondary instruments of motion. 1812 J. HENRY *Camp. agst. Quebec* 31 Our secondary guide and myself, thinking that we could manage the water slipped into our canoe. 1861 PALEY *Æschylus* (ed. 2), *Supplices* 916 *note,* A secondary chorus of attendants was actually present. 1874 LAWSON *Dis. Eye* 135 To be cut through with a small secondary knife. 1902 SIR G. S. CLARKE in *Encycl. Brit.* XXVII. 124/1 Secondary bases, or coaling stations,..are sources of maritime strength in proportion [etc.].

g. Used to designate punishments other than capital.

1831 *Edin. Rev.* Sept. 185 *note,* The difficulty of secondary punishments is much increased by observing that there is not a form of punishment which is not liable to some objections.

†2. Having or entitled to the second place in an enumeration. *Obs. rare.*

a 1425 tr. *Arderne's Treat. Fistula,* etc. 58 [Enumerates three kinds of hæmorrhoids. Of which] þe secundary [i. e. the second hardest to cure] is rixis. 1432–50 tr. *Higden* (Rolls) III. 273 He pullede owte his eien for iij causes. The firste cause was for [etc.]...The cause secondary was for he myȝhte not beholde women withowte concupiscence. The thrydde cause was [etc.].

†b. quasi-*adv.* In the second place (in an enumeration, argument, etc.); secondly. *Obs.*

Perh. suggested by med.L. *secundārīē* adv., similarly used.

1455 *Rolls of Parlt.* V. 300/2 First to Goddes pleasure, secundarie for your owne suerte..and for the third to the universall wele..of this lond. *c* 1532 DU WES *Introd. Fr.* in *Palsgr.* 928 Secondary, *secondement.* 1538 STARKEY *England* II. ii. § 14. 195 We myght bryng thys ij thyngys to effecte—that ys to say, to hane the cyuyle law of the Romaynys to be the commyn law here of Englond with vs; and, secondary that [etc.].

3. Belonging to the second order in a series related by successive derivation, causation, or dependence; derived from, based on, or dependent on something else which is primary; not original, derivative.

Secondary cause: a proximate or instrumental cause, a cause produced by a primary or first cause. (Also used in sense 1.)

1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* IV. i. (1495) 76 Heete Colde Drye and Moyste ben callyd the fyrste qualitees...They ben also callyd the pryncipal qualytees, for of theym come all the secundarye effectes. 1567 ALLEN *Def. Priesthood* 15 Wrought by the principal cause, and yet by the office and ministery of some secondary cause appointed..for the same vse. 1583 STUBBES *Anat. Abus.* II. 59 We giue vnto God the cheefest stroke..all other creatures being but the instrumentall, or secundarie causes. *c* 1645 HOWELL *Lett.* (1655) II. lxi. 86 So many mother langnages,..besides secondary tongues and dialects, which exceed the number of their mothers. 1646 SIR T. BROWNE *Pseud. Ep.* V. xxi. 268 In this secondary and symbolicall sense it may be also understood. *a* 1676 HALE *Prim. Orig. Man.* (1677) 26 The secondary origination of Mankind, or the production of the Individuals by generation. 1738 *Gentl. Mag.* VIII. 62/1 Neither do I remember that I have seen much of it [*sc.* generosity] in any Moral Treatise, being perhaps but superficially handled, under the Notion of a secondary and derivative Virtue. 1777 PRIESTLEY *Matt. & Spir.* (1782) I. xii. 146 All secondary causes necessarily lead us to a primary one. 1788 GIBBON *Decl. & F.* xlix. V. 94 Of these pictures, the far greater part, the transcripts of a human pencil, could only pretend to a secondary likeness. 1830 LYELL *Princ. Geol.* I. 76 Convinced of the undeviating uniformity of secondary causes,..he determines the probability of accounts transmitted to him of former occurrences. 1877 *Smith & Wace's Dict. Chr. Biog.* I. 449/2 The literature upon Cerinthus is summed up in the following primary and secondary authorities.

b. Having only a derived authority; acting under the direction of another, subordinate. Cf. 1 d.

1667 MILTON *P. L.* V. 854 That we were formd then saist thou? and the work Of secondarie hands, by task transferd From Father to his Son? 1869 TOZER *Highl. Turkey* I. 256 It is doubtful whether the people, with their strong personal feeling towards their Gospodar, will be satisfied with applying to a secondary agency.

c. *Philos.* (*a*) Applied to those qualities or affections of bodies that were supposed to be derived from the four 'primary' qualities recognized by Aristotle, hot, cold, wet, dry. *Obs.* exc. *Hist.* (*b*) Applied to those properties or qualities of matter (such as colour, smell, taste, etc.) which are by Locke and others distinguished from 'primary' qualities as not existing (like the latter) in the bodies themselves independently of perception, but depending upon the action of the primary qualities on the percipient. Cf. PRIMARY *a.* 6 b.

(*a*) 1656 STANLEY *Hist. Philos.* VI. *Doctr. Aristotle* II. xiii. (1687) 380/1 Besides these principal affections there are others secondary, chiefly competent to homogeneous bodies, some passive, some active.

(*b*) 1666 BOYLE *Orig. Forms & Qual.* 43 There are simpler and more Primitive affections of Matter, from which these Secondary Qualities, if I may so call them, do depend. 1700 LOCKE *Hunt. Und.* II. viii. § 10 (ed. 4) 61 Such Qualities, which, in truth are nothing in the Objects themselves, but Powers to produce various Sensations in us by their primary Qualities, i. e. by the Bulk Figure, Texture, and Motion of their insensible parts, as Colours, Sounds, Tasts, &c. These I call secondary Qualities. 1856 FERRIER *Inst. Metaph.* 146 Among the secondary qualities [of matter] are classed heat and cold, colour and sound, taste and odour.

d. Astr. † *Secondary movable*: any of the 'movables' except the primum mobile (*obs.*). *Secondary planet*: a satellite which revolves round a primary planet (PLANET *sb.*1 2). *Secondary system*: a subordinate system (composed of a primary planet and its satellites) within the solar system.

1664 POWER *Exp. Philos.* Pref. 4 The Secondary Planets of Saturn and Jupiter. 1690 Secondary movable [see MOVABLE *sb.* 1]. 1786–7 BONNYCASTLE *Astron.* iii. 39 Ten others, called secondary planets, or satellites, which regard their primaries as the centers of their motions. 1868 LOCKYER *Guillemin's Heavens* (ed. 3) 237 The secondary systems of which that [viz. the Solar] system itself is composed. 1868 — *Elem. Astron.* § 16 (1879) 88 The Moon..is one of the satellites, or secondary bodies.

e. *Secondary circle*: Geom. and Astr., a great circle passing through the poles of another great circle perpendicular to its plane; see also *sb.* 3. *Secondary caustic* Math. (see quot. 1857).

1704 J. HARRIS *Lex. Techn.* I, Secondary Circles. 1857 CAYLEY *Math. Papers* (1889) II. 339 The secondary caustic or orthogonal trajectory of the refracted rays, i. e. a curve having the caustic for its evolute.

f. *Secondary bow* or *rainbow*: a rainbow formed by rays twice internally reflected by the rain-drops; usually, an outer and fainter bow parallel with the primary bow.

1793 STURGES in *Phil. Trans.* LXXXIII. 1 In this shower two primary rainbows appeared,..with a secondary bow to each. 1859 PARKINSON *Optics* (1866) 236 The Secondary Rainbow. The space above the primary rainbow..seems darker than the rest; beyond this space appears a broader but fainter rainbow the colours of which are in reverse order to those in the primary. 1883 R. H. SCOTT *Elem. Meteorol.* 200 The secondary bow, presenting the prismatic colours in the reverse order to that just described.

g. *Cryst.* Of crystalline forms: Derivative, not primitive.

1805–17 R. JAMESON *Char. Min.* (ed. 3) 174 The manner in which secondary crystals may increase in magnitude, and still preserve their form. 1823 H. J. BROOKE *Introd. Crystallogr.* 69 The edge *c d*, of the secondary plane, being parallel to the diagonal *a b*, of the primary form. 1836–41 BRANDE *Chem.* (ed. 5) 122 The secondary forms are supposed to arise from decrements of particles taking place on different edges and angles of the primitive forms.

h. *Electr.* Of a current: Induced. Hence of apparatus, etc.: Pertaining to an induced current. Also *secondary battery,* a storage battery as distinguished from one in which a current is produced.

1843 R. J. GRAVES *Syst. Clin. Med.* xxxi. 423, I applied the secondary electric current to the parts affected. *c* 1865 J. WYLDE in *Circ. Sci.* I. 253/2 The secondary wire, is that in which a current is induced by its proximity to the primary one. 1902 J. A. FLEMING in *Encycl. Brit.* XXVIII. 74/1 In connection with the generator, it is almost the invariable custom to put down a secondary battery, to enable the supply to be given after the engine has stopped.

i. *Chem.* Applied to certain types of organic compounds which are formed from others by certain definite processes of replacement. See also ALCOHOL, AMIDE, AMINE, etc.

1862 MILLER *Elem. Chem., Org.* (ed. 2) 421 The formation of a secondary monamide. 1876 *Encycl. Brit.* V. 562/2 The isomeric alcohols of the present series can thus be conveniently classified...1 Primary alcohols...2 Secondary alcohols...3 Tertiary alcohols.

j. *Meteorology.* Said of a subsidiary depression taking place on the border of a primary cyclone. Cf. B. 10.

1876 R. H. SCOTT *Weather Charts* 76 It is not often, however, that we find the secondary depressions so clearly marked as in fig. 15.

4. a. Belonging to the second order in a series of subdivisions or ramifications. Chiefly *Biol.*

1796 WITHERING *Brit. Pl.* (ed. 3) III. 780 Fructifications near the rib of the 2dary wings. 1861 BENTLEY *Man. Bot.* 193 When the floral axis is thus branched, it is better to speak of the main axis as the primary axis..,its divisions as the secondary axes..,and their divisions as the tertiary axes. 1883 HUXLEY *Pract. Biol.* xii. 157 Each of the hairs..is..seen to be covered over its whole surface with innumerable very fine secondary hairs; these are shortest near the base of the primary hair.

b. Belonging to the second stage in a process of compounding or combination; consisting of two primary elements. *Secondary colours*: see COLOUR *sb.* 2.

1807 T. THOMSON *Chem.* (ed. 3) II. 467 By the term Secondary Compound is meant a combination of salifiable bases or primary compounds with each other. *Ibid.,* The secondary compounds..may be arranged under the five following classes. 1831 BREWSTER *Optics* vii. 69 Any mixtures or combinations of any of them [*sc.* primary colours] are called secondary colours. 1879 *Cassell's Techn. Educ.* I. 178/1 The primary or simple, and the secondary or mixed colours.

5. With reference to temporal sequence: Pertaining to a second period or condition of things;

adventitious, not primitive. Chiefly in certain modern scientific and technical uses: see below.

†a. *gen.*

1471 RIPLEY *Comp. Alch.* Rec. in Ashm. *Theat. Chem. Brit.* (1652) 188 The Altytude of thy Bodys hyde..In every of thy Materyalls dystroyyng the fyrst qualyte: And secundary qualytes more gloryose repare in them anon.

b. *Geol.* In early use, applied (with some notion of sense 3) to partially crystalline rocks, often containing the remains of life on the earth. Now, Belonging to the second division of stratified rocks; of or pertaining to the strata between the Palæozoic or Primary, and the Tertiary; = MESOZOIC.

1813 SIR H. DAVY *Agric. Chem.* (1814) 192 Rocks are generally divided by geologists into two grand divisions, distinguished by the names of primary and secondary...The secondary rocks, or strata, consist only partly of crystalline matter; contain fragments of other rocks or strata; often abound in the remains of vegetables and marine animals; and sometimes contain the remains of land animals. 1818 W. PHILLIPS *Outl. Min. & Geol.* (ed. 3) 86 Rocks which include organic remains, must have been formed after the shells they contain; and therefore not being considered primitive, they are by some termed secondary rocks; whence the term used by geologists of primary and secondary formations. 1833 LYELL *Princ. Geol.* III. 324 By 'secondary', we mean those stratified rocks older than the tertiary, which contain distinct organic remains. 1882 GEIKIE *Text-bk. Geol.* VI. III. i. 759 The Mesozoic or Secondary series.

c. *Biol.* Belonging to or directly derived from the second stage of development or growth.

1857 HENFREY *Bot.* § 659 The walls of almost all cells soon exhibit a departure from the original simple condition, arising from the formation of new lamellæ,..all over, or over particular parts of the inside of the primary membrane. These are distinguished as secondary layers. 1860 GOSSE *Hist. Brit. Sea-Anemones* Introd. 19, I have found a small round aperture in each primary and secondary septum. 1880 BESSEY *Bot.* 408 These new cells are developed on the one hand into tracheides, which compose the secondary wood, and on the other into parenchyma and fibrous tissue, composing the secondary cortex.

d. *Surg.*, etc. Performed or occurring after a definite time or occurrence. *Secondary amputation*: amputation performed after suppuration has set in. *Secondary hæmorrhage*: hæmorrhage occurring several days after a wound or operation.

1837 R. LISTON *Pract. Surg.* 325 Secondary hæmorrhage will sometimes follow when reaction has been established. 1850 OGILVIE, *Secondary amputation.* 1889 MACCORMAC *Surg. Operat.* II. 140 Secondary or consecutive operations are those performed after the acute inflammatory symptoms have subsided and suppuration has been fully established. 1891 MOULLIN *Surg.* 1371 Amputation..may be primary (within twenty-four hours); intermediary (before suppuration); or secondary (after suppuration).

e. *Path.* Characteristic of or pertaining to the second stage or period of a disease, esp. of syphilis.

1721 QUINCY *Lex. Phys.-Med.* (ed. 2), *Secundary Fever*, is that which arises after a Crisis, or the Discharge of some morbid Matter, as after the Declension of the Small-Pox, or Measles. 1786 J. HUNTER *Venereal Dis.* (1810) 431 To ascertain whether her secondary ulcers were infectious. 1799 BRODOES in *Med. Jrnl.* I. 101 The symptoms were what are called secondary, and the disease in its most rooted and obstinate state. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VII. 677 True epilepsy may occur in the so-called 'secondary' stage of syphilis.

f. *Secondary education* or *instruction*: that between the primary or elementary education and the higher or university education. *Secondary school*, one in which such education is given.

1861 M. ARNOLD *Pop. Educ. France* Introd. 39 The public secondary schools of France. 1876 J. GRANT *Burgh Sch. Scot.* II. ii. 128 Schools in which elementary and secondary instruction were formerly given. 1882 M. ARNOLD *Irish Ess.* 130 Schools giving secondary education, as it is called—that fuller and higher instruction which comes after elementary instruction. 1902 *Encycl. Brit.* XXVII. 663/2 The school which seeks to retain its pupil to the age of sixteen or seventeen, and to prepare him to enter a skilled trade or one of the minor professions, is a secondary or intermediate school.

6. Connected with what is second in local position. *Secondary feather, quill*: a feather growing from the second joint of a bird's wing. *Secondary wing*: one of the hind wings of an insect.

1768 PENNANT *Brit. Zool.* (1776) II. 437 The tips of the secondary feathers white. 1802 MONTAGU *Ornith. Dict.* Expl. Techn. Terms, Secondary quill-feathers. 1826 KIRBY & SP. *Entomol.* III. 39 The secondary wings are sometimes smaller than the primary. 1837 *Penny Cycl.* VII. 367/2 The greater wing-coverts and secondary quills are greenish-black.

B. *sb.* [elliptical use of adj. Mostly in *pl.*]

1. *gen.* One who acts in subordination to another; a delegate or deputy; also a thing which comes second or subordinate in importance. Now *rare.*

1595 SHAKS. *John* v. ii. 80, I am too high-borne to be proportied To be a secondary at controll. 1603 — *Meas. for M.* I. i. 47 Old Escalus Though first in question, is thy secondary. Take thy Commission. 1635 BRATHWAIT *Arcad. Princ.* II. 56 Causing Epimonos, her Secondary, to advance himselfe before her, shee willed him to returne the manner of his recovery. 1771 GOLDSM. *Hist. Eng.* IV. 346 From being secondaries in the quarrel at length becoming principals. 1841 EMERSON *Meth. Nature* (1844) 20 A certain admirable wisdom, preferable to all other advantages, and whereof all others are only secondaries and indemnities. 1858 J. MARTINEAU *Stud. Chr.* 202 They are not principals, ..but only secondaries to the Editor, in the commission of this error.

b. A cathedral dignitary of second rank.

1436 *E. E. Wills* (1882) 105 To enery secundary & clerc of the chirch iiij^{d}. 1616 *Chegue Bk. Chapel Royal* (Camden) 8 John Greene a secondary of the churche of Exon. 1778 WARTON *Hist. Eng. Poetry* II. 242 In the following stanza, where he [Barclay] wishes to take on board the eight secondaries, or minor canons, of his college. 1852 HOOK *Ch. Dict.* (1871) 707 Secondaries is a general name for the inferior members of cathedrals, as vicars choral, &c.

c. An officer of the corporation of the City of London. †Also, an official in certain government offices and law courts: see quot. 1607.

1461 *Rolls of Parlt.* V. 467/2 Secundarie in the Office of oure prive Seall. *a* 1600 in H. Hall *Soc. Eliz. Age* (1886) 178 The Secondary of the Court for rettorne of 2 wrytts 4^{s}. 1603 STOW *Surv. Lond.* 538 The Shiriffes of London, in the yeare 1471, were appointed..to haue..6 Clarkes, to wit, a Secondary, a Clarke of the Papers, and 4 other Clarkes. 1607 COWEL *Interpr., Secundarie* (secundarins) is the name of an Officer next vnto the chiefe Officer: as the Secundarie of the fine Office: the Secundarie of the Counter,*. Secundarie of the office of the priuie seale, *anno* 1. *Ed.* 4. *cap.* 1. Secundaries of the Pipe two: Secundarie to the Remembrancers two, which be Officers in the Exchequer. *Camden.* pag. 123. 1642 C. VERNON *Consid. Exch.* 45 Which is not to be allowed of upon Record in the Pipe, by the first Secondary there, untill [etc.]. 1682 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 1738/4 [He] appointed the Common-Serjeant, the Town-Clerk, the two Secondaries, and the four Attorneys of the Mayors Court,..to take the Poll. 1698 LUTTRELL *Brief Rel.* (1857) IV. 345 Mr. Aston, secondary to the master of the Kings bench office,..is dead. 1766 ENTICK *London* IV. 47 The secondary, whose office is to return writs, mark warrants, impannel juries for the courts both above and below, and also for the sessions. 1828 ARCHBOLD *Forms & Entries* (ed. a) Pref. 6 For the Rules of the Common Pleas, I am indebted to Mr. Griffiths and Mr. Hewlett, Secondaries of that court. 1858 SIMMONDS *Dict. Trade, Secondaries' Court*, a small-debt court in the city of London. 1892 *Standard* 6 Feb. 3/6 Mr. Roderick, the Secondary [of the City of London],..kept watch over the proceedings throughout the poll.

2. Short for *secondary planet* (see A. 3 d).

a 1721 [see PRIMARY *sb.* 2]. 1788 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) II. 494/1 The action of the primary planets upon their secondaries. 1852 HIND *Astron. Vocab.* 46 The moon is a secondary to the earth.

3. Short for *secondary circle*: see A. 3 e.

1715 tr. *Gregory's Astron.* (1726) I. 220 These Hour Circles are the same in Position, with the Circles of Declination;.. because they are Secondaries to the Equator. 1786–7 BONNYCASTLE *Astron.* 434 Secondary circles of the sphere, are those circles which pass through the poles of some great circle: thus the meridian and hour circles are secondaries to the equinoctial, &c. 1889 J. CASEY *Spherical Trig.* i. 4 A great circle passing through the poles of another circle (great or small) is called a secondary to that circle.

4. Short for *secondary colour*: see A. 4 b.

1854 FAIRHOLT *Dict. Terms Art* s. v. *Secondary Colours*, The same result ensues when two secondaries are mixed in equal strength; thus Olive results from the union of green and violet.

5. *Path.* in *pl.* Secondary symptoms (of syphilis).

1843 R. J. GRAVES *Syst. Clin. Med.* xxix. 393 Some of these patients..have been pronounced to labour under secondaries. 1898 J. HUTCHINSON in *Arch. Surg.* IX. 361 After the first and second [infection] definite secondaries followed.

6. *Geol.* The secondary series of rocks, or any of the secondary formations. In recent Dicts.

7. a. *Ornith.* Short for *secondary feather*

1768 PENNANT *Brit. Zool.* (1776) II. 420 All the other wing feathers, except the secondaries, are dusky. 1815 STEPHENS in *Shaw's Gen. Zool.* IX. 1. 5 Coverts and secondaries green. 1872 COUES *Key N. Amer. Birds* 36 The Secondaries..are those remiges that are seated on the forearm.

b. *Ent.* Short for *secondary wing.*

1826 KIRBY & SP. *Entomol.* IV. 336 Secondary (*Secundariæ*), the posterior wings are so denominated if the superior wings, when at rest, are not placed upon them.

†8. *Philos.* Short for *secondary quality. Obs.*

1656 STANLEY *Hist. Philos.* v. *Doctr. Platonic.* (1687) 182/1 Intellection likewise must be two-fold, one of Primaries, the other of Secondaries.

9. *Electr.* Short for *secondary coil* or *wire.*

1869 *Eng. Mech.* 17 Dec. 335/2 The secondary is wound ..in vertical layers insulated by discs of sheet ebonite. 1892 *Nature* 25 June 187/2 The discharge tube in these experiments is made to form the secondary of what is essentially an induction coil.

10. *Meteorology.* Short for *secondary depression.*

1887 ABERCROMBY *Weather* 312 A secondary which would develop thunder in summer in Great Britain would only produce heavy rain in winter.

Second best, second-best, *a.*

1. Next in quality to the first.

1439 *E. E. Wills* (1882) 114 To Watkyn Asshwell my secunde best furre and gowne. 1616 SHAKS. *Will* in Knight *Life* (1843) 534 Item, I give unto my wife my second best bed, with the furniture. 1837 LOCKHART *Scott* I. iii. 95, I gather from Mr. Irving that these lines were considered as the second best set of those produced on the occasion. 1871 *Punch* 19 Aug. 67/1 Inviting your second best acquaintances to your second dance or dinner.

2. *absol.* (qnasi-*sb.*) Something inferior to the best. † *To have the second best*: to get the worst of it (cf. 3).

1708 SIR W. ROBINSON in *3rd Rep. Dep. Kpr. Irel.* 37 Some people [are] of opinion that my lord is like to have but y^{e} second best. 1881 *Illustr. Lond. News* 17 Jan. 65/2 Most people must be contented with second bests in this world.

3. quasi-*adv.* In phrase *to come off second best*, to be defeated in a contest (see COME *v.* 61 f).

1777 ABIGAIL ADAMS in *Fam. Lett.* (1876) 319, I am glad to hear of fighting, even though we come off second-best, 1870 MISS BAIDGMAN *R. Lynne* I. iv. 49 That lady was.. coming off second-best in the encounter.

Second-class, *a.*

1. Of or belonging to the class (in any sense of the word) next to the first. Also *absol.* a place in the second class (in an examination).

1837–8 *Civ. Engin. & Arch. Jrnl.* I. 324/1 A Birmingham first class coach weighs 3 tons 17 cwt. 2 qrs...I have not weighed our second class open carriages. 1839 *Bradshaw's Rly. Time Tables* 10th Mo. 25th, Birm'ham to L'pool, Gentlemen riding in their own Carriages charged Second Class Fares. *Ibid.*, L'pool to Manch., On Sundays—Second Class Train, 7 Morning. 1846 [see FIRST-CLASS B. 1]. 1861 *Chamb. Jrnl.* 23 Mar. 177/2, I ride in second-class carriages, because the fare is cheaper than that of the first-class. 1899 *Statesm. Year-bk.* 1123 The Sudan has been divided into.. three second-class districts.

b. *Second-class matter* (U. S.): postal matter consisting of periodicals sent from the office of publication.

1883 *Sci. American* 6 Jan. (title) Entered at the Post Office of New York, N. Y. as Second Class Matter.

2. quasi-*adv.* By a second-class conveyance.

1906 UPWARD *Eben. Lobb* 206 Seymour says he came second-class,..and he had absolutely no luggage.

‖ **Seconde** (sɛ̱gŏnd). *Fencing.* Forms: 7 secunde, 8 second, 9 seconde. See also SEGOON. [Fr.: fem. of *second* SECOND *a.*]

†1. The half of a sword nearest the point. *Obs.*

1688 HOLME *Armoury* III. xix. (Roxb.) 159/2 The Secunde, is from the midle of the weapon to the point, which being the weakest part is only used to thrust or cut.

2. The second of the eight parries recognized in sword-play.

1707 SIR W. HOPE *New Meth. Fencing* 56 When a Man presents his Sword..the Sword-Hand may have as many different Positions, as there are Degrees in a Circle,..but ..the Masters of Old, were satisfied to reduce them to Four .., called, Prime, Seconde, Tierce, and Quarte...Seconde, or the Second Position..is performed by holding the Sword, with the Thumb quite downward [etc.]. 1710 S. PALMER *Moral Ess.* 203 [A study] of more satisfaction and use.. than Tierce and Cart, Primé and Seconde, Dancing and Dress. 1807 ROLAND *Fencing* 53 You will acquire a more firm parade, as well as a much easier mode of delivering your riposte in seconde. 1889 POLLOCK, etc. *Fencing* 44 Eight [simple parries] are recognised; two for each line. They are called:—Prime, Seconde, Tierce [etc.]. *Ibid.* 47 To parry seconde, bring foil to seconde position.

Seconder (sɛ̱·kəndəɹ). Also 9 *Sc.* (in sense 2) **secondar.** [f. SECOND *a.* and *v.* + -ER 1.]

I. [from the adj.]

1. One who comes second, or in the second rank. Now only *local*, a second hand on a farm.

In quot. 1898 used to represent Anglo-Latin *secundarius*, SECONDARY *sb.* 1 b.

1598 BARRET *Theor. Warres* III. i. 35 To retire..and charge againe, giuing place to his next fellow, or seconder. 1883 *Goole* (Yorksh.) *Weekly Times* 31 Aug. 5/2 (Advt.) Wanted, a Farm Servant, as seconder. 1898 A. F. LEACH *Beverley Act Bk.* I. Introd. 72 The Seconders (*secundarii*), clerks of the second form at Exeter [Cathedral]. *Ibid.*, In June, 1529, all the Seconders complained that [etc.].

2. A student of the second grade in social rank at St. Andrews University. *Obs.* exc. *Hist.*

1684 A. SKEINE *Let.* in *Scot. Antiq.* (1897) XI. 20 If he be a seconder his expence will be as folous. 1807 GAIERSON *St. Andrews* 160 Secondersand Terners are the only distinctions now in use. 1827 FERRIE in *Evid. Comm. Univ. Scot.* (1837) III. (St. Andrews) 35 The Primars are the sons of Noblemen; the Secondars are what they call Gentlemen Commoners in England. 1907 LANG *Hist. Scot.* IV. xvi. 406 All the winners are armigerous, so probably they were Secondars, as a rule.

II. [from the vb.]

3. a. One who supports (what is proposed by another); one who furthers the designs of another.

1623 CHAWORTH in Kempe *Losely MSS.* (1836) 477 The Parlement cumd, and in y^{e} first weeke y^{e} proposition being a breach wth Spaine,..&c. and the Prince y^{e} seconder of all Buckingham could propound. 1827 LYTTON *Falkland* I. 66, I find in myself a powerful seconder to my uncle's wishes. 1891 J. WINSOR *Columbus* viii. 175 Perez is said to have found a seconder in Luis de Santangel.

b. *spec.* One who seconds a motion.

1678 MARVELL *Growth Popery* 52 He Interrupted him and the Seconder of that Motion. 1780 BURKE *On Durat. Parlt.* Sp. (1816) II. 173, I do not tell the respectable mover and seconder..that [etc.]. 1828 BROUGHAM in *Hansard's Parl. Deb.* XVIII. 49 His hon. and learned friend, the seconder, as well as the hon. mover of the Address. 1863 H. COX *Instit.* I. ix. 139 In the House of Lords, a question may be proposed without a seconder. 1890 A. G. BELL in *Proc. 12th Conv. Instructors of Deaf* 330, I would like to add my mite to the seconder of this resolution.

c. One who seconds a nomination or candidature introduced by a proposer.

1864 DICKENS *Lett.* (1880) II. 219 Will you write your name in the candidates' book as his seconder?

Second hand, second-hand. [Cf. HAND *sb.* 10 c., F. *de seconde main*, and FIRST HAND.]

A. *phrase.* (*Second hand.*)

†1. In subst. use: The second in a series of persons through whose hands something passes; an intermediary, middleman. *Obs.*

1654–66 EARL ORRERY *Parthen.* (1676) 492 His absence.. made him but from second hands, and confusedly learn it. 1681–6 J. SCOTT *Chr. Life* (1747) III. 49 He doth not mediate with him by a second-hand, or at a distance, but in his own Person. 1727 A. HAMILTON *New Acc. E. Ind.* I. Pref. 14 Those Reports came..to him by Second or Third Hands.

2. In advb. phrases. **a.** *At second hand* († also *at the* or *a second hand, on the second hand*): (to buy, receive, learn, etc.) from another than the maker, or original vendor (of goods), or the primary source (of information, etc.). In the 18th c. also (? after Fr.) *to hear from second hand.*

In the first quot. *as* may be a mistake for *at*; but perh. *second hand* may mean 'second purchaser'.

1474 *Coventry Leet Bk.* 401 Also the sise ys that no maner of man nor woman schall not stalle nor Regrate no markett.. wher thorough the markett shuld be the Wers and the pore Comons gretely hurte to by as the ij^le honde. 1588 NASHE *Anat. Abturditie* Wks. 1904 I. 20 Whose thredde-bare knowledge beeing bought at the second hand, is spotted.. and defaced through translaters rigorous rude dealing. 1589 *Hay any Work* 44 The substance of the tale is true. I told you that I had it at the second hand. 1613 *Bodl. Day-bk.* (MS.) lf. 18 A note of such Books as were bought at London of Jhon Edwards at second hand. 1634 PEACHAM *Gentl. Exerc.* 62 So that I may say the eye receives the forme of the object at a second hand, as it were from the medium. 1654 SIR E. NICHOLAS in *N. Papers* (Camden) II. 2 You have done wisely to decline the correspondence of Sir Marm. Langdale at a second hand, thro' the consul's conveyance. 1665 *Surv. Affaires Netherlands* 132 Cathay, where they are forced to take their Rye, Hemp,..and Musk, on the second hand of the Chinois. 1680 DODWELL *On Sanchoniathon* (1691) 12 He quoted him by memory, and at the Second hand. 1749 FIELDING *Tom Jones* III. v, For, to say the truth, there is no kind of flattery so irresistible as this at second-hand. 1753 WASHINGTON *Jrnl.* Writ. 1889 I. 481, I have heard from second-hand, that they intend to make no allowance for the fish we left there. 1833 MARRYAT *P. Simple* iii, 'Well, we don't want one of your father's sermons at second-hand,' replied the midshipman.

† b. *At the second hand*: by a secondary operation. *Obs.*

1545 RAYNALD *Byrth Mankynde* 23 The meat & drinck which we dayly do eate, by dygestion, fyrst of y^e stomack, the fyne iuyce, therof is seperatyd from y^e drosse & grosser part, & then after at y^e second hand, the foresaid iuyce.. attract..in to the lyuer.., there transmutid in to blud.

† c. *By second hand*: through an intermediary, through another person as agent. *Obs.*

1721 SWIFT *South Sea* 70 When Stock is high, they come between, Making by second-hand their Offers.

† d. *Of second hand* = SECOND-HAND *a.* 1. [a Gallicism].

1708 SHAFTESB. *Let. Enthusiasm* vi. 67 There is a sort of Enthusiasm of second hand.

B. *adj.* (*Second-hand.*) [The phrase used attrib.] Obtained at second hand.

1. Not original or obtained from the original source; plagiarized or borrowed; imitative, derivative.

1654 WHITLOCK *Zootomia* 143 If a man cloath his discourse in a Language that is not second hand English, or but one degree above..Caterwauling, why he is affected. 1738 SWIFT *Pol. Conversat.* Introd. 46 The Waiting-Woman, who, if she hath been bred to read Romances, may have some small subaltern or second-hand Politeness. 1779 SHERIDAN *Critic* I. i, Are you not called..a mock Mæcenas to second-hand authors? 1790 BURKE *Fr. Rev.* Wks. V. 397 You hold up, to chastise them, the second-hand authority of a king, who is only the instrument of destroying, without any power of protecting either the people or his own person. 1868 E. EDWARDS *Ralegh* I. x. 163 Even of this second-hand knowledge there was very little. 1904 FARRER *Gardens of Asia* 13 Second-hand impressions are as worthless as second-hand morality.

2. Not new, having been previously used or worn by another, as *second-hand clothes, books*, etc.

1673 WYCHERLEY *Gentl. Dancing-Master* v. 94, I will have no little, dirty, second-hand Charriot new forbish'd, but a large, sociable, well painted Coach. 1698 CROWNE *Caligula* I. 4 Second-hand cloaths he may as proudly wear. 1771 SMOLLETT *Humph. Cl.* 18 July (1815) 251 The traitor..dazzled her with his second-hand finery. 1833 *Act 3 & 4 Will. IV*, c. 46 § 82 All persons so dealing in second-hand articles without being first duly licensed. 1862 (*title*) The Library Circular of New and Second-Hand Books. 1892 ZANGWILL *Childr. Ghetto* I. 74 But a second-hand son-in-law of 22 is superior to many brand-new ones.

¶ b. Said jocularly of food, with various notions.

1694 MOTTEUX *Rabelais* IV. lxvii, The Cupboard wherein second-hand-meat is kept [the bowels]. 1853 R. S. SURTEES *Sponge's Sp. Tour* xlvii. (1893) 250 The cook sent him a most moderate dinner, smoked soup, second-hand fish, scraggy cutlets, and sour pudding. 1862 MAYHEW *Lond. Labour* IV. 408/2 Miss Betsey would..enjoy whatever poultry or meat had not been touched; but anything that had been cut, anything 'second-hand', that dainty and haughty young lady would instruct her sister Kitty to give to the poor beggars. 1885 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 8 Sept. 12/1 What is technically called a 'second-hand joint', that is one that has had all its choice parts sliced off.

3. *Second-hand bookseller, clothier*, etc.: one dealing in second-hand goods. So *second-hand bookselling, shop*, etc.

1656 HEYLIN *Surv. France* 148 They call it their Library; for my part, I should have thought it to have been the warehouse of some second hand Bookseller. 1862 *Library Circular* July 158 Advt., Messrs. Tinsley Brothers,..Wholesale, Retail, and Second-hand Booksellers. 1886 C. E. PASCOE *Lond. of To-day* xxxix. (ed. 3) 330 The head of the second-hand bookselling trade of London.

fig. 1902 *Daily Chron.* 3 Jan. 3/3 The modern second-hand dealers in popular criticism.

4. quasi-*adv.* = at second hand.

1849 ROBERTSON *Serm.* Ser. I. x. (1855) 181 Maxims learned second-hand by rote and not by heart. 1910 S. COOK in *Expositor* Aug. 115 Babylonian culture could continue to reach Canaan second-hand.

Hence **Secondha'ndness**; also (*rare*) **Second-ha'ndiness**, appearance of being second-hand.

a 1849 H. COLERIDGE *Ess.* (1851) II. 120 The staleness of their method and the second-handiness of their costume. 1886 FARRAR *Hist. Interpr.* 225 Four serious drawbacks of overhaste, second-handness, vehement prejudice and incessant vacillation.

Second-ha'nded, *a.* Now chiefly *dial.* = SECOND-HAND *a.*

1682 in *Flemings in Oxford* (O.H.S.) II. let. ccxlvii, For a second handed gown, 14*s.* 6*d.* 1708 *Brit. Apollo* No. 51. 3/1 We..you implore, To send no more, A Second-handed Query. 1784 COWPER *Let. to Unwin* Wks. 1836 V. 87 My descriptions are all from nature: not one of them second-handed. 1842 J. AITON *Dom. Econ.* (1857) 73 He sets about purchasing a houseful of trash—second-handed chairs [etc.].

Secondine, obs. form of SECUNDINE.

Secondly (se'kəndli), *adv.* [f. SECOND *a.* + -LY^2.]

† 1. For a second time. *Obs.*

1382 WYCLIF *Lev.* xiii. 58 He shal wasshe secoundlich [Vulg. *secundo*] tho thinges that ben pure. 1608 in *Rep. MSS. in var. Coll.* (Hist. MSS. Comm. 1901) I. 287 But these malicious persons, not satisfied, waylaid your petitioner, and there and then secondly assaulted and wounded your petitioner. 1762–71 H. WALPOLE *Vertue's Aneed. Paint.* (1786) II. 201 She was secondly married to James Levingston Earl of Newburgh.

2. In the second place; as the second in serial order. Chiefly in the enumeration of heads or topics in a discourse.

c 1374 CHAUCER *Troylus* II. 1741 Secundelich þer yet deuyneth noon Vp-on yow two. *c* 1425 LYDG. *Assembly of Gods* 106 Furst, to begynne, thys Eolus hath [etc.]..Secundly, ..Ofte of myn entent hath he made me mys. *c* 1450 HOLLAND *Howlat* 352 Syne in a feild of siluer secoundlie he beris Ane Egill ardent of air. 1535 COVERDALE 2 *Kings* xvi. 19 Secoudly, whom shulde I serue? *a* 1610 HEALEY *Epictetus* (1636) 51 Man, consider first the nature of the thing that thou intendest, and secondly thine owne nature. 1692 R. L'ESTRANGE *Fables* ccxiv. 185 We are Taught here Principally, Two Things; First,..And yet 2ly. How Prone we are to Indulge our Own Errors [etc.]. 1712 PAIDEAUX *Direct. Ch.-wardens* (ed. 4) 12, 1st, For absenting from Church. 2dly, For not abiding there till..Sermon be ended. 1863 LYELL *Antig. Man* 36 Secondly, if the mud pierced through had been thrown down by the river in ancient channels, it would have been stratified.

† 3. In the second place in order of importance, secondarily. Also (*nonce-use*), in an inferior manner. *Obs. rare.*

1526 *Grete Herball* cli. (1529) I v b, Epithimium..hath vertue pryncypally to purge melancolyke humours, and secondely flewme. 1532 MORE *Confut. Tindale* Wks. 407/1 Tyndall handeleth his thyrde sygnificacion very secondly, and fareth as ooe that woulde fayne walke in the darke.

4. quasi-*sb.* The word *secondly* used in making subdivisions of a subject.

1759 [see FIRSTLY 3]. 1874 'MAX ADELER' *Out of Hurly-Burly* vii. 87 The clergyman paused just as he was entering upon consideration of 'secondly'. 1898 J. A. ADAMS in *Advance* (Chicago) 28 Apr. 578/1 Jesus was not given to firstlies and secondlies.

Secondment[1] (se'kəndmĕnt). *rare.* [f. SECOND *v.* + -MENT.] The action of seconding.

1837 W. E. FORSTER in T. W. Reid *Life* (1888) I. 93 Sir Robert Harvey proposed the Marquis of Douro..John Robberds, Nurse; with Dr. Evans's most violent secondment.

Seco'ndment[2]. The action of SECOND *v.*[2]

1897 *Q. Rev.* July 242 The practice of secondment seems to us as objectionable as the word is ungrammatical.

Second-rate, *a.* and *sb.* [See RATE *sb.*[1] 9, 9 b.]

A. *adj.* Of the second 'rate' (said of ships). Hence, Of the second class in point of quality or excellence; usually in vaguer (depreciative) sense. Not first-rate, of only moderate quality.

1669 SIR G. DOWNING in *St. Papers Dom.* 1668–9 (1894), 286 A second-rate ship. 1748 LADY M. W. MONTAGU *Let. to C'tess. Bute* 10 May (1893) II. 164 Any of the second-rate theatres in London. 1815 SCOTT *Guy M.* ii, The Laird himself was one of those second-rate sort of persons, that are to be found frequently in rural situations. 1875 RUSKIN *Lect. Art* i. 20 The severe exclusion of all second-rate, superfluous, or even attractively varied examples.

B. *sb.*

1. *Naut.* A war-vessel of the second rate (see RATE *sb.*[1] 9).

1679 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 1442/4 There are now two Second-rates upon the Stocks. 1748 SMOLLETT *Rod. Rand.* xxvii. (1760) I. 211 This he had procured by his interest at the Navy-Office; as also another [warrant] for himself, by virtue of which he was removed into a second rate.

2. *transf.* A person or thing of inferior class.

1799 *Monthly Rev.* XXX. 95 We still think that she [a lady novelist] ranks, with a degree of respect, as a 'second-rate'. 1804 SOUTHEY in Robberds *Mem. W. Taylor* I. 518 With reference to these poets, I place Dryden at the head of the second-rates. 1894 *Westm. Gaz.* 10 Oct. 2/3 We look upon him [Sardou] as a second-rate who might have been almost first-rate had he been sincere.

Hence **Second-ratedness, Second-rateness**, the quality of being second-rate; **Second-rater**, one who or something which is second-rate.

1826 HOOD *Backing the Favourite* 33 The second-raters seemed then a safer bit. 1865 MRS. WHITNEY *Gayworthys* II. 26 She forgot the old feeling of failure and of second-rateness, she found herself of consequence. 1891 G. H. KINGSLEY *Sp. & Trav.* (1900) 463 Some have to be contented with the second-ratedness of a swirly hole, as against the profundity of Lake Superior.

Second sight.

1. A supposed power by which occurrences in the future or things at a distance are perceived as though they were actually present.

1616 *Maitland Club Misc.* II. 189 Be the secund sicht grantit to her..She saw Robert Stewart..and certane utheris with to wis about thair craigis. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 16 Sept. 1685, There was something said of the second sight happening to some persons, especially Scotch. 1763 *Pastoral Cordial* 11 Their Faith and firm Belief In Second Sight, and Mother Shipton. 1827 SCOTT *Highl. Widow* v, These are Highland visions, Captain Camphell, as unsatisfactory and vain as those of the second sight. 1875 A. LANG in *Encycl. Brit.* II. 204/1 Persons possessing the Celtic *taishitaraugh*, or gift of second-sight.

b. *transf.* and *fig.*

1711 *Countrey-Man's Let. to Curat* 29 But the High-Church Doctors were not then Blessed with the second sight, as they have been of late. 1860 EMERSON *Cond. Life* viii. 178 When the second-sight of the mind is opened, now one colour or form or gesture, and now another, has a pungency [etc.].

2. The image or vision produced by the faculty of 'second sight'.

1763 'THEOPHILUS INSULANUS' *Second Sight* 35 From many cogent proofs, I am induced to think, that the Second Sight is not seen by the organ of the eye. *Ibid.* Index 187 Grant, Mr. James, his relation of a young man that saw the Second Sight.

3. *Natural Magic.* (See quot. 1883.)

1883 *Cassell's Bk. Sports* 923 Clairvoyance, or Second Sight, when applied to conjurers' tricks and private entertainments, is the art of telling the name and description of articles by a person whose eyes are blindfolded. 1902 G. FAUA in *Encycl. Brit.* XXX. 427/2 In recent years the mystery known as 'Second Sight' has been vastly improved.

4. *attrib.*

1700 DR. HICKES *Let.* in *Pepys' Mem.* (1870) 696, I asked this question, to know whether..these Second Sight folks were Seers or Visionists.

Hence **Second-sighted** *a.*, having the gift of second sight; † **Second-sightedness**, the quality of possessing second sight; **Second-sighter**, one who practises the power of second sight.

a 1694 in *Aubrey's Misc.* (1696) 154 These Events, which Second-sighted Men discover, or fore-tell. 1708 CHAMBERLAYNE *St. Gt. Brit.* II. I. ii. (1743) 322 This quality of second-sightedness is not rare. 1820 SHELLEY *Maria Gisb.* 137 She replies, Veiling in awe her second-sighted eyes. 1875 A. LANG in *Encycl. Brit.* II. 204/2 The *inyanga*, or second-sighted man. 1897 MARY KINGSLEY *W. Africa* xx. 460 You cannot see your own hush-soul, unless you are an Ehumtup, a sort of second-sighter.

Secound(e, obs. forms of SECOND.

† **Secourgeon, -ion.** *Obs. rare.* [a. F. *secourgeon* (in Estienne, orig. of this passage), var. of *escourgeon* (Cotgr. *scourgeon*, Walloon *socoran*).] = AMELCORN, an inferior variety of wheat.

1600 SURFLET *Country Farm* v. xx. 710 You may make meale likewise of other corne then of wheate, as of barley, rie, meslin, secourgeon. *Ibid.* 714 Breade made of Secourgion. 1688 HOLME *Armoury* II. 56/2 Secourgion is a lean, wrinkled and starved Corn, something like unto Barley.

† **Secourse,** *sb. Obs. rare.* Also 7 secours. [a. F. *secours* (OF. *secorse, -ce, socorse* in Godef.) SUCCOUR *sb.*] Succonr, aid, help, assistance.

1597 A. M. tr. *Guillemeau's Fr. Chirurg.* 54 b/2 Notwithstandinge all the secourse we coulde doe them, yet they dyed suddaynlye. 1610 in *Buccleuch MSS.* (*Hist. MSS. Comm.*) I. 89 To make use of such number of his subjects..for the secours of the Princes of Germany. 1632 LITHGOW *Trav.* X. 471 Our mercifull King..gaue secourse to thousands of your ship-wracked people for many moneths.

‖ **Secousse** (səkŭ's). *Massage.* [a. F. *secousse* (15th c. in Hatz.-Darm.), vbl. sb. of † *secourre* (now *secouer*) to agitate, f. L. *succuss-, succutĕre*, f. *sub* under, below + *quatĕre* to shake.] (See quot.)

1887 D. MAGUIRE *Art Massage* iii. (ed. 4) 52 Secousses. These are agitated movements quickly executed and with sudden jerks.

Secoutour, variant of SECUTOR *Obs.*, executor.

† **Secre'**, *a.* and *sb. Obs.* Also 4–5 secree. [a. OF. *secré*, var. of *secret*: see SECRET *a.* and *sb.*]

A. *adj.* = SECRET *a.* in various senses.

1. Not allowed to be revealed, hidden, occult.

c 1386 CHAUCER *Can. Yeom. Prol. & T.* 90 But I wol nat auowe that I seye And therfore keepe it secree I yow preye. *c* 1400 tr. *Secreta Secret., Gov. Lordsh.* 84 And þay gyf hym þe prys of alle science, secre and heuenly. *c* 1407 LYDG. *Reason & Sens.* 1675 This god is also messagere..For to report in special The secre thingis of the hevene. 1430–40 — *Bochas* VIII. xxiv. (1554) 192/2 A ful precious stone,.. Powder of which will discure anone, If it be drunke (though it be secree) Of maydenhed the broken chastitee.

2. *Secre seal.* **a.** A private seal of attestation affixed to a document; also *fig.* **b.** A seal fixed upon a closed letter or document.

1362 LANGL. *P. Pl. A.* III. 141 Heo may as muche do In a Mooneþ ones, As 3oure secre seal [1377 B. III. 145, 1393 C. IV. 183 secret seel] In Seuen score dayes. *Ibid.* VIII. 25 Bote vndur his secre seal [1377 B. VII. 23 secret seel; 1393 C. X. 27 secre seel] Treuþe sende a lettre. 1393 *Ibid.* C. X. 138 The whiche arn lunatik lollares..For vnder godes secre seel here synnes ben ykeuered.

3. Of a person: Reserved or reticent in conduct or conversation; close, discreet.

c 1385 CHAUCER *L. G. W.* 1528 And he was wis, hardy, secre, and ryche. 1412–20 LYDG. *Chron. Troy* I. 2007 Sche kepte hir cloos and wonderly secree, þat by hir chere no man myȝt see What þat sche ment.

b. Characterized by reserve or secrecy. Phrase, *in secre wyse.*

c 1374 CHAUCER *Troylus* I. 744 In his counseyl tellinge That toucheth love that oughte be secree; For of him-self it wolde y-nough out-springe. *c* 1386 — *Doctor's T.* 143 This luge vn-to this cherl his tale hath toold In secree wise. 1440 in *Wars Eng. in France* (1864) II. 307 Sende me worde, yn the most secre wyse.

4. Intimate, privy. *rare*—

1501 DOUGLAS *Pal. Hon.* I. xi, Sine nixt hir raid..Twelf damisellis..Quhilks semit of her counsell maist secre.

5. Of a place: Remote, retired, secluded. Also *rarely* of time, spent in seclusion.

c 1374 CHAUCER *Boeth.* I. pr. iv. 31 Thilke thinges that I hadde lerned of thee among my secree restingwhyles [L. *inter secreta otia*]. 1426 LYDG. *De Guil. Pilgr.* 4056, I am callyd Dame Penaunce. The cheff wardeya..Off thylke yle most secre; The wych..Ys yhyd with-Inne a man. *c* 1550 ROLLAND *Crt. Venus* i. 652 In hir chalmer quhilk ay was most secre.

6. quasi-*adv.* Secretly; without witnesses.

c 1386 CHAUCER *Frankl. T.* 381 To noon oother creature ..Of this matere he dorste no word seya. Vnder his brest he baar it moore secree Than euere dide Pamphilus for Galathee. *c* 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* I. 541 So it be doon secre that no man se.

B. *sb.*

1. Something that is kept hidden or secret. a. Something hidden from human understanding or knowledge; a divine or natural mystery.

c 1386 CHAUCER *Can. Yeom. T.* 894 For this science, and this konnyng, quod he, Is of the secree of the secretes pardee. *c* 1407 LYDG. *Reason & Sens.* 4879 Ful of mystery and secres And many vnkouth prevites. *c* 1430 *Pilgr. Lyf Manhode* I. lxxviii. (1869) 46 And þere weren shewed þee alle þe secrees of Nature. *c* 1450 LOVELICH *Grail* xvii. 57 He is a fool that don wele as I have do, To knowen the Secrees of his Saviour.

b. A private or secret matter; = SECRET *sb.* 3.

c 1386 CHAUCER *Monk's T.* 31 But to hise wyues toolde he his secree. *c* 1400 *Rom. Rose* 5260 For tweyn in nombre is bet than three In every counsel and secree. 1489 *Barbour's Bruce* (Edin. MS.) IV. 577 And couth rycht weill secreis conceil.

2. A prayer in the Mass recited by the priest in a low voice; = SECRET *sb.* 2.

1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 12044 As he stod at is masse.. Binore þe weued in is bedes, at þe secre riȝt, Com sir gui de mountfort..& villiche him slou. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xxxix. (*Cosme & Damyane*) 1 Of haly messe in þe secre syndry sanctis set we se. *a* 1400 *Minor Poems fr. Vernon MS.* xlvii. 541 Þen he biginnes his secre; Adoun þenne knele 3e.

3. Secrecy. *In secree*, in private, secretly.

1390 GOWER *Conf.* I. 62 He seith in open, fy! to Sinne, And in secre ther is no vice Of which that he nis a Norrice. *c* 1470 HENRY *Wallace* IV. 403 Wallace with hyr in secre maid him glaid.

Secrecy (sī·krĕsi). Forms: *a.* 5 secretee, 6 secretie, -ye; *β.* 6–7 secrecie (6 secricie), secresie, 6–9 secresy, 6– secrecy. [In 15–16th c. *secretee, -tie*, app. f. SECRE *a.* or SECRET *a.* + -TY or -Y. Cf. med.L. *secretia* a royal treasury. Late in the 16th c. altered to *secrecie*, app. after words like *primacy.*]

1. The quality of being secret or of not revealing secrets; the action, practice, or habit of keeping things secret.

a. 1423 JAS. I *Kingis Q.* xcvii, Stude at the dure fair-calling hir vschere, That coude his office doon In connyng wise, And secretee, hir thrifty chamberere.

β. 1596 SHAKS. 1 *Hen. IV*, II. iii. 112 Constant you are, But yet a woman: and for secrecie, No Lady closer. 1597 MORLEY *Introd. Mus.* 116 If you conceale this I must thinke that..you begin to suspect my secrecy. 1616 BACON *Adv. to Villiers* Wks. 1872 VI. 41 And that the servants attending the clerks of the council be also bound to secrecy. 1617 MORYSON *Itin.* II. 50 By reason of his singular secrecy in keeping his purposes unknowne. *a* 1721 SHEFFIELD (Dk. Buckhm.) *Wks.* (1753) II. 167 For who could expect secrecy in such a slave of Cleopatra. 1778 MISS BURNEY *Evelina* (1791) II. xxiv. 150, I have Intreated Mrs. Selwyn to observe the strictest secrecy. 1819 SCOTT *Let.* in *Lockhart* (1837) IV. viii. 232 An intelligent friend on whose style of expression, prudence, and secrecy his Grace could put perfect reliance. 1855 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* xv. III. 532 He arranged his plan with characteristic prudence, firmness, and secresy. 1876 MOZLEY *Univ. Serm.* iv. (1877) 88 We appear to know a great deal of one another, and yet, if we reflect, what a vast system of secrecy the moral world is.

2. The condition or fact of being secret or concealed. *In secrecy*: secretly.

a. 1563 *Mirr. Mag., Ld. Hastings* xc, Your polytyke secretes gard with trusty loyaltye So shall they lurk in most assured secretye. 1581 HANMER *Jesuites Banner* D 3, His sacrificing Priestes hearing confession were woonte to reueale unto him, all that in secretie was deliuered vnto them.

β. 1575 GASCOIGNE *Glasse Govt.* IV. iv. Wks. 1910 II. 65, & because in all thinges Secresie is a great furderaunce, it shalbe best that we draw our selves apart unto one of your houses. 1590 MARLOWE *Edw. II*, II. i, A friend of mine told me in secrecie, That hees repeald and sent for backe againe. 1613 SHAKS. *Hen. VIII*, III. ii. 403 The Lady Anne, Whom the King hath in secrecie long married, This day was view'd in open, as his Queene. 1651 HOBBES *Leviath.* II. xix. 96 Nor is there any place,..wherein an Assemblie can receive Counsell with secrecie. 1756 BURKE *Vind. Nat. Soc.* Wks. 1842 I. 14 On his return to court, he was obliged to enter Rome with all the secresy of a criminal. 1819 MACINTOSH *Parl. Suffrage* Wks. 1846 III. 227 The first objection to this proposal is, that the Ballot would not produce secresy. 1881 FENN *Vicar's People* xlvi, [He] removed his tobacco quid, and stuffed the dirty-brown, wet morsel into the secrecy of his trousers pocket.

† b. Retirement, seclusion. *Obs.*

1607 TOPSELL *Four-f. Beasts* 37 The males giue great honor to the females great with young, during the time of their secrecie. 1608 — *Serpents* 15 There is a question, whether when they be in this secrecie or drouzines, they awake not to eate. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* VIII. 427 Thou in thy secresie although alone, Best with thy self accompanied, seek'st not Social communication.

3. quasi-*concr.* Something which is or has been kept secret; a secret; the secret nature or condition of something. Often *collect. sing.* or *plural*, secret matters, mysteries. *Obs.* or *arch.*

a. c 1450 LYDG. *Secrees* 38 The which book..Whylom compyled by Arystotiles, Which in sapience of Secretees hath the name. 1517 TUNSTALL in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. I. I. 134 Besids al other maters contenyd in our Lettres..oon is in them untowchyd by cause I wold not make my clerke privey to the secretie theroff.

β. 1573 TUSSER *Husb.* (1878) 17 To answere stranger ciuilie, but shew him not thy secresie. 1594 *Willobie's Avisa* xliv. (Grosart) 40 H. W...pyneth a while in secret griefe, at length..bewrayeth the secresy of his disease vnto his familiar friend W. S. 1598 YONG *Diana* 308 A famous Shepherd..to whose skill and knowledge, it seemed, nature it selfe with all her secrecies was subject. 1602 SHAKS. *Ham.* II. ii. 305 So shall my anticipation preuent your discouery of your secricie to the King and Queene. *a* 1617 P. BAYNE *On Eph.* (1658) Contents, The doctrine of our salvation is a hidden secrecy. 1633 FORD *Broken H.* II. iii, I'me not inquisitiue of secrecies without an inuitation. 1645 MILTON *Tetrach.* 44 Leaving secrecies to conscience. 1660 *Charac. Italy* 85 In the Secresies and Operations of Medecine none could excel Fracastorius [etc.]. 1665 BRATHWAIT *Comment. Two Tales* (1901) 20 He solemnly swears his Host to keep counsel in a secrecy of such high consequence. 1893 F. THOMPSON *Poems* 50, I in their delicate fellowship was one —Drew the bolt of Nature's secrecies.

† b. The secret parts (of a person). *Obs. rare*—1.

c 1675 *Roxb. Ball.* (1890) VII. 59 A shirt out of his Cloak-bag presently plucked he, And put it on the woman to cover her secresie.

†4. The condition of being entrusted with a person's secrets; intimate acquaintance, confidence.

1577 HANMER *Anc. Eccl. Hist.* 165 Euen he who was of his secretie [1619 secrecy] and companion at meate. 1590 GREENE *Orl. Fur.* (1599) 18 But, Madame, marke a while, and you shall see, Your Father shake him off from secrecie. 1591–5 SPENSER *Colin Clout* 698 By creeping close into his secrecie. 1671 H. M. tr. *Erasm. Colloq.* Life A 2, He..betook himself to a Monastery of regular Cannons, where for some years he had the secresie of Guilelmus Hermannus of Buda, a very studious and diligent youth.

† **Secrely,** *adv. Obs.* Also 4–5 secreely, sekerly, sekyrly. [f. SECRE *a.* + -LY 2.] Secretly.

c 1386 CHAUCER *Clerk's T.* 707 This Markys writen hath.. A lettre..And secreely [*v.rr.* secrely, secretely, secretly] he to Boloigne it sente. 1426 LYDG. *De Guil. Pilgr.* 5782 The grete Tresour wych verrayly Ys shet with-Inne secrely, Pore folkys for to fede. *c* 1440 *Generydes* 359 Whanne ye maye fynd good leyser and spase, That sekerly ye may speke with the kyng. *Ibid.* 3786 And in like wise cast your harnes vppon, Secrely, that no man yow Aspye.

† **Se·crement.** *Obs. rare*—1. [As if ad. L. **sēcrēmentum*, f. *sēcrē-*, *secernĕre* to secrete. Cf. *excrement.*] Secretion.

1664 POWER *Exp. Philos.* I. 29 Cuckow-Spitt.—That it is the sole exudation and Secrement of Plants, I cannot believe.

† **Secreness.** *Obs.* Also 4 secreenesse, secrenes(se. [f. SECRE *a.* + -NESS.] Secretness.

c 1386 CHAUCER *Man of Law's T.* 675 O Messager, fulfild of dronkenesse..thou biwreyest alle secreenesse [*v.rr.* secre-, sekere-, siker-, sekurnesse]. *c* 1403 LYDG. *Temple of Glas* 295, & mirrour eke was she Of secrenes, of trouth, of faythfulnes. 1450 *Impeachm. Dk. Suffolk* in *Paston Lett.* I. 103 Beyng of your grete Privey Councell, and..knowyng the secreenesse [*Rolls of Parlt.* V. 178 secretenesse] thereof.

† **Secrest,** *v. Obs. rare*—1. [ad. Sp. *secrestar* = med.L. *secrestāre*, metathetic form of *sequestrāre.*] *trans.* To sequestrate (goods).

1588 PARKE tr. *Mendoza's Hist. China* 259 Hee did Iudge the Captaines to perpetuall prison..and did secrest all their goods [orig. *y secrestado todos sus bienes*].

Secrestan, obs. form of SACRISTAN.

Secret (sī·krĕt), *a.* and *sb.* Also 4 secrette, 5–6 secrete, (5 sekret), 6 secreet, secrett, (seycrette, seacreate), *Sc.* secreit, sacreit, 6–7 secreate, 7 seacret, (secrit). [a. F. *secret* adj. and sb. (OF. also *secré*: see SECRE *a.* and *sb.*), ad. L. *sēcrētus* adj. (neut. *sēcrētum* used subst., a secret), orig. pa. pple. of *sēcernĕre* to separate, divide off: see SECERN *v.* Cf. Pr. *secret*, Sp. *secreto*, Pg. *secreto*, *segredo*, It. *secreto*, *segredo* (all used as adj. and sb.).]

A. *adj.*

1. Kept from knowledge or observation; hidden, concealed. a. Predicatively (esp. in *to keep secret*): Kept from public knowledge, or from the knowledge of persons specified; not allowed to be known, or only by selected persons.

1399 LANGL. *Rich. Redeles* Prol. 61 Lete 3oure conceill corette it [*sc.* this treatise]..ffor 3it it is secrette. 1474 [see 2]. 1481 in *E. E. Gilds* 317 Ye shal not dyscouer þ° counsell of þ° bretherynhod or of þ° crafte, þ^t ye have knowlych of, þ^t shold be sekret w^tyn ouer-selfe. 1485 CAXTON *Paris & V.* (1868) 3 Parys kept his love secret. 1560 DAUS tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* 72, I kept nothing secret from your Ambassadours. 1600 E. BLOUNT tr. *Conestaggio* 47 The Renegados..kept his death secret. 1799 SICKELMORE *Agnes & Leonora* II. 164 It was as much to their interest as my own tu keep the affair secret. 1831 SCOTT *Ct. Robt.* xxvii, The task in which he was engaged was to be kept most strictly secret. 1879 'EDNA LYALL' *Won by Waiting* xxx, Bertha's flight must be kept secret.

b. Of a place: Removed from the resort of men; retired, remote, lonely, secluded, solitary; hence, affording privacy or seclusion. Also *rarely* of time. Chiefly *arch.*

1500–20 DUNBAR *Poems* lxxv. 1 In a secreit place this hyndir nycht, I hard [etc.]. *a* 1586 SIDNEY *Apol. Poetrie* (Arb.) 32 To..plant goodnesse euen in the secretest cabinet of our soules. 1603 SHAKS. *Meas. for M.* IV. iii. 91 Put them in secret holds. 1604 DRAYTON *Moyses* I. 12 Softly she [i.e. Pharaoh's daughter] walkes downe to the secret flood,..In the coole streames to check the pampred blood. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* I. 6 Sing, Heav'nly Muse, that on the secret top Of Oreb, or of Sinai, didst inspire That shepherd. 1697 DRYDEN *Virg. Georg.* III. 662 Let not Sleep my closing Eyes invade In open Plains, or in the secret Shade. 1773 COWPER *Shrubbery* 19 They seek, like me, the secret shade. 1820 SHELLEY *Skylark* 44 Soothing her love-laden Soul in secret hour. 1830 TENNYSON *Poet* 10 With echoing feet he threaded The secretest walks of fame. 1858 HAWTHORNE *Fr. & Ital. Note-bks.* (1871) II. 31 Powers took us into a room apart—apparently the secretest room he had—and showed us some tools..of his own..invention. 1900 G. C. BROADRICK *Mem. & Impr.* 203 To exchange opinions..no longer through whispers in the secret chambers, but through open talk in drawing-rooms and even hall-rooms.

† c. Of a person, etc.: Secluded from observation. Chiefly *predicative. Obs.*

1528 GARDINER in Pocock *Rec. Ref.* I. xlvii. 90 Being compelled for want of apparel to keep ourselves secret one whole day. 1588 GREENE *Pandosto* (1607) B 1, Franion being secret in his chamber, began to meditate with himselfe in these termes. 1593 SHAKS. 2 *Hen. VI*, IV. iv. 48 In this Citty will I stay, And liue alone as secret as I may. 1607 TOPSELL *Four-f. Beasts* 206 When they are secret and alone by themselues, they will practise leaping, dancing, and other strange feats. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* VI. 522 So all ere day-spring, under conscious Night Secret they finish'd.

d. Of actions, negotiations, agreements, etc.: Done or entered into with the intention of being concealed; clandestine. † Also *rarely* of movements: Stealthy.

1548 HALL *Chron., Edw. IV* (1550) 13 b, He caused hym by secrete iourneys in the nyght to be conueyed to Middelham Castell in Yorkeshire. 1563 *Mirr. Mag., Ld. Hastings* lxxxix, So can god reape vp secrete mischiefs wrought, To the confusyon of the workers thought. 1611 BIBLE *Ps.* lxiv. 2 Hide me from the secret counsel of the wicked. 1635 W. AUSTIN *Medit.* 103 Secret therefore, must Abstinence be. 1642 D. ROGERS *Naaman* 428 Shall I make conscience of smaller, secreter offences, and shall I not much more abhor the grosser. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 14 Oct. 1670, The Treasurer, who put into my hands those secret pieces and transactions concerning the Dutch war. 1705 SHAFTESA. *Let. to Le Clerc* 8–13 Feb. in *N. & Q.* Ser. I. (1851) III. 98/1 [Lord Shaftesbury] entrusted him [Locke] with his secretest negotiations. 1710 STEELE *Tatler* No. 138 ¶ 2 Secret Kindnesses done to Mankind are as beautiful as secret Injuries are detestable. 1760–72 H. BROOKE *Fool of Qual.* (1809) III. 89, I heard secret treadings and mutterings. 1799 PAGET in *P. Papers* (1896) I. 152, I am led to think that there are Secret Articles in the Treaty of Campo Formio that are Monstrous. 1819 SHELLEY *Cenci* III. i. 320, I wasted The sum in secret riot. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* xv, Rebecca..owned there was a secret attachment. 1903 MORLEY *Gladstone* I. VI. vii. 366 All the highest abstract arguments were against secret voting.

e. Of doctrines, ceremonies, language, signs, methods of procedure, remedies, and the like: Kept from the knowledge of the uninitiated.

1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 2 What so euer secrete doctryne of perfeccyon you take or lerne of this poore treatyse. 1809 G. ROLAND *Art Fencing* (1823) 142, I am frequently asked..Whether there are not certain secret thrusts, which Professors reserve for themselves. *Ibid.* 143 Others..have pretended to sell them secret passes, applicable on all occasions. 1825 SCOTT *Betrothed* ii, They..were initiated into their order by secret and mystic solemnities.

f. Of feelings, passions, thoughts: Not openly avowed or expressed; concealed, disguised; also, in stronger sense, known only to the subject, inward, inmost. Hence said of the heart, soul, etc.

1500–20 DUNBAR *Poems* lxxxiv. 40 Go follow thame, quha will inconstance leir; Secreit invy [etc.]. 1548 UDALL, etc. *Erasm. Par. John* I. 47–9 Jesus yet declaring..how he knew the thoughts of men, were they neuer so secret. 1593 SHAKS. *Lucr.* 1065 Nor shall he smile at thee in secret thought. 1601 — *Twel. N.* I. iv. 14, I haue vnclasp'd To thee the booke euen of my secret soule. 1659 HAMMOND *On Ps.* xvii. 3 Paraphr. 85 The searcher of the secretest thoughts. 1721 DE FOE *Mem. Cavalier* (1840) 135, I had a secret joy at the news. 1742 GRAY *Eton* 67 Or Jealousy with rankling tooth, That inly gnaws the secret heart. 1818 SHELLEY *Julian* 341 My secret groans must be unheard by thee. 1825 SCOTT *Talism.* vii, Holding them in his secret soul little better than the Saracens. 1862 H. SPENCER *First Princ.* I. i. § 5 (1875) 19 That the theological party regard Science with so much secret alarm. 1865 DICKENS *Mut. Fr.* I. ii, You will all of you execrate Lady Tippins in your secret hearts.

† g. Abstruse, recondite; beyond ordinary apprehension or beyond unaided human intelligence. Of a person or thing: Pertaining to or dealing with mystical or occult matters. *Obs.*

1535 COVERDALE *Ps.* I. 6 Thou..hast shewed me secrete wyszdome. 1582 N. LICHEFIELD tr *Castanheda's Conq. E. Ind.* I. xxix. 72 b, The Pilots (being not as yet acquainted with the secret signification of a spowte)..thought the same to bee a signe of faire weather. 1605 SHAKS. *Mach.* IV. i. 48 How now you secret, black, & midnight Hags? What is't you do? 1610 — *Temp.* I. ii. 77, I..to my State grew

stranger, being transported And rapt in secret studies. 1655 Stanley *Hist. Philos.* II. iv. (1687) 66/2 Pericles..could easily reduce the exercise of his mind from secret abstrusive things to publick popular causes. 1656 Earl Monm. tr. *Boccalini's Advts. fr. Parnass.* II. lxxx. 361 Menante..is very diligent in prying into the very secretest passages of Pernassus. 1727 De Foe *Syst. Magic* I. i. (1840) 3 They took it for granted that those seers dealt in all secret matters. 1775 Harris *Philos. Arrangem.* Wks. (1841) 325 Such, too, are those more secret operations of bodies, whether magnetic or electric.

h. Of a committee, conclave, etc.: Conducted with secrecy; that keeps its deliberations unknown to the public.

1667 Milton *P. L.* I. 795 The great Seraphic Lords and Cherubim In close recess and secret conclave sat. 1849 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* vi. II. 66 He early suggested to the King the expediency of appointing a secret committee of Roman Catholics.

i. Hidden from sight; not discernible or visible; unseen. Chiefly *poet.*

1559 *Mirr. Mag., Ld. Clifford* 5 Nought so secrete but at length is spied. 1577 Kendall *Flowers of Epigr.* 6 b, So by the subtile secret baite the selie beast is taen. 1593 Shaks. *2 Hen. VI*, III. i. 174 Those that care and keepe your Royall Person From Treasons secret Knife. 1697 Dryden *Virg. Past.* IV. 145 Ye Boys, who pluck the Flow'rs, ..Beware the secret Snake that shoots a Sting. 1764 Goldsm. *Trav.* 433 With secret course, which no loud storms annoy, Glides the smooth current of domestic joy. 1781 Cowper *Charity* 369 Some [rills]..down the sloping hills, Winding a secret or an open course. 1817 Shelley *Rev. Islam* X. xix. 4395 The men..Drew forth their secret steel, and stabbed each ardent youth.

j. *Secret parts*, † *members*: the external organs of sex.

1577 Kendall *Flowers o' Epigr.* 23 The Stockdoues secrete parts make lumpishe, dull, and dedde: Shunne hym to eate. 1602 Shaks. *Ham.* II. ii. 239 *Guil.* Faith, her priuates, we. *Ham.* In the secret parts of Fortune? 1644 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* Ser. II. VIII. 101 They causit their officers..search our bodies and secreitt memberis for witchmarkis. 1664 Hubert *Catal. Rarities* (1665) 12 A Nest of a Bird made like the secret parts of a man.

k. Of a door, chamber drawer, passage, or mechanical contrivance: Designed to escape observation or detection. *Secret ink*: 'invisible' or 'sympathetic' ink.

Hence *secret springer*, one who makes secret springs.

1591 Shaks. *1 Hen. VI*, I. iv. 10 The English..Went through a secret Grate of Iron Barres, In yonder Tower, to oner-peere the Citie. 1737 Hoppus *Salmon's Country Build. Estim.* (ed. 2) 110 Secret Pad-Locks. 1794 Mrs. Radcliffe *Myst. Udolpho* liv, Pointing out to her a secret drawer. 1807 Crabbe *Birth of Flattery* 35 But by a secret spring the wall would move. 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* lxvii, Put away in what they call the secret drawers of the desk. 1852 — *Esmond* III. xii, As characters written with secret ink come out with the application of fire. 1849 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* v. I. 667 Secret passages were made from dwelling to dwelling. 1858 Simmonds *Dict. Trade, Secret-springer*, one who puts in watch-springs. 1888 Mrs. H. Ward *R. Elsmere* xlvi, A young 'secret springer', to use the mysterious terms of the trade [*sc.* watch-making].

† l. Of a sound: Little audible. *Obs. rare.*

1670 W. Clarke *Nitre* 28 Being fired in the open air, it [gunpowder] maketh but a flash, and a more secret noise.

m. Of an agent: That works in secret. Of a person: That is secretly (what is expressed by the sb.).

1600 Shaks. *A. Y. L.* I. i. 150 A secret and villanous contriuer against mee his naturall brother. 1667 Milton *P. L.* IV. 7 [O that] our first Parents had bin warnd The coming of thir secret foe. 1700 Dryden *Pal. & Arc.* II. 560 There saw I how the secret Fellon wrought. 1700 — *Sigism. & Gnisc.* 46 Resolv'd..to be..A seeming Widow, and a secret Bride. 1726 Swift *Gulliver* I. v, Others, who were my secret Enemies, could not forbear some Expressions, which by a side-wind reflected on me.

n. quasi-*adv.* Apart; secretly, in secret. Also *Comb.* with adjs., as *secret-breathed, -stimulating, -tripping.*

1539 in W. A. J. Archbold *Somerset Relig. Houses* (1892) 81 He went to hys chambre, were he callyd me secrett un to hym. 1590 Shaks. *Com. Err.* III. ii. 15 Be secret false: what need she be acquainted? *a* 1605 Montgomerie *Misc. Poems* xxxiv. 28 Secreit to meit. 1724 Eusden *Ovid's Amours* II. v. 12 The secret-tripping Dame. 1726 Pope *Odyss.* XIX. 1 [Ulysses] Consulting secret with the blue-ey'd Maid. 1742 Young *Nt. Th.* VII. 430 Nor is thy Life, O Virtue! less in Debt To Praise, thy secret-stimulating Friend. 1780 S. J. Pratt *Emma Corbett* (ed. 4) III. 156 The secret-breathed prayer. 1820 Keats *Isabel* xliii, She had devised How she might secret to the forest hie.

† o. *In secret wise*, secretly. (Cf. Secre *a.* 3 b.)

1563 *Homilies* II. xvii. *Rogation Wk.* I. 232 Only I woulde wyshe your affection inflamed in secrete wyse within your selfe. 1568 Grafton *Chron.* II. 198 The Scottes..in secret wise came downe into the marches of Yorkshire.

2. Of a person: † Reserved or reticent in conduct or conversation (*obs.*); not given to indiscreet talking or the revelation of secrets; silent as to any matter, uncommunicative, close.

c 1440 *Generydes* 720, I hane founde yow..At all tymes full secrete and full trew. 1474 Caxton *Chesse* II. ii. (1883) 27 That she be secrete and telle not suche thynges as ought to be holden secrete. 1500-20 Dunbar *Poems* xli. 8 Be secreit, trew, incressing of 30ur name. 1571 Campion *Hist. Irel.* II. ix. (1633) 106 Ormond was secret and drifty. 1591 Shaks. *Two Gent.* III. i. 60, I am to breake with thee of some affaires..wherein thou must be secret. 1599 — *Much Ado* I. i. 212, I can be secret as a dumbe man. 1600 W. Watson *Decacordon* (1602) 96 The Nuncio [commanded] them both to be secret of what had past. 1625 Bacon *Ess., Simulation* (Arb.) 508 But if a Man be thought Secret, it inniteth Discouerie;..as in Confession, the Revealing is not for worldly vse, but for the Ease of a Mans Heart, so Secret Men come to the Knowledge of Many Things, in that kinde. 1732 Fielding *Miser* v. xiii, Were I not secret, lud have mercy upon many a virtuous woman's reputation in this town. 1825 Scott *Talism.* xxviii, 'My master hid me be secret', said the squire. 1874 Motley *Barneveld* I. i. 101 Sully was as secret as the grave. 1893 Leland *Mem.* I. 242 It was in the hands of so few persons, who were all absolutely secret and trustworthy.

absol. 1785 C. Wilkins tr. *Bhagavad-vita* x. 64 Amongst the secret I am silent.

b. *fig.* of silence, night, etc.

1556 *J. de Flores' Aurelio & Isab.* A 8, The secrete silence of the darcke night. 1592 Shaks. *Rom. & Jul.* II. iv. 203 Bring thee Cords..Which..Must be my conuoy in the secret night. 1820 Shelley *Sensit. Pl.* III. 25 The noonday sun..Mocking the spoil of the secret night.

† 3. That is entrusted with a person's private or secret affairs; that is a confidant; intimate *with.*

1470-85 Malory *Arthur* XI. ii. 574 He was receyued worshipfully with suche peple to his semyng as were abonte Quene Queneuer secrete. *c* 1477 Caxton *Jason* 34 b, The fair Myrro and one woman which was secrete with her, departed from thens. 1533 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* VI. 126 To ane secret man quhilk brocht writtingis to the Kingis grace. *a* 1533 Ld. Berners *Huon* xxix. 90 He was secret with ye duke. 1568 Grafton *Chron.* II. 223 He was more secret with Quene Isabell the kings mother, then was to Gods pleasure or the kings honour. 1591 Savile *Tacitus, Agricola* (1622) 201 During the time of his sickenesse there came ..both of his secretest seruants and neerest physitians to see him. 1648 [see Private *a.* 10].

4. In various specific collocations.

a. **Secret Council** *Sc.*, the Scottish Privy Council: see Council *sb.* 7.

1546 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* I. 26 My Lord Governour and Lordis of Secrete Counsel. *c* 1580 *Satir. Poems Reform.* xliii. (*Compl. upon Fortoun*) 205 Sacreit counsell can not be content To suffer lordshippis in equalitie. 1678 Fountainhall *Hist. Notices* (Bannatyne Club) I. 186 The Secret Councell would have given him ane reprivall.

b. **Secret seal** = *secre seal*: see Secre *a.* 2. Also = Privy Seal.

1377-93 [see Secre *a.* 2]. 1378 *Rolls of Parlt.* III. 44/1 Pur Brief, ou lettre de Grant ou Prive Seal, ou del Secret Seal, ou autre mandement. 1445 in *Charters Glasgow* (1906) II. 440 Because I had na sele of myne awn, I have procurit with instance the secrete sele of the burgh of Lithqw to be toput.

c. **Secret service.** Services rendered to a government, the nature of which cannot be disclosed to the public, but which are paid for from a fund set apart for the purpose. Also *attrib.*, as *secret service fund, money*; *secret-service agent, man*, one employed on secret service by government. Also *transf.*

1737 *Gentl. Mag.* VII. 531/2 The prodigious Increase of secret Service Money in the late Reign. 1808 G. Rose *Diaries* (1860) I. 256 He would give a sum of 6,000*l.*, or 7,000*l.*, out of foreign secret-service. 1809 Canning *Ibid.* I. 264 The S. S. fund is..for secret services—services that cannot be explained or avowed. 1817 T. L. Peacock *Melincourt* III. 140 We shall all be blown up in a body—sinecures, rotten boroughs, secret-service men [etc.]. 1827 Hallam *Const. Hist.* (1876) III. xv. 189 A large expenditure appeared every year, under the head of secret-service money. 1900 *Westm. Gaz.* 25 May 7/3 Secret-service agent Brown took the accused man in charge [at San Francisco]. 1906 *Daily Chron.* 2 Nov. 10/2 One of the chief racing bodies ..has a force of secret-service men to gather information that could never reach the Turf authorities if they sought it as Turf authorities.

d. **Secret society**, an organization formed to promote some cause by secret methods, its members being sworn to observe secrecy.

1829 Scott *Anne of G.* xxvi, It was countersigned in red ink, with the badges of the Secret Society, a coil of ropes and a drawn dagger...The extent and omnipresence of these Secret Associations. 1874 C. W. Heckethorn *Secret Societies* I. Secret societies may be classed under the following heads: 1. Religious...2. Military...3. Judiciary...4. Scientific...5. Civil...6. Political. 1888 A. Johnston in *Encycl. Brit.* XXIII. 784 A widespread secret society, the 'Ku-Klux-Klan'.

5. *attrib.*, as *secret-natured, -tongued.*

1596 R. L[inche] *Diella* (1877) 75 When secret-tongued night puts on her mistie sable-coloured vayle. 1728 [Fielding] *Masquerade* 16 'Tis this, which sets the Chymist on, To search that secret-natur'd Stone.

B. *sb.*

I. Something kept secret.

1. Something unknown or unrevealed or that is known only by initiation or revelation; a mystery; chiefly *pl.*, the hidden affairs or workings (of God Nature, Science, etc.).

1390 Gower *Conf.* III. 54 Was nevere yet so wys a clerk, Which mihte knowe..the secret which god hath set Ayein a man mai noght be let. *c* 1400 tr. *Secreta Secret., Gov. Lordsh.* 84 Glorious Philosophers..to whom ys genyn þe knowynge of secretez of sciencez, þat were hyd to alle men. 1456 Sir G. Have *Law Arms* (S.T.S.) 10 That is ane office of ane angel, to revele the secretis of God. 1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 7 In the whiche there be innumerable secretes of nature. 1630 Davenant *Just Italian* v. i, Jealons Nature hath lock'd her secrets in a Cabinet. 1667 Milton *P. L.* v. 569 For how shall I..unfold The secrets of another world, perhaps Not lawful to reveal? 1752 Hume *Ess. & Treat.* (1777) II. 35 Nature has kept us at a great distance from all her secrets. 1818 Scott *Hrt. Midl.* xlvii, Many devout ministers and professors in times past had enjoyed downright revelation, like the blessed Peden and Lundie..who entered into the secrets. 1850 Tennyson *In Mem.* xxi. 18 When Science reaches forth her arms To feel from world to world, and charms Her secret from the latest moon? 1872 Ruskin *Eagle's Nest* § 79 Think of the vain research ..of those who have tried to penetrate the secrets of life, or of its support.

2. In Liturgical use: A prayer or prayers said by the celebrant in a low voice after the Offertory and before the Preface. See Secreta 1.

1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) VIII. 33 Sche wolde selden come at cherche, and þan unneþ sche wolde abyde þe secretes of þe messe. 14.. *Pol. Rel. & L. Poems* (1903) 122 And aftur þe fyrste orysoun þer ys an-oþur of gret Renoun þat to þe sowle ys wonþur swete, Menne calle hit þe secrete. *a* 1540 Barnes *Wks.* (1573) 357/2 Pope Gelasins..appointed that the Priestes should say the Secretes, the Cannon, and the Prefaces with their armes stretched abroad. 1844 *Catholic Weekly Instr.* 86 The prayers called *secrets*, (so called because they are silently offered,) follow, and are a second collect.

3. Some fact, affair, design, action, etc., the knowledge of which is kept to oneself or shared only with those whom it concerns or to whom it has been confided; something that cannot be divulged without violation of a command or breach of confidence. Frequently with an adj. prefixed, esp. as an intensive, as *a dead, entire, profound secret.*

1450-80 tr. *Secreta Secret.* lix. 35 þat no man be so prive with him, forto se þe lettris of thi secretz. 1484 Caxton *Fables of Æsop* IV. iii, The shepherd..sayd paye me of that I haue kepte the secrete. 1560 Daus tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* 154 b, Certen Senatours had disclosed their secretes. 1590 Sir R. Williams *Brief Disc. War* 16 There is also one Secretarie..who..knowes all the secret onlie that passeth betwixt the King & the Captain general. 1591 Shaks. *Two Gent.* III. i. 2 Sir Thurio, giue vs leane (I pray) a while, We haue some secrets to confer about. 1596 Dalrymple tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* I. 152 Quhome he..in al his secreitis admitted. 1601 Shaks. *All's Well* IV. i. 93 O let me liue, And all the secrets of our campe Ile shew, Their force, their purposes. *a* 1700 Evelyn *Diary* 28 June 1683, Who was now again admitted to the councils and cabinet secrets. 1701 G. Stanhope *Augustine's Medit.* II. iv. (1720) 123 The Gift is evident, and is the Giver a secret? 1743 Lady M. W. Montagu *Let. to Montagu* 20 Nov. (1893) II. 121 Reasons..for keeping it an entire secret. 1805 [see Dead *a.* 31, Profound *a.* 3 b]. 1825 Scott *Betrothed* V, The monk, in alluding to the secrets of the confessional, had gone a step beyond what the rules of his order..permitted. 1837 Lockhart *Scott* II. ii. 42 It is an old saying, that wherever there is a secret there must be something wrong. 1854 'C. Bede' *Verdant Green* II. xi, His writing for the prize poem had been a secret. 1879 Miss Yonge *Cameos* Ser. IV. v. 59 He kept his marriage a secret. 1888 *Encycl. Brit.* XXIII. 450/2 This device has never been patented, but is a secret. 1890 Jean Middlemass *Two False Moves* I. xv. 224 Much that she had heard that day must be kept a dead secret. 1908 R. Bagot *A. Cuthbert* XXVII. 363 If you were to keep this letter a secret from him.

b. In the Biblical phrase, *the secrets of the* (*one's*) *heart.*

Not in Wyclif, who has 'hid thinges' (Vulg. *abscondita*).

1535 Coverdale *Ps.* xliv. 21 Shulde not God fynde it out? for he knoweth the very secretes of the hert. 1548 Udall, etc. *Erasm. Par. John* I. 47-9 Nathanaell..who was perswaded, that the secretes of the hearte was open to god onely. 1601 Shaks. *Jul. C.* II. i. 306 Thy bosome shall partake The secrets of my Heart. 1635 W. Austin *Medit.* 103 The Secrets of his heart none knowes; but he, that made it.

c. *An open secret*: something which is ostensibly a secret, but which requires little effort or penetration to discover.

1879 F. Pollock in W. K. Clifford *Lect.* Introd. I. 1 It is an open secret to the few who know it, but a mystery..to the many, that Science and Poetry are own sisters. 1882 L. Stephen *Swift* IV. 74 The mask [of anonymity] was..a sufficient protection against legal prosecution, but in reality covering an open secret.

4. A method or process (of an art, etc.) hidden from all except the initiated.

1486 *Oath of Barber-Surgeons* in *Vicary's Anat.* (1888) App. xv. 273 And the secretes and counsell of the same arte, ye shall trewlie kepe and Layne. 1555 Eden *Decades* Contents, Of certeyne secreates touchynge the arte of saylynge. 1572 Mascall *Plant. & Graff.* (1592) To Rdr., Declaring of diners waies of planting and Graffyng, ..with shewing of diners commodities and secrets heerein. *n* 1700 Evelyn *Diary* 14 Dec. 1650, An imposter that had like to have impos'd upon us a pretended secret of multiplying gold. 1742 Hume *Ess. & Treat.* (1777) I. 97 The balance of power is a secret in politics. 1796 H. Hunter tr. *St.-Pierre's Stud. Nat.* (1799) II. 528 What secret did the Asiatics possess to raise cities so vast and so populous? 1819 Scott *Ivanhoe* xxix, Our nation..can cure wounds,..and in our own family, in particular, are secrets which have been handed down since the days of Solomon.

† b. Hence, an infallible prescription, a specific.

1558 Warde tr. *Alexis' Secr.* (1568) 24 a, This is a very rare secrete against suche a disease. 1669 Salmon *Bate's Dispens.* 559/2 It is a Secret against a Gonorrhœa. 1817 Jas. Mill *Brit. India* II. iv. vii. 247 The idea that satiating the servants of the public with wealth is a secret for rendering them honest.

c. (Const. *of.*) That which accounts for something surprising or extraordinary; the essential thing to be observed in order to secure some end.

1738 Swift *Pol. Conversat.* II. 121 Few People know the Secret of this. 1846 Kingsley *Lett.* (1878) I. 146 The only secret of success is to feel and confess yourself nothing, that God may make you everything. 1849 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* VI. II. 58 So strangely were good and evil intermixed in the character of these celebrated brethren; and the intermixture was the secret of their gigantic power.

† 5. A place of concealment; a secret place; a hiding-place, place of retreat. *Obs.*

1530 PALSGR. 268/2 Secrete a prevy place, *reynoy*. 1583 *Leg. Bp. St. Androis* 774 in *Satir. Poems Reform.* xlv, Vpon ane dyke doun was he sett Into a secreit out of sicht. 1596 SPENSER *F. Q.* VI. xii. 24 Into their cloysters now he broken had..And searched all their cels and secrets neare. 1635 W. AUSTIN *Medit.* 103 God himselfe is an invisible Spirit..he hides himselfe in Clowdes, and dwelleth in Secrets.

† **6.** *pl.* = *Secret parts* (see A. 1 j). Also *sing.*

1535 COVERDALE *Deut.* XXV. 11 Yf..the wyfe put forth hir hande, and take him by the secretes. 1552 LYNDESAY *Monarche* L 986 Than..thay..maid thame Breikis of leuis grene, That thair secreitis suld nocht be sene. 1579–80 NORTH *Plutarch, Romulus* (1595) 34 They..run..starke naked (saning they haue a cloth before their secrets). 1607 TOPSELL *Four-f. Beasts* 73 Their secret hangeth forth more then at other times. 1656 HEYLIN *Surv. France* 237 Those..had the secrets of nature..filled with gun-powder, and so blown into ashes. 1758 J. S. *Le Dran's Observ. Surg.* (1771) Dict. B b8, The upper Part of a Woman's Secret.

7. *Antiq.* 'A coat of mail concealed under one's usual dress' (Jam.).

1578–9 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* III. 105 With duggis, pistolettis, Jakis, and secreitis of plait. 1600 *Gowrie Conspiracy* D 2 b, The Earle bade him putte on his secret and plaite sleeues, for he bad an hey-land man to take. 1609 SKENE *Reg. Maj., Treat.* 151 [They] quha sall resort, or repaire within his Majesteis palace,..armed with Iakis, Secreitis, or corsleits, vnder their coats, doublets, or vtherwaies, sallbe apprehended. 1643 *Sc. Acts Chas. I* (1870) VI. 43/2 That þej provyde jackes or secreites lances and steill bonnettes and swordes. 1820 SCOTT *Monast.* xxiv, A short doublet of buff, under which was in some places visible that light shirt of mail which was called a *secret*, because worn instead of more ostensible armour, to protect against private assassination. 1825 — *Talisman* xxviii. 1828 — *F. M. Perth* iv. 1853 JAMES *Agnes Sorel* (1860) I. 149, I think it were as well if you wore a secret beneath your ordinary dress.

8. Phrases. **a.** (Properly the adj. used *absol.*) *In secret* [= L. *in secreto*, F. *en secret*]: in private, not openly or in public; secretly. † *At one's secret*: to oneself, privately. † *Of secret*: of a secret character.

1474 CAXTON *Chesse* II. ii. (1883) 28 And thus euery wyf tolde hit to other in secrete. 1483 — *G. de la Tour* h vij, And..the kyng..sayd att his secrete that he myght not be wrothe with his wyf. 1526 TINDALE *Matt.* vi. 4 Thy father which seith in secret. [So later versions.] 1576 FLEMING *Panopl. Epist.* 382 Drunkards..kepe nothing in secrete, but..blab abroad in the hearing of all men, whatsoever. 1588 SHAKS. *L. L. L.* v. ii. 236 One word in secret. 1588 PARKE tr. *Mendoza's Hist. China* 143 He..passed alongest, but not in such secret but that hee was discouered. 1611 SHAKS. *Cymb.* v. v. 206, I return'd With tokens thus and thus..: nay some markes Of secret on her person. 1616 CHAPMAN *Musæus* 260 Loose acts done In surest secret: in the open Sunne And euery Market place, will burne thine eares. 1781 COWPER *Expost.* 722 My soul shall sigh in secret. 1877 TENNYSON *Harold* v. ii, Some held she was his wife in secret.

b. (Chiefly in senses 3–4.) *To be in* (rarely † *on*) *the secret*, to be one of the participants in a secret; † *to be of secrets with*, to share the confidence or secrets of (a person); *to let* (a person) *into the secret*, to confide (to him) the secret (*of* an affair, trade); hence *slang* (see quots. *a* 1700 [2], 1801); *to make a secret of* (something), to make (it) a matter of concealment, to keep (it) to oneself.

1535 *St. Papers Hen. VIII*, II. 228 We have in warde,.. Dam Jenet Ewstace, which was thErle of Kildares aunt, and most of secrets with him. 1680 BURNET *Rochester* (1692) 28 Even those who were on the secret, and saw him in these shapes, could perceive nothing by which he might be discovered. 1697 VANBRUGH *Æsop* II. i, It's a good trade..: let a lad be but diligent, and do what he's bid, he shall be let into the secret, and share part of the profits. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 22 July 1674, In a short time let him so into the secret of affaires, that [etc.]. *a* 1700 B. E. *Dict. Cant. Crew, Secret, let into the Secret*, when one is drawn in at Horse-racing, Cock-fighting, Bowling, and other Sports or Games, and *Bit*. 1703 [see LET *v.*[1] 11 a (d)]. 1724 *De Foe's Tour Gt. Brit.* (ed. 3) I. 79 Before I was let into the Secret, as 'tis called, which is indeed nothing but the knavish Part of the Sport [of Horseracing]. 1738 SWIFT *Pol. Conversat.* I. 29 You may make a Secret of it, but we can spell, and put together. 1801 NELSON *Let.* in *Sotheby's Catal.* 15 June 1897, 17 As I am not in the secret, and feel I have a right to speak out. 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* iv. I. 453 James, who had from the first been in the secret of his brother's foreign politics. 1885 MAY PEARD *Near Neighbours* II. i. 18 Nor had he made the least secret of his intention to use all means to hold her.

9. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as (objective) *secret-keeper, -monger*; **secret-graph** (*nonce-wd.*), a code for communicating secrets.

1799 in *Spirit Publ. Jrnls.* III. 329 Instruct ladies to form a perfect *secret-graph by the arrangement of Patches. 1741 RICHARDSON *Pamela* (ed. 3) II. 273 Thou has the Air of a *Secret-keeper of that sort. 1904 *Edin. Rev.* Jan. 56 Earth, the secret keeper of birth and of death. 1754–64 SMELLIE *Midwifery* I. 257, A selfish *secret-monger. 1756 C. LUCAS *Ess. Waters* I. 38 Itinerant empyrics and secret-mongers.

† **II. 10.** A private counsellor, secret adviser. *Obs. rare*[–1].

a 1513 FABYAN *Chron.* lxviii. (1533) 25 b/1 When he [*sc.* Constantyne] awoke he called this vysyon to mynde, and tolde vnto his secretes, by whose counsayll he commaunded the sygne of the crosse to be..set in his baners.

† **Se·crete,** *v. Obs.* [f. SECRET *sb.*

In the inflected forms it is not easy to distinguish between *secret* and SECRETE *v.*]

trans. To keep secret, conceal, hide.

1595 *Drake's Voy.* (Hakl. Soc.) 25 Your loves, I thinke, can pardon these faltes, and secret them from the vewe of others. 1596 RALEIGH *Discov. Guiana* 21 A large chart..which I shall most humbly pray your Lo. to secret, and not to suffer it to passe your own hands. 1619 W. SCLATER *Exp.* 1 *Thess.* (1630) 398 Things that hee [God] hath pleased to secret vnto himselfe. 1625 BACON *Ess., Simulation* (Arb.) 506 If a Man..can discerne, what Things are to be laid open, and what to be secretted. 1693 W. FREKE *Sel. Ess.* xxvi. 155 The seueral Methods of Secreting our Sense in writing. *a* 1734 NORTH *Exam.* I. i. § xvi. (1740) 23 Can any Thing but a Monster in common Sense argue ..that the Earl intended to secret the Sense of his Words.

Hence **Se·creting** *vbl. sb.*

1616 BACON *Adv. to Villiers* Wks. 1872 VI. 41 There is great care to be used for the councillors themselves to be well chosen, so there is of the clerks of the council, for the secreting of their consultations.

‖ **Secreta**[1] (sĭkrī·tă). Pl. **secretæ**. *Eccl.* [eccl.L. *sēcrēta* (sc. *ōrātio*), fem. of L. *sēcrētus* SECRET *a.*] = SECRET *sb.* 2.

1753 CHALLONER *Cath. Chr. Instr.* 95 The Prayers called the Secreta, which correspond to the Collects of the Day, and are different every Day. 1859 NEALE *Liturgies S. Mark*, etc. p. xxvi *note*, While the *secreta* is being said. 1899 *Lutheran* (Philad.) 6 Apr. 325 The prolonged *secretae* of the priests.

‖ **Secre·ta**[2], *pl.* [Lat.; neut. pl. of pa. pple. of *sēcernĕre*: see SECERN, SECRETE.] Secreted matters; the products of secretion. Cf. EXCRETA.

1877 CHAMBERS in *Encycl. Brit.* VII. 209/2 The actual amount of those elements in the dried solids of the secreta.

Secretage (sī·krĕtĕdʒ). [a. F. *secrétage*, f. *secréter*, SECRETE *v.*[3] and -AGE.] A process of preparing furs for felting: see quot. 1835. Also *attrib.*

1792 HAMILTON *Berthollet's Dyeing* I. i. ii. i. 131 The furs of hares..cannot be employed alone for felting, without having undergone a previous operation which is called secretage. 1835 URE *Philos. Manuf.* 129 The furs of the hare, the rabbit, and the castor, being naturally straight, cannot be employed alone for felting, till they have acquired a curling texture at their points, by the application of nitrate of mercury,—an artifice called secretage. 1839 — *Dict. Arts* 811 The nitrate of mercury is employed for the secretage of rabbit and hare-skins. 1866 COOLEY *Toilet* 481 Secretage Liquid, Permanent Curling Fluid. 1880 J. PATON in *Encycl. Brit.* XI. 518/2.

† **Secretaire**[1]. *Obs. rare.* Also 5 **secretare**, 6 **secreatore, secretore.** [a. F. *secrétaire*. Cf. SECRETAR.] = SECRETARY.

1390 GOWER *Conf.* II. 31 Fulfild of Slowthes essamplaire Ther is yit on, his Secretaire, And he is cleped Negligence. 1475 *Bk. Noblesse* (Roxb.) 25 Maister Aleyn Chareter..secretaire to Charlys le bien amée [*sic*]. *c* 1489 CAXTON *Sonnes of Aymon* ix. 210 Thenne sayd the secretare, 'Sire, your commaundemente shall be doon.' 1530 PALSGR. 35 The letters missyves of suche as be secreatores in the sayd countreis. 1556 *Chron. Grey Friars* (Camden) 46 Gardner secretore un to the byshoppe of Wynchester.

‖ **Secretaire**[2] (sækretɛ̰r). [F. *secrétaire*: see SECRETARY 5.] A piece of furniture, usually cabinet-shaped, in which private papers can be kept, with a shelf for writing on, and drawers and pigeon-holes; a bureau.

1818 SCOTT *Hrt. Midl.* xlix, A cracked brown cann, with a piece of leather tied over the top. Its contents seemed to be written papers, thrust in disorder into this uncommon *secrétaire*. 1838 *Civ. Engin. & Arch. Jrnl.* I. 321/2 Description of an improved method of constructing large Secretaires and Writing-tables. 1879 'E. GARRETT' *House by Works* II. 119 Kate turned to her little secretaire and touched the spring of a secret place.

Se·cretar. *Sc.* Also 6 **secretare**, 6–7 **secreter.** (See also *Eng. Dial. Dict.*) [Sc. variant of SECRETARY: see -AR [2].]

1. = SECRETARY 2.

c 1450 HOLLAND *Howlat* 126 He..Bad send for his secretar, and his sele sone. 1533 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* VI. 122 Alsua deliverit to him be the secretar in Falkland lettrez to the bischopis. 1567 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* I. 547 The Lordis Regentis..ordanis the Secretare..to pas and direct seybrevis in dew and competent forme..to Sir Williame Murray..and Sir William Kirkcaldy. 1596 DALAYMPLE tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* II. 448 Quhom we cal the Queines secretar. 1643–4 *Aberd. Acc.* in *Spalding Club Miscell.* V. 107 Quhen the Erll of Kingorne, minister and secreter, wer maid burgessis, 1 lib. 13s. 4d.

2. = SECRETARY 1.

1619 A. SIMSON in *Select Biog.* (Wodrow Soc.) I. 79 He was a faithfull secretar... He said if he thought he should reveall any secret he would wish his tongue cutted out.

Secretarial (sekrĭtē·rĭăl), *a.* [ad. L. type **sēcrētāriāl-is*, f. med.L. *sēcrētārius* SECRETARY: see -AL.] Of or pertaining to a secretary or secretaries.

1801 BENTHAM *Mem. & Corr.* Wks. 1843 X. 362 Mr. Rose promised..to place it with his own secretarial hands..on..the table of Mr. Pitt. 1851 DICKENS *Lett.* (1880) I. 244, I would like to have a talk with you about the secretarial duties. 1897 FLOR. MARRYAT *Blood of Vampire* xi, Mr. Milliken would be much occupied with secretarial work.

b. Of type: = SECRETARY *sb.*[1] 4.

1864 PANIZZI in *Fine Arts Q. Rev.* II. 183 M. Francesco da Bologna..has devised a new form of letter, called cursive or secretarial.

† **Secreta·rian,** *a. Obs. rare.* [f. med.L. *sēcrētāri-us* SECRETARY + -AN.] = prec.

a 1734 NORTH *Exam.* I. ii. § 5 (1740) 33 We may observe in his Book in most Years, a Catalogue of Preferments, with Dates and Remarks, which latter, by the Secretarian Touches, shew out of what Shop he had them. *Ibid.* I. iii. § 37. 144 These false Glosses built upon certain Secretarian Expressions in Coleman's Letters. 1801 SOUTHEY *Lett.* (1856) I. 175, I do not receive livery and seisin of the secretarian pen till we reach London.

Secretariat(e (sekrĭtē·rĭăt, -ĕt). [a. F. *secrétariat*, ad. med.L. *sēcrētāriāt-us* the office of a secretary, f. *sēcrētārius* SECRETARY: see -ATE[1].] The office or official position of secretary; the body or department of secretaries; the place where a secretary transacts business, preserves records, etc.

a. 1811 WELLINGTON *Let. to C. Stuart* 12 Jan. in GURW. *Desp.* (1838) VII. 97, I conduct the operations of the Portuguese army as Marshal General, without any reference to the Secretariat. 1849 EASTWICK *Dry Leaves* 116 A series of letters to the Secretariat at Bombay. 1861 MONEY *Java* I. 238 The Secretariat.—The Governor-General is further assisted by a Secretary-General, who has under him three secretaries of Government, and a large staff of clerks. 1884 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 22 Nov. 8/2 The vacancy in the secretariat of the British and Foreign Bible Society. 1908 LD. ROBERTS in Lee-Warner *Mem. Sir H. W. Norman* 310 After the mutiny his career took him to the Military Secretariat.

β. 1858 M. PATTISON *Ess.* (1889) II. 345 Before the beginning of the present century Montaigne's Secretariate to the Queen had become an accredited event. 1910 *Guardian* 22 Apr. 568/3 Claudius..is regarded as the puppet of dissolute wives and insolent freedmen, not the shrewd organiser of a new Imperial Exchequer and secretariate.

Secretary (se·krĭtări), *sb.*[1] (and *a.*). Forms: 4–7 **secretarie**, 5– **-airye**, (**secretrary**), 5–6 **secretarye, -ory, -orie**, (6 *Sc.* **secrittary**), 5– **secretary.** [ad. med.L. *sēcrētārius* a secretary, notary, scribe, etc., a title applied to various confidential officers (properly an *adj.*), f. *sēcrēt-um* SECRET *sb.*: see -ARY[1] B. 1. (The equivalent late Latin title was *ā sēcrētīs*.) Cf. F. *secrétaire* (whence SECRETAIRE, SECRETAR), Pr. *secretari*, Sp., Pg. *secretario*, It. *secretario, segretario.*]

A. *sb.*

† **1.** One who is entrusted with private or secret matters; a confidant; one privy *to* a secret. *Obs.*

1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) V. 387 Þanne his secretarie [L. *secretarius*] tolde hym what he hadde i-seie and i-doo. *c* 1400 tr. *Secreta Secret., Gov. Lordsh.* cvi, At þe leste be he to þe trewe secretary, no þinge addand, no letiland, in þinges þat þou sendys hym. *c* 1400 LOVE *Bonavent. Mirr.* xl. (Gibbs MS.) lf. 88 Takyng wyth hym hys þre specyall secretaryes þat is to say petyre and james and john. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 451/1 Secretary, manne of privyte (*v. r.* of priui counsel), *secretarius*. *c* 1440 *Gesta Rom.* xliii. 171 (Harl. MS.), There come to him [the Emperor] a Secretarie, þat was nye of his counseill. 1451 CAPGRAVE *St. Gilbert* xxiii. 97 For to þat pryuyte he desyred no moo secretaries but God and seyntis. 1567 PAINTER *Pal. Pleas.* II. 190 She..that was the secretarie of hir infortunate marriage. 1590 LODGE *Rosalynde* (1592) N 2 b, Reueale it she durst not, as daring in such matters to make none her secretarie. 1590 GREENE *Fr. Bacon* xii. 75 Raphe tells all, you shall haue a good secretarie of him. 1665 R. BRATHWAIT *Comment Two Tales* 114 This Wife of Bath was too full of Chinks to be a good Secretary. 1815 SCOTT *Guy M.* xvi, My good woman,..a faithful secretary to her sex's foibles.

† **b.** *fig.* of things personified. *Obs.*

1587 GREENE *Euph. Cens.* (1634) D 2, For they knew if ever (as time is a bad Secretary) their adulterous practises should come to the eares of Polumestor, a worse mishap then death should be allotted for their ingratefull mischiefe [etc.]. 1592 KYD *Sp. Trag.* III. ii. 12 The night, sad secretary to my mones. 1615 DANIEL *Hymen's Tri.* IV. i. Wks. 1718 I. 131 Yonder spreading Beech Which often hath the Secretary been To my sad Thoughts. 1648 CHAS. I *Let.* 31 July *Wks.* (1662) I. 350 Lest it may be imagined that desire of Liberty should now be the only Secretary to My thoughts.

† **c.** Applied to those entrusted with the secrets or commands of God, or of a god. *Obs.*

1599 HAKLUYT *Voy.* II. i. 209 The mercifull God..commaunded his secretarie Abraham to build bim an house in Mecca. 1647 N. BACON *Disc. Govt. Eng.* I. i. 1 Their Priests, whom they [the Britons] accounted the onely Secretaries that God had on earth. 1657 HEYLIN *Eccl. Vind.* II. iii. § 14. 164 There was no order and command of Moses, or of any other of Gods Secretaries. *a* 1727 NEWTON *Chronol. Amended* ii. (1728) 210 Thoth, the secretary of Osiris.

transf. 1644 MILTON *Reas. Ch. Govt.* II. Pref. 41 But were it the meanest under-service, if God by his Secretary conscience injoyn it, it were sad for me if I should draw back.

d. *Secretary of Nature*: one acquainted with the secrets of Nature.

This doubtless originally belonged to sense 2, being suggested by the title γραμματεὺς τῆς φύσεως, applied (in Suidas) to Aristotle; but in the following examples the word is taken in its etymological sense.

1580 G. HARVEY *Three Proper Lett.* B iij b, The soundest Philosophers in deede, and very deepest Secretaries of Nature, holde..an other assertion. 1583 GREENE *Mamillia* I. Wks. (Grosart) II. 80, I cannot but maruel that among al these secretaries of nature, there haue neuer byn found any which haue enterprised to search out the essence and perfect nature of loue. 1635 H. VALENTINE *Foure Sea-Sermons* 24 It is reported of Aristotle that great Secretary of Nature, that [etc.]. 1648 *Hunting of Fox* 19 Solinus, and other Secretaries of nature. 1690 C. NESSE *Hist. & Myst. O. & N. Test.* I. 29 Solomons wisdom..made him natures secretary.

2. One whose office it is to write for another; esp. one who is employed to conduct correspondence, to keep records, and (usually) to transact various other business, for another person or for a society, corporation, or public body.

In early use applied almost solely to the officer who conducted the correspondence of a king; app. often employed with some mixture of the etymological sense 1.

Private secretary: a secretary employed by a minister of state or other high official for the personal correspondence connected with his official position; also applied to a secretary in the employ of a particular person (as distinguished from the secretary to a society, etc.).

Secretary of embassy or *legation*: an official of an embassy or diplomatic mission ranking next to the ambassador or envoy, and empowered to some extent to supply his place in his absence.

14.. *Sir Beues* (ed. Kölbing) 58/2 (MS. C) Kyng Armyne.. cawsyd hys secretory a lettyr to make. 1433 LYDG. *S. Edmund* III. 163 Burchardus..That ofseyn Fremund whilom was secretarye. 1455 *Rolls of Parlt.* V. 317/2 For the Office of oure Secretarie of Fraunce. 1465 *Mann. & Househ. Exp.* (Roxb.) 167 My mastyre paid to the Kynges secretory, for makenge of a lettre fro the Kynge into Wales, for my lord, vj. s. viij. d. *a* 1500 *Assembly of Ladies* 553 Tak these billes to the secretary. *a* 1513 FABYAN *Chron.* VI. clxxxvi. (1811) 286 The Kynge was aboute to delyuer this letter to his scribe or secretory. 1540–1 ELYOT *Image Gov.* Pref. 1 Whiche boke was fyrst written in the Greke tonge by his secretarie named Eucolpius. 1576 FLEMING *Panopl. Epist.* 338 *marg.*, He meaneth the Byshop of Yorke, to whom this Burbanco was secretarie. 1613 SHAKS. *Hen. VIII*, II. ii. 116 Cardinall, Prethee call Gardiner to me, my new Secretary. 1706 PHILLIPS (ed. Kersey), *Secretary*, one that is employ'd in Writing Letters, Dispatches, &c. for a Prince, Nobleman, or particular Society: Also one that attends upon an Ambassadour, Envoy, or Resident for that purpose. The *King's Secretaries*, certain Officers that Sign the Dispatches of the Seal; also the Clerks of the King's Chamber and Closet. 1756–7 tr. *Keysler's Trav.* (1760) IV. 424 The secretary of legation to that city. 1819 *Hermit in London* II. 186 We have quill-drivers termed secretaries to such and such a firm. 1821 (*title*) The Secretary's Assistant; exhibiting the various and most correct modes of Superscription, Commencement and Conclusion of Letters to Persons of every degree of Rank. 1838 DICKENS *Nich. Nick.* xvi, Nicholas wanted to know whether there was any such post as secretary to a gentleman to be had. 1845 *Philol. Soc. Trans.* I. 6 The Rules drawn up for the regulation of the Society were then read by the Secretary. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* xxv, The Secretary of the Treasury's antechamber. 1883 'OUIDA' *Wanda* I. 64 One letter her secretary could not answer for her.

b. *transf.* and *fig.*

1561 T. NORTON *Calvin's Inst.* IV. viii. § 9. 49 b, The Apostles wer y° certaine & authentike secretaries [L. *amanuenses*] of the Holy ghost. 1591 NASHE *Pref. to Sidney's Astrophel*, Fayre sister of Phœbus, and eloquent secretary to the Muses, most rare Countesse of Pembroke. 1642 FULLER *Holy & Prof. St.* V. ii. 364 Charles knew well that Necessity, her Secretary, endited her speech for her. 1665 BOYLE *Occas. Refl.* VI. i. (1848) 341 Those orders of hers, in which she employ'd not Rhetorick for her Secretary, could not be so much as listen'd to, much less obey'd.

†**c.** One who writes (on a particular occasion) for another. *Obs.*

1592 GREENE *Groat's W. Wit* (1617) 9 Words to court her you shall not want, for my selfe will be your Secretary.

†**d.** One skilled in letter-writing. *Obs.*

1586 J. HOOKER *Chron. Irel.* 160/2 in *Holinshed*, The gouernor, who was a verie good secretarie, and could pen a letter verie excellentlie well, did draw a letter.

†**e.** In the titles of books on the art of letter-writing. *Obs.*

1586 A. DAY (*title*) The English Secretorie. Wherein is contayned a perfect method for the inditing of all manner of Epistles and familiar letters, etc. 1715 (*title*) A new Academy of complements; or the Lover's Secretary..in divers examples of writing and inditing letters.

3. In the official designations of certain ministers presiding over executive departments of state.

The occurrence of the title '(Principal) Secretary of State (†Estate)' under Queen Elizabeth may be taken as indicating the beginning of the development by which the king's secretary (in sense 2) became a minister invested with governing functions. Throughout the 17th c. there were two officials jointly holding the office of Secretary of State, and in the 18th c. the number varied between two and three; till near the close of this period the two (or two of the three) were distinguished as 'Principal Secretary of State for the Southern Province' and 'Principal Secretary of State for the Northern Province', with reference to the division between them of the control of foreign relations (see quot. 1755); but with regard to internal administration no division of functions was formally recognized. At the end of the 18th c. there were three Secretaries of State, and shortly afterwards the division of functions between them was recognized in their official designation, as 'Secretary of State for Home Affairs', 'for Foreign Affairs', and 'for the Colonies'. In 1854 a Secretary of State for War was added, and 1858 a Secretary of State for India. The Secretaries of State are often more briefly called the Home Secretary, the Foreign Secretary, the Colonial Secretary, the Secretary for War, the Secretary for India. The Chief Secretary for Ireland (officially styled the Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant, and informally the Irish Secretary), and the Secretary for Scotland (first appointed in 1885) are not secretaries of state, but have similar functions, and are (now) members of the cabinet. The Secretary at War (down to 1855, when the office was united with that of the Secretary of State for War) was the parliamentary representative of the army, and had some degree of control over its finance.

In the U. S., the Secretary of State corresponds approximately to the British Foreign Secretary. Other cabinet ministers, heads of executive departments, are the Secretary of the Treasury, of War, of the Navy, of the Interior, of Agriculture. Each state of the Union has also its Secretary of State (or a corresponding officer with some other title).

1599 HAKLUYT *Voy.* II. 1. 175 (transl. of Italian letter) Our Secretarie of estate. 1601 in Rymer *Foedera* (1715) XVI. 421 Sir Robert Cecill Knighte our Principall Secretarie. 1603 *Ibid.* 497 The Right Honorable Sir Robert Cecyll Knight Principall Secretary to her Majestie. 1620 *Ibid.* XVII. 212 Sir Robert Naunton Knight one of our principall Secretaries of State. *a* 1635 NAUNTON *Fragm. Reg.* (Arb.) 30, I now come to the next, which was Secretary William Cecil. 1641 CLARENDON *Hist. Reb.* I. § 141 The two Secretaries of State (who were not in those days officers of that magnitude they have been since, being only to make Dispatches upon the conclusion of Councils, not to govern, or preside in those Councils) were S^r John Coke.. and S^r Dudley Carleton. 1693 LUTTRELL *Brief Rel.* (1857) III. 175 Mr. Clerk, secretary at war. 1710–11 SWIFT *Jrnl. to Stella* 17 Jan., I will speak to George Granville, Secretary at War, to make him a captain. 1755 *Chamberlayne's St. Gt. Britain* (ed. 38) I. 85 Secretaries of State. ..The Correspondence with all Parts of Great Britain is, without Distinction, managed by either of the Secretaries... But as for the Foreign Affairs, all the Nations..are by them divided into Two Provinces, the Northern, and Southern; of which the Northern is usually under the Junior Secretary, and contains Scandinavia, &c. The Southern under the Senior, and contains Flanders, France, &c. At present (Anno 1752) the Case is just the Reverse. 1774 BURKE *Amer. Tax.* Wks. II. 368 Lord Hillsborough, secretary of state for the colonies. 1863 *Act 26 & 27 Vict.* c. 12 § 1 From and after the passing of this Act the Office of Secretary at War shall be..abolished. 1863 KINGLAKE *Crimea* (ed. 3) II. 72 *note*, According to the practice which was in force up to the summer of 1854, the Secretary of State for the Colonies was also the 'Secretary of War'...In peace-time (thanks to the labours of the 'Horse Guards', the office of the Secretary *at* War, the Ordnance, and several other offices) the duties of the Colonial Secretary, in his character as Secretary of War, were very slight.

b. *Mr. Secretary*: used before the name of a secretary of state, or as a title instead of his name. Now only *official* and *Hist.*

1576 in Nichols *Progr. Eliz.* (1823) II. 42 Mr. Secretary. Mr. Threasurer. Mr. Comptroller. 1613 SHAKS. *Hen. VIII*, v. iii. 1 [*Scene*, A Councell Table...Cromwell at lower end, as Secretary.] *Chan.* Speake to the businesse, M. Secretary; Why are we met in Councell? 1711 SWIFT *Jrnl. to Stella* 30 Aug., On Saturday I go to Windsor with Mr. Secretary. 1760 *Rhode Island Col. Rec.* (1861) VI. 243 A letter from Mr. Secretary Pitt. 1911 *Times* 23 Feb. 15/5 The Speaker asked who were prepared to bring in the Bill. *Mr. Asquith.* —The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Secretary Churchill, Mr. Secretary Haldane, Mr. Pease, the Attorney-General, and myself.

4. Short for *secretary hand*, *type*: see B.

1771 LUCKOMBE *Hist. Printing* 42 The character itself was a rude old Gothic mixed with Secretary. 1778 MORES *Dissert.* 4 And first Mr Caxton—his letter originally was of the sort called Secretary. 1784 ASTLE *Orig. Writ.* v. 146 In the sixteenth century, the English lawyers engrossed their conveyances and legal instruments in characters called Secretary, which are still in use.

5. A writing-desk, a secretaire.

After F. *secrétaire*, prob. a transferred use; cf. however SECRETARY *sb.*[2]

1833 LOUDON *Encycl. Archit.* § 2096 Writing-Tables, or Secretaries. 1858 G. MACDONALD *Phantastes* i. 2 An old secretary, in which my father had kept his private papers. 1893 LELAND *Mem.* I. 227 My first thought was for this money, so I hurried to get the key of the secretary in which it was.

6. The secretary-bird (see 7).

1781 tr. *Sonnerat's Voy. Spice-Isl.* 19 The Secretary, with a crest down back of the neck. 1850 R. G. CUMMING *Hunter's Life S. Afr.* (1902) 144/1 When the tree fell, out from its nest rolled a young secretary.

7. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as †*secretary-craft*, †*desk*, *-interpreter*, *-office*; **secretary-** (†**secretaries**) **bird**, a raptorial bird of South Africa, *Serpentarius secretarius*; said to be so called from a tuft of feathers at the back of the head which have a fancifnl resemblance to pens stuck behind the ear; also called *secretary-falcon*, *-vulture*; **secretary-general** (see quots.).

1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) XVII. 236/2 *Secretaries bird, ..classed by Latham under the genus Vultur. 1824 *Goldsmith's Nat. Hist.* III. Index, Secretary-bird devours serpents. 1870 GILLMORE tr. *Figuier's Reptiles & Birds* 611 The Secretary Bird (*Serpentarius secretarius*,..) has a widely-opening bill, very crooked and very powerful. *a* 1661 FULLER *Worthies, Kent* (1662) II. 75 None alive did better ken the *Secretary Craft, to get Counsels out of others, and keep them in himself. 1798 *Hull Advertiser* 28 July 2/1 Eight fashionable *secretary desks. 1802 BINGLEY *Anim. Biog.* (1805) II. 185 An engagement between the *Secretary Falcon and a serpent. 1701 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 3713/3 The Sieur de Capistron, *Secretary-General of the French Galleys. 1861 [see SECRETARIAT]. 1904 SLADEN *Lovers in Japan* II. xii, The *Secretary-Interpreter at the Legation. 1821 SCOTT *Kenilw.* xl, We will..place the boy in our *Secretary-office. 1781 LATHAM *Synopsis Birds* I. i. 20 *Secretary Vulture.

B. *adj.* As the distinctive epithet of a style of handwriting used chiefly in legal documents from the 15th to the 17th c. Hence applied to a kind of black-letter type imitating this.

1571 DE BEAU CHESNE & BAILDON (*title*) A booke containing divers sortes of hands, as well the English as French Secretarie, with the Italian, Roman, Chancelry & court hands. 1587 FLEMING *Contn. Holinshed* III. 1370/2 One written in the secretarie hand..and the other in the Roman hand. 1594 PLAT *Jewell-ho.* 41 The Secretarie small a, hath six partes before it bee made uppe. 1649 DR. NEWCASTLE *Country Capt.* II. i, Papers defild with court hand and long dashes or secretary lines, that straddle, more then Frenchmen. 1705 WANLEY *MSS.* in *Phil. Trans.* XXV. 2000 Like as many Antient People, who do yet continue to write the Roman and Secretary Hands, which were more fashionable 50 or 60 years ago, than now. 1710 HEARNE *Collect.* (O. H. S.) III. 86 The French is printed in a secretary character. 1740 RICHARDSON *Pamela* (1824) I. 127 Don't you see, by the setness of some of these letters, and a little secretary cut here and there,..that it is the hand of a person bred in the law way? 1845 BLACK *Catal. Ashm. MSS.* 104 The other MS. contained in this volume was written in the time of Q. Elizabeth, in the secretary-hand. 1877 F. C. PRICE *Facsimiles Caxton, Memoir*, When Caxton started in England his whole stock of type consisted of two founts, a church or text type and a secretary type.

†**Secretary**, *sb.*[2] *Obs. rare.* Also **secretorie**. [ad. late L. *sēcrētārium*, f. *sēcrētum*: see -ARY[1] B. 2.] A secret chamber or repository. Also *fig.*

c 1440 *Alphabet of Tales* 323 Saynt Martyn..went in-to his secretorie & doffid his cote. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 451/1 Secretary, or place in privy councelle (*v. r.* place of privyte or counсel), *secretarium*. *c* 1450 tr. *De Imitatione* III. xliii. 114 Þou owist to fle into þe secretary of þin herte, bisechinge inwardly þe helpe of god.

Secretaryship (se·krĕtəriʃip). [f. SECRETARY *sb.*[1] + -SHIP.]

†**1.** The duties of a secretary. Also (cf. SECRETARY *sb.*[1] 2 d), skill or practice in letter-writing.

1530 PALSGR. Introd. 44 He may be able to do servyce in the faict of secretarishype. 1593 G. HARVEY *Pierces Super.* 8 A fine-witted man,..with a nimble dexterity of liuely conceite, and exquisite secretaryship. 1607 WALKINGTON *Opt. Glass* Ded. P 2 Wise parly and communication giues the vent and easie flow, and secretarishipe the sale. *Ibid.* 83 As though they alone were Italian *Magnificoes* and great Turkes for secretarishipe.

2. The office of secretary.

1550 EDW. VI *Jrnl.* 6 Sept. *Lit. Rem.* (Roxb.) 292 Mr. Wotton gave his secretaryship, and Mr. Cicil toke it. 1670 G. H. *Hist. Cardinals* III. iii. 321 He has confirm'd..Monsignour Piccolomini in his Secretaryship of the Memorials. 1711 SWIFT *Let. to Stella* 19 Apr., Little Harrison the Tatler goes to-morrow to the secretaryship I got him at the Hague. 1796 LD. GRENVILLE in *Paget Papers* (1896) I. 109 This appointment will vacate the secretaryship of Embassy at Madrid. 1809 G. ROSE *Diaries* (1860) II. 402 The Secretaryship-at-War was offered to him. 1885 *Field* 7 Feb. 150/2 Mr. Burton had expressed a wish to retire from the secretaryship [of a hunt]. 1893 *Law Times* XCV. 27/2 In 1858, ..a Secretaryship of State for India was established.

†**Secre·te**, *a. Obs. rare.* [ad. L. *sēcrēt-us*, pa. pple. of *sēcernĕre*: see next.] Separated.

1678 CUDWORTH *Intell. Syst.* I. iv. 307 Numenius and others of the Platonists speak..supposing Two other Divine Hypostases..which were perfectly Secrete from Matter. *Ibid.* 582 This so containeth all things, as not being yet secrete and distinct.

Secrete (sĭkrī·t), *v.*[1] *Phys.* [f. L. *sēcrēt-*, ppl. stem of *sēcernĕre* to separate: see SECERN. Suggested by SECRETION, from which it might be regarded as derived by back-formation. Cf. F. *sécréter* (1812 in Hatz.-Darm.), Sp. *secretar.*]

1. *trans.* To produce by means of secretion.

1707 [see SECRETED *ppl. a.*[1]]. 1728 CHAMBERS *Cycl., Animal Secretion* is the Act whereby the divers Juices of the Body are secreted or separated from the common Mass of Blood, by means of the Glands. 1800 E. DARWIN *Phytol.* vi. 72 They [*sc.* glands] secrete, that is, separate or produce, some fluid from the blood; as bile, saliva, urine, milk. 1851 WOODWARD *Mollusca* 6 That part of their integument which contains the viscera and secretes the shell, is termed the mantle. 1877 DARWIN *Forms of Fl.* I. 22 The flowers of the Cowslip..secrete plenty of nectar.

b. *transf.* and *fig.*

1863 KINGSLEY *Lett.* (1878) II. 172 If you won't believe my great new doctrine..that souls secrete their bodies, as snails do shells, you will remain in outer darkness. 1887 LOWELL *Democracy*, etc. 29 Old gold has a civilizing virtue which new gold must grow old to be capable of secreting.

2. *intr.* To perform the act of secretion.

1872 HUXLEY *Physiol.* v. 132 Making the cells secrete just as a nerve when stimulated makes a muscle contract. 1884 BOWER & SCOTT *De Bary's Phaner.* 100 Those delicate, ..umbrella-like scales..secrete on their upper surface.

Secrete (sĭkrī·t), *v.*[2] [Alteration of SECRET *v.*, after L. *sēcrētus* SECRET *a.*]

1. *trans.* To place in concealment, to hide out of sight, to keep secret.

1741 WARBURTON *Div. Legat.* IV. iv. II. 109 The common Opinion that the Egyptians invented Hieroglyphics to secrete their profound Wisdom. 1768 LADY M. COKE *Jrnl.* 11 July (1889) II. 310 Jane was secreted while the Princess was with me. 1843 LYTTON *Last Bar.* III. ii, How had Sibyll dared to secrete from him this hoard. 1878 HUXLEY *Physiogr.* 74 [It] may be secreted for untold ages in subterranean reservoirs.

b. *refl.*

1764 HARMER *Observ.* XVIII. ii. 79 It appears too that her tent was a much safer place than any other in that encampment in which to secrete himself. 1833 HT. MARTINEAU *Cinnamon & Pearls* I. 5 No shady creek into which a skiff might glide and secrete itself. 1893 LELAND *Mem.* I. 160 A certain French lady..having fallen in love with the said captain, had secreted herself on board the vessel.

2. To remove secretly, to appropriate (the possessions of another) in a secret manner.

1749 FIELDING *Tom Jones* VI. xiii, The secreting of the 500 l. was a matter of very little hazard; whereas the detaining the sixteen guineas was liable to..discovery. 1783 BURKE *Rep. Aff. India* Wks. II. 265 Not the least hint, that he was delivering back to the Company money of their own, which he had secreted from them. 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* VI. II. 58 There the bankrupt was taught how he might, without sin, secrete his goods from his creditors.

Secre·te, *v.*[3] *Hat-manuf.* [a. F. *secréter*, f. *secret* SECRET *sb.* (in the sense of 'secret process').] *trans.* To subject to the process of SECRETAGE.

1839 URE *Dict. Arts* 947 After the hairs are properly *secreted*, they are..shorn off by a machine. 1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.*, *Secreting*, a process by which the hairs of hare and rabbit skins are rendered fit for felting.

Secrete, obs. form of SECRET *sb.* and *a.*

Secreted (sĭkrī·tĕd), *ppl. a.*[1] [f. SECRETE *v.*[1] + -ED[1].] Produced by means of secretion.

1707 FLOYER *Physic. Pulse-Watch* 57 The Mass of Blood is chiefly Chyle, chang'd and mix'd with these secreted

Humours. 1800 E. DARWIN *Phytol.* vi. 80 Every other secreted fluid in the animal body is in part absorbed again into the system. 1871 GARROD *Mat. Med.* (ed. 3) 413 Diuretics are also administered for the purpose of producing a large flow from the kidneys, so as to enable the secreted urine to hold in solution substances which would otherwise crystallise.

Secreted (sĭkrī·tĕd), *ppl. a.*[2] [f. SECRETE *v.*[2] + -ED [1].] Concealed, hidden.

1756 AMORY *J. Buncle* (1770) I. 259 Yet it is the small secreted spring that directs, draws, checks, and gives movement to every weight and wheel. 1805 WORDSW. *Prelude* XI. 141 Not in Utopia,—subterranean fields,—Or some secreted island, Heaven knows where!

Secretee, obs. form of SECRECY.

‖ **Se·cretement,** *adv. Obs. rare*—[1]. [OF. *secretement*, f. *secret* SECRET *a.*] Secretly.

c 1470 HARDING *Chron.* cc. ii, Then the kyng, him fast to Langley sent There in the Freers to be buryed secretement.

† **Secre·ter.** *Obs. rare*—[1]. [f. SECRETE *v.*[2] + -ER [1].] One who conceals or hides away.

1755 *Gentl. Mag.* XXV. 184 The gentleman having detected the secreters of the dog..obliged them to give to this charity the money they had received.

† **Se·cretine.** *Obs. rare*—[1]. [a. OF. *secretin.*] A sacristan.

1607 R. C[AREW] tr. *Estienne's World of Wonders* 264 In which Church there was one which attended vpon these holy Martyrs..the Secretine.

Secreting (sĭkrī·tĭŋ), *ppl. a.* [f. SECRETE *v.*[1] + -ING 2.] That secretes.

1807 *Med. Jrnl.* XVII. 81 High inflammation would only throw out coagulable lymph even on a secreting surface. 1837 P. KEITH *Bot. Lex.* s.v. *Carpellum.* The midrib extended and expanded to a due length and thickness forms the style, and its 'denuded, secreting, and humid apex', forms the stigma. 1871 GARROD *Mat. Med.* (ed. 3) 179 On the Secreting and Excreting Organs, with the exception of the skin, the effect of opium is to lessen their activity. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 740 The cysts arise from hypertrophy of the secreting part of the sweat-glands.

Secretion (sĭkrī·ʃən). [a. F. *sécrétion*, ad. L. *sēcrētiōn-em*, n. of action f. *sēcernĕre* to separate, secrete: see SECERN *v.* Cf. Sp. *secrecion*, Pg. *secreção*, It. *secrezione.*]

1. *Phys.* In an animal or vegetable body, the action of a gland or some analogous organ in extracting certain matters from the blood or sap and elaborating from them a particular substance, either to fulfil some function within the body or to undergo excretion as waste.

1646 SIR T. BROWNE *Pseud. Ep.* III. xiii. 137 It cannot bee called their urine; not onely because they want those parts of secretion; but because it is emitted aversly or backward, by both sexes. 1704 J. HARRIS *Lex. Techn.* I, *Secretion*, is the separation of one Fluid from another in the Body of an Animal or Vegetable, by the means of Glands or something analogous to them. 1717 P. BLAIR *Misc. Observ.* (1718) 12 Its being converted into Chyle and under-going the several Secretions throughout the Body. 1839 LINDLEY *Introd. Bot.* II. xii. (ed. 3) 372 Of Digestion, Respiration, and Secretion. 1878 BELL tr. *Gegenbaur's Comp. Anat.* 18 This process of secretion varies in character.

attrib. 1880 BESSEY *Bot.* 128 Intercellular spaces and secretion reservoirs. 1897 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* IV. 34 Naunyn..concludes then, that the cholesterin of the bile is neither a product of general metabolism nor a specific secretion product of the liver.

2. *concr.* That which is produced by the action of a secreting organ.

1732 ARBUTHNOT *Aliments, Rules of Diet* 271 The Blood may be cleansed..perhaps better by Urine than any other Secretion. 1826 HENRY *Elem. Chem.* II. 433 The solids and fluids, thus produced, are sometimes elaborated by complicated organs called glands, and are then termed secretions. 1832 LINDLEY *Introd. Bot.* 222 A passage through which the peculiar secretions may, when elaborated, arrive at the stations where they are finally to be deposited. 1865 TYLOR *Early Hist. Man.* vii. 177 The milky secretion from a small frog or toad. 1882 VINES tr. *Sachs' Bot.* 568 When pollination takes place it [the Stigma] is covered with a viscid secretion.

b. *transf.* and *fig.*

1727 POPE, etc. *Art of Sinking* iii. 12 Poetry is a natural or morbid Secretion from the Brain. 1822 LAMB *Elia* Ser. I. *Praise of Chimney-Sweepers*, So may thy culinary fires, eased of the o'ercharged secretions from thy worse-placed hospitalities, curl up a lighter volume to the welkin. 1873 SPENCER *Stud. Sociol.* vi. 139 There have come down to us, from a long extinct race of men, those actual secretions of their daily life, which furnish colouring matter for a picture of them.

† **3.** In etymological sense: **a.** Separation. **b.** *Philos.* (= Gr. ἀπόκρισις.) Giving off of particles.

1696 BROOKHOUSE *Temple Open.* 58 The Extrusion of the Poor Reffugies was only an Act of Secretion By Him who has his Fan in his hand, who..dispersed them abroad, not for their Ruine but their Safety. 1678 CUDWORTH *Intell. Syst.* I. i. § 5. 8 Generation and Corruption may be sufficiently explained by Concretion and Secretion, or Local Motion, without Substantial Forms and Qualities.

4. *Geol.* (See quot.)

1882 GEIKIE *Text-bk. Geol.* II. II. iv. (1885) 96 In a true concretion, the material at the centre has been deposited first, and has increased by additions from without... Where, on the other hand, cavities..have been filled up by the deposition of materials on their walls, and gradual growth inward, the result is known as a secretion.

Hence **Secre·tional, Secre·tionary** *adjs.*, pertaining to secretion.

1877 BENNETT *Thomé's Bot.* 224 But diseases are also caused through the influence of the soil, depending on an abnormal transformation of those substances out of which the tissue of the plant is constructed. These constitute what are called *secretional diseases.* 1888 TEALL *Brit. Petrogr.* 447 *Secretionary*, a term used to express a growth from without inwards, in contradistinction to *concretionary.*

Secretious (sĭkrī·ʃəs), *a.* [f. L. *sēcrētiōn-em* SECRETION + -IOUS. Cf. *captious.*] Characterized by, or having the nature of secretion.

1707 FLOYER *Physic. Pulse-Watch* 151 When the Pulse runs too high..all the Evacuations of the secretious Humours are very violent. 1876 tr. *Wagner's Gen. Path.* 111 Generally possessing a secretious calcareous covering.

† **Se·cretist.** *Obs. rare*—[1]. [f. SECRET *a.* or *sb.* + -IST. Cf. F. *secrétiste* (18th c. in Littré).] One who has special skill in any matter or special or private information.

1661 BOYLE *Cert. Physiol. Ess.* (1669) 35 Those Secretists that will not part with one Secret but in Exchange for another.

† **Secreti·tious,** *a. Obs. rare*—[1]. [f. L. *sēcrēt-* (see SECRETE *v.*) + -ITIOUS [2].] Produced by secretion.

1696 FLOYER *Humours* Pref., They frequently have a Similitude or contrariety to the Secretitious Humours in taste and Quality.

Secretive (sĭkrī·tiv), *a.* Also 5 secretife. [In 15th c. f. SECRET *a.* + -IVE. In mod. use, a back-formation from SECRETIVENESS; but apprehended as f. SECRETE *v.* + -IVE.]

† **1.** = SECRET *a. Obs. rare*—[1]. (Used for rime.)

c 1470 HARDING *Chron.* CLXXVIII. ii, In chambre priuey and secretife [*rime-word* wife].

2. Of persons, their feelings, habits, etc.: Addicted or inclined to secrecy; reticent; not frank or open.

1853 C. BRONTE *Villette* ix, These things, contrary to her custom, and even nature—for she was not secretive—were most sedulously kept out of sight for a time. 1884 *Harper's Mag.* June 99/2 She was a shy, secretive maid. 1908 *Hibbert Jrnl.* Oct. 30 So secretive is this tribe that my patient inquiries have not even elicited their true name.

b. *transf.* of things. Also of looks, etc.: Indicating secretiveness.

1865 A. SMITH *Summer in Skye* I. 311 O'er his dark face there flitted A secretive smile. 1866 THORNBURY *Greatheart* I. 320 There was something secretive and sad about the sites of the graves. 1871 LOWELL *Study Wind.* 40 The evening lamps look yellower by contrast with the snow, and give the windows that hearty look of which our secretive fires have almost robbed them. 1892 'MERRIMAN' *Slave of Lamp* vii, The Citizen Morot raised his secretive eyes.

3. Serving to conceal. *rare.*

1830 I. TAYLOR *Unitar.* 82 The pews.., secretive in their intention.

Secretiveness (sĭkrī·tivnĕs). [Formed after F. *secrétivité* (Phrenology; Gall, 1808), f. *secret* SECRET; see -IVE and -NESS. Now apprehended as f. SECRETIVE *a.*] The quality of being secretive; disposition to secrecy.

Originally used in Phrenology as the name of a 'propensity' having a special 'bump' allotted to it.

1815 SPURZHEIM *Physiogn. Syst.* (ed. 2) 329 Organ of the propensity to conceal, or Secretiveness. 1878 BAYNE *Purit. Rev.* vii. 265 He had no secretiveness in his nature, and could do nothing by halves. 1897 MARY KINGSLEY *W. Africa* 161 There is a strange sense of secretiveness about all these West African forests.

Secretly (sī·krĕtlĭ), *adv.* [f. SECRET + -LY 2.]

1. In a secret manner, in secret, not openly.

c 1386 [see SECRELY]. 1447 BOKENHAM *Seyntys* i. 769 (Horstm.) For lernyd he hadde ful secretlye Of a prest.. whan he shuld dye. 1537 WRIOTHESLEY *Chron.* (1875) I. 43 The King was maried secreetly at Chelsey, in Middelsex, to one Jane Seymor. 1596 SHAKS. *Merch. V.* II. iii. 7 Giue him this Letter, doe it secretly. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 18 June 1690, The Duke of Savoy..did seacretly concert measures with, and afterwards declar'd for them. 1766 GOLDSM. *Vic. W.* iv, I still found them secretly attached to all their former finery. 1878 LECKY *Eng. in 18th C.* I. i. 119 He was secretly negotiating with the Pretender.

† **b.** With a hidden meaning. *Obs. rare.*

c 1430 LYDG. *Min. Poems* (Percy Soc.) 119 Poetis of olde fables han contryved,..By whiche theyr witte was secretely approved. 1632 *Guillim's Heraldry* III. ii. (ed. 2) 115 This did the Poets secretly expresse, when they preferred Pallas to be the Gouernesse of Learning.

† **c.** Indirectly. *Obs. rare*—[1].

1656 RIDGLEY *Pract. Physick* 227 Antidotes for the Malignity, yet such as secretly respect the disease.

† **2.** In concealment or retirement. *Obs. rare.*

1535 COVERDALE *Ps.* XXX. 20 Thou hydest them priuely by thine owne presence from the pronde men, thou kepest them secretly in thy tabernacle, from the strife of tongues. 1599 SHAKS. *Much Ado* IV. i. 205 Your daughter heere the Princesse (left for dead) Let her awhile be secretly kept in.

3. In an inaudible voice.

1608 TOPSELL *Serpents* 161 The dragon..falleth asleepe, the Indians in the meane-season watching, & muttering secretly words of Incantation. 1841 A. R. C. DALLAS *Past. Superintend.* 203 Repeating the Lord's Prayer after the Bishop; and afterwards joining secretly in the prayers which follow.

† **Se·cretness.** *Obs.* [f. SECRET *a.* + -NESS.] The state or condition of being secret.

1. Secrecy, privacy; reticence. *In secretness*: secretly.

1387–8 T. USK *Test. Love* I. v. (Skeat) 13 A thing enclosed under secretnesse of privyte. *a* 1475 ASHBY *Active Policy* 354 Kepe secretnesse as a secretarye. *Ibid.* 621 Whan any tellethe you any tale,..than kepe it in secretnesse treuleche. *a* 1533 LD. BERNERS *Gold. Bk. M. Aurel.* (1546) G j, He.. ought to entre into his owne secretnes, and to thynke profoundely. 1560 DAUS tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* 342 Now again muttering something in great secreatness. 1654 COKAINE *Dianea* 246 Being grown impatient of my timerous secretnesse..I asked her Advice: If it were better to discover ones flames to a Mistris by Letters, word of mouth, or by the Intercession of others.

2. That which is secret.

c 1425 *Found. St. Bartholomew's* (E.E.T.S.) 13 And begane a litill while to hyde the secretnesse of his soule. *a* 1533 LD. BERNERS *Huon* XCV. 310 Whan ye were prisoner in Babylone I dyscoueryd the secretnes of my mynde to hym, and shewed hym of y^e loue betwen you and me. 1623 LISLE *Ælfric on O. & N. T., Serm. Easterday* 13 Then ought we..not to search rashly of that deepe secretnes aboue the measure of our vnderstanding.

Secretorie, -y, obs. forms of SECRETARY.

Secretory (sĭkrī·tərĭ), *a.* and *sb. Phys.* [f. L. *sēcrēt-* (see SECRETE *v.*) + -ORY. Cf. F. *sécrétoire.*]

A. *adj.* Having the function of secreting; pertaining to or concerned with the process of secretion.

1692 RAY *Creation* II. 64 The Glands..give the Blood time to stop and separate through the Pores of the capillary Vessels into the Secretory ones. 1793 BEDDOES *Calculus* 39 Of all the secretory organs, the kidneys and the mammæ are most certainly and quickly affected by the passions and by food. 1872 HUXLEY *Physiol.* v. 102 The many secretory glands which separate certain substances from the blood at recurrent periods. 1884 BOWER & SCOTT *De Bary's Phaner.* 421 The fibrous strands which surround a secretory passage in the leaves of Pinus and the roots of Philodendron.

B. *sb.* A secreting vessel or duct.

1768 FOOTE *Devil* III. Wks. 1799 II. 276 These are thrown by the digestive powers into the secretory. 1822–29 *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 3) III. 409 Mercury is an universal stimulant and increases the action of all the secretories at one and the same time.

‖ **Secre·tum.** *Antiq.* Pl. **secreta.** [L. *sēcrētum*, neut. of *sēcrētus* SECRET *a.*; in med.L. ellipt. for *sigillum secretum* secret seal.] (See quot. 1886.)

1864 BOUTELL *Her. Hist. & Pop.* xxiv. 399 The same individual also occasionally possessed and sealed with more than one Secretum. *Ibid.* 400 The Seals and Secreta of certain noble families. 1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 586/2 The aperture [over which a seal was placed] allowed a second matrix to be applied at the back. This was usually a smaller private seal called a *secretum.* 1909 FOX-DAVIES *Compl. Guide Her.* 408 The *secretum* of Isabelle de Flandres (c. 1308) has her shield placed between three lions.

Sect (sekt), *sb.*[1] Also 4–6 secte, 5 sekte, 6 sekt, seacte, *pl.* sextes, *Sc. pl.* sekkis. [a. F. *secte* (14th c. in Hatz.-Darm.), or directly ad. L. *secta* following (used as cognate object in *sectam sequi*, to follow a particular course of conduct, to follow a person's guidance or example), hence a party or faction, a philosophical sect or school, a class or profession (in med. L. also the distinctive costume of a class or order of men), f. *sequ-* root of *sequī* to follow: for the formation cf. *sectārī* to pursue). The L. word was adopted also in other Rom. langs.: Sp., Pg. *secta*, It. *setta.*

It has been maintained that L. *secta* is the fem. pple. of *secāre* to cut, an ellipsis for *via secta*, from the phrase *viam secāre* (after Gr. τέμνειν ὁδόν) to make (lit. 'to cut') one's way. Formally this would be quite possible; but *secta* does not occur in the physical sense of 'way', nor does it appear that *via secta* was ever in use; and some of the uses of *secta* are more satisfactorily accounted for by derivation from *sequī* than from *secāre.*]

† **1.** A class or kind (of persons). *Obs.*

c 1384 CHAUCER *H. Fame* 1432 (Fairf.) Alderfirste, loo, ther I sighe,..Hym of Secte saturnyne, The Ebrayke Iosephus. 1393 LANGL. *P. Pl.* C. XVI. 13 How þis conetise ouer-cam alle kynne sectes, As wel lerede as lewede. *c* 1400 *Rom. Rose* 5745 Eke in the same secte are set Alle tho that prechen for to get Worshipes, honour, and richesse. 1430–40 LYDG. *Bochas* III. i. (1494) i viij h, The sect of pouert hath a protection From all statutes to go at lyberte. 1515 BARCLAY *Egloges* iii. (1570) B vj b, Flatterers and hostlers, and other of this sect Are busy in thy chamber. 1540 PALSGR. *Acolastus* II. i. I j, Of whose secte .i. suite or sorte of profession we.. set forth abrode into the market stede many clientes. 1568 GRAFTON *Chron.* II. 932 The which act and priuilege did nourishe and encrease aboundauntly the sect and swarme of theenes and murderers. 1628 BURTON *Anat. Mel.*, Democr. to Rdr. (ed. 3) 15 [Of Physicians] I know many of their Sect [edd. 1, 2, of them] which haue taken Orders, in hope of a Benefice.

† **b.** A religious order. *Obs.*

Properly a use of sense 1; but Wyclif affects to take it in sense 4, as if the orders (esp. the mendicant orders) were new religions, competing with the 'sect' of Christ.

c 1380 WYCLIF *Wks.* (1880) 446 Þes foure sectis newe brouȝt in, as emperour clerkis, munkis & chanouns & þes foure ordris freris, disturbleh moost þis fiȝtinge chirche & putten it fro þe cours of crist. 1393 LANGL. *P. Pl.* C. XVII. 293 Þo3 men so3t al sectes [*v.r.* þe sektis] of sistren & of breþeren. 1402 *Jack Upland* 106 Why stele ye mens childreo for to make hem of youre secte? *c* 1450 *St. Cuthbert* (Surtees) 416 Þat he suld be of haly secte. 1533 GAU *Richt Vay* (1888) 104 Our halie fader ye pnip and his bischopis giffis ane part of ye spulze quhilk thay reiff fra ye pwir to thir forsaid sekkis. 1574 tr. *Marlorat's Apocalips* 36 Wicked sectes haue bin brought into the worlde vnder the names of Austin, Bernard, Francis, Dominik and others. 1602 WARNER *Alb. Eng.* IX. li. (1612) 231 Ignatius then conceited had his sect, And crau'd Confirmance of the pope. 1779 G. KEATE *Sketches fr. Nat.* (ed. 2) I. 142 As I think that there are only two houses of La Trappe existing, it may not be improper to mention, that this sect was first founded about a century ago, with the sanction of Pope Innocent the Eleventh. 1814

Cary *Dante, Parad.* III. 108, I..Mnde promise of the way her sect enjoins.

† **c.** The (human) race. *Obs. rare.*

c 1400 *Rom. Rose* 4859 Ne were ther generacioun Our sectis strene for to save. 1578 Banister *Hist. Man* III. 42 The Articulation of the head with the Vertebres..diuine nature y^e mother of humane sect, hath shewed therin more care.

d. Sex. Now only in illiterate use.

A special use of sense 1; possibly suggested by the similarity in sound with Sex. In mod.Eng. it may have originated afresh as an artificial pronunciation of *sek* (a singular evolved from the apparent plural *sex*) on the part of speakers of dialects that have final (k) for (kt).

c 1386 Chaucer *Clerk's T.* 1171 For the wyues loue of Bathe Whos lyf and al hire secte god mayntene In heigh maistrie. 1387–8 T. Usk *Test. Love* II. ii. (Skeat) I. 139 She me hath had so greet in worship, that I nil for nothing in open declare, that in any thing ayenst her secte may so wene. *a* 1592 Greene *Alphonsus* v. Wks. (Grosart) XIII. 400 Although it be a shame For knights to combat with the female sect. 1608 Middleton *Mad World* II. vi, 'Tis the easiest Art and cunning for our sect to counterfeit sicke. 1624 Heywood *Gunaik.* I. 6 Their controversie was to be determined by Tyresias, (one that had beene of both sects). 1738 [G. Smith] *Cur. Relat.* II. v. 77 These Robbers without Regard to Sect or Decency, strip all the Company stark naked. 1776 Pratt *Pupil Pleas.* (1777) I. 173 The most artfullest of his sect. 1824 Scott *St. Ronan's* xv, 'Ye have skeel of our sect, sir,' replied the dame. 1861 Mayhew *Lond. Labour* III. 204 [Street-photographer *log.*] A lady don't mind taking her bonnet off..before one of her own sect.

† **2.** Distinctive costume (of a class or order). Also *transf.* the 'garb' or guise (of humanity). *Obs.*

1377 Langl. *P. Pl.* B. XI. 237 Many tyme god hath ben mette amonge nedy peple, þere neuere segge hym seigh in secte of þe riche. *Ibid.* XIV. 258 He bereth þe signe of pouerte, And in þat secte owre sauegoure saued al mankynde. 1393 *Ibid.* C. VIII. 130 And sithe in oure secte as hit semed, þow deydest, On a fryday, in forme of man feledest oure sorwe.

† **3.** Body of followers or adherents. *Obs.*

1450 *Rolls of Parlt.* V. 204/2 The said John Newport and other of his secte..so thretening the Kingis pepil of the Ile [etc.]. 1512 W. Knight in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. II. I. 195 Sr William Sands and a few of his secte were in the contrarie opynyon of me. 1523 Ld. Berners *Froiss.* I. clxxx. 216 The prouost and his sect exhorted hym therto. 1590–91 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* IV. 562 The..crafty practizes of M^r James Gordoun, fader bruthir to the Erll of Huntlie, and utheris of his sect. 1621 *Gude & Godlie B.* App. I. 234 Cum heir my Elect, and my awin sweit Sect, 3our hyre sall not be in weir. [1647 N. Bacon *Disc. Gov. Eng.* I. lxvii. (1739) 169 *Et inde producit sectam suam*; that is, he brings his sect or suit, or such as do follow or affirm his complaint.] 1667 Milton *P. L.* VI. 147 [Abdiel speaks.] My Sect thou seest, now learn too late How few somtimes may know, when thousands err.

4. A religious following; adherence to a particular religious teacher or faith.

† **a.** Applied to any of the main religions of the world, as Christianity, Judaism, or Mohammedanism; the principles, or the adherents collectively, of any one of these faiths. *Obs.*

c 1386 Chaucer *Sqr.'s T.* 9 (Corpus) As of þe secte of which þat he was born he kepte his lay to which þat he was sworn. 1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) I. 129 Whan þat false prophete Machometys..wroot and brouȝt yn þe false lawe and secte of Saracins. 1390 Gower *Conf.* II. 182 And thus in thilke time tho Began the Secte upon this Ertbe, Which of believes was the ferthe. *c* 1450 *Myrr. our Ladye* 85 Of what secte or contre so euer they be, hethen or crysten, sarasen or Iewe. 1483 Caxton *Gold. Leg.* 73 b/1 Kynge Salamon louyd ouermoche..straunge wymen of other sectes. 1530 Rastell *Bk. Purgat.* III. xv. (*fin.*), Wolde to God that thou were of our holy secte and crysten beleve. 1553 Eden *Treat. New Ind.* (Arb.) 14 Ye Soldan or chefe ruler hereof is of Mahumets secte, as are ye Turkes. *a* 1575 tr. *Pol. Verg. Eng. Hist.* (Camden No. 36) 74 Preaching the woord of Godd and sincere secte of Christe. 1592 Kyd *Sol. & Pers.* III. i. 38 How did the Christians vse our Knights? *Bru.* As if that we and they had been one sect. 1600 R. Carr tr. *Mahumetan Hist.* 19 Abagan..tooke vpon him the superstition of the sect of Mahumet. 1653 H. Cogan tr. *Pinto's Trav.* xx. 73 Whilest these wicked Miscreants [*sc.* Mohammedans] fortifie themselves in their devilish Sect, let us trust in our Lord. 1716 Prideaux *O. & N. Test. Connected* (1718) I. i. III. 139 At this time [an. 522] all the idolatry of the world was divided between two sects, that is, the worshippers of images, who were called the Sabians, and the worshippers of fire, who were called the Magians.

b. † (*a*) A system of belief or observance distinctive of one of the parties or schools into which the adherents of a religion are divided; sometimes *spec.* a system differing from what is deemed the orthodox tradition; a heresy. *Obs.* (*b*) A body of persons who unite in holding certain views differing from those of others who are accounted to be of the same religion; a party or school among the professors of a religion; sometimes applied *spec.* to parties that are regarded as heretical, or at least as deviating from the general tradition.

The Clapham Sect: a name applied derisively early in the 19th c. to a coterie of persons of Evangelical opinions and conspicuous philanthropic activity, some of whom lived at Clapham; among the chief members were Wilberforce, Zachary Macaulay, and Henry Thornton.

13.. *S. Ambrose* 276 (*MS. Vernon*) in Horstm. *Alteng. Leg.* (1878) 12 Wiþ heretykes of þe secte of Arrian. 1382 Wyclif *Acts* xxvi. 5 For vp [*v. r.* that bi] the moost certeyn secte of oure religioun, I lyuede a Farisee. 1390 Gower *Conf.* I. 15 This new Secte of Lollardie. *c* 1449 Pecock *Repr.* v. iii. 497 Aftir the daies of the Apostlis roosen also manye vntrewe sectis of Cristen men, as the sect of Valentynyanys. 1526 Tindale 1 *Cor.* xi. 19 For there must be sectes amonge you. 1530 Cromwell in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. III. II. 187 They wyll not discent from the Lutheran sekt. 1542–3 *Act* 34 & 35 *Hen. VIII*, c. 1 The damnable opinions of the secte of the anabaptistes. 1560 Daus tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* 81 They that love sectes are in dede worthy of punyshement. 1577 Vautrollier *Luther on Ep. Gal.* 221 The Iewes assured them selues that the Church..should shortly be ouerthrowne: the which by an odious name they called a Sect. 1603 Drayton *Bar. Wars* IV. liv, And in her Sects, Religion lay confounded. 1613 Shaks. *Hen. VIII*, v. iii. 81 Doe not I know you [Cromwell] for a Fauourer Of this new Sect? 1625 Bacon *Ess., Viciss. Things* P 5 When the Religion formerly receiued, is rent by Discords;..you may doubt the Springing vp of a New Sect. 1641 J. Jackson *True Evang. T.* I. 69 The Millennries, a sect of learned, and criticall Christians, who expect in the last thousand yeares of the Church, the cream of all militant perfection. *a* 1727 Newton *Chronol. Amended* vi. (1728) 349 He reformed the religion of the Persians, which before was divided into many sects. 1788 Gibbon *Decl. & F.* I. V. 170 The church was distracted by the Nestorian and Monophysite sects. 1844 J. Stephen in *Edinb. Rev.* LXXX. 251 The Clapham Sect. 1859 FitzGerald *Omar* xliii, The Grape that can with Logic absolute The Two-and-Seventy jarring Sects confute. 1879 L. Stephen *Hours in Library* Ser. III. 288 The Clapham Sect, amongst whom he [Macaulay] had been brought up.

c. In modern use, commonly applied to a separately organized religious body, having its distinctive name and its own places of worship; a 'denomination'. Also, in a narrower sense, one of the bodies separated from the Church. *The sects*: applied by Anglicans to the various bodies of Dissenters, by Roman Catholics to all forms of Protestantism.

1577–87 Holinshed *Hist. Eng.* I. ii. 3/1 They (of all the other sects before specified) were suffered onlie to continue vnabolished. 1651 H. More *Mastix his Lett.* in *Enthus. Tri.* etc. (1656) 306 That Sect which are called Quakers. 1673 Temple *Observ. United Prov.* Wks. 1731 I. 58 In Amsterdam..almost all Sects, that are known among Christians, have their publick Meeting-places. 1676 Glanvill *Ess.* v. 24 The common practice (at least among the Sects) of declaring against Reason as an Enemy to Religion. 1776 Adam Smith *W. N.* v. i. (1869) II. 377 Almost every different congregation might have made a little sect by itself, or have entertained peculiar tenets of its own. 1818 Scott *Br. Lamm.* xxxi, But with all the more severe prejudices and principles of his sect, Bide-the-bent possessed a sound judgment. 1828 Macaulay *Ess., Hallam* P 19 We might say that the massacre of St. Bartholomew was intended to extirpate, not a religious sect, but a political party. 1836 Arnold in Stanley *Life & Corr.* (1845) II. 23 Almost all who profess to value Christianity seem when they are brought to the test to care only for their own sect. 1836 H. Rogers *J. Howe* iii. (1863) 46 It might be said of the latter years of the Commonwealth, that there were almost as many sects as worshippers. 1857 Toulmin Smith *Parish* 436 The church is not a building for the service of any sect. 1872 Morley *Voltaire* (1886) 4 To each alike of the countless orthodox sects his name is the symbol for the prevailing of the gates of hell.

d. *abstr.* (Cf. Party *sb.* 6 b.)

1865 Lecky *Ration.* (1878) II. 104 The spirit of sect, or an attachment not to abstract principles, but to a definite and organised ecclesiastical institution, is a spirit essentially similar to patriotism.

5. The system or body of adherents of a particular school of philosophy.

1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) III. 359 He [Aristotle] brouȝte up þe secte þat is i-cleped Peripatetica. 1579–80 North *Plutarch, Brutus* (1595) 1070 Cassius being in opinion an Epicurian,..spake..thus. In our sect, Brutus, we haue an opinion, that [etc.]. *a* 1591 H. Smith *Arrow agst. Atheists* (1637) 18 Three of the most learned that ever professed the Platonicke sect. 1671 Milton *P. R.* IV. 279 The Sect Epicurean. 1693 Dryden *Persius* i. Argt., Our Poet was a Stoick Philosopher; and..all his Moral Sentences..are drawn from the Dogma's of that Sect. 1704 Hearne *Duct. Hist.* (1714) 399 The Chaldæan Philosophers were divided into Sects, but the Distinction arose from the Nature of their Studies. 1798 Ferriar *Eng. Historians* 244 Some of the ancient philosophical sects, received their denominations from their places of instruction. 1868 Farrar *Seekers after God, Seneca* Introd. 5 The purest and most exalted philosophic sect of antiquity was 'the sect of the Stoics'.

6. *transf.* (from senses 4 and 5). A school of opinion in politics, science, or the like; also, more or less jestingly, applied to a group of persons who attach importance to some peculiar crotchet about matters of social custom or the like.

1605 Shaks. *Lear* v. iii. 18 *Lear*... And wee'l weare out In a wall'd prison, packs and sects of great ones, That ebbe and flow by th' Moone. 1609 B. Jonson *Epicœne* Prol., But in this age, a sect of Writers are, That, onely, for particular likings care, And will taste nothing that is populare. 1692 Bentley *Boyle Lect.* iii. 18 The Atheists upon this occasion are divided into Sects. 1712 Steele *Spect.* No. 479 P 5 Socrates, who is by all Accounts the undoubted Head of the Sect of the Hen-peck'd, own'd..that [etc.]. 1776 Adam Smith *W. N.* v. ii. (1869) II. 420 That sect of men of letters in France who call themselves the economists. 1788 *Trifler* No. 9. 113 The first sect on which I shall recommend you to try your skill..are Old Maids. 1792 Jefferson *Writ.* (1859) III. 450 A sect has shown itself among us, who declare they espoused our constitution..as a step to an English constitution. 1821 Shelley *Epipsych.* 149, I never was attached to that great sect, Whose doctrine is, that each one should select Out of the crowd a mistress or a friend, And all the rest.. commend To cold oblivion. 1821–30 Ld. Cockburn *Mem.* (1856) 367 The Whigs gave him a public dinner on the 21st of February, at which about 300 attended—the largest convocation of the sect that had yet taken place. 1837 Whewell *Hist. Induct. Sci.* (1857) I. 175 The doctrine made a sect among astronomers. 1843 R. J. Graves *Syst. Clin. Med.* xvii. 197 This I am sure will seem strange to the various sects of pathologists and theorists. 1899 W. S. Lilly *1st Princ. Politics* 135 Socialism is rather a sect than a party.

† **b.** With pseudo-etymological reference: A 'section' of mankind. *Obs.*

1708–9 Swift *Let. to Abp. King* 6 Jan., But the world is divided into two sects, those that hope the best, and those that fear the worst. *a* 1764 Lloyd *Poet* 254 There were two sects—the Bad, the Good.

† **c.** *transf.* Way of thinking, turn of mind. *Obs.*

1580–3 Greene *Mamillia* I. (1592) 2 b, Yet he could haue a quiet conscience, til he might see her of the same sect, and as deadly to hate it [court life], as he did loth it.

† **7.** = Sept (Irish). *Obs. rare.*

1536 *St. Papers Hen. VIII* (1834) II. 328 There are another sect of the Borkes, and divers of the Irisshery, towardes Slygoo. 1540 *Ibid.* III. 235 Thos sectes of people called the Cavenaghes.

† **8.** Law. *Sect of court* (med. L. *secta curiæ*): 'Suit and Service done by Tenants at the Court of their Lord' (J. Harris *Lex. Techn.* 1710, II).

1546 *Yorks. Chantry Surv.* (Surtees) II. 245 To the erle of Comberland for secte of courte for the lande in Skipton. 1546 *Mem. Ripon* (Surtees) III. 13 Sir William Malyory knight for lande in Nunwike and secte of Courte xiij d. John Norton for Fre Ferme and secte of Courte xiij d. 1571 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* II. 89 With power to..continew court or courtis of Justiciarie..; sectis to mak be callit; absentis to amerchiat. 1578 *Ibid.* III. 13.

9. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *sect-ascendancy*, † *-follower, -founder, -leader*, † *-maker*, † *-master* (= sect-founder); *sect-forming, -ridden* adjs.

1903 *Q. Rev.* Apr. 570 To the pre-Reformation policy of race-ascendency was added, under Elizabeth, that of *sect-ascendency. 1556 Olde *Antichrist* 102 b, To gratifie his owne *secte folowers. 1891 *Ch. Times* 28 Aug. 824/1 The *sect-forming, dislocating career of the subsequent centuries. 1861 J. Edkins in Mrs. Edkins *Chinese Scenes* (1863) 273 He receives revelations, becomes a *sect-founder. *a* 1711 Ken *Hymnotheo* Poet. Wks. 1721 III. 389 *Sect-Leaders their own Visions may impose. 1896 *Q. Rev.* Jan. 91 The actual methods adopted by the Hindu sect-leaders. 1530 Tindale *Prol.* 1 *Cor.*, Ther came immediatly false Apostles & *sectemakers, drue euery man disciples after hym. 1656 Trapp *Expos. Acts* xv. 36 Seducers and sect-makers. 1565 Allen *Def. Purg.* 14 They doo not folowe these *Secte masters, as scholares moued by any probability of theire teachers persuation. *a* 1708 T. Ward *Eng. Ref.* I. (1716) 73 As if the Holy Isaac were An Heretick or Sect-Master. 1840 Mill *Diss. & Disc.* (1859) I. 444 This *sect-ridden country.

Sect, *sb.*[2] *rare.* [? ad. L. *sectum*, neut. pa. pple. of *secāre* to cut. Cf. Set *sb.*] ? A cutting from a plant; in quots. *fig.*

1604 Shaks. *Oth.* I. iii. 336 Our carnall Stings, or vnbitted Lusts: whereof I take this, that you call Loue, to be a Sect, or Seyen. 1864 Swinburne *Atalanta* 1686 The son lies close about thine heart,..Eats thee and drinks thee.. thyself, a sect of thee.

† **Sect,** *v.*[1] *nonce-word.* [f. Sect *sb.*[1]] **a.** *trans.* To treat as a sect. **b.** *To sect it*: to behave as a sect.

1656 S. H. *Gold. Law* 13 Would you that Prelacy and Priesthood should perk up again, and under pretense of Religion,..be-heretick, and sect you, and then dissect you by persecutions? *Ibid.* 81 The Priests of all sorts sect it, so do all religious persons faction and party it.

† **Sect,** *v.*[2] *Obs.* [f. L. *sect-*, ppl. stem of *secāre* to cut.] *trans.* To cut or divide (into equal parts).

1657 Tomlinson *Renou's Disp.* 245 Its leaves are sected into slender parts. 1697 G. K. *Disc. Geom. Problems* 10 He who understands..to sect any angle into 3. 5. 6. as is above shewed, will by the like Method and Praxis be able to sect any angle into 7. 8. 9. 10. &c. equal parts. *Ibid.*, How a Semicircle may be sected into any number of equal parts.

† **Sectare,** obs. Sc. form of Sectary.

1563 Winjet *Bk. Quest.* i. Wks. (S.T.S.) I. 70 *marg.*, Because nane sectare can answer heir without manifest confusioun of his errour.

Sectarial (sektē°riăl), *a.* [f. Sectary (or its source med. L. *sectārius*) + -al.] Pertaining to or distinctive of sect. Chiefly used with reference to Indian religions.

1816 G. S. Faber *Orig. Pagan Idol.* I. 137 The doctrine in question was by no means peculiar to the Stoics: it was held also by the philosophers of the other schools. As their sectarial differences however are of no importance in the present inquiry [etc.]. 1832 Coleman *Myth. Hindus* 163 Sectarial marks. These symbols are made of ashes, cowdung [etc.]. 1844 H. H. Wilson *Brit. India* I. viii. I. 545 Numerous sectarial divisions amongst the Hindus. 1886 *Guide Exhib. Galleries Brit. Mus.* 208 They [the Jains] worship chiefly twenty-four sectarial saints or Jins.

Sectarian (sektē°riăn), *a.* and *sb.* [f. Sectary + -an.] **A.** *adj.*

1. Pertaining to a sectary or sectaries; 'belonging to a schismatical sect' (Phillips, ed. Kersey, 1706). *Obs.* exc. *Hist.*

App. first used in the Commonwealth period by the Presbyterians with reference to the Independents; subsequently by Anglicans with reference to Nonconformists.

1649 in *Milton's Wks.* (1738) I. 346 The Sectarian Party in England. 1650 *Rec. Comm. Gen. Assembly* (S. H. S.) III. 92 That Sectarian armie now infesting this Kingdome. 1664 H. More *Myst. Iniq.* Apol. 545 Which is..to arm the Sectarian Rabbles, that phansy themselves such Inspiradoes, against the orderly-Reformed Churches. 1687 Dryden *Hind & P.* III. 739 But that unfaithful Test unfound will pass The dross of atheists and sectarian brass. 1822 A. Cunningham *Tradit. Tales, Placing Scot. Minister* (1887) 89 To all this answered Micah Meen, a sectarian mason. 1828 P. Cunningham *N. S. Wales* (ed. 3) II. 244 Drawling out the words of Scripture with deep sectarian drone. 1834

SOUTHEY *Doctor* cix. (1862) 265 When a hawker came he had no pestiferous tracts, either seditious or sectarian, for sale.

2. Pertaining to a sect or sects; confined to a particular sect; bigotedly attached to a particular sect. In recent use, often a pejorative synonym of *denominational*, esp. with reference to education.

1796 BURKE *Regic. Peace* Wks. VIII. 237 They..have been taught to look on religious opinions as the only cause of enthusiastick zeal, and sectarian propagation. 1836 ARNOLD in Stanley *Life & Corr.* (1845) II. 23 All our education must be Christian, and not be sectarian. 1837 *Ibid.* 91 A Christian, and yet not sectarian University. 1840 CARLYLE *Heroes* iii. (1841) 149 Dante does not come before us as a large catholic mind; rather as a narrow, and even sectarian mind. 1841 E. MIALL in *Nouconf.* I. 1 A natural and invariable tendency..to fall into distinct bodies and become sectarian, both in spirit and in aim. 1876 J. GRANT *Burgh Sch. Scot.* II. 419 The burgh and parish Schools of Scotland were never Sectarian. 1877 CANDLISH in *Encycl. Brit.* VII. 338/2 There are some doctrines in every system that are merely sectarian, adopted by one particular branch of the church, but not recognized by others as correct expressions of Christian faith and life. 1884 LIDDON in J. O. Johnston *Life & Lett.* (1904) 332, I am not at all frightened by the word 'sectarian'. Christianity *is* sectarian as against the non-Christian world. 1903 *Brit. Weekly* 11 June 219/3 He was reluctantly compelled, for conscience sake, to refuse that part of the education rate which would go to the support of sectarian schools. *Ibid.* 219/4 An audience who loudly cheered every declaration of determined resistance to the sectarian rate.

B. *sb.*

1. Originally, an adherent of the 'sectarian party' (i. e. the Independents as designated by the Presbyterians); subsequently, a member of a schismatic sect, a schismatic. Now chiefly *Hist.*

1654 R. WILLIAMS in *Collect. Mass. Hist. Soc.* Ser. III. X. 2 Youre Father and all the people of God in England, formerly called the *Puritanus Anglicanus*, of late Roundheads, now the Sectarians (as more or lesse cut of from the Parishes) they are now in the sadle and at the helme. 1685 BUNYAN *Pharisee & Publ.* 7 The Pharisee was a Sectarian, one that deviated..in his Worshipping from the way of God;..for such an one I count a Sectarian. 1807 SOUTHEY *Espriella's Lett.* III. 79 Charles willingly permitted this, because he dreaded the political opinions of these Sectarians. 1816 — *Lay of Laureate* liii, The stern Sectarian in unnatural league Joins her to war against their hated foe. 1818 COLERIDGE in *Lit. Rem.* (1838) III. 197 The *Ecclesia* has been an eclipse to the intellect of both Churchmen and Sectarians. 1860 MOTLEY *Netherl.* ii. (1868) I. 25 The Queen of England hated Anabaptists, Calvinists, and other Sectarians.

2. An adherent of a specified sect; a sectary of a particular teacher. Now *rare*.

1819 *Ann. Reg., Chron.* (1820) 273 Shortly after it was agreed, that the family of the plaintiff should become his sectarians, and they accordingly joined the Baptist society and became a part of his congregation. 1828 J. F. COOPER *Notions of Amer.* II. 328 The whole number of the sectarians [*i. e.* Shakers] is, however, far from great. 1836 LYTTON *Athens* (1837) II. 416 A general feeling of alarm and suspicion broke out against the sage [Pythagoras] and his sectarians. 1875 MERIVALE *Gen. Hist. Rome* lxv. (1877) 522 The constancy of these sectarians inflamed, no doubt, the anger of rulers who were accustomed to more pliant submission.

3. A bigoted adherent of a sect; one whose views or sympathies are sectarian.

1827 CARLYLE *Germ. Rom.* IV. 22 Shakspeare is no sectarian: to all he deals with equity and mercy. 1855 *Punch* 27 Jan. 34/2 Sectarians who believe that no good deed can be done, except by a votary of M'Howl and O'Muggins. 1867 EMERSON *Lett. & Soc. Aims, Progr. Cult.* Wks. (Bohn) III. 226 The narrow sectarian cannot read astronomy with impunity.

Sectarianism (sektē·riănizm). [f. prec. + -ISM.] The sectarian spirit; adherence or excessive attachment to a particular sect or party, esp. in religion; in recent use often, adherence or excessive attachment to, or undue favouring of, a particular 'denomination'.

1818 COLERIDGE in *Lit. Rem.* (1836) I. 89 [In Shakspeare] there is no sectarianism, either of politics or religion. 1833 MILL *Diss. & Disc.* (1859) I. 73 We shall find in that art [Music], so peculiarly the expression of passion, two perfectly distinct stiles; one of which may be called the poetry, the other the oratory of music. This difference, being seized, would put an end to much musical sectarianism. 1850 KINGSLEY *Alt. Locke* i, For art and poetry were tabooed both by my rank and my mother's sectarianism. 1870 *Athenæum* 30 Apr. 573 There is nothing in the poems before us to denote sectarianism in Art or to provoke antagonism from any class of true critics in poetry. 1889 *Spectator* 27 Apr., The book is Roman Catholic, but there is no bigotry or narrow sectarianism about it.

Sectarianize (sektē·riăuəiz), *v.* [Formed as prec. + -IZE.]

1. *intr.* To act in a sectarian manner.

1842 FOSTER in *Life & Corr.* (1846) II. 451 We dissenters ..having no prelatical authorities over us, may sectarianize and fight as much as we please. 1874 *Contemp. Rev.* XXIII. 185 They sectarianize, in short, just as naturally as Churches.

2. *trans.* To render sectarian, to reduce to the level of a sect; to imbue with sectarian feelings or principles.

1846–9 S. R. MAITLAND *Ess.*, etc. 279 [tr. Luther.] Human nature when it is sectarianized. 1860 G. P. MARSH *Lect. Eng. Lang.* 643 To revise under present circumstances, is to sectarianise, to divide the one catholic, English Bible,.. into a dozen different revelations. 1866 *Ch. Times* 24 Mar., Those who strive to sectarianize the Church. 1883 *Jrnl. Educ.* XVIII. 83 Sectarianizing the schools.

Hence **Secta·rianizing** *vbl. sb.* and *ppl. a.*

1908 *Athenæum* 30 May 666/1 The 'sectarianizing' of the Church, and of any and every form of Christianity. 1909 *Even. Post* (N. Y.) 7 Aug. 6 To strive to catholicise his own communion, that it might become a reconciling power, instead of a sectarianising system of human device.

Sectarianly (sektē·riănli), *adv. rare.* [f. SECTARIAN *a.* + -LY 2.] In a sectarian manner.

1853 E. G. HOLLAND *Mem. J. Badger* xix. (1854) 384 Let it not be thought that we speak sectarianly.

Sectarism (se·ktăriz'm). Now *rare.* [f. SECTAR-Y + -ISM.]

1. The principles, spirit, or practice characteristic of sectaries; sectarianism.

1643 SIR J. SPELMAN *Case of Affairs* 30 Especially now when Schisme and Sectarisme do with such authoritie invade us. 1721 STRYPE *Eccl. Mem.* II. i. xxix. 240 These Checks were given to Sectarism and Popery. 1822 MRS. E. NATHAN *Langreath* III. 195 The charitably religious sentiments of Mrs. Dalton, untainted by the narrow trammels of sectarism. 1835 I. TAYLOR *Spir. Despot.* iv. 125 Sectarism contradicts the first rudiment of Christian combination.

2. A variety of 'sectarism'; a sectarian body.

1821 JEFFERSON *Autob.* Writ. (1892) I. 52 In process of time however, other sectarisms were introduced, chiefly of the Presbyterian family.

† Se·ctarist. *Obs.* [f. SECTAR-Y + -IST.] = SECTARY *sb.* 1.

1618 MIDDLETON *Peacemaker* Wks. (Bullen) VIII. 330 Sectarists and schismatics shall break the peace of God. 1796 MORSE *Amer. Geog.* II. 612 One Hamed, a modern sectarist, and an enemy to the ancient doctrine of the califs. 1802 in Picton *L'pool Munic. Rec.* (1886) II. 401 Any sectarists or dissenting congregation. 1833 I. TAYLOR *Fanat.* viii. 308 The blasphemous arrogance of sectarists.

Sectary (se·ktări), *sb.* and *a.* Also 6 **sectorie**, 6–7 **sectarie**. Cf. SECTUARY. [ad. F. *sectaire*, or its source med.L *sectārius* (Diefenbach), f. *secta* SECT *sb.*1 Cf. Sp., Pg. *sectario*, It. *settario*.]

A. *sb.*

1. A member of a sect; one who is zealous in the cause of a sect.

1558 MORWYNG tr. *Joseph Ben Corion's Hist. Jews* (1561) 23 One Dogrus..whom they slewe, & muche people besides of the auncientes of that sect, so that the Sectaries were in great distresse. 1596 BELL *Surv. Popery* I. v. vi. 144 Thomists, and Jesuites, to be the selfe same sectaries. 1771 *Lett. Junius* lix. (1788) 314 The fundamental principles of Christianity may still be preserved, though every zealous sectary adheres to his own exclusive doctrine. 1780 COWPER *Nightingale & Glowworm* 27 Hence jarring sectaries may learn Their real interest to discern. *a* 1832 BENTHAM *Infl. Time & Place in Legisl.* Wks. 1843 I. 173 The sectary of every religion..is exposed to the dread of invisible agents. 1861 M. ARNOLD *Pop. Educ. France* 147 It is not as religious sectaries they [school inspectors] have to discharge their duties, but as civil servants. 1869 A. HARWOOD tr. *E. de Pressensé's Early Yrs. Chr.* III. ii. 378 John..exhibited sometimes the narrow spirit of the sectary. 1883 *Fortn. Rev.* Feb. 199 Many a bitter sectary, thirsting for the discomfiture of his opponents, was tripped up by it.

2. An adherent of a schismatical or heretical sect. In the 17–18th c. commonly applied to the English Protestant Dissenters. Now chiefly *Hist.*

1556 J. CLEMENT in Strype *Eccl. Mem.* (1721) III. App. lxi. 214 All other Heretikes and Sectaries. 1569 BP. PARKHURST *Injunct.* A iv b, Whether you know of any sectaries that vse to make any priuate conuenticles in priuate mens houses. 1590 J. GREENWOOD *Collect. Art.* B j b, They pronounce vs newe sectories. 1605 MARSTON *Dutch Courtezan* III. (end), Now I am discontented, Ile turne Sectarie, that is fashion. 1609 BIBLE (Douay) *Exod.* vii. Annot. 171 Zuinglius, Caluin, Beza, and other Sectaries. 1613 SHAKS. *Hen. VIII*, v. iii. 70 *Gard.* My Lord, my Lord, you are a Sectary. 1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr.*, *Sectary*, one that follows private opinions in Religion, a Ring-leader of a Sect, a seditious, factious person. 1690 CHILD *Disc. Trade* (1698) 213 Their giving liberty..to all Religions, as well Jews and Roman Catholicks, as Sectaries, gives security to all their Inhabitants. 1762–71 H. WALPOLE *Vertue's Anecd. Paint.* (1786) III. 2 Sectaries have no ostensible enjoyments..The arts that civilize society are not calculated for men who mean to rise on the ruins of established order. 1779 JOHNSON *L. P., Cowley* 5 The omission of his name in the register of St. Dunstan's parish, gives reason to suspect that his Father was a sectary. 1808 SYD. SMITH *Methodism* Wks. 1859 I. 88/1 Mr. Ingram..has talked a great deal about dissenters,..we shall endeavour..to present him [the reader] with a near view of those sectaries, who are at present at work upon the destruction of the orthodox churches. 1812 CRABBE *Tales* xiv. 264 Now, as a sectary, he had all his life As he supposed, been with the Church at strife. 1824 LANDOR *Imag. Conv., Jas. I & Casaubon* Wks. 1846 I. 30 Sectary! Those who dissent from the domineering party have always been thus stigmatized. 1860 MOTLEY *Netherl.* ii. (1868) I. 27 Many sectaries experienced much inhuman treatment. 1864 J. PAYN *Sir Massingberd* i, They had been poachers, or radicals, or sectaries (as Dissenters were then called). 1876 J. GRANT *One of the Six Hundred* ix. 76 The English sectaries warned the General Assembly to begone from Edinburgh. 1903 *Blackw. Mag.* Dec. 757/2 A large boarding-house for sectaries, called a College, has sprung up somewhere behind Holywell.

3. A follower or disciple *of* a particular leader, teacher, party, or school. Now *rare* (with mixture of sense 1). † Also, a votary *of* a particular study, pursuit, etc.

1589 R. HARVEY *Pl. Perc.* 7 It were enough to entitle those Browne sectaries of the Blacke Prince, with the name of traytors. 1591 SPENSER *M. Hubberd* 833 He would scoffe at learning, and eke scorne The Sectaries thereof, as people base And simple men. 1593 G. HARVEY *Pierces Super.* 144 Times alter; and as Fortune hath more sectaries, then Vertue; so Pleasure hath more adherents, then Proffit. 1605 SHAKS. *Lear* I. ii. 164 (Qos.) How long haue you beene a sectary Astronomicall? 1609 HOLLAND *Amm. Marcell.* 109 Aristotle..sending Calisthenes, a sectarie [*marg.* or disciple] and kinsman of his, unto K. Alexander, gaue him [etc.]. 1675 R. BURTHOGGE *Causa Dei* 108 Mr. Hobbs or any of his Sectaries. 1704 N. N. tr. *Boccalini's Advts. fr. Parnass.* III. 146 Which Mahomet so strongly infused into his Sectaries. 1800 *Asiat. Ann. Reg., Misc. Tracts* 79/1 Not votaries of Brahma, but sectaries of Buddha. 1879 FARRAR *St. Paul* I. 269 The Sectaries of an obsolete covenant.

† **4.** A sect. *Obs. rare.*

1643 HOWELL *Twelve Treat.* (1661) 299 One of the fruits of this blessed Parlement, and of these two Sectaries is, that they have made more Jewes and Atheists then I think there is in all Europe besides. 1651 BIGGS *New Disp* Summary § 11 The two grand Sectaries in Physick, and their clashing described. 1764 T. HUTCHINSON *Hist. Mass.* iv. (1765) 431 What they called a sectary sprang up in the Massachusets colony.

B. *adj.* Of or pertaining to a sect; sectarian.

1590 H. BARROW in *Conferences* III. 51 The Apostle.. speaketh of..sectorie Teachers & people following them. 1602 T. FITZHERBERT *Apol.* 48 A few poor Sectary Caluinists hated & contemned by all other sectes of the same breed. 1638 LD. DIGBY *Lett. conc. Relig.* (1651) 3 A kind of Sectary passion. 1649 HEVLIN *Relat. & Observ.* II. 4 They..sent them by their Agitators and sectary Priests into all Counties. 1798 EDGEWORTH *Pract. Educ.* (1811) II. 427 Sectary-metaphysicians..will, we fear he disappointed in our chapters on Memory—Imagination and Judgment. They will not find us the partizans of any system.

Sectator (sektē·tɔi). Now *rare.* Also 6–7 **sectatour**. [a. L. *sectātor*, agent-n. f. *sectārī*, freq. of *sequī* to follow: see SECT *sb.*1 Cf. F. *sectateur*.]

1. A follower, disciple; one who follows a particular school, teacher, or leader; a partisan, sectary.

1541 R. COPLAND *Galyen's Terap.* 2 D ij b, The sectatours of Thessalus, that is to wyt they that observe his preceptes. 1566 PAINTER *Pal. Pleas.* xxiii. (1569) I. 43 b, It was tolde to the Philosopher Phanorinus, that the wyfe of one of his Sectators and Scholers, was [etc.]. 1585 T. WASHINGTON tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* III. xxii. 112 [He] doth forbid al his sectators Mahometistes to drinke wine. 1614 RALEIGH *Hist. World* I. iii. § 1. 33 Those writers which gaue themselues to follow and imitate others, were in all things so obseruant sectatours of those Masters,..as [etc.]. 1624 [ABBOTT] *Visibility of True Ch.* 60 And therefore..as sectators of Wiclife, they were condemned in the Councell of Constance. 1644 DIGBY *Nat. Bodies* xxxviii. 344 The latter sectatours, or rather pretenders of Aristotle. 1664 EVELYN tr. *Freart's Archit.* I. vi. 22 Such markes as clearly shewed him..to have been a Sectator of these great Masters of Antiquity. 1698 FRYER *Acc. E. India & P.* 53 Not to be remedied by any Panacea of their Esculapian Sectators. 1741 WARBURTON *Div. Leg.* (1846) III. 250 The origin and progress of the folly and the various views of its Sectators in supporting it, are here accounted for and explained. 1804 EARL MALMESBURY *Diaries & Corr.* IV. 286 The sectators of each of them..increased this sentiment [of personal enmity]..by their virulent and exaggerated reports. 1853 SOYER *Pantroph.* 175 Orpheus, Pythagoras, and their sectators,..unceasingly recommended in their discourses to abstain from eggs. 1888 DOUGHTY *Arabia Deserta* I. 264 They themselves are fanatic sectators of the old Koran reading.

2. *Law.* One who is bound to 'suit of court'. Now only *Hist.* (Perh. merely Law Latin.)

1860 INNES *Scot. in Mid. Ages* vii. 207 In the court, so composed of all the vassals of a baron—the suitors or sectators of a barony—were discussed the affairs of the barony.

Hence † **Secta·torship.** *rare*—1.

1652 URQUHART *Jewel* Wks. (1834) 213 If a joint and unanimous course were taken to have their noblemen free from baseness, their churchmen from avarice.., their meaner sort from implicit sectatorship.

Sectile (se·ktil, -əil), *a.* [a. F. *sectile*, ad. L. *sectil-em*, f. *sect-*, ppl. stem of *secāre* to cut.] Capable of or suited for being cut. † **a.** *Sectile leek* [= L. *sectile porrum* Juv.], a dwarf or stunted variety of *Allium Porrum*. *Obs. rare*—1.

1716 M. DAVIES *Athen. Brit.* II. 349 The Sectile or Cropt Leeks are such as are cut off for the Kitchen.

b. *Min.* (See quot. 1805.)

1805 WEAVER tr. *Werner's External Charac. Fossils* 196 *Sectile* are those fossils whose integrant particles are coherent, but not perfectly immoveable one among another. Sectile is a medium between brittle and malleable. 1839 URE *Dict. Arts* 1141 Bituminous shale is a species of soft, sectile slate-clay. 1879 RUTLEY *Stud. Rocks* x. 157 Distinguished by its inferior hardness, being sectile, while iron pyrites cannot be cut with a knife.

c. *Bot.* (See quot.)

1899 HEINIG *Gloss. Bot. Terms*, *Sectile*, divided into small pieces.

Hence **Secti·lity**, sectile quality.

1841 TRIMMER *Pract. Geol. & Min.* 97 A knife is also indispensable for trying the hardness and sectility of minerals.

† **Se·cting**, *vbl. sb. Obs.* [f. SECT *v.* + -ING 1.]

1. Cutting.

1507 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* III. 271 For secting of ane bordour and lynyng of ane goun of blak wellus, xvj s.

2. Dissension, division.

1598 BARRET *Theor. Warres* II. i. 28 If there be any banding, secting, or passionating amongst them, he is to appease.. the same.

Section (se·kʃən), *sb.* Also 6 **sectione, sectioun**. [a. F. *section*, or directly ad. L. *sectiōnem*, f. *sect-*, ppl. stem of *secāre* to cut. Cf. Sp. *seccion*, Pg. *secção*, It. *sezione*.]

1. The action, or an act, of cutting or dividing. Now *rare* exc. with reference to surgery or anatomical operations.

1559 tr. *Geminus' Anat.* 4/1 Neyther in man only, is seene the perfecte arte of nature, but in the Anatomie or Section

of any other beast, shall you fynde the like wysdome and industrie of the worke master. 1577 HANMER *Anc. Eccl. Hist.* 226 That clause..The sonne to be of one substance with the father, was..allowed..neither to be by diuision of substance neither by section or parting asunder. 1600 HOLLAND *Livy* LV. Brev. 1241 The young prince pined away with the paine of the stone in the bladder, and whiles they would seeme to cut him for it they killed him out of hand in the very section. 1615, 1661 [see CÆSAREAN 2]. 1631 CHAPMAN *Cæsar & Pompey* Ded., The..section of acts and scenes. [Cf. *ante*, the division of acts and scenes.] 1656 tr. *Hobbes' Elem. Philos.* (1839) 140 Lines and superficies may be exposed by section, namely, a line may be made by cutting an exposed superficies. 1657 J. WATTS *Scribe, Pharisee*, etc. 1. 21 He will by a hasty and imprudent Saw, or Razor cut of a part, and make a section, and endanger life. *a* 1682 Sir T. BROWNE *Tracts* (1683) 58 Their course of mowing seems somewhat different from ours. For they cut not down clear at once, but used an after section, which they called *Sicilitium*. 1836 *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* I. 657/1 Animals have been bled to death by the section of the larger bloodvessels. 1870 M. FOSTER in *Q. Jrnl. Microsc. Sci.* X. 125 The cake with the imbedded object..in a few minutes is ready for section. *Ibid*, The sections may then be made either with a microtome or with a hand razor. 1883 BRUNTON in *Nature* 15 Mar. 467 Setchenow explains the increased rapidity of reflex action after section of the cord below the medulla oblongata.

†**b.** Division into parties. *Obs.*

1639 HEYWOOD *Lond. Peaceable Estate* Wks. 1874 V. 371 The Tranquillity of Kingdomes free from Section, tumult, and faction.

†**c.** = CÆSURA. *Obs.*

1585 JAS. I *Ess. Poesie* (Arb.) 60 Remember also to mak a Sectioun in the middes of euery lyne, quhether the lyne be lang or short. 1695 [? WHEELER] *Roy. Gramt., Prosodia* 17 This Section of a word just before the last Syllable is call'd Cæsura.

†**d.** The point of cutting or division. *Obs.*

1571 DIGGES *Pantom.* I. xxviii. H ivb, Multiply the portions that are betweene any two sections or places in the distance of your two stations. *Ibid.* I. xxxv. L ij, Cut this last drawen line, and at y^e^ section make a marke. 1599 E. WRIGHT *Err. Navig.* D i, We may make a table which shall shew the sections and points of latitude in the meridians of the nautical planisphere: by which sections, the parallels are to be drawne.

2. A part separated or divided off from the remainder; one of the portions into which a thing is cut or divided. **a.** *gen.*

1815 J. SMITH *Panorama Sci. & Art* II. 122 It is necessary that the water should begin to fall at BC, with the least possible velocity; and that the height of the water FB should be no more than is necessary to fill the section B. 1876 J. PARKER *Paracl.* I. vii. 106 The theologian is entitled to claim astronomy, geology, botany, agriculture, and chemistry, as sections of theology. 1884 tr. *Lotze's Logic* 178 We have to content ourselves with breaking up the whole series of values into sections and acting as if the conditions were the same throughout each section.

b. A subdivision of a written or printed work, a statute, or the like. Often represented by the symbol § (preceding a numeral figure); also abbreviated *sect.* (rarely *sec.*).

Although in some few books *section* has been adopted as the designation of a division superior to the 'chapter' (cf. G. *abschnitt*), the common practice from the 17th c. onward has been to apply the word to the lowest order of numbered divisions. In most recent books the 'section' (or, at least, the division denoted by the symbol §) either consists of a single paragraph, or, if it extends to several paragraphs, has no head-line separated from the text. In modern Acts of Parliament the 'section' (for which the abbreviations *sect.* and § are both in official use) is a subdivision of the 'chapter' (i. e. Act) containing a specific provision or enactment. In some works (e. g. Bell's *Comment. Laws of Scotland*), the 'Section' (abbreviated 'Sect.' in the table of contents) is the division next below the 'Chapter', and is itself subdivided into numbered portions marked with the symbol §.

1576 FLEMING tr. *Caius' Dogs* (1880) 14 Such Dogges as serue for fowling, I thinke conuenient and requisite to place in this seconde Section of this treatise. 1628 COKE *On Litt.* I. i. § 1. 8 b, Whereof more hereafter in this Section. 1683 MOXON *Mech. Exerc., Printing* ii. 9, § 2. Of the Office of a Master-Printer. *Ibid.* 10 (headed) Sect. II. 1714 CUNN *Doctr. Fractions* 43 The Directions laid down in Sect. 3 of Chap. II. 1738 WARBURTON *Div. Legat.* I. i. I. 1 Book I. Sect. I. 1769 BEATTIE in Dyce *Mem.* (Aldine ed.) p. xxvi, It will be regularly distributed into chapters and sections. 1806 *Med. Jrnl.* XV. 192 Mr. R. has divided his answer into several parts or sections. 1810 BENTHAM *Packing* (1821) 187 In the printed editions (it is true) we see each statute divided into sections, and each section numbered. But this is the work of the printer only or his editor. 1857 *Act* 20 & 21 *Vict.* c. 25 § 2 Ordinances framed by the Commissioners under Sections Twenty-eight and Twenty-nine of the same Act. 1870 *Act* 30 & 34 *Vict.* c. 75 § 34 Provided that this section [of the Act] shall not apply to [etc.]. 1874 STUBBS *Const. Hist.* xviii. (1896) III. 250 The preceding sections of this chapter.

c. *Nat. Hist.* Used variously by different writers for a subdivision of a classificatory group, e. g. of a class, order, family, or genus. In *Botany* now chiefly = *sub-genus*; but some writers (as Bentley) use it for a division of a sub-genus.

1720 P. BLAIR *Bot. Ess.* iii. 148 According to Tournefort's Method, *Malva* becomes the Section of a Class. *Althæa, Alcæa*, &c. are several Genera of this Section. 1819 MACLEAY *Horæ Entomol.* I. 55 Latreille has..proposed to make but one genus of them, ascribing to the modern genera the name of sections. 1877 BENNETT *Thomé's Bot.* 238 It is usual to arrange the orders which make up a class into *Series*, the genera which make up a family into *Tribes*, and the species which make up a genus into *Sections*. 1885 *Athenæum* 3 Jan. 20/3 The author..remarked that amongst the æluroids the section of Viverrina formed a very distinct group. 1899 HEINIG *Gloss. Bot. Terms, Section*, a part separated by division; a group of correlated species arranged under genera or sub-genera.

d. A separable portion of any collection or aggregate of persons, e. g. of the population of a country; a group, distinguished by a special variety of opinion, forming part of a political or religious party; one of several groups into which the membership of a learned society is divided according to the various branches of study in which the members are severally interested.

1832 BABBAGE *Econ. Manuf.* xx. (ed. 3) 194 This section consisted of seven or eight persons of considerable acquaintance with mathematics. 1852 ROBERTSON *Serm.* Ser. III. xvi. 205 The question..whether of the two sections held the abstract right. 1874 GREEN *Short Hist.* vi. § 1. 267 The Church had at this time..sunk into a mere section of the landed aristocracy. 1884 *Manch. Exam.* 14 May 5/5 To one section of the House Mr. Power's speech gave great delight.

e. (*a*) *French Hist.* One of the electoral districts into which France was divided under the Directory. (*b*) *U. S.* An area of one square mile into which the undeveloped lands are divided. (*c*) Chiefly *U. S.* A district or portion of a town or country exhibiting uniform characteristics or considered as divided from the rest on account of such characteristics.

1816 PICKERING *Vocab. U. S.* 170 *Section.* Since the French Revolution this word has been much used here instead of *part, quarter*, &c. Ex. 'In this section of the United States.' It is not thus used in England. 1832 WEBSTER. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* II. I. iv, The Sixty Districts shall become Forty-eight Sections. 1865 E. BURRITT *Walk to Land's End* 171 In estimating the production of a dairy, the farmers of this section do not make much account of the breed, size or color of the cows. 1879 TOURGEE *Fool's Errand* iv. 20 The war is over...For a few months there may be disorders in some sections; but they will be very rare. 1907 *Standard* 19 Jan. 7/2 The northern section of Kingston is deserted.

f. *Bookbinding.* (See quot. 1859.)

1859 *Stationers' Hand-bk.* 81 *Section*, any number of sheets of paper folded together are termed a Section. 1880 ZAEHNSDORF *Bkbinding* 5 The book should be divided into lots or sections of about half-an-inch thick, that will be about 15 to 20 sheets, according to the thickness of paper.

g. *Mil.* A fourth part of a company.

1863 KINGLAKE *Crimea* (1877) III. i. 138 The Coldstream broke into open column of sections. 1889 *Infantry Drill* 61 The company..will then be told off into two half-companies and four sections.

h. *Prosody.* Used by Guest for: A member of a verse, esp. a hemistich of an OE. or ME. alliterative line. 1838 GUEST *Eng. Rhythms* I. vii. I. 149.

i. *Mus.* (See quot. 1866.)

1866 ENGEL *Nat. Mus.* ii. 83 A section consists generally of two phrases; and a simple period consists of two sections.

j. *U. S.* A portion of a sleeping-car containing two berths.

1874 LADY HERBERT tr. *Hübner's Ramble* I. iv. (1878) 38 Each window [in the U.S. railroad cars] allows for two beds, one at the top of the other, unless the traveller has taken a 'section', i.e., the whole space of one window. 1892 GUNTER *Mist Dividends* (1893) 245 Making up his bed in the state-room which is unoccupied, and more roomy than a section.

k. *U. S. Railways.* 'The smallest administrative subdivision of a railroad. It is usually a mile or two in length and is designated by a number.' (*Cent. Dict.* Suppl.; see also quot. 1890.)

1890 E. P. ALEXANDER in *Railways of Amer.* 156 Each of the supervisors of road has his assigned territory divided into 'sections', from five to eight miles in length. At a suitable place on each section are erected houses for a resident section-master and from six to twelve hands. *Ibid.*, At least twice a day track-walkers from the section-gangs pass over the entire line of road. *Ibid.*, The work of the section-men is all done under regular system.

l. One of the component parts of something which is built up of a number of similar portions so as to admit of enlargement when necessary, or which is constructed to be taken to pieces for facility of transport.

1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech., Section*,..a detachable portion of a machine or instrument when made up of a number of parts: *e.g.* one of the triangular knives; a row of which is attached to the cutter-bar of a harvesting-machine. *Ibid., Sectional Steam-boiler*, one built up of portions secured together in such a way that the size may be increased by addition of sections. 1897 MARY KINGSLEY *W. Africa* 355 There is always a steamer in sections in every story of a good expedition.

m. *Geol.* (See quot.)

1888 GEIKIE *Text-bk. Geol.* VI. 635 A number of groups or stages similarly related constitute a series, section (Abtheilung) or formation, and a number of series, sections, or formations may be united into a system.

3. *Math.* †**a.** A segment of a circle. *Obs.*

1570 BILLINGSLEY *Euclid* I. Def. xix. 4 A section or portion of a circle, is a figure which is contayned vnder a right lyne, and a parte of the circumference, greater or lesse then the semicircle. 1654 H. PHILLIPPES *Purch. Pattern* (ed. 2) 165 The half-Circle and quarter-Circle may be measured also by this rule, but other Sections are very hard and troublesome, and scarce to be found out, without knowing the content of the whole Circle or Semicircle. 1715 LEONI *Palladio's Archit.* (1742) I. 91 If..a perfect semicircle should not be convenient..we must then make use of a lesser section.

†**b.** Intersection. *Obs.*

1667 PRIMATT *City & C. Build.* 159 From the section of these Arches to the point given, a right Line drawn cuts the Line given perpendicularly. 1830 *J. de Vega's Jrnl. Tour* xiii. (1847) 102 A curiously-built cross, situated in the section of the four principal streets.

c. The curve of intersection of two superficies.

1704 J. HARRIS *Lex. Techn.* I. s.v., The common Section of two Planes is always a right Line, being the Line supposed to be drawn on one Plane by the Section of the other, or by its Entrance into it. *a* 1845 LEVY in *Encycl. Metrop.* II. 165 If through a given point..on this surface, we conceive a normal plane, the intersection of this plane with the surface will be a certain curve, which we shall call a normal section. 1887 J. H. SMITH *Geometr. Conic Sect.* 43 For *ab* is the common section of the plane of projection with a plane perpendicular to it and passing through *AB*.

d. The cutting of a solid by a plane; the plane figure resulting from such a cutting; the area of this. (Cf. CONIC *section*.) Hence, of a material object, the figure which would be produced by cutting through it in a certain plane.

1704 J. HARRIS *Lex. Techn.* I., *Section* in Mathematick, signifies the cutting of..a Solid by a Plane. 1715 DESAGULIERS *Fires Impr.* 156 The Passage in the Brick-Work... whose Section must be 36 Inches, whether it be square or oblong. 1824 TREDGOLD *Strength Cast Iron*, etc. 59 Of the strongest Form of Section for revolving Shafts. 1831 BREWSTER *Optics* xvii. 151 Every plane passing through the axis is called a principal section of the crystal. 1839 G. BIRD *Nat. Philos.* 115 A tube, or channel, whose section is greater at one part than another. *a* 1878 Sir G. SCOTT *Lect. Archit.* (1879) I. 248 Thus, if the normal section of the rib be square, the section of the mouldings is made to fit that figure. 1885 J. CASEY *Analyt. Geom.* 281 Sections of a cone made by parallel planes are similar. 1898 H. R. MILL in *Jrnl. Sch. of Geog.* (U.S.) II. 293 Great screes, which give to the valleys a rounded or U-shaped section.

e. The action of dividing a line into parts. *Golden section*, also *medial, median section*: the division of a line in extreme and mean ratio.

1820 LESLIE *Elem. Geom. & Pl. Trig.* (ed. 4) 63 It will be convenient..to designate..this remarkable division of a line..by the term Medial Section. 1898 CHRYSTAL *Introd. Algebra* xxii. 329 To find a point P in the line AB such that $AP^2 = AB, PB$ (Problem of 'Golden Section').

4. A drawing representing an object (e. g. a building, a piece of machinery, a portion of the earth's crust) as it would appear if cut through in a plane at right angles to the line of sight.

In strict use, the term denotes a delineation confined to what is in actual contact with the imaginary cutting plane. Sometimes, as in quot. 1793, it is loosely used for what is more properly called a *sectional elevation*.

1669 STAYNRED *Fortif.* 7 They are represented in the Profile, or Section. 1691 T. H[ALE] *Acc. New Invent.* 121 Three perpendicular length-way sections..and..a transverse section of the Hull. 1725 HALFPENNY *Art Sound Building* Pl. 19 The Chamber Plan, and Section. 1793 SMEATON *Edystone L.* § 32 The Plate..shews part of the outside and part of the inside, so as to be at once, both an elevation and a section. 1845 DARWIN *Voy. Nat.* xx. (1852) 473 It is a real section (on the scale of ·517 of an inch to a mile) through Bolabola in the Pacific. 1879 *Encycl. Brit.* IX. 422/1 The section or profile is made on a plane perpendicular to the lines of intersection of the planes or slopes, and therefore represents the traces of these planes on the sectional plane.

b. advb. phr. *In section.*

1860 TYNDALL *Glac.* II. xvii. 321 The portion of the glacier which is shown in section. 1904 R. C. JEBB *Bacchylides* (Proc. Brit. Acad.) 6 The painter's plan was to show both the sea-depths and the upper world in section.

c. *Geol.* A surface exposed by a cutting or by some natural agency, showing the succession of strata.

1858 H. D. ROGERS *Geol. Pennsylv.* II. II. 1027 *Section*, an actual or ideal exposure of any part of the earth's crust, showing the strata edgewise, as if they were laid open by a cut. 1860 TYNDALL *Glac.* I. xxiii. 162 The wall of the Mattmark See is a fine glacier section. 1877 HUXLEY *Physiogr.* 23 Natural sections are frequently exposed in river-beds, sea-cliffs and inland valleys.

5. A thin slice of a vegetable or animal structure, or of an inorganic body, cut off for microscopic examination.

1870 STIRLING in *Jrnl. Anat.* May 234, I can slice such an embryo into from seventy to eighty sections in the long direction. 1874 *Amer. Naturalist* Apr. 252 Mr. Charles Stewart obtains sections of fresh leaves by [etc.]. 1902 G. H. FOWLER in *Encycl. Brit.* XXX. 739/1 The tissue..is cut into sections either by the Rutherford, Cathcart, or some similar section-cutter.

6. *Printing.* The sign §, originally used to introduce the number of a 'section' (sense 2 b); subsequently used also as a mark of reference to notes in the margin or at the foot of a page. Also called *section-mark*.

The primary use of the sign seems to have become rare in the 18th c., and to have been revived in the latter part of the 19th c. under German influence. German printers give to this mark the name of *paragraph*.

1728 CHAMBERS *Cycl.* s. v. *Character*, Characters in Grammar, Rhetoric, Poetry &c...§ Section, or Division. 1770 LUCKOMBE *Hist. Printing* 259 The Sign which implies the word Section, is a Sort..seldom employed, because in Work which is divided into Chapters, Articles, Paragraphs, Sections, or any other Parts, they are commonly put in lines by themselves, either in Large Capitals, Small Capitals, or Italic...But the Sign of Section is sometimes used in (Latin) Notes, and particularly such as are collected from foreign books. 1875 SOUTHWARD *Dict. Typogr., Section* (§), a mark of reference. It stands fourth in order, and immediately after the double dagger. Sometimes it is used to mark the division of a chapter into parts or sections, whence its name. 1894 *Amer. Dict. Printing, Section-mark.*

7. *Comb.* a. objective; as (sense 5) *section-cutter, -cutting, -smoother*; (sense 2 g) *section-commander, -leader*; (sense 2 k) *section-gang, -man, master.*

1889 *Infantry Drill* 306 During an extension *section commanders will see that the men take their proper intervals. 1870 Stirling in *Jrnl. Anat.* May 230 The *section cutter which I am about to describe. 1874 *Amer. Naturalist* Jan. 59 A new section cutter which is principally adapted for preparing sections of soft vegetable tissues and organs. 1878 S. Marsh (*title*) *Section-cutting. 1890 *Section-gang [see 2 k]. 1903 *Daily Chron.* 28 Dec. 3/2 Controlled individual firing, under the direction of group and *section leaders, is the only effective method. 1890 *Section-men, *section-master [see 2 k]. 1887 *Amer. Naturalist* XXI. 597 Dr. P. F. Mall recommends a *section-smoother constructed on the following principle.

b. Special comb.: **section-beam** (see quot.); **section-house** (see quot. 1856); **section-line,** †(*a*) the bonndary of a section; (*b*) a line drawn to indicate the manner of making a section; **section-liner** (see quot.); **section-mark** (see sense 6); **section-plane,** a surface exposed by section; **section-point,** a mark used to indicate the end of a section of a verse.

1875 Knight *Dict. Mech.*, **Section-beam* (Warping, etc.), a roller which receives the yarn from the spools, either for the dressing-machine or for the loom. 1856 A. Wynter *Curios. Civilis.* 465 The *section-house, an establishment generally attached to the chief station of each division, in which the nnmarried policemen are lodged. 1890 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 7 July 5/1 This daring disobedience was loudly cheered by the men who crowded the section-house windows as spectators. 1828 P. Cunningham *N. S. Wales* (ed. 3) II. 148 The *section-lines heing made to run either east and west, or north aod south, according as the general course of the river best suits. 1879 *Cassell's Techn. Educ.* I. 100/2 To trace the section-line on this development—that is, to draw the line in which the material is to he cut so as to form both the parts of the cylinder—erect perpendiculars [etc.]. 1875 Knight *Dict. Mech.*, **Section-liner*, a device for ruling parallel lines. 1889 *Buck's Handbk. Med. Sci.* VIII. 109 The *section-plane, as made by the saw, passed just sinistrad of the meson. 1893 F. Thompson *Poems* 55 note, I have ..used an asterisk to indicate the caesura in the middle of the line, after the manner of the old Saxon *section-point.

Section (se·kʃən), *v.* [f. Section *sb.*]

1. *trans.* a. To divide into sections.

1819 Keats *Cap & Bells* xi, With special strictures on the horrid crime, (Section'd and subsection'd with learoing sage,) Of faeries stooping on their wings sublime To kiss a mortal's lips. 1856 Lady Lytton in Devey *Life* (1887) 413 The rest was geographically sectioned out for the rest of Europe.

b. To cut throngh so as to present a section.

1891 G. Neilson in *Athenæum* 30 May 707/3 The mound, wherever sectioned, invariably shows a steady snccession of horizontal layers.

2. *intr.* To admit of being cut into sections.

1903 E. H. Sellards in *Amer. Jrnl. Sci.* July 89 The spores..are brown in color, somewhat flexible, and section readily on the microtome.

Hence **Se·ctioning** *vbl. sb.* and *ppl. a.*

1887 *Amer. Naturalist* XXI. 595 For the purpose of sectioning, the eggs are transferred from the water used in washing to 50 % alcohol. 1900 *Brit. Med. Jrnl.* 5 May 1110 A happy stroke of the sectioning knife, passing through the entire length of the proboscis of a filariated mosquito.

Sectional (se·kʃənăl), *a.* [f. Section *sb.* + -al. Cf. F. *sectionnel.*]

1. Pertaining to a section or divisiou of a larger part. a. Pertaining to a section or sections of a couutry, society, or population; sometimes (of interests, etc.) with implied opposition to *general.*

1816 *Monthly Mag.* XLII. 230 In the sectional or parish assemblies during the revolution a cobbler ascended the tribune. 1856 W. Irving *Washington* II. 559 The sectional jealousies prevalent among them [*sc.* the troops from the different provinces] were more and more a snbject of uneasiness to Washington. 1865 W. C. Fowler (*title*) The Sectional Controversy; or passages in the political history of the United States, including the courses of the war between the sections. 1881 *Nature* 4 Aug. 325 The sectional meetings are being held in the rooms of the various scientific societies in the Burlington House region. 1886 Campbell-Bannermah *Sp.* 13 May in *Hansard's Parl. Deb.* Ser. III. CCCV. 948 Those who anticipate the further embitterment of sectional and sectarian strife [in Ireland]. 1908 *Daily Chron.* 25 Feh. 6/6 The design includes only the Cross of St. George, the sectional emblem of England.

b. *Prosody.* Pertaining to a section or member of a verse.

1838 Guest *Eng. Rhythms* I. vi. I. 125 Sectional Rhime is that which exists between syllables contained in the same section. *Ibid.* I. vii. 154 Perhaps we may infer, that the sectional panse was originally a stop.

c. Of the nature of a section, incomplete.

1839-48 Bailey *Festus* xix. 204 Our life is incomplete and sectional.

2. Of or pertaining to a section (sense 4), relating to the view of the structure of a body in section.

1825 J. Nicholson *Oper. Mech.* 181 Part of the furnace is shown in a sectional view. 1868 Humber *Strains in Girders* 67 For sectional area of material, substitute an eqnivalent strain. 1874 tr. *Lommel's Light* 79 Chief or principal planes or sections, having the same sectional outline.

b. Geol. *Sectional line*: the line on the earth's surface through which a section is supposed to be made.

1831 A. Sedgwick in *Trans. Geol. Soc.* (1836) Ser. II. IV. 87 From Dent the sectional line ranges over the top of Risell to the Garsdale river. 1850 T. Baker *Mensuration* 121 To draw a sectional line of several points in the earth's surface, the levels of which have been taken.

3. Composed or made up of several sections or parts fitting into one another.

1875 Knight *Dict. Mech., Sectional Steam-boiler.*

Sectionalism (se·kʃənăliz'm). [f. Sectional *a.* + -ism.] Confinement of interest to a narrow sphere, narrowness of outlook, undue accentuation of minor local, political, or social distinctions.

1858 *Newark Jrnl.* July (Bartlett 1860), The patriotism and intellect of Massachusetts was represented in a striking contrast with the littleness and sectionalism which now rules the old Bay States. 1872 *Daily News* 23 July, The coalition just cemented at Baltimore seems to mark a new era in American politics, and sectionalism disappears for the first time in the history of the country. 1886 *Manch. Exam.* 17 Mar. 5/3 The scandal of obsolete sectionalism in the attitude of the Liberal party towards the Irish question is brushed away.

Sectionalist (se·kʃənălist). [f. Sectional *a.* + -ist.] One who advocates sectional aims or interests.

1863 Dicey *Federal St.* II. 86 There were abolition fanatics there, it was true—sectionalists, traitors, brothers of Southern secessionists.

Sectionalize (se·kʃənăləiz), *v.* [f. Sectional *a.* + -ize.]

1. *trans.* To divide into sections.

1854 *Blackw. Mag.* LXXV. 87 Is man really so unlike as a whole, so necessarily subdivided and sectionalised? 1907 *Daily Chron.* 9 Apr. 3/6 In my district [*sc.* in the Upper Congo] there is no such thing as 'unoccupied land'...It is impossible to find a..stream which is not sectionalised for the nse of specific communities. 1908 *Install. News* II. 73/2 The catalogue is, as far as practicable, sectionalised not only to facilitate reference, but often because customers are more interested in one particular section than another.

2. To render sectional.

1890-1 A. M. Fairbairn *Cathol. Rom. & Angl.* (1899) 317 The resolute antagonist of those Catholic schemes that so laboured to sectionalize the church he loved.

Sectionally (se·kʃənăli), *adv.* [f. Sectional *a.* + -ly 2.] In a sectional manner; from a sectional point of view.

1869 *Daily News* 8 Mar., Sectionally the Cabinet is wisely chosen...New England has one, New York one, and Maryland one. 1878 J. S. Morgan in *N. Amer. Rev.* CXXVI. 316 Less than one-third of the country is united almost solidly and sectionally to oppose the restoration of silver money to its former estate. 1891 Meredith *One of our Conq.* xiii, Sectionally social means anything but social.

Sectionary (se·kʃənări), *a.* and *sb.* [f. Section *sb.* + -ary.] †**A.** *adj. Obs. rare.*

1. Of or pertaining to the sections of a book.

a 1734 North *Life John North* (1744) 259 He gives a short Account of each of the Pieces..and of his adding a sectionary Index to the whole.

2. Of or pertaining to a section (of a party, conntry, etc.).

1816 Pickering *Vocab. U.S.* 171 *Sectionary*,..I have never met with this uncommon word except in the following instance: 'This veneration arises not from a little and selfish spirit of sectionary attachment.' 1835 *Tait's Mag.* II. 288 The absence of these is partly compensated by the exclusion of the sectionary leaders.

B. *sb.* A member of a section (of a party, etc.) opposed to the remainder; a partisan.

1835 *Blackw. Mag.* XXXVII. 948 To men who..call them trimmers or waverers, deserters or sectionaries, we have only to say, There is a battle to be fought [etc.]. 1848 W. H. Kelly tr. *L. Blanc's Hist. Ten Y.* II. 257 M. Martin ascended a sort of tribune to address the sectionaries.

Sectionist (se·kʃənist). [f. Section *sb.* + -ist.] A member of a section, a partisan.

1893 *Scotsman* 28 June 6 Peculiarly intolerant, therefore, of any interruption on the part of other sectionists anxious to ventilate their special discovery or view.

Sectionize (se·kʃənəiz), *v.* [f. Section *sb.* + -ize.] *trans.* a. To divide into sections or parts. b. To delineate in section. c. To cut sections or thin slices from.

a. 1828 *Laws of Texas* Nov. (Bartlett 1860), So much of the vacant lands of the republic shall be surveyed and sectionized, as will be sufficient to satisfy all claims.

b. 1876 Page *Adv. Text-bk. Geol.* vi. 113 Group after group of strata was examined, sectionised, and mapped.

c. 1896 *Naturalist* Jan. 29 John Butterworth..was one of the first to apply successfully the method of sectionising fossil plants to the study of fossil botany.

Se·ctioplano·graphy. *Civil Engin.* [f. Section *sb.* + Plane *sb.* + -graphy. Cf Planography.] = Planography.

1837 F. W. Simms (*title*) Sectio-Planography. 1842 *Mech. Mag.* XXXVII. 268 A better mode than Sectioplanography for delineating the Drainage and Agricultural Improvements of a Country. 1887 in Cassell; and in later Dicts.

Sectism (se·ktiz'm). [f. Sect *sb.*1 + -ism.] Devotion to a sect; sectarian spirit.

1864 in Webster. 1879 J. Kerr *Ess. Castism & Sectism* 83 An obvious cause of sectism lies in the fact that religious organisations..have a tendency to become corrupt. 1893 J. Pulsford *Loyalty to Christ* II. 313 Heaven is..humanity delivered from sectism, and come into the liberty and unity of the Spirit.

†**Se·ctist.** *Obs.* [f. Sect *sb.*1 + -ist.] One who follows a particular sect, a sectary.

1612 Heywood *Apol. Actors* I. 15 Mooved by the sundry exclamations of many seditious sectists in this age. 1630 Brathwait *Eng. Gentlem.* (1641) 69 Then should wee have no Sectists or Separatists divided from the nnity of Faith to disturbe us. 1654 Vilvain *Theorem. Theol.* iii. 91 St. Austins saying..wil wel suit such Sectists.

Sectiuncle, sectiuncule. *rare.* [ad. L. type **sectiuncula*, dim. of *sectiōn-em* Section *sb.*]

1. A small section.

1838 Gladstone *Let.* in G. W. E. Russell *Life* (1891) 55, I have divided it all through into *sectiuncules*, occupying generally from half a page to a whole one.

2. A small, insignificant religious body.

1851 J. Martineau *Misc.* (1852) 384 The crowd streaming from the conventicle of some new sect or sectiuncle.

†**Se·ctive,** *a. Obs. rare.* [ad. late L. *sectiv-us*, f. *secāre* to cut.] Capable of division or cutting.

1656 Blount *Glossogr.* 1745 tr. *Columella's Husb.* XI. iii, If you would make the leek sective [orig. *sectivum*], or fit for being often cut, the antients directed it to be left very thick sown.

Sector (se·ktəɹ), *sb.* [a. late L. *sector* (Boethius), a special use of L. *sector* (agent-n. f. *secāre* to cut), to translate Gr. τομεύς, lit. 'cutter', but used by Archimedes and later geometers in the senses 1 a and 1 b. Cf. F. *secteur*, Sp. *sector*, It. *settore.*]

I. 1. *Geom.* a. A plane figure contained by two radii and the arc of a circle, ellipse, or other central curve intercepted by them.

1570 Billingsley *Euclid* III. Def. ix. 83 A Sector of a circle. 1660 Barrow *Euclid* III. Def. ix, A sector of a circle is when an angle is set at the center of that circle. 1834 *Nat. Philos.* III. *Hist. Astron.* xvi. 85/1 (U.K.S.) The sector described by its radius vector in a given time round the earth is not changed. 1880 Williamson in *Encycl. Brit.* XIII. 50/2 The area of the elliptic sector APCP.

b. *Sector of a sphere*: a solid generated by the revolntion of a plane sector abont one of its radii.

1656 tr. *Hobbes' Elem. Philos.* (1839) 371 The centre of equiponderation of the sector of a sphere. 1706 Phillips (ed. Kersey), *Sector of a Sphere*, is a Conical Solid, whose Vertex or Top ends in the Center of the Sphere, and its Base, or Bottom, is a Segment of the same Sphere. 1840 Laroner *Geom.* 217 The sector of a sphere consists of a cone and a spherical segment.

2. A body or figure having the shape of a sector.

a. *gen.* Any piece of mechnnism so shaped.

1715 Desaguliers *Fires Impr.* 122 At the under side of this Trap-Door, on each side have a small portion of a Circle, or a Sector, whose Center is at that part of the Trap-Door where the Hinge is. 1824 R. Stuart *Hist. Steam Engine* 145 The donble impulse was communicated to the working-beam hy the intervention of a sector placed on the end of the pump-rod, working into a sector placed on the end of the working-beam. 1904 *Brit. & Col. Printer* 10 Mar. 14/2 A toothed sector having a pin and slot connection with it gives the required shift to the slide.

b. *Optics.* A division of a disk of paper or other material used in certain demonstrations.

1831 Brewster *Optics* vii. 70 The same result will he obtained, if we take a circle of paper and divide it into sectors of the same size as the coloured spaces. 1865 Tyndall *Fragm. Sci.* (1876) 311 A disk with differently-coloured sectors is caused to rotate rapidly.

c. *Astr.* (See quot. 1863.)

1840 Dick *Sider. Heavens* 447 It appears..that one of these luminous fans or sectors was observed hy Sir J. Herschel. 1863 Hind *Introd. Astron.* (ed. 3) 205 *Sector, Luminous*, in the head of a comet, is an emanation from the nucleus brighter than the rest of the coma in the form of a fan or sector.

d. *Electr.* A small piece of ebonite forming part of a Bertsch machine.

1894 Bottone *Electr. Instr. Making* 40 This little piece of ebonite (technically known as the 'sector') and its stand must be attached to the base board...Opposite this sector, but on the other side of the glass plate, is a 'comb'.

e. *Path.* A portion of the field of vision cut off in certain diseases of the optic nerve.

1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VI. 842 There was enormous swelling of the left optic nerve, coupled with loss of a large sector of the temporal portion of the field [of vision].

f. *Ent.* (See quot. 1861.)

1861 Hagen *Synopsis Neuroptera N. Amer.* 343 *Sectors*, longitudinal nerves which strike the principal nerves at an angle, and usually reach the apex or hind margin of the wing.

3. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *sector-like, -shaped* adjs.; **sector machine** (see quot. 1888); **sector-piece,** a sector-shaped portion of any object.

1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VII. 318 Occasionally, instead of complete blindness of one-half of the visual field, *sector, or quadrant-like defects are found in the upper or lower half. 1888 Jacobi *Printers' Voc.*, **Sector machine*, a cylindrical printing machine. 1715 Desaguliers *Fires Impr.* 122 Fix a couple of Springs under the Frame, each of which must bear against the Limhs of the *Sector-Pieces. 1902 Oroe-Browne *Armour* in *Encycl. Brit.* XXV. 670/2 Before adoption a sector piece was subjected to three blows from projectiles fired from an Elswick 100-ton breech-loading gun. *Ibid.*, The joints shown in this figure indicate that the turret roof is built up of fifteen *sector-shaped pieces.

II. 4. A mathematical instrument, invented by Thomas Hood (see quot. 1598) and improved by Edmund Gunter, used for the mechanical solution of various problems.

In its present form it consists of two flat rules stiffly hinged together, inscribed with various kinds of scales. In Hood's form, a graduated arc was an essential part of the instrument, and from some of the inventor's remarks it would appear that the name was given with reference to the form of the apparatus (see sense 1), not, as might be supposed, to its function in performing proportional division of lines.

1598 Hood *Making & Use of Sector* 1 A Sector is a mathematicall instrument consisting of 2. feete, one moue-

able, an other fixed, making an angle, and of a circumferentall Limbe. 1624 GUNTER (*title*), The Description and use of the Sector, the Crosse-staffe, and other Instruments. 1673 E. BROWNE *Trav. Germ.*, etc. (1677) 18 By applying an Instrument joynted like a Carpenters Rule, or a Sector, the Skin is held fast. 1766 *Complete Farmer* s.v. *Surveying* 7 G 1/1 If a little error be committed in making up the sector, the most of it goes off again in the substraction of the triangle. 1803 *Phil. Trans.* XCIII. 387 In the sector I am going to describe, Mr. Ramsden has obviated the inconveniences attendant on the use of former sectors. 1884 F. J. BRITTEN *Watch & Clockm.* 233 The sector is really a proportional measuring guage, suited for nearly all requirements of the watch and clock maker.

attrib. 1664 WAKELY *Mariners-Compass rectified* (1694) 273 All Sector-Lines or Scales, meet at the center of the Head (where the Joint is) at the left-hand, and from thence are figured towards the right, each being twice repeated; that is, one on each Leg or Side of the Sector answering one another. *Ibid.* 274 The Use of the Sector-Lines for Projection.

5. An astronomical instrument consisting of a telescope turning about the centre of a graduated arc. See DIP-*sector*, ZENITH-*sector*.

1711 HEARNE *Collect.* (O.H.S.) III. 129 By my Sector it is but 141. 1755 *Gentl. Mag.* XXV. 511 A sector of six feet radius, whose divided arc was somewhat more than 51 degrees. 1843 *Penny Cycl.* XXVII. 765/2 Bradley's sector as originally made was not reversible, and therefore only fit for measuring differences or variations. 1877 CHAMBERS *Astron.* 920 *Astronomical Sector*, an instrument for finding the distance between two objects whose distance is too great to be measured by means of a micrometer in a fixed telescope.

Sector (se·ktəɹ), *v.* [f. SECTOR *sb.*] *trans.* To divide into sectors; to provide with sectors.

1884 F. J. BRITTEN *Watch & Clockm.* 292 Circularly rounded pinions may be used as drivers if they are sectored large. 1902 W. D. JONES in *Times* 1 Dec. 15/2 It would appear that..the Belle Isle light..is not correctly sectored.

Sector, variant of SECUTOR *Obs.*, executor.

Sectoral (se·ktŏrăl), *a.* [f. SECTOR *sb.* + -AL.] Pertaining to a sector. (See SECTOR *sb.* 4.)

1778 HUTTON in *Phil. Trans.* LXVIII. 768 In this manner were computed all the differences which were necessary to be found, and placed in their proper squares formed by the meeting of the horizontal and vertical lines, or rings and sectoral spaces, in the following set of..tables. 1828 MOORE *Fract. Navig.* 19 The sectoral lines are like so many similar triangles, namely, that their corresponding sides are proportional.

Sectorial (sektō·ɹiăl), *a.*[1] [f. SECTOR *sb.* + -IAL.] Of or pertaining to a sector. **a.** Pertaining to the instrument called a sector (SECTOR *sb.* 4, 5).

1803 *Phil. Trans.* XCIII. 387 The principles on which he has founded the several improvements, consist in the means of uniting the sectorial tube to its axis. 1808 TROUGHTON *ibid.* XCIX. 130 The sectorial arc must also be adjusted to its proper radius. 1841 *Penny Cycl.* XXI. 280/1 The others [scales] are merely laid down for convenience on such blank spaces as are left by the converging or sectorial scales.

b. Pertaining to a sector of a circle or a sphere (see SECTOR *sb.* 1 a, 1 b).

1867 THOMSON & TAIT *Nat. Philos.* § 781 I. 621 These circles..are either (1.) all in parallel planes..and cut the spherical surface into zones, in which case the harmonic is called zonal; or (2.) they..cut the surface into equal sectors, in which case the harmonic is called sectorial; or (3.) some [etc.]. *Ibid.*, The sectorial harmonics of order *i* [etc.]. 1880 WILLIAMSON in *Encycl. Brit.* XIII. 50/2 If the sectorial area APCP, be represented by S, the preceding result gives [etc.].

Sectorial (sektō·ɹiăl), *a.*[2] [f. mod.L. *sectōrius* (f. L. *sector* cutter: see SECTOR *sb.*) + -AL.] Having the function of cutting; the distinctive epithet of the premolar teeth.

1840–5 OWEN *Odontogr.* I. 475 In most Carnivora one molar tooth on each side of both jaws has its crown modified,..for reacting upon the opposite tooth, like the blades of scissors,..whence Cuvier has applied to this tooth the name of '*Dent carnassière*', which I have rendered '*dens sectorius*', sectorial, or scissor-tooth. 1875 BLAKE *Zool.* 22 We perceive in the Lion large pointed canine teeth,..and a series of sectorial teeth behind them. 1881 MIVART *Cat* 28 The third premolar is yet larger..and from its trenchant shape is called the upper sectorial tooth.

Sectorie, obs. form of SECTARY.

Sectour(e, var. ff. SECUTOR *Obs.*, executor.

Sectroid (se·ktroid). [? f. SECTOR + -OID.] The curved surface of two adjacent groins in a vault.

1860 NEWLANDS *Carp. & Joiner's Assist.* 77 To find the covering of the smaller sectroid BPLOD. 1875 in KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.*

† Se·ctuary. *Obs.* [Altered form of SECTARY, after words like *textuary.*] = SECTARY.

1592 NASHE *P. Penilesse* 17 *marg.*, Such Sermons I meane as our sectuaries preach in ditches. *a* 1618 RALEIGH *Mahomel* (1637) 17 God was displeased with the Meccans for the rigorous persecuting of him and his Sectuaries. 1654 E. JOHNSON *Hist. New Eng.* xlii. 99 The pitifull and erronious Doctrines broached by the Sectuaries.

Sectur(e, var. ff. SECUTOR *Obs.*, executor.

† Se·cture. *Obs. rare.* [ad. mod.L. type **sectūra*, f. L. *sect-*, *secāre* to cut: see -URE.] A section, cutting, incision.

a 1643 CARTWRIGHT *Comedies & Poems* (1651) 210 Thus would his Horse and all his vectures, Reduc'd to figures and to sectures, Produce new Diagrams and Lectures. 1693 EVELYN *De La Quint. Compl. Gard.* Dict., *Insects*, are all little animals whose bodies are divided by several cuts as 'twere and sectures.

† Secubate, *v. Obs.*–° [a. L. *sēcubāt-*, ppl. stem of *sēcubāre*, f. *sē-* (SE- *prefix*) + *cubāre* to lie down.] (See quot.)

1623 COCKERAM I, *Secubate*, to lie alone [*printed* ahoue] by ones selfe.

Secular (se·kiŭlăɹ), *a.* and *sb.* Forms: 3–6 seculer, 4–5 seculere (4 seculeer, secler, 4–5 seclere, 5 seculier), 5– secular. [In branch I, a. OF. *seculer* (mod.F. *séculier*), ad. L. *sæculāris*, f. *sæcul-um* generation, age, in Christian Latin 'the world', esp. as opposed to the church: see SECLE, SIECLE. In branch II, directly ad. L. *sæculāris*, whence mod.F. *séculaire* (which has influenced some of the uses in Eng.). Cf. Sp. *seglar*, *secular*, Pg. *secular*, It. *secolare*.]

A. *adj.*

I. Of or pertaining to the world.

1. *Eccl.* Of members of the clergy: Living 'in the world' and not in monastic seclusion, as distinguished from 'regalar' and 'religious'. *Secular canon*: see CANON *sb.*[2] *Secular abbot*: a person not a monk, who had the title and part of the revenues, but not the functions of an abbot.

In early use frequently placed after the sb., as *canon secular*, *priest secular*.

c 1290 *St. Edmund* 393 in *S. Eng. Leg.* I. 442 At salesburi he was i-maket Canoun seculer. 1297–1868 [see CANON[2] 1]. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 27244 In scrift..enentes clergis seculers to þe preist at frain it feres o symony. *c* 1380 WYCLIF *Sel. Wks.* I. 73 And þus boþ clerkes seculers and þese newe religiouse forsaken þes two weies. *a* 1400 *Minor Poems fr. Vernon MS.* xxxii. 1054, I þat am in Religioun, I naue no pouwer to ȝiue no mete, Ne drinke..þerfore me were beter seculer. 1402 *Pol. Poems* (Rolls) II. 23 Why be ye evill apaid that secular priestes should preach the gospell? 1546 *Yorks. Chantry Surv.* (Surtees) II. 426 A seculer man, deane or incombent there. 1673 *Essex Papers* (Camden) I. 138, I made use of some Fryers, who all ways have their litle wrangles w[th] y[e] secular Clergy. 1716 M. DAVIES *Athen. Brit.* III. 86 Cardinal Rochefaucault being the Secular or Commendatory Abbot thereof. 1782 BURKE *Penal Laws agst. Ir. Cath.* Wks. VI. 235 The secular clergy..are universally fallen into such contempt, that [etc.]. 1874 STUBBS *Const. Hist.* I. viii. § 84 Before the middle of the eighth century..the secular were synodically divided from the monastic clerks. 1884 *Manch. Exam.* 25 Feb. 5/5 A few secular priests have been invited to co-operate with the resident clergy.

b. Of or pertaining to secular clergy.

1570 FOXE *A. & M.* (ed. 2) 4/2 Reducing regular Monasteries, to a secular state. 1686 tr. *Chardin's Trav. Persia* 96 It differs little from the secular Habit. 1831 SIR W. HAMILTON *Discuss.* (1852) 414 At the commencement of the fourteenth century..the number of the secular colleges [was], at the highest, only three. 1871 FREEMAN *Norm. Conq.* (1876) IV. xviii. 312 The master of Saint Werburh, then a secular, but soon to become a monastic, house.

2. Belonging to the world and its affairs as distinguished from the church and religion; civil, lay, temporal. Chiefly used as a negative term, with the meaning non-ecclesiastical, non-religious, or non-sacred.

Secular arm (= med.L. *brachium seculare*, F. *le bras séculier*): the civil power as 'invoked' by the church to punish offenders.

c 1290 *Beket* 926 in *S. Eng. Leg.* I. 133 And also ȝe bez al-ȝare In seculer court to demen me: And þat nolde nouȝt wel fare. 1340 *Ayenb.* 215 God..nele þet me maki norewerdes ne noyses ne nyedes seculeres þerinne [i.e. His house]. *c* 1380 WYCLIF *Wks.* (1880) 384 Þai occupien not siche lordeschipis in propir, as seculer lordis done, but in comoun, like as the apostles. *Ibid.* 385 As prisonynge & hangynge..the whiche sum-tyme hylongyd oonly to the seculer arme of þe chirche. 1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) V. 97 þat no man schulde accuse þe ministres of holy chirche to fore a seculer iuge. 1432–50 tr. *Higden* (Rolls) V. 289 Simplicius the pope ..ordeynede that noo clerke scholde receyve investiture.. of the honde of a seculer lay man [*Trevisa* of a lewed man, L. *de manu laici*]. 1456 SIR G. HAVE *Law Arms* (S.T.S.) 93 Kirk men suld pay taillés, tributis and impositiouns to seclere kingis or princis. 1593 NASHE *Christ's T.* 34 The tongue is the ludge..; the rest of our faculties and powers, are but the secular executioners of his sentence. *a* 1600 HOOKER *Eccl. Pol.* VII. xv. § 14 And divers Councils likewise there are, which have forbidden the Clergy to bear any Secular Office. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* XII. 517 Then shall they seek..Places and titles, and with these to joine Secular power, though feigning still to act By spiritual. 1673 TEMPLE *Observ. United Prov.* v. 165, I intend not here to speak of Religion at all as a Divine, but as a mere Secular man. 1737 FRANKLIN *Ess.* Wks. 1840 II. 292 Truth never fears the encounter; she scorns the aid of the secular arm. 1765 BLACKSTONE *Comm.* I. 366 The elected bishop could neither be consecrated, nor receive any secular profits. 1853 ROBERTSON *Serm.* Ser. IV. ii. (1863) 20 We stigmatise first one department of life and then another as secular; and so religion becomes a pale, unreal thing. 1873 J. H. NEWMAN *Hist. Sk.* III. iii. vi. 333 Bishops now were great secular magistrates, and..were involved in secular occupations. 1875 TENNYSON *Q. Mary* IV. i, A secular kingdom is but as the body Lacking a soul.

† b. *transf.* Of or belonging to the 'common' or 'unlearned' people. *Obs.*

1589 NASHE *Greene's Arcadia* To Gentl. Students A 3 b, Oft haue I obserued..a secular wit that hath liued all dayes of his life by, what doe you lacke? to be more iudiciall..then our quadrant crepundios. 1629 B. JONSON *New Inn* v. i, Hang him poore snip, a secular shop-wit!

c. Of literature, history, art (esp. music), hence of writers or artists: Not concerned with or devoted to the service of religion; not sacred; profane. Also of buildings, etc., Not dedicated to religious uses.

c 1450 in Aungier *Syon* (1840) 297 Not medlynge ther speche with seculer fables and fryuoles. 1529 MORE *Dyalogue* IV. Wks. 262/2 One..neither in holi scripture nor in seculare litterature vnlerned. 1801 BUSBY *Dict. Mus.*, *Secular-Music*...Whatever is composed for the theatre or chamber. An expression used in opposition to that of Sacred-Music. 1801 STRUTT *Sports & Past.* III. ii. 120 The plays mentioned in the preceding pages, and especially the miracles and mysteries, differed greatly from the secular plays..acted by strolling companies. 1814 CHALMERS *Evid. Chr. Revelation* (1849) I. II. iii. 193 Points in which the historians of the New Testament can be brought into comparison with the secular historians of the age. 1835 I. TAYLOR *Spir. Despot.* III. 85 The education of youth was entrusted not to them [the priests], but to the professors of secular arts—rhetoric and gymnastics. 1860 PUSEY *Min. Proph.* 593 He says that, the bells of the horses, things simply secular, should bear the same inscription as the plate on the high priest's forehead. 1861 STANLEY *East. Ch.* iii. (1869) 97 A secular building was fitted up as a temporary house of prayer. 1874 REYNOLDS *John Bapt.* ii. 79 The supernatural conditions attributed in secular legend to the births of Buddha, Pythagoras and Plato. 1876 ROCK *Text. Fabr.* 63 The excellence of her work in secular silks.

d. Of education, instruction: Relating to non-religious subjects. (In recent use often implying the exclusion of religious teaching from education, or from the education provided at the public expense.) Of a school: That gives secular education.

1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 32 b, The argumentes of seculer doctryne be argumentes of reason. 1867 in G. Duff *Pol. Surv.* (1868) 50 This may be hoped for in the increase of liberal sound and secular education in the Ottoman dominions. 1875 MANNING *Mission Holy Ghost* xiii. 377 The Holy See has always laid down..that secular and religious instruction shall never be parted in Education. 1876 J. GRANT *Burgh Sch. Scot.* II. xiii. 424 These persons maintain that the public Schools should be purely secular.

3. Of or belonging to the present or visible world as distinguished from the eternal or spiritual world; temporal, worldly.

1597 HOOKER *Eccl. Pol.* V. lxxvi. § 5 Religion and the feare of God as well induceth secular prosperitie as euerlasting blisse in the world to come. 1664 H. MORE *Myst. Iniq.* 251 The Sun and Moon have either a Spiritual signification or a Secular. 1875 GLADSTONE in McCabe *Life Holyoake* II. 163, I do not believe that secular motives are adequate either to propel or to restrain the children of our race. 1883 T. H. GREEN *Prolog. Ethics* Introd. 1 Nor does it [moral philosophy] by any means confine itself to what are commonly counted secular or 'positive' considerations.

b. Caring for the present world only; unspiritual. *rare.*

c 1425 *Orolog. Sapient.* vii. in *Anglia* X. 388/9 If they were of so harde herte and seculere affeccyone þat [etc.]. 1850 ROBERTSON *Serm.* Ser. III. ii. (1857) 20 Esau..is called in Scripture a profane, that is, not a distinctly vicious, but a secular or worldly person.

absol. 1883 A. EDERSHEIM *Life Jesus* II. 275 To the secular nothing is spiritual; and to the spiritual nothing is secular.

¶ 4. Used for: Pertaining to or accepting the doctrine of secularism; secularistic.

Secular societies: the designation given to associations formed in various English towns from 1852 onwards to promote the spread of secularist opinions.

1856 R. OWEN in McCabe *Life Holyoake* (1908) I. 292 Your Secular Societies will do well to merge into this movement. 1870 G. J. HOLYOAKE *Princ. Secularism* 47 We believe there is sufficient soundness in Secular principles to make way in the world. 1884 T. COOPER *Men of the Time* (ed. 11) 582/1 Mr. Holyoake is editor of the *Present*, a secular and co-operative review.

II. Of or belonging to an age or long period.

5. Occurring or celebrated once in an age, century, or very long period. *Secular games, plays, shows* [L. *ludi sæculares*]: in ancient Rome, games continuing three days and three nights celebrated once in an 'age' or period of 120 years. *Secular poem* [L. *carmen sæculare*], a hymn composed to be sung at the secular games.

1599 PONT *Right Reckoning of Years* 34 Supposing that they celebrate their secular solemnities at the precise end and periode of every hundreth yeare. 1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* VIII. xlii. I. 221 The secular solemnities, exhibited by Claudius Cæsar, in the Circensian games. 1606 — *Sueton.* 52 He restored againe..the Sæcular playes. 1696 B. KENNETT *Antiq. Rome* II. v. vii. 292 The famous Secular Poem of Horace was compos'd for this last Day, in the Secular Games held by Augustus. 1697 EVELYN *Numism.* iii. 62 To..divert the People..during the Secular Shews. 1706 HEARNE *Collect.* 3 Apr. (O.H.S.) I. 215 A Letter sent to our University from the University of Francfort..inviting them to celebrate the secular day of the Foundation of their University, w[ch] will happen in this month, it being now just two Hundred years since that University was Founded. 1716 ADDISON *Free-holder* No. 46 P 1 When Augustus celebrated the secular year, which was kept but once in a century. 1790 GIBBON *Misc. Wks.* (1814) III. 418 Had a fortnight more been given to the philosopher, he might have celebrated his secular festival [*sc.* his hundredth birthday]. 1862 MERIVALE *Rom. Emp.* lxviii. (1865) VIII. 332 One man asserted that the secular fire would descend at the moment when..he should be seen transformed into a stork. 1869 RAWLINSON *Anc. Hist.* 509 M. Julius Philippus..celebrated the secular games in commemoration of the thousandth year from the founding of the city. 1884 *Q. Rev.* July 1 Changes in..the City..have been going on at a rate..unknown to any former generation, except those distant generations which have witnessed the rare and secular phenomena of siege, fire, and plague.

6. Living or lasting for an age or ages. Now chiefly with reminiscence of the scientific sense 7. Also (of trees, etc., after F. *séculaire*), centuries old.

1629 DONNE *Serm.* cxxxi. Wks. 1839 V. 435 If I had a secular glass, a glass that would run an age.., it would not be enough to tell the godly man what his treasure...is. 1671 MILTON *Samson* 1707 And though her body die, her fame survives, A secular bird ages of lives. 1847 EMERSON *Poems, Monadnoc* 311 Slowsure Britain's secular might. 1850 TENNYSON *In Mem.* xli, I shall be thy mate no more, Tho' following with an upward mind The wonders that have come to thee, Thro' all the secular to-be. 1868–9 TYNDALL *Fragm. Sci.* v. (1871) 103 The improvement of man is secular—not the work of an hour or of a day. 1870 LOWELL *Among my Bks.* Ser. I. (1873) 253 We envy the secular leisures of Methusaleh. 1876 R. F. BURTON *Goritla L.* I. 36 A fern field surrounded by a forest of secular trees. 1879 STEVENSON *Trav. with Donkey* 186 Mankind outlives saecular animosities, as a single man awakens from the passions of a day. 1888 BRYCE *Amer. Commw.* III. VI. CXV. 653 The centripetal forces are permanent and secular forces, working from age to age.

7. In scientific use, of processes of change: Having a period of enormous length; continuing through long ages. **a.** *Astr.* Chiefly of changes in the orbits or the periods of revolution of the planets, as in *secular acceleration, inequality, equation, variation.* The terms *secular acceleration, secular variation* were formerly also used (with reference to the sense 'century' of L. *sæculum*) for the amount of change per 100 years; similarly †*secular precession* (see quot. 1812).

1801 *Monthly Rev.* XXXV. 537 M. De La Place..found the secular equation of the moon to be due to the action of the sun on the moon. 1812 WOODHOUSE *Astron.* ix. 63 The secular precession, that is, the accumulated precessions of 100 years. 1812–16 PLAYFAIR *Nat. Phil.* (1819) II. 275 In the orbit of Mars, the eccentricity is diminishing. The secular variation of the greatest equation of the centre is—37". 1834 MRS. SOMERVILLE *Connex. Phys. Sci.* iii. (1849) 16 Secular inequalities. 1862 CAYLEY *Math. Papers* (1890) III. 522 On the Secular Acceleration of the Moon's Mean Motion.

b. *Geol., Physical Geogr., Meteorol.*, etc.

1833 LYELL *Princ. Geol.* Gloss., *Secular Refrigeration*, the periodical cooling and consolidation of the globe, from a supposed original state of fluidity from heat. 1856 KANE *Arct. Expl.* I. xxiii. 308 A secular elevation of the coast-line. 1861 TYNDALL *Fragm. Sci.* xiii. (1871) 399 The earth's magnetic constituents are gradually changing their distribution. This change is very slow; it is technically called the secular change. 1867 H. MACMILLAN *Bible Teach.* xvi. (1870) 320 Those grand secular tides which have punctually recurred every ten thousand years. 1872 — *True Vine* v. 176 The earth has its secular seasons as well as its annual. 1880 HAUGHTON *Phys. Geog.* ii. 53 The contraction of the globe due to secular cooling. 1887 ABERCROMBY *Weather* 312 Annual and Secular Variations.

B. *sb.*

1. a. One of the secular clergy, as distinguished from a 'regular' or monk.

c 1290 *Beket* 2205 in *S. Eng. Leg.* I. 169 Ase heo strepten of his clopes, al a-bone heo founde Clerkene clopes..and.. Monekene Abite with-Inne..So þat he was Monek with-Inne, and seculer with-oute. *c* 1330 R. BRUNNE *Chron.* (1810) 243, & þer was scho inne four & fifty 3ere, Norised with Wynne, nunne and seculere. *c* 1450 *St. Cuthbert* (Surtees) 6230 He helpid seculers to putt oute Fra þe kirke, and monkes deuoute sette þare. 1544 BALE *Chron. Sir J. Oldcastle* 27 b, The seculars and fryers coude not therin agre. *Ibid.* 39 Both..seculars and relygyouse with dyuerse other expert menne. *a* 1698 T. WHITE *Monitions & Advices* II. (1720) 49 Monks, who despised the settled Clergy, and called them Seculars, giving themselves the glorious Title of Religious. 1864 BRYCE *Holy Rom. Emp.* v. (1875) 67 Endeavours to bring the seculars into a monastic life.

b. A Jesuit lay brother.

1641 R. BROOKE *Eng. Episc.* 10 The others were like the Seculars among the Jesuites, And..did (as the Seculars do) perform the Civill part of those Religious Services.

c. (See quot.)

1801 BUSBY *Dict. Mus.*, *Seculars*, those unordained officiates of any cathedral, or chapel, whose functions are confined to the vocal department of the choir.

2. One who is engaged in the affairs of the world as distinct from the church; a layman.

c 1400 *Apol. Loll.* 77 Now bi new lawis, clerkis propriun to hemsilf temporal þingis as seclereis. *c* 1425 *St. Mary of Oignies* I. i. in *Anglia* VIII. 135/30 Hir fader and modir, as maner is of seculers, wolde haue rayed hir wiþ delycate garmentis. 1483 CAXTON *Gold. Leg.* 115/3 The monkes that goon out of theyr..selles yf they conuerse longe with seculiers they muste nedes lese theyr holynesse. 1509 WATSON *Ship of Fools* II. (1517) A iij b, In many places be some counsellers & gouernours of courtes, as well seculers as ecclesynstykes. 1596 DALRYMPLE tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* I. 119 *marg.*, The seculars of the Realme in Scotland ar gouerned be the burgesse lawis. 1618 HALES *Lett. fr. Synod Dort* 6 The clergy thought that if it pleased the Seculars it might be done. 1710 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 4726/1 All the Inhabitants.. as well Seculars as Ecclesiasticks. 1829 LANDOR *Imag. Conv., Miguel & his Mother* Wks. 1853 I. 560/1 Seculars do not know half the wickedness of the world,..until their pastors lead them by the hand and show it them.

† **3.** A ccntennial anniversary, centenary. *rare.*

1706 HEARNE *Collect.* 20 June (O.H.S.) I. 263 King of Prussia's Letter to y^e^ Queen about y^e^ University's Celebration of y^e^ Secular of Francfurt. 1706 *Ibid.* 27 June I. 267. 1709 *Ibid.* 27 Aug. II. 241, 242.

Secularism (se·kiŭlăriz'm). [f. SECULAR *a.* + -ISM.]

1. The doctrine that morality should be based solely on regard to the well-being of mankind in the present life, to the exclusion of all considerations drawn from belief in God or in a future state.

a. As the name of a definitely professed system of belief, promulgated by G. J. Holyoake (1817–1906).

b. In wider sense, as denoting a mode of thought more or less implicitly held and acted upon.

1851 G. J. HOLYOAKE in *Reasoner* 10 Dec., I will lay before the meeting the present position of Secularism in the provinces. 1854 — (*title*) Secularism the practical Philosophy of the People. *Ibid.* 5 The term Secularism has been chosen ..as expressing a certain positive and ethical element, which the terms 'Infidel', 'Sceptic', 'Atheist' do not express. 1855 MISS COBBE *Intuit. Mor.* 161 *note*, The earlier Judaism is quite anomalous in its mixture of morality and secularism. 1869 M. PATTISON *Serm.* (1885) 172 Influential leaders of opinion warn us against..materialism, secularism, unbelief. 1884 J. PARKER *Larger Ministry* 28 Secularism cannot be more industrious than Christianity calls upon its followers to be.

2. The view that education, or the education provided at the public cost, should be purely secular.

1872 *Q. Rev.* Apr. 517 The Nonconformists who advocate pure Secularism in national education have in effect come down from their religious position altogether.

Secularist (se·kiŭlărist), *sb.* (and *a.*). [f. SECULAR + -IST.]

1. One of the secular clergy; a secular. *nonce-use.*

1716 M. DAVIES *Athen. Brit.* I. Pref. 62 Of the Modern Fanaticism of Seditious Priests of all the Religions in Europe, viz...Of Secularists and Regularists [etc.].

2. An adherent of secularism.

1851 *Reasoner* 3 Dec., We use the word Secularist as best indicating that province of human duty which belongs to this life. 1859 I. TAYLOR *Logic in Theol.* 219 India.. whether governed by Christian men or by secularists, shall feel that it must amend its usages. 1876 GLADSTONE *Relig. Thought* v. in *Contemp. Rev.* June 22 The Secularist..does not of necessity assert anything but the positive and exclusive claims of the purposes, the enjoyments, and the needs, presented to us in the world of sight and experience.

3. An advocate of exclusively secular education.

1872 *Q. Rev.* Apr. 522 The attempt of the 'Secularists' to deprive the poor of religious teaching in the schools.

4. *attrib.* and *appos.* (quasi-*adj.*).

1890 *Times* 31 Jan. 9/3 This characteristic sample of secularist intolerance. 1904 DOR. P. HUGHES *Life H. P. Hughes* xii. 295 Mr. Jacob Holyoake, the well-known Secularist leader.

Secularistic (se:kiŭlări·stik), *a.* [f. SECULARIST + -IC.] Of, pertaining to, or characterized by secularism.

1862 *Westm. Rev.* Jan. 93 People, whose cheap theological literature is..limited to Orthodox tracts and Secularistic periodicals. 1881 *Spectator* No. 2766. 851 Women will imbibe education the more..kindly, that it will have no ostentatiously secularistic aspect. 1899 *Q. Rev.* Apr. 465 The secularistic policy of Gambetta and Jules Ferry.

Secularity (sekiŭlæ·riti). Forms: 4 **seculerte**, 6–7 **secularitie**, 6– **secularity**. [a. F. *séculairité* (1332 in Hatz.-Darm.); there may have been an AF. **seculerté*, whence Wyclif's form), or directly ad. med.L. *sæculāritās*, f. L. *sæculāris* SECULAR *a.*: see -ITY.]

I. †**1.** Secular jurisdiction or power. *Obs.*

c 1380 WYCLIF *Wks.* (1880) 385 How þai [*sc.* clerks] bissyen hem to be kyngis in her owne, & reioycen hem fulle myche in þat cyuylite or seculerte. 1535 STEWART *Cron. Scot.* II. 458 That kirkmen suld nocht be No way subjectit to secularitie.

2. The condition or quality of being secular.

a. Occupation with secular affairs (on the part of clergymen); secular spirit or behaviour. Also occas. in wider application: Worldliness, absence of religious principle or feeling.

1395 [PURVEY] *Remonstrance* (1851) 147 Seculerte among prelatis and curatis so that oon take to himsilf alle the profitis of a chirche. 1636 *Unbishop. Timothy & Titus* 30 Your Lordly Pompe,..luxury, secularity, suppression of preaching. 1690 E. GEE *Jesuit's Mem.* 123 The Bishop's own Person..[should be far] from..the prophanity and secularity of others, as Hawking, Hunting,..and the like. 1711 G. HICKES *Two Treat.* II. (1847) 231 This secularity of the clergy in complying with the..vanities..of the age. 1835 I. TAYLOR *Spir. Despot.* II. 53 Sloth, pride, and secularity, have crept upon those [clergy] to whom mankind should look up for patterns of purity and heavenly-mindedness. 1843 CARLYLE *Past & Pr.* II. iv. 80 Jocelin, we see, is not without secularity: Our *Dominus Abbas* was intent enough on the divine offices; but then his Account-Books—? 1876 FREEMAN *Norm. Conq.* V. xxiv. 497 The tendency to secularity which beset all the Teutonic Churches from the beginning. 1882 SEELEY *Nat. Relig.* 235 There is a Lower Life, of which the animating principle is secularity, or—in the popular sense of the word —materialism.

† **b.** Lay character (of persons claiming to be in holy orders). *Obs. rare*—[1].

1616 CHAMPNEY *Voc. Bps.* 152 For the more cleare proofe of the meere secularitie, and pure nullitie of the pretended cleargy of England, as well as of other falsly reformed churches: I will here examine the ordination of them.

c. Secular or non-sacred character; absence of connexion with religion.

1879 *Sat. Mus. Rev.* 6 Sept. 504 At times..the music is really elevating, when suddenly we are back again into secularity. 1910 *Spectator* 25 June 1075/1 To insist..on the secularity of the State can only help to degrade it.

3. A secular matter. Chiefly *pl.* Secular affairs; worldly possessions or pursuits.

1511 COLET *Serm. Conforming* B j, If you haue any secular besynes, ordeyne them to be iuges that be moost in contemt in y^e^ churche..of this secularitie. 1640 BP. HALL *Episc.* III. viii. 267 How much are we beholden to these kinde friends, who are so desirous to ease us of these unproper secularities? 1828 E. IRVING *Last Days* 144 As to the ordination of elders, or priests, how do men seek the office for mere..advancement in the secularities of life! 1840 J. J. GURNEY in *Mem.* (1854) II. 228 My secularities afford me many large opportunities of helping others. 1857 KINGSLEY *Two Y. Ago* x, The morning he [the Curate] spent at the school, or in parish secularities. 1877 MORLEY *Crit. Misc.* Ser. II. 401 To throw a golden halo round the secularity of the hour. 1878 R. BRAITHWAITE *Life W. Pennefather* xi. 248 It was a rule with him..that no secularity should be permitted to intrude on the Lord's day.

† **4.** The civil authority or body. *Obs.*

1630 *R. Johnson's Kingd. & Commw.* 380 The chiefe Officer of the Secularitie is the Palatine of Hungaria. 1637 BASTWICK *Litany* I. II, I intend speedily to write unto the secularity of that ancient city [*i. e.* Babylon], and dedicate my method of Physick to it.

II. 5. The character of having long periods

1844 EMERSON *Ess.* Ser. II. vi. (1876) 147 Geology has initiated us into the secularity of nature, and taught us to..exchange our Mosaic and Ptolemaic schemes for her large style.

Secularization (se·kiŭlărəizē·ʃən). [f. SECULARIZE *v.* + -ATION. Cf. F. *sécularisation* (16–17 c. in Hatz.-Darm.).]

1. The conversion of an ecclesiastical or religious institution or its property to secular possession and use; the conversion of an ecclesiastical state or sovereignty to a lay one; an instance of this.

1706 PHILLIPS (ed. Kersey), *Secularization*, the Act of Secularizing. 1742 RICHARDSON *Pamela* III. 273 A Bill for restoring to it all that it had lost by Impropriations and other Secularizations. 1845 LINGARD *Anglo-Sax. Ch.* II. xiv. 343 Till its [*sc.* the abbey of Fulda's] late secularization, its superior was a prince of the empire. 1864 *Realm* 20 Apr. 4 He..wished to accompany the restoration of the Pope by a number of reasonable reforms,..namely,..the secularisation of the administration [etc.]. 1875 GLADSTONE *Glean.* VI. XV. 204 The secularisation of the property of the Religious Orders has been..a more or less rude..operation. 1888 BURGON 12 *Gd. Men* I. iv. 428 He resented the secularization of revennes set apart for a..sacred purpose.

b. *transf.*

1822 LAMA *Elia* Ser. I. *Some Old Actors*, But we find him [*sc.* a chorister], after the probation of a twelvemonth or so, reverting to a secular condition, and become one of us.. The first fruits of his secularization was an engagement upon the boards of Old Drury.

2. The giving of a secular or non-sacred character or direction to (art, studies, etc.); the placing (of morals) on a secular basis; the restricting (of education) to secular subjects.

1863 E. A. BOND in *Fine Arts Quarterly* I. 87 With this secularization of the art, painting rapidly threw off the conventionalism of the cloister. 1865 LECKY *Ration.* (1878) I. 57 It..thus prepared the way for that general secularisation of the European intellect. 1875 T. HILL *True Order Stud.* 143 Persons who demand the entire secularization of the schools. 1879 H. SPENCER *Data of Ethics* Pref. 4 Now that moral injunctions are losing the authority given by their supposed sacred origin, the secularization of morals is becoming imperative.

3. The alteration of the status of an ecclesiastic from regular to secular.

1882–3 *Schaff's Encycl. Relig. Knowl.* 2146 Secularization means..the legal absolution from ecclesiastical vows.

Secularize (se·kiŭlărəiz), *v.* [ad. F. *sécular-iser*, f. L. *sæculār-is* SECULAR: see -IZE.]

1. *trans.* To make secular; to convert from ecclesiastical to civil possession or use; esp. to place (church property) at the disposal of the secular or civil power.

1611 COTGR., *Seculariser*, to secularize; to make secular, lay, temporall. 1657 *Treat. Conf. Sin* 344 To surprize the possessions of the Church, and to Secularize her patrimony. 1715 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 5345/3 They insist that this Provostship does not come under the Number of Ecclesiastical Benefices, having been Secularized. 1737 OZELL *Rabelais* II. 251 *note*, He was a Monk..[and] he [only] took the liberty to discover his true Name after he had seculariz'd himself, and was become, as it were, a Layman. 1742 RICHARDSON *Pamela* III. 274 Secularizing..the Revennes appropriated to the Church. 1791 MACKINTOSH *Vind. Gallicæ* Wks. 1846 III. 46 The Treaty of Westphalia secularised many of the most opulent benefices of Germany. 1861 BUCKLE *Civiliz.* II. iii. 233 In their opinion, it was impious to secularise ecclesiastical property, and turn it aside to profane purposes.

transf. 1754 PITT *Let.* 7 Mar. in *Grenville Papers* (1852) I. 107 To secularise, if I may use the expression, the Solicitor-General, and make him Chancellor of the Exchequer.

b. To laicize; to deprive of clerical character or remove from clerical control.

1846 *English Rev.* Sept. VI. 150 You will have deprived them of their occupation by secularizing the profession of a teacher. 1885 *Observer* 20 Dec. (Cassell), The work of secularizing the hospitals has been accomplished.

2. To make (a monk or monastic order) secular.

1683 [see SECULARIZED *ppl.a.*]. 1706 PHILLIPS (ed. Kersey), To *Secularize*, to make Secular; as To *Secularize a Monk*. 1773 *Ann. Reg., Hist. Eur.* 9/1 The Bishop of Liege having met with some opposition in his attempts to secularize a convent of monks. 1845 J. H. NEWMAN *Ess. Developm.* 316 The successive Catholics of Seleucia had abolished Monachism and were secularizing the clergy.

3. To dissociate or separate from religious or spiritual concerns, to convert to material and temporal purposes; to turn (a person, his mind, etc.) from a religious or spiritual state to worldliness.

1711 G. HICKES *Two Treat.* II. (1847) 231 So many ministers of late are more than ever secularized in their conversation. 1755 JOHNSON, *Secularize*...2. To make worldly. 1831 SOUTHEY in *Q. Rev.* XLIV. 353 A worldly-minded husband might have secularised and deadened her heart. 1866

LIDDON *Bampt. Lect.* iv. (1875) 190 The Jews secularized the Messianic promises. 1869 M. PATTISON *Serm.* (1885) 173 We hear much of a crisis of the faith, of the perilous errors which are abroad in society, of the aggressions of science, of the attempts to secularise education. 1876 *Times* 8 Nov. 9/3 The policy of those Governments has become secularized. 1877 J. C. COX *Ch. Derbysh.* II. 400 This chapel..had long been secularised, and..used as a malt-house.

4. *intr.* To adopt secular costume or habits.

1864 T. HUGHES in *Reader* 5 Nov. 567/2 Henrietta Caracciolo..secularized in everything except the black veil.

Hence **Se·cularized** *ppl. a.*, **Se·cularizing** *vbl. sb.* (in quots. *attrib.*). Also **Se·cularizer.**

1683 *Apol. Prot. France* iii. 16 The History of Calvinism, by Monsieur Maimbourg, a Secularised Jesuit. 1803 H. REPTON *Observ. Th. & Pract. Landsc. Gard.* xii. (1840) 274 It is..impossible to live in..the secularized abbey..preserving all the apartments to their original uses. 1825 CHALMERS in Hanna *Mem.* (1851) III. vi. 89, I feel the secularizing effect of worldly company. 1842 MANNING *Serm.* v. (1848) I. 74 We find men..holding out against the secularizing action of worldly things. 1875 E. WHITE *Life in Christ* v. xxxi. (1878) 525 Perhaps there is not a more thoroughly secularised population in Europe than the inhabitants of this 'holy city'. 1886 WILLIS & CLARK *Cambridge* II. 308 The secularized part of the nave. 1887 *Macm. Mag.* Dec. 88 He was..not in the least a secularizer, but..a sanctifier.

Secularly (se·kiŭlăli), *adv.* [f. SECULAR *a.* + -LY².] In a secular manner.

1. As a secular or lay person; in accordance with secular procedure; non-ecclesiastically.

c 1380 WYCLIF *Wks.* (1880) 384 For in sum place..þe clergi occupieþ þe seculer lordeschip seculerli. 1395 [PURVEY] *Remonstrance* (1851) 152 Not oon shal appropre seculerli to himsilf alle the profitis of the chirche. *c* 1440 *Alphabet of Tales* 342 A monke þat was..syttand prowdelie vppon a fayr palfray, and rydyng passand secularelie. 1511 COLET *Serm. Conforming* B iv b, Pristes nat lyuynge pristly but secularly. 1854 H. MILLER *Sch. & Schm.* xxii. (1860) 239 As I held ecclesiastically by the one party, and secularly by the other, I found my position..a rather anomalous one. 1882 STEVENSON *New Arab. Nts.* (1884) 141 One was..secularly dressed, but with an indelible clerical stamp. 1900 *Nation* 19 Mar. 975/1 Offences with which the Reformers dealt ecclesiastically are now dealt with secularly.

2. In a worldly manner; in a manner characterized by the absence of religion.

1840 G. S. FABER *Regeneration* 180 The youth had received Baptism dissemblingly, secularly, impenitently, unworthily. 1893 E. L. WAKEMAN in *Columbus* (Ohio) *Dispatch* 3 Aug., Possessing no secularly educative or diverting features. *Comb.* 1902 *Daily Chron.* 18 Feb. 6/6 A secularly-conducted State school.

†**Se·cularness.** *Obs.* [f. SECULAR *a.* + -NESS.] Secularity, worldliness.

1530 *Proper Dyaloge* in *Rede me*, etc. (Arb.) 143 The landes of lordes and dukes to possesse Thei [the clergy] abasshe not a whit the seculernes Chalengynge tytles of worldly honour. 1730 in BAILEY (fol.). 1755 in JOHNSON.

†**Se·culary,** *a. Obs. rare*⁻¹. [ad. F. *séculaire* SECULAR: see -ARY.] Secular.

1480 CAXTON *Chron. Eng.* II. (1520) 13/1 So great a charge of seculary thynges, and so pure..a contemplacyon of spyrytuall thynges.

Seculeer, -er(e, -ier, obs. ff. SECULAR.

Secund (sī·kv·nd), *a. Bot.* and *Zool.* [ad. L. *secund-us* following: see SECOND *a.*] Arranged on or directed towards one side only; esp. *Bot.* of the flowers, leaves, or other organs of a plant.

1777 ROBSON *Brit. Flora* 21 *Secund*, all the flowers inclining to one side of the stem. *a* 1815 ROXBURGH *Flora Ind.* (1820) I. 299 Spikelets alternate, sessile, secund. 1882-4 COOKE *Brit. Fresh-w. Algæ* I. 142 Branches and branchlets sparse,..often secund.

†**Secu·ndan,** *a.* and *sb. Obs.* [ad. L. *secundānus*, f. *secund-us* SECOND *a.*: see -AN.] **A.** *adj. Path.* Of a fever: Recurring every second day.

a 1400-50 *Stockh. Med. MS.* 114 þe fyuere secundan.

B. *sb.* in *plural. Math.* (See quot. 1704.)

a 1703 WALLIS in *Misc. Curiosa* (1708) II. 17 And because the first Member doth represent a Series of Equals; the second of Secundans; the third, of Quartans, &c. Therefore the first Member is to be multiplied by S; the second, by ½ S; the third by ⅓ S [etc.]. 1704 J. HARRIS *Lex. Techn.* I, *Secundans*, in Mathematicks, is an infinite series of Numbers, beginning from Nothing, and proceeding as the squares of Numbers in Arithmetical Proportion. 1795 in HUTTON *Math. Dict.*

Secundari, -ye, obs. ff. SECONDARY.

†**Secundate,** *v. Obs.* [f. L. *secundāt-*, ppl. stem of *secundāre* to direct favourably, f. *secund-us* favourable.] Hence †**Secunda·tion.** (See quots.)

1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr.*, *Secundate*, to make lucky or prosperous, to make better or amend a thing. 1658 PHILLIPS, *Secundation*, a secunding, forwarding, or making prosperous. 1854 WEBSTER, *Secundation*, prosperity. (*Not used.*)

†**Secundeian,** *a. Obs. rare*⁻¹. [app. f. *Secund-us*: see next.] *Secundeian godhead*: ? the evil deity of the dualistic system of Secundus.

1588 J. HARVEY *Disc. Probl.* 99 May it be deemed..that any higher power, or Secundeian godhead, .. presently menaceth any such heinous mischeefes,..as are strongly imagined?

Secundian (sī·kv·ndiăn). [f. *Secund-us* (see below) + -(i)AN.] A follower of Secundus, a Gnostic heresiarch of the second century.

1765 MACLAINE tr. *Mosheim's Eccl. Hist.* II. II. v. § 17 The Secundians, whose chief, Secundus, one of the principal followers of Valentine, maintained the doctrine of two eternal principles, *viz.* light and darkness, from whence arose the good and the evil that are observable in the universe.

Secu·ndiflo·rous, *a. Bot.* [f. L. *secund-us* SECOND *a.* + *flōr-*, *flōs* flower + -OUS.] (See quot.)

1899 HEINIG *Gloss. Bot. Terms*, *Secundiflorous*, with all the flowers of an inflorescence secund.

Secundine (se·kvndin). Also 4-6 secondyne, (4 -dying), 6-7, 9 secondine. [ad. late L. *secundīnæ* pl. (for which class. Latin had *secundæ*), f. *secundus* following: see SECOND *a.* and -INE.]

1. *Obstetrics.* The placenta and other adjuncts of a fœtus extruded from the womb after the expulsion of the fœtus in parturition; the afterbirth. Frequently *pl.*

1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* XVII. xlix. (Tollemache MS.), It is seyde þat it [Dittany]..bryngeþ oute secundine, þe bagge þat þe childe is inne in þe moder. 1490 CAXTON *Eneydos* xxiv. 88 She taketh the lytell skynne that remayneth of the secondyne within the forhed of the lytell foole. *Ibid.* 89 The secondying. 1526 *Grete Herball* xxviii. (1529) B v b, Other saye that it [amber] is y⁶ secondyne that she [a whale] casteth whan she hath spawned. *c* 1550 LLOYD *Treas. Health* (1560) Q j, [It] causeth the delyuerance of the child and of the secondynes, and after burden. 1610 MARKHAM *Masterp.* I. lxxxvii. 171 She cannot auoyd her secundine, which is the skinne wherein the foale is wrapped. 1754-64 SMELLIE *Midwifery* I. 240 All the Secundines ought to be extracted at once. 1855 RAMSBOTHAM *Obst. Med.* 68 And, with the membranes and the cord, the secundines.

b. *transf.* and *fig.*

1643 SIR T. BROWNE *Relig. Med.* 95 Not..till we have once more cast our secondine, that is, this slough of flesh, and are delivered into the last world. 1652 FRENCH *Yorkshire Spa* vi. 55 Every *Sulphur Embrionatum*..is but an impurity of its *Embrio*, and as it were..the secundine thereof. 1656 COWLEY *Pindar. Odes*, *Muse* iii, Through the firm shell.. [thou] do'st spie, Years to come a forming lie, Close in their sacred Secondine asleep, Till hatcht by the Suns vital heat.

†**2.** *Ent.* The inner coat of a cocoon. *rare*⁻¹.

1599 T. M[OUFET] *Silkwormes* 64 Lest..moisture..cause both strings and secundine to rotte.

3. *Bot.* The second of two coats or integuments of an ovule, originally the inner one, later applied to the outer covering: see PRIMINE.

So mod.L. *secundina* (Malpighi 1671, from whom quot. 1683 is a translation).

1671 GREW *Anat. Plants* I. vii. (1682) 47 The Fourth or Innermost Cover we may call the Secondine. The sight of which, by cutting off the Coats of an Infant Bean, at the Cone.., may be obtain'd. 1683 A. SNAPE *Anat. Horse* App. I. i. 10 The first day after it [a grain of wheat] is sown, it grows a little turgid, and the secundine or husk gapes a little. 1832 LINDLEY *Introd. Bot.* 155 The outermost but one of the sacs is called the secondine; it immediately reposes upon the primine. 1875-85 [see PRIMINE b].

Secundly (sī·kv·ndli), *adv. Bot.* [f. SECUND *a.* + -LY².] In a secund manner.

1870 HOOKER *Stud. Flora* 305 Spikelets, which are alternately distichously or secundly arranged.

Secu·ndoge·niture. [f. L. *secundō*, advb. form of *secundus* SECOND *a.*, after *primogeniture.*] The right of succession or inheritance belonging to a second son; the possession so inherited.

1855 M. BRIDGES *Pop. Mod. Hist.* 412 Tuscany became an archduchy for Francis, the husband of Maria Theresa, and a secundo-geniture in their family afterwards. 1876 BANCROFT *Hist. U. S.* II. xxxv. 387 The kingdom of Naples.. was constituted a secundogeniture of Spain. 1882 *Standard* 28 Sept. 5/5 The restoration of an independent Poland, even if it were to be placed under Austrian secundogeniture, will ..on no account be consented to by Germany. 1910 *Nation* 22 Jan. 672/2 If the same hypnotism could be transferred to the second or the third son, secundogeniture or tertigeniture would rest on a firmer basis than does primogeniture to-day.

‖**Secundum** (sī·kv·ndŭm). [L., according to; orig. neut. accus. of *secundus* SECOND *a.*] Used in various med. Latin phrases, sometimes occurring in Eng. contexts. *Secundum artem* (= Gr. *κατὰ τὴν τέχνην*): 'according to art', in accordance with the rules of the art (chiefly of medicine; often jocularly *transf.*). *Secundum magis et minus* (= Gr. *κατὰ τὸ μᾶλλον καὶ ἧττον*): 'according to more and less'; in a quantitative manner or respect; in various degrees. *Secundum naturam* [Cicero; = Gr. *κατὰ φύσιν*]: according to nature, naturally. *Secundum quid* [= Gr. *κατά τι*]: 'according to something', in some particular respect only (opposed to *simpliciter*, Gr. *ἁπλῶς*).

1632 B. JONSON *Magn. Lady* III. iv, *Rut.* That is my course with all my Patients. *Pal.* Very methodicall, *Secundum Artem.* 1675 HAN. WOOLLEY *Gentlew. Companion* 68 A Cods-head,..drest *secundum artem.* 1815 SCOTT *Guy M.* iv, He undertook the task [*sc.* of calculating a nativity] *secundum artem.* 1856 'STONEHENGE' *Brit. Rural Sports* III. iv. 176/2 The kennel-man of the dog will see to everything being done, *secundum artem.*

1621 BURTON *Anat. Mel.* Democr. to Rdr. 14 Alexander, Gordonius..[and others] confound them, as differing *secundum magis & minus.* (*Note*, More or lesse, some madder then some.] 1837 MACAULAY *Ess.*, *Bacon* (1897) 409 He might have gone on to instances *secundum magis et minus.*

1563 T. GALE *Inst. Chirurg.* 16 Theis .vj. thinges which are *secundum naturam*, spring of .vij. natural thinges entring the composition of mans body. 1754 *Gray's Inn Jrnl.* No. 76 (1756) II. 153 The modern Hero grafts his Happiness on the Passions..and in that Sense may be said to live *secundum naturam.*

1619 S. NORRIS *Antidote* II. vi. (1622) 232 Our aduersaries make answere..that heauen is called a Crowne, a reward *secundum quid*, and in a respect [:] simply and absolutely it is only a gift, because it is given according to grace. 1693 *Logic or Art of Thinking* (ed. 2) 332 Human form..being a Perfection only *secundum quid*, or in some respect and not simply, it does not follow that it ought to be the shape of God.

‖**Secundus** (sī·kv·ndŭs), *a.* [L. *secundus* SECOND *a.*] Appended to a personal name: The second of the name. In some schools used to designate the second in age or seniority of two boys having the same surname.

1826 DISRAELI *Viv. Grey* I. iii, 'What a knowing set out', squeaked Johnson *secundus.* 'Mammy-sick' growled Barlow *primus.* 1827 FLEMING *Brit. Zool.* Pref. 11 The University of Edinburgh possessed, in Dr Monro *secundus*, a comparative anatomist..anxious to inspire [etc.]. 1867 BAKER *Nile Tribut.* xi. 277 Having our party of servants complete, six Tokrooris..with Mahomet,..Mahomet *secundus* (a groom), and Barraké. 1887 *Athenæum* 12 Mar. 350/2 Two excellent volumes...The former contains some sensible advice..by Robert Chambers *secundus.*

Secur, obs. form of SICKER *a.*

Securable (sĭkiŭ·răb'l), *a. rare.* [f. SECURE *v.* + -ABLE.] Capable of being secured.

a 1846 *Q. Rev.* (Worcester). 1855 in OGILVIE *Suppl.* 1876 *Tinsley's Mag.* XVIII. 474 Popularity..is always securable by the 'No Popery' cry.

Securance (sĭkiŭ·răns). *rare.* [f. SECURE *v.* + -ANCE.] The action or means of securing; assurance, security.

c 1642 *Contra-Replicant's Compl.* 8 Such securance is not incompatible with Monarchy. *Ibid.* 22 If the Parliament will undertake to secure the King,..what must that securance be? 1652 BP. HALL *Myst. Godliness* x. (1847) 31 For the securance of thy Resurrection..thou hadst spent forty days upon earth. 1870 MULFORD *Nation* vi. 83 It is only with care and steadiness and tenacity of purpose that those guaranties are forged which are the securance of freedom. 1908 *Protestant Observer* Dec. 182/2 Some provision for the securance of..Catholic representation on the Senate at the end of the first five years.

Secure (sĭkiŭ·r), *sb.* [f. SECURE *v.*] The position in which a rifle or musket is held when it is 'secured': see SECURE *v.* 2 h.

1802 C. JAMES *Milit. Dict.* s. v. *Secure arms!*, To bring your firelock to the secure, 1st, throw your right hand briskly up [etc.]. *Ibid.*, In order to shoulder from the secure, you must [etc.]. 1847 *Infantry Man.* (1854) 20 Bringing the firelock down to the Secure.

Secure (sĭkiŭ·r), *a.* and *adv.* [ad. L. *sēcūrus*, f. *sē-* without (see SE-) + *cūra* care (whence CURE *sb.*).

In the late L. sense 'safe, free from danger', the word passed into the Rom. langs.: F. *sûr* (OF. *sëur*, whence SURE *a.*), Pr. *segur-s*, Sp., Pg. *seguro*, It. *sicuro*; it was also early adopted in WGer., and hence appears in Eng. as SICKER *a.*]

A. *adj.*

I. Feeling no care or apprehension.

1. Without care, careless; free from care, apprehension or anxiety, or alarm; over-confident. Now *arch.* **a.** In predicative use.

In early instances often contrasted with *safe.*

? 1533 LATIMER *Let. to Morice* in Foxe *A. & M.* (1583) 1742/2 But we be secure and vncarefull, as though false Prophets could not meddle with vs. 1579 LYLY *Euphues* (Arb.) 143 And if after these pastimes hee shall seeme secure, nothing regardinge his bookes, I woulde not haue him scourged with stripes, but threatened with wordes. 1587 T. HUGHES *Misf. Arthur* I. iv, Mischiefe is sometimes safe: but n'er secure. 1641 QUARLES *Enchir.* IV. lxiii. (1654) T 1, When the Devil brings thee Oyle, bring thou Vinegar. The way to be safe, is never to bee secure. 1667 D. FOULIS *Let.* in *Slingsby's Diary* (1836) 374 God deliuer us out of these troubles & make us more vigilent & lesse secure for y⁶ future. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 20 Oct. 1674, He told me 10,000 men would easily conquer all the Spanish Indies, they were so secure. 1758 S. HAYWARD *Serm.* xvii. 543, I had been now amongst the thoughtless crowd,..absolutely ignorant and secure. 1771 WESLEY *Wks.* (1872) V. 99 Because he is blind, he is also secure. 1806 A. MURRAY *Let.* in *Constable & Correspondents* (1873) I. 253 We may expect that he [Bonaparte] will attack us as much as lies in his power. With respect to the issue of that we have not much to fear, and yet we have no cause to be too secure. 1827 KEBLE *Chr. Year, St. Philip & St. James* 25 Youth's lightning flash of joy secure Pass'd seldom o'er His spright. 1841 J. H. NEWMAN *Serm.* vi. 87 Those who have long had God's favour without cloud or storm, grow secure. *a* 1859 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* xxiii. (1861) V. 10 They were secure where they ought to have been wary, timorous where they might well have been secure.

b. With various constructions: Free from apprehension *of* (now only *poet.*), †*concerning*; †careless, without anxiety *for.* †Also with indirect question.

1579 LYLY *Euphues* (Arb.) 144 But seeing the father carelesse what they learne, he is also secure what he teacheth. 1608 WILLET *Hexapla Exod.* 838 The Lord therefore hideth them to be secure for that matter. 1614 RALEIGH *Hist. World* V. ii. § 7. 414 The Illyrian Queene was secure of the Romans, as if they would not dare to stirre against her. 1619 HIERON *Wks.* I. 5 There is no man so secure for his way to mill or to market, as hee is for his way to life eternall. 1625 BACON *Ess.*, *Seditions* (Arb.) 401 Neither let any Prince, or State, be secure concerning Discontentments. 1658 ROWLAND *Monfet's Theat. Ins.* 937 The reason why they are so bold and fearlesse, as being secure of any danger. 1697 DRYDEN *Virg. Georg.* I. 427 Ev'n when the Farmer, now Secure of Fear, Sends in the Swains to spoil the finish'd Year:..Oft have I seen a sudden Storm arise, 1700 — *Cinyras & Myrrha* 277 Secure of Shame because secure of Sight: Ev'n hashful Sins are impudent by Night. 1833 TENNYSON *To J. S.* 76 Lie still, dry dust, secure of change.

c. In attributive use. Now *rare* or *Obs.*

1584 LODGE *Alarum agst. Usurers* 38 b, Alonely lead with carelesse shew of peace, Whereas secure regard doth sinne increase. 1593 SHAKS. *Rich. II*, v. iii. 43 Open the doore, secure foole-hardy King. 1598 — *Merry W.* II. i. 241. *Ibid.* II. ii. 315. 1612 T. TAYLOR *Comm. Titus* ii. 12 Our common people, whose extream and secure ignorance, loads them with such a burthen of impietie. 1690 C. NESSE *Hist. & Myst. O. & N. T.* I. 116 In the church militant there must neither be an idle soldier nor a secure labourer. *a* 1719 J. ROGERS *Nineteen Serm.* xii. (1735) 249 This is a Reflection which..should strike Terror and Amazement into the securest Sinner. 1773 GOLDSM. *Stoops to Conq.* v, Do you think I could ever catch at the confident addresses of a secure admirer? *Mar.* (kneeling) Does this look like security?

absol. 1659 W. BROUGH *Sacr. Princ.* 79 When the secure and foolish shall be barr'd and excluded the doors of bliss.

d. Said of times, places, actions: In which one is free from fear or anxiety.

1602 SHAKS. *Ham.* I. v. 61 Vpon my secure hower thy Vncle stole With iuyce of cursed Hebenon in a Violl. 1604 — *Oth.* IV. i. 72 Oh, 'tis the spight of hell, the Fiends Arch-mock, To lip a wanton in a secure Cowch; And to suppose her chast. 1859 GEO. ELIOT *Adam Bede* xxxvii, The bright hearth and the warmth and the voice of home,—the secure uprising and lying down.

2. Free from doubt or distrust; feeling sure or certain. Const. *of*; also with *clause*. ? *Obs.*

1579 LYLY *Euphues* (Arb.) 77 Though he be suspitions of my faire hiew, yet is he secure of my firme honestie. 1595 SHAKS. *John* IV. i. 130 And, pretty childe, sleepe doubtlesse, and secure, That Hubert for the wealth of all the world, Will not offend thee. 1670 DRYDEN *1st Pt. Conq. Granada* v. ii, Give wing to your desires, and let 'em fly, Secure they cannot mount a pitch too high. 1670-1 MARVELL *Corr.* Wks. (Grosart) II. 372 He is secure that nothing will be done by his Majesty. 1688 SHADWELL *Sq. Alsatia* v. 70 How can I be secure you will not fall to your old courses agen? 1713 JOHNSON *Guardian* No. 4 ₱ 6, I am secure that no man will so readily take them into Protection. 1794 GODWIN *Cal. Williams* 49 He was secure that his animosity would neither be forgotten nor diminished by the interposition of any time or events.

† b. Confident in expectation; feeling certain *of* something in the future. Also with *infinitive*.

1653 H. MORE *Antid. Ath.* III. vi. § 3 Caesar taking the Omen..enters Italy, secure of success from so manifest tokens of the favour of the Gods. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* IX. 1175 But confidence then bore thee on, secure Either to meet no danger, or to finde Matter of glorious trial. 1686 tr. *Chardin's Trav. Persia* 27 The Grand Vizier, secure of taking Candy..alter'd all Soliman's Titles. 1725 POPE *Odyss.* IX. 498 He..search'd each passing sheep, and felt it o'er, Secure to seize us ere we reach'd the door. 1732 — *Ess. Man* I. 286 Secure to be as blest, as thou canst bear.

II. Having or affording ground for confidence; safe; (objectively) certain.

3. Rightly free from apprehension; protected from or not exposed to danger; safe.

The first quot. is a doubtful example of this sense; the original Gr. ἀμερίμνους is literally 'without care or anxiety' (= sense 1 a above); but the virtual meaning is 'without cause for anxiety, safe'.

1582 N. T. (Rhem.) *Matt.* xxviii. 14 And if the President shal heare of this, we wil persuade him, and make you secure [Vulg. *et securos vos faciemus*]. 1591 SHAKS. *1 Hen. VI*, II. i. 66 Had all your Quarters been as safely kept,..We had not beene thus shamefully surpriz'd. *Bast.* Mine was secure. 1606 WARNER *Alb. Eng.* XIV. lxxxv. (1612) 352 Yeat oft it haps, by bow much more high Dignities preferre, So much the more, though lesse secure, men liue irreguler. 1608 SHAKS. *Per.* I. i. 95 Who has a booke of all that Monarches doe, Hee's more secure to keepe it shut, then showne. 1646 SIR T. BROWNE *Pseud. Ep.* I. iv. 15 The divell..would perswade him he might be secure if hee cast himselfe from the pinacle. 1647 COWLEY *Mistr., Writ. Juice of Lemon* ii, Alas, thou think'st thy self secure, Because thy form is Innocent and Pure. 1731 SWIFT *Let.* 10 Sept. in *Pope's Wks.* 1757 IX. 141 Thus I knew myself on the secure side, and it was a mere piece of good manners to insert that clause, of which you have taken the advantage. *a* 1854 LANDOR *Last Fruit of Old Tree* 474 Safe art thou, Louis!..for a time; But tremble..never yet was crime, Beyond one little space, secure. 1889 *Spectator* 21 Dec., England is rich because she has for so many years been secure.

b. Const. *against*, *from*, † *of*.

1588 SHAKS. *Tit. A.* I. i. 152 Repose you heere in rest, Secure from worldly chaunces and mishaps. *Ibid.* II. i. 3 Now climbeth Tamora Olympus toppe, Safe ont of Fortunes shot, and sits aloft, Secure of Thunders cracke or lightning flash. 1697 DRYDEN *Virg. Georg.* III. 579 The Men to subterranean Caves retire; Secure from Cold, and crowd the chearful Fire. *Ibid.*, *Æneid* VII, 956 Messapus next,..Secure of Steel, and fated from the Fire, In Pomp appears. 1746 FRANCIS tr. *Horace, Art of Poetry* 360, I stand secure from Censure and from Shame. 1781 COWPER *Charity* 510 No skill in swordmanship, however just, Can be secure against a madman's thrust. 1796 MORSE *Amer. Geog.* I. 168 Secure from those tempestuous winds, by which the adjoining lake is frequently troubled. 1821 SHELLEY *Adonais* xl, From the contagion of the world's slow stain, He is secure. 1825 SCOTT *Betrothed* xxv, The outlaws, secure in their knowledge of the paths,..made an orderly retreat. 1839 LANE *Arab. Nts.* I. 128 Thou art secure from every thing that is not predestined.

c. Of actions or conditions: Involving no danger; safe.

1617 MORYSON *Itin.* III. 9 The most ancient Lawgivers, got the experience, by which they had rule in their Cities, not by secure study at home, but by adventurous travels abroad. 1643 J. M. *Sov. Salve* 9 Such a seeming-secure and supine sleep might have proved a mortall lethargy. 1748 *Anson's Voy.* I. ix. 92 This..would render all that southern navigation infinitely securer than at present. 1819 SHELLEY *Cenci* II. i. 26 He demands at what hour 'twere secure To visit you again? 1881 JOWETT *Thucyd.* I. 134 Inaction is secure only when arrayed by the side of activity.

d. Of an argument, means, agent, etc.: Not liable to fail, trustworthy, safe.

a 1729 J. ROGERS *Seventeen Serm.* v. (1736) 100 But tho' God will accept of a sincere tho' imperfect Obedience, yet this can be no secure Argument to us to remit our Applications. 1823 SCOTT *Peveril* xix, Which made him suspect that the countess had again employed her mute attendant as the most secure minister of her pleasure on this occasion.

e. Of a material thing, a support or fastening: Not liable to be displaced or to yield under strain; firmly fixed, safe.

1841 T. R. JONES *Anim. Kingd.* 95 Armed externally with four circlets of sharp recurved hooks, which, when plunged into the coats of the intestine, serve as secure anchors by which the creature retains itself in a position favourable to the absorption of food. *Mod.* The bridge does not look secure. Do you think the bolt is secure?

4. Of a place, also of means of protection or guardianship: Affording safety.

1610 HOLLAND *Camden's Brit.* I. 473 A sure and secure station or place of abead. 1632 HEYWOOD *2nd Pt. Iron Age* v. i, Hee stands vpon a strict and secure guard. 1634 MILTON *Comus* 327 In a place Less warranted then this, or less secure I cannot be, that I should fear to change it. 1660 F. BROOKE tr. *Le Blanc's Trav.* 30 The Isle hath two good Havens, one in the East, the other in the West, the others are not secure. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 23 June 1665, His dog sought out absolntely the very securest place in all the vessell [during the fight]. 1745 POCOCKE *Descr. East* II. i. i. 5 The roads would be more secure abont the time when the great caravan was passing. ? 1788 COWPER *On Mischiev. Bull* 14, I could pity thee exil'd From this secure retreat. 1818 CRUISE *Digest* (ed. 2) V. 357 It being a common opinion, that a feoffment was the most secure conveyance by which a tenant to the *præcipe* could be made.

5. Predicatively: In safe custody; safely in one's possession or power.

1591 SHAKS. 1 *Hen. VI*, I. iv. 49 In Iron Walls they deem'd me not secure. 1766 GOLDSM. *Vic. W.* ii, At least till your son has the young lady's fortune secure. 1791 COWPER *Iliad* XVI. 272 He also kept Secure a goblet exquisitely wrought.

6. Free from risk as to the continued or future possession *of* something; having a safe prospect *of* some acquisition or desirable event. † Also with infinitive: Ensured against failure *to do* something. Cf. 2 b.

1664 TILLOTSON *Serm.* i. Wks. (1714) 22 Consider man without the protection and conduct of a superior Being, and he is secure of nothing that he enjoys in this world, and uncertain of every thing that he hopes for. 1700 DRYDEN *Sigism. & Guisc.* 626 For this, she had distill'd, with early Care, The Juice of Simples, friendly to Despair, A Magazine of Death; and thus prepar'd, Secure to die, the fatal Message heard. 1705 tr. *Bosman's Guinea* 10 No Body is here secure of Life. 1746 FRANCIS tr. *Horace, Epist.* II. i. 69 Ennius..Forgets his Promise, now secure of Fame, And heeds no more his Pythagoric Dream. 1758 S. HAYWARD *Serm.* Introd. 17 Oh happy case, when the soul..boldly ventures into eternity, secure of eternal life. 1770 GOLDSM. *Des. Vill.* 288 As some fair female unadorned and plain, Secure to please while youth confirms her reign. 1788 GIBBON *Decl. & F.* xlii. IV. 548 The zeal of Cyril exposed him to the penalties of the Julian law; but in a feeble government, and a superstitious age, he was secure of impunity, and even of praise. 1825 SCOTT *Talism.* vi, When they seemed most secure of victory. 1863 H. BROUGHTON *Let.* in Trevelyan *Compet. Wallah* (1866) 355 For, if they succeed in obtaining her attention, they are secure of her humanity and her justice.

7. Of a possession, acquisition, desirable event, etc.: That may be counted on with certainty; sure to continue or to be attained.

1713 SWIFT *Last Yrs. Q. Anne* Wks. 1902 X. 31 Representing their opinion that no peace could be secure for Britain, while [etc.]. 1819 SHELLEY *Cyclops* 438 Listen then what a punishment I have For this fell monster, how secure a flight From your bard servitude. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* xxxi, 'If the worst comes to the worst', Becky thought, 'my retreat is secure; and I have a right-hand seat in the barouche'. 1860 TYNDALL *Glac.* I. xviii. 132 We knew that our progress afterwards was secure. 1874 GREEN *Short Hist.* viii. § 2 (1882) 461 At the Queen's accession, the success of the Reformation seemed almost everywhere secure.

B. quasi-*adv.* and *adv.* (Chiefly *poet.*)

c 1592 MARLOWE *Edw. II*, IV. vi. 1893 Your grace may sit secure, if none but wee Doe wot of your abode. 1593 SHAKS. *3 Hen. VI*, II. v. 50 All which secure, and sweetly he enioyes. 1596 — 1 *Hen. IV*, I. ii. 145 We may doe it [the robbery] as secure as sleepe. 1611 BIBLE *Judg.* xviii. 7 They dwelt carelesse, after the manner of the Zidonians, quiet and secure. 1633 MASSINGER *Guardian* II. ii, Sleep you Secure on either ear. 1654 FULLER *Two Serm.* 11 The Structure may still stand..by vertue of..such Foundations which still stand secure. 1738 GRAY *Tasso* 15 Against the stream the waves secure he trod. 1784 COWPER *Task* VI. 970 Beneath the shadow of whose vine He sits secure. 1818 SHELLEY *Hymn Venus* 34 Nor mortal men, nor gods Who live secure in their unseen abodes.

Secure (sĭkiū·ɹ), *v.* [f. SECURE *a.* Cf. med.L. *sēcūrāre*, *sēcūriāre*, Sp., Pg. *segurar*, It. *sicurare*.]

† 1. *trans.* To make free from care or apprehension; also, to make careless or over-confident. *Obs. rare.*

1604 SHAKS. *Oth.* I. iii. 20, I do not so secure me in the Error, But the maine Article I do approue In fearefull sense. 1605 — *Lear* IV. i. 22 Full oft 'tis seene, Our meanes secure vs, and our meere defects Proue our Commodities. 1655 FULLER *Ch. Hist.* IX. 82 [tr. Let. Mary Queen of Scots] To obtain of her, that she will let me go ont of her country, whither I came, secured by her promises.

† b. To free from doubt, to satisfy, convince. Also, to make (one) feel secure *of* or *against* some contingency. *Obs.*

1602 CECIL *Let. to Mountjoy* 7 Aug. in *Moryson's Itin.* (1617) II. 235, I cannot be secured but that he wil stil feede that fier with fewel. 1646 H. LAWRENCE *Commun. & War with Angels* 118 Which should incourage us to fight and secure us of the issue. 1666–7 PEPYS *Diary* 28 Feb., Mr. Holliard [a surgeon] dined with us...I love his company, and he secures me against ever having the stone again. 1668 OWEN *Nat. Indwelling-Sin* viii. 115 Until the soul..begins to secure it self of pardon in course.

2. To make secure or safe.

a. To make (a person, his life, etc.; rarely a thing) secure from danger or harm; to guard, protect.

Obs. exc. with reference to a specific danger mentioned or implied: see c.

1602 WARNER *Alb. Eng.* x. lviii. (1612) 248 And whilst the Writ in reading was [Mary Q. of Scots] no more regarded it, Then if it had secured or concerned her no whit. 1602 SHAKS. *Ham.* I. v. 116 *Mar.* Lord Hamlet. *Hor.* Heauen secure him. *Mar.* So be it. 1624 CAPT. SMITH *Virginia* Ep. Ded. *Wks.* (Arb.) I. 276 The beanteous Lady Tragabigzanda, when I was a slaue to the Turkes, did all she could to secure me. 1639 FULLER *Holy War* II. iv. (1640) 48 Their profession was to fight against Infidels, and to secure Pilgrimes coming to the Sepulchre. *c* 1645 T. TULLY *Siege Carlisle* (1840) 34 Wilson..shot Cholmley in the brest, but his arms secured him. 1697 DRYDEN *Virg. Georg.* IV. 210 His lofty Pines, With friendly Shade, secur'd his tender Vines. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 22 Sept. 1641, A pass..securing me through Brabant and Flanders. 1706 E. WARD *Wooden World Diss.* (1708) Advt., The Bill..for securing Property in Printed Books. 1707 SIR W. HOPE *New Meth. Fencing* i. 11 For 'tis a general Rule in Fencing.. never to present one's Sword, without perfectly Covering, or Securing, as we call it, one side of the Body. 1722 DE FOE *Col. Jack* xix, Any English men-of-war that might be on the coast to secure us to the capes. 1729 TINDAL tr. *Rapin's Hist.* XVII. VIII. 439 They..only helped to secure Elizabeth's Affairs, who thereby was sheltered from the Quarter whence she had most to fear. 1775 JOHNSON *Let. to Mrs. Thrale* 12 May, I really question if at this time my life would not be in danger, if distance did not secure it. 1776 GIBBON *Decl. & F.* xiv. I. 410 Maximian..gave him [Severus] the most solemn assurances that he had secured his life by the resignation of the purple.

† b. *refl.* To obtain safety. *Obs.*

1593 SHAKS. *2 Hen. VI*, v. ii. 76 Now is it manhood..To secure vs By what we can, which can no more but flye. 1697 POTTER *Antiq. Greece* I. iv. (1715) 15 Compelled to..secure himself by a dishonourable Flight. 1705 tr. *Bosman's Guinea* 320 Each endeavouring to secure himself by getting away. 1735 JOHNSON *Lobo's Abyssinia, Descr.* ii. 51 We had no way of securing ourselves but by flight. 1760 T. HUTCHINSON *Hist. Mass.* i. (1765) 186 His men had secured themselves in a swamp. 1793 SMEATON *Edystone L.* § 313 High wages.. did not engage them to secure themselves with a sufficient stock of provisions. 1800 *Asiat. Ann. Reg., Misc. Tracts* 30/2 He accordingly began to secure himself with Shujah al Dowlah, into whose service he entered. 1842 W. C. TAYLOR *Anc. Hist.* xvii. § 5 (ed. 3) 515 Though Didius.. was able to secure himself in Rome, he could not [etc.].

c. To render safe, protect or shelter *from*, guard *against* some particular danger. Also *refl.*

1634 MILTON *Comus* 618 Care and utmost shifts How to secure the Lady from surprisal, Brought to my mind a certain Shepherd Lad. 1646 J. MAXWELL *Burd. Issachar* 34, I never accounted them as Apostles, men secur'd from error. 1679 MOXON *Mech. Exerc.* ix. 164 The Battlement being.. Man-high, to secure Men from the shot of their enemies. 1685 STILLINGFL. *Orig. Brit.* ii. 71 For when he came against the Bagaudæ, Carausius was employ'd to secure the Seas against the Franks and the Saxons. 1692 LOCKE *Consid. Lower. Interest* 150 That way of Coinage less secures you from having a great part of your Money melted down. 1699 WANLEY in *Lett. Lit. Men* (Camden) 293 Whereby Mr. Benson may secure many old words from being buried in the grave of everlasting oblivion. 1741 WATTS *Improv. Mind* I. vii. § 19 [We should] consult the dictionary, which may give us certain information, and thus secure us from mistake. 1748 *Anson's Voy.* III. ix. 386 A very safe road, secured from all winds. 1754 J. BROWN *Barbarossa* v. (1755) 66 Is the Watch doubled? Are the Gates secur'd Against Surprize? 1756 BURKE *Subl. & B.* III. vi. Wks. I. 224 The hedge-hog, so well secured against all assaults by his prickly hide. 1784 COWPER *Tiroc.* 119 Neatly secur'd from being soil'd or torn. 1821 SCOTT *Kenilw.* xxxiv, Amy hastily endeavoured to recall what she were best to say, which might secure herself from the imminent dangers that surrounded her, without endangering her husband. 1875 JOWETT *Plato* (ed. 2) V. 30 No possessions seemed to him to have any value which were not secured against enemies.

d. *absol.* To obtain security, take effective precautions *against*.

1658 *Whole Duty of Man* vii. § 19. 65 It being much more easie to abstain from all, than to secure against the one, when the other is allowed. 1818 SCOTT *Rob Roy* xxxvi, The extreme strength of the country..made the establishment of this little fort seem rather an acknowledgment of the danger, than an effectual means of securing against it. 1828 — *F. M. Perth* xx, This guard the burghers will willingly maintain, to secure against the escape of the murderer of their townsman.

† e. To take effectual precautions against, to prevent (a danger). Also, to prevent or preclude (a person) *from* doing something dangerous. *Obs.*

1633 P. FLETCHER *Purple Isl.* IV. iv, Which stretching round about his circling arms, Warrants these parts from all exteriour harms; Repelling angry force, securing all alar'ms. 1692 R. L'ESTRANGE *Fables* cciii. 174 Man only is the Creature, that to his Shame, no Benefits can Oblige, no nor Secure, even from seeking the Ruine of his Benefactor. 1697 in Perry *Hist. Coll. Amer. Col. Ch.* I. 33 Such fort can be no security for his Majestys Customs, nor for finding and securing false and illegal trade. 1710 CELIA FIENNES *Diary* (1888) 83 They Wall round the Wells to y^e^ mines to Secure

their Mold'ring in upon them. *Ibid.* 140 They Carry much of their Carriages on sledges to secure their pitching in the streetes. 1831 Scott *Cast. Dang.* viii, I deprecate no bardship..so I may secure you from acting with a degree of rashness, of which you will all your life repent. 1833 T. Hook *Parson's Dau.* II. ix, I have secured him from visiting Binford.

†**f.** To render (an action) safe; to free from attendant dangers. Also, to render (a place) safe for transit. *Obs.*

1617 Sir O. St. John in *Buccleuch MSS.* (Hist. MSS. Comm.) I. 194 The King's ship and pinnace that are appointed for the securing of those seas. 1639 Fuller *Holy War* v. v. (1640) 236 Two hundred and fourteen years..they [*sc.* the Hospitallers] maintained this Island, and secured the seas for the passage of Pilgrimes to Jerusalem. 1667 Milton *P. L.* v. 222 And to him call'd Raphael..that deign'd To travel with Tobias, and secur'd His marriage with the seaventimes-wedded Maid.

g. *Mil.* To render secure from attack or molestation by the enemy; to take defensive means for the safe execution of (a movement, e. g. a retreat, the crossing of a river); to guard efficiently (a pass, a defile).

1617 Moryson *Itin.* II. 66 His Lordship..sent Captaine Edward Blany with 500 foot and 50 horse, to secure their passage through the pace of the Moyrye. 1645 Symonds *Diary* (Camden) 242 The out workes, which secured the suburbs. *a* 1671 Ld. Fairfax *Mem.* (1699) 21 It made us think of securing our retreat, with the prisoners we had got. 1698 Fryer *Acc. E. Ind. & P.* 337 The Passes are easily secured (an Handful of men being able to withstand an Host). 1701 Steele *Funeral* v. i, Then..you, and your Party, fall in to secure my Rear; while I march off with the Body. 1760 *Cautions & Adv. to Officers of Army* 108 It may be the Means of saving an Army, or securing some Out-post of the utmost Importance. 1831 Scott *Ct. Robt.* iv, To take post in the defile..and thus secure it for the passage of the rest of the army. 1849 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* ii. I. 261 Making dispositions which, in the worst event, would have secured his retreat. 1869 Freeman *Norm. Conq.* (1876) III. xii. 210 The main point in the fortification was to secure the river.

h. Mil. *To secure arms*: 'to hold a rifle or musket with the muzzle down, and lock well up under the arm, the object being to guard the weapon from the wet' (Ogilvie 1882).

1802 C. James *Milit. Dict.* s. v., *Secure arms!* a word of command which is given to troops who are under arms in wet weather. 1892 *Rifle Exerc.* (*L.-M.*) 14 *Secure Arms.*

†**i.** To fence off. *Obs. rare.*

1710 Celia Fiennes *Diary* (1888) 86 Its vaine to trye y' securing it [*sc.* a hole] round from any falling in. *Ibid.* 90 Water..does often flow y^e^ grounds after Raines, so the Road is secured w^th^ a banck and a breast wall of a good Length.

j. To put in safety, 'get in' (a crop).

1885 *Times* (weekly ed.) 11 Sept. 9/1 Shocks of oats, cut, though not yet secured.

3. To make secure or certain.

†**a.** To make (a person) secure *of* a present or future possession, *of* an ally or supporter, etc. Also const. *to* with infinitive. *Obs.*

1610 Healey *St. Aug. Citie of God* xxi. xvii. 858 Assuring..a false blisse, vnto the Saints in heauen, where they..could neuer be secured to remaine. 1620 Baent tr. *Sarpi's Counc. Trent* viii. (1676) 728 And indeed he was secure of France and Germany. For besides his treaty with Lorain which did abundantly secure him of France, he received at the same time a resolution from the Emperour. 1656 Earl Monm. tr. *Boccalini's Advts. fr. Parnass.* II. vi. 218 Since no man can secure himself of the next years plentiful harvest. 1670 Dryden *1st Pt. Conq. Granada* v. i, Secur'd of what we hold most dear, (Each other's Love) we'll go——I know not where. 1745 in *Col. Rec. Pennsylv.* V. 5 Had I..been secured of Fund for supplying those Nations with Arms.

†**b.** *refl.* To get possession *of*, make sure *of*.

1675 *Machiavelli's Prince* x. Wks. 71 By..securing himself nimbly of such as appear..turbulent. 1705 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 4158/1, 3 or 4000 of the Inhabitants had taken up Arms, ..and had secured themselves of Denia, a good Seaport Town. *Ibid.* No. 4162/1 Those who have declared for his ..Majesty having secured themselves of Denia. 1725 Broome *Notes to Pope's Odyss.* viii. 239 Ulysses..finds a way..to secure himself of a powerful advocate, by [etc.].

†**c.** To certify, assure (a person) *of* some fact. Also in asseverative phrase, *I'll secure you. Obs.*

1659 Hammond *Ps.* lxxiii. 4 This doth not secure us of the importance of the word in this place. 1672 Wycherley *Love in Wood* II. iv, He spares not the Innocents in Bibs and Aprons (Ile secure you) he has made (at best) some gross mistake concerning Christina. 1674 Boyle *Excell. Theol.* I. i. 32 For ought reason can secure us of, one of the conditions of that association may be, that the body and soul shall not survive each other. 1689 Hickeringill *Ceremony-Monger* vi. 34 But Mum—not a Penny, I'll secure you, to make one Sound, and one Mouth. 1737 Whiston *Josephus, Antiq.* Diss. ii. § 3 The events and consequences of things afterwards always corresponded, and secured them of the truth of such divine revelations.

d. To establish (a person) securely *in* some position, privilege, etc.

1712 Swift *Jrnl. to Stella* 27 Dec., Steele I have kept in his place. Congreve I have got to be used kindly, and secured. Rowe I have recommended, and got a promise of a place. 1713 Addison *Cato* v. i, The Soul, secur'd in her Existence, smile's At the drawn Dagger, and defie's its Point. 1874 Green *Short Hist.* iii. § 3 (1882) 125 The towns were secured in the enjoyment of their municipal privileges.

e. To make (something) secure, certain, or reliable. Now only with reference to a prospective possession or result of action: 'To place beyond hazard' (J.), to ensure.

1653 Holcroft *Procopius, Goth. Wars* IV. 126 In the Roman army was one Artabanes a Persarmenian, revolted lately to the Roman army, having secured his faith by the killing of a hundred and twenty Persian Souldiers. 1697 Dryden *Virg. Past.* vi. 18 For he who sings thy Praise, secures his own. 1746 Francis tr. *Horace, Epist.* I. xvi. 58 Whose Bail secures, whose Oath decides a Cause. 1836 J. Gilbert *Chr. Atonem.* ii. (1852) 39 Yet merely to know that life immortal may be obtained, is not to secure our personal enjoyment of it. 1883 P. H. Hunter *Story of Daniel* 151 Their manner of building secured a certain air of solidity and grandeur.

f. To make the tenure of (a property, office, privilege, etc.) secure *to* a person.

1736 Butler *Anal.* I. iv. Wks. 1874 I. 82 Our whole present interest is secured to our hands, without any solicitude of ours. 1825 Scott *Betrothed* Introd., The shareholder might contrive to secure to his heirs a handsome slice of his own death-bed and funeral expenses. 1856 Froude *Hist. Eng.* (1858) I. ii. 150 Her right to the succession..would have been readily secured to her by act of parliament.

g. To make (a creditor) certain of receiving payment, by means of a mortgage, bond, pledge, or the like.

1677 Yarranton *Eng. Improv.* 15 The Party lending the Moneys is safe, well and surely secured. 1861 M. Pattison *Ess.* (1889) I. 41 Some of the large German houses in London ..advanced large sums, taking care..to secure themselves by mortgages of parts of the public revenue.

h. To make the payment of (a debt, pension, etc.) certain by a mortgage or charge *upon* certain property.

1818 Cruise *Digest* (ed. 2) II. 208, 2,000*l.* part of the money secured upon Gidea Hall. *Ibid.* IV. 392 Then such daughter should have 3,000*l.*,..to be secured upon some part of the estate. 1861 M. Pattison *Ess.* (1889) I. 36 He assigns 1000 marks yearly as pinmoney to his son's wife, secured upon the Swiss possessions of his house.

i. With double obj.: To ensure (a person's) obtaining (something). *rare.* (In quot. *passive.*)

1831 Scott *Cast. Dang.* xii, You shall be secured an opportunity of being fully heard.

4. To seize and confine; to keep or hold in custody; to imprison. Now somewhat *rare.*

1645 Chas. I in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. I. III. 314 You should beginne with securinge the person of William Legge. 1677 Yarranton *Eng. Improv.* 3 Some of which Persons.. did intend to get me secured for setting out the strength of the Dutch. 1683 Wood *Life* 6 Sept. (O.H.S.) III. 72 The pro-vice-chancellor would then have secured him [Mr. Parkinson],..till security for his appearance at the assizes should be produced. *a* 1700 Evelyn *Diary* 20 June 1689, Newes of a Plot discover'd, on which divers were sent to the Tower and secured. 1705 [T. Walker] *Wit of a Woman* III. 32 Secure that Rogue in the Stocks till we have search'd further. 1706 Phillips (ed. Kersey), To *Secure*,..to apprehend or lay hold of one, to clap him into Prison. *a* 1715 Burnet *Own Time* (1724) I. 211 He proposed that about twenty of the chief gentlemen of those Counties might be secured: And he undertook for the peace of the countrey if they were clap'd up. 1799 Ht. Lee *Canterb. T., Old Wom. T.* (ed. 2) I. 392 'Let him be secured', said St. Aubert. 1818 Scott *Hrt. Midl.* ii, Wilson and Robertson, ..each secured betwixt two soldiers of the city guard. 1828–32 Webster, *Secure*,..to inclose or confine effectually; to guard effectually from escape; sometimes, to seize and confine; as, to secure a prisoner. The sherif pursued the thief with a warrant, and secured him.

5. To make fast or firm.

1663 Gerbier *Counsel* 97 And so much may suffice for the securing of doores and windowes. 1687 M. Scrivener *Will* in Willis & Clark *Cambridge* (1886) III. 437 Chains for the securing the books. 1719 De Foe *Crusoe* I. 305, I sent Friday with the Captain's Mate to the Boat, with Orders to secure her, and bring away the Oars and Sail. 1753 Bartlet *Gentl. Farriery* xxv. 231 A proper compress of cloth, and a linnen rowler is absolutely necessary both for this purpose, and to secure on the dressings, wherever they can conveniently be applied. 1823 *Mechanic's Mag.* I. 105 On the securing of carriage wheels. 1825 Scott *Betrothed* viii, A girdle..secured by a large buckle of gold. 1867 Augusta Wilson *Vashti* xix, She caught up her hair, twisted it hastily into a knot, and secured it with her comb. 1879 *Cassell's Techn. Educ.* IV. 80/2 These work in nuts secured to the doors. 1894 Weyman *Man in Black* 189 A wide-leafed hat, in which a costly diamond secured a plume of white feathers.

b. *Surg.* To close (a vein or artery) by ligature or otherwise, in order to prevent loss of blood.

1662 Wiseman *Treat. Wounds* I. 35 Having thus secured the Vessels for the present. 1753 Bartlet *Gentl. Farriery* xxvi. 234 Should the wound bleed much from an artery divided, the first step should be to secure that by passing a crooked needle underneath, and tying it up with a waxed thread. 1880 C. Heath *Man. Minor Surg.* (ed. 6) 34 In the case of an amputation, the main arteries will be secured before the cord is loosened.

6. To get hold or possession of (something desirable) as the result of effort or contrivance.

1743 Bulkeley & Cummins *Voy. S. Seas* 19 We took Care to secure some Powder, Ball, and a little Bread. 1748 Smollett *Rod. Rand.* xxii, Having thus secured my good opinion, he began [etc.]. 1814 Scott *Antiq.* i, The first comer hastens to secure the best birth in the coach for himself. 1824 J. H. Newman *Hist. Sk.* (1873) II. II. i. 246 [The profession] of arms..secures the almost undivided admiration of a rising and uncivilized people. 1855 Prescott *Philip II*, I. II. vii. 219 His cordial manners..secured the sympathy of all with whom he came in contact. 1873 Tristram *Moab* Pref. 5 The splendid series of 180 photographs which they secured.

b. *Rugby Football.* To get or obtain (a try).

1885 *Field* 31 Jan. 135/2 The last-mentioned secured a try between the posts.

Secured (sĭkiū·ɹd), *ppl. a.* [f. Secure *v.* + -ed[1].] In senses of the verb; Assured; firmly fastened; rendered safe. Now chiefly of a debt: For which the creditor holds security. Also of a creditor.

1605 Bacon *Adv. Learn.* II. xx. § 5 They haue also excellentlye handled it..in the distinction between vertue with reluctation, and vertue secured. 1875 *Act* 38 & 39 *Vict.* c. 77 § 10 The respective rights of secured and unsecured creditors. 1899 *Westm. Gaz.* 28 Aug. 6/3 The companies have no scale by which they regulate their charges, but advance to one man at 4 per cent. and to another at 5 per cent. for a secured loan.

†**Secu·reful**, *a. Obs. rare*—[1]. [f. Secure *a.* + -ful.] Protecting.

c 1611 Chapman *Iliad* vii. 209, I know..euery sway, of my securefull targe.

Securely (sĭkiū·əli), *adv.* [f. Secure *a.* + -ly[2].] In a secure manner (in various senses).

†**1.** In a manner free from care or apprehension; carelessly; confidently; without care or misgiving.

1588 Shaks. *Tit. A.* III. i. 3 Whose youth was spent In dangerous warres, whilst you securely slept. 1593—*Rich. II*, II. i. 266 We see the winde sit sore vpon our sailes, And yet we strike not, but securely perish. 1631 Gouge *God's Arrows* I. § 60 A Priest by vertue of his calling readily and securely admitted lepers to come to him. 1678 Bunyan *Pilgr.* I. (1900) 67 When I dwelt securely at home. 1707 Atterbury *Vind. Doctr. Funeral Serm.* 42 Whether any of the Reasonings..are inconsistent with each other, I securely leave to the Judgment of the Reader. 1768–74 Tucker *Lt. Nat.* (1834) II. 297 We have nothing but thoughtlessness and insensibility of danger to make us enjoy prosperity securely. 1802 Mar. Edgeworth *Moral T.* (1816) I. iv. 25 Trusting securely to the power of his own eloquence.

2. Without danger; in security; safely.

1615 Brathwait *Strappado* (1878) 118 Being vnder shade securely sconst, Which place he had elected for the nonst. 1662 J. Davies tr. *Olearius' Voy. Ambass.* 67 This animal [the Reindeer] goes as securely as if it were upon the Ground. 1697 Dryden *Virg. Georg.* II. 396 How deep they must be planted woud'st thou know? In shallow Furrows Vines securely grow. *a* 1700 Evelyn *Diary* 11 May 1652, Two cut-throates started out, and..haled me into a deepe thickett some quarter of a mile from the highway, where they might securely rob me. *a* 1701 Maundrell *Journ. Jerus.* 19 Mar. (1732) 43 Princes can never sleep securely but by day. 1784 Cowper *Tiroc.* 808 Tenants of life's middle state, Securely plac'd between the small and great. 1871 Geo. Eliot *Middlem.* xxi, It was in that way Dorothea came to be sobbing as soon as she was securely alone.

3. Without risk of error; certainly.

1597 Hooker *Eccl. Pol.* v. lxxviii. § 12, I may securely therefore conclude that there are [etc.]. 1877 Ruskin *Fors Clav.* lxxxii. 297 As I am securely informed. *Ibid.* lxxxiv. 409 The metaphor..I do not yet securely understand.

4. Firmly.

1856 Kane *Arct. Expl.* I. xxiii. 293 They had tied the dogs securely, as they thought: but Toodla and four others had broken loose. 1908 [Miss Fowler] *Betw. Trent & Ancholme* 14 Those wrought stones..are now securely clamped to the south wall.

Securement (sĭkiū·ɹmĕnt). *rare.* [f. Secure *v.* + -ment.] The action or an act of securing.

†**a.** Making safe *from* or *against. Obs.* **b.** Ensuring or making sure.

1622 in Foster *Eng. Factories Ind.* (1908) II. 108 [Willoughby has also been furnished with money, and left to take his choice of means] for his best securmentt. 1646 Sir T. Browne *Pseud. Ep.* I. ii. 7 Cain..grew afraid thereof, and obtained a securement from it [death]. 1658—*Let. to Dugdale* 10 Nov., The laborious Aggers, Banks, and Works of Securement against Floods and Inundations. 1883 *Century Mag.* July 475/2 Liberty, however, is so highly prized that society condemns the securement in all cases of perpetual protection by means of perpetual imprisonment.

Secureness (sĭkiū·ɹnĕs). *rare.* [f. Secure *a.* + -ness.] = Security I, 3.

1591 Harington *Orl. Fur.* vii. xxxvi. 52 To restitution turne your doing wrongs, Your fond securenesse, turne to godly feares. 1618 Bolton *Florus* IV. xii. (1636) 326 Therefore (O strange securenesse!) as hee sate upon the Tribunall,.. they at vn-awares assailed him on all hands. 1633 T. Adams *Exp. 2 Peter* i. 5 No man perfectly knows his own heart: you think all well; this may be not assurance, but secureness. 1668 Temple *On Approach of Shore of Harwich* 32 Thy sweet Inclosures..Shew thy secureness from thy Neighbours Harms. 1838 Mrs. Browning *Seraphim* I. (near end), Dawn-lay Your sweet secureness for congenial fears.

Securer (sĭkiū·ɹɹ). *rare.* [f. Secure *v.* + -er[1].] One who or that which secures, in various senses of the verb.

1636 Strafford *Lett.* (1739) II. 18 The Army..was rather to be reinforced..as..the chief Securer..of the..Plantations. *a* 1704 T. Brown *Satire upon Fr. King* Wks. 1730 I. 59 Of kings distressed thou art a fine securer. 1820 *Examiner* No. 616. 66/1 He rose early, which is a great securer of health.

Securi- (sĭkiū·ɹi, se·kiŭɹi·), combining form of L. *secūris* ax, f. *secāre* to cut. Used in various scientific terms. **Secu·rico·rnate** [L. *corn-ū* horn + -ate] *Ent.*, 'having the antennæ in form of a hatchet' (Mayne *Expos. Lex.* 1858). ‖ **Secu·rifer** [L. *secūrifer* adj., *-fer, ferre* to bear] *Ent.*, one of the *Securifera* or phyllophagous hymenoptera. **Securi·ferous** *a.* [-ferous], ax-bearing; *spec.* of or pertaining to the *Securifera.* **Securi·gerous** *a.* [-gerous] *Bot.* (see quot.). **Secu·ripalp** [L. *palp-us* Palp] *Ent.*, a beetle of the division *Securipalpi.* **Secu·ripa·lpous** *a.* [-ous] *Ent.*, of or pertaining to the division *Securipalpi.* See also Scuriform *a.*

1656 Blount *Glossogr.*, *Securiferous*, that beareth an Axe

or Hatchet. 1842 Brande *Dict. Sci.* etc., *Securifers*, Securiferi, the name of a tribe of *Terebrantia*, or boring Hymenopterous insects. 1858 Mayne *Expos. Lex.*, Securiferous. *Ibid.*, *Securigerus*,..applied to the *Montbretea securigera*, from the form of the appendages that garnish the corol: securigerous. 1842 Brande *Dict. Sci.* etc., *Securipalps*, Securipalpi, the name of a family of Coleopterous insects, comprehending those in which the maxillary palps terminate in a joint which is elongated and hatchet-shaped. 1858 Mayne *Expos. Lex.*, Securipalpous.

Securiform (sĭkiū·rifōm), *a.* [f. Securi- + -form.] Ax-shaped, having the form of an ax or hatchet. a. *Bot.* applied to leaves, etc. b. *Ent.* applied to a palpus or joint, etc.

1760 J. Lee *Introd. Bot.* III. xviii. (1765) 212 *Securiform*, Hatchet-shaped. 1815 Kirby & Sp. *Entomol.* ix. (1818) I. 299 *note*, Mordellæ will open the anthers with the securiform joints of their palpi to get at the pollen. 1819 Samouelle *Entomol. Compend.* 165 Labial palpi securiform. 1835–6 *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* I. 703/2 *Conchifera*...The foot..is securiform when its free edge is arched like the cutting face of an axe, as in *Petunculus*. 1852 Dana *Crust.* II. 869 A small hand, slightly oblong, somewhat securiform.

Secu·ring, *ppl. a. rare.* [f. Secure *v.* + -ing 2.] That secures, in various senses of the verb.

1643 J. M. *Sov. Salve* 35 The only sure and securing way to follow. 1798 *Times* 28 June 1/1 Drawing papers, pallets, gold and silver paper, copal and securing varnish.

†Secu·ritan. *Obs. rare.* [f. Securit-y + -an, ? after *Puritan*.] One who is characterized by 'security' or culpable freedom from apprehension.

1623 Bp. Hall *Serm. Re-edif. Chapell of Earle of Exeter* Wks. (1625) 529 The sensual Securitan pleases himselfe in the conceit of his owne peace. 1627 R. Bernard *Isle of Man* 21 One Mr. Out-side, in the inside a carnall Securitan, [is] a fellow that will come to his Church [etc.].

Securite (se·kiŭrəit). Also -it. [f. Secure *a.* + -ite 4, after the Ger. name *sicherit* (*sicher* sure, safe).] A modern high explosive consisting of a mixture of meta-di-nitro-benzole with nitrate of ammonium (Cundill *Dict. Explosives*, 1889, p. 82); used chiefly in blasting operations.

1888 *Times* 2 Mar. 13/6 Securite consists of nitrated hydrocarbons in admixture with certain oxidizing agents. It is the invention of Herr Schœneweg, who has now rendered it flameless when exploded, by the addition of an organic salt in certain proportions. 1897 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* II. 958 The symptoms following the use of sicareit (securite or sicherite) resemble those which are caused by roburite.

Security (sĭkiū·riti). Forms: 5 securytye, securite(e, 6–7 securitye, securitie, 6– security. [ad. L. *sēcūritās*, f. *sēcūr-us*: see Secure *a.* and -ity. Cf. F. *sécurité* (16th c. in Hatz.-Darm.), Sp. *seguridad*, Pg. *seguridade*.]

I. The condition of being secure.

1. The condition of being protected from or not exposed to danger; safety.

1432–50 tr. *Higden* (Rolls) I. 77 Also hit [Paradise] hathe securite, to the whiche seyenge the altitude of the place berrethe testimonye [Lat. *Habet et securitatem cui attestatur loci altitudo*]. 1492 Ryman *Poems* lxxx. 3 in *Archiv Stud. neu. Spr.* LXXXIX. 249 Thyne eye of grace vpon vs cast, Of helth and of securitee. 1582 Stanyhurst *Æneis* I. (Arb.) 25 Therefor No worldly corner can theyme securitye warrant. 1617 Moryson *Itin.* II. 13 This Earle providing for his securitie, about this time imprisoned the above mentioned sonnes of Shane ONeale. 1745 in *Col. Rec. Pennsylv.* V. 26 Some Provision should be made for the Security of our Frontier Settlements at least. 1781 Gibbon *Decl. & F.* xxxi. III. 229 The emperor and his court enjoyed..the security of the marshes and fortifications of Ravenna. 1861 M. Pattison *Ess.* (1889) I. 46 The Esterlings..lay in security behind their walls, while the Flemish and other foreign residents fell helpless victims to the rage of the populace. 1903 A. Smellie *Men of Covenant* xxxii. (ed. 2) 352 His security lay, of course, in his lord's deafness.

2. Freedom from doubt; confidence, assurance. Now chiefly, well-founded confidence, certainty.

1597 A. M. tr. *Guillemeau's Fr. Chirurg.* 31 b/2 We may safelye, and with all securitye, vse them. 1646 Sir T. Browne *Pseud. Ep.* I. x. 42 Hee begets a security of himselfe, and a carelesse eye unto the last remunerations. 1749 Chesterf. *Lett.* II. clxxxvi. 193 Negligence would imply either an indifference about pleasing, or else an insolent security of pleasing. 1782 Miss Burney *Cecilia* v. i, Rest no security upon yourself,..since you have no knowledge of the many tricks and inventions by which you may be plundered. 1790 — *Diary* July, He came..with an honest, straightforward security of the welcome he really found. 1802 Mar. Edgeworth *Moral T.* (1816) I. xix. 154 The..foreman..appealed, with assumed security, to the entry in the books. 1849 C. Bronte *Shirley* xv, She told Mr. Hall they might count on her with security. 1870 Lowell *Study Wind.* 122 [The articles] are distinguished by a certain security of judgement, remarkable at any time, remarkable especially in one so young.

3. Freedom from care, anxiety or apprehension; a feeling of safety or freedom from or absence of danger. *arch.* Formerly often *spec.* (now only *contextually*) culpable absence of anxiety, carelessness.

1555 J. Bradford in Coverdale *Lett. Martyrs* (1564) 266 Our vayne glory, our viciousness, avarice, ydleness, security. 1575–85 Abp. Sandys *Serm.* xii. 189 They..were drowned in sinnefull securitie. 1605 Shaks. *Mach.* III. v. 32 Security Is Mortals cheefest Enemie. 1647 Sprigge *Anglia Rediv.* II. i. (1854) 70 As if he intended to surprise the town, thinking to find them in security. 1679 Penn *Addr. Prot.* I. viii. (1692) 39 His Security (the Effect of his Luxury) was his Ruin. 1726 Leoni *Alberti's Archit.* I. 69/1 The archers may privately annoy the enemy, as he moves about the Field in security. 1774 Burke *Let. to Marq. Rockingh.* Corr. 1844 I. 496 The supineness, neglect, and blind security of my friend, in that, and every thing that concerns him. 1780 Johnson *Let. to Thrale* 30 May, Do not remit your care; for in your condition it is certain that security will produce danger. 1810 Mrs. Brunton *Self-control* xxv, Lady Pelham smiled at Laura's security, which she did not consider as an infallible sign of safety. 1823 Scott *Peveril* xix, The security and carelessness of the sentinels, who had suffered such preparations to be made without observation or alarm given. 1858 *Sat. Rev.* 17 July 51 Every Government knew exactly when there was reason for alarm, and when there was excuse for security. 1876 Mozley *Univ. Serm.* iii. (1877) 63 It is an imaginary immortality which encloses him in sevenfold security, even while he stands upon its very last edge.

4. The quality of being securely fixed or attached, stability, fixity.

1849 *Sk. Nat. Hist., Mammalia* IV. 169 Who can mistake the meaning..of the security of the union of the clavicle to the large scapula?

II. A means of being secure.

5. Something which secures or makes safe; a protection, guard, defence.

a. Const. *against, from,* †*for.*

a 1586 Sidney *Arcadia* III. (Sommer) 286 b, For your securitie for any treacherie (hauing no hostage woorthie to counteruaile you) take my woorde, which I esteeme aboue all respectes. 1664 Tillotson *Serm.* i. Wks. (1714) 23 If the providence of God be taken away, what security have we against those innumerable dangers to which human nature is continually expos'd? 1691 T. H[ale] *Acc. New Invent.* 21 Universal Practice..does at this day make Lead the common security of Iron-work against Rust. 1736 Butler *Anal.* I. v. Wks. 1874 I. 96 Mankind..stand in need of virtuous habits, for a security against this danger. 1828–32 Webster s. v., A navy constitutes the security of Great Britain from invasion. 1832 Ht. Martineau *Life in Wilds* I. 21 A good fire..was always a perfect security against the attacks of wild beasts. 1839 Lane *Arab. Nts.* I. 94 And I have no security against thy killing me by a thing that I may smell, or by some other means.

b. Without const.

1641 Baker *Chron., Hen. I* (1653) 64 Anjou was neighbouring upon Normandy, a great security to it, if a friend; and as great a danger, if an enemy. 1658 Jer. Taylor *Let.* in *12th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. v. 5 Nothing is so great a security to love as never to remember any unkindnesse. 1743 Tindal tr. *Rapin's Hist.* xvii. II. 62/2 She at last formed two Parties in the Court and Kingdom, which proved her security, as she was necessary to Both. 1791 Mrs. Radcliffe *Rom. Forest* ii, Concealment was his only security. 1817 Jas. Mill *Brit. India* II. iv. vi. 230 He endeavoured to obtain the security of at least a written promise for these terms which had been offered to gain his consent. 1874 Green *Short Hist.* viii. § 2 (1882) 464 The only security for truth was to draw a hard and fast line between truth and falsehood. 1881 Froude *Short Stud.* IV. ii. v. 226 Piety, which is a security for good faith, is none against credulity.

†**6.** A means of securing or fixing in position.

1793 Smeaton *Edystone L.* § 227 The utility of trenails as a security till the mortar was become hard.

7. Ground for regarding something as secure, safe, or certain; an assurance, guarantee.

1623 Cockeram II, Securitie giuen one for safe comming. *Safe conduite.* 1654 Whitlock *Zootomia* 19 To contemne Fame is but a security of doing ill. 1711 Swift *Conduct of Allies* Wks. 1901 V. 71 We could have no security for our trade, while that kingdom [Spain] was subject to a prince of the Bourbon family. 1715 Atterbury *Serm.* (1734) I. 138 What Security have We, that, abusing and despising the same Mercies, we shall not smart under the same Judgments? 1751 Jortin *Serm.* (1771) IV. xv. 301 We can have no access to Him, no security of His favor, unless we endeavour to conform to His precepts. 1805 Wordsw. *Poems Sent.* xx. *Ode Duty* 20 When love is an unerring light, And joy its own security. 1856 Macaulay *Biog., Goldsm.* (1860) 71 Both what was good and what was bad in Goldsmith's character was, to his associates, a perfect security that he would never commit such villany. 1863 Fawcett *Pol. Econ.* II. x. 282 What therefore, the poor especially require when they buy their tea and sugar is, the security that they obtain an unadulterated article.

b. *Act of Security*: an Act passed by the Scottish Parliament in 1704, excluding Queen Anne's successor from the throne of Scotland unless conditions of government were enacted which should secure the independence of the kingdom.

1710–11 Swift *Examiner* No. 30 Wks. 1902 IX. 192 That unnatural league was afterwards cultivated by another incident; I mean the Act of Security.

8. Property deposited or made over, or bonds, recognizances, or the like entered into, by or on behalf of a person in order to secure his fulfilment of an obligation, and forfeitable in the event of non-fulfilment; a pledge, caution. Phrases, *to enter* (*in* or *into*), *find, give* (*in*), *go,* †*put in, take security.*

a. As securing a person's 'good behaviour', his appearance in court at a specified time, or his performance of some undertaking.

1450 *Rolls of Parlt.* V. 181/2 Where securitee of peas was axed bifore you in your said Court. 1611 Bible *Acts* xvii. 9 And when they had taken securitie of Iason, and of the other, they let them goe. 1621 Elsing *Debates Ho. Lords* (Camden) 96 Putt in good securitye to fynde out Watson by Monday come sen-night...To remayne in prison untell he putt in securitye here. 1658–9 *Burton's Diary* (1828) IV. 6, I move that he enter security. The person complaining, is a person of as great worth as any person can be. 1668–9 Pepys *Diary* 5 Mar., Being this day summoned..to give in security for his good behaviour. 1712 Arbuthnot *John Bull* I. iii. 7 You must find sufficient Security to us, our Heirs and Assigns, that you will not employ Lewis Baboon. 1724 Swift *Drapier's Lett.* iii. Wks. 1735 IV. 118 Knox..was obliged..to enter into Security for so doing. 1790 J. Bruce *Source of Nile* I. iii. 46 We obliged him to give his son Mahomet in security for his behaviour towards us. 1797 *Month. Mag.* III. 550/1 Where special bail is required, the sheriff may take security of the defendant, by bond,..for his appearance. 1828–32 Webster s. v., Violent and dangerous men are obliged to give security for their good behavior, or for keeping the peace. 1883 *Act* 46 & 47 *Vict.* c. 52 § 21 (2) The person so appointed shall give security in manner prescribed to the satisfaction of the Board of Trade.

b. As securing the payment of a debt.

1576 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* II. 539 To subscrive and returne the forme of security. 1592 *Nobody & Someb.* C 2, Without good securitie they will lend Nobody mony. 1607 Dekker & Webster *Westw. Hoe* IV. i, *Tent*...Wel sir, your security? *Amb.* Why sir two Diamonds here. *c* 1613 Rowlands *Paire Spy-Knaves* 15 Bonds, Bils, and words, I'le trust none of you three. Bring good securitie to deale with me. *a* 1687 Petty *Pol. Arith.* Pref., Those who can give good Security, may have Money under the Statute-Interest. 1711–12 Swift *Jrnl. to Stella* 22 Mar., The French have offered..to give us Dunkirk, and the Dutch Namur, for security, till the peace is made. 1724 in *Fasti Aberd.* (1854) 205 Money..to be laid out..upon land or upon reall or personal security, and the interest or yearly produce thereof is to be applyed [etc.]. 1766 Blackstone *Comm.* II. 480 The petitioners..must be bound in a security of 200 *l.* to make the party amends in case they do not prove him a bankrupt. 1818 Cruise *Digest* (ed. 2) II. 90 The mortgagee holds the estate merely as a pledge or security for the repayment of his money. 1833 Ht. Martineau *Manch. Strike* viii. 85 It was frequently necessary to borrow money,..on the security of what was to come in during the next week. 1868 Rogers *Pol. Econ.* ix. 107 The reason why this personage [the employer] exists in modern trade and manufacture arises from the facts that he has security on which to borrow [etc.]. 1874 Markby *Elem. Law* (ed. 2) § 496, I shall also use the word security to express any transaction between the debtor and creditor by which the performance of such a service [*sc.* one capable of being represented in money] is secured.

c. *transf.*

1649 E. Reynolds *Hosea* II. 69 We..stagger and be disheartened, if we have not double securitie from God. *a* 1744 Swift *Serm. Testimony Consc.* Wks. 1898 IV. 127 It is impossible for a man who openly declares against religion, to give any reasonable security that he will not be false and cruel. 1815 Scott *Talism.* i, But what security dost thou offer that thou wilt observe the truce? 1878 Bosw. Smith *Carthage* 283 The word of a Gracchus..was his bond; and a bond which was a first-rate security.

9. One who pledges himself (or is pledged) for another, a surety.

1597 Shaks. 2 *Hen. IV*, I. ii. 38 He said sir, you should procure him better Assurance, then Bardolfe: he wold not take his Bond and yours, he lik'd not the Security. 1627 Sir T. Hope *Let.* in *Scottish Hist. Soc. Misc.* (1893) I. 93 And for the nott of the Irische landis, it salbe sent with the securities quhen thay go to Irland. 1686 tr. *Chardin's Trav. Persia* 43 He would engage his word and be security for the performance of what the Chancellor had declar'd. 1690 Wood *Life* 31 Jan. (O.H.S.) III. 324 They were bailed on great security given by each on their owne parts, and on the parts of their security. 1710 Swift *Jrnl. to Stella* 13 Nov., When one [of the two people bound] dies, you fall upon the other, and make him add another security. 1721 J. Perry *Stopping Dagenham Breach* 93 One of my Securitys..promised to take care of the finishing the work in my Absence. 1786 Burke *Art. agst. W. Hastings* Wks. 1842 II. 143 Croftes offered the said Richard Johnson as one of his securities for the performance of the said contract. 1844 Dickens *Mart. Chuz.* xxvii, B wants a loan...B proposes self and two securities. B is accepted. Two securities give a bond. 1908 *Blackw. Mag.* Aug. 213/2 So, with their security and some others, I started in pursuit, and next morning came up with the fugitives.

transf. 1681 Luttrell *Brief Rel.* (1857) I. 135 There was..a motion made that the citty should undertake the businesse of insuring houses from fire, and that the chamber of London should be the security.

10. A document held by a creditor as guarantee of his right to payment. Hence, any particular kind of stock, shares, or other form of investment guaranteed by such documents. Chiefly *plural.*

1690 Child *Disc. Trade* (1698) 7–8 Their keeping up publick registers of all lands and houses, sold or mortgaged, whereby..the securities of lands and houses [are] rendered indeed, such as we commonly call them, real securities. 1691 Locke *Consid. Lower. Interest* (1692) 132 But how Securities will be mended by lowering of Interest, is, I confess, beyond my Comprehension. 1712 Arbuthnot *John Bull* III. viii. 33 When I wanted Money, half a dozen of these Fellows were always waiting in my Antichamber with their Securities ready drawn. 1746 Ld. Hardwicke in Atkyns *Chanc. Rep.* (1782) III. 444 Neither South-Sea stock nor Bank stock are considered as a good security. 1788 M. Cutler in *Life*, etc. (1888) I. 380 Continental Securities have been falling in Boston since my last return from New York. 1848 Mill *Pol. Econ.* I. iv. § 3 (1876) 39 He buys from the state what are called government securities; that is obligations on the government to pay a certain annual income. 1872 Rogers *Capital & Lab.* in *Cassell's Techn. Educ.* IV. 14/2 The labour of a stockbroker consists in purchasing securities on behalf of his customers, he receiving a fee in the form of a percentage on the purchase or sale of the security. 1879 *Daily News* 26 May, Liquid Securities, or in other words, those easily convertible into cash when necessity arises.

III. **11.** *attrib.* as (senses 8, 10) *security-bond, -writ*; also **security-bolt**, a device for securing a motor-tyre to the rim; **security-door**, an outer door of a corridor in a prison; **security-grinder**, *jocular*, ? an assiduous deviser of securities.

1903 *Motoring Ann.* 304 Fig. 2 shows the "security bolt in the act of pinching the inner tube. 1715 in J. Perry *Stop-*

ping Dagenham Breach (1721) 131 That the *Security Bonds shall be deliver'd up to be cancell'd, when the Conditions are perform'd. 1904 A. Griffiths 50 *Yrs. Publ. Service* xvii. 232 The locks everywhere, to cells, passages, and in external or ''security' doors [were] of the newest and most approved pattern. 1827 Canning *Sp.* 6 Mar. (1828) VI. 155 Since the year 1813, I certainly have not meddled in the workmanship of securities;..I assure my right honourable friend.. that I am perfectly ready to vote for securities; but I am not to be set down as a *security-grinder. 1908 *Carnegie Trust Rep.* 61 The *Security Writs have been exhibited to me.

†Se·cutor, se·ctour. *Obs.* Forms: 3–4 seketur, 4 sekatur, 4–5 seke-, seka-, secutour, 5 sekka-, seca-, secoutour, seccutur, secutur, -or, seketowr(e, sekiture; 4–6 sectour, 5 sektour, secktur, 5–6 sectur, 6 sekture, sector. [Aphetic form of Executor.] = Executor.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 28322 Ic seketur made of testament, ne folud noght wit gode entent þe testament for to fulfill, bot gafe i it gain dedis will. *a* 1330 *Roland & V.* 390 At þe nende of þritti niȝt, To his seketour com þe ded knist, & seyd in þis maner: 'Mi soule [etc.]'. 13.. *Metr. Hom.* (Vernon MS.) in *Archiv Stud. neu. Spr.* LVII. 259 While he lyuede faste preyed he þat þou his sekatur mihte be. 1377 Langl. *P. Pl. B.* xv. 128 þe which aren prestes inparfit and prechouresafter syluer, Sectouresand sudenes, somnoures and her lemmannes. 1387 *E. E. Wills* (1882) 2, I ordeine Watkyn my sone, secutour. *c* 1425 *Cast. Persev.* 102 in *Macro Plays* 80 He sendith afftyr his sekkatours, ful fekyl to synde. *c* 1460 *Towneley Myst.* xxxi. 166 Trust neuer freyndys frele Nawthere of childe then wife; ffor sectures ar not lele. *c* 1485 *Early Eng. Misc.* (Warton Club) 41 ȝefe thi almus with thi hand, trust to no secatour. 1493 *Halyburton's Ledger* (1867) 32 Som that I rest awand to John Twedy or hys wyff and sekituris is 33li. 5s. 5g^s. 1505 *Presentments of Juries* in *Surtees Misc.* (1890) 31 Dyssyryng hym to be hys sektur, and also me to be hys sekture to. 1509 Barclay *Ship of Fools* (1874) I. 117 Thou ought nat yet to kepe it nere the more. But to his sectours or heyres it restore. 1567 *Gude & Godlie B.* 30 Sair I suspect, God accuse His sectouris, and him self refuse, That sa vnfaithfullie deceist.

Hence **†Se·cutorship** *rare* = Executorship.

1553 *Respublica* III. vi. 864 This same I got hy sectourshipp of my Mother. *Ibid.* 856 This bag have I kepte of other sectourships whole, whiche the Madde knaves woulde had scettred by penie dole.

Sed: see Sad *a.*, Say *v.*[1], Seed.

†Se·dal, *a. Obs. rare.* [ad. mod.L. *sēdāl-is*, f. *sēd-ēs* seat, fundament: see -al.] Of or belonging to the fundament.

1681 *Willis's Rem. Med. Wks.*, Vocab., *Sedal veins*, the veins in the fundament. 1684 tr. *Bonet's Merc. Compit.* vi. 197 While they draw [blood] from the sedal Arterie [orig. *ex arteriis sedalibus*].

Sedan (sĭdæ·n). Also 7 cedan, (? *erron.*) sedam. [Of obscure etymology.

The conjecture (? first in Johnson, 1773) connecting the word with the name of Sedan, a town of NE. France, has nothing to support it, and seems unlikely. In 1634 the exclusive right of supplying 'covered chairs' was granted to Sir Sanders Duncombe; the word *sedan* does not occur in the grant, but the index to the patents of the year has 'covered chairs (called sedans)'. The statement of Evelyn, that Duncombe brought the sedan from Naples may be correct, as the thing had long been in use in Italy (cf. It. *seggietta* in Florio, 1598). It is therefore natural to suppose that the word might be from some South Italian derivative of It. *sede* (L. *sēdēs*) seat, *sedere* to sit; but there seems to be no trustworthy evidence of the existence in It. dialects of any form from which the Eng. word could be derived.]

1. A closed vehicle to seat one person, borne on two poles by two bearers, one in front and one behind. In fashionable use during the 17th, 18th, and early 19th cent.

1635 Brome *Sparagus Garden* I. iii. (1640) B 4 b, What, have you some new project a foot now, to out-goe that of the Hand-barrowes? what call you 'em the Sedams [*sic*]? *Ibid.* IV. x. I 4 b, Shee's now gone forth in one o' the new Hand-litters: what call yee it, a Sedan. *Brit.* O Sedana. 1641 *MSS. Dk. Rutland* (Hist. MSS. Comm.) IV. 531 Payd the men that carried my Lord George in the sedan, *vli.* xvjs. 1660 *Trial Regic.* 191 His Majesty was immediately hurried away from the Bar into a Common Cedan. 1666 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 89/2 The Empress..by reason of her weakness,..travells in her Sedan. *a* 1700 Evelyn *Diary* 8 Feb. 1645, The streetes [of Naples] are full of gallants on horseback, in coaches and sedans, from hence brought first into England by Sir Sanders Duncomb. 1702 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 3867/1 The Doge was carried in a very rich Sedan. 1737 Duchess of Portland in Mrs. Delany *Life & Corr.* (1861) I. 610 Lady Dunkeron's sedan is yellow velvet, imbroidered and imbossed with silver. 1802 *Anna Seward's Lett.* (1811) VI. 9 Dr. Jonès seconded my proposal that he should be brought here in a sedan. 1837 Dickens *Pickw.* xxv, Mr. Muzzle opened one half of the carriage gate to admit the sedan.

b. *transf.* A litter, palanquin, or the like.

1646 Winthrop *Hist. New Eng.* (1853) II. 323 He..presented the governour with a sedan, which (as he said) was sent by the viceroy of Mexico to his sister. 1662 J. Davies tr. *Mandelslo's Trav.* 52 Some times, he is carried by several men in a Palanquin, or kind of Sedan. 1737 Whiston *Josephus, Antiq.* xviii. vi. § 6 As Tiberius lay once at his ease upon his sedan, and was carried about. 1847 Prescott *Peru* (1850) II. 61 Elevated high above his vassals came the Inca Atahuallpa, borne on a sedan or open litter. 1878 J. Payn *By Proxy* I. iii. 25 All the neighbourhood..the rich (Chinese) in sedans, the poor on foot, were on their way to do honour to his shrine.

2. *local U.S.* 'A hand-barrow with a deep basket-like bottom made of barrel-hoops, used to carry fish' (*Cent. Dict.* 1891).

3. *Comb.*, as *sedan-bearer, -maker, -man.*

1837 Dickens *Pickw.* xxv, Mr. Grummer, commanding the *sedan-bearers to halt, advanced. 1641 Earl Cork in *Lismore Papers* Ser. I. (1886) V. 173 Paid Thomas wright, the *sedan maker, dwelling in white ffriers, for my new sedan. 1638 Brome *Antipodes* IV. viii. (1640) I 1, Enter *Sedan-man. 1647 R. Stapylton *Juvenal* VI. 110 These Syrians were..kept hy the ladies of Rome..for their chair-bearers or sedan-men.

Hence **†Seda·n'd** *pa. pple.*, placed or carried in a sedan. **†Seda·nful** [-ful], the occupants of a sedan. **Sedanier** [-ier], a sedan-bearer.

1647 R. Stapylton *Juvenal* I. 6 Sedan-fulls for these hundred farthings throng. 1688 R. L'Estrange *Brief Hist. Times* III. 139 The Body is by This Time Cas'd, Hous'd, Sedann'd, Box'd up, or call it what you will. 1690 Evelyn *Mundus Muliebris* 8 When to the Play 'tis time to go In Pompous Coach, or else Sedan'd With Equipage along the Strand. 1871 Meredith *H. Richmond* xliii, By the way, Richie, there will be Sedaniers—porters to pay to-day.

Sedan chair. Now *Hist.* = Sedan 1, 1 b.

1750 *Will* in Payne *Engl. Catholics* (1889) 6 My sedan chair. 1772–84 *Cook's Voy.* (1790) I. 25 The ladies however use a sedan chair,..which is carried by two negroes on a pole connected with the top of the chair. 1807 *Med. Jrnl.* XXI. 379 To allow the patient to be carried home in a sedan chair. 1840 Malcolm *Trav.* 52/1 The worst that would probably happen to a proper man making the trial, would be to be placed in a sedan chair, and transmitted to Macao. 1883 S. C. Hall *Retrospect* I. 14 Sedan Chairs..were the usual modes of conveyance..to parties, balls [etc.].

b. *transf.* (see quot.).

1869 *Cassell's Househ. Guide* I. 72 Another way of carrying a patient is upon what is known among school-boys as a 'sedan-chair', each bearer grasping his own fore-arm and that of his fellow about its middle..and the patient grasping the bearers' necks.

†Se·dant, *a. Her. Obs. rare*—°. [? quasi-Fr. spelling of Sedent *a.*] = Sejant.

1688 R. Holme *Armoury* II. 144/1 Seiant, or Sedant.

†Sedany. The name of a country-dance.

1651 J. P. *Dancing-master* (1652) 24 Dargason, or Sedany. 1707 *J. Shirley's Tri. Wit* (ed. 5) 206 The Sedany. A pleasant Dance for as many as will in this order, OOO))).

Sedate (sĭdē·t), *a.* [ad. L. *sēdāt-us*, pa. pple. of *sēdāre* to settle, allay, make calm or quiet, f. root *sēd-* as in L. *sēdēre*: see Sit *v.*]

1. Calm, quiet, composed; cool, sober, collected; undisturbed by passion or excitement.

a. of a person, his disposition, temper, deportment, actions.

1693 Locke *Educ.* § 86. 100, I think the Chastisement should be a little more Sedate, and a little more Severe. 1700 Dryden *Fables* Pref. P 5 Virgil was of a quiet, sedate Temper. 1704 Swift *Tale of Tub* vi. 131 Millions of Stitches, that required the nicest Hand and sedatest Constitution to extricate. 1718 *Free-thinker* No. 17. 113 A Man of Publick Spirit and Sedate Courage. 1768 Sterne *Sent. Journ.* II. 50 (*Le Pâtissier*) He was..of a sedate look, something approaching to gravity. 1845 Sarah Austin tr. *Ranke's Hist. Ref.* I. 65 They acted with such sedate vigour and cautious determination. 1876 Flor. Marryat *Her Father's Name* xxiv, 'A yellow light!' cried Valera, suddenly...'I never heard of such a thing before', he added a moment after, in a sedater tone. 1908 *Blackw. Mag.* July 146/2 A serious, sedate, and easy-mannered gentleman.

†b. of the intellect, and intellectual operations.

1663 J. Spencer *Prodigies* (1665) 22 When fear hath..disabled the mind for a cool and sedate judgment and valuation of things. 1665 Glanvill *Scepsis Sci.* x. 56 Requiring ..a free, sedate, and intent minde. 1701 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 3757/2 The late wise and sedate Resolutions of your Parliament. 1702 *Clarendon's Hist. Reb.* I. Pref. 4 We shall leave them to their own sedate and composed Reflections.

c. *transf.* of literary composition.

1749 Hurd *Horace's Ars Poet.* Introd. 14 Such abrupt and violent transitions, as might better agree to the impassioned elegy, than to the sedate didactic epistle.

d. of animals.

1791 Cowper *Retired Cat* I A poet's cat, sedate and grave. 1870 Dickens *E. Drood* ii, That sedate and clerical bird, the rook.

†2. Of physical objects: Quiet; motionless, or smooth and steady in motion. *Obs.*

1684 R. Waller *Nat. Exper.* 57 The Water became sedate, and quiet as at First. 1696 *Phil. Trans.* XIX. 301 If she at any time used any Motion, the Pain would encrease; commonly finding most ease when her Body was sedate. *a* 1727 Newton *Chronol. Amended* iv. (1728) 304 The river which was before straight, she made crooked with great windings, that it might be more sedate and less apt to overflow. *c* 1728 Earl of Ailesbury *Mem.* (1890) 124 His pulse ..was sedate enough.

†Seda·te, *v. Obs.* [f. L. *sēdāt-*, ppl. stem of *sēdāre*: see prec.] *trans.* To make calm or quiet; to assuage, allay. Hence **†Seda·ting** *vbl. sb.*

1646 J. Owen *Vision Unchang. Free Mercy*, etc. 56 These following lines were intended meerly to sedate and bury such contests. 1652 Gaule *Magastrom.* 204 This was not to procure or excite prophesie, but to sedate passions and affections. 1657–83 Evelyn *Hist. Relig.* (1850) I. 53 Did matter contend with matter, what confusion would it produce? whilst the mind and soul of man sedate the hostility, and bring it to due obedience.

Sedately (sĭdē·tli), *adv.* [-ly 2.] In a sedate manner; without passion or excitement.

1646 Trapp *Comm. John* xviii. 33 Pilate therefore retires himself into the palace, that he might more sedately set himself to sift the business. *a* 1665 J. Goodwin *Filled w. the Spirit* (1867) 5 As also those grounds and arguments that are commonly brought..punctually, sedately, and faithfully answered. 1719 De Foe *Crusoe* II. *init.* (Globe) 318/1.. began to argue with my self sedately. 1814 Byron *Lara* I. xxi, And Lara gazed on these, sedately glad. 1840 Dickens *Barn. Rudge* i, John looked sedately and solemnly at his questioner. 1871 R. Ellis *Catullus* lv. 8, I hail'd each lady promenader, Each, I found, did face me quite sedately.

Sedateness (sĭdē·tnės). [-ness.] The quality or fact of being sedate (see the adj.).

1647 H. More *Song of Soul* Notes 148/2 With inimitable serenity, and sedatenesse of mind. 1655 Cromwell *Sp.* 22 Jan. P 17 (Carlyle) There was a very great peace and sedateness throughout these Nations. 1697 Luttrell *Brief Rel.* (1857) IV. 176 He behaved himself all the while with great sedatenesse, as became a person under his circumstances. 1730 Waterland *Suppl. to Nat. Sacram.* I To preserve the Coolness and Sedateness proper to religious or learned Enquiries. 1826 Miss Mitford *Village* Ser. II. 49 May and myself walking with the sedateness and decorum befitting our sex and age. *a* 1859 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* xxiii. V. 5 The sedateness of his deportment and the apparent regularity of his life delighted austere moralists. 1910 *Q. Rev.* Apr. 330 It was an age of sedateness and comparative repose.

Sedation (sĭdē·ʃən). [a. F. *sédation* or ad. L. *sēdātiōn-em*, n. of action f. *sēdāre*: see Sedate *a.*]

1. The action of allaying, assuaging, making calm or quiet. a. *Med.*

1543 Traheron *Vigo's Chirurg.* II. iv. i. 65 It causeth the humours to breath out wyth gentyll resolution, and sedation of payne. 1670 Maynwaring *Pharm. Phys. Repos.* 53 The Anodyne Pills..are used in all Cases requiring sedation and allay. 1874 H. C. Wood *Therap.* 58 In tonic doses quinia produces no perceptible sedation of the circulation. 1897 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* II. 875 A sedation of certain parts may throw other functions into an eminence which may be positive or may be relative.

†b. *gen. Obs.*

1616 *Rich Cabinet* 57 H. 7. who was ledde after the sedation both of forren and domestick encombrances..to the house of a great Maiestie and Honourable wealth. *a* 1660 *Contemp. Hist. Irel.* (Ir. Archæol. Soc.) II. 70 For the sedation of inquiet..mindes. 1674 T. Turnor *Bankers & Creditors* (1675) 41 The King for the sedation of these ..Apprehensions is advised..to issue forth his Declaration.

†2. The state of being settled. *Obs. rare*—[1].

1627–61 Feltham *Resolves* II. lxxv. 374 The unevenness of the Earth is clearly Providence. For since it is not any fix'd sedation, but a floating mild variety, that pleaseth; The Hills and Valleys in it, have all their special use.

Sedative (se·dătiv), *a.* and *sb.* Also 5 sed-, cedatyve. [a. F. *sédatif* adj. and sb., or ad. med.L. *sēdātīv-us*, f. L. *sēdāre*: see prec. and -ive.]

A. *adj. Med.* That has the property of allaying, assuaging, or soothing.

Sedative salt, old name (*sal sedativum*, Homberg 1702) for boracic acid.

c 1425 *Arderne's Treat. Fistula*, etc. 93 Oile roset complete is resolutiue, confortatyue, and conueniently cedatyue of akyng. *Ibid.* 94 It is a conuenient resolutyue, and of akyng sedatyue. 1678 Phillips (ed. 4) s.v., Sedative Medicines..are such as have power or vertue to allay and asswage pain. 1758 Reid tr. *Macquer's Chym.* I. 36 Mr. Homberg called it *Sedative Salt*, on account of its medical effects. 1813 J. Thomson *Lect. Inflam.* 614 Disputes.. concerning the stimulant and sedative effects of cold. 1862 Miller *Elem. Chem., Org.* (ed. 2) 492 Morphia..appears to be the principal sedative constituent of opium.

b. *transf.* and *gen.*

1795 Burke *Reg. Peace* iv. Wks. IX. 27 Against alarm on their politick and military empire these are the writer's sedative remedies. 1853 Kane *Grinnell Exp.* xxix. (1856) 251 It illustrates the sedative effect of a protracted succession of hazards. 1860 Emerson *Cond. Life, Illusions* Wks. (Bohn) II. 445 Is not our faith in the impenetrability of matter more sedative than narcotics?

B. *sb. Med.* A sedative medicine.

1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) XVIII. 99/1 Vinegar..generally acts as a sedative. 1853 C. Bronte *Villette* xxxviii, The sedative had been administered. In fact, they had given me a strong opiate. I was to be held quiet for one night. 1874 H. C. Wood *Therap.* (1879) 148 There are certain drugs which are used by practitioners to decrease the activity of the circulation; and it is these which are here considered under the heading of Cardiac Sedatives. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 604 Sedatives such as bromides and valerian..must be administered.

b. *transf.* and *gen.*

1785 Paley *Mor. & Polit. Philos.* III. II. vii. I. 298 Reflections..which may be called the sedatives of anger. 1840 Dickens *Barn. Rudge* xv, The lazy influence of a late and lonely breakfast, with the additional sedative of a newspaper. 1864 Mrs. Riddell *Geo. Geith* xxix, 'Beryl's singing always sends me to sleep'. 'So that I am of some use in the world, if only as a sedative', replied Beryl.

Sedche, variant of Siege.

†Sede. *Obs.* [ad. L. *sēdēs* seat.]

1. = Seat *sb.* 8. *Sede celestial*, the throne of God. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 5320 Of his com þe king was fain, And of his sede [*other texts* sete] him ras again. *a* 1500–34 *Coventry Corpus Chr. Plays* I. 345 The sede seylesteall.

2. = Seat *sb.* 13.

1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) I. 183 And at þe laste [þey] cam in to Italia, and..made þe cheefe sede at Tarentum.

3. = Seat *sb.* 7.

1552 *Bury Wills* (Camden) 140 Item I do geue for implements to remayne vnto the scholle the hangyns in my chamber, one table, one ioyned forme, one sede.

Sede, obs. form of Seed *sb.* and *v.*

Sede·cimarti·culate, *a. Ent.* [f. L. *sēdecim* + *articul-us* joint + -ate 2.] Having sixteen joints.

1856–8 W. Clark *Van der Hoeven's Zool.* I. 342 Antennæ porrect, cylindrical, sedecimarticulate.

†Sede·cuple. *Obs.*—[1] [f. L. *sēdec-im* sixteen, after Decuple.] A quantity sixteen times another.

1690 Leybourn *Curs. Math.* 349 If any Root be Multiplied by 4 the Product shall be the Root of the Sedecuple.

‖ Se defendendo (sī dīfende·ndo). *Law.* [Law Latin: *sē* himself, *dēfendendō* abl. gerund of *dēfendĕre* to defend.] 'In self-defence': a plea which if established is held to remove legal guilt from a homicide.

1548 STAUNFORD *Kinges Prerog.* xvi. (1567) 45 b, In a case where one killed another *se defendendo* or by misaduenture, this offence is felony. 1625 B. JONSON *Staple of N.* v. v. 49 *Mad.* They barke, *se defendendo*. *Shv.* Or for custome, As commonly curres doe, one for another. 1710 *Tatler* No. 256 P 3 That in consideration..that his taking the wall was only *Se defendendo*, the prosecutor should let him escape with life. 1728 CHAMBERS *Cycl.* s. v., Though the party justify its being done Se-Defendendo, yet he is driven to procure his Pardon of Course from the Lord Chancellor. 1765 BLACKSTONE *Comm.* I. 126 The law of England..pardons even homicide if committed *se defendendo*.

subst. use. 1682 DRYDEN *Duke of Guise* Epil. 12 *Se defendendo* never was a Sin.

†Sedeful, *a. Obs.* Also 1–2 **sideful.** [OE. *sideful*, f. *sidu* masc. = OS. *sidu* (Du. *zede* fem.), OHG. *situ* (G. *sitte* fem.), Goth. *sidu-s*:—O Teut. **sĕdu-s* custom, morality (f. root **swedh-*) : cf. Gr. ἔθος custom.] Virtuous, moral, chaste.

c 1000 ÆLFRIC in Assmann *Ags. Hom.* iii. 327 Þa heahfæderas halige wæron..sidefulle on ðeawum. *c* 1200 ORMIN 2175 Ȝho wass..Shammfasst, & daffte, & sedefull.

Sedelinges, obs. form of SIDELINGS *adv.*

Sedement, obs. form of SEDIMENT.

Sedenes, variant of SEEDNESS. *Obs.*

Sedent (sī·dĕnt), *a.* [ad. L. *sedent-em*, pres. pple. of *sedēre* to sit.] Sitting.

1682 WHELER *Journ. Greece* I. 57 A Fragment of a sedent Figure of a Woman. 1714 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 5286/4 A Griffin Sedent upon a broken Spear. 1832 GELL *Pompeiana* II. xi. 4 The pretty sedent bronze figure. 1889 BRYDALL *Art in Scot.* x. 189 The sedent statue of the very beautiful and handsome Princess Pauline Borghese.

Sedentarily (se·dĕntărili), *adv.* [f. SEDENTARY *a.* + -LY 2.] In a sedentary manner.

1830 *Blackw. Mag.* XXVII. 169 So sedentarily addicted to the composition of verse.

Sedentariness (se·dĕntărinĕs). [f. SEDENTARY *a.* + -NESS.] The quality or condition of being sedentary.

1671 L. ADDISON *W. Barbary* 113 Those that live in great Towns..are enclined to paleness, which may be imputed to their sedentariness, or want of motion. *c* 1740 COLE in *Etoniana* iv. 76 The sedentariness of a scholar. 1822–56 DE QUINCEY *Confess.* (1862) 66 Ratifying and trebling the ruinous effects of this sedentariness. 1898 E. P. EVANS *Evol. Ethics* i. 46 With the beginning of agriculture and sedentariness this relation is reversed.

Sedentary (se·dĕntări), *a.* and *sb.* [ad. F. *sédentaire*, ad. L. *sedentārius*, f. *sedent-em*, pr. pple. of *sedēre* to sit: see SEDENT and -ARY. Cf. Sp., Pg., It. *sedentario*.] **A.** *adj.*

1. Of habits, occupations, etc.: Requiring continuance in a sitting posture.

1603 FLORIO *Montaigne* I. xxiv. (1632) 66 To divert them from all militarie exercises, and ammuse them to idle, secure, and sedentarie occupations. 1642 FULLER *Holy & Prof. St.* III. xiii. 184 If thy life be sedentary, exercise thy body. 1693 LOCKE *Educ.* § 190. 242 Reading and Writing and all other sedentary Studies. 1777 ROBERTSON *Hist. Amer.* (1778) II. VI. 223 The habits of a sedentary and pacific profession. 1817 JEBB *Corr.* (1834) II. 331 The first sedentary morning I have had for weeks. 1863 GEO. ELIOT *Romola* i, A short man..whose bent shoulders told of some sedentary occupation.

b. Of a quality.

1815 KIRBY & SP. *Entomol.* xiii. (1818) I. 428 The sedentary cunning of the lynx.

2. Of persons: Accustomed or addicted to sitting still; engaged in sedentary pursuits; not in the habit of taking physical exercise.

1662 WISEMAN *Treat. Wounds* I. 40 A Sedentary young Gentleman of an ill habit of Body. 1693 LOCKE *Educ.* § 192. 244 Since..sedentary or studious Men should have some Exercise, that at the same time might divert their Minds, and employ their Bodies. 1711 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 115 P 4 The Spleen, which is so frequent in Men of studious and sedentary Tempers. 1781 COWPER *Connersat.* 207 But sedentary weavers of long tales Give me the fidgets, and my patience fails. 1809 *Med. Jrnl.* XXI. 322 A Gentleman of Kensington, of middle age, plethoric, and sedentary, but active in his mind. 1816 T. L. PEACOCK *Headlong Hall* vii, Sedentary victims of unhealthy toil. 1840 HOOD *Up Rhine* 263 Fancy a sedentary usher,..suddenly called upon to unlearn all his scholar-like habits. 1844 DICKENS *Mart. Chuz.* xvi, A few sedentary characters..remained at table full a quarter of an hour.

absol. 1732 ARBUTHNOT *Rules of Diet* in *Aliments*, etc. I. 261 The Blood of labouring people is more dense than that of the sedentary. 1813 J. THOMSON *Lect. Inflam.* 433 Thus, the aged, the sedentary, and the dissipated, are known to be more liable to ulcers of the lower extremities, than the young, active, and sober.

†b. Slothful, inactive. *Obs.*

1625 HART *Anat. Ur.* I. ii. 17 Our Physitians, being like vnto the lazie sedentarie Physitians of Alexandria,..are ashamed to aske of the patient the..symptomes. 1671 MILTON *Samson* 571 Till length of years And sedentary numness craze my limbs To a contemptible old age obscure. 1707 FLOYER *Pulse-Watch* 160 They are Slothful without Cares or Study, Sedentairy [*sic*], Idle.

†c. Not engaged in active business. *Obs.*

1738 WARBURTON *Div. Legat.* I. III. iv. 396 The Egyptians; whose Sages were not sedentary scholastic Sophists, like the Grecian; but employed and busied in the public Affairs of Religion and Government. 1751 CHESTERF. *Lett.* CCCXXVIII. IV. 116 Abercrombie is to be the Sedentary, and not the acting Commander.

3. Remaining in one place of abode; not migratory. Of a tribunal, an assembly, a judge or other official: Established in one place; not moving from place to place in the course of official duty; opposed to *ambulatory*. Now *rare* (in recent use perh. a Gallicism).

1598 DALLINGTON *Meth. Trav.* Q 2 b, That [Court of Parliament] of Paris..at first was ambulatory: but since Philip le bel, it hath beene sedentary in this Citie. *a* 1628 DODERIDGE *Eng. Lawyer* (1631) 33 As well the Iudges itinerate.., as those that were sedentarie in the King's High Courts of Iustice. 1642 HOWELL *For. Trav.* (Arb.) 11 To bee a Sedentary Traveller only, penn'd up between Wals, and to stand poring all day upon a Map,..is like him, who thought to come to bee a good Fencer, by looking on Agrippa's book-postures only. 1794 HERON *Inform. War* 176 The Convention declares itself sedentary in the capital, and permanent, till the conclusion of a peace. 1803 MALTHUS *Popul.* (1817) I. 184 The sedentary labourer is more exposed to the vicissitudes of fortune than he who leads a wandering life. 1857 *Colton's Atlas, Russia in Asia*, The Tchuktchi.. consist of two tribes, one sedentary and the other nomadic. 1891 *Daily News* 16 Mar. 6/1 Does England..in promising to effect the removal of 'sedentary establishments' undertake to forbid her subjects raising any construction, such for example as the lobster factories. 1899 *Ibid.* 13 Nov. 7/7 The remedy consists in adding to the sedentary forces as if we were a State like Switzerland.

†b. Of a material thing: Continuing in one place, motionless. *Obs.*

1667 MILTON *P. L.* VIII. 32 And on thir Orbs impose Such restless revolution day by day Repeated, while the sedentarie Earth,..attaines Her end without least motion. 1786–7 BONNYCASTLE *Astron.* ii. 32 The absurdity of supposing the earth a sedentary and immoveable body.

c. *Zool.* Inhabiting the same region through life; not migratory. Also of mollusca, etc.: Confined to one spot, not locomotory. Of spiders: see B.

1851 WOODWARD *Mollusca* 11 The sedentary tribes settle in the place they intend to occupy during the remainder of their lives. 1854 A. ADAMS, etc. *Man. Nat. Hist.* 274 Sedentary Spiders (*Sedentaria*). *Ibid.* 316 Sedentary-Annelids (*Tubicola*). 1872 H. A. NICHOLSON *Palæont.* 241 Most of them [Gasteropods] being free and locomotive, though some are sedentary. 1902 CORNISH *Naturalist on Thames* 153 No one has satisfactorily answered the question why there are sedentary species and migratory species so closely allied in habits and food.

†4. Deliberate. *Obs. rare.*

1647 FULLER *Good Th. in Worse T.* II. x. 75 Lord, pardon my cursory, and preserve me from sedentary sinnes. 1673 MARVELL *Reh. Transp.* II. 74 He..proceeded to take away their Lives; not in the hot and Military way..but in the cooler blood and sedentary execution of an High Court of Justice.

B. *sb.* [absolute use of A. 3 c.] *Zool.* One of a group of spiders (*Sedentariæ*) which take their prey by means of a web in or near which they remain watching.

1815 KIRBY & SP. *Entomol.* xiii. (1818) I. 425 Walckenaer, ..terming those already mentioned which spin webs and nets, Sedentaries. 1842 BRANDE *Dict. Sci.*, etc., *Sedentaries.*

Seder, obs. form of CEDAR, SEEDER.

Sederunt (sĭdī·rŭnt). *Sc.* [a. L. *sēdērunt* 'there were sitting' (*sc.* the following persons), 3rd pers. pl. pf. ind. of *sedēre* to sit, used subst.]

‖1. In minutes of deliberative bodies, used (in its Latin sense) to introduce the list of persons present at a meeting. *Obs.*

The word occurs at least as early as the 15th c. in minutes that are written in Latin, or in which the names or titles of the persons are latinized.

1673 in *Fasti Aberd.* (1854) 339 Sederunt, the earle Marischall, the lord bishop, Mr. Alexander Ross [and others].

2. A sitting of a deliberative or judicial body; now chiefly of an ecclesiastical assembly. *Book of sederunt*: a minute-book.

1628 CHAS. I in *Acts of Sederunt* (1790) 39 If you find the said warrant extant in your buikis of sederunt. 1652 *Sess. Rec. of Canisbay* 29 Mar. in *Stat. Acc. Scot.* XV. 25 No session holden, by reasone the Inglishe being quartered in the bounds, the congregation was few in number, and ther was not a sederunt of elders. 1714 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 5262/1 His Majesty was Pleased to Order that One of the said Instruments be Transmitted to the Court of Session, to be Recorded in the Books of *Sederunt*. 1800 A. CARLYLE *Autobiog.* (1860) 108 After many very late sederunts of the Synod, and at last a hearing of the General Assembly, the affair was dismissed. 1856 AITON *Clerical Econ.* 78 The late hours, the long sederunts, and the heats and the colds.

†b. The time or occasion of such a sitting or meeting. *Obs. rare*−1.

1752 J. LOUTHIAN *Form of Process* (ed. 2) 236 After the Debate, the Judges..delayed the Determination thereof till next Sederunt.

c. *Act of Sederunt*: see quot. 1875.

1672 SIR G. MACKENZIE *Pleadings* Pref. A 2 At the first institution of our Senat, It was appointed by an Act of Sederunt, That [etc.]. 1875 *Encycl. Brit.* I. 123 Act of Sederunt, in *Scotch Law*, an ordinance for regulating the forms of procedure before the Court of Session, passed by the judges in virtue of a power conferred by an Act of the Scotch Parliament, 1540, c. 93.

d. *transf.* A sitting for discussion or talk. Also, more loosely, a sitting (of a person) at some occupation, over the bottle, or the like.

1825 T. HOOK *Sayings* Ser. II. *Sutherl.* I. 21 [She] dusted away..sundry furrows of snuff which had gradually accumulated in her lap in the course of a long morning's sederunt. 1829 *Health & Longev.* 143 He was not a drunkard, but at times he took a very long sederunt at his bottle. 1866 GLADSTONE in Morley *Life* v. xiii. (1903) II. 211 Morning sederunt with Lord Russell and Brand on reform and other matters. 1867 MACFARLANE *Mem. T. Archer* vi. 135 Information he had accumulated by his sederunts in the Museum Library.

†3. ? A person's record of attendance at a sitting.

1632 *Acts of Sederunt* (1790) 45 Quatsomever Lord shall admit any informer or solliciter within his house..shall loss and forfait his sederunt of that day, to accress to the remanent Lords, observers of this statute.

4. The list of persons present at a 'sederunt' or sitting. ¶ Also *pl.* the persons named on such a list.

1701 *Acts of Sederunt* (1790) 221 The Lords..Do therefore ordain the Lords present at their sitting down in the morning, after the ringing of the Session-bell, to be marked in the sederunt. 1822 GALT *Provost* xliii, Mr. Peevie, one of the very sickerest of all the former sederunts, came to me next morning. 1866 *Leeds Mercury* 4 Apr., He then constituted the meeting by calling over the roll, answered to his own name, and faithfully took down the sederunt. 1910 *U. F. Ch. Miss. Record* Jan. 22/2 The council met with a sederunt of four.

5. *attrib.*: **sederunt book,** a volume containing the record of a sederunt, a minute-book; **†sederunt-day,** a day appointed for a sederunt.

1619 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* XII. 8 The Lordis of Sessioun and Exchekker, whose names ar insert in the *Sederunt bookis of Sessioun and Exchekquer. 1770 D. HERD *Lel.* in *Herd's Songs* (1904) 45 A copy of the Cape [club] sederunt book. 1810 CHALMERS in Hanna *Mem.* (1849) I. 170 Walked to Pittenweem, and got the sederunt-book on Dr. Reid's affairs. 1677 *Acts of Sederunt* (1790) 137 Unless the petition be given in within the space of two *sederunt days, after pronounceing of the decreet. 1753 *Scots Mag.* July 365/1 The first sederunt-day of November. 1754 ERSKINE *Princ. Sc. Law* (1809) 480 A sentence of the inner-house, either not reclaimed against within six sederunt-days after its date,..or adhered to upon a reclaiming bill [etc.].

‖ Se·des. *Obs. rare.* Pl. **sedes.** [L. *sēdēs* seat.]

1. = SEAT *sb.* 26 b.

1634 [see SEAT *sb.* 26 b]. 1676 WISEMAN *Chirurg. Treat.* v. ix. 376 Next to these are Wounds made by any sharp Weapon, which, according to the force, cutteth into the Bone many ways, which Cuts are called *Sedes*, and are reckoned amongst the Fractures.

2. = SEAT *sb.* 22.

1662 RAY *Three Itin.* III. 182 A few fibres or stringy roots at the bases or *sedes* of it.

Sede vacante (sī·dī vākæ·ntī). [L., 'the seat being vacant'; *sēde* abl. sing. of *sēdēs* seat.]

‖1. *Eccl.* In the Latin sense, as advb. phrase: During the vacancy of an episcopal see.

1535 CRANMER in Strype *Memor.* App. xiv. (1694) 20 My Predecessor visited the Dioces of Winchester after the decease of my L. Cardinal, as he did al other Dioceses *Sede Vacante*. 1572 *Act* 14 *Eliz.* c. 7 Preamble, Under Collectors of the Tenths and Subsidies of the Cleargye appointed by..Deanes and Chapters (*Sede vacante*). *a* 1900 J. W. LEGG *Ecclesiol. Ess.* 77 We have abundance of documents in Wilkins drawn up *sede vacante*.

¶ b. *allusively.*

1608 MIDDLETON *Fam. Love* II. C 1 b, But yet I must not let fall my suite with mistrisse Purge, least (*Cede vacanti*) my friend Gudgin ioyne issue.

2. Used as *sb.*: The vacancy of a see or seat.

1589 PUTTENHAM *Eng. Poesie* I. XXVII. (Arb.) 69 In time of *Sede vacante*, when merry conceited men listed to gibe & iest at the dead Pope. 1670 LASSELS *Voy. Italy* II. 249 The Ceremony of a *Sede Vacante*. 1783 H. WALPOLE *Let. to Mann* 2 Mar., It is not quite new in this country..to see a *sede vacante*: here, I call it an Inter-ministerium.

allusively. 1711 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 72 P 4 It is a Maxim in this Club That the Steward never dies; for..no Man is to quit the great Elbow-chair..'till his Successor is in a Readiness to fill it; insomuch that there has not been a *Sede vacante* in the Memory of Man.

Sedewale, variant of SETWALL.

Sedge (sedʒ), *sb.*[1] Forms: 1 **sæcg, secg** (**sech, seic, secgg, sego, segg**), 3–5 **segge** (?*gg* = dʒ), 5 **sege, cegge,** (7 **sage**), 5– **sedge**; β. 6–7 **segge** (?*gg* = g), 9 *dial.* **seag,** 5–7, 9 *dial.* **seg**(g. [OE. *sęcg* masc., once neut. (cf. LG. *segge* fem., *Br. Wbuch.*) :—OTeut. type **sagjo-z*, f. root **sag-* (:—Indogermanic **sak-*: **sĕk-* in L. *secāre* to cut): cf. SAW *sb.*[2] For the etymological notion cf. quot. 1398 in 1 a below, and the L. *gladiolus*, which the OE. word renders in glosses; also the rare OE. *secg* fem. (:—**sagjā*) a sword.

From the same root is OHG. *sahor, sahir, sahar* 'scirpus, juncus, carex' (MHG., mod.G. dial. *saher* sedge, reeds, young shoots of corn). According to some scholars the OCeltic **seskā* sedge (Irish *seisg*, Welsh *hesg*, Breton *hesq*) is for **sekskā* from the root **sek-*.

The phonology of the β forms is somewhat obscure. In most of the words which have parallel forms with final (dʒ) and (g), the latter may be accounted for by Scandinavian influence, and are confined to dialects in which that influence is powerful. The present word, however, is not known in Scandinavian, and its dialectal range extends to the S. W. Counties. Possibly it may be an euphonic variant originating in compounds where the second element began with a spirant. The form *segge*, common from the 13th to the 17th c., is of doubtful phonetic interpretation; probably down to the 15th c. it commonly stands for (sedʒ), and in later instances most frequently for (segˈ).]

1. A name for various coarse grassy, rush-like or flag-like plants growing in wet places; also (in different localities) variously applied *spec.*, e. g. to the cyperaceous genera *Carex* and *Cladium*, to

the Sweet Flag (*Acorus*) and the Wild Iris (*Iris Pseudacorus*).

In early instances it is often impossible to determine what particular plant is intended; the Latin words which are glossed by 'segge' were proh. seldom used with any very precise notion of their meaning.

a. As the name of a kind of plant; also *collect. sing.*, plants of this kind growing together in a mass.

a. c725 Corpus Gloss. 977 *Gladiolum*, saecg (*Erfurt* secg; *Epinal* segg]. *Ibid.* 371 *Carix*, secg [*Erfurt* sech; *Leiden* seic]. *c1000* ÆLFRIC *Gloss.* in Wr.-Wülcker 135 *Carex, uel sabium, uel lisca*, secg. *a1250 Owl & Night.* 18 Þe niȝtingale..sat up one vaire boȝe,..in ore waste þicke hegge, imeind mid spire & grene segge. *1398* TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* XVII. xxxv. (Tollemache MS.), Segge is an herbe most harde and scharpe: þe stalke þerof is þre cornered, and kutteþ and kerueiþ þe honde þat it holdeþ. *c1440 Promp. Parv.* 451/2 Segge, star of the fenne, *carix*. Segge, of fenne, or wyld gladon..*accorus*. *Ibid.* 64/2 Cegge, or wylde gladone, *accorus*. *c1590* MARLOWE *Jew of Malta* IV. 1814 The Meads, the Orchards, and the Primrose lanes, Instead of Sedge and Reed, beare Sugar Canes. *1622* DRAYTON *Poly-olb.* xx. 139 Some againe..Of Cat-tayles made them Crownes, which from the Sedge doth grow, Which neatly wouen were. *1660* TATHAM *Rey. Oak* 6 Four Virgins cloathed in white loose garments, and their Brows circled with Sage, representing the Nymphs that frequent Rivers. *1681* CHETHAM *Angler's Vade-m.* iv. § 15 (1689) 46 Flags (or, as some call them, Sedges). *1798* COLERIDGE *Anc. Mar.* v. vii, And the coming wind did roar more loud, And the sails did sigh like sedge. *1881* O'SHAUGHNESSY *Songs of a Worker* 137 Close to the canes and swaying sedge Of every dim lake's hidden edge.

β. *1538* TURNER *Libellus*, s. v. *Acorum*, Varie nominant Northumbrienses a seg..a flag, a yelowe flourdelyce. *1551* TURNER *Herbal* I. H v, Carex is the latin name of an herbe whiche we cal in english segge or shergresse...This herbe that I do take to be carex, groweth in fennes and in water sides. *a1552* LELAND *Itin.* (1768) III. 85 Ther be Men alyve that saw almost al the Town of Pole kyverid with Segge and Risshis *1606* S. GARDINER *Bk. Angling* 34 The bushes and segge in the riuer shall not shrowd them. *1819* H. BUSK *Banquet* I. 414 Lentini's bee would now disdain to crop The scatter'd seg upon Paderno's top. *1899* DICKINSON & PREVOST *Cumberld. Gloss.* s. v. *Mekkins*, Seag, Yellow iris or Corn Flag, *Iris pseudacorus*.

b. *collect. plural.*

a. *1388* WYCLIF *Gen.* xli. 18 Seuene kiyn..gaderiden grene seggis in the pasture of the marreis. *c1440 Pallad. on Husb.* I. 525 A stondyng..couered wel with shingil, tile or broom—Or segges ar as gode to my dome. *1549 Compl. Scot.* vi. 42 Than the scheiphyrdis vyuis cuttit raschis and seggis. *1596* SHAKS. *Tam. Shr.* Induct. ii. 53 Adonis painted by a running brooke, And Citherea all in sedges hid. *1612 Two Noble K.* IV. i, As I late was angling In the great Lake.., From the far shore, thicke set with reedes and Sedges,..I heard a voyce. *1770* GOLDSM. *Des. Vill.* 42 No more thy glossy brook reflects the day, But, chok'd with sedges, works its weedy way. *1831* SCOTT *Ct. Robt.* xx, The..statue of a river deity,..its front crowned with water-lilies and sedges, and its ample hand half-resting upon an empty urn. *1865* KINGSLEY *Herew.* xxi, A man cutting sedges in a punt in the lode alongside ..leapt on shore.

β. *1594* KYD *Cornelia* III. iii. 15 And on the strond vpon the Riuer side..I woane a Coffyn for his corse of Seggs, That with the winde dyd waue like bannerets. *1600 Weakest goeth to Wall* C 4 b, How first I found thee, being but a child: Hid in the segges fast by a Riuer side. *1631* WIDDOWES *Nat. Philos.* 49 Acorus is a plant growing with leaves like Iris, but smaller, or like segges. *1681* W. ROBERTSON *Phraseol. Gen.* 805 You lay lurking behind the segges. *1777* LIGHTFOOT *Flora Scotica* II. 1078 *Iris pseudacorus*. Segs, i. e. Sedge. *1853* G. JOHNSTON *Bot. E. Bord.* 194 Bundles of Seggs tied together used to be employed by children learning to swim. *1898* J. A. GIBBS *Cotsw. Vill.* 359 Among the sword-flags and the green rushes and 'segs'.

c. An individual plant or stalk of sedge. *rare.*

a 1450 Ratis Raving 1984 To mak..of a seg a swerd of were. *1591* SHAKS. *Two Gent.* II. vii. 29 Giuing a gentle kisse to euery sedge He ouer-taketh in his pilgrimage. *1761 Ann. Reg.* IV. *Usef. Proj.* 128 Having frequently seen children at play with seggs in their mouths, by blowing them, in order to make a noise. *1879* JEFFERIES *Wild Life in S. Co.* ii. 22 A few sedges here and there..betoken that once there was a stream.

d. *Bot.* Formerly, a plant of the genus *Carex*; now usually in wider sense (after Lindley), a plant of the N. O. *Cyperaceæ*.

1785 MARTYN *Rousseau's Bot.* xxviii. (1794) 433 Carex or Sedge, is a most numerous genus of the same order, and the same natural tribe. *1846* LINDLEY *Veg. Kingd.* 117 Order xxx. Cyperaceæ. Sedges. *1869* RUSKIN *Q. of Air* § 79 The sedges are essentially the clothing of..uncultivable soils, coarse in their structure, frequently triangular in stem ..and with their heads of seed not extricated from their leaves.

e. With defining words. †**Red sedge**, ? some cyperaceous plant. **Sea sedge**, the Sweet Flag, *Acorus Calamus* (Syd. Soc. Lex. 1898); also *Carex arenaria*. **Sweet, yellow sedge**, the Wild Iris, *Iris Pseudacorus*. **Stinking sedge**, the Gladdon, *Iris fœtidissima*. Also in book-names of various cyperaceous plants: see quot. 1859. Also BROOM-*sedge*.

c1000 Sax. Leechd. II. 102 Wiþ bancoþe þæt is oman nim niȝontyne snæda eolonan & nyȝon ontran & endlefan reades secges. *a1490* BOTONER *Itin.* (1778) 288 Shevys de reede segge. *1579* LANGHAM *Gard. Health* (1633) 254 Freckles, seethe the root of stinking segs in Cowes milke, and vse it. *1796* WITHERING *Brit. Plants* (ed. 3) II. 90 Sea Seg. In loose moveable sand on the sea shore. *1839* Fa. A. KEMBLE *Resid. in Georgia* (1863) 69 A bed of tall yellow sedges. *1859* MISS PRATT *Brit. Grasses* 27 Order. *Cyperaceæ*..White sedge. *Ibid.* 29 Great Panicled Sedge. *Ibid.* 30 Great Sedge..Greater Prickly Sedge..Grey Sedge.. Sea Sedge. *Ibid.* 32 Hoary Sedge..Black Sedge..Common Sedge. *Ibid.* 38 Great Pendulous Sedge. *Ibid.* 42 Great Common Sedge..Lesser Common Sedge. *1865* KINGSLEY *Herew.* xix, They brought in bundles of sweet sedge.

†**2.** A leaf shaped like that of a sedge. *Obs.*

1567 MAPLET *Gr. Forest* 73 b, His vse is, to keepe a good while in his mouth the stalke or sedge of Barley.

†**3.** *Her.* A 'spear reed' or flag borne as a charge. Also one of the leaves with which this was figured. *Obs.*

1688 HOLME *Armoury* II. 57/2 He beareth Argent, a Spear Reed, Vert...These are termed also Sedges, Flaggs or Water-flaggs...A[rgent] on a Mount in Base 3 Reed Spears (sans leaves or sedges).

4. Short for *sedge-fly*: see 5. Chiefly *silver sedge*.

1889 HALFORD *Dry-Fly Fishing* 209 A small sedge dressed on a No. O hook, either the silver sedge or an orange sedge with hare's ear body. *1902* S. BUXTON *Fishing & Shooting* 93 To these [flies] I would personally add..the wickham, the silver sedge [etc.]. *Ibid.* 94 On some rivers, an alder, a sedge, or a caperer,..is not too large.

5. *attrib.* and *Comb.* **a.** simple attributive, as *sedge-bed*, †*-bush*, †*-collar*, *-family*, †*-plot*; *sedge-like* adj. **b.** instrumental, as *sedge-crowned*, *-grown* adjs.

1871 KINGSLEY *At Last* viii, We hurried on over the water-furrows, and through the *sedge-beds to the further shore. *1551* TURNER *Herbal* I. H v, Thou lurkedest behynde the *segge bushes. *1647* HEXHAM I, A Sedge-bush, or any place where sedge doth grow, *Een bies-bosch*. *1573* TUSSER *Husb.* (1878) 37 *Sedge collers for ploughhorse, for lightnes of neck. *1749* COLLINS *Ode on Thomson* viii, But thou, lorn stream, whose sullen tide No *sedge-crown'd sisters now attend. *1848* MRS. JAMESON *Sacr. & Leg. Art* (1850) 42 Instead of the winged angel we have the sedge-crowned river God. *1847* DARLINGTON *Amer. Weeds* (1860) 358 Order...*Cyperaceæ*. (*Sedge Family.) *1847* LYTTON *Lucretia* II. i, The whilom chase of Marylebone and the once *sedge-grown waters of Pimlico. *1871* KINGSLEY *At Last* vii, You push on into a bed of strong *sedge-like Sclerias, with cutting edges to their leaves. *1610* HOLLAND *Camden's Brit.* I. 211 This of a *Sedgeplot and of a few fishermen's cotages..grew to be a mercate town exceeding rich.

6. Special comb., as **sedge-bird** = *sedge-warbler*; †**sedge-boat**, ? a flat-bottomed boat for use in shallow or weed-grown rivers; **sedge-fly**, a caddis, or may-fly; also, an imitation of this used in fly-fishing (cf. sense 4); **sedge-grass** = sense 1 (in U. S. variously used *spec.*); †**sedge-hill**, ? an elevation, in the midst of marshy ground, covered with sedge; **sedge reedling** = *sedge-warbler*; †**sedge reek**, ? a stack of cut sedge; **sedge-root**, (*a*) the tuber of various kinds of sedge (*Cyperus esculentus, C. bulbosus*, etc.) used in some countries as an article of food; (*b*) = SEDGING; †**sedge-rug**, ? a coarse material woven of sedge and resembling matting; **sedge-warbler**, a small bird, *Acrocephalus schœnobænus*, of the family *Sylviidæ*, common in marshy districts; **sedge-willow**, ? the osier; †**sedge-worm**, some kind of worm used for bait; **sedge-wren** = *sedge-warbler*; also, a small bird native to Australasia.

1738 ALAIN *Nat. Hist. Birds* III. 56 *Sedge Bird. *1883 Eng. Illustr. Mag.* Nov. 71/2 The sedge-bird commenced its continuous chattering. *1336–7 Rotuli Scotiæ* I. 480 Ad octo batellos vocatos keles & *seggebotes in partibus de Lenn & Cantebrigg. *1867* F. FRANCIS *Bk. Angling* vi. 189 The *Sedge Fly..is a capital fly for all the southern and mid-county rivers..throughout the summer. *1847* DARLINGTON *Amer. Weeds* 362 *Carex vulpinoidea*...Sedge. *Sedge-grass. *1865* KINGSLEY *Herew.* Prelude P 30 The cattle waded along their edges after the rich sedge-grass. *1483 Cath. Angl.* 328/1 A *Segg hylle, *carectum*. *1839* MACGILLIVRAY *Brit. Birds* II. 390 *Calamoherpe phragmitis*. The *Sedge Reedling. *c1440 Promp. Parv.* 451/2 *Segge reeke, *caretum*. *1648* B. PLANTAGENET *Descr. New Albion* 25 Sweet *seg roots. *1850* F. MASON *Nat. Product. Burmah* 142 Sedge root. *1837 Brit. Husb.* II. xiii. 182 (Libr. Usef. Knowl.), [The oat] is only partially subject to a disease called 'sedge-root, or tulip-root'. *1592* NASHE *P. Penilesse* A 4 b, Dame Niggardize, his wife, in a *sedge rugge kirtle. *1776* PENNANT *Brit. Zool.* II. 672 Index, Warblers, *sedge. *1837* GOULD *Birds Europe* III. Pl. 106 Great Sedge Warbler. *Ibid.* Pl. 112 Rufous Sedge Warbler. *1908 The Month* Apr. 355 The purple red of the *sedge-willow blossoms. *1839* T. C. HOFLAND *Brit. Angler's Man.* ii. (1841) 11 The *segg-worm. *1802* MONTAGU *Ornith. Dict.* s. v. *Warbler, Sedge*, *Sedge-wren. *1845 Voy. Port Philip* 53 The cheerful sedge wren and the bald-head friar.

7. quasi-*adj.* (from *attrib.*) Of sedge. *nonce-use.*

1637 MILTON *Lycidas* 104 Next Camus, reverend Sire, went footing slow, His Mantle hairy, and his Bonnet sedge, Inwrought with figures dim.

†**Sedge,** *sb.*[2] *Obs. rare.* [ad. It. *seggia* seat, in both senses.] **a.** A hall of assembly. **b.** A sedan chair.

1615 G. SANDYS *Trav.* 258 Most of these [nobles] do live most part of the yeare in the Citie; where they haue five Sedges for the fiue assemblies of Capua, Nido, Montana, Spente and Lespente. *Ibid.* 259 The Sedges not unlike to horse-litters but carried by men.

Sedge (sedʒ), *v. dial.* [f. SEDGE *sb.*[1]] *intr.* To be affected with SEDGING.

1820 Farmer's Mag. XXI. 32 An experienced old farmer.. replied.., 'although I know little about oats seging, I remember well [etc.].' *1876 Whitby Gloss.* s.v., Our oats are segging.

Sedge, var. SAY *v.*[1], SEGGE (man), and SIEGE.

Sedged (sedʒd), *a.* [f. SEDGE *sb.*[1] + -ED [2].]

†**1.** Woven with sedge. *Obs. rare*—[1].

1610 SHAKS. *Temp.* IV. i. 129 You Nimphs call'd Nayades of y[e] windring brooks, With your sedg'd crownes.

†**2.** *Her.* Of a 'spear reed' or flag: Having 'sedges' (see SEDGE *sb.*[1] 3). *Obs.*

1688 HOLME *Armoury* II. 57/2 A[rgent] 2 Spear Reeds; single sedged and couped in Salter proper...O[r] on a hill in Base V[ert] 3 Spear Reeds, double sedged or leafed.

3. *Agric.* Of oats: Affected with SEDGING.

1844 H. STEPHENS *Bk. Farm* III. 950, I have cured a piece of land of its constant tendency to grow sedged oats, simply by draining.

4. Bordered with sedge.

1866 M. ARNOLD *Thyrsis* xi, And what sedged brooks are Thames's tributaries.

Sedgeyng, obs. form of SAYING *vbl. sb.*

Sedging (se·dʒiŋ). *Agric.* Also **seg(g)ing.** [f. SEDGE *v.* + -ING [1].] A disease incident to oats, characterized by a thickening of the stem near the ground, said to be caused by a grub.

1820 Farmer's Mag. XXI. 32 On a Disease in Oats called Seging...This disease..is known by its soon changing the natural colour of the braird into that of a dark luxuriant green. *1844* H. STEPHENS *Bk. Farm* III. 950 Another complaint of the oat-plant is segging or sedging, so named, in consequence of..the leaves becoming broad, and the roots thickened like those of the sedge. *1890* MISS ORMEROD *Man. Injur. Insects* (ed. 2) 99 Tulip-root or Segging, caused by Stem Eelworm.

Sedgley (se·dʒli). In 7 **Seagly, Sedgly, Sedgely.** The name of a town in S. Staffordshire: †*attrib.* (see quot.).

a 1625 FLETCHER *Woman's Prize* v. ii, A seagly curse light on him, which is, Pedro; The feind ride through him booted, and spurd, with a Sythe at's back. *1646* SUCKLING *Goblius* I. Wks. (1694) 253 Now the Sedgly curse upon thee. *1655* MENNES & J. SMITH *Mus. Delic.* (1656) 25 But he that hath her I doe wish no worse Then a true Sedgely curse.

Sedgy (se·dʒi), *a.* Also *α.* 4, 6 **seggy,** 6 **siedgie**; *β.* 9 (dial.) **seggy.** [f. SEDGE *sb.*[1] + -Y.]

1. Covered or bordered with sedge or sedges.

[*c1318* in Wallace James *Deeds East Lothian* (1899) 10 Duas acras ad Seggy-wellis heved.] *1566 Act 8 Eliz.* c. 8 § 1 The Maryshes and Seggie Fenne Groundes w[t]hin the sayd Isle [of Ely]. *1596* SHAKS. *1 Hen. IV*, I. iii. 98 On the gentle Seuernes siedgie banke. *1666* DRYDEN *Ann. Mirab.* CCXXXII, Deep in his Ooze he sought his sedgy Bed. *1764 Oxf. Sausage* 100 Charwell, thy sedgy Banks, and glist'ring Streams All laugh and sing at mild Approach of Morn. *1810* SCOTT *Lady of L.* I. XXXI, The bittern..Booming from the sedgy shallow. *1881 Harper's Mag.* Sept. 521 The sedgy end Of yonder well-known bight.

b. *transf.* and *fig.*

1659 C. NOBLE *Moderate Answ. to Immod. Queries* To Rdr. 1 Can these rushy and sedgy expressions that are set down in this Paper grow any where, but from marish, myrie grounds and principles? *1862* BURTON *Bk. Hunter* 103 Those terrible folios of the scholastic divines,..their majestic stream of central print overflowing into rivulets of marginal notes sedgy with citations.

2. Having the nature or propertics of sedge.

1625 HEYLIN *Cosmogr.* (ed. 2) 747 On the bankes of this riuer [Nilus] also grew those sedgie weedes called Papyri. *1662* BARGRAVE *Alex. VII* (1867) 124 It was covered, he said, with long sedgy grass growing about it, under the dripp of an higher rock. *1808–13* A. WILSON *Amer. Ornith.* (1831) III. 185 Its flesh, though esteemed by many, tastes somewhat sedgy, or fishy. *1830* LINDLEY *Nat. Syst. Bot.* 284 The herbaceous sedgy habit of the latter [the Bulrush tribe]. *1878* BULLER *New Zealand* I. Introd. 17 A small spider, which is confined to a sedgy grass on the sea-coast.

†**3.** Made of or thatched with sedge. *Obs.*

1624 Tragedy of Nero IV. i. (1633) F 3, [Thou] dost rather choose, The smoaky reedes and sedgy cottages, Then the proud roofes..of Kings. *a1835* MRS. HEMANS *Angler* 22 'Tis not the bittern, by the wave Seeking her sedgy nest.

Sedigitated, -itism: see SEXDIGITATED, etc.

‖ **Sedile** (sĭdəi·lĭ). *Arch.* Pl. **sedilia** (sĭdi·liă). [L. *sedile* neut., f. root of *sedēre* to sit.] *pl.* A series of seats, usually three in number, either movable or recessed in the wall and crowned with canopies, pinnacles, and other enrichments, usually placed on the south side of the choir near the altar for use by the clergy. Rarely *sing.* one of the sedilia, or a single seat used for this purpose.

1793 Archæologia (1794) XI. 335, I shall beg leave to turn the enquiry to..the *sedilia*, so frequently found in our chancels and chauntries. *1848* B. WEBB *Cont. Ecclesiol.* 119 The south wall of the sacrarium contains five sedilia. *1853* ROCK *Ch. of Fathers* III. II. 187 These sedilia were sometimes called, even in smaller churches, the 'presbytery'. *1863* SIR G. SCOTT in *Archæol. Cant.* V. 5 The change..of the chancel into Early Pointed by adding vaulting, inserting lancet windows ..and a beautiful Early English sedile. *1866 Direct. Anglic.* (ed. 3) 360 *Sedilia*, seats for the officiating clergy on the south side of the altar—usually three for Priest, Deacon and Subdeacon. *1891 Ch. Times* 27 Nov. 1157/1 The lowest sedile within the sanctuary.

attrib. *1904 Athenæum* 9 Apr. 473/1 There are sedilia niches in the churches of Witton [etc.].

‖ **Sedimen.** *Obs. rare.* [L. *sedimen* settlings, sediment, f. *sedēre* to sit, settle.] = SEDIMENT.

1655 in *Hartlib's Ref. Commw. Bees* 21 In Rain-water kept in wooden Troughs..there would in time gather a sedimen of muddy matter to the bottome. *1657* G. STARKEY *Helmont's Vind.* 196 Which precipitates a light sedimen.

Sediment (se·dimĕnt), *sb.* Also 6 **sedyment** (7 **sedement**). [a. F. *sédiment* (16th c. in Hatz.-Darm.), ad. L. *sediment-um* a settling, sluking down, f. *sedēre* to sit, settle.]

1. Matter composed of particles which fall by gravitation to the bottom of a liquid.

1547 RECORDE *Judic. Urine* 16 b, Al thinges in the water, that be of another matter and substaunce particularly, then is the urine, as the sedyment or grounde. 1659 H. MORE *Immort. Soul* II. ix. 212 The Spirits in the Ventricles of the Brain..will..come to a more course consistency, and settle into some such like moist Sediment as is found at the bottome of the Ventricles. 1676 GREW *Anat. Plants, Salts of Plants* i. (1682) 262 After this white Sedement began to fall to the bottom; there was also gathered on the top, a kind of soft Scum. 1707 *Curios. in Husb. & Gard.* 235 A prodigious Quantity of clear Water must be exhal'd, to get an Ounce of dry Sediments, either saline or earthly. 1743 *Lond. & Country Brew.* II. (ed. 2) 133 But as to his taking Water out of a River, presently after a Flood..;..while such Water is making its Sediments..the Spirit of it dies. 1837 BREWSTER *Magnet.* 302 He poured it out carefully, without disturbing such of the iron sediment as still remained. 1857 *G. Bird's Urin. Deposits* (ed. 5) 189 All the sediments I have met with were amorphous.

2. *spec.* (in *Geol.* etc.). Earthy or detrital matter deposited by aqueous agency.

1684-5 BOYLE *Hist. Mineral Waters* 108 And whether the mud, or Sediment it [*sc.* Mineral Water] leaves, where it passes or stagnates,..have the same..Medicinal vertues. 1696 WHISTON *Th. Earth* II. (1722) 119 Our present upper Earth is factitious, and the Sediment of the Flood. 1794 SULLIVAN *View Nat.* I. 44 These beds are..placed over each other, like matters transported by the waters, and deposited in the form of sediment. 1823 BUCKLAND *Reliq. Diluv.* 40 Had they been washed in by a succession of floods we should have had a succession of beds of sediment and stalactite. 1860 TYNDALL *Glac.* II. xxvi. 372 The snow gradually wasted, but it left its sediment behind. 1865 GEIKIE *Scenery & Geol. Scot.* v. 92 Ordinary marine sediment..sand, gravel, silt, and mud. 1881 A. C. RAMSAY in *Nature* 1 Sept. 420/1 Cosmological geology..must go back to times far anterior to the date of the deposition, as common sediments, of the very oldest-known metamorphic strata.

3. *fig.*

1637 SANDERSON *Serm.* (1674) II. 64 Those dregs of Uncharitableness that (as the sediments of depraved nature) lurk in the hearts of the most charitable men. 1691-8 NORRIS *Pract. Disc.* (1707) IV. 44 When the sediment of his troubled spirit was fallen. 1824 BYRON *Juan* XV. iv, The ruby glass that shakes within his hand Leaves a sad sediment of Time's worst sand. 1859 DICKENS *T. Two Cities* II. iv, The last sediment of the human stew that had been boiling there all day, was straining off. 1903 J. C. SMITH in R. Campbell *Life* 124 The late Bailie Colston, a man best known by the criminal sediment of Edinburgh.

4. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *sediment-laden* adj.; **sediment-collector**, a contrivance for preventing the deposition of sediment in a boiler.

1858 R. MURRAY *Marine Engines* (ed. 3) 234 *Sediment collectors*, or *scale pans*. 1886 A. WINCHELL *Walks & Talks Geol. Field* 51 Down its slopes descend the sediment-laden drainage-waters.

Sediment (se·dimĕnt), *v. rare.* [f. SEDIMENT *sb.*] *trans.* To deposit as sediment. Hence **Se·dimented** *ppl. a.*; **Sedimenting** *vbl. sb.* and *ppl. a.*

1859 PAGE *Handbk. Geol. Terms* s.v. *Sediment*, Rocks.. as shale, clay, sandstone, &c., are termed sedimentary; that is, sedimented from mechanical suspension in water. 1901 *Lancet* 1 June 1533/1 Care will..have to be taken not to overlook the sedimented bacteria which may be lying at the bottom of the tube. 1901 DURHAM in *Jrnl. Exper. Med.* 15 Jan. 365 In an afternoon several hundred sedimenting preparations can be put up.

Sedimental (sedime·ntăl), *a. rare.* [f. SEDIMENT *sb.* + -AL.] Of the nature of sediment. Of rocks: sedimentary.

1614 T. ADAMS *Sinners Passing Bell* Wks. (1629) 253 This drossie, feculent, and sedimentall Earth. 1739 R. BULL tr. *Dedekindus' Grobianus* 222 The Mug may have some sedimental Grout. 1883 *Science* I. 101 A peculiarity of the underlying bed of sedimental rock is its varying thickness.

Sedimentarily (sedime·ntărili), *adv. rare.* [f. SEDIMENTARY + -LY 2.] In the form of a sedimentary deposit.

1855 *Chamb. Jrnl.* IV. 184 He sees..loose volcanic materials sedimentarily spread over this bed of trap.

Sedimentary (sedime·ntări), *a.* and *sb.* [f. SEDIMENT *sb.* + -ARY. Cf. F. *sédimentaire.*]

A. *adj.*

1. Of, pertaining to, or of the nature of sediment.

1846 G. E. DAY tr. *Simon's Anim. Chem.* II. 217 The crisis..shows itself in the urine by the secretion becoming turbid and sedimentary. 1854 BAKEWELL *Geol.* 33 The sedimentary depositions having taken place after the crust of the earth had been lifted up above the level of the sea. 1860 MAURY *Phys. Geog. Sea* (Low) xiv. 609 Mud and all the light sedimentary matter of river waters. 1876 PAGE *Adv. Text-bk. Geol.* xviii. 351 The sedimentary origin of chalk.

2. *Geol.* Of rocks, etc.: Formed by the deposition of sediment.

1830 LYELL *Princ. Geol.* (1835) I. i. v. 127 Those who endeavoured to explain the formation of sedimentary strata by causes now in diurnal action. 1839 G. ROBERTS *Dict. Geol.* s.v. *Tertiary Strata*, A series of sedimentary rocks. 1880 A. R. WALLACE *Isl. Life* x. 212 The sedimentary rocks of one age are partly formed from the destruction of the sedimentary rocks of former ages.

B. *sb.* A sedimentary formation or deposit.

1878 *Smithsonian Rep.* 70 The older sedimentaries have been entirely removed from the mountain border. 1888 TEALL *Brit. Petrogr.* 418 The zone of contact between the crystalline rocks and the sedimentaries.

Sedimentation (se·dimĕntē·ʃən). [f. SEDIMENT *sb.* + -ATION.] Deposition of sediment; *spec.* in *Geol.* (see SEDIMENT *sb.* 2); also see quot. 1898.

1874 H. A. NICHOLSON in *Trans. Victoria Inst.* IX. 215 There is no proof of any considerable pauses in the process of sedimentation during the same period. 1881 GEIKIE in *Nature* 17 Feb. 358/1 That still comparatively narrow belt of sea to which sedimentation has always been mainly confined. 1896 *Pop. Sci. Monthly* Dec. 243, I am inclined ..to ascribe the greatest potency to the effects of erosion, transportation, and sedimentation on the earth's surface. 1898 *Syd. Soc. Lex.*, *Sedimentation*, production of quick deposition of a sediment, whether in sewage, or urine, &c., by means of some centrifugal apparatus. 1902 *Westm. Gaz.* 20 Dec. 3/1 River water is usually purified by sedimentation and filtration.

Sedimentator (se·dimentē·tər). [f. SEDIMENTAT-ION + -OR.] An instrument for expediting urinary sedimentation in diagnosis.

1899 CAGNEY tr. *Jaksch's Clin. Diagn.* vii. (ed. 4) 256 The process [of collection of urinary sediment] may be rendered more certain and expeditious by the use of Stenbeck's sedimentator.

Sedimentous (sedime·ntəs), *a.* [f. SEDIMENT *sb.* + -OUS.] Full of or abounding in sediment.

1869 E. A. PARKES *Pract. Hygiene* (ed. 3) 28 The large tropical streams are much more sedimentous.

Sedinge, obs. form of SEETHING *a.*

†**Sedi·tiary.** *Obs. rare.* [f. SEDITI-ON + -ARY.] A seditious person, a seditionary.

1628 FELTHAM *Resolves* II. lxxxvi. 248 It was onely a few Seditiaries, that hee had commanded to be slaine. 1646 *Mercurius Belgicus* Pref., Seditiaryes and Schismaticks.

Sedition (sĭdi·ʃən). Forms: 4 sedici(o)un, seduciоun, *Sc.* sedicione, seduccione, 5 cedicioun, 5–6 sedicion, 6 sedycyon, sedytyon, *Sc.* sedicionn, sedetione, 6– sedition. [a. OF. *sedition* (mod.F. *sédition*), ad. L. *sēditiōn-em*, f. *sĕd-* (see SE-) + *itiōn-em* a going, n. of action f. *īre* to go. Cf. Sp. *sedicion*, Pg. *sedição*, It. *sedizione.* The ME. spelling *seduciоun*, *seduccione* are due to pseudo-etymological association with L. *sēdūcĕre* SEDUCE *v.*]

†**1.** Violent party strife; an instance of this, esp. a factious contest attended with rioting and disorder. *Obs.*

c 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* ii. (*Paulus*) 163 Þe folk of rowme.. Raisit in hym sedicione, and wald have brokyn his palace done. *Ibid.* v. (*Johannes*) 291 Al þa þat mad sacrifice til mawmentis..In þe puple (raisit) seduccione a-gane sancte Iohne. *a* 1380 *S. Ambrose* 113 in Horstm. *Altengl. Leg.* (1878) 10 Þei neore not alle in on red, þer ros a gret sedicium Tofore þat ilke elecciun. 1382 WYCLIF *Mark* xv. 7 Barabas, that was boundan with sleeris of men, and that hadde don manslauȝtre in seduciоun, that is, debaat in cytee. *Ibid.*, *Acts* xxiv. 5 We han foundun this man..stiringe sedicioun, or dissencioun, to alle Jewis..and auctour of seduciоun of the secte of Nazarens. 1402 *Pol. Poems* (Rolls) II. 56 Foure angels singneſien foure general synnes,..cedicioun, supersticions, the glotouns, and the proude. 1447 BOKENHAM *Seyntys, Agnes* 490 And wyth her wurdys a sedycyoun lo Among þe peple dede grow. *c* 1477 CAXTON *Jason* 77 b, And some ther were couetous desiring their singuler prouffit accorded unto this sedicion. 1529 MORE *Dyalogue* i. Wks. 150/2 As though these men were Apostles now specially sent by god to preache heresyes and sow sedicion among christen men. 1536 *St. Papers Hen. VIII*, II. 356 For this cuntrey passith all that ever I sawe, for ministration of sedition and discorde. 1549 *Compl. Scot.* ix. 78 Thair vas gryt sedition and discentione amang al the gryt personagis of grece. 1602 SEGAR *Honor, Mil. & Civ.* iv. i. iii, When the Romanes were diuided, one faction labouring to oppresse another..such enimitie was called Sedition. 1628 HOBBES *Thucydides* (1822) 87 But there would be thoughts of sedition in one towards another in the city.

2. a. A concerted movement to overthrow an established government; a revolt, rebellion, mutiny. Now *rare.*

1585 T. WASHINGTON tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* iv. xxix. 150 Messenie..was giuen to reuolting & seditions. 1607-12 BACON *Ess.*, *Seditions* (Arb.) 398 The matter of seditions is of two kindes, Much povertye and much discontent. 1689 LOCKE *Toleration* 50 Seditions are very frequently raised, upon pretence of Religion. 1755 JOHNSON, *Sedition*, a tumult; an insurrection; a popular commotion; an uproar. 1788 GIBBON *Decl. & F.* xlviii. V. 83 With the dawn of day the city burst into a general sedition. 1842 ELPHINSTONE *Hist. India* II. 65 The tribe had turned into a turbulent democracy..; a sedition had broken out about the property left by Kuttaul. 1875 JOWETT *Plato* (ed. 2) V. 327 By reason of inequality, cities are filled with seditions. 1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 620/1 In the Acts of Congress [of the United States] the word 'sedition' appears to occur only in the army and navy articles. A soldier joining any sedition or who, being present at any sedition, does not use his utmost endeavour to suppress the same is punishable with death.

b. Conduct or language inciting to rebellion against the constituted authority in a state.

1838 W. BELL *Dict. Law Scot.* s.v., Sedition is distinguished from leasing-making, in this respect, that the object of leasing-making is to disparage or prejudice the private character of the Sovereign, whereas sedition is directed against the order and tranquility of the State. 1877 *Act* 40 & 41 *Vict.* c. 21 § 40 [A] prisoner..on conviction for sedition or seditious libel shall be treated as a misdemeanant of the first division. 1883 STEPHEN *Hist. Crim. Law* II. xxiv. 298 As for sedition itself I do not think that any such offence is known to English law. 1887 CHAMBERLAIN *Sp.* 11 Oct. *Sp. Irish Question* (1890) 49 Loyalty in the House of Commons—Irish loyalty—is represented only by seventeen votes, and sedition, on the contrary, enjoys a majority of eighty-six votes.

attrib. 1556 OLDE *Antichrist* 92 Murtherous sedicion sowers, and open churche robbers. 1801 A. HAMILTON *Wks.* (1886) VII. 193 As to the sedition law, we refer you to the debates in Congress. 1865 *Daily Tel.* 2 Dec. 6/5 Native sedition-mongers. 1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 620/1 In 1798 an Act of Congress called the Sedition Act was passed, which expired by effluxion of time in 1801. 1898 *Westm. Gaz.* 24 Jan. 9/3 A correspondent at Madras telegraphs to-day that a joint public meeting of Hindoos and Mohammedans was held there..to protest against the sedition law amendments. 1908 *Ibid.* 28 July 9/1 The trial of some sedition-monger in India.

†**3.** Of inanimate things: Tumult, uproar. [After L. *seditio*; in quot. 1640 with allusion to sense 2.]

1640 HABINGTON *Castara* III. 220 When the distracted Ocean Swells to Sedition, and obeyes no Law. 1671 R. BOHUN *Wind* 12 But what Seditions, Eddies and Undulations must this cause in the whole body of Air.

Seditionary (sĭdi·ʃənări), *sb.* and *a.* [f. prec. + -ARY.] A. *sb.* = SEDITIONIST. Now *rare.*

1607 J. CARPENTER *Plaine Mans Plough* 216 The factious Schismatike, and the contentious Seditionary. 1634 BP. HALL *Contempl., N. T., Christ bef. Pilate* 262 Barabbas, a theefe, a murderer, a seditionary. 1640 — *Rem. Wks.* (1660) 39 Durst the rebellious seditionary lift up his hand against the Lords Anointed..if the fool had not said in his heart, There is no God? 1641 *Ibid.* 71 A Seditionary in a State, or a Schismatick in the Church is like a sulphureous fiery Vapour in the bowels of the Earth. 1865 *Pall Mall Gaz.* No. 192. 6/2 Disposed to shelter seditionaries.

B. *adj.* Of, pertaining to, or characterized by sedition; seditious.

1898 J. Y. SIMPSON *Side-Lights on Siberia* xi. 346 Seditionary propagandism amongst the soldiers rouses the authorities almost more than anything else. 1909 *Daily News* 23 Apr. 10/1 The Benchers..meet to consider the conduct of one of their Indian members,..in taking an active part in the seditionary movement in his native country.

Seditioner (sĭdi·ʃənər). *rare.* [f. SEDITION + -ER 1.] = SEDITIONIST.

1562 LEIGH *Armorie* (1597) 71 Where Lucifer with his adherents were expelled heauen, they were disseuered into nine..horrible horrors, as followeth. The first false messengers...The seuenth, sedicioners. 1838 *Times* 8 Nov. 4/1 The Lord High Seditioner [*i. e.* Lord Durham, Lord High Commissioner] has choked the community with indignation.

Seditionist (sĭdi·ʃənist). [f. SEDITION + -IST.] One who practises sedition or incites others to sedition; a promoter of disloyalty and factious strife against a government or state.

1786 MRS. SARAH TRIMMER *Œcon. Charity* (1801) I. 151 The endeavours of infidels and seditionists to corrupt the public mind. 1798 COLERIDGE *Let. to G. Coleridge* Lett. (1895) 243, I therefore consent to be deemed a Democrat and a Seditionist. 1837 *Fraser's Mag.* XVI. 129 Nor..is there any such increase of anarchists and seditionists as other folks are apt to dread. 1907 *Westm. Gaz.* 9 Aug. 7/3 The Maharajahs..dissociating themselves from what is described as the campaign of rancour..pursued by the seditionists.

Seditious (sĭdi·ʃəs), *a.* Forms: 5 sedi-, sedycious, seducious, cedicious (ceducious), 6 sedycyous(e, sedicíouse, -tiouse, seditius (sedicius, *Sc.* sedetiose), 5– seditious. [ad. OF. *seditieux*, *-euse* (mod.F. *sé-*), ad. L. *sēditiōsus*, f. *sēditiōnem*: see SEDITION and -OUS.]

1. Of a person or body of persons: Given to or guilty of sedition; in early use, 'factious with tumult, turbulent' (J.); now chiefly, engaged in promoting disaffection or inciting to revolt against constituted authority.

1447 BOKENHAM *Seyntys, Agnes* 508 Þe prefectys vyker, The sedycyous peple assentyng-to, Dede makyn anoon a wyrd geth feer. *Ibid.* 564. 1490 CAXTON *Eneydos* xviii. 66 O ryght dere eneas, sedycious & ryght cruel, how haste thou had the herte so vntrue, to thynke so grete a treson [etc.]. 1496 *Patent Roll*, 12 *Hen. VII*, Pt. 2 By instigation of dyvers cedicious and ill-disposed persons. *a* 1513 FABYAN *Chron.* I. (1533) 8 b/2 To which sedycyous persons Margan gyuynge credence,..made warre vpon his sayde brother. 1535 COVERDALE 1 *Esdras* iv. 12 That sedicious [Gr. ἀπόστατις] & wicked cite. 1590 SHAKS. *Com. Err.* I. i. 12. 1596 NASHE *Saffron Walden* L 1 b, Thirdly, he is verie seditious and mutinous in conuersation, picking quarrells with euerie man that will not magnifie and applaud him. 1596 *Edw. III*, III. i, England was wont to harbour malcontents, Blood thirsty and seditious Catelynes. 1617 MORYSON *Itin.* I. 242 Seditious lanizaries. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* VI. 152 Thou returnst From flight, seditious Angel, to receave Thy merited reward. 1721 STRYPE *Eccl. Mem.* I. I. xxiii. 171 So one said,..when one asked him, how he liked Latimer's Sermon before King Edward; Even as I liked him always. A seditious Fellow. 1759 ROBERTSON *Hist. Scot.* I. Wks. 1851 I. 22 Reducing to obedience their seditious chieftain. 1820 SHELLEY *Œd. Tyr.* I. 82 Seditious hunks! to whine for want of grains. 1908 J. O. DYKES *Chr. Minister* xi. 109 An illegal or possibly seditious club. 1909 *Contemp. Rev.* Oct. 498 The Coreans are wrathful and seditious in consequence..and little risings are anticipated.

Comb. 1653 R. SANDERS *Physiogr.* 197 A turbulent, seditious-spirited person.

b. *absol.* Seditious persons.

1535 COVERDALE *Ecclus.* Contents xlv, The punyshment of the sedicious. *a* 1627 HAYWARD *Edw. VI* (1630) 65 The seditious in Northfolke were somewhat dangerous. 1796 BURKE *Late St. Nat.* Wks. II. 159 Nothing,..but the sending a very strong military, backed by a very strong naval force, would reduce the seditious to obedience.

2. Of, pertaining to, or of the nature of sedition; tending to incite to or provoke sedition.

1455 *Rolls of Parlt.* V. 281/1 For the removyng and overthrawyng of the cedicious and fraudelent blaspheme and defaime untruly..leyed upon us. 1464 *Coventry Leet-bk.* 330 The seid Will. Huet..had then right vnfyttyng, inordinate & ceducious langage sownyng to the derogacion of the kynges lawes & of his peace. 1491 *Act* 7 *Hen. VII*, c. 15 Certeyn persones of evyll riotous and sedicious disposicions. *c* 1520 SKELTON *Magnyf.* 737, I sowe sedycyous sedes of Dyscorde and debates. 1533 MORE *Debell. Salem* Wks. 932/1 A defence..against ye maliciouse slaunder and ..false some sayes in that sedicioune boke. 1560 DAUS tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* 55 b, He had made sedicious sermons. 1610 HOLLAND *Camden's Britannia* I. 725 In making complaintes

of the misgovernment of the state, spreading seditious rumours, scattering libels abroad [etc.]. 1689 LOCKE *Toleration* 51 But there is one thing only which gathers People into Seditious Commotions, and that is Oppression. 1718 PRIOR *Solomon* III. 608 But if she has deform'd this earthly life With murderous rapine, and seditious strife. 1721 STRYPE *Eccl. Mem.* I. I. xxvii. 192 The Northern Clergy backward. Some of them taken up for seditious Preaching. 1796 *Act* 36 *Geo. III*, c. 8 (*title*), An Act for the more effectually preventing Seditious Meetings and Assemblies. 1828 D'ISRAELI *Chas. I*, II. x. 257 To Charles.. the menacing language and the tumultuous acts of the great leaders, appeared seditious. 1845 SARAH AUSTIN *Ranke's Hist. Ref.* II. 399 The disturbed state of the people arose.. from seditious writings and discourses. 1883 STEPHEN *Hist. Crim. Law* xxiv. 298 The second class of offences against internal public tranquility consists of offences not accompanied by or leading to open violence. They may be classified under the general head of seditious offences, and more particularly as seditious words, seditious libels, and seditious conspiracies. All these offences presuppose dissatisfaction with the existing government.

Seditiously (sɨdi·ʃəsli), *adv.* [-LY 2.] In a seditious manner; so as to cause sedition.

1453 *Rolls of Parlt.* V. 265/1 The..Traitour John Cade.. gaderyng to him youre people in grete nombre by..sediciously made commotion, rebellion and insurrection. *a* 1513 FABYAN *Chron.* VII. 187/1 Sedyciously the sayde Bysshop hadde by his Letters..wrongfully accused hym that he shuld areyse the kynges people. 1563 FOXE *A. & M.* 1185, I did nothyng sedeciously, falsly, or arrogantly, in worde or facte. 1570 T. NORTON *Nowel's Catech.* II. 47 They..that seditiously stirre vp discorde in the Chirch of God. 1593 BP. BANCROFT *Dang. Posit.* IV. xv. 183 To beware of such sectaries as..do thus seditiously endeauour to disturbe the land. 1623 BINGHAM *Xenophon* 106 In warre,..whosoeuer ..behaueth himselfe seditiously against his Commander, behaueth himselfe seditiously against his owne safetie. 1689 LOCKE *Toleration* 53 If any thing pass in a Religious Meeting seditiously, and contrary to the publick Peace, it is to be punished in the same manner. 1785 BURKE *Nabob of Arcot's Debts* Wks. IV. 248 They had no lawful government, seditiously to overturn.

†Sedi·tiousness. *Obs.* [f. SEDITIOUS + -NESS.] Seditious character or condition.

1583 GOLDING *Calvin on Deut.* cv. 646 He was not minded to let his blessing appeare so soone because of y^e peoples seditiousnesse. 1755 in JOHNSON.

Seduce (sɨdiū·s), *v.* Forms: 5 seduise, 6 seduse, *Sc.* sedouse, 6– seduce. [ad. L. *sēdūcĕre* to lead aside or away, etc., f. *sē-* (SE- *prefix*) + *dūcĕre* to lead. In the earliest examples the proximate source was the F. *séduire* (inflected *séduis-*): see SEDUCE *v.*]

1. *trans.* To persuade (a vassal, servant, soldier, etc.) to desert his allegiance or service.

c 1477 CAXTON *Jason* 78 Zethephius seduised the pepel ayenst him by tyraunye al euydent. 1549 *Compl. Scot.* IX. 78 He seducit diuerse grit personagis to rebel contrar athenes. 1562 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* I. 216 Na persone seducit him fra the obedience of the Quene and magistratis..nor yit seducit him fra his faith. 1601 in Moryson *Itin.* II. (1617) 152 A great Armie..selected out of all the rebels in Ireland, and from all others that he can seduce to his partie. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* IX. 307 Suttle he needs must be, who could seduce Angels. *a* 1674 CLARENDON *Hist. Reb.* X. § 151 Those persons of condition, who..had been sedoced to do them service throughout the kingdom. 1718 *Act* 5 *Geo. I*, c. 27 (*title*), An Act to prevent the Inconveniences arising from seducing Artificers in the Manufactures of Great Britain into foreign Parts. 1745 in *Col. Rec. Pennsylv.* V. 31 Of their being otherwise seduced by, or compelled to join with the Enemy. 1759 DILWORTH *Pope* 72 Lord Oxford sedoced him over to his side. 1844 LD. BROUGHAM *Brit. Const.* VIII. (1862) 104 To seduce the representatives from their duty to their constituents. 1879 FROUDE *Cæsar* XXII. 379 He tried to seduce Cæsar's garrison, and was put to death for his treachery.

2. In wider sense: To lead (a person) astray in conduct or belief; to draw away *from* the right or intended course of action *to* or *into* a wrong one; to tempt, entice, or beguile *to do* something wrong, foolish, or unintended.

a. of persons or their action.

1519–20 *Stirling Burgh Rec.* (1887) I. 3 He was nocht compellit, sedoussit nor coacit thar to. 1535 JOYE *Apol. Tindale* (Arb.) 27 Lest the reader myght be seduced with you beleuing there is no lyfe of soulis departed. 1581 J. BELL *Haddon's Answ. Osor.* 454 No persuasion will seduce him to thinke, that his Churche may straye..from the right course. 1596 SPENSER *F. Q.* IV. v. 11 Duessa..Who with her forged beautie did seduce The hearts of some that fairest her did weene. 1610 HOLLAND *Camden's Brit.* I. 465 But afterwards seduced by his wife, he had in the selfe same Church, ..one Altar for Christ's Religion, and another for sacrifices unto Devils. 1651 HOBBES *Leviath.* II. xix. 96 To be seduced by Orators, as a Monarch by Flatterers. 1673 CAVE *Prim. Chr.* I. iii. 38 They would leave so grave a discipline and suffer themselves to be seduced into a worse. 1711 SWIFT *Jrnl. to Stella* 23 Nov., Leigh..gives a terrible account of Sterne; he reckons he is seduced by some wench. 1775 BURKE *Let. Mrq. Rockingham* Corr. 1844 II. 41 We have been seduced, by various false representations..into a war. 1825 SCOTT *Betrothed* XXX, He seduced my simplicity to let him into the castle. 1875 JOWETT *Plato* (ed. 2) III. 92 He is seduced into a life of pleasure.

b. of things, conditions, circumstances.

1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 21, & neyther declyneth on the ryght hande, seduced by ony prosperite or worldly delyte: ne on y^e lefte hande. 1560 DAUS tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* 76 b, Three, whome povertie, hatred, and hope of better fortune, had seduced. 1599 SHAKS. *Hen. V*, II. ii. 155 For me, the Gold of France did not seduce. 1665 BOYLE *Occas. Refl.* IV. xvii. 109 My natural Curiosity seduc'd me to spend some time in Ranging about the places near the River-side. 1671 J. WEBSTER *Metallogr.* iv. 82 Being seduced by the similitudes taken partly from artificial and manual operations. 1750 JOHNSON *Rambler* No. 34 ¶ 14 Anthea having wondered what could seduce her to stay so long was eager to set out. 1774 WARTON *Hist. Eng. Poetry* Diss. ii. 85, I am imperceptibly seduced into later periods, or rather am deviating from my subject. 1789 JEFFERSON *Writ.* (1859) III. 124 Could any circumstances seduce me to overlook the disproportion between its duties and my talents. 1826 LAMB *Elia* Ser. II. *Genteel Style in Writing*, On one occasion his wit, which was mostly subordinate to nature and tenderness, has seduced him into a string of felicitous antitheses. 1856 GRINDON *Life* xii. (1875) 151 The embarrassment which often seduces one to an insincere denial.

†c. *intr.* To practise seduction, use seductive measures. *Obs. rare*[−1].

1597 in *Spalding Club Misc.* (1841) I. 172 The Deuill.. apperit to the..and than seducit with the, and assurit the, thow suld newir want.

3. *trans.* To induce (a woman) to surrender her chastity. Now said only of the man with whom the act of unchastity is committed (not, e. g., of a pander). Cf. DEBAUCH *v.* 2 b.

Now the prevailing sense. In early use often apprehended as a specific application of sense 1; in Eng. law the plaintiff in an action for seducing a virgin is the parent or master who is supposed to have been deprived of her services.

c 1560 A. SCOTT *Poems* (S.T.S.) iv. 18 The wysest scho may sone Sedusit be and schent. 1601 SHAKS. *All's Well* III. v. 22 Many a maide hath beene seduced by them. 1776 GIBBON *Decl. & F.* xi. I. 355 One of the soldiers had seduced the wife of his host. 1818 SCOTT *Hrt. Midl.* xxii, She was seduced under promise of marriage. 1879 FROUDE *Cæsar* xii. 151 His friend had taken advantage of his absence to seduce his wife.

4. To decoy (*from* or *to* a place), to lead astray (*into*). *Obs.* exc. with notion of sense 2.

a 1668 DAVENANT *Siege* III. i, That employment which seduced me hither. 1679–88 *Secr. Serv. Money Chas. & Jas.* (Camden) 142 In prosecuting Wm Havyland and Abraham Bailey, for seducing, forceing, and transporting his son to Virginia. 1704 SWIFT *Mech. Operat. Spir.* Misc. (1711) 310 That Philosopher, who while his Thoughts and Eyes were fix'd upon the Constellations, found himself seduc'd by his lower Parts into a Ditch. 1745 *Life Bampfylde-Moore Carew* 45 The peculiar Art which Bampfylde had of stealing, or rather seducing, Dogs. 1771 *Ann. Reg.* 78 Mrs. Leggatt had been seduced by her husband, under pretence of taking an airing to Kingston, to the prisoner's house. 1856 KANE *Arct. Expl.* II. xxvi. 259 The rascal, after seducing us a mile and a half out of our way, escaped our guns. 1858 HAWTHORNE *Fr. & It. Note-bks.* I. 229 Interminable staircases which seduce us upwards to no successful result.

†5. To win by charm or attractiveness. *Obs. rare.* [? a Gallicism; cf. SEDUCING *ppl. a.*]

1748 CHESTERF. *Lett.* I. CXXXV. 363 That engaging manner, and those graces, which seduce and pre-possess people in your favour at first sight. 1891 T. HARDY *Tess* xiv, One reason why she seduces casual attention is that she never courts it.

Seduced (sɨdiū·st), *ppl. a.* [f. SEDUCE *v.* + -ED.] In the senses of the verb.

1584 R. SCOT *Discov. Witches.* III: xix. 71 They themselues are poore seduced soules. 1610 B. RICH *Descr. Irel.* 87 The papistes of Ireland are (as in other places) of two kinds, the seducers, and the Seduced. 1646 J. WHITAKER *Uzziah* 9 Take heed of a seduced conscience. 1662 *Irish Act* 14 & 15 *Chas. II*, c. 2 Preamble, To widen the breach between his said Majestie and his seduced subjects in England. 1768 STERNE *Sent. Journ.* (1778) I. 47 (*Remise Door*), Thou [Fancy] art a seduced, and a seducing slut. 1785 BURKE *Sp. Nabob of Arcot's Debts* Wks. (1842) I. 329 These seduced creditors..may be just objects of compassion. 1842 W. C. TAYLOR *Anc. Hist.* App. VI. (ed. 3) 586 It is more difficult for us, with our feelings, to understand the seduced and returning Helen.

†Sedu·cedly, *adv. Obs.* [f. SEDUCED *ppl. a.* + -LY 2.] Through seduction or enticement to error.

1642 *Coll. Rights & Priv. Parl.* 6 Such who willfully, or seducedly rejected,..those Lawes. 1642 T. CASE *Gods Rising* (1644) 9 When they..sin Ignorantly, seducedly, then, Father forgive them; they know not what they do.

Seducee (sɨdiūsī·). *rare.* [f. SEDUCE *v.* + -EE.] One who is seduced.

1602 WARNER *Alb. Eng.* XIII. lxxix. 327 He and his Seducees sinn'd against our Queene and lawes. 1813 *Examiner* 1 Feb. 75/1 The seducer and the seducee seemed worthy of each other. 1819 *Blackw. Mag.* V. 710 You yourself, my fair Mrs. M^cWhirter, were the seducee, and the ensign the seducer.

Seducement (sɨdiū·smĕnt). *Obs.* or *rare.* [f. SEDUCE *v.* + -MENT.]

1. The action of seducing.

1586 A. DAY *Eng. Secretary* I. (1625) 32 Persuasion to mischiefe and seducement from the good. 1602 FULBECKE *Pandects* 72 Some Merchants may sowe bad seede, euen the seede of seducement of the Princes lieges. 1642 J. M. *Argt. conc. Militia* 15 Upon the advice and seducement of evill Counsellors. 1646 J. TEMPLE *Irish Rebellion* 54 A multitude..by the wicked seducement of the first Conspirators had been drawn on to dispoile their English neighbours. 1709 STANHOPE *Paraphr.* IV. 268 In all Seducement the Tempter plays our own Artillery upon us. 1751 HURD *Hor. Ep. ad August.* 19 What contributed to this prostitution of the comic muse, was the seducement of that corruptress of all virtue, the love of money. 1785 T. POTTER *Moralist* II. 2, I will stoutly withstand the seducement of Epicurean companions.

2. Something which seduces or serves as a means of seduction; an insidious temptation.

1644 MILTON *Educ.* 4 Ere any flattering seducement, or vain principle seise them wandering. 1659 *Gentl. Calling* 418 To do this amidst all the seducements of wealth. 1789 MRS. PIOZZI *Journ. France* I. 220 The sweet seducements of a place so pleasing. 1817 JAS. MILL *Brit. India* I. III. iv. 534 The seducements of luxury and ease.

3. The fact or condition of being seduced.

1605 BACON *Adv. Learn.* I. ii. § 4 Those particular seducements or indispositions of the minde for policie and gouernement, which learning is pretended to insinuate. *Ibid.* II. xiii. § 3. 1642 J. WINTHROP *Hist. New-Eng.* (1826) II. 62 He made a very full and free acknowledgment of his errour and seducement. 1658 T. WALL *Charact. Enemies Ch.* 45 They are roaring Bulls: with what strained throats do they stund the giddy multitude into wonder and seducement? 1690 tr. *Five Lett. Inspiration* 191 the Apostle foretels their Seducement should not long continue.

Seducer (sɨdiū·sə1). Also 6 *Sc.* seducear. [f. SEDUCE *v.* + -ER 1.] One who or something which seduces.

1. One who tempts or persuades (another) to desert his allegiance or service. Now *rare* or *Obs.*

a 1548 HALL *Chron., Hen. IV*, 23 He received a finall reward mete..for suche a rebell and sedicious seducer. 1769 BLACKSTONE *Comm.* IV. 160 By statute 23 Geo. II. c. 13. the seducers incur..a forfeiture of 500*l.* for each artificer contracted with to be sent abroad. 1794 S. WILLIAMS *Hist. Vermont* 236 The spirit of defection, notwithstanding all the arts..of the seducers, was by no means general.

2. One who or that which entices (a person) into error or wrong-doing.

1545 BRINKLOW *Lament.* 110 Ve blynde guydes and seducers of the people. 1568 GRAFTON *Chron.* II. 352 These seducers, which were about the king, thought they might haue good occasion to put the Duke of Gloucester..to death. 1611 BIBLE 2 *Tim.* iii. 13 Euill men and seducers [Gr. γόητες, *Revised Vers.* impostors]. 1677 DRYDEN *State Innoc.* IV. ii. 33 He, whose firm faith no reason could remove, Will melt before that soft seducer, love. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* xix, [He] was perverted by Rawdon.., made helplessly tipsy by this abominable seducer and perverter of youth. 1870 THORNBURY *Tour rd. Eng.* I. vii. 153 The mob..proclaimed him..a seducer of the King.

3. †a. One who tempts (a female child) to leave her parents for marriage or otherwise. *Obs.*

A contextual use of sense 1. Cf. SEDUCTION 3 a.

1769 BLACKSTONE *Comm.* IV. 210 As these stolen marriages, under the age of sixteen, were usually upon mercenary views, this act [4 & 5 Ph. & Mar. c. 8], besides punishing the seducer, wisely removed the temptation.

b. One who seduces a woman. (See SEDUCE *v.* 3.)

1601 SHAKS. *All's Well* v. iii. 146 Grant it me, O King,.. otherwise a seducer flourishes, and a poore Maid is vndone. 1624 FLETCHER *Rule a Wife* II. i, There was no wisdom in't, to bid an Artist, An old seducer to a femal banquet. 1785 PALEY *Mor. Philos.* III. iii. 253 *note*, The law has provided no punishment [for seduction]..beyond a pecuniary satisfaction..[obtained] by the father's bringing his action against the seducer, for the loss of his daughter's service, during her pregnancy and nurturing. 1818 SCOTT *Hrt. Midl.* x, To all questions concerning the name or rank of her seducer,..Effie remained mute. 1874 MAHAFFY *Soc. Life Greece* iv. 117 Nay, the peerless beauty Helen excites mere vulgar passion in her seducer.

Seducible (sɨdiū·sĭb'l), **seduceable** (sɨdiū·săb'l), *a.* [f. SEDUCE *v.* + -IBLE and -ABLE.]

1. Capable of being seduced or led astray.

α. 1629 H. BURTON *Truth's Tri.* 371 Dis-wont thy selfe with this seducible sense. 1646 HAMMOND *Tracts* 59 This easie prostitute seducible sinner. 1782 J. BROWN *Compend. View Nat. & Rev. Relig.* III. i. (1796) 198 It consisted in his being seducible to evil, though he was inclined only to good. 1858 CARLYLE *Fredk. Gt.* X. ii. (1872) III. 231 Friedrich proves little seducible; shows himself laudably indifferent.

β. 1613–18 DANIEL *Coll. Hist. Eng.* (1626) 133 It was a thing vnworthy..to permit a King, who was so lightly seduceable..that he should extort so many pretences. 1646 SIR T. BROWNE *Pseud. Ep.* VII. xix. 385 The vicious examples of Ages past, poison the curiosity of these present, affording a hint of sinne unto seduceable spirits.

2. Capable of being won over or attracted.

1815 L. HUNT *Notes Feast Poets* 53 The flowing versification of Fairfax has even drawn some writers into a love of him, who in other respects were not very seducible by the higher species of poetry.

Seducing (sɨdiū·sĭŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. SEDUCE *v.* + -ING 1.] The action of the verb.

1561 DAUS tr. *Bullinger on Apoc.* (1573) 8 They flye the seducyng of Antichrist, and abyde in the fayth of Christ. 1651 HOBBES *Leviath.* II. xxii. 122 This is a..Conspiracy unlawfull, as being a fraudulent seducing of the Assembly. 1721 STRYPE *Eccl. Mem.* I. I. xxvii. 192 They made him [the Pope] a kind of God; to the seducing of the Subject, and bringing the People into Error.

Seducing (sɨdiū·sĭŋ), *ppl. a.* [f. SEDUCE *v.* + -ING 2.] That seduces.

1. Tempting to evil.

1575 H. N[ICLAS] *First Exhort.* xvi. § 14 Therfore cannot the man..occupie or use any maner of Freedoms that are falser, wickeder, absurder, seducinger, arroganter nor horribler against God..then this, &c. 1608 *Convers. Noble Lady of Fraunce* Ded., To those misled Ladies..of England, whome Seducing Seminaries..haue too much preuailed withall. 1611 BIBLE 1 *Tim.* iv. 1 Giuing heed to seducing spirits [Gr. πνεύμασι πλάνοις]. 1638 E. NORICE *New Gospel* 1 Such a seducing Impostor and cunning Deceiver. 1642 MILTON *Apol. Smect.* Wks. 1851 III. 257 They may..be mov'd with detestation of their seducing malice. 1701 G. STANHOPE *Augustine's Medit.* II. iv. 122 Impudently prostituting thyself to the lust of seducing strangers. 1831 SCOTT *Ct. Robt.* XXVII, Regarding the imperfect recollection he had..as the mere suggestion of a deluded imagination, if not actually presented by some seducing spirit.

b. (See quot.)

1780 BENTHAM *Princ. Legisl.* XI. § 29 When the act which a motive prompts a man to engage in is of a mischievous nature it may for distinction's sake be termed a seducing or corrupting motive.

2. Alluring, attractive, 'bewitching'. Cf. F. *séduisant*. Now *rare*.

1748 CHESTERF. *Lett.* II. 239 Take great care that the first impressions you give of yourself may be not only favourable, but pleasing, engaging, nay—seducing. 1794 SULLIVAN *View Nat.* I. 9. I shall leave to a future opportunity the consideration of this seducing but erroneous principle. 1818 SCOTT *Rob Roy* ix, Well, it is very seducing to be pitied, after all.

Seducingly (sĭdiū·sĭŋli), *adv.* [f. SEDUCING *ppl. a.* + -LY 2.] In a seducing or seductive manner; enticingly, seductively.

1592 CONSTABLE *Diana* VIII. ii. F 4 b, Lesse by some hope seducingly deluded, such thoughts aspyre to fortunate euent. 1602 WARNER *Alb. Eng.* IX. li. 232 Seducingly insisting on performance of their vow. 1866 J. A. SYMONDS *Life* (1895) I. 350 In no other place [than Monaco] could this riotous daughter of hell have set her throne so seducingly.

Seducioun, -cious: see SEDITION, SEDITIOUS.

† Sedu·cive, *a. Obs.* [f. SEDUCE *v.* + -IVE.]

1. ? Caused by misleading influences.

1602 WARNER *Alb. Eng.* Epit. 386 King Richard the second ..by his seduciue misgouernment (for his borne-Nature, noble, and debonaire, was too much abused by yong Councell and Parasites) become disgracious with his Princes and People.

2. That leads to error.

1774 *Phil. Trans.* LXV. 28 Analogy, too often seducive in similar matters, leads us to conclude the same of other vulcanic mountains in general.

† Sedu·ct, *v. Obs. rare.* [f. L. *sĕduct-*, ppl. stem of *sēdūcĕre*.] *trans.* To seduce.

1490 CAXTON *Eneydos* XXVII. 97 The false & euyl man eneas, that traitourslyhath mocked me, & fraudulently seducted.

Hence **† Sedu·cted** *ppl. a.*

1773 J. ROSS *Fratricide* V. 449 (MS.), Seducted Eve with her first guilty smile Returning.

Seduction (sĭdv·kʃən). Also 6 **seduccion, -yon.** [a. F. *séduction*, ad. L. *sēductiōn-em*, n. of action f. *sēdūcĕre* to SEDUCE. Cf. Sp. *seduccion*, Pg. *seducção*, It. *seduzione*.]

1. The action or an act of seducing (a person) to err in conduct or belief; allurement (*to* some course of action).

1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 272 b, Some fooles..by the seduccyon or illusyon of the ennemy be not ashamed to affirme..that [etc.]. 1528 ROY *Rede me* (Arb.) 89 Wherfore by their seduccion They haue bene the destruccion Of all true christen liberte. 1536 *St. Papers Hen. VIII*, II. 370 Which Actis hee yit rejectid in the Comon House by the seducyon of certain rynge leaders or belwedders. *Ibid.* 371 And all the stycknyng [of the act] is in the Comon House, by seducyon of certain prescryhyd. 1750 JOHNSON *Rambler* No. 171 P 1 Nothing would more powerfully preserve youth from irregularity or guard inexperience from seduction. 1776 GIBBON *Decl. & F.* ix. I. 239 Every art of seduction was used with dignity, to conciliate those nations. 1796 BURKE *Regic. Peace* Wks. IX. 117 There is no invention of seduction..that has not been increased; brothels, gaming-houses, every thing. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* xix, To whom she announced the dreadful intelligence of Captain Rawdon's seduction by Miss Sharp. 1848 MRS. JAMESON *Sacr. & Leg. Art* (1850) 326 Having tried tortures in vain, he determined to try seduction. 1873 HAMERTON *Intell. Life* II. iv. 72 An ambitious man will govern himself..and withstand the seductions of his senses.

† b. The condition of being led astray.

1533 FRITH *Wks.* (1572) 3/1 To Rdr., Knowledge your ignoraunce and seduction, and returne gladly into the right way. 1633 BP. HALL *Hard Texts, N. T.* 112 This ignorant multitude that hath no insight into the Law of God lies open to miserable seduction, and error, and is therein accursed. 1653 HAMMOND *Annot. N. T.* Jude v. 11 (1659) 851/2 For this was the πλάνη τοῦ Βαλαὰμ, the seduction into which Balaam brought the Israelites.

2. The persuading (of a subject, soldier, etc.) to desert his allegiance or service.

a 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 15 July 1685, Monmouth..acknowledged his seduction by Ferguson the Scot.

3. † a. The action of tempting (a female child) to leave her parents for marriage or otherwise. (Cf. SEDUCER 3 a.) *Obs.*

1769 BLACKSTONE *Comm.* IV. Index, Seduction of women-children.

b. The action of inducing (a woman) to surrender her chastity. (See SEDUCE *v.* 3.)

1785 PALEY *Mor. Philos.* III. III. iii. 250 Seduction is seldom accomplished without fraud; and the fraud is by so much more criminal than other frauds, as injury effected by it is greater. 1794 COLERIDGE *Relig. Musings* 282 O pale-eyed form, The victim of seduction. 1817 W. SELWYN *Law Nisi Prius* (ed. 4) II. 1040 *note*, If the injury of seduction is accompanied with an illegal entry of the house of the parent. 1831 MACKINTOSH *Hist. Eng.* II. 57 Promises of marriage may have been employed as means of seduction. 1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 621 The action for seduction of an unmarried woman in England stands in a somewhat anomalous position. The theory of English law is that the woman herself has suffered no wrong; the wrong has been suffered by the parent or person *in loco parentis*, who must sue for the damage arising from the loss of service caused by the seduction of the woman.

4. Something which seduces; a cause of error; an allurement.

1554 T. WATSON *Two Serm. bef. Queen* B vij b, The true sense, which is only knowen hi the tradition and consent of the catholike churche: so that the one without the other is not a direction, but a seduction, to a symple man. 1817 J. SCOTT *Paris Revisit.* (ed. 4) 255 The Scotchmen, having but small seduction to return to their beds, became quite inclined to talk. 1838 PRESCOTT *Ferd. & Is.* (1846) I. iii. 167 In this abode of pleasure, surrounded by all the seductions most dazzling to youth. 1844 LEVER *T. Burke* vi, Amid every temptation and every seduction.

5. Seductiveness, alluring quality. *rare*—1.

1882 STEVENSON *New Arab. Nts.* (1884) 1 The Prince.. gained the affection of all classes by the seduction of his manner.

Seductionist (sĭdv·kʃənist). [f. SEDUCTION + -IST.] One who practises seduction; one who practises or upholds corruption in public affairs.

1817 BENTHAM *Parl. Reform* Introd. 143 Bribe-offering, bribe-giving, seducer or seductionist, corruptor or corruptionist. 1818 — *Parl. Reform Catech.* 61 The seductionist, by whose hand..the instrument of seduction most extensively and conspicuously employed, is that mostly known by the name of bribery, or corruption. 1884 *Birm Wkly. Post* 15 Nov. 4/6 Cleveland [was depicted] as an 'aristocratic seductionist'.

Seductious (sĭdv·kʃəs), *a. rare*—1. [f. SEDUCTI-ON + -OUS.] Seductive, alluring.

1883 *Harper's Mag.* July 180/1 Dr. Garth..found conviviality more seductious than duty exacting.

Seductive (sĭdv·ktiv), *a.* [f. L. type *seductīvus*, f. *sēduct-*, ppl. stem of *sēdūcĕre*: see SEDUCE and -IVE.]

† 1. Tending to seduce or lead astray; that leads to error. *Obs.*

1782 J. BROWN *Compend. View Nat. & Rev. Relig.* IV. i. (1796) 249 If Christ be not the Most High God, the language of scripture is most obscure, seductive, impious, and absurd.

2. Alluring, enticing, winning.

176. LANGHORNE *Fables of Flora* i. *Sun-flower & Ivy* x, Go, splendid sycophant! no more Display thy soft seductive arts! 1809–10 COLERIDGE *Friend* (1865) 19 One of the most seductive arguments of infidelity.., asserting the lawfulness of deceit for a good purpose. 1856 W. A. BUTLER *Serm.* Ser. II. xxiv. 348 Every seductive companion who would blind your eyes to this awful fact, is but the active minister of Satan. 1824 DIBDIN *Libr. Comp.* 745 The seductive charms of poetry. 1871 NAPHEYS *Prev. & Cure Dis.* I. iii. 114 The seductive pleasures of opium-eating. 1878 LECKY *Eng. in 18th C.* II. vii. 430 His manners in private life were eminently seductive and insinuating. 1908 *Outlook* 26 Sept. 395/2 It owes something of its beauty to the seductive setting of an autumn morning.

Seductively (sĭdv·ktivli), *adv.* [f. SEDUCTIVE *a.* + -LY 2.] In a seductive manner, enticingly.

1843 MARTINEAU *Chr. Life* (1867) 7 Self and the flesh seductively whisper [etc.]. 1850 MRS. CARLYLE *Lett.* II. 123 To have her kitchen seductively clean for the stranger. 1860 READE *Cloister & H.* lxxix, She..questioned and cross-questioned him severely and seductively by turns. 1893 SALTUS *Madame Sapphire* 79 Mrs. Carol nodded and smiled seductively.

Seductiveness (sĭdv·ktivnés). [f. SEDUCTIVE *a.* + -NESS.] Seductive quality.

1816 J. SCOTT *Vis. Paris* 122 The profusion and seductiveness of the *Magazines des Gourmands*. 1822 LAMB *Elia* Ser. I. *Praise Chimney-Sw.*, I am by theory obdurate to the seductiveness of what are called a fine set of teeth. 1879 FROUDE *Cæsar* xii. 152 The same doubt extends to the other supposed victims of Cæsar's seductiveness. 1894 W. B. CARPENTER *Son of Man* i. 28 The world with its seductiveness..may play the part of Herodias in our lot.

† Sedu·ctor. *Obs.* Also 5–6 **seductour.** [a. OF. *seducteur*, ad. L. *sēductor*, agent-noun f. *sēdūcĕre*: see SEDUCE and -OR.] One who seduces, a misleader, seducer.

In the 15–16th c. frequently in the set phrase *seductor and deceiver of the people.*

1490 CAXTON *Eneydos* xvi. 60 The whiche seductor of ladies [*sc.* the false Eneas], kepeth himself in maner as a woman,..wyth his longe heres that he maketh to be enoynted & kemed. *Ibid.* 61. 1491 — *Vitas Patr.* (W. de W. 1495) I. xix. 22 One namyd Phylemon, whyche was moche amyable & debonayr to the peple, & callyd hymself seductour & deseyvour of the peple. 1523 [COVERDALE] *Old God & New* (1534) D ij, Anon he gat certeyn of the Iuwes, whiche did repyne & speake agaynst the doctryne of y^e^ Apostels accusing them to be seductours & deceyuers. 1541 BECON *News out of Heaven* F vij, For they shall reporte him to be..a seductour and deceyuer of the people. 1588 A. KING tr. *Canisius' Catech.* 111 Yat we diligentlie flie from vthers [*sc.* than those lawfully ordained] as fra our enimies and contagious seductors. 1631 MASSINGER *Believe as You List* II. ii, Since the assurance from one of my place, qualitie, and rancke, is not sufficient with you to suppresse this bold seductor.

Seductress (sĭdv·ktrés). [fem. of SEDUCTOR.] A female seducer.

1803 MARY CHARLTON *Wife & Mistress* III. 19 He is accompanied by an army of constables to apprehend the seductress of his nephew. 1891 MEREDITH *One of our Conq.* I. x, They were seductresses for inducing him to drink wine.

† Sedue, *v. Obs. rare*—1. [a. OF. *seduire*: see SEDUCE *v.*] *trans.* = SEDUCE *v.*

c 1485 *Digby Myst.* III. 716 O lux vera, gravnt vs 3ower lucense, that with þe spryte of errour I nat seduet be!

Sedule, obs. form of SCHEDULE.

Sedulity (sĭdiū·lĭti). [ad. L. *sēdulitās*, n. of quality f. *sēdul-us* SEDULOUS: see -ITY. Cf. F. *sédulité* (Cotgr.), It. *sedulità*.] The quality of being sedulous; painstaking attention to duty, diligent application, industry.

1542 BECON *Pathw. Prayer* xxxiii. O j b, He deserued this thyng not so much for familiarte & acquayntance sake as for sedulite & careful diligence. 1576 FLEMING *Panopl. Epist.* 175 Their familiaritie is to be sought after with sedulitie and earnestnesse. 1649 JER. TAYLOR *Gt. Exemp.* xiv. § 26 He..tells the offices and sedulity of the clergy. 1659 EVELYN *Chrysostom* Ded. in *Misc. Writ.* (1805) 107, I stood amazed at his sedulity and memory. 1720 J. JOHNSON *Eccl. Laws*, tr. *Const. Othobon* § 32 The unquenchable thirst of Ambition chuses neither Mary's better part, nor the sedulity of Martha in ministring. *a* 1734 NORTH *Life Ld. Kpr. Guildford* 252 Some of our barbarous Writers call this awaking of the King's Genius to a Sedulity in his Affairs a growing cruel. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* lvi, It became him to prepare, by sedulity and docility in youth, for the lofty duties [etc.]. 1878 GLADSTONE *Prim. Homer* 44 Even German sedulity has until the present time shrunk from this task.

† b. *pl.* Assiduities, attentions. *Obs.*

1694 tr. *Milton's Lett. St.* 31 That your sedulities in the Reception of our Agent were so cordial and so egregious, we both gladly understand [etc.]. 1696 *Monthly Merc.* VII. 79 On the one side there are never any tender Refusals..no Submissions, nor Sedulities to please on the other. 1707 tr. *C'tess D'Aulnoy's Wks.* (1715) 10 He thought me unworthy of his Sedulities.

Sedull, obs. form of SCHEDULE.

Sedulous (se·diŭləs), *a.* Also 6 **sedulious.** [f. L. *sēdulus* careful + -OUS.

The L. word appears to have been evolved from the adv. *sēdulō* sincerely, honestly (hence diligently, assiduously), repr. OLatin *sē dolō* without guile (see SE- *prefix*).]

1. Of persons or agents: Diligent, active, constant in application to the matter in hand; assiduous, persistent.

1593 NASHE *Christ's T.* 24 b, I would gyue thee leaue to hate me, so thy hate woulde make thee industrious & sedulous to harken out & enquire whence I am. 1619 B. JONSON *New Inn* II. ii, There is a chare-woman..a poore silly foole, But an impertinent, and sedulous one, As euer was. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* IX. 27 Since first this Subject for Heroic Song Pleas'd me long choosing, and beginning late Not sedulous by nature to indite Warrs. *c* 1709 PRIOR *1st Hymn Callim.* 56 The sedulous Bee Distill'd her Honey on Thy purple Lips. 1791 COWPER *Iliad* III. 311 They sedulous obey'd. 1836 THIRLWALL *Greece* XXIV. III. 329 He was sedulous in paying court to the people. 1867 PARKMAN *Jesuits N. Amer.* iii. (1875) 21 The..Algonquins..of whose language he had been so sedulous a student. 1887 STEVENSON *Mem. & Portraits* iv. 59, I have thus played the sedulous ape to Hazlitt, to Lamb, to Wordsworth [etc.].

2. Of actions: Constant, persistent.

1540 in *Lett. Suppress. Monasteries* (Camden) 281 Thankes for..your sedulious paynes and labours taken aboute the survey off Cayneham. *a* 1631 DONNE *Serm.* lxi. (1640) 612 Admit that preparation..by an assiduous and a sedulous hearing. 1661 BOYLE *Style of Script.* (1675) 48 That dying Husband-man, who by telling his Sons of a hidden Mass of Wealth he had buried in a nameless place of his Vineyard, occasioned their so sedulous Delving all the Ground, and turning up the Earth about the Roots of the Vines, that they found indeed a Treasure. *a* 1778 C. DARWIN *Experiments* (1780) 105 A gentleman of temperate life and sedulous application to business. 1833–48 H. COLERIDGE *North. Worthies* (1852) I. 22 He paid sedulous attention to the interests of his borough. 1859 SMILES *Self Help* iv. (1860) 71 Sedulous attention and painstaking industry always mark the true worker. 1881 WESTCOTT & HORT *Grk. N. T.* Introd. § 10 By sedulous cultivation,..a high standard of immunity from even clerical errors has at times been attained.

Sedulously (se·diŭləsli), *adv.* [-LY 2.] Diligently, attentively.

1593 NASHE *Unfort. Trav.* (1594) E 2, Surely you would haue sayd they had hin brought vp in hogs academie to learne to eate acornes, if you had seene how sedulously they fell to them. 1634 SIR T. HERBERT *Trav.* 190 The place..is..sedulously looked vnto. 1693 OWEN *Holy Spirit* 251 Either not sedulously and duely to Exercise their Ministerial Gifts. 1746 HERVEY *Medit.* (1818) 35 Where find so discreet a counsellor, so improving an example, and a guardian so sedulously attentive to the interests of herself and her children? 1778 MISS BURNEY *Evelina* XXXI. (1791) II. 189 You sedulously avoid my conversation. 1821 SCOTT *Kenilw.* x, His education..had been too sedulously improved by subsequent study to give way to any imaginary terrors. 1861 THACKERAY *Four Georges* i. (1862) 17 A great brick church which he sedulously frequented. 1885 *Law Times* LXXVIII. 280/1 Any kind of arrangement with creditors is sedulously hedged around.

Sedulousness (se·diŭləsnés). [-NESS.] Care, diligent attention.

1612 FENNER in *Fortescue Papers* (Camden) 183 But have respect to God himselfe by all sedulousnesse in the charge. 1661 BOYLE *Style of Script.* (1675) 99 By their sedulousness and their Erudition they discover'd Difficulties in the Bible that our Quærists could never have dream'd of. 1826 DISRAELI *Viv. Grey* II. xiv, Sir Christopher for half a century has supported in the Senate with equal sedulousness and silence, the constitution and the corn laws. 1884 *Spectator* 4 Oct. 1320/1 Conflicting claims and aims, mustering their forces with swift but sure suhtlety and sedulousness for a final decisive combat.

‖ **Sedum** (sī·dŭm). Also 5 **cedum.** [L. *sedum* houseleek.] † a. A name for certain crassulaceous plants, houseleek, stonecrop, orpine, etc. *Obs.* b. *Bot.* A genus of plants (N.O. *Crassulaceæ*), the British species of which are known as stonecrop.

c 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* x. 47 Let mynge luce of cedum smal ygrounde With water. 1548 TURNER *Names Herbes* (E.D.S.) 72 Sedum..the fyrste kynde..is called in englishe Housleke or syngrene...The seconde kynde is called..thryft or stoncroppe...The thyrd kinde is called..Mouse tayle or litle stoncroppe. 1664 EVELYN *Kal. Hort., May* (1679) 16 Syringa's, Sedums, Tulips. 1707 MORTIMER *Husb.* (1721) II. 389 You must never water Aloes or Sedums during the whole Winter. 1760 LEE *Introd. Bot.* App. 326 Sedum, Pyramidal, *Saxifraga*. 1850 MISS PRATT *Comm. Things of Sea-side* i. 48 Several of the Sedums..were formerly used as medicine. 1882 *Garden* 1 Apr. 213/2 The beautiful yellow mossy Sedum. 1894 FENN *In Alpine Valley* III. 181 He threw himself down upon some bed of sedums, where quite a couch was formed of the tiny rosettes.

Sedyl, obs. form of SCHEDULE.

Sedyr, obs. form of CEDAR, CIDER.

See (sī), *sb.*[1] Forms: 3–4 ce, 3–5 cee, see, 3–6 se, 4–5 sey, 6–7 sea, 4– see. [a. OF. *sé, sed*, a variant (influenced by the Latin) of *sié, sied*:—popular L. **sĕdem*, altered form (after *sedēre* to sit) of classical L. *sēdem* (*sēdēs*) a seat.]

1. A seat, place of sitting.

†**a.** *gen.* (Only in early poetical use.) *Obs.*

c 1374 Chaucer *Troylus* iv. 1023 For if þer sit a man yond on a see Than by necessite byhoueth it. *c* 1384 — *H. Fame* iii. 120 And smale harpers with her glees Saten vnder hym in sees. *a* 1400 *Pistill of Susan* 86 (MS. I.), þe schene briddes in þe schawe þei schappyn in schrowde, On fikes and firres þei fangen her sees, In faye. 1412–20 Lydg. *Chron. Troy* I. 1820 To whom hir fader had to take hir see Be-syde Iason. *c* 1450 Lovelich *Grail* I. 339 Thilke same se That I inne sat be presomptweste It is that same sege.. Where as God to his disciples made his Sene.

†**b.** A seat of dignity or authority; esp. a royal seat, throne. Hence the rank or position symbolized by a throne. *Obs.*

c 1290 *Beket* 779 in *S. Eng. Leg.* 129 þe king sat an hei in is see and a-coupede him wel faste. *c* 1306 *Song Exec. Sir S. Fraser* in *Pol. Songs* (Camden) 215 Tho he wes set in see Lutel god couthe he kyne-riche to 3eme. 1340 Hampole *Pr. Consc.* 4220 And þar sal he [*sc.* Antichrist]..in myddes þe temple make his se. *c* 1384 Chaucer *H. Fame* iii. 271 But al on hye, above a dees, Sit in a see imperiall,..Y saugh, perpetually y-stalled,..A femynyne creature. 1412–20 Lydg. *Chron. Troy* I. 629 Whan þe schene sonne..had made in þe crabbis hede His mansioun, and his see ryal. 1489 Caxton *Faytes of A.* iii. ii. 171 A man ydone and hable to the see Imperyall. *a* 1522 *World & Child* 22 Lo I here I sette semely in se I I commaunde you all obedyent be. 1590 Spenser *F. Q.* iii. vi. 2 Ione laught on Venus from his soueraigne see.

†**c.** *transf.* and *fig.* (One's) place of abode; esp. the dwelling-place of a monarch, a god, or the like. *Obs.*

13.. *Cursor M.* 2482 (Göttt.) Vnder þe fote of mount mambre þar he ches to sett his se. *c* 1430 Lydg. *Min. Poems* (Percy Soc.) 122 Fortune shewithe ay, by chaungyng hir see, How this world is a thurghefare ful of woo. *c* 1460 *Wisdom* 132 in *Macro Plays* 40 First, bapteme..reformyt þe sowll,..Ande makyt yt..Crystis own specyall, Hys restynge place, hys plesant see. 1501 Douglas *Pal. Hon.* Prol. 19 The fragrant flouris blomand in thair seis, Ouirspred the leuis of natures tapestries. 1513 — *Æneis* I. i. 28 Hir native land for it postponit sche Callit Samo; in Cartage set hir se. 1596 Spenser *F. Q.* iv. x. 30 Nor that [Temple], which that wise King of Iurie framed..to be th' Almighties see.

2. Ecclesiastical uses.

a. The seat, chair, or throne of a bishop in his church; = Cathedra 1. Now only *arch.*

1297 R. Glouc. (Rolls) 4967 Þere sein birin hissop was þe uerste þat was ywis Vor þe se was þere of hissop þo þat at lincolne nou is. *c* 1450 *St. Cuthbert* (Surtees) 6665 þe whilk suld haue a bischope se. 1525 Ld. Berners *Froiss.* II. ccxxxiii. 723 He..entred into the Consystory, and so came to the pope whyle he sate styll in his see. 1724 *De Foe's Tour Gt. Brit.* I. i. 95 The Cathedral of this City [of Norwich]..is not antient, the Bishop's See having been first at Thetford; from whence it was not translated hither till the Twelfth Century. 1844 Lingard *Anglo-Sax. Ch.* (1858) I. ii. 76 The archiepiscopal see should never after be fixed in the minster of Litchfield. 1849 Rock *Ch. of Fathers* II. vi. 255 No church that does not really hold the 'cathedra' or see, from which a bishop takes his title, can be a cathedral. 1884 E. A. Freeman in *Times* 16 Jan. 8/2 The see of the Bishop of Somerset, his seat—in old English phrase his bishopstool or bishopsettle—was moved more than once between the 11th century and the 13th.

b. The office or position indicated by sitting in a particular episcopal chair; the position of being bishop of a particular diocese.

c 1450 *Bidding Prayer* iii. in *Lay Folks Mass-bk.* 68 Also we sall pray specially for our holy fader þe archbyschop of þis See. 1595 Shaks. *John* iii. i. 144 Why thou..dost..force perforce Keepe Stephen Langton chosen Archbishop Of Canterbury from that holy Sea. 1678 Walton *Life of Sanderson* 3 Thomas Rotherham, sometime Archbishop of that Sea. 1680 Godolphin *Repert. Canon.* (ed. 2) 14 The Diocess belonging to the See of York contains [etc.]. 1704 Nelson *Fest. & Fasts* II. iii. (1730) 477 The Office of a Bishop..contains peculiarly the Power of Consecrating Bishops to succeed them in vacant Sees. 1819 Shelley *Cenci* I. ii. 66, I know the Pope Will ne'er absolve me from my priestly vow But by absolving me from the revenue Of many a wealthy see. 1869 *Act* 32 & 33 *Vict.* c. 111 § 5 The bishop shall retain all the temporalities of his see, except the patronage. 1874 Green *Short Hist.* vii. § 3. 371 The vacant sees were filled for the most part with learned and able men.

c. *spec.* Chiefly with defining word, *The Apostolic, Holy, Papal, Roman See, the See of Rome* (rarely †*the See*): the office or position of Pope; the Papacy; the authority or jurisdiction belonging to the Pope; occas. the Pope in his official capacity.

The designation *Apostolic See* (in its Latin form, *Sedes Apostolica*) was in patristic use applied more widely to any of the bishoprics founded by apostles; in med. Latin it occurs also (see Du Cange) in the general sense of 'cathedral'.

c 1330 R. Brunne *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 14946 For he [seint Gregore] was ablest, next pope to be After hym þat held þo þe se. 1529 More *Supplic. Soulys* Wks. 296/2 Nowe if he say..y[t] king John made England and Ireland tributary to the pope and the sea apostolike [etc.]. 1559 Abp. Heath in Strype *Ann. Ref.* (1709) I. App. vi. 7 When by the Vertue of this Acte of Supremacye, we must forsake and flee from the Sea of Rome. 1603 Shaks. *Meas. for M.* iii. ii. 232, I am a brother Of gracious Order, late come from the Sea, In speciall businesse from his Holinesse. 1616 R. C. *Times' Whistle* (1871) 51 Others..Leave vs, and flie vnto the Sea of Rome. 1656 Earl Monm. tr. *Boccalini's Pol. Touchstone* (1674) 278 The Sea Apostolick was..contented to see the Mauritanian Kings driven out of Spain. 1765 Stonor in E. H. Burton *Life Challoner* (1909) II. 83 They were told that the Society ought to be particularly careful at this juncture not to disgust the Holy See, by being refractory to its orders. 1769 Robertson *Chas. V*, III. Wks. 1813 V. 354 The publishing it by their own authority was highly disrespectful to the Roman see. 1777 Watson *Philip II*, v. (1812) I. 180 Commanding the Catholics every where to have recourse, in all dubious cases, to the Apostolic See. 1788 Jefferson *Writ.* (1859) II. 454 A dispute has arisen between the Papal See and the King of Naples. 1840 Macaulay *Ess., Von Ranke* P 25 Pius the Fifth..upheld the authority of his see. 1844 Lingard *Anglo-Sax. Ch.* (1858) I. ii. 78 The protection of the Holy See. 1884 *Cath. Dict.* (1897) 93 The bishop speaks of himself as 'N., by the grace of God and of the Apostolic See, Bishop of N.'.

†**d.** The building in which a bishop's throne is placed, a Cathedral. *Obs. rare.*

1480 Caxton *Descr. Brit.* 17 The chief moder chirch of alle Wales and the chief see [*Trevisa* chief sete]. *a* 1600 Hooker *Eccl. Pol.* vii. viii. § 3 The Church where the Bishop is set with his Colledge of Preshyters about him, we call a Sea. 1665 G. Havers tr. *P. della Valle's Trav. E. Ind.* 78 And lastly, the See or Cathedral, which nevertheless is neither the fairest, nor the greatest Church of that City... The See of Goa at the time of my being there was not finish'd.

†**e.** A city in which the authority symbolized by the throne (of a bishop, etc.) is considered to reside. Cf. Siege *sb.* 2. *Obs.*

1534 *Act* 26 *Hen. VIII*, c. 14 § 1 The Townes of Thetforde [etc.] shalbe taken and accepted for Sees of Byshops Suffragans to be made in this Realme. 1673 Ray *Journ. Low C.* 331 Between the monuments..are the arms of the Cities subject to the Great Duke..all Episcopal Seas. 1680 H. More *Apocal. Apoc.* 65 Capernaum, that See as it were of that great Bishop of Souls Jesus Christ. 1756–7 tr. *Keysler's Trav.* (1760) II. 89 Aquapendente is an episcopal see.

†**f.** The territory under the jurisdiction of a bishop, a diocese. *Obs.*

1534 *Act* 26 *Hen. VIII*, c. 14 § 4 No suche Suffragans.. shall..have..any jurisdiccion or Episcopal power..within their said Sees nor within any Dioces or place of this Realme ..but only suche..as [etc.]. *c* 1610 *Women Saints* 64 Archbishop Theodore then ruling the Sea of Canterburie.

fig. 1633 P. Fletcher *Purple Isl.* II. 14 The whole Isle, parted in three regiments, By three Metropolies is joyntly sway'd;..The lowest hath the worst, but largest See.

3. *attrib.* and *Comb.*: simple attributive, as †*see-church*, *-land* (in Ireland), *-property*, *-town*; **see-house**, †**-place**, the official residence of the occupant of a see.

c 1449 Pecock *Repr.* III. xiii. 359 The pope and his *see chirche in Rome. 1558 W. Forrest *Grisild the Second* (Roxb.) 59 After whiche great extreme purgation To Yorke (his See Church) dymytted he was. 1845 J. H. Newman *Ess. Developm.* (1878) 158 The *see-house at Antioch. 1888 *Ch. Times* 24 Aug. 725/1 The see-house at Bishop Auckland. 1732 Swift *Proposal to pay off Debt of Nation* Misc. (1735) V. 350 The Purchasers of the vacant *See Lands, are to come immediately into Possession of the See he hath left. 1835 Whately in *Life* (1866) I. 326 Bishoprics whose see-lands are..in other dioceses. 1553 *Respublica* III. v. 805 We lefte the best of them a thredebare bisshop:..The beste had but his *see place, that he might kepe home. 1847 Reeves *Eccl. Antig. Down*, etc. 171 *note*, The half townland of Dundesert is still *see property. 1861 A. J. B. Hope *Eng. Cathedral* 105 It is, I trust, in the process of..being constituted the *see-town of the bishopric. 1895 Rashdall *Universities* II. 359 A city which was neither a capital nor a see-town.

See (sī), *sb.*[2] *rare.* [f. See *v.*] In nonce-uses: **a.** *To have a see*, to have a look (*at*); **b.** with cognate obj., *I have seen my see*, I have seen what I wished to see.

1868 'Holme Lee' *Basil Godfrey's Caprice* xxxiii, Let me have a see at the playhill. 1868 Browning *Ring & Bk.* II. 128 May I depart in peace, I have seen my see.

See (sī), *v.* Forms and Inflexions: see below. [A Common Teut. str. vb.: OE. *séon* (*seah*, *sáwon* and *sægon*, *ge-sewen*) = O Fris. *sia*, OS. *sehan*, MDu. *sien* (Du. *zien*), MLG. *sên* (LG. *seen*), OHG. *sehan* (MHG., mod.G. *sehen*), ON. *sjá* (Sw. and Da. *se*), *sía* (Fær. *siggja*), *sjá* (Icel. *sjá*, Norw. *sjaa*), Goth. *saihwan* (*sahw*, *sêhwum*, *saihwans*):—OTeut. **sehw-* :—pre-Teut. **seqʷ-*.

Three distinct Indogermanic roots of the form **seq*ʷ- are commonly recognized; some scholars (as Brugmann) refer the Teut. verb to the root of which an ablaut-variant appears in Say *v.*[1]; others (as Kluge) to the root of L. *sequi* to follow; and others (as Fick) to that of L. *secāre* to cut; but each of these views involves a hypothetical sense-development which it is not easy to accept with confidence.]

A. Inflexional Forms.

1. *Infinitive* **see** (sī). Forms: 1 séon, sion, *Merc.* séan, sían, *Northumb.* sés, 2 syen, 2–3 sien, 2–5 seo(n, (2–3 son, 3 so), 3 sean, 3–4 sei(e, 3–5 sen, 3–6 se, 4 suen, sseyȝen, sey, sy, si, *Kent.* zy, zi, 4–5 seye, 4–6 sene, 4–6, (8) seen, 4 (*north.*), 6–7 (*Sc.*) sie, 5 seene, seyn, 5–6 seyne, (7 sea), 7, 9– *dial.* zee, 3– see. Also *Dative Infinitive* 1 tó séonne, séanne, séenne, 2–3 to siene, 3 to seonne, to sene, to sende, *Kent.* to zyenne, (7 to seene).

Beowulf 920 Eode scealc monig swiðhicgende to sele þam hean ȝearowundor seon. *c* 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* Mark x. 51 þætte ic ȝesii *vel* mæȝe sea. *c* 1175 *Pater Noster* 110 in *Lamb. Hom.* 61 And cristes wille ho us hitwon neh wið neh for him to son. *c* 1200 Ormin 2845 Her maȝȝ mann sen full opennliȝ þatt [etc.]. *c* 1225 Lay. 8172 One man.. þat was þider icome for to se [*c* 1205 i-seon] þis cnihtes game. *a* 1310 in Wright *Lyric P.* xxxvi. 100 When we shule suen thy wounde blede. *c* 1350 *Will. Palerne* 759 William to þe window witterli miȝt sene ȝif [etc.]. 1382 Wyclif *Deut.* xxviii. 10 Alle the puples of erthes shulen seeyȝen [*MS. A* seye, 1388 se], that [etc.]. *c* 1450 *Mirk's Festial* 5 Als ferre as he myght seen hit. *c* 1470 Henry *Wallace* viii. 475 Gyff thai suld battaill seyn. ? *a* 1550 *Droichis Part of Play* 124 in *Dunbar's Poems* (1893) 318 As ȝe may sie. 1611 Mure *Misc. Poems, Confl. Love & Reas.* 18 One quho lothed to sie ye Light. 1638 *Hamilton Papers* (Camden) 3 To publis the proclamatioun fourthwith..and sea itt put in executioun to the best of your pouer.

c 893 [see 16 a (*a*)]. *a* 1225 *Juliana* 47 (Bodl. MS.) Ich.. sohte þe to seonne. 12.. *Moral Ode* 388 (Egerton MS.) in *O. E. Hom.* I. 183 Of him to sene [*c* 1200 Trin. MS. in *O. E. Hom.* II. 232 to isiene] nis no sed. 1340 *Ayenb.* 108 þet he ne is clene ne worþi him to zyenne.

2. *Indicative Present.* **a.** *1st pers. sing.* **see** (sī). Forms: 1 séom, síum, séo, sío, sie, 2–5 seo, (2–3 so), 3–4 *north.* seis, 3–6 se, (5 scee), 6 *Sc.* sie, 3– see.

a 1000 *Ags. Ps.* v. 3 (Th.) Ic stande on ær-merȝen beforan ðe æt ȝehede, and seo þe. *c* 1200 Ormin 7623 Forr her I seo full witerliȝ þin Hælennd crist onn eorþe. *a* 1250 *Owl & N.* 34 Me is þe wrs þat ich þe so [*Jesus MS.* iseo]. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 16327, I wat and seis [*Göttl. MS.* seis] þai wel noght fine, be-tuixand þai þe sla. 1377 Langl. *P. Pl.* B. xx. 177 'Now I see' [1393 *Ibid.* C. xxiii. 178 seo], seyde lyf 'þat [etc.]'. *c* 1400 *St. Alexius* 334 (Cott.) Ys thys my sone þat I here scee? 1471 Caxton *Recuyell* (Sommer) 41 Y shall neuer haue pleasir in my lyf tyll y se hym refrayned of his tyrannye. 1535 Lyndesay *Satyre* 8 All that I sie.

b. *2nd pers. sing.* **seest** (sī·ĕst). Forms: *a.* 1 seohst, syhst, sihst, sixst, siist, síst, 3 sihst, sichst, seh[s]te, 3–4 seost, sext, syst, sucst, sikst, 3, 5 sixst, 3–5 sest, sist, sixt, 4 suxst, sixte, syxt, (sys), *Kent.* zixt, zyxt, zist, 4–5 suxt, 5 sexst, sestt, seist, 5–6 seyst, 4– seest. *β.* (*north.*) 1 siis, 3–4 sais, 3–5 se(s)s, 3–6 seis, 4 seise, seyse, 4–5 sese, seys, 5 seese, seȝis, 6 seyis.

a. [*c* 888 K. Ælfred *Boeth.* iii. § 4 Ȝesihst þu nu þæt (etc.).] *c* 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 137 Wanne þu sest gost cumen [etc.]. *a* 1250 *Owl & N.* 242 (Jesus MS.) Bi daye þu art stare-blynd, þat þu ne syst [*Cott. MS.* sichst] bouh of lynd. *c* 1250 *Ten Abuses* 1 (Cott.) in *O. E. Misc.* 184 Hwan þu sixst on leode King þat is wilful [etc.]. *c* 1320 R. Brunne *Medit.* 212 He þat þou seest yn þe prestes fest. 1393 Langl. *P. Pl.* C. xi. 158 As þow suxt [*v.rr.* sixt, seist, seest, sext] þe sonne som tyme for cloudes May nat shyne. *a* 1400 *How to live perfectly* 1062 in *Minor Poems fr. Vernon MS.* 249 Hem þat þou seost in Meseyse. *c* 1485 *Digby Myst., Mary Magd.* 1542 þis chrisetyn þat here sestt þou. *a* 1586 Sidney *Arcadia* II. (Sommer) 103 Alas my Dorus (said she) thou seest how long [etc.]. 1781 Cowper *Truth* 507 Seest thou yon harlot, wooing all she meets.

β. [*c* 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* Mark xii. 14 Ne forðon ðu ȝesiis on onsione monnes.] *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 14055 'Sais [*Göttl.* ses, *Fairf.* sese] þon', he said, 'now þis womman?' *c* 1320 *Sir Tristr.* 2933 No say nouȝt what þou ses. 1375 Barbour *Bruce* iv. 301 Now seis thow I mak na gabbing. *a* 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 5022 For þi modire nor ȝit Messedon þou seȝis þaim na mare. *a* 1400 in *Relig. Pieces Prose & Verse* 24 The toþer es in Haly Writte whare þou sese whnt þou doo and what þou sall lefe. 1500–20 Dunbar *Poems* xx. 41 Thow seyis mony thingis variand. 1570 *Ane Tragedie* 26 in *Satir. Poems Reform.* x, We ar cum heir to the..Ook to cause the write that thing thou seis this nycht.

c. *3rd pers. sing.* **sees** (sīz), *arch.* **seeth** (sī·ĕþ). Forms: *a.* 1 sieheð, siohð, seohð, syhð, sihð, síð, 2 sicð, 2–3 siþ, seoð, seð, siht, 2–3, 5 siȝþ, 2–4 sihþ, 3 syhþ, (suþ, soþ, seoȝ error for seoþ), 3–4 snoþ, 4 siȝth, sikth, sykþ, syþ, seyþ, syht, *Kent.* ziȝþ, zyȝþ, zyþ, zyoþ, zykþ, zikþ, zyȝt, ziȝt, 4–5 seth, 5 sueþ, 5–6 sethe, seyth, seith, 4– (now *arch.*) seeth. *β.* (with ending orig. *north.*) 1 siis, sís, 3–6 seis, 4 seise, seos, 4–5 ses(e, seys, 5 sesse, seȝis, -es, 6–7 *Sc.* sies, 3– sees.

[*c* 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* Matt. vi. 4 Fæder ðin seðe ȝesiið in dezelnisse; *c* 1000 *Ags. Gosp.* ȝesyhþ; *c* 1160 *Hatton Gosp.* sihð.] 1154 *O. E. Chron.* an. 1124 (Land MS.) *ad fin.*, Oc ure Laford God ælmihtiȝ þa eall dizelnesse seð & wat, he seoð þæt man læt þæt ærme folc mid ealle un rihte. *c* 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 29 þe mon þe heleð his sunne aðisse liue ne siht he nefre almihtin drihten. *Ibid.* 157 þe rihtwise Mon þet..sicð þe muchele blisse þet he is to ileced. *a* 1250 *Owl & N.* 246 Riȝt so hit farþ bi þan un-gode þat noȝt ne suþ [*Jesus MS.* i-syhþ] to none gode. *a* 1310 in Wright *Lyric P.* xxix. 86 Marie wepeth sore, ant siht al this wo. *c* 1315 Shoreham *7 Deadly Sins* 203 He sykþ gode theawes. *c* 1369 Chaucer *Dethe Blaunche* 595 Who so seeth me firste. *c* 1450 *Mirk's Festial* 62 Holy chyrche..seyth hom all sore seke yn þe sekenes of synne. 1535 Coverdale *Ps.* xvii[i.] 47 Y[e] God which seyth that I be auenged. *Ibid.* xxxvi[i.] 13 He seith y[t] his daye is comminge. 1560 *Ovid's Narcissus* C iij b, Ther he seethe the image of his grace. *a* 1629 Goffe *Courag. Turk* v. iv. (1632) H 3 b, Their God seeth their slaughter.

β. [*c* 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* John iii. 32 Þætte ȝesiis & ȝehereð.] *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 862 He wend to hide him amang þa tres, Fra his sight þat al sees [*Göttt.* seis, *Fairf.* seise, *Trin.* sees]. *a* 1375 *Joseph Arim.* 258 He seos Jhesu crist in a sad Roode. *a* 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 2532 Quen he sesse [*Dubl. MS.* seys] vs sike a sowme sare will he drede. *Ibid.* 5583 þe berne blischis on his blonke & seȝes his breth faile. *c* 1614 Mure *Dido & Æneas* II. 120 What all doth boad she sies.

d. *plural* **see** (sī). Forms: *a.* 1 séoð, séað, síoð, 2–4 seoþ, (3 soþ, seoȝ error for seoþ), 3–5 seþ, 4 suþ, seith, (soez ? error for seoþ), *Kent.* zyeþ (also written zyeȝ), ȝeþ, 5 seeþ, sethe. *β.* 1 séo, 3–4 seo, 3–6 se, 6 *Sc.* sie, 3– see. *γ. north.* 1 séas, 3–4 sees, sais, 3–6 seis, 4 seyes, sese. *δ.* 3–6 sen, 4 seon, 4–5 seen, 5 se(e)ne, se(e)yne.

a. *a* 900 Cynewulf *Crist* 1286 (Gr.) Hy..seoð. *c* 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* Matt. xiii. 13 Forðon ða gesezend..ne seað. *a* 1250 *Owl & N.* 884 (Jesus MS.) Hi ne seoþ [*Cott. MS.* soþ]

her nowiht bute serewe. [*c* 1290 *Beket* 921 in *S. Eng. Leg.* 133 ȝe i-seo3 wel echon þat al þe world grat on me one.] 1297 R. Glouc. (Rolls) 2436 In þe firmament beþ Planetes yliche clere sterren seuene as ȝe seþ [*v.rr.* iseo þ, seen, sene]. *a* 1325 soez [see B. 9]. 1377 Langl. *P. Pl.* B. 1. 41 This and þat sueth þi soule and seith it io þin herte. 1393 — *P. Pl.* C. v. 154 We seth [*v.rr.* seon, see, seeyne, se] wel syre reson,.. That [etc.]. *c* 1450 *Mirk's Festial* 21 As ȝe here and sethe.

β. [971 *Blickl. Hom.* 125 Ȝeseo we þæt oft swiþe manezum men færlice ȝelimpeþ þæt he hine wið þas world ȝedæleþ.] *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 5335 God men i am, als yee now her se, An old man. 1393 Langl. *P. Pl.* C. x. 244 Oþer sonedays at euesonge seo we wel fewe!

γ. *c* 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* Matt. xiii. 17 Ða ilco ȝe seas. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 1176 All þat þe sees [*Fairf.* sees, *Gött.* se, *Trin.* seeþ] sal þe not sla. *Ibid.* 21074 þat erth..men sais [*Gött.* seis] vprisand fra þe grund. 1567 *Gude & Godlie Ball.* 89 Quhen my ennemies seis my fall.

δ. *c* 1200 Ormin 18965 Forr swa þe33 mare herenn & sen Off Cristess rihhtwisnesse. 1362 Langl. *P. Pl.* A. III. 210 ȝe seon wel þe soþe. *c* 1450 *Mirk's Festial* 42 þen we sene þat þou wyll not do þe kyngys byddyng. 1450–80 tr. *Secreta Secret.* xi. 12 Than shalle the kyng be worshipid and dred whan men seyne that he dredith god. *c* 1600 Day *Bedual Cr.* IV. iii. (1659) 11 b, *Old Stro.* And speak the truth Boy as thou art my Son. *Y. Stro.* And I do not I'll give you leave to call me Cut, sen ye?

3. *Indicative past.* **a.** *1st and 3rd pers. sing.* **saw** (sǭ). Forms: α. 1, 3 sæh, 1–3 seah, 3 *Ormin* sahh, 3–4 saȝ, sah, sau, (saght), 3–5 sagh, saȝe, sauȝ, 4 saghe, saȝhe, sav, sach, (*Sc.* schaw), 4–5 saugh, sauh, sawh, sawȝ, 4–6 sawe, sauhe, sawhe, sawgh, sauch, (saȝ), save, 5–6 saue, sauȝe, (5 saughe), *Sc.* sa, 6 sae, *Sc.* saa, 3– saw; 1–4 seh, 3 sehȝ, seȝh, sæih, sayh, seeh, 3–4 seih, seȝ, 3–5 sai, sei, saiȝ, seiȝ, seyh, seghe, 3–5, (7) say, 3–6 saye, sey, 4 saiȝe, seiȝe, saih, sayw, seey, seeȝ, seich, *Kent.* zeȝ, 4–5 seigh(e, seygh, seyȝe, seye, sayȝ, saie, seie, seih, se(e)gh, 4–6 se, 5 seyhe, seȝhe, sech, (seyght), 3– (now *vulgar*) see; 3–4 sih, 4 si, syh, sygȝ, 4–5 syȝ, sygh, siȝ(e, sigh(e, syȝe, sihe, sy, sie, 5 syg(he, syhe, 5–6 sye; 4 sugh, sough, sow, sue. β. *weak forms* (*dial.* and *vulgar*) 8–9 see'd, 9 seed, zeed, etc. (see also *Eng. Dial. Dict.*).

α. *c* 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* John xi. 33 Se hælend uutedlice þætte saeh hia hremende. *c* 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 175 Ure helende..segh þos tweie brodren in þe se on here shipe. *c* 1275 *Passion our Lord* 561 in *O. E. Misc.* 53 Þo seyh heo þer twey engles. *c* 1290 *Beket* 167 in *S. Eng. Leg.* 111 Heo saiȝ gilbertus wille þat it was no guod. *a* 1300 *Havelok* 1251 O niht saw she þer-inne a liht. *c* 1325 *Metr. Hom.* 76 When scho on rode sugh hyr son hang. *a* 1330 *Otuel* 738 Rouland was so nyȝ, þat alle foure kinges he syȝ. 1362 Langl. *P. Pl.* A. Prol. 14, I sauh a Tour on a Toft. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* v. (*Johannes*) 250 Paynis..þat he schaw in hell. 1382 Wyclif *Matt.* ix. 23 When Jhesus..seeȝ mynstrelis. *a* 1400 *Pistill of Susan* 316 Vnderr a Cyne..I her se. *c* 1425 Lydg. *Assembly of Gods* 22 When I sy no bettyr but I must go. *c* 1450 *Mirk's Festial* 119 He ȝode nygh and sech how an horryhull neddyr..had vmbeclypped a lyon. *c* 1450 *Digby Myst., Mary Magd.* 2051 þe whych I never save þis xxx wynter and more. *a* 1500 *Lancelot* 1225 The lady sauch.. The knychtis worschip which that he haith vroght. 1534 in *Lett. Suppress. Monasteries* (Camden) 36 He was rapte into heven, where he see the Trinite settyng in a pall. 1573 G. Harvey *Letter-bk.* (Camden) 115 Who ever sae, who ever harde, who ever redd the like to this? 1583 *Leg. Bp. St. Androis* 520 in *Satir. Poems Reform.* xlv, But his commissione na man saa. 1672 Wiseman *Wounds* I. viii. 73 The Doctor..both see nnd felt their scars. 1696 De La Pryme *Diary* (Surtees) 102 He say an ape, and playing with it, it bit his hand. 1840 Thackeray *Shabby-genteel Story* iii, But I never, for coolness, see such a man as you. 1874 Whyte Melville *Uncle John* xiv. II. 91 He see one of 'em..go by the house this morning.

β. *a* 1800 Pegge *Anecd. Eng. Lang.* (1814) 112 The common people of London..will say, for instance,—'I see'd him yesterday'; and 'he was see'd again to-day'. 1818 Scott *Hrt. Midl.* xl, I never seed a woman hanged in a' my life. 1892 Kipling *Barrack-room Ballads* 51 An' I seed her first a-smokin' of a whackin' white cheroot.

b. *2nd pers. sing.* **sawest** (sǭ̆ést), **sawst** (sǭst). Forms: α. 1 sáwe, 3–4 sagh, 3–5 seȝe, 4 sau, sei(h, sihe, siȝe, 4–5 sey(e, seiȝe, sawe, sawȝ, saugh, se, siȝ, *Kent.* zeȝe, 5 sawhe, say, seghe, see, sye, sogh, 5–6 saw. β. 4–5 seiȝest, -ist, siȝest, seist, 5 sauȝ(e)st, saiest, 5–6 seest, 6 sawyste, -iste, seyst, 7– saw'st, sawst, 5– sawest.

α. [971 *Blickl. Hom.* 113 Þær þu ær ȝesawe godweb mid golde ȝefaȝod.] *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 9848 Bot he war ferliful to call if þou it sagh. 1315 Shoreham *Hours of Cross* 63 þou seȝe hyne hyder and þyder ycached, Fram pylate to herode. *c* 1350 *Will. Palerne* 276 Sei þou euer pemperour? 1390 Gower *Conf.* I. 367 Thou sihe nevere thilke place. *a* 1400 *Pistill of Susan* 337 þou sey nou,..Vnder what kynde of tre Semeli susan þou se [*v.r.* see] Do þat derne dede. *c* 1430 *Hymns Virg.* (1867) 12 In hir þou siȝ a semeli sete. 1563 Sackville *Induct. Mirr. Mag.* lxxvi, And nowe behold the thing that thou erewhile, Saw only in thought.

β. 1388 Wyclif *Dan.* ii. 34 Thou siȝest [*v.r.* sauȝest] thus. — *Rev.* i. 20 Which thou seiȝest [1382 siȝe, *v.r.* saiest] in my riȝt hond. *Ibid.* xvii. 8 The beeste which thou seist [1382 siȝe, *v.rr.* saiest, siȝest; 1534 Tindal, 1539 Cranmer seest] was, and is not. 1470–85 Malory *Arthur* III. xii. 113 Sawest thow not..a knyghte rydynge and ledynge aweye a lady. *a* 1536 *Songs, Carols*, etc. (E.E.T.S.) 104 Sawyste thou not myn oxen? *c* 1537 *Thersytes* 501 Seyst thou any man come thys waye? 1598 Shaks. *Ven. & Ad.* 644 Sawest thou not signes of feare lurke in mine eye? 1602 Breton *Mother's Blessing* C 2 b, Winke at the world as though thou saw'st it not. 1667 Milton *P. L.* XI. 603 Those Tents thou sawst so pleasant, were the Tents Of wickedness.

c. *plural.* **saw** (sǭ). Forms: α. 1 sáwun, -an, -en, sázon, 1–2 sáwon, 3 sowen, soȝen, saȝen, 3–5 sawen, 5 sauȝen; 1 sézun, -on, 1–2 sézon, 3 *Ormin.* sæȝhenn, (sæȝhe we), 3–4 sæ(h)ȝen, 2 seaȝon, 2–4 seȝen, 2–5 seien, 3–4 seiȝen, seh(ȝ)en, seoȝen, 3–5 seiȝen, seghen, seyen, 4 seyȝen, seighen, *Kent.* zeȝen, 4–5 ssien, say(e)n, seyne, 4–6 seen, 5 seyn, sene, seon, 6 seene; 3–5 siȝen, 4 sihen, syhen, 4–5 sien, sy(ȝ)en, 5 syghen. β. 3 sæȝe, 3–4 sagh, sau, (scsu), 3–5 saȝe, 3–6 saue, 4 saghe, sach, 4–5 sawgh, sowe, 4–6 sawe, 5 sawȝ, ssugh, ssuhe, saȝ, so, 4– saw; 3 seh(ȝ)e, sæȝe, 3–4 seghe, sei(ȝ)e, 3, 5 seȝe, 3–5 say, sei, sey(e, 4 sehe, seih, seygh, ssie, seo, *Kent.* zeȝe, 4–5 se(i)gh, seiȝ, 5 saye, seyȝe, seyghe, 5–6 se, 5–7, 9 (*vulgar*) see; 3–4 siȝe, 4 syhe, 4–5 sie, sye, siȝ, syȝ(e, sygh(e, sigh(e, 5–6 sy. γ. 8–9 *dial.* and *vulgar* see'd (see also *Eng. Dial. Dict.*).

The modern vulgarism (*we, you, they*) *seen* is not connected with the α forms above, but is due to substitution of the form of the pa. pple. for that of the pa. t.; so in the sing., *I, he seen.*

α. *a* 900 Cynewulf *Crist* 536 Þonan hy God nyhst up stiȝende eaȝum sezun. *a* 900 — *Elene* 1104 (Gr.) Þær hie to sæzon. 1154 *O. E. Chron.* an. 1106 (Laud MS.) Forþam þe we hit sylfe ne sawon. *a* 1225 *Leg. Kath.* 280 For þi þæt ȝe ne sehen ham neauer biginnen. *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 3522 Dis forfriȝted folc..Soȝen ðat figer. *a* 1300 *Havelok* 957 Alle him loueden þat him sowen. 1340–70 *Alex. & Dind.* 256 Whan we sihen þi sonde wiþ þi sel prented, We kenden þi couaitise. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Sec. Nun's T.* 110 Right so men goostly in this mayden free Syen of feith the magnanymytee. *c* 1400 Maundev. (1839) xxviii. 282 Whan that thei seen the Develes visibly and bodyly alle aboute hem. 1440 Capgrave *Life St. Kath.* 1383 Whom ȝe in flesch now full late sayn. *c* 1450 *Mirk's Festial* 20 þen seon þe hyschoppys of mawmetry þat all þe pepul laft hor lawe. 15.. *Scot. Field* 513 in *Chetham Soc. Misc.* II, When the Skottes and the Kettericknes seen our men sketer, They had greate joy of their joyning.

β. *c* 1205 Lay. 11970 Þu vmbe stunde ne sæȝe [*c* 1275 sehȝe] heo noht of londe. *c* 1250 *Kent. Serm.* in *O. E. Misc.* 30 Ac fore þe miracle þet hi seghe was here beliaue þe more i-strengþed. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 10268 Nu nan [children] we sagh [*Trin.* say, *Laud* sie] þe neuer haue. *Ibid.* 18451 Þir war þe prineteis we scau [*Gött.* sau, *Trin.* sawe, *Laud* saw], Ikarius and mi felau. *c* 1330 R. Brunne *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 4670 Men..wel hit sowe. 13.. *Gaw. & Gr. Knt.* 200 So sayd al þat hym syȝe. *c* 1375 *Cursor M.* 21691 (Fairf.) Quen þai sagh [*Edin.* sach] als tai did oft moises lift his hende on loft. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xvi. (*Magdalena*) 436 For-þi abasit þai var & rad, quhene þai þame-selfine sav sa sted. *a* 1400 *Pistill of Susan* 132 Nou were þis domus men derf drawen in derne, Whiles þei seo [*v.rr.* saw, syghe] þat ladi was laft al hire one. *c* 1420 *Avow. Arth.* xl, Thay so a schene vndur schild. *c* 1450 *St. Cuthbert* (Surtees) 875 All men þat sow and stode by. *c* 1460 *Emare* 869 Alle hym loued þat hym sy. *c* 1550 Bale *K. Johan* (Camden) 81, I am as gentle a worme as ever ye see. 1877 Jefferies *Gamekeeper at H.* i. (1890) 19 The governor were the haughtiest man as ever you see.

γ. 1752 Foote *Taste* II. (1781) 29 The same [gentleman] that we see'd at the Painting Man's.

4. *Subjunctive Present* **see.** Forms: *sing.* 1 sío, séo, sé, see, 3 sio, seȝe, 3–4 seo, 3–5 se, 4 *Kent.* zi, 5 seye, 3– see. *Plural.* 1 seon, sen, 3 seon, (so), 3–4 seo, 4–5 se, 3– see.

[*c* 888 K. Ælfred *Boeth.* x, Forðæm mænezum men is leofre þæt he ær self swelte ær he ȝesio his wif & his bearn sweltende.] *c* 1200 Ormin 3842 Þohh þatt he grissliȝ deofell seo, Niss he rihht nohht forrfæredd. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 1087 Godmen i wil þat ȝee it see. *a* 1340 Hampole *Comm. Canticles* i. 5 in *Psalter* (1884) 504 Depnes of hell sall hill thaim that thai se namare of thaire vanyte. *a* 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 1846 Sire, if we se with a suth surely me thinke [etc.]. 1426 Lydg. *De Guil. Pilgr.* 5704 Thogh thow seye in me Errour.

5. *Subjunctive Past* **saw.** Forms: **a.** *sing.* 1 sáwe, 3 sæȝhe, sæȝe, (soȝe, sowe), 3–4 saghe, 3–5 sawe, 4 sau, 4–5 ssugh, 5 ssuh, 6– saw; 2 seiȝe, 2–4 seie, seȝe, 3 seh(ȝ)e, 3–5 seye, 4 seigh, *Kent.* zeȝe, 5 see; 3 siȝe, 4 syhe, sihe.

[*c* 888 K. Ælfred *Boeth.* x, Ȝif þu hine ȝesawe on hwelcum eorfodum.] *c* 1200 Ormin 17425, & þurrh þatt he sæȝhe þæronn He shollde takenn bote. *c* 1220 *Bestiary* 502 Ðat tu wuldes seien get, gef ðu it [the whale] soge wan it flet, ðat it were a neilond. *c* 1230 *Hali Meid.* (Titus) l. 233 Hwa þat sehe þenne hu þe engles beoð isweamed. *a* 1300 *Havelok* 1323, I woth, so wel so ich it sowe, To þe shole comen heye and lowe. 13.. *K. Horn* (Harl. MS.) 985 Rymenild lokede wide hy þe see syde 3ef heo seȝe [*a* 1300 *Camb. MS.*, If heo oȝt of horn isiȝe] horn come. 1390 Gower *Conf.* I. 64 And cast upward his yhe, As thogh he Cristes face syhe.

b. *plural.* 1 sáwon, -an, 4 *Kent.* zeȝen, 5 seen; 3–5 seie, 4–5 seiȝe, 5 seigh, sey, se, 6– saw.

[*c* 888 K. Ælfred *Boeth.* xvi. § 2 Ȝif ge nu ȝesawan (etc.).] 1297 R. Glouc. (Rolls) 5023, & vpe þe west ȝate of londone sette hit wel heye..þat men wel wide yseie [*v.rr.* seiȝe, sey, se]. 1340 *Ayenb.* 204 Hy þresten out hare eȝen of þe herte þe hi ne ȝeȝen þing þet ham miȝte wyþdraȝe uram hire contemplacion. 1377 Langl. *P. Pl.* B. XIX. 450 For þe comune ..counten ful litel þe conseille of conscience..But if þei seiȝe [*v.rr.* seigh, seie, seen] as hy syȝte somwhat to wynnynge. 1530 Lyndesay *Test. Papyngo* 1057 Les skaith it war, with lycence of the Pape, That ilke Prelate one Wyfe had of his awin, Nor se thar bastardis ouirthort the cuntre blawin.

6. *Imperative* **see.** Forms: **a.** *sing.* 1 sioh, seoh, seh, sih, 3 sih, siȝ, 3–4 seh, sai, 3–6 se, 4 seo, *Kent.* ziȝ, 5 say, sey, 5– see.

a 900 Cynewulf *Crist* 59 Sioh nu sylfa þe ȝeond þas sidan ȝescenft [etc.]. *c* 1310 *Marina* 55 in Böddeker *Altengl. Dicht.* (1878) 258 Nou wend & seh wher hit be. 1362 Langl. *P. Pl.* A. I. 39 For þe Fend and þi Flesch folewen to-gedere, And schendeþ þi soule seo hit in þin herte. *Ibid.* x. 145 So seiþ þe sauter seo hit whon þe likeþ. *c* 1430 *Chev. Assigne* 65 Sone paye þe with þy qwene & se of her berthe. 1508 Kennedie *Flyting w. Dunbar* 44 Se sone thow mak my commissar amendis.

b. *plural.* **a.** 1 séoð, síað, 3 seoþ, 4–5 se(e)þ, 5 sethe, seith, seiȝeth.

[971 *Blickl. Hom.* 241 Behealdað eow and ȝeseoð hine.] *c* 1350 *Will. Palerne* 1715 Now seþ how sone i haue spedde! 1382 Wyclif *Matt.* xxviii. 6 Come ȝe, and seeth [1388 se, ȝe] the place. *c* 1425 *Cast. Persev.* 494 in *Macro Plays* 92 Syth & sethe wel to my sawe! *c* 1440 *Gesta Rom.* i. 4 (Harl. MS.) Seith nowe, goode men.

β. 3 seo, 3–6 se, 6 *Sc.* sie, 3– see.

a 1300–1400 *Cursor M.* 17288+151 (Cott.) He is risen & not here, be-hald þe stede & see! 1567 *Gude & Godlie Ball.* 142 For Christis word se ze stand for it.

γ. *North.* 3–4 sees, 3–5 seis, 4 sese.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 17797 Gas, seis [*Trin.* seeþ, *Laud* se] nu,..And yee sal find þair tumbs tome. *a* 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 3878 Seis ensampill at myselfe & seke ȝe na ferre.

δ. 5 sene.

c 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* I. 410 Hewe hit with an axe and sene If hit be not in thegge.

7. *Present Participle* **seeing** (sī-iŋ). Forms: 1 síonde, síende, séende, seȝende, 1–2 séonde, 3–4 seant, 3–6 seand, 4 seende, seyinge, siynge, *Kent.* zyinde, 4–5 seande, 4–6 seyng(e, seeynge, 5 seenge, s(e)yyng, seond, seinge, seeyng, 6 seing, seying, seeinge, 6– seeing.

c 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* Matt. xiii. 13 Ȝeseȝende *vel* seende. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 3950 Bot þou sal be cald israel þat es man seand godd of hel. 1382 Wyclif *Gen.* xvi. 4 And she [Agar] seynge hir silf that she had conseyued, dispiside hir ladi. 1390 Gower *Conf.* I. 220 Noght seende I this meschief. 1471 Caxton *Recuyell* (Sommer) 23 Seyng his sorowful maner. *a* 1585 Montgomerie *Cherrie & Slae* 461, I leuir haue euer Ane foule in hand, or tway, Nor seand ten fleand About me all the day. 1596 Dalrymple tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* I. 100 Seing him self in sandie furdes.

8. *Past Participle* **seen** (sīn). Forms: *a.* 1 (ȝe)sewen, 2 sæwon, sawen, sæȝon, se(o)ȝon, 2–3 sewen, 2–4 seȝen, 3 (i-) sæȝen, sehen, (soȝen), *Ormin* seȝhenn, 3–5 sen, seien, 3–7(8) sene, 4 sewyn, sine, 4–5 seyen, seiȝen, sain, sayn, 4–6 seyn(e, sein, 4–7 seene, 5 saine, sayne, (shene, senene), 5–7 seine, 6 sesne, senne, 4– seen. β. 3 seghe, se(i)hȝe, 3–5 sey(e, sei(ȝ)e, 4 seȝe, *Kent.* soȝe, zoȝe, 4–5 seyȝ(e, say, se, 5 see, sye, saye, saie. γ. 8–9 *vulgar* see'd.

α. [*c* 888 K. Ælfred *Boeth.* xxxix. § 13 Ac se steorra þe we hatað æfensteorra, þon he bið west ȝesewen, þon tacnnað he æfen.] 11.. *O. E. Chron.* an. 789 (Laud MS.) Heofenlic leoht wæs ȝelome seoȝen ðær þer he [Alfwold] of slaȝen wæs. 1154 *Ibid.* nn. 1127 (Laud MS.) *ad fin.*, Þis wæs.. seȝon on þe selue derfald in þa tune on Burch. *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 2785 Ic haue min folkes pine soȝen, ðat he nu longe hauen droȝen. *c* 1320 *Sir Tristr.* 466 We and our elders old, Þus þan haue we sain. *c* 1350 *Will. Palerne* 1792 þei drow hem to a dern den for drede to be seiȝen. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xv. (*Barnabas*) 18 To be leile witnes, ewyne of It he had sewyn in hewyn. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Man of Law's T.* 74 Whan they han this hlisful mayden sayn [*v.rr.* seyn, sain, seine]. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 2950 ȝet it ledis vnto laithnes and vnlefe werkes, And shotis into shame as shene has ben ofte. *c* 1420 *Chron. Vilod.* 4136 No blodus drope was senene þo þere. *c* 1450 *Merlin* 21 Neuer was seyen so wyse a man. 1533 Gau *Richt Vay* (1888) 29 Thay ar aluterlie seyne with the eyne of faith. 16.. Mure *Sonn. to Margareit* iii. 3 Wks. (S.T.S.) I. 49 Oght yat my puir eyes hath ewer seine. *c* 1730 Ramsay *Eagle & Robin* 49 Be nae mair sene At court.

β. [*c* 1250 *Kent. Serm.* in *O. E. Misc.* 32 Þo men..hedde i-seghe þo miracle.] *a* 1310 in Wright *Lyric P.* xxxiv. 96 Thestri wæs seie byfore day. 1362 Langl. *P. Pl.* A. XI. 218 For I haue seiȝe it my-selfe. *a* 1375 *How to hear Mass* 107 in *Minor Poems fr. Vernon MS.* 496 Not Blynt þat day schalt þou not be þat þou þi sauiour hast se. 1387–8 T. Usk *Test. Love* I. xii. (Skeat) I. 13 The sonne yeveth light that thinges may be seye. *c* 1450 *Merlin* 26 He hadde neuer seye them be-fore. *a* 1475 *Bk. Noblesse* (Roxh.) 70 It was the joieust and plesaunt sighte that ever the saide citesyn Lisander had see beforne. 1482 *Monk of Evesham* xxxvi. (Arh.) 81 It is seldynne sey ynt any man of hem were very penitent. 15.. *Adam Bel* 410 in Hazl. *E. P. P.* II. 156, I had wende yester daye..Thou sholde me never have se.

γ. *a* 1800 [see A. 3 β]. 1857 A. Mayhew *Paved with Gold* II. v, Why, it's months since I've seed a sixpence.

B. Signification and Uses.

I. The simple verb.

In most of the senses OE. and early ME. used the compound *geséon*, I-see, more frequently than the simple verb. Hence the paucity of early examples here.

1. *trans.* To perceive (light, colour, external objects and their movements) with the eyes, or by the sense of which the eye is the specific organ.

Beowulf 1365 Þær mæȝ mon..niðwundor seon, Fyr on flode. *a* 1000 *Riddles* lxxxvii. 1 (Gr.) Ic seah wundorlice wiht. 1154 *O. E. Chron.* an. 1122 (Laud MS.), Þæt fir hi seaȝon in ðe dæi rime and læste swa lange þæt hit wæs liht ofer eall. *c* 1200 Ormin 657, & son se Zacariȝe sahh þatt enngless brihhte leome, He warrþ forrfæredd. 1357 *Lay Folks Catech.* (MS. T.) 415 For he that loues noght his brothir,..how suld he loue god almighten that he seis noght. *c* 1450 *Knt. de la Tour* xx. (1906) 29 Atte her dethe was saine a grete clerete & light. 1560 Daus tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* 465 b, The fourth daye of Marche began to shine a blasing starre, & is sene by the space of twelve dayes. 1590 Shaks. *Mids. N.* II. ii. 27 What thou seest when thou dost wake, Doe it for thy true Loue take. 1604 Drayton *Moyses* II. § 2 Darknes is now so palpable and much, That as 'tis seene, as easily is felt. 1614 Tomkis *Albumazar* I. iii, With this [glass] He read a leafe of that small Iliade..as plainly Twelue long

miles off, as you see Pauls from Highgate. 1665 *Phil. Trans.* I. 39 In the interim..the other Comet could be seen with the naked eye. 1796 Mme. D'Arblay *Camilla* I. 376 Sideling towards the window..[she] had heard and seen all that had passed. 1842 Tennyson *Walking to Mail* 7 Whose house is that I see? 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* xlviii, 'I was in the kitchen making a pudding'. 'I know you were, I saw you through the area railings'. 1873 *Rep. Brit. Assoc.* I. 141 We have seen the third edition. 1896 *Law Times Rep.* LXXIII. 616/2 If he had looked he must have seen the light of the approaching train.

Proverb. *c* 1450 *Mirk's Festial* 230 Hyt ys old Englysch sawe: A mayde schuld be seen, but not herd.

transf. 1818 Keats *Endymion* I. 540 This river does not see the naked sky. 1869 Tozer *Highl. Turkey* I. 307 The place only sees the sun for a few hours in winter.

† b. Pleonastically, *to see with* (or *at*) *eye(s, with, in sight. Obs.*

For *to see with one's own eyes*, etc., see Eye *sb.*

a 1000 *Riddles* lxxxiv. 31 (Gr.) Þæs þe [hio]..ælda bearn eaȝum sawe. *c* 1200 Ormin 5716 To sen Drihhtin wiþþ ehne. *a* 1300 *Havelok* 1273 Þat shalt þu with þin eyne sen. 13.. *Gaw. & Gr. Kn.* 1705, & quen þay seghe hym with syȝt, þay sued hym fast. *c* 1380 Wyclif *Wks.* (1880) 384 And if we take hede þus hi þis rule we schal se at yȝe how þe clergie saiþ here oþer-wyse þan it is. *c* 1385 Chaucer *L. G. W.* Prol. 11 Bat goddis forbode but men schulde leue Wel more thyng than men han seyn with eye. 1418 *Man Beware* 71 in *26 Pol. Poems* 63 For þat ȝe hid, god seeþ in syȝt. 1430–40 Lydg. *Bochas* II. Prol. (1494) fiij b, The rounde droppis of the smoth rayne which that..fall from aloft On stonys harde at the iye as it is seyne Perceth their hardnesse with their fallinge ofte. *c* 1475 *Partenay* 51 A roial gret feste, A more worshipful neuer sayn with eye.

c. predicated of the eye.

a 1225 *Leg. Kath.* 1733 Nan eorðlich ehe ne mei hit seon, ich segge. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 4508 Hert sun for-gettes þat ne ei seis. *c* 1421 *Lessons of Dirige* 318 in *26 Pol. Poems* 117 Noon eyȝe hadde sene me after son. 1620 Sir T. Wroth *Destr. Troy*, etc. *Epigr.* 16 *marg.*, That which the eye sees not the heart neuer rues. 1750 Johnson *Rambler* No. 102 P 4 An expanse of waters..covered with so thick a mist that the most perspicacious eye could see but a little way.

d. To behold (visual objects) in imagination, or in a dream or vision. So *to see a vision*, † *to see a dream.*

c 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 109 Þe holi prophete abacuc..seh suterliche fele of þe wundren þe ure helende dide siðen. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 4533 Aiþer of hus a drem we sau And he us bad til him it scau. 1382 Wyclif *Gen.* xl. 8 A sweuen we han seen [1388 We seiȝen a dreem], and ther is not that wol vndo it vs. 1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) III. 99 Here take heed þat Daniil seigh ten sightes. *c* 1450 *Myrr. our Ladye* 27 The holy Patryarke Jacob se a vysyon in a place callyd Bethel. 1538 Bale *Thre Lawes* v. F v b, A newe Hierusalem the sayd Johan also se. 1800 Wordsw. *Reverie of Poor Susan* 5 She sees A mountain ascending, a vision of trees. 1848 Dickens *Dombey* xxxii, He saw himself, in his mind's eye, put meekly into a hackney coach. 1859 Helps *Friends in C.* Ser. II. (1877) I. viii. 201, I see, with my mind's eye, a statue of Dunsford raised in Tollerporcorum.

e. With sb. or pron. and inf. as compound obj.

When *see* is used in the passive the infinitive is normally preceded by *to*; when in the active, the *to* is omitted. In early use, however, exceptions are not uncommon.

In mod. English this construction differs from the use of the pres. pple. as complement (see 1 g) in implying a reference to the ability of the subject to give testimony as to the fact or the manner of the action predicated; compare, e. g. 'I have seen him walk' with 'I have seen him walking'. In early examples the inf. is often found where we should now use the complementary pple.

a 1000 *Riddles* lii. 1 (Gr.) Ic seah wrætlice wuhte feower samed siþian. 1154 *O. E. Chron.* an. 1127 (Laud MS.) *ad fin.*, Þa sæȝon & herdon fela men feole huntes hunten. *c* 1200 Ormin 10676 He sahh þære Godess Gast, Inn aness cullfress like, Off heoffne cumenn upponn Crist & upponn himm bilefenn. *c* 1230 *Hali Meid.* (Titus) I. 193 He seð [*MS. Bodl.* sið] þe folhen hire treoden, meiden. *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 16 Cristene men oȝen ben so faȝen So fueles arn quan he it sen daȝen. 13.. *Seuyn Sages* (W.) 1258 And do als tou sest me do. *a* 1352 Minot *Poems* (ed. Hall) vii. 70 Þat fire ful many folk gan fere, When þai se brandes o ferrum flye. *c* 1381 Chaucer *Parl. Foules* 211 Vndyr a tre be-syde a welle I say Cupide oure lord hise arwis forge & file. 1382 Wyclif *Gen.* xxxvii. 25 And sittynge for to eet breed, thei seen Ysmaelitis weiegoers to comen fro Galaad. 1382 — *Mark* ix. 37 Maistir, we syȝen [1388 sayn] sum oon for to caste out fendis in thi name. 1471 Caxton *Recuyell* (Sommer) 34 Whan Iasius sawe hys broder come all in armes, all his blood began to chaunge. 1542 Udall *Erasm. Apoph.* Table Y ij b, Phocion was never seen laugh ne wepe. 1576 Turberv. *Venerie* xxx. 80 But here he shall marke one secrete: that he go not aboute to herbor an Harte an houre at least after he see him go to layre. 1577 Kendall *Flowers of Epigr.* 28 That thou wilt not be seen to talke with any others wife. 1596 Shaks. *Tam. Shr.* I. i. 179, I saw her corrall lips to moue. 1596 Danett tr. *Comines* (1614) 159 But some of them reported that he was seen flie, and was escaped. 1731 Medley *Kolben's Cape G. Hope* II. 101 When you see him [the elephant] march, you are amazed at the Ground he rids. 1779 *Mirror* No. 27 As he looked at it, I saw the tears start from his eyes. 1805 Scott *Last Minstr.* VI. xxiii, O'er Roslin all that dreary night A wondrous blaze was seen to gleam. 1862 Thackeray *Philip* iii, I could see the diamond twinkle on his pretty hand. 1894 'Max O'Rell' *John Bull & Co.* 2, I have seen French people laugh side-splittingly.

† f. With ellipsis of indefinite obj. (*some one*) before the infinitive. *Obs. rare.* (A Gallicism.)

c 1350 *Will. Palerne* 5071 Whan bordes were born adoun & burnes hade waschen, Men miȝt haue seie to menstrales moche god ȝif. *c* 1489 Caxton *Blanchardyn* xxix. 110 What so euer goode sporte & pleysure that blanchardyn sawe ther make for his sake.

g. With obj. and compl. (adj., pple., or phrase).

a 900 Cynewulf *Crist* 1270 Hy..grim hellefyr, ȝearo to wite ondweard seoð. *c* 1200 Ormin 3829 Forr Godess enngell rofreþþ mann, ȝiff þatt he seoþ himm færedd. *c* 1275 *Passion our Lord* 495 in *O. E. Misc.* 51 Þo heo comen to ihesu crist and seyen hine ded. *a* 1375 *Joseph Arim.* 269 Þenne he sauh Ihesu crist I-straust vppon þe Roode. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Frankl. T.* 122 Where as she many a shipe and barge seigh Seillynge hir cours where as hem liste go. *c* 1400 Maundev. (1839) iv. 24 Though thou see me hidouse and horrible to loken onne. 1470–85 Malory *Arthur* III. xii. 113 Sawest thow not saide Pellinore a knyghte rydynge and ledynge aweye a lady. 1536 *Primer Eng. & Lat.* 64 b, Sone after none thys mother..Sawe from the body [of her son], the soule departynge. 1621 G. Sandy. *Ovid's Met.* II. (1626) 39 Saw'st thou no cattel through these fields conuay'd? 1709 Pope *Let. to Cromwell* 7 May, In which time all the verses you see added, have been written. 1821 Scott *Kenilw.* xxiv, They..had just seen the little party..crossing the summit of a gentle hill. 1862 Mrs. H. Wood *Mrs. Hallib.* III. vi, They are acquiring self-respect...They wouldn't be seen in the street now in rags, or the worse for drink. 1865 Swinburne *Chastelard* II. i. 52, I say what I saw done.

h. To distinguish by sight *from*.

c 1450 *Brut* 591 Kyng Herry..leete cere hym [K. Richard] ..inn fayre cheste, closyd alle in lynnyn clothe, saaf his visage, whiche was lefte opyn, þat men myht see & know his persone from alle othir men. 1862 Mrs. H. Wood *Mrs. Hallib.* II. iv, I can't see one sort from another; we must have candles.

i. In various phrases (some of which occur chiefly in figurative use), *to see the colour of* (a person's money), *to see double*, *to see the light*, *to see one's way*: see the associated words.

2. *absol.* and *intr.* To perceive objects by sight. Formerly often, to have the faculty of sight, not to be blind (now commonly expressed by *can see*).

Can see often means to have sufficient light or power of vision to see as clearly as is necessary for some contextually implied purpose. Sometimes an inf. of purpose follows, as 'I can see to read, but not to paint'.

c 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 3108 He adden liȝt and sowen wel. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 6706 Qua smites vte his thains eie, And mas him vn-mighti for-to seie,..He sal [etc.]. 1382 Wyclif *John* ix. 11, I wente, and waischide, and syȝ [1388 say; *the OE. versions have* ȝeseah]. 1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) II. 191 Tiberius Cesar sigh more clereliche in derkenesse þan in liȝt. 1426 Lydg. *De Guil. Pilgr.* 3306 To sen, myn Eyen ben to blynde. *c* 1450 *Mirk's Festial* 54 And when he layde his hondys on his hed, anon he segh. *a* 1586 Sidney *Arcadia* III. (Sommer) 268 b, The first had his eyes cut out so, as he could not see to bid the neare following death welcome. 1596 Shaks. *Merch. V.* III. ii. 124 But her eies, How could he see to doe them? 1596 Dalrymple tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* Prol. I. 5 The beimes of the Sone, al Scotland throuch, the hail nychte ar sein, the space of twa monethis..insik brichtnes that esilie thay may sie to reid and wryte. 1607 Topsell *Four-f. Beasts* 466 Lions, Beares, Tygres, and their whelpes are not able to see, stand or goe, for many monthes. 1712 Lady M. W. Montagu *Let. to W. Montagu* 9 or 11 Dec., I write and read till I can't see, and then I walk. 1743 Pococke *Descr. East* I. II. ii. 80 We could not see before us any further than in a very thick fog. 1749 Fielding *Tom Jones* VII. iv, When he repaired to her bed he was generally so drunk that he could not see. 1774 Goldsm. *Nat. Hist.* (1776) II. 153 He was, at first, couched only in one of his eyes; and, when he saw for the first time, he was so far from judging of distances, that [etc.]. 1820 Keats *St. Agnes* xxxix, There are no ears to hear, or eyes to see. 1820 Scott *Abbot* xix, Why, man, it was but a switch across the mazzard —blow your nose, dry your eyes, and you will see all the better for it. 1861 Whyte Melville *Mkt. Harb.* xxv, It was a bad day to see; a bad day to hear; above all, a bad day to ride.

Prov. 1546 Heywood *Prov.* I. x. Wks. (1562) C iij, She thought..she had seene far in a milstone.

b. With ellipsis of an obj. implied by the context.

c 1160 *Hatton Gosp.* John xx. 29 Þu ȝe-lyfdest for-þan þu me ȝe-seaȝe. Þa sænden eadige þe ne seaȝen [*c* 1000 *Ags. Gosp.* ȝe-sawon] & ȝe-lyfdon. *a* 1310 in Wright *Lyric P.* ix. 36 The water that it wetes yn, Y-wis hit wortheth al to wyn, that seȝen seyden so. 1382 Wyclif *Ezek.* viii. 10 And I gon in, seeȝ; and loo! 1832 Tennyson *Sisters* 163 The sweet dwelling of her eyes Upon me when she thought I did not see. 1888 Kipling *Soldiers Three, In Matter of a Private*, People who have seen say that one of the quaintest spectacles of human frailty is an outburst of hysterics in a girls' school.

3. (*fig.*) *trans.* To perceive mentally (an immaterial object, a quality, etc.); to apprehend by thought (a truth, the answer to a question), to recognize the force of (a demonstration). Often with reference to metaphorical light or eyes.

As the sense of sight affords far more complete and definite information respecting external objects than any other of the senses, mental perceptions are in many (perh. in all) languages referred to in visual terms, and often with little or no consciousness of metaphor.

c 1200 Ormin 13590 Whamm þu þurrh Drihhtin sest nu33u Wiþþ innsihht off þin herrte. *a* 1225 *Leg. Kath.* 477 Ah sone se ich seh þe leome of þe soðe lare þæt leaded to eche lif, ich leafde al þæt oðer. *a* 1250 *Owl & N.* 950 Heo..so for-leost al hire liht, þat heo ni siþ [*Jesus MS.* syhþ] soð ne riht. *c* 1330 *Spec. Gy de Warw.* 657 If þu coupest knowe and se þe uertu of humilite [etc.]. *a* 1400 Chaucer *Merciles Beaute* 10 For with my deeth the trouthe shal be sene. 1426 Lydg. *De Guil. Pilgr.* 2739 Now haue I told (ye sen yt wel,) Touchyng thys sword euerydel. *c* 1537 *Thersytes* 59 Your mynde now I se. *c* 1553 Earl of Bath *Let.* in Gage *Hengrave* (1822) 141 And except the bishop wold wincke at the same, and wold not see it, there is no law can assure it before he were priest. 1594 Lyly *Mother Bombie* II. iii, We gird them and flout them out of all scotch and notch, and they cannot see it. 1609 Carleton in *Crt. & Times Jas. I* (1848) I. 95 He may well be deceived, for I see no better benefice for him at his return than to serve as a clerk. 1651 Hobbes *Leviath.* II. xxvi. 148 From seeing the Extraordinary wisdome..of his Actions. 1721 Lady M. W. Montagu *Let. to C'tess Mar* (1893) I. 457 The first of those ladies is on the brink of Scotland for life. She does not care; to say truth, I see no very lively reasons why she should. 1768 Whately in *Grenville Papers* (1853) IV. 294 Lord Temple says that he sees no objection to your coming up. 1825 T. Hook *Sayings* Ser. II. *Passion & Princ.* ix. III. 164 She saw nothing before her but distress and misery. 1827 Scott *Chron. Canongate* Introd., I did not immediately see the purpose of his lordship's question. 1849 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* vi. II. 63 Nor did he ever see his error till [etc.]. 1884 *Manch. Exam.* 10 May 5/4 As soon as the question was put it was easy to see the course which the Government would take. 1888 'J. S. Winter' *Bootle's Childr.* ix, Then why didn't you tell Geoffrey you didn't see the good of sending so many?

b. With obj. a clause or an indirect question.

a 1000 *Ags. Ps.* lvii. 9 (Gr.) Soðfæst blissað, þonne he siðgan hu þa arleasan ealle forweorðað. *c* 1200 Ormin Introd. 47 Nu mihht tu sen þatt tatt wass rihht þatt mannkinn for till helle. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 1165 'Lauerd,' he said, 'now see i well Mi sin me has seit in vnsell.' *c* 1385 Chaucer *L. G. W.* 795 That whan sche say hire tyme myghte be At nygh sche stal a wey ful pryuyly. 1470–85 Malory *Arthur* XIII. xix. 639 Now I see and vnderstande that myn old synne hyndereth me and shameth me. *a* 1533 Ld. Berners *Huon* lvii. 191, I can not se but we are lyke to dye. 1551 R. Robinson tr. *More's Utopia* I. (1895) 102 Wherby I can not see what good they haue doone, but that men may more sickerlye be euell. 1606 Shaks. *Ant. & Cl.* III. xiii. 33, I see mens Iudgements are A parcell of their Fortunes. *c* 1645 Howell *Lett.* (1655) II. xviii. 30 Therefore I do not see how she could support a war long to any purpose if Castile were quiet. 1716 Addison *Freeholder* No. 22 P 2, I only answered, that I did not see how the badness of the weather could be the King's fault. 1778 *Geraldine* I. 30 You see how rusticated I am, by writing on such uninteresting subjects. 1813 *Sketches of Character* (ed. 2) I. 123, I dont see what there is for me to say. 1856 J. H. Newman *Serm. Var. Occ.* i. (1881) 8 And thus you see, my brethren, how that particular temptation comes about. 1875 Jowett *Plato* (ed. 2) III. 219, I see that you are speaking your mind. 1895 E. B. Rowlands in *Law Times* XCIX. 464/2 It is at the first look hard to see why the Court of Appeal should ever have been troubled with Wegg-Prosser *v.* Evans.

c. With obj. and infinitive or † compl.

1435 Misyn *Fire of Love* 82 Vnwerily it byrnys þo þingis to fulfil þat it seys & knawes plesynge to god. *c* 1449 Pecock *Repr.* I. vii. 34 That what he sihe to be trewe bifore in doom of resoun and lawe of kinde he toold out to hise herers. 1584 B. R. tr. *Herodotus* II. 101 b, But seeyng hymselfe in these braakes, hee called hys brother [etc.]. *a* 1700 Evelyn *Diary* 25 July 1673, Besides he saw the Dutch warr ..very unprosperous. 1700 Dryden *Sigism. & Guisc.* 276 The Youth, who saw His forfeit Life abandon'd to the Law. 1743 J. Morris *Serm.* vii. 190 But surely every one must see this to be highly absurd.

d. In literary use, expressions like 'we have seen' 'we shall see', 'the reader has now seen', etc., are common with reference to what has been or is to be narrated or proved in the book.

1422 tr. *Secreta Secret., Priv. Priv.* ii. 128 But whate myschefe folwyth of chynchry and folargesse, ye schal sene hit aftyr in this boke. 1560 Whitehorn *Machiavel's Arte of Warre* v. 72 You shall see..howe moche trouble and disease an armie and a capitaine is auoided of. 1820 Keats *Lamia* I. 201 Why this fair creature chose so faerily By the wayside to linger, we shall see. 1846 Carpenter *Man. Phys.* § 843 We shall presently see reason to believe, that a very large proportion of the movements of many of the lower animals are of this reflex character. 1869 Ruskin *Q. of Air* i. § 38 We saw before the reason why Hermes is said to be the son of Maia. 1893 Kipling *Many Invent., Lost Legion*, What..the English did will be seen later on [in the story].

† e. Phrase, *All things seen*: all things being duly considered. *Obs.*

c 1449 Pecock *Repr.* II. viii. 186 Wherfore, alle thingis seen, this present v^o. reule, or supposicion is trewe.

f. *absol.* Often with virtual ellipsis of obj.-clause, esp. in parenthetic use, or preceded by *as* or *so*. Also as figurative application of sense 2.

I see: often used *colloq.* in assenting to an explanation or argument. *You see*: sometimes appended parenthetically to a statement of a fact known to the hearer which explains or excuses something that provokes surprise or blame.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 2137 O þis thre com all, as þou sais, Has bene in werld and yeit beis. 1390 Gower *Conf.* III. 251 Bot thei weren blinde, And sihen noght so fer as he. *c* 1485 *Digby Myst., Mary Magd.* 507 Lady, þis man is for ȝow, as I se can. 1570 T. Wilson tr. *Demosth. Orat.* vii. 98 And as farre as I can see, the daunger that we are in, is farre different from other folkes. 1657 Cromwell *Sp.* 21 Apr. in Carlyle *Lett. & Sp.* (1845) II. 582 Because, you see, the present Government has 1,900,000 l.; and [etc.]. 1706 Farquhar *Recruiting Officer* I. i, Look'ee Serjeant, no Coaxing, no Wheedling, d'ye see. 1741–2 Challoner *Missionary Priests* (1803) II. 19 All the sanguinary laws enacted by queen Elizabeth were from time to time put in execution by this king,..as we shall see anon. 1753 Richardson *Grandison* (1754) III. xviii. 246 Surely..a man of common penetration may see to the bottom of a woman's heart. 1802–12 Bentham *Ration. Judic. Evid.* (1827) II. 578 A man who..if he saw to the bottom of his own mind, would acknowledge [etc.]. 1818 Byron *Juan* I. xcvii, Whether it was she did not see, or would not, Or, like all very clever people, could not. 1823 Scott *Quentin D.* v, 'I see,' answered his uncle—'I comprehend. Cunning rogues—very cunning!' 1855 Browning *Bp. Blougram* 3 We ought to have our Abbey back, you see. 1859 Helps *Friends in C.* Ser. II. (1877) I. viii. 216 The man who sees too widely is nearly sure to be indecisive, or to appear so. 1873 F. Hall *Mod. Eng.* 344 He replies, as we have seen, that he had anticipatively considered and rejected every view that I present. 1892 *Macmillan's Mag.* July 229 A few corns of wheat must always drop off, you see, before one can get the harvest.

g. *trans.* To have a particular mental view of; to perceive, apprehend, or appreciate in a particular manner. Also *absol.* esp. in *to see with* = to agree in opinion with another person.

For *to see eye to eye*, see Eye *sb.* 5.

a 1586 Sidney *Arcadia* II. (Sommer) 173 Alas, incomparable Philoclea, thou euer seest me, but dost neuer see

me as I am. 1786 BURNS *To a Louse* viii, O wad some Pow'r the giftie gie us To see oursels as others see us! *Mod.* I now see the matter in a new light. I wish you could see with me on this question.

4. *trans.* With mixed literal and figurative sense: To perceive by visnal tokens. With obj. a sb. (denoting a fact, quality, state of things), more frequently a clause or an indirect question. Also with obj. and predicative complement (now usually introduced by *to be*).

c 1200 ORMIN 2930 He sahh þatt 3ho wiþþ childe wass, & nisste he þohht whæroffe. 1362 LANGL. *P. Pl.* A. vi. 15 Moni Cros on his cloke..And þe vernicle bi-fore for men schulde him knowe, And seo be his signes whom he souhte hedde. *c* 1400 LOVE *Bonavent. Mirr.* (1908) 23 Sche was sad and invarinble: so ferforth that as sche profited better and better, so was there none that euere syhe or herde hir wrooth. 1426 LYDG. *De Guil. Pilgr.* 24272 Thou mayst se by my lokkes hore And by ryvels of my visage How that I am called 'Age'. 1432–50 tr. *Higden* (Rolls) V. 439 This man instructe in astronomy, see in the firmament þat his realme scholde be destroyede. *c* 1489 CAXTON *Sonnes of Aymon* iv. (1885) 120 'Syres', answered Reynawde, 'ye enquere over moche; see ye not what folke we ben'. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* VIII. xii. 73 Actius Appollo, seand in the skye Off this melle the doutsum victorie. 1622 MABBE tr. *Aleman's Guaman d'Alf.* I. 34 Perceiuest thou not how impatient I am? Seest thou not that I can not containe my selfe? 1765 FOOTE *Commissary* 1, Don't you see I am tired to death? 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* xlvi, She was never seen angry but twice or thrice in her life.

b. The construction with sb. or pron. as obj. is sometimes combined with that with an obj.-clause. Now only *poet.*

Common in the Bible as literal rendering of a Heb. idiom, but app. also developed independently in Eng.

1382 WYCLIF *Gen.* xii. 14 Egipciens sawen the woman that she was ful fayre. *c* 1430 *Chev. Assigne* 26 Se 3e þe 3onder pore woumman how þat she is pyned Withe twynlenges two. *c* 1440 *Alphabet of Tales* 427 þe knyghtis of Rome saw Vaspasyan, at he was a nobyl man and a redy to cowncell. 1575 *Gammer Gurton* I. iv. 15 Here is a prety matter, to see this gere how it goes. 1842 TENNYSON *Morte d'Arthure* 123, I see thee what thou art.

c. To learn by reading.

Often idiomatically in present tense, *I see*=I have just read (esp. in a newspaper) *that* something has happened.

1426 AUDELAY *Poems* 6 In the gospel thou sist. 1612 SKELTON *Don Quixote* IV. v. (1620) 338 What then can you say to me of the good Don Cirongilio of Thracia, who was so animous and valiant as may be seene in his booke? 1651 HOBBES *Leviath.* II. xxvi. 150, I could never see in any Author, what a Fundamental Law signifieth. 1765 H. WALPOLE in Jesse *Selwyn & Contemp.* (1843) II. 11 *A propos*, I see by the papers, that the Bishop of London is suppressing mass-houses. 1847 THACKERAY *Lett.* (1887) 8 Did you see her death in the paper? 1881 SAINTSBURY *Dryden* 13 One thing in particular I have never seen fairly put as accounting for the complete royalization of nearly the whole people.

5. To direct the sight (literal or metaphorical) intentionally to; to look at, contemplate, examine, inspect, or scrutinize; to visit (a place); to attend (a play, etc.) as a spectator. (Cf. *to see on*, 21.)

a 1225 *Leg. Kath.* 2085 Pæt alle weren isihen hider for to seon þis feorlich. *a* 1300 *Havelok* 1021 For it ne was non horse-knaue,..þat he ne kam þider, þe leyk to se. 1362 LANGL. *P. Pl.* A. II. 163 Sopnesse sauh hem wel and seide bote luyte, Bote prikede on his palfrey and passede hem alle. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Wife's Prol.* 552, I hadde the bettre leyser for to pleye And for to se and eek for to be seye Of lusty folk. 1471 CAXTON *Recuyell* (Sommer) 281 Whan they had seen and beholde the monstre ynowh they departed thens. *c* 1590 *Faire Em* II. i. 97 Two gentlemen..Oft times resort to see and to be seene Walking the streete fast by thy fathers dore. 1592 NASHE *P. Penilesse* F 3, Gameing,..drinking, or seeing a play. 1600 SURFLET *Country Farm* I. vi. 27 Let him not goe to see the towne, except it be vpon his earnest affaires. 1604 SHAKS. *Oth.* II. i. 37 Let's to the Sea-side (hoa) As well to see the Vessell that's come in, As to throw-out our eyes for braue Othello. 1642 D. ROGERS *Naaman* 113 Their answer was, I am to goe see a farme, I haue bought oxen. 1645 SYMONDS *Diary* (Camden) 221 One of the statues was serjeant-at-law, the other a soldjer. See the fashion of the serjeant's habit. 1693 RYMER *Short View Trag.* i. 6 Some go to see, others to hear a Play. 1697 DRYDEN *Virg. Georg.* II. 704 Whose Mind, unmov'd, the Bribes of Courts can see, Their glitt'ring Baits, and Purple Slavery. 1710 SWIFT *Jrnl. to Stella* 13 Dec., [We] set out..to the Tower, and saw all the sights. 1721 DE FOE *Mem. Cavalier* (1840) 148 By their faces,..they durst see an enemy. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* li, My father took me to see a show at Brookgreen Fair. 1878 *Athletic World* 17 May 79/1 The finish was one worth going miles to see. 1881 FREEMAN in W. R. W. Stephens *Life & Lett.* (1895) II. 236 We have trotted about, been into Canada, and seen the sights.

b. With sb. or pron. as obj. and complementary pple. or inf. Cf. 1 g.

1903 F. M. CRAWFORD *Uncanny Tales* (1911) 146 (*Man Overboard!*) So I wrote to Jack that I would come down and see him married.

† c. *absol.* To look. *Obs.* (Cf. 17–25.)

c 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 2169 It semet wel ðat 3e spies ben, And in-to ðis lond cumen to sen. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 17288 + 447 Gropes & sees oueralle, and knaw þat it be. *c* 1425 *Seven Sag.* (P.) 781 Toward the credyl as he saythe, The good grew-hond lay and syȝe. 1484 CAXTON *Fables of Alfonce* xiii, He..sawe and serched al aboute here and there.

d. *trans.* To look at, read (a book, document, etc.). *Seen and allowed, seen and approved*, etc.: a formula used in certifying the official inspection of a document.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 26593 þe quilk [circumstances] grathli þe sal be kend, If þou þis bok will se till end. 1377 LANGL. *P. Pl.* B. II. 70 Thanne..lyer..preide cynile to se and symonye to rede it. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Man of Law's T.* 711 And what þat he this pitous lettre say fful ofte he seyde Allas and weylaway. 1426 LYDG. *On Eng. Title to Crown of France* Prol. in *Pol. Poems* (Rolls) II. 133 Tho that shalle hit sene or rede. *c* 1450 *Godstow Reg.* (1905) 206 After sche had say the charters. 1523 FITZHERB. *Husb.* § 152 For I haue seen bokes of accompte of householde..& I doubte not, but [etc.]. 1576 GASCOIGNE *Spoyle of Antw.* title-p., Novem. 1576. Seene and allowed. Printed at London by Richard Jones. 1594 NASHE *Unfort. Trav.* Ded., Least anie man should challenge these my papers as goods vncustomd..to the seale of your excellent censure loe here I present them to bee seene and allowed. 1609 SKENE *Reg. Maj.* 89 We charge and command zou, thir present letters being sene, ze cause lawfully summone *A.* to compeir before vs. 1621 *Shuttleworths' Acc.* (Chetham Soc.) 258 [At end of an account.] Seene and allowed by mee, Ric. Shuttleworthe. 1662 *Acts of Sederunt* (1790) 85 The defender's advocat shall return the proces, and shall write on the back the day of the return, (*seen and returned*), and sett his name thereto. 1818 CAUISE *Digest* (ed. 2) II. 215 No man would advance money upon an estate without seeing the title deeds.

e. The imperative *see* is used in books to a passage in the same or some other work in which information will be found. Cf. mod.L. *vide*, F. *voyez, voir*, G. *siehe.*

1608 PLAT *Garden of Eden* (ed. Bellingham 1653) 50 See more of this in Numb. 30. *Ibid.* 88 See before, Numb. 67. 1704 J. HARRIS *Lex. Techn.* I, Period, in Chronology, signifies a Revolution of a certain Number of Years; as the *Metonick Period*, the *Julian Period*, and the *Calippick Period*; which see in their proper places. 1753 CHALLONER *Cath. Chr. Instr.* 21 See *St. Dionysius, L. de Eccles.* 1769 FALCONER *Dict. Marine* (1780), *Rim*, or *Brim*, a name given to the circular edge of any of the *tops*. See that article. 1818 SCOTT *Rob Roy* ix, See twenty-third of Queen Elizabeth, and third James First, chapter twenty-fifth. 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* iii. I. 339 *note*, The population of Derby was 4000 in 1712. See Wolley's MS. History, quoted in Lyson's Magna Britannia. 1861 PALEY *Æschylus* (ed. 2) *Persians* 741 *note*, ὅστις, *quippe qui*. See on Prom. 38. 1868 BROWNING *Ring & Bk.* VIII. 812 For pregnant instance let us contemplate The luck of Leonardus,—see at large Of Sicily's Decisions sixty-first.

f. The imperative is often employed exclamatorily, either with obj. a sb. or a clause introduced by *what* or *how*, or *absol.* as quasi-*int.* = Behold!

In OE. accompanied by the dative *þe*, a use which, though unrecorded in ME. or mod. Eng. literature, survives in dialects: see *sithee* in *Eng. Dial. Dict.* The corresponding plural *see you!* also occurs in dialects, but is apt to be confused with the interrogative *see you?* do you see?

c 825 *Vesp. Psalter* xxxii. 18 Sehðe [*ecce*] egan dryhtnes ofer ða ondredendan hine ȝehyhtende soðlice in mildheortnisse his. *c* 975 *Rushw. Gosp.* Matt. xxiv. 25 Sihþe ic sægce eow [*ecce praedixi uobis*]. *a* 1325 *Prose Psalter* l[i.] 6 Se I for ich am conceiued in wickednesses. *c* 1440 *Alphabet of Tales* lxxix. 61 Se! yonder gois a fayr yong man! *c* 1440 *Gesta Rom.* i. 4 (Harl. MS.) Seith nowe, goode men; þis emperour I call owre lord ihesu Criste. 1500–20 DUNBAR *Poems* xliv. 28 Se quhat wirschep wemen suld haif than. 1522 *World & Child* 79 Lo my toppe I dryue in same, Se it torneth rounde. *c* 1570 W. WAGER *The longer thou livest* 684 (Brandl), Se, se, woulde you iudge him a foole So sadly as he readeth on his booke! 1671 WOODHEAD *St. Teresa* I. xiv. 88 See how these Trees begin to button. *c* 1690 LD. HALIFAX *Epist. to Earl Dorset* 89 See, see! Upon the Banks of Boyne he stands. 1734 POPE *Ess. Man* IV. 327 See the sole bliss Heav'n could on all bestow! 1739 C. WESLEY *Hymn*, '*Hail the Day*' v, See! He lifts his Hands above! See! He shews the Prints of Love! *a* 1744 POPE (J.), See what it is to have a poet in your house. 1755 JOHNSON, *See*, interjection. Lo; look; observe; behold. 1807 WORDSW. *Mother's Return* xii, But see, the evening star comes forth! 1818 SCOTT *Hrt. Midl.* xxx, See there!—that was the gait my auld joe used to cross the country. 1821 — *Kenilw.* xii, 'See you, sir!' said he, 'I have changed my garb from that of a farrier to a serving-man.' 1871 R. ELLIS *Catullus* lv. 12 See! what bowery roses; here he hides him.

6. With indirect question as obj.: To ascertain by inspection, inquiry, experiment, or consideration.

In modern use, a promise 'to see what one can do', or 'to see if one can do (so and so)' commonly implies a promise to use one's best endeavours to secure the desired result.

1373 BARBOUR *Bruce* V. 126 A quhill in Carrik lendit he, To se quha frend or fa vald be. *c* 1425 AUDELAY *XI Pains of Hell* 5 in *O. E. Misc.* 210 Hou mychael and poule þay went in fere To se what payns in hel were þer. *c* 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* I. 410 As tymber, hewe hit with an axe and sene If hit be not in thegge. 1561 *Maitland Club Misc.* III. 277 The superintendent beand in ye sayd kyrk..seand gyf ye kyrk wes repared conform to ye act of his visitacion. 1575 *Gammer Gurton* I. v. 51 Breake it, foole, with thy hand, and see and thou canst fynde it. 1582 ALLEN *Martyrd. Campion* (1908) 87 This Havard..went furth into the citie with another in his company to see if he could meet with M. Cottam. 1613 TAPP *Pathw. Knowl.* 8 And when you haue all added them, see what remaines besides the nynes, and drawing a short line [etc.]. 1676 T. MACE *Musick's Monum.* 59 [In making a lute] First bring your Back and Belly together, and see if they will fit. 1743 POCOCKE *Descr. East* I. II. iii. 105 The people had come rudely to the boat when I was absent, and had said that they would see whether this stranger would dare come out another day. 1766 EARL MARCH in Jesse *Selwyn & Contemp.* (1843) I. 62, I am just going to ride out to see if air and exercise will get me a stomach. 1821 SCOTT *Kenilw.* iv, Follow yonder fellow, and see where he takes earth. 1835 DICKENS *Sk. Boz, Mr. J. Dounce*, 'Can you open me half-a-dozen more [oysters], my dear?' inquired Mr. John Dounce. 'I'll see what I can do for you, Sir', replied the young lady in blue. *a* 1853 ROBERTSON *Serm.* Ser. IV. iv. (1876) 46 He will look at the fact in every way to see if he cannot get it into a position where it shall be seen no longer. 1865 H. KINGSLEY *Hillyars & B.* ii, Cut away, old chap, and see who it is.

b. *absol.* or with ellipsis of indirect question.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 14310 'And quar haf yee his bode laid?' 'Sir', said mari, 'cum forth and se'. 1568 GRAFTON *Chron.* II. 773 As for this gentleman my sonne, I mind he shal be where I am till I see further. 1581 EARL MORTON in *Cal. Scott. Papers* VI. 14, I was purposed to have banished my self ngnine and turned my backe upon Scotland while I had sene further. 1851 HAWTHORNE *Ho. Sev. Gables* xx, Ah, something terrible has happened! I must run and see! 1861 *Two Cosmos* I. 283 'But what ails you to tell him I am here now?'..She shut the door, looked inquiringly at him, and left him standing, with 'I'll see'.

c. To make sure by inspection (before taking action) *that* certain conditions exist. Cf. sense 8.

c 1440 *Alphabet of Tales* 78 He þat giffis it [the benefice] suld se þat he þatt he gaff it to war able for to take it. 1523 FITZHERB. *Husb.* § 57 Se that they be soft on the fore-croppe, and upon the hucbone. 1821 SCOTT *Kenilw.* xxiii, He looked sharply around to see that there was nothing in sight which might give the lie to his words.

7. † a. To keep in view; to watch over; chiefly in favourable sense, to protect, take care of, tend.

c 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 1663 Laban bi-tazte him, siðen to sen, His hirdenesse ðat it wel ben. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 16488 'Ha we noght þar-of to do', coth þai, 'þou sal þi-self it se'. *c* 1307 *Song Exec. Sir S. Fraser* in *Pol. Songs* (Camden) 216 Sire Edward of Carnarvan, Jhesu him save ant see! *c* 1374 CHAUCER *Troylus* II. 85 Quod Pandarus ma dame god yow see. (1426) LYDG. *De Guil. Pilgr.* 4824 And to Seyn Iohan I leve also, That he may han perseueraunce To sen me in my gret suffraunce. *c* 1440 *York Myst.* viii. 77 Luke þat þi semes be suttilly seyn. *Ibid.* xvii. 33 Sirs! god yowe saffe ande see. *c* 1460 *Towneley Myst.* ix. 127 Mahowne the sane and se, sir syryne! *a* 1535 *Frere & Boy* 64 in Ritson *Anc. Pop. Poetry* 37 Sone, he sayde, god the se. 1563 *Child-Marriages* 132 This deponent..went home againe to se his busines. 1607 NORDEN *Surv. Dial.* v. 230 If he be an inferior, he may be his owne Bayly, and see the managing and manuring of his owne reuenewes, and not to leaue it to the discretion and diligence of lither swaines.

b. With adv. or phrase: To escort (a person) *home, to the door*, etc. *To see* (a person) *off*: to be present at (his) starting for a journey. Also, *to see* (a book) *through the press.*

1607 SHAKS. *Cor.* III. iii. 137 Go see him out at Gates,..Giue him desern'd vexation. 1693 CONGREVE *Old Bach.* IV. xix, *Læt.* Oh! Won't you follow, and see him out of Doors, my Dear? *Fond.* I'll shut this door, to secure him from coming back. 1698 FRYER *Acc. E. India & P.* 1 For your singular Favour, in seeing me Aboard-ship. 1770 C. JENNER *Placid Man* I. II. v. 104 When he had seen her safe into her chair, he went home. 1775 SHERIDAN *Duenna* I. ii, But, hark ye, Ferdinand, did you leave your key with them? *Don Ferd.* Yes; the maid who saw me out, took it from the door. 1809 W. IRVING *Knickerb.* II. iv. (1820) 119 Escorted by a multitude of relatives and friends, who all went down, as the common phrase expresses it, 'to see them off'. 1884 RIDER HAGGARD *Dawn* xlii, 'Where have you been to, Lady Florence?' he said. 'To see my brother off', she answered. 1884 W. C. SMITH *Kildrostan* 50 Do not trouble to bring back the boat; I'll see Miss Ina home. 1886 MISS L. TOULMIN SMITH *Bk. Brome* Pref. 1, I willingly undertook, at her request, to see it through the press. 1888 FLOR. WARDEN *Witch of Hills* II. xviii. 104 We saw the ladies into the brougham. 1899 RIDER HAGGARD in *Longm. Mag.* Apr. 125, I opened the door to see out some friends.

8. To ensure by supervision or vigilance that something shall be done or not done. a. with clause as obj. Often with reference to action on the part of the subject: To take care, see to it (cf. 25 c) *that* one does so and so. (In this use rarely † with dative of pron. used *refl.*)

a 1300 *K. Horn* (Camb. MS.) 452, & se he holde foreward. *c* 1400 *Apol. Loll.* (Camden) 41 And se hem religious, þat þei feyn not falsly pouert...And see þei þat þei oblesche no man to the maner of pouert, but þat God haþ callid þer to. *c* 1422 tr. *Secreta Secret., Priv. Priv.* xxxiv. 187 See that thou can lyue Of Lytill mette and Drynke. *c* 1449 PECOCK *Repr.* II. xvii. 253 Se ȝe that in ȝoure vndirnymyng ȝe bere ȝou discreetli. 1468 [see MAN *sb.*[1] 4 f]. 1502 ATKYNSON tr. *De Imitatione* III. viii. (1893) 202 Se, therfore,..that no strong fantasies of any mater trouble the. *c* 1530 H. RHODES *Bk. Nurture* in *Babees Bk.* 67 See ye haue Voyders ready for to auoyd the Morsels that they doe leaue on their Trenchours. 1535 LYNDESAY *Satyre* 52 And sie the burgessis spair not for expence, Bot speid thame heir, with Temporalitie. 1560 DAUS tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* 1 b, It is the propre office of a Byshop to see that the people be rightly instructed. 1575 *Gammer Gurton* II. i. 77 Now, Hodge, see thou take heede And do as I thee byd. 1632 HOLLAND *Cyrupædia* 197 See then quoth he, you order the matter so, and provide against that time. 1639 W. C. *Italian Convert* xxx. 222 Shee was never from about him, and saw that hee wanted nothing which the world could yeeld for the recovery of his health. 1685 BAXTER *Paraphr. N. T., Mark* iv. 23 Let him that hath ears and understanding see that he hear God's word regardfully. 1741 RICHARDSON *Pamela* III. 214 Only when your worthy Parents have perused them, see that I have every Line of them again. 1873 BLACK *Pr. Thule* xxi. 341 Mrs. Lavender would see that she was properly looked after. 1884 *Manch. Exam.* 17 May 4/7 It behoves us to see that we are not outstripped by our rivals abroad. 1886 PEARSON in *Law Rep.* 32 Chanc. Div. 48 The landlord..is interested in seeing that the liquidators discharge their duty properly.

b. with obj. a sb. or pronoun, and pa. pple. or adj. (rarely infinitive) as complement.

1558 Q. MARY *Will* in J. M. Stone *Mary I* (1901) 515 That they to the uttermost of ther powers and wyttes, shall see this my present Testament & last will perform'd and executed. 1583 SIR C. HATTON in Kempe *Losely MSS.* (1836) 268 We I thought good to advertise you of, that in the meane whyle you myght see every thinge well ordered. 1586 A. DAY *Eng. Secretary* I. (1625) 66 And if my opinion may at all prevaile with you should quickly call him home from hence, and see him more better to be provided for.

1607 Shaks. *Cor.* IV. vi. 47 Go see this Rumorer whipt. 1672 R. Montagu in *Buccleuch MSS.* (Hist. MSS. Comm.) I. 517, I think seeing an Ambassador's debts paid when he comes away belongs to your province. 1697 Dryden *Virg. Past.* IX. 29 O Tity'rus, tend my Herd, and see them fed. 1704 *Milit. Dict.* (ed. 2), *Major of a Regiment*..is to convey all Orders to the Regiment..to see it march in good order [etc.]. 1824 Scott *St. Ronan's* xxxviii, I will see her avenged on every one of them! 1899 in *Law Times* XCII. 92/2 We undertake to see you paid the said sum of £526.

c. Coupled by *and* with another verb: To be careful to (do something). *colloq.*

a 1766 Mrs. F. Sheridan *Sidney Bidulph* IV. 69 David ..told me he'd see and get me another every jot as pretty. 1825 T. Hook *Sayings* Ser. II. *Passion & Princ.* xi. III. 257 If you get your letters ready early in the day, I will see and get them franked.

9. To view or regard as, to judge, deem. With complementary adj., *good, fit, proper*, or the like, the object being an infinitive phrase (less frequently a clause), which is sometimes snppressed by ellipsis or represented by *it*.

a 1325 *MS. Rawl. B.* 520 b, Þat..snuche enquestene..be after Þat te Iustises soez best to doinde to Þe wille of Þe reaume. *Ibid.* 31 b, To ben .. ipubliste, in schirene, in Citees..ant in obere sollempne studes, þare Þe seost best forte spede. *c* 1375 *Lay Folks Mass Bk.* 393 (Royal MS.) Þo froytes of Þo erthe make plentenus, als Þou sees best. 1558 *Will* in *Berks, Bucks, & Oxon N. & Q.* (1905) II. 48 Wt suche armes in mouey as myne executours shall thinke and see requysite in charitie to be gyven to the poore. 1581 Pettie tr. *Guazzo's Civ. Conv.* III. (1586) 150 The father by his authoritie ought to distribute his fauoures as he seeth good, to one more, to another lesse. 1663 Butler *Hudibras* I. iii. 275 Others may doe as they see good. 1818 Scott *Hrt. Midl.* xii, To abide the dispensation that the Lord sees meet to send us. 1829 — *Anne of G.* xxxiv, The Duke for once saw it necessary to alter his purpose of instant battle. 1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* I. v. i, The only thing one sees advisable is to bring up soldiers. 1860 Ruskin *Unto this Last* I. § 24 Supposing the master of a manufactory saw it right..to place his own son in the position of an ordinary workman.

†b. Passive, *to be seen*: (*a*) to seem, appear [= L. *videri*]; (*b*) *ellipt.* to seem good, approve itself. *Obs.*

1382 Wyclif *Gen.* xix. 14 And he was seen to hem as pleiyoge to speke. *c* 1400 tr. *Secreta Secret., Gov. Lordsh.* xiii. 55 With discrecion do he hit noght ouer latly ne ouer bastly, þat he be noght sen hastyf ne slowe. 1466 *Dunfermline Reg.* (Bannatyne) 356 To mak a mylne within my said grunde..giff it be sene spedfull till ws. 1473 *Rental Bk. Cupar-Angus* (1879) I. 178 Rychswa the myl to be fychit gif it be sein to ws profitabile fra the place it standis up til ane place of mair eysmentis and profitis. *Ibid.* 182 Aneus the pairtyn of the town it is seyn to the Abbot and the Connent for al pairtis that the town stand vnpairtyt as it standis and allegis tham of that condicion. 1484 in *Exch. Rolls Scot.* IX. 603 To prolong and continew takkis of thaim for the space of fyve yeris or within as salbe sene speidfull to thaim. 1548 Udall, etc. *Erasm. Par. Matt.* xvii. 1–8 These thynges wer seene to the Apostles as to men newely waked from slepe. 1549 *Bk. Comm. Prayer, Visit. Sick* Prayer, Consider his contricion, accept his teares, aswage his payne as shalbe seen to thee moste expediente for hym. 1574 M. Stokes in G. Peacock *Observ. Stat. Cambr.* (1841) App. A. p. xxxvi, When the Father hathe arguyde att hys Plesure the Bachelars of Arte shall replye, as many as shall be seene to the Father.

10. To know by observation (ocular and other), to witness; to meet with in the course of one's experience; to have personal knowledge of, to be a contemporary of and present at the scene of (an event); to be living at (a certain period of time). Phrases, *To see life, the world*: see the sbs.

Sometimes with mixture of sense 11, as in *to have seen better days*, to have been formerly better off than now; *to have seen one's day, one's best days*, to be no longer in one's prime.

Beowulf 2014 Ne seah ic..meduoream maran! *c* 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 139 And teh folc to him to hereu his wise word, and to sende his wunderliche liflode. 1297 R. Glouc. (Rolls) 1611 Vol vewe kinges me sucþ þat it wolde do. 1375 Barbour *Bruce* xvi. 179 In-till all the weir of Irland So hard ane fechting wes nocht seyne. 1421–30 Lydg. *Troy Bk.* I. 1133 He schal þe tyme se þat he par-avnter schal mow þanked be. *a* 1533 Ld. Berners *Huon* lxi. 213, I haue longe desyryd to se yᵉ day that I nowe do se. 1575 *Gammer Gurton* I. iv. 2, I may well cursse and ban This daie, that euer I saw it. *c* 1590 *Sir T. More* IV. v. 86 But we.. Hauing seene better dayes, now know the lack Of glorie that once rearde eche high-fed back. 1593 Shaks. *Lucr.* 380 O had they in that darkesome prison died, Then had they seene the period of their ill. 1679 Dryden *Limberham* Prol. 1 True Wit has seen its best days long ago. 1686 tr. *Chardin's Coronat. Solyman* 35 One who had never seen the world. *a* 1700 Evelyn *Diary* 27 Jan. 1658, He declaim'd against the vanities of the world before he had seene any. 1712–13 Swift *Jrnl. to Stella* 16 Feb., I never saw such a continuance of rainy weather. 1759 Johnson *Rasselas* xxxix, They had seen nothing, for they had lived from early youth in that narrow spot. 1763 *Brit. Mag.* IV. 372, I, being elevated with liquor, could not pass by a night-house, always being fond of seeing life, as the term is. 1821 Scott *Kenilw.* xxxvii, The wisest men whom the world has seen. 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* lxi, I never saw his equal for pluck and daring. 1870 Morris *Earthly Par., Lovers of Gudrun* 40 Kiartan now had seen His eighteenth spring. 1876 Flor. Marryat *Her Father's Name* xxv, The truth is, the old housekeeper had seen her day, and was thankful for the prospect of any help in her duties. 1883 R. W. Dixon *Mano* I. viii. 21 And this I say Who have seen much that mighty love can do.

b. With clause, obj. and inf., or obj. and complement: To observe, find. Also (chiefly in the future tense), to find, come to know in the course of events.

1390 Gower *Conf.* I. 3 For now upon this tyde Men se the world on every syde In sondry wyse so diversed, That [etc.]. *c* 1425 *Cast. Persev.* 3227 in *Macro Plays* 173 Þer schal we sone se what Þat his Iugement schal be. 1500–20 Dunbar *Poems* iv. 45, I see that makaris amang the laif Playis heir ther pegeant, syne gois to graif. ?1533 Heywood *Pard. & Frere* 611 Thou shall se What I shall do by and by. 1536 Cranmer in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. III. III. 27, I had dayly prayed unto God that I might se the power of Rome destroyed, and that I thanked God that I had now sene it in this Realme. 1551 T. Wilson *Logic* (1563) 6 b, We see heate in other thynges to bee seperated from the subiecte. Whereupon we Iudge that the heate is an other thyng then the very substaunce of Fire. 1611 Bible *Transl. Pref.* ¶ 2 He gaue foorth, that hee had not seene any profit to come by any Synode. 1764 Goldsm. *Trav.* 397 Have we not seen, round Britain's peopled shore, Her useful sons exchanged for useless ore? 1821 Scott *Pirate* xxvi, We shall soon see how the old spell-mutterer will receive us. 1835 T. Hook *Sayings* Ser. II. *Passion & Princ.* v. III. 6 At length he came to a resolution..to 'wait and see' what would turn up for the best. 1847 Tennyson *Princess* III. 244 There is nothing upon earth More miserable than she that has a son And sees him err. 1856 Froude *Hist. Eng.* (1858) I. iii. 244 The astonished church authorities saw bill after bill hurried up before the Lords.

absol. 1456 Sir G. Haye *Law Arms* (S.T.S.) 102 As men seis, naturaly ilke wilde beste and tame defend the self. 1823 Coleridge *Table-t.* 28 Apr., 'The Spaniards are absolutely conquered; it is absurd to talk of their chance of resisting'.—'Very well, my lord', I said, 'we shall see'. 1865 Kingsley *Herew.* xxi, You will see some day. Now, I will tell you but one word.

c. In *passive*. Formerly often impersonal, *It is seen*, it is observed, experience shows *that*.

1390 Gower *Conf.* I. 15 But ofte is sen that mochel slowthe, Whan men ben drunken of the cuppe, Doth mochel harm. *c* 1400 *Master of Game* ii. 32 (MS. Digby 182) The other hertes..renne vponn hym and sle hym. And þat is see and sothe. 1451 Capgrave *Life St. August.* iii. 6 And as often is sene þei make sumtyme debate betwyx wif and husband. 1545 in I. S. Leadam *Sel. Cases Crt. Requests* (1898) 86 Whiche..was never vsid nor senne in his tyme to be one. 1576 Gascoigne *Compl. Philom.* ad fin., The sonnes of such rash sinning sires, Are seldome seue to runne a ruly race. 1580 Frampton *Dial. Yron & Steele* 168 For it is seene that a cuppe of colde water beeing dronke, that commeth foorth of a well..hurteth. 1607 Norden *Surv. Dial.* I. 13 There grew such emulation among Farmers, that one would outbid another, (which in the beginning was little seene). 1638 Junius *Paint. Ancients* 38 So is it seldome or never seene that the workes of one man should fit our humour in all things.

d. Willingness (or unwillingness) *to see* an event is often predicated as equivalent to willingness (or unwillingness) that the event should occur. Hence the vb. sometimes assumes the sense: To allow (something to happen).

So in colloquial expressions of emphatic refusal: *I'll see him hanged* (*damned, further*, etc.) *first*.

c 1400 *Cato's Morals* 92 in *Cursor M.* 1670 Qua-sim-euer Þou be Þat wille Þi-self safe se..loke..Þou kepe Þi corage fra ille tecchis rife. *c* 1400 *Gamelyn* 146 Be thou nought wroth, For to seen thee have harm it were me right loth. *c* 1420 *Avow. Arth.* xxxvii, But I nolde, for no lordeshippe, se Þi life lorne. *c* 1489 Caxton *Sonnes of Aymon* ix. 228 Reynawde is my cosin, & I oughte not to see his dethe nor his dommage. 1554 in Warden *Burgh Laws Dundee*, etc. (1872) 333 Ze salbe ane obedient and trew servand to zour maister. And sall nether heir nor sie his skaith. 1596 Shaks. *Tam. Shr.* II. i. 301 Vpon sonday is the wedding day. *Kate.* Ile see thee hang'd on sonday first. 1631 Heywood *2nd Pt. Fair Maid West* I. B 2 b, Ile see you damn'd as deep as the black father of your generation the devill first. 1709 Fiston *Dist. Classics* (1718) 50, I am ambitious, my Lord, to see You Master of a fine Pen. 1736 Ainsworth *Lat. Dict.* IV. s.v. *Amata*, She hanged herself that she might not see Æneas her son in law. 1756–7 tr. *Keysler's Trav.* (1760) I. 459 To Ansaldo Grimaldo, who with regret sees himself alone. 1779 *Mirror* No. 44 ¶ 1 The old man hoped..to join their hands, and see them happy before he died. 1797 [see First *adv.* 26]. 1831 Scott *Ct. Robt.* xvi, It is with no small confidence that I desire to see us set forth in quest of my beloved Countess. 1849 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* v. I. 598 He would see Bristol burned down, he said,..rather than that it should be occupied by traitors. 1867 Augusta Wilson *Vashti* xviii, You ought to be willing to see me do anything honest, that will secure my dependent brother and sister from want.

e. *transf.* Of things, places, etc.: To be contemporary with and in the neighbourhood of, to be the scene of (an event); to be in existence during (a period of time). Also of a period of time: To be marked by (an event).

1739 C. Wesley *Hymn*, Hail the Day that sees Him rise, Ravish'd from our wishful Eyes. 1839 Digay *Mores Cath.* IX. i. (1847) III. 13/1 These are the funeral and Tartarean years of which St. Augustin speaks, like that when Rome saw five consuls. 1849–50 Alison *Hist. Europe* VIII. I. § 62. 187 Eighteen rivers have seen their navigation improved. 1895 Workman *Alger. Mem.* 77 A bright cold morning saw us in the saddle at 6.15. 1907 A. Lang *Hist. Scot.* IV. 408 In 1906 Cambridge saw three or four of her most learned men compete for the Greek chair.

11. To experience in one's own person; to undergo, enjoy, or suffer. Now *rare*. (For *to have seen service*, see Service *sb.*)

The use is app. native, but coincides with a Biblical Hebraism: see, e. g. Luke ii. 26 (in all Eng. versions).

Beowulf 1180 Þonne ðu forð scyle metodsceaft seon! *a* 900 Cynewulf *Crist* 1611 Dær sceolan Þeoſas..ond mausworan morþorlean seon. 1297 R. Glouc. (Rolls) 6236 We fiȝteþ & beþ ouercome & no maistrie we ne seþ. *a* 1310 in Wright *Lyric P.* xxxiv. 96 Crist leve us alle with that wymman that joie al forte sene. *a* 1300 *K. Horn* (Camb. MS.) 650 Heo ferde in to bure To sen auenture. 1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) IV. 61 He schavede nevere his heed, noþer his berde, ..he wolde have no worschepe, er he seigh wreche of Hanyhal. 1470–85 Malory *Arthur* IV. xviii. 141 They ansuerd hym that they cam from kynge Arthurs courte for to see auentures. *c* 1530 G. Cromwell in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. III. I. 339 His Lorchyp..mad us good schere; and lett us see schuch game and plesure as I never saye in my lyfe. 1611 Bible *Tobit* iv. 4 Remember, my sonne, that shee saw many dangers for thee. 1738 Wesley *Psalms* xciii. ii, How sure establish'd is thy Throne; Which shall no Change or Period see. 1799 Wordsw. *Fountain* 42 They see A happy youth, and their old age Is beautiful and free. 1894 Sir J. Astley *Fifty Yrs. Life* II. 7, He [a horse] was a very clever hunter and I saw a lot of sport on him.

12. To be in the company of, to meet and converse with (a person). *To go* or *come to* (or *and*) *see*: to visit, call upon. *To see much* or *little of* (a person): to be often or seldom in his society.

a 1300 *K. Horn* (Camb. MS.) 1356 'Childre', he sede, 'hu habbe 3e fare? Þat ihc 3ou se3 hit is ful 3are.' *c* 1320 R. Brunne *Medit.* 232 Y go and come to 30w a3en, Forsoþe eftsones y wyl 30w sen. 1470–85 Malory *Arthur* XI. iii. 575 Thenne she said my lord sir launcelot I biseche yow see me as soone as ye may. *a* 1548 Hall *Chron., Hen. VIII* 111 He made muche suite to come into Englande, to see and speake with the kyng. 1609 Carleton in *Crt. & Times Jas. I* (1848) I. 95 You will hear of Sir Thomas Smith by your servant, who went the last night to see him. 1662 J. Davies tr. *Mandelslo's Trav.* 280 There came aloug with them the President's Lady, whom he had not seen in seven years before. 1670 Lady Mary Wortley in *12th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. v. 21, I have been twice to see my lady Northampton but could not find her at hom. 1710 Swift *Jrnl. to Stella* 18 Sept., When you see Joe, tell him [etc.]. 1762 G. Colman *Musical Lady* I. 6 Come! I have been in search of you this hour—and thought I should have been obliged to go back again without seeing you. 1800 Geo. IV in *Paget Papers* (1896) I. 181 In short, the more I see of her and the more I probe her Heart the more perfect I see her. 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* xl, Mrs. Bute and Lady Southdown never could meet without battles, and gradually ceased seeing each other. 1849 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* v. I. 531 He saw little of any Whigs. 1872 Dasent *Three to One* III. 241 Have either of you seen anything of Mr. Fortescue in town? 1881 Mozley *Remin.* (ed. 2) I. 57, I was seeing very little of Blanco White.

b. To obtain an interview with, call upon, or meet in order to consult or confer with, give directions to or receive directions from. In U. S. *colloq.* 'To interview or consult in order to influence, esp. improperly, as in order to bribe' (Webster 1911).

1782 Miss Burney *Cecilia* I. x, She therefore went..to enquire among the servants if Mrs. Hill was yet come? Yes, they answered, and had seen their master, and was gone. 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* xliv, She promised to see her man of business immediately. 1875 Jowett *Plato* (ed. 2) I. 11, I want him to come and see a physician about the illness of which he spoke to me. 1888 Bryce *Amer. Commw.* xv. I. 213 The class of professional 'lobbyists', men, and women too, who make it their business to 'see' members and procure..the passing of bills..which involve gain to their promoters. *Ibid.* c. III. 411 The president of a great railroad..must have adroit agents at the State capitals..ready to 'see' leading legislators [etc.]. 1891 'J. S. Winter' *Lumley* xiii, I have to see a lady in Queen's Gate about a sitting. 1908 R. Bagot *A. Cuthbert* xii. 140 Kindly send a waiter to find my servant. I must see him directly.

c. To receive as a visitor; to admit to an interview. Phrases, *to see company*; †*to see masks* = to hold a masquerade.

c 1500 *Melusine* xxxvii. (1894) 298 For he knew wel that Raymondyn his brother wold neuer lone hym nor see hym. 1710 Swift *Jrnl. to Stella* 1 Nov., I..went..to see Mr. Harley, who could not see me for much company; but sent me his excuse, and desired I would dine with him on Friday. 1711 Steele *Spect.* No. 429 ¶ 8 Lady Lydia cannot see Company. 1744 Lady M. W. Montagu *Let. to Montagu* (1893) II. 125 The vice-legate has a court of priests, and sees little other company. 1761 Colman *Jealous Wife* I. (1775) 13 Assert your Right boldly, Man!..see what Company you like; go out when you please; return when you please. 1770 Foote *Lame Lover* II. 29 *Serjeant.* How often have I told you, that I will see none of these sort of folks but at chambers? 1779 *Mirror* No. 25 She replied, that Mrs. Dimmity, my Lady ——'s gentlewoman, told her all the maids at —— had tea, and saw company of an afternoon. 1782 Miss Burney *Cecilia* VI. vii, When Mr. Harrel saw masks in Portman-square, my curiosity to behold a lady so adored, and so cruel, led me thither. 1802 Mar. Edgeworth *Moral T., Forester* (1806) I. 2 My master is just going to dinner, and can't see anybody now. 1804 Bp. Pretyman in *G. Rose's Diaries* (1860) II. 94 Mr. Pitt saw Lord Harrowby..for an hour and a half. 1883 *Daily News* 31 Oct. 5/3 Lord Derby will not be able to see the Transvaal delegates..during the present week. 1885 *Encycl. Brit.* XIX. 752/1 It was easy [for prisoners] to get drink and tobacco, and see friends from outside.

euphemistically. 1749 Fielding *Tom Jones* XVI. ii, He felt the same compunction with a bawd, when some poor innocent..falls into fits at the first proposal of what is called seeing company.

†d. absol. *To see* (*together*): to meet one another, have an interview. *Obs.*

a 1548 Hall *Chron., Hen. VIII* 200 After this day, the kyng and she neuer saw together. 1578 Whetstone *Promos & Cass.* II. IV. ii, Wees see at the sport. 1611 Shaks. *Cymb.* I. i. 124 When shall we see againe? 1613 — *Hen. VIII*, I. i. 2. How haue ye done Since last we saw in France?

13. *Gaming.* To meet (a bet), or meet the bet of (another player), by staking an equal sum. Now chiefly in *Poker* (see also quot. 1885). †b. In *Brag*: see quot. 1804.

1599 Minsheu *Sp. Dial.* iii. 26 *M.* Giue me fower cards, Ile see as much as he sets. *K.* See heere my rest, let euery

one be in. *M.* I am come to passe again... *O.* I set my rest. *M.* Ile see it. 1804 *New Pocket Hoyle, Brag*, Or if either party lay down a stake, saying *Let me see you*, or *I'll see it*, in which case both the hands are to be shown, and the strongest wins. 1885 H. JONES in *Encycl. Brit.* XIX. 283/1 [Poker.] The next in rotation to say must either (1) go out of the game; or (2) see the raise, i.e., put up an equal amount; or (3) go better, i.e., increase the raise. *Ibid.*, The last to stake, who makes his raise equal to that of each of the others, *sees* them, i.e. the player to the left has to show his hand... The next..then similarly shows his hand..; and so on all round; the holder of the best hand takes the pool.

transf. 1890 *Sat. Rev.* 15 Feb. 183/2 A rather discreditable attempt to 'see' other Pretenders and 'go one better' in patriotism. 1890 *Spectator* 20 Sept., He 'saw' the enemy's veteran, in fact, and went 599 better.

14. *Mil.* To command or dominate (a position). Said of a fortification, artillery, etc. [So F. *voir.*]

1829 NAPIER *Penins. War* v. ii. (Rtldg.) I. 234 The guns.. saw it [a convent] in reverse. 1834–47 J. S. MACAULAY *Field Fortif.* (1851) 43 In proportion as the height of the parapet is increased the danger of being seen by enfilade, slant, or reverse fire, diminishes. *Ibid.* 142 An interior intrenchment should therefore be formed; it will generally be the church and cemetery, or the strongest house in the village, if..placed so as to see the principal streets.

15. Let see. **a.** *To let* (a person) *see*: to show, bring to the sight or knowledge of. With sb. or clause as obj. Formerly often with ellipsis of personal obj. †*to let see.*

c 1320 *Sir Tristr.* 501 Houndes on hyde he dištes, Alle he lete hem se. *Ibid.* 554 Who better can, lat se. 1338 R. BRUNNE *Chron.* (1810) 18, & Ethelbert in the felde his fader lete he se, How Dardan for his lance doun to the erth went, & smote his hede of, his fader to present. 1377 LANGL. *P. Pl.* B. xvii. 9 'Late se þi lettres' quod I 'we miȝte þe lawe knowe'. *c* 1400 *Laud Troy Bk.* 2865 Lete se now, what ȝe say? 14.. W. PARIS *Cristine* 152 (Horstm.) Sire, make theme hole! late se, cane ye? *c* 1430 *Hymns Virg.* (1867) 58 How many foolde Hast þou brouȝt richesse? now late se. *c* 1450 *Merlin* xx. 357 'Now let se', quod Merlin, 'what ye will do, for now is ther oon lesse'. *c* 1485 *Digby Myst., Mary Magd.* 1738 Lett se whatt I xall have, Or elles I woll nat wend. 1535 COVERDALE 2 *Kings* xviii. 23, I will geue y^e two thousande horses, let se yf thou be able to man them. 1596 DALRYMPLE tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* Prol. I. 10 To lat sie quhan danger is, thay kendle bleises in tour beidis. 1601 Q. ELIZ. *Let. to Mountjoy* 12 Jan. in *Moryson's Itin.* (1617) II. 197 Wee could not forbeare to let you see, how sensible we are of this your merit. 1725 P. WALKER *Life Peden* in *Biogr. Presbyt.* (1827) I. 79 The Lord has letten me see the Frenches marching..thorow..the Land. 1752 FOOTE *Taste* II. (1781) 25 Gentlemen, here is a Jewel. *All.* Ay, ay, let's see.

†**b.** The imperative *let see* was sometimes used with indirect question (= 'let us see *if*'); also *absol.* prefixed to a request (= 'come', 'go to'); also to a question asked in soliloquy. *Obs.*

c 1470 HENRY *Wallace* I. 442 'Uncle', he said, 'I will no langar bide; Thir Southland hors latt se gif I can ride'. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* XII. xi. 49 Quhat sall I do, lat se; quhar sall I now? [L. *nam quid ago*]. 1525 LD. BERNERS *Froiss.* II. cxxvii. [cxxiii.] 359 That is trouthe, quod the duke, let se, name a wyfe for him. *Ibid.* clxvii. [clxiii.] 464 Well, syrs, quod the bretons, lette se laye forthe the money.

c. *Let me see, let us see*: indicating that the speaker is trying to recall something to memory, or finds it necessary to reflect before answering a question.

c 1520 SKELTON *Magnyf.* 595 Abyde—lette me se—take better hede—Cockes harte! it is Cloked Colusyon! 1533 J. HEYWOOD *Merry Play Johan* (1909) A ij, But abyde a whyle, yet let me se Where the dyuell hath our gyssypry begon. 1599 SHAKS. *Hen. V*, III. vii. 168 It is now two a Clock: but let me see, by ten Wee shall haue each a hundred English men. 1599 NASHE *Lenten Stuffe* 42 Let me see, hath any bodie in Yarmouth heard of Leander and Hero? 1693 CONGREVE *Old Bach.* IV. vi, A Prayer-Book? Ay, this is the Devil's *Pater-noster.* Hold let me see; The Innocent Adultery. 1741 RICHARDSON *Pamela* IV. 101 Let me see, then, can I give you the brief History of this Comedy? 1761 FOOTE *Liar* I. Wks. 1799 I. 282 Where do we open?..Let us see—one o'clock—it is a fine day: the Mall will be crouded.

16. Special uses of the gerundial infinitive. **a.** Formerly often appended, with the sense 'in visible aspect', to various predicates, esp. adjs. descriptive of appearance, as *fair, foul, terrible*, etc. Three varieties of this use have been current: †(*a*) (*Fair*, etc.) *on to see.* (The only form recorded from OE. times: cf. 21). (*b*) (*Fair*, etc.) *to see.* (The surviving use, now only *poet.*; common from the 14th c.) †(*c*) (*Fair*, etc.) *to see to* (rarely *unto*). (Occurs from the 16th to the 18th c.)

(*a*) *c* 893 K. ÆLFRED *Oros.* I. iii, Ða syndon swyþe fæȝere.. on to seonne. *c* 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 163 Hire handcloðes, and hire bord cloðes [ben] makede wite, and lustliche on to siene. *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 2659 So faiȝer he was on to sen. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 7446 Gret he [Goliath] was wit-all, and hei, And semed sathan on to sei. *c* 1369 CHAUCER *Dethe Blaunche* 1177 That swete wyght That is so semely on to see. 1430–40 LYDG. *Bochas* I. xiv. (1494) d viij b, Vpon the mounteyne callyd auentyne..There is a wode..Right fresshe of sight and goodly on to se. 1500–20 DUNBAR *Poems* lxxxvii. 36 Moir semely na is the sapheir one to seyne.

(*b*) *a* 1310 in Wright *Lyric P.* xxv. 71 Jhesu, al that is fayr to se..me Graunte for the love of the. 1340 *Ayenb.* 150 Þe þridde him makeþ briȝte to zyenne and uol of wytte. *c* 1380 *Sir Ferumb.* 1700 A geant ys maked briggeward þat symeþ þe fend to see. *c* 1400 *Sowdone Bab.* 39 With many a Baron & Knigtis ful boold, That roialle were and semly to sene. 1437 *Libel Eng. Policy* in *Pol. Poems* (Rolls) II. 179 And wee to martis of Braban charged bene Wyth Englyssh clothe, fulle gode and feyre to seyne. *c* 1500 *Flower & Leaf* 157 It was a noble sight to sene. 1503 DUNBAR *Thistle & Rose* 88 The Lyone..most fair to sene. 1563 SACKVILLE *Induct. Mirr. Mag.* ii, The soyle that earst so seemely was to seen. 1607 R. C[AREW] tr. *Estienne's World of Wonders* 236 More gay to seene Then some Atturney's clarke, or George a Greene. 1833 TENNYSON *Sisters* i, O the Earl was fair to see!

(*c*) 1542 UDALL *Erasm. Apoph.* 296 A cypres tree goodly to see to, but in deede unfruitefull. 1552 *Elyot's Dict., Anagyris*, an herbe or shrub verie pleasant to see to. *a* 1586 SIDNEY *Arcadia* III. (Sommer) 268 In one place lay disinherited heades, dispossessed of their naturall seignories: in an other, whole bodies to see to, but that their harts wont to be bound all ouer so close, were nowe with deadly violence opened. 1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* XI. xviii. I. 320 There is a kind of rusticall and wild Bee: and such are more rough and hideous to see to. 1610 — *Camden's Brit.* I. 86 Now was the State everie where in a most wofull and pitious plight to see unto. 1634 MILTON *Comus* 620 A certain Shepherd Lad Of small regard to see to, yet well skill'd In every vertuous plant. 1671 H. M. tr. *Erasm. Colloq.* 144 The ceremonies being indeed very goodly to see to. 1737 WHISTON *Josephus, Antiq.* XVIII. ix. § 4 He was a little man to see to.

b. As predicate (= the more usual 'to be seen'). †(*a*) Visible, evident. *Obs. rare.* (*b*) Remaining to be seen.

1456 SIR G. HAVE *Law Armis* (S.T.S.) 271 For it is to se that the provour has begunnyn his clame ferr ynouche quhen [etc.]. 1577 KENDALL *Flowers of Epigr.* 39 Once woodden Challices there were, Then golden priests were euery where: Now golden chalices there be, And woodden priestes eache where to see. 1818 SHELLEY *Lett.* Pr. Wks. (1888) II. 231 But Rome and Naples—even Florence, are yet to see. 1846 BROWNING *Soul's Trag.* 1 Shame Fall presently on who deserves it most! Which is to see.

II. Phraseological combinations.

* *intransitive uses with prepositions.*

17. See about—. To attend to; to take steps with reference to; also, to take into consideration, see what can be done with regard to. *I'll see about it*: often used *colloq.* to evade giving an immediate decision.

1848 BARTLETT *Dict. Amer., See about*, to attend to; to consider. 1858 HAWTHORNE *Fr. & It. Note-bks.* (1871) I. 48, I—and I then went to the railway station to see about our luggage. 1869 'WAT BRADWOOD' *The O. V. H.* xxxiv, Yes—I don't know—perhaps I'll go with you. We'll see about it.

18. See after—. To ascertain the condition of; to attend to the wants or safety of; also, to take means to obtain.

1727 [E. DORRINGTON] *Philip Quarll* (1816) 28, I feared that..another accident had befallen him.., so I went to see after him. 1775 S. J. PRATT *Liberal Opin.* liv. (1783) II. 142, I shan't be able to answer it to my conscience if I don't see after it. 1782 MISS BURNEY *Cecilia* II. iii, Pretty dove,.. be of good heart! sha'n't be meddled with; come to see after you. 1872 H. KINGSLEY *Hornby Mills* etc. II. 46 Here Tom, Tom, see after the luggage.

19. See for—. **a.** To look for, try to find. Now *rare* or *Obs.* Also †*see out for* (obs.).

1535 STEWART *Cron. Scot.* I. 558 And mony saikles ȝit sall suffer deid, Without richt sone ȝe se for sum remeid. 1670 NARBOROUGH *Jrnl.* in *Acc. Sev. Late Voy.* I. (1694) 32 My Lieutenant went up the River in the Boat nine or ten miles to see for People that way. 1719 DE FOE *Crusoe* I. (Globe) 203, I..went to the West End..of the Island, almost every Day, to see for Canoes, but none appear'd. 1775 S. J. PRATT *Liberal Opin.* I. (1783) II. 120 Adding, that, against my next excursion she would see out amongst her young friends for a more suitable companion. 1778 MISS BURNEY *Evelina* lxxvi, [She] begged me to see for some books she had left in the parlour. 1789 CHARLOTTE SMITH *Ethelinde* (1814) IV. 84 Montgomery..went down himself to see for a coach. 1802 MAR. EDGEWORTH *Moral T.* I. viii. 55, I was just coming to see for you. 1812 J. GROOM in *Examiner* 31 Aug. 552/1 He searched the..lodging-houses.., to see for suspicious persons. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* lxiv, Little Bob Suckling, who..would walk a mile in the rain to see for her carriage in the line at Gaunt House.

†**b.** To provide for, act for the benefit of. *Obs.*

1548 UDALL etc. *Erasm. Par. Matt.* i. 19 He began to cast in his mynde, by what meanes he myght bothe see for the good name, & also the lyfe of his wyfe.

20. See into—. To perceive (by physical or mental sight) what is below the surface of.

1593 SHAKS. 2 *Hen. VI*, III. i. 42 Well hath your Highnesse seene into this Duke. 1615 SIR J. THROCKMORTON in *Court & Times Jas. I* (1848) I. 382 Then we shall undoubtedly be able to see into the bottom of this and their other wicked practices. 1798 WORDSW. *Poems Imag.* XXVI. *Tintern Abb.* 49 While with an eye made quiet by the power Of harmony, ..We see into the life of things. 1824 MISS L. M. HAWKINS *Annaline* I. 205 He could see no farther into the affair than before. 1863 KINGSLEY in *Lett.* etc. (1877) II. 179 We must send up one of our F. G. S.'s to see into the matter.

†21. See on, upon—. To look on, look at. (Cf. sense 5.) *Obs.*

Beowulf 2863 Seah on unleofe. *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 2664 So was hem lef ou him to sen. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 12343 Bot fra þe leons on him sau Wel þai can þair lauerd knau. *a* 1310 in Wright *Lyric P.* v. 26 That syht upon that semly, to blis he is broht. *c* 1330 *Spec. Gy de Warw.* 389 Hit greueþ euere mannes eiȝe, Inwardliche on hire [the sun] to se For hire grete clerte. *c* 1400 *Rom. Rose* 3597 Ye not wolde upon him see. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* XIII. viii. 62 At the first blenk astonyst half wolx he, And musyng hoviris styll on hir to se.

22. See over—. (See also sense 2 and OVER *prep.*). †To look over, peruse (a book) (*obs.*); to have a comprehensive view of. Now chiefly, to go over and inspect (a building).

1490 CAXTON *Eneydos* 1 To my hande came a lytyl booke.. whiche booke I sawe ouer and redde therin. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* V. Prol. 5 The clerk reiosis his buikis our to seyne. 1765 J. INGERSOLL *Lett. relat. Stamp-Act* (1766) 34 There must be some one Eye to see over, and some one Hand to guide and direct, the Whole of it's Defence and Protection. 1830 MOORE in *Mem.* (1854) VI. 108 Took Miss Macdonald to see over new Athenæum.

23. See round—. To have views beyond, to perceive the limitations of. *rare.*

1879 M. PATTISON *Milton* 83 Milton, though he had come to see round Presbyterianism, had not, in 1644, shaken off all dogmatic profession.

24. See through—. **a.** *lit.* To see objects on the other side of (an aperture, or something transparent). Hence *fig.* to penetrate (a disguise, fallacious appearance), to detect (an imposture), to perceive the real character or aims of (a person).

1400 *Love God* 95 in 26 *Pol. Poems* 4 God seeth thurgh euery bore. *Ibid.* 103 God seeth thurgh eche mysse. *a* 1548 HALL *Chron., Hen. VIII* (1550) 187 b, His graces sight was so quicke and penetrable, that he saw him, ye and saw through him, both within and without. 1599 B. JONSON *Cynthia's Rev.* v. ii, He is a mere peece of glasse, I see through him, by this time. *c* 1610 *Women Saints* 160 There was not to be seene on her riche garments,..so thinne as that you might see throughe. 1623 COCKERAM II, To be Seene thorow. *Translucent, Transparent.* 1679 J. GOODMAN *Penit. Pard.* II. ii. (1713) 198 Alexander the great..had the luck or the sagacity to see through and despise the empty pageantry and shew. 1719 H. BARHAM in *Phil. Trans.* XXX. 1036 When held against the Light, they [the silkworms] might be seen through as you may an Egg. 1751 LABELYE *Westm. Bridge* 93 The Board seeing thro' all this, enforced the Directions I had given. 1784 BURNS *Ep. to J. Rankine* ii, And then their failings, flaws, an' wants, Are a' seen thro'. 1863 COWDEN CLARKE *Shaks. Char.* xvi. 394 He saw through their insufficiency. 1885 *Manch. Exam.* 6 Nov. 5/3 The object of the Commission was seen through at a glance.

†**b.** To have a clear notion of. *Obs.*

1729 BUTLER *Serm.* Pref., Wks. 1874 II. 7 Any one may.. know whether he understands and sees through what he is about.

c. *colloq.* To 'get through' (a meal).

1863 W. C. BALDWIN *Afr. Hunting* ix. 440, I need hardly say I had a bilious headache all the following day, as I was ravenously hungry, and saw through most of it [a meal of many dishes].

25. See to (or †unto)—. †**a.** To be solicitous about. *Obs.*

1389 *Eng. Gilds* (1870) 51 Also afterward, men seende to þe deuocioun don in holy chirche,..askynd [*read* askyd] þe fraternite..to mayntene..þe forseyd ymage.

b. To attend to, do what is needful for; to provide for the wants of; to charge oneself with (a duty, a business).

a 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 754* (Dubl. MS.) Þan says he to hys seruand to see to þis capyll. 1406 *E. E. Wills* (1882) 13 Yef outgh come to Thomas Roos, than y pray Iohan Wodcok to se to my son, that he be nat lost. 1470–85 MALORY *Arthur* XIX. vi. 781 That they were layde within draughtes by her chamber vpon beddes and pylowes that she her self myght see to them that they wanted no thynge. 1529 WOLSEY in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. I. II. 8 Alas M^r. Secretary, ye with other my lordys shewyd me that I shuld otherwyse be furnyshyd, and seyn unto. 1535 COVERDALE *Jer.* xl. 4, I will se to the, and prouyde for the. 1570–6 LAMBARDE *Peramb. Kent* 283 If the matter were well and in season seene vnto, there was no doubte [etc.]. 1642 C. VERNON *Consid. Exch.* 39 The Chiefe Vsher..seeth to all places of the Court, that all Doores, Chests, Records and things be in safety from fire, water, or other spoile. 1844 ALB. SMITH *Mr. Ledbury* vii, I leave everything to you, and thank you into the bargain for seeing to it. 1861 FLOR. NIGHTINGALE *Nursing* (ed. 2) 41 If a patient has to see, not only to his own but also to his nurse's punctuality. 1884 W. C. SMITH *Kildrostan* 73 What is there to arrange with her? O yes! About her shootings—I will see to that.

c. To take special care about (a matter.) Chiefly, *to see to it*, to make sure *that* (something is done).

1474 CAXTON *Chesse* III. iii. (1883) 103 Also they ought to see well to that they be of one Acorde in good. 1481 — *Reynard* xii. (Arh.) 27 Here is the theef the wulf, see wel to that he escape vs not. 1865 RUSKIN *Sesame* ii. § 89 See to it that your train is of vassals whom you serve and feed, not merely of slaves who serve and feed *you.* 1874 BLACKIE *Self-Cult.* 43 What a student should specially see to..is not to carry the breath of books with him wherever he goes. 1891 MORRIS *Poems by the Way* (1896) 69 Lay me aboard the bastard's ship, And see to it lest your grapnels slip!

†**d.** To respect, look up to. *Obs. rare.*

1579 TOMSON *Calvin's Serm. Tim.* 222/2 The ministers of the word must marke why this office is given them,..it is not because a few should be sene vnto, and that they should speake, and others hold their peace.

†**e.** In physical sense: To look towards. *Obs.*

1669 STURMY *Mariner's Mag.* II. xiii. 80 The eye maketh (seeing now to the lower, and then again to the upper end of the Cross) greater motion in looking up and down.

** *transitive uses with adverbs.*

26. See away. To spend (money) in seeing. *nonce-use.*

1613 SHAKS. *Hen. VIII*, Prol. 12 Those that come to see Onely a show or two..may see away their shilling Richly in two short houres.

27. To see out. †**a.** ? To let (a person) have his say, to see how far he will go.

1715 ADDISON *Freeholder* No. 22 ¶ 2 He [a fellow-traveller] affirmed roundly, that there had not been one good law passed since King William's accession to the throne, except the Act for preserving the game. I had a mind to see him out, and therefore did not care for contradicting him.

b. To survive.

1825 SCOTT *Diary* 7 Dec. in *Lockhart* VI. 151 My dear wife

..is, I fear, frail in health—though I trust and pray she may see me out.

c. In a drinking contest, to outlast.

1837 DICKENS *Pickw.* xlviii, I have heard him say that he could see the Dundee people out any day, and walk home afterwards without staggering. 1862 THACKERAY *Philip* vii, Pass the bottle !..we intend to see you all out.

d. To go through with to the end.

1794 GOUV. MORRIS in Sparks *Life & Writ.* (1832) II. 453, I conceived my honor concerned in seeing the thing out. 1879 FROUDE *Cæsar* xx. 333 The engagement had been entered into that he was to see his term out. 1860 F. W. ROBINSON *Grandm. Money* II. viii, [I] wish he'd stop another week [at Hastiogs] and see the five and twenty pounds out. 1889 J. K. JEROME *Three Men in Boat* v. 73 He evidently meant to see this thing out.

28. See through. To continue to watch or take part in (a matter) until the end (cf. 27 d); to take care that (a person) comes successfully through his difficulties.

1872 H. KINGSLEY *Hornby Mills* etc. II. 60 O'Flaherty.. told him that he would see the bonfire through and the captain to bed, and take the consequences. *Ibid.* 68 We will see him through if he were to burn the college down.

III. 29. *Comb.* **See-everything**, one who sees everything. 1853 [see SAY *v.*1 B. 14].

See, obs. form of SEA *sb.*1

Seeable (sī·ăb'l), *a.* and *sb.* [f. SEE *v.* + -ABLE.]

A. *adj.* Capable of being seen, visible. Also *fig.*

?*a* 1400 in *Hampole's Wks.* (1895) I. 165 Forwy, a saule þat is 3it ruyde & fleshle, koaws not 3itt bot bodele ynges {= þynges}, & no yng comes 3itt to þe mynde bot seahull yniges. *c* 1449 PECOCK *Repr.* II. v. 162 Marie Magdalen..vsid the oynement as a seable and a smelleable rememoratijf signe. 1548 GESTE *Agst. Pr. Masse* B v b, These therfore be named sacramentes, for that in them one thyng is seable, and another vnderstande. 1624 BP. MOUNTAGU *Gagg* 49 That which cannot be seene, if it be seeable, is no where at all, nor in being. 1829 JAS. MILL *Hum. Mind* (1869) I. 13 In that case, we should have no idea of objects as seeable, as hearable, as touchable, or tasteable. 1874 TYNDALL *Presid. Addr. Brit. Assoc.* 81 This, as a purely mechanical process, is seeable by the mind. 1896 DK. ARGYLL *Philos. Belief* 43 We cannot even think of it as seen or seeable.

†**B.** *sb.* (absolute use of the *adj.*) A thing capable of being seen. *Obs. rare*—1.

1812 SOUTHEY *Lett.* (1856) II. 271 We shall make a march of it, seeing all the seeables on the way.

Hence **See·ableness**, visibility; † **See·ably** *adv.*, visibly. *Obs. rare*—1.

1548 GESTE *Agst. Pr. Masse* H iv b, Manye dyd worshyp ..Christ as beyng seably conuersant emonge them. 1865 J. GROTE *Explor. Philos.* I. 123 These qualities which we perceive, seeableness or colour, handleableness or shape, taste, smell, &c.

Seeal, Seeay, obs. forms of SEAL *sb.*2, SAY *sb.*1

See-bright (sī·brəit), *sb.* [f. SEE *v.* + BRIGHT *a.* A rendering of *clear-eye*, a perversion of *clary.*] = CLARY.

1863 PRIOR *Plant-n.* 201 See-bright, from its supposed effect on the eyes. 1866 *Treas. Bot.*, Seebright, *Salvia Sclarea.*

Seecatch (sī·kætʃ). Pl. **seecatchie.** [? Aleutian Indian; the pl. is Russian in form.] The male of the Alaska fur-seal, *Callorhinus ursinus.*

1881 H. W. ELLIOTT *Seal Isl. Alaska* (1884) 42 The 'seecatchie' which have held the harems from the beginning to the end of the season, leave [etc.]. *Ibid.* 175 Gloss., *Seecatch*, pl. seecatchie (Russian), male fur-seal and sea-lion, full grown. 1896 KIPLING *Seven Seas* 71 (Three Sealers) What time the scarred see catchie lead their sleek seraglios.

Seece, Seeche, obs. forms of CEASE, SEEK.

Seech, dial. variant of SITCH (swamp).

Seed (sīd), *sb.* Forms: 1 sǽd, Anglian sǽd, 2–5 sed, (2–3 sad(e), 2–6 sede, 3, 6 side, 4 seod, *Kent.* zed, *Sc.* selyde, 4–6 *Sc.* seid(e, 4–7 seedo, 5 seyde, ceed, ced, 6 siede, sead(e, 4 –seed. [OE. *sǽd* neut. = OFris. *sêd*, OS. *sâd* neut. (MLG. *sât*), MDu. *saet* neut. (Du. *zaad*), OHG., MHG. *sât* fem. (mod.G. *saat*), Goth. *-sêþ-s* (in *manasêþ-s* fem., mankind), ON. *sáð* neut., whence *sáði* in the same sense (Sw. *säd* fem., Da. *sæd*) :—OTeut. **sǣdi-*, *sǣdo-*, f. root **sē-* to Sow.]

1. a. That which is or may be sown (often as cognate obj. to Sow *v.*); the ovules of a plant or plants (chiefly, when in the form of 'grains' or small roundish bodies) esp. as collected for the purpose of being sown. Also, in *Agriculture* and *Horticulture*, applied by extension to other parts of plants (e. g. tubers, bulbs) when preserved for the purpose of propagating a new crop. In *plural*, kinds of seed. Phr. *to run to seed* (see RUN *v.* 69 e); also † *to grow to seed* (obs.), *to be in seed.*

c 825 *Vesp. Psalter* CXXV. 6 Gongende eodon & weopun sendende sed [etc.]. *c* 1000 *Ags. Gosp.* Mark iv. 3 Ut eode se sædere his sæd to sawenne. *c* 1200 ORMIN 15905 Swa þatt itt muȝhe takenn wel Wiþþ sed to berenn wasstme. *c* 1250 *Prov. Ælfred* 93 in *O. E. Misc.* 108 And þe cheorl beo in fayþ his sedes to sowen, his medes to mowen. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 5230 His suns all and þair flitting..In weynis war þai don to lede, þat ioseph wit ful of side. 1362 LANGL. *P. Pl.* A. vi. 34, I haue..Boþe I-sowed his seed and suwed his beestes. *c* 1381 CHAUCER *Parl. Foules* 328 But foul that lyuyth be sed sat on the grene. 1540 NISBET *N. T.* I. 10 Christ..schewe the parrabile of the seide. 1526 *Grete Herball* xlvii. (1529) C v b, Auena is an herbe, the sede of it is called otes. 1602 SHAKS. *Ham.* I. ii. 136 Oh fie, fie, 'tis an vnweeded Garden That growes to Seed. 1611 BIBLE *Gen.* i. 29 Every herb bearing seed. 1675 EVELYN *Fr. Gard.* 244 When it [the onion] is in seed, 'tis very subject to be overthrown by the wind. 1729 *Fog's Wkly. Jrnl.* 30 Aug. 2/2 To hinder the forestalling of Markets, by the Farmers selling Wheat..at home, or by buying Wheat for Seed. 1760 BROWN *Compl. Farmer* II. 15 All seed degenerates, if long sown upon any land. 1831 LOUDON *Encycl. Agric.* (1857) § 4856 The only small seeds the farmer has to sow on a large scale, are the clovers, grasses, the different varieties of turnip, and probably the mangold wurzel and carrot. 1839 STONEHOUSE *Axholme* 32 Those [potatoes] grown upon the warp land are generally disposed of for seed to the market gardeners and others. 1856 GLENNY *Gard. Everyday-bk.* 174/1 Cut down the old plants that have rambled and are past their prime, unless you are saving seed.

b. An individual grain of seed. In *Bot.*, technically restricted to the fertilized ovule of a phanerogam. Popularly applied also to the 'spore' of a cryptogam, and to certain 'fruits' (in the scientific sense of the word) which have the appearance of seeds, e. g. that of the strawberry.

c 1000 *Ags. Gosp.* Mark iv. 31 Hit is ealra sæda læst þe on eorðan synt. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 22875 þat mighti godd þat all waldes, qua can sai me hu of a side He dos an hundret for to brede? 1340 *Ayenb.* 113 Þet zed o mostard is wel small. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 64/2 Ceede of corne, as kyrnel, *granum.* *c* 1450 HOLLAND *Howlat* 31 Under the Cirkill solar thir sauoruss seidis War nurist be dame Natur. 1592 SHAKS. *Rom. & Jul.* v. i. 46 A beggerly account of emptie boxes, Greene earthen pots, Bladders, and mustie seedes. 1712 tr. *Pomet's Hist. Drugs* I. 38 Little, thin, black Seeds, each one having a spiral head. 1797 WORDSW. *Poems Old Age* i. *Old Cumb. Beggar* 86 Like the dry remnant of a garden flower Whose seeds are shed. 1811 A. T. THOMSON *Lond. Disp.* (1818) 568 Seeds are to be collected when they are ripe, and before they drop from the plant. 1875 E. WHITE *Life in Christ* I. i. (1876) 11 Each seed possessing a life originating in the life of the plant, but capable of an independent survival.

c. *pl.* (*a*) Land sown with corn. (*b*) Clover and 'artificial' grasses raised from seed.

1794 R. LOWE *Agric. Notts* 9 Artificial grasses, (generally called here, simply seeds). 1885 *Field* 31 Jan. 118/1 Some seeds came in the line, and, with the ground in the state it was in just after frost, of course it was incumbent on all to..avoid crossing them as much as possible. 1910 *Daily News* 4 July 6/4 Yet it is those who have had 'seeds' to cut that have come off best this haysel.

d. *collect. sing.* and *pl.* Various kinds of grain suitable as the food of a cage-bird.

1897 F. THOMPSON *New Poems* 175 When the bird quits the cage, We set the cage outside, With seed and with water, And the door wide.

e. *pl.* Particles of bran. Now *dial.* Cf. SID.

1598 *Sc. Acts Jas. VI* (1816) IV. 179/2 þe haill subiectis susteinis greit lose and skayth in paying alss deir for dust and seidis as gif þe samyn wes guid meill. *a* 1779 D. GRAHAM *Writings* (1883) II. 36 Your groat meal, and gray meal, sand dust and seeds. 1799 H. MITCHELL *Scotticisms* 73 'I have got a seed in my throat', is a phrase very common among the Scots. They mistake a piece of the husk for the seed. 1814 *Abstract, Proof, Mill of Inveramsay* 2 (Jam. s. v. *Dust*) Some of the dust and sheeling seeds..is left at the mill. 1815 *Pennecuik's Wks.* 87 These shells thus separated, and having the finer particles of the meal adhering to them, called mill seeds, are preserved for sowins...The seeds from the different makings of meal are preserved till the potatoes are exhausted.

2. *fig.* (often with reference to a metaphorical 'sowing', 'soil', or the like). The germ or latent beginning of some growth or development. Also, with allusion to the Parable of the Sower, applied to religious or other teaching, viewed with regard to its degree of fruitfulness.

sing. a 1000 *Boeth. Metr.* xxii. 37 Þeah bið sum corn sædes gehealden symle on þære saule soðfæstnesse. *c* 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 151 Þe sed þat he sew were soðe wordes. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 21226 In all þe stedes quar he yede, O godds word he sceued þe sede. ?*a* 1366 CHAUCER *Rom. Rose* 1617 For venus sone daun Cupido Hath sowne there of loue the seed. *c* 1480 HENRYSON *Test. Cress.* 137 The seid of luf was sawin in my face, And ay grew grene throw your supply and graee. 1596 SPENSER *F. Q.* v. i. 1 Yet then likewise the wicked seede of vice Began to spring. 1646 SIR T. BROWNE *Pseud. Ep.* I. x. 37 Beside..the seed of error within our selves..there is an invisible Agent. 1732 BERKELEY *Alciphr.* VI. § 18 The advantages which we experience from the seed of the gospel sown in good ground. 1840 JOLLY *Sunday Serv.* 309 The blood of the martyrs, in Tertullian's expression, proved the seed of the Church.

pl. 1605 SHAKS. *Mach.* I. iii. 58. 1608 — *Per.* IV. vi. 93. 1692 R. L'ESTRANGE *Fables* XXXVIII. 38 We have the seeds of Virtue in us, as well as of Vice. *a* 1749 J. ROGERS *Twelve Serm.* viii. (1730) 238 Some Seeds of Grace are yet alive in him. 1751 JOHNSON *Rambler* No. 168 P 8 The seeds of knowledge may be planted in solitude, but must be cultivated in publick. 1821 LAMB *Elia* Ser. I. *Old Benchers*, The seeds of exaggeration will be busy there.

3. = SEMEN. Now *rare.*

c 1290 *S. Eng. Leg.* 319/700 A swyþe foul þing is þat sed of ȝwan Man is i-spreind. 1340 HAMPOLE *Pr. Consc.* 445 He was geten aftir, als es knawen, Of vile sede of man with syn sawen. 1471 CAXTON *Recuyell* (Sommer) 103 She..also conceyued of his seed a sone that was named Abas. 1548 VICARY *Anat.* ix. (1888) 78 The which seede of generation commeth from al the partes of the body, both of the man and the woman. 1608 TOPSELL *Serpents* 293 When the male [Viper] hath filled her with all his seed-genitall. 1668 CULPEPPER & COLE *Barthol. Anat.* I. xvii. 48 Others have attributed to the Kidneys the preparation of Seed, because hot Kidneys cause a propensity to fleshly lust. 1713 CHESELDEN *Anat.* IV. i. (1726) 290 The office of the Testes, is to separate the seed from the blood. 1847–9 *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* IV. 472/1 This fluid, so indispensably necessary as the medium of sexual generation, is the seed or semen.

4. Offspring, progeny. Now *rare* exc. in Biblical phraseology.

c 825 *Vesp. Psalter* XXXVI. 28 Ða unrehtwisan soðlice bioð wicnade & sed arleasra forweorðeð. *c* 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* Mark xii. 22, & onfengon ða ilca ȝelic ða seofona & ne forleorton vel ne læfdon sed vel team. *c* 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 133 Vre drihten cleopede monnes streon sed. *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 1613 And ðis lond ic sal giuen ðin sed. *a* 1340 HAMPOLE *Psalter* XXI. 23 Þe sede of iacob is þe folke of cristen men. *c* 1366 CHAUCER *A. B. C.* 182 Sithe þou canst and wilt Ben to þe seed of Adam merciable. 1480 CAXTON *Chron. Eng.* LXXV. 61 His seed shal bycome faderles in straunge lond for euermore. 1596 DALRYMPLE tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* I. 80 *marg.*, The seid and successione of Simon Brechus stil inherited Irland. 1618 CHAPMAN *Hesiod's Georg.* I. 398 Iustice is seed to loue. 1644 *Directory for Publ. Worship* 11 The rest of the Royal Seed. 1715 POPE *Iliad* II. 724 Till, vain of Mortal's empty Praise, he strove To match the Seed of Cloud-compelling Jove. 1739 C. WESLEY *Hymn*, '*Hark how all the Welkin rings*' vii, Rise, the Woman's Conqu'ring Seed, Bruise in Us the Serpent's Head. 1842 TENNYSON *Godiva* 5 Not only we, the latest seed of Time,.. have loved the people well. 1864 PUSEY *Lect. Daniel* 397 Certain of the seed-royal and of the nobles were carried to Babylon.

5. a. *sing.* and *pl.* The ova of the lobster (cf. BERRY *sb.*1 3) and of the silkworm moth. **b.** Oyster-spat (cf. *seed oyster* in 8 below).

a. 1662 J. DAVIES tr. *Olearius' Voy. Ambass.* 313 In the Spring..the Persians begin to hatch their Silk-worms. To do this, they carry the Seed in a little bag under the arm-pit. 1778 MRS. RAFFALD *Eng. Housekpr.* 41 Take all the red seeds and the meat of a lobster. 1870 YEATS *Nat. Hist. Comm.* 334 The eggs in this state are called by the silk cultivators seed.

b. 1721 *Phil. Trans.* XXXI. 251 From the Spat or Seed of which, it is most probable,..all the Bottom at length,.. became covered with Oysters. 1887 GOODE, etc. *Fish. Industr. U. S.* v. II. 524 The cultivation of oysters transplanted when young (termed 'seed') from the natural reefs where they were spawned to inshore [etc.].

6. *Glass-making.* A minute bubble arising in glass during fusion.

1856 H. CHANCE in *Jrnl. Soc. Arts* IV. 226/2 A piece whose beginning was miraculous,—no seed, no blisters; it prospered under the hands of the gatherer and blower, and left the glass-house a perfect cylinder.

7. *attrib.* and *Comb.*: **a.** simple attrib. (*a*) (sense 1) *seed-crop, -farm, -garden, -growth* (in quot. *fig.*), *-gutter, -market,* † *-month, -oil* (also *attrib.*), *-season, -shop*, etc.; also SEED-FIELD, -FURROW, -PLOT, -TIME; (*b*) (sense 1 b) *seed-branch, -capsule,* † *-case, -cone, -cover, -down,* † *-embryo, -glume, -head, -pod, -spike, -stalk, -stem,* † *-umbel*, etc.; also SEED-CROWN 2; (*c*) in the sense of grain, etc. preserved for raising new crops, as *seed-barley, -grain, -maize, -oats, -potatoes, -wheat*; also SEED-CORN; (*d*) in names of agricultural implements or their component parts used in the sowing of land with seed, as *seed-barrel, -basket, -drill, -funnel, -harrow,* † *-plough* (also *fig.*), *-slide, -tube, -vent*; also SEED-BOX.

1540 *Test. Ebor.* VI. 95 One strike of *sede barlie. 1844 H. STEPHENS *Bk. Farm* III. 790 The true seed-box..is in form of a small barrel, and is hence called the *seed-barrel. 1831 *Seed-basket* [see SEED-CARRIER 2]. 1671 GREW *Anat. Plants* I. vii. (1682) 47 In this Inner Coat in a Bean the Lignous Body or *Seed-Branch is distributed. 1844 *Zoologist* II. 451 The seed-branches of field grasses. 1860 GOSSE *Rom. Nat. Hist.* 21 Ever and anon the *seed-capsule of some forest-tree bursts with a report like that of a musket. 1677 GREW *Anat. Plants, Anat. Fruits* v. (1682) 186 The *Seed-Case, whether it be called a Cod, Pod, or by any other name. 1724 P. BLAIR *Pharmaco-Bot.* II. 68 The Top of the flowering Foot-stalk, supports the Ovarium or Seed-case. 1842 LONGF. *Hiaw.* xviii. 44 So they gathered cones together, Gathered *seed-cones of the pine tree. 1796 WITHERING *Brit. Plants* (ed. 3) I. 80 *Seed-cover (calyculus) the real cover of the seed. 1868 *Rep. U. S. Commissioner Agric.* (1869) 204 When the orange-colored capsules open, and show the scarlet seed-covers. 1824 LOUDON *Encycl. Gard.* (ed. 2) § 7484 In cases where a partial failure has taken place in the *seed crop. 1829 T. CASTLE *Introd. Bot.* 87 The less essential parts of a seed are, the pellicle, the tunic, the *seed-down [etc.]. 1883 *Good Words* Dec. 790/1 Thus, as seed-down is to dandelion and thistle..so is this adhesive pulp to the Mistletoe. 1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.*, **Seed-drill*, a machine for sowing seed in rows. 1671 GREW *Anat. Plants* I. vii. (1682) 49 The Sap being thus prepared in the Inner Coat, as a Liquor now apt to be the Substratum of the future *Seed-Embrio; by fresh supplies, is thence discharg'd. 1824 LOUDON *Encycl. Gard.* (ed. 2) § 7361 *Seed-gardens, or *seed-farms, require a dry soil. 1844 H. STEPHENS *Bk. Farm* II. 596 The bearing or platform of the *seed-funnels. 1840 J. BUEL *Farmer's Comp.* 228 It may be known by its..*seed-glumes resembling a cock's-foot. 1805 R. W. DICKSON *Pract. Agric.* I. 447 The steeping of *seed-grain may be useful in other respects. 1840 CARLYLE *Heroes* i, This seems to me the primary seed-grain of the Norse Religion. 1852 MUNDY *Antipodes* (1857) 23 They were furnished with..implements of husbandry, seed-grain, live-stock. 1876 GEO. ELIOT *Dan. Der.* XXVI, Yet in the dark *seed-growths of Consciousness a new wish was forming itself. 1831 LOUDON *Encycl. Agric.* (1857) § 2714 Two cast-iron wheels, for the purpose of impressing two small *seed gutters or drills on the furrow slices turned over by the common plough. *Ibid.* § 2704 Gray's *seed-barrow for wet weather promises to be useful..in a tenacious retentive soil. 1823 *Trans. Soc. Arts* XLI. 103 Eight bunches of straw, having the *seed-heads on. 1902 CORNISH *Naturalist Thames* 91 Goldfinches flying from seed-head to seed-head. 1809 A. HENRY *Trav.* 233, I distributed *seed-maize among the Indians here, which they planted accordingly. 1824 LOUDON *Encycl. Gard.* (ed. 2) § 7515 The *seed-market is held twice a-week..in a large roofed space in Mark-lane. 1898 *Daily*

News 9 June 7/5 To-day's seed market..was most thinly attended. 1647 HEXHAM I. *Seed-moneth, *Zaey-maent*. 1707 MORTIMER *Husb.* (1721) II. 360 This [Febr.] is a principal Seed Month, for such as they commonly call Lenten Grain. 1801 *Farmer's Mag.* Aug. 272 The same premium..to be given for ascertaining the proper quantity of *seed oats dibbled on a lay, or on old pasture ground. 1858 SIMMONDS *Dict. Trade*, *Seed-oil*, an indefinite name for several kinds of oil, which enter into commerce. 1881 *Harper's Mag.* Oct. 726/2 There are now fifty-nine seed-oil mills in the South. 1552 LATIMER *Serm. Lincolnsh.* i. (1584) 186 Vppon the Sabboth day Gods *seede plough goeth. 1764 *Ann. Reg.* 76 At York: a newly invented seed plough..on two wheels. 1718 R. BRADLEY *Gentl. & Gard. Kal.* 35 Pulling up the whole Plants, and setting them upright in a Green-house till the *Seed-Pods are dry. 1831 LOUDON *Encycl. Agric.* (1857) § 2741 A machine for reaping the heads or seed-pods of clover. 1617 PURCHAS *Pilgrimage* v. ix. (ed. 3) 619 Which [feastings] they vse to doe in all their feasts, marriages, childe-births, and their barnest and *seed-seasons. 1805 R. W. DICKSON *Pract. Agric.* I. 461 In very wet seed seasons too, it must, perhaps, give way in many cases to the broadcast method. 1700 T. BROWN *Amusem. Ser. & Com.* iii. 33 A Red-Headed Monkey lost from a *Seed-Shop in the Strand. 1866 *Chamb. Encycl.* VIII. 600/2 In sending a parcel from a seed-shop to a neighbouring garden. 1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.* s.v. *Seed-planter*, The rod-shaft, which communicates by rods with the *seed-slides of the separate hoppers, which discharge into the seed-tubes of the shares. 1840 J. BUEL *Farmer's Comp.* 228 It may be known by its coarse appearance, both of the leaf and *seed-spike. 1846 J. BAXTER *Libr. Pract. Agric.* (ed. 4) II. 19 They will shoot in summer in single tall *seed-stalks. 1813 VANCOUVER *Agric. Devon* 355 In summer, it chiefly subsists on the tops and *seed-stems of thistles. 1875 *Seed-tube [see *seed-slide* above]. 1786 ABERCROMBIE *Gard. Assist.* 201 Dill—if now advanced in *seed-umbels, may be pulled up for use. 1844 H. STEPHENS *Bk. Farm* II. 538 A register screw..by which the sower could at once fix upon the extent of opening in the *seed-vents. 1592 *Shuttleworths' Acc.* (Chetham Soc.) 78 Foure mettes of *side whette which was soune at Eclestone, xij^s iiij^d. 1801 *Farmer's Mag.* Aug. 272 The proper quantity of seed-wheat to be used per acre.

b. Objective and objective genitive, as *seed-bearer, -crusher, -grower*, † *-saver, -seller, -serving, -sowing*; *seed-bearing* adj.; also SEED-CARRIER.

1883 'ANNIE THOMAS' *Mod. Housewife* 19 John had cut certain heads of asparagus that were intended for *seed-bearers. 1766 *Complete Farmer* Z 2/2 s.v. *Hemp*, This other species,..which is commonly termed male hemp, should be called *seed-bearing hemp, or female hemp. 1877 HEATH *Fern World* 25 These beautiful plants, however, though flowerless, are seed-bearing. 1858 SIMMONDS *Dict. Trade*, *Seed-crusher*, one who expresses oil from seeds; a machine with rollers. 1824 LOUDON *Encycl. Gard.* (ed. 2) § 7390 *Seed growers are as frequently farmers as gardeners. 1585 HIGINS *Junius' Nomencl.* 513 *Seminaria*,..a *seedesauer: a woman that gathereth and preserueth the seedes of herbs. 1562 J. HEYWOOD *Prov. & Epigr.* (1867) 212 We *seede sellers must sell seedes one with an other.

c. Similative, as *seed-coral, -egg*; also *seed-like* adj.; SEED-PEARL.

1879 SIMMONDS *Commerc. Products of Sea* 441 The Chinese..used to prepare strings of small rows of *seed-coral beads for embroidery. 1835 URE *Philos. Manuf.* 235 Under favourable circumstances, one ounce of *seed-eggs will produce eighty pounds of cocoons, and even more. 1715 *Phil. Trans.* XXIX. 351 These *seedlike Bodies may be the *Ovaria* of some Insects. 1887 PHILLIPS *Brit. Discomyc.* 110 A number of small, hard, seed-like bodies.

8. Special combinations: **seed-bag** (see quot.); **seed-bird**, (*a*) the Pied Wagtail, *Motacilla lugubris* or *alba*; (*b*) any sea-fowl, esp. the Common Gull, *Larus canus*; † **seed-bone** *Anat.* = SESAMOID *sb.*; † **seed-bringer** *Anal.* (see quot.); **seed-bud** *Bot.* (see quot. 1796); **seed-coat** *Bot.* = TESTA; † **seed-cob**, † **-cod**, † **-cot** = SEED-LIP; **seed-cotton**, cotton in its native state, with the seed not separated; † **seed-earth** [EARTH *sb.*^{2}], the side of a seed-furrow; **seed-eater, -feeder**, any granivorous bird, *spec.* the Grass-quit, *Phonifara bicolor*; **seed-finch, -fish** (see quots.); † **seed-fowl**, a granivorous bird; † **seed-horse**, a stallion; † **seed-land**, ground capable of raising crops (in quot. *fig.* and *attrib.*); **seed-leaf, -lobe** = COTYLEDON 3 (but see quot. 1793 for *seed-lobe*); † **seed-nest** *Bot.* = OVARY 2; † **seed-ore**, ore found in the form of grains; **seed oyster**, oyster-spat; † **seed-pair**, a pair, male and female, regarded as primogenitors; **seed-pan**, a pan of red earthenware used for the raising of plants from seed; **seed-plant**, (*a*) a plant grown from a seed, a seedling; (*b*) a plant grown for its seed; **seed-pot**, a pot in which a plant is raised from seed; † **seed-seam**, a seed-furrow (cf. SEAM *sb.*^{1} 4 e); **seed-snipe**, a bird of the S. American genus *Thinocorys*; † **seed-spark**, the germ of a fire (in quots. *fig.*); **seed-thought**, thought comparable to seed, fruitful or suggestive thought; **seed-tick**, a mite of the family *Ixodidæ*, esp. the young of *Ixodes bovis*; † **seed-trough** *Anat.*, ? the *vas deferens*; † **seed-vein**, ? the spermatic cord; **seed-vessel** = PERICARP (also *fig.*); † **seed-water**, a decoction of coriander and caraway seeds mixed with sack and sugar; **seed-weed**, a weed that propagates itself by seeding, as distinguished from one that spreads by its roots. See also SEED-CAKE, SEED-LAC, etc.

a 1864 GESNER *Coal, Petrol.*, etc. (1865) 32 To prevent communication between any particular portion of the well and the pumping tube, a bag of linseed, called a '*seed bag', is sent down to the required place. This bag, encircling the tube, soon swells..., and forms a water-tight joint. 1678 RAY *Willughby's Ornith.* 237 Moreover it [the white Wagtail] follows the Plough..: As..our Husbandmen have told me of their own observation; who therefore call it the *Seed-bird, as Mr. Johnson informed me. 1791 SIR J. SINCLAIR *Statist. Acc. Scot.* I. 67 Sea fowls appear here in great numbers in the spring, about seed-time; they follow the plough and are thence called seed-birds. 1634 T. JOHNSON tr. *Parey's Wks.* VI. XXVII. 220 The *Ossa Sesamoidea*, or *seed bones: these are 19 in number. 1545 RAYNALD *Byrth Mankynde* I. ix. (1552) 13 b, The *sede bringers, called in Latyn *Vasa semen adferentia*, be two vaines & two artyres. 1776 WITHERING *Bot. Arrangem. Veget.* I. 2 Hippuris...*Seed-bud oblong; superior. 1796 — *Brit. Plants* (ed. 3) I. 61 *Germen*, or *Seed-bud*, the lower part of a Pistil. It is the rudiment of the seed-vessel, or of the embryo fruit. 1837 P. KEITH *Bot. Lex.* 43 A little gnat, *Cynips Ficus Caricæ*, which lays its egg in the seed-bud of the Wild Fig. 1796 WITHERING *Brit. Plants* (ed. 3) I. 80 *Seed-coat (*arillus*) the proper coat of a seed which falls off spontaneously. 1766 *Complete Farmer* K 3/2 s.v. *Cob*, A *seed-coh, or seed-lip. 1235–52 *Rentalia Glaston.* (Somerset Rec. Soc.) 113 Unum *sedcod plenum frumenti. 1407 in Kennett *Par. Antig.* (1818) II. 213 Et pro uno Seedcod empto, iij^d. 1733 W. ELLIS *Chiltern & Vale Farm.* 58 Some will dress..this Chalk..with Rags chop'd small..and then sown out of a *Seed Cot all over the Ground. 1835 URE *Philos. Manuf.* 113 One hundred and six pounds of wool from the first kind of *seed-cotton. 1805 R. W. DICKSON *Pract. Agric.* I. 10 Ley-grounds cannot be laid too flat, or *seed earths too much on an edge. 1879 G. N. LAWRENCE in *Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus.* I. 355 *Phonipara bicolor* (Linn.)...' Mangeur des herbes'. *Seed-eater. 1884 J. BURROUGHS in *Century Mag.* Dec. 220/1 Even the slate-coloured snow-bird, a seed-eater, comes and nibbles. 1853 *Zoologist* II. 4025 The *seed-feeders are far more likely to escape observation. 1888 P. L. SCLATER *Argentine Ornith.* I. 69 *Sycalis lutea*...(Yellow *Seed-finch). *Ibid.* 72 *Orospina pratensis*...(Meadow Seed-finch.) 1891 *Century Dict.*, **Seed-fish*, a fish containing seed, roe, or spawn; a ripe fish. *c* 1381 CHAUCER *Parl. Foules* (MS. Seld.) 328 Bothe watere foule and *sede foule on the grene That so fele were þat wonder was to sene. *c* 1450 HOLLAND *Howlat* 238 All Se fowle and Seid fowle was nocht for to seike. 1794 MORSE *Amer. Geog.* 485 The gentlemen..have taken much pains to raise a good breed of horses...They will give 1000l. sterling for a good *seed horse. 1607 CHAPMAN *Bussy d'Ambois* I. i. 124 But his unsweating thrift is policy, And learning-hating policy is ignorant To fit his *seed-land soil. 1693 EVELYN *De La Quint. Compl. Gard.* Dict., *Seed Leaves, are the first Leaves that Spring up like ears on each side, at the first cleaving or sprouting of any Seed. 1877 HUXLEY & MARTIN *Elem. Biol.* 71 The cotyledons of the contained embryo swell, burst the seed coat, and, becoming green, emerge as the fleshy seed leaves. 1793 MARTYN *Lang. Bot.* s.v. *Cotyledon*, In English we commonly call this part the *Cotyledon* or **seed-lobe*, when we speak of it as a portion of the seed, in a quiescent state—and the *seed-leaf*, when the seed is in a growing state. 1796 WITHERING *Brit. Plants* (ed. 3) I. 80 Seed-lobes (cotyledone) the perishable parts of a seed, designed to afford nourishment to the young plant when it first begins to expand. 1871 H. MACMILLAN *True Vine* iii. 76 The embryo of the seed is provided with two seed-lobes. 1728 BRADLEY *Dict. Bot.* Introd. 15 In these [lilies] the *Seed-nests are at the Bottom of the Pistillum. 1796 MORSE *Amer. Geog.* I. 683 In the cavities between [large rocks of iron ore] lie an ochre and *seed ore. 1885 *Encycl. Brit.* XVIII. 109/2 Under proper restriction ..mature oysters, and seed oysters as well, may be taken from any region. 1591 SYLVESTER *Du Bartas* I. ii. 1210 Noah..sav'd a *seed-pair of all living things. 1731 MILLER *Gard. Dict.* s.v. *Tulipa*, There should be provided a Parcel of shallow *Seed-Pans or Boxes. 1882 *Garden* 7 Jan. 10/3 When sufficiently large the plants should be pricked into seed-pans. 1707 MORTIMER *Husb.* (1721) II. 251 It is necessary to remove *Seed-plants often as well as Forest-trees, because by that means they get good Roots. 1878 J. INGLIS *Sport Nepaul Frontier* XVI. 187 The planters advance about four rupees a beegah to the ryot, who cuts his [indigo] seed-plant, and brings it into the factory threshing ground. 1846 J. BAXTER *Libr. Pract. Agric.* (ed. 4) II. 71 Turn the young plants carefully out of the *seed-pot, breaking the fibres as little as possible. 1778 [W. MARSHALL] *Minutes Agric., Observ.* 94, I will endeavour to bury the Surface for Pease; leaving the *Seed-Seams as open and deep as possible. 1889 P. L. SCLATER *Argentine Ornith.* II. 176 *Thinocoridæ*, or *Seed-snipes. 1611 SPEED *Hist. Gt. Brit.* IX. ix. § 92. 618 These were..the *seede-sparkes of those factious fires which afterward brake forth. 1858 SEARS *Athan.* xviii. 158 The seed-spark of our resurrection-body will not appear till Gabriel blows after it with his trumpet and kindles it up somewhere. 1863 *N. & Q.* Ser. III. III. 379 Aird's volume is full as a pomegranate of *seed-thought. 1895 *Educ. Rev.* Sept. 107 Hegel..coming early to an appreciation of the seed-thought of Plato. 1705 BEVERLEY *Hist. Virginia* IV. xix. (1722) 267 *Seed-Tick and Red-Worms are small Insects, that annoy the People by Day, as Musketaes and Chinches do by Night. 1893 E. B. CUSTER *Tenting* 88 Two pests of that region, the seed-tick and the chigger. 1615 CROOKE *Body of Man* 207 Moreouer in copulation or coition they draw them back, that the *seed trough becomming shorter, the seed may more easily and readily be supplyed. *Ibid.* 201 The hollow veine where the right *seede-veine arose. 1668 WILKINS *Real Char.* II. iv. § 5. 96 Herbs considered according to their *Seed-vessel. 1857 A. GRAY *First Less. Bot.* (1866) 127 A simple fruit consists, then, of the Seed-vessel (technically called the Pericarp), or the walls of the ovary matured, and the seeds contained in it. 1869 J. MARTINEAU *Ess.* II. 22 The code is the seed-vessel of all the virtues. 1747 MRS. GLASSE *Cookery* x. 120 *Seed Water. 1765 A. DICKSON *Treat. Agric.* (ed. 2) 270 When the design of plowing is to..destroy *seed-weeds [etc.]. 1805 R. W. DICKSON *Pract. Agric.* I. 415 Where seed-weeds are to be eradicated, the surface should constantly be..made as fine and smooth as the nature of the land will admit.

Seed (sēd), *v.* Forms: see the sb. [f. SEED *sb.* Cf. OFris. *sêdia*, WFris. *siedsje*.]

I. *intr.*

1. To produce seed; to run to seed. Also *fig.*

c 1374 CHAUCER *Anel. & Arc.* 306 Youre chere floureth but hit will not sede. *a* 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 3725 3oure saule sa full of sapient sedis & floures. 1523 FITZHERB. *Husb.* § 20 Drake is lyke vnto rye, till it begynne to sede. 1600 BODENHAM *Belvedere* 227 First doe we hud, then blow; next seed, last fall. 1606 DEKKER *Seven Sins* v. (Arb.) 36 This flower when it first came into the Citie, had a prettie scent, ..hath bene let to run so high, that it is now seeded. 1617 MARKHAM *Country Housew. Gard.* viii. (1623) 12 Hollyhocke riseth high, seedeth and dyeth. 1713 PETIVER in *Phil. Trans.* XXVIII. 190 It flowers and seeds with us in May, June, &c. 1821 SOUTHEY *Ode King's Vis. Irel.* ix, Labours of love remain; To weed out noxious customs rooted deep In a rank soil, and long left seeding there. 1880 C. R. MARKHAM *Peruv. Bark* 345 The tea plants are now three or four feet high, and seeding freely.

b. To develop *into* something undesirable.

1898 B. GREGORY *Side Lights* 205 The egotism..had not seeded into the fanatical distension of your genuine demagogue. 1909 *Sat. Rev.* 17 Apr. 487/1 In Persia it [Parliamentary government] soon blossomed out into civil war, and now is seeding into anarchy.

† **2.** To beget children. *Obs. rare*$^{-1}$.

1393 LANGL. *P. Pl.* C. XI. 251 And god sente to seth.., That for no kyne catel ne no kyne byheste Suffren hus seed seeden with caymes seed hus broþer.

† **3.** To be born *of*. *Obs. rare*$^{-1}$.

c 1450 *Cov. Myst.* (Shaks. Soc.) 393 The voys of my moder me nyhith ful ny I am dyssend on to here of whom I dede sede.

† **4.** To gather seed. *Obs. rare*$^{-1}$.

1573 TUSSER *Husb.* (1878) 112 Slack neuer thy weeding.., And specially where ye doo trust for to seede.

II. *trans.*

† **5.** To stock with inhabitants. *Obs. rare*$^{-1}$.

13.. *Cursor M.* 1627 (Gött.) Here bigines at noe þe lede þe toþer world for to sede.

6. To sow (land) with seed.

c 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* VI. 71 The spaces that in beruest sowe or sede Me wol, may best ha now their pastynynge. 1482 *Paston Lett.* III. 293 Weche absenting of the tenauntes is to them a greet hurt and los, for lak of sedyng ther londes with ther wynter corn. 1598 DALLINGTON *Meth. Trav.* N 4 b, He gines them also Wheat to seed their land. 1610 W. FOLKINGHAM *Art of Survey* I. x. 32 They will Marle, Till, and Seede it for halfe the increase. 1707 *Curios. in Husb. & Gard.* 120 A third part less than usual will sufficiently seed the Ground. *a* 1814 *Apostate* II. iv. in *New Brit. Theatre* III. 320 Von taught us arts—divided us in bands, These for the chace, and those to seed the soil. 1895 *Outing* (U.S.) XXVII. 254/1 The field was plowed, seeded and rolled.

b. *transf.* and *fig.*

1647 C. HARVEY *Schola Cordis* Epigr. xxviii, Manure the ground [of my heart], then come Thyself and seed it, And let Thy servants water it and weed it. *a* 1670 HACKET *Abp. Williams* II. (1693) 6 And the Keeper understood that no Peace was to be had from an Adversary seeded with such Qualities. 1898 *Westm. Gaz.* 12 Jan. 10/2 We know that a cow suffering from tuberculosis may yield milk seeded with the germs of consumption.

c. const. *to*.

1887 *Blackw. Mag.* CXLI. 813 The estate..had been seeded largely to grass and clover, the very acme of high farming in the South. 1908 *Standard* 29 Apr. 2/5 Reliable authorities place the area to be seeded to wheat in Western Canada this year at six million acres.

d. *To seed down*: to sow grass or clover seeds amongst (a crop of oats, wheat, etc.). Cf. *sow down* s.v. SOW *v.* Also *fig.*

1846 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* VII. II. 505 It is the practice of one farmer..to seed down without a crop: his custom is to fallow. 1864 *Ibid.* XXV. II. 527, I seed down the oat-crop for clover. 1873 WILL CARLETON *Farm Ball.* 30 And I'll plough her grave with hate, and seed it down to scorn!

7. To sow (a particular kind of seed) upon land. † Also with cogn. obj., *to seed seed* (a Hebraism).

1560 BIBLE (Geneva) *Gen.* i. 12 The budde of the herbe, that sedeth sede according to his kinde. 1614 RALEIGH *Hist. World* I. i. § 7. 11 The Earth..brought forth the budde of the hearbe that seedeth seede. 1894 *Times* 14 Aug. 15/2 In the course of another week or two, English farmers..will be seeding 'trifolium' upon the wheat stubble.

b. *transf.*

1602 ROWLANDS *Greenes Ghost* 8, I wish..he had also looked into other grosse sinnes, which are seeded in the hearts of sundrie persons. 1844 S. WILBERFORCE *Hist. Prot. Episc. Ch. Amer.* (1846) 408 Division has grown up in all its rankness, and seeded freely on every side a new crop of errors.

c. *refl.* of a plant: To sow itself.

1909 *Eng. Rev.* Feb. 403 There is no further need of planting, for they [the pines] seed themselves.

† **8.** *pass.* To run to seed, to mature. *Obs.*

1593 SHAKS. *Lucr.* 603 How will thy shame be seeded in thine age When thus thy vices bud before thy spring?

† **9.** To sprinkle or cover a surface lightly with; so, to decorate the material of a garment with powdering of small ornament. *Obs.*

1598 DALLINGTON *Meth. Trav.* L 4, The Constable..as the Grand Escuyer,..hath the Sword in the scabberd *D'Azure, semé de fleurs de Lys d'or*: Azure seeded with flowers de Lyce. 1603 B. JONSON *King's Entertainm.* Wks. 1616 I. 844 Theosophia, or dinine Wisedome, all in white, a blue mantle seeded with starres. 1633 SHIRLEY *Tri. Peace* 4 In the next Chariot of equall glory, were placed on the lowest staires foure in skie-coloured Taffata Robes seeded with starres. 1678 JORDAN *Triumphs of Lond.* 4 Vigilancy, in a Silver Robe, a French green Mantle, seeded with waking Eyes.

10. To remove the seeds from (fruit), to 'stone'.

1904 *Daily Chron.* 9 June 8/5 Seed a pound of raisins, cut them in quarters, and mix them with six ounces of shredded citron. 1908 *Ibid.* 5 Mar. 8/3 The currants should be cleaned, raisins seeded, and citron shredded.

† **Seedage.** *Obs. rare.* [f. SEED *v.* + -AGE.]

1. A sowing.

1610 W. Folkingham *Art of Survey* I. x. 27 The shaked corne seruing..for the second seedage. *Ibid.* I. xi. 35 Wheat craues a fat Clay (and dry to make it hard and compact) and durty Seedage.

2. Production of seed.

1891 L. H. Bailey *Nursery-bk.* (1896) 1 Chapter I. Seedage. *Ibid.*, Moisture is the most important factor in seedage.

See'd-bed.

1. A bed for sowing seeds; also, the seedlings growing there.

1660 Shaarock *Vegetables* 25 In seeds that are long in coming up, the seed bed is not to be digged up the first winter. 1723 P. Blair *Pharmaco-Bot.* I. 38 Like a Fir-tree, when in the Seed Bed, but much less. 1846 J. Baxter *Libr. Pract. Agric.* (ed. 4) I. 265 They should never be allowed to remain more than two years in the seed-bed, for in that case they will be completely spoiled. 1852 C. W. H[oskins] *Talpa* 178 He will cut up the soil into a seed-bed of the pattern required.

b. *transf.* and *fig.*

1826 E. Irving *Babylon* II. viii. 312 The Church hath been set into action to prepare the seed-bed of the truth over the earth. 1884 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 9 July 2/1 There must have been seed-beds of disease to have produced leprosy in houses and in people.

† 2. *Bot.* = Placenta 2. *Obs. rare*—[1].

1720 P. Blair *Bot. Ess.* ii. 54 As the Seeds ripen, and separate from the proper Placentæ or Seed-beds.

See'd-box.

1. The receptacle for the seed in a grain-drill or seed-sowing-machine.

1733 Tull *Horse-Hoeing Husb.* xxii. 315 Of these [parts of the Drill] the Seed-Box is the chief; it measures (or rather numbers) out the Seed which it receives from the Hopper. 1831 Loudon *Encycl. Agric.* (1857) § 2679 The seed-box being elevated or depressed accordingly, so as to render the distribution of the seed regular. 1875 *Encycl. Brit.* I. 320/1 [In the machine for broadcast sowing] motion is communicated to a spindle which revolves in the seed-box, and expels the seed by means of cogs or brushes.

2. *U.S.* A plant of the genus *Ludwigia*, so called from its cubical pod.

1821 Barton *Flora N. Amer.* I. 49 *Ludwigia macrocarpa*. Large-capsuled Seed-box, or Ludwigia. 1856 Gray *Man. Bot.* (1860) 33 *Ludwigia alternifolia*. (Seed-box.)

See'd-cake. A cake flavoured with caraway seeds and more or less sweetened. Cf. Cake *sb.* 1 c.

The 'seed-cakes' formerly eaten at the rustic festival celebrating the end of sowing-time may have been of this kind, though the custom prob. had an allusive reference to Seed *sb.*

Warton's statement (quoted in the 1878 ed. of Tusser) that the name was applied to the festival itself, seems doubtful; cf., however, quot. 1726.

1573 Tussea *Husb.* (1878) 181 Wife, some time this weeke, if the wether hold cleere, an end of wheat sowing we make for this yeere. Remember you therefore though I doo it not: the seede Cake, the Pasties, and Furmentie pot. 1710 P. Lama *Royal Cookery* 84 To make a Seed-Cake. 1726 Ayliffe *Parergon* 8 It was a..customary thing..for every Man in the Parish..to give to the Church a certain Measure of Wheat..on St. Martin's Day; and this in our ancient Books is called Church-Seed, from whence came the Rise of our Seed-Cakes. 1755 in W. Macgill *Old Ross-sh.* (1909) 154 Sugar biscake..plumbcake..seedcake. 1833 Ht. Martineau *Berkeley the Banker* II. viii. 143 Mrs. Pye's seed-cake and currant-wine. 1850 Dickens *Dav. Copp.* xlii, I cut and handed the sweet seed-cake.

See'd-carrier.

1. One who carries seed. † a. *fig.* One who disseminates the tenets of another. *Obs. rare*—[1].

1600 W. Watson *Decacordon* (1602) 101 The seed-cariers of these conteations are either close Iesuits, and so will not be knowne, or at least..Iesuited faultors of their pollicies.

b. In sowing corn, etc.: An assistant who replenishes the seed-baskets of the sowers.

1844 H. Stephens *Bk. Farm* II. 506 If the sacks of seed are conveniently placed, one active seed-carrier will serve two sowers.

† 2. = Seed-lip. *Obs.*

1831 Loudon *Encycl. Agric.* (1857) § 2526 The seed-carrier or seed-basket is sometimes made of thin veneers of wood, bent into an irregular oval, with a hollow to fit the seedsman's side.

3. Applied to various animals with reference to the part which they play in the dispersion of seeds.

1880 A. R. Wallace *Isl. Life* xii. 238 The dispersal of seeds—Birds as seed-carriers. 1906 *Athenæum* 12 May 581 Bats and insects may be active seed-carriers.

See'd-corn. Grain (or *occas.* a grain of corn) for sowing in order to produce a new crop.

1592–3 *Shuttleworths' Acc.* (Chetham Soc.) 79 Roberte Aspeden for to bestowe upone side corne and other charges ..x[li]. 1645 Quarles *Sol. Recant.* Sol. xi. 70 Stay not for showres; The soile, if overflowne, Will drown thy seed-corn, and return thee none. 1719 De Foe *Crusoe* I. (Globe) 119 Even after I had got the first Handful of Seed-Corn. 1844 H. Stephens *Bk. Farm* II. 283 All seed-corn should be sifted.

fig. 1800 W. Taylor in *Monthly Mag.* VIII. 598 Some of these seed-corns of superstition, it is expected, must strike root. 1870 Emerson *Soc. & Solit.* ix. 199 We know that *l'homme de lettres* is a little wary, and not fond of giving away his seed-corn.

See'd-crown.

† 1. *nonce-use.* (See quot.)

1607 Chapman *Busy d'Ambois* I. i. 122 What will he send? Some crowns? It is to sow them Upon my spirit, and make them spring a crown Worth millions of the seed-crowns he will send.

2. *Bot.* = Corona 7 a.

1807 J. E. Smith *Phys. Bot.* 457 In every case the partial calyx is distinguished from the chaffy seed-crown observable in several genera of the other Orders,..either by being inferior, or by the presence of a seed-crown, or feathery down, besides.

Seede, obs. pa. pple. of Say *v.*[1]

1515 in *Coll. Surrey Archæol. Soc.* (1858) I. 182.

Seeded (sī'dėd), *ppl. a.* [f. Seed *v.* and *sb.* + -ed.]

1. Sown with seed.

1591 Spenser *Ruins of Rome* 407 Like as the seeded field green grasse first showes. 1894 *Times* 16 Apr. 7/2 All recently seeded areas have responded promptly and vigorously to an abundance of moisture on a warm soil.

2. Furnished with a seed or seeds; run to seed, matured.

1610 Fletcher *Faithf. Shepherdess* iv. i, In some hollow tree or bed Of seeded Nettles. 1763 J. Mills *Pract. Husb.* III. 222 It requires some experience to know at what degree of ripeness it is best to cut the seeded sainfoin. 1830 Tennyson *Poems* 108 The seeded summerflowers. 1875 Blackmore *Alice Lorraine* xxx, The gossamer floats idly over the sere and seeded grass.

fig. 1593 Nashe *Christ's T.* X iij, London, thou art the seeded Garden of sinne. 1606 Shaks. *Tr. & Cr.* I. iii. 316 The seeded Pride That hath to this maturity blowne vp In ranke Achilles, must or now be cropt.

3. *Her.* Of flowers: Having seeds of a specified tincture.

1611 [see Barbed *ppl. a.*[1] 3]. 1777 Porny *Elem. Her.* Dict., *Seeded a.* This is said of Roses and other Flowers, to express the tincture of their seed. 1868 Cussans *Handbk. Her.* (1893) 104 *Seeded*, applied chiefly to roses, in blazoning the Seeds in the centre.

4. ? Covered with dots.

1893 *Atlantic Monthly* Feb. 231/1 It [her best dress] was a purple, seeded silk, adorned with lapels that hung in wrinkles across her flat chest.

Seeder (sī'dəɹ). Also 1 sǽdere, sédere, 4 seder. [OE. *sǽdere*, f. *sǽd* Seed *sb.*: see -er[1].]

† 1. One who sows seed; a sower. Also *fig. Obs.*

c 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* Mark iv. 3 Herað heono eode ðe sawende *vel* sedere to sawenne. *c* 1000 Ælfric *Hom.* (Thorpe) II. 88 Sum sædere ferde to sawenne his sæd. 1398 Trevisa *Barth. De P. R.* ix. xviii. (Tollemache MS.), [October] is payntid in þe liknesse of a seder [1495 sower] þat sowep his corne. *a* 1500 *Sayings of Philosophers* (Tollemache MS.), [Socrates] seide to his dissiples: I am the Seeder [*Caxton* tilman], and the vertues of the soule bene seedis.

2. A mechanical contrivance for sowing seed.

1875 Knight *Dict. Mech., Seeder*, ..a seed-sower for gardens. 1883 *Sci. Amer.* 3 Mar. 139/4 Seeder and cultivator. 1899 *Daily News* 13 July 4/6 The modern seeder leaves to the sower no heavier work than the guidance of his team from the waggon seat.

See'd-field. [f. Seed *sb.* Cf. G. *saatfeld*, *samenfeld.*] A place wherein seed is sown. Also *fig.*

1615 W. Bedwell tr. *Moham. Impost.* II. § 70 The wiues of men are as it were the seedfields of the men. 1831 Carlyle *Sart. Res.* I. ii, For a speculative man, 'whose seedfield', in the sublime words of the Poet, 'is Time', no conquest is important but that of new ideas. 1832 — *Remin.* (1881) I. 46 Our country was all altered; browsing knowes were become seed-fields. 1865 Kingsley *Herew.* ix, A folk, poor and savage;..often without cattle or seed-field.

Seedful (sī'dfûl), *a. rare.* [f. Seed *sb.* + -ful.] Full of seed, productive. Also *fig.*

1591 Sylvester *Du Bartas* I. v. 626 She [Phœnix] sits all gladly-sad expecting Some flame..To burn her sacred bones to seedfull cinders. 1859 Chr. G. Rossetti *Poems* (1904) 346/2 Love moves the subtle fountain-rills To fertilize uplifted hills, And seedful valleys fertilize.

See'd-furrow. Also seed-fur.

1. A furrow for the reception of seed.

1523 Fitzherb. *Husb.* § 4 And yf he wyll haue his plough to go a narowe forowe, as a sede-forowe shulde be, than he setteth his fote-teame in the nycke nexte to the ploughe-beame. 1764 *Ann. Reg.* 76 A..seed plough..which makes three seed-furrows at once, at any distance from each other. 1844 H. Stephens *Book of Farm* II. 503 Land should only receive one furrow, the seed-furrow, for spring-wheat.

2. The process of producing a seed-furrow. Phrases, *to get, give the seed-furrow.*

1610 W. Folkingham *Art of Survey* I. xi. 43 Their seuerall orders and seasons for fallowing, twifallowing, trifallowing and seed-furre. 1743 R. Maxwell *Select Trans. Impr. Agric. Scot.* 83 In the Spring give a Steering-fur, as it is called; then the Seed-fur; then sow Barley or Bear with Grass-seeds. 1765 A. Dickson *Treat. Agric.* (ed. 2) 272 A much less quantity is taken off when land gets the seed-furrow, the chief design of which is to enlarge the pasture. 1805 Forsyth *Beauties Scot.* II. 217 It is neither practicable nor prudent to give the seed-furrow to much of that land in winter. *a* 1830 *Glouc. Farm Rep.* 7 in *Libr. Useful Knowl., Husb.* III, If the land requires another ploughing before the seed-furrow.

3. *attrib.*

1764 J. Randall in *Gentl. Mag.* XXXIV. 515/1, I find you have done me the honour of taking notice of my Seed-furrow plough.

Hence **See'd-furrow** *v. trans.*, to 'give the seed-furrow' to (land). **See'd-furrowing** *vbl. sb.*

1812 Sir J. Sinclair *Syst. Husb. Scot.* I. 217 Another ploughing must be given, previous to the application of manure, after which it ought to be seed furrowed, by the end of August. 1844 H. Stephens *Bk. Farm* II. 501 They are always formed on ridges, never on the flat, and only used in seed-furrowing.

Seedge, obs. form of Siege.

Seedily (sī'dili), *adv.* [f. Seedy *a.* + -ly[2].] In shabby, impecunious fashion.

1879 F. W. Robinson *Coward Consc.* II. vi, One tall man, seedily attired. 1909 Max Beerbohm *Yet Again* 22 He was an excellent actor...But, like many others of his kind, [he] drifted seedily away into the provinces.

Seediness (sī'dinės). [f. Seedy *a.* + -ness.] The attribute of being seedy.

1. Untidiness, squalid shabbiness.

1837 Dickens *Pickw.* xliii, A casual visitor might suppose this place to be a Temple dedicated to the Genius of Seediness. 1853 R. S. Surtees *Sponge's Sp. Tour* xl. 218 The seediness of the blue cloth was relieved by a velvet collar. 1889 Trollope *What I remember* III. xiii. 200 An appearance of seediness in poor fallen Venice is by no means an inexplicable characteristic.

2. Slight indisposition, general want of 'tone' in the physical system.

1874 Blackie *Self-Cult.* 74 What is called 'seediness', after a debauch, is a plain proof that nature has been outraged, and will have her penalty. 1894 Astley 50 *Years Life* I. 323 Slight fits of seediness from time to time.

3. *nonce-use.* (See quot.)

1893 G. D. Leslie *Lett. Marco* xii. 71, I take great interest..in the seediness of my garden; seeds and seed-cases are perhaps the most wonderful of any of the parts of plant life.

Seeding (sī'din), *vbl. sb.* [f. Seed *v.* + -ing[1].]

1. The production of seed.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 386 Alkin things grouand sere þat in þam self þaire seding bere. 1398 Trevisa *Barth. De P. R.* xvii. i. (1495) 591 A tree hath vertue in itself of sedynge: and maye therby brynge forth a nother lyke itself in kynde. 1563 Hyll *Art Garden.* (1593) 161 If that the stems or stalkes after they be well come, be then broken off or cut away, they wil continue the longer greene and without seeding. 1675 Evelyn *Fr. Gard.* 178 Tread down the Stem, till the Cabbage inclines to one side; this will much impede its seeding. 1760 Brown *Compl. Farmer* II. 69 Before they are near seeding.

† b. *concr.*

1650 H. Vaughan *Silex Scint., Repentance* 34 The trees, their leafs; the flowres, their seeding;..I summon'd to decide this strife.

2. The sowing of seed; the sowing (of land) with seed. Also *fig.*

1542 in J. H. Glover *Kingsthorpiana* (1883) 81 And the rent, sowyng, arying, foldyng, and sedynge of an acre of rey wyll cost the tenant therof fyve shillings and above. 1609 Bible (Douay) *Ps.* cxxv. 5 Comm., His seruants shal make their seeding..with teares..and reape a plentiful haruest..in the next life. 1623 W. Lawson *New Orchard* iv. 8 The labour and seeding of your Corne-fields. *a* 1629 T. Adams *Serm. Man's Seed-time* Wks. 648 You see the wickeds Seeding and Haruest...The godly haue also their Seeding and their Haruest. 1647 C. Harvey *Schola Cordis* Epigr. xxvii, Mine heart's a field; Thy crosse a plow; be pleas'd Dear Spouse, to till it, till the mould be rais'd Fit for the seeding of Thy Word. 1810 Jefferson *Writ.* (1853) V. 509, I talk of ploughs and harrows, of seeding and harvesting, with my neighbors. 1842 Lance *Cottage Farmer* 15 Horses often..execute the drilling, hoeing, seeding, haymaking, &c. in a wasteful and expensive manner, compared to manual labour properly directed. 1875 *Encycl. Brit.* I. 320/1 Openings [in the seed-box] which can be graduated to suit the required rate of seeding. 1892 *Times* 'weekly ed.) 2 Feb. 89/3, 800 acres were ready for seeding.

† b. *concr.* The seed sown. *Obs. rare.*

1814 Mrs. J. West *Alicia de Lacy* III. 241 Twice the seasons were against us, and the seeding and the earing might go into the same sack.

3. The separation of flax-seed from the straw. = Rippling *vbl. sb.*[1]

1853 Ure *Dict. Arts* I. 789 The time occupied..in the processes, from the seeding of the flax to the commencement of the scutching.

4. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as (sense 1) *seeding-season, -stage*; **seeding-house**, an apartment in a rettery, in which the flax-seed is separated from the straw; † **seeding-time** = Seed-time; also *fig.*; † **seeding-top**, the seed-vessels borne upon a stalk.

1867 *Ure's Dict. Arts* (ed. 6) II. 328 The *seeding-house requires to be of large size. 1876 Hardy *Ethelberta* ii, He was taking them home to his sister Faith, who prized the lingering blossoms of the *seeding season. 1885 *Manch. Exam.* 16 June 5/1 No plants, after entering the *seeding stage.. are good for green fodder. 1613 in Picton *L'pool Munic. Rec.* (1883) I. 184 Harvest and *seeding tyme. 1790 Gouv. Morris in Sparks *Life & Writ.* (1832) II. 42 We are yet but in the seeding time of national prosperity, and it will be well not to mortgage the crop before it is gathered. 1676 Baal in *Phil. Trans.* XI. 586 The Lilly of the Valley (which propagates it self by the weight of its *seeding tops, descending into the earth) is much esteem'd on the Elbe.

Seeding (sī'din), *ppl. a.* [f. Seed *v.* + -ing[2].] That seeds; running to seed.

1868 Morris *Earthly Par., K. Acrisius* 211 Though the birds see them, and the seeding grass Harsh and unloving over them may pass, When carelessly through rough and smooth they run. 1892 Rider Haggard *Nada the Lily* v. 34 Their plumes bent in the breeze; like a plain of seeding grass they bent.

Seed-lac (sī'dˌlæk). [f. Seed *sb.* + Lac[1].] See Lac[1] 1. Also *attrib.*

1703 *Art's Improv.* I. 37 And lastly, bestow Eight or Ten Washes of your best Seed-Lack-Varnish. *c* 1790 Imison *Sch. Art* II. 91 To make Seed-lac Varnish. Take spirits of wine, one quart;..add thereto eight ounces of seed-lac. 1882 *Encycl. Brit.* XIV. 182/1 The resin crushed to small fragments and washed free from colouring matter constitutes 'seed lac'.

Seedless (sī'dlės), *a.* [f. Seed *sb.* + -less.] Devoid of seed or seeds.

1598 Sylvaster *Du Bartas* II. i. II. 479 In stead of sweet fruits which she selfly yeelds Seed-less, and Art-less, over all thy fields, With thorns and burs shall bristle up her brest. 1870 Hooker *Stud. Flora* 21 Lower joint slender, seedless. 1871 H. Macmillan *True Vine* iv. 167 Seedless oranges and seedless grapes are often met with. 1890 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 29 Sept. 2/1 They might give loans to seedless tenants for seed to anticipate another season of want next year.

Hence **See·dlessness.**

1905 *Westm. Gaz.* 6 Feb. 3/1 The permanency of the seedlessness of the Spencer apple is beyond dispute.

Seedlet (sī·dlĕt). [-LET.] A small seed.

1863 JEAN INGELOW *Poems* 50 The goldfinch on a thistle-head Stood scattering seedlets while she fed. 1899 G. ALLEN *Story of Plants* ii. 25 A little grain of pollen produced by the male plant unites with a little ovule or seedlet produced by the female.

Seedling (sī·dlĭŋ), *sb.* and *a.* [f. SEED *sb.* + -LING 1.] **A.** *sb.*

1. A young plant developed from a seed, esp. one raised from seed as distinct from a slip, cutting, etc.

1660 SHARROCK *Vegetables* 9 Divers..persons affirm, that they have seen the small Plants, or Seedlings at a distance all round the Mother-plant. 1664 EVELYN *Kal. Hort., Nov.* 79 Prepare also Mattresses, Boxes, Cases, Pots, &c. for shelter to your tender Plants and Seedlings newly sown. 1672 GREW *Anat. Plants, Anat. Roots* I. i. (1682) 59 The Roots of most Seedlings grow Downward and Upward, or shoot out in length at both Ends, at the same time. 1723 P. BLAIR *Pharmaco-Bot.* I. 7 The Seedlings (as they are called, viz.) such as have naturally sprung forth from their Seeds, accidentally dispers'd. 1791 COWPER *Yardley Oak* 61 Through all the stages thou hast push'd Of treeship—first a seedling hid in grass; Then twig; then sapling. 1859 DARWIN *Orig. Spec.* i. (1873) 22 This amount of change may have suddenly arisen in a seedling. 1882 VINES tr. *Sachs' Bot.* 508 The terminal bud of the stem of the seedling grows more rapidly ..than the lateral shoots which arise subsequently.

fig. 1760 GRAY *Let. to Wharton* 22 June, The prophetic eye of taste..when it plants a seedling, already sits under the shadow of it. 1860 MOTLEY *Netherl.* ii. I. 27 It was thought indispensable to execute as traitors those Roman seedlings—seminary priests and their disciples—who [etc.].

†2. The young of an animal hatched from an egg resembling a seed in appearance. *Obs.*

1705 BEVERLEY *Hist. Virginia* IV. xix. (1722) 268 They [*sc.* Ticks] produce a kind of Egg, which lies about a Fortnight before the Seedlings are hatch'd. 1754 BRANDER in *Phil. Trans.* XLVIII. 808 In the spring..a thousand small fish appear in the water to one grown to maturity, or seedlings on the shores of shell-fish, to one at full growth.

3. A small seed. In quots. *fig.*

1809 MALKIN *Gil Blas* X. i. P 3 Whether any seedlings of ambition were scattered among the fallows of your philosophy. 1876 HARDY *Ethelberta* vi, Not a kiss—not so much as the shadow, hint, or merest seedling of a kiss.

4. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *seedling-bed, -stock*; **seedling leaf** = *seed-leaf*, a cotyledon.

1757 J. HILL *Eden* 167 And let him..take off the Mats.. from..his *Seedling Beds. 1763 MILLS *Syst. Pract. Husb.* IV. 179 If they are transplanted directly from the seedling-bed. 1771 G. WHITE *Selborne, Let. to Pennant* 30 Mar., The insect that infests turnips..(destroying often whole fields in their *seedling leaves). 1664 EVELYN *Kal. Hort., Aug.* (1699) 102 Inoculate..at the commencement of this Month, upon *seedling Stocks of four Years growth.

B. *adj.* [From the appositive uses of the sb.]

1. Developed or raised from seed.

1693 EVELYN *De La Quint. Compl. Gard.* Dict., A Seedling Orange-Tree. 1707 MORTIMER *Husb.* (1721) II. 384 Remove Seedling Digitalis, and plant the Slips of Lychnis. 1786 ABERCROMBIE *Gard. Assist.* 215 Seedling biennials and perennials, raised from seed this year. 1808 J. WALKER *Hist. Hebrides & Highl. Scot.* II. 229 The seedling firs are to be had in great quantities in the natural woods in the north. 1825 *Greenhouse Comp.* I. 229 A seedling lemon or orange of a year old being procured as a stock. 1884 BROWNING *Ferishtah* 83 Some five pippins from the seedling tree.

fig. 1810 SCOTT *Lady of L.* II. xx, O that some seedling gem Worthy such noble stem, Honour'd and bless'd in their shadow might grow.

2. Of the nature of a small seed; existing in a rudimentary state. In quots. *fig.*

1886 RUSKIN *Præterita* I. x. 332 He saw that I..had some seedling brains which would come up in time. 1891 LECKY *Poems* 105 Some Scattered seedling thoughts that flew Farther than their authors knew.

3. Of oysters: Hatched from 'seed'.

1862 ANSTED *Channel Isl.* IV. xxii. (ed. 2) 509 *note*, Luxuriant branches, to which the seedling oyster may become attached.

Seed-lip (sī·dlip). Forms: 1–2 sǽdlēap, 2 sed læp, 3 sedelip, sedlep, 4 sedelep, seedleep, 5 sedlepe, seedlep(e, -leppe, ceed(e-leep(e, 6 seede-leape, (7 seed-lappe, -lop, sydlop), 7–8 seed-leap, (8 *dial.* sidlup), 7– seed-lip. Also SEBLET. [OE. *sǽdlēap*; see SEED *sb.* and LEAP *sb.*2] A basket in which seed is carried in the process of sowing by hand.

c 1100 *Gerefa* in *Anglia* IX. 264/13 Man sceal habban.. windlas, systras, syfa, sædleap, hriddel, hersyfe [etc.]. 1154 *O. E. Chron.* an. 1124, Swa þæt be tweonen Cristes messe & Candel messe man sælde þæt acer sæd hwæte þæt is twegen sed læpas to six scillingas. 1235–52 *Rentalia Glaston.* (Somerset Rec. Soc.) 57 Unum sedelip plenum de frumento. *c* 1340 *Nominale* (Skeat) 861 *Herce et semyloun.* Harewe and sedelep. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 64/2 Ceed lepe or hopyr, *satorium.* *c* 1565 ABP. PARKER *Ps.* CXXVI. 376 Who goeth from home; all heavily—With his seede-leape; his land to try. 1607 J. CARPENTER *Plaine Mans Plough* 81 God hath..sent forth..his holy Prophets with this soueraigne Seed in the spirituall seed-lappe. 1620 MARKHAM *Farew. Husb.* iv. 36 To euery bushell of that seede you shall adde a bushell of Bay salt and mixe them very well together in your Hopper or Sydlop. 1669 WORLIDGE *Syst. Agric.* xi. § 4. 275 A Seed-lop, or Seed-lip, the Hopper, or Vessel wherein they carry their Seed at the time of Sowing. 1766 *Complete Farmer* 5 D 1/1 s.v. *Lucern*, The labourer, if he makes use of a peat-ash spoon and seed-lip, may sprinkle the rows of an acre in four or five hours. 1800 HUBOIS *Fav. Village* 163 From the seedlip [he] scatters wide around The fruitful grain. 1884 JEFFERIES *Life of Fields* 150 A seed-lip, which is a vessel like a basket used in sowing corn.

†See·dly, *a. Obs. rare*−1. [f. SEED *sb.* + -LY 1.] Existing in the state of seed.

1699 *Phil. Trans.* XXI. 271 When a Cod hath shot his Masculine Seed, there doth still remain in his Soft Rows, a great deal of Seeding Matter, where out more Seedly Animals are produced, then were shot out of it the Year before.

†See·dman. *Obs.* [f. SEED *sb.* or *v.* + MAN *sb.*1]

1. = SEEDSMAN 1.

In 16–17th c. often *fig.* with etym. allusion to SEMINARY.

1583 *Exec. for Treason* (1675) 5 These Seminaries, or Seedmen, and Jesuits,..have..laboured..to perswade the people. *c* 1615 *God & the King* (1663) 6 Wherewith these seed-men of sedition were no way suppressed. 1686 GOAD *Celest. Bodies* II. ii. 161 Just as two Seed-men in a Field, that sow more ground at convenient distance, than if they walked together in the same Furrow.

2. = SEEDSMAN 2.

1652 BLITHE *Eng. Improv. Impr.* XXVI. (1653) 179 Much that is sold in the Seed-mens shops in London. 1670 MEAGER *Eng. Gard.* 191 In the first place you are to endeavour to be furnished with such sorts of Seed as are of best account ..either at the hand of Friend, Gardener, or Seed-man. 1719 LONDON & WISE *Compl. Gard.* Pref. 2 At the Seed-Mens Shops.

†See·dness. *Obs.* [f. SEED *v.* + -NESS.]

1. The action of sowing, the state of being sown. Also *fig.*

c 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* I. 256 Trymenstre sednes [*v.r.* seedis; orig. *satio*] eke is to respite To placis colde, of wyntir snowis white. 1549 COVERDALE, etc. *Erasm. Par. Phil.* i. 3–11 So perseuer styll vnto the daye of Christes commynge, that you maye than appeare..aboundauntlye ful of good workes, wherof in this world you make as it wer a seedenesse, and shal reape y^e frute therof at y^e day. 1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* XIX. v. II. 18 The manner is to plant them..at both times of Seednes, to wit, the Spring and the Fall. 1603 SHAKS. *Meas. for M.* I. iv. 42 As blossoming Time That from the seednes, the bare fallow brings To teeming foyson. 1609 HOLLAND *Amm. Marcell.* XXII. viii. 200 The vast wildernesse (which never felt the plough, nor know [*sic*] what seednesse [orig. *sementem*] is, but lye desert, and subject to many frosts). 1661 P. HENRY *Diaries & Lett.* (1882) 85 Barley much abused in Drunknes, and now Barley seedness hindred, God is Righteous. 1710 M. HENRY *Comm. Isa.* xvii. (1848) II. 531 Look upon it at the time of seedness and it shall be like a garden.

b. *concr.* The thing sown, seed. In quot. *fig.*

1597 J. PAYNE *Royal Exch.* 19 As the corne must fyrst be sowen and dye in the yerthe before yt receyve a new bodye, ..so must we be the lords sedenes before the happie harvest.

2. Seed-time.

1668 R. STEELE *Husbandm. Calling* iii. (1672) 26 From seedness to harvest, he is bound to a constant dependance on God, and from harvest to seedness agnin. 1793 *Trans. Soc. Arts* (ed. 2) V. 83 At Wheat seedness in 1785, having purchased a Machine, I drilled eighty acres with Wheat.

†Seedow, var. SIDDOW *a.*, tender, mellow.

Holland seems to have supposed the word to mean 'fit to serve as seed'.

1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* XIX. vii. II. 23 But they [the seeds] must be all throughly dried before they he seedow and fruitfull. [Fr. *pour rendre les graines bonnes à semer, il les fault toutes secher.*]

Seed-pearl (sī·dpɔ̄ɹl). [f. SEED *sb.*] A minute pearl having the appearance of a seed, usnally drilled and fastened to some material to be worn as an ornament. **a.** *collect. sing.*

1553 *Inv. Ch. Goods York*, etc. (Surtees) 168 Garnished with..an edge of smale seede pearle sett round abowte the same. 1573–4 *New Yrs. Gifts* in Nichols *Progr. Eliz.* (1823) I. 380 Item, a fayre gyrdle of pomaunder and seede perle garnets and pomaunders. 1624 CAPT. SMITH *Virginia* v. 198 Some seed Pearle they got. 1710 STEELE *Tatler* No. 245 P 2 Bracelets of braided Hair, Pomander, and Seed-Pearl. 1879 E. ARNOLD *Lt. Asia* IV (1881) 105 A golden net, With tassels of seed-pearl and silken strings.

b. *pl.*

1598 FLORIO, *Perlette*, little, small, seede pearles. 1619 tr. *Mexia's Treas. Anc. & Mod. Times* II. 976/2 Some [pearls] are found to he so little, that they can not hee drilled by any meanes; and therefore they call them Seede-pearles. 1799 G. SMITH *Laboratory* I. 132 Take oriental seed-pearls; reduce them into a fine powder. 1877 STREETER *Prec. Stones* 235 According to their size they [Pearls] receive certain names;..small, Piece Pearls; smaller, Seed Pearls; smallest, Dust Pearls.

Seed-plot (sī·dplɒt). [f. SEED *sb.* + PLOT *sb.*] A piece of ground in which seed is or may be sown, a seed-bed. Now only *transf.* and *fig.*

1561 T. NORTON *Calvin's Inst.* Pref., Should they not.. rather alltogether haue geuen ouer and forsaken the Gospell which they sawe to he the sedeplott [orig. Fr. *semence*] of so many contentions. 1587 FLEMING *Contn. Holinshed* III. 1311/2 This gentleman had..a regard for the seed-plots of learning, to haue them watered with the springs of his bountie. 1604 R. C. *Table Alph., Seminarie*, a seede plot for young trees or grafts, a nurserie. 1641 MILTON *Animadv.* xiii. 52 The honest Gardener that..had wrought painfully about his hankes and seed-plots. 1702 *Pres. St. Jacobitism* 13 The contrary Practise..was nothing else but a Seed-plot of Destruction. 1731 MILLER *Gard. Dict.*, A *Seminary* is a Seed-Plot, which is adapted or set apart for the sowing of Seeds. 1759 BP. HURD *Moral Dialogues* iii. 114 A nursery of brave men, a very seed-plot of warriors and heroes. 1865 LECKY *Ration.* (1878) II. 279 It has been the seed-plot of poetry and romance. 1901 *Edin. Rev.* July 77 The dim nebulous seed-plots of worlds that strew the sidereal heavens.

Seedsman (sī·dsmæn). [f. genitive of SEED *sb.* + MAN *sb.*1 Cf. SEEDMAN.]

1. A sower of seed.

1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* XVIII. xiii. I. 571 Moreover, they would haue the seeds-man to be naked when he soweth them. 1606 SHAKS. *Ant. & Cl.* II. vii. 24. 1657 J. WATTS *Scribe, Pharisee*, etc. I. 115 A plain and ordinary man, a Plough-man and Seedsman. 1764 J. RANOALL in *Gentl. Mag.* XXXIV. 515/1 The seedsman can easily lift it [*sc.* the seed plough] up by the handles, even when the hopper is quite full. 1787 BURNS *Song*, '*Again rejoicing Nature sees*' iii, The merry Plough-boy cheers his team, Wi' joy the tentie Seedsman stalks. 1854 MARY HOWITT *Pict. Calendar* 107 A..train of ploughmen and seedsmen preparing the ground for fresh harvests. 1882 J. WALKER *Jaunt to Auld Reekie*, etc. 24 The seedsman had scattered the handfu's abroad.

fig. 1592 NASHE *P. Penilesse* K 2, The second kind of Diuels..called..the authors of massacres, & seedsmen of mischiefe. 1726 PENN *Tracts* Wks. I. 537 It is granted by all that I know of, that the Seeds-Man is Christ. 1833 TENNYSON *Poems* 123 The seedsman, memory, Sowed my deepfurrowed thought with many a name [etc.].

2. A dealer in seed.

1691 WOOD *Ath. Oxon.* II. 33 *note*, The Wife of..Bury, a Seeds-man, living at the Frying-pan in Newgate Market. 1742 *De Foe's Tour Gt. Brit.* (ed. 3) I. 162 From this Place also the Seedsmen in London are furnished with the greatest Quantity of their Seeds. 1801 *Farmer's Mag.* Nov. 443 The ground would be sufficiently filled with roots, not to be purchased in the seedsman's shop. 1891 S. C. SCRIVENER *Our Fields & Cities* 148 Eliminate the stimulus given by manufacturers of implements, of artificial manures, and by the numerous competing seedsmen, and our agricultural shows would simply be a series of cattle fairs.

†See·dster. *Obs. rare.* [f. SEED *v.* + -STER.] A sower; *fig.* a disseminator, an originator.

1598 SYLVESTER *Du Bartas* II. ii. IV. *Columnes* 606 Mars (the Seedster of debate). 1606 WARNER *Alb. Eng.* XV. xciii. 375 Vet, though against the Welsh-kings will, our royall Surname now..It Seedster from that kingly Streene deriues.

Seed-time (sī·dˌtəim). Also 7 **seeds-time.** [f. SEED *sb.* + TIME *sb.*] The season of sowing seed.

1400 *Langland's P. Pl.* A. Prol. 21 (Univ. Coll. MS.) In seed tyme and in Sowynge. *c* 1450 *Mirk's Festial* 253/20 Bytwyx heruest and syde-tyme. 1570 *Satir. Poems Reform.* xii. 59 In beir seid tyme 3our hurrow rudis ly fauch Cause of this murther laitly maid amang 3ow. 1611 BIBLE *Gen.* viii. 22 While the earth remaineth, seed-time and haruest..shall not cease. 1647 FULLER *Good Th. in Worse T.* 17, I saw in seed-time an Husbandman at Plow. 1767 A. FERGUSON *Ess. Hist. Civ. Soc.* II. ii. (1793) 137 After they have shared the toils of the seed-time, they enjoy the fruits of the harvest in common. 1844 H. STEPHENS *Bk. Farm* II. 484 Harrowing, an operation which is executed by an implement that will be particularly described when it comes to be spoken of in seed-time.

fig. 1614 R. HARRIS *Samuel's Funerall* (1618) 8 Now is the seeds-time, sowe apace, as yet you haue all aduantages from grace and nature. 1776 PAINE *Com. Sense* 60 Youth is the seed time of good habits. 1860 GUTHRIE (*title*) Seed-Time and Harvest of Ragged Schools.

Seedy (sī·di), *a.* [f. SEED *sb.* + -Y 1.]

1. Abounding in seed, full of seed.

1574 J. JONES *Nat. Beginning* 25 The second alteration is partly good, partly euell.., good because it endeth in a seedy qualitie, euel because it is made of some parte corrupted. *c* 1586 C'TESS PEMBROKE *Ps.* LXXVIII. xx, That rich land, where ouer Nilus trailes Of his wett robe the slymy seedy train. *c* 1611 CHAPMAN *Iliad* XXIV. 402 Forthwith they reacht the Tent..A shaggie roofe of seedy reeds, mowne from the meades. 1733 W. ELLIS *Chiltern & Vale Farm.* 298 They..run up with a great Stalk, and large, high, seedy, white, yellow Head. 1821 CLARE *Vill. Minstr.* II. 97 Thistles shake their seedy heads.

b. Used to designate the male hop-plant.

1848 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* IX. II. 546 Difference of opinion exists among experienced planters as to the utility of the seedy or male plant.

2. Shabby, ill-looking.

App. in allusion to the appearance of a flowering plant that has run to seed.

1739 *Joe Miller's Jests* No. 158 A seedy (poor) half-pay Captain. 1768 GOLDSM. *Good-n. Man* III, He is a little seedy, as we say among us that practise the law. Not well in clothes. 1831 SCOTT *Ct. Robt.* Introd. Addr. P 8 The outward man of the stranger was, in a most remarkable degree, what mine host of the Sir William Wallace, in his phraseology, calls seedy. 1837 DICKENS *Pickw.* XXX, 'Devilish cold', he added pettishly, 'standing at that door, wasting one's time with such seedy vagabonds.' 1845 *Punch* VIII. 78 A very seedy coat will ruin the effect of a new hat. 1861 HUGHES *Tom Brown at Oxf.* xii, It's a bore to have been caught in so seedy an affair. 1868 *Less. Midd. Age* 123 A very seedy little railway station, on the outskirts of a large and horribly ugly town. 1892 'F. ANSTEY' *Voces Pop.* Ser. II. 30 Seated on a Bench beside a Seedy Stranger.

b. Unwell, poorly, 'not up to the mark'.

1858 DICKENS *Lett.* (1880) II. 55 This morning I was very dull and seedy. 1866 *Mysteries of Isis* 35, I shall go to bed, for I feel very seedy after this knocking about. 1889 JEROME *Three Men in Boat* 1 We were all feeling seedy, and we were getting nervous about it. 1902 BUCHAN *Watcher by Threshold* 169 A man who is a bit seedy.

†3. (See quot.) *Obs.*

1753 *Chambers' Cycl.* Suppl. s.v. *Seedy*, The French suppose that these brandies obtain the flavour which they express by this name from the weeds which grew among the vines, from whence the wine, of which this brandy was made, was pressed.

4. *Glass-making.* Containing 'seed' or minute bubbles (see SEED *sb.* 6).

1856 H. CHANCE in *Jrnl. Soc. Arts* IV. 225/1 Perhaps the glass has been badly melted, and is seedy, full (that is) of little vesicles, to which the rotary motion has given a circular shape. 1883 — in H. J. Powell, etc. *Glass-making* 121 The glass is..seedy, for the seed has not the power to collect itself into bubbles and reach the surface of the pot.

5. Of wool: Not cleared from adhering seeds.

1895 *Daily News* 13 Nov. 9/4 Since the opening of the sales, seedy, and burry, and crossbred wools have declined ½d. per lb.

6. *Comb.*, as *seedy-looking* adj.; **seedy-toe**, a diseased condition of a horse's foot (see quot. 1849).

1837 DICKENS *Pickw.* xx, A precious seedy-looking customer. 1849 PERCIVALL *Hippopathol.* IV. 492 Seedy Toe ..is a disease of foot consisting in a mouldering away, as though through decay, of the toe of the hoof. 1898 *Encycl. Sport* II. 519/1 'Seedy-toe', another disease of the [horse's] foot, is sometimes accompanied by lameness.

See-er, seeër (sī·ǝɹ). *rare.* [f. SEE *v.* + -ER 1.] One who sees or beholds. (Used to avoid the customary suggestions of SEER.)

1882 R. L. STEVENSON in *Longman's Mag.* I. 79 He was a great daydreamer, a seeër of fit and beautiful and humorous visions. 1904 FINDLAY in *Expositor* Oct. 314 That implies..a likeness of character, a moral congruity and conformity between the see-er and the Seen.

Seegar, obs. form of CIGAR.

Seege. *Obs.* exc. *dial.* Also 7 **sedge, sege, seydge,** 9 *dial.* **seech, sych.** [Of obscure origin: perh. identical with the OE. *sęg* sea (only in the early glossaries, rendering *salum* and *mare*, and as the second element in *gārsęcg* ocean).] The rush of the waves upon the shore; surf.

a 1600 SIR F. VERE *Comm.* (1657) 120 The seege of the sea [was] such, that no shipping could lie there unbroken. 1622 R. HAWKINS *Voy. S. Sea* xii. 26 All these Ilands are perilous to land in, for the seege caused by the Ocean sea. *Ibid.* xiv. 33 My Boates could not discover any landing place,..for that the sedge was exceedingly great and dangerous. *Ibid.* xli. 97 Certaine of my people standing to defend the Boates with their Oares, for that there went a bad sege, were forced to lay downe their Musketts. 1625 MARKHAM *Farew. Husb.* (ed. 2) 71 Your Hemp-weede, or any other weede which groweth neere the seydge of the Sea. 1823 BOND *E. & W. Looe* 148 The waves, as they come into the river, occasion the water to rush up the street with great violence...This run of the water is locally called The Seech—they say, the Seech is coming, or the Seech is going back. 1880 COUCH *E. Cornw. Gloss., Sych*, the edge or foaming border of a wave as it runs up a harbour or on the land.

Seege, obs. f. SIEGE; var. SEGGE, man.

Seegh, seeh, obs. pa. t. sing. of SEE.

See-ho. Also 6 **se-howe,** 7 **seehoo.** [? f. SEE *v.* + Ho *int.*; but cf. SA-HA, SOHO.] A cry used in coursing, on first view of the hare.

a 1500 *Mourn. Hare* 20 in Hartshorne *Anc. Metr. Tales* (1829) 166 The furste man that me may see Anon he cryes, 'se howe, se howe'. *a* 1700 B. E. *Dict. Cant. Crew, Sohoe, Seehoo*, said aloud at the starting a hare. 1841 HEWLETT *Par. Clerk* I. 128 'Secho!' called out the squire, as if he'd found a hare sitting. 1862 H. KINGSLEY *Ravenshoe* xiii, At this moment there came a 'See Ho!' from Charles; in the next a noble hare had burst from a tangled mass of brambles at his feet.

Seeine, variant of SENE, synod.

Seeing (sī·iŋ), *vbl. sb.* Forms: see the vb. [f. SEE *v.* + -ING 1.]

1. The action (*rarely* an act) of the vb. SEE.

Often in phrase *worth seeing* (formerly † *worth the seeing, worthy seeing*).

1375 BARBOUR *Bruce* XVII. 88 Swa thai vroucht than That, but seying of ony man, Outane Sym of Spaldyne allane. *c* 1450 *Mirk's Festial* 171 The secund cause þat þe sacrament is vset in þe auter is, forto make man by ofte seynge to haue þe sadur mynde of Cristis passion in his hert. 1538–9 in *Lit. Rem. Edw. VI* (ROXB.) p. cclxiv, A cuppe gevon by my Lorde of Wynchester at his first seeyng of the Prince grace. *a* 1586 SIDNEY *Ps.* XLII. i, Ah, when comes my blessed being, Of thy face to have a seeing. 1629 CARLELL *Deserv. Favourite* 534 Madame, will it please you walke into the gallery, There are some pictures will be worth your seeing. 1670 RAY *Prov.* 140 Seeing is believing. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 17 Aug. 1654, But most remarkable and worthy seeing is St. Peter's Cathedrall. 1756–7 *Keysler's Trav.* (1760) I. 468 There is another church of the same name..which is also very well worth seeing. 1807 WORDSW. *Ode Intimat. Immortality* 156 Those shadowy recollections, Which, be they what they may,..Are yet a master-light of all our seeing. 1859 RUSKIN *Two Paths* iv. § 108 But your architectural designing leads you into no pleasant journeys,—into no seeing of lovely things.

b. *pl.*

1832 J. P. KENNEDY *Swallow B.* Introd. Ep. (1860) 13 A particular account of all my doings, or rather my seeings and thinkings. 1870 *Athenæum* 2 July 8 Enough would have remained, despite many errors, many seeings of things which cannot be seen, to leave the book..interesting.

2. The faculty of seeing, sight, vision.

c 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* x. (*Mathou*) 82 As to defe men þe heryngе, & to blynd men þe seynge. 1426 AUDELAY *Poems* 7 Thi v. wyttis thou most know,..Thi heryng, thi seyng, as I the schewe [etc.]. 1426 LYDG. *De Guil. Pilgr.* 8235 My helm hath rafft me my syyng And take a-way ek myn heryng. *a* 1704 LOCKE *Elem. Nat. Phil.* xi. (1754) 41 The organ of seeing is the eye. 1785 REID *Intell. Powers* 520 Seeing and hearing by philosophers are called senses. 1820 KEATS *Isabella* ii, He might not in house, field, or garden stir, But her full shape would all his seeing fill. 1860 TYNDALL *Glac.* II. i. 229 The range of seeing is different in different persons. 1897 WATTS-DUNTON *Aylwin* IV. iv, Hunger gives a new seeing to the eyes.

3. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as † *seeing power*; **seeing-glass** (now *dial.*), a mirror; † **seeing-shop** *nonce-wd.*, one's faculty of sight; † **seeing-stone,** a crystal used for scrying; also *fig.*

1565 JEWEL *Repl. Harding* xii. (1611) 336 Now we see as thorow a *seeing glasse in a riddle: but then we shall see face to face. 1622 HIBBERT *Body of Div.* I. 184 Men of repute are as seeing-glasses by which most men dresse themselves. 1732 *Inventory of G. Bamforth, Sheffield*, A stand, a large seeing glass. 1855 ROBINSON *Whitby Gloss., Seeing-glass*, the old-fashioned term for a mirror, formerly a surface of polished metal. *c* 1449 PECOCK *Repr.* I. xiv. 74 And 3it what othere 3ien or *seing power hath God 3ouen to mankinde forto therwith se, than which at sumtyme wolen faile and erre? 1577–8a BRETON *Flourish Fancy*, etc. (Grosart) 25/a With that I winckte for feare, And shut the windowes of my *seeing shoppe. 1849 ROCK *Ch. of Fathers* I. 295 A globe of crystal was employed by the Druids in their divinations as a *seeing-stone. *Ibid.*, They must look into that true seeing-stone, the teaching of Christ's Church.

Seeing (sī·iŋ), *ppl. a.* Forms: see the vb. [f. SEE *v.* + -ING 2.] That sees, in various senses of the vb.; having the faculty of sight; † discerning, possessing insight (*obs.*); † gifted as a seer.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 14804 Quen seand men him herd and sagh, Of him þam stod selcut gret agh. 1382a WYCLIF *Isa.* XXX. 10 That seyn to men seende (1388 profetis), Wileth not see. 1440 CAPGRAVE *Life St. Kath.* IV. 1386 'Thei that see', he seyth, 'shul be ful blynde',..The seeynge men be-tokene 3ow, I-wis. 1592 TIMME *Ten Eng. Lepers* B 8 b, So David had his seeing God to be his watchman. 1655 FULLER *Ch. Hist.* V. iii. § 10 (191) Strange that a Foraigner should be more seeing herein, then any of our Native Authors and Records that I ever could behold. 1825 COLERIDGE *Aids Refl.* (1848) I. 5 This seeing light, this enlightening eye, is reflection. 1887 *Athenæum* 17 Dec. 818/3 The tendency is..for more and more seeing people to be imported into institutions, until at last they receive more wages than the blind people.

Seeing (sī·iŋ), quasi-*conj.* [orig. the pres. pple. of SEE *v.*; the use in concord with the subject was developed into the conjunctional use as in *considering, excepting, providing, supposing*, etc. Cf. SEEN *prep.* and *conj.*

The first quot. is a doubtful or transitional example, as the pple. admits of being construed as in concord with the subject, in the sense 'recognizing, perceiving'. The development of the conjunctional use may have been aided by the similarity of sound with SEN, SIN *conj.*]

Seeing that, hence ellipt. *seeing*: Considering the fact that; inasmuch as; since, because.

1503 *Paston Lett.* III. 401, I wol..exhorte you to take it as..paciently as ye can, seeyng that we al be mortal and borne to dey. 1526 TINDALE *John* ii. 18 What token shewest thou vnto vs, seynge that thou dost these thinges? [So most later versions.] 1537 CRANMER in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. I. II. 77 As towching the house of the Charterhouse I pray..that it may be turned into a better use (seing it is in the face of the world). 1601 SHAKS. *Jul. C.* II. ii. 36 Of all the Wonders that I yet haue heard, It seemes to me most strange that men should feare, Seeing that death..Will come, when it will come. 1669 STURMY *Mariner's Mag.* I. ii. 17 The Top-mast being aloft the Ship..maketh better way.., seeing we have Sea-Room. 1711 PUCKLE *Club* (1817) 35 Seeing Great Britain affords so many lawyers,..he is doubly a fool that..applies himself to a scab. 1796 H. HUNTER tr. *St.-Pierre's Stud. Nat.* (1799) III. 578 It must be of importance to accustom young people to it [*sc.* vegetable diet], seeing it's influence is..so happy on beauty of person and tranquillity of soul. 1842 TENNYSON *Morte d'Arthur* 94 Deep harm to disobey, Seeing obedience is the bond of rule. 1857 HUGHES *Tom Brown* II. viii, Which isn't to be wondered at, seeing that he has just finished six weeks of examination work.

† **Seek,** *sb. Obs.* [f. SEEK *v.*] A series of notes upon a horn calling out hounds to begin a chase. Usually *to blow a seek* (BLOW *v.*1 14 c). Also *fig.*

c 1500 *Coucher-bk. Tutbury* in Blount *Anc. Tenures* (1679) 170 At the said Crosse in the Towne the formast keper shall blow a Seeke. 1576 TURBERV. *Venerie* 139 Lo now he blowes his borne, euen at the kennell dore, Alas, alas, he blowes a seeke, alas yet blowes he more. *Ibid.* ad fin., The measures of blowing set downe in the notes...The Seeke, with twoo windes. 1624 BP. MOUNTAGU *Inimed. Addr.* 35 There are ..that loose themselues often, and their Desires in their Deuotions: and may very well goe blow the seeke for them. 1826 HOR. SMITH *Tor Hill* (1838) I. 292 The foremost keeper blew a seek, to which all the others replied.

Seek (sīk), *v.* Pa. t. and pa. pple. **sought** (sǫt). Forms: α. *Inf. a.* 1 sēcan, sēcan, sécean, séocan, 2–5 **sieche,** 2–6 **seche,** 4 *Kent.* **zeche,** 3 **sseche,** 3–5 **siche, sheche, suche,** 5 **sech, seeche,** 6 (9 *dial.*) **seech.** β. 2–7 **seke,** (2–3 *imper.* **siec**), 3–5 *north.* **sek,** 4–6 **sieke, sike, syke,** (chiefly *Sc.*) **seyk,** 4–7 **seeke,** 4–8 *Sc.* **seik,** 5 **ceke,** *Sc.* **seike,** 6 **seyke, seick, seake,** 5– **seek.** b. *3rd sing. Pres. Indic.* α. 1 sēceð, -as, 1–2 séceð, 2 **sechð,** 3 **schechð,** 2–5 **secheth,** 4–5 **-ith, -yth, -es.** β. 1–2 sēcð, 2–3 **secþ, sekþ,** 4 *Kent.* **zekþ,** 3–6 **seketh, -es, -is,** 4–5 **-ith, -ez,** 6 *Sc.* **seik(k)is,** 6–7 **seekes,** 6– **seeketh, seeks.** c. *Pa. t.* 1 sōhte, *pl.* **sohtun, -on, -an,** 2–4 **sohte,** (3 **soȝte, sopte, soch,** *Orm.* **sohhte**), 3–4 **sohut(e, soghut, soht,** *north.* **sochte,** (**sogtht**), 3–5 **souhte, souȝte, soȝte, soght(e,** 3–6 **sowte,** 4 **saȝte,** (**southe, southte, souch**), *Kent.* **zoȝte,** 4–5 **soughte, sowhte, souȝt, soȝt, sowght, sout(e, sowt, saght,** *pl.* **souȝtten,** *Sc.* **sowcht, schocht,** 4–6 *Sc.* **socht, soucht,** 5 **sowȝte, souȝhte,** 6 *Sc.* **souchte,** 6–7 *Sc.* **soght,** 7 **saught,** 4– **sought.** Also 5 **sekyd,** 7 **seekt.** d. *Pa. pple.* 1 ȝesōht, 3 **i-soht, i-soȝt, i-souht,** (**y-sopt**), *Orm.* **sohht,** 3–4 **soht,** 3–5 **soȝt, souȝt,** 3–6 **soght,** 4 **sohut, sowght,** 4–5 **souht, sout, sowt, soȝte, souȝte,** (5 **south, sowth, soyght**), 4–6 **sowȝt(e,** *Sc.* **socht, soucht,** (4 **sochte,** 5 **soacht**), 6 **sowghte,** 6–7 **saught,** 5– **sought.** Also 8 **seeked.** [A Com. Teut. weak verb: OE. *sēcan*, pa. t. *sōhte*, corresp. to OFris. *sēka, sēza*, pa. t. *sōchta*, OS. *sōkian*, pa. t. *sōhta* (MLG. *sōken*), MDu., mod.Du. *zoeken*, OHG. *suohhan, suohhen*, pa. t. *suohta* (MHG. *sûchen*, mod.G. *suchen*), ON. *sókja*, pa. t. *sótte* (Sw. *söka*, Da. *søge*), Goth. *sōkjan*, pa. t. *sōkida*, f. OTeut. **sōk-* :—pre-Teut. **sāg-*: cf. L. *sāgīre* to perceive by scent, Gr. ἡγεῖσθαι to lead.

The normal modern form of OE. *sēcan* would be *seech*, which survives *dial.* in Lancashire, Cheshire, and Derbyshire (cf. *beseech*); the form with *k* is prob. due to the ME. *sēcþ*, 3 pers. sing. pres. ind., which shows the regular phonetic development of OE. palatal *c* before a spirant; but it is not clear why the *k* form should have been generalized in *seek* and not in *teach*, unless indeed the tendency was supported in the former instance by the influence of the ON. form.]

I. Transitive uses.

1. To go in search or quest of; to try to find, look for (either a particular object—person, thing, or place—whose whereabouts are unknown, or an indefinite object suitable for a particular purpose).

In most parts of England the vb. in this sense is no longer colloquially current, being superseded by *look for*.

c 888 K. ÆLFRED *Boeth.* xxxii. § 3 Hwæðer ge nu secan gold on treowum? *c* 1000 *Ags. Gosp.* Luke ii. 48 Þin fæder & ic sarigende þe sohton. *c* 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 27 Þe unclene gast..secheð reste hwer he mei wunian. *c* 1200 ORMIN 7308 Herode king let sekenn Crist. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 324 A wummon þet haueð forloren hire nelde, oðer a sutare his el, he secheð hine anonriht. *a* 1250 *Owl & N.* 380 [The hare] secheþ paþes to þe groue. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 22901 An hungre leon mete he son, Vp and dun his prai sekand. *c* 1374 CHAUCER *Former Age* 30 Corsed was the tyme..þat men..in þe Ryuerys fyrst gemmys sowhte. *c* 1440 *Gesta Rom.* 118 He yede abowte in the gardin, and soute the clewe, & fonde it. *a* 1450 *Knt. de la Tour* 48 He dede seche her a man of holy lyff. *c* 1450 *Merlin* 41 And ther was Merlyn longe tyme, till that the sones of Constance lete seche hym in many contrees. 1471 CAXTON *Recuyell* (Sommer) 110 He..so wente and cam sechyng the tour of darayn, whiche he fonde in an euenyng. 1549 *Compl. Scot.* To Rdr. 12 Ane hen that seikis hyr meyt in the mydding. 1600 *Weakest goeth to Wall* G 2, Sexton, I haue sought thee in euery seate in the Church. 1606 SHAKS. *Ant. & Cl.* IV. vi. 37, I will go seeke Some Ditch, wherein to dye. 1618 BOLTON *Florus* III. iii. (1636) 167 The Cimbrians, Theutons, and Tigurins,..sought new habitations. *c* 1730 RAMSAY *Vision* xx, Nor scour about to seik a wench. 1768 STERNE *Sent. Journ.* (1778) I. 155 (*Paris*), I called La Fleur to go seek me a barber directly. 1780 BURKE *Corr.* (1844) II. 366 Other persons should be sought who can do the necessary business with more skill. 1816 SCOTT *Old Mort.* xxxvii, I am seeking a place called Fairyknowe. 1818 — *Hrt. Midl.* xxvi, Ye may be seeking a father to another wean for onything I ken. 1818 — *Rob Roy* xvii, 'I only sought the Orlando.' 'It lies there,' said Miss Vernon, pointing to the table. 1842 TENNYSON *Ulysses* 57 Come, my friends, 'Tis not too late to seek a newer world. 1852 R. FORTUNE *Tea Countries of China* 86 Travellers who seek Sunglo tea may now search in vain. 1865 MRS. L. L. CLARKE *Seaweeds* iv. 89 Wade into the sea, and seek them in the shadow of a rock under water. 1871 R. ELLIS *Catullus* lv. 3 You I sought on Campus. 1888–91 BLANFORD *Mammalia India* 121 The Mungooses are terrestrial animals, seeking their prey on the ground.

b. with adv., esp. *out, up,* † *forth.*

c 1290 *S. Eng. Leg.* 390/27 Men leten heom sechen wel widen out and bringue þere into place. 1338 R. BRUNNE *Chron.* (1810) 22 Þe body son þei fonde, þe hade was in donte. Up & doune in þe felde þei souht it aboute. 1375 BARBOUR *Bruce* XIX. 602 His men..Myssit thar lord quhen thai com thar...Than can thai consale sammyn ta, That thai to sek hym vp wald ga. 1530 PALSGR. 708/2 Throw your glove where you wyl and my dogge shal seke it out. 1536 *MS. Acc. St. John's Hosp., Canterb.*, Payd to a man to helpe me to syke vp Byngis mare ij d. 1575–85 ABP. SANDYS *Serm.* viii. 137 Let vs seeke vp Christ and pronide for him. He sought vs and found vs, when we [etc.]. 1605 SHAKS. *Lear* III. iv. 157 Yet haue I ventured to come seeke you out. 1616 T. SCOT *Philomythie* II. B 8 b, Those Serpents which you run from, I seeke forth. 1818 SCOTT *Br. Lamm.* xxix, Lucy arose, and opening a little ivory-cabinet, sought out the ribbon the lad wanted. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* I. iv. iv, The Deputies have mostly got thither, and sought out lodgings. 1875 JOWETT *Plato* (ed. 2) I. 104 Every one of us should seek out the best teacher whom he can find. 1889 R. A. KING *Passion's Slave* III. xxix. 61 With this hope, she sought up Herbert in his smoking den.

† c. In *imper.* as a direction to a reader: Look or search for (in a book, table, etc.). Also used = refer to, look up, see, *vide. Obs.*

1362 LANGL. *P. Pl. A.* XI. 55 And so seiþ þe psauter, sech hit In *Memento*. 1599 E. WRIGHT *Err. Navig.* E e 4 b, Seeke the signe and degree of the Sunne in the vpper Margine of the Table. 1611 COTGR., *Loinceau.* Seeke *Loinseau*. 1694 J. SELDEN *Trades-man's Help* 142 Seek the Month among the rank of Months. 1730 MALCOLM *New Syst. Arith.* 342 If the given Number is even, seek in the Table the odd Number next lesser. 1828 *Moore's Pract. Navig.* 22 Seek under the column o..the next less logarithm.

d. Sporting. *To seek dead*: chiefly in the imperative, as an order given to a dog to search for and retrieve killed game.

1850 HUTCHINSON *Dog Breaking* (ed. 2) 162 If you wish to establish for ever a confirmed perseverance in 'seeking dead', you must sacrifice *hours*..rather than give up any of the first wounded birds. *Ibid.* 163 The pertinacity with which some dogs will 'seek dead' is really surprising.

2. To try to discover or find out (something unknown). Also with *out, up.* Now *rare* or *Obs.*

c 900 tr. *Bæda's Hist.* I. xxvii. (1890) 78 Wið untrymnesse lacedom secan. *c* 1200 ORMIN 16325 All all swa summ þu findenn mahht, 3iff þatt tu willt itt sekenn, þe tale off sexe & fowwerrtiȝ þurh Adam all hitacnedd. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 1542 For-þi lete god þam lijf sua lang þat þai moght seke and vnderfang þe kynd o thinges þat þan were dern. *c* 1327 *Poem Evil Times Edw. II* in *Pol. Songs* (Camden) 332 Bringe hire to the constorie ther treuthe sholde be souht. *c* 1374 CHAUCER *Boeth.* I. met. ii. (1868) 8 He was wont to

seche þe causes whennes þe sounyng wyndes moeuen. 1382 Wyclif *Ecclus.* xxiv. 47 Not to me alone I trauailede, but to alle sechende out of the treuthe. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Can. Yeom. Prol. & T.* 310 The Philosophres stoon Elixer clept, we sechen faste echoon. *c* 1425 *Crafte Nombrynge* (E.E.T.S.) 30 þat nounbur þat þou secheste. ? *c* 1450 Capgrave *St. Augustine* ii. 4 And þou3 þat he telle not her names here, we haue sout hem oute of obir of his bokis. *c* 1485 *Digby Myst., Mary Magd.* 307 Yf þe trewth be sowth. 1530 Tindale *Answ. More* Wks. (1573) 257/1 If y^e signification were once lost, we must of necessitie either seeke vp the signification or put some signification of Gods word therto. 1604 E. G[aimstone] *D'Acosta's Hist. Indies* II. xi. 105 We are forced to seeke out other reasons, whence this great diversitie should proceede in the burning Zone. 1610 Hopton *Baculum Geod.* VI. xl. 217 To seeke the distance of any place from you. 1714 Cunn *Doctr. Fractions* 16 Multiply all the Numbers continually, and the Product is the Number sought. 1803 *Med. Jrnl.* X. 128, I believe that its cause must be sought in the state and variations of the atmosphere. 1828 *Moore's Pract. Navig.* 167 The height of the elevated pole or latitude sought.

3. With object-clause introduced by a conjunction or by an interrog. pron. or adv.: To try to find or discover (*if, how, whether, what*, etc.). ? *Obs.*

a 1000 *Juliana* 571 Sohte synnum fah hu he sarlicast þurh þa wyrrestan witu meahte feorh-cwale findan. *c* 1290 *S. Eng. Leg.* 339/527 Gredinde heo orn and longue sou3te a-boute bi þe se-side, 3if þe se him hadde up i-cast. 1340 *Ayenb.* 80 þe yealde filozofes þet zuo byzylyche despuntede and 10a3ten huet wes þe he3este guod ine þise lyue. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xx. 14 Þare-fore I..set me rycht besyly to seke quhat man he was & of quhat land. 1382 Wyclif *Lev.* xiii. 36 He shal na more seche, wher the heer be chaungid in to 3alow colour. 1390 Gower *Conf.* I. 85 Ayeio hir will yit mot I bowe, To seche if that I myhte have grace. *c* 1440 *Gesta Rom.* 136 He rode aboute this forest, & sowte wher this harpe myght be founde. 1574 H. Baker *Well-spring Sci.* (1617) 29 First, I must seek how many times the diuisor is contayned in the higher number. 1591 Shaks. 1 *Hen. VI*, III. iii. 91 Now let vs on, my Lords, and ioyne our Powers, And seeke bow we may preiudice the Foe. 1613 Tapp *Pathw. Knowledge* 311 Which product beeing 1587, I seeke how often it may be had in 3201. 1738 in Boswell *Johnson* (1816) I. 92 What mean the servile imitating crew..Ne'er seek.

b. with *how* (etc.) followed by infinitive. ? *Obs.*

1526 Tindale *Mark* xi. 18 The scribes and hye prestes.. sought howe to destroye him [1611 how they might destroy him]. 1593 Shaks. 3 *Hen. VI*, v. iv. 2 Wise men ne'r sit and waile their losse, But chearely seeke how to redresse their harmes. 1621 T. Williamson tr. *Goulart's Wise Vieillard* 120 As a hote furious horse,..seekes how to cast his rider. 1667 Milton *P. L.* IX. 75 Satan..then sought Where to lie hid. 1671 — *Samson* 795, I..sought by all means therefore How to endear, and hold thee to me firmest.

4. To go to, visit, resort to (a place). *arch.*

†In early use also: to take to (the sea); to fall on (the ground); to fall into (the water). (Cf. 14.) *To seek a saint* or *hallow*: to visit his shrine.

Beowulf 1450 Se þe meregrundas meugan scolde, secan sundzebland. 971 *Blickl. Hom.* 47 Þæt hi Sunnandæzum & mæssedæzum Godes cyrican zeorne secan. *c* 1200 Ormin 7574 Forrþrihht se time comm þærto þatt ure laffdiȝ Marȝe, Affterr Judisskenn laȝhess boc, þe minnstre shollde sekenn. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 350 Oðre pilegrimes goð mid swinke uorte sechen one holie mounes bones. *c* 1275 Lay. 7938 Þar Cesares folk Þane grunde sohte [*c* 1205 folden isohten]. *Ibid.* 23490. *Ibid.* 14739 Þar þe Saxesse men þare see sohte [*c* 1205 þæ sæ isohten]. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 13252 Þe sinagogs all soght he Ouer all þe land of galilee. 13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* C. 249 A wylde walterande whal..was war of þat wy3e þat þe water so3te. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Prol.* 17 To Caunturbury they wende The hooly blisful martir for to seke. — *Wife's Prol.* 657 Who so..suffreth his wyf to go seken halwes. *c* 1400 *Beryn* 632 As he sou3t his logging. 1422 Yonge tr. *Secreta Secret., Priv. Priv.* 245 [In autumn] the byrdys shechyn hote regious. 1576 Gascoigne *Philomene* (Arb.) 95 You haue desire Your sisters court to seech. 1697 Dryden *Virg. Past.* VII. 14 Your lowing Heifers, of their own accord, At wat'ring time will seek the neighb'ring Ford. 1798 Wordsw. *Goody Blake & Harry Gill* 64 And, now and then, it must be said,..She left her fire, or left her bed, To seek the hedge of Harry Gill. 1847 Tennyson *Princess* II. 429 At last a solemn grace Concluded, and we sought the gardens. 1871 R. Ellis *Catullus* XXXV. 4 Come from Larius, ..seek Verona.

†b. Naut. *To seek up*: to make for (a place). *Obs.*

14.. *Sailing Directions* (Hakl. Soc. 1889) 12 Goo south southwest, and seke up Tenet, and seke up vj. fadome on the brakis.

†5. To come or go to (a person) in order to see or visit him; to approach or resort to (for help, or the like). *Obs.*

Beowulf 2380 Hyne wræcmæcgas ofer sæ sohtan, suna Obteres. *c* 893 K. Ælfred *Oros.* I. i. § 17 He hæfde þa3yt, ða he þone cyninge sohte, tamra deora unbebohtra syx hund. *c* 1200 Ormin 16781 He nass nohht derrf inoh All openniȝ to sekenn þe Laferrd Crist biforr þe follc. *a* 1250 *Owl & N.* 1759 To seche hine is lihtlich þing, he naueþ bute one woning. *a* 1300 *K. Horn* 465 Aþelbrus he so3te [*Harl.* sohte, *Laud* sowte] & 3af him þat he bro3te. 1362 Langl. *P. Pl.* A. VIII. 149 We schulle..seche þe for neode. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* iii. 97 Þane sante andro sone scho schocht. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Friar's T.* 113 Where is now youre dwellyng, Another day if þat I sholde yow seche? 1447 Bokenham *Seyntys* x. 165 (Horstm.) And where myht I fynd þat man? quod he; If þat I wyst, I wold hym seche. 1522 *World & Child* 571 (Manly) *Foyle.* But, syr, in London is my chefe dwellynge. *Mank.* In London? Where, yf a man the sought? 1530 Palsgr. 708/1 We wyll seke you there as we go, *nous demanderons apres vous en chemyn.* 1538 London in *Lett. Suppress. Monasteries* (Camden) 218 He ys moch sow3t for the agow.

b. *spec.* To approach, draw near to (God), in prayer, etc. [A Hebraism.] Said also of God's visiting the soul. *arch.*

971 *Blickl. Hom.* 87 Sec nu þinne þeow, Drihten. *c* 1000 *Ags. Ps.* xiii. 3 Drihten..hawað hwæðer he zeseo ænizne þæra, þe hine sece. *a* 1340 Hampole *Psalter* xiii. 3 þat he see if any is vndirstandand or sekand god. *c* 1366 Chaucer *A. B. C.* 114 To enquere Wherfore and whi þe holi gost þee souhte. 1535 Coverdale *Ps.* lxii[i]. 1 O God..early wil I seke the. 1611 Bible *Ezra* iv. 2, *Ps.* xxiv. 6, cxix. 2, *Zeph.* ii. 3, etc. *a* 1674 Clarendon *Hist. Reb.* VIII. § 191 They agreed therefore..that they would have a solemn fast-day, in which they would *seek God* (which was the new phrase they brought from Scotland with their Covenant), and desire his assistance.

†6. To pursue with hostile intention (a person; also, in Biblical phrase, his soul or life); to go to attack, advance against (an army, country); to persecute, harass, afflict. Also *to seek out, to seek to death. Obs.*

Beowulf 801 Sawle secan. *c* 825 *Vesp. Ps.* lxix. 3 Fiond mine ða ðe soecað sawle mine. *O. E. Chron.* an. 894, Ond hi mon eac mid oþrum floccum sohte. *c* 1205 Lay. 31724 Oswi iherden suggen þat Penda hine sohte..& fusde to3æines Pendan. *c* 1275—6940 Þat neuere onleode ne sohte his riche [*c* 1205 þis lond ne iseoðten], ac þis lond was in paise. 1297 R. Glouc. (Rolls) 11361 Þe king hom sende word a3en..þat he wolde hom seche out as is pur fon. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 13307 To man þai wroght neuer vn-pes, Þof man þam soght wit gret males. *a* 1352 Minot *Poems* vii. 65 Inglis men with site þam soght. 1375 Barbour *Bruce* v. 102 Thai with so felloun will thaim socht, That thai slew thame euirilkane. *a* 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 2020, I sall þe seke [Dubl. MS. seche] with a sowme of seggis enarmed. *c* 1470 Henry *Wallace* VIII. 441 Lordis, he said, thus is King Edmard set, In contrar rycht to sek ws in our land. 1561 Underhill in *Narr. Reform.* (Camden) 169 Methynkes you do moore then the parte off a jentyllemane thus to seke hym. 1583 Grindal in Strype *Life* (1710) 281 Tending to the Defence of so notable and sincere a Church, dangerously sought and distressed by many mighty Enemies. 1588 Allen *Admon.* 34 Elias being sought to death by Achab and Iesabell. 1606 Snaks. *Ant. & Cl.* II. ii. 161–2 Of vs must Pompey presently be sought, Or else he seekes out vs.

†b. Of sin, disease, etc.: To attack. *Obs.*

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 11833 On ilk side him soght þe sare. *Ibid.* 27543 Sines..Þat clerkes clepes veniale, þe quilk sua hali man es noght Þat he ne vmquil wit þaim es soght. 1390 Gower *Conf.* II. 118 Mi sorwe is everemore unteid, And secheth overal my veines. *a* 1450 *Le Morte Arth.* 870 Lord, suche syttes me haue sought! *c* 1470 Henry *Wallace* IX. 1531 Seknes hyr had so socht in to that sted, Decest scho was.

7. To try to obtain (something advantageous); to try to bring about or effect (an action, condition, opportunity, or the like). Also with *out.*

c 1000 *Ags. Gosp.* John v. 44 Þe..ne seceaþ þæt wuldor þe is fram gode syluum. *a* 1200 *Moral Ode* 215 in *Lamb. Hom.* 173 Þa þe godes milce secheð [*other texts* sechð, secð, sekþ], he iwis mei ha ifinden. *a* 1225 *Ancr R.* 390 Ich chulle..aredden þe of ham þet schecheð þine deað. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 7239 Hir time sco soght, bad þam be nere. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* i. 315 Þe prefet..socht Ithandly occasione To bring hym to confusione. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 531 A sure knyghte, þat ayres into vnkoth lond auntres to seche. 1472 Caxton *Recuyell* (Sommer) 43 Ye..muste seke remedye and retorne to Epire. 1572 *Memorial* in *Buccleuch MSS.* (Hist. MSS. Comm. 1899) I. 22 To seik refuge ngaine in England. 1644 Vicars *God in Mount* 209 Seeking-out new occasions still to crosse the Parliaments desires of a faire Accomodation. *a* 1697 Aubrey *Lives* (1898) II. *Sir T. Morgan* 87 At which he tooke pett, and seek't his fortune (as a soldier). *a* 1700 Evelyn *Diary* 14 Jan. 1682, How earnestly the late E. of Danby..sought his friendship. 1798 Ferriar *Illustr. Sterne* i. 19 Mary sought relief from the tiresome uniformity. 1831 Scott *Ct. Robt.* x, Those adventures which it is the business of errant-knights to be industrious in seeking out. 1845 M. Pattison *Ess.* (1889) I. 29 The king sought the ruin of Practextatus. 1885 *Field* 7 Feb. 147/3 [The fox] once more sought refuge in a drain. 1908 R. Bagot *A. Cuthbert* I. 2 She sought consolation in district visiting.

†b. Phr. *To seek one's best*, to seek one's advantage. Cf. OF. *querre son mieilz.* (Later, *to seek one's best avail.*) *Obs.*

1297 R. Glouc. (Rolls) 940 Oþer half 3er we abbeþ now iwend wiþ oute reste In þe grete se of occean vorto seche oure beste. *a* 1300 *K. Horn* 770 'Cutberd', he sede, 'ihc hote, Icomen vt of þe bote, Wel feor from biweste To seche mine beste'. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 2456 For þai wit þaim moght haf na rest, þai most þan scail and seke þair best. 1553 T. Wilson *Rhet.* Pref. A iij b, Menne lyued Brutyshlye in open feldes, hauiug neither house to shroude them in,.. nor yet anye regarde to seeke their best auayle.

†c. *refl.* To aim at one's own advantage. (Cf. *self-seeking.*) *Obs.*

c 1450 tr. *De Imitatione* I. xiv. 16 Many priuely sekiþ hemself [L. *se ipsos quaerunt*] in þinges þat þey done. 1645 Calamy *Indictm. England* 19 These men seeke themselves and not the publique...These seeke their owne belly.

†d. To invent, contrive. Also with *out, up.*

1340 *Ayenb.* 38 Kueade lordes..þet be-ulaȝeþ þe poure men..be tayles,..oþer be oþre wones þet hy zecheþ oþer bepencheþ hou hi moȝe habbe of hiren. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 1623 The chekker.., The draghtes, the dyse, and oþer dregh gamnes [*printed* gaumes]. Soche soteltie þai soght to solas hom with. 1548 Forrest *Pleas. Poesye* 46 By moste honeste meanys of lawes ordynaunce sought owte wondreslye by witt polytike. 1593 G. Harvey *Pierce's Super.* D d 2 b, When I haue sought-vp my day-charmes and night-spelles.

†e. To pursue, try to practise (virtue). *Obs.*

1340 *Ayenb.* 74 Ac hit ne is na3t yno3 to lete þe kueades, ..bote yef me zeche þe uirtues.

f. To plan, or try to work (evil) *on* or *to* (a person).

c 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 3130 Oc among 3u, dredeð 3u no3t, to 3u ne sal non iuel ben so3t. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 688 Þe hund ne harmed noght þe hare, ne nane soght on oþer sare. *Ibid.* 16629 Þe scam þai on þair lauerd soght, ful tor it war to tell!

1390 Gower *Conf.* II. 120 As he which of his lif ne rowhte, His deth upon himself he sowhte.

8. To ask for, demand, request (*from* a person); to inquire, try to learn by asking. Const. *from*, †*at*, †*of*, in OE. †*to.*

971 *Blickl. Hom.* 137 Hwæt secestu minne naman? *a* 1000 *Juliana* 170 Gif þu..þe to swa mildum mundbyrd secest. *c* 1200 Ormin 16212 Þe33 sohhtenn..Att Jesu Crist summ takenn. *c* 1205 Lay. 3571 Wenne þu wult more suluer sæche hit at me suluen. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 3138 Þat child þat was sa mani yere, Ar it was send, soght wit praiyer. 1340 *Ayenb.* 184 'Vayre zone', zayþ he, 'zech euremo red of wyse men'...Alsuo tekþ þe writinge þet me ssel zeche red ate yealden, and na3t mid þe yonge. *c* 1380 Wyclif *Wks.* (1880) 56 God schal seke þe synful mannus bloode..of þe prelatis hondis. *c* 1450 *Merlin* 10, I come to seche youre counseill. *c* 1470 Henry *Wallace* I. 54 Foly it was..Succour to sek of thar alde mortale fa. 1526 Tindale *Luke* xi. 16 And other tempted hym sekynge of hym a signe from heven. 1535 Coverdale *Bible* To Rdr., In the Psalmes we lerne how to resorte onely vnto God in all oure troubles, to seke helpe at him. 1596 Lodge *Marg. Amer.* D 4 b, You best were rather ..to beseech for life then to seech loue. 1604 Snaks. *Oth.* IV. ii. 203, I will seeke satisfaction of you. 1848 Dickens *Dombey* XX, Before I sought a word of confidence from him. 1908 R. Bagot *A. Cuthbert* x. 113 Nothing would have induced her ever again to seek help or counsel from a priest.

†b. With *up*: To try to recover (a debt). *Obs.*

1581 Rich *Farew.* D ij, To seeke vp suche small sommes as were due vnto hym. 1607 R. Johnson *Pleas. Conceites Old Hobson* (Percy Soc.) 8 Maister Hobson comming into Kent, to seeke up some desperate debts.

†c. With *in*: (*a*) To invite (a person); (*b*) to call in (rent). *Sc. Obs.*

1675 in *Fasti Aberd.* (1854) 339 Upon the occasion of the regents ther soliciting for and seeking in of scollars throw the countrey. *Ibid.* 340 None of the regents of the saids colledgis shall..seek in or solicite..for any schollers to enter this present year. 1725 Ramsay *Gentle Sheph.* I. ii. 130 With glooman brow the laird seeks in his rent.

d. In *passive*, of a person: To be 'sought for' (see 16); to be courted, to be 'in request' as a companion. Of a woman: To be wooed or asked in marriage.

1671 Milton *P. R.* III. 342 His daughter, sought by many Prowest Knights. 1825 T. Hook *Sayings* Ser. II. *Man of Many Fr.* I. 208 She beheld him sought and courted. 1835 Macaulay *Ess., Mackintosh* P 34 Charles was not imposed on his countrymen, but sought by them.

e. Of things: †To demand, call for (*obs.*); to invite. *rare.*

1656 Earl Monm. tr. *Boccalini's Advts. fr. Parnass.* I. lxxxii. (1674) 110 Injuries written by loquacious Poets, did not touch to the quick,..Truths did only nettle and seek revenge. 1883 *Century Mag.* Oct. 929/1 The fashion..of printing verse attractively and in a shape that seeks the hand.

†9. To entreat, beseech (a person) *to do* something; also *of* (the thing asked for). *Obs.*

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 19590 For drightin has þou soght wit wogh þe to for-giue. *Ibid.* 19786 Til-ward þat like he turnd his face, And kneland soght godd of his grace. 1362 Langl. *P. Pl.* A. IV. 49 Wrong was a-Fert þo and Wisdam souhte To Make his pees with pons. 1385 in *3rd Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* 410/2 The forsayde personaris..souch hym nother with grace lufe na with lauch, to delay his dome. *a* 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 163 Him þai supplyed & so3t & him ensence castis. 1562 A. Scott *Poems* (S.T.S.) i. 149 Be thai vnpayit, thy pursevandis ar socht To pund pure communis corne, and cattell keir. 1629 Maxwell tr. *Herodian* III. 171 Plautian [the traitor]..fell on his knees, and sought them not to misdeeme him.

10. To search, explore (a place) in order to find something. (Sometimes coupled with *search.*)

With this and 10 b, c, d, cf. Through-seek *v.*

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 314 Hwoso haueð 3eorne isouht alle þe hurnen of his heorte & ne con of-sechen more ut. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 7379 Samuel went secand þe land Til he þe hus o iesse faand. 1375 Barbour *Bruce* II. 62 Thai fand nocht, The quhethir the chambre hale thai socht. *c* 1400 Maundev. (1839) xxi. 226 Thei wenten and soughten the Wodes, 3if ony of hem had ben hid in the thikke of the Wodes. *c* 1400 *Sowdone Bab.* 225 Lukafere, kinge of Baldas, The countrey hade serchid and sought, Ten thousande maidyns faire of face Vnto the Sowdan hath he broghte. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 65/1 Cekyn, or serchyn, *scrutor.* 1530 Palsgr. 708/1, I have sought all the cofers I have for your writynge. *a* 1548 Hall *Chron., Hen. VIII* 32 The kyng contynually sent foorth his light horses to seke the countrey, and to se yf any apparaunce were. *a* 1578 Lindesay (Pitscottie) *Chron. Scot.* (S.T.S.) I. 214 [He] bad them searche and seik his schipis at thair awin plesour. 1596 Spenser *F. Q.* VI. iv. 16 Seeking all the woods both farre and nye For herbes to dresse their wounds. 1827 Scott *Highl. Widow* v, They sought brake, rock, and thicket, in vain.

†b. To search, examine, consult (a book, register, etc.). Cf. 1 e. *Obs.*

? *a* 1500 *Chester Pl.* viii. 233 Looke vp thy Bookes of prophesie...Seeke each leafe, I thee pray. 1523 Ld. Berners *Froiss.* I. xlii. 23 b, Robert of Cicyle..a great astronomyer ..had often tymes sought his bokes on thestate of the kynges of England and of france: & he founde by his astrology [etc.]. 1654 *Caldwell Papers* (Maitland Club) I. 123 For seiking of ye register, to get ye auld gift of ye ward o 12 o.

†c. To probe (a wound); cf. Search *v.* 8. *Obs.*

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 26641 Alsua þe sin quen it es wroght, Bot it be son wit saluing soght, it reches wide and rotes ai. *a* 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 3132 (Dubl. MS.) He gart seke þair sarys & þaim salue. *c* 1400 *Laud Troy Book* 9437 To him come fycisiens,..And soughte his woundes on eche halue, And leyde ther-to plastres & salue. *c* 1435 *Torr. Portugal* 1730 Lechis sone his woundis sought.

†d. With immaterial object: To examine, investigate, scrutinize; to try, test. Also with *out, through. Obs.*

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 26671, I haue mi hert soght ilk a delle. *c* 1380 Wyclif *Wks.* (1880) 231 Kyngis & lordis schulden.. wiþ most diligence sike þe cause þat þei knowe not [cf. *Job* xxix. 16]. 1408–9 *26 Pol. Poems* viii. 6 Whe þer hast þou serued pyne or blisse, Seche þy werkis and assaye. 1533 Gau *Richt Vay* 31 Faith is socht and prouine in aduersite as the gold is prouine in the fyr. 1535 Coverdale *Ps.* lxxvi[i]. 6, I commoned with myne owne herte, and sought out my sprete. 1552 Lyndesay *Monarche* 5201 Wer thare fals lawis weill soucht out. 1611 Shaks. *Cymb.* iv. ii. 160, I would Reuenges..wold seek vs through And put vs to our answer.

11. Const. *inf.*: To make it one's aim, to try or attempt *to* (do something). †Also with *for to*; rarely with plain inf. (without *to*).

c 1000 *Ags. Gosp.* John vii. 30 Hiz hine sohton to nimanne. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 130 Uor to huden him urom Saul þet him batede & souhte uorte slenne. 1297 R. Glouc. 1325 Mid þe emperour & me pes he secþ drawe. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 3768 He soght his broþer for to sla. *Ibid.* 4076 Þai soght him ai to greue wit wrang. *c* 1450 tr. *De Imitatione* III. xxv. 95 Seke euer þe lower place & to be under all. *a* 1586 Sidney *Arcadia* II. (Sommer) 129 The King of Phrygia..sought by force to destroy the infant. 1667 Milton *P. L.* XI. 148 Since I saught By Prayer th' offended Deitie to appease. 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* xxxii, He sought to drown his sorrow for the defeat in floods of beer.

b. said of a thing.

1610 Shaks. *Temp.* III. i. 80 But this is trifling, And all the more it seekes to hide it selfe, The bigger bulke it shewes. 1871 R. Ellis *Catullus* lxix. 3 Not tho' a gift should seek, some robe most filmy, to move her. 1879 *Cassell's Techn. Educ.* IV. 93/1 The compass having free movement, is always seeking to point to the magnetic north.

c. In indirect passive const., in which the object of the inf. becomes the subject of the main verb, followed by the passive inf.

c 1380 Wyclif *Wks.* (1880) 368 Whan he was sowȝte to be made a kynge, & so to take to hym worldly lordeschip. 1891 *Law Times* XCII. 106/2 Persons who have any interest in land which are sought to be registered can lodge a caution with the registering officer.

†**d.** With a clause expressing desire or purpose, introdnced by *that*. *Obs.*

c 1200 *Vices & Virtues* 59 Siec ðat tu hane pais aȝeanes gode. 1382 Wyclif 1 *Cor.* xiv. 12 To edificacioun of the chirche seke that ȝe be plenteuous [*and similarly in later versions*]. 1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 3 b, Seke euer yᵗ ye may se his blessed..face.

II. Intransitive uses.

12. *absol.* To make search.

c 1000 *Ags. Gosp.* Luke xv. 8 Heo..secð ȝeornlice oð heo hine finf. *a* 1225 *Leg. Kath.* 975 Heo ne sohte nawiht, ah seide ananriht aȝein. *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 1533 Dor quiles esau soȝte and ran. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 19499 Fra hus to hus secaod he ran. *c* 1300 *Havelok* 1085 Þou y southe heþen in-to ynde, So fayr, so strong, ne mithe y finde. *c* 1391 Chaucer *Astrol.* II. § 1, I sowhte in the bakhalf of myn astrelabie, and fond the sercle of the daies. *c* 1450 *Mankind* 770 in *Macro Plays* 28 Yf ȝe wyll haue hym, goo, & syke, syke, syke! 1500–20 Dunbar *Poems* liii. 13 To seik fra Sterling to Stranawer, A mirrear Daunce mycht na man see. 1568 Grafton *Chron.* II. 774 If examples be sufficient to attaine priuilege for my childe, I nede not farre to seeke. *c* 1570 *Pride & Lowl.* (1841) 9 Which in its furniture dyd so exceede As hardiy shal ye find yf that ye seech. 1872 Tennyson *Gareth & Lynette* 1247 'Seek, till we find'. And when they sought and found [etc.].

indirect passive. 1847 C. Bronte *Jane Eyre* xxxiii, The pocket-book was again..sought through.

b. In *imper.* as a call to a dog to search for game, etc. Also *seek out!* (See quots.)

1840 Blaine *Encycl. Rural Sports* 805 *Back!* returns the dog to your heels. *Seek out!* sends him off again in quest of game. . . . *Go seek!* should be impressed on the dog's memory as an order to look for something supposed to be actually lost, or a bird you think is wounded. 1848 Hutchinson *Dog Breaking* 21 Then say 'seek' and, without your accompanying him he will search for what you have previously hidden.

†**c.** Cricket. *To seek out*: to field. *Obs.*

1840 Blaine *Encycl. Rural Sports* 135 The whole party, who are seeking out..change their positions.

d. Phrase, *To have far to seek* (*for*). Cf. 19.

1780 Bentham *Princ. Legisl.* xix. § 9 Where then is the line to be drawn? We shall not have far to seek for it. 1828 Carlyle *Burns* Misc. 1840 I. 340 The poet, we imagine, can never have far to seek for a subject.

13. To go, resort, pay a visit (*to, unto,* †*till* a person, *to, into* a place). *Obs.* exc. *arch.*

c 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 127 Đo..bigan þat folc sechen to his wunienge. *c* 1205 Lay. 28782 And he gon sechien to his twam susteren. *c* 1250 *Owl & N.* 538 Hi boþ hoȝ-ful & uel arme, an sechеþ ȝorne to þe warme. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 13457 Fra full ferr can þai till him seke. *Ibid.* 28432 þe nedy sekand to my hus I haue wit-draun wit almus. 1377 Langl. *P. Pl.* B. xv. 332 In-to Surre he soute. *c* 1470 Henry *Wallace* I. 282 Quha sperd, scho said to Sanct Margret thai socht. 1513 Douglas *Æneis* xii. Prol. 184 Litill lammys Full tayt & tryg socht bletand to thar dammys. 1590 Greene *Orl. Fur.* (1599) F 1 b, Sith we haue..found the rich and wealthie Indian clime, Sought to, by greedie mindes, for hurtfull Gold. 1596 Bp. W. Barlow *Three Serm.* i. 129 To seek into strange places for sustenance. 1630 Br. Hall *Occas. Medit.* xxxiii. (1633) 83 Give me that Bird which will..seeke to my window in the hardest frost. 1632 Lithgow *Trav.* III. 99 The tempest continuing..we were constrained to seeke into a creeke..for safety of our liues. 1634 Milton *Comus* 376 Wisdoms self Oft seeks to sweet retired Solitude. 1856 R. A. Vaughan *Mystics* (1860) I. vi. vii. 252 If he is always to be thus sought unto methinks he is as far from his longed-for seclusion as ever. 1883 R. W. Dixon *Mano* II. vi. 86 And in those days Sir Mano to him sought, And held with him much converse. 1887 Morris *Odyss.* xi. 190 But a-winter he sleeps in the feast-hall whereto the thrall-folk seek.

b. To apply, have recourse *to* or *unto* (a person, *for* something); to pay court, make request or petition *to*. Often in indirect passive. *Obs.* exc. *arch.*

c 1366 Chaucer *A. B. C.* 78 To whom j seeche for my medicyne. 1465 *Paston Lett.* II. 200, I can not seke to no man, nor will not but only to yow. *a* 1555 Hooper in Coverdale *Lett. Martyrs* (1564) 152 Prayer..is the meanes wherby god wil be saught vnto for his gifts. 1560 Bible (Geneva) 2 *Chron.* xvi. 12 *marg.*, It is in vaine to seke to yᵉ Phisitians, except first we seke to God to purge our sinnes. 1584 Lodge *Alarum agst. Usurers* 10 My friends now disdain thee, the day shall come that they shall seeke to thee. *a* 1616 Beaum. & Fl. *Custom of Country* v. i, I may shine out againe And as I have been, be admired and sought to. 1656 Earl Monm. tr. *Boccalini's Advts. fr. Parnass.* II. liv. 316 No..Souldier, could receive a greater affront, than being sought unto, to do an unworthy action. 1740 Richardson *Pamela* II. 53 And you know you have been sought to by some of the first Families in the Nation, for your Alliance. 1746 Hervey *Medit.* (1818) 224 The dead cannot seek unto God. 1818 Scott *Hrt. Midl.* xxxiii, If the wicked will turn from their transgressions, and seek to the Physician of sonls. 1853 Lynch *Lett. to Scattered*, etc. (1872) 349 The Bereans ..sought to the Referee; they searched the Old Scriptures. 1865 Swinburne *Atalanta* 32 Who then sought to thee? who gat help?

†**c.** To resort *to*, *unto*, *till* (a remedy, means of help, an action). *Obs.*

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 26678 Sekand til an sakful dede. *c* 1350 *Will. Palerne* 5519 Of alle bales was he brouȝt..& so schal euerich seg þat secheþ to þe gode. *c* 1400 *Rule of St. Benet* (Verse) 988 The fift degre es to be swift Eftir our sin to seke to schrift. 1621 Burton *Anat. Mel.* II. i. 1. i. 289 Cunning men, Wisards, & white-witches,..that if they bee sought vnto, will helpe almost all infirmities of body & mind. 1679 Penn *Addr. Prot.* I. x. (1692) 54 'Twas his Reproof..that they should seek to the stratagems of Heathen Nations. 1819 Scott *Ivanhoe* xxvii, Seek to prayer and penance, and mayest thou find acceptance!

†**d.** To make a hostile approach *to*, *till* (a person). *Obs.* (Cf. senses 6 and 17 a.)

1375 Barbour *Bruce* VI. 625 The kyng met thame that till hym socht. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 5903 He soght to on Symagon, a sad man of armys,..He bere to þe bold with a big sworde.

†**14.** To go, move, proceed (in a specified direction). Widely used in ME.; e. g. *to seek up*, to rise (from a sitting posture); *to seek asunder*, to part; *to seek to the earth* or *ground*, to fall; *to seek out of life*, to die. *Obs.*

c 1000 Ælfric *Hom.* (Thorpe) I. 504 Hi ðasyððan ȝewunelice þider sohton. 1297 R. Glouc. (Rolls) 1810 þe luþer maximian westward hider soȝte. *c* 1330 R. Brunne *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 12734 Wyþ þat strok to þe erþe he sought. *c* 1350 *Will. Palerne* 5455 þei..soute seþe on-sunder, þouȝh it hem sore greued. *a* 1375 *Joseph Arim.* 655 þat þou miȝt seo him þi-self ar þow henne seche. *a* 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 2962 With þat he sleȝly vp soȝt & his sete lenys. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 6644 He seyt to þe soile & soght out of lyue. *a* 1450 *Le Morte Arth.* 2952 They brake sege and homward sought. *c* 1470 Henry *Wallace* VI. 201 War nocht for schayme he had socht to the ground. *a* 1500 *Lancelot* 3428 And he goith one, and frome the feld he socht.

†**b.** said of a thing. *Obs.*

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 3106 þe smel wassnette þat soght til heuen. 13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* B. 563 Quen þe swemande soȝe soȝt to his hert. *c* 1384 Chaucer *H. Fame* 744 Ryght so sey I be fire or sovne Or smoke or other thynges lyght Alwey they seke vpwarde on hight. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 1091 Er the sun vp soght with his softe beames. *c* 1435 *Torr. Portugal* 1619 The giaunt hym ayen smate, Thorough his sheld and his plate, Into the flesh it sought. *c* 1470 Henry *Wallace* VI. 200 The paynfull wo socht till his hart full sone. 1567 Maplet *Gr. Forest* 43 Another Fig tree called Ægiptiaca, being throwen into the water, it straight waye discendeth and seeketh to the bottom.

†**c.** Sometimes conjugated with *be*, in the perfect and pluperfect tenses. *Obs.*

c 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 3707 In-to cades ðe folc was sogt. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 4320 For sua þou mai þe driue to ded..Quen þou art soght fra þi succur. 13.. *Guy Warw.* (1891) 502 Swiche sorwe icham in soȝt. *a* 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 3003 Or he was soȝt to þe side. 1513 Douglas *Æneis* IX. i. 23 Eneas..Is till Evander socht.

15. Seek after —. To go in quest of, look for; to try to find, reach, or obtain; †to pursue in order to hurt. Now chiefly in passive: To be desired or in demand; to be courted, to have one's presence desired.

c 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 9 Sech after þing þe ðe beð biheue. *c* 1200 Ormin 6273, & all forwerrp þu to warrd himm To sekenn afterr wræche. *c* 1290 *S. Eng. Leg.* 1/6 Eleyne, þat was is moder, to Ierusalem he sende to secben after þe holie rode. *c* 1374 Chaucer *Boeth.* II. pr. v. (1868) 47 Þan is it no nede þat þou seke after þe superfluite of fortune. 1377 Langl. *P. Pl.* B. xvi. 178, I seke after a segge þat I seigh ones. *c* 1449 Pecock *Repr.* I. ix. 48 Bifore eer he eny suche causis fyndeth, and eer he aftir eny suche causis sechith. 1482 *Monk of Evesham* (Arb.) 53 Yef they..sekyd after the mercye of god and alsoo after the helpe of his holy seyntys. 1535 Coverdale *Ps.* xiii. (xiv.) 2 To se yf there were eny, that wolde vnderstonde & seke after God. *Ibid.* lxix. [lxx.] 2 Let them be shamed & confounded that seke after my soule [*and so* 1611]. 1597 Shaks. 2 *Hen. IV*, II. iv. 405 You see (my good Wenches) how men of Merit are sought after. 1615 W. Bedwell *Moham. Impost.* III. § 97 We..do not seeke after those bookes. 1638 Baker tr. *Balsac's Lett.* (vol. II.) 44, I will never believe that ill fortune any more than good will seeke after me as far as this. 1709 Steele *Tatler* No. 11 P 5 They have been always seek'd after by the Ladies. 1850 Scoresby *Cheever's Whalem. Adv.* vi. (1859) 77 The first four, only, of this catalogue are much sought after for their oil. 1856 R. A. Vaughan *Mystics* (1860) I. vi. viii. 262, I was aware that he had been greatly sought after as a preacher.

16. Seek for —. To look for, try to find or obtain, etc. (An equivalent for the transitive senses 1, 2, 7.)

c 1250 *Owl & N.* 1508 Ich not hu mai eni freo-man for hire sechen after þan. 1390 Gower *Conf.* I. 208 And yit therfore With al his wit he hath don sieke. *c* 1430 Lydg. *Min. Poems* (Percy Soc.) 133 For more pastnre I will nat stryue Nor seche for my foode no more. 1526 Tindale *Mark* i. 37 All men seke for the. 1563 *Homilies* II. *Rogation Week* iii. 247 b, If we be colde, we seke for cloth. 1600 E. Blount tr. *Conestaggio* 18 They went therefore seeking heere and there for money. 1748 *Anson's Voy.* II. iv. 161 Our disappointment and their security were neither to be sought for in their valour nor our misconduct. 1860 Tyndall *Glac.* I. xxv. 182 The group..broke up, seeking in all directions for a means of passage. 1875 Jowett *Plato* (ed. 2) V. 362 The true life should neither seek for pleasures, nor..entirely avoid pains.

†**b.** Nant. *To seek up for*: to 'bear up for', sail towards. *Obs. rare.*

1632 Lithgow *Trav.* II. 44 The tempest increasing.., we were constrained to seeke vp for the Port.

†**17.** Seek on, upon —. [Cf. Onseek *v.*] **a.** To approach with hostile intention; to advance against, set on, attack, assail. Also in indirect passive. Similarly, *to seek again(s* (= against). (Cf. sense 6.) *Obs.*

c 1205 Lay. 8433 Herigal him soðte on mid hehær strengðe. *c* 1230 *Hali Meid.* 22 Leccherie anan riht greideð hire wið þet to weorrin o þi meiðhad, & secheð erst upon hire, nebbe to nebbe. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 4411 Ioseph soght [*Gött.* sohut] on me in bour. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Friar's T.* 196 And somtyme be we suffred for to seke Vp-on a man, and doon his soule vnreste. 1390 Gower *Conf.* I. 190 And he with power goth to seke Ayein the Scottes forto fonde the werre which he tok on honde. *a* 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 1735 For þou has samed ..a selly nounbre..to seke vs agaynes. *c* 1430 *Syr Gener.* (Roxb.) 84 My lord the Sowdon vpon me soght In grete wrathe. *c* 1470 Henry *Wallace* III. 304 Vndyr my seylle I sall be bound to the For Inglismen, that thai sall do him nocht, Nor to no Scottis, less it be on thaim socht. 1470–85 Malory *Arthur* III. xiii. 115 He is..ful lothe to fyghte with ony man but yf he be sore sou3t on. *a* 1500 *Lancelot* 3311 One thar fois ful fersly thai soght. 1525 Ld. Berners *Froiss.* II. xlv. 150 Better it were for vs to seke batayle then to be sought on. 1542 Udall *Erasm. Apoph.* 341 Alcibiades.. so came home highly welcomed, although thei had by necessitee been forced to seeke vpon hym.

b. To approach, apply to (a person) in order to obtain something.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 13726 Quen þai þis wais on iesu soght, Well he wist all quat þai thoght. 1470–85 Malory *Arthur* XXI. i. 840 Than Syr Mordred sought on quene Guenener by letters & sondes..for to haue hir to come oute of the toure of london. 1523 Ld. Berners *Froiss.* I. cccxlviii. 556 When Iohan Lyon sawe himselfe sought on by them whom he desyred to haue their good wylles and loue, he was greatly reioysed. 1536 Cromwell in Merriman *Life & Lett.* (1902) II. 5 They..seke only uppon hym for theyr ouun commodytye. 1560 Daus tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* 12 b, Seyng that we seke upon straungers [L. *quando peregrinos euocantur*].

†**18.** To make inquiry or request. Const. *of* (the thing inquired for). *Obs.*

1390 Gower *Conf.* I. 80 Bot of here entre whan thei soghte, The gates weren al to smale. *Ibid.* III. 373 This have I for thin ese cast, That thou nomore of love sieche.

III. Uses of the gerundial infinitive *to seek*.

19. Predicated of a thing or person that needs to be sought or looked for; = not to be found or not yet found, not at hand, absent, missing, lacking. *Far to seek*, far out of reach, a long way off.

c 1386 Chaucer *Can. Yeom. Prol. & T.* 321 The Philosophres stoon..I warne yow wel, it is to seken euere. *c* 1540 J. Heywood *Four PP.* 294 Who may not playe one daye in a weke May thincke his thrift farre to seke. 1561 Awdelay *Frat. Vacab.* (1869) 13 When his Maister nedeth him, he is to seeke. 1573–80 Tusser *Husb.* (1878) 21 With some vpon Sundaies, their tables doe reeke, and halfe the weeke after, their dinners to seeke. 1612 Rowlands *Knave of Harts* B 4 b, With trauellers monie may be to seeke. *a* 1668 Lassels *Voy. Italy* II. (1670) 317 Lest they should grow idle, and have their strength to seek when the war should break out. 1775 *Tender Father* I. 205 Amelia..was still to seek, and, perhaps, in reality, totally lost to him. 1874 Sidgwick *Meth. Ethics* III. v. § 6. 262 This supposes that we have found the rational method of determining value: which, however, is still to seek. 1904 Weyman *Abb. Vlaye* xi, The end she knew; the means were to seek.

b. With negative: Not needing to be sought or looked for, not hard to find, not absent or wanting. Also *not far*, †*not long*, *to seek*.

c 1386 Chaucer *Prol.* 784 Oure conseil was nat longe for to seche. 1390 Gower *Conf.* I. 160 My sorwe is thanne noght to seche. *Ibid.* 236 Whan Deianyre hath herd this speche, Ther was no sorwe forto seche. *c* 1450 Holland *Howlat* 238 All Se fowle and Seid fowle was nocht for to seike. ?*a* 1550 *Freiris of Berwik* 26 in *Dunbar's Poems* (1893) 26 The four ordonris wer nocht for to seik, Thay wer all in this toun dwelling. 1860 Gen. P. Thompson *Audi Alt.* III. cxxxiv. 102 The extreme answer, for which examples are not to seek. 1876 W. H. Pollock in *Contemp. Rev.* June 57 The reason is not far to seek.

20. Of a person, his faculties, etc.: **a.** At a loss or at fault; unable to act, understand, etc.; puzzled to know or decide. *Const.* indirect question introduced by *how*, *what*, etc.; also *to* (do). *Obs.* or *arch.*

Also *much, far, all to seek*; †*new to seek*, utterly at a loss.

1390 Gower *Conf.* I. 61 Thi wittes ben riht feer to seche. 14.. Hoccleve *Min. Poems* xxiv. 514 With him ther hath been many a sundry leeche..but al to seeche Hire art was. *a* 1500 *Flower & Leaf* 234 And hardily, they were nothing to seke How they on hem shuld the barneys set. 1523

Skelton *Garl. Laurel* 893 Zeuxes, that enpictùrid fare Elene the quene, You to deuyse his crafte were to seke. *a* 1529 — *Agst. Garnesche* ii. 37 To turney or to tante with me ye ar to fare to seke. 1581 Rich *Farew.* B b j, Thus Emelya was now [*read* new] to seeke. 1583 Golding *Calvin's Deut.* lxxii. 445/1 Insomuch that..they wote not where they bee, but are newe to seeke in their imaginations. 1597 Hollyband *Fr. Littleton* Ep. Ded. (1625) 5 Saying, that the learner is newe to seeke, when he cometh to a booke without such marks. 1602 Warner *Alb. Eng.* xii. lxxix. (1612) 325 Yea far he is to seeke of what his proper Nature is. 1603 Knolles *Hist. Turks* (1621) 847 The Gouernour..who alwaies brought vp in ciuile affaires, was to seeke how to defend a siege. 1667 Duchess of Newcastle *Life Duke of N.* (1886) iii. 192 Whereas now he should be to seek to do the like, his estate being so much ruined by the late Civil Wars. 1698 M. Lister *Journ. Paris* (1699) 27 Whence this great Liberty of Sculpture arises, I am much to seek. 1709 Shaftesb. *Moralists* ii. i. 47 But what real Good is, I am still to seek. 1803 tr. *P. Le Brun's Mons. Botte* I. 48 Charles passed the night in..forming projects, abandoning them [etc.]. In the morning he was as much to seek as ever. 1886 Stevenson *Kidnapped* xx, For the details of our itinerary, I am all to seek.

b. Wanting or deficient *in*, † *of*; without skill or learning *in*. With *for*: Badly off or at a loss for, unable to find. *arch.*

c 1522 Skelton *Why nat to Courte* 314 Sergyantes of the coyfe eke, He sayth they are to seke In pletynge of theyr case At the Commune Place. 1545 Raynald *Byrth Mankynde* Prol. D j, So be there ngayne many mo full vndiscreate, vnreasonable, chorlishe, and farre to seke in such thinges. 1579 Lyly *Euphues* (Arb.) 89 Greece is..neuer void of some Synon, neuer to seeke of some deceitful shifter. 1614 B. Jonson *Barth. Fair* ii. ii, I that haue denlt so long in the fire, will not be to seek in smoak, now. 1625 Bacon *Ess., Usury* (Arb.) 544 For if you reduce Vsury, to one Low Rate, ..the Merchant wil be to seeke for Money. 1633 Bp. Hall *Hard Texts, Dan.* iii. 16 O King Nebuchadnezzar, wee are not to seeke of a ready answer to this charge of thine. 1670 Wood *Life* (O.H.S.) II. 199 He being to seek for a version that would please the Doctor, it was a long time before he could hit it. 1704 Swift *T. Tub* v. 118 Does he not also leaue us wholly to seek in the Art of Political Wagering? 1771 Foote *Maid of Bath* iii. Wks. 1799 II. 238, I promise you she sha'n't be to seek for the means. 1803 Porson in *Museum Crit.* (1814) I. 332 The Germans in Greek Are sadly to seek. 1835 H. J. Rose in *Newman's Lett.* (1891) II. 107 Our good clergy are sadly to seek in the great points, viz. Church authority, &c. 1886 Besant *Childr. Gibeon* i. ix, The Cause, which is at present sadly to seek in the matter of young ladies.

† **c.** Astray from the truth, mistaken. *Not to seek*: not ignorant, well aware (*that*). *Obs.*

1569 Sir N. Throckmorton *Let.* in Robertson *Hist. Scot.* App. No. 32 You are not to seek that some will use cautions, some neutrality, some delays. 1639 T. de Gray *Compl. Horsem.* 347 Yet are they very much to seeke in that they doe so much exclaime against taking vp of veyns. 1657 Heylin *Ecclesia Vind.* Gen. Pref. c 1 b, Which if it be not a restraining of the Gift of Prayer, I nm much to seek.

IV. 21. *Comb.* **a.** of the verb + object, as † **seek-sorrow, -trouble**, one who seeks sorrow, etc. **b. Seek-no-farther** (or **-further**), a kind of apple.

a 1586 Sidney *Arcadia* i. (1598) 88 A field they go, where manie lookers be, And thou seek-sorow Klaius them among. 1611 Florio, *Cattabriga*, a make-bate, a busie-bodie, a pick-thanke, a seeke-trouble. 1670 Meager *Eng. Gard.* 86 [Apples.] Seek no farther. 1845 Downing *Fruits Amer.* 93 Autumn Apples...Rambo. Seek-no-further, of New Jersey. 1850 Miss Warner *Wide Wide World* xxii, 'Seek-no-further!' said Ellen;—'what a funny name. It ought to be a mighty good apple'. 1875 Hogg *Fruit Man.* (ed. 4) 134 This is the true old *Seek-no-farther*.

Seek, obs. f. Sick; var. Sikh.

See·kable, *a. rare*—°. [f. Seek *v.* + -able.] † Capable of investigation. *Obs.*

1483 *Cath. Angl.* 328/1 Sekabylle, *scrutabilis*.

Seeke: see Sick *a.* and *v.*[1]

Seeker (sī·kəɹ). Forms: 4 **secher, sekere,** 5 **seker,** 6 **seaker,** *Sc.* **seiker,** 6– **seeker.** [f. Seek *v.* + -er [1].]

1. One who seeks, in various senses of the verb; a searcher, an explorer, one who endeavours to find something hidden or lost. Const. as the vb.

Often used as the second element in objective combinations, such as Office-seeker, Pleasure-seeker.

c 1330 *Arth. & Merl.* 1196 (Kölbing) On a day, as ich 3ou telle, þo ich þre sechers snelle þat were ysent fram þe king. 1387–8 T. Usk *Test. Love* Prol. 117 Knowing of trouth in causes of thinges was more hardyer in the first sechers..and lighter in us that han folowed after. 1483 *Cath. Angl.* 328/1 A Seker, *scrutator*. 1567 Palfreyman *Baldwin's Mor. Philos.* vii. vii. (1600) 129 Neither slaunder nor flatter, nor bee no seeker out of other mens matters. 1596 Dalrymple tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* I. 136 He trett mekle the seikeris of wylde beistes. *a* 1686 Clarkson *Serm.* (1696) 150 He rewards all seekers. 1818 Byron *Juan* i. cxliv, 'Tis odd, not one of all these seekers thought..Of looking in the bed as well as under. *a* 1850 Calhoun *Wks.* (1874) IV. 302 As soon as the government becomes the mere creature of seekers of office, your free institutions are nearly at an end. 1868 Farrar (*title*) Seekers after God. 1881 Lady D. Hardy *Through Cities & Prairie Lands* 131, I fancy they are searching for the bride..But nobody attempts to put the clue in the hands of the seekers.

b. *Eccl. Hist.* (With capital S.) As the designation assumed by a class of sectaries in the 16–17th c.: see quot. 1645.

1617 J. Morton in R. Barclay *Inner Life Relig. Soc. Commw.* (1876) 412 Oh, ye Seekers, I would ye sought aright, and not beyond the Scriptures, calling it carnal. 1645 Pagitt *Heresiogr.* (ed. 2) 141 Many..go under the name of Expecters and Seekers & doe deny that there is any true Church, or any true Minister, or any Ordinances: some of them assume the Church to be in the wildernesse, and they are seeking it there: others say it is in the smoke of the Temple, & that they are groping for it there. 1651 Cleveland *Poems* 1, I saw a Vision yesternight Enough to sate a Seekers sight: I wisht my self a Shaker there, And her quick pulse my trembling sphear. *a* 1720 Sewel *Hist. Quakers* (1795) I. 10 Many separate societies, and amongst the rest also, such as were called Seekers. 1795 Seward *Anecd.* (ed. 2) I. 318 Sir Henry Vane, so sagacious and resolute as to daunt and intimidate even Cromwell himself, yet so visionary and so feeble-minded as to be a Seeker and Millennist. 1836 H. Rogers *J. Howe* iii. (1863) 47 From the Papists, who clung to every particle of ancient error, to the Seekers, who wandered about [etc.].

† **c.** *Seeker-out*: a fielder at Cricket. *Obs.*

1744 J. Love *Cricket* (1770) 18 The Seekers-out change Place. 1748 in *Waghorn's Cricket Scores* (1899) 41 Smith.. being allowed a seeker-out.

2. An instrument used in seeking or searching.

a. A kind of slender probe or tracer used in dissections. Cf. Searcher 3 a.

1658 A. Fox *Wurtz' Surg.* I. vi. 22 The small iron [surgical] instruments, which by reason of seeking, are called the seekers or searchers. 1882 Wilder & Gage *Anat. Technol.* 72 The tracer is apparently similar to the 'seeker' of the English anatomists...This instrument was introduced into the laboratory of Cornell University [etc.]. 1888 Huxley & Martin *Elem. Biol.* (ed. 2) 281 Insert a seeker into it [the pedal gland of the common snail]—it can be readily introduced for a distance of more than an inch.

b. Part of an astronomical telescope; cf. Searcher 3 e, Finder 3 b.

1892 *Athenæum* 9 Apr. 473/2 Prof. Lamp at Kiel found it easily visible to the naked eye.., with a tail which in the seeker appeared about 2° in length.

Hence (sense 1 b) **See·kerism,** † **See·kerness.**

1657 J. Watts *Scribe, Pharisee*, etc. I. 58 Is it to shew your unsetled and scrupulous seeker-nesse? 1884 *Ch. Quarterly Rev.* XIX. 57 It [Independency] was continually losing its younger adherents by the ceaseless drift to Anabaptism, to Seekerism, to Quakerism [etc.].

Seekh, variant of Sikh.

Seeking (sī·kiŋ), *vbl. sb.* For forms see the vb. [f. Seek *v.* + -ing [1].] The action of the vb. Seek in its various senses.

(*It is*) *of my own seeking*: said of a misfortune that has been brought about by one's own fault. Also negatively, *It is not* (colloq. *it is none*) *of my seeking*: said of an honour or success, or of a quarrel or the like, which the speaker disclaims having sought.

1303 R. Baunne *Handl. Synne* 5930 Þan asswyþe pers þey soght, But nl here sekyng was for noȝt. 1470–85 Malory *Arthur* x. lii. 500 Fyrste to the vncoupelynge, to the sekynge, to the rechnte,..and many other blastes and termes. *c* 1500 *Lancelot* 2503 And gawan, which was in the seeking 3hit Of the gud knycht, of hyme haith got no wit. 1535 Coverdale *Job* xi. 7 Wilt thou fynde out God with thy sekynge? *a* 1643 Cartwright *Siedge* ii. iii, You hear the Tyrant's wonderfully taken With us: It was none of our seeking; Fortune Hath thrown the Dignity into our Lap. 1668 [Bethel] *World's Mistake in O. Cromwell* 13 Instead of answering his seekings, the Marchants remonstrated to him, the great prejudice that a Warr with Spain would be to England. 1671 Milton *P. R.* iii. 151 Of glory as thou wilt, said he, so deem, Worth or not worth the seeking, let it pass. 1718 Motteux *Quix.* (1733) II. 23 Why that's well quoth Sancho: a happy Seeking and a happy Finding. 1825 T. Hook *Sayings* Ser. ii. *Sutherl.* I. 98 The misfortune is entirely of my own seeking. 1878 Bosw. Smith *Carthage* 288 They had been involved in hostilities which were not of their own seeking.

† **b.** The object of seeking. *Obs. rare.*

a 1340 Hampole *Psalter* xxvi. 13 And fra now .i. sall seke þi face lastandly til my ded and þat .i. fynd my sekynge. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xii. (*Mathias*) 437 Þane socht þay hyme dais thre..til hyme-self one þe thryd day askyt þare sekyne. 1607 Shaks. *Cor.* I. i. 192 What's their seeking? *Men.* For Corne at their owne rates, wherof they say The Citie is well stor'd.

Seeking (sī·kiŋ), *ppl. a.* [f. Seek *v.* + -ing [2].] That seeks, in various senses of the vb.

1483 *Cath. Angl.* 328/2 Sekynge, *querens, scrutans*. *a* 1586 Sidney *Arcadia* iii. (Sommer) 249 Pamela only casting a seeking looke, whether she could see Dorus. 1656 *Sibbes' Confer. Christ & Mary* To Rdr. 4 Christ, (who is never far absent from a seeking soul). 1715 E. Erskine *Wks.* (1871) I. 51 Wind is of a very seeking penetrating nature. 1859 R. H. Hutton *Ess.* v. (1871) I. 122 Inspirations addressed to the seeking intellect of the philosopher.

Seekle, Seekly: see Sickle, Sickly *adjs.*

† **Seel,** *sb. Naut. Obs.* Also 7 seele. [f. Seel *v.*] A sudden heeling over of a vessel in a storm.

1625 Glanville *Voy. Cadiz* 117 Our shipp did rolle more, and fetch deeper and more dangerous Seeles then in the greatest storme. 1644 Manwayring *Sea-mans Dict.* s. v., The Lee-seele, is when she rowles to Leeward; there is no danger in this seele, though [etc.]. 1688 Holme *Armoury* iii. 165/2 Seele, or seeling, is a sudden turning aside of a ship, forced by the motion of the Sea and fearful Winds. 1753 *Chambers' Cycl.* Suppl. s. v. *Seeling*, When a ship thus tumbles to leeward, they call it *lee-seel*.

† **Seel,** *v.*[1] *Naut. Obs.* [Of obscure origin.] *intr.* Of a ship: To make a sudden lurch to one side. Hence † **See·ling** *vbl. sb.* and *ppl. a.*

a 1618 Raleigh *Royal Navy* 24 When a Ship seels or roules in foule weather. 1621 G. Sandys *Ovid's Met.* xi. 487 They plie their tasks: some seeling yards bestry'd And take-in sailes. 1644 Manwayring *Sea-mans Dict.* s. v. *Seele*, So that seeling is but a suddaine heeling, forced by the motion, and feare of the sea or wind. 1692 *Smith's Seaman's Gram.* I. xvi. 81 *The Ship seels*, that is, when on a sudden she lies down on her side, and tumbles from one side to the other. 1753 *Chambers' Cycl.* Suppl. s. v. *Seeling*, If she rowls or seels to windward, there is fear of her coming over too short or suddenly.

Seel (sīl), *v.*[2] Forms: 5 **sele,** 6 **cele,** 6–7 **siel,** 6–9 **seal,** 7 **ceel, seele, seile,** 6– **seel.** [Later form of Sile *v.*[3]]

1. *trans.* To close the eyes of (a hawk or other bird) by stitching up the eyelids with a thread tied behind the head; chiefly used as part of the taming process in falconry. Also, to stitch *up* (the eyes of a bird).

a 1500 in Harting *Perf. Bk. Sparhawkes* (1886) Introd. 12 Take the outsyd of her ye and put thorgh ye nedell and the threde [etc.]...And then thou maist sey she is a seled. 1530 Palsgr. 479/1, I cele a hauke or a pigyon..whan I sowe up their eyes for caryage or otherwyse. 1611 B. Jonson *Catiline* ii. i, He, tame Crow,..would haue kept Both eyes, and beake seal'd vp, for sixe *sesterces*. 1641 R. Brooke *Eng. Episc.* 5 Your Faulkners seele a Pigeons eye (when they would haue her soare high) to prevent a Vertigo. 1647 Hexham I. (Birds), To seile a Hawke. 1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) s. v. *Falconry*, Care ought to be taken, not to seel her too hard. 1818 Scott *Rob Roy* v, You cannot..reclaim a hawk..or direct his diet when he is sealed. 1852 R. F. Burton *Falconry in Valley Indus* vi. 68 A bird of the same colour with eyes seeled and wings shortened. 1897 *Encycl. Sport* I. 373/1 (Falconry) *Seel*, to sew up the upper eyelids of a hawk, and tie the threads behind the head. An obsolete practice now superseded by the hood.

fig. 1584 Lyly *Campaspe* iv. i. 41 Al conscience is sealed at Athens.

2. *transf.* To close (a person's eyes). Also *fig.* to make blind, to prevent from seeing, hoodwink.

1591 Sylvester *Du Bartas* I. iv. 766 Thy light is darkned, and thine eyes are siel'd. 1604 Shaks. *Oth.* III. iii. 210 Shee that so young could giue out such a Seeming To seele her Fathers eyes vp. 1606 — *Ant. & Cl.* III. xiii. 112 But when we in our viciousnesse grow hard..the wise Gods seele our eyes In our owne filth. 1633 T. Adams *Exp. 2 Peter* i. 18 It is bad to have the eyes seeled, but worse to have the ears sealed up. 1814 Southey *Roderick* xvi. 240 A life-long night Seel'd his broad eye.

Hence **Seeled** (sīld) *ppl. a.*; **See·ling** *vbl. sb.* and *ppl. a.*

a 1586 Sidney *Arcadia* I. (Sommer) 63 b, Now she brought them to see a seeled Doue, who the blinder she was, the higher shee straue. 1605 Shaks. *Macb.* III. ii. 46 Come, seeling Night, Skarfe vp the tender Eye of pittiful Day. 1625 Quarles *Sions Sonets* xv. iii, These seiled eyes that slept So soundly fast, awak'd, much faster wept. 1661 Boyle *Style of Script.* (1675) 186 Lovers like ceel'd Pidgeons flying the Higher for having been Blinded. 1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) s. v. *Hawking*, Then cast out a sealed duck. 1852 R. F. Burton *Falconry in Valley Indus* iv. 48 The seeling threads are cut short. 1859 Tennyson *Merlin & V.* 123 Their talk was all of training, terms of art, Diet and seeling.

† **Seel,** *v.*[3] *Obs.*—° [ad. F. *ciller*, f. *cil* eyelash, orig. also eyebrow.] (See quot.)

1728 Chambers *Cycl.* s.v. *Seeling*, A Horse is said to *Seel*, when upon his Eye-brows, there grows about the Breadth of a Farthing of white Hairs, mixed with those of his natural Colour; which is a Mark of Old Age.

Seel: see Ceil *v.*, Seal *sb.* and *v.*, Sele, Sell *v.*

Seeld(e, var. ff. Seld; obs. pa. t. of Sell *v.*

Seelden, seeldome, obs. forms of Seldom.

Seele. *Obs.* Also 5 **cele, seill.** [? a. F. *ciel* sky, canopy.] A canopy.

1485 *Rutland Papers* (Camden) 5 In this wise the King shall ride opyn heded vndre a seele of cloth of gold baudekyn. *Ibid.* 7 A cele of white damaske. 1494 in *Househ. Ord.* (1790) 127 A seill of bawdkyne of gould lyned with bawdkyne.

Seele, obs. f. Ceil *v.*, Seal *sb.* and *v.*; var. Sele.

Seeled, obs. form of Ceiled, canopied.

1643 *Farington Papers* (Chetham Soc.) 99, 1 Seeled Bed with flurniture.

† **See·lihead.** *Obs.* In 5 **selyhede.** [f. Seely *a.* + -head.] Happiness.

14.. *Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 582/31 *Felicitas*, selyhede.

† **See·lily,** *adv. Obs.* Forms: 1 **séliglíce,** 3 **seliliche, seliliz,** 4 **selily,** 5 **selyly.** [ONorthumb. *séliglice* (= WS. *gesæliglice*): see Seely *a.* and -ly [2].] Happily.

[*c* 888 K. Ælfred *Boeth.* xi. § 1 Manize habbaþ ȝenoȝ ȝesælilice ȝewifod.] *a* 1000 *Rituale Eccl. Dunelm.* (Surtees) 79 Seliglice, *feliciter*. *c* 1200 Ormin 17318 Þurrh whatt himm comm swa seliliz To findenn Godess are. *c* 1374 Chaucer *Boethius* ii. pr. iv. 64 (Addit. MS.) Som man is wel and selily maried but he haþ no children. *c* 1425 *Eng. Conq. Irel.* (Dubl. MS.) xviii. 42 Yn hys lyf of thys world, chaunged wel selyly for þe lyf that ener shal lest without end.

† **See·liness.** *Obs.* Forms: 4 **selines, sellines,** 4–5 **selynes(s(e,** 4, 7 **selinesse,** 7 **seelinesse.** [f. Seely *a.* + -ness. OE. had *gesælignes*.]

1. Happiness, blessedness.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 10816 All cristen men þat was and es, Has thorut hir þair selines. *c* 1374 Chaucer *Troylus* iii. 813 So worldly selinesse,..Y-medled is with many a bitternesse! 1387–8 T. Usk *Test. Love* i. x. 79 For thou wenest thilke joye to be selinesse or els ese. 1447 Bokenham *Seyntys, Agnes* 135 Swetter þe loue, feyrere þe face, And of selynes mych gretere þe grace. *c* 1470 Harding *Chron.* xxx. iv, In mykill ioye and worldly selynesse.

2. Simplicity; silliness. *rare.*

1642 D. Rogers *Naaman* 45 As old Eli overrules Samuels seelinesse. 1653 Gataker *Vind. Annot. Jer.* 164 Any simple Reader may easily discry the selinesse of your Arguments.

Seeling, obs. f. Ceiling. **Seeling,** *vbl. sbs.* and *ppl. adjs.*: see Seel *v.*[1] and *v.*[2]

Seely (sī·li), *a. Obs.* (exc. *dial.*). Forms: 3 **seoly,** 3–6 **seli(e,** 3–7 **sely,** 4 **sele (celly, selli),** 4–5 **cely, (selly),** 5 **cele,** 6 **sealie, -y,**

seally(e, seilie, -ye, selle, sellie, sel(l)ye, sielie, -y, zelie, 6–7 seeley, seelye, 6–7, 9 seelie, 5– seely. See also I-SELI, and the later SILLY *a.* [Com. WGer.: OE. **sælig* (implied in the synonymous *gesælig* I-SELI *a.*, and in the adv. *sæliglice* SEELILY) = OFris. *sêlich* (mod.NFris. *salig*, WFris. *sillich*), OS. *sâlig*, MDu. *sâlech* (Du. *zalig*), OHG. *sâlig* (MHG. *sælic*, mod.G. *selig*):—OTeut. type **sæligo-* f. **sæli-z* luck, happiness (Goth. *sêls*, OE. *sæl*: see SELE). In ordinary mod. English the word is represented by SILLY, a form which arose in the 15th c. from a shortening of the vowel, the pronunciation of which had changed from (*ē*) to something approaching (*ĭ*).]

1. (Cf. SELE *sb.* 2). ? Observant of due season, punctual.

c 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 13 Đe ðriddе [werke of brihtnesse] is þat man be waker and liht and snel and seli and erliche rise and ȝernliche sech chireche.

2. Happy, blissful; fortunate, lucky, well-omened, auspicious.

c 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 31 Almiȝtin louerd,..ðu giue me seli timioge To thaunen ðis werdes biginninge. *Ibid.* 2546 And egipte folc adden niȝ, for ebris adden seli siȝ. *a* 1272 *Luue Ron* 143 in *O. E. Misc.* 97 Nere he mayde ful seoly þat myhte wunye myd such a knyhte. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 3362 Til his behoue haue i þe soght, In seli time. *c* 1374 CHAUCER *Troylus* IV. 503 For sely is that deeth,..That, ofte y-cleped, cometh and endeth peyne. 1387–8 T. USK *Test. Love* II. x. 108 Than, say I, thou art blisful and fortunat sely, if thou knowe thy goodes that thou hast yet beleved. *c* 1400 *Melayne* 392 The by-tide a cely chaunce, thi lyfe was savede this daye. 1423 JAS. I *Kingis Q.* 185 In gude tyme and sely to begynne Thair prentissehed. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 452/1 Sely, or happy, *felix, fortunatus*. 1468 *Medulla* in *Cath. Angl.* 56 *Felicio*, to make sely. 1483 *Cath. Angl.* 56/1 Cele, *vbi* happy.

3. Spiritually blessed, enjoying the blessing of God. Said of persons, their condition or experiences.

a 1225 *Leg. Kath.* 1421 Þurh seli martirdom. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 108, & tu seli ancre, þet ert his seli spuse, leorne hit ȝeorne of him þet [etc.]. *a* 1240 *Lofsong* in *O. E. Hom.* 205 Bisech for me þine seli sune Milce and merci and ore. *c* 1340 *Abbey of Holy Ghost* in *Hampole's Wks.* (1895) I. 326 A Jhesu, hlyssede [es] þat abbaye and cely es þat religione. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xxiv. (*Alexis*) 74 In pathmos als þe angel brycht Schawyt hyme ful sely sycht. *c* 1400 *Primer* in Maskell *Mon. Rit.* (1846) II. 11 Resp: Cely [orig. *felix*] art thou, hooli virgyne marie, and worthiest al maner preisyng.

4. Pious, holy, good.

a 1225 *Leg. Kath.* 1453 Tac read, seli meiden, to þe seoluen. *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 1986 Dor was in helle a sundri stede, wor ðe seli folc reste dede;..Til ihesu crist fro ðeden he nam. *c* 1275 *On Serving Christ* 53 in *O. E. Misc.* 92 Þureh his [John the Baptist's] sely sermun serewe him wes by-þouht. *c* 1450 *Mankind* 426 in *Macro Plays* 16 Lady, helpe! sely darlynge, vene, vene!

absol. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 64 Þis is nu inouh of þisse witte iseid et tisse cherre, to warnie þeo selie.

Proverb. *c* 1290 *Beket* 216 in *S. Eng. Leg.* 112 Seli child is sone i-lered. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Prioress' T.* 60 For sely [*v.r.* cely] child wold alday soone lere. *a* 1450 *Ratis Raving* 111. 3265 For sely barnis are eith to leire.

5. Innocent, harmless. Often as an expression of compassion for persons or animals suffering undeservedly.

c 1290 *S. Eng. Leg.* 453/138 'Alas', he seide, 'þis seli best: þat no-þing ne doth a-mis!' 1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 6453 To þe king of hongri þis seli children twie He sende nor to norisi þat he wardede hom wel beye. *a* 1300 *Havelok* 499 Withdrow þe knif, þat was lewe Of þe seli children blod. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Man of Law's T.* 584 Gret was..the repentance Of hem that hadden wronge suspecioun Vpon this sely Innocent Custance. *c* 1475 HENRYSON *Orpheus & Eurydice* 336 Acab and quene iesabell, Quhilk sely nabot..For his wyne yarde wyth outyn pitee slene. *a* 1529 SKELTON *Col. Cloute* 578 And thus the loselles stryues, And lewdely sayes by Christ Agaynst the sely preest. 1545 JOYE *Exp. Dan.* vi. M v, Sely innocent Daniell was caste into the lyons. 1551 ROBINSON tr. *More's Utopia* II. vi. (1895) 200 To see a sely innocent hare murdered of a dogge. *a* 1604 HANMER *Chron. Irel.* (1633) 114 And murther the poore and seely people, which God wot, meant no harme. [1884 SYMONDS *Shaks. Predec.* iii. 135 A racy sense of what such seely shepherds may have gathered from an angel's song.]

6. Deserving of pity or sympathy; pitiable, miserable, 'poor'; helpless, defenceless. Cf. SILLY *a.* I, I b.

1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 781 Þis word dude muche wo to þis seli olde king. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 13972 A seli sin-ful sco was an, And first als a comun womman. *c* 1374 CHAUCER *Troylus* II. 683 To helpen sely Troilus of his wo. 1423 JAS. I *Kingis Q.* 44 Quhy lest god mak ȝou so, my derrest hert, To do a sely prisoner thus smert. *c* 1470 HENRY *Wallace* II. 201 Sely Scotland, that of helpe has gret neide. 1530 PALSGR. 323/2 Sely or fearfull, *paoureux*. Sely wretched, *meschant*. *a* 1542 WYATT in *Tottel's Misc.* (Arb.) 86 At the threshold her sely fote did trippe. 1551 ROBINSON tr. *More's Utopia* II. ix. (1895) 301 But thies seilie poore wretches be presently tormented with barreyne and vnfrutefull labour. 1573–80 TUSSER *Husb.* (1878) 113 Grasse, thistle and mustard seede,..Are very ill neighbours to seely poor hop. 1590 C'TESS PEMBROKE *Antonie* 1466 The seelie man [Fr. *le miserable*]..Me hattaile gaue. 1602 CAREW *Cornwall* II. 112 The seely Gentlewomen, without regard of sexe or shame, were stripped from their apparrell to their veria smockes. 1609 BIBLE (Douay) *Isa.* x. 30 Attend Laisa, seelie poore [Vulg. *paupercula*] Anathoth. [1858 KINGSLEY *Misc.* (1859) I. 148 The famous castle of Malepartus which beheld the base murder of Lampe, the hare, and many a seely soul beside.]

b. Often of the soul, as in danger of divine judgement.

1310 *St. Brendan* (Bälz) 584 Þe develen come blaste To lede to helle þis seli [*c* 1290 *S. Eng. Leg.* sori] gost. *c* 1330 *Spec. Gy Warw.* 576 Þu most..þenke þat god it þe sende, Þi seli soule to amende. 1508 DUNBAR *Tua Maritt Wemen* 502 My sely saull salbe saif, quhen sa bot [? *read* Sabaot] all ingis. 1529 MORE *Supplic. Soulys* Wks. 321/2 The paynes that selye soules feele when they be departed thence.

7. Insignificant, trifling; mean, poor; feeble.

1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 2528 Of an holi prechors word hii nolde noȝt so ofte þenche As of þe murye word..of the seli wenche. *a* 1300 *Expos. Cross* 458 (Ashm.) in *Leg. Rood* (1871) 54 Vp an seli asse he rod. *a* 1400 MAUNDEV. (1839) xxix. 293 And for to apparaylle with oure bodyes wee usen a sely litylle clout, for to wrappen in our careynes. 1461 *Paston Lett.* II. 22, I se his slouthe and sely labour, which is no labour. *c* 1540 tr. *Pol. Verg. Eng. Hist.* (Camden) 193 Egbertus..in moste ample wise hadde enlarged the seelie littell kingdom. 1563 *Homilies* II. *Agst. Gluttony* 107 Holophernes..hadde his head strycken from his shoulders by that sely woman Iudith. 1568 *Jacob & Esau* II. i. C j, And not one sielу bitte we got since yesterday. 1577 KENDALL *Flowers of Epigr.* 75 b, Lerned Luther..how far doth he both twayn Surmount, who with his seely pen to yeld doth both constraine. 1583 STUBBES *Anat. Abus.* II. (1882) 56 Whilst the mountains doe trauell, a seely mouse will be brought forth. 1593 SHAKS. *Lucr.* 1812 He with the Romians was esteemed so As seelie ieering idiots are with Kings, For sportiue words, and vttring foolish things. 1603 FLORIO *Montaigne* II. xv. 358 There is a Nation, where the enclosures of Gardens and Fields they intend to keep several, are made with a seely twine of cotton. 1613–16 W. BROWNE *Brit. Past.* I. ii. 40 Hauing layne Her in a Boate like the Cannowes of Inde, Some seely trough of wood, or some trees rinde. 1642 D. ROGERS *Naaman* 67 Commonly the Lord effects those things which are of greatest consequence, by poore and seely meanes. [1839 KINGSLEY *Poems, In Illum. Missal* 7 My love, my song, my skill, my high intent, Have I within this seely book y-pent.]

b. Frail, worn-out, crazy.

1562 BULLEIN *Bulwarke, Dial. Sorenes & Chir.* 24 b, We see the like effecte in olde selie bodies whiche..bee continually eaten up of ulcers. 1587 TURBERV. *Trag. T., To R. Baynes* 32 The Pilot..Beset with stormes,..knowes not howe to saue His sielie barke, but lets the rudder goe. [1847 KINGSLEY *Poems, Red King* 67 By Mary's grace a seely boat On Christchurch bar did lie afloat.]

8. Foolish, simple, silly.

a 1529 SKELTON *Col. Clout* 1246 Nor of theyr noddy polles, Nor of theyr sely soules. 1573–80 TUSSER *Husb.* (1878) 107 With such seelie huswines no penie is found. 1583 BABINGTON *Commandm.* (1590) 265 In pride wee speake it, or at least inwardlie thinke it, wee are not as those seely Idiotes are. 1605 CAMDEN *Rem., Wise Sp.* 224 The fellow seemed but a seely soule, and sate still, and sayde nothing. 1622 MABBE tr. *Aleman's Gusman d'Alf.* I. 127 Holding those that deale more honestly..to be..poore seely fooles, that want wit.

† **Seem,** *sb. Obs.* [f. SEEM *v.*²] Seeming, semblance, appearance.

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 452/2 Semynge, or semys, *apparencia*. 1549 *Prayer Bk. Troubles* (Camden) 147 The innocent that have been seduced under the colour and seame of good. 1596 GAIFFIN *Fidessa* (1876) 58 The fairest good in seeme, but fowlest ill.

† **Seem,** *a. Obs.* In 4–5 seme. [a. ON. *sǽm-r*: see SEEM *v.*²] Seemly, proper, fitting.

13.. *Gaw. & Gr. Knt.* 1085 Let þe ladier þe fette, to lyke hem þe better þer was seme solace by hem-self stille. 13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* B. 1810 Ande clannes is his comfort, and coyntyse he louyes, & þose þat seme arn & swete schyn se his face. *c* 1400 *Cursor M.* 28015 (Cott. Galba) ȝe ladys.. þat stodis hals and hare to hew,..for to mak ȝow seme [*earlier MS.* semle] and quaint.

b. quasi-*adv.*

13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* A. 190 Þat gracios gay with-outen galle, So smoþe, so smal, so seme slyȝt.

† **Seem,** *v.*¹ *Obs. rare.* In 3 seme. [OE. *sēman* (:—prehist. **sōmjan*), f. *sōm* agreement. (More commonly *geséman*; see I-SEME *v.*)] *trans.* **a.** To settle (a dispute), reconcile (contending parties). **b.** To ratify, confirm (an agreement).

a 1000 *Canons Edgar* vii. in Thorpe *Ags. Laws* II. 246 Nan sacu þe betweox preostan si ne beo ȝescoten to worldmanna some, ac seman & sibbian heora ȝene ȝeferan. *c* 1205 LAY. 4259 Heo makeden ane sætnesse and mid aȝe [*read* aþe] heo semde. *a* 1250 *Owl & Night.* 187 (Jesus MS.) Þo quaþ þe vle, Hwo schal vs seme?

Seem (sīm), *v.*² Forms: 3–5 sem, 3–6 seme, 4 syme, sieme, 4–7 seeme, 5 ceme, 5–7 (9 *dial.*) seime, 6 seym(me, semme, 6–7 seame, 6, 8 *Sc.* seim, 5– seem; *Pa. t.* 3–4, 6 semde, 5 sempt(e, 6 semt. [ME. *sēme*, a. ON. *sóma* (mod.Icel. *sœma* to honour, conform to, MSw. *söma* to befit, beseem, Da. *somme* refl. to beseem), f. *sœm-r* (:—prehistoric **sōmi-*) fitting, seemly; cf. the cognate ON. *sóma* (pa. t. subj. *sómde*) to beseem, befit.

From the same grade of the root are OE. *sōm* reconciliation (whence *séman* SEEM *v.*¹); the ablaut-variant **sam-* appears in SAME *a.*, SAMEN *adv.*, together.]

† **I. 1.** To be suitable to, befit, beseem. Often with adv., *well, best, fair*, etc. **a.** quasi-*trans.* with obj. originally dative. (*a*) *impersonal* and quasi-*impers.* with the real subject expressed by a clause or infinitive phrase.

a 1200 ORMIN Ded. 66, & te hitæche icc off þiss boc, Heh wikenn alls itt semeþþ, Al to þurrhsekenn illc an ferrs. *a* 1240 *Wohunge* in *O. E. Hom.* I. 271 For he þurh þe þat wisdom art al þis world wrahte and dihteð hit and dealeð as hit best semeð. *c* 1300 *Havelok* 2916 Hire semes curteys forto be, For she is fayr so flour on tre. 1350–1400 *Sir Beues* (E) 1746 He took hys scheeld & hys spere As it semyd a good rydere. *c* 1400 *Secreta Secret., Gov. Lordsh.* xx. 58 It semes a kynge to haue discrescioun. *a* 1425 *Arderne's Treat. Fistula*, etc. 6 It semeth any discrete man y-cladde with clerkis clothing for to occupie gentil mennez bordez. *a* 1470 GREGORY *Chron.* in *Hist. Coll. Cit. Lond.* (Camden) 129 As hyt syttythe and semyþe so worthy a prynce and a pryncesse. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* XI. iii. 37 Gif he pretendis in hatale with a brand To end the weyr,..heir semyt hym vnder scheyld With wapynnis to recontre me in feyld. *a* 1529 SKELTON *Agst. Garnesche* iv. 89 It semyth nat thy pyllyd pate Agenst a poyet lawreat To take vpon the for to scryue. 1601 WEEVER *Mirr. Mart.* A viii, But ill it seem'd me them to blame, though I Censur'd myselfe like mine owne enemy.

(*b*) with person or thing as subject.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 3311 Bot ai þe quils he ne fan To he-hald þat leue maidan, How all hir dedes can hir seme. *c* 1330 R. BRUNNE *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 11914 Nys non on lyue, cayser ne kynge, þat semeþ so wel his beryng. *a* 1375 *Joseph Arim.* 564 þenne he seiȝ a whit knicht comynge him a-ȝeines..A red cros on his scheld seemed him feire. *c* 1450 *St. Cuthbert* (Surtees) 7355 Him semyd wele his abyte. 1584 LODGE *Alarum agst. Usurers* Ep. A iij, Who..delighted in such clothing as seemed yᵉ place where he soiourned. 1591 SPENSER *M. Hubberd* 35 A good old woman..who did farre surpas The rest in honest mirth, that seem'd her well. 1615 BRATHWAIT *Strappado* 16 Bid them seeke, Actions that seeme them better.

b. const. *to, for, with.*

c 1205 LAY. 10207 Preostes heo þer setten ase þer to mihte semen. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 9111 He wald men raf it al to dust, Quar-thoru it semes wel wit þis þat he wan merci of his mis. *c* 1400 tr. *Secreta Secret., Gov. Lordsh.* xiv. 56 Þerfore a kynge sholde vse cleþynge and ornementz dere, fayre, and straunge, for it semes to a kynges prorogatyne to passe oþer, so þat his dignite þerby be maad fairer. 1533 BELLENDEN *Livy* v. xx. (S.T.S.) II. 215, I wald nane of ȝow belevit þat I am cumin as Ignorant or mysknawing sic thingis as semys to my estate.

c. *absol.*

a 1375 *Joseph Arim.* 115 He seiȝ þe peple þorw peine passen in-to helle..and þe fader þouȝte þat hit seemede nouȝt. *c* 1400 *Secreta Secret., Gov. Lordsh.* cv. 106 And right as þe Skryueyn ys enterpretour of þy wyl...So it nedys..þat he besye hym to þy profyt and to þy worschipe as it semys. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 66/1 Cemyn or becemyn, *decet*. *c* 1510 BARCLAY *Mirr. Gd. Manners* (1570) E vj, It seemeth not in streete as palfray to praunce. 1533 GAU *Richt Vay* (1888) 37 Thane he is veralie God for that seemis noth that ony suld be placit at the richt hand of God the fader bot giff he war God. 1579 SPENSER *Sheph. Cal.* May 158 Nought seemeth sike strife. 1605 BACON *Adv. Learn.* I. *To the King* § 2 For it seemeth much in a King, if..he can take hold of any superficiall Ornaments and shewes of learning.

† **2.** *refl.* and *intr.* To vouchsafe, deign. [So MSw. *söma* (refl.).] *Obs.*

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 11042 Blisced be þou ai, marie!..Þat þou ne [*read* þe] seme wald me to se. *Ibid.* 12445 'Na', sco said, 'þat es na nede, For he þat sent him vs a-mang To be born, he wald him seme, Fra wick men ai wel him yeme.' *Ibid.* 17622 Wald þou me leif freind te seme For to cum wit us to mele. *Ibid.* 23913, I prai lenedi if þou wald seme, To tak þis littel werc to quem.

II. To have a semblance or appearance.

Normally with indirect object of the person to whom the appearance is presented; where no object is expressed one may ordinarily be supplied. In the present tense, 'seems' is often equivalent to 'seems to me', which expresses belief in the truth of the appearance predicated. Where the object expressed or implied is not in the first person, or where the verb is in the past tense, there is usually, on the other hand, the notion of *mere* appearance as opposed to fact.

* *As personal verb.*

3. With sb., adj., or phrase as complement: To appear to be, to be apparently (what is expressed by the complement).

Very often, esp. when the complement is a sb. or a phrase, it is introduced by the infinitive *to be*: see examples in 4 a.

a. without object expressed.

a 1225 *St. Marher.* 9 His grisliche teeð semden of swart irn, ant his twa ehnen steappre þene steorren. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 112 So ful of anguise was þet ilke ned swot..þet hit þuhte [*v.r.* semde] read blod. 1340 HAMPOLE *Pr. Consc.* 1322 For welthes, þat men has here at wille, Semes tokenyng of endeles pyn. ? *a* 1366 CHAUCER *Rom. Rose* 1011 As the mone lyght, Ageyn whom all the sterres semen But smale candels. 1390 GOWER *Conf.* I. 62 He..doth to seme of gret decerte Thing which is litel worth withinne. *c* 1450 LOVELICH *Merlin* 1000 And with-jnne tho x mounthes he was so bold that thyke tyme he semede two ȝeres old. 1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 38 Makyng bodyes of ayre to compasse a man & make hym seme a hors or another beest. 1570 T. WILSON *Demosth. Orat.* iii. 63 That thing which I shall say, though it seeme against the opinion of all men: yet it shal be true for all that. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* II. 672 What seem'd his head The likeness of a Kingly Crown had on. 1667 PEPYS *Diary* 27 June, A silly rogue, but one that would seem a gentleman. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 23 Apr. 1646, Trees on which Bacchus seems riding as it were in triumph every autumn. 1742 LADY M. W. MONTAGU *Let. to Montagu* 22 Mar. (1893) II. 104 Mr. Gibson says..that he seems another man. 1807 CRABBE *Birth of Flattery* 33–4 What seem'd the door, each entering guest withstood, What seem'd a window was but painted wood. 1837 DICKENS *Pickw.* xxxiv, Mr. Justice Stareleigh..seemed all face and waistcoat. 1884 R. W. CHURCH *Bacon* ix. 220 Easy and unstudied as his writing seems, it was [etc.].

b. const. *to*; formerly also † with simple dative.

a 1513 DUNBAR *Poems* lxxxi. 13 This seimes to me ane guidlie companie. 1598 SYLVESTER *Du Bartas* II. i. I. 368 But, of all sights, none seemes him yet more strange Then the..Exchange. 1871 R. ELLIS *Catullus* lxxxiii. 2 This to the fond weak fool seemeth a mighty delight.

c. Followed by † *as, as if, as though.*

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 2863 Þar..es noght now bot a stinkand see, Þat semes als a lake of hell. *Ibid.* 9928 Þe thrid [colour] Als ros þat es als in springing, And semes als a brennand

thing. 1584 R. R. tr. *Herodotus* I. 3 b, The Lady seyng the fond and vndiscrete treacherye of her husband made little adoe, and seemed as though shee had seene nothing. 1673 DRYDEN *Love in Nunnery* III. ii, Stay, there's a Dance beginning, and she seems as if she won'd make one. 1730 A. GORDON *Maffei's Amphith.* 320 It is probable that the Roofs of these Lodges were under the great Windows... I dare not however affirm it, for the Medals seem as if they came up even to the very Top of all. 1908 R. BAGOT *A. Cuthbert* xviii. 223 Having yielded to his persuasions and arguments, Sonia seemed as though she were only anxious to forget past troubles.

4. With infinitive: To appear *to be* or *to do* something. **a.** with *to be*. (Cf. 3.)

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 5749 Als did þe tre þat semed to bren, And þan was þar na fir wit-in. *c* 1400 *Apol. Loll.* 21 And al oþer lawis þat semen to sey, þat man how to curse for crime of vowtre, þeft, and swilk oþer. *a* 1557 *Tottel's Misc.* (Arb.) 267 Of Venus stocke she semde to spring, the rote of beauties grace. 1603 SHAKS. *Meas. for M.* I. i. 4 Of Gouernment, the properties to vnfold, Would seeme in me t'affect speech & discourse. 1697 DRYDEN *Virg. Georg.* III. 54 The Parian Marble, there, shall seem to move, In breathing Statues. 1712 STEELE *Spect.* No. 472 ¶ 3 The following Letter seems to be written by a Man of Learning. 1781 COWPER *Conversat.* 714 The Christian..dares not feign a zeal, Or seem to boast a fire, he does not feel. 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* iii. I. 417 These facts are in perfect accordance with another fact which seems to deserve consideration. 1895 ESHER in *Law Times Rep.* LXXIII. 701/2 The statute..does not seem upon a true construction of it to support the assertions for which it was cited.

¶ With omission of *to*. *Obs. rare.*

c 1374 CHAUCER *Troylus* I. 747 Eek som-tyme it is craft to seme flee Fro thing which in effect men hunte faste. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* XI. xvi. 2 Ane huge clamour that tyde did rys on hycht, That semyt smyte the goldin starnis hrycht.

c. Occas. *would seem*: cf. the impersonal use 7 f.

1754 WARBURTON *View Bolingbr. Philos.* II. 94 He has refused no arms, we see, to combat the Revelations God hath *actually given*. He would seem to relax a little of his severity, as to those which God may *possibly give*.

d. In modern use, the combination of *seems* with an infinitive is often equivalent to the finite verb qualified by 'probably', 'if the evidence may be trusted.'.

1841 *Penny Cycl.* XXI. 484/2 Sicily seems to contain no iron. 1874 GREEN *Short Hist.* ii. § 8. 102 Henry's policy seems, for good or evil, to have been throughout his own.

e. To appear to oneself; to imagine oneself, or think one perceives oneself, *to* (do something).

1638 JUNIUS *Paint. Ancients* 22 These Images doe follow us so close, that wee seeme to travell, to saile, to bestirre our selves mightily in a hot fight. 1704 POPE *Windsor For.* 265, I seem through consecrated walks to rove. 1799 WORDSW. *Poems on Affect.* ix. 7 Still I seem To love thee more and more. 1810 SHELLEY *Marg. Nich., Melody* 40, I seem again to share thy smile, I seem to hang upon thy tone. 1875 JOWETT *Plato* (ed. 2) V. 10 On such occasions Plato seems to see young men and maidens meeting together.

¶ **f.** *confused construction.* Instead of the infinitive, a clause was in the 14–16 c. sometimes used, as if the verb were impersonal. (Cf. 7.) *Obs.*

1375 BARBOUR *Bruce* III. 168 And tournys sa mony tyme his stede, That semys off ws he had na dred. 1565 STAPLETON *Fortr. Faith* 77 b, Well furnished with all such bookes as Caluin had writen or any other which semed might serue their purpose. 1614 GORGES *Lucan* V. 206 She..Durst not ..seeme she did his teares discerne.

5. To appear to exist or to be present. Chiefly in the inversion *there seems* (followed by the subject); otherwise *poet.* or *rhetorical*. Also, in the same sense, *there seems to be*.

c 1391 CHAUCER *Astrol.* II. § 25 Now yif so be þat the semith to long a tarienge..thanne whaite whan the sonne is in any other degree of the zodiak. *c* 1400 *Beryn* 2775 They make semen (as to a mannys sight) Abominabill wormys. *Ibid.* 446 So wele they make seme soth, when þey falssest ly. *a* 1533 LD. BERNERS *Huon* xxi. 64 He shall make to seme before you a grete rynnynge riuer. *a* 1674 TAAHERNE *Poet. Wks.* (1903) 61 Men's Hands than Angels' Wings Are truer wealth..For those hut seem. 1766 BLACKSTONE *Comm.* II. II. xiv. 232 So far as the inheritance can be evidently traced back, there seems no need of calling in this presumptive proof. 1831 SCOTT *Ct. Robt.* xxx, 'I regret', said Achilles, 'that there should have seemed any cause for such precautions'. 1883 *Law Times* 20 Oct. 409/1 Some fifteen years ago..there seemed a general consensus of opinion that inventors were a nuisance.

† **6.** Of a real existence: To be manifested, come to view, be seen; = APPEAR *v.* 1, 9. *Obs.*

1340 HAMPOLE *Pr. Consc.* 6022 Bot many other þar [at the day of doom] sal seme, þat sal nouther be demed ne deme. *c* 1374 CHAUCER *Boethius* III. met. xi. (Sk.) 18 And thanne alle the derknesse of his misknowinge shal seme more evidently to sighte of his understondinge thanne the sonne ne semeth to sighte with-oute-forth. *c* 1440 *York Myst.* iii. 20 For loue made I þis worlde alone, Therfore my loue shalle in it seme. 1575 J. SMITH *Myst. Dev., Jeremy's Epist. to Jews*, My Angel shall be with you.., And I myselfe will surely seeme for all your soules to care.

** *Impersonal uses.*

7. *It seems.* (In all uses, admitting a construction with *to* or †simple dative.) **a.** with the real subject expressed by a clause: = It appears, it is apparently true (*that*); it is seen (*that*).

It seems not († *nay*) = 'it seems that it is not so'. *It seems so, so it seems* = 'it seems that it is so'.

a 1225 *St. Marher.* 5 Lauerd..salue me mine wunden þat hit ne sem nowðer ne suteli omi samblant þat ich derf drehe. *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 2169 It semet wel ðat ȝe spies ben, And in-to ðis lond cumen to sen. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 10441 Ne wat þou noght, it semes nai, Quat a fest it es to dai? *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Melib.* P 355 And al be it so þat it seme that thou art in siker place, yet shaltow alwey do thy diligence in kepynge of thy persone. *c* 1400 MAUNDEV. (1839) xvii. 184 And righte as it semethe to us, that thei ben undre us, righte so it semethe hem, that wee ben nndre hem. *c* 1489 CAXTON *Sonnes of Aymon* xxii. 480 Yf it semeth you that I have doon amys, soo take ye amendes vpon me. 1530 TINDALE *Pract. Prelates* I vij, It semeth me, that it might be dispensed with in certayne cases. 1590 SHAKS. *Mids. N.* IV. i. 198 It seemes to mee, That yet we sleepe, we dreame. 1638 BAKER tr. *Balzac's Lett.* (vol. II) 52 It seemes you thought not our walks pleasant enough for you. 1687 LADY R. RUSSELL *Let.* 5 Oct., It seems I must remit seeing you, as you once kindly intended. 1747 *Gentl. Mag.* XVII. 541/1 It seems also that capt. Callis..fell in with and engaged this Spanish ship. 1833 TENNYSON *Lady Clara Vere de V.* 53 Howe'er it be, it seems to me, 'Tis only noble to be good. 1908 R. BAGOT *A. Cuthbert* ix. 86 It seems to me..that looking into holes is a monotonous occupation.

b. with complementary predicate or infinitive, the real subject being expressed by a clause or infinitive phrase. (Also with ellipsis of the subject clause.)

1439 *E. E. Wills* (1882) 128 Like as in that partye after their conscience and good discrecions it shall seme hem necessarie for to be done and executed for the most ease of his entent. 1512 *Knaresb. Wills* (Surtees) I. 4 As it shall seym to my said feoffees mooste expediente. 1584 B. R. tr. *Herodotus* I. 6 h, He besought them humbly y^t since it semed them best to deale so roughly w^t him they would graunt him liberty in his richest aray, to sing a song. 1651 HOBBES *Leviath.* II. xxix. 169 No man dare to obey the Soveraign Power farther than it shall seem good in his own eyes.

c. followed by *as if, as though*.

c 1320 *Sir Tristr.* 2097 It semeþ by his lat As he hir neuer had sene Wiþ siȝt. *Ibid.* 2131 Wende forþ in þi way, It semes astow were wode, To wede. 1853 J. H. NEWMAN *Hist. Sk.* (1873) II. I. iii. 132 It seemed as though the Turks had come to their end and were dying out. 1908 R. BAGOT *A. Cuthbert* vii. 63 It seemed to Jim as though the hour would never arrive at which the steamer was timed to get under way.

d. Parenthetically. Now often with somewhat of the sense 'So I am informed', or 'As it appears from rumour or report'.

1377 LANGL. *P. Pl.* B. XVIII. 117 Her suster, as it semed, cam softly walkynge. 1447 BOKENHAM *Seyntys, Agatha* 369 For in hys conscyence ful confuse ys he And, as yt semyth, at hys wyttys ende. 1525 SAMPSON in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. I. I. 263 His moderacion off gesture, cowntenance, and os it semyd allso of inwarde intente and mynde. 1598 B. JONSON *Ev. Man in Hum.* III. i, Then you were a seruitor at both, it seemes. 1662 J. DAVIES tr. *Olearius' Voy. Ambass.* 285 They were provided, it seems, only for the Ambassador Brugman, and his Ladies. 1712 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 305 ¶ 8 Six Professors, who it seems, are to be Speculative Statesmen. 1829 MACAULAY *Mill on Govt.* in *Edin. Rev.* Mar. 175 There is still, however, it seems, a hope for mankind. 1876 GLADSTONE *Homeric Synchr.* 167 Who lived before the close, as it seems, of the sixteenth century B. C.

† **e.** = 'it seems good'. *Obs. rare.*

1557 NORTH *Gueuara's Diall. Pr.* 157 This case was so horrible, that it seemed to many not to speake it.

f. *It should seem, it would seem*: used to express somewhat more of hesitation or uncertainty than is expressed by *it seems*.

The older form, *it should seem*, is perh. slightly *arch.*, and is now chiefly used to express a guarded (or sometimes an ironical) acceptance of statements made by others. *It would seem* does not appear in our quots. before the 19th c. (but cf. the cognate use 4 c).

1525 BP. CLERK in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. II. I. 310 As for the maters off France, it shold seim that his Holynes rekonythe not gretly howe youe determyn them. 1606 HOLLAND *Sueton.* Annot. 31 For it should seeme that the Game of Tali heere mentioned was Pleistoboleuda [*sic*]. 1776 ADAM SMITH *W. N.* V. ii. II. i. (1869) II. 438 It should not, however, seem very difficult to distinguish those two parts of the rent from one another. 1816 WORDSW. *Pr. Wks.* (1876) II. 11 It should seem that the ancients thought in this manner. 1826 R. H. FROUDE *Rem.* (1838) I. 154 But, with regard to writings, as it would seem, the case is different. 1829 WHEWELL in *Life* (1881) 129 All official papers were brought there: and among the rest it would seem these Cologne ones. 1875 SWINBURNE *Ess. & Stud.* Pref. 10 The accident of personal intimacy, it should seem, deprives you of all right to express admiration of what you might allowably have found admirable in a stranger. 1902 GAIRDNER *Hist. Eng. Ch. 16th C.* iv. (1903) 54 From all this it would seem that he could not have been much under fifty when he was compelled to abjure.

† **g.** ? Perfect tense with *is*; ? or passive. *Obs.*

1442 BP. BEKYNTON *Offic. Corr.* (Rolls) II. 191 Sir, hit is semed right expedient unto suche as loveth the wele of the king [etc.]. *Ibid.* 219 As soon as hit shall be seemed unto you and hym to be doon.

8. The *it* of the impersonal verb is sometimes omitted. **a.** with the dative preceding the verb, *thee seemeth, us seemed*, etc. See also MESEEMS and cf. METHINKS. *Obs.* or *arch.*

c 1386 CHAUCER *Pars. T.* ¶ 123 Right so the synful man that loueth his synne, hym semeth, that it is to him moost sweete of any thyng. 1413 *Pilgr. Sowle* (Caxton 1483) IV. v. 60 That other shalle answere as hyr semeth good. 1512 R. COPLAND *Helyas* in Thoms *Pr. Rom.* (1828) III. 116 And than her semed that the two fyrst had [etc.]. 1594 CAREW *Huarte's Exam. Wits* xv. (1596) 278 Eue fixed her eies on the tree forbidden, and her seemed that it was sweet in tast. 1870 MORRIS *Earthly Par., Hill of Venus* 656 Still awhile himseemed That of that fair close, those white limbs he dreamed. 1871 D. G. ROSSETTI *Blessed Damozel* iii, Herseemed she scarce had been a day One of God's choristers.

¶ **b.** The prefixed dative sometimes was used (? by confusion) with reference to the subject of the appearance, so that the impersonal *him, her seems* became = *he, she seems* (senses 3–4). *Obs.*

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 3284 Þe formast was vnlaghter milde, Hir semed na wight to be wilde. 1375 BARBOUR *Bruce* XII. 147 Thame semyt men forsuth, I hicht, That had fayndit thair fayis in ficht. 1413 *Pilgr. Sowle* (Caxton) I. xxxiii. (1859) 37 Hyr semed wel a lady of ful huge estate, as duchesse, or pryncesse. *c* 1440 *Ipomydon* 280 The lady byheld Ipomydon, Hym semyd wele a gentil man. *a* 1500 *Chester Pl.* (Shaks. Soc.) II. 51 Hym seemes wearye on his waye.

† **c.** with dative following. *Obs. rare.*

c 1386 CHAUCER *Knt.'s T.* 2112 Thanne semed me ther was a parlement At Athenes vpon certein poyntz and caas. *a* 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 3196 Semes ȝow noȝt it suffice my sorowe with-out, þat as a hitand brand me brettens with-in.

† **d.** *What, how seemeth you?* = what do you think? *Obs.*

c 1450 *Merlin* ii. 28 Lete eche man by hymself telle me what hym semeth in this mater. 1485 CAXTON *Paris & V.* (1868) 85 What seemeth you of the wysedom of my fader. *c* 1530 LD. BERNERS *Arth. Lyt. Brit.* lxxx. (1814) 377 How semeth you by the knightes of this countre?

e. After *as* or *than*.

1570 T. WILSON *Demosth. Orat.* vi. 69 As seemeth to me. *c* 1600 T. PONT *Topogr. Acc. Cunningham* (Maitland Club) 22 The forsaid Richard being, as valid seime, touched with compunctione. 1611 BIBLE *Jer.* xviii. 4 So he made it againe another vessell as seemed good to the potter to make it. *Mod.* If he did so, as seems likely enough, he was excusable. He spoke more strongly than seemed justifiable.

† **f.** *poet.* in occasional uses. *Obs.*

1303 R. BRUNNE *Handl. Synne* 11764 Yn tyfed wurdys þat slyked are, Semeþ þy synnes þat þey noȝt were. 1591 SPENSER *M. Hubberd* 216 But neither sword nor dagger he did beare, Seemes that no foes reuengement he did feare. 1614 GORGES *Lucan* III. 84 And yet now seemes that he doth meane, From cares of warres his thoughts to weane.

g. *colloq.* or *vulgar*, esp. in *seems to me*.

1888 'J. S. WINTER' *Bootle's Childr.* viii, Seems to me women get like dogs—they get their lessons pretty well fixed in their minds after a time.

† **III. 9.** *trans.* To think, deem, imagine. With obj.-clause, obj. and inf. or complement; also *absol. To seem good* = to think good (see GOOD *a.* 4 b). *Obs.*

The early examples in which the subject is a sb. might be referred to 8 a, from which this sense arose by conversion of the prefixed indirect object into the subject; but unequivocal instances with nom. pron. occur often in the 15th c.

c 1386 CHAUCER *Sqr.'s T.* 193 It was a fflairye, as al the peple semed. 1428 *E. E. Wills* (1882) 79 The residue of all my godes..I be-quethe to be distributed..like as myn executours seme best. *c* 1430 *Syr Gener.* (Roxb.) 8054 She semed Darel lusted wel. *c* 1485 *Digby Myst., Mor. Wisd.* 610 These thynges be now so conuersaunt, we seme it no shame. 1492 ? MYLL *Spect. Luf* in *Bannatyne Misc.* (1836) II. 128 Ane askit him quhat he semyt of a woman? 1493 *Festivall* (W. de W. 1515) 57 Euer whan the bysshop loked on her he semed her so fayre y^t he was gretely tempted on her. 1512 R. COPLAND *Helyas* in Thoms *Pr. Rom.* (1828) III. 24 If you seme it good, I shal make her to waste and sle the childe. *a* 1533 LD. BERNERS *Gold. Bk. M. Aurel.* Kk 7 b, Fynally, seyng that Rome was Rome, he was demanded how he semed therby. 1627 HAKEWILL *Apol.* I. ii. § 3. 17 *Possunt, quia posse videntur.* They can, because they seeme they can.

b. To think fit.

c 1450 in Aungier *Syon* (1840) 258 The unresonable grudgers schalle abstayne them from that kende of mete [etc.] that they grudge a3enste, after that the presidente semethe it for to be doon. 1471 PASTON *Lett.* III. 17, I wolle spende xx^d or as ye seme to have the sertayn off every thyng her in. 1610 B. JONSON *Alch.* I. iii, And Beneath your threshold, bury me a load-stone To draw in gallants, that weare spurres: the rest, They'll seeme to follow.

Seem, obs. form of SEAM *sb.*[2]

† **See·mable,** *a. Obs. rare.* In 5 **semeable,** 6 **semabill.** [f. SEEM *v.*[2] + -ABLE. Cf. SEMBLABLE.] Like, similar.

1501 in *Surtees Misc.* (1890) 51 As þei wold we did to thaym or thayrez in a cause semeable. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* I. Prol. 394 Rycht so, by about speche oft in tymes, And seuthable [*MS. C.* semabill] wordis we compile our rymes.

Hence † **See·mably** *adv.*, in like manner.

1535 CROMWELL in Merriman *Life & Lett.* (1902) I. 398 For your goodnes herein to be shewed vnto hym..ye shalbe well assured to fynd me as redy semably to requyte you.

Seemble, obs. form of SEEMLY *a.*

Seemer (sī·mə). [f. SEEM *v.*[2] + -ER [1].] One who seems, or makes a pretence or show.

1603 SHAKS. *Meas. for M.* I. iii. 54 Lord Angelo..scarce confesses That his blood flowes: or that his appetite Is more to bread than stone: hence shall we see If power change purpose, what our Seemers be. 1647 TRAPP *Comm.* 1 *Cor.* x. 12 If he be no more then a seemer, he will fall at length into hell-mouth. 1875 JOWETT *Plato* (ed. 2) III. 297 When

the guardians of the laws and of the government are only seemers and not real guardians.

Seeming (sī·miŋ), *vbl. sb.* For Forms see the verb. [f. SEEM *v.*^{2} + -ING ^{1}.] The action of SEEM *v.*^{2} in various senses.

1. The action or fact of appearing to be (to the mind or to bodily sense), appearance.

1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* XI. xiv. (Tollemache MS.), By his [lightning's] sodeyne semynge he smyteþ here syȝte þat lokeþ þeron, and makeþ hem drede. 1413 *Pilgr. Soule* (Caxton 1483) V. xi. 102 The cursid Sathanas with a shepes symplenes in semyng come and hurteled with hym. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 66/2 Cemynge, or a cemys (*P.* or cemys), *apparencia*. 1581 PETTIE tr. *Guazzo's Civ. Conversation* II. (1586) 72 The more we consider the sayde sentence of Socrates, the more wayes we finde out to auoide this vaine seeming. 1613 SHAKS. *Hen. VIII*, II. iv. 208 My Lord, my Lord,..You signe your Place and Calling, in full seeming. With Meekenesse and Humilitie. 1678 CUDWORTH *Intell. Syst.* I. i. § 7. 20 Sensible Qualities..are called after τίνα ἐν ἡμῖν Φάσματα, certain Phansies, seemings, or Appearances in us. 1845 R. W. HAMILTON *Pop. Educ.* x. (ed. 2) 330 The events which are the most threatening in their seeming, speak to us of hope.

b. † *By seeming*, † *to seeming, in seeming, in all seeming*, to all appearance.

c 1369 CHAUCER *Dethe Blaunche* 944 Wyth-outen hole or canel boon As be semynge bad she noon. 1470–85 MALORY *Arthur* XVII. vii. 699 Thenne they lefte vp a clothe whiche was aboue the ground & there fond a ryche purse by semynge. *c* 1532 LD. BERNERS *Huon* xxiii. 68 On euery toure a clocher of fyne golde he semynge. 1612 J. CHAMBERLAIN in *Crt. & Times Jas. I* (1848) I. 268 [His wife] would have accompanied him to the King's Bench, taking his cause, to seeming, very heartily. *a* 1639 W. WHATELEY *Prototypes* III. xxxix. (1640) 20 All this was done in seeming, only to bring them to thorough repentance for their sin. 1871 R. ELLIS *Catullus* lxiv. 83 Ere his country to Crete freight corpses, a life in seeming.

† **c.** *To (my) seeming*, as it seems or appears to (me), as (I) think, in (my) opinion or judgement. Also *in my seeming*. *Obs.*

c 1386 CHAUCER *Prioresʒ T.* 296 Tel me, what is thy cause for to synge Sith þat thy throte is knt to my semynge. *c* 1440 *Generydes* 4986 Right Inly fayre she was to his semyng. *c* 1530 LD. BERNERS *Arth. Lyt. Bryt.* lv. (1814) 202 Incontynente the ymage tourned towarde him, and, to his seming, it blusshed as red as sendall. 1604 HIERON *Preachers Plea* Pref. *Wks.* I. 476 A very good way (in my seeming) to help the vnderstanding of common men. 1617 MORYSON *Itin.* II. 176 This night our horsemen set to watch, to their seeming did see Lampes burne at the points of their staves or speares in the middest of these lightning flashes. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* IX. 738 He ended..and in her ears the sound Yet rung of his perswasive words, impregn'd With Reason, to her seeming, and with Truth.

2. The form in which a person or thing seems or appears; look, aspect.

c 1400 tr. *Secreta Secret., Gov. Lordsh.* 47 For oon sect þat er namyd ypatetiks affermes þat he steigh to þe emperien heuene yn þe semynge of fir. 1484 CAXTON *Fables of Æsop* IV. xi, We must kepe our self fro all them whiche vnder fayre semynge haue a fals herte. 1632 BROME *Northern Lasse* II. iv, I present her to your judgment, whether her outward seeming may deserve such scorn. 1765 H. WALPOLE *Otranto* i, Your behaviour is above your seeming. 1813 BYRON *Corsair* II. xii, He slept in calmest seeming, for his breath Was husb'd so deep—Ah! happy if in death! 1874 GREEN *Short Hist.* vi. § 4. 305 Words which show the tenderness that lay beneath the stern outer seeming of the man.

3. External appearance considered as deceptive, or as distinguished from reality; an illusion, a semblance.

1576 GASCOIGNE *Steele Gl.* 229 And since myselfe (now pride of youth is past) Do love to be, and let al seeming passe, Since I desire, to see my selfe in deed [etc]. 1603 SHAKS. *Meas. for M.* III. ii. 41 That we were all, as some would seeme to bee From our faults, as faults from seeming, free. 1816 BYRON *Sketch* 59 A plain blunt show of briefly-spoken seeming, To hide her bloodless heart's soul-harden'd scheming. 1891 F. THOMPSON *Sister-Songs* (1895) 35 Even so Its lovely gleamings Seemings show Of things not seemings.

Seeming (sī·miŋ), *ppl. a.* For Forms see the verb. [f. SEEM *v.*^{2} + -ING ^{2}.] That seems, in various senses of the verb.

† **1.** Suitable, beseeming, fitting; according. *Obs.*

1338 R. BRUNNE *Chron.* (1810) 51 Bataile bituene vs wille not be semand. 1377 LANGL. *P. Pl.* B. xv. 386 For sarasenes han somewhat semynge to owre bileue. For þei loue and bileue in o persone almyȝty. *c* 1440 *York Myst.* xvii. 274 Inaens to þi seruis is semand. 1548 tr. *Viret's Expos. XII Art. Chr. Faith* B viij b, The name of father..is semynge vnto hym [God] for dyuers causes and reasons. 1687 DRYDEN *Hind & P.* 1176 The Buzzard..Invites the feather'd Nimrods of his Race, To hide the thinness of their Flock from Sight, And all together make a seeming, goodly Flight.

† **2.** Probable, likely. *Obs.*

c 1450 *St. Cuthbert* (Surtees) 6517 Sa Eata, it is semand, Was þan bischop of haly eland. 1655 EARL ORRERY *Parthenissa* Pref. A 2, And where I have found any contradictions..I have gone according to the seeming'st Truth.

3. Apparent to the senses or to the mind, as distinct from what *is*.

1340 HAMPOLE *Pr. Consc.* 5290 Þis taken, als I trowe, sal noght be þe sam cros, ne þe sam tre,..Bot a taken of þat cros semande. *a* 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 1252 Sa stithe a steuyn in þe stoure of stedis & ellis, As it was semand to sijt as all þe soyle trymbled. *a* 1557 *Tottel's Misc.* (Arb.) 215 Oft craft can cause the man to make a semyng show Of hart with dolour all distreined, where griefe did neuer grow. 1653 H. MORE *Antid. Ath.* II. Philos. Writ. (1712) 21 The seeming Ashes may be no Ashes. 1700 DRYDEN *Sigism. & Guisc.* 46 A seeming Widow, and a secret Bride. 1766 GOLDSM. *Vic. W.* xix, Miss Wilmot's reception [of him] was mixed with seeming neglect, and yet I could perceive she acted a studied part. 1857 H. MILLER *Test. Rocks* v. 194 That his seeming argument was no argument, but merely a sort of verbal play. 1875 JOWETT *Plato* (ed. 2) I. 263 He asserts the seeming paradox that [etc.] 1883 R. W. DIXON *Mano* II. iv. 74 We came upon him riding loftily, Clad in his knightly arms without disguise, No seeming pilgrim now.

b. In comb. with sbs.

1598 MARSTON *Pygmal. Sat.* ii. 144 Diomedes Iades were not so bestiall As this same seeming-saint, vile Canniball. 1654 W. STREAT (*title*) The dividing of the Hooff: or, Seeming-Contradictions throughout sacred Scriptures. 1870 LOWELL *Among my Bks.* Ser. I. iii. 163 Those astronomic wonders of poise and counterpoise, of planetary law and cometary seeming-exception, in his metres.

4. Used adverbially with other adjectives to form hyphened compounds with the sense of 'having a (specified) appearance'.

In some of these formations the writers may have intended *seeming* as pres. pple. with the second adj. as predicate, though such a use would be grammatically abnormal.

[*c* 1400 tr. *Secreta Secret., Gov. Lordsh.* xii. 55 And if he oonly shew hym semand religious, and yn his werkys be an euyl doere..he shal be refusyd of god and of þe folk despysed.] 1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* I. ii. 27 With chaunge of cheare the seeming simple maid Let fall her eyen. *a* 1641 BP. MOUNTAGU *Acts & Mon.* (1642) 401 As commonly all seeming-religious Hypocrites bee, they are charged to have beene devourers of Orphans goods. 1742 YOUNG *Nt. Th.* IX. 1113 What knots are ty'd! How soon are they dissolv'd, And set the seeming marry'd planets free! 1812 BYRON *Ch. Har.* II. xxxiii, Little knew she that seeming marble heart,..Was not unskilful in the spoiler's art. 1817 SHELLEY *Rev. Islam* III. x, Whilst I had watched the motions of the crew With seeming-careless glance. 1850 TENNYSON *In Mem.* xlviii, But blame not thou the winds that make The seeming-wanton ripple break. 1899 MACKAIL *W. Morris* II. 205 He was continually seeking refuge from it in dreams of some settled and seeming-changeless order.

Seemingly (sī·miŋli), *adv.* Also 5 **semeinly, 6 semyngly.** [f. SEEMING *ppl. a.* + -LY ^{2}.]

1. Fittingly, becomingly. Now somewhat *rare*.

1483 *Cath. Angl.* 329/1 Semeinly, *decenter, conuenienter, eleganter, & cetera.* *c* 1630 RISDON *Surv. Devon* § 112 (1810) 117 The tenant..is to come seemingly apparelled. 1702 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 3804/2 The Temporal Lords, did their Homage, and seemingly kissed Her Majesty's Left Cheek. 1883 *Harper's Mag.* Dec. 93/1 Try and bear yourselves more seemingly.

2. To external appearance, apparently. (Distinguished from but not necessarily opposed to *really*.)

1598 SHAKS. *Merry W.* IV. vi. 33 To this her Mothers plot She seemingly obedient likewise hath Made promise to the Doctor. 1634 SIR T. HERBERT *Trav.* 196 One of these seemingly deuout *Abdals*. 1692 R. L'ESTRANGE *Fables* xi. 10 Now the City-Dame was so well bred, as seemingly to take All in Good Part. 1736 BUTLER *Anal.* I. vii. Wks. 1874 I. 132 Things seemingly the most insignificant imaginable. 1802 MAR. EDGEWORTH *Moral T., Angelina* ii, A young lady seemingly not more than sixteen years of age. 1868 E. EDWARDS *Ralegh* I. vii. 109 A combination of circumstances seemingly more favourable to the enterprise..could scarcely be looked for. 1893 *Law Times* XCV. 28/2 The Director.. managed to get the better of the Lord Chief Justice..and is seemingly desirous that the facts of the victory should be fully known.

† **b.** ? *nonce-use.* ? So as to seem real. *Obs.*

1602 *Kyd's Sp. Trag.* III. xii. A. 123 Canst paint a dolefull crie? *Paint.* Seemingly, sir.

3. So far as it appears from the evidence; so far as one can judge by circumstances.

1715 DE FOE *Fam. Instruct.* (1841) I. 62 Well, it must be done, however difficult, however seemingly fruitless, and to no purpose. 1748 HARTLEY *Observ. Man* II. iii. § 6. 293 Where they are opposite, or seemingly so, we may suppose them to.. restrain one another. 1856 FROUDE *Hist. Eng.* (1858) II. ix. 307 Through French influence the rupture with Scotland had been seemingly healed. 1875 JOWETT *Plato* (ed. 2) I. 434 The seemingly true belief that God is our guardian. 1892 *Speaker* 3 Sept. 279/2 The prisoners..were cheered on leaving, but seemingly only by their own *claque*.

b. In combinations (usually hyphened) with adjectives in the sense of 'apparently —'.

1725 *Pope's Odyss.* V. Notes II. 49 This seemingly-trifling circumstance is an instance. 1753 RICHARDSON *Grandison* (1754) III. xviii. 158 What excellence shines out in full lustre, on this unaffected and seemingly little occasion. 1853 KINGSLEY *Hypatia* viii, More than once some..question of his had..opened up ugly depths of doubt, even on the most seemingly-palpable certainties.

c. *parenthetically.* As it seems.

1702 S. PARKER tr. *Cicero's De Finibus* V. 285 Not that there is any Thing Material wherein they vary or disagree, tho' seemingly they may teach us inconsistent Lessons. 1828 SCOTT *F. M. Perth* xi, The contending parties, seemingly, were partizans of Douglas, known by the cognizance of the Bloody Heart, and citizens of the town of Perth. 1863 MRS. WHITNEY *Faith Gartney's Girlh.* xxix, Some women..have done this, and, seemingly, done well.

Seemingness (sī·miŋnės). [f. SEEMING *ppl. a.* + -NESS.]

1. The quality or fact of seeming to be something; unreal pretence; plausibility.

1640 G. ABBOTT *Job Paraphr.* vi. 21, I put my confidence in you, because of your former seemingnesse. 1644 DIGBY *Nat. Bodies* vi. § 7. 45 Were it not for the authority of Aristotle and of his learned followers, that presseth vs on the one side, and for the seemingnesse of those reasons we haue already mentioned, which persuadeth vs on the other side. 1647 TRAPP *Comm. Matt.* vi. 16 There is a great deal of seemingnesse, and much counterfeit grace abroad. 1830 LAMA *Let. to Rev. J. Gillman* 8 Mar., In the silken seemingness of his nature there is that which offends me.

2. Semblance, seeming existence or presence.

1656 *Disc. Auxil. Beauty* 91 Under the seemingnesse or appearance of evill. 1702 SHERBURNE *Seneca's Trag.* Ep. Ded. A 3 b, I must confess, there is not a little Seemingness of Incongruity between [etc.]. 1851 MEREDITH *Poems, Sleeping City* 14 The seemingness of Death, not dead.

Seemlaunte, variant of SEMBLANT *Obs.*

See·mless, *a. Obs.* exc. *arch.* Also 6–7 se(e)meless, (7 seeme-les). [f. SEEM *v.*^{2} (assumed to be the source of SEEMLY *a.*) + -LESS.] Unseemly; shameful; unfitting.

1596 SPENSER *F. Q.* V. ii. 25 Thence he her drew By the faire lockes, and fowly did array..That Artegall him selfe her seemelesse plight did rew. 1609 B. JONSON *Case is Altered* III. vii, And here I vow, Neuer to dreame of seemeles amorous toyes. 1615 CHAPMAN *Odyss.* XX. 397 The Prince ..did his Father place..in a Seate Seemelesse, and abiect. 1855 SINGLETON *Virgil* II. 116 Maimed with seemless wound [L. *inhonesto vulnere*].

Seemlihead (sī·mlihed). *arch.* (written *-hed* after Spenser). [f. SEEMLY *a.* + -HEAD.] The condition of being seemly; seemliness.

? *a* 1366 CHAUCER *Rom. Rose* 777 Ful fetis damiselles two, Right yonge, and fulle of semlihede. *Ibid.* 1130 A yong man ful of semelihede. *c* 1403 CLANVOWE *Cuckow & Night.* 157 Lowliheed, and trewe companye, Semliheed, largesse, and curtesye. 1596 SPENSER *F. Q.* IV. viii. 14 She..by his persons secret seemlyhed Well weend that he had beene some man of place. 1818 KEATS *Endym.* IV. 950 And then hir tongue with soher seemlihed Gave utterance.

† **See·mlihood.** *Obs. rare*$^{-1}$. In 5 **semely hode.** [f. SEEMLY *a.* + -HOOD.] = SEEMLIHEAD.

c 1440 *Partonope* 6274 A gentyllmann whens euer ye come Be youre semely hode a man may deme.

† **See·mlily,** *adv. Obs.* Forms: 4 **semlyly, semblely,** 5 **semlely, semelily,** 6 **semelely,** 7 **seemlily.** [f. SEEMLY *a.* + -LY ^{2}.] In a seemly manner; so as to present a seemly appearance; pleasingly, handsomely, nobly, elegantly.

13.. *Gaw. & Gr. Knt.* 622 He braydez hit by þe hauderyk, aboute þe hals kestes, þat bisemed þe segge semlyly fayre. *c* 1400 *Sc. Trojan War* (Horstm.) I. 96 Thanne to þe messenger ine hye He turnyt ande saide hyme semblely [etc.]. *c* 1420 *Anturs of Arth.* 24 (Thornton MS.) Hir sadille.. Semelely sewede with sylke. 1567 DRANT *Horace Ep.* I. xviii. F v, Who can then the more semelily Thy manlike armoure weelde? 1615 W. BROWELL *Moham. Impost.* I. § 6 He is also that word or soule which created the heauens vaultwise most seemlily.

Seemliness (sī·mlinės). Forms: see the adj. [f. SEEMLY *a.* + -NESS.]

† **1.** Pleasing appearance; elegance or handsomeness of form (of the body or its parts); gracefulness, attractiveness (of things, actions, etc.). *Obs.*

c 1385 CHAUCER *L. G. W.* 1041 If that god..Wolde han a loue for beute & goodnesse And womanhod & trouthe & semelynesse, Whom schulde he loayn but this lady swete? *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 452/2 Semelynesse, yn syghte, *decencia*. Semelynesse, or comelynesse of schappe, *elegancia*. *c* 1460 J. METHAM *Wks.* 155 He that ys born that day schuld be dysposyd..gretly to be louyd off women for semlynes off persone and beute off face. 1545 ASCHAM *Toxoph.* II. (Arb.) 149 Therfore to drawe easely and vniformely,..vntil you come to the rige or shouldringe of ye head, is best both for profit and semelinesse. 1578 T. PROCTER *Gorg. Gallery* G iv b, In boddy seemelynesse doth shew,..All partes of her doth prayse deserue. 1584 B. R. tr. *Herodotus* II. 108 Yet for the sightly grace and seemelynesse of building, there is none comparable vnto it. *c* 1595 R. CAREW *Excell. Eng. Tongue* in *Camden's Rem.* 43 When substantialnesse combineth with delightfulnesse,..seemelinesse with portlinesse, and currantnesse with stayednesse, how can the language..sound other then most full of sweetnes? 1633 P. FLETCHER *Purple Isl.* VIII. ix, Strip thou their [*sc.* vices'] meretricious seemlinesse, ..That we may loath their inward uglinesse.

2. Propriety, becomingness, fitness; decorum in behaviour or demeanour.

1548 UDALL, etc. *Erasm. Par. Matt.* iii. 13–15 Obseruing & marking a meruaylouse semelynes and honesty apperyng in his iyes, in all his countenaunce, & in his maner of going. *c* 1550 N. SMYTH tr. *Herodian* VI. 66 But thadministracion of all affayres..appertained to the women: who endeuored to reduce all thinges to their pristinate seemelynes and modesty. 1577 tr. *Bullinger's Decades* II. vii. 288/2 Which thinck..they may vtterly abolish good lawes, and line against all lawe and seemelinesse [*contra jus & decorum*]. 1627 P. FLETCHER *Locusts* III. xii, The second beast..Comes on the stage, and with great seemelinese Acts his first scenes. 1752 CARTE *Hist. Eng.* III. 95 The dispensation relating only to the affinity between the parties, and not to the publick honesty or seemliness of the marriage. 1803 WORDSW. *Mem. Tour Scot., To Highl. Girl* 36 And seemliness complete, that sways Thy courtesies, about thee plays. *a* 1806 HORSLEY *Serm.* xxi. (1816) II. 189 The natural seemliness of one action and unseemliness of another. 1871 PALGRAVE *Lyr. Poems* 24 But thou art ever equal to thy fate, Robed in all seemliness, lady complete. 1878 BAYNE *Purit. Rev.* iii. 86 He had in view chiefly the rational decoration and seemliness of worship.

† **b.** Something becoming *to. Obs. rare*$^{-1}$.

1577–87 HOLINSHED *Chron.* III. 412/2 Of face..manlike, ..in age bald, but so as it was rather a seemelinesse to those his ancient yeares than any disfiguring to his visage.

† **See·mlity.** *Obs. rare*$^{-1}$. In 5 **semelyte.** [f. SEEMLY *a.* + -TY.] Seemliness.

c 1440 *York Myst.* XXV. 116 He þat is rewler of al right,.. kepe ȝou in ȝoure semelyte And all honoure.

Seemly (sī·mli), *a.* Forms: *a.* 3–4 **semliche,** (3 **somlich, semlyche, sem(e)like**), 3–4 **sem(e)li,** (3 **semele,** 3, 5 **semle,** 4 **semeli**), 4 **semelich(e, seem(e)lich,** 4–5 **semlich,** 5 **semelych,** 4–6 **semly,** 5–6 **semelie,** (5 **cemely, semly, seyme-**

ly), 4–7 semely, (5–6 -ye), 5–7 seemely, (6 seemlie), 4– seemly. β. 4–6 sembly, (4 sembbly, sembli, semblych, 6 seemble). *Compar.* 4 semeliere, semloker, 5 semelyar, 6 seemelyer, 6– seemlier. *Superl.* 4 semelieste, 4–5 sem(e)lokest, semlyest(e, (semelest, semelyeste), 5 sem(e)liest, sem(e)list, seymliast, 5–6 semelyest, 7 seemelyest, 6– seemliest. [a. ON. *sémilig-r* (MSw. *sömelek-er*, Da. *sømmelig*), f. *sóm-r* becoming: see SEEM *v.*[2] and -LY [1].]

1. Of a person, his figure, etc.: Of a pleasing or goodly appearance, fair, well-formed, handsome, 'proper'. *Obs.* exc. *dial.*

In early use chiefly applied to a person of high rank or lineage. Frequently used alliteratively, as *seemly to see, seemly in* or *to sight.*

a. *a* 1225 *Leg. Kath.* 449 Ah þi schene nebscheft & ti semliche schape schaweð wel þæt tu art freo monne foster. *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 1007 Siðen,..sa3 abraham figures ðre, Sondes semlike kumen fro gode. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 18830 Of heght he [Christ] was meteli man,..And wonder semli was wit-al. *c* 1350 *Libeaus Desc.* 125 Þer nas countesse ne quene So semelich on to sene, þat miȝte be her pere. 13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* B. 816 His [Lot's] two dere do3terez..wer semly & swete, & swyþe wel arayed. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Manciple's T.* 15 Therto he was the semelieste man That is or was sith þat the world bigan. *c* 1400 *Sowdone Bab.* 39 A Baron & Kni3tis ful boold, That roialle were and semly to sene. 1432–50 tr. *Higden* (Rolls) I. 263 That peple is stronge and of semely stature. 1483 CAXTON *Gold. Leg.* 237/1 He sawe an auncient man of noble stature wyth a long berd wyth a semely vysage. *c* 1510 MORE *Picus* Wks. 2/2 He was of fetnre and shappe semely, and bewteous. 1540 CROMWELL in Merriman *Life & Lett.* (1902) II. 269 She is nothing so Fayre as she hathe bene reportyd, howbeit she is well and semelye. 1548–77 VICARY *Anat.* iii. (1888) 25 The Heire.. maketh the forme..of the head to seeme more seemelyer or beautyfuller. 1596 SPENSER *F. Q.* v. iv. 4 And them beside two seemely damzells stood. 1900 E. PHILLPOTTS in *Pall Mall Mag.* Apr. 436 He was a man of seemly outward parts.

β. *c* 1380 *Sir Ferumb.* 834 Þanne was Olyuer þat sembbly kny3t al-one among is fon. *Ibid.* 5884 Hure vysage was fair & tretys, Hure body..semblych of stature. 1382 WYCLIF *Gen.* xxiv. 16 Rabecca..a ful sembly damysel, and moost fayr mayden. *Ibid.* 1 *Sam.* xvi. 12 Forsothe he was rodi.. and sembli in face. *c* 1470 HENRY *Wallace* IX. 1920 In schuldrys braid was he, Rycht sembly, strang, and lusty for to se. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* VI. xv. 37 A sembly springald, a fayr 3owng galland, Rycht schaply maid.

† b. *absol.* (quasi-*sb.*) A 'seemly' person. *Obs.*

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 13371 Þat gadring þar was ful gret And mani semli sett in sete. *a* 1310 [see SAD *a.* 1]. *c* 1350 *Will. Palerne* 732 But certes þat semly sat so in his hert..þat.. a-wai wold it neuer. *c* 1440 *York Myst.* xlvii. 6 And to þat semely schall 3e saye Off heuene I haue hir chosen quene. *a* 1450 *Le Morte Arth.* 639 Is noon of vs but wold be blithe Suche a semely for to see.

2. Of things: Pleasant (*esp.* to the sight); handsome in appearance; of fine or stately proportion.

a 1310 in Wright *Lyric P.* v. 25 Ase beryl so bryht, Ase saphyr in selver semly on syht. *c* 1320 *Sir Tristr.* 12 Þis semly somers day. 1340–70 *Alex. & Dind.* 115 Þere sai he semliche tres wiþ þe sonne woxe. 1380 CHAUCER *To Rosemounde* 11 Your seemly voys that ye so smal out-twyne. 1387–8 T. USK *Test. Love* Prol. (Skeat) I. 11 This book, that nothing hath of the greet flode of wit ne of semelich colours, is dolven with rude wordes and boystous. 1432–50 tr. *Higden* (Rolls) I. 81 There be trees of so semely stature that vnnethe the altitude of theym may be atteynede by the schote of an arowe. 1563 SACKVILLE *Induct. Mirr. Mag.* ii, The soyle that earst so seemely was to seen. 1585 T. WASHINGTON tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* II. vii. 37 Their gownes..white or of other seemlie colour. 1615 W. LAWSON *Country Housew. Gard.* (1626) 12 You must therefore plant in such a soile, where you may prouide a conuenient, strong, and seemely fence. *a* 1661 FULLER *Worthies, Chester* (1662) I. 292 He erected a seemly waterwork built Steeplewise..by his own ingenious industry. 1826 E. IRVING *Babylon* I. IV. 294 This seemly fabric which he had built up, of arms, of arts, of elegance,..began to crumble. 1870 ROCK *Textile Fabrics* Introd. 86 From such a prohibition we are not to draw as a conclusion that fustian was at the time a mean material; quite the contrary, it was a seemly textile. 1884 *Manch. Exam.* 28 Sept. 4/6 He..like a skilful architect, builds them into a fair and seemly edifice.

β. *c* 1305 *Land Cokayne* 66 Þer is a cloister fair and li3t Brod and lang, of sembli si3t. *c* 1470 HENRY *Wallace* VIII. 1008 A sembly place so fand thai..Quhilk Ramswaith hecht.

3. Of conduct, speech, appearance: Conformable to propriety or good taste; becoming, decorous.

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 94 Ant forþui hit is riht & somlich [*v. r.* semlich] þæt ancren þes two morh3iuen habben biuoren oðre. *c* 1380 WYCLIF *Wks.* (1880) 41, I conseile..my freris.. þat þei ben..homly & meke, spekynge of al þingis as it is semely. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 2962 Hit were sittyng for sothe, & semly for wemen, paire houses to haunt & holde hom with in. 1545 JOYE *Exp. Dan.* vii. 124 A fayer decent semely shewe of vtwarde deuocion. 1579 TOMSON *Calvin's Serm. Tim.* 139/1 That our liues be honest and semely, not dissolute and lawlesse. 1657 J. SMITH *Myst. Rhet. Unvail'd* 70 Such like formes of speaking are used for modesties sake; for it were not so seemly to say..that he is a fool. 1708 J. PHILIPS *Cyder* II. 484 May we..enjoy Our humid Products, and with seemly Draughts Enkindle Mirth. 1785 COWPER *Task* I. 729 It is not seemly, nor of good report, That she is slack in discipline. 1805 WORDSW. *Prelude* III. 398 And over all A healthy sound simplicity should reign, A seemly plainness, name it what you will, Republican or pious. 1817 COLERIDGE *'Blessed are ye that sow'* 72 To be..industrious, useful, and of seemly bearing, are qualities presupposed in the gospel code. 1865 DICKENS *Mut. Fr.* II. xv, Take a little time..to make your eyes seemly [after weeping]. 1871 BLACKIE *Four Phases Mor.* i. 153 It were not seemly in me to follow their example. 1877 J. D. CHAMBERS *Div. Worship* 346 Let the Priest set down the Chalice in front of him in a seemly way.

absol. *a* 1806 HORSLEY *Serm.* xxi. (1816) II. 187 A system of morality in which the formal nature of the moral good should be traced to the original idea of the seemly and the fair.

β. 1554 in Strype *Eccl. Mem.* (1733) III. xvi. 139 For it was not meet nor seemble, that the Bishop being occupied with other weightier Affairs..should debase himself to such petit Functions.

†**4.** Suitable to the person or the occasion; appropriate. Const. *to, for. Obs.*

c 1350 *Will. Palerne* 568, I sayle now in þe see as schip boute mast,..or ani semlyche sayle. *Ibid.* 1882 Þei ete.. boute salt oþer sauce or any semli drynk. 1568 GRAFTON *Chron.* II. 302 He commaunded the Citezens of London to prepare themselues and their Citie, and to make the same seemely and meete to receyue..the French king. 1586 A. DAY *Eng. Secretary* I. (1625) 15 The very lowest margent of paper shall doe no more but beare it, so be it the place be seemely for the same. 1586 T. B. *La Primaud. Fr. Acad.* I. 623 Artaxerxes said, that it was a great deale more seemlier for the majestie of a king to giue, than to take. *c* 1600 SHAKS. *Sonn.* xxii. 6 For all that beauty that doth couer thee, Is but the seemely rayment of my heart, Which in thy brest doth liue. 1601 B. JONSON *Poetaster* IV. vi, And are these seemely companie for thee, Degenerate monster? 1611 BIBLE *Prov.* xix. 10 Delight is not seemely for a foole. 1634 SIR T. HERBERT *Trav.* 146 The heeles [of shoes] shod with thin Iron, and end with small nailes in seemely order.

†**5.** [Influenced by SEEM *v.*[2]] **a.** Likely. **b.** Apparent, seeming. *Obs.*

a. *c* 1400 MAUNDEV. (Roxb.) xxxi. 140, I dare not3t say þat þai ware all verray bodys:..for it es not3t semely þat so grete a multitude of folk schuld verrayly hafe bene deed so resch withouten..corrupcioun. *c* 1425 *Cursor M.* 9781 If aungel had take monnes kynde Þenne were he leþyere þen he was ere..And semeliere for to doun falle. 1496 *Dives & Pauper* (1534) II. xiii. 98 b, He sholde not haue made that oth..for it was semely, that moche dysease myght come therof, yf it were kepte.

b. *c* 1440 LOVE *Bonavent. Mirr.* viii. (Gibbs MS.), [Christ giving us example that] we schulden not go fro þe ground of trew mekenesse by colours of any semelych profyte or gode [L. *apparentis boni*]. 1800 SOUTHEY *Thalaba* II. 370 And still the wily man With seemly kindness, to the eager Boy Directs his winning tale.

Seemly (sī·mli), *adv.* Forms: 3 semelike, semele, semili, 4 sem(e)liche, semeli, (semeely), 4–5 sem(y)ly, 4–6 semely, 5 cemely, (6 semelie, -ye, 7 seemlie), 6– seemly. [a. ON. *sémiliga* (Icel. *sæmiliga*, MSw. *sömelika*), f. *sóm-r*: see prec. and -LY [2].]

1. In a pleasing manner; so as to present a fair, handsome, or stately appearance. Now *arch.*

c 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 1504 Đe firme sune at offrende sel Was wune ben scrid semelike and wel. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 8322 It sal be precius and prude, þe werc he [Solomon] sal sna semele scrude. *Ibid.* 9880 A castell hath god and gett, Strenthed well and semili sett. *c* 1350 *Will. Palerne* 1432 Þemperour ful semly seide to hem þanne [etc.]. 13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* B. 1442 Þe iueles..Bi þe syde of þe sale were semely arayed. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Prol.* 123 Ful weel she soong the seruice dyuyne, Entuned in hir nose ful semeely. *Ibid.* 151 Ful semyly hir wympul pynched was. *c* 1400 tr. *Secreta Secret., Gov. Lordsh.* 73 A spouse semly dighte of ryche ornements. 1470–85 MALORY *Arthur* XVII. vii. 699 Gyrdels which were semely wroughte with golden thredys. 1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 257 Those blessed lockes of heare and beerd, whiche in lyfe moost semely did become that graacyous heed and face. 1553 BRENDE *Q. Curtius* D d vj, Whiche beyng menne of goodly personages, rydde in wagons semely appareyled. 1671 MILTON *P. R.* II. 299 A man before him stood, Not rustic as before, but seemlier clad. 1876 SWINBURNE *Erechtheus* 379 Look on this child, how young of years, how sweet;..her eyes How seemly smiling.

2. Fittingly, appropriately; decently, becomingly.

c 1320 R. BAUNNE *Medit.* 387 Þat mannes soule, þat lyþ yn helle, May nat semely to blys be broȝt, But þey with hys blode be fyrst oute boȝt. 1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) VIII. 87 Þe hisshop of Durham, þat schulde more skilfulliche and semeliche occupie hym self in Goddis service þan in þe kynges service. *c* 1440 *Astron. Cal.* (MS. Ashm. 391), Þan meve þe cercle semyly aboute þ' hath þe moonþes and signes writen in hym. 1552 *Godly Prayers* in *Psalter* (1560) N ij, That..we maye..decently and semely walke (as in the day time) beyng pure and cleane from the workes of darkenes. 1593 *Wills & Inv. N. C.* (Surtees 1860) 218 My bodye I commytt to the earth, to be semelye buried at the discretion of my frendes. 1594 R. ASHLEY tr. *Loyz le Roy* 94 For we haue ..their domestical, and familiar affaires, better, and seemlier ordered. 1643 MILTON *Divorce* II. x. Wks. 1851 IV. 88 Nor is it seemly or piously attributed to the justice of God,..that [etc.]. 1725 POPE *Odyss.* XIX. 21 These swarthy arms among the covert stores Are seemlier hid. 1875 MORRIS *Æn.* XII. 210 E'en as this sceptre..A tree once, but the craftsman's hand hath wrapped it seemly now With brass about.

†**3.** In a moderate degree, 'fairly'. *Obs. rare.*

c 1460 J. METHAM *Wks.* 90 And yff this lyne be semely longe and pase noght the hylle off the schewyng ffynger, yt sygnyfyith hardynes. 1647 N. BACON *Disc. Govt. Eng.* I. xlvii. (1682) 79 Henry the first..recontinued the liberty of publick Consultations, and yet maintained his Dignity and Honour seemly well.

4. Apparently, seemingly. *dial.*

1821 CLARE *Vill. Minstr.* II. 77 The shrieking hat, Who, seemly pleas'd to mock our treacherous view, Would even swoop and touch us as he flew. 1901 ELEANOR G. HAYDEN *Trav. round Village* I. 16 We yeard a girt hollerin' as comed simly from unner our fit.

Seen (sēn), *ppl. a.* [pa. pple. of SEE *v.*]

1. In senses of the verb. Now *rare* exc. in antithesis with *unseen* (cf. SENE *a.*).

1434 MISYN *Fire of Love* II. xii. 129 Als we in dyrknes standand seys noþinge, so in contemplaciane þat vnsemly lightis þe saule, noo seyn light we see. 1561 NORTON & SACKV. *Gorboduc* II. ii. 9 Ne bring I to my lorde reported tales Without the ground of seen and searched trouth. 1585 JAS. I *Ess. Poesie* VII. (Arb.) 66 It is best that ye inuent zour awin subiect, zour self, and not to compose of sene subiectis. *a* 1586 SIDNEY *Arcadia* II. (Sommer) 127 By a more felt then seene maner of proceeding. 1615 CHAPMAN *Odyss.* XX. 291 Philætius tooke note in his repaire, Of seene Vlysses. 1636 HEYWOOD *Chall. Beauty* II. C 3, And should I not in unseene Vertue strive To equall that seene beautie you so prayse. *Ibid.* IV. F 4, Let not thy seene griefe please him. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* I. VI. i, Sanctioned..if not by a seen Deity, then by an unseen one. 1858 T. GUTHRIE *Christ & Inher. Saints* (1860) 162 They cannot stand *seen* death.

b. *absol.* That which is seen or visible as contrasted with that which is unseen or invisible.

1848 LOWELL *Biglow P.* Ser. I. (1859) p. xxxiv [Burlesque of Carlyle], He shall paint the Seen, since the Unseen will not sit to him. 1897 F. THOMPSON *New Poems* 61 Man! swinging-wicket set Between The Unseen and Seen.

†**c.** Provided, furnished. (Cf. *Beseen* s. v. BESEE *v.* 9.) *Obs. rare.*

c 1450 *Merlin* XIV. 204 A-noon thei lighten and yede vp in-to the halle that was right feire and welle seyn.

2. *To be* (*well, ill,* etc.) *seen*: to be (well, ill, etc.) versed *in* some art or science.

Very common in the 16th and 17th centuries. Now *arch.*

1528 TINDALE *Obed. Chr. Man* Pref. 16 b, A man must fyrst be well sene in Aristoteles yer he can vnderstonde the scripture saye they. 1528 ROY *Rede me* (Arb.) 49 In sondrye sciences he is sene. 1561 T. HOBY tr. *Castiglione's Courtyer* (1900) 369 To be meanly seene in the play at Chestes, and not overcounninge. *a* 1577 SIR T. SMITH *Commw. Eng.* II. xxix. (1633) 177 A man seene in the Lawes of the Realme. 1594 CAREW *Huarte's Exam. Wits* (1616) 311 They are slenderly seene in naturall Phylosophie. 1596 SHAKS. *Tam. Shr.* I. ii. 134 A schoole-master Well seene in Musicke. *a* 1612 HARINGTON *St. Church* (1653) 174 A man well spoken, properly seen in Languages. 1620 E. BLOUNT *Horæ Subs.* 286 Men of mature yeares, and seene in the warres. 1759 BP. HURD *Moral Dialogues* iv. 165 *note*, This was frank. But Sir James Melvil was too well seen in courts to have used this language, if he had not understood it would be welcome. 1786 BURNS *Ep. to J. Smith* viii, There's ither Poets, much your betters, Far seen in Greek, deep men o' letters. 1886 A. LANG in *Longman's Mag.* Feb. 443 The bibliophile..was extremely well seen in the naughty little novels of the eighteenth century.

† **b.** rarely with other prepositions. *Obs.*

1583 STOCKER *Civ. Warres Lowe C.* III. 124 b, There were some, who thought themselues very well seene about these field bankes. 1650 H. MORE *Observ.* in *Enthus. Tri.*, etc. (1656) 81 This new Writer is the onely man, that is both deeply seen into the Center of Nature, and as willing also to publish these spiritual mysteries.

† **c.** Hence without *const. Obs.*

1577–87 HOLINSHED *Chron.* III. 1254/1 Better seene antiquaries than my selfe.

†**Seen,** quasi-*prep.* and quasi-*conj. Obs.* [pa. pple. of SEE *v.*, in absolute construction with following sb. Cf. F. *vu.*] **a.** quasi-*prep.* Seeing, considering. **b.** quasi-*conj.* (More fully *seen that.*) Seeing, considering, since, inasmuch as.

a. 1470–85 MALORY *Arthur* V. viii. 175 For his [Arthur's] myght and prowesse is most to be doubted seen the noble kynges and grete multytude of knyghtes of the round table. 1489 CAXTON *Faytes of A.* I. i. 1 To put it forth without other thyng seen the lytylhed of my persone. 1559 *Mirr. Mag., Earl Salisb.* ii, But seen the date so doubtful and so short,..I can not chuse but prayse the princely minde That preaseth for it.

b. 1484 CAXTON *Curiall* 8 Seen that it is [not] a thyng more free in a man than to lyue naturelly. *c* 1500 *Melusine* XIX. (1895) 107 Seen & considered that the Cite is strong. *a* 1533 LD. BERNERS *Huon* ix. 26, I am sory therof, but seen it is done, yf [etc.]. 1577–86 HOLINSHED *Hist. Scot.* 309/1 Therefore seene you thinke it not gude to inuade, my councell is that we campe still on the bordures.

Seende, obs. form of SEND *v.*

Seene, var. SENE *a.*, SENE *sb.*[2], synod *Obs.*

Seene, Seenie, obs. ff. SENNA, SENVIE, mustard.

Seenil, -le, variant forms of SENDLE *adv.*

Se'ennight, variant of SENNIGHT.

Seens, obs. form of SINCE *adv.*

1553 *Respublica* II. ii. 532 And behold where he is returned againe seens.

Seeny, obs. variant of SENVIE, mustard.

Seep (sīp), *sb. dial.* Also **seip.** [Related to SEEP *v.* (Perh. repr. OE. *sipe*: see SIPE, SIP *sbs.*)]

1. Moisture that drips or oozes out.

1825 JAMIESON *Suppl., Sipage,..Seip,* leakage. 1834 *Brit. Husb.* I. 414 In Ireland..every peasant..bottoms his dungstead with stuff drawn from the bogs, that he may thus preserve the seep or gooding, as he terms it, of his stable-manure. 1871 P. H. WADDELL *Psalms* Pref. 1 Thar's the saft seep o' the cluds an' the dour chirt o' the cranreuch.

2. A small spring; *U. S.*, a place where petroleum oozes out slowly (Webster, 1911).

1824 MACTAGGART *Gallovid. Encycl.* 424 *Seeps,* sypes or sykes, trivial springs.

3. A sip of liquor.

1897 LD. E. HAMILTON *Outlaws* xvii. 187 I've mair than a mind to rin doun..and see if I canna light on a stolum o' bread and a seip o' milk maybe. 1901 R. BUCHANAN *Poems* 157 (E.D.D.) Anither bit seep, wi' her han' below the glass in case o' ony scaling.

Seep (sīp), *v. dial.* and *U. S.* Also **seap, seip.** [Perh. repr. OE. *sipian*: see SIPE *v.*] *intr.* To ooze, drip, trickle: = SIPE *v.*

1790 A. WILSON *Ep. to Brother Pedlar* Poet. Wks. 173 Rain seeps through the thack. 1818 SCOTT *Hrt. Midl.* xvii, That canna hinder the bluid seiping through. 1882 CABLE *Dr. Sevier* xv, Water seeps up through the side-walks.

Seep, obs. form of SHEEP.

Seepage (sī·pĕdʒ). *St.* and *U. S.* Also **seipage, sepage.** [f. SEEP *v.* + -AGE. Cf. SIPAGE.]

Percolation or oozing of water or fluid; leakage; also that which oozes.

1825 JAMIESON *Suppl., Sipage, Seipage,*..leakage. 1874 RAYMOND *6th Rep. Mines* 324 To allow for evaporation and seepage. 1892 GUNTER *Miss Divid.* (1893) 190 There is no seepage at this season, and we are way above the water level. *fig.* 1883 CABLE *Old Creole Days* (Edinb. ed.) 104 The Anglo-American flood..had thus far been felt only as slippery seepage which made the Creole tremble for his footing. *attrib.* 1883 *Century Mag.* July 421/2 Rills of seepage water wet the road.

Seepy (sī·pi), *a. U. S.* [f. SEEP *v.* + -Y.] (See quot.)

1860 BARTLETT *Dict. Amer.* (ed. 3), *Seepy*, seepy land is land under cultivation that is not well drained.

Seer[1] (sī·ə, in sense 1 also sī·ər). Forms: 4 **seere**, 5 **soere**, 5–6 **sear**, 6 **seear**, 7 **seare**, 4– **seer**. [f. SEE *v.* + -ER[1]. Cf. G. *seher*.]

1. *gen.* One who sees. *rare.* † *Seldom seer*, one who sees seldom. Cf. SEE-ER.

c 1425 *Found. St. Bartholomew's* (E.E.T.S.) 59 A certeyne childe that hadde lost hys sight..receyued hit ageyne. And he, seygne with othir seers the mercy of God..gretly he magnyfied and prechid. *c* 1440 *Jacob's Well* 102 Panne alle þe scerys weryn astonyed. 1562 A. BROOKE *Romeus & Iuliet* 1070 And seemely grace that wonted so to glad the seers sight. 1656 JER. TAYLOR *Let. to Evelyn* 16 Apr., Strangers & seldome seers feel the beauty of them more than yon who dwell with them. 1701 G. STANHOPE *Augustine's Medit.* I. xiii. (1720) 25 God, the searcher and seer of Hearts. 1736 BUTLER *Anal.* I. i. 22 His Eyes are the Seers or his Feet the Movers. 1833 LAMB *Elia* Ser. II. *Productions Mod. Art*, Or what associating league to the imagination can there be between the seers and the seers not, of a presential miracle? 1873 M. ARNOLD *Lit. & Dogma* (1876) 376 Seer of the vision of peace, that yet couldst not see the things which belong unto thy peace.

b. Comb. *Seer-off*: cf. SEE *v.* 7 b. (*nonce-use.*)

1909 MAX BEERBOHM *Yet Again* 25 Giving the date of their departure, and a description by which the seer-off can identify them on the platform.

2. One to whom divine revelations are made in visions. In mod. use occas. *transf.*, applied to a person gifted with profound spiritual insight.

Originally rendering L. *videns* (Vulg.), Gr. *βλέπων* (LXX), Heb. רֹאֶה *rōʾēh*, said in 1 Sam. ix. to have been an earlier synonym of *prophet*.

1382 WYCLIF 1 *Kings* ix. 9 Cometh, and goo we to the seer. 1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 216 b, And therfore (sayth scripture) they that now be called prophetes, in olde tyme were called seers. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* XII. 553 How soon hath thy prediction, seer blest, Measur'd this transient world. 1718 POPE *Iliad* I. 93 That sacred Seer whose comprehensive View The past, the present, and the future knew. 1835 THIRLWALL *Greece* I. iv. 111 The king..sought the aid of the seer Melampus. 1884 *Contemp. Rev.* Mar. 311 The admiration..for Maurice as a thinker and seer.

attrib. 1844 MRS. BROWNING *Sounds* iii. 6 The seer-saint of Patmos. 1851 CARLYLE *Sterling* II. vi. (1872) 137 Here actually is a real seer-glance..of an eye that is human.

3. A magician; one who has the power of second sight. Also a crystal-gazer, a scryer.

1661 'MONTELION' *Don Juan Lamberto* II. xi. N 4 b, Now as soon as Pacolet the Dwarf espyed him [the Necromancer]; Quoth he unto the Seer [etc.]. 1691 WOOD *Ath. Oxon.* I. 244 Dee..appointed his Friend Kelley to be his Seer or Skryer or Speculator, that is to take notice what the spirits did. 1763 'THEOPHILUS INSULANUS' *Second Sight* 78 A number of Seers whose predictions have exactly tallied with circumstances of time and place. 1889 *Proc. Soc. Psych. Research* XIV. 502 The seer in this case was a girl,..whose visions were perceived by means of a glass of water.

† **4.** An overseer; an inspector. *Obs.*

1498 *Reg. Privy Seal Scot.* I. 28/1 Settar and sear of skinnys within the said burgh. 1604 *Stirling Burgh Rec.* (1887) I. 111 James Short and Duncane Patersoun to be seares of the wark.

Hence **Seer·hood.**

1884 M. BOOLE in *Jrnl. Educ.* 1 Sept. 344 Certain individuals have had a special tendency to inspirations of sudden perception of new truth...It is variously called Intuition, Genius, or Seerhood.

‖ Seer[2] (sīə·r). *Anglo-Ind.* Forms: 7 **ceer**, **eear**, **eere**, **eera**, **eerre**, (9 *erron.* **sir**), 8– **seer**. *Pl.* **seer**, **seers**. [Hindi *ser*.] A denomination of weight varying in different parts of India from over 3 lb. to 8 ounces. In districts under British rule it is officially equal to a kilogramme, or 2·2 lb. avoirdupois. Also used as a measure of capacity; the official regulation (see quot. 1871) makes it equal to a litre, or 1·76 pint.

1618 in Foster *Eng. Factories Ind.* (1906) 47, 52½ tole make a seere of 30 pices. 1662 J. DAVIES tr. *Mandelslo's Trav.* 85 There is but one kind of weight all over the Kingdome of Guzuratta, which they call Maon,..which weighs fourty Ceers, and makes thirty pounds and a half. 1698 FRYER *Acc. E. India & P.* 209, 1 Cattee is 2⅓ Seer. 1787 W. CHAMBERS tr. *Short Acc. Marratta St.* 30 Rice..is sold for ten or twelve Seer for a Rupee. 1816 'QUIZ' *Grand Master* VIII. 217 His master had not one Fanam, To purchase half a seer of gram. 1845 STOCQUELER *Brit. India* (1854) 209 A *seer* (a full quart) of the best [rose-water] may be obtained for eight *annas*. 1849 EASTWICK *Dry Leaves* 33 He refused the cash, and bartered his milk to us for a sir of rice. 1871 *Indian Weights*, etc. *Act* in *Unrepealed Gen. Acts* (1876) II. 1426 The units..shall be—for weights, the said ser (previously prescribed to be equal to the French Kilogramme des Archives); for measures of capacity, a measure containing one such ser of water at its maximum density, weighed in a vacuum. 1902 *Man* II. 60 Bringing with him one and a quarter seer of rice.

Seer(e, variant forms of SEBE *sb.*, SERE *a.*

See·ress. [f. SEER[1] + -ESS.] A female seer.

1845 MRS. CROWE *Kerner's Seeress of Prevorst* 330 Last days and death of the Seeress. 1897 WATTS-DUNTON *Aylwin* I. vi, Fenella Stanley seems in her later life to have set up as a positive seeress.

Seer-fish: see SEIR-FISH.

Serge, obs. form of SEARCH *v.*, SERGE.

Seering, variant of CERING *vbl. sb.*

1572 in Feuillerat *Revels Q. Eliz.* (1908) 158 For seering Candell vi lb.

Seerou, variant of SEROU.

‖ Seerpaw (sīə·rpō). *Indian.* Also 7 **serapah**, **serpow**, 7–8 **serpaw**. [Urdū *sarōpā*, a. Pers. سراپا *sarāpā*, head to foot, cap-a-pie, f. سر *sar*, *sir* head + پا *pā* foot.] 'A complete suit, presented as a *khilat* or dress of honour by the sovereign or his representative' (Y.).

1671 tr. *Bernier's Partic. Events Gt. Mogul* II. 4 That which they call Ser-Apah, that is, an habit from head to foot. 1698 FRYER *Acc. E. India & P.* 87 Sir George Oxendine..had a Collat or Serpaw, a Robe of Honour from Head to Foot, offered him from the Great Mogul. 1715 in J. T. Wheeler *Early Rec. Brit. India* (1878) 171 We were met by Padre Stephanus, bringing two seerpaws. 1763 ORME *Milit. Trans.* I. 163 Serpaws..are garments which are presented sometimes by superiors in token of protection, and sometimes by inferiors in token of homage.

Seership (sīə·ʃip). [f. SEER[1] + -SHIP.]

1. *Your seership*: a mock title of address to a 'seer'.

1784 *New Spectator* ix. 6 Which [certain phrases], therefore, we request your Seership to explain in such a manner as that we may give an account thereof.

2. The office or function of a seer.

1835 MISS SEDGWICK *Linwoods* I. i. 17 Isabella was nettled at Herbert's open contempt of Effie's seership. 1881 J. G. HOLLAND in *Scribner's Monthly* XXII. 142 Would these men in any way distinguish seership and prophecy from imagination. 1884 P. B. RANDOLPH (*title*) Seership! The Magnetic Mirror. A practical guide to those who aspire to clairvoyance, etc.

Seersucker (sīə·rsʌkəɹ). Also 8 **sirsakas**, 9 **searsucker**. [East Indian corruption of Pers. شیر و شکر *shīr o shakkar* lit. 'milk and sugar', transf. 'a striped linen garment' (Vullers *Lex. Pers.-Lat.*).] A thin linen, or sometimes cotton, fabric, striped and with a crimped or puckered surface, of Indian manufacture. Also (and now chiefly) applied to imitations made in the U. S.

1757 *Guyon's New Hist. E. Indies* II. 145, 600 pieces sirsakas. 1757 in *Dalrymple's Oriental Repertory* (1793) I. 203, I have with me..as a present for the King of Ava..2 Pieces of Seersuckers. 1866 *Daily Tel.* 29 Jan. 5/3, I have made acquaintance with the Spanish soldier..in Havana, where in summer he is sensibly clad in a suit of seersucker. 1872 HOWELLS *Wedd. Journ.* vi. (1882) 145 The clerk, in a seersucker coat. 1901 ESTHER SINGLETON *Furniture of Our Forefathers* II. 631 The materials used for upholstering in the seventeenth century were camak,..searsucker [etc.].

Sees, obs. form of CEASE *v.*

See-saw (sī·sɔ̄), *int.*, *sb.*, and *a.* [A reduplicating formation symbolic of alternating movement; the particular form may be suggested by SAW *v.*, to which the oldest example refers. Cf. SITISOT.]

A. *int.* Used as part of a rhythmical jingle, apparently sung by sawyers, or by children imitating sawyers at their work. Hence in nursery songs serving as accompaniment to alternating movements in games.

1640 BROME *Antipodes* II. ii, Let me not see you act now, In your Scholasticke warg, you brought to towne wi' yee, With see saw sacke a downe, like a Sawyer. *c* 1685 *MS. Douce* 357 lf. 124 See saw, sack a day; Monmouth is a pretie Boy. 17.. in *Ritson's Gammer Gurton's Garl.* (1783) 48 See Saw, sacaradown, Which is the way to London town? *Ibid.* 51 See saw, Margery Daw Sold her old bed to lay on straw. 18.. in Halliwell *Nursery Rhymes* (1842) 88 See saw, Margery Daw, Jackey shall have a new master.

B. *sb.*

1. The motion of going up one moment and down the next, or of swaying backwards and forwards. *To play* (*at*) *see-saw*: a sport or child's amusement in which children sit one or more at each end of a board or piece of timber balanced so that the ends move alternately up and down.

A wholly different game, a form of CAT'S CRADLE, is known in some parts of England as *see-saw*, with reference to the backward and forward movements of the hands.

1704 SWIFT *Mechan. Operat. Spirit* Misc. 297 Then, as they sit, they are in a perpetual Motion of See-saw. 1712 — *Let. to Mrs. Hill* July, One who knows your constitution very well, advises you by all means against sitting in the dusk at your window, or on the ground, leaning on your hand, or at see-saw in your chair. 1792 MME. D'ARBLAY *Diary* Jan., I thought by his see-saw he was going to interrupt the speech. *a* 1806 H. K. WHITE *Lett.* (1837) 338 The delicious see-saw of a post-chaise. 1821 CLARE *Vill. Minstr.* II. 77 Play at see-saw on the pasture-gate. 1877 BLACKMORE *Erema* liv. III. 237 The butt-ends of the three old streets..were dipped as if playing see-saw in the surf.

b. *transf.* and *fig.*

1714 SHAFTESB. *Charac.* (1737) III. 25 The common Amble or Canterbury is not, I am persuaded, more tiresom to a good Rider, than this See-saw of Essay-Writers is to an able Reader. 1748 RICHARDSON *Clarissa* III. 99 To see.. what can he done by the amorous See-saw; now humble; now proud; now expecting, or demanding [etc.]. *Ibid.* IV. 280. 1827 DISRAELI *Viv. Grey* v. xiii, He had persisted obstinately against a run on the red; thea floundered and got entangled in a see-saw, which alone cost him a thousand. 1838 SIR W. HAMILTON *Logic* xxiv. (1860) II. 18 The ancients called the circular definition also by the name of Diallelon...In probation there is a similar vice which bears the same names. We may, I think, call them by the homely English appellation of the Seesaw. 1860 EMERSON *Cond. Life* i. *Fate* (1860) 39 If a man has a seesaw in his voice, it will run into his sentences. *a* 1870 W. STUBBS *Lect. Europ. Hist.* I. i. (1904) 8 Charles's wars with France are a regular see-saw.

c. *Whist.* = CROSS-RUFF 2.

1746 HOYLE *Whist* (ed. 6) 36 See-Saw, is when each Partner trumps a Suit, and they play those Suits to one another to trump. 1876 A. CAMPBELL-WALKER *Correct Card* (1880) *Gloss.*, *See-saw.*—Partners trumping each a suit, and leading to each other for that purpose.

2. A plank arranged for playing see-saw.

1824 CARLYLE *Wilhelm Meister, Trav.* xvii[i], A large swing-wheel..other see-saws [etc.]. 1844 LOUISA S. COSTELLO *Béarn & Pyr.* I. x. 177 Swings and see-saws for the exercise of youthful bathers after their dips. 1884 *Harper's Mag.* Apr. 771/1 The long cemented play-ground below, with a seesaw for the children.

fig. 1855 THACKERAY *Newcomes* II. 140, I began by siding with Mrs. Grundy and the world and at the next turn of the seesaw have lighted down on Ethel's side.

3. *nonce-use.* ? One whose life is passed in monotonous repetition of the same incident.

1753 RICHARDSON *Grandison* (1754) III. xviii. 159 Let me alone Harriet: Now a quarrel; now a reconciliation; I warrant I shall be happier than any of the yawning see-saws in the kingdom. Everlasting summers would be a grievance.

C. *adj.* Moving up and down, or backwards and forwards, in the manner of a see-saw. Also *fig.*

1735 POPE *Prol. Sat.* 323 His wit all see-saw, between *that* and *this*, Now high, now low, now master up, now miss. 1760 LLOYD *Actor* 148 When desperate heroines grieve with tedious moan, And whine their sorrows in a see-saw tone. 1772 MASON *Her. Epist. to Sir W. Chambers* 22 Let D**d H*e, from the remotest North, In see-saw sceptic scruples hint his worth. 1796 E. DARWIN *Zoon.* II. 389 Some elderly people acquire a see-saw motion of their bodies from one side to the other, as they sit, like the oscillation of a pendulum. 1812 BYRON *Waltz* To Publisher, Turning round to a d—d see-saw up-and-down sort of tune. 1854 H. MILLER *Sch. & Schm.* (1858) 375, I lived on for years in a sort of uneasy, see-saw condition, without any middle ground between the two extremes, on which I could at once reason and believe. 1878 S. WALPOLE *Hist. Eng.* II. 434 They did not tolerate a see-saw Government.

See·-saw, *v.* [f. SEE-SAW *sb.*]

1. *intr.* **a.** *lit.* To move up and down, or backwards and forwards; to undergo a see-saw motion; also to play see-saw.

1712 ARBUTHNOT *John Bull* IV. vii, So they went see-sawing up and down, from one End of the Room to the other. 1778 MME. D'ARBLAY *Diary* 23 Aug., 'Why, ay, true', cried the doctor [Johnson], see-sawing very solemnly. 1835 WILLIS *Pencillings* I. xxiii. 161 A decrepid nun was see-sawing backwards and forwards. 1853 KANE *Grinnell Exp.* xlix. (1856) 469 It see-sawed with him a good deal, but he jumped for it safely. 1860 GEO. ELIOT *Mill on Floss* I. vi, She was seesawing on the elder bough. 1898 FRASER in *Daily News* 15 June 5/2 Our way lay east, over a road see-sawing continuously between altitudes of 5,000 and 8,000 feet.

b. *fig.*

1826 JAS. MILL in *Westm. Rev.* VI. 259 To see-saw between these two horrible conditions, with one half of our population always in misery, is a grand item in the present state of the nation. 1835 LADY GRANVILLE *Lett.* 7 Sept. (1894) II. 195 He..then has to see-saw between Peel and the Ultras. 1856 DE QUINCEY *Confess.* (ed. 2) Wks. V. 135 Dialogues that loitered painfully, or see-sawed unprofitably. 1894 G. PARKER *Trail of Sword* XX. (1897) 280 It is curious how their fortunes had see-sawed one against the other for twelve years.

2. *trans.* To cause to move in a see-saw motion.

1801 in *Spirit Publ. Jrnls.* IX. 377 He sits cocking his chin, and see-sawing his right arm. 1813 COLERIDGE *Remorse* II. i, A poor idiot boy..See-saws his voice in inarticulate noises. 1832 LYTTON *Eugene A.* I. ix, He ponders, he see-saws himself to and fro. 1873 MISS BRADDON *Str. & Pilgr.* III. xiii, Dr. Cameron see-sawed the matter in his most delicate way. 1873 MISS BROUGHTON *Nancy* iv, Bobby, stop see-sawing that chair, it makes me feel deadly sick.

Hence **See·-saw·ing** *vbl. sb.* and *ppl. a.*

1793 *Laity's Directory* 20 The shameful act of see-sawing in their chairs. 1827 CARLYLE *Germ. Rom.* III. 246 To mount a plank over a beam, and commence seesawing. 1832 LYTTON *Eugene A.* I. ii, A certain lolling, see-sawing method of balancing his body upon his chair. 1876 A. J. EVANS *Through Bosnia* ii. 50 Two Croats..imparted a see-sawing motion to it. 1906 BARONESS VON HUTTEN *What became of Pam* II. viii. 166 He seemed..so above all mental see-sawing.

Seese, obs. form of CEASE; variant of SEISE *v.*

Seesen, -in, obs. forms of SEISIN.

Seesoo, Seesu, variant forms of SISSOO.

Seet, obs. pa. t. of SET and SIT.

Seete, obs. pa. pple. of SET *v.*; var. SETE, suitable

Seet(e, obs. forms of SEAT *sb.*

Seeth, variant of SAITHE, SEATH, SETHE *Obs.*

Seethe, *sb.* [f. SEETHE *v.*] Seething, ebullition (of waves); intense commotion or heat. Also *fig.*

1816 W. TAYLOR in *Monthly Mag.* XLI. 330 A rush of wandering winds, a seethe of waves, is heard. 1856 DOBELL *Eng. in Time of War* 66 Nigher comes the seeth of fields on fire. 1865 A. SMITH *Summer in Skye* I. 200 The seethe of the wave on the rock. 1901 H. TRENCH *Deirdre Wed* 45 He choked at his own spirit's seethe.

Seethe (sīð), *v.* Pa. t. **seethed**, † **sod**. Pa. pple. **seethed**, † **sodden**. Forms: a. *Inf.* I **séo-**.

þan, 3-4 seoþe(n, 3-5 seþe(n, 3-6 sethe, 4-6 seth, (5 cethyn, sith, sede, syede), 6 seith(e, seeith, syeth, seath, 6, 9 seathe, 5-9 seeth, 4- seethe. Also *3rd sing. Pres. Ind.* 1 sýþ, 4 seþ. **b.** *Pa. t. sing.* 1 séaþ, 3 seð, 3-5 seþ, seth, 4-5 seeth, sethe ; *pl.* 1 sudon, 3 sude(n, 3-4 sodun, 3-6 sode(n, 4-5 sothe(n ; *sing.* and *pl.* 6-7 sod, sodd(e ; *weak form* 4-5 sethed(e, -ide, -it, seethede, 7- seethed. **c.** *Pa. pple.* 1 soden, 3-4 i-sode, i-sode, 4-5 sode, sodun, -yn, y-soden, sooden, 4-7 soden, 5 soddyn, 6 sodene, sodne, sod(d)in, soddyne, 7 sudden, 4- sodden (see SODDEN) ; 5-7 sodde, 7 sodd, 5-9 sod ; 3 siþen, 3-5 soþen, (4 soiþen), 4-5 soþin, -yn, -un, y-sothe(n, y-soothe, soothen, 5 soþe ; *weak form* 8-9 seethed. [A Common Teut. strong verb (wanting in Gothic) : OE. *séoðan* (pa. t. *séað*, pl. *sudon*, pa. pple. *soden*) corresponds to OFris. *siatha* (WFris. *siede*), OS. **sioðan* (in pa. pple. *gesodenemo* 'recocto'), MLG. *sêden* (LG. *seden*), Du. *zieden*, OHG. *siodan* (MHG., mod.G. *sieden*), ON. *sióða* (Sw. *sjuda*, Da. *syde*). The root, OTeut. **seuþ-* (:**sauþ-* :**suđ-*) occurs in Goth. *sauþ-s* sacrifice (? originally 'boiled flesh'), with which ON. *sauð-r* sheep is probably identical. From the weak grade **suđ-* appears to have been developed the parallel root **sweþ-* (:**swaþ-* :**suđ-*) in OHG. *swedan* to smoulder, MHG. *swaden* smoky vapour (mod.G. *schwadem* fire-damp), ? OE. *swaþul* smoky vapour. Brugmann refers the root to an Indogermanic type **kþeut-*, found in Lith. *szuntũ* (pret. *szuntau*) 'I smoulder, stew'.

The original pa. t. (ME. *seeth*) was superseded by the form *sod* taken from the pa. pple. The verb is now conjugated weak, *sod* being obsolete, and *sodden* having ceased to be associated with this verb.]

1. *trans.* To boil ; to make or keep boiling hot ; to subject to the action of boiling liquid ; *esp.* to cook (food) by boiling or stewing ; also, to make an infusion or decoction of (a substance) by boiling or stewing. *Obs.* or *arch.*

OE. had certain figurative uses not found later: To try as by fire ; to afflict with cares.

c 1000 *Sax. Leechd.* II. 276 Gif mon syþ garleac on henne broþe. *c* 1205 LAY. 20978 Þat orf þat heo nomen al heo slogen,..and suden and bradden. *c* 1350 *Gen. & Ex.* 1487 Iacob An time him seð a mete ðat man callen lentil ȝete. 1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 8447 So muche honger hii adde þer,.. Þat hii sode þe saracens & þat fless ete. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 6081 It sal noght siþen be bot bred, Þis lamb þat þai of sal be fedd. 1382 WYCLIF *Gen.* xxv. 29 Jacob..hadde sothun [1388 Jacob sethide, 1611, 1884 sod] potage. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Clerk's T.* 171 Wortes or othere herbes..The whiche she shredde and seeth for hir lyuynge. 1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* XVII. ix. (1495) 608 The floure of Anetum sod wyth wyne dooth away heed ache. *c* 1440 *Gesta Rom.* (1879) 247 þe Emperour smote oute fire of a stone, and seþe his mete, as welle as he myȝt. 1470-85 MALORY *Arthur* VI. ix. 196 And so that veneson was rosted baken and soden. 1509 BARCLAY *Shyp of Folys* (1874) II. 6 Progne..whiche sode hir oune childe after she had hym slayne. 1540 MOULTON *Mirr. Health* f iv, Take hemlocks and seth them tyll they be softe as pappe. 1579 T. STEVENS in *Hakluyt's Voy.* (1599) II. II. 101 We saw crabs swimming on the water that were red as though they had bene sodden. 1607 *Relat. Disc. River* in *Capt. Smith's Wks.* (Arb.) Introd. 42 Wee sodd our kettle by y^e water syde. *Ibid.* 43 He..gave vs a Deare roasted ; which according to their Custome they seethed againe. 1648 GAGE *West Ind.* xii. (1655) 61 From the root of this tree cometh a juyce like unto a syrup, which being sod will become Sugar. 1653 H. MORE *Antid. Ath.* II. vi. § 4 (1712) 56 The Lye in which it is sodden or infus'd is good to wash the Head. 1713 *Guardian* No. 139 Androcles, having sodden the flesh of it by the sun. *a* 1779 COOK *Voy. Pacific* IV. iii. (1784) II. 321 This operation they repeat till they think the contents are sufficiently stewed or seethed. 1828 SCOTT *F. M. Perth* xxviii, Others were cut into joints and seathed in cauldrons made of the animal's own skins. 1835 WILLIS *Pencillings* I. ii. 19 Cold meat, seethed, Italian fashion, in nauseous oil. 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* v. I. 634 A poor man whose loyalty was suspected..was compelled to ransom his own life by seething the remains of his friends in pitch.

absol. c 1386 CHAUCER *Prol.* 383 He coude roste, and sethe, and broille, and frye. 1577-82 BRETON *Flourish Fancy*, etc. (Grosart) 15/2 And what kinde cookes she hath, and how they make their fyre To roast, to seeth, to broile, to bake, and what you will desire.

†b. With adv., *to seethe out, away* (also *fig.*). Also, to separate *from* (a part) by boiling.

1382 WYCLIF *Isa.* i. 25, I shal sethen out [Vulg. *excoquam*] to the pure thi dros. *c* 1440 *Gesta Rom.* (1879) 385 Than the ij. deuyls..Caste hem into a Cawderon and helde hem there, till the fleshe was sothyn fro the bone. 1561 T. NORTON *Calvin's Inst.* III. 172 In continually sething out and burning vp the vices of our lust. 1567 HARMAN *Caveat* (1867) 22 Then was..a great fat oxe sod out in Furmenty. 1595 DUNCAN *App. Etym.* (E.D.S.), *Excoquo*, to seathe away, to fyne.

†c. To prepare or produce by boiling. *Obs.*

? *a* 1500 *Chester Pl.* vii. 73 To seeth salve for our sheepe. 1598 GRENEWEY *Tacitus, Ann.* XIII. iv. [XV.] (1622) 183 A poison was sod [L. *decoquitur virus*] strong & violent.

†d. To digest (food). Hence perh. the use in OE. for : To brood over (care, anxiety) : cf. Gr. κήδεα πέσσειν. *Obs.*

Beowulf 190 Swa ða mælceare maga Healfdenes singala seað. *Ibid.* 1993 Ic ðæs modceare sorhwylmum seað. 1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* III. xiv. (1495) 59 The fode is sodde and defyed by werkynge of kynde. *c* 1400 tr. *Secreta Secret., Gov. Lordsh.* xl. 72 Wherfore þe stomak..losyth his strengthe to fully sethe þe mete. 1628 [see SEETHING *vbl. sb.* 3].

2. *intr.* (for passive). To be boiled ; to be subjected to boiling or stewing ; to become boiling hot. Said of a liquid, or a substance boiled in a liqnid ; also of the pot or other receptacle. Also *to seethe over.*

13.. *Sir Beues* 3455 He let felle a led Ful of pich and of bremston, And hot led let falle þer on ; Whan hit alþer swiþer seþ, Þemperur þar in a deþ. *Ibid.* 3460 Hire lord seþen in þe pich ȝhe sai. *a* 1400 *Vis. St. Paul* 133 in *Minor Poems fr. Vernon MS.* 255 þer he saub..Blake Maydens in Blac cloþing, And þei sodun euerichon In wellyng pich and Brumston. *c* 1430 *Two Cookery Bks.* I. 6 Let hem sethe to-gederys a whyle. *c* 1482 CAXTON *Dialogues* viii. 30 Make the ynche to seethe...*Fais bouillir lencre.* 1541-72 *Schole-house of Women* 628 in Hazl. *E. P. P.* IV. 129 [He] Bad her take the pot, that sod ouer the fire. 1609 C. BUTLER *Fem. Mon.* (1634) 165 When it hath sod a while, and is thorowly melted, take it off the fire. 1646 CRASHAW *Sospetto d'Herode* 37 And while the black soules boile in their own gore, To hold them down, and looke that none seeth o're. 1801 *Med. Jrnl.* V. 367 The water begins to seeth. 1817 LAMB *Remin. Sir J. Dunstan* in *Hone's Every-d. Bk.* II. II. 843 The scent of horse-flesh seething into dog's meat.

3. *trans.* To reduce to a condition resembling that of food which by boiling or stewing has lost its flavour or crispness ; to soak or steep in a liquid ; to dissipate the vitality or freshness of (the brain, blood, spirits, etc.) by excessive heat or by intoxicating liquor. Chiefly in passive ; for special developments of the pa. pple. see SOD and SODDEN.

1599 NASHE *Lenten Stuffe* 45 This piteous spectacle of her loue [*sc.* Leander drowned], sodden to haddocks meate. 1615 HEYWOOD *Four Prentises* K 1, Such as shrinke not to haue their blouds sod with the dog-daies heat. 1621 BURTON *Anat. Mel.* II. ii. VI. 380 They drown their wits, seeth their brains in ale [etc.]. 1650 BULWER *Anthropomet.* 47 By heate, whence the Spirits are dissipated and the braine as it were sod. 1813 COLERIDGE *Remorse* II. ii. 188 His weak eyes seeth'd in most unmeaning tears. 1841 W. C. TAYLOR *Anc. Hist.* xvii. § 9 (ed. 3) 557 They [the Huns] lived on raw flesh, or at best only sodden by being placed under their saddles and pressed against the backs of their steeds during a sharp gallop. 1844 MRS. BROWNING *Rime Duchess May* v, And the castle, seethed in blood, fourteen days and nights had stood. *a* 1851 D. JERROLD *St. Giles* xxii, There was a man ..still alive ; though seethed in drink, and looking like death.

4. *intr.* (transf. from 2). Of a liquid, vapour, etc. : To rise, surge or foam up, as if boiling ; to form bubbles or foam. Said also of a receptacle thus filled with foam or vapour ; also of a flatulent stomach, of the heart or blood. Also with *up.*

1535 COVERDALE *Job* xxx. 27 My bowels seeth with in me & take no rest. *a* 1552 LELAND *Itin.* VI. 7 Sidingburne,..so caullid by reason of many springges that in the Chalke Hilles about it doth seeth and boyle oute. 1623 WEBSTER *Duchess Malfi* II. i, She puykes, her stomacke seethes. 1633 FORD *'Tis Pity* III. vii. 19 My belly seeths like a Porridge-pot. 1679 DRYDEN *Œdipus* IV. i, A thousand frantick Spirits Seething, like rising Bubbles, on the Brim. 1797 COLERIDGE *Kubla Khan* 17 And from this chasm, with ceaseless turmoil seething,..A mighty fountain momently was forced. 1860 TYNDALL *Glac.* I. § 18. 126 Vapour..came seething at times up the sides of the mountain. 1873 G. C. DAVIES *Mount. & Mere* XVI. 133 The white surf which broke over their bows and seethed along the decks.

5. *fig.* To be in a state of inward agitation, turmoil, or 'ferment'. Said of a person in trouble, fever, etc. ; of plans, elements of discontent or change ; also of a region filled *with* excitement, disaffection, etc.

1606 SHAKS. *Tr. & Cr.* III. i. 43, I will make a complementall assault vpon him, for my businesse seethes. 1820 KEATS *Isabella* xv, For them alone did seethe A thousand men in troubles wide and dark. 1845 DISRAELI *Sybil* v. viii, 'All the north is seething', said Gerard. 'We must contrive to agitate the metropolis', said Maclast. 1856 MRS. BROWNING *Aur. Leigh* III. 1141 She lay and seethed in fever many weeks. 1874 GREEN *Short Hist.* IV. § 4. 194 The city had all through the interval been seething with discontent. 1882 J. H. BLUNT *Ref. Ch. Eng.* II. 506 The elements of that war had been seething in English society. 1894 MRS. DYAN *All in Man's Keeping* XXV. (1899) 348 His brain had no respite either. Plans seethed there incessantly.

Seethe, variant of SAITHE.

†Seethed, *ppl. a. Obs. rare.* Cf. SODDEN *ppl. a.* [f. SEETHE *v.* + -ED 1.] Boiled.

1775 ADAIR *Amer. Ind.* 407 They..boil them well, as they do every kind of seethed food.

Seethence, variant of SITHENCE *Obs.*

†See·ther. *Obs.* [f. SEETHE *v.* + -ER 1.]

1. One who is employed in boiling.

1377 *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 46 Stipendia..It., Pro Sether, 3*s.* 4*d.* 1389 *Ibid.* 49 In ij^bus garniamentis pro fyssman et Le Sether, 11*s.* 6*d.*

2. A utensil for boiling. *nonce-use.*

1700 DRYDEN *Baucis & Philemon* 57 She sets the Kettle on, (Like burnish'd Gold the little Seether shone).

Seething (sī·ðiŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. SEETHE *v.* + -ING 1.] The action of SEETHE *v.*

1. The state of being boiling hot.

c 1300 *St. Margarete* 31 He let hete water oð seoþinge & þo hit boillede faste, He let nyme þis holi maide & þer amidde hire caste.

b. *transf.* and *fig.* Ebullition, intense inward agitation. Also with *up.*

1593 NASHE *Christ's T.* O 2, This Vaine-glory..is (as I may all it) the froth and seathing vp of Ambition. 1851 LONGF. *Gold. Leg.* IV. *Convent Cellar*, But within, what a spirit of deep unrest ! What a seething and simmering in his breast ! 1873 BLACK *Pr. Thule* xxiii. 388 Nothing was visible but a wild boiling and seething of clouds and waves.

†2. The action or an act of keeping a liquid boiling hot, of cooking in boiling water, or of submitting anything to the action of boiling liquid.

1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) IV. 439 Biggynge and sellynge cesede, and so dede rostynge and seþinge [MS. ȳ seoþyng] and greyþinge of mete. 1398 — *Barth. De P. R.* VI. XXI. (1495) 210 Salte is made by grete sethynge of water. 1585 T. WASHINGTON tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* III. xl. 91 The seething together of plummes..and other lyke fruits. 1628 MABBE tr. *Aleman's Guzman d'Alf.* II. 327 The better to secure the seething of the Pot. 1725 *Bradley's Fam. Dict.* s.v. *Potage*, When this Mixture has been season'd, let it have five or six Seethings in a Stew-pan.

†b. *concr.* Something boiled or in process of boiling. *Obs.*

1382 WYCLIF *Gen.* xxv. 30 ȝif to me of this brown sething [Vulg. *Da mihi de coctione hac rufa*]. *c* 1400 tr. *Secreta Secret., Gov. Lordsh.* lxviii. 85 Sethe hem softly to þe half, and after lat þe sethinge be steryd and strenyd.

†c. *Comb.*, as *seething-house, -pot. Obs.*

1459-60 *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 89 In coquina sunt, viz. in le *sethynghowse, ij magne olle in furnis. *c* 1500 LACY *Wyl Bucke's Test.* a iij b, Then caste all togeter in a faire *sething-pott with water. 1668 CULPEPER & COLE *Barthol. Anat.* I. ix. 18 So we cover it as we do our seething-pots with a potlid, to keep in the fumes.

†3. Digestion. *Obs.*

1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* V. xl. (Bodl. MS.), þe galle by heete þereof helpeþ þe seeþing of mete and drinke. 1628 BURTON *Anat. Mel.* I. i. II. v. (ed. 3) 20 Elixation is the seething [edd. 1, 2 boyling] of meat in the stomacke.

Seething (sī·ðiŋ), *ppl. a.* [f. SEETHE *v.* + -ING 2.]

1. Originally, of liquids, a cauldron, etc. : Boiling. In mod. use, a somewhat rhetorical expression for : Intensely heated (said of solids, the atmosphere, etc., as well as of liquids).

a 1300 *Leg. Rood* 60 A caudron he let fulle Wiþ seþing oile vol Inouȝ. 1481 CAXTON *Reynard* xlii. (Arb.) 114 [They] were aferd of that syedyng water. 1535 COVERDALE *Jer.* I. 13, I do se a seethinge pot. 1662 J. DAVIES tr. *Olearius' Voy. Ambass.* 413 There is a Spring of seething Water, which falls into a Pool. 1825 MACAULAY *Ess., Milton* P 36 The hooks and the seething pitch of Barbariccia and Draghignazzo. 1848 LYTTON *Harold* V. iii, But did he try the ordeals of God ?..did his hand grasp the seething iron ?

b. quasi-*adv.*, esp. in phrase *seething hot.*

1489 CAXTON *Faytes of A.* II. XXXVII. 155 Yf..the watre might be sedinge hote. *a* 1635 CORBET *Poems* (1807) 138 That 'tis so seething hott in Spaine, they sweare They never heard of a raw oyster there. 1870 TYNDALL *Fragm. Sci.* (1879) I. vi. 197 The whole surface of which [the sea] was seething white.

2. *transf.* and *fig.* Of waves, etc. : Ebullient, tumultuous. Also, pervaded by intense and ceaseless inner agitation : often with reference (*lit.* and *fig.*) to the condition characteristic of corruption or putrefaction.

1588 MARLOWE *2nd Pt. Tamburl.* IV. i. 3818 Whose scalding drops wil pierce thy seething braines. 1590 SHAKS. *Mids. N.* V. i. 4 Louers and mad men haue such seething braines [etc.]. 1868 J. H. BLUNT *Ref. Ch. Eng.* I. 433 The seething spirit of controversy. 1868 G. DUFF *Pol. Surv.* 73 [He] plunged into the seething gulf of insurrection which was raging in Eastern Turkestan. 1871 R. ELLIS *Catullus* lxiv. 156 Seething sand [L. *Syrtis*]. 1877 L. MORRIS *Epic Hades* I. 37 One white sea Of churning, seething foam. 1875 S. HAOEN *Earth to Earth* 66 To avoid the seething suburban cemeteries and to bury their dead at Woking. 1879 FARRAR *St. Paul* (1883) 238 Amid this seething corruption.

Hence **Seə·thingly** *adv.*

1887 *Temple Bar* Oct. 199 He explained to his seethingly angry friend.

Seeve, Seew, Seex : see SIEVE, SEW, SEX.

Seey, obs. pa. t. sing. of SEE *v.*

Seeyne, obs. pres. ind. pl. of SEE ; var. SENE.

Sef, obs. form of SAVE quasi-*prep.*

Sef, sefen, seff(e(n, sefne, obs. ff. SEVEN,

Sefende, seffnde, sefnthe, sefth, obs. ff. SEVENTH.

Sefenneghte, -nahht, sefniht, obs. ff. SENNIGHT.

Sefte, obs. form of SIFT *v.*

Sefton (se·ftən). [From the title of the Earl of *Sefton.*]

1. *Cookery.* (In two applications : see quots.)

[App. invented by L. E. Ude, cook to the Earl of Sefton.] 1845 ELIZA ACTON *Mod. Cookery* (ed. 2) 352 A Sefton, or Veal Custard. *Ibid.* 363 Ramekins à l'Ude, or Sefton Fancies.

2. (In full *Sefton landau.*) A kind of landau.

1885 *Coach Builders' Art Jrnl.* Aug. Suppl. 93 Our drawing represents Messrs. Hooper & Co.'s 'Sefton Landau' for one horse. 1889 DUKE OF BEAUFORT *Driving* 385 Those with curved lines are known as 'Sefton' landaus, from the present Earl of Sefton, who had the first one built for his own use. 1898 *Times* 12 Jan. 9/5 The Prince of Wales.. drove in the Queen's 'Sefton' and four to the Windsor Station.

Seg (seg), *sb.*1 *dial.* Also 7 sag(ge, 8 saig. [Of obscure origin.] An animal which has been castrated when fully grown.

1600 *Shuttleworths' Acc.* (Chetham Soc.) 131 In Blakburne, for one fat sagge for the howse use, iiij^s x^d. 1641 *Watertown (Mass.) Rec.* (1894) 7 No Steers or Sags of three yeares old shalbe herded with the Dry Cattle. 1641, 1820 Bull-seg [see BULL *sb.*1 11]. 1788 W. H. MARSHALL *Yorksh.* II. 350 *Seg*, or *Bullseg* ; a castrate bull. 1789 DAVIDSON *Seasons* 46 The saig, poor dowy beast ! nae pleasure kens Aboon a gowan

tap. 1844 H. Stephens *Bk. Farm.* II. 129 An aged bull that is castrated is called a segg. 1856 Morton *Cycl. Agric.* II. 725 *Seg.* (Suff., Yorks., Norf.), any animal castrated when full grown.

Hence **Seg** *v. dial. trans.* (See quots.)

1886 *Cheshire Gloss., Segged*, castrated, but only applied when the operation is performed on full-grown animals. 1887 *S. Chesh. Gloss., Seg*, to castrate a full-grown animal.

Seg (seg), *sb.*[2] *dial.* (See Eng. Dial. Dict.) [a. ON. *sigg* neut., hard skin (Norw. *sigg*, Ross).] A callosity, esp. on the hand.

1865 B. Brierley *Irkdale* I. vii. 130 They startn o'feighten ..an' never gi'en o'er till they'n segs ole o'er 'em. 1902 *Brit. Med. Jrnl.* 15 Feb. 378 Callosities (called planker's 'segs') on the thenar and hypothenar eminences.

Seg, obs. or dial. form of Sedge.

‖ **Segador.** *Obs.*[-0] [Sp., agent-n. f. *segar* to reap.] 'A reaper, a Mower, a Harvest-man' (Blount *Glossogr.* 1656).

Segamore, obs. form of Sagamore.

Segan, variant of Sagan *Jewish Antiq.*

Segar: see Cigar.

†**Segara.** *Obs.* [quasi-Sp. form of *segar*, Cigar (Sp. *cigarro*).] A cigar.

1785 R. Cumberland *Observer* No. 88 P 1 Taking the segara from his mouth. *Ibid.* P 4 In his pockets he had..a small bundle of segaras.

Segathy, variant of Sagathy.

Sege, obs. form of Sedge, Segge, Siege.

Segement, obs. form of Segment.

Segeneration (sīdʒenĕrē·ʃən). *rare*[-1]. [f. L. *sē* Se- + Generation.] (See quot.)

1888 Gulick in *Linn. Soc. Jrnl. (Zool.)* XX. 200 Many species are now divided into two or more intergenerants, between which there is little or no intercrossing. This state of freedom from crossing I call segeneration.

Segerstane, -ston(e, etc., obs. forms of Sexton.

Segg, obs. or dial. form of Sedge.

Seggar: see Saggar.

†**Se·ggard.** *dial. Obs.* = Safeguard *sb.* 8.

1746 *Exmoor Scolding* (E.D.S.) 34 Th'art olways a vustled up in an old Jump, or a Whittle, or an old Seggard. 1790 Grose *Provinc. Gloss.* (ed. 2) Suppl., *Seggard*, safeguard. A kind of riding surtout so called. West.

†**Segge**[1]. *poet. Obs.* Forms: 1 **secg**, 3 **ægg**, 3–4 (6) **seg**, 3–6 **segge**, 4–6 **sege**, 4 **segg**, (**seegge**, 5 **seege**, **seghe**, **seige**), 6 **aedge**. [OE. *sęcg* = OS. *segg*, ON. *segg-r*:—OTeut. **sagjo-z*.] A man. (In the 16th c. only *contemptuous*.)

Beowulf 208 (Gr.) Secg wisade, lagucræftiz mon, landgemyrcu. *Ibid.* 633 Þa ic on holm gestah, sæbat gesæt mid minra secga gedriht. *c* 1205 Lay. 7991 Heo ledden in heore scipen..moni forhfulne sæg sare iwunded. *Ibid.* 5109 Þer weore segge songe [*c* 1275 gleomenne songe]. *Ibid.* 20854 Þene sixeð him to segges vnder beorȝen. 1340–70 *Alex. & Dind.* 165 Of þe seggus þat he sai hi-ȝonde þe side stronde. 1377 Langl. *P. Pl.* B. xx. 333 'I am a surgien', seide þe segge 'and salues can make'. *a* 1400 *Morte Arth.* 1574, I had leuer see hym synke one the salte strander, Than the seegge ware seke, that es so sore woundede. *c* 1470 Henry *Wallace* III. 53 Robert Boid, quhilk wald no langar bide Vndir thrillage of segis of Ingland. *c* 1475 *Rauf Coilȝear* 713 Thair was seruit in that saill Seigis semelie. 1508 Dunbar *Flyting* 13 For and I flyt sum sege for schame sould sink. 15.. *Scot. Field* 113 in *Chetham Soc. Misc.* II, Then sumoned he his sedges, in sondry places. 1557 Grimald *Death Zoroas* 98 in *Tottel's Misc.* (Arb.) 122 Wherwith a hole route came of souldiours stern, And all in peeces hewed the silly seg. 1567 Dhant *Horace, A. P.* B vij, Through this and such the sillie segge lay plasde in puddle still. *Ibid., Ep.* I. ii. C iij, Duke Nestor, sillie carkinge segge.

†**Segge**[2]. *Obs. rare*[-1]. [? a. OF. *seiche* (:—L. *sēpia*).] ? A cuttle-fish.

c 1300 [see Lax *sb.*[1]]

Segge, obs. form of Say *v.*[1], Sedge, Siege.

Segged (segd), *a. dial.* [f. *seg*, dial. var. of Sedge.] Seated with sedge or rushes; rush-bottomed. Also Comb. *segged-seated* adj.

1872 Mrs. H. Wood *Within the Maze* xii, The plain segged-seated chairs stood pretty thick. 1873 — *Master of Greylands* xvi, A small apartment looking to the kitchen-garden, with an old carpet on its floor, painted segged chairs, and a square piano against the wall.

†**Se·gger.** *Obs. rare.* [f. *segge* Say *v.* + -er[1].] One given to 'talking', a boaster, braggart.

c 1440 *York Myst.* xxviii. 201 Ȝone segger [*sc.* Christ] þat callis hym-selffe a sire.

Segger, Seggerson, obs. ff. Sayer[1], Sexton.

†**Se·gging.** *Obs. rare.* Used in echoes of the Du. proverb *zeggen is goedkoop*, 'saying is cheap.'

1546 J. Heywood *Prov.* K iij, The Ducheman saieth, that seggyng is good cope. 1613 F. Roaarts *Revenue Gosp.* 104 Alasse, alasse, segging is no good coping.

†**Se·ggon.** *Obs. rare*[-1]. [Of obscure origin; connexion with Segge seems unlikely.] A term of depreciation or pity (meaning uncertain).

1573–80 Tusser *Husb.* (1878) 174 Poore seggons halfe starued worke faintly and dull.

Seggrum (se·grŭm), *dial.* Also 8 **seagrim**. The Common Ragwort, *Senecio jacobæa*.

1633 Johnson *Gerarde's Herbal* II. xxviii. 281 The first is called in Latine, *Herba S. Iacobi*..: in English, S. James his Wort...In Holdernesse in Yorke-shire they call it Seggrum. 1766 *Museum Rust.* VI. 450 Ragwort,..Seggrum, or Seagrim. 1788 W. H. Marshall *Yorksh.* II. 350 Seggrums; *senecio jacobæa*; ragwoit.

Seggy, obs. or dial. form of Sedgy.

Segh(e, obs. forms of See *v.*, Siege, Sigh *v.*

Segholate, variant of Segolate.

Segment (se·gmĕnt), *sb.* Also 6 **seagment**, 7 **segement**. [ad. L. *segment-um*, f. *sec-* (euphonically *seg-* before *m*), *secāre* to cut: see -ment.]

1. A piece cut or broken off; a fragment. *rare.*

1586 Ferne *Blaz. Gentrie* II. 98 Antichrist..deuiseth by councels and synods hat all signes, images, seagments or reliques of holy men..should be adored. *c* 1620 A. Hume *Brit. Tongue* II. v, This s sum haldes to be a segment of his, and therfoer now almost al wrytes his for it, as if it wer a corruption. 1704 Ray *Creation* I. (ed. 4) 58 The Segments and Cuttings of some Plants. 1832 Lytton *Eugene A.* I. i, He also quarrelled with him the oftenest and testified the least forbearance at the publican's segments of psalmody. 1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* I. VII. xi, The truest segment of Chaos seen in these latter Ages!

2. *Geom.* A plane figure contained by a right line and a portion of the circumference of a circle. In full *segment of a circle*. Also, see quot. 1728.

In quot. 1626 loosely used for *arc*.

1570 Billingsley *Euclid* III. Def. v. 81 b, A section or segment of a circle, is a figure comprehended vnder a right line and a portion of the circumference of a circle. 1626 Donne *Serm.* lxvii. (1640) 677 The earth it selfe being round, euery step we make upon it, must necessarily bee a segment, an arch of a circle. 1738 Chambers *Cycl.* (ed. 2), *Segment* is sometimes also extended to the parts of ellipses, and other curvilinear figures. 1806 Hutton *Course Math.* (ed. 5) I. 42 To find the Area of any Elliptic Segment. Find the area of a corresponding circular segment.

b. *Segment of a sphere*: a solid figure bounded by a portion of the surface of a sphere and an intersecting plane.

1570 Billingsley *Euclid* XII. Prop. xvi. 376 Of segmeates, some are greater then the halfe sphere, some are lesse. 1704 J. Harris *Lex. Techn.* I, *Segment of a Sphere*, is a part of it cut off by a Plane;..therefore the Base of such a Segment must always be a Circle, and its Superficies a part of the Surface of the Sphere.

c. A segmental portion of anything having a circular or spherical form.

1646 Sir T. Browne *Pseud. Ep.* VII. iv. 346 Even unto.. such as live under the pole, for halfe a yeare some segments [of a rainbow] may appeare at any time and under any quarter. 1700 Dryden *Ceyx & Alcyone* 265 Indu'd with Robes of various Hew she flies, And flying draws an Arch (a segment of the Skies). 1837 Brewster *Magnet.* 326 A frame..contains the segment of a glass cylinder.

d. *Her.* A bearing representing a portion of a circular object.

1828–40 Berry *Encycl. Her.* I, *Segment*, one side only of a coronet, &c.

3. *Geom.* The finite part of a line between two points; a division of a line.

1617 Speidell *Geom. Extract.* 24 Let BA be the greater segement giuen, and the whole line is required. 1885 Leudesdorf *Cremona's Proj. Geom.* 53 Let us examine the relation which exists between the lengths of two corresponding segments *AB*, *A'B'* [of two straight lines].

b. *Acoustics.* Each of the portions into which the length of a vibrating string, wire, etc. is divided by the nodes.

1863 Atkinson *Ganot's Physics* 160 The part vibrating between two nodal points is called a ventral segment. 1870 Everett *Deschanel's Nat. Philos.* 832 The division into segments is often distinctly visible when the string of the sonometer is strongly bowed. 1879 [see Node *sb.* 6 a].

4. Each of the parts into which a thing is or may be divided; a division, section.

1762 Br. Lowth *Introd. Eng. Gram.* 157 A sentence or Member is again subdivided into Commas, or Segments. 1847 Lewes *Hist. Philos.* (1867) I. 236 By the second segment of the intellectual world understand me to mean all [etc.]. 1847 L. Hunt *Men, Women, & B.* I. ii. 22 Being unable to divide the orange into its segments, he ventures upon a great liquid bite. 1886 Ruskin *Præterita* I. x. 307, I must ..cease talk of pictorial and rhythmic efforts..and go back to give account of another segment of my learning.

5. *Bot.* Each of the portions into which a leaf or other plant-organ is divided by long clefts or incisions.

1713 P. Blair *Misc. Observ.* (1718) 104 Flowers..divided into five Segments. 1723 — *Pharmaco-Bot.* I. 18 The Bottom Leaves generally consist of five Pair of Segments. 1796 Withering *Brit. Plants* (ed. 3) I. 80 *Segment* (lacinium), the small parts of a leaf, cup, or petal, included between the incisions. 1877 Hulme *Wild Flowers* I. Summary 6 Borage...Calyx of five segments, very deeply cleft. 1880 A. Gray *Struct. Bot.* iii. § 4. 98 When a leaf is divided or parted and these primary lobes again lobed or cleft, the lobes of first order are called Segments (sometimes divisions or partitions), and the parts of these, Lobes.

6. *Biol.* and *Embryol.* **a.** Each of the longitudinal divisions composing the body in some animals, esp. in the Articulata; a somite, metamere.

1826 Kirby & Sp. *Entomol.* IV. 297 Segment (*Segmentum*). The great inosculating joints of the body. 1848 Stark *Elem. Nat. Hist.* II. 127 Articulata. The third great division of the Animal Kingdom consists of animals which have their body or members composed of segments or articulated rings. 1872 H. A. Nicholson *Palaeont.* xiv. 143 The body [in Arthropods] is composed of a series of segments or 'somites', arranged along a longitudinal axis.

b. A cell formed by segmentation.

1862 Darwin *Orchids* v. 207 The three proper ovule-bearing cords or segments. 1882 Vines *Sachs' Bot.* 139 The other daughter-cell..appears..like a piece cut off from the back or side of the apical cell,..and is hence called the Segment.

7. *Anat.* Each complete series of bones forming a vertebra of the spinal column; also, each of the three annular divisions of the cranium proper.

1844 Owen *Anat. Vertebr. Anim.* iii. 42, I define a vertebra, as one of those segments of the endo-skeleton which constitute the axis of the body [etc.]. 1880 Günther *Fishes* iv. 64 There is no trace of vertebral segments or ribs.

b. A division of the spinal cord and nerves.

1855 H. Spencer *Psychol.* (1872) I. I. ii. 16 We find the nervous system formed of a series of centres, each sending fibres to the different organs of its own segment. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 623 Zoster on the face tends to follow the distribution of the three main peripheral branches of the ganglion rather than to be distributed over the supply of 'root areas' or segments'.

8. = *Segment* (or Segmental) *arch* (see 9 b).

1836 Parker *Gloss. Arch.* (1850) s. v. *Arch*, The only forms used by the ancients were the semicircle, the segment, and ellipse, all of which continued prevalent till the pointed arch appeared. *a* 1878 Sir G. Scott *Lect. Archit.* (1879) I. 146 The pointed arch had obtained universal predominance, though without involving the rejection of the semicircular or the plain segment.

9. *attrib.* and *Comb.* **a.** simple attrib., as (sense 6) *segment-boundary*, (sense 5) *segment-leaf*; **segment-shell** (see quot. 1862).

1893 J. Tuckey *Amphioxus* 119 Thereby is introduced the later characteristic curvature of the *segment boundaries [of the mesoblastic somite]. 1731 Miller *Gard. Dict.*, **Segment-leaves*, are Leaves of Plants divided or cut into many Shreds. 1862 F. A. Griffiths *Artil. Man.* (ed. 9) 192 The *Segment Shell consists of thin cast iron cylinders, enclosing a series of segments of the same metal, cast separately, and built upon an iron disc.

b. In many combinations with the meaning Segmental (sense 1), esp. in the names of mechanical appliances, parts of machinery, etc., indicating the shape of the essential or working part, as *segment-arch*, *-rack*, *-roof*, *vault* (see quots); *segment-gear*, *-saw*, *-valve*, *-wheel*, *-window* (see Knight *Dict. Mech.* 1875 and Suppl. 1884).

1887 *Archit. Publ. Soc. Dict.*, **Segment arch.* 1835 Ure *Philos. Manuf.* 196 The .. stretching-roller has its axle mounted in the *segment-racks. 1838 *Civ. Engin. & Arch. Jrnl.* I. 225/2 From these springs a *segment roof. 1776 G. Semple *Building in Water* 123 Erect a competent Number of Pillars..and thereon turn *segment Vaults and Arches.

Segment (se·gmĕnt), *v.* [f. Segment *sb.*]

1. *trans.* To subject to the process of segmentation or division and multiplication of cells; to produce (new cells) by this process.

1859 *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* V. 79/2 The whole yolk is segmented in mammalia. 1877 Huxley & Martin *Elem. Biol.* 50 The new cells which are successively segmented off from the terminal cell.

2. *intr.* Of a cell or ovum: To divide or split up and give origin to one or more new cells by the process of Segmentation.

1888 Rolleston & Jackson *Anim. Life* Introd. 24 In some *Rotifera*, *Crustacea*, and *Insecta* one polar body only is formed, and the ovum then proceeds to segment.

3. *trans.* To divide into segments.

1872 Humphry *Myology* 5 The caudal muscles therefore consist of a 'dorsal' and 'ventral' muscle on each side, ..transversely segmented by the membranous septa and the vertebral processes running into it. 1878 A. H. Green, etc., *Coal* iv. 121 The axis, prefiguring what in most vertebrates becomes segmented and ossified into the centra,..retains [etc.].

Segmental (segme·ntăl), *a.* [f. Segment *sb.* + -al.]

1. Having the form of a segment (or, loosely, of an arc) of a circle.

1837 *Fraser's Mag.* XVI. 151 Giving its point a segmental sweep from Penlee Point..to the Mew-stone. 1856 'Stonehenge' *Brit. Sports.* II. I. viii. § 5. 346/1 This segmental form is better than the straight bit. 1869 Ranking *Machine & Hand-tools* Pl. N 1, A segmental bevel wheel.

b. *Arch.* Of an arch, a pediment, window-head, etc. Hence *segmental-arched*, *-headed* adjs.

1816 Rickman *Archit.* in J. Smith *Panorama Sci. & Art* I. 131 A segmental arch has its centre lower than the spring. 1849 Freeman *Archit.* 350 The segmental arch..is both more horizontal and less elegant than the four-centred. 1851 — *Window Tracery* 253 Of Segmental-Headed Windows. *Ibid.* 254 By a segmental head I of course understand one in which the centre (or centres) is very much below the line of the constructive impost. *Ibid.* 255 Segmental windows filled with Reticulated tracery. 1867 A. Barry *Life Sir C. Barry* III. 84 Angular and segmental pediments. 1867 *Church News* 31 July 327/2 A small chamber with a segmental arched vault.

2. Of, pertaining to, or composed of segments or divisions. In various applications (*Anat.*, *Biol.*, *Acoustics*, etc.).

1854 Owen in *Orr's Circ. Sci., Org. Nat.* I. 172 Giving the first indication of the segmental character of the skeleton. 1856 T. Williams in *Phil. Trans.* (1859) CXLVIII. 93 Under the appellation of the 'segmental organ', accordingly, it is proposed to describe that viscus upon the basis of which..are always ingrafted the true generative structures [in Annelids]. 1870 Everett *Deschanel's Nat. Philos.* 1067 *Index*, Segmental vibration, 832. 1879 F. M. Balfour in *Q. Jrnl. Microsc. Sci.* XIX. 8 The first part of the urino-genital system to develop is the segmental duct (Vornieregang of Fürbringer), which is formed by a groove-like invagination of the peritoneal epithelium. 1888 Huxley & Martin *Elem. Biol.* I. 169 The prorenal (segmental) duct. 1888 [see Segmentally]. 1898 *Syd. Soc. Lex.*, *Segmental organ*, an organ consisting of a primitive epithelium-lined tubule opening at one end on the body-surface, and at the other into the cœlom or body-cavity. It is the type of the primitive kidneys.

b. *Path.* Characterized by segmentation or division into segments.

1896 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* I. 189 Segmental degeneration of the nerves.

Segmentally (segmeːntăli), *adv.* [f. SEGMENTAL *a.* + -LY 2.] In a segmental manner.

1888 HUXLEY & MARTIN *Elem. Biol.* iii. 244 These [excretory] organs, being thus segmentally arranged, are termed segmental organs or nephridia. 1900 MIALL & HAMMOND *Harlequin Fly* ii. 84 Tracheal gills..may be ventral,..caudal, ..segmental (i. e. segmentally repeated).

Segmentary (segmeːntări), *a.* [f. SEGMENT *sb.* + -ARY. Cf. F. *segmentaire.*]

1. Of the nature of or resembling a segment or an arc of a circle; segmental.

1853 KANE *Grinnell Exp.* xxxv. (1856) 314 Clouds, assuming a segmentary or arch-like form. *Ibid.* 321 Attracting attention by..its well-defined segmentary character.

2. Pertaining to segments or divisions; composed of segments.

1898 *Syd. Soc. Lex.*, *Segmentary*, made up of segments. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 99 Such a segmentary anæsthesia could not be produced by lesion of either the cord nerve-roots, or nerve-trunks.

Segmentate (seːgmĕnteːt), *a.* [f. SEGMENT *sb.* + -ATE 2. (L. had *segmentātus* ornamented with strips of cloth.)] Formed of segments, segmented.

1875 *Encycl. Brit.* II. 292/2 The abdomen [of an Araneid] is covered with a continuous integument neither annulate nor segmentate.

Segmentation (seːgmĕnteːiːʃən). [f. SEGMENT *v.* + -ATION.]

† 1. 'A cutting into small pieces, an embroidering' (Blount *Glossogr.* 1656). *Obs.*—0

2. The process of division into segments, chiefly in various biological applications; *spec.* in *Embryology*, the process by which, in the Metazoa, the germinal cell or protoplasmic mass is converted by division into a multitude of cells, which become metamorphosed into the tissues of the body.

1851 CARPENTER *Man. Phys.* (ed. 2) 487 The first change.. in the Mammalian ovum, is the 'segmentation' of the yolk; the entire mass of which..resolves itself..into..segments. 1880 A. GRAY *Struct. Bot.* iii. § 4. 98 Lobation or Segmentation. 1882 VINES *Sachs' Bot.* 293 The leaves undergo a segmentation similar to that of the stem. 1884 A. SEDGWICK in *Q. Jrnl. Microsc. Sci.* XXIV. 43 On the Origin of Metameric Segmentation [etc.]. 1910 *Spectator* 30 July 173/1 This segmentation of the tribe into clans would lead us to the discussion of exogamy.

b. *attrib.*, as **segmentation cavity** = BLASTOCELE; **segmentation sphere**, see quot. 1898.

1888 HUXLEY & MARTIN *Elem. Biol.* i. 166 The cleavage cavity (segmentation cavity); small and central. 1898 *Syd. Soc. Lex.*, *Segmentation sphere*, one of the cells of a fertilized ovum that has undergone segmentation. 1909 *Contemp. Rev.* Apr. 447 Each segmentation sphere contained all the characters necessary to produce the entire organism.

Segmented (seːgmĕntĕd), *ppl. a.* [f. SEGMENT *v.* + -ED 1.]

1. a. *Anat.*, *Zool.*, etc. Consisting of segments or similar parts arranged in a longitudinal series.

1854 OWEN in *Orr's Circ. Sci.*, *Org. Nat.* I. 176 In the codfish..it forms no part of the segmented neuroskeleton. 1870 ROLLESTON *Anim. Life* Introd. 124 The segmented Vermes.

b. *Bot.* Of a leaf: Divided into segments or lobes.

1883 G. ALLEN in *Nature* 15 Mar. 466 The divided but more broadly segmented leaves of those tall open-field species, cow-parsnip..and Alexanders.

2. *Embryol.* Of an ovum, a cell: Divided or split up by segmentation into cells.

1875 *Encycl. Brit.* III. 682/2 [Biology.] In the segmented body, the segments may or may not give rise to symmetrically or asymmetrically disposed processes. 1877 HUXLEY & MARTIN *Elem. Biol.* 106 The segmented ovum: composed of a large number of small cells.

Segne, obs. form of SEINE.

Segnior, -orie, -y: see SEIGNIOR, SEIGNIORY.

Seːgnitude. *rare*—0. [ad. med.L. *segnitūdo*, f. L. *segnis*: see next and -TUDE.] = SEGNITY.

1818 in TODD; hence in later Dicts.

† **Seːgnity.** *Obs.*—0 [ad. L. *segnitāt-em*, f. *segnis* slow, sluggish: see -ITY.] (See quots.)

1623 COCKERAM II, Slothfulnes..*Segnity*. 1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr.*, *Segnity*, negligence, slowness, slothfulness; also barrenness.

[**Segnotic**, erron. form of SEGNOTIC *a.* and *sb.*]

Segnoury, -nurie, -nyorye: see SEIGNIORY.

Sego (sīːgo). *U.S.* [Said to be Ute Indian.] A showy-flowered plant, *Calochortus Nuttallii*, of the western United States, with an edible bulb.

1883 *Harper's Mag.* 709/2.

Segolate, segholate (seːgōlĕt), *a.* and *sb. Heb. Gram.* [a. mod.L. *seg(h)olātus*, f. Heb. סְגוֹל *sᵉgōl*, the name of the vowel-point ֶ and of the sound (ɛ, ɛ̆) which it represents.

The name *sᵉgōl* means lit. 'bunch of grapes', alluding to the shape of the character.]

a. *adj.* Originally, of a disyllabic noun: Having the vowel *sᵉgōl* in both syllables. Now commonly in extended sense, as the distinctive epithet of the class of disyllabic nouns having an unaccented short vowel (normally *sᵉgōl*) in the last syllable.

b. *sb.* A segolate nonn.

1831 M. STUART *Gram. Hebr.* § 100. 46 All Segholate forms, i. e. those which have a furtive vowel in their final syllable. *Ibid.* § 119. 56 *Aleph penult*, in words that would regularly be Segholates. 1837 G. PHILLIPS *Syriac Gram.* 25 One of the old forms of segolate nouns in Hebrew. 1884 CHEYNE *Isaiah* I. 291 The word is a so-called 'Segolate' in form.

Segoon (sĭgūːn). *Fencing. Obs.* or *arch.* Also 8 **seg(c)oon, sagoone.** [a. F. *seconde*, pronounced (sᵊgõnd).] = SECONDE 2.

1721 D'URFEY *Two Queens Brentf.* II. i, Straight, in Seccoon, grim Death shall be his Lot. 1730 H. B[LACKWELL] *Compl. Fencing Master* 9 Which seven [thrusts] are these following: Carte, Tierce, Sagoone [etc.]. 1777 SHERIDAN *Sch. Scand.* v. ii, Sir Peter is dangerously wounded—By a thrust in segoon quite through his left side. 1903 *Longm. Mag.* Apr. 530 A thrust in segoon.

Segra (sīːgră.) [Perh. a native W. Indian name.] = SEQUA.

1864 GRISEBACH *Flora W. Ind. Islands* 787 Segra-seed: *Feuillea cordifolia.* 1891 in *Century Dict.*

Segreant (seːgriːănt), *a. Her.* Forms: 6–7 **sergreant**, 8 *Dicts.* **sergreiant**, 7– **segreant.** [Originally *sergreant*, of obscure etymology; probably corrupt; *s'érigeant* ('erecting itself') has been conjectured.] An epithet applied to a griffin (in quot. *a* 1695, perh. erroneously, to a falcon).

The real meaning of the term seems to be unknown. In some examples it is combined with *passant*; if this be not an error, the explanation in modern books, 'Rampant with wings expanded', cannot be correct.

? *a* 1550 in Baring-Gould & Twigge *West. Armory* (1898) 5 *Bligh*: Azur a griffon sergreant arg. 1562 LEGH *Armory* 106 A Griffin sergreant Or.—Wherefore saye you Sergreante? —For that he is halfe byrd, half beast. 1610 GUILLIM *Heraldry* III. xxvi. 181 Hee beareth Argent, a Griffon Passant, his wings displaied Sable...Leigh in his Blazon of this Beast, addeth this word Sergreant, in regard of his two-fold forme. *c* 1630 RISDON *Surv. Devon* § 95 (1810) 91 A Griffin, segreant, or. 1682 GIBBON *Introd. Lat. Blasoniam* 60 Segreant..is the proper term for a Griffon displaying his Wings, *Segreant ses aisles*, as ready to fly. *a* 1695 WOOD *Oxford* (O.H.S.) III. 146 Armes are 'parted per chevron azure and argent, in chief two falcons sergreant or'. 1763 *Brit. Mag.* IV. 415 On a wreath, a gryphon passant, segreant, sable.

Segregable (seːgrĭgăbˈl), *a. rare*—1. [f. L. *sēgregā-re* SEGREGATE *v.*: see -ABLE.] That may be segregated.

1907 *Contemp. Rev.* June 908 Where the parent types differ in more than one pair of segregable characters we have new combinations of the parental characters.

† **Seːgregant,** *a. Obs. rare*—1. [ad. L. *sēgregant-em*, pres. pple. of *segregāre* to SEGREGATE.] Separated, divided.

1647 WARD *Simple Cobler* 5 Tolerations of divers Religions, or of one Religion in segregant shapes.

Segregate (seːgrĭgeːt), *a.* and *sb.* [ad. L. *sēgregātus*, pa. pple. of *sēgregāre*: see SEGREGATE *v.*]

A. *adj.*

1. Separated, set apart, isolated. Now *rare.*

In early use often † as pa. pple.

1426 LYDG. *De Guil. Pilgr.* 9399 The Body..Whan yt ys fro the segregat, Dysseneryd & separat. *c* 1480 *St. Ursula* (Roxb.) A j, So were the nobles from Brytayne segregate. 1532 MORE *Confut. Tindale* Wks. 428/1 Those holye consecrate companyes, the tone segregate from paynims by the sacrament of baptysme, the tother segregate fro the laye peple by the sacrament of order. 1563 FOXE *A. & M.* (1596) 1004/2 He was *segregatus a peccatoribus*—clean segregate from all kind of uncleanness. 1670 G. H. *Hist. Cardinals* III. II. 279 Two or three Cardinals, segregate from the other Factions. 1685 BAXTER *Paraphr. N. T.* 2 Cor. vi. 17–18 A holy people segregate to the Lord. 1865 *Spectator* 14 Jan. 32 It is true they have been celebrating their defeat..in a more morose and segregate manner than is here suggested.

2. *spec.* (*Zool.*, *Bot.*, etc.). Separated (wholly or partially) from the parent or from one another; not aggregated.

1793 T. MARTYN *Lang. Bot.*, *Segregata Polygamia.* Segregate Polygamy...When several florets comprehended within a common calyx are furnished also with their proper perianths. 1846 DANA *Zooph.* iv. (1848) 82 *Segregate*, when the buds are separate from the parent, except at base, each forming a distinct shoot or branch. 1882–4 COOKE *Brit. Fresh-w. Algæ* I. 29 Either single, segregate, or associated in families.

B. *sb.*

1. *Math.* One of a smallest select aggregate of products of irreducible covariants which suffices to provide by linear combination all covariants of every degree and order.

1878 CAYLEY *Math. Papers* X. 339 The effect of this was to enable me to establish for any given degree in the coefficients and order in the variables..a selected system of powers and products of the covariants, say a system of 'segregates'. *Ibid.* 345 The terms in the expansion of the R. G. F. [*i. e.* Real Generating Function] may be called 'segregates', and the terms not in the expansion 'congregates'.

2. *Bot.* (See quot. 1900.)

1871 BRITTEN in *Trans. Newbury Field Club* I. 36 In this first enumeration aggregate species only..are entered; the segregates being noticed in the second..list. 1900 B. D. JACKSON *Gloss. Bot. Terms* s.v., A Segregate is a species separated from a super-species.

Hence **Seːgregateness.**

1668 WILKINS *Real Char.* II. i. 34.

Segregate (seːgrĭgeːt), *v.* Also 6–7 **segregat.** [f. L. *sēgregāt-*, ppl. stem of *sēgregāre* to separate from the flock, hence to set apart, isolate, divide, f. *sē-* (see SE-) + *greg-*, *grex* flock.]

1. *trans.* To separate (a person, a body or class of persons) from the general body, or from some particular class; to set apart, isolate, seclude.

In early use often with allusion to the Vulgate renderings of Heb. vii. 26, *segregatus a peccatoribus*, and of Jude 19, *qui segregant semetipsos.*

1542 BECON *News out of Heaven* G j, Your Bysshop shalbe godly, innocent, faultles, segregated from synners. 1552 LATIMER *4th Serm. Lord's Pr.* (1584) 145 b, This is the cause wherefore he will haue hys flocke segregated from the wicked. 1552 — *Serm. 5th Sund. Epiph.* ibid. 322 So the Anabaptistes in our time..segregated themselues from the companye of other men. 1582 N. T. (Rhem.) *Jude* 19 These are they which segregate them selves, sensual, having not the Spirit. 1602 T. FITZHERBERT *Def.* 54 The Apostles.. were commanded by the holy ghost to segregat Paul and Barnabas. 1678 CUDWORTH *Intell. Syst.* 891 Nature absolutely Dissociates and Segregates men from one another, by reason of the Inconsistency of those Appetites of theirs. 1749 FIELDING *Tom Jones* XIII. ii, He rambled about some time before he could even find his way to those happy mansions, where fortune segregates from the vulgar, those magnanimous heroes. 1799 COLERIDGE in Mrs. H. Sandford *T. Poole & Fr.* (1888) I. 299 But dear Wordsworth appears to me to have hurtfully segregated and isolated his being. 1852 LD. COCKBURN *Jeffrey* I. 200 Certain peculiarities, or habits, which segregated him from the whole human race. 1884 *Law Rep.* 14 Q. B. Div. 178 Mr. Newitt has..segregated himself from Mr. Saffery in the trust. 1904 DOR. P. HUGHES *Life H. P. Hughes* XXII. (1907) 632 That innate instinct which ever aimed at uniting, not segregating groups of Christians.

2. To separate or isolate (one thing from others or one portion from the remainder); to place in a group apart from the rest; *esp. Chem.*, *Geol.*, etc. (of natural agencies) to separate out and collect (certain particular constituents of a compound or mixture). In scientific classification: To remove (certain species) etc. from a group and place them apart.

1579 FULKE *Conf. Sanders* 662 Christe vouchsafed to segregate it from other wood, to make it the instrument of his passion. 1625 JACKSON *Creed* V. XXXIV, The prototype is conspicuous in the image, it is not segregated from it. 1691 TAYLOR *Behmen's Theos. Phil.* 73 Like a Refiner's fire which segregates Metals. 1744 BP. BERKELEY *Siris* § 190 The pure fire is to be discerned by it's effects alone; such as..the segregating heterogeneous bodies, and congregating those that are homogeneous. 1831 D. E. WILLIAMS *Sir T. Lawrence* I. 167 Had these superb paintings been segregated in a national gallery. 1842 GROVE *Corr. Phys. Forces* (ed. 6) 100 The energy of the rays having been used up in decomposing the carbonic acid. The carbon thus segregated by the sun's rays is ready to give out heat and light, whenever it may be recombined with oxygen. 1872 W. S. SYMONDS *Rec. Rocks* X. 360 The limestone must have been segregated in deeper and tranquil waters. 1872 C. KING *Sierra Nevada* VII. 134 By an Act of Congress, the Yosemite Valley had been segregated from the public domain. 1911 *Q. Rev.* Jan. 290 In a true reference to the people the issue would be segregated.

b. *Mining.* (*U. S.*) See quot.

1881 RAYMOND *Mining Gloss.*, *Segregate*, Pac. To separate the undivided joint owership of a mining claim into smaller individual 'segregated' claims.

3. *intr.* for *refl.* To separate from a main body or mass and collect in one place.

1863 BATES *Nat. Amazon* VII. (1864) 169 The Manhés are considered..to be a branch of the great Mundurucú nation; having segregated from them at a remote period. 1870 PROCTOR *Other Worlds* XI. 261 Whether clusters of them will eventually segregate from their neighbours..it is as yet ..impossible to judge. 1877 *Fraser's Mag.* XVI. 401 Most of the provinces had segregated into independent principalities.

Hence **Seːgregated** *ppl. a.*; **Seːgregating** *vbl. sb.*

a 1628 PRESTON *New Covt.* (1629) 221 My Word is as fire; It is a segregating thing, that differenceth, and puts a separation betweene the scum, and the liquor. 1652 *News fr. Low-Countr.* 1 Those four segregated forms. 1844 DISRAELI *Coningsby* IV. X, To the segregating genius of their great Lawgiver, Sidonia ascribes the fact that they had not been long ago absorbed among those mixed races. 1855 J. R. LEIFCHILD *Cornwall* 127 By the segregating power of electric action. 1855 J. PHILLIPS *Man. Geol.* 513 We may collect masses of true granite,..compact felspars, and many other segregated varieties. 1874 RAYMOND *6th Rep. Mines* 518 That the extensions, bought by Raymond..were..on segregated ground far to the south.

Segregation (seːgrĭgeːiːʃən). [ad. late L. *sēgregātiōn-em*, n. of action f. L. *sēgregāre*: see prec.]

1. The action of segregating. a. The separation or isolation of a portion of a community or a body of persons from the rest.

1615 N. BYFIELD *Coloss.* i. 18 (1628) 122 The Church..is Holy by segregation from the sinnefull world. *a* 1677 MANTON *Serm. Ps. cxix*, CXXX. (1725) 600 Mat. 25. 32, 33...There is a congregation and then a segregation. 1829 SOUTHEY *Sir T. More* (1831) I. 384 There would be that segregation from the community into particular societies. 1849 A. BAVSON *Med. Statist.* in *Man. Sci. Enq.* 455 The utter impossibility of complete segregation [of fever patients], even in the most roomy vessel. 1859 TENNENT *Ceylon* II. VII. iii. 158 The social segregation is carried to such an extreme, that members of the several classes..refuse to associate together. 1861 BERESF. HOPE *Eng. Cathedr. 19th C.* vi. 215 The provision which the early Eastern Church made, with true Oriental feeling, for the segregation of women into galleries. 1904 *Brit. Med. Jrnl.* 17 Sept. 631 Manson has also declared segregation to be the first law of hygiene for the Europeans in the tropics.

b. Dispersion, break up (of a collective unity).

1604 SHAKS. *Oth.* II. i. 10 What shall we heare of this [*sc.* a storm]? A Segregation of the Turkish Fleet.

c. The separation of a portion or portions of a collective or complex unity from the rest; the

isolation of particular constituents of a compound or mixture.

1612 WOODALL *Surg. Mate* Wks. (1653) 273 Segregation is the solution of that which was whole and perfect into parts divided, which flow not together as colliquables dissolved. 1634 T. JOHNSON *Parey's Chirurg.* XXVII. viii. (1678) 668 Vinegar is made by the corruption of Wine, and the segregation of the fiery and airy parts. *a* 1734 NORTH *Exam.* III. x. § 1 (1740) 658 Now I have but one Matter more to work on,..which is a Segregation of Libel from History, which this Author has blended together. 1798 W. TAYLOR in *Monthly Mag.* V. 190 These observations..tend to authorize the segregation of a very fine set of oracles from those of Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel. 1836 BUCKLAND *Geol. & Min.* xxi. (1837) I. 551 A fourth hypothesis considers veins to have been slowly filled by Segregation, or infiltration... Segregation of this kind may have taken place from electro-chemical agency, continued during long periods of time. 1878 BELL *Gegenbaur's Comp. Anat.* 43 Ontogenetic facts point to the primitive segregation of the nervous system from the ectoderm. 1886 LD. COLERIDGE in *Law Times* LXXXI. 65/2 The general costs of the action, which remain after the segregation of these separate costs.

Comb. (*Geol.*). 1875 J. W. DAWSON *Dawn of Life* ii. 28 Many of the veins are not true fissures but..segregation veins. 1888 TEALL *Brit. Petrogr.* 447 *Segregation vein*, a vein which has been produced by the segregation of the component mineral matter of a rock along fissures.

†d. *spec.* Separation from a church or ecclesiastical organization: chiefly in reproachful sense, schism. *Obs.*

1555 PHILPOT in Coverdale *Lett. Martyrs* (1564) 219 If we behold through y^e^ iniquity of tyme, segregations to be made wyth counterfayt religion. 1662 H. HIBBERT *Body Divin.* II. 36 Let the seperatist..through his sullen segregation..be a thief to himself. 1683 CORBET *Nonconf. Plea* 26 There is a great difference between inimical segregation, like sedition in a Commonwealth; and a going severally upon weighty reasons.

2. The condition of being segregated.

1668 WILKINS *Real Char.* IV. ii. 407 To which [companionship] the opposite..is being in a state of Segregation from others. 1718 BP. T. WILSON in Keble *Life* 21. (1863) 386 Sooner than unite with her [the church of Rome]..I should rather choose to live in a state of segregation. 1841 L. HUNT *Seer* (1864) 81 To show the selectness and segregation of their accomplishments.

3. *concr.* Something segregated; in early use, †a schismatic body.

1563 WINJET *Bk. Quest.* Wks. (S.T.S.) I. 98 3e dissent fra the..haly Kirk vninersall, and als fra the segregatioun of all heretikis afoir 3ow. 1605 in 10*th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. v. 372 The schismatick uniting himselfe unto their congregations, or rather, as this Sainct sayeth, unto their segregations. 1859 MURCHISON *Siluria* xix. (ed. 3) 493 Veinstones or original segregations of gold. 1869 F. GALTON *Heredit. Genius* 376 We must..consider each human or other personality..as a segregation of what already existed. 1877 RAYMOND *Mines* 146 Number of feet in claim is 600, being a segregation of the north end of the Ophir Mine.

Segregational (se·grĭgē·ʃənăl), *a.* [-AL.] Of, pertaining to, or characterized by segregation.

1875 *Ure's Dict. Arts* (ed. 7) I. 872 Clays..from which the oxide of iron has been abstracted; partly by a segregational process, drawing together the iron into ferruginous nodules of hydrous sesquioxide.

Segregative (se·grĭgĕtiv), *a.* [ad. med.L. *sēgregātīvus*, f. L. *sēgregāre*: see SEGREGATE *v.*]

1. Having the power or effect of separating. †a. *Gram.* and *Logic.* A general designation for adversative (or †discretive) and disjunctive conjunctions. Hence of a proposition, Consisting of members joined by a segregative conjunction.

1588 FRAUNCE *Lawiers Log.* II. vii. 95 b, The segregative axiome is that whose conjunction is segregative, and therefore is fittest to dispose disagreeable arguments which must be severed. The segregative is either disjunctive or discretive. 1626 A. WOTTON *Art Logick* II. vii. 142 That word is a conjunction Segregative, which severeth or divideth the parts of speech each from other.

b. Having the property of separating the elements or constituent parts of matter.

1674 T. FLATMAN *Belly God* 95 The Vintner..With segregative things as Pigeons eggs Strait purifies, and takes away the dregs. 1858 *Sat. Rev.* 20 Nov. 502 Iron-stone nodules ..are..probably the result of a segregative power.

2. Of persons: Given to separation or disunion. Of an individual: Unsociable.

1685 H. MORE *Refl. Baxter* 24, I leave him..to consider what a pleasant thing it is to Flesh and Blood to be a Segregative Rabboni. 1875 WHITNEY *Life Lang.* ix. 158 The influences of barbarism, beyond narrow limits, are prevailingly segregative, a wild race..breaks up into mutually jealous and hostile divisions. 1888 MRS. H. SANDFORD *T. Poole & Fr.* I. 157 Coleridge was as social as Wordsworth was segregative in his tendencies.

†**Se·gstar.** *Sc. Obs.* [Prob. repr. med.L. *sacristārius*, through some OF. form.] = SEXTON.

1531 *Aberdeen Reg.* (1844) I. 143 And the segstar and his seruand to ansuer for the keiping of the kirk zard to the maisteris of kirk vark.

‖ **Seguidilla** (segidi·lʸa). Also 8 sequedilla, 8–9 seguedilla; 9 (after Fr.) segua-, seguidille. [a. Sp. *seguidilla* (whence F. *séguidille*, *séguedille*), f. *seguida* following, sequence, f. *seguir* (:—L. *sequī*) to follow.] A Spanish dance in ¾ or ⅜ time; also the music for such a dance.

1763 *Court & City Mag.* Apr. 191/2 (Stanf.) He joined the others and danced a Sequedillas. 1775 R. TWISS *Trav. Portugal & Sp.* 167 A seguedilla is only a part of a tonadilla [*sic*]. 1782 *Ann. Reg.* II. 11 A monotonous drawling seguidilla that serves the nurses as a lullaby to put their children to rest. 1811 SCOTT *Don Roderick* II. XXXIV, And rung from village-green the merry seguidille. *a* 1852 MOORE *Oh! remember the time* 5 When I taught yon to warble the gay seguadille, And to dance to the light castanet. 1854 THACKERAY *Newcomes* xxiii. I. 222 Percy sings a Spanish seguidella, or a German lied [etc.].

Segundo (sĭgv·ndo). [f. the name of Juan *Segundo*, the author of a book on bridle bits.

The British Museum has a copy in Spanish dated 1855, and one in French dated 1829. An English translation, 'from the original Spanish MS. which was dedicated to George IV. in 1832', was printed in Latchford's book cited below.]

A kind of bridle bit. Also *attrib.*

1860 WHYTE MELVILLE *Mkt. Harb.* xvii, An animal that may have the pace of a race-horse, but requires a segundo bridle, and a hundred-acre field to turn him in. 1871 B. LATCHFORD *The Loriner* List of Engravings, *Segundo Bit*, No. 41. Buxton Segundo, No. 81.

Segur, obs. form of SAGGAR.

1752 *Gentl. Mag.* XXII. 348 Great kiln for segurs.

Seh(e, Sehel, obs. ff. SEE *v.*, SEAL *sb.*[2]

†**Se·helich,** *a. Obs. rare.* [? f. stem of SEE *v.* + *-lich*, -LY[1]. Cf. the synonymous OE. *gesewenlic*, f. the pa. pple.] That may be seen, visible.

a 1225 *Leg. Kath.* 249, & hereð & hersumeð seheliche schaftes. *a* 1225 *St. Marher.* 11 Glistinde gimstan of all seheliche þing ant untsehelich baðe.

Sehen, -ene, obs. ff. SEE *v.*, SENE *a.*

Sei, obs. f. SAY *v.*[1], SEE *v.*; var. SEY *sb.*[2]

Seiannte, Seiant(e, obs. forms of SEJANT.

Seicentist (sēĭtʃe·ntist). [ad. It. *seicentisti* pl., f. *seicento*: see next.] An Italian artist or man of letters of the seventeenth century.

1905 *Athenæum* 25 Mar. 376/3 The rest of the Italian School is of minor importance, though one or two of the Seicentists are here..well represented.

‖ **Seicento** (sēĭtʃe·nto). [It.: short for *mil seicento* one thousand six hundred.] The seventeenth century considered as a period of Italian art.

1908 R. BAGOT *A. Cuthbert* iv. 29 Beautiful specimens of Italian cabinets of the cinquecento and seicento.

Hence **Seice·ntoist** (*rare*) = SEICENTIST.

1830 *Fraser's Mag.* I. 146 The architect..has thought proper to have recourse to the 'seicentoists'.

Seich, obs. pa. t. of SEE *v.*

Seiche (sēĭʃ). *Physiogr.* [a. Swiss Fr. *seiche*, perh. a graphic adoption of G. *seiche*, sinking (of water).

Not connected, as is usually stated, with F. *seiche*, *sèche*, 'a portion of the sea-bottom left uncovered at low tide'.] (See quots.)

1839 G. ROBERTS *Dict. Geol.*, *Seiches* (Swiss term); an occasional undulation of the water of lakes, like a tide wave, sometimes to the height of five feet, supposed to be caused by the unequal pressure of the atmosphere. 1852 TH. ROSS *Humboldt's Trav.* I. i. 24 M. Vancher thinks that the tides in the lake of Geneva, known by the name of the seiches, arise from the same cause. 1898 G. H. DARWIN *Tides* ii. 37 Although, then, it is possible to indicate causes competent to produce seiches, yet we cannot as yet point out the particular cause for any individual seiche.

Hence **Seicho·meter** [-METER] an instrument for measuring seiches.

1903 *Nature* 23 Apr. 599/2 Sir John Murray..exhibited a seichometer with which he hoped in the coming season to get a more definite and precise record of these oscillations.

Seicle, obs. Sc. form of SIECLE.

Seid(e: see SAYYID, SAID *ppl. a.*, SEED.

Seidg(e, obs. forms of SIEGE.

Seidlitz (se·dlits). Also 8 **seydlitz**, 9 **sedlitz.** The name of a village in Bohemia, where there is a spring impregnated with magnesium sulphate and carbonic acid. Used *attrib.* in †**Seidlitz salt**, magnesium sulphate; †**Seidlitz water**, an artificial aperient water of the same composition as the water of the Seidlitz spring. Hence in **Seidlitz powder** (arbitrarily named, merely on account of its aperient property), a dose consisting of two powders, one of tartaric acid and the other of a mixture of potassium tartrate and sodium bicarbonate, which are to be dissolved separately, and the solutions mixed and drunk during effervescence.

1784 CULLEN tr. *Bergman's Phys. & Chem. Ess.* I. 439 The Seydlitz, Seydschutz, or Epsom salts are got by evaporation from the water of fountains in the places from whence they borrow their names. 1802 *Med. Jrnl.* VIII. 491 The Sedlitz water is another sort of artificial mineral water introduced by Mr. Paul in this country...This water consists of vitriolated magnesia,..and is so powerfully impregnated with carbonic acid, as to render the bitterness of the salt scarcely discoverable. 1815 *Specif. Savory's Patent* No. 3954, The combination of a neutral salt or powder which possesses all the properties of the medicinal spring at Seidlitz, in Germany, under the name of the Seidlitz Powders. 1837 DICKENS *Pickw.* xx, Another clerk..was mixing a Seidlitz powder, under cover of the lid of his desk. 1872 BAKER *Nile Tribut.* viii. 112 The simple effect of mixing a seidlitz powder was a source of amusement.

Seie(n, obs. ff. SAY *v.*[1], SEE *v.*

Seif, Seige: see SIEF *Obs.*, SIEGE.

Seigh(e, etc.: see SAY *v.*[1]. SEE *v.*, SIGH *v.*

Seigne, variant of SENYE *Obs.*

Seignette (sēnʲe·t). Also 8 **Saignette.** The name of a French chemist of the seventeenth century used attrib. in *Seignette salt*, (earlier † *Seignette's salt*, F. *sel de Seignette*), a name for potassium and sodium tartrate, Rochelle salt.

1753 *Chambers' Cycl.* Suppl., *Seignette's salt*, a name given in France to a kind of sal polycrestus [etc.]. 1758 REID tr. *Macquer's Chym.* I. 126 This salt is another sort of soluble Tartar. It is called Saignette's Salt, from the inventor's name. 1863 FOWNES *Chem.* (ed. 9) 566 Tartrate of potassa and soda; Rochelle or seignette salt.

‖ **Seigneur** (sēnʲör). Also 8 *erron.* **seignieur.** [Fr. :—L. *seniōr-em*: see SENIOR, and cf. SEIGNIOR and SIGNOR.] a. In *French History*, a feudal lord; a noble taking his designation from the name of his estate. b. In Canada, the holder of a SEIGNEURY; one of the landed gentry.

1592 *Surv. France* To Rdr., William of Saluste Seigneur of Bartas. 1775 JEFFERSON *Let.* Writ. 1892 I. 489 This St. Luc is a great Seigneur amongst the Canadians and almost absolute with the Indians. 1776 C. CARROLL *Jrnl.* (1845) 79 These are the rich men in Canada: the seigniours are in general poor. 1876 LOWELL *Ode 4th July* II. i, The lands no serf or seigneur ever trod. 1883 R. W. DIXON *Mano* IV. vii. 155 They whom distress and poverty constrain Against the seigneurs and their heavy dues To meet in conjuration, and complain. 1888 LIGHTHALL *Young Seigneur* 2 'Oh, the seigneurs have not yet altogether disappeared', said the Montrealer to the Ontarian. 1907 F. W. RAFFETY *Burke's Wks.* IV. Pref. 10 Every newspaper recalled the murder of a seigneur; but on the other side the sufferers were too ignoble to be known.

Comb. 1873 BROWNING *Red Cott. Nt.-cap* 139 To sit free and take tribute seigneur-like.

Seigneurage: see SEIGNORAGE.

Seigneuress (sē·niŭrĕs). [a. F. *seigneuresse*, fem. of SEIGNEUR.] A woman who exercises feudal authority; also, the wife of a seigneur.

1849 [MRS. WILDE] tr. *Meinhold's Sidonia Sorc.* II. 130 Your feudal lady and seigneuress, Sidonia Bork. 1888 LIGHTHALL *Young Seigneur* 118 How is Monsieur the Seigneur? And how is Madame the Seigneuresse?

Seigneurial (sē·niū··riăl), *a.* Also *erron.* 7 **signeural**, 8–9 **seigneural.** [a. F. *seigneurial*, f. *seigneur*, influenced by *seigneurie* (Haiz.-Darm.). Cf. SEIGNORAL.] Pertaining to a seigneur (in France or Canada). Also sometimes used in wider sense = SEIGNORIAL.

1656 HEYLIN *Surv. France* IV. ii. 174 So did the Vidames disclaim their relation to the Bishop, and became Signieural or honorary also. 1673 TEMPLE *Observ. United Prov.* i. 7 Seigneurial Jurisdiction over the Inhabitants. 1757 BURKE *Abridgm. Eng. Hist.* III. vi. Wks. 1812 V. 650 From them [the clergy] were often taken the bailiffs of the seigneurial courts. 1792 A. YOUNG *Trav. France* I. 259, I was sorry to see, at the village, a *carcan*, or seigneural standard, erected, to which a chain and heavy iron collar are fastened, as a mark of the lordly arrogance of the nobility, and the slavery of the people. 1834 K. H. DIGBY *Mores Cath.* v. vi. 156 In the seigneural chapel of the church of Mery-sur-Oise. 1865 *Q. Rev.* July 17 There was a something repugnant to the just pride of the Highland gentleman in the very idea of parting with his seigneurial rights, even for a season. 1887 *Spectator* 5 Nov. 1514/2 Canada could never have made much real progress under the seigneurial system.

Seigneury (sē·niŭri), ‖**seigneurie** (sēnʲöri). *Hist.* Also 9 **seignurie, -ury.** [ad. F. *seigneurie*, later form of *seignorie* (see SEIGNORY), assimilated to *seigneur*.

1. a. *Fr. Hist.* A territory under the government of a seigneur. b. In Canada, a landed estate held (until 1854) by feudal tenure.

1683 *Apol. Prot. France* ii. 22 They have turn'd out of all Jurisdictions and Seignuries (which are almost infinite in France) all Protestants who had been admitted Officers in those Jurisdictions. 1763 LD. HOLLAND in Jesse *Selwyn & Contemp.* (1843) I. 269 Here is a large and good house..in the midst of a most extensive seigneurie. 1825 J. NICHOLSON *Oper. Mech.* 453 The chatelleine or seigneurie of Lille alone makes annually between 30,000 and 40,000 barrels. 1871 MISS YONGE *Cameos* (1877) II. viii. 100 The seigneurie of Garre, which lay near his own castle of Blein. 1903 *Times* 12 Dec. 8/6 His father, from whom he inherited the seigneurie, was the most prominent French leader of the rising of 1837.

2. In Canada, the mansion of a seigneur.

1895 G. PARKER *When Valmond came* vi. (1896) 115 The old sergeant went to the Seigneury, knocked, and was admitted to a room where were seated the young Seigneur, Medallion, and the avocat. 1895 *Outing* (U. S.) XXVI. 415/2 As he passed one of the cottages within half a mile of the seigneurie, the sound of a piano made him stop short.

Seignior (sē·niŏr). Forms: 4 **segnour, seynour, seignoure**, 4–5 **seignour, seynowre, seyngnour, seyngowre, senyour, -owr, senioure, sene-, senei-, senȝe-, senyeour**, 5, 7 **seniour**, 6 **senȝ-, seneȝe-, seinȝeour, senȝe-, senyor, senȝeoure, senior**, 7 **seignor, seigniour**, 7–9 **seignior.** [a. AF. *segnour*, OF. *seignor, -eur* (mod.F. *seigneur*, a Com. Rom. word = Pr. *senhor*, Sp. *señor*, Pg. *senhor*, It. *signore* :—L. *seniōrem*, acc. of *senior* elder (see SENIOR). Cf. SEIGNEUR, SEÑOR, SIGNOR, SIR, SIRE, all ultimately of the same etymology.]

1. In early use, synonymous with LORD; a person high in rank or authority, a ruler, a feudal superior; the lord of a manor. Now *rare*, and chiefly as a more vernacular substitute for SEIGNEUR in speaking of a French feudal noble.

13.. *K. Alis.* 1455 (Laud MS.), Þe keyes hij token in his honde Of her Cites of her honoure And maden hym her liege seignoure. 1393 LANGL. *P. Pl.* C. XII. 269 Now beþ

þese seintes, as men seyen, and souereynes [*r.r.* seynours] in heuene. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 13056 Then the Seniour [*i.e.* Menelaus] full sone, with seasonable windes, Cairet fro Crete with his clene nauy. 1552 LYNDESAY *Monarche* 5758 Thare sall our Senȝeouris of the cessioun Off all thare faltis mak cleir confessioun. 1648 GAGE *West Ind.* 39 A hundred thousand men of Warre..were sent by the Seniours of Mexico and Tezcuco to encounter Cortez. 1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr.* 1706 PHILLIPS (ed. Kersey), *Seignior* or *Signior*,..Lord, Master. In a Law Sense, the Lord of the Fee, or of the Manour. 1809 A. HENRY *Trav.* 9 Late in the evening, I reached Les Cédres, and was carried to the house of M. Leduc, its seignior. 1834 K. H. DIGBY *Mores Cath.* v. vii. 218 In the year 1245, was buried..a pious seignior, de Romilly, who dwelt at Romilly-sur-Seine. 1876 BANCROFT *Hist. U. S.* V. lii. 113 They denied the authority of the French nobility as magistrates, and resisted their claim of a right as seigniors to command their military services.

b. As a title of address. *Obs.* exc. *arch.*

c 1330 *Arth. & Merl.* 3607 (Kölbing) Merlin com þe king to & to hem seyd: Bieu segnours [*MS.* sengours], ȝe ben yswore to king Arthours. *c* 1440 *York. Myst.* xxx. 73 [To Pilate] My seniour, will ye see now þe sonne in youre sight. *c* 1460 *Towneley Myst.* xx. 8 Seniours, seke to my sawes, ffor bryssyng of youre bonys. 1528 ROY *Rede me* (Arb.) 67 Worsshipful seniours we must theym call Requyrynge that we shulde to theym obeye. 1823 SCOTT *Quentin D.* xix, 'Surely not, good seignior', answered the burgher.

†2. Used to represent It. SIGNOR or F. SEIGNEUR in designations of Italians or Frenchmen. *Obs.*

a 1578 LINDESAY (Pitscottie) *Chron. Scot.* (S.T.S.) II. 187 Seinȝeour Danid the Italian secriter. 1588 *Rot. Scacc. Reg. Scot.* XXI. 410 For chalmer maill and bedding to Senyeour Du Barras, Francheman. 1718 *Free-thinker* No. 15. 101 Seignior Camillo and Seignior Alessandro..entered.

Seignior, obs. form of SENIOR.

Seigniorage, seignorage (sē'nyŏrĕdʒ). Also 6 s(s)ignowrage, 8 seignourage, 5, 9 seigneurage. [a. OF. *seignorage, seigneurage* (mod.F. has *seigneuriage*), f. *seigneur*: see SEIGNEUR, SEIGNIOR, and -AGE. Cf. It. *signoraggio.*]

†1. Lordship, dominion. *Obs.*

1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr.* 1798 W. TAYLOR in *Monthly Mag.* V. 353 Opinions of hereditary right..must either be allowed to establish their superstitions (the monarchy or seigniorage of certain families),..or must be coerced in the exercise of their claims. 1820 WIFFEN *Aonian Hours* (ed. 2) 47 Her (Europe's) throne has been an armed seignorage.

2. A duty levied on the coining of money for the purpose of covering the expenses of minting, and as a source of revenue to the crown, claimed by the sovereign by virtue of his prerogative.

1444 *Rolls of Parlt.* V. 109/1 Wherof our Sovereign Lord to have and take for his Seigneurage vii d in nombre. 1543 tr. *Act* 9 *Hen. V* Stat. II. c. 2 Payeng y^e^ seignowrage & cunage of golde after the rate of .v.s. for the pounde of the tower. *Ibid.*, With the signowrage and coynage as afore is sayde. 1658 PHILLIPS. 1695 LOCKE *Further Consid. Money* 84 This at least they were not mistaken in, that they brought Work to the Mint, and a Part of the Money coined to the Crown for Seigniorage. 1797 *Monthly Mag.* III. 352 Delivering out, without deduction for seignorage, duty, workmanship, or even waste, the full value of all bullion brought in to be coined. 1805 EARL LIVERPOOL *Treat. Coins* 102 Augmentation of revenue was expected from the additional profits, which would in such case arise, from the right of Seigneurage. 1880 DEL MAR *Hist. Prec. Metals* 125 The royalties, seignorages, convoy-duties, and other impositions..which the Portuguese monarchs levied upon the gold product of Brazil. 1885 *Manch. Exam.* 7 Apr. 4/5 The proposal often made of deducting a seigniorage from the intrinsic value of the coinage. 1891 *Daily News* 6 Nov. 3/5 Any profit which the State gets from note circulation, seigneurage, and the like.

3. A duty claimed by the over-lord upon the output of certain minerals, a royalty.

a 1859 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* xxv. V. 265 With that domain they had as little to do as with the seignorage levied on tin in the Duchy of Cornwall.

¶4. Alleged to signify: 'Profit' (Webster 1847–54); 'The money paid on a copyright by a publisher to an author' (Webster 1864, marked '*Eng.*'). Cf. LORDSHIP *sb.* 6, ROYALTY 6 e.

†5. *attrib.* **seigniorage fine,** a royalty paid to the over-lord in return for the concession of a privilege. *Obs.*

1800 *Asiat. Ann. Reg.* 318/1 Perhaps a seigniorage fine to government for permission to sink a new well.

†Sei·gnioresse. *Law. Obs.* Also 7 segnioresse, seignoresse, signioresse. [a. OF. *seignoresse*, var. of *seigneuresse.*] = SEIGNEURESS.

a 1604 HANMER *Chron. Irel.* (1809) 386 If the eldest sister should take homage of the yonger, she should be as a segnioresse to them all. 1642 tr. *Perkins' Prof. Bk.* vi. § 459. 200 If a woman be seignoresse and a man be tenant. 1651 tr. *Kitchin's Courts Leet* (1653) 313 If a Woman Signioresse take her Tenant to Husband.

†Seignio·rity, seigno·rity. *Obs.* [a. OF. *seignourité*, f. SEIGNEUR: see -ITY.] Lordship, governance.

1525 LD. BERNERS *Froiss.* II. ccxxiv. 291 They..founde a great nombre of Ladyes and damosels, who had the sygniorite of that isle. 1596 LODGE *Marg. Amer.* 10 Your covetous longing after riches, your ambitious hunting after seignioritie, have occasioned this warre. 1598 SPENSER *Brief Note Irel.* Wks. (Grosart) I. 540 Then was he..to loose that seignioritie w^ch^ he claimed of that land.

Sei·gniorship. *rare.* [f. SEIGNIOR + -SHIP.] The rank or condition of a seignior. In quot. used as a form of address.

1823 SCOTT *Quentin D.* xiv, Your seigniorship.

Seigniory, seignory (sē'nyŏri), *sb.* Forms: 3–4 senurre, 4–5 senurie, senery, 5 senowrye; 4 *Sc.* senȝhory, senȝeroy, senȝhowry, 4–5 senyoury (*Sc.* senȝoury, senȝory), seniourie, 5–7 seniory, seniorie, (5 seniore), senȝowry, 6 senȝeory, -ie, 6–7 senyeory; 3 seynorye, 4 seynu(r)rye, 4 seynore, seinuri, 5 seynourye; 4 seinȝnery, 4–5 sengnurie, syngnory; 4 segnoury, 6 segnoris, segniory, 6–7 segniorie, 6 segnyorye; 3–6 seygnery, seignori(ȝ)e, seiȝnory, 4–5 seignurie, 4–6 seignorye, seygno(u)rye, seignourie, -y(e, seygnourie, 4–7 seigniorie, (7seigniore, siegniory, seignieurie), 4– seignory, 6– seigniory. [a. OF. *seignorie* (mod.F. refashioned *seigneurie*), f. *seigneur*: see SEIGNIOR. Cf. Sp. *señoría*, Pg. *senhoria*, It. *signoria.* See also SEIGNEURY, SIGNORY.]

†1. Lordship, domination, sovereignty. *Obs.*

c 1290 *S. Eng. Leg.* 115/320 ȝif he hadde of is owene flesche al-ovt þe seignorie. 1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 3858 He wolde wende Vor to winne seygnorie abonte in oþer ende. 13.. *K. Alis.* 597 (Laud MS.) He shal habbe seignorye Of þis rounde myddell erd. 1375 BARBOUR *Bruce* XII. 298 Covaitiss of senȝhory. *c* 1400 *Laud Troy Bk.* 3159 Thei made lettres..To eche a lond and prouynce That Gregeys hadde in seygnorye. 1456 SIR G. HAYE *Law Arms* (S.T.S.) 209/11 Mony has jurisdiccioun and seignoury be way of dede, and nocht be way of lawe. 1474 CAXTON *Chesse* II. v. (1883) 66 Whan thou haste moste seignourye and lordships than shalt thou [etc.]. *a* 1547 SURREY *Æneid* II. 467 That many yeres did hold such seignorie. *a* 1548 HALL *Chron., Hen. IV* 1 The Turke..by the discord of christen princes hath amplified greatly his seigniory and dominion. 1638 SIR T. HERBERT *Trav.* (ed. 2) 66 If hee would..do homage to him, he should re-accept his seniory. 1649 G. DANIEL *Trinarch., Hen. IV* ccclxi, The more Politicke Molls, (who in fatter Soyles, have Seigneiorie). 1684 *Contempl. St. Man* I. ii. 20 What were..the Seignory of the World, but Vanity of Vanities?

b. quasi-*arch.* *Your seignorie* = 'your lordship': attributed to a foreign speaker.

1829 SCOTT *Anne of G.* xxix, 'It may be your seignorie is right', answered the guide. *Ibid.* xxx.

2. *spec.* Feudal lordship or dominion; the authority, rights, and privileges of a feudal lord.

1464 *Rolls of Parlt.* V. 524/1 Articles of Libertcez to Seignorie apperteynyng. 1567 in F. J. Baigent *Crondal Rec.* (1891) 171 With suche segnyorye and preferment of the said under tenauntes as the possonne so atteyncted had before the said atteyndour. 1620 J. WILKINSON *Coroners & Sherifes* 3 Alwaies saving to the King and to other Lords their Seigniories and Franchises. 1834 PRINGLE *Afr. Sk.* xiv. 473 Reserving to the chiefs certain rights of seigniory over the respective domains. 1851 DIXON *W. Penn* xxii. (1872) 188 James thought..the rights of seigniory too large.

b. A particular feudal lordship; in *English Law* chiefly, the relation of the lord to the tenants of a manor.

Seigniory appendant, seigniory in gross: see quot. 1886. By some writers *seignory* has been used as equivalent to 'seigniory in gross'.

1466 *Paston Lett.* II. 283 Their ancestors had been possessed of a court and seniory in the town of Paston. 1482 *Rolls of Parlt.* VI. 204/2 Any Tenaunt holdyng..by Knyghts service, by reason of any Seignorie or Lordshipp. 1553 *Act* 1 *Mary* Stat. II. c. 5 Any person..having a Seignorie by reason of any Castells,..[etc.]..of him..holden by Knightes service. 1586 J. HOOKER *Hist. Irel.* 113/1 in *Holinshed*, Matthew did..seeke to vsurpe the name of a segniorie of the Oneiles, and the dominions apperteining to that segniorie and surname. 1597 SHAKS. 2 *Hen. IV*, IV. i. 111 Were you not restor'd To all the Duke of Norfolkes Seignories, Your Noble, and right well-remembred Fathers? 1607 J. NORDEN *Surv. Dial.* II. 43 He may haue thereby a kind of seignory, a Lordship or gouernement in grosse ouer his Tenants by contract or couenant, but no Mannor. *c* 1600 BACON *Elem. Com. Law* ii. (1630) 7 If tenant in ancient demesne be disseised by the Lord, whereby the seigniory is suspended,..Francke fee is no plea. 1652 tr. *Fitzherbert's New Nat. Brev.* 6 If a man hold of a Lord, as of Seigniory in gross, which is not any Manor, for which Seigniory he cannot keep any Court. 1730 M. WRIGHT *Tenures* 30 Neither could the Lord alien or transfer his Seigniory or Superiority to another, without the Consent of his Feudatary. 1844 J. WILLIAMS *Real Prop.* (1879) 322 By the grant of an estate in fee simple, he necessarily parted with the feudal possession...The grantee, however, became his tenant. ..This simply having a free tenant in fee simple was called a seignory. 1875 DIGBY *Real Prop.* I. § 3 (1876) 50 *note*, If the lord retained no lands in his own hands, but all the lands within the manor were held by free tenants, he was said to have a seignory, or a seignory in gross. 1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 623/2 They [seignories] are regarded as incorporeal hereditaments, and are either appendant or in gross. A seignory appendant passes with the grant of the manor; a seignory in gross—that is a seignory which has been severed from the demesne lands of the manor to which it was originally appendant—must be specially conveyed by deed of grant.

3. The territory under the dominion of a lord; *esp.* a feudal domain. Sometimes used for SEIGNEURY with reference to France or Canada.

1338 R. BRUNNE *Chron.* (1810) 49 Whan Knoute had reseyued boþe þe seignories, He parted þe lond in foure parties. 1489 CAXTON *Faytes of A.* I. i. 6 To recoure londes, seignoryes or ther thynges. 1532–3 *Act* 24 *Hen. VIII*, c. 7 Prouided alwayes, that euery lorde marcher haue the forfaytes..within their seygnories, liberties, aed [*sic*] fraunc heses royall. 1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* V. xxix. I. 107 A third Seignorie or Shire there is that goeth to Apamia. 1603 KNOLLES *Hist. Turks* (1638) 71 The Venetians; by whom it was holden as a part of their seignorie almost an hundred yeares. 1646 BP. MAXWELL *Burd. Issach.* 7 Crime..committed, within the Seignory of this pettie Principality. 1818 CRUISE *Digest* (ed. 2) I. 3 The codes of the Germans..were superseded by these local customs: each seignory and province had its own. 1839 STONEHOUSE *Axholme* 144 The Lord of the Manor..could search for stolen goods within the extent of his seignory.

fig. 1579 NORTHBROOKE *Dicing* Ep. Ded., I will poure out prayers vnto the Lord of heauen & earth to sende you.. after this life neuer ceassing, and endlesse ioyes in the heauenlie Seignorie. *a* 1586 SIDNEY *Arcadia* III. (Sommer) 268 In one place lay disinherited heades, dispossessed of their naturall seignories.

4. A body of 'seigniors' or lords. Often with reference to Italy, = SIGNORIA, SIGNORY 4.

1485 CAXTON *Chas. Gt.* 88 Ve myght be blamed, seen that your seygnorye ne your lordes be not here now present. 1517 TORKINGTON *Pilgr.* (1884) 12 The Duke..with all the Senyorye went in ther Archa triumphali. 1603 KNOLLES *Hist. Turks* (1638) 84 Ouer all which, the seignorie neuertheless had a generall care. 1872 LOWELL *Dante* Wks. 1890 IV. 134 The new decree by which the seigniory of Florence recalled a portion of the exiles.

Seigniour, obs. form of SENIOR.

†Sei·gnorable, *a. Obs. rare*^−1^. In 5 senȝeorabill. [a. OF. *seignorable*, f. *seigneur*: see SEIGNEUR and -ABLE.] Pertaining to or characteristic of a lord, lordly.

c 1475 *Rauf Coilȝear* 717 Thair was seruit in that saill Seigis semelie, Mony Senȝeorabill Syre on ilk syde seir.

Seignoral (sē'nyŏrăl), *a. Hist.* Also 7–9 seignioral. [f. SEIGN(I)OR + -AL.] = SEIGNORIAL; cf. SEIGNEURIAL.

1627 in Rushw. *Hist. Coll.* (1659) I. 508 And yet it was by him thus said..That the Kiogs of England always have had a Monarchy Royal and not a Monarchy Seignoral. 1658 CLEVELAND *Rustick Rampant* 149 A Tyrannie after the Turkish mode, a Monarchy seignioral. 1790 BURKE *Fr Rev.* (ed. 2) 219 The bishopricks and cures, under kingly and seignoral patronage,..are sometimes acquired by unworthy methods. 1809 *Ann. Reg., St. Papers* 733/2 All seignioral courts of justice are abolished in Spain. 1886 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 5 June 4/1 The history of Chantilly as a seignoral residence goes back to a very early period.

Seignorial (sē'nyŏ·rĭăl), *a.* Also seigniorial. [f. *seignor*, SEIGNIOR + -IAL. Cf. F. *seigneurial.*] Pertaining to a seignior or seigniors.

1818 HALLAM *Mid. Ages* (1872) I. 209 Several other small emoluments of himself and his successors,..were in that age rather seigniorial than royal. 1823 SOUTHEY *Penins. War* I. 721 Provincial custom-houses were abolished, and all seignorial courts of justice. 1877 MRS. OLIPHANT *Makers Flor.* vi. 158 This liberal and almost splendid existence, with its seignorial amusements of hunting and hawking.

†Sei·gnorize, *v. Obs.* [f. *seignor*, SEIGNIOR + -IZE (in early use after F. †*signoriss-, signorir*). See also SIGNORIZE *v.*] *intr.* To hold sway, act as lord. Const. *in, over.*

1634 W. TIRWHYT tr. *Balzac's Lett.* I. 26 Those Statesmen, who made accompt to Seignorize in all Assemblies. 1799 W. TAYLOR in Robberds *Mem.* (1843) I. 283 A woman may be..a Mrs. Arlberry in the art of Seignorizing over men.

†Sei·gnorous, *a. Obs.* [ad. OF. *seignoureux*: see SEIGNEUR and -OUS.] Lordly, noble. Hence **†Sei·gnorously** *a.*, in the same sense.

c 1477 CAXTON *Jason* 121 b, And in fauour of youre seignourense gentilnesse..I shal renewe you as sayd is. 1481 — *Godfrey* clxxxvii. 274 In to thynner part of the temple were fiedde moche grete peple of the toun by cause it was the moost seynorously and rial place of the toun.

Seignory, *sb.*: see SEIGNIORY.

†Sei·gnory, *v. Obs. rare.* [a. OF. *seignorier, seigneurier*, f. *seigneur*: see SEIGNIOR.]

1. *intr.* To exercise mastery.

1474 CAXTON *Chesse* III. iv. g 2 b, Hit is sayd in prouerbe that a man ought to seignorie ouer the riches, and not to serue hit. 1483 — *Gold. Leg.* 306/1 Thordre of domynacion whiche seygnoryeth abone other that ben lower.

2. *trans.* To govern.

c 1475 *Partenay* 5090 Terry seignoried A full large contre.

Seih, seihȝe, obs. ff. SEE *v.*

Seihtle, variant of SAUGHTEL *v. Obs.*

c 1200 *Vices & Virtues* 3 Ga arst and seihtle wiþ ðine broðer.

Seik: see SACK *sb.*^1^, SICK *a.*, SIKH.

Seil, obs. f. CEIL *v.*, SAIL *sb.*^1^; *Sc.* var. of SILE *v.*^2^

Seilde(n, -in(e, -yn, obs. ff. SELD and SELDOM.

Seile, obs. f. CEIL *v.*, SAIL *v.*^1^, SEEL *v.*^2^

†Sei·ler. *Obs. rare.* [f. *seil* var. CEIL *v.* + -ER^1^.] One who 'ceils' (CEIL *v.* 2); a house-painter or plasterer.

1672 in E. B. Jupp *Carpenters' Co.* (1887) 303 The Company of Joyners and Seilers London. 1688 HOLME *Armoury* III. 148/2 Seiler or House Painter.

Seili(en, obs. forms of SAIL *v.*^1^

Seill: see SEELE, canopy, SELE, happiness.

Seille, seily, obs. forms of SAIL *sb.*^1^, *v.*^1^

Seilye, variant of SEELY *a. Obs.*

Seim(e, Seiment, obs. ff. SEEM *v.*^2^, CEMENT.

†Sein, *v. Obs.* Also 6 seyn. [a. OF. *seignier*:—L. *signāre* to SIGN.] *trans.* To sign, seal.

1458 *Procl. Hen. III* in *Trans. Philol. Soc.* 1868–9, 21 We senden ȝew þis writ open iseined wiþ ure seel. 1549 in R. G. Marsden *Sel. Pleas Crt. Admir.* (1897) II. 70, I have written and seynidde this presentt with myne owne proper handde. 1638 *Hamilton Papers* (Camden) 3 We command you expreslie..to publis the proclamatioun fourthwith drauen up with your oune hand, which we have seined. *a* 1660 *Contemp. Hist. Irel.* (Ir. Archæol. Soc.) I. 136 He seined his fiat to the conformation of the said requeste.

Sein, obs. f. SAINT, SAY *v.*[1] **Seind**, obs. f. SEND *v.* **Seindell, -dill, -dl(e**, variant ff. SENDLE *adv.*

Seine (sēin), *sb.*[1] Forms: *a.* 1 seġne, 3–8 seyne, 4–7 sayne, 5 seyn, 7–8 sayn, sain(e, sein, 7– seine. *β.* 7 seene, 7– sean. [OE. *seġne* wk. fem. = OS., OHG. *segina* :—WGer. **sagīna*, a. L. *sagēna* (whence F. *seine*), a. Gr. *σαγήνη*.] A fishing net designed to hang vertically in the water, the ends being drawn together to inclose the fish. (See quot. 1874 in *β*.)

Also with defining word denoting the kind of seine, as *cod, herring, pilchard, shad, drift-, drag-, tuck-seine*, etc.

a. *c* 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* John xxi. 11 Næs ðiu segni tosliten [Vulg. *non est scissum rete*]. *a* 1000 *Cædmon's Exod.* 584 Hi ongunnon sælafe segnum dælan. *c* 1300 *K. Horn* (Laud MS.) 700 Þe fis þat brac þi seyne. *a* 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 4270 Set we na saynes in þe see, ne sese we na fischis. 1483 *Cath. Angl.* 328/1 A Seyn, *sagena*. 1602 CAREW *Cornwall* I. 30 The Sayne is a net, of about fortie fathome in length, with which they encompasse a part of the Sea, and drawe the same on land by two ropes, fastned at his ends, together with such fish, as lighteth within his precinct. 1657 R. LIGON *Barbadoes* 35 He hath of his own a Saine to catch fish withall. 1726 SHELVOCKE *Voy. round World* 55 They have almost every where the best conveniences for hauling the seyne. 1797 POLWHELE *Hist. Devon* I. 120 Herrings.. are taken in seines—three tons have been caught at a hawl. 1883 MOLONEY *W. Afr. Fisheries* (Fish. Exhib. Publ.) 28 A manatee had been caught in a drift-seine near Ajedé.

β. 1607 COWEL *Interpr.*, *Seane fish*, ..seemeth to be that fish which is taken with a very great and long net called a seane. *a* 1656 BP. HALL *Rem. Wks.* (1660) 193 These two holy Epistles are as some seene, or large drag-net. 1745 P. THOMAS *Jrnl. Anson's Voy.* 11 We had very good Fishing with a Sean. 1874 HOLDSWORTH *Deep-Sea Fishing* 156 Seans may be divided into three classes, namely, the sean proper..the 'tuck-sean', and the 'ground or foot-sean'. All these nets have the same general character... The back or upper edge of the net is buoyed up by corks..; and the foot is weighted with lead to keep it down, so that the net may hang perpendicularly in the water. 1880 MRS. PARR *Adam & Eve* II. 75 Barnabas had a share in a pilchard sean.

b. *To blow up the seine*: of a fish, 'to press against the lead-line in the endeavour to escape' (*Cent. Dict.* 1891). *To shoot a seine* (or *seine-net*): to throw it out into position.

1698 *Act* 10 *Will. III*, c. 14 § 12 No Person..shall..shoot his..Sayn or Sayns within or upon the Sayn or Sayns of any other Person. 1893 *Act* 36 & 37 *Vict.* c. 71 § 14 Any person who shall shoot or work any seine or draft net for salmon in a river across the whole width.

c. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *seine fishery, fishing, -hauling, line, trawl, trawler, trawling, twine*; **seine-boat**, a boat adapted for carrying and throwing out a seine; † **seine-fish**, a fish caught in a seine, *spec.* in Jamaica, the Saury Elops; **seine-gang**, 'a body of men engaged in seining, together with their boats and other gear' (*Cent. Dict.*); **seine-man**, one of a seine-gang; **seine-needle**, a needle with which the meshes of a seine are netted; **seine-net** = sense 1; **seine-roller** (see quot.); **seine-shooting**, the casting of the nets in seine-fishing; **seine-tender** (see quot.).

1602 CAREW *Cornwall* I. 27 b, They haue..*Sayn-boats for taking of Pilcherd. 1874 HOLDSWORTH *Deep-Sea Fishing* 159 The other rope and the whole of the net are put into the stern of the sean-boat. 1603–4 *Act* 1 *Jas. I*, c. 23 § 1 Herringes, Pilchardes and *Seane Fishe. 1725 SLOANE *Jamaica* II. 284 *Saurus maximus*...The Sein-Fish, or Sea-Gally-Wasp. 1874 HOLDSWORTH *Deep-Sea Fishing* 188 St. Ives is especially famous for the extent of its *sean-fishery. 1834 *Tait's Mag.* I. 125/2 The difference between drift and *seine fishing. 1883 JONCAS *Fish. Canada* (Fish. Exhib. Publ.) 23 Seine-fishing for herrings is chiefly carried on by fishermen of Nova Scotia. 1909 MORESBY *Two Admirals* 111 Oh, the shooting, the *seine-hauling, the picnics of those enchanted coasts (of Chili). 1794 *Rigging & Seamanship* I. 65 *Sean-lines, for fixing the sean-nets, have 18 threads, 6 in a strand. 1879 G. B. GOODE *Catal. Anim. Resources U.S.* 97 Seine lines. 1879 HOLDSWORTH in *Encycl. Brit.* IX. 254/2 The *seanmen receive certain wages in money and a share of the fish. 1879 G. B. GOODE *Catal. Anim. Resources U.S.* 131 *Seine-needle. 1603 OWEN *Pembroketh.* (1891) 117 Taken..in a *sayne nette, drawne after euerye tide. 1898 S. EVANS *Holy Graal* 41 A fetch that will bring them all safe home with a seine-net full of fish. 1887 GOODE, etc. *Fish. Industr. U.S.* v. I. 249 A *seine-roller.. is a wooden roller..which revolves on pivots in its ends...The use of this roller is to lessen the friction between the rail of the vessel and the seine, as the latter is being hauled on deck. 1864 MRS. LLOYD *Ladies of Potecarrow* 29 The first successful *seine-shooting for several long needy years. 1856 OLMSTED *Slave States* 351 There are two large seine-boats, in each of which there is one captain, two *seine-tenders, and eight or ten oarsmen. *Ibid.*, The seine-tenders throwing off, until the seine is all cast between them. 1874 HOLDSWORTH *Deep-Sea Fishing* 323 The drift-men may therefore frequently have a chance of success when *sean-trawlers have none. *Ibid.* 323 An Act was passed to put an end to *sean-trawling for herrings on the coast of Scotland. 1875 BEDFORD *Sailor's Pocket Bk.* v. (ed. 2) 158 *Seine twine.

† **Seine**, *sb.*[2] *Obs. rare.* [OE. *segn*, ad. L. *signum* SIGN *sb.*] A banner.

Beowulf 2958 Þa wæs æbt boden Sweona leodum, segn Higelace. *c* 1275 LAY. 9282 Nam he his seine and his sceald briþte.

† **Seine**, *a. Obs. rare*[−1]. [ME. *seine* (disyllable), perh. a. OF. *sené* wise, assimilated to the rime-word *meyne* MEINY.] ? Grave, sober.

c 1330 R. BRUNNE *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 11447 Faire þey come..Wyþ softe pas & fulle seine [Wace, *Petit pas, ordenement*] Gret þei Arthur & his meyne.

Seine (sēin), *v.* Also sean. [f. SEINE *sb.*[1]] **a.** *intr.* To fish or catch fish with a seine. **b.** *trans.* To catch with a seine, also to use a seine in.

1836 [implied in *Seining, vbl. sb.*] 1863 *Rep. Sea Fisheries Comm.* (1865) II. 432/1 Were you in the habit of seining for herrings every season? 1887 GOODE, etc. *Fish. Industr. U.S.* v. I. 260 The fact of mackerel being seined at night could not long be kept a secret. 1890 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 29 May 1/2 To send a fleet..to 'seine' the bay for herring for bait.

Hence **Seined** *ppl. a.*; **Sei·ning** *vbl. sb.* and *ppl. a.*

1836 *1st Rep. Ir. Fisheries* 152 Seaning seldom commences before June or July. 1874 HOLDSWORTH *Deep-Sea Fishing* 189 The seaning ground is on the western side of the bay. 1876 GOODE *Fishes of Bermudas* 10 Row-boats filled with small seined fish may be found at the quay. 1887 GOODE, etc. *Fish. Industr. U.S.* v. I. 267 A seining schooner. 1900 *Field* 18 Aug. 297/3, I was anxious to follow up my seining operations.

Seine: see SEE *v.*, SENE *a. Obs.*, SYNE.

Seiner (sēˑnəɹ). Also seaner. [f. SEINE *sb.* + -ER[1].] A fisherman who uses a seine, or one employed to haul in a seine. Also a seine-boat.

a. 1602 CAREW *Cornwall* I. 32 The Sayners complayne.. that these drouers worke much preiudice to the Commonwealth of fishermen and reape thereby small gaine to themselues. 1776 *Act* 16 *Geo. III*, c. 36 § 25 The Hewer of such Seyne or Master Seyner thereof. 1848 JOHNS *Week at Lizard* 173 The labours of the seiners..are rewarded by a catch of mackerel. 1884 GOODE, etc. *Nat. Hist. Aquatic Anim.* 571 A gentle ripple indicates their position..and is of great assistance to the seiners in setting their nets. 1906 J. B. CONNOLLY *Out of Gloucester* 8 She's a seiner out of Gloucester.

β. 1874 HOLDSWORTH *Deep-Sea Fishing* 189 Then is the seaner's opportunity. 1879 — in *Encycl. Brit.* IX. 254/1 Besides these there is a smalt boat..from which the master seaner directs all the proceedings.

Seinle, variant of SENDLE *adv.*, seldom.

Seint(e: see SAINT, SEYNT *Obs.* (girdle).

Seintefie, -ifie, obs. ff. SANCTIFY *v.*

Seintewarie, -tuarie, etc.: see SANCTUARY.

Seinye, -zie, var. ff. SENE *sb.*[2], SENYE *Obs.*

Seip, -age, -ing, var. ff. SEEP, SEEPAGE, SEEPING.

Seipter, obs. form of SCEPTRE *sb.*

Seir, obs. f. SERE *a.*; obs. Sc. f. SORE *a.*

Seirce, seirch(e, obs. Sc. forms of SEARCH *v.*

Seire, obs. form of SERE *a.*

Seir-fish, seer-fish (sīəˑfiʃ). [The first element is a corruption of the Pg. name *serra* lit. 'saw'.] An East Indian scombroid fish, *Cybium guttatum*.

1727 A. HAMILTON *New Acc. E. Ind.* I. xxx. 379 In November and December they have great Plenty of Seer-fish, which is as savory as any Salmon or Trout in Europe. 1813 J. FORBES *Oriental Mem.* I. 53 The robal, the seir-fish, the grey mullet, and some others, are very good. 1883 DAY *Indian Fish* (Fish. Exhib. Publ.) 12 Drift-nets..are used for taking these two descriptions of fish, as well as for the seir fish (*Cybium*).

Seirs, obs. form of SEARCH *v.*

Seis, obs. form of CEASE *v.*, SYCE.

Seisant, erron. form of SEJANT.

1612 PEACHAM *Gentl. Exerc.* III. 168. (Also in edd. 1634, 1661.)

† **Seise**, *sb. Obs.* [f. *seise*, SEIZE *v.*] = SEISIN.

1607 J. CARPENTER *Plaine Mans Plough* 241 Who..hath taken seise and possession for man in the kingdome of his Father.

Seise, *v. Law.* The usual spelling of SEIZE *v.* in the sense: To put in possession, invest with the fee simple *of*. (See SEIZE *v.* 1, 2.)

† **Sei·ser**. *Law. Obs.* Also 6 seasor, -er, 7 seisor. [a. AF. *seiser* (inf.) = F. *saisir* to SEIZE.] = SEIZURE.

1550 *Rutland MSS.* (Hist. MSS. Comm. 1905) IV. 354 Ryding from Anwyke to Raylye (sic) to make a seasor. 1558 *Act* 1 *Eliz.* c. 12. § 3 The Shire or Place where the Seaser was made. *c* 1560 in Strype *Ann. Ref.* (1709) I. II, App. VIII. 21 Temporalities of Bishoppes seisid; and of the seiser of the Goodes of the Clergie. *a* 1625 SIR H. FINCH *Law* (1636) 11, A. erects a Shop vpon the Kings Freehold, the King grants the land to B. in fee; A. before entry or seisor of the shop by the Kings Patentee, continueth his possession and dieth seised.

Seisin (sīˑzin), *sb.* Forms: 3–4 sesin, 4–5 sesyn(e, sesine, 3–7 sesyng(e, 4–7 sesing, 5 sesun, seson, sesen, seasynn, 6 *Sc.* sessing, 7 sezin; 4–5 cesoun, 5 cesone; 4 saysyne, sayzine, 5 saisine, 6 saysing, saising, 7 *Sc.* sasseing; 5 seasyng, 6 seasyne, 5–7 season, 6 seasen, 6–7 seasin, 6 ceassing, 7 seassing, seasin; 3–5 seysyn(e, 3–8 seisine, 3–5 seisyn(e, 5–6 seising, 6 seissin, seizine, 6–7 seizon, seison, 7 seizen, seisen, seysin, 3– seisin. Also *Sc.* SASINE. [a. F. *saisine* (from 13th c.) = Pr. *sazina* (whence It. *sagina*), f. F. *saisir*, Pr. *sazir*: see SEIZE *v.*]

1. In early use, Possession: chiefly in phrases, *to have, take seisin* (*in, of*). Now only in *Law*, Possession as of freehold.

1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 6431 King knout of edmondes londes anon seisine nom. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 3360 He drogh hir ner and still spak 'Von es mi tauerd ysaac,..Of him now sal þou ha sesin'. 1303 R. BRUNNE *Handl. Synne* 6012 Vn alle here landes he toke sesyne, And was þan a ryche lordyng. *c* 1330 — *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 7621 Of prest was þer no benisoun,..In sesyn þe kyng had hure þat nyght. 1340 *Ayenb.* 144 And þervore zayþ oure Lhord þet þe kingdom of hevene is hare, naȝt wyþoute more be beheste, ac be saysyne zykere. 1375 BARBOUR *Bruce* VI. 496 He had him in his sesing. *c* 1400 MAUNDEV. (1839) xxi. 222 Theise 3 Bretheren had Cesoun in alle the Lond. *c* 1412 HOCCLEVE *De Reg. Princ.* 1812 Wolde honest deth come, and me ouerterue, And of my graue me put in seisyne. *c* 1425 *Cast. Persev.* 767 in *Macro Plays* 100 In all þis worlde.. here I ȝyfe þee with myn honde, syr, an opyn sesun. *c* 1425 *Eng. Conq. Irel.* (1896) 82 Reymond went ouere yn-to Walys to take seysyne yn hys fadyr landys. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 67/1 Cesone in londe, or opyr go(o)d takynge, *seisina*. 1525 LD. BERNERS *Froiss.* II. clxvii. [clxiii.] 463 To entre and take season of the castell. 1611 SPEED *Hist. Gt. Brit.* IX. viii. § 50 The Legate (hauing after fiue dayes seysin redeliuered the Crowne, but not yet released the Censures, till conditions were performed). 1628 COKE *On Litt.* 31 Here this word (seised) extendeth it selfe as well to a seison in law, or a ciuill seison, as to a seison in deed, which is a naturall seison...For a woman shall be endowed of a seison in Law. 1647 N. BACON *Disc. Govt. Eng.* I. lxii. (1739) 123 The Heir of a Free-man shall by descent be in such seisin as his Ancestor had at the time of his death, doing service, and paying relief; and shall have his Chattels. 1766 BLACKSTONE *Comm.* II. v. 66 Immediately upon the death of a vasal the superior was intitled to enter and take seisin or possession of the land. 1818 CRUISE *Digest* (ed. 2) III. 371 The law vested the seisin in law in the daughters upon the death of the father. 1869 BLACKMORE *Lorna D.* lvi, The Grange had only devolved to him by will, at the end of a long entail,..and..he had gone abroad, without taking seisin. 1875 DIGBY *Real Prop.* i. (1876) 50 *note*, The proper meaning of the word 'seisin' is possession as of freehold; i.e. the possession which a freeholder has.

b. The phrases *to give, take seisin* are sometimes used with special reference to the symbolical acts called *livery of seisin* (see LIVERY *sb.* Sc.). Hence, in popular language, *seisin* has been occas. applied loosely to the object (e.g. a turf, a key, a staff) handed over in 'livery of seisin' as a token of possession.

1523 FITZHERB. *Surv.* 14 The stewarde..shall delyner to hym yᵗ shall haue the lande the same yerde or another in the name of season. *c* 1600 BACON *Use Com. Law* (1630) 52 And in Seisin thereof, hee deliuereth to him a Turfe, twig, or Ring of the doore. 1762 HUME *Hist. Eng.* I. iii. 136 A soldier..plucked some thatch, which, as if giving him seisine of the kingdom, he presented to his general [William]. 1863 KEBLE *Bp. Wilson* v. 168 Giving a kind of seizin by the delivery of a straw.

fig. 1602 MARSTON *Ant. & Mel.* II. D 2 *Gal.* Thy lips, and loue, are mine. *Mell.* You nere tooke seizin on them yet. 1609 BP. ANDREWES *Serm.* iv. (1629) 30 He sends the Spirit of his Sonne, to give us seisin of this our Adoption. 1861 PEARSON *Early & Mid. Ages Eng.* 243 The story that he [William the Conqueror]..stumbled on the shore and converted it into an omen of good luck, by professing to take seisin of the new territory. 1868 E. EDWARDS *Ralegh* I. xxi. 462 His horse fell with him, and forced him to take seisin of the soil in the roughest fashion.

c. *Primer* (also *premier*, †*first*) *seisin*: see PRIMER *a.* 3 b. Now only *Hist.*

1459 *Rolls of Parlt.* V. 362/1 And the seid Edward..used to have and had..the furst seisine of all Londes..of every Tenaunt that held of them in chief. 1622 BACON *Hen. VII* 210 Wardships, Liueries, Primier Seisines, and Alienations. 1875 CUATIS *Hist. Eng.* 396 All wardships, forfeitures for marriage.., premier seisins..for alienation.

2. *Scots Law.* The act of giving possession of feudal property by the delivery of symbols; infeftment. Also, the instrument by which the possession of feudal property is proved.

14.. *Chalmerlan Ayr* § 4 (Sc. Acts I), Item at þai gif seising heratabill or of lang tym of ony baronagis [etc.]. 1498 *Reg. Privy Seal Scot.* I. 30/2 Quhil the lauchfull are or aeris thairof optene lachfull state and sesing of the sammyn. 1499 *Ibid.* 60/2 Confirmand a letter of sessing mad and gevin thairuppon to the said Williame. 1521 *Stirling Burgh Rec.* (1887) I. 13 Sir James Akman, cheplane,..produsit..ane attentic chartour and seissin of twa markis of obit silver to be upliftit..to the feft chaplanis yeirly. 1540 *Sc. Acts Jas. V* (1814) II. 375/1 The persoun ..havand privait stait & saising of þe saidis landis. 1592 in *Oppress. Orkney & Zetld.* (1859) 101 But charter or seasing. 1604–5 *Aberd. Acc.* in *Spalding Club Miscell.* V. 78 Ane skyn of parchement to wreit the sesing of the said chartour of mortificatiouu. 1609 SKENE *Reg. Maj.* 2 Item, for ane precept of saising, conforme to the chartour, to the Chancellar for the fie of the seale, ane mark. 1693 STAIR *Institt. Law Scot.* II. iii. § 16 (ed. 2) 199 These Charters..never become a real Right till they be compleated by Seasin, which imports the taking of Possession. *Ibid.* § 19. 201 Albeit the most ordinar Warrant of Seasins be the Superiors Precept ingrossed or related to in the Seasin. 1696 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 3228/2 Act anent the Registration of Seasings. 1733 J. INNES *Idea Juris Scotici* 77 And the Seisin itself is nothing else but an Instrument (of a settled Style)..setting forth that upon such a Day..the Disponee was seized and invested in the Feu in Virtue of his Disposition. 1754 ERSKINE *Princ. Sc. Law* (1809) 266 Apprisings were, by the former practice, preferable, according to the dates of the seisins following upon them, where the debtor himself was infeft.

b. *Comb.*: † **seisin-ox**, an ox formerly due as a perquisite to the sheriff when he gave infeftment to crown lands.

1567 *Sc. Acts Jas. VI* (1814) III. 40/1 That na saising ox ..be gevin or takin for na maner of saising tobe takin. *a* 1768 ERSKINE *Inst. Law Scot.* III. viii. § 79 (1773) 585 The sheriff who thus gives seisin, was by our old customs intitled to a seisin-ox as his fee.

† **Sei·sin**, *v. Obs.* Forms: 5 seysne, ceson, cesun, seysonne, sesyn, seson, seisyne, 6 season, seasne, seizon. [f. SEISIN *sb.*; cf. med.L. *sesināre*; there may have been an AF. **seisiner*: cf. OF. *seisineor* (agent-n.) and *seisinement* (n. of action).]

1. *trans.* To give seisln of (property).

13.. *Guy Warw.* (Caius) 8590, I will season into thyn hande Evyn halfen deale of my lande.

2. To invest with the seisin of property; to put in possession; = SEIZE *v.*[1]

c 1450 *Godstow Reg.* 135 þei preied..þat [they] wold.. commaund to seysonne hem io hit. *Ibid.* 661 Bernarde of Seynt Walerye yaf the forsaid towne..and graunted hit to kyng henry and seisyned hym (by a silken cloth, wherof was a chesible I-made) with the lordship and the right of the Avowery of the same Abbey.

3. To confiscate (property); to apprehend (a prisoner); = SEIZE *v.* 5.

c 1425 *Found. St. Bartholomew's* (E.E.T.S.) 57 Vf he wolle denay hit the kyngis officer hym as a theyf may holde and sesyne And for to be condempnyd hetake hym to the Iugys. *c* 1450 *Godstow Reg.* 155 He nother his heires shold never..sesyn the lond of the same for the defaute of the same Robert. 1535 COVERDALE 1 *Esdras* vi. 32 All his goodes shalbe seasoned to y^e kynge.

4. To seize, take hold of; to take *root.*

1568 SKEVNE *Pest* (Bannatyne Cl.) 15 Quhan all apperis to succede weill than the tirane [the Plague] sessinis rute and slayis sonest.

5. *intr.* To seize *upon.*

c 1540 tr. *Pol. Verg. Eng. Hist.* IV. (Camden No. 36) 178 Cerdicius bie littell and litell seasoned on the weaste partes of the Ile. 1563–87 FOXE *A. & M.* (1596) 188/2 The kings officers came..to seizon upon his goods in the kings behalfe. 1587 *Mirr. Mag., Wolsey* xlv, One Wealsh, a Knight, came downe in good aray, And seasned sure,..On Wolsey wolfe, that spoiled many a lambe. 1587 FLEMING *Contn. Holinshed* III. 1548/1 Such, as vpon whom the infection was seizoned.

Hence † **Sei·sining** *vbl. sb.*, chiefly = SEISIN *sb.* Also † **Sei·siner** *Sc.*, lawful possessor (of lands).

c 1450 LOVELICH *Grail* lv. 214, I schal..Corowne hym kyng be My levenge, & Of Alle My londis to 3even him sesenynge. 1498 *Reg. Privy Seal Scot.* I. 35/1 The letter made to him be his said fader makand him sessonar and assignay to al his landis of M^c karistonn. 1523 LD. BERNERS *Froiss.* I. ccxiv. 266 Thus the kyng of England had the possession and sesenynge of the duchie of Aquitayne. 1547 in J. H. Glover *Kingsthorpiana* (1883) 88 Such as have landes by will or testament, shall paye for their sesianynge vis. 1623 COCKERAM II, A Seazning of goods to the kings vse. *Confiscation.*

Seism (səiz'm). *rare.* [f. Gr. σεισμ-ός: see SEISMIC *a.* Cf. F. *sisme.*] An earthquake.

1883 MILNE *Earthquakes* i. (1886) 9 To be consistent with a Greek basis for seismological terminology, some writers have thrown aside the familiar expression 'earthquake', and substituted the awkward word 'seism'. 1904 C. E. DUTTON *Earthquakes* xiv. 238 The average intensity of the quakes or 'seisms' as De Montessus terms them.

Seismal (səi·zməl), *a. rare.* [f. Gr. σεισμ-ός: see SEISMIC *a.* + -AL.] Seismic.

1864 in WEBSTER; and in later Dicts.

Seismic (səi·zmik), *a.* [f. Gr. σεισμ-ός earthquake (f. σείε-ιν to shake) + -IC.

The normal form would be **sismic*: cf. F. *sismique.*]

Pertaining to, relating to, characteristic of, connected with, or produced by an earthquake, earthquakes, or earth-vibration.

1858 MALLET in *Rep. Brit. Assoc.* I. 7 The period of the year at which seismic action appears to be greatest. *Ibid.* 18 Whether, as a seismic region, Northern Africa have a centre disturbance of its own [etc.]. 1877 RUDLER in *Encycl. Brit.* VII. 611/1 The depth of the seismic focus is easily determined. For since the waves radiate from this focus, any two wave-paths when produced backwards will meet at the seismic centre. 1887 G. H. DARWIN in *Fortn. Rev.* Feb. 267 Regions subject to earthquakes, or seismic areas.

So **Sei·smical** *a.*, in the same sense; **Sei·smically** *adv.*, with regard to earthquakes.

1858 MALLET in *Rep. Brit. Assoc.* I. 67 A third..volcanic region, of which I am not aware that anything is known seismically. 1869 *Spectator* 6 Nov. 1291 Considerable atmospheric and seismical disturbance. 1904 C. E. DUTTON *Earthquakes* xiv. 245 *note*, This locality is certainly a seismically sensitive one to-day. 1905 *Athenæum* 29 July 137/3 The cartography, geological, magnetical, seismical, &c., of Italy.

Seismicity (səizmi·sĭti). [f. SEISMIC *a.* + -ITY. In Fr. *sismicité* (De Montessus de Ballore).] The frequency per unit area of earthquakes of a particular country; the number representing this.

1902 MILNE in *Encycl. Brit.* XXVII. 603/1 If we pick out the well-marked earthquake districts of the world, and give to each of them a seismicity or earthquake frequency per unit area of one-third of that of Japan, the conclusion arrived at is [etc.]. 1904 C. E. DUTTON *Earthquakes* xiv. 243 This statement..greatly facilitates the way toward a numerical measure of seismicity.

Seismism (səi·zmiz'm). [f. Gr. σεισμ-ός (see SEISMIC *a.*) + -ISM.] The phenomena of earthquake movements collectively.

1902 in *Webster's Suppl.* 1910 in *Century Dict. Suppl.*

Sei·smo-, combining form f. Gr. σεισμό-ς (see SEISMIC *a.*). Sei·smo-chro·nograph (see quot.).

1876 *Catal. Sci. Apparatus S. Kensington* 424 Seismochronograph, apparatus for determining the exact time of an earthquake.

Seismogram (səi·zmogræm). [f. SEISMO- + -GRAM.] The record of a seismograph.

1891 in *Century Dict.* 1897 *Nature* 16 Dec. 156/1 Seismograms have already been received from Toronto.

Seismograph (səi·zmograf). Also **sismo-**. [f. SEISMO- + -GRAPH. Cf. It. *sismografo* (Palmieri), F. *sismographe.*] An instrument for recording automatically the phenomena of earthquakes.

1858 C. V. WALKER tr. *De la Rive's Electricity* III. 508 An apparatus..which he [Palmieri] has designated, under the name of Electro-magnetic Seismograph. 1862 *Times* 6 Jan. 10/2 How long the eruption might continue Palmieri had no means of calculating; it was going on as violently as ever, and his sismograph was always registering. 1887 G. H. DARWIN in *Fortn. Rev.* Feb. 262 Instruments by which the motion of the ground during an earthquake is recorded on an accurate scale of time..are called seismographs, or recording seismometers.

transf. 1879 G. MACDONALD *Sir Gibbie* III. xi. 176 His soul..like a delicate spiritual seismograph, responded at once to the least tremble of a neighbouring soul.

attrib. 1904 BROWNELL *Hrt. Japan* xxvi. 88/2 Thousands of seismograph records.

Hence **Seismo·grapher**, a seismologist (*Cent. Dict.* 1891); **Seismogra·phic, Seismogra·phical** *adjs.*, connected with, furnished by, or relating to a seismograph; of or pertaining to seismography; **Seismo·graphy**, the descriptive science of earthquakes; also, the use of the seismograph in recording disturbances of the crust of the earth.

1858 MALLET in *Rep. Brit. Assoc.* I. Pl. 11 Seismographic Map of the World. 1865 PAGE *Handbk. Geol. Terms* (ed. 2), *Seismography.* 1905 *Edin. Rev.* Apr. 310 Mr. Oldham distinguishes three types of pulsation in the seismographic records of distant shocks.

Seismolo·gic, *a.* = next.

1904 C. E. DUTTON *Earthquakes* xiv. 239 Seismologic observations.

Seismological (səizmolǫ·dʒikăl), *a.* [f. SEISMOLOGY + -ICAL.] Of or pertaining to seismology.

1850 MALLET in *Rep. Brit. Assoc.* I. 89 Seismological books. 1880 (*title*) Transactions of the Seismological Society of Japan. Vol. I. 1887 G. H. DARWIN in *Fortn. Rev.* Feb. 263 A seismological observatory.

Hence **Seismolo·gically** *adv.* 1891 in *Century Dict.*

Seismo·logist. [f. SEISMOLOGY + -IST.] An investigator or student of seismology.

1868 R. A. PROCTOR in *Chamb. Jrnl.* 7 Nov. 710/1 The most eminent seismologists. 1902 *Encycl. Brit.* XXVII. 604/1 The ordinary apparatus employed by seismologists.

Seismologue (səi·zmolǫg). *rare*[−1]. [f. SEISMO- + -LOGUE.] A catalogue of earthquake observations; a detailed account of earthquake phenomena.

Wrongly explained in some Dicts. as 'a seismologist'.

1858 MALLET in *Rep. Brit. Assoc.* I. 1 The labour of collecting and calculating further and future *Seismologues* will be in a great degree thrown away, unless [etc.].

Seismology (səizmǫ·lŏdʒi). [f. SEISMO- + -LOGY. Cf. late Gr. σεισμολόγιον a treatise on earthquakes.] The science and study of earthquakes, and their causes and effects and attendant phenomena.

1858 MALLET in *Rep. Brit. Assoc.* I. 1 The few physicists who are engaged in Seismology. 1879 RUTLEY *Stud. Rocks* iii. 9 The branches of physical geology known as Vulcanicity and Seismology.

Seismometer (səizmǫ·mĭtəɹ). [f. SEISMO- + -METER.] An instrument for measuring the intensity, direction, and duration of earthquakes.

All practical seismometers now record their observations automatically, hence the name is used almost interchangeably with *seismograph* (q. v.).

1841 J. D. FORBES in *Edin. Phil. Trans.* XV. I. 220 The self-registering part of the apparatus, which Mr. David Milne has termed a Seismometer. 1886 J. A. EWING in *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 626/2 *Seismometer.* This name was originally given to instruments designed to measure the movement of the ground during earthquakes. *Ibid.* 627/1 The term 'seismometer' may conveniently be extended (and will here be understood) to cover all instruments which are designed to measure movements of the ground.

Seismometric (səizmome·trik), *a.* [f. SEISMOMETRY + -IC.] Of or pertaining to seismometry, or to a seismometer.

1858 MALLET in *Rep. Brit. Assoc.* I. 72 Twelve years ago ..the construction of seismometric instruments seemed a comparatively easy matter. 1879 LE CONTE *Elem. Geol.* I. iii. 125 If *c* and *b* be the position of two seismometric observatories.

So **Seismome·trical** *a.* [See -ICAL.]

1885 *Athenæum* 7 Mar. 315/3 The occurrence of long-continued earthquake disturbances in Tasmania..suggested to Mr. Ellery the propriety of instituting at the observatory some sort of seismometrical apparatus.

Sei·smome·trograph. [f. SEISMOMETER (comb. form *-metro-*) + -GRAPH.] A seismograph.

1894 *Nature* 9 Aug. 362/1 The new continuous-record seismometrograph of the Collegio Romano.

Seismometry (seizmǫ·mĭtri). [f. SEISMO- + -METRY.] The scientific study, determination and recording of earthquake phenomena, esp. by means of the seismometer; the scientific study, theory, and application of the seismometer.

1858 MALLET in *Rep. Brit. Assoc.* I. 72, I therefore proceed to some observations upon instrumental seismometry, and the construction of seismometers. 1902 MILNE in *Encycl. Brit.* XXVII. 602/2 The seismometry developed in Japan revolutionized the seismometry of the world.

Seismoscope (səi·zmoskōup). [f. SEISMO- + -SCOPE.] A simple form of seismometer; a contrivance for detecting or indicating the occurrence of an earthquake shock, sometimes also indicating (without measuring) the intensity or direction of the earthquake wave.

1851 MALLET in *Rep. Brit. Assoc.* I. 278 This instrument I have named the Seismoscope. 1887 G. H. DARWIN in *Fortn. Rev.* Feb. 263 An instrument which tells only that there has been a shock, without giving a record of the nature of the movement, is called a seismoscope.

Hence **Seismosco·pic** *a.*

1882 MILNE in *Nature* 26 Oct. 627/2 The records of most of the older forms of seismographs and seismometers,..can only be regarded as seismoscopic.

Seismotherapy (səizmǫpe·răpi). *Path.* [f. Gr. σεισμό-ς a shaking (see SEISMIC) + THERAPY.] (See quot.)

1901 DORLAND *Med. Dict.* (ed. 2), *Seismotherapy*, the treatment of disease by mechanic vibration.

Seismotic (səizmǫ·tik), *a. rare.* [f. Gr. σεισμ-ός (see SEISMIC *a.*) + -OTIC.] Seismic.

1889 KINGSFORD *Canada* III. 207 *note*, The assumption that Canada is beyond seismotic influences is not borne out by fact.

Seison, Seisor: see SEISIN, SEISER.

Seiss, Seissure: see CEASE, SEIZURE.

Seistar, variant of SISTRE *Obs.*, sistrum.

c 1590 J. BURELL *Queen's Entry* in Sibbald *Chron. S. P.* (1802) III. 468 Trumpets and timbrels maid gret beir, With instruments melodious: The seistar and the sumphion [etc.].

Seisure, Seisz: see SEIZURE, CEASE.

Seit, obs. 3rd sing. ind. pres. of SAY *v.*[1]

Seit, obs. f. SET, SIT *v.* **Seite**, obs. f. SEAT *sb.*

Seith, variant of SAITHE.

1711 *Extracts Rec. Convent. Burghs Scot.* (1880) IV. 515 There has been a trade of barrelled codd, ling, and seith fish.

Seith, obs. form of SCYTHE.

Seity (sī·ĭti). *rare.* [ad. med.L. *sēitās*, f. L. *sē* oneself: see -ITY.] That which constitutes the self, selfhood.

1709 STEELE *Tatler* No. 174 ¶ 1 Scotus, to distinguish the Race of Mankind, gives every Individual of that Species what he calls a Seity, something peculiar to himself. 1733 BUDGELL *Bee* IV. 347 For, these were Parts, of Dennis, Born, to Die! But, there's a Nobler Se-ity, behind; His Reason dies not. 1761 G. COLMAN *Crit. Refl. Dram. Writers in Massinger's Wks.* (1779) I. p. xxiv, Our Old Writers thought no Personage whatever, unworthy a Place in the Drama, to which they could annex what may be called a *Seity*; that is, to which they could allot Manners and Employments peculiar to itself. 1906 W. T. SEEGER in *Hibbert Jrnl.* Oct. 83 [In Hindu theology] Seity is the power of infinite self-manifestation, man's being the same essentially as God's.

Seive, Seiyde, obs. ff. SIEVE, SEED *sb.*

Seizable (sī·zăb'l), *a.* Forms: 5 seisible, seasible, seisable, 6 seisibill, seizeabil, 7– seizable. [f. SEIZE *v.* + -ABLE; an AF. *seisable* occurs A. D. 1361.] Capable of being seized (in various senses of the verb). Chiefly of property, that may lawfully be seized.

1461 *Rolls of Parlt.* V. 479/2 Not forfeited nor forfeitable ..nor seisible into any of their handes. 1483 *Ibid.* VI. 248/1 That all Castelles..be not forfeited..to the Kyng..nor be seiseble into his handys by this present Acte. 1574 in *Exch. Rolls Scot.* XX. 467 To sell..and put away his landis, heretagis [etc.]..sua that sche sall get nathing seizeabil thairfore. 1652 *Obs. Orig. Govt.* 19 It was alienable by the Parent, and seizable by an usurper as other goods are. 1768 *Woman of Honor* III. 129 Private property..was transferable and seizable on private suit. 1815 MME. D'ARBLAY *Diary* (1876) IV. lxv. 335 Carts, waggons, and every..seizable vehicle were unremittingly in motion. 1846 RUSKIN *Mod. Paint.* II. III. II. ii. § 28 *note*, It is the characteristic of truth to be in some way tangible, seizable, distinguishable, and clear. 1870 *Daily News* 25 July 4 The principles laid down in the Declaration of the Congress of Paris of 1856..are as follows:—..3d. Merchandise of neutrals, except contraband of war, sailing under an enemy's flag is not seizable. 1885 *Law Times* LXXVIII. 229/1 The personal liability of the official receivers for mistakes as to property seizable as assets of the estate.

Seize (sīz), *v.* Forms: 3–8 saise, 3–4 sayse, 3–9 seise, 3–5 seyse, 4 *Sc.* seyss, 4–5 sese, sess, 5–8 sease, 6 *Sc.* sase, seysse, 6–7 seaze, (7 seaz), 6–8 sieze, 7 siese, (8 *Naut.* size); 5 cess, 6–7 cease, ceaze, (7 ceize, csese); 6– seize. [a. OF. *saisir, seisir* (mod.F. *saisir*) to put in possession, to take possession of, to take hold of = Pr. *sazir* (whence It. *sagire*) :—Frankish Latin (8th c.) *sacīre* in the phrase *ad propriam* (or *ad proprietatem*) *sacire*, to take into one's own possession, to appropriate. As the word *sacire* is replaced by *ponere* in another example of the formula, its source is commonly believed to be the Teut. **satjan* to place: see SET *v.*]

I. To put in possession.

1. *Law.* (In technical use written **seise.**) *trans.* To put (a person) in legal possession *of* a feudal holding; to invest or endow *with* property; to establish *in* a holding or an office or dignity.

c 1290 *Beket* 1695 in *S. Eng. Leg.* 155 þe king..wende in-to engelonde, For to saisi sir henri is sone mid al is kinedom. *Ibid.* 1708 þe fader seruede þe sone at þe mete a-dai, And with reaume saisede him. 1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 8991 To..saysi þer wiþ willam Roberdes sone courtehese. *a* 1300 *Havelok* 2518 Her ich sayse þe In al þe lond, in al þe fe. 13.. *K. Alis.* 7951 (Laud MS.), Darries heir I make þee And seise þee wiþ al his fee. *c* 1400 *Destr. of Troy* 119 Of Septur and soile he sesit his brothir. *c* 1400 *York Manual*, etc. (Surtees) 221* *note*, Wiþ my body y the worschipe, and wiþ my worldliche catel iche þe sese. 14.. *Beryn* 1549 Beryn first was sesid in the Shippis fyve. *c* 1440 *Ipomydon* 1592 Ipomydon sesyd hym in his lande And yaffe hym the profyte for his sake. 1471 CAXTON *Recuyell* (Sommer) II. 693 For as moche as Pirrus my right dere nevewe is the nexte eyer I sease hym now therin. 1480 — *Chron. Eng.* clxvi.

k 4 b, The lordes of Scotland..come to kyng Edward of englond & seised hym in all the land of Scotland as hir chief lord. *c* 1500 *Melusine* lix. 358 Wilt thou denye my trybute that of ryght I ought to haue vpon the pommel of this toure of the which I was seasyd & enpoteessid by thy fader? 1526 Skelton *Magnyf.* 1554 In my fauour I haue you feffyd and seasyd. 1559 *Fabyan's Chron.* (1811) 711 Al whiche tyme doctour Ponet was ceased in that bisshoprike. 1836 *Penny Cycl.* V. 226/2 Borthwick had acquired various lands..but having seised his son James in several of them, he [etc.].

b. Passive. *To be seised of* or *in*: to be the legal possessor of. Phrases, *To be seised in fee, to be seised of* (a manor, etc.) *in his demesne as of fee*: to be the holder of the fee-simple.

Seised is sometimes used *simply* = seised of the property in question.

13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* A. 417, & sesed in alle hys herytage Hys lef is. *a* 1400 in *Eng. Gilds* (1870) 362 þe tenemens of weche he deyd y-seysed. 1427 *Rolls of Parlt.* IV. 318/2 Every persone..beeyng seysed of Londes..., in his demesne as of freehold. 1473–5 *Cal. Proc. Chanc. Q. Eliz.* (1830) II. Pref. 61 Richard Saunder was thenne therof seised in his demene as of fee symple. 1502 *Reg. Privy Seal Scot.* I. 115/1 Lanndis..quhilk his grantschir..deit last vestit and sesit in. 1558 *Mortgage in Vicary's Anat.* (1888) App. v. 183 That he the said Thomas Dunkyn, the daye of the makyng herof, is lawfully seased in his demeane as of fee. 1602 Shaks. *Ham.* I. i. 89 Who by a Seal'd Compact,..Did forfeite..all those his Lands Which he stood seiz'd on. 1603 T. M. *True Narr. Entert. Jas. I* B 2 b, The saide Bishop being thus seized of all the authoritie to the Kings Maiesties vse. 1607 Davies *1st Let. to Earl of Salisbury* (1787) 225 It was found that Sir John O'Relie was seized of the country in fee, and died seized. 1716 M. Davies *Athen. Brit.* II. 77 It appears that he died seiz'd of Lands in Slacksted in Hampshire. *a* 1768 Erskine *Inst. Law. Scot.* III. viii. § 83 (1773) 587 This holds though the lands had been adjudged from the ancestor during his life,..if the ancestor died seised, and in the possession of the lands. 1827 Jarman *Powell's Devises* II. 103 If a devisor, being seised of both Blackacre and Whiteacre, devise Blackacre to A. in fee. 1844 Williams *Real Prop.* (1877) 105 The person last seized (or feudally possessed). *a* 1845 Polson *Eng. Law* in *Encycl. Metrop.* II. 827/1 The Statute of Uses..which provides, that where one is seised of lands, &c. to the use of another, he who has the use shall become seised of the lands. 1872 'Mark Twain' *Roughing It* xxii, We were landowners now, duly seised and possessed.

† **c.** Without const.: To endow, dower. *Obs.*

c 1430 *How Wise Man taught Son* in *Babees Bk.* (1868) 51 For ritchesse take hir neuere þe more þou3 sche wolde þee boþe feffe & ceese.

2. *transf.* in Passive, *To be seized* (*seised*) *of* or † *with*: to be in possession of. Now only *arch.* and with conscious allusion to the legal use. Formerly often influenced by sense 5, 6, or 7, † to have seized, to hold as the result of seizing.

c 1477 Caxton *Jason* 81 b, And thus..thou mayst retourne with glorie in to thy countre and be seased with the noble fliese of gold. *a* 1533 Ld. Berners *Huon* xxxi. 94 Whan Huon sawe that he was sessyd of his horne of Iuorey he was ioyfull. 1590 Spenser *F. Q.* I. v. 8 As when a Gryfon, seized of his pray, A Dragon fiers encountreth in his flight. 1594 Carew *Huarte's Exam. Wits* xiv. (1596) 257 Temperat men are seized of the wisdom and knowledge requisit to the calling of a king. 1612 Brerewood *Lang. & Relig.* (1614) Pref. ¶¶ 1 b, Those (as they vsually stile them) of the Religion..are seased of aboue 70 Townes. 1628 Hobbes *Thucydides* (1629) 58 The Outlawes of Bœotia being seazed of Orchomenus and Chæronea,..the Athenians made Warre vpon those places. 1653 H. Cogan tr. *Pinto's Trav.* xxx. 122 If any that sell Goose Eggs do chance to be taken siesed with Hens eggs..they are presently punished with thirty lashes. 1659 T. Pecke *Parnassi Puerp.* 159 Seventy six years his Lungs were seis'd of Breath. 1730 Hearne *Leland's Itin.* I. Pref. 13 By this means Sir John became seiz'd of far the largest parcel of this great man's writings. 1713 Addison *Cato* III. vii, So Pluto, seiz'd of Proserpine, convey'd To hell's tremendous gloom th' affrighted maid. *a* 1715 Burnet *Own Time* (1766) I. 6 Being seized of his Mother's Crown, while she was an exile and a prisoner. 1885 Gladstone *Sp.* in *Standard* 14 Apr., I have no doubt that in due time Parliament will be seised of that correspondence. 1896 A. J. Balfour *Sp.* in *Daily News* 18 Mar. 3/3 So far as I am seised of the case..it appears to me that [etc.].

† **b.** *refl.* To take possession *of*, to seize *on*; = senses 6, 7, 9. [So F. *se saisir de.*]

1579 J. Stubbes *Gaping Gulf* C 4 b, The French king was not ashamed to excite John the brother of England to seize himselfe of the crowne. *a* 1586 Sidney *Arcadia* I. (Sommer) 81 b, The Lion..was ready to seaze him selfe on the pray. *Ibid.* III. 295 b, Death began to seaze him selfe of his harte.

† **3.** To settle, establish in a place; to place, seat, fix. *Obs.*

a 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 5637 Twyse sex Semylacris sesid he þar-vndire. 14.. *Siege of Jerusalem* (E.E.T.S.) 1/2 Sir Sesar hym sulf seysed in rome. *c* 1430 in *Pol. Rel. & L. Poems* (1866) 163 For þee y suffride greet repreef, In hiȝ heuene þi soule to ceese Y was an-hangid as a þeef. 1513 Douglas *Æneis* XIII. ii. 106, I sall ȝou seis and induce now, but weir, In far largear rewardis mychtely. 1535 Stewart *Cron. Scot.* I. 118 The lordis..Hes seisit him syne in his sepulture. *Ibid.* II. 247 Tha buir his bodie to Ecolumkill.. Syne sesit him thair into sepultiur. 1535 Lyndsay *Satyre* 8 The Father and founder of faith and felicitie..Gif ȝow all that I sie seasit in this place [etc.]. 1589 R. Bruce *Serm.* (1843) 118 He makes his Son to come down, to sease himself in the womb of the Virgin. 1594 Alex. Hume *Epist. to Rdr.* 19 The filthie vice and corruption that naturallie is seased in the harts of all men. 1600 in T. Stafford *Pac. Hib.* I. xvii. (1633) 104 Considering the Gentleman was ceased in my Countrie, and had my word. 1633 T. Stafford *Ibid.* II. x. 190 The Soveraigne with his white rod in his hand, going to billet, and cease them in severall houses.

† **b.** Of a beast of prey: To fasten (its claws) upon. *Obs.*

1590 Spenser *F. Q.* I. iii. 19 When that disdainfull beast.. him suddaine doth surprize, And seizing cruell clawes on trembling brest Vnder his Lordly foot him proudly hath supprest. *Ibid.* I. viii. 15 The cruell beast Who on his necke his bloudie clawes did seize. 1596 *Ibid.* V. iv. 40 As when a Beare hath seiz'd her cruell clawes Vppon the carkasse of some beast too weake.

† **4.** To give possession of, grant. *Obs.*

a 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 5220 þe maistir out of Messedone ȝow maynly enjoynes, If ȝe ȝoure cite will saue to sese him his brid. *c* 1450 *Erle Tolous* 1109 He made hym steward of hys londe, And sesyd agayne into hys honde That he had rafte hym froo. *c* 1450 *St. Cuthbert* (Surtees) 8230 All betwene tyne and teese, To durham mynster þai þaim seese.

II. To take possession.

5. Of a feudal superior or a sovereign (or one acting on his behalf): To take possession of, confiscate (the property of a vassal or subject). Also, to annex (a country) to one's own dominions. Phrases, *to seize into one's hands*, † *to one's behoof.*

c 1290 *Beket* 705 in *S. Eng. Leg.* 126 þe king sende is men sone to saisi al is lond And al-so al is bischopriche ase is traitores, In-to is hond. 1297 R. Glouc. (Rolls) 10125 þe king of france orn vpe þe king Ion, & is londes biȝonde se seisede anon, Aquitayne & normandie. *a* 1300 *Havelok* 2513 þanne he was ded..Sket was seysed al þat his was In þe kinges hand il del, Lond and lith, and oþer catel. *c* 1330 R. Brunne *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 2703 For first he slow þe kyng Pyncer, & seysed þe lond til his byhoue. 1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) VIII. 287 þe kyng made seyse into his hond al þe temporalte of clerkes. 1447–8 Shillingford *Lett.* (Camden) 96 The said Citie..was seised into the saide King Edward's hondes. 1610 Holland *Camden's Brit.* I. 677 Roger Mortimer..seised also this Chirck, into his possession. 1613 R. C. *Table Alph.* (ed. 3), *Seize*, to forfaite to the prince. 1723 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 6174/3 A Grey..Horse..was ..seized into the Hands of the Lord of the Manor..as Felons Goods. 1750 Carte *Hist. Eng.* II. 231 Three of his principal castles were, for his contempt of the court, to be seized into the King's hands. 1763 J. Brown *Poetry & Music* viii. 161 It was held an Act of Sacrilege to seize their Estates, even for the public Service. 1829 Scott *Anne of G.* xix, The Duke of Burgundy's attempt to seize that fief into his own hands. 1871 Freeman *Norm. Conq.* (1876) IV. xvii. 34 The estates of the fallen King..were no doubt at once seized into the King's hands.

b. To take possession of (goods) in pursuance of a judicial order.

1482 in Leadam *Star Chamber Cases* (1903) 9 One Robert Bonyfaunt as one of the clerkes..in the Superuysershipp of your Custumes..shold sease and arreste..to your vse at Topsam..a hundreth peces of crescloth. 1581 Lambarde *Eiren.* II. vii. (1588) 207 Every Iustice of the Peace may ..seaze all the goods of any outlandish persons (calling themselves Egyptians) that shall come into this Realme. 1716 Hearne *Collect.* (O.H.S.) V. 186 James Newlin was put into y^e^ Ground last night, for fear they should seize his Body. 1733 *Gentl. Mag.* May 266/2 The Watchmen ..seized 1100 Weight of uncustom'd Tea. *c* 1733 J. P. du Plessis in *Pepys' Diary* (1879) VI. 259 Being quite moneyless, and in danger of having my goods seized for rent. 1782 Miss Burney *Cecilia* v. viii, The house was seized before ever I could get nigh it. 1878 *22nd Rep. Customs Comm.* 58 The tobacco seized on these several occasions weighed 2,601 lbs. 1885 Brett in *Law Rep.* 14 Q.B.D. 878 Goods.. which the sheriff could rightfully seize under the writ.

c. To arrest, apprehend (a person). Cf. 6 b.

1471 *Little Red Bk. Bristol* (1900) 131 That ye sease the persones of thaim alle as ferforthly as ye may setle hand vpon thaim. 1910 *Daily Mail* 8 Feb. 7/5 The rare occurrence of 'seizing' a jury..was witnessed at Manchester Assizes yesterday.

6. To take possession of by force; to capture (a city); to take as plunder.

1338 R. Brunne *Chron.* (1810) 47 Knoute & Edrik þei seised [Langtoft *ont pris*] þorgh tresone Bokyngham & Bedford, þe toun of Huntyngtone. 1375 Barbour *Bruce* x. 108 The king in hy gert sess the pray Off all the land. 1390 Gower *Conf.* II. 248 The flees of gold he shulde sese. *a* 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 1452 Gase forth to gaza ane othre grete cite, And he settes on a sawte and seses it beliue. 1481 Caxton *Myrr.* I. v. 25 The riche haue now in thise dayes seased somoche that the poure abide naked. 1607 Heywood *Woman kild with Kindnes* Wks. 1874 II. 146 There, take her to thee, if thou hast the heart To ceize her as a rape or lustfull prey. 1687 A. Lovell tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* II. 149 There they would have seized our Mules to carry Provisions for the king to Ispahan. 1864 Bryce *Holy Rom. Emp.* xii. (1875) 184 Posen and Galicia were seized by Prussia and Austria, A. D. 1772. 1883 R. W. Dixon *Mano* II. vii. 93 Robbers, who seized church goods without remorse.

b. To take prisoner, to catch.

a 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 4119 His seggis sesid of þam [*sc.* the bearded women] sum & to him-selfe bro3t. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 1513 He was enformyt..how his towne was takon..his suster sesyd and soght into syde londis. 1609 Heywood *Brit. Troy* IV. xxix, Nor can his troubled sences be appeas'd Till as a Traitor he Prince Ione hath ceas'd. 1682 Bunyan *Holy War* To Rdr. 92, I heard the Prince bid Boanerges go Up to the Castle, and there siese his foe. 1777 Watson *Philip II*, III. I. 72 The inhabitants..seized his person, and confined him in the castle. 1827 *Hist. Mod. Europe* II. lii. 14 By putting to death all the Turks whom they had seised before the battle.

7. To take hold of with the hands, claws, teeth, etc.; in mod. use, to take hold of suddenly or eagerly, to clutch.

13.. *Coer de L.* 78 Her men aborde gunne to stande, And sesyd that other. 13.. *Gaw. & Gr. Knt.* 822 Sere seggez hym sesed by sadel, quel he lyȝt. *c* 1350 *Will. Palerne* 1236 He sesed a spere, & dressed him to þe duk presteli to iuste. *c* 1374 Chaucer *Compl. Mars* 240 And lyke a fissher as men alday may se Bateth hys angle-hoke with summe plesaunce Til mony a fissch ys wode to that he be Sesed therwith. 1390 Gower *Conf.* I. 260 This kniht..hath him be the bridel sesed. *c* 1450 *Merlin* XXXII. 649 He stombeled on his clubbe, and it sesed. 1513 Douglas *Æneis* III. ii. 15 Delos..Quham.. Apollo..Sesit and band betuix vther ilis twa. 1591 Shaks. *Two Gentl.* v. iv. 33 Had I beene ceazed by a hungry Lion, I would haue [etc.]. 1609 Heywood *Brit. Troy* IV. lxxxvi, The Crones his bounty praise, And in their hands two costly Iewels cease. 1717 Pope *Iliad* XII. 260 Allow'd to seize, but not possess the Prize. 1797 Ht. Lee *Canterb. T., Old Wom. T.* (1799) I. 373 Lothaire abruptly seized him by the arm. 1875 Jowett *Plato* (ed. 2) I. 477, I seized the books and read them as fast as I could. 1879 Lubbock *Sci. Lect.* 36 If you touch an ant with a needle or a bristle, she is almost sure to seize it in her jaws.

b. *transf.* of inanimate things.

1673 Temple *Observ. Un. Prov.* iii. 122 The Sea..yielding up what it had seized, and seizing what it had yielded up. 1818 Accum *Chem. Tests* 261 The barytes seizes the acid.

† **c.** *To seize up*: ? to haul up (a sail). *Obs.*

c 1400 *Destr. Troy* 3241 þai shot into shippe..sesit vp þere sailes, set hom to wyndes. *Ibid.* 4619 All the company.. knyt vp hor ancres, Sesit vp hor sailes in a sad hast.

d. *To seize hold of*: to take hold of suddenly and roughly: cf. Take *v.* 69, Hold *sb.*[1] 2.

1839 Fr. A. Kemble *Resid. in Georgia* (1863) 84, I was seized hold of by a hideous old negress.

8. In various figurative uses. **a.** With impersonal subject, e.g. death, disease, calamity: To oppress or attack suddenly. Also of a fear, a belief, etc.: To take sudden possession of (a person, his mind). In passive often const. *with* (less frequently *by*).

c 1381 Chaucer *Parl. Foules* 481 Til that'deth me sese, I wele ben heris. *c* 1425 *Cast. Persev.* 246 in *Macro Plays* 84 þou synne my sowle sese, I ȝeue not a myth. *c* 1585 Montgomerie *Sonnets* XXXV. 7 Suppose my silly saull with sin be seasde. 1644 Milton *Areopag.* (Arb.) 42 A fantasm bred by the feaver which had then seis'd him. 1659 Hammond *On Ps.* lxxxix. 48 We are borne miserable, and pass through a succession of miseries here, and are shortly seised with death. 1700 Dryden *Sigism. & Guisc.* 205 A welcome Heaviness that seiz'd his Eyes. 1732 Berkeley *Alciphr.* III. § 3 Seized and rapt with this sublime idea. 1757 Gray *Bard* I Ruin seize thee, ruthless King! 1797 Ht. Lee *Canterb. T., Old Wom. T.* (1799) I. 372 [He] was seized with dizziness. 1830 R. Knox *Béclard's Anat.* 67 Putrefaction always..seizes it at the end of a short period. 1845 M. Pattison *Ess.* (1889) I. 7 A nation, indifferent to the creeds, is seized with a sudden passion for ecclesiastical art. 1849 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* vii. II. 171 The young prince..was seized by the small pox. 1871 R. Ellis *Catullus* lxxxiv. 10 Sudden a solemn fright seized us.

b. Of an object of perception, a fact, etc., hence of a speaker, writer, or artist: To arrest, hold (the attention), to impress irresistibly (the mind, etc.).

1772 Sir J. Reynolds *Disc.* v. (1876) 374 Carlo Maratti.. rarely seizes the imagination by exhibiting the higher excellencies. 1865, 1886 (see Seizing *ppl. a.* 2].

c. To avail oneself eagerly or dexterously of, take advantage of (an opportunity). Also, to take (a resolution) decisively.

1618 Chapman *Hesiod's Georg.* II. 487 Thy selfe, if well in yeares; thy wife take home, Not much past thirtie;..But being yong thy selfe; Nuptialls that sease, The times best season in their acts are these [that follow]. 1642 Fuller *Holy & Prof. St.* IV. xv. 317 Where her resolutions once seis'd, she would never let go her hold. 1809 Roland *Fencing* 86 At the instant, therefore, I perceive him turn his wrist, I seize the moment he expects to strike my blade. 1855 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* xx. IV. 433 Whether the opportunity should be seized or lost it did not belong to him to decide. 1861 Hughes *Tom Brown at Oxf.* vi, The latter seized the occasion to propound this question.

d. To grasp with the mind or perceptive faculties; to apprehend.

1855 Bain *Senses & Int.* II. ii. § 8 Its peculiar character or tone cannot be seized by nny descriptive phrase. 1861 Buckle *Civiliz.* (1873) III. v. 290 The reader must firmly seize and keep before his eyes the essential difference between deduction..and induction. 1865 M. Arnold *Ess. Crit.* viii. (1875) 321 A beauty which a foreigner cannot perfectly seize. 1873 Browning *Red Cott. Nt.-cap* 1019 Sit on the little mound here, whence you seize The whole of the gay front sun-satisfied. 1877 E. R. Conder *Bas. Faith* ii. 69 It is the infinite which the intellect can seize but not embrace.

9. *intr.* with various constructions. **a.** *To seize on* or *upon* = to seize (in senses 6–8). Also, in the same sense, † *to seize of* (obs. *rare*).

1399 Langl. *Rich. Redeles* III. 49 Thanne cometh þer a congioun..And sesith on hir sete with hir softe plumes. 1546 in *Sel. Pleas Crt. Admiralty* (1894) I. 148 The sayde Leonard Sumpter..toke and seased uppon the same as lawfull wayff and thynge forsaken. 1600 W. Watson *Decacordon* (1602) 64 The English: a nation apt to ceaze of euery noueltie. 1600 Holland *Livy* XXXIII. 835 With these forces Pausistratus encamped in the territorie of Stratonicea, and there hee seized of a commodious place. 1672 *Essex Papers* (Camden) 2 V^t^ at any Time 40 desperat fellows may either ceese on it or blow it up. 1672 Stillingfl. *Serm.* xi. Wks. 1710 I. 151 We find the best of men in Scripture seized on with a very unusual consternation at any extraordinary divine appearance. 1768 Earl Carlisle in Jesse *Selwyn & Contemp.* (1843) II. 276, I make a point of seizing upon every leisure moment to thank you for your constant attention. 1800 tr. *Lagrange's Chem.* I. 217 The liquid carbonates contained in the bottles, which are decomposed in proportion as the sulphurous acid expels the carbonic acid to seize on the bases. 1842 Borrow *Bible in Spain* XXXIV, A morbid melancholy seized upon the Irishman. 1899 E. Callow *Old Lond. Tav.* II. 302 The Gardens were demolished and the jerry builder seized upon the ground.

† **b.** Of a stroke, a weapon: To penetrate deeply *in*. *Obs.*

1590 Spenser *F. Q.* I. xi. 38 The mortall sting his angry needle shot Quite through his shield, and in his shoulder

seasd. *Ibid.* II. viii. 38 But th'other on his hacqueton did lyte, The which dividing..It seizd in his right side, and there the dint did stay. 1600 FAIRFAX *Tasso* VII. xli. 125 The wicked steele seaz'd deepe in his right side.

c. To grasp or clutch *at*. *rare*.

1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* lxvi, Then he..gave him a note. William seized at it rather eagerly.

III. Technical senses.

10. *trans.* (*Naut.*). †**a.** To reach, arrive at (= MAKE *v.* 65 b). Also with *in*. *Obs.*

1588 FENNER in *Defeat Sp. Armada* (Navy Rec. Soc.) II. 41 Therehy the enemy was able neither to seize England, Ireland, Scotland, Flanders, and hardly the out isles of Scotland. 1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* I. xii. 17 Since now safe ye seised haue the shore, And well arriued are. 1628 DIGBY *Voy. Medit.* (Camden) 75, I seeing that the great sattia could not worke to seaze the shore, I bore up to her. 1635 L. FOXE *N.-W. Fox* 127 The wind would not permit him to seize in that N. shore.

b. To fasten (two ropes or parts of a rope) together, or to attach (a rope) to something else, by binding with marline, yarn, or the like. *To seize up*: to fasten (a man) by the wrists to the shrouds, in preparation for a flogging.

[A use of F. *saisir*; the proximate source may be Du. *seizen*; the word was adopted in other Teut. langs.: G. *seisen*, Sw. *sejsa*, Da. *seise*. The use 7 c seems unconnected.]

1644 MANWAYRING *Sea-mans Dict.*, To *Sease* or *Seasing*, is to make fast..any roapes together with some small roape-yarne, marling or any line. 1747 *Gentl. Mag.* XVII. 486 By the time the new breachings were all seized, I was got almost alongside the *Trident*. 1778 [see GAMMET]. 1817 J. MARTIN *Tonga Isl.* I. 4 They were seized up and received a dozen lashes each. 1840 R. H. DANA *Bef. Mast* xv, Sam ..was seized up, as it is called, that is, placed against the shrouds, with his wrists made fast to them, his jacket off, and his back exposed. 1875 BEDFORD *Sailor's Pocket Bk.* vi. 227 Boat-hooks fitted with a stout lanyard, ending in an eye, secured to the hook, and seized two-thirds down the staff. 1895 *Outing* (U. S.) XXVI. 47/1 Next, seize the luff of the sail to the mast hoops with marline.

11. *intr.* (*Mech.*) See quot. 1878.

1878 A. RIGG *Steam Engine* 128 The surfaces of motion blocks and side bars are found to wear exceedingly well when..efficient lubrication exists; but in the event of failure in this respect the metallic surfaces become dry, and their friction engenders so much heat that there is a liability of a kind of union taking place between the two surfaces, technically called 'seizing'. 1908 *Westm. Gaz.* 28 Sept. 10/3 We were given..paraffin for lubricating oil. Through this one of the bearings of our crank-axle 'seized'.

Seize, variant of SESS *v.*, *Obs.*

Seized (sīzd), *ppl. a.* [f. SEIZE *v.* + -ED 1.] In senses of the verb.

1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* I. VII. v, The seized cannon are yoked with seized cart-horses.

†**Sei·zement.** *Obs.* [f. SEIZE *v.* + -MENT.] An act of seizing, a seizure.

1581 *Apol. Will. of Orange* H 1, They..pursued me with ..seasemeates of goodes.

Seizement, variant of SESSMENT *Obs.*

Seizer (sī·zəɹ). Also 5 sesour, 6 seysere, -our. [f. SEIZE *v.* + -ER 1.] One who or that which seizes; *spec.* †**a.** a canine tooth (*obs.*); **b.** a person authorized to seize persons or certain goods, = SEIZOR; **c.** a sporting dog trained to seize the animal hunted.

c 1400 *Master of Game* (MS. Digby 182) xv, A good alaunt shuld renne also faste, as a grehounde, and any that he may comme to, he shulde holde wele with his sesoures and not leue it. 1531-2 *Act* 23 *Hen. VIII*, c. 16 One halfe of the price of the saide horse..shalbe to the vse of the seysour and arrestour of the same. 1693 *Dryden's Juvenal* IV. (1697) 80 The Boatman than shall a wise Present make, And give the Fish before the Seizers take. 1718 ROWE tr. *Lucan* IV. 1162 Full at his [the Serpent's] Throat the nimble Seizer flies. 1809 SIMOND *Jrnl. Gt. Brit.* (1815) I. 2, I overheard the head seizer asking the Captain whether he preferred having his wine or his spirits seized. 1854 BAKER *Rifle & Hound in Ceylon* viii. 200 The pack..comprising..a few couple of immense seizers, a cross between bloodhound and greyhound.

Seizing (sī·zĭŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. SEIZE *v.* + -ING 1.]

1. The action of the verb SEIZE. Also Comb. *seizing-up* (see SEIZE *v.* 10 b).

c 1400 *Destr. Troy* 2463 Iff tylmen toke tent what shuld tynt worth, Of sede þat is sawen, be sesyng of briddes, Shuld neuer corne for care be caste vppon erthe. *c* 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 3490 þai [*sc.* the Macedonians] said, it miȝt be sufficient þe sesyng of Persy...'Quat sulde we fonde any ferre?' 1615 LATHAM *Falconry* Expl. Words, *Ceasing*, is when a Hawke taketh any thing into her foot, and gripeth or holdeth it fast. 1736 *Gentl. Mag.* VI. 434/1 The seizing of any Place in Lorrain by France, was always looked on as a Declaration of War. 1840 R. H. DANA *Bef. Mast* xv, They had never heard before of a regular seizing-up and flogging.

2. *concr.* (*Naut.*) †**a.** A rope for attaching a boat to a ship (*obs.*). **b.** A small cord for 'seizing' two ropes together, or a rope to something else. **c.** Cordage or yarn used for 'seizing'; also *seizing-stuff*.

F. *saisine* (see SEISIN) has this sense, but it is not clear what is the relation between the Eng. and the Fr. word.

1336 in Nicolas *Hist. Royal Navy* (1847) II. 472 [For 15 stone of hempen cordage to make] peyntours [and] seysynges [15 s.]. 1615 E. S. *Britain's Buss* B 3, Each net must haue a rope five or six Fathom long and an inch through,..called a Seazing, to fasten the net vnto the Warroape. 1627 CAPT. SMITH *Seaman's Gram.* v. 25 There is also a rope by which the Boat doth ride by the ships side, w^ch we cal a Seasen. 1634 W. WOOD *New Eng. Prosp.* I. xi, The Tyde being very strong, they are constrayned to goe ashore, and hale their Boats, by the seasing, or roades [see RODE *sb.*2]. 1711 W. SUTHERLAND *Shipbuild. Assist.* 141 The Seizings may be 1/6 of the Rope they seize. 1836 MARRYAT *Midsh. Easy* xiii, In a few minutes they had prepared a great many seizings to tie the men with. 1840 R. H. DANA *Bef. Mast* iii, Marline and seizing-stuffs. 1877 HOLDSWORTH *Sea Fisheries* 57 The warp..to which each net is made fast by two small ropes called 'seizings'. 1903 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 28 Mar. 2/2 A length of fine steel wire seizing.

Seizing (sī·zĭŋ), *ppl. a.* [f. SEIZE *v.* + -ING 2.]

1. That seizes, takes possession, or lays hold on something.

1835 *App. Munic. Corpor. Rep.* II. 1027 (Romney Marsh) The Seizing Officer of wrecks, fines and forfeitures,..is remunerated by his charges for business done. 1887 L. OLIPHANT *Episodes* viii. 144 The rest of the pack, with the seizing hounds and their owner, had apparently gone off upon some other scent.

2. That seizes the attention; arresting, powerfully impressive. [After F. *saisissant*.]

1865 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 27 Mar. 8/2 One [woman] being exceedingly lovely, and the other of a very seizing ugliness. 1886 STEVENSON *Dr. Jekyll* 100 There was something ahnormal..in the very essence of the creature that now faced me—something seizing, surprising and revolting.

†**Sei·zling.** *Obs.*—[0] [Corruptly a. G. *setzling* in the same sense.] (See quot.)

1688 HOLME *Armoury* II. 325/2 A Carpe, first a Seizling, then a Sproll or Sprall, then a Carbe or Karbe.

†**Sei·zor.** *Law. Obs.* Also 6 seisor. [f. SEIZE *v.* + -OR.] A person authorized to seize persons or goods.

1555 *Cal. Anc. Rec. Dublin* (1889) 449 All that he shall soo hye to be solde shalbe forfaict, halfe to the seisor or accuser. 1626 *Proclam.* 29 Sept., All the Tobacco which, uppon any Seizure shall become forfeyted, shall be brought to our Custom House..where the seizor thereof shall deliver the same to our use. 1702 *Guide for Constables* 27 Any person may make such seizures..and..the seizors shall ..cause the said cattle..to be killed; and the hides and tallow shall be to the seizor.

Seizure (sī·zĭūɹ). Forms: 5 seasur, seissure, 5–6 seasour, 6 seasor, ceazure, seysure, 6–7 seasure, 7 ceasure, 6–9 seisure, 6– seizure. [f. SEIZE *v.* + -URE.]

1. The action or an act of seizing, or the fact of being seized; confiscation or forcible taking possession (of land or goods); a sudden and forcible taking hold.

1482 in Leadam *Star Chamber Cases* (1903) 9 The xxvj^th day of Auguste..your sayde seruaunt shuld come to Topsam ..and founde the same seasur as ys in forme afor rehersid and ratified the same seasur. 1492 *Rolls of Parlt.* VI. 456/1 The Banishment of Scotts out of England by a certeyne day, under loss and seissure of theyr Goodes. 1545 in Leadam *Sel. Cases Crt. Requests* (1898) 172 Onles some iuste cause of forfeiture and seasour of and in the same demesne landes..shall growe to the said defendauntes. 1592 *No-body & Some-body* F 3 b, Lets..make ceazure of the Crowne. 1600 SHAKS. *A. Y. L.* III. i. 10 Thy Lands and all things that thou dost call thine, Worth seizure, do we seize into our hands. 1666 BUNYAN *Grace Abound.* § 99 These suggestions..make such a seizure upon my Spirit. 1701 in *10th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. v. 516 His Majestie's Attornie-Generall..moved..for a seisure of the premises. 1793 BURKE *Corr.* (1844) IV. 143 The seizure of the estates of the church. 1831 SCOTT *Ct. Robt.* xiii, His grasp..is like the seizure of a vice! 1844 H. H. WILSON *Brit. India* III. iv. III. 131 The burning of villages and the seizure of the inhabitants as slaves. 1862 MRS. H. WOOD *Mrs. Hallib.* III. xxiv, We called in at your office as we came by, and found a seizure was also put in there. 1878 *2nd Rep. Customs Comm.* 56 A seizure of 108 lbs. of uncustomed tobacco was effected.

†**b.** Grasp, hold; a fastening. *Obs.*

1595 SHAKS. *John* III. i. 241 And shall these hands..Vnyoke this seysure? 1621 G. SANDYS *Ovid's Met.* VII. (1626) 132 With spels and charmes I break the Vipers iaw, Cleaue solid rocks, okes from their seasures draw.

c. A sudden attack of illness, esp. a fit of apoplexy or epilepsy. Also, a sudden visitation (of calamity).

1779 JOHNSON *Lei. to Mrs. Thrale* 14 June, The seizure was, I think, not apoplectical. 1805 *Med. Jrnl.* XIV. 203 If a person is incommoded by nausea or vomiting, on his seizure with this fever. *a* 1881 D. G. ROSSETTI *House of Life* vi, What..seizure of malign vicissitude Can rob this body of honour. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 347 The character of the seizures in general paralysis also varies.

†**2.** Possession, SEISIN. *Obs.*

1592 LODGE *Euph. Shadow* (1882) 16 When chillie age had seasure of this earth. 1611 W. SCLATER *Key* (1629) 303 As he [Satan] hath giuen Rome seizure of the keyes of heauen, so [etc.]. 1612 — *Ministers Portion* 44 Such consecration giues him seizure of them in fee. 1625 GIL. *Sacr. Philos.* IV. 56 It hath thereby..a seisure and delivery of those heavenly joyes, which it had here onely in assurance of hope. 1641 BRATHWAIT *Penit. Pilgr.* xix. 101 So dangerous is the custome of sinne, when it has taken seazure, or possession of the soule. 1658 SLINGSBY *Diary* (1836) 202 On whom these inferiour contentments have taken Seasure.

3. *Mech.* The action of SEIZE *v.* 11.

1903 COOPER-KEY *Rep. Explos. Louwood* 7 Partial 'seizure' took place at times between the ram and the U-leather.

Sejant (sī·dʒănt), *a. Her.* Forms: 6 seand, seiaunte, seiante, 7 seijant, 7–9 seiant, 7– sejant. [Properly *seiant*, a. OF. **seiant* var. of *seant* (mod.F. *séant*), pres. ppl. of *seoir* to sit:—L. *sedēre*.] In a sitting posture; *esp.* of a quadruped: Sitting with the fore-legs upright.

c 1500 *Sc. Poem on Her.* 129 in *Q. Eliz. Acad.* 98 First, a lionne statant;..the v. seand. 1562 LEGH *Armory* 79 b, A Lion seiaunte, Sable. 1610 HOLLAND *Camden's Brit.* I. 396 A falcon Seiant vpon a gloue. 1644 SYMONDS *Diary* (Camden) 17 Creast, a dog sejant. *c* 1791 *Encycl. Brit.* VIII. 459/1 Two Squirrels sejant adossée Gules. 1864 BOUTELL *Her. Hist. & Pop.* xxi. § 7 (ed. 3) 365 A lion sejant affronté gu.

Sejoin (sĭdʒoin), *v. rare.* Also 6 seajoyn, 6–7 sejoyn(e. [f. SE- + JOIN *v.*, after L. *sējungĕre*: see SEJUNCT.] *trans.* To separate, disjoin.

1568 tr. *P. Mart. Vermil. Comm. Rom.* viii. 207 b, Wherfore in godly men feare is neuer seioyned from faith. 1584 LODGE *Alarum agst. Usurers* 22 Though perhaps my tearmes by distance be Seaioyned from thee. 1651 HOWELL *Venice* 184* Which Councells though they be sejoynd in Colleges and Offices, yet when the quality of the affair requires, they all consociat. *a* 1754 W. HAMILTON *Poems, To Gentl. going to travel* 173 Thou wanderest into foreign realms, from this Far, far sejoined. 1844 SIR W. HAMILTON *Logic* App. II. 333 That it may appear whether they are to be conjoined or sejoined.

†**Sejoi·nt,** *pa. pple. Obs. rare*—[1]. [f. SE- + JOINT *a.*, after L. *sējunctus*, pa. pple of *sējungĕre*: see SEJUNCT.] Separated, disjoined.

c 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* IV. 370 Denyde hem that pith be fro pith seioynt [gl. *seiuncta*].

‖ **Séjour** (*seʒūr*). [Fr., f. *séjourner* to SOJOURN. Cf. SOJOUR.]

1. The act of staying or sojourning in a place (for a longer or shorter period).

1755 *Mem. Capt. P. Drake* I. ix. 63 We now had a Sejour, or Day's Rest. 1759 CHESTERF. *Let. to Son* 30 Mar., In the meantime, make the best of your *séjour* where you are. 1840 BARHAM *Ingol. Leg.* Ser. I. *Spectre Tapp.*, Mrs. Simpkinson preferred a short *séjour* in the still-room.

2. A place of sojourn or residence.

1769 LD. HOLLAND in Jesse *Selwyn & Contemp.* (1843) II. 375 You will have a better opinion of the *séjour* of Nice. 1770 H. ST. JOHN ibid. III. 6 Then comes the melancholy passage to Mahon; then the charming *séjour* of Minorca. 1824 SCOTT *St. Ronan's* xxv, Edinburgh..in autumn is the most melancholy *sejour* that ever poor mortals were condemned to.

Sejourne, obs. form of SOJOURN *v.*

Sejugate (se·dʒŭgēit), *v. rare.* [f. L. *sējugāt-*, ppl. stem of *sējugāre*, f. *sē-* SE- + *jugāre* to yoke, join.] *trans.* To separate, disjoin.

1623 in COCKERAM. 1656 in BLOUNT *Glossogr.* 1839–52 BAILEY *Festus* 534 His infallible eye,..The darkness from the light shall sejugate.

Sejugous (se·dʒŭgəs), *a. Bot.* [ad. mod.L. *sējug-us* (f. *sex* six + *jug-um* yoke or pair of cattle) + -OUS. L. had *sējugis* adj. and sb. (a chariot) drawn by six horses.] (See quot.)

1793 MARTYN *Lang. Bot.*, *Sejugum folium*, a sejugous leaf; or a pinnate leaf having six pairs of leaflets.

†**Seju·nct,** *a. Obs. rare*—[2]. [ad. L. *sējunctus*, pa. pple. of *sējungĕre* to separate, f. *sē-* SE- + *jungĕre* to join.] Separated, separate.

1602 WARNER *Alb. Eng.* Epit. (1612) 351 The seiunct Territories of the English, Welch, and Scots. 1648 N. ESTWICK *Treat. Holy Ghost* 90 Hereby is noted a peculiar manner of the original of one Person from another..., as the Son from the Father, which is sejunct from the Father.

Sejunction (sĭdʒʊ·ŋkʃən). *rare.* [ad. L. *sējunctiōn-em*, f. *sējungĕre*: see prec.] Separation.

In quot. *c* 1530 as a term of rhetoric, after Cicero.

c 1530 L. COX *Rhet.* (1899) 74 This diuision is deuyded into seiunction and distribucion. Seiunction is whan we shewe wherin our aduersaries and we agre, and what it is, wherupon we stryue. 1653 R. SANDERS *Physiogn.* I. i. 4 Amongst the Mathematicians the Lines are considered under divers species, as Right or Straight..; as also is considerable ..their Application and Sejunction, their Conjunction and Separation. 1654 Z. COKE *Logick* 26 Difference restraineth not the Genus, but by a kind of opposition and sejunction of the Species. 1831 I. TAYLOR *J. Edwards' Freedom of Will* Introd. Ess. 86 The sounds *good, nice, pleasant*,..&c. so fix themselves in the memory in connexion with qualities, as to admit of sejunction from their concretes. 1867 *Transmut. Species* xiv. 262 An efficient rule for dissociation and sejunction.

†**Seju·nctively,** *adv. Obs. rare*—[2]. [f. **sejunctive* adj. (as if ad. L. **sējunctīv-us*, f. *sējunct-us* SEJUNCT) + -LY 2.] Separately.

1602 WARNER *Alb. Eng.* XIII. lxxviii. (1612) 322 As holesome Plants and poysonous, light, darkenesse, Heat, and Cold, That Contraries of Creatures, seiunctiuely, should holde. 1650 CHARLETON *Paradoxes* 28 Neither vitriol nor Galls are sejunctively black.

†**Seju·nctly,** *adv. Obs. rare*—[1]. [f. SEJUNCT *a.* + -LY 2.] Separately.

1586 WARNER *Alb. Eng.* III. xv. (1612) 68 Fower Dukes at once, in ciuil broyles, seiunctly after raine [= reign].

†**Seju·ngate,** *v. Obs. rare*—[1]. [? Misprinted for SEJUGATE; or badly f. L. *sējungĕre* SEJUNGE *v.* + -ATE.] = SEJUGATE *v.*

1578 BANISTER *Hist. Man* I. 7 b, These bones are seiungated on eche side, in their endes and borders. *Ibid.* I. 9 b, The eight bone of the head is..seiungated from the Cuneale bone..by the vij. Suture.

†**Seju·nge,** *v. Obs. rare*—[2]. [ad. L. *sējungĕre*: see SEJUNCT *a.*] *trans.* To separate, disjoin.

1597 A. M. tr. *Guillemeau's Fr. Chirurg.* 23/1 Then must the seiunged and separated partes, ioyn and heale together agayn. 1599 — tr. *Gabelhouer's Bk. Physicke* 311/1 By which occasione these little bones soe will separate and seiunge themselves from the other fleshe and Bones.

†**Seju·ngible,** *a. Obs. rare*—[1]. In 7 sejungeable. [ad. L. type **sējungibilis*, f. *sējungĕre* to separate: see SEJUNGE *v.* and -IBLE, -ABLE.] That may be separated or sejoined.

1659 Pearson *Creed* I. 105 The spawn and egge are sejungeable [*so all edd.* 1659–92] from the fish and fowl, and yet still retain the prolifick power of generation.

Sek, obs. f. Sack *sb.*[1]; obs. pa. t. of Suck.

Sek, Seke, obs. forms of Seek, Sick.

Seken, Seker, obs. forms of Sicken, Sicker.

Sekil, Sekir(e, obs. ff. Sicle, Sicker.

Sekk, obs. form of Sack *sb.*[3]

† Sekke, *v. nonce-wd.* [Back-formation from *seketur* Secutor, with allusion to *sekke* Sack *sb.*[1]]

1303 R. Brunne *Handl. Synne* 6235 Þe whyles þe execntours sekke [*gloss*, fyl þe bag] Of þe soule þey ne rekke.

Sekke, Sekklath, obs. ff. Sack, Sackcloth.

Sekur, Sekyl, sekkul: see Sicker, Sickle *a.*

Sel, obs. form of Cell *sb.*[1]

c 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xxxiv. 329 Þe thryd day he come agane..to þe sel, qnhare frere pelagius can duel. 1546 Bale *Eng. Votaries* I. (1560) 38 b, The sel of an holy Nun.

Sel, obs. f. Seal, Sell *v.*; variant of Sele *Obs.*

Selachian (sĭlē·kiăn), *a.* and *sb. Zool.* Also **selacian, selacean.** [f. mod.L. *Selachē* (a. Gr. σελάχη, pl. of σέλαχος, shark) or its derivative *Selachii* + -ian. Cf. F. *sélacien* (Cuvier).] **a.** *adj.* Of or belonging to the genus *Selache* (Cuvier) of sharks, or to the group *Selachii*, the sharks and their allies. **b.** *sb.* A shark or allied fish.

1835 Kirby *Hab. & Inst. Anim.* II. xxi. 391 The Selacians. 1857 Agassiz *Contrib. Nat. Hist. U. S.* I. 82 *note*, I would, therefore, propose the name of Selachians for a distinct class embracing the Sharks, Skates, and Chimæras. 1859 Darwin *Orig. Spec.* xi. (1873) 308 The selaceans or sharks. 1870 Rolleston *Anim. Life* 38 A few Selachian fishes.

Selad, obs. form of Salad.

Seladony, -dyne, var. ff. Celidony[1] *Obs.*

Seladyne (also **seledyne**), ? var. Celidony[2] *Obs.* Cf. Saladine *sb.*[2]

c 1420 *Anturs of Arth.* 22 (Douce MS.) With saffres and seladynes [*Ireland MS.* seledynis] set by þe sides.

‖ Selaginella (sĭlæ|dʒi-, sĭlædʒine·lă). *Bot.* [mod.L., dim. of Selago.] A genus of cryptogams; also (with *pl.*) a plant of this genus.

1865 Gosse *Land & Sea* 350 A carpet of lovely green *Selaginella*. 1891 L. H. Bailey *Nursery-bk.* (1896) 24 Ferns, lycopodiums and selaginellas are often grown from spores.

‖ Selago (sĭlē·gō). *Bot.* [L. *selāgo.*] † **a.** The club-moss *Lycopodium Selago* (*obs.*). **b.** A Linnæan genus of S. African herbs or undershrubs.

[1601 Holland *Pliny* xxiv. xi. II. 193 Much like unto this hearbe Savine, is that which they call Selago.] *a* 1627 Middleton *Witch* III. iii. (1778) 70 Heer's Pannax too... And Selago, Hedge hisop too.

‖ Selah (sī·lă). Also 6–7 **sela.** [Heb. סלה *se·lāh.*] A Hebrew word, occurring frequently at the end of a verse in the Psalter and thrice in Hab. iii, by the LXX rendered διάψαλμα; supposed to be a musical or liturgical direction of some kind, perhaps indicating pause or rest. Hence in various allusive uses (see quots.).

1530 tr. *Bucer's Psalms* iii. A 5, This worde *Selah* signifyeth y^e^ sentence before to be pond'red with a depe affecte, longe to be rested upon and the voyce there to be exalted. 1623 S. Ward *Peace-off.* (1624) 50 Record, not all and euery fauour, which is impossible, but the most memorable and thankworthy; putting a special Selah of thankes vpon them. 1826 Mrs. Browning *Ess. Mind* II. 629 Then comes the Selah! and the voice is hush'd. 1872 O. W. Holmes *Poet Breakf.-t.* iv, But you need not think I am going to tell you every time his popgun goes off, making a Selah of him whenever I want to change the subject.

Selam(e, Selander: see Salaam, Sallender.

Selandine, -yne, obs. forms of Celandine.

Selar, variant of Celure *Obs.*, canopy.

1470–85 Malory *Arthur* xvii. vi. 698 The selar of the bedde,

Selar(e, obs. forms of Cellar.

c 1425 *Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 670/14 *Hoc telarium*, selare.

Selblack, variant of Selfblack *Obs.*

Selch(e, selcht, obs. forms of Seal *sb.*[1]

Selcitud, obs. form of Celsitude.

† Se·lcouth, *a., adv.*, and *sb. Obs.* Forms: 1 seld-, (selt-), selcúð, 2–3 sel-, seolcuð, 3 sel-, seolkuð, *Orm.* sellcuþ, (selkeð, sulcuð, -kuð, sæl-, salcuð), 3–5 selcuþ, -cuth, -kuth, -couþ, -kouþ, 4–5 selcuþe, -couþe, -cowþ(e, -kowþ, -coþ(e, (4 selcut, -cutt, -cuht, silkouth, 5 selcowgh, -kow, -cought, -chouth, seelcowth), 3–6, 9 selcouth. [f. OE. *seld-an* Seldom + *cúð* known: see Couth *a.*] **A.** *adj.*

1. Unfamiliar, unusual, rare; strange, marvellous, wonderful.

c 888 K. Ælfred *Boeth.* xxxv. § 7 He wæs oflyst ðæs seldcuðan sones. *c* 1200 Ormin 19217 Forr þatt wass wiss sellcuþ mecleȝȝc, & sellcuþ ædmodnesse. *c* 1205 Lay. 3894 From heouene her com a sulcuð flod. 1338 R. Brunne *Chron.* (1810) 33 Þis was þe selcouthest cas, þat haf herd neuen. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 452/1 Selkow, or seeldam seyne [*v.rr.* selcowthe, seelcowth], *rarus*. *c* 1460 *Towneley Myst.* viii. 103 Yonder I se a selcowth syght. 1596 Spenser *F. Q.* IV. viii. 14 She..wondred much at his so selcouth case. 1815 Scott *Ld. of Isles* IV. xii, Deep import from that selcouth sign Did many a mountain Seer divine.

2. Various, different, not of one kind.

a 1000 *Colloq. Ælfric* in Wr.-Wülcker 96 *Varias uestes*, selcuþe reaf. *a* 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 41 Seofe leies uwil[c]an of seolcnðre heowe. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 23 Sanges sere of selcuth [*Gött.* diuers] rime, Inglis, frankys and latine. 1340–70 *Alex. & Dind.* 490 Þer-inne..we sen selcouþe kindus Of þe fletinge fihs [L. *ibi varia genera piscium contemplamur*]. *c* 1425 *Eng. Conq. Irel.* xii. 28 Aftyr many selcouth & dyuers redes [orig. *post multa variaque consilia*].

B. *adv.* Wonderfully.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 1060 Þis abel was a hird for fee, Selcuth hali man was he. *Ibid.* 24093 Mi sun þat was sa selcut suete.

C. *sb.* Something wonderful; a marvel.

c 1200 Ormin 16156, & tatt wass wunnderrliȝ sellcuþ, & wunnderrliȝ forrtakenn. *c* 1220 *Bestiary* 556 In ðe se senden selcuðes manie. *c* 1350 *Will. Palerne* 2579 Se wich a selcouþ þis semliche best worcheþ. 1377 Langl. *P. Pl.* B. xi. 355 Many selcouthes I seygh. *c* 1470 Henryson *Mor. Fab.* ix. (*Fox, Wolf & Cadger*) xvii, Sic ane selcouth saw I not this seuin ȝeir.

b. In phrases, as *what selcouth, no selcouth*, what wonder, no wonder. *Me* (*him*, etc.) *thinks selcouth, I have selcouth* = I wonder.

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 8 Gif him þnncheð wunder & selknð of swnch onswere. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 1238 Adam had pastd nine hundret yere, Nai selcut þof he wex vn-fere. *Ibid.* 13902 Selcnt me thinc [*Trin.* Selcouþe I haue] yee hatte me sua. 1377 Langl. *P. Pl.* B. xi. 358 And how amonge þe grene grasse grewe so many hewes, Aod somme soure and some swete, selconthe me þouȝte.

Hence **† Se·lcouthness** *Obs.*—[0]

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 452/1 Selcowtnesse (*Winch. MS.* Selcowthnesses, Seelcowthnesses], *raritas*.

† Se·lcouth, *v. Obs. rare.* [f. Selcouth *a.*] *trans.* To make wonderful; to show as marvellous.

a 1300 *E. E. Psalter* iv. 4 And wites þat lauerd his haligh selkouþede [*v.r.* selcuþed] he [Vulg. *mirificavit*]. *a* 1340 Hampole *Ps.* xv. 2 He selcouthid alle mi willes [Vulg. *mirificavit omnes voluntates meas*].

† Se·lcouthly, *adv. Obs.* [f. Selcouth *a.* + -ly[2].] Strangely, wonderfully.

c 1200 Ormin 2586 Forr nære ȝho nohht Drihhtin Godd Swa sellcuþlike cweme, ȝiff [etc.]. *c* 1330 R. Brunne *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 7333 So waxynge folk..Ne so gendryng, ne so pleyntyue..In no londe scholde men fynde, Ne selcouþloker so to gendre. *c* 1475 *Rauf Coilȝear* 680 Selcouthly in seir he was set suttelly.

† Seld, *sb. Obs.* Forms: 1 seld, 2 selt, 3 seld, 5 selde, 6 *Hist.* silde. [OE. *seld* neut., metathetic form of *setl* Settle *sb.*

(A distinct word from OE. *sęld, sæld* mansion, hall.)]

1. A seat, throne.

c 825 *Vesp. Psalter* x. 5 In heofene seld his. *c* 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 93 Ða apostoli siððan..isetten iacob þet wes ihaten rihtwis on cristes selt [*Ælfric* setle]. *c* 1205 Lay. 25988 And þa six swin he gon æten alle ær he arise of selde.

2. A shop. (In L. records *selda* or *silda*; also in AF. form *seude.*) Also, a stand for spectators.

[1407 *Maldon* (Essex) liber A, lf. 14 b, Pro parcella terre de commuoi super quam finis unius seude in le draperie est edificatus.] *c* 1450 *Godstow Reg.* 96 And ij. seldis in the market of Wycombe. *Ibid.* 508 One selde, with a solar oner the same selde I-hilde. 1598 Stow *Surv.* 206 After which time the king caused this silde or shede to bee made, and strongly to bee builded of stone, for himself, the Qneene, and other estates to stand in, and there to behold the iustings. *Ibid.* 207 The men of Bredstreete ward contended with the men of Cordwayner street ward for a selde or shede.

† Seld, *adv.* and *a. Obs.* Forms: 3–7 selde, 4–7 seld; 3 sealde, 3–6 sielde, 4 sylde, 4–5 seyld(e, 4–6 seild(e, silde, seelde, 4–7 seeld, 5 zelde, 6 sield, sealde, 6–7 slld. [Early ME. *selde*, formed as positive to *seldor, seldost*, in OE. used as compar. and superl. of *seldan* Seldom.]

A. *adv.* = Seldom *adv.*

c 1000 Ælfric *Gram.* xxxviii. (Z.) 240 *Raro* seldan, *rarius* seldor, *rarissime* ealra seldost. *c* 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 207 He haueð..gon..seldere þene he sholde to his chirche. *c* 1205 Lay. 17940 For selde [*c* 1275 sealde] he aswint þe to him seolue þencheð. *c* 1290 *S. Eng. Leg.* 474/424 Swane he is wroth, he doth wreche, ake þat fallez ful sielde. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Clerk's T.* 371 The peple hym heelde A prudent man, and that is seyn ful seelde. 1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) I. 131 Egypt is silde bereyne. 1483 Caxton *Gold. Leg.* 175 b/2 He wente ofte harefote and selde ware ony gyrdle. 1529 More *Dyaloge* III. Wks. 225/2 It is pytye that we see suche lyghte so sielde. 1590 Greene *Never too Late* Wks. (Grosart) VIII. 158 Report that said to honour is a friend. 1591 Harington *Orl. Fur.* IX. xxiv, A weapon strange, before this seen but seeld. 1652 C. B. Stapylton *Herodian* iv. 26 Though such a fall hath heard of been but seeld.

b. *predicatively.* (Cf. Seldom *adv.* d.)

1390 Gower *Conf.* II. 78 For sielde it is that love alloweth The gentil man without god. *c* 1460 Fortescue *Abs. & Lim. Mon.* xiii. (1885) 141 Wherfore it is right selde þat Frenchmen be hanged ffor robbery.

B. *adj.* = Seldom *a.*

1398 Trevisa *Barth. De P. R.* v. xxxvi. (1495) k j, Yf the herte be to dreye & colde he makyth..slowȝ brethe and selde [L. *respiratio tarda est & rara*]. 1534 More *Comf. agst. Trib.* II. Wks. 1172/1 Let vs..make those kyndes of recreacion as shorte and as silde as we can. 1603 Florio *Montaigne* III. v. 530 Therefore hath nature bestowed..on vs a seld and vncertaine abilitie. 1607 Topsell *Rev. Trag.* IV. H 2 b, Honest women are so sild and rare.

C. *Comb.*, as *seld-heard-of, -known, -shaven, -shown* adjs.; **seld-speech**, taciturnity; **seld-time, -when** (also *-whens*), **-where, -while** *advs.*, rarely. Also Seldseen *a.*

1597 *Cert. Prayers* in *Liturg. Serv. Q. Eliz.* (Parker Soc.) 671 Thy rare-seen, unused, and *seeld-heard-of goodness. 1603 Florio *Montaigne* II. xii. 256 Strange and *seld-knowne opinions. 1800 Lama *Let. to Coleridge* 14 Aug., Please to blot out 'gentle-hearted', and substitute..*seld-shaven, odd-eyed, stuttering, or any other epithet. 1607 Shaks. *Cor.* II. i. 229 *Seld-showne Flamins Doe presse among the popular Throngs. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 76 Nouhware ine holi write, ne ivinde we þet heo spec bute nor siðen; auh for þe *seldspeche hire wordes weren heuie. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Clerk's T.* 90, I me reioyesed of my liberte, That *seelde [*v.r.* selden] tyme is founde in mariage. *c* 897 K. Ælfred *Gregory's Past. C.* xliii. 313 Ðonoe cymð sio hlis *seldhwanne. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 428 Swuch ouh wummone lore to beon—luuelich & liðe, and seldhwonne sturne. 1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) I. 333 Men of that lond haueþ no feuere, but onliche þe feuere agu, and þat wel silde whanne. 1422 tr. *Secreta Secret., Priv. Priv.* 157 Thow shalte Preyse and commende scarsly and seldewannes. 1546 J. Heywood *Prov.* (1867) 40 Meete shall they seelde when, or haply neuer. 1390 Gower *Conf.* III. 234 Chastete, which *sielde wher Comth non adaies into place. 1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) I. 389 þey..eteþ wel *seelde while.

Seld, obs. pa. t. and pa. pple. of Sell *v.*

† Seldall. *Obs. rare.*

1560 in *Coventry Corpus Chr. Plays* (1902) 86 A selldall for God xij d. *a* 1585 *Ibid.* 82 A seldall for God xij d.

Selde, obs. pa. t. of Sell *v.*

Seldom (se·ldəm), *adv.* and *a.* Forms: *a.* 1 seldan, -on, -un, 3–6 selden, (3 *Orm.* seldenn), 4–5 -ene, -on(e, -yn(e, -ine, 4–6 -in, 5 -ing, -an, celdane; 4–5 sild-, sylden, 5 -un, -yn, 4–6 -on; 4–5 sielden, seelden, -yn, seilden, -yn, 4–6 -in, 5 seyldyn. Also Sendle. *β.* 1, 3, 5 seldum, 4–7 -ome, 5 celdom, seldoum, 6 selldome, 4–seldom; 5–7 sildom(e, 6 syldome, sildam; 4–7 seeldome, 5 -am, -em, ceeldam, 6 seeldom, sealdome, 6–7 sieldome. [OE. *seldan* (altered to *seldum* by the analogy of advb. datives plural like *hwilum*: see Whilom) corresponds to OFris. *sielden*, MLG., MDu. *selden* (mod.Du. *zelden*), OHG. *seltan* (MHG., mod.G. *selten*), ON. *sialdan* (Da. *sjelden*, Sw. *sällan*), f. OTeut. **seldo-* (prob. an adj.) represented in Goth *sildaleik-s* wonderful (whence *sildaleikjan* to be astonished). The ulterior affinities are unknown.]

A. *adv.* On few occasions, in few cases or instances, not often; rarely, infrequently.

a. c 897 K. Ælfred *Gregory's Past. C.* ix. 57 Seldun mon zeleornað on miclum rice eaðmodnesse. *c* 1200 Ormin 8468 Forrþi þatt Arrchelaw þe king þær munnde cumenn seldenn. 1398 Trevisa *Barth. De P. R.* xiii. ii. (1495) 441 Also in wyoter selden or neuer pytte water fresyth. *c* 1460 Fortescue *Abs. & Lim. Mon.* iii. (1885) 114 Thai eyten no flesshe but yf it be right seldon a litle larde. *a* 1510 Douglas *K. Hart* I. 142 For seildin had thai sene sic folkis befoir. 1538 Starkey *England* I. iii. 85 Pryncys and lordys syldon loke to the gnd ordur and welth of theyr subiectys.

β. a 1000 [see b]. *c* 1220 *Bestiary* 241 Ðe mire..resteð hire seldum. 1340 Hampole *Pr. Consc.* 756 For seldom a man þat has þat held, Hele has, and him-self may weld. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 65/1 Ceeldam (*P.* celdom), *raro*. *c* 1449 Pecock *Repr.* I. xiv. 77 Seeldem fallith the contrarie. 1589 Nashe *Anat. Absurd.* A 4 b, That face [is] most faire, which seldommest comes into the open ayre. 1615 G. Sandys *Trav.* 47 Or oftner, or seldomer, as occasion required. 1678 Ray *Prov.* (ed. 2) 348 Listners seldome hear good of themselves. 1748 Lady M. W. Montagu *Let. to Montagu* 2 Feb. (1893) II. 159 Complainers are seldom pitied, and boasters yet seldomer believed. 1867 Mill *Subj. Women* (1869) 142 Women, it is said, seldomer fall under the penal law..than men.

Proverb. 1546 Heywood *Prov.* I. iv. Wks. (1562) A iv b, Seldome comth the better. 1594 Shaks. *Rich. III*, II. iii. 4. 1650 H. Parker *True Portr. Kings Eng.* 32 Yet (as we say) Seldom comes a better; when one is cut off, another like the Hidra's head springs up in his place.

b. With *ever* added pleonastically. (Cf. Ever 7 c, Rarely 2 b.) ? *Obs.*

a 1000 *Sal. & Sat.* 269 Seldum æfre his leoma liceggað. 1643 Trapp *Comm. Gen.* iv. 17 They seek to immortalize themselves upon their possessions; but the third heire seldome ever owns them. 1813, 1828 [see Ever 7 c].

† **c.** *Seldom or ever*: by confusion of 'seldom if ever' and 'seldom or never'. (Cf. Ever 7 b, Rarely 2 c.)

1752 A. Murphy *Gray's Inn Jrnl.* No. 14 P 2 The Players seldom or ever throw ont the Voice with any Vehemence. 1827 D. Johnson *Ind. Field Sports* 100 It is what they seldom or ever do.

d. *It is seldom that . . .* (Cf. Rarely 2 d.) Also † *it is seldom when . . .* (Cf. *seldom-when* in C.)

1390 Gower *Conf.* I. 30 Ful selden is that welthe Can soffre his oghne astat in helthe. *c* 1430 *Pilgr. Lyf Manhode* II. lviii. (1869) 98 Seelden it was þat j sih hire. 1592 Shaks. 2 *Hen. IV*, IV. iv. 79 'Tis seldome, when the Bee doth leaue her Comb In the dead Carrion. 1812 Coleridge *Lett.* (1895) 599 It is seldom that want of leisure can be fairly stated as an excuse for not writing. *a* 1859 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* xxiv. V. 229 It was seldom indeed that a white freeman ..was employed in severe bodily labour.

B. *adj.* Rare, infrequent. *Obs.* exc. occas. with agent-n. or noun of action.

1483 *Cath. Angl.* 328/2 Seldome [*MS.* seldone], *infrequens, rarus, rariter*. 1528 Tindale *Obed. Chr. Man* 71 b, Chastite is an exceadinge selden gyfte. 1585 Q. Eliz. in *Holinshed's Chron.* (1587) III. 1396/2 Yet amongst my manie volumes, I hope Gods booke hath not beene my sildomest lectures. 1587 in *10th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. v. 445 Yf at seldom tymes he shonld chaunce to play at lawfull games. *c* 1600 Shaks. *Sonn.* liii, Blunting the fine point of seldome pleasure. 1650 Jer. Taylor *Holy Living* ii. § 2 (1727) 59 A suppressed and seldom anger. 1658 *Whole Duty Man* v. § 14. 45 We should think it wisdom to be as frequent as we are ordinarily seldom in it. 1797 Anna Seward *Lett.* (1811) IV. 302 His 'nor did not', used as an affirmative at seldom times hy Milton, is frequent here. 1822 Lamb *Elia* Ser. II. *Books & Reading*, Seldom-readers are slow readers. 1865 Mrs. Whitney *Gayworthys* xix, They..watched, with grieved hearts and seldom speech. 1891 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 18 Nov. 1/2 On evenings reserved..to the seldom speakers.

C. *Comb.*, as *seldom-comfortless*, *-seen* (cf. SELDSEEN), *-trodden* adjs.; **seldom-time(s, -when, -while** *advs.*, rarely.

a 1586 SIDNEY *Arcadia* II. (Sommer) 229 His *seldom-comfortlesse flatterers. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 452/1 Selkow, or *seeldam seyne, *rarus*. 1600 J. PORY tr. *Leo's Africa* I. 22 So woorthie and so seldome-seene guests. 1386 *Selden time [see *seld-time*, SELD C.]. *c* 1450 *St. Cuthbert* (Surtees) 2289 Ful seldyn tyme speke he walde. 1557 NORTH *Gueuara's Diall Pr.* 106 It *seldome times chaunceth but that one of the parties are deceived. *c* 888 K. ÆLFRED *Boeth.* xxxvii. § 4 Þeah hi *seldum hwonne beswemde weorðen. 1390 GOWER *Conf.* III. 237 He duelte evere in chambre stille,.. That selden whanne in other stede If that he wolde wenden oute. 1603 SHAKS. *Meas. for M.* IV. ii. 89 Sildome when The steeled Gaoler is the friend of men. 1876 LANIER *Poems, Ps. West* 107 Solemn wings that wave but *seldomwhile.

† **Se·ldomly,** *adv. Obs.* [f. SELDOM *a.* + -LY 2.] Rarely.

1549 LATIMER *5th Serm. bef. Edw. VI* (Arb.) 143 So that it be vsed rarely, seldomly. 1620 VENNER *Via Recta* Introd. 8 The aire is for the most part pure, seldomely corrupted with noysome vapours.

Seldomness (se·ldǝmnés). [f. SELDOM *a.* + -NESS.] Infrequency, rareness.

1561 T. HOBY tr. *Castiglione's Courtyer* II. L iv b, The sildomenesse of suche as are seen to attain to that point. 1682 SIR T. BROWNE *Chr. Mor.* II. i. (1716) 44 The strength of delight is in its seldomness or rarity. 1792 ANNA SEWARD *Lett.* (1811) III. 172 Suffer the length of my letters to attone for their seldomness. 1861 LD. PALMERSTON *Sp.* in *Times* 9 Jan. 6/4 In proportion to the seldomness of those occasions..is the gratification which they afford.

† **Se·ldseen,** *a. Obs.* Forms: 1 seldsíene, -sýnde, 3 seldcene, seltsene, -scene, 6 seld-, seildsene, seeldseene, 6–7 seldseen(e. [OE. *seldsíene* = MDn. *seltsiene*, OHG. *seltsâni* (MHG. *seltsæne*, mod.G. with change of suffix *seltsam*), ON. *sialdsénn* (Sw. has *sällsam* after Ger.):—OTeut. **seldosewnjo-*, *-sāwnjo-*: see SELDOM and SENE *a.*] Seldom to be seen or met with; rare. (By 16th c. writers sometimes analysed as *seld seen.*)

c 893 K. ÆLFRED *Oros.* II. iv. (1883) 76 Cirus ǯeahsade.. þæt þæm folce seldsiene & uncuðe wæron wines dryncas. *c* 959 in Kemble *Cod. Dipl.* (1845) III. 450 Ælc seldsynde fisc ðe weorðlic byð. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 80 Our speche schal beon seldcene. *c* 1230 *Hali Meid.* 37 Hit is selt sene on eorðe. 1547 BALDWIN *Mor. Philos.* I. viii. C iv b, Thales.. was asked what was the most difficill and seldest seen thing? He aunswered: an olde Tyrant. A selde sene thing in dede. *c* 1590 MARLOWE *Jew of Malta* I. 63 Seildsene costly stones. 1616 T. SCOT *Philomythie* D 5 b, The most precious-seld-seen Vnicorne.

Sele (sīl), *sb. Obs.* exc. *dial.* Forms: 1 sǽl (*dat. pl.* sǽlum, sálum), seel, 3 sæel, seale, sil, 3–5 sel, 4 sell, 4–5 cele, seele, 4–8 seel, 4, 9 seyle, 5 ceele, ceyl(l)e, 5–6 seill, seyll(e, 5, 9 sale, 7 ceile, 7–9 seal, seil, 3– sele. [OE. *sǽl* masc. and fem.:—OTeut. type **sǣli-z*, app. a subst. use of the adj. found in Goth. *sêl-s* good (whence *sêlei* goodness), ON. *sæll* happy (whence *sæla* wk. fem., *sæld* str. fem., happiness); in WGer. outside Eng. preserved only in derivatives, OS. *sâlig*, OHG. *sâlîg* (see SEELY *a.*), MHG. *sælîche* fortunately, OS. *sâlda*, OHG. *sâlida* happiness (see SELTH). An ablaut-variant **sōl-* occurs in OE. *sél* adv.: see etymological note to SELE *a.*]

1. Happiness, prosperity, good fortune. *On sele, a sele* (OE. *on sǽlum, on sálum*): happy.

Beowulf 607 Þa wæs on salum sinces brytta. *Ibid.* 1170 Þu on sæelum wes. *c* 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 183 Þu ware a sele gief ich was wrod. *c* 1200 ORMIN 14304 All middellærdess sellþe & sel. *c* 1205 LAY. 10040 Bruttes heo gretten.. beden heom beon on sele [*c* 1275 seale]. *a* 1240 *Ureisun* in *Cott. Hom.* 183 Ihesu min heorte Mi sel mi saule hele. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 2905 Þar neuer man sank þat was o sele. *Ibid.* 3962 He is vm-sett all wit sell. 13.. *Gaw. & Gr. Knt.* 2409 Sele yow bytyde. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xl. (*Ninian*) 1117 Lord, sa haf I sele, in galouay we haf don rycht wele. *c* 1485 *Digby Myst.* IV. 72 How rewfully he hinges here, That set you first in ceile! 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* V. i. 46 So haif I seill. 1668 R. B. *Adagia Scot.* 47 Seil comes not while sorrow be gone. 1875 W. ALEXANDER *Sk. Ain Folk* 82 Seil upo' them, they're a winsome pair.

2. Favonrable or proper time, opportnne moment; occasion, opportunity; season, time of day. Cf. BARLEY-*sele*, HAYSEL.

With OE. *sǽl and mǽl* (Beowulf) cf. quot. *a* 1825. *To give the sele of the day*: 'to pass the time of day,' to give a friendly greeting in passing.

Beowulf 1008 Þa wæs sæl and mæl, þæt to healle gang Healfdenes sunu. *c* 1000 *Sax. Leechd.* I. 112 Þas wyrte man mæg niman on ælcne sæl. *c* 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 185 Ðos feawe word seide ure drihten..at sume sele, þo þe he wunede licamliche on eorðe. *c* 1150 *Gen. & Ex.* 1095 Loth and his dogtres two Ledden ðis angeles ut in sel. 1303 R. BRUNNE *Handl. Synne* 5779 Now whom Myȝt y fynde, þys yche sele, To whom y myȝt selle Pers wele. 1375 *Creation* 770 in Horstm. *Altengl. Leg.* (1878) 133 Þo wente he aȝen in þat sel And tolde Miȝhel his cas. *c* 1440 CAPGRAVE *Life St. Kath.* 68 Þat alle þese þingys at euery tyme & seele schuld be redressed. *a* 1450 *Mankind* (Brandl 1898) 354 He hath mett wyth the goode man mercy in a schroude sell. 1662 GURNALL *Chr. in Arm.* III. verse 18. I. xxx. § 1. 385 At what ceile of the day or night soever it be. 1674 RAY *S. & E. C. Words* 76 It is a fair *seel* for you to come at, i.e. a fair season or time; spoken ironically to them that come late...What Seel of day? What time of day. 1787 W. H. MARSHALL *Norfolk* (1795) II. 387 *Seel*, or *Seal*, time or season; as, 'hay-seel', hay-time; 'barley-seel', barley seed-time; 'wheat-seel', wheat seed-time; 'bark-seel', the barking season. *a* 1825 FORBY *Voc. E. Anglia* s. v. *Seal*, Of an idle and dissipated fellow, we say that he 'keeps bad seals';.. of a sober, regular, and industrious man..that he 'keeps good seals and meals'. 1857 BORROW *Romany Rye* I. xxi. 249 As I passed.., I gave the man the sele of the day.

b. A period of time.

a 1250 *Owl & Night.* 953 He mihte bet speken a sele. *c* 1330 R. BRUNNE *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 7005 Ȝyf Constant had lyued ani sel He schuld haue mended þe lond ful wel. 1338 — *Chron.* (1810) 80 Þer dnelled þei non seel. 1447 BOKENHAM *Scyntys, Mary Magd.* 1026 In ful short seel.

† **Sele,** *a. Obs.* Forms: *Compar.* 1 sélra, séllra, sélla, 2–3 selre, 3 selere; *Superl.* 1 sélest, 3 selest; *Positive* 3 sæl, sel, seal, *accus.* seolne. [The OE. *sélra, sélla*, better, *sélest* best, represent OTeut. types **sōlizon-*, **sōlisto-* (cf. OE. *sél*, older *sǽl* adv. better:—**sōliz*), f. **sōl-*, ablaut-variant of **sǽl-*: see SELE *sb.* The positive *sel(e* in early ME. is a back-formation from the other degrees; whether there is mixtnre of an adoption of ON. *sæll* happy is uncertain.] Good.

Beowulf 2890 Deað bið sella eorla ȝehwylcum þonne edwitlif! *c* 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* Matt. x. 31 Sellra [L. *meliores*]. *c* 1000 *Ags. Gosp.* ihid., ðe synt selran. *Ibid.* Luke x. 42 Maria ȝeces þæne selestan dæl. *c* 1205 LAY. 3955 He ferde awi ouer sæ þat him þuhte selest. *Ibid.* 17679 Þæt vther his broðer hæfde him þider i-send seolne læche. *Ibid.* 21166 Ne isæh nænere nn man selere cniht nenne. *Ibid.* 24954 Þus andswærede Walwain þe sele. *c* 1230 *Hali Meid.* 67 In al þat euer sel is. 13.. *K. Alis.* 7430 For ben yee sele, hen ye wrothe, Ynde and Perce buth myn bothe.

Sele, obs. form of CEIL *v.*

a 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 1519 Sylours of sendale to sele ouire þe gatis.

Sele: see SEAL *sbs.*, SEEL *v.*2, SEELY *a.*, SELL *v.*

Select (sĭle·kt), *a.* (and *sb.*). Also 6 selecte. [ad. L. *sēlect-us* select, chosen, pple. of *sēligĕre* to choose out, select, f. *sē-* apart, SE- + *legĕre* to collect, choose, etc. Cf. Sp., Pg. *selecto.*] **A.** *adj.*

1. Selected, chosen out of a larger number, on account of excellence or fitness; picked.

Select committee, see COMMITTEE 3. *Select meeting*, (amongst Quakers) a meeting of ministers and elders. *Select vestry*, see VESTRY.

1565 COOPER *Thesaurus*, *Selectus*, chosen from amonge other: chief amonge other: selecte. 1571 DIGGES *Pantom.* Ep. + ij b, When they shall perceine your Lordshippe..doth allow and accepte them as fragrante floures selecte and gathered out of the pleasant gardynes Mathematicall. 1580 *Lease* in *Collect.* (O.H.S.) I. 237 These twelve select trees. 1606 WARNER *Alb. Eng.* XIV. Ded., Whom my Muse Doth its select Mecænas chuse. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* XI. 819 No sooner hee with them of Man and Beast Select for life shall in the Ark be lodg'd. 1676 HALE *Contempl.* II. *Medit. Lord's Pr.* 167 Not only at the select and solemn times of Prayer, but in the general Frame of our conversation. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* June 1647, He married us in Sir Richd. Browne's Chapell.., some few select freinds being present. 1712 in T. W. Marsh *Early Friends in Surrey & Sussex* xv. (1886) 140 Its Unanimusly agreed..that a Select Meeting be Held in each Weekly Meeting..concerning the good order and Discipline of the Church. 1718 PRIOR *Solomon* III. 653 Select from vulgar Herds, with Garlands gay, A hundred Bulls ascend the Sacred Way. 1731 *Gentl. Mag.* I. 159 In the Parish where I serve, the Vestry is compos'd of thirty select Members besides the Rector. 1744 DODSLEY (*title*) A select Collection of Old Plays. 1782 PRIESTLEY *Corrupt. Chr.* II. vi. i. 4 The more secret parts of the heathen worship, to which select persons only were admitted. 1819 SHELLEY *Œdipus* I. 217 Every gibbet says its catechism And reads a select chapter in the Bible Before it goes to play. 1835 *App. Munic. Corpor. Rep.* III. 1496 (Doncaster) The mayor, aldermen and capital burgesses form the Select Body or common council. 1855 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* xxi. IV. 649 To the smaller plot..only a few select traitors were privy. 1873 (*title*) Cornelius Nepos. Select Lives. With notes by Edward Walford.

2. Hence, Choice, of special value or excellence; composed of or containing the best, choicest or most desirable; superior. a. Of things, material or immaterial.

1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* III. vi. 12 Whence all the world deriues the glorious Features of beautie, and all shapes select, With which high God his workmanship hath deckt. 1602 SHAKS. *Ham.* I. iii. 74 And they in France of the best rank and station, Are of a most select and generous cheffin that. 1623 LO. HERBERT in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* ser. I. III. 164, I will come from the ordinarie voice to the selecter judgement of the Ministers of State, and more intelligent people in this Kingdome. 1656 RIDGELEY *Pract. Physick* Pref. 3 Most select Remedies for every Disease. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* VIII. 513 And happie Constellations on that houre Shed their selectest influence. 1709 STEELE *Tatler* No. 142 ¶ 5 He has spent his most select Hours in the Knowledge of them. *a* 1822 SHELLEY *Def. Poetry* Pr. Wks. 1888 II. 19 The Romans appear to have considered the Greeks as the selectest treasuries of the selectest forms of manners. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* xxxviii, His senior..had consigned a quantity of select wines to him. 1868 JOYNSON *Metals* 99 If what is called the 'best select' copper is required, the refining process is gone through a second time.

b. Of persons, company, etc. Now often: Unexceptionable with regard to social standing or estimation.

1602 MARSTON *Ant. & Mel.* Prol. 3 Select and most respected Auditours. 1603 DRAYTON *Bar. Wars* VI. xvi, Men most select, of speciall worth and sort. 1677 LADY CHAWORTH in 12th *Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. V. 36 The Venetian Embassador made a ball to Lord Ossery and his family, and Lord Arlington and his, and some other select company last weeke. 1770 MISS BURNEY *Early Diary* (1889) I. 84 The party though small were select. 1838 LYTTON *Alice* II. ii, The Reverend Charles Merton..kept up all the most select of his old London acquaintances. 1840 MACAULAY *Ess., Ranke* 559 Persecution of that sort which bows down and crushes all but a very few select spirits. 1855 — *Hist. Eng.* xix. IV. 266 He [the Elector of Saxony] had..a great desire to be a member of the most select and illustrious orders of knighthood. 1871 CARLYLE in *Mrs. Carlyle's Lett.* II. 278 Company at first aristocratic and select.

absol. 1828 P. CUNNINGHAM *N. S. Wales* (ed. 3) II. 112 The first of our subscription-concerts..was attended by one hundred and twenty of the select, admittances being decided by ballot. 1831 SCOTT *Ct. Robt.* ii, The public games..where, in the select of their own countrymen, they saw the handsomest specimens of the human race.

3. Careful in selection. Hence, (of a society or association) admitting only persons of a high class, esp. with regard to social station; exclnsive; (of a place of resort) frequented only by persons of good social position.

1842 A. COMBE *Physiol. Digestion* (ed. 4) 23 The appetite becomes less keen and more select in its choice. 1875 JOWETT *Plato* (ed. 2) I. 316 You are select in your acquaintance. 1876 GEO. ELIOT *Dan. Der.* iii. I. 54 And I have spoken for Gwendolen to be a member of our Archery Club—the Brackenshaw Archer Club—the most select thing anywhere. 1888 *Lady* 25 Oct. 374/1 Such a sweet, select watering-place. All the best people go there.

B. *sb.* † a. A selected person or thing. † b. A selected class or group, a selection. c. See quot. 1881.

a. 1610 HEALEY *St. Aug. Citie of God* VII. iii. 261 If therefore felicity bee not to bee placed amongst those selects, becanse they gotte their places rather by chance then desert: yet surely fortune should bee one amongst them. *a* 1733 NORTH *Life L.d. Kpr. Guilford* (1742) 29 In Town, he had his Select of Friends and Acquaintance. *a* 1733 — *Exam.* I. ii. § 2 (1740) 32 Borrow of the profligate Speech-makers, or Lyars of the Time in Print, and make a Select out of a Select of them to adorn a Party. *Ibid.* II. iv. § 144. 308 He..sets forth a Select of the Rye-Plot Papers. 1805 T. HOLCROFT *Bryan Perdue* I. 159, I appeared to be the inmate and select of his soul, and almost as necessary to him as his horses and dogs. 1881 INGERSOLL *Oyster-Industr.* (Hist. Fish. Industr. U.S.) 248 *Selects*, oysters of the first quality, *i. e.* selected; applied wholly to opened stock.

Select (sĭle·kt), *v.* [f. L. *sēlect-*, ppl. stem of *sēligĕre* (see prec.).]

1. *trans.* To choose or pick out in preference to another or others. Also *to select out.*

1567 MAPLET *Gr. Forest* 25 To select or choose forth amongst many things what is heade and principall. 1597 DANIEL *Civ. Wars* VI. lxxxvii. (1609) 165 Haue you then selected me To be the man whom you would haue displac't Out of the roule of Immortalitie? 1606 SHAKS. *Cor.* I. vi. 81 A certaine number..must I select from all. The rest shall beare the businesse in some other fight. 1615 G. SANDYS *Trav.* 141 Of some [reeds] the Arabians make darts and jaueling..; others they select to write with. 1706 POPE *Let. to Wycherley* 10 Apr., You desire me to select..some Things from the first Volume of your Miscellanies, which may be altered so as to appear again. 1754 WARBURTON *View Bolingbr. Philos.* ii. 135 Men..were not always sufficiently careful in selecting their arguments. 1825 COLERIDGE *Aids Refl.* (1843) I. 187 A power of selecting and adapting means to proximate ends according to circumstances. 1838 DICKENS *Nich. Nick.* xiv, The party was admirably selected. 1839 EARL SPENCER in *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* (1840) I. 22 The importance of selecting good male animals [for breeding purposes]. 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* v. I. 657 In selecting rebels for punishment. 1867 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* Ser. II. III. ii. 464 He then soon begins to select out fine days for this purpose. 1875 JOWETT *Plato* (ed. 2) V. 25 Would a forger have had the wit to select the most.. characteristic thoughts of Plato?

b. Said of impersonal agencies. Cf. SELECTION 3.

1859 DARWIN *Orig. Species* Introd. 5 Any being, if it vary however slightly in any manner profitable to itself,..will have a better chance of surviving, and thus be naturally selected. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 494 The eruption ..not selecting any special nerve territories.

c. To choose and dedicate *to. nonce-use.*

1715 POPE *Iliad* II. 504 The Limbs they sever from th' inclosing Hyde, The Thighs, selected to the Gods, divide.

2. *intr.* To choose or pick out something from a number; to make a selection.

1833 T. HOOK *Parson's Dau.* III. ix, 'The next dinner you give, George, we will select better', said Lady Frances. 'We will have up the local lawyer who knows the country politics, and all the friends and foes of the district.' 1859 DARWIN *Orig. Species* iv. 102 In man's methodical selection, a breeder selects for some definite object, and free intercrossing will wholly stop his work.

Selectable (sĭle·ktăb'l), *a. rare.* [f. SELECT *v.* + -ABLE.] Worthy or fit to be selected.

1836 HOOD in *Mem.* (1860) I. 239 Each going into his own quarters..though some next door houses were infinitely to appearance more selectable than their neighbours.

Sele·cted, *ppl. a.* [f. SELECT *v.* + -ED 1.]

1. Specially chosen, picked out.

1590 MARLOWE *and Pt. Tamburl.* v. ii. 4381 For we haue here the chiefe selected men Of twenty seuerall kingdomes at the least. 1629 QUARLES *Argalus & Parth.* III. Wks. (Grosart) III. 277/1 Sometimes (for change of pleasure) he would read Selected stories, whilst her eares would feed Upon his lips. 1729 T. COOKE *Tales* etc., *Knts. Bath* 14 He thrice twelve gallant Youths, of high Renown, Selected Souls, of all the Land the Flowr, Appointed to adorn the bridal Hour. 1818 SCOTT *Hrt. Midl.* vii, For an instant this man quitted the prisoner, whom he consigned to a selected guard. 1865 TYLOR *Early Hist. Man.* x. 273, I give some selected cases of the Argument from similar customs.

† 2. Choice, 'select'. *Obs. rare.*

1598 B. JONSON *Ev. Man in Hum.* I, ii, To his most selected [*Qo.* elected] friend, master Edward Knowell. 1605 BACON *Adv. Learn.* VII. § 4 To keepe still the Lawe of brenitie, by vsing the most eminent and selected examples. 1655 H. VAUGHAN *Silex Scint.* 180 The first true worship of the

world's great king From private and selected hearts did spring.

Hence † **Sele·ctedly** *adv.*

1637 HEYWOOD *Royal Ship* (1638) 48 All of them in their severall faculties being knowne to bee the prime Workmen of the Kingdome, selectedly imploy'd in this Service.

Selecting (sĭle·ktiŋ), *ppl. a.* [f. SELECT *v.* + -ING 2.] That selects, chooses, or picks out.

1871 BLACKIE *Four Phases Mor.* i. 100 A reasonable result always implies some principle of selection and a selecting agency. 1880 R. H. HUTTON in *Fraser's Mag.* May 665 The..conception of will as a selecting power between two alternatives.

Selection (sĭle·kʃən). [ad. L. *sēlectiōn-em*, n. of action f. *sēligĕre*: see SELECT *v.*]

1. The action of selecting or choosing out; also the fact of being selected or chosen.

1646-58 SIR T. BROWNE *Pseud. Ep.* III. XXV. (ed. 4) 211 While we single out several dishes, and reject others, the selection seems but arbitrary, or upon opinion. 1744 HARRIS *Three Treat.* Wks. (1841) 83 It should seem, then,..that the essence of right conduct lay in selection and rejection. 1825 COLERIDGE *Aids Refl.* (1843) I. 187 There is [in the instinctive action of insects] selection, but not choice; volition rather than will. 1890 A. J. BELL *Why does Man exist?* xi. 75 Can selection of food-materials by plants be accounted for without consciousness? 1893 J. A. HODGES *Elem. Photogr.* (1907) 113 The careful selection of the point of view.

2. A particular choice; choice of a particular individual or individuals; *concr.* the († person or) thing selected; a number of selected († persons or) things. Often, a passage or a number of extracts from one or more literary works.

1805 W. COOKE *Foote* II. 7 His company generally consisted of men of rank and fashion, some literary characters, and a selection from the stage. 1828 B. OAKLEY (*title*) Selections from Shakspeare. 1837 DICKENS *Pickw.* XXXVII, At this, the assembled selections laughed very heartily. 1865 (*title*) A Selection from the Works of Alfred Tennyson. 1878 C. STANFORD *Symb. Christ* i. 27 They make a selection from His laws, choosing some and rejecting others. 1887 TRAILL in *Contemp. Rev.* Oct. 479 The English public..does not pretend to care for poetry except in 'selections'.

b. *Sporting.* The horse or horses selected by a racing prophet as likely to win or obtain a place.

1901 *Scotsman* 12 Mar. 5/2 In 1897..the sporting selections of a highly respectable newspaper..the individual race prophecies numbered 1739.

c. in *pl.* 'In tobacco-culture, the choicest leaves and the highest grades of tobacco' (*Funk's Stand. Dict.* 1895).

3. a. Applied *spec.* to the action of a breeder in selecting individuals from which to breed, in order to obtain some desired quality or characteristic in the descendants. **b.** Hence in *Biology*, used by C. Darwin (*Origin of Species*, 1859) and subsequent writers, to designate any process, whether artificial or natural, which brings about a particular modification of an animal or vegetable type by ensuring that in successive generations the individuals that reproduce their kind shall be those that have transmissible variations from the ancestral form in the direction of this modification.

Natural selection: the operation of natural causes by which those individuals of a species that are best adapted to the environment tend to be preserved and to transmit their characters, while those less adapted die out, so that in the course of generations the degree of adaptation to the environment tends progressively to increase. *Sexual selection*: that kind of natural selection which arises through the preference by one sex of those individuals of the other sex that have some special characteristic, in consequence of which that characteristic tends to be transmitted, with progressive enhancement in succeeding generations.

a. 1837 YOUATT *Sheep* iii. 60 That which enables the agriculturist not only to modify the character of his flock, but to change it altogether..—the principle of selection. 1844 H. D. RICHARDSON *Pigs* 51 In the selection of a boar and sow for breeding, much more attention and consideration are necessary.

b. 1857 DARWIN *Lett.* (1887) II. 123 There is such an unerring power at work, or *Natural Selection* (the title of my book), which selects exclusively for the good of each organic being. 1859 — *Orig. Species* iv. 81 This preservation of favourable variations and the rejection of injurious variations, I call Natural Selection. *Ibid.* iv. 88 And this leads me to say a few words on what I call Sexual Selection. This depends, not on a struggle for existence, but on a struggle between the males for the possession of the females; the result is not death to the unsuccessful competitor, but few or no offspring. 1868 — *Var. Anim. & Plants Domest.* (1875) II. 177 The principle of selection may be conveniently divided into three kinds. Methodical selection..Unconscious selection..Natural selection. 1878 TAIT & STEWART *Unseen Universe* v. § 170 Thus the struggle for existence bears to natural selection the same relation as man bears to artificial selection. 1882 VINES tr. *Sachs' Bot.* 929 The struggle for existence acts therefore in a certain sense similarly to the selection of the breeder; as the breeder develops only that which is suited to his own purposes...Thus, ..through what may be termed metaphorically *Natural Selection* by means of the struggle for existence,—forms are produced which are as well or even better adapted for the purpose of self-preservation than cultivated plants are for the purposes of man.

transf. 1860 O. W. HOLMES *Elsie V.* xix, That is the way ..physiological democracy is enabled to fight against the principle of selection which would disinherit all the weaker children. 1869 *Fortn. Rev.* June 644 By a sort of critical selection, the cultivated class improves the breed of literary egotists; it suppresses all but the best specimens.

4. *Austral.* **a.** = FREE-SELECTION. Also *attrib.*

1866 ROGERSON *Poems* 22 Heathcote never was so gay As on the land selection day.. 1880 *Victorian Rev.* I. 628 It is surprising that the selectors themselves have not prayed the Government to stop selection for some years at least.

b. A piece of land selected or taken up through 'free-selection'.

1875 *Melbourne Spect.* 21 Aug. 189/3 Jumping selections ..is said to be very common now in the Winmera district. 1881 MRS. C. PRAED *Policy & P.* I. 50 He has a selection down the Koorong.

5. *attrib.* as **selection value**, value (of a variation or peculiarity) as affecting natural selection.

1892 ROMANES *Darwin & After* I. 275 We cannot speak of adaptations as due to natural selection, without thereby affirming that they present what I have elsewhere termed a 'selection value'.

Selectionist (sĭle·kʃənist), *sb.* and *a.* [f. SELECTION + -IST.] **a.** *sb.* One who believes in or supports the theory of natural selection. **b.** *adj.* Pertaining to or connected with that theory.

1892 *Nation* 6 Oct. 266/3 Extreme selectionists like Wallace and Weismann. 1899 J. L. TAYLER in *Nat. Sci.* Sept. 190 A pure or nearly pure selectionist hypothesis.

Selective (sĭle·ktiv), *a.* [f. SELECT *v.* + -IVE. Cf. F. *sélectif.*] Having the quality or faculty of selecting; characterized by choice or selection.

1625 BP. HALL *Contempl.* XVIII. *Elijah with Sareptan* Wks. 1332 Who can enough wonder at the pitch of this selective prouidence of the Almighty? 1853 WHEWELL *Grotius* I. p. iv, The translation is thus rather a selective than an abridged translation. 1875 RUSKIN *Lect. Art* iii. 72 The selective and ordinant energy of the brain.

b. Applied to physical processes or agencies which result in the selection of some elements or factors and the exclusion of others.

1843 CARPENTER *Anim. Phys.* i. 39 The selective absorption of nutritious matter. 1889 A. R. WALLACE *Darwinism* vii. 171 The isolation of varieties by selective association.

c. *Wireless Telegraphy.* 'Designating a system by which two or more messages can be sent or received simultaneously without interference' (Webster 1911).

1906 EICHHORN *Wireless Telegr.* v. 23 A system of selective electric wave telegraphy, *i.e.* wireless multiplex telegraphy. 1906 KENNELLY *Wireless Telegr.* 173 The Problem of Selective Signaling.

Selectively (sĭle·ktivli), *adv.* [f. SELECTIVE *a.* + -LY 2.] In a selective manner; by selection.

1651 BIGGS *New Disp.* P 113 They..cannot selectively separate and draw forth one humour, from another. 1897 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* II. 826 The respiratory centre is not selectively affected.

Selectiveness (sĭle·ktivnĕs). [f. SELECTIVE *a.* + -NESS.] The attribute of being selective.

c 1850 CLOUGH *Poems*, etc. (1869) I. 320 A certain withdrawal and separation, a moral and almost religious selectiveness,..are essential to Wordsworth's being.

Selectly (sĭle·ktli), *adv. rare.* [f. SELECT *a.* + -LY 2.] By selection; in a select manner.

1689 E. HOWARD *Caroloiades* 296 If from their Numbers they'd Scelectly [*sic*] take Men that, by zeal, their valours fiercer make. 1865 DICKENS *Mut. Fr.* IV. iv, The Minister speaking, as directed by the Rubric, to the people,..selectly represented..by G. & G. above mentioned.

Sele·ctman. *U.S.* [f. SELECT *a.* + MAN *sb.*1] One of a board of officers elected annually to manage various local concerns in a 'town' or 'township' in New England.

1646 in *Gen. Laws Massachusetts* (1672) 122 The Select men of Boston, Charlstown [etc.]. 1792 BELKNAP *Hist. New Hampsh.* III. 282 Three or five Selectmen are annually chosen in each town, who are entrusted with its general concerns. 1888 BRYCE *Amer. Commw.* III. lxiv. II. 468 *note*, The 'selectmen' of a New England Town are not paid.

transf. 1858 O. W. HOLMES *Aut. Breakf.-t.* x. (1859) 233 The select-men of an African kraal-village would have had more respect for their ancestors.

Selectness (sĭle·ktnĕs). [f. SELECT *a.* + -NESS.] The quality of being select.

1727 BAILEY (vol. II.), *Selectness*, Chosenness, Choiceness. 1755 JOHNSON, *Selectness*, the state of being select. 1816 JEFFREY *Swift* Wks. (1853) 77/1 Goldsmith..had the harmony of Pope without his quaintness, and his selectness of diction without his coldness and eternal vivacity. 1852 R. S. SURTEES *Sponge's Sp. Tour* xxix. (1893) 158 The Flat Hat Hunt had relapsed into its wonted quiet, or 'selectness', as its members called it, and Beggar-my-Neighbour Hill saw none but the regular attendants.

Selector (sĭle·ktər). [f. SELECT *v.* + -OR.] One who or something which selects. **a.** *gen.*

1782 V. KNOX *Ess.* CV. [CIV.] II. 93 Like all inventors and selectors of their own systems, they have been hurried to excess. 1797 (*title*) The Selector. Being a new..collection of Visions, Tales [etc.]. 1809 HEBER in *Q. Rev.* II. 294 Given from Dr. King's work, with sundry comments by the ingenious selector. 1867 S. WILBERFORCE *Ess.* (1874) I. 67 Why should she [nature] become a selector of varieties? 1887 *Law Rep., Weekly Notes* 48/2 Here both parties were selectors or importers of cigars, not manufacturers.

b. *Austral.* = FREE-SELECTOR.

1875 *Melbourne Spect.* 12 June 705/2 A public meeting of non-resident selectors has been held at Rushworth. 1890 'R. BOLDREWOOD' *Miner's Right* xxvii. 242 She was the daughter of one of the selectors at Blue Gum Flats.

c. As a name for various appliances in metallurgy, telegraphy, motor-car machinery, etc.

1890 *Nature* 7 Aug. 357/1 A device [in a horsehair-cloth loom]..known as the selector..picks up one hair, and only one, to present to the jaws of the shuttle. 1907 *Westm. Gaz.* 9 Nov. 15/2 The selector or operating mechanism is placed in the bottom of the gear-box; so that all the gears can be removed without disturbing any part of it. 1908 *Ibid.* 16 Nov. 14/2 A selector-gate change has been installed [in the motor-car].

Seledyne: see SELADYNE.

Selen- (se·lĕn), *prefix.*

1. *Min.* [After G. *selen* selenium.] In names of certain minerals containing or formerly supposed to contain selenium, as † **Se·lencu·prite** = BERZELLIANITE. † **Se·lenpa·lladite, -palla·dium** = ALLOPALLADIUM. † **Se·lensi·lver** = NAUMANNITE. † **Se·lensu·lphur**, a native compound of sulphur and selenium. **Se·lentellu·rium**, a native compound of selenium and tellurium.

1835 C. U. SHEPARD *Treat. Min.* (ed. 2) II. 177 Selencuprite. *Ibid.*, Selenpalladite. 1849 J. NICOL *Man. Min.* 506 Selen-sulphur. 1857 DANA *Man. Min.* (1862) 327 Another seleniferous ore, from the Hartz, called selensilver. 1890 E. S. DANA & H. L. WELLS in *Amer. Jrnl. Sci.* Ser. III. XL. 79 We propose to call it Selen-tellurium.

† **2.** *Chem.* [For *seleno-*, SELENIO-.] Formerly used (before a vowel or *h*) in names of certain compounds containing selenium. **Selena·ldine** [ALD(EHYDE) + -INE 5], a basic substance produced by the action of hydrogen selenide on ammonium aldehydate. **Selenethyl**, ethyl selenide. **Selenhydric** *a.* = *hydroselenic* (*acid*): see HYDRO-. **Selenhydrate** (see quot. 1858).

1848 BRANDE *Chem.* (ed. 6) II. III. 173 With seleniuretted hydrogen aldehyde-ammonia yields Selenaldine. 1853 WATTS tr. *Gmelin's Hand-bk. Chem.* VIII. 356 Selenide of Ethyl or Selenethyl. 1858 MAYNE *Expos. Lex., Selenhydrate*, term by Berzelius for the combinations of hydric selenide with the metallic seleniurets which contain the radicals of alkalis and alkaline earths. 1868 WATTS *Dict. Chem.* V. 218 Selenhydric Acid.

Selenate (se·lĭnĕt). *Chem.* Also **-iate.** [f. SELEN-IUM, after SELENIC *a.*] A salt of selenic acid.

1818 tr. *Berzelius* in *Ann. Philos.* XI. 293 The selenates of barytes and of lime are soluble in water. 1819 *Ibid.* XIII. 406 The acid obtained by the decomposition of the seleniate of tin. 1857 DANA *Man. Min.* (1862) 285 Selenate of lead. 1867 BLOXAM *Chem.* 220 The seleniates closely resemble the sulphates. 1880 CLEMINSHAW *Wurtz' Atom. Theory* 139 The sulphate and selenate of silver.

Selenders (*pl.*), obs. form of SALLENDER.

Selendine, -yne, obs. forms of CELANDINE.

Selenes, variant of SELELINESS.

Selenescope, obs. form of SELENOSCOPE.

Selenetic, obs. form of SELENITIC *a.*

Selenetted, var. *Selenietted* s. v. SELENIET *Obs.*

Selenian (sĭlī·niăn), *a. rare.* [f. Gr. σελήνη moon + -IAN.] Of or pertaining to the moon considered as a world.

1669 FLAMSTEED in Rigaud *Corr. Sci. Men* (1841) II. 84 There are yet abundant laurels to be won in the Selenian games. 1864 *Intell. Observer* V. 525 They will have a right ..for regarding creation, the earth included, as especially made for the Selenian race. 1866 *Ibid.* IX. 136 Numerous tracts of selenian scenery.

Selenic (sĭle·nik), *a.*1 *rare.* [Formed as prec. + -IC.] Of, pertaining to, or derived from the moon.

1816 BENTHAM *Chrestom.* Wks. 1843 VIII. 132 Selenic, Selenigenous, or simply mechanical source of motion. 1849 OTTÉ tr. *Humboldt's Cosmos* I. Index s.v. *Chladni*, On the selenic origin of nĕrolites.

Selenic (sĭle·nik), *a.*2 *Chem.* [f. SELEN-IUM + -IC.] *Selenic acid*, an acid formed when selenium is oxidized by fusion with nitre.

1818 tr. *Berzelius* in *Ann. Philos.* XI. 293 The selenic acid is soluble in water and in alcohol. 1867 BLOXAM *Chem.* 220 Selenic acid (SeO_3) is not known in the anhydrous state.

Selenide (se·lĭnaid). *Chem.* Also **-id.** [f. SELEN-IUM + -IDE.] A combination of selenium with an electro-positive element or with a radical.

1849 D. CAMPBELL *Inorg. Chem.* 62 Selenide of hydrogen gas (prepared from the selenide of iron or potassium by decomposition with an acid, as in the sulphide of hydrogen). 1857 DANA *Man. Min.* (1862) 280 Clausthalite, or selenid of lead. 1873 WATTS *Fownes' Chem.* (ed. 11) 212 Insoluble selenides are thus produced.

† **Sele·niet.** *Chem. Obs.* [f. SELENI-UM + *-et* as in *sulphuret.*] = SELENIURET. So † **Selenietted** (also **selenetted**) *a. Obs. rare.* = SELENIURETTED.

1831 T. THOMSON *Chem.* (ed. 7) I. 293 Selenium combines with hydrogen, and forms a gaseous substance, which has been distinguished by the name of selenietted hydrogen gas. *Ibid.* 597 This precipitate is probably a seleniet of copper. 1854 DANA *Syst. Min.* (ed. 4) II. 42 Clausthalite...Seleniet of Lead. 1866 ODLING *Anim. Chem.* 13 Sulphuretted, selenetted, and telluretted hydrogen. 1867 BLOXAM *Chem.* 220 Hydroselenic acid, or selenietted hydrogen (HSe).

Seleniferous (selĭni·fĕrəs), *a.* [f. SELENI-UM + -FEROUS.] Containing or yielding selenium.

1823 W. PHILLIPS *Introd. Min.* (ed. 3) 279 Seleniferous Iron Pyrites. 1867 BLOXAM *Chem.* 219 To extract selenium from the seleniferous deposit of the vitriol works.

Seleni·genous, *a. rare*—1. [f. Gr. σελήνη moon + -GENOUS.] Produced by the moon.

1816 [see SELENIC *a.*1].

Sele·nio-. *Chem.* Also **seleno-.** Used as a combining form of SELENIUM.

1831 T. THOMSON *Chem.* (ed. 7) II. 249 Seleniocyanogen.. was discovered by Berzelius. 1836 BRANDE *Chem.* (ed. 4) 570 Seleniocyanuret of Potassium. [1848 *Ibid.* (ed. 6) I. 602 Seleniocyanide.] 1853 WATTS tr. *Gmelin's Hand-bk. Chem.*

VIII. 122 Selenocyanide of lead. *Ibid.*, Selenocyanide of Ammonium. 1868 — *Dict. Chem.* V. 219 Seleniocyanates. *Ibid.*, Seleniocyanic Acid.

Selenious (sĭlī·niəs), *a. Chem.* [f. SELEN-IUM: see -OUS *suffix* c.] *Selenious acid*, a dibasic acid H_2SeO_3, forming salts called *selenites*.

1834 E. TURNER *Elem. Chem.* (ed. 5) 326 Selenious acid. 1869 ROSCOE *Chem.* 144 Selenium dioxide is..capable of dissolving in water, and thus forming selenious acid.

Seleniscope, obs. form of SELENOSCOPE.

Selenite[1] (se·lĭnəit). *Min.* and *Chem.* Forms: 6 silenite, (7 silonite), 7– selenite. [ad. L. *selēnītēs* SELENITES.]

1. A stone described by ancient writers; apparently to be identified with the mineral now so called (see 2), though the accounts of its properties are inconsistent and partly fabulous. (In the 17–18th c. often identified with stones described by travellers or existing in collections.)

1567 MAPLET *Gr. Forest* 19 Silinite the Stone is seene in Persia in colour like to the jasper, or like to a fresh and flourishing greene herb. 1605 DRAYTON *Man in Moone* 321 That stone [*side-note* the Selenite of σελήνη] that doth the name derive From me, with me that lesseneth or doth thrive. 1623 COCKERAM III, *Selenite*, a stone wherein is a white, that decreaseth and encreaseth as the Moon groweth. 1686 GOAD *Celest. Bodies* I. vi. 17 Some pretious Stones are Natural Moon-Dials; the Selenite, which Pope Clement the VIII..had among his Rarities [etc.]. 1688 HOLME *Armoury* II. 41/2 The Silonite..is a stone in Persia. 1738 CHAMBERS *Cycl.* (ed. 2) s. v., There are some of these selenites preserved in the palace of Peking, valued at an incredible rate. 1855 SMEDLEY *Occult Sciences* 358 Selenite is supposed to give the faculty of prediction, and to reconcile lovers.

2. *Min.* Sulphate of lime (gypsum) in a crystalline or foliated form. Also, a slip or film of this mineral used for the polarization of light.

1668 WILKINS *Real Char.* II. iii. § 2. 62 Selenite, Muscovia glass, Isingglass, Sparr, Talc. 1692 RAY *Creation* (1701) 119 Those rhomboideal selenites found near St. Ives. 1789 E. DARWIN *Bot. Gard.* I. ii. 219 Hence silvery Selenite her chrystal moulds And soft Asbestus smooths his silky folds. 1799 G. SMITH *Laboratory* I. 334 There is another kind of marble made of the flaky selenite. 1851 MAYNE REID *Scalp Hunters* XXXVI, I had recognised the sparkling scales of the selenite. 1867 J. HOGG *Microsc.* I. ii. 139 Used in combination with a superposed film of selenite or not as required.

attrib. 1839 G. BIRD *Nat. Philos.* 367 (*head-line*) Colours exhibited by selenite analyring plate. 1888 RUTLEY *Rock-Forming Min.* 116 In the case of nosean very few or no selenite crystals are formed.

† **b.** *Chem.* Sulphate of lime, without regard to structure. *Obs.*

1756 C. LUCAS *Ess. Waters* I. 94 Many waters are charged with selenite; as those of Pyrmont..and others. 1776 WOULFE in *Phil. Trans.* LXVI. 617 The acid of vitriol forsakes its alkaly to unite, and form a selenite with the calcareous earth. 1816 ACCUM *Chem. Tests* (1818) 293 Thus sulphate of lime, or selenite, may be precipitated by alcohol from water which contains this salt. 1823 P. NICHOLSON *Pract. Build.* 334 Water may be found naturally free from fixable gas, selenite, or clay.

Selenite[2]. [f. Gr. σεληνίτης (*pl.* Σεληνῖται men in the moon), f. σελήνη moon.] A supposed inhabitant of the moon.

c 1645 HOWELL *Lett.* (1655) III. ix. 18 The sphear of the Moon is peepled with Selenites or Lunary men. 1652 URQUHART *Jewel* Wks. (1834) 268 Leaving the new Baronets to search for land amongst the Selenits in the Moon, or turn Knights of the Sun. 1864 T. W. WEBB in *Intell. Observer* V. 200 Gruithuisen fancied that certain rows of hillocks might contain the habitations of Selenites!

Selenite[3] (se·lĭnəit). *Chem.* [f. SELEN-IUM + -ITE.] A salt of selenious acid.

1831 T. THOMSON *Chem.* (ed. 7) I. 290 The analyses of two selenites given by Berzelius. *Ibid.* II. 44 The selenites (as the salts which it forms are called). 1842 PARNELL *Chem. Anal.* (1845) 258 Seleniates and selenites give the characteristic odour of selenium. 1869 ROSCOE *Chem.* 145 Selenic Acid is best prepared by fusing a selenite with nitre.

‖ **Selenites** (selĭnəi·tīz). *Obs.* In 4–5 silenites. Also 7 selenitis. [L. *selēnītēs* (also *selēnītis*) = Gr. σεληνίτης λίθος (*lit.* 'moonstone'; so called because it was supposed to wax and wane with the moon), f. σελήνη moon: see -ITE.]

1. = SELENITE[1] 1.

1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* XVI. xci. (1495) 584 Silenites is a stone of Perse grene as grasse and shineth with a white specke and this stone foloweth the mone and wexyth and waneth as the mone doth. 1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* XXXVII. x. II. 629 Selenites is a precious stone, white and transparent. 1610 HEALEY *St. Aug. Citie of God* XXI. v. 843. 1738 CHAMBERS *Cycl.* (ed. 2), *Selenites*, among the ancient naturalists, denotes a white, or transparent figured stone; thus called from its representing the moon as in a glass..Some give the same appellation to Muscovy-talc, from an opinion, that its brightness increases and diminishes with the moon.

2. *Min.* = SELENITE[1] 2.

1681 GREW *Musæum* III. § i. v. 309 A lump of the Talk-rock near Spiral..consisteth of broken pieces, like those of the Selenites. 1695 WOODWARD *Nat. Hist. Earth* IV. 172 A Body, that has the shape and appearance of a Diamond, may prove, upon Examination, to be nothing but Crystal, or Selenitis [(1713) Selenites]. *a* 1728 — *Nat. Hist. Fossils* I. (1729) I. 73 A pretty large Piece of a Selenites. 1753 *Chambers' Cycl.* Suppl. s.v., *Selenites*,..the name of a large class of fossils. *Ibid.*, Of this class there are seven orders...The *selenitæ* of the first order are those composed of horizontal plates, and approaching to a rhomboidal form. 1820 *Gentl. Mag.* Apr. 308/2 Quarries of Heddington yield fine selenitæ.

Selenitic (selĭni·tik), *a.*[1] Also 8 **selenetic.** [f. SELENITE[1] + -IC. Cf. F. *sélénitique.*] Of, pertaining to, resembling or containing selenite. † Of water: Impregnated with sulphate of lime (cf. SELENITE[1] 2 b).

1756 P. BROWNE *Jamaica* (1789) 51 The Stalactite seems to be but a meer sparry, or selenetic matter. 1794 SCHMEISSER *Syst. Min.* I. 243 Selenitic-Spar. 1802 BEDDOES *Hygeia* VI. 66 Hard selenitic and calcareous waters. 1851 MANTELL *Petrifactions* ii. § 1. 78 A remarkably fine group of selenitic crystals. 1889 CUNOILL *Dict. Explosives* 61 Selenitic Powder is a mixture of nitroglycerine with plaster of Paris.

Seleni·tic, *a.*[2] *rare.* [f. Gr. σεληνίτης, SELENITE[2] + -IC.] Of or pertaining to the moon; also (*nonce-use*) said of a flower which opens when the moon shines.

1863 R. F. BURTON *Abeokuta* I. 39 A large white flower, said to be selenitic, and opening only to the moon. 1882 OGILVIE, *Selenitic*, pertaining to the moon.

† **Seleni·tical,** *a. Obs.* [f. SELENITE[1] + -ICAL.] Resembling, containing, or composed of selenite.

1755 *Phil. Trans.* XLIX. 156 Their shells break with a selenitical appearance. 1799 W. TOOKE *View Russian Emp.* I. 113 Some few crystal-gypsum or selenitical nodules.

Selenitiferous (selĭniti·fĕrəs), *a.* [f. SELENITE *sb.*[1] + -FEROUS.] Containing selenite.

1891 in *Century Dict.*; and in later Dicts.

Selenitish, *a. rare*—[1]. [f. SELENITE *sb.*[1] + -ISH[1].] Selenitic or somewhat selenitic.

1839 URE *Dict. Arts* 305 If the waters be selenitish, it would be a reason for adding a little alkali.

† **Selenitous,** *a. Obs. rare*—[1]. [f. SELENITE *sb.*[1] + -OUS.] = SELENITIC *a.*[1]

1794 SULLIVAN *View Nat.* I. 319 A strongly impregnated selenitous water.

Selenium (sĭlī·niŏm). *Chem.* [mod.L., f. Gr. σελήν-η moon: see -IUM. Cf. G. *selen.*

Named in 1818 by Berzelius, the discoverer (*Journal für Chemie u. Physik* XXIII. 316), who explains that the name was chosen to indicate the resemblance of the properties of the new element to those of tellurium.]

One of the rarer elements, closely resembling tellurium in properties, and, like that element, formerly classed among the metals, but now regarded as non-metallic. Symbol Se; atomic weight 79.

Like sulphur, to which it is in many respects analogous, it has several allotropic forms; one of these, still sometimes known as *metallic selenium*, is a dark grey or black solid with metallic lustre.

An important property of selenium is that its electrical resistance is greatly increased by exposure to light: hence its use in the photophone or radiophone of A. Graham Bell.

1818 tr. *Berzelius* in *Ann. Philos.* XI. 292 The analogy of tellurium has induced me to give it the name of selenium. 1826 HENRY *Elem. Chem.* I. 464 Phosphuret of Selenium. 1849 D. CAMPBELL *Inorg. Chem.* 61 Selenium when distilled is of a reddish-brown colour, when reduced to powder it is red; when fused in a mass, it is of a lead grey colour and metallic lustre. 1881 A. G. BELL *Sound by Radiant Energy* 23 But the selenium was very inconstant in its action.

b. *attrib.* as *selenium cell*; **selenium eye** (see quot. 1893).

1880 A. G. BELL in *Jrnl. Franklin Inst.* Oct. 243 The resistance of selenium cells employed by former experimenters was measured in millions of ohms. 1893 SLOANE *Stand. Electr. Dict.*, *Selenium eye*, a model eye in which selenium in circuit with a battery and galvanometer takes the place of the retina of the human eye.

Seleniuret (sĭlī·niŭret). *Chem.* Now *rare.* Also † **selenuret.** [f. SELENI-UM + -URET.] A compound of selenium with hydrogen or a metal: now usually SELENIDE.

1818 tr. *Berzelius* in *Ann. Philos.* XI. 292 The seleniuret of potassium dissolves in water without evolving any gas. *Ibid.* 293 The seleniurets of barytes and of lime are also red. 1822 CLEAVELAND *Min. & Geol.* (ed. 2) II. 539 Cupreous Seleniuret of Silver. Eukairite. 1823 W. PHILLIPS *Introd. Min.* (ed. 3) 294 Seleniuret of silver and copper. 1869 RANKINE *Machine & Hand-tools* App. 60 Seleniurets of arsenic, antimony, lead, and other metals.

Seleniuretted (sĭlī·niŭretĕd), *a. Chem.* Now *rare.* Also † **selenuret(t)ed.** [Formed as prec. + -ED[1].] Combined with selenium. *Seleniuretted hydrogen*: a gaseous compound of hydrogen and selenium, SeH_2, formerly also called *hydroselenic* or *selenhydric acid*, and now *hydrogen selenide.*

1818 tr. *Berzelius* in *Ann. Philos.* XI. 292 If we pour diluted muriatic acid upon the seleniuret of potassium, a seleniuretted hydrogen gas is disengaged. 1826 HENRY *Elem. Chem.* II. 502 Seleniureted hydrogen may be recognized by its odour. 1836 BRANDE *Chem.* (ed. 4) 530.

Seleno- *Chem.*: see SELENIO-.

Selenocentric (sĭlīnŏse·ntrik), *a.* [f. Gr. σελήνη moon + CENTRIC *a.*] Having relation to the centre of the moon or to the moon as a centre; as seen or estimated from the centre of the moon.

1852 HIND *Astron. Vocab.* 52. 1867–76 G. F. CHAMBERS *Astron.* 920.

Selenod. [f. Gr. σελήν-η moon.] See OD[2] b.

Selenodont (sĭlī·nodŏnt), *a.* and *sb.* [f. Gr. σελήν-η moon + ὀδοντ- tooth.] **a.** *adj.* Of molar teeth: Having crescentic ridges on the crowns. Also, having such teeth, of or pertaining to the *Selenodonta.* **b.** *sb.* A selenodont animal.

1883 FLOWER in *Encycl. Brit.* XV. 429/2 The grinding surfaces of the molar teeth either of a distinctly tubercular (bunodont) or of a crescentic (selenodont) form. *Ibid.* 430/1 The Selenodont Artiodactyles. 1891 FLOWER & LYDEKKER *Introd. Mammals* 294 These features being unknown in any other Selenodonts.

Selenograph (sĭlī·nŏgraf). [f. Gr. σελήν-η moon + -GRAPH.] A photograph of a part of the surface of the moon.

1868 J. PHILLIPS in *Proc. Roy. Soc.* XVI. 232 With this excellent arrangement I was enabled to use photography very successfully, and to obtain selenographs 2 inches across in 5[s] of time.

Selenographer (selĭnǫ·grăfəɹ). [f. SELENOGRAPH-Y + -ER[1].] One engaged in selenography.

1670 H. STUBBE *Plus Ultra* 32 [He] represents the ansulae of Saturn, differently from what Fontana and the Dantiscan Selenographers do write. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 28 Aug. 1655, He [Oughtred] believ'd the sunn to be a material fire, the moone a continent, as appears by the late Selenographers. 1795 *Phil. Trans.* LXXXV. 122 The..selenographer Hevelius. 1881 PROCTOR *Poetry of Astron.* iv. 176 The astronomer Schmidt, a selenographer of selenographers.

Selenographic (sĭlīnǫgræ·fik), *a.* [f. SELENOGRAPH-Y + -IC.] Belonging to selenography.

1675 SHERBURNE tr. *Manilius* Pref. 3 Of the Moon and of her Spots, whereunto we have added the Selenographick Schemes of Hevelius and Grimaldi. 1796 MORSE *Amer. Geog.* II. 663, 1647 the first Selenographick maps made by Hevelius. 1874 tr. *Jules Verne's Fur Country* (1881) 18 Results so interesting for selenographic science.

Selenogra·phical, *a.* [Formed as prec. + -ICAL.] = SELENOGRAPHIC.

1669 FLAMSTEED in *Phil. Trans.* IV. 1107 Over what Spots of the Moon, the seeming way of the Star would pass, I do not here shew, because I dare not rely on our Selenographical Tables. 1876 NEISON *Moon* Pref. 9 In the final chapter a complete series of selenographical formulæ is given.

Seleno·graphist. [f. SELENOGRAPH-Y + -IST.] A selenographer. 1864 in WEBSTER.

Selenography (selĭnǫ·grăfi). [ad. mod.L. *selēnographia* (Bacon *Nov. Org.* II. xxxix), f. Gr. σελήνη moon: see -GRAPHY.] **a.** A description of the moon's surface. **b.** The description and delineation of the moon's surface; the descriptive science relating to the moon, 'lunar geography'.

a. 1650 SIR T. BROWNE *Pseud. Ep.* VI. xiv. (ed. 2) 288 The learned Hevelius in his accurate Selenography, or description of the Moon. 1667 SPRAT *Hist. R. Soc.* 315 He has essay'd to make a true Selenography by measure. 1696 WALLIS *Acc. own Life* in *R. Brunne's Chron.* (1810) p. clxiii, We there discoursed of..the Inequalities and Selenography of the Moon, the several Phases of Venus and Mercury [etc.].

b. 1784 WESLEY *Wks.* (1872) XIII. 490 Some men have.. carried selenography to so great perfection, as to give us a complete map of the moon. 1852 HIND *Astron. Vocab.* 52 *Selenography*, the description and delineation of the surface of the moon. 1876 NEISON *Moon* Pref. 5 This work was undertaken with the view of promoting the study of Selenography.

Selenology (selĭnǫ·lŏdʒi). [f. Gr. σελήν-η moon + -OLOGY.] The science relating to the moon; chiefly, the science of the movements and astronomical relations of the moon (or, occasionally, the science of the formation of the moon's crust, lunar 'geology'), in contradistinction to *selenography.* Hence **Selenolo·gical** *a.*, of or pertaining to selenology; so **Selenolo·gically** *adv.*; **Seleno·logist,** one versed in selenology.

1821 *Blackw. Mag.* IX. 85 The Welshmen are correct in their Selenology, except as to colour. 1860 J. BROWN *Horæ Subs.* Ser. II. *Let. to Cairns* (1861) 242 Mathematics, astronomy, and especially what may be called selenology, or the doctrine of the moon,..he knew more or less thoroughly. 1865 T. W. WEBB in *Intell. Observer* VIII. 374 We may distinguish, then, three clearly marked selenological epochs. 1868 LOCKYER *Guillemin's Heavens* (ed. 3) 166 Observations of the geologically or rather selenologically recent formations. 1881 W. R. BIRT in *Observatory* Feb. 48 Before we can obtain a clear insight into the operation of selenological forces we need a greatly extended topography of the moon's surface. 1890 *Nature* 2 Jan. 197/2 Neither is he the only selenologist who thinks that these crater-rings consist more or less of frozen water.

Selenoscope (sĭlī·nŏskōup). *rare.* Also 7 *erron.* seleniscope. [f. Gr. σελήν-η moon + -SCOPE.] An instrument for observing the moon.

1651 R. CHILD in *Hartlib's Legacy* (1655) 70 The Selenoscope, which discovereth mountains in the Moon, divers Stars, and new Planets, never seen till our days. *Ibid.* 161 They are found by the Selnescope [sic] to increase and decrease as the Moon doth. 1660 R. H. *New Atlantis* II. 68 He next showed me a selenoscope to view the Moon. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 9 June 1653, Mr. Henshaw..presented me with a seleniscope. 1876 *Catal. Sci. Apparatus S. Kensington Mus.* 71 *Seleniscope*, to demonstrate the kinematic effects of the three hypotheses of the moon's motion.

Sele·notopo·graphy. *rare.* [f. Gr. σελήν-η moon + TOPOGRAPHY.] The topography of the moon. Hence **Selenotopogra·phic, -ical** *adjs.*

1792 *Phil. Trans.* LXXXII. 335 According to my Selenotopographical Observations. *Ibid.* 337 Referring to my Selenotopographic Fragments for the proofs I there adduced of the real existence of a lunar atmosphere. 1795 *Ibid.* LXXXV. 147 *note*, I contrived it for my purpose of a selenotopography, and constructed it myself. 1864 T. W. WEBB in *Intell. Observer* V. 194 Schröter introduced the use of the letters of the Roman and Greek alphabets for the minor details of his 'selenotopographical' plates.

Selenotropic (sĭlī·nŏtrǫ·pik), *a. Bot.* Also **selene-, selenio-.** [f. Gr. σελήν-η moon + -τροπος turning + -IC, after F. *sélénotropique* (sic: Ch. Musset, 1883).] Bending or turning under the influence of moonlight. So **Seleno·tropism** (Musset *sélénotropisme*), **Seleno·tropy.**

1883 *Nature* 15 Mar. 476/2 Selenetropism of plants, by M.

Musset. 1883 *Times* 27 Mar. 3/4 Such movements of plants in moonlight M. Musset proposes to call selenetropic. [1883 *Sci. Amer.* 27 Oct. 263/3 Selenotropic.] 1883 *Nat. Educ.* XXIV. No. 6. 6 The branches almost immediately became curved toward the moon... The author [C. Musset] applies the name selenotropy to these motions. 1884 *Hardwicke's Sci. Gossip* XX. 64 The stalks at once grew seleniotropic, that is, they turned towards and followed the moonlight.

Selenuret(t)ed, obs. forms of SELENIURETTED.

Selenyl (se·lĭnil). *Chem.* [f. SELEN-IUM + -YL.] A compound radical consisting of one atom of selenium and one of oxygen.

1910 *Encycl. Brit.* XXIV. 602/2.

Seler, obs. var. CELURE, SALER, SELLER [2], SOLER; obs. f. CELLAR, SEALER *sb.*[1]

Selerer, obs. form of CELLARER.

Seleri, obs. form of CELERY.

1695 RAY in *Phil. Trans.* XIX. 635 The Root of Seleri, or Sweet Smallage. 1707 SLOANE *Jamaica* I. Pref. 3.

Selerite, -itie, Selestial, obs. ff. CELERITY, CELESTIAL. **Selette**, obs. form of SELLETTE.

Seleucian (sĭlĭū·shiăn), *a. rare.* [f. *Seleuc-us*: see SELEUCID *a.* + -IAN.] = SELEUCID *a.*

1715 PAIDEAUX *Conn. O. & N. T.* I. VIII. (1718) 450 Which can be understood only of the Seleucian, or new Babylon, and not of the old. 1886 *Guide Exhib. Galleries Brit. Mus.* 42 Dated in the Selencian and Arsacean eras (113–93 B.C.).

Seleucid (sĭlĭū·sid), *sb.* and *a.* [f. L. *Seleucid-ēs*, Gr. Σελευκίδης descendant of Seleucus, f. Σέλευκος: see below.] **a.** *sb.* One of the Seleucidæ, or members of the dynasty founded by Seleucus Nicator (one of the generals of Alexander the Great) which reigned over Syria from 312 to 65 B.C., and subjected a great part of Western Asia. **b.** *adj.* Pertaining to the Seleucidæ.

1851 CONYBEARE & HOWSON *St. Paul* v. (1868) I. 133 'Seleucia by the Sea' was a place of great importance under the Seleucids and the Ptolemies. 1904 W. M. RAMSAY *Lett. to Seven Ch.* xix. 254 Smyrna was struggling to maintain its freedom against the Seleucid power.

So **Seleucidan, -ean, -ian, -io** *adjs.*, of or pertaining to the Seleucidæ; Seleucid.

Seleucidan, etc. *era*, an era usually reckoned as dating from 1st Sept. 312 B.C., formerly widely used in the East, and still used by Syrian Christians.

1803 [GOUGH] *Coins of Seleucidæ* Pref. 15 The Seleucidan Æra. 1849 *Smith's Dict. Grk. & Rom. Biog.* III. 776/1 The later Seleucidan kings. 1849 OTTÉ tr. *Humboldt's Cosmos* II. 536 The traffic carried on in the Seleucidean kingdom was besides more an inland one. 1853 HORNER tr. *Lepsius' Lett. fr. Egypt*, etc., *Chronol.* 455 The Seleucidic Era. 1882–3 *Schaff's Encycl. Relig. Knowl.* I. 752 The Christians of the East continued to use the Seleucidian era.

Self (self), *pron.*, *a.*, and *sb.* Forms: 1– self; 1–4 silf, 1–3 sylf, seolf, (2 solf, suelf), 2–3 sulf, 5–7 selfe, 6 silfe; 5–6 selph, (6 sealf, seylffe, sill); 1 selfa, silfa, etc., 2 seolve, silve, 2–5 selve, 3 sulfe, sulve; 2–5 (*orig. oblique cases*) selven, (4 selvin, selfine, selwyn), 9 *dial.* sen, 6– *Sc.* sell. *Plural*: 1 selfe, silfe, etc., *wk.* selfan, etc., 2–5 selven, selve, (2 seolve), 5–6 selfs, (6 selfis, selfes), 9 *dial.* sene, 6– selves. [Com. Teut.: OE. *self* str., *selfa* wk., corresponds to OFris. *self* str., *selva* wk., OS. *self* str., *selbo* wk. (MLG. *sulf, self, silf, solf*), Du. *self*, wk. *-zelve, -zelfde*, OHG. *selp* str., *selbo* wk. (MHG. *selp, selbe*, mod.G. *selb, selbe*), ON. only str. *sialf-r* (Icel. *sjálfr*, Sw. *sjelv*, Norw. *sjøl, sjølv*, Da. *selv*), Goth. *silba* wk. :— OTeut. **selbo-, selbon-*. The ultimate etymology is obscure; many scholars regard the word as a compound of the pronominal stem *se-* (in Goth. *s-ik*, G. *sich*; cf. L. *sē*).

In Goth. and Scandinavian the primary sense (= L. *ipse*) is the only one that exists; the sense of 'same', found in Eng. and the other WGer. langs., was developed from this in collocations where the notion of identity implied by a demonstrative was emphasized by the addition of *self* (thus the OE. *se selfa man þe* may be rendered either 'the *very* man who' or 'the *same* man who').]

A. *pronoun and pronominal adj.* In the sense of the L. *ipse*. In concord with a sb. or pron., to indicate emphatically that the reference is to the person or thing mentioned and not, or not merely, to some other.

1. With sb. *Obs.* exc. *arch.*; superseded by the use of the 'emphatic pronouns', *himself, herself, itself, themselves*, or, after a def. art. or demonstrative, by (*the, this, that*) *very*. †**a.** following the sb. (immediately or with interposed words).

In OE. the strong and the weak declension were both common in this use, and traces of the twofold inflexion remain even in early mod.Eng. From the 12th c. the uninflected form (prob. apprehended as adv.) was often used after a sb. in an oblique case.

a 900 CYNEWULF *Crist* 11 Nn is þam weorce þearf þæt se Cræftga cunne and se Cyning sylfa and þonne gebete..hus under hrofe. *Ibid.* 134 Nn is rodera Weard, God sylfa mid us. *c* 1055 *Byrhtferth's Handboc* in *Anglia* VIII. 320 Þæt we gecearnion æt criste sylfum ece mede. *c* 1175 *Pater Noster* 234 in *Lamb. Hom.* 67 He fondede god solf mid his wrenche. *c* 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 107 We magen..habban us on ende þene eche wurðment a mid gode seoluan. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 186 Ase dude ure Louerd sulf, & alle his haluwen. *a* 1225 *Leg. Kath.* 58 Euchan bi his euene, biforen Maxence seolf, wurðgede his maumer. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 11985 And o lame o þaa lakes selue Wit handes made he sparus tuelue. 1340 HAMPOLE *Pr. Consc.* 236 Þe bygynnyng of alle þis proces Ryght knawyng of a man self es. 13.. *Gaw. & Gr. Kn.* 51 With all þe wele of þe worlde þay woned þer samen, þe most kyd kny3tez vnder kryste seluen. 1377 LANGL. *P. Pl.* B. I. 202 Loue is leche of lyf and nexte owre lorde selue. *c* 1450 *Godstow Reg.* 365 By the auctorite I-yove to them of the pope self. 1509 FISHER *Fun. Serm. Hen. VII*, Wks. (1876) 274 Tyl he came vnto the place selfe where he receyued the sacrament. 1532 MORE *Confut. Tindale* Wks. 473/2 Thys is the thing selfe that is in debate. 1541 WYATT *Declar. to Privy Councit* Wks. (1816) 282 In searching Mason's papers, the minute thereof was found; and after.. the letter self came to his hands. 1548 GRESTE *Agst. Priv. Masse* H iv b, Dyd not christ selue alwaye pray to hys father. 1566 in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. I. II. 208 We fynde the same confirmed by the parties self that were ther present. 1579 E. K. *Spenser's Sheph. Cal.* June 18 *gloss.*, This is.. spoken of the Poete selfe.

b. Preceding the sb. (immediately or with interposed words). Now only *arch. rare.*

c 900 tr. *Bæda's Hist.* I. Introd. (1890) 26 Under þam sylfum norðdæle middangeardes. *a* 1000 *Elene* 69 Þa wearð on slæpe sylfum ætywed þam casere, þær he on corðre swæf. *a* 1250 *Owl & Night.* 746 (Jesus MS.) Ich graunti þat þu go to dome To-vore the sulve [*Cotton MS.* sulfe] Pope of Rome. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 22597 Þe self angels [*Gött.* þe seluen angelis] sal quake vnqueme for dute of him þat all sal deme. *c* 1374 CHAUCER *Boeth.* I. pr. i. (1868) 5 And when sche hef hir heued heyer sche perced[e] þe selue heuene. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* v. (*Johannes*) 508 Quhen sancte Iohne..for selfe eld ves sa wery þat [etc.]. *c* 1375 BARBOUR *Bruce* VII. 126 (Edin. MS.) Thai persauit..That he wes the selwyn Robert King. 1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) VII. 151 Oþer elles oþere hadde possessioun, in so moche þat þe self offrynges were reft fro þe antters under naked swerdes. *c* 1430 *Syr Gener.* (Roxb.) 3857 Thurgh [Generides] shelde..He ámote it in to the sokett, That the Iren with the hawberk met Right ageyn the self brest. *c* 1450 *Myrr. our Ladye* 197 *Vere caritatis.* God ys the louer of very charite, and god is the selfe charyte. 1472–3 *Rolls of Parlt.* VI. 34/1 That the said copie of the said Recorde be taken, demed, and had for the self Recorde. *a* 1483 *Liber Niger Domus Edw. IV* in *Househ. Ord.* (1790) 61 Also they have oversyght for the Thesaurers partie in every office, bothe of the selfe stuffe, and the ministration, how it passith. 1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 155 b, In theyr olde age before y^e houre of deth, or in the selfe poynt of deth. 1532 ELYOT *Gov.* I. XXV. (1880) I. 267 *Discretio* in latine..as it is communely used, it is nat only like to Modestie, but it is the selfe Modestie. *a* 1569 KINGESMYLL *Man's Est.* x. (1580) 61 Christ hath hereby approved hymselfe the true anointed, the self Saviour, and verie Jesus. 1610 GWILLIM *Heraldry* I. viii. (1660) 46 If a man do perform any praiseworthy Action the self deed will sufficiently commend him though he hold his peace. *c* 1730 RAMSAY *Address of Thanks* xii, Even sell K. T. that gart us ban, And eke that setting-dog his man. 1848 LOWELL *Biglow Papers* Ser. I. ix. *ad fin.*, I confess to a satisfaction in the self act of preaching.

†**c.** (?As adv.: cf. Ger. *selbst.*) Used, uninflected, before an article or poss. pron. *Obs. rare.*

c 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 1806 Wulde he non senwe siðen eten Self his kinde nile ðat wune forgeten. *Ibid.* 2610 God haued swilc fair-hed him geuen, ðat self ðe fon it leten liuen.

†**2.** With pers. pronoun in the nominative. *Obs.*; *rare* after OE.

c 897 K. ÆLFRED *Gregory's Past. C.* xvi. 104 Oft eac gebyreð ðonne se scrift ongit ðæs costunga þe he him ondetteð ðæt he eac self bið mid ðæm ilcum gecostod. *c* 1000 *Ags. Gosp.* Luke xxiv. 39 Ic sylf hit eom. *c* 1000 *Ags. Ps.* lxvii. 4 Doþ siðfæt ðæs..rihtne ðe he sylfa astah, þam [etc.]. *a* 1175 *Cott. Hom.* 229 Ne michti hi alle hin acwelle ȝef he sylf nold. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 6096 In mining sal ye halde þis dai, Yee-self and your oxspring ai. *Ibid.* 2559 Þou wat child haue i self nan. *Ibid.* 19432 And siþen spak he o þair lagh, þat þai it cuth noght selnen knau. 1633 P. FLETCHER *Pisc. Ecl.* IV. XX, Self did I see a swain not long ago.

3. Following a pron. in oblique case. *Obs.* exc. in HIMSELF, HERSELF, THEMSELVES. **a.** *refl.*

c 897 K. ÆLFRED *Gregory's Past. C.* xxxiii. 220 Ðurh þa we forlætað ðone anwald ure selfra. *c* 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 95 Erest he scal hine seolfne wið sunnan isteoran, and seoððan his heorde. *c* 1200 *Vices & Virtues* 125 Bute ðu neme riht of ðe seluen of ðe misdades ðe ðu mis-dest. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 108 He seið bi him suluen,..' Et factus sum sicut homo non audiens'. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 335 For of him self he toke his enen. *Ibid.* 16653 Wepe yee noght for me, Bot on yur childer and on yow-self. *c* 1380 WYCLIF *Sel. Wks.* I. 172 But oo firstnesse of love shulde we have to us silf, and to oure fadir and oure modir. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Wife's Prol.* 812 But atte laste..We fille acorded by vs seluen [*Camb. MS.* seluyn] two. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 6322 He..louyt hym no lesse þen hym lefe seluyn. 1426 LYDG. *De Guit. Pilgr.* 7762 For to make the sylue strong. *c* 1460 FORTESCUE *Abs. & Lim. Mon.* xi. (1885) 135 Wherby we bith lerned þat it shal not only be goode to owre prince, but also to vs selff, that he be well indowed. 1576 FLEMING *Panopl. Epist.* 24 Wilt thou, Seruius, stay thee selfe.

b. Emphasizing a non-reflexive pron.

c 893 K. ÆLFRED *Oros.* III. xi. § 5. 146 Þa ȝende Antigones hiene selfne [Neoptolemus] & his oþerne þeȝn Polipercon. *c* 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 15 Eower lond ic wulle friþian and eow selfe meȝhan and bi-werian. *c* 1205 LAY. 493 Mine þralles i mire þeode me suluen þretiað. *a* 1300 *Floriz & Bl.* (Hausknecht) 550 Þat he þe helpe in alle helve, Ase he wolde me selve. 1535 COVERDALE 1 *Macc.* viii. 7 How they discomfited greate Antiochus..: how they toke him self alyue.

†**c.** In agreement with a possessive genitive (expressed or implied by poss. pron.), the word may be rendered 'own'. Hence use of the uninflected *self* in 16–17th c. for: Own, peculiar.

Beowulf 1115 Het ða hildeburh, at hnæfes ade hire selfre sunu sweoloðe befæstan. 1516 *Will of R. Peke* 4 June, She wer fully agrede to for her sill parte, and they agreid to receyve for hir childes part. 1539 CROMWELL in Merriman *Life & Lett.* (1902) II. 175 As he knoweth right well, who at his being here sawe her self visage. 1579 SPENSER *Sheph. Cal.* Sept. 176 Colin clout I wene be his selfe boye. *c* 1580 SIDNEY *Ps.* XXXV, Let their sly witts unwares destruction gett Fall in self pitt, be caught in their own nett. 1585 T. WASHINGTON tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* IV. XXXI. 153 b, He forbad the often attempting of warres agaynst ones self party or enemies. *a* 1586 SIDNEY *Arcadia* I. (1622) 3 A thing which floated drawing neerer and neerer to the banke; but rather by the favourable working of the sea, then by any selfe industry. 1598 CHAPMAN *Hero & L.* IV. 185 What her hart Did greatest hold in her selfe greatest part. 1602 R. JOHNSON *Kingd. & Commw.* (1603) 163 A people having many selfe fashions and strange kinds of behaviour differing from the rest. 1605 SHAKS. *Macb.* V. viii. 70 His Fiend-like Queene; Who (as 'tis thought) by selfe and violent hands, Tooke off her life. 1632 LITHGOW *Trav.* IV. 158 They Gormandize at their selfe pleasures. 1654 EARL MONM. tr. *Bentivoglio's Warrs Flanders* 316 He considered that many Towns in Picardy were under the self Forces of Spain.

†**4.** In OE. and ME., the nom. *self* in agreement with the subject of the sentence (sb. or pron.) was often preceded by the dative of a pronoun referring to the subject, used pleonastically (the so-called ethic dative); subsequently, *self* was often put in the dative, agreeing with the pers. pron. This use is now historically represented by certain uses of HIMSELF, HERSELF, THEMSELVES; some examples of *me self, thee self*, are given s.vv. MYSELF, THYSELF.

c 888 K. ÆLFRED *Boeth.* xxi, Hi..weorþaþ him selfe to nauhte. *c* 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 35 Nis þas weorld nawiht ȝe hit iseoð eow seluen. *c* 1205 LAY. 3315 Vs selve we habbet cokes to quecchen to cuchene, vs sulue we habbet bermen & birles inowe. *Ibid.* 28484 Þa heo here seolf weore isunken in þe watere. *a* 1300 *K. Horn* 45 And þe selue riȝt anon Ne schaltu to dai henne gon. *c* 1380 *Sir Ferumb.* 2810 We ous self huþ feynt & pal for hungre & for þerst. *c* 1380 WYCLIF *Sel. Wks.* II. 125 Pilat seide to hem, Tak ȝe him ȝou-self, and do ȝe him on þe cross. *c* 1430 *Chev. Assigne* 20 Þey wente vp-on a walle..Both þe kynge & þe qwene hem selfen to-gedere.

†**5.** Used *absol.* as independent pronoun (= he himself, I myself, etc.). After OE. almost exclusively with pleonastic dative of pronoun, a use now represented by HIMSELF 3.

Beowulf 895 Þæt he beahhordes brucan moste selfes dome. *a* 900 CYNEWULF *Crist* 1115 Eall þis magon him sylfe geseon þonne. *c* 1205 LAY. 5246 Al þa kinges þus duden swa heom self demneden. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 26738 Hast noght þi scrift on þiskin wis, Bot ilk-a sin be self þou schau. 1585 JAS. VI in *Holinshed's Hist. Scot.* (1587) 445/2 A thing hurtfull to none, profitable for selfis, acceptable to God, and vise in the sight of the varld. 1616 B. JONSON *Volpone* I. ii. Song *Wks.* I. 454 Selues [*ed.* 1607 Themselues], and others merry-making.

†**6.** Used indefinitely (= *oneself*) in a proverb.

1546 HEYWOOD *Prov.* I. viii. Wks. (1562) B iv b, For I did it my selfe: and selfe do, selfe haue. 1579 GOSSON *Sch. Abuse* (Arb.) 46. 1707 J. STEVENS tr. *Quevedo's Com. Wks.* (1709) 339.

7. In commercial use (hence *jocular* or *colloq.*) substituted for *myself*, or occas. for *himself*.

1758 JOHNSON *Idler* No. 33 P 21 Mr. H. and self agreed at parting to take a gentle ride. 1829 LAMB *Let. to Gillman* 30 Nov., He hath..served for self or substitute the greater parish offices. 1841 THACKERAY *Gt. Hoggarty Diam.* vi, I am, dear Sirs, for self and partners, Yours most faithfully, Samuel Jackson. 1844 DICKENS *Mart. Chuz.* xxvii, B wants a loan... B proposes self and two securities. B is accepted. Two securities give a bond. 1863 S. HIBBERD in *Intell. Observ.* IV. 267 Self and friend took train..for Leatherhead. 1866 CRUMP *Banking* iv. 88 With the exception of those payable to 'self', drawn at the bank counter, or paid to an authorised person for the use of the drawer. 1894 SIR J. ASTLEY *Fifty Yrs. Life* II. 31 As both self and wife were fond of seeing life,..we decided a trip to Baden Baden would be a nice change for us. 1905 *Macm. Mag.* Dec. 107 Faro ..much resembled the Self and Company still played by children. *Mod.* (*Cheque*) Pay self or order, Ten Pounds.

B. *adj.*

I. = SAME (and in derived senses).

†**1.** = SAME *a.* I–3. **a.** Preceded by dem. pron. or definite article. *Obs.*

c 900 tr. *Bæda's Hist.* IV. XXIII. (1890) 338 Þa wæs in þære seolfan nihte, þætte [etc.]. *Ibid.* 340 Wæs in þæm seolfan mynstre sumu haligu nunne. *c* 1000 *Ags. Ps.* cvii. 10 [cviii. 11] Hwæt ! þu eart se sylfa god, þe us synnige in adrife fram dome. 1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 5318 Tueye batayles her after in þis sulfe ȝere Hii smite & at boþe þe heþene maystres were. *c* 1330 *Arth. & Merl.* 7396 (Kölbing) [They] helden hem a litel bi hest Vnder þe selue forest. *c* 1380 *Sir Ferumb.* 1997 Þay schulleþ haue þe selue dome. *a* 1400 *Prymer* (1891) 47 We by sechith, þt by the sadnesse of that selue byleue we be..defended of alle aduercetees. *c* 1420 *Lessons of Dirige* 183 in 26 *Pol. Poems* 113 He..fleeþ as shadow,.. Dwelleþ neuere in þe self stat of ouris. 1426 LYDG. *De Guit. Pilgr.* 3396 Ryht in the sylue wyse. *c* 1489 CAXTON *Blanchardyn* xv. 51 Thenne the proude pucelle..vnderstode ..that he was that self knyght that the kisse had taken of her. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* X. Prol. 31–2 The Son the self thing with the Fader is; The self substans the Haly Gaist, I wys. 1525 TINDALE *N. T.* Prol., That selfe good thynge. *c* 1530 — *Pathw. Script.* Wks. (1573) 378/1 In the Gene. iii. God sayth to the Serpent: I wil put hatred betwen thee and the woman, betwen thy seede and her seede, that selfe sede shall treade thy head vnder foote. 1530 PALSGR. Epist. 7 Instructour to your noble grace in this selfe tong. 1540 BREBETON in *St. Papers Hen. VIII*, III. 206 The Satterday folowing I..arryved at Tryme, whiche selffe day Occhonor invading thEnglishe pale, burnte Kyldare. 1563 *Homilies* II. *Comm. Pr. & Sacram.* 149 b, To pray commonly is for a multitude to aske one & the selfe thyng with one voyce [etc.]. 1581 J. BELL *Haddon's Answ. Osor.* 285 b, [He] was requited with the selfe trechery that he offered before. 1588 SHAKS. *Tit. A.* IV. ii. 123 He is your brother Lords, sensibly fed Of that selfe blood that first gaue life to you. 1594 CAREW *Huarte's Exam. Wits* (1616) 118 Of this selfe opinion with

Plato, was a Spanish Gentleman; who [etc.]. *c* 1611 CHAPMAN *Iliad* v. 379 Pluto sustaind no lesse By that selfe man, and by a shaft of equall bitternesse. 1632 LITHGOW *Trav.* IX. 387, I never saw anny of that selfe Nation, to begge bread.

†b. With article omitted. *Obs.*; *rare* after OE.

c 1000 *Sax. Leechd.* II. 72 Wiþ swile ȝenim gate tyrdlu on scearpum ecede ȝesoden & on selfe wisan on ȝedon. *c* 1375 *Lay-Folks Mass-Bk.* (*MS.* B) 563 On selue manere. 1599 NASHE *Lenten Stuff* 39 As he was troubled with the falling sickenesse, in his life time, in selfe manner it tooke him in his mounting vp to heauen.

†c. Combined for emphasis with the synonymous *ilk*, *same*. Also strengthened by *very* prefixed. *Obs.* Cf. SAME *a.* 4 and SELFSAME.

a 1300 *Signs bef. Judgem.* 96 in *E. E. P.* (1862) 10 No no tre in erþ so fast..þat ne sal adun to-berst þilk silue dai er hit be nigt. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 22948 O þat ilk seluin euen. 1338 R. BRUNNE *Chron.* (1810) 61 Þat ilk self ȝere. 1426 LYDG. *De Guil. Pilgr.* 20934 The same sylue carpenter. *c* 1460 *Towneley Myst.* XXVIII. 95 Thou grauntt vs for to se The self body and the same the which that died on tre. 1526 TINDALE *Rom.* ii. 1 For thou that iudgest doest euen the same silfe thynges. 1543 *Necessary Doctr.* L j b, This coniunction..is the very selfe thing, whiche is signified..by [etc.]. 1606 BRYSKETT *Civ. Life* 80 Two gentlemen, subiect to the selfe and same lawes.

†d. *One self*: one and the same. *Obs.*

1491 CAXTON *Vitas Patr.* (W. de W. 1495) I. cviii. 135 a/2 He commaunded that in one selfe measure & weighte all manere of marchaundyses sholde be solde. 1523 LD. BERNERS *Froiss.* I. Auth. Pref. 1 Albeit, that mortall folke are marueylously separated,..yet are they..compact togyder by thistographier, as it were, the dedes of one selfe cyte. 1561 T. HOBY tr. *Castiglione's Courtyer* IV. (1577) X iv b, And it maye be sayd, that Good and beautifull be after a sorte one selfe thing. 1598 FLORIO, *Germano*, a brother of one selfe father and mother. 1601 SHAKS. *Twel. N.* I. i. 39. 1607 R. C[AREW] tr. *Estienne's World of Wonders* 131 They will not quite despaire, that one selfe man should be a lawyer and a Christian. 1624 QUARLES *Job Milit.* Med. xvii. N 3, Whirling like fire-balles in their restlesse spheares, At one selfe-instant mooning seuerall wayes. [1877 TENNYSON *Harold* v. ii, Of one self-stock at first, Make them again one people —Norman, English; And English, Norman.]

†2. *absol.* With def. art. (The) same person or thing. *Obs.*

c 897 K. ÆLFRED *Gregory's Past. C.* xliv. 322 Ne laða ðærto no ðine friend,..ne.ðine welezan neahȝeburas, ðylæs hie ðe don ðæt selfe. *c* 1000 ÆLFRIC *Metr. Lives Saints* IV. 352 Nelle þu leng beon hohful be þinre dohter eufrosinan soðlice ic earme eom sio sylfe. 1390 GOWER *Conf.* I. 84 He ..is that selve of whom men speke, Which wol noght bowe er that he breke. *a* 1400–50 *Bk. Curtasye* 776 in *Babees Bk.* 325 3if þe baken mete be colde, as may byfalle, A gobet of þo self he sayes with-alle. 1423 JAS. I *Kingis Q.* clxi, A mantill..That furrit was with ermyn full quhite, Degoutit with the self In spottis blake. 1486 *Bk. St. Albans, Hunting* e i b, And when he hath in the toppe .iii. of the selne Then ye shall call hym trochid an hert of .xij. 1532 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* (1905) VI. 76 Ane doublat with ane lang geit of the self.

3. Of a colour: The same throughout, uniform. (See also SELF-COLOUR.) Often prefixed to adjs. denoting colour (sometimes hyphened), as *self russet*, *self silver*. Cf. SELF-BLACK.

1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* XXXII. vii. II. 439 In a peece of selfe russet cloth (such as is made of blacke wooll as it came in the fleece from the sheepe). 1851 *B'ham & Midl. Gardeners' Mag.* May 71 A third [prize], to Mr. Sharp, for one [*sc.* seedling] named Purity, a self-white. 1898 *Ladies' Field* 6 Aug. 378/2 The chinchillas or self-silvers [i. e. cats]; the latter is undoubtedly the correct name...The self-silvers are a fine collection. 1905 *Daily Chron.* 12 July 3/2 The border carnation Miss Willmott,..a beautiful self brick-red flower of a quite distinct shade. 1906 *Westm. Gaz.* 10 May 2/1 Not in one self-tint, not spotted, but in tiny squares.

b. Of a carnation: Self-coloured.

1852 *Beck's Florist* 200 A stand of finely-grown Carnations ..was disqualified, owing to its having a self petal. 1902 *Westm. Gaz.* 29 Mar. 4/3 A new variety of self carnation.

4. Of whiskey: Not blended.

1904 *Dundee Advertiser* 20 Aug. 5 In the market for self-whiskies there has been a pronounced want of activity.

II. Senses related to the pronominal use.

5. a. Of a portion of an instrument: Of one piece with the instrument itself.

1888 BELL *Later Age of Stone* 19 The second is a solid tool with a self-handle and is well able to make holes in wood.

b. Of a trimming: Of the same material as the garment itself.

1904 *Daily Chron.* 3 May 8/2 A new..crêpe that is being shown..is striped with its own material, and the stripe has a knot at frequent intervals which..makes, as it were, a self-trimming. *Ibid.* 5 May 8/3 Finished with self-ruffles edged with narrow lace.

6. Of a bow: Made all of one piece: in contradistinction to *backed*. Also in quasi-comb. (usually hyphened) *self-lance*, *self-yew*, applied *attrib.* to designate a self bow made of lance or yew (also with ellipsis of *bow*).

1801 T. ROBERTS *Eng. Bowman* 135 Back'd bows..were deemed so much preferable to self-bows, that [etc.]. *Ibid. note*, Yet many excellent archers give the preference to the self-yew-bow. 1840 G. A. HANSARD *Bk. Archery* 344 In selecting a bow, whether backed or self, the modern archer has little occasion to exercise critical acumen. 1897 *Encycl. Sport* I. 40/2 (Archery.) Bows are called 'Self' if made of one piece of wood, and 'Backed' if made of two or more strips of wood glued together. Self-bows are generally made of yew or lance, though the term as applied to those made of the former wood is misleading, as they are almost invariably spliced at the handle. Self-yew is the dearest bow made, self-lance the cheapest.

†7. *Mining.* Of a rock, etc.: Detached, of material different from its surroundings. *Obs.*

1747 HOOSON *Miner's Dict.* Q 4, Many times a Vein will carry two Ribbs, and softness between them, and often be called Lumps. 1824 MANDER *Derbysh. Miners' Gloss.* 60 A self rock or stone that often lies in the middle of a vein so as to cut or divide it into two branches. 1829 GLOVER *Hist. Derby* I. 49 Large stones, rounded by attrition, are called bolders; but if they retain the original shape and angles of the block, they are called self-stones. 1855 PHILLIPS *Geol.* Gloss., *Self-stone*, blocks of stone lying detached at, or not far below, the surface. A north of England term sometimes applied to solitary boulders='earth-fast'.

†8. Own, peculiar. (See A. 3 c.) *Obs.*

C. *sb.*

I. From the pronoun.

[This use originated in early ME., when *mi(n*, *þi(n*, *his self* (see MYSELF, THYSELF, HIMSELF) began to be substituted for the two varieties of combinations of pers. pron. + *self* which were current in OE. (see A. 2–4).

The subst. use appears to have been developed chiefly from collocations in which the OE. masc. and neut. genitive *selfes* admitted of being taken as the genitive of a neuter sb. Thus in *his selfes*, *Godes selfes*, it was easy to interpret *selfes* as a sb. governing the preceding genitive, instead of as a pronominal adj. in concord with it. The same liability to change in the grammatical apprehension of the word existed also in the examples of the curious construction (shared by OE. with ON. and OHG.) by which a poss. pron. when followed by the genitive of *self* became assimilated in inflexion to that word, instead of retaining the form demanded by the syntax of the sentence: e. g. in *ic ontýne mines* (for *minne*) *sylfes mód*. (The same 'attraction' occurred in the fem., as in *minre selfre*, and in the plural, as *úrra selfra*; but this has no bearing on the origin of *self* sb.)

Another influence which contributed to the development of the sb. was that of ME. *her self*, in which *her*, originally dative, was coincident in form with the genitive.

Although the subst. use of the pronoun thus appears to have originated in morphological processes, it came to supply a need of expression which has been felt and variously supplied in some other langs.; cf., e. g. Ger. *selbst* sb., which is an application of *selbst* adv. (earlier *selbes*, orig. the genitive of the pron.).]

1. (The pronominal notion expressed subst.) a. Preceded by a possessive pronoun, with which it forms a combination serving as a reflexive or an emphatic personal pronoun. Often qualified by an adj., either emphasizing, as *my own self*, *his very self*, or descriptive, as *your dear self*, *her sweet self*, *our two selves*, etc.

For examples of *my*, *thy*, *her*, *our*, *your self* (*selves*), see MYSELF, THYSELF, etc. The 16th c. use of *myself*, *thyself*, with a vb. in the 3rd person seems to belong more properly to the sb. than to the compound pron. (Cf. MYSELF 4.) For *his self*, *their selves*, see HIMSELF, THEMSELVES.

c 1205 [see MYSELF 1 β]. 12.. *Moral Ode* 15 (Egerton MS.) in *E. E. P.* (1862) 23 Ne heo þe leure þan þi [*older texts* þe] self þi mei ne þi moȝe [etc.]. *a* 1300 *E. E. Psalter* (Surtees) XXXV. 2 Þe un-rightwis saide with tunge hisse, þat in his self noght gilt in isse. *c* 1400 *Rule of St. Benet* (verse) 577 Oure awn self we sal deny, And folow oure lord god al-myghty. *c* 1450 *Mirk's Festial* 4 As moche þonke I kan you for þat ȝe dydden to þe lest of myn, as ȝe hadden don hit to myn owne selfe. *c* 1475 *Rauf Coilȝear* 638 Gif thow will not seik him, my awin self sall. *c* 1530 TINDALE *Pathw. Script.* Wks. (1573) 381/2 As a stone cast vp into the ayre commeth downe naturally of his owne selfe with all the violence and swyng of his owne wayght. 1587 W. GIFFORD in *Cath. Rec. Soc. Publ.* V. 143 Premised commendations to your good self & to the bulchen my cousin. *c* 1590 GREENE *Fr. Bacon* x. 78 Give me but ten days' respite, and I will reply, Which or to whom myself affectionates. 1596 SPENSER *F. Q.* VI. vii. 39 And eeke that angry foole..did with his smarting toole Oft whip her dainty selfe. 1601 SHAKS. *Jul. C.* I. ii. 96 But for my single selfe, I had as liefe not be, as [etc.]. 1651 STANHOPE in *Prestwich's Poems* To Author, But why translate, gild, hatch, why not appear Thy solid self. 1690 NORRIS *Beatitudes* (1692) 46 There are some men..that would see the whole World in Flames without any concern, were but their own little selves secure from the Ruin. 1732 MANDEVILLE *Eng. Orig. Hon.* 39 There is nothing which he has so constantly before his eyes as his own dear self. 1737 WHISTON *Josephus*, *Antiq.* XIX. i. § 19 He lies now dead, as perishing by his own self. 1745 *Life Bamfylde-Moore Carew* 64 Entertaining them in a most florid Manner with the sovereign Virtues of his Pills, Plaisters, and Self. 1749 C. WESLEY *Hymns*, '*And have I measur'd*' xii, Till He his glorious Self reveals, The Veil is on my Heart. 1816 SCOTT *Antiq.* XXIV, We'll gang quietly about our job our twa sells, and naebody the wiser for't. 1824 BYRON *Juan* XVI. ciii, Their hideous wives, their horrid selves and dresses. 1846 TENNYSON *Literary Squabbles* iii, Who..strain to make an inch of room For their sweet selves. 1875 JOWETT *Plato* (ed. 2) I. 233 If the discussion were confined to your two selves. 1884 C. F. WOOLSON in *Harper's Mag.* Feb. 375/2 The installment of our twelve selves in these..carriages.

b. Preceded by a sb. in the possessive, with which it forms a combination having the sense now expressed by the sb. + *himself*, *herself*, *itself*, etc., and formerly by the sb. + *self* in concord with it.

Self may be qualified by an adj. as in 1 a.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 12248 A tregetur i hope he be, Or elles godds self [*later MSS.* god him self] es he. 1473 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* I. 33 Deliuerit to the Qwenis selue be Andro Balfour. 1536 WRIOTHESLEY in *St. Papers Hen. VIII*, I. 490 His Grace..liketh both thordre therof, and the thinges self, excedingly wel. 1542 UDALL *Erasm. Apoph.* 141 For that thei abused the kynges selfes. 1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* III. iii. 46 Ne shall the Saxons selves all peaceably Enioy the crowne. 1607 COWELL *Interpr.*, Purgation (*Purgatio*) is a cleering of a mans selfe from a crime, whereof he is probably and publiquely suspected. 1634 MILTON *Comus* 375 And Wisdoms self Oft seeks to sweet retired Solitude. 1667 — *P. L.* IX. 388 She..like a Wood-nymph..of Delia's Traine, Betook her to the Groves, but Delia's self In gate surpass'd. 1704 POPE *Windsor For.* 223 Not Neptune's self from all her streams receives A wealthier tribute than to thine he gives. 1785 BURNS *Epist. to J. L—k* 1 Apr. viii, Yet crooning to a body's sel, Does weel eneugh. 1814 SCOTT *Ld. of Isles* v. iv, 'Tis Edith's self!—her speechless woe, Her form, her looks, the secret show! 1816 J. WILSON *City of Plague* I. i. 405 Though dark his brain It has, thou seest, an heavenly visitor That comfort brings when reason's self is gone. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* II. I. i, Nay, Sire, were it not better you, your Majesty's self, took the children? 1855 KINGSLEY *Westw. Ho!* xvi, Elizabeth's self consecrated her solemnly. 1871 R. ELLIS *Catullus* xliv. 21 Not me That read the volume—no, but him, The man's vain self.

†c. *The self* = itself. Chiefly *Sc. Obs.*

a 1340 HAMPOLE *Psalter* iv. 6 Þe offrand of rightwisnes is a sorowful gast, punyschand þe self for synne. *c* 1400 MAUNDEV. (Roxb.) vii. 24 In Egipte er bot fewe castelles, for þe cuntree es strang ynogh of þe self. 1409 in *Exch. Rolls Scot.* IV. p. ccix, This endenture..purportis in the self and beris witnes that [etc.]. 1434 MISYN *Mending of Life* i. (1896) 107 For fayrnes soyne is lufyd, & qwhen it felis þe self lofyd, lightly it is chirischyd. 1475 in *3rd Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* 418/1 The dowme..is false, and rottyn in the self, be cause it is gyffyn expresse in the contrare of the cursse of comone lawe. 1492 *Rolls of Parlt.* VI. 446/2 It is a doubt, whedre, the said V mark, be parcell of the Manor of Haveryng, or a somme by the self, and no parcell of the said Manor. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* I. Pref. 119 Nocht for our toung is in the selfin scant. 1525 SAMPSON in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. III. I. 355 And as concerning the interception off the lettirs they esteme it, Sir, for a very grevos matir, as well for the deade off the selff, as the rumor that schuld aryse off the sam to the enemies. 1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 269 But this hye ioye and iubile of the spiryt..can not be expressed with tonge, as it is in the selfe, but the effect that it leueth behynde it sheweth..what it was. 1570 in *R. Bannatyne's Memor.* (1836) 56 Becaus I sie..my voce is not able to straicht the self vnto the earis of the multitud heir convenit, I wilbe content [etc.]. 1580 in *Sc. Bks. Discipl.* etc. (1621) 18 The whole Assembly of the Kirk.. declares the same pretended office [of bishop]..unlawfull in the selfe. 1605 *His Majesty's Sp.* etc. E 4, To so hatefull and vnheard of inuention there can be no greater enemy than the selfe. *c* 1614 MURE *Dido & Æn.* I. 470 The subtle air..In solide substance did the self congeale.

d. Sc. *The sell o' it*, itself. *The sell o' ye*, yourself. ? *Obs.*

1818 SCOTT *Rob Roy* XXVI, The College didna get gude £600 a-year out o' bishops' rents..nor yet a lease o' the Archbishoprick o' Glasgow the sell o't. 1818 — *Hrt. Midl.* ix, I ken nae friend..that's been sae like a father to him as the sell o' ye, neibor Deans.

e. In generalized sense.

1826 DISRAELI *Viv. Grey* I. ix, Self is the only person whom we know anything about.

2. *transf.* in various uses, †*esp.* a person whom one loves as oneself or is a counterpart of oneself (*obs.* exc. in *other self*, *second self*: see SECOND *a.*).

1605 *1st Pt. Jeronimo* II. iv. 49 Welcome, my selfe of selfe. 1671 H. M. tr. *Erasm. Collog.* 4 Heavens grant you a safe return. God keep thee my half self. *a* 1700 KEN *Hymnotheo* Poet. Wks. 1721 III. 115 But when the Babe breaks out into the Light, Soon as her little self is in her sight,..She feels a Mother's Bowels yearn within. 1763 C. JOHNSTON *Reverie* II. 133 The tender connexions of nature, which, as it were, multiply a man into many selfs for the safety of each dear particular of whom, his anxiety is greater than for his own. 1771 H. WALPOLE *Vertue's Anecd. Paint.* (1786) III. 139 My dear heart and self and son Charles. 1827 HOOD *Mids. Fairies* xliv, We shall not die nor disappear, But, in these other selves ourselves succeed. 1858 STANLEY *Life Arnold* I. iii. 89 Our 'great self', the school.

3. Chiefly *Philos.* That which in a person is really and intrinsically *he* (in contradistinction to what is adventitious); the ego (often identified with the soul or mind as opposed to the body); a permanent subject of successive and varying states of consciousness.

a 1674 TRAHERNE *Poet. Wks.* (1903) 49 A secret self I had enclos'd within, That was not bounded with my clothes or skin. 1682 SIR T. BROWNE *Chr. Mor.* I. § 24 The noblest Digladiation is in the Theater of our selves. 1690 LOCKE *Hum. Und.* II. xxvii. § 9 Since consciousness always accompanies thinking, and 'tis that, that makes every one be, what he calls self. *Ibid.* § 17 Self is that conscious thinking thing, whatever Substance, made up of Spiritual, or Material, Simple, or Compounded, it matters not, which is sensible, or conscious of Pleasure and Pain,..and so is concern'd for it self, as far as that consciousness extends. 1713 BERKELEY *Hylas & P.* iii. Wks. 1871 I. 329, I, one and the same self, perceive both colours and sounds. 1862 SPENCER *First Princ.* I. iii. § 20 (1875) 65 If, then, the object perceived is self, what is the subject that perceives? or if it is the true self which thinks, what other self can it be that is thought of? 1865 J. H. NEWMAN *Dream Ger. 5th Choir, Praise to the Holiest*, God's Presence and His very Self And Essence all-divine. 1865 MILL *Exam. Hamilton* 207 Reid seems to have imagined that if I myself am only a series of feelings, the proposition that I have any fellow-creatures, or that there are any selves except mine, is but words without a meaning. 1866 DR. ARGYLL *Reign of Law* i. (1867) 8 But these selves of ours do belong to Nature. 1871 MEREDITH *H. Richmond* lv, In reality the busy little creature within me, whom we call self, was digging pits for comfort to flow in, of any kind, in any form. 1877 E. R. CONDER *Bas. Faith* iv. 184 But Self does not come and go; it abides. Self, therefore, is not a phenomenon, nor yet a bundle of phenomena. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 267 Insanity has been already defined as defect or disorder of the process of adjustment of self to circumstances. *Ibid.* 288 So long as the 'self' is not implicated in what is done by the body, the self is not responsible and cannot justly be punished. 1909 CHESTERTON *Orthodoxy* iii. 63 You cannot call up any wilder vision than a city in which men ask themselves if they have any selves.

4. a. What one is at a particnlar time or in a particular aspect or relation; one's nature, character, or (sometimes) physical constitntion or appearance, considered as different at different times. Chiefly with qualifying adj., (*one's*) *old, former, later self.*

1697 DRYDEN *Virg. Georg.* III. 160 In vain he burns..And in himself his former self requires. *a* 1711 KEN *Div. Love* Wks. (1838) 282 My duty of loving those best, which either in blood are nearest my natural self, or in grace nearest my Christian self. 1746 FRANCIS tr. *Horace, Epist.* I. x. 66 If e'r, forgetful of my former Self, I toil to raise unnecessary Pelf. 1858 O. W. HOLMES *Aut. Breakf.-t.* ix. (1859) 211 How pleasant it would be, if in another state of being we could have shapes like our former selves for playthings. 1910 'MARK RUTHERFORD' *Pages fr. Jrnl.* (ed. 2) 268 The self of two hours before seemed to confront him.

b. An assemblage of characteristics and dispositions which may be conceived as constituting one of various conflicting personalities within a human being. *Better self*: the better part of one's nature.

1595 SPENSER *Amoretti* xlv. 3 And in my selfe, my inward selfe I meane, Most linely lyke behold your semblant trew. *a* 1703 BURKITT *On N. T.* Mark xii. 34 Every man may, yea, ought to love himself: not his sinful self, but his natural self: especially his spiritual self, the new nature in him. 1820 KEATS *Lamia* 170 In self despite, Against his better self. 1849 Sir J. STEPHEN *Eccl. Biog., I. Taylor* II. 389 So, indeed, resolved the Self inhabiting one of the phrenological hemispheres within me. But the resolution was ultimately reversed by the superior energy of the Self who reigned over the opposite hemisphere. 1866 G. MACDONALD *Ann. Q. Neighb.* vii. (1878) 125 Whatever your lowest self, and not your best self may like. 1867 GOLDW. SMITH 3 *Eng. Statesmen* (1882) 45 Our nation..had to go through greater trials, and be thrown more upon its nobler self, before it could deserve victory. 1908 R. BAGOT *A. Cuthbert* x. 116 Sonia di San Vico was asking herself whether this were love... For the first time in her life that other self of hers gave no satisfactory reply.

5. One's personal welfare and interests as an object of concern; chiefly in bad sense, selfish or self-interested motives, selfishness.

a 1680 CHARNOCK *Attrib. God* (1682) 70 Self is the great Anti-Christ and Anti-God in the World. 1725 WATTS *Logic* II. iii. § 3 Were it not for this Influence of Self and a Bigotry to our own Tenets, we could hardly imagine that so many..wicked..Principles should pretend to support and defend themselves by the Gospel of Christ. 1782 Miss BURNEY *Cecilia* VIII. iii, But self will still predominate. 1842 TENNYSON *Locksley Hall* 34 Love..Smote the chord of Self, that, trembling, passed in music out of sight. 1855 KINGSLEY *Westw. Ho!* ii, One who had long since learned to have no self, and to live not only for her children, but in them. 1859 GEO. ELIOT *Adam Bede* liv, She's better than I am—there's less o' self in her, and pride. 1870 MOZLEY *Univ. Serm.* iii. (1877) 67 This respect to self and its ultimate good pertains to the very nobility of man's nature. 1906 CHARL. MANSFIELD *Girl & Gods* xix, Self is their god and Selfishness their religion.

II. From the adjective.

6. A 'self-colonred' flower: esp. applied to carnations. (See B. 3 b.)

1852 G. W. JOHNSON *Cottage Gard. Dict., Self*, a flower with petals of only one colour. 1869 *Contemp. Rev.* XI. 149 Some of her characters are too much what a florist would call 'selfs'—all one colour. 1892 *Garden* 27 Aug. 194/2 The majority of present-day kinds [of Carnations]—I allude chiefly to garden selfs—are..scentless.

7. A self bow. (See B. 6.)

1856 H. A. FORD *Archery* iii. 14 Ascham..mentions none other than selfs.

D. -self in compound pronouns. For the diverse grammatical character (partly adj., partly sb.) of this element in *myself, thyself, himself, herself, itself, ourselves, yourselves, themselves, oneself,* and for illustration of the emphatic and the reflexive functions of these words, see the several articles. Certain phraseological uses common to the whole group in their capacity of reflexive pronouns may conveniently be noticed here.

1. *To be —self*: a. *colloq.* To be in (one's) normal condition of body or mind; to be in (its) accustomed state. Also *to feel like —self.*

For other examples see HIMSELF 3 b, MYSELF 4 b, THEMSELVES 2 b.

1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* v. I. 644 The chief justice was all himself. His spirits rose higher and higher as the work went on. 1884 *Daily News* 23 May 5/3 Mr. Grace was all himself [at cricket].

b. To act according to one's true character, without hypocrisy or constraint.

1864 [see MYSELF 4]. 1896 'M. FIELD' *Attila* I. 26 Only the courage seems impiety For just a girl to dare to be herself.

2. The refl. pron. assumes in certain contexts the sense: The normal condition (of the person or thing). So *to come to —self* (COME *v.* 45 h), *to bring, restore to —self. Out of —self* (? now *rare*), †*from —self, beside —self* (see BESIDE *prep.* 5 a): out of (one's) mind or senses, deranged.

a 1450 *Knt. de La Tour* iii. (1906) 6 And he was so sore afraied and aferde, that he ranne awaie as he had be oute of hym selff. *c* 1489 CAXTON *Blanchardyn* xii. 43 She felt downe from her ain beere as a woman from her self and in a swone. 1659 B. HARRIS *Parival's Iron Age* 17 France being..restored to her self, as well by the help of forreigners, as of her Neighbours. 1727 SWIFT *Furth. Acc. E. Curll* Misc. 1732 III. 30, I never perceived he was out of himself, till that melancholy Day that he thought he was poison'd in a Glass of Sack. 1846 DIGBY *Broad Stone Hon.* II. *Tancredus* 301 A novice of the order of St. Francis being now almost out of himself, struggling with death cried out [etc.]. 1856 MISS YONGE *Daisy Chain* I. xix. (1879) 192 But Tom, who seemed fairly out of himself, would not stir.

3. *By —self*: alone, without society; unaided; separately. See BY *prep.*

c 888 K. ÆLFRED *Boeth.* xxxv. § 6 Ne mæg nan oðru ȝescaft be him selfum bion. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 1714 Þe meke [beist] be þam ai tua and tua, Þe wild do be þam-self al-sua. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Reeve's T.* 222 Noght from his owene hed ten foot or twelue His doghter hadde a bed al by hir selue Right in the same chambre by and by. 1448 in Willis & Clark *Cambridge* (1886) II. 8 All the bemes that lyen hy hemself. *c* 1449 PECOCK *Repr.* v. xv. 564 Azens this..is maad a book by him silf clepid the Book of Faith. 1573 *Treas. Hid. Secrets* xiii, This wise you may make Marmalade of wardens, peares, apples &c..everyone by himself. 1581 G. PETTIE tr. *Guazzo's Civ. Conv.* I. (1586) 17 b, It is dailie seene that a man being by himselfe is fearefull, and being in companie, is couragious. 1610 SHAKS. *Temp.* I. ii. 221 The Kings sonne haue I landed by himselfe. 1711 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 12 ₱ 3, I am mistaken if he ventures to go to Bed by himself this Twelve-month. 1857 MRS. CARLYLE *Lett.* II. 308 Mr. C. dines all by himself at present, I merely looking on. 1889 SAINTSBURY *Ess. Eng. Lit.* (1891) 65 If Hogg in some lucky moment did really 'write it all by himself', as the children say.

Self-, the word SELF used as a prefix [OE. *self-, sylf-*, ? occas. instr. *selfe-*, corresp. to OS. *self-*, MLG. *sulf-*, MDu. *self-* (Du. *zelf-*), OHG., MHG. *selb-, selp-* (Ger. *selb-*, also genitive *selbs-*, later *selbst-*), ON. *sialf-* (MSw. *sialf-*, also genitive *sialfs-*, Sw. *sjelf-*, Norw. *sjølv-*, Da. *selv-*), Goth. *silba-*] with reflexive meaning = 'oneself', 'itself' in various relations with the second element of the compound.

The basis of compounds falling under headings 1 and 2 (below) is normally a reflexive verbal phrase; thus, from 'to accuse oueself' is formed a series of formally related words, *self-accusation, self-accusatory, self-accusing, self-accused*, any of which may arise independently of the others.

In OE. the number of recorded compounds is 13, of which half exhibit the prefix in the objective relation. The only survivals of the OE. compounds in ME. are SELF-WILL and its cognates; these, together with the plant-name SELF-HEAL (which may also have been common Germanic) are the only representatives in that period of the prefix-formation. *Self-* first appears as a living formative element about the middle of the 16th cent., probably to a great extent by imitation or reminiscence of Greek compounds in *αὐτο-*. The number of *self-*compounds was greatly augmented towards the middle of the 17th cent., when many new words appeared in theological and philosophical writing, some of which had apparently a restricted currency of about 50 years (e. g. 1645–1690), while a large proportion became established and have a continuous history down to the present time. The latter, with the compounds formally related to them, are for the most part treated in this Dictionary as Main words, together with all such as require specific definition. With regard to the remainder, since the prefix is of unlimited application, no attempt has been made to represent with fullness the extent to which it has been employed either in early or in recent times, and in the present article only a typical selection is given from the hundreds of compounds for which evidence is forthcoming.

In the Elizabethan period the imperfect union of *self-* with the second element of the compound appears to be evident from the occasional correlation of the prefix with an adj., as *strange and self-abuse* (Shaks.), *wilful and self-murder* (Foxe); cf. *self and vain conceit* (Shaks.).

1. Compounds in which *self-* is in the objective relation to the second element: a. with nouns of action; as *self-abandonment* = abandonment by oneself of oneself, one's power, position, rights, desires, ambitions, or the like.

1818 SCOTT *Br. Lamm.* xvii, The..generous *self-abandonment with which the Master of Ravenswood renounced his feudal enmity. 1690 NORRIS *Beatitudes* (1692) 23 To descend into the lowest Abyss of *Self-abdication. *a* 1763 *Mem. G. Psalmanazar* (1764) 21 The duties of self-denial, *self-abhorrence, fasting. 1606 SHAKS. *Tr. & Cr.* II. iii. 176 Without..respect of any, In will peculiar, and in *selfe admission. 1806 BYRON *On a Distant view of Harrow* vi, Fired by loud plaudits and *self-adulation, I regarded myself as a Garrick revived. 1707 NORRIS *Treat. Hum.* v. 205 To accomplish this *self-advancement. 1891 *Self-advertisement [see SELF-CENTREDNESS]. 1842 MANNING *Serm.* xx. (1848) I. 305 Fasting, and *self-affliction. 1799 *Monthly Rev.* XXX. 228 That the system of this prince is founded on views of *self-aggrandizement. 1716 POPE *Wks.* (1751) I. Pref. p. iv, The agreeable power of *self-amusement when a man is idle or alone. 1862 SPENCER *First Princ.* II. iv. § 53 (1875) 177 Careful *self-analysis shows this to be a datum of consciousness. 1819 SHELLEY *Cenci* II. ii, Such *self-anatomy shall teach the will Dangerous secrets. 1764 GOLDSM. *Trav.* 280 Nor weighs the solid worth of *self-applause. 1856 GROTE *Greece* II. xcvi. XII. 518 This song is curious, as.. affording a measure of their *self-appreciation. 1751 EARL ORRERY *Rem. Swift* ix. (1752) 73 With the smiles of *self-approbation upon her equals. 1863 A. BLOMFIELD *Mem. C. J. Blomfield* II. viii. 173 Had he been given to self-approbation, [he] might have claimed no small part of the credit. 1812 CRABBE *Tales* xix. 166 He began to feel Some *self-approval on his bosom steal. 1857 GEO. ELIOT *Ess.* (1884) 37 The *self-betrayal that runs through all his works. *a* 1711 KEN *Preparatives* Poet. Wks. IV. 52 Confusion, Terrour, Trembling, Shame, And fierce *Self-blame. 1845 MAURICE in *Encycl. Metrop.* II. 615/2 To a first cause we necessarily attribute *self Causation. 1604 SHAKS. *Oth.* II. iii. 202 Vnlesse *selfe-charitie be sometimes a vice. 1834 *Tracts for Times* No. 21 p. 1 In reward for his *self-chastisements. 1835 JAMES *Gipsy* xix, With the common *self cheatery of fear, she loved not to give her apprehensions voice. 1848 POE *Eureka* Wks. 1865 II. 131 The finest quality of Thought is its *self-cognizance. 1583 LYLY in T. Watson *Poems* (Arb.) 29 Your *selfe commendations. 1779 JOHNSON *L. P., Dryden* (1868) 156 His [*sc.* Dryden's] self-commendations. 1862 G. P. MARSH *Eng. Lang.* x. 161 A cautious desire of avoiding embarrassing *self-committals. 1605 SHAKS. *Macb.* I. ii. 55 Till that Bellona's Bridegroome..Confronted him with *selfe-comparisons, Point against Point. 1734 WATTS *Reliq. Juv.* (1789) 104 A vain self-comparison with crentures. *a* 1711 KEN *Urania* Poet. Wks. IV. 471 She to *Self-conquest me dispos'd. 1862 LYTTON *Str. Story* I. 255 Whenever it schemed or aimed at the animal *self-conservation, which now made its master-impulse. 1594 SOUTHWELL *Marie Magd. Funerall T.* 80 A submitted soul..the deeper it sinketh in a *self contempt [etc.]. 1842 TENNYSON *Locksley* 96 Perish in thy self-contempt! 1653 H. MORE *Antid. Ath.* I. iv. (1712) 15, I conceive the intire Idea of a Spirit.. to consist of..Self-penetration, Self-motion, *Self-contraction. 1710 NORRIS *Chr. Prud.* v. 238 Repentance is an act of *Self-correction. 1857 GEO. ELIOT *Ess.* (1884) 8 The *self-criticism which prompted the suppression of the dedication. 1858 J. MARTINEAU *Stud. Christ.* 333 The palsy of will, the incapacity of *self-cure. *a* 1711 KEN *Hymnarium* Poet. Wks. II. 86 Themselves must their own *Self-damnation rue. *a* 1711 — *Hymns Festiv.* ibid. I. 359 Of God offended, the sad Thought Deep *Self-debasement wrought. 1695 ROKEBY *Mem.* 15 Sept. (Surtees) 56 This covenant and *selfe-dedication was..renewed by me. 1698 NORRIS *Pract. Disc.* (1707) IV. 147 Humility and *self-dejection. 1827 HARE *Guesses* Ser. II. (1873) 503 *Self-deprecation is not humility. 1823 LAMB *Elia* II. *Stage Illusion*, The imbecility, helplessness, and utter *self-desertion [of the coward]. 1660 BOYLE *New Exp. Phys. Mech.* i. 23 [Hairs] endow'd with a Power..of *self-Dilatation. 1663 POWER *Exper. Philos.* II. 102 To fill up the aerial interstices (which must needs be considerable in so great a *self-dilation). 1798 R. WATSON *Addr. People Gt. Brit.* 29 The physical strength of the bulk of a nation is irresistible, but it is incapable of *self-direction. 1880 J. CAIRD *Introd. Philos. Relig.* ix. 285 We cannot, if we would effect any such..forced *self-diremption. 1699 SHAFTESB. *Charac., Inq. conc. Virtue* II. II. § 1 The more Contradiction and *Self-disapprobation he must incur. 1876 GEO. ELIOT *Dan. Der.* lvi, That *self-disapproval which had been the awakening of a new life within her. 1838 PUSEY *Let. to B. Harrison* 13 Aug., His careful *self-discipline is..calculated in this self-indulgent age to do much immediate good. 1866 J. MARTINEAU *Ess.* I. 191 Here you deny the power of *self-disclosure. 1655 FULLER *Ch. Hist.* I. i. § 1 Called Picti, from their *self-discoloration. 1709 SHAFTESB. *Charac., Freed. Wit* IV. § 1 An alternate Disquiet and *Self-dislike. 1795–1814 WORDSW. *Excurs.* IV. 475 Inward *self-disparagement. 1744 BIRCH *Life of Boyle* 41 Nothing but the forbiddenness of *self-dispatch hindered his acting it. 1885 *Manch. Exam.* 12 Jan. 6/2 Self-bedizenment is one of the forms of *self-display. 1652 J. WRIGHT tr. *Camus' Nat. Paradox* IV. 195 Beeing in full capacity of Understanding and *Self-disposall. 1795–1814 WORDSW. *Excurs.* IV. 475 There is a luxury in *self-dispraise. 1677 GALE *Crt. Gentiles* IV. 209 What more potent principe of *self-dissolution is there than Division? *a* 1586 SIDNEY *Arcadia* V. (1622) 449 Till it..runne it selfe vpon the rockes of *selfe-diuision. 1857 GOSSE *Omphalos* vii. 177 The whole of this immense structure [a tree] originated in a single cell, which, by repeated acts of self-division ..has gradually built up the mass. 1846 LYTTON *Lucretia* II. i, He [*sc.* a poet] must employ his intellect, and his *self-education must be large and comprehensive. 1664 H. MORE *Myst. Iniq.* II. xvii. 435 The Impious *Self-elation of the Bishop of Rome. 1844 W. H. MILL *Serm. Tempt. Christ* V. 133 The grounds of self-elation..were..the revelations with which he had been favoured by God. 1745 J. MASON *Self-Knowl.* I. viii. (1853) 60 He must have been a great stranger indeed to the Business of *Self-Employment. 1649 MILTON *Eikon.* xv. 144 His *self Encomiums. 1699 SHAFTESB. *Charac., Inq. conc. Virtue* II. I. ad fin., To have the chief Means and Power of *Self-Enjoyment. 1710 — *Advice to Author* I. § 2 Neither Lover, Author, Mystick, or Conjuror, ..can..be intitl'd to a Share in this *Self-entertainment. 1683 J. CORBET *Free Actions* II. 19 And that the Power in Man is not brought into act, it is for want of *Self-excitation. 1884 *Leeds Merc.* 30 Apr. 4/6 Her *self-exclusion from that great movement. 1859 GEO. ELIOT *Adam Bede* XXVII, All screening *self-excuse..forsook him. 1839 DR QUINCEY *Wordsworth* Wks. 1862 II. 182 Read..of the *self-expatriation..as a measure of despair on the part of myriads. 1611 SHAKS. *Cymb.* III. iv. 8 A thing perplex'd Beyond *selfe-explication. 1742 YOUNG *Nt. Th.* VII. 152 Why heats thy bosom with illustrious dreams Of *self-exposure, laudable, and great? 1892 *Nation* 7 Apr. 263/2 This doctrine of unbounded self-indulgence—or, as his [Walt Whitman's] admirers would prefer to call it, *self-expression. 1846 LYTTON *Lucretia* II. xiv, He had to listen..to her haughty *self-felicitations. *a* 1845 BARHAM *Ingol. Leg.* Ser. III. *Brothers of Birchington* x, Oh, such a knout!! For his *self-flagellations. 1624 WOTTON *Archit.* II. 82 Every Mans proper Mansion House and Home, being..the Seate of *Selfe-fruition. 1677 GILPIN *Dæmonol.* III. xx. 169 It may..be..for themselves that they work, in a *self-gratification of their natural Zeal for their way. 1859 R. F. BURTON *Centr. Afr.* in *Jrnl. Geogr. Soc.* XXIX. 330 His egotism renders him parsimonious even in self-gratification. 1634 BP. HALL *Occas. Medit.* xxxix, A *selfe-humiliation. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* I, That timorous debasement and self-humiliation of a woman. 1817 LADY MORGAN *France* III. (1818) I. 308 The ready *self-immolation of Madame La Valette. 1845 STOCQUELER *Handbk. Brit. India*, 1854) 74 The suttee, or self-immolation of widows upon the funeral pile. 1850 ROBERTSON *Serm.* Ser. III. vii. (1853) 100 Creation itself is sacrifice—the *self-impartation of the divine Being. 1836–9 *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* II. 411/2

The process of copulation..does more than stimulate each individual to *self-impregnation. *a* 1711 KEN *Christophil* Poet. Wks. I. 462 Honours in him no *Self-inflations raise. 1898 *Syd. Soc. Lex.*, *Self-inflation*, a method of rendering one's self buoyant in water when in danger of drowning. 1699 SHAFTESB. *Charac., Inq. conc. Virtue* II. II. § 1 Nor are the greatest Favourites of Fortune exempted from this Task of *Self-Inspection. 1870 J. H. NEWMAN *Gram. Assent* II. vii. 195 That palpitating *self-interrogation. 1873 HAMERTON *Intell. Life* II. i. 44 That the reading of poetry..was clearly *self-intoxication. 1818 SCOTT *Br. Lamm.* x, I am obliged to you..for breaking the ice at once, where circumstances ..rendered *self-introduction peculiarly awkward. 1853 C. BRONTE *Let.* in Gaskell *Life* (1857) II. 287 No charge of *self-laudation can touch her. 1656 OWEN *Mortif. Sin* xiv. (1668) 170 The rigidest Means of *self-maceration. *a* 1680 BUTLER *Char., Obstinate Man* (1908) 177 He will rather suffer *Self-Martyrdom than part with the least Scruple of his Freehold. 1823 BENTHAM *Not Paul but Jesus* 287 Terror and *self-mortification. 1628 FELTHAM *Resolves* II. xxxvii. 113 The vilenesse of a wilfull *selfe-neglect. 1876 MISS YONGE *Womankind* xv, The hopeless dejection of self-neglect. 1656 EARL MONM. tr. *Boccalini's Advts. fr. Parnass.* I. xl. (1674) 54 Vain-glorious pomp, and *self-ostentation. 1726 AMHERST *Terræ Fil.* App. 327 The poignancy of the satire, and artfulness of *self-panegyric. 1682 H. MORE *Annot. Glanvill's Lux O.* 217 They demonstrate still their Spirituality by *Self-Penetration, haply a thousand and a thousand times repeated. 1850 L. HUNT *Autobiogr.* II. xii. 98 The strange *self-permission of a man like Walter Scott..to countenance the border-like forages of his friends. 1704 STEELE *Lying Lover* v. i, We may feel Comfort by our *Self-persuasion. 1876 G. HENSLOW in *Nature* 19 Oct. 544/1 The pistil recovers itself, and its growth is equal to or precedes that of the stamens, the result issuing in a synchronous maturity, and consequently *self-pollination. 1890 *Spectator* 3 May 614/1 Fortitude, endurance, *self-postponement. 1803 T. SCOTT *Funeral Serm.* iii. Wks. 1807 III. 111 Was he not tempted to *self-preference, and to trust in his own righteousness? 1868 *Rep. U. S. Comm. Agric.* (1869) 140 This bridge between *self-preparation and the university course. 1879 GEO. ELIOT *Theo. Such* i. 8 This naïve veracity of *self-presentation. 1901 GORE *Body of Christ* iv. 219 The heavenly intercession and self-presentation of Christ. 1880 SANDAY in *Expositor* XI. 353 A certain *self-projection of the commentator into a different order of ideas. 1860 FROUDE *Hist. Eng.* V. 101 In *self-protection he had been obliged to arm his household. *a* 1586 SIDNEY *Arcadia* (1622) 194 The *selfe-punishment for others fault. 1798 SOTHEBY tr. *Wieland's Oberon* (1826) II. 67 Son! by self-punishment thy guilt atone. 1901 *Class. Rev.* XVI. 148/1 These are examples of coincident language, not of *self-quotation. 1873 M. ARNOLD *Lit. & Dogma* (1876) 101 The time had come for inwardness and *self-reconstruction. 1642 H. MORE *Song of Soul* II. ii. II. xxxiii, One spirit goes Through all this bulk, not by extension But by a totall *self-reduplication. 1892 J. TAIT *Mind in Matter* 271 In *self-reformation the vicious become wretched by their abstentions. *Ibid.* 5 In judging of men, acts form an incomparably higher standard than *self-representation. 1676 OWEN *Serm.* Wks. 1851 IX. 379 *Self-reputation in the exercise of gifts. 1668—*Expos. 130th Ps.* iv. 120 Unspeakable are the Advantages which a soul obtains by this *self Resignation. 1824 JAS. NICHOLS *Calvinism & Armin.* I. 376 *note*, The British Constitution..contained within itself copious materials for *self-restoration. 1842 MANNING *Serm.* xii. (1848) I. 169 In all these acts of *self-restriction. 1898 *Month* Sept. 237 To learn independence and *self-rule. *a* 1711 KEN *Christophil* Poet. Wks. I. 464 Frequent *self-scrutinies the Humble makes. 1840 DICKENS *Master Humphrey's Clock* I. 47, I..have no power of *self-snatchation (forgive me if I coin that phrase) from the yawning gulf before me. 1683 TRYON *Way to Health* 669 *Self-study and Heart-knowledge. 1855 DICKENS *Dorrit* II. xxvii, Patience, self-denial, *self-subdual. 1863 KAVANAGH *Q. Mab.* III. vi, They prefer self-indulgence to *self-subjection. 1853 GROTE *Greece* II. lxxxvii. XI. 387 Spartan *self-suppression and rigour of life. 1642 H. MORE *Song of Soul* II. i. II. xliv, When she doth with *self-sway Thus change herself. 1841 MERIVALE *Lect. Colonia. & Col.* I. iv. 101 A right to self-government and *self-taxation. 1809–10 COLERIDGE *Friend* (1865) 31 The hideous practices of *self-torture. 1640 T. H[OOKER] *title*, The Christians two chiefe lessons; viz. Selfe-deniall, and *Selfe-tryall. 1872 YEATS *Techn. Hist. Comm.* 33 Cultivation and refinement, apparently acquired by *self-tuition. 1709 SHAFTESB. *Charac., Moralists* III. § 2 *Self-valuation supposes Self-Worth. 1854 MILMAN *Lat. Christ.* III. v. (1864) II. 13 *Self vendition into slavery. 1654 WHITLOCK *Zootomia* 28 *Selfe-vexations..may by no way better be blowne over, then by reckoning Impossibles not to concerne our Desires. 1690 C. NESSE *Hist. & Myst. O. & N. Test.* I. 314 Jacobs silence..was far better than his son's *self-vindication. 1831 CARLYLE *Sartor Res.* III. x, That primeval Superstition, *Self-worship.

b. With vbl. sbs.; as *self-abominating* = self-abomination.

1829 J. MACDONALD in Tweedie *Life* (1849) 131 On the very back of this *self-abominating, I rear another monument of self-exaltation. 1909 BANKS *Myst. F. Farrington* 280 Contain yourself in the matter of *self-advertising. 1768–74 TUCKER *Lt. Nat.* (1834) II. 571 Humiliations and *self-afflictings. 1840 CARLYLE *Heroes* iv. 215 No sophistry, *self-blinding or other dishonesty. 1876 GEO. ELIOT *Dan. Der.* lxiii, *Self-checking and suppression. 1702 HOWE *Self-ded.* 16 Our dedicating our selves, to God, is a *self-committing. 1649 ROBERTS *Clavis Bibl.* 367 Without carkings, covetousnesse, or other *self-disquietings. 1882–3 *Schaff's Encycl. Relig. Knowl.* II. 992/2 A *self-emptying of himself, and the assumption of human nature. 1842 MANNING *Serm.* iii. (1848) I. 44 Nothing so wears down the sharpness of conscience ..as *self-excusing. 1720 T. BOSTON *Hum. Nat. Fourfold St.* (1784) 88 *Self-jealousing well becomes Christians. 1758 S. HAYWARD *Serm.* 53 To keep us ever humble, and to fill us with *self-loathing. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 366 Perversion of self-feeling may culminate in self-loathing or hatred. 1599 SHAKS. *Hen. V*, II. iv. 75 Selfe-loue..is not so vile a sinne, As *selfe-neglecting. 1850 ROBERTSON *Serm.* Ser. III. vii. (1853) 101 That one offering..repeated in the life and *self-offering of all. 1902 *Westm. Gaz.* 11 Apr. 10/1 The habit of *self physicking, often with powerful drugs, is on the increase. 1649 LIGHTFOOT *Battle with Wasp's Nest* Wks. 1825 I. 421 Pride, blind zeal, and *self-prizing. 1862 LYTTON *Str. Story* II. 199 My *self-questionings halted here. 1884 *Encycl. Brit.* XVII. 96/2 He was under a continuous course of *self-schooling. 1825 HALKETT *Hist. Notes Indians N. Amer.* xvi. 376 The..*self-scourgings publicly exhibited by the Indian Pigaronick in the church of Montreal. 1681 OWEN *Humble Test.* 139 This *Self-Searching is the first Duty we are..called unto. 1571 GOLDING *Calvin on Ps.* xi. 8 Howsoeuer the vngodly beguyle themselues with their *selfesoothing. 1868 *Rep. U. S. Comm. Agric.* (1869) 250 Good management may postpone the '*self-thinning', by the inside, shaded, and weak bottom branches dying out. 1882 ROSSETTI *Poems* (1904) 262/1 Lord, undo Our *self-undoing. 1902 J. SMITH *Integr. Script.* I. 9 The *self-unveiling of God. *a* 1700 KEN *Hymnotheo* Poet. Wks. III. 105 He *self-upbraidings felt his Spirit gore. 1840 MRS. CARLYLE *Lett.* (1883) I. 124 Overcome by her tears and promises and self-upbraidings. 1671–2 R. WILD *Let.* 14 The..*self-whippings of the Popish Priests.

c. With agent-nouns; as *self-advertiser*, one who advertises himself, one given to self-advertisement.

1890 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 21 Aug. 1/3 These safeguards.. would make it rather more difficult for the *self-advertiser and the bore to inflict themselves upon the House. 1654 WHITLOCK *Zootomia* 296 Aquinas dareth do it to the proudest *Mihi placdo*, *Selfe-approver of them all. 1841 *Penny Cycl.* XX. 270/2 The *Samokreshchennikee*, or '*self-baptisers'..baptise themselves by repeatedly diving into a river. 1658 ROWLAND tr. *Moufet's Theat. Ins.* 890 In Greek *αὐτοπάτορες*, or *Self-begetters. 1598 SYLVESTER *Du Bartas* II. ii. II. 16 Who (*self-commanders) rather sin suppresse By self-examples then by rigorousnesse. 1758 JOHNSON *Idler* No. 88 ¶ 8 If I had ever found any of the *self-contemners much irritated..by the consciousness of their meanness. 1672 BAXTER *Bagshaw's Scandals* ii. 16 What a forgetful *self-contradicter is this man? 1818 BYRON *Juan* I. xv, An all-in-all sufficient *self-director. *a* 1793 J. HUNTER in *Catal. Mus. Coll. Surg.* (1833) I. 259 It is most probable that all Barnacles are of both sexes, and *self-impregnators. 1657 J. WATTS *Scribe, Pharisee*, etc. I. 118 To take you off ..from being a *self-ordainer, or a *self-intruder. 1699 SHAFTESB. *Charac., Inq. conc. Virtue* II. § 2 Such a one is in reality a *Self-Oppressor, and lies heavier on himself than he can ever do on Mankind. 1840 DISRAELI *Misc. Lit.* 45/2 The letters of..Gray, Cowper, and Walpole..,*self-painters. 1598 SYLVESTER *Du Bartas* II. i. II. 451 A blade Wherewith vain Man and bis inveigled Wife (*Self-parricides) bave reft their proper life. 1780 MME. D'ARBLAY *Diary* May, A *self-piquer upon immense good breeding. 1894 WEYMAN *Man in Black* x, The *self-poisoner had done his work well. 1668 DRYDEN *Dram. Poesy* Ess. (ed. Ker) I. 48 [Terence's] *Heautontimorumenos*, or *Self-Punisher. 1742 YOUNG *Nt. Th.* v. 711 Man is a *self-survivor ev'ry year. 1899 *Dublin Rev.* Apr. 250 When he..becomes not a *self-teacher but a disciple. 1876 T. HARDY *Ethelberta* xxiii, If I could only turn *self-vivisector, and watch the operation of my heart. 1729 C. MIDDLETON *Let. fr. Rome* 51 That..Penance of the Flagellantes or *Self-whippers. 1819 KEATS *Fall of Hyperion* I. 207 Large *self worshipers.

d. With nouns of state or condition; as *self-awareness*, the condition of being aware of oneself, *self-mastery*, mastery of oneself, self-command.

Some of the combinations illustrated under this head and the next might with equal propriety have been referred to 3; they are placed here because the relation of *self-* to the second element may be conveniently defined as objective.

1880 CYPLES *Human Exp.* ii. 34 The egoistic consciousness—that is, our *self-awareness. 1682 SIR T. BROWNE *Chr. Mor.* I. § 23 (1716) 24 *Self-credulity, pride, and levity lead unto self-Idolatry. 1671 HOWE *Let.* in *Life* (1836) 185 A mean and inglorious *self-despiciency. 1885 *Athenæum* 26 Dec. 832 The duty of *self-dominance. 1847 C. BRONTE *J. Eyre* ii, My habitual mood of humiliation, *self-doubt. 1677 GALE *Crt. Gentiles* III. 41 Pressing men to spiritual povertie, *self emtinesse. 1734 WATTS *Relig. Juv.* (1789) 121 By the influence of the same native principle of flattery and *self-fondness. 1673 FLAVEL *Saint Indeed* 12 Quick-sighted *self-jealousie is an excellent preservative from sin. *a* 1860 BAYNE (Worc.), A sustained *self-mastery. ? 1809 WORDSW. *Poems to Nat. Indep.* II. xvii, Happy occasions oft by *self-mistrust Are forfeited. 1661 GLANVILL *Van. Dogm.* A 6 We came into the world, and we know not how; we live in't in a *self-nescience. 1868 LOWELL *Among my Bks., Dryden* (1870) 40 He had more of that good luck of *self-oblivion than most men. 1842 in H. W. S[mith] *Secret of Happy Life* vii. (1886) 79 A relinquishment of the principle of *self-ownership. 1668 H. MORE *Div. Dial.* I. xxx. I. 129 The last Attribute..that of *Self-penetrability. 1809 R. HALL *Wk. Holy Spirit* (1813) 21 That *self-recollection and composure, which are so essential to devotion. 1832 *Selfreverence [see SELF-CONTROL 1]. 1647 J. HALL *Poems* II. 104. 5 Lest from my selfe my owne *selfe-ruine bee. 1745 J. MASON *Self-Knowl.* I. i. (1853) 6 With what..Care we are to..examine ourselves..in order to acquire this important *Self-Science. 1804 WORDSW. *Small Celandine* 8 In close *self-shelter, like a Thing at rest. *c* 1645 HOWELL *Lett.* II. li. (1650) II. 66 Hee is too much given to his study and *self-society. 1646 FULLER *Wounded Consc.* ix. 67 *Selfe-suspition of hypocrisie, is a hopefull symptome of sincerity. 1807 JEBB *Let. to Knox* 20 Aug., Encouragement is held out, to prayer, and to *self-watchfulness. 1748 MELMOTH *Fitzosborne Lett.* lxxi. (1749) II. 210 *Self-weariness is a circumstance that ever attends folly.

e. With adjs.; as *self-adaptive*, capable of adapting oneself or itself, (hence, by extension) pertaining to, involving, or characterized by self-adaptation, *self-fond*, fond of oneself.

1903 F. W. H. MYERS *Human Pers.* I. 216 Typical of life is its *self-adaptive power. 1864 PUSEY *Lect. Daniel* viii. 550 Earnest *self-afflictive prayer. 1698 NORRIS *Pract. Disc.* (1707) IV. 180 God, who is such a Good, Bountiful, *Self-communicative, *Self-diffusive, Universalized Being. 1884 HOWELLS *Silas Lapham* (1891) I. 267 A *self-disdainful air. *a* 1797 WALPOLE *Geo. II* (1847) I. 222 The *self-fondest and greatest of poets. 1845 R. W. HAMILTON *Pop. Educ.* x. (ed. 2) 271 All popular opinion and information, which is wholesome and enduring, is *self-generative. 1745 J. MASON *Self-Knowl.* I. i. (1853) 7 Condemning others for the very crimes we ourselves are guilty of, which a *self-ignorant Man is very apt to do. *a* 1711 KEN *Hymns Evang.* Poet. Wks. I. 326 We from our proneness to backslide, *Self-jealous, shou'd in Thee confide. *a* 1863 WHATELY *Comm.-pl. Bk.* (1864) 173 [A party] that assumes some *self-laudatory title. 1699 SHAFTESB. *Charac., Inq. conc. Virtue* I. § 3 If a Creature be *self-neglectful, and insensible of Danger. 1816 SHELLEY *Daemon* I. 89 *Self-oblivious solitude. 1889 MIVART *Orig. Hum. Reason* 45 Ideas are abstract, reflective and *self-perceptive. 1849 RUSKIN *Seven Lamps* i. § 8. 17 There is no need to offend by importunate, *self-proclaimant splendour. 1852 BAILEY *Festus* 407 Its self consuming fate, *self-punitive. 1678 CUDWORTH *Intell. Syst.* I. v. 846 A..*Self Recollective Power. 1847 TENNYSON *Princess* VII. 274 *Self-reverent each and reverencing each. 1888 R. F. HORTON *Inspir. Bible* vi. 153 The author is entirely *self-suppressive. 1668 J. CORBET *2nd Disc. Relig. Eng.* 16 Modestly..*self-suspicious. 1884 TENNYSON *Becket* V. ii, We are *self-uncertain creatures. 1903 *Speaker* 6 June 232/2 Nothing exists..to keep together a body of weary and *self-weary men.

f. With ppl. adjs. in *-ing*; as *self-abandoning*, abandoning oneself, (hence, by extension) pertaining to, involving, or characterized by self-abandonment. (For the extended meaning cf. sense 2 note, below.)

1818 SCOTT *Rob Roy* xxxvii, The wo-begone and *self-abandoning note in which he uttered the disconsolate words. 1836 KEBLE *Lyra Apost.* (1849) 57 When the *self-abhorring thrill Is past. 1874 W. WALLACE *Hegel's Logic* § 20. 30 Thought may be called a *self-actualising universal. 1864 PUSEY *Lect. Daniel* ii. 65 The then most stirring and *self-adapting people. 1894 *Pop. Sci. Monthly* June 184 Nature is..more *self-adjusting than his system contemplates. 1900 *Daily News* 15 Nov. 4/7 An advertising and..a *self-advertising age. 1607 TOURNEUR *Rev. Trag.* III. i. F j b, Euery proud and *selfe-affecting Dame. 1856 GROTE *Greece* II. xcii. XII. 118 His own *self-aggrandising impulse. 1734 POPE *Ess. Man* IV. 255 One *self-approving hour whole years out-weighs Of stupid starers. 1857 HUGHES *Tom Brown* I. iii, A self-approving smile. 1598 SYLVESTER *Du Bartas* II. i. I. 123 Their new *Self-arching arms in thousand Arbours grew. 1713 DERHAM *Phys.-Theol.* II. i. (1714) 40 *note*, Therein gravity doth so far over-power their *self-attracting Power. 1698 NORRIS *Pract. Disc.* (1707) IV. 34 Love is so *self-betraying a Passion. 1865 GROTE *Plato* I. i. 5 A *self-changing and self-developing force. *a* 1711 KEN *Hymnarium* Poet. Wks. II. 3 In thy own *Self-comprehending Thought. 1647 C. HARVEY *Schola Cordis* xxxi. 12 Or doth thy *self-confounding fancy feare thee, When there's no danger neare thee? 1817 COLERIDGE *Biog. Lit.* (1907) II. 229 A *self-consoling grin. 1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* III. xi. 1 Fowle Gealosie, that..mak'st the louing hart..feed it selfe with *selfe-consuming smart? 1655–87 H. MORE *App. Antid.* (1712) 185 How it comes to pass that the Soul cannot withdraw her self from pain by her *Self-contracting faculty. 1650 BAXTER *Saints' R.* III. v. § 4 (1651) 92 Those *self-couzening, formal, lazie Professors of Religion. 1856 R. A. VAUGHAN *Mystics* (1860) I. 42 The *self-deifying tendency. *a* 1586 SIDNEY *Apol. Poetry* (Arb.) 34 The *selfe-denouring crueltie in his Father Atreus. 1877 E. CAIRD *Philos. Kant* II. xi. 465 Whenever we conceive any object as *self-differentiating. 1781 COWPER *Conversat.* 735 Shame upon a *self-disgracing age. 1692 W. MARSHALL *Gosp. Myst. Sanctif.* iv. (1764) 65 What a *self-emptying grace faith is. 1598 SYLVESTER *Du Bartas* II. i. III. 670 Foule-squinting Envie, that *selfe-eating Elfe. 1634 R. BOLTON (*title*) A Three-fold Treatise: containing the Saints..*Selfe-enriching Examinntion. 1868 LOWELL *Among my Bks., Shaks. once more* (1870) 217 Our *self-exploiting nineteenth century. 1646 FULLER *Wounded Consc.* iv. 24 A wounded Conscience, *selfe-fearing, selfe-frighted. 1590 SHAKS. *Com. Err.* II. i. 102 *Selfe-harming lealousie. 1828–32 WEBSTER s.v., The *self-healing power of living animals and vegetables. *a* 1711 KEN *Hymns Festiv.* Poet. Wks. I. 289 *Self-humbling View. 1687 NORRIS *Coll. Misc.* 322 God..must needs be..*self-imparting and communicative. 1836–9 *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* II. 377/1 In many [orders] the sexes are..*self-impregnating. 1778 J. BROWN (*title*) The *self-interpreting Bible. 1876 GEO. ELIOT *Dan. Der.* xxxv, *Self-lacerating penitents. *a* 1623 OVERBURY *A Wife*, etc: (1638) 101 *Selfe-lashing Penitentiaries. 1834 J. MACDONALD in Tweedie *Life* iii. (1849) 228 In a very degraded and *self-loathing state of mind. 1868 J. H. NEWMAN *Verses on Var. Occas.* 23 Her heart's *self-mastering power. 1685 BOYLE *Salubr. Air* 34 A kind of propagative or *self-multiplying power. 1745 J. MASON *Self-Knowl.* III. i. (1853) 167 O my wandering, *Self-neglecting Soul. 1860 TRENCH *Serm.* xv. 170 All acts of *self-offering love. 1825 J. NEAL *Bro. Jonathan* III. 119 All the bad passions of our nature have a..*self-perpetuating power. 1868 *Rep. U. S. Comm. Agric.* (1869) 265 In any soil congenial to its growth, the atocha is *self-propagating. *a* 1586 SIDNEY *Arcadia* III. (Sommer) 315 b, To witnesse a *selfe-punishing repentaunce. 1827 POLLOK *Course of T.* VII. 84 *Self-purifying, unpolluted sea! 1857 GOSSE *Omphalos* xii. 349 *note*, The very supposition which he considers as *self-refuting is an indubitable physiological fact. 1871 MORLEY *Condorcet* in *Crit. Misc.* Ser. I. (1878) 73 They move in a constant and *self-repeating orbit. 1825 HAZLITT *Spirit of Age* 186 A lofty and *self-scrutinising ambition. 1807 WORDSW. *White Doe* 1630 A *self-surviving leafless oak. 1668 OWEN *Indwelling Sin* 207 Penances, and *self-torturing Discipline. 1816 BYRON *Ch. Har.* III. lxxvii, The self-torturing sophist, wild Rousseau. 1849 DANA *Geol.* ii. (1850) 107 The *self-triturating sands of the reefs. *a* 1711 KEN *Edmund* Poet. Wks. II. 83 Past vices gall his *self-upbraiding Mind. *a* 1586 SIDNEY *Arcadia* II. (Sommer) 202 With a certaine sincere boldenesse of *selfe-warranting friendship. 1652 CRASHAW *Carmen Deo Nostro* Wks. (1904) 247 O soft *self-wounding Pelican! *a* 1656 BP. HALL *Let. Person Qual.*, Our exposedness to the danger of *self-wronging consequences.

†**g.** With vb.-stems, forming adjs., as *self-tire* = self-tiring. Also SELF-KILL. *Obs.*

1615 CHAPMAN *Odyss.* XVI. 5 The *selfe-tyre barking Dogs.

h. With vbs. (? *obs.*) and pres. pples.

1609 W. M. *Man in Moone* (1849) 13 This pretious weede

..doth so *selfe-besot those which take it. *a* 1618 SYLVESTER *Mottoes* 204 What Beautie's This..*Self-blinds, *self-bindes, and self it self bewitches? *Ibid.* 286 In Fire, Air, Earth, Water, The world *self-drowns, *self-burns, *self-hangs, *self-slaies. 1820 KEATS *Lamia* I. 138 She..cower'd..*self-folding like a flower that faints into itself at evening hour. 1738 WESLEY *Ps.* XXXVI. i, He..*Self-soothing in his lost Estate Sleeps on secure. 1858 LONGF. *M. Standish* VII. 58 Then stood Pecksuot forth, *self-vaunting.

i. With advs. related to actual or possible formations in **e** and **f** (above).

1899 *Westm. Gaz.* 8 June 2/1 The figure seems..*self-cognisably burthened with the griefs of all the generations. 1890 *Pall Mall G.* 24 Mar. 5/2 He *self-consolingly exclaimed, 'Le roi me reverra.' †1629 DONNE *Serm.* VII. (1640) 65 To come..so *selfe proditoriously, as to betray himselfe ..to his enemies. 1909 R. LAW *Tests of Life* XI. 220 He who *self-tolerantly commits sin. 1901 *Academy* 24 Dec. 585/2 Only intense feeling can use it [a metre] *self-vindicatingly.

2. Componnds with pa. pples. and ppl. adjs. in which *self-* denotes the agent or what is conceived as the agent; =by oneself or itself, by one's own (unaided) efforts or action, without help from others.

Such compounds may qualify the designation of: (*a*) a person or thing that is the subject and object of the action, as *self-appointed censors* = censors appointed by themselves; (*b*) a thing that is operated upon, performed, produced, etc. by oneself, as *self-appointed duties* = duties appointed by the person himself; (*c*) a thing conceived as operated upon by itself, as *self-arched rocks* = rocks formed into arches of themselves without human or mechanical agency, *self-balanced* = balanced without external support; cf. 3 b below.

When transferred from a person to his actions, etc., compounds of this class (like those of 1 f) acquire a wider meaning; thus, *self-abandoned* = abandoned by oneself, hence, full of or marked by self-abandonment.

In some cases the formations are analogical and scarcely admit of analytical explanation; e. g. †SELF-ASSURED from SELF-ASSURANCE, SELF-DENIED from SELF-DENIAL, *self-mortified* from *self-mortification.*

1791 COWPER *Iliad* XII. 138 Nor expected less Than that.. the host Should *self-abandon'd fall an easy prey. 1813 BYRON *Giaour* 1006 The *selfe-accorded grave Of ancient fool and modern knave. 1809–10 COLERIDGE *Friend* (1865) 25 *Self-acknowledged beasts. 1825 SCOTT *Betrothed* XXII, When she stood *self-acquitted to her own mind. 1908 *Daily Chron.* 6 Nov. 5/3 An overdose of morphia *self-administered. 1593 SHAKS. *Rich. II*, III. ii. 53 His Treasons will sit blushing in his face, Not able to endure the sight of Day; But *selfe-affrighted, tremble at his sinne. 1799 *Hull Advertiser* 21 Sept. 3/2 Some of them [pilots] are *self-appointed. 1892 ZANGWILL *Bow Myst.* 172 His engrossing self-appointed duties. 1762 CHURCHILL *Night* 114 Where Virtue, *self-approv'd, reclines her head. 1598 SYLVESTER *Du Bartas* II. i. 1. 537 Rocks *self-arched by the eating Current. 1818 SCOTT *Hrt. Midl.* V, His *self-assumed profession of the law. 1833 J. H. NEWMAN *Arians* I. iii. (1876) 55 The *self-authorised, arbitrary doctrines of the heretics. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* VII. 242 Earth *self-ballanc't on her Center hung. 1890 'R. BOLDREWOOD' *Colonial Reformer* (1891) 348 Crutchless and self-balanced. 1700 DRYDEN *Ovid's Met.* XV. 78 *Self-banish'd from his native shore. *a* 1716 SOUTH *Serm.* (1717) IV. 156 *Self-hefooled Sinners. 1784 *New Spectator* No. 1. 7 The *self-be-paragraphed, the self-puffed and the self-adoring Mother Abington. 1784 COWPER *Tiroc.* 171 *Self-betray'd, and wilfully undone. 1644 DIGBY *Nat. Soul* Concl. 455 To transforme me totally into a *selfe-blessed creature. 1640 BASTWICK *Lord Bps.* ix, If the Prelates were not *selfe-blinded, they might discerne the reason. 1865 DICKENS *Mut. Fr.* II. xvi, Her pompous self-blinded father. 1846 BROCKETT *N. C. Words* s. v., *Adder-stone*, a perforated stone—the perforation imagined by the vulgar to be made by the sting of an adder...They are also called *self-bored stones. 1784 COWPER *Task* V. 88 *Self-buried ere they die. 1839 HALLAM *Lit. Eur.* IV. iii. § 74 Every substance therefore is *self-caused; that is its essence implies its existence. *a* 1649 DRUMM. OF HAWTH. *Poems* Wks. (1711) 5 To ease *self-chosen pain. 1718 POPE *Iliad* XIV. 196 *Self-clos'd behind her shut the valves of gold. 1844 P. HARWOOD *Hist. Irish Reb.* 25 Hosts of armed citizens, self-paid and *self-commissioned. 1856 AYTOUN *Bothwell* V. xiv, Bold in his self-commissioned cause. 1599 JONSON *Cynthia's Rev.* I. ii, To beare too deepe a sense Of her owne *selfe-conceiued excellence. 1699 BENTLEY *Phal.* 69 This lame and *self-confuted Story. 1818 SCOTT *Br. Lamm.* ix, The old gentleman, his *self-constituted companion. 1634 MILTON *Comus* 597 It shall be in eternal restless change Self-fed, and *self-consum'd. 1644 — *Divorce* II. iii. 39 Mans own will *self-corrupted. 1742 YOUNG *Nt. Th.* VI. 495 Learn, and lament, thy *self-defeated scheme. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* III. 130 The first sort by thir own suggestion fell, Self-tempted, *self-deprav'd. 1784 COWPER *Task* I. 259 *Self-depriv'd Of other screen. 1808 LAMB *Adv. Ulysses* VII. (1848) 74 Some have said..that they [*sc.* our vessels] move instinctively, *self-directed. 1894 *Pop. Sci. Monthly* XLIV. 516 Self-directed acts of perception. 1596 SPENSER *F. Q.* IV. viii. 14 *Selfe disliked life. 1598 SYLVESTER *Du Bartas* II. i. II. 393 Their *self-doom'd soules. 1789 COWPER *On the Queen's Visit to London* 14 And rockets flew, *self-driven. 1818 MRS. SHELLEY *Frankenstein* ii, It is a still greater evil to me that I am *self-educated. 1871 FRASER *Berkeley* ix. 351 His unborrowed, evidently *self-elaborated thought. 1797 SOUTHEY *Vis. Maid of Orleans* iii, The little glow-worm's *self-emitted light. 1860 TYNDALL *Glac.* I. i. 2 A diamond is a crystal *self-erected from atoms of carbon. 1634 *Self-fed [see *self-consum'd* above]. 1611 SHAKS. *Cymb.* II. iii. 124 To knit their soules..in *self-figur'd knot. 1590 C'TESS PEMBROKE *Antonie* 742 Unhappy he, in whome selfe-succour lies, Yet *selfe-forsaken wanting succour dies. 1621 G. SANDYS *Ovid's Met.* I. (1626) 17 She starts: and from her selfe, *self-frighted, fled. 1591 SYLVESTER *Du Bartas* I. vi. 332 Who, still *self-furnisht, needest borrow never Diana's shafts. *a* 1667 COWLEY *Ret. Scotl.* Wks. 1711 III. 40 The *self-gotten Phœnix. 1820 KEATS *Hyperion* I. 161 The Titans fierce, *self-hid, or prison-bound. 1774 GOLDSM. *Nat. Hist.* (1824) III. 121 The oyster..is *self-impregnated. 1815 *Zeluca* III. 44 She never knew the *Self-incurred Catastrophe. 1654 OWEN *Doctr. Saints Persev.* xiii. 313 A vaine, superstitious, *selfe-invented Worship of God. 1813 SCOTT *Rokeby* V. xvi, This *self-invited guest. 1700 DRYDEN *Pal. & Arc.* III. 253 And left one altar dark, a little space, Which turned *self-kindled, and renewed the blaze. 1889 *Spectator* 28 Dec. 922/1 A tax..*self-levied. 1625 K. LONG tr. *Barclay's Argenis* IV. xviii. 306 The *selfe-maim'd Thracian King. 1903 A. R. WALLACE *Man's Place in Universe* iii. 44 By the use of the photographic plate the exact positions of..thousands of stars can be *self-mapped simultaneously. 1849 M. ARNOLD *Mycerinus* 28 When the duped soul, *self-mastered, claims its meed. 1849 C. BRONTE *Shirley* vii, The thoughts were *self-matured. 1594 SHAKS. *Rich. III*, IV. iv. 376 Thy Selfe, is *selfe-misvs'd. 1809 MALKIN *Gil Blas* XI. xiii. ¶ 13 You are become highly moral and *self-mortified. 1819 WORDSW. *Waggoner* IV. 64 The vapours sweep Along..Like fleecy clouds *self-multiplied. *a* 1704 T. BROWN *Lond. & Lacedem. Oracles* Wks. 1709 III. iii. 135 *Self-nam'd Athenians. *a* 1700 KEN *Hymnotheo* Poet. Wks. III. 112 Lord, I *self-offer'd, am not mine. 1855 MILMAN *Lat. Christ.* XIV. ii. (1864) IX. 53 Those who were *self-outlawed, or outlawed by the dominant authority. 1844 *Self-paid [see *self-commissioned* above]. 1864 BRYCE *Holy Rom. Emp.* X. (1866) 171 Lewis the Pious, submitting to a fresh coronation, admitted the invalidity of his former *self-performed one. 1821 LAMB *Elia* I. *Witches & other night-fears*, Had I never met with the picture, the fears would have come *self-pictured in some shape or other. 1822 S. ROGERS *Italy* (1823) 55 An ancient grove *Self-planted. 1830 TENNYSON *Dirge* V, Round thee blow, *self-pleached deep, Bramble roses. 1868 TYNDALL *Fragm. Sci.* (1879) II. vi. 81 These molecular blocks of salt are *self-posited. 1642 FULLER *Holy & Prof. St.* V. v. 374 A private maid, how highly soever *self-pretended. 1647 C. HARVEY *Schola Cordis* IV. 8 Why dost thou hugge thy *self-procurèd woes? 1774 GOLDSM. *Nat. Hist.* IV. ii. (1824) III. 82 Their shell is *self-produced. 1678 *Self-punish'd [see SELF-ACCUSED]. 1738 LILLO *Marina* III. ii. 50 *Self-resign'd to silence and despair. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* IX. 183 [The Serpent] In Labyrinth of many a round *self-rowld. 1849 M. ARNOLD *Shakespeare* 10 *Self-school'd, *self-scann'd, self-honour'd, self-secure. 1828 JOLLY *Sunday Services* (1840) 276 False and *self-sent teachers. 1785 MME. D'ARBLAY *Lett.* 25 Aug., So hard and dangerous a *self-set task. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* III. II. vii, Guardsman Pâris..will be found some months after, *self-shot in a remote inn. 1816 BYRON *Ch. Har.* III. 80 His life was one long war with *self sought foes. 1862 *All Year Round* 13 Sept. 8 A rough kind of grass,..on the sharp points of whose rigid blades flies and beetles are often *self-spitted. *a* 1700 KEN *Hymnotheo* Poet. Wks. III. 295 Matter self-form'd, self-mov'd, *self-steer'd. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 210 *Self-stimulated thoughts, in place of those implanted from without. 1823 BENTHAM *Not Paul but Jesus* 206 The sort of connection..between the undoubted Apostles, and this *self-styled one. 1907 *National Church* 15 Oct. 263/1 The self-styled 'Free Churches'. 1605 SHAKS. *Lear* II. ii. 129 He..got praises of the King, For him attempting, who was *selfe-subdued. 1801 SOUTHEY *Thalaba* I. xxx, Here *self-suspended hangs in air,..The living carbuncle. 1667 *Self-tempted [see *self-depraved* above]. 1810 SCOTT *Lady of L.* II. xv, Thy father's battle-brand..Did, *self-unscabbarded, foreshow The footstep of a secret foe. 1866 *Ch. Times* 3 Feb., A *self-vaunted 'friend of the working classes'. *a* 1763 SHENSTONE *Past. Ode to Lyttleton* XXV, To see the babbling floods Thro' *self-worn mazes flow. 1823 BENTHAM *Not Paul but Jesus* 110 In comparison of *self-written biography, scarcely does any other biography deserve the name.

(*b*) Rarely, with adjs. in *-able*; as *self-impairable* = liable to be impaired by one's own action, *self-irrecoverable* = not recoverable by oneself (whence *self-irrecoverableness*).

1678 CUDWORTH *Intell. Syst.* I. iv. § 36. 565 Endowed with ..Freewill, and consequently..*Self-improvable and *Self-impairable. 1782 J. BROWN *View of Nat. & Rev. Relig.* V. iv, We are altogether guilty, polluted, miserable and *self-irrecoverable. *Ibid.* VI. i, Their sinfulness, misery, and *self-irrecoverableness. 1769 — *Dict. Bible* s. v. *Gospel*, *Self-irreformable transgressors.

3. Compounds in which *self-* is adverbial: **a.** with sbs., adjs., vbs., advs. = for, in, into, on or upon, to or towards, with oneself or itself, the prep. to be snpplied being that required in the construction taken by the word which forms the second element; e. g. *self-absorbed*, *-absorption* = absorbed, absorption in oneself, *self-acquaintance* = acquaintance with oneself, *self-addressed* = addressed to oneself, *self-compassion* = compassion for oneself.

1847 HELPS *Friends in C.* I. v. 85, I do not mean that people are to be *self-absorbed. 1862 LYTTON *Str. Story* I. 131 That *self-absorption which the habit of reverie had fostered. 1745 J. MASON *Self-Knowl.* I. vii. (1853) 50 *Self-acquaintance shews a man the particular Sins he is most.. addicted to. 1855 BROWNING *Old Pictures in Florence* xix, To become now *self-acquainters. 1642 FULLER *Holy & Prof. St.* IV. xvi. 323 Sullennesse and *self-addiction, things ill beseeming his noble spirit. 1847 C. BRONTE *Professor* XXIII, A voice..so low, so *self-addressed. 1880 *Q. Rev.* CXLIX. 285 The honourable and..*self-advantageous task. 1606 SHAKS. *Tr. & Cr.* II. iii. 250 *Vlis.* If he were proud...*Dio.* Or strange, or *selfe affected. 1656 EARL MONM. tr. *Boccalini's Advts. fr. Parnass.* II. XXVII. (1674) 177 *Self-affectionate people..prove perfidious. *a* 1593 MARLOWE *Ovid's Eleg.* III. viii. [ix.] 10 And knocks his bare brest with *selfe-angry hands. 1697 BURGHOPE *Disc. Relig. Assemb.* 114 Reflection, and *self-application. 1597 SHAKS. *Lover's Compl.* 76 If I had *self-applied Love to myself. 1663 OWEN *Vind. Animadv.* Wks. 1851 XIV. 405 Such *self-assumings are many of the old papal epistles stuffed withal. 1837 TENNENT *Vis. Glencoe* 58 The *self-assuming smile. 1606 SHAKS. *Tr. & Cr.* II. iii. 133 In *selfe-assumption greater Then in the note of iudgement. 1784 COWPER *Task* I. 616 A school in which he learns..Mean *self-attachment. 1862 MERIVALE *Rom. Emp.* lxv. VII. 392 Held firmly together by its inherent *self-attraction. 1649 ROBERTS *Clavis Bibl.* 184 Luxury, Vain-glory, *Self-attributions. 1894 MRS. OLIPHANT *Autobiogr.* (1899) 81, I have fallen back into my own way of *self-comment. 1898 T. HARDY *Wessex Poems* 2 'Life is roomy yet, and the odds unbounded'. So *self-communed I. 1863 I. WILLIAMS *Baptistery* I. xi. (1874) 130 With silence and with *self-communing fear. *a* 1634 CHAPMAN *Rev. for Honour* II. i. 202 *Self-compassion, soothing us to faith Of what we wish should hap. 1875 LOWELL *Lit. Ess., Wordsw.* Wks. 1890 IV. 406 *His self-concentrated nature. 1862 LYTTON *Str. Story* II. 53 Intense *self-concentration is..a mighty magician. 1816 H. G. KNIGHT *Ilderim* 577 Some deep dream of *self-concenter'd thought. 1680 J. QUARLES (*title*) *Self-Conflict: or, the Powerful Motions between the Flesh and Spirit. 1848 R. I. WILBERFORCE *Doctr. Incarnation* xiv. (1852) 423 The partial, *self-conflicting, uncertain views. 1725 POPE *Odyss.* VI. 170 The King..*self-considering, as he stands, debates. 1710 SHAFTESB. *Charac., Advice to Author* I. § 1 Our Exercise of *Self-Converse. 1591 SYLVESTER *Du Bartas* I. ii. 866 *Self-cruell Mothers. 1643 MILTON *Divorce* 37 Those commands..which compell us to *self-cruelty above our strength. 1725 POPE *Odyss.* XX. 36 Ulysses..In *selfe-debate the Suitors doom resolv'd. 1661 GLANVILL *Van. Dogm.* 133 *Self-designers are seldom disappointed. 1853 KINGSLEY *Hypatia* xiii, He continued talking to himself aloud after the manner of restless *self-discontented men. 1671 MILTON *Samson* 514 *Self-displeas'd For self-offence. 1640 BP. REYNOLDS *Passions* (1658) 1047 A *self-displicency and severity towards our own errors. 1802 MRS. J. WEST *Infidel Father* III. 239 The earl..endeavoured to conceal his chagrin and *self-dissatisfaction. 1809–10 COLERIDGE *Friend* (1865) I The *self-dissatisfied race of men. 1727 SOMERVILLE *Use of Looking-Glass* 14 On her the *self-enamour'd chit Was very lavish of his wit. 1876 GEO. ELIOT *Dan. Der.* XXVI, Its *self-enclosed unreasonableness and impiety. 1599 SHAKS. *Much Ado* III. i. 56 She cannot loue..Shee is so *selfe indeared. 1848 DICKENS *Dombey* XXX, [She] in her *self-engrossment did not trouble herself about the nature of this agitation. 1818 SCOTT *Br. Lamm.* XXV, The *self-exultation with which he was, as it were, distended. 1647 H. MORE *Philos. Poems* Addit. *Exorcismus* 18 You *self-exulting sprights. 1647 BP. HALL *Sel. Th.* § 34 The *self-felony of a wilful sinner. 1842 TENNYSON *'Of old sat Freedom'* ii, *Self-gather'd in her prophet-mind. 1601 SHAKS. *All's Well* IV. v. 78 A *selfe gracious remembrance. 1692 SOUTH *12 Serm.* (1697) II. 484 A fatal *Self-imposture. 1876 L. STEPHEN *Eng. Th. 18th C.* II. 30 Every vicious action must be *self-injurious. 1864 PUSEY *Lect. Daniel* vii. 433 To secure the poor sufferer from *self-injury, or from injuring others. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* XI. 93 His heart I know, how variable and vain *Self-left. 1876 MRS. OLIPHANT *Phœbe Jun.* XXVI, His *self-occupation was an offence to the girl. 1795–1814 WORDSW. *Excursion* I. 798 The careless stillness of a thinking mind *Self-occupied. 1818 *Art Pres. Feet* 128 A mode of cure, less dangerous in the hands of a *self-operator than the knife. 1900 B. D. JACKSON *Gloss. Bot. Terms*, **Self-parasitism*, parasitic on its own species. 1819 BYRON *Mazeppa* XVII. 80 At times sought with *self-pointed sword. *a* 1598 T. WATSON *Poems* (Arb.) 179 Vnwise they were their sorrowes *selfe procuring. 1654 WHITLOCK *Zootomia* 440, I will not think men that want Bread, do therefore want Wisdome (even that of *Self-provision). 1870 J. H. NEWMAN *Gram. Assent* II. vi. 197 The enjoyable *self-repose of certitude. 1856 MRS. CARLYLE in Froude *Carlyle* (1890) II. 197 Then I should be going as part of your luggage without *self-responsibility. 1820 KEATS *Isabella* XVII, *Self-retired In hungry pride and gainful cowardice. 1671 MILTON *Samson* 513 Who *self-rigorous chooses death as due. 1591 *Self-rumineth [see RUMINE]. 1671 MILTON *Samson* 827 Impartial, *self-severe, inexorable. 1891 T. HARDY *Tess* XXXVII, *Self-solicitude was near extinction in her. *a* 1586 SIR P. SIDNEY *Arcadia* III. (1598) 346 These doubtful *selfe-speches. 1715 *Wodrow's Corr.* (1843) II. 37 My *self-tenderness will not allow me to spend time at night on the records. 1687 NORRIS *Coll. Misc.* 234 Since he [man] is not a Central and *self-terminating Being. *Ibid.* 303, I conclude that I am not..a Central or *self-terminative Being. 1865 GROTE *Plato* I. vii. 293 Individual, *self-thinking minds. 1598 SYLVESTER *Du Bartas* II. ii. I. 99 Wishing already to dis-throne th'Eternall, And *selfe-usurp the Majesty supernall. 1882–3 *Schaff's Encycl. Relig. Knowl.* III. 2507/1 The *self-witness of Jesus to his divinity. 1849 GROTE *Greece* II. xlviii. VI. 145 The Peloponnesians were a *self-working population with few slaves. 1590 SHAKS. *Com. Err.* III. ii. 168 Least my selfe be guilty to *selfe wrong.

b. with adjs. and related sbs., vbs., ppples. = of or in oneself or itself, of or in one's or its own nature or power; e. g. *self-apparent* = apparent of itself, *self-desirable* = desirable in itself. Also (after SELF-FERTILE), *self-impotent*, *-sterile* adjs., *-sterility*.

1845 *Florist's Jrnl.* 107 The utility of such a book..is *self-apparent. 1847–54 WEBSTER, **Self-attractive*, attractive by one's self. 1605 SYLVESTER *Du Bartas* II. iii. III. 574 [He] Hardens the King, and blinding him (*selfe-blinde) Leaves him to Lusts of his own vicious minde. 1882 H. S. HOLLAND *Logic & Life* xviii. 273 The Holy Church..must ..be also *self-complete. *Ibid.*, By faith, spirit shows its self-mastery, its *self-completeness. *c* 1586 C'TESS PEMBROKE *Ps.* LVIII. ii, The aspick..*self-deaf and unaffected lies. 1710 NORRIS *Chr. Prud.* V. 200 The end having an intrinsic Goodness of its own, and so being *Self-desirable. 1642 H. MORE *Song of Soul* II. i. II. xlvi, Whiles *self-flowing sourse I here detect In plants. 1591 SYLVESTER *Du Bartas* I. v. 834 And on shamefull Tree (*Self-guiltless) shed his blood. *a* 1586 SIDNEY *Arcadia* (1622) 148 *Selfe-guiltie folke most prone to feele compassion. 1869 DARWIN *Orig. Spec.* viii. (ed. 5) 333 They have become *self-impotent, whilst still retaining the capacity of fertilising. 1704 NORRIS *Ideal World* II. v. 280 In the head of these *Self-intelligible objects let us..place the great..God. 1798 SOTHEBY tr. *Wieland's Oberon* (1826) II. 173 To eclipse the *self-resplendent blaze. 1598 SYLVESTER *Du Bartas* II. iv. II. 392 Whether the Sun *self-shine. 1735 SOMERVILLE *Chase* III. 286 The unweildly Beast *Self-sinking, drops into the dark Profound. 1876 DARWIN *Cross & Self Fertilisation* ix. 329 *Self-sterile Plants. *Ibid.* 346 The belief that *self-sterility has been acquired to prevent self-fertilisation. 1645 RUTHERFORD *Tryal & Tri. Faith* (1845)

392 Peter is *self-strong. 1642 H. More *Song of Soul* II. i. II. xlv, All humane souls be *self-vivacious. 1695 Owen *Faith of God's Elect* Wks. 1851 V. 453 Those *self-whole, jolly professors which these days abound with.

c. with pples. = from or out of oneself or itself (as a source or point of origin); e. g. *self-arising* = arising from or out of oneself.

a 1871 Grote *Eth. Fragm.* i. (1876) 20 This inward and *self-arising determination. 1744 J. Harris *Three Treat.* III. II. (1765) 192 Those other Preconceptions—being Durable, *Self-derived, and Indeprivable. 1613 Shaks. *Hen. VIII*, I. i. 63 But Spider-like Out of his *Selfe-drawing Web. 1864 Bayce *Holy Rom. Emp.* xviii. (1866) 360 It was proclaimed that the individual spirit..had..an independent existence as a centre of *self-issuing force. 1684 Howe *Redeemer's Tears* Wks. (1846) 84 The Christians of our age deceive themselves with a *self-sprung religion. 1855 Bailey *Mystic*, etc. 113 Begetting and conceiving and self-sprung.

4. In technical use, forming compounds to designate machines, appliances, or processes by or in which certain operations are performed without human or animal agency or special manipulation or adjustment for the purpose; usually = automatic, antomatically. Also Self-acting, etc.

1834–6 Baalow in *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) VIII. 175/1 To some boilers are also attached *self-adjusting feeders to supply the fuel to the furnace. 1905 *Daily Chron.* 15 Feb. 4/6 The new patent *self-aligning, self-adjusting roller axle-bearings. 1893 *Outing* XXII. 145/2 Thus making the boat *self-bailing. 1908 *Harrod's Stores* Price List 950 *Self-basting Roaster. 1883 *Fisheries Exhib. Catal.* 32 Permanent *self-bury Anchor. 1825 Lunn in *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) IV. 95/1 Cavallo's *self-charging jar. 1903 *Daily Chron.* 25 Feb. 10/4 *Self-clamp cutting machine. 1875 Knight *Dict. Mech.*, **Self-closing Bridge*, a pivot bridge opened by canal-boats in passing. 1863 *Battle-fields of the South* I. 125 An Adam's *self-cocker (unloaded). 1892 Greener *Breech-loader* 65 The *self-cocking of the locks is ..an immense advantage. 1888 Papworth *Gwilt's Encycl. Archit.* § 4148 *a*, Laths of wood rebated together, having numerous mortices, through which pass a series of tempered steel bands, causing the shutter to be *self-coiling. 1855 in *Brit. Alm. & Comp.* (1856) 50 Quick *self-discharge of water. 1825 J. Nicholson *Oper. Mech.* 35 The *self-disengaging coupling. 1886 *Sci. Amer.* LV. 373/2 A *self-dropping two-horse planter. 1825 J. Nicholson *Oper. Mech.* Index 790 *Self-easing coupling. 1869 Rankine *Machine & Hand-tools* Pl. L 6, Enabling the machine to drill or bore at any angle whatever with a *self-feed. 1877 Raymond *Statist. Mines* 48 The adoption of *self-feeders. 1834–6 Barlow in *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) VIII. 178/1 *Self-feeding furnace. 1908 *Daily Chron.* 27 Feb. 7/3 *Self-Filling Pens. 1884 W. H. Greenwood *Steel & Iron* vi. 104 The ore is accompanied by a sufficient quantity of calcareous matters to yield the necessary flux without any further addition of fluxing materials to the charge; such ores are..known as ''*self-going' or ''*self-fluxing'. 1869 Rankine *Machine & Hand-tools* Pl. L 6, *Self-friction feed motion. 1865 M. Mackenzie *Laryngoscope* 85 The *Self-holder, or *fixateur* for holding the laryngeal mirror after introduction. 1856 *Farmer's Mag.* Jan. 64 The *self-holding lever plough. 1842 *Mech. Mag.* XXXVI. 155/1 *Self-inking Printing Press. 1864 Atkinson *Stanton Grange* 299 A *self-lighting hydrogen lamp. 1853 Whyte-Melville *Digby Grand* x, Heavy and light guns, *self-primers, revolvers, and other deadly weapons. 1899 *Daily News* 3 May 10/6 The *Self-Propelled Traffic Association. 1895 *Ibid.* 11 June 7/5 Very little is known in England of what is being done in France with *self-propelling carriages. 1875 *Chamb. Jrnl.* 2 Jan. 7/2 *Self-recording observatories. 1895 *Army & Navy Soc.* Price List 15 Sept. 1639 Self-Recording Aneroid Barometer and Clock. 1836 Brande *Chem.* 140 The *self-registering thermometers..showing the maximum and minimum of temperature during the absence of the observer. 1887 *Encycl. Brit.* XXII. 500/1 Another form of the *self-starting injector. 1853 Ure *Dict. Arts* II. 697 His invention of the *self-strippers for the main cylinders. 1868 Jovnson *Metals* 61 The *self-subsidation of the iron on the hearth. 1864 *Trans. Highl. Soc.* Jan. 135 A *self-tipping platform. 1902 *Westm. Gaz.* 7 Apr. 4/2 Considerable practical advantage has been derived by the photographer from the *self-toning papers which are being so widely adopted. 1884 F. J. Britten *Watch & Clockm.* 239 *Self-winding..[is] a watch or clock fitted with apparatus for winding it automatically.

5. Compounds in which *self-* is in the adjective relation: †**a.** = relating to oneself, one's own, personal, individual, private, intimate. *Obs.* Cf. Self *pron.* 3 c.

1661 Glanvill *Van. Dogm.* 134 *Self-advantage can as easily incline some, to believe a falshood, as profess it. 1590 Shaks. *Mids. N.* I. i. 113 Ouer-full of *selfe-affaires. 1604 — *Oth.* III. iii. 200, I would not haue your free, and Noble Nature, Out of *selfe-Bounty, be abus'd. 1606 — *Tr. & Cr.* II. iii. 182 He..speakes not to himselfe, but with a pride That quarrels at *selfe-breath. 1611 — *Cymb.* III. iv. 149 By *selfe-danger, you should tread a course Pretty, and full of view. 1717 Fenton *Poems* 203 Sickly'd with Age, and sow'r with *Self-disgrace. 1598 Sylvester *Du Bartas* II. ii. II. 17 Who..rather sin suppresse By *selfe-examples, then by rigorousnesse. 1616 B. Jonson *Epigr.* ii, Thou art not couetous of least *selfe fame. 1640 D. Cawdrey *Three Serm.* (1641) 8 *Selfe-guiltinesse commonly makes men partiall, in judging others. 1598 Sylvester *Du Bartas* II. i. I. 54 Sufficient rich in *self-invention. 1613 Shaks. *Hen. VIII*, I. i. 134 Anger is like A full hot Horse, who being allow'd his way *Selfe-mettle tyres him. 1668 H. More *Div. Dial.* v. xxxvii. II. 436 Quitting all *Self-relishes he became an entire Servant of God. 1658 Earl Monm. tr. *Paruta's Wars Cyprus* 29 Whereby he might plead necessity of *selfe-safety for what he did. 1748 Richardson *Clarissa* II. 12, I am concerned, that you ever wrote at all to him.. It was adding to his *self-significance. 1603 Florio *Montaigne* III. ix. 575 Yet is it safe by *selfe-waight [*pondere tuta suo*], and will last. 1678 R. Barclay *Apol. Quakers* xi. § 10 (1729) 365 The *Self-workings and Motions of his own Mind.

b. = inherent in, depending upon, or proceeding from oneself (itself), one's nature, etc.; belonging to oneself (itself) as an independent creature; in the 17th cent. often *spec.*, dependent or relying upon one's own efforts or merits apart from the grace of God. ? *Obs.*

1596 Norden *Progr. Pietie* (1847) 28 A slumber which procureth many drowsy dreams of *self-ability to wade through all adverse things of the world. 1626 Laud *Serm. 5th July* 32 No deserting the cause though no selfe-ability could hold it vp. 1598 Sylvester *Du Bartas* II. i. IV. 301 The other lond-resounded Heart-wanting Hymns, on *self-deserving founded. 1668 H. More *Div. Dial.* I. xxix. I. 119 By *Self-disunity I understand nothing else but that Matter has no *Vinculum* of its own to hold it together. 1660 Ingelo *Bentiv. & Ur.* II. (1682) 217 Check the first Relishes of *self-excellency which you find in your Souls. 1678 Bunyan *Pilgr.* I. (ed. 2) 254 Their pitiful old *self-holiness. 1858 Bushnell *Nat. & Supernat.* IV. (1864) 95 A soul..acting by its own free *self-impulsion. 1867 G. Easton *Autobiogr.* VII. 81 Never had I felt such a deep sense of *self-insignificance. 1640 Bp. Reynolds *Passions* XVI. (1647) 169 A Vacuity, Indigence, and *selfe-insufficiency of the Soule. 1745 Eliza Haywood *Fem. Spect.* X. (1748) II. 162 Vanity, and a high opinion of *self-merit, sometimes renders one party easy and contented. 1773 Berridge *Wks.* (1864) 182 Self-will, *self-potence, and self-righteousness. 1668 Owen *Expos.* 130*th Ps.* 380 The..infinite *self-purity of this Eternal Immense Being. 1701 Norris *Ideal World* I. i. 7 Any *self-stability, nseity, or essential immutability of its own. 1656 Owen *Mortif. Sin* i. (1668) 5 Mortification from a *self-strength, carried on..unto the End of a self-Righteousness. 1642 H. More *Song of Soul* II. ii. II. ix, Indispers'd, quick, close with *selfe-union. 1668 — *Div. Dial.* I. xxx. I. 124 By the *Self-unity of a Spirit I understand a Spirit to be immediately and essentially one. 1633 Ford *Broken H.* I. i, So much out of a *selfe-vnworthinesse, His feares transport him. *a* 1631 Donne *Poems* (1669) 86 My *self-want of sight. 1639 W. Sclater *Worthy Communn.* 14 We must lay by all thoughts of honour, of place, of all kind of *selfe-worthinesse.

c. = having an independent existence, position, or authority; † pristine, original.

1839 E. A. Poe *William Wilson* Wks. 1864 I. 434 Natural rights of *self-agency. 1657 Heylin *Hist. Ref.* I. ii. § 5. 84 The Clergy of this Realm had a *Self-authority in all matters which concerned Religion. 1629 W. Sclater *Expos. 2 Thess.* 169 Are Churches, Councels, Popes Authentique, of *selfe credit? 1643 Ld. Digby *Obs. Relig. Med.* 34 Hee being in his proper nature *Selfe-Entity, all being must immediately flow from him. 1606 Sylvester *Du Bartas* II. iv. II. 1327 *Self-Eternitie, Infinite, All in all, yet out of all. 1612 Selden *Illustr. Drayton's Poly-olb.* viii. 125, I dare follow none of the Moderne erroniously transcribing Relaters..but haue..tooke it from the best *selfe-fountaines. 1610 G. Fletcher *Christ's Vict.* I. lxiii, Thou *self-Idea of all joyes to come. *c* 1616 Fletcher *Thierry & Theod.* I. i, A *selfe-peece from the touch of power and Instice. 1905 *Athenæum* 1 Apr. 396/3 The full *self-sovereignty of Japan.

d. = having self as the object or aim; self-centred.

1654 Whitlock *Zootomia* 367 This thread of *Self-aime runnes through the whole Peece of what men do. 1687 Norris *Coll. Misc.* 262 Neither does he [God] govern the Rational part of it by the Precepts of Religion out of any *Self-design, as if he feasted his nostrils with the perfumes of the Altar. 1647 H. More *Philos. Poems* Addit. 35 Save me, God! from *Self-desire. 1841 Gladstone in Morley *Life* (1903) I. 233 Men hurrying this way and that for gold, or pleasure, or some self-desire. 1621 Bargrave *Serm. agst. Self Policy* (1624) 28 This wicked sibi, this *selfe-doctrine. 1778 (W. Marshall) *Minutes Agric., Digest* 4 Nor was actuated by any other motive than *Self-Emolument. 1587 Golding *De Mornay* xvi. (1592) 257 What else is the whole societie of man..but a *self-gaine? 1624 Bargrave (*title*) A Sermon against *Selfe Policy, preached at White-Hall in Lent. 1621. 1654 Whitlock *Zootomia* 177 The *Ratio formalis*, essentiall of a Snist, or *selfe-polititian. 1832 Tennyson *Œnone* 156 Unbias'd by *self-profit.

e. = caused by oneself, of one's own making.

This use is rare; the mod. examples are due to analysis of compounds illustrated under 2; e. g. *self-chain* from 'self-chained'.

1652 Crashaw *Carmen Deo Nostro* To C'tess Denbigh, Fetter'd, & lockt up fast they ly In a sad *selfe-captivity. 1882 Rossetti *Poems* (1904) 262/2 Who from thy *self-chain shall set thee free? 1845 E. Warburton *Crescent & Cross* II. 263 The *self-outlaws of humanity.

Self-aba·sed, *ppl. a.* [Self- 2.] Full of self-abasement.

a 1748 Watts *Att. Pract. Relig.* [IL] iii, Are you more penitent and self-abased under a sense of your sins?

Self-aba·sement. [Self- 1 a.] Humiliation of oneself.

1656 Owen *Mortif. Sin* xii. (1668) 128 Such Meditations as may serve to fill thee..with self-abasement. 1710 Shaftesb. *Charac., Adv. Author* III. iii. (1727) I. 331 The method of Self-abasement may perhaps be thought the properest to make Approaches to the sacred Shrines. 1860 Mozley *Univ. Serm.* vii. (1877) 160 Self-abasement, as illustrated by the parable of the sanctified Publican. 1883 Wace *Gospel & its Witnesses* iv. 76 The Church's daily Confession, with its keen self-abasement.

Self-aba·sing, *ppl. a.* [Self- 1 f.] Marked by, involving, or requiring self-abasement.

1656 Owen *Mortif. Sin* xii. (1668) 128 This self-abasing Consideration. 1793 Cowper *Let. to J. Johnson* Wks. 1837 XV. 253 The self-abasing doctrines of the gospel. 1822 Jas. MacDonald *Mem. Jos. Benson* 330 Their joyful and self-abasing reflections.

Self-abnega·tion. [Self- 1 a.] Self-renunciation.

1657 *Baker's Sancta Sophia* II. II. iii. § 6 (1908) 249 The smallest act of love and service to God, performed with a perfect self-abnegation. 1856 Dove *Logic Chr. Faith* IV. ii. § 5. 226 In the Christian missionary..we have some of the noblest specimens of..self-abnegation. 1873 B'Ness Bunsen in Hare *Life* (1879) I. ii. 57 Her true humility and self-abnegation.

So **Self-a·bnegating** *ppl. a.*, **-a·bnegatory** *a.*

1864 Pusey *Daniel* I. 22 Amid this *self-abnegating silence, what is the self-laudation? 1874 H. R. Reynolds *John Bapt.* IV. § 5. 257 The recklessness of self-abnegating love. 1897 Mary Kingsley *W. Africa* 680 A *self-abnegatory religion.

Self-abu·se. [Self- 1 a.]

1. Self-deception. (Cf. Abuse *sb.* 4.)

1605 Shaks. *Mach.* III. iv. 142 My strange and self-abuse Is the initiate feare, that wants hard vse.

2. Abuse or revilement of oneself.

1795–1814 Wordsw. *Excurs.* VII. 910 Those cold humours ..That..had sometimes urged To self-abuse a not ineloquent tongue. 1865 Trollope *Belton Est.* XX. 238 He abused himself for his own selfishness. But such self-abuse [etc.].

3. Self-pollution. Hence **Self-abu·ser.**

1728 Chambers *Cycl.* s. v. *Abuse*, Self-Abuse, is a Phrase used by some late Writers for the Crime of Self-Pollution. 1829 *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 3) III. 242 The evils that haunt the worn-out debauchee, and especially the self-abuser. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 373 Eroticism and self-abuse.

Self-accusa·tion. [Self- 1 a.] Accusation of oneself.

1662 E. Lake (*title*) Memoranda: touching the Oath Ex Officio, pretended Self-accusation, and Canonical Purgation. *a* 1716 Wycherley *Posth. Wks.* I. (1728) 35 His Self-Accusation calls his Sense in Question. 1740 Richardson *Pamela* (1824) I. I. 380 Too liberal self-accusations are generally but so many traps for acquittal with applause. 1842 Manning *Serm.* xvi. (1848) I. 229 The depth of his self-accusation and repentance,...in a time of severe sickness.

So **Self-accu·satory** *a.*, **Self-accu·sed** *ppl. a.*, **Self-accu·ser, Self-accu·sing** *vbl. sb.* and *ppl. a.*

1836 J. Foster in *Life & Corr.* (1846) II. 309 This *self-accusatory recollection. 1678 Dryden *All for Love* IV. 51 This *self-accus'd, self-punish'd Criminal. 1872 C. J. Vaughan *Earnest Words* (1878) 54 Self-accused, self-emptied, self-condemned. *a* 1631 Donne *Epigrams* Poems (1639) 69 A *selfe-accuser. 1642 Fuller *Holy & Prof. St.* V. iii. 366 The *self-accusing of some is as little to be credited, as the self-praising of others. 1894 A. Whyte *Sam. Rutherford* i. 7 His self-discoveries and self-accusings. *a* 1586 Sidney *Arcadia* II. (Sommer) 179 Then held she her tongue, and cast downe a *self-accusing looke. 1839 Hallam *Lit. Eur.* III. iv. § 5 The walls of the confessional are privy to the whispers of self-accusing guilt.

†Self-a·cted, *pa. pple. Obs.* [Self- 2.] Moved to action of their own accord.

1763–5 Churchill *Gotham* I. 8 All Instruments, self-acted, ..Shall pour forth harmony.

Self-a·cting, *ppl. a.* [Self- 3 b, 4.]

1. Acting independently, without external impulse or influence. Also applied to motion characterized by such action.

1740 Cheyne *Regimen* 2 A self-moving, self-acting secondary Agent. 1856 Grote *Greece* II. xcvii. XII. 612 Self-acting Hellas. 1890 A. R. Wallace *Darwinism* 12 This self-acting process which..brings about change in the organic world.

2. *Mech.* Acting automatically without the manipulation (or mechanism) which would otherwise be required. Also said of the operation.

1824 R. Stuart *Hist. Steam Engine* 84 The..self-acting mechanism of the Atmospheric Engines. *Ibid.* 85 Their simultaneous (rather than self-acting) operation. 1834–6 Barlow in *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) VIII. 175/1 For the prevention of this [the unnecessary destruction of fuel], the self-acting damper has been invented. *Ibid.* 700/2 The machinery in the self-acting mule. 1869 Rankine *Cycl. Mach. & Hand-tools* Pl. F 3 The self-acting motion is obtained from the lever. *Ibid.* L 2 Self-acting radial drilling machine. 1875 Knight *Dict. Mech.* s. v., *Self-acting Valve*, one moved by the fluid, in contradistinction to one moved by the application of mechanical devices.

Self-a·ction. [Self- 5 c.] Independent action; action uninfluenced by external impulse.

1819 Scott *Ivanhoe* xxiv, At the feet of my Superior I have laid down the right of self-action—the privilege of independence. 1833 J. H. Newman *Arians* I. ii. (1876) 34 The existence of moral self-action or free-will. 1856 Grote *Greece* II. xcviii. XII. 613 The Hellenic world while yet in the period of full life, in freedom and self-action.

Self-a·ctive, *a.* [Self- 3 b.] Acting of itself without external impulse.

1642 H. More *Song of Soul* II. i. II. xxiv, Some souls at least are self-active Withouten body having Energie. 1692 Bentley *Boyle Lect.* ii. 17 Intrinsecally moved by an immaterial self-active Substance.

So **Self-acti·vity.**

1644 Digby *Nat. Soul* Concl. 455 A selfe actiuity, and vnbounded extent, and essence free from time and place. *a* 1761 Law *Comf. Weary Pilgr.* (1809) 72 Stop..all self-activity. 1864 Bowen *Logic* I. 3 The spontaneity, or self-activity, of the intellect. 1889 Mivart *Truth* 190 Whenever we act, we have a certain vague feeling of our self-activity.

Self-a·ctor. *Mech.* [Self- 4.] A self-acting mule in a spinning-machine.

1835 Ure *Philos. Manuf.* 40 One horse power drives 500 on the fine hand-mule, 300 on the self-actor mule. 1892 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 24 Aug. 2/1 Fine spinning, for which self-actors cannot as yet be profitably introduced.

Self-admira·tion. [Self- 1 a.] Admiration of oneself, self-conceit.

1661 Boyle *Style of Script.* (1675) 197 The quiet Enjoyment of their unenvi'd Self-admiration. *a* 1761 Law *Comf. Weary Pilgr.* (1809) 83 They..full of self-esteem, and self-admiration, for their own progress in them. 1888 F. Cowper *Captain of Wight* (1889) 58 At first the sense of shyness had kept this feeling of self-admiration down.

So **Self-admi·red** *ppl. a.*, **Self-admi·rer, Self-admi·ring** *ppl. a.*

1785 G. A. Bellamy *Apol.* (ed. 3) VI. 98 My *self-admired person. 1863 I. Williams *Baptistery* I. ii. (1874) 17 Folding his in self-admir'd repose. 1690 C. Nesse *Hist. & Myst. O. & N. Test.* I. 204 A contrary state and temper of the heart in self-admiration secludes such *self-admirers. 1621 Sandys *Ovid's Met.* III. (1632) 92 Deaths cold hand shuts his *selfe-admiring eyes. 1711 Shaftesb. *Charac., Misc. Refl.* III. 300 The self-admiring Wits.

Self-annihila·tion. [Self- 1 a.] Annihilation or obliteration of self.

1647 Trapp *Comm. Matt.* xix. 17 Here then our Saviour learns this *yonker* humility, and self-annihilation. 1713 Addison *Guardian* No. 153 ¶ 2 To sink the Soul into the lowest State of Humility, and what the School-men call Self-Annihilation. 1860 R. A. Vaughan *Mystics* (ed. 2) I. 119 The mystical death, self-annihilation, and holy indifference of the Quietists.

So **Self-anni·hilated** *pa. pple.*

1794 Coleridge *Relig. Musings* 43 Till by exclusive consciousness of God All self-annihilated it shall make God its identity.

Self-applau·ding, *ppl. a.* [Self- 1 f.] Given to or marked by self-applause.

1654 Whitlock *Zootomia* 296 The Toiles of Selfe-applauding Husbandry. *a* 1680 Charnock *Attrib. God* (1834) I. 94 Self-applauding confidences in our own wisdom and strength. 1781 Cowper *Truth* 58 The self-applauding bird, the peacock. 1818 Scott *Rob Roy* iv, With the chuckle of a self-applauding wit. 1867 Mrs. Whitney *L. Goldthwaite* iii. (1873) 42 A little matter, nothing to be self-applauding about.

Self-applau·se. [Self- 1 a.] Approval or commendation of oneself.

1678 Marvell *Def. John Howe* Wks. (Grosart) IV. 202 Its insolent boasting and self-applause upon no occasion. 1728 Pope *Dunc.* I. 82 She..With self-applause her wild creation views. 1748 Smollett *Rod. Rand.* xliv, He addressed himself to me..with a smile of self-applause. 1880 Burton *Reign Q. Anne* II. xi. 228 The exulting and abounding current of his self-applause.

So **Self-applau·sive** *a.* = Self-applauding.

1807 D. Gilson *Serm.* vii. 136 A mind already wounded with self-applausive, unnecessary advice.

Self-asse·rtion. [Self- 1 a.] The action of asserting one's individuality, or insisting upon one's claims or one's supremacy.

180. Foster *Ess.* II. vi. (1806) I. 205 They [*sc.* passions which inspirit men to resistance] put the mind in the habitual array of defence and self-assertion. 1847 Ld. Lindsay *Sk. Hist. Chr. Art* I. p. ccix, The self-assertion of the Teutonic over the classic element of modern Europe. 1856 Merivale *Rom. Emp.* xliii. (1871) V. 188 A class whose intense self-assertion was inflamed by family names [etc.].

So **Self-asse·rting, -asse·rtive** (also **-asse·rtingly** *adv.*, **-asse·rtivenesa**), **-asse·rtory** *adjs.*, full of or characterized by self-assertion.

1869 Trollope *He Knew*, etc. lvi. (1878) 311 Some specially *self-asserting American. 1865 Dickens *Mut. Fr.* II. xvi, A *self-assertingly temporary and nomadic air. *Ibid.* I. iv, Unwilling to own to the name of Reginald, as being too aspiring and *self assertive a name. 1884 *Truth* 13 Mar. 374/1 A refreshing individuality and *self-assertiveness. 1866 Alger *Solitudes of Nature & Man* IV. 381 This *self-assertory language.

Self-assu·rance. [Self- 1 d.] Feeling of security as to oneself; self-confidence.

1594 Spenser *Amoretti* lix, Thrise happie she I that is so well assured Unto her selfe [etc.]...Such selfe-assurance need not feare the spight Of grudging foes. 180. Foster *Ess.* III. ii. (1806) II. 22 The flattering self-assurance simply of a life of singular felicity. 1818 Scott *Rob Roy* xii, Lightness, gallantry, and something approaching to well-bred self-assurance. 1891 T. Hardy *Tess* vi, Going about her business with some self-assurance in the thought [etc.].

So **Self-assu·red** *a.*, self-confident.

1711 G. Hickes *Two Treat. Chr. Priesth.* (1847) II. 3 He is so very self-assured as to affirm that [etc.]. 1880 M'Carthy *Own Times* xlviii. IV. 12 His style was far too self assured.

Self-bego·t, *pa. pple.* [Self 2.] Begotten of oneself by one's own power.

1667 [see Self-raised]. 1845 [see Self-born 1].

So **Self-bego·tten** *pa. pple.* and *ppl. a.*; also **† Self-bego·ttenly** *adv.*

1671 Milton *Samson* 1699 That *self-begott'n bird In the Arabian woods embost. 1797 *Monthly Mag.* III. 511 Souls of this kind..possess a self-begotten and self-vital essence. 1833 J. H. Newman *Arians* II. iv. (1876) 195 Iamblichus calls the Son self-begotten. 1678 Cudworth *Intell. Syst.* 574 Its Own-Parent, and its Own-Offspring, and said to have sprung out, *αὐτογόνως* *Self-begottenly.

† Self-be·ing. *Obs.* [Self- 5 c.] Independent existence; also *concr.* a self-existent being.

1587 Golding *De Mornay* xiv. (1592) 199 So is reason or vnderstanding the very forme or Selfebeeing of the Soule of man. *a* 1619 Fotherby *Atheom.* II. iii. § 3 (1622) 219 One certaine power or Nature of Selfe-being. *a* 1656 Bp. Hall *Medit. Love of Christ* § 10 Let me set all my soul upon Thee..who art the eternal and absolute Self Being.

So **† Se·lf-being** *ppl. a.*, self-existent.

1599 Davies *Nosce Teipsum* 17 Her selfe being Nature shines in this, That she performes her noblest works alone.

Self-bi·nder. orig. *U.S.* [Self- 4.] A reaping-machine which has an apparatus for binding the corn into sheaves automatically.

1882 *Evening Star* 28 June, The country has more wheat growing than it could reap save for self-binders. 1884 *Pall Mall G.* 25 Nov. 2/1 The regular price now paid in the States for a self-binder is 160 dols., say £33.

So **Self-bi·nding** *ppl. a.*

1883 *Sci. Amer.* 3 Mar. 138/3 A self-binding harvester. 1884 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 29 Nov. 3/2 Self-binding reapers.

Self-black. Chiefly *northern.* Also 6 selblack(e. [Self B. 3.] **a.** Of a uniformly black colour. **b.** Of a naturally black colour, not dyed. Also *sb.*, a colour of this description; **†** a stuff of such a colour.

1558 *Will of Rolandson of Kendal* (Somerset Ho.), A selblacke jerkin. 1562 *Richmond Wills* (Surtees) 152 Inprimis, iij. mellyd russetts, xlij s. Item ij. other selblacks, xx s... Blacke woulle, xx s. Selblacke woulle, xij s. 1573 *Ibid.* 235 To Sybbel y^e^ doghter of Robart my soon a browne cote, a pare of selblacke slevys. 1595 *Aberdeen Reg.* (1848) II. 117 Ane gown of selfblak. 1621 *Sc. Acts Jas. VI* (1816) IV. 626/2 Selffblak Claithe maid in Scotland. 1828 [W. Carr] *Craven Gloss.* II. 109 My stockins er self black.

† Self-blood. *Obs.*

1. [Self- 1 a.] Self-murder.

c 1616 Fletcher *Thierry & Theod.* IV. i. (1621) H 2 b, Do you feele What follows a selfe blood, whither you venter, And to what punishment?

2. [Self- 5 a.] One's own blood relations.

1603 B. Jonson *Sejanus* III. i. (1605) E 4 b, Though he had proper Issue of his owne, He would no lesse bring vp, and foster these, Then that selfe-bloud.

Self-boa·sting, *vbl. sb.* [Self- 1 b.] Boasting about oneself. So **Self-boa·sted** *ppl. a.*, boasted of as one's own.

1599 *Broughton's Lett.* iv. 15 Importunate selfe-boasting. *Ibid.* vii. 23 Thy great selfe-boasted learning. *a* 1653 Gouge *Comm. Heb.* xii. 10 This taketh away all ground of self-boasting from them. 1850 O. Winslow *Inner Life* 92 Self-confidence, self-seeking, self-boasting.

Self-born, *ppl. a.* [Self- 3 b.] Born of or originating from oneself or itself.

1587 Golding *De Mornay* vi. (1592) 79 Selfeborne, and father of himself. *a* 1644 Quarles *Sol. Recant.* Sol. xi, And leave to morrow To beare the burden of her selfe-borne sorrow. 1700 Dryden *Ovid's Met.* xv. *Pythag. Philos.* 580 From himself the Phœnix only springs: Self-born. 1845 Bailey *Festus* 120 The self-begot, self-wedded, and self-born. 1875 Bain *Ment. & Mor. Sci.* III. xi. § 7 The pleasure of the original or self-born feeling.

¶ In Shaks. *Wint. T.* IV. i. 8 'one self-borne howre'=one and the same hour (see Self B. 1 d); in *Rich. II*, II. iii. 80 'self-borne Armes' is of disputed meaning (some mod. edd. read *self-born*=indigenous).

Self-bow: see Self B. 6.

Self-bred, *ppl. a.* [Self- 3 b.]

† 1. = Self-born. *Obs.*

1587 Golding *De Mornay* iii. 30 Plato..calleth God..the Beer..the selfbred, who also made y^e^ Heauen.

† 2. Native. *Obs.*

1590 R. W. *Three Lords & Ladies* B, Of selfe bred soile, of London is her race.

3. *Bot.* Applied to the offspring of self-fertilized flowers. 1900 B. D. Jackson *Gloss. Bot. Terms.*

† Self-ce·ntral, *a. Obs.* [Self- 3 a.] = Self-centred 1, 2.

1647 H. More *Song of Soul* IV. xx, A self-centrall essence. *a* 1652 J. Smith *Sel. Disc.* VII. vi. (1821) 367 This sensual, brutish, and self-central life.

So **Self-ce·ntralism,** self-centredness; **† Self-centra·lity,** the quality of being 'self-central'; **Self-centraliza·tion, Self-centra·tion** (Webster, 1864), the state or quality of being self-centred.

1903 *Month* July 33 Proud *self-centralism. 1647 H. More *Song of Soul* IV. xix, Which doth all souls into one centre strain, And make them void of *self-centrality. 1903 *Q. Rev.* Oct. 407 The *self-centralisation of Latin politics.

Self-ce·ntre, *v. rare*^−1^. [Self- 3 a.] *trans.* To centre in oneself.

1794 Coleridge *Relig. Musings* 91 What thirsty cares Drink up the spirit and the dim regards Self-centre.

Self-ce·ntred, *ppl. a.* [Self- 3 a.]

1. Fixed or stationary, as a centre round which other things move.

1676 Dryden *State Innoc.* II. i. (1677) 12 There hangs the hall of Earth and Water mixt, Self-Center'd, and unmov'd. 1687 Norris *Coll. Misc.* 84 He is one unmov'd self-center'd Point of Rest. 1737 Pope *Hor. Ep.* I. vi. 6 Self-center'd Sun. 1872 Browning *Fifine* lxxx. 11 Your steadying touch of hand Assists me to remain self-centred, fixed amid All on the move.

2. Of persons, their activities, etc.: Centred in oneself (or itself); independent of external action or influence.

a 1764 Lloyd *Whim* Poet. Wks. 1774 II. 166 Genius self-center'd feels alone That merit he esteems his own. 1828 Sewell *Oxford Prize Ess.* 43 Self-centred circles of commercial employments, professions, and amusements. 1877 E. Caird *Philos. Kant* II. 15 The self-centred life that makes itself independent of everything but the individuality in which it is imprisoned. 1895 Zangwill *Master* III. viii, He would be fixed at last, swinging steadily on a pivot of happiness...Now at last he would be self-centred.

b. In an unfavourable sense, passing into that of: Engrossed in self, selfishly independent.

1783 Johnson *Let. to Mrs. Thrale* 20 Nov., A stubborn sufficiency self-centered. 1873 Morley *Rousseau* I. 126 He was both too self-centred and too passionate for warm ease and fulness of life in all things, to be truly sympathetic [etc.]. 1884 W. H. White *Mark Rutherford's Deliv.* vii. (1892) 97 That self-centred satisfaction which makes life tolerable.

Hence **Self-ce·ntredness.**

1891 F. Paget *Spirit of Discipline* iii. 98 The absurdity of self-centredness and self-advertisement. 1894 *Athenæum* 21 July 94/2 With nearly as strong a belief as his master's in the self-centredness of man.

Self-ce·ntring, *ppl. a.*

† 1. [Self- 3 a.] = Self-centred 1, 2. *Obs.*

1693 Norris *Pract. Disc.* IV. 186 The Self-Ending, Self-Centring Man does in a very true..Sense Idolize himself. 1701 — *Ideal World* I. vi. 398 Truth being of the Divine essence..is really a ground and foundation to itself, even as that self-centring essence is. 1809–10 Coleridge *Friend* (1865) 217 They pursue the interests of freedom steadily, but with narrow and self-centring views.

2. *Mech.* [Self- 4.] Applied to chucks, etc., which hold the object in a central position without the necessity of tentative adjustments.

1884 F. J. Britten *Watch & Clockm.* 237 These self-centring chucks. 1908 *Westm. Gaz.* 17 Nov. 5/2 The clutch is of the self-centring type.

Selfcide. *nonce-wd.* [f. Self + -cide 2.] Suicide.

1692 Wood *Ath. Oxon.* II. 479 Hobbes..saith..that no Homicide, or Selfcide,..is against the law of nature.

Self-colle·cted, *ppl. a.* [Self- 3 a.] = Collected 2.

a 1711 Ken *Hymnarium* Poet. Wks. II. 12 O may I self-collected here, Live all at once in filial fear. 1831 Scott *Ct. Rob.* xiv, The features, with their self-collected composure. 1842 Manning *Serm.* ii. (1848) I. 23 Look at the penitent sinner, calm and self collected.

So **Self-colle·ctedness, Self-colle·ction.**

1834 Goowin *Necromancers* 18 Boldness and *self-collectedness. 1842 Faber *Styrian Lake*, etc. 292 With solemn *self-collection did he slay Himself upon the barrow newly raised. 1871 Morley *Vauvenargues* in *Crit. Misc.* Ser. I. (1878) 29 The self-collection, the feminine solicitude, that [etc.].

Self-co·lour. [Self B. 3.]

1. One uniform colour; orig. used of flowers (cf. next). Also, a colour belonging to the same series as another.

1665 Rea *Flora* 177 These self-colours [in Columbines] are not valued. 1731 Miller *Gard. Dict.* s.v. *Tulipa* 8 C 3/1 These do, in time, break into various beautiful Stripes, according to the Ground of their former Self-colour. 1849 *Q. Rev.* Mar. 414 The cattle of mountainous countries..are always of self-colours—black, red, or dun. 1859 Gullick & Timbs *Painting* 19 The system of shading with a 'self-colour', as pink with crimson. 1888 Sansone *Dyeing* vii. 154 Madder is still employed..in wool dyeing, both as self-colour and in combination with other dyewoods.

2. The natural colour.

1851 Mayhew *Lond. Labour* I. 440/2 The Scotch boxes [*sc.* snuff-boxes], called 'Holyroods'..are generally the 'self-colour' of the wood.

Self-co·loured, *ppl. a.* [f. prec. + -ed. Cf. MHG. *selpvar* having the natural colour or aspect.]

1. Of one uniform colour.

1759 Miller *Gard. Dict.* (ed. 7) s.v. *Tulipa* 13 Q 4/1 The Stripes should be small and regular, arising from the Bottom of the Flower, for if there are any Remains of the former self-coloured Bottom, the Flower is in Danger of losing its Stripes again. 1862 *Chamb. Encycl.* IV. 784/1 Pieces of self-coloured glass. 1889 Mrs. Panton *Nooks & Corners* 29 The darkest brown self-coloured linoleum put down all over the passages and halls.

2. Of the natural colour. (In mod. Dicts.)

Self-comma·nd. [Self- 1 a.] Control of one's actions or feelings, self-control.

1699 Shaftesb. *Charac., Inq. conc. Virtue* II. § 2 The Advantages..of a contrary Sobriety, and Self-Command. 1818 Scott *Rob Roy* ii, My father had, generally speaking, his temper under complete self-command. 1898 J. Morley *Let.* in *Westm. Gaz.* 14 Dec., Your..self-command under the provocation of those 'unworthy insinuations'.

Self-compla·cence, -co·mplaisance. [Self- 3 a.] = Complacence 1.

1748 Richardson *Clarissa* I. xiii. 73 The self-complaisance which an imagin'd happy thought can be supposed to give the speaker. 1781 Cowper *Charity* 468 Extravagance and av'rice shall subscribe, While fame and self-complacence are the bribe. 1821 Scott *Kenilw.* xli, Foster..pointed with self-complacence to a piece of concealed machinery in the wall. 1827 Carlyle *Germ. Rom.* IV. 73 Self-complaisance over the concealed destroys its concealment.

Self-compla·cency. [Self- 3 a.] = prec.

1687 Norris *Coll. Misc.* 302 Acts of self-complacency, whereby I delight and please my self in the perfections of my Nature. 1694 South *Serm.* 1 *Cor. ii.* 7 Wks. 1823 II. 396 To check those self-complacencies which it is apt to grow into. 1707 Norris *Treat. Humility* 26 To receive it modestly, without any expressions of self-complacency. 1817 Coleridge *Statesm. Man.* 36 In the blindness of self-complacency. 1879 Froude *Cæsar* xxviii. 490 About himself and his own exploits there is not one word of self-complacency.

Self-compla·cent, *a.* [Self- 3 a.] = Complacent 2.

1763 Churchill *Rosciad* 161 With a self-complacent jutting air, It smil'd, It smirk'd. 1849 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* v. I. 543 Self-complacent stupidity. 1878 Gladstone *Prim. Homer* 148 The wisdom of Nestor is amusingly accompanied with self-complacent reflection.

So **Self-complace·ntial, -compla·cing** *adjs.*, self-complacent; **Self-compla·cently** *adv.*

a 1711 Ken *Hymnarium* Poet. Wks. II. 109 Thy Love *self-complacential. 1806 Knox *Let. to Jebb* 27 Oct., The sweet, rational, self-complacential, yea, direct, disinterested, delight. *a* 1700 Ken *Hymnotheo* Poet. Wks. III. 304 God.. Self-knowing, *Self-complacing on his Throne. 180. Foster *Ess.* I. iii. (1806) I. 49 As polemics most *self-complacently avow their opinions to be more firmly established by all that the opponent has objected.

Self-conce·it. [Self- 1 a.]

1. One's opinion or estimate of oneself; *esp.* high or exaggerated opinion of oneself, one's talents, attainments, etc.

1588–9 Marlowe *Faustus* Chor. 20 Till swolne with cunning, of a selfe conceit (etc.). 1603 Holland *Plutarch's Mor.* 84 To confirme that good selfe-conceit and opinion of his owne. 1608 D. T[uvill] *Ess. Pol. & Mor.* 62 b Not tainted

with anie humorous Selfe-conceit. 1651 HOBBES *Leviath.* I. viii. 35 Vaine-Glory; which is commonly called Pride, and selfe-conceipt. 1781 COWPER *Charity* 374 Philosophy, without his heav'nly guide May blow up self-conceit. 1875 JOWETT *Plato* (ed. 2) V. 185 He remarks the self-conceit of a younger generation of philosophers.

†**2.** One's own opinion; wilful thought. *Obs.*

1602 WARNER *Alb. Eng.* IX. lii. 234 Our Mindes doe waner still Our selfe-Conceits be wioged and we flie from good to ill. 1642 D. ROGERS *Naaman* 98 [Naaman] had a self-conceit of the way of curing him.

Self-concei·ted, *ppl. a.* Now somewhat *rare*; freq. in 17th c. [f. prec.] Full of or marked by self-conceit; having an overweening opinion of oneself; = CONCEITED 3.

1595 *Polimanteia* in Brydges *Brit. Bibl.* I. 285 Any malecontented selfe-conceited, vnregarded malicious subiect. 1597 THYNNE in *Animadv.* (1875) Introd. p. xcix, The selfe conceyted mr Savile, prouoste of Eatone. 1611 *Bible, Transl. Ep.* P 5 If..we shall be maligned by selfe-conceited brethren, who runne their owne wayes. 1653 W. RAMESEY *Astrol. Rest.* 211 Lulled asleep with self-conceited ignorance. 1741 tr. *D'Argens' Chinese Lett.* i. 2 The French..seem to me to be as self-conceited as the Japonese. 1818 SCOTT *Rob Roy* xxiv, This troublesome, pedantic, self-conceited coxcomb. 1887 BESANT *The World Went* xv. 122 Dwarfs..are the most vainglorious and self-conceited persons imaginable.

¶ With predicative adj. = thinking oneself to be (so-and-so).

1616 R.C. *Times' Whistle* (1871) 34 Others..which, selfe-conceited wise, Take a great pride in their owne vaine surmise.

Hence **Self-concei·tedly** *adv.*, **Self-concei·tedness** (freq. in 17th c.).

1603 FLORIO *Montaigne* III. ix. 566 *Selfe-conceitedly to oner-esteeme what they possesse aboue others. *c*1616 S. WARD *Coal from Altar* (1627) 21, I feare most of them be sicke of *selfe-conceitednesse, new-fanglenesse, and desire of mastership. 1661 BAXTER *Mor. Prognost.* 67 Self-Conceitedness in their Controversies. *a* 1721 PRIOR 24 *Songs* xxiii, But self-conceitedness does reign In every mortal mind.

†**Self-conce·rn.** *Obs.* [SELF- 5 a.] Personal interest. So †**Self-conce·rned,** †**-conce·rning** *ppl. adjs.*, self-interested; †**Self-conce·rnment,** self-interest.

1681 OWEN Φρονημα του Πνευματος I. iv. Wks. 1852 VII. 302 Confined almost in their thoughts unto themselves,.. and their *self-concerns. 1662 J. DAVIES tr. *Olearius' Voy. Amb.* 367 The most *self-concern'd person of all that ever had the management of publick affairs. 1656 COWLEY *Pindar. Odes, Nemeæan* v, For *self-concerning ends. 1644 MILTON *Divorce* To Parlt. of Eng. A 3, It is incredible how cold..we are, without the spurre of *self-concernment. 1699 SHAFTESA. *Charac., Inq. conc. Virtue* II. § 2 A more than ordinary Self-Concernment, or Regard to private Good.

Self-condemna·tion. [SELF- 1 a.] Condemnation by oneself of one's own action.

1703 [J. HAY] *title*, Self-Condemnation: or the anthor of the second edition of the Debate in the Shop, condemned out of his own mouth. 1757 W. THOMPSON *R. N. Adv.* 31 It must have produced not only Self-conviction, but Self-condemnation. 1858 LONGF. *M. Standish* IV. 26 Shame ..and abasement and self-condemnation.

So (all' *rare*) **Self-conde·mnable** *a.*, carrying with it its own condemnation; **Self-conde·mnant, Self-co·ndemnating, Self-conde·mnatory** = SELF-CONDEMNING.

1728 R. MORRIS *Ess. Anc. Archil.* 70 They become *self-condemnable, by being the Result of human Productions. 1846 G. S. FABER *Lett. Tractar. Secess.* 234 If the spurious *self-condemnant reading *salvatur* he adopted. 1863 CARLYLE *Let.* 18 Mar., A wonderful *self-condemnating MS. by Frk. the Great. 1823 BENTHAM *Not Paul but Jesus* 111 He states the *self-condemnatory mental facts.

Self-conde·mned, *ppl. a.* [SELF- 2.] Condemned by one's own action or words.

1623 N. ROGERS *Strange Vineyard* 6 Had he knowne on whom the sentence would haue light, it should not haue beene so heauie; but now he is selfe-condemned. 1736 BUTLER *Anal.* I. vii. 131 Which we cannot violate without being Self-condemned. 1836 SIR H. TAYLOR *Statesman* xvii. 126 In adopting it [a course of conduct] they stand self-condemned without reason. 1856 FROUDE *Hist. Eng.* II. 90 Self-condemned in his wretchedness.

Hence **Self-conde·mnedly** *adv.*, so as to condemn oneself.

1679 PENN *Addr. Prot.* 216 Obstinately and Self-condemnedly maintaining inconsisting Things with the Faith.

Self-conde·mning, *ppl.e.* and *ppl. a.* [SELF- 1 f.] Condemning oneself, one's way of life, etc.

1647 C. HARVEY *Schola Cordis* xxx. 27 That self-condemning shamefastnesse. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* IX. 1188 They in mutual accusation spent The fruitless hours, but neither self-condemning. 1729 LAW *Serious Call* iii. 37 A self-condemning conscience. 1791 BOSWELL *Johnson* an. 1777, Johnson laughed heartily at this good Quietist's self-condemning minutes [=Dr. Rutty's Spiritual Diary]. 1816 BYRON *Ch. Har.* III. lix, And could the ceaseless vultures cease to prey On self-condemning bosoms.

Hence **Self-conde·mningly** *adv.*, in self-condemnation.

1681 BAXTER *Answ. Dodwell* iv. 37 Mr. Dodwell, self-condemningly saith, that [etc.].

Self-co·nfidence. [SELF- 3 a.] Confidence in oneself; often in an unfavourable sense, arrogant or impudent reliance on one's own powers.

1653 GAUDEN *Hieraspistes* 69 A matter..of self-confidence and intollerable boastings. 1691 HARTCLIFFE *Virtues* 405 Self-confidence and Self-Conceit render Men Fools. 1779 JOHNSON *L. P., Pope* (1868) 375 Self-confidence is the first requisite to great undertakings. 1825 SCOTT *Talism.* i, The calm self-confidence belonging to the victor in many contests.

1849 ALISON *Hist. Eur.* II. vii. 135 Self-confidence, or, in plainer language, impudence, was the great secret of his success. 1875 GLADSTONE *Gleanings* (1879) VI. 120 Both rather abounded in self-confidence.

So **Self-co·nfident** (hence **-co·nfidently** *adv.*, Webster, 1847–54).

1837 WHEWELL *Hist. Induct. Sci.* III. 310 Shallow and self-confident persons.

†**Self-confi·ding,** *ppl. a.* [SELF- 3 a.] Trusting in oneself, marked by self-confidence.

1654 GATAKER *Disc. Apol.* 52 An haughtie, bold, out-stretching, and selfe-confiding spirit. 1725 POPE *Odyss.* XIII. 174 The thoughtless self-confiding train. 1823 SCOTT *Quentin D.* xiii, Free, and fearless, and self-confiding.

Self-congratula·tion. [SELF- 1 a.] Congratulation of oneself.

1712 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 381 P 11 How many self-congratulations naturally rise in the mind. 1810 SCOTT *Let.* in *Lockhart* (1837) II. ix. 321 A sort of self-congratulation, a little tickling self-flattery. 1870 DICKENS *E. Drood* iv. 22 The honor is mine and the self-congratulation is mine.

So **Self-congra·tulating, -congra·tulatory** *adjs.*

1784 COWPER *Task* v. 622 The puny child Of self-congratulating pride. 1877 MRS. FORRESTER *Mignon* iii, A very pleasant, self-congratulatory frame of mind.

Self-co·njugate, *a. Math.* [SELF- 3 a.] Applied to a figure each side of which is, relatively to some conic, the polar of the opposite vertex. Of a function (see quot. 1873). Hence **Self-conjugation,** the state of being self-conjugate.

1866 HAMILTON *Quaternions* § 349 Where the function $\phi\rho$ is its own conjugate, or is the common self-conjugate part of $\phi\rho$ and $\phi'\rho$. *Ibid.* § 353 When this condition of self-conjugation is not satisfied. 1873 MAXWELL *Electr. & Magn.* I. 12 In Quaternion language, the one vector is said to be a linear and vector function of the other, and when there are three pairs of equal coefficients the function is said to be self-conjugate. 1885 J. CASEY *Analyt. Geom.* 305 Let the conics be referred to their common self-conjugate triangle. 1893 in Cayley *Math. Papers* (1897) XIII. 269 Of course, here a self-conjugate term such as *bcd* is put in evidence.

Self-co·nscious, *a.* [SELF- 1 e.]

1. *Philos.* Having consciousness of one's identity, one's actions, sensations, etc.; reflectively aware of one's actions. Also said of action, thought, etc. [1690, etc.: cf. SELF-CONSCIOUSNESS 2.] 1817 COLERIDGE *Biog. Lit.* 97 An infinite yet self-conscious Creator. 1871 R. H. HUTTON *Ess.* I. (1888) 4 So far as human action is self-conscious as well as voluntary. 1907 ILLINGWORTH *Doctr. Trin.* vii. 136 A person is..essentially a self-conscious subject.

†**b.** Of which one is conscious in oneself. *Obs.*

1697 DRYDEN *Æneid* VIII. 174 My self-conscious Worth. 1824 BENTHAM *Bk. Fallacies* I. i. § 2 Wks. 1843 II. 392 Self-conscious and self-avowed imbecility.

2. Marked by undue or morbid pre-occupation with one's own personality; so far self-centred as to suppose one is the object of observation by others.

1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* II. III. VII, Self-conscious, conscious of a world looking on. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* xxiv, Their..innocence so self-conscious and self-satisfied. 1882 J. HAWTHORNE *Fort. Fool* xxxix, He was singularly free from self-consciousness; and she was so exquisitely self-conscious as completely to conceal it.

Hence **Self-co·nsciously** *adv.*

a 1834 COLERIDGE *Shaks.* Lit. Rem. (1836) II. 68 A genial understanding directing self-consciously a power and an implicit wisdom deeper even than our consciousness.

Self-co·nsciousness. [SELF- 1 d.]

†**1.** The condition of being privy *to* a thing. *Obs.*

1675 J. SMITH *Chr. Relig. App.* II. 5 Self-consciousness to the closest Villany.

2. *Philos.* Consciousness of one's own identity, one's acts, thoughts, etc.; = CONSCIOUSNESS 4.

1690 LOCKE *Hum. Und.* II. xxvii. § 16 Appropriated to me now by this self-consciousness. 1692 BENTLEY *Boyle Lect.* ii. 15 A distinct Animal, endued with self-consciousness and personal sensation of its own. 1722 WOLLASTON *Relig. Nat.* 184 That, which in man is the subject or *suppositum* of self-consciousness, thinks, and has the foresaid faculties, must be something different from his body or carcass. 1836–7 SIR W. HAMILTON *Lect. Metaph.* xxix, Perception is the power by which we are made aware of the phænomena of the external world; Self-consciousness the power by which we apprehend the phænomena of the internal. 1874 G. H. LEWES in *Contemp. Rev.* Oct. 689 Philosophy must be regarded in the light of a continuous history of Self-consciousness.

3. Internal knowledge or conviction *of* a thing; = CONSCIOUSNESS 2.

1751 EARL ORRERY *Rem. Swift* xiii. (ed. 5) 114 With only the self consciousness of deserving a rank among the companions of Brutus in the Elysian fields.

4. The condition of being self-conscious (sense 2).

1851 KINGSLEY *Yeast* ii, It sweeps away that infernal web of self-consciousness, and absorbs me in outward objects. 1876 FARRAR *Days of thy Youth* xxxvii. 373 If he is not free from the self-consciousness which is usually called being nervous.

Self-co·nsequence. [SELF- 5 a.] Self-importance.

1778 MISS BURNEY *Evelina* xxxiv. (1791) II. 225 By no means wanting in pride and self-consequence. 1849 SCOTT *Anne of G.* xviii, To..enhance the self-consequence of a powerful ecclesiastic. 1873 M. ARNOLD *Lit. & Dogma* (1876) 101 Warped by personal pretensions and self-consequence.

So **Self-co·nsequent** *a.*, self-important.

1878 MRS. H. WOOD *Pomeroy Abbey* III. viii, Jupiter, seated on Olympus,..never felt more self-consequent than does Jeffs feel, perched on his box-seat to-day.

Self-consi·stency. [SELF- 3 a.] = CONSISTENCY 5, 5 b.

1692 NORRIS *Curs. Reflect.* 13 How then can he with any tolerable Self-consistency say [etc.]. 1770 LANGHORNE *Plutarch* (1879) I. 66/1 Lycurgus..considered happiness..as flowing from virtue and self-consistency. 1858 J. MARTINEAU *Stud. Chr.* 270 You deny the self-consistency of the Church of England and call it a compromise. 1876 GLADSTONE *Homeric Synchr.* 40 Such facts do not..destroy..the self-consistency of the objects themselves.

Self-consi·stent, *a.* [SELF- 3 a.] = CONSISTENT 6 b, 7.

1704 NORRIS *Ideal World* II. ii. 60 They are also so self-consistent as in consequence of their common principle to hold that they do not think. 1817 COLERIDGE *Statesm. Man.* 5 Imposture, organized into a comprehensive and self-consistent whole. 1843 *Penny Cycl.* XXVII. 199/2 An accurate and self-consistent system of weights and measures.

Self-contai·ned, *ppl. a.* [SELF- 3 a.] Having all that one (it) needs in oneself (itself); independent of external means or relations; esp. (of persons) not dependent upon, or communicating oneself to, others; reserved or restrained in behaviour.

1591 SYLVESTER *Du Bartas* I. vii. 694 Our own Bodie's self-contained motions. 1839 BAILEY *Festus* 360 The self-contained Perfection. 1843 DICKENS *Chr. Carol* i. 3 Secret, and self-contained, and solitary as an oyster. 1860 RUSKIN *Mod. Painters* V. VI. ix. § 7. 84 The pine rises in serene resistance, self-contained. 1865 MEREDITH *R. Fleming* viii, A beauty has all the world with her when she is self-contained. 1890 'R. BOLDREWOOD' *Col. Reformer* (1891) 290 The vast, surging, excited, but self-contained crowd. 1905 CHESTERTON *Heretics* 181 When London was smaller, and the parts of London more self-contained and parochial.

b. Of a house: Of which the apartments and the approaches are restricted to the use of one family or household; having a private entrance. Orig. *Sc.*

1827 SCOTT *Chron. Canongate* v, It is a house 'within itself', or, according to a newer phraseology in advertisements, self-contained. 1861 BERESF. HOPE *Eng. Cathedr. 19th C.* iv. 126 The Englishman has a weakness..to rent a self-contained house rather than an apartment.

allusive. 1819 CARLYLE in Froude *Life* (1882) II. iv. 73 We are a world 'within ourselves', a 'self-contained house'.

c. Of a machine or device: Complete in itself.

1828 SCOTT *Aunt Margaret's Mirr.* ii, [The mirror] no longer simply reflected the objects placed before it, but, as if it had self-contained scenery of its own, objects began to appear within it. 1839–47 [see *self-containedness* below]. 1869 RANKINE *Cycl. Mach. & Hand-tools* Pl. K 3, It [*sc.* shearing-machine] is self-contained, is easily fixed, requires ..but moderate skill to work it. 1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.* s.v., *Self-contained engine*, an engine and boiler attached together complete for working. 1893 J. A. HODGES *Elem. Photogr.* (1907) 133 A self-contained mechanical device for exposing the plates automatically.

Hence **Self-contai·nedly** *adv.*, **Self-contai·nedness**; so **Self-contai·ning** *vbl. sb.* and *ppl. a.*; **Self-contai·nment,** the condition of being self-contained.

1884 G. ALLEN *Philistia* III. 268 Ernest and Edie..went their own way as *self-containedly as usual. 1839–47 TODD *Cycl. Anat.* III. 348/2 All the advantage of Mr. Holland's microscope, except its *self-containedness. 1879 A. W. WARD *Chaucer* 147 That self-containedness (very different from self-contentedness) which distinguishes Chaucer. 1882 *Expositor* Aug. 140 The self-containedness, the incommunicableness of God. 1847 EMERSON *Repr. Men, Montaigne* Wks. (Bohn) I. 340 This, then, is the right ground of the sceptic—this of consideration, of *self-containing. 1856 *N. Brit. Rev.* XXVI. 101 The nation was to be free, self-helping, *self-containing, unconquerable. 1850 *Tait's Mag.* XVII. 734/1 Their whole condition is..one of unsociability, *self-containment, and isolation. 1866 VISCT. STRANGFORD *Selection* (1869) I. 108 A country the very essence of whose position is self-containment.

Self-conte·mpt. [SELF- 1.] Contempt of self.

1600 in Farr *S. P. Eliz.* (1845) II. 446 An humble soule that sincks in selfe-contempt. *a* 1711 KEN *Christophil* Poet. Wks. I. 504 Thou Self-contempt didst practise and instil. 1821 SHELLEY *Adonais* xxxvii, Remorse and Self-contempt shall cling to thee. 1861 WHYTE MELVILLE *Good for Nothing* II. 157 An expression in which joviality, recklessness, and a certain sorrowing self-contempt were strangely mingled.

Self-conte·nt, *sb.* [SELF- 3 a.] Self-satisfaction.

1654 WHITLOCK *Zootomia* 367 If even in self-vexation, something of self-content is sought. 1694 CONGREVE *Double Dealer* III. ad fin., If Happiness in Self-content is plac'd. 1820 SHELLEY *Prometh. Unb.* I. i. 487 Like a vain loud multitude Vexing the self-content of wisest men. 1852 THACKERAY *Esmond* II. x, This self-content of his kept him in general good-humour.

Self-conte·nt, *a. rare.* [SELF- 3 a.] = next.

1857 E. FITZGERALD *Lett.* (1889) I. 257 Frenchmen are so self-content and superficial.

Self-conte·nted, *ppl. a.* [SELF- 3 a.] Self-satisfied. So **Self-conte·ntedly** *adv.*; **Self-conte·ntedness, -conte·ntment,** self-satisfaction; †**Self-conte·nting** *a.*, self-satisfying.

1862 THORNBURY *Turner* I. 16 One of those *self-contented fussy men. 1844 MRS. BROWNING *Early Rose* xlvi. Poems (1850) II. 299 Ye to yourselves suffice,..*Self-contentedly approve you Unto Him who sits above you. 1691 NORRIS *Pract. Disc.* (1711) III. 168 What an inward sufficiency and *Self-Contentedness. 1897 W. C. HAZLITT *Ourselves* 34 The wide prevalence of self-contentedness and self-complacency. 1647 H. MORE *Exorcismus* ii, Whose inward life Is *self-contenting joy. 1647 TRAPP *Comm. Luke* ii. 16 He would chuse to live and dye in his self-contenting secresie. 1815 JANE AUSTEN *Emma* III. xiv. 374 He..talked on with much *self-contentment. 1866 GEO. ELIOT *F. Holt* I. x. 232 Esther felt herself seriously shaken in her self-contentment.

Self-contradi·ction. [SELF- 1 a.] The act or fact of contradicting oneself (or itself); also, a statement which contains elements that contradict one another.

1658 OWEN (*title*) A Defence of Mr. John Cotton from

the imputation of Selfe Contradiction. 1661 BOYLE *Style of Script.* (1675) 95 As if there were a great many Self-contradictions to be met with in the Scripture. 1736 BUTLER *Anal.* I. vii. 125 The most palpable Self-contradictions. 1865 KINGSLEY *Herew.* xxxvi, With the strange self-contradiction of human nature. 1876 MELLOR *Priesthood* v. 250 The superlocal presence of a body is a phrase which involves a self-contradiction, inasmuch as it excludes an essential property in the definition of body.

So **Self-contradi·cting** *ppl. a.* (hence **Self-contradi·ctingly** *adv.*), † **Self-contradi·ctions, Self-contradi·ctory** *adjs.*

1655–87 H. MORE *App. Antid.* (1712) 221 It is an incongruous and *self-contradicting position to hold. 1672 BAXTER *Bagshaw's Scandals* ii. 15 The self-contradicting man. 1866 *Macm. Mag.* Feb. 383 An authority thus divided, and thus self-contradicting. 1653 BAXTER *Christian Concord* 30 To say we deal *self-contradictingly. 1660 H. MORE *Myst. Godl.* I. v. 12 A Mystery which they hold impossible and *self-contradictious. 1657 BAXTER *Agst. Quakery* 8 Their Doctrines are *self-contradictory. 1864 BUCHON *Scot Abr.* I. iv. 162 The Florentine's precepts were..so self-contradictory..that he was supposed to be in jest.

Self-contro·l. [SELF- 1 a.]

1. Control of oneself, one's desires, etc.

1711 SHAFTESB. *Charac.* III. 260 *note*, The Perfection of Virtue is from long Art and Management, Self-Controul. 1799 WORDSW. *Ruth* 154 A Man who without self-control Would seek what the degraded soul Unworthily admires. 1832 TENNYSON *Œnone* 142 Selfreverence, selfknowledge, selfcontrol. 1859 GEO. ELIOT *A. Bede* xxxix, As if all self-control had forsaken him, [he] grasped Adam's arm.

2. Self-government. *rare.*

1850 MARSDEN *Early Purit.* (1853) 26 If it be not only an independent but a national church, the right of self-control is one that it cannot part with without disloyalty.

Hence **Self-contro·lled, -contro·lling** *adjs.*

1875 MANNING *Mission Holy Ghost* viii. 210 The human frame, so strong, so dignified, so *self-controlled in its perfections. 1835 LYTTON *Rienzi* I. iv, The deep and *self-controlling mind of Adrian. 1873 SPENCER *Study Sociol.* vi. 131 A comparatively self-controlling nature, capable of sacrificing present ease to future good.

Self-convi·cted, *ppl. a.* [SELF- 2.] Convicted by one's own words or action.

1729 SAVAGE *Wanderer* III. 306 Pale Guilt starts self-convicted, when arraign'd. 1821 SCOTT *Kenilw.* xxi, I should stand self-convicted of villainy, were I to urge such a deceit. 1867 FREEMAH *Norm. Conq.* I. App. (1877) 738 Such a document is self-convicted.

Self-convi·ction. [SELF- 1 a.] Conviction of oneself by one's own words or action.

1640 R. BAILLIE (*title*) Ladensivm ἈΥΤΟΚΑΤΑΚΡΙΣΙΣ, The Canterbvrians Self-Conviction. 1751 SMOLLETT *Per. Pic.* lxxxi. (1779) III. 163, I began to hate him in proportion to the self-conviction I felt. 1798 SOTHEBY tr. *Wieland's Oberon* (1826) I. 90 Too late at last the self-conviction came.

Self-crea·ted, *ppl. a.* [SELF- 2.] Created, brought into existence, or constituted by oneself.

1677 GILPIN *Dæmonol.* (1867) 403 That God promiseth to keep him in his ways, but not in self-created dangers. 1802 MRS. E. PARSONS *Myst. Visit* III. 198 The self-created distinction of polished society. 1815 W. PAICE *Hist. Oswestry* 78 Napoleon Buonaparte, the self-created emperor of the French. 1871 R. H. HUTTON *Ess.* iv. I. 72 The particular, partly self-created, character of Gibbon's mind.

So **Self-crea·te** *ppl. a.* (*rare*) = prec.; **Self-crea·tion; Self-crea·ting, -crea·tive** *adjs.*, capable of self-creation.

1875 LIGHTFOOT *Comm. Col.* (1886) 270 They divided the universe into..the uncreate, the *self-create and the created. 1774 GOLDSM. *Nat. Hist.* (1824) III. 219 As the muscle is thus furnished with a kind of *self-creating power. 1862 SPENCER *First Princ.* I. ii. § 11 (1875) 32 The hypothesis of *self-creation, which practically amounts to what is called Pantheism. 1898 ILLINGWORTH *Div. Immanence* i. § 1 This capacity of self-determination, and therefore of self-creation, compels us to place will in a category by itself. 1845 BAILEY *Festus* 12 Thy might is *self-creative. 1898 ILLINGWORTH *Div. Immanence* i. § 1 We are, in a measure, self-creative, causes of ourselves.

Self-cu·lture. [SELF- I a.] The cultivation or development by one's own efforts of one's mind, faculties, manners, etc.

1847 EMERSON *Repr. Men, Goethe* Wks. (Bohn) I. 394, I suppose the worldly tone of his tales grew out of the calculations of self-culture. 1872 LOWELL *Among my Bks., Dante* Wks. 1890 IV. 149 From being the slave of his imaginative faculty, he rose by self-culture and force of will to that mastery of it which is art.

† **Self-dead,** *a. Obs.* [SELF- 3 a.] Dead to self.

1647 H. MORE *Philos. Poems, Addit.* 332 That pure fire Wherewith thou wontest to inspire All self-dead souls. 1688 NORRIS *Lett.* 187 To be thus self-dead and self-annihilated. 1798 SOTHEBY tr. *Wieland's Oberon* VI. xxxi. (1805) I. 194 Self-dead, for him alone to be, to breathe, to move.

Hence † **Self-dea·dness.**

1647 H. MORE *Song of Soul* Notes 147/2 The most profound and spirituall humility,..and a perfect self-deadnesse.

† **Self-death.** *Obs.* [SELF I a.] Self-murder.

1659 *Leg. Capt. Jones* in *Archæologist* Feb. (1842) 281 Brutus, I am a brute, and have thy spirit, Thy fortune and self-death I will inherit.

Self-deceit. [SELF- 1 a.] Self-deception.

1679 FLAVEL *Saint Indeed* II. 16 Evidences of self-deceit in matters of Religion. 1712 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 399 P 2 This fatal Hypocrisie and Self-deceit. 1828 D. STEWART *Philos. Powers of Man* II. ii. I. 157 Our moral powers are warped by the influence of self-partiality and self-deceit. 1832 MISS MITFORD *Village* Ser. v. *Incendiary* 6 They show to the human heart its own desperate self-deceit.

So **Self-deceit·ful** *a.*, **-deceit·fulness.**

1818 BYRON *Juan* I. cvi, How *self-deceitful is the sagest part Of mortals whom thy [*sc.* Love's] lure hath led along.

1850 W. H. GOOLD *J. Owen's Wks.* I. Pref. 9 The *self-deceitfulness of the heart.

Self-decei·ved, *ppl. a.* [SELF- 2.] Deceived by oneself, marked by self-deception.

1671 MILTON *P. R.* IV. 7 Who self deceiv'd And rash, before-hand had no better weigh'd The strength he was to cope with. 1746 FRANCIS tr. *Hor., Sat.* I. i. 75 Some, self-deceived, who think their lust of gold Is but a love of fame. 1831 COLERIDGE *Table-talk* 30 July, An intense half self-deceived humorism.

So **Self-decei·ver, -decei·ving** *vbl. sb.* and *ppl. a.*

a 1614 DYKE *Myst. Selfe-deceiving* iv. (ed. 8) 65 And so much for the three former *selfe-deceiners. 1827 KEBLE *Chr. Y., 6th Sund. Epiph.*, The self-deceiver's dreary theme. *a* 1614 DYKE (*title*) The Mystery of *Selfe-Deceiving. 1668 OWEN *Expos. 130th Ps.* (1669) 165 All their profession is but a miserable self-deceiving. 1734 WATTS *Reliq. Juv.* (1789) 121 Thus we begin to learn and practise early this art of self-deceiving. 1597 HOOKER *Eccl. Pol.* v. lx. § 3 (1617) 315 A *selfe-deceiuing vanitie. 1690 C. NESSE *Hist. & Myst. O. & N. Test.* I. 212 We are poor, empty self-deceiving and self-defiling creatures. 1827 KEBLE *Chr. Y., 14th Sund. Trin.*, What sadder scene can angels view Than self-deceiving tears? 1865 PUSEY *Truth Eng. Ch.* 119 Easy and self-deceiving ways, by which to deny Christ.

Self-dece·ption. [SELF- 1 a.] The action or fact of deceiving oneself; self-delusion.

1677 GILPIN *Dæmonol.* (1867) 53 It may be said a man complies with those things which are intended for his delusion, and so improperly by his negligence may fall under blame of self-deception. 1745 J. MASON *Self-Knowledge* I. xi. (1758) 75 Of all impostures Self-Deception is the most dangerous, because least suspected. 1827 SCOTT *Surg. Dau.* v, With all a lover's power of self-deception. 1907 RALEIGH *Shakespeare* 175 Self-deception is a male weakness.

So **Self-dece·ptious, -dece·ptive** *adjs.*

1809 KNOX *Let. to Jebb* 8 Mar., A *self-deceptious substitution of a lower..good, in the place of the highest. 1894 *Athenæum* 3 Nov. 599/1 [They] showed themselves theatrical, self-conscious, and *self-deceptive.

Self-defe·nce. [SELF- 1 a.] The act of defending oneself, one's rights or position; *spec.* in *Law* (see quot. 1769).

1651 HOBBES *Leviath.* II. xxi. 113 The offer of pardon taketh from them, to whom it is offered, the plea of self-defence. 1681 DRYDEN *Abs. & Achit.* I. 458 Self-defence is Nature's eldest law. 1733 POPE *Ess. Man* III. 279 Forc'd into virtue thus by Self-defence, Ev'n Kings learn'd justice and benevolence. 1769 BLACKSTONE *Comm.* IV. 183 Homicide in self-defence, or *se defendendo*, upon a sudden affray, is..excusable rather than justifiable, by the English law. 1855 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* xvii. IV. 26 He deduced the doctrine that selfdefence against pirates and assassins is unlawful. 1876 BANCROFT *Hist. U. S.* IV. xv. 420 The settler ..trusted for security in the forest to his perpetual readiness for self-defence. 1886 *Field* 9 Oct. 535/2 [Football] Each team scored a goal, and each touched down in self-defence.

b. *The (noble, manly) art of self-defence*: † (*a*) fencing; (*b*) pugilism, boxing. (Cf. DEFENCE *sb.* 4, NOBLE *a.* 9.)

1724 SIR W. HOPE (*title*) A Vindication of the true art of self-defence...To which is annexed, a short..memorial for sword-men. 182– *Art & Pract. Boxing* Pref., A knowledge of the art of Self-Defence. 1849 COBDEN *Speeches* 76 Are the men the most peaceful in society, who have studied the 'noble art of self-defence?' 1887 W. P. FRITH *Autobiogr.* I. i. 5 A little knowledge of the manly art of self-defence.

Self-defe·nded, *ppl. a.* [SELF- 2.] Defended by oneself (or itself).

1775 in ASH. 1845 *Athenæum* 11 Jan. 37 A system should either be self-defended or not at all.

Self-defe·nsive, *a.* [SELF- 1 e.] Of, pertaining to, or involving the principle of, self-defence. So **Self-defe·nsory** *a.*

1828 *Lights & Shades* I. 6 A habit of *self-defensive refusal to all similar propositions. 1905 *Q. Rev.* Oct. 473 The next self-defensive artifice is that of accommodation and compromise. 1872 H. W. BEECHER *Lect. Preaching* ii. 33 A man of..peaceableness,..though of high spirit and *self-defensory power when required.

Self-deli·ght. [SELF- 3 a.] Delight in oneself, one's being or existence.

1594 SOUTHWELL *M. Magd. Funerall Teares* 76 b, Least you loose your selues in too much selfe delight. 1665 BRATHWAIT *Comm. Two Tales* 123 Seeing it affords such sweet self-delight to the Sense. *a* 1711 KEN *Hymnarium* Poet. Wks. II. 41 God sits unchang'd in glorious Height, Self-life, Self-love, and Self-delight. 1891 T. HARDY *Tess* xv, The invincible instinct towards self-delight.

Self-deli·very. [SELF- 4.] Automatic delivery: a. by a reaping-machine of the corn in swaths or sheaves; b. of a pattern from the mould in founding. Also *attrib.* So **Self-deli·verer,** a self-delivery reaping-machine; **Self-deli·vering** *ppl. a.*

1864 *Trans. Highl. Soc.* Jan. 133 The self-delivering machinery now coasisting of a series of four (formerly six) rakes attached to an upright shaft in such a manner as to admit of a free ascending, descending, and horizontal motion. *Ibid.* 143 Of the self-delivery reapers, Crosskill's Bell did its work most satisfactorily. 1908 *Chamb. Encycl.* VIII. 596/1 [Reaping-machines] delivered by mechanical labour, or self-deliverers. 1908 J. G. HORNER *Encycl. Pract. Engin., Self-Delivery*, the delivery of a pattern from the mould without requiring the use of cores.

Self-delu·ded, *ppl. a.* [SELF- 2.] Deluded by oneself, suffering from self-delusion.

1766 LD. MANSFIELD in *Hansard's Parl. Hist.* XVI. 312 What the self-deluded and self-destroyed king said deceitfully. 1784 COWPER *Task* III. 316 Self-deluded nymphs and swains, Who dream they have a taste for fields and groves. 1884 *Leeds Merc.* 24 Oct. 4/4 He had warned the self-deluded members of the Conservative party.

So **Self-delu·der, -delu·ding** *ppl. a.*

1817 KEATS *Let. to Haydon* May, If one be a *self-deluder. 1903 *Edin. Rev.* Apr. 325 Impostors or at best self-delnders. 1650 BAXTER *Saint's Rest* III. v. § 2 (1651) 86 Their own *self-deluding folly. 1667 FLAVEL *Saint Indeed* (1673) 184 Thou self-deluding hypocrite.

Self-delu·sion. [SELF- 1 a.] The act of deluding oneself; an instance of this.

1634 MILTON *Comus* 365 If they be but false alarms of Fear, How bitter is such self-delusion? 1794 MRS. RADCLIFFE *Myst. Udolpho* xxxvii, Pitying the self-delusion which disarmed him of the will to depart. 1818 SCOTT *Br. Lamm.* xv, Covering with no unusual self-delusion his interested views with a hue of virtue. 1880 *Fortn. Rev.* Feb. 229 To go on as we do now..in the vague hope that some day we may begin to do our duty..is..mere self-delusion.

Self-deni·al. [SELF- 1 a.] Denial or abnegation of oneself; sacrifice of one's personal desires.

1642 D. ROGERS *Naaman* To Rdr. § 1 This notion of Selfe and her opposite Self-deniall. 1683 TRYON *Way to Health* 62 This excellent state is not obtainable without Self-denial, and suffering now and then a little gentle Hunger. 1711 STEELE *Spect.* No. 248 P 1 The great Foundation of civil Virtue is Self-Denial. 1718 LADY M. W. MONTAGU *Let. to C'tess Mar* 10 Mar., I have not written to you..these many months; a great piece of self-denial. 1834 J. H. NEWMAN *Par. Serm.* I. v. 79 Let your very rising from your bed be a self-denial; let your meals be self-denials.

Self-denie·d, *ppl. a.* [SELF- 2.] Given to, or characterized by, self-denial; self-denying.

1693 *Apol. Clergy Scot.* 9 They could not be so self-denyed as to be willingly deprived of the honour. *a* 1715 BURNET *Own Time* (1766) I. 270 He..was a mortified and self-denied man, that delighted in nothing so much as in the doing good. 1818 SCOTT *Hrt. Midl.* xxxiii, The undaunted and self-denied manner in which he sacrificed himself. 1850 J. BROWN *Disc. & Sayings of our Lord* (1852) II. xvi. 206 Are we following him in self-denied service?

Hence **Self-denie·dly** *adv.*

1676 ROW *Contn. Blair's Autobiogr.* xii. (1848) 379 Mr. Blair did seriously and self-deniedly bestir himself.

Self-deni·er. [SELF- 1 c.] A practiser of self-denial.

1654 WHITLOCK *Zootomia* 366 The greatest Arnantists, Selfe-denyers in shew. 1865 M. ARNOLD *Ess. Crit.* Ser. I. vii. (1886) 262 These saintly self-deniers, these resigned sufferers.

† **Self-deny·ing,** *vbl. sb. Obs.* [SELF 1 b.] Self-denial.

1661 FELTHAM *Resolves* II. iii. 181 To undergo a self-denying or some Sufferance. 1664 BUTLER *Hud.* II. ii. 134 Breaking of an Oath, and Lying, Is but a kind of Self-denying.

Self-deny·ing, *ppl. a.* [SELF- 1 e.] That denies himself; characterized by or involving self-denial.

Self-denying ordinance (Eng. Hist.), 'an Ordinance appointing, That no Member of either House, durieg the Time of this War, shall have or execute any Office or Command, Military or Civil' (Jrnl. Ho. Commons, Dec. 11, 1644); also transf. (colloq.) applied to any course of action by which a person deprives himself of some advantage or benefit.

1632 E. SYMONDS *Eccles. Self-seeking* (1712) 1 A most learned, loving, faithful, and self-denying Man. 1644 WHITELOCKE *Mem.* (1732) 118 They could find no other way than by passing a self-denying ordinance, (as they called it,) which would serve their turn. 1693 LUTTRELL *Brief Rel.* (1857) III. 3 The lords were this day in a long debate on the commons selfe denying bill. 1784 COWPER *Task* v. 328 Whence springs Your self-denying zeal? 1795 SCOTT *Let.* in *Lockhart* (1837) I. vii. 233, I anticipate with pleasure their marvellous adventures, in the course of which Dr. Black's *self-denying ordinance* will run a shrewd chance of being neglected. 1831 — *Ct. Rob.* x, A benevolent individual, who, self-denying to himself, is liberal to all others. 1853 C. BRONTE *Villette* xx, The self-denying and self-sacrificing part of the Catholic religion. 1878 EMERSON *Soc. Ethics* Wks. (Bohn) III. 382 A self-denying, ardent church.

Hence **Self-deny·ingly** *adv.*

1649 ROBERT *Clavis Bibl.* 340 To submit silently and self-denyingly to the Lords chastisements. 1671 BAXTER *Power of Mag.* I. 15 Most impartially and self-denyingly faithful to Christ. 1876 STUBBS *Study Med. & Mod. Hist.* iii. (1886) 57 The labours self-denyingly and generously tendered of hard-worked tutors.

Self-depe·ndence. [SELF- 3 a.] Dependence entirely upon oneself, one's own efforts, etc.

1759 TOPLADY *Hymn*, '*Lord, I feel a carnal mind*', A submissive heart, From pride and self-dependence free. 1837 HT. MARTINEAU *Soc. Amer.* III. 177 The children of America have the advantage of the best possible early discipline; that of activity and self-dependence. 1857 J. H. NEWMAN *Serm. Var. Occas.* (1881) vi. 81 The Omnipotence, the Self-dependence, the Self-sufficiency..of the Eternal God. 1876 BANCROFT *Hist U. S.* V. xvi. 522 His haughty self-dependence and force of will.

So **Self-depe·ndency.**

1853 PULSFORD tr. *J. Müller's Chr. Doctr. Sin* II. 53 Custom..regarded as determining power, may be very well reconciled with spiritual self-dependency.

Self-depe·ndent, *a.* [SELF-3 a.] Possessing or characterized by self-dependence.

1677 GALE *Crt. Gentiles* IV. 93 The excellence of the Angelic nature could not preserve them when self-dependent. 1764 GOLDSM. *Trav.* 341 The self-dependent lordlings. 1833 J. H. NEWMAN *Arians* II. iv. 201 The existence of an irresponsible self-dependent Being. 1848 R. I. WILBERFORCE *Doctr. Incarnation* vi. (1852) 162 Salvation rests on the supernatural gift of God, and not on the self-dependent exertions of human excellence. 1861 GOSCHEN *For. Exch.* 14 A nation, rich in capital and very self-dependent.

Hence **Self-depe·ndently** *adv.*; so **Self-depe·nding** *ppl. a.*, self-dependent.

1853 PULSFORD tr. *J. Müller's Chr. Doctr. Sin* II. 57 In

so far as it..*self-dependently works and is active from out the very inmost of its essence. 1855 *Self-depending (see SELF-WROUGHT b].

Self-despair. [SELF- 1 d.] Despair of oneself.

1677 GALE *Crt. Gentiles* IV. 526 An holy self-despair and humble tremhling dependence on Divine grace. 1742 C. WESLEY *Wrestling Jacob* viii. Hymns 116, I am weak But confident in Self-despair. 1858 GEO. ELIOT *Scenes Cler. Life, Janet's Repent.* xv, No human soul had..understood her self-despair. 1884 *Encycl. Brit.* XVII. 130/2 The widespread feeling of self-despair and the longing for divine illumination.

Self-destroyed, *ppl. a.* [SELF- 2.] Destroyed by one's own act.

1766 [see SELF-DELUDED]. 1805–6 CARY *Dante, Inf.* XXVI. 84 In what clime death o'ertook him self-destroyed.

Self-destroyer. [SELF- 1 c.] One who is the cause of his own destruction.

1657 BAXTER *Call to Unconverted* (1666) 215 It's apparent that you are self-destroyers, in that you draw the matter of your sin and destruction even from the blessed God himself. 1713 [see SELF-FLATTERER].

b. A suicide.

1654 WHITLOCK *Zootomia* 376 No man is Master of his own Body, and therefore selfe-destroyers have not common buriall. 1826 W. E. ANDREWS *Fox's Cal. Prot. Saints* 473 Fox being in want of a saint-martyr thought proper to canonize a self-destroyer. 1886 STEVENSON *Dr. Jekyll* viii. (1895) 84 By the crushed phial in the hand..Utterson knew that he was looking on the body of a self-destroyer.

So **Self-destroying** *vbl. sb.* and *ppl. a.*

1612 W. SCLATER *Sick Souls Salve* 29 Lust, murther, *selfe destroying. 1687 BOYLE *Martyrd. Theodora* Pref. (1703) 21 St. Jerome..speaks of the unlawfulness of self-destroying. 1645 RUTHERFORD *Tryal & Tri. Faith* 127 To kill high thoughts of a *self-destroying sinner. *a* 1699 J. BEAUMONT *Psyche* VII. CXXVIII. (1702) 96 Driving the self-destroying Trade of Sin. 1713 M. HENRY *Ordination Serm.* Wks. 1857 II. 501/1 This perishing self-destroying people. 1820 SHELLEY *Prometh. Unb.* IV. 249 With the force of self-destroying swiftness.

Self-destruction. [SELF- 1 a.] Destruction of oneself, one's life; *esp.* self-murder, suicide.

a 1586 SIDNEY *Arcadia* (1622) 144 To frame of Earth a vessell of the minde, Where it should be to selfe-destruction bound. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* X. 1016 Self-destruction therefore saught, refutes That excellence thought in thee. 1751 MASON *Elfrida* (1752) 77 Ye need not fear it, She means not self-destruction. 1821 SCOTT *Kenilw.* XV, To give gold to youth is..furnishing them with the means of self-destruction. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 371 Very commonly attempts at self-destruction or self-injury are made.

Self-destructive, *a.* [SELF- 1 e.] Having the property of destroying or annulling itself (or each other).

1654 H. L'ESTRANGE *Chas. I* (1655) 80 The Commons.. imagined it would make the Petition so much Royalist, as it would signifie nothing..and would prove *felo de se*, self-destructive. 1699 SHAFTESB. *Charac., Ing. conc. Virtue* II. § 2 How mischievous and self-destructive Anger is. 1723 BLACKMORE *Alfred* Pref. p. xvii, Moral Evil and the divine Nature are contradictory and self-destructive Idea's. 1864 BOWEN *Logic* xiii. 420 Any Reasoning..by which we might attempt to doubt or deny the validity of our Intuitions, would be self-destructive.

Hence **Self-destructively** *adv.*

1851 KINGSLEY *Yeast* V, They cannot be intended to compete self-destructively with each other.

Self-determination. *Metaph.* [SELF- 1 a.] Determination of one's mind or will by itself towards an object.

1683–6 J. SCOTT *Chr. Life* II. vii. § 5 Wks. 1718 I. 406 As necessary Agents, that have no Free-will or Principle of Self-determination. 1690 LOCKE *Hum. Und.* IV. XVII. § 4 The ideas of men and self-determination appear to be connected. 1842 MANNING *Serm.* IV. (1848) I. 59 Our fearful and wonderful inward nature..has a power of self-determination. 1870–2 LIDDON *Some Elem. of Relig.* iii. 89 It is your will which, by a voluntary self-determination, caused the movement of the muscles of your arm.

So **Self-determined** *ppl. a.*, determined by oneself; having the quality of self-determination; **Self-determining** *vbl. sb.*, = SELF-DETERMINATION; **Self-determining** *ppl. a.*, determining one's own acts; possessing self-determination.

1732 BERKELEY *Alciphr.* VII. § 22 It is not doubted that man is accountable, that he acts, and is *self-determined. 1898 ILLINGWORTH *Divine Immanence* I. § 1 We are self-determined; since, from the objects that occur to us, we can choose the one which we shall make our own. 1683 J. CORBET *Free Actions* II. 15 The Natural Liberty of the Will is..an Indetermination with a Power of *self-determining. 1853 PULSFORD tr. *J. Müller's Chr. Doctr. Sin* II. 33 The self-determining of the free will. 1662 STILLINGFL. *Orig. Sacræ* III. iii. § 7 To give man the freedom of his actions, and a *self-determining power. *c* 1714 ARBUTHNOT, etc. *Mem. M. Scribl.* I. xii, Pope's Wks. 1741 II. 44 Every animal is conscious of some individual self-moving, self-determining principle. 1853 GROTE *Greece* II. XC. XI. 700 A free self-determining political aggregate. 1864 PEARSON *Div. Pers.* (1865) 1 Is God a self-determining agent apart from the world? 1874 CARPENTER *Mental Phys.* I. i. (1879) 28 We have within us a self-determining Power which we call Will.

Self-devised, *ppl. a.* [SELF- 2.] Devised or invented by oneself.

1606 SYLVESTER *Du Bartas* II. iv. III. 169 The while this Priest-King sacrifiz'd To's clov'n-foot God in Bethel (self-devis'd). 1671 BAXTER *Power of Mag.* I. 9 Self-devised Worship and Religion. 1683 OWEN *Chamb. Imagery* Wks. 1851 VIII. 590 Unlawful vows, self-devised rules. 1846 TRENCH *Mirac.* viii. (1862) 201 To worship God not with self-devised services, but after the pattern that He has shown them.

Self-devoted, *ppl. a.* [SELF- 2.] Characterized by self-devotion.

1713 ADDISON *Cato* IV. iv, For him the self-devoted Decii died. 1814 WORDSW. *Laodamia* 48 And forth I leapt upon the sandy plain; A self-devoted chief. 1817 LADY MORGAN *France* II. (1818) I. 260 Self-devoted patriotism. 1831 SCOTT *Ct. Rob.* iv, These bold and self-devoted men.

So **Self-devotedness,** †**-devotement,** †**-devoting** *vbl. sb.* (*rare*) = SELF-DEVOTION; **Self-devoting** *ppl. a.* = SELF-DEVOTED.

1823 LAMB *Guy Faux* Misc. Wks. (1871) 368 Heroic *self-devotedness and true Christian martyrdom. 1800 *Characters in Asiat. Ann. Reg.* 23/1 To acquiesce cheerfully to this species of *self-devotement. 1819 G. S. FABER *Dispensations* (1823) II. 293 That Jehovah..through a mysterious self-devotement shadowed out by the rite of sacrifice,..would reconcile man to God. 1702 HOWE *Self-Ded.* 35 Solemn, personal *self-devoting. *Ibid.* 44 This *self-devoting disposition. 1832 DOWNES *Lett. Cont. Countries* I. 171 The self-devoting prowess of Arnold von Winkelried.

Self-devotion. [SELF 1 a.] Devotion of oneself, one's life, etc.

1815 KIRBY & SP. *Entom.* (1818) I. xi 372 The self-denial and self-devotion of these admirable creatures. 1855 KINGSLEY *Glaucus* (1878) 46 The very essence of true chivalry, namely, self-devotion.

Hence **Self-devotional** *a.* = SELF-DEVOTED.

1838 DICKENS *O. Twist* i, The latter of whom invariably swore whatever the parish wanted; which was very self-devotional.

Self-diffidence. [SELF- 1 d.] Self-distrust.

1658 BAXTER *Saving Faith* § 12 Yet is it with a mixture of self-diffidence, when I think what a person I dissent from. 1712 M. HENRY *Life of P. Henry* IV. (1765) 91 His great Modesty and Self-diffidence. 1872 J. L. SANFORD *Est. Eng. Kings* 334 This reserve was caused much less by self-diffidence than by self-conceit.

So **Self-diffident,** †**-diffiding** *adjs.*, self-distrustful.

a 1791 WESLEY *Serm.* XLIX, This very consideration..would make all who now speak upon the subject, exceedingly wary and *self-diffident. 1654 GATAKER *Disc. Apol.* 52 A low, bashful,..*self-diffiding..disposition.

Self-distrust. [SELF- 1 d.] Distrust of oneself, one's powers, etc.

1789 BURKE *Lett., to Dupont* (1844) III. 105 It would become me, least of all, to be so confident, who ought..to have well learned the important lesson of self-distrust. 1847 KEALE *Serm.* Pref. 19 Self-distrust is a temper so suitable to us.., that [etc.]. *a* 1890 LIDDON *Life Pusey* (1893) I. XVIII. 441 Keble's habitual self-distrust made him at times of less service as an adviser than he might have been.

Hence **Self-distrustful** *a.*, **-distrusting** *ppl. a.*

1860 J. CAIRNS *Mem. J. Brown* viii. 263 This lady..of mature, though *self distrustful piety. 1834 MRS. HEMANS *Sc. & Hymns of Life* 58 A lowly, fearful, *self-distrusting heart.

Selfdom (se'lfdǝm). [f. SELF *sb.* + -DOM.] The realm or domain of self: a. a condition of things of which self is the centre; b. what constitutes a man's self.

1863 COWDEN CLARKE *Shakesp. Char.* XVI. 396 These phrases, he says, are 'the delight of Noodledom'...Ay, and they are the delight, too, of selfdom. 1885 J. MARTINEAU *Types Eth. Th.* II. 373 If death should..put his selfdom to the test of loneliness. 1888 — *Study of Relig.* II. IV. ii. 350 This durable selfdom attaches to us..as personal beings.

Self-ease. [SELF- 5 a.] Personal comfort.

1604 ROWLANDS *Looke to it* 12 Regarding nothing but selfe-ease and health. 1849 ROCK *Ch. of Fathers* I. v. 334 Churchmen..more thoughtful of self-ease, than of what was becoming and dignified, cut away the folds of the old chasuble. 1854 WHITTIER *Voices* XI, Self-ease is pain; thy only rest Is labor for a worthy end.

Self-edge, obs. form of SELVAGE.

Self-effacement. [SELF- 1 a.] The keeping of oneself out of sight or in the background.

1866 VISCT. STRANGFORD *Selections* (1869) II. 319, I am.. content to remain unknown, and successful in self-effacement. 1883 J. HAWTHORNE *Fort. Fool* I. i, The completest private humility and self-effacement. 1889 *Spectator* 14 Dec. 847 The skill and self-effacement which mark the book.

So **Self-effacing** *ppl. a.* (hence **-effacingly** *adv.*), **-effacive** *a.*, retiring.

1902 'H. S. MERRIMAN' *Vultures* VI, Miss Netty Cahere was a vision of pink and *self-effacing quietness. 1900 *Academy* 25 Aug. 147/1 [He] *self-effacingly pulls the curtain aside, and intrudes not at all. 1883 CAIRO *Edin. Lect. Hume* 23 Nov., In society he was the most *self-effacive of men.

Selfegre(e)ne: see SENGREEN.

Self-elect, *a.* [SELF- 2.] = SELF-ELECTED.

1842 MIALL in *Nonconf.* II. 97 In virtue of trusteeship to which they are self-elect. *a* 1885 SIR JAS. PAGET *Mem.* iii. (1901) 42 Some self-elect of the pupils, making themselves into a kind of club.

Self-elected, *a.* [SELF- 2.] Elected by oneself, (of a body) elected by its members; *transf.* of an office to which a person has appointed himself.

1818 SCOTT *Rob Roy* XXXIX, The connivance of Government to his self-elected office of Protector of the Lennox. 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* II. I. 216 Self-elected Town Councils. 1886 C. E. PASCOE *Lond. of To-day* XXVI. (ed. 3) 248 Nominally, the election of the directors is in the hands of the stockholders; virtually, they are self-elected.

Self-election. [SELF- 1 a.] Election of oneself by oneself.

1790 *Bystander* 129 Whether or not Alexander was conscious that this self election..would not equally hold good with posterity. 1835 *Penny Cycl.* III. 476/1 Their weakness ..lay in the system of self-election of those magistrates.

So **Self-elective** *a.*, having the right of electing oneself.

1787 JEFFERSON *Writ.* (1859) II. 228 The violent Aristocrats would have wished..that these [the Regents] should remain self-elective. 1863 H. COX *Instit.* III. IX. 728 Boroughs constituted with self-elective Councils.

†**Self-end.** *Obs.* Chiefly *pl.* (Very common 1650–1700.) [f. SELF- 5 a, d + END *sb.* 14.] Personal or private end or object; selfish aim or purpose.

a 1628 F. GREVIL *Life of Sidney* ii. (1652) 33 These were not complements, self-ends, or use of each other. 1633 — *Let. to Hon. Lady* iii. Wks. 1870 IV. 254 My selfe-end being nothing but your favor, and my true end your good. 1691 NORRIS *Pract. Disc.* 118 He that loves God, loves him for his own good ..; but he that Praises him..does it not upon any self-end, but meerly because he thinks it just. 1709 MRS. MANLEY *Secret Mem.* (1720) IV. 257 Having no Treachery, no Self-ends in his own Breast. 1728 R. MORRIS *Anc. Archit.* 11 They had some sinister View and Self-end.

†**Self-ended,** *ppl. a. Obs.* [f. prec. + -ED.] Of merely private or selfish aims; characterized by self-centred actions or desires.

1645 W. GOODE *Discov. Publ. Spirit* 17 Publique spirits delight in their worke more then their wages, but self-ended men love their wages better then their worke. 1682 SIR T. BROWNE *Chr. Mor.* III. § 17 (1716) 104 Narrow self-ended Souls make prescription of good Offices. *a* 1693 *Urquhart's Rabelais* III. XLIV. 361 Self ended Lawyers. 1716 M. DAVIES *Athen. Brit.* III. 10 That self-ended occasional Conformity. 1731 BAILEY vol. II, *Self-ended*, for one's own advantage.

Hence †**Self-endedness.**

1664 H. MORE *Myst. Iniq.* I. II. viii. 131 Displaying the Frauds and Self-endedness of all their Errours and Mispractices. 1697 R. PIERCE *Bath Mem.* Pref. 5, I find a Physician of great Name..blaming the Bath..not without just Suspition of some Self-endedness.

†**Self-ending,** *ppl. a.* [analogical after SELF-ENDED; cf. *self-centred, self-centring.*] = SELF-ENDED.

1698 NORRIS *Pract. Disc.* (1707) IV. 114 The Self-ending, Self-centring Man does in a very true..sense idolize himself.

†**Self-essence.** *Obs.* [SELF- 5 c.] Self-existent being. So **Self-essential, -essentiated** *adjs.*, self-existent.

1644 DIGBY *Nat Soul* Concl. 463 That..proceedeth..from the bounteous hand of the nothing annihilating *selfe essence. 1642 H. MORE *Song of Soul* III. II. XXXIV, By her own centrall self-vitality Which is her *self-essentiall omniformity. 1668 HOWE *Blessedness. Righteous* xi, This eternal and self-essential Being, the infinitely blessed God. 1653 H. MORE *Antid. Ath.* I. viii. (1712) 23 If any Thing may be *Self-essentiated besides God.

Self-esteem. [SELF- 1 a.] Favourable appreciation or opinion of oneself.

1657 *Baker's Sancta Sophia* II. II. ii. § 2 Independence, Selfe-esteem, Selfe-judgment, & Selfe-will. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* VIII. 572 Oft times nothing profits more Then self-esteem, grounded on just and right Well manag'd. 1745 J. MASON *Self-Knowledge* I. i. (1853) 10 Thou wilt find nothing here that will flatter thy self-esteem. 1851 D. JERROLD *St. Giles* xii. 121 The larger the man's self-esteem the surer is he of putting it off in the world's mart. 1884 *Manch. Exam.* 11 Nov. 5/2 There are plentiful grounds for an honest self-esteem.

b. *Phrenology.* One of the mental faculties with which an 'organ' or 'bump' in the craninm is associated; the 'bump' itself.

1815 SPURZHEIM *Physiogn. Syst.* III. ii. 332. 1825 COMBE *Syst. Phrenol.* 154 Self-esteem. This organ is situated at the vertex or top of the head, a little above the posterior or sagittal angle of the parietal bones. *c* 1835 W. D. COOLEY *Phrenol.* in *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) XXIII. 326/2 Self-esteem ..occupies the middle of the upper posterior part of the head immediately above the Inhabitiveness..of Gall's system.

So **Self-esteeming** *ppl. a.*

1658 BAXTER *Saving Faith* § 6 Learned self-esteeming men.

Self-estimate. [SELF- 1 a.] Estimate or valuation of oneself.

1837 HT. MARTINEAU *Soc. Amer.* III. 22 The event decides this matter of self-estimate. 1878 GROSART *More's Poems* Mem. Introd. 36/1 More's Wordsworthian self-scrutiny and lofty self-estimate.

So **Self-estimation.**

1790 CATH. GRAHAM *Lett. Educ.* 504 Such an arrogant self estimation tends to weaken that strong sense of allegiance and dependance which is due from the creature to the Creator. 1856 GROTE *Greece* II. XCIV. XII. 355 An exorbitant personality and self-estimation.

Self-evidence. [SELF- 1 d.] a. Evidence of its own truth. b. The quality or condition of being self-evident.

1682 BUNYAN *Holy War* 16 There is not a word but carries with it self-evidence in its Bowels. 1690 LOCKE *Hum. Und.* IV. VII. § 3 'Tis plain, that several other Truths, not allow'd to be Axioms, partake equally with them in this Self-evidence. 1692 NORRIS *Curs. Reflect.* 5 He resolves that rendy.. assent which is given to certain Propositions upon their Proposal, into the Self-Evidence of them. 1796 COLERIDGE *Let.* in *Biog. Lit.* (1847) II. 352 He deems that there is a certain self-evidence in Infidelity, and becomes an Atheist by intuition. 1885 J. MARTINEAU *Types Eth. Th.* II. 478 [Hutcheson's] writings..fetched back into the light of self-evidence many a generous trait of inward experience. 1898 ILLINGWORTH *Div. Immanence* IV. § 3. 87 The personality of Jesus Christ is its own self-evidence.

So **Self-evidencing** *ppl. a.*, providing itself the evidence of its own truth; hence **Self-evidencingly** *adv.*

1658–9 OWEN (*title*) Of the Divine Originall, Authority, *Self-Evidencing Light, and Power of the Scriptures [etc.]. 1681 FLAVEL *Meth. Grace* VI. 118 The native clearness of self-evidencing principles. 1862 M'COSH *Supernat. in relat. to Natural* II. I. § 3. 133, I believe that the truths revealed in

Scripture are so self-evidencing [etc.]. 1890 *Spectator* 6 Sept., The self-evidencing character of intrinsic divinity. 1882–4 Grosart *Spenser* I. 191 The Poet was *self-evidencingly a man of moods.

Self-evident, *a.* (*sb.*) [Self- 3 b.] Evident of itself without proof; axiomatic.

1690 Locke *Hum. Und.* I. ii. § 14 These general and self-evident Maxims. *Ibid.* II. i. § 10 Whether this, That the Soul always thinks, be a self-evident Proposition. 1736 Butler *Anal.* II. Concl. 290 The Truth of revealed Religion, ..is not self-evident. 1809 W. Irving *Hist. New York* (1861) 115 He never suffered even a self-evident fact to pass unargued. 1861 Paley *Æschylus' Persians* 578 *note*, This is one of those happy emendations which at once commend themselves by a self-evident propriety. 1875 Jowett *Plato* (ed. 2) I. 405 The self-evident fact that growth is the result of eating and drinking.

b. as *sb.* A self-evident proposition.

1868 *Athenæum* 22 Aug. 241/3 The relations of premise and consequence which exist between self-evidents.

So **Self-evide·ntial** *a.*, resting upon self-evidence; **Self-e·videntism,** the character of being self-evident; **Self-e·vidently** *adv.*, in a self-evident manner.

1872 Sanday *4th Gosp.* i. 1 Its *self-evidential force at once ceases. 1825 *New Monthly Mag.* XIII. 336 Two propositions, which she is ready to back for *self-evidentism against any two in Euclid. 1696 Loraimer *Rem. on Goodwin's Disc.* vii. 40 The Major Proposition is *self evidently false, when stript of its Identical dress. 1768–74 Tucker *Lt. Nat.* (1834) II. 684 All voluntary labour..appears an oddity and strangeness, and by that mark must needs be self-evidently wrong. 1886 *Law Times* LXXXII. 77/1 Any alteration in the terms of a contract which is not self-evidently for the benefit of the surety.

Self-evolu·tion. [Self- 1 a.] Evolution of oneself (itself) by one's (its) own power.

1857 Kingsley *Lett.* (1877) II. 39 The idea of self-evolution in a story. 1883 *Bible Myths* (ed. 2) 369 In the progress of still further self-evolution, he [Brahma] willed to invest himself with the second quality of goodness, as Vishnu.

So **Self-evo·lved, -evo·lving** *ppl. adjs.*

1856 R. A. Vaughan *Mystics* (1860) I. 34 Their *self-evolved inexplicable explanations of everything. 1862 Spencer *First Princ.* I. ii. § 11 (1867) 32 A symbolic conception of a self-evolved Universe. 1852 Bailey *Festus* 526 Each heart lit up with *self evolving joy. 1871 *Times* 5 Apr. 3/1 The presumption that Man is but a term in this self-evolving series.

Self-exalta·tion. [Self- 1 a.] Exaltation of oneself, one's personality or claims.

1677 Gale *Crt. Gentiles* IV. 132 Proud self-exaltation brings down the soul. 1726 Amherst *Terræ Fil.* Pref. p. xxiii, To indulge the natural vanity of an author, by applying to my own performance the self-exaltation of the celebrated Horace. 1856 Grote *Greece* II. xciv. XII. 328 That exorbitant self-exaltation which formed the leading feature in his character. 1864 Pusey *Lect. Daniel* vi. 337 It is not self-exaltation to speak the simple truth.

So **Self-exa·ltative** *a.*, **-exa·lted** *ppl. a.*, **-exa·lting** *vbl. sb.* and *ppl. a.* (whence **-exa·ltingly** *adv.*).

1810 Bentham *Packing* (1821) 23 Of these two branches of the art of deception, the first mentioned may be termed the depressive or humiliative; the other the *self-exaltative. 1905 Holman-Hunt *Pre-Raphael.* I. 376 The arrogant self-taught and *self-exalted umpires. 1685 Baxter *Paraphr. N. T.* 1 Tim. iii. 6 The Errour of *Self-exalting. *a* 1688 Bunyan *Of the Trinity* Wks. 1767 I. 690 Those high towering and *self-exalting imaginations. 1781 Cowper *Hope* 530 If self-exalting claims be turn'd adrift. 1874 Spurgeon *Treas. David* lxxxvi. 5 So *self-exaltingly indignant at the injuries done them by others.

Self-examina·tion. [Self- 1 a.] Examination of oneself with regard to one's conduct, motives, etc., esp. as a religious duty.

1647 C. Harvey *Schola Cordis* Introd. 5 Resume thy long-neglected liberty Of selfe-examination. *a* 1700 Evelyn *Diary* 16 Sept. 1655, Preach'd at St. Gregories one Darnell on 4 Psalm 4. concerning the benefit of selfe examination. 1712 Addison *Spect.* No. 317 ₱ 10 This kind of self-examination would give them a true state of themselves. 1875 Keble *Lett. Spir. Counsel* lxiv. (ed. 3) 128 Let your self-examination..turn upon the government of your thoughts.. towards your fellow-creatures.

So **Self-exa·minant, -exa·miner, -exa·m.n.ng.**

1825 Coleridge *Aids Refl.* 164 If the *Self-examinant will ..exchange the safe circle of Religion..for the shifting Sand-wastes..of Speculative Theology. 1710 Shaftesb. *Charac., Adv. to Author* I. i, 'Tis the hardest thing in the world to be a good Thinker, without being a strong *Self-Examiner. *Ibid.* III. iii, There is something valuable in this *self-examining Practice.

Self-exci·ting, *ppl. a. Electr.* [Self- 1 f.] Designating a dynamo-electric machine that excites its own field. So **Self-excita·tion.**

1884 C. G. W. Lock *Workshop Rec.* Ser. III. 119/1 Self-exciting machines. 1908 J. G. Horner *Encycl. Pract. Engin., Self-Excitation,* the characteristic of a dynamo which enables it to build up a magnetic field upon the rotation of its armature from the residual magnetism of its magnet poles.

Self-e·xile. [Self- 1 a.] Voluntary exile.

1827 *Buckham's Theat. Grecks* 137 The motives for this self-exile are obscure. 1852 H. W. Pierson *Miss. Mem.* 168 Duty to our Lord required self-exile from home.

So **Self-e·xiled** *pa. pple.*

1737 Savage *Of Public Spirit* 191 Must self-exil'd roam Never to hope a friend, nor find a home. 1813 Scott *Trierm.* II. Interl. v, Arthur must..Self-exiled seek some distant shore. 1903 Kipling *5 Nations* 60 Self-exiled from our grass delights.

Self-exi·st, *v. rare.* [Back formation from next.] *intr.* To be self-existent. 1697 [see next].

Self-exi·stence. [Self- 5 c.] Existence of a being by virtue of his inherent nature independently of any other being.

1697 J. Sergeant *Solid Philos.* 84 Even Self-existence signifies a kind of Form or Mode of the Subject that Self-exists. 1712 Blackmore *Creation* III. 102 'Tis plain, it then may absent be from all; Who then will this a Self-existence call? 1860 Pusey *Min. Proph.* 325 That Name which He [God] vouchsafed to give to Himself, expressed His Self-existence. 1862 Spencer *First Princ.* I. ii. § 11 (1867) 31 Even were self-existence conceivable, it would not in any sense be an explanation of the Universe.

So † **Self-exi·stency.**

1631 Gouge *God's Arrows* III. § 72. 317 Jehovah..sets out ..the eternity and selfe-existency of God. *a* 1653 — *Comm. Heb.* I. 10 Christ in regard of his self-existency giveth to himself this title, 'I am that I am'.

Self-exi·stent, *a.* [Self- 3 b.]

1. Having the property of self-existence; existing of or by oneself (itself).

1701 [see Self-movent]. 1726 Watts *Logick* II. v. § 2 (ed. 2) 258 The Argument for the Existence of God, derived from the Idea of a most perfect and self-existent Being. 1848 R. I. Wilberforce *Doctr. Incarnation* vi. (1852) 147 The self-existent Godhead. 1862 Spencer *First Princ.* I. ii. § 11 (1867) 35 Those who cannot conceive a self-existent universe.

2. Having a primary or independent existence.

1779 Burke *Sp.* in *Ann. Reg.* (1780) 142/1 Property was not made by government, but government by and for it. The one is primary and self-existent; the other is secondary and derivative. 1876 Bancroft *Hist. U. S* VI. lvi. 441 The hatred of America as a self-existent state.

So **Self-exi·sting** *ppl. a.*

1701 Grew *Cosm. Sacr.* I. i. 1 This Self-existent Being hath the Power of Perfection, as well as of Existence, in Himself. 1747 Lyttleton *Obs. Conv. St. Paul* Wks. (1774) 328 If.. we have recourse..to the independent existence of matter, then we must admit two self-existing principles. 1795–1814 Wordsw. *Excurs.* IV. 80 Self-existing cause and end of all.

Self-expe·rience. [Self- 5 a.] Personal trial or experience.

1645 Bp. Hall *Rem. Discontent.* § 26. 159 Meere ignorance, and want of self-experience, is guilty of this errour. 1650 Trapp *Comm. Deut.* xi. 2 Those that have such evidence and self-experience, are usually more affected, then those that have things by hear-say only. 1778 [W. Marshall] *Minutes Agric., Observ.* 164 The Self-Experience I have..had with respect to the Weather. 1846 Jowett in *Life & Lett.* v. (1897) I. 132 Whether all this self-experience and over-sensibility ends in a morbid consciousness. 1886 M. F. Tupper *Life as Author* 159 It is a volume of self-experiences, to be read 'through the lines'.

So **Self-expe·rienced** *ppl. a.*

1782 J. Brown *Compend. View Relig.* Introd. p. vi, What stock of self-experienced truths.

Self-explai·ned, *ppl. a.* [Self- 2.] Explained by itself, understood without specific explanation.

1725 Pope *Odyss.* XIX. 651 The vision self-explain'd. *a* 1843 Southey *Comm.-Pl. Bk.* Ser. II. (1849) 209 The excellence of the German language is its independence; its compound words being like the Greek, self-explained.

So **Self-explai·ning** *ppl. a.*, **-expla·natory** *a.*

1864 Webster, *Self-explaining. 1898 *Philos. Mag.* Ser. v. XLV. 73, I have drawn the diagrams for the various methods, which are nearly *self-explanatory.

Self-faced, *ppl. a.* [f. after Self-coloured; cf. Self B. 3.] Of a paving-stone: Retaining its natural face or surface, undressed or unhewn.

1850 in Ogilvie. 1876 *Encycl. Brit.* IV. 473/1 Ordinary paving is of self-faced or of tooled York.

Self-feeling, *sb.* [Self *sb.* and Self- 1 d, 5 d. Cf. G. *selbstgefühl.*]

1. Used to render Cœnæsthesis.

1835 J. Young *Lect. Intell. Philos.* ix. 81 Dr. Crichton gives an account of a sense called by some German writers Cœnesthesis or self-feeling.

2. Feeling centred in oneself, egoistic feeling.

1879 Maudsley *Path. Mind* v. 241 This extreme development of..selfhood or self-feeling among the insane. 1895 *Pop. Sci. Monthly* Sept. 653 Self-feeling, a germ of the feeling of 'my worth' enters into this early passionateness. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 194 There is often an exaggerated 'self-feeling' which may give rise to hypochondriasis, or to false ideas of self-importance.

3. The sense of one's individual identity.

1908 G. A. Coe in *Hibbert Jrnl.* Jan. 365 [In self-hypnosis] First, the bodily sensations were modified...Second, the self-feeling underwent an equally marked change. It seemed as if the self melted into its object.

† **Self-feeling,** *ppl. a. Obs.* [Self- 1 f.] Self-conscious.

1642 H. More *Song of the Soul* I. II. xxv, Self-feeling *Autæsthesia.*

Self-fe·rtile, *a. Bot.* [Self- 3 b.] Of a flower: Having the property of fertilizing itself by the action of its pollen on its pistil. Of a plant: Fertilized by the pollen of its own flowers alone. Also applied to hermaphrodite animals. So **Self-fe·rtilizable** *a.*, **-fertiliza·tion, -fe·rtilize** *v.*, **-fe·rtilized** *ppl. a.*, **-fe·rtilizer,** a self-fertilizing plant, **-fe·rtilizing** *ppl. a.*

1859 Darwin *Orig. Spec.* iv. 98 The contrivance seems adapted solely to ensure *self-fertilisation. *Ibid.* 100 Of aquatic animals, there are many *self-fertilising hermaphrodites. 1865 — in *Life & Lett.* (1887) III. 276, I conjectured that the Spider and Bee-orchids might be a crossing and *self-fertile form of the same species. 1871 A. W. Bennett in *Jrnl. Linn. Soc., Bot.* XIII. 149 It is very commonly the case in closed *self-fertilized flowers for the pollen-tubes to penetrate the substance of the anther itself. 1877 A. Gray in *Amer. Jrnl. Sci.* Ser. III. XIII. 135 Many..flowers which are frequented by insects are none the less *self-fertilizable. *Ibid.* 126 The flowers of this species *self-fertilize, but must also be habitually cross-fertilized. 1879 G. Henslow in *Pop. Sci. Rev.* XVIII. 8 Scrophulariaceæ furnishes several *self-fertilisers.

Self-fla·ttered, *ppl. a.* [Self- 2.] Flattered by oneself.

1742 Young *Nt. Th.* VIII. 180 Self-flatter'd, unexperienc'd, high in hope.

So **Self-fla·tterer** [Self- 1 c].

1713 M. Henry *Folly Desp. own Soul* Wks. 1855 I. 160 Self-flatterers and self-deceivers will prove self-destroyers. 1787 J. Howie *Ref. Princ. re-exhibited* Pref. p. xli, [We may] incur the suspicion of self-flatterers.

Self-fla·ttering, *ppl. a.* [Self- 1 f.] Flattering oneself, encouraging oneself in a lofty opinion of one's achievements, powers, or influence.

a 1586 Sidney *Arcadia* III. (Sommer) 302 Which (like a self-flattering woman) she conceiued was done for her sake. 1667 Flavel *Saint Indeed* (1673) 148 The damning sin of the self-flattering Hypocrite. 1728 R. Morris *Ess. Anc. Archit.* 70 Those self-flattering Companions, Novelty and Singleness. 1795–1814 Wordsw. *Excurs.* VII. 1007 The hopes And expectations of self-flattering minds. 1842 Manning *Serm.* viii. (1848) I. 110 The indulgence of..some self-flattering and sensitive vanity.

So **Self-fla·ttery.**

1680 Allen *Peace & Unity* 83 In danger of being betrayed into such a self-flattery. 1745 J. Mason *Self-Knowl.* I. vii. (1853) 55 It is dangerous Self-flattery to give soft and smoothing Names to Sins. 1842 Manning *Serm.* xiv. (1848) I. 191 It is only the vain self-flattery of the day to talk as if we had less need now of the daily service.

Self-forge·tful, *a.* [Self- 1 e.] Forgetful of one's self or one's own individuality; having or characterized by no thought of self.

1864 Pusey *Lect. Daniel* vii. 438 The quick, honest, self-forgetful acknowledgment of the truth. 1897 'A. Hope' *Phroso* xvii, One, fierce, uncalculating, self-forgetful triumph.

Hence **Self-forge·tfully** *adv.*, **Self-forge·tfulness**; so **Self-forge·tting** *ppl. a.*

1859 Ruskin *Two Paths* I. § 15 Art, devoted humbly and *self-forgetfully to the clear statement..of the facts of the universe. 1832 Disraeli *Cont. Fleming* I. xix, All that I can recommend you now is to practise *self-forgetfulness. 1864 Pusey *Lect. Daniel* i. 14 Daniel, in noble self-forgetfulness. 1847 Mrs. Trollope *Three Cousins* xv. I. 250 Her *self-forgetting kindness to every being that approached her. 1908 *Expositor* July 35 A self-forgetting idealist.

Self-forma·tion. [Self- 1 a.] Formation or production without extraneous aid; self-development of the mind or character.

a 1713 Shaftesb. *Charac.* (1723) III. 139 *note*, The natural Production, and Self-Formation of the Arts. 1837 [C. Lofft] (*title*) Self-Formation; or, the history of an individual mind.

So **Self-formed** *ppl. a.*

a 1700 [see *self-steer'd*, Self- 2 a]. 1711 Shaftesb. *Charac.* III. 139 With them every noble Study and Science was ..self-form'd [tr. αὐτοσχεδιαστική]. 1787 Hawkins *Life Johnson* 52 A character self-formed, as owing nothing to parental nurture, and scarce anything to moral tuition. 1834 Newman in *Lyra Apost.* (1849) 55 Whose spirits live..Each in his self-formed sphere of light or gloom. 1844 W. H. Mill *Serm. Tempt. Christ* V. 125 A vain and self-formed assurance. 1876 Bancroft *Hist. U. S.* VI. I. 319 Self-formed bands of volunteers started into being.

† **Se·lffull,** *a. Obs.* [f. Self *sb.* + -ful.] Full of 'self', self-centred, selfish.

1654 [J. Sparrow] tr. *Behmen's Myst. Magn.* xxix. § 18 A Source out of the Centre of the fiery desire, a selfefull will of the fiery might of the Soule. *Ibid.* 167 A Source of selfefull Lust. 1692 Mather *Pref. to Owen's Holy Spirit* (1693) A 3 Untimely Abortions of a Self-full, Distempered Spirit.

† **Self-fu·ll,** *a. Obs.* [f. Self- 3 b + Full *a.*] = Self-sufficient 1. So † **Self-fu·llness** = Self-sufficiency 1.

1642 H. More *Song of Soul* II. iii. IV. xxii, [God's] being is self-full, self-joy'd, self-excellent. 1672 Owen *Disc. Evang. Love* 25 His [*sc.* God's]..Communicative Love, from his own infinite self-fulness.

Se·lffulness. Now *rare.* [f. prec. + -ness.] Selfcentredness, selfishness.

1654 [J. Sparrow] tr. *Behmen's Myst. Magn.* xxix. § 18 A Sprout..out of the first Principle, in which..the first Principle, did in an especiall manner prevaile and would Sever it selfe into a selfe-fulnesse (orig. *ein eigenes*). 1658 Owen *Of Tempt.* viii. 172 Selfe-fulnesse as to principles, and selfishness as to ends. 1660 Gauden *Brownrig* 233 Savouring of self-fulness and conceit. 1887 Br. Moule *Thoughts Spir. Life* iii. 54 Nothing does the world's Microscope discover more keenly than selffulness in a Christian man.

† **Self-given,** *a. Obs.* [Self- 2.] Emanating or derived from oneself (itself).

1742 Young *Nt. Th.* I. 219 Virtue's sure, Self-given, solar, ray of sound delight. 1751 J. Brown *Shaftesb. Charac.* 123 A self-given and original beauty.

Self-gi·ving, *vbl. sb.* [Self- 1 b.] The giving of oneself for others; self-devotion, self-sacrifice.

1850 Robertson *Serm.* Ser. III. vii. (1857) 114 To give rather than to receive—the blessedness of self-giving. 1888 Pierson *Evang. Wk.* xviii. 183 His self-giving to the cause of the poor.

So **Self-giving** *ppl. a.*, self-sacrificing.

1850 Robertson *Serm.* Ser. III. vii. (1857) 113 A flow of this divine self-giving charity.

† **Self-gloria·tion.** *Obs. rare.* [Self- 3 a.] Self-boasting.

1672 H. More *Brief Reply* Pref. A 2 b, That I ought to be utterly dead to all Self-joy and Self-gloriation.

Self-glorifica·tion. [SELF- 1 a.] Glorification or exaltation of oneself.

1848 DICKENS *Dombey* xvii, The unconscious Captain walked out in a state of self glorification. 1885 G. RAWLINSON *Egypt & Bab.* iii. 50 The great King Nebuchadnezzar,.. his grandeur, his pride, his cruelty,..his self-glorification.

Self-glo·rious, *a.* [SELF- 3 a.] Marked by vain-glory or boasting.

1599 SHAKS. *Hen. V*, v. Prol. 20 Free from vain-nesse, and selfe-glorious pride. 1611 BEAUM. & FL. *King & No K.* iv. ii, Your too self-glorious temper.

So **Self-glo·ry, Self-glo·rying** *vbl. sb.* and *ppl. a.* 1647 tr. *Behmen's XL Quest.* i. § 66 Covetousnesse, Pride, *Selfe-glory and Arrogancy. 1729 LAW *Serious C.* xvi. 299 If such a creature pretends to self-glory for any thing that he is, or does. 1878 GOSSE *Rivers of Bible* 118 Self-indulgence, self-glory..hide Christ from the soul. 1848 W. R. WILLIAMS *Lord's Prayer* ix. (1854) 326 To slay this *self-glorying. 1860 PUSEY *Min. Proph.* 500 These are only *self-glorying records of victories.

Se·lf-good. [SELF- 5 a.] Personal benefit or advantage.

1618 *Barnevelt's Apol.* C 3 All men are bound their selfe-good to procure. 1699 SHAFTESB. *Charac., Inq. conc. Virtue* II. § 1 Nor has for Object any Self-Good or Advantage of the private System. 1832 TENNYSON *Œnone* 155 Good for selfgood doth half destroy selfgood.

Self-go·verned, *ppl. a.* [SELF- 2.]

1. Acting or living according to one's own desires uninfluenced by others; independent.

1795–1814 WORDSW. *Excurs.* v. 386 How few who mingle with their fellow-men And still remain self-governed, and apart. 1797 SOUTHEY *Comm.-pl. Bk.* Ser. iv. (1851) 273 When, a self-governed man, No laws exist to thee. 1847 MRS. GORE *Castles in Air* i, New works derived from the London library, to which my self-governed sisters were subscribers.

2. Of persons: Marked by self-control. Of a state: Having self-government.

18.. *Brit. Rev.* (Worc.), A self-governed state is a strong state, for it is made up of self-governed citizens. 1883 M. MORRIS *Bk. Health* 378 Reasonably self-governed beings. 1886 DICEY *Eng. Case agst. Home Rule* vii. 198 The constitutional relations existing between England and a self-governed colony.

So **Self-go·verning** *ppl. a.*, autonomous.

1880 A. TODD *Parl. Gov. in Brit. Col.* iv. 1. 161 Matters affecting the internal administration of a self-governing colony. 1886 DICEY *Eng. Case agst. Home Rule* vii. 198 Victoria .. is .. for some purposes .. an independent, self-governing community.

Self-go·vernment. [SELF- 1 a.]

1. Self-control, self-command. Now *rare.*

1734 WATTS *Relig. Juv.* (1789) 201 Self-government is an eternal duty. 1736 BUTLER *Anal.* i. iii. 47 His natural Faculty of Self-Government impaired by Habits of Indulgence. 1821 SCOTT *Kenilw.* xxxviii, He had but sense and self-government enough left to prevent his stabbing to the heart the audacious villain. 1878 GLADSTONE *Prim. Homer* xi. 128 Intensity of Achilles...Any degree of self-government is a wonder, when exercised over such volcanic forces.

2. Administration by a people or state of its own affairs without external direction or interference.

1798 JEFFERSON in Lieber *Civil Lib.* (1853) 205 *note*, The residuary rights are reserved to their (the American States) own self-government. 1870 J. E. T. ROGERS *Hist. Glean.* Ser. ii. 4 The towns gained charters of self-government. 1886 DICEY *Eng. Case agst. Home Rule* ii. 22 Home Rule does not mean Local Self-Government.

Self-gratula·tion. = SELF-CONGRATULATION.

1802 MRS. E. PARSONS *Myst. Visit* II. 125 The self-gratulation of her insidious guardian. 1829 LYTTON *Devereux* III. iv, The wisdom of a choice which has brought you self-gratulation. 1870 J. H. NEWMAN *Gram. Assent* II. vi. 196 It [certitude] is a feeling of satisfaction and self-gratulation.

So **Self-gra·tulating** *ppl. a.*, **-gra·tulatingly** *adv.*, **-gra·tulatory** *a.* 1876 GEO. ELIOT *Dan. Der.* xlii, The *self-gratulating ignorant prosperity of the Cohens. 1835 *Tait's Mag.* II. 533 Amusements and dissipations are *self-gratulatingly denounced as gross follies and sins. 1859 BAIN *Emotions & Will* vii. 136 Those various forms of *self-gratulatory feeling. *Ibid.* 140 The self-gratulatory pleasures.

†**Self-guard.** *Obs. rare.* In 6 **-gard.** [SELF- 1 a.] Reserve.

a 1586 SIDNEY *Arcadia* (1622) 87 Selfe-gard with mildnesse, Sport with Maiestie.

Self-heal (se·lfhīl). Also 4 selfhele, 5 selhele, sulfhele, selfhol (?), 6–7 selfeheale. [f. SELF- 1 + HEAL *v.*; cf. OHG. *selbheila* 'euphrasia' (see EUPHRASY).] A name for various plants believed to have great healing properties, esp. *Prunella vulgaris* (Common S.), *Sanicula europæa*, and formerly *Pimpinella Saxifraga* (see PIMPERNEL 3).

a 1387 *Sinon. Barthol.* (Anecd. Oxon.) 11 *Armoniaca*, i. Self-hele. *Ibid.* 13 *Betonica major*, i. Selfhele. *Ibid.* 33 *Oxyndrele*, i. Selfhele. *Ibid.* 43 *Unctuosa*, Self bele. *a* 1400–50 [see MORECROP]. *c* 1450 *Alphita* (Anecd. Oxon.) 193 Unctuosa..an. selhele uel smerwrt. *c* 1450 *M. E. Med. Bk.* (Heinrich) 201 Tak crowsope, penywort, sulfhele. 1526 *Grete Herball* cccl v. (1529) T vj, De pinpinella. Selfe heale or pympyrnell. 1568 TURNER *Herbal* III. 61 Selfe heale is good to heale grene woundes. 1664 DR. BURNET in Pepys *Diary* 1 July, Take..of Selfeheale, of Red Roses, of each one Handfull. 1760 J. LEE *Introd. Bot.* App. 326 Self-heal, *Sanicula*. 1844 H. STEPHENS *Bk. Farm* III. 944 The seeds..of the common self-heal, *Prunella vulgaris*, mix themselves with those of clover. 1880 JEFFERIES *Gt. Estate* 132 In the grass the short selfheal shows.

Self-he·lp. [SELF- 1 a.]

1. The action or faculty of providing for oneself without assistance from others.

1831 CARLYLE *Sart. Res.* II. iii, In the destitution of the wild desert does our young Ishmael acquire for himself the highest of all possessions, that of Self-help. 1860 SMILES (*title*) Self-help. 1865 KINGSLEY *Herew.* ix, Free, with the divine instinct of freedom, and all the self-help and energy which spring thereout. 1870 ROLLESTON *Anim. Life* p. lv, Birds which are possessed, immediately after hatching, of the faculty of self-help.

attrib. 1887 (*title*) Self-Help Emigration Society. 1908 (*title*) Self-help exercises in English.

2. *Law.* Redress of one's wrongs by one's own action, without recourse to legal process.

1875 POSTE *Gaius* III. (ed. 2) 476 The inducement to abstain from self-help..is still required.

Hence **Self-he·lpful** *a.* (whence **-he·lpfulness**), **Self-he·lping** *ppl. a.*, **Self-he·lpless** (whence **-he·lplessness**).

1855 KINGSLEY *Westw. Hot* viii, A pig of *self-helpful and serene spirit..fatting fast. 1890 *Athenæum* 11 Oct. 476/3 The self-helpful quality which enables a man..to secure comforts and luxury without deserving..them. 1855 KINGSLEY *Westw. Hot* xxvii, His body, pampered with easily-obtained luxuries,..loses its *self-helpfulness. 1840 CARLYLE *Heroes* ii. (1858) 239 He is a rough *self-helping son of the wilderness. 1855 D. J. BROWNE *Amer. Poultry Yd.* 242 The young are active, self-helping little things. 1848 KINGSLEY *Yeast* ii, I am miserable, self-disgusted, *self-helpless. 1881 *Daily News* 1 Feb. 3/2 Apathy, or at least what I would call *self-helplessness.

Self-ho·micide. Now *rare.* [f. SELF- 1 a + HOMICIDE *sb.*2] Self-murder, suicide.

1621 HAKEWILL *David's Vow* 308 Selfe homicide, the destroying of a mans selfe. *a* 1631 DONNE (*title*) ΒΙΑΘΑΝΑΤΟΣ. A Declaration of that Paradoxe, or Thesis, That Selfe-homicide is not so naturally Sinne, that it may never be otherwise. 1651 CHARLETON *Eph. & Cimm. Matrons* (1668) 20 Of all Murders, the most detestable was self-Homicide. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 371 Self-homicide occasionally occurs in melancholia.

Selfhood (se·lfhud). [f. SELF *sb.* + -HOOD.

Orig. representing G. *selbheit*, but rendering also *ichheit*, *meinheit*, and *eigenheit* (Jacob Behmen or Boehme, 1575–1624); see quots. 1649, etc. There is no evidence of the continuity of the word from the 17th cent., and it appears as a new formation in the middle of the 19th. Blake's use of the word, in 'the Great Selfhood Satan', *Jerusalem* (1804) 33, seems to be isolated.]

1. The quality by virtue of which one is oneself; personal individuality; ipseity; that which constitutes one's own self or individuality; (one's) self.

1649 J. E[LLISTONE] tr. *Behmen's Ep.* i. § 23, I live to him & not to my selfehood [orig. *Meinheit*]. *Ibid.* ii. § 19, I cannot ascribe, or arrogate any thing unto my selfe, as if my selfehood [orig. *Ichheit*] were, or understood, any thing. *Ibid.* vi. § 35 The Separator of the naturall selfe-hood [orig. *Eigenheit*] hath no true Ens. *Ibid.* x. § 8 [A child's] naturall understanding of selfehood [orig. *Selbheit*]. 1682 HOWE *Prayer from Name of God* Wks. 1862 IV. 247 My single personality, ipseity, self-hood, call it what you will.

1858 BUSHNELL *Nat. & Supernat.* ii. (1864) 57 Their glorious self-hood and immortal liberty. 1869 *Contemp. Rev.* XI. 250 To act, to origioate action, there must be..something of selfhood—a self. 1892 W. S. LILLY *Gt. Enigma* 239 The perception of selfhood is the very fundamental interior fact of which I am conscious.

2. Oneself as the centre of one's life and action; hence, self-centredness; devotion to self, selfish life or conduct.

1649 J. E[LLISTONE] tr. *Behmen's Ep.* x. § 2 Antichrist..acteth selfe-hood [orig. *Eigenheit*] and the lust of the flesh. 1661 SPARROW tr. *Behmen's Rem. Wks., Apol. conc. Perf.* 148, I wish that I yet might totally dye to self-hood. 1683 TRYON *Way to Health* 403 To destroy all the mischievous Works of Self-hood and the Devil. *a* 1763 BYROM *Poet. Vers. Let. Behmen* xiii, When the Soul has tasted of the Love,..Still in its Self-hood it wou'd seek to shine.

1860 J. YOUNG *Prov. Reason* 205 The..stubborn selfhood of men. 1884 *Ch. Times* 16 May 373/1 The destruction of self-hood and the entire indwelling of the Holy Ghost.

3. One's personality, one's personal interests or character.

1854 LADY LYTTON *Behind the Scenes* I. II. i. 160 They had connexions, or money, which served as a pretty relief..to the mosaic of his self-hood. 1867 LOWELL *Among my Bks.* Ser. I. *Rousseau* (1873) 377 Originality does not consist in a fidgety assertion of selfhood. 1886 *Century Mag.* XXXI. 440 In cultivating manhood we develop selfhood.

Self-ide·ntical, *a. Philos.* [SELF- 3 a.] Identical with itself.

1877 E. CAIRD *Philos. Kant* II. xix. 660 We cannot determine the soul as a pure self-identical nature. 1884 tr. *Lotze's Logic* IV. ii. 441 The eternally self-identical significance of Ideas. 1898 ILLINGWORTH *Div. Immanence* iii. 68 As self-conscious, self-identical, self-determined, we possess qualities which transcend or rise above the laws of matter.

Self-ide·ntity. *Philos.* [SELF- 3 a.] The identity of a thing with itself.

1866 J. MARTINEAU *Ess.* I. 229 Emotion and change..are incompatible with immutable self-identity. 1877 E. CAIRD *Philos. Kant* II. xv. 544 Consciousness may pass through many states without losing its self-identity. 1899 J. CAIRD *Fundam. Ideas Christ.* II. xv. 161 That separate, solitary self-identity, which makes each human spirit..the bearer of its own burden.

Self-ido·later. [SELF- 1 c.] One who idolizes or worships self. So **Self-ido·latry, Self-i·dolized** *ppl. a.*, **Self-i·dolizing** *vbl. sb.* and *ppl. a.*

1844 LD. LEIGH *Walks in C.* 125 And *self-idolaters in drawling tone Whine about 'brethren dear', yet care for none. 1682 SIR T. BROWNE *Chr. Mor.* I. § 23 (1716) 24 Self-credulity, pride, and levity lead unto *self-Idolatry. 1864 PUSEY *Lect. Daniel* ii. 94 A self-idolatry, a self-deifying, which shall compete with the true God. 1781 COWPER *Expost.* 94 The pharisee the dupe of his own art, *Self-idoliz'd. 1651 BAXTER *Inf. Bapt.* 193 Knowing such motions to come from pride and *self-Idolizing. 1860 PUSEY *Min. Proph.* 441 From Isaiah, Zephaniah adopts that characteristic picture of self-idolising. 180. J. FOSTER *Ess.* III. iv. (1805) II. 76 The *self-idolizing men who dream.

†**Self-ill,** *a. Obs. rare.* [f. SELF- 3 a + ILL *a.*] Harmful to oneself.

1633 P. FLETCHER *Hymn Marr. Cousins* xiii, Live each of other firmly lov'd, and loving; As farre from hate, as self-ill, jealousie.

Self-impo·rtance. [SELF- 5 a.] The sense of one's importance; bearing or conduct arising from this.

1775 in ASH. 1779 *Mirror* No. 43 P 1 She found in him nothing of that self-importance which superior parts, or great cultivation of them, is apt to confer. 1818 SCOTT *Hrt. Midl.* xii, The worthy burgher, in the plenitude of self-importance. 1825 — *Betrothed* xxii, Solitude is favourable to feelings of self-importance. 1872 SANFORD *Est. Eng. Kings* 331 The dignity of bearing in Charles..was sustained by a profound sense of self-importance and superiority.

Self-impo·rtant, *a.* [f. prec.] Marked by self-importance; having an exaggerated opinion of one's own importance.

1775 in ASH. 1783 O'KEEFFE *Birth-Day* 30 A little self-important court gnadder. 1793 SMEATON *Edystone L.* § 281 Five of our best hands being grown self-important, demanded an increase of wages. 1842 MANNING *Serm.* iii. (1843) 39 The imposing comments of self-important people.

Self-impo·sed, *ppl. a.* [SELF- 2.] Imposed on one by oneself.

1781 COWPER *Conversat.* 350 Of needless shame, and self-impos'd disgrace. 1838 DICKENS *O Twist* xlii, Upon the night when Nancy..hurried on her self-imposed mission to Rose Maylie. 1877 FREEMAN *Norm. Conq.* II. App. 651 There is no reason to think that the pilgrimage was other than a self-imposed one.

Self-impro·vable, *a.* [SELF- 2 b.] Capable of self-improvement.

1678 CUDWORTH *Intell. Syst.* I. iv. xxxvi. 565 Endowed with..Freewill, and consequently..self-improvable and self-impairable. *a* 1866 J. GROTE *Exam. Utilit. Philos.* iv. (1870) 83 Some sentient beings..(of whom is man) imaginative and self-improvable.

Self-impro·vement. [SELF- 1 a.] Improvement of oneself, one's character, etc., by one's own efforts.

1745 J. MASON *Self-Knowl.* I. ix. (1853) 66 Had I such a temper by Nature, I should perhaps, with all my Self-Improvement find it a difficult Thing to manage. 1841 HELPS *Ess., Self-discipline* (1842) 21 The whole energies of the man devoted to self-improvement. 1879 R. K. DOUGLAS *Confucianism* iv. 94 Self-improvement and the knowledge of one's own faults.

So **Self-impro·ver, Self-impro·ving** *ppl. a.*

1853 T. T. LYNCH *Self-Improvement* 1 The *self-improver is both a labourer and a field of labour; a labourer in his own field. 1709 SHAFTESB. *Charac., Moralists* III. § 2 Neither is this Knowledg [of ourselves] acquir'd by..the View of Pageantrys, the Study of Estates and Honours: nor is He to be esteem'd that *self-improving Artist, who makes a Fortune out of these. 1869 W. P. MACKAY *Grace & Truth* (1874) 41 A long series of self-improving processes.

Self-inconsi·stency. [SELF- 3 a.] = INCONSISTENCY 2, 4.

1698 NORRIS *Pract. Disc.* (1707) IV. 113 To acquit himself from the imputation of Absurdity and Self-inconsistency. 1778 R. SMITH (*title*) Self-inconsistency Exemplified. 1844 J. JAMIESON *Real Infl. Holy Spirit* iii. 62 This objection cannot be made without obvious self-inconsistency.

So **Self-inconsi·stent** *a.*, = INCONSISTENT 3, 4.

1668 G. C. *More's Div. Dial.* To Rdr. A 3, As if the more perplext and self-inconsistent the Nature of God were, it were the more..adorable. 1745 WESLEY *Answer to Church* 12 They are, I believe, the most self-inconsistent People.

Self-indu·ced, *pa. pple.* and *ppl. a. Electr.* [SELF- 1.] Produced by self-induction.

1886 *Science* 14 May 442/2 An extra current of opposite name self-induced in the wire. 1897 L. WRIGHT *Induction Coil* i. 20 The self-induced current in the coil from 'make' is inverse.

Self-indu·ctance. *Electr.* [SELF- 3 b.] = next. Also, the coefficient of self-induction.

[1888: see INDUCTANCE.] 1897 *Amer. Jrnl. Sci.* Ser. iv. IV. 431 We can always determine the mutual inductances in terms of the self-inductances. 1903 *Times* 6 Feb. 9/6 In self-inductance electricity had a property resembling inertia.

Self-indu·ction. *Electr.* [SELF- 3 b.] The production of an induced current in a circuit by means of a variation in the current of that circuit. (See INDUCTION 10, INERTIA 1 b.)

1873 MAXWELL *Electr. & Magn.* II. 291 The self-induction of a round wire doubled on itself. 1876 CHRYSTAL in *Encycl. Brit.* VIII. 76/2 What has been called the coefficient of self-induction of a circuit he [Neumann] calls the potential of the circuit on itself. 1886 *Science* 14 May 443/1 The electromotive force of self-induction currents.

So **Self-indu·ctive** *a.*, produced by self-induction.

1834 FARADAY *Exp. Res.* (1844) II. 208 Self-inductive action of a current. 1886 *Science* 14 May 442 The self-inductive capacity of non-magnetic wires of different metals.

Self-indu·lged, *ppl. a.* [SELF- 2.] Indulged, gratified, or humoured by oneself.

1846 H. G. ROBINSON *Odes of Horace* II. ii, Fell dropsy, self-indulg'd, is nurst, Nor drives away its growing thirst. 1881 'RITA' *My Lady Coquette* i, Spoilt..and self-indulged.

Self-indu·lgence. [SELF- 1 a.] Indulgence of one's desires, etc.; = INDULGENCE 2 b.

1753 MISS COLLIER *Art Torment.* II. iii. (1811) 159 That you do not believe that ill-health comes to any but through their own self-indulgence. 1779 JOHNSON *L. P., Garth* (1868)

215 The author never slumbers in self-indulgence; his full vigour is always exerted. 1869 TROLLOPE *He knew*, etc. xviii. (1878) 98 One finds so few people that will do any duty that taxes their self-indulgence.

So **Self-indu·lgent** *a.* (cf. INDULGENT 2), **Self-indu·lger, Self-indu·lging** *ppl. a.*

1791 BOSWELL *Johnson* 27 Mar., an. 1776, A capricious and *self-indulgent valetudinarian. 1833 J. H. NEWMAN *Arians* I. i. (1876) 11 Those festive, self-indulgent habits. 1847 MRS. TROLLOPE *Three Cousins* xxvii. II. 186 All the articles ever invented by the ingenuity of man for rendering the retired hours of an aged *self-indulger luxurious. 1687 NORRIS *Misc.* (1699) 275 Our most forward and *Self-indulging Opinions. 1795-1814 WORDSW. *Excurs.* II. 311 Steeped in a self-indulging spleen.

Self-infli·cted, *ppl. a.* [SELF- 2.] Inflicted by oneself or one's own hand.

1784 COWPER *Task* IV. 430 Poverty, with most who whimper forth Their long complaints, is self-inflicted woe. 1814 BYRON *Lara* I. xvii, Self-inflicted penance. 1885 *Law Times* LXXVIII. 270/2 The injury was self-inflicted.

So **Self-infli·ction.**

1860 PUSEY *Min. Proph.* 583 Self-infliction was characteristic of the idolatrous cuttings. 1892 ZANGWILL *Bow Myst.* 36 In the absence of any theory as to how the cut could possibly have been made by that other hand, we should be driven back to the theory of self-infliction.

Self-instru·cted, *ppl. a.* [SELF- 2.] Self-educated, self-taught. So **Self-instru·ction; Self-instru·ctor** (used as a title for a manual of self-instruction).

a 1704 T. BROWN *Lond. & Lacedem. Oracles* Wks. 1709 III. iii. 136 The Desire of *Self-Instruction. 1729 LAW *Serious C.* xviii. 326 Had we continued perfect, as God created the first man, perhaps the perfection of our nature had been a sufficient self-instruction for every one. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* x, What instruction is more effectual than self-instruction? 1905 *Athenæum* 7 Jan. 21/2 To assist officers in self-instruction in tactics. 1807 (*title*) The *Self Instructor, or Young Man's Best Companion; being an introduction to all the various branches of useful learning and knowledge. 1883 (*title*) Ward and Lock's Self-instructor; or, Every Man his own Schoolmaster.

† **Self-i·nteressed,** *ppl. a. Obs.* [See INTERESSED.] = SELF-INTERESTED.

1656 EARL MONM. tr. *Boccalini's Advts. fr. Parnass.* I. xi. (1674) 14 The self-interessed and perfidious heart of Man. 1707 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 4324/1 Those narrow Self-Interessed Notions which..bad so long cramp'd and fetter'd them.

Self-i·nterest. [SELF- 5 a.]

1. One's personal profit, benefit, or advantage. (Cf. INTEREST *sb.* 2 b.) Now *rare* or *Obs.*

1658 T. WALL *Charact. Enemies Ch.* 35 Self interest..is the second end. *a* 1662 DUPPA *Holy Rules Devot.* II. (1675) 162 Hast thou set up nothing in competition with him [*sc.* God],..no Profit, no Self-love, no Self-Interest of thine own? 1726 BUTLER *Serm. Rolls Chapel* xi. 202 Greater Regards to Self-interest. 1801 *Farmer's Mag.* Aug. 332 An enlightened sense of self-interest. 1831 SCOTT *Ct. Rob.* xiii, He holds his own self-interest to be the devoted guide of his whole conduct. 1833 LYTTON *Godolphin* I. ii. 22 Like Lysander, he loved plotting, yet neglected self-interest.

b. A private or personal end. ? *Obs.*

1658 SLINGSBY *Diary* (1836) 208 It admitted no alloy or mixture with By-respects or self-interests. 1712 PRIDEAUX *Direct. Church-W.* (ed. 4) 91 They have a By-end and Self-interest of their own. 1867 BAGEHOT *Engl. Const.* viii. 277 The self-interests, the jobbing propensities of the assembly.

2. Regard to, or pursuit of, one's own advantage or welfare, *esp.* to the exclusion of regard for others. (Cf. INTEREST *sb.* 5.) For the favourable sense, cf. SELF-LOVE 2.

1649 J. E[LLISTONE] tr. *Behmen's Ep.* x. § 4 He must mortify the Antichrist in his soule..and become the poorest creature in the owne-hood (selfenesse or selfe interest) of his mind. 1657 *Baker's Sancta Sophia* II. ii. § 5 (1908) 245 So absolute a purity and freedom from self-interest. 1693 DRYDEN *Exam. Poet.* Ded., Ess. (ed. Ker) II. 2 The same jugglings in State, the same hypocrisy in religion, the same self-interest and mismanagement. 1780 COWPER *Expost.* 439 The priestly brotherhood, devout, sincere, From mean self int'rest and ambition clear. 1790 BURKE *Fr. Rev.* Wks. V. 271 An enlightened self-interest, which, when well understood, they tell us, will identify with an interest more enlarged and publick. 1865 LOWELL *Reconstruction* Wks. 1890 V. 236 The..weak good-nature inherent in popular government, but against which monarchies and aristocracies are insured by self-interest. 1878 EMERSON *Sov. Ethics* in *N. Amer. Rev.* CXXVI. 407 In spite of malignity and blind self-interest..necessity is always bringing things right.

Self-i·nterested, *a.* [f. prec. + -ED.] Characterized by self-interest; actuated solely by regard for one's personal advantage or welfare.

1657 *Narr. late Parlt.* in *Harl. Misc.* (1809) III. 46a Men, standing under such mercenary and self-interested obligations. 1688 LD. CHURCHILL *Let. to King* ibid. IV. 59 Those unhappy designs, which inconsiderate and self-interested men have framed against your Majesty's true interest. 1707 HEARNE *Collect.* 19 Sept. (O.H.S.) II. 48 A..stingy self-interested Fellow. 1784 J. POTTER *Virtuous Villagers* II. 69 The gifts of Fortune..applied to..self-interested purposes. 1834 K. H. DIGBY *Mores Cath.* v. x. 360 The zeal of the middle ages had..nothing to recommend it to the favour of ..self-interested reformers. 1863 MRS. OLIPHANT *Salem Chapel* v, I must learn to be prudent and self-interested for your sakes.

Hence **Self-i·nterestedness;** so † **Self-i·nteresting** *ppl. a.* = SELF-INTERESTED.

1727 BAILEY vol. II, *Sinisterness*, Unfairness, *Self-Interestedness. *a* 1734 NORTH *Life Dudley North* (1744) 6 Experience of Mens ordinary Self-Interestedness and Treachery. 1870 MOZLEY *Univ. Serm.* iii. (1877) 67 This charge of self-interestedness against the motive of a future life. 1699 SHAFTESB. *Charac., Inq. conc. Virtue* II. 79 All social Love, Friendship [etc.]..does by its nature take place of the *self-interesting Passions. 1710 — *Adv. Author* I. 201 The self-interesting Partys [viz. the reader and the author] both vanish at once.

Self-involu·tion. [SELF- 3 a.] The condition or fact of being self-involved.

1817 COLERIDGE *Biog. Lit.* xxiii. (1907) II. 183 The self-involution and dreamlike continuity of Richardson. 1888 *Amer. Jrnl. Psychol.* I. 630 Heraclitus..seemed to appreciate the dangers of self-involution.

Self-involved, *ppl. a.* [SELF- 3 a.] Wrapped up in oneself or one's own thoughts.

1842 TENNYSON *Day-Dream* 261 The pensive mind..all too dearly self-involved. 1847 JAMES *Russell* I. ix. 175 That peculiar sort of self-involved business air. 1869 RUSKIN *Q. of Air* i. § 21 Coiling and recoiling and self-involved returns of some sickening famine and thirst of heart,

Selfish (se·lfiʃ), *a.* Also 7 self(e)-ish, selvish. [f. SELF *sb.* + -ISH[1] 2.

In Hacket's life of Archbishop Williams, *Scrinia Reserata* (1693) II. § 136, the word is said to be of the Presbyterians' 'own new mint'; it is used in reference to events of the year 1641. Synonyms current in the 17th cent. are *self-ended* and *self-ful.*]

1. Devoted to or concerned with one's own advantage or welfare to the exclusion of regard for others.

1640 W. BRIDGE *True Souldiers C.* 74 A carnal selfe-ish spirit is very loathsome in what is spirituall. 1645 T. HILL *Olive Branch* (1648) 27 When you are so selfish in your designs and undertakings, and so far prefer your self-ends before the Publique. 1656 JEANES *Mixt. Schol. Div.* 14 It is a selvish fear, proceeding from an..adulterous love of ourselves. 1753 JOHNSON *Advent.* No. 62 P 5 Want makes almost every man selfish. 1775 SHERIDAN *Duenna* I. iv, Anywhere to avoid the selfish violence of my mother-in-law. 1838 DICKENS *Nich. Nick.* xiv, 'Well, but what's to become of me?' urged the selfish man. 1863 GEO. ELIOT *Romola* xxv, The subjection of selfish interests to the general good. 1870 MOZLEY *Univ. Serm.* iii. (1877) 65 He necessarily wishes his own good; the wish..is no more selfish in him than it is selfish in him to be himself.

Comb. 1666 BP. S. PARKER *Free & Impart. Censure* (1667) 139 We cannot imagine him so selfish-spirited as to effect it. 1863 HAWKER in Byles *Life* (1905) 462 A downlooking lying selfish-hearted throng.

b. Used (by adversaries) as a designation of those ethical theories which regard self-love as the real motive of all human action.

[1663 W. LUCY *Observ. Hobbes* 178 To use the Phrase of the time, this Gent. [Hobbes] is very selfish.] 1847 *London Univ. Cal.* (1848) 157 The different systems to which the term 'selfish' has been applied. 1868 BAIN *Ment. & Mor. Sci.* 638 The Epicurean, or Selfish, System.

¶ 2. By etymological re-analysis used for 'pertaining to or connected with oneself'.

1835-6 *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* I. 72/2 The sensation excited on the skin is less *selfish*, if we may use the term in this sense. 1899 *Westm. Gaz.* 3 May 3/2 To pursue this self-ish ideal.

Selfishly (se·lfiʃli), *adv.* [f. prec. + -LY[2].] In a selfish manner.

1735 POPE *Prol. Sat.* 293 Who can your merit selfishly approve. 1809 PINKNEY *Trav. France* 140 Who was never known to forget himself, and act otherwise than selfishly.

Selfishness (se·lfiʃnés). Also 7 **selvish-.** [f. SELFISH + -NESS.] The condition or quality of being selfish; selfish disposition or behaviour; regard for one's own interest or happiness to the disregard of the well-being of others.

1643 W. GREENHILL *Axe at Root* A iij b, It's domesticknes of spirit, selvishnesse, which is the great let to Armies, Religions, and Kingdomes good. 1645 T. HILL *Olive Branch* (1648) 26 As long as ever you are full of Envy..or full of Selfishness, it argues you want love. 1709 SHAFTESB. *Charac.* (1711) I. 115 The Opposite of Sociableness is Selfishness. 1790 BURKE *Fr. Rev.* 333 A tax by which luxury, avarice, and selfishness were screened, and the load thrown upon productive capital. 1839 JAMES *Louis XIV*, I. 406 Passion, vanity, interest, and all the other species of selfishness.

Selfism (se·lfizm). [f. SELF *sb.* + -ISM.] Devotion to or concentration upon one's own interests; self-centredness. Also, the 'selfish theory' of morals.

1791-1823 D'ISRAELI *Cur. Lit.* (1866) 524 In the pride of luxury and selfism. 1832 DISRAELI *Cont. Fleming* II. x, That nothing could tempt me to compromise my absorbing selfism. 1860 EMERSON *Cond. Life* (1861) 79 By treating the patient tenderly, to shut him up in a narrower selfism. 1871 BLACKIE *Morals* I. 50 Hobbes and the other advocates of selfism. 1894 [see OTHERISM].

Selfist (se·lfist). Also 7 **selfeist.** [f. SELF *sb.* + -IST.] A self-centred or selfish person.

1649 J. E[LLISTONE] tr. *Behmen's Ep.* I. § 62 [It] covetously desireth to draw their life and maintenance to it selfe, and to make it selfe a Lord over it, and will be a Selfeist [orig. *ein eigenes*].

1829 I. TAYLOR *Enthus.* ix. 223 The anchoret is a selfist by his very profession. 1857 J. HAMILTON *Less. fr. Biogr.* (1859) 270, I have been a mere selfist, living for meo's praise.

Self-judged, *ppl. a.* [SELF- 2.] Judged by oneself. So **Self-ju·dging** *vbl. sb.* and *ppl. a.*

1798 SOTHEBY tr. *Wieland's Oberon* (1826) II. 10 Who but the wretch *self-judg'd, has cause to fear? 1850 S. DOBELL *Roman* iii. Poet. Wks. (1875) 49 Each self-judged helot, pleased to toil. *a* 1680 CHARNOCK *Self-Exam.* Wks. 1684 II. 825 With a power of self-tryal and *self-judging. 1847–54 WEBSTER, **Self-judging*, judging one's self.

Self-ju·dgement. [SELF- 1 a.]

† 1. Self-opinion. *Obs.*

1657 *Baker's Sancta Sophia* II. ii. xi. § 20 (1908) 296 An obstinate self-judgment in this.

2. Judgement passed upon oneself.

1745 J. MASON *Self-Knowl.* I. xiv. (1853) 108 The Want of this previous Act of Self-judgment is the cause of so much Self-Deception. 1868 GLADSTONE *Juv. Mundi* x. (1870) 384 Nemesis is self-judgment by the inward law.

† **Self-justi·ciary.** *Theol. Obs.* [SELF- 1 c.] = JUSTICIARY *sb.*[1] 5.

1644 PAYNNE & WALKER *Fiennes's Trial* 115 He professeth himselfe no Delinquent, but a just person...(O strange self-Iusticiary, O most impudent affronter of Iustice!) 1661 SOUTH *Serm.* (1823) II. 333 The arrogant assertions of self-justiciaries on the one hand, and the wild opinions of the Antinomians on the other. 1692 *Christ Exalted* 79 The Apostle concludes, to the shame of self-justiciaries, Rom. 3. 27. Where is boasting then? it is excluded.

Self-justifica·tion. [SELF- 1 a.] The action of justifying or excusing oneself.

1775 in ASH. 1826 MISS MITFORD *Village* Ser. II. (1863) 359 The total absence of sullenness and self-justification towards her superiors. 1876 BANCROFT *Hist. U. S.* III. vi. 371 He abounded in repetitions and explanatory self-justification.

Self-ju·stifier. [SELF- 1 c.]

† 1. = SELF-JUSTICIARY.

1655 BAXTER *Quaker's Catech.* 9 And yet was he counted a proud self-justifier.

2. *Printing.* A self-justifying type-machine. In recent Dicts.

So **Self-ju·stified** *ppl. a.* (*Printing*), arranged by means of automatic justifying mechanism; **Self-ju·stifying** *ppl. a.* (whence **-jus·tifyingly** *adv.*).

1897 *Brit. Printer* 268 When followed by a like variation of the three remaining spaces between words in the line, the latter, when assembled, will be *self-justified. 1740 RICHARDSON *Pamela* (1824) I. xxiii. 275 What *self-justifying minds have the meekest of these women! 1860 PUSEY *Min. Proph.* 595 What have we spoken against Thee? is the self-justifying question which Malachi records of them. 1895 *Funk's Stand. Dict.* s.v., A self-justifying type-setting machine. 1891 MEREDITH *One of our Conq.* II. x. 257 She thought, as an observer; and *self-justifyingly thought on.

† **Self-kill,** *a. Obs.* [f. SELF- 1 g + KILL *v.*] Mutually slaughtering.

a 1618 SYLVESTER *Mirac. Peace* xxxii, With self-kill Swords to cut each other's throat.

Self-ki·lled, *pa. pple.* [SELF- 2.] Killed by one's own hand; self-destroyed.

c 1600 SHAKS. *Sonn.* vi. 4 Treasure thou some place, With beauties treasure ere it be selfe kil'd. 1671 MILTON *Samson* 1664 And now ly'st victorious Among thy slain self-kill'd.

So **Self-ki·ller,** a suicide; **Self-ki·lling,** self-murder, suicide.

1658 SIR T. BROWNE *Hydriot.* 37 No relicks of traitors to their country, *self-killers or sacrilegious malefactors. 1618 BOLTON *Florus* (1636) To Rdr., Heathen, with whom..*self-killing, to avoyd disgrace, seemed an high point of true magnanimity. *a* 1721 SHEFFIELD (Dk. Buckhm.) *Wks.* (1729) I. 149 In those Times Self-killing was not rare.

Self-know·ing, *vbl. sb.* = SELF-KNOWLEDGE.

1817 COLERIDGE *Biog. Lit.* xii. (1907) I. 186 Whether abstracted from us there exists any thing higher and beyond this primary self-knowing.

Self-know·ing, *ppl. a.* [SELF- 1 f, 3 b.]

1. Knowing oneself; having self-knowledge.

1667 MILTON *P. L.* VII. 510 And upright with Front serene Govern the rest, self-knowing. 1745 J. MASON *Self-Knowl.* II. iii. (1853) 146 A self-knowing man can easily distinguish between these two. 1890 W. T. HARRIS *Hegel's Logic* ii. 23 (Funk) That this is meant for a personal Reason, we may know from the fact that Aristotle calls it self-knowing Reason.

2. Knowing of oneself, without help from another (Webster, 1828–32).

Self-know·ledge. [SELF- 1 a, d.] Knowledge of oneself, one's character, capabilities, etc.

a 1613 OVERBURY *Newes* Wks. (1856) 174 That a courtier never attaines his selfe-knowledge, but by report. 1647 C. HARVEY *Schola Cordis* Concl. 7 Self-knowledge is an everlasting taske. 1745 J. MASON *Self-Knowl.* I. i. (1853) 10 Self-Knowledge is that Acquaintance with ourselves, which shews us what we are, and do, and ought to be. 1855 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* xx. IV. 455 It is a remarkable proof of his self-knowledge that, from the moment at which he began to distinguish himself in public life, he ceased to be a versifier. 1869 MOZLEY *Univ. Serm.* ii. (1876) 35 Self-knowledge is the first condition of repentance.

Self-known, *ppl. a.* [SELF- 2.] Possessing self-knowledge.

1782 COWPER *Glory to God Alone* 17 Oh lost in vanity till once self-known!

Self-lance: see SELF B. 6.

† **Self-law.** *Obs.* [SELF- 5 e.] A law of one's own making or to suit oneself.

1654 WHITLOCK *Zootomia* 365 It is Selfe-Law, or if you will, love God, so as not to lose by him, and thy Neighbour for thy selfe. *a* 1680 CHARNOCK *Mercy for Chief of Sinners* (1846) 16 [They] are so much a law to themselves, that it is difficult to persuade them..to part with this self-law in matter of justification.

So † **Self-lawed** *a.*, that is a law to himself.

1635 QUARLES *Embl.* III. iii. 134 It raignes in ev'ry part, But playes the selfe-law'd Tyrant in my heart.

Selfless (se·lflés), *a.* [f. SELF *sb.* + -LESS.]

1. Having no regard for or thought of self; not self-centred; unselfish.

1825 COLERIDGE *Aids Refl.* 83 Holy instincts of maternal love detached and in selfless purity. 1859 TENNYSON *Vivien* 293 They never mount As high as woman in her selfless mood. 1894 LD. WOLSELEY *Marlborough* II. xci. 445 The noble, selfless word 'duty'.

2. Not identifiable with a man's self. *rare.*

1853 PULSFORD tr. *J. Müller's Chr. Doctr. Sin* II. 49

Instead of the will being merely the self-less means for calling the natural individuality into activity.

Hence **Se'lflessly** *adv.*, **Se'lflessness.**

1853 VAUGHAN in *Guardian* 3 Jan. 18/2 That selflessness which God requires in His servant. 1903 *Contemp. Rev.* Mar. 411 A pious priest selflessly devoted to his church. 1904 *Hibbert Jrnl.* Oct. 122 With a worthy selflessness he throws himself into the life of the people.

Self-life.

1. [SELF- 5 c.] = SELF-EXISTENCE.

1613 DONNE *Good Friday* Poems (1639) 353 Who sees Gods face, that is selfelife, must die. *a* 1711 KEN *Hymnarium* Poet. Wks. II. 41 A co-eternal Force, Co-boundless with its Source, Could in no Moment idle rest, But in pure Act self-life express'd.

2. [SELF- 5 d.] Life lived for oneself; life devoted to selfish ends.

1848 BAILEY *Festus* 324 Let then mere self-life cease. 1893 *New Church Mess.* (N.Y.) 19 Apr. 242 In this self-laudation we are indulging ourselves in the vanities of self-life.

†**Se'lf-like,** *a.* and *adv. Obs.* [In A. 1, f. SELF *a.* + LIKE *a.*; cf. SELFSAME; in A. 2 and B., f. SELF *sb.* + -LIKE.] **A.** *adj.*

1. 'Very like', similar, of the selfsame kind.

1556 *Aurelio & Isab.* G 3 You men be of the same selfe lyke qualite. *a* 1586 SIDNEY *Arcadia* I. Ecl. i. (1622) 95 Till Strephons plaining voice him nearer drew, Where by his words his selfe-like case he knew. 1594 H. WILLOBIE *Avisa* 19, I little thought to find you so:..Such selfe like wench I neuer met. 1596 LODGE *Marg. Amer.* 114 This other in the selfe like passion, but with more government, he wrote.

2. Like oneself.

1606 SYLVESTER *Du Bartas* II. iv. IV. Decay 1143 And so God bless your lawfull-loved womb With Self-like Babes [orig. *enfans pareils à vous*]. 1621 G. SANDYS *Ovid's Met.* I. (1626) 6 His selfe-like jawes still grin [orig. *ab ipso colligit os rabiem*].

B. *adv.* Even; = SELFLY *adv.* 1 a.

1556 *Aurelio & Isab.* H 7 In tyme & in place where they be not requiered, selfe lyke in the presence of so grete a Kinge & Quene.

†**Self-liked,** *a. Obs.* [f. next. Cf. OE. *selflice* self-conceited, self-satisfied.] Self-conceited.

1599 *More's Life* in Wordsw. *Eccl. Biogr.* (1853) II. 106 That he should not be so obstinate and self-liked, as to persevere still in one minde.

†**Self-li'king,** *vbl. sb. Obs.* [SELF- 1. Cf. OE. *selflice* self-love, self-satisfaction.] Self-love; attachment to one's own opinion, self-conceit.

1561 T. HOBY tr. *Castiglione's Courtyer* Z2 iv b, Giue her self to vnderstand the full troth in enery thyng, without entring into self leeking and ignorance. 1594 HOOKER *Eccl. Pol.* Pref. vi. § 3 So full of wilfulnes and selfe liking is our nature. 1623 CAMDEN *Rem.* (1637) 230 So over-gulled with selfe-liking, that they are more then giddy in admiring themselves. 1638 JUNIUS *Paint. Ancients* 191 It is not amisse there should be perceived some kinde of selfe-liking and hardnesse in the works of excellent Artificers. 1714 MANDEVILLE *Fab. Bees* (1729) II. 134 The Reasons why this Self-liking, give me Leave to call it so, is not plainly to be seen in all Animals that are of the same Degree of Perfection, are many.

So †**Self-li'king** *ppl. a.*

a 1586 SIDNEY *Arcadia* III. (1605) 337 Spacious romes, such as the self-liking men, haue..found out the most easeful.

Self-limita'tion. [SELF- 1 a.]

1. The limitation of oneself, one's nature, etc.

1853 PULSFORD tr. *J. Müller's Chr. Doctr. Sin* II. 204 A self-limitation of God. 1902 J. SMITH *Integrity of Scripture* iii. 106 There must have been a marvellous self-limitation in the Incarnation. 1907 J. R. ILLINGWORTH *Doct. Trin.* x. 191 Virtue is rooted in self-control, self-discipline, that is, voluntary self-limitation.

2. *Med.* The property of being self-limited.

1879 FLINT in *Arch. Med.* (N.Y.) June, Self-limitation in Cases of Phthisis.

So **Self-li'miting** *ppl. a.*

1863 E. V. NEALE *Analogy of Thought & Nature* 43 By a first cause we mean a self-limiting will, while by the secondary causes derived from it, we mean powers thought of as limited by their effects.

Self-li'mited, *ppl. a.* [SELF- 2.]

1. Limited by oneself or itself.

1845 LEWES *Hist. Philos.* I. 92 They held The One to be spherical:..having neither beginning, middle, nor end: and yet self-limited. 1879 P. BROOKS *Inst. Jesus* ii. (1883) 86 The..self-limited character of the love of Jesus for His native land.

2. *Med.* Of a disease: That runs a definite course, being little modified by treatment.

1855 DUNGLISON *Med. Lex.* 1885 J. F. PAYNE in *Encycl. Brit.* XIX. 166/1 The disease [*sc.* plague] was in fact, as in other cases, self-limited. 1897 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* II. 781 Catarrhal dysentery..is a self-limited disease.

Self-lived, *a. rare.* [f. SELF- 2 a + LIVED or SELF-LIFE + -ED.]

†1. Animated by oneself. *Obs.*

1598 SYLVESTER *Du Bartas* II. i. III. 197 Nor craftie Jugglers, can more eas'ly make There self-liv'd Puppits (for their lucre's sake) To skip..and play.

†2. Having an independent life. *Obs.*

1642 H. MORE *Song of Soul* III. i. xxxii, The soul then works by 't self, and is self-liv'd.

3. Living for oneself.

1855 BAILEY *Mystic*, etc. 66 Malignant, uncreate, inert, self-lived.

†**Self-li'ving,** *a. Obs.* [SELF- 3 b.] Self-existent.

1682 H. MORE *Annot. Glanvill's Lux O.* 236 They are immediately Self-living.

Self-loss. [SELF- 1 a, d.] Loss of oneself, one's being or personality.

1826 LAMB *Ess., Sanity of True Genius* (1860) 292 He wins his flight without self-loss through realms of chaos. 1860 R. A. VAUGHAN *Mystics* (ed. 2) I. 119 That transformation and utter self-loss in which we love ourselves only for the sake of God.

Self-lost, *a.* [SELF- 2.] Lost through one's own action, fault, etc. In first quot., lost in one's own estimation.

1645 RUTHERFORD *Tryal & Tri. Faith* 108 It is one thing to be lost, and a sinner, and another thing to be self-lost. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* VII. 154, I can repaire That detriment, if such it be to lose Self-lost. 1792 R. CUMBERLAND *Calvary* V. 214 Rush'd into sin prepense, self-will'd, self-lost. 1796 MME. D'ARBLAY *Camilla* II. 149 The infatuated blindness of that self-lost young man. 1856 E. FITZGERALD *Salámán* I. 23 Thyself Self-Lost, and Conscience-quit of Good and Evil.

Self-lough, *local.* [f. SELF- 3 b + LOUGH 1.] See quot.

1700 C. LEIGH *Nat. Hist. Lanc.*, etc. I. 71 There are sometimes Cavities in the Body of this [Spar]..which are impleted with Water, tho there are no apparent Aqueducts leading to them; these by the Miners are stiled *Self-Loughs.*

Self-lo've. [SELF- 1 a, d.]

1. Love of oneself; in early use most freq. = partiality to oneself, AMOUR-PROPRE; later, usually = regard for one's interests or well-being; chiefly with definitely opprobrious implication, self-centredness, selfishness.

1563 *Mirr. Mag., Hastings* ii, In Læthes flond, long since, in Stigian vale Selfe love I dreynt. *a* 1586 SIDNEY *Apol. Poetry* (Arb.) 19 Selfe-loue is better then any guilding to make that seeme gorgious, wherein our selues are parties. *c* 1600 SHAKS. *Sonn.* lxii. 1 Sinne of selfe-loue possesseth al mine eie. 1655 CULPEPPER, etc. *Riverius* To Rdr., I, who never had the thought (being very free from Self-Love,) that my writings were of so much worth. 1733 POPE *Ess. Man* III. 281 Self-love forsook the path it first pursu'd, And found the private in the public good. 1837 HT. MARTINEAU *Soc. Amer.* III. 35 That kind of self-love which takes the form of family pride. 1861 *Sat. Rev.* 14 Sept. 269 Bear irritations, nuisances, what not, rather than inflict any sudden wound on your friend's self-love. 1875 MANNING *Mission Holy Ghost* v. 130 Self-love..is the abuse and perversion of that love of self which is a divine law.

attrib. 1596 NASHE *Saffron Walden* N 3 b, In thys innouating selfe-loue Age.

2. *Philos.* Regard for one's own well-being or happiness, considered as a natural and proper relation of a man to himself.

1683 D. A. *Art Converse* 1 A rational and lawful sort of Self-love. 1688 NORRIS *Love* I. v. 51 That special sort of Benevolence which we call self-love. 1726 BUTLER *Serm. Rolls Chapel* iii. 55 Conscience and Self-love, if we understand our true Happiness, always lead us the same Way: Duty and Interest are perfectly coincident. 1727 POPE *Thoughts Var. Subj.* in *Misc.* I. 400 Religion is allow'd to be the highest Instance of Self-Love. 1828 D. STEWART *Philos. Powers of Man* II. i. I. 145 Self-love..is inseparable from our nature as rational and sensitive beings. 1883 MAUDSLEY *Body & Will* 166 Self-love is not despicable, but laudable, since duties to self, if self-perfecting..must needs be duties to others.

†**Self-lo'ved,** *ppl. a. Obs.* [SELF- 2.] Loved or cherished by oneself; marked by self-love.

1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* II. iii. 5 Puffed vp with smoke of vanitie, And with selfe-loued personage deceiu'd. 1602 CAMPION *Art Eng. Poesie* 6 Bring before me now any the most selfe-lou'd Rimer. 1621 G. SANDYS *Ovid's Met.* III. Argt., Scorn'd Eccho pines t' a voice: Selfe-lou'd Narcissus to a Daffadill. 1820 SHELLEY *Prometh. Unb.* III. iv. 43 Men ..with..the dull sneer of self-loved ignorance.

†**Self-lo'ver.** *Obs.* [SELF- 1 c.] A lover of self; one who cares for his own interests alone.

1573 L. LLOYD *Marrow of Hist.* (1653) 167 The self lover [doth glory] in some part of his body more then in other. 1594 T. B. *La Primaud. Fr. Acad.* II. 239 Saint Paul [2 Tim. iii. 2] speaking of wicked men that should be in the latter times, saieth first, that they shoulde bee selfe-loners. 1677 GALE *Crt. Gentiles* IV. 120 Self is the last end of self-lovers even in their highest acts of self-denial. 1741 RICHARDSON *Pamela* (1785) IV. 10 A Nurse..may be careless, and a Self-lover; while a Mother prefers the Health of her Child to her own private Satisfactions.

Self-lo'ving, *ppl. a.* [SELF- 1 f.] Loving or devoted to oneself; seeking one's own interests or advantage; characterized by self-love.

1590 *Broughton's Lett.* ii. 8 Looking your selfe..in this Selflouing glasse. 1607 SHAKS. *Cor.* IV. vi. 32 Insolent, O'recome with Pride, Ambitious, past all thinking Selfe-loning. 1616 B. JONSON *Cynthia's Rev.* ad. fin., From..all selfe-louing humours. *Chorus.* Good Mercvry defend vs. 1712 STEELE *Spect.* No. 515 P 1 An happy self-loving dame, that takes all the admiration she can meet with. 1816 BYRON *Sketch* 83 Feel for thy vile self-loving self in vain. 1842 MANNING *Serm.* xxiii. (1848) I. 346 All shallow, petulant, self-loving, boastful men!

Hence †**Self-lo'vingness.**

a 1628 F. GREVIL *Let. Hon. Lady* i, Those humble natures, that passe away the Fee-simple of themselues, either with Selfe-louingnesse, or superstitious opinion of Duty.

Self-lu'minous, *a.* [SELF- 3 b.] Possessing in itself the property of emitting light.

1791 HERSCHEL in *Phil. Trans.* LXXXI. 85 If..this matter is self-luminous, it seems more fit to produce a star by its condensation than to depend on the star for its existence. 1831 BREWSTER *Optics* Introd. 1 Self-luminous bodies, such as the stars, flames of all kinds, and bodies which shine by being heated or rubbed. 1876 TAIT *Rec. Adv. Phys. Sci.* x. (ed. 2) 253 The tail of the Comet is not self-luminous.

Hence **Self-lumino'sity.**

1901 *Nature* 4 July 244 Bodies like radium that exhibit self-luminosity in the dark.

†**Se'lfly,** *a. Obs. rare.* [f. SELF + -LY 1.] a. (One's or its) own. b. *A* or *one selfly*, one and the same.

1591 SYLVESTER *Du Bartas* I. iii. 402 Severally, and of a selfly motion. *Ibid.* V. 647 [The phœnix] re-ingendred of it's selfly seed. 1598 *Ibid.* II. ii. IV. 730 Where, as (by Art) one selfly blast breath'd out From panting bellows passeth all-about.

†**Se'lfly,** *adv. Obs.* [f. SELF + -LY 2.]

1. a. Even. b. Specially.

c 1532 DU WES *Introd. Fr.* in *Palsgr.* 922 We knowe selfely (*neiz*) the soveraygne lyghtnesse to be darked of a lyght cloude. 1556 *Aurelio & Isab.* M 3 Selfley at this owre whan plaintes and wepinges seakes my.

2. Of or by oneself (or itself); of one's (or its) own accord or motion; spontaneously.

Several times in Sylvester, Sclater, and S. H. *Golden Law.*

1591 SYLVESTER *Du Bartas* I. ii. 1176 Selfly too weak for the least weights foundation. 1595 SOUTHWELL *St. Peter's Compl.* (1602) 8 Selfely dismayd, I neyther fought nor lost, I gaue the field. 1598 SYLVESTER *Du Bartas* II. i. I. 587 A Forrest thick..Which, selfly op'ning [etc.]. 1610 FOLKINGHAM *Art of Survey* I. viii. 18 That ground..which attracts humors and selfely expels them. 1629 W. SCLATER *Expos. 2 Thess.* 211 There is in God, what selfely inclines him to giue, without, and against merit. *Ibid.* 272 He monisheth them, selfely to correct their errors. 1656 S. H. *Golden Law* 4 His Right to the Crown is not Natural, or selfly Hereditary.

Self-made, *ppl. a.* [SELF- 2.] Made by oneself, one's own action or efforts; of one's own making.

Self-made man, one who has risen from obscurity or poverty by his own exertions. (orig. U.S.)

1615 DANIEL *Hymen's Tri.* Poems (1717) 119 Worshipping A Nothing, but his self-made Images. 1858 C. C. B. SEYMOUR (*title*) Self-made Men. 1860 PUSEY *Min. Proph.* 422 Self-made blindness. 1870 LOWELL *Study Wind., Gt. Publ. Char.*, We are fond in this country of what are called self-made men. 1870–2 LIDDON *Elem. Relig.* iv. § 1 (1904) 136 As a self-made devil differs from an angel. 1890 *Spectator* 25 Jan., Wealth, if it be self-made.

¶ Used as pa. pple. with predicative sb.

1784 COWPER *Tiroc.* 837 Men..Design'd by nature wise, but self-made fools.

Hence **Self-ma'king** *vbl. sb.* and *ppl. a.*

1883 *Blackw. Mag.* 247 The process of self-making..is one of the most interesting at which it is possible to look. 1892 *Q. Rev.* Oct. 326 The ideal to which the average self-making Englishman continues to look up.

Self-mate, *sb. Chess.* [SELF- 1 a.] Checkmate produced by the side that is mated. Also as *vb.*

1888 J. A. MILES, etc. (*title*) Chess-stars: a galaxy of self-mates. 1902 *Encycl. Brit.* XXVI. 754/4 White to play and self-mate in three moves.

†**Self-mi'nded,** *ppl. a.* [SELF- 3.] Obstinate in one's opinion. So †**Self-mi'ndedness.**

1530 TINDALE *Answ. More* III. xiii. Wks. (1575) 315/1 Opinatine, selfe-mynded and obstinate. 1579 W. WILKINSON *Confut. Fam. Love* 39 b, The imagination which proceedeth out of the selfemindednes of the outward man.

Self-mo'tion. [SELF- 5 c.] Motion produced by inherent power apart from external impulse; voluntary or spontaneous motion.

[1591 SYLVESTER *Du Bartas* I. iv. 145 As Car-nails fastned in a wheel (without Selfs-motion) turn with others turns about.] *a* 1619 FOTHERBY *Atheom.* Pref. (1622) p. iij, Ascribing that his inclination, not vnto his owne selfe-motion; but vnto Gods prouidence. 1677 GALE *Crt. Gentiles* IV. 99 By how much the more spontaneous..the self-motion is, by so much the more free it is judged to be. 1715 CHEYNE *Philos. Princ.* I. 10 Matter is not endow'd with Self-motion. 1788 T. TAYLOR *Proclus* I. Diss. 13 A self-motive nature, which is nothing besides self-motion, is the cause of motion to all things. 1868 BAIN *Ment. & Mor. Sci.* IV. xi. 417 This theory [*sc.* Samuel Clarke's] of self-motion has been severely criticized by Sir W. Hamilton.

Self-mo'tive, *a.* [SELF- 3 b.] Moving by inherent power, endowed with self-motion.

1676 GLANVILL *Ess. Philos. & Relig.* IV. 9 Beings, self-motive, penetrable and indivisible. 1788 [see prec.]. 1836 I. TAYLOR *Phys. The. another Life* (1857) 55 The most elastic gas is not in itself at all more self-motive than a block of granite.

Self-moved, *a.* [SELF- 3 b.] Moved of itself without external agency.

a 1711 KEN *Hymnarium* Poet. Wks. II. 41 What is self-mov'd is unconfin'd. 1831 SCOTT *Ct. Rob.* xiv, As if self-moved, the mystic curtain arose. 1845 LEWES *Hist. Philos.* I. 69 The Soul, being a self-moved monad, is One.

So †**Self-mo'vable** *a.*, = SELF-MOTIVE; †**-mo'vably** *adv.*; **Self-mo'vement,** = SELF-MOTION; †**Self-mo'vent** *a.*, = SELF-MOTIVE; †**Self-mo'ver,** something that moves itself; an automaton; †**Self-mo'ving** *vbl. sb.*, (*a*) spontaneous motion; (*b*) an automaton; **Self-mo'ving** *ppl. a.*, moving spontaneously or automatically, capable of self-motion.

1642 H. MORE *Song of Soul* II. i. II. xxvi, All these be substances *self-moveable. 1678 CUDWORTH *Intell. Syst.* I. iv. 565 Beings in their own nature Selfmoveable, and Active. *Ibid.* 582 Πάντα ψυχικῶς, All things Animally; that is, *Self-movably, Actively and Productively. 1885 *New Engl. Dict., Automaton*...Something which has the power of..*self-movement. 1905 *Athenæum* 1 July 21/2 Self-movement, which has been suggested [as the real touchstone of life]. 1701 GREW *Cosmol. Sacra* I. i. 5 To suppose Body to be Self-Existent..is as absurd, as to suppose it to be *Self-Movent. 1648 WILKINS *Math. Magick* II. i. [heading], The divers kinds of *Automata*, or *Self-movers. *a* 1688 CUDWORTH *Immut. Mor.* IV. ii. § 8 The..Essence and Idea of this Self-Mover, Watch or Horologe. 1740 LAW *Answ. Trapp's Disc.* Wks. 1756 VI. 305 Every intelligent Creature is its own Self-mover. 1583 GOLDING *Calvin on Deut.* ii. 26–37 Their sinnes come of nothing else than their owne

*selfemouing. 1587 — *De Mornay* vii. 100 Things..which men as thou art doe deeme to be without end, as straunge Milles and Trindles, and such other kind of selfmouings. 1607 J. Davies *Summa Totalis* E, Siluer *selfe-mouing we call Siluer-quick. 1655 Stanley *Hist. Philos.* II. (1687) 64/2 That God is an infinite self-moving mind. 1674 Boyle *Excell. Theol.* II. iv. 169 A great Automaton or self-moving engine. 1715 Cheyne *Philos. Princ.* I. 115 Allowing Matter to be self-existent and self-moving. 1825 J. Nicholson *Oper. Mech.* 236 A self-moving valve. 1837 Keith *Bot. Lex.* 341 The self-moving leaves of *Hedysarum gyrans*. 1880 Muirhead *Gaius* iv. § 16 Moveable and self-moving things that could be carried or brought into court.

Self-mu·rder, *sb.* [Self- 1 a.] The taking of one's own life; self-destruction; suicide.

1563–83 Foxe *A. & M.* 2114/1 The wilfull and selfe murder of Pauyer, of Richard Long,..besides infinite other. 1632 Lithgow *Trav.* VI. 282 Where Iudas hanged him-selfe.. there is a vault erected..in memory of his selfe murther. *a* 1715 Burnet *Own Time* III. (1724) I. 553 He [Lord Essex] was found dead; his throat cut...The Coroners Jury found it self-murder. 1741 Richardson *Pamela* (1785) IV. 68 In such a gloomy, saturnine Nation as ours, where Self-murders are more frequent than in all the Christian World besides. 1843 Macaulay *Ess. Addison* (1865) II. 338 The disciple [Budgell]..closed a wicked and unhappy life by selfmurder. 1898 Watts-Dunton *Aylwin* xii, To save me from dying of self-murder or of a broken heart.

transf. a 1631 Donne *Div. Poems, Letanie* i. Wks. (Grosart) II. 298 My hart is by dejection clay, And by selfe-murder redd. 1710 Steele *Tatler* No. 251 ₱ 2 We should think it the most unnatural Sort of Self-Murther to sacrifice the Sentiment of the Soul to gratify the Appetites of the Body. 1721 Amherst *Terræ Fil.* No. 15 (1726) I. 76 When a whole civil society..destroys itself, it is civil self-murder.

So † **Self-mu·rder** *v.*, **-mu·rdered** *pa. pple.*, **-mu·rdering** *ppl. a.*

1648 Gage *West Ind.* 153 Some have died under their own whipping, and have *selfe murthered themselves. 1716 Oldmixon in *Ovid's Ep.* 180 My dear Mother there *Self-murder'd lyes. 1725 Pope *Odyss.* XI. 337 The wife self-murder'd from a beam depends. 1590 Spenser *F. Q.* III. x. 57 Through long anguish, and *selfe-murdring thought. 1692 W. Marshall *Gosp. Myst. Sanct.* x. (1764) 166 The wicked, persecuting, self-murdering jailor [Acts xvi. 27].

Self-mu·rderer. [Self- 1 c.] One who commits self-murder, a suicide, *felo de se*.

The OE. words were *selfbana, selfmyrþra*.

a 1614 Donne Βιαθανατος (1644) 92 He is bound in conscience to steal, and were, in some opinions,..a selfe-murderer if he stole not. *a* 1674 Clarendon *Hist. Reb.* XV. § 144 His Body was..buried..with a Stake driven through him, as is usual in the Case of Self Murtherers 1769 Blackstone *Comm.* IV. 189 The same argument would prove every other criminal *non compos*, as well as the self-murderer. 1865 Beadon *Sir Jasper's T.* xviii, You would be sorry that one more self-murderer had gone red-handed to his doom.

Se·lfness. [f. Self + -ness.]

1. Self-centredness; egoism; selfishness; † occas. *pl.* selfish acts or manifestations. Rarely in a neutral sense, Due regard for oneself.

a 1586 Sidney *Astr. & Stella* Sonn. lxi, Wholly hers all selfenesse he forbeares. *a* 1628 F. Grevil *Of Hum. Learn.* cxlv. Wks. (1633) 50 A sound foundation, not on sandy parts Of light Opinion, Selfenesse, Words of men. *a* 1628—*Sidney* xvii. (1652) 240 This Noble Secretary..moved, but not removed with those selfenesses of my opinion. 1665 Wither *Lord's Prayer* 158 That selfness which made the Temptation [of Adam and Eve] prevalent.

1857 Emerson *Poems* 30 Now, to a savage selfness grown, Think nature barely serves for one. 1883 Beecher in *Chr. World Pulpit* XXIV. 404 Religion is the power to deliver men from sinful, animal selfishness into a benevolent and other-seeking selfness. 1899 *Q. Rev.* Apr. 433 The magnificent 'self-ness' of his [Byron's] poetry.

2. Individuality, personality, essence. *rare.*

1611 Cotgr., *Mesmeté*, selfenesse. 1642 H. More *Song of Soul* IV. xxxvi, The most profound and centrall energie, The very selfnesse of the soul. 1652 J. E[llistone] tr. *Behmen's Sign. Rerum* xi. § 89 The expressed Mercury must again come unto the End of its selfness [orig. *Selbheit*].

† **Self-no·thingness.** *Obs.* [Self- 1 d.] Self-annihilation, self-abasement.

1647 H. More *Song of Soul* Notes 373 This valley of *Ain* is nothing else but self deadnesse, or rather self-nothingnesse. 1677 Gale *Crt. Gentiles* IV. 31 It doth lift the heart above al things create and yet at the same time depresse it at the lowest centre of self-nothingnesse.

† **Selfode, selfoder.** *Obs. local.* [Of obscure origin.] A class of tenant in Northumberland and Cumberland.

In quot. 1290–1 *selfode* is app. fem. and may denote the holding, not the tenant.

1271 *Inquis. post mortem* 55 *Hen. III*, N. 33 in Vinogradoff *Vill. in Eng.* 250 Redditarii qui vocantur selfoders. 1290–1 in *N. & Q.* Ser. IX. VII. 89/1 (Eglingham, Nhbld.) De qualibet selfode iij dietas vel iij denarios, exceptis selfod' propriis Joh'i de Somervile in terra sua comorantibus. 1378 *Rentale de Tynemuth* in Brand *Hist. Newcastle* (1789) II. 594 Omnes selfodes facient quilibet tres precar' tantum.

Self-offe·nce. *rare.*

1. [Self- 3 a.] Damage or injury to oneself.

a 1628 F. Grevil *Cælica* c, Feare..Confounds all powers, and thorough selfe-offence, Doth forge and raise impossibility. 1671 Milton *Samson* 515 Self-displeas'd For self-offence, more then for God offended.

b. Attack upon oneself.

1819 Shelley *Cenci* v. i. 101 A word? which those of this false world Employ against each other, not themselves; As men wear daggers not for self-offence.

2. [Self- 5 a.] One's own offence.

1603 Shaks. *Meas. for M.* III. ii. 280 More, nor lesse to others paying, Then by selfe-offences weighing.

† **Self-offe·nder.** *Obs.* [Self- 5.] A self-willed offender.

c 1661 *Papers on Alter. Prayer-bk.* 70 Will you call men obstinate self offenders that differ from you?

† **Self-one,** *a. Obs. rare.* [Self- 3 a.] ? Alone with itself.

1602 Marston *Antonio's Rev.* II. iii, A selfe-one guilt doth onely hatch distrust.

Self-o·pen. *northern.* [Self- 3 b. Cf. Open *sb.* 1 d.] A miners' term for a natural cavity met with in digging.

1683–4 Lister in *Phil. Trans.* XIV. 512 That the Earth is more or less hollow is made probable, by what is found every where in the Mountains; viz. Natural Cavities or Chambers, which the Miners of the North call *Self-opens*. [1748 *Earthquake Peru* I. 118.] 1824 Mander *Derbysh. Miner's Gloss.*, Self-opens. Natural Fissures in the stone.

Self-o·pened, *pa. pple.* [Self- 3 b.] Opened of its own accord.

1667 Milton *P. L.* V. 254 The gate self-opend wide On golden Hinges turning. *c* 1820 S. Rogers *Italy* (1839) 13 The door which ever, as self-opened, moves To them that knock. 1824 Hood *Two Swans* xix, A little casement...Widens self-open'd into the cool air. 1855 Bailey *Mystic*, etc. 162 Self-opened like a magic book.

So **Self-o·pening** *ppl. a.*

1833 Loudon *Encycl. Archit.* Index, Self-opening gate. 1895 *Army & Navy Soc. Price List* 15 Sept. 1403 The 'Ideal' patent self-opening pocket knife.

Self-opi·niated, *ppl. a.* [Formed after Self-opinion.] = Self-opinionated.

1627 Sir S. D'Ewes *Jrnl.* (1783) 63 He being proud and selfe-opiniated, tooke his owne way. 1868 J. H. Blunt *Ref. Ch. Eng.* I. 84 Such conceited and self-opiniated men.

Hence **Self-opi·niatedly** *adv.*; so † **Self-opi·niating** *a.*; **Self-opi·niativeness** (cf. Self-opinionativeness).

1651 Hobbes *Govt. & Soc.* Author's Pref., [I] would rather chuse to brooke with patience some inconveniences..then *selfe opiniatedly disturb the quiet of the publique. 1632 Lithgow *Trav.* X. 490 Peeuish and *selfe-opiniating Puritanes. 1889 Skrine *Mem. Thring* 120 Disputants put this down to *self-opiniativeness.

Self-opi·nion. Now *rare.* [Self- 1 d.] High opinion of oneself, self-esteem; esp. overweening estimate of oneself, self-conceit; obstinacy in one's own opinion.

1579–80 North *Plutarch, Coriol.* (1595) 243 Wilfully giuen to a selfe opinion and obstinate minde. 1586 A. Day *Eng. Secretary* I. (1625) 11 Rather equity than selfe-opinion must and ought chiefly to be weighed. 1676 Dryden *Aurengz.* Ep. Ded. 7, I have labour'd..to divest my self of the self-opinion of an Author. 1712 Steele *Spect.* No. 443 ₱ 5 Fortunatus is stocked with Ignorance, and consequently with Self-Opinion. 1818 Scott *Rob Roy* vi, I should be sorry to shock your self-opinion, but you were never more mistaken. 1858 Bushnell *Serm. New Life* xxi. (1860) 297 The veils of pride are rent, the rock of self-opinion is shattered. 1876 Geo. Eliot *Dan. Der.* xxiii, Her self-opinion rallied,..she was tempted to think that his judgment was not only fallible but biassed.

† **Self-opi·nionate,** *ppl. a. Obs.* = next.

1602 Marston *Ant. & Mel.* III. Wks. 1856 I. 36 Th' other learned, but selfe-opinionate. 1651 Bp. Hall *Soliloquies* xliv, We all are born proud and selfopinionate.

Self-opi·nionated, *ppl. a.* [f. Self-opinion.] 1. Having an exaggerated opinion of oneself; self-conceited.

1671 Stillingfl. *Serm.* viii. Wks. 1710 I. 114 There never was a nation more self-opinionated as to their wisdom, goodness, and interest with God. 1674 Boyle *Excell. Theol.* II. v. 187 Most men are so self-opinionated, that they will easily believe themselves masters of things, if they do but half understand them. 1825 Hazlitt *Spirit of Age* 372 He is no formalist, not he! All is crude and chaotic, self-opinionated, vain.

2. Obstinate in one's opinion.

1770 Langhorne *Plutarch* (1879) II. 590 A body of Germans, who were so rash and self-opinionated as to separate from the troops of Spartacus. 1857 Toulmin Smith *Parish* 148 Self-opinionated doctrinairism. 1868 J. H. Blunt *Ref. Ch. Eng.* I. 538 The young priest was far too self-opinionated to yield to argument.

Hence **Self-opi·nionatedness**; so **Self-opi·nionative** *a.*, **Self-opi·nionativeness.**

1730 Bailey (fol.), *Affectation*, Affectedness, Conceitedness, *Self-opinionatedness. 1888 Gore *R. C. Claims* viii. 119 The temper of self-opinionatedness. 1904 H. Black *Pract. Self-Culture* viii. 225 A man *self-opinionative and harsh. 1857 Pusey *Real Presence* I. (1869) 65 Whose docility, unspoiled by any *self-opinionativeness.

Self-opi·nioned, *ppl. a.* [f. Self-opinion.] = Self-opiniated.

1624 Massinger *Parlt. Love* III. i, This self-opinioned fool. 1692 South *Serm.* (1697) 355 A bold, self-opinion'd Physician. 1794 Elliot in *14th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. v. 578 He argues closely, but is long-winded and self-opinioned. 1822 Scott *Nigel* I, An ingenious, but whimsical and self-opinioned mechanic. 1903 *Westm. Gaz.* 2 Dec. 12/1 Nobody could have been less self-opinioned, and indeed if he made a suggestion it was with a half-apology.

Hence **Self-opi·nionedness.**

1879 *Daily News* 22 Oct. 6/5 A peculiar kind of religious self-opinionedness sprang up.

Self-ori·ginal, *a.* [Self- 3 b.] Having its origin in itself.

1704 S. Clark *Demonstr. Being & Attrib. God* (1760) 27 Self-original Independent Existence.

† **Self-ori·ginate,** *ppl. a. Obs.* = next.

1668 Howe *Bless. Righteous* xi, Its perfections were not self-originate. 1732 Berkeley *Minute Philos.* I. 160 The..independent, self-originate Cause and Source of all Beings.

Self-ori·ginated, *pa. pple.* and *ppl. a.* [Self- 2.] Originated by oneself (itself).

1677 Gale *Crt. Gentiles* IV. 229 That they are not self-originated, but had some beginning in prime Motors. *a* 1711 Ken *Hymnarium* Poet. Wks. II. 47 O Self-originated Might, Thou All-creating Infinite. 1852 Grote *Greece* II. lxx. IX. 103 A..self-originated stimulus. 1871 Fraser *Berkeley* ii. 27 Thoughts, self-originated, or immediately occasioned by reading.

So **Self-ori·ginating** *ppl. a.*; **Self-origina·tion**; **Self-o·rigined** *pa. pple.*, = Self-originated.

1833 J. H. Newman *Arians* I. v. (1876) 127 To discriminate between the Son and His underived *self-originating Father. 1854 Milman *Lat. Chr.* I. 129 A personal, spontaneous, self-originating and self-maintained surrender to evil influences. 1715 Cheyne *Philos. Princ.* I. 175 By Self-existence here I mean *Self-origination. *a* 1866 J. Grote *Exam. Utilit. Philos.* xi. (1870) 177 The view..that there can be nothing in it [*sc.* moral action] of free self-origination. *a* 1711 Ken *Hymnarium* Poet. Wks. II. 40 From God *self-origin'd.

† **Self-pa·rtial,** *a. Obs. rare.* [Self- 3 a.] Favourable to one's own interests.

1591 Sylvester *Du Bartas* I. vii. 702 O do not, through self-partiall zeal, With light-brain'd Counsels vex your Common-weale.

Self-partia·lity. Now *rare*; common *c* 1725–1865. [Self- 3 a.] Partiality or favourable disposition towards oneself; excessive regard for one's own interests; self-love.

1628 Feltham *Resolves* II. xxxix. 119, I know not what selfe-partialitie, makes vs thinke our selues behind-hand, if wee offer not repayment in the same coine wee receiu'd it. 1658 Osborn *Q. Eliz.* Ep. A 4 b, Any acquired advantage.. self-partiality or others indulgence hath..been able to estate me in. 1726 Butler *Serm. Rolls Chapel* x. 189 Hardness of Heart with respect to others, joined with this Self-partiality. 1802–12 Bentham *Ration. Judic. Evid.* (1827) IV. 418 Self-partiality draws from each of them such of the facts as promise to operate in favour of his claim. 1868 Bain *Ment. & Mor. Sci.* 600 We have our self-partialities, but have learnt the value of equity.

Self-pe·rfect, *a.* [Self- 3 b.] Perfect in oneself.

1610 Healey *St. Aug. Citie of God* 308 Alcinous saith that God is supreme, eternall, ineffable, self-perfect.

Self-perfe·cting, *vbl. sb.* [Self- 1.] = Self-perfection 2. So **Self-perfe·cting** *ppl. a.*, leading to self-perfection.

1883 [see Self-love 2]. 1908 *Daily Chron.* 6 Jan. 4/4 In self-perfecting there is something personal, something gratifying to self-love.

Self-perfe·ction.

† 1. [Self- 5 a.] Inherent perfection. *Obs.*

1628 Feltham *Resolves* II. ix. 22 Shee was of such a selfe-perfection; that she might very well embleme, whatsoeuer omnipotency could make most rare.

2. [Self- 1 b.] The perfecting of one's character, life, etc. *U.S.*

1837 Ht. Martineau *Soc. Amer.* III. 49 In the days when mutual and self-perfection will be the prevalent idea which the civilisation of the time will express. 1905 E. B. Holt tr. *Münsterberg's Americans* 355 In Puritan America the soul's welfare stood in the foreground, and only secondarily was the striving for self-perfection, self-searching, and self-culture made to contribute to the advance of objective culture.

Hence **Self-perfe·ctionating** *ppl. a.*, **Self-perfe·ctionment** (in recent Dicts.).

1858 J. Martineau *Stud. Chr.* 144 No self-perfectionating process..has warmth enough to ripen the soul's diviner fruits.

Self-pi·ty. [Self- 1 d.] Pity or tender feeling for oneself.

1621 G. Sandys *Ovid's Met.* V. (1632) 182 She tare, Without selfe-pitty, her dis-heueled haire. 1647 H. More *Philos. Poems, Insomn. Philos.* xxii, They would forsake This work of God, and out of dear self-pitty Fly from the creatures. *a* 1711 Ken *Christophil* Poet. Wks. I. 504 Not thy pure Will, not thy nice Sense of Pain, Cou'd Self-indulgence, or Self-pity gain. 1859 Bain *Emotions & Will* viii. 135 Self-pity,..often very strong in the sentimentally selfish, but quite real in all who have any tender susceptibilities. 1885–94 R. Bridges *Eros & Psyche* Apr. viii, Disconsolate, and with self-pity pined. 1899 Crockett *Kit Kennedy* xxx, Self-pity is bad at any time. It is fatal at twelve.

attrib. a 1628 F. Grevil *Alaham* v. ii, This innocent.. With his selfe-pitty teares, drew teares from vs.

So **Self-pi·tiful** *a.*, **-pi·tifulness**; **Self-pi·tyingly** *adv.*

1880 G. Meredith *Tragic Com.* viii, The necessity for draining her of her self-pitifulness. *Ibid.*, In the morning she was a dried channel of tears, no longer self-pitiful. 1899 Mackail *W. Morris* II. 66 'I feel a lonely kind of a chap', he says of himself..half self-pityingly.

Self-pleased, *ppl. a.* [Self- 3 a.] Pleased with oneself; self-complacent.

a 1809 J. M. Mason (Webster), A self-pleased man. 1825 T. Hook *Sayings* Ser. II. *Man of Many Fr.* I. 283 She quitted the sofa she had been unwillingly sharing with the self-pleased beau. 1904 Dowden *Browning* 56 The self-pleased, keen-sighted Legate.

† **Self-plea·ser.** *Obs.* [Self- 1 c.] One who does his own 'pleasure'.

1582 *Bible* (Rheims) 2 Pet. ii. 10 Them whiche..contemne dominion, bold, self-pleasers [Vulg. *sibi placentes*, Gr. αὐθάδεις, 1611 selfe willed]. 1632 Sanderson *Serm.* II. 18 S. Peters word..signifieth as much as self-pleasers.

Self-plea·sing, *vbl. sb.* [Self- 1 b.]

1. Doing one's own 'pleasure' or will.

1682 Owen *Humble Test.* 89 All Self-seeking, and Self-pleasing,..must utterly be cast away. 1842 Manning *Serm.* vii. (1848) I. 98 The greater number of men live lives of mere self-pleasing.

2. Self-complacency.

1856 EMERSON *Eng. Traits, Cockayne*, Their culture generally enables the travelled English to avoid any ridiculous extremes of this self-pleasing.

So **Self-plea·sing** *ppl. a.*

1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* III. iv. 6 With such selfe-pleasing thoughts her wound she fed. 1607–12 BACON *Ess., Marriage & Single Life* (Arb.) 266 Self pleasing, and humorous mindes. 1735 POPE *Prol. Sat.* 90 Who shames a Scribbler? break one cobweb thro', He spins the slight, self-pleasing thread anew. 1818 *Brit. Rev.* XII. 191 His vanity and self-pleasing activity. 1855 KINGSLEY *Westw. Ho!* xi, All the trickeries of self-pleasing sorrow.

Self-poise. *U.S.* [f. next: cf. POISE *sb.*] The condition or property of being self-poised.

1854 'GRACE GREENWOOD' *Haps & Mishaps* 3 A maturity of thought.., a self-poise about him, which impress you. 1860 EMERSON *Cond. Life, Worship* Wks. (Bohn) II. 394 A self-poise belongs to every particle. 1884 *Century Mag.* Jan. 453/2 Excellent qualifications for either soldier or citizen—self-poise, a quick intelligence, close application.

Self-poised, *ppl. a.* [SELF- 3 b.] Poised or balanced by its own unaided power or without support. Also *fig.* of persons, their actions, etc.

1621 G. SANDYS *Ovid's Met.* I. (1626) 1 Nor hung the selfe-poiz'd Earth in thin Ayre plac't. 1776 MICKLE tr. *Camoens' Lusiad* X. 442 Each movement still beginning, still compleat, It's Author's type, self poised, perfection's seat. 1802 WORDSW. *To a Butterfly* 2 I've watched you now a full half-hour, Self-poised upon that yellow flower. 1838 TUPPER *Proverb. Philos.* Ser. I. *Of Subjection* 7 The self-poised character of God. 1875 LONGF. *Masque of Pandora* iv, Thy form Self-poised as if it floated on the air.

Hence **Self-poi·sedness.**

1848 *Westm. Rev.* XLIX. 339 This favourite notion of man's self-poisedness.

Self-pollu·tion. [SELF- 1 a.] Masturbation, self-abuse.

1626 R. BERNARD *Isle of Man* (1627) 77 Fornication, Selfe-pollution, &c. 1733 *Ordinary of Newgate* No. 1 Advt., Self-Pollution (that cursed School Wickedness). 1829 *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 3) III. 240 Two young men who had induced the same disease by a habit of self-pollution.

Hence **Self-pollu·ter.**

1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) XIII. 214/1 In scripture..we find self-polluters termed *effeminate, unclean.*

Self-posse·ssed, *ppl. a.* [Formed after SELF-POSSESSION; see SELF- 2.] Characterized by self-possession.

1838 LYTTON *Alice* I. v, Tall, self-possessed, and dressed plainly indeed. 1848 DICKENS *Dombey* xxi, She was not embarrassed, but wholly self-possessed. 1897 'H. S. MERRIMAN' *In Kedar's Tents* iii, The voice was clear and low, remarkably self-possessed.

Hence **Self-posse·ssedly** *adv.*

1893 *Cornh. Mag.* July 2 She received the ovation self-possessedly.

Self-posse·ssing, *ppl. a. rare.* [f. after next.] = SELF-POSSESSED.

1789 BURKE *Corr.* (1844) III. 20 To dare to be fearful, when all about you are full of presumption and confidence..discovers a self-possessing and collected character. 1863 M. BRYDIE *Tabl. Geol.*, etc. 54 A quiet, self-possessing mind.

Self-posse·ssion. [SELF- 1 d.] Command of one's faculties or feelings; self-command, composure.

1745 J. MASON *Self-Knowl.* II. i. (1853) 135 To preserve an Equanimity and Self-possession under all the various scenes of Adversity and Prosperity. 1821 SCOTT *Kenilw.* xv, The youth underwent the gaze of Majesty, not the less gracefully that his self-possession was mingled with embarrassment. 1878 GLADSTONE *Prim. Hom.* 112 The self-possession and self-command of every Greek are perfect.

transf. 1859 LANG *Wand. India* 314 A low flight of steps on which the ponies pass up and down with extraordinary self-possession.

Self-praise. [SELF- 1 a.] Praise or commendation of oneself.

1549 CHALONER *Erasm. on Folly* A ij, Unles perhaps some be better acquainted with me, then this my self-prayse (as me seemeth) I maie well take vpon me. 1662 *Mr. Hobbes considered* 57 That part of his self-praise which most offends you is in the end of his Leviathan. 1725 *Pope's Odyss.* VIII. Notes II. 225 Self-praise is sometimes no fault. 1826 *Cobbett's Reg.* LVIII. 743/1 In general it is a good rule..that self-praise is no commendation. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* xxxv, Osborne broke out into a rhapsody of self-praise and imprecations. 1856 GROTE *Hist. Greece* II. xciv. XII. 260 These and other self-praises disparaging to the glory of Alexander.

So **Self-praised** *pa. pple.*

1621 G. SANDYS *Ovid's Met.* VI. (1626) 110 A Stork; who, with white pinions rais'd, Is euer by her creaking bill selfe-prais'd.

Self-preserva·tion. [SELF- 1 a.] The preservation of one's existence; *esp.* applied to the natural law or instinct which impels living creatures to take measures to prolong life and avoid injury.

a 1614 DONNE *Biathanatos* (1644) A A, It is onely upon this reason, that selfe-preservation is of Naturall Law. 1671 MILTON *Samson* 505 If the punishment Thou canst avoid, self-preservation bids. 1681 DRYDEN *Span. Friar* IV. ii, Self-preservation is the first of laws. 1776 GIBBON *Decl. & F.* li. I. 40 Against such internal enemies..the most severe regulations, and the most cruel treatment, seemed almost justified by the great law of self-preservation. 1875 GLADSTONE *Glean.* (1879) III. 172 Both the instinct of self-preservation and the laws of duty combine in prompting them to put off the evil day.

So **Self-prese·rvative, Self-prese·rvatory** *adjs.*, **Self-prese·rving** *ppl. a.*; †**Self-prese·rvingly** *adv.*, so as to save oneself trouble.

1839 *Times* 29 July 4/2 Every creature has its *self-preservative instinct. 1871 R. H. HUTTON *Ess.* iii. (1877) I. 45 The self-preservative correspondence between internal and external changes. 1885 H. O. FORBES *Natur. Wand.* III. viii. 254 My rower righted it by a *self-preservatory act. 1669 HOPKINS *Serm.* 1 *Pet.* 13, 14 (1685) 34 Upon..*self-preserving Principles, Submission may sometimes be yielded to the lawful Commands of an unlawful..Power. 1735 SOMERVILLE *Chace* II. 503 Others, whom Fear Inspires with self-preserving Wiles. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* III. II. v, A traitorous self-preserving Court. 1654 GAYTON *Pleas. Notes* III. viii. 123 It was..more *selfe-preservingly done to leave him to the Sarcasmes of his Book, then by a shoulder-experience to have learn'd how to write a literall invective against him.

Self-pride. [SELF- 3 a.] Pride in oneself, one's achievements, one's position; personal pride.

a 1586 SIDNEY *Arcadia* (1622) 289 Puffing them vp by being besought, with such a selfe-pride of superiority. 1632 STRAFFORD in Browning *Life* (1891) 301 That self pride which hath to our owne esteeme, represented vs much bigger ..then in deed ther is cause for. 1729 LAW *Serious C.* xviii. 341 Banish..every thought of self-pride and self-distinction. 1822 COLTON *Lacon* II. cxxxviii. 104 This Self-pride is the common friend of our humanity. 1865 FLOR. MARRYAT *Love's Conf.* xxxix, George Treherne's self-pride came to his aid in this place, and stood him in the stead of virtue. 1907 *Ch. Q. Rev.* July 171 To gratify private pride and self-interest in the first case, then the self-pride of the Suprema.

Self-raised, *pa. pple.* and *ppl. a.* [SELF- 2.] Raised by oneself, by one's own power; (of a plant) grown without human aid.

1647 H. *Behmen's Clavis* § 54 The most Inward ground, wherein, the selfe raised [*marg.* Or owne arisen] will bringeth it selfe, by a reception, into somethingnesse. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* I. 634 That all these puissant Legions..shall faile to re-ascend Self-rais'd. *Ibid.* 858 Self-begot, self-rais'd By our own quick'ning power. 1852 G. W. JOHNSON *Cottage Gard. Dict.* s.v. *Rosemary*, When the plants are self-raised on an old wall. 1872 MORLEY *Voltaire* (1886) 6 The self-raised spontaneous products of some miraculous soil.

Self-rai·sing, *ppl. a.* [SELF- 3 b.] Applied to a kind of flour which causes dough or paste to rise without the addition of baking-powder, etc.

1869–71 *Cassell's Househ. Guide* IV. 14 Richardson's Tryphena, or Self-raising Flour. 1875 *Encycl. Brit.* III. 256/1.

Selfre: see SILVER.

Self-realiza·tion. *Philos.* [SELF- 1 a.] The fulfilment by one's own efforts of the possibilities of development of the self.

1876 F. H. BRADLEY *Eth. Studies* ii. 59 What remains is to point out the most general expression for the end in itself, the ultimate practical 'why'; and that we find in the word *self-realization. Ibid.* 75 There is self-realization in all action. 1907 ILLINGWORTH *Doctr. Trin.* xii. 245 This realisation for which the Christian looks, while it is the realization of himself, is not self-realisation. For..it is not in the last resort his own achievement, but the gift of God.

Self-refle·ction. [SELF- 1 a, 3 a.]

†**1.** Reflection or image of oneself. *Obs.*

1636 DAVENANT *Plat. Lovers* II. i. D 4, The fam'd Antipheron, whom once the learned Stagerite Admir'd so for the selfe-reflection that He wore like to his perfect Image still where hee mov'd.

†**2.** Censure or reproof of oneself. *Obs.*

1681 OWEN *Φρονημα του Πνευματος* I. iv. Wks. 1852 VII. 307 We can omit and lose such..opportunities..without regret or self-reflection. 1697 BURGHOPE *Disc. Relig. Assemb.* Ded., They can hear the call to church, and see others go, and yet stay at home without any self-reflections.

3. Reflection, meditation, or serious thought as to one's character, actions, motives, etc.

c 1670 O. HEYWOOD *Script. Fast* in *Autobiog.* (1881) II. 332 How usefull is this self-reflexion in order to a fast. 1691 HARTCLIFFE *Mor. & Int. Virtue* 285 Self-Reflection, the best means to an impartial judgment of things, will take place, and the true voice of Conscience will be heard. 1809–10 COLERIDGE *Friend* (1865) 99 A moment's steady self-reflection will show us, that in the simple determination 'black is not white'..all the powers are implied that distinguish man from animals. *a* 1882 T. H. GREEN *Prolog. Ethics* § 94 Self-reflection is the only possible method of learning what is the inner man or mind that our action expresses.

So **Self-refle·ctive,** †**-refle·xive** *adjs.*, disposed to or characterized by self-reflection.

1879 *Expositor* X. 87 In opposition to the Buddhist spirit of self-annihilation, he declares that the sympathetic are the most *self-reflective. 1677 GALE *Crt. Gentiles* IV. 6 These *self-reflexive Acts of Conscience.

Self-rega·rd. [SELF- 1 a, 3 a.]

1. Regard of or consideration for oneself.

1595 SPENSER *Col. Clout* 682 But selfe-regard of priuate good or ill, Moues me of each, so as I found, to tell. 1691–8 NORRIS *Pract. Disc.* (1711) III. 185 Without being sway'd by any by, private, or self-regards. 1705 POPE *Let. to Wycherley* 30 Apr., The friendship..is the more likely to be true and unmixed with too much self-regard. 1890 *Spectator* 11 Jan. 43/2 Effectually fusing the indifference and cool self-regard of others.

2. = SELF-RESPECT 3.

1811 BYRON *Hints fr. Hor.* 741 If friendship's nothing, self-regard might teach More polish'd usage of his parts of speech. 1856 EMERSON *Eng. Traits, Cockayne* 83 This little superfluity of self-regard in the English brain, is one of the secrets of their power.

So **Self-rega·rdant** *a.*, **-rega·rding** *ppl. a.*, looking towards or centring upon oneself, marked by self-regard; watchful of oneself; **Self-rega·rdless** *a.*, **-rega·rdlessness.**

1840 C. H. TOWNSHEND *Facts in Mesmerism* III. ii. 294 To be *self-regardant and watchful of our own sensations as they arise. 1895 *N. Amer. Rev.* Aug. 237 Man is not only a self-regardant but a sympathetic..being. 1789 BENTHAM *Princ. Legisl.* p. XXXVIII *note*, The pleasures and pains of amity and enmity are of the *self-regarding cast. 1868 BAIN *Ment. & Mor. Sci.* IV. x. 393 The application of Prudential or self-regarding motives. 1907 ILLINGWORTH *Doctr. Trin.* vii. 140 Certain personal or self-regarding virtues.. consisting chiefly in habits of propriety and self-control. 1899 *Daily News* 2 Oct. 6/4 The courage and *self-regardless patriotism of youth. 1870 BLACK *Kilmeny* XXVI, Wonderful self-possession and *self-regardlessness.

Self-re·gulated, *ppl. a.* [SELF- 2, 4.] Regulated from within or automatically.

1847 in WEBSTER. 1903 *Edin. Rev.* Oct. 517 The Colleges were isolated, self-regulated and self-contained.

So **Self-re·gulating** *ppl. a.*

1837 *Penny Cycl.* IX. 26/2 A self-regulating thermostat or heat-governor. 1839 SELBY in *Proc. Berw. Nat. Club* I. vii. 191 A self-regulating thermometer. 1840 *Mech. Mag.* XXXIII. 274 Chesterman's Patent Self-regulating Stove. The principal novelty..is the mode adopted for regulating the rate of combustion..by means of the vaporization of water.

Self-regula·tion. [SELF- 1 a.] Regulation, control, or direction by or of oneself (itself).

1693 NORRIS *Pract. Disc.* (1707) IV. 196 'Tis a very considerable degree of Self-regulation for a Man to proceed thus far, not to *enjoy*, but only to *use* the World. 1879 DOWDEN *Southey* ii. 29 His chief lesson was the large one of self-regulation. 1896 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* I. 110 The muscular coats of the small arteries are..capable of self-regulation.

So **Self-re·gulative** *a.*, **Self-re·gulator, Self-re·gulatory** *a.*

a 1866 WHEWELL (Ogilvie), *Self-regulative. 1896 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* I. 110 The endothelium of the capillaries is..self-regulative. 1862 BURTON *Bk.-Hunter* 11 Any..peculiarity which may transfer them from the class of free *self-regulators to that of persons 'under treatment'. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VI. 239 An..adaptive *self-regulatory capacity.

Self-reli·ance. [SELF- 3 a.] Reliance upon oneself, one's own powers, etc. (*rarely* with unfavourable implication.)

1837 HT. MARTINEAU *Soc. Amer.* III. 117 In as far as they exchange self-reliance for reliance on anything out of themselves. 1862 GODLADRN *Pers. Relig.* 203 If we have failed again and again in meeting Temptation..it will be well to examine whether there be not some particle of self-reliance lurking at the bottom of our hearts. 1879 M. ARNOLD *Mixed Ess., Democracy* 18 A self-reliance which disposed each man to act individually and isodependently.

So **Self-reli·ant** *a.*, **Self-rely·ing** *ppl. a.*

1848 LYTTON *Harold* VIII. iv, *Self-reliant hath Hilda called me. 1878 BOSW. SMITH *Carthage* 292 Publius was sent off to Spain with a..force, which a less courageous and self-reliant people would have been unwilling to spare. 1829 SCOTT *Anne of G.* iii, The *self-relying resolution of a mind too virtuous to suspect evil. 1880 MCCARTHY *Own Times* xl. III. 225 An independent, quiet, self-relying man.

Selfren, obs. form of SILVERN.

Self-renou·nced, *ppl. a.* [Formed after SELF-RENUNCIATION; see SELF- 2.] Full of self-renunciation. So **Self-renou·ncement,** = SELF-RENUNCIATION; **Self-renou·ncing** *ppl. a.* (hence **-renou·ncingly** *adv.*).

1838 MRS. BROWNING *Virgin Mary to Child Jesus* vi, I knelt down..Too *self-renounced for fears. 1842 MANNING *Serm.* v. (1848) I. 75 To take shelter in a secret life of *self-renouncement. 1873 M. ARNOLD *Lit. & Dogma* (1876) 93 Self-examination, self-renouncement, and mildness. 1781 COWPER *Truth* 568 That *self-renouncing wisdom. 1858 GEO. ELIOT *Sc. Cler. Life, Janet's Rep.* xix. II. 285 The self-renouncing faith which has soothed that conflict into rest. 1859 — *A. Bede* I. iv, Such a woman as Lisbeth..at once patient and complaining, self-renouncing and exacting. 1842 MRS. BROWNING *Grk. Chr. Poets* 196 Trustfully as child before mother, *self-renouncingly as child after sin.

Self-renuncia·tion. [SELF- 1 a.] Renunciation of oneself, one's own will, etc.

1791 [HANNAH MORE] *Relig. Fashion. World* 63 He..who does not live in a regular course of self-renunciation, will not be likely..to perform acts of beneficence. 1842 MANNING *Serm.* xii. (1848) I. 160 They who followed Him..had to make the same..act of self-renunciation. 1861 MILL *Utilit.* ii. 24 The only self-renunciation which it [*sc.* utilitarian morality] applauds, is devotion to the happiness..of others.

So **Self-renu·nciatory** *a.*

1901 W. MACINTOSH *Rabbi Jesus* 232 Jesus..asks for a love as self-renunciatory as His own.

Self-repe·llency. ? *Obs.* [SELF- 1 d.] The quality (possessed by gases) of being made up of mutually repelling molecules or atoms. So **Self-repe·llent** *a.*, **Self-repe·lling** *ppl. a.*

1803 JOS. BLACK *Lect. Chem.* I. 34 We may expect to find the matter of heat..rarefied, in consequence of its own..*self-repellency. *Ibid.* 49 Heat depends on the abundance of a subtile matter highly elastic, or *self-repellent. 1828–32 WEBSTER, **Self-repelling*, repelling by its own inherent power.

Self-repre·ssion. [SELF- 1 a.] Repression of oneself, one's desires, opinions, etc. So **Self-repre·ssed, -repre·ssing** *ppl. adjs.*, characterized by self-repression.

1870 DICKENS *E. Drood* xix, Rosa, I am *self-repressed again. 1904 W. M. ROSSETTI in *Chr. Rossetti's Poems* Pref. p. x, One finds in her verse a noticeable combination of the outspoken with the *self-repressing. 1866 *Ch. Times* 27 Jan., His whole official career has displayed a capacity for *self-repression which [etc.]. 1890 HENTY *With Lee in Virg.* ii, The habitual self-repression of a slave.

Self-reproa·ch. [SELF- 1 a.] Reproach of oneself.

1779 *Mirror* No. 50 P 4 A conscious blush of shame and self-reproach. 1797 WORDSW. *Old Cumb. Beggar* 136 Men who can hear the Decalogue and feel No self-reproach. 1876 BANCROFT *Hist. U. S.* II. xxxiv. 354 The English monopolist had no self-reproach for prohibiting the industry of the colonists.

So **Self-repro'ached** *ppl.a.*, **Self-repro'chful** *a.*, **Self-repro'aching** *ppl.a.* (hence **-repro'achingly, -repro'achingness**).

1829 Southey *Sir T. More* II. 111 Such a man may live *self-reproached. 1869 P. Landreth *Adam Thomson* ii. 77 Disappointed, depressed, desponding, and fiercely *self-reproachful. 1784 Cowper *Task* v. 600 *Self-reproaching conscience. 1848 Keble *Serm.* Pref. p. xxix, To help him to assuage his self-reproaching thoughts. 1847–54 Webster, **Self-reproachingly*, by reproaching one's self. 1850 *Fraser's Mag.* XLII. 139 The weary..loathsome *self-reproachingness of idleness. 1890 Talmage *From Manger to Throne* 306 His *self-reproachment for doubting the words of Christ.

Self-reproof. [Self- 1.] Reproof of oneself. So **Self-repro'val, Self-repro'ved** *ppl. a.*, **Self-repro'ving** *vbl. sb.* and *ppl. a.*

1775 Ash, **Self-reproof*, the reproof of conscience. 1827 Scott *Chron. Canongate* iii, The anguish produced by this self-reproof was so strong, that I put my hand suddenly to my forehead. 1847 Helps *Friends in C.* I. iii. 42 All that part of worldly trouble which consists of *self-reproval. 1828–32 Webster, **Self-reproved*, reproved by consciousness or one's own sense of guilt. 1605 Shaks. *Lear* v. i. 4 He's full of alteration, And *selfereprouing. 1775 Ash, **Self-reproving*, reproving one's self.

Self-repu'gnance. Now *rare.* [Self- 1 d.] Self-contradictory quality or character. So **Self-repu'gnancy; Self-repu'gnant** *a.*, self-contradictory.

1649 Milton *Tenure of Kings* 5 The ignorance or the notorious hypocrisie and *selfe-repugnance of our dancing Divines. 1674 Boyle *Corpusc. Philos.* 16 They..have recourse to agents, which..involve no *self-repugnancy in their very notions, as many of the judicious think substantial forms and real qualities do. 1701 Norris *Ideal World* I. vi. 339 For necessary truth to be the effect of God is a most inconsistent *self-repugnant notion. 1835 Browning *Paracelsus* I. 398 An arbitrary, self-repugnant scheme. 1836–7 Sir W. Hamilton *Metaph.* xii. (1859) I. 218 This, at first sight, may appear like paradox: I trust you will soon admit that the counter doctrine is self-repugnant.

Self-repu'lsion. ? *Obs.* [Self- 1 a.] The action of self-repellent molecules or substances. So **Self-repu'lsive** *a.*, self-repellent.

1834 Prout *Chem. Meteorol.* App. 563 The individual molecules of the gas..are thus enabled to assume those positions..in which their mutual self-repulsion is the greatest possible. *Ibid.* 70 A given volume of steam,..contains the same number of self-repulsive molecules, as a similar volume of air. *Ibid.* 73 The molecules..may..be supposed to exert a self-repulsive influence on each other. 1837 Whewell *Hist. Induct. Sci.* III. 17 Æpinus devised a method of examining the nature of the electricity..by means of which he ascertained its distribution, and found that it agreed with such a law of self-repulsion.

Self-respe'ct. [In sense 1, Self- 5 a, d; in senses 2 and 3, Self- 1 d.]

† **1.** A private, personal, or selfish end. (Chiefly *pl.*; cf. Self-end.) *Obs.*

1613 Bp. Hall *Serm.* Wks. (1625) 468 Men; subiect to all passions, infirmities, self-respects. 1668 H. More *Div. Dial.* II. 30 Impartial Rectitude and Uprightness, without all Self-respects. 1675 Howe in H. Rogers *Life* (1863) v. 141 Have I not an undue design or self-respect in it?

† **2.** Self-love, self-conceit. *Obs.*

1657 Hawke *Killing is M.* Pref., Most men are transported with a philauty or self-respect, and have envious..ears, to hear ill reports of others.

3. Proper regard for the dignity of one's person or one's position.

1795–1814 Wordsw. *Excurs.* VI. 353 To her guilty bowers Allured him, sunk so low in self-respect As there to linger. 1849 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* v. I. 619 The fortitude of Monmouth was not that highest sort of fortitude which is derived from reflection and from selfrespect. 1873 F. Hall *Mod. Engl.* 363 Much too cheap for any person of proper self-respect to indulge in. 1881 Besant & Rice *Chapl. Fleet* I. vi, Things which, if left undone, would cause a gentlewoman to lose her self-respect.

So **Self-respe'ctful** (hence **-respe'ctfulness**), **Self-respe'cting** *ppl. a.*

1890 *Academy* XXXVIII. 192/2 His style, while firm.., is *self-respectful with that reticence which in manners we call breeding and in art distinction. 1903 *19th Cent.* Dec. 1003 There was a dignity, a '*selfrespectfulness' in her demeanour that was most impressive. 1786 Burns *Despondency* iv, The lucky moment to improve, And just to stop, and just to move, With *self-respecting art. 1828 Sewell *Oxford Prize Ess.* 23 For the humiliation of habitual mendicity, it substituted an honourable and self-respecting industry. 1864 Burton *Scot Abr.* I. ii. 102 The well-becoming pride and self-respecting gravity.

Self-restrai'nt. [Self- 1 a.] Restraint imposed by oneself upon one's actions, etc.

1775 Ash, *Self-restraint*, a restraint from one's self. 1848 Mill *Pol. Econ.* I. x. § 3 (1876) 99 A prudent and conscientious self-restraint. 1871 Jowett *Plato* II. 253 Those invalids who, having no self-restraint, will not leave off their habits of intemperance.

So **Self-restrai'ned, Self-restrai'ning** *ppl. adjs.*, marked by or involving self-restraint.

a 1700 Dryden *Iliad* I. 398 Power, *self-restrain'd, the people best obey. 1861 Whyte Melville *Good for Nothing* II. 195 Her tone was softened, and her bearing more self-restrained. 1828–32 Webster, **Self-restraining*, restraining or controlling itself. 1844 Marg. Ossoli *Woman in 19th Cent.* (1862) 65 Not [capable] of a steadfast wisdom, nor self-restraining virtue.

Self-revea'led, *ppl. a.* [Self- 2.] Revealed by one's own action. So **Self-revea'ling** *vbl. sb.* and *ppl. a.*, **Self-revea'lment.**

1908 *Outlook* 10 Oct. 462/1 Seeing all its strange beauty and listening to its mysterious *self-revealing. 1839 Hallam *Lit. Eur.* III. iv. § 3 By sanctioning the guilt of the *self-revealing party. 1877 E. Caird *Philos. Kant* II. xviii. 645 The doctrine that God as a spirit is necessarily self-revealing. 1907 W. H. Hadow *Shaks. Sonn.* Introd. p. xi, Of all poetic forms the lyric..is the most self-revealing. 1897 Dowden *Fr. Lit.* IV. ii. 277 The *Esprit des Lois*..must always be precious as the *self-revealment of a great intellect.

Self-revela'tion. [Self- 1 a.] Revelation of oneself.

1851 Pulsford tr. *J. Müller's Chr. Doctr. Sin* I. 98 A self-revelation of God. 1853 W. Jerdan *Autobiogr.* III. 51 The self-revelations I have deemed essential to my life-story. 1898 Illingworth *Div. Immanence* iv. § 3. 88 This then was the primary proof, the essential evidence of the Incarnation; the self-revelation of a person to persons.

So **Self-re'velative, Self-re'velatory** *adjs.*

1888 *Encycl. Brit.* XXIII. 312/2 *Self-revelative passages are frequent. 1890 *Advance* (Chicago) 23 Oct., I suppose that in the *self-revelatory character of these notes, I am bound to say that..I am lazy.

Self-rewa'rd. [Self- 5 b.] Reward derived from or inherent in itself. So **Self-rewa'rded, -rewa'rding** *ppl. adjs.*

1742 Young *Nt. Th.* VII. 236 Who virtue's *self-reward so loud resound, Would..virtue, while they compliment, betray. 1824 Miss Mitford *Village* Ser. I. 229 Her sweet and loving temper was *self-rewarded. 1740 Bp. Rundle in J. Duncombe *Lett.* (1773) II. 140 To perform to you all the *self-rewarding duties of good neighbourhood. 1868 Bain *Mental & Moral Sci.* III. v. 245 If benevolent actions, instead of being a tax, were self-rewarding. 1876 Mozley *Univ. Serm.* xv. 259 Gratitude is..a self-rewarding virtue.

Self-ri'ght, *v.* [Back-formation f. Self-righting.] *intr.* To right itself. So **Self-ri'ghted; Self-ri'ghter,** a self-righting boat.

1881 *Daily News* 21 Jan. 5/8 The 'Norfolk Lifeboats'..will not *self-right if upset. 1901 H. Trench *Deirdre Wed*, etc. 101 He..From storm and mutiny emerged alone *Self-righted from the dreadful self-surrender. 1867 *Routledge's Ev. Boy's Ann.* 636 When a '*self righter' is upset by a heavy sea, her crew may be thrown out.

Self-ri'ghteous, *a.* [Self- 3 b.] Righteous in one's own esteem.

a 1680 Charnock *Mercy for Chief of Sinners* (1847) 15 This self-righteous temper is like an external heat got into the body, which produceth an hectic fever. *a* 1820 I. Milner *Serm.* iii. I. 118 Pharisaical, self-righteous views and motives. 1854 C. Hodge *On Romans* vii. 200 Legal or self-righteous strivings after holiness. 1892 J. Tait *Mind in Matter* 259 His severity was reserved for the self-righteous.

So **Self-ri'ghteously** *adv.*; **Self-ri'ghteousness,** the condition of being self-righteous; righteousness for which one gives oneself credit.

1901 *Westm. Gaz.* 1 July 7/3 A vigilant police are *self-righteously discussing whether they should enforce the lodging-house law. 1656 Owen *Mortif. Sin* To Rdr. (1668) A 3 b, The deplorable Issues of Superstition, *self-righteousness and Anxiety of Conscience. 1833 Whately in *Life* (1866) I. 209, I understand the disease which you call self-righteousness: though the word is hardly yet good English. 1893 Swinburne *Stud. Prose & Poetry* (1894) 27 The unconscious malevolence of self-righteousness which distorted the critical appreciations..of Lord Macaulay.

Self-ri'ghting, *vbl. sb.* [Self- 1 b.] Of a boat: The action of righting itself after being upset. So **Self-ri'ghting** *ppl. a.*

1855 *Art. Life-boat Inst.* (Paris Exhib.) in *Brit. Alm. & Comp.* (1856) 50 The power of self-righting if upset. 1858 *Merc. Marine Mag.* V. 115 The new class of self-righting life-boats. 1882 *Encycl. Brit.* XIV. 573/1 Surf-boats, incapable of self-righting.

fig. 1891 *Times* 14 Jan. 5/3 The self-righting power which British constitutions derive from the absolute freedom of the people.

Self-sa'crifice. [Self- 1 a.] Sacrifice of oneself; the giving up of one's own interests, happiness, and desires, for the sake of duty or the welfare of others.

1805 Wordsw. *Poems Sentim., Ode to Duty* 54 Give unto me, made lowly wise, The spirit of self-sacrifice. 1843 Kingsley *Lett.* (1878) I. 101 What a strange mystery is that of mutual self-sacrifice! to exist for one moment for another. 1885 J. Martineau *Types Eth. Th.* I. I. I. § 7. 226 Absolute self-sacrifice of the passions and imagination.

So **Self-sa'crificed** *pa. pple.*; **Self-sa'crificer,** a self-sacrificing person; **Self-sacrifi'cial** *a.*, = next; **Self-sa'crificing** *ppl. a.*, making a sacrifice of one's life, etc. (whence **-sa'crificingly** *adv.*, **-sa'crificingness**).

a 1711 Ken *Preparatives* Poet. Wks. IV. 83 *Self-sacrific'd, his Father's Will, And our Redemption to fulfil. 1900 *Inscr. in Postmen's Park, Aldersgate St., London*, Mary Rogers, stewardess of the Stella, March 30, 1899, self-sacrificed by giving up her life-belt, and voluntarily going down in the sinking ship. 1668 H. More *Div. Dial.* III. xxv. I. 467 Martyrs and *Self-sacrificers to but so faint a Shadow..of the first uncreated Perfection. 1903 *Sat. Rev.* 4 Apr. 421/2 It is usual for the self-sacrificer to be a consistently melodramatic person. 1855 Bailey *Mystic*, etc. 98 The painful pelican *Self-sacrificial. 1893 H. R. Reynolds in *Life* (1898) 473 Your self-sacrificial love to a great duty. 1817 Moore *Lalla Rookh, Parad. & Peri* (ed. 2) 149 That precious sigh Of pure, *self-sacrificing love. 1897 Gladstone *E. Crisis* 14 In the midst of a high and self-sacrificing enthusiasm, the Greek Government and people have shown good sense. 1882 *Advance* (Chicago) 5 Oct., *Self-sacrificingly non-denominational in all directions. 1871 Smiles *Charac.* ix. (1876) 239 In *self-sacrificingness,..in the ordinary intercourse of life, mainly consists the difference between being well and ill bred.

† **Self-said,** *ppl. a. Obs.* [= Self *pron.* or *a.* + Said *ppl. a.*] Selfsame.

1548 Udall *Erasm. Par. John* x. 15–18 To sende furth this lyfe out of the bodye, and to cal agayn the same into the very selfsayd bodye [orig. *hoc ipsum corpus*]. 1579 Lyly *Euphues* (Arb.) 129 Euen in the selfe said moment it is borne..to deliuer to a straunge nurse.

Selfsame (se'lfsēm), *a.* (*sb.*). Now *literary.* [orig. two words (see Self A. 1 b, B. 1 c, and Same A. 4); subsequently written as a compound with a hyphen, now as one word. Cf. Norw., Da. *selvsamme*; OHG. *selbsama* adv., in just the same way.]

A. *adj.* (The) very same, very identical.

c 1407 Lydg. *Reson & Sens.* 3992 She..With the selve same suerde..Karf hyr hart even atweyn. 1539 Bible (Great) *Matt.* viii. 13 Hys seruaunt was healed in the selfe same houre [Tindale 1526 that same, 1534 the selfe, *Rheims* 1582 the same]. 1573 L. Lloyd *Marrow of Hist.* (1653) 87 The self same day that Adrian was made Emperour of Rome. 1593 Shaks. 3 *Hen. VI*, III. iii. 161 Both of you are Birds of selfe-same Feather. 1637 Milton *Lycidas* 23 We were nurst upon the self-same hill, Fed the same flock. 1664 Butler *Hud.* II. iii. 213 And still he's in the self-same place, Where at his setting out he was. 1710 Steele *Tatler* No. 177 ₱ 2 The very self-same Action done by different Men can not merit the same Degree of Applause. 1781 Cowper *Table-t.* 388 He trod the very self-same ground you tread. 1819 G. S. Faber *Dispens.* (1823) II. 331 In the Greek original, the self-same phrase occurs in each place without the least difference. 1833 Tennyson *Miller's Dau.* iv, Pray, Alice, pray, my own sweet wife, That we may die the selfsame day. 1893 Earl Dunmore *Pamirs* II. 333, I could hardly believe it was the same Jura Bek who had been such a bitter enemy to Russia..But it was the selfsame man.

b. *One and the selfsame* (arch.), † *one selfsame.*

1570 Billingsley *Euclid* bk. I. post. vi. 7 Thinges which are double to one and the selfe same thing, are equall the one to the other. 1587 Golding *De Mornay* ii. (1592) 19 One selfesame Creature, which at one selfesame instant, by one selfesame course, and with one selfesame qualitie of heate, doth all the said things. 1588 Shaks. *L. L. L.* I. ii. 4 Sadnesse is one and the selfe-same thing..How canst thou part sadnesse and melancholy? 1611 Bible 1 *Cor.* vii. 11 All these worketh that one and the selfe same spirit [Wyclif one and the same, Tindale, etc. the silfe same]. 1630 *R. Johnson's Kingd. & Commw.* 93 Having in one selfe-same field..both Corne, Vines, and Fruit-trees. *Ibid.* 117 This River (as Severne) ariseth..from one and the self-same Mountaine.

c. in predicative use. Now *rare.*

1582 *N. T.* (Rheims) Heb. i. 12 Thou art the self same, and thy yeres shal not faile [*earlier versions and* 1611 the same]. 1633 P. Fletcher *Purple Isl.* I. iii, Their souls self-same in nearer love did grow. *c* 1680 Beveridge *Serm.* (1729) I. 16 The case is the self-same here. 1860 Pusey *Min. Proph.* 77 That we should believe in Him..as He Who Is, the self-existing, the self-same. 1870 Emerson *Soc. & Solit.* vii. 148 Always selfsame, like the sky.

† **B.** *absol.* or *sb.* The selfsame person or thing; rarely as *sb.*, *pl.* identical things. *Obs.*

1421 Hoccleve *Minor Poems* 136/731 Let noon housbonde thynke it shame..Thogh his wyf do to him pat selue same. *c* 1550 Coverdale *Treat. Sacr.* Transl. Pref., So dyd he ordayne his apostles and in them all that shoulde succede them: priestes to offer vp the selfe same. 1574 tr. *Marlorat's Apocalips* 15, I the Lord am the firste, and euen I the selfsame am also with the last. 1582 Watson *Centurie of Loue* (Arb.) 41 The Author..varieth from that sense, which Chawcer vseth in translating the selfe same. 1638 Quarles *Mildreiador* Ded., You shall receive but the selfe-same by Number and by Measure; which, before, you had by Waight. 1701 Norris *Ideal World* I. ii. 50 That they seem to be as so many self-sames, so many reproductions of one thing.

Hence **Selfsa'meness,** identicalness, identity.

1577 *Bullinger's Decades* (1592) 629 The immutable self-same-nesse of the Trinitie. 1587 Golding *De Mornay* vi. 87 There must needes be euer both a selfsamenesse and also an othernesse. 1639 I.D. Digby, etc. *Lett. conc. Relig.* (1651) 132 Sweet, happie, and I think sole, is the self-sameness which arises from pure principles of nature. 1876 F. H. Bradley *Eth. Studies* 5 The first condition..is my self-sameness; I must be throughout one identical person. 1893 — *Appear. & Real.* x. 113 Self-sameness exists as a fact, and..hence somehow an identical self must be real.

Self-satisfa'ction. [formed after next.] The condition or quality of being self-satisfied.

1793 Beddoes *Math. Evid.* 117 We differ from one another in every circumstance of conduct, taste, and sentiment with perfect self-satisfaction. 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* xxviii, Following his chief, who rode away in great state and self-satisfaction. 1885 Pattison *Mem.* 254, I have never enjoyed any self-satisfaction in anything I have ever done.

Self-sa'tisfied, *ppl. a.* [Self- 3 a.] Satisfied with oneself, one's achievements, etc.; marked by self-satisfaction.

1734 Pope *Ess. Man* IV. 42 No Bandit fierce, no Tyrant mad with pride, No cavern'd Hermit, rests self-satisfy'd. 1823 Scott *Quentin D.* ix, Hurried away, as the most cautious sometimes are, by the self-satisfied humour of the moment. 1838 Dickens *O. Twist* xxv, The self-satisfied smirk of flash Toby Crackit. 1876 Geo. Eliot *Dan. Der.* III. xxxvi. 74 One must care for them more than for the comfortably self-satisfied.

Self-sa'tisfying, *ppl. a.* [Self- 1 f.] That satisfies oneself; affording self-satisfaction.

1671 Milton *Samson* 306 They ravel more, still less resolv'd, But never find self-satisfying solution. 1781 Cowper *Truth* 7 Then farewell all self-satisfying schemes, His well-built systems, philosophic dreams! 1823 Keble *Serm.* (1848) II. 42 Those self-satisfying thoughts, which the doctrine of assurance..is continually fostering among Christians.

Self-secu're, *a.* [Self- 1 e.] Sure of oneself, one's position, etc.

a 1700 Ken *Hymnotheo* Poet. Wks. III. 17 He self-secure thought he should neither need. 1834 *Tait's Mag.* I. 661/1 The most frugal and self-secure of sovereigns. 1849 M. Arnold *Shakespeare* 10 Self-schooled, self-scanned, self-honoured, self-secure.

So **Self-secu·rity.**

1766 Blackstone *Comm.* II. iv. 50 This new polity..seems ..to have been..adopted..upon the same principle of self-security. 1768 H. Walpole *Hist. Doubts* 33 Self-security prompted the princes and lords to guard against this reverse. 1905 *Speaker* 8 Apr. 32/1 Bunyan's self-security of opinion.

Self-see·ker. [formed after next.] One who seeks his own welfare; one given to self-seeking.

1632 Symonds *Eccles. Self-seeking* 6 No Self-seeker, but faithful for Christ. 1816 Scott *Old Mort.* i, Self-seekers all of them, strivers after wealth, power, and worldly ambition. 1852 Tennyson *Ode Death Wellington* 187 Self-seekers trampling on the right. 1894 Wolseley *Marlborough* I. 257 William, like most men of the time, was a self-seeker.

Self-see·king, *vbl. sb.* [Self- 1 b; cf. Seek *v.* 7 c.] The seeking after one's own welfare before that of others, prosecution of selfish ends.

a 1586 Sidney *Arcadia* II. (Sommer) 202 Who by the rules of his own mind could construe no other end of mens doings but self seking. 1654 Whitlock *Zootomia* 364 Further than Selfe-destruction, none can drive this Selfe-seeking. *a* 1680 Butler *Charac., State-Convert,* He has so much of a Saint left as to..denounce against Self-seeking, until he is sure to find what he looks for. 1705 Stanhope *Paraphr.* I. 55 Partiality and a corrupt principle of Self-seeking. 1860 Whittier *Quaker Alumni* 7 All your petty self-seekings.

So **Self-see·king** *ppl. a.*

a 1628 F. Grevil *Let. Hon. Lady* i. Wks. (1633) 259 Those selfe-seeking Arts, which teare vp the bowels of the earth for the priuate vse of more than milke, and hony. 1668 H. More *Div. Dial.* IV. viii. II. 29 The Reign of mere self-seeking Nature. 1712 Arbuthnot *John Bull* II. xv, He is a Tradesman, a self-seeking Wretch. 1823 Byron *Age of Bronze* xiv. 83 To pamper the self-seeking wants, And prop the hill of these agrarian ants. 1878 Bosw. Smith *Carthage* 233 The ..least self seeking Roman of his time.

†Se·lfship. *Obs. rare.* [f. Self *sb.* + -ship.] Selfhood, personality, individuality.

1668 H. More *Div. Dial.* I. xxxiv. I. 143 Can you compare your distinct Selfship with this immense compass, and yet not conceive your self surrounded?

Self-slain, *pa. pple.* and *ppl. a.* [Self- 2.] Slain by one's own hand.

1814 Byron *Devil's Drive* i, Sausages made of a self-slain Jew. 1883 L. Morris *Songs Unsung* 27 Being self-slain and numbered with the dead.

So **Self-slay·er,** self-murderer.

1690 C. Nesse *Hist. & Myst. O. & N. Test.* I. 212 Thou art ..a felo-de-se or self-slayer. 1823 in Cobbett *Rur. Rides* (1885) I. 390 They have, since Castlereagh cut his throat, relieved self-slayers from the disgrace of the cross-road burial. 1845 Bailey *Festus* 254 Let it not be said He sought his God in the self-slayer's way.

Self-slau·ghter. [Self- 1 a.] = Self-murder.

1602 Shaks. *Ham.* I. ii. 132 Oh..that the Euerlasting had not fixt His Cannon 'gainst Selfe-slaughter. 1649 *Vindic. Hamnond's Addr.* 10 § 26 Those Lawes of our Land, which have look'd on this selfe-slaughter, as an inhumane crime. 1743 Blair *Grave* 410 Just reeking from Self-slaughter, in a Rage To rush into the Presence of our Judge! 1842 I. Williams *Baptistery* v. 69 All the shapes of death were seen, Robbers, fell beasts, disease, Self-slaughter's murderous mien. 1897 *Daily Tel.* 6 Oct. 10/6 The horrible self-slaughter by religious fanatics.

So **Self-slau·ghtered** *ppl. a.*, self-murdered.

1593 Shaks. *Lucr.* 1733 Till Lvcrece Father that beholds her bleed, Himselfe, on her selfe-slaughtred bodie threw. 1621 G. Sandys *Ovid's Met.* VII. (1626) 132 Selfe-slaughtred. 1837 R. Wilson *Pleas. Piety* VI. 142 Dying self-slaughter'd that she may obtain Eternal bliss!

Self-sowed, *ppl. a. rare.* = next.

1759 *Phil. Trans.* LI. 300 In the middle of January, I had self-sowed marigolds and violets in bloom.

Self-sown, *pa. pple.* and *ppl. a.* [Self- 2. Cf. ON. *sjálfsáinn.*] Sown by itself without human or animal agency.

1608 Plat *Garden of Eden* (ed. Bellingham 1653) 78 These seeds will also come up well, being self-sowen. 1664 Evelyn *Sylva* Introd. 3 Oaklings, young Beeches, Ash,..spring from the self-sown mast and keys. *a* 1746 Holdsworth *Rem. & Diss. Virgil* (1768) 85, I rather believe, he means self-sown plants, and adds—' Nullis hominum cogentibus',—to explain his meaning. 1853 O. W. Holmes *Poem Amer. Med. Assoc.* 50 The bud that came Self-sown in your poor garden's borders. 1908 [Miss Fowlea] *Betw. Trent & Ancholme* 379 The annuals being self-sown year by year.

Self-subsi·stence. [Self- 5 b.] The quality or condition of subsisting alone without dependence on or support of anything external.

1629 Donne *Serm.* xxiv. (1640) 240 We banish all self-subsistence, all attributing of any power, to any faculty of our own. 1677 Gale *Crt. Gentiles* IV. 339 This Independence and Self-subsistence of the Divine Wil. 1701 Norris *Ideal World* I. vi. 333 Whence has it (Truth) this self-subsistance and independency of being? 1853 J. Martineau *Ess.* (1869) II. 268 The belief..that causality.. has an absolute self-subsistence. 1904 *Edin. Rev.* Jan. 172 It is the height of absurdity for an advocate of self-subsistence to measure prosperity by the export trade.

So **Self-subsi·stency; Self-subsi·stent** *a.*, **-subsi·sting** *ppl. a.*

1657 Heylin *Ecclesia Vind.* I. ii. § 2. 55, I look upon the Musarabick Liturgie..for as unquestionable a character of *self-subsistency as the Ambrosian Office was in the Church of Millain. 1825 Coleridge *Aids Refl.* (1848) I. 325 The attribute of self-subsistency vanishes from the soul on the same grounds, on which it is refused to the mind. 1844 Emerson *Ess.* Ser. II. vii. (1876) 173 'Lynch-law' prevails only where there is greater hardihood and self-subsistency in the leaders. 1647 H. More *Song of Soul* II. *App.* Pref. 1 Any actuall and *self-subsistent Being. 1704 Norris *Ideal World* II. iii. 250 Those sensible qualities..such as heat, cold, sweetness..are not self-subsistent beings. 1827 Coleridge *Const. Church & State,* etc. (1839) 269 *note,* The self-subsistent Reason or *Logos. *a* 1676 Hale *Prim. Orig. Man.* IV. iv. 321 Their Souls are not of a *self-subsisting nature, they cannot exist out of them. 1837 Whewell *Hist. Induct. Sci.* I. 61 Those [Platonic] ideas were described as eternal and self-subsisting, forming an 'intelligible world', full of the models or archetypes of created things.

Self-substa·ntial, *a. rare.* [Self- 3 b.] Derived from one's own substance.

c 1600 Shaks. *Sonn.* i, Thou..Feed'st thy lights flame with selfe substantiall fewell.

Self-suffi·ced, *ppl. a. rare.* [formed after next; see Self- 2.] = Self-sufficient 1.

1706 Watts *Horæ Lyricæ* I. *To Mitio* II. 87 How self-suffic'd Lives their Eternal Maker, girt around With Glories!

Self-suffi·cience. [formed as next: see -ence.] = next.

1706 Watts *Horæ Lyricæ* I. *Creator & Creatures* ii, Thou art thine own Original, Made up of uncreated Things, And Self-sufficience bears them all. 1867 Swinburne *Ess. & Studies* (1875) 133 This is the gospel of *αὐτάρκεια,* the creed of self-sufficience..[*Footnote*] I take leave to forge this word, because 'self-sufficingness' is a compound of too barbaric sound, and 'self-sufficiency' has fallen into a term of reproach. 1873 Morley *Rousseau* II. 221 This cardinal doctrine of limitation of desire, with its corollary of self-sufficience.

Self-suffi·ciency. [f. next (see -ency); in sense 1 a rendering Gr. *αὐτάρκεια.*]

1. The quality or condition of being Self-sufficient: **a.** in sense 1; *esp.* as an attribute of God.

1623 R. Carpenter *Conscionable Christ.* 59 A good..conscience is a..principall part of Gods Image in man, whereby he doth most resemble the selfe-sufficiency of God. 1701 Norris *Ideal World* I. iii. 157 The excellent perfections of the Divinity, especially those of His self-sufficiency and independency. 1847 F. W. Newman *Hist. Heb. Mon.* 22 The land of Israel, for so very small a tract, possessed an unusual self-sufficiency for all physical well-being. 1897 J. Morley *Machiavelli* 26 Self-sufficiency, military strength, force, flexibility, address.

b. in sense 2.

1693 Dryden *Disc. Satire* Ess. (ed. Ker) II. 18 An author of your own quality..has given you all the commendation which his self-sufficiency could afford to any man. *a* 1704 T. Brown *Praise of Poverty* Wks. 1730 I. 89 Such a self-sufficiency, such an overweaning conceit. 1745 J. Mason *Self-Knowl.* II. v. (1853) 147 An Eagerness and Zeal for Dispute on every subject, and with every one, shews great Self-sufficiency. 1825 T. Hook *Sayings* Ser. II. *Doubts & F.* vii. II. 211 Astonished even with all his self-sufficiency at the triumphant success of his enterprise. 1885 *Manch. Exam.* 21 Jan. 5/2 We threw him off, and acted..with arrogant inconsiderateness and self-sufficiency.

†2. A sufficiency for oneself. *Obs. rare.*

1650 Fuller *Pisgah* I. iv. 10 Commodities..whereof that Countrey had not only a self-sufficiency, but also sent plenty thereof to Tyre.

Self-suffi·cient, *a.* [Self- 3 b; in sense 1 rendering Gr. *αὐτάρκης.*]

1. Sufficient in or for oneself (itself) without aid or support from outside; able to supply one's needs oneself. Not now of persons.

1589 Puttenham *Eng. Poesie* I. xii. 22 One God Almightie, euerlasting, and in euery respect selfe suffizant (*autharcos*). *c* 1645 Howell *Lett.* (1890) I. 41 A compleat self-sufficient Country, where there is rather a Superfluity than Defect of anything. 1702 S. Parker tr. *Cicero's De Finibus* IV. 228 Vertue, it seems, is Self-sufficient to render us as Happy as 'tis possible for us to be. *a* 1706 Evelyn *Hist. Relig.* (1850) I. 411 These books..[which] if they be not written by the dictate of the Holy Spirit,..St. Athanasius assures us are self-sufficient. *a* 1711 Ken *Hymnarium* Poet. Wks. II. 1 Thou self-originated Deity,..Thou Self-sufficient, by thy self didst reign. 1803 W. Taylor in *Ann. Rev.* I. 427 The proportion of paupers to self-sufficient persons, is larger in villages than in cities. 1869 F. W. Newman *Misc.* 184 Syria is a very self-sufficient region. 1897 tr. *Fichte's Sci. Ethics* 223 The truly free and self-sufficient Ego. 1899 Inge *Christ. Myst.* vii. 267 Physical science..while it keeps to its proper subject..is self-sufficient, and can receive nothing on external authority.

2. In an unfavourable sense: Having excessive confidence in oneself, one's powers, etc.; characterized by overweening or self-conceited opinion or behaviour.

1734 tr. *Rollin's Anc. Hist.* II. II. (1827) 96 Haughty and self-sufficient behaviour. 1824 R. C. Dallas *Corr. Byron* (1825) I. 51 Self-sufficient free-thinkers and witty sophs. 1842 Lover *Handy Andy* vii, A self-sufficient jackanapes.

Self-suffi·cientness, = Self-sufficiency 1 a.

1889 Lowell *Lel. to Mrs. Mitchell* 9 Mar., [Philadelphia] was very sweet in its provincial valley of self-sufficientness and contentment.

Self-suffi·cing, *ppl. a.* [formed after Self-sufficient.] = Self-sufficient 1 and 2.

1687 Norris *Coll. Misc.* 84 Why not indulge his self-sufficing state, Live to himself..A wise eternal Epicure? 1799 Wordsw. *Poems Seutim., Poet's Epit.* 31 A reasoning, self-sufficing thing, An intellectual All-in-all. 1840 Carlyle *Heroes* iii. (1858) 260 So great, quiet, complete and self-sufficing is this Shakspeare. 1874 O'Shaughnessy *Music & Moonlight* 157 In spite of some fond fit Of self-sufficing thoughts. 1893 Traill *Soc. Eng.* Introd. p. xix, It is..in its earliest stages that Art is most distinctly independent and self-sufficing.

Self-suffi·cingness, = Self-sufficiency 1 a.

1844 Emerson *Ess., Character* 65 The face which character wears to me is self-sufficingness. 1847-8 De Quincey *Protestantism* Wks. 1858 VIII. 95 *note,* The Greek autarkeia.., self-sufficiency, or, because that phrase, in English has received a deflection towards a bad meaning, the word self-sufficingness might answer. 1881 Myers *Wordsw.* 13 A picture..of hardy English youth,—its proud self-sufficingness and careless independence of all human things.

Self-sugge·sted, *ppl. a.* [Self- 2.] Suggested by oneself; caused by self-suggestion.

1856 Grote *Greece* II. xciii. XII. 145 The self-suggested illusion of untaught men. 18.. *Alien. & Neurol.* X. 444 (Cent. Dict.) Such self-suggested paralysis.

Self-sugge·stion. [Self- 3 b.]

1. A suggestion arising of its own accord.

1892 J. Tait *Mind in Matter* 247 Although sin overflows so as to embrace others besides the guilty, the idea of substitution by blood-shedding would scarcely come as a self-suggestion.

2. Suggestion to oneself; the voluntary fixing in one's own mind some idea in order that it may afterwards operate subconsciously or automatically.

1899 *Two Worlds* 6 Jan. 2/1 Self-suggestion will, I believe, prove a great aid in counteracting many of the evils of life. 1903 F. W. H. Myers *Human Pers.* I. p. xxi, Self-suggestion..means a suggestion conveyed by the subject himself from one stratum of his personality to another, without external intervention.

So **Self-sugge·stive** *a.*; **Self-sugge·ster,** one who performs self-suggestion.

1848 Bailey *Festus* 248 Who taking pleasure in all reason find The science of self-suggestive wisdom in themselves. 1903 F. W. H. Myers *Human Pers.* I. 139 Some self-suggestive machinery by which the patient cures his toothache himself. *Ibid.* 213 The task is quite as difficult for the self-suggester as for the hypnotist.

Self-suppo·rt. [Self- 1 a.] The act of supporting oneself (itself) without external assistance; the fact of being self-supporting. So **Self-suppo·rted** *ppl. a.* (hence **-suppo·rtedness**); **Self-suppo·rter** (see quot.); **Self-suppo·rting** *ppl. a.*, supporting oneself (itself) without external aid, (of a physical object) not requiring the usual support, (of an enterprise) paying its way; **Self-suppo·rtless** *a.*

1774 Goldsm. *Nat. Hist.* (1824) I. 197 The children, not long after they are born, appear possessed of a greater share of *self-support. 1856 Grote *Hist. Greece* II. xcvii. XII. 611 Hellenic power and interests become incapable of self-support, and sink into a..subservient position. 1896 *Daily News* 19 Dec. 8/2 To encourage self-support as far as possible, but not to plant a missionary down in a place, give him no salary [etc.]. 1768-74 Tucker *Lt. Nat.* (1834) II. 679 They appear to need no foundation, being *self-supported by an inherent certainty. 1784 Cowper *Task* III. 657 Few self-supported flow'rs endure the wind Uninjur'd. 1862 F. Hall *Hindu Philos. Syst.* 256 [tr. Sanskrit] Nor may *self-supportedness here be charged. 1897 *Westm. Gaz.* 24 June 10/1 '*Self-supporters'—that is, men out on ticket-of-leave in the settlement. These men are allowed to marry. 1836 Buckland *Geol. & Min.* XV. § 4 (1837) I. 340 The recent application of thin plates of corrugated iron to the purpose of making *self-supporting roofs. 1868 *Rep. U. S. Comm. Agric.* (1869) 320 This establishment..is self-supporting, the sale of fish more than paying the expenses. 1895 *Army & Navy Soc. Price List* 15 Sept. 683 Self-supporting portfolio. *a* 1834 Coleridge *Lit. Rem.* (1836) II. 186 The *self-supportless leaning for all pleasure on another's breast.

Self-surre·nder. [Self- 1 a.] The surrender or giving up of oneself to an influence, emotion, or the like.

1702 J. Howe *Self-Ded.* 12 This must be the Sense of the sincere Soul, intreating the Matter of its Self-surrender, and Dedication, with the great God. 1854 De Quincey *Murder as One of the Fine Arts* Postscr. (ed. Masson) XIII. 101 In blind, passive, self-surrender to panic. 1859 O. W. Holmes *For Burns Centen. Celebr.* 32 We love him, even in his wrong,—His wasteful self-surrender. 1900 W. L. Courtney *Idea of Trag.* 75 The absolute self-surrender of a middle-aged man who ought to be conquering the world.

Hence **Self-surre·ndering** *ppl. a.*

1903 W. H. Gray *Our Div. Sheph.* 199 The Lamb of God, innocent and self-surrendering.

Self-sustai·ned, *a.* [Self- 2.] Sustained by one's own power or efforts; (*rarely* in a physical sense) held up without support.

1742 Young *Nt. Th.* VIII. 926 False pleasure from abroad her joys imports; Rich from within, and self-sustain'd, the true. 1768-74 Tucker *Lt. Nat.* (1834) I. 538 Whether we suppose this chain upholden by an intelligent being, or self-sustained. 1845 Mrs. Jameson *Early Ital. Painters, M. Angelo* II. 65 *note,* The dome of the Pantheon, which appears self-sustained. 1870 J. H. Newman *Gramm. Assent* II. vi. 160 We assented to them, we still assent, though we have forgotten what the warrant was. They are self-sustained in our minds. 1873 B. Harte *Fiddletown* 11 A certain self-sustained air which is apt to come upon children who are left much to themselves.

So **Self-sustai·ning** *ppl. a.* (hence **-sustai·ningly** *adv.*); **Self-sustai·nment; Self-su·stenance; Self-sustenta·tion.**

1844 Emerson *Emancip. Negroes* 28 The *self-sustaining class of inventive and industrious men. 1868 *Rep. U. S. Comm. Agric.* (1869) 354 The earth-banks..should..be sufficiently sloped to be self-sustaining. 1905 Tuckwell *Remin. Rad. Parson* xii. 173 Healthily, happily, *self-sustainingly at work. 1840 Darley *Beaum. & Fl.'s Wks.* I. Introd. p. xxviii, Where is the single character delineated by our authors with the force,..and uniform *self-sustainment, of any principal portrait by Ben? 1867 Lowell *Rousseau* Wks. 1890 II. 256 Souls capable of self-sustainment. 1862 Trollope *Orley F.* xlv, Though she was..frail-looking, there was within her a great power of *self-sustenance. *a* 1866 J. Grote *Exam. Utilit. Philos.* XI. (1870) 174 Impartial nature..in proportion to the freedom of attack by others, has made difficulty of self-sustenance. 1845 Maurice in *Encycl. Metrop.* II. 617/1 Whether the life in each plant ..must be considered as the active or only the passive instrument in *self-sustentation. 1890 H. Spencer in *Pop. Sci. Monthly* May 22 During early life, before self-sustentation has become possible.

Self-taught, *ppl. a.* [SELF- 2.] Taught by oneself without aid from others; self-educated.

1725 POPE *Odyss.* XXII. 383 Self-taught I sing. 1791 BOSWELL *Johnson* 26 Oct., an. 1769, Mr. Fergusson, the self-taught philosopher. 1840 R. H. DANA *Bef. Mast* xxiii, Like most self-taught men he over-estimated the value of an education. 1847 H. MILLER *First Impr. Eng.* xiv. (1857) 235 Every great writer..whether he be a learned Milton or an unlearned Burns, is self-taught.

b. Of that which is learnt: Acquired by one's own unaided efforts.

1774 GOLDSM. *Nat. Hist.* VI. xii, All the arts of inferior animals are self-taught, and scarce one acquired by imitation. 1828 MISS MITFORD *Village* Ser. III. 123 She had much of the self-taught knowledge, which is, of all knowledge, the surest and the best. 1903 *19th Cent.* Apr. 651 His scholarship was self-taught.

Self-to·rment. [SELF- 1 a.] Tormenting of oneself. So **Self-torme·nted** *ppl. a.*; **Self-torme·nting** *vbl. sb.* and *ppl. a.*; **Self-torme·ntor** (occas. used to render the title of Terence's play, *Heautontimorumenos*).

1671 FLAVEL *Fount. Life* iv. Wks. 1701 I. 32/2 The Self-revenges, the *Self-torments, which the Damned suffer for this their Folly. 1819 SCOTT *Ivanhoe* xxxix, The stupid self-tormentors of an ascetic. 1713 ROWE *Jane Shore* v. i, So wakes my Soul, Restless and *self-tormented. *a* 1711 KEN *Hymns Evang.* Poet. Wks. I. 115 Though all her *self-tormentings are in vain, She no Alleviation can obtain. 1841 HELPS *Ess., Aids Contentm.* (1842) 8 To suggest some antidotes against the manifold ingenuity of self-tormenting. 1648 CRASHAW *Steps to Temple, Sospetto d'Herode* lii, Tyranny And *selfe-tormenting sin. 1712 BLACKMORE *Creation* III. 687 Tim'rous Minds with self-tormenting Care Create those awful Phantoms. 1865 DICKENS *Mut. Fr.* IV. xiv, The many wills made by my unhappy self-tormenting father. 1667 FLAVEL *Saint Indeed* (1754) 41 Mourners in Sion, you may, and ought to be; but *self-tormentors you must not be. 1712 STEELE *Spect.* No. 521 ₱ 6 The Play of the *Self-Tormentor* of Terence's. 1825 SOUTHEY *Tale of Paraguay* IV. xv, Poor, erring, self-tormentor that thou art, O Man!

Self-trust. [SELF- 1 a.] = SELF-CONFIDENCE.

1583 GOLDING *Calvin on Deut.* ii. 12 Let vs vnderstand that there is no strength in vs, and that we must rid our selues of all selfetrust. 1593 SHAKS. *Lucr.* 158 Then where is truth if there be no selfe-trust? 1841 EMERSON *Ess., Heroism* 253 Self-trust is the essence of Heroism. 1862 GOULBURN *Pers. Relig.* 145 Those..who in one and the same act of faith have renounced both self-will and self-trust. 1875 LOWELL *Among my Bks.* Ser. II. *Wordsworth*, Wordsworth had that self-trust which in the man of genius is sublime.

So **Self-tru·sting** *vbl. sb.* and *ppl. a.*

1685 BAXTER *Paraphr. N. T.* Matt. VI. 32 By *self-trusting and self-seeking [they] are drowned in worldly love and care. 1842 MANNING *Serm.* X. (1848) I. 144 The more learned, toilsome, and *self-trusting it [*viz.* the world] has become. 1868 J. H. NEWMAN *Verses on Var. Occas.* 157 Men close the door, and dress the cheerful hearth, Self-trusting still.

† **Self-uned,** *pa. pple.* [f. SELF- + F. *uni* united.] United or made one with itself.

1598 SYLVESTER *Du Bartas* II. i. 1. 408 When no more the soules chiefe faculties, Are 'sperst to serve the body many wayes, When all self-uned, free from days disturbers,..she finds a quiet harbor.

† **Self-vi·olence.** *Obs.* [SELF- 3 a.] The laying of violent hands upon oneself: a euphemistic term for SELF-MURDER.

1671 MILTON *Samson* 1584 Self-violence? what cause Brought him so soon at variance with himself Among his foes? 1721 YOUNG *Revenge* IV. i, I..Exact your solemn Oath, that you'll abstain From all Self-Violence. 1787 HAWKINS *Life of Johnson* 231 Whether he resigned himself to the slow operation of that disease, or precipitated his end by an act of self-violence.

So † **Self-vi·olent** *a.*

1747 MALLET *Amyntor & Theod.* II. 358 Stay Thy hand self-violent.

Selfward (se·lfwǫd), *adv.* and *a.* Chiefly *U. S.* [f. SELF *sb.* + -WARD.] **A.** *adv.* Towards or in the direction of oneself.

1887 *Springfield* (Mass.) *Republ.* 8 Oct., Contrary to the beneficent law of his being, he [*viz.* man] exercised this choice selfward.

B. *adj.* Tending or directed towards oneself.

1888 *Advance* (Chicago) 15 Nov., I wonder if other ministers are prone to fall into this habit of selfward praying. 1888 GIBSON *Christ. acc. to Chr.* (1889) 3 The relative proportions of the Godward and selfward sides of the Christian life. 1907 R. J. CAMPBELL in *Hibbert Jrnl.* Jan. 340 Every possible activity of human nature is either wholeward or selfward.

Hence **Se·lfwardness.**

1889 *Advance* (Chicago) 28 Mar., The selfwardness of piety which Lent emphasizes.

Se·lfwards, *adv.* [-WARDS.] = SELFWARD *adv.*

1890 W. A. WALLACE *Only a Sister* xxvi, When the eyes look self-wards.

† **Self-wee·ning,** *vbl. sb. Obs.* [SELF- 1 b.] Self-opinion, self-conceit. So **Self-wee·ning** *ppl. a.*, self-opinioned, self-conceited.

1583 GOLDING *Calvin on Deut.* v. 30 Wee must ridde ourselues of all selfweening and couet nothing but to goe vnto God. 1594 T. B. *La Primaud. Fr. Acad.* II. 300 Wise in themselues, that is to say, arrogant and selfe-weening. 1664 H. MORE *Myst. Iniq.* XI. 149 Eeked and patched out by the Supplements of such self-weening wretches. 1679 J. GOODMAN *Penit. Pard.* III. vi. (1713) 370 Those..self-weaning persons who would ingross all God's favours to themselves.

Self-will, *sb.* [Com. Teut.: OE. *selfwill* = MLG. *sulfwille*, OHG. *selb-*, *selpuuillo*, *-uuilli* (cf. mod.Ger. *selbstwille*), ON. *sjálfvili* (cf. MSw. *sialfsvili*): see SELF- and WILL *sb.*, and cf. SELF-WILLY *a.*]

† **1.** OE., ME. *selfwilles* (advb. gen.), voluntarily, of one's own accord; ME. *of selfwill*, without cause (cf. SELF-WILLY *adv.*). *Obs.*

Cf. OHG. *pi selpwillin* 'ultro', ON. *með* or *at sjálfvilja.*

c 960 ÆTHELWOLD *Rule St. Benet* (Schröer) vii, Se gæð sylfwilles twa mila, to anre ȝeneadod. *c* 1000 ÆLFRIC *Gram.* xxxviii. (Z.) 234 *Sponte*, sylfwilles. *Ibid.* 237 *Ultro*, sylfwilles. *a* 1100 *Leg. Rood* (1871) 17 Drihten..þe on hire self willes þrowode. *a* 1340 HAMPOLE *Psalter* lxviii. 5 Multiplide thai ere abouen the hares of my heued: that hatid has me of self-will. *c* 1380 *Sir Ferumb.* 221 Sire, wat hast þow þo3t? Wilt þu silf willes lete þe slen? *c* 1420 LYDG. *Assembly of Gods* 120 Of verrey pure malyce and sylfe wyll.

† **2.** One's own will or desire. *Obs.*

In OE. only in phr. with prep.

c 888 K. ÆLFRED *Boeth.* xi. § 1 Ȝetæc me nu sumne mann þara ðe þe ȝesælezost þince & on his selfwille sy swiðost ȝewiten. *a* 1000 *Boeth. Metr.* iv. 50 Ȝif ðu nu, waldend, ðe wilt wirde steoran ac on selfwille sixan lætest. *c* 1430 *Syr Gener.* (Roxb.) 3009 Whan I can not accused be By noo man but by your selfwil. 1456 SIR G. HAVE *Law Armis* (S.T.S.) 199/23 We say..that a monk has na self will, bot anerly the will of his abbot.

3. Wilful or obstinate persistence in following one's own desires or opinions.

14.. *Why I can't be a Nun* 195 in *E. E. P.* (1862) 143 Where that selfe-wylle ys reygnyng, The whyche causethe dyscord and debate, And resun hathe none enteryng. 1489 CAXTON *Faytes of A.* I. xix. 61 So blynded that thy sellfwylle letteth the to submytte thy self to reason. 1514 BARCLAY *Cyt. & Uplondyshm.* (Percy Soc.) 28 All in selfewyll without reason they fyght. 1590 SIR J. SMYTH *Disc. Weapons* 48 They are growen to such a selfe-wil and liking of their owne opinions. 1657 *Baker's Sancta Sophia* II. II. iii. § 5 All the comfort of Nature lies in Selfe will. 1780 COWPER *Progr. Err.* 543 First appetite enlists him truth's sworn foe, Then obstinate self-will confirms him so. 1818 SCOTT *Hrt. Midl.* I, So totally unacquainted with contradiction, that she did not even use the tone of self-will. 1860 PUSEY *Min. Proph.* 201 All idolatry is self-will, first choosing a god, and then enslaved to it.

† **Self-will,** *a. Obs.* [In OE. *selfwille*; in mod.E. prob. an adjectival use of SELF-WILL *sb.* (cf. attrib. uses of SELF-LOVE, SELF-PITY).] Self-willed.

1. (in OE.) Voluntary.

a 1100 *Gloss. Aldhelm De Laudibus Virg.* (Napier) 236 *Uoluntarie seruitutis*, sylfwilles þeowdomes. *Ibid.* 1394 *Spontaneo*, .i. *uoluntario*, mid sylfwilre.

2. Self-willed.

1552 ASCHAM *Germany* 9 Contemnyng easely all aduise of others (which selfe will condition doth commonly follow). 1562 COOPER *Answ. Priv. Masse* 122 They be selfwill moichers, they be not diligent scholers. 1581 W. CLARKE in *Confer.* IV. (1584) Cc ij b, All vnwritten and selfe will worshippings. 1598 GRENEWEY *Tacitus, Ann.* IV. v. 96 To single out a course..betweene selfewill stubbornes, and filthy flattery. [1719 J. T. PHILIPPS tr. *Thirty-Four Conf.* 83 Their pretended meritorious Performances of Self-will Worship.]

Self-willed, *a.* Also 5 -willyd, *Sc.* -willit, 6 -wyld, 6–7 -wild, 7 wil'd; 5 selwillyd. [f. SELF-WILL *sb.* + -ED 2. Cf. SELF-WILLY.] Wilful or obstinate in the pursuit of one's own desires or opinions; characterized by self-will.

G. Campbell *Philos. Rhet.* (1776) I. 421 mentions the word as being 'now little used'.

c 1470 ASHBY *Active Policy* 366 Kepe no selfe-willed oppunion, But to all reason bethe appliable. *c* 1475 *Promp. Parv.* 452/1 Selwillyd..*Effrenatus*. 1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* I. vi. 17 The lad..pynd away in anguish and selfe-wild annoy. 1611 *Bible*, Tit. i. 7 A Bishop must be blameles..not selfe-willed, not soone angry. 1618 BRETON *Court & Country* ad fin., I will pray for your better wit, then you haue showne in a selfe wild humour. 1736 BUTLER *Anal.* I. ii. 39 If, during the Opportunity of Youth, Persons are indocile and selfwill'd; they suffer greatly in their future Life. 1808 SCOTT in *Lockhart* I. i. 25 Habits of self-willed caprice and domination. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* xliii, The little boy ..is..forward and inclined to be saucy and self-willed. 1893 LIDDON *Pusey* II. xx. 29 Keble's faith in God's presence and guidançe made all high-handed, self-willed action on man's part appear..irreverent.

Hence † **Selfwi·lledly.** *Obs. rare*—0.

1530 PALSGR. 841/2 Selfwylledly, *testyfuement*.

Selfwi·lledness. [f. prec. + -NESS.] The quality or condition of being self-willed.

1509 BARCLAY *Shyp of Folys* (1570) 18 Hector also by his selfwillednes, Was slayne with payne for all his doubtynes. 1530 PALSGR. 269/1 Selfewyldenesse, *obstination*. 1646 P. BULKELEY *Gospel Covt.* I. 111 To suppresse our inordinate passions..self-willednesse, emulation. 1677 HUBBARD *Narrative* (1865) II. 36 Like sullen Dogs, that would rather in their Self-willedness and Madness sit still to be shot through or cut in Pieces, than receive their Lives for the asking. 1826 E. IRVING *Babylon* III. I. 176 In order that I may not be accused of any self-willedness of interpretation. 1863 SPEKE *Discov. Nile* 389 The capricious restlessness and self-willedness of this despotic king. 1888 *Jrnl. Educ.* Apr. 184 Suppose he..could sympathise with *our* self-willedness.

† **Self-wi·lling,** *ppl. a.* [f. SELF- + WILLING, after SELF-WILL. Cf. *ill-willing.*] Spontaneous.

c 1000 *Lamb. Ps.* lxvii. 10 Ren sylfwillendne, *Pluuiam uoluntariam*. 1571 GOLDING *Calvin on Ps.* li. 14 Y⁰ free and selfwilling [orig. *vltroneum*] spirit from which hee was almost quyte falne away.

So † **Self-wi·llingness,** spontaneity.

1674 N. FAIRFAX *Bulk & Selv.* 8 'Tis enough there, for the freedom of the will to stand alone in *spontaneitate ad bonum*, or self-willingness to good.

† **Self-wi·lly,** *a. Obs.* Also 5 sel(f)wylly, cel(f)wyl(l)y. [f. SELF-WILL *sb.* + -Y 1. Cf. *goodwilly*, *ill-willy*, and MDu. *selfwilligh*, MLG. *sulfwillich*, OHG. *selbuuillich* (cf. early MHG. *selbswillig*), ON. *sjálfviljugr*, Goth. *silbawiljis* 'αὐθαίρετος'.] Self-willed.

c 1440 *Jacob's Well* 70 Whan a man folwyth his owyn wyll for pompe, &..euere is selfwylly. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 65/2 Celwylly [*Winch. MS.* Celf-wylly]..*effrenatus*. *Ibid.* 452/1 Selwylly..[*Winch. MS.* selfe wyly], *effrenatus*. 1471–3 FORTESCUE *Decl. Certayn Wrytinges* Wks. 1869 I. 533 Yf I do not as ye move me I dred that men shall holde me selfewylly. 1611 COTGR., *s'Aheurter*, to be wilfull,..headie, selfewilly. 1631 WEEVER *Anc. Funeral Mon.* 212 Of a violent selfe-willie disposition.

Hence † **Selfwi·lliness.** *Obs. rare*—0.

1611 COTGR., *Teste*..headinesse, obstinacie, selfewillinesse

† **Self-wi·lly,** *adv. Obs.* Also 4 selwilli. [f. as prec.] Without cause. (Cf. SELF-WILL *sb.* I.)

a 1300 *E. E. Psalter* cviii. 3 With wordes of hatred mikel Um-gaf þai me witerli, And over-wonnen me selwilli. *a* 1400 *Gloss.* in *Rel. Ant.* I. 7 *Gratis*, selfwylly, i. sine causa.

Self-wi·sdom. [formed after next; cf. SELF- 5 b.] The condition of being self-wise.

1571 GOLDING *Calvin on Ps.* ii. 10 The fond swelling of self-wysdome wherewith they are puffed up. 1625 BACON *Ess., Wisd. Man's Self* (Arb.) 187 They become in the end themselves Sacrifices to the Inconstancy of Fortune; whose Wings they thought, by their Self-Wisedome, to haue Pinnioned. 1657 F. COCKIN *Div. Blossomes* 46 By crucifying All earthly members, to self-wisdome dying. 1729 LAW *Serious C.* xxii. 448 His own self-will and self-wisdom, is of more weight with him, than the will and wisdom of God. 1877 W. BRUCE *Comm. Rev.* iii. 82 Happy are those who have so completely conquered their own self-love and self-wisdom. 1889 M. E. BAMFORD *Up & down the Brooks* 215 Those who know but little about them being much more elated with self-wisdom than those who know more.

Self-wise, *a.* [SELF- 3 b.] Wise in one's own conceit, relying on one's own wisdom.

1561 DAUS tr. *Bullinger on Apoc.* (1573) 267 b, Selfwilled and selfewyse men, keeping a rule and a lawe of their owne making. *a* 1586 SIDNEY *Apol. Poetrie* (Arb.) 67 A selfe-wise-seeming schoolmaster. 1646 CRASHAW *Steps to Temple, Sospetto d'Herode* x, How lost Art thou unto thyself, thou too self-wise Narcissus! 1834 J. H. NEWMAN *Par. Serm.* I. xvii, The Self-wise Inquirer. 1836 — *Lyra Apost.* lxxxvii. 11 Then keep good heart; nor take the self-wise course Of Thomas, who must see ere he would trust.

absol. 1579 W. WILKINSON *Confut. Fam. Love* B j, No selfe-wise, or enuious scripture learned could or can euer attaine vnto it.

Hence † **Self-wi·seling** [see -LING], one who is wise in his own conceit.

1649 *Test. conc. Jacob Beme* i. § 13 Hidden unto the high and selfe-wiselings.

† **Self-wit.** *Obs.* [SELF- 3 b.] Self-wisdom. So **Self-wi·ttedness.**

1647 WARD *Simple Cobler* 19 Bred of the Exhalations of their owne pride and selfe-wittednesse. 1657 [J. ELLISTONE] tr. *Behmen's Sign. Rerum* Pref. sub fin., By Glosses, Comments, Curiosity and Self-wit, none shall be able to reach or apprehend it in his own ground.

Self-wrought, *ppl. a.* [SELF- 2.] Produced or brought about by oneself.

a 1593 MARLOWE *Ovid's Eleg.* II. xiv. 3 If without battell selfe-wrought wounds annoy them. 1742 YOUNG *Nt. Th.* VIII. 682 Can man outwit Omnipotence? strike out A self-wrought happiness unmeant by him. 1830 TENNYSON *Tears of Heaven* Poems 118 The earth hath made her state forlorn With selfwrought evils of unnumbered years.

b. Self-wrought-out.

1656 OWEN *Mortif. Sin* To Rdr. (1668) A 3 b, [They] have anew imposed the Yoke of a self-wrought-out Mortification on the Necks of their Disciples. 1855 MILMAN *Lat. Christ.* XIV. x. VI. 632 Teutonic Christianity, more self-depending, more self-guided, more self wrought out.

Self-yew: see SELF B. 6.

Selghe, obs. form of SEAL *sb.*[1]

Seli, variant of SEELY *a.* and of SELLY *a.*, etc.

Selibub, obs. form of SILLABUB.

‖ **Seli·ctar.** *Obs.* Also 7 selihhtar. [repr. Turkish pronunciation of Pers. سلحدار *silaḥdār*, f. Arab. سلاح *silāḥ* (pl. of سلح *silḥ* weapon) + Pers. *-dār* having.] The sword-bearer of a Turkish chieftain.

1684 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 1985/1 The Selictar Aga, or the Great Sword-Bearer, attended with a great number of Spahees. 1687 LOVELL tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* I. 161 After him came his Selihhtar and Tchoadar, each with his long tail'd Cap hanging down behind his back. 1606 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 4236/1 He was Selictar Aga to the late Sultan. 1812 BYRON *Ch. Har.* II. lxxii, Selictar! unsheathe then our chief's scimitar. 1820 T. S. HUGHES *Trav. Sicily* II. 148, 3000 Albanian troops under the selictar or sword-bearer of the vizir.

† **Se·lidone.** *Obs.* Also 4 salidoine, 5 salidone. [a. OF. *celidoine*, ad. med.Lat. *c(h)elidonius*: see CELIDONY 2.] = CELIDONY 2.

13.. *Owain Miles* (1837) 37 Ribes and salidoines, Onicles and causteloines. *c* 1400 *Beryn* 3302 A saphir, & a salidone, & a rich ruby. *c* 1400 *Laud Troy Bk.* 8057 In hem stode many a riche ston, Saphnr riche, and selidone.

Selie, variant of SEELY *a.*

Selihe, obs. form of SALLOW *sb.*

Seliliche, -ly, Seliness: see SEELILY, -NESS.

Selion (se·liǫn). *Hist.* and *local.* Forms: 5 sellion, seylon, 6 selyon, 7 selione, sillyon, 4– selion. [ad. Anglo-L. *seliōn-em*, *seilōn-em*,

AF. *seilon* = OF. *seillon*, mod.F. *sillon* furrow.] A portion of land of indeterminate area comprising a ridge or narrow strip lying between two furrows formed in dividing an open field, a 'narrow-laud'.

c 1450 *Godstow Reg.* 215, xx. seylons & j. of hys arable londe. *c* 1460 *Oseney Reg.* 68, ij. sellions or buttes of lond to a wey to be made at northoseney. 1542 *Conveyance* in Willis & Clark *Cambridge* (1886) II. 398 Foure selyons of lande arrable conteynyng two acres. 1628 Coke *On Litt.* 5 b, By the grant of a selion of land, a ridge of land which containeth no certainty, for some be greater and some lesser, doth pass. 1669 *Will of R. Mayor* in *Blk. Bk. Dioc. Lichf.* I. 87 Four lands or rudges or sillyons of arrable land. 1695 Kennett *Par. Antiq.* IX. 368 A croft..containing five selions or ridges of land. 1839 Stonehouse *Isle of Axholme* 302 Two selions of land containing one acre, lying in a furlong called Foxholes. 1894 *Times* 19 May 7/3 The land is for the most part in open fields, cut up into numerous narrow strips, or 'selions' as they are locally termed, and cultivated by small farmers.

Seljuk (se·lˌidʒuk), *a.* and *sb.* Also 9 Seljouk. [f. Turk. سلجوق *seljūq*, the name of the reputed ancestor of the Seljuk dynasties.] **A.** *adj.* The distinctive epithet of certain Turkish dynasties which ruled over large parts of Asia from the 11th to the 13th c. Hence used to designate the branch of the Turkish people to whom these dynasties belonged (in contradistinction to *Ottoman* or *Osmanli*).

1834 J. B. Fraser *Acc. Persia* vi. 214 His heir Musaood was defeated ten years after by the Seljuk Turkomans, in Khorasan. 1879 Freeman *Hist. Ess.* Ser. III. 268 A new enemy appeared in the form of the Seljouk Turks. 1904 W. M. Ramsay *Lett. Seven Churches* xvii. 216 The coins of a Seljuk principality..bear the legend in mediaeval Latin.

B. *sb.* (or absol. use of the adj.). A member of the Seljuk tribe or dynasty.

1841 *Penny Cycl.* XXI. 211/1 A dynasty which..overturned that of the Iranian Seljuks. 1899 F. M. Crawford *Via Crucis* xxii. 351 A full hour the Seljuks slew and slew.

Seljukian (seldʒū·kiăn), *a.* and *sb.* Also 7 Selzuccian, (Salghucian), Zelzuckian, 9 Seljookian, Seljucian. [f. Seljuk + -ian.]

A. *adj.* = Seljuk *a.*

1603 Knolles *Hist. Turks* (1638) 3 Tangrolipix, Chiefetaine of the Selzuccian Familie. 1634 Sir T. Herbert *Trav.* 84 The Zelzuckian Family. 1788 Gibbon *Decl. & F.* lvii. V. 656 The first of the Seljukian sultans was conspicuous by his zeal and faith. 1840 *Penny Cycl.* XVII. 484/1 The descent from Central Asia of the Seljookian Turks. 1875 Bunbury in *Encycl. Brit.* II. 712/2 The whole country..continued subject to the Byzantine empire, until it was overrun by the Seljukian Turks in 1074 A.D.

B. *sb.* (or absol. use of adj.) = Seljuk *sb.*

1638 Sir T. Herbert *Trav.* (ed. 2) 284 The Salghucian..commanded Persia. 1818 Hallam *Mid. Ages* vi. (1819) II. 181 The Seljukians of Rûm. 1841 *Penny Cycl.* XXI. 210/1 Seljukides, or Seljucians, a dynasty originally Tartar, and descended from a captain named Seljuk. 1845 J. E. Riddle in *Encycl. Metrop.* XII. 276/1 Ortogrul acquired the confidence of the Seljukians.

Selk(e, Selken, obs. ff. Silk, Silken *a.*

† Se·lkhorn. ? *Sc. Obs. rare*⁻¹. [Of obscure origin: the mod. dial. forms are *shill-corn, shilf-corn* (E.D.D.).] An incrustation of the sebaceous matter of the skin, producing a small maggot-like mass.

1681 Colvil *Whigs Supplic.* (1751) 20 A mountain rather than a nose; Upon which savage beasts did feed, As worms and selkhorns.

Selkin, -yn, obs. forms of Silken *a.*

Selkouþ, selkowþ, selkuð: see Selcouth *a.*

Sell (sel), *sb.*¹ Now only *arch.* Forms: 4–5, 9 selle, 6 scell, 7 cell, 7–8 selly, 7– sell. [a. F. *selle*:—L. *sella*:—prehistoric **sedla* f. *sed-, sedēre* to sit; the Teut. form corresponding (except in declension) occurs in OE. *setl* Settle *sb.*]

† **1.** A seat, a low stool; a seat of dignity. *Joint sell* = Joint-stool. *Obs.*

1382 Wyclif 2 *Macc.* xiv. 21 To eche sellis [Vulg. *sellæ*], or smale setis, ben brouȝt forth and putt. *c* 1425 *Cast. Persev.* 1749 in *Macro Plays* 129 Heyl, set in þyn selle! 1531 *Rec. St. Mary at Hill* (1904) 37 Item, iiij Joyntes scells, at iiij d the pesse. Some xvj d. 1627 May *Lucan* III. 114 But empty stand those honor'd Sells.

2. A saddle.

c 1425 *Thomas Erceld.* 49 Hir selle it was of roelle bone. 1590 Spenser *F. Q.* II. viii. 31 Yet was the force so furious and so fell, That horse and man it made to reele aside; Nath'lesse the Prince would not forsake his sell. 1600 Fairfax *Tasso* VI. xxxii, Downe from his steed the Christian backward fell; Yet his proud foe so strong and sturdie was That he nor shooke, nor staggered in his cell. 1803 Scott *Cadyow Cast.* xxx, From gory selle, and reeling steed, Sprung the fierce horseman with a hound. 1855 Bailey *Mystic* 140 Then to horse; the gallant knighthood lift their ladies to the sells. 1886 R. F. Burton *Arab. Nts.* (abr. ed.) I. 175 He hade one of his pages saddle him his Nubian maremule with her padded selle.

Sell (sel), *sb.*² [f. Sell *v.*]

1. An act of betraying or giving up to justice.

1838 Dickens *O. Twist* xxvi, 'I say,..what a time this would be for a sell! I've got Phil Barker here: so drunk, that a boy might take him.

2. *slang.* A contrivance, fiction, etc., by which a person is 'sold': a planned deception, hoax, take-in. Also, something that utterly disappoints high expectations.

1853 'C. Bede' *Verdant Green* I. vii, Mr. Verdant Green having swallowed this, his friend was thereby enabled not only to use up old 'sells', but also to draw largely on his invention for new ones. 1857 Gen. P. Thompson *Audi Alt. Part.* I. ii. 5 The thing is what in the language of the turf is called a sell. 1890 R. F. D. Palgrave *Cromwell* xiv. 298 The Insurrection proved, in vulgar phrase, 'a thorough sell'. 1898 R. Blakeborough *Wit, Char.*, etc. *N. R. Yorks.* 79 The last sell I heard was sending a lad from one place to another for a bucket of steam.

3. ? *U.S.* (See quot.)

1911 *Webster's Dict., Sell.* 2. A stock that should be sold. *Stock Exchange Cant.*

4. Sell-out. *U.S.* **a.** An agreement or contract corruptly made by a public body, involving sacrifice of public to private interest.

1890 *Advance* (Chicago) 1 Feb. 3 The proposed sell-out of the State of North Dakota to the infamous Louisiana Lottery Company. 1906 *Tom Watson's Mag.* Jan. 362 (Cent. *Suppl.*) The Tariff Act..was an ungodly and unblushing sell-out to the Sugar Trust,..[and to] the greedy manufacturing interests generally.

b. A card game otherwise called *auction pitch*: cf. Pitch *sb.*² 4 b.

Sell (sel), *v.* Pa. t. and pa. pple. **sold** (sould). Forms: see below. [A Com. Teut. wk. verb: OE. *sellan*, pa. t. *sealde*, pa. pple. *seald*, corresponds to OFris. *sella* to give, sell, OS. *sellian* to give, pa. pple. *gisald* (MLG., LG. *sellen* to sell by retail, huckster; hence in Ger. dialects), OHG. *sellen* to deliver up, pa. t. *salta*, pa. pple. *kasalt, giselit* (MHG. *sellen*), ON. *selja* to give up, sell, pa. t. *selda*, pa. pple. *seld* (Sw. *sälja*, Da. *sælge* to sell), Goth. *saljan* to offer (sacrifice) :—OTeut. **saljan*, f. **salā* gift, delivery, Sale *sb.*

It has been suggested by Osthoff that OTeut. **sal* (:-pre-Teut. **sol*) may be an ablaut-variant, with causative sense, of **sel-* to take (Irish *selaim*, Gr. ἕλεῖν).

The difference of vowel between the pres. stem and the pa. t. and pa. pple. arises from the fact that the *i* in OTeut. **salidō*, **salidо-* was lost in W.Ger., and the root-syll. therefore has no umlaut except in the pres. stem. Cf. Tell *v.*

The OE. form (**siellan*) *syllan* (beside the normal *sęllan*: cf. *tęllan* Tell *v.*) is difficult to account for, as the breaking before *ll* otherwise occurs only when the gemination is of OTeut. date. Possibly the sihilant may in some way have affected the following vowel.]

A. Illustration of Inflexional Forms.

1. Present stem. *Inf.* 1 **sellan, sillan, syllan,** (*Northumb.* **sealla, sella**), 1–2 **syl(l)e,** 2 **sillen,** 2–3 **sullen,** (3 **seollen**), 3 *Ormin* **sellenn,** 3–5 **selle(n, sulle,** 3–7 **sel,** 4–5 **sill(e,** 4 *Kent.* **zelle, suylle,** 5 **syll(e, (sile), seel(l,** *Promp. Parv.* **ceele, cellyn, sellyn,** 3– **sell.** Also 1 *imper.* **sele, syle;** *3rd pers. pres. ind.* 4 *Kent.* **zelþ.**

c 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* Luke xi. 7 Ne mæȝe ic arisa & sealla ðe [*c* 1000 *Ags. Gosp.* ibid., & syllan þe, *c* 1160 *Hatton Gosp.* ibid., & sillen ðe]. *c* 1000 *Ags. Gosp.* Matt. xx. 23 [It] nys me inc to syllanne [*c* 1160 *Hatton Gosp.* ibid., to sellenne]. *c* 1000 Sylle [see B. 1]. *c* 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 213 þe sullere..swereð þat he hit nele lasse selle. *c* 1205 Lay. 29057, & we wulleð..to ȝisslen sullen þe ure sunen. *Ibid.* 31053 And he wulle..to ȝisle seollen þe his sune. *c* 1250 Sel [see B. 3]. 1340 *Ayenb.* 36 Huanne me zelþ þet þing. *Ibid.* 138 þet hi hit moȝe yeue and zelle. 1362 Langl. *P. Pl. A.* III. 189 And heere heor bras on þi Bac to Caleys to sulle [1377 B. III. 195 to selle]. 1382 Wyclif *Gen.* xlvii. 22 Thei hen not nedid to sellen [1388 to sille] her possessiouns. *c* 1400 *Apol. Loll.* 113 þei do uniustly, & silun God & þe peple. 1422 *Secreta Secret., Priv. Priv.* xxvi. 159 He the kyngedome of hewyn sillyth for a lytill price. *Ibid.* 169 Sylle [see B. 7 a]. 1574 Shell, shyll [see B. 3]. 1649 Br. Reynolds *Hosea* ii. 77 Judas..at once sels a soul, and a Saviour.

2. *Pa. t. a.* 1–2, 4 **sealde,** 2 **sælde,** 4 **seelde,** *Kent.* **zyalde,** 5 **seeld.**

a 1000 *Cædmon's Gen.* 857 (Gr.) Wiste forworhte þa he ær wlite sealde. *a* 1175 *Cott. Hom.* 227 þes cenne god sælde & ȝesette æ. *c* 1315 Shoreham *Poems* i. 1287 He..bet out ..þo þat bouȝte and sealde ine godes hous. 1340 *Ayenb.* 215 He wrek þo þe zyalde and boȝte ine þe temple. *c* 1449 Pecock *Repr.* III. vi. 309 Thei seelden possessiouns and catel.

β. 1–2, 3 **salde,** 3 **sald, saald,** 6, 9 *Sc.* **sauld.**

c 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* John xix. 9 Uutudlice ondsuare ne salde him. *c* 1200 Ormin 15960 þa menn þatt saldenn cullfress þær. *a* 1300 Saald [see B. 3]. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 3518 Esau his forbirth sald [*c* 1375 *Ibid.* (Fairf.) salde]. *c* 1400 *Ywaine & Gaw.* 1703 The ermyte..salde the skinnes that he hroght. 1562 Winȝet *Cert. Tractates* Wks. (S.T.S.) I. 6 The Disciplis..sauld thair landis. 1600 J. Hamilton *Facile Traictise* 280 Whair euer the pape sauld indulgencis.

γ. 3–6 **solde,** (4 **soold**), 6 **soulde,** 7–8 (9 *dial.*) **sould,** 4– **sold.**

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 398 þet ase ofte ase me euesede him me solde his euesunge. 13.. *Cursor M.* 3550 (Göttt.), As a wreche he sold his eritage. 1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 14 They solde theyr possessyons. 1597 Hookea *Eccl. Pol.* v. lxxviii. § 7 They soulde their possessions. 1710 Prideaux *Orig. Tithes* iii. 142 The first Christians..sould all, that hey had.

δ. 3–5 **selde,** 4 **sillide,** 5 **sellid, seld,** 6 **selled;** 9 *dial.* (see Eng. Dial. Dict.) **selled, sell'd, seld;** *Sc.* and *north.* **sell't, sellt, selt.**

c 1380 Wyclif *Sel. Wks.* I. 286 He..selde al þat he hadde. 138. Sillide [see B. 7 a]. *c* 1440 *Alphabet of Tales* 64 Constancius..sellid his hors for xij d of gold. 1451 Capgrave *Life St. Gilbert* 77 For he seld hem nowt. 1562 Selled [see B. 3].

3. *Pa. pple.* **α.** 1 **seald,** 2 **iseald,** 3 **iseld, iseold,** 4 **seeld.**

a 1000 *Ags. Ps.* cxix. [cxx.] 3 (Gr.) Hwæt bið þe ealles seald..yflan tungan? *c* 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 13 And ȝe beoð iseald eower feonde to prisune. *c* 1205 Lay. 11998 Seoðden þis world wes astald & monnen an honde isælde. *Ibid.* 29459 Heo scolden beon iseolde. 1388 Wyclif *Isa.* xlii. 19 Who is blynd, no but he that is seeld [Vulg. *venundatus*]?

β. 3 **sald, (saald), isald,** 4 **salde;** *Sc.* 4–6 **sald,** 6 **salde,** 5–9 **sauld.**

c 1205 Lay. 29471 And we weoren ut isalde of Anglene londe. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 142 How þat Ioseph was boght and sald. *Ibid.* 4241 He was eftursons saald. *c* 1375 *Ibid.* 6755 (Fairf.) He salle be salde. *c* 1470 Sald, sanld [see B. 7 c]. 1596 Dalrymple tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* I. 26 The fowlis..ar sent to the nerrest tounes to be saldc.

γ. 4 **i-sold(e,** 4–6 **solde,** (5 **swolde**), 7 **sould, (soald),** 4– **sold.**

1382 [see B. 3 e]. 1387 [see B. 3]. *c* 1451 *Pol. Poems* (1859) II. 230 Suffolk Normandy hath swolde. 1615 R. Cocks *Diary* (Hakl. Soc.) I. 68 Our pepper..was soald long since. 1618 Raleigh in *Four Cent. Eng. Lett.* 38, I might elsewhere have sould my shipp and goods.

δ. 4–5 **seld,** 5 *Promp. Parv.* **celde;** *Sc.* 6 **sellit,** 8–9 **sell'd, seld, selt;** 9 *dial.* **selled.** (See E.D.D.)

13.. *Cursor M.* 13182 (Göttt.) Bot þis dede was seld ful dere. 1549 Sellit [see B. 2]. 1815 Scott *Guy M.* xii, It will be sell'd the morn to the highest bidder.

B. Signification.

I. The simple verb.

† **1.** *trans.* To Give, in various senses; esp. to hand over (something, esp. food, a gift) voluntarily or in response to a demand or request; to deliver up (a person, esp. a hostage) to the keeping of another; to grant (forgiveness, etc.); also, rarely of an impersonal agent, to yield. (Chiefly OE.)

Beowulf 1161 (Gr.) Byrelas sealdon win of wunderfatum. *c* 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* Matt. vi. 11 Hlaf userne ofer wistlic sel us todæȝ. *c* 1000 Ælfric *Exod.* vi. 8 (Gr.) þat land..ic sylle eow to aȝenne. *Ibid.* xxii. 29 Sylle me þin forme bearn. *a* 1175 *Cott. Hom.* 223 And se eorðe his awiriȝd on þine weorcum, sylðe þornes and brembles. *a* 1200 *12th Cent. Hom.* 132 Ic ȝeafe heom mine milse; & sylle heom forȝefenesse. *c* 1205 Lay. 13437 Vortiger heom salde al þat heo wolden. *Ibid.* 23779 Me salde him an honde enne scaft stronge. *c* 1275 *Serving Christ* 63 in *O. E. Misc.* 92 Seynt thomas wes biscop & barunes him quolde..For þe dute of þe dom he þet lif solde. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 17042 And sua to mak vs ranscuning, for vs him-self he sald.

2. To give up (a person) treacherously to his enemies; to betray (a person, a cause, country, etc.).

Chiefly, with mixture of sense 3, to betray for a price or in order to obtain some advantage for oneself. In early use often with reference to the betrayal of Christ by Judas.

c 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* John vi. 71 Cuæð nutedlice indam..ðes forðon næs sellend hine [Vulg. *traditurus eum*]. *c* 1275 *Passion our Lord* 115 in *O. E. Misc.* 40 He com to þe Gywes..And chepte heom to sullen vre helare. 1375 Barbour *Bruce* v. 610 'Tratour', he said, 'thou has me sald'. 1549 *Compl. Scot.* 72 Tha deserue as grite reproche as tha hed sellit traisonablye the realme to there enemeis. 1574 Hellowes *Gueuara's Fam. Ep.* (1577) 154 In things of common libertie, he that shall seeme most to serue you, the same is he that most will sell you. 1599 Shaks. *Hen. V*, II. ii. 10 That he should for a forraigne purse, so sell His Soueraigne's life to death and treachery. 1654 tr. *Martinius' Cong. China* 48 But when the Emperour had perused the Treatie, he presently found his Plenipotentiarian had sold him. 1692 R. L'Estrange *Fables* cxxxii. 123 Those that Sell their Country..for Mony. 1791 Burns *Such a Parcel of Rogues* iii, We're bought and sold for English gold. 1816 'Quiz' *Grand Master* II. 36 Have you e're met a faithless friend, That sold you to effect his end? 1820 J. W. Croker *Diary* 12 Apr. in *C. Papers* (1884) I. 172 Brougham, it is said, grossly, has sold the Queen. 1895 Wolseley in *United Serv. Mag.* Aug. 475 There can be no moral doubt..that there were traitors in the Turkish ranks, and that the Turkish Army was more or less sold.

b. *transf.* Of a thing: To betray, 'give away', inform against.

1831 *Ann. Reg., Law Cases* (1832) 325/2 Bishop..said to May, 'It was the blood that sold us'.

3. (The chief current sense.) To give up or hand over (something) to another person for money (or something that is reckoned as money); esp. to dispose of (merchandise, possessions, etc.) to a buyer for a price; to vend. Const. † *with, for* (the price), † *at, to* (the buyer). Also, in habitual sense, of a shopkeeper, etc.: To deal in, keep for sale (a particular commodity).

c 1000 *Ags. Gosp.* John xii. 5 Hwi ne sealde heo þas sealfe wiþ þrim hundred penezon. *c* 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 91 And þa..fuleden þam apostles and salden heore ehte and þet feh bitahten þam apostles. *c* 1200 Ormin 15557, & he fand i þe temmple þær Well fele menu þatt saldenn Þærinne baþe nowwt & shep. *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 1495 'Broðer', quad he [*sc.* Esau], 'sel me ðo wunes'. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 5407 Þai saald þair landes þan for nede. *a* 1330 *Roland & V.* 386 þe hors was seld..For to hundred schillinges. 1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) VIII. 237 A busshel of corn was i-solde for twelf schillynges þat ȝere. *c* 1440 *Alphabet of Tales* 216 He sellid a noder hors & spendid þe price þer-of. 1562 Legh *Armory* (1597) 77 b, So when they die, their wiues..selled for a little money, their books of visitations. 1574 in *10th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. v. 424 The inhabitance..shall not..shell any kynd of flesh..to any of the bucheares. 1595 Shaks. *John* I. i. 153 Yet sell your face for fine pence and 'tis deere. 1615, 1618 [see A. 3 γ]. 1625 Bacon *Ess., Seditions* (Arb.) 405 There be but three Things, which one Nation selleth vnto another; The Commoditie as Nature yeeldeth it; The Manufacture; and the Vecture or Carriage. 1728 Young *Love Fame* II. 202 As pedlars with some hero's head make bold, Illustrious mark! where pins are to be sold. 1732 Pope *Ep. Bathurst* 212 Last, for his Country's love, he sells his Lands. 1821 Scott *Kenilw.* xxii, I bought you some books, madam,..from a lame fellow who sold them in the Market-place. 1883 Howells *Woman's Reason* v. 98 The auctioneer intoned his chant..

varied with a quick 'Sold!' as..he knocked off this lot or that. *Ibid.* 106, I won't sell this property at that price. *Mod.* Many grocers sell wines and spirits.

fig. 1742 YOUNG *Nt. Th.* VIII. 787 Heav'n sells all pleasure; effort is the price.

b. To dispose of (one's commission in the army) by sale under the purchase system. Now only *Hist.* Also † *To sell* one's *company, regiment*, etc., and *absol.* (Cf. *sell out*, 12 c. below.)

1713 SWIFT *Jrnl. to Stella* 8 Apr., Lieutenant-general Palmer will be obliged to sell his regiment. 1749 FIELDING *Tom Jones* I. x, The half-pay officer having quarrelled with his colonel, was by his interest obliged to sell. 1852 THACKERAY *Esmond* III. iv, An old army acquaintance of Colonel Esmond's..had sold his company.

c. *causatively.* To promote the sale of.

1709 SWIFT *Vind. Bickerstaff* 8 Or, perhaps, a Name can make an Almanack, as well as it can sell one. 1793 *Trans. Soc. Arts* XI. 8 Every costermonger knows it is the fine fruit which sells the orchard.

d. *Comm.* In passive with adv.: To have one's stock (well, etc.) disposed of.

1882 *Daily News* 4 Mar., The market will be better later on in the season, and hence makers who are fairly sold are not much inclined to do business for forward delivery. 1898 *Ibid.* 8 Nov. 2/7 Makers have but a small surplus to dispose of as they are well sold.

e. To hand over (a person, a people) into slavery or bondage for a sum of money. In Biblical use (after Heb.) often merely (without reference to a price received), To hand over to the dominion of another, to enslave. Hence *fig.*

a 1000 ÆLFRIC *Gen.* XXXVII. 27 Selre ys, þat we hine syllon to ceape Vsmahelitum. 1382 WYCLIF *Ps.* civ. [cv.] 17 And into a thral Joseph is sold. 1388 *Ibid.*, Joseph was seeld in to a seruaunt. *Ibid. Rom.* vii. 14 Sothli we witen, for the lawe is spiritual, or goostli; forsoth I am fleischly, sold vndir synne. 1390 GOWER *Conf.* I. 215 Mi brother hath ous alle sold To hem of Rome. *c* 1400 *Mirr. St. Edm.* in *Hampole's Wks.* (Horstm.) I. 221 Whene þou was saulde with syne þan he boghte þe. 1576 *Gude & Godlie B.* 122 My Mother als did eik the same, And I to sin was sald. 1576 FLEMING *Panopl. Epist.* 282 Othersome, being as it were bought & sould to that laborious kind of life, spend their days in that allotted torment of toile, as in their natural countrie. 1611 BIBLE *2 Kings* xvii. 17 And they..sold themselues to doe euill in the sight of the Lord. 1638 SANDERSON *Serm.* (1681) II. 99 Behold for your iniquities have you sold your selves. *Ibid.* 100 We must..see if we can leave it upon Adam: for did not he sell us many a fair year before we were *in rerum naturâ*? 1683 *Col. Rec. Pennsylv.* I. 63 He had sould a Serv^t to Henry Bowman. 1788 COWPER *Negro's Compl.* i, Men from England bought and sold me, Paid my price in paltry gold.

f. *To sell his soul, himself*, etc., *to the devil*: to make a contract with the devil ensuring him possession of one's sonl after death, as the price of his help in attaining some desired end. Also *transf.* of one who sacrifices conscience for worldly advantage.

c 1570 *Buggbears* v. ii. 72 *Tra.* Loue youe money so well? *Ame.* What a question ys that? do not very manye sell their soules & all for monye? 1677 HORNECK *Gt. Law Consid.* iv. 125 They sell their Souls to the Devil, for 2, 3, or 400 l. 1859 GEO. ELIOT *Lifted Veil* i, It is an old story, that men sell themselves to the tempter, and sign a bond with their blood, because it is only to take effect at a distant day.

4. *absol.* and *intr.* (Often in phrase *to buy and sell*; more rarely *to sell and buy.*)

c 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 213 Þat is ure alre wune þe biggeð and silleð. 1338 R. BRUNNE *Chron.* (1810) 287 Þat our merchantz mot go forto bie & selle. 1458 *Cal. Anc. Rec. Dublin* (1889) 300 And he sel or by in maner above sayd. 1596 SHAKS. *Merch. V.* I. iii. 36 *Iew.* I will buy with you, sell with you, talke with you..: but I will not eate with you. 1611 BIBLE *Gen.* xlii. 6 And hee it was that sold to all the people of the land. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 5 Feb. 1657, They ..were permitted to sell to the friends of their enemies. 1818 CRUISE *Digest* (ed. 2) IV. 467 The testator had no power to sell.

5. *To sell* (gerundial inf. used predicatively): on sale, offered for sale. Now *rare.*

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 2399 Abram to sell moght find na sede. ?1370 *Robt. Cicyle* 243 in Horstm. *Altengl. Leg.* (1878) 215/1 Wher such clob was to selle, Ne ho hit made, coube noman telle. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Wife's Prol.* 414 Winne whoso may, for al is for to selle. 1426 LYDG. *De Guil. Pilgr.* 21262 Folkys for to telle, That, with-inne, ys wyn to sell. *a* 1500–20 DUNBAR *Poems* xxxi. 23 Now quhill thair is gude wyne to sell, He that dois on dry breid virry, I gif him to the Devill. 1896 A. E. HOUSMAN *Shropsh. Lad* vi, Buy them, buy them: eve and morn Lovers' ills are all to sell.

6. *intr.* in passive sense. Of a commodity: To find purchasers. *To sell for, at* = to fetch (a price).

1606 SHAKS. *Tr. & Cr.* I. iii. 360 Let vs (like Merchants) shew our fowlest Wares, And thinke perchance they'l sell. 1616 B. JONSON *Epigr.* iii, To my Book-seller. Thou, that ..Call'st a booke good, or bad, as it doth sell, Vse mine so, too. 1656 EARL MONM. tr. *Boccalini's Advts fr. Parnass.* I. i. 4 There is no Merchandize in this Ware-House which sels better, then certain Fans. 1711 SWIFT *Jrnl. to Stella* 24 Sept., Prior's *Journey* sells still. 1833 HT. MARTINEAU *Brooke Farm* v. 63 They sell at about a shilling a dozen. 1851 LYTTON *Not so bad* IV. i. 77, I found a bookseller to publish my treatise. It sold well. 1896 WELLS *Wheels of Chance* i. 7 This, madame,..is selling very well.

7. *trans.* In various figurative uses. **a.** To take money or reward for (something that should be freely bestowed or done); to make subservient to monetary considerations (something which should not be so influenced); to make profit or gain of.

c 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 135 *Quatuor modis ueenditur elemosina*...An fower cunne wise mon sulleð his elmesse. *c* 1200 ORMIN 15968 He sellebþ Haliȝ Gast forr se & biggebþ hellepine. 1390 GOWER *Conf.* I. 364 Lich as it was be daies olde, Whan men the Sennes boghte and solde. *c* 1400 MAUNDEV. (ROXB.) iii. 10 Þai sell beoificez of haly kirk. 1422 tr. *Secreta Secret., Priv. Priv.* 169 Whan Iusticia...hit for Penyes sylle and Sanyth gilti men. 1474 CAXTON *Chesse* II. iii. (1883) 38 And oftetymes they [aduocates and men of lawe] selle as welle theyr scilence as theyr vtterance. 1593 SHAKS. *2 Hen. VI*, IV. i. 41 Therefore, when Merchant-like I sell reuenge, Broke be my sword. *a* 1605 MONTGOMERIE *Sonn.* vi. 9 Quhat justice sauld! vhat pilling of the pure! 1622 FLETCHER *Beggar's Bush* II. iii, Do not your Lawyers Sell all their practice, as your Priests their prayers? 1781 COWPER *Table-t.* 419 When perjury..Sells oaths by tale, and at the lowest price. 1864 TENNYSON *Aylmer's F.* 483 But ..Her worldly-wise begetters, plagued themselves To sell her.

b. To give up or part with one thing in exchange *for* another; esp. (after Gen. xxv. 29–34) to barter away (something of value) *for* (a trifle).

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 148 Hware þuruh me buð þene kinedom of heouene, & sulleð hit for a windes puf of wordes hereword. *Ibid.* 398 Me sulleð wel luue nor luue. 1422 tr. *Secreta Secret., Priv. Priv.* 159 He..the kyngedom of hewyn Sillyth for a lytill price, lyke as esau didd, that [etc.]. 1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 18 These maner of people sell paradyse for an apple, with Adam and Eue. 1593 SHAKS. *2 Hen. VI*, III. i. 92 But I will remedie this geare ere long Or sell my Title for a glorious Graue. 1650 B. *Discolliminium* 48, I will sell my Esquireship to any honest man for a good People-ship. 1785 COWPER *Task* II. 229 Effeminates..Who sell their laurel for a myrtle wreath, And love when they should fight. 1813 SHELLEY *Q. Mab* V. 210 Whose applause he sells For the gross blessings of a patriot mob. 1859 FITZGERALD *Omar* lxix, [They] Have..sold my Reputation for a Song.

†**c.** To make an offender 'pay for', to inflict vengeance for (an injnry). Chiefly qualified by *dear, dearly*, or an equivalent advb. phrase. *To sell* (another's act, an offence) *dear*, to exact a heavy penalty for. *To be dear* or *dearly sold*, to be attended with great cost. *Obs.*

a 1300 *Curtor M.* 13182 [Herod] þat godman dos wit tresun sla. But þis ded was sald ful dere. *c* 1400 *Laud Troy Bk.* 7864 Ector sclees and Ector felles; His hors takyng dere he selles. *c* 1470 HENRY *Wallace* VII. 22 But wald ye do rycht as I wald you ler, This pes to thaim it suld be sald full der. *Ibid.* IX. 1068 Till Inglismen thar cummyng was sauld full der. 1483 CAXTON *G. de la Tour* k ij, Alas how this folysshe enuye..shalle to them be dere sold. *a* 1533 LD. BERNERS *Huon* clxii. 630 That aquayntauns shall be derely solde for with myne owne handes I shall sle her.

d. *To sell one's life* (rarely † *death*) *dear, dearly*, etc., to destroy many of one's adversaries before giving up one's life in an encounter; to make the enemy pay dearly for one's death.

1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 4569 Sulle we he sede vure lif dere ar we be ded. *Ibid.* 4570, 8177. 13.. *Guy Warw.* 1342 (MS. A) Sir Gij..seyd..'Dere we schul our deþ selle'. *Ibid.* (MS. C.), Full deere oure liffis we selle shall. *a* 1548 HALL *Chron., Hen. VI*, 139 The French kyng..slewe to the nombre of four hundred, whiche derely sold their lifes. 1603 *North's Plutarch, Cæs. Aug.* (1612) 1163 P. Naso was betrayed by his slaue freed...But he sold his death [Amyot *mais il vendit sa mort*], for he killed the traytor with his owne hands. 1608 D. T[UVILL] *Ess. Pol. & Mor.* 69 With a resolution to sel their liues at as high a rate as possibly they can. 1623 MASSINGER *Bondman* III. iii, Better expose Our naked breasts to their keene Swords, and sell Our liues with the most aduantage. 1682 DRYDEN *Dk. Guise* Epil. 10 For what should hinder Me to sell my Skin, Dear as I cou'd, if once my Hand were in? 1893 SELOUS *Trav. S. E. Africa* 191 The brave beast was..doing his utmost to sell his life dearly.

e. *refl. To sell oneself*: to dispose of one's services for money; to enslave oneself. Also *pass.*

1771 *Junius Lett.* lii. 265 You have sold yourself to the ministry. 1781 COWPER *Expost.* 375 Hast thou..brought home the fee, To tempt the poor to sell himself to thee? 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* II. II. iv, Is Bouillé a traitor then, sold to Austria? 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* vi. II. 64 Money could be..obtained from the court of Versailles; and Sunderland was eager to sell himself to that court.

f. To lose (a match, game) for a bribe. *To sell one's back*, (*Wrestling*) to be bribed to allow oneself to be thrown. *To sell one's stone*, (*Curling*) 'to throw away the advantage of a well-placed stone' (Eng. Dial. Dict.).

1805 G. MCINDOE *Poems & Songs* 55 (E.D.D.) Dinna ride Nor sell your stane by playing wide. 1862 *Lillywhite's Cricket Scores & Biogr.* I. 341 This match was said to have been 'sold' by the England side. 1880 *W. Cornw. Gloss.* s. v. *Faggot*, In wrestling, a man who 'sells his back' is said 'to faggot'.

g. Phrase. *To sell the pass* (see quots.).

1850 OGILVIE s.v., *To sell the pass*, to betray one's countrymen, by giving information to the authorities. (*An Irish phrase.*) 1865 *Athenæum* 22 July 106/3 An Irish plotter invariably fancies that his companions will 'sell the pass' on him. 1897, 1903 [see PASS *sb.*[1] 3 b].

†**8.** To cry up, praise, recommend (a person) as if a saleable commodity. *Obs. rare.* [= L. *vendere, venditare.*]

1540 PALSGR. *Acolastus* G iij b, Who here happye selleth hym selfe .i. who is he here that setteth hym selfe out to the sale, for a fortunate or lucky man? [*margin* Phra. Beatum sese uenditare.] 1622 SIR R. HAWKINS *Voy. S. Sea* 126 Had our Gunner beene the man he was reputed to be, and as the world sould him to me, shee had receiued great hurt by thnt manner of bourding.

9. *slang.* To cheat, trick, deceive, take in.

The two earliest examples suggest development from sense 2; the mod. slang use, however, may be partly ellipt. for the older phrase *to sell a person a bargain*: see BARGAIN *sb.*[1] 7.

1607 B. JONSON *Volpone* Argt., Volpone, childlesse, rich, faines sick,..Offers his state to hopes of seuerall heyres,.. His Parasite receaues Presents of all..Then weaues Other crosse-plots,..New tricks for safety, are sought; They thriue: When, bold, Each tempt's th'other againe, and all are sold. 1733 FIELDING *Quixote in Eng.* I. viii, *Mayor.* I begin to smoke a Plot. I begin to apprehend no opposition, and then we're sold, Neighbour. *Voter.* I would ride all over the Kingdom for a Candidate if I thought Sir Thomas intended to steal us in this manner. 1849 ALB. SMITH *Pottleton Legacy* XV. 123, I've sold them, though! 1852 SMEDLEY *Lewis Arundel* xxiv, You're not going to try and cut out Bellefield by proposing for my consin Annie, are you? I wish you would, it would sell Bell so beautifully. 1861 HUGHES *Tom Brown at Oxf.* XXXVII, I'll bet you a sovereign you never see a poacher, and then how sold you will be in the morning. 1893 LELAND *Mem.* I. 113 Nor was I 'selling' him, for I certainly had read the works.

Phrase. 1859 *Hotten's Slang Dict.* s.v., 'Sold again, and got the money', a costermonger cries after having successfully deceived somebody.

II. Combined with adverbs.

10. Sell away. **a.** *trans.* To dispose of, or dispossess oneself of, by selling, *lit.* and *fig.* ? *Obs.*

c 1230 *Hali Meid.* 36 (MS. Bodl.) Wa wurðe þet cheaffeare, for ei hwilinde weole sullen meiðhad awei. 1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) IV. 425 An hondred þowsand were i-take prisoners and i-solde awey, pritty for a peny. ?1600 SIR R. BOYLE in *Lismore Papers* Ser. II. (1887) I. 35, I..haue lefte heer..xxxix papers of Sylck..; which..I praie sell awaie to paie your self. 1611 BIBLE *Tobit* i. 7 The first tenth part of al increase, I gaue to the sonnes of Aaron.. another tenth part I sold away. 1639 S. DU VERGER tr. *Camus' Admir. Events* 309 Our wary Thyrse shall not sell away his power or mastery.

b. *absol.* To go on selling.

1878 A. L. PERRY *Elem. Pol. Econ.* 543 'Never mind', says England, 'sell away, and I will make up your loss by a bounty!'

11. Sell off. *trans.* To dispose of by sale; to sell the whole of (one's stock, possessions, etc.).

a 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 18 Jan. 1671, He answer'd he [Grinling Gibbons] was yet but a beginner, but would not be sorry to sell off that piece. 1780 *Mirror* No. 106 He..wound up his business, sold off his stock, and purchased an estate in the country. 1816 SCOTT *Bl. Dwarf* v, You should..set up shop, and sell off all the goods you do not mean to keep for your own use. 1856 READE *Never too Late* XXXVIII, A farmer who was selling off his sheep. 1871 *Routledge's Ev. Boy's Ann.* Mar., Suppl. 2 Selling off! Bargains!

absol. 1871 R. ELLIS *Catullus* lxxix. 3 Only let all your tribe sell off, and follow, Catullus.

12. Sell out. **a.** *trans.* To distribute by sale.

1648 GAGE *West Ind.* xii. 42 The Herbes and Salets.. which were sold out, brought in a great Rent yeerely. 1705 ADDISON *Italy, Switzerl.* 506 The Corn being sold out at a much dearer Rate than 'tis bought up.

b. To dispose of (stock, shares, etc.) by sale. Also *absol.*

1721 LADY M. W. MONTAGU *Let. to C'tess Mar* (1893) I. 450, I advised him..to sell out the subscription [for South Sea stock]. 1772 FOOTE *Nabob* II. (1778) 40 Then sell out till you sink it [*sc.* stock] two and a half. 1834 MARRYAT *P. Simple* III. xxiii. 300, I wrote..sending her a power of attorney to him [*sc.* the agent], to sell out the stock. 1862 MISS BRADDON *Lady Audley* IV, He made arrangements for selling out a couple of hundred pounds worth of consols. 1893 CORDINGLEY *Guide to Stock Exch.* 61 Should a purchaser fail to take up his securities..when the Certificate and Transfer are presented to him, the seller has the right to instruct an official to 'sell out' at once by auction.

c. *intr.* To dispose of one's commission in the army by sale. Now only *Hist.* ' (Cf. B. 3 b above.)

1787 *Minor* 13 After some campaigns;..his creditors allowing him the alternative of rotting in a jail, or selling out. 1860 THACKERAY *Lovel* iv. (1861) 133 His regiment was ordered to India, and he sold out.

d. *trans.* To dispose of the whole of (one's stock, property, etc.) by sale. Also *absol.*

Also *colloq.* in passive, to have sold one's whole stock *of* some article.

1796 JANE AUSTEN *Sense & Sens.* xxxiv, In spite of its [*sc.* an estate's] owner having once been within some thousand pounds of being obliged to sell out at a loss. 1823 J. BADCOCK *Dom. Amusem.* 155 Three young women went to market with eggs...All three sold out, and at the same rate. 1898 *Daily News* 8 Aug. 2/5 [He] sold out his licensed premises. 1907 *Daily Chron.* 9 Sept. 3/1, I produced two one act operas..and our takings were no more than £57. In Germany or Italy the house would have been sold out.

e. *U.S. political slang.* (*a*) See quot. 1888. (*b*) To betray (a candidate) by secret bargains (*Cent. Dict.* 1891).

1888 BRYCE *Amer. Commw.* III. IV. lxxxiii. 110 When this transfer of the solid vote of a body of agitators is the result of a bargain with the old party which gets the vote, it is called 'selling out'.

13. Sell over. *trans.* †**a.** To sell again. *Obs.*

b. To transfer by sale. *lit.* and *fig.*

1596 DANETT tr. *Comines* VII. vii. Note 5. 287 It was sold to this John Galeas, and he sold it ouer to the Florentines. 1837 J. H. NEWMAN *Par. Serm.* (ed. 2) III. xxiii. 372 A man is sold over into bondage to this world.

14. Sell up. **a.** *trans.* To dispose of the whole of (a person's stock, goods, etc.) by sale. ? *Obs.*

c 1480 *Childe of Bristowe* 209 in Hazl. *E. P. P.* (1864) I. 118 Al the catel his fader hade, he sold it up, and money made. 1566 STOWE in *Three 15th Cent. Chron.* (Camden) 140 He sold up his movable goods and went to Rie. 1784 R. BAGE *Barham Downs* I. 55 He..had determined to sell all up.

b. To dispose of the whole or a portion of the goods of (an insolvent or bankrupt person) for the benefit of his creditors. Also with the goods as obj.

1825 C. M. Westmacott *Eng. Spy* (1907) I. 149 Being much averse to dunning, I was soon sold up. 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* ix, He..would..drink his glass with a tenant and sell him up the next day. *Ibid.* xviii, The house and furniture of Russell Square were seized and sold up. 1862 Miss Braddon *Lady Audley* xxviii, I was obliged to sell him up..for he owed me fifteen months' rent.

III. 15. *Comb.* with a sb. as **sell-soul, sell-truth,** one who sells a soul, the truth. *nonce-use.*

c 1680 Hickeringill *Hist. Whiggism* Wks. 1716 I. II. 140 Is it not enough that this Kingdom..should be once in one Age undone by the same kind of Men, the same Sell Truths? 1681 — *Black Non-Conf.* Postscr. (1682) X 2, These little Sell-souls do the feat.

Sell, obs. f. Cell, Sill *sb.*[1]; var. Sele *sb.*

‖ **Sella** (se·lă). *Anat.* [L. *sella* seat, saddle.] A saddle-shaped portion of the sphenoid, more fully *sella equina, sphenoidalis* or *turcica.*

1693 tr. *Blancard's Phys. Dict.* (ed. 2), *Sella Equina, seu Turcica,* it is compounded of four Processes of the Bone *Sphenoides,* or Wedge-like Bone. .. *Sella Sphenoides,* the same with *Sella Equina.* 1843 *Penny Cycl.* XXVII. 278/1 Internally the cerebral cavity [of a dolphin] is very remarkable...The sella is but slightly marked. 1854 Owen *Skel. & Teeth* in *Orr's Circ. Sci., Org. Nat.* I. 232 The sella turcica is shallow. 1881 Mivart *Cat* 70 The upper surface of the posterior sphenoid exhibits, on each side of the sella, a faintly-marked groove.

Sellable (se·lăb'l), *a.* Also 4 **sillable,** 6 **sellabill.** [f. Sell *v.* + -able.] That may be sold, saleable. Hence **Se·llably** *adv.*

1382 Wyclif *Ecclus.* x. 10 This forsothe hath his soule sillable, or able to be sold. 1561 *Extracts Aberd. Reg.* (1844) I. 334 Quhatsumewir schip of gudis sellabill arrywis to the port..of this burght. 1611 Cotgr., *Venalement,* vendibly, salably, sellably. 1620 J. Mason *Disc. Newfoundland* 6 Fish being a staple commoditie with us, and so sellable in other countries. 1633 *Sc. Acts Chas. I* (1870) V. 37/2 To sett downe the pryces of sellable teinds According to the worth thairof. 1886 *Dict. Nat. Biog.* V. 371/1 The..villein regardant—attached to the soil, and sellable with it.

b. Venal.

1650 in Row *Hist. Kirk* (1842) 424 Those were sellable, vendible men, (πρασιμοι,) to be sold for money.

Selladine, obs. form of Celandine.

1610 Markham *Masterp.* I. xcvi. 190 Generall Drenches. Take of selladine two handfuls, both root and leaues.

Sellak, Sellander, obs. ff. Sillock, Sallender.

† **Se·llary**[1]. *Obs.* [ad. L. *sellārius* (Tac. *Ann.* VI. i.), f. *sella* seat, couch.] A male prostitute.

1603 B. Jonson *Sejanus* IV. v, Others Are rauish'd hence ..and..dealt away Vnto his Spintries, Sellaries, and Slaues. 1603 Grenewey *Tacitus, Ann.* VI. i. (1622) 121 Then first of all were those vnknowen words of Sellaries and Spintries found out of the filthines of the place.

† **Se·llary**[2]. *Obs. rare*[−1]. [ad. It. *sellaria.*]

1650 Howell *Giraffi's Rev. Naples* I. 65 It was discover'd ..that the waters..were poison'd..specially in those Cisterns which receive the raine water, as in the Sellaries, the publick Markets [etc.].

Sellary, obs. form of Celery.

1727 Swift *Let. Sheridan* 1 July, We eat it like Sellary, either with or without Oil, &c.

Sellat, obs. form of Sallet.

Selle, obs. f. Cell, Sill *sb.*[1]; var. Seely, Selly.

Selleir, obs. Sc. form of Cellar.

1500–20 Dunbar *Poems* xxxiv. 47 Thair is sic wyne in my selleir As neuir come in this cuntrie.

Sellender, obs. form of Sallender.

Sellenger's round. *Obs.* exc. *Hist.* Also 6 **Sellengars,** 6–7 **Sellingers,** 7 **Selingers, Sal(l)enger(s, Salinger's, Sallingers.** [*Sellenger* represents the pronunciation of the surname *St. Leger*; cf. *Sellinger* as the popular name of the race called St. Leger (Saint *sb.* 3 c). See conjectures in quot. 1855.] An old country dance; also, the music for this dance.

1567 Pikeryng *Horestes* 305 (Brandl), Entrithe and singeth this song to y° tune of 'baue ouer y° water to floride' or 'selengers round'. 1593 'P. Foulface' *Bacchus' Bountie* C 3 b, The fidler he fidled, and the pots danced for ioy the old hop about, commonly called Sellengars round. 1597 Morley *Introd. Mus.* III. 119. 1604 Middleton *Ant & Night.* D 4, Dauncing of Sallingers-round in Moone-shine nights about May Poles. 1607, *c* 1645 [see Round *sb.*[1] 11 c]. *a* 1683 Oldham *Wks.* (1686) 55 Fairies dancing Salenger a Nights. 1698 [see Round *sb.*[1] 11 c]. 1855 W. Chappell *Pop. Mus.* I. 69 Sellenger's Round, or The Beginning of the World. *Ibid.* 70 This tune..is to be found in Queen Elizabeth's and Lady Neville's Virginal Books,..&c. ..It might be from 'Sir Thomas Sellynger', who was buried in St. George's Chapel, Windsor, before the year 1475..; or from Sir Antony St. Leger,..Lord Deputy of Ireland in 1540.

Seller[1] (se·ləɹ). Forms: 3–4 **sullere,** 4 **suller, -ar,** *Kent.* **zeller,** 4–5 **siller(e,** 5 **sellere, -ar(e, -our,** 5–6 **syller,** 4– **seller.** [f. Sell *v.* + -er[1].]

1. One who sells.

c 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 213 Þe sullere loueð his þing dere. ..Þe beger bet litel þar fore. *c* 1380 Wyclif *Wks.* (1880) 90 Most principale sillere of benefices & veyn indulgencis. *a* 1400 *Old Usages Wynchestre* in *Eng. Gilds* 355 Euerych sullere of bred in þe heyȝestrete of Wynchestre. 1444 *Rolls of Parlt.* V. 116/2 To damage of the beyour or sellour. 1540 *Sel. Pleas Crt. Admiralty* (1894) I. 98 Having a byll of sale..delyvered to hym by the seller. 1588 Shaks. *L. L. L.* IV. iii. 240 To things of sale, a sellers praise belongs. 1692 Locke *Lower. Interest* 132 And so [to] raise the Price of Land, by making more Buyers than Sellers. 1776 Adam Smith *W. N.* IV. ii. 46 By diminishing the number of sellers, therefore, we necessarily diminish that of buyers. 1855 Dickens *Dorrit* I. xii, The Plaintiff was a chaunter, not a singer of anthems, but a seller of horses. 1866 W. Reed *Hist. Sugar* 159 Whilst sellers advanced their claims to be heard on the ground, that if [etc.]..the Americans would immediately become strong buyers. 1884 J. Gilmour *Mongols* xxxi. 365 After the two busy seasons there are a few buyers and sellers. 1900 *Daily News* 20 June 9/1 The number of easy sellers in cloth is again on the increase.

fig. 1697 G. Burchope *Disc. Relig. Assemblies* xii. 121 His Ears itch, and he runs after the Canting Seller of Breath.

b. *Seller-up*: see Sell *v.* 14 b.

1894 A. Morrison *Tales Mean Streets* 294 A professional rent-receiver and seller-up.

2. A thing to be sold.

1831 *Sutherland Farm Rep.* 80 in *Libr. Usef. Knowl., Husb.* III, The packs, or shepherds' lambs, are divided into two sorts, sellers and keepers.

3. A book with a (wide, poor, etc.) sale; also, without qualification, a book that sells well.

1900 *Century Mag.* LIX. 646/2 But tragic novels are poor sellers. 1903 *Munsey's Mag.* XXIX. 764 What are known as 'sellers'—meaning books that enjoy a wide sale. 1905 *Athenæum* 9 Sept. 330/3 Fortunately the 'best sellers' are the worst survivors.

† **Se·ller**[2]. *Obs. rare.* Also 4 **seler.** [a. OF. *seller, selier* (mod.F. *sellier*), f. *selle* saddle: see Sell *sb.*[1]] A saddler.

1311 in *Cal. Lct.-Bk. Lond.* D 64 [The same day, Richard de Gloucestre], seler, [admitted]. 1415 in *York Myst.* Introd. 26 Sellers [*foot-n.* 'Sadellers' is written above].

Seller, obs. f. Cellar, Celure; var. Soler.

Sellerage, -edge, -idge, obs. ff. Cellarage.

1611 Cotgr., *Droict de Cellerage,* Sellerage; a duetie..paied..at the laying of wines into sellers.

Sellerar, obs. form of Cellarer.

c 1450 Holland *Howlat* 180 The Goule was a gryntar, The Suerthbak a sellerar. 1530 Palsgr. 269/1 Sellerar of a religious place, *boutelier.*

Selleri(e, obs. forms of Celery.

Sellery, obs. form of Sillery.

1770 Hooper *Baron Bielfeld's Lett.* III. viii. 101 A large glass of water, which the princess..had ordered to be emptyd, and had filld it with sellery wine.

‖ **Sellette** (sęlęt). Also 7 **selette.** [Fr., dim. of *selle* seat: see Sell *sb.*[1]] The stool upon which a prisoner in France sits during his examination.

1670 Cotton *Espernon* II. VII. 315 His Host..demanded his Name, Surname, Country, Quality, and Age, with many other interrogatories, as if he had been upon the Selette. 1841 James *Brigand* III. iii. 63 The prisoner was brought forward and placed on the elevated seat called the scellette [*sic*], where he was interrogated..by his judges.

Selli, sellie, var. forms of Seely *a.*

Sellic, -ich(e, -ick, etc., var. ff. Selly *Obs.*

Sellid, obs. pa. t. of Sell *v.*

Selliform (se·lifɔ̄m), *a.* [f. L. *sella* saddle: see -form.] Saddle-shaped. 1898 in *Syd. Soc. Lex.*

Sellines, variant of Seeliness.

Selling (se·liŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. Sell *v.* + -ing[1].] The action of the verb Sell; an instance of this.

a 1325 *MS. Rawl. B.* 520 lf. 29 Þoru þe foreseide sullinges ore buchginges of londes. *c* 1440 *Pol. Rel. & L. Poems* 225 Biynge & sillynge þou not forsakist. 1591 *Child-Marriages* 151 And that yow doe not..make..any order..concernioge the sellinge of your Victualls. 1676 Phillips *Purchasers Pattern* 1 The buying and selling of Land. *a* 1700 Evelyn *Diary* 3 Sept. 1683, His late purchas'd house at Chelsey, which I once had the selling of. 1772 R. Graves *Spir. Quixote* (1783) III. 282 He excelled in smart repartees, and selling of bargains, as they call it. 1885 *Athenæum* 29 Aug. 269/1 The buyings and sellings of land.

b. With an adverb.

1852 Mundy *Antipodes* I. 58 During the first year or two of my residence in Sydney, the selling off of families going home or into retirement were very numerous. 1872 *Punch* 1 June 232/2 The notices of pretended sellings-off of swindling bankrupts' stock. 1903 *Westm. Gaz.* 29 May 11/1 Selling-out is going on in a desultory manner round the Stock Exchange to-day.

c. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *selling invoice, rights, title, value*; **selling price,** the price at which an article is offered for sale; **selling race,** a race for horses which are to be sold after the race; so *selling handicap, plate* (hence *selling plater*), *stakes, sweepstakes*: see the sbs.

1809 R. Langford *Introd. Trade* 60 A *selling Invoice. 1888 *Selling plate* [see Plate *sb.* 17]. 1886 *Selling plater [see Plater 3]. 1898 *Encycl. Sport* II. 219/2 This is another risk run by owners who wish to gamble on selling platers. 1848 Leon *On Sugar Cultiv.* I. 68 The *selling price of sugar delivered on board ship. 1898 *Encycl. Sport* II. 219/1 *Selling races are the lowest forms of contest recognised by the rules of racing; and selling handicaps, the lowest of all. *Ibid.* 219/2 The winner of a selling race has..to be sold by auction; the owner receives no more than the entered selling price. 1908 *Westm. Gaz.* 2 Apr. 4/3 [They] have secured the sole *selling rights in this country..for the Autoclipse lamps. 1839 *Sporting Mag., Racing Cal.* 3 The *Selling Stakes of 5 sovs. each..for horses of all ages. *Ibid.* Ser. II. XX. 71 A *Selling Sweepstakes of 10 sovs. each. 1884 *Law Times Rep.* 1 Mar. L. 20/1 The consent of the parties entitled for life was not necessary to enable the trustees to make a good *selling title. 1803 *Ann. Rev.* I. 383/1 The singularity of the parody has given to such notes a *selling value analogous to current value.

Selling (se·liŋ), *ppl. a.* [f. Sell *v.* + -ing[2].]

1. That readily finds buyers, saleable.

1771 Luckombe *Hist. Print.* 227 Irregular Bodied Letter of the smaller sizes sometimes serves the ends of proprietors of standing and selling Copies. 1854 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* XV. II. 241 He will find nothing more selling than a carefully selected lot of young stock. 1896 *Westm. Gaz.* 6 Feb. 3/3 International quarrels unfortunately make the most selling 'copy'.

2. That is engaged in selling.

1848 Mill *Pol. Econ.* III. xvii. § 4. 116 The authors and leaders of opinion on mercantile questions have always hitherto been of the selling class.

Sellock, sellok, variant forms of Sillock.

Sellondine, Sellor, obs. ff. Celandine, Cellar.

Sellore, variant of Celure *Obs.*

c 1474 *Paston Lett.* III. 406 Item, a sellore, xij d.

Sellour, ? obs. form of Cellar.

1558 in Feuillerat *Revels Q. Eliz.* (1908) 47 One Roome below..the same gate used for A Sellour.

Sellt, sell't, Sc. and north. pa. t. of Sell *v.*

† **Se·lly,** *a., adv.* and *sb. Obs.* Forms: 1 **sellic, syllik, seldlik,** 2 **sullic,** 3 **sellic, -lik, sellich(e, (sællichs), seollic(h(e, sillich, sullich,** (4 **sellike**), 3–4 **selli, seli,** (3 **selle**), 4 **celly, (celli, solly**), 4–5 **selly,** 4–6 **sely.** [OE. *sellic* (adv. *sellice*), *seldlic,* corresp. to Goth. *sildaleik-s* strange:—OTeut. **seldolīko-*: see Seldom and -ly[1].]

A. *adj.* Strange, marvellous, wonderful.

Beowulf 3038 (Gr.) Ær hi þær ȝeseȝan syllicran wiht, wyrm on wonge wiðerræhtes þær laðne liczean. *a* 1000 *Boeth. Metr.* xxviii. 53 (Gr.) Is þæt sellic ðincg þæt hi ne wundriað, hu [etc.]. *c* 1205 Lay. 6438 Wnder þon hær com tidinde..þat wes icumen of þær sæ a deor swiðe sellich [*c* 1275 sullich]. *Ibid.* 7328 Sillich [*c* 1275 seollich] us þuncheð Cezar. *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 466 Sella..þar tuhal, a sellic smið. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 26010 And it agh be sa selle wonder Als þof his hert him brest in sunder. 13.. *Seuyn Sag.* (W.) 248 Herkneth nou a selli tiding! 13.. *Gaw. & Gr. Knt.* 1439 Þeane þay beten on þe bushez, &..On þe sellokest swyn swenged out þere. *c* 1330 R. Brunne *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 15171 Þat estre þat we on Englische calle Roucestre; Byforn hit hadde a name selly In Breton, Dorciberni. *c* 1384 Chaucer *H. Fame* 513 For now at erste shul ye here So selly an avisioun, That Isaye..Ne mette swich a dreem as this! *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 8713 The sorow þat ho suffert were solly to here. *c* 1400 *Ywaine & Gaw.* 3513 Of tham this was a selly case, That nowther wist what other wase.

B. *adv.* Wonderfully, marvellously, strangely.

a 1000 *Sal. & Sat.* 149 (Gr.) Næfre hie ðæs syllice bleonm breȝdað æfter bancofan federhomaa onfoð. *Ibid.* 269 Se fuȝel..singgeð syllice. *c* 1205 Lay. 20179 Þat he com to Eouerwic riden swiðe sellic [*c* 1275 sellich]. *Ibid.* 30579 He igrap a nail sax selliche kene and wel iwhæt. *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 1315 Sellik ðu art on werlde cumen, Sellic ðu salt ben heðen numen. *a* 1290 *Pains of Hell* (MS. Digby 86) 191 For fendes hem stondeþ bi And pineþ hem swiþe selli. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 2271 Þis tour was selli mad vpright, Fiue thusand steppes it had on hight. *c* 1325 *Metr. Hom.* (1862) 72 This womane yode wit chylde full lange, And tholed paynes sely strang. *a* 1375 *Joseph Arim.* 94 He lette sle for his sake selli mony children. *a* 1450 *Le Morte Arth.* 3387 Hys brodyr..Was sely seke and sore vnsounde. *Ibid.* 3482 That shall thou rew sely sore.

C. *sb.* Marvel, wonder; something wonderful. Phrase, *to have selly.*

a 1200 *Moral Ode* 181 in *Lamb. Hom.* 171 Nis na sullic [*v.rr.* sellic, sellich, seollich] þech hom bo wa and hom bo uneade. *c* 1205 Lay. 18730 Nu ihere ich muche seollic [*c* 1275 sellich]. *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 3260 Ðis bode herde king pharaon And him ðuhte sellic ðer-on. 13.. *Childh. Jesus* 176 in *Archiv Stud. neu. Spr.* LXXIV. 329 No celly þof þai chaunged chere. 13.. *Gaw. & Gr. Knt.* 239 For fele sellyez had þay sen, bot such neuer are. *Ibid.* 475, I haf sen a selly. *c* 1400 *St. Alexius* (Vernon MS.) 104 Þat chirche was of vr ladi, þer-inne was a gret celli [*Laud MS.* 108 selly], an ymage of hire sone. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 5153 All the souerayns hade selly..Of priam, the price Kyng, þat prudly hade saide. *a* 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 2551 He sall vs sett on a-saute & surely encounbre If þai were sary & so na selly [*Dubl. MS.* no selly] me thingke.

Hence † **Se·llyly** *adv. Obs.*

13.. *Gaw. & Gr. Knt.* 963 Þe tweyne yȝen, & þe nase, þe naked lyppez, & þose were soure to se, & sellyly blered.

Selly(e, variant forms of Seely *a.*

Selm (sel'm). *dial.* Also 6 **selme,** 9 **sellem.** [Of obscure origin.] A bar of a gate.

1591 *Mem. St. Giles' Durh.* (Surtees) 16 Paid for one selme to the yeate iij[d]. 1893–4 *Northumb. Gloss., Selm, Sellem.*

† **Se·londyn.** *Obs. rare*[−1]. [Corrupt form of OF. *celidoine*: see Selidone.] A precious stone.

c 1400 *Beryn* 2723 The keueryng of-bove, is of selondyn; And the pament be-neth, of gold & asure fyne.

Selour(e, selowyr, var. forms of Celure *Obs.*

S'elp. Also 9 **swelp.** [Cf. MHG. *selftir = so helfe dir.*] Contraction of 'So help', in the oath 'So help me God'. Now only *vulgar,* often in jocularly altered forms.

a 1330 *Otuel* 308 Quaþ roulond, þar he stod on grounde, 'Selpe me gode'. *Ibid.* 879 ȝef ani sarazin wiþ eie, Comeþ to lette me of mi weie, Selp me god & þis day, He sschal abugge, ȝef ich may. 1842 Barham *Ingol. Leg., Dead Drummer* xlii, His jaw-work would never, I'm sure, s'elp me Bob, Have come for to go for to do sich a job. 1888 Kipling *Soldiers Three, In Matter of a Private,* Slane knelt down and murmured: 'S'elp me, I believe 'e's dead'.

† **Selrife,** *a. Obs. Sc.* [f. Sell *v.* + Rife *a.* Cf. mod.Sc. *salerife* in the same sense (Jam.).] That can be sold, marketable.

1517–42 *Reg. Mag. Sig. Scot.* 644/2 Veirlie confluence of our..subditis with merchandice and selrife gudis at the toun.

Selt, pa. t. of Salt *v.*[1]

Selt, Sc. and north. pa. t. and pa. pple. of Sell *v.*

† **Selth.** *Obs.* Forms: 1 **sælþ,** 2 **sielþ,** 2–3 **selðe,** 2–4 **selþ,** 3 **sealþe, selhðe, selðhe, se-**

lehðe, seleȝehðe, seluhðe, *Ormin* seollþe, sellþe, 3–4 selthe, 4–5 selth. [OE. *sælþ* str. fem. = OS. *sâlda*, OHG. *sâlida*, ON. *sæld*:—OTeut. **sæliþā*, f. **sæli-* good, happy: see SELE *sb.*] Prosperity, good fortune, happiness.

In OE. chiefly *plural*.

c 888 K. ÆLFRED *Boeth.* x, Ic nu hæbbe onȝiten þæt þa mine sælþa & seo orsorȝnes ðe ic ær wende þæt ȝesælþa beon sceoldan nane sælþa ne sint. *a* 1175 *Cott. Hom.* 233 Of wam we alle and us sielþe habbeð. *c* 1200 ORMIN 2823 Þin seollþe iss all annseȝȝenndlic. *c* 1205 LAY. 32059 Selehðe him wes ȝiueðe. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 354 Yor þis is þe meste seluhðe on eorðe hwose mei, uor Godes luue, habben scheome & teone. *c* 1315 SHOREHAM i. 394 Þe bisschop þese wordes seþ, And beþ wordes of selþe. *c* 1425 *Eng. Conq. Irel.* xx. 50 Euery gladnesse ys endet wyth sorowe, & euery selth hath wnselth at þe end.

† **Se·lthelike,** *adv. Obs. rare*—1. [f. SELTH(E + -LIKE.] Successfully, prosperously.

c 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 1372 'Louerd god', quað he mildelike, min erdne ðu forðe selðhelike'.

Seltron, variant of SHELTRON.

Seltzer (se·ltzəɹ). Also 8 **selters,** 9 **selzer.** [Alteration of G. *Selterser*, f. *Selters*, the name of a village in Hesse-Nassau, Prussia. Cf. F. *seltz, selz*.] (In full *seltzer-water*.) An effervescent mineral water obtained near Nieder-Selters, containing sodinm chloride and small quantities of sodium, calcium, and magnesinm carbonates. Also an artificial mineral water of similar composition.

1741 POTT in *Phil. Trans.* XLI. 618 To drink the Selters Water, and keep to a cooling Regimen. 1775 SHERIDAN *St. Patrick's Day* i. i, Then she was such a hand at making foreign waters!—for Seltzer, Pyrmont, Islington, or Chalybeate, she never had her equal. 1784 CULLEN tr. *Bergman's Phys. & Chem. Ess.* I. 242 Seltzer water..excites upon the tongue a taste gently salt, and mildly alkaline. 1847 MRS. GORE *Castles in Air* xix, Neither soda-water, however, nor seltzer-water..inspired me with courage to look Sir Robert in the face. 1871 M. COLLINS *Marq. & Merch.* I. ix. 277 A great gulp of brandy and seltzer.

Seltzogene (se·ltsŏdʒĭn). [a. F. *sel(t)zogène*, f. *seltz, selz* (see prec.) + *-gène*: see -GEN.] An apparatus for the production of artificial Seltzer and other mineral and aerated waters.

1860 *Chamb. Encycl.* I. 55/1 Carbonic acid water..prepared in the apparatus known as the gazogène or seltzogène. 1868 W. S. GILBERT *Bab Ball., Capt. Reece* 18 Did they with thirst in summer burn? Lo, seltzogenes at every turn. 1870 *Eng. Mech.* 11 Feb. 537 My seltzogene cost only 14*s.* 6*d.*

Selure, var. CELURE *Obs.*; obs. f. SILVER.

‖ **Selva** (se·lvä). *Physical Geog.* Also erron. **silva.** [Sp. and Pg.:—L. *silva* wood.] A tract of densely wooded country lying in the basin of the river Amazon. Usually *pl.*

1849 MRS. SOMERVILLE *Phys. Geog.* ix. (ed. 2) 177 The Silvas of the river of the Amazons, lying in the centre of the continent, form the second division of the South American low lands. 1868 G. DUFF *Pol. Surv.* 175 Next we come to the great wood-covered plains known as the Selvas of the Amazons. 1870 YEATS *Nat. Hist. Comm.* I. xi. (1872) 109 The selvas or woody plains of the Amazon.

Selvage, selvedge (se·lvēdʒ), *sb.* Forms: [?5 *corruptly* **sultviche**], 6 **silvadge,** 6–7 **silvage, selvege,** 7 **selvedg, self edge,** 7–9 **selvidge, selfedge, self-edge,** 8–9 **salvage,** 5– **selvage,** 7– **selvedge.** [Apparently f. SELF + EDGE *sb.*, after the equivalent early mod.Du. *selfegghe* (Kilian), now *zelfegge* = LG. *sulfegge*. Cf. the Du. synonyms cited by Kilian, *selfkant*, now *zelfkant* (*kant* = border), *selfende*, now *zelfeinde* (*einde* end) = G. *selbende*, by popular etymology *salband*.]

1. The edge of a piece of woven material finished in such a manner as to prevent the ravelling out of the weft. Also, a narrow strip or list at the edge of a web of cloth, which is not finished like the rest of the cloth, being intended to be cut off or covered by the seam when the material is made up.

c 1460 *Bk. Curtasye* 657 in *Babees Bk.*, The ewerer schal hele his lordes borde With dowbull napere at on bare worde, The seluage to the lordes syde withe wine. 1537 BIBLE (Matthew's) *Exod.* xxvi. 4 Then shalt thou make loupes of Jacyncte coloure, a longe by the edge of the one curtayne euen in the seluege of the couplinge courtayne. 1597 A. M. tr. *Guillemeau's Fr. Chirurg.* 44/1 Nether must they [*sc.* bandages] haue any silvages. 1665 HOOKE *Microgr.* 9 The two edges or silvages. 1725 *Bradley's Fam. Dict.* s.v. *Clear Starching*, The two Selvages put together, then the Ends together, and wash it the Way the Selvage goes, to prevent the Fraying. 1878 BARLOW *Weaving* 198 The application of gauze to the formation of selvages may now be readily understood. 1888 *Encycl. Brit.* XXIV. 466/1 These prongs come in contact with the weft thread between the selvedge of the web and the shuttle box.

fig. *a* 1633 AUSTIN *Medit.* (1635) 282 Now when wee thus let slip these heavenly Thred Lines, that should bee the Selvedge, to bound in all our Worke, wee fall to tangling, tying, and knitting. 1864 *Spectator* 27 Feb. 244/2 Almost everything is left with what seamstresses call raw selvidges,—some loose threads just sticking out that the reader feels inclined to lay hold of and pull away.

b. *transf.* A marginal tract, border, edge.

1650 FULLER *Pisgah* iv. ii. 34 Thus though for his disobedience forbidden the entrance of the land of Canaan, yet he came to the selvedge or out-skirt thereof. 1663 SIR G. MACKENZIE *Relig. Stoici* 149 It should not have been thrust out upon the selvage and border of time. 1698 PETIVER in *Phil. Trans.* XX. 321 The Seed..of a brown Colour, and hem'd about with a rusty colour'd List or Selvedge. 1850 CLOUGH *Dipsychus* ii. iv. 59 This narrow interspace, this marge, This list and selvage of a glorious time. 1854 H. MILLER *Sch. & Schm.* xiii. (1857) 292 The population..now exists as a miserable selvedge. 1893 STEVENSON *Catriona* xi, I..threaded through the midst of it [the wood], and returned to the west selvage.

c. *Tin-plating* = LIST *sb.*3 7 d.

1834 [see LIST *sb.*3 7 d].

d. A waste strip on either side of a piece of wall-paper.

1901 BLACK *Carp. & Build., Home Handicr.* 40 The handy man first cuts the salvage from all his paper on the same side, and then cuts his paper into lengths. 1904 SIR A. GEIKIE *Scott. Remin.* xi. 295 The paper had been stuck on the walls just as it came, without the selvages being cut off.

† **2.** The selvages of cloth cut off for use as a bandage. *Obs.*

1599 A. M. tr. *Gabelhouer's Bk. Physicke* 102/2 Take two peeces of silvadge, and..tye him therwith above his knees as stiffely as is possible.

3. An ornamental border or edging. ? *Obs.*

1481–90 *Howard Housek. Bks.* (Roxb.) 467 Item, for xxiiij. ellys of sultviche to the same coverlett, the elne iiij.d. summa viij.s. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* XII. Prol. 16 As fresch Aurora.., Ischit of hir safroo bed..In crammysin cled and granit violat, With sanguyne cape, the selvage purpurat. 1827–35 N. P. WILLIS *David's Grief* 20 The golden selvedge of his robe was heard Sweeping the marble pavement.

4. *Naut.* and *Mil.* = SELVAGEE.

1711 W. SUTHERLAND *Shipbuild. Assist.* 133 Salvages for Shrowds, worn. 1769 FALCONER *Dict. Marine* (1780), *Selvage*, a sort of hank or skein of rope-yarn tied together at several distances. It is used to fasten round any rope, as a shroud or stay, so that a tackle may be hooked in it, to extend the said shroud or stay, which is called setting it up. 1859 F. A. GRIFFITHS *Artill. Man.* (1862) 318 A block ..attached to a selvage, answers the same purpose.

5. *Mining.* A thin layer of clayey or earthy matter surrounding a metalliferous vein.

1757 tr. *Henckel's Pyritol.* 61 The vein, which has its selvages entire and close. 1897 T. H. HOLLAND in *Rec. Geol. Surv. India* XXX. 18 Each group is represented by microcrystalline and hemicrystalline types occurring either as thin veins, or as selvages to larger masses.

6. (See quot.)

1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.*, *Selvage* (Locksmithing), the edge-plate of a lock through which the bolt shoots.

7. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *selvage-thread*; **selvage-motion,** ? the motion of a shuttle in forming a selvage; **selvage-protector** (see quot.); **selvage-strop** (sense 4); **selvage-way** *adv.*, in a direction parallel to the selvage.

1893 J. T. TAYLOR *Cotton Weaving* 98 Another kind of *selvedge motion is that used for producing a plain selvedge on a loom weaving satteens with tappets. 1863 J. WATSON *Weaving* 160 The *selvage protector..to prevent the warp yarn from being broken by the weft shot drawing it too tightly. *c* 1860 H. STUART *Seaman's Catech.* 33 Put on the *selvage strop over the parcelling, and hook the single block of the luff tackle to both parts of the selvage. 1863 J. WATSON *Weaving* 161 They allow the pins to fall into position at the selvage, taking hold of the *selvage threads. 1875 *Plain Needlework* 13 Half a yard should be snipped *selvage-way into twelve portions.

Selvage, selvedge (se·lvēdʒ), *v.* [f. SELVAGE *sb.*] *trans.* To form a boundary or edging to.

1704 PETIVER *Gazophyl.* iv. 35 This has no blue above, but selvidg'd with Golden Eye-like Spots. 1774 GOLDSM. *Nat. Hist.* VI. 37 Where the stream is selvaged with sedges, or the pond edged with shrubby trees. 1849 D. JERROLD *Man of Money* xi, One of the Primrose Places to be found selvaging London. 1899 *Blackw. Mag.* Feb. 180 Where the little grey towns cluster Deep in the hills or selvedging the sea.

Hence **Se·lvaged** *ppl. a.*, **Se·lvaging** *vbl. sb.*

1611 COTGR., *Orlement*, a hemmiog, seluidging. 1750 G. HUGHES *Barbados* 150 The outside is divided into five selvaged seams, the inside containing three blackish seeds.

Selvagee (se·lvădʒī). *Naut.* and *Mil.* Also 8–9 **salvagee,** 9 **silvagee.** [app. f. SELVAGE *sb.* (sense 5).] (See quot. 1867.)

1750 BLANCKLEY *Nav. Expos., Salvagees* are made with three flat Strands breeded, or by a small Turn put into several Rope Yarns cut into proper Lengths. 1800 J. MITCHELL *Cursory Observ. Modes Manuf. Cables* Pref., Selvagee..is generally pronounced by seamen Salvagee. 1867 SMYTH *Sailor's Word-bk.*, *Selvagee*, a strong and pliant hank, or untwisted skein of rope-yarn marled together, and used as a strap to fasten round a shroud or stay, or slings to which to hook a tackle to hoist in any heavy articles. 1879 *Man. Artill. Exerc.* 392 Selvagees are used for slinging projectiles of the abovementioned natures [i.e. of R.M.L. guns, 9-in. to 12-in., of 25 tons] when loading.

b. *attrib.*

1860 ALSTON *Seamanship* 193 A *Selvagee Strop is made of spun-yarn, or small rope, according to the size required, warped off, and marled down. 1904 in *Dixon Kemp's Yacht & Boat Sailing* (ed. 10). 1882 NARES *Seamanship* (ed. 6) 46 The pendant, having two *selvagee tails, is secured to the bight. 1799 *Specif. J. Mitchell's Patent* No. 2333. 3 *Selvagee twists are of two sorts. 1843 A. SMITH in *Trans. Soc. Arts* XXXIV. 164 *Selvagee wire ropes are made of wires laid parallel and without twist.

Selve, obs. form of SALVE *sb.*1 *c* 1400 *Beryn* 3588.

Selvyt (se·lvit). [An arbitrary name.] A kind of duster or polishing cloth.

1891 *Patent Specif.* No. 21,399. 1898 *Cycling* 76 Plating is best cleaned of rust by hard rubbing with paraffin and polished with chamois leather or Selvyt.

Sely, Selybube: see SEELY, SILLABUB.

Selydoyne, variant of CELIDONY 1.

Selye, obs. form of SEELY.

† **Se·lyer.** *Obs. rare*—1. [ad. OF. *celier* (mod.F. *cellier*) :—L. *cellārium* receptacle for food: see CELLAR.] A storehouse, larder. In quot. *fig.*

1483 CAXTON *Gold. Leg.* 346/2 The holy bodyes were the selyers of god temple of Jhesu crist.

Selyng(e, obs. ff. CEILING, SEALING *vbl.*

Sem, obs. form of SEAM, SEEM.

Semantic (sĭmæ·ntik), *a.* and *sb.* [ad. Gr. *σημαντικ-ός* significant, f. *σημαίνειν* to show, signify. Cf. F. *sémantique*.] **A.** *adj.*

† **1.** Relating to signs of the weather. *Obs.*

1665 J. SPENCER *Prodigies* v. § 1 (ed. 2) 300 'Twere easie to shew how much this Semantick Philosophy..was studied.

2. Relating to signification or meaning.

1895 BLOOMFIELD in *Amer. Jrnl. Philol.* XVI. 412 The semantic value of the older reduplications.

B. *sb. pl.* = SEMASIOLOGY.

1900 MRS. H. CUST (*title*) Semantics: Studies in the Science of Meaning. [tr. M. Bréal *Essai de Sémantique*.] 1901 *Athenæum* 13 July, As applied to language, psychology is not easily distinguishable from semantics or semasiology.

Semaphore (se·măfō^{ə}ɹ), *sb.* [f. Gr. *σῆμα* sign, signal + -PHORE. Cf. F. *sémaphore* (1812 in Hatz.-Darm.).] An apparatus for making signals, consisting of an upright post with one or more arms moving in a vertical plane.

Orig. used for transmitting telegraphic messages; = TELEGRAPH *sb.* 1. Now used on railways and at sea.

1816 *Ann. Reg., Chron.* 85/2 The improved Semaphore has been erected on the top of the Admiralty. 1832 *Act* 2 & 3 *Will. IV*, c. 64 Sched. O. 33 In a straight line towards Worplesdon semaphore. 1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XX. 238/1 The semaphore has been almost universally adopted for fixed signalling on railways.

b. *attrib.*, as *semaphore house, lamp*. Also, in recent use, applied to a special form of flag-signalling.

1821 *Lond. Gaz.* 7 Apr. 787/1 Building a Semaphore House at each of the following places. 1855 D. K. CLARK *Railway Mach.* 327/1 The semaphore lamps are lighted, to give signals, at night, by white, green, and red lights as required. 1904 *Army Signalling Regul.* 25 Semaphore alphabet. *Ibid.* 32 Semaphore drill.

Hence **Se·maphore** *v.* (*trans.* and *intr.*), to signal by semaphore.

1893 *Daily News* 3 July 5/6 The Commander-in-Chief semaphored to me to know 'what I was waiting for?' 1893 *Times* 30 Dec. 9/6 To semaphore to the Commander-in-Chief his doubt as to the signal.

Semaphore·tic, *a. Math.* Suggested as a var. of SIGNALETIC (where see quot. 1853).

Semaphoric (semăfo·rik), *a.* [f. SEMAPHORE *sb.* + -IC. Cf. F. *sémaphorique*.] Relating to, of the nature of, a semaphore.

1808 COCHRANE in *Naval Chron.* XXI. 73 The newly constructed Semaphoric telegraphs..have been blown up. *a* 1872 B. HARTE *Waiting for Ship* Wks. (Hotten) 415 Near this place formerly arose a great semaphoric telegraph with its gaunt arms tossed up against the horizon.

Hence **Semapho·rical** *a.* = SEMAPHORIC (Ogilvie Suppl. 1855); **Semapho·rically** *adv.* (Webster, 1847). Also **Sema·phorist,** one who has charge of a semaphore (Ogilvie, 1882).

† **Sema·r.** *Obs.* Also semmar, -er, semeare, **samare.** [var. of SIMAR.] A loose coat or mantle worn by women, *c* 1670–80.

1673 in *12th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. vii. 384 A semmar for my wife. 1674 T. DUFFETT *Span. Rogue* Prol., Here's many a Spark, I fear, That has been lewdly Chous'd in fine Semar. 1688 HOLME *Armoury* iii. 19/1 A Semeare ..is a kind of loose Garment.., and was a great fashion for Women about the Year 1676, some call them Mantua's. *Ibid.* 95/2 A Semmer, or Semare.

Semasiology (sĭmē^{ə}sĭ,ɒ·lŏdʒi). [f. Gr. *σημασί-α* signification, meaning + -LOGY.] That branch of philology which deals with the meanings of words, sense-development, and the like.

1877 R. MARTINEAU tr. *Goldziher's Mythol. Hebrews* iii. 43 Some phenomena in the semasiology of Arabic words. 1884 *Athenæum* 27 Sept. 395/1 Philology is now advancing towards a new branch having intimate relations with psychology, the so-called semasiology of Abel and others.

Hence **Semasiolo·gical** *a.*, belonging to semasiology; **Semasiolo·gically** *adv.* Also **Semasio·logist,** one who studies semasiology.

1889 F. HAVERFIELD in *Academy* 7 Dec. 374/2 It is phonetically quite possible that..*aestimo* is connected with *αἰσθάνομαι*, but semasiologically (as the phrase now is) it is improbable. 1890 *Athenæum* 4 Oct. 450/1 Semasiological solecism. 1899 *Ibid.* 5 Aug. 185/3 The semasiologist..has to trace the vicissitudes which the history of forms, words, and phrases presents with respect to signification.

Semat, obs. form of SEMMIT *Sc.*, under-vest.

Sematic (sĭmæ·tik), *a. Biol.* [f. Gr. *σηματ-*, *σῆμα* sign + -IC.] Of mimetic colours: Serving for signal or warning.

1890 POULTON *Colours of Animals* xvii. 336 Sematic or Warning and Signalling Colours.

Sematography (sĭmătɒ·grăfi). [f. Gr. *σηματ-*, *σῆμα* sign + -GRAPHY.] The use of signs or symbols (instead of letters) in writing. So **Sematogra·phic** *a.*, of or pertaining to sematography.

1902 F. W. G. FOAT in *Jrnl. Hellen. Stud.* XXII. 135 (*title*) Sematography of the Greek Papyri. *Ibid.* 144 The sematographic condensation of the ordinary cursive letters. *Ibid.* 154 Perhaps the most striking feature of the sematography of the Roman period is the prominence of that sign or mark.

Sematology (sī-, semătɒ'lŏdʒi). [f. Gr. σηματ-, σῆμα sign + -LOGY.]

1. Used by Smart for: The doctrine of the use of 'signs' (esp. words) in relation to thought and knowledge.

1831 [SMART] *Outline of Sematology* 1 If we might call the whole body of instruction which acquaints us with τὰ φυσικά by the name *Physicology*, and that which teaches τὰ πρακτικά by the name *Practicology*,—all instruction for the use of τὰ σήματα, or the signs of our knowledge, might be called *Sematology*. 1839 SMART *Way out* 40 Sematology, or the doctrine of the relation of lingual signs to thought.

2. = SEMASIOLOGY.

1880 SAYCE *Sci. Lang.* I. (*Contents-table*) Chapter IV. The Physiology and Semasiology of Speech (Phonology and Sematology). *Ibid.* iv. 336 But by its very nature a science of meanings, sematology, as it has been named, can never have the same certitude, the same exactness, as a science of sounds. 1884 J. A. H. MURRAY in *Trans. Philol. Soc.* 1882–4, 511 The writing of the Morphology, and of the Sematology, must go hand in hand.

Sembel: see SEMBLE *v.*[1] and *v.*[2]

Sembelande, -ant, etc.: see SEMBLANT.

Semblable (se'mblăb'l), *a.* (and *sb.*). Also 5 **semlable, (semalable), sembleabil, semblabyll**, 6 **-yl, -il, -ell, sembleable, simblable.** See also SEMNABLE, SIMILABLE. [a. F. *semblable* (13th c.), f. *sembler* to seem, appear: see SEMBLE *v.* and -ABLE. Cf. SEEMABLE.]

A. *adj.*

†1. Like, similar. Const. *to*. *Obs.*

c 1374 CHAUCER *Boeth.* II. pr. v. (1868) 48 3e men þat ben semblable to god by 3oure resonable þou3t. 1477 EARL RIVERS (Caxton) *Dictes* 98, I finde hem all so semblable that I can not knowe one from the other. 1576 FLEMING *Panopl. Epist.* 17 If so be my discredit, and want of honestie, had been equal or semblable to theirs. 1597 SHAKS. *2 Hen. IV*, v. i. 72 It is a wonderfull thing to see the semblable Coherence of his mens spirits, and his. 1609 G. BENSON *Serm.* 7 May 60 Semblable vnto Ephraim are many, who know too much and too little. 1658 OSBORNE *Tradit. Mem. Jas. I*, § 17. 55 He owning a Countenance not in the least regard semblable to any my eyes ever met with. 1686 GOAD *Celest. Bodies* II. i. 125 God who has made Light to move for thousands of Miles in an instant, by a streight Line, may make it move a semblable space through a Circle, if the use of the World requires it. 1840 *Fraser's Mag.* XXI. 214 Semblable to this is the story of the mad waggery, by which [etc.].

†b. Resembling something already mentioned or implied; the like, such-like. Also *the semblable, such semblable. Obs.*

c 1386 CHAUCER *Merch. T.* 256, I seye the same, or elles thing semblable. *a* 1470 TIPTOFT *Cæsar* x. (1530) 11 These and such semblable things. 1544 tr. *Littleton's Tenures* 50 b, To yelde to his lorde yerely at suche a feaste a horse, or a hauke, or such thynge semblable. 1571 FORTESCUE *Forest* 164 b, The fallyng evill also with others many the semblable and like infirmities. 1606 SHAKS. *Ant. & Cl.* III. iv. 3 That and thousands more Of semblable import. 1653 H. COGAN tr. *Pinto's Trav.* XXXVIII. 151 As is the custom in semblable occasions.

†c. *In semblable manner, wise, sort*, in like manner; *semblablewise*, likewise. Also *in semblable case(s, in case(s semblable. Obs.*

1390 GOWER *Conf.* I. 63 And riht so in semblable cas This vice hath ek his officers Among these othre seculers. *c* 1410 LYDG. *Reas. & Sens.* 157 And thus in semblable wise The erthe did him self disgise. 1511–2 *Act* 3 *Hen. VIII*, c. 23 § 7 As thei have doon..in cases semblable. 1549 COVERDALE, etc. *Erasm. Par. Eph.* iv. 14–16 And in semblable wyse vnto this, there is a lyke procedyng in the ordre of godlinesse. 1607 WALKINGTON *Opt. Glass* 10 The heavenly soule of man..semblablewise, doth feele..the ill affected crasis of the body. 1624 BP. MOUNTAGU *Immed. Addr.* 79 We may therefore Call vnto Holy Saints as well, and in semblable sort.

†2. Corresponding, proportional, accordant, suitable. *Obs.*

1513 *Life Hen. V* (1911) 19 And that hath bin..the vtter impouerishinge and vndooeinge not of a fewe men w[t]bin this Realme, w[ch] haue not bin able to make semblable intercessors and aduocates to theire Prince. *Ibid.* 145 The Kinge continewed by treatie trustinge to finde the way of peace, w[ch] was semblable enoughe had not the Dolphine [etc.]. 1632 LITHGOW *Trav.* II. 52 Their..legges [were] of a great growth, not semblable to their age, being but sixe and thirty dayes old. 1681 WITTIE *Surv. Heav.* 44 Whether it be not most suitable..to the Wisdom, and Power of God .., and semblable to the plain course of his Providence. 1817 PENNIE *Roy. Minstr.* II. 504 But who can paint In language semblable, the blissful scene.

†b. Seemly, becoming. *Obs.*

1647 N. BACON *Disc. Govt. Eng.* I. lx. 188 Neither could Monarchy, Aristocracy, nor Democracy, attaine any semblable condition in any place so long as the Church held its designe apart.

3. Apparent, seeming, not real. †Of treason: Presumptive, constructive. *rare.*

1627 W. SCLATER *Exp. 2 Thess.* (1629) 264 Imitation implies three things: 1 *Factum*, semblable, or rather reall acting of what we pretend to imitate. 1642 D. ROGERS *Naaman* 244 Here is no actuall, but an appearing and semblable concurrence. 1660 *Trial Regic.* 124 That there shall be no semblable Treasons made by presumptions or straines of wit, but those Treasons specified there. 1696 PHILLIPS, *Semblable*, seeming, likely or probable. 1874 FARRAR *Christ* (1894) 122 What is gained..by supposing.. the miracle was only semblable, not real?

†4. quasi-*adv.* = SEMBLABLY *adv. Obs.*

1490 CAXTON *Eneydos* xv. 54 For to make semblable [orig. *semblablement*] his aunsners duryng the syx monethes of the somer. 1568 GRAFTON *Chron.* II. 817 Semblable my Cosin the Erle of Richmonde,..will surely attempt..to pierce me on the other syde.

B. *sb.*

†1. *absol.* and quasi-*sb.* (occas. pl. *semblables*): Something that is like or similar. *The semblable* = the like (see LIKE C. 3); as, *to do the semblable* (= F. *faire le semblable*). *Obs.*

c 1400 *Rom. Rose* 6759 In al this caas, and in semblables, If that ther ben mo resonables, He may begge, as I telle you here. 1471 CAXTON *Recuyell* (Sommer) 115 He that doeth shewe loue and curtoisie ought to be thankyd by semblable. 1521 WOLSEY in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. III. I. 283 Who..herin geueth vnto you herty thanks, like as I do the semblable. 1528 *Instruct. P. Vannes* in Burnet *Hist. Ref.* (1679) I. II. Rec. 48 Studying how they may acquite this your Ingratitude..with the semblable. 1560 in J. Scott *Berwick-upon-Tweed* (1888) 448 Yf any soldiers of the garrison be appointed to keep scourage or any such semblables as their course shall come about. 1627 HAKEWILL *Apol.* IV. vi. § 4. 343 Long before their time, Clodius..practised the semblable in pearles of great price.

†2. With qualifying possessive: (One's) like, (one's) fellow. (So F. *son semblable.*) *Obs.*

c 1400 *Rom. Rose* 4855 For he shulde setten al his wil To geten a likly thing him til, And to sustene, if he might, And kepe forth, by kindes right, His owne lyknesse and semblable. ?*a* 1412 LYDG. *Two Merch.* 83 Vnto his semblable thus euery thyng can drawe. 1533 ELYOT *Cast. Helthe* (1541) 6 b, Every natural complexion delyteth in his semblable. 1602 SHAKS. *Ham.* v. ii. 124 (1604 Qo.) To make true diction of him, his semblable is his mirrour. 1607 — *Timon* IV. iii. 22 His semblable, yea himselfe Timon disdaines.

†3. A similitude or parable. *Obs.*

1547 BALDWIN *Mor. Philos.* I. iv. (1550) A vj, Parrables, Semblables & examples, (though differing in sumwhat) drawe al to one ende.

†**Se'mblableness.** *Obs. rare.* [f. SEMBLABLE *a.* + -NESS.] Likeness; congruity.

c 1550 in Strype *Eccl. Mem.* (1721) III. App. XI. 30 For doo but conferre thys Masse of Mans makyng, wyth the Supper of Christs Institution; and see that semblealenes ys betwene them. *a* 1638 MEDE *Wks.* (1672) 95 This Congruity or semblableness of our Actions and Affections one towards another with God's Favour and Mercy towards us.

Semblably (se'mblăbli), *adv.* Also 5 **semlably, sem(e)blabilly, semblabelie**, (5–7 **-blaby**), 6 **-billabillie, -blablye**, 6–7 **-blablie**, (7 **-bably**). [f. SEMBLABLE *a.* + -LY[2].]

†1. In like manner, similarly. *Obs.*

1420 HEN. V in Rymer *Fœdera* (1709) IX. 907/1 Th' Accorde..was there Sworne by both the sayde Commissaires, yn name of our foresaid Fader; And semblably by Us in oure owne Name. 1520 *St. Papers Hen. VIII*, II. 34 That all other shall take fearfull example by hym, semblably to offende hereafter. 1596 SHAKS. *1 Hen.* IV, v. iii. 21 A gallant knight he was, his name was Blunt, Semblably furnished like the king himselfe. 1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* XXII. xxiii. II. 133 Semblably, good showres doe breed Silphium. 1693 J. EDWARDS *Author. O. & N. Test.* I. 167 The Idolatrous Tabernacle was called the Tabernacle of Moloch *i.e.* the King: Semblably the Mosaick Tabernacle was..held to be the Palace..of the Highest King, *i.e.* God.

2. Seemingly, apparently, speciously. *rare.*

1889 FARRAR *Lives Fathers* I. x. 635 Martin saw through his semblably orthodox language.

Semblance (se'mblăns). Also 4–6 **-aunce**, (5 **sembal-, sembelaunce**, 6 **sembleaunce**). [a. F. *semblance*, f. *semblant*: see SEMBLANT. Cf. Sp. *semblanza*, It. *sembianza*.]

†1. The fact of appearing to view. *In semblance*, apparent, visible, to be seen. *Obs.*

c 1300 *Cursor M.* 21638 Sin first þe werld was wroght, Meracles o þe cros might Has ben in semblance and in sight.

2. The appearance or outward aspect of a person or thing.

?*a* 1366 CHAUCER *Rom. Rose* 425 Ful lyk to hir was that image, That maked was lyk hir semblaunce. *a* 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 4098 A burly best..Of sembalaunce as a see-bule. *c* 1477 CAXTON *Jason* 40 b, They jugged him with his mayntene and semblaunce to be a moche noble knight. 1591 SPENSER *M. Hubberd* 200 Be you the Souldier, for you likest are For manly semblance, and small skill in warre. 1593 SHAKS. *2 Hen. VI*, III. ii. 162 A timely-parted Ghost, Of ashy semblance. 1631 MILTON *Sonn.* II. 5 Perhaps my semblance might deceive the truth, That I to manhood am arriv'd so near. 1741–2 GRAY *Agrippina* 120 By Juno, It bears a noble semblance. On this base my great revenge shall rise. 1806 WORDSW. *Ode Intim. Immortality* 108 Thou whose exterior semblance doth belie Thy Soul's immensity. 1865 M. ARNOLD *Ess. Crit.* x. (1875) 417 It may be the vulgar part of human nature which busies itself with the semblance and doings of living sovereigns.

b. The form, likeness or image *of* a person or thing, considered in regard to another that is similar. Chiefly in phrases, as *to the semblance of*; *to have* or *take the semblance of*; *in* (*the*) *semblance of*, in likeness of, so as to resemble; †*of one's semblance*, resembling him.

c 1374 CHAUCER *Boeth.* IV. pr. vi. (1868) 142 Þe þinges þat he hab maked in to hys semblaunce [L. *in sui similitudinem*]. 1377 LANGL. *P. Pl.* B. XVIII. 285 And in semblaunce [*v. r.* semblaunt] of a serpent sat on þe appeltre. *c* 1400 *Pilgr. Sowle* (Caxton) v. xiv. (1859) 80 And sodenly was sente downe the hooly ghoost in semblaunce of fyry tonges. *c* 1450 *Merlin* v. 91 He hadde take the semblaunce of a moche olde man. 1471 CAXTON *Recuyell* (Sommer) 245 This childe had hooly the veray semblance and liknes of kynge Iupiter. 1513 *Life Hen. V* (1911) 37 Whereby the water gathered and arised..to the semblaunce of a little sea. *Ibid.* 65 Smale children apparrelled in the semblance of Angels. 1598 SHAKS. *Merry W.* v. v. 11 A fault done first in the forme of a beast..and then another fault in the semblance of a Fowle. 1772 MACKENZIE *Man of World* II. v. (1823) 471 To assume her semblance, is a tribute which vice must often pay to virtue. 1807 WORDSW. *White Doe* I. 277 'Twas said that She all shapes could wear; And oftentimes before him stood, ..In semblance of a lady fair. 1867 PARKMAN *Jesuits N. Amer.* xvi. (1875) 218 And now the lake narrowed to the semblance of a tranquil river.

3. A person's appearance or demeanour, expressive of his thoughts, feelings, etc., or feigned in order to hide them. (Cf. SEMBLANT *sb.* I b, c, d.)

a 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 5192 Bot lat þi semblance be sadd quen þou þi saȝe ȝildis. 1514 BARCLAY *Cyt. & Uplondyshm.* (Percy Soc.) 21 What is fayre semblaunce, with thought & hevynes? Forsothe nought elles but cloked folysshness! 1600 SHAKS. *A. V. L.* I. iii. 124 Weele haue a swashing and a marshall outside, As manie other mannish cowards haue, That doe outface it with their semblances. 1606 J. CARPENTER *Solomon's Solace* i. 4 He was neuer of the mind or semblance, to be couetous towards his subiects, whiles he was bountifull to himselfe. 1633 BP. HALL *Hard Texts, Prov.* xi. 9 A dissembling friend with faire and false words and semblances draweth his neighbour into some dangerous inconvenience. 1726 POPE *Odyss.* XVII. 77 Him, gath'ring round, the haughty Suitors greet With semblance fair, but inward deep deceit. 1805–6 CARY *Dante, Inf.* IV. 78 Four mighty spirits toward us bend their steps, Of semblance neither sorrowful nor glad.

†b. Phr. *To make* or *show* (a specified) *semblance.* (Cf. SEMBLANT *sb.* 3 a, b, f.) *Obs.*

1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) II. 421 ȝif þe Grees..comeþ þeder, þe bryddes makeþ hem good semblaunce [*MS. a* semblaunt]. *a* 1450 *Knt. de la Tour* 161 What chere or what sembelaunce that men make vnto suche women in thaire presence. 1568 GRAFTON *Chron.* II. 778 Of truth the Protectour and the Duke of Buckingham made very good sembleaunce vnto the Lord Hastinge's and kept him much in their company. 1596 SPENSER *F. Q.* IV. vii. 44 He.. humble homage did vnto him make, Midst sorrow shewing ioyous semblance for his sake.

4. An appearance or outward seeming *of* (something which is not actually there or of which the reality is different from its appearance).

1599 SHAKS. *Hen. V*, II. ii. 117 With patches, colours, and with formes being fetcht From glist'ring semblances of piety. 1647 CLARENDON *Hist. Reb.* II. § 39 They had the appearance of a good body of men, there being all the semblance of great bodies behind on the other side of the hill. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* I. 529 With high words, that bore Semblance of worth not substance. 1797 GODWIN *Enquirer* I. xi. 96 Where the parent is not prepared to grant a real and *bona fide* equality..he should avoid the semblance of it. 1799 HT. LEE *Canterb. T., Frenchm. T.* (ed. 2) I. 288 [She] was not duped by this semblance of tranquillity. 1822 LAMA *Elia* Ser. II. *Books & Reading*, To reach down a well-bound semblance of a volume. 1855 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* xiii. III. 298 Carstairs was forced to content himself with the substance of power, and to leave the semblance to others. 1855 DICKENS *Dorrit* II. xiii, On the door..appeared the semblance of a brass-plate. 1861 BUCKLE *Civiliz.* (1873) III. i. 21 Any thing which bore even the semblance of wealth was an irresistible excitement to their cupidity. 1889 JESSOPP *Coming of Friars* ii. 89 In many cases oiled linen cloth served to admit a feeble semblance of light.

b. An apparition or vision (*of* a person, etc.).

1489 CAXTON *Faytes of Armes* III. i. 168 Appiered byfore me the semblaunce of a creature hauyng the fourme of a stately man. *a* 1717 FENTON *Odyss.* XI. *in Milton's Style* Poems 125, I last the visionary Semblance view'd Of Hercules, a shadowy Form; for He The real Son of Jove, in Heav'ns high Court Abides. 1813 SCOTT *Trierm.* II. xxviii, And her semblance oft will seem, Mingling in a champion's dream, Of her weary lot to 'plain, And crave his aid to burst her chain. 1870 O'SHAUGHNESSY *Epic of Women* 202, I saw Him some time by the flickering light, As the one in my dream who was playing my part; Till his semblance grew dim and was gone from my sight.

c. With negative (or equivalent): Even the appearance, the bare appearance.

1828 MACAULAY *Ess., Hallam* P 29 When the Protector wished to put his own brother to death, without even the semblance of a trial. 1847 R. W. HAMILTON *Rewards & Punishm.* vii. (1853) 320 Where is the semblance of proof that Christ visited disembodied spirits of the wicked? 1874 GREEN *Short Hist.* viii. § 6. 524 The fall of Strafford had put an end to all semblance of rule.

d. *In semblance*, in seeming, in appearance (only).

1864 BAYCE *Holy Rom. Emp.* v. (1866) 78 So was his government Roman in semblance rather than in fact.

e. In generalized sense and quasi-personification.

1839 CARLYLE *Chartism* v. (1840) 44 It is the heyday of Imposture; of Semblance recognising itself and getting itself recognised, for Substance. 1840 — *Heroes* vi. (1841) 382 The..return of mankind to Reality and Fact, now that they were perishing of Semblance and Sham.

5. A person or thing that resembles another; a likeness, image, or copy *of*.

1513 *Life Hen. V* (1911) 143 Maruelouslie imbordered w[th] signes and semblances of Lillies and of Roses. 1593 SHAKS. *Lucr.* 1246 No more then waxe shall be accounted euill, Wherein is stampt the semblance of a Deuill. 1762–71 H. WALPOLE *Vertue's Anecd. Paint.* (1786) I. 88 John Rous, the antiquary of Warwickshire, who drew his own portrait and other semblances. 1824 CAMPBELL *Theodric* 155 The painting long in that sweet mansion drew Regards its living semblance little knew. 1846 RUSKIN *Mod. Paint.* II. III. I. xi. § 4 The fact of our deriving constant pleasure from whatever is a type or semblance of divine attributes.

6. The fact or quality of being like something; likeness, resemblance.

1576 FLEMING *Panopl. Epist.* 236 There is suche affinitie and semblaunce in the matter, that we could not doe amisse to ioyne them all together. 1648–99 J. BEAUMONT *Psyche* iii. 67 The Reins were cloath'd in whitest silk, to hold Some 'semblance to the Hand that them controll'd. 1684 BUNYAN *Pilgr.* II. 122, I thought no body had been like me, but I see there was some Semblance 'twixt this good Man and I. *a* 1864 FERRIER *Grk. Philos.* (1866) I. iv. 92 Construct our skeleton as we best may, and..give it..some semblance

to the remains of an organic creature. 1900 J. G. CAMPBELL *Superstit. Scott. Highl.* 78 The student..will recognize in them a semblance to the Fairy tales of the North of Ireland.

† **7.** Likelihood, probability. *Obs.*

1548 GESTE *Agst. Pr. Masse* F iv, It is expressely wrytten ..(say our catholiques) that they sacrificed to thee Lorde. Therfore by al sembleaunce they sacrificed his body and bloud. 1647 N. BACON *Disc. Govt. Eng.* I. lxxi. (1739) 189 Yet some semblance there is, that it was yet more ancient.

8. Phr. *To make semblance*: to make an appearance or pretence. Const. *of* (something, doing something); also with clause introduced by *that, as if, as though*; also with inf. (Cf. SEMBLANT *sb.* 3 c, d.)

c 1450 *Merlin* ii. 39 He that shewed yow that, made yow semblance that ye sholde be deed for me. 1585 T. WASHINGTON tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* I. xx. 24 He should make a semblance as though he would remayne there in hostage. 1602 MARSTON *Antonio's Rev.* v. i. Wks. 1856 I. 132 They all make semblance of loathing Piero. 1610 HOLLAND *Camden's Brit.* I. 813 A souldior..making semblance to deliver unto him the keies of the Castle. 1649 MILTON *Eikon.* xxvii. 224 His words make semblance as if hee were magnanimously exercising himself. 1670 — *Hist. Eng.* II. 51 Who, by his Father baoish'd,..made semblance of marching toward Britain. 1850 GLADSTONE *Glean.* (1879) V. 213 Did she, or did she not, ever make a semblance of surrendering it?

† **Se·mblant,** *sb. Obs.* Forms: 3 **samblant,** 3–5 **aemblaund,** 3–6 **sembland, -blaunt,** 4 **sembelande, -aund, -aunt, semblont,** 4–5 **semblaunde,** 5 **sembelant, -blande,** 5–6 **-blaunte,** 6 **-blante,** 3–7 **semblant**; also 4 **semelant,** 4–5 **semlaunt, -land(e,** 4–6 **semlant,** 5 **semeland(e, -awnt, seemlaunte, aeymland, semlante.** Also SEMENAUNT. [a. F. *semblant* (11th c.), sb. use of pr. pple. of *sembler* SEMBLE *v.*

The corresponding forms in the other Rom. langs. (see SEMBLANT *a.*) are likewise used subst.]

1. A person's outward aspect or appearance.

a 1225 *St. Marher.* 5 Salue me mine wunden þat hit ne sem..o mi samblant þat ich derf drehe. *c* 1290 *S. Eng. Leg.* 322/799 Þe eiȝene stareinde, And þe mouth of foul semblaunt. 1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 3985 Þer come in tuelf olde men wiþ euene pas þere, Men of wel vair semblant. *c* 1330 *Arth. & Merl.* 5537 (Kölbing) Alle his barouns him seyd, ywis, It semhled men of gret priis, Her semblaunt hem bar witnisse. *c* 1440 *Generydes* 4019 By hir semlante he thought it shuld be she. *a* 1529 SKELTON *P. Sparowe* 936 His foule semblaunt All displeasaunte. 1594 R. C[AREW] *Godfrey* (1881) 109 And with a semblant braue and nobellest, (As lightning wonts) he in his armour shines. 1595 SOUTHWELL *Poet. Wks.* (1856) 118 In sprioging locks lay crouched hoary wit, In semblant young, a grave and ancient port.

b. esp. as betokening the thoughts, feelings, mood, disposition, etc.: Demeanour, air, look, expression.

a 1240 *Sawles Warde* in *Cott. Hom.* 247 Nis hare nan þe ne..gulteð ilome, oðer ifol semblant oðer in vuel dede. 13.. *Coer de L.* 3464 Kyng Richard..Abouten hym gan loke ful yerne With wrathful semblaunt and eyen sterne. 1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) III. 275 Socrates..drank venym wiþ stedfast semblaunt [L. *constanti vultu*]. 1390 GOWER *Conf.* III. 253 And thei hire sihe of glad semblant, Al full of merthes and of bordes. *c* 1460 *Towneley Myst.* iii. 211 With seymland full sory, wryngand both my handis ffor drede. 1532 ELYOT *Gov.* III. xi. (1880) II. 277 Pacience is a noble vertue,..retayninge all wayes glad semblaunt in adnersitie and doloure. 1596 SPENSER *F. Q.* IV. x. 31 Therein sate an amiable Dame, That seem'd to be of very sober mood, And in her semblant shewed great womanhood. 1651 *Life Fr. Sarpi* 4 Being in bimselfe..of a semblant or meane, alwaies thoughtfull, and rather melancholique then serious.

c. The demeanour or 'countenance' which a person exhibits towards others; *good* or *fair semblant*, favourable countenance, favour. Also, a look or glance cast upon another. Cf. 3 b.

c 1330 R. BRUNNE *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 6434 He tok sire Conan by þe hond, & on hym low wyþ god semblaunt [*Petyt MS.* faire semblande]. 1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) VI. 87 Som wikked men sight þat Berthericus hadde good semblant of meny men [L. *quod Bercaricus a multis esset salutatus*]. 1387–8 T. USK *Test. Love* II. xii. 3 And she, aperceyving this fantasyse io myne herte, gan her semblaunt goodly on me caste. 1470–85 MALORY *Arthur* II. xvii. 96 He sawe an hondred ladyes and many knyghtes that welcommed hym with fayr semblaunt. *c* 1477 CAXTON *Jason* 61 And Ysiphile on that other syde alwaye in her amerouse semblants and regardes. *a* 1586 SIDNEY *Arcadia* III. (Sommer) 278 A minde which could cast a carelesse semblant vppon the greatest conflictes of Fortune. 1598 YONG *Diana* 49 Whereupon Doria with a gratious semblant answered her thus againe.

d. With contextual implication that the appearance is deceitful or misleading. Often *false* or *fair semblant* (= F. *faux, beau semblant*).

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 128 Ant te valse ancre..babbeð efter þe noxe a simple semblaunt sume cherre, & beoð þauh ful of gile. 1390 GOWER *Conf.* I. 7 The word was lich to the cocceite Withoute semblant of deceite. 1401 26 *Pol. Poems* 13/122 The world is like a fals lemman, ffayre semblaunt, and moche gyle. 1591 SAVILE *Tacitus, Hist.* IV. xlvii. 204 Shortly after the necessity ceased, or the false semblant [L. *simulatio*]. 1600 O. E. *Repl. to Libel* I. v. 121 In outward semblant they are sheepe, but inwardly they are goates.

e. The face, countenance. (= L. *vultus.*)

c 1315 SHOREHAM *Poems* II. 57 Hy..By-spet hym þat swe[t]e semblant þat heuene and erþe a-lyȝtte [L. *Vultum Dei conspuunt, lumen caeli gratum*]. *c* 1380 WYCLIF *Last Age Ch.* (1840) 36 Jhũs wente into heuene to apere to þe semlant of God for us [Heb. ix. 24 *ut appareat nunc vultui Dei pro nobis*]. 1382 — *Luke* XXIV. 5 Whenne thei dredden, and bowiden her semelant [1388 semblaunt, sembland, Vulg. *declinarent vultum*] in to erthe. *c* 1425 *St. Mary of Oignies* I. xii. in *Anglia* VIII. 147/43 In swote of þy semelande þou schalte ete þy mete. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 452/1 Semelawnt [*Winch. MS.* Seemlaunte], *vultus*. 1483 *Cath. Angl.* 329/1 A Semlande (*v.r.* Semblande), *vultus*.

2. *gen.* Appearance, seeming, outward aspect; also, an appearance or show (whether true or false) *of* some quality, etc. Also, something that exists only in appearance or pretence.

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 416 Vnder semblaunt of gode is ofte i-heled suȝne. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Clerk's T.* 872 No pompe, no semblant of roialtee. 1554 PHILPOT *Exam. & Writ.* (Parker Soc.) 388 So that I dare say that the temples of the cruel barbarous nations have more semblant of religion. 1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* III. iv. 54 And thousand fancies bett his ydle brayne With their light wings, the sights of semblants vaine. 1591 — *Virg. Gnat* 93 Ne measures all things by the costly rate Of riotise, and semblants outward braue. 1624 *Brief Inform. Palatinate* 42 Counterfeit Embassades sent here and there, vnder false pretexts and semblants.

b. *By semblant,* in appearance or aspect (cf. OF. *par semblant*). Also *in semblant,* in seeming.

† *a* 1366 CHAUCER *Rom. Rose* 152 And ful of gyle, and felle corage, By semblaunt [F. *par semblant*] was that ilke ymage. *c* 1386 — *Sqr.'s T.* 508 Right so this god of loue, this ypocryte..kepeth in semblant alle hise obseruances That sowneth in to gentillesse of loue. *c* 1400 *Brut* I. 120 He saw a wonder faire ymage, & wel made, & in semblant as it were an Archire. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* I. xi. 43 As Cupide hingis abowt Eneas hals,..fenȝeand luif full fals, By sembland as he his fader hed beue.

3. To make semblant [= F. *faire semblant*].

a. To have or assume a (specified) expression, look, or demeanour.

c 1290 *S. Eng. Leg.* 322/797 ȝwane huy i-seoz heore felawe to torment i-brouȝt, Luþur semblaunt huy makiez boþe, as it ne likede heom nouȝt. 1375 BARBOUR *Bruce* IX. 250 Thai ..maid gude sembland for the ficht. 1474 CAXTON *Chesse* III. vii. (1883) 141 Allway where he wente he made heuy and tryste semblant. 1561 RANDOLPH *Let. to Cecil* (MS. Cott. Calig. B. 10 lf. 32), It is said..what semblant somever the noble men do make, that they are grieved with their queen's refusal. 1603 KNOLLES *Hist. Turks* (1621) 803 Valetta although his mind..was inwardly attainted with exceeding griefe, yet made semblant otherwise. 1624 *Brief Inform. Palatinate* 49 Where yet neuerthelesse was made all manner of faire semblant, and seeming to haue a desire to giue satisfaction.

b. To show a (good or ill) countenance (to any one); to give (a person) a welcome, reception, or entertainment (of a specified character, friendly or unfriendly). Cf. 1 c.

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 90 His eie euer bihalt te ȝif þu makest ei semblaunt, oðer eni luue lates touward unðeauwes. *c* 1290 *S. Eng. Leg.* 41/256 Þe schrewe heom made fair semblaunt, ..Þat huy were for-dronke beie and a-slepe leiȝen sone. *c* 1430 *Syr Tryam.* 1142 The kyng toke hym be the hande, And made hym glad semelande. *a* 1450 *Knt. de la Tour* 24 Y praie you..that ye make me never the worse chere..nor that ye make me not the worse semblaunt.

c. To make a show, appearance, or pretence *of*; to appear *to do* or *be* something; to seem likely, threaten, *to do*. (Cf. F. *faire semblant de*). Also occas. without const.

1375 BARBOUR *Bruce* VIII. 238 Lordingis, now ȝhe se How ȝon men, throu thar gret pouste, Wald, and thai mycht fulfill thar will, Slay vs, and mak sembland thar-till. 1470–85 MALORY *Arthur* VII. viii. 224 And therwith al he made a semblaunt to slee hym. 1481 CAXTON *Myrr.* III. xvi. 171 They..make semblaunt to be moche grete clerkis & experte. *a* 1533 LD. BERNERS *Huon* lix. 205 Whan they saw them comynge, they made semblaunt to returne to the cyte a soft pace. 1573 *New Custom* Prol., Making semblant of antiquitie in all that they did. 1602 DOLMAN *La Primaud. Fr. Acad.* (1618) III. 830 He will make semblant to despise and scorne the hounds. 1629 MAXWELL *Herodian* App. 98 Seeing what was done, could not be vndone, they..made semblant of reioycing, as others did.

d. With clause introduced by *that, as, as if, as though.* Also rarely with obj. + inf.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 17288+389 Iesus made hom semblant as he wald ferrer goo. *c* 1340 *Ayenb.* 137 Þe wel couaytouse wrecheche, þet..makeþ alneway semblont þet he ne heþ naȝt. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Pars. T.* P 570 Þay make semblaunt as þough þay speke of good entencioun. *c* 1450 *Merlin* ii. 25 When Vortiger wiste he was ded, he made semblaunt as he hadde be right worth. 1548 UDALL, etc. *Erasm. Par. Mark* vi. 45–52 Jesus..made semblaunte as though he would baue passed by them. 1561 T. HOBY tr. *Castiglione's Courtyer* I. E ij b, Some Oratours..dissemblinge their cunning, made semblant their orations to bee made very simply. 1609 HOLLAND *Amm. Marcell.* XIV. vii. 15 Making faire semblant, That himselfe was much disquieted.

e. With negative (or its equivalent): Not to let one's thoughts, feelings, etc. appear; to show no sign (*of*); not to seem (or not to seem likely) *to be* or *do* something. (So in Fr., esp. in phr. *ne faire semblant de rien*, to take no notice.)

c 1130 *Hali Meid.* 44 (MS. Bodl.) Me þeo þe best luuieð, ham to-beoreð ofte þrin, þah ha na semblant [*MS. Titus* þerof na semblaund] ne makien ine marben. 13.. *Guy Warw.* 2290 Þurch his bodi þe blod ran; Tirri made no semblaunt of þan. *a* 1330 *Otuel* 467 To smiten made he semblant non, Er otuwel was risen & gon. *a* 1450 *Knt. de la Tour* xiv. 19 Her suster, that had lost atte the plaie as well as she, made no semblaunt of her losse.., but made as good chere as she hadd wonne. 1471 CAXTON *Recuyell* (Sommer) 65 Whan saturne sawe that his enemyes made no semblant to meue. *a* 1533 LD. BERNERS *Huon* lxxxii. 256 Whan Gerard vnderstode the kynge he was ioyfull ther of in his herte, but he made no semblaunt of ioy by cause of the lordes that were there present. 1559 *Mirr. Mag., Dk. Glouc.* xxii, Yet openly in shewe made he no semblaunt, By worde nor by deed to beare displeasure. 1603 KNOLLES *Hist. Turks* (1621) 368 For all that, Moses neither word or countenance made any semblant of liking, or disliking the message.

f. In similar phrases with other vbs., as *to show* or *kithe semblant*; *to give a semblant* (*of*). *To let no semblant be seen*: cf. e.

13.. *Cursor M.* 29067 (Cott. Galba) Bot when ȝe fast, þan sall ȝe schaw Meri sembland with glad chere. 13.. *Guy Warw.* 2214 Al togider þai gun smite; Semblant of loue þai kidde bot lite. 13.. *Gaw. & Gr. Knt.* 468 Þa3 Arþer þe hende kyng at hert hade wonder, He let no semblaunt be sene. *c* 1500 *Melusine* 252 The whiche esquyer with his companye came with amyable contenaunce, shewyng no semblaunt but as frendes. 1618 BOLTON *Florus* IV. ii. (1636) 288 Had not five cohorts of the Pompeian horse..given a semblant of flying [orig. *nisi cohortes hostium quinque.. fugae speciem praebuissent*].

4. A likeness or resemblance, an image or portrait (*of*).

a 1400 *Relig. Pieces fr. Thornton MS.* 84/21 Hys semblant he sette my saule with-in. 1422 YONGE tr. *Secreta Secret.* lvi. 217 Phylomon..sayde, 'who-so Is this ymage?' They sayden, 'tbis ys the Semblaunt of the wyse ypocras'. 1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* I. ii. 12 But he the knight, whose semblaunt he did beare, The true Saint George was wandred far away. 1614 T. WHITE *Martyrd. St. Geo.* D 3, Here's thy clay-frame,—God, doe with it thy pleasure; Here's thine owne semblant by my sinnes abased. 1617 COLLINS *Def. Bp. Ely* II. x. 416 While we lay downe the old man, and take vp the new, there is a semblant of our dying, as well as of our rising againe.

5. By extension from 3 b (where cf. quot. *c* 1290): Entertainment furnished to guests. (For the sense-development cf. CHEER.)

1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 7167 He ber þe croune & huld þe deis mid oþer atil al so, & mid gret semblant þe feste huld. 13.. *Seuyn Sag.* 404 (W.) Thai..maked at ese the messagers, With god semblant, and glade chers. 13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* B. 131 He..Solased hem with semblaunt & syled fyrre.

Semblant (se·mblănt), *a.* Now *rare* or *Obs.* Forms: 4, 6 **aembland,** 5 **aemland, samblant,** 6 **semblante,** 6–9 **semblant.** [a. OF. *semblant,* pres. pple. of *sembler* SEMBLE *v.*, used as adj. Cf. Sp. *semblante,* It. *sembiante.*]

† **1.** Like, similar. Const. *to. Obs.*

1377 [see SEMBLABLE *a.* 1]. 1485 CAXTON *Chas. Gt.* 240 O comforte of my body,..resemblyng to Iudas machabeus in prowesse, samblant to sampson in strengthe. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* X. xii. 130 Bot siclike chancis and semblant [*v.r.* sembland] ennoy Abydis the. 1607 J. CARPENTER *Plaine Mans Plough* 15 They had..followed after strange and false gods, as semblant to the Heathens. 1612 W. SCLATER *Minister's Portion* 1 In other semblant imployments. 1725 POPE *Odyss.* IV. 33 Two youths approach, whose semblant features prove Their blood devolving from the source of Jove. 1729 SAVAGE *Wanderer* II. 24 This figure tender grief, like mine, implies, And semblant thoughts, that earthly pomp despise.

† **b.** Of a portrait: Resembling the original.

1714 PRIOR *Ep. Desiring Queen's Picture* 18 That as their Eyes survey The semblant Shade, Men yet unborn may say: Thus Great, thus Gracious look'd Britannia's Queen.

† **2.** That simulates an appearance. *Obs.*

1725 W. HAMILTON *To C'tess Eglinton* 68 in Ramsay *Gentle Sheph.,* And semblant falsehood puts on truth's disguise.

3. Seeming, apparent, counterfeit.

1840 *Blackw. Mag.* XLVII. 776 This alliance between Rome and a wide semblant indifference towards all creeds is the most characteristic and portentous sign of the times. 1840 CARLYLE *Heroes* V. (1841) 284 Thou art not *true*; thou art not extant, only semblant. 1843 — *Past & Pr.* I. ii. 16 A just real union as of brother and brother, not a false and merely semblant one as of slave and master.

Se·mblative, *a. rare.* [f. SEMBLE *v.* + -ATIVE, after SEMBLANT.] Coined by Shaks. (if the text is sound) to mean 'like, resembling', or perh. 'seeming, appearing'. In the later quots.: Seeming; simulating the appearance (*of*).

1601 SHAKS. *Twel. N.* I. iv. 34 Thy small pipe Is as the maidens organ, shrill, and sound, And all is semblatiue a womans part. 1814 A. BECKET *Genii* i. in *New Brit. Theatre* I. 500 Well, young Marcellus, soon shall it be known If thine be actual worth, or merely semblative. 1816 TOWNE *Farmer & Grazier's Guide* 60 The..ague-stricken Appearance which is betrayed in Oxen, when they become Hidebound, is semblative of an autumnal, or intermitting fever.

† **Se·mble,** *a. Obs.* [a. OF. *semble* :—L. *similis*: see SIMILAR *a.*] Like, similar.

1449 *Verulam MSS.* (Hist. MSS. Comm. 1906) 4 The seide place without delaye to be abated in semble wyse. *a* 1450 *Knt. de la Tour* 87 Thanne the quene after kneled tofore her lorde, and besought hym that men shulde do semble iustice to Amon the seneschall. 1546 LANGLEY tr. *Pol. Verg. de Invent.* VI. iv. 118 b, Also he did in semble wise consecrate the Table. 1584 HUDSON *Du Bartas' Judith* I. (1608) 16 A tyrant vile, Of name and deed that bare the semble stile, That did this king.

† **Se·mble,** *v.*[1] *Obs.* Forms: 3–4 **semele,** 4 **sembul,** 4–7 **semble, sembyll.** *Pa. t.* and *Pa. pple.* 4 **semblet, -blyt, semlit,** 5 **sembelet, sembild, semblyde, semled, semlyd, semyld.** [Aphetic var. of ASSEMBLE *v.* (Godefr. has a few instances of OF. *sembler* in the same sense.)]

1. *trans.* To bring together (persons) into one place or company; = ASSEMBLE *v.*[1] 1.

c 1250 [see ASSEMBLE *v.*[1] 1]. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 7410 His scepe þam-self war [*read* wald] sembel samen. *a* 1352 MINOT *Poems* (ed. Hall) iii. 87 He sembled all his men full still. *a* 1500 *Beket Prophecy* in *Bernard. de cura rei fam.* (E.E.T.S.) 25 And þen thomas semblise sone seyue skore masons. 1603 DEKKER & CHETTLE *Grissil* V. ii. 2984 Heare you now, awl that bee sembled heere.

b. *spec.* (See quot.)
1870 *Hardwicke's Sci. Gossip* 153 A group [of moths], the females of many of which are noted for the peculiar property they possess of collecting, or, as the old entomologists named it, 'sembling', the males from long distances.

2. To bring together (things) into one place or mass, to collect; = ASSEMBLE *v.*[1] 2.
a 1400 *Relig. Pieces fr. Thornton MS.* 55 Scho sall gedyre and sembyll gude whete and oþer gud cornnes to-gedir.
c 1470 HARDING *Chron.* LXV. i, That made a wall well wrought of lyme and stone, Where Senes made of turues & soddes sembled.

3. *intr.* To come together; = ASSEMBLE *v.*[1] 5.
13.. *Guy Warw.* (1891) 452 Þer sembled a fair ferred.
c 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* XXXVI. (*Baptista*) 800 Þe sarazenis semlit ilkane.
1389 in *Eng. Gilds* (1870) 47 Eueriche broþer & sister..shuln semelyn in a certayne place.
c 1420 *Avowy. Arth.* LXX, Hor lordis sembelet to a sy3te.
1497 BP. ALCOCK *Mons Perfect.* C iij, Ye people semblid togydre to ouercome vyce.
1535 STEWART *Cron. Scot.* I. 67 Ten thousand men.. Syne semlit hes togither on ane da.

4. To meet in conflict; = ASSEMBLE *v.*[1] 6. Also, to make an attack *on*.
c 1350 *Will. Palerne* 3811 Þan aswiþe þei sembled to-gader.
? *a* 1400 *Morte Arth.* 967 Siche sex ware to symple to semble with hyme one.
Ibid. 3746 Now they..Sembles one the sowdeours, and settys theire dyntys.
1456 SIR G. HAYE *Law Arms* (S.T.S.) 164 Men may..geve thame the werr felde, outhir lawar or in a myre, quhare thai may nocht wele semble, na to help thame selff.
1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* VIII. Prol. 60 To semble wyth thair schaftis.

5. *trans.* To assail, attack; = ASSEMBLE *v.*[1] 7.
a 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 1333 Þan bowes he to þe baistall & brymly it semblis.

Hence † **Se·mbling** *vbl. sb.*
a 1300 *Havelok* 1018 Þere was sembling i-now!
a 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 769 Þe same day at was sett þe sembling of bathe.
c 1420 *Anturs of Arth.* 661 With owttene more letynge, Was dighte there thiere semblynge.
c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 452/2 Semlynge, or metynge to-geder, *concursus*.

† **Se·mble,** *v.*[2] *Obs.* Also 4 sembel, 5 semble, cem(e)lyn, 5–6 sembil. [a. F. *semble-r* :—L. *similāre, simulāre* (cf. SIMULATE *v.*), f. *simil-is* like. Cf. Pr., Sp. *semblar*, It. *sembiare, sembrare*.]

1. a. *trans.* To be like, resemble.
c 1330 *Arth. & Merl.* 8853 (Kölbing) He no sembled no more him o3an, þan doþ a child o3ain a man.
1340 *Ayenb.* 176 Þo þet makeþ zuo greate hornes of hare here..þet hi sembleþ wel fole wyfmen.
1483 CAXTON *Gold. Leg.* 117/1 And to that other she said thou were lyke and semblest wel thy fader.
1630 I. CRAVEN *God's Tribunall* (1631) 33 Let no man dissemble himselfe out of policy, or semble another in hypocrisie.
1650 BULWER *Anthropomet.* iii. 61 A broad forehead which in a manner sembles a quadrangle may be somewhat suitable.
1713 *Yarhell's Kitchen* 2 With..Eyes that darted Fire, And a Proboscis sembling Sarum's Spire.

b. *intr.* To be like, to have a resemblance *to*.
c 1400 *Rule of St. Benet* (prose) 3 Til þe wyis man sembils he þat fundes his hus opon þe stan.
a 1450 *Knt. de la Tour* 125 She sembled not vnto the doughter of a senatour of Rome that had so cruell hert that [etc.].

2. *intr.* To seem, appear.
c 1325 *Metr. Hom.* 136 And forthi that Crist tholes this, Ite sembeles that he slepand is.
c 1330 *Arth. & Merl.* 5547 (Kölbing) Ac 3e semble so wi3t & fre, Þat 3e beþ welcome to me.
1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 263 Then he wyll semble to go with vs to counseyle, & directe vs in our purpose.

b. To be likely *to do* something.
a 1300 *Cursor M.* 9781 If angel had tan mans kind þan war he wayker mad þan ar, þat he suld haue na power þar; And sembel lightli for to fall.

3. To assume an appearance, make oneself seem, to pretend. (Very common in Udall's writings.)
1542 UDALL *Erasm. Apoph.* 128 Diogenes sembleyng to have no greate witte ne knowlage.
Ibid. 214 b, He sembleed & made as though he tooke not indignacion.
Ibid. 319 Sembleyng that he graunted his saiyng.
c 1550 L. WAGER *Marie Magd.* 1502, I pray you do your diligence, And semble rather to loue hym than to hate.

4. *trans.* To simulate, feign; *absol.* to practise simulation.
1530 TINDALE *Pract. Prelates* G iv b, Vtterlye appoynted to semble and dissemble, to haue one thinge in the harte and a nother in the mouth.
1537 tr. *Latimer's Serm. Convoc.* ii. C j b, Al be it they swere..that they knowe not theyr father, nor mother,..as in dede they can semble & dissemble all thynges.
1570 LEVINS *Manip.* 60/5 To semble, *simulare*.
c 1570 W. WAGER *The longer thou livest* 1074 (Brandl), *Stage direct.*, Semble a goyng out.
1584 R. W. *Three Ladies Lond.* II. A iij b, Ile tell thee what, thou wilt euen semble and cog with thine own father, A couple of false knaues togither.
1590 *Humble Motion with Submission* 57 By these coulowred offices a man may haue a popish schoolemaister, especially if he can semble a little.

¶ Used for DISSEMBLE *v.*
1603 DEKKER & CHETTLE *Grissil* v. ii. 2769 *Sir Ow.* [a Welshman]. Ian Niclas is honest man: hee does not flatter, and sembles, but tell his intentions.

5. To liken, compare.
a 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 66/1 Cemelyn' or lykyn' (*v.rr.* cemlyn, cemblen), *assimulo*.
1563 SHUTE *Archit.* E iv b, Whiche piller for his strength is likned or to be sembled vnto Tuscana.

6. To represent, picture.
1610 G. FLETCHER *Christ's Vict. Earth* xlii, The azure fields of heav'n wear sembled right In a large round.
1627 W. SCLATER *Exp. 2 Thess.* (1629) 94 The terrible sound of the last trumpe which Hierome so continually sembled to himselfe, how it made him feare where he was most secure. *Ibid.* 163 Semble to your selues a Papist prostrate before his breaden God.
1706 (see SEMBLING *ppl. a.* 2).
1755 JOHNSON, *Semble*, to represent, to make a likeness.

Hence † **Se·mbling** *vbl. sb.*
c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 452/2 Semlynge, or lykenesse, *assimilacio*.
1567 *Gude & Godlie B.* 235 To thair sembling tak gude sicht, How that thay pas away sa bair.

‖ **Semble** (se·mbl'), *v.*[3] *impers. Law.* [Fr., 3rd pers. sing. pres. ind. of *sembler* to seem.] = 'It seems'; used in judicial utterances to introduce the incidental statement of an opinion on a point of law which it is not necessary to decide authoritatively. In reports abbreviated *sem., semb.*
1817 SELWYN *Law Nisi Prius* (ed. 4) II. 1294 And *semble*, under these circumstances, an eviction might be pleaded to the whole demand.
a 1859 AUSTIN *Jurispr.* (1879) II. 850 It is essential to the character of a real servitude that there should be a 'prædium serviens', and a 'prædium dominans'. *Semble* that a personal servitude..can hardly exist over a movable.

Semble, variant of SEMBLY *Obs.*

† **Se·mblesse.** *Obs. rare*—[1]. [? f. SEMBLE *v.* + *-esse*, -ESS [2].] Seemliness.
14.. in *Hist. Coll. Citizen Lond.* (Camden) 53 A famos knyght and of grete semblesse.

† **Se·mbling,** *ppl. a. Obs.* [f. SEMBLE *v.*[2] + -ING [2].]

1. That feigns or simulates.
1557–8 *Jacob & Esau* v. iv. (1568) F iv b, Ah hypocrite, ah hedgecreeper, ah sembling wretche.
1583 *Leg. Bp. St. Androis* 916 in *Satir. Poems Reform.* xlv, They knew him for a sembling baird.
1612 T. TAYLOR *Comm. Titus* i. 16 Counterfeit and sembling professors.
1642 S. W. *Parl. Vind. Answ. Rupert* 3 In this not sembling but suffering age.

2. That depicts or represents.
1706 PRIOR *Ode to Queen* XXVIII, Where sembling Art may carve the fair Effect.

Semblont, variant of SEMBLANT *sb. Obs.*

† **Se·mbly.** *Obs.* Forms: 3–6 semble, 4–5 semblé, semblee, 6 sembla, sembley, semely, semlay, semle, semly, 5–6 semblie, 6 samble, semblye, 6, 8 sembly. [Aphetic form of ASSEMBLY. (AF. had *semblé, semblée*.)]

1. A gathering of people; an assembly. *To do, to make sembly*, to meet, to be present at an assembly.
a 1300 *Cursor M.* 6408 Moyses þan cald sir iosue, And mad him maister o þat semble. *Ibid.* 14489 Wit þis þai mad a gret semble.
1375 BARBOUR *Bruce* II. 380 In the stour sa bardyly He ruschyt, that all the semble schuk.
1389 in *Eng. Gilds* (1870) 31 Qwo-so be somounned to don semble er to congregacioun.
c 1400 *Master of Game* (MS. Digby 182) XXXII, The semble, þat men clepeth gaderynge, shulde be maked in þis manere.
c 1400 MAUNDEV. (1839) Prol. 3 For a semblee of Peple withouten a Cheventeyn, or a chief Lord, is as a Flock of Scheep withouten a Schepperde.
a 1450 *Knt. de la Tour* 63 A fest and a gret semble of ladies and gentilwomen.
c 1470 HENRY *Wallace* II. 415 A blyth semblay was at his lychtyn doun.
a 1542 WYATT *Penit. Ps.* cii. 72 But to this samble running in the way, My strength failed to reach it at the full.
1562 in *Cal. Anc. Rec. Dublin* (1891) II. 25 Yf thenheritors..do not show sufficient title.. this side the next quarter sembly after Cristenmas.
1715 LEONI *Palladio's Archit.* (1742) II. 60 A Council of.. Fathers; whose sembly was called the Senate.

2. Suite, retinue.
14.. *Sir Beues* 3963/23 (MS. E.) Now wendiþ sere B. wiþ hys semble To Hampmyngforde, þat goode cyte.
c 1430 *Syr Gener.* (Roxb.) 105 To come to Mountanar that feir Citie, And eche a Prince bring his semble.

3. Hostile meeting, conflict; = ASSEMBLY 3.
a 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 797 Sa sare was þe semble þire seggis be-twene.
a 1400 *Relig. Pieces fr. Thornton MS.* 92 At a semle þat segge in certayne was slayne.
1456 SIR G. HAYE *Law Arms* (S.T.S.) 117 He that departis fra the ost in the tyme of semble, that is feid and wrytyn.
1535 STEWART *Cron. Scot.* II. 454 Ane scharpar sembla 3it wes thair neuer sene.

4. *attrib.*, as *sembly-house*.
c 1400 *Wyclif's Bible* Prol. I. 51 The iij. orrible synne is symonie, and forswering in the semble hous.
1447 *Epist. Acad. Oxon.* (O.H.S.) I. 260 In a tym of a convocation in our semble house.

‖ **Sembrado·r.** *Obs.* exc. *Hist.* [Sp. *sembrador*, f. *sembrar* to sow :—L. *sēminārе*, f. *sēmin-, sēmen* seed.] (See quot. 1670.)
1670 EVELYN in *Phil. Trans.* V. 1055 The Spanish Sembrador or New Engin for Ploughing, and Equal Sowing all sorts of Grain, and Harrowing, at once.
a 1700 — *Diary* 25 Nov. 1668, I waited on Lo. Sandwich, who presented me with the Sembrador he brought out of Spaine.

Sembreefe, -brief(e, obs. forms of SEMIBREVE.
Semde, obs. pa. t. of SEEM *v.*[2]
Seme : see SEAM, SEEM. **Semeare** : see SEMAR.
Semeblabilly, obs. form of SEMBLABLY *adv.*

‖ **Semée** (se·mi, ‖ sɛme), *a.* and *sb. Her.* Forms: 6 semie, 6–7 semi, 7 seme, semy, 8–9 semé, 8–semée. [a. F. *semée* fem. of *semé*, pa. pple. of *semer* to sow.] **A.** *adj.* = POWDERED *ppl. a.* 3. † Also in AF. phrases, *semi de crosses, semi de luces* = Semée of crosses, of lilies.
1562 LEGH *Armory* 63 b, He bereth Geules, semi de crosses flourte, Or. If there were but vii, and that the half of some of them, were out of the fielde..yet it sholde be called Semi.
1586 FERNE *Blaz. Gentrie* I. 194 The chief: which is Or:.. semie of teares, which is signified beere, by this colour of Azure.
1611 SPEED *Hist. Gt. Brit.* IX. xii. § 51 The golden Lillies of France, which now are borne in triangle, were in those dayes born, and aduanced Semi.
1641 BAKER *Chron., Hen. V* 47 First therefore he begins to alter in his Arms the bearing of Semy-de-Luces, and quarters the three Flower Deluces, as the Kings of France then bare them.
a 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 7 Sept. 1651, Heralds in blew velvet semée with fleurs de lys.
1718 A. NISBET *Ess. Armories* Index Terms, *Semee*, that is sown when many small Figures are irregularly disposed in a Field.
1823 RUTTER *Fonthill* Introd. 22 Morville, Azure, Semée of Fleurs de Lys, and fretty, Or.
1873 MRS. PALLISER tr. *Jacquemart's Ceramic Art* 51 Blue ground semé with red and lilac splashes.

B. *sb.* = POWDERING 3 b.
In recent Dicts.; in quot. perh. adj. with plural ending.
1562 LEGH *Armory* 50 Geules, a playne crosse, Frette Azure, As ye haue this Frette: So shall you haue some Diaper & some Semies, of dyuers thynges, that I can not speake of here.

Seméed (se·mid), *ppl. a. Her.* Forms: 6 semyed, 7, 9 seméed, semied, 9 semé'd. [Anglicized f. prec.] = SEMÉE *a.*
1572 BOSSEWELL *Armorie* 26 There are also to bee founde and seene in armes Crosses double partited, semyed, quartered of the fielde wherein they stande.
1652 EVELYN *St. France* Misc. Wks. (1825) 61 A casque of blew velvet seméed with fleurs de lys.
1862 H. MARRYAT *Year in Sweden* II. 149 *note*, This chapel has been restored, the vaulting semé'd with gold stars on a blue ground.
1879 WATERTON *Pietas Mariana* 223 She wears a purple garment, seméed with leaves of Shamrock.

Semeiography (sīməi,ɒ·grăfi). In Dicts. also **semi-**. [f. Gr. *σημειο-ν* sign + -GRAPHY. (Gr. had *σημειογράφος* short-hand writer.) Cf. F. *sémiographie*.] (In this and the following words the forms with *semi-* are in accordance with English analogies, but are little used, because they do not clearly suggest the etymology.)]

† **1.** Symbolic notation: in quot. with reference to the symbols of the planets. *Obs.*
1706 THWAITES in *Hearne's Collect.* 8 Mar. (O.H.S.) I. 201 A dispute about Semeiography causes you this trouble.

2. *Path.* A description of symptoms; the art of describing symptoms.
1855 DUNGLISON *Med. Lex., Semeiography..Semiography.*
1890 BILLINGS *Nat. Med. Dict., Semeiography.*

Semeiologic (sīməi,ɒlɒ·dʒik), *a.* Also **semiologic.** = next. In recent Dicts.

Semeiolo·gical, *a.* In Dicts. also **semi-**. [f. SEMEIOLOGY + -ICAL.] Pertaining to semeiology.
1839 SPILLAN tr. *Schill's Outl. Pathol. Semeiol.* 8 These semeiological works.
1862 *New Syd. Soc. Year-bk.* 382 Remarks on the Semeiological Value of the Pulse in Child-bed.

Semeiologist (sīməi,ɒ·lŏdʒist). [f. next + -IST.] One skilled in sign-language.
1848 LOWELL *Biglow P.* Ser. I. ii. Comment., Yet must he be a semeiologist the most expert, making himself intelligible to every people and kindred by signs.

Semeiology (sīməi,ɒ·lŏdʒi). Also 7 erron. semæology, 9 **semiology.** [f. Gr. *σημείο-ν* sign + -LOGY. Cf. F. *sémiologie* (1762), in Dicts. *sémiologie* (in sense 2).]

1. Sign language.
[1641 WILKINS *Mercury* ii. (1694) 14 The particular ways of discoursing were before intimated to be threefold. ..3. By Signs or Gestures. According to which variety, there are also different ways of Secrecy...3. Semæologia.]
1694 MOTTEUX *Urquhart's Rabelais* Pref. 98 These ways of signifying our Thoughts by Gestures, called by the Learned Bishop Wilkins Semæology, are almost of infinite Variety.

2. The branch of medical science which is concerned with symptoms.
1839 SPILLAN tr. *Schills' Outl. Pathol. Semeiology* I Semeiology constitutes the doctrine of the relations in which the phenomena in the human system stand with respect to the vital state which causes them.
1855 DUNGLISON *Med. Lex., Semeiology,..Semiology.*
1876 tr. *Wagner's Gen. Pathol.* 8 The knowledge of these signs constitutes semeiology or symptomatology.
1887 *Homœopathic World* 1 Nov. 496 At first glance, the semiology suggested cancer.

Semeiotic (sīməi,ɒ·tik), *a.* Also 7 semioticke, 9 (in Dicts.) **semiotic.** [a. Gr. *σημειωτικός* significant; also, concerned with the interpretation of symptoms (chiefly fem. ellipt.: see SEMEIOTICS), f. *σημειοῦν* to interpret as a sign, f. *σημεῖον* sign.]

1. Relating to symptoms.
1625 HART *Anat. Ur.* I. i. 13 The chiefe..part of Physicke diagnosticke or semioticke, which teacheth vs to know the nature, causes, and substance of the disease by the signes and grounds of the same.
1876 DUNGLISON *Med. Lex., Semiotic*, symptomatic.
1898 *Syd. Soc. Lex., Semeiotic.*

† **2.** Symbolic, serving to convey meaning. *Obs.*
1797 *Monthly Mag.* III. 269/1 That the Egyptians were not acquainted with the alphabet, till the time of Psammeticus, and that commerce alone gave birth to semeiotic signs.

Semeiotical (sīməi,ɒ·tikăl), *a.* Also 7–9 **semi-**. [Formed as prec. + -AL.] = SEMEIOTIC *a.* I.
1588 J. HARVEY *Disc. Probl.* 79 Looke into the semeiotica11 or presignificative iudgements of phisitions.
1623 HART *Arraignm. Ur.* II. iv. 59 He maketh moreover this semioticall part of Physicke, concerning the signes of diseases, to depend altogether upon conjecture.
1703 *Art's Improv.* p. XXV, Thirdly, Semeiotical. Treating of the Crisis of Diseases.
1825 BEDDOES *Let.* 4 Dec. in *Poems* p. li, It still remains for some one to exhibit the sum of his experience in mental pathology and therapeutics, not in a cold, technical, dead description, but a living semiotical display.

Semeiotics (sīməi,ɒ·tiks). Also 9 **semiotics.** [ad. Gr. *σημειωτική*, ellipt. use (sc. *τέχνη*) of the fem. of *σημειωτικός* SEMEIOTIC. See -IC 2.] The branch of medical science relating to the interpretation of symptoms.
1670 H. STUBBE *Plus Ultra* 75 Semeiotics, method of curing, and tried..medicines.
1793 HOLCROFT tr. *Lavater's Physiog.* iii. 27, I shall now proceed to consider Medicinal Semeiotics, or the signs of Health and Sickness.
1867 CORFE

in *Med. Times & Gaz.* 7 Sept. 252/1 Semeiotics may be construed as the doctrinal language of pathology. 1873 Wagnea tr. *Teuffel's Hist. Rom. Lit.* II. 26 The second [treats] of semiotics and general pathology and therapy.

†Se·mel. *Obs. rare.* In 7 semell, semill. [a. Du. *semele* (now *zemelen* pl.) fine wheat flour, fine wheaten bread = OHG. *semala, simula*, a. L. *simila*: see Simnel.] A cake of fine wheat flour.

1643 in Warden *Burgh Laws Dundee*, etc. (1872) 350 As also in beakinge of bunnes, semells, oat lowes, kaikis [etc.]. 1697 *Ibid.* 352 Any semill, or wastill or pis of beakin meat.

Semeland(e, -ant, -awnt: see Semblant *sb.*

Semeld: earlier form of Samel.

1601 Holland *Pliny* xviii. x. I. 565 A fragment or peece of a broken semeld brick.

Semele, obs. form of Seemly *a.*, Semble *v.*

Semelfactive (sĭmelfæ·ktiv), *a. Slav. Gram.* [f. L. *semel* once + *facĕre* to do: see Factive.] (See quot. 1827.)

1827 J. Heard *Gram. Russ. Lang.* v. § 1. 142 The semelfactive [verb] expresses the sudden and single occurrence of an action. 1843 *Proc. Philol. Soc.* I. 100 The author considered the 'semelfactive verbs', as Heard calls them, to represent the Sanskrit verbs of the fifth, seventh, and eighth conjugations. 1894 *19th Cent.* May 816 Semelfactive perfect aspect of unity.

Semeli, semelich(e, obs. forms of Seemly *a.*

Semeline (se·mĭlin). *Min.* Also **semelin, semelina.** [Named in Fr. by Fleurian de Bellevne (*Jrnl. de Physique* LI. 450, 1800) '*sémélinite*, and by abbreviation *sémélline*', f. L. *sēmen līnī* seed of flax, referring to the appearance of the crystals.] A variety of titanite found in the Eifel.

c 1830 H. J. Brooke *Min.* in *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) VI. 518/1 Silico-titaniate of Lime. Sphene. Spinthere. Semeline. 1836 T. Thomson *Min., Geol.*, etc. I. 151 Sphene. [Varieties:] Brunon, semelin, spinellane [etc.]. 1869 Phillips *Vesuvius* x. 300 Sphene—Semelina—occurs in ejected blocks with icespar.

Semelitude, Semely: see Similitude, Seemly.

Semen (sī·men). [a. L. *sēmen* seed (of plants and animals), f. root **sē-* (: **sa-*) of *serĕre* to Sow.] The impregnating fluid of male animals; the seed or sperm.

1398 Trevisa *Barth. De P. R.* xviii. i. (1495) 743 The synewe..by the whyche semen sholde come downewarde to effecte of generacyon. 1725 P. Dudley in *Phil. Trans.* XXXIII. 266 Some took it to be the true and proper Semen, being only found in the Bull [whale], at the Root of the Penis. 1880 Günther *Fishes* 164 The mode of passage of the semen into the funnel is not known.

†Semenaunt. *Obs. rare*⁻¹. [var. Semblant. Cf. the converse variation in *remlant* for Remnant.] Appearance, 'false semblant'.

c 1450 *Songs & Carols* (Warton Club) 86 Semenaunt is a wonder thing, It begylyt bothe knyȝt and kyng. *Ibid.*, Semenauut is a sly peyntour.

Se·mence. [a. F. *semence* (= Pr. *semensa*, It. *semenza*):—pop.L. **sēmentia*, f. L. *sēmenti-s* a sowing, f. *sēmen* seed.]

†1. Seed; in quots. = Semen. *Obs.*

1480 Caxton *Ovid's Met.* xiv. xiii, Which [Pallas] was conceyved and born of the semence of the fader wtoute semence carnal. *a* 1693 *Urquhart's Rabelais* iii. xxxi. 257 Which..do..benumb..with Cold the prolifick Semence.

¶2. Used for: A sowing. *rare*⁻¹.

1859 R. F. Burton *Centr. Afr.* in *Jrnl. Geog. Soc.* XXIX. 401 The ground is rarely weeded unless wanted for a second and different semence.

Semend, semond, ? obs. forms of Salmon.

c 1480 *Cely Papers* (Camden) 189 Item ij jollys sallt semend xviij d...Item a jowlle freshe semond.

†Semendacy. *Obs.* [Corruption of mod.L. *sēmen daucī* (*sēmen* seed, *daucī* genit. of *daucus* some umbelliferous plant, perh. carrot or parsnip).] The seeds of the sweet chervil (*Myrrhis odorata*), formerly used in medicine.

1714 *Fr. Bk. of Rates* 97 Semendacy per 100 Weight.

Semeniferous, -ivorous: see Semin-.

Sement, obs. form of Cement.

? *c* 1600 *Distr. Emperor* 1. i. in Bullen *Old Pl.* (1884) III. 174 Our acquayntance is Too oulde, and as I hope frendshypp too fyrme To be nowe semented.

†Sementa·tion. *Obs.*⁻° [ad. late L. *sēmentātiōn-em*, f. L. *sēmentāre* to sow seed, f. *sēmen* seed.] 'A bringing forth seed' (Blount *Glossogr.* 1656).

Sementation, erron. form of Cementation.

1592 Lyly *Gallathea* II. iii. 13 Circination, Sementation.

†Se·mentine, *a. Obs.* [f. L. *sēment-is* sowing + -ine¹.] 'Belonging to sowing, continuing to seed time' (Blount *Glossogr.* 1656).

Seme·se, *a. rare.* [ad. L. *sēmēs-us*, f. *sēmi-* + *ēsus*, pa. pple. of *edĕre* to eat.] Half-eaten.

1859 Farrar *Julian Home* vii. 86 They're sons of gyps and that sort of thing, who feed on the semese fragments of the high table.

Semester (sĭme·stəɹ). [a. G. *semester*, ad. L. (*cursus*) *sēmēstris* (period) of six months, f. *sē-, sex* six + *mēns-is* month.] A period or term of six months, esp. in German universities and some U. S. A. colleges, the college half-year.

1827 *Lancet* 17 Nov. 251/2 The student..attends it daily during two semesters. 1852 H. Rogers *Ecl. Faith* (1864) 146 A young Englishman..fresh from Germany, after sundry semesters at Bonn and Tübingen. 1888 Bryce *Amer. Commw.* III. cii. 450 Graduates who..spend a semester or two at a German university. 1895-6 *Cal. Univ. Nebraska* 33 The year is divided upon the semester plan. Each semester has eighteen weeks.

Semester, obs. form of Sempster.

Semestrial, semestral (sĭme·strĭăl, sĭme·străl), *a.* [f. L. *sēmēstr-is* (see Semester) + -ial, -al.] Half-yearly; taking place every six months; lasting for six months. Of persons: holding office for six months; exercising office every six months.

1701 J. Sage *Vind. Princ. Cypr. Age* iii. 118 Neither was the change..made only from weekly, or monthly, or semestrial, or annual, to constant Moderators. 1726 Ayliffe *Parergon* 332 As they may in their Semestral Visitations inform themselves touching such Churches as are become void. 1844 W. Kay in *Fleury's Eccl. Hist.* III. 406 *note*, The old canonical semestral council. 1847 Thackeray *Barnwell* in *Punch* XII. 136/2 Speeding to the Bank for her semestrial pittance. 1894 *Westm. Gaz.* 18 Dec. 1/2 The ideal state of things, Lord Salisbury's argument implies, would be not Triennial but Semestral Parliaments.

Hence **Seme·strially** *adv.*, every six months.

1891 *Sat. Rev.* 9 May 573/2 [He] continues..semestrially ..to furnish his quota of sensational *aventures parisiennes*.

†Se·met. *Bot. Obs.* [f. L. *sēm-en* seed + -et. Corrupted by later writers into Summit.]

Term used by Grew for an Anther.

1671 Grew *Anat. Veget.* v. (1672) 140 The Attire I find to be of two kinds, Seminie and Florie: That which I call Seminie, is made up of two general parts, Chives and Semets, one upon each Chive. These Semets have the appearance (especially in many flowers) of so many little Seeds; but are quite another kind of Body: For upon enquiry we find, that these Semets, though they seem to be solid, and for some time after their first formation, are entire. 1725 *Bradley's Fam. Dict.* s. v. *Attire*, The Semini-form Attire consists of two parts, viz. Chives, or the Stamina as some call them, and Semets or Apices.

Semeterrie, obs. form of Scimitar.

Semetory, obs. form of Cemetery.

c 1502 *Joseph Arim.* 379 In the holy grounde called the semetory.

Semi (se·mi). *Sc.* Also 7-8 semie. [app. short for *semi bejanus* 'half a bejan'; A. Dalzel *Hist. Univ. Edin.* (1862) II. 10 cites 'Classis Semi Bejanorum' from a document of *c* 1590.] In Scottish universities (now at Aberdeen, and recently revived at St. Andrews), a student in his second year; also called **semi-bachelor** and **semi-bejan**. So **semi-class**, the class of second-year students; **semi-regent**, the regent in charge of the semi-class; **semi-year**, a student's second year.

1665 Ray *Itin.* in *Sel. Rem.* (1760) 203 [At Glasgow] about 40 Students of the first Year, which they call Obedients [*i.e.* bejants]; near so many of the Second, which they call Semies. 1688 in Dalzel *Hist. Univ. Edin.* (1862) II. 197 If they find him to have any competent skill in the Greek language, they are to signify the same..unto the Semi Regent. 1695 in *Fasti Aberd.* (1854) 374 That none be admitted or received into the semi-class, but upon strict tryall of their proficiencie in the Greek tongue. *c* 1700 *Dom. Details D. Hume* (1843) 5 In my semie year I was boarded in one Mr. Nisbet's. *Ibid.* 6 At this time, the 11th of March was solemnly keeped by the semies, in going to the foot-ball on the Borrow Moor. 1704 in Macgill *Old Ross-sh.* (1909) 63 If he be readie for colledge to enter a semie and not com in this year. 1843 *Dom. Details D. Hume* Notes p. xv, The students of the second year continuing under the same regent, were called the *semi* class, or the *semi-bachelors*. [*Note*, Sometimes called the *semi-bajan* class.] 1857 [see Tertian *sb.* 3]. 1884 Sir A. Grant *Story Univ. Edin.* I. 152 [*c* 1590] At the final examination..The Magistrands came before the Regents of the Bachelor, Semi-Bajan, and Bajan classes. 1889, 1891 [see Magistrand].

Semi- (se·mi), *prefix.* Also 4-7 **semy-**, 5-6 **seme-**, 6-7 **semie-**. [repr. L. *sēmi-* (whence F., It., Sp., Pg. *semi-*) = Skr. *sāmi-*, Gr. ἡμι-, OHG. *sâmi-*, OS. *sâm-*, cogn. w. OE. *sam-* (see Sam-):—Indogerm. **sēmi-*.] = Half-; cf. Demi-, Hemi-. L. *sēmi-* (occas. shortened to *sēm-* before a vowel, e.g. *sēmanimis*) is, esp. in post-classical Latin, compounded freely with adjs. and ppples., less commonly with nouns; in med. and still more in mod.L. the prefix is extensively employed in technical terminology. The compounds of earliest date in English are: the adjs. Semicircular (1432-50), Semi-mature (*c* 1440), Semivif (Piers Plowman) direct from L., and Semi-bousy (*c* 1400); the sbs. Semicicle (*c* 1440), Semi-cope (Chaucer), Semigod (1417), Semi-soun (Chaucer). In the 16th-18th c., the number of permanent compounds was increased mainly by the accession of terms more or less technical (many of them adapted or imitated from Latin), such as Semibreve, Semicircle, Semidiameter, Semilunar, Semi-Pelagian, Semivowel. At the same time there was gradual enlargement of the scope of the prefix in the formation of general nonce-compounds, which became very frequent in the 19th c., and of which it is possible to illustrate but a small proportion in the present article (branch I).

I. In general use.

1. Compounded with adjs. and ppples., with the meaning 'half, partly, partially, to some extent'.

From the early part of the 19th c. it has been not uncommon to substitute '*semi-*... *semi-*...' for '*half-*... *half-*...' (Half *adv.* 2); hence arise certain quasi-compounds that only occur in correlative pairs, as 'semi-chemical semi-mechanical'.

1816 *Edin. Rev.* XXVII. 464 Nature seems..to have afforded this level space for a *semi-aerial dwelling. 1848 Mill *Pol. Econ.* I. xi. § 3 The *Semi-agriculturalised Indians. 1860 Taistram *Gt. Sahara* xxi. 354 It was a magnificent *semi-alpine, semi-tropical scene. 1840 Carlyle *Heroes* iv. (1858) 293 It is a country as yet without a soul: nothing developed in it but what is rude, external, *semi-animal. *Ibid.* i. 205 This Odin, in his rude *semi-articulate way, had a word to speak. 1828 Miss Mitford *Village* Ser. III. 63 A simpering *semi-bald apothecary. 1822 Hood *To Celia* iv, Once it bapp'd that, *semi-blind, He [Love] met thee on a summer day. 1869 G. Lawson *Dis. Eye* (1874) 74 Blows on the eye..with some blunt or *semi-blunt instrument. 1837 Dickens *Pickw.* xxviii, A *semi-cannibalic leer. 1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* I. vi. v, How thou glitterest with a fallen, rebellious, yet still *semi-celestial light. 1839 De la Beche *Rep. Geol. Cornwall*, etc. viii. 227 A *semi-chemical, semi-mechanical origin. 1847 Prescott *Peru* (1850) II. 248 Brought in contact with *semi-civilised man. 1838 Dickens *Nich. Nick.* ii, The second resolution was moved by a grievous gentleman of *semi-clerical appearance. 1587 Fleming *Contn. Holinshed* III. 1453/1 His heart brought to Ludlow, and buried..in the *semi-collegiat parish church there. 1721 Bailey, **Semi-combust*, (*semi-combustus*, L.) half-burned. 1818 Lady Morgan *Autobiogr.* (1859) 172 He looked semi-tragic, *semi-comic, like a mask with two sides. 1838 Dickens *O. Twist* xliii, A look of *semi-comical woe. 1721 Bailey, **Semi-conspicuous*, (*semiconspicuus*, L.) half or partly visible. 1890 'R Boldrewood' *Col. Reformer* (1891) 215 The *semi-coöperative community at Rainbar. 1891 *Anthony's Photogr. Bull.* IV. 130 A short *semi-dark passage between the studio and dark room. 1879 *St. George's Hosp. Rep.* IX. 531 A *semi-demented old epileptic patient. 1864 Bowen *Logic* xi. (1870) 370 This half latent *semi-developed state. 1881 *Nature* XXIII. 382 The coarse and *semi-diagrammatic figures which..occupy a..place in the text-books of histology. 1859 Darwin *Orig. Spec.* i. 25 Some *semi-domestic breeds. 1847 W. C. L. Martin *Ox* 6/2 The *semi-domesticated buffalo. 1868 *Rep. U. S. Comm. Agric.* (1869) 276 To maintain in the hive throughout the winter a uniform temperature, which will keep the bees in a continuous *semi-dormant state. 1895 *Pop. Sci. Monthly* Aug. 444 The interests of the stage and the *semi-dramatic music-hall. 1861 Beaese, Hope *Eng. Cathedr. 19th C.* v. 158 The narthex or *semiexternal vestibule. 1854 A. Adams, etc. *Man. Nat. Hist.* 55 The *semi-fabulous monster of our own times, the celebrated Sea-Serpent. 1905 *Westm. Gaz.* 30 Sept. 9/1 The 9.13 from London Bridge was a *semi-fast train to Brighton. 1897 *Ibid.* 8 July 3/2 The *semi-fitting coat is more usual than the Eton form. 1872 Howells *Wedding Journey* ix, Some *semi-forbidding commissary of police. 1830 *Edin. Rev.* LI. 459 A flighty *semi-Frenchified coquette. 1821 Byron *Sardanap.* I. ii, Like my ancestor Semiramis, A sort of *semi-glorious human monster. 1849 Eastwick *Dry Leaves* 29 A more miserable race of starved, or *semi-human, beings I never beheld. 1859 R. F. Burton *Centr. Afr.* in *Jrnl. Geogr. Soc.* XXIX. 54 Study..seems to make these weak-brained races *semi-idiotic. 1860 R. D. in *Galton's Vac. Tour.* (1861) 108 The *semi-independent existence of Montenegro. 1841 H. Miller *Old Red Sandstone* x. (1887) 206 Notwithstanding the advantages of its *semi-insular situation, it was suffered to lie as an unclaimed common. 1861 Maine *Anc. Law* iv. (1876) 95 The *semi-juridical, semi-popular opinions which were fashionable in France. 1871 Morley *De Maistre* in *Crit. Misc.* Ser. I. 128 There is a certain *semi-latent quality of hardness lying at the bottom of De Maistre's style. 1878 Stubbs *Const. Hist.* III. xviii. 71 A *semi-legendary belief that he was still alive. 1624 Wotton *Archit.* II. 121 *Semi-liberall Arts. 1850 *Blackw. Mag.* May 515 The semi-Liberal semi-Tory Governments from 1815 to 1830. 1656 Blount *Glossogr.*, **Semimarine* (*semimarinus*), belonging partly to the Sea, and partly to the Land. 1885 *Times* (weekly ed.) 11 Sept. 9/4, I should be much inclined to envy him his semi-marine residence. 1839 *Semi-mechanical [see *semi-chemical*]. 1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* VI. vi. iii, *Semi-military costume. 1859 Darwin *Orig. Spec.* viii. 275 Varieties often suddenly produced and *semi-monstrous in character. 1841 W. Spalding *Italy & It. Isl.* II. 255 The *semi-oriental aspect of its costumes. 1895 *Pop. Sci. Monthly* Apr. 764 The head of the hoactzin is ornamented with a *semi-pendent crest. 1895 *Outing* XXVI. 398/2 *Semi-permanent telegraph lines. 1857 Hughes *Tom Brown* Pref. (1871) p. xvi, A *semi-political semi-sacerdotal fraternity. 1653 Gataker *Vind. Annot. Jer.* 19 An obtrusion upon their Nation of a *Semipopish Book of Common-Prayer. 1860 Adler *Prov. Poet.* viii, The transition from the *semi-popular poetry in monkish Latin to a decidedly popular poetry in the pure Romansh. 1876 Black *Madcap Violet* ii, The..*semi-private throughfare. 1804 *Edin. Rev.* IV. 23 Delicts, according to him [Bentham], are..*Semipublic, or against some class or description of persons. 1875 Jevons *Money* xviii. 217 It may allow private individuals, or semi-public companies..to undertake the work. 1864 J. H. Newman *Apol.* i. (1904) 6/1 On subjects *semi-religious and semi-scholastic. 1841 Merivale *Lect. Colonis. & Col.* I. ii. 50 A singular race, of *semi-republican habits. 1849 *Westm. Rev.* L. 423 The *semi-Romanized Britons. 1834 Beckford *Italy* II. 25 The abode of these *semi-royal sober personages. 1864 *Realm* 23 Mar. 6 The most *semi-rural of suburbs. 1864 *Sat. Rev.* 31 Dec. 812/1 Scientific or *semi-scientific observations. 1865 Dickens *Mut. Fr.* IV. xii, A *semi-seafaring man. 1875 Poste *Gaius* II. (ed. 2) 174 Tenant farmers of a *semi-servile condition. 1873 Whitney *Or. & Ling. Studies* 293 A long and tedious climb upward from a miserable *semi-simious state. 1899 *Daily News* 19 Sept. 6/7 A hilly, cross-country, *semi-single line railway. 1780 Bentham *Princ. Legisl.* xi. § 18 Where..the motive..is a *semi-social one, the love of reputation. 1620 Bp. Hall *Hon. Marr. Clergie* I. § 3 Their Vow is but *semi-solemne. 1874 Whyte-Melville *Uncle John* xiv. II. 95 That *semi-sporting appearance which is attainable by means of scanty trousers [etc.]. 1880 Froude *Bunyan* i. 14 A *semi-supernatural being. 1850 *Semi-Tory [see *semi-Liberal* above]. 1884 *Manch. Exam.* 9 July 4/6 The swamping of the agricultural labourers by the *semi-urban population. 1780 Johnson *Let. to Mrs. Thrale* 21 June, A *semivegetable diet. 1749 Hartley *Observ. Man* II. ii. 140 The automatic and *semivoluntary Exertions of

the Organs of Speech. 1847 W. C. L. Martin *Ox* 74/1 A noble *semi-wild race.

b. Compounded with a sb. to form an adj. phr.

1899 *Daily News* 26 Aug. 7/5 Some fancy woollen fabric, only too ready to betray its *semi-cotton derivation. 1897 *Ibid.* 24 Apr. 2/5 A posting landau converted into a *semi-dress landau. 1906 *Daily Chron.* 5 Oct. 4/5 Her dress.. was of *semi-Empire shape. 1896 *Daily News* 28 Oct. 3/2 Five *semi-gala carriages with Royal scarlet liveries. 1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* II. v. xi, What Un-Patriot or *Semi-Patriot Ministry. 1837 Dickens *Pickw.* xxvii, A *semi-rattlesnake sort of eye. 1886 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 10 June 4/2 Since his father's death the Prince of Wales and the Princess have done the *semi-state honours. 1901 *Scotsman* 2 Mar. 9/7 One of the King's semi-State landaus.

2. Compounded with sbs.: a. with nouns of action or condition, as *semi-allegiance* = partial, imperfect, or incomplete allegiance; b. with descriptive sbs., as *semi-acquaintance* = one with whom one is partially acquainted, † *semi-body* = an imperfect body.

1872 Howells *Wedding Journey* vii, Isabel had found among the passengers her *semi-acquaintances of the hotel parlour. 1689 D. Granville *Lett.* (Surtees No. 37) 117 An universall semi-conformity would end in as universall *semi-allegiance. 1643 Sir T. Browne *Relig. Med.* II. § 14 There is under..these mutilate and *semi-bodies [*sc.* of beggars], a soule of the same alloy with our owne. 1646 — *Pseud. Ep.* IV. v. 189 One [testicle] sufficeth unto generation, as hath been observed in *semicastration. *a* 1631 Donne *Serm.* lvii. (1640) 581 All *Semi-confitents, that confesse them [*sc.* their sins] to halfs, without purpose of amendment. 1865 Bagehot *Eng. Const.* i. 19 A *semi-connection has grown up between the legislature and the executive. 1641 J. Jackson *True Evang. T.* I. 72 Such are the blots and spots of our *semi-conversions. 1751 Smollett *Per. Pickle* lii, In the transports of his zeal he wrung this *semi-convert's hand. 1825 T. Hook *Sayings* Ser. II. *Passion & Princ.* x. III. 191 [She] was led out of the room in a sort of *semi-convulsion. 1835 Dickens *Sk. Boz, Charac.* iv, That description of *semi-curls usually known as 'haggerawators'. 1849 Lever *Roland Cashel* li, The vast apartment is in *semi-darkness. 1817 Peacock *Nightmare Abbey* i, Nightmare Abbey .. in a highly picturesque state of *semi-dilapidation. *a* 1835 McCulloch *Attributes* (1837) III. 134 A state of *semidomestication. 1845 T. Hook *Sayings* Ser. II. *Man of Many Fr.* (Colburn) 128 Mrs. Abberly moved in that class of *semi-fashion, which..never exceeds a certain circle. 1907 *Westm. Gaz.* 12 Oct. 13/2 Something between a sac and a *semi-fit. 1871 *Fair France* v. 160 That perpetual state of *semi-fuddle, peculiar to our beer-drinking agricultural labourer. *a* 1667 Cowley *Sylva, Poeticall Revenge* 10 A *semi-gentleman of th' Innes of Court. 1850 Robertson *Serm.* Ser. III. ix. (1853) 114 The oratory of the statesman in the senate has been kindled by *semi-intoxication. 1864 Tennyson *Aylmer's F.* 189 A flash of *semi-jealousy. 1688 D. Granville *Lett.* (Surtees No. 37) 229, I censure my censurers more for their *semi-loyalty. 1875 Tennyson *Q. Mary* II. i, A *semi-madman..So fancy-ridd'n. 1788 *Phil. Trans.* LXXIX. 157 The loins of the *semi-monster. 1884 'H. Collingwood' *Under Meteor Flag* 102 The branches met overhead, veiling the path in *semi-obscurity. 1774 J. Bryant *Mythol.* I. 453 In short, till we recollect ourselves, we are *semi-pagans. 1894 *Daily News* 4 Oct. 2/1 The condition of *semi-panic which lasted for some hours. 1873 F. Hall *Mod. Eng.* Pref., A motley cluster of philologists, *semi-philologists, and entire philologasters. 1713 Pope *Let. to Caryll* 31 Aug., A letter of yours has infinitely more charms to me, than the newest mail to the most ardent *semi-politician. 1646 Bp. Hall *Contempt., O. T.* xxi. i. 356 Those sparkes of piety which he descryed in this *semi-proselite. 1866 *Macm. Mag.* XIII. 274 The *semi-rebellion of the Gallicans against the despotism of the Pope. 1653 Wither (*title*) The dark Lantern, containing a dim discoverie, in riddles..parables and *semi-riddles. 1867 Lady Herbert *Cradle L.* iii. 103 It soon fell into decay, and remained a *semi-ruin. 1878 Mrs. H. Wood *Pomeroy Abbey* II. xv, That for which Leolin had been working for years in *semi-secrecy. 1841 Lytton *Nt. & Morn.* IV. iii, A doleful and doubtful *semi-smile of welcome. 1825 Jos. Black *Capillary Circ.*, etc. 163 *Semi-stagnation may deteriorate into more complete deprivation of the materia vitæ. 1855 Thackeray *Char. Sk.* Wks. 1898 III. 535 Tolerably cheerful in the midst of his *semi-starvation. 1865 Knight *Passages Work. Life* II. 10 In the *semi-thoroughfare of Pall Mall East. 1878 Mrs. H. Wood *Pomeroy Abbey* III. ii, Something in the very words, in what she undoubtedly knew to be their *semi-truth. 1678 Norris *Misc.* (1699) 135 Tho seriousness be generally reckon'd only as a *Semi-Virtue, and by some as no Virtue at all. 1886 Ruskin *Præterita* I. 424 Wasted affection, and rewardless semi-virtue.

3. Compounded with vbs., as *semi-castrate* = to castrate partially, *semi-close* = to shut in partly.

1828–32 Webster, **Semi-castrate*, to deprive of one testicle. 1858 Barrow in *Merc. Marine Mag.* V. 13 The bays which these headlands *semi-close. 1902 Monkshood & Gamble *Kipling* (ed. 3) 240 [In 'Stalky & Co.'] he chose to *semi-conceal his purposes behind a lattice-work of farce. 1845 Jowett in *Life & Lett.* (1897) I. 120 If you will resign yourself to be *semi-humbugged by a semi-humbug.

4. Compounded with advs., as *semi-adjectively* = in a function partly adjectival.

1810 Coleridge in *Lit. Rem.* (1839) IV. 368 And is not 'Scripture' as often used *semi-adjectively? 1861 Maine *Ancient Law* v. 146 A duty *semi-consciously followed.

II. In special and technical use.

5. a. With designations of quantity, extent of space or time, and the like, as *semi-amplitude, -arc, -century* (= 50), †*-cotyle*, †*-cubit*, †*-dole* (see Dolium), *-drachm, -duration, -lunation, -molecule, -phase, -revolution, -span, -tour, -vibration*; †semihore [L. *sēmihōra*], half an hour.

1831 Brewster *Optics* x. 94 By exposing the north pole of a needle a foot long, the *semi-amplitude of the last oscillation was 6° more than the first. 1794 Attwood in *Phil. Trans.* LXXXIV. 151 The balance commencing its vibration at the extremity of the arc B, after having passed the *semiarc BO with an accelerated motion. 1858 Huxley in *Proc. Roy. Soc.* (1859) IX. 428 Each distal portion of the hæmal semi-arc. 1650 J. Goldolphin (*title*) The Holy Limbeck, or a *Semi-Century of Spiritual Extraction. 1693 tr. *Blancard's Phys. Dict.* (ed. 2), **Semicotyle*, half a Cotyla. 1623 Cockeram I, **Semicubit*, halfe a cubit. 1656 Blount *Glossogr.*, **Semidole* (*semidolium*), a vessell containing half a Tun, a Pipe. 1827 Robinson *Archæol. Græca* v. xxvi. (ed. 2) 549 A *semi-drachm. 1719 Pound in *Phil. Trans.* XXX. 1032 The *Semi-duration of the Eclipse. 1867 G. F. Chambers *Astron.* I. i. 8 Longer than the semi-duration of the Sun's rotation. 1623 Cockeram I, **Semi-hore*, halfe an houre. 1790 *Phil. Trans.* LXXX. 564 Each *semi-lunation is distinguished into fifteen equal portions, or lunar days. 1862 Miller *Elem. Chem., Org.* (ed. 2) iii. § 4. 238 Wurtz's double radicles would therefore be merely compounds in which the place of the *semi-molecule of hydrogen, or of the ethyl was supplied by a different hydrocarbon. 1863 *Intell. Observer* IV. 368 In this case the first *semi-phase of the vibration affected her room, and the second semi-phase operated more especially below. 1715 tr. *Gregory's Astron.* (1726) I. 131 A *Semi-revolution of the Earth about the Sun. 1884 Higgs *Magn. Dyn. Electr. Mach.* 242 The current changes its direction with every semi-revolution of the spindle. 1772 C. Hutton *Bridges* 62 A circular arc whose..versed sine..=the *semi-span. 1890 *Anthony's Photogr. Bull.* III. 187 A *semi-tour of the horizon is taken at a single exposure. 1825 J. Nicholson *Oper. Mech.* 517 The pendulum, moving down the arch of *semi-vibration.

b. With adjs., advs., and sbs. expressing periodical recurrence or duration, *semi-* denotes that the period is halved (after Semi-annual); **semi-centenarian**, a person of 50 years of age; **semi-centenary**, the fiftieth anniversary; so **semi-centennial** *a.*; **semi-daily** *a.* and *adv.*, (occurring) twice daily; **semi-horal** *a.*, half-hourly; **semi-jubilee**, a twenty-fifth anniversary; **semi-menstrual, -mensual** *adjs.*, recurring twice a month; of tides (see quot. 1863); **semi-millenary** *a.*, lasting 500 years; **semi-monthly** *a.* and *adv.*, (occurring, issued, etc.) twice a month; also *sb.* a fortnightly periodical; so **semi-weekly**.

1828 *Lights & Shades* II. 36 Off the two *semi-centenarians started with a duet. 1870 Anderson *Missions Amer. Bd.* II. xxvii. 235 The *semi-centenary of the mission. 1859 (*title*) Memorials of the *semi-centennial celebration of the founding of the Theological Seminary at Andover. 1868 *Rep. U. S. Comm. Agric.* (1869) 335 This process of impregnating and depositing in the hatching-house was repeated *semi-daily. 1903 *Westm. Gaz.* 19 Oct. 7/1 Semi-daily attacks of epilepsy. 1847–54 Webster, **Semi-horal.* 1893 *Miss. Herald* (Boston) Mar. 114 *Semi-Jubilee of the Mardin Church. 1901 *Nature* 27 June 210 His semi-jubilee as a doctor of physics. 1842 Airy in *Encycl. Metrop.* V. 382* The observed *semimenstrual irregularities. 1863 Harbord *Gloss. Navig., Semimenstrual Inequality*, an inequality (of the tide) which goes through its changes every half month. 1857 Whewell *Hist. Induct. Sci.* (ed. 3) II. 195 The laws of a great number of the tidal phenomena—namely, of the *Semi-mensual Inequality of the Heights. 1727 Earbery tr. *Burnet's St. Dead* II. 24 A long millenary or *semi-millenary Life. 1895 *Cal. Univ. Nebraska* 250 The Hesperian is the pioneer paper of the University, published *semi-monthly. 1843 *Penny Cycl.* XXVI. 14/2, 138 daily, 1141 weekly, and 125 *semi- or tri-weekly newspapers. 1851–6 (*title*) Semi-weekly courier and New York enquirer.

c. *Music.* (*a*) Designating a note, etc. of half the length, as † *semi-crotchet*, †*-minim*, †*-tact*; also Semibreve, Semiquaver, Semitone; † (*b*) = Imperfect, Diminished 4 a, as *semi-diapason, -diapente, -ditone*, etc. (Cf. Demi- 9, Half- II. g.)

[1688 Holme *Armoury* III. 158/2 *Semi*, it is not to be taken for the half of such a Note or Interval in Musick, but only imports a dificiency, as wanting something of perfection.]

1598 Florio, *Semicrome*, a *semie crochet in musike. 1609 Dowland *Ornith. Microl.* 21 *Semidiapason Is an imperfect eight. 1694 W. Holder *Princ. Harmony* 172 The greatest [seventh], called Semidiapason, whose Ration is 48 to 25.. wanting Hemitone Minor of Diapason. 1609 Dowland *Ornith. Microl.* 20 *Semidiapente Is an Interuall by an imperfect fift. 1694 *Phil. Trans.* XVIII. 73 The false fifth, or Semidiapente, made of a Fourth and Hemitone major, *i.e.* 64 to 45. 1730 *Treat. Harmony* 7 The Leaps of the False Relations, viz. of a Tritonus, and of a Semidiapente are absolutely forbidden. 1728 Chambers *Cycl.*, **Semi diatessaron*, in Music, a defective Fourth, call'd, properly, a false Fourth. 1609 Dowland *Ornith. Microl.* 18 A *Semiditone..is an Interuall of one Voyce from another by an imperfect third. 1598 Florio, *Semiminima*, a *semiminime in musicke. 1795 Mason *Ch. Mus.* IV. 248 The.. Semiminim now called Crotchet. 1883 Rockstro in Grove *Dict. Mus.* s.v. *Semiminim*, Sometimes the head of the greater Semiminim was 'void'—that is to say, open or white. 1609 Dowland *Ornith. Microl.* 46 Tact is three-fold, the greater, the lesser, and the proportionate...The lesser Tact, is the halfe of the greater, which they call a *Semitact.

d. *Astron.* †semi-quadrate (? erron. -quadrant), †-quartile, -quintile, -sextile, †-sixth, denoting aspects of planets when they are 45°, 36°, 30°, respectively, distant from one another; **semi-square** = *semi-quadrate*.

1721 Bailey, **Semi-quadrant, Semi-quartile* (in Astronomy), an Object invented by Kepler, when two Planets are distant 45 Degrees from each other. 1647 Lilly *Chr. Astrol.*, etc. c. 511 You find in the directions of this Nativity, the *Semisextill, *Semiquintil, *Semiquadrate, Quintill, Sesquiquintill, Byquintill and Sesquiquadrate, mentioned. 1674 Jeake *Arith.* (1696) 11 [Aspects.] .. *Semiquartil. 1835 'Zadkiel' *Introd. Astrol.* 24 Evil aspects are the *semi-square, square, sesquiquadrate, and opposition. 1728 Chambers *Cycl.* s.v. *Semi-Sextile*, The *Semi-sixth was added to the ancient Aspects by Kepler.

6. a. Designating a (geometrical) form derived from another by bisection (usually) in a vertical or longitudinal direction, as *semi-canal, -cone, -conic(al* adj., *-conoidal* adj., *-cup, -disk, -dodecagon, -egg, -fistular* adj., *-hexagon, -hexagonal* adj., *-lens, -octagonal* adj., † *-orb* [L. *sēmiorbis*], *-ovoidal* adj., *-pyramidical* adj., *-rotund* adj. (Cf. o, d.)

1836–9 *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* II. 390/2 A *semi-canal formed by a fold of the right side of the mantle. 1877 Huxley *Anat. Inv. Anim.* viii. 496 The duct of the ovotestis..incompletely divided into two semicanals. 1899 *Daily News* 14 July 6/4 A silver-gilt chalice..of *semi-cone form. 1756 P. Browne *Jamaica* 84 Sharp *semiconic leaves. 1822 J. Parkinson *Outl. Oryctol.* 299 The inner surface [of the teeth], which is round, or rather *semiconical. 1865 Lubbock *Preh. Times* 64 The fracture is at first *semi-conoidal or nearly so. 1779 Forrest *Voy. N. Guinea* 28 Edible birds nests...I have taken them from the face of a perpendicular rock, to which they strongly adhered, in rows like *semi-cups, the one touching the other. 1784 Herschel in *Phil. Trans.* LXXIV. 265 The *semi-disk, which is full, is evidently part of an oblate spheroid. 1849 *Guardian* 733/2 This roof is boarded.., and its section forms a *semidodecagon. 1805 R. W. Dickson *Pract. Agric.* I. 17 Cavities resembling the form of a *semi-egg when cut longitudinally. 1796 Morse *Amer. Geog.* I. 528 A handsome court-house 100 feet by 50, with a *semi-hexagon at each end. 1843 Bloxam *Gothic Archit.* (ed. 5) 87 A *semihexagonal one [string-course], as at Hampton-in-Arden. 1832 *Nat. Philos., Optic. Instr.* xvii. 57 (U.K.S.) The divided object-glass micrometer is composed of two *semilenses. 1751 Labelye *Westm. Bridge* 23 A *Semi-octogonal rusticated Turret. 1615 Crooke *Body of Man* 371 The belly of the partition which is like a *semiorbe stands out into it. 1851 Madden *Shrines & Sep.* I. 229 The interior assumes a *semi-ovoidal shape, or that of which the section will be a parabola. 1843 Bloxam *Gothic Archit.* (ed. 5) 133 A *semi-pyramidical projection. 1652 *News fr. Low Countr.* 2 As an Ecliptick Line doth go, To the Antartick Pole, and frames Two *semi-Rotunds. 1856 W. Clark *Van der Hoeven's Zool.* I. 813 Shell elliptical..with aperture semirotund.

b. *Math.* Designating a bisected line, arc, area, segment, etc., or the half of a definite quantity, as *semi-angle, -base, -circumference, -circumvolution, -cycloid, -perimeter, †-perimetry, -periphery, -quadrangle, -segment*; (in conic sections) *semi-ordinate, -parameter, -transverse*; also **semi-difference**, half the difference between two quantities; **semi-infinite** *a.*, limited in one direction and extending to infinity in the other; **semi-quadrantally** *adv.*, from 0° to 45°; **semi-regular** (see quot.); **semi-sum**, half the sum of two or more quantities; **semi-tangent**, the tangent of half an arc.

1765 Ludlam in *Phil. Trans.* LV. 213 Let the *semi-angle of the lever be 84° : 03'. 1666 Collins in Rigaud *Corr. Sci. Men* (1841) II. 461 The *semibase of a cylinder. 1796 Hutton *Math. Dict.* s.v. *Cycloid*, The semi-circumf[erence] DGC =semi-base AC. 1661 S. Partridge *Double Scale Prop.* 80 First get the Semidiameter, which in this example is 3, 5 inches, and also the *Semicircumference, which here is 11. 1825 J. Nicholson *Oper. Mech.* 83 Such a resistance will stop the wheel, as it is equal to the effort of all the buckets in one semi-circumference filled with water. 1761 *Brit. Mag.* II. 642 Two *semi-circumvolutions, or segments, of this curve. 1695 Wallis in *Phil. Trans.* XIX. 111 The *Semicycloid Figure. 1796 Hutton *Math. Dict.* s.v. *Cycloid*, Two equal semicycloids OP, OQ. 1765 Ludlam in *Phil. Trans.* LV. 210, ACK is the semi-sum, and DAI the *semi-difference of the angles CAI, CIA. 1873 *Rep. Brit. Assoc.* I. 23 The semi-sum and semidifference of the numbers to be multiplied. 1903 *Proc. R. Soc.* LXXII. 128 A '*semi-infinite' isotropic elastic solid, *i.e.*, a solid bounded only by a plane. 1704 Harris *Lex. Techn.* I, *Ordinate*..a Line in any Conick Section drawn at Right Angles to, and bissected by the Axis, and reaching from one side of the Section to the other; the half of which is properly the *Semi-ordinate. 1728 Chambers *Cycl.* s.v. *Parabola*, The Squares of the Semi-ordinates are to each other as the Abscisses. 1759 Sterne *Tr. Shandy* II. iii, He found..that the parameter or *latus rectum*, of the conic section of the said path..and that the *semi-parameter [etc.]. 1816 Playfair *Nat. Phil.* II. 43 The solid contained by the radius of curvature, at any point in an ellipsis, and the square of the semiparameter of the greater axis, is equal to the cube of the normal at the same point. 1819 Hutton *Course Math.* (1828) II. 328 Let *p* denote the *semiperimeter. 1571 Digges *Pantom.* IV. iii. V j b, From the *Semiperimetry of the triangle deducte euery side. 1620 Folkingham *Art of Survey* II. viii. 61 Multiply the *semiperipherie by the perpendicular. 1770 Landen in *Phil. Trans.* LX. 443 The semi-periphery of the circle. 1789 T. Taylor *Proclus* II. 32 That which has the vertical angle double of each at the base, as a *semiquadrangle. 1873 *Rep. Brit. Assoc.* I. 69 Logarithmic sines, tangents, and secants, *semi-quadrantally arranged, to every minute, to five places. 1867 Brande & Cox *Dict. Sci.*, etc. s.v. *Polyhedron*, The *semi-regular polyhedrons of Archimedes, the corners of which are equal and similar to one another, but formed by regular polygons of different kinds. 1743 Emerson *Fluxions* 226 Distance of the Center of Gravity of the *Semi-segment *PADQ* from *QD*. 1765, 1873 *Semi-sum [see *semi-difference* above]. 1743 Emerson *Fluxions* 203 In the Hyperboloid *BM*, described by revolving about *AP*, let the Semi-conjugæ=*b*, *Semi-transverse *AB*=*a*. 1816 Playfair *Nat. Phil.* II. 177 The semi-transverse axes of the orbits. 1823 J. Mitchell *Dict. Math.* s.v. *Projection*, Any arc EMF of a great circle is projected into the sum of its *semi-tangents.

c. *Nat. Hist.* With adjs. and sbs. descriptive of shape in the contour or marking of natural objects; **semi-annular**, of the form of a half-ring; **semi-collar, -coronet, -fascia** (hence *-fasciated*), **-ring**, a band, etc. roughly semicircular or extending halfway round a part or an organ; **semi-coronate(d**, having a semicircle of spikes, bristles, etc.

1681 Grew *Musæum* I. ii. 27 Another Boar-Tusk, somewhat slenderer, and of *semiannular Figure. 1844 Wilkinson tr.

Swedenborg's Anim. Kingd. II. iii. 91 The semiannular cartilages. 1869 *Ibis* (N. S.) V. 409 The throat is a pure white, which is met below by a rufous *semicollar. 1826 Kirby & Sp. *Entomol.* IV. 354 *Semicoronate Prolegs. 1843 *Penny Cycl.* XXVI. 446/1 Shell turreted, fusiform, costated, and *semi-coronated. 1817 Kirby & Sp. *Entomol.* xxi. (1818) II. 253 Several larvæ of butterflies, distinguished at their head by a *semicoronet of strong spines. 1861 Hagen *Synopsis Neuroptera N. Amer.* 45 A large, hyaline, oblique *semi-fascia about the middle on the anal margin. 1803 Shaw *Gen. Zool.* IV. 472 *Semifasciated Sparus. 1706 Phillips (ed. Kersey), **Semifistular Flowers*, are such, whose uppermost part resembles a Pipe, cut off obliquely; as in Aristolochia or Birth-wort. 1841 Miller *Old Red Sandstone* vii. (1887) 134 This huge *semi-ring of fossiliferous clays. 1896 Newton *Dict. Birds* iv. 941 The first and second bronchial semirings.

d. *Nat. Hist.* Denoting that a part has a certain form or character (*a*) for half the extent, or along half the length, etc. of an organ, 'half-way,' as *semi-adherent, -adnate, -amplexicaul, -appressed, -bifid, -costiferous, -equitant, -erect, -quinquifid, -sexfid*; **semi-anatropal, -ous** (see quot. 1839); (*b*) on one side only, or so as to exhibit the half of a particular figure, as *semi-cordate(d, -crescentic, -hastate, -lanceolate, -lenticular, -orbicular, -orbiculate, -pectinate(d, -penniform, -pinnate, -reniform, -sagittate(d, -terete.*

Sometimes represented by ½, as ½-hastate, ½-sagittate.

1857 A. Gray *First Less. Bot.* (1866) Gloss., **Semiadherent*, as the calyx or ovary of Purslane. 1876 Harley *Mat. Med.* 431 Ovary *semi-adnate. 1753 *Chambers' Cycl.* Suppl. s. v. *Leaf*, **Semamplexicaule Leaf*, one resembling the *amplexicaule*, but with its lobes at the base too small to entirely surround the stalk. 1877 Hulme *Wild Flowers* Ser. I. p. xiv, The upper [leaves]..sinuate, semi-amplexicaul. 1846 Lindley *Veget. Kingd.* 368 Ovules..amphitropal or *semi-anatropal. 1839 — *Introd. Bot.* I. ii. (ed. 3) 215 There is the amphitropous ovule, whose foraminal and chalazal ends are transverse with respect to the hilum, which is connected with the latter by a short raphe; and the *semianatropous, which is only different from the last, in the ovule being parallel with the funiculus instead of being at right angles with it. 1857 T. Moore *Handbk. Brit. Ferns* (ed. 3) 43 Scales..*semi-appressed. 1775 J. Jenkinson *Brit. Plants* Gloss., **Semibifid*, half way divided into two. *Ibid.*, **Semicordate*, half cordate. 1826 Kirby & Sp. *Entomol.* xxxv. III. 641 The wings..in several of the Heteropterous *Hemiptera* ..may..be termed semicordate or semiovate. 1845 *Encycl. Metrop.* XXIII. 640/2 The posterior pair [of the lamina in *Pseudoboa Cærulea*] large, semicordate. 1877 Coues *Monogr. N. Amer. Rodentia* 549 Seventh cervical *semicostiferous, without vertebrarterial canal. 1836–9 *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* II. 330/1 A *semi-crescentic membrane. 1900 B. D. Jackson *Gloss. Bot. Terms*, **Semicuneate*, half-equitant. 1822 J. Parkinson *Outl. Oryctol. 221 Chama..unicornaria*: subimbricated, rough, with unequal, *semierect, vaulted squamæ. 1851 Carpenter *Man. Phys.* (ed. 2) 556 The semi-erect Apes. 1853 Royle *Mat. Med.* (ed. 2) 402 Stipules..*semihastate, spreading, minute. 1900 B. D. Jackson *Gloss. Bot. Terms*, **Semilanceolate*, half-lanceolate, longitudinally divided. 1794 Kirwan *Elem. Min.* (ed. 2) I. 99 A dark blue limestone, of a conchoidal or *semilenticular form. 1775 J. Jenkinson *Brit. Plants* Gloss., **Semiorbicular*, half orbicular. 1860 L. Reeve *Elem. Conchol.* I. 185 Aperture semiorbicular. 1816 T. Brown *Elem. Conchol.* 163 **Semi-orbiculate*, in the shape of a half globe. 1847 Johnston in *Proc. Berw. Nat. Club* II. v. 228 The 5th [joint]..furnished beneath with three or four pairs of neat *semi-pectinate processes. 1848 *Ibid.* vi. 308 A pair of *semipectinated processes or combs. 1826 Kirby & Sp. *Entomol.* xliii. IV. 178 A pair of *semipenniform muscles. 1878 Bell tr. *Gegenbaur's Comp. Anat.* 338 The right gill is generally developed on one side only, so that it is *semi-pinnate, owing to the disappearance of the second row of lamellæ. 1775 J. Jenkinson *Brit. Plants* Gloss., **Semiquinquifid*, half way divided into five. 1866 *Treas. Bot.* 1048 **Semi-reniform*, reniform on one side only. 1806 J. Galpine *Brit. Bot.* 329 Stipulæ *semi-sagittate. 1804 Shaw *Gen. Zool.* V. 361 *Semisagittated teeth. 1819 *Pantalogia*, **Semisexfid Calyx*, in botany, half-six-cleft. 1857 Moore *Handbk. Brit. Ferns* (ed. 3) 186 Stipes..*semiterete.

e. In *Building*, designating structural forms of half the full width, breadth, or girth, resulting from (usually) vertical or longitudinal bisection, as *semi-arch, -barrel vault, -bay, -channel, -counter-arch, -cross-rib, -cupola, -groove, -roll, -rotunda, -shaft, -transept, -vault*; **semi-basement**, a basement sunk only part of its depth below the ground surface; **semi-beam** = Cantilever 2; **semi-engaged** *a.*, (of a column) attached to a wall so that half its diameter projects; **semi-girder** = *semi-beam*; **semi-relief**, half-relief, mezzo-rilievo; so **semi-ball, -urn**, a ball, an urn in half-relief.

1823 P. Nicholson *Pract. Builder* 295 To determine the centre of gravity of the *semi-arch. 1875 Brash *Eccl. Archit.* 99 A bold label..bearing a line of *semi-halls. 1905 *Daily Chron.* 18 Mar. 3/4 In the *semi-basement are carpenters' shops, laboratory, &c. *a* 1878 Scott *Lect. Archit.* I. 118 Not, as usual, embracing two bays, but two of these *semi-bays. 1850 E. Clark *Britannia & Conway Bridges* I. 276 The *semi-beam, or cantilever,..has to support half the weight of the beam..suspended from its extremity. 1908 J. G. Horner *Encycl. Pract. Engin., Semi-Beam.*—A beam supported at one end only. A cantilever. 1728 R. Morris *Ess. Anc. Archit.* 52 The two outward, or *Semi-Channels. 1751 Labelye *Westm. Bridge* 83 Two *Semicounter Arches butting against the opposite Side of the..Piers. 1835 R. Willis *Rem. Archit. Mid. Ages* vii. 79 The *semi-cross rib. 1869 Tozer *Highl. Turkey* I. 79 In the transepts are *semi-cupolas. 1886 Willis & Clark *Cambridge* II. 533 A hexastyle portico of *semi-engaged columns. *Ibid.* I. 273 The *semi-groove or 'rebate' which is cut..along the..edge 1703 T. N. *City & C. Purchaser* 30 Embossments, which resembles ..Beads in *Semi-relief. *a* 1878 Scott *Lect. Archit.* (1879) II. 80 The rib may be amplified by a central *semi-roll moulding. 1797 Holcroft tr. *Stolberg's Trav.* II. xlii. (ed. 2) 138 It rested on two *semi rotundas. 1853 Ruskin *Stones Ven.* III. 247 Small pilasters with *semi-shafts at their sides. 1783 T. Warton *Hist. Kiddington* (ed. 2) 2 There is a proportionable lateral projection, or southern *semitransept. *a* 1734 North *Life Ld. Kpr. North* (1742) 84 A Monument of white Marble..being an oblong *Semiurn upon a large Face of a Cube. 1798 Hutton *Course Math.* (1828) II. 176 The centre of gravity of the *semi-vault. *a* 1878 Scott *Lect. Archit.* I. 59 The continuous semi-vault would do away with clerestory windows.

f. *Cryst.* **semi-prismated, -tesseral, -tessular** *adjs.* (see quots.).

1805 R. Jameson *Char. Min.* (1817) 197 A crystal is named *semi-prismated, when only half of the edges on the common basis are obliterated by lateral planes. 1883 Heddle in *Encycl. Brit.* XVI. 355/2 Two *semitesseral forms with parallel faces occur..The two other semitesseral forms, the pentagonal dodecahedron and the pentagonal icositetrahedron, both bounded by irregular pentagons, have not yet been observed in nature. 1858 Mayne *Expos. Lex.*, **Semitessular*, term applied to a combination of the tessular system, into which the forms enter with only half the number of their faces.

g. *Her.* = Demi- B. 1, Half- II. b; as *semi-chevron, -saltire.*

1864 Boutell *Her. Hist. & Pop.* xiv. (ed. 3) 147 The Dexter *semi-chevrons are shown in combination with the sinister *semi-saltire. 1688 Holme *Armoury* III. 371/2 A *semi-Quadrant, of some called a demi-Quadrant.

h. *Printing.* † **semi-quadratures**, crotchets, square brackets; **semi-quotes** *colloq.*, single quotation-marks (' ').

1764 *Behmen's Wks.* I. Advt., Synonymous Expressions are placed..betwixt two *Semiquadratures [ ] in the Body of the Work.

7. = to the extent of (only) a half, imperfect(ly), incomplete(ly). **a.** With adjs. and sbs. expressing kinds or degrees of composition, consistency, texture, colour, as *semi-coagulated, -concrete, -crystalline, -digested, -ductile, -friable, -fused, -fusion, -grainy, -liquid, -lucent, -membranous, -opalescent, -pasty, -pellucid, -pellucidity, -petrified, -plastic, -purulent, -putrid, -resinous, -translucent, -volatile.* (See also d, f, i.)

1833 *Cycl. Pract. Med.* I. 386/1 *Semi-coagulated, in respect to consistence. 1876 Gross *Dis. Bladder* (ed. 3) 154 Nodules, of a *semiconcrete consistence. 1816 *Edin. Rev.* XXVI. 163 Primitive limestone of a..*semi-crystalline grain. 1888 Geikie *Text-bk. Geol.* II. II. § 4. 104 Truly vitreous rocks tend to graduate into the..semi-crystalline type. 1842 G. Bird in *Urin. Deposits* (1853) 254 The vomiting of the meal in a *semi-digested state. 1796 Kirwan *Elem. Min.* (ed. 2) II. 453 A grey *semi-ductil Regnlus. 1834 J. Forbes *Laennec's Dis. Chest* (ed. 4) 157 An opaque, very dry, *semi-friable matter. 1876 in *Ure's Dict.* (1878) IV. 599 By grinding the *semi-fused mass and treating it with water. 1791 Macie in *Phil. Trans.* LXXXI. 372 A *semi-fusion, or softening of the whole mass. 1855 J. Phillips *Man. Geol.* 260 The induration and semifusion of sandstones. 1756 P. Browne *Jamaica* 387 Thin, fleshy, or *semigelatinous lips. 1893 *Times* 13 Dec. 3/5 *Semi-grainy brownish crystallized. 1684 T. Burnet *Th. Earth* I. 125 While the mass was liquid or *semiliquid. 1818 Keats *Endym.* IV. 385 Smooth *semilucent mist. 1846 Dana *Zooph.* (1848) 625 Thin, *semi-membranous partitions. 1830 Lyell *Princ. Geol.* I. 213 This sinter has often a beautiful *semi-opalescent lustre. 1851 *Art Jrnl. Illustr. Catal.* p. iij*, At a temperature but just sufficient to maintain it in a *semi-pasty state. *a* 1728 Woodward *Nat. Hist. Fossils* (1729) I. I. 32 A light grey *Semi-pellucid Flint, 'Tis of much the same Complexion with the common Indian Achate. 1867 H. Macmillan *Bible Teach.* xii. (1870) 247 The purest agates..are not perfectly transparent; they are only semi-pellucid. 1828–32 Webster, **Semipellucidity*, the quality or state of being imperfectly transparent. 1853 Kane *Grinnell Exp.* xxvi. (1856) 211 As they strike her, the *semi-plastic mass is impressed with a mould of her side. 1734 Burton in *Phil. Trans.* XLII. 103 By a *semipurulent cancerous *Sanies*. 1762 Lysons ibid. LII. 639 The kidneys, in one of the subjects, are said to have been found putrid, in the other, *semiputrid. 1862 *Jrnl. Soc. Arts* X. 330/2 The *semi-resinous material would..resume..the form it was in prior to solution. 1832 *Nat. Philos. Thermom. & Pyrom.* I. 9 (U.K.S.), It consists of a ball and tube of *semitranslucent porcelain, highly baked. 1738 *Gentl. Mag.* VIII. 140/2 The grateful Bitter is of a middle Nature, *Semivolatile.

b. In designations of heresies, sects, and schools of thought, expressing partial adherence to the tenets or theories connoted by the second element of the compound, as *semi-antiministerial, -Apollinarism, -atheist, -Augustinian, -catholicism, -conformist, -Darwinian, -infidel, -Jesuit, -Judaizer, -Manicheanism, -nonconformist, -Pythagorean, -quietism, -quietist, -revolutionist, -Romanism, -Sadducee, -Sadduc(e)ism, -separatist, -socialism, -Socinian, -Tychonic, -universalist.*

1653 Gauden *Hierasp.* 190 These *Semiantiministeriall adversaries. 1855 Mozley *August. Doctr. Predest.* iii. 100 A *semi-Apollinarism in a soul imperfectly connected with the flesh, a *semi-Manicheanism in a flesh imperfectly connected with the soul of our Lord. *a* 1619 Fotheray *Atheom.* I. xii. § 1 (1622) 123 This is to be, but a *Semi-Atheist. 1879 M. Pattison *Milton* xi. 126 The two first Stuarts, coquetting with *semi-catholicism at home. 1685 D. Granville *Lett.* (Surtees No. 37) 210 A breach..which I do as much dread, as the phanatick and *semi-conformists do our union. 1903 (*title*) Doubts about Darwinism. By a *Semi-Darwinian. 1861 J. G. Shepparo *Fall of Rome* xii. 683 The..*semi-Gnostic notions [of the Templars]. 1833 J. H. Newman *Arians* I. v. (1876) 124 The change to the second position, or *semi-humanitarian, may be detected in the Sabellians. 1735–6 Gibson in Fraser *Berkeley* vii. (1871) 244 We have ..little trouble from professed infidels, but a great deal from *semi-infidels. *a* 1631 Donne *Serm.* xii. (1640) 113 A Jesuit, or a *Semi-Jesuit, a practising Papist, or a Sesqui-Jesuit. 1765 Maclaine tr. *Mosheim's Eccl. Hist.* xvi. II. iv. § 23 This little sect is branded by the Socinian writers, with the ignominious appellation of *Semi-Judaizers. 1655 Fuller *Ch. Hist.* IX. xvi. 161 How he interceded to qualifie the Arch-Bishop, for a *Semi-non conformist. 1857 Pusey *Real Presence* iii. (1869) 247 Parker, whom, for his belief in the sacraments, his adversaries called 'Lutheran or *Semi-Papist'. 1865 Grote *Plato* I. i. 15 *note*, Alkmæon, a *semi-Pythagorean. 1876 Sweeney in *Baker's Sancta Sophia* (1908) 493 The Quietism of Molinos, and the *semi-Quietism of Madame Guyon. 1882 McClintock & Strong *Cycl. Bibl. Lit.* VIII. 847 (Cassell) Fénelon and Madame Guyon ..are..usually called *semi-Quietists. 1812 Coleridge in *Lit. Rem.* (1836) I. 298 Curio, the *quondam* patriot, reformer, and *semi-revolutionist. 1847 *Edin. Rev.* Oct. 325 Church architecture has been set up under our own eyes as the banner of a more than *semi-Romanism. 1690 Baxter *Kingd. Christ* (1691) 46 You brand all that dissent from you as *Semi-Sadducees of the Apostacy. *Ibid.* 42 He that accuseth others of *Semi-Sadduceism of the Apostasie. 1691 Beverley *Thousand Years' Kingd.* 4 Antichristian Semi-Sadducism. *a* 1628 F. Grevil *Disc. Nat. Episc.* II. vi. (1641) 90 The *Separist* is subdivided too (as they say) into *Seperatist*, and **Semi-seperatist*. 1647 Pagitt *Heresiogr.* (ed. 4) 81 There is a sort of Semi-separatists, that will heare our Sermons, but not our Common-prayers. 1886 W. Morris in Mackail *Life* (1899) II. 167, I have a long letter from W. Birchall..about *semi-Socialism. 1834 *Tracts for Times* No. 22. 4 A *semi-socinian or five-quarter latitudinarian. 1786–7 Bonnycastle *Astron.* iv. 63 He was abandoned by some of his followers, who chose rather to save this immense labour to the spheres, by ascribing a diurnal motion to the earth; on which accounnt they were distinguished by the name of *Semi-Tychonics. 1794 G. Adams *Nat. & Exp. Philos.* IV. xxxiii. 2 [Aristotle] speaks of a set of men, who held a system essentially similar to that of the modern Semitychonic. 1765 Maclaine tr. *Mosheim's Eccl. Hist.* XVII. II. II. § 12 The Reformed Church was immediately divided into Universalists, *Semi-universalists, Supralapsarians, and Sublapsarians.

c. *Gram.*, as *semi-nasal* adj.; **semi-consonant** = Semivowel; **semi-deponent**, a verb in Latin of which the tenses of the present group have active forms and those of the perfect group passive forms, as *gaudeo, gavisus sum*; † **semi-pause**, a slight pause or cæsura; **semiphonotypy**, printing in a 'reformed' spelling intermediate between the traditional and purely phonetic spelling; **semi-rhythm**, free-rhythm verse; † **semi-spiritous** *a.*, (of a consonant) voiced; **semi-telic** *a.*, partially final or expressing purpose.

1828 Walker *Pron. Dict.* 17/1 These two letters [*w* and *y*] are so far from being simple vowels, that they may more properly be called *semi-consonant diphthongs. 1888 Kennedy *Revised Lat. Primer* (1900) § 6. *Ibid.* § 127 Some Verbs have a Perfect of Passive form with a Present of Active form; they are called **semi-deponents*. 1863 A. M. Bell *Princ. Speech* 178 The Englishman's difficulty in giving the Gallic effect to the French *semi-nasal elements. 1762 Kames *Elem. Crit.* xviii. (1774) II. 127 A *semipause..being short and faint, is not sensibly disagreeable when it divides a word. 1824 [see *demi-cæsura*, Demi- 11]. 1876 Max Müller *Sel. Ess.* (1881) I. 259 A style of spelling will now be introduced which has received the name of *Semiphonotypy. 1893 G. A. Greene *Italian Lyrist, Luigi Capuana* 54 The exact metre, ..is, as might be expected from ' *semi-rhythms', somewhat difficult to ascertain. 1668 Wilkins *Real Char.* 369 By *Semi-spiritous or half breathed Consonants, are meant such as are accompanied with some kind of vocal murmure, as B, D, G. 1865 Alford *Grk. Test.* III. 285 When we are speaking of the divine proceedings, the tendency involves the purpose, and there is no need for a *semi-telic force.

d. *Nat. Hist.* = imperfectly, incompletely, partly (of a certain habit, form, texture, etc.), as *semi-aquatic, -arborescent, -articulate, -complete, -complicated, -connate, -coriaceous, -corneous, -crustaceous, -granulate, -heterocercal, -horny, -hyaline, -imbricated, -immersed, -internal, -osseous, -oviparous, -permeable, perspicuous, -petaloid, -radiate, -recondite, -retractile, -revolute, -septate, -spiral, -staminate, -striate, -striated, -valvate, -verticillate.*

1833 Hooker in J. E. Smith *Eng. Flora* V. i. 112 Among *Sphagnum* and other *semi-aquatic mosses. 1910 Roosevelt *Afr. Game Trails* 126 They [buffalo] are semi-aqnatic beasts. 1880 C. R. Markham *Peruv. Bark* 236 The vegetation..is of a *semi-arborescent character. 1815 Kirby & Sp. *Entomol.* I. 68 Those of the Linnean order Hemiptera, which resemble the perfect insect, except in having only the rudiments of wings, and to which the name of *semi-complete pupæ was applied by Linnè. 1822 J. Parkinson *Outl. Oryctol.* 225 Valves *semicomplicated. 1900 B. D. Jackson *Gloss. Bot. Terms*, **Semiconnate*, applied to such structures as the half-united filaments of certain willows. 1852 Th. Ross tr. *Humboldt's Trav.* II. xxiv. 451 The *semi-coriaceous leaves. 1835–6 *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* I. 703/1 A brownish and *semi-corneous filament. 1771 *Encycl. Brit.* III. 364/1 The Hemiptera have four wings, the two superior ones being *semicrustaceous, and incumbent. 1815 Burrow *Elem. Conchol.* 185 Shell 8-valved, *semi-granulate. 1787 Hunter in *Phil. Trans.* LXXVII. 404 A *semi-horny substance. 1819 Samouelle *Entomol. Compend.* 230 *Asiraca clavicornis*..elytra *semihyaline. 1840 tr. *Cuvier's Anim. Kingd.* 280 The scales are square, thick, and *semi-imbricated. 1871 W. A. Leighton *Lichen-Flora* 417 Apothecia large,..*semi-immersed in thalline elevations. 1843 Kirby & Sp. *Entomol.* (ed. 6) I. 289 This insect is a *semi-internal parasite. 1822 J. Parkinson *Outl. Oryctol.* 191 The ligament internal or semi-internal. 1841 H. Miller *Old Red Sandstone* iv. (1887) 95 The *semi-osseous..icthyolites of the Lower Old Red Sandstone. 1897 *Pop. Sci. Monthly* Nov.

7 The oötiçoids or *semi-oviparous mammals. 1900 W. Ramsay in *Smithsonian Rep.* 253 A vessel the walls of which are permeable to the solvent, but not to the dissolved substance ('*semipermeable membrane'). 1681 Grew *Museum* III. iv. 288 Of the colour of yellow Amber, and *semiperspicuous. 1830 Lindley *Nat. Syst. Bot.* 86 Cycnia has a *semipetaloid irregular calyx and no petals. 1900 B. D. Jackson *Gloss. Bot. Terms*, **Semiradiate*, when only a portion of the outer florets of a Composite are radiant and different from those of the disk. 1826 Kirby & Sp. *Entomol.* IV. 306 *Semirecondite... When the head is half covered by the shield of the thorax. 1883 Flower in *Encycl. Brit.* XV. 440/2 Claws short, compressed, acute, curved, often *semi-retractile. *a* 1843 South in *Encycl. Metrop.* VII. 289/1 Sometimes, as in the *semi-revolute Shells, the whorls are perfectly distinct from each other. 1866 *Treas. Bot.*, **Semiseptate*, half-partitioned; having a dissepiment which does not project into the cavity to which it belongs sufficiently to cut it off into two separate cells. 1828 Stark *Elem. Nat. Hist.* II. 33 Shell ovate, inflated, *semispiral. 1900 B. D. Jackson *Gloss. Bot. Terms*, **Semistaminate*, when part of the stamens are changed into petals. 1815 Burrow *Elem. Conchol.* 131 Shell 8-valved, *semistriate. 1900 B. D. Jackson *Gloss. Bot. Terms*, **Semivalvate*, when the valves of a fruit are only partially dehiscent. 1847–54 Webster, **Semiverticillate*, partially verticillate.

e. Designating an animal or vegetable form, class, species, etc., which has only some of the characteristics of that denoted by the second element, or is intermediate between that and another, as *semi-ape* (= Half-ape, lemur), *-avocet*, *burrower*, *-egret*, *-lichen*, *-looper* (cf. Half-looper), *-parasite* (whence *-parasitic* adj., *-parasitism*), *-pupa* (whence *-pupal* adj.), *-rapacious* adj., *-stilt*; similarly in anglicized forms of L. names of zoological groups, etc., as *semi-digitigrade*, *-phyllidian*, *-plantigrade* = belonging to (or a member of) the groups *Semidigitigrada*, *Semiphyllidiana*, *Semiplantigrada*; **semi-nymph** [= F. *semi-nymphe*], a nymph of such insects as undergo only a slight change in passing to the imago state.

1886 Seebohm in *Ibis* July 227 The four groups of which we are in search are Stilts, Semi-stilts, Avocets, and *Semi-avocets. 1864–5 Wood *Homes without H.* ii. (1868) 76 Among the *semi-burrowers we may rank the Starling..as this bird invariably lays its eggs in a hollow of some kind. 1864 *Reader* 23 Apr. 525/3 They [*sc.* the *Lemurini*] are all plantigrade or *semi-digitigrade. 1880 Newton in *Encycl. Brit.* XI. 760/2 The group of *Semi-egrets, containing some nine or ten forms. 1900 B. D. Jackson *Gloss. Bot. Terms*, **Semilichen*, Zukal's term for forms which when destitute of their appropriate Alga can subsist as saprophytes. 1880 *Libr. Univ. Knowl.* I. 706 The larva [of southern army-worm or cotton-worm] is a *semi-looper. 1899 D. Sharp *Insects* vi. 415 When the abdominal legs are reduced in number (*Plusia*, e.g.) the larvae are said to be Half-loopers, or Semi-loopers, as they assume to some extent the peculiar mode of progression of the Geometrid larvae, which are known as Loopers. 1815 Kirby & Sp. *Entomol.* iii. (1818) I. 68 Those of the Linnean order Hemiptera..to which the name of semi-complete pupæ was applied by Linné, and that of *semi-nymphs by some other authors. 1868 Watts *Dict. Chem.* IV. 354 Green perfect parasites (*Viscum*), and more or less coloured *semi-parasites (*Melampyrum arvense*). 1878–80 Brady (*title*) Monograph of the Free and *Semi-parasitic Copepoda of the British Islands. 1894 *Proc. Boston Soc. Nat. Hist.* XXVI. 338 The head..is without a labrum or epipharynx, a loss due to adaptation to its suctorial habits and *semiparasitism. 1839 *Penny Cycl.* XIV. 322/1 Inferobranchians (Phillidians and *Semi-phillidians). 1870 H. A. Nicholson *Man. Zool.* lxxix. (1875) 634 The second family of the *Semi-plantigrade Carnivores is that of the Viverridæ. 1668 Wilkins *Real Char.* 145 *Semirapacious; feeding commonly either on Carrion, or other things, and more seldome on living Animals. 1886 *Semi-stilt [see *semi-avocet* above].

f. In *Anatomy*, chiefly in names (in Latin form, but occas. anglicized) of muscles (*a*) situated partly in a certain region, as *semi-interrosseus*, *-spinalis*, or (*b*) being partly of a certain texture or shape, as *semi-membranosus* (also *-membranous*), *-nervosus*, *-orbicularis* (also *-orbicular*), *-tendinosus* (also *-tendinous*, *-tendinose*); also *semi-decussation*, *-intercostal*, *-mucous*, *-sarcodic*; **semi-bulb**, the bulbus vestibuli, either of two vascular bodies on either side of the entrance of the vagina.

1855 Dunglison *Medical Lexicon*, *Semi-bulb of the female, *Bulbus vestibuli*. 1855 Brewster *Newton* I. x. 226 The *semi-decussation of the optic nerves. 1733 Douglas *Winslow's Anat.* (1756) II. 24 *Semi-intercostal Arteries. *Ibid.* I. 202 The Antithenar or Internal *Semi-Interosseus of the Thumb. *Ibid.* 216 *Semi-Membranosus. This is a long thin Muscle, partly Tendinous, from whence it has its name. 1875 Turner in *Encycl. Brit.* I. 841/1 The biceps [is inserted] into the head of the fibula, and semi-tendinosus and semi-membranosus into the upper end of the tibia. 1896 Treves *Syst. Surg.* II. 31 An enlargement of the bursa between the semi-membranosus and inner head of the gastrocnemius. 1758 J. S. *Le Dran's Observ. Surg.* (1771) Dict. Cc 8 *Semimembranosus*, the *Semi-membranous Muscle that serves to move the Leg. 1843 Graves *Syst. Clin. Med.* xxvii. 350 The external skin or *semimucous membrane of the male. 1693 tr. *Blancard's Phys. Dict.* (ed. 2), *Seminervosus Musculus*, the *Semi-nervous Muscle. 1704 J. Harris *Lex. Techn.*, **Semi-nervosus*, *seu Semi-tendinosus*, a Muscle of the Thigh, which is so called from its being half Tendinous and Nerve-like. 1733 Douglas *Winslow's Anat.* (1756) II. 346 The superior *Semi-Orbicular Muscle is oftentimes broader than the inferior. *Ibid.*, The *Semi-Orbiculares are commonly looked upon as one Muscle, surrounding both Lips, from whence it is called Orbicularis. 1879 tr. *De Quatrefages' Hum. Spec.* 4 The *semi-sarcodic substance which surrounds their siliceous or horny skeleton. 1753 *Chambers' Cycl.* Suppl., **Semispinalis*, a muscle, called also *transversospinalis dorsi*. 1875 Turner in *Encycl. Brit.* I. 835/1 The semispinales, multifidi and rotatores spinæ muscles. 1704 **Semitendinosus* [see *seminervosus*]. 1733 Douglas *Winslow's Anat.* (1756) I. 215 This Tendon is inserted..above the Semi-Tendinosus. 1875 Turner in *Encycl. Brit.* I. 841/1 The action of the sartorius, gracilis and semi-tendinosus, which are inserted close together into the tibia. 1733 Douglas *Winslow's Anat.* (1756) I. § 677 The Muscles which move the Vertebræ of the Back and Loins..were they to be reckoned separately as Vertebral or *Semi-Vertebral Muscles.

g. In *Pathology* and *Therapeutics*, as *semi-albinism*, *-coma*, *-comatose*, *-confluent*, *-fluctuant*, *-fluctuating*, *-hepatization*, *-luxation*, *-malignant*, *-pectoral*, *-prone* (whence *-pronation*), *-recumbent*, *-supination*.

1898 *Syd. Soc. Lex.*, **Semi-albinism*, a half-white condition of the skin, sometimes occurring in negroes. 1897 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* II. 202 Delirium..verging into *semi-coma. 1878 A. M. Hamilton *Nervous Dis.* 36 She complained of vertical headache, became *semi-comatose. 1887 *Cassell's Encycl. Dict.*, **Semiconfluent*, half confluent. Used spec. of a kind of small-pox. 1897 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* II. 1137 An elastic *semifluctuant sensation on percussion. 1872 T. Bryant *Pract. Surg.* 734 Fixed *semifluctuating growths. 1879 *St. George's Hosp. Rep.* IX. 73 *Semi-hepatization of left lung. 1898 *Syd. Soc. Lex.*, **Semi-luxation*, a syn. for *Subluxation*. 1864 Erichsen *Sci. & Art Surg.* (ed. 4) 469 *Semi-Malignant Tumours. 1881 *Trans. Obstetr. Soc. Lond.* XXII. 284 The patient resting either in the *semi-prone or *semi-pectoral position. 1898 *Syd. Soc. Lex.*, **Semipronation*, the Semi-prone position, or the assuming of that position. 1875 Bedford *Sailor's Pocket Bk.* viii. (ed. 2) 308 The individual should be placed in a *semi-recumbent position. 1889 *Buck's Handbk. Med. Sci.* VIII. 534 When the hand is *semisupinated, *i.e.*, with the radius and ulna parallel. 1898 *Syd. Soc. Lex.*, **Semisupination*, half-supination. A position halfway between supination and lying on the side.

h. In *Chemistry*, as *semi-acid*, *-acidified*, *-carbonization*, †*-oxidated*, *-oxygenated*, *-oxygenized*, †*-phlogisticated*, †*-saline*; in the designation of a class of compounds, as *semi-benzidam*, *-glutin* (see quot. 1879), *-naphthalidine*; also †**semi-carbonate**, a subcarbonate; **semi-combined** *a.*, partially or loosely combined; **semi-normal** *a.* (see quot.).

1880 *Webster's Suppl.*, **Semiacid*. 1796 Kirwan *Elem. Min.* (ed. 2) II. 91 The Calx which is certainly *semi-acidified. 1868 Watts *Dict. Chem.* V. 233 *Semibenzidam, this name was given by Zinin to a compound produced by the action of sulphide of ammonium on dinitrobenzene. 1808 *Phil. Trans.* XCVIII. 98 A saturated soda..becomes a true *semi-carbonate by being exposed..to a red heat. 1804 *Ibid.* XCIV. 400 Woody fibre in a state of *semicarbonization. 1879 *Encycl. Brit.* X. 132/2 Two distinct substances could be separated, one precipitable by perchloride of platinum, which be [Hofmeister] calls *semiglutin, and the other.. which he calls hemicollin. 1852 W. Gregory *Handbk. Org. Chem.* 344 *Seminaphtalidine, $C_{10}H_5N$, is obtained when nitronaphtalèse is treated by Zinin's process. 1868 Watts *Dict. Chem.* V. 233 *Seminaphthylamine, $C^{10}H^8N^2$..; also called Seminaphthalidine, Seminaphthalidam, and Azonaphthylamine...A base produced by the action of sulphydrate of ammonium on dinitronaphthalene. 1896 Gould *Student's Med. Dict.*, **Seminormal Solution*, one containing in solution half the quantity of the substance contained in the normal solution. 1794 Kirwan *Elem. Min.* (ed. 2) I. 365 Moist *semi-oxygenated calces of iron. *a* 1846 Ure (cited by Worcester), **Semi-oxygenized*. 1805 Saunders *Min. Waters* 556 A very soluble *semi-oxydated calx. 1828–32 Webster, **Semiphlogisticated*, partially impregnated with phlogiston. 1799 *Med. Frnl.* I. 379 The neutral and *semi-saline combinations before specified.

i. In *Geology*, *Mineralogy*, and *Geography*, as *semi-aluminous*, *-arid*, *-calcareous*, *compact(ed*, *-deltaic*, *-desert*, *-extinct*, *-fossil*, *-granitic*, *-hard*, *-indurated*, *-lapidified*, *-mineralized*, *-porphyritic*, *-stratified*, *-volcanic* adjs.; **semi-anthracite**, **semi-bituminous** *a.* (see quot.); †**semiprimigenous** *a.*, applied by Kirwan to formations intermediate between the primary and the secondary; †**semi-protolite** (Kirwan), a 'semi-primigenous' fossil.

1841 Miller *Old Red Sandstone* vi. (1887) 127 The stratified clay is mottled by layers of *semi-aluminous, semi-calcareous nodules. 1858 H. D. Rogers *Geol. Pennsylv.* II. ii. 900 The Anthracites being properly separable into Hard Anthracites and *Semi-anthracites; the Bituminous Coals into dry or *Semi-bituminous, and fat or true Bituminous Coals. 1898 *Pop. Sci. Monthly* LII. 466 In the *semiarid region the struggle for existence is so great. 1841 *Semi-calcareous [see *semi-aluminous*]. 1794 Kirwan *Elem. Min.* (ed. 2) I. 158 A *semicompact mass of the nature of porcelain. 1796 *Ibid.* II. 348 A *semi-compacted coagulated mass. 1849 Dana *Geol.* vii. (1850) 433 The *semi-continent New Holland. 1898 *Engineering Mag.* XVI. 106 Rivers may be divided into four great classes: (1) the tidal; (2) the deltaic; (3) the *semi-deltaic; and (4) the torrential. 1849 Dana *Geol.* ix. (1850) 455 The *semi-desert of California. 1903 W. R. Fisher tr. *Schimper's Plant Geog.* 163 Transition forms between desert on the one hand, and woodland or grassland on the other, are termed semi-deserts. 1839 G. Roberts *Dict. Geol., Solfatara*, a *semi-extinct volcano, emitting only gaseous sulphurous exhalations, and aqueous vapours. 1896 H. Woodward *Guide Fossil Reptiles Brit. Mus.* 93 Teeth of Sharks..in a *semi-fossil state. 1791 Beddoes in *Phil. Trans.* LXXXI. 50 *Semi-granitic, porphyritic, and common whinstone. 1811 Pinkerton *Petral.* II. 197 A little more than *semi-hard, only being capable of being scratched with the point of a knife. 1794 Kirwan *Elem. Min.* (ed. 2) I. 76 Mild Calx in a loose or *semi-indurated form. 1799 Kirwan *Geol. Ess.* 236 Hills of *semi-lapidified marl. 1802 Playfair *Illustr. Hutton. Theory* 153 This *semi-mineralized coal. 1839 De la Beche *Rep. Geol. Cornwall*, etc. iii. 83 Some very remarkable rocks with a *semi-porphyritic character. 1799 Kirwan *Geol. Ess.* 44 *Semi-primigenous strata (Todliegendes). *Ibid.* 307 After this shale and coal alternate until all terminate in red *semiprotolite. 1890 Dana *Charact. Volcanoes* 23 The eruptions are only *semi-volcanic.

j. In names of articles or processes of manufacture: **semi-china**, **-porcelain**, ware resembling china, etc., but having an inferior glaze, finish, etc.; **semi-steel**, a steely iron produced in the puddling furnace, puddled steel; **semi-water-gas**, a fuel gas made by blowing a mixture of steam and air into a producer.

1786 Cavallo in *Phil. Trans.* LXXVII. 9 The *semi-calcined part floats at the top. 1825 J. Nicholson *Oper. Mech.* 482 The blue printed tea-ware has recently obtained the name of *semi-china, owing to its being, when well fired, very fine, white and neat, and possessing some degree of transparency. 1892 *Labour Commission* Gloss., **Semi-dried bricks*, bricks manufactured from clay, one half dry and the other half damp. 1878 *Encycl. Brit.* VIII. 188/2 The *semi-dry or 'dust' process of manufacturing encaustic tiles. 1897 Sparkes & Ganoy *Potters* 40 The kind of *semi-glaze known as a 'smear'. 1893 Barber *Pottery & Porcel.* 391 The *semi-glazed old-gold color of the adjacent terra-cotta. 1886 *Guide Exhib. Galleries Brit. Mus.* 210 The pottery *semi-porcelain, and porcelain known as Kutani ware, made in the province of Kaga. 1908 *Ch. Times* 20 Mar. 394/2 Pretty novelties in semi-porcelain. 1861 Fairbairn *Iron* 141 What he [Bessemer] calls *semi-steel. 1910 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 11) XI. 286/1 *Semi-water gas is especially adapted for the purpose of driving gas-engines on the explosive principle (gas motors).

k. Denoting styles of architecture having only some of the features connoted by the second element, as *semi-classic*, *-Gothic*, *-Norman*.

1843 Bloxam *Gothic Archit.* (ed. 5) 219 Key-stones after the Roman or Italian *semi-classic style. 1829 *Ibid.* 31 *Semi-Norman Pointed Arch.

l. In names of mechanical contrivances (see quots.).

1908 J. G. Horner *Encycl. Pract. Engin.*, **Semi-Automatic.*—This is practically identical in meaning with the term self-acting. It signifies a machine, some of the movements only of which are automatic, and which therefore requires constant attendance. 1884 Knight *Dict. Mech.* Suppl. 796 **Semifixed*, said of a steam engine bolted to an iron foundation piece on which it may be moved intact. *Ibid.*, **Semi-multi-flue Boiler*, a flue-plate is fixed in the flue a short distance behind the furnace, and a number of wrought-iron or brass flues pass from this to the back of the boiler. *Ibid.*, **Semi-multi-tubular Boiler*, a term applied to those boilers in which a portion of the cylindrical shell is occupied by flues. 1753 *Chambers' Cycl.* Suppl., **Semireverberatory fire*, in chemistry, a term used to express such a reverberatory fire, in which the flame is only beaten back upon the bottom of the vessel. 1908 *Daily Chron.* 6 Aug. 1/2 The so-called *semi-rigid airships.

8. Miscellaneous: **semi-armour-piercer**, **-piercing**, applied to a kind of shell for perforating some thickness of armour plate; †**semi-brick** [after L. *sēmilater*], a half-baked brick; **semi-bull** *R.C.Ch.*, a bull issued by a pope before his coronation (Cass.); **semi-cardinal**, applied to the points of the compass half-way between the cardinal points, as NE.; †**semi-cipher**, *fig.* a nothing or nobody; **semi-closed** *a. Fortif.* (see quot.); †**semi-commoner**, a demy of Magdalen College, Oxford; **semi-conducting** *a. Electr.*, intermediate between a good conductor and a non-conductor; so **semi-conductor**; **semi-cretin**, 'a variety of cretin who can speak in a rudimentary way and can appreciate his everyday bodily necessities' (*Syd. Soc. Lex.* 1898); **semi-definite** *a. Logic*, implying 'some but not all'; **semi-final**, in football and other contests, the match or round immediately preceding the final one; **semi-grand** *a.* and *sb.*, a modified form of the grand piano; **semi-high** *a.* = *half-high* (see Half- 4); **semi-hoop**, a semicircular arc or arch; **semi-island**, **-islet**, a piece of land that becomes insular at high tide; **semi-logical** *a.* (see quot.); **semi-mute** *a.* and *sb.*, applied to those who, through deafness, speak only imperfectly; **semi-precious** *a.*, (of stones) that may be cut and polished but are not of sufficient value to rank as gems; **semi-proof**, proof depending on the evidence of a single witness; †**semi-time**, 'half a time' (see Rev. xii. 14 and cf. Dan. vii. 25, xii. 7); **semi-tint** (see quot. 1752; = *half-tint*); **semi-tropic(al** *a.*, subtropical; so **semi-tropics**.

1895 *Daily News* 14 Nov. 6/5 This company was supplying *semi-armour-piercers, built to perforate a considerable thickness of armour and to burst sufficiently inside. 1898 *Westm. Gaz.* 9 June 5/1 *Semi-armour piercing shell and other ammunition. 1601 Holland *Pliny* xix. x. II. 32 Water wherein the pouder of a *semi-bricke or halfe-baked tile is mingled. 1653 R. G. tr. *Bacon's Hist. Winds* 20 Let Cardinall windes be those which blow from corners or Angles of the World: *Semi-cardinall, those which blow in the halfe wards of those. ? 1550 R. Bieston *Bayle Fortune* A iij, Loe there goeth a *semesypher in algorisme, There goeth a wretch, a foole, and a barat bringer. 1888 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 12 June 3/2 The works in which these guns should..be mounted.. must be of the kind known technically as '*semi-closed', strong enough to prevent a detachment takiog them in the rear. 1691 Wood *Ath. Oxon.* I. 14 William Lilye was.. Elected one of the Demies or *Semi-commoners of St. Mary Magd. Coll. in 1486. 1715 M. Davies *Athen. Brit.* I. 36 The foresaid William Grocyn, became a Divine or Semicommoner of St. Mary Magdalen College, Oxon. 1787 Cavallo in *Phil. Trans.* LXXVIII. 7 A *semi-conducting or imper-

fectly insulating plane. 1879 G. Prescott *Sp. Telephone* iv, Carbon and certain other *semi-conductors. *a* 1856 Sir W. Hamilton *Logic* App. (1860) II. 279 Here *some* may mean *some only—some not all*. Here *some*, though always in a certain degree indefinite, is definite so far as it excludes omnitude,—is used in opposition to all. This I would call its *Semi-definite meaning. 1864 Bowen *Logic* v. 137 Whenever we predicate a Genus of a Species, the Predicate is obviously quantified as Particular; and *some*, which is the predesignation of particularity, must then be thought in its semi-definite sense. 1884 *Truth* 13 Mar. 369/2 The *semi-final tie between Notts County and the Blackburn Rovers. 1895 *Daily News* 21 Feb. 5/5 Sunderland, the favourites for the trophy,..are pretty certain to obtain a place in the semi-final. 1835 *Court Mag.* VI. 220/2 Several *semi-grands were also shown to us: these were equal in power to ordinary grand piano-fortes, but with a lengthened undulation of sound. 1842 *Penny Mag.* 30 Apr. 172/1 The semi-grand pianoforte. 1875 Browning *Inn Album* II. 45 A brand-new bore she calls a 'semi-grand'. 1905 *Daily Chron.* 2 Nov. 3/5 *Semi-high bodices. 1687 Wood *Life* (O.H.S.) III. 226 They caused..the forefront..of the arches of the several gates to be trimmed up with bowes and green leaves tied to a *semi-hoop. 1835–6 *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* I. 283/2 In the true *Rasores*..the posterior lateral processes pass backwards exterior to the ribs, supporting them in the Capercailzie, like a semi-hoop. 1870 F. R. Wilson *Ch. Lindisf.* 20 The Venerable Bede writes of Lindisfarne as a *semi-island. 1867 Smyth *Sailor's Word-bk.*, *Semi-islet*, an old term for *bridge-islet*. 1827 Whately *Logic* (ed. 2) 138 The other kind [of Logical Fallacies] may be most properly called *semi-logical; *viz.* all the cases of ambiguous middle Term except its non-distribution. 1864 Webster, *Semi-mute*. 1896 *Godey's Mag.* Feb. 163/1 The oral work which was at first only done for the benefit of semi-mutes. 1905 *Bookman* June 83/1 Metal clasps set with *semi-precious stones. 1728 Chambers *Cycl.*, *Semiproof*, an imperfect Proof. The Depositions of a single Evidence only make a Semi-proof. 1856 Bouvier *Law Dict.* (ed. 6), *Semi-proof*. Presumptions of fact are so called. 1664 H. More *Exp.* 7 *Epist.* vi. 105 Those people that keep my works to the end, to the last *semi-time of the Seven, they shall have power over the Pagan Christians. 1685—*Paralip. Prophet.* 236 A Semi-time (which I call also, in one word, an Hexamenon). 1752 Chambers *Cycl., Teints*, and *Semi-Teints*, in painting, denote the several colours used in a picture, considered as more or less high, or bright, or deep, or thin, or weakened, and diminished. 1773 *Gentl. Mag.* XLIII. 216 The great lights..are well enough coloured, but the semi-tints..are..without grace or variety. 1853 Kingsley *Hypatia* ix, The balmy *semi-tropic night. 1896 *Yearbk. U. S. Dept. Agric.* 191 The citrus and other semi-tropic fruits. 1860 *Semi-tropical [see *semi-alpine* in 1 above]. 1890 'R. Bolorewoo' *Col. Reformer* (1891) 214 The growth of certain semi-tropical crops. 1908 R. W. Chambers *Firing Line* x, These quaint little black quail of the *semi-tropics.

Semi, obs. form of Semée.

Semi-a·nimate, *a.* [f. Semi- + Animate *a.*, after L. *sēmianimis*, *-us*.] Half-alive. Also *fig.*

1815 Kirby & Sp. *Entomol.* (1818) I. 58 Should your greenhouse be infested with Aphides, or your grapery by the Semianimate Coccus. 1887 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 27 May 1/1 There are Bills before Parliament...They will remain in their present semi-animate condition. 1908 Saintsbury in *Cambr. Hist. Eng. Lit.* II. 209 The semi-animate condition of the final *-e*.

So **Semi-a·nimated** *a.*

1886 P. Robinson *Teetotum Trees* 96 A cloudy day [will] tempt them out for a semi-animated inspection of the world.

Semia·nimous, *a. rare.* [f. L. *sēmianim-is*, *-us* (*anima* life) + -ous.] = prec.

1825 Syd. Smith *Bentham's Bk. Fallacies* Wks. 1859 II. 70/2 Punished by semianimous semicadaverous judges. 1837 — *2nd Let. Singleton* ibid. 275/1 Semianimous on its back, or vigorous on its legs.

Semi-a·nnual, *a.* (and *sb.*) [Semi- 5 b. Cf. L. *sēmi-annuus* in sense 2, and F. *semi-annuel*.]

1. Recurring every half-year; half-yearly.

1794 [see Semi-diurnal 2]. 1803 *Phil. Trans.* XCIII. 470 Semi-annual solar Equation, Precession, and Refraction. 1860 (*title*) Semi-Annual United States Register. 1866 Crump *Banking* i. 33 Merchants are not in the habit of placing a semi-annual or even annual statement of their position before the public. 1868 *Rep. U. S. Comm. Agric.* (1869) 260 [Esparto] becoming more vigorous and abundant with yearly or semi-annual gathering.

2. Lasting for half a year (only); esp. of plants. Also *sb.* = semi-annual plant.

1882 *Encycl. Brit.* XIV. 857/1 The higher plants may be classed, according to duration of life, as follows:—annuals, or semi-annuals..biennials. 1888 Dawson *Geol. Hist. Plants* 258 Arctic semi-annual days and nights.

So **Semi-a·nnually** *adv.*, every half-year, once in every six months.

1828–32 in Webster. 1889 Farmer *Americanisms* s. v. *Papabotte*, It visits the Western prairies in large numbers semi-annually; early in the spring and late in the summer.

Semi-A·rian, *a.* and *sb.* [ad. eccl. L. *sēmiarīānus*: see Semi- 7 b and Arian.] **a.** *adj.* Partially Arian; used chiefly with reference to a sect which arose in the 4th cent. A.D., holding that the Son is of like substance (*ὁμοιούσιος*) but not of the same substance (*ὁμοούσιος*) with the Father. **b.** *sb.* One who holds Semi-Arian views.

a 1616 T. Rogers 39 *Art.* v. (1625) 23 Some affirme the holy Ghost to be but a meere creature, as did Arius, the Semiarians [etc.]. 1667 H. More *Div. Dial.* Schol., Wks. (1713) 549 The Semiarians, who affirm'd the Son to be in no wise of the same Substance with the Father, but allowed him in all things to be like him in Substance and Being. 1756–9 A. Butler *Lives of Saints, S. Meletius*, Eustathius, bishop of Sebaste, a semi-Arian. 1781 Gibbon *Decl. & F.* xxi. (1787) II. 267 The Arian and Semi-Arian factions. 1833 J. H. Newman *Arians* iv. ii, The Semi-Arian Creed.

Hence **Semi-A·rianism.**

1819 *Brit. Rev.* XIV. 81 From Calvinism, through the intermediate stages of Arianism and Semi-Arianism, into Socinianism, or Unitarianism. 1884 *Cath. Dict.* 50/2 In 359 the Emperor did his utmost to establish Semiarianism, but his efforts were in vain.

Semi-atta·ched, *ppl. a.* [Semi- 1.] Partially or loosely attached; also, = Semi-detached (mod. Dicts.).

1860 Thackeray *Lovel* ii, I say, why didn't I say this to her? She would have come, I feel sure she would. We would have been semi-attached as it were. 1860 [Emily Eden] (*title*) The Semi-Attached Couple.

† **Semi-axe.** *Obs.* [f. Semi- 6 b + Axe.] = next.

1728 tr. *Newton's Treat. Syst. World* 53 Put the semi-axe of the Earth's orbit 100000. 1780 Ludlam in *Phil. Trans.* LXX. 379 An ellipse, whose first semi-axe is CA.

Semi-a·xis. [Semi- 6 b.] The half of the axis of an ellipse, etc.

1743 *Phil. Trans.* XLII. 360 The Semiaxis of the Spheroid. 1816 Playfair *Nat. Phil.* II. 215 If a fixed star had an annual parallax that was sensible, it would appear to describe an ellipsis, of which the greater semi-axis was equal to that parallax. 1866 Herschel *Fam. Lect. Sci.* v. § 40. 213 The period of their mutual circulation may be stated at about ninety-six years, and the semiaxis of their mutual ellipse in angular measure at 4″·8. 1867 Smyth *Sailor's Word-bk.*, *Mean Distance*, the average distance of a planet from the sun; it is equal to half the longer axis of the ellipse, and hence is..termed the semi-axis-major.

Semi-barba·rian. [Semi- 2; cf. L. *sēmibarbarus*.] One who is half-barbarian.

1692 Bentley *Boyle Lect.* vi. 4 The rude and simple Semibarbarians of Lycaonia. 1774 Goldsm. *Nat. Hist.* (1824) I. 204 The sensual pleasures are the only study of the semibarbarian. 1853 White-Melville *Digby Grand* x, Those semi-barbarians of the north.

So **Se·mibarba·rianism, -barba·ric** *a.*, **-ba·rbarism, -ba·rbarous** *a.*

1828 *Examiner* 122/2 An intention on the part of the Sultan to proceed to extremities in the usual headlong style of haughty..*semi-barbarianism. 1864 Webster, *Semibarbaric*,..as semibarbaric display. 1817 Jas. Mill *Brit. India* I. II. iv. 164 The age of false refinement, which is that of *semibarbarism. *Ibid.* x. 437 Had the Hindus remained fixed from the earliest ages in the *semibarbarous state. 1894 J. T. Fowler *Adamnan* Introd. p. xxv, Its Latin is rude and semibarbarous in grammar and spelling.

† **Semi-bousy,** *a. Obs.* [Semi- 1.] Half drunk.

c 1400 *Beryn* 706 Som vnlusty persone, þat were nat welc awakid, or semybousy ouyr eye.

Semibreve (se·mibrīv). *Mus.* Also *a.* 6–7 semibriefe, -7 -eefe, 7–9 -ief. *β.* 6 sembreefe, 6–7 -iefe, 7 -ief, -eefe, -eve. [f. Semi- 5 c + Breve *sb.* 2, Brief *sb.* 8, after obs. F. *semibreve* (14th c.) or mod.L. *sēmibrevis*.] A note having half († in the greater prolation, one third) the length of a breve: in modern music the longest note in ordinary use. (Its figure is now an open oval ○.)

a. 1594 Barnfield *Sheph. Content* (Arb.) 25 No Briefes nor Semi-Briefes are in my Songs. 1601 Holland *Pliny* x. xxix. I. 286 [The nightingale] one while, full of her largs, longs, briefes, semibriefes, and minims; another while in her crotchets, quavers, semiquavers, and double semiquavers. 1696 Derham *Artif. Clock-maker* ii. 49 The first note in the 100th Psalm is a Semibrief. 1779 Sheridan *Critic* I. i, The signors and signoras..sliding their smooth semibreves, and gargling glib divisions. 1849 W. Irving *Goldsm.* xxxiv. 290 He pretended to score down an air as the poet played it, but put down crotchets and semi-breves at random. 1883 W. S. Rockstro in *Grove's Dict. Mus.* III. 459/2 Until the beginning of the 17th century, the Semibreve represented one third of a Perfect Breve, and the half of an Imperfect one.

β. 1591 J. Farmer *Diuers Waies* B i, 2. parts in one in the fourth, a sembriefe after the other. 1602 Campion *Art Eng. Poesie* I In Musick we do not say a straine of so many notes, but so many sem'brieves. 1609 *Ev. Woman in Hum.* I. i, in Bullen *O. Pl.* IV, I spend my breath to thee, and thou answerest me an houre after in a sembreve. *a* 1646 J. Gregory *Posthuma* (1649) 48 If there stood Minim or Sembrief in the upper part, there stood another against it in the lower and inner parts. 1678–1706 in Phillips.

b. The 'space' of a semibreve.

1845 S. Judd *Margaret* I. xvii, Great red coals roll out on the hearth, sparkle a semibrief,..and then dissolve into brown ashes.

c. *attrib.*, as *semibreve rest*; † **semibreve time**, (*a*) common time with two beats in a bar; (*b*) the time occupied by a semibreve.

1591 J. Farmer *Diuers Waies* C iij, The plainsong beneath beginning at the end, & so forward sembreefe time. 1598 E. Guilpin *Skial.* (1878) 14 All his talke's of crotchets and of quauers, His very words to sembriefe time doe fall. 1609 Dowland *Ornith. Microl.* 88 A perfect Mood is inwardly noted by a rest of 3. times. A perfect time by 2. Semibreefe Rests, placed with a Semibreefe. 1661 Blount *Glossogr.* (ed. 2), *Sembrief*, a slow time in Musick. 1662 Playford *Skill Mus.* I. x. (1674) 34 The Dupla or Semibreve Time (but many call it the Common Time, because most used). 1669 Cokaine *Poems* 79 His Life was but a Minum, till his prime; When as old Age should last out Sembrief-time. 1818 Busby *Gram. Mus.* 70 *note*, A Semibreve Rest forms.. a whole bar's rest in any time, or measure.

Hence † **Se·mibreved** *a.*, punctuated as with semibreve rests.

1631 Brathwait *Whimzies, Yealous Neighbour* 189 He fetcheth a deepe sigh, semi-brev'd in these words. 1641 — *Eng. Gentlew.* 288 Their discourse is semibrev'd with sighes, their talke with teares.

Semi-cartila·ginous, *a.* [Semi- 7 a.] Of a texture approaching that of cartilage. Of fishes: Having a semi-cartilaginous skeleton.

1806 A. Hunter *Culina* (ed. 3) 109 It is a singular circumstance, that those strong semi-cartilaginous substances should have the power of coagulating milk. 1829 *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 3) V. 374 Such [diseased] kidneys have generally a lobulated form and semicartilaginous hardness. 1841 Miller *Old Red Sandstone* iv. (1887) 95 The semi-cartilaginous..fishes. 1865 Lyell *Elem. Geol.* 553 Exchanged a..semi-cartilaginous spinal cord for an ossified one.

† **Semi-ca·seate**, *a. Obs.* [f. Semi- 1 + L. *cāseus* cheese + -ate 2.] Half converted into cheese.

1651 Biggs *New Disp.* ? 141 A lacteous semi-caseate & semi-petrified juice.

Semi-cho·ric, *a.* [f. next + -ic.] Pertaining to or of the nature of a semi-chorus. In mod. Dicts.

Semi-cho·rus. [mod.L., rendering Gr. *ἡμιχόριον*.] **a.** One of two parts into which the main body of a chorus is divided; chiefly *Mus.* **b.** A piece of music to be performed by a company of singers selected from a chorus.

1797 *Pope's Wks.* (ed. Warton) I. 159 Chorus of Youths and Virgins. Semichorus. 1820 Shelley *Prom. Unb.* II. ii, Semichorus I. of Spirits. 1828 R. Warner *Psalter* p. xxiii, When..one band began the hymn thus..the chorus, or semichorus, took up the corresponding versicle. 1847–54 Webster, *Semi-chorus*, a short chorus performed by a few singers. 1897 *Daily News* 15 June 7/5 The number..will be rendered.. by a semi-chorus consisting of the basses of the St. Paul's, Westminster Abbey, and Chapel Royal chorus.

† **Semicicle.** *Obs.* In 5 **semycicle**. [ad. med.L. **sēmicicla*, in Du Cange *semissecla*, f. *sēmi-* Semi- + *sicla* = *siclus* a liquid measure.] Half a pint.

c 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* VIII. 148 A sester and a semycicle [orig. *sextarii unius et semis*] take Of senuey seede.

Semicircle (se·misə:k'l). [ad. L. *sēmicirculus*: see Semi- 6 b and Circle *sb.*]

1. The half of a circle divided by a diameter, or the half of its circumference.

1526 *A. C. mery talys* 3 b, [Oxford scholar loq.] Cobler I pray the set me ..ii. tryangyls & ..ii. semy cercles vppon my subpedytals. 1551 Recorde *Pathw. Knowl.* I. Defin., If that part be separate from the rest of the circle..And if it be parted juste by the centre..then is it called a semicircle, or halfe compasse. 1571 Digges *Pantom.* I. B ij, A Semicircle or halfe Circle, doth conteine both the Dimetient and Centre of his circle, with the precise halfe of his circumference. 1610 Holland *Camden's Brit.* I. 208 A very antient towne..situat amidst hilles in forme of a semicircle. 1667 Primatt *City & C. Builder* 164 The measuring of a Semicircle, is the multiplying half the Diameter..by a quarter of the Circle. 1798 Hutton *Course Math.* I. 301 An Angle in a Semicircle, is a Right Angle.

2. A set of objects or an arrangement in the form of a half-circle; a semicircular form, formation, structure, etc.

1597 A. M. tr. *Guillemeau's Fr. Chirurg.* 27/1 We must file of all such teeth which will not be contayned in the semicircle of the other teeth. 1636 B. Jonson *Eng. Gram.* II. i. (1640) 70 Apostrophus..should, and of the learneder sort hath his signe and marke, which is such a Semicircle ' placed in the top. *a* 1674 Clarendon *Hist. Reb.* XV. § 54 The smaller ships..lay in a semicircle moored along the shore. 1726 Swift *Gulliver* I. i, The Chains..gave me ..the Liberty of walking backwards and forwards in a Semicircle. 1817 Shelley *Rev. Islam* I. 168 The pallid semicircle of the moon. 1831 in *Jrnl. Frankl. Inst.* VIII. (N. S.) 195 The teeth being placed on a fixed semi-circle. 1837 *Penny Cycl.* IX. 129/1 The semicircle of the orchestra. 1874 Black *Pr. Thule* ii, The harbour was overlooked by a semicircle of hills.

fig. *a* 1619 Beaum. & Fl. *Q. Corinth* IV. i, Has he given the lye In circle, or oblique, or semi-circle, Or direct parrallel? you must challenge him.

3. A semicircular instrument or one marked with a semicircle; now only = Graphometer.

1594 Blundevil *Exerc.* IV. (1597) 209 Another Circle of brasse plate..called the semi-Circle of position, which serueth chiefly for matters of Astronomie, as to find out the twelu houses of heauen. 1701 Moxon *Math. Instr.* 18 *Semicircle*, made of Brass, with an Index and sights, Box and Needle, Ball and Socket, and Staff; containing 180 Degrees, being half the Theodolet. 1712 J. James tr. *Le Blond's Gardening* 81 Instruments made use of for tracing upon the Ground.. are the Graphometre, or Semi-circle. *a* 1859 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* xxiv. V. 133 They meet at the corner of his park with paper and pencils, a pole, a chain and a semicircle, measure his fields.

Hence **Se·micircle** *v. trans.*, to surround with a semicircle; *intr.* to form a semicircle.

1813 Shelley *Q. Mab* I. 235 An immense concave..semicircled with a belt Flashing incessant meteors. *a* 1864 Hawthorne *Amer. Note-bks.* (1879) II. 124 A broad streak ..semicircling beneath either eye.

Semicircled (se·misə:kl'd), *ppl. a.* Chiefly *poet.* [f. Semicircle *sb.* + -ed.] Of the form of a semicircle; arranged as in a semicircle.

1586 Marlowe *1st Pt. Tamburl.* III. i, When the Moon begins To ioine in one her semi-circled hornes. 1598 Shaks. *Merry W.* III. iii. 68 A semi-circled farthingale. 1616 Surfl. & Markh. *Country Farm* II. xlviii. 241 Seeds, which as soone as they are ripe, are like Marigold seeds, white, rough, and semicircled. 1629 Quarles *Argalus & Parth.* III. Wks. (Grosart) III. 277/1 Now and then a kisse Would interpose like a parenthesis, Betweene their semicircled armes, inclos'd. 1834 Disraeli *Rev. Epick* I. i. 9 Rank above rank in semicircled grace.

Semicircular (semisə·ɹkiɹlăɹ), *a.* Also 5 -er. [ad. med.L. *sēmicirculāris*, f. L. *sēmicircul-us* Semicircle. Cf. F. *semi-circulaire*.] Of the form of a semicircle.

1432–50 tr. *Higden* (Rolls) IV. 101 After auctores theatrum is proprely a flore semicirculer, in the myddes of whom was an howse whiche was callede scena. 1615 Crooke *Body of*

Man 984 The figure of the ribs is semicircular like a Bow. 1624 Wotton *Archit.* I. 50 Semicircular Arches, or Hemispherical Vaults, being raised vpon the totall Diameter. 1708 J. Chamberlayne *St. Gt. Brit.* (1710) 417 The Lords.. when in the Inner House sit on a Semicircular Bench..to hear Petitions. 1776 Gibbon *Decl. & F.* xi. I. 300 Disposing the legions in a semicircular form, he advanced the two horns of the crescent across the Danube. 1864 Bryce *Holy Rom. Emp.* iv. (1875) 48 Behind in the semicircular apse sat the clergy, rising tier above tier. *a* 1878 Sir G. Scott *Lect. Archit.* (1879) I. 49 The arches [in the Romanesque style] always either semi-circular or segmental.

Comb. 1766 *Complete Farmer* s. v. *Mouldiness* 5 P 4/2 Two twigs of ozier put semicircular-wise into holes made in the handle of the scythe. 1828–9 Narrien in *Encycl. Metropol.* (1845) V. 284/2 Semicircular-headed apertures serving as entrances. 1897 *Ch. Times* 20 Aug. 186/1 Small semicircular-headed windows of one light.

b. *Anat.* Designating † (*a*) the orbicular muscle of the eyelid; (*b*) the three canals of the internal ear.

1706 Phillips (ed. Kersey), *Semicircular Muscles*, the same as *Claudent Muscles*. 1748 Hartley *Observ. Man* I. ii. § 5. 224 Vibrations communicated to the Cochlea, and semicircular Canals. 1843 Carpenter *Anim. Phys.* § 518 The three semicircular canals are passages, excavated in the solid bone, and lined by a continuation of the same membrane as that which lines the vestibule [of the ear]. 1885 *Encycl. Brit.* XIX. 38/2 The horizontal semicircular canal in the internal ear of a pigeon.

Hence **Semicircula·rity, Semici·rcularness.**

1731 Bailey, *Semicircularness*, half circularness. 1863 Reade *Hard Cash* i, Observing his semicircularity and general condition.

Semici·rcularly, *adv.* [f. Semicircular + -ly 2.] In a semicircular form; in a half-circle.

1615 Crooke *Body of Man* 770 The vse of this seuenth paire is semicircularly to mooue the head. 1705–30 S. Gale *Tour through Engl.* (1790) 15 A narrow passage between two stone walls..built semicircularly. 1756 Pennant in *Phil. Trans.* XLIX. 514 The flat or upper part is striated semicircularly. 1839 *Sat. Mag.* Sept. 127/2 The semicircularly-formed ybult. 1888 *Century Mag.* XXX. 882 The 'helt', or rainbow, of fertile land Swept semicircularly round.

Semici·rculating, *ppl. a. rare*–1. [Cf. L. *sēmicirculātus*.] Semicircular.

a 1700 Ken *Hymnotheo* Poet. Wks. III. 4 A Gulf..Whose fertile semicirculating Head, With Temples and with Palaces is spread.

Semicirque (se·misɔ̄ik). *poet.* [f. Semi- 6 a + Cirque.] A semicircle.

1795–1814 Wordsw. *Excurs.* III. 50 Upon a semicirque of turf-clad ground, The hidden nook discovered to our view A mass of rock. 1831 *Blackw. Mag.* XXIX. 328 The skater there, with motion nice, In semicirque and graceful wheel. 1872 A. de Vere *Leg. St. Patrick* 153 Above the semicirque of grassy seats.

Semicolon (semikō·lŏn). [f. Semi- + Colon 2.] A punctuation-mark consisting of a dot placed above a comma (;): see quots.

In present use it is the chief stop intermediate in value between the comma and the full stop; usually separating sentences the latter of which limits the former, or marking off a series of sentences or clauses of co-ordinate value.

1644 Hodges *Eng. Primrose* N 3, At a comma, stop a little ..At a semi-colon, somewhat more. 1692 *B. Jonson's Eng. Gram.* Wks. 690 A Semicolon is a distinction of an imperfect Sentence, wherein with somewhat a longer Breath, the Sentence following is included. 1771 Luckombe *Hist. Printing* 267 The semicolon is a point of great use to enforce and illustrate what has been advanced, and digested by the Comma...The Semicolon is used as an Abbreviation, in the word Esquire. 1800 L. Murray *Eng. Gram.* 227 The semicolon is sometimes used, when the preceding member of the sentence does not of itself give a complete sense, but depends on the following clause: and sometimes when the sense of that member would be complete without the concluding one.

Se·mi-column. *Arch.* [Semi- 6e; cf. med.L. *semi-columnium* (Isidore).] The half of a column cut longitudinally.

1715 Leoni *Palladio's Archit.* (1742) I. 52 Halls..surrounded with semi-columns. 1862 *Parthenon* 26 July 400 The walls projecting from the *cella* terminated in two semi-columns, instead of square pilasters. 1875 Brash *Eccl. Archit. Irel.* 99 The flank walls..are..divided by semi-columns.

Hence **Se·micolu·mnar** *a.*, of the form of a semi-column; *Bot.* applied to stems, etc. shaped like half a cylinder cut lengthwise.

1793 Martyn *Lang. Bot.* (1796), *Semiteres*, semicolumnar. 1849 Dana *Geol.* iii. (1850) 274 Walls of semi-columnar lava.

† **Semi-concave.** *Obs.* [Semi- 6 a.] Applied to the half of a hollow cylinder bisected longitudinally. (See Concave *sb.* 1 b.)

1626 Bacon *Sylva* § 131 As the Enclosure, that is Round about and Entire, preserueth the Sound; So doth a Semi-Concane. 1734 *Builder's Dict.* s.v. II. B 7, A Semi-Concave-Cylinder.

Semi-co·njugate, *a.* (*sb.*) *Math.* [Semi- 6 b.] *Semi-conjugate axis, diameter* = conjugate semiaxis, semidiameter: see Conjugate *a.* 6 a, and cf. quot. 1680 there, and 1885 s.v. Semi-diameter. Also *ellipt.* (as *sb.*) for these.

1743 Emerson *Fluxions* 187 Let *A D* be an Hyperbola, *B* the Center, *BA* = *a*, Semi-conjugate = *b*. 1790 *Phil. Trans.* LXXX. 536, CV and CW being a kind of semitransverse and semiconjugate axes to the elliptic track on the spherical surface. 1882 Minchin *Unipl. Kinemat.* 130 An ellipse referred to two semi-conjugate diameters, *pa*, *pb*, as axes.

† **Semicope.** *Obs.* [f. Semi- + Cope *sb.*1] A short cloak.

c 1386 Chaucer *Prol.* 262 Of double worstede was his semycope That rounded as a belle out of the presse.

Semi-cu·bic, *a. rare.* = next.

1797 *Phil. Trans.* LXXXVIII. 390 A conic parabola being given, a semicubic one may be found.

Semi-cu·bical, *a. Math.* [Semi- 6 b.] Applied to the curve of the third degree with a cusp referred to reclangular axes, the equation to which can always be reduced to the form $ay^2 = x^3$.

The exponent of the power of the abscissa which is proportional to the ordinate is $^3/_2$, whence the name.

1677 Wallis in Rigaud *Corr. Sci. Men* (1841) II. 609 That (invention) of Mr. Neale is straightening the semicubical parabola without supposing the squaring an hyperbola. 1704 J. Harris *Lex. Techn.* I, *Semi-cubical Parabeloid*, is a Curve whose Ordinates are in Subtriplicate of the Duplicate proportion of the Diameter. 1855 G. Salmon *Conic Sect.* xiii. (ed. 3) § 251 The equation of the evolute of a parabola represents a curve called the semicubical parabola.

† **Semicu·pium.** *Obs.* Also erron. **-cu·bium**; and anglicized **semicupe.** [med.L., f. *sēmi-* Semi- + *cūpa* tun.] A bath in which only one's legs and hips are covered; a hip-bath.

1634 T. Johnson *Parey's Chirurg.* 1049 Bags, Fumigations, Semicupiums, Baths. 1661 Blount *Glossogr.* (ed. 2), *Semi-cupe*, is a half Bath, up to the navel of the patient. 1684 tr. *Bonet's Merc. Compit.* III. 58 Many Lithotomists immediately after the operation clap the Patient in a Semicupe. 1706 Phillips (ed. Kersey), *Semicubium.* 1785 Garthshore in *Med. Commun.* II. 44 Fomentations, and the Semicupium..were of no avail. 1799 Underwood *Dis. Childhood* (ed. 4) II. 255 Oily embrocations, a blister, leeches, and the semicupium were had recourse to.

Semi-cy·linder. [Semi- 6 a.] The half of a cylinder divided longitudinally.

1666 Collins in Rigaud *Corr. Sci. Men* (1841) II. 461 In the concave of the said semicylinder. 1777 G. Forster *Voy. round World* I. 228 This and the first trumpet were both made of two hollow semicylinders of wood. 1841 S. Clegg *Manuf. Coal-Gas* 60 The scoop is a semi-cylinder made of thin plate iron. 1880 C. & F. Darwin *Movem. Pl.* 81 One of the two cotyledons failed to produce a petiole, whilst the other produced one consisting of an open semi-cylinder ending in a sharp point.

Hence **Semicyli·ndric, -cyli·ndrical** *adjs.*, of the form of a semi-cylinder.

1731 Bailey (ed. 2), *Semicylindrical.* 1760 Lee *Introd. Bot.* III. v. (1765) 185 *Semicylindric*, like a halved Cylinder; when they are round on one side, and flat on the other. 1793 *Phil. Trans.* LXXXIV. 10 The semicylindric cavity. 1801 *Ibid.* XCI. 131 The thermometer, having its scale-board..of a semicylindrical form. 1842 Gwilt *Archit.* § 217 Semicylindrical vaults. 1870 Hooker *Stud. Flora* 147 Water-Purslane..placentas semicylindric.

Semi-de·ity. [Semi- 2.] = Semigod.

c 1612 Chapman *Homer's Hymn to the Moone* 27 Men whose states the Deities did raise To Semideities. 1685 Boyle *Eng. Notion Nat.* 15 A certain Semi-Deity, which they call Nature. 1848 Bailey *Festus* (ed. 3) 190 Adieu! ye semideities! 1860 Pusey *Min. Proph.* 2 As if nature were a sort of semi-deity, or creation were its own Creator.

Semi-demi-, used (1) = half-half, i. e. quarter, in **semidemisemiquaver**, a note the 64th part of a semibreve; (2) vaguely in a diminutive sense, as *semi-demi-dinner*. (Cf. Demi-semi.)

1836 T. Hook *G. Gurney* (1850) III. iii. 351 She..at last appeared to expect me at luncheon as regularly as she looked for that semi-demi-dinner itself. 1876 Stainer & Barrett *Dict. Mus. Terms*, *Semidemisemiquaver*, a half demisemiquaver, the 64th part of a semibreve.

Se·mi-deta·ched, *a.* [Semi- 1.] Partially detached.

1859 *Archaeol. Cant.* II. p. xxxix, The foundations of the villa were very extensive including one semi-detached apartment. 1862 Arsted *Channel Isl.* I. v. 93 Large semi-detached masses of rock. 1907 *Daily Chron.* 28 Oct. 7/4 The miserable semi-detached life you and I have been living.

b. *spec.* Designating either of a pair of houses joined together and forming a block by themselves.

1859 [Emily Eden] (*title*) The Semi-Detached House. 1871 *Punch* 9 Sept. 100/1 A lot of semi-detached Cockney villas. 1882 *Brit. Med. Jrnl.* 16 Sept. 517/1 No drain should pass beneath a detached or semi-detached house.

Se·midia·meter. [late L. (Boethius): see Semi- 6 b.] The half of a diameter.

1551 Recorde *Pathw. Knowl.* I. Defin., Diameters, whose halfe, I meane from the center to the circumference any waie, is called the semidiameter, or halfe diameter. 1625 N. Carpenter *Geogr. Del.* I. v. (1635) 117 Astronomers measure the magnitude of the Starres by Diameters and Semidiameters of the Earth. 1648 Wilkins *Math. Magick* I. vi. 38 That dis-proportion of distance, which there is betwixt the Semidiameter of the Cylinder AB, and the Semidiameter of the rundle with the spokes FA. 1709 Berkeley *Th. Vision* § 44 Fifty or Sixty Semidiameters of the Earth distant from me. 1763 *Ann. Reg.* 106 A curious halo appeared round the moon. Its semidiameter, from the lower limb of the planet to the opposite arch of the phenomenon, was very near twenty-one degrees and a half. 1816 Playfair *Nat. Phil.* II. 213, 23659 semidiameters of the Earth, or 93595000 miles. 1885 J. Casey *Analyt. Geom.* 188 If any tangent meets two conjugate semidiameters of an ellipse.

fig. 1614 Jackson *Creed* III. xii. 224 By so much doth the Pope..make his authoritie..greater then Christs, which is the semidiameter of this mouth of blasphemies.

b. *Fortif.* (see quot. 1704).

1669 Stayhred *Fortification* 1 The Semidiameter of the Outward Polygon. 1704 J. Harris *Lex. Techn.* I, *Semidiameter*..is two-fold, *viz.* the Greater and Lesser: The former being a Line composed of the Capital, and the Small Semi-diameter of the Polygon: And the other, a Line drawn to the Circumference from the Centre thro' the Gorges.

Hence **Semidia·metral** *a.*, that is a semidiameter.

1678 Moxon *Mech. Exerc.* v. 86 The Semi-Diametral line proceeding from the Center.

Se·mi-dia·phanous, *a.* Now *rare.* [Semi- 7 a.] Partially or imperfectly transparent.

1663 Boyle *Exp. Hist. Colours* I. iii. 22 We should not judge it Opacous, but either Translucid, or at least Semidiaphanous. *a* 1728 Woodward *Nat. Hist. Fossils* (1729) I. I. 87 A yellowish semidiaphanous Crust. 1826 Kirby & Sp. *Entom.* xxxv. III. 606 Those [tegmina] of the Man es that resemble dry leaves are only semidiaphanous.

Hence † **Semi-diaphane·ity.**

1663 Boyle *Exp. Hist. Colours* I. iii. 73 The Transparency or Semi-diaphaniety of the Superficial Corpuscles of Bigger Bodies.

Se·mi-diu·rnal, *a.* [Semi- 5 a.]

1. *Astron.* Pertaining to, consisting of, or performed in, half the time between the rising and setting of a celestial body. Chiefly in *semi-diurnal arc.*

1594 Blundevil *Exerc.* III. xviii. (1597) 154 It deuideth the artificial day and artificiall night each of them into two parts, that is to say, into two semi-diurnall and into two seminocturnall parts. *Ibid.* I. 176 b, There will remaine 9. houres 4′8. which is the length of the artificiall day, when the Sunne is in the first degree of Scorpio, the one halfe wherof is called the semi-diurnall Arke of that artificial day. 1664 Wakely *Mariners-Compass rectified* (1694) 93 Astronomical Tables of Semidiurnal and Seminocturnal Arches. 1725 Watts *Geog. & Astron.* xix, The difference between the sun or star's semidiurnal arc and a quadrant or ninety degrees. 1852 Hind *Astron. Vocab.* 52 *Semi-diurnal Arc*, is half the arc described by a heavenly body between its rising and setting. 1867 G. F. Chambers *Astron. Vocab.* 801.

2. Occurring every twelve hours. Chiefly of the tides.

1794 Sulivan *View Nat.* I. 414 The tides are semi-diurnal polar effusions, as the general currents of the ocean are semi-annual. 1813 J. Forbes *Oriental Mem.* I. 309 The sole cause then of these semidiurnal breezes, being the capacity which the earth has for acquiring a higher temperature than that of the sea. 1866 Lockyer *Guillemin's Heavens* 59 The semi-diurnal oscillatory movement of the waters of the ocean,—the tides.

3. *Ent.* Partly diurnal, flying at twilight.

In recent Dicts.

Se·mi-divi·ne, *a.* [Semi- 1.] Half divine; that is a demigod.

1600 W. Watson *Decacordon* (1602) 95 All whatsoeuer is ..brought in by those outcasts of Moses, staine of Solon, and refuse of Licurgus, must be reputed for Metaphisicall, semie Diuine. 1846 Grote *Greece* I. iv. I. 110 Either the common god whom they worshipped, or some semi-divine being closely allied to him. 1874 Lisle Carr *Jud. Gwynne* I. vii. 226 The new governess was actually attempting to level sarcasm at the semi-divine head of her mistress.

Se·mi-dome. [Semi- 6 a.] Half a dome, usually one formed by vertical section.

1788 Gibbon *Decl. & F.* xl. IV. 94 The inside of St. Sophia, the cupola, the two larger, and the six smaller, semi-domes [etc.]. 1841 *Penny Cycl.* XX. 74/1 A large semicircular ..apsis, covered by a semi-dome. 1874 *Contemp. Rev.* Oct. 161 The..figure of Christ in the semi-dome of the apse.

Hence **Se·mi-domed, Semi-do·mical** *adjs.*, having the form of a semi-dome.

1864 Lady Eastlake *Hist. Our Lord* I. 19 The semi-domed tribune or apse. *a* 1878 Sir G. Scott *Lect. Archit.* (1879) II. 250 Other semi-domical projections branching out from the walls which support the great semi-domes. 1888 *Gd. Words* 238 The..semi-domed nest [of the willow wren].

Semi-dou·ble, *a.* (*sb.*) [Semi- 1. So Fr.]

1. *Liturg.* (See quots.) Also *sb.* = semi-double feast. [tr. med.L. *sēmiduplex.*]

1728 Chambers *Cycl.* s. v., The Semidouble office has double Vespers and Nine Lessons at Mattins; but the Anthems are not re-doubled. 1850 *Vesper Bk.* Pref. p. xii, Sundays and Days within an Octave are Semi-doubles. 1884 *Cath. Dict.* 344/1 On semi-doubles, half of the antiphon was repeated before, the whole after the psalm. 1909 *Cath. Encycl.* VI. 23/1 In the Mass, the semidouble has always at least three orationes or prayers.

2. Of flowers: Having the innermost stamens perfect, while the outermost have become petaloid.

1720 P. Blair *Bot. Ess.* iv. 294 The double Roses seldom fructify, but if you shall take the Hip of one that's semi-double [etc.]. 1796 *New Ann. Reg.* 146, I had collected my opium from double or semi-double poppies. 1861 Bentley *Man. Bot.* 366 Cultivated semi-double flowers.

Semie, obs. f. Semée. **Semied,** var. Semeed.

Se·mi-elli·pse. [Semi- 6 a.] The half of an ellipse bisected by one of its diameters (usually the transverse).

1733 Tull *Horse-Hoeing Husb.* xxii. 344 The two Semi-Ellipses, which are on the Fore-sides of their longest Axes or Diameters. 1841 Miller *Old Red Sandstone* viii. (1887) 150 The convex or sharpened edge is elongated into a semi-ellipse cut in the line of its shortest diameter. *a* 1878 Sir G. Scott *Lect. Archit.* (1879) I. 57 To make the section of the narrower vault an upright semi-ellipse.

So **Se·mi-elli·psis** (hence **Se·mi-elli·ptic, -elli·ptical** *adjs.*); **Semi-ellipsoi·dal** *a.*, of the form of half an ellipsoid.

1767 Ferguson in *Phil. Trans.* LVII. 392 Right lines.. shall cut the *semi-ellipsis in those points through which the hour-lines must be drawn. 1833–4 J. Phillips in *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) VI. 703/1 The Yorkshire flagstone is ..used, to make curb stones of two feet in height, the laminæ being placed vertically, and the block worked above to a *semi-ellipsoidal figure. 1900 B. D. Jackson *Gloss. Bot. Terms*, **Semielliptic*, half-elliptic, the division being longitudinal. 1907 *Westm. Gaz.* 11 Nov. 6/3 The suspension of the rear part of the chassis is now by three-quarter ellip-

tical springs instead of semi-elliptics. 1762 *Ann. Reg.* 75 A bright semicircular or *semielliptical arch over the moon. 1841 MILLER *Old Red Sandstone* viii. (1887) 166 They remind one..of pieces of ancient iron armour, fitted into semi-elliptical scales. 1866 R. TATE *Brit. Mollusks* iv. 128 The aperture is oblique, semielliptical, thin.

Semi-fe·ral, *a.* [SEMI- 2; cf. L. *sēmifer*, and see FERAL *a.*[2], FERINE.] Half-wild.

1887 FLOWER in *Encycl. Brit.* XXII. 774/1 The semiferal pigs of New Granada. 1906 *Westm. Gaz.* 29 Dec. 4/1 A stag in Warnham Park, one of a semi-feral herd.

So **Se·mi·ferine, Semiferous** (*rare*—°) *adjs.*

1854 KEIGHTLEY *Mythol.* (ed. 3) 233 The she-dragon Delphýné, a *semi-ferine maid. 1858 GLADSTONE *Homer* III. 605 [Achilles] is represented as having owed everything to the peculiar training of Chiron; whose semi-ferine life he shared. 1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr.*, *Semiferous*, half wilde.

Semi-fidel, *a.* [f. SEMI- + *-fidel* in INFIDEL.] That is a half-believer.

1834 SOUTHEY *Doctor* xv. (1862) 37 Some of the infidel, some of the semi-fidel, and some of the super-fidel schools.

Se·miflex, *v.* [SEMI- 3.] *trans.* To bend into a position halfway between that of extension and that of complete flexure.

1835–6 *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* I. 805/2 Supposing that a muscular effort equal to 20 would completely bend the elbow, one equal to 10 would semiflex it. 1846 BRITTAN tr. *Malgaigne's Man. Oper. Surg.* 224 Semiflex the limb, to extend the parts and enlarge the articular line.

So **Se·miflexed, Se·miflexion, -fle·xure.**

1836–9 *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* II. 78/1 The whole limb remains habitually in the *semiflexed position. 1879 *St. George's Hosp. Rep.* IX. 323 The right knee was semiflexed; the joint was greatly distended. 1828 *Lancet* 12 Apr. 64/1 The fingers are constantly in a state of *semiflexion. 1767 GOOCH *Treat. Wounds* I. 91 *Semiflexure is the proper position to keep the limb in, the muscles being then in a state of relaxation.

Semi-flo·ret. *Bot.* [SEMI- 6 c.] A floret having a ligulate corolla, as in the dandelion.

1731 BAILEY (ed. 2), *Semi-floret* (with Florists), an half-flourish, is tubulous at the beginning like a Floret, and afterwards expanded in the form of a tongue. 1785 MARTYN *Rousseau's Bot.* vi. 68 You have observed two sorts of florets in the Daisy: the yellow ones, which occupy the middle.. of the flower, and the little white tongues..which surround them...We shall leave to the first the name of Florets, and to distinguish the second we shall call them Semi-florets.

So **Semi-flo·scule,** in Latin form **-flo·sculus**; hence **Semi-flo·scular, -flo·sculose, -flo·sculous** *adjs.*, having semi-florets (cf. LIGULATE *a.* 1).

1753 *Chambers' Cycl.* Suppl. s. v. *Scorzonera*, The flower is of the *semifloscular kind. 1727 P. BLAIR *Pharmaco-Bot.* v. 210 Alt the *Semifloscles or half Flourishes have a Capillamentum and Vagina. *Ibid.* 227 The yellow radiated large Flowers..have their Corona, consisting of two or three Rows of very small Semifloscules. 1720 — *Bot. Ess.* i. 30 Each of these *Flosculi*, and *Semifloscúli*, are situated upon the top of an Embryo seminis. 1760 J. LEE *Introd. Bot.* III. xx. (1776) 232 The *Semifloscolose Flowers of Tournefort. 1866 *Treas. Bot.*, *Semifloscolose*, having the corolla split and turned to one side, as in the ligule of composites. 1720 P. BLAIR *Bot. Ess.* iii. 128 *Semifloseulous Flowers. 1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) III. 422/2 One naked seed, and compound flowers semifloseulous.

Semiflu·id, *a.* (and *sb.*) [SEMI- 7 a.] **A.** *adj.* Of a consistency midway between fluid and solid.

1775 ASH, *Semifluid*, imperfectly fluid. 1792 BRODDES in *Phil. Trans.* LXXXI. 174 Workman keeps stirring and turning over the metal; in 3 m. it becomes soft and semifluid. 1833 N. ARNOTT *Physics* (ed. 5) II. 37 The reason why thick soups, pies, puddings, and all semifluid masses, retain their heat..so much longer than equal bulks of mere fluid. 1834 M. SCOTT *Cruise Midge* xix, Semifluid, as if composed of earth and water. 1880–1 SAVILLE KENT *Man. Infusoria* I. 234 *Monas fluida*...Body soft and semifluid, exceedingly variable in shape.

B. *sb.* A semi-fluid substance.

1731 ARBUTHNOT *Aliments* vi. vii. § 7 (1735) 189 Phlegm, or Pituite, is a sort of Semi-fluid. 1873 GEIKIE *Ice Age* iii. 33 What property does Ice possess which enables it to creep upon slopes adown which only fluids and semi-fluids can move?

Hence **Se·mifluˈidity.**

1807 T. THOMSON *Chem.* (ed. 3) II. 455 The semifluidity of tar. 1860 TYNDALL *Glac.* II. xxv. 365 A proof of the semi-fluidity of the glacier.

Se·mi-form, *sb.* [SEMI- 2, 6 f.] An imperfect form; *Cryst.*, a hemihedral form.

1836 SMART, *Semi-form.* 1895 STORY-MASKELYNE *Crystallogr.* § 137 A form of the hemi-symmetrical kind will be termed a semiform or a hemihedron.

Semi-form, *a.* *rare*—°. [nd. L. *sēmiformis*, f. *sēmi-* SEMI- + *forma* FORM *sb.*] 'Half formed, imperfect' (Bailey, 1721).

Semi-formed, *a.* [SEMI- 1, ? partly after L. *sēmiformis* (see prec.).] Half-formed.

1828–32 WEBSTER, *Semi-formed*, half-formed; imperfectly formed; as, semi-formed crystals. 1897 MARY KINGSLEY *W. Africa* 44 Transparent semi-formed images of his own delirium.

Semi-globe. [SEMI- 6 a.] The half of a globe; a hemisphere or hemispherical form, structure, etc.

1748 *Anson's Voy.* III. ii. 312 A semi-globe, with the flat part upwards. 1776 G. SEMPLE *Building in Water* 142, I do not..determine, whether Semi-globes, or common square Lamps, will prove most commodious. 1792 A. YOUNG *Trav. France* I. 17 The hills..swell in beautiful semi-globes. 1867 G. F. CHAMBERS *Astron.* VI. vi. 550 Diodorus conceived it [*sc.* the Milky Way] to be a dense celestial fire, shewing itself through the clefts of the starting and dividing semi-globes. 1875 BRASH *Eccl. Archit. Irel.* 43 The next order is enriched with a line of semiglobes.

So **Semi-glo·bose, -glo·bular** *adjs.*, of the form of a semi-globe or hemisphere.

1721 BAILEY, **Semiglobular*, of the Form of half a Globe. 1818 KIRBY & SP. *Entomol.* vi. (ed. 3) I. 199 The red *semiglobose bodies of the gravid females. 1822 J. PARKINSON *Outl. Oryctol.* 100 The central semiglobular ventricular cavity. *Ibid.* 159 A semiglobose univalve. 1891 T. HARDY *Tess* xlii, The irregular chalk table-land or plateau, bosomed with semi-globular tumuli.

Se·migod. [SEMI- 2; freq. used to render L. *sēmideus*, Gr. *ἡμίθεος*.] A demigod.

1417 CAPGRAVE *Chron.* (Rolls) 50 Thei had doute, whan he was ded, whethir thei schuld a noumbir him among the hie goddis or semigoddes. 1596 FITZ-GEFFREY *Sir F. Drake* (1881) 16 Some semi-God, more then a mortall creature. 1615 B. JONSON *Golden Age Rest.* Wks. (1616) 1013 Yonder soules..in Elysian bowres..That for their living good, now semigods are made. 1618 CHAPMAN *Hesiod* I. 254 Diuine Heroes; That the surnames bore Of Semigods. 1726 LEONI *Alberti's Archit.* II. 21/2 Semi-Gods and Heroes to be Guardians over Cities. 1831 KEIGHTLEY *Mythol.* II. i. 259 The divine race of heroes, in former times called Semigods. 1860 EMERSON *Cond. Life, Culture* Wks. (Bohn) II. 363 Can rules or tutors educate The semigod whom we await?

Semihi·ant, *a.* *rare*—[1]. [nd. L. *sēmihiant-em*, f. *sēmi-* SEMI- 1 + *hiant-em*, pres. pple. of *hiāre* to gape.] Of lips: Half-open.

1873 M. COLLINS *Miranda* xxx, He stooped and softly kissed the semihiant lips.

Semili, obs. form of SEEMLY *adv.*

Se·milor, alteration of SIMILOR by association with SEMI-, *quasi* 'half-gold'.

1866 G. STEPHENS *Runic Mon.* I. 321 An inner smooth unbroken tube of semilor [*printed* semidor]. 1874 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.* I. 63 Jeweller's Alloys..Semilor.

Semilunar (semilū·năr), *a.* (*sb.*) [ad. mod.L. *sēmilūnāris*, f. **sēmilūna* half-moon (cf. late L. *sēmilūnium*); see SEMI- 6 a and LUNAR. Cf. F. *semi-lunaire.*] **A.** *adj.* Half-moon-shaped; crescentic. (Cf. LUNAR *a.* 3.) **a.** in general use.

1597 A. M. tr. *Guillemeau's Fr. Chirurg.* 17 b/1 The Knife is of the Latinistes callede 'Culter excisorius lunatus', in Englishe a semi-lunare cutting Knife. 1717 *Phil. Trans.* XXX. 556 Some exactly Square, some oblong Square, some Semi-lunar. 1774 PENNANT *Tour Scotl. in* 1772, 188 A beautiful semilunar bay. 1795 *Anna Seward's Lett.* (1811) IV. 102 A semilunar seat, beneath its boughs, admits four people. 1865 LUBBOCK *Preh. Times* 74 It is probable that the semilunar instruments were fixed in wooden handles, and then used in cleaning skins.

b. *Zool., Bot.*, and *Anat.* (e. g. *semilunar cartilage, fold, ganglion, valve*: see quots.).

1681 GREW *Museum* I. ii. 103 The Snout [*sc.* of the River-Whale] flat. Both the Chaps before of a Semilunar figure. 1719 QUINCY *Phys. Dict.* (1722), *Semilunar Valves*, thus called from their resemblance in shape to a half moon. 1728 CHAMBERS *Cycl.*, *Semilunar Valves*..are little Valves or Membranes of a Semilunar Figure, placed in the Orifice of the Pulmonary Artery, to prevent the Relapse of the Blood into the Heart at the time of its Dilatation. 1753 *Chambers' Cycl.* Suppl. s. v., All the species of the semilunar shells have few convolutions. 1763 *Phil. Trans.* LIV. 180 In the abdomen this nerve unites with the par vagum of the right side, and together form the great semi-lunar Ganglion. 1768 PENNANT in *Ibid.* LVIII. 93 Between the toes is a strong semilunar membrane. 1831 KNOX *Cloquet's Anat.* 133 The Semilunar Bone (*os Lunatum*), is smaller and less elongated than the scaphoid. Its upper surface is convex and smooth. 1839–47 *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* III. 84/2 The lacrymal caruncle and semilunar fold. 1840 W. J. WILSON *Anat. Vade M.* (1842) 69 The semilunar bone may be known by having a crescentic concavity, and a somewhat crescentic outline. 1852 DANA *Crust.* I. 474 The nasal opening in males is irregularly semilunar. 1871 DARWIN *Desc. Man* I. i. 23 In man..[the third eyelid] exists..as a mere rudiment, called the semilunar fold. 1873 MIVART *Elem. Anat.* v. 183 Two inter-articular cartilages, called semilunar, are..interposed between the cartilaginous articular surfaces of the femur and those of the tibia.

B. *sb.* A semilunar bone, valve, etc.

1893 S. GEE *Auscult. & Percuss.* I. iii. 50 That the closure of the aortic semilunars precedes that of the pulmonary semilunars.

Semilu·nary, *a.* Now *rare* or *Obs.* [Formed as prec.: see -ARY.] = prec. adj.

1638 SIR T. HERBERT *Trav.* (ed. 2) 13 The Soldania Bay is of a semi-lunary forme. 1653 H. MORE *Antid. Ath.* II. xii. § 6 Schol., The semilunary Valvulæ. 1678 *Phil. Trans.* XII. 1037 They both made but one continued semilunary Body. 1715 *Ibid.* XXIX. 328 The semilunary Valves in the Mouth of the Aorta. 1748 RICHARDSON *Clarissa* (1811) VI. 111 Semilunary rays darting from gilded clouds, surrounding an achievement motto, In Coelo Salus.

Semilu·nate, *a.* [As prec.: see -ATE 2.] = LUNATE.

1841 JOHNSTON in *Proc. Berw. Nat. Club* I. ix. 266 Operculum semilunate. 1847–9 *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* IV. I. 402/2 Semilunate pancreatic glands. 1882–4 COOKE *Brit. Fresh-w. Algæ* I. 47 Cells semilunate, with the cusps either expanded or curved inwards.

So **Se·mi-luˈnated** *a.*

1726 MONRO *Anat. Bones* 106 We remark on the occipital Bone a small Rising and semilunated Excavation of each Side. 1785 LATHAM *Gen. Synopsis Birds* III. I. 293 Avoset. ..Feet palmated; the webs deeply semilunated between each toe.

Se·mi-lune. [As if ad. L. **sēmilūna* half-moon: see SEMI- 6 a and LUNE 3.] A semilunar or crescent-shaped form, structure, etc.; *Fortif.* = DEMI-LUNE 2.

1858 HOLDEN *Hum. Osteol.* (1878) 162 The 'semilunar' bone may be told by its two 'semilunes' below. 1862 RAWLINSON *Anc. Mon. Assyria* iv, Between this outer barrier and the City moat were interposed a species of semilune.

1880 V. HARRIS & POWER *Man. Physiol. Lab.* 46 Granular semilunar bodies, the semilunes of Heidenhain. 1905 *Daily Chron.* 18 Oct. 4/4 The vast semi-lune along the Strand.

†Semi-mature, *a.* *Obs.* *rare*—[1]. [ad. L. *sēmimātūrus*: see SEMI- 1, MATURE *a.*] Half ripe.

c 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* IV. 529 Semymature also me may hem glene.

Semi-meˈtal. *Old Chem.* [ad. mod.L. *sēmimetallum*: see SEMI- 2, 7 i.] A non-malleable metal.

1661 LOVELL *Hist. Anim. & Min.* Introd. f 2 b, Semimettals, &c. which are mineral bodies, neere in nature unto mettals. 1671 J. WEBSTER *Metallogr.* 89 [A Metal] may comprehend both those that are strictly called Metals (not excluding common *argent vive* to be one) and those that are also called semi-metals, as Antimony and the like. 1732 *Hist. Lit.* III. 349 Fossils are divided into Metals, Salts, Sulphurs, Stones, Semi-Metals, and Earths. 1754 LEWIS in *Phil. Trans.* XLVIII. 680 Regulus of antimony, the most difficultly fusible of the semi-metals. 1812 J. SMYTH *Pract. Customs* 26 Crude Antimony, or the Ore of Antimony,..is a semi-metal. 1831 T. P. JONES *New Convers. Chem.* Gloss., *Semi-metal.* This term is now obsolete. 1835 POE *Adv. Hans Pfaall* Wks. 1864 I. 8 A particular metallic substance or semi-metal.

Se·mi-metaˈllic, *a.* [SEMI- 7 i.] Partly metallic; *spec.* of the nature of a 'semi-metal'.

1748–52 J. HILL *Mat. Med.* (J.), The semimetallick recrements. 1794 KIRWAN *Elem. Min.* (ed. 2) I. 164 Lustre, of the grey part, silky, verging to the semimetallic. 1804 *Edin. Rev.* III. 393 Semi-metallic matter.

†Seminair(e. *Obs.* *rare.* [a. F. *séminaire* (16th c. in Hatz.-Darm.), ad. L. *sēmināriumSEMINARY *sb.*[1]] = SEMINARY *sb.*[1]

c 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* VI. 64 The semynair is dolnen in this mone Al bisily.

Seminal (se·minăl), *a.* and *sb.* Also 4–5 **semynall,** 5–6 **seminall.** [a. F. *séminal* (14th c. in Hatz.-Darm.), = Pr., Sp., Pg. *seminal*, It. *seminale*, ad. L. *sēmināl-is*, f. *sēmin-*, *sēmen* seed, SEMEN: see -AL.] **A.** *adj.* Of or pertaining to seed; of the nature of seed.

1. Of or pertaining to the seed or semen of men and animals (applied *Phys.* and *Anat.* to structures adapted to contain or convey semen); of the nature of semen.

1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* XVII. i. (Bodl. MS.), þe humoure seminal. 1477 NORTON *Ord. Alch.* v. in Ashm. (1652) 90 Then is the Marriage perfect..; And ye maie trewly know..How the seminall seed Masculine, Hath wrought and won the Victory, Upon the menstrualls worthily. 1620 VENNER *Via Recta* vii. 154 They notably strengthen the seminall vessels. 1673 *Phil. Trans.* VIII. 6047 Animals, of spontaneous and seminal generation. 1774 GOLDSM. *Nat. Hist.* (1776) II. 19 The seminal liquor, not only of males, but of females also, abounds in these moving little animals. 1853 G. BIRD *Urin. Deposits* § 345 (ed. 4) 360 Some time after a seminal emission. 1861 T. R. JONES *Anim. Kingd.* (ed. 3) 51 We regard the former as an ovary and the second as a testicle or seminal capsule. 1880 HUXLEY *Crayfish* 351 The seminal matter is poured out.

† **b.** Begotten of the seed (of a person). *Obs.*

1646 SIR T. BROWNE *Pseud. Ep.* I. x. 43 Some deny his Divinity, that he was begotten of humane principles, and the seminall sonne of Joseph.

2. With reference to plants: Pertaining to or of the nature of seed. *Bot.* Of organs or structures: Serving to contain the seed.

† *Seminal plant* (= mod.L. *plantula seminalis*): the future plant as contained in the seed, the embryo. † *Seminal root* = RADICLE 1. *Seminal leaf* = COTYLEDON.

1658 SIR T. BROWNE *Gard. Cyrus* iii. 125 The seminal spike of Mercurie weld. 1660 SHARROCK *Vegetables* 56 Every small particle of that imperfect plant being rather beleived seminall..than [etc.]. 1671 GREW *Anat. Pl.* I. i. (1682) 5 If you take the Lobe of a Bean, and lengthwise pare off its Parenchyma by degrees, and in extreme thin slices, many Branches of the Seminal Root..will appear. 1691 RAY *Creation* I. (1692) 99 Most Seeds having in them a seminal Plant perfectly formed. 1704 J. HARRIS *Lex. Techn.* I, Seminal Leaves. *c* 1770 A. HUNTER *Georg. Ess.* (1777) 262 The seminal root serves the purposes of an anchor. 1833 HOOKER in Smith *Eng. Flora* V. I. 10 The inner membrane (or seminal bag) is attached by numerous threads or veins to the inside of the outer covering. 1837 P. KEITH *Bot. Lex.* 119 The former [epigean cotyledons] springing up during the process of germination, and being converted into seminal leaves.

† **b.** Produced from seed. *Obs.*

1731 MILLER *Gard. Dict.* s. v. *Crocus*, There are several other Varieties of the Spring Crocus.., which are seminal Productions. 1766 *Complete Farmer* s. v. *Pease* 5 Z 1/1 Several of the above-mentioned..are..only seminal variations, which will degenerate into their original state in a few years, if they are not very carefully managed. 1796 C. MARSHALL *Gardening* v. (1798) 68 A seminal variety of any tree, or shrub, that is remarkably different from the original.

3. *gen.* Of or pertaining to the seed or reproductive elements existing in organic bodies, or attributed in pre-scientific belief to inorganic substances. Formerly often in *seminal power, virtue*: the power of producing offspring.

1605 TIMME *Quersit.* II. iv. 117 Gold phylosophicall,.. having gotten a more perfect vegetation and seminal vertue, may be dissolued into any liquor. 1651 BIGGS *New. Disp.* P 73 The Earth hath of herself a seminall vertue of producing herbs. 1662 STILLINGFL. *Orig. Sacræ* III. ii. § 17. 463 And consequently different appearances and effects may be caused in the same bodies, though it results from seminal principles. 1692 BENTLEY *Boyle Lect.* 122 To prove our assertion about the seminal production of all living creatures,..we appeal to observation and experiment. 1701 SWIFT *Contests Nobles & Comm.* v. Misc. (1711) 74 We cannot prolong the Period of a

Commonwealth beyond the Decree of Heaven, or the Date of its Nature, any more than Humane Life beyoud the Strength of the Seminal Virtue.

4. *fig.* Having the properties of seed; containing the possibility of future development.

a 1639 WOTTON *Surv. Educ.* in *Relig.* (1672) 77 In divers Children their ingenerate and seminal powers (as I may call them) lie deep. 1651 BAXTER *Inf. Bapt.* 294 Conferring upon them Seminal and Initial Grace, which doth not presuppose Faith, but is it self the seed of Faith. *a* 1703 BURKITT *On N. T.* Acts viii. 25 Sinful thoughts are radical and seminal evils. 1751 JOHNSON *Rambler* No. 184 P 1 A careless glance upon a favourite author,..is sufficient to supply the first hint or seminal idea. 1779 — *L. P., Milton,* It is pleasant to see great works in their seminal state, pregnant with latent possibilities of excellence. 1838 MILL *Bentham* in *Westm. Rev.* Aug. 468 Jeremy Bentham and Samuel Taylor Coleridge—the two great seminal minds of England in their age. 1883 A. ROBERTS *O. T. Revision* v. 105 The Book of Job..seems to abound in those seminal thoughts which were developed and exhibited clearly in the later books. 1889 J. M. ROBERTSON *Ess. towards Crit. Method* 30 It was due to no seminal virtue in him that French literature later flowered afresh.

b. *nonce-use.* Concerned with the 'seeds' of future growth.

1827 HARE *Guesses* Ser. I. (1873) 199 The true reformer is the Seminal Reformer, not the Radical.

†**B.** *sb. Obs.*

1. A seminal particle; a seed, germ. Also *fig.*

1646 SIR T. BROWNE *Pseud. Ep.* VII. xvii. 379 Perhaps they containe the seminals of Spiders, and Scorpions. 1661 GLANVILL *Van. Dogm.* 155 Did it [the Peripatetic Philosophy] suppose any thing of the form to pre-exist in the matter, as the seminal of its being; 'twere a tolerable sense to say it were educed from it. 1671 R. BOHUN *Disc. Wind* 175 The seminals of heat. 1682 SIR T. BROWNE *Chr. Mor.* IV. § 4 Mother-vices, which carry in their Bowels the seminals of other Iniquities.

2. *Phys.* A seminal vessel or duct.

1733 *Ordinary of Newgate* No. I. Advt., By..replenishing the Reins and Seminals.

†**Semina·lity.** *Obs.* Also seminalty. [f. SEMINAL *a.* + -ITY.] Seminal quality, principle, or condition.

1646 SIR T. BROWNE *Pseud. Ep.* I. iii. 11 As though there were a seminalitie in Urine. 1651 in Biggs *New Disp.* Verses to Author c 2, My Quill Is to seek the Seminalty of things That's cover'd in these Lines. 1665 NEEDHAM *Med. Medicinæ* 141 The Seminality or Ferment of the Disease being lodged in the Seed.

b. *pl.* Seminal properties; seminal particles, germs. *lit.* and *fig.*

1651 BIGGS *New Disp.* P 215 Alien humours and seminalities. 1665 NEEDHAM *Med. Medicinæ* 62 The Influence which the Seminalities of the Pox have by intermixture with other Maladies. 1679 J. GOODMAN *Penitent Pardoned* I. iv. (1713) 87 Such kind of mutinous thoughts, such jealousies and suspicions are..the seminalities of all rebellion against God. 1681 SIR T. BROWNE *Chr. Mor.* I. § 28 Like the dispersed Seminalities of Vegetables at the Creation, scattered through the whole Mass of the Earth.

Seminally (se·minăli), *adv.* ? now *rare.* [f. SEMINAL *a.* + -LY 2.] In a seminal state or manner; as a seed, germ, or reproductive element; in the form or state of seed; as regards germination or reproduction. Chiefly *fig.*

1634 JACKSON *Creed* VII. vii. Wks. VII. 35 All prediction of contingents to come, or of events not as yet seminally extant in their natural causes was from divine inspiration. 1640 BP. REYNOLDS *Passions* xxxii. 394 If the Soule be seminally traduced, it must be either from the body, or from the soule of the Parents. 1675 BAXTER *Cath. Theol.* II. v. 105 Why am I guilty of what Adam did, but because I have a nature that was seminally in him? 1772 FLETCHER *Logica Genev.* 150 If we all received an unspeakable injury by being seminally in Adam when he fell..we all received also an unspeakable blessing by being in his loins when God spiritually raised him up. 1847 A. M'LEAN *Comm. Hebr.* I. vii. 264 Levi.. may be said to have been seminally in the loins of Abraham when Melchisedec met him. 1887 GLADSTONE in *19th Cent.* Jan. 2 Homer..is..also a great dramatist, and contains within him seminally the drama of his country.

†**Se·minant.** *Obs. rare*—1. [ad. L. *sēminant-em,* pres. pple. of *sēmināre* to sow.] A sower of seed; applied allusively to a seminary priest: cf. SEEDMAN and SEMINARY *a.* 2 and *sb.*2 2.

c 1588 SEGAR *Blazon of Papists* C 3, A Papist Seminant. Ioyn'd with the rest of this pernicious broode, Are Seminants calde Iesuistes of some.

†**Se·minar**1. *Sc. Obs.* [ad. L. *sēmināriu*m: see -AR 2.] = SEMINARY *sb.*1

1573 TYRIE *Refut. Knox* 44 b, But he of his prouidence hes reseruit sindrie, as ane seminar, be quhome he hes prorogat his doctrine to the posteritie.

‖ **Seminar**2 (seminā·r). [Ger., ad. L. *sēmināriu*m SEMINARY *sb.*1] In German universities (hence in certain British and American universities), a select group of advanced students associated for special study and original research under the guidance of a professor. Also *transf.,* a class that meets for systematic study under the direction of a teacher.

1889 A. S. HILL *Our English* v. 209 In New York and Washington, if I am not misinformed, 'seminars' are periodically held, at which a clever woman coaches other clever women in the political, literary, and ethical topics of the day. 1892 *Daily News* 3 Aug. 6/1 [University Extension meeting at Oxford] A seminar is being organised in connection with the economic course, and the students will write essays and have tutorial supervision. 1893 *Chicago Advance* Apr. 27 The Seminar..is a society for the prosecution of independent work in some chosen field. There are to be eight of these Seminars next year. 1911 *Expositor* July 16 It has been well dealt with in the brilliant volume of Essays from Dr. Sanday's Seminar.

Seminarial (seminē··riăl), *a. rare.* [f. SEMINARY *sb.*1 + -AL.] Of or pertaining to a seminary.

1762 tr. *Busching's Syst. Geog.* V. 180 Four are invested with the government of seminarial convents. 1870 DICKENS *E. Drood* iii, Miss Twinkleton, in her seminarial state of existence.

Seminarian (seminē··riăn), *a.* and *sb. rare.* [f. SEMINARY *sb.*1 + -AN.] †**A.** *adj.* = SEMINARY *a.*

1584 in Foley *Rec. Eng. Prov. S. J.* (1880) VI. 722 Martin Array, a Semiuarian priest.

B. *sb.* †**a.** A seminary priest (*obs.*). **b.** A student at a seminary or Jesuit school, a seminarist.

1584 in Foley *Rec. Eng. Prov. S. J.* (1880) VI. 721 Lane, of Fisheborne receiveth Correy, a Seminarian. 1794 tr. *Barruel's Hist. Clergy Fr. Rev.* III. 27 At eight o'clock in the morning the clergymen of St. Nicholas..were dragged with their seminarians to the house of St. Firmin. 1908 G. TYRRELL in *Hibbert Jrnl.* Jan. 254 In protecting the seminarian from the knowledge of awkward facts.

Hence **Semina·rianism,** the mannerism of a seminarian.

1879 W. M. BAKER *His Majesty Myself* xviii. (1880) 139 (Funk) 'He, at least, has no seminarianism about him' she said, incidentally to Revel.

Seminarist (se·minări:st). [f. SEMINAR-Y *sb.*1 + -IST. Cf. F. *séminariste* (1690 in Hatz.-Darm.), Sp., Pg., It. *seminarista,* Du., Ger., Sw., Da. *seminarist.*]

1. A Roman Catholic priest educated in a foreign seminary in the 16th and 17th c., esp. at Douay for the English mission. Now *Hist.*

1583 FULKE *Def. Tr. Script.* v. 147 One who hath more profited the Church of God, with his sincere translation, and learned annotations, than all the popish Seminaries, and Seminarists, shall be able to hinder it. 1679 EVERARD *Popish Plot* I, I surprized her with two of the chief Scotch Seminarists of Paris. 1716 M. DAVIES *Athen. Brit.* III. *Diss. Drama* 4 The Romish regular *Clerici,* Cannon Regulars, Theatins, Oratorians, Seminarists, Chapterists, &c. 1826 J. R. BEST *Four Yrs. France* 6 The story of the poor seminarist of Douay. 1841 D'ISRAELI *Amen. Lit.* (1867) 424 The seminarists were universally revered as candidates of martyrdom.

2. A student in a seminary; chiefly, a student in a seminary for the training of Roman Catholic priests.

1835 BECKFORD *Alcobaça & Batalha* 90 A tide of monks, sacristans, novices, seminarists..appeared all of a sudden flowing forth from every cell and cloister. 1862 *Westm. Rev.* Jan. 185 The greatest stress is laid [in Prussian training-colleges] on learning by heart. The seminarist must be able to repeat without book all the Scripture histories read in the school. 1877 D. M. WALLACE *Russia* iv. 52 The Bishop does the same for all the seminarists who wish to be ordained.

b. *pl.* The teaching staff in a seminary.

a 1668 LASSELS *Voy. Italy* II. (1670) 119 This Church now belongs to the Seminarists of the German Colledge. 1873 MORLEY *Rousseau* I. 56 Shortly the Seminarists reported that, though not vicious, their pupil was not even good enough for a priest, so deficient was he in intellectual faculty. 1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 24/1 He was sent to the seminarists of St. Lazare to be improved in classics.

3. A member of a SEMINAR 2.

1865 M. PATTISON *Ess.* (1889) I. 347 A Göttingen student could not carry with him into the world any better recommendation than to have been one of Heyne's seminarists. 1888-3 *Schaff's Encycl. Relig. Knowl.* 2497/2 [Wessenberg] sent his seminarists to Pestalozzi to learn the new method of instruction.

Hence **Seminari·stic** *a.,* of or pertaining to a seminary priest.

1841 *Fraser's Mag.* XXIV. 299 The mixture of seminaristic modesty and nautical devil-may-care-ishness..caused me to laugh outright.

†**Seminarize,** *v. Obs. rare*—1. [f. SEMINAR-Y *sb.*1 + -IZE.] *trans.* To sow.

1593 NASHE *Christ's T.* G iij, Eleazer..was the first that seminarizd thys hope of signiorizing and freedome amongst them. 1623 COCKERAM I, *Seminarize,* to sow or plant.

Seminary (se·minări), *sb.*1 Forms: 5 seminari, aemynari, 5–6 semynary, 5–7 seminarie, 6 seminarye, (aemenarie, -ye, semynarie, aemeanary, *pl. Sc.* seminareis), (7 aemenary), 6– aeminary. See also SEMINAIR(E, SEMINAR 1. [ad. L. *sēmināriu*m seed-plot (also *fig.*), orig. neut. of *sēmināriu*s SEMINARY *a.* Cf. F. *séminaire,* Sp., Pg., It. *seminario,* G. *seminar.*]

†**1.** A piece of ground in which plants are sown (or raised from cuttings, etc.) to be afterwards transplanted; a seed-plot. *Obs.*

c 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* III. 480 Let set in to thy semynari bliue Oliues bowis vj feet long or fiue. *Ibid.* III. 489, IV. 558. 1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* XVII. x. I. 510 Concerning seminaries and nource-gardens. 1658 EVELYN *Fr. Gard.* (1675) 46 Then taking your grafted trees out of the seminary, you shall transplant them into this nursery. 1719 LONDON & WISE *Compl. Gard.* 185 For Apple-tree Seminaries, plant the Wildings grown from the Kernels...For a Seminary of Plumbs, plant the Suckers of their several kinds. 1778 R. WESTON *Gard. & Planter's Cal.* (ed. 2) 80 The Nursery and Seminary. 1829 SOUTHEY *Sir T. More* (1831) II. 47 They have become mere seminaries..and for raising dwarf trees.

†**b.** *transf.*

1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* III. vi. 30 In that same Gardin all the goodly flowres, Wherewith dame Nature doth her beautifie, ..Are fetcht: there is the first seminarie Of all things, that are borne to liue and die [etc.]. 1660 SHARROCK *Vegetables* 29 The ground itself from its own seminary sent out the supposititious crop of oates.

†**2.** *transf.* A place where animals are bred; a region which supplies (some kind of animal). Also, a stock or breed (of animal). *Obs.*

1607 TOPSELL *Four-f. Beasts* 21 He that will haue a good flocke of Asses, must looke that the male and female be sounde,..and out of a good seminary, as of Arcadia or Rea. *Ibid.* 69 Very great and large oxen, which the inhabitants cal *Pyrhicæ,* because that their first stocke or seminary were kept by King Pirrhus. 1612 SELDEN *Illustr. Drayton's Poly-olb.* vi. 99 The whole tract is a Seminary of Horses. 1665 NEEDHAM *Med. Medicinæ* 197 Man's rotten Carcase becomes a Seminary of Worms.

3. *fig.* **a.** A place of origin and early development; a place or thing in which something (e. g. an art or science, a virtue or vice) is developed or cultivated, or from which it is propagated abundantly.

1592 R.D. *Hypnerotomachia* 79 b, My insatiable and wanton eyes..whome I founde the seminaries and moovers of all so great strife and trouble, in my..heart. 1596 R. L[INCHE] *Diella* viii, Thyne eyes (those Semynaries of my griefe). 1625 JACKSON *Creed* v. xx. Wks. IV. 177 That the seminaries of poetry should be the chief nurses of idolatry argues how apt the one is to bring forth the other. 1646 SIR T. BROWNE *Pseud. Ep.* VI. vii. 308 God..hath with variety disposed the principles of all things; wisely contriving them in their proper seminaries, and where they best maintaine the intention of their species. *a* 1656 USSHER *Power of Princes* II. (1683) 156 The bloud of this noble Army of Martyrs became the fruitful seminary thereof. 1659 *Gentl. Calling* (1696) 114 If Gentlemen's families were so ordered, as to become Seminaries of Industry and Sobriety. 1696 WHISTON *Th. Earth* (1722) 88 The Chaos, that known fund and seminary of the Six Days Creation. 1744 BERKELEY *Siris* § 141 Wks. 1871 II. 415 All which demonstrates the air to be a common seminary and receptacle of all vivifying principles. 1830 MACKINTOSH *Ethical Philos.* Wks. 1846 I. 213 The virtues which guard the natural seminaries of the affections are their only true and lasting friends. 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* vi. II. 112 The Council chamber at Edinburgh had been..a seminary of all public and all private vices. 1864 LOWELL *Study Windows, Libr. Old Authors* end, We are profoundly thankful for the omission of a glossary. It would have been a nursery and seminary of blunder.

b. A place, country, society, condition of things, or the like, in which some particular class of persons are produced or trained.

a 1604 HANMER *Chron. Irel.* (1633) 53 The seminarie or bee hive of many thousands of Monkes. 1615 E. S. *Britain's Buss* E 2 By which meanes euery Busse shall be a Seminary of Saylors and Fishers also, for so shall euery busse breede and make Sixe new Marriners. *a* 1626 BACON *Notes Sp. conc. War Spain* Wks. 1826 V. 234 There is not in the world again such a spring and seminary of military people as is England, Scotland, and Ireland. *a* 1635 NAUNTON *Fragm. Reg.* (Arb.) 33 Those Netherland wars were the Queens Seminaries, and the Nurseries of very many brave Souldiers. 1750 CARTE *Hist. Eng.* II. 762 The north used to be the seminary of Henry's and Margaret's forces, supplying them constantly with fresh recruits. 1756-9 A. BUTLER *Lives of Saints, S. Wasnulf,* In the seventh century St. Vincent.. invited many holy monks from Ireland and Scotland, then seminaries of saints, into the Netherlands. 1876 BLACKIE *Lang. & Lit. Scott. Highl.* v. 309 What had once been..the seminary of a stout Celtic people, and the nursery of a brave British army.

†**c.** A continuous supply (of a class of persons). *Obs.*

1652-62 HEYLYN *Cosmogr.* III. (1673) 166/1 And from hence supply themselves with a perpetual Seminary of Slaves and Souldiers.

4. A place of education, a school, college, university, or the like; often explicitly (cf. 3 a) *seminary of learning, science,* etc. Also in more specific sense (cf. 3 b) an institution for the training of those destined for some particular profession.

In the earlier half of the 19th c. 'Seminary for Young Ladies' was very common as the designation of a private school for girls. This use is perhaps not wholly obsolete, but is no longer in repute.

1585 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* Ser. I. IV. 2 Universiteis and seminareis for instructioun of craftie personis. 1607 *Statutes* in *Hist. Wakefield Gram. Sch.* (1892) 62 This schole is principallie ordained a seminarie for bringinge up of christian children. 1611 CORYAT *Crudities* 378 A Schoole which hath beene a most fruitfull seminarie of many excellent learned men. 1628 WOTTON *Life & Lett.* (1907) II. 307 This Royal Seminary [Eton]. 1642 FULLER *Holy & Prof. St.* II. xxiii. 146 He was preferred to be Master of Westminster School a most famous seminarie of learning. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 10 Mar. 1687, I..much admir'd the order, œconomy, and excellent government of this most charitable seminary [Christ's Hospital]. 1709 SWIFT *Advancem. Relig.* 30 As for the Inns of Court,..they must needs be the worst instituted Seminaries in any Christian Country. 1757 BURKE *Abridgm. Eng. Hist.* II. ii. Wks. (1812) 281 That a nation..should..have established so flourishing a seminary of learning. 1774 J. BRYANT *Mythol.* I. 436 They were made use of for seminaries, where young people were educated. 1800 HT. LEE *Canterb. T.* (ed. 2) III. 9 The seminary to which Mr. Cavendish conducted his son could not properly be termed a school. 1802 BEDDOES *Hygëia* VIII. 71 A lady who believes herself to have been the favourite of the heads of one of the most numerous seminaries in England. 1815 SCOTT *Guy M.* xvii, To place his daughter in a seminary for female education. 1817 *Sporting Mag.* L. 13 The modern metaphorical refinement of styling a school a seminary which may be now seen in many a blind alley of London. 1831 BREWSTER *Newton* I. 4 At the usual age he was sent to two day-schools at Skillington and Stoke, where he acquired the education which such seminaries afforded. 1837 LOCKHART *Scott* I. iii. 102 Young Walter spent one hour daily at a small separate seminary of writing and arithmetic. 1840 DICKENS *Old C. Shop* viii, Whereon ap-

peared, in circumambient flourishes, the words 'Ladies' Seminary'. 1840 Jos. QUINCY *Harvard Univ.* II. 452 The interests of society demand, that the number of the greater seminaries of science should be few. 1876 J. GRANT *Burgh Sch. Scot.* II. v. 201 That famous seminary [Aberdeen University]. 1885 W. S. GILBERT *Mikado* I. Trio, Three little maids who, all unwary, Come from a ladies' seminary, Freed from its genius tutelary—Three little maids from school!

5. *R. C. Ch.* A school or college for training persons for the priesthood. In 16–17th c. often used with reference to those institutions engaged in the training of priests for the English mission.

1581 J. HAMILTON *Cath. Traict.* Epist. 9 He bes not neglectit ye occasion offrit to plant sindrie learnit and godlie 3ong men in a publik seminarie. 1582 ALLEN *Martyrd. Caupion* (1908) 6 Hearing that there was a Seminary not longe before begonne in Doway. 1589 NASHE *Pasquill & Marforius* A iij, At the last, bearing the Schollers of the English Seminarie merrie, as they returned from their Vineyarde..I stole out of Rome by night [etc.]. 1678 PHILLIPS (ed. 4), *Seminary*..a Colledge approved for the education of Priests of the Romish Church, who were to propagate their Doctrine in England, or other Parts of a different perswasion. 1716 in Payne *Rec. Eng. Catholics of* 1715 (1889) 148 John is now in some Popish seminary abroad. 1868 G. DUFF *Pol. Surv.* 16 For monasteries, we should read convents, mission-houses, and seminaries.

b. *attrib.*, as in *seminary* † *college, -man, -priest.*

1581 in *Cath. Rec. Soc. Publ.* V. 20 William thorley..was brought uppe in a Semynary College at Reames iij yeares. 1582 ALLEN *Martyrd. Campion* (1908) 99 Confessing boldly himself to be a Catholike, a Priest, and a Seminarie man of Rhemes. 1582 in *Cath. Rec. Soc. Publ.* V. 26 He is now w^th^in this moneth returned a Seameanary preest from Rheames. 1693 *Mem. Ct. Teckely* I. 5 [The Emperors of the House of Austria] filled their Countreys with Missionaries, or Seminary Priests, as we call them. 1759 ROBERTSON *Hist. Scot.* I. Wks. 1813 I. 542 He drove many of the seminary priests out of the kingdom. 1821 SCOTT *Kenilw.* i, Giles Gosling..was at one time inclined to suspect his guest of being a Jesuit, or seminary priest.

6. = SEMINAR[2]. Also *attrib.*

1889 *Academy* 17 Aug. 103/2 The 'seminary' system seems to be making way [at Harvard]...The seminary is an association of the teachers, fellows, and scholars..for the prosecution of original studies by means of discussion and criticism. 1891 *Century Dict.* s. v., Seminary course.

† **7.** Short for *seminary priest* (see 5 b). *Obs.*

1581 W. CHARKE *Replie to Censure* I iii, This should be a note not only to those Iesuites, but to al whatsoeuer they be, Iesuites, or Seminaries or massepriestes, or what persons soeuer. 1593 NASHE *Christ's T.* Q iii b, The Romish Seminaries haue not allured vnto them so many good wits as Atheisme. 1614 B. JONSON *Barth. Fair* II. i, A while agone, they made mee, yea me, to mistake an honest zealous Pursiuant, for a Seminary. 1685 WOOD *Life* Sept. (O.H.S.) III. 162 M^r^ Ll. Jenkyns was imprison'd for a seminary.

¶ b. Often treated as a subst. use of SEMINARY *a.*, with the sense 'one who sows the seed' (of Romish doctrine). See SEMINARY *a.* 2 and *sb.*[2] 2.

1583 [see SEDMAN 2]. 1610 J. DOVE *An Advert.* 2 Their yong frye of Seminaries and seed-men, which are trained up under them, see not with their owne eyes.

† **Se·minary,** *a.* and *sb.*[2] *Obs.* [ad. L. *sēmināri-us*, f. *sēmin-* seed: see SEMEN.]

A. *adj.*

1. = SEMINAL *a.*

1592 NASHE *P. Penilesse* H ii, They [spirits] so comprehend those seminarie vertues to men vnknown, that those thinges which, in conrse of time,..Nature of it selfe can effect, they..can contriue and compas in a moment. 1602 DOLMAN *La Primaud. Fr. Acad.* (1618) III. 727 That which the point is in the Mathematicks, the same is the seminarie power in the Phisickes. 1615 CROOKE *Body of Man* 219 Aristotle..would haue that humor which is auoyded by the necke of the matrix not to bee a seminarie or seedy humour. 1650 BULWER *Anthropomet.* 233 The Testes and seminary vessels. 1671 J. WEBSTER *Metallogr.* ii. 33 Especially in declaring the root and seminary power of Metals. 1720 P. BLAIR *Bot. Ess.* iv. 306 The Seminary Particles in the Ova. *a* 1742 G. MARTIN in *Med. Ess. Edin.* V. 231 The seminary Blood-vessels.

2. Occupied in sowing seed. *fig.* with allusion to SEMINARY *sb.*[1] 7.

1609 BIBLE (Douay) To Rdr. †6 And so [he]..calleth the other Apostles *Messores*, Reapers, and S. Paul, being specially sent to the Gentiles, *Seminatorem* a Sower, or Seminarie Apostle. 1640 GAUDEN *Love of Truth* 25 Fortifying truth, against the Seminary incursions of those, that seeke to encroach upon its ancient bounds.

B. *sb.* (From absolute uses of the adj.)

1. a. A germ, embryo, seminal particle. **b.** *spec.* The morbific matter or principle (of a disease); *pl.* germs (of infection). Cf. SEMINAL *sb. Obs.*

a. 1671 J. WEBSTER *Metallogr.* III. 40 Plants were not created perfect at first, but only in their seminaries.

b. 1604 F. HERING *Mod. Defence* A iiij, The foure windes bring diuers affections of the aire, and especially contagious seminaries. 1650 BULWER *Anthropomet.* 244 In whom there lies hid the Seminary of a disease. 1665 G. HARVEY *Adv. agst. Plague* 9 Houses built upon a clay and foggy ground are more subject to conceive pestilent Seminaries. 1684 tr. *Bonet's Merc. Compit.* VI. 202 The Plague, whose *fomes*, seminary, or contagion you will never cast out of the Body, except by [Alexitericks or Sudorificks]. 1694 SALMON *Bate's Dispens.* (1713) 191/2 Dedicated to the Kidneys and Bladder, not only to evacuate what is viscous and sandy in them, but also to move the Seminary thereof, and hinder..the farther Generations of Sand, Gravel, or Stones.

2. A sower of seed. Only *fig.*, chiefly with punning allusion to SEMINARY *sb.*[1] 7.

[1583, 1610: see SEMINARY *sb.*[2] 7 b.] *a* 1680 BUTLER *Charac.* in *Rem.* (1759) II. 450 A Pettifogger..is a Law-seminary, that sows Tares amongst Friends to entangle them in Contention with one another.

† **Se·minate,** *a. Obs. rare*[−1]. [ad. L. *sēminātus*, pa. pple. of *sēmināre*: see SEMINATE *v.*] Disseminated.

a 1560 ROLLAND *Crt. Venus* II. 851 The suane odour Was seminate about that blisfull tour.

Seminate (se·mine|t), *v.* Now *arch.* [f. L. *sēmināt-*, ppl. stem of *sēmināre* to sow, bring forth, propagate, etc., f. *sēmin-*: see SEMEN and -ATE[3].]

1. *trans.* To sow; chiefly *fig.* to promulgate or disseminate.

1535 HEN. VIII in Strype *Eccl. Mem.* (1733) I. App. liv. 141 Who..intended to seminate, engender, & breed, among our people & subjects, a most mischievous & seditious Opinion. 1597 A. M. tr. *Guillemeau's Fr. Chirurg.* fiv b, I am not entred into this matter to sowe and seminate the same in an infertille grownde. 1652 GAULE *Magastrom.* 60 If naturall, where are the innate principles, primely seminated, common to all men? *a* 1734 NORTH *Life Dr. J. North* (1742) 248 He shewed an innate Hatred of popular Faction; as well that which had been seminated all over England..as also [etc.]. 1796 W. H. MARSHALL *West Eng.* I. 164 The method of seminating the Wheat crop.

† b. *Her.* (Cf. SEMÉE *a.*, SEMINED.)

1610 GUILLIM *Heraldry* III. x. (1611) 115 If they were strowed, or (as I may better terme it) seminated all over the field, then were it not a bend betweene but upon or over them.

2. *intr.* To produce seed. *rare*[−1].

1676 HALE *Contempl.* I. 430 The secret spark of life that is in it, that Attracts, increaseth, Groweth, Seminateth, preserves it self and its kinds.

Hence **Se·minated** *ppl. a.*

1662 J. CHANDLER *Van Helmont's Oriat.* 236 Wherefore the whole muckie and phlegmatick Doctrine of Galen, hath been dried up in a seminated or seedied Stone.

Semination (semina·ʃən). [a. L. *sēminātiōn-em*, f. *sēmināre* to sow: see SEMINATE *v.*]

1. The action or process of sowing. Chiefly *fig.*

1531 CROMWELL in Merriman *Life & Lett.* (1902) I. 338 The semynacyon and sowing such euill seedes of dampnable and detestable heresies. 1664 EVELYN *Sylva* ii. 8 But to make an Essay what Seed is most agreeable to the Soil, you may by the thriving of a promiscuous Semination make a judgement of it. 1737 L. CLARKE *Hist. Bible* II. 195 From a slender Semination of the Gospel there was likely to be a vast Harvest. 1797 J. LAWRENCE in *Monthly Mag.* XLVIII. 314 It is beginning to be sown with the seeds of such as we fashionably style French principles: in a few years, the semination will be universal and complete.

† b. A mode of grafting. *Obs. rare*[−1].

1589 FLEMING *Virg. Georg.* II. 21 *note*, Semination, insition, inoculation or implastration, the three kindes of grafting.

† c. (See quot.) *Obs.*

1722 QUINCY *Lex. Physico-Med.* (ed. 2), *Semination*, is called by Blasius the Immission of the Male-Seed into the Womb in Coition.

2. The production of seed or semen.

1658 PHILLIPS, *Semination*, or *Sementation*, a sowing, or bringing forth seed. *a* 1676 HALE *Prim. Orig. Man.* III. iv. (1677) 267 And therefore such Herbs, if their Semination be prevented by being cut, survive to the next Year. 1822–29 *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 3) V. 112 The generic term Prœotia or Prœotes is copied from Theophrastus...It is, however, peculiarly applied to premature semination. 1853 G. JOHNSTON *Nat. Hist. E. Borders* I. 124 All the Hieracia are erect throughout the process of florescence and semination.

3. The natural dispersion of seeds.

1765 JOHNSON *Shaks.* 1 *Hen. IV*, II. i. *note*, Those who perceived that fern was propagated by semination, and yet could never see the seed.

† **4.** = INOCULATION. *Obs. rare*[−1].

1747 *Gentl. Mag.* XVII. 527 We are informed (by the learned Maitland) that this method of Semination of the small pox has been in use above 100 years among the Chinese.

Seminative (se·minətiv), *a. rare.* [Formed as SEMINATE *v.* + -IVE.] Having the function of sowing or propagating; capable of sowing seeds (of thought). † *Seminative power, virtue*: cf. SEMINAL *a.*

1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* XVII. cxliii (Bodl. MS.), Vertu semynatife of Rewe is in þe sede in the stalke in spraie and in rote. 1651 BIGGS *New Disp.* P 73 The seminative power is taken from the Earth. 1818 G. S. FABER *Horæ Mosaicæ* I. 22 Lastly, the whole frame of seminative nature was, by all the gods, distributed in proper order. 1889 LOWELL *Latest Ess., Stud. Mod. Lang.* (1891) 143 There have been men of genius, like Emerson, richly seminative for other minds.

† **Seminator.** *Obs.* [a. L. *sēmināt-or*, agent-n. f. *sēmināre*: see SEMINATE *v.*] A sower, a scatterer of seed. (With quot. 1609 cf. SEMINARY *sb.*[2] 2.)

1609 WOTTON *Life & Lett.* (1907) I. 462 Here hath been scattered a report by the Pope's seminators that his Majesty had (etc.). 1651 PRESTWICH tr. *Seneca's Hippol.* I. ii. 7 The Gods fruitfull Seminator, who As he bis Thunder brandishes, doth shake The trembling world.

† **Se·mined,** *pple. Obs.* [f. **semine* vb., ad. L. *sēmināre*: see SEMINATE *v.*] = SEMÉE *a.*

1603 B. JONSON *King's Entertainm.* (1604) C 2 Irene, or Peace...Her attire White, semined with Starres. *a* 1616 — *Hymenæi* B 2 Reason, seated in the top of the Globe..her Garments blew, and semined with Starres. 1611 SPEED *Hist. Gt. Brit.* IX. xii. § 47 Philip de Valoys sate crowned in violet veluet, semined with golden lillies. 1672 T. JORDAN *Lond. Triumph.* 6.

† **Semi·nial,** *a. Obs. rare*[−1]. [f. SEMINI-UM + -AL.] Of or pertaining to a 'seminium'.

a 1676 HALE *Prim. Orig. Man.* III. iv. (1677) 271 The Seminial Particles of Insects.

Semini·feral, *a. rare.* [f. L. *sēmin-* SEMEN + *-fer* (f. *ferre* to bear) + -AL.] = SEMINIFEROUS *a.* 2.

1840 G. V. ELLIS *Anal.* 502 Between the seminiferal tubes.

Seminiferous (semini·fĕrəs), *a.* Also 8 semen-. [f. L. *sēmin-*, *sēmen* SEMEN + -(I)FEROUS.]

1. *Bot.* Bearing or producing seed.

Seminiferous scale, in *Coniferæ* the scale above the bract-scale bearing the ovules, and ultimately the seeds.

1692 RAY in *Lett. Lit. Men* (Camden) 198 Because, being seminiferous, I deferred it when I entred the Lenticulæ. 1707 *Monthly Miscell.* Dec. I. 230 Seminiferous Cup Mushroom. 1720 P. BLAIR *Bot. Ess.* iii. 192 There is a Difference among the Flowers of this Valerian, for some are Seminiferous, more compactly united, like the Heads of Scabiosa. 1784 TWAMLEY *Dairying Exemp.* 172 Most of the seminiferous, or Seed tribe. 1821 W. P. C. BARTON *Flora N. Amer.* I. 109 Seminiferous dissepiment parallel with the valves. 1882 VINES *Sachs' Bot.* 518 The seminiferous scales ..appear to be axillary structures in the axils of bracts.. which spring from the axis of the cone.

2. *Anat.* Containing or conveying the seminal fluid; bearing or producing semen.

1831 R. KNOX *Cloquet's Anat.* 808 These filaments are the seminiferous vessels or ducts. 1860 TANNER *Pregnancy* i. 33 In the male we have the bundles of seminiferous tubules enclosed in a fibrous capsule.

Seminific (semini·fik), *a. rare*[−0]. [f. L. *sēmin-* SEMEN + -(I)FIC.] Producing semen or seed.

1696 PHILLIPS (ed. 5), *Seminific*, producing seed for generation. 1706 — (ed. Kersey), *Seminifick*, that makes or breeds Seed. 1898 *Syd. Soc. Lex.*, *Seminific*, semen-producing. 1900 B. D. JACKSON *Gloss. Bot. Terms.*, *Seminific*, forming or producing seed.

† **Semini·fical,** *a. Obs. rare*[−1]. [Formed as prec. + -AL.] = prec.

1646 SIR T. BROWNE *Pseud. Ep.* VI. viii. 317 We are made to beleeve that the fourteenth yeare males are seminifical and pubescent. 1656 in BLOUNT *Glossogr.*

Seminifica·tion. *rare*[−1]. [f. L. *sēmin-* SEMEN + -(I)FICATION.] Production of seed.

a 1676 HALE *Prim. Orig. Man.* I. ii. (1677) 45 The Faculties or Operations of this *Anima vegetabilis* are these; 1. Attraction of aliment;..6. Seminification and propagation from the seed or seminal parts. 1900 B. D. JACKSON *Gloss. Bot. Terms*, *Seminification*, propagation from seed.

Seminiform (sĕmi·nifōm), *a. Bot. rare.* [Formed as SEMINIFIC *a.*: see -FORM.] Having the form of seeds. † **a.** *Seminiform attire*, a name given by Grew to the stamens. See ATTIRE *sb.* 8. *Obs.*

1676 GREW *Anat. Pl.* I. v. § 13 (1682) 37 The Attire, I find to be of two kinds, Seminiforme, and Florid. *Ibid.* IV. II. iii. 167 That sort of Attire, which may be called Seminiform, being usually, as it were, a little sheaf of seed-like Particles, standing on so many Pedicills, as the Ear doth upon the End of the Straw.

b. Bory's epithet for the reproductive bodies of Fungi, Polypi, Confervæ, and other vegetable or animal organisms which have no specialized generative organs.

1858 MAYNE *Expos. Lex.* s.v. *Seminiformis.*

Seminist (se·minist). *Biol.* [a. F. *séministe* (18th c.), f. L. *sēmin-* SEMEN: see -IST.] (See quot. 1876.)

1857 DUNGLISON *Med. Lex.*, *Seminist*, animalculist. 1876 *Ibid.*, *Seminist*, animalculist. The term was, also, used for one who belived that the new being was formed by an admixture of the seed of the male with the supposititious seed of the female.

‖ **Seminium** (semi·niŭm). *rare.* Pl. **seminia.** [L. *sēminium* procreation, also race, stock, breed, f. *sēmin-*, *sēmen*: see SEMEN.] The first principle (of anything), germ, etc. = SEMINARY *sb.*[2] 1.

a 1676 HALE *Prim. Orig. Man.* III. iv. (1677) 271 The first Seminium of these *Insecta*. 1720 tr. *Hodges' Loimologia* 52 There is an Efflux of the contagious Seminium. *Ibid.* 55 Hence it comes strongly to be conjectured, how the pestilential Seminium comes to be hid so secretly in the Porosities of the Air. 1723 MAITLAND *Acc. Inoc. Small Pox* (ed. 2) 15 But in effect, to cleanse Nature from the latent *Fomes* or *Seminium*; and to secure against that popular Contagion. 1753 *Chambers' Cycl.* Suppl., *Seminium*, a term used by the writers on fossils to express a sort of first principle, from which the several figured stones..are supposed to have their origin. *Ibid.*, The *seminia* of fossils may be as easily sustained in the air, as those of plants and animals. 1822–9 *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 3) IV. 426 It is difficult if not impossible, to account..for the quickening of the lurking seminium of the poison at this time rather than at any other. [1858 MAYNE *Expos. Lex.*, *Seminium*, ..applied (nom. pl.) to the seeds or predisposing causes of disease.]

Seminivorous (semini·vŏrəs), *a. rare.* Also 7 **semenivorous.** [f. mod.L. **sēminivor-us* (f. L. *sēmin-* SEMEN + *-(ī)vorus* devouring) + -OUS.] Eating or feeding on seeds.

1688 HOLME *Armoury* II. 310/1 Semenivorous Birds, such as feed upon Seeds, as the Linnet, Jacknicco, and..Finches. 1819 G. S. FABER *Dispens.* (1823) I. 59 The whole race of graminivorous and seminivorous and frugivorous animals.

Se·mi-noctu·rnal, *a. Astr.* [SEMI- 5 b.] Pertaining to, or accomplished in, half a night.

1594, 1664 (see SEMI-DIURNAL 1]. 1660 H. MORE *Myst. Godl.* VII. XV. 342 The seminocturnal archs of the Ascension of the Ecliptick. 1679 MOXON *Math. Dict.* 87 By the help thereof [the Meridian], is found..the..Seminocturnal Arch of any Star. 1819 J. WILSON *Dict. Astrol.* 49 Subtract the seminocturnal arc of the star from its oblique ascension.

Semi-nu·de, *a.* [SEMI- I.] Half naked.

1856 SMYTH *Rom. Family Coins* 209 A seminude Victoria alata in a rapid biga. 1880 'OUIDA' *Moths* i, She had floated and bobbed and swum and splashed semi-nude. 1886 *Guide Exhib. Galleries Brit. Mus.* 110 A semi-nude figure of a saint holding an ensign.

b. *Bot.* (see quot. 1849).

1849 BALFOUR *Man. Bot.* § 576 In mignonette, the seed-vessel opens early, so as to expose the seeds, which are called seminude. 1887 BENTLEY *Man. Bot.* (ed. 5) 325 True Gymnospermous plants..should be carefully distinguished from those with seminude ovules.

Hence **Se·mi-nu·dity,** the condition of being half naked; *concr.* a semi-nude figure.

1859 SALA *Tw. round Clock* (1861) 417 The glittering semi-nudities gyrating here. 1896 *Daily News* 12 June 5/1 Then there were the Revolutionary semi-nudity, and the sham Greek dress.

Seminule (se·minĭul). *Bot.* [f. mod.L. *sēminulum*, diminutive of L. *sēmin-*, *sēmen*: see SEMEN and -ULE.] A reproductive corpuscle of cryptogamous plants; also a small seed, a spore. Hence **Se·minuli·ferous** *a.*, bearing seminules.

1858 in MAYNE *Expos. Lex.*

Seminva·riant. *Math.* Also **semi-in-.** [f. SEMI- + INVARIANT.] A function of the coefficients of a binary quantic which remains unchanged, except for a constant factor, when $x + \lambda$ is substituted for x, but not when $y + \lambda$ is substituted for y.

1860 in Cayley *Math. Papers* (1891) IV. 241 The coefficients of the equation of differences, *quâ* functions of the differences of the roots of the given equation, are leading coefficients of covariants, or (to use a shorter expression) they are 'Seminvariants'. [*Note*, The term 'Seminvariant' seems to me preferable to M. Brioschi's term 'Peninvariant'.] 1882 SYLVESTER in *Amer. Jrnl. Math.* V. 79 On Subinvariants, i. e. Semi-Invariants to Binary Quantics of an Unlimited Order.

†**Se·miny,** *a. Obs. rare.* In 7 seminie. [irreg. f. L. *sēmin-* (see SEMEN).] = SEMINIFORM.

1671 [see SEMET].

Se·mi-occa·sional, *a. U.S.* [SEMI- 1.] Occurring once in a while. Hence **Se·mi-occa·sionally** *adv.*

1850 'Dow jr.' in Jerdan *Yankee Hum.* (1853) 113 Semi-occasional intoxication. 1854 *Putnam's Monthly* May 459/2 A newspaper published semi-occasionally. 1861 LOWELL *Biglow P.* Ser. II. i, They jest work semioccashually, or else don't work at all.

Se·mi-offi·cial, *a.* [SEMI- 1.] Partly official; depending to some extent upon official authority or knowledge.

1859 *Habits of Gd. Society* 292 Unless the dinner was a semi-official one. 1868 G. DUFF *Pol. Surv.* 2 The semi-official and opposition press has done its best to increase difficulties which required no increasing. 1897 *Westm. Gaz.* 23 Feb. 5/1 The Central News asserts that there is semi-official reason for stating that [etc.]. 1901 *Scotsman* 8 Mar. 6/1 The semi-official 'North German Gazette'.

So **Se·mi-offi·cially** *adv.*, in a semi-official manner.

1859 LANG *Wand. India* 191 That a civilian in power had a quarrel with the Commissary-General, and had represented, semi-officially, that great frauds had been committed. 1861 M. PATTISON *Ess.* (1889) I. 38 The Bishop of Basle..writes semi-officially to the King a letter of excuse.

Semiography, Semiology, etc. : see SEMEIO-.

Se·mi-opa·city. [SEMI- 2; cf. next.] The condition or quality of being semi-opaque.

1688 BOYLE *Final Causes* iv. 147 The Opacity of the Uvea, and the Semi-opacity of the Retina. 1836–9 *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* II. 117/2 The membrane of the cyst is thin, delicate, transparent, or with a certain pearly semi-opacity.

Se·mi-opa·cous, *a. rare*—1. [SEMI- 1.] = next.

1663 BOYLE *Exp. Hist. Colours* III. iii. 189 Semi-opacous Bodyes, and those such as look'd upon in an ordinary Light, and not held betwixt it and the Eye, are not wont to be Discriminated from the rest of Opacous Bodyes.

Semi-o·pal. [transl. G. *halbopal* (Werner, 1788).] An inferior variety of opal harder and more opaque than common opal.

1794 KIRWAN *Elem. Min.* (ed. 2) I. 290 Semi Opal..much resembles flint. 1857 DANA *Man. Min.* (1862) 139 Common opal has the hardness of opal and is easily scratched by quartz, a character which distinguishes it from some siliceous stones often called semi-opal.

Se·mi-opa·que, *a.* [SEMI- 1.] Partly opaque; only partially transparent.

1691 RAY *Creation* II. (1692) 198 The Element of Water being semi-opake. 1765 *Phil. Trans.* LV. 31 *note*, It looks like a piece of yellowish glass, semiopaque and brittle. 1834 MRS. SOMERVILLE *Connex. Phys. Sci.* xiv. (1849) 114 Certain semi-opaque minerals and other substances becoming transparent when plunged in water. 1871 GARROD *Mat. Med.* (ed. 3) 340 Semi-opaque Socotrine and Barbadoes aloes.

Semi-o·val, *a.* Chiefly *Nat. Hist.* [SEMI- 6 a.] Of the form of half an oval cut longitudinally, semi-elliptical.

1703 MOXON *Mech. Exerc.* 273 Semi-Oval Arches. 1756 G. DOUGLAS *Winslow's Anat.* II. § 554 The Semi-Oval Fibres of the upper Palpebra. 1775 J. JENKINSON *Brit. Plants* Gloss. 1856–8 W. CLARK *Van der Hoeven's Zool.* I. 798 Aperture entire, semioval. 1875 W. MCILWRAITH *Guide Wigtownshire* 100 The whole garden-ground is included in a semi-oval hollow.

So **Se·mi-o·valoid** *a.*

a 1843 J. F. SOUTH in *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) VII. 314/2 The Skink has the anterior end of the [upper arm] bone very wide, with a semiovaloid head, looking upwards.

Semi-o·vate, *a. Nat. Hist.* [SEMI- 6 a.] Of the shape of half an egg divided lengthways, ovate on one side only.

1760 J. LEE *Introd. Bot.* III. v. (1765) 176 *Semiovate*, half Egg-shaped. 1775 J. JENKINSON *Brit. Plants* Gloss. 1822 J. PARKINSON *Outl. Oryctol.* 211 Opening semiovate.

So †**Se·mi-ova·ted** *a.*

1757 *Phil. Trans.* L. 66 The germen is of a semiovated figure.

Semi-pa·lmate, *a. Zool.* [SEMI- 7 d.] Partly palmate, half-webbed.

1828–32 WEBSTER, *Semi-palmate, Semi-palmated*, half palmated or webbed. 1856–8 W. CLARK *Van der Hoeven's Zool.* II. 249 Anterior feet cloven, posterior semipalmate. 1872 COUES *Key N. Amer. Birds* 51 This constitutes the semipalmate (½-webbed, that is,) foot.

So **Semi-pa·lmated** *a.*; hence **Se·mi-palma·tion,** the condition of being semi-palmate.

1785 PENNANT *Arctic Zool.* II. 502 Avoset..Feet *semi-palmated. 1808–13 A. WILSON & BONAPARTE *Amer. Ornith.* (1831) III. 63 *Tringa semipalmata*...Semipalmated Sandpiper. 1839–47 *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* III. 439/1 The Caymans are semipalmated. 1872 COUES *Key N. Amer. Birds* 51 They [webs] run out to the end of the first, or along part of the second joint, constituting true *semipalmation.

Se·mipara·bola. *Math.* [SEMI- 6 b.] **1.** Half of a parabola.

1656 HOBBES *Six Lessons* iv. 34 You ought to have made a Semiparabola on the Diameter AC. 1668 *Phil. Trans.* III. 809 When Comets describe a Semi-parabola only. 1745 BAILEY (ed. 10) vol. II, *Parabolick Conoid*, a solid figure generated by the rotation of a Semi parabola about its Axis.

2. 'A curve of such a nature that the powers of its ordinates are to each other as the next lower powers of its abscissas' (Hutton, *Math. Dict.*).

1728 CHAMBERS *Cycl.* s.v. *Parabola*, Those Curves are likewise used to be referred to Parabola's wherein $ax^{m-1} = y^m$, as *E. gr.* $ax^2 = y^3$, $ax^3 = y^4$, which some call Semi-parabola's. 1815 HUTTON *Math. Dict.* II. 150/1 Parabolas, that are expressed by the general equation $ax^{n-1} = y^n$..are called semi-parabolas.

Se·mi-parabo·lic, *a.* [In sense 1, f. SEMI-PARABOLA + -IC; in 2, f. SEMI- 1 + PARABOLIC *a.*]

1. (See quot.)

1775 ASH, *Semiparabolic*, comprising half a parabola.

2. Partly of the nature of parable.

1876 STEWART & TAIT *Unseen Univ.* (1880) 31 Semi-parabolic representation of spiritual truths.

Se·mi-parabo·lical, *a.* [f. SEMIPARABOLA + -ICAL.] = prec. 1.

1656 tr. *Hobbes' Elem. Philos.* xvi. 170 The Body will be carried through the Semipa[ra]bolical crooked line AGD. 1656 HOBBES *Six Lessons* iv. 36 Two Movents, one uniform, the other uniformly accelerated, make the Body describe a Semiparabolical line. 1775 in ASH.

Se·mi-ped, -pede. *Pros.* [ad. L. *sēmiped-*, *-pēs*, f. *sēmi-* SEMI- + *ped-*, *pēs* foot.] A half-foot.

1756 T. SHERIDAN *Brit. Educ.* (1761) 317 An English heroick verse is composed of ten semipeds, or syllables. 1824 L. MURRAY *Eng. Gram.* (ed. 5) I. 387 'Day" or the sweet approach of even or morn'. Here the cæsura after the first semipede *Day*, stops us unexpectedly. 1907 OMOND *Eng. Metrists* 12 The first six lines of *Paradise Lost*, each of which consists of ten 'semi-peds'.

So **Semipedal** *a. rare*—° [L. *sēmipedālis*].

1658 PHILLIPS, *Semipedal*, consisting of half a foot in measure.

Se·mi-Pela·gian, *a.* and *sb.* [ad. eccl. L. *Sēmipelagiānus*: see SEMI- 7 b and PELAGIAN.]

A. *adj.* Pertaining to the semi-Pelagians or semi-Pelagianism.

1626 *Second Parallel* A iij b, No better then an halfe-faced groat of the Semipelagian alloy. 1626 PYM in Rushw. *Hist. Coll.* (1659) I. 341 A Semipelagian and a Popish Faction set on foot to the danger of this Church and State, whose Tenets are Liberty of Free-will. 1765 MACLAINE tr. *Mosheim's Eccl. Hist.* Cent. v. II. v. § 27 They had embraced the Semi-Pelagian doctrine before Cassian. 1807 SYD. SMITH *Lett. Cath.* i, [They] enabled every sublapsarian, and supralapsarian, and semi-pelagian clergyman, to build himself a neat brick chapel. 1845 *Encycl. Metrop.* XI. 346/2 Yet to Cassian is generally attributed the honour or disgrace of founding the Semipelagian School.

B. *sb.* An adherent of semi-Pelagianism.

a 1600 HOOKER *Wks.* (1888) II. 540 If his grace did no otherwise draw our minds than Pelagians and Semi-Pelagians imagined. 1607 HIERON *Wks.* I. 420 Some papists, who are in this point (as they are rightly called) semi-pelagians; they, acknowledging originall corruption, yet doe limit it. 1744 TINDAL *Contin. Rapin* III. 511 *note*, The Semipelagians think, that an assisting Grace is necessary, but that the first turn of the will to God is the effect of a man's own choice. 1885 MARCUS DODS in *Encycl. Brit.* XVIII. 472/2 A similar scheme was adopted by Cassian of Marseilles (hence Semi-pelagians are often spoken of as Massilians).

Se·mi-Pela·gianism. [f. prec. + -ISM.] A doctrine intermediate between Angustinianism and Pelagianism, taught by Cassian of Marseilles in the 5th century.

1626 DONNE *Serm.* (1640) 675 Not disposed by preventing grace, without use of subsequent grace, by Antecedent and anticipant, without concomitant and auxiliant grace; that is Semi-pelagianisme. 1728 CHAMBERS *Cycl.* s.v. *Jansenism*, It is Semi-pelagianism to say, that Jesus Christ died, or shed his Blood, for all Men in general. 1885 MARCUS DODS in *Encycl. Brit.* XVIII. 472/2 The differentia of Semipelagianism is the tenet that in regeneration..the divine and the human will are co-operating (synergistic) coefficient factors.

Semi-pe·rfect, *a. rare.* [SEMI- 1; in L. *sēmiperfectus*.] Imperfect, incomplete.

1623 COCKERAM I, *Semiperfect*, halfe formed. 1626 BACON *Sylva* § 107 The Concords in Musick which are Perfect, or Semiperfect, betweene the Vnison, and the Diapason are the Fifth, which is the most Perfect; the Third next; And the Sixth which is more harsh.

Semiquaver (se·mikwēivəɹ), *sb. Mus.* [SEMI- 5 a.] A note half the length of a quaver, the sixteenth part of a semibreve. (Also *attrib.*)

1576 GASCOIGNE *Grief of Joye* iv. Wks. 1870 II. 296 Whiles I searcht the semyquaver toyes, the glancing sharpes, the halfenotes. 1597 MORLEY *Introd. Mus.* Annot. P 4 Who inuented the Crotchet, Quauer, and Semiquauer is vncertaine. 1669 [see DEMI-9]. 1706 A. BEDFORD *Temple Mus.* xi. 227 The Author had never heard of a Semiquaver. 1848 RIMBAULT *Pianoforte* 57 When groups of Quavers, Semiquavers, &c. are to be repeated several times in succession. 1884 G. MOORE *Mummer's Wife* xiii, Kate, who did not know a crotchet from a semiquaver.

†**b.** *allusively.* A very short space of time. *The brief and the semiquaver*, jocular amplification of 'the brief' (see BRIEF B. b). *Obs.*

1602 MARSTON *Ant. & Mel.* II. C 3 b, The breefe and the semiquauer is, wee must haue the descant you made vpon our names, ere you depart. 1635 QUARLES *Emblems* IV. xv, Till then, earth's Semiquaver, mirth, farewell.

Hence **Semiquaver** *v. nonce-wd.*, to drive *away* with playing semiquavers.

1780 COWPER *Progr. Err.* 127 With wire and catgut he concludes the day, Quavering and semiquavering care away.

Semi-rect, *sb.* Anglicized form of **semirecta,** corruption of *cyma recta*: see CYMA 1.

1776 G. SEMPLE *Building in Water* 13 A Cornice..consisting of a Semirect and a Semirevers and Tuscan Blocks. 1841 MILLER *Old Red Sandstone* viii. (1887) 162 Mouldings somewhat resembling the semi-recta of the architect.

Semirect, *a.* [ad. mod.L. *sēmirectus*: see SEMI- and RECT *a.*] Half a right angle.

1656 tr. *Hobbes' Elem. Philos.* xxiv. 285 If the angle of Inclination be semirect.

Semi-revers. Corrupt anglicized form of *cyma reversa*: see CYMA 1. 1776 [see SEMI-RECT *sb.*].

[**Semi-rife.** In forms *semyryfe, -rife*, error for *semyvyf* (see SEMIVIF) in Bailey's Dict. 1728, etc.]

Semi-ro·tary, *a.* [SEMI- 7.] Partly rotary.

1850 in Woodcroft *App. Specif. Pat. Reaping Machines* (1853) 99 The part N moves by a lateral and semi-rotary motion. 1884 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.* Suppl. 796 *Semi-rotary Engine*, an engine between a reciprocating and rotary one.

So **Se·mi-rota·ting, -ro·tative, -ro·tatory** *adjs.*

1881 T. WARDLE *Wild Silks of India* 30 A *semi-rotating brush is placed over them [cocoons], which quickly catches the exterior fibres of each cocoon. 1846 *Mech. Mag.* 3 Oct. 314 Soutter's Patent *Semirotative Pump. 1826 KIRBY & SP. *Entomol.* XXXV. III. 671 Upon these the tibia turns, with a *semirotatory motion up and down as upon a pair of pivots. 1851 MANTELL *Petrifactions* iii. 233 *note*, There are some of the large Monitors which can give a semi-rotatory motion to the back teeth.

Semi-sa·vage, *a.* and *sb.* [SEMI- 1, 2.] = SEMI-BARBARIAN.

1807 J. BARLOW *Columb.* VI. 528 The semisavage sees his tribes retire. 1833 J. H. NEWMAN *Arians* I. iii. (1876) 77 The rude and semi-savage state in which they are considered to have lived. 1884 *Manch. Exam.* 27 May 5/1 Semi-savage tribes who lived by pillaging caravans.

Hence **Se·mi-sa·vagedom, -sa·vagery.**

1882 MISS BRADDON *Mt. Royal* I. ii. 41 That unsophisticated semi-savagery which Hamleigh had expected in a place so remote. 1887 H. KNOLLYS *Life in Japan* 321 The spirit of semi-savagedom apparent amongst all [classes].

Semi-Sa·xon, *a.* and *sb.* [SEMI- 1, 2. Cf. mod. L. *Sēmisaxonicus* (Hickes 1689).] **A.** *adj.* Intermediate between 'Saxon' and 'English'; formerly used by philologists to designate the first period of Middle English, from *c* 1100–50 to *c* 1250. **B.** *sb.* The 'Semi-Saxon' language; Early Middle English.

1735 SHELTON tr. *Wotton's View Hickes' Thes.* 100 The Nicene..Creed, translated into Semi-Saxon. 1813 WHITAKER *Langl. P. Pl.* Introd. p. vii, From the extinction of the pure Saxon..to the reign of Edward the Third, the language of our country, which, during that period, may be called Semi-Saxon, had scarcely been reduced to any standard. 1847 (*title*) Layamon's Brut, or Chronicle of Britain; a poetical semi-Saxon Paraphrase of the Brut of Wace. 1853 MORTON *Ancr. R.* Pref. p. x, A few passages in the Latin which are not in the semi-Saxon.

Se·misection. [SEMI- 2.] = HEMISECTION.

1889 *Lancet* 13 Apr. 720/2 After semisection of the cervical region in dogs.

†**Semi-semi-** = DEMI-SEMI-.

1611 COTGR., *Fredon*, a..Semie-semie-quauer.

Semi-so·lid, *a.* [SEMI- 7 a.] Half-solid, extremely viscous.

1834 M. SCOTT *Cruise Midge* ii, The gun..was now useless, from sinking in the semisolid black soil. 1853 KANE *Grinnell Exp.* xlviii. (1856) 451 The semi-solid character of the ice. 1857 MILLER *Elem. Chem., Org.* (1862) iv. § 1. 259 Sperm oil becomes semisolid at about 45°. 1897 *Trans. Amer. Pediatric Soc.* IX. 152 The tumor was excised..and a semi-solid mass..was removed.

Semiso·mnous, *a. rare.* [f. L. *sēmisomn-is*, *-us*, f. *sēmi-* SEMI- + *somnus* sleep.] Half asleep.

1873 H. ROGERS *Orig. Bible* viii. 321 While his sister Oblivion reclineth semisomnous on a pyramid.

†**Semi-soun.** *Obs.* [f. SEMI- 2 + *soun* SOUND. Cf. late L. *sēmisonus*.] A slight or gentle sound.

a 1386 CHAUCER *Miller's T.* 511 And softe he knokketh with a semy soun [*MS. Lansd.* seme sowne].

Se·misphere. Now *rare.* [f. SEMI- + SPHERE. Cf. late L. *sēmisphæra, -ium.*] A hemisphere.

1659 TORRIANO, *Semi-sphèra*, a semy sphear. 1773 BRYDONE *Tour through Sicily* ix. 81 These are all..of a regular figure, either that of a cone or a semisphere. 1792 *Baron Munchausen's Trav.* xxiii. 99 The summit of the mountain, in the form of a semisphere. 1798 [see SEMI-SPHEROID]. 1849 *Sk. Nat. Hist., Mamm.* III. 44 In the two-horned rhinoceros the disc which bears the anterior horn is a semisphere.

Hence **Semisphe·ric, -sphe·rical** *adjs.*

1661 LOVELL *Hist. Anim. & Min.* Introd. e 8 b, Semi-

spherical, as callai, astroitæ. 1664 POWER *Exp. Philos.* I. 37 You shall in the Microscope see those 2. black spots to be semi-spherical eyes. 1896 VIZETELLY tr. *Zola's Rome* 198 A spacious round chamber with semispherical ceiling.

Se·mispheˈroid. [SEMI- 6 a.] Half a spheroid. 1775 ASH, *Semispheroid*. 1798 HUTTON *Course Math.* II. 325 In the semisphere, or semispheroid; the distance from the centre is ¾*r*, or ⅞ of the radius.

Hence **Semispheroiˈdal** *a.*, of the form of a semispheroid.

1664 POWER *Exp. Philos.* I. 6 The Gray, or Horse-Fly. Her eye..'tis of a semisphaeroidal figure. 1822 J. PARKINSON *Outl. Oryctol.* 48 Semi-sphæroidal masses. 1839 *Proc. Amer. Philos. Soc.* I. 71 Semi-spheroidal cavities.

‖ **Semita** (seˈmitä). *Zool.* [mod.L. use of L. *sēmita* narrow way or path.] A band of minute close-set tubercles which bear ciliated clubbed spines, characteristic of the spatangoid sea-urchins.

1877 HUXLEY *Anat. Inv. Anim.* ix. 574 These bands of peculiarly modified spines are called *semitæ* or *fascioles*. 1888 ROLLESTON & JACKSON *Anim. Life* 558.

Hence **Seˈmital** *a.* [cf. L. *sēmitālis* belonging to footpaths], of or pertaining to a semita.

1877 HUXLEY *Anat. Inv. Anim.* ix. 573 Fig., Semital tubercles...Semital spine.

Semitar(ie, obs. forms of SCIMITAR.

† **Seˈmitate,** *v. Obs. rare*—°. [f. L. *sēmita* path + -ATE.] *intr.* 'To make pathes, to divide into pathes or ways' (Blount *Glossogr.* 1656).

† **Semitaur.** *Obs.* In 6 **-tawre.** [ad. L. **sēmitaurus*, f. *sēmi-* SEMI- 2 + *taurus* bull.] A creature shaped half like a bull.

1592 BRETON *Pilgr. Parad.* (Grosart) 8/2 Some Semitawres, and some, more halfe a Beare. 1614 SYLVESTER *Bethulian's Rescue* VI. 108 He sees Chimeras, Gorgons, Mino-Taures, Medusas, Haggs, Alectos, Semi-Taures.

Semite (seˈməit). [ad. mod.L. *Sēmīta*, f. late Latin *Sēm*, Gr. Σήμ Shem: see -ITE. Cf. the earlier SHEMITE.] A person belonging to the race of mankind which includes most of the peoples mentioned in Gen. x. as descended from Shem son of Noah, as the Hebrews, Arabs, Assyrians, and Aramæans. Also, a person speaking a Semitic language as his native tongue.

1875 WHITNEY *Life & Growth Lang.* xii. 247 None but the Semites have, since the dawn of the historic period, seriously disputed with our family the headship of the human race. 1882 FARRAR *Early Chr.* II. 199 The mutual aversion of Semites and Aryans thus finds ample illustration in the literature of both. 1886 RAGOZIN *Chaldea* II. v. (1891) 237 Nor did the Semites preserve a separate existence.

Semiter(e, -erie, obs. forms of SCIMITAR.

Semitertian (semitəˈ·ɪʃən), *a.* (*sb.*) *Old Path.* [ad. mod.L. *sēmitertiāna* (*febris*), rendering Gr. ἡμιτριταία HEMITRITÆAN; see SEMI- and TERTIAN.] Applied to an intermittent fever which combines the symptoms of a quotidian and a tertian fever, consisting of a paroxysm occurring every day with a second stronger one every other day.

1611 FLORIO, *Hemitritta febbre*, a Semitertian feauer. 1656 RIDGLEY *Pract. Physick* 138. 1749 SHORT *Hist. Air*, etc. I. 223 In some Places few recovered who had it [*sc.* Peripneumony] accompanied with a violent Fever. Semitertians were next dangerous. 1888 FAGGE & PYE-SMITH *Princ. Med.* (ed. 2) II. 165 The 'hemitritæus', i. e. semitertian, a form of ague mentioned by Galen.

Semitic (sɪˈmi·tik), *a.* and *sb.* Also 9 **Semmetic.** [ad. mod.L. *Sēmiticus*, f. *Sēmīta* SEMITE. Cf. F. *sémitique*, Sp., Pg., It. *semitico*, G. *semitisch*. Cf. SHEMITIC.] **A.** *adj.* Of or pertaining to the Semites. (In recent use often *spec.* = Jewish.)

1826 PRITCHARD *Res. Phys. Hist. Mankind* II. 210 The Semitic nations. 1835 J. B. ROBERTSON tr. *Schlegel's Philos. Hist.* vi. (1846) 206 The people of the Semitic race. 1839 T. MITCHELL *Frogs of Aristoph.* Add. 411 *note*, The Semitic origin of this worship. 1885 FLOWER in *Jrnl. Anthrop. Inst.* XIV. 382 Hamitic and Semitic Melanochroi. 1886 [see SEMITISM 1 b].

b. In linguistic sense: The distinctive epithet of that family of languages of which Hebrew, Aramæan, Arabic, Ethiopic, and ancient Assyrian, are the principal members. Hence (in *Semitic scholar, studies, grammar, philology*, etc.) concerned with the Semitic languages.

1813 *Q. Rev.* X. 267 (Adelung's *Mithridates*) The Arabian family is called by our author Semitic. 1827 BUCKINGHAM *Trav. Mesopot.* II. 385 In any of the Semmetic languages. 1850 DONALDSON *New Cratylus* (ed. 2) § 100. 150 These arguments of the great Semitic scholar have been violently combated by one of his countrymen. 1877 *Smith & Wace's Dict. Chr. Biog.* I. 470/1 (*Chosroes*), There is a large Semitic element in the Pehlvi language.

B. *sb.* **a.** A Semite (*rare*). **b.** The Semitic family of languages; *occas.* the Semitic language of Babylon in opposition to Sumerian. **c.** *pl. U.S.* The scientific study of the language, literature, etc. of Semitic peoples.

1875 WHITNEY *Life & Growth Lang.* xii. 251 The scale of dialectic differences is much less in Semitic than in Indo-European. 1879 tr. *Brugsch's Hist. Egypt* II. 107 *note*, A very remarkable word which shows a full knowledge of Semitic in the writer. 1886 *Athenæum* 21 Aug. 238 [Pauli's] view that the Etruscans were neither Indo-Europeans nor Semitics. 1895 *Min. 9th Nat. Council Congr. Ch.* (U.S.A.) 239 With the growing interest in Semitics..it is not easy to get the time for study which these subjects demand. 1899 SIR H. HOWORTH in *Eng. Hist. Rev.* Oct. 626 Written in the primitive language of Babylonia and in Semitic.

Hence **Semiˈticism** = SEMITISM.

1907 *Expositor* Nov. 434 The number of real Semiticisms is therefore smaller than was supposed. 1908 *Spectator* 18 Apr. 625/1 Further, he discusses the 'semiticism' of the Greek Bible,—what it is, and what it is not.

Semiticize (sɪˈmi·tɪsəiz), *v. trans.* [f. SEMITIC *a.* + -IZE.] = SEMITIZE *v.*

1859 R. F. BURTON *Centr. Afr.* in *Jrnl. Geog. Soc.* XXXIX. 48 The..Sawahili races, mulattos, originally African, but semiticised like the Moplahs of Malabar by Yemeni or Omani blood [etc.]. 1881 *Athenæum* 9 July 48/1 The word became Semiticized by the Assyrians into Dumuzu.

Hence **Semiˈticized** *ppl.a.*; **Semiˈticizing** *vbl.sb.*

1863 R. F. BURTON *Wand. W. Africa* I. 188 With..faces like the Semiticized negroids generally. 1887 *Athenæum* 28 May 698/3 He informs us..that Anu was a Semitic god, whereas it is only a Semiticized form of the Accadian Anna. 1885 *Academy* 3 Jan. 15/1, I used to watch with much interest the Semiticising of foreign names in Syria.

† **Semi-tile.** *Obs.* In 5 **semy tyll.** ? Alteration of **samel tile* (see SAMEL) = half-baked tile, by association with SEMI-.

1448 *Cov. Leet Bk.* 232 That no tyler frohensfurth ley no semy [*MS.* seny] tyle ne crased tyle. 1454 *Ibid.* 279 Quod non vendant aliquam Semy tyll, nec illi qui tegulant ponant huiusmodi semytyll.

Semitism (seˈmitiz'm). [f. SEMITE + -ISM.]

1. The attributes characteristic of the Semitic peoples. Also, the fact of being Semitic.

1851 LATHAM *Man & his Migrations* 146 The amount of Semitism in certain families. 1863 W. L. BEVAN in *Smith's Dict. Bible* II. s.v. *Philistines*, A period when the distinctive features of Hamitism and Semitism were yet in embryo.

b. In recent use, Jewish ideas or Jewish influence in politics and society.

1885 *Guardian* 6 May 697/3 The rivalry which exists with Catholicism and Semitism. 1886 W. J. TUCKER *E. Europe* 198 The Church of Rome will never countenance semitic innovations of any sort. The Catholic party must be propped up by staunch opponents to semitism.

2. A Semitic word or idiom; also (*nonce-use*) Semitic speech.

1869 FARRAR *Fam. Speech* iii. (1870) 114 The soberest conclusion seems to be..for the present to exclude Egyptian from the dignity of being a kind of ante-historic Semitism. 1886 HUXLEY in *19th Cent.* Apr. 498 The Egyptian language, during the period of the nineteenth dynasty, is said by Brugsch to be as full of Semitisms as German is of Gallicisms. 1898 SIR H. HOWORTH in *Eng. Hist. Rev.* Jan. 11 These Semitisms [in Egyptian], moreover, are partly popular, partly literary in origin.

Semitist (seˈmitist). [f. SEMITE + -IST.] One versed in Semitic languages, literature, etc.; a Semitic scholar.

1885 *Athenæum* 10 Jan. 46/2 It will be for Semitists to decide if these words were borrowed from Hebrew. 1902 *Ibid.* 30 Aug. 282/2 The majority of Semitists consider the word to be connected with Sin, the Babylonian Moon-god.

Semitize (seˈmitəiz), *v.* Also † **Semetize.** [f. SEMITE + -IZE.] *trans.* To render Semitic in character, language, or religion.

1869 BALDWIN *Prehist. Nations* iv. (1877) 159 The language of Phoenicia is said to have been Semetized. 1880 CHEYNE *Isa.* xx. I. 118 The name is..therefore non-Semitic, but the Assyrians..Semitised it into Sarru-kinu. 1895 *Athenæum* 6 Apr. 447/3 We have a school who would roundly semitize the whole Greek civilization.

Hence **Seˈmitized** *ppl. a.*; **Seˈmitizing** *ppl. a.* Also **Semitizaˈtion,** the action of the verb.

1885 W. R. SMITH in *Encycl. Brit.* XVIII. 756/1 [The Philistines] were a Semitic or at least a thoroughly Semitized people. 1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 656/1 The partial Semitization of the southern districts of Abyssinia. 1884 CHEYNE *Isa.* xix. (ed. 3) I. 119 The political history of Palestine assisted this Semitising process.

Semitonal (seˈmitʊnăl), *a.* [f. SEMITONE + -AL.] = SEMITONIC.

1863 OUSELEY in *Guardian* 18 Nov. 1082/1 It is..improbable that they would ever have abandoned a semitonal scale ..in order to adopt so very different a system as their present one. 1891 *Athenæum* 17 Oct. 524/3 Double-basses..maintaining a semitonal trill.

Hence **Seˈmitonally** *adv.*, = SEMITONICALLY.

1876 STAINER & BARRETT *Dict. Mus. Terms* s.v. *Descant*, Notes altered semitonally by accidentals. 1885 *London & Prov. Mus. Trades Rev.* 15 Sept. 7 The trumpet calls are accompanied by the violins rising semitonally.

Semitone (seˈmitoʊn). [f. SEMI- + TONE *sb.*; cf. late L. *sēmitonium*, OF. *semithon* and Gr. ἡμιτόνιον HEMITONE. Senses 2 and 3 (usually written *semi-tone*), are new formations distinct from 1.]

1. *Mus.* An interval approximately equal to half a tone, the smallest interval in the ordinary scales; a minor second.

Semitones are *chromatic* or *minor*, *diatonic* or *major*, and *enharmonic*: see these words.

1609 DOWLAND *Ornith. Microl.* 17 A Semitone..is a rising from one Voyce to another, (by an imperfect second) sounding flatly: and it is onely betwixt the Voyces *Mi, fa*. It is called a Semitone, not because it is halfe a Tone..but because it is an imperfect Tone. *a* 1620 CAMPION *Counterpoint* Wks. (1909) 192 A lesser Third consists of a Tone, and a Semi-tone. 1753 *Chambers' Cycl.* Suppl. s.v. *Interval*, The lesser flat seventh is equal to the sixth major and semitone major. 1811 BUSBY *Dict. Mus.* (ed. 3), The Semitone-Major is produced by rising a degree...The Semitone-Minor, by passing from a natural note to its sharp. 1848 RIMBAULT *Pianoforte* 33 A tone always includes both a Chromatic and a Diatonic semitone. 1876 tr. *Blaserna's Sound* vii. 133 Raising a note a semi-tone signifies raising that note to its sharp, as lowering it a semi-tone signifies lowering it to its flat.

2. *Art.* An intermediate tone or tint in a picture; = HALF-TONE 2. (Cf. *semi-tint* s. v. SEMI- 8.)

1782 *Mrs. Delany's Life & Corr.* III. 97 *note*, The greatest harmony of colouring from the various semi-tones of tint laid on. 1821 CRAIG *Lect. Drawing*, etc. iii. 155 The semi-tones, formed by the reflected lights in his pictures, appear scarcely distinguishable. 1906 *Daily Chron.* 5 Apr. 8/1 The soft tones and semi-tones seem to melt..into one another. *fig.* 1911 CHESTERTON *Crit. & Apprec. Dickens* 154 Anyone who thinks that Dickens could not describe the semi-tones and the abrupt instincts of real human nature.

3. A soft or gentle tone of voice; an undertone.

1837 DISRAELI *Venetia* I. vi, Speaking in a semi-tone. 1894 *Advance* (Chicago) 4 Oct., Preachers should pray less in semi-tones, and preach more in thunder tones.

Semitonic (semitɒˈnik), *a. Mus.* [f. SEMITONE + -IC.] Pertaining to or consisting of a semitone or semitones; (of a scale) chromatic.

1728 CHAMBERS *Cycl.* s.v. *Scale*, This, then, is the present Scale for Instruments, *viz.* Between the Extremes of every Tone of the natural Scale is put a Note, which divides it into two unequal Parts, called Semi-tones, whence the whole may be called the *Semitonic scale*. 1760 STILES in *Phil. Trans.* LI. 706 In the diatonic genus, the diapason consisting of five tonic and two semitonic intervals. 1833 RUSH *Philos. Human Voice* (ed. 2) 332 *note*, It is the diatonic shake, the semitonic not being found in his [*sc.* the mocking-bird's] song. 1838 G. F. GRAHAM *Mus. Comp.* 7/1 The chromatic scales formed from these consist of a semitonic (or so-called semitonic) series between the key-note and its octave.

Hence **Semitoˈnically** *adv.*, by a semitone or semitones.

1838 G. F. GRAHAM *Mus. Comp.* 25/1 The cadence is complete, from the third of dominant rising semitonically..to the tonic itself. 1867 MACFARREN *Harmony* iii. 113 Chromatic notes, which must always be quitted semitonically.

Semitor, -orie, obs. forms of SCIMITAR.

Se·mi-transpaˈrency. [f. next: see -ENCY.] The quality or condition of being semi-transparent; partial transparency.

c 1793 *Encycl. Brit.* (1797) XI. 434/1 This ore is so called from its colour and semitransparency, by which it resembles horn or colophony. 1860 GOSSE *Rom. Nat. Hist.* 161 The obscure semi-transparency of the texture of the animal.

Se·mi-transpaˈrent, *a.* Chiefly *scientific.* [SEMI- 7.] Partially or imperfectly transparent.

c 1793 *Encycl. Brit.* (1797) XI. 434/1 Corneous ore..is foliated and semitransparent. 1857 MILLER *Elem. Chem., Org.* (1862) iv. § 1. 253 They possess the property of rendering paper semitransparent, producing what is well known as a greasy stain. 1870 DICKENS *E. Drood* iv, Her semi-transparent hands were clasped together. 1883 *Encycl. Brit.* XVI. 390/1 Common Opal: semitransparent, vitreous.

Semitte, obs. form of SEMMIT *Sc.*

† **Semitune.** *Obs.* Also 5 **-toyn.** [early f. SEMITONE: see TUNE *sb.*]. = SEMITONE 1.

1486 *Bk. St. Albans* d iij b, Of hawkys Bellys..Looke.. that thay be..not both of oon sowne: bot that oon be a semytoyn vnder a noder. 1607 HEYWOOD *Wom. Killed w. Kindn.* I. iii, Her Bels..had not both one waight, Nor was one semi-tune aboue the other.

Semi-uˈncial, *a.* (*sb.*) *Palæography.* [SEMI- 5 a.] Name of a style of writing intermediate between uncial and minuscule.

a 1734 NORTH *Life Ld. Kpr. North* (1742) 16 It is not well to write, as the Fashion now is, uncial or semiuncial Letters, to look like Pigs Ribs. 1815 SCOTT *Guy M.* xlix, The letters are uncial or semi-uncial, as somebody calls your large text-hand, and in size and perpendicularity resemble the ribs of a roasted pig. 1883 I. TAYLOR *Alph.* v. ii. 173 [Irish script] is usually called the Irish uncial or semi-uncial.

† **Semiuˈstulate,** *pa. pple.* [ad. L. *sēmiustulātus*: see SEMI- 1 and USTULATE.] Half-burnt; also **Semiuˈstulated**; so **Semiustulaˈtion,** a half burning.

1621 BUATON *Anat. Mel.* I. i. II. v. (1651) 21 Assation is a concoction of the inward moisture by heat, his opposite is a semiustulation. 1623 COCKERAM I, *Semiustulated*, halfe burnt. 1721 BAILEY, *Semiustulate*, (*semiustulatus* L.) half burnt or consumed by fire.

† **Semivif,** *a. Obs.* In 4–5 **semi-, semy-, seme-, -uyf, -uijf.** [ad. L. *sēmivīvus*, f. *sēmi-* SEMI- 1 + *vīvus* alive.] Half alive, half dead.

1377 LANGL. *P. Pl.* B. XVII. 55 Semiuyf he semed (C. xx. 55 *semivivus, v.rr.* semiuyf, semeuijf). *a* 1400 *Beryn* 2202 He sat hym down softly on a stall, Semyvif for sorow.

Semi-viˈtreous, *a.* [SEMI- 7 a.] Partially vitreous.

1782 WEDGWOOD in *Phil. Trans.* LXXII. 317 By a very strong fire, they are changed to a porcelain or semi-vitreous texture. 1807 T. THOMSON *Chem.* (ed. 3) II. 339 Semi-vitreous oxide of lead. 1813 BAKEWELL *Introd. Geol.* (1815) 421 Semivitreous lava. 1890 *Q. Jrnl. Geol. Soc.* XLVI. I. 74 Finely vesicular rhyolitic rock with compact semivitreous green-grey base.

So **Se·mi-vitrificaˈtion, -viˈtrified** *ppl. a.*

1753 *Chambers' Cycl.* Suppl., *Slacken*,..a term used by the miners to express a spungy and semivitrified substance. 1791 E. DARWIN *Bot. Gard.* I. Notes 52 The semivitrification, which constitutes porcelain. 1794 KIRWAN *Elem. Min.* (ed. 2) I. 396 That which produces enamels and semi-vitrifications. 1841 *Proc. Amer. Philos. Soc.* II. 4 The semi-vitrified quartz rock of the western part of the Hoosac mountain. 1889 C. T. DAVIS *Pract. Treat. Bricks*, etc. (ed. 2) 78 A degree of heat when semi-vitrification and shrinkage take place.

† **Semivocal,** *a.* and *sb. Obs.* [ad. L. *sēmivocālis* (in sense A. 2, B., transl. of Gr. ἡμίφωνος): see SEMI- and VOCAL *a.*] **A.** *adj.*

1. Applied to the sound of trumpets, drums, etc. (see quots.).

1614 Adams *Divell's Banket* 28 By vocall speeches, semi-vocall Drummes and Trumpets, mute Ensignes. 1688 Holme *Armoury* III. xix. (Roxb.) 167/2 A Semivocall signe, is that which is distinguished by the Trumpett, or other warlike Instrument.

2. That is a semivowel.

1828–32 Webster, *Semivocal*, pertaining to a semivowel; half-vocal; imperfectly sounding.

B. *sb.* A semivowel.

1530 Palsgr. Introd. p. xxiii, Theyr consonantes be devyded in to mutes and liquides or semivocalles.

Semivowel (se·mivau,ĕl). [f. Semi- 7 c + Vowel, after L. *sēmivocālis*: see prec. Cf. F. *semi-voyelle*.] A vocal sound that partakes of the nature of a vowel and of a consonant; a letter representing such a sound.

The general literary use echoes that of the Roman grammarians, who applied the term to the spirants and liquids (including nasals), *f, l, m, n, r, s, x*. As a technical term the word now most commonly denotes only *w* and *y*, but sometimes it includes these together with the liquids and nasals, chiefly in their non-syllabic values.

1530 Palsgr. Introd. p. xxiii, The latines in soundyng of theyr liquides or semi vowelles begyn with *e*. 1552 Huloet s.v. *X*, X is a semiuowell, and bathe the voice of a double consonante for the which in olde writinges *cs* and *gs* was vsed. 1656 Blount *Glossogr., Semivowels*, certain Consonants so called, because they have the sound of Vowels, As *f, l, m, n, s*. 1668 Wilkins *Real Char.* III. xii. 369, (*S*) the correspondent mute (though it be commonly reckoned for a semivowel). 1726 Broome *Notes Pope's Odyss.* XVII. 46 When Homer..paints a beautiful face, or an engaging object, he chuses the softest vowels, and most smooth and flowing semivowels. 1752 Johnson *Rambler* No. 88 ₱ 3 By tempering the mute Consonants with Liquids and Semivowels. 1841 Latham *Eng. Lang.* II. ix. 165 The Semivowel *y*. 1876 Bancroft *Hist. U. S.* II. xxxvi. 409 The whole Iroquois family never use the semivowel *m*.

attrib. 1860 O. W. Holmes *Elsie V.* xix. (1891) 261 The foam-flowers dropping as the grass-flowers drop,—with sharp semivowel consonantal sounds,—*frsh*.

Semland(e, -ant(e, -aunt, var. ff. Semblant.

Semlar, var. Somler *Sc. Obs.*, butler.

Semle, obs. f. Seemly *a.*; var. Semble *v. Obs.*

Semli, -lich(e, -like, obs. forms of Seemly.

Semly, obs. f. Seemly; var. Semble *sb.* and *v.*

Semmar, -er, var. forms of Semar *Obs.*

Semme, Semmetic: see Seem *v.*², Semitic *a.*

Semmit (se·mit). *Sc.* Forms: 5 semat, 6 semitte, 9 semmit, -et. An under-shirt or vest.

1456 Sir G. Have *Law Arms* (S.T.S.) 64 Cesar brocht with him nouthir wapyn na armuris na othir defence bot in his semat. 1562–3 *Act* 5 *Eliz.* c. 22 § 1 Unles suche person ..doo make..therof tawed..Leather or Parchement or otherwise converte the same into Semittes Panelles [etc.]. 1888 *Glasgow Even. Times* 15 Oct. 3/5 Offering a petticoat and semmit in pledge. 1904 *C. T. C. Gaz.* Feb. 91 A tight-fitting woollen semmit next the skin (thin and light)...I also carry a semmit made of Welsh flannel, made wide and of full size...I wear this semmit during the evenings, and also sleep in it under my nightshirt.

† **Se·mnable** *a.*, † **Se·mnably** *adv.* Used by Fuller = Semblable *a.*, Semblably *adv.*

1651 Fuller *Abel Rediv., Huss* 19 That semnably with rhetoricall flusculations I should endevour to adorne his memoriall. 1659 — *Appeal Injured Innoc.* III. 57 As Marriners..are fain to fetch a compass; Semnably, I..was faine to go about. *a* 1661 — *Worthies, Northumb.* (1662) II. 302 From Berwick to Dover three hundred miles over: That is from one end of the land to the other. Semnable the Scripture expression, From Dan to Ber-sheba.

‖ **Semnopithecus** (se·mnŏpiþī·kŏs). [mod.L. *semnopithēcus*, f. Gr. σεμνός revered, holy + πίθηκος ape.] A genus of long-tailed, long-limbed Asiatic monkeys. Also, a monkey of this genus: often in anglicized form **Se·mnopithec** (-þe·k), or **-thece** (-þī·s). Hence **Semnopithe·cine** *a.*, pertaining to the subfamily *Semnopithecinæ*, or to the genus *Semnopithecus*; *sb.*, a semnopithecine monkey. **Se·mnopithe·coid** *a.* and *sb.* = prec.

1824 Horsfield *Zool. Res. Java* 9 The comparisons which I have been enabled to make of the skulls of various Semnopitheci and of Gibbons. 1838 [? Rennie] *Nat. Hist. Monkeys*, etc. (Libr. Entert. Knowl.) 216 The tails, likewise, are much longer in the semnopithecs than in any of the ordinary monkeys. 1891 *Century Dict.*, Semnopithece...Semnopithecine [*a.* and *sb.*]..Semnopithecoid [*a.* and *sb.*].

Semola (se·mŏlă). [a. It. *semola* bran.] A trade name for a special variety of semolina.

1853 [see Semoletta]. 1858 Simmonds *Dict. Trade, Semola*, an Italian name for bran; but often erroneously applied by grocers, and other vendors, to semolino. 1882 in Ogilvie; and in later Dicts. 1895 *Stores' Price-list*, Gluten Preparations for Special Dietary...Semola.

‖ **Semoletta** (semŏle·tă). *rare.* (In some Dicts. *erron.* semolella.) [It. *semoletta*, dim. of *semola*: see Semola.] A variety of semolina.

1844 T. Webster *Encycl. Dom. Econ.* 767 Semolina..is called also *soojee*: and a still smaller kind, called semoletta, is sifted out of the other. 1853 T. C. Archer *Pop. Econ. Bot.* 86 Semolina, Semoletta, Semola, Semola rarita, Soojee, and Urena, are names used to designate a product of wheat.

Semolina (semŏlī·nă). Also **semoulina**, ‖ **semolino**. [Altered form of It. *semolino*, dim. of *semola* bran: see Semola.] An article of food consisting of those hard portions of 'flinty' wheat which resist the action of the millstones, and are collected in the form of rounded grains. (See also quot. 1858.) Also *attrib.*, as *semolina pudding*.

1797 Unoerwood *Dis. Children* III. 82 To broth may be added light puddings, made of bread, semolina, tapioca, or rice. 1845 Eliza Acton *Mod. Cookery* (ed. 2) 395 A good Semoulina pudding. 1858 Simmonds *Dict. Trade, Semolino*. ..The commercial name for the fine hard parts of wheat rounded by attrition in the millstones, imported chiefly from Italy...In France the name semolino is given to the large hard grains of wheat retained in the bolting machine, after the fine parts have been pressed through its meshes. 1884 *Bath Herald* 27 Dec. 6/4 It is sought, while dividing the bran from the interior of the grain, to break up the latter, not into flour but into fragments known as 'semolina', or 'middlings'. 1904 'E. Nesbit' *Phœnix & Carpet* xii. 219 When lunch came it was just hashed mutton and semolina pudding.

Semond: see Semend *Obs.*, salmon.

Semonde, Semoom: see Simmon *sb.*¹, Simoom.

† **Semoted**, *a. Obs. rare*⁻¹. [f. L. *sēmōt-us*, pa. pple. of *sēmovēre* to separate, f. *sē-*, apart, Se- + *movēre* to move: see -ed ¹.] Separated, removed.

1542 Becon *Pathw. Prayer* vii. D iv, Is it ynough yf I pray with my mynde, the herte beynge semoted from mundane affayres?

Semoulina, obs. form of Semolina.

† **Semo·vedly**, *adv. Obs.* [f. Se- + Moved *ppl. a.* + -ly ². Cf. Semoted.] Separately.

1593 Nashe *Christ's T.* 38 b, None I will semouedly allude to, but onely attaint vice in generall. 1623 Cockeram I, *Semouedly*, meaning one alone.

Sempect (se·mpekt). *Hist. rare*⁻¹. [ad. med.L. *sempĕcta, senpecta, sympæcta*, ad. Gr. συμπαίκτης playfellow.] A term formerly used in the Benedictine Order, according to Pseudo-Ingulf applied to monks over fifty years old, who were allowed special privileges on account of age.

This seems to be a misapprehension. In the Benedictine Rule itself (cap. xxvii) *senpectæ* denotes the elder monks chosen by the abbot to visit (secretly) an excommunicated brother and to encourage him if likely to fall into despair.

1865 Kingsley *Herew.* xx, Only the ancient sempects—some near upon a hundred and fifty years old—wandered where they would.

‖ **Semper-** (se·mpəɹ), the L. adv. *semper* always, used in various nonce-combinations (in imitation of Sempervirent, etc.), as **semper-annual** *a.*, unceasing in annual succession; **semper-green**, an evergreen; **semper-identical** *a.* [after L. phrase *semper idem*, always the same]; **semper-juvenescent** *a.*, always growing younger; **semper-lenity**, unvarying gentleness.

1623 Cockeram II, Accustomed Geatlenesse, *Semperlenity*. 1694 Westmacott *Script. Herb.* 18 The common Bay-tree, which is a sempergreen, is now commonly found in most Gardens. 1820 ? Wainewright *Ess. & Crit.* (1880) 98 That perfectly semperidentical display of idiosyncratic egotism which runs through..all his varieties. 1830 *Fraser's Mag.* I. 342 Blisses of an immortal and semperjuvenescent life. 1861 G. Meredith *Evan Harrington* xxviii, Supposing Lord Mayor's footmen to be plumed like estridges...What must Lord Mayors be and semperannual Lords?

Sempervirent (sempəɹvəi·rĕnt), *a.* [f. L. *semper* always + *virent-em*, pr. pple. of *virēre* to be green.] Evergreen.

1668 Wilkins *Real Char.* II. iv. § 6. 109 Bacciferous sempervirent shrubs. 1693 *Phil. Trans.* XVII. 762 It is sempervirent, and grows in sandy places. 1857 A. Gray *First Less. Bot.* (1866) Gloss., *Sempervirent*, evergreen.

Sempervirid (sempəɹvi·rid), *a. Bot.* [Formed as prec. + L. *virid-is* green, Virid *a.*] = prec.

1911 in Webster. [*Obs.* or *rare.*]

† **Sempervive.** *Obs.* Also 8 (after Sp.) **sempre vive.** [Anglicized form of Sempervivum. Cf. F. † *sempervive* (Cotgr. 1611), Sp. *siempreviva*.] The houseleek.

1625 Purchas *Pilgrims* I. 277 An herbe (which for his forme is scarce to be discerned from a Sempernine). 1626 Bacon *Sylva* § 29 The greater Sempervine..will put out Branches, two or three yeares. 1764 Grainger *Sugar Cane* IV. 124 With sempre vive Unload their bowels.

attrib. a 1721 Lisle *Husb.* (1752) 257 Purge them with aloes, or sempervive leaves cleared of their outward skins.

‖ **Se·mper-vi·vens.** *Obs. rare*⁻¹. [mod.L., f. L. *semper* always + *vīvens*, pr. pple. of *vīvĕre* to live.] The houseleek.

1672 W. Hughes *Amer. Physit.* 98 Of Semper-Vivens.

‖ **Sempervivum** (sempəɹvəi·vŏm). [L. *sempervīvum* neut. of *sempervīvus* ever-living. The fem. *sempervīva* (sc. *herba*) was also used.] a. The houseleek. b. A genus (Linnæus 1737) of crassulaceous plants containing the houseleek, *S. tectorum* and about 50 other species; a plant of this genus.

1591 Percyvall *Span. Dict., Yerva puntera*, semperuiuum, *Aizoon*. 1655 Fuller *Hist. Cambr.* 134 Two Serpents, erected, azure,..having a branch of semper vivum proper betwixt their heads. 1666 J. Davies tr. *Rochefort's Caribby Isl.* 62 *Semper-vivum*. There are in these Islands several kinds of Herbs that never dye or wither. 1882 *Garden* 3 June 306/1 To see the pleasing tints and forms of the Sempervivums at the present season makes one wonder why these plants are not grown in every rock garden.

Sempill, obs. Sc. form of Simple *a.*

Sempitan, obs. f. Sumpitan, Malay blow-gun.

Sempitern (se·mpitəɹn), *a. arch.* Forms: 4–7 sempiterne, 6 sempyterne, 6– sempitern. [a. OF. *sempiterne*, ad. L. *sempiternus*, f. *semp-er* always (cf. *æviternus*: see Eterne *a.*).] = next.

1390 Gower *Conf.* III. 88 That is the god, whos mageste Alle othre thinges schal governe, And his beinge is sempiterne. *c* 1440 Capgrave *Life St. Kath.* IV. 1586 Than is oure feyth grounded on noo lye, But on swhiche thyng whiche is sempiterne. 1535 Stewart *Cron. Scot.* I. 505 In sempiterne remembrance to be Of Christis deith and Cristianitie. 1624 Darcie *Birth of Heresies* Ded., Vnder whose Sacred Sempitern Defence Long liue, Chast Star. 1683 E. Hooker *Pordage's Myst. Div.* Pref. Ep. 107 The only True, semper eadem, sempitern, ever-adorable and superbenedict Tri-une Deitie. 1866 Blackmore *Cradock Nowell* xxviii, That asylum is inviolable and sempitern, I hope. 1876 J. Ellis *Caesar in Egypt* 66 Those unexampled Temples sempitern.

Sempiternal (sempitō·mnăl), *a.* Also **sempiternall, sempyternal, -el**, 5–7 **sempiternall**, 6 **sempyternall**, 6–7 **sempeternal**. [a. F. *sempiternel* (13th c. in Hatz.-Darm.), or ad. late L. *sempiternāl-is*, f. L. *sempitern-us*: see Sempitern *a.* and -al.] Enduring constantly and continually; everlasting, eternal.

14.. *Pol. Rel. & L. Poems* (1903) 113 As thou art cyte of god, & sempiternal throne, Here now, blessyd lady, my wofulle mone. 1432–50 tr. *Higden* (Rolls) III. 183 Trawthe is immortalle, immutable, and sempiternalle. 1566 Painter *Pal. Pleas.* xxvii. (1569) 55 A miraculous acte, and worthie (in deede) of sempiternall remembraunce. 1579–80 North *Plutarch, Camillus* (1595) 152 Some writers say, that they [*sc.* the Vestals] had nothing els in keepiog but the sempiternall fire. 1632 Lithgow *Trav.* x. 437 Queene Elizabeth of sempiternall renowne. *a* 1730 G. Guthrie *Monogr.* (1900) 66 Fearing it might be a sempiternal work to him. 1784 Cowper *Task* II. 499 All truth is from the sempiternal source Of Light Divine. 1831 J. Jekyll *Corr.* 18 July (1894) 274 Dull dinners..with the sempiternal saddle of mutton. 1860 Gen. P. Thompson *Audi Alt.* III. cxxiv. 75 Two sources of war are sempiternal. 1884 *World* 20 Aug. 8/1 We have discovered the elixir of sempiternal juvenility.

Sempite·rnally, *adv.* [f. prec. + -ly ².] Everlastingly, eternally.

1509 Barclay *Shyp of Folys* (1874) I. 27 God is abone and regneth sempiternally [1570 sempeternally] Whiche shall vs deme at his last Jugement. 1635 Pagitt *Christianogr.* App. 22 The Word and his Spirit sempiternally proceed from God, and are sempiternally in him. *a* 1693 *Urquhart's Rabelais* III. v, That is to be done infinitely and sempiternally. 1879 Escott *England* xi. (1881) 161 The filthy back-kitcheo of the den, sempiternally reeking with the fumes of bad drink and vile tobacco. 1895 Zangwill *Master* II. x. 245 It wore a sempiternally festive air.

† **Sempite·rnity.** *Obs.* [ad. late L. *sempiternitās*, f. L. *sempitern-us*: see Sempitern *a.* and -ity.] Duration without end; perpetuity.

1599 Nashe *Lenten Stuffe* 22 Or thou wilt commend thy muse to sempiternity, and haue images and statues erected to her after her vnstringed silent interment. *a* 1676 Hale *Prim. Orig. Man.* (1677) 227 A Supposition of a future Sempiternity would produce the same difficulty, without such interposition of the Divine Wisdom and Providence. 1802 in *Spirit Publ. Jrnls.* VI. 261 All concurred in the sempiternity of merit that they were determined to discover in him in all time forthcoming.

† **Sempiternize,** *v. Obs. rare*⁻¹. [f. Sempitern *a.* + -ize.] *trans.* To perpetnate.

a 1693 *Urquhart's Rabelais* III. viii, The sempiternizing of Human Race.

† **Sempiternly,** *adv. Obs.* [f. Sempitern *a.* + -ly ².] = Sempiternally *adv.*

c 1450 *Mirour Saluacioun* (1888) 140 The gude entre in the joye of thaire lord sempiternely.

Sempite·rnous, *a.* ? *Obs. rare.* [ad. OF. *sempiterneux*, f. L. *sempitern-us*: see Sempitern *a.* and -ous.] Sempiternal.

1653 Urquhart *Rabelais* II. xv, A sempiternous Crone and old Hag. *Ibid.* II. xvii, Great old sempiternous trots [Fr. *grandes vieilles sempiterneuses*]. 1809 W. Irving *Knickerb.* VI. iv. (1849) 335 A race of pestilent sempiternous beldames.

‖ **Sempiternum** (sempitō·nŭm). *Obs.* [L. *sempiternum*, neut. of *sempiternus* Sempitern.] A quality of woollen cloth made in the 17th c. and similar to Perpetuana. Cf. Everlasting *sb.*

1633 in *Naworth Househ. Bks.* (Surtees) 295 For one yearde and a halfe of Sempiternum iiij. vj[d]. *Ibid.* 300. 1665 Brathwait *Comm. Two Tales* 65 She would have her Husband's Life of any Stuff rather than *Perpetuano* or *Sempiternum*.

Semplar, obs. form of Sampler.

1685 Boyle *Salubr. Air* Pref. 1 To give a Semplar or Specimen of what may be done upon the other Heads of the designed History.

Semple, obs. form of Simple.

Sempre vive, variant of Sempervive *Obs.*

Sempster, Sempstress, etc.: see Seamster, Seamstress.

‖ **Semsem** (se·msem). [Arab. سمسم *simsim*, prob. ad. Gr. σήσαμον.] = Sesame. Also *attrib.*

1866 Livingstone *Jrnl.* I. (1873) I. 17 Some sorghum, semsem seed [etc.]..constitute the commerce of the port. 1896 *Daily News* 24 Nov. 11/2 The valleys..were covered with plantations of Indian corn,..tobacco, semsem oil, and banana. 1899 *19th Cent.* Aug. 273 An interminably long stretch of dhurra cultivation appears, varied by sem-sem plants.

Semster, -stress(e, obs. ff. Seamster, -stress.

Semulacre, obs. variant of Simulacre.

‖ **Semuncia** (simv·nʃiă). *Rom. Antiq.* Pl. **-iæ** (simv·nʃi,ī). [L. *sēmuncia*, f. *sēmi-* Semi- + *uncia* Ounce *sb.*¹] A half-ounce, the twenty-fourth part

of an *as*. Also anglicized † **Semunce** (*rare*—°). Hence **Semu·ncial** *a.* [ad. L. *sēmunciāl-is*].

1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr.*, *Semuncial*, of or belonging to half an ounce. 1658 PHILLIPS, *Semuncial*, belonging to a semunce, *i.* half an ounce. 1887 HEAD *Hist. Nummorum* 43 Bronze coins of Uncial and Semuncial weight, a. c. 217–89.

† **Semy,** *a. Obs.* Also cemy. [Of obscure origin; possibly an inference from some compound of SEMI-.] (See quot.) Hence † **Se·myly** *adv.*

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 66/1 Cemy, or sotelle.., *subtilis*. Cemely, or sotely, *subtiliter*. *Ibid.* 452/2 Semy.., *subtilis*. Semyly.., *subtiliter*.

Semy, Semyed, obs. ff. SEMÉE, SEMÉED.

Semylacre, -ylytude, obs. ff. SIMULACRE, SIMILITUDE. **Semyld,** pa. t. of SEMBLE *v.*[1] *Obs.*

† **Se·mys,** *a. Obs. rare*—[1]. [App. = G. *sämisch* (15th c. also *semisz*) a kind of soft leather.] The distinctive epithet of some kind of leather.

1508 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* (1902) IV. 25, iiij skinnis of blak semys leddir to be ane doublat to the King.

‖ **Sen** (sen), *sb.* Also † **seni,** † **senni.** [Japanese.] A Japanese copper or bronze coin (see quot. 1897). Chiefly *collect.* as *plural*.

1802 PINKERTON *Mod. Geog.*, *Japan* iii. II. 166 The Seni, of copper or iron, are strung like the Chinese pieces of a similar value. 1839 *Penny Cycl.* XV. 326/1 *Sennis*, or *Cashes*, are small pieces of iron, copper, or brass, having a square hole in the middle, through which, as in China, they are strung on a wire or thread. 1875 BEDFORD *Sailor's Pocket Bk.* ix. (ed. 2) 316, 10 Rin=1 Sen=½d. 1895 C. HOLLAND *My Japanese Wife* 75 To be English spells generosity in Japanese eyes in the matter of sen for her own little pocket. 1897 *Daily News* 27 Sept. 5 The sen..is nominally equal to a halfpenny, though in fact only worth half that coin.

Sen (sen), *adv.*, *prep.*, and *conj.* Now *rare*. Chiefly *Sc.* and *north.* Also 5 **senne,** 6 **senn.** [Contracted form of *sethen*, SITHEN: cf. SENE, SIN, SYNE, and SINCE.]

A. *adv.* Then, afterwards; also ago. *rare*.

c 1460 *Towneley Myst.* xx. 259 She weshyd hym with hir terys weytt, and sen dryed hym with hir hare. 1867 J. P. MORRIS *Siege o' Brou'ton* 3 (Lanc. Gloss.) That's a conny lang time sen now.

B. *prep.* From, after; subsequent to.

c 1330 R. BRUNNE *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 24 Sen þe tyme of sir Noe. *c* 1400 MAUNDEV. (Roxb.) i. 4 It es lang sen it fell oute of þe hand. *c* 1421 *Lessons of Dirige* 231 in *26 Pol. Poems* 114 Trowest þou ouȝt þat y..Shal..ȝelde rekenyng sen y bygan? 1552 LYNDSAY *Monarche* 329 Sen I could ryde. 1599 ALEX. HUME *Hymns* ii. 219 Sa great a wonder was not heard, sen first the warld began. 1829 BROCKETT *N. C. Gloss.* (ed. 2) s. v., Its lang syne, sen he left us. 1871 J. RICHARDSON *Cummerland Talk* Ser. I. 18 (E. D. D.) Theer's been a deal o' ups an' doons sen I went to scheul.

2. Seeing or considering (*that*). [Cf. SEEN *conj.*, which may have been partly confused with this.]

13.. *Gosp. Nicod.* 53 Sen he to bliad has gifen þe sight.., whi suld he vnto ded be dight? *a* 1340 HAMPOLE *Psalter* lxxxiv. 8 Sen þat he is turnyd away fra þe vnrest of þis life. 1423 JAS. I *Kingis Q.* cxliv, 'Now wele,' quod sche, 'and sen that It is so, That In vertew thy lufe is set with trueth [etc.].' *c* 1460 *Towneley Myst.* xxvi. 292 Sen I for luf, man, boght the dere,..I pray the hartely,..luf me agane. *a* 1500 *Lancelot* 1019 Bot, hart, sen at yow knawith she is here,.. Now is thi tyme. *a* 1533 LD. BERNERS *Huon* xviii. 49 Huon, sen thou woldest be agreed with me, Then [etc.]. 1588 A. KING tr. *Canisius' Catech.* 122 Sen we have sufficientlie according to our present purpose spokin hitherto. *a* 1756 PENNECUIK *Coll. Sc. Poems* 48 Sen your'e gotten out o's grips, Gi'e John a bucky.

Sen: see SAINT, SAY *v.*[1], SEE *v.*, SEND *v.*, SENE *a.*

Sena, obs. form of SENNA.

[Senacion, anglicized form of med.L. *senaciōn-em*, for L. *seneciōn-em* groundsel, SENCHION.

1526 *Grete Herball* ccccviii. (1529) Y ij b, Whan receptes expresseth Senacions in the plurell nombre it is to wyte cresses. But yf senacion be wryten in the synguler nombre, it is an other herbe.]

† **Se·nage.** *Obs.* Also 4 **synage,** 6 **senagy.** [a. OF. *senage* (f. *sene* synod: see SENE and -AGE) or its med.L. form *senagium* (1292 in *Durh. Acc. Rolls*, Surtees Soc., p. 490).] Money paid for synodals, a tribute due to the bishop or archdeacon (or bursar) at Easter.

c 1380 WYCLIF *Wks.* (1880) 249 And whanne bischopis & here officeris comen & feynen to visite,..wrecchid curatis ben nedid to festen him richely & ȝeue procuracie & synage. *Ibid.* 456 þis is a foul offiss of a prest to robbe his puple to ȝyue to bischop or erchedekene godis þat god biddiþ not, as senage & procurasies. 1546 *Yorks. Chantry Surv.* (Surtees) 30 Paiable yerely to the archebysshope of Yorke for proxies and senagies. 1684 *Cowel's Interpr.* (ed. Manley), *Senege*, There goes out ȝearly in Proxege and Senege 33*s.* 6*d.*

Senarian (sinē·riăn). *Ancient Prosody. rare.* [f. L. *sēnār-ius*: see next + -IAN.] = next.

1803 PORSON *Let. to A. Dalzel* in *Mus. Crit.* (1826) I. 330 The fifth foot of a Senarian. 1895 *Q. Rev.* Oct. 34 The great Greek Iambic line is of course the Senarian, consisting of six Iambics or their equivalents.

‖ **Senarius** (sinē·riŭs). *Prosody.* Pl. **senarii.** [L. *sēnārius* adj., consisting of six each, f. *sēni* adj. pl. six each, f. *sex* six; used subst. by ellipsis of *versus* verse.] (More fully, *iambic senarius*.) A (Greek or Latin) verse consisting of six feet, each of which is either an iambus or some foot which the law of the verse permits to be substituted; an iambic trimeter.

1540 PALSGR. *Acolastus* I. i. C iij b, All the versis of this scene be *Senarii*. 1811 ELMSLEY in *Edin. Rev.* XIX. 80 The fifth foot of a tragic senarius cannot be a spondee, except in three cases. 1832 [see PYTHIAMAIC]. 1869 H. SNOW *Theocritus*, *Epigr.* xvi. Notes (1873) 219 The lines are alternately iambic senarii and hendecasyllables.

Senarmontite (senā·rmǫntəit). *Min.* [Named after H. de *Senarmont*, who first described it + -ITE [1].] A native tri-oxide of antimony, crystallizing in colourless or greyish-white octahedrons.

1851 DANA in *Amer. Jrnl. Sci.* Ser. II. XII. 209.

† **Se·nary,** *sb. Obs.* [ad. L. *sēnārius* adj. (see next) used subst. by ellipsis.]

1. [= *senarius* (*numerus*).] The number six; a set or sequence of six things; in the 17th c. often, the six days of the Creation.

1570 BILLINGSLEY *Euclid* x. lxx. 280 b, Hetherto hath bene spoken of sixe Senaryes, of which the first Senary [*sc.* of propositions] contayneth the production of irrationall lines by composition. *Ibid.* lxxiii. 282 b, Here beginneth the Senaries by substraction. 1653 H. MORE *Conject. Cabbal.* (1713) 16 Wherefore God having thus compleated his work in the Senary, comprehending the whole Creation in Six orders of things, he ceased from ever creating any thing more. 1686 GOAD *Celest. Bodies* II. xiv. 339 They will bring you Cold and Heat, Calm and Storm,..in one Senary of Days. 1693 PASCHALL in *Phil. Trans.* XVII. 816, I divided the Νυχθήμερον into four Senaries of Hours.

2. *Prosody.* = SENARIUS.

1579 G. HARVEY *Two other Lett.* (1580) 64 This foote [*sc.* the trochee]..is..quite thrust out of doores in a pure and inst Senarie. 1828 *Classical Jrnl.* XXXVII. 127 'Αλλ' ὅμως are words frequently employed by Euripides at the end of an Iambic senary.

Senary (sī·nări, se·nări), *a.* [ad. L. *sēnārius*: see SENARIUS.] Pertaining to the number six. *Senary scale*: the scale of arithmetical notation of which the radix is six. *Senary division*: division into six parts.

1661 BLOUNT *Glossogr.* (ed. 2), *Senarie*, that contains or belongs to the number six. 1721 BAILEY, *Senary*, that which consists of Six. 1755 JOHNSON, *Senary*, belonging to the number six; containing six. 1810 P. BARLOW in *Nicholson's Jrnl.* XXV. 183 Thus, in the binary scale only two characters are wanted, namely 1 and 0; in the senary, six; in the decimal, ten. *Ibid.* 186 Transform 11111 to the senary scale. 1830 LINDLEY *Nat. Syst. Bot.* 81 The Cephalotus of Labillardière, offers a remarkable exception to the usual characters..in the senary division of its flower [etc.]. 1881 BAUERMAN *Syst. Min.* ii. 51 The only other class of symmetry possible in crystals is senary or hexagonal, corresponding to a rotation of one-sixth of a revolution, such as that of a regular hexagonal prism about its axis.

Senassee, obs. var. SUNYASEE, Indian ascetic.

Senate (se·năt). Forms: 3 **senaht,** 4 **senas,** 4–7 **senat,** 6 **cenate,** *pl. Sc.* **senat(t)is,** 4– **senate.** [a. F. *senat*, *senaz* (mod. F. *sénat*), ad. L. *senātus* (*u*-stem), lit. council of old men, f. *sen-em* (nom. *senex*) old (see SENIOR *a.*), absol. old man: see -ATE [1]. Cf. Pr. *senet*, Sp., Pg. *senado* It. *senato*, G. *senat*, Du. *senaat*.]

1. An assembly or council of citizens charged with the highest deliberative functions in the government of a state. **a.** In ancient Rome: A legislative and administrative body, consisting originally of representatives elected by the patricians, and in later times composed partly of appointed members and partly of the actual and former holders of certain high offices of state.

c 1205 LAY. 25388 Þis weoren þa sixe þe þat sennht al hiwusten. 13.. *K. Alis.* 1477 His lettres come Into þe cite of grete Rome. Þe riche people, & þe senas, Spaken togedres of þis cas. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xxix. (*Placidas*) 352 Al þe hale senat [of Rome]. *c* 1460 FORTESCUE *Abs. & Lim. Mon.* xvi. (1885) 149 The Romaynes, while thair counsell callid þe senate was gret, gate, through þe wysdome off that counsell, the lordschippe off gret partye of the world. 1531 ELYOT *Gov.* I. ii. (1880) I. 20 The Senate..which was fyrste ordayned by Romulus. 1614 GORGES *Lucan* v. 166 The Consuls both did then decree The Senate should assembled be. 1775 HARRIS *Philos. Arrangem.* Wks. (1841) 247 Cato..used to read philosophy in the senate-house, while the senate was assembling. 1879 FROUDE *Cæsar* viii. 79 The Senate was.. a body composed of men of any order who had secured the suffrages of the people.

b. Applied to bodies having more or less similar functions in other states of the ancient world, esp. as the equivalent of Gr. γερουσία (lit. 'body of elders') and βουλή (lit. 'council').

a 1586 SIDNEY *Arcadia* I. (Sommer) 21 b, By the king and Senat of Lacedæmon, Demagoras was..banished the countrie. 1607 SHAKS. *Timon* v. i. 132 Th' Athenians By two of their most reuerend Senate greet thee. 1658 HARRINGTON *Prerog. Pop. Govt.* I. xii. 108 The Senate of the Beane being the proposing-Assembly (for that of the Areopagites, called also a Senate, was a Judicatory) consisted of four hundred Citizens chosen by Lot, which was performed with beanes. 1738 GLOVER *Leonidas* I. 408 Lacedæmon's senate now approach'd. 1842 *Smith's Dict. Grk. & Rom. Antiq.* s. v. βουλή, This senate of 500 [at Athens] was divided into ten sections of fifty each, the members of which were called prytanes (πρυτανεῖς), and were all of the same tribe.

c. In the Middle Ages, and subsequently, used as the official title of the governing body in various free cities of Europe.

c 1374 CHAUCER *Boeth.* I. pr. iv. (1868) 19 At þe citee of verone whan þat þe kyng gredy of comune slaugter caste hym to transporten vpon al þe ordre of þe senat þe gilt of his real maieste. 1530 in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. III. II. 193 The day after our coming the Senate [at Nuremberg] sent gentilmen to shew us their provision of harneis, ordinance, and corne. 1838 *Murray's Hand-bk. N. Germany* 444/1 In the election chamber (Wahlzimmer), the Senate of Frankfort now holds its sittings. 1841 W. SPALDING *Italy & It. Isl.* III. 344 On the mainland there are four Supreme Tribunals, called Senates, placed at Turin, Chambery, Nice, and Genoa. 1880 H. A. WEBSTER in *Encycl. Brit.* XI. 404/1 According to the present constitution [of Hamburg].., the legislative power is in the hands of the senate [of 18 members] and the general body of citizens, and the executive is committed to the senate alone.

d. *gen.* The governing or legislative assembly of a nation. Often applied, more or less rhetorically, to the British parliament.

1560 DAUS tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* 15 b, That he appointe a Cenate or counsell within the empire. 1584 D. FENNER *Def. Ministers* (1587) 12 At the table of whose Hon. Senat [app. of Privy Council], our supplications were..read. 1659 MILTON *Let. Friend* Wks. 1738 I. 583 Being now in Anarchy, without a counselling and governing Power..the first thing to be found out with all speed, without which no Commonwealth can subsist, must be a Senate, or General Council of State. 1718 PRIOR *On Corrup. Man.* vi, And senates vote, as armies fight, for pay. 1742 *Johnson's Debates* (1787) II. 139 (Ld. Hervey) It declares, my Lords, that there is now an enquiry depending before the Senate. 1775 ABIGAIL ADAMS in *Fam. Lett.* (1876) 227 Whether you are in the American Senate [*i.e.* Congress] or on board the British fleet, is a matter of uncertainty. 1787 *J. Lewis's Mem. Dk. Glocester* 58 *note*, [The Duke of Buckingham] was..an eloquent orator in the British Senate. 1809–10 COLERIDGE *Friend* (1865) 22 The pernicious influence of this lax morality extends from the nursery and the school to the cabinet and senate. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* lviii, He says there is no place in the har or the senate that Georgy may not aspire to.

† **e.** Applied (perh. in passages translated from Latin) to the Corporation of London. *Obs.*

a 1548 HALL *Chron., Hen. V* 52 b, The Mayre of London and the Senate appareled in orient grayned Skarlet. 1568 GRAFTON *Chron.* II. 633 Continuall watch was kept by the Maior and senate of London,..for the preseruacion of the peace, and continuance of good order.

f. In the 18th and 19th c. adopted as the official name for the upper and smaller branch of the legislature in various countries, as the United States (and each of the separate states of the Union), France, Italy, etc.

1780 ABIGAIL ADAMS in *Fam. Lett.* (1876) 388 Hancock will be Governor, by a very great majority; the Senate [of Massachusetts] will have to choose the Lieutenant-governor. 1789 *Constit. U. S.* Art. I. § 3 The Senate of the United States shall be composed of two senators from each state. 1796 T. TWINING *Trav. Amer.* (1894) 52 From the hall of the Representatives, I went to that of the Senate, or Upper Chamber. *a* 1817 DWIGHT *Trav. New Eng.* (1823) IV. 159 New Hampshire...The legislature consists of a senate and house of representatives, chosen annually by ballot. 1887 W. C. FORD *Amer. Citizen's Man.* I. 11 In all the States the upper or smaller House is known as the Senate.

g. *transf.* and *fig.*

1540 PALSGR. *Acolastus* v. L V ij, Suerly the senate of my harte is sedicious. 1735 POPE *Prol. Sat.* 209 Like Cato give his little Senate laws And sit attentive to his own applause. 1820 COMBE *Syntax, Consol.* II. (Chandos) 152 Sometimes my bosom's senate sits In silent thought. 1821 SHELLEY *Hellas* Prol. 73 The senate of the Gods is met, Each in his rank and station set.

2. In the University of Cambridge, and in some other British universities, the official title of the governing body. Cf. SENATUS.

The Senate of the University of Cambridge corresponds to the Convocation of Oxford University, and consists of all Doctors, Masters of Arts, Law, and Surgery, and Bachelors of Divinity, who keep their names on the books. In the newer English universities, Durham, London, Liverpool, Birmingham, etc., the senate is a smaller body, its composition being different in different universities. In Scotland, the Latin form *Senatus* (*Academicus*) is commonly employed.

1736 *Charter* etc. *Coll. Will. & Mary, Virginia* 78 Concerning the College Senate. 1748 SALMON *Foreigner's Compt. Cambr.* 16 All Graces intended to be proposed to the Senate, must first pass the *Caput*. 1797 *Cambr. Univ. Cal.* 147 By the senate is meant all the doctors and masters of arts in the university, who have their names on the boards of their college. 1804 *Med. Jrnl.* XII. 286 Regulations enacted by the Senate of the University of Glasgow, respecting Degrees in Medicine. 1829 R. GILBERT *Liber Scholast.* 50 The Senate [of Cambridge], in 1818, decreed the foundation of three scholarships.

b. *U.S.* In some American colleges, a council composed of members of the faculty and elected students, having the control of the discipline, etc., of the students. 1891 in *Century Dict.*

† **3.** A senate-house. *Obs. rare.*

1616 BULLOKAR *Eng. Expos.*, *Senat*, the Counsell house, where the Magistrates of a citie assemble themselues. 1623 COCKERAM I. 1700 tr. *Danet's Dict. Grk. & Rom. Antiq.* s. v. *Senatus*, The Tribunes of the People at first stood at the Door of the Senate to know their Deliberations.

¶ 4. Misused for: A senator. *Obs. rare.*

1579 Sempill *Compl. Fort.* 87 in *Satir. Poems Reform.* xliii, Of Julius Cesar..Slaine be his Senatis,..By his awin kinsmen Brutus and Cassus. *Ibid.* 210 To keip sic senattis it sall decore 3our land. 1609 *Ev. Woman in Hum.* C 4 b, The olde Senate has put on his spectacles, and Lentulus and hee are turning the leaues of a dog-hay, leaues of a worme eaten Chronicle, and they want Tullies iudgement.

5. *attrib.* as *senate-chamber, -fight, -hall,* etc.

a 1700 Evelyn *Diary* June 1645, The Senate-hall [at Venice]. 1736 Thomson *Liberty* v. 568 In the warm struggles of the senate-fight. 1737 Savage *Of Public Spirit* 161 Bid Courts of Justice, Senate-chambers join, Till various All in one proud Work combine! 1855 Dickens *Dorrit* II. vii, The rugged remains of temples and tombs and palaces and senate halls and theatres.

Se·nate-house. [House *sb.*[1]]

1. A house or building in which a senate meets.

c 1550 N. Smyth tr. *Herodian* II. 18 He wente too the Senate house. 1601 Shaks. *Jul. C.* II. ii. 52 Wee'l send Mark Antony to the Senate house. 1634 Milton *Comus* 389 Musing meditation most affects The pensive secrecy of desert cell,..And sits as safe as in a Senat house. *a* 1700 Evelyn *Diary* 4 Oct. 1641, The Senate-house of this city [Antwerp] is a very spacious and magnificent building. 1709 Addison *Tatler* No. 162 ₱ 7 It was usual for them to expel a Senator who had been guilty of great Immoralities out of the Senate-House. 1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XX. 815 The Curia or senate-house.

transf. *a* 1586 Sidney *Arcadia* II. (Sommer) 129 b, The senate house of the planets was at no time so set, for the decreeing of perfection in a man, as at that time all folkes skilful therin did acknowledge. 1608 Shaks. *Per.* I. i. 10. 1821 Shelley *Hellas* Prol. 2 It is the day when all the sons of God Wait in the roofless senate-house, whose floor Is Chaos.

2. *spec.* The building which serves for the meetings of the senate of a university, esp. of Cambridge.

1748 Salmon *Foreigner's Comp. Cambr.* 15 The Senate-House is a magnificent and elegant Building; the Length [etc.]. 1769 Gray (*title*), Ode performed in the Senate-House at Cambridge. 1797 *Cambr. Univ. Cal.* 148 In the senate-house the elections of all the officers of the university take place, the appointments of the magistrates, the admissions to degrees, congregations, and consultations upon important matters by the senate, and by a statute of the university, no language is to be spoken therein but Latin. 1862 Calverley *Verses & Transl.* (1894) 43 Past the Senate-house I saunter.

b. *attrib.* **Senate-house examination,** examination for degrees in Cambridge University; so **Senate-house examiner; Senate-house problem,** a mathematical problem proposed in a Senate-house examination.

1837 *Math. Probl. fr. Senate-House Exam. Papers* Pref. 7 Questions which have actually been set from time to time, at the Senate-House examinations. 1855 *Househ. Words* 8 Dec. 442/2 He harassed me with questions about the book as pertinaciously as any senate-house examiner. 1875 Cayley *Math. Papers* (1896) IX. 246 A Senate-house Problem.

† Senatical, *a. Obs. rare.* [f. Senate + -ical.] Of or pertaining to a senate.

1651 *Animadv. Macdonnel's Answ. Eng. Ambass.* 48 Or incroach upon the Senaticall part and right of the people. 1652 Peyton *Catastr. Ho. Stuarts* (1731) 49 That which overthrows Monarchy, the same overthrows a Senatical Government.

† Senatoire. *Obs. rare*[−1]. [a. OF. *senatoire*, ad. med.L. *senātōrium*, f. L. *senātor*.] A senate-house.

1474 Caxton *Chesse* II. ii, Whan he was comen home from the senatoire. [Cf. Senatory *sb.*[1] 2.]

Senator (se·nătəɹ). Forms: 3–5 **senatur,** 3–7 **senatour,** 4–5 **cenatour, sinatour,** 4–6 **senatoure,** 5 **cenatoure, senatowre,** (6 **sanatour**), 6– **senator.** [a. OF. *senateur* (mod.F. *sénateur*), ad. L. *senātor*, f. *sen-em, senex* old, old man; a parallel formation with *senātus* Senate. Cf. Sp., Pg. *senador*, It. *senatore.*]

1. A member of a senate. a. A member of the ancient Roman senate.

In some of the early examples (*c* 1290, *c* 1386, 1390, and perhaps others) the writers evidently attribute to antiquity the usage of their own time, according to which 'the senator of Rome' was the title of a single high official. See sense 2.

c 1205 Lay. 25337 Þat was þurh þa senaturs þa þet sinaō heolden. *c* 1290 *St. John* 81 in *S. Eng. Leg.* 404 For þe senatour him a-slovȝ: þat was þo of rome, In contek þat heom was bi-twene. 13.. *Seuyn Sag.* 1267 Amorewe aros that sinatour. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Man of Law's T.* 863 For which this Emperour hath sent anon His senatour..And othere lordes..On Surryens to taken heigh vengeance. 1390 Gower *Conf.* I. 199 This Lord, with whom sche scholde go, Of Rome was the Senatour. *c* 1400 *St. Alexius* 65 Þerfore þe riche Emperoure Of þe Cite made hym Cenatoure. 1422 Yonge tr. *Secreta Secret.* xxxi. 178 The Sinatouris of the Cite [of Rome]. 1475 *Bk. Noblesse* 1 The noble cenatoure of Rome Kayus son. 1513 Douglas *Æneis* Comm., Wks. II. 292 Quhen Cesar was slayn by the Sanatouris. 1540–1 Elyot *Image Gov.* xxxix. (1544) 101 b, For thy pacience, wysedom and temperance, we deeme the worthy to be admitted into the college of Senatours. 1696 B. Kennett *Romæ Antiquæ* II. iii. ii. (1717) 101 The right of naming Senators belong'd at first to the Kings; afterwards the Consuls chose, and refer'd them to the People for their Approbation: But at last the Censors engross'd the whole Privilege of conferring this Honour. 1834 Lytton *Pompeii* I. vii, 'The emperor has been giving a splendid supper to the senators,' answered Sallust.

b. A member of the senate or governing council in other states of antiquity.

1586 Sir E. Hoby *Pol. Disc. Truth* viii. 23 The Ephores, hauing chosen a Senator that was very true, commanded him [etc.]. 1607 Shaks. *Timon* v. i. 139 The Senators of Athens, greet thee Timon. 1656 Stanley *Hist. Philos.* v. *Plato* iii. (1687) 159/2 That he was a Senator, implies he was full thirty years old at that time, according to Solon's Law. 1790 Cowper *Odyss.* viii. 56 He..led the way, whom follow'd all The sceptred senators. 1837 Thirlwall *Greece* xxxv. IV. 379 The senators, ephors, and other magistrates [at Sparta].

c. A member of the senate or governing body in certain mediæval and modern cities of Europe. Cf. Senate 1 c.

1560 Daus tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* 79 b, The bishop of Strausborough writeth letters to divers of the senatours. 1604 Shaks. *Oth.* IV. i. 230 The Duke, and the Senators of Venice greet you. 1682 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 1737/2 The Count d'Archinto has received his Patent from Spain, to be first Senator of Milan. 1741 Lady M. W. Montagu *Let. to Montagu* 25 Aug. (1893) II. 95 The senators [at Genoa] can converse with no strangers during the time of their magistracy. 1762 *New Biogr. Dict.* IX. 222 s. v. *Peiresc*, They..were sent to Aix to their uncle Claude Fabri, their father's elder brother, who was senator there. 1782 J. Adams in *Fam. Lett.* (1876) 404 [At the Hague] I am going to dine with..a number of Ambassadors and Senators. 1860 Motley *Netherl.* i. (1868) I. 12 The Sage-Men chose annually a board of senators.

d. *gen.* A member of a governing body or parliament. Often applied (unofficially and sometimes rhetorically) to a member of either House of the British Parliament.

1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) VII. 35 Þerfore was i-made a counsaile of þe real strete of Calne..þere seten in an hize hous þe senatoures of Engelond. *a* 1513 Fabyan *Chron.* VI. ccxvi. (1811) 234 A nyce folysshe couenaunte ought nat to be holden,..without the hole assent of the senatours of the same lande. 1553 Eden *Treat. New Ind.* (Arb.) 17 The Magistrates..are no lesse estemed then amonge vs Senatoures or Lord of the Counsayl. 1628 A. Leighton *App. Parlt.* Ep. Ded., To the right Honourable & High Court of Parliament. Right Honorable and High Senators. Such hath beene the care [etc.]. 1660 Tatham *Roy. Oak* 8 Holding..in the other [hand] a statute Book as a Senator and maintainer of laws. 1708 Swift *Predict. for* 1708, 6 At home, the Death of an old famous Senator will happen on the 15th. *a* 1763 W. King *Lit. & Polit. Anecd.* (1819) 35 [The Duke of Wharton's] speech..was indeed not unworthy of the oldest and most accomplished senator..in either House of Parliament. 1776 J. Adams in *Fam. Lett.* (1876) 215, I had rather build stones upon Penn's hill, than to be the first Prince in Europe, or the first General or Senator in America. 1849 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* ii. I. 171 He had, during the first year of the Long Parliament, been honourably distinguished among the senators who laboured to redress the grievances of the nation. 1894 Sir J. Astley *Fifty Yrs. Life* II. 123 How those forty senators [*sc.* the Irish M.P.'s] (or their successors) have been going on since, is notorious.

e. In vaguer sense: A counsellor, statesman; † a leader in State or Church. Also *fig.*

c 1400 *Rom. Rose* 4999 Peyne and Distresse, Syknesse and Ire, And Malencoly, that angry sire, Ben of hir paleys senatours. 1535 Coverdale *Ps.* civ. [cv.] 22 That he might enfourme his prynces after his wil, and teach his Senatours wysdome. † 1548 tr. *Viret's Expos. XII Art. Chr. Faith* M vj b, Euen so hathe the churche hys spirituall policie.. and hys pastures, ministers, and senatoures. 1597 Hooker *Eccl. Pol.* v. lxxvi. § 6 That which children might haue seene, their grauest Senators could not discerne. 1656 Blount *Glossogr., Muncerians*, a sort of Anabaptists, so called from Tho. Muncer, who was their Prophet, Senator and General, when they rose in Rebellion in Suevia and Franconia, &c. 1820 Keats *Hyperion* I. 73 Those green-rob'd senators of mighty woods, Tall oaks.

f. The official title of a member of the senate or upper house of the legislature in the United States, in modern France, Italy, etc.

In the U.S., *Senator* prefixed to the surname denotes a member of the federal Senate, not of the Senate of a particular state.

1788 J. Stokes in *M. Cutler's Life*, etc. (1888) II. 275 The Constitution of the United States pleases me much, but you ought to allow the people to have the power of appointing Senators-extraordinary in cases of exigency, as of war, or national distresses. 1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* I. III. viii, The long-gowned Senators of France. 1863 Bright *Sp., Amer.* 30 June (1876) 139 He has been for many years a Senator from the State of Mississippi. 1877 *Encycl. Brit.* VII. 347/1 He [Dombrowski] was named in 1815 general of cavalry and senator palatine of the new kingdom of Poland. 1905 R. Bagot *Passport* iii. 17 He was a well-known scientist,..and, in recognition of his work in the domain of physical science, had been created a senator of the Italian kingdom.

2. In Papal Rome: The title given at various periods from the 12th c. onwards to the civil head of the city government, appointed by the Pope.

[*c* 1290, *c* 1386, 1390: see sense 1 a, and the note.] 1832 G. Downes *Lett.* xxvi. I. 427 In this [Senatorial] palace are held the sittings of Rome's one senator, and of the Judges of the Tribunal. 1841 W. Spalding *Italy & It. Isl.* II. 153 Anarchy of Rome..induced Innocent in 1354 to send him [Rienzi] back as a governor with the title of Senator.

3. *Senator of the College of Justice*: in Scotland, the official designation of a Lord of Session.

1540 *Sc. Acts Jas. V* (1814) II. 371/2 Þe president vice-president and senatores [of the College of Justice]. 1562 in *Acts of Sederunt* (1790) 4 The Senators, ordinaris of our College of Justice, institutted be our maist nobill fader of gude memorie. 1905 *Westm. Gaz.* 3 Jan. 8/2 One of the Senators of his Majesty's College of Justice in Scotland.

† 4. *The Senators*: a convivial London club in the 18th c. *Obs.*

1761 *Ann. Reg.* IV. II. 51/1 He was a respectable member of The Killers of Care,..The Senators [etc.].

5. The Ivory Whale-gull.

[*a* 1713 Ray *Syn. Avium* 126 Raths-herr i. e. Senator *Fridérici Martens.*] 1852 Macgillivray *Brit. Birds* V. 508 *Cetosparactes eburneus.* The Ivory Whale-Gull...Senator.

Senatorial (senătō·riăl), *a.* [f. L. *senātōri-us* (f. *senātōr-em* Senator) + -al. Cf. F. *sénatorial* (1727 in Hatz.-Darm.).]

1. Of or pertaining to a senator or senators; characteristic of or befitting a senator; consisting of senators. a. With reference to ancient Rome, or to other states of antiquity.

Senatorial order: the highest of the three ranks of citizens in the later Roman republic.

1791 Cowper *Iliad* x. 490 Hector, with all the Senatorial Chiefs [x. 414 ὅσσοι βουληφόροι εἰσί]. 1842 *Smith's Dict. Grk. & Rom. Antiq.* 851/1 It has been supposed by Niebuhr ..that a senatorial census existed at Rome at the commencement of the second Punic war. 1850 Merivale *Rom. Emp.* ii. (1865) I. 53 Whole cities and states placed themselves sometimes under the protection of a senatorial patron. *a* 1859 De Quincey *Aelius Lamia* Wks. 1860 X. 306 A Roman noble, a man..of senatorial rank.

b. With reference to modern senates.

1740 *Johnson's Debates* (1789) I. 19 (Sir R. Walpole), The authority which can be conferred only by senatorial sanctions. 1765 Blackstone *Comm.* I. ii. 175 Not as at Venice, and many other senatorial assemblies. 1796 Coleridge *Watchman* No. 1. 20 The attack on the Duke of Bedford, for enjoying the senatorial office by hereditary right. 1855 Thackeray *Newcomes* ii, He eschewed honours senatorial. 1897 *Edin. Rev.* Jan. 145 The senatorial leader.

2. Of a Roman province under the Empire: Administered by the senate (not by the emperor).

1841 W. Spalding *Italy & It. Isl.* I. 102 Into those provinces which were senatorial, the senate continued to send pro-consuls or prætors as Governors 1879 Farrar *St. Paul* (1883) 342 Bithynia [was] at that time a senatorial province.

3. *U.S.* 'Entitled to elect a Senator: as, a *Senatorial* district' (*Cent. Dict.* 1891).

Hence **Senato·rially** *adv.*, in a senatorial manner.

1754 A. Drummond *Trav.* i. 17 The mother was chearful; the father senatorially grave. 1821 *Examiner* 83/1 Whatever may be thought senatorially of the modest assertion,.. the people at large may laugh at it.

Senatorian (senătō·riăn), *a.* (and *sb.*). [f. L. *senātōri-us* (see prec.) + -an. Cf. OF. *senatorien* (Godef.), mod.F. *sénatorien* (1690 in Hatz.-Darm.).]

A. *adj.*

1. Of or pertaining to a senator; = Senatorial *a.* 1. Now chiefly as applied to the senatorial order of ancient Rome, its members, their privileges, etc.

1614 Goages *Lucan* v. 167 The Senatorian ordred state Is neuer chang'd by place or date. *Ibid.*, That great Senatorian traine. 1629 Maxwell *Herodian* 74 Yet was he far exceeded in Birth by many of the Senatorian Order. 1665 Manley *Grotius' Low C. Wars* 940 Janinus, having setled himself into a Senatorian Gravity, began thus to speak. 1781 Gibbon *Decl. & F.* xxxi. III. 199 The dignity of the senatorian rank. 1830 J. H. Monk *Bentley* (1833) II. 327 This distinguished prelate had already displayed his senatorian talents in the discussion on the Pension Bill, and other occasions. 1880 R. Owen *Sanctorale Cathol.* 12 Mar. 136 He was of a high senatorian family at Rome.

2. = Senatorial *a.* 2.

1842 G. Long in *Smith's Dict. Grk. & Rom. Antiq.* 801/1 The Senatorian provinces.

B. *sb.* ? *nonce-use.* A partisan of the senate.

1869 Seeley *Ess. & Lect.* (1870) 21 [Augustus] began as a professed Senatorian;..he became ultimately emperor.

† Senato·rical, *a. Obs.* [f. Senator + -ical.] = Senatorial *a.*; also ruled over by a senate.

a 1618 Raleigh *Maxims of State* vi. Rem. (1664) 9 And so that State is Senatorical or Aristocratical. 1655 tr. *Com. Hist. Francion* v. 10 The Advocate marched in magnificent array, with a Senatorical countenance.

† Senatorious, *a. Obs. rare*[−1]. [f. L. *senātōri-us* (see Senatorial *a.*) + -ous.] = Senatorial *a.*

1664 H. More *Myst. Iniq.* 280 This Head of the Roman Hierarchy with his purple Cardinals are so Emperour-like and of such a Senatorious splendour.

Senatorship (se·nătəɹ,ſip). [f. Senator + -ship.] The office or dignity of a senator.

1602 Carew *Cornw.* II. 120 From which step his courage and wisedome raysed him by degrees to..the Senatorship of Rome. 1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* III. III. ix, We have got to the last scene of all, that ends this history of the Girondin Senatorship. 1909 *Contemp. Rev.* Aug., *Lit. Suppl.* 12 The senatorship conferred on him by Napoleon.

† Senatory, *sb.*[1] *Obs.* [ad. med.L. *senātōrium*, f. L. *senātōr-ius* (see Senatorial *a.*): see -ory [1].]

1. The senatorial order or body.

Chaucer's use is due to mistaking the adj. for a sb.

c 1374 Chaucer *Boeth.* III. pr. iv. (1868) 74 Þe rente of þe senatorie (is noþing but) a gret charge [L. *et senatorii census gravis sarcina*). 1528 Roy *Rede me* (Arb.) 40 As for the comens vniuersally And a greate parte of the senatory Were of the same intencion. 1614 Raleigh *Hist. World* v. ii. § 6. 400 The Achaians..by a Senatorie and two Prætors, ordered all things in their Commonweale.

2. A senate-house. (Cf. Senatoire.)

1474 Caxton *Chesse* II. ii, And thus hit happend anone after that alle the wyues of rome cam to the senatorye.

Senatory (se·nătŏri), *sb.*[2] Also **-orie.** *French Hist.* [ad. F. *sénatorerie*, f. L. *senātor* Senator: see -ery.] The landed estate granted to a senator under the consulate and the first empire.

1804 *Revol., Plutarch* III. 164 Lucien was..afterwards ordered to visit his senatories on the Rhine. 1810 *Ann. Reg.* 503 A senatory shall be established in the departments of Rome and Trasimene. 1827 Scott *Napoleon* xxix. Wks. 1870 XI. 349 Monsieur Fargues, senator of the district of Bearn, whom these plots..interested as having his senatorie for their scene. 1898 J. B. Rye in *Eng. Hist. Rev.* July 490 You leave in twenty-four hours, to live in your senatory.

†Senatory, *a. Obs. rare.* [ad. L. *senātōri-us* (see SENATORIAL *a.*): see -ORY 2. Cf. OF. *senatoire.*] = SENATORIAL *a.*

1523 [COVERDALE] *Old God* (1534) H j, The comen people was taught to say, that Charles was of the senatorie stocke gouernour of Rome. 1612 SELDEN *Illustr. Drayton's Poly-olb.* VIII. 124 By senatory authority P. Sulpitius..was committee to transact with the enemy for leaving the Roman territory. *a* 1618 RALEIGH *Maxims of State* ii. Rem. (1664) 5 Aristocracy, or Senatory State. 1684 tr. *Bonet's Merc. Compit.* XVIII. 646 A Gentleman..of the Senatory Order, being subject to Diseases in his Spleen.

Senatour(e, obs. forms of SENATOR.

Senatress (se·nătrĕs). *rare.* [f. SENATOR + -ESS. Cf. OF. *senatresse* wife of a senator (Godef.).] A female senator; a female of senatorial dignity.

1731 GURDON *Hist. Parlt.* I. 200 Heliogabalus..made the first Senatress, he created a little Senate of Women, which met on *Collis Quirinalis.* 1793 MURPHY *Tacitus* IV. 319 There were no terms in the Latin language to signify senatress, dictatress or even empress.

‖Senatus (sĭnē··tŭs). [L.: see SENATE.] The title given to the governing body in certain universities. More explicitly **senatus academicus:** see SENATE 2.

1835 MALDEN *Orig. Universities* 165 The government of the university [of Glasgow] is administered by the senatus academicus. 1839 W. CHAMAERS *Tour Holland* 26/1 The senatus [of Leyden University]..employs a set of travellers to gather rare specimens from Africa. 1845 MCCULLOCH *Brit. Emp.* (1854) II. 367 [In Scotch universities] The superintendence of their respective professors, and of the Senatus, does not extend farther.

‖Sena·tus consu·ltum. Pl. **consulta.** Also anglicized **senatus consult.** [L.; *senātūs* genit. of *senātus* SENATE, *consultum* CONSULT *sb.*1] **a.** A decree of the ancient Roman senate. **b.** A decree of the 'senate' in certain modern states, e. g. France under Napoleon I and Napoleon III.

1696 B. KENNETT *Romæ Ant. Not.* II. III. ii. (1717) 103 A *Senatus-Consultum* was accordingly wrote by the publick Notaries. 1758 CHESTERF. *Lett. to Son* CXIV. (1774) II. 418, I will lay out twelve ducats for twelve bottles of the wine.. if you can obtain a *senatus consultum* for it. 1813 *Examiner* 4 Jan. 4/1 [tr. French] The *Senatus Consultum* of last September. 1875 POSTE tr. *Instit. Gaius* I. § 4 A senatus-consult is a command and ordinance of the senate. 1886 MUIRHEAD in *Encycl. Brit.* XX. 704/2 In the imperial council, where the drafts of the senatus consults were prepared.

Senaw, obs. form of SINEW *sb.*

Sence, var. CENSE; obs. f. SENSE, SINCE.

Senceall, Sencer: see SENESCHAL, CENSER.

†Sench, *v. Obs.* Also 4 sinche; *pa. pple.* 4 seint. (See also ASENCH *v.*) [OE. *sęncan* = OS. *senkian*, OHG. *senchan* (MHG., mod.G. *senken*), ON. *sökkva* (Sw. *sänka*, Da. *sænke*), Goth. *sagqjan*:—OTeut. **saŋkwjan*, causative of **siŋkwan* SINK *v.*] *trans.* To sink, plunge.

c 1000 *Ags. Gosp.* Luke x. 15 And þu capharnaum oð heofon upahafen, þu hyst oþ helle gesenced. *c* 1230 *Juliana* 32 (MS. Roy.) Þu..hare fan senchtest [*MS. Bodl.* asenchtest] þat ham efter sohten. *a* 1310 in Wright *Lyric P.* iv. 24 In sunne and sorewe y am seint. *c* 1310 *S. Margaret* 307 in Horstm. *Altengl. Leg.* (1881) 233 In a fat ful of water, he bad men schuld hir sinche [*rimes with* drenche].

Senche, obs. variant of SHENCH *sb.* and *v.*

Senchip, Sencial: see SHENDSHIP, SENESCHAL.

Sencion (se·nʃən). *Obs.* exc. *dial.* Forms: 5 **chynchone, chymchon, cyn-, synchone, (synyon, synthon),** 6 **senechon, (synthone),** 7 **senchion, 9 sension, sinsion, senshon, sencion.** [a. OF. *senechion* (mod.F. *seneçon*) :—L. *senecĭōn-em*, perh. f. *senex* old man (cf. *senectūs* old age), with reference to the white down of the inflorescence.] Groundsel.

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 77/2 Chynchnne, herbe [*v. r.* cynchone]. *Ibid.* 456/1 Synchone, herbe (*v. rr.* synyon, synthon), *senecion, camadreos. c* 1460 *Ibid.* (Winch.) 83/1 Chymchon, herbe: *Cenacion et cambidreos. Ibid.* 411/1 Synyon, herbe: *Senecion*: *Camadreas.* 1526 *Grete Herball* cccix. (1529) Y iij, De senacionibus. Grownswell. Senechon is an herbe called sellechon. 1530 PALSGR. 270/2 Synthone, an herbe. *a* 1500 *Rel. Ant.* I. 324 Take groundis walle, that ys senchion. *a* 1825 FORBY *Voc. E. Anglia, Sencion.* 1882 *Hardwicke's Sci. Gossip* 214 Suffolk Names..Sinsion (groundsel).

Senct, obs. form of SAINT.

Sencyal, obs. form of SENESCHAL.

Send (send), *sb.*1 [f. SEND *v.*1]

†1. *Sc.* The action of sending; dispensation (of God). *Obs.*

1551 ABP. HAMILTON *Catech.* (1884) 137 Thair is na evil of payne or trubil in the pepil, bot it cummis be the send of God.

b. *Sc.* A message.

1825 *Gay Goss-hawk* x. in Child *Ballads* II. 360 Ye're bidden send your love a send.

c. An accelerating impulse; impetus. Cf. SEND *sb.*2

1890 *Illustr. Lond. News* 6 Dec. 714/1 That piston that with a mighty send gives before them and spins the great wheel above. 1894 *Northumb. Gloss., Send*, impetus. 'It cam' wi' sic a send'. 1899 SOMERVILLE & ROSS *Exper. Irish R. M.* xi. 273 Sultan came at it [*sc.* a wall] with the send of the hill behind him, and jumped it.

2. *Sc.* A messenger sent to the bride in advance of the bridegroom (see quots.); also, the bridal party. (See *Eng. Dial. Dict.*)

1814 MARY BRUNTON *Discipline* xxii. (1852) 191 The harbingers of the bridegroom, (or, to use Cecil's phrase, the send,) a party of gay young men and women, arrived. 1818 *Edin. Mag.* Nov. 412 A couple of envoys (Scot. *sends*) arrive from the bridegroom, who lead the bride to the temple of Hymen.

Send (send), *sb.*2 *Naut.* Also **scend.** [Belongs to SEND *v.*2 Cf. SEND *sb.*1 1 c.]

1. The carrying or driving impulse of a sea or wave; more fully *send of a* or *the sea.*

1726 SHELVOCKE *Voy. round World* 65, I have frequently thought it impossible to escape striking upon them on every send of a sea. 1805 SIR R. LAWRIE in *Naval Chron.* XIII. 409 Much Sea running, appearing to cut us asunder at every send. 1885 R. F. BURTON *Arab. Nts.* I. 141 We found ourselves much nearer the Loadstone Mountain, whither the waters drave us with a violent send. 1901 CLARK RUSSELL *Ship's Advent.* V, To each foaming scend the ship drove in a curtsey of fury.

2. A sudden plunge (of a boat) *aft, forward,* etc.

1836 MARRYAT *Midsh. Easy* XIX, Both fell with the send aft of the boat. 1859 J. C. ATKINSON *Walks Two Schoolboys* XVII. 367 With many a forward send..she threw up showers of spray. 1888 NARES *Seamanship* (ed. 6) 143 The bows will..give a send in against the ship's side.

Send (send), *v.*1 *Pa. t.* and *pa. pple.* **sent** (sent). Forms: *Infin.* 1 **sendan,** 2–3 **senden,** (3 **seind, siende, sent**), 2–6 **sende,** 4 *Kent.* **zende,** 5 **sendyn, cendyn,** *Sc.* **sen,** 3– **send.** *3rd sing. pres. ind.* 1–3 **sendeþ,** 1–5 **sent,** 3 **seint,** *Kent.* **zent,** 4–5 **sendith,** 5 **-yth,** 5– **sendeth**; 3–7 **sendes,** (5 **sendez, sendis**), 6 **sends.** *Pa. t.* 1–6 **sende,** 2–3 **seonde,** (2 **sænde, sænte**), *Ormin* **sennde,** 3–6 **sente,** 4 **seende,** 3–7 **send,** (5 **sont**), 3– **sent**; 3, 6 **sendet,** 4 **sendyd, seended,** 5 **sended.** *Pa. pple.* 1 **sended,** 2 (3e) **seond,** (3e) **send,** 3 **ysend, iseind,** 3–4 **isend(e, ysent,** 3–6 **send(e,** 3 *Ormin* **sennd,** 4 **i-sente,** 4–5 **isent, sente,** (4 **seynte**), 5 **ysende,** 3– **sent.** [Com. Teut. wk. verb: OE. *sęndan* = OFris. *senda, sanda,* pa. t. *sante,* OS. *sendian,* pa. t. *senda, sanda* (LG. *senden,* Du. *zenden*), OHG. *senden, senten,* pa. t. *santa* (MHG. *senden,* pa. t. *sante, sande,* mod.G. *senden,* pa. t. *sandte, sendete*), ON. *senda* (Sw. *sända,* Da. *sende*), Goth. *sandjan* :—OTeut. **sanđjan,* f. **sanđ-* (:—**sanþ-*) ablaut-variant (of the grade usual in causative verbs) of the root **senþ-* (:—OTeut. *sent-*) to go, found in Goth. *sinþ-s,* OE. *sīð* way, journey (see SITHE *sb.*1).] General sense: To cause to go.

I. To order or direct to go or to be conveyed.

* *with a person as object.*

1. *trans.* To commission, order, or request (a person) to go *to* or *into* a place or *to* a person. Chiefly, to dispatch as a messenger or on an errand.

Const. *about* (a business), *after, for* (something to be fetched), *on,* †*of,* †*in* (an errand, quest; the prep. is sometimes omitted). See also MESSAGE *sb.*1 2 b.

c 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* Matt. x. 16 Heonu ic sendo iuih suæ scip in middum uulfa. *c* 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 153 He sende his patriarken and propheten for to bodien his tokume. *c* 1200 ORMIN 17034 He sennde dun Hiss aþhenn Sune ankennedd, To wurrþenn mann. *c* 1205 LAY. 26367 He sent þe his sonde wið uten gretinge. *c* 1290 *St. Barnabas* 34 in *S. Eng. Leg.* 27 Iesu cristes man icham, þat me gan hidere siende. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 711 Bot adam son was send a saand. *Ibid.* 14846 Þan said an þat was his frend, Hight nichodem, was sent in saand,..'Me think' [etc.]. 1382 WYCLIF *Matt.* x. 5 Jhesus sente [*v. r.* seended] these twelue. 1456 SIR G. HAYE *Law Armes* (S.T.S.) 11 The sone of God..was send in erde for salvacionn of man. 1591 SHAKS. *Two Gent.* IV. iv. 120 Oh: he sends you for a Picture. 1599 — *Hen. V,* IV. i. 155 A Sonne that is by his Father sent about Merchandize. 1599 — *Much Ado* II. i. 274, I will goe on the slightest arrand..that you can deuise to send me on. 1611 BIBLE *Gen.* I. 16 And they sent a messenger vnto Ioseph, saying [etc.]. 1636 MASSINGER *Gt. Duke Flor.* II. i, I am sent..On a how doe you, as they call't. 1655 tr. *Com. Hist. Francion* II. 26 If she were sent of an errand. 1728 DE FOE *Col. Jack* I, If he was sent of an errand he would forget half of it. 1744 BIRCH *Life Boyle* 23 A gentleman of his father's, sent to convey them thither. 1776 EARL CARLISLE in Jesse *Selwyn & Contemp.* (1844) III. 144, I by no means approve of your sending a physician to her, except she is really ill. I hate the tribe. 1821 SCOTT *Kenilw.* VI, Workmen sent from London..had converted the apartments..into the semblance of a royal palace. 1834 MARRYAT *P. Simple* XV, Luff now..quarter master...Send the men aft directly. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* XVI, Send her to me, the instant she comes in. 1859 TENNYSON *Elaine* 626 To whom the Prince Reported who he was, and on what quest Sent. 1907 'Q.' *Poison Isl.* XIV, Did he send you with that message to Captain Branscome?

fig. 1591 SHAKS. *Two Gent.* III. i. 141 My thoughts do harbour with my Siluia nightly, And slaues they are to me, that send them flying. 1728 WOLLASTON *Relig. Nat.* IX. 187 Commands his own thoughts, sends them to this or that place.

b. With specified destination considered as a place of residence, or connoting a sphere or kind of employment; e. g. in *to send to school, college,* etc. (sometimes with the notion of defraying the expense of the person's education); *to send* (one or more members) *to Parliament* (said of a constituency).

1531 ELYOT *Gov.* I. XIII. (1880) I. 113 Where theyr parentes wyll nat aduenture to sende them farre out of theyr propre countrayes. 1568 GRAFTON *Chron.* II. 434 The king ..sent to the sea, Lord Edmond Holland Erle of Kent, as Chefetaine of that Crewe. 1575 GASCOIGNE *Glasse Govt.* I. ii, So that we are partely perswaded to send them vnto some vniuersity. 1737 POPE *Ep. Hor.* I. i. 119 Send her to Court, you send her to her grave. 1769 *De Foe's Tour Gt. Brit.* (ed. 7) II. 49 Heightsbury, a Town..sending two Members to Parliament. 1784 COWPER *Tiroc.* 240 T" ensure the perseverance of his course,..Send him to college. *Ibid.* 872 Then..send him not to school. No—guard him better. 1834 MARRYAT *P. Simple* lii, He was sent to sea to be got rid of. 1859 *Habits of Gd. Society* 57 The haberdasher sits in Parliament, and sends his son to Oxford. 1888 *Encycl. Brit.* XIV. 835/1 The education [at Christ's Hospital] is chiefly commercial, but four boys are annually sent to the universities.

c. In wider sense: To occasion or induce to go to a place or in a particular direction; to recommend or advise to go to a place or a person; *fig.* to refer (a reader) to some author or authority.

c 1449 PECOCK *Repr.* I. x. 52 Tho ij. textis seruen and remytten or senden into other Scripturis. *Ibid.* I. xx. 127, V remytte and send ech man desiring forto it leerne..into the firste parti of the book. 1550 BALE *Apol.* 68 He sendeth vs ther to the pedigrew of the Leuites. I. Paralip. vi. 1751 JORTIN *Serm.* (1771) I. i. 11 Those who send the blind out of their way. 1844 LINGARD *Anglo-Sax. Ch.* (1858) I. iv. 144 Writers who have sent us to the laws of the Christian Emperors.

d. *fig.* To describe (a person) in narrative as going (to a specified place).

1776 MICKLE tr. *Camoens' Lusiad* Introd. 125 Voltaire has corrected his error in sending Camoens to the East Indies.

e. With complementary sb. (now only, introduced by *as*) indicating the capacity in which a person is sent.

1605 *1st Pt. Jeronimo* I. i. 77 So, so, Andrea must be sent imbassador? 1613 SHAKS. *Hen. VIII,* III. ii. 260 You sent me Deputie for Ireland. 1711 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 4903/1 Signior Bentivoglio..is to be sent Nuncio into France. 1756–7 tr. *Keysler's Trav.* (1760) III. 220 [They] sent the noble Julian and Martin ambassadors from..Japan to pope Gregory XIII.

f. *To be sent* (*into the world*): said of a child as born for some divine purpose, or as a gift to the parents. Cf. sense 7.

c 1560 A. SCOTT *Poems* (S.T.S.) XXXVI. 22 By syn maternall I am send, With vyce I vaneiss. 1594 SHAKS. *Rich. III,* I. i. 20, I, that am..sent before my time Into this breathing World. 1831 SCOTT *Ct. Robt.* XX, Being the only child.. and sent late in life to bless their marriage bed. 1839 THACKERAY *Stubbs's Cal.* Nov. *Comic Tales* (1841) II. 360, I..wore my red coat as naturally as if I had been sent into the world only for the purpose of being a letter-carrier.

g. Without the notion of a destination or errand: To cause or order to depart *from* one; to dismiss. Chiefly with advs., *away, off. To send packing*: see PACK *v.*1 10 b.

a 1533 LD. BERNERS *Gold. Bk. M. Aurel.* (1546) L vj, As an ydell vacabunde man they dyspatched and sent hym awaie. 1608 SHAKS. *Per.* IV. vi. 148 Shee sent him away as colde as a Snoweball. 1611 BIBLE *Luke* I. 53 And the rich hee hath sent emptie away. 1668 PEPYS *Diary* 13 Nov., It is intended to..try them for a sum of money; and, if they do not like it, then to send them going, and call another [parliament]. 1796 MME. D'ARBLAY *Camilla* I. I. iv. 85 There was no other way for him to get rid of his tutoring, without sending off Dr. Orkborne. 1908 R. BAGOT *A. Cuthbert* XVII. 215, I will not take no from you,..and if you send me away from you I will not go! *Ibid.,* The moment was fast coming when I should not have the strength to send him from me.

2. To compel or force to go; to drive, impel. Also *transf.* of a circumstance, impulse, etc. Also with *up.*

c 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* Mark ix. 21, & symble hine [*sc.* one possessed of a devil] & in fyr & on wætro sende [Vulg. *mittit*] þætte hine losade *vel* fordyde. *c* 1205 LAY. 14840 He haſð ..isend heom [*sc.* his foes] ouer sæ stran. 1712–14 POPE *Rape Lock* IV. 64 Hail, wayward Queen!..Who..send the godly in a pet to pray. 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* V. I. 609 The royal troops instantly fired such a volley of musketry as sent the rebel horse flying in all directions. 1886 STEVENSON *Treasure Isl.* XIII, The plunge of our anchor sent up clouds of birds.

b. To drive (a person) *into* some state or condition, to cause to go *to* (sleep); also with adj. complement.

1831 *Society* I. 179 You, both of you, will send me distracted between you. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* II, Rebecca laughed in her face, with a horrid sarcastic demoniacal laughter, that almost sent the schoolmistress into fits. 1852 — *Esmond* III. VII, He..sent the Colonel to sleep, with a long, learned, and refreshing sermon. 1892 TENNYSON *Foresters* IV, I had despair'd of thee—that sent me crazed.

3. To cause (a person) to be carried or conducted to a destination. **a.** To direct to be conveyed as a prisoner or a slave; to commit or consign officially *to* prison, the gallows, death, etc.

971 *Blickl. Hom.* 237 Mid þy þe hie me sendon on þis carcern. *c* 1205 LAY. 26981 Petreiun heo nomen & heore inume allen and mid þreo hundred sweinen in to wude senden. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 4445 Was tua men in þe kinges hus To prisun sent for þair misdede. *a* 1380 in Horstm. *Altengl. Leg.* (1878) 38/2, I am sent hider to beo slayn. *a* 1500 *Contin. Brut* 509 Þe Mair..sont þo þat cried so to Newgate. 1591 SHAKS. *1 Hen. VI,* II. iii. 42 [Thou] That hast..slaine our Citizens, And sent our sonnes and Husbands captiuate. 1687 A. LOVELL tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* I. 76 They took him, and with other Slaves sent him to Constantinople. 1706 E. WARD *Wooden World Dis.* (1708) 2 [A ship of war is] the New-Bridewell of the Nation, where all the incorrigible Roages [*printed* Viages] are sent. 1834 MARRYAT

P. Simple lvi, Miller was sent on board of the frigate, and under surveillance. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* lxvii, I tell you they are rascals; men fit to send to the hulks.

b. To consign (a departed spirit) *to* (a place or condition).

c 1400 *Rule St. Benet* (Prose) Prol. iii. 3 For þi he ginis us respit, þat we sal mende nre sinne and sibin to þe ioy be sent. 1671 MILTON *P. R.* IV. 632 To torment sent before thir time. 1831 SCOTT *Ct. Robt.* v, The abode to which departed spirits are sent after this life.

c. In various phrases with the meaning to kill, put to death.

a 1586 SIDNEY *Arcadia* II. (Sommer) 211 b, I..sent him to feede fishes. 1592 *Soliman & Pers.* v. ii. 110 What, is thy hand to weake? then mine shall helpe To send them down to euerlasting night. 1599 MASSINGER, etc. *Old Law* v. i. (1656) 59 He must make yong [judges] or none, for all the old ones Her father he hath sent a fishing. 1602 SHAKS. *Ham.* I. v. 78 Thus was I..sent to my account With all my imperfections on my head. 1634 SIR T. HERBERT *Trav.* 102 Ere they could strangle him, he sent three of them to the Deuill. 1711 W. KING tr. *Naude's Ref. Politics* iii. 100 Quintus Fabius sent a hundred thousand Gauls into the other world.

** *With a thing as object.*

4. To cause (a thing) to be conveyed or transmitted by an intermediary to another person or place.

Beowulf 471 (Gr.) Sende ic Wylfingum ofer wæteres hryc̄ ealde madmas. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 416 Gif heo mei sparien eni poure schreaden, sende ham al derneliche ut of hire woanes. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 4162 His kyrtil sal we..til his fader seind. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Prol.* 426 Ful redy hadde he his Apothecaries To sende him [*i.e.* the sick man] drogges. 1471 MARG. PASTON in *P. Lett.* III. 25, I shal sende yw mony to bye wyth soch stwfe as I wull have. 1536 CROMWELL *Let.* 30 Apr. in Merriman *Life & Lett.* (1902) II. 11, I sende your lordship certain Crampe ringes to be bestowed there amonges your Freendes. 1663 BOYLE *Usef. Exp. Nat. Philos.* Advt., Though it come not forth before, divers parts were sent to the Press in 1660, or 1661. 1670 MARVELL *Corr.* clxiv. Wks. 1875 II. 353, I sent my letter to the post. 1743 BULKELEY & CUMMINS *Voy. S. Seas* 5 We sent on Board the Pearl twelve Butts..of Water. 1825 T. HOOK *Sayings* Ser. II. *Passion & Princ.* viii, Stages go every hour..by which Mr. W. may send his trunk with safety. 1826 *Museum Criticum* I. 137 Mr. Blomfield's edition of the *Persæ* of Æschylus will very shortly be sent to Press. 1859 TENNYSON *Elaine* 544 Since the knight Came not to us, of us to claim the prize, Ourselves will send it after. 1871 R. ELLIS *Catullus* xii. 11 Or most speedily send me back the napkin.

b. To cause (food, wine) to be handed (to a guest).

1770 FOOTE *Lame Lover* III. 52 Why, Madam..—shan't I send you a biscuit? 1825 T. HOOK *Sayings* Ser. II. *Passion & Princ.* v, Perhaps, Miss Rodney, you will let me send you wine...What wine do you take? *Ibid.*, General,.. you eat nothing; let Mr. Rodney send you some lamb.

c. To serve up (food, a course, meal): only with *in, up*, and in phr. *to send to table.*

1662 J. DAVIES tr. *Olearius' Voy. Ambass.* 64 The Countrey cannot produce Apples or other Fruits that are worth sending up to the Table. 1687 MIEGE *Gt. Fr. Dict.* II. s. v. *Send*, Bid the Steward to send in Dinner. 1806 A. HUNTER *Culina* (ed. 3) 25 It should..be sent in hot and hot. 1825 T. HOOK *Sayings* Ser. II. *Passion & Princ.* v, What paper is that, in which those cutlets have been sent to table? 1888 'J. S. WINTER' *Bootle's Childr.* ii, He found the cook just resting after sending up the late dinner.

d. Of a country: To export.

1596 DALRYMPLE tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* I. 16 It sendes to the Easte countreyes verie fatt Rye. 1785 COWPER *Task* III. 583 Those [*sc.* greenhouse plants] Ausonia claims,..th' Azores send Their jessamine.

e. *transf.* and *fig.* Also with *up.*

a 1200 *Moral Ode* 51 in *O. E. Hom.* I. 163 Al þet beste þet we hefden þider [*sc.* to heaven] we hit solde senden. 1340 *Ayenb.* 73 Todel þine zaule uram þe bodye be þo3te, zend þine herte in-to þe oþre wordle. 1595 SHAKS. *John* II. i. 409 We from the West will send destruction Into this Cities bosome. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* IX. 195 When all things that breath,..send up silent praise To the Creator. 1687 A. LOVELL tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* II. 67 The sky overcast with Clouds, that now and then sent us some drops of Rain. 1780 COWPER *Progr. Err.* 256 Has some sickly eastern waste Sent us a wind to parch us at a blast? 1825 SCOTT *Talism.* i, That sea which holds no living fish..and..sends not, like other lakes, a tribute to the ocean.

5. To dispatch (a boat, carriage, etc.). Also with *out.*

a 1122 *O. E. Chron.* (Laud MS.) an. 1101, And se cyng syððan scipa ut on sæ sende his broðer to dære & to lættinge. *c* 1200 ORMIN 8701, & Drihhtin sennde an karrte himm [*sc.* Helyas] to. *a* 1352 MINOT *Poems* (ed. Hall) i. 19 Þai sent þaire schippes on ilka side With flesch and wine. 1594 KYD *Cornelia* III. iii. 182 The Merchant, that for prinate gaine, Doth send his Ships to passe the maine. 1743 BULKELEY & CUMMINS *Voy. S. Seas* 3 The Commodore sent out a Privateer Sloop. 1836 MARRYAT *Midsh. Easy* xi, There would be two boats sent for them.

6. To dispatch (a message, letter, telegram, etc.) by messenger, post, or other means of communication. So *To send cards* (of invitation).

c 897 K. ÆLFRED *Gregory's Past. C.* xxxii. 213 Ne ðeah cow hwelc ærendgewrit cume, suelce hit from us send sie. *c* 1200 OAMIN 2851 Þatt Drihhtin haffde sennd hiss word Till hire. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 422 Ze ne schulen senden lettres.. huten leaue. 1340–70 *Alex. & Dind.* 972 *rubric*, How dindimus sendyd an answere to alixandre by letter. *c* 1460 FORTESCUE *Abs. & Lim. Mon.* xiv. (1885) 143 Þat all supplicacions wich shalbe made to þe kynge..he sende to the same counsell. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* XIII. vi. *title*, Kyng Latyne till Eneas send message For peax. 1615 G. SANDYS *Trav.* 86 The Embassador..sent intelligence of the same into England. 1711 SWIFT *Jrnl. to Stella* 13 Apr., I sent my excuses, adorned with about thirty compliments, and got off as fast as I could. 1770 FOOTE *Lame Lover* II. 49 She very well knows that I have not sent cards but twice the whole season. 1842 W. C. TAYLOR *Anc. Hist.* xvii. § 5 (ed. 3) 519 Heliogabalus being thus victorious, sent intelligence of his success..to the senate. 1859 LYTTON *What will he do* XII. xi, I sent a telegram. 1908 R. BAGOT *A. Cuthbert* xviii. 225, I sent him a line..just to say that I had succeeded in finding you.

b. *To send* (a person) *word*: to transmit a message (to a person); to inform, notify. Const. *of*, clause, or inf.

c 1205 LAY. 25309 Bi us he sende word þe þat he wule to þisse londe. 1375 BARBOUR *Bruce* I. 145 And syne till Scotland word send he, That thai suld mak ane assemble. *a* 1450 *Knt. de la Tour* 13 And so God sent worde to the kinge and the citee hi the profete Ionas, but yef [etc.]. 1570 in Kempe *Losely MSS.* (1836) 235, I pray yow send me worde by this bearer what yow thinke. 1598 SHAKS. *Merry W.* III. v. 59 He sent me word to stay within. *Ibid.* IV. iv. 18. 1655 STANLEY *Hist. Philos.* I. (1687) 35/2 You send me word of an expedition you are preparing. 1711 SWIFT *Jrnl. to Stella* 1 Dec., Whenever you would have any money, send me word three weeks before. 1886 STEVENSON *Treasure Isl.* xii, Not long after, word was sent forward that Jim Hawkins was wanted in the cabin.

c. With the message expressed by a clause † or inf.

a 1122 *O. E. Chron.* (Laud MS.) an. 656, Ða seonde se kyning æfter þone abbode þet he ænestlice scolde to him cumon. 1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 1239 Þis erl..to þe king ofte sende þat he ssolde..is herte somdel amende. *c* 1435 *Torr. Portugal* 2209 The Soudan sent to sir Torent than, With honger that thes people be slan. 1592 KYD *Sp. Trag.* III. ii. 88 Ile send to him to meet The Prince and me. *Ibid.* III. xii. 58 Although he send not that his Sonne returne. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 12 Feb. 1672, We tooke order to send to the Plantations that none of their ships should adventure homeward single.

† **d.** *To send greeting*: see GREETING *vbl. sb. Obs.*

c 900 tr. *Bæda's Hist.* II. x. (1891) 124 Bonefatius papa sende Eadwine greting. *c* 1205 LAY. 27885 And efte wolde heom alswa senden heom gretinge ma. 1483 *Cal. Anc. Rec. Dublin* (1889) 489 Baillifes of the same cite..senden gretyng in oure Lorde Jhesu Criste. 1535 [see GREETING *vbl. sb.*]. 1611 BIBLE *Acts* xxiii. 26.

e. In complimentary formulæ, *to send* (one's) *compliments, love, respects*, etc. † Also, *to send health, happiness*, etc.

1474 CAXTON *Chesse* Ded., Your most humble servant william Caxton..sendes unto you peas helthe Joye and victorie upon your Enemyes. 1732–3 LD. CARTERET *Let.* 24 Mar. in *Swift's Lett.* (1767) III. 36 The whole family of my ladies send their compliments. 1779 MISS M. TOWNSHEND in Jesse *Selwyn & Contemp.* (1844) IV. 100 My father is very well, and sends his love to you. 1833 T. HOOK *Parson's Dau.* II. xiii, My aunt desires to send her affectionate regards to you. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* lxvii, She made George write.., and persisted in sending Mamma's kind love in a postscript. 1852 — *Esmond* III. xi, The man said..that his young mistress had sent her duty.

7. Of God, fate, chance, etc.: 'To grant as from a distant place' (J.); to cause to happen or come into existence; to ordain as a blessing or a punishment.

c 825 *Vesp. Psalter* xix. 3 Ꝺehere ðe dryhten..send ðe fultum of halgum. *a* 1175 *Cott. Hom.* 225 Ic wille senden flod. *c* 1200 ORMIN 5531, & a33 to þannkenn innwarrdlig Drihhtin all þatt he senndebþ. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 1592 Forþi in forme of iugement God thoght a neu wengaunce to sent. *c* 1400 *Rule St. Benet* (Verse) 162 Enil dedes er of oure awn entent, And all gude dedes fro god er sent. 1584 B. R. tr. *Herodotus* II. 72 b, If ye gods did not vouchsafe to send them raine in due season. 1601 SHAKS. *Twel. N.* III. i. 51 Now Ioue in his next commodity of hayre, send thee a beard. 1697 DRYDEN *Virg. Georg.* IV. 774 The Nymphs.. have..sent a Plague among thy thriving Bees. 1734 POPE *Ess. Man* 113 God sends not ill. 1825 SCOTT *Betrothed* vi, I..appoint thee to be kept in ward in the western tower, till God send us relief. 1877 W. S. GILBERT *Sorcerer* II. Quintette, Bless the thoughtful fates that send him Such a wife to soothe his years. 1896 A. E. HOUSMAN *Shropshire Lad* v, Ah, spring was sent for lass and lad.

Proverbial. 1545 ASCHAM *Toxoph.* II. (Arb.) 132 He maye chaunce haue cause to saye so of his fletcher, as..is..spoken of Cookes: and that is, that God sendeth vs good fethers, but the deuyll nonghtie Fletchers. 1668 R. B. *Adagia Scot.* 20 God sends never the mouth, but the meat with it. *Ibid.* 21 God sends meat, and the Devil sends Cooks.

b. In the phrase *God, Heaven, Lord send*; (also simply *send*); esp. with clause as obj. and † with obj. and compl.

† *God send* (a person) *safe, victorious*, etc. = God grant that he may be safe, etc. † *God send* (you, us, etc.) with inf. or subjunctive = God grant that you, we, etc. may do (what is indicated by the vb.).

c 1470 HENRY *Wallace* IV. 146 Gret God sen we had euir with him past! 1530 PALSGR. 701/1 God sende him good spede. 1556 LAUDER *Tractate* 330 Grit God we pray, sen Prencis wald perceaue,..How be tha [etc.]. 1568 GRAFTON *Chron.* II. 773 God send grace they hurt not. 1601 SHAKS. *All's Well* I. i. 190 God send him well. 1649 W. DUGDALE in *Lett. Eminent Men* (Camden) 176 God send him well recover. 1653 WALTON *Angler* I. ii. 45 God keep you all, Gentlemen; and send you meet this day with another bitch Otter. 1690 CROWNE *Eng. Friar* III. 28 *Sr. Tho.* I have a great fancy I shall do well in the Country. *La. C.* Ah! send thou dost. ? 1740 *Thesaurus Musicus* in W. H. Cummings *God Save the King* (1902) 83 God save our Lord the King,..Send him victorious, Happy and Glorious. 1776 FOOTE *Capuchin* III. (1778) 136 Lord send us safe to Old England, say I! 1829 SCOTT *Anne of G.* xxxii, God send my poor people may have no cause to wish their old man back again. 1833 T. HOOK *Parson's Dau.* III. viii, Heaven send him happy, but I fear for the success of my prayers. 1841 DICKENS *Barn. Rudge* vi, Heaven forgive me if I am wrong, and send me just thoughts.

*** *absolute uses.*

8. *absol.* To send a message or messenger. Const. *after, to.*

971 *Blickl. Hom.* 205, & [he] hie lærede þæt hie raðost to Rome sendon to ðæm papan. *a* 1122 *O. E. Chron.* (Laud MS.) an. 1011, Her on þissum geare sende se cyng & his witan to ðam here. 1132 *Ibid.*, Sua ðet te king..sende efter þe muneces. 1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 261 To þe king of grece he sende. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 10737 Wit þis þai sent sun vp and don, And bad þam at a dai be bon. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Man of Law's T.* 1047 And hastifly he sente after Custaunce. *c* 1425 ? LYDG. *Assembly of Gods* 734 He hade him nat long Tary to sende aftyr more socour. *c* 1489 CAXTON *Sonnes of Aymon* IV. 149 He sent thrughe all the londe and made com all the maysters masons [etc.]. *a* 1533 LD. BERNERS *Huon* XCV. 309 He sende & commaundyd hym that he sholde no more fyght with me. 1591 SHAKS. *Two Gent.* IV. ii. 132 Send to me in the morning. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 25 Aug. 1660, Coll. Spencer..sent to me and intreated that I would take a Commission. 1833 T. HOOK *Parson's Dau.* II. v, When your lordship—wants me again, send. You know where I live. If you don't send I shan't come. 1841 THACKERAY *Gt. Hoggarty Diam.* ix, John, send to Mrs. Hoggarty in the shrubbery.

b. Followed by inf. (or, *rarely*, by *and* with a co-ordinated verb) indicating the purpose.

a 1225 *Leg. Kath.* 151 Ha sende swiðe for to witen hwet wunder hit were. 1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 7125 To þe duc he sende sone to helpe him in þat cas. 1482 *Monk of Evesham* (Arb.) 54 Myne soule was gonne and paste out of my bodye yere my wyfe knewe hit or sende to calle for the pryste. 1599 SHAKS. *Hen. V*, III. v. 62 And let him say to England, that we send To know what willing Ransome he will giue. 1692 R. L'ESTRANGE *Fables* xci. 86 His Wife sent up and down to look after him. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 29 Aug. 1678, The D. of Norfolk..sent to me to take charge of the bookes. 1710 SWIFT *Jrnl. to Stella* 16 Sept., Sir John Holland..has sent to desire my acquaintance. 1748 RICHARDSON *Clarissa* VII. 207, I have sent every half hour to know how she does. 1835 WILLIS *Pencillings* III x. 121 He inquired whether there was not a morsel left...Mr. R. was not sure. 'Send and see', said Lamb. 1863 COWDEN CLARKE *Shaks. Char.* ix. 218 He sent to invite her to supper with him.

9. Send for —. a. To send a messenger or message for; to send (a person) to fetch —.

1338 R. BRUNNE *Chron.* (1810) 19 He sent for alle þe kynges, fro Berwik vnto Kent. 1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) VII. 237 He hadde nou3t i-send for more help. *c* 1450 *Merlin* XXVIII. 566 Than com Merlin to Arthur, and bad hym sende for all his power in all haste. 1562 MACHYN *Diary* (Camden) 282 Ther was a gret frey and my lord mare..was send fore. 1672 WISEMAN *Treat. Wounds* I. 38 The next day.. it burst out impetuously; I was sent for, and found it bleeding with a strong impulse. *a* 1674 CLARENDON *Hist. Reb.* XI. § 123 The guard..sent for drink. 1748 RICHARDSON *Clarissa* VII. 213, I send by poor Lovelace's desire, for particulars of the fatal breviate. 1847 TENNYSON *Princess* IV. 220 She sent for Blanche to accuse her face to face. 1908 R. BAGOT *A. Cuthbert* XXVIII. 373 Would you not like me to send for one of your priests?

b. With adv. qualifying 'to come' or 'be brought' understood.

1592 *Arden of Feversham* Epil. 3 The one tooke Sanctuary, and being sent for out, Was murthred in Southwark. *c* 1643 LD. HERBERT *Autobiog.* (1824) 34 My mother thought fit to send for me home. 1703 *Rules of Civility* 40 You must go away without seeing him, unless he sends for you in. 1714 SWIFT *Imit. Hor.* II. vi. 16 Send for him up, take no Excuse. 1753 MISS COLLIER *Art Torment.* I. ii. (1811) 60, I shall not send for you back. 1833 T. HOOK *Parson's Dau.* II. vii, The Squire was sent for home.

c. Of a sovereign: To command the attendance of; *esp.* to summon a leader or prominent member of a political party, for the purpose of offering him the office of prime minister.

1744 BIRCH *Life Boyle* 154 He was then by his Majesty's order sent for to Whitehall. 1765 G. WILLIAMS in Jesse *Selwyn & Contemp.* (1843) I. 382 The King declared to his ministers that he had no further occasion for their services, but had sent for Mr. Pitt. 1806 G. ROSE *Diaries* (1860) II. 227 The King could do no better than to send for Lord Grenville. 1880 MCCARTHY *Own Times* IV. 512 The Queen sent for Lord Hartington, she then sent for Lord Granville; but everyone knew in advance who was to come into power at last.

11. To cause to go, by physical means or by direct volition.

10. *trans.* To discharge and direct (a missile); to throw or propel in a particular direction; occas. † to thrust (a dagger). Also said of a missile weapon.

c 825 *Vesp. Psalter* xvii. 15 [xviii. 14] Sende strele his & tostencte hie. *c* 1205 LAY. 6483 And he lette fuse him to flan swuðe kene and alle him to sende. 1627 DRAYTON *Agincourt* 20 As thick againe their Shafts the English send. 1646–7 BOYLE in Birch *Life* (1744) 74 Which [wind-gun]..would.. send forth a leaden bullet..with force to kill a man at twenty five..paces. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* VI. 836 In his right hand Grasping ten thousand Thunders, which he sent Before him. 1687 SETTLE *Refl. Dryden* 83 To send a Dagger to a Mans heart is an expression older than thou art. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* Sept. 1646, He was sending a brace of bullets into the poore beast. 1717 ADDISON tr. *Ovid's Metam.* III. 91 Cadmus ..Then heav'd a stone, and rising to the throw, He sent it in a whirlwind at the foe. 1780 COWPER *Progr. Err.* 570 None sends his arrow to the mark in view, Whose hand is feeble. 1784 — *Task* III. 803 And the whistling ball Sent through the trav'llers temples! 1842 BARHAM *Ingol. Leg., St. Medard*, As the cannon recoils when it sends its shot. 1852 THACKERAY *Esmond* I. xiv, 'I fling the words in your face, my lord', says the other; 'shall I send the cards too?' 1857 HUGHES *Tom Brown* I. viii, Flashman..sent an empty pickle-jar whizzing after them.

fig. *a* 1854 H. REED *Lect. Eng. Lit.* xii. (1878) 392 The Duke of Wellington uses words with a strange frugality, and sends them straight to their mark.

b. To deliver (a blow). †Formerly const. *dative*. Also *to send home* (see HOME *adv.* 10 b).

a 1626 MIDDLETON *Mayor Queensb.* II. i, How am I serv'd in this? I offer a vexation to the King, He sends it home into my hloud with vantage. 1628 FELTHAM *Resolves* II. vii. 16 Hadrian sent his inferiour seruant a box on the eare, for walking but betweene two Senators. 1861 H. C. PENNELL *Puck on Pegasus* 111 Right to his dexter optic The Champion sent a hlow. 1894 KIPLING *Jungle Bk.* 59 Kaa..sent home half-a-dozen full-power smashing blows.

c. To drive (a ball).

1782 *Kentish Gaz.* 20–23 Nov., Now the Batsman..Sends the Ball Over all. 1887 *Field* 5 Nov. 714/1 Lawrence then, by a well-judged kick, sent the ball between the [goal] posts.

11. To emit, give forth as a source. a. To give off or out (light, heat, odour, etc.); to discharge, pour out (liquid). Chiefly with advs., *forth, off, out*.

971 *Blickl. Hom.* 245 Nu þonne, anlicnes,..sænd mycel wæter þurh þinne muþ. *a* 1425 *Arderne's Treat. Fistula*, etc. 56 If þai sende out blode þai ar seid ryztfully emeroydez. 1535 COVERDALE *Jas.* iii. 11 Doth a fountayne sende forth at one place swete water and bytter also? 1567 *Gude & Godlie B.* (S.T.S.) 145 He is the Morning Star, His bemis send he hes out far. 1574 HYLL *Art Garden.* lvii. (ed. 3) 115 By the watring on this wise, the roote sendeth such bitternesse as then remayneth in the same. 1584 B. R. tr. *Herodotus* II. 74 b, I demaunded..the reason..why this streame ..neuer sent foorth any miste or vapour. 1611 BIBLE *Eccl.* x. 1 Dead flies cause the oyntment..to send foorth a stinking sauour. 1614 GORGES *Lucan* VI. 241 And with the very breath she sends The healthy aire taints and offends. 1662 J. DAVIES tr. *Olearius' Voy. Ambass.* 204 Many Springs send forth their Water with such violence, that [etc.]. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* VIII. 141 That light Sent from her through the wide transpicuous aire. 1820 SHELLEY *Sensit. Pl.* I. 15 And their breath was mixed with fresh odour, sent From the turf, like the voice and the instrument. 1840 H. SMITH *Oliver Cromwell* II. 239 Several pipes of trimidado were sending forth their powerful fumes. 1862 BORROW *Wild Wales* xxiii. (1901) 71/1 A white farm-house—sending from a tall chimney a thin misty reek up to the sky.

b. To give *forth* or *out* (sound); to utter (a cry, groan, etc.). Cf. 13.

c 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 211 Mnð sent ut þe stefne. 1535 COVERDALE *Ps.* lxviii[i]. 33 He shal sende out his voyce, yee and that a mightie voyce. *a* 1586 SIDNEY *Arcadia* III. (Sommer) 274 Or such a noise it was, as highest thunders sende. 1621 BEATHWAIT *Nat. Embassie*, etc. 233 Rather then for her I'de shed one teare,..or send one grone. 1688 HOLME *Armoury* II. 134/1 An Hart, when he sendeth forth his Cry, is said to Bellow. 1725 POPE *Odyss.* IX. 469 He sends a dreadful groan. 1784 COWPER *Task* V. 821 When ev'ry star..Sent forth a voice. 1813 BYRON *Corsair* I. xv, But still her lips refused to send—'Farewell!' 1847 TENNYSON *Princess* IV. 373 The lost lamb at her feet Sent out a bitter bleating for its dam. 1859 — *Geraint & Enid* 728 Then Enid..Sent forth a sudden sharp and bitter cry.

c. To throw out as a branch or offshoot. Chiefly with *off, out*, †*forth*.

1715 CHEYNE *Philos. Princ. Relig.* I. 297 The Aorta,..bending a little upwards, sends forth the Cervical and Axillary Arteries. 1723 P. BLAIR *Pharmaco-Bot.* I. 34 Sending forth here and there several Leaves. 1732 A. MONRO *Anat. Nerves* 3 The Nerves..send off their Branches at more acute Angles..than the Blood-vessels do. *a* 1767 — *Wks.* (1781) 312 The lymphatic vessel which enters its superior arch, is often sent from the thyroid gland. 1812 *New Bot. Garden* I. 90 It sends out several stems from the root. 1837 P. KEITH *Bot. Lex.* 395 Each [bronchial tube] dividing and subdividing, and sending off secondary branches. 1870 ROLLESTON *Anim. Life* 131 A minute mesial stomato-gastric ganglion, which..sends nerves to the ..jaw and its muscles.

12. To direct (a thought, look, glance).

?*c* 1420 26 *Pol. Poems* 74 God askeþ of the:..þy swete þouȝtes (þou) me sende. 1592 KYD *Sp. Trag.* IL iii. 35 Send thou sweet looks, ile meete them with sweete lookes. 1782 COWPER *Alex. Selkirk* 37 My friends, do they now and then send A wish or a thought after me? 1831 SCOTT *Ct. Robt.* x, Many were the glances which the Princess sent among her retinue. 1890 CLARK RUSSELL *Marr. at Sea* vii, Never can I forget the expression of her face..when..she sent a look at the yacht.

13. To cause (sound, one's voice) to 'carry' or travel. Chiefly *poet.* Cf. 11 b.

1593 SHAKS. *Rich. II*, III. iii. 33 Through Brazen Trumpet send the breath of Parle Into his ruin'd Eares. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* V. 548 When Cherubic Songs by night from neighbouring Hills Aereal Musick send. 1749 FIELDING *Tom Jones* VII. iii, The squire..sent after his sister the same holla which attends the departure of a hare. 1842 TENNYSON *Talking Oak* 123 And livelier than the lark She sent her voice thro' all the holt Before her. 1892 HENLEY *Song of Sword* 76 The cry of a gull sent seaward.

14. To drive by pulsation, impulse, etc.

a 1767 A. MONRO *Wks.* (1781) 378 The liquors sent from the umbilical arteries to be mixed with the uterine blood, resemble the..liquors separated from the..blood. 1835–6 *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* I. 638/2 The cavities..on the right side of the heart send the blood to the lungs for the purposes of respiration. 1873 F. JENKIN *Electr. & Magn.* xxii. § 4 (1881) 300 A simple key, which the operator depresses when he wishes to send a current. 1874 W. K. CLIFFORD in *Fortn. Rev.* Dec. 719 Like the wave which you send along a string and which comes back. *Ibid.*, There is a physical excitation or disturbance which is sent along two different nerves.

15. Of a blow or something having the effect of a blow, also of the agent, a weapon: To cause to go or fall violently. Also with *down*.

1822 A. THORNTON *Don Juan* II. ii. 25 But the contest was suddenly arrested..by a colossal, fist which sent two or three of the combatants sprawling among the wine buts. 1840 THACKERAY *Barber Cox* Aug., His lance took Tagrag on the neck, and sent him to the ground like a stone. 1848 — *Van. Fair* lxii, My lord nearly sent Jos off his legs with the most fascinating smile. 1855 SMEDLEY *H. Coverdale* ii, He struck his antagonist a crashing blow, which..sent him down like a shot. 1879 (see FLY *v.*[1] 9). 1887 'MARK RUTHERFORD' *Revol. Tanner's Lane* i. (ed. 8) 8 In an instant it was sent flying to the other side of the road. 1898 *Daily News* 24 Nov. 7/3 Sharkey..put a right hand smash on the jaw, sending Corbett down.

16. To cause (a thing) to go *down, up*, etc. Also *transf.* with immaterial object, e. g. prices, one's spirits.

1657 W. COLES *Adam in Eden* ix. 20 Lavender..heateth the Belly, and sendeth down the Terms. 1794 *Rigging & Seamanship* I. 213 The Jack-block is used for sending top-gallant-yards up or down. 1823 J. BADCOCK *Dom. Amusem.* 108 Tartar emetic..solution being heated with sulphuret of ammonia, sends down a copious gold coloured precipitate. 1830 SCOTT *Introd. to Ld. of Isles*, I sent up another of these trifles, which, like schoolboys' kites, served to show how the wind..was setting. 1841 R. H. DANA *Seaman's Man.* 30 If the topgallant sail is to be bent aloft, send it up to the topmast cross-trees by the clewlines. 1860 H. STUART *Seaman's Catech.* 50 Reeve a topgallant mast rope, and send the mast on deck. 1895 DOYLE *Stark Munro Lett.* xvi. 332 We could manage very well on that—the more so as marriage sends a doctor's income up.

17. To cause to move or travel; to cause to work. Cf. *send along* 21.

1864 TENNYSON *En. Arden* 532 The breath of heaven came continually And sent her [*sc.* a ship] sweetly by the golden isles. 1885 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 12 Jan. 7/2 The order was given to send the engines full speed astern. 1893 F. F. MOORE *Gray Eye or So* III. 205 Harold..sending his horses at a pretty fair pace into the square.

III. In idiomatic combination with adverbs. (For the obvious combinations see the simple senses and the adverbs.)

†**18. Send about.** *trans.* To dispatch (messengers) here and there; also *absol. Obs.*

c 1330 *King of Tars* 146 He sente aboute on uche a syde Alle that he mihte of seende. 1604 SHAKS. *Oth.* I. ii. 46 The Senate hath sent about three seuerall Quests, To search you out.

19. Send abroad. a. *trans.* To publish, make known widely; also, to cause (a sound) to be heard far and wide. *arch.* or *poet.*

1681 W. ROBERTSON *Phraseol. Gen.*, To send abroad or to publish, *edere, evulgare*. 1706 E. WARD *Wooden World Diss.* (1708) 79 He has a thonsand pretty Phrases which he never sends abroad. 1821 SCOTT *Kenilw.* xxxiii, The great bell of the Castle..began to send its pealing clamour abroad. 1864 TENNYSON *E. Arden* 764 He..fear'd To send abroad a shrill and terrible cry.

b. *absol.* To send out notices widely.

1611 BIBLE 1 *Chron.* xiii. 2 Let vs send abroad vnto our brethren euery where.

† **20. Send against** —. *pass.* To be met. (Cf. *go against*, Go *v.* 51 a.) *Obs.*

1541 SIR T. WYATT *Def.* in *Poet. Wks.* (1858) p. xxxiii, He [Pole] was neither sent against, being the Bishop of Rome's legate, neither received,..nor accompanied out again.

21. Send along. *trans.* To cause to travel rapidly; *fig.* to accelerate the progress or growth of.

1867 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* Ser. II. III. ii. 533 If they have been 'sent along' with Indian corn [etc.] they will make up to nearly 2 lbs. heavier. *Mod.* The coachman sent his horses along at a good rate.

22. Send away. a. *trans.* To dispatch (a messenger, message, boat, etc.). Also *absol.*

1597 SHAKS. 2 *Hen. IV*, II. iv. 408 If I be not sent away poste, I will see you againe, ere I goe. 1612 SIR R. NAUNTON in *Buccleuch MSS.* (Hist. MSS. Comm.) I. 118, I am in some haste, for fear Mr. More should send away before this comes to him. *a* 1779 COOK 3*rd Voy.* III. viii. (1784) II. 128 Before we got near enough to send away a boat to sound the entrance.

† b. See quot. *Obs.* Cf. *send down* b.

1714 *Spectator* No. 596 ¶ 3 Upon which I was sent away, or in the University Phrase, Rusticated for ever.

23. Send back. *trans.* (*Cricket.*) To cause (one who has come out to bat) to return; to 'put out'.

1882 *Daily Tel.* 19 May, The first ball..sent back Mr. Greenfield.

24. Send before. *trans.* To cause to go in advance. Now *rare.*

1538 ELYOT *Dict., Emissarius*,..signyfieth hym, whiche is sent before in battayle to espie. 1590 [see BEFORE *adv.* 1]. 1596 SHAKS. *Tam. Shr.* IV. i. 4, I am sent before to make a fire, and they are coming after to warme them. 1646 BOYLE in Birch *Life* (1744) 55 At Salisbury I overtook my trunks I had sent thither before. 1740 [see BEFORE *adv.* 1]. 1744 BIRCH *Life Boyle* 34 To make his addresses to this lady, Mr. F. was sent..before up to London. 1819 SHELLEY *Mask of Anarchy* 82 So he sent his slaves before To seize upon the Bank and Tower.

25. Send down. a. To dispatch from the King or the Lords to the Commons, from the capital, a city, one's headquarters, etc. into the country. Also *absol.*

1455 *Rolls of Parlt.* V. 303/1 That than the seid provisions and exceptions be sende doune unto us, to that ende that we may gife oure assentz therto. *a* 1513 FABYAN *Chron.* VII. (1533) II. aa iij b/2 Wherfore in all haste he [Richard I] sent downe, gyuyng strayte commaundement that they shuld cease of the ryot. 1585 T. WASHINGTON tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* I. ii. 1 b, [He] sent downe his traine by water: and himselfe went by land. 1671, 1678 [see DOWN *adv.* 2]. 1884 ANNIE S. SWAN *Dorothea Kirke* xviii. 164 If we meet any poor shop-girl..we'll send her down..to wonder at the blueness of the sky. 1891 'J. S. WINTER' *Lumley* xi, I'm going to send down for Ruth to come up to help to nurse you.

b. To compel (an undergraduate) to leave the University (permanently or for a specified time), as a punishment. = RUSTICATE *v.* 2.

1853 [see DOWN *adv.* 2]. 1894 *Times* 16 May 10/4 Some 17 members of Christ Church..have been heavily fined and 'sent down'.

c. *Cricket.* To bowl (a ball, an over).

1882 *Daily Tel.* 19 May, Nine overs were then sent down for half a dozen runs.

26. Send forth. *trans.* To produce, yield; also, of a country, to export; of the press, to issue, publish.

1626 BACON *Sylva* § 567 The Water also doth send forth Plants, that haue no Roots. 1819 BYRON *Juan* I. i, I want a hero: an uncommon want, When every year and month sends forth a new one. 1825 SCOTT *Betrothed* x, I have.. cyprus, such as the East hath seldom sent forth. 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* iii. I. 415 The press now often sends forth in a day a greater quantity of discussion..than was published [etc.]. 1885 *Field* 4 Apr. 426/2 Skeffington Wood sent forth the first [fox].

27. Send in. a. *trans.* To give (one's name), hand (one's card) to a servant when making a call.

1748 RICHARDSON *Clarissa* VII. 204 The Colonel..sent in his name; and I..introduced the afflicted gentleman. 1897 WATTS-DUNTON *Aylwin* v. ii, On sending in my card I was shown at once into the studio.

b. To cause (a thing) to be delivered at its destination, to the person entitled to receive it or to the appointed receiver; esp. to render (an account, a bill).

To send in one's jacket: see JACKET *sb.* 1 b. *To send in one's papers*: see PAPER *sb.* 7 d.

1715 DE FOE *Fam. Instruct.* II. i. (1841) I. 169 At Church there are bills sent in for the Minister to pray for folks. 1772 FOOTE *Nabob* I. (1778) 22 Sir Robert Bamper's butler is to send in the wine. 1834 MARRYAT *P. Simple* lxi, My father's bills had been sent in, and amounted to twelve hundred pounds. 1887 ESHER in *Law Rep.* 19 Q. B. Div. 518 It is suggested that to send in a bill is not to demand payment of it, but this is a fanciful view. 1895 SAINTSBURY *Corr. Impr.* 179 An editorial notice of a poem which had been sent in.

c. *Cricket.* To send (a batsman) into the field to bat.

1857 HUGHES *Tom Brown* II. viii, Arthur is sent in, and goes off to the wicket. 1898 GIFFEN *With Bat & Ball* viii. 111 Bonnor was sent in third wicket down.

28. Send off. *trans.* To cause to start on a mission from oneself; to see to the departure of (a person or thing, a message, etc., that is to be conveyed somewhere).

1666 DRYDEN *Ann. Mirab.* lxxiv, His wounded men he first sends off to shore. 1782 MISS BURNEY *Cecilia* VII. ix, When she had sent off this letter. 1896 R. S. S. BADEN-POWELL *Matabele Campaign* vi, We..sent off some native runners to go and find him.

absol. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* xix, The trembling old lady sent off for her doctor.

29. Send on. a. *trans.* To dispatch (a person or thing) in advance; also *absol.* for 'to send on one's horse'.

a 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 11 June 1652, Having sent my man on before, I rode negligently under favour of the shade. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* xli, Pitt accompanied them..having sent on their baggage in a cart previously. 1895 DOYLE *Stark Munro Lett.* xvi. 342, I work a town at a time. I send on an agent to the next to say that I am coming.

absol. 1854 R. S. SURTEES *Handley Cross* xxxii, Because Sir Yawnberry Dawdle, who lies long in bed, sends on, Mr. Larkspur..must needs do the same.

b. To cause (a person) to go onward.

1877 SPURGEON *Serm.* XXIII. 357, A asks B to help him, and B, in his wonderful charity, does him the great favour of sending him on to C.

30. Send out. *trans.* To issue (†a commandment, an invitation); †to proclaim *that*.

c 1400 *Three Kings Cologne* 26 Whan Octonianus had sent houte a commaundement..þat euery man and woman scholde go to his cite. *a* 1450 *Mirk's Festial* 22 Þan was send out a mawndement. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 11 May 1652, I rode to Coll. Blount's..who sent out hue and cry immediately.

31. Send over. *trans.* To dispatch across the sea, or (in later use) from one place to another (cf. OVER *adv.* 5). Also *absol.*

1483 *Cely Papers* (Camden) 140, I beseche yowre master-schypp to remember to send ower the pampelett. 1594 KYD *Cornelia* III. i. 94 Send Sextus over to some forraine Nation. 1646 BOYLE in Birch *Life* (1744) 65 Some of the least bad of which [verses] I shall venture to send you over. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 9 Mar. 1652, I..meditated sending over for my wife. 1888 'J. S. WINTER' *Bootle's Childr.* ix, Hothouse blooms and delicate ferns and tall palms, which had been sent over by cartloads.

32. Send round. a. *trans.* To circulate.

1839 THACKERAY *Stubbs's Cal.* Dec. *Comic Tales* (1841) II. 366 'Never mind, my boys', I used to say, 'send the bottle round'. 1841 PUSEY in *Newman's Lett.* (1891) II. 370 *note*, A circular is being sent round to all the members of Convocation.

b. *To send round the hat*: see HAT *sb.* 5 b.

c. *colloq.* To send (something; also *absol.* to send a message) to some one in the neighbourhood.

Mod. I will leave the basket; you can send it round any time. I will send round tomorrow to inquire how the patient is.

33. Send up. a. *trans.* Of things: To emit, give off, shoot out (something that rises or travels upwards).

1584 B. R. tr. *Herodotus* II. 76 The countrey is exceeding hote and parching, being altogether vnfit to sende vp any vapours. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* XI. 738 The Hills..Vapour, and Exhalation dusk and moist, Sent up amain. 1711

Addison *Spect.* No. 62 ₱ 5 It is a Flame that sends up no Smoke. 1817 Shelley *Rev. Islam* 2928 [It] Passed like a spark sent up out of a burning oven. 1837 P. Keith *Bot. Lex.* 104 If a bean is planted..it will immediately begin to send up a stem.

b. To cause (a person) to go or (a thing) to be taken 'upstairs' (from the kitchen, entrance hall, etc.); esp. to serve up (a meal), to send in (one's name or card as a visitor).

1836 Marryat *Midsh. Easy* xi, The master of the inn.. sent up the bill by the waiter. 1884 *Graphic* 29 Nov. 578/3 Gerald..sent up his name to Lord Whitby.

absol. 1862 Miss Braddon *Lady Audley* xxxvi, Poor Tomlins has sent up three times to say the fish will be spoiled.

c. To send (a bill) from the Commons to the Lords.

1831 Greville *Mem.* 6 Apr. (1874) II. 282 That could not be *now* in the Bill, as it was sent up from the Commons.

d. *Public Schools.* To send (a boy) to the headmaster (*a*) for reward, (*b*) for punishment.

1849 Thackeray *Pendennis* xxxiv, I remember poor Shelley at school being sent up for good for a copy of verses. 1857 Hughes *Tom Brown* I. vii, 'What if we're late?' said Tom. 'No tea, and sent up to the Doctor', answered East. *Ibid.* II. vii, He sent me up to be flogged for it. 1881 *Everyday Life in Public Sch.* (ed. Pascoe) 322 *Sent up*, Eton. An honour due usually to distinction in verses. *Ibid.* 323 The Head Master exercised the power of sending up 'for play', which was counted as three times 'sent up for good'. Every third occasion of being sent up for good the boy could claim a book from the Head.

e. To put in prison.

1852 Judson *Myst. N. Y.* III. 7 (Farmer) They'd blow on me for some of my work, and I'd be sent up. 1897 *Westm. Gaz.* 30 Apr. 10/1 Only two prisoners, men, occupied the prison-van... Burns was being 'sent up' for wife-beating, and Tannahill for theft.

Send (send), *v.*2 *Naut.* Pa. t. sended. Also 7–9 scend, (8 sand). [Belongs to Send *sb.*2; possibly a mere application of Send *v.*1 Often written *'scend*, as if aphetic for *descend* or *ascend*.] (See quot. *a* 1625.)

a 1625 *Nomenclator Navalis* (Harl. MS. 2301), When a shipp falls (whether under saile or at Anchor) with her head or with her sterne deepe into the Trough of the Sea it is said she Sends much either a sterne or a head. 1691 T. H[ale] *Acc. New Invent.* 122 An uneven and unlevel keel drooping forwards, or sending aft. *Ibid.* 127 What makes her pitch and scend too much. 1794 J. H. Moore *Pract. Navig.* (ed. 10) 286 *She sands* or *sends*. When the ship's head or stern falls deep in the trough of the sea. 1769 Falconer *Dict. Marine* (1780), *Sending*, the act of pitching precipitately into the hollow, or interval, between two waves. 1833 M. Scott *Tom Cringle* ii, She sended forward, heavily and sickly, on the long swell.—She never rose to the opposite heave of the sea again.

transf. 1896 R. S. S. Baden-Powell *Matabele Campaign* i, All day and all night we go rocking and pitching, rolling and 'scending' along in the creaking, groaning old coach.

¶**b.** Apparently misapplied from incorrect notion of the etymology.

1867 Smyth *Sailor's Word-bk.*, *'Scending* (from *ascend*), the contrary motion to pitching. 1889 Welch *Text Bk. Naval Archit.* iii. 50 The motion is termed..pitching or 'scending according as the bow of the ship moves downward and the stern upward or vice versâ.

Sendable (se·ndăb'l), *a.* [f. Send *v.*1 + -able.] That may be sent.

1483 *Cath. Angl.* 329/2 Sendabylle, *missilis*. 1791 Bentham *Mem. & Corr.* Wks. 1843 X. 263, I have it before me, but not in a sendable state.

Sendal (se·ndăl). Now only *Hist.* Forms: 3–4 cendal, 3–5 cendel, sendell, 4–5 sandelle, 4–6 sendel, sendale, (4 cendale, -dele, sandale), 5 sandel, sendelle, 5–6 sendalle, syndall, (5 sendyll(e, 5–7 sandall, 6 sindal, 6–7 sindall, (6 cendell, sandell, syndale, *Sc.* san-, sendill), 5–9 sendall, 4– sendal. [a. OF. *cendal*, = Pr. *zendal-s*, *sendat-z*, Sp., Pg. *cendal*, It. *zendale*, *sendale*, *zendado*; a Com. Rom. word, whence MHG. *zendâl*, *zindal*, mod.G. *zindel*.

It is probable that the word is ultimately derived from Gr. σινδών fine linen, which it renders in OF. translations of the New Testament; but the history of the form is obscure.]

1. A thin rich silken material; also, a covering or garment of this material.

a 1225 *Juliana* 9 (MS. Bodl.) Al þe cure ouertild..wiđ purpres & pelles, wiđ ciclatuns & cendals & deorewurđe clathes. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 14984 þair lauerd was noþer cledd Wit silk ne yeitt cendel. 1382 Langl. *P. Pl.* A. VII. 19 And ȝe, loueli Ladeis.., þat habbeþ selk, and sendel souweþ. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Prol.* 440 In sangwyn and in pers he clad was al Lyned with Taffata and with Sendal. 1395 *E. E. Wills* (1882) 4 A keuerlet of red sendel. 1523 Lo. Berners *Froiss.* I. 740 There was pyght vp a pauilyon of crymasyn sendall, right noble and riche. *c* 1530 — *Arth. Lyt. Bryt.* (1814) 202 The ymage..blusshed as red as sendall. 1558 in Feuillerat *Revels Q. Eliz.* (1908) 82 Gowlde & sylver sendalls narrowe at xx^{d} the yarde. 1599 Thynne *Animadv.* (1875) 41 'Sendale'..was a thynne stuffe lyke sarcenette, and of a rawe kynde of sylke or sarcenett, but courser and narrower, then the Sarcenett nowe ys. 1679 Blount *Anc. Tenures* 117 Which horse shall have a saddle..covered with a sendal of the same armes. 1850 Longf. *By Seaside, Secret of Sea* ii, Sails of silk and ropes of sendal, such as gleam in ancient lore. 1881 F. T. Palgrave *Vis. Eng.* 46 One girdled with the vervain-red, And three in sendal gray.

†**2.** As a rendering of L. *sindon*, the word was often understood (even before it became obsolete in sense 1) in the original Gr. and L. sense: Fine linen, lawn; a piece of this, used esp. as a shroud and as a dressing for wounds, etc. *Obs.*

a 1300 *Gosp. Nicod.* (Galba) 722 He wand þat cors..in sendell new and clene. 1382 Wyclif *Matt.* xxvii. 59 And the body taken, Ioseph wlappide it in a clene sendel, or lynnen cloth. 1470–85 Malory *Arthur* v. viii. 174 Syxty senatours of Rome..whome the kynge dyd do buwine and.. do cere them in syxty fold of cered clothe of Sendale. 1530 Palsgr. 203/2 Cendell thynne lynnen, *sendal*. 1606 Holland *Sueton.* 147 A loose mantle of fine Sendall [*margin* Lawne or Tiffanie].

Sendaline (se·ndălәin). *rare*—1. [Extension of Sendal: see -ine.] = Sendal.

1865 Swinburne *Poems & Ball., Ball. Death* 41 Upon her raiment of dyed sendaline [*rime-word* wine] Were painted all the secret ways of love.

Sendee (sendī·). [f. Send *v.*1 + -ee.] The person to whom a thing is sent.

1806 Coleridge *Lett.* (1895) 502 All transmission of papers ..highly dangerous both to the sender and sendee. 1869 Lush in *Law Rep.* 4 Q. B. Div. 714 There is nothing in their [the telegraph company's] special Act which affects their relation either to the sender or the sendee of a message.

Sendel, -dell: see Sandal *sb.*1, Sendal.

Sender (se·ndəɹ). [f. Send *v.*1 + -er 1.] One who or something which sends (in the various senses of the verb).

c 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 111 Eft sone he is sendere of alle holie heten. 1587 in Picton *L'pool Munic. Rec.* (1883) I. 115 The bringers and senders thereof. 1642 T. Goodwin *Heart of Christ* 65 The Sender and Bestower of the holy Ghost. 1667 Milton *P. L.* IV. 852. 1727 De Foe *Syst. Magic* I. i. (1840) 4 The gift sent was not suited to the prophet so much as to the sender; he gave as a king. 1885 *Manch. Exam.* 16 Sept. 5/2 The sender of a telegraph message has henceforth to bear in mind..that [etc.]. 1908 *Q. Rev.* Oct. 303 The countries which are large senders of produce to our markets.

b. One who signals a message.

1904 *Army Signalling Regul.* 123 The Sender..will pay attention to his heliograph, lamp or flag...He will send each word or group as ordered by the caller.

c. The transmitting instrument of a telephone or telegraphic apparatus. = Transmitter.

1879 tr. *Du Moncel's Telephone* 128 Its primary wire is traversed by a current from the local battery, and so also is the sender. 1906 Eichhorn *Wireless Telegr.* vi. 36 Closely-coupled Sender and Receiver.

Sendge, obs. form of Singe *v.*

Sendill, obs. form of Sendal, Sendle *adv.*

Sending (se·ndiŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. Send *v.*1 + -ing 1.]

1. The action of the verb Send.

c 1400 *Laud Troy Bk.* 15293 He wolde neuere of sendyng blyn, Til he of me answere myȝt wyn. 1450 *Rolls of Parlt.* V. 178/2 By cause of his fals messages, sendynges and writynges. 1617 Abp. Abbot in Rushw. *Hist. Coll.* (1659) I. 461 Thus..to quicken my remembrance, I have laid down the Cause and the Proceedings of my sending into Kent, where I remain. 1793 Burke *Corr.* (1844) IV. 153 The sending of the troops..to extirpate our friends in Poitou. 1882 E. R. Lankester in *Linn. Soc. Jrnl.* XVI. *Zool.* 460 For repeated sendings of a large number of Italian Scorpions..I am indebted to [etc.].

b. With adverbs, expressing the action of the verbal combinations: see Send *v.* Also *attrib.*

c 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xii. (*Mathias*) 301 Be-twene þe ascencione of criste & þe spryte sendynge-done, all þe apostolis semblyt vare. 1456 Sir G. Haye *Law Arms* (S.T.S.) 142 At the sending for of the Pape. 1540 Palsgr. *Acolastus* II. i. H iv, After we shall haue assembled our felowshyp togyther (by the sendynge aboute of oure bedyll). 1646 Sir T. Browne *Pseud. Ep.* III. xxv. 173 There is little intermission..betweene the drawing in and sending forth of their breath. 1748 *Anson's Voy.* II. xiii. 278 The sending away our prisoners was our last transaction. 1858 *Chamb. Jrnl.* 2 Oct. 209/1 Sending-in Day. [Royal Academy].

2. The transmission of a telegraphic or telephonic message. Also *attrib.*

c 1865 *Wylde's Circ. Sci.* I. 271/2 One..ribbon may be carried..over any number of sending machines. 1876 Preece *Telegraphy* 115 The sending of a clerk after a time loses clearness and legibility. 1906 Kennelly *Wireless Telegr.* 110 A wireless-telegraph sending station.

3. Something sent.

1599 Shaks. *Much Ado* II. i. 25 Too curst is more then curst, I shall lessen Gods sending that way. 1842 Mrs. Carlyle *Lett.* I. 138 You ask me how I like your last sendings? 1896 Kipling *Seven Seas* 117 For I send east and I send west,..And syne my Sendings return to me. They come wi' news [etc.].

Sendle, *adv. Sc.* Forms: 6 sendill, -yll, sindall, -ill, ssindill, -ell, seyndil(l, sendle, seindl, 6–9 seindle, sindle, 7–9 sinle, 8 sinal, -ile, synle, seenly, 8–9 ssenle, senil, seenil, 9 seinle, sennil, -el. [Metathetic alteration of *selden*, Seldom *adv.*] = Seldom. Also *sendle-times* = seldom-times.

c 1470 Henryson *Mor. Fab.* VIII. (*Preach. Swallow*) XXVIII, His pray full sindill tymes will he mis. 1501 Douglas *Pal. Hon.* I. xl, I knew that was the court sa variabill Of eirdly lufe, quhilk sendill standis stabill. 1549 *Compl. Scot.* xv. 130 It is rycht seyndil sene that he eschapis the deitht. 1588-[89] *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* IV. 342 The like barbarous and shamefull crueltie hes sendle bene hard of amangis Christeanis. 1644 R. Baillie *Lett. & Jrnls.* (1841) II. 191 Only the Saturday free [from exercise], and that for Sunday's preaching, when sinle times any of us does vacke. *c* 1730 Ramsay *Betty & Kate* IV, Sindle times they e'er come back. 1815 G. Beattie *John o' Arnha'* (1826) 24 Frail man, alack! but seenil thinks..That [etc.]. 1862 Hislop *Prov. Scot.* 8 A gentle horse should be sindle spurr'd.

†**Se·ndman.** *Obs.* [a. ON. *sendimann-* (nom. *-maðr*), f. stem of *senda* to Send.] An envoy, messenger. Cf. *sand-man* (Sand *sb.*1), Sandesman.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 21408 Þan sent þe king constantin, Send men til his moder eline.

Send-off.

1. *colloq.* A friendly demonstration on the occasion of a person's starting on a journey or the like. (Originally U.S.)

1872 'Mark Twain' *Roughing It* (1900) II. vi. 63 One of the boys has passed in his checks, and we want to give him a good sendoff. 1882 *Times* 27 Mar. 4/1 When General Grant went to Europe, he..had a grand 'send-off' on the Delaware. 1899 *Ibid.* 13 Dec. 12/1 The medical officers.. gave the slip to the medical students and other admirers who intended to give them an enthusiastic send-off.

attrib. 1876 Besant & Rice *Gold. Butterfly* xviii, After the funeral Huggins..wrote a beautiful send-off notice. 1889 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 16 Nov. 6/1 Adelina Patti's 'send off' concert.

2. Consignment (of goods).

1909 *Westm. Gaz.* 14 July 4/2 A well-known gang [of bird-catchers for the London market], whose send-off had averaged 500 birds a week.

Sendony, variant of Sindony *Obs.*

†**Se·ndre,** *v. Obs. rare.* [app. repr. (in Kentish form) OE. *syndrian* to separate, f. *sundor*: see Sunder *adv.*] *trans.* To purify.

1340 *Ayenb.* 251 þe ilke welle is zuo clier and zuo y-zendred þet þe herte hire y-knauþ..ane nayre welle wel yzendreð.

Sendri, obs. form of Sundry.

Senduolliche, ME. variant of Shendfully.

†**Sene,** *sb.*1 *Obs.* [OE. *sien, sín, séon, sýn*, str. fem. = OS. *siun*, ON. *sión, sýn*, Goth. *siun-s*:—OTeut. **sewni-z*, f. **sew-*: **sehw-* to See.] Vision, power of sight. Cf. Eyesene, Onsene.

a 1000 *Juliana* 468 (Gr.) Oft ic syne ofteah, ablende bealoþoncum beorna unrim. *c* 1000 *Sax. Leechd.* II. 26 Wiþ eaȝna miste monige men..lociað on cealde wæter..ne wyrt þæt þa seon. *c* 1200 Ormin 9394 ȝiff þatt tin eȝhe iss all unnhal Wiþþinnenn o þe sene. *a* 1250 *Owl & Night.* 240 Þu hauest a-nigt wel brigte sene.

†**Sene,** *sb.*2 *Obs.* Also 5 cene. [a. OF. *sené*:—L. *senâtus* Senate.

The word should etymologically be disyllabic; the metre appears (doubtfully) to indicate a monosyllable, and probably the OF. word was merely adopted in its written form. Even in Fr. some confusion arose between *sené* 'senatus' and *sene* 'synodus' (see next): Cotgr. explains *sené* as synod, and quotes a proverb in which it has clearly that seose.]

= Senate.

c 1330 R. Brunne *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 3311 þe Sene seide þey were affrayed. 1422 Yonge tr. *Secreta Secret.* xxix. 168 Therefor hit was cried in the Sene of the Senatowres of Rome. *a* 1470 Tiptoft *Tulle on Friendship* (Caxton 1481) 4 b, By the lawe that Cassius made, me semeth that I see the people dissevered from the Cene.

†**Sene,** *sb.*3 *Obs.* Forms: 4–5 seyne, 4–6 sene, 5 senne, seeine, seeyne, sean, ceene, 5–6 cene, seyn, seene, seane, 6 seeane, 7 seing. [a. F. *sene, senne*, etc. :—eccl. L. *synodus*, a. Gr. σύνοδος Synod. Cf. Senyie.] A synod, a meeting of clergy for deliberation. Often applied to the bishop's or the archdeacon's visitation; the form *seing* in this use is prob. due to the identification of the word with *seeing* vbl. sb.

1380 *Antecrist* in Todd *Three Treat. Wyclif* (1851) 147 Bi peter pens gederynge bi sute and seruyse þat þei owen to seynes and to chapitres. *c* 1425 *Eng. Cong. Irel.* 120/15 Theder he made come to-for hym al the bysshoppes & the clergye of Irland & held hys senne. 1432–50 tr. *Higden* (Rolls) VI. 171 The Vthe vniversalle seeine or cownesayle was kepede..at Aquileia. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 66 Ceene of clerkys, *sinodus*. 1513 Braoshaw *St. Werburge* 1. 2435 The Seyn was kepte at a place called Alue. 1526 R. Whytford *Martiloge* 100 He kept a generall counseyle or sene at constantynople. 1536 *Act* 28 *Hen. VIII*, c. 10 § 4 Al..archebishops bishops and archedeacons..in euery their visitacion and seanes shall make diligent insearche. 1581 Marbeck *Bk. of Notes* 678 Anselme then Archbishop of Canterbury in a Seane that he helde at London, did make a Decree, that Priests should forsake their wiues.

attrib. 1596 *Churchw. Acc. Pittington*, etc. (Surtees) 270 For our apperance upon the seane daye. 1609 *Ibid.* 61 Item payed when we where before Mr Hutton at the Seing day, xvj d.

†**Sene,** *sb.*4 *Obs.* Also 6 seene, seny, 7 senie. [a. OF. *sené, cené, senet*: see Senna.] = Senna.

c 1400 *Lanfranc's Cirurg.* 192 Take xx. damascenes & xij. figis, & vj. datis, sene ȝj. 1436 *Libel Eng. Policy* in *Pol. Poems* (Rolls) II. 173 Wee shulde have no nede to skamonye, ..Rubarde, sené, and yet they bene to nedefulle. 1585 Higins *Junius' Nomencl.* 149 *Colutea*..the trifolie tree, or (as some thinke) the sene tree. 1597 Gerarde *Herbal* Table Eng. Names, Bastard Sene or Sene tree. 1625 Hart *Anat. Ur.* II. v. 79, I had..drunke of an infusion wherein was some quantitie of Sene leaues. 1651 Biggs *New Disp.* ₱ 104 Allayed with aloes, rubart, sene,..and the like. 1658 Phillips, *Senie*, the leaf of a medicinable herb which purgeth cholerick and melancholick humours [1671 adds:—see *Sena*].

†**Sene, i-sene,** *a. Obs.* Forms: *a.* 1 ȝesíene, -séne, -sýne, 3 i-sene, 4 a-sene, ysene; *β.* 3 sen, 4 seine, 4–5 seene. [OE. *gesíene, gesċne*:—prehistoric **gisewnjo-*, f. **gisewen*, pa. pple. of **sehan, séon* to See. The dropping of the prefix was prob. hastened by the influence of the corresponding ON. *sýnn.*] Easy to see, visible, evident, manifest. (In later use blended with *seen* pa. pple. of See *v.*)

a. Beowulf 1403 Lastas wæron æfter waldswaþum wide ȝesyne. *c* 1205 Lay. 9548 Ȝet hit is isene þat heo wes her quene. 13.. *K. Alis.* 847 Who me loveth now worth a-sene [*Bodl. MS.* ysene]! *c* 1386 Chaucer *Prol.* 592 Ful longe were his legges and ful lene,..ther was no calf ysene.

β. *c* 1200 ORMIN 2547 Pær wass full sene þatt ȝho wass All full off soþ clænnesse. *c* 1310 *Song agst. Retinues* in *Pol. Songs* (Camden) 239 Sene is on is browe Ant on is eȝebrewe, That he louseth a losynger, And shoyeth a shrewe. *c*1369 CHAUCER *Dethe Blaunche* 413 And that was sene, For all the woode was waxen grene. *c* 1402 LYDG. *Compl. Bl. Knt.* 437 As it is sene by myn oppressed chere. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 66/2 Cene, or besene, *apparens, manifestus*. *c* 1480 HENRYSON *Test. Cresseid* 353 'Lo ! quhat it is', quod she, 'With fraward langage for to mufe and steir Our crabbit goddis, and sa is sene on me ! 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* II. x. 27 Hir self scho hid thairfor, and held hir quoye, Beside the altar sittand vnethis sene.

b. Used pleonastically in verse.

1340 HAMPOLE *Pr. Conse.* 7684 And þat ilka myle fully contene A thowsand pases or cuhites sene. 13.. *Gaw. & Gr. Kyt.* 341, I be-seche now with sa3ez sene, þis melly mot be myne.

c. *Well sene*, easy to see; *evil sene*, hard to see.

The former continued as *well seen(e* down to the 16th c.; it is still familiar from the example in the Prayer Book, but is now apprehended as a use of the pa. pple.

α. *c* 1205 LAY. 24277 Summe bokes sugged to iwisse þat þa burh wes biwuccheđ. And þat is wel isene.

β. *a* 1300 *Havelok* 656 Þre dayes þer-biforn, i wene, Et he no mete, þat was wel sene. *a* 1352 MINOT *Poems* (ed. Hall) vii. 104 Sir Philip wanted all his will, þat was wele on his semhland sene. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Knt.'s T.* 66 Now he we caytyues, as it is wel seene. 1470–85 MALORY *Arthur* II. viii. 85 It is euyl sene..that thou art a true man that thou wolt not telle thy name. 1535 COVERDALE *Ps.* lxvii[i]. 24 It is well sene (o God) how thou goest. [So in Prayer-bk.]

†**Sene**, *adv.* and *conj. Sc.* and *north. Obs.* [Var. of SEN, SIN, SYNE *advs.*, etc.] = SINCE.

adj. c 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* viii. (*Philip*) 62 Quhene he had a ȝer dwelte þare, In asya sene canne he fare. *c* 1470 *Gol. & Gaw.* 286 Thair gat he nane homage,..Of lord of yone lynage, Nor neuer none sene.

conj. 13.. *Gosp. Nicod.* (Galba) 439 Slike sotell talkinges.. was neuer ȝit sene þe world higan sene in prophecy. *c* 1470 HENRY *Wallace* v. 511 Mony hundreth,..Sene he begane, ar lost with out ramede.

Sene, variant of CENE *Obs.*, supper.

c 1450 LOVELICH *Grail* xlviii. 31 Whanne that Iesus his Sene Made.

Sene, obs. Sc. form of SAIN *v.*

1691 R. KIRK *Secret Commw.* i. (1815) 3 Who..have made it a Custome..to keep Church duely evry first Sunday of the Quarter to sene or hallow themselves,..from the Shots and Stealth of these wandring Tribes.

Sene: see SENYE, SHEEN *a.*, SEE *v.*

Seneca (se·nĭkă). *U. S.* [app. identical with *Seneca*, the name given by white men to one of the 'Six Nations' of the Iroquois confederacy, living near Lake Seneca (N. Y.).] *attrib.* in **Seneca grass**, a name for Northern holy-grass (*Hierochloa borealis*); †**Seneca oil**, a name for crude petroleum (see quot. *a* 1864).

1826 HILDRETH in *Amer. Jrnl. Sci.* X. 5 The other [well] discharges..vast quantities of petroleum, or, as it is vulgarly called 'Seneka oil'. 1833 — *Ibid.* XXIV. 64 This oil.. acquired its name of Seneca oil,..from having been first found in the vicinity of Seneca Lake, N. York. 1846–50 A. WOOD *Class-bk. Bot.* 608 Seneca grass. *a* 1864 GESNER *Coal, Petrol.*, etc. (1865) 16 Under the name of 'Seneca Oil' which it derived from an Indian tribe, petroleum was formerly collected in Chatauque County, N. Y., and in Crawford County, Pennsylvania, and sold for medicinal purposes.

†**Se·neal**, *a. Obs.* [f. *Seneca* + -AL.] Characteristic of, or conformable to the principles of the Stoic philosopher L. Annæus Seneca (died A.D. 65).

1600 W. WATSON *Decacordon* (1602) 102 Euery word when it comes to a pragmaticall practise, hath close couched in it the energy of a Senecall sentence. 1612 CHAPMAN *Rev. Busny d'Ambois* IV. iv. 42 In short, this Senecal man is found in him,..To whom the day and fortune equal are.. Fix'd in himself, he still is one to all.

Senecan (se·nĭkăn), *a.* [f. *Seneca* + -AN.] Pertaining to Seneca (see prec.) and the tragedies written by him and his imitators.

1885 J. M. HART in *Nation* 26 Mar. 264/2 The Senecan spirit of the 'Gorboduc' writers. 1903 SECCOMBE & ALLEN *Age of Shaks.* I. 52 In 1594 appeared his [Daniel's] Senecan tragedy *Cleopatra*.

Se·necaster. *nonce-wd.* [-ASTER.] An imitator of Seneca.

1884 SYMONDS *Shaks. Predecessors* 227 Though..written by Senecasters of the purest water, both [plays] are founded upon ancient English fables.

Senechal, variant of SENESCHAL.

Senectitude (sĭne·ktitiud). [ad. med.L. *senectitūd-o* (*c* 800 in Du Cange), irreg. f. *senectūs*: see SENECTUTE and -TUDE.] Old age.

1796 *Mod. Gulliver* 49 Persons, of all ages, from twenty to extreme senectitude. 1898 B. GREGORY *Side Lights* 482 Replete with the mild wisdom of senectitude.

Senectude (sĭne·ktiud). [Badly f. L. *senectūs*: see prec. and -TUDE.] = prec.

1756 H. JOHNSON in J. Duncombe *Lett.* (1773) III. 50 The word 'senectude', which you enquire after, is derived from *senex, senectus*. 1831 *Fraser's Mag.* III. 485 Did you thiok to conceal the heinousness of your tergiversation under the mask of senectude? 1863 READE *Hard Cash* III. iv. 103 The Archbold had not deigned to make him safe; senectude [1868 xli, senectitude] had done that.

†**Sene·ctute.** *Obs. rare.* [ad. L. *senectūtem*, f. *senex* old man: see SENIOR *a.*] Old age.

1481 CAXTON *Tulle of Old Age* Pref., And in especial unto them that..ben approchid unto senectute callyd olde and auncient eage. 1533 ELYOT *Casl. Helthe* (1541) 13 Ages he foure: Adolescencuy to XXV yeres:..Senectute unto lx yeres.

Senefee, variant of SENVY *Obs.*, mustard.

Senega (se·nĭgă). Also 8 **senegaw, senekka**, 8–9 **seneka, seneca.** [app. identical with SENECA (see quot. 1738); the forms with *g* may be due to association with (*gum*) *senega* = *gum Senegal*.] The N. American plant *Polygala Senega*. Also a drug obtained from the root of this plant, formerly used as an antidote for snake-bite. Also *attrib.*

1738 TENNENT *Epist. to Mead* 5 At last I was informed.. that there was a Root discovered by the Seneca Indians which was a certain Remedy against the Bite of the Rattle-snake,..and was distinguished..by the Name of Seneca Rattle-snake Root. 1748 W. LEWIS *Pharmacopœia* 63 Seneka, the root. Senegaw rattle-snake-root. 1753 *Chambers' Cycl.* Suppl. s.v. *Polygala*, The trials..made of the virtues of the Senekka rattlesnake root, recommended by Dr. Tennent. 1799 *Med. Jrnl.* II. 170 He prescribed the taraxacum, senega, and radix graminis, in decoctions. 1877 F. T. ROBERTS *Handbk. Med.* (ed. 3) I. 390 Ammonia and senega may be given, if there is much debility. 1896 BRANNT *Anim. & Veg. Fats* (ed. 2) II. 458 Senega oil.., Senega, *Polygala Senega*...The root contains fat oil, resin [etc.].

Senegin (se·nĭgin). Also 9 **seneg(u)ine.** [f. SENEGA + -IN.] An amorphous glucoside, consisting of sapogenin and sugar, obtained from senega.

1830 LINDLEY *Nat. Syst. Bot.* 146 A peculiar vegetable principle, called Senegin, has been discovered by Gehlen in the root of *Polygala senega*. 1845 W. GREGORY *Outl. Chem.* II. 459 Seneguine is an acrid..substance, found in *Polygala senega*. 1853 ROYLE *Man. Mat. Med.* (ed. 2) 329 The Polygalic acid, Senegine of Gehlen, and Polygaline of others.

Senegog, obs. form of SYNAGOGUE.

Senei, VAR. SENVY. **Seneiour**: see SEIGNIOR.

†**Se·nek(e.** *Obs. rare*—[1]. [ad. L. *senex* old man.] An 'elder', one of authority on account of the dignity proper to his age.

a 1400 *Pistill of Susan* (MS. P.) 301 And sodenly a seneke [*MS. C.* þat senek] þei broght in to sale.

Seneour, obs. form of SEIGNIOR, SENIOR.

Senesce (sĭne·s), *v. rare.* [ad. L. *senēsc-ĕre*, f. *sen-em* (*senex*) old: see -ESCE.] *intr.* To grow old.

1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr.* 1894 STEVENSON *Lett.* (1899) II. 321 It gets a little stale, and my work will begin to senesce.

Senescence (sĭne·sĕns). [f. SENESCENT: see -ENCE.] The process or condition of growing old.

1695 WOODWARD *Nat. Hist. Earth* I. 61 The Earth, Sea, and all natural things will continue in the state wherein they now are, without the least Senescence or Decay. 1757 MRS. GRIFFITH *Lett. Henry & Frances* (1767) III. 138 The several Seasons of Life, open, with Novelty, to Childhood, to Youth, to Manhood, to Senescence. 1887 A. H. CUMSINS *Gram. O. Fries.* 17 In the senescence of the language.

b. *Biol.* (See quot.)

1879 MINOT *Probl. Age*, etc. App. v. (1908) 270 *Senescence*. With each successive generation of cells the power of growth diminishes...This loss of power I term senescence.

†**Sene·scency.** *Obs.* [f. next: see -ENCY.] Senescence.

1669 *Addr. Hopef. Young Gentry Eng.* 132 We may guess ..the worlds age not so full of the aggravated Symptoms of its Senescency.

Senescent (sĭne·sĕnt), *a.* [ad. L. *senēscent-em*, pr. pple. of *senēscĕre* to grow old: see SENESCE *v.* and -ENT.] Growing old, elderly.

1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr.*, *Senescent*, waxing old, growing in age, wearing away, drawing to the wain. *a* 1843 SOUTHEY *Doctor* cxci. (1848) 505 Senescent spinsters and dowagers. 1878 STUBBS *Lect. Med. & Mod. Hist.* (1886) 153 It is not a dead but a living language, senescent, perhaps, but in a green old age. 1893 *Nation* 13 July 33/3 Great convenience to scholars, especially to those with senescent eyesight, would be secured by such a restoration.

Seneschal (se·nĭshăl). Forms: 4–5, 7 **seneschal(l**, 4–7 **seneschall**, 5 **senescha, seneshawle, senoeall, sencial, sencyal**, 5, 9 **seneshall**, 6–8 **seneshal**, 7 **scenechal**, 4– **seneschal.** [a. OF. *seneschal* (mod.F. *sénéchal*) = Pr. *senescal-s*, Sp., Pg. *senescal*, It. *siniscalco, sescalco*; a Com. Rom. word ad. Teut. **seniscalc* (latinized *seniscalcus, siniscalcus*, in the Frankish and Alamannic laws), f. OTeut. **seni-* old (in Goth. *sinista* superl. of *sineigs* old) + **skalko-z* servant (Goth. *skalk-s*, OHG. *scalc*, OE. *scealc*). The Fr. word was adopted in MHG. as *seneschalt, scheneschlant*.]

1. An official in the household of a sovereign or great noble, to whom the administration of justice and entire control of domestic arrangements were entrusted. In wider use: a steward, 'major-domo'.

1393 LANGL. *P. Pl.* C. I. 93 Somme aren as seneschals and seruen obere lordes. *a* 1450 *Knt. de la Tour* (1868) 86 Amon was seneschalle of the king. 1470–85 MALORY *Arthur* I. xiv. 55 Thenne syr kay cam vnto syr Morganore sencial with the king of the C knyghtes. 1596 SPENSER *F. Q.* VI. i. 15 Which to prouide, she hath this Castle dight, And therein hath a Seneschall assynd. 1612 DAVIES *Why Ireland*, etc. 221 These great Lordes..managed their estates heere, by their Seneschals and Seruants. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* IX. 38 Then marshal'd Feast Serv'd up in Hall with Sewers, and Seneshals. 1725 POPE *Odyss.* IV. 47 The Seneshal rebuk'd, in haste withdrew. 1818 SCOTT *Hrt. Midl.* li, The respectable gentleman who acts as seneschal on the Duke's domains. 1875 MAINE *Hist. Instit.* v. 139 Whence came this great exaltation of..great Seneschal or Steward.

fig. 1854 EMERSON *Lett. & Soc. Aims* Wks. (Bohn) III. 176 For example, what a seneschal and detective is laughter !

b. A cathedral official in England.

1882 *Standard* 31 Aug. 3/5 Mr. H. G. Austin, the Cathedral seneschal, said the Chapter [Canterbury] did not press for a heavy penalty.

As the title of a governor of a city or province, and of various administrative or judicial officers. Now only *Hist.* exc. with reference to the Channel Islands.

c 1400 *Brut* 232 To hene Senescal and wardein of Gascoigne. 1539 in Hore *Hist. Wexford* (1900) I. 239 Wm. Seyntlow..beyng chief officer of the said shire by the name of Seneschall. 1580 HOLLYBAND *Treas. Fr. Tong, Seneschaux*,..Seneschals, Bailifs, other officers or stewardes of courtes. 1586 *Cal. St. Papers, Irel.* 1586–1588, 41 Nicholas Dawtrey, gent., Seneschal of Claneboy. *c* 1630 RISDON *Surv. Devon* (1810) 13 The High Seneschal of the Dutchy of Cornwall..in English..is termed Lord Warden. 1675 *Essex Papers* (Camden) I. 309 All is forfited & taken up by the Shiriffe or Senescall. 1864 ANSTED *Channel Isl.* IV. xxiii. (ed. 2) 537 The court at Sark consists of the seneschal, or judge, or his deputy, the prevôt and the greffier.

3. *attrib.*

1756 *Gentl. Mag.* XXVI. 333 The officers of the seneschal jurisdiction of Auvergne.

†**Se·neschally.** *Obs. rare.* [a. OF. *seneschallie*, f. *seneschal*: see prec.] The territory under the government of a seneschal.

1700 J. BROME *Trav. Eng., Journ.* iii. (1707) 179 These [Counties] are subdivided..into divers Seneschallies or Sheriffdoms. 1708 J. CHAMBERLAYNE *St. Gt. Brit.* II. II. v. (1710) 413 After the Seneschally came to the Crown, these Officers were called *Magistri Hospitii Regis*.

Seneschalship (se·nĕshălʃi·p). *Hist.* Also 6 **senshalship.** [f. SENESCHAL + -SHIP.]

1. The office and functions of a seneschal.

1580 HOLLYBAND *Treas. Fr. Tong, Seneschaussée*, Seneschalship, or Stewardship. 1612 DAVIES *Why Ireland*, etc. 278 Graunts of Captaine-shippes or Seneschal-shippes, in the Irish Countries. 1878 SIMPSON *Sch. Shaks.* I. 57 The Seneschallship of Wexford..was worth but £20 Irish a year.

†**2.** = SENESCHALSY I. *Obs.*

1586 T. B. *La Primaud. Fr. Acad.* I. 561 One citie and political communion, compounded of manie..Provostships, Bailiweekes, Senshalships [etc.]. 1741 tr. *D'Argens' Chinese Lett.* vi. 35 A Man, who has lost his Cause before the Judges of the Bailywic, appeals to those of the Seneschalship. 1804 tr. *Picquenard's Zoflora* II. 63 The tribunals of the seneschalships, and all the superior councils of the island. 1837 W. F. SKENE *Highlanders* II. v. 153 One branch possessed the seneschalship, and another branch the office of baillie of the Abthainrie of Dull.

Seneschalsy (se·nĕʃălsi). *Fr. Hist.* Forms: 5 **seneschalcie**, 7 **seneschalsie**, 7, 9 **seneschalcy**, 7– **seneschalsy.** [a. OF. *seneschalcie*, ad. med.L. *seniscalcia*, f. *seniscalcus* SENESCHAL.]

1. A territory under the government of a seneschal. Cf. SENESCHALTY.

1475 *Bk. Noblesse* (Roxb.) 38 [So he] toke the homages of alle the vassallis and subgettis in the seneschalcie of Agenois. 1700 TYRRELL *Hist. Eng.* II. 707 Out of whose hands he had taken..the Seneschalsy of Anjou. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* I. IV. ii, By Bailliages, by Seneschalsies, in whatsoever form men convene.

2. a. The administrative seat of a seneschal. **b.** The office of seneschal.

1652 HEYLIN *Cosmogr.* I. 181 An Episcopall See, and the Seneschalsie for all the Countrie of Begorre. 1898 *Eng. Hist. Rev.* Jan. 137 He believes the evidence may be trusted..of the Count of Anjou's claim to the seneschalcy.

Seneschalty (se·nĕʃălti). *Fr. Hist.* [f. SENESCHAL + -TY.] = SENESCHALSY I.

1577 *F. de L'isle's Legendarie* G v, The deputies of about fourty baylywickes and Seneschaltyes of the realme. 1880 *Sat. Rev.* 25 Dec. 808/1 The Lieutenant-General of the Seneschalty.

Se·neschaunce. *Obs. rare*—[1]. [erroneous form of next.] = SENESCHALSY I.

1525 LD. BERNERS *Froiss.* II. clx. 178 The gouernyng of Languedocke was taken awaye fro the duke of Berrey, and deuyded in to Seneschaunces in the kynges profyte [orig. *remys par membres & seneschaussees au prouffit du roy*].

†**Se·neschausee.** *Obs.* [a. F. *sénéchaussée*, irreg. f. *sénéchal* SENESCHAL.] = SENESCHALSY I.

1647 COTTERELL *Davila's Hist. Fr.* II. 66 These being divided into 30 Precincts or Jurisdictions, which they call Baillages or Seneschausees.

Senester, -tre, obs. forms of SINISTER *a.*

Senet, Senett: see SENNIGHT, SINET.

Seneuei, seneuey(e, seneuy, var. ff. SENVY.

Senew(e, Senewy, obs. ff. SINEW, SINEWY.

Seneyt, obs. form of SENNIGHT.

Senfte, Senfulle, obs. ff. SEVENTH, SINFUL.

Senge: see SENYE *Obs.*, SIGN *sb.*, SINGE *v.*

Sengeley, -ell(e, -il(l, obs. ff. SINGLY, SINGLE *a.*

†**Se·ngilbond.** *Obs. rare*—[1]. [? f. *sengle* = CINGLE + BOND *sb.*[1]] An encircling band.

1479 *Inv.* in *Paston Lett.* III. 272 Another maser sownde in the botom and a sengilbonde viij unc.' & j quarter.

Sengle, obs. f. CINGLE (girth), SINGLE *sb.* and *a.*

Sengler, Senglet: see SINGLER *a.*, SINGLET.

Sengreen (se·ngrin). Now *dial.* (see *Eng. Dial. Dict.* s.vv. Sengreen, Silgreen, Singreen). Forms: *a.* 1 **singréne**, 3, 6 **sin-**, (5 **sine-**), 5–6 **sen-**, (6 **sene-**), **syngrene**, (5 **sygryme**, 6 **sin-gren**), 6–7 **sengreene**, (7 **sean-, sem-, syngreen**), 7– **sengreen.** *β.* 5 **silfgrene**, 6 **selfegre(e)ne**, 9 *dial.* **sil(l)green**, etc. [OE. *singréne*, subst. use of *singréne* adj., evergreen :—OTeut. **sengrōnjo-*, f. **sen-* :—pre-Teut. **sem-* one, always (in Goth. *sin-teins* daily, OE. *sin-niht* eternal night; cogn.

w. L. *semel* once, *semper* always, *sim-plex* simple, Gr. εἷς :—**sems*, etc.) + **grōnjo-* GREEN *a.* Cf. MLG. *singrone*, MDu. *sindegroen* (mod.Du. *sene-groen*), MHG. *singrüen* (mod.G. *sinngrün*), names for periwinkle and other evergreen plants; ON. *sígrønn* adj., evergreen.]

1. The honseleek, *Sempervivum tectorum.*

a. *c* 1000 *Sax. Leechd.* I. 152 Ðeos wyrt þe man singrene nemneð..ys swyðe fremful. *c* 1265 *Voc. Plants* in Wr.-Wülcker 558 *Iouis barba*, iubarbe, singrene. *a* 1425 tr. *Arderne's Treat. Fistula*, etc. 64 Rubarbe [*read* iubarbe], i. sengrene. *c* 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* I. 853 Thy seed with Iuce of rukel or syngrene To wete, vp sleeth the rukel. 1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* XXVI. vii. II. 247 Or els to take Iubarbe, *i.* Sengreene, to the same effect. 1641 FRENCH *Distill.* iv. (1651) 104 Macerate them in water of Sengreen. 1874 HARUV *Far fr. Mad. Crowd* ix, The houseleek or sengreen.

β. *c* 1475 *Pict. Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 787 *Hoc furbarium*, a silfgrene. 1526 *Grete Herball* cclxxxi. (1529) X ij, De semper viua Howsleke or selfegrene. 1570 LEVINS *Manip.* 69/43 Selfegreene, *semper viuum.* 1825 E. HEWLETT *Cottage Comforts* xi, Mallow..and houseleek, (or sillgreen).

b. *Her.* Used as a bearing.

c 1550 *Arms of Caius* in J. W. Clark *Cambridge* (1881) 69 In the mydelle of the cheyfe sengrene resting vppon the heades of ii serpentes in pale.

2. Applied to other plants, *esp.* **a.** the sedums; **b.** varieties of saxifrage; **c.** the periwinkle, *Vinca minor*; **d. Water sengreen**, *Stratiotes aloides.*

c 1000 *Sax. Leechd.* II. 54 Þa smalan singrenan. 1555 EDEN *Decades* (Arb.) 175 That which is commonly cauled Sengrene or Orpin. 1578 LYTE *Dodoens* I. lxxvii. 114 Amongst the kindes of Sengreene also, at this time there is conteyned, the herbe (called *Crassula minor*) whiche is great stone Crop, called of some wilde Prickmadam, or wormegrasse. 1597 GERARDE *Herbal* II. cclxxxv. 677 Water Sengreene, or fresh water Soldier. 1629 PARKINSON *Parad.* 231 *Sedum serratum flore rubente maculato.* The Princes Feather. This kinde of Sengreene is composed of heads of larger ..leaues. 1731 MILLER *Gard. Dict.* s.v. *Saxifraga, Saxifraga Alpina ericoides, flore cæruleo*...Mountain Heath-like Sengreen with a blue Flower. 1777 JACOB *Plantæ Faversh.* 102 White Saxifrage, or Sen-green. 1796 WITHERING *Brit. Plants* (ed. 3) II. 402 *Chrysosplenium alternifolium*...Alternate-leaved Sengreen. *a* 1851 W. A. BROMFIELD *Flora Vect.* (1856) 306 *Vinca minor*, L. Lesser Periwinkle. Vect. Sengreen.

Sengyl, obs. form of SINGLE *a.*

Senze, senzhe, senzie: see SENYE, SENYIE.

‖ **Senhor** (sen*y*ō·r). [Pg. *senhor* = Sp. *señor*, It. *signor*, F. *seigneur*:—L. *seniōr-em*, acc. of *senior* SENIOR *a.* and *sb.*] In Portuguese use, or with reference to Portuguese: A term of respect placed before the name of a man in addressing him or speaking of him, equivalent to the English 'Mr.' Also used without the name as a form of address, equivalent to 'sir' in English. Hence, a Portuguese gentleman.

1795 J. MURPHY *Trav. Portugal* 31, I am sorry, Senhors, (said she,) that you have not rested well. 1830 *Portugal; or Yng. Travellers* 56 Senhor Macedo..turning to Mr. Grey, said, smilingly: 'This is good policy, is it nôt, Senhor?' *Ibid.*, The lively sallies of the Senhor. 1853 A. R. WALLACE *Amazon & Rio Negro* 198 Though Senhor L. is well acquainted with the river, we here almost lost our way.

‖ **Senhora** (sen*y*ō·ra). [Pg. *senhora* = Sp. *señora*, It. *signora*, a fem. formed upon *senhor*, etc.; see SENHOR.] A term of respect applied to Portuguese ladies; hence (with *a*, *the*, etc.) a Portuguese lady.

1802 SOUTHEY *Lett.* (1856) I. 193 To Miss Barker. Senhora Barkeriana,—it is but an awkward way of expressing the tune of those words. *Ibid.* 194 And do you, Senhora, instruct yourself in the Creed [etc.]. 1841 LEVER *Chas. O'Malley* xl, It was the Senhora's voice. 1874 LADY JACKSON *Fair Lusitania* 82 A staid middle-aged senhora.

‖ **Senhorita** (sen*y*ōri·ta). [Pg. dim. of prec.] A term of respect applied to a young Portuguese lady; hence, a young Portuguese lady.

1874 LADY JACKSON *Fair Lusitania* 61 There is..perhaps a furtive kiss, and the senhora, or senhorita, glides off quickly by the bye-paths to a *coupé* that awaits her.

Senical, erron. form of SINICAL.

Se·nicide. *rare*—1. [f. L. *seni-*, *senex* old man + -CIDE 2.] The killing off the old men of a tribe, etc.

1889 H. H. JOHNSTON in *Fortn. Rev.* XLV. 24 Although they are never accused of superadding cannibalism to 'senicide', still the ancient Sardi of Sardinia regarded it as a sacred..duty for the young to kill their old relations.

Senie, variant of SENE *sb.*3

Senight(e, Senil: see SENNIGHT, SENDLE.

Senile (sī·nəil), *a.* [ad. L. *senīlis*, f. *sen-em*, *senex* old man: see -ILE. Cf. F. *sénile* (16th c.).]

1. Belonging to, suited for or incident to old age. Now only of diseases, etc.: Peculiar to the aged.

1662 BOYLE *Style of Script.* To Rdr. 2 A Person in whom Nature, Education, and Time have happily Match'd a Senile Maturity of Judgement with a Youthfull Vigour of Phansie. 1797 JEFFERSON *Writ.* (1859) IV. 192 To exchange the roar and tumult of bulls and bears, for the prattle of my grand-children and senile rest. 1866 A. FLINT *Princ. Med.* (1880) 284 The form of emphysema distinguished as atrophous or senile. 1874 MAUDSLEY *Mental Dis.* iii. 83 Senile insanity. 1875 B. W. RICHARDSON *Dis. Mod. Life* 108 There is local death, or what is called senile gangrene.

2. Exhibiting the weakness of old age.

1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* xx, Dobbin was not a little affected by the sight of this once kind old friend,..raving with senile anger. 1882 MISS BRADDON *Mt. Royal* I. iii. 73 Your snaky Vivien, and your senile Merlin. 1902 MONKS-HOOD & GAMBLE *Kipling* 289 Certain supposedly effective ships of battle are senile, and others are yet unborn.

3. *Phys. Geog.* Approaching the end of a cycle of erosion.

1902 WEBSTER Suppl., *Senile stream*,..a stream whose valley is reduced so nearly to base level that its longitudinal profile is flat and its current feeble. *Senile topography*,.. the configuration of land which prolonged degradation has reduced nearly to a base-level plain.

Hence **Se·nilely** *adv.*

1898 *Punch* 2 July 309/2 Yet he never whineth, he'll senilely say.

Senility (sĭni·lĭti). [f. SENILE *a.* + -ITY. Cf. F. *sénilité.*] The condition of being senile; old age or the mental and physical infirmity due to old age.

1791 BOSWELL *Johnson* an. 1778, Apr., Mr. Edwards.. again recurred to his consciousness of senility. 1821 LAMB *Elia* Ser. I. *Old Benchers* (end), He is yet in green and vigorous senility. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VI. 361 The weakness of the wall [of the heart] implied in the fact that the disease is one of senility.

Senilize (sī·nilaiz), *v.* [f. SENILE *a.* + -IZE.] *trans.* and *intr.* To make or become senile. Hence **Se·nilizing** *ppl. a.*

1823 *New Monthly Mag.* VII. 18 Hence, senilising tribe! avaunt, ye piecemeal destroyers! 1841 HOR. SMITH *Moneyed Man* III. xi. 320 Often, as I began to senilise, did I reiterate Horace's prayer.

Senior (sī·niəɹ), *a.* and *sb.* Forms: 4-6 seny-our(e, 4, 6-7 seniour, 5-6 seniore, senyor, 6 senioure, seneour, 7 seignour, 8 seignior, 5- senior. [a. L. *senior*, compar. of *sen-em*, *senex* old, cogn. w. Gr. ἕνος old (in ἕνη last day of the moon), OIrish *sen*, Lith. *séna-s*, Skr. *sána* old. The subst. use of the Latin word (cf. B. below) is the source of SEIGNEUR, SEIGNIOR, SENHOR, SEÑOR, SIGNOR.] **A.** *adj.*

1. Older, elder; esp. used after a person's name to denote the elder of two bearing the same name in a family; also (after a simple surname) the elder of two boys of the same surname in a school, etc. Abbreviated *sen.* (U. S. *sr.*).

1432–50 tr. *Higden* (Rolls) II. 103 Kynge Edwarde the senior. 1496 *Rolls of Parlt.* VI. 518/1 Johannes Robynson de Boston Sen'. 1577 KENDALL *Flowers of Epigr.* 6 Widowes old, and senior chuffs. *c* 1630 RISDON *Surv. Devon* § 311 (1810) 321 Edward, sirnamed Senior, a nurse-father of the church. 1668 STEELE *Husbandm. Calling* vi. (1672) 138 The grass sprung lately of the ground, and so did he, only he is the senior grass. 1676 WISEMAN *Chirurg. Treat.* VII. v. 491 Doctour Chamberlain Sen. 1708 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 4475/4 Tho. Crabb, Sen. and Tho. Crabb, Jun. of Malborrow. 1825 T. HOOK *Sayings* Ser. II. *Man of Many Fr.* I. 201 The senior four children re-appeared in the drawing-room. 1862 *Lillywhite's Cricket Scores & Biogr.* I. 449 It will sometimes be found impossible to distinguish his performances in this work from those of his son, owing to sen. and jun. being omitted. 1893 LELAND *Mem.* I. 21 An infant school..kept by the Misses Donaldson...Miss Donaldson, senior, sat at a desk [etc.].

†**b.** Anterior in date, superior in antiquity *to.*

1655 FULLER *Ch. Hist.* II. vii. § 87 Plain-song is much seniour to all Descanting. 1699 BENTLEY *Phal.* 362 He must be senior to Zaleucus himself.

2. That ranks before others in virtue of longer service or tennre of a position; superior *to* others in standing. *The senior service*: the navy as distinguished from the army.

1513 BRADSHAW *St. Werburge* I. 2164 Bycause that Werburge in order was senyoure, Her mother Ermenylde gaue her the suffernynte. 1811 WELLINGTON in Gurw. *Desp.* (1837) VII. 245 You are aware that he is senior to Marshal Beresford. 1886 C. E. PASCOE *London of To-day* xxiv. (ed. 3) 225 The Inner and Middle Temple..are the two senior Inns. 1899 HOPE HUNTLY *Our Code of Honour* xxii, 'It was my heart's desire in boyhood to enter the senior service'. 'Then why did you not?' 'Oh, I yielded to my mother; she was keen on the army.' 1911 *London Mag.* Oct. 264 The Admiral turned round...'The Army', he said gaily, 'comes to the rescue of the senior Service.'

b. In school and college use.

(*a*) Applied to a pupil or student who has been longer under tuition than another (const. *to*). (*b*) Applied to a student who is no longer a freshman; in the U. S. to a student in his last year or term. (*c*) In certain universities, used in designations connoting a specific standing, as *senior* SOPHISTER. Also *Senior Fellow*, a term applied at Cambridge and Dublin to a select number of the fellows of longest standing in a college, in whom the whole or the greater part of its government was formerly vested; at Oxford in the 18th c. sometimes applied to those fellows who had graduated, as distinguished from the undergraduate fellows. *Senior student* (Christ Church, Oxford): see STUDENT.

1651 [LANGBAINE] *Found. Oxford* 4 Merton Colledge.. twelve Schollers, whereof nine should serve the nine seniour Fellows. 1651 — *Found. Cambridge* 9 Kings Colledge... In which Colledge at this present is a Provost, 70 Fellows and Scholars,..besides 12 servitors to the seniour Fellows, 6 poor Scholars, with other Students. 1698 FARQUHAR *Love & Bottle* III. ii, Your father was a senior fellow and your mother was an air-pump. 1721 AMHERST *Terræ Fil.* xl. (1726) 212 He would give his vote, that every senior-fellow in the college should have a living tack'd to his fellowship. 1744 BIRCH *Life Boyle* 69 Mr. Tallents..became senior fellow and president or vice-master of his college [Magdalene, Cambridge]. *a* 1763 MARTYN & KIPPIS *Life of 1st Earl Shaftesb.* (1836) I. 42 On a particular day, the senior undergraduates, in the evening, called the fresh-men to the fire, and made them hold out their chins. 1837 *Stat. Harvard Univ.* 11 The third vacation for the Senior Class shall begin one day before the general vacation. 1877 in *Worthington's Pract. Physics* (1881) Introd. 1, I should be inclined to discontinue Physical Laboratory work in schools, except in the case of senior boys.

c. In quasi-superlative sense, applied to the officer, student, etc. who is highest in seniority among those of his own grade.

1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* xxx, The stout senior Major, who led the regiment into action. 1863 'OUIDA' *Held in Bondage* i, The senior pupil was standing with his back to the fire.

d. In commercial use, applied to the partner in a firm who (whether on account of length of standing or for other reasons) has precedence of the rest in the formal enumeration of the members.

1864 R. W. KIMBALL *Was he Successful?* 209 (Hoppe) Mr. Tenant..was..the senior member of the house of Allwise, Tenant & Co.

3. In certain Cambridge University terms, used to connote a pre-eminence in rank having no relation to length of standing. **Senior wrangler**, the head of the 'wranglers', i. e. of the first class of those who are successful in the Mathematical Tripos at Cambridge (hence **Senior-wranglership**); similarly, **Senior classic, Senior moralist**, the student who takes the first place in the Classical and the Moral Sciences Tripos respectively. (In consequence of the reforms of 1906–9, the status indicated by these titles has ceased to exist, the class-lists being now arranged not in order of merit but alphabetically). **Senior optime**, one who is placed in the second class in the Mathematical Tripos. (See OPTIME.)

1831 GREVILLE *Mem.* 2 Jan. (1874) II. 101 Maule was senior wrangler and senior medallist at Cambridge, and is a lawyer. 1859 FARRAR *Julian Home* v, Of course you intend to be senior classic, or senior wrangler? 1862 CALVERLEY *Verses & Transl.* (1894) 44 Each perambulating infant Had a magic in its squall, For my eager eye detected Senior Wranglers in them all. 1878 LATHAM in *Encycl. Brit.* VIII. 778 The *éclat* attaching to the 'tripos list' and the senior wranglership.

4. Of institutions, associations, etc. reserved for the senior members of a body, as *senior common-room*, *senior mess*, etc.

B. *sb.* An elder person. *lit.* and *fig.*

1. One superior or worthy of deference and reverence by reason of age; one having pre-eminence in dignity by priority of election, appointment, etc.

c 1380 WYCLIF *Wks.* (1880) 303 Non drede siche seniours ben fendis þat speken lying in ypocrisie. *c* 1440 *York Myst.* xli. 78 Symeon, that senyour. 1482 *Monk of Evesham* (Arb.) 31 When the bretheren had begunne matens y mette with a senyor that ye knowe wele in the chirche porch. 1513 BRADSHAW *St. Werburge* I. 1175 Folowynge the counseyll and mynde of a senyor. 1615 CROOKE *Body of Man* 360 The diuine senior Hippocrates. 1725 POPE *Odyss.* III. 23 Meet then the Senior far renown'd for sense, With rev'rent awe, but decent confidence. 1823 SCOTT *Quentin D.* xvi, His conversation, tricks, and songs, were..entertaining to the..younger brethren, and so unedifying in the opinion of the seniors of the fraternity, that [etc.]. 1905 TUCKWELL *Remin. Radical Parson* xii. 159 Its castellan was a dignified, sweet-visaged senior.

b. With possessive.

c 1425 *Found. St. Bartholomew's* (E.E.T.S.) 17 In the begynnynge of this areysed frame oure senyoures tellid vs that one a day at evensong tyme whan derkenys drew vpon ther was seyn a light from heuyn. 1678 CUDWORTH *Intell. Syst.* 211 [tr. Herodotus]. Hesiod and Homer, were..not above four hundred years my Seniors [orig. μεν πρεσβυτέρους]. 1782 MISS BURNEY *Cecilia* I. i, Though much her senior, he was by no means of an age to render his addressing her an impropriety. 1818 SCOTT *Hrl. Midl.* xxii, His senior at the bar. 1862 F. W. ROBINSON *Owen* IV. vi, She was a year or two my senior.

†**2.** In early translations of the New Testament, used to render L. *senior*, Gr. πρεσβύτερος, in various applications, where the later versions have *elder*. Hence occas. used as the designation of the class of ministers called 'elders' or 'presbyters' in the primitive church, or in communities professedly formed on the model of this. *Obs.*

1382 WYCLIF *Rev.* vii. 11 And alle aungels stoden in cumpas of the trone and of [the] senyouris or eldre *c* 1440 *Alphabet of Tales* 233/26 Þan prayed for þis childe þe xxiiij seniores; and so þis childe was forgyffen his tryspas. 1526 TINDALE *Matt.* xxvi. 59 The chefe prestes, and the seniours, and all the counsell sought false witnes againste Jesus. 1564 *Brief Exam.* *****iij, Whence were Seniours in the primitiue Churche? 1572 [J. FIELD, etc.] *Admonit. Parl.* A vj, And to these three ioyntly, that is, the Ministers, Seniors, and deacons, is the whole regimente of the churche to be committed. 1582 N. T. (Rheims) *Rev.* iv. 4 Upon the thrones foure and twentie seniors sitting.

3. In school and college use: One of the more advanced students; also one no longer a freshman. In *U. S.* a student in his fourth year.

1612 BRINSLEY *Lud. Lit.* xxvi. (1627) 272 That the two or foure Seniors in each fourme, be as Ushers in that fourme. 1741 *Customs of Harvard* in Hall *College Words* (1851) 318 No Freshman shall be saucy to his Senior. 1836 O.W. HOLMES *Song Centenn. Celebr. Harvard* 39 Lord! how the seniors knocked about The freshman class of one. 1888 BRYCE *Amer. Commw.* VI. cii. III. 453 In an American college the students..of the fourth year [are called] seniors.

b. A senior fellow of a college; a member of a council or deliberative assembly for managing the internal affairs of a college. Cf. SENIORITY 3.

1645 *Ordin. Parl. Regul. Univ. Cambr.* 3 The Government of Trinity Colledge is setled in the Master and eight Seniors. 1648 WINYARD *Midsummer-Moon* 3 Doctors and Seniors are too tough for continuall cramming, he must have Batchellers of art [etc.]. 1717 E. MILLER *Acc. Cambr.* 109 The 11th and 12th Statutes [Trin. Coll.] concern the Election of Officers, Lecturers, Seniors, College Preachers, and Fellows; and appoints first, That the Master read this Statute before the eight Seniors; then he and the Seniors are to take an Oath, That they will elect no-body to any Office by Favour, &c. but him only whom [etc.]

4. *Comb.*: †**senior-junior**, a person old and young at the same time.

1588 SHAKS. *L. L. L.* III. i. 182 This signior Iunior gyant drawfe [*read* dwarf], don Cupid.

Senior, obs. form of SEIGNIOR.

Seniority (sīnio·rĭti). Forms: 5–6 **seniorite, 6 senyoryte, segniorite, 6–7 seniortie, 6–seniority.** [a. med.L. *seniōritās*, f. L. *seniōr-em* SENIOR; see -ITY.]

1. The state or quality of being senior; priority by reason of birth, superior age.

1533 MORE *Apol.* xv. Wks. 875/2 Sometime some one religion haue had some question and dysputed as it were a probleme, vpon thantiquitie or senioritie of their institucion. 1674 *Govt. Tongue* iv. 46 The first provoker has, by his seniority and primogeniture a double portion of the guilt. 1737 *Gentl. Mag.* VII. 100 A sage Lady observ'd to them, that in this Assembly Respect and Precedence were only due to Seniority. 1838 THIRLWALL *Greece* V. 343 It had been agreed among the envoys that they should address the king in the order of seniority; and Demosthenes happened to be the youngest. 1863 'OUIDA' *Held in Bondage* i, The senior pupil..gave me his hand, cordially and frankly, for all his hauteur and seniority.

†**b.** The senile period of life. *Obs. rare*—1.

a 1688 BUNYAN *Mr. Badman* To Rdr., The minority, flower, and seniority of his Age.

†**c.** ? Nnmerical position in order of age. *Obs.*

1776 T. PERCIVAL *Ess.* III. 342 In the second column is the surname and seniority of the infant, also in large characters.

2. Priority or precedence in office or service; esp. *Mil.* Superiority in standing to another of equal rank by reason of earlier entrance into the service, or an earlier date of appointment.

c 1450 in Aungier *Syon* (1840) 366 Eche in hys order after their seniorite in religion. 1592 NASHE *Strange Newes* D4,. Where in an honorable Index they shall be placed according to their degree and segnioritie. 1600 J. PORY tr. *Leo's Africa* II. 75 We were certaine yeeres fellow-students together at Fez, where being of one standing and seniority we [etc.]. 1668 PEPYS *Diary* 13 Oct., That places of preferment may go according to seniority and merit. 1704 *Milit. Dict.* (ed. 2). 1769 *Junius Lett.* iv. (1804) I. 33 Let me ask Junius, if he knows any one nobleman in the army who has had a regiment by seniority? 1853 BRIGHT *Sp., India* 3 June (1876) 3 To go on from beginning to end in a system of promotion from seniority. 1908 *Q. Rev.* July 238 The fetish of seniority is responsible for many a muddle.

3. The body of seniors or senior fellows of a college.

1678 A. FARMER in *Magd. Coll.* (O.H.S.) 69, I..do acknowledge before the Seniority that I have deservedly received..my..admonition. 1717 E. MILLER *Acc. Cambr.* 129 That 'tis the first Instance that ever appear'd in the College Books..That any By-Law..was enter'd, or made in the Master's Name, without the Consent of the Seniority. 1843 WHEWELL *Jrnl.* in Willis & Clark *Cambr.* II. 627 If the Fellows were dissatisfied I regretted that the matter had not been brought before the Seniority. 1859 FARRAR *Julian Home* xxiii. 300 Kennedy..rushed back to the Seniority, who were already beginning to wonder at his long absence.

†**4.** Used for SIGNORITY, in the sense 'body of signors'. *Obs.*

1517 TORKINGTON *Pilgr.* (1884) 14 The Duke Satt in Seynt Markes Churche in ryght hys [*read* hye] astate in the Qwer on the ryght syd with senyoryte which they call lords.

†**Se·niorize,** *v. Obs. rare*—1. [f. SENIOR *a.* + -IZE. Cf. SIGNORIZE *v.*] *intr.* To assume the position of a senior or superior, to have or exercise dominion, to rule, to lord it.

1593 G. HARVEY *Pierce's Super.* 88 Alas, that wise men.. should once imagine, to finde it a matter of as light consequence, to seniorise in a realme, ouer the greatest Lordes,.. as in a towne, ouer a company of meane marchantes.

Seniorship (sī·niōʃip). [f. SENIOR + -SHIP.] The position of 'senior' or head boy of a school.

1862 MRS. H. WOOD *Channings* I. xi. 156 It is a shame if Pye has promised the seniorship to Yorke over my head.

†**Se·niory.** *Obs.* Also 6 **seign(i)orie, 6–7 sign(i)orie, 7 signeurie.** [f. SENIOR + -Y.]

1. Seniority.

1594 SHAKS. *Rich. III*, IV. iv. 36 If ancient sorrow be most reuerent, Giue mine the benefit of signeurie [*Qq.* sign(i)orie].

2. *Eccl.* A body of 'elders', a presbytery.

1572 [J. FIELD, etc.] *Admonit. Parl.* A vj, In steade of Chancelors, Archdeacons,..churchwardens and such like: You haue to plant in euery congregation a lawfull and godly seignorie. 1583 STUBBES *Anat. Abus.* II. (1882) 100 Though a seigniorie or eldership then in euerie particular church were necessarie. 1589 T. L. *Advt. to Q. Eliz.* (1651) 50 That the magistracy whereunder he is placed, whether it be of one of few, or many is his allowed seniory and lawfull presbytery.

Seniour(e, obs. forms of SEIGNIOR, SENIOR.

Senister, Senit: see SINISTER, SENNIGHT.

Senith, Senjaque: see ZENITH, SANJAK.

‖**Senn** (sen). *rare.* [G. *senn(e.)*] A herdsman in the Alps. Also *Comb.* **senn-cabin, sennhutt,** repr. G. *sennhütte*, a herdsman's chalet.

c 1822 MRS. HEMANS *League of Alps* I 'Twas night upon the Alps. The Senn's wild horn,..had pour'd its last long tone. *c* 1822 — *Alp-Horn Song* 16 The low sen-cabins and pastures free. 1868 KINGSLEY *Hermits* 131 During that short period of the year when the maidens in the sennbutt watch the cattle upon the upland pastures.

Senn, obs. form of SEN *adv., prep.,* and *conj.*

Senna (se·nă). Also 6–8 **sena.** [mod.L. *senna, sena*, a. Arab. سنا *sanā*; cf. SENE *sb.*[4]]

1. *Bot.* A shrub of the genus *Cassia*, native in tropical regions, bearing yellow flowers and flat greenish pods. Cf. CASSIA.

American, Wild, or Maryland senna, *Cassia marilandica.* 1543 TRAHERON *Vigo's Chirurg.* Interpr., Sena hath lytle braunches, and the leafe of fenugreke [etc.]. 1601 CHESTER *Loves Martyr* (1878) 84 Mugwort, Sena and Tithimailes [etc.]. 1782 J. SCOTT *Poet. Wks.* 261 In vain the senna waves its glossy gold. 1811 A. T. THOMSON *Lond. Disp.* (1818) 92 The best senna, named in Nubia *guebelly*, or *sena mekki*, grows wild, and yields two crops of leaves, the abundance of which depends on the periodical rains. 1847 DARLINGTON *Amer. Weeds* (1860) 109 Maryland Cassia. Wild, or American Senna.

b. Applied with defining word to shrubs of other genera which have similar medicinal properties; as **Bastard senna** = next; **Bladder senna,** *Colutea arborescens*, see BLADDER 10; **Chili senna,** *Myoschilos oblongus*; **Scorpion senna,** *Coronilla Emerus*, see SCORPION 8 c; **Wild senna,** *Poinciana pulcherrima* or *Globularia Alypum*, formerly † the genus *Colutea.*

1705 DALE *Pharmacol.* Suppl. 318 Colutea..Bastard Sena. 1750 G. HUGHES *Barbados* 204 The Wild Sena, or the Wild Cassia Fistula; Lat. *Colutea.* 1866 *Treas. Bot.* s.v. *Senna*, Wild Senna, *Poinciana pulcherrima*; also an American name for *Cassia marilandica.* 1874 *Ibid.* Suppl., Chili Senna, *Myoschilos oblongus.*

2. *Pharm.* The dried leaflets of various species of *Cassia*, used as a cathartic and emetic.

1571 *Wills & Inv. N. C.* (Surtees 1835) 363, ½ a lb ½ a q[a] of sen'a xx[d]. *a* 1618 *Rates Marchandizes* F 4, Druggs...Sena the pound xviij.d. 1794 GODWIN *Cal. Williams* 29, I shall hate you as bad as senna and valerian. 1830 LINDLEY *Nat. Syst. Bot.* 91 The Senna of the shops consists, according to M. Delile, of Cassia acutifolia, Cassia Senna, and Cynanchum Argel. 1880 J. W. LEGG *Bile* 172 Senna was found by Röhrig to have an active effect on the secretion of bile.

b. The many varieties of the drug are commercially distinguished by defining words (now often used loosely), as *Alexandrian, Aleppo, Arabian, Indian, Tinnevelly*, etc., *senna.*

1693 DALE *Pharmacol.* 502 Senna Alexandrina *Offic...* Alexandrian Sena. 1693 tr. *Blancard's Phys. Dict.* (ed. 2), Senna, Alexandrine, Ægyptian, Syriac. 1845 *Encycl. Metrop.* VII. 508/1 The Tinnevelly Senna consists of the leaflets of *Cassia Elongata.* 1861 BENTLEY *Man. Bot.* 527 Bladder-Senna.—The leaflets have been used on the continent to adulterate Alexandrian Senna.

3. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *senna leaf, leaflet, shrub*; **senna-draught, -tea,** an infusion of the drug taken as a purgative.

1879 *St. George's Hosp. Rep.* IX. 190 A dose of calomel ..followed by a *senna draught in the morning. 1699 GARTH *Dispens.* v. 103 A Folliage of dissembl'd *Senna Leaves Grav'd round its Brim. 1887 BENTLEY *Man. Bot.* (ed. 5) 532 They are at once distinguished from *Senna leaflets by their regularity at the base. 1766 STORK *Acc. E. Florida* 48 The vines, the *senna shrub, sarsaparilla, China-root,..are indigenous plants of East-Florida. 1753 CHESTERF. *Lett. to Son* (1774) II. lxxiv. 307 Chewing a little rhubarb, when you go to bed at night, or some *senna-tea in the morning.

Sennachie (se·năχi). Forms: 6 **shannaghe,** 7 **sanachie,** 8 **senachi, seanachie, sennachai,** 9 **sennachy, shan(n)achie, seannachie,** 8–**sen(n)achie.** [a. Gael. *seanachaidh* (= OIrish *senchaidh*), f. *sean* old: cf. *seanachas* (OIrish *senchas*) ancient legend.] In Ireland and the Scottish Highlands: One professionally occupied in the study and transmission of traditional history, genealogy, and legend; now chiefly *Sc.* a Gaelic teller of legendary romances.

1534 *St. Papers Hen. VIII* (1834) II. 215 That no Yryshe mynstrels, rymours, shannaghes, ne bardes, unchaghes, nor messangers, come to desire any goodes of any man dwellinge within the Inglyshrie. 1685 STILLINGFL. *Orig. Brit.* Pref. 40 Nay, why should the British History be questioned? since no doubt the Britains had Druids, Sanachies, and Bards as well as the Scots or Irish. 1775 JOHNSON *West. Isl.* 258 A great family had a Bard and a Senachi, who were the poet and historian of the house. 1827 SCOTT *Highl. Widow* iv, Her stores of legendary history..were augmented by an unusual acquaintance with the songs of ancient bards, and traditions of the most approved Seannachies and tellers of tales. 1863 J. F. CAMPBELL *Pop. Tales W. Highl.* (1893) IV. 15 A Shanachie means a teller of old tales and traditions. 1873 BURTON *Hist. Scot.* VI. lxv. 32 He was surrounded by a court or staff of sennachies—the bards and historians of his race.

Senne, obs. form of SEN *adv.*, etc.

Sennel, Sennen: see SENDLE *adv.*, SINEW.

Sennere, Sennest, obs. ff. SOONER, SOONEST.

†**Se·nnet**[1]. *Obs.* Forms: 6 **senet, (sonnet),** 7 **sennit, sennate, sinet, synnet, cynet, signate, sennet.** [app. a variant of SIGNET, in the sense 'sign, token' (see SIGNET *sb.* 5).

The forms *senet, sinet*, and others, occur in OF. as variants of *signet*, which, however, seems not to occur either in the sense below or in the wider sense of token. The word may possibly be Anglo-French.]

A set of notes on the trumpet or cornet, ordered in the stage-directions of Elizabethan plays, apparently as a signal for the ceremonial entrance or exit of a body of players.

c 1590 MARLOWE *Faust* 862 Sound a Sonnet [1609, 1611 Sinet], enter the Pope and the Cardinall of Lorraine to the banket, with Friers attending. 1593 SHAKS. 3 *Hen. VI*, I. i. 205 Senet. Here they come down. 1602 DEKKER *Satirom.* F 4, Trumpets sound a florish, and then a sennate. Enter King [etc.]. 1602 MARSTON *Ant. & Mel.* I. B 2 b, The Cornets sound a Synnet. *Ibid.* B 3 b, The Cornets sound a Cynet. 1605 *1st Pt. Ieronimo* I. i, Sound a signate, and passe ouer the stage...After a long signate is sounded, enter all the nobles. 1613 SHAKS. *Hen. VIII*, II. iv, Trumpets, Sennet, and Cornets. *a* 1619 FLETCHER *Valentinian* V. viii, A Synnet with Trumpets.

Sennet[2] (se·nĕt). *Nat. Hist.* Also 7–8 **sinnet.** [? From some W.-Indian lang.] A West-Indian fish; = BARRACUDA.

1671 J[OHN] H[ARDIE] in *Lefroy's Mem. of Bermudas* (1879) II. 344 Which [fish] the people store As Pilchards, Sinnets [etc.]. 1756 P. BROWNE *Jamaica* 451 *Perca*? I. *Minor subargentea*, The Sinnet. 1859 J. M. JONES *Nat. in Bermuda* 105 The Sennet is likewise a common fish in the waters of Bermuda, and sells freely in the market. 1876 GOODE *Fishes of Bermudas* 62 *Sphyræna Picuda*...Sennet.

Sennight (se·nəit). Now *arch.* Forms: *α.* see SEVEN and NIGHT; *β.* 2–3 **soveniht,** 3 **seoveniht, -niþt,** 3–4 **seve-, sove-niȝt, -nyȝt,** 4 **seovenyght, sefnight, seve-nyht, -niȝth,** 4–5 **sevenyght(e, sevenyȝt,** 5 **seve-nyth, -nyut,** 6 **sevenighte,** 6–8 **sevenight,** 7 **seue'night,** 7–8 **sev'night**; *γ.* 5 **sennyȝt, synyght, sennett, sennyt, senit,** 5–6 **senyght, sennet,** 6 **senighte, senyghte, seneyt,** 6–7 **sennyght,** 7 **senight, senet, senith, sennit, sinnitt, s'ennight,** 7, 9 (*dial.*) **se'night,** 7–9 **se'ennight, se'nnight,** 8 (*dial.*) **zennet,** 8–9 **sen'night,** 6–**sennight.** [Originally two words: OE. *seofon* SEVEN, *nihta* pl. of *niht* NIGHT *sb.* OE. had the derivative *seofonnihte* adj., seven days old (of the moon). Cf. FORTNIGHT.] A period of seven (days and) nights; a week.

α. *a* 1000 *Elene* (Gr.) 694 Heht þa..scufan scyldiȝne..in dryȝne seað, þær he duguða leas siomode in sorgum seofon nihta fyrst. *c* 1200 ORMIN 545 Hiss sefennnahht To þewwtenn i þe temmple. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Nun's Pr. T.* 53 Curteys she was..and bar hyr self so faire Syn thilke day þat she was seuen nyght oold. 1415 SIR T. GREY in *43rd Rep. Dep. Kpr. Rec.* (1882) 582 A sefenneghe after that Murdok of Fyche was take away. *a* 1586 SIDNEY *Arcadia* II. (Sommer) 194 b, Iusts, both with sword and launce, maintained for a seuen-night together. *a* 1641 FINETT *Observ.* (1656) 133 The crosse windes..held him in the Downes almost a senvennight before they would blow him over. 1653 W. RAMESEY *Astrol. Restored* 319 They never appear a shorter time than a seven-night.

β. *c* 1205 LAY. 4434 Seoueniht he wes þære. *c* 1350 *Will. Paterne* 766 Swiche a sorwe he suffred a sene-niȝt fulle. 1461 *Paston Lett.* II. 19, I prey ȝow..lat me have an awnswer within this sevenyut. 1553 T. WILSON *Rhet.* (1580) 94 A notable waister, to daie full of money, within seuenight after not worthe a grote. 1652 H. L'ESTRANGE *Amer. no Jewes* 23 Owr own usuall reckoning by nights, as Sevenight, Fortnight.

γ. *c* 1420 *Avow. Arth.* xlviij, A sennyȝt duellnt he thare. *a* 1529 SKELTON *E. Runnyng* 394, I dranke not this sennet A draught to my pay. 1604 SHAKS. *Oth.* II. i. 77 The bold Iago, Whose footing heere anticipates our thoughts, A Senights speed. *a* 1746 *Exmoor Scolding* (E.D.S.) 42 Nif won zey the le-ast Theng out, tha wut purtee a Zennet arter. 1851 TENNYSON *E. Morris* 30 My love for Nature is as old as I; But thirty moons, one honeymoon to that, And three rich sennights more, my love for her. 1894 K. GRAHAME *Pagan P.* 139 A luscious treat that had been specially reserved for me, a sennight past, by the gardener's boy.

b. *This day, Sunday,* †*Sunday come* (*a*) or *was* (*a*), etc. *sennight*: a week from (this day, etc.).

c 1205 LAY. 5457 3if 3e speked mid rihte, comeð to dæi a seouen nihte. *a* 1350 *S. Stephen* 295 in Horstm. *Altengl. Leg.* (1881) 31 It fell efter on þat day seuyn night Of al þis same þan had he sight. 1486 *Plumpton Corr.* (Camden) 68 Upon tewsday come a sennyt. 1549 LATIMER *6th Serm. bef. Edw. VI* (Arb.) 158 What doctrine is written for vs in the viii. Chapter of the fyrst boke of the kynges, I dyd partely shewe vnto you..this day sennight. 1566 *Eng. Ch. Furniture* (1866) 59 Item one cope one vestment & one albe—sold to Thomas Inman for the some of Vs vpon sondaie was a sevenighte. 1633 W. MULSHO in *Buccleuch MSS.* (Hist. MSS. Comm.) I. 274 They propose to..set forth on Tuesday sevennight. 1644 SYMONDS *Diary* (Camden) 50 Newes.. That Waller was at Ahingdon on Tuesday last was sevenight. 1727 [E. DORRINGTON] *Philip Quarll* 87 Bidding him not fail coming there again that Day Sev'night. 1741 RICHARDSON *Pamela* (ed. 3) II. 153 Every one names Thursday come Sev'nnight for our Nuptials. 1771 PENNANT *Tour Scot.* I. (1774) 96 An assignation, at that very hour, that day sevenight. 1861 MAY *Const. Hist.* (1863) I. i. 95 Mr. Canning stated that Lord Eldon's visit to Windsor had taken place on Saturday se'nnight, preceding the change of ministry.

c. *attrib.* as in *sennight space*; † **sennight day,** the space of a week; also, the same day in the following week.

? *a* 1400 *Morte Arth.* 380 Within a seuenyghte daye..I salle be seene on the see. *c* 1440 *Alphabet of Tales* I. 233 Þis wulfe come agayn vppon þe sennet day. 1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* VIII. xlvi. I. 226 And this is one thing to be wondred at, That in that seven-night space there is not one that taketh hurt by Crocodiles.

Sennil, variant of SENDLE *adv. Sc.*

Sennit (se·nit). *Naut.* Also 9 **sennet.** [var. of SINNET.] **a.** = SINNET. **b.** (See quot 1858.)

1769 Falconer *Dict. Marine* (1789), *Sennit*. 1858 Simmonds *Dict. Trade*, *Sennit*, ..plaited straw or palm leaves, &c., of which grass hats are made. 1881 *Chequered Career* 92 These young gentlemen are to be seen..making sennet, the latter amusement being on a par with picking oakum.

attrib. and *Comb.* 1882 Nares *Seamanship* (ed. 6) 79 A sennit eye is worked in. *c* 1898 J. Chalmers in Lovett *Life* (1902) 146 The long sennit hawser kept on deck had been passed ashore to natives on the reef.

Sennit, -nyght, -ny3t, -nyt, obs. ff. Sennight.

Sennon, -oun, -own, obs. forms of Sinew *sb.*

Senny, variant of Senye *Obs.*

Senocular (sĭnǫ·kiŭlăi), *a.* [f. L. *sēnī* six each + *oculī* eyes + -ar.] Having six eyes.

1723 Derham *Phys.-Theol.* viii. iii. (1727) 361 *note*, Most Animals are binocular..and some senocular. 1898 *Syd. Soc. Lex.*, *Senocular.*

Senoculate (sĭnǫ·kiŭlēt), *a.* [Formed as Senocular + -ate 2; cf. F. *sénoculé*.] Having six eyes.

1858 Mayne *Expos. Lex.*, *Senoculatus*, ..senoculate.

Senofegia, obs. variant of Scenopegia.

Senon, north. variant of Sinew *sb.*

Senonian (sĭnōu·niăn), *a. Geol.* [ad. F. *sénonien*, f. L. *Senonēs*, a people of central Gaul.] D'Orbigny's subdivision of the Cretaceous in France and Belgium corresponding to the 'Upper Chalk with flints' of British geologists. Also *absol.*

1850 Ansted *Elem. Geol., Min.*, etc. 336 Senonian division of D'Orbigny (*Craie blanche*). 1879 Geikie in *Encycl. Brit.* X. 360/1 The uppermost member of the Senonian series contains in like manner a blending of well-known Upper Chalk organisms with the Tertiary genera *Cypræa*, *Oliva*, and *Mitra*. 1882 — *Text-bk. Geol.* vi. iii. § 3 (1903) 1205 The Senonian stage of N. W. Germany. *Ibid.*, The Lower Senonian is marked by the abundance of *Actinocamax*. 1885 Etheridge *Stratigraph. Geol. & Palæontol.* 517 Senonian (Upper Chalk with Flints).

Senoper, variant of Sinoper *Obs.*

‖ Señor (senyō·r). Pl. **señores** (senyō·res). Also 7 **sennor.** [Sp. *señor*:—L. *seniōrem*: cf. Signor, Seigneur and Seignior.]

1. In Spanish use or with reference to a Spaniard: A title of respect placed before the name of a man, equivalent to 'Mr.'

1622 Mabbe tr. *Aleman's Guzman d'Alf.* I. 129 How now (Sennor few-clothes) what winde draue you hither? 1868 Miss M. B. Edwards *Through Sp.* 166 Señor Bensaken.. would wait upon the Señoras at once, was the reply.

b. Used without the name as a form of address.

1832 W. Irving *Alhambra* I. 196 'But have you ever met with it yourself?'..'No, Señor, God be thanked!' 1884 F. Boyle *Borderland* 372 Now, señores! What was the creature that pursued me thus, in broad daylight?

c. A Spanish gentleman.

1868 Miss M. B. Edwards *Through Sp.* 189, I am..but a humble Señor, of little account.

2. A feudal lord, seigneur (in Spain).

1845 Ford *Handbk. Spain* II. 938 Castro Urdiales of which the Black Prince was Señor, has its bay [etc.].

‖ Señora (senyō·ră). [Sp. *señora*, a fem. formed on Señor. Cf. Signora.] A title of respect prefixed to the name of a Spanish lady, or used without the name in addressing her; hence, a lady of Spanish nationality.

1579 G. Gilpin tr. *Rabbotem's Bee-Hive Rom. Ch.* ii. (1580) 17 A worthie matrone of Spaine called Senora Maria Osorio. 1818 Lady Charleville in Lady Morgan *Passages Autobiog.* (1859) 244 He was not aware how you quizzed the unlucky Senora. 1840 Longf. *Sp. Student* II. iv, Señora, pardon me! 1844 Kendall *Texan Santa Fé Exped.* II. 336 The Mexican senoras have a frankness of deportment..which [etc.]. 1860 Andros *Peu & P. Sk. Spain* 64 The lovely señora sees it not, nor does the handsome Abigail.

‖ Señoria (senyorī·a). *rare.* [Sp. *señoría*, f. *señor*: see Señor. Cf. *Signoria.*] A lordship, fief. (In quot. 1634 used for Signoria.)

1634 G. Barry *Milit. Discipl.* I. i. 2 The Senoria of Venecia was governed by Francisco Carmanola. *a* 1859 W. Irving *Span. Papers* (1866) 401 (Stanf.) A prince of Portugal ..held the señoria of Serpa.

‖ Señorita (senyorī·ta). [Sp., dim. of Señora.]

1. a. A Spanish title of respect prefixed to the name of a young lady, or used without the name in addressing her.

1850 Mayne Reid *Rifle Rangers* xxvi, 'Do not be alarmed, señorita', said I, approaching.

b. A young Spanish lady.

1845 Darwin *Voy. Nat.* xii. 263 In the evening we reached a comfortable farm-house, where there were several pretty señoritas. 1848 Lowell *Biglow P.* Ser. I. *A Letter*, Caleb hain't no monopoly to court the seenoreetas. 1886 *Athenæum* 28 Aug. 276/1 The artist..filled up his foreground with a group of Spanish señoritas.

2. A name given to a small labroid fish, *Pseudojulis* or *Oxyjulis modestus*, native in Californian waters. Also *Senorita-fish.*

1882 Jordan & Gilbert *Fishes N. Amer.* 604 *Pseudojulis* Bleeker. Señoritas. *Ibid.*, *P. modestus*...Señorita; Pesce Rey. 1888 Goode *Amer. Fishes* 299 The Senorita-fish, of Monterey, *Pseudojulis modestus*, is known as 'Pescerey'; southward it is called 'Senorita'.

Senou, -ow(e, senown, obs. ff. Sinew *sb.*

Senple, obs. form of Simple

Sens, variant of Cense *sb.*[1], incense.

a 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 4184 þan knelis doun oure conquirour & callis on his driztins, Giffe þam siluir & so & sens at þaim castis. 1473 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* I. 64 Item for a pund of sens, iiij s.

Sens, variant of Cense *sb.*[2]

1458 in *10th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. v. 299 Ther sholde no manere of man be recevid sensers to passe fre of thar custumes over the sea at sens makyng in no manner wise save [etc.]. 1466 *Ibid.* 303.

Sens, obs. form of Cense *v.*[1]

16.. *Funeral in Popish Times* in *Q. Eliz. Acad.* 33 Att the West dore of the Church, A prælat shall sens the Corps.

Sens, obs. form of Since.

† Se·nsable, *a.*[1] *Obs. rare.* In 5 sensabul. [a. OF. *sensable*, incorrect spelling of *censable*, f. *cense* tax, assessment + -able; see Cense *sb.*[2]] Capable of assessment or taxation.

1450 *Rolls of Parlt.* V. 204/2 The pepul is forsake the Ile, so at this dai is not xv pepul sensabul. *Ibid.*, Seyng no more stuf of men, nor no stuf of arcerie sensabul left.

† Se·nsable, *a.*[2] *Obs. nonce-wd.* [f. Sense *sb.* + -able.] Of figures of speech: Consisting in an alteration of the sense of words.

1589 Puttenham *Eng. Poesie* III. x. (Arb.) 172 Your second [sort of figures] serues the conceit onely and not th'eare, and may be called sensable, not sensible nor yet sententious.

Sensament, var. form of Sensement *Obs.*

Sensar, obs. form of Censer.

1573–80 Baret *Alv.*, A Sensar, *thuribulum.*

Sensate (se·nsēt), *a.* [ad. late L. *sensāt-us* gifted with sense, f. *sensus* sense: see -ate 2.]

1. Endowed with physical sensation.

c 1500 Medwall *Nature* (Brandl) 536 Sensualyte..hy whom I haue power To do as all sensate bestys do.

† 2. Of the nature of or involving sensation. *Obs.*

1677 Gale *Crt. Gentiles* III. 86 In his Theætetus he [Plato] laies down this as his opinion,..It seems to me, that he who knows any thing has a sensate cognition of what he knows. 1813 T. Busby *Lucretius* I. III. 290 That Fourth Principle ..From whose power all sensate motions [orig. *sensiferos motus*] flow.

† 3. ? Endowed with sensibility. *Obs.*

1796 Mrs. M. Robinson *Angelina* II. 264 Give me the sensate mind, that knows The vast extent of human woes!

4. Perceived by the senses.

1847 in Webster. [Hence in later Dicts.] 1898 *Westm. Gaz.* 27 Sept. 3/1 Mr. Merriman, it would seem, is of those who hold that poetry co-exists with the least congenial of elements, being common to all sensate things.

Sensate (sense·t), *v.* [f. L. *sens-us* Sense *sb.* + -ate 3, after Sensation.]

1. *trans.* To perceive by sense; to have a sensation of.

a 1652 J. Smith *Sel. Disc.* IV. iv. (1821) 93 These corporeal motions, as they seem to arise from nothing else but merely from the *machina* of the body itself; so they could not at all be sensated but by the soul. 1665 Hooke *Microgr.* 179 Each of them can distinctly sensate or see onely those parts which are very neer perpendicularly oppos'd to it. 1889 *Academy* 16 Nov. 323/2 We find an irresistible impulse to find strain..or motion..of the ether wherever we sensate anything electrical.

† 2. *intr.* To have sensation. *Obs.*

1672 Penn *Spir. Truth Vind.* 24 No man can live, move, sensate, or act but from the original Heat, Life, Motion and Action of that which did beget him. 1687 A. Lovell tr. *Bergerac's Com. Hist.* 112 When it finds only such, as are proper for sensation, it sensates.

Hence **Sensa·ting** *vbl. sb.* and *ppl. a.*

a 1652 J. Smith *Sel. Disc.* v. 149 Indeed, without such a universal sensating faculty as this is, we should never know when our souls are in conjunction with the Deity. 1888 H. W. Parker *Spir. Beauty* 58 Sir John Lubbock's experiments proved nothing but the simple sensating of certain crude colors by bees.

Sensation (sense·ɪ·ʃən). [ad. med.L. *sensātiōn-em*, f. L. *sens-us* Sense *sb.*, after late L. *sensālus* Sensate *a.*: see -ation. Cf. F. *sensation* (OF. *sensacion*, Oresme 14th c.), Sp. *sensacion*, Pg. *sensação*, It. *sensazione.*]

I. An operation of any of the senses; a psychical affection or state of consciousness consequent on and related to a particular condition of some portion of the bodily organism, or a particular impression received by one of the organs of sense. Now commonly in more precise use, restricted to the subjective element in any operation of one of the senses, a physical 'feeling' considered apart from the resulting 'perception' of an object.

Often const. *of* with sb. defining the nature of the sensation, as in *a sensation of giddiness, nausea, cold*, etc.

1615 Crooke *Body of Man* 525 Finally, that our Motions and Sensations should not be rash or phanaticall as they are in such as are phreneticall, that is, haue their braines inflamed. 1646 Sir T. Browne *Pseud. Ep.* I. iii. 8 Their understanding..submitteth unto the fallacies of sence, and is unable to rectifie the error of its sensations. 1759 Porterfield *Eye* II. 343 The smallest or most refrangible Rays will excite the shortest and weakest Vibrations for making a Sensation of deep Violet. 1785 Reid *Intell. Powers* 599 When I grasp an ivory ball in my hand, I feel a certain sensation of touch. 1804 Abernethy *Surg. Obs.* 192 He said his sensations were such as would induce him to believe that his brain was loose. 1845 R. Williams in *Encycl. Metrop.* VII. 544/2 An uneasy sensation and tension of the præcordia. 1892 Bierce *In the Midst of Life* 23 The familiar sensation of an abraded shin recalled his dazed faculties.

b. In generalized use: The operation or function of the senses; 'perception by means of the senses' (J.). Now commonly (esp. in philosophical language) the subjective element in the operation of the senses; physical 'feeling'.

1642 H. More *Song of Soul* II. ii. II. xi, O sunken souls, slaves of sensation. 1677 Gale *Crt. Gentiles* III. I. iv. 86 As it now appears, science is nothing else than sensation, or a particular experimental feeling knowledge. 1739 Hume *Hum. Nat.* I. i. § 2 (1888) 7 Impressions may be divided into two kinds, those of Sensation and those of Reflexion. 1812 Shelley *Q. Mab* I. 24 Or is it only a sweet slumber Stealing o'er sensation? 1876 Maudsley *Physiol. Mind* iv. 221 Sensation expresses merely the state of simple feeling, without reference to an external cause.

† c. Observation by the senses, actual seeing or hearing. *Obs.*

1657 J. Sergeant *Schism Dispach't* 104 The testimony of others founded in their several sensations being faithfully conveyed to us by undeniable tradition, are as unquestionably certain as if we had seen them ourselves.

d. Faculty of perceiving by the senses, physical sensibility.

1799 *Med. Jrnl.* II. 451 When excitement is produced in this system..then a corresponding change is occasioned in the nervous system, and sensation returns. 1869 *Lancet* 18 Dec. 842/2 The woman is of an older age than in other described cases [of scleroderma]. The sensation seemed not to be impaired.

† e. Effect produced on the senses; in quots. = appearance. *Obs.*

1662 Evelyn *Chalcogr.* Table, How to express the sensation of the Relievo or Extancie of objects, by the Hatches in Graving. 1663 Boyle *Exp. Colours* ii. 10 Colour may be considered, either as it is a quality residing in the body that is said to be coloured, or to modifie the light after such or such a manner; or else as the Light it self, which so modifi'd, strikes upon the organ of sight, and so causes that Sensation, which we call Colour.

f. A popular name for the *aura epileptica*, the physical premonition of an epileptic seizure.

1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VII. 770 Attacks [of Epilepsy] may consist only of the 'warning' or 'sensation'...This has led to the popular use of the word 'sensation' as a synonym for the minor attacks.

2. A mental feeling, an emotion. Now chiefly, the characteristic feeling arising in some particular circumstances.

1755 Sheareare *Lydia* (1769) II. 422, I feel a sensation of distress in my bosom which is intolerable. 1758 Johnson *Idler* No. 100 ¶ 8 She smiles not by sensation, but by practice. 1809–10 Coleridge *Friend* (ed. 3) III. 312 How distinct and different the sensation of positiveness is from the sense of certainty. 1821 Scott *Kenilw.* xl, All other sensations were, for the time, lost in the agony which his haughty spirit felt. 1883 Fr. M. Peard *Contrad.* iii, 'At last I have realized a dream', she said. 'Do you know the sensation?'

b. Mental apprehension, sense or 'realization' *of* something.

1639 Rouse *Heav. Univ.* (1702) 157 To have a continual sensation of thee. 1753 Hogarth *Anal. Beauty* xi. 82 The nice sensation we naturally have of what certain quantities ..are fittest. 1775 Johnson *Tax. no Tyr.* 9 Those who look but little into futurity, have perhaps the quickest sensation of the present. 1817 Coleridge *Biog. Lit.* I. iv. 85 Therefore is it the prime merit of genius..so to represent familiar objects as to awaken..freshness of sensation. 1864 Bagehot *Lit. Stud.* II. 139 Men of ordinary nerves who feel a little of the pains of society, who perceive what really passes..could well observe how keen was Thackeray's sensation of common events.

† c. Capacity for (moral) feeling, sensibility.

1742 *Johnson's Debates* (1787) II. 247 (*St. Aubyn*) He has undoubtedly a most passionate love for his native country, a passion which a man of any sensation can hardly divest himself of.

† d. What is felt or thought; sentiment, opinion.

1788 Jefferson *Writ.* (1859) IV. 127 You would of course, however, wish to know the sensations here on those facts.

3. An excited or violent feeling. **a.** An exciting experience; a strong emotion (e. g. of terror, hope, curiosity, etc.) aroused by some particular occurrence or situation. Also, in generalized use, the production of violent emotion as an aim in works of literature or art.

1808 Pike *Sources Mississ.* (1810) 237 We may be supposed to have also had our sensations. 1859 Geo. Eliot *Adam Bede* iii, He..was free from that periodicity of sensations which we call post-time. 1863 Mansel *Lett., Lect.*, etc. (1873) 242 The cheap publications which supply sensation for the million in penny and halfpenny numbers. 1867 Lowell *Among my Bks.* Ser. I. *Rousseau* (1870) 346 [Petrarch was] an intellectual voluptuary, a moral *dilettante*, the first instance of that character, since too common, the gentleman in search of a sensation. 1905 C. Whitney *Jungle Trails* xi. 303, I knew it was a tiger..; and as the jerky roar grew nearer and nearer, I stood there having sensations—I do assure you.

b. A condition of excited feeling produced in a community by some occurrence; a strong impression (e. g. of horror, admiration, surprise, etc.) produced in an audience or body of spectators, and manifested by their demeanour.

1779 Earl Malmesbury *Diaries & Corr.* I. 257 What had passed already caused a great sensation in foreign Courts. 1818 Southey in *Q. Rev.* XVIII. 50 His death produced what in the phraseology of the present day is called, a great sensation. 1837 Dickens *Pickw.* xxxiv, A slight sensation was perceptible in the body of the court. 1855 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* xvii. IV. 46 The sensation produced by this work was immense. 1879 McCarthy *Own Times* III. xliv. 333 His death created a profound sensation. 1885 Hall Caine *Shadow of Crime* xiii, Amid much sensation, the witness gave the name of the Sheriff of Cumberland.

c. An event or a person that 'creates a sensation'.

1864 *Times* 11 Apr. 2/4 The greatest sensation of the day: grand Incantation Scene from Der Freischütz. 1884 *St.*

James's Gaz. 29 Nov. 6 The sensation of a London season was the appearance of a new ballerina in a new ballet.

4. *colloq.* and *slang.* A 'taste', small quantity.

1859 F. Fowler *South. Lights* 52 A Sensation. [*i. e.*] Half-a-glass of sherry. 1859 *Hotten's Slang Dict., Sensation*, a quartern of gin.

5. *attrib.* and *Comb.* (chiefly in sense 3 a). a. simple attrib., as *sensation-drama, -novel, -paragraph, -scene*, etc.; b. objective, as *sensation-monger*; *sensation-seeking* adj.

1861 Thackeray *Round. Papers, On Two Round. Papers*, At the theatres they have a new name for their melodramatic pieces, and call them '*Sensation Dramas'. 1863 Trevelyan *Compet. Wallah* (1866) 336 When we see in Piccadilly a file of men with blank boards on their shoulders, we become aware that a sensation drama has been put in hand at one of the leading theatres. 1882 A. Matheson in *Macm. Mag.* XLVI. 496 What mere *sensation-monger would have chosen this morally obtuse old Pharisee? 1864 *Edin. Rev.* July 53 Two or three years ago nobody would have known what was meant by a *Sensation Novel. 1861 *Illustr. Lond. News* 25 May 485/1 The local inditers of 'screamers' and '*sensation' paragraphs. 1865 Earle *Sax. Chron.* 340 One of the established *sensation scenes of History. 1862 *Athenæum* 23 Aug. 233 Much of his pamphlet is mere '*sensation' writing.

Sensational (sensē·ʃənăl), *a.* [f. Sensation + -al.]

1. Of or pertaining to or dependent upon sensation or the senses.

1840 Whewell *Philos. Induct. Sci.* (1847) II. 651 No apprehension of things is purely ideal: no experience of external things is purely sensational. 1860 Farrar *Orig. Lang.* (1865) 98 If the entire lexicon of every language be capable of being reduced to a number of sensational roots, ..Grammar always remains as the indisputable result of the pure reason. 1877 E. Caird *Philos. Kant* II. i. 219 Hume had actually attempted to reduce mathematical truth within the limits of sensational experience. 1893 Pulsford *Loyalty to Christ* II. 348, I am persuaded that the Divine-human life as much includes sensational pleasure, as intelligence, righteousness, purity, and goodness.

absol. 1854 Lowell *Among my Bks.* Ser. II. *Keats* (end), The sensational was elevated into the typical by the control of that finer sense which underlies the senses and is the spirit of them.

2. Of philosophical theories: Regarding sensation as the sole source of knowledge.

1855 *Dubl. Rev.* XXXVIII. 198 The Sensational School [of Philosophy], as it has been called. 1860 Young *Prov. Reason* 292 In opposition to a mere sensational, materialistic, positive philosophy.

3. Of works of literature or art, hence of writers: Dealing in sensation' (see Sensation 3 a), aiming at violently exciting effects. Also of incidents in fiction or in real life: Calculated to produce a startling impression.

1863 Mansel *Lett., Lect.*, etc. (1873) 242 The above samples may be considered as belonging to the aristocratic branch of sensational literature. 1864 *Times* 11 Apr. 8/3 Astley's. ..Stupendous sensational effect, never equalled on any stage. 1868 Jas. York tr. *Juan Manuel's C'nt Lucanor* (1888) Pref. 7 An age surfeited with the sensational novels that pour from our circulating libraries in an uninterrupted stream. 1879 B. Taylor *Germ. Lit.* 190 The 'sensational' element which has crept into English and American literature is worse than the affected classicism of the 17th century. 1885 *Diary of Actress* 131 Rehearsing all the morning: a most sensational piece.

b. *absol.* Also *U.S.* as *sb.*, a sensational journal or jonrnalist.

1899 H. Wright *Depopulation* 90 In modern life, where the electric waves of the sensational vibrate through a continent rapidly. 1901 *Scribner's Mag.* Apr. 407/2 The sensationals had been encouraging cranks to remember the rights of labor.

Sensationalism (sensē·ʃənăliz'm). [f. Sensational *a.* + -ism.]

1. *Philos.* The theory that sensation is the only source of knowledge.

1867 Lewes *Hist. Philos.* II. 228 Here is stated, in the broadest manner, the principle of sensationalism. 1877 E. Caird *Philos. Kant* Introd. ii. 13 Sensationalism necessitates..a materialistic explanation of the Universe.

2. Addiction to what is sensational in literature or art.

1865 *Sat. Rev.* 4 Feb. 145/2 That well of sensationalism pure and undefiled, the 'London Journal'. 1886 Frost *Remin. Country Journalist* 215 Without the vicious sensationalism which renders so objectionable a large portion of the cheap periodical literature of the day.

Sensationalist (sensē·ʃənălist). [f. Sensational + -ist.]

1. *Philos.* One who regards the senses as the ultimate source of all knowledge.

1855 *Dubl. Rev.* XXXVIII. 199 Locke himself did not profess to be a thorough-going Sensationalist. 1867 Lewes *Hist. Philos.* II. 228 [Hobbes] is the precursor of modern sensationalists [1846 ed. Materialism].

attrib. 1860 Farrar *Orig. Lang.* (1865) 150 We are not surprised to find that Locke was claimed as the founder.. of a sensationalist school. 1877 E. Caird *Philos. Kant* Introd. iv. 60 The sensationalist view of the development of knowledge. *Ibid.* 61 A sensationalist theory of knowing.

2. One whose aim is to make a sensation; a sensational writer.

1868 Paget *Lucretia* 309 The circumstances of most people's every-day life are as unlike those depicted by the sensationalists as anything that can be imagined. 1884 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 2 Aug. 3/1 The most dangerous of modern criminals..is above all a great sensationalist.

Hence **Sensationali·stic** *a.*, pertaining to or of the nature of sensationalism.

1882 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 18 Nov. 7 His moral sense is blunted by his sensationalistic views. 1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 40/2 The dominant sensationalistic materialism of France.

Sensationalize (sensē·ʃənălaiz), *v.* [f. Sensational *a.* + -ize.] *trans.* To make sensational.

1. *nonce-use.* To restrict (concepts) to what is given in sensation.

1851 Mansel *Proleg. Log.* 33 Individualize your concepts, does not mean sensationalize them, unless the senses are the only sources of presentation.

2. a. To subject to the influence of 'sensation' or factitious emotion. **b.** To exaggerate in a sensational manner.

1863 *Reader* 31 Oct. 507/2 Possibly we should learn in time to imitate the German example [in establishing dramatic academies], and another generation might refuse to be sensationalized, elevated and generally educated by upholstery, 'headers', and ghosts. 1869 *Athenæum* 18 Dec. 824 But in that class of specimens..are none of the merits of the above, while all their faults are vulgarized and sensationalized. 1900 *Daily News* 18 Dec. 5/6 The Paris Press as a whole does not sensationalise De Wet's raid, and the recent success of Delarey.

Sensationally (sensē·ʃənăli), *adv.* [f. Sensational *a.* + -ly 2.] In a sensational manner.

1. With respect to sensation or feeling.

1865 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 3 Apr. 11 It is an old subject, argumentatively as well as sensationally. 1886 L. Oliphant in *Mem.* (1891) II. 335 For this cause He came into the world, that he might unite us sensationally to His Father.

2. In a manner intended to make a sensation.

1894 *Rev. of Rev.* (Amer. ed.) Oct. 356/1 Saratoga..has been sensationally exposed in the newspapers as the most reckless..gambling resort of all this year's watering-places.

Sensationary (sensē·ʃənări), *a. rare.* [f. Sensation + -ary 2.] = Sensational 2.

1864 *Realm* 18 May 5 It has lately been urged that Shakspeare is sensationary—that Hamlet, Lear, Macbeth, Othello, are heroes of strange and wild adventure.

Sensationish, *a. nonce-wd.* [f. Sensation + -ish 1.] Bordering on the sensational.

1863 *Reader* 31 Oct. 497 The subject is a repulsive one, the treatment of it somewhat sensationish, and the plot is not well kept in hand.

Sensationism (sensē·ʃəniz'm). [f. Sensation + -ism.] = Sensationalism 2.

1863 Mansel *Lett., Lect.*, etc. (1873) 242 (art. *Sensation Novels*) In them we have sensationism pure and undisguised. 1878 *Scribner's Monthly* Nov. 144/2 Sensationism is a grievous vice of the pulpit... But sensationism is only an insurrection..against conventionality.

Sensationist (sensē·ʃənist). [f. Sensation + -ist.] One who deals in sensation; a sensational novelist, dramatist, or journalist.

1861 W. H. Russell in *Times* 24 Sept., '*Vult decipi, decipiatur*' is the motto of the Sensationists. 1863 Mansel *Lett., Lect.*, etc. (1873) 248 (art. *Sensation Novels*) To these specimens of the sensationist's power of making, may we venture to add one more as a sample of his ability in marring? 1864 Dasent *Jest & Earnest* (1873) II. 27 Of late we have been handed over..to the tender mercies of the sensationists both on and off the stage.

Sensationless (sensē·ʃənlės), *a.* [f. Sensation + -less.] Without sensation.

1874 Tyndall *Presid. Addr. Brit. Assoc.* 81 Imagine them [*sc.* atoms] separate and sensationless.

Sensative: see Sensitive.

† Sensa·tor. *Obs. rare.* [f. Sensate *v.* + -or.] An agent concerned in sensation.

1615 Crooke *Body of Man* 41 The Braine therefore, not the Heart, is the first Mooner, and first Sensator. *Ibid.* 288 The Philosopher calleth sleepe *ἠρεμία τοῦ πρώτου αἰσθητικοῦ*, the rest of the first sensator.

Sensatorial (sensătō·riăl), *a.* [f. Sensate *v.* + -orial.] Of or pertaining to sensation.

1899 J. Sully in *Academy* 16 Aug. 136/2 [Weber's] psychophysical theory of sensatorial intensity.

† Se·nsatory, *a. Obs. rare*—1. [f. Sensate *v.* + -ory 2.] = Sensory.

1741 A. Monro *Anat. Nerves* Wks. (1781) 331 The objections against the sensatory nerves acting by vibration.

Senscer, obs. form of Censer.

Senschepe, -chip(e, var. ff. Shendship.

Sense (sens), *sb.* Forms: 6 **cense, sens,** 5–8 **sence,** 7 *Sc.* **senss,** 5– **sense.** [a. F. *sens* or ad. L. *sensus* (*u* stem), perception, feeling, faculty of perception, meaning, f. *sentīre* to feel. Cf. Pr. *sens, sentz*, Sp. *seso*, Pg. *siso*, It. *senso.*]

I. Faculty of perception or sensation.

1. Each of the special faculties, connected with a bodily organ, by which man and other animals perceive external objects and changes in the condition of their own bodies. Usually reckoned as five—sight, hearing, smell, taste, touch. Also called *outward or external sense* (cf. 8).

Earlier called *the five wits*: see Wit.

1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 127 Eyther within or withoutforth, that is to saye eyther in the conscyence, or in the outwarde censes. 1553 T. Wilson *Rhet.* 112 The common sense..is therefore so called, because it geueth iudgement, of al the fiue outwarde senses. 1647 Cowley *Mistr., Not Fair* 21 My Reason strait did to my Senses shew, That they might be mistaken too. 1669 Holder *Elem. Speech* 1 Of the Five Senses, Two are usually and most properly called the Senses of Learning..; And these are Hearing and Seeing. 1690 Locke *Hum. Und.* IV. xix. § 10 How is he prepared easily to swallow, not only against all Probability, but even the clear Evidence of his Senses, the Doctrine of Transubstantiation? 1698 Farquhar *Love & Bottle* I. i, I must have the evidence of more senses than one to confirm me of its truth. 1739 Hume *Hum. Nature* II. i. (1874) I. 336 A, The only defect of our senses is, that they give us disproportion'd images of things. 1753 Miss Collier *Art Torment.* Concl. (1811) 221 With various inventions of disagreeableness for offending some or all of the senses! 1835 Beckford *Alcobaça & Batalha* 111 My sense of hearing is painfully acute. 1841 T. R. Jones *Anim. Kingd.* (1871) 860 The sense of touch in Mammalia is diffused over the whole surface of the body.

† **b.** Used for: An organ of sense. *Obs.*

1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 7 Wyssheth that he neuer had had eyes to se..neyther eares to here..ne other senses to haue knowen [etc.]. 1538 Starkey *England* 48 To the hede, wyth the yes, yerys, and other sensys therin. 1604 Shaks. *Oth.* IV. ii. 154 Mine Eyes, mine Eares, or any Sence.

c. *pl.* The faculties of physical perception or sensation as opposed to the higher faculties of intellect, spirit, etc.

1841 Emerson *Ess.* vii. *Prudence* P 2 Prudence is the virtue of the senses. It is the science of appearances. *Ibid.* P 3 The world of the senses is a world of shows. 1865 M. Arnold *Ess. in Crit.* Ser. I. vi. (1886) 215 The life of the senses has its deep poetry.

d. Applied to similar faculties of perception, not scientifically delimited, or only conjectured to exist.

Muscular sense: see Muscular *a.* 1. *Sixth sense*: see quot. 1829; also, the feelings connected with sexual pleasure.

1690 Locke *Hum. Und.* II. ii. § 3 Had Mankind been made with but four Senses, the Qualities then, which are the Object of the Fifth Sense, had been as far from our notice, Imagination, and Conception, as now any belonging to a Sixth, Seventh, or Eighth Sense, can possibly be. 1699 Maundrell *Acc. Turks* in *Journ. Jerus.* (1721) T 2 b, They know hardly any Pleasure but that of the sixth Sense. 1768 Tucker *Lt. Nat.* I. 405 We may possibly be capable of twenty senses, but being provided with inlets only for five, have no more conception of the others than a blind man has of light. 1822–9 *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 3) IV. 22 The bat appears to be sensible of the presence of external objects.. that are neither seen, smelt, heard, touched, or tasted... And hence many naturalists have ascribed a sixth sense to this animal. *Ibid.* 23 In Germany it has of late been attempted to be shown that every man is possessed of a sixth sense [viz. a bodily feeling of health and elasticity, or of lassitude and fatigue]. 1858 Hawthorne *Fr. & It. Note-bks.* (1871) II. 121 Certainly it was in God's power to create beings who should communicate with nature by innumerable other senses than those few which we possess.

e. That one of the senses which is indicated by the context. Now *rare* or *Obs.*

1607 Shaks. *Cor.* II. ii. 120 When by and by the dinne of Warre gan pierce His readie sence. 1626 B. Jonson *Staple of N.* III. iv, Ha? I am somewhat short In my sense too... My hearing is very dead, you must speake quicker. 1683 Moxon *Mech. Exerc., Printing* xi. P 23 The process of making Inck being..noysom and ungrateful to the Sence. 1733 Pope *Ep. Cobham* 53 So Darkness strikes the sense no less than Light. *a* 1774 Goldsm. *Surv. Exp. Philos.* (1776) I. 319 Salts, metals, plants, ordures of every kind..make one mass of corruption, equally displeasing to the sense, and injurious to the health. 1794 Mrs. Radcliffe *Myst. Udolpho* xliv, As he gazed, he perceived the countenance of the knight change and begin to fade, till his whole form gradually vanished from his astonished sense! 1819 Scott *Ivanhoe* xliii, The fearful picture of a vision, which appals my sense with hideous fantasies, but convinces not my reason. 1833 Tennyson *Two Voices* 285 That heat of inward evidence, By which he doubts against the sense.

2. *transf.* An instinctive or acquired faculty of perception or accurate estimation. Now chiefly const. *of* (locality, distance, etc.).

1567 Maplet *Gr. Forest* 82 b, There is saith Tullie, in the Dogge a merueylous perceiuerance and sharpe sense to know who doth him good. *a* 1586 Sidney *Arcadia* I. (Sommer) 84 b, This Basilius (hauing the quicke sense of a louer) tooke, as though his Mistres had giuen a secret reprehension. 1590 Spenser *F. Q.* II. Introd. iv, Ne let him then admire, But yield his sence to be too blunt and bace, That no'te without an hound fine footing trace. 1599 Shaks. *Hen. V*, IV. i. 308 Take from them now The sence of reckning. 1606 — *Tr. & Cr.* IV. v. 54 A woman of quick sence. 1888, 1889 [see Locality 8].

3. In generalized use: The senses viewed as forming a single faculty in contradistinction to intellect, will, etc.; the exercise or function of this faculty, sensation.

1538 Starkey *England* 48 Al wyt, reson, and sens, felyng, lyfe, and al other natural powar, spryngyth out of the hart. 1553 Eden *Treat. Newe Ind.* (Arb.) 9 Nothinge is in vnderstandinge, but the same was fyrst in sense. 1643 Sir T. Browne *Relig. Med.* II. § 15. 180 Thus wee adore vertue, though to the eyes of sense shee bee invisible. 1690 Locke *Hum. Und.* IV. xi. § 6 Though mathematical demonstrations depend not upon sense. 1732 Pope *Ess. Man* I. 226 What thin partitions Sense from Thought divide. 1794 Paley *Evid.* (1825) II. 324 A body is a real thing, an object of sense. 1794 S. Williams *Vermont* (1809) I. 208 The only objects, on which the Indian had employed his reason, were those of external sense. 1827 Wordsw. *Eccl. Sonn.* II. xxx, 2 The Soul, freed from the bonds of Sense, And to her God restored by evidence Of things not seen. 1877 E. Caird *Philos. Kant* Introd. v. 91 The doctrine that sense is confused thought.

4. *pl.* The faculties of corporeal sensation considered as channels for gratifying the desire for pleasure and the lusts of the flesh. Also *sing.*, any one of such faculties so regarded.

1597 *Pilgr. Parnassus* IV. 480 Ile bringe you to sweet wantoninge yonge maides Wheare you shall all youre hungrie sences feaste. 1608 *Yorkshire Trag.* IV. 69 That heauen should say we must not sin, and yet made women! giues

our sences waie to finde pleasure, which being found confounds vs. *a* 1657 MURE *Sonn.* vi. 5 Thy bentyes did my sensses suire suppryse, Or eir thy sight my ravischt eyes did blesse. 1720 MRS. MANLEY *Power of Love* (1741) 239 To take in whole Nature,..and have her every Sense gratify'd with the agreeable Feast of Variety! 1819 SHELLEY *Cenci* I. i. 69 Seeing I please my senses as I list. 1820 BYRON *Juan* IV. xxvii, Love was born *with* them, *in* them, so intense, It was their very spirit—not a sense.

b. *collect. sing.*

a 1586 SIDNEY *Arcadia* I. (Sommer) 52 b, This bastard Loue..vtterly subuerts the course of nature, in making reason giue place to sense. 1603 SHAKS. *Meas. for M.* II. ii. 169 Can it be, That Modesty may more betray our Sence Then womans lightnesse? 1657–83 EVELYN *Hist. Relig.* (1850) I. 230 She [the soul]..oft has..escaped the inescations of sense. 1738 WESLEY *Hymn*, '*Infinite Power, Eternal Lord*' v, But Flesh and Sense, enslav'd to Sin Drawing best Thoughts away. 1764 GOLDSM. *Trav.* 123 But small the bliss that sense alone bestows, And sensual bliss is all the nation knows. 1852 M. ARNOLD *Empedocles* II. 374 Some bondage of the flesh.., Some slough of sense. 1871 J. R. MACDUFF *Mem. Patmos* xviii. 249 The life of sense—the life of selfish and sensuous pleasure.

†5. Capability of feeling, as a quality of the body and its parts; liability to feel pain, irritation, etc. *To the sense*, to the quick. *Obs.*

1563–83 FOXE *A. & M.* 2083/1 He did lye..with his heeles so hye, yᵗ by meanes the bloud was fallen from his feete, his feet wer almost without sense for a long time. 1604 SHAKS. *Oth.* V, i. 11, I haue rub'd this yong Quat almost to the sense, And he growes angry. 1612 BACON *Ess., Death* (Arb.) 384 For the most vitall parts are not the quickest of sence. 1672 WISEMAN *Wounds* II. x. 69 The wound..extinguished both Sence and Motion of the Member. 1691 RAY *Creation* I. (1692) 150 A..nervous Ligament..apt to stretch and shrink again as need requires, and void of sence. 1759 T. WALLIS *Farrier's Dict.* s. v. *Teeth*, But all within the sockets of the jaws is..covered with a thin membrane of exquisite sense. 1771 J. S. *Le Dran's Observ. Surg.* (ed. 4) 313 He was without Sense, and cold all over his Body.

6. *pl.* A general term for the faculties of perception (including the 'five senses': see 1), which are in abeyance when their owner is asleep or otherwise unconscious. Also *sing.*, any one of these faculties. Cf. 10.

1597 SHAKS. 2 *Hen. IV*, III. i. 8 O Sleepe..how haue I frighted thee, That thou no more wilt weigh my eye-lids downe, And steepe my Sences in Forgetfulnesse? 1700 DRYDEN *Sigism. & Guisc.* 749 The creeping Death Benum'd her Senses first, then stopp'd her Breath. *c* 1742 GRAY *Ignorance* 78 Dost thou..dews Lethean through the land dispense To steep in slumbers each benighted sense? 1762 LLOYD *Poems* 115 And gently lull my senses all the while With placid poems in the sinking stile! 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* iii. I. 439 Before ten his senses were gone. 1892 BIERCE *In Midst of Life* 109 He seated himself on a log, and, with senses all alert, began his vigil.

b. *collect. sing.* The perceptive faculty of a conscious animate being.

1585 T. WASHINGTON tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* II. xx. 57 Pictures ..are but dead things, & in whom there is no sence or feeling. 1635 LAUD *Diary* 26 Oct., I found him past sense, and giving up the ghost. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* VIII. 289 There gentle sleep..with soft oppression seis'd My droused sense. *a* 1699 LADY HALKETT *Autobiog.* (1875) 8 With that hee fell downe in a chaire..as one without all sence. 1768 PENNANT *Brit. Zool.* I. Pref. 10 Through every species of animal life, ..to that point where sense is almost extinct, and vegetation commences. 1805–6 CARY *Dante, Inf.* VI. 1 My sense reviving, that erewhile had droop'd With pity for the kindred shades.

7. Applied to faculties of the mind or soul compared or contrasted with the bodily senses; usually with some defining word, as *inner, interior, internal, inward sense. Moral sense*: see MORAL *a.* 1 d.

1566 ALDAY tr. *Boaistuau's Theat. World* T iv, Knowing that he had to exercise his fancie and other interior senses. 1635 PAGITT *Christianogr.* I. iii. (1636) 102 Not sensibly champing it with their teeth but partaking it by the sence of the soule. 1672 HOOLE *Comenius' Vis. World* xlii. 87 The inward Senses are three. The Common-sense...The Phantasie...The Memory. 1690 LOCKE *Hum. Und.* II. i. § 4 This Source of Ideas, every Man has wholly in himself: And though it be not Sense, as having nothing to do with external Objects; yet it is very like it, and might properly enough be call'd internal Sense. But as I call the other Sensation, so I call this Reflection. 1732 LAW *Serious C.* xiv. (ed. 2) 256 They would soon see that the spirit of devotion was like any other sense or understanding. 1779 *Mirror* No. 48 ₱ 3 The truth of perception, in our internal senses, employed in morals and criticism. 1809–10 COLERIDGE *Friend* (ed. 4) I. 239 *note*, His sensations, and impressions, whether of his outward senses, or the inner sense of imagination. 1847 HELPS *Friends in C.* I. 10 All the senses, if you might so call them, of the soul..that is, the affections and the perceptions. 1870 [see ILLATIVE *a.* 3].

b. *Reprobate sense*: used to render the Vulgate version of Rom. i. 28 *in reprobum sensum* (Gr. *εἰς ἀδόκιμον νοῦν*, A. V. 'to a reprobate minde').

1550 CROWLEY *Way to Wealth* 418 He hath geuen the ouer into a reprobate sence. 1680 BURNET *Rochester* (1692) Pref. 11 It is much to be feared they are given up to a reprobate sense.

†8. Capacity for mental feeling; sensibility. *Obs.*

1602 MARSTON *Antonio's Rev.* IV. i, I should be deade of sense, to viewe defame Blur my bright love. 1608 *Yorkshire Trag.* IV. 42 Sir, you haue much wrought with mee. I feele you in my soule...I neuer had sence til now.

9. Capacity for perception and appreciation *of* (beauty, humour, some quality, etc.). Rarely const. *for.* Formerly also without const.: †Feeling or sensibility in matters of artistic taste.

1604 SHAKS. *Oth.* II. i. 71 Tempests themselues, high Seas, and howling windes..As hauing sence of Beautie, do omit Their mortall Natures, letting go safely by The Diuine Desdemona. *a* 1704 T. BROWN *Imit. 1st Sat. Persius* Wks. 1730 I. 54 His sense is smothered, and his judgement dies. *a* 1704 — *Praise of Poverty* ibid. 97 They have no taste of wit, and sense of arts and sciences. 1715 POPE *Let. to J. Craggs* 15 July, We talk much of fine Sense, refin'd Sense, and exalted Sense. 1851 RUSKIN *Stones Ven.* (1874) I. App. 373 The sense of beauty I consider a mixture of the senses of the body and soul. 1875 M. ARNOLD *God & Bible* v 244 The sense which English people have for fact and for evidence will tell them that [etc.]. 1878 C. STANFORD *Symb. Christ* i. 4 The Bible..delights our sense of the picturesque. 1885 J. PAYN *Talk of Town* I. 222 William Henry, who had a strong sense of humour.

10. *pl.* The mental faculties in their normal condition of sanity; one's 'reason' or 'wits'. (Cf. 6.) *In one's (right) senses*, in one's right mind. *To bring* (a person) *to his senses*: to cure of his folly (one who is behaving 'madly'). (*To frighten*, etc.) *out of one's (seven) senses*: out of one's wits.

1568 GRAFTON *Chron.* II. 638 His senses were moued, and his wittes disturbed. 1585 T. WASHINGTON tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* I. xv. 16 As cleane bereft of sences [he] made towardes his enemies. 1692 R. L'ESTRANGE *Fables* lxviii. 67 What Man in his Right Senses..would make himself a Slave for Superfluities! 1694 MOTTEUX *Rabelais* IV. xiii, The Filly was..scar'd out of her seven Senses. 1727 GAY *Begg. Op.* III. xlii, You shall..mortify yourself into reason, with..a little handsome discipline to bring you to your senses. 1787 MME. D'ARBLAY *Diary* May, I asked him whether he was really in his senses? 1794 MRS. RADCLIFFE *Myst. Udolpho* xli, Sometimes he would be in such fits of violence, that we almost thought he had lost his senses. 1835 CORRIE in Holroyd *Mem.* (1890) 17, I thought with myself that the dog ought to be flogged out of his seven senses if he were not happy. 1893 DUNMORE *Pamirs* I. 187 The public..would think that the artist had taken leave of his senses.

†b. *sing.* (with the same meaning). *Obs.*

1590 GREENE *Orl. Fur.* (1599) H 2, Ne're was the Queene of Cypresse halfe so glad, As is Angelica to see her Lord, Her dear Orlando, settled in his sense. 1605 SHAKS. *Lear* IV. iv. 9 In the restoring his bereaued Sense. 1694 PENN *Rise & Progr. Quakers* v. 99 He had the Comfort of a short Illness, and the Blessing of a clear Sense to the last.

11. Natural understanding, intelligence, esp. as bearing on action or behaviour; practical soundness of judgement.

See also COMMON SENSE 2, 2 b, GOOD SENSE, HORSE-SENSE.

1684 ROSCOMMON *Ess. Tr. Verse* 162 Pride..Proceeds from want of Sense or want of Thought. 1690 NOARIS *Refl. Cond. Hum. Life* (1691) 44 For first, 'tis reckon'd a notable point of Learning to understand variety of Languages. This alone gives a Man a Title to Learning without one Grain of Sense. 1727 ARBUTHNOT *John Bull* I. viii, The Parson of the Parish preaching one Day with more Zeal than Sense [1712 a little sharply] against Adultery. 1779–81 JOHNSON *L. P., Prior* Wks. III. 131 If we can suppose him [Dryden] vexed, it would be hard to deny him sense enough to conceal his uneasiness. 1782 MISS BURNEY *Cecilia* VI. i, You speak, ma'am, like a lady of sense. 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* ii. I. 169 The facility of Charles was such as has perhaps never been found in any man of equal sense. 1880 MEREDITH *Tragic Com.* (1881) 291 Alvan had a saying, that want of courage is want of sense.

b. *To have the sense*: to be wise enough *to do* something. Similarly, *to have too much sense to, to have more sense than to* do something.

a 1701 MAUNDRELL *Journ. Jerus.* (1732) 56 Which if they should have the sence to do..they might shake off the Turkish yoak. 1735 POPE *Donne Sat.* ii. 2 As early as I knew This Town, I had the sense to hate it too. 1735 — *Ep. Lady* 87 Flavia's a Wit, has too much sense to Pray. 1800 PAGET in *P. Papers* (1896) I. 184 My courier had the good sense to make two men with lanterns precede the carriage. 1826 LAMA *Juke Judkins*, He had slipped away to an eminent fruiterer's, about three doors distant, which I never had the sense to think of. 1847 EMILY BRONTE *Wuthering H.* iv, They [the children] entirely refused to have it [a foundling] in bed with them,..and I had no more sense, so, I put it on the landing of the stairs. *Mod.* He has more sense than to go where he is not wanted.

II. Actual perception or feeling.

12. A feeling or perception *of* (something external) through the channels of touch, taste, etc.; the feeling or consciousness *of* some bodily affection, as pain, fatigue, comfort or discomfort, etc. †Also (rarely) *absol.* a sensation.

a 1586 SIDNEY *Arcadia* II. (Sommer) 186 He..beating her with wandes he had in his hande, she crying for sense of payne, or hope of succour. *Ibid.* III. 306 b, Fire, burne me quite till sense of burning leaue me. 1607 TOPSELL *Four-f. Beasts* 289 The Lybian horsses..have no sence of their labors. *a* 1628 PRESTON *Breastpl. Faith* (1630) 13 Before you will be healed, you must have a sense of your sickness. 1669 H. STUBBE in Birch *Life Boyle* (1744) 192 It creates in the throat such a sense, as remains after drinking pepperposset. 1675–6 BOYLE in *Phil. Trans.* No. 122. 522 The immediate contact of the Ingredients and the skin produc'd a sense of heat. 1709 FLOYER *Cold Bathing* I. iv. 98 The way to prepare our Body for Cold Baths..is to wash it all over in warm Water first..and so every Morning use cooler till it can bear the Sense of very Cold Water. 1820 KEATS *Isabella* xxxiv, Like a lance, Waking an Indian..With cruel pierce, and bringing him again Sense of the gnawing fire at heart and brain. 1843 R. J. GRAVES *Syst. Clin. Med.* xxiv. 305 Astringent injections, so weak that when used, they may produce merely a sense of titillation. 1879 GEO. ELIOT *Theo. Such* x. 182 An idle craving without sense of flavours.

13. A more or less vague perception or impression *of* (an outward object, as present or imagined).

1596 SPENSER *F. Q.* VI. x. 42 Lightned..with continuall candlelight, which delt A doubtfull sense of things, not so well seene, as felt. 1647 C. HARVEY *Schola Cordis* xxxiv. 12 And by Thy light Possesse my sight With sense of an eternall day. 1798 WORDSW. *Poems Imag., Tintern Abb.* 95 A sense sublime Of something far more deeply interfused. 1855 BAGEHOT *Biogr. Stud.* 334 He [Cobden] excited a personal interest; he left what may be called a *sense* of himself among his professed enemies. 1876 HENLEY *Life & D.* xxxiv. *Bk. Verses* (1888) 100 And the darkening air Thrills with a sense of the triumphing night. 1887 W. JAMES in *Mind* XII. 209 Such expressions as the abysmal vault of heaven, the endless expanse of ocean,..give the sense of an enormous horizon.

14. A more or less indefinite consciousness or impression *of* (a fact, state of things, etc.) as present or impending.

1604 SHAKS. *Oth.* III. iii. 338 What sense had I, in [*Q.* 1, 2 of] her stolne houres of Lust? 1722 DE FOE *Plague* (1756) 285 Perhaps it may be thought by some, after the Sense of the Thing was over, an officious canting of religious Things. 1742 GRAY *Eton* 53 No sense have they of ills to come. 1759 HURD *Moral Dial.* IV. 133 Her parliaments were disposed to wave all disputes about the stretch of her prerogative, from a sense of their own and the common danger. 1849 HELPS *Friends in C.* II. i. (1854) I. 266 The keenness of pursuit thus engendered [in reading]..takes away the sense of dulness in details. 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* x. II. 592 In a very few days the confusion..was at an end, and the kingdom wore again its accustomed aspect. There was a general sense of security. 1874 L. STEPHEN *Hours in Library* (1892) II. 67 There are few books..that do not sadden us by a sense of incompleteness. 1874 GREEN *Short Hist.* viii. § 2. 466 His words..startled English ears with a sense of coming danger to the national liberty.

b. *const.* a dependent statement or question.

1683 *Pennsylv. Arch.* I. 83 He gave Me a kind of a cold Answer.., and I had a real sence upon Me, that he is not Right to thy Interest. 1698 A. BRAND *Emb. Muscovy into China* 22 The Resurrection (which they believe, without the least sense whither they are to go afterwards). 1713 JOHNSON *Guardian* No. 5 ₱ 4 Which gives the Mother an uneasie Sense, that Mrs. Jane really is what her Parent has a mind to continue to be. 1859 GEO. ELIOT *Adam Bede* x, Seth, always timid in his behaviour towards his mother, from the sense that he had no influence over her. 1888 BRYCE *Amer. Commw.* III. lxxxii. 84 The spirit of Puritanism, with..its sense..that there are times when Agag must be hewn in pieces before the Lord.

15. Mental apprehension, appreciation, or realization *of* (some truth, fact, state of things). Also, †comprehension, perception of the meaning *of.*

a 1540 BARNES *Wks.* (1573) 360/2 Chrisostome sayth, Behold I see men that haue no trew sence of holy Scripture: yea they vnderstand nothyng at all therof. 1612 BACON *Ess., Praise* (Arb.) 350 The common people vnderstand not many excellent vertues:..but of the highest vertues they haue no sense or perceiuing at all. 1692 R. L'ESTRANGE *Fables* ccxlvii. 214 The True Intent of This Fable is to Possess us with a Just Sense of the Vanity and Folly of these Craving Appetites. 1758 S. HAYWARD *Serm.* xiv. 402 To have a just sense of the worth of a soul. 1853 J. H. NEWMAN *Hist. Sk.* II. i. ii. 43 He seemed visited hy a sense of the vanity of all things. 1871 MORLEY *Carlyle* in *Crit. Misc.* Ser. I. (1878) 175 The same sense of the puniness of man in the centre of a cruel and frowning universe.

b. The recognition *of* (a duty, virtue, etc.) as incumbent upon one, or as a motive or standard for one's own conduct.

1604 SHAKS. *Oth.* I. i. 132 Do not beleeue That from the sence of all Ciuilitie, I thus would play and trifle with your Reuerence. 1722 DE FOE *Col. Jack* (1840) 145 These fellows have no sense of gratitude. 1779 *Mirror* No. 35, I was conscious of an inclination to oblige, and a quick sense of propriety. 1802 MAR. EDGEWORTH *Moral T.* (1816) I. 223 They would suffer no motives to influence them but a sense of truth and justice. 1848 J. MITCHEL in *State Trials* VI. 697, I have acted in this business, from the first, under a strong sense of duty. 1869 FREEMAN *Norm. Conq.* III. xiii. (1876) 296 He appealed to their sense of feudal honour.

†c. (*One's*) *sense of things*: perception or judgement of what is right, fitting, etc. *Obs.*

a 1715 BURNET *Own Time* (1823) I. 327 He went into the humours of that high sort of people beyond what became him, perhaps beyond his own sense of things. 1719 DE FOE *Crusoe* I. (Globe) 98 Whenever they come to a true Sense of things, they will find Deliverance from Sin a much greater Blessing, than Deliverance from Affliction.

16. Emotional consciousness of something; a glad or sorrowful, grateful or resentful recognition *of* (another person's conduct, an event, a fact or a condition of things).

1604 SHAKS. *Oth.* V. i. 32 O braue Iago, honest, and iust, That hast such Noble sense of thy Friends wrong. 1643 BAKER *Chron., Edw. II* 149 The King in a calmer humour, beganne to have a sense of the Earle of Lancasters execution. 1642 *Lanc. Tracts Civil War* (Chetham Soc.) 6 Shewing..our heart-breaking sence, and sorrow, for the unhappy ..Distraction in your Majesties Dominions. 1662 *Bk. Com. Prayer, Gen. Thanksgiving*, Give us that due sense of all thy mercies. 1664 MARVELL *Corr.* Wks. 1872–5 II. 172 He declared the sence his Master had of the great Expressions of kindness which he had received. 1726 BROOME *Pope's Odyss.* XXIV. Notes V. 286 The sense I have of this, and other instances of that friendship. 1821 COMBE *Syntax* III. iv. (Chandos) 343 He spoke at once his grateful sense Of her warm friendship and regard. 1825 SCOTT *Betrothed* xi, While he expressed his sense of the honour with which she now graced him. 1856 HAWTHORNE *Eng. Note-bks.* (1870) II. 164 No better way of showing our sense of his hospitality ..has occurred to us.

†b. *With* (*great*, etc.) *sense*: with (much) emotion, feelingly. *Obs.*

1666 BUNYAN *Grace Abound.* § 276 Now this part of my Work I fulfilled with great sense...I preached what I felt, what I smartingly did feel. 1676 LADY FANSHAWE *Mem.* (1830) 247 Then I did my duty to the Queen, who with great

sense condoled my loss. *a* 1715 BURNET *Own Time* (1823) II. 170 He knew, he had led a bad life; (of which he spoke with some sense).

17. A consciousness or recoguition *of* (some quality, condition, etc.) as attaching to oneself; esp. such as is accompanied by inward feeling or emotion, or acts as a motive for conduct.

1614 EARL STIRLING *Doomsday* v. lxxxiv, Who have no sence of sinne, nor care of fame. 1662 *Bk. Com. Prayer, Visit. Sick*, That the sense of his weakness may add strength to his faith. 1692 R. L'ESTRANGE *Fables* lix. 59 The smart brings him to a sense of his Errour. 1719 DE FOE *Crusoe* I. (Globe) 97 For now I pray'd with a Sense of my Condition. 1777 SHERIDAN *Sch. Scand.* III. i, Who..has done everything in his power to bring your nephew to a proper sense of his extravagance. 1791 COWPER *Retired Cat* 109 Beware of too sublime a sense Of your own worth and consequence! 1833 HT. MARTINEAU *Three Ages* II. 44 The nation was growing bold under a sense of injury. 1867 RUSKIN *Time & Tide* ii. § 7 The healthy sense of progress, which is necessary to the strength and happiness of men. 1872 SANFORD *Estim. Eng. Kings, Chas. I*, 331 The dignity of bearing in Charles..was sustained by a profound sense of self-importance and superiority. 1888 LOWELL *Heartsease & Rue* 178 Giving Eve a due sense of her crime. 1908 R. BAGOT *A. Cuthbert* vi. 51 To confess herself mistaken was altogether opposed to her sense of personal dignity.

18. An opinion, view, or judgement held or formed †**a.** by an individual. *To speak* or *give one's sense*, to express one's opinion. *To abound in one's own sense*: see ABOUND *v.*[1] 5. *Obs.*

1552–1775 [see ABOUND *v.*[1] 5]. 1620–55 I. JONES *Stone-Heng* (1725) 24 These Monuments..I have not seen, otherwise I would give my Sense upon them. 1650 EARL MONM. tr. *Senault's Man bec. Guilty* 13 If I may be permitted to speak my sense. 1656 STANLEY *Hist. Philos.* v. (1687) 171/2 Not engaging himself in publick Affairs;..because the Athenians were accustomed to Laws different from his sense. *a* 1734 NORTH *Exam.* I. ii. § 138 (1740) 107 Under the Banner of &c. comes the Earl of Shaftsbury, and the Lords of his Sense. 1747 DR. HOADLY *Suspicious Husb.* I. i, My Lord Coke, in a Case I read this Morning, speaks my Sense. 1761 HUME *Hist. Eng.* II. xxiv. 80 The entail of the Crown was drawn according to the sense of the king, and probably in words dictated by him.

b. by an assemblage of persons (or by a majority of their number). Now somewhat *arch.* *To take the sense of*, to ascertain the general feeling or opinion of.

1654 GODDARD in *Introd. to Burton's Diary* (1828) I. 96 Which had been otherwise declared by this Parliament, and seemed still to be the general sense of us all. 1691 WOOD *Athen. Oxon.* II. 315 Prynne afterwards was called in again to receive the sense of the House. 1778 WARNER in Jesse *Selwyn & Contemp.* (1844) III. 343 Pray let us take the sense of the University;—not that they are the judges whom I most admire. 1793 BURKE *Observ. Conduct Minority* § 44 A House of Commons which does not speak the sense of the people. 1817 [see TAKE *v.* 32a]. 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* vi. II. 81 He soon found that he had against him almost the whole sense of Westminster Hall. 1855 *Ibid.* xv. III. 533 He spoke, he told the King, the sense of a great body of honest gentlemen.

†**c.** *In one's sense*, in one's opinion, according to one's judgement. *Obs.*

1604 SHAKS. *Oth.* v. ii. 290, I am not sorry neither, I'd haue thee liue: For in my sense, 'tis happinesse to die. *a* 1628 PRESTON *New Covt.* (1634) 10 But because in his sence, the object is too narrow, there is something he would have more. 1771 LUCKOMBE *Hist. Printing* 24 Merit, that in the sense of all nations, gives the best Title to True Praise. 1832 GREVILLE *Mem.* 24 Feb. (1874) II. 263 The petition turned out to be one for a moderate Reform, more in their sense than in the Duke's own.

†**d.** const. *of* (a person, a matter), and with clause introduced by *that*. Also, favourable opinion, high estimate *of*. *Obs.*

1565 T. STAPLETON *Fortr. Faith* 122 b, Let vs see what sence he had of monasticall religion. 1638 STRAFFORD *Lett.* (1739) II. 195 Your Lordship's of the 27th of June expresseth more Sense of me than I am worthy of. *c* 1650 DENHAM *Of Old Age* 813 Now you, my friends, my sense of Death shall hear. 1687 *Lond. Gas.* No. 2342/1 It is..Our constant Sense and Opinion..that Conscience ought not to be constrained. 1744 WESLEY *Wks.* (1872) VIII. 39, I will now simply tell you my sense of these matters. 1760 T. HUTCHINSON *Hist. Col. Mass. Bay* I. 64 A letter, wrote from New England, shews the sense they had of him after they had made trial. 1778 MISS BURNEY *Evelina* (1794) I. 148 Pardon the earnestness with which I write my sense of this affair. 1785 JEFFERSON *Writ.* (1859) I. 497 Congress have studiously avoided giving to the public their sense of this institution.

III. Meaning, signification.

19. The meaning or signification of a word or phrase; also, any one of the different meanings of a word, or that which it bears in a particular collocation or context.

1530 PALSGR. 792 Where *re* signyfyeth in our tonge agayne, he is very moche used in this sence in the composycion of verbes. 1538 ELYOT *Dict.* Pref. A iij, As well for the difficultie in the true expressynge the lyuely sence of the latine wordes. 1581 PETTIE tr. *Guazzo's Civ. Conv.* I. (1586) 22a We give a large sense and signification to this word (Ciuile). 1611 BIBLE *Transl. Pref.* ¶ 16 There bee some wordes that bee not of the same sense euery where. 1681 DRYDEN *Abs. & Achit.* I. 965 Gull'd with a Patriot's name, whose Modern sense Is one that wound by Law supplant his Prince. 1729 BUTLER *Serm.* Wks. 1874 II. 22 Here then are two different senses of the word nature. 1802 MAR. EDGEWORTH *Moral T.* (1816) I. 6 Education, in the enlarged sense of the word. 1884 W. C. SMITH *Kildrostan* 78 Cheating conscience so With words depleted of their natural sense.

b. A meaning recorded in a dictionary, etc.

1755 JOHNSON *Dict.* Pref., The solution of all difficulties..must be sought in the examples, subjoined to the various senses of each word. 1818 TODD, *Largeheartedness*...See the fourth sense of *Largeness*. 1887 SKEAT *Gosp. S. Matt. in Ags.* Pref. 7 See the fifth sense of the verb *bield* in Murray's New English Dictionary.

20. The meaning of words in connected or continuous speech; the meaning of a passage or context. Also, one of two or more meanings which the words naturally bear or are held to bear.

1513 *Balade to Author* in *Bradshaw's St. Werburge* (1887) 201 O frutefull histore..With termes exquised and sence retoriall. 1530 PALSGR. *Introd.* 15 Thoughe we shulde gyve worde for worde, yet the sens shulde moche differ betwene our tong and theyrs. 1549 *Compl. Scot.* x. 83 Cayphas..spak treu prophesye; bot sit he and the iueis interpret it to the vrang sens. 1560 *Ovid's Narcissus* A iv, Thou speakest words, the sence whereof, myne eares can not deserne. 1611 BIBLE *Neh.* viii. 8 So they read in the booke, in the Law of God distinctly, and gaue the sense, and caused them to vnderstand the reading. *a* 1674 CLARENDON *Hist. Reb.* VIII. § 79 The King's letter would not bear that sense. 1684 ROSCOMMON *Ess. Tr. Verse* 346 The sound is still a Comment to the Sense. 1699 BENTLEY *Phal.* 141 We must read προπωμπῶν, as the learned Mr. Stanley guess'd from the Sense of the place. 1768 GRAY in *Corr. w. Nicholls* (1843) 73 In the second letter, he is conscious he had gone too far in his expressions, and tries to give them a sense they will not bear. *a* 1768 SECKER *Serm.* (1770) I. iii. 66 And lastly, Abstain from all Appearance of Evil. It might be translated, from every Kind of Evil. But even then, the Sense would be much the same. 1863 GEO. ELIOT *Romola* I. vii, He had barely enough Greek to make out the sense of the epigram. 1885 *Diary of Actress* 87 How I got the words, or the sense of the words, into my head I don't know.

b. The meaning or interpretation of a dream, or of anything cryptic or symbolical.

1584 B. R. tr. *Herodotus* I. 11 It is needful then yᵗ..I lay open vnto you the true meaning and sence of the dreame. 1601 B. JONSON *Poetaster* Prol. 12 'Gainst these, hane we put on this forc't defence: Whereof the allegorie and hid sence Is, that a well erected confidence Can fright their pride, and langh their folly hence. 1650 FULLER *Pisgah* I. iv. 9 Which passage may serve as a parable, whereof our Saviour himself is the sense.

c. The gist, upshot, or general purport of words spoken or written. † *To that sense*, to that effect.

1596 DALRYMPLE tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* II. 268 With lettres to the Gouernour..; Quhairof this was the sence, that thay suld remayne constant and true in thair promise. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 18 Aug. 1673, Where he read..that he should not long enjoy it, but should die, or expressions to that sense. 1777 SIR W. JONES *Poems, Ess.* I. 166 This is the general sense of his remark. 1855 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* xxi. IV. 575 They proceeded to pass several votes, the sense of which was finally summed up in an address to the King. 1883 R. W. DIXON *Mano* I. iv. 9 Of this epistle Mano made the sense Ampler by various tidings that he brought.

21. Any of the various meanings or interpretations (*literal, mystic, anagogic, moral,* †*ghostly, spiritual,* etc.) of which, according to the principles of patristic and mediæval exegesis, a word or passage of Holy Scripture was considered to be susceptible. Hence *transf.* with reference to similar methods of interpretation as applied to other writings.

c 1400 *Prol. Wyclif Bible* xiii. 52–3 And of these iiij. sensis, either vndirstondingis, may be set ensaumple in this word Jerusalem; for bi the literal vndirstonding Jerusalem singnefieth a cyte..; bi moral sense..bi sense allegorik..bi sence anagogik [etc.]. *Ibid.* xiv. 54 The historial, either literal sense, and the mystik, either goostly sense, is taken vndir the same lettre. 1446 LYDG. *Nightingale* L. 16 Commandyng theym to here wyth tendernesse Of this your nightyngale the gostly sense. 1509 HAWES *Past. Pleas.* vii. (Percy Soc.) 28 To moralise thy lytterall censes trewe. 1549 COVERDALE, etc. *Erasm. Par.* 1 *Cor.* xiii. 1–3 The gyft of prophecie, wherby I know all the secrete senses of the scriptures. 1617 MORYSON *Itin.* I. 232 These Greekes, as in this point, so in all other, follow the literall sense of the Scriptures. 1751 JORTIN *Serm.* (1771) I. i. 2 The ancient Christians imitated the Jews in finding out Senses in the Scriptures, which were never intended.

22. *In a* (specified) *sense*, according to a particular acceptation or interpretation (of a word, phrase, etc.). Often in phrases, *in a sense, in some sense, in any sense, in no sense, in all senses* (which sometimes come to mean 'in some degree', 'in no respect', 'on every account', etc.).

1593 SHAKS. *Lucr.* 324 He in the worst sence consters their deniall. 1596 — *Tam. Shr.* v. ii. 141 It blots thy beautie... And in no sence is meete or amiable. 1660 R. COKE *Justice Vind.* 22 Resistance is usually taken in an ill sence, as when the subordinate resists his superior. 1664 BUTLER *Hud.* II. ii. 82 Not that they really cuff or fence, But in a Spiritual Mistique sence. 1719 W. WOOD *Surv. Trade* 317 Tho' we destroyed so many capital Ships of France the two last Wars, yet..in some sence, the Naval Strength of France is rather encreased than diminished. 1719 DE FOE *Crusoe* I. (Globe) 97–8 Yet the Island was certainly a Prison to me, and that in the worst Sense in the World; but now I learn'd to take it in another Sense. 1745 LADY M. W. MONTAGU *Let. to C'tess Oxford* 1 June (1893) II. 140 This is the first prize that ever came to my share, and that is owing to your ladyship in all senses. 1853 MAURICE *Proph. & Kings* II. 22 All is, in the strictest sense of the word, dramatical. 1871 FREEMAN *Norm. Conq.* (1876) IV. xviii. 228 That one among the Conqueror's children who alone could be looked on as in any sense an Englishman. 1878 C. STANFORD *Symb. Christ* I. 10 Abram, whose vocation was so high,..bows to him as one whose vocation was in some sense higher than his own. *a* 1881 A. BARRATT *Phys. Metempiric* (1883) 110 The consciousness of the body is of course in a sense its inner nature. 1910 J. SARGEAUNT *Dryden's Poems* Introd. 21 If no poet in the highest sense of the word, he was at least a surpassing rhetorician.

†**23.** The meaning of a speaker or writer; the substance, purport, or intention of what he says.

c 1400 *Prol. Wyclif Bible* xv. 59 Austyn seith..that if equiuok wordis be not translatid into the sense, either vndurstonding, of the autour, it is errour. 1540 PALSGR. *Acolastus* Prol. B ij b, Our play..vnder whose couert or darke meanyng, thou haste a secrete sence or hydde intent. 1596 SHAKS. *Tam. Shr.* v. ii. 18 You are verie sencible, and yet you misse my sence: I meane Hortentio is afeard of you. *a* 1619 FOTHERBY *Atheom.* II. viii. § 5 (1622) 290 His Expositor, Elias Cretensis, deliuereth his sense in the same hight of words. 1700 DRYDEN *Pref. to Fables* ¶ 3 Where I have been wrongfully accus'd and my Sense wire-drawn into Blasphemy or Bawdry. 1710 LADY M. W. MONTAGU *Let. to Bp. Salisbury* 20 July (1893) II. 2, I endeavoured at no beauty of style, but to keep as literally as I could to the sense of the author [Epictetus]. 1735 POPE *Donne Sat.* ii. 126 Let no Court Sycophant pervert my sense.

24. *In a* (specified) *sense*: with a particular aim or purpose (in speaking or writing); to a (given) effect.

1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* I. II. iv, France..is now beginning to speak also; and speaks in that same sense. 1837 MOORE *Diary* 8 Aug. in *Mem.* VII. 196 The Fireworshippers, he told me, had been translated in Poland in a Polish sense. 1883 L. OLIPHANT *Altiora Peto* II. 118 He had no scruple in writing to the Baroness in the above sense.

25. A connected series of ideas expressed in words; the substance of a passage.

a 1568 ASCHAM *Scholem.* II. (Arb.) 93 *Metaphrasis* is, to take some notable place out of a good Poete, and turn the same sens into meter, or into other wordes in Prose. 1582 T. WATSON *Centurie of Love* lxxxvi. (Arb.) 122 The sense of this Sonnet is for the most part taken out of a letter, which Æneas Syluius wrote vnto his friend. 1748 RICHARDSON *Clarissa* VII. 197 She took the pen, and..supported by Mrs. Lovick, wrote the conclusion...You will find the sense surprizingly intire, her weakness considered.

26. A passage, context, or set of sentences, expressed in bare prose, used as material for the composition of Latin or Greek verses. Also allusively. Also *attrib.*, as *sense verses*.

1693 LOCKE *Educ.* § 171 It is usual in such Cases for the poor Children to go to those of higher Forms with this Petition, *Pray give me a little Sense.* 1743 CHESTERF. *Lett.* xcviii. (1792) I. 275 As you are now got into sense verses, remember, that it is not sufficient to put a little common sense into hexameters and pentameters. 1765 G. WILLIAMS in Jesse *Selwyn & Contemp.* (1843) I. 361 When you write next to me, give me some *sense*, as the boys say, that I may answer for you as often as you are attacked. 1892 W. CORY *Lett. & Jrnls.* (1897) 564 Write a paper on governesses. I can give you 'sense', as the boys say about verses.

27. Discourse that has a satisfactory and intelligible meaning. Phr. *to talk, speak, write* (*good*) *sense. To make sense of*, to find a meaning in. Of discourse: *To give, have, make sense*, to be intelligible.

1598 SHAKS. *Merry W.* II. i. 129 Beleeue it (Page) he speakes sence. 1671 MILTON *P. R.* IV. 296 A third sort doubted all things, though plain sence. 1682 DRYDEN *Mac Flecknoe* 20 The rest to some faint meaning make pretence, But Sh[adwell] never deviates into sense. 1685 in *Verney Mem.* (1899) IV. 344 Hot-headed people that can't speak sense, hate to hear it. 1686 [ALLIX] *Dissert.* iv. in *Ratramnus' Body & Bl.* (1688) 68, I must needs say, that I cannot make sence of him, if he mean not as the French Translator hath rendered him. 1721 A. MALCOLM *Treat. Mus.* 538 This, to make any Sense, must signify that [etc.]. 1746 FRANCIS *Hor. Epist.* II. ii. 190 Rather..Than write good Sense, and smart severely for't. 1857 RUSKIN *Pol. Econ. Art* I. § 8 That is a wholly barbarous use of the word..for it is not English, it is bad Greek, and it is worse sense. 1870 J. H. NEWMAN *Gram. Assent* 264 In the first authentic edition.. the words, I believe, ran, 'and a table of green fields', which has no sense. 1910 J. SARGEAUNT *Dryden's Poems* Introd. 23 This is the only reading that gives any sense. *Mod.* Now you are talking sense.

28. What is wise or reasonable. *There is no sense* (*in* doing something): it is unreasonable or useless (to do it). † *It is to* (*good*) *sense* (obs.), *it stands to sense* (colloq.): it is reasonable, it stands to reason.

1600 W. WATSON *Decacordon* (1602) 98 He [Cardinal Allen] was often wont to say, that seeing England was lost and gone from her ancient faith..it was to good sense that we and all their posterity should be punished. 1603 SHAKS. *Meas. for M.* v. i. 226 As there is sence in truth, and truth in vertue. *Ibid.* 438 Against all sence you doe importune her. 1639 N. N. tr. *Du Bosq's Compl. Woman* II. 73 There is no sense I should leave out this goodly vertue. 1847 EMILY BRONTE *Wuthering H.* ix, 'Aw sud more likker look for th' horse', he replied. 'It 'ud be tuh more sense'. 1859 *Habits of Gd. Society* 54 The more fashionable..were distinguished for the smartness, not the sense of their conversation. 1859 GEO. ELIOT *Adam Bede* xxi, There's a good deal o' sense in what you say, Mr. Massey. *Ibid.* xxiii, It stands to sense..as old Mr. Poyser, as is th' oldest man i' the room, should sit at top o' the table. 1897 KIPLING *Capt. Cour.* iii. 65 'What's the sense o' wastin' canvas?'

29. [After F. *sens.*] A direction in which motion takes place. *rare.*

1797 SIR G. STAUNTON *Acc. Embassy* (1798) II. 5 Cords were attached to the canvas, with a contrivance to enable persons underneath to move it in any sense that was necessary. 1900 H. C. JONES *Theory Electrolytic Dissoc.* 61 If the reaction is reversible..then there will exist a force which tends to stop the original reaction, and to set up one in exactly the opposite sense.

IV. 30. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *sense-consciousness, -impression, -knowledge, -organ, -perception*; objective, as *sense-pleaser*; *sense-bereaving, -confounding, -confusing, -ravishing* adjs.; instru-

mental, etc., as *sense-besolled, -bound, -distracted* adjs. Also **sense-box** *jocular*, the head; **sense-carrier** *Anglo-Irish*, one who expresses the collective opinion of a group or party.

1597 DRAYTON *Heroic Ep., Isabel to Mortimer* 29 Those *sence-bereaving stalkes That grow in shadie Proserpines darke walkes. 1647 C. HARVEY *Schola Cordis* iv. 7 Poore, silly, simple, *sense-besotted soule. 1620 QUARLES *Feast for Wormes* (1638) 13 His *sense-bound heart relents not. 1853 KINGSLEY *Hypatia* viii. 99 The coarse and sense-bound tribe who can appreciate nothing but what is palpable to sense and sight! 1808 E. S. BARRETT *Miss-led General* 132 Spun from my own *sense-box. 1879 MCCARTHY *Own Times* I. xvi. 401 Theoceforward he was really the mouthpiece and the *sense-carrier of his party. 1887 DOWDEN *Shelley* I. vi. 247 Eliza..had..evidently been assigned the position of sense-carrier to the others. 1600 TOURNEUR *Trans. Metamorph.* xlvii, Amazed with *sence-confounding wretchednesse. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* III. I. viii, One *sense-confusing tumult. 1874 REYNOLDS *John Bapt.* iii. § 3. 201 The prophet's ordinary *sense-consciousness was suspended. 1621 G. SANDYS *Ovid's Met.* III. (1632) 97 With that, in-rush the *sense-distracted Crew. 1862 SPENCER *First Princ.* I. iv. § 22 (1875) 69 The illusiveness of *sense-impressions. 1847 LEWES *Biog. Hist. Philos.* I. 111 The distinction between *sense-knowledge and reflective knowledge. 1854 OWEN *Skel. & Teeth* (1855) 13 Brain and *sense-organs. 1868 N. PORTER *Hum. Intellect* § 102 (1872) 119 We defioe *Sense-perception as that power of the intellect by which it gains the knowledge of material objects. 1600 SIR W. CORNWALLIS *Ess.* I. xiv. I 5, When these *sence-pleasers haue come from any of their sports. 1638 SIR T. HERBERT *Trav.* (ed. 2) 266 The ayre is a compound of *sense-ravishing odours.

Sense (sens), *v.* Also 6–7 sence, 7 sens. [f. the sb.]

†**1.** *trans.* To perceive (an outward object) by the senses; also, to feel (pain). *Obs.*

1598 ROWLANDS *Betray. Christ* D j, Could sinnes-besotted, hell-path wrandrers, see The horrours on an out-cast wretch imposed, Or sence the inward worme that gnaweth me. 1682 FLAVEL *Fear* 129 They loved their lives, and sensed their pains as well as you. 1873 WILL CARLETON *Farm Ball.* 33 O God! if you want a man to sense the pains of hell, Before you pitch him in just keep him in heaven a spell!

b. To feel, be conscious of (an inward state, etc.).

1685 W. ADAMS *Dedham Pulpit* 86 The man that does duly sense his spiritual poverty. 1755 AMORY *Mem.* (1769) I. Ded. 6 Your books and philosophy..hinder you from ever sensing the irksomeness of solitude and indolence.

†**c.** To test, make trial of. *Obs.*

a 1688 BUNYAN *Christ Compl. Saviour* Wks. 1852 I. 221/1 To sense smell and taste what saving is..is a rare thing kept close from most. *a* 1688 — *Expos. Gen.* iii. ibid. II. 431/1 She took Satan's arguments into consideration and sensed or tasted them; not by the word of God, but her own natural or rather sore-deluded fancy.

†**2.** To expound the sense or meaning of; to ascribe a meaning to; to take or understand in a particular sense. Also, to explain (*to be* something). *Obs.*

1623 AILESBURY *Serm.* 4 The first [exposition]..is Origens, who hath sensed the bodie to be the church. *a* 1631 DONNE *Polydoron* (1650) 88 The word good fellow as it is now senced by the vulgar, imports a drunkard. 1643 TRAPP *Comm. Gen.* xx. 16 Some sense the text thus. 1687 STILLINGFL. *Doctr. Trin. & Transubst.* II. 2, *Pr.* How doth it [*sc.* the Doctrine of the Trinity] appear? *P.* By the Scripture sensed by the Church. 1726 WODROW *Corr.* (1843) III. 261 Dr. Clarke at first tried to reconcile his doctrine to that of the Church of England, by sensing the Articles.

3. To perceive, become aware of, 'feel' (something present, a fact, state of things, etc.) not by direct perception but more or less vaguely or instinctively. (Often app. a nonce-word, adopted by the writer to express a particular shade of meaning.)

1872 L. OLIPHANT *Let.* in *Life* (1891) 101 He 'senses' the least coldness towards himself, and it stops everything. 1885 HORNADAY 2 *Yrs. in Jungle* xvii. 189 The herd sensed the danger and made off. 1904 M. HEWLETT *Queen's Quair* I. vii. 102 Queen Mary watched her closely, sensing an enemy. 1904 S. E. WHITE *Forest* iii. 28 You must travel three or four days from such a place before you sense the forest in its vastness.

4. To understand, comprehend, grasp, 'take in'. Chiefly *U. S.* and *dial.*

1860 BARTLETT *Dict. Amer.* (ed. 3), *To sense*, to comprehend; as, 'Do you sense that?' New England. 1885 MERRIAM in *Century Mag.* XXX. 832 He..got at the plans of the leaders, the temper of the crowd, sensed the whole situation. 1891 HARDY *Tess* xlviii, I cannot sense your meaning sometimes. 1893 E. D. FAWCETT *Riddle of Universe* Proem 2 He should sense how this spectacle belittles the theology of his fellows.

5. *Philos.* To have a sense-perception of. Also *absol.*, to experience sensations.

1661 GLANVILL *Van. Dogm.* xxii. 218 Is he [the Sciolist] sure, that objects are not otherwise sensed by others, then they are by him? 1704 NORRIS *Ideal World* II. ii. 81 All that we sense or experience are the outward actions and motions which proceed from them. 1884 [LAURIE] *Metaph. Nova & Vet.* 91 But we did not then *perceive* extension or space as such, although it was *felt* in the very first breath which consciousness drew, and was afterwards *sensed*. 1904 TITCHENER tr. *Wundt's Physiol. Psychol.* I. 14 We may sense in dreams, or in a state of hallucination, as intensively as we sense under the operation of actual sensory stimuli. 1909 *Q. Rev.* Oct. 434 The impossible assumption that there are sensations which are not 'sensed'.

Hence **Sensed** *ppl. a.*, **Se·nsing** *vbl. sb.* and *ppl. a.*

1647 tr. *Behmen's Clavis* § 218 Wherein the Naturall will separateth it selfe in its Center, into a sensing. 1656–63 BP. W. LUCY *Observ. Hobbes* 37 When we have discerned things by our senses, and the act of sensing (pardon that word *sensing*, it is unusuall, yet significant) is done. 1659 HEYLIN *Certamen Epist.* 6 It is another subject (the sensing of the word Puritan) that I am speaking of. 1884 [LAURIE] *Metaph. Nova & Vet.* 26 The subject as Will..itself goes out and seizes the sensed object. 1906 LAURIE *Synthetica* I. 18 The feeling of an object by a subject-being or entity and the re-flexion of it into its cosmic locus I call rudimentary sensing, or sensation.

Sense, obs. form of CENSE *sb.*[1], *v.*[1], *sb.*[2], *v.*[2]

c 1550 *Disc. Common Weal Eng.* (1893) 77 In paiment of theire rentes, customes and senses. 1623 tr. *Favine's Theat. Honour* I. vi. 54 The sonnes..are not sensed and reputed to be noble [F. *ne sont censez et reputez Nobles*]. 1657 W. MORICE *Coena* Pref. 1 The Ministery, whose honor and maintenance I have ever sensed to be very much of the interest of Religion.

Sensed, *a.* [f. SENSE *sb.* + -ED[2]. Cf. F. *sensé*, L. *sensātus*: see SENSATE *a.*] Only with defining word (adj. or adv.).

1. Having a specified sense or meaning.

1577 B. GOOGE *Heresbach's Husb.* III. (1586) 147 b, This olde englishe *Distichon*, better sensed, then footed. 1624 H. MASON *New Art Lying* v. 90 They call it Equinocall, because it is a double-sensed Proposition. 1670 EACHARD *Contempt of Clergy* 10 The committing of such high and brave sens'd Poems to a School-boy. *a* 1850 ROSSETTI *Dante & Circle* I. (1874) 236 His words are wonderfully deep, Oft doubly sensed, asking interpreter.

†**2.** Having wits or senses. *Obs.*

1582 HESTER *Secr. Phiorav.* I. xxii. 23 Feuer corrupteth also the senses, so that the sicke is not stable sensed.

Senseful (se·nsfŭl), *a.* [f. SENSE *sb.* + -FUL.]

1. Full of sense or meaning; significant.

1591 SYLVESTER *Du Bartas* I. vi. 997 And gave thee power (as Master) to impose Fit sense-full Names unto the Hoast that rowes In watery Regions. 1596 SPENSER *F. Q.* VI. iv. 37 The Ladie hearkning to his sensefull speach, Found nothing that he said, vnmeet nor geason, Hauing oft seene it tryde, as he did teach. 1683 D. A. *Art Converse* 44 Not sharp enough to conceive at the first..a senseful and witty word. 1865 CARD. WISEMAN *Shaks.* 9 It is not like that of the printer, who, from a chaotic heap of seemingly unmeaning lead, draws out letter after letter, and so disposes them that they shall make senseful..lines.

†**2.** Intelligent. *Obs.*

1598 MARSTON *Pigmalion*, etc. Sat. iv. 70 Promethens who celestiall fier Did steale from heauen, therewith to inspire Our earthly bodies with a sencefull minde. *c* 1700 NORRIS (J.), Men, otherwise senseful and ingenious, quote such things out of an author as would never pass in conversation.

Senseless (se·nslės), *a.* Forms: see SENSE *sb.* Also *superl.* 6–7 sense-, sencelest. [f. SENSE *sb.* + -LESS.]

1. Of persons, their bodies or organs: Destitute or deprived of sensation; physically insentient.

1557 GRIMALDE *Cicero's Death* in *Tottel's Misc.* (Arb.) 125 Papilius flyeth, therwhyle: and, leauyng there The senslesse stock, a gryzely sight doth bear Vnto Antonius boord, with mischief fed. 1590 SHAKS. *Com. Err.* IV. iv. 25, I would I were senselesse sir, that I might not feele your blowes. 1607 TOPSELL *Four-f. Beasts* 306 His cheekes must not be pinched by the bridle, least the skin grow sencelesse. 1621 G. SANDYS *Ovid's Met.* II. (1626) 37 And stifning cold benums her senselesse lims.

transf. 1883 R. W. DIXON *Mano* II. ii. 67 One that among us was in company Felt his knees smitten with a senseless cold.

b. That is in a state of unconsciousness.

1585 FORMAN *Diary* (1849) 18, I was sensles eight howares. 1595 *Caxton's Blanchardyn* liv. 212 More to hasten on deathes speedy pace to this sencles olde man. 1778 MISS BURNEY *Evelina* xxxiii, I was almost senseless with terror. 1820 BYRON *Juan* IV. xxx, Strange state of being! (for 'tis still to be) Senseless to feel, and with seal'd eyes to see. 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* iv. I. 433 His wife..was carried senseless to her chamber. 1889 GRETTON *Memory's Harkback* 109 Where the poor fellow was lying senseless from his fall.

†**c.** Said of sleep, death, the grave, etc. *Obs.*

1576 FLEMING *Panopl. Epist.* 67 What harme can there be in death? which if it were not senseless, might much rather be termed immortalitie, then death. *a* 1586 SIDNEY *Arcadia* III. (Sommer) 343 With that, he stabbed himselfe into diuers places of his breast and throte, vntill those wounds..brought him to the senselesse gate of death. 1627 BERNARD *Guide Grand-Jury* I. ii. 13 In another disease..the sicke are.. surprized with a senselesse trance. *a* 1674 TRAHERNE *Poet. Wks.* (1903) 71 Those joys and praises must repair To us, which 'tis a sin To bury in a senseless tomb.

d. Of things: Incapable of sensation or perception.

1577 tr. *Bullinger's Decades* II. ii. (1592) 123 What needest thou any more hereafter, to hunt after senseless Idoles? 1579 SPENSER *Sheph. Cal.* Feb. 205 Semed, the sencelesse yron did feare, Or to wrong holy eld did forbeare. 1602 SHAKS. *Ham.* II. ii. 496 Then senselesse Illium, Seeming to feele his blow, with flaming top Stoopes to his Base, and with a hideous crash Takes prisoner Pyrrhus eare. 1610 TOFTE *Hon. Acad.* 15 Love doth willing draw The hardest hearts and sencelest rocks of Epyr with great awe. 1720 A. HILL *Zara* III. i. (near end), I stand, immoveable, like senseless marble! 1825 T. HOOK *Sayings* Ser. II. *Passion & Princ.* viii. III. 105 As he reflected whither the senseless paper [a letter] was soon to be conveyed. 1871 R. ELLIS *Catullus* lxiv. 165 The brutish winds..senseless, voiceless, inhuman Utter'd cry they hear not, in answers hollow reply not.

2. Destitute of mental sensibility, incapable of feeling or perception. Also, having no sense, feeling, or consciousness *of* something. Now *rare* or *Obs.*

1561 T. NORTON *Calvin's Inst.* I. iv. 4 b, Those that chokyng the light of nature, do of purpose make them selues senselesse [F. *s'abrutissent*]. 1581 PETTIE tr. *Guazzo's Civ. Conv.* II. (1586) 50 b, Which is a signe not onelie of presumptious arrogancie, but also of senseless brutishnesse. 1602 MARSTON *Antonio's Rev.* I. i, Piero..is no nummed lord, Senselesse of all true touch. 1611 SHAKS. *Cymb.* I. i. 135, I am senselesse of your Wrath. 1612 PEACHAM *Gentl. Exerc.* I. xvii. 59 To draw Mars like a yong Hippolitus with an effeminate countenance..proceedeth of a sencelesse & ouercold a iudgement. 1680 OTWAY *Orphan* V. vii. 2068 Why wert thou Deaf to my Cries and senseless of my Pains. 1784 COWPER *Task* I. 516 Not senseless of its charms. 1796 COLERIDGE *Lett.* (1895) 171 Your poor father is, I hope, almost senseless of this calamity. 1818 SHELLEY *Eugan. Hills* 36 Senseless is the breast, and cold, Which relenting love would fold.

†**b.** Unconscious *that.* *Obs.*

1603 DRAYTON *Bar. Wars* V. xiii, As though he thought not on it, As he were senseless that it should forgoe him.

3. Of a person, etc.: Devoid of sense or intelligence, stupid, silly, foolish.

1565 CALFHILL *Answ. Martiall's Treat. Cross* ii. 42 b, I think there is none so senslesse as yourselfe, but consters his words otherwise than you. 1580 LUPTON *Sivquila* 55 Far more senselesse, than the senselest or brutest beast in the world. 1602 MARSTON *Antonio's Rev.* IV. i, An honest senselesse dolt, A good poore foole. *a* 1660 *Contemp. Hist. Irel.* (Ir. Archæol. Soc.) II. 99 Will both churche and laitie be soe senclesse as not to disclaime against such a Nero. 1670 COTTON *Espernon* II. VIII. 400 His Lieutenant..being so senseless as to come upon the draw Bridge of the Castle to talk with them. *a* 1716 SOUTH *Serm.* (1737) IV. 47 To hold forth, and harangue the multitude,..wheresoever, and howsoever they could clock the senseless and unthinking rabble about them. 1819 SHELLEY *Cenci* V. iii. 36 What! Will you give up these bodies to be dragged At horses' heels, so that our hair should sweep The footsteps of the vain and senseless crowd. 1855 BREWSTER *Newton* II. xxiv. 345 But when Eusebius asked her if she knew the man, she answered that she would not be so senseless as to accuse such men.

†**b.** quasi-*adv.* Unreasonably. *Obs. rare*[−1].

1594 SHAKS. *Rich. III*, III. i. 44 You are too sencelesse obstinate, my Lord, Too ceremonious, and traditionall.

4. Of actions, words, dispositions, etc.: Proceeding from lack of sense or intelligence, foolish. Also, without sense or meaning; unmeaning, meaningless, purposeless.

The two uses, related to different meanings of SENSE *sb.*, are often blended; unequivocal examples of the sense 'meaningless' are rare.

1579 E. K. in *Spenser's Sheph. Cal.* Ep. Ded. § 1 What so they vnderstand not, they streight way deeme to be senceless. 1588 *Marprel. Epist.* (Arb.) 3, D. Bridges hath written in your defence, a most senceless book. 1613 PURCHAS *Pilgrimage* (1614) 627 The Rabbines haue another as senselesse a dreame that Phineas was Elias. 1645 USSHER *Body Div.* (1647) 419 Which thing yet were senslesse to doubt of. 1647 CLARENDON *Hist. Reb.* II. § 86 Cheap senseless libels were scattered about the city. 1693 LOCKE *Educ.* § 11 (1699) 16, I cannot but conclude there are other Creatures, as well as Munkeys, who, little wiser than they, destroy their young Ones by senseless fondness, and too much embracing. 1709 STEELE *Tatler* No. 26 ₱ 10 Putting all my Force against the horrid and senseless Custom of Duels. 1839 FR. A. KEMBLE *Resid. Georgia* (1863) 129 Cheerful music and senseless words. 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* iv. I. 441 The senseless and dastardly wickedness of mixing noxious drugs with the food of a young girl whom he had no conceivable motive to injure. 1864 PUSEY *Lect. Daniel* (1876) 150 It is senseless to bring the Ptolemies into the line of Syrian kings. 1884 BRETT in *Law Rep.* 14 Q.B.Div. 799 If that argument be true, the clause..was an absolutely futile and senseless one.

Senselessly (se·nslėsli), *adv.* [-LY[2].] In a senseless manner, foolishly, irrationally. Also, †in a senseless or unconscious condition.

1611 COTGR., *Stupidement*, Sencelessly, dully. 1621 SIR W. ALEXANDER in *Sidney's Arcadia* III. (1629) 332 He was lying downe senslesly on his senslesse friend. 1660 R. COKE *Justice Vind.* 7 And then most senselessly he [White] confounds the offices of command and obedience. 1742 WESLEY *Jrnl.* 26 June, A drunken man..was so senselesly impertinent, that even his comrades were quite ashamed of him. 1860 SALA *Lady Chesterf.* Pref. 3 The most brilliant achievements of human genius have been impudently and senselessly caricatured.

Senselessness (se·nslėsnės). [-NESS.]

1. Absence of or incapacity for feeling (physical or mental); insensibility, impassibility. Also, unconscious or insensible condition, as in sleep, coma, etc. Now *rare.*

1577 tr. *Bullinger's Decades* III. iii. (1592) 302 Which cannot choose but happen to them which of pacience doo make a kinde of sencelesnesse. 1583 B. GOOGE *Let.* in *N. & Q.* Ser. III. III. 243 The people (exceptynge theyr blindnesse, or rather senselessnesse in relygyon) live in as goodd order as maye bee. 1601 DEACON & WALKER *Answ. Darel* 36 Besides this sencelessnes of bodie: he foamed at the mouth like an Horse. 1643 *Orkney Witch Trial* in *Abbotsford Club Miscell.* I. 173 He was brocht in to Jonet Sklateris hous in Cogare, heavilie diseasit with a senslesnes, that be knew not quhat was said or done to him. 1677 PLOT *Oxfordsh.* 198 Using divers remedies respecting her senselessness, Head, Throat, and Brest, in so mucb that within 14 hours, she began to speak. 1697 BURGHOPE *Disc. Relig. Assemb.* 75 The true cause of this carelessness and neglect is a senselessness in religion. 1813 SHELLEY *Q. Mab* IX. 86 Unchecked by dull and selfish chastity, That virtue of the cheaply virtuous, Who pride themselves in senselessness and frost. 1822–9 *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 3) IV. 602 [They] fall down instantly in a state of senselessness and apparent death. 1839 BAILEY *Festus* (1848) 43 A swimming, swollen senselessness of soul.

†**b.** Absence of sense or appreciation *of* something. *Obs.*

1618 TOWNSON in Gutch *Coll. Cur.* (1781) II. 422 Out of an humour of vain-glory or..senselessness of his own estate. 1796 MME. D'ARBLAY *Camilla* IV. ii. 37 A hasty challenge ..was accepted with a horse laugh of brutal senselessness of danger.

2. Foolishness, irrationality.

1611 COTGR., *Stupidité*, stupiditie, sencelesnesse. 1621

T. Williamson tr. *Goulart's Wise Vieillard* 48 It is a brutish stupiditie and sencelessenesse, both in yong and old men, to promise to themselues to morrow. 1681 Grew *Musæum* I. II. iii. 44 The senselesness of the tradition of the Crocodiles moving his upper Jaw, is plain from [etc.]. 1847 C. Bronte *Jane Eyre* xvi, He said something in praise of your eyes, did he? Blind puppy! Open their bleared lids and look on your own accursed senselessness! 1903 Morley *Gladstone* VIII. iii. (1905) II. 262 In a boundless coil of mischief pure senselessness will entangle you.

†Se·nsement. *Sc. Obs.* Forms: 5 sensment, 6 sensyment, -iment, censement, sens(i)ament, sensement. [a. OF. *sensement*, pseudo-etymological spelling (as if f. *sens* Sense *sb.*) of **censement*, f. *cense-r* to give a decision: see -ment.] A decision, judgement.

1488 in Pitcairn *Crim. Trials* I. *11 Forsamekle as it is fundin be sensment of Parliament. 1513 Douglas *Æneis* XI. v. 89 Mony sensymentis For Turnus scbawis evident argumentis. 1567 Q. Mary in R. Keith *Hist. Aff. Scot.* (1734) 394 He wes acquite to oure Lawis, and be the Sensament of Parlament. 1567 *Sc. Acts Jas. I* (1814) III. 28 Our Souerane Lord..thairfor be censement of this present Parliament, authorisis [etc.]. 1582 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* III. 514 The said Sir James standis forfaltit be the sensiament of the Thre Estaittis in Parliament. 1582–8 *Hist. Jas. VI* (1804) 37 As concerning the honor, I refer it to the sensement of the indifferent reedar. *Ibid.* 51.

Senser, obs. f. Censer *sb.*[1], var. Censer *sb.*[2]

Sensewalite, obs. form of Sensuality.

Senshalship, obs. form of Seneschalship.

‖ Senshaw (senʃɑ̄). [prob. repr. Chinese *sien-sha* (*sien* thread, *sha* gauze).] A Chinese gauze-like silk fabric.

1848 S. W. Williams *Middle Kingd.* II. xv. 123 The common people wear pongee and senshaw, which they frequently dye in gambier to a dust or black color.

Sensiament, variant of Sensement *Obs.*

Sensibilitous, *a. nonce-wd.* [f. Sensibility + -ous.] Cultivating 'sensibility'.

1811 Byron in *Mem. F. Hodgson* (1878) I. 177 But you are a sentimental and sensibilitous person, and will rhyme to the end of the chapter.

Sensibility (sensibi·lĭti). [ad. L. *sensibilitās* (*-tātem*), f. *sensibilis*: see Sensible *a.* and -ity. Cf. F. *sensibilité* (1314 in Hatz.-Darm.), Pr. *sensibilitee*, Sp. *sensibilidad*, Pg. *sensibilidade*, It. *sensibilità*, *sensibilitade*, *-tate*.

Rare until the middle of the 18th century.]

†1. a. *pl.* Sensible species; the emanations from bodies, which were supposed to be the cause of sensation. **b.** Capability of being perceived by the senses. *Obs. rare.*

a. 1374 Chaucer *Boeth.* v. met. iv. (1868) 166 Philosophers þat hyȝten stoiciens þat wenden þat ymages & sensibilites [*sensus et imagines*] þat is to sein sensible ymaginacioun.. weren inprentid in to soules fro bodies wiþ oute forþe.

b. 1616 R. C. *Times' Whistle* I. 496 That's only good In their grosse braines, whose visibility And appetituall sensibility Lies open to their sence.

2. Power of sensation or perception; † the specific function of any of the organs of sense (*obs.*). Now often, the (greater or less) readiness of an organ or tissue to respond to sensory stimuli; sensitiveness.

c 1400 tr. *Secreta Secret., Gov. Lordsh.* xci. 97 þe sensibilitez of þe Eres er harkenyng of souns. *Ibid.* xcii. 97 þe sensibilyte of þe tonge ys by way of tastynge & sauour. 1412–20 Lydg. *Troy Bk.* III. 5687 Comparysownyd..To a sowle þat were vegetable, þe whiche, with-oute sensibilite Myȝystreth lyf in herbe, flour, and tre. 1533 Elyot *Cast. Helthe* (1541) 52 The sinewes which make sensibilitie, the rootes of whom are in the braine. 1769 Cook *1st Voy.* I. iv. in Hawkesworth *Voy.* (1773) II. 51 Having now been exposed to the cold and the snow near an hour and an half, some of the rest began to lose their sensibility. 1789 W. Bucnan *Dom. Med.* (1790) 557 The great sensibility of their [children's] organs. 1794 Paley *Nat. Theol.* xxvi. (1819) 431 An increased, no less than an impaired sensibility, induces a state of disease and suffering. 1807 *Med. Jrnl.* XVII. 523 The anatomically non-corresponding points of the two eyes may be possessed of equal sensibility. 1834 McMurtrie *Cuvier's Anim. Kingd.* 16 Sensibility resides in the nervous system. 1875 W. S. Watson *Dis. Nose* 21 Common sensation or tactile sensibility. 1879 *Cassell's Techn. Educ.* I. 350/1 A more than normal sensibility in the retina is an inconvenience.

b. *Philos.* Power or faculty of feeling, capacity of sensation and emotion as distinguished from cognition and will.

1838 [Haywood] tr. *Kant's Crit. Pure Reas.* 57 If we will term the receptivity of our mind for receiving representations..sensibility, so is..the faculty of itself bringing forth representations, or the Spontaneity of the cognition, the Understanding. 1858 O. W. Holmes *Aut. Breakf.-t.* x. 96 A man's body..is whatever is occupied by his will and his sensibility. 1861 Mill *Utilit.* iv. 59 Even though these pleasures are much diminished by..decay of his passive sensibilities. 1877 E. Caird *Philos. Kant* II. iii. 233 Our assertions must be based on the very nature of our own sensibility, and not on the nature of the objects affecting it.

†3. Mental perception, awareness *of* something.

c 1412 Hoccleve *De Reg. Princ.* 5009 Þei erren foule, & goon out of þe wey; Of trouth haue þei scant sensibilite. *a* 1635 Naunton *Fragm. Reg.* (Arb.) 37 That he said unto the Queen, with some sensibility of the Spanish designs on France: Madam, I beseech you be content not to fear [etc.].

4. Emotional consciousness; glad or sorrowful, grateful or resentful recognition of a person's conduct, or of a fact or a condition of things.

1751 Orrery *Rem. Swift* iii. (ed. 5) 21 The treatment was thought injurious, and Swift expressed his sensibility of it in a short, but satyrical copy of verses entitled *The Discovery*. 1760–72 H. Brooke *Fool of Qual.* (1809) II. 83, I am very sensible..of your friendship..; and that sensibility constitutes..my happiness. 1776 Johnson *Let. to Mrs. Thrale* 1 Apr., I was on Saturday at Mrs. Montague's, who expressed great sensibility of your loss. 1779 Forrest *Voy. N. Guinea* 250, I expressed my sensibility of his many marks of favour to myself. 1790 Duché *Discourses* II. xvii. 363 A sensibility of our own weakness. 1818 Lady Charleville in Lady Morgan *Passages Autobiog.* (1859) 244, I will only speak of my real sensibility of Sir Charles's kind politeness.

†b. *pl.* A person's feelings of gratitnde. *Obs.*

1753 Richardson *Grandison* (1781) IV. xxii. 168, I cannot speak my grateful sensibilities.

†c. A mark of appreciation or consideration; a delicate attention. *Obs.*

1795 Sir J. Dalrymple *Let. to Admiralty* 9 Every sensibility that we can shew to our brave Officers and Seamen.. is too little for what they do for us.

5. Quickness and acuteness of apprehension or feeling; the quality of being easily and strongly affected by emotional influences; sensitiveness. Also, with const., sensitiveness *to*, keen sense *of* something.

1711 Addison *Spect.* No. 231 ¶ 7 Modesty..is a kind of quick and delicate Feeling in the Soul...It is such an exquisite Sensibility, as warns a woman to shun the first Appearance of every thing which is hurtful. 1741 Hume *Ess.* I. 2 There is a certain Delicacy of Passion, to which some People are subject, that makes them extremely sensible to all the Accidents of Life...And when a Person, that has this Sensibility of Temper, meets with any Misfortune, his Sorrow or Resentment takes intire Possession of him. 1756 Burke *Subl. & B.* Introd. (1759) 34 It frequently happens that a very poor judge, merely by force of a greater complexional sensibility, is more affected by a very poor piece, than the best judge by the most perfect. 1779–81 Johnson *L. P., Philips* Wks. 1787 IV. 197 He had great sensibility of censure. 1794 Godwin *Cal. Williams* 101 My life has been spent in the keenest and most unintermitted sensibility to reputation. 1799 Sickelmore *Agnes & Leonora* II. 9 Her feelings, which had been so acutely wounded..as almost to hurry sensibility to madness, now assailed her with renovated force. 1802–12 Bentham *Ration. Judic. Evid.* (1827) V. 655 A man's sensibility to pecuniary influence. 1810 W. Wilson *Hist. Dissent. Churches* III. 50 He discovered great sensibility and grief on this occasion. 1815 Jane Austen *Emma* II. vi, More acute sensibility to fine sounds than to my feelings. 1822 Hazlitt *Table-t.* Ser. I. ix. 192 That trembling sensibility which is awake to every change and every modification of its ever-varying impressions. 1832 W. Irving *Alhambra* I. 203, I have often remarked this sensibility of the common people of Spain to the charms of natural objects. 1843 Ruskin *Mod. Paint.* I. II. § 6. iii. § 4. 410 A sensibility to colour..being very different from a sensibility to form. *a* 1859 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* xxiv. V. 197 From Charles neither the remains of his mother nor those of his grandfather could draw any sign of sensibility. 1874 Sherman *Mem.* (1875) II. xxiv. 395, I would define true courage to be a perfect sensibility of the measure of danger, and a mental willingness to incur it.

b. *pl.* Emotional capacities; † instincts of liking or aversion.

1634 W. Tirwhyt tr. *Balzac's Lett.* 36 It is fitting that reason convince our Sensibilities, causing us to agree to what is otherwise distasteful unto us. 1858 O. W. Holmes *Aut. Breakf.-t.* xii. 111 Something intensely human, narrow, and definite pierces to the seat of our sensibilities more readily than huge occurrences and catastrophes. 1892 Bierce *In Midst of Life* 109 Doubtless this feeling was due to his unusually acute sensibilities—his keen sense of the beautiful, which these hideous things outraged.

c. *sing.* and *pl.* Liability to feel offended or hurt by unkindness or lack of respect; susceptibilities.

1769 Gray in *Corr. w. Nicholls* (1843) 85, I wish he would not give too much way to his own sensibilities, and still less (in this case) to the sensibilities of other people. 1778 Laurens in Sparks *Corr. Amer. Rev.* (1853) II. 203 The Count's sensibility was much wounded. 1806–7 J. Beresford *Miseries Hum. Life* (1826) VII. xli, Grating the sensibility, the prepossessions..of the person to whom you are speaking, by some unguarded words. 1855 Prescott *Philip II*, II. I. (1857) I. 456 The sensibilities of a commercial people.

6. In the 18th and early 19th c. (afterwards somewhat *rarely*): Capacity for refined emotion; delicate sensitiveness of taste; also, readiness to feel compassion for suffering, and to be moved by the pathetic in literature or art.

1756–82 Warton *Ess. Pope* I. v. 262 The force of the repetition of the significant epithet 'foreign', need not be pointed out to any reader of sensibility. 1762 Cowper *To Miss Macartney* 68 Oh! grant, kind heav'n, to me, Long as I draw ethereal air, Sweet Sensibility. 1768 Sterne *Sent. Journ., Bourbonnois*, Dear sensibility! source unexhausted of all that's precious in our joys, or costly in our sorrows! 1807 Byron *To Romance* v, Where Affectation holds her seat, And sickly Sensibility. 1827 Carlyle *Richter* Misc. I. 22 Unless seasoned and purified by humour, sensibility is apt to run wild. 1843 Prescott *Mexico* III. v. (1850) I. 401 Those monuments of Oriental magnificence, whose light, aërial forms still survive after the lapse of ages, the admiration of every traveller of sensibility and taste. 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* lxii, This lady had the keenest and finest sensibility, and how could she be indifferent when she heard Morart?

7. (*transf.* from 2.) Of plants and their organs, also of instruments (esp. a balance, magnetic needle, etc.) or other inorganic objects: Aptness to be affected by external influences; sensitiveness. Const. *to* (rarely *of*).

1662 Sir S. Tuke *Adv. Five Hours* I. 6 Your Story (I confess) is strangely moving; Yet if you could my Fortune weigh with yours, In scales of equal Sensibility, You would not change your Sufferings, for mine. 1783 Cullum in *Phil. Trans.* LXXIV. 417 As the two last are solstitial, and rather delicate plants, I wondered the less at their sensibility. 1793 Smeaton *Edystone L.* § 184 Mortar made up with salt-water, might equally discover its sensibility of moisture. 1825 Nicholson *Oper. Mech.* 42 Thus a receptacle is given to the fluid [mercury], which would otherwise disturb the centrifugal force and impair the sensibility of the instrument. 1841 R. Hunt *Art Photogr.* 3 The want of sensibility in the preparation..rendered it necessary that the prepared plate should be exposed..from seven to twelve hours. 1866 R. M. Ferguson *Electr.* (1870) 22 The sensibility of the [magnetic] needle. 1879 Thomson & Tait *Nat. Phil.* I. I. § 431 Qualities of a balance:..Sensibility...The definite measure of the sensibility is the angle through which the beam is deflected by a stated difference between the loads in the pans. 1880 C. & F. Darwin *Mowem. Pl.* 193 Here then we have a case of specialized sensibility, like that of the glands of Drosera. 1882 Vines tr. *Sachs' Bot.* 877 The differing sensibility of leaves to variations of temperature on the one hand, and to variations in the intensity of light on the other.

Sensibilize (se·nsibilə·iz), *v.* [f. late L. *sensibil-is* Sensible + -ize, after F. *sensibiliser*.] *trans.* To render sensitive. Hence **Se·nsibili·zing** *ppl. a.*; **Se·nsibili·zer.** **a.** *Phys.* (see quot. 1900); **b.** *Photogr.* = Sensitizer.

1900 *Lancet* 25 Aug. 564/2 To this specific body [a certain substance in the serum of an immunized animal] M. Bordet gave the name of 'sensibiliser', because it renders the blood-disc or the specific micro-organism susceptible to the attack of the normally present bæmolytic ferment. 1904 *Knowledge* May 98/1 A sheet of silver bromide jelly to which a sensibiliser absorbing the yellow and green rays was added.

Sensible (se·nsib'l), *a.* (and *sb.*). Also 4–6 sencyble, sensyble, 5 sensibill, -yll, censible, 6 sensybul, sensibil, 6–7 sencible, (sensable, 8 senceible). [a. F. *sensible*, ad. late L. *sensibilis*, f. *sens-* (:—**senti-*), ppl. stem of *sentīre* to perceive, feel: see -ible. Cf. Sp. *sensible*, Pg. *sensivel*, It. *sensibile*.] **A.** *adj.*

I. That can be felt or perceived.

1. Perceptible by the senses. (In *Philos.*, opposed to Intelligible 3: in this use now *rare*.)

c 1374 Chaucer *Boeth.* v. pr. iv. (1868) 165 For it [intelligence] knoweþ þe vniuersite of resoun and þe figure of þe ymaginacioun and þe sensible material conseiued. *c* 1380 Wyclif *Wks.* (1880) 302 Cristis religion telliþ lityl bi siche sensible habitis [of religious orders], but now takiþ oon & now an oþer as dide crist on good fryday. *Ibid.* 341 Iche good sensible dede þat we don..may be callid a sacrament. 1434–5 Misyn *Fire of Love* 2 When I felt fyrst my hert wax warme, and treuly, not ymagynyngly, bot als it wer with sensibyll fyer, byrned. 1534 [see Intelligible 3]. 1538 Starkey *England* II. i. 165 The gudnes of God (wych only therby mouyd made thys sensybul world). 1631 Widdowes *Nat. Philos.* 7 Fixed are the starres of the firmament, whose motion is not sensible. 1638 [see Intelligible 3]. 1670 R. Coke *Disc. Trade* Ded., Carnal copulation, killing another, and taking from another, are sensible Actions, and cannot be defined: but Murder, Justice, Adultery, Theft, &c. may be defined..but can never be perceived by the sences. 1690 Locke *Hum. Und.* III. ii. § 1 The Use then of Words is to be sensible Marks of Ideas. 1704 Norris *Ideal World* II. iv. 271 By sensible objects, I mean those objects which the understanding has a perception of by the mediation of the senses. 1732 Arbuthnot *Rules of Diet in Aliments* (1735) 261 Taste and other sensible Qualities. 1796 Kirwan *Elem. Min.* (ed. 2) I. 2 The other sensible appearances of earths. 1805 T. Weaver tr. *Werner's Ext. Charac. Fossils* 1 External characters..are also called Sensible Characters, the use of our senses being sufficient for their discovery. 1805 Wordsw. *Prel.* XIV. 106 In a world of life they live By sensible impressions not enthralled. 1851 Westcott *Introd. Study Gosp.* vi. (ed. 5) 333 St. Matthew alone notices..the earthquake, the sensible ministry of the divine messenger. 1865 Grote *Plato* I. i. 10 Some primordial and fundamental nature, by and out of which the sensible universe was built up and produced. 1880 J. Milne in *Trans. Seismol. Soc. Japan* I. II. 53 The earthquake of which we write had certainly a radius over which it was sensible of 120 miles.

b. Const. *to*.

1605 Shaks. *Macb.* II. i. 36 Art thou not, fatall Vision, sensible To feeling, as to sight? or art thou but A Dagger of the Minde. 1733 Arbuthnot *Ess. Effects Air* I. 1 Air is sensible to the Touch by its Motion, and by its Resistance to Bodies moved in it. *a* 1854 H. Reed *Lect. Eng. Lit.* I. (1878) 36 All of earth and sky that..is sensible to us.

c. Specific collocations in scientific use. *Sensible horizon*: see Horizon 1. *Sensible heat* (†*caloric*): used in contradistinction to *latent heat*: see Heat *sb.*[2] c. *Sensible perspiration*: sweat as distinguished from the emission of vapour through the pores.

1642 Sensible horizon [see Rational *a.* 5 b]. 1764 J. Ferguson *Lect.* 156 The sensible horizon is that circle.., where the heaven and earth seem to meet. 1815 J. Smith *Panorama Sci. & Art* II. 335 The sensible caloric of adjacent bodies is incessantly employed in maintaining each others equilibrium of temperature. 1830 Knox tr. *Béclard's Anat.* 152 The cutaneous perspiration, whether sensible or insensible, is to be considered as one of the most important secretions of the organic structure. 1839 Ure *Dict. Arts* 444 Heat..perceived by the touch and measured by the thermometer, which is called sensible heat.

†d. Of or pertaining to the senses or sensation.

1602 Shaks. *Ham.* I. i. 57, I might not this beleeue Without the sensible and true auouch Of mine owne eyes. *a* 1619 Fotherby *Atheom.* II. ii. § 3 (1622) 200 As it is in naturall appetites: so is it, in sensible appetites too. 1793 Beddoes *Math. Evid.* 7, I will subjoin an instance which perhaps may give the reader an idea how the pronouns arise, and what is their primary sensible signification.

†e. quasi-*adv.* Perceptibly. *Obs.*

1590 SWINBURNE *Testaments* 167 Although his childe did neuer crie, so that it did sensible breath or moue.

2. Perceptible by the mind or the inward feelings.

1597 MORLEY *Introd. Mus.* 100 This waie is so well, as I perceiue no sensible fault in it. 1701 *Stanley's Hist. Philos.* Biog. 11 He affirms that it bears sensible marks of its Newness. 1734 tr. *Rollin's Anc. Hist.* (1827) I. Pref. 13 The visible and sensible connexion of sacred and profane history. 1782 J. BROWN *View Nat. & Rev. Relig.* v. v. 498 Sensible assurance of God's love. 1854 C. HODGE *Comm. Rom.* vii. 201 Conversion is a great change, sensible to him that experiences it, and visible to others. 1875 MANNING *Mission Holy Ghost* iv. 104 But the love of God does not mean..the sensible love which we feel towards human friends.

3. Easy to perceive, evident.

a 1586 SIDNEY *Arcadia* III. (Sommer) 319 Their smart being more sensible to others eyes, then to their owne feeling. 1604 T. WRIGHT *Passions* v. § 2. 166 In some musick there is to be noted a manifest loose effeminatenesse; and the experience is so sensible, that it were superfluous to proceed any farther in proofe. 1604 R. CAWDREY *Table Alph., Sensible*, easily felt or perceiued. 1690 LOCKE *Hum. Und.* III. v. § 8 These are too sensible proofs to be doubted. 1692 — *Let. to Molyneux* Lett. (1708) 10 We had here..a very sensible earthquake. 1702 C. MATHER *Magn. Chr.* VI. vii. 78 In this present Evil World, it is no Wonder that the Operations of the Evil Angels are more sensible than of the Good ones. 1736 BUTLER *Anal.* I. v. 125 Under the more immediate, or if such an expression may be used, the more sensible government of God. 1794 S. WILLIAMS *Vermont* 57 It..is most of all sensible and apparent in a new country. 1816 P. CLEAVELAND *Min.* 539 It yields a white smoke and a very sensible odor of garlic. 1831 BREWSTER *Nat. Magic* vi. (1833) 142 A tremulous and perfectly transparent vapour was particularly sensible and profuse. 1853 PHILLIPS *Rivers Yorks.* v. 150 The warming influence of the sea air begins to be very sensible in October.

4. Large enough to be perceived or to be worth considering; appreciable, considerable. Now only of immaterial things (as quantities, magnitudes, etc.).

1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* XVIII. cv. (1495) 849 And though a moughte be a sencyble beest: yet he hydeth hymselfe wythin the clothe that vneth he is seen. 1581 LAMBARDE *Eiren.* IV. xx. (1588) 619 If our Gaoles in Englande were more often swept and emptied, I doubt not, but that wee also should finde a sensible profite to arise thereby. 1646 SIR T. BROWNE *Pseud. Ep.* IV. vii. 196 We could discover no sensible difference in weight. 1755 B. MARTIN *Mag. Arts & Sci.* 116 A very sensible Distance Eastward. 1792 JEFFERSON *Writ.* (1859) III. 340 You will perceive that the Indian War calls for sensible exertions. 1825 *Q. Jrnl. Sci.*, etc. XVIII. 398 It re-dissolves, especially if the muriatic acid added be in sensible excess. 1843 PORTLOCK *Geol.* 215 Both contain a sensible amount of Strontian. 1860 TYNDALL *Glac.* I. i. 4 A fine mud, composed of particles of sensible magnitude. 1877 *Encycl. Brit.* VI. 33/2 Epicycloidal cams described as follows..may be used without any sensible error. 1880 C. R. MARKHAM *Peruv. Bark* III. xv. 436 [It will] effect a sensible reduction in these figures.

†**5.** Of discourse, etc.: Easily understood; suited to make a strong impression on the mind; striking, effective. *Obs.*

c 1530 COX *Rhet.* (1899) 42 To be techars of goddes worde in suche maner as maye be moste sensible and accepte to their audience. 1558 BONNER in Foxe *A. & M.* (1583) 2041/1 It doth appeare vnto me thou art of a good memorie & of a very sensible talke, but something ouerhastie. *a* 1568 ASCHAM *Scholem.* II. (Arb.) 100 He..therefore imployed thereunto a fitte, sensible, and caulme kinde of speaking and writing. *a* 1586 SIDNEY *Arcadia* II. (Sommer) 219 b, That as her wordes did paint out her minde, so they serued as a shadow, to make the picture more liuely and sensible. 1684 R. WALLER *Nat. Exp.* To Rdr., Wherefore he judges it an Undertaking worthy of his great Mind to confront with the most Accurate, and sensible Experiments, the force of their Assertions. 1715 DESAGULIERS *Fires Impr.* 22 If such a Tube be bent, the Experiment will be much more sensible. 1744 HARRIS *Three Treat.* Wks. (1841) 40 The ideas, therefore, of poetry, must needs make the most sensible impression, when the affections, peculiar to them, are already excited by the music.

quasi-*adv.* 1665 HOOKE *Microgr.* 68, I shall endeavour to explain my meaning a little more sensibly by a Scheme.

†**6.** Such as is acutely felt; markedly painful or pleasurable. Const. *to*. *Obs.*

1593 SHARS. *Lucr.* 1678 My woe too sencible thy passion maketh More feeling painfull. 1598 YONG *Diana* 63, I felt so sensible griefe, to see my selfe forgotten of him, who had so great reason to loue me, and whom I did loue so much. 1640 tr. *Verdere's Rom. of Rom.* III. ix. 34 The fall of this young Prince..was so sensible to the Emperour, that had he not feared the anger of Brustafard..the Jousts had been at an end. 1655 TERRY *Voy. E. India* iv. 122 Scorpions..whose stinging is most sensible, and deadly. *a* 1674 CLARENDON *Hist. Reb.* VIII. § 136 This very sensible mortification transported him so much, that [etc.]. 1711 in 10*th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. v. 184 His..death proved very sensible to the languishing King. 1781 J. MOORE *View Soc. It.* (1790) II. lvii. 148 [The King] can inflict a punishment highly sensible to them, by not inviting them to the amusements of the Court. 1796 PEGGE *Anonym.* 445 The circumambient air, when a man is so hot within, is very sensible to him, and..makes him chill, and liable to colds. 1819 SCOTT *Ivanhoe* ix, The time and place prevented his receiving..more sensible marks of his master's resentment.

II. Capable of feeling or perceiving.

7. Endowed with the faculty of sensation. †**a.** Of living beings, their nature or mode of existence.

c 1374 CHAUCER *Boeth.* v. pr. iv. (1868) 166 A man is ymaginable and sensible. 1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* XXXI. xi. II. 423 That spunges have life, yea and a sensible life, I have prooved heretofore. 1613 PURCHAS *Pilgrimage* (1614) 536 A tree..hauing..on each side of the leafe, as it were, two feete with which (as if it had bin mouing and sensible) it would stirre and go vp and down. 1621 BURTON *Anat. Mel.* III. ii. i. 528 Loue..extends and shewes it selfe in vegitall and sensible creatures. *a* 1676 HALE *Prim. Orig. Man.* I. i. (1677) 39 That Sensible Natures should enjoy a life of Sense. 1690 LOCKE *Hum. Und.* I. i. § 1 It is the Understanding that sets Man above the rest of sensible Beings. 1755 B. MARTIN *Mag. Arts & Sci.* 79 Can it be possible for any sensible Beings to endure that Intensity of Cold, and live?

b. of organs, tissues, or parts of the body.

c 1400 *Lanfranc's Cirurg.* 24 From þe brayn comen .vij. peire cordes & þei ben clepid sensible senewis. *Ibid.* 28 þe skyn..is maad of smale þredis of veynes, senewis, & arteries, þat makiþ him sensible, & 3eueþ him li3f & worchinge. 1547 BOORDE *Brev. Health* XCVII. 38 A tothe is a sencyble bone, the whiche beynge in a lyvyng mans heade hath felynge. 1831 YOUATT *Horse* (1843) 378 Between the coffin-bone and the horny sole is situated the sensible sole. 1849 NOAD *Electricity* (ed. 3) 234 The pain is of a sharper kind on those sensible parts of the body included in the circuit, which are on the negative side of the pile. 1850 SCORESBY *Cheever's Whalem. Adv.* v. (1859) 69 Outside of the sensible skin.

†**c.** *Sensible virtue, wit*, later *sensible faculty, capacity*: faculty of sensation. *Obs.*

1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* III. xii. (1495) 55 The vertue sensyble that meuyth is departed on tbre, One partye hyghte Naturalis, and the other Vitalis, and the other Animalis. *c* 1407 LYDG. *Reson & Sens.* 716 Whiche vertu namyd ys sensible, And is, as y reherse kan, Yove to beste and eke to man. 1594 HOOKER *Eccl. Pol.* I. vi. § 2 Beasts are in sensible capacitie as ripe euen as men themselues, perhaps more ripe. *erroneous use.* *c* 1400 *Beryn* 2621 Wherfor wee must, with al our wit sensibill Such answers vs purvey, þat þey been insolibil.

†**8.** Having (more or less) acute power of sensation; sensitive. *Obs.*

1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 205 Whose blessed flesshe was moost tender sensible and lyuely. 1543 TRAHERON *Vigo's Chirurg.* II. ii. 16 After the digestyve, ye must clense the place wyth a mundificatyve of syrupe of Roses, cheyfelye whan the aposteme is aboute very sensible places. 1600 SURFLET *Country Farm* II. xlvi. 299 The stomacke being easie and inclined to vomit, as hauing a verie sensible orifice. 1610 SHAKS. *Temp.* II. i. 174 These Gentlemen, who are of such sensible and nimble Lungs, that they alwayes vse to laugh at nothing. 1644 MILTON *Areop.* (Arb.) 54 An imposition which I cannot believe how he that values time, and his own studies, or is but of a sensible nostrill should be able to endure. 1662 R. MATHEW *Unl. Alch.* 54 A Woman comes to me sorely afflicted a long time in all her limbs..; the woman I perceived was exceeding sensible, and in most grievous extremity cryed out. 1679 G. R. tr. *Boaistuau's Theat. World* II. 318 A Faggot burning hot, applyed to the most sensible parts about him. 1758 J. S. *Le Dran's Observ. Surg.* (1771) 324 The Flesh at the Bottom of the Wound was very sensible. 1766 GOLDSM. *Vic. W.* iii, Physicians tell us of a disorder, in which the whole body is so exquisitely sensible, that the slightest touch gives pain. 1813 J. THOMSON *Lect. Inflam.* 45 Parts, which in the sound state have little or no sensibility, become exquisitely sensible in the inflamed. 1831 BREWSTER *Nat. Magic* ix. (1833) 229 The human ear is so extremely sensible as to be capable of appreciating sounds which arise from about twenty-four thousand vibrations in a second.

fig. phrase. 1705 HEARNE *Collect.* 14 Sept. (O. H. S.) I. 44 Who have touch'd 'em in y^e^ sensible p^t^ by..making Scotch men Aliens. *a* 1715 BURNET *Own Time* (1823) I. 416 And, to touch the King in a sensible point, he said, the covenant stuck so deep in their hearts, that no good could be done till that was rooted out. 1817 JAS. MILL *Brit. India* III. VI. i. 46 The dignity of the Directors was now touched in a most sensible part. 1818 SCOTT *Br. Lamm.* xv, He had alarmed his fears in a most sensible point.

†**b.** Liable to be quickly or acutely affected by (some object of sensation); sensitive *to* or *of*. *Obs.*

1601 SHAKS. *Jul. C.* I. iii. 18 Yet his Hand, Not sensible of fire, remain'd vnscorch'd. 1774 GOLDSM. *Nat. Hist.* II. 169 Dogs are well known to be very sensible of different tones in music. 1779–81 JOHNSON *L. P., Pope* Wks. 1787 IV. 90 Extremely sensible of cold. 1822–29 *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 3) I. 51 The gum is often extremely sensible. *Ibid.* IV. 202 Albinoes..are painfully sensible to light.

9. Capable or liable to mental emotion.

†**a.** Having sensibility; capable of delicate or tender feeling. *Obs.*

1675 R. BURTHOGGE *Causa Dei* 13 A person of a tender, sensible and compassionate Temper. 1734 WATTS *Relig. Juv.* (1789) 182 Preserve your Conscience always soft and sensible. 1749 FIELDING *Tom Jones* v. vi, Thus his backwardness..wrought so violently on her sensible and tender heart, that she soon felt for him all those gentle sensations which are consistent with a virtuous and elevated female mind. 1760 STERNE *Serm.* III. 405 St. Peter certainly was of a warm and sensible nature.

†**b.** Sensitive; easily hurt or offended. *Obs.*

1759 CHESTERF. *Lett.* IV. cccIv. 170 You will say..that if a person is born of a very sensible gloomy temper..they cannot help it. 1792 GOUV. MORRIS *Diary & Lett.* (1889) II. 3 These [titles] should be properly placed, you know, because monarchs are very *sensible* on that subject.

c. Sensitive or readily accessible *to* some specified emotional influence. Also const. *of*. Now *rare*.

1791 BOSWELL *Johnson* an. 1734, Johnson had, from his early youth, been sensible to the influence of female charms. 1845 GRAVES *Rom. Law* in *Encycl. Metrop.* II. 738/2 The Roman mind seems to have been always sensible to the claims of justice. 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* iv. I. 450 Work was to be done, however, which could be trusted to no man who reverenced law or was sensible of shame. *Ibid.* vi. II. 65 Even Sunderland, though not very sensible to shame, flinched from the infamy of public apostasy.

10. *transf.* Of material things or substances, esp. of instruments of measurement, as a balance, a thermometer: Readily affected by physical impressions or influences, sensitive. Const. *to*. Now *rare*.

Also in †*sensible plant, weed* = SENSITIVE *plant*, where the adj. has, strictly speaking, sense 8, the movements of the plant having been formerly regarded as evidence of real sensation.

1661 FELTHAM *Resolves* II. xxiv. (ed. 8) 231 Like the sensible plant, when the hand of flesh does touch it, she shrinks in all her leaves. 1678 LOCKE *Let. to Boyle* in Bourne *Life* (1876) I. 399 A very sensible hygrometer. 1684 R. WALLER *Nat. Exper.* 5 The Third [thermometer]..is more sensible, and swifter near four times. 1725 SLOANE *Jamaica* II. 58 Sensible Grass. It is so very sensible that..I have on horseback wrote my name with a rod in a spot of it which continued visible for some time. 1742 BURGESS in *Phil. Trans.* XLII. 4 The Antidote is, the Root of the Sensible Weed, as it is commonly called, or *Herba Sensitiva*. 1769 E. BANCROFT *Guiana* 225 From the Sensible Plant to the scarce vegetable Moss, all are exquisitely adapted. 1819 J. G. CHILDREN *Chem. Anal.* 372 This balance is sensible to the 1/100dth part of a grain when loaded with 1000 grains in each pan. 1834 MRS. SOMERVILLE *Connex. Phys. Sci.* XXXI. 330 This instrument [the galvanometer] is rendered much more sensible by neutralizing the effects of the earth's magnetism on the needle. 1835–41 BRANDE *Man. Chem.* 72 Nitrate of mercury is a prevaricating test, but very sensible to a variety of substances that may exist in mineral waters.

†**b.** Music. *Sensible note.* [Tr. F. *note sensible.*] = *leading note* (see LEADING *ppl. a.*). Cf. SENSITIVE. *Obs.*

1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) XII. 521/1 This third major, which with the generator forms a semitone, has for that reason been called the sensible note, as introducing the generator. 1801 BUSBY *Dict. Mus., Sensible*, the appellation given to the sharp seventh of any key. 1827 HONE *Every-day Bk.* II. 965 The first note..has the effect of that which our musicians call sensible. 1830 *Examiner* 340/2 (Review of Drouet's *Method of Flute-Playing*) [Condemns the term as not English].

III. Actually perceiving or feeling.

11. Cognizant, conscious, aware of something. Often with some tinge of emotional sense: Cognizant of something as a ground for pleasure or regret. Const. *of*, †*to*; also with *clause*. Now somewhat *rare*.

c 1412 HOCCLEVE *De Reg. Princ.* 1566 Art þou ought, sone myn, sensible In whiche cas þat þou oghtest the for-bere, And in whiche nat? 1625 BACON *Ess., Great Place* (Arb.) 293 Be not too sensible, or too remembring, of thy Place, in Conuersation. *Ibid., Greatn. Kingd.* (Arb.) 481 Nay, it seemeth at this instant, they [the Spaniards] are sensible of this want of Natiues. 1662 J. DAVIES *Olearius' Voy. Ambass.* 200 The Birds, which were not yet sensible of the Cold,..continued their Chirping and Singing till near the middle of December. 1666–7 PEPYS *Diary* 14 Feb., Which shows how little we are sensible of the weight of the business upon us. 1676 TEMPLE *Let. to Sir J. Williamson* 12 June, I went to Monsieur Mauregnault, and made him sensible, how all these Exceptions of the Resident were expresly provided against. 1683 TRYON *Way to Health* (1697) 92 The learned Prophet Moses was sensible that the common and frequent eating of Flesh was very dangerous. 1699 BENTLEY *Phal.* 309, I am sensible how long I have detain'd the Reader upon this Subject. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* June 1645, I think I was never sensible of so burning a heate as I was this season. 1700 DRYDEN *Sigism. & Guisc.* 270 The gloomy Sire, too sensible of Wrong To vent his Rage in Words. 1711 HEARNE *Collect.* (O. H. S.) III. 209, I am very sensible that I deserve none of those Favours. 1721 LADY M. W. MONTAGU *Let. to C'tess Mar* (1893) I. 452, I would have you then..try to make the wretch sensible of the truth of what I advance. 1739 SHERIDAN tr. *Persius' Sat.* iv. 63 You will soon be sensible how short your Abilities are. 1741–2 CHALLONER *Missionary Priests* (1803) II. 18 The catholics were made sensible that, however the persecution might in some measure be abated, it was not to cease. 1744 LADY M. W. MONTAGU *Let. to C'tess Oxford* 13 Apr. (1893) II. 129 My health..is extremely good; I thank God I am sensible of no distemper or infirmity. 1765 A. DICKSON *Treat. Agric.* 466 If these salts and oils actually fly off from it in such quantities, as to make us sensible of them by smell. 1782 MISS BURNEY *Cecilia* VII. iii, Cecilia, sensible of the truth of this speech,..now summoned her utmost courage to her aid. 1806 R. CUMBERLAND *Mem.* (1807) II. 160, I was not sensible to the extent of my danger. 1813 T. BUSBY *Lucretius* I. i. *Comm.* p. XXXVI, [Lucretius] sensible to the difficulty of the subject on which he is engaged. 1819 BYRON *Juan* I. cli, That sublime of rascals, your attorney, Whom I see standing there, and looking sensible Of having play'd the fool. 1821 LAMB *Elia* Ser. I. *Grace bef. Meat*, We may be gratefully sensible of the deliciousness of some kinds of food beyond others. 1825 SCOTT *Betrothed* ii, He was sensible that the alliance which he meditated might indeed be tolerated, but could not be approved, by his subjects. 1837 HALLAM *Lit. Eur.* I. i. iii. 168, I am sensible that the mention of such a circumstance may appear trifling.

†**b.** Mindful *of* a person. *Obs.*

1643 CHAS. I in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. II. III. 309 The perticuler persons whoe in this our extremity are soe sensible of us. 1646 H. LAWRENCE *Comm. Angells* Ded. 2 b, As we usually are more sensible of our enemyes than our friends.

12. Emotionally conscious; having a pleasurable, painful, grateful or resentful sense *of* something. In later use almost exclusively: Gratefully conscious *of* (kindness, etc.). Also const. *to* (? *obs.*), †*for*, and with *clause*.

1634 W. TIRWHYT *Balzac's Lett.* I. 26 They stood amazed to see a servant..Who was as sensible of the least evils of his country as of his proper sorrows. 1656 BRAMHALL *Replic.* 11 God seemeth to be more sensible of the injuries done unto his church and to his servants, then of the dishonor done unto himself. 1680 BUTLER *Rem.* (1759) II. 74 His Pleasures require a larger Proportion of Excess and Variety, to render him sensible of them. 1711 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 166 P 8 He found that he was so very sensible of his Fault, and so sincerely repented of it. 1715 HICKES *Let. to Hearne* (MS. Rawl. Lett. f. 15) 75, I am as sensible & sorry for the great Loss of Mr. Urry, as any Friend he hath left behind him. 1775 EARL CARLISLE in Jesse *Selwyn & Contemp.* (1844) III. 108 Lady Carlisle desires to be remembered to you; she is, indeed, very sensible of your goodness to us all. 1823 SCOTT *Quentin D.* XXXVI, He was sensible to the indignity of serving with his noblest peers under the banners of his own

vassal. 1831 — *Ct. Robt.* xvi, The creature seemed sensible of the clemency. 1856 CARLYLE *Let. to J. Knight* 19 Apr., Surely I am very sensible to the kindness of the President and Council in this matter. 1895 *N. Amer. Rev.* Aug. 149 They are always sensible to kindness and sympathy.

†**b.** Without const. *Obs.*

1748 RICHARDSON *Clarissa* (1768) III. 62, I kissed her, and she made me a courtesy for my condescension; and blushed, and seemed sensible all over.

13. Conscious, free from physical insensibility or delirium.

1732 LEDIARD *Sethos* II. ix. 283 The governor was not yet sensible. 1743 BULKELEY & CUMMINS *Voy. S. Seas* 32 Where we saw Mr. Cozens..alive, and to Appearance sensible, but speechless. 1835 *Comic Almanack* (1870) 2 *Nurse.* Speak softly, Sir; my master's turning blue, He's not been sensible since last November. *Rig. Fun.* (*aside*) Nor ever was, that I can remember. 1862 MRS. H. WOOD *Mrs. Hallib.* III. vi, 'And now the doctor says he has not many hours to live.' 'I am sorry to hear it,' cried William. 'Is he sensible?' 1891 'J. S. WINTER' *Lumley* xiii, He's asking for you and is quiet and sensible.

IV. 14. Endowed with good sense; intelligent, reasonable, judicious.

Stigmatized by Johnson 1755 as used only 'in low conversation'. In some of the early instances the sense may perh. be rather 'capable of mental perception'.

1584 R. SCOT *Discov. Witcher.* III. viii. (1886) 40 If they were sensible, they would saie to the divell: Whie should I hearken to you? 1586 A. DAY *Eng. Secretary* I. (1625) 111 These (the more sensible they are with whom wee deale, and of greater capacity) the more vehemently may we enforce by all sorts of forcible arguments. 1596 SHAKS. *Merry W.* II. i. 151 'Twas a good sensible fellow. 1597 — 2 *Hen. IV*, I. ii. 220 For the boxe of th'eare that the Prince gaue you, he gaue it like a rude Prince, and you tooke it like a sensible Lord. 1598 W. PHILLIP tr. *Linschoten* I. xlvi. 85 In the Island of Seylon there are also great numbers [of Elephants], which are esteemed the best and sensiblest of all the worlde. *c* 1600 BACON *Elem. Com. Laws* (1630) Pref. B 3 b, And that Ciuilians, States-men, Schollers, and other sensible men might not haue beene harred from them. 1711 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 130 P 3 Sir Roger..knew several sensible People who believed these Gypsies now and then foretold very strange things. 1747 H. WALPOLE *Let. to Mann* 1 Sept., You will, I think, like Sir James Grey; he is very civil and good-humoured, and sensible. 1766 GOLDSM. *Vic. W.* xxxi, My loveliest, my most sensible of girls. 1768 SIR P. FRANCIS *Let.* 26 Apr. *Mem.* (1867) I. 210 The woman..is honest and intelligent, or in the cant word, sensible. 1781 COWPER *Convers.* 193 A moral, sensible, and well-bred man Will not affront me, and no other can. 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* vi. II. 97 He was too sensible a man not to know that he might at some future time be called to a serious account by a parliament. 1860 *Proc. Zool. Soc.* 184 It [a young female Gorilla] was tame, lively, sensible, and not near so noisy or dirty as a Chimpanzee. 1876 MISS BRADDON *J. Haggard's Dau.* II. 9 'They're all glad to get a husband; even the sensiblest of them', chuckled the farmer. 1885 O. W. HOLMES *Mortal Antipathy* iv. (1886) 65 No sensible person in Arrowhead village really believed in the evil eye.

b. Of action, behaviour, discourse, etc.: Marked by, exhibiting, or proceeding from good sense.

1653 H. MORE *Antid. Ath.* I. xiii. (1662) 126 The manner of this Genius his sensible Converse. *a* 1699 TEMPLE *On Health & Long Life* Wks. 1720 I. 277 He had been a Soldier in the Cales Voyage..of which He gave me a sensible Accounnt. 1778 MME. D'ARBLAY *Diary* Sept., She has a sensible and penetrating countenance. 1801 *Farmer's Mag.* Aug. 362 A very sensible paper, on the use of lime. 1822 LAMA *Elia* Ser. I. *Some Old Actors*, His rebuke to the knight and his sottish revellers, is sensible and spirited. 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* ii. I. 221 *note*, The most sensible thing said in the House of Commons, on this subject, came from Sir William Coventry.

Comb. 1895 J. G. MILLAIS *Breath Veldt* (1899) 116 Oom Paul's mode of government is entirely unpopular amongst the more sensible-minded Dutch.

B. *absol.* and *sb.*

1. That which produces sensation; that which is perceptible; an object of sense, or of any one of the senses.

1589 PUTTENHAM *Eng. Poesie* III. xxiii. (Arb.) 269 This louely conformitie..betweene the sence and the sensible hath nature..most carefully obserued in all her owne workes. 1656 STANLEY *Hist. Philos.* V. *Plato* iv. (1687) 160/2 In Sensibiles (saith Plato) neither magnitude nor quality is permanent. 1665 GLANVILL *Scepsis Sci.* ix. 50 A blind man conceives not colours, but under the notion of some other sensible. *a* 1704 T. BROWN *London & Lacedem. Oracles* Wks. 1730 III. 131 By Phenomena's we understand Sensibles, which we oppose to Intelligibles. 1788 T. TAYLOR *Proclus* I. 44 *note*, All the ancient theologists..affirmed that the soul was of a certain middle nature and condition between intelligibles and sensibles. 1856 R. A. VAUGHAN *Mystics* (1860) I. 54 Those..who think they can storm the Intelligible by the Sensible.

†**2.** A being that is capable of sensation. *Obs.*

a 1676 HALE *Prim. Orig. Man.* I. i. (1677) 17 The Life that is in Vegetables..; the Life and Sense that is in Sensibles. 1682 CREECH *Lucretius* Notes (1683) 33 This agrees to Plants as well as Sensibles, They are nourisht grow and live alike.

†**3.** The element (in a spiritual being) that is capable of feeling. *Obs.*

1667 MILTON *P. L.* II. 278 Our torments also may in length of time Become our Elements,..our temper chang'd Into their temper; which must needs remove The sensible of paiu.

4. One possessing good sense, a judicious person.

1747 W. HORSLEY *Fool* (1748) II. 323 The Sensibles are desired to confine theirs to Masquerades and Playhouses.

5. *The sensibles*, sensible views of things. *nonce-use.*

1880 BLACKMORE *Mary Anerley* xli, After the sensitive age was past, and when the sensibles ought to reign,..he fell..into a violent passion of love for a beautiful Jewish maid barely turned seventeen.

Sensibleness (se·nsĭb'lnés). [f. SENSIBLE *a.* + -NESS.]

†**1.** The quality or state of being sensible or capable of sensation; sensibility; sensitiveness.

1528 PAYNELL *Salerne's Regim.* R j b, Popie sede hoth taketh away the sensiblenes of the membres..and pronoketh to slepe. 1597 A. M. tr. *Guillemeau's Fr. Chirurg.* 22/3 The yonge Chyrurgiane may knowe them by there sensiblenes, because they are verye dolorous and full of payne. 1656 W. MOUNTAGUE *Accompl. Woman* 124 Pain and sensiblenesse, are never in dead bodies. 17.. SHARP (J.), The sensibleness of the eye renders it subject to pain.

†**2.** Of speech: Intelligibility, impressiveness.

a 1586 SIDNEY *Apol. Poet.* (Arb.) 69 Because with a playne sensiblenes, they might win credit of popular eares.

†**3.** Tenderness of feeling, sensibility. *Obs.*

a 1631 DONNE *Serm.* lxxxv. (1649) II. 31 There lies a burden upon them too, to consider with a compassionate sensiblenesse, the grievances that oppresse the other part.

†**4.** The state or fact of being sensible or emotionally (esp. gratefully) conscious of something. Const. *of*; rarely with *clause*. *Obs.*

1605 A. WOTTON *Answ. late Popish Art.* Ded., All that remaines is by this, or some such like deed, to professe my sensiblenes of your great fauour. 1642 FULLER *Holy & Prof. St.* I. xii. 37 Blushing..not arising from guiltinesse..but..from sensiblenesse of disgrace. *a* 1680 CHARNOCK *Attrib. God* (1834) I. 689 The fruit of these falls is..a deeper sensiblenesse wherein their security lies. *a* 1708 BEVERIDGE *Thes. Theol.* (1711) II. 367 The first step to holiness and felicity, is sensibleness of our sin and misery.

†**5.** Perceptibility. *Obs.*

1653 H. MORE *Antid. Ath.* I. viii. (1712) 21 This absurdity cannot be excused from the sensibleness of Matter since the Atheist is forced to admit such things as fall not under Sense. 1784 J. BARRY *Lect. Art* V. (1848) 193 Bronze..may, from the weight and sensibleness of its colour, do extremely well.

6. The quality of being sensible or of having good sense; intelligence, sound judgement.

1888 *Spectator* 15 Sept. 1246/2 That quality of sensibleness which has made him a valued member of Conservative Cabinets.

Sensibly (se·nsĭbli), *adv.* Also 6 **sensybly, sensiblie, senciblie,** 6–7 **sencibly;** (uncontracted form: 7 **sensiblely.**). [f. SENSIBLE *a.* + -LY 2.]

1. In a manner perceptible to the senses; so far as can be perceived.

c 1425 *St. Mary of Oignies* I. x. in *Anglia* VIII. 146/38 So grete froste þat..in þe holy chalys, while þe preste songe, wyne fros sensibly & sodeynly in to yce. 1541 R. COPLAND *Galyen's Terap.* a H ij, Some parte of the medycament wyll flowe by lytel & lytel in to ye artere sensibly and manyfestly. 1588 SHAKS. *Tit. A.* IV. ii. 122 He is your brother Lords, sensibly fed Of that selfe blood that first gaue life to you. 1653 in Swayne *Churchw. Acc. Sarum* (1896) 228 The maine pillars did bulge out, and sensiblely shake. 1705 ADDISON *Italy, Ferrara* 114 From Venice to Ancona the Tide comes in very sensibly at its stated Periods. 1850 *Bohn's Hand-bk. Games* (1867) 561 If a ball is made to go to the brink of a pocket, and after sensibly standing still, should fall into it, the striker wins nothing. 1893 SIR R. BALL *Story of Sun* 36 Lines drawn from various points on the Earth to Pollux would all appear sensibly parallel.

b. In an appreciable degree.

1675–6 BOYLE in *Phil. Trans.* No. 122. 522 The two Ingredients were easily mingled, and grew not only sensibly but considerably hot [in the palm of his hand]. 1728 tr. *Newton's Treat. Syst. World* 123 Though those rays are not able sensibly to move the gross substances in our parts. 1762 LD. KAMES *Elem. Crit.* xviii. § 4 (1774) II. 151 The pause also is sensibly affected by the position of the accent. *a* 1817 T. DWIGHT *Trav. New Eng.* (1823) IV. 358 At the end of two years, this currency, in consequence of enormous emissions, began sensibly to depreciate. 1880 GEIKIE *Phys. Geog.* iv. 278 The sea is said to be sensibly decreasing in size.

†**2. a.** With self-consciousness, consciously. **b.** Of feeling: Acutely, intensely. *Obs.*

1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 288 b, And than he begynneth to lone sensyhly: and than first he feleth that he loueth God. 1586 E. YOUNG *Guazzo's Civ. Conv.* IV. 176, I doe sensiblie feele all the superfluous humours (engendred by solitarinesse) consumed quite, and spent in mee. 1631 GOUGE *God's Arrows* III. § 58. 296 No marvell then that they who..rashly thrust themselves into warre, be made sensibly to feele the smart of their folly. 1678 BUNYAN *Pilgr.* I. (1900) 133 When he doth sensibly, and with heart-humiliation thus think, then hath he good thoughts of his own ways. 1719 DE FOE *Crusoe* I. (Globe) 114 It was now that I began sensibly to feel how much more happy this Life I now led was..than the wicked..Life I led all the past Part of my Days. 1805–6 CARY *Dante, Inf.* VI. 110 As each thing to more perfection grows, It feels more sensibly both good and pain.

†**3.** So as to be easily understood or to impress the feelings; clearly, strikingly. *Obs.*

1576 FLEMING *Panopl. Epist.* 226 Vnblameable affections, ..hath not their generation or issue, from the enticementes of Venerie, I meane (to speake more sensibly) from carnall pleasures. 1693 NORRIS *Pract. Disc.* (1722) IV. Pref. 2, I know not whether I have met with any thing that has struck me more Sensibly, or made a quicker Impression upon my Spirit than a certain Reflexion which [etc.]. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 20 Dec. 1673, But the description..delighted me, so sensibly they spake of the excellent aire and climate in respect of our cloudy and splenetic country.

†**b.** So as to be keenly felt. *Obs.*

1655 J. JANE in *Nicholas Papers* (1892) II. 355 Never was the vanity of pretenders to wisdom and government more apparantly layed open to reproach..nor the people requited for their murmuringes more sensibly then ours have beene.

4. With good sense, intelligently; judiciously, reasonably.

1755 JOHNSON, *Sensibly*, in low language, judiciously, reasonably. 1828–32 in WEBSTER s.v., The man converses very sensibly on all common topics. *Mod.* He behaved sensibly under the circumstances.

Comb. 1899 *Westm. Gaz.* 13 Jan. 3/2 A sensibly-written book, which will serve a useful purpose.

†**Se·nsical,** *a. Obs. rare.* [f. SENSE *sb.* + -ICAL.] Sensible.

1797 S. J. PRATT *Family Secrets* in *Monthly Rev.* XXIII. 60 [Uses 'sensical' and 'sensate' for sensible]. 1839 J. ROGERS *Antipopopr.* I. iii. § 1. 75 With sensical and thoughtful men.

Sensifacient (se·nsifē·ʃĭĕnt), *a.* [f. L. *sens-us* SENSE *sb.* + -(I)FACIENT.] Producing sensation.

1879 HUXLEY *Sci. & Cult.* x. (1881) 257 The epithelium may be said to be receptive,..and the sensorium sensifacient. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VI. 514 Sensifacient cells.

Sensiferous (sensi·fĕrəs), *a.* [f. L. *sens-us* SENSE *sb.* + -IFEROUS.] Conveying sensation.

1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr.* 1659 H. MORE *Immort. Soul* II. viii. (1713) 97 Besides, that the sensiferous impresses of motion through the eyes play under them. 1826 KIRBY & SP. *Entomol.* III. xxxiii. 356 Two jointed sensiferous organs. 1879 HUXLEY *Sci. & Cult.* x. (1881) 246 On Sensation and the Unity of Structure of sensiferous Organs.

Sensific (sensi·fik), *a.* (and *sb.*) [ad. late L. *sensificus*, f. L. *sens-us* SENSE *sb.*: see -IFIC.]

A. *adj.* Of nerves: Producing sensation.

1822 GOOD *Study Med.* III. 28 *marg.*, Hence sometimes a sensific power and sometimes a motory. 1835–6 *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* I. 800/2 Convulsion is not..an affection..of the sensific part of the nervous system.

B. *sb.* (or absol. use of adj.) Only in *pl.* = SIGNIFICS. 1896 [see SIGNIFICS].

Sensificatory, *a.* [f. late L. *sensificāre* SENSIFY *v.*: see -ORY 2.] Producing sensation.

1879 HUXLEY *Sci. & Cult.* x. (1881) 268 Each consists of a receptive, a transmissive, and a sensificatory portion.

Sensify (se·nsifəi), *v.* [ad. late L. *sensificāre*, f. *sens-us* SENSE *sb.*: see -IFY.] *trans.* To transform (physical changes) into sensation. Hence **Se·nsifying** *ppl. a.*

1678 J. BROWN *Disc. Wounds* 238 The Nerves are soon resolved and distended, the senses flagg, and the Sensifying Quality doth perish. 1881 W. M. WILLIAMS *Sci. in Short Chapters* (1882) 44 In such a world of intermediate activities the insect probably lives..with his minute eye-like ear-bag sensifying material movements that lie between our world of sounds and our other far-distant worlds of heat and light.

Sensigenous (sensi·dʒĕnəs), *a.* [f. SENSE *sb.* + -(I)GEN + -OUS.] Producing sensation.

1874 HUXLEY in *Nature* 3 Sept. 365/2 The sensation which has passed away leaves behind molecules of the brain competent to its reproduction—'sensigenous molecules' so to speak. 1879 — *Hume* ii. 73 The sensigenous object, and that masterful entity, the Ego.

Sensile (se·nsil, -əil), *a.* [ad. L. *sensil-is* endowed with sensation, f. *sens-, sentīre* to feel: see -ILE.] Capable of perception, sentient.

1813 T. BUSBY *Lucretius* I. II. *Comm.* p. xxxv, Plato.. taught that sensible beings are formed from sensile atoms. *Ibid.* II. VI. 904 Others with stench the sensile nostrils teaze. 1843 WILKINSON tr. *Swedenborg's Anim. Kingd.* I. i. 41 Different organic series, musculär, glandulär, and sensile.

Sensine, obs. variant of SENSYNE.

Sensism (se·nsiz'm). *rare.* [f. SENSE *sb.* + -ISM.] **a.** Devotion to the things of sense, sensuality. **b.** *Philos.* = SENSATIONALISM.

1857 W. FLEMING *Voc. Philos.* 462 *Sensism*..is the doctrine that all our knowledge is derived originally from sense. *Ibid.* Sensism gives the single fact of sensation as sufficient to explain all mental phenomena. 1892 LILLY *Gt. Enigma* 74 Voluptuous sensism extracted from the purest idealism. 1903 W. TURNER *Hist. Philos.* 268 The denial of the universal means sensism.

Sensist (se·nsist). [f. SENSE *sb.* + -IST.] = SENSATIONALIST 1. Also *attrib.*

1874 MIVART in *Contemp. Rev.* Oct. 774 A wide divergence from the teaching of the last named writer has been introduced by his brother sensist, Mr. G. H. Lewes. *Ibid.* 786 The phenomena of Cosmical Evolution are presented by the sensist school in terms of matter and force. 1886 LOCKHART *Rosmini* I. 102 Wily agents were spreading the pernicious tenets of the Sensists.

Hence **Sensi·stic** *a.*

1882 T. DAVIDSON in *Fortn. Rev.* July 18 A sensistic philosophy, which, by circumscribing the natural powers of the mind within the narrowest limits, left indefinite room for authority.

†**Se·nsitie.** *Obs. rare*$^{-1}$. [app. f. L. *sens-us* SENSE *sb.* + -ITY.] Sensation.

1613 PURCHAS *Pilgrimage* (1614) 180 Neither sensitie, facultie, nor appetite was amisse in him.

Sensitive (se·nsitiv), *a.* and *sb.* Forms: *α.* 5 **sensitife, sensityf,** 6 **sensytyfe, sencitive,** 7 **sensetive,** 5– **sensitive.** *β.* 6 **censatyve,** 6–8 **sensative.** [a. F. *sensitif, -ive* (13th c. in Hatz.-Darm.), ad. med.L. *sensitīvus*, irreg. f. L. *sens-*, ppl. stem of *sentīre* to feel. Cf. Sp., Pg., It. *sensitivo*. The *β* forms may possibly represent a med.L. **sensātīvus*, related to *sensātio*, but it is not evident that *sensitive* and *sensative* were regarded as distinct words.] **A.** *adj.*

1. Having the function of sensation or sensuous perception.

Sensitive soul [med.L. *anima sensitiva*]: in scholastic philosophy, that one of the three kinds of 'soul' or of constituent parts of the soul which is concerned with sensation, and which is characteristic of animals; distinguished from the *vegetative soul*, which is common to animals with plants.

and from the *intellective soul*, which in rational animals (men) is superadded to the two others. Similarly *sensitive virtue* [*virtus sensitiva*], the faculty of sensation.

a. *a* 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 4381 Þe faire floryscht filds of floures & of herbys, Qnare-of þe breth as of bawme blawis in oure noose, þat ilk sensitife sanle mast soundly delyte. *c* 1407 Lydg. *Reson & Sens.* 698 God..Hath yove and graunted vnto man..Twoo maners of knowlychynge... The first..Called the vertu sensytif By which he feleth.. Thinges..Which to forn him be present. *c* 1449 Pecock *Repr.* I. xiv. 74 Tho same treuthis whiche outward sensityne wittis knowen. 1531 Elyot *Gov.* III. xxiv. (1880) II. 371 An other parte [*sc.* of the soul], wherin man doth participate with all other thynges lyuynge, which is called sensitife, by reason that therof the sensis do procede. 1577 tr. *Bullinger's Decades* IV. x. (1592) 755 For there is the soule vegetatiue which worketh in plants. There is the soule sensitiue which..gineth life to brute beastes. 1620 T. Granger *Div. Logike* 109 Seeing, hearing, &c. are acts of the sensitiue powers. 1642 H. More *Song of Soul* II. I. II. xxv, That we term Soul sensitive, I'll call't form bestiall. 1653 — *Antid. Ath.* I. viii. § 13 (1712) 24 Corporeal Matter is the proper Object of the sensitive Faculty. *a* 1714 Abp. Sharp *Serm.* Wks. 1754 IV. 142 The seat of the one is in the intellectual reasonable nature; the seat of the other is in the sensitive. 1732 Pope *Ess. on Man* I. Argt., To possess any of the sensitive faculties in a higher degree, would render him miserable. 1769–90 Sir J. Reynolds *Disc.* vii. (1876) 421 All arts have means within them of applying themselves with success both to the intellectual and sensitive part of our natures. 1801 *Med. Jrnl.* V. 327 The sensitive power of the iris. *a* 1806 Bp. Horsley *Serm.* (1816) I. vii. 127 This spiritual sword of God's awful word..pierces to the very line of separation, as it were, of the sensitive and the intelligent principle. 1836 *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* III. 720 H/2 These are called sensitive nerves or nerves of common sensation. *a* 1881 Barratt *Phys. Metempiric* (1883) 22 We may reasonably infer that of which we might be sensible..by a hypothetical extension of our sensitive powers.

β. 1548 Vicary *Anat.* ii. (1888) 19 From the brayne commeth vij payre of Nerues sensatiues. 1594 Plat *Jewell-ho.* II. 16 Salt is no enemie either to the vegetatiue, or sensatiue natures. 1615 Crooke *Body of Man* 288 In sleepe the sensatiue faculties are all at rest. 1656–63 Bp. W. Lucy *Observ. Hobbes* 37 Yet there remains in the sensative memory that image, which represented the object at the first.

b. Of life, knowledge, perception (also formerly † of desires, feelings): Connected with the senses, sensuous. † Of objects: Perceptible by the senses.

a. 1530 Rastell *Purg.* I. vi, The beest which hath a lyfe sensytyve. 1536 Bellenden *Cron. Scot.* (1821) I. *Cosmogr.* Proheme 14 He that nold aganis his lustis strive But leiffis as beist of knawlege sensitive Eildis richt fast. 1608 D. T[uvill] *Ess. Pol. & Mor.* 4 Beeing for the most part led to iudge of matters onely by a Sensitiue apprehension they haue of them. 1633–55 Capel *Tentations* 11 Our sensitive love what follows the lower, and organical faculties of the soul. 1643 Milton *Divorce* I. ii. 6 The sensitive pleasing of the body. 1650 Baxter *Saints' R.* III. xi. (1662) 461 The sensitive sinfull appetite and passion may prevail with the Will. 1660 R. Coke *Justice Vind.* 7 The places of Scripture which testifie our Saviour's grief, sorrow, and fear: these passions being sensitive, do sufficiently convince that there was a sensual will in Christ. 1681–6 J. Scott *Chr. Life* (1747) III. 27 Hence it is that he so greedily prefers carnal before rational, and sensitive before spiritual Goods. 1690 Locke *Hum. Und.* IV. iii. § 5 Sensitive Knowledge reaching no farther than the Existence of Things actually present to our Senses, is yet much narrower than either of the former. 1690 Norris *Beatitudes* (1694) I. 40 Once, indeed, 'tis said, that he rejoiced; but then it was not with an outward, sensitive and tumultuous Joy. 1707 *Curios. Husb. & Gard.* 296 When a Plant becomes an Animal, it.. rises into a higher Station, by acquiring a Sensitive Life. *a* 1708 Beveridge *Priv. Th.* I. (1730) 104 By loving God, I do not understand that sensitive Affection I place upon material Objects. 1877 E. Caird *Philos. Kant* I. 174 Our sensitive perception of objects. 1889 Courtney *Mill* 129 Beliefs..gathered out of the sensitive experience of his forefathers.

β. 1743 N. Appleton *Serm.* 167 Our natural sensative Appetites and Desires.

† **c.** Of fever: Arising from sensation. *Obs.*

1794 E. Darwin *Zoon.* I. 391 Other new motions are then superadded, in consequence of sensation, which we shall call *febris sensitiva*, or sensitive fever. *Ibid.* 392 These sensitive fevers, like the irritative ones, resolve themselves into [etc.].

2. Of living beings: Endowed with the faculty of sensation. Formerly often: † 'Having sense or perception, but not reason' (J., 1755).

a. 1555 Eden *Decades* (Arb.) 131 We wyll nowe therefore entreate of thynges sencitiue. 1584 R. Scot *Discov. Witches.* v. iv. (1886) 78 Our bodies are visible, sensitive, and passive. 1601 Holland *Pliny* XII. Pref. I. 356 The natures as well in generall, as particularly in parts, of all living and sensitive creatures within the compasse of our knowledge. 1726 Swift *Gulliver* IV. ii, As to those filthy Yahoos..I confess I never saw any sensitive being so detestable on all accounts. 1768 Pennant *Brit. Zool.* I. Pref. 5 Our fish,..our insects, and the various other sensitive productions of this kingdom. 1794 Paley *Evid.* Introd. (1800) I. 2 The Deity when he formed it consulted for the happiness of his sensitive creation. 1796 H. Hunter tr. *St.-Pierre's Stud. Nat.* (1799) II. 381 It is only for beings vegetative and sensitive that Nature has created the fossil kingdom.

β. 1509 Hawes *Past. Pleas.* xxxv. (Percy Soc.) 112 By these twayne every thyng hath growynge; Bothe vegitatyfe and censatyve also, And also intellectyve.

3. Sensitive plant, † herb, † shrub, † tree, a shrub (*Mimosa pudica*, or *M. sensitiva*) possessing a high degree of irritability, causing the leaflets of the bipinnate leaves to fold together at the slightest touch (cf. Humble-*plant*, Sensible-*plant*); also applied with defining word to various plants possessing a similar quality, as † Bastard Sensitive plant (*Æschynomene americana*); False Sensitive plant (*Æ. hispida*); American Sensitive plant (*Cassia nictitans*), also called *Wild Sensitive plant* and *Sensitive Pea* (see Pea 3).

In the original use of this designation, the adj. belongs to sense 2 (not to sense 5); cf. Sensible *a.* 10.

1633 Johnson *Gerarde's Herbal* App. vii. 1599 This which I here call the sensitine herb is..*Herba mimosa*, or the Mocking herbe. 1658 J. Jones *Ovid's Ibis* 45 Thus the sensitive tree if ye touch one leaf the whole tree will quake. 1659 R. Lovell *Herbal* 524 Sensitive plant, *Herba sensibilis.* 1666 J. Davies *Hist. Caribby Isl.* 64 A Sensitive-shrub valued at a very great rate. 1709 Swift & Addison *Tatler* No. 32 P 2 She shrinks from the Touch like a Sensitive Plant. 1760 J. Lee *Introd. Bot.* App. 323 Plant, Bastard sensitive, *Æschynomene.* 1782 Cowper *Poet, Oyster, & Sensit. Plant* 22 When, cry the botanists—and stare—Did plants call'd sensitive grow there? 1820 Shelley *Sensit. Plant* 1 A Sensitive Plant in a garden grew. 1821 Barton *Flora N. Amer.* I. 102 *Æschynomene hispida.* False-Sensitive-Plant. 1845–50 Mrs. Lincoln *Lect. Bot.* 61 The American sensitive plant. 1871 Kingsley *At Last* xi, So away we went..through broad-leaved grasses, and the pink balls of the sensitive-plants.

fig. 1890 'R. Boldrewood' *Col. Reformer* (1891) 139 Let but a single cloud darken the summer sky,..and the heart, that sensitive plant, shrinks instinctively at nature's warning.

b. Sensitive Brier, *Schrankia uncinata.* **Sensitive Fern,** *Onoclea sensibilis.*

1823 Crabb *Technol. Dict.*, Sensitive Fern. 1846–50 A. Wood *Class-bk. Bot.* 238 Sensitive Brier.

c. Of plants and their organs: Capable of responding to stimulation. Cf. 5.

1875 Darwin *Insectiv. Pl.* vii. 140 Some tentacles on the same leaf were more sensitive than others. 1880 C. & F. Darwin *Movem. Pl.* 191 A part or organ may be called sensitive, when its irritation excites movement in an adjoining part. 1882 Vines tr. *Sachs' Bot.* 729 The leaves of *Mimosa*..may again become sensitive when the temperature falls.

4. That feels quickly and acutely. **a.** In physical sense, of a living being, an animal organ or tissue: Having quick or intense perception or sensation. Also (const. *to*), Readily and acutely affected with pain or pleasure by some particular influence.

1849 Lyell *2nd Vis. U. S.* II. 175 When people have recovered from the yellow fever, the skin, although in other respects as sensitive as ever, is no longer affected by a musquito bite. 1859 Dickens *T. Two Cities* I. v, Madame Defarge being sensitive to cold, was wrapped in fur. 1860 Tyndall *Glac.* I. v. 38 One effect of light upon the eye is to render it less sensitive. 1875 Jowett *Plato* (ed. 2) III. 587 The tongue is one of the most sensitive of organs.

b. With reference to mental feelings: Having quick and acute sensibilities; easily touched to emotion, impressionable; easily wounded by unkindness; occasionally, ready to take offence, 'touchy'. Const. *to*, rarely *of*.

1816 Scott *Old Mort.* xxxix, That mournful impression,.. which the sensitive mind usually receives from a return to the haunts of childhood. 1824 W. Irving *T. Trav.* I. 72 The scenes of blood which followed shocked his sensitive nature. 1838 Thirlwall *Greece* V. 215 They were the more sensitive to injuries and encroachments on their rights. 1849 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* I. I. 84 His conscience, which, on occasions of little moment, was sufficiently sensitive. *a* 1859 *Ibid.* xxiv. V. 214 Torpid as Spain had become, there was still one point on which she was exquisitely sensitive. 1862 Grote *Hist. Greece* V. II. lx. 288 Citizens, full of impressibility—sensitive and demonstrative Greeks. 1871 R. H. Hutton *Theol. Ess.* I. (1888) 5 Sensitive to human emotions. 1878 Lecky *Eng. in 18th C.* II. vi. 163 A man of the most stainless and sensitive honour. 1888 H. S. Holland *Christ or Eccl.* p. vii, Every educated man must be sensitive of the strain laid by miracle upon..scientific..methods of knowledge.

c. *Spec.* Having the temperament that is receptive of hypnotic or other occult influences. Cf. B. 5.

1846 Gregory *Abstr. Reichenbach's Res. Magnetism* 2 Healthy sensitive subjects..experience no inconvenience from the approach of magnets.

5. *transf.* Readily altered or affected by some influence specified or implied. Const. *to*, *of*.

1828 Steuart *Planter's G.* (ed. 2) 506 Oaks and Beeches, the plants of all others the most sensitive of drought! 1853 W. Gregory *Inorg. Chem.* 254 Silver and all its compounds are very sensitive to sulphuretted hydrogen. 1897 Mary Kingsley *W. Africa* 689 Your life hangs on quinine, and.. it is most important to keep the system sensitive to it.

b. *Photogr.* Of paper or other prepared surface, of chemical substances, etc.: Susceptible to actinic influence.

1839 Fox Talbot in *Philos. Mag.* XIV. 204 When a sheet of this, which I shall call *Sensitive Paper*, is placed in a dark chamber. 1839 — in *Rep. Brit. Assoc.* VIII. II. 3 A silver plate ..covered with a stratum of iodide of silver, which is sensitive to light. 1846 Gregory *Abstr. Reichenbach's Res. Magnetism* 9 A very sensitive daguerreotype plate being prepared, was placed opposite to a magnet [etc.]. 1893 Hodges *Elem. Photogr.* (1907) 14 The sensitive plates, or films, are made to certain standard sizes. *Ibid.* 95 The paper is..very sensitive to all white light.

c. Of a scientific instrument of measurement: Indicating readily slight changes of condition, easily moved or affected by the external forces which it is constructed to detect or record.

1857 Miller *Elem. Chem., Org.* (1862) 157 Determining the specific gravity by means of a sensitive hydrometer. 1863 Tyndall *Heat* I. § 8 (1870) 8 Had they..dipped sufficiently sensitive thermometers into the water..they would have found [etc.]. 1867 — *Sound* vi. 243, I at one time intended to approach this subject of sensitive flames through a series of experiments, which [etc.]. 1872 Yeats *Techn. Hist. Comm.* 349 Balances are made sensitive to the fraction of a grain. 1873–81 Maxwell *Elecir. & Magn.* II. 322 When the instrument is intended to indicate the existence of a feeble [electric] current, it is called a sensitive Galvanometer.

d. Of market-prices, stock, etc.: Having a tendency to fluctuate rapidly upon the publication of outside reports.

1866 Rogers *Agric. & Pr.* I. xxi. 548 Such an article would be extremely sensitive to demand. 1867 Latham *Black & White* 12 We went also to the Gold Exchange, and gold happened to be 'very sensitive'..and would go up.

6. Music. *Sensitive note*: the leading note of a scale. Cf. Sensible *a.* 10 b.

1867 MacFarren *Harmony* (1892) 30 This 7th of the key is also frequently called the Sensitive-note. 1881 Broadhouse *Mus. Acoustics* 344 Modern harmony with..its constantly-present sensitive or leading note.

B. *sb.*

† **1.** A being that is capable of sensation. *Obs.*

c 1532 Du Wes *Introd. Fr.* in *Palsgr.* 1053 Thynges created of God..ben elemented, vegetables and sensytyves, as ben all beestes. 1602 Warner *Alb. Eng.* XIII. lxxvi. (1612) 316 The Sensitiues, as beastes, wormes, birdes, and fishes. 1651 Baxter *Inf. Bapt.* 230 The Mediator God-man doth exercise part of his Authority..even among brutes, and sensitives that cannot know him. 1727 De Foe *Hist. Appar.* iv. (1840) 28 In Mars..no vegetables or sensitives could subsist that we have any notion of, for want of Moisture.

† **2.** The faculty of sensation. *Obs.*

1603 Holland *Plutarch's Mor.* 1042 Of necessitie both the sensitive must be divided and goe with the sensible, and also the imaginative with the imaginable. 1627 Hakewill *Apol.* (1630) 74 Not onely the reasonable soule of man, but the sensitive of the least gnat.

† **b.** That which is capable of feeling (something specified). *Obs.*

1744 Akenside *Pleas. Imag.* II. 218 They rise to act their cruelties anew In my afflicted bosom, thus decreed The universal sensitive of pain, The wretched heir of evils not its own!

† **3.** *nonce-use.* One sensible of a favour. *Obs.*

1663 Gerbier *Counsel* b 8 b, An humble sensitive, Your Lordships Zealous and most humble Servant.

4. The Sensitive plant (see A. 3). [F. *la sensitive.*]

1707 *Curios. Husb. & Gard.* 87 The Sensitive..never opens its Leaves till some time after Sun-rising. 1893 Stevenson *Isl. Nights' Entert., Beach of Falesá* iv, There are cocoa palms..and guavas and lots of sensitive.

fig. 1805 M. A. Shee *Rhymes Art* 88 But arts, a tribe of sensitives, demand a hot-house culture.

5. *nonce-use.* One who is easily shocked.

1838 Southey *Doctor* V. 143 This I am told it was which alarmed the Literary Sensitives.

6. One sensitive to spiritualist or other occult influences, a medium.

1850 Ashburner tr. *Reichenbach's Dynamics, Magnetism*, etc. 333 The most remarkable individual of all the healthy sensitives, whose perceptions exceeded those even of many diseased observers, in strength, distinctness, and duration, was..Josepha Zinkel. 1886 F. W. H. Myers *Phantasms of Living* I. Introd. 63 Phenomena commonly attributed to 'spirits' (but many of which may perhaps be more safely ascribed to the automatic agency of the sensitive himself).

7. One in whom the sensitive faculty is highly developed. Also = Sensitivist.

1891 *Athenæum* 18 July 93/3 A new and active band of Dutch novelists who have thought it worth their while to take a fresh name—the Sensitives—the better to define their place in literature. 1907 J. Loeb *Talks with Dead* 59, I [Shakspere] was a man of extremes, a Sensitive, a term which embraces all the eccentricities of a soul tabernacled in clay. 1909 Chesterton *Thackeray* Introd. 31 He was a sublime emotional Englishman, who lived by atmosphere. He was a great sensitive.

b. *transf.* and *fig.*

1884 Haweis *Musical Mem.* iii. 94 New violins as a rule will take thicker strings than the fine old sensitives of the sixteenth or seventeenth centuries.

Sensitively (se·nsitivli), *adv.* [f. Sensitive *a.* + -ly 2.] In a sensitive manner.

† **1.** Feelingly, tenderly; with the emotions as distinguished from the intellect. *Obs.*

1644 Hammond *Pract. Catech.* I. iii. (1646) 33 The sensitive faculty..may expresse its selfe more sensitively toward that inferiour object then toward God. 1673 Baxter *Let. in Acc. Sherlocke* ii. 170 And thus God may be sensitively, or passionately loved, and must be.

2. With reference to feeling: Acutely, intensely.

1833 T. Hook *Parson's Dau.* II. x, He was sensitively alive to the force of ridicule. 1870 Spurgeon *Treas. Dav. Ps.* xliv. 1 To hear with the ears affects us more sensitively than to read with the eyes.

3. With delicate perception; also *transf.*

a 1881 Illingworth *Serm. College Chapel* 119 Never before..were the aspects and the processes of this natural world so curiously, sensitively, lavingly watched as now. 1881 Huxley in *Nature* 11 Aug. 346/1 A vast aggregate of molecular mechanisms,..sensitively adjusting themselves to every change in the surrounding world.

4. With pa. pple.: So as to be sensitive.

1897 Mary Albert *Diamond Shoe Buckles* 60 A delicate, sensitively-organized frame.

Sensitiveness (se·nsitivnĕs). [-ness.]

1. The power or capacity of sensation. Also, with reference to plants: Capacity of responding to stimulation.

1828 Ballantyne *Exam. Hum. Mind* 427 In regard to sensitiveness many of the lower animals surpass man. 1862 Darwin *Orchids* vi. 212 She [Nature] has endowed these plants with, what must be called for want of a better term, sensitiveness. 1882 Vines tr. *Sachs' Bot.* 775 The sensitiveness of the leaves of Mimosa does not therefore depend on a change of growth caused by the irritation.

transf. 1848–9 Calhoun *Wks.* (1874) IV. 284 Magic wires are stretching themselves in all directions over the earth, and when their mystic meshes shall have been..perfected, our globe itself will become endowed with sensitiveness.

2. Keen susceptibility to outward impressions, delicacy or keenness of feeling developed to an unusual or abnormal degree.

1825 Scott *Betrothed* viii, In slow and solid natures there is usually..a sensitiveness to the breach of petty observances. 1866 Geo. Eliot *F. Holt* v, But the minister's sensitiveness gave another interpretation to the gaze which he divined rather than saw. 1886 *Manch. Exam.* 14 Jan. 5/3 The new French Agent at Cairo..seems to be gifted with great diplomatic sensitiveness. 1908 *Athenæum* 21 Nov. 637/3 The analysis of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony..shows vivid sensitiveness to musical impressions.

b. Morbid self-consciousness, touchiness.

1851 Helps *Comp. Solit.* x. (1857) 176 At last even sensitive people learn to suffer less from sensitiveness. 1881 Emma J. Worboise *Sissie* xv, Sensitiveness, *per se*, is too often nothing but wounded vanity.

3. The quality or state of being easily affected by or of readily indicating changes of condition; *Photogr.* susceptibility to actinic influence. See Sensitive *a.* 5, 5 b, 5 c.

1839 Fox Talbot in *Rep. Brit. Assoc.* VIII. II. 5 The present degree of sensitiveness of the photogenic paper was stated to be as follows. 1857 *G. Bird's Urin. Depos.* (ed. 5) 387 Such is the sensitiveness of this test that five or six drops only of saccharine urine, diffused through water, is sufficient to show the effect. 1860 Tyndall *Glac.* II. xx. 336 An extreme degree of sensitiveness has been ascribed to the glacier as regards the changes of temperature. 1885 *Sci. Amer.* 25 Apr. 262/3 A sensitive plate showing a reading of 25 will be regarded as having an extreme degree of sensitiveness.

Sensitivism (se·nsitiviz'm). [f. Sensitive *a.* + -ism.] The principles of the sensitivists.

1891 E. Gosse *Introd. to Couperus' Footsteps of Fate* 14 For the peculiar quality which unites in one movement the varied elements of the school which I have attempted thus briefly to describe, the name Sensitivism has been invented by one of themselves, by Van Deyssel.

Sensitivist (se·nsitivist). [f. Sensitive *a.* + -ist.] The designation of a school of novelists in Holland, who aim at combining in their methods the valuable qualities of impressionism and realism.

1891 E. Gosse *Introd. to Couperus' Footsteps of Fate* 5 The Dutch Sensitivists. 1903 *Blackw. Mag.* Apr. 557/1 They would be realists, or naturalists, or sensitivists, or heaven knows what.

Sensitivity (sensiti·vĭti). [f. Sensitive *a.* + -ity. Cf. F. *sensitivité.*]

1. The quality of being sensitive, in various senses of the adj.

1803 W. Taylor in *Ann. Rev.* I. 401 An eloquent exuberance characterizes the style of our author, and a sensitivity of imagination which makes even the minutest phænomenon appear important to his attention. 1856 Dove *Logic Chr. Faith* IV. ii. § 5. 221 In the Vegetable World we behold the ..germ of individual Sensitivity. 1880 Bastian *Brain* 57 Its sensitivity to such stimuli is..closely akin to the general organic irritability of protoplasm. 1882 *Athenæum* 25 Nov. 703/1 The number of grades between the weights that any person can distinguish has to be found by trial, and that number becomes the measure of the coarseness of his sensitivity. 1904 Titchener tr. *Wundt's Physiol. Psychol.* I. 265 We find..symptoms of abrogation or diminution of cutaneous sensitivity upon the uninjured side of the body.

2. The activity and experience of the senses.

1889 Mivart *Orig. Hum. Reas.* 75 Creatures whose whole being is entirely given up to sensitivity.

†Sensiti·vo-ra·tional, *a. Obs. rare.* Sensitive and rational.

Wollaston (*Relig. Nat.* 1722) uses the mod.L. form *sensitivo-rationalis.*

1768–74 Tucker *Lt. Nat.* (1834) I. 202 Man has been incompletely defined a rational animal; he is rather, to use Mr. Woolaston's words, sensitivo-rational. *Ibid.* II. 295 We are but sensitivo-rational creatures, having in our natures a spice of the angel and of the beast.

Sensitization (sensitəizē·ʃən). [f. Sensitize *v.* + -ation.] The act or process of sensitizing.

1887 *Brit. Merc. Gaz.* 15 June 25/1 Experiments in sensitization of molecular masses of differential volumes, showing attraction, propulsion, and negation, will follow. 1904 *Brit. Med. Jrnl.* 10 Sept. 559/2 The view of Bordet and the French school generally, that the action of immune body is what they describe as a sensitization.

Sensitize (se·nsitəiz), *v.* [f. Sensit-ive + -ize.]

1. *trans.* (*Photogr.*) To render (a plate, film or paper) sensitive to the influence of light.

1856 R. F. Barnes *Dry Collodion Process* 31 The bath I employ for sensitizing dry plates. 1858 T. Sutton *Dict. Photogr.* 12 Albumen..is not so sensitive as collodion..; but..it will keep longer when sensitized. 1865 *J. Wylde's Circ. Sci.* I. 153/1 Nitrate of silver..is the salt usually employed to sensitise the paper. 1879 Leake *Photogr.* in *Cassell's Tech. Educ.* IV. 323/2 A plate should now be coated with collodion in the tent, and sensitised in the usual manner.

2. To make (a person) sensitive (in various senses of the adj.).

1880 Wingfield *In Her Majesty's Keeping* I. 70 Education, while it sensitises a man's fibre, is incapable of turning weakness into strength. 1904 *Brit. Med. Jrnl.* 10 Sept. 559/2 These bacteria are previously sensitized by union with a substance existing in the plasma.

Hence **Se·nsitized** *ppl. a.*; **Se·nsitizing** *vbl. sb.* and *ppl. a.*

1861 *Photogr. News Almn.* in *J. Wylde's Circ. Sci.* (1865) I. 160/2 A thirty-five grain nitrate bath,..is the best sensitising solution. 1864 Roscoe in *Reader* 24 Sept. 386/3 It was necessary to construct an apparatus in which photographic sensitized paper could be exposed to the sunlight for definite times. 1877 Mallock *New Republic* III. iii. II. 50 Culture is..the sensitising of the mental palate—the making it a good taster. 1886 Lowell *Harvard Anniv.* Wks. 1890 VI. 139 It is not their antiquity, but its association with man, that endows them [*sc.* ancient buildings] with such sensitizing potency.

Sensitizer (se·nsitəizəɹ). *Photogr.* [f. Sensitize *v.* + -er 1.] A substance or preparation used for sensitizing.

1873 G. Dawson *Hardwich's Man. Photogr.* 132 To apply the Ammonio-nitrate Sensitizer, the paper should not be floated on it. 1889 *Anthony's Photogr. Bull.* II. 314 The addition to a sensitive film of certain coloring matters, which are known as optical sensitisers or selective sensitisers, renders the film sensitive to rays which would otherwise produce little or no photographic effect.

Sensitometer (sensitǫ·mĭtəɹ). *Photogr.* [f. Sensit-ive + *-ometer*: see -meter.] An instrument for ascertaining the degree of sensitiveness of photographic plates, films, etc. Also *attrib.*

1880 *Brit. Jrnl. Photogr.* 3 Sept. 421/3 [Mr. Warnerke's] very useful 'sensitometer'. 1890 P. H. Emerson *Naturalistic Photogr.* 159 The rapidity of plates can be measured by an instrument called a sensitometer. 1890 *Anthony's Photogr. Bull.* III. 372 The lower grades of dry plates, that is, those of low sensitometer power.

Hence **Sensito·metry,** the determination of the degree of sensitiveness.

1907 Sheppard & Mees *Theory Photogr. Process* 276 Part III. The Sensitometry of Photographic Plates.

Sensitory (se·nsitŏri), *sb.* [f. L. *sens-, sentīre* to feel + *-it-* (after Sensitive) + -ory 1.] = Sensory *sb.* 1864 Webster.

Se·nsitory, *a. rare*—0. [Formed as prec. + -ory 2.] = Sensory *a.* 1887 *Cassell's Encycl. Dict.*

Sensive (se·nsiv), *a.* [a. OF. *sensif*, ad. Latin type **sensīvus*, f. *sens-, sentīre* to feel: see -ive.]

1. Having the function of sensation or sensuous perception.

† *Sensive soul* = sensible or sensitive soul: see those adjs.

1553 Grimalde *Cicero's Offices* Pref., Men of middle degree, like the sensiue soule shall attend to affaires and sciences more liberale. 1578 Banister *Hist. Man* VIII. 104 b, Galen sayth that for three principall endes Nature hath made such distribution of Nerues in the body. The first was to giue feelyng vnto the sensiue instrumentes. *a* 1586 Sidney *Arcadia* I. (1598) 82 Palmes doe reioyce to be ioynd by the match of a male to a female, And shall sensiue things be so sencelesse as to resist sence? 1618 Chapman *Rev. Bussy d'Ambois* V. v. 134 Learnedst men hold that our sensiue spirits A little time abide about the graues Of their deceased bodies. 1865 J. Grote *Explor. Philos.* I. 13 The harmonizing together of our active powers, our sensive powers, and our various individual experience.

†**2.** Capable of sensation. *Obs.*

1598 B. Jonson *Ev. Man in Hum.* II. iii, The infection Which, as a subtle vapor, spreads it selfe, Confusedly, through euery sensiue part.

Sensize (se·nsəiz), *v.* [f. Sense *sb.* + -ize.] *trans.* To perceive by means of the senses.

1862 *Sat. Rev.* 6 Sept. 284 What we sensise through the ear is simply the motion of the atmosphere.

Sensor (se·nsǫɹ), *a.* [irreg. shortened f. Sensory, after *motor.*] = Sensory.

1865 Tyndall *Fragm. Sci.* (1879) I. xxi. 492 The transmission of intelligence through the sensor nerves. 1875 W. K. Clifford *Lect.* (1879) II. 108 Various combinations of disturbances in the sensor tract are made to lead to the appropriate combinations of disturbances in the motor tract.

Sensor, obs. form of Censer *sb.*1, Censor.

Sensori- (se·nsŏri), used as combining form of Sensor or Sensory, chiefly in **sensori-motor** *a.*, applied to nerves which are both sensory and motor; also to reflex actions which arise from stimulation of the organs of sense. Similarly *sensori-digestive, -reflex, -volitional* adjs.

1855 Bain *Senses & Int.* II. iv. § 4 (1864) 263 This is the principle of sensori-motor, or sensori-reflex actions. 1857 Dunglison *Med. Lex., Sensori-volitional*, a term applied to nervous fibres which..are respectively concerned in sensation and volition. 1891 *Century Dict.* (citing A. S. Packard), Sensoridigestive. 1897 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* III. 202 An ordinary sensorimotor nerve such as the sciatic.

Sensorial (sensō·riăl), *a.* [f. Sensori-um or Sensory + -al.] Of or relating to the sensorium. Also, relating to sensation or sensory impressions.

1768 Tucker *Lt. Nat.* I. i. iii. 56 If I can light upon any little hint which may do real service to somebody or other I care not thro' what channels it is conveyed; whether..by agitating the sensorial and motorial ether, or by beginning a succession of perceptions. 1799 Sir H. Davy in Beddoes *Contrib. Phys. & Med. Knowl.* (1799) 41 The motion of light communicated to the nerve itself produces the sensorial affection. 1851 H. Mayo *Pop. Superst.* (ed. 2) 42 The most instructive case of sensorial illusions on record. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 108 This may form part of a sensory and sensorial hemianæsthesia.

†**b.** Pertaining to the brain as the centre of nervous energy; esp. in *sensorial power*, vital energy proceeding from the brain to the rest of the system. *Obs.*

1794 E. Darwin *Zoon.* I. 75 The sensorial power, or spirit of animation,..is perpetually renewed by the secretion or production of it in the brain and spinal marrow. 1822–29 *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 3) II. 292 The stream of nervous power, thus communicated by jets from the sensorial fountain. *Ibid.* IV. 501 The sensorial powers are those which are dependent on the sensorium or brain as their instrument or origin; and are three in number, the intellectual, the sensific, and the motory. 1833 *Cycl. Pract. Med.* II. 91/2 When there is a predisposition to epilepsy, a cause of either kind..may interrupt the equable transmission of the sensorial power by means of the nerves, and thus occasion a fit.

‖ **Sensori·olum.** *rare.* Pl. **-ola.** [mod.L. dim. of Sensorium.] A small sensorium: (*a*) (see quot. 1714); (*b*) a minute organ of sense.

1714 Addison *Spect.* No. 565 ₱ 8 Brutes and Men have their *Sensoriola*, or little *Sensoriums*, by which they apprehend the Presence and perceive the Actions of a few Objects, that lie contiguous to them. 1843 Wilkinson tr. *Swedenborg's Anim. Kingd.* I. i. 37 That it shall have the power of..expanding and relaxing..its sensoriola or papillæ.

‖ **Sensorium** (sensō·riŭm). Also 7–8 erron. **cens-.** [Late L. *sensōrium* (Boethius), f. *sens-*, ppl. stem of *sentīre* to feel: see -ory.] The seat of sensation in the brain of man and other animals; the percipient centre to which sense-impressions are transmitted by the nerves. Also *common sensorium* (L. *sensorium commune*), †*first sensorium.* Formerly also used in a wider sense, for the brain as the organ of mind and the centre of nervous energy.

1647 H. More *Song of Soul* Notes 139/2 For there is first a tactuall conjunction as it were of the representative rayes of every thing, with our sensorium before we know the things themselves. 1664 Power *Exp. Philos.* I. 69 Spontaneous motion is performed by continuation of the Animal Spirits, from the common Sensorium to the Muscle. *c* 1688 Tryon *Dreams* ii. (1695) 15 When the first Censorium (which is called the Organ of the common Sense) is bound and obstructed with a soporiferous vapour. 1737 Porterfield in *Med. Ess. Edin.* (ed. 2) III. 219 Which Agitation is communicated to the *Sensorium*, or that Part of our Brain in which our Mind does principally reside. 1826 Kirby & Sp. *Entomol.* IV. 1 Sensation and perception are by the means of nerves and a common sensorium. 1872 Darwin *Emotions* iv. 83 When the sensorium is strongly excited, the muscles of the body are generally thrown into violent action. 1879 Carpenter *Mental Phys.* I. i. § 13. 15 That we are not always conscious of the working of this Mechanism, is simply because our Sensorium is otherwise engaged.

b. Used playfully in non-technical writing (sometimes for 'brain' or 'mind').

1759 Sterne *Tr. Shandy* II. x, The ringing of the bell, and the rap upon the door, struck likewise strong upon the sensorium of my uncle Toby. 1814 Scott *Wav.* lxi, While these reflections passed like the stings of scorpions through Waverley's sensorium. 1842 Campbell *Pilgr. Glencoe* 469 An artery in his wise sensorium burst. 1908 E. V. Lucas *Over Bemerton's* iii. (1909) 21 There was, as it were, a veil between them and my sensorium.

c. *fig.*

1714 Addison *Spect.* No. 565 ₱ 8 The noblest and most exalted Way of considering this infinite Space is that of Sir Isaac Newton, who calls it the *Sensorium* of the Godhead. *a* 1861 Sir F. Palgrave *Norm. & Eng.* III. 595 Rome became the common sensorium of Europe, and through Rome all the several portions of Latin Europe sympathized and felt with each other. 1867 Macgregor *Voy. Alone* (1868) 24 The tiller, that delicate and true sensorium of a boat.

Sensory (se·nsŏri), *sb.* [ad. L. *sensōrium*: see prec. and -ory 1.]

†**1.** An organ of sense. *Obs.*

1626 Bacon *Sylva* § 255 Visibles, and Audibles..doe languish and lessen by degrees, according to the Distance of the Obiects from the Sensories. 1692 Bentley *Boyle Lect.* V. 21 That we all have double Sensories, two Eyes, two Ears, two Nostrils, is an effectual Confutation of this Atheistical Sophism. 1714 Derham *Phys.-Theol.* IV. iii. (ed. 2) 123 The Bone..serves..as a substantial Gnard to the Sensory [of the Ear].

fig. 1681 J. Scott *Chr. Life* I. iv. § 4 (1684) 317 These heavenly Graces are the Palate by which the immortal Mind tastes..its Heaven, the blessed Organs and Sensories by which it feels..the Joys of the World to come.

2. = Sensorium. Also *common* or †*first sensory.*

1653 R. Sanders *Physiogn.* 216 The irrigation of the brain, and of the first sensory, that is the obstruction of the common sense of the organs, indicates the Form. 1681 *Willis' Rem. Med. Wks.* Vocab., *Sensory*, the organ of feeling, or of discriminating by the senses; the common sensory or seat of such organ, placed in the brain. 1689 Norris *Reas. & Relig.* II. ii. 188 These Species are carried by the external Senses to the common Sensory. 1750 Johnson *Rambler* No. 78 ₱ 2 Uneasiness gives way by slow degrees, and is long before it quits its possession of the sensory. 1826 Kirby & Sp. *Entomol.* IV. xlv. 234 The agent between the common sensory and the sense is the consciousness or perception of the impression. 1822–29 *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 3) I. 195 The general bustle and hilarity..break the sturdy chain of habit and association, and give leisure to the worn-out sensory to refresh itself. 1882 H. Calderwood in *Schaff's Encycl. Relig. Knowl.* I. 36 Three distinct cognitive faculties—the sensory, the understanding, and the reason.

Sensory (se·nsŏri), *a.* [ad. L. type *sensōrius*: see prec. and -ory 2.] Belonging to sensation; carrying or transmitting sensation.

1749 Hartley *Observ. Man* I. 58 Sensory Vibrations. 1763 *Phil. Trans.* LIV. 184 These nerves are equally motory and sensory. 1799 Sir H. Davy in Beddoes *Contrib. Phys. & Med. Knowl.* (1799) 21 The sensory organs. 1883 *Encycl. Brit.* XV. 279/1 The lower sensory ganglia, which receive all sensory impressions in the first instance. 1886 Gurney, etc. *Phantasms of Living* I. 537 A dim and shadowy idea, when once it obtains a lodgment in the mind, may body itself forth as a sensory phantasm.

Sensour, obs. form of Censor, Censure.

Sensour(e, senssar, obs. ff. Censer *sb.*1

a 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 1565 Sum with sensours..Quare-of be reke aromatike rase to be welken. 1546 *Supplic. Poore Commons* 75 Sensoures, pixese, coopes. ?1571 *Cov. Corpus Chr. Plays* App. II. 97 For mendyng of ij senssars.

Sensse, variant of CENSE *sb.*[1] *Obs.*, incense.
c 1450 *Lay-Folks Mass-Bk.* E. 249 Gold, sensse, and myrre.

Senssour, obs. form of CENSER *sb.*[1]

Sensual (se·nsiuăl, -ʃuăl), *a.* and *sb.* Also 5–7 sensuall, 5 sensuel. [ad. late L. *sensuālis*, f. L. *sensu-s* SENSE *sb.*: see -AL. Cf. F. *sensuel*, Sp., Pg. *sensual*, It. *sensuale*.] **A.** *adj.*

1. Of or pertaining to the senses or physical sensation; sensory. Now *rare*.

c 1450 *Mirour Saluacioun* 3346 So kept he the seints in helle with out payne sensuel felyng. *c* 1450 *Cov. Myst.* (Shaks. Soc.) 240 Thryes I tempte hym be ryth sotylle instawnce, Aftyr he fast fourty days ageyns sensual myth or reson. 1509 WATSON *Ship of Fools* i. (1517) A ij b, Where through I myghte lese my sensuall intellygence, for he that procureth too knowe ouermoche..is in daunger for to be extraught from hymself [etc.]. *Ibid.* xviii. E iij b, It is impossyble yᵗ his sensuall wyt may comprehende, and haue so many dyuers cogytacyons in an instaunte. 1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 151 The beestes..be made tame..: that is to say, the sensuall powers of man or woman, whiche by synne euer rebelled..be made obedyent to yᵉ spiryte. 1597 HOOKER *Eccl. Pol.* I. xi. § 4 Man doth seeke a triple perfection, first, a sensuall,..then an intellectuall..lastly a spirituall & diuine. 1604 T. WRIGHT *Passions* 229 Raging Mastives who, if they were loosed, one at another, they would fight till death, whereas in presence of the Bull..they ..both, eyther by sensuall consent or naturall instinct, unite themselves in one to assault their common adversary. 1652 BENLOWES *Theoph.* IV. lxxiii, Let not dust blinde my sensual Eyes When as my spirits Energie transcends the skies. 1732 POPE *Ess. Man* I. 208 Far as Creation's ample range extends, The scale of sensual, mental pow'rs ascends. 1742 YOUNG *Nt. Th.* VII. 739 The wide stretcht realm of intellectual woe, Surpassing sensual far, is all our own. 1794 E. DARWIN *Zoon.* I. 11 Synonymous with the word idea, we shall sometimes use the words *sensual motion* in contradistinction to *muscular motion*. 1820 KEATS *Ode Grec. Urn* 13 Ye soft pipes, play on; Not to the sensual ear, but more endear'd, Pipe to the spirit ditties of no tone. 1846 I. WILLIAMS *Bapt., Voices of Dead*, But still the wall impassable Bars us around with sensual bond. 1881 WILLIAMSON in *Nature* 1 Sept. 414/1 The process of scientific investigation includes a great variety of operations, which may be considered under three headings, mental, sensual, and physical.

b. Perceptible by the senses. *rare*.

1529 MORE *Dyalogę* III. Wks. 243/2 Sometime as God, sometime as man,..sometime as in yᵉ persone of his sensuall parties of his own body, otherwhile in yᵉ person of some particular part of his body mystical. 1774 GOLDSM. *Nat. Hist.* (1824) I. 245 A man born deaf must necessarily be dumb; and his whole sphere of knowledge must be bounded only by sensual objects. 1836 MRS. BROWNING *Poet's Vow* I. x, But, weights and shows of sensual things Too closely crossing him, On his soul's eyelid the pressure slid, And made its vision dim.

†**2.** Of living beings: Endowed with the faculty of sensation (but not with reason). *Obs.*

1530 RASTELL *Bk. Purgat.* III. vii. 2 A soule sensytive whiche is in every brute sensuall best. 1696 TATE & BRADY *Ps.* xlix. 20 As like a sensual Beast he lives, So like a Beast he dies.

3. Of appetites and pleasures: Connected with the gratification of the senses. **a.** In neutral use: Sensuous, physical. Now *rare*.

1542 BOORDE *Dyetary* xii. (1870) 267 Clowtyd crayme..is eaten more for a sensuall appetyde than for any good nowrysshement. 1618 WITHER *Motto, Nec curo* (1621) D 8 b, I care not for his loue. My dogge doth so; He loues, as farre as sensuall loue can go. 1650 BULWER *Anthropomet.* 239 Some unassayed sensual sweetnesse. 1740 CIBBER *Apol.* (1756) I. 303 This kind of entertainment [opera] being so entirely sensual, it had no possibility of getting the better of our reason but by its novelty. 1752 HUME *Polit. Disc.* ii. 37 No gratification, however sensual, can, of itself, be esteemed vicious. 1797 D. SIMPSON *Plea Relig.* (1808) 190 The Gospel ..allows every sensual enjoyment that is consistent with the real good..of man. 1834 MARRYAT *P. Simple* i, My father walked up and down the room with impatience, because he was kept from his dinner, and, like all orthodox divines, he was tenacious of the only sensual enjoyment permitted to his cloth.

b. In pejorative use, implying the notion of something base or vicious. Now often, Lewd, unchaste.

1477 *Rolls of Parlt.* VI. 191/1 Persones not dredyng God, ..but enclyned of sensuall appetite. *a* 1513 FABYAN *Chron.* V. cxxxii. (1811) 114 He was gyuen to all sensuall luste of his body. *a* 1541 WYATT in *Tottel's Misc.* (Arb.) 224 See thou kepe thee free From the foule yoke of sensuall bondage. 1634 MILTON *Comus* 77 They..all their friends, and native home forget To roule with pleasure in a sensual stie. 1645 HAMMOND *Sins Weakn.* etc. § 23. 13 From whence..sinne is brought forth, that very consent of the will to the sensuall faculty, being formally sinne without, or before the acting of it. 1732 BERKELEY *Alciphr.* II. § 17 Intervals of spleen; for relief of which he is driven into sensual excesses. 1850 ROBERTSON *Serm.* Ser. III. ix. (1853) 114 The sensual pleasure of the glutton.

4. Of persons, their dispositions, conduct, etc. **a.** Absorbed in the life of the senses; indifferent to intellectual and moral interests. In religious use: Destitute of spiritual life, worldly, irreligious. Now *rare* or *Obs.*

1557 BIALE (Genev.) *James* iii. 15 This wisdome is earthy, sensual [*so later versions*; Tindale, etc. *haue* natural] and dyuelyshe. 1582 *N. T.* (Rhem.) 1 *Cor.* ii. 14 The sensual [1611 naturall] man perceiueth not those things that are of the spirit of God. *Ibid.*, *Jude* 19 These are they which segregate themselues, sensual, hauing not the Spirit. 1599 DAVIES *Nosce Teipsum* 95 As some sensuall spirits amongst vs..Which hold the world to come, a faigned stage. 1656 EARL MONM. tr. *Boccalini's Advts. fr. Parnass.* I. v. 12 [He trusts] the Senat willingly with the revenge of any injury he can receive, when sensual men are very loath to remit the like into the hands of God. *a* 1676 HALE *Prim. Orig. Man.* IV. v. (1677) 333 Sensual Men are not willing to believe any thing whereby they have not a sufficient Evidence, as they think, to their Sense. 1677 GALE *Crt. Gentiles* IV. II. ii. 216 The brutish sensual World began to cal in question the very existence and providence of God. 1751 JOHNSON *Rambler* No. 178 ᵖ 11 The gratifications of the palate; an entertainment so far removed from intellectual happiness, that scarcely the most shameless of the sensual herd have dared to defend it. 1882 M. ARNOLD *Irish Ess.* 230 But this whole drama..may be best described as the theatre of the *homme sensuel moyen*, the average sensual man,..whose city is Paris, and whose ideal is the free, gay, pleasurable life of Paris.

b. Excessively inclined to the gratification of the senses, voluptuous; often *spec.* with reference to sexual passion, lewd, unchaste. Of physiognomy or features: Indicative of a sensual disposition.

1530 PALSGR. 323/2 Sensuall gyven to vyce, *epicurien*. 1637 RALEIGH *Mahomet* 65 Don Roderigo..began to repent him of his sensuall life. 1692 R. L'ESTRANGE *Fables* CXXVI. 118 These Wasps in a Hony-Pot are so many Sensual Men that are Plung'd in their Lusts and Pleasures. 1694 ATTERBURY *Serm.* (1726) I. 190 The Sensual Man is, of all Men living, the most improper for Enquiries after Truth. 1706 PHILLIPS (ed. Kersey), *Sensual*, Voluptuous, given to Pleasures, Carnal or Fleshly. 1712 STEELE *Spect.* No. 466 ᵖ 5 Were any one to see Mariamne dance, let him be never so sensual a Brute, I defie him to entertain any Thoughts but of the highest Respect and Esteem towards her. 1876 GLADSTONE *Homeric Synchr.* 246 Homer has exhibited much repugnance to the sensual deity of Aphrodite. 1881 H. SMART *Race for Wife* i, By nature coarse and sensual in his habits. 1905 R. BAGOT *Passport* XXV. 268 The full mouth, with the sensual lips.

¶ **c.** Misused for: Obstinately self-willed. *Obs.*

1524 WOLSEY in *St. Papers Hen. VIII*, IV. 198 The realme of Scotland, by taking sensuall and wilfull waies, shal soner chose to lyve in warre trouble inquietnes and adversite, than to florishe in joye [etc.]. 1538 *Ibid.* III. 36 His Lordshipp afterwarde despysid and maligned at the Kinges said Privaye Counsaile, following censuall and wilfull waies. 1539 EARL ORMOND *Ibid.* III. 150 My Lorde Deputie..hath broght the successes of his sensuall apetittis and wilfull procedinges now to such pass and effect, that [etc.]. *a* 1548 HALL *Chron., Hen. VIII* 31 If any lawe or reason could have removed you from your sensuall opinions, ye have ben many and often tymes sufficientely aunswered to the same. 1584 BURGHLEY in Strype *Whitgift* App. III. (1718) 64, I favour no sensual & wilful Recusants.

5. Of opinions or ideas: Materialistic.

1656 JEANES *Mixt. Schol. Div.* 48 Austin told his friend Alipius, and Nebridius, that Epicurus his sensuall doctrine had with him carried away the garland from all Philosophers and Divines; unlesse [etc.]. 1830 D'ISRAELI *Chas. I*, III. xv. 329 Moses..only accommodated such figurative expressions to the sensual comprehensions of his tribes. 1845 SARAH AUSTIN *Ranke's Hist. Ref.* VI. ix. III. 569 Views, at once transcendent and sensual, of the mission of a Messiah. 1871 ALABASTER *Wheel of Law* 67 He gives his own views of the common sensual idea of heaven.

b. *Philos.* = SENSATIONAL *a.* 2. *rare*.

1837–9 HALLAM *Lit. Eur.* III. iii. § 94 The sensual and ideal schools of psychology.

†**B.** *sb. pl. Obs.*

1. a. The sensual faculties and appetites. **b.** The objects of sense.

a 1661 FULLER *Worthies, Hants* (1662) II. 8 His Intellectuals had such predominancy of his Sensuals, or rather Grace so ruled in both, that the Man in him being subordinate to the Christian, he lived a pattern of Piety. *a* 1676 HALE *Prim. Orig. Man.* IV. viii. (1677) 375 The objects, means, and occasions of our fears in relation to sensuals, are ever more and greater than the objects of our hopes.

2. Beings capable only of sensation, brutes.

1605 TIMME *Quersit.* Ded. 2 The souls of men and angels are reasonable;..and the sensuals (as beasts and such like) not so. *a* 1644 QUARLES *Sol. Recant.* iii. 18 (1645) 14 Heav'n suffers mortals to be exercis'd In their own miseries, that they may see They'r not more happy then the sensuals bee.

Sensualism (se·nʃuăliz'm). [f. SENSUAL *a.* + -ISM. Cf. F. *sensualisme* (1812 in sense 1).]

1. *Philos.* The doctrine that the senses are the sole source of knowledge; sensationalism.

1803 *Edin. Rev.* I. 264 The more inviting system of sensualism, in which all knowledge is supposed to consist of original impressions from without. 1832 LINBERG tr. *Cousin's Introd. Hist. Philos.* xii. 393, I define the Scotch philosophy, gentlemen, as an honorable protestation against the extravagances of the last consequences of sensualism. 1848 R. I. WILBERFORCE *Doctr. Incarnation* xiv. (1852) 401 The School of Locke replies that they [the premises of reason] owe their existence to the senses...That theory, which, matured by Locke's subtiler and more consistent disciple, Hume, may be called the system of sensualism.

2. Addiction to sensual indulgence.

1813 SHELLEY *Q. Mab* iv. 251 Is not thy youth A vain and feverish dream of sensualism? 1847 HELPS *Friends in C.* I. iv. 62 There is something quite military in the sensualism of the Romans—an 'arbiter bibendi' chosen [etc.]. 1906 CHARL. MANSFIELD *Girl & Gods* xv, The ruts and looseness on n face coarsened by sensualism.

3. Absorption in material interests.

1878 EMERSON *Misc. Papers, Forl. Republ.* Wks. (Bohn) III. 396 In this country..there is at present a great sensualism, a headlong devotion to trade.

Sensualist (se·nʃuălist). [f. SENSUAL *a.* + -IST. Cf. F. *sensualiste* (1812 in sense 2).]

1. One whose disposition and conduct are sensual; one whose sole interests are in the things of sense; chiefly, one who is devoted to sensual pleasure, or given to vicious indulgence of the animal passions. The various shades of meaning can hardly be distinguished in the early examples.

1662 HIBBERT *Body Divinity* I. 310 It is charged as a foul fault upon those sensualists that they had lived in pleasure. 1682 FLAVELL *Fear* ii. Wks. 1701 I. 577/1 As it is noted of those secure Sensualists, Amos vi. 3. They put far from them the evil Day. 1732 BERKELEY *Alciphr.* II. § 16 Those pleasures which are highest in the esteem of sensualists. 1773 *Observ. State Poor* 64 It is not the fear of lothsome or excruciating disease, that will deter the sensualist or the epicure from the indulgences of their appetites. 1792 MARY WOLLSTONECR. *Rights Wom.* ii. 45 As blind obedience is ever sought for by power, tyrants and sensualists are in the right when they endeavour to keep women in the dark. 1831 CARLYLE *Sart. Res.* III. iii, Even for the basest Sensualist, what is Sense but the implement of Fantasy? 1871 BUAR *Ad Fidem* ix. 176 The sty of the sensualist.

2. = SENSATIONALIST.

1852 WIGHT tr. *Cousin's Course Hist. Mod. Philos.* II. 138 On which side shall I rank myself, in this great battle of European philosophy in the eighteenth century? Shall I be a sensualist? 1856 FERRIER *Inst. Metaph.* x. vi. (ed. 2) 261 That school of philosophers who are called 'the sensualists'.

Sensualistic (se·nʃuăli·stik), *a.* [f. prec. + -IC.] Pertaining to sensualism in philosophy or art.

1852 WIGHT tr. *Cousin's Course Hist. Mod. Philos.* II. 49 The four great schools,..namely Platonic idealistic dogmatism, peripatetic sensualistic dogmatism, skepticism, and mysticism. *Ibid.* 87 Gassendi,..the scholar of the sensualistic school. 1854 H. ROGERS *Ess.* (1874) II. i. 38 Locke is the father of the whole sensualistic school of the eighteenth century. 1856 RUSKIN *Mod. Paint.* V. ix. ii. § 13. 213 Sensualistic art, represented typically by that of Salvator.

Sensuality (senʃuæ·liti). Forms: 4–6 **sensualite**, (4–5 **-litee**, **-lyte**), 4 **senswalyte**, 5 **sensewalite**, 5–6 **censualyte**, 6 **sensualitie**, **sensualitie**, 6– **sensuality**. [a. F. *sensualité*, ad. late L. *sensuālitās*, f. *sensuālis* SENSUAL *a.* Cf. Sp. *sensualidad*, It. *sensualità*.]

†**1.** The part of the nature of man that is concerned with the senses; chiefly, the animal instincts and appetites; the lower nature as distinguished from the reason; also *occas.* the faculty of sensation. *Obs.*

a 1340 HAMPOLE *Psalter* vi. 6 Þe neþer party of my saule þat is cald þe sensualite. *Ibid.* xxx. 11 My saule þat is my sensualite. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Pars. T.* 262 God sholde haue lordshipe ouer reson, and reson ouer sensualitee, and sensualitee ouer the body of man. *c* 1420 ? LYDG. *Assembly of Gods* 6 How that I myght make Reason & Sensualyte in oon to acorde. *c* 1440 HYLTON *Scala Perf.* (W. de W. 1494) II. xxviii, It shall be mortyfyed & pyned in the sensualyte eyther by dyuers syknes or by felable tourment of the fende. *c* 1450 tr. *De Imitatione* III. lviii. 136 Who euere kepe himself so under, þat sensualite obeye to reson, & reson to me in all þinges, he shal be a very victour of himself. *c* 1460 *Wisdom* 135 in *Macro Pl.* 40 Þe on, sensualyte, Wyche ys clepyde þe flechly felynge. 1670 CRESSY 16 *Revelat. Div. Love* lvi. 145 That our sensuality by the vertue of Christs Passion, be brought up into the substance. 1828 *Blackw. Mag.* XXIII. 596 The grand arcanum of the learned gourmand is the proper sequence of the viands, and the skilful interception of the glass, by which his sensuality is piqued.

†**b.** *pl.* Physical necessities and appetites. *Obs.*

1697 C. LESLIE *Snake in Grass* (ed. 2) 152 Such a gross Conceit of the Resurrection, as if our Bodies shou'd be in the same frail condition as now, and addicted to Sensualities.

†**2.** The lower or animal nature regarded as a source of evil; the lusts of the flesh. Also *pl.*

1413 LYDG. *Pilgr. Sowle* (Caxton 1483) IV. xxviii. 73 This is the sensualite of men that draweth hym to synne and to bestly lustes. 1432–50 tr. *Higden* (Rolls) III. 349 An other dethe when the sawle..despisethe and refusethe the unlawefulle movenges and sensualites of the body. 1450–1530 *Myrr. Our Lady* 150 And that the reson desyreth, the sensualyte ageyne sayth. *c* 1470 HENRYSON *Mor. Fab.* v. (*Parl. Beasts*) xlviii, Thow may brek sensualitеis heid And fleschlie lust away fra the sall fle. 1509 BARCLAY *Shyp of Folys* (1874) I. 83 Suffre not your soules damned and lost to be By vayne lust and carnall sensualyte. 1621 T. WILLIAMSON tr. *Goulart's Wise Vieillard* 62 It pleaseth him to fortifie and strengthen vs, euen to ouercome..sensualitie.

†**3.** The following of the lower nature in preference to the higher; absorption in the things of sense. *Obs.*

c 1407 LYDG. *Reson & Sens.* 678 This is the wey of Resoun ..But the tother..Ys..The wey of sensualyte, Which set his entente in al To thinges that be temporal. 1483 *Rolls of Parlt.* VI. 240/2 Lede by sensuality and concupiscence. 1548 *Act 2 & 3 Edw. VI*, c. 19 Preamble, Diverse..turnynge their knowledge therein to satisfye their sensualitye. 1561 T. NORTON *Calvin's Inst.* III. vii. § I. 159 b, Wherby the mynd of man, voide from his own sensualitie of flesh, bendeth it selfe wholly to the will of Gods spirite.

¶ **b.** Self-willed obstinacy. (Cf. SENSUAL *a.* 3 c.) *Obs.*

1536 R. COWLEY in *St. Papers Hen. VIII*, II. 370 Certain rynge leaders..applying moore to theire awne sensualities, singuler proffites, and affeccions, then to any good reason. 1538 LD. BUTLER *Ibid.* III. 95, I do take him to be..a man more mete to be governed, than to governe, for all his interprises be made upon his awne sensualitie, withowt thadvise ..of thois that been put in trust by the Kingis Majestie. 1544 *Ibid.* 502 But..what for ther owne pryvate censualyte to ther olde ravyne and customes, no doubte bothe the saide McCharties..woll joyne with hym.

4. Excessive fondness for, or vicious indulgence in, the pleasures of the senses.

c 1450 *Cov. Myst.* (Shaks. Soc.) 244 And yf be sensualyte ..Synnyst dedly, thou xalt not therfore dyspeyre. 1594 NASHE *Unfort. Trav.* I 3 b, O (quoth he) long haue I liued sworne brothers in sensualitie with one Esdras of Granado: fiue hundred rapes and murders haue we committed betwixt

vs. 1599 Shaks. *Much Ado* iv. i. 62 Those pampred animalls, That rage in sauage sensualitie. 1603 Holland *Plutarch's Mor.* 7 Loose and dissolute persons, abandoned to all sensualitie. 1685 R. Baxter *Paraphr. N. T. 1 Tim.* v. 23 b, To use Wine, yea, much Wine or strong Drink for meer appetite, instead of a little for health, is sinful sensuality. 1698 R. L'Estrange *Fables* ccxvii. 190 Here's a Reproof to Men of Sensuality and Pleasure. 1754 Sherlock *Disc.* (1759) I. xiv. 394 Sense produces no Sensuality, till it warms the Affections with the Pleasures of the World. 1771 Smollett *Humph. Cl.* 6 May (1815) 70 He owns himself addicted to the delights of the stomach, and often jokes upon his own sensuality. 1779 Johnson *L. P., Pope* Wks. (1787) IV. 92 That he loved too well to eat, is certain; but that his sensuality shortened his life will not be hastily concluded. 1845 Kitto *Cycl. Bibl. Lit.* I. s. v. *Ecclesiastes*, Unrestrained merriment and giddy sensuality belong to those vanities which our author enumerates. 1879 Froude *Cæsar* ii. 16 The once hardy, abstemious mode of living degenerated into grossness and sensuality.

b. *pl.*

1477 Earl Rivers (Caxton) *Dictes* 8 The ignorante men wol not abstyne them from their sensualitees. 1599 Davies *Nosce Teipsum* 100 Marre not her [*sc.* thy soul's] sense with Sensualities. 1803 *Med. & Phys. Jrnl.* IX. 321 Those capable of indulging in the pleasures and sensualities of a luxuriant table. 1817 Coleridge '*Blessed are ye that sow*' 66 *note*, Sensualities which both in sort and degree it would be libelling their Brother-beasts to call bestial.

† c. In innocent sense (as an oxymoron): A sensuous gratification or pleasure. *Obs.*

1604 T. Wright *Passions* v. ii. 165 Euen..most devout men benefit their soules..with the sweetnesse of musicke.. with this sacred sensualitie and pleasant path which leadeth to the fountaine of spirituall comfort. 1900 *Westm. Gaz.* 1 Dec. 8/1 A Poet Laureate readily tolerated what he called 'the most innocent of sensualities' [snuff-taking].

5. *spec.* Lasciviousness, unchastity.

1463 Ashby *Poems* i. 171 Yef thow tak a wyfe to thy freelte Ryght thoutfull thow art..Yef thow lyue aftyr censualyte, That ys acursyd and vnthryfty lyf. 1503 Hawes *Examp. Virt.* viii. 151 But best it is that he maryed be For to eschewe all yll censualyte. 1567 *Gude & Godlie B.* 197 Preistis..leif zour foule Sensualitie. *a* 1618 Raleigh *Mahomet* (1637) 14 Taxing his sensualitie and drunkennesse. 1869 Lecky *Europ. Mor.* I. i. 150 Judging the sensuality of a nation by its statistics of illegitimate births. 1879 Froude *Cæsar* xii. 154 The gluttony, the drunkenness, and the viler forms of sensuality.

Sensualiza·tion. *rare.* [f. Sensualize *v.* + -ation.] The action of sensualizing.

1800 W. Taylor in *Monthly Mag.* X. 505 Layers of affecting plainness, and affected sonorosity, of scholastic jargon, and oriental sensualization, succeed each other without blending. 1828 Southey in *Q. Rev.* XXXVIII. 202 A sort of intellectual sensualization.

Sensualize (se·nʃuălәiz), *v.* [f. Sensual *a.* + -ize.]

1. *trans.* To render sensual. a. To imbue with sensual habits or dispositions; to inure to vicious indulgence.

a 1687 H. More *Lett.* (1694) 79 Nothing can more incrassate, and sensuallize the Intellect, than such an Opinion. 1725 *Pope's Odyss.* I. *View Epic Poem* 10 Not to suffer ones self to be sensualiz'd by pleasures. 1860 Pusey *Min. Proph.* 202 It is that luxury and ease which sensualize the soul, and make it dull, stupid, hard-hearted. 1868 F. E. Paget *Lucretia* 302 It is no light crime to aid in sensualizing the character of a whole people.

b. To give a sensuous or materialistic character to.

1796 Morse *Amer. Geog.* II. 570 The Indian bramins and parsees accuse the gaurs..of having sensualized those ideas [of a Supreme Being]. 1828 De Quincey *Rhetoric* Wks. 1859 XI. 43 Milton is taxed with having too grossly sensualized his supernatural agents. 1833 Longf. *Outre-Mer* Pr. Wks. 1886 I. 194 These representations have a tendency to sensualize and desecrate the character of holy things.

c. To explain by reference to sensation; to regard as originating from the senses.

1838 Sir W. Hamilton in *Reid's Wks.* I. 128/2 *note*, Which, in place of sensualizing intellect, intellectualizes sense. 1877 E. Caird *Philos. Kant* II. xiii. 506 Locke sensualised the conception of the understanding.

d. To convert into or identify with something cognizable by the senses.

1884 [Laurie] *Metaph. Nova & Vet.* 23 The percept thus becomes sensualized as an articulate sound. *Ibid.* 112, I have created my own difficulty by first sensualizing the dialectic percept, Cause.

2. *intr.* a. To live sensually.

1612 T. Adams *Gallant's Burden* 16 b, First, they visit the Tauerne,..then the Theater, and end in the Stewes...If they were Beasts, they could not better sensualize.

b. To entertain sensual notions.

1846 G. S. Faber *Lett. Tractar. Secess.* 176 The constant reproach of the sensualising Pagans was, that Christians had in their strange worship, neither altars nor sacrifices.

Hence **Se·nsualized** *ppl. a.*

1690 Norris *Beatitudes* vi. (1694) 167 A sensualized Soul would carry such Appetites with her thither for which she could find no suitable Objects. 1824 Coleridge *Aids Refl.* (1848) I. 33 Virtue may, possibly, add to the pleasure..a spiritual complacency, of which in your present sensualized state you can form no idea. 1829 *Blackw. Mag.* XXVI. 616 This was a lesson which our Lord sought to impress upon the degenerate and sensualized Jews of his day.

Sensually (se·nʃuăli), *adv.* [f. Sensual *a.* + -ly 2.] In a sensual manner.

† 1. In a manner perceptible to the senses. *Obs.*

1624 Gataker *Transubst.* 109 That the very body of Christ in the Eucharist is broken with the Priest's hands..not sacramentally only, but sensually. 1686 Horneck *Crucif. Jesus* xi. 193 They cannot sensually but only in a sacramental, or representative way, be handled by the Priest.

2. With a view to the gratifying of the senses.

1630 Massinger *Picture* ii. i, Succeeding times..would instruct Their fairest issue to meete sensually, Like other creatures. *c* 1655 A. Sidney in *19th Cent.* Jan. (1884) 59 An Angell loves spiritually;..a man that is composed of reason and sense, rationally and sensually both together.

3. With subservience to the senses or the lower nature; with undue indulgence of the physical appetites; lustfully, licentiously.

1576 Fleming *Panopl. Epist.* 220 They shall neuer be wise or sober, so long as they be so sensually disposed. *a* 1618 Raleigh *Mahomet* (1637) 51 He spared not sensually to follow In enticing and forcing mens wives and daughters. *Comb.* 1662 H. More *Philos. Writ.* (1712) Pref. Gen. 8 For there is a sanctity even of Body and Complexion, which the sensually-minded do not so much as dream of.

† **Se·nsualness.** *Obs. rare.* [f. Sensual *a.* + -ness.] = Sensuality.

1530 Palsgr. 269/1 Sensualnesse, *sensualité*. 1632 Lithgow *Trav.* v. 219 Going beyond them in beastly sensualnesse, [they] become worse then bruite beasts.

Sensuism (se·nʃuiiz'm). *Philos.* [f. L. *sensu-s* Sense *sb.* + -ism.]

1. = Sensationalism 1, Sensualism 1.

1829 Sir W. Hamilton *Discuss.* (1852) 2 Sensualism (or more correctly sensuism). 1872 *Contemp. Rev.* XX. 540 Sensationalism or sensuism, which would deny to all human knowledge the character of universality and necessity.

¶ 2. Tendency to indulge the sensuous imagination in religious meditation.

1878 Grosart in *H. More's Poems* Mem. Introd. 30/1, I suppose the meaning is that, unconsecrated by high personal devoutness, mysticism is apt to 'degenerate' into sensuism, if not sensualism.

Sensuist (se·nʃuiist). *rare*—0. [f. L. *sensu-s* Sense *sb.* + -ist.] = Sensualist 1.

1860 Farrar *Orig. Lang.* 150 *note*, We consider this ['sensationalist'] on the whole a less objectionable term than 'sensualist' or 'sensuist'. 1887 in *Cassell's Encycl. Dict.*; and in later Dicts.

Sensui·stic, *a. rare.* [f. L. *sensu-s* Sense *sb.* + -istic.] Inclined to sensuous indulgence.

1850 E. Monro *Paroch. Work* 194 Their own nature being sensuistic, they readily give vigour to temptations.

Sensuosity (senʃuiɒ·siti). *rare.* [f. Sensuous *a.*: see -osity.] The quality of being sensuous.

1755 Bailey (ed. Scott), *Sensuosity*, sensitiveness. 1882 *Homiletic Monthly* Apr. 416 Much of what is called magnetism..and unction..in a speaker, is mere sensuosity.

Sensuous (se·nʃuiәs), *a.* [f. L. *sensu-s* Sense *sb.* + -ous.

Apparently invented by Milton, to avoid certain associations of the existing word *sensual*, and from him adopted by Coleridge; evidence of its use in the intervening period is wanting. Coleridge seems to have been mistaken in saying that it occurs in 'many others of our elder writers'.]

1. Of or pertaining to the senses; derived from, perceived by, or affecting the senses; concerned with sensation or sense-perception.

1642 Milton *Reform.* I. 3 The Soule..finding the ease she had from her visible, and sensuous collegue the body in performance of Religious duties..shifted off from her selfe the labour of high soaring any more. 1644 — *Educ.* 6 To which Poetry would be made subsequent, or indeed rather precedent, as being lesse suttle and fine, but more simple, sensuous, and passionate. 1814 Coleridge *Princ. Gen. Crit.* iii. in *Farley's Bristol Jrnl.* Aug., Thus, to express in one word what belongs to the senses, or the recipient and more passive faculty of the soul, I have reintroduced the word *sensuous*, used, among many others of our elder writers, by Milton. 1842 Emerson *Lect., Transcend.* Wks. (Bohn) II. 279 The idealist..does not deny the sensuous fact:..but he will not see that alone. 1850 Grove *Corr. Phys. Forces* (ed. 2) 15 Here the phenomena of motion are not made evident by the ordinary sensuous perception. 1850 Tennyson *In Mem.* l, Be near me when the sensuous frame Is rack'd with pangs that conquer trust. 1856 R. A. Vaughan *Mystics* (1860) I. 225 Such men live in the outside of themselves—in the sensuous or intellectual nature. 1859 Gullick & Timas *Paint.* 154 The external or sensuous qualities of art.

absol. 1809–10 Coleridge *Friend* (1865) 96 The understanding, wherever it does not possess or use the reason, as another and inward eye, may be defined the conception of the sensuous.

b. Of words and their meanings, etc.: Relating to sensible objects. Of opinions, conceptions, etc.: Based on representations of sense, material.

1864 Rawlinson *Anc. Mon., Assyria* viii. II. 277 Their religion..was of a sensuous character. 1869 Lecky *Europ. Mor.* I. 142 The beginning of eloquence is pictorial sensuous and metaphorical. 1869 Farrar *Fam. Speech* iv. (1873) 112 Languages very crude and sensuous in their character. 1871 Blackie *Four Phases Mor.* i. 132 The familiar and sensuous theology of Homer. 1874 Sayce *Compar. Philol.* vi. 249 The oldest roots are of the most purely sensuous description.

c. Of pleasure: Received through the senses. Now often with some colouring from sense 3, implying a luxurious yielding up of oneself to passive enjoyment.

1856 G. Wilson *Gateways Knowl.* (1859) 48 To be awaked from sleep by splendid music is to me the highest conceivable sensuous pleasure. 1862 Miss Braddon *Lady Audley* vii, There is in the first taste of rustic life a kind of sensuous rapture scarcely to be described. 1877 Black *Green Past.* xxxvii. (1878) 295 It was something to gaze on with a placid and sensuous satisfaction. 1909 E. R. Tennant in *Expositor* Aug. 123 That sensuous pleasure is a possibility is..a thing to give God thanks for.

2. Devoted to the gratification of the senses. *rare.*

1859 I. Taylor *Logic in Theol.* 309 A sensuous or a frivolous life.

3. Readily affected by the senses; keenly alive to the pleasures of sensation; *occas.* of a poet or artist, moved by or appealing to the sensuous imagination. Also of physiognomy, etc. indicating a sensuous temperament.

In early use with favourable sense; now often with some notion of self-indulgent yielding to impressions or of a tendency to the sensual in imagination.

1870 Emerson *Misc. Papers, Plutarch* Wks. (Bohn) III. 342 A poet in verse or prose must have a sensuous eye, but an intellectual co-perception. 1875 Lowell *Spenser* Wks. 1890 IV. 317 A poet is innocently sensuous when his mind permeates and illumines his senses; when they muddy the mind, he becomes sensual. *a* 1876 G. Dawson *Lect. Hamlet* (1888) 16 None can help having a certain admiration for sensuous nature when very beautiful...She [Ophelia] was the perfection of sensuousness. 1880 M. Arnold *Ess. Crit.* Ser. II. iv. (1895) 100 Keats as a poet is abundantly and enchantingly sensuous. 1895 Rider Haggard *Heart of World* vii. (1899) 100 His mouth was cruel and sensuous. 1909 E. Thomas *Jefferies* 122 His expression [was] sensuous, tender, 'silent and'aware'.

¶ 4. In recent use sometimes of climate, surroundings, etc.: Conducive to a vague sense of physical enjoyment.

1878 Joaquin Miller *Songs Italy* 51 How sensuous the night! how soft was the sound Of her voice on the night. 1878 H. S. Wilson *Alpine Ascents* 106 Their air and character [*sc.* those of the Italian lakes] are soft, sensuous, enervating.

Sensuously (se·nʃuiәsli), *adv.* [f. Sensuous *a.* + -ly 2.] In a sensuous manner.

1825 Coleridge *Aids Refl.* (1848) I. 326 To bring together every one of the sensible and ponderable stuffs or elements, that are sensuously perceived in the eye itself, or in the flesh itself. 1858 Hawthorne *Fr. & It. Note-bks.* I. 127 So warm and rich it is, so sensuously beautiful. 1877 E. Caird *Philos. Kant* II. viii. 357 The categories would have no use except in relation to a sensuously given manifold. 1886 Symonds *Renaiss. It., Cath. React.* (1898) VII. xi. 180 Venus..takes that sensuously dreamy..journey across the blue Mediterranean.

Sensuousness (se·nʃuiәsnės). [f. Sensuous *a.* + -ness.] The quality of being sensuous.

1825 I. Taylor *Restor. Belief* (1856) 286 Easy, pleasure-loving sensuousness and sensuality. *a* 1876 [see Sensuous *a.* 3]. 1882–3 J. Harper in *Schaff's Encycl. Relig. Knowl.* 1961 The sensuousness which distinguished the Old Dispensation from the New.

Sensure, obs. form of Censer *sb.*[1], Censure.

Sensyment, variant of Sensement *Obs.*

Sensyne, *adv. Sc. Obs.* Forms: 4 senesyne, 5–7 sensyne, 6–7 sensyn, 6–9 sensine. [f. Sen *prep.* + Syne *adv.* Cf. the later Sinsyne.] Since then, from or after that time.

c 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xviii. (*Egipciane*) 992 Quhat manere of clethinge had þou for to cleth þe sene syne? 1456 Sir G. Haye *Law Arms* (S.T.S.) 38 He maid a citee, and callit it ..Saturne, that was callit sensyne Scitus. 1541 Jas. V in *St. Papers Hen. VIII*, V. 189 And inlikvise the innovationis maid sensyne. 1596 Dalrymple tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* v. lxxiii. (S.T.S.) I. 281 Quha sen syn haue seruet sa faithfullie that cure,..that [etc.]. 1638 in *Fasti Aberd.* (1854) 287 Ane new commission direct sen syn be his..majestie. 1651 D. Calderwood *Hist. Kirk* (1843) II. 337 Her Majestie,..by diverse proclamations sensyne, hath expresslie forbiddin [etc.]. 1674 Ray *N. C. Words* 40 *Sensine*, Cumb. since then, Var. Dial. 1863–4 Atkinson *Whitby Gloss.* s. v., It is now getting to look long sensine.

Sensyr, obs. form of Censer *sb.*[1]

14.. *Nom.* in Wr.-Wülcker 720/43 *Hoc turibulum*, a sensyr.

† **Sent,** *sb. Obs.* Also 5 sente. Aphetic form of Assent *sb.*

c 1350 *Will. Palerne* 1983 þat þemperour ne schuld souche þa ȝhe at sent were. 1389 in *Eng. Gilds* (1870) 58 Be ye sent of alle ye breyeren and systers of yis gilde. *a* 1450 *Le Morte Arth.* 2278 Through the sente of All by-dene Ganne the kynge A lettre make.

† **Sent,** *v. Obs.* Aphetic form of Assent *v.*

13.. *Gosp. Nicod.* 512 (Add. MS.) To þaire consayle..We will noȝt sent. *c* 1450 *St. Cuthbert* (Surtees) 5336 Þai prayde þair horse moght þar a byde; þe gude wyf sent þar to. 16.. *Eger & Grine* 38 in *Percy Fol. MS.* (1867) I. 355 They Ladye granted her good will, her father sented there soone till.

Sent (sent), *ppl. a.* [pa. pple. of Send *v.*] In senses of the vb. *rare* exc. in comb. as *heaven-sent.*

1483 *Cath. Angl.* 330/1 Sent, *missus, destinatus.* 1667 Milton *P. L.* iv. 852 The Sender not the sent.

Sent, obs. f. Scent *sb.* and *v.*; obs. var. Cent [2].

Sent(e, obs. forms of Saint.

† **Se·ntement.** ? Short for Presentment.

c 1500 Kennedy *Passion of Christ* 494 Na thing mycht cule þe hatrent of þair hert, Quhill he [? *read* he] to de to Pilat wes present, Quhilk be þe law wes justice in þat art, In caus of hlude to schaw þe sentement. 1509 Hawes *Past. Pleas.* x. (Percy Soc.) 35 And if it [*sc.* the cause] be a lytle probable, From any maner stedfast argument, We ordre it for to be ryght stable, And than we never begyn our sentement, Recityng letters not convenient.

Sentement, obs. form of Sentiment.

Sentenar(e, obs. forms of Centner.

1615 in *Wedderburne's Compt Bk.*, etc. (S.H.S.) 263, a sentenar lead. *Ibid.*, 5 sentenare of lead.

Sentence (se·ntėns), *sb.* Also 4–5 sentense, 4–6 sentens, 5 centence, centens(e, sentesnce. [a. F. *sentence* (12th c.) = Pr. *sentensa*, Sp. *sentencia*, Pg. *sentença*, It. *sentenza*, ad. L. *sententia* opinion, maxim, etc., irreg. (for **sentientia*) f. *sentīre* to feel, he of opinion.]

† 1. Way of thinking, opinion. *Obs.*

1340 *Ayenb.* 69 þer byeþ zome..þet none guode techinge

ne onderuongeþ ak alneway weryeþ hare sentense huet þet hit by. 1387–8 T. Usk *Test. Love* III. ix. (Skeat) 6 The comune sentence of the people..that every thing after destenee is ruled, false and wicked is to beleve. *c* 1400 *Rom. Rose* 5813 The baronage to councel wente; In many sentences they fille, And dyversly they seide hir wille. *c* 1412 Hoccleve *De Reg. Princ.* 364 Se how þat þe worþi prelacie,..Endowyd of profound intelligence, Of al þis land werreyen þi sentence. 1534 More *Treat. Passion* Wks. 1329/2 Yet is it the most common sentence of al the old holye men. 1552 Abp. Hamilton *Catech.* (1884) 4 Be ye perfite in ane mynd & in ane sentence. 1597 Hooker *Eccl. Pol.* v. lxvii. § 11 Touching the sentence of antiquitie in this cause. 1609 Bible (Douay) *Josh.* ix. 2 The Hetheite and Amorreite..were gathered, to fight against Iosue and Israel with one minde, and one sentence.

2. The opinion pronounced by a person on some particular question, usually, one on which he is consulted or which is being deliberated upon.

1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* iii. (*Andrew*) 1022 Þe bischope thocht, and all þe lafe, þe sentence ganand þat scho gafe. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Melib.* ℙ 366, I wolde fayn knowe how that ye vnderstonde thilke wordes and what is youre sentence. 1422 Yonge tr. *Secreta Secret.* xxvi. 156 Ne yeue thow not lyghtly thy sentence. *c* 1470 Harding *Chron.* clxxviii. ii, Emong theim selfes our lordes for hie prudence Of the bishop asked counsaill and sentence. 1535 Coverdale *Acts* xv. 19 Wherfore my sentence is [Gr. ἐγὼ κρίνω], that [etc.]. 1583 Babington *Commandm.* viii. (1590) 366 Olde Chaucer so long agoe set his sentence downe against this exercise. 1601 Shaks. *All's Well* I. iii. 80 With that she..gaue this sentence then, Among nine bad if one he good..there's yet one good in ten. 1667 Milton *P. L.* II. 51 My sentence is for open Warr: Of Wiles, More unexpert, I boast not. 1678 Hobbes *Decam. Physiolog.* x. 122 It were too bold to pronounce any sentence of its substance. 1725 Pope *Odyss.* III. 156 Thy Sire and I were one; nor vary'd aught In publick sentence, or in private thought.

b. *The four books* (or *the Book*) *of the Sentence(s*: the *Sententiarum libri quatuor*, a compilation of the opinions of the Fathers on questions of Christian doctrine, by Peter Lombard (12th c.), thence called *The Master of the Sentences*.

1387 [see Master *sb.*[1] 12 h]. 1492 *Acta Domin. Conc.* (1839) 243/1 Ane buk contenand four bukis of þe sentence. 1563 Man *Musculus' Commonpl.* 273 The Master of the Sentences did but gather together the opinions and Sentences of the Fathers. 1682 N. O. *Boileau's Lutrin* II. 10 This Baggage once in her mad Moods and Tenses Had Lombard read, the Master o' th' Sentences.

c. *The Reading of the Sentences*: the office of lecturing on the 'Books of Sentences' (see b), which was the special mark of the second of the three stages of the degree of Bachelor of Divinity in mediæval universities.

1691 Wood *Ath. Oxon., Fasti* I. 745 Hieronim. Schlick, Count of Passan,..was then admitted to the reading of the Sentences. 1886 Lyte *Univ. Oxf.* 107 The Dominicans (in 1313)..took exception to another recent statute of the University, which forbade any one to lecture on the text of the Bible who had not already lectured on the Sentences and taken the degree of Bachelor of Divinity.

3. An authoritative decision; a judgement pronounced by a tribunal. †**a.** *spec.* = sentence of excommunication.

c 1290 *S. Eng. Leg.* 133/932 Ȝif ani man hond on ov set ich ov hote al-so þat ȝe þe seutence of holi churche for swuche violence ȝe do, And holdez vp holi churche riȝte þat ov is bi-take. 1297 R. Glouc. (Rolls) 10370 He esste boc & candle þe sentence to do bliue. 1390 Gower *Conf.* I. 259 This Pope..Hath sent the bulle of his sentence With cursinge and with enterdit. *c* 1400 *Rule St. Benet* (Prose) xxiv. 21 Wylys sho is in sentence, sho ne sal noht be in cuuent, til it be amendid. *c* 1450 *Mirk's Festial* 281 As hit fell hysyde þe abbay of Lulsull hy þre men þat hadden stolen an ox of þe abbot, and he had made a sentens þerfor. 1523 Lo. Berners *Froiss.* I. cccxli. 536 Whiche of them y^t^ euer shulde breke this peace by any maner of wayes, shulde rynne in the sentence of the pope.

b. *gen.* The judgement or decision of a court in any civil or criminal cause. Now *rare* in popular use; still technically applied to the decisions of the ecclesiastical and admiralty courts.

c 1386 Chaucer *Doctor's T.* 172 The Iuge answerde: Of this in his absence I may nat yeue diffynytyue sentence. 1446 in *Cov. Leet-bk.* 228 Declaracion of a centens yeuon for the priour & Couent of the Cathedrall churche of our Lady of Couentre ayeynest John Bredon. 1477 *Rolls of Parlt.* VI. 182/2 [The French king] by sentence judiciall dismyssed them and their plegges oute of the seid Courte. 1535 Coverdale *Isa.* v. 23 These gyue sentence with the vngodly for rewardes. 1550 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* I. 97 My Lord Governour and Lordis of Secreit Counsale, efter lang reasoning upoun the allegeance forsaid be sentence interlocutor, fand that conforme to the lawis [etc.]. 1585 Greene *Planetom.* Wks. (Grosart) V. 100 Sol, we haue agreed that your sensure shal stand for a sentence, and therefore I wil not inueigh against your verdict. 1590 Swinburne *Testaments* 9 These two sentences, haue these two contrary effects.., *the sentence interlocutorie*, may be reuoked at any time so longe as the principall cause dependeth vndecided. But the *sentence definitiue* cannot be reuoked. 1717 E. Miller *Acc. Cambr.* 30 Tho' he prosecuted his Action with all the Vigour he could, it was about seven Years before it came to a Sentence, which was at last, in Favour of the Townsman. 1760–72 H. Brooke *Fool of Qual.* (1809) III. 44 No civil or criminal sentence could take place, till the voice of the judge was affirmed by the court. 1817 Selwyn *Law Nisi Prius* (ed. 4) II. 946 By the sentence of a French court of admiralty it appeared, that the ship insured, 'warranted American', had been condemned as enemy's property. 1838 W. Bell *Dict. Law Scot.* s.v. *Decree*, A decree or decreet is the final judgment or sentence of a court, whereby the question at issue between the parties is decided. 1857 *Act* 20 & 21 *Vict.* c. 85 § 16 A Sentence of Judicial Separation..may be obtained, either by the Husband or the Wife, on the ground of Adultery [etc.].

transf. 1702 *Eng. Theophrastus* 3 They cannot pass a just sentence upon the performances of their respective writers.

c. The judicial determination of the punishment to be inflicted on a convicted criminal. Hence, the punishment to which a criminal is sentenced. Also *transf.*

c 1340 Hampole *Prose Tr.* 7 For-thy I had na stahyll purpos in gude, na perfite contrycyone, tharefore sentence of dampnacyone ffelle one me. *c* 1450 *Mirk's Festial* 245 Þogh a woman by Goddys sentence bere hur childyr wyth so gret penance. 1588 Shaks. *L. L. L.* I. i. 302 Sir I will pronounce your sentence: You shall fast a Weeke with Branne and water. 1604 — *Oth.* I. iii. 119 If you do finde me foule, in her report, The Trust, the Office, I do hold of you, Not onely take away, but let your Sentence Euen fall vpon my life. 1662 *Tryal Sir H. Vane* 51 After that, out comes the Judgement or Sentence of Death against him. 1747 V. Mathias in Jesse *Selwyn & Contemp.* (1843) I. 118, I am now to desire you would contrive for to-morrow, that I may hear the Lord High Steward's speech, and sentence passed. 1769 Blackstone *Comm.* IV. xxix. 373 When sentence of death, the most terrible and highest judgment in the laws of England, is pronounced. 1891 H. Matthews in *Law Times* XCII. 96/1 A convict who gains by steady industry the maximum number of marks during each day of his sentence. 1893 Leland *Mem.* I. 144 A noted murderer under sentence of death.

fig. 1715 De Foe *Fam. Instruct.* I. i. (1841) I. 21 We are all under a sentence of death for the first Man's sin. 1842 Kingsley *Lett.* (1878) I. 61 Our sentence is to labour from the cradle to the grave. 1881 Jowett *Thucyd.* I. 197 No one when venturing on a perilous enterprise ever yet passed a sentence of failure on himself.

†**d.** *Dark, hard sentence*: a difficult problem. (In Bible translations used to render Heb. חִידָה *ḥîdāh*, Aram. אִחִידָא *ʾăḥîdā* enigma, LXX *πρόβλημα*, Vulg. *propositio*.)

Cf. *hard sentence* (in sense 7) Chaucer *Astrol.* Prol. § 1.

1535 Coverdale 2 *Chron.* ix. 1 The quene of rich Arabia ..came with a very greate tryne to Ierusalem..to proue Salomon with darke sentences. 1539 Bible (Great) *Ps.* lxxviii. 2, I wyll declare hard sentences of olde. 1563 Shute *Archit.* B iij, We can neither know or yet discusse the measures and harde sentences or questions of Symetrie.

†**4.** A quoted saying of some eminent person, an apophthegm. Also, a pithy or pointed saying, an aphorism, maxim. *Obs.*

In *Rhetoric* formerly used (after L. *sententia*) as the rendering of Gr. γνώμη Gnome[1].

c 1380 Wyclif in *Sel. Eng. Wks.* II. 399 Crist seiþ to hise apostlis, ȝe shulen be blessid whanne men shulen curse you. ..And if þe Chirche were wel enformed of þis sentence.. men shulden not drede feyned cursingis. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Man of Law's T.* 15 Herke what is the sentence of the wise: Bet is to dyen than haue Indigence. *c* 1420 *Pallad. on Husb.* I. 108 Now euery word and sentence is of cure. 1533 More *Answ. Poysoned Bk.* Wks. 1087/1 Then cometh there also on this part y^e^ saiengs or sentences of y^e^ holy fathers. 1567 *Trial of Treas.* A iij, The wyse mans sentence. 1580 Lyly *Euphues* Wks. 1902 II. 158 Hungry stomackes are not to be fed with sayings against surfettings, nor thirst to be quenched with sentences against drunkennesse. 1593 Shaks. *Lucr.* 244 Who feares a sentence or an old mans saw, Shall by a painted cloth be kept in awe. 1601 B. Jonson *Poet.* I. ii. 103 Thou speakest sentences, old Bias. 1657 J. Smith *Myst. Rhet.* 244 Gnome is a figure when we bring in a sentence or such a remarkable saying of anothers to the same purpose with the Author. *a* 1679 Hobbes *Rhet.* (1840) 476 To hear a young man speak sentences, is ridiculous. 1727 Pope, etc. *Art of Sinking* xiii. 115 A poet or orator would have no more to do but to send to the particular traders in each kind,..to the apothegmatist for his sentences, &c. 1750 Johnson *Rambler* No. 79 ℙ 1 A Greek writer of sentences has laid down as a standing maxim, that he who believes not another on his oath, knows himself to be perjured. 1823 Gillies tr. *Aristotle's Rhet.* II. xxi. 328 Sentences have great weight in discourse for two reasons.

†**b.** In generalized use: Aphoristic speech, sententiousness. *Obs.*

c 1530 *Crt. of Love* 5, I write, as he that none intelligence Of metres hath, ne floures of sentence. 1649 Milton *Eikon.* 32 A discourse full of sentence.

5. An indefinite portion of a discourse or writing; a 'passage'. Now only (with approach to sense 6), a short passage of Scripture in liturgical use.

c 1400 *Rule of St. Benet* (Prose) lv. 36 þabbes sal ta yeme of þis sentence of þe dedis of þe apostils. *c* 1420 *Wars Alex.* (Prose) (E.E.T.S.) 46 Scho was riȝte sory and wrote a lettre vn-till hym þat contened this sentence [etc.]. 1549 *Bk. Com. Prayer, Communion*, Then shall folowe for the Offertory, one or mo, of these Sentences of holy scripture. 1557 North *Gueuara's Diall Pr.* IV. Argt. (1568) 106 b, That man..that vouchsafeth not to spend one hower of the day to read a graue sentence of some good booke. 1611 Cotgr., *Rubrique*, ..a special title or sentence of the Law written, or printed, in red. 1639 in *Brit. Mag.* (1834) VI. 379 For settyng up the sentences of Scripture in the church, o. 3. o. 1753 Challoner *Cath. Chr. Instr.* 94 After which he reads a short Sentence of Scripture.

6. A series of words in connected speech or writing, forming the grammatically complete expression of a single thought; in popular use often (= Period *sb.* 10), such a portion of a composition or utterance as extends from one full stop to another. In *Grammar*, the verbal expression of a proposition, question, command, or request, containing normally a subject and a predicate (though either of these may be omitted by ellipsis).

In grammatical use, though not in popular language, a 'sentence' may consist of a single word, as in L. *algeo* 'I am cold', where the subject (= I) is expressed by the ending of the verb. English grammarians usually recognize three classes: simple sentences, complex sentences (which contain one or more subordinate clauses), and compound sentences (which have more than one subject or predicate).

1447 Bokenham *Seyntys, Agnes* 682 Fro sentence to sentence, I dar wele seyn, I hym haue folwyde euen hy & by. 1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 160 Euery lettre, syllable, worde, & sentence of his prayer & duty from the begynnynge to y^e^ ende. 1538 Elyot *Dict., Tetracolon*, a sentence hauyng .iiii. membres. 1600 Shaks. *A. Y. L.* III. ii. 144 At euerie sentence end; Will I Rosalinda write. 1631 in Rymer *Fœdera* XIX. 305 The Statute before mentioned, or any Clause, Sentence, Matter or Thing whatsoever therein conteyned. *a* 1653 Binning *Princ. Chr. Relig.* Wks. (1735) 27 There is some hidden Secret that you must search for, that is inclosed within the Covering of Words and Sentences. 1712 Addison *Spect.* No. 550 ℙ 5, I have so well preserved my Taciturnity that I do not remember to have violated it with three Sentences in the space of almost two Years. 1728 Chambers *Cycl.* s.v., Every Sentence comprehends at least Three Words. 1748 Richardson *Clarissa* VII. 177, I would not lose a sentence that I could gain from lips so instructive. 1787 Reid *Let. to Gregory* 26 Aug., In speech, the true natural unit is a sentence. 1819 Scott *Ivanhoe* iii, His displeasure was expressed in broken sentences. 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* I, The combat, which we describe in a sentence or two, lasted for many weeks in poor Amelia's heart. 1870 Jevons *Elem. Logic* vii. (1875) 61 What the logician calls a proposition the grammarian calls a sentence.

b. *Music.* A complete idea, usually consisting of two or four phrases.

1891 in *Century Dict.* 1893 Sheblock tr. *Riemann's Dict. Mus.* s.v. *Phrase Signs*, The chief elements in Riemann's system are :..(3) The figures..showing period structure (2 for the point of stress of the first group of two measures;.. 8 for the point of stress of the whole sentence).

†**7.** The thought or meaning expressed, as distinguished from the wording; the sense, substance, or gist (of a passage, a book, etc.). *Obs.*

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 348 Nimeð nu god ȝeme, vor hit is almest Seint Beornardes sentence. 1340 Hampole *Pr. Consc.* 9571 Þus may þis tretice, with þe sentence, Pryk and stirre a mans conscience. *c* 1380 Wyclif *Wks.* (1880) 429 As lordis of englond han the bible in freynsch, so it were not ayenus resoun þat þey hadden þe same sentense in Englisch. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Nun's Pr. T.* 345 *Mulier est hominis confusio*: Madame, the sentence of this latyn is, Womman is mannes Ioye and al his blis. *c* 1450 *Godstow Reg.* 27 The sentence of thys dede is, how John of syot John hatbe grauntyd [etc.]. 1502 *Ord. Crysten Men* (W. de W. 1506) I. ii. 11 Or in othir langage or wordes betokenynge the same sentence. 1519 *Interl. Four Elem.* (Percy Soc.) 7 Perhappis in this matter muche eloquence Sholde make it tedyous or hurt the sentence. *a* 1555 Latimer in Foxe *A. & M.* (1563) 1323/1 They..also added vnto his wordes, to alter his sentence. 1561 *Maitland Club Misc.* III. 284 He was sa far distaot fra hyr he mycht not heyr the sentence of hyr word.

†**b.** *In sentence*: = 'in substance'. Very common in Lydgate, often as a mere expletive. *Obs.*

c 1412 Lydg. *Reson & Sens.* 515 Thow hast wel sayed, For which I wil, in sentence, That thow yive me Audience. 1421 — *Horse, Goose & Sheep* 9 in *Pol. Rel. & L. Poems* 15 Parties assemblid..Weren admitted to shewen in sentence, Ground of here quarell. *c* 1449 Pecock *Repr.* III. viii. 322 And an other cronicler seith in sentence thus [etc.]. 1500–20 Dunbar *Poems* xviii. 48 Gude James the Ferd..In sentens said full subtillie, 'Do weill', [etc.].

†**c.** In generalized use: Significance. *Obs.*

c 1386 Chaucer *Prol.* 306 Noght o word spak he moore than was neede And that was..short and quyk and ful of hy sentence. 1402 *Repl. to J. Upland* in *Pol. Poems* (1859) II. 59 Now, Jak, to thi questions, nedes me moste aoswer, althouȝ thei wanten sentence and good thrift bothe. *c* 1430 Lydg. *Min. Poems* (Percy Soc.) 179 Problemys of olde likenesse and figures, Whiche proved been fructuous of sentence. 1563 Foxe *A. & M.* 828/2 To the xxviii. [article] he sayth as it lyeth it hath no sentence: nor he cannot vnderstande it. 1589 Puttenham *Eng. Poesie* III. xxii. (Arb.) 262 Now if this disorder he in a whole clause which carieth more sentence then a word, it is then worst of all.

†**8.** Intelligence, insight, sound judgement. *Obs.*

c 1400 *Rule of St. Benet* (Prose) xxvii. 22 On alle maner sal þabbes entirmete hir Al maner of sentence at muster til hir sep. 1513 *Life Hen. V* (1911) 3, I have not enterprised the compilacion of this present volume vppon noe presumpcion of witt, sentence, or cunninge of my self. 1523 Lo. Berners *Froiss.* I. cccxcix. 692 There Phylyppe Dartuell, by great sentence, shewed them fro poynt to poynt, the ryght that they thought they had in their quarell.

9. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, (sense 6) *sentence-accent, -making, -monger, -stress, -structure*; (sense 3) *sentence-giving*; **sentence-day**, the day of a trial in which the sentence is pronounced; **sentence-money, silver** *Scots Law* (see quot. 1747); **sentence-word**, a word that serves as a sentence.

1662 *Tryal Sir H. Vane* 51 Wednesday June 11. being the *Sentence-day. 1661 Blount *Glossogr.* (ed. 2), *Judication*,.. *sentence-giving. 1870 Whitney *Germ. Gramm.* Suppl. 3 The main peculiarities of German *sentence-making. 1747 *Acts of Sederunt* (1790) 397 Whereas Sheriffs and stewards have at present no other legal reward, for doing their duty, than *sentence-money, which is a sort of poundage out of the sums decreed for. 1847 *Blackw. Mag.* July 46 Nor can he be simply transposed as many a decent *sentence-monger may. 1641 *Sc. Acts Chas. I* (1870) V. 412/2 All *sentence silver tuelve pennyes of þe pund and other exactiones imposed wpoun sentances..to be pronunced by þe saidis Judges. 1884 H. Sweet in *13th Addr. Philol. Soc.* 93 *Sentence-stress, intonation, and, generally speaking, the higher phonetic analysis of our dialects, are almost ignored. 1872 Minto *Eng. Prose Lit.* Introd. 8 So defective were they in *sentence-structure, that [etc.]. 1889 Mivart *Orig. Hum. Reas.* 260 When used by a young child (or primitive man), *sentence-words require to be supplemented by gesture-signs.

Sentence (se·ntĕns), *v.* Also 7 sentense. [ad. F. *sentencier*, f. *sentence* SENTENCE *sb.* Cf. med.L. *sententiāre*.]

†**1.** *intr.* To pass judgement. *Obs.*

c 1400 *Pilgr. Sowle* (Caxton 1483) III. v. 53 Ye haue falsely sentenced ageyne the trewe parte by cause that he was poure and made nought your purs peysen so heuy. 1592 WARNER *Alb. Eng.* VIII. xxxix. (1612) 191 Like yoong Salomon, in sentencing betwixt Two mothers. 1624 BEDELL *Lett.* x. 130 A Breue formed to sentence for the King. 1710 NORRIS *Chr. Prud.* iii. 127 A Habit of Sentencing, as I may call it, or Determining, particularly in those things which are not defined by any Law.

†**2.** *trans.* To adjudge, or apportion by legal decision. *Obs.*

1616 CHAPMAN *Hesiod's Bk. Days* 9 The Day, when all litigious goods, Are iustly senteac't, by the peoples voyces.

†**3.** To decree or order judicially. *Obs.*

1502 ARNOLDE *Chron.* (1811) 158 Therfore, we may noo more doo for that [it] is sentenced vpon that reame that this enemy hath to wynne it. *a* 1513 FABYAN *Chron.* VII. (1811) 351 Lastly it was sentencyd that the barons shuld restore all suche goodes, as they & theyre company had taken. 1607 SHAKS. *Cor.* III. iii. 22 Let them..Inforce the present execution Of what we chance to Sentence. 1613 PURCHAS *Pilgrimage* (1614) 389 One example of iustice is admirable, which he sentenced on the Gouernour of Cashin. 1652 NEEDHAM tr. *Selden's Mare Cl., Dom. Maris* 5 That Convention was onely instituted for the execution of such things as were formerly sentenced. 1660 *Trial Regic.* 71 But you may see by his sentencing what he did.

b. *transf.* (*nonce-use*).

1838 D. JERROLD *Men of Character* (1851) 30 'He had better keep his bed to-day?' asked Faddle benevolently. 'Yes, to-day', sentenced [Dr.] Saffron.

†**4.** To decide judicially. *Obs.*

1586 *Let. to Earle Leycester* 24 Forasmuch as she stood obstinately in the deniall of matter..most iustly sentenced against her. 1602 FULBECKE 1*st Pt. Parall.* 5 As well these which are determinable by the Law of Nations, as these which are sentenced by the Ciuil Law and other Lawes. 1632 *Star Chamber Cases* (1886) 109 This cause came to be heard and sentenced this day. 1665 J. WEBB *Stone-Heng* (1725) 160 The matter in Debate was by the parochial Assembly sentenced at first. 1681 *Heylin's De Jure Par. Episc.* Pref. 2 If..any Controversie arose touching Lands or Inheritance, they sentenced it.

†**5.** To declare judicially or authoritatively. Chiefly with complement. *Obs.*

a 1617 BAYNE *On Eph.* (1658) 51 Justification doth sentence this of mee, that I am just before God. *a* 1619 FOTHERBY *Atheom.* (1622) Pref. 17 The Heathen Poet: who sentenceth all wicked, and licencious liuers, to bee no better, then a kinde of pragmaticall Atheists. 1625 LAUD *Serm.* 19 June 18 They sinne against their owne conscience..by sentencing Good Euill, and Euill Good. 1662 HIBBERT *Body Divinity* II. 95 The clearness of his judgment..sentenceth the place venerable. 1680 H. MORE *Apocal. Apoc.* 211 An auspicious Title, signifying that they whose names were found there, should be sentenced worthy of eternal Life.

†**6.** To pass judgement on (a person or his actions, the merit of anything). *Obs.*

1597 SHAKS. 2 *Hen. IV*, v. ii. 98 After this cold considerance, sentence me. 1605 VERSTEGAN *Dec. Intell.* Epist. 1, I know I..am lykest to receaue most controlement of such as are least able to sentence mee. 1642 MILTON *Apol. Smect.* Wks. 1851 III. 251 His sufficiency must now be sentenc't, not by pondering the reason he shewes, but by calculating the yeares he brings. 1809 MALKIN *Gil Blas* X. v. P 4 Far from sentencing a piece on its first representation, we are jealous of its apparent merit while aided by scenic deception.

7. To pronounce sentence upon; to condemn *to* a punishment.

1592 WARNER *Alb. Eng.* VIII. xl. 175 He being then indighted, Was hardly found a Felon, and too stricktly sentenc't so. 1607 SHAKS. *Cor.* v. iv. 8 Our throats ere sentenc'd, and stay vppon execution. 1634 BREERETON *Trav.* (Chetham Soc.) 70 Slaves sentenced to the gallies. 1681 FLAVEL *Right. Man's Ref.* 179 Though they were sentenced to death, yea though they sentenced themselves. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 20 Dec. 1684, The offender was sentenc'd and repriev'd. *a* 1714 ABP. SHARP *Serm.* Wks. 1754 II. 94 A wretch,..being convicted of grievous crimes, and thereupon justly sentenced to suffer death for them. 1838 THIRLWALL *Greece* XXXVII. V. 17 They sentenced Phœbidas to a fine of 10,000 drachmas. 1848 DICKENS *Dombey* XXXIV, She was tried, and sentenced. 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* v. I. 566 He was hastily tried, convicted, and sentenced to be hanged.

transf. 1884 BROWNING *Family* 31 'Sole remedy is amputation'... His three sons heard their mother sentenced. 1895 BARING-GOULD *Noémi* xxiv. (ed. 2) 339 Which had lighted up the face of the man sentenced to a living tomb.

8. In various nonce-uses: a. To put into sentences. Also *absol.* or *intr.* To compose sentences.

1623 LISLE *Ælfric on O. & N. Test.* To Rdr. 32 It would giue vs occasion either in wording or sentensing the principall parts thereof, to looke back a little into this outworne dialect. 1856 RUSKIN *Mod. Paint.* III. iv. x. § 22 Let a man have..a facility of rhyming or sentencing.

b. To influence by maxims. Also *To sentence it*: to speak in aphorisms.

1628 FELTHAM *Resolves* I. xciii. 272 Let me heare one wise man sentence it, rather then twenty Fooles, garrulous in their lengthened tattle. 1685 *Gracian's Courtier's Orac.* Pref., So it is as impossible by short documents to sentence them into their Wits and good Manners again.

Hence **Sentenced** (se·ntĕnst) *ppl. a.* Also **Se·ntencer**, one who sentences.

1589 PUTTENHAM *Eng. Poesie* III. xxiii. (Arb.) 270 He who can make the best and most differences of things by reasonable and wittie distinction is to be the fittest iudge or sentencer of decencie. 1631 HEYWOOD 2*nd Pt. Fair Maid of West* v. L 4, The thief is found:..I beg That I may be his sentencer. †*c* 1637 CLEVELAND *Elegy on Ben Jonson* 31 When thy maim'd Statue hath a Sentenc'd Face, And Looks that are the Horror of the Place. 1659 GAUDEN *Tears Ch.* IV. xxiii. 628 It becomes not me to sentence either the sentenced, or sentencers that adjudged him to death. 1801 SOUTHEY *Thalaba* IV. ix, Haruth and Maruth went, The chosen Sentencers. 1813 BYRON *Corsair* III. x, He had brooded lone O'er promised pangs to sentenced guilt foreshown. 1890 *Athenæum* 10 May 603/3 A friend..convinces the Home Secretary that it was the dog, not the sentenced man, who pulled the trigger and shot the victim. 1902 *Westm. Gaz.* 7 Feb. 2/3 It is strange that the sight of a young fellow breaking down under his sentence should excite anyone, and particularly the sentencer, to such abuse.

Sentenciall, obs. form of SENTENTIAL *a.*

Sentenel, obs. form of SENTINEL.

Sentener, obs. form of CENTENIER.

Sentential (sente·nʃăl), *a.* Now *rare.* [ad. L. *sententiāl-is* in the form of a sentence, f. *sententia*: see SENTENCE *sb.* and -AL.]

†**1.** Containing, or of the nature of, 'sentences' or 'maxims'. *Obs.*

a 1475 ASHBY *Active Policy* 51 Right so though I haue not seien scripture Of many bookes right sentenciall [etc.]. 1582 T. WATSON *Centurie of Love* lxxxix. (Arb.) 125 The two first staffes of this Sonnet are altogether sententiall, and euerie one verse of them is grownded vpon a diuerse reason and authoritie from the rest. 1645 USSHER *Body Div.* (1647) 13 Containing principally..holy sentences, (whence also they may be called Sententiall).

2. Pertaining to a sentence or series of words in syntactical connexion.

1646 SIR T. BROWNE *Pseud. Ep.* I. iv. 15 Verball expressions, or sententiall significations. 1775 T. SHERIDAN *Art of Reading* 142 Of the accentual speech I have mentioned two kinds; one verbal, the other sentential. 1776 GEDDES *Prosp. New Transl. Bible* 127 My translation..is neither literal nor verbal; but, if I may use the term, strictly sentential. 1824 L. MURRAY *Eng. Gram.* (ed. 5) I. 379 There are two sorts of [poetical] pauses, one for sense and one for melody, perfectly distinct from each other. The former may be called sentential, the latter, harmonic pauses. The sentential pauses are those which are known to us by the name of stops.

3. Of the nature of a 'sentence' or final judicial decision. ? *Obs.*

a 1603 T. CARTWRIGHT *Confut. Rhem. N. T.* (1618) 121 The iudgement of the Church doth not hinder the sententiall iudgement of our Sauiour. 1632 LITHGOW *Trav.* X. 441 Seazing on their money be a sententiall forfeiture. 1677 OWEN *Doctr. Justif.* iv. 186 No more is Justification the change of a person from inherent unrighteousness unto Righteousness, but a sentential Declaration of him to be Righteous. 1701 BEVERLEY *Grand Apocal. Quest.* 9 After the Words going forth there is the Epoch of the 70 Weeks Fix'd; and in the Wise Provision of the Holy Spirit, we have an Explanation,..of the Words going forth by the Decree, or Sentential Word of the God of Israel.

4. *nonce-use.* Pertaining to opinion.

1792 D. LLOYD *Charact. Men*, etc. 22 Noisy discord and sentential strife.

Sente·ntially, *adv. Obs.* or *rare.* Also 5–6 **sentencially, -yally.** [f. prec. (perh. not separately used until later) + -LY[2], after med.L. *sententiāliter*.]

1. By way of (judicial) sentence; judicially.

c 1400 *Pilgr. Sowle* (Caxton) II. xliii. (1859) 50 To alle the remenaunt after, Iustice sentencyally seyd: goo, al ye condempned and forlnged to brenne withynne the fyre of Helle. 1447 BOKENHAM *Seyntys, Agnes* 262 Wherefore sentencyally I [the prefect] be deuyse. *c* 1460 *Osney Reg.* 89, I axe be saide Executours to b^e^ forsaide best..to be saide church of Cudelynton and to my lordis forsaide..sentencially and diffinityfly to be condempned. 1544 BALE *Chron. Sir J. Oldcastle* 39 We sentencyallye and dyffynytyuely by this present wrytynge, iudge, declare and condemne the seyd syr Iohan Oldecastell..a most pernycyouse and detestable heretyque. 1673 BAXTER *Let.* in *Answ. Dodwell* 83 Whether a man *de facto* have been drunk,..it were hard judging sententially meerly on trust from others. 1681 FLAVEL *Meth. Grace* XXXII. 540 He is virtually condemned now, and will be sententially condemned in the judgment of the great day.

2. *rare.* In or by sentences.

1860 WORCESTER (citing *Coleridge*), *Sententially*, by means of sentences. In later Dicts.

Sententiary (sente·nʃiări), *sb.* (and *a.*) *Hist.* [f. med.L. *sententiāri-us* (see below), f. L. *sententia* SENTENCE *sb.*: see -ARY.]

A. *sb.* a. One who writes or utters sentences or aphorisms. b. A compiler of 'sentences' or opinions of doctors of the Church on theological questions. c. A commentator or lecturer on the Book of Sentences (see SENTENCE *sb.* 2 b).

a 1603 T. CARTWRIGHT *Confut. Rhem. N. T.* (1618) 575 One of your owne, that lived about 170 yeares past, writing of your Sententiaries, alledgeth this place of the Apostle against them. 1629 H. BURTON *Truth's Tri.* 2 Their schooldiuinitie, as Gabriel Biel, one of their chiefe Sententiaries.. hath laid it downe. 1662 HIBBERT *Body Divinity* I. 14 Using..the Fathers, Scholasticks, Sententiaries, Canonists. 1817 COLERIDGE '*Blessed are ye!*' Introd. 14 The inspired poets, historians and sententiaries of the Jews. 1882–3 *Schaff's Encycl. Relig. Knowl.* III. 2490/1 The prevailing scholasticism [15th c.] and the method of the sententiaries.

¶ *erron.* A sententious discourse.

1843 LYTTON *Last Bar.* II. ii, It is easier to the warm heart of our cousin Warwick to preach sententiaries of sternness to his king, than to enforce the same by his own practice. *Ibid.* III. vi, Though his sententiary as to nature and science lacked loyalty and respect.

B. *adj.* [*Mod.* as transl. of med.L. *sententiarius*.] *Sententiary Bachelor*, a bachelor of the second order of theology in the Middle Ages, whose office was to lecture on the Sentences of Peter Lombard.

1889 in *Century Dict.* s. v. *Bachelor.*

So **Sententia·rian**, † **Sente·ntiarist** = prec. *sb.*

1677 OWEN *Doctr. Justif.* Introd. 8 It is..to no purpose to handle the mysteries of the Gospel as if Holcot and Bricot, Thomas and Gabriel, with all the Sententiarists, Summists, and Quodlibetarians,..were to be raked out of their Graves to be our guides. 1882 OGILVIE, *Sententiarian.*

† **Sente·ntiate**, *v. Obs. rare.* [f. med.L. *sententiāt-*, ppl. stem of *sententiāre*, f. L. *sententia*: see SENTENCE *sb.* and -ATE[3].] *trans.* To pronounce a judicial decision on, to adjudge or decide (a cause).

1593 BILSON *Govt. Christ's Ch.* 313 The fourth Councill of Carthage prohibiteth the bishop to heare and sententiate any mans cause without the presence of his Clergie. *a* 1693 *Urquhart's Rabelais* III. xxxvii. 314 They very much doubted..if by any one part, or all of them together, it had been so judicially sententiated and awarded [*si plus iuridiquement eust esté par eux sententié*].

† **Sente·ntiolist.** *Obs. rare*[—1]. [f. L. *sententiol-a* a short aphorism, diminutive of *sententia* SENTENCE *sb.* + -IST.] A stickler for phrases.

1660 GAUDEN *Funeral Serm. Brownrig* 171 Not that he was such a Formalist, Verbalist, and Sententiolist, as could not endure any alteration of words, or phrases, or method, or manner of expressions in the Liturgie.

† **Sente·ntioner.** *Obs. rare.* [f. L. *sentent-ia* SENTENCE *sb.* + -ION + -ER[1].] = SENTENTIARY *sb.*

1545 BALE *Image Both Ch.* I. vi. (1550) G iij b, Nothynge can be more euydent then this, specyally to them that hath red the tryflynge workes of the Sophisters, sentencyoners, schole doctoures, canonystes, and summystes. *Ibid.* ix. H ij, An infynyte table..of sentencyoners & summistes. 1581 J. BELL *Haddon's Answ. Osor.* 358 b, Wherein reygneth ..For Evangelistes, cruell Canonistes, Copistes, Decretaries, Summularyes seditious Sententioners.

Sententiosity (sentenʃiǫ·siti). *rare.* [f. L. *sententiōs-us* SENTENTIOUS + -ITY.] Sententiousness; also a sententious remark.

1646 SIR T. BROWNE *Pseud. Ep.* I. vi. 23 *Nosce teipsum* of Thales: *Nosce tempus* of Pittacus: *Nihil nimis* of Cleobulus;..are but vulgar precepts in Morality, carrying with them nothing above the lyne, or beyond the extemporall sententiosity of common conceits with us. 1891 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 3 Feb. 7/1 A..dull compilation of sententiosities about the gross public and Byron and Shelley [etc.].

Sententious (sente·nʃəs), *a.* Forms: 5 sentencyowse, 6 -cyous(e, -ci(o)us, sententius, -ouse, 6–sententious. [f. L. *sententiōsus* (Cicero), f. *sententia* SENTENCE *sb.*: see -OUS. Cf. F. *sentencieux*, OF. *sententieux* (13th c. in Hatz.-Darm.).]

†**1.** Full of meaning; also, of persons, full of intelligence or wisdom. *Obs.*

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 453/1 Sentencyowse, or full of sentence, *sententiosus*. 1503 HAWES *Examp. Virt.* Prol. 5 O vertuous Lydgat moche sentencyous. 1509 — *Past. Pleas.* XIV. (Percy Soc.) 53 The boke of fame, whiche is sentencyous He [Chaucer] drewe hym selfe. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* VI. Prol. 75 He is ane hie theolog sentencius. 1579 E. K. *Gloss. to Spenser's Sheph. Cal.* Nov. 83 This is a notable and sententious comparison. 1588 SHAKS. *L. L. L.* v. i. 3 Your reasons at dinner haue beene sharpe & sententious. 1622 PEACHAM *Compl. Gent.* vi. 43 Let your stile..bee..sententious, yea better furnished with sentences then words. 1648 CRASHAW *Delights of Muses* Wks. (1904) 135 Teares have Tongues, Sententious showers, o let them fall.

2. Of the nature of a 'sentence' or aphoristic saying.

1542 UDALL tr. *Erasmus* (*title*) Apophthegmes that is to saie, prompte, quicke, wittie and sentencious saiynges, of certain Emperours [etc.]. 1671 MILTON *P. R.* IV. 264 Brief sententious precepts. 1752 JOHNSON *Rambler* No. 205 P 1 Sometimes [he] uttered grave reflections, and sententious maxims. 1841 D'ISRAELI *Amen. Lit.* (1867) 676 The depth of sentiment was contracted into sententious epigrams. 1908 *Q. Rev.* Apr. 341 Many sententious and quasi-proverbial lines are ascribed to him [Menander].

3. Of discourse, style, etc.: Abounding in pointed maxims, aphoristic. In recent use sometimes in bad sense, affectedly or pompously formal.

1509 HAWES *Past. Pleas.* VIII. (Percy Soc.) 29 To make of nought, reason sentencious, Clokynge a trouthe wyth colour tenebrous. 1579–80 NORTH *Plutarch, M. Cato* (1595) 373 His grace..in speaking..was pleasant and yet graue:.. sententious, and yet familiar. 1624 GATAKER *Wife in Deed* 1 It hath this preeminence aboue most, if not all, the Bookes in the Bible; that many of them are Sententious, this consisteth all of Sentences. For what are Diuine Prouerbs, but select and choise Sentences. 1681 DINELEY *Jrnl.* in *Trans. Kilkenny Archæol. Soc.* Ser. II. II. 22 [The Irish language] is sharp and sententious, with quick apothegmes, and proper allusions. 1747 DODDRIDGE *Life Col. Gardiner* 175 [He] only replied, in his Sententious Manner, 'We have an Eternity to spend together'. 1770 LANGHORNE *Plutarch, Brutus* P 4 In Greek he affected the sententious and laconic way [of speaking]. 1788 GIBBON *Decl. & F.* I. V. 187 Their wit [was] strong and sententious. 1782 MISS BURNEY *Cecilia* VI. i, The truth of this speech palliating its sententious absurdity, made Cecilia give up her faint attempt to soften him. 1833 MACAULAY *Ess., War Succ. Spain* P 3 Lord Mahon is also a little too fond of uttering moral reflections in a style too sententious and oracular. 1850 W. IRVING *Mahomet* XXXIX. (1853) 192 His ordinary discourse was grave and sententious. 1855 KINGSLEY *Westw. Ho!* II, A long sententious letter, full of Latin quotations. 1858 G. MACDONALD *Phantastes* VII. (1878) 117 The sententious remarks of a pompous child. 1883 *Fortn. Rev.* Feb. 260 A person of gentlemanly bearing, small abilities, and sententious wisdom.

4. Of persons: Given to the utterance of maxims or pointed sayings. Now often in bad sense, addicted to pompous moralizing.

1598–9 B. JONSON *Case Altered* I. v. 289 Come, you are so sententious, my lord. 1600 SHAKS. *A. Y. L.* v. iv. 66 By my faith, he is very swift, and sententious. 1630 BRATHWAIT

Eng. Gentlem. (1641) 5 This indifferencie towards fortune is excellently described by the sententious Seneca. 1700 CONGREVE *Way of World* II. v, Sententious Mirabell! Pr'ythee don't look with that violeot and inflexible wise Face. 1732 BERKELEY *Alciphr.* ii. § 7 Sallust was a sententious pedant. 1796 MME. D'ARBLAY *Camilla* V. 114 You grow so horrid sententious. 1823 SCOTT *Quentin D.* Introd., The Marquis de Hautlieu..was as short and sententious as French politeness permitted. 1880 MISS BRADDON *Just as I am* XXXVI, He was a sententious person.

†5. Of a symbol: Expressive of a whole sentence; opposed to *verbal*. *Obs.*

1586 FERNE *Blaz. Gentrie* 149 The matter whereof these armes do consist is the same that the auncient Hieroglyphiques weare with the Ægiptians, or the sententious Emblemes to the Greekes. 1701 GREW *Cosmol. Sacr.* II. vi. 68 The making of those Figures being tedious..put Men first upon contracting them..instead of Sententious Marks, to think of Verbal; such as the Chineses still retain.

†6. Of composition: Consisting of detached sentences. *Obs.*

1771 LUCKOMBE *Hist. Printing* 250 The first word of a new paragraph..is commonly put in Small Capitals...But this rule may be very well laid aside in matter which is too sententious and which would take up more Small Capitals than an ordinary..Fount could supply. *Ibid.* 386 Others are so sententious in their writing that they break off almost at every place that will admit of a Full-point.

Sente·ntiously, *adv.* [f. prec. + -LY 2.]

†1. According to the sense; not word for word (of a translation). *Obs. rare*—1.

c 1450 *Godstow Reg.* 26 A pore brodur and welwyller..hath purposed wyth goddys grace to make..fro latyn in-to englyssh, sentencyosly, as followeth thys symple translacion.

2. In a sententious manner; tersely and pithily.

1481 CAXTON *Tulle of Old Age* I. (R. Suppl.), The sayd versis of the grete poete be of grete effect, purposed sentencyously in few wordis. 1513 BRADSHAW *St. Werburge* I. 3196 But as Salomon sayth sententiously, 'There may be no counseyll power ne prudence [etc.]'. 1622 PEACHAM *Compl. Gent.* x. 89 Iuvenal of Satyrists is the best, for..though he he sententiously tart, yet is his phrase cleare and open. 1716–17 BENTLEY *Serm.* xi. 372 Our Apostle concludes the whole with the words above, sententiously in way of Aphorism. 1862 GOULBURN *Pers. Relig.* 103 If the time which we can spare for such reading is short, books of thoughts, more or less sententiously expressed..will be found very serviceable. 1884 F. M. CRAWFORD *Rom. Singer* I. 31 'Who goes slowly goes surely', said the maestro sententiously.

Sententiousness (sente·nʃəsnés). [f. SENTENTIOUS *a.* + -NESS.] The state or quality of being sententious.

1530 PALSGR. 269/1 *Sentenciousnesse.* 1656 EARL MONM. tr. *Boccalini's Advts. fr. Parnass.* I. lxxxvi. 176 His brevity of succinct speaking, full of gravity, matter, sententiousness. 1725 BROOME *Notes to Pope's Odyss.* I. 41 The solemnity and sententiousness of this speech is taken notice of by Eustathius. 1828 D'ISRAELI *Chas. I*, I. iv. 80 The old King, with that pointed sententiousness he frequently used, said [etc.]. 1862 MISS BRADDON *Lady Audley* XXVII, 'When people make favourites, they are apt to be deceived by them', Miss Tonks answered, with icy sententiousness. 1870 MOZLEY *Univ. Serm.* iv. (1877) 94 The frigid sententiousness..of their utterance.

Sentery, obs. form of SENTRY *sb.*1

†**Sentheur.** *Obs. rare*—1. [a. F. *senteur* (14th c. in Hatz.-Darm.), f. *sent-ir* to smell + *-eur*: see SCENT *v.* and -OUR.] An odour or smell.

1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* XXVIII. XXVIII. II. 314 Much seeking there is after his guts, for the pleasant senteurs and odors wherewith they be stuffed ful.

†**Senthis.** *Obs. rare*—1. ? Metathetic form of SITHENCE *adv.*

1501 DOUGLAS *Pal. Hon.* II. lvi, Senthis till me all veritie be kend, I repute better thus to mak ane end, Than ocht to say that suld heiraris engreif.

†**Se·nticous,** *a. Obs. rare*—1. [ad. L. *senticōsus*, f. *sentis* a thorn; see -OUS.] Prickly, thorny.

1657 TOMLINSON *Renou's Disp.* 338 It is a senticous shrub, low and hamated with many dark Prickles.

Sentience (se·nʃiĕns). [f. SENTIENT *a.*: see -ENCE.] The condition or quality of being sentient, consciousness, susceptibility to sensation.

1839 POE *Fall House of Usher* Tales (1845) 74 This opinion [of Usher's], in its general form, was that of the sentience of all vegetable things. 1862 F. HALL *Hindu Philos. Syst.* 77 The Sánkhyas use them to prove, that the whole world, every constituent part of which is for an end, has for its author that which possesses no sentience,—nature. *a* 1881 A. BARRATT *Phys. Metempiric* (1883) 244 If physical *esse* is *intelligi*, and intelligence has been evolved from sentience, clearly physical objective existence has been produced by the ordinary impulse or inherent necessity of evolution.

Sentiency (se·nʃiĕnsi). [Formed as prec.; see -ENCY.] = prec.

a 1850 MRS. BROWNING *Isobel's Child* ix, All which broken sentiency And conclusion incomplete, Will gather and unite and climb To an immortality Good or evil. 1887 R. GARNETT *Life Carlyle* iv. 71 Reasoners who regard all phenomena as affections of their own sentiency. 1903 F. W. H. MYERS *Human Personality* II. 285 A universe in which even one being may have been summoned into a sentiency destined to inescapable pain.

Sentient (se·nʃiĕnt), *a.* and *sb.* [ad. L. *sentient-em*, pr. pple. of *sentīre* to feel.] **A.** *adj.*

1. That feels or is capable of feeling; having the power or function of sensation or of perception by the senses.

1632 GUILLIM *Heraldry* III. xxiv. (ed. 2) 250 Forasmuch as God would that the faculties both intelligent and sentient should predominate in the head [etc.]. *a* 1676 HALE *Prim. Orig. Man.* I. ii. (1677) 56 This acting of the sentient Phantasie is performed..by a presence of sense, as the Horse is under the sense of hunger, and that without any formal Syllogism presseth him to eat. 1733 CHEYNE *Eng. Malady* I. viii. § 3 (1734) 71 The Nerves..propagate this Vibration..to the intelligent or sentient Principle in the Brain. 1846 GROTE *Greece* I. xiii. (1862) I. 197 [The legend] ascribes to the ship sentient powers. 1865 TYNDALL *Fragm. Sci.* (1879) I. ii. 73 Thus is sentient man acted on by Nature. 1879 LEWES *Probl. Life & Mind* Ser. III. I. 8 We can define it [the relation of Mind to Life] by analytically distinguishing certain functions as sentient from other functions as nutrient.

b. Conscious or percipient *of* something.

1815 SOUTHEY *Roderick* XVII. 45 Of all within Oblivious there he sate, sentient alone Of outward nature. 1844 MRS. BROWNING *Vis. Poets* XC, The poet's sight grew sentient Of a strange company around.

2. *Phys.* Of organs or tissues: Responsive to sensory stimuli.

1822–29 *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 3) IV. 290 The sentient fluid with which they [the papillæ of the tongue] are supplied. 1843 R. J. GRAVES *Syst. Clin. Med.* Introd. 14 In cases of tic douloureux we divide the sentient and not the motive nerves. 1878 M. FOSTER *Physiol.* III. i. 394 A stimulus being brought to bear on some sentient surface.

3. Characterized by the exercise of the senses.

1906 H. JONES in *Hibbert Jrnl.* Apr. 558 Sentient experience in short is reality, and what is not this, is not real.

B. a. *absol.* That which has sensation or feeling.

b. *sb.* One who or something which has sensation.

1603 HOLLAND *Plutarch's Mor.* 1042 Intelligence is the motion of the intelligence about that which is stable..: but opinion is the mansion of the sentient about that which moveth. 1661 GLANVILL *Van. Dogm.* XXII. 220 Some extraordinary alterations in the Brain duplicate that which is but a single object to our undistemper'd Sentient. 1678 CUDWORTH *Intell. Syst.* I. i. § 28. 34 They concluded, that all the Phænomena of Inanimate Bodies, and their various Transformations might be clearly resolved into these two things, Partly something that is Real..and partly something that is Phantastical in the Sentient. 1691 HOWE *Redeemer's Tears*, etc. (1846) 210 What can you think of that Spirit that feels every where? that is in the body a universal sentient? 1817 COLERIDGE *Biog. Lit.* (1907) I. viii. 90 How *being* can transform itself into a *knowing*, becomes conceivable on one only condition; namely, if it can be shown that the *vis representativa*, or the Sentient, is itself a species of being. 1865 GROTE *Plato* I. i. 80 Particular modifications of atoms..produced upon the sentient the impressions of different colours. 1886 F. W. H. MYERS *Phantasms Living* I. Introd. 71 The insentient has awoke ..into sentiency; the sentient into the fuller consciousness of human minds.

Hence **Se·ntiently** *adv.* 1847 in WEBSTER.

Sentiment (se·ntimĕnt). Forms: α. 4 sentment, centement, 4–5 sentemente, 4–6 sentement, 5 sentament; β. 7– sentiment. [a. OF. *sentement* (12th c. in Hatz.-Darm.), ad. med.L. *sentīmentum*, f. L. *sentīre* to feel; cf. Sp. *sentimiento*, Pg., It. *sentimento*.

In the 17th c. the word seems to have been re-introduced with the mod. Fr. spelling *sentiment* (1314 in Hatz-Darm.).]

†1. Personal experience, one's own feeling. *Obs.*

c 1374 CHAUCER *Troilus* II. 13 For-whi to euery louere I me excuse That of no sentement I þis endite But out of latyn in my tunge it write. *c* 1385 — *L. G. W.* 69 Ye loueres that kan make of sentement In this cas oght ye be diligent To forthren me sumwhat in my labour. *c* 1402 LYDG. *Compl. Bl. Knt.* 197 Right so fare I, that of no sentement Saye right naught..But as I herde..This man complayne with a pitous soun.

†2. Sensation, physical feeling. In later use, a knowledge due to vague sensation. *Obs.*

a. *c* 1374 CHAUCER *Troilus* IV. 1177 She cold was and without-outen sentement.

β. 1660 SHARROCK *Vegetables* 42 The approach or sentiment of the coole and fresh aire. 1829 *Chapters Phys. Sci.* 334 While in turns it [*sc.* the hand] approaches nearer to or withdraws farther from this organ [*sc.* the eye], it teaches it to refer..to one place rather than to another, the impression that is produced on the retina, from the sentiment we have of every position of the hand.

†3. Sensible quality; in quot. = flavour. *Obs.*

c 1400 MAUNDEV. (1839) xviii. 189 And other Trees there ben also, that beren wyn of noble sentement.

†4. Intellectual or emotional perception. *Obs.*

c 1374 CHAUCER *Troilus* III. 43 Ye in my nakede herte sentement Inhelde and do me shewe of thi swetnesse.

†b. *pl.* ? Abilities. *Obs. rare*—1.

c 1470 HARDING *Chron.* XXXIX. xvi, Bledud Gabred reigned, expert in song, And in all musike instrumentes Farre passyng was all other..Suche was his cunnyng and his sentementes, That for a god..Thei honoured hym.

†5. *In sentement* (Lydg.) = 'in sentence': see SENTENCE *sb.* 7 b. *Obs.*

1412–20 LYDG. *Chron. Troy* II. 1558 Whan þei were present, Ryȝt þus he seide, as in sentament [etc.]. 1426 — *De Guil. Pilgr.* 1135 Transgressyoun ys..shortly, in sentement, Brekyng off a comaundement. *c* 1430 — *Min. Poems* (Percy Soc.) 197, I dar conclude as to my feelyng, By confirmacioun as in sentement, Fewe men be stable heer in ther livyng.

6. What one feels with regard to something; mental attitude (of approval or disapproval, etc.); an opinion or view as to what is right or agreeable. Often *pl.* with collective sense.

1639 ROUSE *Heav. Univ.* vii. (1702) 99 Now there is an exact parallel to be drawn, betwixt one and the other, according to the sentiment of several of the Ancients. 1675 R. BURTHOGGE *Causa Dei* 38 We have not only Plato's Testimony, but..the common sentiment of all the World to Evince and Prove it. 1708 SWIFT *Abol. Chr.* Misc. (1711) 154, I shall handle it..with the utmost Deference to that great and profound Majority which is of another Sentiment. 1715 DE FOE *Fam. Instruct.* I. iv. (1841) I. 87 My sister Mary is quite of different sentiments from us all. 1773 EARL CARLISLE in Jesse *Selwyn & Contemp.* (1844) III. 61, I fear there will not be time to wait for your sentiments, but ..I think you will not disapprove of my taking this step. 1833 HT. MARTINEAU *Manch. Strike* iii. 27 What were his sentiments respecting the meeting? 1840 THIRLWALL *Greece* VII. 87 There needed..scarcely a voice to express the universal sentiment. 1848 DICKENS *Dombey* XXIV, Barnet, to say the truth, appeared to entertain an opposite sentiment on the subject. 1852 H. ROGERS *Ecl. Faith* (1853) 190 In one sentiment, indeed, you are pretty well agreed—that the Bible is to be discarded. 1875 JOWETT *Plato* (ed. 2) IV. 231 We are..not attempting to draw a precise line between his real sentiments and those..attributed to him.

b. In wider sense: An opinion, view (e.g. on a question of fact or scientific truth). ? *Obs.*

1675 BAXTER *Cath. Theol.* II. i. 17 Sure this is your own sentiment: For you deny not that God knoweth from eternity whether [etc.]. 1695 WOODWARD *Nat. Hist. Earth* Acc. Observ. 2 Proposing..to deliver my Sentiments on certain Heads of Natural History. 1760 DR. WALL in Jesse *Selwyn & Contemp.* (1843) I. 174 The duchess had too plainly explained her sentiments of Lady Coventry's condition. 1838 T. THOMSON *Chem. Org. Bodies* 951 His sentiments seem to have been implicitly adopted by his contemporaries.

†c. Phrase. *In the same sentiments with, in sentiment with*: in agreement with, of the same mind as. *Obs.*

1741 MIDDLETON *Cicero* II. x. 458 He was in the same sentiments with Antony. 1777 A. ST. CLAIR in Sparks *Corr. Amer. Rev.* (1853) I. 402, I was fully in sentiment with them. 1797 WASHINGTON *Let.* Writ. 1892 XIII. 397, I am clearly in sentiment with you that [etc.].

7. A mental feeling, an emotion. Now chiefly applied, and by psychologists sometimes restricted, to those feelings which involve an intellectual element or are concerned with ideal objects. In the 17–18th c. often *spec.* an amatory feeling or inclination.

1652 tr. *G. de Costes' Cleopatra* I. To Rdr., I can assure thee that he is better versed in the Sentiments of Love, then in his Breviary. 1663 S. PATRICK *Parab. Pilgr.* (1687) x. 57 This sight..gave him such a sentiment of joy, that [etc.]. 1728–46 THOMSON *Spring* 672 What melting sentiments of kindly care, On the new parents seize! 1749 SMOLLETT *Regic.* II. iv, When thy soft heart with kind compassion glows, Shall I the tender sentiment repress? 1771 — *Humph. Cl.* 10 July (1815) 228 My uncle assured him he..spoke from a sentiment of friendly regard to his interest. 1816 A. KNOX *Rem.* (1834) I. 52 The Church of England..has manifested no sentiment with such unremitting intensity, as dread of..popery. 1817 CHALMERS *Astron. Disc.* i. (1852) 26 We should feel a sentiment of modesty at this just but humiliating representation. 1854 LOWELL *Keats* Wks. 1890 I. 226 Men who scrupulously practised the Ten Commandments as if there were never a *not* in any of them, felt every sentiment of their better nature outraged by the 'Lyrical Ballads'. 1870 SPENCER *Princ. Psychol.* (ed. 2) II. 578 The word Sentiments, as used in this and succeeding chapters, must be taken to comprehend those highest orders of Feelings which are entirely re-representative.

b. *Phrenology.* In *plural*, used as the name for the class of 'faculties' (including Veneration, Self-esteem, Benevolence, Wonder, etc.), which are concerned with emotion, and to which 'organs' are assigned at the top of the brain.

1815 SPURZHEIM *Physiogn. Syst.* III. ii. 275 The faculties which produce propensity, together with a peculiar feeling, and which I call sentiments. 1825 COMBE *Syst. Phrenol.* (ed. 2) 153 Genus II—Sentiments. This genus of faculties corresponds to the 'emotions' of the metaphysicians...Dr. Spurzheim has named these faculties Sentiments, because they produce a propensity to act, joined with an emotion or feeling of a certain kind.

8. A thought or reflection coloured by or proceeding from emotion.

1762 LD. KAMES *Elem. Crit.* xvi. (1774) I. 451 Every thought prompted by passion is termed a sentiment. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* lviii, This sentiment passed rapidly through William's mind, as he was holding Amelia's hand.

b. *esp.* An emotional thought expressed in literature or art; the feeling or meaning intended to be conveyed by a passage, as distinguished from the mode of expression.

1709 FELTON *Diss. Classics* (1718) 32 Their finest Expressions, and noblest Sentiments, are to be met with in these Transcribers. 1750 JOHNSON *Rambler* No. 37 ¶ 5 Either the sentiments must sink to the level of the speakers, or the speakers must be raised to the height of the sentiments. 1817 COLERIDGE *Biog. Lit.* (1907) II. 107 The sentiments and language are the poet's own. 1861 PALEY *Æschylus* (ed. 2) *Supplices* 970 *note*, In the next verse the δέ connects the sentiment thus [etc.].

c. An epigrammatical expression of some striking or agreeable thought or wish, often of the nature of a proverb or in proverbial language, announced in the manner of a toast by a person proposing to drink with others in company.

1777 SHERIDAN *Sch. Scandal* III. iii, Come, Mr. Premium, I'll give you a sentiment; here's *Success to usury!* 1817 COLERIDGE *Biog. Lit.* (1907) II. 116 The speech from the convivial chair, announcing a toast or sentiment. 1842 MRS. KIRKLAND *Forest Life* I. 225 The 'sentiments' were drank at intervals in very innocent liquids.

9. In generalized use. a. Refined and tender emotion; exercise or manifestation of 'sensibility'; emotional reflection or meditation; appeal to the tender emotions in literature or art. Now chiefly in derisive use, conveying an imputation of either insincerity or mawkishness.

1768 STERNE *Sent. Journ.* I. 3 'Tis the monarch of a people

..so renown'd for sentiment and fine feelings, that I have to reason with. 1784 COWPER *Tiroc.* 539 New-fangled sentiment, the boasted grace Of those who never feel in the right place. 1883 STEVENSON *Silverado Sq.* 247 The tear of elegant sentiment permanently in his eye. 1888 BRYCE *Amer. Commw.* III. lxxx. 55 Nor do their moral and religious impulses remain in the soft haze of self-complacent sentiment.

attrib. 1747 CHESTERF. *Lett.* (1892) I. 75 Poets, romance or novel writers, and such sentiment-mongers.

b. Emotional regard to ideal considerations, as a principle of action or judgement.

1851 *Blackw. Mag.* July 20 A man in whose organization sentiment usurps too large a share for practical existence. 1878 MORLEY *Diderot* I. 177 Their metaphysic and psychology..were pregnant with humanistic sentiment. 1886 FROUDE *Oceana* 105 A nation with whom sentiment is nothing is on the way to cease to be a nation at all. 1908 R. BAGOT *A. Cuthbert* v. 45 Family sentiment is not everything.

†10. (See quot.) *Obs.*

1838 *Workwoman's Guide*, A necktie made of silk or velvet, and styled a sentiment.

Sentimental (sentime·ntăl), *a.* [f. prec. + -AL. The F. *sentimental*, according to Littré and Hatz.-Darm., is an adoption of the Eng. word as used by Sterne; so also G. *sentimental*.]

1. Of persons, their dispositions and actions: Characterized by sentiment. Originally in favourable sense: Characterized by or exhibiting refined and elevated feeling. In later use: Addicted to indulgence in superficial emotion; apt to be swayed by sentiment.

1749 LADY BRADSHAIGH in Mrs. Barbauld *Richardson's Corr.* (1804) IV. 282 What, in your opinion, is the meaning of the word *sentimental*, so much in vogue among the polite...Every thing clever and agreeable is comprehended in that word...I am frequently astonished to hear such a one is a *sentimental* man; we were a *sentimental* party; I have been taking a *sentimental* walk. 1752 H. WALPOLE *Let. to Mann* 27 July, I am still sentimental enough to flatter myself, that a man who could beg sixteen guineas, will not give them. 1763 FR. BROOKE *Hist. Lady J. Mandeville* (1820) 34 Your squires are an agreeable race of people, refined, sentimental, formed for the *belle passion*. 1823 SOUTHEY in *Q. Rev.* XXVIII. 517 Rousseau addressed himself to the sentimental classes, persons of ardent or morbid sensibility, who believe themselves to be composed of finer elements than the gross multitude. 1826 DISRAELI *Viv. Grey* v. xv, A soft sentimental whisper. 1827 SCOTT *Highl. Widow* v, Never satisfied with dropping a sentimeotal tear when there was room for the operation of effective charity. 1837 LANDOR *Imag. Conv., Steele & Addison* Wks. 1853 II. 152/2 Dear Addison! drunk, deliberate, moral, sentimental, foaming over with truth and virtue. 1862 MISS BRADDON *Lady Audley* xviii, You have no sentimental nonsense, no silly infatuation..to fear from me. 1865 DICKENS *Mut. Fr.* L iv, I am not setting up to be sentimental about George Sampson.

b. *absol.* (with *the*). † Also (? *nonce-use*) as *sb.*, a sentimental person.

1784 *Unfort. Sensibility* I. 39 Your dying sentimentals, who can..execute more mischief in a single hour, than [etc.]. 1849 G. CUPPLES *Green Hand* iv. (1856) 44 Come, come, old boy,..'twon't do for you to go to the sentimental, you know! 1908 R. BAGOT *A. Cuthbert* v. 48, I could hardly say more without approaching dangerously near to the sentimental.

†c. Arising from sentiment or refined æsthetic emotion. *Obs.*

1760–72 H. BROOKE *Fool of Qual.* (1809) III. 158 Music..is but..a distant and faint echo of those sentimental and rapturous tunings. 1764 GOLDSM. *Hist. Eng. in Lett.* (1772) I. 41 They [i. e. the English in 7th cent.] were only incapable of sentimental pleasure.

2. Pertaining to sentiment. a. Arising from or determined by feeling rather than by reason.

1752 (*title*) Reflections on Sentimental Differences in Points of Faith. 1876 FREEMAN *Norm. Cong.* V. xxiv. 385 They might have a sentimental preference for the race to which they themselves belonged.

b. That is a matter of sentiment and not of material interests. Often in *sentimental grievance*.

1891 *Weekly Notes* 200/1 The tenant for life..could override the sentimental interests of the remaindermen.

3. Of literary compositions (occas. of music or other art): Appealing to sentiment; expressive of the tender emotions, esp. those of love.

1762 LD. KAMES *Elem. Crit.* ii. (1774) I. 138 *note*, It is beyond the power of music to raise a passion or a sentiment: but it is in the power of music to raise emotions similar to what are raised by sentiments expressed in words prononnced with propriety and grace; and such music may justly be termed *sentimental*. 1779 SHERIDAN *Critic* I. i, A genteel comedy..written in a stile which they have lately tried to run down, the true sentimental, and nothing ridiculous in it. 1805 W. COOKE *Mem. Foote* I. 182 *Piety in Pattens*..was intended to ridicule a species of writing known under the name of *sentimental comedy*, which was then very much gaining ground upon the stage. 1877 A. W. WARD in *Encycl. Brit.* VII. 419/1 The sentimental drama of France and other countries. *Ibid.* 422/2 Yriarte and Jovellanos..produced a sentimental comedy in Diderot's manner.

Sentimentalism (sentime·ntăliz'm). [f. SENTIMENTAL *a.* + -ISM.]

1. The sentimental habit of mind; the disposition to attribute undue importance to sentimental considerations, or to be governed by sentimcnt in opposition to reason; the tendency to excessive indulgence in or insincere display of sentiment.

1817 BYRON *Beppo* li, How quickly would I..sell you, mix'd with western sentimentalism, Some samples of the finest Orientalism. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* I. II. iii, If we pierce through that rosepink vapour of Sentimentalism, Philanthropy, and Feasts of Morals. 1849 ROBERTSON *Serm.* Ser. I. x. (1866) 181 The sentimentalism of youth. 1873 MORLEY *Rousseau* xiv. II. 279 Such a faith is no rag of metaphysic floating in the sunshine of sentimentalism. 1888 BRYCE *Amer. Commw.* xciii. III. 303 Very few of the Reformers advocate woman's suffrage, apparently because they are opposed to sentimentalism.

2. An idea or expression indicative of sentimentality.

1833 FR. A. KEMBLE *Lett.* in *Rec. Girlhood* (1878) III. 170 My zeal for the cause of its people is an ignorant sentimentalism. 1865 CARLYLE *Fredk. Gt.* XXI. iii. IX. 299 What is to be done with that elegant inane creature, and his vaporous sentimentalisms. 1871 L. STEPHEN *Playgr. Eur.* ii. (1894) 39 It was of a piece with his [Rousseau's] other sentimentalisms. 1880 MCCARTHY *Own Times* III. xli. 231 The..gushing sentimentalisms of a poet and a woman.

Sentimentalist (sentime·ntălist). [formed as prec. + -IST.] One who cultivates or affects sentimentality; one who holds sentimental doctrines.

1793 W. ROBERTS *Looker-on* No. 63 (1794) II. 447 Let such as come under this latter description..not be confounded with..those barren sentimentalists who love to refine upon sorrows without relieving them. 1811 HOOD *Sent. Journ.* Wks. 1862 I. 34 Some sentimentalists would have vented them upon the first dead dog or lame chicken they might meet with. 1858 J. H. NEWMAH *Hist. Sk.* III. IV. viii. 398 They were not dreamy sentimentalists to fall in love with melancholy winds. 1890 *Spectator* 15 Mar., The fixed notion that to help the rural poor you must injure the landlord, which is held by so many of the sentimentalists, makes it necessary to canvass all their schemes very closely.

attrib. a 1864 HAWTHORNE *Amer. Note-bks.* (1879) I. 29 A sighing, sentimentalist lover.

Sentimentality (sentimentæ·lĭti). [f. SENTIMENTAL *a.* + -ITY.] The quality of being sentimental; affectation of sensibility, exaggerated insistence upon the claims of sentiment.

1770 *Monthly Rev.* 181 In a fit of tenderness and sentimentality. 1774 WARTON *Hist. Eng. Poetry* I. xvii. 436 She [Chaucer's Prioress] has even the false pity and sentimentality of many modern ladies. 1813 BYRON *Jrnl.* 8 Dec. in *Sheridaniana* 229 Lord Holland told me a curious piece of sentimentality in Sheridan. 1859 GULLICK & TIMBS *Paint.* 158 The attainment of pure sentimentality in art. 1887 LOWELL *Old Eng. Dramat.* (1892) 128 His plays seem to me now to be chiefly remarkable for that filigree-work of sentiment which we call sentimentality.

b. *pl.* Sentimental notions.

1828 CARLYLE *Misc., Burns* (1840) I. 335 Here are..no hollow fantastic sentimentalities. 1847 *Fraser's Mag.* XXXVI. 525 Worn-out sentimentalities of the rose and nightingale. 1878 H. S. LEIGH *Town Garland* 205 The editors..They're all of them eager For sentimentalities put into rhyme.

Sentime·ntaliza·tion. [f. next + -ATION.] The action or process of sentimentalizing.

1839 *Q. Rev.* LXIV. 97 His implied negation of the inevitable results of evil training has a tendency to countenance their studied sentimentalization of the genus scamp. 1904 *Edin. Rev.* Oct. 315 A boyish poet woos her, offers her a love that shall be richer than her present mere sentimentalisation of conjugal duty.

Sentimentalize (sentime·ntăləiz), *v.* [f. SENTIMENTAL *a.* + -IZE.]

1. *intr.* To indulge in sentimental thoughts or expressions. Also with *about*. Cf. SENTIMENTIZE *v.*

1812 MAR. EDGEWORTH *Emilie de Coulanges* (1856) 201 They reproach and torment themselves, and refine and sentimentalize, till gratitude becomes burdensome. 1831 SOUTHEY in *Q. Rev.* XLV. 194 Here the historian of the conspiracy sentimentalizes. 1860 *Chamb. Jrnl.* XIV. 50 Coming out..to flirt and sentimentalise, and tease and love. 1902 R. BAGOT *Donna Diana* ii. 16 There is no novelty, no freshness, no mystery, for us—nothing, in short, to sentimentalize about.

b. quasi-*trans.* with *adv.*

1796 *Plain Sense* (ed. 2) II. 40 He will not find me so soon moralized and sentimentalized out of my rights as he found your sister.

2. *trans.* To make (a person, etc.) sentimental; to imbue (a person, work of art, etc.) with sentiment or sentimental qualities.

1811 *Examiner* 445/1 His leisure time he amuses..with cultivating his garden, and sentimentalizing it with inscriptions. 1832 MRS. STOWE *Let.* in *Life* (1889) III. 62 Coming away from New England has sentimentalised us all. 1874 SYMONDS *Sk. Italy & Greece* (1898) I. i. 12 Unrestrained indulgence in the pleasures of music..may tend to..sentimentalise the mind.

3. To turn into an object of sentiment.

1872 HOWELLS *Wedd. Journ.* (1892) 232 O yes.., sentimentalise him, do! Why don't you sentimentalise his helpless, overworked horse?

Hence **Sentime·ntalized** *ppl. a.*; **Sentime·ntalizing** *vbl. sb.* and *ppl. a.*

1856 KANE *Arctic Explor.* II. xix. 197, I..whipped up my dogs so much after the manner of a sentimentalizing Christian, that our pagan Metek raised a prayer in their behalf. 1861 *Sat. Rev.* 22 June 650 Sentimentalizing with the Magdalen and swearing at the Papist are two forms of religious zeal already far too popular in England to need any additional stimulus. 1882 MISS BRADDON *Mt. Royal* I. iv. 105 He might stay at Mount-Royal for months sentimentalizing with Christabel.

Sentimentalizer (sentime·ntăləizəɹ). [-ER 1.] One who sentimentalizes.

1865 LOWELL *Thoreau* Wks. 1890 I. 373 We now and then detect under the surly and stoic garb something of the sophist and the sentimentalizer. 1891 *Harper's Mag.* July 279/1 A sentimentalizer of Bible stories.

Sentimentally (sentime·ntăli), *adv.* [f. SENTIMENTAL *a.* + -LY 2.]

1. With respect to sentiment.

1784 J. BARRY *Lect. Art* v. (1848) 187 An harmonious and sentimentally expressive chiaroscuro. 1821 LAMB *Elia* Ser. I. *Chapter on Ears*, I even think that sentimentally I am disposed to harmony. But organically I am incapable of a tune. 1884 J. TAIT *Mind in Matter* (1892) 282 The imprecatory Psalms may not supply singing of a sentimentally agreeable quality.

2. In a sentimental manner.

1815 JANE AUSTEN *Emma* I. viii, Elton may talk sentimentally but he will act rationally.

†**Se·ntimentize,** *v. nonce-wd.* [f. SENTIMENT + -IZE.] *intr.* ? = SENTIMENTALIZE *v.* I.

1753 RICHARDSON in Mrs. Barbauld *Corr.* (1804) II. 286, I am involved in sentimentizing:—very hard,..that I could not get myself excused from this task.

Sentimentless (se·ntimĕntlĕs), *a.* [f. SENTIMENT + -LESS.] Without sentiment.

1880 JESSIE FOTHERGILL *Wellfields* II. III. i. 146 Why is not genius created senseless, sexless, sentimentless? 1911 *Daily Express* 9 Nov. 5/7 'The War God' is extremely dramatic in its theme, which is the clash between the seer and the sentimentless man of affairs.

†**Se·ntinate,** *v. Obs. rare*—0. [f. late L. *sentīnāt-*, ppl. stem of *sentīnāre*, f. L. *sentīna* bilge-water, sink; see -ATE 3.] (See quot.)

1623 COCKERAM II, To Pumpe water out of a ship. *Sentinate.*

†**Se·ntine.** *Obs. rare*—1. [a. F. *sentine* or ad. L. *sentīna* (see prec.).] A sink. In quot. *fig.*

1537 tr. *Latimer's Serm. Convoc.* ii. B vij b, Of the whiche al we..haue experience, the diuel to be a stynkyng sentine of all vices, a foule filthy chanel of al mysceheues.

Sentinel (se·ntinĕl), *sb.* Forms: 6–7 centinell, sentinell, 6 centrinel, (centronel, centernell, centonell, sentonell, sentnell), 7 sentronell, sentenel, 6–9 centinel, 6– sentinel. [a F. *sentinelle* fem., sentinel, †watch-tower, ad. It. *sentinella* fem.; Sp. *centinela*, Pg. *sentinella*, are from It. or Fr.

No convincing etymology of the It. word has been proposed. The gender renders it probable that it originally denoted either the function of keeping watch (= sense 2), or a sentry-box, watch-tower, or the like. Cf. *spy, scout, guard*, the Fr. originals of which are all primarily fem.]

1. = SENTRY *sb.* 2. Phr. *to stand sentinel* (rarely pass. *to be set sentinel*). † *Forlorn sentinel* = † *Sentinel perdu, perdu sentinel*: see PERDU *a.* I.

[The phrases noted above are imitated from Fr.]

1579 DIGGES *Stratiot.* III. viii. 100 [The Scout Master] ought in placing of his night Watches or Sentinels, to vse great consideration. 1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* I. ix. 41 And he, that points the Centonell his roome, Doth license him depart at sound of morning droome. 1591 SHAKS. *1 Hen. VI*, II. i. 70, I was imploy'd..About relieuing of the Centinels. 1593 SUTCLIFFE *Pract. Laws of Arms* xxi. 228 No souldier appointed to stand sentinell, shall depart from the place, or sleepe in the place, vpon paine of death. 1598 YONG tr. *Montemayor's Diana* 120 The gate..was opened to them out of hand by the Centrinels. 1598 BARRET *Theor. Warres* 106 Those which are set yet 30 pases farther, are to be single, which of some are improperly called forlorne Sentinels. 1639 *Laws & Ordin. War* 6 Whoever being set Sentinell by his Officer.., or other Service, shall be found drunk; shall dye for it. 1725 DE FOE *Voy. round World* (1840) 332 They went all to sleep,..without so much as a centinel placed for their guard. 1760 *Cautions & Adv. Officers of Army* 46 By making the Culprit do a double Duty, that is,..making him stand Centinel four Hours instead of two. 1784 *Cook's Third Voy.* II. III. vii. 114 John Harrison, a marine, who was sentinel at the observatory, deserted. 1814 SCOTT *Wav.* xlvi, The..officer..having sent out his night patrols, and posted his sentinels. 1832 W. IRVING *Alhambra* II. 179 'Who goes there?' said the centinel at the gate. 1855 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* xii. III. 191 The sentinels who paced the ramparts announced that the vanguard of the hostile army was in sight. 1861 *Two Cosmos* IV. i. II. 6 Cosmo is a great favourite with his regiment... The sentinels always present their arms to him as he passes. 1881 *Army Act* § 6 Every person subject to military law who..Forces or strikes a soldier when acting as sentinel; or..Being a soldier acting as sentinel,..sleeps or is drunk on his post..shall..be liable to [etc.].

b. *transf.* and *fig.* One who or something which keeps guard like a military sentinel.

1590 SHAKS. *Mids. N.* II. ii. 26 *Fairy.* Hence away, now all is well: One aloofe, stand Centinell. a 1593 MARLOWE & NASHE *Dido* II. (1594) C 2 b, And in this groue..Ile lay Ascanius..: These milke white Doues shall be his Centronels. 1646 J. HALL *Horæ Vac.* 132 The mind having stood long centinell upon serious Thoughts, becomes..sluggish. 1750 JOHNSON *Rambler* No. 3 P 4 A certain race of men..who stand as centinels in the avenues of fame. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* lv, Sir Pitt..had given orders not to be disturbed ..—she slipped by the sentinel in livery. 1897 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* III. 396 [Bad butter in pastry] thus escapes the very sense which was intended to act as a sentinel to the stomach. 1908 R. BAGOT *A. Cuthbert* v. 39 The grim cliff on which the castle stands sentinel over the North Sea.

†c. *Dark sentinel*: one employed to keep secret watch upon a person. ? *nonce-phrase.*

a 1635 NAUNTON *Fragm. Reg.* (Arb.) 36 But..why she should..permit him to go where and whither he listed, and onely on the security of a dark sentinell set over him, was ..beyond my apprehension.

†2. The occupation, duty or service of a sentinel; chiefly in *to keep sentinel*. *In sentinel*, on guard as a sentinel. *Obs.*

1584 A. MUNDAY *Fidele & Fortunio* 640 in *Archiv Stud. neu. Spr.* CXXIII. 60 Being his turne as he said for to watch this night, And breaking vp sentinel when it began to be light. 1591 *Garrard's Art Warre* I Keeping sentinell in the night. 1597 BEARD *Theatre God's Judgem.* (1612) 287 The murderer being in sentinell, one of his owne fellowes

vnawares shot him. 1603 HOLLAND *Plutarch's Mor.* 432 Those that kept the night sentinels. 1687 A. LOVELL tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* I. 23 In which Towers there are always some *Aadgemoglans* in Sentinel. *a* 1703 BURKITT *On N. T.* 1 Thess. v. 8 The soldiers that..kept centinel.

transf. and *fig.* 1612 BACON *Ess., Of Counsel* (Arh.) 322 Besides Councelles are not commonly so vnited, but that one keepeth Sentinell over another. *a* 1633 HERBERT *Priest to Temple* xviii. (1652) 73 The Parson in Sentinell.

†**3.** A military watch-tower for defence of a camp or the walls of a city. *Obs.*

1600 HOLLAND *Livy* XXV. 550 Many places were..smitten with lightning..and two watchmen in their Sentinels stricken starke dead. 1612–17 S. DANIEL *Hist. Eng.* 200 King Edward who had gotten to a winde-mill hill, beholding as from a Sentinell,..the countenance of the enemy. 1643 *Lancash. Valley of Achor* 21 The Enemy..fired an house neer the Sentinell. *Ibid.* 25 They fire Houses and Barnes without the sentinell...Thus they heated and smoaked our valiant souldiers from their Sentinell.

†**4.** (*Private*) *centinel*: a private soldier. *Obs.*

1710 STEELE *Tatler* No. 5 P 8 There were in the ranks of the company..one Unnion a corporal, and one Valentine a private centinel. 1741 in *Rep. Comm. Ho. Commons* II. 172 (Land Forces, etc.), 70 Grenadiers Coats and Breeches, at 1*l.* 8*s.* 630 Centinels *ditto*, at 1*l.* 6*s.* 1744–5–6 *Ibid.* II. 84, 87 Centinels [= 'Private Men']. 1762 GOLDSM. *Beau Nash* 80 He enlisted himself as a volunteer [in the Dutch army]. Here he underwent all the fatigues of a private centinel. 1797 *Monthly Mag.* III. 483 He..served as a private centinel under the duke of Marlborough, at..Blenheim. 1815 *Articles of War* xxi. 68 But Non-commissioned Officers may he discharged as Private Soldiers, and, by the order of the Colonel of the Regiment, or by the sentence of a Regimental Court-martial, be reduced to private Centinel. 1894 C. WALTON *Hist. Brit. Standing Army* 1660 *to* 1700, xxiii. 417 All soldiers..below the grade of lance-corporal were denominated Privates or more correctly private centinels or private soldiers.

5. *Naut.* (See quot.) Cf. SENTRY *sb.*[1] 5.

1904 W. HALL *Mod. Navigation* (1909) 73 The *Sentinel* is a device for signalling automatically that water of a certain depth has been reached. It is a lead towed behind the ship at a known depth, with gear fitted to it which completes an electric circuit on touching bottom. This circuit contains a bell on board the ship.

6. *attrib.* and *Comb.* **a.** appositive, quasi-*adj.* = acting or serving as a sentinel. **Sentinel crab**, a crab of the Indian Ocean, *Podophthalmus vigil.*

a 1658 LOVELACE *To Lucasta* 1 Like to the Sent'nel Stars, I watch all Night. 1863 WOOD *Illustr. Nat. Hist.* III. 586 The Sentinel-crab, so called from its extreme watchfulness [etc.]. 1867 AUGUSTA WILSON *Vashti* xxxiv, The two sentinel poplars that guarded the front. 1887 RUSKIN *Præterita* II. 396 The most noble view of Mont Blanc granted by any summit of his sentinel chains.

b. simple attrib., as *sentinel duty*, †*-house*, †*posture*; *sentinel-like*, *-wise* advs.

1708 J. CHAMBERLAYNE *St. Gt. Brit.* I. II. xii. (1743) 107 They perform *centinel duty on foot. 1621 MOLLE *Camerar. Liv. Libr.* II. viii. 100 The..rampier of the Picts..at euerie miles end had a..tower.., and watch-towers or *sentinell-houses betweene. 1896 'A. ST. AUBYN' *Bishop's Delusion* 54 The tall white lilies standing *sentinel-like on either side the garden path. 1625 MARKHAM *Souldiers Accid.* 24 Your *Sentinell Posture. 1642 J. CRUSO *Ord. Milit. Watches* 61 Every Sentinell must stand on his Sentinell posture.

Sentinel (se·ntinĕl), *v.* [f. SENTINEL *sb.*]

1. *trans.* To stand guard over, to watch as a sentinel. *lit.* and *fig.*

1593 SHAKS. *Lucr.* 942 To wake the morne, and centinell the night. 1598 ROWLANDS *Betraying of Christ* 28 The watchfull bird that centinels the morne. 1629 FORD *Lover's Mel.* II. i. 27 All the powers That centinell iust Thrones, double their guards About your sacred Excellence. 1631 HEYWOOD *1st Pt. Fair Maid of West* I. 9 Wee'll centinel their safety: This place Ile guard. 1810 SCOTT *Lady of L.* I. xiv, And mountains, that like giants stand, To sentinel enchanted land. 1868 B. J. LOSSING *Hudson* 48 The winding road was..sentineled by lofty pines. 1894 CLARK RUSSELL *Good Ship Mohock* I. 138 The fellow on deck sentinelling the hatch let us see he was on guard.

†**2.** *intr.* To act as sentinel, stand sentinel, keep guard. *lit.* and *fig. Obs. rare.*

1593 NASHE *Christ's T.* 17 My vigilance shoulde haue sentineld for all your sleepes. 1610 G. FLETCHER *Christ's Vict.* I. xxii, And all the watchmen, that so nimbly runne, And centinel about the walled towers.

3. *trans.* To furnish with or as with a sentinel or with sentinels.

1656 S. H. *Golden Law* 33 The Lord Fairfax..wisely Sentinel'd and Perdu'd it to prevent Surprisals. 1820 SCOTT *Monast.* xxviii, They have sentinelled your door with armed men. 1864 *Daily Tel.* 1 Aug., A wide course had been prepared duly roped off and sentinelled with police. 1901 *Daily Chron.* 4 Oct. 7/1 Three passes led into our valley, and I gathered they were all well sentinelled.

4. To post as a sentinel.

1827 POLLOK *Course of Time* VII. (1869) 196 The light that fell From angel-chariots sentinelled on high. 1832 LONGF. *Native Land* 7 There dwells the soul..sentinelled in heaven. 1870 THORNBURY *Tour round Eng.* II. xx, 68 A statue of the builder sentinelled high up in an airy niche.

Hence **Se·ntinelled** *ppl. a.*

1852 H. SPENCER *Use & Beauty* Ess. 1891 II. 371 The mailed, moated, sentinelled security which was irksome to the nobles who needed it.

Sentinelship (se·ntinĕlʃip). [f. SENTINEL *sb.* + -SHIP.] The office or duties of a sentinel.

1643 H. HEXHAM tr. *Laws Marshall Discipl. United Prov.* 3 If any souldier shalbe found sleeping on his centinel-ship, he shal..be punished with death. 1883 SPURGEON *Treas. Dav.* Ps. cxxxiv. (1886) VII. 144 Temple watching, night-sentinelship.

†**Se·nting,** *ppl. a. Obs. rare*[−1]. [As if f. **sent* vb., a. L. *sentīre* to perceive + -ING[2].] Sentient.

1572 J. JONES *Bathes Buckstone* Ep., Doing, being, growing, senting, and reasonable, as Microcosums.

Senting, obs. f. SCENTING *vbl. sb.* and *ppl. a.*

Sentisection (se:ntise·kʃən). [irreg. f. L. *sentīre* to feel + *sectiōn-em* SECTION.] The dissection of a living animal without an anæsthetic.

1889 in *Syd. Soc. Lex.* 1891 in *Century Dict.* (citing *B. G. Wilder*).

Sentition (senti·ʃən). *rare*[−1]. [Badly f. L. *sentīre* to feel + -ITION.] (See quot.)

1865 J. GROTE *Treat. Moral Ideals* (1876) 30 Enjoyment ..is in the same sense the *summum bonum* as sentition or bare sensation is the *summum reale* or *summum verum.*

Sentnell, sentonell, obs. forms of SENTINEL.

Sentorye, Sentre, obs. ff. CENTAURY, CENTRE.

†**Se·ntre.** *Her. Obs.* [Perh. a spelling of CENTRE *sb.*] = PILE *sb.* 4.

1486 *Bk. St. Albans, Her.* biv b, A Sentre in armys is called stakar of tentis [?*i. e.* a tent-stake]. *Ibid.* [see SENTRY *a.*].

†**Sentrell.** *Sc. Obs.* ? Corrupt form of CENTNER.

1615 in *Wedderburne's Compt Bk.*, etc. (S.H.S.) 263 Ane schip..laitlie arryved from Danskyne..Conteining..3 quarteris sentrell of pewther..halff sentrell of pewtter perteining to Williame carmichaell.

Sentrice, var. *centries* pl. of CENTRY *sb.*

1522 *Aberdeen Reg.* (1844) I. 105 Gelis Monro and his complecis tuk one hand to vphaue the sentrice of the brig to the samyn...In the said Gelis defalt, the said sentrice ar broking, spylt and away to the see haid.

Sentronell, obs. form of SENTINEL.

Sentry (se·ntri), *sb.*[1] Forms: 7 **sentrie, (centrie, -tree, sentery)**, 7–8 **century**, 7–9 **centry**, 8– **sentry.** [Perh. a shortening or back-formation (apprehended as containing -RY *suffix*) from *centrinel* (1598), *centronel* (1594): see SENTINEL *sb.*]

†**1.** = SENTINEL *sb.* 3. *Obs.*

1611 COTGR., *Barbacane*,..some hold it also to be, a Sentrie, Scout-house, or hole. *Garite*,..also, a Sentrie, or little lodge for a Sentinell, built on high. *Guerite*.., also, a Sentrie, or Watch-tower. *Vedette*, a Sentrie, or Court of gard, placed without a fort, or campe. 1649 J. ROSWORM *Good Service Ill Rew.* in *Lanc. Tracts Civ. War* (Chetham Soc. 1844) 223, I advised him, that..he would immediately walk to the Deansgate, and from thence to the other Centuries, using his best encouragements to prop up their hearts against any dangers. 1653 COGAN tr. *Pinto's Trav.* xxx. (1663) 118 Instead of Bulwarks it hath Sentries or Watch-towers.

2. *Mil.* and *Naval.* An armed soldier or marine posted at a specified point to keep guard and to prevent the passing of an unauthorized person; spec. *Mil.*, each of the men of a military guard (see GUARD *sb.* 9) posted at regular intervals round an army in garrison or in the field to watch the enemy, prevent a surprise attack and challenge all comers. Phr. *to stand sentry.*

1632 J. HAYWARD tr. *Biondi's Eromena* 141 The great silence kept within, made them hold the enterprize for accomplished, there being neither Centrees, nor rounds to be seene. 1650 T. B. *Worcester's Apophth.* 53 The Lieutenant call'd upon the Centry to give fire. 1728 CHAMBERS *Cycl.* s.v. *Sentinel*, or *Sentry*, 'Tis not long since they said, To be on the Scout, in the same Sense as we now say, To stand Sentry. 1775 ADAIR *Amer. Ind.* 349 They appointed double centries over me. 1777 H. GATES in Sparks *Corr. Amer. Rev.* (1853) I. 437 The advanced sentries of my pickets are posted within shot. 1816 SINGER *Hist. Cards* 189 The other [soldier] with his arquebuss on his shoulder is standing centry. 1822 *Regul. & Ord. Army* 221 The Standing Orders ..are to be distinctly read..after the Sentries first posted return to the Guard. 1838 LYTTON *Leila* I. i, The sentry at the gate saluted and admitted him. 1859 O. W. HOLMES *Boston Hill* 23, I hear their pacing sentry's tread. 1877 *Field Exerc. Infantry* 374 On the approach of any person, the Sentry will port Arms and call out, Halt! 1908 *King's Regul. & Ord. for Army* P 937 The commander will visit his sentries at least twice by day and twice by night.

b. *transf.* and *fig.* One who or something which keeps guard like a military sentry.

1650 VAUGHAN *Silex Scint.* I. *Peace* Wks. (Grosart) I. 85 My soul, there is a countrie Far beyond the stars, Where stands a wingèd centrie All skilfull in the wars. 1670 SEDLEY in Medbourne *Tartuffe* Epil., Though Zeal stand Centry at the Gate of Sin, Yet all that have the Word pass freely in. 1710 STEELE *Tatler* No. 20 P 4 She..got him a post upon a Stall in Wapping where he may be seen ..as Centry to a Brandy-shop. 1746–7 HERVEY *Medit. & Contempl.* (1818) 224 His trusty dog, who, for a considerable time stood centry at the door,..snores with his master. 1901 *Speaker* 20 July 446/2 Wild geese..when on the feed throw out sentries which keep a strict look out.

3. The occupation, duty, or service of a sentry; also the watch kept by a sentry, esp. in *to keep sentry.*

1639 *Laws & Ordin. War* 9 Whosoever shall be convicted to have slept upon his Watch, Guard, or Centry..shall he put to death. 1643 SIR T. BROWNE *Relig. Med.* II. § 12. 174 Thou whose nature cannot sleepe, On my temples centry keepe. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* II. 412 What evasion [can] bear him safe Through the strict Senteries and Stations thick Of Angels watching round? 1697 DRYDEN *Æneid* VI. 388 Here Toils, and Death, and Death's half-brother, Sleep, Forms terrible to view, their Centry keep. 1726 LEONI *Alberti's Archit.* I. 89 Your Soldiers..cannot be able to keep sufficient centry about it. 1835 in *Rep. Comm. Milit. Punishm.* (1836) 192 [Scale of Punishment] Dilatory on sentry (if slight) 1 extra sentry or drill. 1887 RIDER HAGGARD *Jess* xxxi, Some are on sentry.

†**4.** A military guard or watch. *Obs. rare*[−1].

1705 STANHOPE *Paraphr.* II. 587 The Pharisees..obtained of Pilate to have..the Sepulchre watched by a strong Guard of Soldiers. This Centry would not suffer the Body to be conveyed out.

5. *Naut.* An apparatus in the form of an inverted wooden kite (towed from the stern of a vessel at a set depth), which is automatically released from its slings on striking the bottom and thus gives warning of the shoaling of the water by sounding a gong on board the vessel.

Invented by Mr. S. H. James, C.E., and adopted in the Royal Navy in 1889. Cf. SENTINEL *sb.* 5.

1894 S. T. S. LECKY *Wrinkles in Navig.* (ed. 9) 176 The Submarine Sentry.

6. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *sentry-bird, place*; **sentry board,** 'a platform outside the gangway of a ship for a sentry to stand upon' (*Cent. Dict.* 1891); **sentry-fashion,** like a sentry; **sentry fish, lark** (see quots.); also SENTRY-BOX, SENTRY-GO.

1857 EMERSON *May-day* Poems (1883) 204 When pacing through the oaks he heard Sharp queries of the *sentry-bird. 1875 W. MCILWRAITH *Guide Wigtownsh.* 113 The [Custom-House] officer sauntered *sentry-fashion round and round his prize. 1664 HUBERT *Catal. Rarities* (1665) 25 A strange sort of Oyster, that is called the *Sentry fish for his nature; for it is fastned to the Rocks, and most commonly stands open to catch fish. 1869–73 T. R. JONES *Cassell's Bk. Birds* I. 208 The *Sentry Lark (*Macronyx capensis*) has received its name from the peculiar cry that it utters when disturbed, which sounds exactly like the *Qui vive?* employed as a challenge by French soldiers on guard. 1687 A. LOVELL tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* I. 116 The Tower of St. Nicholas..has..a *Sentry-place at each Angle. 1809 MALKIN *Gil Blas* IX. vi. P 1 The subject of my *sentry-watch could not be mistaken.

Sentry (se·ntri), *sb.*[2] *Obs.* exc. *Comb.* in proper names. Also 6 **sentrie**, 7 **centrie, centori(e**, 8–9 **centry, sentry.** [A contracted form of the earlier *sentuarie, seintuarie, saintuarie*, variant forms of SANCTUARY influenced by the Fr. form *saintuaire.*] = SANCTUARY. Also *attrib.*

1590 NASHE *1st Pt. Pasquil's Apol.* C 4, He hath no way now to slyppe out of my handes, but to take sentrie in the Hospitall of Warwick. *c* 1600 *Rites of Durham* (Surtees) 59 Att y^e^ easte end of the said Chapter howse..is a garth called y^e^ centrie garth where all the priors & mounckes was buryed. 1774 W. GOSTLING *Walk about Canterb.* xi. 67 A wall..with a very ancient arch in it, corruptly called the centry gate as parting the cœmetery or burying place of the laity from that of the monks. 1781 *Gentl. Mag.* LI. 305/2 There is in most parishes of this county [Cornwall] a field (generally near the church-yard), which is commonly called the sentry (perhaps sanctuary). 1849 ROCK *Ch. of our Fathers* I. iv. 311 When Simeon the monk of Durham wrote, c. A. D. 1129, this latter cross stood in the centry-garth or cemetary of that cathedral. 1869 *N. & Q.* 4th Ser. III. 254 At Moreton Hampstead, co. Devon, is a large field adjoining the church; it is called the Sentry-field.

†**Se·ntry,** *a. Her. Obs.* [f. SENTRE + -Y.] = PILY *a.*

1486 *Bk. St. Albans, Her.* biv b, The threde cootarmure restriall is calde in armys whan a cootarmure is sentry of dyuerse colowris to the poynt and whatt sentre mydyll in the point y^t^ coloure is the felde. The blaseyr shall blase from y^t^ colowre to the next colowre of the lefte side of the cootarmure and blase the colowre sentri. [1889 ELVIN *Dict. Her., Sentrie*, an old term for Piles.]

Sentry (se·ntri), *v. rare.* [f. SENTRY *sb.*[1]] **a.** *trans.* To guard as a sentry. **b.** *intr.* To perform the office of a sentry.

1873 W. S. MAYO *Never Again* xii, To where a postern, deep in shade, Is sentried only by the maid. 1900 *Daily News* 27 Sept. 5/1 Most of the prisoners are..surrounded by a thick barbed wire fence, and sentried by the Gloucesters. 1910 T. HARDY in *Eng. Rev.* Apr. 1 The unslumbering sea, That sentrys up and down all night, all day, From cove to promontory.

Sentry-box. [f. SENTRY *sb.*[1] + BOX *sb.*[2] 13.] A small wooden structure in which a sentry may stand at his post in bad weather.

[1716 GAY *Trivia* II. 176 The thoughtless Wits..Who 'gainst the Centry's Box discharge their Tea.] 1728 CHAMBERS *Cycl.*, *Centry Box*, a wooden Cell, or Lodge, made to shelter the Centry..from the Injuries of the Weather. 1753 HANWAY *Trav.* (1762) I. II. xv. 65 Sentry boxes are placed at certain distances. 1827 SYD. SMITH *Cath. Quest.* Wks. 1859 II. 127/1 What is really possessed of a country so subdued? four or five yards round a sentry-box, and no more. 1877 *Field Exerc. Infantry* 372 On the approach of the relief, a Sentry will place himself in front of his Sentry-box.

Sentry-go. [Orig. a phrase of command; SENTRY (used vocatively) + Go *v.* (imperative).] **a.** *int.* (See quot. 1867.) **b.** The patrol of a sentry; also, the duties of a sentry.

1852–63 BURN *Techn. Dict.* II. (Eng.-Fr.), Sentry go! *en faction!* 1867 SMYTH *Sailor's Word-bk., Sentry go!* The order to the new sentry to proceed to the relief of the previous one. 1880 *Daily Tel.* 23 Sept., The gallant fellows who were taking their turn at sentry-go on the other side of the Indus. 1884 ROBERTS in *19th Cent.* June 1059 Constant guard mounting, with its accompaniment of impaired health from 'sentry go'. 1886 STEVENSON *Treas. Isl.* xx, We'll have to do sentry-go.

Hence **Sentry-going,** doing sentry-go.

1901 *Blackw. Mag.* Aug. 280/2 After his long term of hard labour at patrolling and sentry-going, as guardian of the line.

Senttuary, sentuarie, obs. ff. SANCTUARY *sb.*[1]

†**Senture.** *Obs. rare.* [a. F. *ceinture*: see CEINTURE.] A girdle.

a 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 4963 Þe kyng..him spoilis, Puttis of to þe selfe serke senture & othire. *c* 1400 *Beryn* 3925 A swerd I-shethid, with seynture I-fretid all with perelis.

Sentwarie, -y, obs. ff. SANCTUARY *sb.*[1]

Senty, obs. form of SEVENTY.

† **Sentynode,** variant of CENTINODY.
1526 *Grete Herball* cccxlviii. (1529) T iv b.

Senue, obs. form of SINEW *sb.*

Senurie, senurre, obs. forms of SEIGNIORY.

Senvulle, obs. form of SINFUL *a.*

† **Senvy.** *Obs.* Forms: 3 senei, 3–4, 6 senevey, 4 senevei, 4–5 seneveye, 4, 6 senevy, synevey, 4–7 senvey, 5 senvyne, senefee, synewey, 6 senvye, synvy, sinvy, 6–7 senvie, seny, 7 ssenie, seeny, (sceny), 5–8 senvy. [a. OF. *senevé*, also *-vei, -vel, -vil* (mod.F. *sénevé*) :—pop. L. **sināpātium*, f. *sināp-i* mustard.]

1. The mustard plant: see MUSTARD *sb.* 2.
c 1265 *Voc. Plants* in Wr.-Wülcker 554/9 *Sinapium*, [Fr.] *seneuel*, [? Eng.] senei. 1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* XVII. clv. (1495) 705 Senneye hyghte Sinapis..and though all the herbe in substaunce be kene and feruent: yet Bein louyth beste the floures of senney. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 349/1 Mustard, or warlok, or se(n)vyne, herbe (MS. S. senwyn), *sinapis*. 1572 BOSSEWELL *Armorie* II. 76 b, Q. Beareth Argent and verte..6 leafes de Sennye d'Or. 1578 LYTE *Dodoens* v. lv. 618 There be two sortes of Sennie, the tame & the wilde, wherof also the tame or garden Sennie is of two sortes. *Ibid.* 619 The seconde kinde of tame Mustarde.. whiche is the blacke Mustarde & common Senuy. 1584 COGAN *Haven Health* xxviii. 44 Sennie..bringeth foorth that seede whereof mustard is made. 1597 GERARDE *Herbal* II. ix. 190 The second kinde [of Mustard may be called] common Mustarde, or fielde Sennie. 1600 SURFLET *Country Farm* II. xxxvi. 244 Sennie or mustard delighteth in a fat ground. 1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* xx. xxii. II. 73 The hearbe Senvey, whereof there be three kinds. 1759 MILLS tr. *Duhamel's Husb.* II. ii. 267 The wheat seemed to have disappeared, to make room for a prodigious quantity of senvy, which looked extremely well.

2. = MUSTARD SEED 1.
1382 WYCLIF *Matt.* xiii. 31 The kyngdam of heuenes is like to a corn of seneney. *Ibid.* xvii. 19 3if 3e shulen haue feith, as a corn of seneuey. *c* 1422 HOCCLEVE *Min. P.* 240 If yee haue as mochil feith as is the greyn of Senefee. *a* 1425 tr. *Arderne's Treat. Fistula*, etc. 85, I putte noȝt..in..ouer þe quantite of a corne of senvey. *c* 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* III. 610 Senvy let sowe hit now. *c* 1440 *Gesta Rom.* 41 If ye haue feith, as moche as hath þe corn of synewey. 1505 *Will of Jerard* (Somerset Ho.), Beryng yerely to the heyre a pownd of Senvye. 1533 ELYOT *Cast. Helthe* (1539) 86 He that in snebe wyse will vomite, let him eate hastyly..townkeris, rokat, synuy, or purslane. 1578 LYTE *Dodoens* v. lv. 619 The Mustarde, especially the seede which men cal Sennie, is hoate and dry, almost in the fourth degree. *a* 1618 *Rates Marchandises* M 4, Garble of Seny the pound ij.d.

3. *Comb.*: senvy-seed = MUSTARD SEED 1.
1298 in Rogers *Agric. & Pr.* II. 174/2 Seneneyseed. 13.. *Sloane MS.* 5 lf. 11/2 Sinapis, tam semen quam herba.. A(nglice) Seneny sed. *c* 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* viii. 149 A sester and a semycicle take Of senney seed. *c* 1450 *ME. Med. Bk.* (Heinrich) 212 Seneneye seed. 1565 COOPER *Thesaurus*, *Sinapi*, sennie seede wherof mustarde is made. 1606 RIDER *Lat.-Eng. Dict.*, *Sinape*,..seenie seed. 1607 TOPSELL *Four-f. Beasts* 518 White Sceny-seede..being put into broath..will [etc.]. 1678 LITTLETON *Lat.-Eng. Dict.*, *Sinape*,..seeny seed..*Eng.-Lat.*, Senvie seed.

† **Senye.** *Obs.* Forms: 1 seȝ(e)n, seng, seiȝn, seȝin, 3 sseine, 4 seigne, seyne, 5 senge, synge; *Vocabs.* 5 seny(e, ceny, senny, sene; 6 senye; *Sc.* 5 seyne, senyhe, senȝe, seinye, 6 senȝie, seinȝe. [App. of mixed origin: the OE. *segn* (ad. L. *signum* SIGN *sb.*) seems to have coalesced in early ME. with an aphetic form of *enseigne, asseigne*, ENSIGN *sb.*]

1. A military banner or standard = ENSIGN *sb.* 5.
Beowulf 2958 Þa wæs æht boden Sweona leodum, seȝn Hiȝelace. *c* 900 tr. *Bæda's Hist.* III. ix. [xi.] (1890) 184 His seȝen, se wæs mid golde & mid godwebbe gefrætwad. *c* 1275 LAY. 9282 Nam he his seine and his sceald briþte. *c* 1330 R. BRUNNE *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 5468 Waster non þat wolde hym feyne Whan þey sey þe kynges seigne. *Ibid.* 10024 Arthurr dide his folk abide, To arme þem, & til ordeyne Whylk schuld go, & wyþ whilk seyne.

2. A distinguishing mark, emblem, token. *In seyn that*, to signify *that*.
a 1000 *Cædmon's Gen.* 2370 Abraham..sette friðotacen.. on his selfes sunu, heht þæt seȝn weȝan heah ȝehwilcne, þe his hina wæs wæpnedcynnes. *a* 1375 *Joseph Arim.* 197 Þis makeþ, quod þe wiht, þe marke of gold; And þis sanes, quaþ þat wiht, þe seyne of selner. † *a* 1400 *Morte Arth.* 2055 He drissede in a derfe schelde,..With a dragone engowschede..Deuorande a dolphyne..In seyne that oure soneraygne sulde be distroyede. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 3108 Then Parys pertly proffert a seigne, For to telle his entent. *c* 1425 WYNTOUN *Orig. Cron.* v. iii. 433 (Cott.) A Roman.. gat on þat seyne [*v.rr.* senyhe, senȝe] þat Brettownys bar; syne can he feyne Hym a Brettowne for to be. *c* 1440 *York Myst.* ix. 290 Þus has god..Sette his senge [*sc.* the rainbow] ..Vppe in þe Ayre of heght. *c* 1470 HENRYSON *Mor. Fab.* XI. (*Wolf & Sheep*) xvii, Ve gart me schute behind; Vpoun my hoichis the seinyeis may be sene. *c* 1470 HENRY *Wallace* IX. 170 The Rede Reiffar..Held out a gluff, in takyn off the trew. His men beheld, and weyll that senȝe knew.

3. A battle-cry, rallying cry = ENSIGN *sb.* 1.
1508 DUNBAR *Flyting* 139 Corrupt carioun, he sall I cry thy senȝie. *a* 1510 DOUGLAS *K. Hart* I. 222 Thai cryit on hicht thair seinȝe wounder lowde. 1535 STEWART *Cron. Scot.* (Rolls) II. 78 Syne loud on hicht he cryit hes his seinȝe, With that ane flicht of mony fleand ganȝe.

4. A book-marker.
c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 453/1 Seny, of a boke, *indula*.

5. A token or tally used by innkeepers.
c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 66/2 Ceny, or tokyn of an in or ostrye, *texera*. *Ibid.* 453/1 Senye, of an inne or ostrye, *texera*.

6. A signboard.
1569 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* II. 33 Certane of the Baillies..of Edinburgh..brak and kaist donn, senyeis of wyne, expres agnnis all ordour, the said Cannongait being..evir in possessionn of selling of wyne.

Senyeory, -our, obs. ff. SEIGNIORY, SEIGNIOR.

Senyght(e, obs. forms of SENNIGHT.

Senyhe, Sc. variant of SENYE *Obs.*

† **Senyie.** *Sc. Obs.* Forms: 5 senȝhe, 6 senȝe, sanȝe, seinȝie, seinze, seinye, 6–7 senȝie, senzie, 8 senyie, (9 senzie). [App. an irregular alteration of SENE *sb.*[3], possibly due to association with *senyie* sign: see SENYE.] A deliberative meeting of clergy; a synod.
c 1425 WYNTOUN *Cron.* VI. i. 53 þis pape of Rome..Gert a senȝhe solempne be seyn. 1500–20 DUNBAR *Poems* xiv. 79 Off Sathanis senȝie syne sic ane vnsall menȝie. 1524 *Aberdeen Reg.* (1844) I. 107 Thai war informit that my lord of Aberdeen was nocht to cum afor the sanze. 1535 LYNDESAY *Satyre* 1967 Sir, I socht law thair..Bot I culd get nane at Sessionn nor Seinȝe. *a* 1572 KNOX *Hist. Reform.* Wks. (1846) I. 172 After the Pasche he came to Edinburgh, to hold the seinze, (as the Papistes terme tbare unhappy assemblie of Baallis schaven sorte).
attrib. and *Comb.* 1683 G. MARTINE *Reliq. Divi Andreae* (1797) 40 And after the reformation, I find they met in the *senzie chamber. 1552 *Aberdeen Reg.* (1844) I. 280 That.. all sic sumpteous banketing be knid doun aluterlie except thre sobir and honest, vizt., vponn the *senze day (etc.). *a* 1578 LINDESAY (Pitscottie) *Chron. Scot.* (S.T.S.) II. 226 All maner of man havand entres to compeir vpone the seinzie day. 1819 W. TENNANT *Papistry Storm'd* (1827) 97 And terronr garr'd them loup pell-mell Frae *senzie-house, kirk, court and cell. 1596 J. MELVILL *Diary* (Wodrow Soc.) 330 In the *Seinzie onk efter Pace.

Senyor, -your(e, etc.: see SENIOR, SEIGNIOR.

Senyster, Senzie: see SINISTER, SENYIE.

Seoc(k, Seod, obs. ff. SICK, SEED.

Seofe(n, Seofeðe: see SEVEN, SEVENTH.

Seogun: see SHOGUN.

Seoile, variant of SOILE, seal (animal).

Seok, Seolk(e, -en: see SICK, SILK, -EN.

Seollic, -ich(e, variant forms of SELLY *Obs.*

Seoluer, Seoly, obs. ff. SILVER, SEELY *a.*

Seonne, Seop, obs. forms of SIN, SHEEP.

Seosynne, Seotel: see SEASON, SETTLE *sb.*

Seoðe, seoþþe, obs. forms of SITH.

Seoudarie, obs. form of SUDARY.

Seouwe, seow(e, obs. ff. SEW *v.*, SOW *v.*

Seove, Seovenìht: see SEVEN, SENNIGHT.

Sep, obs. f. SHEEP. **Sepage,** var. SEEPAGE.

Sepal (se·păl). [= Fr. *sépale*, ad. mod.L. *sepalum* (proposed by Necker 1790), formed after *petalum* PETAL by substitution of the first syllable of L. *sēpārātus* SEPARATE *a.* Cf. LEPAL.]

1. *Bot.* Each of the divisions or leaves of the calyx of a flower.
[1821 GRAY *Nat. Arrangem. Brit. Pl.* I. 128 Sepales. Leaves, Sepala, Phylli, *Folioli calycini*. The distinct segments into which the calyx is divided.] 1829 LINDLEY *Synops. Brit. Flora* 7 Order 1. Ranunculaceæ *Juss.* Sepals 3–6. 1832 — *Introd. Bot.* I. ii. 114 The sepals are generally longer than the corolla in æstivation..: during flowering they are mostly shorter. 1840 B. KINGDON tr. *De Candolle's Veg. Organogr.* II. iii. ii. 48 Of the Calyx or Sepals. 1879 LUBBOCK *Sci. Lect.* i. 6 A common flower..consists, firstly of an outer envelope or calyx, sometimes tubular, sometimes consisting of separate leaves called sepals.

2. *Compar. Anat.* (See quot.)
1894 GOULD *Illustr. Dict. Med.* etc. *s.v.*, In the anatomy of the lower animals, certain thin, leaf-like organs are also called *sepals*.

Hence **Se·pal(1)ed** *a.*, only in parasynthetic comb., as *gamo-, two-sepalled*, etc., having one sepal, two sepals, etc.
1821 GRAY *Nat. Arrangem. Brit. Pl.* I. 124 Calyx...Composition. Gamo-sepaled, one-leafed...Two-sepaled, two-leaved...Many-sepaled. 1838 BARTON & CASTLE *Brit. Flora Med.* II. 465 *Sepalled*, having sepals. 1864 in WEBSTER, and in later Dicts.

Sepaline (se·pălin), *a.* [ad. mod.L. *sepalīnus*, f. *sepal-um*: see SEPAL and -INE.] Of or belonging to the sepal of a flower.
1857 A. GRAY *First Less. Bot.* (1866) Gloss., *Sepaline*, relating to the sepals. 1870 HOOKER *Stud. Flora* 11 Aconitum..covered by the sepaline hood.

Sepalody (se·pălōudi). *Bot.* [ad. mod.L. **sepalōdium*, or f. mod.L. *sepal-um* SEPAL + -ODE + -Y, after *phyllody*.] The reversion of the petals of a flower into sepals by inverse metamorphosis.
1887 *Cassell's Encycl. Dict.*

Sepaloid (se·păloid), *a. Bot.* [ad. mod.L. *sepaloid-eus*, f. *sepal-um*: see SEPAL and -OID.] Of the nature of or resembling a sepal.
1830 LINDLEY *Nat. Syst. Bot.* 135 Sepaloid petals. 1872 OLIVER *Elem. Bot.* II. 256 Observe..the sepaloid outer and petaloid inner perianth-leaves of Alisma.

Separability (se·părăbi·lĭti). [f. SEPARABLE *a.* + -ITY.] The quality of being separable.
1640 BP. REYNOLDS *Passions* xxxiv. 418 Aristotle inferres the separability and independance of the understanding on the Body. 1742 tr. *Algarotti on Newton's Theory* II. 113 The Separability of the Rays is prejndicial to the Perfection of Telescopes. 1864 *Reader* 9 Apr. 459/1 This apparent separability between heat and light. 1890 *Spectator* 5 Apr. 463/2 The theory of the separability of the soul from the body.

Separable (se·părăb'l), *a.* Also 5–7 seperable. [a. F. *séparable* (15th c.) or ad. L. *sēparābil-is*, f. *sēparāre*: see SEPARATE *v.* and -ABLE.]

1. Capable of being separated.
Separable accident, quality: one which can be separated from its subject.
1393 LANGL. *P. Pl.* C. XIX. 193 Siþthen thei ben surlepes [*MS. G.* seperable]..thei han sondry names. 1532 TINDALE *Expos. Matt. v–vii.* Prol. (1550) 9 b, Thongh they [fayth, lone, and hope] be inseperable, yet they haue seperable and sondry offices. 1620 T. GRANGER *Div. Logike* 67 Common qualities, are separable, or inseparable. The former may be added or taked away from the snbiect, without destrnction thereof; as coldnesse from the water, whitenesse from paper. 1628 T. SPENCER *Logick* 64 Separable accidents. 1643 DIGGS *Unlawf. Taking Arms* iv. 93 That the Magistrate is separable from the man is evident. 1791 BURKE *App. Whigs* Wks. VI. 217 A true natural aristocracy is not a separate interest in the state, or separable from it. 1828 STARK *Elem. Nat. Hist.* II. 22 Shell..conical, separable into two parts. 1850 NEWMAN *Lect. Difficulties Anglicans* ix. 223 Catholics..hold that faith and love,..faith and works, are simply separable, and ordinarily separated in fact.

b. *Gram.*
1773 BAYLY *Gram. Heb.* 14 The Cases are expressed either by entire Prepositions, called *separable*, or by a letter of the preposition prefixed to the nonn, and called *inseparable*. 1815 S. LYON *Heb. Gram.* 61 Separable prononns, signifying the agent. 1888 K. MEYER *Germ. Gram.* I. § 246 Verbs compounded with separable prefixes.

† 2. ? Capable of separating. *Obs. rare*—[1].
c 1600 SHAKS. *Sonn.* XXXVI. 6 In our two loues there is but one respect, Though in our lines a seperable spight.

Hence **Se·parableness; Se·parably** *adv.*
1628 COKE *On Litt.* 151 b, The Rent incident to the Reuersion separably, but the fealtie incident to the Reuersion inseparably. 1666 BOYLE *Orig. Formes & Qual.* To Rdr. b 5 b, The Separableness of Accidents from Subjects of Inhæsion. 1864 KINGSLEY *What, then, does Dr. Newman mean?* 33 The separableness of faith and works. 1906 *Tablet* 23 June 965 All idea of order or separableness among the elements of the spirit-life must be abandoned.

† **Se·paralty,** altered form of SEVERALTY, after med.L. *separālis*: see SEVERAL *a.*
1567 in F. J. Baigent *Crondal Rec.* (1891) 167 That the said Deaneand chapiter..shall..occupie and enjoye in separaltye ..the grownde commonlie caulled the Great fleate ponde.

Separate (se·părĕt), *pa. pple., a.*, and *sb.* Forms: 5–6 seperat, 5–7 separat, 6–8 seperate, 5– separate. [ad. L. *sēparāt-us*, pa. pple. of *sēparāre*: see SEPARATE *v.*]

† A. *as past pple.* Separated. *Obs.*
1432–50 tr. *Higden* (Rolls) I. 73 If bit were separate [L. *si separaretur*] in that maner from this worlde habitable. 1495 *Act* 11 *Hen. VII*, c. 34 Preamble, The same..Hereditamentes shnld be..separat severed and disanexed from the Duchie of Cornwall. 1513 BRADSHAW *St. Werburge* II. 969 Whan all the officers departed were thens Supposynge the soule seperate from the body. 1555 PENDLETON in *Bonner's Homilies* 33 b, Those, that haue seperate from the catholyke church. 1646 R. BAILLIE *Anabaptism* (1647) 51 After they have separate from all other Churches. 1671 MILTON *Samson* 31 Why was my breeding order'd and prescrib'd As of a person separate to God. 1692 BENTLEY *Boyle Lect.* vii. 7 The Atoms or Particles which now constitute Heaven and Earth, being once separate and diffused in the Mundane Space,..could never [etc.].

B. *adj.*

1. Parted, divided, or withdrawn from others; disjoined, disconnected, detached, set or kept apart. Const. *from*.
1667 MILTON *P. L.* IX. 422 He sought them both, but wish'd his hap might find Eve separate. 1684 T. BURNET *Th. Earth* I. iv. 35 'Twere hard to conceive an eternal Watch, whose pieces were never separate one from another, nor ever in any other form. 1729 G. ADAMS tr. *Sophocles, Oedip. Colon.* II. 162 He died without Sepulchre, separate from any Man. 1796 WITHERING *Brit. Plants* (ed. 3) I. 80 Stamens and Pistils are said to be separate when they are found upon the same plant, but in different flowers. 1823 SCOTT *Quentin D.* xx, The moment in which I detect the least sign of treachery, thy head and body are three yards separate! 1846 BAXTER *Libr. Pract. Agric.* I. 29 Phosphorus..is never met with in a separate state, but always in combination with some other element. 1849 DICKENS *Barn. Rudge* ix, The footsteps appeared to have some object qnite separate and disconnected from herself. 1850 TENNYSON *In Mem.* lxxxv. 66 A friendship..Which masters Time indeed, and is Eternal, separate from fears. 1865 LUBBOCK *Preh. Times* 41 Small separate plates of ice are formed.

b. Of persons, a dwelling, etc.: Withdrawn from society or intercourse; shut off from access. *Separate confinement*, the system of confining prisoners in separate cells.
1600 J. PORY tr. *Leo's Africa* III. 166 This castle..being separate from concourse of people, and a solitarie place fitte for a man to studie in. 1687 A. LOVELL tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* I. 24 The Women..are all lodged in a separate appartment together. 1697 DRYDEN *Æneid* VI. 954 Now, in a secret vale, the Trojan sees A sep'rate grove. 1815 SCOTT *Guy M.* lviii, See, here's the plan of my Bungalow, with all convenience for being separate and snlky when I please. 1819 SHELLEY *Cenci* V. ii. 191 Conduct these culprits each to separate cells. 1849 *Edin. Rev.* July 11 The tendency of prolonged separate confinement is to affect the mind. 1863 *Rep. Sel. Comm. Gaols* 13 Prisons..upon the separate system.

c. Of a soul: Not joined to a body, disembodied.
1653 H. MORE *Antid. Ath.* III. xiv. § 1 (1712) 130 Separate Souls being ἰσάγγελοι, in a condition not unlike the Angels themselves. 1690 LOCKE *Hum. Und.* II. i. § 15 Whatever Ideas the Mind can receive and contemplate without the help of the Body, it is reasonable to conclnde, it can retain without the help of the Body too, or else the Soul, or any separate Spirit, will have but little advantage by thinking.

d. Parted or withdrawn from the Church.

1680 STILLINGFL. *Mischief of Separation* 32 Nothing doth more alienate mens affections than withdrawing from each other into separate Congregations. 1686 J. SCOTT *Chr. Life* II. vii. Wks. 1718 I. 451 A Church that is separate from the Church Catholick.

2. Withdrawn or divided from something else so as to have an independent existence by itself.

Separate establishment: see ESTABLISHMENT 10 b.

a 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 18 July 1691, He..was..the sole industrious mover, that it should be made a separate parish. 1724 WATERLAND *Farther Vind. Chr. Div.* ii. 58 The prevailing Custom of Speech, which never gives the Name of Substances to any thing, but where the Substance is separate, or separable. 1827 SCOTT *Surg. Dau.* vii, He proceeded to enrol the troops into separate bodies. 1861 *Two Cosmos* v. iv. II. 156 He had ready for publication an Essay on the separate existence of Matter. 1887 ZINCKE *Hist. Wherstead* 188 If it is regarded disconnectedly and as a separate entity, it teaches little.

b. Belonging or peculiar to one, not common to or shared with the other or the others.

Separate maintenance: see MAINTENANCE 7 b.

1673 TEMPLE *To Dk. Ormond* Wks. 1757 II. 235 This point can only be gained by a separate peace between us and Holland; for if the war should come to end in a general treaty [etc.]. 1706 PHILLIPS (ed. Kersey), *Separate*, distinct, particular, different. 1711 SWIFT *Cond. Allies* (ed. 2) 86 Have not those two Realms their separate Maxims of Policy, which must operate in Times of Peace? 1771 *Junius Lett.* lix. 307 That each of them should act his separate part with honour and integrity to the public. 1815 SCOTT *Ld. of Isles* III. xxiv, 'Kind host', he said, 'our needs require A separate board and separate fire'. 1823 — *Quentin D.* xxxvii, Each pressed forward upon his separate object. 1840–1 DE QUINCEY *Style* III. Wks. 1890 X. 203 One poem which..has a characteristic or separate beauty of its own. 1858 LD. ST. LEONARDS *Handy Bk. Prop. Law* xiii. 84 A married woman, although having separate estate, and living apart from her husband. 1872 MORLEY *Voltaire* i. 3 Luther and Calvin in their separate ways brought into splendid prominence their new ideas of moral order.

c. Considered or reckoned by itself (althongh mentioned as one of several); single, individual.

1840 MACAULAY *Ess., Clive* P 19 While the great body [of the empire], as a whole, was torpid and passive, every separate member began..to move with an energy all its own. 1851 HAWTHORNE *Ho. Sev. Gables* xvi, Just as there comes a warm sunbeam into every cottage window, so comes a love-beam of God's care and pity for every separate need. 1882 VINES tr. *Sachs' Bot.* 716 The metamorphoses of material proceed *pari passu* with the growth of the separate parts.

d. Distinct in occurrence or enumeration; not combined or put together.

1907 HODGES *Elem. Photogr.* (ed. 6) 161 Three separate baths of this strength.

C. *sb.* (absol. or ellipt. uses of the adj.).

1. One who withdraws from the Church; a separatist.

1612 W. SCLATER *Minister's Portion* 2 What ods is there betwixt this beggerly conclusion of those old beggers, and that of late separats, that make it Christs ordinance for Ministers to liue of their peoples voluntary contribution. 1647 OWEN *Eshcol* (1648) 52 He that will not separate from world, and false-worship is a Separate from Christ. 1659 GAUDEN *Tears Ch.* I. ii. 41 Chusing rather to be a rank Separate, a meer Quaker, an arrant Seeker.

2. A member of an American Calvinistic Methodist sect of the 18th century, so called because organized into separate societies.

1882–3 *Schaff's Encycl. Relig. Knowl.* III. 2160.

3. *U.S.* An article or document issued separately; esp. a copy of an article reprinted from a magazine, volume of 'transactions', etc., for separate distribution.

1886 *Rep. of U. S. Sec. of Treasury* 405 (Cent.) It will be noticed that to the questions 16, 17, and 18, in the separate of January 18, 1886, no reply is given by the superintendent of the mint. 1892 *Athenæum* 12 Nov. 666/3 From time to time we receive odd 'separates' of papers published in the *Proceedings* of the United States National Museum. 1894 *Harvard Teachers' Assoc. Leaflet* No. 11. 4 The geographical report..might be reprinted in the annual report of the superintendent of public instruction, from which 'separates' could be struck off. 1897 *Nat. Science* Dec. 432 This 4to tract..cannot be a separate of the Mém. de l'Inst. paper.

4. *Math.* Any one of a set of partitions into which a partition of a number can be separated.

1888 MACMAHON in *Amer. Jrnl. Math.* (1889) XI. 2 A partition is separated into separates by writing down a set of partitions, each separate partition in its own brackets, from left to right, so that when all the parts of these partitions are assembled in a single bracket, the partition which is separated is reproduced.

5. A period of separate confinement (see B. 1 b).

1904 A. GRIFFITHS 50 *Yrs. Publ. Service* xv. 193 There were penal servitude convicts of both sexes doing 'separates', the first probationary period of nine months, a modified form of solitary confinement.

Separate (se·păreit), *v.* Also 6–8 **seperate**, 7 **separat**; *pa. t.* 6 *Sc.* **seperat**, 8 **separate**. [f. L. *sēparāt-*, ppl. stem of *sēparāre*, f. *sē-* (see SE-) + *parāre* to make ready, prepare.]

I. Transitive senses.

1. To put apart, set asunder (two or more persons or things, or one *from* another); to disunite, disconnect, make a division between.

1432–50 tr. *Higden* (Rolls) II. 249 [They] supposede that God wolde separate theyme that he myȝhte subiecte theym diuidede the rather to hym. 1526 TINDALE *Rom.* viii. 35 Who shall seperate vs from goddes love? *a* 1568 ASCHAM *Scholem.* II. (Arb.) 113 And surelie the distance betwixt London and Lysbon, should not stoppe any kinde of frendlie dewtie..if the greatest matter of all did not in certeyne pointes separate our myndes. 1592 SHAKS. *Rom. & Jul.* IV. v. 27 Life and these lips haue long bene seperated. 1606 — *Tr. & Cr.* V. viii. 18 The dragon wing of night ore-spreds the earth And stickler-like the Armies seperates. 1633 EARL MANCH. *Al Mondo* (1636) 143 Naturall Death doth but separate the body from the soule: But spirituall Death separates the soule from God. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* IX. 970 Rather then Death..Shall separate us, linkt in Love so deare. 1816 J. SMITH *Panorama Sci. & Art* II. 279 Separate the wires, and the effect ceases. 1839 LANE *Arab. Nts.* I. 91 Being thus separated from my attendants, I lost my way. 1876 J. PARKER *Paracl.* I. x. 158 What separates nation from nation so completely as ignorance of each other's speech?

b. *refl.*

1528 TINDALE *Obed. Chr. Man* 42 They..have separated them selves from the laye men, countinge them viler then dogges. 1561 T. HOBY tr. *Castiglione's Courtyer* II. (1577) G viij, Hee ought to worke the matter wisely in seperating himselfe from the multitude. *a* 1600 HOOKER *1st Serm. Jude* § 11 (1614) 17 Men do separate themselues either by heresie, schisme, or apostasie. 1654 BRAMHALL *Just Vind.* ii. (1661) 9 If one part of the Universall Church do separate it self from another part,..not as it is a part of the Universal Church, but only so far as it is corrupted and degenerated. 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* ii. I. 173 To the Anglican Church he had always been strongly attached, and had repeatedly, where her interests were concerned, separated himself with regret from his dearest friends.

c. To put asunder in thought, to distinguish, treat as distinct. Also with *off*.

1651 HOBBES *Leviath.* II. xxx. 182 The good of the Soveraign and People, cannot be separated. 1793 SMEATON *Edystone L.* § 315 When the elevation of the object becomes too small to be discerned, as separated from the luminous reflection. 1828 D'ISRAELI *Chas. I*, II. vi. 143 In modern history it seems to me always impossible to separate religion from politics. 1864 BRYCE *Holy Rom. Emp.* vi. (1875) 85 Men had not yet learned to satisfy their consciences by separating the person from the office. 1894 H. DRUMMOND *Ascent of Man* 12 It is as great a mistake..for the theologian to separate off the ship from the passengers as for the naturalist to separate off the passengers from the ship.

2. To remove from conjugal cohabitation, esp. by a judicial decree. (Cf. SEPARATION 3.)

a 1540 BARNES *Wks.* (1573) 331/2 Commaundyng to forbydde priestes that had not yet maryed, for to marry. And those yᵗ had maried, to bee separated from their wyues. 1764 G. WILLIAMS in Jesse *Selwyn & Contemp.* (1843) I. 325 The Duke and Duchess of Grafton are separated, though the articles are not yet agreed upon between them. 1852 THACKERAY *Esmond* II. xiii, My Lord Mohun was separated from his wife.

3. To keep apart or divide by an intervening space or barrier. Of the intervening medium: To part by lying betwecn, to occupy the space or interval between.

1553 EDEN *Treat. New Ind.* (Arb.) 32 Whether..nature.. had not so deuided and seperated the East from the West. 1585 T. WASHINGTON tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* II. xii. 47 The goulph of Ponthus..separateth Asia from Europe. 1600 J. PORY tr. *Leo's Africa* III. 208 It standeth so neere the mountaine last mentioned, that they are onely separated with the foresaid riuer. 1663 GERBIER *Counsel* e 6, Stables and even Kitchens ought to be separated from the main body of a Palace. 1727 [E. DORRINGTON] *Philip Quarll* (1816) 39 Climbing up the rock.., he found at the bottom of it a narrow lake, which separated it from the land. 1819 SCOTT *Ivanhoe* xliii, The younger race..bad..broken down many of the barriers which separated for half a century the Norman victors from the vanquished Saxons. 1822 PARKINSON *Outl. Oryctol.* 259 This shell has six turns, very projecting, deeply separated. 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* ii. I. 276 The ten centuries which separated the reign of Charlemagne from the reign of Napoleon. 1862 STANLEY *Jew. Ch.* I. xiii. 303 The deep gulf which separates the two regions.

4. To set apart or segregate for a special purpose. Const. *for, to, unto.* (Chiefly in Biblical language.)

1526 TINDALE *Acts* xiii. 2 Seperat me Barnabas and Saul for the worke where vnto I have called them. 1611 BIBLE *Rom.* i. 1 Paul..separated vnto the Gospel of God. 1642 D. ROGERS *Naaman* 9 Who separated the Gentile and rejected the Iew? 1710 PRIDEAUX *Orig. Tithes* i. 12 Whoever of the ancient Patriarchs first separated a Tenth. 1785 PALEY *Mor. Philos.* V. viii. (1818) II. 92 Every trespass upon that reserve which public decency has established breaks down the fence by which the day is separated to the service of religion. 1798 M. CUTLER in *Life*, etc. (1888) II. 11 You are now, Sir, vested with power to ordain and separate others to the work of the ministry.

† b. To exclude, prohibit. *Obs. rare*—¹.

1644 MILTON *Areop.* (Arb.) 51 Lastly, who shall forbid and separat all idle resort, all evill company?

5. To remove or part (a substance) *from* another with which it is combined or mixed; esp. to do this by some technical process. Also with *out*.

1617 MORYSON *Itin.* III. 147 The Tinne and Leade is mingled with Silver, but so, as it doth not largely quit the cost of the labour in seperating or trying it. 1683 SOAME & DRYDEN *Boileau's Art Poet.* IV. 1090 From the fine gold I separate the allay. 1784 CULLEN tr. *Bergman's Phys. & Chem. Ess.* I. 221 The selenite may be still better separated from the iron, by boiling the dried residuum [etc.]. 1850 MCCOSH *Div. Govt.* II. ii. (1874) 205 It is in the furnace that the dross is separated. 1869 ROSCOE *Elem. Chem.* (1874) 198 Plants..are able slowly to separate out and assimilate the potash from these rocks and soils.

b. Of a gland: To secrete. Of a material substance: To give off or emit from itself. ? *Obs.*

1691 RAY *Creation* II. (1692) 33 There being Glandules on purpose to separate a humor for that purpose. 1796 MORSE *Amer. Geog.* I. 206 Furnished with glands, which separate a substance that has the smell of musk. 1805 SAUNDERS *Min. Waters* 286 Cheltenham water, when fresh drawn, appears tolerably clear... It becomes more turbid by standing, and separates air bubbles in a small quantity.

6. To divide into (two or more) parts. *rare.*

1581 J. HAMILTON *Cath. Tr.* 34 Moyses liftit vp his vand, and seperat the see. 1784 COWPER *Task* v. 196 As a shepherd separates his flock, These to the upland, to the valley those.

† 7. *absol.* To make a division or severance. *Obs.*

1560 BIBLE (Geneva) *Isa.* lix. 2 Your iniquities haue separated betwene you and your God. *a* 1653 BINNING *Princ. Chr. Relig.* Wks. (1735) 9 The Cloud of our Sins, that separates between God and us.

II. *intr.* (Cf. the reflexive use 1 b.)

8. Of a person: To quit the company or society of another or others; to go away, secede or withdraw *from* (esp. a church).

1684 BAXTER *Answ. Theol. Dial.* 19, I must not separate from every Kingdom, Church, or Family that is ill governed. 1711 *Countryman's Let. to Curate* 20 William Whittinghame one of those that Compiled the Francfort Liturgie, and separate with the rest to Geneva upon the Contest about the English Liturgie. 1815 SCOTT *Guy M.* xv, No, Miss Lucy Bertram, while I live I will not separate from you.

Indirect passive. 1595 F. JOHNSON (*title*) A Treatise of the Ministry of the Church of England. Wherein is handled this question, Whether it be to be separated from or joyned unto.

b. Of two or more persons: To quit each other's society or company; (of a company) to break up.

1690 LOCKE *Govt.* II. v. § 39 When there was not room enough..for their Herds to feed together, they, by consent, ..separated, and inlarged their pasture. 1794 MRS. RADCLIFFE *Myst. Udolpho* iv, They separated at an early hour. 1861 WHYTE MELVILLE *Mkt. Harb.* xix, The conversation held between the latter and Mr. Sawyer..before separating for the night. 1885 PATER *Marius* (1910) II. xx. 86 It was time for the company to separate.

c. To withdraw from conjugal cohabitation.

1686 tr. *Chardin's Trav. Persia* 332 The differences that happen between man and wife..and the Reasons that move 'em to separate. 1794 *Ann. Reg., Chron.* 211 The parties had separated the 24th of July, 1793, and no evidence had been produced to affect his client, but cohabitation since the separation. 1819 *Ibid.* (1820) 252 Is the prisoner your husband?..Yes. I believe you separated from him for some time?—Yes.

9. Of a thing: To part (*from* something else); to be disunited or disjoined, to become detached; to draw apart or asunder.

1638 SIR T. HERBERT *Trav.* (ed. 2) 219 The bridge..has a plain and easie passage over 30 long boats, concatenated and made to separate at pleasure. 1739 S. SHARP *Oper. Surg.* Introd. 43 The Bullet makes an Eschar, which usually separates in a few days. 1774 GOLDSM. *Nat. Hist.* (1776) VI. 390 Swammerdam..was of opinion that the bones themselves separated from each other, and closed again. 1801 *Med. & Phys. Jrnl.* V. 222 The gangrene was separating. 1813 J. THOMSON *Lect. Inflam.* 549 The mortified parts separated, without assistance, from the sound parts. 1832 *John Bull* 13 Feb. 56/1 The roof of the nave has separated in one place from the wall.

b. Of a mineral or chemical substance: To be parted or disengaged from a mass or compound; to be drawn *out* from a solution in the form of crystals or as a precipitate.

1863 *Fownes' Chem.* (ed. 9) 486 The salt separates in minute needles. 1869 ROSCOE *Elem. Chem.* (1874) 211 On cooling, potassium nitrate separates out in crystals.

Separated (se·păreitĕd), *ppl. a.* [f. SEPARATE *v.* + -ED 1.] In senses of the verb: Set apart or asunder, disjoined, withdrawn, etc.

Separated milk: milk from which the cream has been extracted by a separator.

1535 COVERDALE *Ezek.* xli. 13 The house..and the seperated buyldinge. 1597 A. M. tr. *Guilleneau's Fr. Chirurg.* 23/2 If the separated partes can not with ease be brought together. 1605 SHAKS. *Macb.* II. iii. 144 Our seperated fortune shall keepe vs both the safer. 1661 BOYLE *Scept. Chem.* IV. 255 The separated sulphurs or Chymical Oyles of things. *a* 1676 HALE *Prim. Orig. Man.* IV. v. (1677) 333 The Sect of the Sadduces..denied..the Existence of Angels or separated Intelligences. *a* 1715 BURNET *Own Time* (1766) I. 442 Every province is a separated state and has an entire sovereignty within itself. 1730 POPE *Let. to Gay* 11 Sept., I can't but look upon myself..as a separated spirit too from Courts and courtly fopperies. 1869 M. PATTISON *Serm.* (1885) 174 The Protestant or other separated communions. 1901 *Scotsman* 12 Apr. 5/4 To prevent the wholesale dilution of whole with separated milk.

absol. 1700 T. BROWN tr. *Fresny's Amusem.* vii. Wks. 1709 III. L 64 Widowhood..is much to be preferred before Separation; for the Separated are Savage Animals, uncapable of the prettiest Ties of Society. 1744 *Life & Adv. M. Bishop* 216 In the Morning all the separated got together again, to receive Orders.

Hence **Se·paratedly** *adv. rare.*

a 1641 BP. MOUNTAGU *Acts & Mon.* (1642) 417 So no spirit did at all subsist, separatedly, subsisting alone, out or beside the body.

Separately (se·părĕtli), *adv.* [-LY 2.] In a separate manner; singly, severally, apart.

1552 HULOET, Separatly, *separatim.* 1567 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* I. 557 Togidder or separatlie as neid beis. 1612 BACON *Ess., Counsel* (Arb.) 324 It is of singuler vse to Princes, if they take the opinions of their Councell, both seperatly [1625 Seperately] and together. 1710 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 4736/4 Hannah the Wife of Richard Hamp..liveth separately from her said Husband. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* I. v. i, Two separate, perhaps separately-voting Orders. 1858 LD. ST. LEONARDS *Handy Bk. Prop. Law* xx. 155 If you leave to every one separately what you desire each to have. 1875 JOWETT *Plato* (ed. 2) I. 388 Other things which we need not separately enumerate.

Se·parateness. [-NESS.] The quality, state, or fact of being separate.

1635–6 MEDE *Rev. God's House* (1638) 3 Sacred things,

which continue their state of separatenesse and sanctitie. 1755 in JOHNSON. 1856 R. A. VAUGHAN *Mystics* (1860) II. xi. i. 219, I know men and women who pique themselves on their separateness from the world. 1879 GEO. ELIOT *Theo. Such* 355 The Jews were steadfast in their separateness, and through that separateness Christianity was born.

Separa·tical, *a. rare.* [f. L. *sēparāt-* (see SEPARATE *v.*) + -IC (see -ATIC) + -AL.] Pertaining to separation in religion.

1846 WORCESTER (cites *T. Dwight*).

Separating (se·părētiŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. SEPARATE *v.* + -ING¹.] The action of SEPARATE *v.*

c 1550 CHEKE *Matt.* xxi. 44 *note*, This separating of chaf and dust awai from y^e^ good corne is called in greek Λικμᾶν. 1623 COCKERAM II, A Seperating of man and wife. *Diuorce.* 1644 MILTON *Divorce* i. x. (ed. 2) 26 By the separating of unmeet consorts. 1831 SCOTT *Ct. Robt.* xxii, If so, his meeting with his plighted bride, after so many years' absence, was but a delusive preface to their separating for ever.

attrib. 1641 FRENCH *Distill.* i. (1651) 34 Let the Oil that is drawn with the Water be separated with a..seperating Glass. 1855 D. K. CLARK *Railway Mach.* 153/2 Edwards' separating pipes..for disengaging the steam from the priming.

Separating (se·părētiŋ), *ppl. a.* [f. SEPARATE *v.* + -ING².] That separates, in various senses of the verb. † *Separating line* = SEPARATRIX.

1694 HALLEY *Oughtred's Key Math.* 3 Decimal Parts are written in the same line with Integers; but are distinguished by a rectangular line; which is therefore called the Separating Line. 1850 MISS WARNER *Wide Wide World* xxxvi, She clasped Alice, as if she feared even then the separating hand. 1908 [MISS FOWLER] *Betw. Trent & Ancholme* 23 The low separating wall.

† b. = SEPARATIST *a.* (Cf. *dissenting.*) *Obs.*

1734 WATTS *Relig. Juv.* (1789) 127 He attends the best of preachers in their separating meetings.

Separation (sepărēˑʃən). Forms: 5–6 **separacion,** 6 **-acyon, seperacion,** 6–7 **seperation,** 6– **separation.** [a. OF. *separation, -acion,* F. *séparation* (= Pr. *separatio,* Sp. *separacion,* Pg. *separação,* It. *separazione*), ad. L. *sēparātiōn-em,* n. of action from *sēpārāre*: see SEPARATE *v.*]

1. The action of separating or parting, of setting or keeping apart; the state of being separated or parted. † *To make separation,* to make a severance or division.

1413 *Pilgr. Sowle* (Caxton 1483) IV. xix. 64 And so the tyme come that seperacion shold he made bitwene this swete appel and this Appeltre and so it felle to the erthe. 1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 12 b, Saynt Austyn sayth, that the passage of y^e^ chyldren of Israel from Egipt, signifyeth the separacyon of mannes soule from symne by.. baptym. *c* 1550 N. SMYTH tr. *Herodian* VI. 73 The Illirian nacions, dwellynge in a smale streyte,..doo onelye make seperacion betwene Italye, and Germanye. 1611 SHAKS. *Wint. T.* I. i. 28 Since their more mature Dignities, and Royall Necessities, made seperation of their Societie. 1650 JER. TAYLOR *Funeral Serm. C'tess Carbery* Wks. 1831 IV. 110 From whence it follows, that because the body casts fetters and restraints..on the soul, that the soul is much freer in the state of separation. 1684 T. BURNET *Th. Earth* I. v. 63 The Chaos, when it was first set on work, ran all into divisioos, and separations of one Element from another. 1788 GIBBON *Decl. & F.* I. V. 184 The separation of the Arabs from the rest of mankind, has accustomed them to confound the ideas of stranger and enemy. 1805 WORDSW. *Prelude* XIV. 346 The mind Learns..to keep In wholesome separation the two natures. 1841 MILL in *Nonconf.* I. 2 The entire separation of Church and State is really their object. 1875 JOWETT *Plato* (ed. 2) V. 363 After the age of six years the time has arrived for the separation of the sexes. 1905 R. BAGOT *Passport* xxiv. 255 Nothing but a separation from her lover..could accomplish this object.

2. The action of separating oneself, withdrawing, or parting company. † *To make separation,* to withdraw, go apart.

c 1450 *Cov. Myst.* (Shaks. Soc.) 240 Whan the Soule from the body xal make Separacion. 1623 E. JESSOP *Discov. Err. Anabaptists* 85 Here we see..that a separation ought to be made from all kind of Idolatry and vnrighteousnes of the heathen. *a* 1625 FLETCHER *Elder Bro.* III. v, Remove her where you will, I walk along still; For, like the light, we make no separation. 1686 J. SCOTT *Chr. Life* II. iii. Wks. 1718 I. 232 As separating into Parties..exposes the Separatists themselves to great Temptations to Atheism, so it doth those also who..stand engaged on neither Part of the Separation. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* xxiv, When a separation from those we love is imminent, [we] cannot rest until the parting be over. 1856 FROUDE *Hist. Eng.* (1858) I. iv. 356 It was the first active movement towards a separation from Rome. 1886 *Nat. Rev.* Mar. 83 With Mr. Parnell.. Separation is a means to an end.

3. Cessation of conjugal cohabitation, either by mutual consent of the parties or imposed by a judicial decree granted at the suit of one of them. *Judicial separation*: the name now given to the 'divorce *a mensa et thoro*' of the older English law: see DIVORCE *sb.* 1.

1600 J. CHAMBERLAIN *Lett.* (Camden) 98 But in conclusion the woman scaped better cheape then was looked for, having only sentence of separation *a mensâ et thoro.* 1613 SHAKS. *Hen. VIII,* II. i. 148 Did you not of late dayes heare A buzzing of a Separation Betweene the King and Katherine? 1700 T. BROWN tr. *Fresny's Amusem.* vii. Wks. 1709 III. 1. 64 The usual Causes of Separation is assign'd as the Fault of the Wife. 1749 FIELDING *Tom Jones* XVIII. xi, In order to prevail with him..to consent to a separation from his wife. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* lxv, Wasn't there a scandal about their separation? 1857 *Act* 20 & 21 *Vict.* c. 85 § 16 A Sentence of Judicial Separation (which shall have the Effect of a Divorce *à Mensâ et Thoro* under the existing Law..) may be obtained, either by the Husband or the Wife, on the ground of Adultery [etc.].

† **4.** A sect of separatists or dissenters from *the* Church; esp. in the 17th cent., the body of Protestant nonconformists collectively. *Obs.*

1599 [H. JACOB] *title,* A short Treatise..Against the Reasons ..of Maister Francis Johnson, with others of the Separation. 1608 BERNARD *Chr. Advert.* 163 Positions..maintained by some godlie Ministers of the Gospell against those of the Separation. 1610 B. JONSON *Alch.* III. i, Such rebukes we of the Separation Must beare, with willing shoulders. 1623 E. JESSOP *Discov. Err. Anabaptists* 80 Which is the best ordination and succession, the Church of Rome..hath..and which the separations doe contend for. 1710 S. PALMER *Proverbs* 141 This is both a court and a church-game, and the separation it self isn't free from it.

† **5.** A separated portion, a division. *Obs.*

1604 E. G[AIMSTONE] *D'Acosta's Hist. Indies* VI. ii. 435 Every portion of these foure had thirteene separations which had all their signs or particular figures. 1785 HUTTON in *Trans. Roy. Soc. Edin.* (1788) I. 246 By this means the separations of the stone diminish, in a progression from the centre towards the circumference.

6. The place where two or more objects separate or are divided from one another; a parting, line of division.

1615 CROOKE *Body of Man* 435 In woemen they are diuided by a line, which separation the Greeks call λυσωμα.., in English we cal it the shed of the haire. 1839 W. CHAMBERS *Tour Rhine* 47/1 We now come to the separation of the Maas and Waal branches of the river. 1851 WOODWARD *Mollusca* I. 48 In the *brachiopoda* the separation is horizontal.

7. Something that separates or effects a division or partition; an interval or break between two objects; a cause of separating. *rare.*

1715 LEONI *Palladio's Archit.* (1742) I. 68 The Walls, which make the separation of every Apartment. 1728 R. MORRIS *Anc. Archit.* 51 Some omit this Member, and have only the second Fascia, projected..beyond..the first, without any Separation. 1821 RICH *Journ. Persepolis* 25 Aug. in *Babylon & P.* (1839) 249 The separation or stop in the first [kind of Cuneiform inscription] is [an oblique wedge]. 1906 BELLOC *Hills & Sea* 94 These dykes of the Fens are accursed things: they are the separation of friends and lovers.

† **8.** *Alchemy* and *Old Chem.* A process of analysis, extraction, or the like. *Water of separation* (see quot. 1728). *Obs.*

1471 RIPLEY *Comp. Alch.* III. ii. in Ashm. (1652) 139 And Separacyon ys callyd by Phylosophers dyffynycyon Of the sayd Elements tetraptatyve dyspersyon. 1626 BACON *Sylva* § 3 It seemeth Percolation..is a good kinde of Separation. *Ibid.* § 798, I remember to haue heard..that a Fifteenth Part of Siluer, incorporate with Gold, will not be Recouered by any Water of Separation; Except you put a Greater Quantity of Siluer, to draw to it the Lesse; which..is the last Refuge in Separations. 1661 BOYLE *Scept. Chem.* IV. 276 What Disparity there may be between the salts and sulphurs of Metals and other Minerals, I am not my self experienced enough in the separations and examens of them, to venture to determine. 1728 CHAMBERS *Cyc.* II. 349/2 s. v. *Water,* A farther Use is in the making Separations of oily from saline Parts. *Ibid.* 351/2 *Water of Separation,* or *Depart,* is only *Aqua fortis*; thus called, because serving to separate Gold from Silver.

9. *Astr.* and *Astrol.* (See quot. 1819.)

1594 DAVIS *Seaman's Secr.* (1607) 6 Betweene the change and the full, it is called the Moone's seperation from the Sunne. 1819 J. WILSON *Dict. Astrol.* 366 *Separation,* when two planets having been in partile configuration are beginning to separate. It is distinguished into simple and mutual.

10. *Med.* The process by which dead tissue becomes detached from the sound flesh.

1612 WOODALL *Surg. Mate* Wks. (1653) 273 Separation is, whereby parts distracted are separated every one alike having his several being in himself. 1672 WISEMAN *Treat. Wounds* II. 14 It being a good Medicament to hasten separation of the Escars. 1800 *Med. & Phys. Jrnl.* III. 449, I know two or three cases where women have lost their lives by waiting too long for a spontaneous separation [*sc.* of the placenta]. 1801 *Ibid.* V. 80 No sloughing or separation took place, for the action of the absorbents was equal to the removal.

† **11.** *Navigation.* = DEPARTURE 7 a. *Obs.*—°

1704 J. HARRIS *Lex. Techn.* I, *Separation,* with some Writers of Navigation, is the same with what is more usually called, the *Departure*; that is, a Ships Difference of Longitude from any place, or from another Ship.

12. *Math.* The division of a partition into component partitions. Cf. SEPARATE *sb.* 4.

1888 MACMAHON in *Proc. Lond. Math. Soc.* XIX. 243 It becomes necessary to consider the separation of such a partition into component partitions. *Ibid.* 254 In general, if there are θ separations of any partition and ϕ species of separation, there must be $\theta-\phi$ syzygies between the θ separations.

13. *Horticulture.* (See quot.)

1891 L. H. BAILEY *Nursery-bk.* (1896) 26 Separation, or the multiplication of plants by means of naturally detachable vegetative organs, is effected by means of bulbs, bulbels, bulb-scales, bulblets, corms, tubers, and sometimes by buds.

14. *attrib.,* as *separation-funnel, -scene*; **separation-order,** an order of court for judicial separation (see 3).

1881 TYNDALL *Floating Matter* iii. 171 A '*separation-funnel' with a glass stopcock. 1887 *Cassell's Encycl. Dict.* s. v. *Separation,* A *separation order can also be granted in England by a magistrate on proof of cruelty. 1907 'JOHN HALSHAM' *Lonewood Corner* 74 The wife and her mangle presently get a separation-order. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* lxvi, As for the *separation-scene from the child, while Becky was reciting it, Emmy retired altogether behind her pocket-handkerchief.

Separationism (sepărēˑʃəniz'm). [-ISM.] Advocacy of separation, or of a theory of separation.

1875 *Contemp. Rev.* XXV. 848 It may refer..to the separationism of Cerinthus, who maintained that the spiritual Being Christ descended on the man Jesus after the baptism. 1886 *Ch. Times* 7 May 347/2 The Ode of the Laureate, which was an emphatic protest against Separationism.

Separationist (sepărēˑʃənist). [-IST.] One who advocates political separation or disruption. Also *attrib.* or quasi-*adj.*

1882 *Q. Rev.* July 261 The moment that Mr. Gladstone succeeded to power, the Nationalists, the Separationists and all the rest of them saw that their opportunity had come. 1903 CONRAD & HUEFFER *Romance* II. i. 48 El Demonio had, during the last two years, gutted a ship once a week, as if he wanted to help the Kingston Separationist papers.

Separatism (se·părătiz'm). [f. SEPARATE *a.* + -ISM.] The disposition to separate or to be separate; advocacy of separation (esp. in regard to Church or State); the principles and practices of separatists.

1628 A. LEIGHTON *App. Parlt.* 85 B. Whitgift wrote the quoted treatise..before seperatisme was hatched. 1641 LD. BROOKE *Eng. Episc.* II. vii. 99 What is there then to be feared? Anabaptisme, Brownisme, Separatisme. 1831 CARLYLE *Sart. Res.* III. x, These people, animated with the zeal of a new Sect,..affect great purity and separatism. 1866 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 3 Dec. 5 The numerous accusations of separatism made against the Baltic provinces. 1876 BANCROFT *Hist. U. S.* V. p. xxii, Confederation opposed by separatism. 1882 FARRAR *Early Chr.* I. 512 The object of these developments was to enclose the Law in a hedge of separatism, out of which no Jew could break.

Separatist (se·părătist), *sb.* and *a.* [f. SEPARATE *a.* or *sb.* + -IST.] **A.** *sb.*

1. One who advocates ecclesiastical separation; one who belongs to a religious community separated from the Church or from a particular church.

a. A member of any of the sects separated from the Church of England. In the 17th c. (hence in mod. use *Hist.*, with capital S) applied chiefly to the Independents and those who agreed with them in rejecting all ecclesiastical authority outside the individual congregation. In later use an occasional hostile designation for Protestant dissenters in general.

1608 BERNARD *Chr. Advert.* 21 Disswasions from the way of the Separatists, as they haue principles by themselues, the grounds of their separation, commonly called Brownisme. 1620 ALURED in Gutch *Coll. Cur.* (1781) I. 176 Some ignorant itching Separatists seek to find..an hole in our coat and church. 1632–3 LAUD *Diary* 28 Feb., *Wks.* 1853 III. 217 Mr. Chancellor of London..brought me word how miserably I was slandered by some separatists. 1641 LD. BROOKE *Eng. Episc.* II. vi. 90 The Church of England hath three maine Divisions; The Conformist, the Non-Conformist, and the Separatist. *Ibid.*, The Separist is subdivided too as they say into Separatist and Semi-Separatist. 1645 PAGITT *Heresiogr.* To Rdr. (ed. 2) D 2, The Brownists arrogate to themselves the name of Separatists, which well they may, being separated from their Mother Church, from all the Reformed Churches, and malitiously divided amongst themselves. *a* 1734 NORTH *Exam.* II. v. § 65 (1740) 355 Do but observe what a persecuting Spirit, he bestows upon the Church of England, and the Members of it in general: when taken off the Papists, they diverted upon the Separatists. 1794 MRS. PIOZZI *Synonymy* II. 317 Between the open invasions of the Romanists on the one hand, and the undermining subtleties of Separatists on the other. 1843 GLADSTONE *Glean.* V. xcii. 79 The pious Separatists of our own Country. 1844 H. H. WILSON *Brit. India* II. xii. II. 575 Congregations were formed under the direction of separatists. 1846 MCCULLOCH *Acc. Brit. Empire* (1854) II. 279 They [Wesleyan methodists] ought more properly, perhaps, to be called separatists than dissenters. 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* I. I. 88 Every little congregation of separatists was tracked out and broken up. 1883 *Congregationalist* 829 The Separatists were the true ancestors of modern Congregationalists.

b. *gen.* A schismatic, sectarian; also a member of a congregation not belonging to any recognized denomination.

1641 LAUD *Answ. to Ld. Say* Hist. etc. (1695) I. 501 The Name Separatist is a common Name to all Hereticks or Schismaticks, that separate for their Opinions sakes, either from the Catholick, or from any particular Orthodox Church. 1709 STANHOPE *Paraphr.* IV. 236 Finding some Reproofs in his First Epistle ineffectual he threatens these Separatists in his Second with the Censures of the Church. 1758 JORTIN *Erasmus* I. 255 To unite the Bohemian Separatists to the Church of Rome. 1793 *Statist. Acc. Scot.* V. 109 Of the whole inhabitants [of Scoonie], there are not above 150 separatists from the established church. 1796 MORSE *Amer. Geog.* I. 426 A small society of Separatists. 1856 R. A. VAUGHAN *Mystics* (1860) II. 321 Others were separatists from the religion established around them. 1860 J. CAIRNS *Mem. J. Brown* 169 The Relief Separatists, who arose twenty years after the Erskines ..arrived at this conviction much sooner than any parties in the Secession. 1882–3 *Schaff's Encycl. Relig. Knowl.* II. 999 The estates of Count Wittgenstein, the refuge of all separatists and mystics.

transf. 1859 ROSSE *Index of Dates, Shiites,* or Separatists, the name given to the Mohammedan sectaries, who venerate Ali as the rightful successor of the prophet.

c. Applied to those Wesleyan Methodists who in 1795–7 advocated separation from the Church of England.

1859 T. P. BUNTING *Life Jabez Bunting* I. vi. 87 The former class held strictly to Wesley's long and latest declaration, that his Preachers were mere Laymen.., while the Separatists either took the low ground of denying that the mere dispensation of the Sacraments implied any such assumption,..or [etc.].

d. *U. S.* A member of 'a communistic religious society (disbanded in 1898) of German Protestant

peasants, who separated from the state church of Germany, emigrated, and settled at Zoar, Ohio, in 1817; also known as Zoarites and the Zoar community' (Webster, 1911).

1875 Nordhoff *Commun. Soc. U. S.* 99 The Society of Separatists at Zoar.

c. ? Adopted as the designation of a particular sect.

1821 *Monthly Repos.* Apr. 254/2 House of Commons April 12...Mr. J. Smith presented a petition from a body of Christian people, dissenters from the Protestant Church, residing in London, who were denominated 'Separatists'.

2. Often interpreted to mean: One who holds himself apart from others on the ground of superior piety. Hence used to render the etymological meaning of *Pharisee*.

1620 E. Blount *Horæ Subsec.* 59 The Separatists, or Sanctified, as they terme themselves. 1624 T. Godwyn *Moses & Aaron* I. x. (1625) 44 We may English them [*sc.* the Pharisees] Separatists. 1627 Feltham *Resolves* II. xx. (1628) 18 If I liue vertuously, and with pietie, the World will hate mee, as a Separatist. 1629 Donne *Serm.* xlix. (1640) 494 Both these, the present Sadducee, the carnall Atheist, and the present Pharisee, the Separatist. *a* 1652 Brome *Covent Gard.* IV. i, A great Separatist that is now writing a book against playing at Barlibreak, moulding of Cocklebread, and such like prophane exercises. 1661 South *Serm.* (1823) II. 336 So that the words amount to this, that St. Paul, before he was a Christian, was a rigid separatist. 1667 *Decay Chr. Piety* xiii. § 1, I am not as this publican, was, we know, the voice of the proud Pharisee, whose very name signifies separation, and our modern separatists do but echo the same note. 1833 S. Hoole *Disc.* xii. 150 The acknowledged offender on whom this self-congratulating separatist looks down with scorn and abhorrence. 1866 Annie Harwood tr. *De Pressensé's Jesus Christ* I. iii. 83 The pious party, henceforward designated by the name of Pharisees, or separatists.

†b. (See quot.) *Obs.*

1645 Pagitt *Heresiogr.* (ed. 2) 33 Separatists, a kind of Anabaptists so called, because they pretended to be separated from the world.

3. One who advocates political separation; applied, e. g. to the supporters of the secession of the Southern States from the United States in 1860–61, and (by opponents) to the advocates of Home Rule for Ireland.

1871 *Daily News* 21 Sept., The Reichsrath..declared that the Potocki Ministry was throwing itself too plainly into the arms of separatists. 1885 *Daily Tel.* 9 Sept. (Cassell), The Separatists know..that they have nothing to expect either from the Radical or the Whig section of the Liberal party. 1886 Ld. R. Churchill *Sp. at Manch.* 3 Mar., (1889) II. 23 Members of that party might be known as Unionists. Our opponents are the party of separation, and they may be known as 'Separatists'. 1886 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 16 Aug. 6/1 The majority of the Separatists—as the *Times* delights to call those who voted for the second reading [of the Home Rule Bill]. 1887 *Spectator* 2 July 888/2 'Separatist' simply describes what Unionists believe must be the outcome of Home-rule.

4. *nance-use.* A causer of separation.

18.. M. Arnold (Webster 1911), Science has and will long have to be a divider and separatist, breaking arbitrary and fanciful connections.

B. *attrib.* (quasi-*adj.*) and *adj.* That is a separatist; pertaining to, consisting of, or characteristic of separatists. **a.** In ecclesiastical sense (see A. 1, 2).

1830 Pusey *Hist. Enq.* II. 392 The same formularism..will always much more appear in the smaller separatist parties.

b. In political sense (see A. 3).

1864 *Realm* 6 Apr. 1 The Hungarian regiments are composed of men..in no way interested in any revolutionary or separatist designs of the latter [Magyars]. 1869 Rawlinson *Anc. Hist.* 168 The tendency of the Greek States, in spite of their separatist leanings. 1886 *Nat. Rev.* Mar. 83 The Separatist movement conducted by Mr. Parnell. 1887 Chamberlain *Sp.* 15 Apr. *Sp. Irish Question* (1890) 25 The organ of the Separatist party. 1901 *N. Amer. Rev.* Feb. 204 A man who saw that the future of the United States hinged on the one question, whether the national should prevail over the separatist principle.

Separatistic (se:părăti·stik), *a.* [f. Separatist + -ic.] Pertaining to or of the nature of separation. So **† Se:parati·stical** *a.*

1610 R. Bernard *Plain Evid.* 29 Mr. Smith a Separatisticall Erronist. 1830 Pusey *Hist. Enq.* II. 292 Regulations intended only to check a fanatic or separatistic spirit. 1891 Cheyne *Orig. Psalter* viii. 428 The growth of a mystic yet separatistic spiritual religion.

Separative (se·părătiv), *a.* (*sb.*) [a. F. *séparatif* (16th c. in Hatz.-Darm.) or directly ad. late L. *sēparātīvus*, f. L. *sēparā-re*: see Separate *v.* and -ive.]

1. Tending to separate or to cause separation.

1592 Timme *Ten Eng. Lepers* A 4 b, A Leprosie is..a fearefull, lothsome, contagious and separative maladie. 1645 Rutherford *Trial & Tri. Faith* iii. 15 Grace is separative, and singleth out one of many. 1661 Boyle *Scept. Chemist* I. 99 That..eminent Experiment of the Separative Virtue of extream Cold, that was made..in Nova Zembla. *a* 1774 Goldsm. *Surv. Exp. Philos.* (1776) II. 364 We ought now.. to inquire how it comes that every object hath this separative power over the particles of light; how it imbibes one colour, while it copiously reflects another? 1821 Lamb *Elia* Ser. I. *Imperf. Sympathies*, The spirit of the synagogue is essentially separative. 1858 Froude *Hist. Eng.* IV. xviii. 55 The uniting influence was stronger than the separative. 1893 Pulsford *Loyalty to Christ* II. 231 The fond, comfortable feeling..that we are better than others, is..separative alike from God and man.

†b. *absol.* as *sb. Obs.*

1650 Hubbert *Pill Formality* 88 It is such a separative, that it divorceth the pre-reputation of all thy actions.

2. *Gram.* **†a.** Applied to certain functions of the genitive (see quot.) **b.** Of conjunctions: Alternative, disjunctive.

1845 Jelf *Gram. Grk. Lang.* § 530 II. 156 Separative Genitive...All verbs expressing any notion of *removal, separation, departure, rising from*, may have a genitive of the point whence these began. 1888 Kennedy *Revised Lat. Primer* (1900) § 177 Co-ordinative Conjunctions are Connective:..Separative.

3. *Nat. Hist.* Of a mark or character: Affording ground for establishing a separate species or group.

1865 *Reader* 23 Dec. 716 This learned and popular author stands out firmly and solidly for an insurmountable, unsurpassable, separative distinction between man and brute.

Hence **Se·paratively** *adv.*, **Se·parativeness.**

1789 *Trifler* No. 41. 528 Individuals should separatively collect from observation and religion the art of life best calculated for their own real felicity. 1901 G. Matheson in *Expositor* Aug. 107 To the mind of the Jew, the man who of all others emphasized the holiness of God, the distinctive feature of this holiness was its separativeness.

Separator (se·părē·tər). Also **separater.** [a. late L. *sēparātor*, agent-n. f. L. *sēparāre* to Separate.]

1. One who or something which separates; *spec.* † one who separates from the Church, a separatist (common in the 17th c.); a critic who ascribes the Iliad and Odyssey to different authors (transl. of Gr. χωρίζων: see Chorizontes).

1607 *Scholast. Disc. agst. Antichrist* II. vi. 74 The scandal which the ceremonies giue to the Separators is greater then that which is giuen by images to Turks. 1608 Bernard *Chr. Advert.* 48 *marg.*, The grieuous sinnes of the Separators. 1684 Baxter *Twelve Argum.* § 24. 42 Are these no Scandals? or not greater than offending or displeasing the dissenting Separators? 1842 Emerson *Transcend.* Wks. (Bohn) II. 285 This retirement does not proceed from any whim on the part of these separators. 1860 Bp. Wilberforce *Addr. Cand. Ordin.* 227 In such cases, the least offences are great separators, and..angry tempers need to be handled with the gentlest and most discerning touch. 1878 *Examiner* 2 Mar. 273/1 So Professor Jebb is a 'separater' and to a certain extent a follower of Wolf. 1890 *Illustr. Lond. News* 27 Dec. 810/2 The terminator of delights, the separator of companions, the desolator of abodes.

2. *pl.* The four teeth, two in each jaw, between the two central and the outer incisor-teeth of a horse. ? *Obs.*

1717 Hope tr. *de Solleysel's Compl. Horseman.* 1726 *Dict. Rust.* (ed. 3) s.v. *Teeth*, The Middle-teeth or Separators (so called because they separate the Nippers from the Corner-teeth). 1808 *Compl. Grazier* (ed. 3) Introd. 20 When the horse is coming four years old he loses his four separaters or middle teeth.

3. An instrument or appliance for separating. **a.** An apparatus for separating grain from refuse, or for separating the various sizes of grain.

1830 M. Donovan *Dom. Econ.* I. 347 After leaving the cooling floor the grain is let into the separator. 1880 J. W. Hill *Guide Agric. Implements* 5 Combined Double Aspirator, Separator, and Smutter. 1884 *Bath Herald* 27 Dec. 6/4 From the silos the wheat runs into a separator, which extracts the large and small refuse and dirt. *Ibid.*, In the purifying process the grain passes over a magnetic separator ..which is sure to attract and hold fast..pieces of iron [etc.].

b. *Weaving.* = Rave *sb.*[2] 3.

1831 G. R. Porter *Silk Manuf.* 220 The instrument used for the purpose of guiding the threads of the warp and of spreading them regularly upon the yarn-roll is called a separator or ravel. 1842 [see Ravel *sb.*[3]]. 1845 *Encycl. Metrop.* VIII. 734/1 In the beaming, the weaver sometimes employs a rude sort of instrument called a separator or ravel.

c. = *cream-separator* (see Cream *sb.*[2] 7).

1884 [see *cream-separator*]. 1887 *Daily News* 20 May 6/5 A separator takes in the milk hot from the cow, whirls it round at a great speed, and in two minutes the cream flows out at one pipe and the milk at another.

d. A partition, a plate interposed between compartments, e. g. in a voltaic battery, a beehive, etc.

1881 T. W. Cowan *Bee Keepers Guide Bk.* viii. 43 Never use sections without separators. 1887 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 12 Aug. 10/2 The plates are zinc and carbon, the zinc being immersed in dilute sulphuric acid—the carbon in a solution of nitrate of soda. A porous separator keeps the liquids apart, save for diffusion through its pores. 1889 *Anthony's Photogr. Bull.* II. 51 These pieces of paper, or thin card, can be placed by the side of the slide, thus acting as a separater and preventing breakage when they are carried about.

e. *Telegraphy.* (See quot.)

1891 *Man. Instr. Army Telegr.* 86 Separators provide a simple means of doubling the capacity for work of a telegraph line, by providing on the same wire Morse and vibration circuits which are independent of each other.

f. A contrivance for separating water from steam.

1834 N. W. Cundy *Inland Transit* 74 The purpose of the separator is to disengage or separate the water from the steam in which it is mechanically suspended. 1855 D. K. Clark *Railway Mach.* 152/2 Edwards' Separator, for disengaging Priming. 1901 *Feilden's Mag.* IV. 415 A cylindrical water separator.

g. In various applications.

1881 Raymond *Mining Gloss., Separator.* 1. A machine for separating, with the aid of water or air, materials of different specific gravity...2. Any machine for separating materials, as the magnetic separator, for separating magnetite from its gangue. 1884 *Health Exhib. Catal.* 51/1 Automatic Rain-water Separators, to reject the foul and store the clean water from roofs. 1889 *Anthony's Photogr. Bull.* II. 312 The centrifugal separator..is an apparatus..employed by manufacturers who want to separate relatively heavy matters suspended in a liquid.

4. *Math.*

1869 Cayley *Math. Papers* (1894) VII. 402 The parallel through S to a ray meets the sphere in two points, poles of a great circle which I call a 'separator'.

5. *attrib.*

1896 Brannt *Anim. & Veg. Fats* II. 313 The oil..is, however, still mixed with some water, from which it is separated by means of a separator funnel. 1897 *Daily News* 23 Feb. 7/6 One of the engineers went to open the port bulkhead stop valve, when a separator pipe burst.

Hence **Se·paratress.**

1630 *R. Johnson's Kingd. & Commw.* 117 The Severne, the separatresse of Wales and England.

Separatory (se·părētəri), *sb.* ? *Obs.* [ad. mod.L. *sēparātōrium*, f. L. *sēparāre* to separate: see -ory. Cf. F. *séparatoire.*] An instrument for separating; *spec.* in various uses (see quots.).

1656 Blount *Glossogr.*, *Separatory*, the Chizel or Instrument, wherewith Chyrurgeons cut out the peeces of bones, left between the holes, which they bore with a Trepan. 1684 tr. *Bonet's Merc. Compit.* VIII. 296 Such especially is the Liver, the Colatory, Seive and Separatory of the Bile. 1706 Phillips (ed. Kersey), *Separatory*...Also a Chymical Vessel for separating Oil from Water. 1791 G. Wallis *Motherby's Med. Dict.* (ed. 3), A separatory...The name of an instrument for separating the pericranium from the cranium; also a chemical vessel for separating liquors. 1855 Dunglison *Med. Lex.* s.v., A Separatory..is a pharmaceutical vessel for separating fluids of different densities from each other.

Se·paratory, *a.* [ad. mod.L. *sēparātōrius*, f. L. *sēparāre* to separate: see -ory.] Having the function of separating.

1715 Cheyne *Philos. Princ.* I. vi. (ed. 2) 298 The Lacteals are the emissary Vessels or separatory Ducts. 1896 Brannt *Anim. & Veg. Fats* I. 14 The oldest method of determining the percentage of fat is by means of a separatory funnel.

‖ Separatrix (sepărā·triks). [late L., fem. agent-n. f. *sēparāre* to Separate.

The feminine is in apposition with *linea* line, understood.]

†1. a. The mark (originally L, later I), formerly used to separate the figures representing decimals from those representing integers; now superseded by the decimal point. **b.** (See quot. 1771.) *Obs.*

1660 J. Moore *Arith.* 11 But the best and most distinct way of distinguishing them [*sc.* Decimals] is by a rectangular line after the place of the unit, called Seperatrix. *Ibid.* 13 Therefore in writing of decimall parts let the seperatrix be always used. 1771 Luckombe *Hist. Printing* 286 The Separatrix, or rule between the Numerator and Denominator [of fractions].

2. *Proof-correction.* (See quot.)

1892 A. Oldfield *Man. Typog.* iii, A wrong letter is noted by a stroke being drawn through and the proper letter written on the margin with a stroke after it. This stroke is placed after all corrections to keep the various marks separate. It is sometimes called the separatrix.

3. The line separating light and shade on a partly illuminated surface. Cf. Terminator 2.

In recent Dicts.

† Separe, *v. Obs.* Also 5–6 **sepayre**; 5 *pa. pple.* **sepered.** [a. F. *sépare-r* (14th c.), ad. L. *sēpārāre*: see Separate *v.* and Sever.] To separate: **a.** *trans.* (and *refl.*).

a 1450 *Knt. de la Tour* 181 And therfore, syth that God hath assembled them, no man mortal ou3t not to separe them. 1484 Caxton *Fables of Auian* xiv. (1889) 233 The lyon..maade them to be separed eche one fro other. And whanne they were sepered, the lyon wente, and toke one of them. *c* 1489 — *Blanchardyn* xxxv. 131 After dyuerse talkynke.. they sepayred hemsylf, & toke leue of eche other. 1509 Watson *Ship of Fools* xxiv. (1517) F vij b, Whan that god shall separe the body from the soule. 1609 Bible (Douay) 3 *Esdr.* iv. 17 Men cannot be separed from wemen.

b. *intr.*

c 1489 Caxton *Sonnes of Aymon* xix. 441 Lordes, ye doo not well for to separe thus the one from the other. 1541 Copland *Guydon's Quest. Chirurg.* D ij, In some places the veynes do separe from the arteres. And the arteres be founde w'out veynes.

† Se·parist. *Obs. rare.* [f. Separe *v.* + -ist.] = Separatist.

1616 R. C. *Times' Whistle* (1871) 15 Iove separat me from these Separists. 1641 Ld. Brooke *Eng. Episc.* II. vi. 90 The Separist is subdivided too, as they say, into Separatist and Semi-separatist. 1700 *Labour in Vain* in *Harl. Misc.* (1745) VI. 353 In contradiction to the present thought, My sole Opinion signifieth Nought; 'Tis over-rul'd, and I am surely cast, Which proves the Fate of Separists at last.

Hence **† Separi·stic, † Separi·stical** *adjs.* = Separatistic, -al *adjs.*

1633 Heywood *Eng. Trav.* Ep. Ded., If they haue beene vilefied of late by any Separisticall humorist. 1653 R. Baillie *Dissuas. Vind.* (1655) 15 A part of Mr. Robinson's Separistick congregation.

Sepawn, Sepayre, var. ff. Supawn, Separe *v.*

† Sepelible, *a. Obs.*[−0] [ad. L. *sepelībilis*, f. *sepelīre* to bury: see -ible.] That may be buried.

1721 Bailey, 1755 Johnson, *Sepilible* [sic].

† Sepelite, *v. Obs. rare*[−1]. [f. L. *sepelīt-*, rare ppl. stem of *sepelīre* to bury.] = Sepult *v.*

1577 *Will of E. Prestwich* (Hulme, Manchester) 14 Oct., My body to be sepilited or buried within the Parish Church.

† Sepeli·tion. *Obs. rare*[−1]. [ad. med.L. *sepelītio*, f. *sepelīre* to bury.] Burial.

1637 Bp. Hall *Serm.* xxxi. Wks. 1808 V. 440 The other extreme is of them who do so over-honour the dead, that they abridge some parts of them of a due sepelition.

Seperate, -ation, etc. : obs. ff. SEPARATE, etc.

‖ **Sephardi** (sĭfā·rdĭ). *Plural.* **Sephardim** (-dĭm), -din (-dĭn). [mod. Heb. ספרדי *sᵉphardī*, f. ספרד *sᵉphārād*, the name of a country mentioned only *Obad.* 20, and identified by the Rabbins with Spain.] A Spanish or Portuguese Jew, a Jew of Spanish or Portuguese descent. Also *attrib.* Hence **Sepha·rdic** *a.*, pertaining to the Sephardim.

1851 MAYHEW *Lond. Labour* II. 125 The Spanish and Portuguese Congregation of Jews, who are also called Sephardin. 1866 ENGEL *Nat. Mus.* 1 The synagogical hymns of the Sephardic Jews. 1892 ZANGWILL *Childr. Ghetto* I. 3 The pioneer colony of wealthy Sephardim, descendants of the Spanish crypto-Jews who had reached England viâ Holland. 1901 *Daily Chron.* 27 Dec. 4/4 The loans which Charles II., while in exile, received from Sephardi Jews at Amsterdam.

Sephen (se·fen). Also **sephin**. [a. mod.L. *sephen* (specific name), a. Arab. سفن *safan* shagreen.] A kind of sting-ray. Also *attrib.*

1854 BADHAM *Halieut.* 460 The Red Sea swarms with divers kinds of huge sharks and skate...The sephin is one of its own children. 1879 SIMMONDS *Commerc. Prod. Sea* 262 Galuchat or Sephen skin, from the back of the *Hypolophus Sephen* and *Trygon Sephen* Cloq. *Ibid.*, The best galuchat, or what we should call shagreen, is made from the skin of the sephen, which abounds in the Mediterranean Sea.

‖ **Sephiroth** (se·fĭrɒth), *pl.* Rarely in *sing.* **sephira.** [late Heb. ספירות *sᵉphīrōth*, sing. ספירה *sᵉphīrāh*, f. ספר *sāphar* to number.] In the philosophy of the Cabbala, the ten hypostatized attributes or emanations by means of which the Infinite (אין סוף *ēn sōph*) enters into relation with the finite.

1569 J. SANFORD tr. *Agrippa's Van. Artes* cii. 184 The Doctours of the Hebrewes say that this beast [the ass] is an example of fortitude.., and that his influence dependeth on *Sephiroth*, whiche is called *Hochma*, that is to say, wisdome. 1684 T. BURNET *Th. Earth* II. ix. 282 One Head in this Cabala was the doctrine of the Sephiroth. 1795 T. MAURICE *Hindostan* I. i. i. 72 Their [*sc.* the Rabbins] devout and rapturous expressions concerning the three great Sephiroth. 1847 SOANE *New Curios. Lit.* II. 76 This knowledge was in fact the original and proper Cabala, according to which..a number of Sephiroths, Æons, or Emanations, flowed from God. 1855 SMEDLEY *Occult Sciences* 122 The seven names or sephira of the Hebrew Talmud. 1881 O'SHAUGHNESSY *Songs of Worker* 26 En Soph was manifest, ..but splendour covered Him; And circles of the Sephiroth tenfold, Vast and mysterious, intervening rolled. 1900 *New Century Rev.* VII. 376 In their totality these ten sephiroth represent and are called the *Primordial* or *Archetypal* man, *Adam* Kadmon...The seventh and eighth sephiroth, *Firmness* and *Splendour*, are the two legs...*Kingdom*, or *Shekinah*, the tenth sephira, represents the harmony of the whole archetypal man.

Hence **Sephiric** (in recent Dicts.), **Sephirot(h)ic** *adjs.*, pertaining to the Sephiroth.

1873 LELAND *Egypt. Sketch-bk.* 210 Matter cabalistic, archetypal, sephirotic, metaphysical, ideal, and divine. 1900 *New Century Rev.* VII. 379 The following may be taken as the characteristic teaching of the Kabbalah :—..2. All that we perceive or know is of the sephirothic type.

Sepia (sī·pĭă). Also 6–7 **sæpia**, 9 **seppia**. [a. L. *sēpia*, a. Gr. σηπία.

The Latin word gave It. *seppia*, F. *sèche*, Sp. *jibia*, Pg. *siba*; F. *sépia* in sense 2 is from It., as is prob. also the Eng. word in that sense.]

1. The cuttle-fish; now *rare* exc. *Zool.* a cuttle of the genus *Sepia* or family *Sepiidæ*; also, the genus itself.

1569 J. SANFORD tr. *Agrippa's Van. Artes* 10 b, They seeke in Aristotle an easines, they reproue his darkenes, and call him *Sepia* [*marg.* A fishe called a Cuttell]. 1589 *Pasquil's Ret.* C j b, They are the very Spawnes of the fish *Sæpia*, where the streame is cleere..they vomit vp yncke to trouble the waters. 1607 WALKINGTON *Optic Glasse* i. B, The Sepia's inkie humor. 1683 CAVE *Ecclesiastici* 333 Like the Fish Sepia, which being in danger to be taken by the Fisherman, throws out abundance of black Matter, which discolouring the Water all about, it safely escapes under that Covert. 1752 J. HILL *Hist. Anim.* 97 The body of the Sepia is of an oblong figure and depressed. 1771 PENNANT *Syn. Quadrup.* 242 They..feed on lobsters, fish, *Sepiæ*, and shell fish. 1836 BUCKLAND *Geol. & Min.* XV. § 2 (1837) I. 307 [The ink-bags] contain the fluid which the living sepia emits in the moment of alarm. 1839 T. BEALE *Nat. Hist. Sperm Whale* 58 The internal shell of the common sepia is large and broad. 1859–62 SIR J. RICHARDSON, etc. *Mus. Nat. Hist.* (1868) II. 315 The Common Sepia or Cuttle-fish (*Sepia officinalis*).

2. A pigment of a rich brown colour (used in monochrome water-colour painting) prepared from the inky secretion of the cuttle-fish; the colour of this pigment. Also called *Roman sepia.*

1821 CRAIG *Lect. Drawing*, etc. ii. 102 Water-colour sketches performed entirely in seppia, or bistre, or any brown colour. 1842 B'NESS BUNSEN in Hare *Life* (1879) II. ii. 46 Her outlines are in pen and sepia, like Flaxman's. 1861 HULME tr. *Moquin-Tandon* II. iii. ii. 82 The pigment used in water colour painting and known as Roman Sepia. 1891 KIPLING *Light that Failed* viii, This shall be in sepia. It's a sweet material to work with.

b. The inky secretion itself. *rare.*

1886 *Globe* 27 Oct. (Cassell), Nobody who has not tasted the great cuttle-fish, his feelers cut up and stewed in the black ink or sepia which serves him, apparently, for blood, can imagine how good he is.

c. *ellipt.* A sepia drawing. [So Fr.]

1863 *Life in Normandy* I. 169 Will you shew the sepias to this gentleman?

3. In full *sepia bone*: Cuttle-bone, *esp.* as used in pharmacy, etc.; = SEPIUM.

1840 F. D. BENNETT *Narr. Whaling Voy.* II. App. 290 The interior of the back [of the Flying-Squid] contains an elastic horny rod, or substitute for the 'sepia bone' that occupies the same part in some other tribes of the cuttle-fish.

4. *attrib.* or as *adj.* = Of the colour of sepia; drawn in sepia. Also Comb., as *sepia-coloured, -eyed, -like, -tinted* adjs.

1827 HONE *Table Bk.* I. 445 A sepia drawing. 1849 C. BRONTE *Shirley* xi, Rich in crayon touches and sepia lights and shades. 1875 R. B. SHARPE *Catal. Strigæ Brit. Mus.* 154 The primary-coverts..inclining to sepia-brown. 1896 *Century Mag.* LI. 799/1 Dark-haired, sepia-eyed. 1899 CAGNEY tr. *von Jaksch's Clin. Diagn.* (ed. 4) 78 A sepia-like decomposition product.

Sepiacean (sĭpi,ē·ʃăn), *a.* and *sb. Zool.* [f. mod.L. *Sepiāceus*, f. SEPIA: see -ACEOUS.] Pertaining to, or a member of, the group *Sepiacea* of cuttle-fishes. Also **Sepia·ceous** *a.*

1842 *Penny Cycl.* XXII. 360/2 The borders of the mantle or of the sac of the Sepiaceans. 1858 MAYNE *Expos. Lex., Sepiaceus*..sepiaceous.

†**Se·pian,** *a. Obs.*–[1] [f. SEPIA + -AN.] Inky.

1631 FULLER *David's Heinous Sin* xxxii, Sepian juice did sink into his spongy paper.

Sepic (sī·pik, se·pik), *a. rare*–°. [f. SEPIA + -IC.]

1879 WEBSTER Suppl., *Sepic*, pertaining to sepia; done in sepia, as a drawing.

Sepiment (se·pimĕnt). Now *rare* or *Obs.* [ad. L. *sēpīment-um*, f. *sēpīre* to hedge, f. *sēpes* hedge.] A hedge, fence, pale.

1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr.*, *Sepiment*, an hedge, pale, mound or inclosure. 1668 WILKINS *Real Char.* II. xi. § 3. 279 Such things as are used for the fencing of Places; Sepiment, Wall, Pale, Fence, Enclosure, Fold, Mound. 1905 *Longman's Mag.* July 272 That hedge, its [an orchard's] southern sepiment..is a huge mass of bramble.

†b. *transf.* and *fig.* Something that encloses or guards.

1660 WATERHOUSE *Arms & Arm.* 16 Making the sepiment of skyn which man is bounded with a symbol of his Mortality. 1678 *Lively Oracles* ii. § 27 A farther testimony and sepiment to which, were the Samaritan, Chaldee, and Greek versions.

Sepioid (sī·pi,oid). *Zool.* [f. SEPIA + -OID.] A cuttle-fish of or related to the genus *Sepia.*

1857 AGASSIZ *Contrib. Nat. Hist. U. S.* I. 47 In the class of Cephalopoda, that of the Sepioids. 1893 *Proc. Boston Soc. Nat. Hist.* XXVI. 121 The sepioids may be convergent with belemnoids.

‖ **Sepiola** (sĭpəi·ŏlă). *Zool.* Also anglicized **sepiole** (cf. F. *sepiole*, Cuvier). [L., dim. of SEPIA.] The name of a genus of small cuttle-fishes.

[1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) XVII. 282 The sepiola, or small cuttle, with a short body, rounded at the bottom.) 1835 KIRBY *Hab. & Inst. Anim.* II. xvii. 105 In some genera, as the poulpe and sepiole, besides eight shorter arms, there is a pair of very long ones. 1841 *Penny Cycl.* XXI. 255 Some [naked cephalopods] are of very large dimensions, and others —the *Sepiolæ* for instance—very small.

Sepiolite (sĭ·pĭŏləit). *Geol.* [ad. G. *sepiolith* (Glocker 1847), f. Gr. σήπιον SEPIUM: see -LITE.] Meerschaum.

1854 DANA *Syst. Min.* (ed. 4) II. 277. 1875 DAWSON *Life's Dawn* v. 118 The great beds of sepiolite in the..Tertiary strata of Europe.

Sepiostaire (sĭpĭŏstē·ə·r). *Zool.* Also in shortened form **sepiost.** [ad. F. *sépiostaire*, f. Gr. σηπία SEPIA + ὀστοῦν bone + *-aire* (cf. -ARY).] = CUTTLE-BONE.

1836 BUCKLAND *Geol. & Min.* II. 67 Sepia officinalis, shewing the position of the internal shell or sheath (Sepiostaire) within the dorsal portion of its sac. 1877 HUXLEY *Anat. Inv. Anim.* viii. 540 The sepiostaire or 'cuttle bone'..is composed of a broad plate answering to the pen. 1888 ROLLESTON & JACKSON *Anim. Life* 458.

‖ **Sepium** (sī·pĭŭm). Also in Gr. form **sepion.** [mod.L., a. Gr. σήπιον.] Cuttle-bone.

[1752 *Chambers' Cycl.*, *Sepium*, *Sepiæ os*, or *testa*, cuttle-fish bone, is a white..testaceous substance.] 1835–6 *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* I. 546/1 The Sepium or Cuttle-bone is a well-known substance, and formerly figured in the Materia Medica as an antacid. 1895 A. H. COOKE *Molluscs* xiii. (Cambr. Nat. Hist.) 389 The sepion or 'cuttle-bone' runs the whole length and width of the body.

†**Seplasiary.** *Obs.* [ad. late L. *sēplăsiārius*, f. *Sēplăsia*, name of a street in Capua where perfumers sold their wares.] A perfumer.

1650 CHARLETON *Paradoxes* 53 Sorcerers..destroy onely by poyson, which every common Seplasarie [*sic*] and petty Apothecary can imitate. 1651 BIGGS *New Disp.* P 160 Distill'd out of herbs by the Seplasiaries or Apothecaries. 1658 PHILLIPS, *Seplasiary*, a compounder or seller of sweet ointments; also a nice effeminate man.

So †**Seplasiator** *rare*–°.

1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr.*, *Seplasiator*, he that makes sweet ointments.

Sepoltur, obs. form of SEPULTURE.

Sepometer (sĭpɒ·mĭtəɹ). [f. Gr. σήπ-ειν to rot + -(o)METER.] An instrument for detecting septic matter in the atmospheric air.

1876 RANSOME *Stethometry* App. 189 Dr. Angus Smith used his sepometer and the test of permanganate of potash to determine the quality of breathed air.

†**Sepone,** *v. Obs. rare.* [ad. L. *sēpōnĕre*, f. *sē-* apart + *pōnĕre* to place.] To set apart.

1619 in *Fasti Aberd.* (1854) 276 The seponing of the sowme of fourtie pundis and uther casualties appointed for the mantenance of the edifice of the said universitie.

†**Sepo·se,** *v. Obs.* [f. L. *sēposit-* (see next), reduced by analogy of POSE *v.*[1] and its compounds.]

1. *trans.* To set aside, dismiss from consideration.

1593 BILSON *Perpet. Govt.* vii. 79 If seposing a litle the names of men, wee examine the grounds of both interpretations. 1664 H. MORE *Myst. Iniq.* 90 The grand Points of the Christian Truth, which, that Parenthesis being seposed, do immediately follow.

2. To set apart or reserve.

c 1609 DONNE *Lett.* (1651) 111 God seposed a seventh of our time for his exterior worship. 1610 — *Pseudo-martyr* 7 So is the treasure and crowne of Martyredome seposed for them, who take vp deuoutly the crosses of this life. *a* 1614 — BIAθανατος (1648) 147 Having purposely sepos'd the examples recorded in the Scriptures for our third part. 1626 — *Serm.* xxi. (1640) 207 This is the harmony, this is the resurrection of a Christian,..that, he sepose some times, to think of nothing but God. 1641 H. L'ESTRANGE *God's Sabbath* 64 Gods seposing of a certain time for their..Sanctification.

†**Sepo·sit,** *v. Obs.* [f. L. *sēposit-*, ppl. stem of *sēpōnĕre* SEPONE.] = prec. 1, 2.

1657 W. MORICE *Coena quasi* Κοινὴ Def. v. 62 Other things seposited for future discussion. *Ibid.* xv. 190 Such as were under penance, aswell as Catechumens,..such are still presupposed to be seposited from our discourse. 1661 FELTHAM *Lett.* in *Resolves*, etc. 67 Parents, and the nearest blood must all for this be laid by and seposited.

†**Seposi·tion.** *Obs.* [ad. L. *sēpositiōnem*, n. of action f. *sēpōnĕre* SEPONE.] Setting aside.

1649 JER. TAYLOR *Gt. Exemp.* II. Disc. xi. 150 To this we must contend with prayer, with actuall dereliction & seposition of all our other affaires. 1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr.*

Sepoy (sī·poi, sĭpoi·), **sipahi** (sipā·i). *Anglo-Indian.* Forms: 7 **seapy**, 8 **sepay, sipoy, cephoy, sea-poy**, 8–9 **seapoy**, 8– **sepoy.** β. 8– **sipahi**, 9 **sipahee.** [ad. (prob. through Pg. *sipae*) Urdu = Pers. *sipāhī* horseman, soldier, f. *sipāh* army. Cf. F. *cipaye.* See also SPAHI.

In the following quot. the word is used in its orig. sense of 'horseman'.

1682 HEDGES *Diary* (Hakl. Soc.) I. 55, I went..to Ray Nundelall's to have had y° Seapy, or Nabob's horseman, consigned to me.]

A native of India employed as a soldier under European, esp. British, discipline.

1717–18 in *Hedges' Diary* (Hakl. Soc.) II. p. cccliv, A Company of Sepoys with the Colours, Trumpets, and Countrey Musick. 1733 in G. W. Forrest *Sel. Lett. Bombay Secr.* (Home Ser.) II. 55 To make a thorough survey..of the island.., the number of the guns therein..and the number of fighting sepoys. *Ibid.* 57 That..the garrison of Seepoys shall become the subjects of the said Hon^ble Company, and remain in their..service at the usual pay that is now paid to the garrison Seepoys of Bombay. 1757 J. H. GROSE *Voy. E. Indies* 62 Sepays, who have their proper officers, with the titles in the country-language, all however under the Orders of the English. 1762 *London Mag.* XXX. 184 A body of about 400 Europeans, with a train of artillery and 400 Seapoys. 1858 J. B. NORTON *Topics* 68 On the 22nd of January, 1857, Captain Wright, of the 70th Bengal native infantry, informed Major Bontien..of the unpleasant feeling among the sepoys in respect to the cartridges. 1878 WOLSELEY in *N. Amer. Rev.* CXXVII. 134 The dispatch of this handful of sepoys from Bombay to Malta.

β. 1798 JUSTAMOND tr. *Raynal's Hist. Philos.* I. 459 England has at present in India..54,000 sipahis well armed and disciplined. 1809 BROUGHTON *Lett. Mahratta Camp* iii. (1892) 25 Many of our Sipahees..have children whom they have..purchased in this manner. 1819 F. HAMILTON *Nepal* Index 362 Seapoy, properly Sipahi, in Nepal applied to irregular armed men employed in the police and revenue. 1850 *Chamb. Jrnl.* XIV. 344 The escort of sipahees.

b. *attrib.*, as *sepoy band*; **sepoy crab**, a species of crab found in the Indian and Pacific Oceans; **Sepoy Mutiny** or **Rebellion**, a revolt against British rule in India in 1857–8.

1763 in Jas. Long *Rec. Govt. Ft. William* (1869) 290 (Y.) Captains who command the Sepoy batallions. 1772 *Town & Country Mag.* 159 E'en wed a Seapoy chief and mend the breed. 1820 *Blackw. Mag.* VIII. 38 And guard with Sepoy band the peaceful vale. 1845 STOCQUELER *Handbk. Brit. India* (1854) 54 The fall of a European officer was invariably the signal for sepoy-faltering. 1857 W. SINCLAIR (*title*) The Sepoy Mutinies: their origin and their cure. 1857 *Househ. Words* 31 Jan. 105/1 Mr. Cuming frequently found sepoy-crabs on Lord Hood's Island in the Pacific.

Seppande, variant of SHIPPEND, creator.

Seppia, obs. variant of SEPIA.

Seps (seps). [a. L. *sēps*, a. Gr. σήψ, f. σήπειν to make rotten.]

1. A very venomous serpent described by classical writers: see quots.

1562 TURNER *Herbal* II. 103 [Porcellayn] is..good agaynst the bytyng of a venemus beast, called seps. 1627 MAY *Lucan* IX. 829 The seps, whose bite Consumes the bones, dissolues the body quite. 1774 GOLDSM. *Nat. Hist.* IV. 126 The Seps, whose wound is very venomous, and causes the part affected to corrupt in a very short time. 1820 SHELLEY *Prometh. Unb.* III. i. 40 All my being, Like him whom the Numidian seps did thaw Into a dew with poison, is dissolved.

2. A lizard of the scincoid genus *Seps*, having a serpent-like body; a serpent-lizard.

[Cf. 1774 GOLDSM. *Nat. Hist.* VII. 157 The Chalcidian Lizard of Aldrovandus, very improperly called the Seps, by modern historians. This animal seems to make the shade that separates the lizard from the serpent race.]

1802 SHAW *Gen. Zool.* III. i. 252 Seps Lizard. *Ibid.*, The Seps is rather a small species. 1835 *Penny Cycl.* IV. 528/2 They [*sc.* Blind-worms] are, in short, as Cuvier observes, so

to speak, Seps-lizards without feet. 1873 MIVART *Elem. Anat.* 57 The little lizard *Seps*.

Sepsine (se·psin). [f. SEPS-IS + -INE⁵.] a. A poisonous crystalline substance obtained from decomposing yeast. b. A ptomaine of septic poison.

1880 FLINT *Princ. Med.* 83 Panum and other investigators have succeeded in isolating from decomposed fluids a substance .. which, when injected .. into the blood of animals, produces the symptoms of septicaemia. The name sepsin has been proposed for this substance. 1887 A. M. BROWN *Anim. Alkaloids* 2 In 1868, Bergmann and also Schmiedeberg obtained from the extracts of putrid beer a nitrogenous crystallizable substance which they called sepsine.

‖ **Sepsis** (se·psis). [mod.L., a. Gr. *σῆψις*, f. *σήπειν* to rot.] Putrefaction, putrescence.

[1858 MAYNE *Expos. Lex.*] 1876 tr. *Wagner's Gen. Pathol.* 348 True putrefaction, putrescence, sepsis. 1891 *Lancet* 16 May 1108/2 He believes that tuberculin increases the symptoms produced by sepsis.

Sept (sept), *sb.*¹ [ad. L. *sēptum*: see SEPTUM.]

1. An enclosure; an area marked off for a special purpose; a fold (*fig.*).

1548 in Strype *Eccl. Mem.* (1721) II. App. ZZZ. 403 Al the sept, scite, circuit and precincts of the college. *a* 1638 MEDE *Diatribæ* (1642) 47 And yet was not this abuse .. within those Septs of the Temple which the Jews accounted sacred. 1641 J. JACKSON *True Evang. T.* I. 28 What a ravenous beast he was, within the Sept of Christ. 1649 JER. TAYLOR *Gt. Exemp.* II. Ad. Sect. xi. 24 Jesus entred the Temple, and espyed a Mart kept in the holy Sept, a Faire upon holy ground. 1719 PRIDEAUX *Connect. O. & N. T.* II. II. (ed. 4) 96 No stranger should enter within the Sept of the temple. 1883 W. L. KERR *Abbey of Kilwinning* v. 72 While William, Abbot of Kylwynnyng, with his convent, were assembled in the Septs of the Abbey.

2. *Arch.* A dividing screen, railing, etc.

1821 BRITTON *Antiq. Canterbury* 61 [A chapel] inclosed with a double sept or rail of iron for fear of thieves. 1885 *Harper's Mag.* Apr. 761/1 The nave [is] divided from the aisles by an arched sept.

Sept (sept), *sb.*² Also 6 cepte, 6–7 septe, 7 cept, seapt. [prob. a var. of *sect*, which is used in the same sense in the 16th cent. (see SECT *sb.*¹ 7).

In OF. *septe* occurs in the 16th cent. as a by-form of *sette* (mod.F. *secte*):—L. *secta*; and It. *setta*, of the same origin, is found latinized as *septa* in mediæval documents. The spellings with *p* are perh. due to association with L. *sēptum* (see prec.).]

A division of a nation or tribe; a clan: orig. in reference to Ireland.

Occas. used by anthropologists (after Sir H. Maine, *Early Hist. Institutions*, 1875) for a clan consisting of those who are, or at least are believed to be, descendants of a common ancestor.

1517 in *10th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. v. 399 No man .. shall .. receve .. enny of the Burkes, MacWillams, the Kellies, nor no cepte elles. 1536 *St. Papers Hen. VIII*, II. 373 ThErle of Desmonde, and the Geraldines of his kyn and septe. 1568–9 *Act* 11 *Eliz.* in Bolton *Stat. Irel.* (1621) 321 The seapt of the Neyles. 1586 J. HOOKER *Hist. Irel.* in *Holinshed* II. 87/1 The sept of the Tooles. *a* 1628 F. GREVIL *Sidney* (1652) 21 The professors of every faculty would have striven no less for him than the Seaven Cities did to have Homer of their Sept. 1665 SIR T. HERBERT *Trav.* (1677) 135 The manner of living most usual amongst Hoords or Septs in Tartary. 1747 CARTE *Hist. England* I. 157 There was an infinite number of little tribes or Septs among the Cantabrians and Gallicians. 1814 SCOTT *Wav.* xvi, Chiefs .. whose word was accounted as a law by those of their own sept, or clan. 1847 GROTE *Greece* II. ix. III. 54 Amphion belonged to the gens or sept of the Bacchiadæ. 1868 MILL *Eng. & Irel.* 12 Before the Conquest, the Irish people knew nothing of absolute property in land. The land virtually belonged to the entire sept.

b. *transf.* A 'tribe' or class.

1610 B. RICH *Descr. Irel.* 37 There are other Septes or professions, namely of Bardes, which are in manner of Poets or Rythmers. 1679 PENN *Addr. Prot.* II. (1692) 138 'Tis of this great Order and Sept of Men only, that all Synods and Convocations are compounded. 1856 H. MILLER *Test. Rocks* xii. (1857) 493 The very curious relations that united into one great sept the prevailing members of the Oolitic flora.

Septa-, erron. form of SEPTUA-.

‖ **Septæmia** (septī·miă). Also *U. S.* **septemia**. [mod.L., f. Gr. *σηπτ-ός* putrefying, putrefactive (f. *σήπειν* to rot) + *αἷμα* blood.] = SEPTICÆMIA.

1887 in *Cassell's Encycl. Dict.* 1888 *Daily News* 1 Dec. 2/6 The jury found that the deceased died from the effects of peritonitis and sceptœmia [*sic*] following inflammation.

Septagon (se·ptăgŏn), *a.* [ad. late L. *septagōnus*, hybrid f. L. *septem* seven + Gr. *-γωνος* -angled, -GON.] Heptagonal.

1756 AMORY *Buncle* (1770) I. 215 Making it [basalt] into pentagon, hexagon, and septagon columns. 1896 *Blackw. Mag.* Apr. 597 The rock itself .. cut into septagon shape.

Septal (se·ptăl), *a.*¹ [f. SEPT-UM + -AL.] Pertaining to, consisting of, or forming a septum or septa.

1839–47 *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* III. 732/2 The internal or septual [*sic*] branches [of the nose] are about twelve in number. 1851 RICHARDSON *Geol.* viii. 217 The body has no septal divisions. 1859 J. R. GREENE *Man. Anim. Kingd., Protozoa* 22 Septa, each of which is perforated by one or more septal apertures, and in most cases indicated externally by a ridge or depression, called the septal line. 1881 MIVART *Cat* 76 The septal cartilage of the nose.

Septal (se·ptăl), *a.*² [f. SEPT² + -AL.] Pertaining to a sept or clan.

1883 MCCARTNY *Outl. Irish Hist.* iii. 29 He had done much to Normanize the country by making large and wholly illegal grants of Septal territory to his followers.

† **Se·ptan**, *a.* [ad. mod.L. *septāna* (*febris*), tr. Gr. *πυρετὸς ἑβδομαῖος* (Galen), f. L. *sept-em* seven: see -AN.] Designating a fever of which the paroxysms recur every sixth (according to old reckoning, every seventh) day.

1657 *Expert Physician* 123 The Quintan, Sextan, Septan, and Nonan Feavers. 1747 tr. *Astruc's Fevers* 63 A septan, being really a quartan, of whose paroxysms none are perceptable, but those of every 7th day.

† **Septangle.** *Obs.* [ad. late L. *septangulus*, f. *sept-em* seven + *angulus* ANGLE.] A heptagon.

1551 RECORDE *Pathw. Knowl.* I. Def., Septangles, whiche haue seuen angles. 1651 J. F[RAKE] *Agrippa's Occ. Philos.* 253 Triangle, quadrangle, sexangle, septangle, octangle and the rest. 1656 [see SEPTANGULAR].

So † **Septangled** *a.* = next.

1706 PHILLIPS (ed. Kersey), *Septangle*, or *Septangled Figure*. 1709 V. MANDEV *Syst. Math., Arith.* (1729) 8 The Description of a Septangled form is impossible, and cannot be known by Human Minds.

Septangular (septæ·ŋgiŭlăr), *a.* [ad. mod.L. **septangulāris*, f. *septangulus* (see prec.).] Having seven angles, heptagonal.

1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr.*, *Septangular*, that hath seven corners, a Septangle. 1682 GREW *Anat. Pl.* III. I. i. 104 A great number of Vesicles: of which, .. some appear Pentangular, others .. Septangular. 1819 TURTON *Conchol. Dict.* 92 *Murex septangularis*. Septangular Rock-shell. 1866 LOSSING *Hudson* (1868) 127 A line of defences in septangular form. 1902 W. L. NEWMAN *Politics of Aristotle* III. 556 Triangular and septangular harps.

Hence **Septa·ngularness.**

1730 BAILEY (folio), *Septangularness*, the having 7 Angles.

† **Se·ptarchy.** *Obs. rare.* [f. L. *sept-em* seven + Gr. *-αρχία* sovereignty.] Sovereignty wielded by seven rulers; in quot. *fig.*

1630 J. TAYLOR (Water P.) *Bawd* Wks. II. 98/1 No man can deny Pride to bee another of the said Septarchy [i. e. the seven deadly sins].

Septarian (septē·ə·riăn), *a.* [f. SEPTARI-UM + -AN.] Of the form or character of septaria.

1867 *Ure's Dict. Arts* III. 631 A stratum of septarian stone, forming the Broad Bench on the coast of Dorsetshire, affords an excellent cement. 1882 GEIKIE *Text-bk. Geol.* IV. I. 488 Such septarian nodules .. are abundant in many shales. 1884 H. G. SEELEY *Phys. Geol. & Palæont.* 47 These concretions [*sc.* of phosphate of lime] rarely assume a septarian structure.

So **Septa·riate** *a.*; also **Septa·riiform** *a.*

1833–4 J. PHILLIPS *Geol.* in *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) VI. 621/1 Clay, 50 to 100 feet, with layers of nodules, often septariate. 1875 DAWSON *Life's Dawn* iv. 91, I use the term 'septariiform' to denote the cordled appearance so often presented by the Laurentian serpentine.

‖ **Septarium** (septē·ə·riŭm). *Geol.* Pl. **-aria** (-ē·ə·riă). [mod.L., f. L. *sēptum*: see SEPTUM and -ARIUM.]

1. A septal arrangement.

1785 HUTTON in *Trans. Roy. Soc. Edinb.* (1788) I. 246 The form of these iron-stones is that of an oblate or much compressed sphere .. In the circular or horizontal section, they present the most elegant septarium.

2. A nodule of argillaceous limestone, ironstone, or the like, of which the parts near the centre are cracked, the spaces between being filled with some mineral: formerly much used for cement. (Cf. *cement-stone, turtle-stone.*)

1791 E. DARWIN *Bot. Gard.* I. Addit. Notes 39 The volcanic origin of these curious septaria. 1859 R. HUNT *Guide Mus. Pract. Geol.* (ed. 2) 32 Great quantities of cement stones are at present procured by dredging off the coast of Hampshire for the septaria which have been derived from the Barton clay. 1909 *Athenæum* 13 Mar. 314/3 The concretionary nodules of hard carbonate of lime, called 'septaria', which are found in the London clay.

Septate (se·ptēt), *a. Nat. Hist.* [ad. mod.L. *sēptātus* (in late L. = surrounded): see SEPTUM and -ATE².] Containing or divided by a septum or septa; partitioned.

1846 DANA *Zoöph.* vii. (1848) 117 The cells .. are transversely septate, rarely solid. 1871 W. A. LEIGHTON *Lichen-flora* 9 Spores .. simple or variously septate. 1884 BOWER & SCOTT *De Bary's Phaner.* 139 These chambered or septate sacs.

So **Se·ptated** *a.*

1877 BENNETT *Thomé's Bot.* 366 It is comparatively rare for the wood-cells to become septated .. by one, still more rare by several partition-walls. 1895 DANA *Man. Geol.* (ed. 4) 137 A piece of quartzyte .. divided up, or septated, by the oxidation process.

Septation (septē·ı·ʃən). [f. SEPTUM + -ATION.] Division by a septum or septa.

1848 LINDLEY *Introd. Bot.* (ed. 4) II. 143 Filamentous matter multiplying itself by internal septation at the elongated apex. 1895 *Linn. Soc. Jrnl., Bot.* XXX. 442 The intercalary transverse septation of the articulations of certain branches of the creeping thallus.

Septa·to-, used as comb. f. mod.L. *sēptātus* SEPTATE.

1871 W. A. LEIGHTON *Lichen-flora* 291 Paraphyses moderate, thicker at the fuscescent apices and there generally septato-articulate.

Septem-, L. *septem* seven, used in a few compounds, chiefly adjs. = SEPTI-¹ (which is more frequent): **Septemdece·nary** [for *-decennary*], occurring once in 17 years; = SEPTENDECENNIAL. **Se·ptemfid**, *Bot.* [L. *-fidus* cleft], divided into seven parts. **Se·ptemfoil** [*-foil* as in CINQUEFOIL], an ornament of seven cusps or points. **Septemfo·liate**, *Bot.* [mod.L. *septemfoliātus*], having seven leaflets. **Septempa·rtite**, *Bot.*, divided nearly to the base into seven parts. **Septe·mpedal** = SEPTIPEDAL. **Septe·mvious** [L. *via* way] *nonce-wd.*, going sevea different ways.

1843 KIRBY & SP. *Entomol.* (ed. 6) vi. I. 172 Their [*Cicada septendecim*] *septemdecenary appearance. 1849 BALFOUR *Man. Bot.* § 148 [Simple leaves] may be .. trifid, quinquefid, *septemfid, multifid. 1842 S. C. HALL *Ireland* II. 67 Having the space between the two arches filled by a rich cinque-foil, or rather *septem-foil. 1861 BENTLEY *Man. Bot.* 170 A leaf .. is septenate or *septemfoliate, if there are seven [leaflets], as in the Horse-chestnut. 1847–54 WEBSTER, **Septempartite*, divided nearly to the base into seven parts. 1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr.*, **Septempedal*, of or belonging to seven feet, that is seven foot long. 1861 READE *Cloister & H.* lxxiii, Officers of state ran *septemvious, seeking an ape to counteract the bloodthirsty tomfoolery of the human species.

September (sèpte·mbəɹ). Also 3–6 **septembre**, 5 **semtembir**, **septembyr**. Abbreviated **Sep.**, **Sept.**, in 17th c. also 7ᵇʳ. [a. L. *September* or its deriv. F. *septembre* (OF. *setembre*), f. *septem* seven, this month being the seventh of the old Roman year. The native OE. name was *hærfestmónaþ* HARVEST MONTH.] The ninth month of the year (according to the modern reckoning).

c 1050 [see OCTOBER]. *c* 1290 *S. Eng. Leg.* I. 12/392 Þe holie Rode was i-founde ase ȝe wutez, in May; He was anhauset in septembre sethþe on Þe holie rode-daiȝ. 1338 R. BRUNNE *Chron.* (1810) 17 Þe ferþ day of Septembre, in Þe he[r]nest tide. 1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* IX. xvii. (Bodl. MS.), The ix°. moneþ hatte Septembre and haþ þat name for he is þe seuenþe moneþ after temporat rayne. *c* 1400 *Rule St. Benet* (Prose) 29 Til þe hali rodis dai in semtembir. 1500–20 DUNBAR *Poems* lxv. 14 Without gud lyfe all in the self dois de As Mayis flouris dois in September dry. 1509 HAWES *Past. Pleas.* XXXI. (1555) T j b, Under our signet in our court ryall Of September the two and twenty day. 1600 SURFLET *Country Farm* III. lxv. 581 The vttermost pilling of common walnuts .. may be distilled in the moneth of September. 1628 *World Encomp. by Drake* 108 The 26 of Sept. 1676 C. HATTON *Corr.* (Camden) 129 Either this or another will be called to meet about 7ᵇʳ next. 1765 EARL COVENTRY in Jesse *Selwyn & Contemp.* (1843) I. 388, I think I shall reside here till the second week in September. 1853 A. R. WALLACE *Amazon & Rio Negro* 201 On September 30th, .. we again saw the opposite side of the river.

b. *personified* and *allusively.*

1596 SPENSER *F. Q.* VII. vii. 38 Next him [*sc.* August], September marched eeke on foote. 16.. MIDDLETON, etc. *Old Law* II. ii, *Sinionides.* When dies thy husband? Is't not July next? *Eugenia.* Oh! you are too hot, sir: Pray cool yourself, and take September with you. 1712 BUDGELL *Spect.* No. 425 ₱ 3 September, who came next, seem'd in his Looks to promise a new Spring.

c. *attrib.*, as *September day, dew, month*; **September thorn** (see quot. 1832).

a 1425 *Cursor M.* 10998 (Trin.) Penne bere she childe elizabeth In septembre moneth Þe foure & twenty nyȝt. 1707 *Curios. Husb. & Gard.* 136 If you have any May-Dew, or September-Dew. 1832 J. RENNIE *Butterfl. & Moths* 105 The September Thorn (*Geometra erosaria*, Stephens) appears in August and September in woods and parks. 1868 MORRIS *Earthly Par.* (1870) I. I. 10 It was a bright September afternoon. 1886 RUSKIN *Præterita* II. 252 The September days were yet long enough for a sunset walk.

Hence **Septe·mbered**, coloured with autumnal tints.

1866 BLACKMORE *Cradock Nowell* xxvi, His honest face was Septembered with many a vintage.

Septe·mberer. = SEPTEMBRIZER 1.

1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* III. I. vi, The great Day of Judgement, when the Eternal .. shall judge both Kings and Septemberers.

Septe·mberish, *a.* Also **Septembrish.** [f. SEPTEMBER + -ISH.] Pertaining to, like that of, September.

1851 HAWTHORNE in *Hawthorne & Wife* (1885) I. 425 A clear and beautiful sunset, with a brisk, Septembrish temperature. 1853 — *Eng. Note-bks.* (1883) I. 437 A clear atmosphere, bright sunshine, and altogether a Septembrish feeling. 1886 E. S. PHELPS *Burglars in Paradise* xi, These [*sc.* flowers] had a Septemberish look, as of a flower that was feeling bilious but would not own it.

† **Septe·mbral,** *a. Obs. rare*⁻¹. [ad. F. *septembral*, f. *septembre* SEPTEMBER: see -AL.] *Septembral juice*, wine.

1653 URQUHART *Rabelais* II. i, The pure septembral juice [orig. *puree Septembrale*].

Septembrian (septe·mbriăn), *a.* and *sb. rare.* [f. SEPTEMBER + -IAN.]

A. *adj.* Belonging to September.

1800 HUADIS *Fæv. Village* 18 Troops to the partridge at her ev'ning call Her scattered brood Septembrian.

B. *sb.* One who believes that our Lord was born in September.

1644 [E. FISHER] *Feast of Feasts* 25 No marvaile if these Septembrians oppose the tradition of Christs Church.

Septembrist (septe·mbrist). [f. SEPTEMBER + -IST.] a. In Portugal, a supporter of the (successful) insarrection of September 1836 in favour of the restoration of the constitution of 1822. b. = SEPTEMBRIZER.

1840 *New Monthly Mag.* LIX. 439 Many individuals of importance .. have joined the now dominant party, of the Septembrists [in Portugal]. 1844 *Fraser's Mag.* XXX. 320 Ho! St. Antoine, arouse thee now—ho! brave Septembrists all. 1885 *Encycl. Brit.* XIX. 553 (art. *Portugal*) It was now [1845] the turn of the radicals or Septembrists to have recourse to arms.

So **Septe·mb(e)rism**, the action or policy of the Septembrizers.

1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* III. III. ix, A Citoyen Henriot, one whom some accuse of Septemberism, is made Generalissimo of the National Guard.

Septembrize (se·ptembrəiz), *v.* orig. *Fr. Hist.* Also -berize. [ad. F. *septembriser*, f. *septembre* SEPTEMBER: see -IZE.] *trans.* and *intr.* To assassinate like the Septembrizers.

1793 *St. Papers* in *Ann. Reg.* 154 They kept them in the jails of Paris, to Septemberize them. 1794 tr. *Brissot's Addr. to Constituents* 46 They have gone the length of regretting with the Prussian Cloots, that they had not sufficiently septemberised. 1798 JEFFERSON *Let. to Jas. Madison* 26 Apr., The war hawks talk of septembrizing, deportation, and the examples for quelling sedition set by the French executive. 1819 W. TAYLOR in *Monthly Rev.* LXXXVIII. 537 The Abbé told me that he was to go..and visit one of the Septemberizing assassins.

Hence **Septembriza·tion**, action like that of the Septembrizers.

1802 BENTHAM *Panopt. Corr.* Wks. 1843 XI. 131 In my hearing he has defended Septembrization, and wished..to see it imitated here.

Septembrizer (se·ptembrəizəɹ). Also -ber-. [ad. F. *septembriseur*, f. *septembriser* (see prec.).]

1. *Fr. Hist.* One who took part in or advocated the massacre of the political prisoners in Paris on September 2nd–5th, 1792. Also *transf.*, a bloodthirsty revolutionary.

1794 tr. *Brissot's Addr. to Constituents* 13 You will then see the Convention..confer the most honourable..missions upon these atrocious Septembrizers. 1820 *Scraps for Curious* 26, I saw at Meux a famous Septembrizer chop off the head of the curate of St. Nicholas. [1866 *Spectator* 1 Dec. 1329 The wild thirst for blood which..turns decent, quiet citizens ..into men like the Septembriseurs.]

2. = SEPTEMBRIST *a.*

1840 *New Monthly Mag.* LIX. 437 The revolutionary Septembrisers of the [Portuguese] ministry.

3. One who shoots partridges (in September): with allusion to sense 1.

1824 BYRON *Juan* XVI. lxxx, Some deadly shots too, Septembrizers, seen Earliest to rise, and last to quit the search Of the poor partridge. 1834 *L. Hunt's London Jrnl.* No. 22. 171/2, I recollected the month, and thought how well its name was adapted to these Septembrizers of the birds.

Septemfluous (septe·mflŭəs), *a.* [f. L. *septemflu-us* (f. *septem* seven + *fluĕre* to flow) + -OUS.] Flowing in seven streams.

1629 H. BURTON *Truth's Tri.* 323 Aristotle..would desperately drowne himselfe in that septemfluous sea of Euripus. 1650 FULLER *Pisgah* IV. v. 81 Nothing being more famous in humane poetry and prose then this septemfluous river [Nile]. 1655 — *Hist. Waltham-Abby* 5 The River Ley.. which..seven times parteth from itself, whose septemfluous stream..is crossed again with so many bridges.

fig. *a* 1670 HACKET *Abp. Williams* I. (1692) 220 Doth salvation..depend upon your septemfluous sacraments?

Septemia, U.S. spelling of SEPTÆMIA.

Septemplicate. [f. L. *septem* seven + *-plicate* as in DUPLICATE, etc. Cf. L. *septemplex*.] One of seven copies of a document.

1805 COLERIDGE *Let. to D. Stuart* 20 Apr., The above is a duplicate, or rather a sex or septem-plicate of an order.

Septemtryo(u)n, obs. forms of SEPTENTRION.

Septemvir (septe·mvəɹ). Pl. **septemviri** (-virəi). [L., sing. of *septemvirī*, f. *septem* seven + *virī* men.] One of a body of seven men associated in an office or commission.

a 1760 W. DUNCAN *Sel. Orat. Cicero* xvi. (1841) 355 Did you not desert him, when he put up for being a septemvir? 1841 BREWSTER *Martyrs Sci.* II. i. 132 John and Paul Hainzel, the one a septemvir, and the other the consul or burgomaster. 1883 *Sat. Rev.* 5 May 560/1 The scheme of Honours examinations..proposed by Professor Seeley and the other *septemviri* is simplicity itself.

†**Septe·mviral,** *a. Obs. rare.* [f. prec. + -AL.] Pertaining to a septemvir.

1641 SIR S. D'EWES in Rushw. *Hist. Coll.* (1692) III. I. 314 The Septemviral Dignity and Suffrage he [the Duke of Bavaria] hath obtained by the Prince Elector's..Misfortune.

Septemvirate (septe·mvirĕt). [ad. L. *septemvirātus*, f. *septemvir*: see SEPTEMVIR and -ATE 1.]

1. The office or dignity of a septemvir, government by septemviri.

1640 HOWELL *Dodona's Gr.* 72 This reason of State sounds well why the Septemvirate lets it continue there so long. *c* 1642 *Observ. his Majesty's late Answ.* 31 The whole kingdome is not to bee mastered..by the Traine Band,..nor the maior part in Parliament by I know not what septemvirat. 1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr.*, *Septemvirate*, the authority of seven Officers in like power. 1756 NUGENT *Gr. Tour, Germany* II. 299 [At Nurenberg] The raising of forces or levying taxes, are usually referred to a select number of the council, stiled by way of eminence, the Septemvirate.

2. A group or set of seven men.

1781 T. DAVIES *Mem. Garrick* (ed. 3) II. 39 *note*, Swift, in his list of six great men, to whom no seventh (in his opinion) could be added, might have very safely made a septemvirate with Alfred. 1832–4 DE QUINCEY *Cæsars* Wks. 1859 X. 196 The legend of the Seven Sleepers, a septemvirate of Christian youths.

Septenarian (septĭnē·riăn), *a.* [f. L. *septēnārius* SEPTENARY + -AN.]

†1. Used for SEPTENNARY.

1647 M. HUDSON *Div. Right Govt.* I. vi. 51 The septenarian madness of Nabuchad-nezzar, inflicted by God for destroying that septenarian work of Solomon (his holy Temple).

2. *Pros.* That is a septenarius.

1891 *Athenæum* 28 Feb. 275/1 Septenarian iambic lines.

So **Septena·rious** *a. rare*—°. = SEPTENARY *a.* 1.

1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr.*, *Septenarious*, of or belonging to seven, containing seven in number.

‖ **Septenarius** (septĭnē·riŭs). *Pros.* Pl. **-arii** (-ē·ri,əi). [L. *septēnārius*, f. *septēnī*, distributive of *septem* seven.] A line of seven feet, esp. the trochaic or iambic tetrameter catalectic.

1819 CAREY *Lat. Pros.* 273 The *Catalectic Trochaic Tetrameter* (called likewise *Quadratus*, *Octonarius*, and *Septenarius*) consists of seven feet..followed by a catalectic syllable...It is..only the Iambic Octonarius wanting the first syllable. 1872 KENNEDY tr. *Ten Brink's Hist. Eng. Lit.* 267 [In the southern English lives of saints] regular *septenarii* or tetrameters are more rarely found. 1894 *Gildersleeve's Lat. Gram.* § 770 The strict Septenarius of the later poets keeps the odd feet pure.. 1897 J. H. GRAY *Plautus' Trinummus* p. XXV, Trochaic septenarii.

Septenary (se·ptĭnări, -ĭnări), *a.* and *sb.* Also 7 septyn-, 8 septin-. [ad. L. *septēnāri-us*, f. *septēnī*: see prec. and -ARY.]

A. *adj.*

1. Pertaining or relating to the number seven; forming a group of seven. *Septenary number*, the number seven.

1601 [BP. W. BARLOW] *Defence* 118 If the force of this argument lie in the septenarie nvmber [of the sacraments]. 1641 H. L'ESTRANGE *God's Sabbath* 29 This septenary number gained Authority from the creation of the world, because the first works of God were made in six dayes, and the seventh was dedicated to rest as sacred. 1674 BOYLE *Excell. Theol.* II. iv. 167 To be able to reject the septenary number of the planets by the detection of the four satellites of Jupiter. 1694 MOTTEUX *Rabelais* IV. iv, Between whose Septenary Links [*chainons septenaires*],..Rubies, Emeralds, and Unions were..set in. 1855 BAILEY *Mystic*, etc. 64 The septenary stars.

b. With reference to the division of time into periods based on the number seven, e. g. a week.

1646 SIR T. BROWNE *Pseud. Ep.* IV. iv. 212 This containeth but 27. dayes, and about 8. howres, which commeth short to compleat the septenary account. 1708 *Brit. Apollo* No. 75. 1/1 So is one in seven in a Constant Septinary return. 1745 R. JAMES *Med. Dict.*, *Septana*, a septinary Fever; that is, one which performs its Period in seven Days. 1848 R. W. HAMILTON *Horæ Sabb.* i. 16 That septenary notation of days which we call the week. 1866 J. G. MURPHY *Comm.*, *Exodus* xvi. 23 Traces of the septenary division of time have been found among the Egyptians.

2. Consisting of seven lines. *nonce-use.*

1814 SOUTHEY in *Q. Rev.* XII. 69 Lydgate..preferred the septenary stanza.

B. *sb.* (Cf. HEBDOMAD, HEPTAD.)

1. The number seven.

1653 H. MORE *Conject. Cabbal.* 161 The Hebdomad or Septenary is a fit Symbole of God, as he is considered having finished these six days Creation. 1690 T. BURNET *Th. Earth* IV. iii. 148 Those constitutions of Moses that proceed so much upon a Septenary, or the number Seven.

2. A group or set of seven.

1594 *Mirr. Policy* (1599) 223 The seuen gifts of the Holy ghost, the seuen orders of the Church, seuen workes of mercy,..with sundry other septenaries. 1614 A. ROBERTS (*title*) A Sacred Septenarie, or the seven last wordes of our Saniour Christ vttered vpon the Crosse. 1650 GELL *Serm.* 8 Aug. 15 The Septenary of Planets. 1652 URQUHART *Jewel* 231 The sacred septenary of the most highly-renowned men, for prudence and true wisdom. 1686 GOAD *Celest. Bodies* I. xv. 99 The Moon, which..runs from her Month to her Month by Septenaries. 1819 G. S. FABER *Dispens.* (1823) I. 258 A septenary of erratic living animals which are the seven Worlds or seven Planets. 1847 SOANE *New Curios. Lit.* I. 296 Philo Judæus..tells us that nature delights in a septenary; the planets, he says, are seven; the Bear is composed of seven stars [etc.].

3. A period of seven years (*occas.* weeks, days).

1577–86 HARRISON *England* I. ix, The time of the pentarchie indured likewise 49 yeares, or seauen septenaries. *a* 1639 WOTTON *Surv. Educ.* in *Reliq.* (1672) 78 Certain Periods, or Degrees of Change..every seven years; whereof the two first Septynaries..I will call the Obsequious Age. 1646 SIR T. BROWNE *Pseud. Ep.* IV. iv. 208 The dayes of men are usually cast up by septenaries. 1660 tr. *Amyraldus' Treat. conc. Relig.* III. v. 395 Septenaries of daies, or weeks, or months, or years, or ages? 1860 O. W. HOLMES *Elsie V.* XIX, If Elsie could only outlive three septenaries, twenty-one years.

4. *Mus.* The seven notes of the diatonic scale.

1662 PLAYFORD *Introd. Skill Mus.* I. i. 2 By these Three Septenaries is distinguished three several Parts, that the Scale is divided into. 1776 HAWKINS *Hist. Mus.* II. II. viii. 214 To shew the analogy between the seven planets and the chords included in the musical septenary. 1782 BURNEY *Hist. Mus.* II. 81 In completing the scale, or septenary.

5. *Pros.* = SEPTENARIUS.

Chiefly applied to the English metre represented, e. g. by the verse of the *Morał Ode* and the *Ormulum*.

1887 HORSTMANN *S. Eng. Leg.* Introd. p. ix, [MS. Egerton] generally shortens the lines from septenaries to Alexandrine verses, by omitting words [etc.]. 1891 J. C. PARSONS *Eng. Versif.* 80 A form..called the Septenary, with seven accents and fourteen syllables to the line.

Septenate (se·ptĭnĕt), *a. Bot.* [f. L. *septēnī* seven each + -ATE 2.] Growing in sevens, having seven divisions, heptamerous.

1830 LINDLEY *Nat. Syst. Bot.* 115 Leaves..compound, quinate or septenate. 1861 BENTLEY *Man. Bot.* 171 Septenate leaf of the Horse-chestnut.

Sep·tendece·nnial, *a.* [f. L. *septendecim* seventeen, after *biennial*, *septennial*, etc.] Recurring every seventeen years.

1896 *Home Miss.* (N. Y.) Sept. 252 This splendid septendecennial..anniversary.

Septende·cimal, *a.* [f. L. *septendecimus*, ordinal of *septendecim*.] Pertaining to the number seventeen. (In quot. used incorrectly for prec.)

1885 *Proc. Amer. Assoc. Adv. Sci.* XXXIV. 329 These insects [the periodical cicada] appear in fewer numbers at each septendecimal visit.

Septennary (septe·nări), *a.* [f. L. *septenn-is* (f. *sept-em* seven + *annus* year) + -ARY.] Septennial.

1644 SIR E. DERING *Prop. Sacr.* Pref. e, They are elder then my septennary examination, which is confined between 1633, and 1640. 1655 FULLER *Ch. Hist.* II. x. § 26 If Dunstan did septennary Penance, to expiate every mortall Sin. 1887 in *Westm. Gaz.* (1897) 6 Aug. 3/1 Whereas, by septennary revolutions, the Speakership of the Ports has now devolved upon us.

Septennate (septe·nĕt). [ad. F. *septennat*, f. L. *septenn-is* (see prec.) + *-at* = -ATE 1.] A period of seven years during which office is held, etc.

Orig. applied to the military dictatorship of Marshal MacMahon set up for seven years from 20 Nov. 1873.

1874 *Times* 13 Apr. 7/1 The Septennate [of Marshal MacMahon] and the Press. 1885 *Athenæum* 2 May 570/1 Lord Carnarvon passed under review the principal events which had marked his septennate. 1895 *Westm. Gaz.* 15 May 2/2 If this Bill fails or is withdrawn, a Conservative Septennate is as absolute a certainty as to-morrow's sunrise.

b. *German Hist.* A period of seven years during which the strength of the army is to remain fixed. Also *attrib.*

1885 LOWE *Bismarck* II. 401 *marg.*, The Military Septennate. 1887 *Pall Mall G.* 23 Feb. 11/2 Of the seats occupied by the members of this majority the Septennate party has already captured some thirty or forty by the displacement of former members. 1887 *Contemp. Rev.* LI. 592 The passing of the Septennate Bill will certainly make the French more inclined to pause before attacking Germany.

Septe·nniad. *rare.* [f. L. *septenni-um* (cf. next) + -AD.] A period of seven years.

1851 E. FITZGERALD *Euphranor* 50 And so I leave him at the end of his second septenniad.

Septennial (septe·niăl), *a.* [f. L. *septenni-um* SEPTENNIUM + -AL.]

1. Consisting of, or lasting, seven years.

Septennial Act (Eng. Hist.), an act of 1716 providing that 'all Parliaments shall and may respectively have Continuance for Seven Years, and no longer'. Hence allusive uses of *septennial*, as in quot. *a* 1832; cf. 1748 in sense 2.

1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr.*, *Septennial*, of seven years space. 1719 STEELE *Plebeian* No. 4 ad fin., Sitting out the remainder of the septennial term. 1759 SMOLLETT *Hist. Eng.* X. 42 (an. 1733) That a bill should be brought in for repealing the septennial act. 1772 *Junius Lett.* Ded. p. viii, Although the last session of a septennial parliament be usually employed in courting the favour of the people. *a* 1832 CRABBE *Posth. T.* xviii. *Boat Race* 6 When once enlisted upon either side, He must the rude septennial storm abide. 1881 *Nation* (N.Y.) XXXII. 384 The argument..may also be used in behalf of triennial or of septennial, or of decennial sessions.

2. Recurring every seven years.

1640 HOWELL *Dodona's Gr.* 23 Being dispensed withall for his septenniall visit. 1748 JOHNSON *Van. Hum. Wishes* 97 Our supple Tribes..ask no Questions but the Price of Votes; With Weekly Libels and Septennial Ale, Their Wish is full to riot and to rail. 1866 J. G. MURPHY *Comm.*, *Exodus* xxiii. 10, 11 The septennial Sabbath thus bore a complete analogy to the hebdomadal. 1886 *Field* 30 Jan. 118/2 He was ready to accept a principle of septennial revaluations.

Hence **Septe·nnialist,** one who is in favour of septennial parliaments; **Septennia·lity,** the condition of being septennial.

1817 BENTHAM *Parl. Reform* Introd. 282 The reduction, of the at present established long term indicated by the word septenniality, to the dimensions of this short term. 1820 *Examiner* No. 612. 13/1 To Annual Parliaments the objections of the Septennialists are singularly weak. 1892 *Review of Rev.* V. 3/2 Balfour is too ardent a Septennialist to sanction a premature dissolution.

Septennially (septe·niăli), *adv.* [f. SEPTENNIAL + -LY 2.] Every seven years.

1791 MACKINTOSH *Vind. Gallicæ* Wks. 1846 III. 117 A House of Lords, which..should..have a majority of its members septennially or triennially nominated by the King. 1829 GEN. P. THOMPSON *Exerc.* (1842) I. 134 It would be as much easier to take men's votes annually than septennially, as for a boy to comb his hair daily than once a week. 1846 MRS. GORE *Eng. Char.*, *Body-Coachman* I. 259 The fifteen guineas per annum were paid septennially.

†**Septe·nnian,** *a. Obs. rare.* [Formed as SEPTENNIAL: see -AN.] Of seven years.

1716 M. DAVIES *Athen. Brit.* II. 355 Children, under the said Septennian Age.

‖ **Septennium** (septe·niŭm). [L., f. *sept-em* seven + *annus* year.] A period of seven years.

1855 OGILVIE *Suppl.* 1868 M. PATTISON *Academ. Org.* v. 265 The septennium required for the arts degree.

†**Septe·nnual.** *Obs.* [f. L. *septennis*, after *annual*.] A feast recurring every seven years.

1641 H. L'ESTRANGE *God's Sabbath* 58 The Law was read on the weekly Sabbath, as well as on the annuall of Tabernacles in the septennuall of Release.

Septenous (se·ptĭnəs), *a. Bot.* [Formed as SEPTENATE + -OUS.] = SEPTENATE. 1866 *Treas. Bot.*

†**Septentrial,** *a. Obs.* [irreg. f. L. *septentrio* (see next) + -AL.] = SEPTENTRIONAL.

1549 in *Narr. Reform.* (Camden) 333 To calle up Baro, whom he taketh an orientalle or septentrialle spirit. 1622 DRAYTON *Poly-olb.* XX. 19 When Waveney in her way, on this Septentrial side..From Laphamford leads on her stream

into the East. 1631 R. H. *Arraignm. Whole Creature* xii. § 1. 171 Our Septentriall cold Countries.

Septentrion (septe·ntriŏn), *sb.* and *a. Obs.* exc. *arch.* Also 4–5 **septem(p)trio(u)n**, 4–6 **-tryon.** [ad. L. *septentrio*, sing. of *septentriōnēs*, orig. *septem triōnēs*, the seven stars of the constellation of the Great Bear, f. *septem* sevcn + *triōnes*, pl. of *trio* plough-ox. Cf. F. *septentrion.*] **A.** *sb.*

1. *pl.* (chiefly as Latin.) The constellation of the Great Bear, *occas.* the Little Bear.

1532 *Chaucer's Boethius* II. met. vi. Wks. fol. ccxlvi/2 This Nero gouerned by ceptre al the peoples that be vnder the colde sterris that highten the Septentrions [*MSS.* vii. tyryones, the seuene triones]. 1553 EDEN *Treat. Newe Ind.* (Arb.) 22 Ve seuen starres called *Septentriones* (being not farre from *Vrsa maior* called charles wayne). 1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* II. xxv. I. 16 That region of the skie which is under the North starre *Septentriones*. 1654 GAYTON *Pleas. Notes* IV. xxv. 286 What influence the septentriones had upon him..is to be easily guess'd. 1715 tr. *Gregory's Astron.* (1726) I. 217 The Stars call'd the *Septem Triones*. 1859 LD. LYTTON *Wanderer* 21 Wild Desire; Which, hungering for the sources of the suns, Makes moan beyond the blue Septentrions.

2. The north; the northern region(s) of the earth or the heavens.

c 1386 CHAUCER *Monk's T.* 3657 He..This wyde world hadde in subieccioun Bothe Est and West North and Septemtrioun. *c* 1400 MAUNDEV. (1839) x. 117 In the Hed of that See of Galilee, toward the Septemtryon, is a strong Castelle. *c* 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* I. 298 But from the cold Septemtrion decline, And from northwest ther chilling sonnys shine. 1503 *Kalender of Sheph.* (Sommer) H viij b, Drawyng towart the septentryon and other tymys towart the myd day. *c* 1511 *1st Eng. Bk. Amer.* (Arb.) Introd. 32/2 That other parte of Indien is abonte Septentryon. 1593 SHAKS. 3 *Hen. VI*, I. iv. 136 Thou art as opposite to euery good, As the Antipodes are vnto vs, Or as the South to the Septentrion. 1652 J. WRIGHT tr. *Camus' Nat. Paradox* XII. 368 The Polonians have two powerfull..neighbours, the Moscovianns towards the Septentrion and the Turk in the Orientall part.

3. A northerner. *rare.*

1607 TOPSELL *Four-f. Beasts* 42 There is a constellation called the beare in the figure of seauen Starres like a Carte. ..The Septentrions call them *Triones*, that is yoked Oxen. 1854 LOWELL *Jrnl. Italy* Wks. 1890 I. 175 We graver-tempered and -mannered Septentrions.

B. *adj.* Northern; = next.

1632 LITHGOW *Trav.* VII. 318 The Sunne declining Northward.., and warming..the Septentrion sides of these Cynthian mountaynes. 1671 MILTON *P. R.* IV. 31 A ridge of hills That screen'd the fruits of the earth and seats of men From cold Septentrion blasts. 1814 CARY *Dante, Purg.* XXXII. 98 And in their hands upheld those lights secure From blast septentrion and the gusty south. *a* 1849 H. COLERIDGE *Poems* (1850) II. 251 Their countless hosts Sped from their chill septentrion nursery.

Septentrional (septe·ntriŏnăl), *a., sb.* Now *rare.* [ad. L. *septentriōnālis*, f. *septentrio* (see prec.). Cf. F. *septentrional* (14th c. in Hatz.-Darm.).]

A. *adj.* Belonging to the north, northern; formerly (of learning, etc.), pertaining to northern countries.

Septentrional signs (Astron.), the first six signs of the zodiac.

c 1391 CHAUCER *Astrol.* II. § 40 Than saw I wel that the body of Venus in hir latitude of degrees septemtrionals ascendid in the ende of the 8 degre fro the heved of Capricorne. *c* 1440 *Astron. Cal.* (MS. Ashm. 391), þis signe ys septentrional þt is of north partie. 1549 *Compl. Scotl.* vi. 48 The pole artic, boreal, or septemtrional. *Ibid.* 52 The septemtrional tropic of cancer. 1557 H. BAKER *Rules Use Almanacs* C j b, When the sunne is in the signes septentrionalles. 1614 RALEIGH *Hist. World* I. 108 The body of Armenia standeth in fortie three degrees Septentrionall. *c* 1645 HOWELL *Lett.* (1650) I. 388 The Goths and other septentrional nations. 1705 HEARNE *Collect.* (O.H.S.) I. 52 The Catalogue of Septentrional MSS. 1718 HICKES & NELSON *J. Kettlewell* II. xxiv. 125 Dr. Marshall the..reviver of Septentrional Learning in the University of Oxford. 1806 W. TAYLOR in *Ann. Rev.* IV. 562 The investigation of septentrional antiquities. 1835 SIR J. ROSS *Narr. 2nd Voy.* xvii. 270 What were the politics, gossipings, squabbles, friendships, or parties, in this septentrional city. 1848 *Fraser's Mag.* XXXVIII. 684 Disposed to dispute the septentrional hold of the country with its Austrian rival. 1887 PATER *Imag. Portraits* iv. 145 The Septentrional Apollo [Duke Carl of Rosenmold].

Hence **†Septentriona·lity**, northerliness (Bailey, 1730); **†Septe·ntrionally** *adv.*, in the direction of the north; **†Septe·ntrionate** *v. intr.*, to point to the north.

1646 SIR T. BROWNE *Pseud. Ep.* II. ii. 58 A directive or polary faculty, whereby conveniently they [*sc.* steel and iron] do septentrionate at one extreme, and Anstralize at another. *Ibid.* 62 If they [needles] be powerfully excited and equally let fall, they commonly sink down and break the water at that extream wherat they were septentrionally excited.

B. *sb.* = SEPTENTRION 2.

c 1400 MAUNDEV. (1839) xxiv. 255 Turquesten..streechethe him..toward the Septentrionalle, to the Kyngdom of Chorasme.

Septe·ntrionaline. *Chem.* [f. L. *septentrionālis* + -INE.] A crystalline alkaloid obtained from *Aconitum septentrionale.*

1897 *Jrnl. Chem. Soc.* LXXII. I. 303 Septentrionaline, ..which is a yellowish powder melting at 128·9°, acts as an anæsthetic.

Septentrio·nic, *a. rare.* In quot. septem-. [f. L. *septentrio* SEPTENTRION + -IC.] Northern.

1844 *Fraser's Mag.* XXX. 318/2 The minstrelsie of our septemtrionic tubes was made applicable to classic themes.

So **Septentrio·nical** *a. rare.*

1654 GAYTON *Pleas. Notes* IV. vi–vii. 203 The septentrionicall part of those Saxons.

Septer(e, obs. forms of SCEPTRE *sb.*

Septet(t, -ette (septe·t). *Mus.* Also (*italianized*) **septetto.** [a. G. *septet*, f. L. *septem*: see -ET, -ETTE.] A composition for seven voices or instruments.

a 1837 (*title*) Beethoven's Grand Septett, Arranged for the Piano Forte, with Accompaniments of Flute, Violin, and Violoncello, by I. N. Hummel. 1841 tr. *Schindler's Beethoven* II. 380 Septett in E flat for Violin, Alto, Violoncello, Clarionet, Bassoon, Horn, and Double Bass. *Ibid.* 386 Trio ..(from the Septetto). 1863 *Reader* 1 Aug. 120/1 He is incapable of singing the duel septett (even transposed) without an effort so painful as to destroy the pleasure of the listener. 1872 KINGSLEY *Poems, Delectable Day* 17 The septette of Beethoven. 1909 *Blackw. Mag.* Apr. 488/1 The septette in 'Pntience'.

b. *transf.* A set of seven.

1886 *Field* 9 Jan. 50/3 Another septette faced the starter for the inaptly named Thursday Hurdle Race. 1907 *Academy* 9 Mar. 230/1 A septette of water-colours by the late H. B. Brabazon.

Septfoil (se·tfoil). Also 6–7 **set-.** [ad. late L. *septifolium*, as if through OF.: see SEPTI-[1] and FOIL *sb.*[1], and cf. *cinquefoil.*]

1. The plant tormentil. Now *rare.*

1578 LYTE *Dodoens* I. lvii. 84 This herbe (sc. *Tormentilla*] is now called..in English Setfoyle and Tormentill. 1607 TOPSELL *Four-f. Beasts* 616 For this disease the Sheaphearders take no other thing but the Hearbe *Tormentilla*, or Set-foyle. 1764 *Museum Rust.* III. xiii. 56 Tormentil, or septfoil, grows wild on dry pastures and commons in most parts of England. 1812 CRABBE *Tales* X. 122 Here the dwarf sallows creep, the septfoil harsh. 1852 MORFIT *Tanning & Currying* (1853) 40 Certain annual plants—as the septfoil and bistort.

2. *Arch.* An ornament with seven cusps or points.

1849 [see SIXFOIL]. 1877 F. G. LEE *Gloss. Liturg. Terms.*

Septi-[1], comb. form of L. *septem* seven, forming adjs. in L., several of which have analogues formed with *septem-*, as *septiceps*, *septichordis* (also *septemchordis*), *septicollis*, *septipēs* (also *septempedālis*); in English forming compounds for the most part adapted from or modelled on the L. compounds: **Se·ptichord**, seven-stringed. **Se·ptico·loured**, of seven colours. **Septifa·rious** *rare*[−0]. [f. L. *septifariam* adv., in seven parts: see quots.] **Septifluous** *rare*[−0] = SEPTEMFLUOUS. **Septifo·lious** [L. *folium* leaf], having seven leaves. **Se·ptifro·nted**, having seven foreheads. **Septila·teral**, seven-sided. **†Septimestre** [L. *septi-*, *septemmēstris*], seven months old. **Se·ptimontial** [L. *Septimontiālis*, f. *Septimontium* (*mont-*, *mons* mountain)], belonging to the feast held on the seven hills of Rome. **Se·ptipartite** = SEPTEMPARTITE. **†Septipedal** [cf. SEPTEMPEDAL], seven feet in length. **Se·ptiregal**, of seven kings. **Septisy·llable**, a word of seven syllables. **Septi·valent**, *Chem.*, combining with seven atoms of hydrogen or other univalent element or radical. **Se·ptizone** [L. *septizōnium*]: see quot.

1721 A. MALCOLM *Treat. Mus.* 522 A third Tetrachord was added to the *septichord Lyre. 1825 WATERTON *Wand. S. Amer.* IV. ii. 284, I was in hopes to have found the Grande Gobe Mouche of Buffon, and the *septicoloured Tangara. 1865 GROTE *Plato* I. i. 62 *note* x, A wheel painted with the seven prismatic colours and made to revolve rapidly, will look white, but it is still really septi-coloured. 1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr.*, **Septifarious*, of seven manner of fashions, sorts or ways. *a* 1860 A. GRAY (cited by Worcester), *Septifarious*, turned seven different ways. 1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr.*, **Septifluous*. See *Septemfluous*. 1721 BAILEY, **Septifolious Plants*, such as consist of 7 Leaves. *a* 1708 T. WARD *Eng. Ref.* IV. (1716) 363 With ten huge Horns on ev'ry Forhead, And with a *Septi-fronted Scull. 1658 SIR T. BROWNE *Pseud. Ep.* V. xxii. 331 Seven equicrural triangles..whose hases are the seven sides of the *septilateral figure. 1834 H. AINSWOATH *Rookwood* III. iv, A septilateral figure. 1658 PHILLIPS, **Septimestre*, of seven moneths space. 1606 HOLLAND *Sueton.* 262 At the solemne *Septimontiall sacrifice, hee made a dole of Viands. 1808 G. S. FABER *View Prophecies* I. 124 Whether the division of the mystic Euphrates into seven streams denotes some *septipartite division of the Turkish empire. *a* 1878 SIR G. SCOTT *Lect. Archit.* (1879) II. 198 Sexpartite or septipartite vaulting. 1902 *Nature* 27 Nov. 80/2 If a line cutting the fourth portion in four real points be projected to infinity, the projection will he septipartite. 1606 BIRNIE *Kirk-Buriall* (1833) 3 To defraude the most landles liuer on life at lest of his *septipedall inheritance so equally proportioned to all by death. 1847 *Gentl. Mag.* July 45/2 Age has scarcely less likelihood of returning to childhood than Roman history of reverting to the Trojan origin and *septiregal sucecssion. 1834 OSWALD (cited by Worcester), **Septisyllable*. 1872 WATTS *Dict. Chem.* VI. 243 Sodium also can act as a trivalent and as a *septivalent element. 1880 CLEMINSHAW *Wurtz' Atom. Theory* 229 [Chlorine] is septivalent in perchloric acid. 1730 BAILEY (folio), **Septizone*, a Building girt with seven Rows of Columns.

Septi-[2], comb. form of SEPTUM, as in SEPTIFEROUS, SEPTIFORM [2], SEPTIFRAGAL. (Cf. SEPTO-[2].)

Septic (se·ptik), *a.* and *sb.* Also 7 erron. **sceptick.** [ad. late L. *sēptic-us*, a. Gr. σηπτικός, f. σήπειν to putrefy.] **A.** *adj.* Putrefactive, putrefying; in mod. use, of disease, caused by the absorption of the products of putrefaction.

1605 TIMME *Quersit.* III. 160 Either septic putrifying, or caustic burning. 1684 tr. *Bonet's Merc. Compit.* VI. 211 Vitriol, according to Galen..is of a corroding and sceptick quality. 1705 GREENHILL *Embalming* 272 After the nature of Septic and Escharotic Medicines, it corrodes and consumes the Flesh in a very short Time. 1752 PRINGLE *Obs. Dis. Army* III. vii. (1765) 337 The miasma or septic ferment ..being received into the blood. *Ibid.* App. p. xxxviii, It would seem that salt is subservient to digestion chiefly by its septic virtue, that is, by softening and resolving meats. 1806 *Med. & Phys. Jrnl.* XV. 79 If this matter is the sceptic [*sic*] principle, the foundation of all these chronic diseases. 1873 F. T. ROBERTS *Handbk. Med.* 92 The symptoms are of such a low type..that they may be truly termed malignant. The terms 'putrid' or 'septic' are sometimes applied to fever under these circumstances. 1879 TYNDALL *Fragm. Sci.* (ed. 6) II. xiii. 334 The preventing of the wound from becoming a nidus for the propagation of septic bacteria. 1881 *Times* 25 Mar. 5 Illness has palpably been produced by the use, by paper-hangers, of size and paste undergoing or speedily entering on septic change.

†b. *Septic acid*: nitric or nitrous acid. (Cf. SEPTON and SEPTOUS.) *Obs.*

1798 *Monthly Mag.* VI. 26 [Abstract of paper by Dr. S. L. Mitchill.] The azote, by the absorption of oxygen, is converted into nitrous oxide gas (septic acid), which is supposed to be the..cause of infectious fever. 1800 S. L. MITCHILL in *Med. & Phys. Jrnl.* IV. 25 It is..ordinarily impossible to procure one drop of pure and naked septic acid, by any decomposition of nitre.

†B. *sb.* A septic or putrefactive substance. *Obs.*

1608 TOPSELL *Serpents* 218 The venome of the Salamander is reckoned among Septicks, or corroding things. 1684 tr. *Bonet's Merc. Compit.* III. 62 Septicks..may not be applied to any Ulcer. 1756 C. LUCAS *Ess. Waters* I. 14 Acid of salt..constitutes..with regulus of antimony, a powerful septic. 1771 WATSON in *Phil. Trans.* LXI. 219 The proportion in which it acts as a septic.

‖ Septicæmia (septisī·miă). Also *U.S.* **septicemia.** [mod. L., f. Gr. σηπτικ-ός SEPTIC + αἷμα blood: see -IA.] Septic poisoning.

1866 A. FLINT *Princ. Med.* 86 Putrid infection of the blood, or septicæmia. 1879 TYNDALL *Fragm. Sci.* (ed. 6) II. xiii. 335 Splenic fever was often overmastered by septicaemia. 1882 PLAYFAIR in *Standard* 17 Mar. 2/1 Puerperal septicæmia.

Hence **Septicæ·mic** *a.*

1873 T. H. GREEN *Introd. Pathol.* (ed. 2) 227 Those in which they [metastatic abscesses] occur being termed pyæmic, those in which they are absent, septicæmic. 1880 A. FLINT *Princ. Med.* 84 Good observers have failed to detect bacteria in septicæmic cases. 1896 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* I. 597 Septicæmic patients.

Se·ptical, *a.* Now *rare* or *Obs.* [Formed as SEPTIC: see -ICAL.] = SEPTIC.

1646 SIR T. BROWNE *Pseud. Ep.* III. xiii. 139 There was no absurdity in Galen when as a Septicall medicine he commended the ashes of a Salamander. 1651 BIGGS *New Disp.* P 303 Their own septicall and escharoticall medicines. 1820 W. SCORESBY *Acc. Arctic Reg.* I. 343 Occasionally assailed by the septical influences of rain.

Hence **Se·ptically** *adv.*, so as to produce putrefaction. 1879 WEBSTER, *Suppl.*

Septicidal (se·ptisəidăl), *a. Bot.* [f. SEPTUM + L. *-cīdāre*, comb. form of *cædĕre* to cut + -AL.] Applied to the form of dehiscence in which the pod splits through the dissepiments. Also to the capsule so divided. Hence **Septici·dally** *adv.*, with septicidal dehiscence.

1819 LINDLEY tr. *Richard's Obs. Fruits & Seeds* 10 *note* The septicidal dehiscence of a plurilocular pericarp. 1830 — *Nat. Syst. Bot.* 146 The plants called Sauvageæ..have a septicidal dehiscence. 1857 HENFREY *Bot.* § 247 Compound multilocular ovaries dehisce..septicidally. 1870 HOOKER *Stud. Flora* 68 Hypericineæ..Fruit a septicidal capsule. *Ibid.* 240 Capsule..septicidally 2-valved.

Septicine (se·ptisəin). *Chem.* [ad. G. *septicin*: see SEPTIC and -INE.] (See quot.)

1876 *Jrnl. Chem. Soc., Absir.* I. 405 Septicine, an Alkaloid formed during Putrefaction.

Septicity (septi·sĭti). [f. SEPTIC + -ITY, after F. *septicité.*] The quality or condition of being septic.

1828–32 in WEBSTER. 1893 *Brit. Med. Jrnl.* 10 June 1210 Septicity introduced brings disaster on your patient and discredit on yourself.

Se·ptico-, comb. form of Gr. σηπτικός SEPTIC.

1876 tr. *Wagner's Gen. Pathol.* 586 Pyæmia, Septico-pyæmia, is usually an acute disease, starting in a purulent or ichorous focus. 1911 WEBSTER, *Septico-pyæmic.*

‖ Septier (sętyé). Also 6 **ceptyer**, 8–9 **setier.** [a. F. *septier*, var. *setier*, earlier *sestier*:—L. *sextārius*, f. *sextus* sixth.] A French measure of capacity for corn, etc.; a measure of land: see quots.

1514 in *Rutland Papers* (Camden) 26 In wyn iiij septiers. 1523 LD. BERNERS *Froiss.* I. cliii. 183 A ceptyer of whete was worthe at Parys viii. li. parisien, and a septier of otes at lx. s. of parays. 1588 ARCHDEACON tr. *True Discourse Army K. Spain* 69, 6320 septiers of Beanes and white Pease. 1633 GRIMESTON tr. *Polybius* VI. 202 A Septier of Wheate. *marg.* A Septier is two Mines, and a Mine two London bushels. 1674 JEAKE *Arith.* (1696) 114 A Septier of Land he saith is much about the Arpent. 1714 *Fr. Bk. Rates* 64 The Muid, Paris Measure, containing 12 Septiers, which makes 2 Tons. 1725 *Bradley's Fam. Dict.* s.v. *Hipocras*, Take three half Setiers of good Water boiled and cool'd, with half a Setier of good white Wine. 1776 ADAM SMITH *W. N.* I. xi. (1869) I. 211 The septier of wheat, a measure which contains a little more than four Winchester bushels. 1826 HENAY *Elem. Chem.* II. 631 The septier of Paris is 7736 French, or 9370·45 English, cubical inches. 1828 J. M. SPEARMAN *Brit. Gunner* (ed. 2) 423 The corn measure was the muid equal to 12 setiers, 48 mines, or 144 bushels...The wine measure was the muid of 36 setiers, 144 quarts, or 288 pints. 1831 J. DAVIES *Man. Mat. Med.* 27 Verre, or ½ setier (glass).

†Septiesm. *Cards. Obs.* [a. OF. *septiesme* (mod. F. *septième*), ordinal of *sept* seven.] A sequence of seven.

1674 COTTON *Compl. Gamester* (1680) 59 The Elder acquaints you with his Sequences,..and they are Tierces, Quarts, Quints, Sixiesms, Septiesms, Huictiesms and Neufiesms. 1688 HOLME *Armoury* III. xvi. (Roxb.) 73/2 A Septeism, is a sequence of 7 cards.

Septiferous (septi·fĕrəs), *a.* [f. SEPTI-[2] + -FEROUS.] Having a septum or septa.

1821 W. P. C. BARTON *Flora N. Amer.* I. 113 Capsule.. 3-valved; valves septiferous in the middle. 1854 WOODWARD *Mollusca* 265 Beaks nearly terminal, septiferous internally.

Septiform (se·ptifōrm), *a.*[1] [ad. late L. *septiformis*: see SEPTI-[1] and -FORM.] Sevenfold.

1728 in BAILEY. 1849 DIGBY *Compitum* II. 310 That they may acquire the septiform grace, to the exclusion of the seven sins. 1868 GLADSTONE *Juv. Mundi* xv. (1869) 532 The septiform system was apparently represented in the seven gates of Thebes. 1878 H. G. GUINNESS *Approaching End* Pref. (1880) p. viii, The epacts of the prophetic periods of Scripture form a remarkable septiform series.

Septiform (se·ptifōrm), *a.*[2] [ad. mod.L. *septiformis* or F. *septiforme*: see SEPTI-[2] and -FORM.] Of the form or nature of a septum.

1826 KIRBY & SP. *Entomol.* xlvi. IV. 313 Septiform (*Septiformis*). When the Canthus forms an elevated ridge or septum. 1875 HUXLEY in *Encycl. Brit.* I. 131/1 A tendency to the development of septiform prominence is visible in the walls of the gastric passages of certain calcareous sponges.

Septifragal (septi·frăgăl), *a. Bot.* [f. SEPTI-[2] + *frag-*, root of *frangĕre* to break + -AL.] Applied to the form of dehiscence in which the septa are separated from the valves.

1819 LINDLEY tr. *Richard's Obs. Fruits & Seeds* 10 It [*sc.* the valvular mode of dehiscence] is called septifragal when it bursts the external edge of the dissepiments, which are then divided from the valves. 1898 L. H. BAILEY *Less. with Plants* 265 Septifragal dehiscence..may occur in either loculicidal or septicidal pods.

Hence **Septi·fragally** *adv.*, with septifragal dehiscence.

1896 G. HENSLOW *Wild Flowers* 149 It [*sc.* the fruit] dehisces loculicidally (through the back) and septifragally (across the septa).

Septile (se·ptəil), *a.* [ad. mod.L. *septilis*: see SEPTUM and -ILE.] Pertaining to a septum or septa.

1866 *Treas. Bot.*

Septillion (septi·lyən). *Arith.* [ad. F. *septillion* (16th cent.), f. L. *septem* seven, after *million*.] The seventh power of a million, denoted by 1 followed by 42 cyphers. In American (following the later Fr.) use, the eighth power of a thousand, denoted by 1 followed by 24 cyphers.

1690 LOCKE *Hum. Und.* II. xvi. § 6 Septillions. 1870 [see OCTILLION]. 1875 GRINDON *Life* xxvi. 334 Thousands of plants consist of nothing more than a few such cells as in septillions make up an oak-tree. 1906 *Daily Chron.* 18 May 9/4 M. Inaudi subtracted correctly a sum of figures running into septillions—purely from memory.

Hence **Septi·llionth** *a.* and *sb.* (in recent Dicts.).

Septimal (se·ptimăl), *a.* [f. L. *septim-us* seventh + -AL.]

1. Of a numerical system: Based on the number 7.

1855 in OGILVIE Suppl. 1865 MILL *Comte* 195 The number seven..is to be made the basis of numeration, which is hereafter to be septimal instead of decimal.

2. *Mus.* Pertaining to a seventh.

1867 MACFARREN *Harmony* v. 161 There being then no sounded note with which the 7th forms a dissonance, in the absence of both the root and the 3rd of the chord, the 7th has no longer any of its septimal characteristics.

†Septima·narian. *Obs.*—° [f. med.L. *septimānārius*, f. *septimāna* SEPTIMANE *sb.*] = HEBDOMADARY *sb.* Also **†Septima·rian** [med.L. *septimārius*].

1661 BLOUNT *Glossogr.* (ed. 2), *Septimarians*, certain Officers in Monasteries, which were chosen every week. [Misprinted *Septinarian* in Bailey 1728, etc.] 1882 OGILVIE, *Septimanarian*, a monk on duty for a week in a monastery.

†Se·ptimane, *sb. Obs. rare.* [ad. late L. *septimāna*, f. *septem* seven + *-āna*, fem. of *-ānus*, -AN, -ANE in a collective sense.] A week.

1603 HOLLAND *Plutarch's Mor.* Explan. Words, *Septimane*, A weeke or seven-night. 1694 J. SMITH *Doctr. Lord's Day* 52 The Eastern Nations..retained a true account of the order of days in the Septimane.

So **Septimanal** *a.*, weekly.

1833 *Fraser's Mag.* VII. 706 Diurnal or septimanal literature.

†Septimane, *a. Obs.*—° [ad. late L. *septimānus* (see prec.).] (See quot.)

1721 BAILEY, *Septimane*, of the order of 7, also belonging to a Week.

Septime (se·ptim). [ad. L. *septimus*, ordinal of *septem* seven.]

1. *Mus.* a. Proposed name for the octave. *rare*—°. b. [after G. *septime*] A seventh. (In recent Dicts.)

1763 *Ann. Reg., Misc.* 192/2 By dividing the musical notes into six, as nature directs, the unisound will fall on the seventh note, and should, for this reason, be called a septime, and not an octave.

2. *Fencing.* A parry: see quots.

1889 POLLOCK, etc. *Fencing* (Badm. Libr.) 46 To parry *septime*, bring the foil into septime by making it describe half a circle from right to left, passing under the adversary's blade or hand. *Ibid.* 77 From septime, to give the Bertrand riposte. 1897 *Encycl. Sport* I. 379/2 (Fencing) Septime: The hand opposite the right shoulder, the finger nails turned upwards, the arm half extended, elbow down, the blade horizontal, the point opposite the left shoulder.

Septimole (se·ptimōul). *Mus.* [arbitrarily f. L. *septimus* seventh: cf. QUINTOLE.] A group of seven notes to be played in the time of four or six.

1854 SCHUBERTH *Mus. Handbk.* 1866 *Chamb. Encycl.* VIII. 618/2 When a note is divided into seven instead of four parts—for example, a minim into seven quavers, or a crotchet into seven semiquavers—the group is called a septimole.

Septine (se·ptin). [f. Gr. *σηπτός*, vbl. adj. f. *σήπειν* to rot: cf. SEPTIC and see -INE.] (See quot. 1875.) Hence **Se·ptinous** *a.*

1875 B. W. RICHARDSON *Dis. Mod. Life* I. vi. 89, I succeeded in separating from the poisonous matter exuded from the peritoneal secretion of a patient labouring under surgical fever, a substance which would give a similar disease to an inferior animal...I named this substance 'septine'. 1877 *Times* 5 Oct. 4/5 [Dr. Richardson] classed the diseases produced by organic poisons as septinous instead of zymotic, he preferring the word septine for this poison.

Septingente·nary. [f. L. *septingentī* 700, after *centenary*.] A seven-hundredth anniversary.

1894 *Rochdale Times* May, St. Chad's church celebrating the 'septingentenary' of its birth-date.

Septinsular (septi·nsiŭlăr), *a.* (*sb.*) [f. L. *septem* (see SEPTI-[1]) + *insula* island. Cf. the Fr. name *Sept-Îles*.] *Septinsular Republic*, etc.: the Ionian Islands. Also as *sb. pl.* the people of the Ionian Islands.

1809 *Ann. Reg.* Pref. p. iv, The restoration of the Government of the Septinsular Republic. 1859 *Times* 5 Dec. 10/6 The little Septinsular State which stands under the protection of Great Britain. 1889 *Athenæum* 6 July 20/3 A monograph of Andreas Hidromenos, 'The Struggle of the Septinsulars for National Unity'. 1898 MCCARTHY *Gladstone's Life* xvii. 190 The Senate of the Septinsular Commonwealth at Corfu.

Septir, obs. form of SCEPTRE *sb.*

†Se·ptite. *Chem. Obs.* [f. SEPT-OUS + -ITE.] A salt of septous acid; a nitrite or nitrate.

1799 S. L. MITCHILL in *Med. & Phys. Jrnl.* I. 47 These carbonates and septites of lime, pot-ash, and soda.

†Septleva. *Obs.* Also **sept-et-le-va, sept and leva.** [Shortening of F. *sept-et-le-va*, lit. seven and the 'va', 'vade', or first stake.] At basset, seven times the amount of the first stake.

1701 FARQUHAR *Sir H. Wildair* II. ii, *Wild.*..Who can resist the charms of Mattadors? *Lur.* Ay, Sir Harry; and then the *Sept le va, Quinze le Va*, & *Trante le Va!* 1706 MRS. CENTLIVRE *Basset-Table* IV. 50, I have only won a *Sept & Leva*. *Ibid.* 53 Do you think it possible to lose a *Trante & Leva*, a *Quinse-leva*,—and a *Sept-et-leva*,—and never turn once. 1709 SEYMOUR *Compl. Gamester* (1734) 115. 1716 POPE *Basset-Table* 14 in [Lady M. W. Montagu] *Crt. Poems* 2 As You by Love, so I by Fortune cross't; In One bad Deal, Three Septleva's have lost. 1756 H. WALPOLE *Let. H. S. Conway* 12 Feb., I am sorry she could not discover any wit in Mrs. Hussey's making a septleva.

Septo-[1], comb. form of Gr. *σηπτός* (see SEPTON), as in: **Se·ptodiarrhœ·a**, septic diarrhœa (*Syd. Soc. Lex.* 1898); **Septoge·nic** *a.*, producing sepsis; **Se·ptogerm**, a septic germ; **Septo·meter**, an instrument for the detection of organic impurities in the atmospheric air (*Syd. Soc. Lex.*).

1880 MACCORMAC *Antisept. Surg.* 104 There is a septogenic element in ordinary air. *Ibid.* 107 Experiment and clinical experience alike show that it will kill a certain proportion of septo-germs.

Septo-[2], used as comb. form of SEPTUM, as in: **Septocepha·lic** *a.* (see quot.); **Septoce·phaly**, the condition of being septocephalic; **Septomaxi·llary**, applied to a small bone lying above the vomer in some birds and fishes; **Septo·meter**, an instrument for measuring the nasal septum.

1878 BARTLEY tr. *Topinard's Anthrop.* I. v. 176 *Septocephalic, microcephalic, small skull. *Ibid.* Index, Septocephaly. 1874 W. K. PARKER in *Trans. Linnean Soc.* Ser. II. *Zool.* (1879) I. 8 The bones figured are what I at first called in the Reptile 'prævomers', and now call '*septomaxillaries'. *Ibid.* 9 The main septo-maxillary piece. 1884 M. MACKENZIE *Dis. Throat & Nose* II. 435 An ingenious '*septometer' has been invented by Seiler, which serves to distinguish thickening [of the septum] from deviation when these affections occur separately.

Se·ptole. *Mus.* = SEPTIMOLE.

1854 SCHUBERTH *Mus. Handbk.*

†Septon (se·ptŏn). *Obs.* [mod.L., a. Gr. *σηπτόν*, neut. of *σηπτός*, vbl. adj. f. *σήπειν* to rot.

First in Fr. form *septone*, adopted by Brugnatelli, on the suggestion of Saltonstall, in *Annales de Chimie* (1798) XXIX. 181.]

A name for nitrogen, from its being regarded as the agent in putrefaction.

1798 *Monthly Mag.* July 26/1 The origin of the yellow fever is attributed by Dr. Mitchill to the putrefaction or spontaneous decomposition of such substances as contain much azote (according to Dr. Mitchill's Nomenclature *septon*). 1803 *Med. & Phys. Jrnl.* IX. 304 The gaseous oxyd of septon. 1834 *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 4) I. 712 The febrile miasm, and septon, or the elementary matter of putrescency, are the same thing.

Septo(u)r, obs. forms of SCEPTRE *sb.*

†Se·ptous, *a. Obs.* [f. SEPT-ON + -OUS.] *Septous acid*, nitrous (or nitric) acid.

1799 *Med. & Phys. Jrnl.* II. 184 Obtaining phosphoric acid from the bones of animals, by employing septous (nitrous) acid, which dissolved their lime.

†Sept psaumes. *Obs.* Also **set sames.** [a. OF. *septpsaumes* (*sept* seven, *psaume* PSALM *sb.*).] The seven penitential psalms.

c 1300 *Beket* 1084 He..seide furst the set sames and siththe the letanye. *c* 1475 *Partenay* 1670 Thay sayd the sept psaulmes.

Septre, obs. form of SCEPTRE *sb.*

Se·pt-ship. *rare.* [f. SEPT *sb.*[2]] Clanship.

1823 MOORE *Mem.* (1853) IV. 114 The spirit of sept-ship.

Septuagenarian (se·ptiŭădʒĭnē·riăn), *a.* and *sb.* [f. L. *septuāgēnārius*, f. *septuāgēnī*, distributive of *septuāgintā* (see SEPTUAGINT).] **A.** *adj.*

1. Pertaining to the number seventy. *rare.*

1715 M. DAVIES *Athen. Brit.* I. 96 Unquestionably believ'd it [*sc.* the Septuagint] to have been perform'd by the same Septuagenarian and Binary number (for the Translators are reckon'd to have been 72 Elders of the Jews).

2. Seventy years old; characteristic of that age.

1793 tr. *Gresset's Ver-Vert* (ed. 2) 41 A sulky, sour, septagenarian [*sic*] maid Is made the keeper of the Renegade. 1883 *Brit. Q. Rev.* Oct. 441 Our septuagenarian premier.

B. *sb.* A person seventy years old.

1805 in *Spirit Publ. Jrnls.* IX. 1, I am an elderly man, verging now upon the glory of a septuagenarian. 1864 KNIGHT *Passages Work. Life* III. ii. 23 Landor..although ..a septuagenarian..was in the full vigour of his understanding.

Hence **Se·ptuagena·rianism.**

1824 DIAGIN *Libr. Comp.* 532 In the plentitude of septuagenarianism.

Septuagenary (se·ptiŭădʒĭnări), *a.* and *sb.* Now *rare.* [ad. L. *septuāgēnārius* (see prec.). Cf. F. *septuagénaire*.] = prec.

1605 BACON *Adv. Learn.* I. 24 The same obiection..Lucian maketh to Iupiter...And asketh whether they were become Septuagenarie, or whether the lawe..against old mens mariages had restrayned them. 1646 SIR T. BROWNE *Pseud. Ep.* III. ix. 125 Nor can the three hundred years of ..Nestor, overthrow the assertion of Moses, or afford a reasonable encouragement beyond his septuagenary determination. 1737 *Common Sense* I. 27, I have often observed Septuagenary great-grandmothers adorned, as they thought, with all the colours of the Rainbow. 1823 *Blackw. Mag.* XIII. 92, I was in appearance a middle-aged man, and in mind a septuagenary. 1850 *Fraser's Mag.* XLII. 2 The task would require..septuagenary years.

†Septuagene. *Obs.* [Back-formation from prec.] A septuagenarian.

1656 J. WATTS *Scribe, Pharisee*, etc. Ep. Rdr. c j, A good way passed beyond a Septuagene.

Septuagesima (se·ptiŭădʒe·simă). *Eccl.* Also *β.* 4–5 **Septuagesme,** 5 **-gesym,** 5–6 **-gesime.** [a. L. *septuāgēsima* (sc. *diēs*) fem. of *septuāgēsimus* seventieth, f. *septuāgintā* seventy; in early use through OF. *septuages(ĭ)me*.

It has been conjectured that the analogy of the names *Quadragesima* and *Quinquagesima* suggested the unmeaning application of *Sexagesima* and *Septuagesima* to the two preceding Sundays. Another (less likely) conjecture is that *Septuagesima* means 'the seventieth day' before the octave of Easter. Both conjectures are in Alcuin (8th c.).]

1. In full *Septuagesima Sunday*: the third Sunday before Lent.

c 1380 WYCLIF *Sel. Wks.* II. 29 Wednesdai Gospel next after Septuagesme Sondai. *c* 1425 *Process. Nuns Chester* (1899) 4 This procession shalbe saide on Sonday & so forth from septuagesime to lenton. 1430 in Halliwell *Rara Mathem.* (1841) 92 þereby demyd I þat septuagesime sonday schal falle ȝe 28 day of..Jannare. 1538 *Prymer in Englyshe* C j b, Betwene Septuagesima and Easter thys psalme folowynge is sayde in steade of Te Deum. 1561 T. NORTON *Calvin's Inst.* IV. xix. 159 b, There be no mariages celebrate, from Septuagesime to the vtas of Easter. 1753 CHALLONER *Cath. Chr. Instr.* 93 The Penitential Time between Septuagesima and Easter. 1860 NEALE *Comm. Ps.* I. 35 The Lauds of Septuagesima Sunday, as said in the Ambrosian Office. *a* 1866 — *Notes on Div. Off.* (1877) 203 The custom of repeating it [*sc.* Alleluia] frequently on the Saturday before Septuagesima.

†2. The seventy days beginning with the third Sunday before Lent and ending with the Saturday in Easter week. Also *transf. Obs.*

†*Sunday in (the) S.* = *Dominica in Septuagesima*, i.e. Septuagesima Sunday.

1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) VIII. 223 He..lefte flesche [on] Monday and Wednesday, [and] also in Septuagesme [*v.r.* Septuagesima]. 1398 — *Barth. De P. R.* IX. xxviii. (1495) 363 Septuagesme..stretchyth from the sondnye that hyghte Septnagesima..to the Saturday in Eester weke. *Ibid.* 364 Whan the Septuagesime of this lyfe is full ended, thenne we shall shyne in whyte in presence of thys lambe. *a* 1400 *Table of Lessons* in *Wyclif's Bible* IV. 685 The Sonday in Septuages. *c* 1450 *Mirk's Festial* 61 Þys day is called Sondayyn þe Septngesim. 1483 CAXTON *Golden Legend* II. (1503) A viij b/2, In the saterdaye after ester, in whiche septuagesme is cumplete we synge don[b]le Alleluya.

†Septuage·simal, *a. Obs. rare.* [f. L. *septuāgēsim-us* (see prec.) + -AL.] (See quot. 1656.)

In quot. 1646 (perh. Blount's source) the sense is 'limited to seventy years of life'; in quot. 1778 the word is misused for SEPTUAGENARIAN.

1646 SIR T. BROWNE *Pseud. Ep.* VI. vi. 298 In our abridged and septuagesimall ages, it is very rare and deserves a distich to behold the fourth generation. 1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr.*, *Septuagesimall*, pertaining to the number seventy, or Septuagesima Sunday. 1778 ELIZ. CARTER *Lett. to Mrs. Montagu* (1817) III. 145 (F. Hall) Your description of his septuagesimal gallantry would make one laugh.

Septuagint (se·ptiŭădʒint). [ad. L. *septuāgintā* seventy, f. weakened form of *septem* seven.]

†1. The 'seventy translators' of the Old Testa-

ment into Greek (see 2); = L. *septuaginta* (*interpretes*), Gr. οἱ Ο'. *Obs.*

[1563 *Homilies* II. *Parell of Idol.* I. E e j b, Accordynge as the Septuaginta haue in theyr translation in Greke εἴδωλα. 1584 in D. Fenner *Def. Ministers* (1587) 44 Will you followe the *Septuaginta* in their whole translation?]

1589 Cooper *Admon.* 50 The translation..was..according to the *Septuagint.* 1622 Ailesbury *Serm. 2nd June* 11 Which latter clause though it answer not the Originall; yet the Septuagint so translate it. *a* 1656 Hales *Golden Rem.* (1673) 84 The Septuagint, to make the sense more plain, do add another clause. 1684 T. Burnet *Th. Earth* II. vii. 251 The Septuagint, who render this word *Eden.*

† **b.** *pl.* in the same sense. *Obs.*

1577 Hanmer *Anc. Eccl. Hist., Euseb.* v. viii. 84 The translation of the olde testament by the septuagintes. 1621 Bp. Mountagu *Diatribæ* 217 The Septuagints were no Grammarians, saith that bold bayard, Stenchius. 1653 Gataker *Vind. Annot. Jer.* 36 Whether they..had studied upon the matter apart in their several cels, as the tale goes of the secluded Septuagints. 1656 Blount *Glossogr.*

2. The Greek version of the Old Testament, which derives its name from the story that it was made by seventy-two Palestinian Jews at the request of Ptolemy Philadelphus (284–247 B.C.) and completed by them, in seclusion on the island of Pharos, in seventy-two days. (Denoted by LXX.)

The authority for the old story is the Letter of Aristeas to Philocrates, long known to be spurious, which purports to give contemporary evidence of the undertaking. The translation is now held to have been made by Egyptian Jews, independent of each other and living in different times.

1633 J. Done (*title*) The Auncient History of the Septuagint. 1646 Sir T. Browne *Pseud. Ep.* VI. i. 278 As for the Septuagint, it is the first and most ancient Translation recorded. 1778 Bp. Lowth *Transl. Isaiah* Prelim. Diss. p. lxvi, The Greek Version, commonly called the Septuagint, or of the Seventy Interpreters. 1854 *Gentl. Mag.* Apr. 377/1 The severe condemnation which we have been compelled to pass on the Septuagints of the Christian Knowledge Society and the University of Oxford. 1887 *Bible* (R.V.) Pref., The Ancient Versions, the oldest of which, namely the Greek or Septuagint, was made, at least in part, some two centuries before the Christian era.

† **3.** *pl.* The 'seventy elders' of Israel. (*Exod.* xxiv. 1.) *Obs.*

1564 Rastell *Confut. Jewel's Serm.* 137 He [*sc.* the pope] continueth in his supremacie, as a Moyses aboue the septuagiates.

4. A group of seventy.

1864 De Morgan in *Athenæum* 2 July 21 Not to mention the Iscariot which Leverrier and Adams calculated into existence, there is more than a septuagint of new planetoids. 1887 Sir W. Harcourt in *Times* 29 Sept. 5/3 The Septuagint [of Liberal Unionists] still meets, I believe, at Devonshire House.

5. *attrib.* of sense 2.

1658 Phillips s.v., The Septuagint translation of the Bible. 1684 T. Burnet *Th. Earth* I. iii. 24 If you follow the Septuagint Chronology. 1708 Kersey s.v., The Septuagint or Septuagint-Bible. 1769 H. Owen (*title*) An Enquiry into the present state of the Septuagint Version of the Old Testament. 1850 Donaldson *New Cratylus* (ed. 2) § 100. 151 The Septuagint translators.

Se·ptuagi·ntal, *a.* [f. prec. + -AL.] Of or pertaining to the Septuagint.

1760 Byrom *Rem.* (1857) II. ii. 618 The frequent Hebraisms that occur through the whole New Testament, and their Septuagintal style. 1854 *Gentl. Mag.* Apr. 377/1 In the third chapter of the Septuagintal Daniel. 1863 Westcott in *W. Smith's Dict. Bible* s.v. *Vulgate* § 19 The Septuagintal tradition was at length set aside. 1892 *Nation* LV. 482/2 Septuagintal text-criticism.

Hence **Septuagi·ntalist,** a student of or an authority upon the Septuagint.

1850 Grinfield *Apol. Septuagint* App. 177 Of all our Divines, Bishop Pearson, has proved himself the best Septuagintalist.

Septual, erron. form of Septal.

† **Se·ptuary,** *a.* and *sb. Obs.* [irreg. f. L. *septem* seven + -ARY, by association with *septuāgintā.*]

A. *adj.* Consisting of seven; septenary.

1604 T. Wright *Clymact. Yeeres* 5 God hath appointed these Septuarie, and Nonarie yeeres as best seeming his wisdome and prouidence. *Ibid.* 8 In this septuarie number of our yeeres.

b. Of seven days.

1703 E. Ward *Lond. Spy* XVII. (1706) 403 After I had..bestow'd two Pennyworth of Razorridge on the most Fertile part of my Face, whose Septuary Crop requir'd Mowing.

B. *sb.* A group of seven days.

1646 Sir T. Browne *Pseud. Ep.* IV. xii. 212 Months howsoever taken are not exactly divisible into septuaries or weeks.

Septulate (se·ptiŭlēt), *a. Nat. Hist.* [ad. mod.L. *septulātus*: see next and -ATE 2.] Having a septulum or septula. 1864 Webster.

‖ **Septulum** (se·ptiŭlŏm). *Nat. Hist.* [mod.L., dim. of next.] A small or thin septum.

1826 Kirby & Sp. *Entomol.* xxxiii. III. 382 The *Septula*, the lesser ridges and partitions raised on the surfaces of the metaphragm. *Ibid.* xxxv. (1828) III. 584 The septula consist for the most part of the endosternum or internal sternum and its branches.

‖ **Septum** (se·ptŏm). Pl. **septa** (se·ptă). [a. L. *sēptum, sæptum,* f. *sēpīre, sæpīre* to enclose, f. *sēpēs, sæpēs* hedge.] A partition; a dividing wall, membrane, layer, etc.; a dissepiment. **a.** *gen.*

1733 Tull *Horse-Hoeing Husb.* xi. 125 When the Plants of the outer Row are too numerous on a shallow Mould, the Roots of these, which are always thickest near the Bottom of the Stems, make a *Septum* or Hedge betwixt the Roots of the middle..Row and the Interval. 1862 Miller *Elem. Chem., Org.* (ed. 2) ii. § 4. 114 It [*sc.* vegetable parchment] may be substituted for bladder as a septum, in electrolytic operations, with great advantage. 1871 'Stonehenge' *Brit. Sports* I. i. ii. § 5. 38 Two pieces of stamped brass forming a strong septum in the cap. 1877 F. G. Lee *Gloss. Liturg. Terms, Septum,* a term used by certain seventeenth-century Anglican writers for the..rail, placed on each side of the entrance of the sanctuary, to support the communicants. *a* 1879 W. K. Clifford *Lect.* I. 205 Hydrogen goes through a septum or wall of graphite four times as fast as oxygen does. 1883 F. Day *Indian Fish* (Fish. Exhib.-Publ.) 64 A hoop supporting a bag-like net..with a septum about 11 inches from mouth leading into the lower portion of the net.

b. *Anat.* e.g. the partition between the nostrils (*septum nasi*), the membrane separating the ventricles of the heart (*septum cordis*).

1726 Monro *Anat. Bones* 86 In some Sculls, besides the large osseus *Septum*, there are found in each *Sinus* several bony Pillars. 1733 *Winslow's Anat. Hum. Body* (1756) II. 243 The Falx, or great longitudinal Septum of the Dura Mater. 1781 Pennant *Hist. Quadrup.* II. 530 The nostrils oval, and divided by a *septum.* 1833 Brewster *Nat. Magic* iii. 312 Some of the party experienced sharp pains in the tips of their ears and in the septum of the nose. 1859 J. Tomes *Dental Surg.* 4 The septa, which divide into a series of cells that which at an earlier age was but a continuous groove. 1872 T. Bryant *Pract. Surg.* 124, I have only removed one [*sc.* Polypus nasi] from the septum. 1880 Günther *Fishes* 66 In Notidanus, membranous septa..cross the substance of the gelatinous notochord. 1883 Martin & Moale *Verteb. Diss.* 128The tendinous septum (*aponeurosis*) of the great pectoral muscle.

attrib. 1904 *Brit. Med. Jrnl.* 10 Sept. 606 Douglas's septum perforator and curved septum knife.

c. *Bot.* e.g. the division-wall of a cell, a partition in a compound ovary or spore.

1720 P. Blair *Bot. Ess.* ii. 54 The *Placentæ*..sometimes ..arise from an *Axis medius*,..fram'd by the Conjunction of the three Septa, which meet in the Center. 1830 Lindley *Nat. Syst. Bot.* 159 A fruit with the valves alternate with the septa. 1870 Hooker *Stud. Flora* 85 Pod 2-valved, turgid or flat with a longitudinal septum. 1882 Vines *Sachs' Bot.* 259 The septum, at first simple, splits into two lamellæ.

d. *Geol.*

a 1728 Woodward *Nat. Hist. Fossils* I. (1729) I. 81 In those Bodies that are invested with a Crust, the Septa lessen and grow thinner as they approach the Crust. 1785 Hutton in *Trans. Roy. Soc. Edinb.* (1788) I. 246 The septa have been formed by the uniform contraction of the internal parts of the stone. 1836 Buckland *Geol. & Min.* xv. § 4 (1837) I. 347 When these thin septa are converted into iron pyrites, their edges appear like golden filigrane work, meandering amid the pellucid spar. 1851 Mantell *Petrifactions* iv. § 6. 407 The dark partitions, or septa, are veins of spar.

e. *Zool.* e.g. one of the radiated plates of the cell of corals, one of the partitions of a chambered shell.

1815 S. Badcock *Introd. Conchol.* 94 The septa transverse and perforated by a tube. 1846 Dana *Zoöph.* (1848) 353 The transverse septa are sometimes seen to extend quite across the whole interior. 1861 J. R. Greene *Man. Anim. Kingd., Calent.* 158 In..the *Aporosa* and *Perforata*,..septa, in sets of five or six, normally occur.

† **Septu·ncial,** *a. Obs.*—° [ad. late L. *septunciālis*, f. L. *sept-em* seven + *uncia* Ounce 1.]

1656 Blount *Glossogr.*, *Septuncial*, of seven ounces, or seven parts of the whole.

Septuor (se·ptiŭɔr). [a. F. *septuor*, f. L. *septem*, after *quatuor* quartett.] = Septet.

1850 Longf. *Life* (1891) II. 177 The first and longest a symphony..the last a Septuor, very beautiful. 1873 'Ouida' *Pascarel* I. 111 Phrase after phrase, chorus on chorus, solo and septuor, and recitative.

Septuple (se·ptiup'l), *a.* and *sb.* [ad. late L. *septuplus*, f. *septem* seven: see -PLE.] **A.** *adj.*

1. Sevenfold.

1834 *Tait's Mag.* I. 456 The 'quadruple' alliance will very soon be..a 'septuple' one. 1868 Lockyer *Guillemin's Heavens* (ed. 3) 350, θ Orionis is a septuple star. 1882–3 Schaff in *Herzog's Encycl. Relig. Knowl.* I. 49 The septuple fulness of the Holy Spirit.

2. *Mus.* Having seven beats in a bar.

1884 *Grove's Dict. Mus.* IV. 120/1 There seems no reason why a Composer, visited by an inspiration in that direction, should not write an Air in Septuple Time, with seven beats in a bar.

B. *sb.* The seventh multiple.

1692 *Capt. Smith's Seaman's Gram.* II. xv. 123 The Cube of The Septuple thereof is 1·913. 1755 Johnson, *Septuple*, seven times as much. A technical term.

So **Se·ptuple** *v. trans.*, to multiply by 7, increase 7 times; **Se·ptuplica·tion,** multiplication by 7; † **Septuply** *adv.*, sevenfold.

1615 T. Adams *Blacke Devill* 2 He that is quit of so had a Guest, shall *septuple his owne woes by his re-entertainment. 1633 — *Exp. 2 Peter* ii. 4 That furnace whose heate was septupled. 1833 Herschel *Astron.* viii. 278 Let any one figure to himself the condition of our globe, were the sun to be septupled. 1674 Jeake *Arith.* (1696) 25 *Septuplication, or to multiply by 7. 1654 Vilvain *Theorem. Theol.* viii. 299 The Churches restauration, whos glory shal *septuply exced the Suns splendor.

Septuplet (se·ptiŭplet). [f. L. *septuplus* (see prec.), after *triplet*, etc.]

1. = Septimole. 1891 *Cent. Dict.*

2. One of seven offspring at a birth.

1898 *Syd. Soc. Lex.*

Septur(e, obs. forms of Sceptre *sb.*

Sepulchral (sĭpʊ·lkrăl), *a.* [ad. L. *sepulcrālis*, f. *sepulcr-um* Sepulchre *sb.*: see -AL. Cf. F. *sépulcral*, Sp., Pg. *sepulcral*, It. *sepolcrale, sepulcrale.*]

1. Of or pertaining to burial or a place of burial.

a. Pertaining to or serving as a sepulchre or tomb; forming part of a sepulchre, or its furniture; monumental.

Sepulchral cone: a cone of baked clay found in some Egyptian tombs, intended to represent offerings of food.

a 1631 Donne *Poems, Ecstacie* 18 We like sepulchrall statues lay. 1645 Milton *Passion* vii, Mine eye hath found that sad Sepulchral rock That was the Casket of Heav'ns richest store. 1728 Pope *Dunc.* I. 43 Sepulchral Lies, our holy walls to grace, And New-year Odes, and all the Grub-street race. 1740 Gray *Let.* in *Poems* (1775) 85 A sepulchral marble at the villa Giustiniani. 1781 Cowper *Conversat.* 358 Old sepulchral urns. 1851 D. Wilson *Preh. Ann.* (1863) I. II. v. 423 The sepulchral-lamp,..burning through long ages to light up the entombed ashes. 1904 Budge *3rd & 4th Egypt. Rooms Brit. Mus.* 107 A collection of baked clay 'cones', stamped with the names and titles of princes, chiefs, and officials who were buried in the necropolis of Thebes... The objects are commonly called sepulchral cones.

b. Pertaining to rights and customs connected with burial, funeral.

1615 Chapman *Odyss.* III. 430 Thus hauing slaine him; a sepulchrall feast He made the Argiues. 1729 G. Adams tr. *Sophocles, Antig.* II. iv. II. 29 She..copiously adorns the Carcase with sepulchral Libations. 1863 D. Wilson *Preh. Ann.* (ed. 2) I. iii. 76 The system of human sacrifices was not unknown among early Roman sepulchral rites.

† **c.** (See quot.) *Obs.*

1728 Chambers *Cycl.* s.v., Sepulchral Hereticks, were thus call'd from their principal Error, which was, That by the Word *Hell*, whither the Scripture tells us Jesus Christ descended after his Death, they understood his Sepulcher.

2. *transf.* Suggestive of a sepulchre, appropriate to a tomb; dismal, gloomy, melancholy.

a 1711 Ken *Hymnotheo* Poet. Wks. 1721 III. 73 Sepulchral Cypress, Lawrel, Pine, and Bays, Yew, and all Trees, whose Verdure ne're decays, Are planted in long Rows, where Mourners walk. 1796 Southey *Rudiger* xli, A deep sepulchral sound the cave Return'd. 1840 J. T. J. Hewlett *P. Priggins* v, His laugh..was a sepulchral oh! hah! which issued from his chest without any sympathetic movement of the muscles of his face. 1876 Geo. Eliot *Dan. Der.* lxvii, The sepulchral Ezra.

† **3.** Like a tomb, serving to entomb. *Obs.*

1801 Southey *Thalaba* I. xxii, For this..The silkworm of the East Spun her sepulchral egg. 1802 E. Darwin *Orig. Soc.* IV. 61 With monstrous gape sepulchral whales devour Shoals at a gulp.

Sepulchralize (sĭpʊ·lkrălaiz). [f. Sepulchral *a.* + -IZE.] *trans.* 'To render sepulchral or solemn.' 1855 Ogilvie Suppl.

Sepulchrally (sĭpʊ·lkrăli), *adv.* [f. Sepulchral *a.* + -LY 2.] In a sepulchral manner.

1819 H. Busk *Banquet* III. 273 Where, it is said, sepulchrally they burn, Near some sarcophagus or sacred urn. 1898 *Westm. Gaz.* 20 Jan. 5/2 A current of sepulchrally icy air meets you inside.

Sepulchran (sĭpʊ·lkrăn), *a.* [f. Sepulchre *sb.* + -AN.] *Sepulchran nun*: a member of the Order of Canonesses Regular of the Holy Sepulchre; *pl.* the church of this order. Cf. Sepulchrine.

1844 A. P. de Lisle in E. Purcell *Life* (1900) I. 130 Mr. and Mrs. Craven met us at Mass at the Sepulchran Nuns. 1857 G. Oliver *Coll. Cath. Relig. Cornw.* 30 The English Sepulchran nuns had determined to emigrate from Liege.

Sepulchre (se·pŭlkəɹ), *sb.* Forms: 2–7 sepulcre, 4 sepulchur, 5 scepulcur, sepulkyr, 5–6 sepulcur(e, sepulker, 6 sepulcor, sepulcar, sepulcer, sepullcre, sepullcur, (sepulchree, sepulchrie, sepulcrye), 6–9 (now *U. S.*) sepulcher, 3– sepulchre. [a. OF. *sepulcre* (11th c. in Hatz.-Darm.), ad. L. *sepulcrum* (less correctly *sepulchrum*), f. root of L. *sepul-tus*, pa. pple. of *sepelīre* to bury; cf. Sp., Pg. *sepulcro*, It. *sepolcro.*]

1. A tomb or burial-place, a building, vault, or excavation, made for the interment of a human body. Now only *rhetorical* or *Hist.*

c 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 101 Oðer is þat bitwenen his browenge and his ariste he lai on his sepulcre. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 170 Uor ȝe beoð mid Iesu Criste bitund ase ine sepulcre. *c* 1290 *Holy Rood* 400 in *S. Eng. Leg.* 13 And þo he cam to Ierusalem of þe sepulchre he hadde doute þat ore louerd was on i-leid. 1340 Hampole *Pr. Consc.* 5188 Þar es þe mount of calvery, And þe sepulcre of Crist fast þarby. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Wife's Prol.* 498 The sepulcre of hym Daryus Which that Appelles wroghte subtilly. *c* 1440 *Gesta Rom.* xliv. 173 (Harl. MS.) As longe as eny bone is in the sepulcure of my husbonde. 1471 Caxton *Recuyell* (Sommer) 402 The kyng gerion had brought vp that custome to make these sepulcres, for to haue remembrance of them that were vaylliant in armes. 1526 Tindale *Luke* xi. 47 Wo be to you that bilde the sepulcres off the prophetes: for youre fathers kiled them. 1588 Parke tr. *Mendoza's Hist. China* 43 Many instruments, which neuer haue playing till such time as the dead is put into the sepulcher. *c* 1600 Shaks. *Sonn.* lxviii, Before the goulden tresses of the dead, The right of sepulchers, were shorne away To liue a second life on second head. 1662 J. Davies tr. *Olearius' Voy. Ambass.* 321 Such as have gone on Pilgrimage to Mecca, to Mahomet's Sepulchre. *a* 1701 Maundrell *Journ. Jerus.* (1732) 14 We found there a multitude of Sepulchres hewn into the Rocks. 1756–7 tr. *Keysler's Trav.* (1760) I. 80 Under the choir of the church are the sepulchres of the old dukes of Bavaria. 1818 Byron *Ch. Har.* IV. lxxix, The very sepulchres lie tenantless Of their heroic dwellers. 1883 R. W. Dixon *Mano* II. ii. 68 There was strange darkness cast o'er every street, And all was stiller than a sepulchre.

b. *Whited* († *painted*) *sepulchre*: in biblical language, used fig. for a hypocrite, or one whose fair outward semblance conceals inward corruption.

[*c* 1382 Wyclif *Matt.* xxiii. 27 Woo to 3ou scribis and Pharisees, that ben lic to sepulcris maad whijt.] 1388 *Ibid.* Like to sepulcris whitid. (1539 Bible (Great), painted sepulcres; 1582 *N. T.* (Rheims), whited sepulchres; so 1611.] *c* 1530 Tinoale *Prol. Rom.* (1538) W iv b, Christ..calleth them ypocrytes, that is to saye, simblers and paynted sepulcres. 1782 V. Knox *Ess.* xcvii. II. 61 Those varnished qualities, which, like whited sepulchres, are but a disguise for internal deformity. 1894 Hall Caine *Manxman* 428 He was a sham,—a whited sepulchre.

c. *transf.* and *fig.*

1593 Shaks. 3 *Hen. VI* II. v. 115 My heart (sweet Boy) shall be thy Sepulcher, For from my heart, thine Image ne're shall go. 1627 J. Taylor (Water-P.) *Armado* C 3 b, Such beasts and birds of prey and rapine are commonly the liuing sepulchres of dead Horses. 1640 *Wand. Jew telling Fortunes* 38 He is a curse to Pasties; a tormenter of Poultry, a sepulchre to Lobsters. 1819 Shelley *Cenci* IV. i. 53, I will ..make his youth The sepulchre of hope, where evil thoughts Shall grow like weeds on a neglected tomb. 1845 Darwin *Voy. Nat.* viii. (1879) 155 The whole area of the Pampas is one wide sepulchre of these extinct gigantic quadrupeds. 1881 Jowett *Thucyd.* I. 122 The whole earth is the sepulchre of famous men.

2. *The Holy* (†*Saint*) *Sepulchre* (occas. *the Sepulchre*): The cave in which Jesus Christ was buried outside the walls of Jerusalem; hence, the name for the group of buildings erected over the traditional site of this cave. Also in the title of some churches in other parts of the world erected in memory of this.

c 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 21 And was his holie lichame leid in burieles in þe holie sepulcre þat men sechen giet in ierusalem. 1362 Langl. *P. Pl.* A. vi. 17 þis Folk fraynede him feire from whenne þat he coome? 'From Synay', he seide, 'and from the Sepulcre'. 1395 *E. E. Wills* (1882) 9 This was yeve and writen in the lordes In of Cherlton without Newgate, in the parosch of seynt sepulcre in the suburbe of london. *c* 1400 Maundev. (1839) vii. 79 The Chirche of the Sepulchre...The Chirche of Seynt Sepulchre. 1486 *Bk. St. Albans, Her.* b ij b, A knyght is made in .v. dyuerse placis In musturing in londe of werris...And at the sepulcur. 1660 F. Brooke tr. *Le Blanc's Trav.* 13 As the holy Sepulcher at Iernsalem, is visited by Christians. 1845 Scott *Talism.* xi, Hewing with our swords the way to the Holy Sepulchre. 1898 A. H. Thompson *Camb. & Its Colleges* 301 Just opposite St. John's Chapel is the church of the Holy Sepulchre. *Ibid.* 303 St. Sepulchre's is one of those rare livings which are in the gift of the parishioners.

b. *Knight of the* (*Holy*) *Sepulchre*: a member of a secular confraternity composed of those who were knighted in the crusades, esp. those knighted at the Holy Sepulchre itself.

Since 1342 the confraternity has existed only as a religious organization, having the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem as its Grand-master.

1590 Segar *Bk. Honor* v. 59 Knights of the Sepulcher. 1617 Moryson *Itin.* I. 235 [They] would make us Knights of the Sepulcher, so we would crave that honour. 1728 Chambers *Cycl.* s. v. *Sepulchre*, To excite Rich and Noble Persons to visit the Holy Places, by giving them the Title of Knights of the Holy Sepulcher. 1873 Longf. *Wayside Inn* III. *Landlord's Tale* 2 It was Sir Christopher Gardiner, Knight of the Holy Sepulchre.

3. a. *Antiq.* A permanent or temporary structure prepared in a church for the dramatic burial of the reserved Sacrament (sometimes also the Cross) upon Good Friday.

1389 in *Eng. Gilds* (1870) 48 On kandel of xvj. pound of waxe to brenne about þe sepulcre in þe fornseide Chirche of seynt Nicholas. 1426–7 *Rec. St. Mary at Hill* (1904) 63 First payd for the sepulcre for diuers naylis & wyres & glu, ix d ob. 1566 in Peacock *Eng. Ch. Furniture* (1866) 67 One sepulcre sold to Johnne orson and he hath made a presse therof to laie clothes therein. *a* 1627 Hayward *Ann. Q. Eliz.* (Camden) 28 And not onely images, but rood-loftes, relickes, sepulchres, bookes (etc.)..wer..committed to the fire. 1739 Blomfield *Norf.* (1805) II. 217 These sepulchres were erected alwayes (as I take it) on the north side of the chancel, near to the altar. 1791 J. Townsend *Journ. Spain* (1792) III. 239 [At Valencia] In the sacristy, I saw a massive sepulchre of silver gilt, designed for the reception of the host on good Friday. 1836 Parker *Gloss. Archit.* (1850) I. 421 At Bampton, Oxfordshire, is a singular example ..of a kind of double sepulchre, one over the other.

b. (See quot. 1753.)

1753 Challoner *Cath. Chr. Instr.* 220 The Place where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved in the Church in order for the Office of Good-Friday (on which Day there is no Consecration) is by the People called the Sepulchre, as representing by Anticipation the Burial of Christ. *a* 1800 *Waterperry Chapel Reg.* in *Cath. Rec. Soc. Publ.* VII. 393 On Maundy Thursday Prayers in y^e^ morning at 10 a clock after which y^e^ Bd Sacrament is put into y^e^ Sepulchre & y^e^ Congregation, & Family wattch a by 2 till 10 a clock at night. 1853 Dale tr. *Baldeschi's Ceremonial* 187 A chapel of the sepulchre should be prepared. 1884 *Cath. Dict.* (1897) 445/2.

4. Interment, burial. *rare.*

1388 Wyclif *Gen.* xxiii. 4 3yue 3e to me riȝt of sepulcre [Vulg. *jus sepulcri*] with 30u. 1601 Shaks. *Twel. N.* III. iv. 262 His incensement at this moment is so implacable, that satisfaction can be none, but by pangs of death and sepulchre. 1706 Phillips (ed. Kersey). 1871 Napheys *Prevent. & Cure Dis.* I. xi. 331 Modes of sepulchre which have prevailed.

†5. App. some article of personal jewellery.

1567 Sir N. Throckmorton *Let. to Leicester* 30 Apr. (*MS. Magdalene Coll.*), I did remember you by Mr. Dier for sending your sepulchre as you told me by the way. Since your messenger had no better fortune in safe-carrying your token..he has left no devices undone to recover your diamond. 1567—*Let. to Leicester* 10 May, Retain your adamant sepulchre until you have the condition better annexed.

6. *attrib.* and *Comb.* as †*sepulchre-door*; † (in sense 3) *sepulchre-cloth, -light, -nails*; †sepulchre-stone (? cf. sense 5); †sepulchre-table, a sepulchral tablet; †sepulchre-tree, ? the beam or frame upon which the Easter sepulchre was placed.

1566 in Fowler *Hist. C. C. C.* (O.H.S.) 114 Item, a *sepulchre clothe of red and blewe braunched with golde. *c* 1275 *Passion our Lord* 513 in *O. E. Misc.* 51 He hwelfde at þare *sepulchre-dure enne grete ston. 1505 *Cat. Anc. Deeds P. R. O.* (1906) V. 492 The *sepulcur lyghte in the seyd chyrche. 1546 in Throsby *Hist. & Antiq. Leicester* (1791) 246 Solde to Ryc^d^. Raynford the sepulchre light. 1494–5 *Rec. St. Mary at Hill* (1904) 214 Item, for the *sepulker nailes ob. 1489 *Will of Sandon* (Somerset Ho.), Lego ecclesie unum Agnus dei aureum cum lapide vulgariter dictum *Sepulcre stone. 1610 Holland *Camden's Brit.* I. 236 [An inscription] in a grave or *Sepulcher-table [L. *in sepulchrali tabula*], betweene two little images. 1449 *Yatton Churchw. Acc.* (Som. Rec. Soc.) 90 For makyng of the *sepulkyr tre, xx^d^.

Sepulchre (se·pŭlkəɹ), *v.* [f. Sepulchre *sb.*] Formerly also stressed *sepu·lchre.*

1. *trans.* To place in a sepulchre; to bury.

16.. Rowley *Birth Merlin* v. i. (1662) G 3, A place.. Where Merlins Mother shall be sepulcher'd. 1649 J. Taylor (Water-P.) *Wand. West* 5 It is very probable that King Arthur (our English Worthy) was there sepulchred. 1791 Cowper *Iliad* XXIII. 103 My bones sepulchre not from thine apart. 1896 *Dublin Rev.* July 123 Had everyone been allowed..to sepulchre their dead in the churches, there would very soon have been no space left.

b. *transf.* and *fig.*

1591 Shaks. *Two Gent.* IV. ii. 118 Goe to thy Ladies graue and call hers [*sc.* her love] thence, Or at the least, in hers, sepulcher thine. 1616 B. Jonson *Epigr.* lxiv, Where merit is not sepulcher'd aliue. 1796 Southey *Lett. fr. Spain* (1799) 221 He may as well be buried in the Monastery as sepulchre himself in his chamber. 1856 Mrs. Browning *Aur. Leigh* V. 1040 We are sepulchred alive in this close world.

2. To receive as in a sepulchre, to serve as a burial-place for.

1605 Shaks. *Lear* II. iv. 134 If thou should'st not be glad, I would diuorce me from thy Mother Tombe, Sepulchring an Adultresse. 1634 Massinger *Very Woman* II. ii, That which was mortal of My dear Martino..I know this mother earth hath sepulchred. 1813 Byron *Corsair* I. i, When Ocean shrouds and sepulchres our dead. 1863 I. Williams *Baptistery* II. *Image*, xxii, Stillness and subterranean shade Her saints doth sepulchre. 1897 F. Thompson *New Poems* 187 O to that tomb be tender then, which bears Only the name of him it sepulchres!

†**Se·pulchrer.** *Obs. rare*—^1^. [f. Sepulchre *sb.* + -er ^2^.] A member of the order of Knights of the Sepulchre.

1537 [Coverdale] *Orig. & Sprynge of Sectes* 33 Sepulchrers order.

Sepulchrine (sĭpʊ·lkrəin), *a.* (*sb.*) [f. Sepulchre *sb.* + -ine ^1^.] Used in the popular designation of the religious order of Canonesses Regular of the Holy Sepulchre. Also as *sb.*, a Sepulchrine nun.

a 1800 in *Chron. St. Monica's, Louvain* (1904) I. 228 The Sepulchrine community with whom she dwelt. 1905 F. M. Steele *Convents Gl. Brit.* 228 Another [daughter] was a Sepulchrine at Liège. *Ibid.*, A little volume preserved in the convent of the Sepulchrine nuns at Newhall.

†**Se·pulchrize,** *v. Obs. rare.* [f. Sepulchre *sb.* + -ize.] *trans.* To bury.

1595 T. Edwards *Cephalus & Procris*, etc. (Roxb.) 52 My wearied lims, Closse as I could to touch this Saint I couched, My bodie on the earth sepulchrizing him, That dying liu'd. 1632 Lithgow *Trav.* VIII. 343 Thou in obliuion hast Sepulchrized here, Earths dearest life.

†**Sepulchromany.** *nonce-wd.* [f. *sepulchro-*, Sepulchre + -mania.] 'Mania' relating to burial.

1606 Birnie *Kirk-Buriall* Ded., Brain-sicke superstitions, instanced especially in their manifold sepulchromany.

Sepulchrous (sĭpʊ·lkrəs), *a. rare.* [f. Sepulchre *sb.* + -ous.] Of the nature of a sepulchre.

1831 Scott *Ct. Robt.* vi, A perfume..more suitable to sepulchrous chambers, than to the dwellings of men.

Sepult (sĭpʊ·lt), *a.* [ad. L. *sepult-us*, pa. pple, of *sepelīre* to bury.] Buried.

1898 F. Davis *Silchester* 7 The sepult cities of the Romans are with us.

†**Sepu·lt,** *v. Obs.* [f. L. *sepult-*, ppl. stem of *sepelīre.*] *trans.* To bury.

1544 *Knaresb. Wills* (Surtees) I. 39 My bodie to be sepulted and buried. 1599 A. M. tr. *Gabelhouer's Bk. Physicke* 54/2 Occlude it then close together, and sepulte the same a cubite vnder grownde. 1657 Tomlinson *Renou's Disp.* 342 The second..made of Holly-bark elixated, sepulted in mud, putrifyed.

fig. a 1548 Hall *Chron., Hen. IV* (1809) 6 And an hundred mo iniuries, whiche..he remitted and sepulted in obliuion.

†**Se·pulture.** *Obs. rare*—^1^. [f. L. *sepult-* (see Sepult *v.*) + -ary.] = Sepulture *sb.*

1581 Pettie tr. *Guazzo's Civ. Conv.* I. (1586) 7 b, Leasure without learning, is a death & sepultarie [orig. *sepoltura*] of a liue man.

Sepultural (sĭpʊ·ltiŭrăl), *a.* [f. Sepulture *sb.* + -al.] Of or pertaining to sepulture or burial.

1789 *J. Lewis's Mem. Dk. Glocester* 72 If the sepultural spot could be ascertained, he would erect a stately monument over it. 1821 *John Bull* 15 Jan. 40/1 No remains of sepultural enclosure were discernible. 1889 *Pop. Sci. Monthly* Mar. 697 A treatise on the funeral monuments and sepultural usages of the ancients.

Sepulture (se·pŭltiŭ), *sb.* Forms: 4 *Sc.* **sepultore, 5 supulture, sepulturre, sepoltur, 5–6 sepult(o)ur, 6 sepoltre, sepulter, 3– sepulture.** [a. OF. *sepulture*, ad. L. *sepultūra* burial, f. *sepult-*, ppl. stem of *sepelīre* to bury; cf. Sp., Pg. *sepultura*, It. *sepoltura, sepultura.*]

1. Interment, burial.

1297 R. Glouc. (Rolls) 3466 Wel a3te þat be a wurþe stude wanne þer such sepulture ys. *c* 1315 Shoreham *Poems* (E. E. T. S.) 125 For þe offyce of hyre sepulture Was al an heuene gyse. *c* 1385 Chaucer *L. G. W.* 2553 Myn body mote 3e se..In the hauene of Athenys fletynge With-oute sepulture & beryinge. *c* 1400 Maundev. *Trav.* (1839) xxix. 243 The Erthe mynystrethe to us..oure Sepulture aftre oure Dethe. 1504 *Bury Wills* (Camden) 100 And I beqweth to the seid churche for my sepultur vj s. viij d. *c* 1586 C'tess Pembroke *Ps.* lxxix. ii, Their bodies killed With sepulture can no where meete. 1632 Massinger & Field *Fatal Dowry* II. i, He had rather dye aliue for debt Of the old man in prison, then he should Rob him of Sepulture. 1720 Pope *Iliad* xxii. 429 The common Rites of Sepulture bestow, To sooth a Father's and a Mother's woe. 1757 Burke *Abridgm. Eng. Hist.* II. ii. Wks. 1812 V. 516 The monastery was always the place of sepulture for the greatest lords and kings. 1840 Macaulay *Ess., Ranke* P 51 Even the honours of sepulture were long withheld from his remains. 1902 'Fairless' *Roadmender* 30 Yesterday a funeral passed, from the workhouse at N——, a quaint sepulture without solemnities.

b. *transf.* and *fig.*

c 1386 Chaucer *Pard. T.* 558 For dronkenesse is verray sepulture Of mannes wit and his discrecion. 1474 Caxton *Chesse* I. iii. (1883) 15 Vdleness wyth oute ony ocupacion is sepulture of a man lyuyng. 1621 Bacon in *Four C. Eng. Lett.* (1880) 43 For the house of Commons, I began my credit there, and now it must be the place of sepulture thereof. 1877 L. Morris *Epic Hades* II. 150 Tore thy limbs And left them to the Muses' sepulture.

2. A burial-place, grave, tomb: = Sepulchre *sb.* 1. Now only *arch.*

a 1375 *Cursor M.* 25614 (Fairf.) Squete ihesus..atte time of complin..þer was þou wondin laide in sepulture & non3t fondin. 1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) V. 369 þe place of pasture were i-torned to buriels and sepultures. *c* 1430 Lydg. *Min. Poems* (Percy Soc.) 142 Ther roos up oon out of his sepulture, Terrible of face. 1496 *Bury Wills* (Camden) 229 In the holy sepulture of the cherche yeerd of Seynt Marie. 1531 Elyot *Gov.* II. vi, Marius..also caused Caius Cesar..to be violently drawen to the sepulture of one Varius..and there to be dishonestly slayne. 1540 Heywood *Four PP.* 14 At Hierusalem haue I bene Before Chrystes blessed sepulture. 1561 T. Hoby tr. *Castiglione's Couriyer* IV. (1577) T v, The manner was too reare about ones sepulture so many Obeliskes, as he that lay there buryed had slayne of his enimies. 1610 Holland *Camden's Brit.* I. 593 A faire Abbay, the Sepulture in times past of..the Burnels. 1646 Sir T. Browne *Pseud. Ep.* I. vi. 23 She erected over their sepultures, a marble tombe of her owne. 1812 Cary *Dante, Purg.* V. 91 From Campaldino's field what force or chance Drew thee, that ne'er thy sepulture was known. 1868 Stanley *Westm. Abb.* iii. 117 The Royal sepultures of Westminster were also remarkable from their connexion..with the residence of the English Princes.

†b. *Holy Sepulture*: = Sepulchre *sb.* 2. *Obs.*

1525 Ld. Berners *Froiss.* II. lxi. 204 All these wente to se and vysyte the holy sepulture.

†c. *transf.* and *fig. Obs.*

1463 Ashby *Prisoner's Resf.* 344 Pryson properly ys a sepulture Of lyuyng men. 1622 Mabbe tr. *Aleman's Guzman d'Alf.* II. 213 My money..was spent vpon Sepultures for dead bodies, on dead workes, and worldly vices.

†3. = Sepulchre *sb.* 3. *Obs.*

1485 *Acc. St. Marg. Southwark* in Feasey *Anc. Eng. H. Week Cerem.* (1897) 153 *Item.* ij hlew Cortyns [to] draw afore the sepulture. 1494–5 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* I. 228 Item, for the mending of the sepulture, the chapell dure, and Judas crois. 1553 *Rec. St. Mary at Hill* (1904) 51 Delyuered a stayned Cloth yat went about y^e^ Sepultere. 1557 *Churchw. Acc. St. Helens, Abingdon* (Nichols 1797) 141 To the sextin for watching the sepulter two nyghtes o o 8.

attrib. 1527–8 *Rec. St. Mary at Hill* (1904) 343 Paid for an elu of fyne lynnyn cloth to amend the sepulture cloth wherat it was eiton with rattes.

Sepulture (se·pŭltiŭɹ), *v.* [f. the sb.] *trans.* To bury, inter.

c 1489 Caxton *Sonnes of Aymon* xxviii. 592 And after the sepulturynge of the holy corps, the brethern wente agen in to theyr countree. 1826 Mrs. Shelley *Last Man* III. 146 Grave in which my heart lies sepultured, farewell for ever! 1897 F. Thompson *New Poems* 114 Thou gavest him his light, Though sepultured in night Beneath the dead bones of a perished world.

†**Sepu·rture.** *Her. Obs.* (See quots.)

1688 Holme *Armoury* II. 11/1 He beareth Sol, an Angel..: Wings in Sepurture, Luna: Of some expenced:.. If the Angels be sideways, and the Wings behind each other, they are termed Sepurture (or Expenced,) yet this..is not termed an Angel Sepurture; but an Angel kneeling, the Wings Sepurture. *Ibid.* 13/2 He beareth Or, a demy Angel in Sepurture, Gules...This is also termed a demy Angel, half faced, with Wings Sepurture, &c. *Ibid.* III. 156/2 He beareth Azure, an Angel, Wings Sepulture [*sic*], Argent. 1828–49 Berry *Encycl. Her.* I, *Sepurture.* This ancient heraldic term is used in the same way as *endorsed*, as *wings sepurture*, or *endorsed...Sepurture disclosed* differs from the last, by merely showing more of the off wing. 1894 *Parker's Gloss. Her., Sepurture.*

Seq. Pl. **seqq.** Also **sq.** Pl. **sqq.** Abbreviated forms in *sing.* of L. *sequens* the following, *sequente* and in what follows, *sequitur* it follows; in *pl.* of *sequentes, -tia* the following, *sequentibus* in the following places. Also, more fully, *et seq.*

1726 J. Ker *Mem.* I. (1727) Index, Scotland, a View of their Affairs. 113, 131, & *seq.* 1753 *Chambers' Cycl.* Suppl. s. v. *Thistle, Tourn.* Inst. p. 440. seq. 1839 T. Mitchell *Frogs of Aristoph.* Add. 414 See Creuz. Symb. iv. 108. sq. 1841 Donaldson *Pindar, Nemea* vii. Introd. 235 The passage, which follows (v. 70, seqq.), is perhaps the most difficult. 1850—*New Cratylus* (ed. 2) § 76. 111 *note*, See Grimm, *Gesch. der deutsch. Spr.* p. 824 sqq. 1885 Goodale *Physiol. Bot.* 177 What has been already said about the structure of chlorophyll granules..(168 *et seq.*).

‖ **Sequa** (sī·kwă). [perh. native W. Indian; cf. SEGRA.] (See quot. 1866.)

1866 *Treas. Bot.* 491/1 *Fevillea cordifolia* is the Sequa or Cacoon Antidote of Jamaica, where it is a common plant in shady woods. 1871 KINGSLEY *At Last* xiii, It has—like that curious flat gourd the Sequa—the property of keeping iron from rust.

† **Sequa·ces,** *sb. pl. Obs.* [a. OF. *sequaces*, a. L. *sequācēs* pl. of *sequāx* that follows, a follower, f. *sequī* to follow.] Successors, followers.

1513 BRADSHAW *St. Werburge* Balade ii. 32 He hath..left it for holsome memoriall To all his sequaces. *a* 1660 *Contemp. Hist. Irel.* (Ir. Archæol. Soc.) II. 147 Why did this man, and those his sequaces, signe unto the former acts? *Ibid.* III. 43 Ormonde and his sequaces.

Sequacious (sĭkwē·ʃəs), *a.* [f. L. *sequāc-*, *sequāx* (see prec.) + -IOUS.]

1. Of a free agent or his attributes: Given to following another or others, esp. a leader. † Const. *to, of.*

1643 TRAPP *Comm. Gen.* vi. 20 See how sequacious these poor creatures are to God their Centurion. 1680 C. NESSE *Ch. Hist.* 30 How sequacious were they all to God..they all come at his call. 1687 DRYDEN *St. Cecilia's Day* vii, Orpheus cou'd lead the savage race, And Trees unrooted left their Place, Sequacious of the Lyre. 1766 BLACKSTONE *Comm.* II. 5 The frequent disappointments..induced them to gather together such animals as were of a more tame and sequacious nature. 1833 BP. HAMPDEN *Bampton Lect.* (1848) 73 We find individuals..like the Sophist of old, leading after them, by the charm of their voice, troops of sequacious hearers. 1885 G. ALLEN *Babylon* xi, Here..he could wander out into the woods alone (after he had shaken off the attentions of the too sequacious Almeda).

b. Given to slavish or unreasoning following of others (esp. in matters of thought or opinion).

Common in the 17th c.

1653 GAUDEN *Hierasp.* To Rdr. (e), By seeming to..admire their many new masters, and their rarer gifts; which make them worthy indeed of such soft and sequacious disciples. 1656 *Artif. Handsom.* 111 They make loud and fierce Declamations,..rather in a sequacious and credulous easinesse, than after the rate of any perswasive strictnesse. 1693 *Apol. Clergy Scot.* 32 A Momus, a poor sequacious Animal, that follows such as went before him. 1727–46 THOMSON *Summer* 1713 Those superstitious horrors that enslave The fond sequacious herd. 1842 W. HOWITT *Rur. & Dom. Life Germany* 202 The Germans.. have thus acquired in matters of public opinion, a sequacious and yielding character. 1880 LADY EASTLAKE *Mrs. Grote* iv. 77 The sequacious deference to the Ministry of the day..filled us with painful reflections. 1885 M. PATTISON *Mem.* 208, I had been drawn into Tractarianism, not by the contagion of a sequacious zeal, but by the inner force of an inherited pietism. 1893 T. K. ABBOTT '*Do this*' etc. 5 Some passages of the LXX there are which have been referred to in the most sequacious manner by writer after writer.

† 2. Of things: Readily yielding to traction; easily moulded to any required shape; ductile, pliable, flexible. *Obs.*

1640 BP. REYNOLDS *Passions* xxxi. 321 Of all Fire there is none so ductile, so sequacious and obsequious as this of Wrath. 1652 CULVERWEL *Disc. Lt. Nat.* I. vii. (1661) 47 Such falsities, as come disguis'd in a Syllogistical form, which by their sequacious windings, and gradual insinuations, twine about some weak understandings. 1657 TOMLINSON *Renou's Disp.* 716 The Salve..should be sequacious. 1661 G. RUST *Origen* 84 The inferiour spirit of the world.. will not fail to bring her treasure into view when invited by congruous and sequacious dispositions of matter. 1673 GREW *Anat. Plants* (1682) 137 Convolvula's..wind..because their Parts are disposed so, as to render them more sequaceous to the external Motor. 1752 C. SMART *Hop-garden* II. 67 Now extract From the sequacious earth the pole.

3. Of musical notes, metrical feet: Following one another with unvarying regularity of order.

1795 COLERIDGE *Eolian Harp* 18 And now, its strings Boldlier swept, the long sequacious notes Over delicious surges sink and rise. 1864 D. W. THOMPSON *Daydreams Schoolm.* 243 That Hellenic speech..that rises and falls in Plato with the long sequacious music of an Æolian lute.

4. Of style or thought: Persisting in one continuous direction.

1828 DE QUINCEY *Rhet.* Wks. 1862 X. 41 Milton..polonaises with a grand Castilian air, in paces too sequacious and processional. 1835 — *Autobiog.* Wks. 1889 II. 69 The motions of his mind were slow, solemn, sequacious, like those of the planets.

Hence **Sequa·ciously** *adv.*

1891 *Century Dict.* 1897 A. B. BRUCE in *Expositor's Grk. Test.* I. 148/1 *note*, One in a herd of swine might..begin to run wildly about, and be followed sequaciously by the whole flock.

Sequaciousness (sĭkwē·ʃəsnĕs). [f. SEQUACIOUS *a.* + -NESS.]

1. The state or condition of being sequacious.

1653 GAUDEN *Hierasp.* 69 Endless janglings..which would make Religion, a matter..of sequaciousness and feminine softness. 1656 *Artif. Handsom.* 181 It is time..to get beyond that servility and sequaciousnesse of conscience. 1851 DE QUINCEY *Ld. Carlisle on Pope* Wks. 1863 XII. 27 Pursuing them [*sc.* thoughts] through their unlinkings with the sequaciousness (pardon a Coleridgean word) that belongs to some process of creative nature. 1881 G. ALLEN *Evolutionist at Large* iii. 33 Another mountain trait in the stereotyped character of sheep is their well known sequaciousness.

† 2. Ductility (of matter). *Obs.*

a 1676 HALE *Prim. Orig. Man.* iv. ii. (1677) 304 Although Almighty God be not bound or straitned in his Operation to the sequaciousness of the Matter.

Sequacity (sĭkwæ·sĭti). [ad. late L. *sequācitās*, f. *sequāc-* (see SEQUACIOUS) + -ITY.]

† 1. Ductility, pliability (of matter). *Obs. rare*—1.

1626 BACON *Sylva* § 900 All Sperme, all Menstruous Substance,..haue euermore a Closenesse, Lentour and Sequacity.

2. Disposition or readiness to follow; lack of independence in action, judgement, thought, etc.

1654 WHITLOCK *Zootomia* 207 But this Liberty of Judgement..seemes allmost lost, either in Lazy, or blinde Sequacity of other mens Votes. 1838 SIR W. HAMILTON *Logic* App. (1866) II. 264 Another example of the passive sequacity of the logicians. They follow obediently in the footsteps of their great master. 1850 GROTE *Greece* II. lxii. VIII. 125 At best a tame and dumb sequacity to leaders whom they neither chose nor controled. 1876 BLACKMORE *Cripps* xxix, Against each good old-fashioned smoothness, and fine-fed sequacity, a rapid stir was now arising.

Sequar, variant of SIQUARE *Obs.*

Sequel (sī·kwĕl), *sb.* Forms: 5–7 sequele, (5 sequely, 6 sequeale), 6–8 sequell, 6 sequeile, *north.* sequyle, 7 sequill, *Sc.* sequeill, 6– sequel. [a. OF. *sequelle* (mod.F. *séquelle*), ad. L. *sequēla* (*sequella*), f. *sequī* to follow.]

† 1. A train of followers, band of adherents, following, suit; *rarely*, a follower. In *Feudal law*, the offspring, retinue, chattels, and appurtenances of a villein. *Obs.*

c 1420 LYDG. *Assembly of Gods* 871 These were her names: fyrst, Nygromansy, Geomansy, Magyk, and Glotony,.. Fysenamy also, and Pawmestry, And all her sequelys. 1432–50 tr. *Higden* (Rolls) II. 95 Whiche is callede otherwhile a sequele [L. *sequela*: *Trevisa* sewte] of natife men. *c* 1450 *Godstow Reg.* 559 The forsaid bondmen or natifs with all ther catallis sutis or sequelys. 1490 CAXTON *Eneydos* vi. 22 Thenne Eneas and all his sequele made theym redy for to..leue the sayd countrey of Trase. 1491 — *Vitas Patr.* (W. de W. 1495) II. 273/2 He had also a grete sequely & rowte of worldly & galaunt seruauntis. 1536 *St. Papers Hen. VIII*, II. 330 The great nombre of Irisshery, so being in exile, being togider with ther tenauntes and sequell. 1577 HARRISON *England* I. II. v. 164/2 The yeomanrie, of whom and their sequele, the labourers and artificers, I haue said somewhat euen now. 1591 Q. ELIZ. in *Lett. Eliz. & Jas.* (Camden) 65 My lewde rebel, whose person and forse..drawes few for sequel. 1611 SPEED *Hist. Gt. Brit.* IX. xii. § 72 That eithers friends, adherents, and sequels, should be comprehended in the truce. *c* 1640 J. SMYTH *Lives Berkeleys* (1883) I. 190 His freeholders and villaines with their Sequells.

† b. *transf.* and *fig. Obs.*

1552 LATIMER *Serm. Lincolnsh.* i. (1584) 180 But nowe there be other dishes, which be sequels or hangynges on, wherewith the chiefe dishe is powdred. 1590 SOUTHWELL *M. Magd. Funerall Teares* Ded. 4 For passions being sequels of our nature, and allotted unto us, as the handmaids of reason. 1603 OWEN *Pembrokeshire* (1892) 114 These foure great Hlandes with their sequele.

c. *Scots Law.* (See quot. 1838.)

c 1609 *Inchaffray Charters* (S. H. S.) 171 The mylne of Dumfalleis mylnlandis astrictit multures and sequeillis thairof. 1701 in *Fasti Aberd.* (1854) 202 The milne of Balmad milne lands multures suckine sequells and knaveships thereof. 1754 ERSKINE *Princ. Sc. Law* (1809) 223 The sequels are the small quantities given to the servants, under the name of knaveship, bannock, and lock or gowpen. 1820 SCOTT *Monast.* xiii, Not one in the Halidome pays their multures more duly, sequels, arriage, and carriage. 1838 W. BELL *Dict. Law Scot., Sequels*, in thirlage, are the small allowances of meal, or of manufactured victual, or of money composition, made to the servants at the dominant mill for their real or implied trouble in grinding the victual of the servient lands.

† 2. Descendants, posterity; successors in inheritance. Also *pl. Obs.*

c 1440 *Alphabet of Tales* 199 And for þis, fro hensfurth, all his sequele at holdis þis same possession & knowis þerof, mon be punysshid. 1533 in Bolton *Stat. Irel.* (1621) 78 To pray..for the prosperitie of the said Nicholas and his heyres and sequele. *a* 1547 SURREY in *Tottel's Misc.* (Arb.) 218 A goodly meane both to deterre from crime: And to her steppes our sequele to enflame. *a* 1548 HALL *Chron., Edw. IV* 212 b, Promising to beare his..frendly favor to kyng Henry the sixte and his sequele. 1572 *Wills & Inv. N. C.* (Surtees) II. 387, I wyll that when these leases be expyred..that thay or ther sequyles shall haue the same again.

fig. 1547 J. HARRISON *Exhort. Scottes* 230 All murders, robberies, spoyles, slaughters, and desolacions, beyng the sequele, and as it wer, yᵉ children of warre.

b. Law. *Sequels in estate*: (a person's) successors in a holding.

1889 *Daily News* 27 Nov. 7/3 The Bill will authorise Lord Tredegar and his sequels in estate, and trustees..to exchange..portions of the ballast land..for [etc.].

3. That which follows as a result of an event or course of action; an after-consequence. *In sequel to*, as a consequence of. † *By sequels*: by consecutive stages. *Obs.*

The sense has been rare since the 16th century; the occasional examples in 19th c. writers are akin to sense 6.

1477 EARL RIVERS (Caxton) *Dictes* 3 b, Suche tresor may nat by gadred wythoute the sequele be to hys daunger. *a* 1513 FABYAN *Chron.* IV. (1516) 23/2 Wherfore after punysshement done vpon some of his Enemyes, he ferynge yᵉ Sequell and Reuengement of the same laft that Countree. *a* 1530 HEYWOOD *Love* 1189 And he that lacketh any one of those three..Deth must be sequell howe euer it be. *Ibid.* 1227 That my ioy by loue shall bryng deth in sequell. 1549 LATIMER *4th Serm. bef. Edw. VI*, M vij b, This gere came by Sequels...He by vnrepentaunce fel from euyll to worse, and from worse, to worste of al, til at the length he was made a spectacle to all the world. 1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* XXII. xxiii. II. 135 For I have seene the fearfull sequele of that experiment, in a man, who..threw himselfe headlong from an high loft. 1651 HOBBES *Leviath.* I. iii. 10 The Future being but a fiction of the mind, applying the sequels of actions Past, to the actions that are Present. 1832 TENNYSON *Œnone* 151, I woo thee not with gifts. Sequel of guerdon could not alter me To fairer. 1883 FROUDE *Short Stud.* IV. iii. 270 He had assured himself that every phenomenon in the moral or material world was the sequel of a natural cause. 1895 W. MUNK *Life Halford* ii. 20 Cullen was still living and lecturing, though in sequel to age failing somewhat.

† b. Consequence, importance. *Obs.*

1588 *Marprel. Epist.* (Arb.) 26 The granting whereof.. would be..newes of wofull sequell vnto the papists. 1591 G. FLETCHER *Russe Commw.* 82 b, There is no such affection..betwixt the Pope & the Turke, as that he should banish a subiect for not obeying the Popes ordinance, specially in a matter of some sequele for the alteration of times within his owne countries. 1658 A. Fox tr. *Wurtz' Surg.* III. x. 247 The dressing is of as great sequel and concernment, as applyed medicines to Wounds.

† c. *concr.* Something developed from or produced by something else. *Obs.*

1669 W. SIMPSON *Hydrol. Chym.* 246 Whatever parts, or supposed simple Principles, any sort of Bodies are reducible into, they are but the sequels or after-products..of those two real Principles, Water and Seed.

d. *Med.* = SEQUELA.

1897 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* II. 237 The nervous sequels in mumps are not confined to cases which begin with such nervous symptoms. *Ibid.* III. 56 In many of these [cases] the lesions are rather of the nature of sequels.

† 4. That which follows or is thought to follow as a logical consequence; an inference. *Obs.*

1565 JEWEL *Repl. Harding* (1611) 19 It is a very simple sequele, onely vpon remembrance of Christs Death to found the Masse. 1585 SANDYS *Serm.* viii. 133 The people pay tithes of that they haue, therefore there must needes be sufficient to maintaine them. If things were well ordered, this sequele were good. 1607 WALKINGTON *Opt. Glass* 20 So fareth it with the bodies and by sequele with the soules of men. 1622 MABBE tr. *Aleman's Guzman d'Alf.* I. 152 Doe they not..make, I know not what vn-ioynted sequels, by which after one errour granted, they runne into a thousand. 1646 SIR T. BROWNE *Pseud. Ep.* I. xi. 44 These..are scarce Rhetoricall sequells, concluding metaphors from realities. *a* 1658 LOVELACE *Poems, Adv. to Brother* vii, 'Tis a false sequel.. to suppose That, 'cause it is now ill, 'twill ere be so. 1689 PRIOR *Ep. to F. Shepherd* 39 Then he, by Sequel Logical, Writes best, who never thinks at all.

† 5. Sequence, order of succession; also a number of things in succession, a series. *Obs.*

1599 SHAKS. *Hen. V*, V. ii. 361 The King hath graunted euery Article: His Daughter first; and in sequele, all. 1615 BP. ANDREWES *Serm.* (1629) 675 That second part is sett downe in a sequele of foure. *a* 1638 MEDE *Wks.* (1672) 581 The Apocalypse..hath marks..whereby the Order, Synchronism and Sequele of all the Visions therein contained may be found out and demonstrated. 1713 BENTLEY *Rem. Disc. Free-Thinking* I. (ed. 2) 18 Homer..wrote a sequel of Songs and Rhapsodies, to be sung by himself for small earnings and good cheer. 1716 M. DAVIES *Athen. Brit.* III. 87 Molinet having got the Sequal or chaine of 400 Brass Medals of the Popes. 1771 LUCKOMBE *Hist. Printing* 15 Signatures..at the bottom of the page, to shew the sequel of the sheets.

6. What happened or will happen afterwards; the ensuing course of affairs, subsequent train of events, issue, result, upshot. † *In sequel*, afterwards, subsequently, in the end. *Obs.*

1524 in Strype *Eccl. Mem.* I. I. iii. 50, I do tremble to remember the End of all these high and new Enterprizes. For oftentimes it hath been seen, that to a new Enterprize, there followeth a new Maner, and strange Sequel. 1567 FENTON *Trag. Disc.* 140 b, His prophecie also seamed fully verefyed in the sequeile of the licenceous lyuing of his new wif. 1579–80 NORTH *Plutarch, Artaxerxes* (1595) 1015 He could not haue deuised a fitter place.., as it fell out in sequell. 1599 SHAKS. *Much Ado* III. ii. 137 O plague right well preuented! so will you say, when you haue seene the sequele. 1666 in *10th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. v. 24 By reason of some unlucky sequells of his first speedy coming into this kingdome..hee is brought into a lower condition of fortune. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* x. 334 Hee, after Eve seduc't, unminded slunk Into the Wood fast by,..To observe the sequel. 1711 in *10th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. v. 176 Their lives are first taken away, and in sequel their estates. 1714 SWIFT *Pres. St. Aff.* (1741) 11 The October-Club which appeared so formidable at first..proved in the Sequel to be the chief Support of those who suspected them. 1802 PALEY *Nat. Theol.* xx. 386 Uses which discover themselves in the sequel of the process. 1835 MARRYAT *J. Faithful* xxiv, Whether Captain Turnbull or I were right, remains to be proved in the sequel. 1876 J. PARKER *Paracl.* II. xviii. 295 We must await the sequel for a complete justification of this course.

† b. The remaining period (of the year, one's life). *Obs.*

1578 LYTE *Dodoens* VI. lxviii. 746 The Oke Apples..forshewe the sequell of the yeere..by the liuing thinges that are founde within them. 1586 MARLOWE *1st Pt. Tamburl.* V. i, That in the shortened sequel of my life I may pour forth my soul into thine arms. 1619 EARL SUFFOLK in *Fortescue Papers* (Camden) 80 And all the sequel of my lyfe after, lyue Your Majesties trwe subject and faithfull servaunt.

c. An age or period as following and influenced by (a former period).

1837 WHEWELL *Hist. Induct. Sci.* (1857) I. 10 When this step has been made..there may generally be observed another period, which we may call the Sequel of the Epoch, during which the discovery has acquired a more perfect certainty. 1861 M. PATTISON *Ess.* (1889) I. 32 The nineteenth century is what it is as the sequel, not of the eighteenth century only, but of all the centuries that have preceded it.

7. The ensuing narrative, discourse, etc.; the following or remaining part of a narrative, etc.; that which follows as a continuation; esp. a literary work that, although complete in itself, forms a continuation of a preceding one.

a 1513 FABYAN *Chron.* I. Prol. (1533) 2 But of those dedes me lyste nat here to shewe For in the sequele they shall well appere. *a* 1548 HALL *Chron., Hen. IV* 1 b, What profite..succeded in the realme of England by the union of the fornamed two noble families you shall apparantly perceive by the sequele of this..history. 1591 SHAKS. *Two Gent.* II. i. 122 *Val.* I will write..a thousand times as much: And yet—. *Sil.* A pretty period: well: I ghesse the sequell. 1644 VICARS *God in Mount* 147 Which..proved a Babell, a hill of confusion to them in the issue, as you shall hear in the sequill. 1653 GATAKER *Vind. Annot. Jer.* 94 Wherein how they have either acquitted their Client, or acquighted themselvs, the seqele shal shew. 1689 LOCKE *Govt.* II. ii. § 15 (1694) 176, I moreover affirm, That [etc.]; And I doubt not in the Sequel of this Discourse, to make it very clear. 1710 STEELE & ADDISON *Tatler* No. 253 P 13 The Sequel of the Proceedings of this Day will be published on Tuesday next. 1740 CIBBER *Apol.* IX. 174 In *Love's Last Shift*, and in the Sequel of it, the *Relapse*. 1794 PALEY *Evid.* II. vii. (1817) 189, I will only observe, as a sequel of the argument, the remarkable similitude between the style of Saint John's Gospel, and of St. John's Epistle. 1858 E. A. BOND *Russia* (Hakl. Soc.) Introd. 1 The one [work] serves as a sequel to or complement of the other. 1862 STANLEY *Jew. Ch.* (1877) I. xv. 297 This story has an interest of its own..independently of the grander narrative to which it is a close sequel. 1884 D. HUNTER tr. *Reuss's Hist. Canon* xiii. 244 We shall meet with it again more than once in the sequel of this history.

† 8. *Phonetics.* (See quot.) *Obs. rare*⁻¹.

1706 LHUYD *Archæol. Brit.* 35/1 Sequels, or such Consonants as when they begin words, admit of none other immediately after them; tho they'l immediately follow. l. n. r.

† Se·quel, *a. Obs. rare.* [f. SEQUEL *sb.*] That followed after, subsequent.

1632 LITHGOW *Trav.* VI. 293 The sequell morne, we marched through a fiery faced plaine. *Ibid.* X. 488 After this, their sequell answere being mortified, and I set at liberty.

† Se·quel, *v. Obs. rare.* [f. SEQUEL *sb.*] *trans.* To follow. Hence † Se·quelled *ppl. a.*

1594 *Zepheria* xl, If she shall attend what fortunes sequell'd The naufrage of my poor afflicted hark, Then tell [etc.]. 1805 in *Spirit Publ. Jrnls.* IX. 254 But ah! who can control his fate? My sequel'd tale I'll brief relate.

‖ Sequela (sĭkwī·lă). Pl. **sequelæ** (sĭkwī·lī). [L. *sequēla*: see SEQUEL *sb.*]

1. *Path.* A morbid affection occurring as the result of a previous disease. Chiefly *pl.*

c 1793 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) XI. 299/2 But..these sequelæ of this disease are perhaps more readily overcome by country air. 1816 A. C. HUTCHISON *Pract. Obs. Surg.* (1826) 115, I had, recently, a case of the sequelæ of this malady. 1876 BRISTOWE *Th. & Pract. Med.* (1878) 529 The change..is sometimes a sequela of myocarditis.

b. *transf.* A consequence.

1883 *Spectator* 28 Apr. (Stanf.), Those terrible sequelæ which interfere so deeply with human happiness. 1910 *Q. Rev.* Apr. 429 Ostentation and oppression on the part of the rich with the sequelæ of vice, crime and demoralisation.

2. A person's followers (cf. SEQUEL *sb.* 1). *rare.*

1858–9 MARSH *Eng. Lang.* XXX. (1860) 673 The long *e* in *there*, which Walker and his sequela make identical with *a* in *fate*.

† Seque·larly, *adv. Obs. rare*⁻¹. [f. L. *sequēla* SEQUEL *sb.* + -AR + -LY 2.] Subsequently.

1600 SIR J. DOWDALL in *Carew MSS.* (1869) 353 (The smoke of rebellion was first seen in..Magweyre, neat in Tyrone, and] sequelarly [in his confederates].

Sequence (sī·kwĕns). Also 4–6 **sequens.** [ad. late L. *sequentia*, f. *sequent-em*, pres. pple. of *sequī* to follow: see SEQUENT *a.* and -ENCE. Cf. OF. *sequence* (13th c. in Hatz.-Darm.), F. *séquence*, Sp. *secuencia*, Pg. *sequencia*, It. *seguenza*.

Orig. introduced (perh. through OF.) in the eccl. Latin sense (7 below). In this use *sequentia* was a transl. of eccl. Gr. ἀκολουθία, which denoted a neume or prolonged succession of notes sung on the last syllable of the Alleluia. When the Alleluia was adopted in the Western ritual, this neume was retained, but it became usual to sing it to a separate form of words, to which the name *sequentia* was transferred. In its primary use the word first appears late in the 16th c.]

I. Succession, following.

1. The fact of following after or succeeding; the following of one thing after another in succession; an instance of this.

1593 SHAKS. *Rich. II*, II. i. 199 For how art thou a King But by faire sequence and succession? 1605 BACON *Adv. Learn.* I. ii. § 2 For as in Man, the ripenesse of strength of the bodie and minde commeth much about an age..; So in States, Armes and Learning..haue a concurrence or nere sequence in times. 1644 BULWER *Chirol.* 138 The ancient form of absolution..may be also exhibited by one Hand laid in sequence of the other; or both conjoyned and held above the head. *a* 1656 BP. HALL *Serm.* Ps. cviii. 34 Wks. 1808 V. 240 What should I instance in that, whereof..the whole world is full: the inevitable sequences of sin and punishment? 1833 CHALMERS *Const. Man* (1835) II. II. i. 143 The constancy of nature's Sequences. 1843 GROVE *Corr. Phys. Forces* (1846) 6 If..we regard causation as invariable sequence, we can find no case in which a given antecedent is the only antecedent to a given sequent. 1843 MILL *Logic* I. v. § 6. 139 Instead of Coexistence and Sequence, we shall sometimes say, for greater particularity, Order in Place, and Order in Time. 1862 SPENCER *First Princ.* II. iii. § 47 (1867) 163 Relations of which the terms are not reversible become recognized as sequences proper; while relations of which the terms occur indifferently in both directions, become recognized as co-existences. 1866 G. MACDONALD *Ann. Q. Neighb.* xvi. (1878) 330 Now I must report another occurrence in regular sequence. 1884 [LAURIE] *Metaph. Nova & Vet.* 115 There are fixed in his associative memory certain sequences as always occurring.

† b. *In sequence of*: in pursuance or consequence of. *Obs.*

a 1648 LD. HERBERT *Hen. VIII* (1649) 262 The Cardinall ..having read them, deliver'd immediatly the Great Seale; In sequence thereof, also submitting himself to the King. *Ibid.* 378 In sequence whereof, on the twelfth of March following..the Bishop..returned the Protestants this answer. *Ibid.* 394 France, where in sequence of a Protestation..to attend the French King..he resolved to march.

c. *In sequence*: one after another.

1575 GASCOIGNE *Posies, Weeds* (1907) I. 463 Davids salutacions to Berzabe wherein are three sonets in sequence, written uppon this occation. 1588 SHAKS. *Tit. A.* IV. i. 37 *Ti.* Why lifts she vp her armes in sequence thus? *Mar.* I thinke she meanes that ther was more than one Confederate in the fact. 1638 R. BAKER tr. *Balzac's Lett.* (vol. II.) 113 Fortune hath robbed me of it, for feare I should..have two pleasures in sequence. 1823 SOUTHEY *Hist. Penins. War* I. 20 The others were to be called upon in sequence. 1824 LANDOR *Imag. Conv., Johnson & Horne Tooke* Wks. 1853 I. 160/2 You will wonder at finding both a hexameter and pentameter, and in sequence.

2. Order of succession.

1586 A. DAY *Eng. Secretary* II. (1595) 4 Whereof the first in sequence which I will deliuer vnto you..shall be in the state conjecturall. 1607 SHAKS. *Timon* V. i. 211 Tell Athens, in the sequence of degree, From high to low throughout. *a* 1631 DONNE *Lett.* (1651) 60, I doubt..not that I writing in my dungeon of Michim without dating, have made the Chronologie and sequence of my Letters perplexed to you. 1657 SPARROW *Bk. Com. Prayer* (1661) 111 Wherein without any consideration of the sequence of time..the holy Doctrine, Deeds and Miracles of our Lord are the chief matters of our meditations. 1833 CAROLINE BOWLES in Southey *Corr.* (1881) 277 Admiration, disappointment, and disgust has been, I think, the sequence of feeling with which I have read them. 1862 STANLEY *Jew. Ch.* (1877) I. xix. 364 Works.. arranged in chronological sequence. 1867 W. W. SMYTH *Coal & Coal-mining* 20 The annexed table exhibits the natural sequence where all the strata are developed. 1873 SPENCER *Stud. Sociol.* ii. 45 He asserts that there is a natural sequence among social actions. 1875 FORTNUM *Maiolica* iii. 24 The next example, two years later, in sequence of date.

b. *Gram.* Chiefly in *sequence of tenses*, the manner in which the tense of a subordinate clause depends on that of the principal clause. Cf. CONSECUTION 2 b.

1848 J. T. WHITE *Xenophon's Anab.* I. viii. § 15 (1872) Notes 72What is in Latin the sequence of tenses is in Greek the sequence of moods. 1891 SONNENSCHEIN *Plautus' Rudens* 91 The sequence of tenses *hic dico..qui adornaret ut faciat* is Plautine. 1892 L. KELLNER *Hist. Outl. Eng. Syntax* § 371 Sequence of Tenses ('consecutio temporum'). Principal tenses depend on principal tenses; historical on historical.

3. A continuous or connected series (of things).

In 16th c. examples there is sometimes an allusion to the specific sense 4.

1575 GASCOIGNE *Posies, Flowers* (1907) I. 85 Of such our patrone here, The viscont Mountacute, Hath many comely sequences, well sorted all in sute. *Ibid., Weeds* I. 463 In the beginning of the booke [he] wrote this sequence. 1589 *Pappe w. Hatchet* E iij, I haue manie sequences of Saints. 1605 BACON *Adv. Learn.* I. vii. § 8. 35 b, In this sequence of sixe Princes, we doe see the blessed effects of Learning in soueraignties. 1616 I. T. *A, B, C, of Armes* C 4, A perfect File is a sequence of men standing one behinde another. 1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr., Sequences*, answering Verses, or Verses that answer one another sequentially; [1661 adds] things that follow one another in order. *a* 1668 LASSELS *Voy. Italy* (1670) II. 183 This is one of the noblest palaces in Rome for..the rare sequens of chambers, one going into the other. 1823 SCOTT *Peveril* xii, Then came a long sequence of reflections. 1829 CARLYLE *Voltaire* Misc. 1840 II. 102 Neither is that sequence which we love to speak of as 'a chain of causes', properly to be figured as a 'chain'. 1881 *Daily Tel.* 27 Dec. [The] orchestra struck up a sequence of patriotic and loyal airs.

b. *Mus.* (See quots.)

1752 tr. *Rameau's Treat. Mus.* 85 A Sequence, or Succession of Harmony, is nothing else but a Link or Chain of Keys and Governing-notes. 1838 G. F. GRAHAM *Mus. Comp.* 22/2 Sequences or chains of sevenths. 1867 MACFARREN *Harmony* (1892) 57 A Sequence, in the strict style, is the repetition of a melodic or harmonic progression at a higher or lower part of the scale, without a change of key.

c. *Math.* (*a*) A succession of natural numbers in order. *rare.*

1882 SYLVESTER in *Amer. Jrnl. Math.* V. 291.

(*b*) An endless succession of numerical quantities corresponding one to one with the natural numbers 1, 2, 3, etc., in order.

1910 SHEPPARD *Algebra* in *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 11) I. 611/2.

(*c*) *spec.* (See quot.)

1911 G. B. MATHEWS *Number* in *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 11) XIX. 850/1 A sequence is an unlimited succession of rational numbers $a_1, a_2, a_3 \ldots a_m, a_{m+1} \ldots$ in order-type *w*) the elements of which can be assigned by a definite rule, such that when any rational number *e*, however small, has been fixed, it is possible to find an integer *m*, so that for *all* positive integral values of *n* the absolute value of $(a_{m+n} - a_m)$ is less than *e*.

4. *Cards.* A gronp of three or more cards of the same suit following in numerical order; a 'run'. Phrase, *in sequence.* In *Poker*: see quot. 1882.

1575 GASCOIGNE *Posies* (1907) I. 392 Untill she had..turned over and retossed every card in this sequence. 1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr.* s. v., A Sequence at Cards, is three of a sort that answer or follow one another, in number or degree. 1680 COTTON *Compl. Gamester* (ed. 2) 59 Picket..A Quart is a sequence of four Cards, a Quint of five, a Sixism of six, &c. These Sequences take their denomination from the highest Card in the Sequence. 1746 HOYLE *Whist* (ed. 6) 13 A Sequence of King, Queen, and Knave. 1784 COWPER *Task* I. 475 To divide and sort, Her mingled suits and sequences. 1816 SINGER *Hist. Cards* 239 If a king is played, and you have not the queen to form a sequence, you play the fool. 1868 PARDON *Card Player* 20 It is not necessary that the cards of a sequence should be played in consecutive order. 1869 BROWNING *Ring & Bk.* XI. 1601, I called king, Queen and knave in a sequence, and cards came, All three, three only! 1882 *Rules of Poker* 13 A Sequence Flush. Which is a sequence of five cards and *all* of the same suit. *Ibid.* 14 A Sequence. Which is all five cards not of the same suit but all in sequence. 1883 *Longm. Mag.* Sept. 499 All the cards in the hand being in sequence.

† b. 'A certaine game that standeth much on sequences' (Cotgr.). *Obs.*

1653 URQUHART *Rabelais* I. xxii, There he played..At post and paire, or even and sequence..At the sequences.

5. Something that follows. a. A logical consequence; also † an inference, conclusion.

1613 DAY *Dyall* viii. (1614) 207 Vpon which Confession if you please you may make these sequences: *First* what is the right and interest of Princes in matters Ecclesiasticall: *Secondly*, that [etc.]. 1861 J. G. HOLLAND *Less. Life* xi. 158 The logical sequence of disbelief in what Mr. Emerson calls a 'pistareen Providence' is a belief in pantheism or polytheism.

b. A subsequent event; sometimes contextually, a consequent event, a result.

1853 KANE *Grinnell Exp.* XXXVI. (1856) 325, I am, I fear, heterodox..as to the direct action of remedies, and rarely allow myself to claim a sequence as a result. 1858 GEN. P. THOMPSON *Audi Alt.* III. 35 The Chinese felony and its Indian sequences. 1863 GEO. ELIOT *Romola* II. iv, A movement which was but a small sequence of her energetic resolution. 1872 YEATS *Growth Comm.* 9 Maritime commerce was the natural sequence to that along the courses of rivers.

† c. Event, end, issue, sequel. *Obs.*

1600 SURFLET *Country Farm* III. lxxxiii. 621 You must see to the ordering and continuing of your fire,..euermore carefully looking vnto the sequence [orig. F. *Veuenement*] and successe of the worke. *a* 1648 LD. HERBERT *Hen. VIII* (1649) 402 They might afterwards repent their neglect of so great an offer, so it prov'd true, as by the sequence will appear.

6. The quality of being sequent; the fact of following as a logical inference or as a necessary result; orderly connexion betwcen successive events or the successive parts of an argument or discourse; continuity, consecutiveness.

1828 CARLYLE *Goethe* Misc. 1840 I. 263 These two classes of works stand..at first view, in strong contradiction, yet in truth, connected together by the strictest sequence. 1831 — *Sart. Res.* I. iv, In this remarkable Volume, it is true,.. [there is] a certain show of outward method; but of true logical method and sequence there is too little. 1841 MYERS *Cath. Th.* III. xlviii. 180 A series of contemporaneous utterances,..with no shape or sequence, no method or coherence. *a* 1854 H. REED *Lect. Eng. Hist.* IX. (1855) 282 As to the sequence, the connection of one with another, it is utter darkness. 1866 GEO. ELIOT *F. Holt* ix, With strange sequence to all that rapid tumult after a few moments' silence she said [etc.]. 1870 DICKENS *E. Drood* i, When any distinct word has been flung into the air, it has had no sense or sequence. 1876 FREEMAN *Norm. Conq.* V. xxiv. 378 Whatever we say of his premisses, his conclusions follow from them with a sequence which cannot be gainsayed. 1908 R. BAGOT *A. Cuthbert* XX. 249 No; every link was complete, every combination of circumstances crushing in its logical and cruel sequence.

II. 7. *Eccl.* A composition in rhythmical prose or accentual metre said or sung, in the Western Church, after the Allelnia and before the Gospel. Sometimes called a *prose*: see PROSE *sb.* 2.

1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) VII. 501 þis is that Rohart that made that sequence of the Holy Goost; Sancti spiritus assit nohis gratia. *a* 1400 *Leg. Rood.* App. 218 þer clerkis synge her sequens. *c* 1430 LYDG. *Min. Poems* (E.E.T.S.) 15 That gloryous hevenly queene.. In whoos worshepe this sequence as I mene In hire feestys is songen. *c* 1440 *Alphabet of Tales* 77 When þai war att þe laste end of þe sequens & had songen þis vers; 'hunc diem gloriosum fecisti'. *c* 1449 [see PROSE *sb.* 2]. 1483 CAXTON *Gold. Leg.* 430/4 Duryng that tyme men saye noo sequence for the sequence sygnefyeth joye and consolacyon. 1513 BRADSHAW *St. Werburge* II. 1689 Playnly declaryng..What.. excellence Our saulour shewed for his spouse openly, As is rehersed at masse in her sequens. 1563 *Homilies* II. ii. *Agst. Peril of Idol.* III. (1623) 48 All our Legends, Hymnes, Sequenses, and Masses, did conteine Stories, Laudes, and Prayses of them [*sc.* the Saints]. 1725 J. LEWIS *Life Pecock* (1744) 158 The tropery.., a book of sequences. 1853 ROCK *Ch. of Fathers* III. II. xi. 21 This drawing out of the notation for the Alleluia, they called the 'sequence'. ..On all lower feast days the sequence, that is, the gradual Alleluia..was sung. 18.. Alleluiatic sequence [see ALLELUIATIC *a.*]. 1881 LD. SELBORNE in *Encycl. Brit.* XII. 583/2 The 'Golden Sequence', 'Veni, sancte Spiritus' ('Holy Spirit, Lord of Light') is an early example of the transition of sequences from a simply rhythmical to a metrical form. 1903 C. E. OSBORNE *Life Dolling* XXIV. (1905) 229 The sequence was that usual at the burial of the dead in Western Christendom, the *Dies Iræ*.

† b. A sequencer or sequence-book. *Obs. rare*⁻¹.

1500 in Wordsw. & Littlehales *Old Service-bks.* (1904) 211 A boke of expownations and a sequens, both notyd.

c. *Sequence book*: a sequencer.

1862 BP. FORBES in *Ecclesiologist* XXIII. 35 The Sarum Tropers, or Sequence books.

Sequencer (sī·kwĕnsəɹ). Now *Hist.* [a. OF. *sequencier* (AF. **sequencer*), ad. L. *sequentiārius*: see SEQUENTIARY.] A book containing sequences.

1488 in *Archæologia* XLV. 118 A Primer and a Sequencer. 1904 WORDSW. & LITTLEHALES *Old Service-bks.* Index, Sequentiale, Sequentiarius, a Sequencer, or Book of Seqnences.

† Sequencery. *Obs.*⁻° = SEQUENCER.

1483 *Cath. Angl.* 330/1 A Sequencery, *troporium*.

Seque·nciar. *Hist.* [ad. med.L. *sequenciārius* (*sequentiārius*).] = SEQUENCER.

1904 WORDSW. & LITTLEHALES *Old Service-bks.* 207 Then

the name 'Troper' survived only as an alternate for the 'Sequenciar'.

Sequency (sī·kwĕnsi). [ad. late L. *sequentia*: see SEQUENCE and -ENCY.]

†**1.** = SEQUENCE 7. *Obs.*

1641 R. B. K. *Parall. Liturgy with Mass-Book* 28 That famous sequency of Pentecost...In some of their sequencies ..are contained praises of the B. Virgin.

†**2.** The condition or fact of being sequent *to*.

1661 GLANVILL *Van. Dogm.* iv. 40 The sole difficulties about the Will, its nature, and sequency to the Understanding, &c. have almost quite baffled inquiry.

†**3.** = SEQUENCE 5 a. *Obs.*

1642 H. MORE *Song of Soul* II. iii. IV. xxxiv, Why was this world from all infinity Not made? saist thou: why? could it be so made? Say I. For well observe the sequency.

4. The quality of being sequent, or of following as a logical or natural consequence; connexion between successive events, or between the successive parts of an argument or discourse; consecutiveness.

1818 COLERIDGE in *Lit. Rem.* (1836) I. 231 The connexion of the parts with the sum total of the discourse is maintained by the sequency of the logic. 1826 E. IRVING *Babylon* I. i. 48 Were it redeemed and set free from..the sequency of cause and effect. 1857 J. W. DONALDSON *Chr. Orthod.* 164 A want of sequency in the narrative of events. 1879 MEREDITH *Egoist* xxii, It was to suppose a sequency in the conduct of a variable damsel.

Sequent (sī·kwĕnt), *a.* and *sb.* [a. OF. *sequent*, ad. L. *sequent-em*, pres. pple. of *sequī* to follow. Cf. Sp. *siguiente*, Pg. *seguinte*, *seqüente*, It. *seguente*, *sequente*.] **A.** *adj.*

1. That follows or comes after. †**a.** That one is about to say or mention; (the) following, ensuing. *Obs.*

a 1560 ROLLAND *Crt. Venus* I. 810 And scho in hand ane letter had quhairon Hir charge scho red, quhais tennour is sequent. 1607 WALTER *Diary* (Camden) 15 There are extant bookes in print, the one by an eye-witness, to the sequent event. 1653 LO. BROUNCKER tr. *Des Cartes' Compend. Mus.* 37 Such as are set in the Sequent Figure. 1821 *Rouge et Noir* 45 You'll find it in the sequent canto.

b. That succeeds or is subsequent in time or serial order. Now *rare*.

1601 SHAKS. *All's Well* v. iii. 197 Of six preceding Ancestors, that Iemme Confer'd by testament to 'th sequent issue Hath it beene owed and worne. *a* 1643 LO. FALKLAND, etc. *Infallibility* (1646) 191 Miracles..creditably recorded from age to age, both in the Evangelists and other sequent Histories. *a* 1648 LD. HERBERT *Hen. VIII* (1649) 553 Priviledges.. of which Lodovicus Pius was in Possession, and all the sequent Kings. 1651 CARTWRIGHT *Cert. Relig.* I. 79 What primitive, or sequent Church ever taught..such doctrine as this? 1667 MILTON *P. L.* XII. 165 There he dies, and leaves his Race Growing into a Nation, and now grown Suspected to a sequent king. *a* 1763 SHENSTONE *Econ.* II. 256 Virtue then Requires the pruner's hand, the sequent stage It barely vegetates. 1867 EMERSON *May-Day*, etc., Wks. (Bohn) III. 439 Nor sequent centuries could hit Orbit and sum of Shakspeare's wit. 1873 M. COLLINS *Squire Silchester* ix, The Rector'..enjoyed his sequent glass of port. 1887 PROCTOR *Chance & Luck* 133 From his sequent remarks it appears that he had very imperfect information.

c. That follows or moves in the train of another. *rare*.

1612 *Two Noble Kinsmen* I. ii. 65 Either I am The forehorse in the Teame, or I am none That draw i'th sequent trace. 1805–6 CARY *Dante, Inf.* v. 98 The coast, where Po descends To rest in ocean with his sequent streams. 1874 RUSKIN *Val D'Arno* (1886) 229 The treatment of light and shadow in the figures of the Christ and sequent angels.

2. That follows as a result or a logical conclusion. Const. *to*, *on*, *upon*.

1601 SHAKS. *All's Well* II. ii. 56 Indeed your O Lord sir, is very sequent to your whipping. 1603 — *Meas. for M.* v. i. 378 Immediate sentence then, and sequent death, Is all the grace I beg. 1605 — *Lear* I. ii. 115 The sequent effects. 1796 G. L. WAY tr. *Le Grand's Fabliaux* I. 52 Her son's arrest, and sequent punishment. 1853 *Zoologist* II. 3871 Some of the inferences drawn are not sequent on the premises. 1878 P. BAYNE *Pur. Rev.* iii. 82 The strictly sequent corollary to the Puritan view of Antichrist.

3. Following one another in succession or in a series; successive.

1604 SHAKS. *Oth.* I. ii. 41 The Gallies Haue sent a dozen sequent Messengers This very night, at one anothers heeles. 1870 PROCTOR *Other Worlds* xiii. 323 The never-ending chain of sequent events. 1877 E. R. CONDER *Basis Faith* ii. 49 Every harmonious combination of events, sequent or coexistent. 1881 J. SULLY *Illusions* 163 A very similar kind of unification takes place between sequent images under the form of transformation. 1884 [LAURIE] *Metaph. Nova & Vet.* 115 The series of sequent movements which in a dog ends with the sensation of pain.

b. Characterized by continuous succession; forming an unbroken series or course; consecutive.

c 1600 SHAKS. *Sonn.* lx, Like as the waues make towards the pibled shore, So..our minuites..In sequent toile all forwards do contend. 1688 HOLME *Armoury* III. xix. (Roxb.) 188/2 A file, is a sequent number of men standing one behind an other. 1860 READE *8th Commandm.* 318 A masterpiece of construction and arrangement, sequent, articulate, clear, pointed. 1872 RUSKIN *Aratra Pentelici* 114 Perfectly arranged disposition of counted masses in a sequent order. 1875 BLACKMORE *Alice Lorraine* III. viii. 122 The sweet face, more and more lit up with sequent thought. 1898 MEREDITH *Odes Fr. Hist.* 58 Chamber to chamber of her sequent brain Gives answer.

4. That forms a sequel or continuation.

1833 I. TAYLOR *Fanat.* Pref. 4 The nearly connected and sequent subject.

B. *sb.*

†**1.** A follower, attendant. *Obs. rare*—1.

1588 SHAKS. *L. L. L.* IV. ii. 142 And here he hath framed a Letter to a sequent of the stranger Queenes.

†**2.** A unit of a sequence; esp. of playing-cards. Cf. SEQUENCE 4. *Obs.*

1620 E. BLOUNT *Horæ Subs.* 49 There bee others that delight in figures, and their words fall in, one after another like sequents. 1730 SWIFT *Game Traffic* Wks. 1745 VIII. 169 Dame Floyd looks out in grave suspence For pair-royals and sequents. 1734 SEYMOUR *Compl. Gamester* I. (ed. 5) 93 (Picquet) Each is to examine what Cards he has in his Hands of the same Suit, which are Sequents.

†**3.** The following narrative; the subsequent course of events; the sequel. *Obs. rare*—2.

1655 TERRY *Voy. E. India* I. 36 A brave resolute man, as the sequent will demonstrate. *a* 1661 FULLER *Worthies, Linc.* (1662) II. 164 Elias de Trekingham, was born..at a Village so called, as by the sequents will appear.

4. That which follows in order (of arrangement, time, etc.).

1833 W. WIRT in J. P. Kennedy *Life* (1872) II. xx. 353 [The 'De Senectute' is] infinitely superior, I think, to that 'De Amicitia' which..follows it,—or even to the..'Somnium Scipionis', usually the sequent of the two former. 1893 FAIRBAIRN *Christ in Mod. Theol.* II. ii. § 3. 55 The later [age] is the sequent in time but not in thought of the earlier.

5. That which follows naturally as a result; the consequent of an antecedent; also in *logical sequent*.

1838 *Blackw. Mag.* XLIII. 200 Conscience, morality, and responsibility,..may be shown to be based in consciousness, and necessary sequents thereof. 1841 MYERS *Cath. Th.* IV. § 5. 193 No human thought can deal with them..as necessary antecedents or sequents in any logical deductions. 1884 [LAURIE] *Metaph. Nova & Vet.* 119 The relation of antecedents and sequents. 1885 J. MARTINEAU *Types Eth. Th.* (1889) I. 464 Assuming an interval between the two sequents (physical and mental) upon the molecular change. 1891 *Speaker* 2 May 528/1 Universal suffrage brought into France in 1789 its logical sequent; the right of the voter carried with it the duty of the defender.

Sequential (sĭkwe·nʃăl), *a.* [f. late L. *sequentia* SEQUENCE: see -AL.]

1. That follows as a sequel *to*. Of two or more things: Forming a sequence.

1854 *Chamb. Jrnl.* II. 82 A brief resumé of these thronging reminiscences must necessarily precede the telling of the story sequential to them. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 209 Mental action, though disorderly and not sequential to the question put. 1906 *Hibbert Jrnl.* Oct. 219 These two books, while not sequential, are closely related.

b. *Path.* Following as a secondary affection; occurring as a sequela to a previous disease.

1822–29 *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 3) V. 230 Sequential Labour ..Sequential, or after-pains as they are ordinarily called. 1904 *Brit. Med. Jrnl.* 10 Sept. 606 Inflammatory œdema is brought under the heading of phlegmonous laryngitis, primary and sequential.

c. Resultant, consequent.

1899 W. M. DAVIS in *Geog. Jrnl.* (R. G. S.) XIV. 487 'Initial' is therefore a term adapted to ideal rather than to actual cases, in treating which the term 'sequential' and its derivatives will be found more appropriate. 1900 J. OAR in *U. P. Mag.* Feb. 62/2 With these divisions of opinion on the nature of the Church are connected many sequential differences.

2. That is characterized by the regular sequence of its parts; continuous.

1844 'A. WALLBRIDGE' (*title*) The Sequential system of Musical Notation: a proposed new method of writing Music. Second edition. 1849 (*title*) The sequential book of church music. No. I. 1862 S. LUCAS *Secularia* 67 If the history of man has been in the main sequential. 1879 CARPENTER *Mental Phys.* I. viii. 346 The complete engrossment of the consciousness by a particular series of Cerebral changes..enables those changes to proceed with more sequential regularity. 1887 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 8 Nov. 4/2 There is in this country 'no sequential teaching'.

3. Pertaining to sequency of thought. *rare*—1.

1853 RUSKIN *Stones Ven.* III. ii. 38 God..has given to the man whom he means for a student, the reflective, logical, sequential faculties.

4. *Mus.* Of the nature of a sequence.

1889 H. A. HARDING *Analysis of Form* 5 A sequential passage leads to an inverted dominant pedal point. 1891 PROUT *Counterpoint* (ed. 2) 100 The sequential character of the treble and tenor is maintained in the added alto part.

Hence **Seque·ntially** *adv.*; **Seque·ntialism** *rare* (see quot. 1848); **Sequentia·lity**, the quality of being sequential.

1656 [see SEQUENCE 3]. 1848 'A. WALLBRIDGE' *Council of Four* Advt., Sequentialism: The new Musical Reform. Preparing for publication, the third edition of the Sequential System of Musical Notation. 1855 *Fraser's Mag.* LI. 168 What common-place man..has not dreams more lively and more sequentially evolved than this cento of wire-drawn reflections? 1883 *Harper's Mag.* LXVIII. 158 The story is remarkable for its fresh naturalness and sequentiality. 1891 PROUT *Counterpoint* (ed. 2) 45 We may now employ the same figure—especially sequentially—for several bars.

Sequentiary (sĭkwe·nʃări). [ad. late L. *sequentiārius*, f. *sequentia* SEQUENCE.] = SEQUENCER.

1500 *Ortus Vocab.*, *Troporium* [sic], a tropor a sequencyarye. 1857 *Ecclesiologist* XVIII. 205 An imperfect Sequentiary, apparently of the beginning of the fifteenth century. 1891 MRS. HERNAMAN in *Newbery Ho. Mag.* July V. 20 Missals and Sequentiaries.

Sequently (sī·kwĕntli), *adv.* [f. SEQUENT *a.* + -LY 2.] In sequent order.

1905 *Blackw. Mag.* Oct. 527/1 The whole of the events of the past few weeks flashed through his brain, clearly and sequently.

‖**Se·quere me.** *Surg. Obs.* [L., lit. 'Follow me'.] The name of a flexible probe used in mediæval surgery.

a 1425 tr. *Arderne's Treat. Fistula*, etc. 8 Instrumentis þat perteneth to þe cure of þe fistule...Of whiche þe first is called 'Sequere me'—'follow me'. *Ibid.* 15, 22.

†**Seque·st**, *v. Obs. rare*—1. [Badly f. L. *sequī* to follow.] *trans.* To follow.

1567 PIKERYNG *Horestes* 290 (Brandl), I thanke your grace, I shal sequest your gratius mind herin. *Ibid.* 807 So a wicked wight doth tourne Those that be good, and cause them eke his euell to sequest.

[**Sequest**, *v.*, in some Dicts., is evolved from the misprints *sequested*, *sequesting*, for *sequestred*, *-tring*: see SEQUESTER *v.*]

†**Seque·ster**, *sb.*[1] *Obs.* Also 4 suquestre. [a. L. *sequester*; prob. f. **seques-*, **sequos* a position apart (whence *secus* adv., otherwise); the etymological sense of the word (which is primarily an adj.) would thus be 'standing apart'.] In *Civil Law*, a person with whom the parties in a suit deposit the thing contested until the case has been decided. Also, in wider sense, a mediator.

c 1380 *Antecrist* in Todd *Three Treat. Wyclif* (1851) 125 But take we heede to þe popes & cardinals bope;..& dekenes & officials & sequestris. *a* 1400 in *Eng. Gilds* (1870) 363 And þat no man ne legge in lond ne in tenement by-fore y-seyd, þe whyle þe suquestre ys þare set. 1555 EDEN *Decades* (Arb.) 309 Kynge Iohn and pope Iulius dyed both in one day, wherby he [Basilius] lacked a conuenient sequester or solicitoure. 1592 WEST *1st Pt. Symbol.* § 17 c, This doth take the possession from the parties in controuersie, and giueth the same to the Sequester or indifferent man, to thend he may deliuer the same to him that recoureth it. 1633 D. R[OGERS] *Treat. Sacr.* 65 The Minister then is..appointed as a Sequester betweene God and the Congregation.

†**Seque·ster**, *sb.*[2] *Obs.* [a. F. *séquestre*, ad. L. *sequestrum*, orig. neut. of *sequester* adj.: see prec.]

1. Sequestration, seclusion, isolation.

1604 SHAKS. *Oth.* III. iv. 40 This hand of yours requires A sequester from Liberty.

2. The office or court to which goods seized by an act of sequestration are taken.

1568 tr. *Gonsalvio's Sp. Inquis.* 59 b, All the goodes and merchandise which he brought with him..were according to their common vsage seised and taken into the sequester.

3. *Path.* = SEQUESTRUM. [So in Fr.] ? *Obs.*

1831 SOUTH *Otto's Path. Anat.* II. 146 A jelly-like mass gradually hardens and becomes ossified, surrounds, like a sheath,..the necrotic bone, which is then called a sequester.

Sequester (sĭkwe·stəɹ), *v.* Also 4–9 sequestre. [ad. late L. *sequestr-āre* to place in safe keeping, to remove, separate, f. L. *sequestr-*, *sequester*: see SEQUESTER *sb.*[1]

Cf. OF. *sequestrer* (14th c.), mod.F. *séquestrer*, Sp. *secuestrar*, Pg. *sequestrar*, It. *sequestrare*.]

1. *trans.* To set aside, separate. †**a.** To separate and reject; to eliminate; chiefly in immaterial sense, to set aside, dismiss from consideration.

c 1380 WYCLIF *Sel. Wks.* III. 437 Sequestre we al mannes lawe, supposynge Crists ordynaunce. 1430–40 LYDG. *Bochas* III. xviii. (1554) 90 b, Poetes..should be quiet fro worldly mocion, And it sequester out of their remembraunce. 1537 *Inst. Chr. Man* O iij b, These be the wordes of Christe.. that we shulde sequester this care from us and seke for the kyngdome of god. 1625 HART *Anat. Ur.* II. i. 53 Thirdly, the great trouble..nature hath in the expelling and sequestring such humours. 1661 BOYLE *Scept. Chem.* IV. 259 They presume, that they can sequester the sulphur even of Minerals and Metalls.

†**b.** *Eccl.* To remove (a person) from the privileges of church-membership, to excommunicate.

1395 PURVEY *Remonstr.* (1851) 29 He shal be sequestrid, or departid fro the chirche, til he knouleche his gilt and amende him. 14.. *Fothergill MS.* in Henderson *York Man.* (Surtees 1875) Pref. 16 We curse and descry and fro the boundes of all holy kyrke sequestre and depart all thos that this illys base done [etc.]. 1579 FULKE *Heskins' Parl.* 146 It is to be..prayed for, lest while any being sequestred, is separated from y^e^ body of Christe, he remaine farre from health. 1642 JER. TAYLOR *Episc.* (1647) 223 If their Bishop have sequestred them from the holy Communion, they must not be suffered to communicate elsewhere.

†**c.** With religious signification: To set apart, consecrate to a particular service, to 'separate'. *Obs.*

1533 MORE *Answ. Poysoned Bk.* I. vi. (1534) 21 Hym hath god the father specyally sequestred and senered and set asyde out of the nomber of all creatures. 1632 *Consecr. Chapel Merstham Hatch* in Legg *17th cent. Conseer. Churches* (1911) 141 And after the ascention of our Saviour taught us by thy Apostles to distinguish [places] sequested for religious exercises, from private houses. 1692 T. WATSON *Body Divinity* 332 This Lord's Day is to be sequestred and set apart for Divine Worship. 1697 BURGHOPE *Div. Worship* 147 Let him..wholly sequester his soul to this work of religion.

†**d.** To remove from membership of a body, or from a public office or station. *Obs.*

1571 HOOKER *Hist. Irel.* (1587) 128/2 in *Holinshed*, Euerie person of the parlement ought to keepe secret..the secrets and things spoken and doone in the parlement house..vpon paine to be sequestred out of the house. 1629 MAXWELL *Herodian* 252 He tooke to wife..Augusta, yet soone after diuorced her, and..sequestred her to a priuate Life. 1667 PEPYS *Diary* 3 Dec., The Court of Aldermen have sequestered him from their Court till he do bring in an account. 1761 HUME *Hist. Eng.* III. liv. 164 Immediately after Strafford was sequestered from parliament. 1827 HALLAM *Const. Hist.* (1876) II. x. 165 Many had already been sequestered from their livings.

e. To seclude (a person, thing, or place) from general access or intercourse; to keep apart *from* society. Now *rare* or *Obs.* exc. in SEQUESTERED *ppl. a.*

c 1430 *Pilgr. Lyf Manhode* II. xlvi. (1869) 93 For it is not in my powere to sequestre him longe from thee. 1497 BP. ALCOK *Mons Perfect.* B iij b, Herts sequestred from all carnall desyres. *c* 1550 N. SMYTH *Herodian* VI. 73 Those which inhabite the Orient, are sequestred wyth great distaunce of lande, and Sea. 1588 SHAKS. *Tit. A.* II. iii. 75 Why are you sequestred from all your traine? 1604 E. G[RIMSTONE] *D'Acosta's Hist. Indies* VI. xxvii. 489 They laboured and tooke paines to sequester their children from delights and liberties..imploying them in honest and profitable exercises. *a* 1626 BACON *War with Spain* (1629) 2, I had wholly sequestred my thoughts from ciuill affaires. 1698 SOUTH *Serm.* (1727) IV. 179 A Christian, in all Acts of Duty, ought to sequester his Mind from all Respect to an ensuing Reward. 1766 *Life of Quin* ii. 18 Cato.. being nine years sequestered in Mr. Addison's closet. 1805 WOROSW. *Prelude* IX. 116 Men Whom in the city, privilege of birth Sequestered from the rest.

refl. c 1450 tr. *De Imitatione* III. xxxvi. (1893) 106 Fewe can fully sequestre & departe himself fro perisshing creatures. *a* 1557 MRS. M. BASSET tr. *More's Treat. Passion* M.'s Wks. 1372/2 Sequestring themselfes from those wretched fetters that haue so long holden theim in sinne. 1583 STUBBES *Anat. Abus.* I. (1879) 93 It shalbe lawful for a man to sequester himself from his owne wife. 1603 FLORIO *Montaigne* I. xxxviii. 119 It is not enough for a man to have sequestred himselfe from the concourse of people...A man must sequester and recover himselfe from himselfe. 1657 *North's Plutarch* (1676) Add. Lives 34 He was resolved to sequester himself from the world. 1753 RICHARDSON *Grandison* (1781) VI. 339 But why, Ladies,..do you sequester yourselves from the company? 1834 DE QUINCEY *Cæsars* Wks. 1859 X. 232 He sequestered himself from his subjects in the recesses of his palace. 1847 — *Joan of Arc* ibid. III. 221 As surely as the wolf retires before cities, does the fairy sequester herself from the haunts of the licensed victualler.

f. To segregate, separate in thought from the surroundings.

1841 EMERSON *Ess.* Ser. I. xii. 356 The virtue of art lies in detachment, in sequestering one object from the embarrassing variety.

2. To confiscate, appropriate, to take forcible possession of.

a 1513 FABYAN *Chron.* VII. (1811) 363 Than the commons of y^e^ cytie..toke certayne of the aldermen, & caste theym in prysone, and sequestryd theyr goodes & dispoyled moche therof. 1534 LD. BERNERS *Gold. Bk. M. Aurel.* (1546) L viij b, The gouernours..commaunded all the saied shyppes to bee sequestred into theyr owne handes. 1621 ELSING *Debates Ho. Lords* (Camden) 21 His Majesty to be enfourmed that there is just grounde for his Majesty to sequestre the Seale, and then the L. Chancellor to come to the barre. 1640 in Rymer *Fœdera* (1735) XX. 429 We..thereupon have been pleased to sequester the said Offices, into the Hands of Philip Burlamachy. 1644 SYMONDS *Diary* (Camden) 32 He is in rebellion and his estate sequestered. 1855 MILMAN *Lat. Chr.* ix. ii. (1864) V. 207 The German prelates were commanded..to sequester the goods of all who had presumed to assist in the incarceration of an archbishop. 1887 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 2 June 7/2 The banker to-day sequestered some State property, which was sold by auction.

3. *Law.* a. To remove (property, etc.) from the possession of the owner temporarily; to seize and hold the effects of a debtor until the claims of creditors be satisfied; *Eccl.* to divert the income of a benefice to the payment of debts due from the incumbent, or for the purpose of making good dilapidations; to hold the income of a benefice during a vacancy for the benefit of the next incumbent.

1530 PALSGR. 709/1, I sequester, I put a thyng from the possessoure by the auctorite of a judge. 1538 STARKEY *England* I. iv. 127 He hath..the admynystratyon of intestate godys, by the reson wherof they be sequestryd from the profyt of al the frendys of hym wych so dyed intestate. 1647 CLARENDON *Hist. Reb.* VII. § 255 Both his Livings.. [were] sequester'd. 1731 SWIFT *Advant. Repeal. Test* Misc. 1735 V. 407 Every Bishop upon the Vacancy of a Church-Living, can sequester the Profits for the Use of the next Incumbent. 1790 DALLAS *Amer. Law Rep.* I. 399 The profits of his property may be sequestered during war, but no forfeiture can take place. 1884 *Law Rep.* 25 Chanc. Div. 341 The Bishop..was commanded to sequester the fruits and profits of the rectory..until he should have levied the sum of £2285 13 4.

transf. and *fig.* 1678 MARVELL *Growth Popery* Wks. 1872–5 IV. 251 But sequestring it [the Bible] only into such hands as were interested in the cheat, they had the opportunity to vitiate..those Records by which the poor people hold their salvation. 1837 BANCROFT *Hist. U. S.* II. 417 The liberties of New York were thus sequestered by a monarch [James II] who desired to imitate the despotism of France.

† b. To remove (property in dispute) from the possession of contending parties in a suit, until reference has been had to a third party as arbitrator or umpire. *Obs.*

1604 R. CAWDREY *Table Alph.* 1647 FULLER *Good Th. in Worse T.* To Rdr., For God and man beeing at ods, the difference was Sequestred or referred into Christs his hand to end and umpire it. 1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr.*

c. To apply the process of sequestration to (a person); to sequestrate the estate or benefice of.

1681 BAXTER *Apol. Nonconf. Min.* 80 The Vicar was sequestred by the Committee. 1709 STRYPE *Ann. Ref.* I. xxv. 253 Thomas Morrison, Rector of Henly upon Thames..was sequestred. 1901 G. DOUGLAS *Ho. Green Shutters* 328 Sandy ..was informing a bunch of unshaven bodies that the Gourlays were 'sequestered'.

† d. *intr.* (See quot.) *Obs.*

1704 J. HARRIS *Lex. Techn.* I, *Sequester*, is a Term used in the Civil Law for renouncing, as when a Widow comes into Court, and disclaims to have any thing to do, or to intermeddle with her Husband's Estate, who is Deceased; she is said to *Sequester*. 1706 PHILLIPS (ed. Kersey).

† 4. To withdraw into seclusion, to retire, keep apart. *Obs.*

1627 SCLATER *Exp. 2 Thess.* (1629) 286 Is it our pride..or what, that makes vs willingly sequester from such societie? 1644 MILTON *Areop.* (Arb.) 51 To sequester out of the world into Atlantick and Eutopinn polities..will not mend our condition. 1838 *New Monthly Mag.* LIII. 541 Have you no hobby whereon you may whisk yourself away from this diurnal sphere, and so sequester from the real to the ideal?

Hence **Seque·stering** *vbl. sb.* and *ppl. a.*

1620 SHELTON *Quix.* II. xv. 91 And it might so be, that in this time of sequestring, he might forget all his vanities. 1653 BULWER *Anthropomet.* 60 The sequestring variance of virile Nature. 1684 BAXTER *Twelve Argum.* § 16 They ordered the Sequestring of all Ministers that would not Fast and Pray.

Sequestered (sĭkwe·stəɹd), *ppl. a.* Also 7 sequestred. [f. SEQUESTER *v.* + -ED[1].]

† 1. Separated; cut off from congenial surroundings. *Obs.*

1600 SHAKS. *A. Y. L.* II. i. 33 To the which place a poore sequestred Stag That from the Hunters aime had tane a hurt, Did come to languish. 1766 [ANSTEY] *Bath Guide* ix. 2 To humbler Strains, ye Nine, descend And greet my poor sequester'd Friend. 1782 PRIESTLEY *Corrupt. Chr.* I. v. 413 [They] suffer some grief in their sequestered state.

b. Under sentence of sequestration; esp. *Eccl. Hist.* Of the dispossessed clergy under the Commonwealth: Deprived of a benefice.

a 1661 FULLER *Worthies, Gen.* xi. (1662) I. 37 Next I desire them to reflect upon aged sequestred Ministers; whom, with their charge, the (generally ill paid) fifth part will not maintain. 1663 COWLEY *Cutter Colman St.* v. xiii, Fifteen hundred pounds a year is no ill match for the daughter of a Sequestred Cavalier. 1673 R. HEAD *Canting Acad.* 79 He is a poor sequestred Parson. 1808 W. WILSON *Dissent. Churches* I. 366 At Cliff..he succeeded Dr. Griffith Higges, the sequestered minister.

† c. Of estates, benefices, etc.: In sequestration. 1649 (*title*) Two Resolutions of Parliament respecting Tenants of Sequestred Estates. 1765–8 ERSKINE *Inst. Law Scot.* II. xii. § 58 The rules by which a judicial factor on a sequestered estate ought to conduct himself.

† d. *Chem.* Separated, eliminated. *Obs.*

1661 BOYLE *Scept. Chem.* IV. 260 These sequestered substances.

2. Sheltered, retired, secluded.

1658 J. ROBINSON *Endoxa* Pref. 2 Neither my Genius, nor calling, will allow me a sequestred time, to dwell long upon any subject. 1750 GRAY *Elegy* 75 Along the cool sequester'd vale of life They kept the noiseless tenor of their way. 1773 COWPER *Ode to Peace* 17 And wilt thou quit the stream..The grove and the sequester'd shed, To be a guest with them? 1818 SCOTT *Br. Lamm.* XXXV, To this sequestered spot Colonel Ashton had guided the stranger. 1878 H. S. LEIGH *Town Garland* 204 In a part of a suburb sequestered and gloomy I took up my quarters a twelvemonth ago.

b. Of persons: Retired, living a secluded life or in a quiet, unfrequented place.

1655 FULLER *Ch. Hist.* VI. i. § 25 These Bonehomes,..(the poorest of Orders) and Eremites, (the most sequestred of begging Fryers) had two..Convents in England. 1783 WATSON *Philip III*, IV. (1793) I. 433 This imputation had often been cast upon the Moriscoes, by speculative and sequestered men, who had no access to know the truth of their assertion. 1814 WORDSW. *Excurs.* V. 718 In powers of mind, In scale of culture, few among my flock Hold lower rank than this sequestered pair. 1834 DE QUINCEY *Cæsars* IV. Wks. 1890 VI. 323 The Emperor, himself a sacred and sequestered creature, might be supposed to enjoy the secret tutelage of the Supreme Deity.

transf. 1643 SIR T. BROWNE *Relig. Med.* II. § 10 Those disordered motions, which accompany our sequestred imaginations. 1825 SCOTT *Betrothed* XXII, The household of the Lady Eveline..was of a solemn and sequestered character, corresponding to her place of residence. 1868 BROWNING *Ring & Bk.* II. 989 Confess..That, O Pompilia, thy sequestered eyes Had noticed..More of the Canon, than that [etc.].

† **Seque·sterer.** *Obs. rare.* Also 6 sequestrer. [f. SEQUESTER *v.* + -ER[1].] = SEQUESTER *sb.*

14.. *Nom.* in Wr.-Wülcker 682/7 *Hic sequestarius*, a sequesterer. 1555 W. WATREMAN *Fardle Facions* II. i. 113 He that was the sequestrer of the couenante, becometh suretie for the parties.

† **Seque·sterment.** *Obs. rare.* [f. SEQUESTER *v.* + -MENT.] A private, secluded situation.

1778 *Saberna* 12 Seek out some lone sequesterment to dwell, Where spirit-shapes repair at dewy eve. 1835 J. P. KENNEDY *Horse Shoe Robinson* VII. (1860) 88 The sequesterment of the Dove Cote was not sufficient to shut out the noise nor the intrigues of the war.

† **Seque·strable,** *a. Obs.* Also 7 sequesterable. [f. SEQUESTER *v.* + -ABLE.]

1. Capable of being sequestered, liable to sequestration.

1652–3 in *Royalist Comp. Papers, Lancs.* (1891) I. 185 Her sonne Henry at that tyme was..noe way for his parte Seq^ble^, but hath ever bene a Protestant and a well wisher to the Parliament. 1656 in *Burton's Diary* (1828) I. 95 Persons not only sequestrable, but actually sequestered. 1807 W. TAYLOR in *Ann. Rev.* V. 200 Life-interests, such as entailed estates, church-livings and annuities, should be wholly sequestrable with less ceremony.

2. Separable.

1661 BOYLE *Scept. Chem., Physiol. Consid.* 34 Harts-Horn, and divers other Bodies..that abound with not uneasily sequestrable Salt.

Seque·stral, *a.*[1] *nonce-wd.* [f. L. *sequestr-, sequester* adj. (see SEQUESTER) + -AL.] (See quot.)

1853 WHEWELL *Grotius* III. 365 Virgil calls a truce a sequestral peace [Grotius *quanquam Virgilius pacem sequestram dixit* (Æn. xi. 133)], which Servius, on the passage, explains as a temporary peace.

Sequestral (sĭkwe·străl), *a.*[2] [f. SEQUESTR-UM + -AL.] Of or pertaining to a sequestrum.

1887 *Buck's Handbk. Med. Sci.* V. 128/1 Around the sequestral tube the bone has the involucral thickening.

† **Seque·strate,** *a. Obs.* Also 6–7 sequestrat. [ad. late L. *sequestrāt-us*, pa. pple. of *sequestrāre*: see SEQUESTER *v.* and -ATE[2].]

1. Separated, cut off *from*.

1482 *Monk of Evesham* (Arb.) 57 We came to a ful grete fylde, and as hyt semyd hyt was sette yn a lowe grownde sequestrate and departyd from al othir. 1502 ATKYNSON tr. *De Imitatione* I. i. (1893) 153 And who so may haue the iey of theire soule sequestrate in worldlye thynges, in this scripture of our lorde may fynde swete manna. 1600 W. WATSON *Decacordon* (1602) 48 Religious men..wholy sequestrate from the world in body and mind. 1632 LITHGOW *Trav.* V. 194 Mount Libanus is sequestrate from the circum-iacent Regions.

b. Politically separate, independent.

1632 LITHGOW *Trav.* I. 25 The other sequestrate Tuscan iurisdiction, is the little comonwealth of Luca. *Ibid.* I. 39 This sequestrat Citty [Venice].

2. Sequestered, retired, secluded.

1632 LITHGOW *Trav.* VI. 297 Their dwellings being in sequestrate dennes. *Ibid.* VIII. 352 [They] made merry with vs in..the best cheare their sequestrate cottage could afford. 1805 FORSYTH *Beauties Scot.* I. 342 It is..easy, by planting their banks, to beautify..a variety of sequestrate spots.

Sequestrate (sĭkwe·strēit), *v.* Also 6–7 *Sc.* sequestrat. [f. late L. *sequestrāt-*, ppl. stem of *sequestrāre*: see SEQUESTER *v.* and -ATE[3].]

1. *trans.* To remove, put away; to seclude, keep away from general access or intercourse; to put in a place of concealment or confinement. = SEQUESTER *v.* 1. Now *rare*.

1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* XI. iii. 76 Tuelf days of trewis thai band, to stanch debait, For to kepe pece and weris sequestrate. *c* 1555 HARPSFIELD *Divorce Hen. VIII* (1878) 199 A celestial spouse, from whom she shall never be sequestrated and divorced. 1582–8 *Hist. & Life Jas. VI* (1804) 54 We..were compellit to sequestrat hir for a seasoun in preseoun. 1733 ARBUTHNOT *Ess. Effects Air* vii. 192 In general Contagions, more perish for want of Care and Necessaries, than by the Malignity of the Disease; they being, as it were, sequestrated from Mankind. 1831 SCOTT *Ct. Robt.* XXVI, My purpose went no farther than to sequestrate Alexius for a little time from the fatigues of empire. 1840 DE QUINCEY *Essenes* (1887) 260 A sect sequestrating themselves and locking up their doctrines as secrets.

2. *Law.* a. To divert the income of an estate or benefice, temporarily or permanently, from its owner into other hands. Cf. SEQUESTER *v.* 3.

1609 SKENE *Reg. Maj.* 63 Gif the patronage of anie kirk is sequestrat in the Kings hands, be reason of the contumacie of the patron [etc.]. 1804 WELLINGTON in Gurw. *Desp.* (1837) III. 26 It appears that half the revenue of the office.. has been lately sequestrated. 1839 W. O. MANNING *Law Nat.* IV. v. (1875) 189 A right to sequestrate the taxes. 1871 SMILES *Charac.* viii. (1876) 217 When..all his worldly estate had been sequestrated.

b. = SEQUESTER *v.* 3 c. *Obs.* exc. *Hist.*

1546 J. HEYWOOD *Prov.* (1867) 14, I shall..seperate All matters on both sydes, and than sequestrate Thone syde. 1650 W. DUNDAS *Let. to Cromwell* 9 Sept., When Ministers of the Gospel have been..sequestrated.

† c. = SEQUESTER *v.* 3 b. *Obs.*

1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr.* 1761 HUME *Hist. Eng.* (1806) III. xlix. 778 To compromise all differences, it was agreed to sequestrate it [a fortress] into the hands of the infanta as a neutral person.

d. *Scots Law.* (*a*) To place (lands, belonging to a bankrupt, or of disputed ownership) in the hands of a judicial factor or trustee, for the prevention of waste, or in order that the income arising may be applied for the benefit of the creditors. (*b*) In modern use: To place (the property of a bankrupt) in the hands of a trustee to be divided among the creditors; hence *popularly*, to make (a person) bankrupt.

1726 [see SEQUESTRATED]. 1818 SCOTT *Hrt. Midl.* viii, The Deanses at Woodend!—I sequestrated them in the dear years, and now they are to flit, they'll starve. 1838 W. BELL *Dict. Law Scot.* s.v. *Sequestration*, The Court may, if they think proper, sequestrate the rents, and appoint a judicial factor. 1909 A. H. MILLAR *Forf. Estates Papers* (S.H.S.) Introd. 15 The creditors sequestrated many of the estates.

† e. *intr.* or *absol.* To perform an act of sequestration. *Obs. rare*[–1].

1765–8 ERSKINE *Inst. Law Scot.* II. xii § 56 The debtor's consent to sequestrate. 1818 SCOTT *Hrt. Midl.* i, Landlord sequestrates—creditors accept a composition.

3. *trans.* To confiscate. = SEQUESTER *v.* 2.

1640–1 *Kirkcudbr. Comm. Min. Bk.* (1855) 157 The whole goodes, geir, cornes, cattle, rentes and uthers perteining to thame, and now to the publict, are sequestrate and appryset to the use of the public. 1844 H. H. WILSON *Brit. India* II. 447 He did not long enjoy this accession to his resources, being shot as he sat in his court by a chief, whose Jagir he had sequestrated. 1860 MOTLEY *Netherl.* (1868) II. xv. 224 They found it convenient..to sequestrate for their own private uses the property of the Catholic Church.

Hence **Seque·strated** *ppl. a.*, in senses of the verb; also *rarely* † = SEQUESTERED.

1726 *Index Acts of Sederunt* s. v. *Factors*, That Factors upon sequestrated Estates, shall make and produce Rentals of the Estate. 1823 SCOTT *Quentin D.* Introd. *note*, An ancient sequestrated garden. 1865 *Good Words* VI. 143 Auctions and sales of sequestrated furniture.

Sequestration (sīkwestrē·ʃən) Forms: 4–5 sequestracoun, 5 sequestraoyo(u)n, 5–6 sequestracion, 6 sequestratioun, 6– sequestration. [ad. late L. *sequestrātiōn-em*, f. L. *sequestrāre*: see SEQUESTER *v.* Cf. OF. *sequestration*, Sp. *secuestracion*, Pg. *sequestração*, It. *sequestrazione*.]

1. An act or the action of sequestering, banishment, exile; esp. *Eccl.*, a cutting off from the privileges of Church-membership, excommunication.

c 1400 *Apol. Loll.* 20 How þat we spek of curse oiþer it þat is dedly,..or it þat is sequestracoun of þe inst man fro comyn. *a* 1450 in Myrc *Par. Pr.* (1902) 63 Alle þat brekuth or letuth sequestracion of any prelatys, wit-oute here leue. 1581 Bell *Haddon's Answ. Osor.* 357 Ἀφορισμὸς. Sequestration. Whereby all offendours whatsoever, were excluded from the Sacraments. 1663 *Aron-bimmucha* 2 The gall and wormwood of his exile, was, his sequestration from the Ark, the holy Ordinances and worship of his God. 1854 Milman *Lat. Chr.* III. vi. (1864) II. 89 The punishment of delinquents was sequestration from the oratory, the table, and the common meetings. 1898 *Syd. Soc. Lex.*, *Sequestration*,..seclusion of infected persons or of lunatics.

b. *transf.* Separation, disjunction.

1567 Fenton *Trag. Disc.* ii. (1898) I. 112 The fatall sequestracion of our sowle and bodye. 1604 Shaks. *Oth.* I. iii. 351 It was a violent Commencement in her, and thou shalt see an answerable Sequestration. 1666 Boyle *Orig. Formes & Qual.* 266 This Antimony seem'd to have been a little refin'd by the sequestration of its unnecessary Sulphur. 1842 Mrs. Browning *Grk. Chr. Poets* (1863) 177 Protesting ..against the sequestration of pauses.

†c. Setting apart, consecration. *Obs. rare.*

1654 Whitlock *Zootomia* 58 Professions, Sequestred by God, (and in that Sequestration confirmed by Policy,) for the good of Mankind. 1681 Flavel *Meth. Grace* xvi. 301 This blood..was prepared by his voluntary sequestration, or sanctification of himself to this very use or purpose.

2. A state of being sequestered, separation, seclusion, retirement.

1565 in Strype *Ann. Ref.* (1709) I. xlvii. 476 To have some greater Restraint put upon the Lady Lenox and some harder Sequestration than she now hath. 1599 Shaks. *Hen. V*, I. i. 58 And neuer noted in him any studie, Any retyrement, any sequestration, From open Haunts and Popularitie. 1628 Feltham *Resolves* I. xciv. 274 It is no other, but a place of retyring, and sequestration from the World. 1648–99 J. Beaumont *Psyche* xxiii. clxxvi. (1702) 354 Her Phylax tir'd with his long Sequestration From his dear Charge. 1791 Burke *Corr.* (1844) III. 213 You observe that a sequestration from the connexions of society, makes the heart cold and unfeeling. 1835 Wordsw. *Death Charles Lamb* 121 O gift divine of quiet sequestration! 1863 Cowden Clarke *Shaks. Char.* xiv. 350 [She] had shown her enduring consciousness of the injuries she had sustained, by a sixteen years' sequestration of herself from his side.

fig. 1647 Fuller *Good Th. in Worse T.* To Rdr., I earnestly desire that in heaven both thou and I may ever bee under Sequestration in that Mediator for Gods glory.

3. *Law.* a. The appropriation of the income of a property in order to satisfy claims against the owner; esp. *Eccl.*, a writ diverting the income of a benefice to the advantage of the creditors of the incumbent.

1565 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* I. 432 Arreistment and sequestratioun of the money foirsaid. *a* 1704 T. Brown *Two Oxf. Scholars* Wks. 1730 I. 7 The Churchwardens tell me, that they have a sequestration upon my living.

b. *Eccl.* (See quot. 1641.)

1575–6 *Act* 18 *Eliz.* c. 11 § 5 The Ordinary..shall grante the Sequestracion of suche Proffites to suche Inhabitante.. wᵗʰin the Parrishe. 1641 *Termes de la Ley* 246 Sequestration..is used also for the gathering of fruits and profits of a benefice voyd, unto the use of the next Incumbent. 1712 Prideaux *Direct. Ch.-wardens* (ed. 4) 102 On a Suspension there must be a Sequestration for the serving of the Cure. 1827 Hallam *Const. Hist.* iv. (1876) I. 180 They were in consequence suspended from their ministry, and their livings put in sequestration.

c. An order of court appointing the goods of a deceased person whose executor or executors have renounced probate, to be secured and administered; also, a writ of Chancery empowering commissioners or a sheriff to seize the property of the person against whom it is directed.

1591 *Wills & Inv. N.C.* (Surtees 1860) II. 199 For probate bondes and regestring 16s. 4d. For relapsinge of the sequestration 5s. 2d. 1641 *Termes de la Ley* 246 Sequestration.. is used also for the act of an Ordinary, when no man will medle with the goods and chattels of one deceased. 1768 Blackstone *Comm.* III. xxvii. 444 If he eludes the search of the serjeant also, then a sequestration issues to seise all his personal estate, and the profits of his real. 1818 Cruise *Digest* (ed. 2) II. 102 Sir John..stood out all process of contempt to a sequestration. 1884 [see Sequestrator].

†d. The separation of a matter of controversy from the contending parties and its reference to an umpire or arbitrator. *Obs.*

1592 West *1st Pt. Symbol.* § 17 A, The keeping of a thing litigious is called Sequestration, which is therefore defined, the deposition of a thing in controuersie.

e. Seizure of the possessions of a subject by the state; esp. the act of a belligerent power in seizing debts owing from its own subjects to the opposing power.

1568 tr. *Gonsalvio's Sp. Inquis.* 41 b, They made Sequestration of the ship and goods, and caried the child to prison with the rest of his company. 1654 (*title*) An Ordinance for the better ordering and disposing the Estates under Sequestration. 1660 (*title*) An Act for Repeal of two Acts for Sequestrations. 1762–71 H. Walpole *Vertue's Anecd. Paint.* (1786) II. 279 He paid 545*l.* for his delinquency and sequestration. 1823 Scott *Peveril* i, His former delinquencies.. were severely punished by fine and sequestration. 1903 Morley *Gladstone* VIII. i. (1905) II. 248 The Cabinet..considered the sequestration of the customs' dues at Smyrna to be practicable.

f. *Scots Law.* (See Sequestrate *v.* 2 d.) (*a*) The placing of lands (belonging to a bankrupt, or of disputed ownership) under the control of a judicial factor or trustee. (*b*) In modern use: The placing of a bankrupt's estate in the hands of a trustee for division among the creditors.

1765–8 Erskine *Inst. Law Scot.* II. xii. § 55 Sequestration of lands..is a judicial act of the court of session, whereby the management of the subject sequestered is taken from the former possessor, and intrusted to the care of a factor or steward named by the court. 1838 W. Bell *Dict. Law Scot.* s.v. *Sequestration*, A petition praying for the sequestration of a land estate. 1870 *Standard* 16 Nov., The plaintiff, as the assignee of the Rev. J. Storie, who had become insolvent, brought this action to recover the total sum which had been paid to the defendant during the existence of the sequestration.

4. Seizure, confiscation.

1640 in Rymer *Fœdera* (1735) XX. 429 We..have accordingly..commanded our said Secretary to see the Sequestration [of the Office of Postmaster for foreign Parts, etc.] put in speedy Execution. 1694 *Milton's Lett. of State* 316 Upon this News, Antony and Manuel..presently look'd upon the Goods as their own,..covering this Fraud of theirs with a Sequestration of English Goods that soon after ensu'd. 1895 R. Olney in *Curr. Hist.* V. 197 To resent and to resist any sequestration of Venezuelan soil by Great Britain.

5. *Path.* (See quot.)

1898 *Syd. Soc. Lex.*, *Sequestration*, formation of a Sequestrum.

6. *attrib.*

1648 (*title*) An additional Ordinance of Parliament for the better regulating and speedy bringing in the Sequestration Monies out of the Estates of Papists and Delinquents. 1816 G. J. Bell *Comm. Laws Scot.* (1826) II. 313 The proper manufacturing of the rude materials into a commodity, brings a person within the reach of the Sequestration Act. *Ibid.*, The provision which extends the Sequestration Law to manufacturers.

Sequestrator (sīkwestrēˈtəɹ). [a. late L. *sequestrātor*, agent-n. f. L. *sequestrāre*: see Sequestrate *v.*] One who sequestrates; a trustee or bailiff having control of property upon which there are claims by creditors. Also, a person named in a writ of sequestration as authorized to collect and administer the income of a sequestrated estate.

1646 T. Edwards *Gangrena* I. 62 Sequestratours, Collectours, Receivers. *a* 1658 Cleveland *Cl. Vind.* (1677) 99 The Committee-man hath a Side-man, or rather a Setter, hight a Sequestrator...He is the States Cormorant. *a* 1689 Mrs. Behn tr. *Cowley's Plants* VI. C.'s Wks. 1721 III. 453 The Warriour may a while his Spear forsake, But Sequestrators will no Respit take. 1712 Prideaux *Direct. Ch.-wardens* (ed. 4) 102 The..Church-wardens, or other Sequestrators, are to Account to him for..the Profits. 1849 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* ii. I. 188 The Puritan, a conqueror, a ruler, a persecutor, a sequestrator, had been detested. 1884 Cave in *Law Times Rep.* LI. 661/1 Persons who were named as sequestrators in a writ of sequestration against B.

b. *fig.* One who sets apart, a separator.

1654 Whitlock *Zootomia* 381 Even that first and worst Sequestratour, that sequestred man from his God, and so from his Happinesse.

†Sequestra·trix. *Obs. rare*⁻¹. [a. L. **sequestrātrix*, fem. of *sequestrātor* Sequestrator.] A female sequestrator.

1657 H. Pinnell tr. *Paracelsus' Three Bks. Philos.* 9 Separation..is the sequestratrix that gives to every thing its form and essence.

†Sequestree'. *Obs.* [f. Sequester *v.* + -ee.] = Sequestrator.

1611 Cotgr., *Gardien de biens*, a Sequestree, or keeper of the goods of an indebted, or condemned person, seised by order of Law. 1765–8 Erskine *Inst. Law Scot.* III. i. § 30 In which case a salary to the sequestree for his trouble is either expressed or implied. 1845 Sarah Austin *Ranke's Hist. Ref.* III. 309 The elector of Saxony..offered to place all the suppressed convents under sequestration; the sequestrees..were to pledge themselves to the emperor to allow nothing to be abstracted from the property, till a council should decide on its application.

Sequestrotomy (sīkwestrɒˈtŏmi). *Surg.* [f. Sequestr-um + Gr. -τομία a cutting.] The operation for the removal of a sequestrum.

1876 Dunglison *Med. Lex.*, *Sequestrotomy*, a hybrid term for the operation for necrosis. 1898 *Syd. Soc. Lex.*

‖ Sequestrum (sīkwe·strŭm). *Path.* Pl. **sequestra.** [mod.L. use of L. *sequestrum* something separated, neut. of *sequester* adj.: see Sequester *sb.*] A detached piece of bone lying within a cavity formed by necrosis. Also applied to a portion of skin separated by disease from the surrounding parts. Cf. Sequester *sb.*² 3.

1831 South *Otto's Path. Anat.* II. 146 One or several holes ..which..produce an outlet for the continually absorbed and diminished sequestrum. 1859 J. Tomes *Dental Surg.* 74 The teeth, whether permanent or temporary, implanted in the sequestrum, are usually lost. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VI. 584 A zone of ulceration, which leads to the gradual separation of a sequestrum of skin.

attrib. 1891 *Century Dict.*, Sequestrum forceps. 1895 *Catal. Surg. Instr.* 38.

Sequill, obs. form of Sequel.

Sequin (sīˈkwin), *sb.* Now *Hist.* Also 8 zequin. See also Chequeen, Zecchin. [a. F. *sequin*, ad. It. *zecchino*, f. *zecca* the mint (= Sp. *seca*), ad. Arab. *sikkah* die for coining, whence Sicca.]

1. An Italian gold coin (originally Venetian), worth about 9 shillings. Also used as a name for a former Turkish coin, the sultanin.

1617 Moryson *Itin.* I. 292 At Naples..ten quatrines make one sequin. 1677 tr. *Tavernier's Grand Seignior's Seraglio* 14 The Scherif, otherwise called Sequin, or Sultanine. *a* 1701 Maundrell *Journ. Jerus.* 6 Apr. (1810) 136 For which they pay the Turks a rent of one zequin a day. 1788 Jefferson *Writ.* (1859) II. 464 The government of Algiers demands of France sixty thousand sequins, or twenty-seven thousand pounds sterling. 1820 Shelley *Let.* Pr. Wks. (1888) II. 316, I bought the vases you saw for about twenty sequins less than Micale asked. 1870 Disraeli *Lothair* lxxii, Velvet bags, one full of pearls, another of rubies, others of Venetian sequins. 1883 Stevenson *Treas. Isl.* xxxiv, Moidores and sequins [etc.].

2. A small spangle used in the ornamentation of dresses, etc.

1882 *Daily News* 3 June 3/1 Never before, probably, have dress trimmings been more artistic than they are now. Sequins are the newest. 1891 *Leeds Merc.* 27 Apr. 4/7 The..sleeves studded thickly over with tiny glittering silver sequins. 1909 'Vernon Lee' in *Eng. Rev.* Feb. 454 Slave girls with stuff of striped silver about their loins and sequins at the end of their long hair.

3. *attrib.* and *Comb.*: (sense 1) *sequin gold*; (sense 2) *sequin-sewn*, *-weighted* adjs.; †**sequin-hazard** = Chicken-hazard.

1837 Disraeli *Venetia* v. viii, The gilding, although of two hundred years' duration, as bright..[etc.]: *Sequin gold, as the Venetians tell you. 1825 T. Hook *Sayings* Ser. II. *Man of Many Fr.* II. 8 If any body had a desire for a little *sequin hazard, there *were* such things as dice at hand. 1896 *Westm. Gaz.* 28 May 3/1 To much manipulate or trim embroidered and *sequin sewn fabrics were to defeat their charm. 1904 *Ibid.* 7 Jan. 3/2 An evening frock of black chiffon with wide insertion of *sequin-weighted lace.

Sequin (sīˈkwin), *v.* [f. Sequin *sb.*] *trans.* To ornament with sequins. Hence **Se·quined** *ppl. a.*

1894 *Daily News* 5 June 6/4 Sequinned net. *Ibid.* 22 June 6/7 The gold bonnet was sequinned in pink and green. 1905 Mrs. C. N. Williamson *Castle of Shadows* v. 110 A tall woman in sequined black tulle.

‖ Sequitur (se·kwitŭɹ). [L. = it follows.] An inference or conclusion which follows from the premisses. Cf. Non sequitur.

1836 J. M. Gully *Magendie's Formul.* (ed. 2) 184 *note*, I do not see the sequitur in this sentence. 1837 Barham *Ingol. Leg.*, *Spectre Tapp.*, Mr. Maguire..looked as if he did not quite subscribe to the *sequitur*. 1863 Cowden Clarke *Shaks. Char.* ii. 57 What a reason to give for his being in a state of perdition!..—what a 'sequitur'!

Sequoia (sɨkwōˑiă). [mod. Latin (Endlicher, 1847); after *Sequoiah*, a Cherokee, who inveated a syllabary for writing his native language.] A genus of large American coniferons trees belonging to the *Abietinæ*; a tree of this genus. Cf. Redwood *sb.* 2. Popularly often called *Wellingtonia*, the name given by Lindley, 1853.

1866 *Treas. Bot.*, *Sequoia* (including *Wellingtonia*). A genus of the Abietinæ tribe of *Coniferæ* from North-western America, closely allied to *Sciadopitys*. 1870 Emerson *Soc. & Solit.*, *Farming* Wks. (Bohn) III. 60 The mammoth Sequoias rose to their enormous proportions. 1878 J. E. Taylor *Flowers* 61 The *Sequoias* (better known as *Wellingtonias*) of which there are now only two species. 1890 W. J. Gordon *Foundry* 123 There is the 'curly redwood', due to the sequoia taking a twist when young.

Sequyle, obs. north. form of Sequel.

Ser, obs. form of Sear *v.*

1482 *Cely Papers* (Camden) 122 Lette hym [a horse] ron in a parke tyll Hallowtyd and then take hym wpe and ser hym and lette hym stand in the dede of whynter.

Ser, obs. f. Sear *a.*, Sir; obs. Sc. f. Sore *adv.*

Ser, variant of Seer ².

1819 F. Hamilton *Nepal* 216, 72 Paises = 1 Ser = lh. avoirdupois 1·666. 1842 Vigne *Trav. Kashmir* I. 196 The ser at Lodiana is equal to about 2 lbs. English.

Ser., abbreviation of Series.

†Sera. *Mil. Obs.* [? a. It. *serra* a tight place, vbl. sb. f. *serrāre* to shut up, press.] *At the sera*: at close quarters.

1591 *Garrard's Art Warre* 7 Which at the Sera and close is very necessarie.

Sera, obs. form of Seer ², Seral.

Serabite, obs. form of Sarabaite.

Serac (sĕræ·k). [a. Swiss-Fr. *sérac*, orig. the name of a kind of white cheese; the transferred application was doubtless suggested by similitude of form.] (See quot. 1898.)

1860 Tyndall *Glac.* I. vii. 51 These ridges are often cleft by fissures..thus forming detached towers of ice..*Foot-note.* To such towers the name *Séracs* is applied. 1891 G. F. Wright *Ice Age N. Amer.* 8 Fissures and seracs where the glacier moves down the steeper portion of its incline. 1898 *Encycl. Sports* II. 54/1 (Mountaineering) *Serac*, a tower of ice on a glacier, formed by the intersection of crevasses.

Serace, Seraff, variant forms of Serai, Saraf.

Seraffin(e, var. ff. Seraphin *Obs.* (a coin).

Serafic, obs. form of Seraphic.

Serafile, variant of Serrepile.

Serafin, var. Seraphin *Obs.* (a coin); Seraphim.

Seraglio (serāˑlyo). Also 6 sarralia, seralyo, serraqlio, 7 seraglia, seralia, seralio, serraglio, serralia, surralia, -ya, zereglia, *Pl.* seragli. [a.

It. *serraglio*:—popular L. **serrāculum* enclosure, place of confinement (cf. med.L. *serrāculum* fastening of a door), f. **serrāre* (whence It. *serrare*, F. *serrer*, Sp. *cerrar*) for *serōre* to lock up, close, f. *sera* lock or bolt. The It. word was, from similarity of sound, used to render the Turkish *serāī* lodging, palace (see SERAI[1]). The applications of the word which have been adopted in Eng. all relate to Turkey and the East, but some of them represent merely the etymological sense of the It. word, while others owe their meaning wholly or partly to the Turkish word. Cf. SERAI[1], SERAIL.]

I. Enclosure, place of confinement.

1. The part of a Mohammedan dwelling-house (esp. of the palace of a sovereign or great noble) in which the women are secluded; the apartments reserved for wives and concubines; a harem.

1581 RICH *Farew.* P j, The kyng of Tunise..caused her to be put in the Cube, whiche is a place where he keepeth his Concubines (as the Turke doeth his in his Serraglio [*sic*].) 1588 HICKOCK tr. *C. Frederick's Voy.* 30 One principall wife, which is kept in a Seralyo. 1610 B. JONSON *Alch.* II. ii, Thou shalt be the master Of my seraglia. 1624 MASSINGER *Renegado* I. i, Can I know my sister Mewde vp in his Seraglio..and not haste to send him To the Deuill his tutor? 1625 PURCHAS *Pilgrims* I. 553 A kinswoman of his, liuing in the Zereglia. 1653 RAMESEY *Astrol. Restored* 145 In this our age we build more Serralias then Churches. 1788 *Gentl. Mag.* LVIII. I. 100/2 Shutting up women in seraglios, and degrading them into an inferior class of beings. 1879 FARRAR *St. Paul* (1883) 233 The secrecy of Oriental seraglios:

b. The inmates of the harem; a polygamous household.

1634 SIR T. HERBERT *Trav.* 115 Each house top spred with Carpets, wheron slept a man and his peculiar Seralio. 1847 C. BRONTE *Jane Eyre* xxiv, I would not exchange this one little English girl for the graod Turk's whole seraglio.

c. *transf.* and *fig.*

1672 DAVDEN *Assignation* IV. i, This Key will admit me into the *Seraglio* of the Godly [*sc.* the Nunnery]. 1692 *Comedy, Win Her & Take Her* II. i. 15 He'le make the Drawing-Room his Seraglio. 1709 *Tatler* No. 50 P 1 Woman was his mistress; and the whole Sex his Seraglio. *a* 1711 KEN *Urania* Poet. Wks. 1721 IV. 478 There I a whole Seraglio met Of flatt'ring Lusts, which me beset. 1773 WILKES *Corr.* (1805) IV. 141 One grand-signior cock, with a seraglio of seven hens. 1820 SCOTT *Monast.* i, The mighty bull moved at the head of his seraglio and their followers. 1860 MOTLEY *Netherl.* ii. (1868) I. 48 A seraglio of maids of honour ministered to Henry's pleasures. 1881 H. W. ELLIOTT *Seal Isl. Alaska* (1884) 38 The same indifference is also exhibited by the male [fur-seal] to all that may take place..outside of the boundary of his seraglio.

† **2.** *gen.* An enclosnre; a place of confinement.

a 1668 LASSELS *Voy. Italy* (1698) I. 136 Near to the Stables stands the Seraglio where the wild beasts are kept. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 15 Jan. 1645, I went to the Ghetto, where the Jewes dwell as in a suburbe by themselues... I passed by the Piazza Judea, where their Seraglio begins.

II. = SERAI[1].

3. A Turkish palace, *esp.* the palace of the Sultan at Constantinople.

1599 HAKLUYT *Voy.* II. i. 290 The..dayly paiments..by the Grand Signior..to the Officers of his Seraglio or Court. 1600 DALLAM in *Early Voy. Levant* (Hakluyt Soc. 1893) 57 The surralia..which doth joyne close to the Cittie. *Ibid.* 61 The Grand Sinyors Courte, Called the surralya. 1630 R. JOHNSON *Kingd. & Commw.* 559 The pleasantest of any Palace on the face of the earth, termed by them the Port, or Seraglio. 1682 WHELER *Journ. Greece* I. 80 All about these parts are the Serraglioes, or Countrey-houses of the great Men among the Turks. 1728 ELIZA HEYWOOD tr. *Mme. de Somes's Belle A.* (1732) II. 251 He was immediately order'd to come to the Seraglio, where he was receiv'd by the Grand Visier with all imaginable tokens of Friendship and Esteem. 1877 *Encycl. Brit.* VI. 304/2 The remains of the Seraglio, former palace of the Ottoman sultans.

† **4.** A place of accommodation for travellers.

1617 PURCHAS *Pilgrimage* (ed. 3) 606 At euery tenth course a Seraglia or Place of lodging for Man and Horse. 1659 EVELYN *Let. to R. Boyle* 3 Sept., At the other back front a plot walled in of a competent square for the common seraglio disposed into a garden.

† **5.** A warehouse. *Obs.*

1628 in Foster *Eng. Factories India* (1909) III. 230 Depositing those intended for Cambay and Ahmadabad in the 'seraglia'. 1676 COVEL in *Early Voy. Levant* (Hakluyt Soc.) 168 On the shoar towardes the factory seraglio is a fair large fountain. 1682 WHELER *Journ. Greece* I. 42 The Currans..are..put into Ware-houses they call Seraglio's. 1712 tr. *Pomet's Hist. Drugs* I. 160 They are thrown thorow a Hole into the great Magarine, call'd the Seraglio.

† **6.** ? A barrack for a particular corps of the Turkish army; hence, a corps or grade of Turkish soldiers. *Obs.*

1600 PORY *Leo's Africa*, etc. 386 They are called home againe to the Seraglios of the Zamoglans (for so are they termed, till they be enrolled among the Ianissaries). 1613 WOTTON *Let. to Sir E. Bacon* 21 Mar., The Turk..having made a leavy..of 5000 youths out of the Seragli. 1656 EARL MONM. tr. *Boccalini's Advts. fr. Parnass.* I. xxxii. 57 To give the command of Armies..to men of the first or second Seraglio.

III. 7. *attrib.* and *Comb.*: *seraglio-guard, lady, window*; **seraglio cake**, a name given to a kind of fancy bread.

1842 MERLE *Dom. Dict.* 46 *Seraglio Cake. 1821 SHELLEY *Hellas* 114 Man the *Seraglio-guard! 1717 LADY M. W. MONTAGU *Lett.* (1893) I. 294 This is the chief guardian of the *seraglio ladies. *Ibid.* 323 The Grand Signior was at the *seraglio window.

‖ **Serai**[1] (sərai·). Forms: 7 **sarray, sera, seraw**(e, **serray, suray, surroie**, 7, 9 **sarai, -ay**, 8 **serauee**, 9 **seraee, seray, -oy**, 8– **serai**. [a. Turkish (orig. Persian) سراى *serāī* lodging, residence, palace. Cf SERAGLIO, SERAIL.]

1. In various Eastern countries, A building for the accommodation of travellers; a caravanserai.

1609 W. FINCH in Purchas *Pilgrims* (1625) I. 434 By it the great Saray, besides which are diuers others..wherein diuers neate lodgings are to be let. *c* 1616 *Ibid.* 520 Euery fiue or sixe Course, there are Seraes built..for the..entertainment of Trauellers. 1782 G. FORSTER *Journ.* (1798) I. 74 The stationary tenants of the serauee..approach the traveller on his entrance. 1793 W. HODGES *Trav. India* 32 The lodgings of the traveller in India are the serais, or caravanserais, ..as they are called in Europe. 1800 *Asiatic Ann. Reg.* 281/1 A handsome seray built of stone. 1848 MILL *Pol. Econ.* Prel. Rem. (1876) 8 The seraees for travellers..owe their existence to the enlightened self-interest of the better order of princes. 1879 W. WAKEFIELD *Happy Valley* 35 These serais..generally consist of a large square stone building. 1895 *Outing* (U. S) XXVI. 467/2 A 'Serai' covers a space about 150 feet square or larger, and is built around a quadrangular court with a continuous veranda.

† **b.** ? A warehouse. = SERAGLIO 5. *Obs.*

1619 in Foster *Eng. Factories Ind.* (1906) 103 The goods have since been taken to Bershanpur, and placed in the common 'sera'.

2. A Turkish palace; esp. the palace of the Sultan at Constantinople.

1617 MORYSON *Itin.* III. 68 The Sultans or Emperours Pallace (vulgarly called *Saray*, and by the Italians *Seraglio*). 1665 SIR T. HERBERT *Trav.* (1677) 117 Nothing more observable in the Town than the Serrays and [etc.]. 1812 BYRON *Ch. Har.* II. lxxvii, The Serai's impenetrable tower. 1869 TOZER *Highl. Turkey* I. 230 Having sent..to the Pasha to ask for horses, we thought it right to pay him a visit in his serai.

¶ **3.** Misused for SERAGLIO 1: A harem.

1813 BYRON *Giaour* 444 Not thus was Hassan wont to fly When Leila dwelt in his Serai.

‖ **Serai**[2] (sərai·). Also 7 **sou-, sowray**, 9 **surahee**. [Anglo-Indian, repr. Urdu (orig. Arab.) صراحى *ṣurāḥī*.] 'A long-necked earthenware (or metal) flagon for water' (Yule).

1672 tr. *Bernier's Hist. Rev. Emp. Gt. Mogol* IV. 10 A Souray of the water of Ganges...Sowray is that Tin-flagon full of water, which the Servant that marcheth on foot before the Gentleman on horseback, carrieth in his hand. 1808 ELPHINSTONE in Colebrooke *Life* (1884) I. 199 We had.. two surahees of water [etc.]. 1815–9 MRS. SHERWOOD *Lady of Manor* V. xxix. 47 She broke a serai of water.

Serail (sərēi·l). Now *rare*. Forms: 6 **sarail, sarell**, 7 **aerail(l)e, aerraill, serrayle**, 7– **aerail**. [a. F. *sérail*, ad. It. *serraglio*: see SERAGLIO. Cf. Sp. *serrallo*.]

1. = SERAGLIO 1.

1585 T. WASHINGTON tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* II. xxii. 59 b, [The women's] priuate bathes, which for the most part they haue ..within their houses or Sarails. 1587 MARLOWE *1st Pt. Tamburl.* III. iii. 1176 He shall be made a chast and lustlesse Eunuke, And in my Sarell tend my Concubines. 1603 FLORIO *Montaigne* I. xlii. 143 What longing-lust would not be alaide, to see three hundred women at his dispose and pleasure, as hath the Grand Turke in his Seraille? 1628 LE GAVA tr. *Barclay's Argenis* III. 244 Thou wouldest haue said, that she was brought vp in the warres; they bred in a Serrayle of Women. 1786 tr. *Beckford's Vathek* (1883) 65 They consigned them with good commendations to the surgeons of the serail. 1808 E. S. BARRETT *Miss-led General* 161 A numerous serail must be attended with vast expence. 1844 KINGLAKE *Eothen* iii. 42 Venice..is the bowing slave of the Sultan..she watches the walls of his Serail. 1853 KINGSLEY *Hypatia* xxx, The purest monotheism, they discovered, was perfectly compatible with bigotry and ferocity, luxury and tyranny, serails and bowstrings.

† **2.** = SERAGLIO 3, SERAI[1] 2. *Obs.*

1585 T. WASHINGTON tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* IV. xxv. 140 b, Selim builded there for a dwelling place, a fayre and sumptuous Sarail. 1603 KNOLLES *Hist. Turks* (1621) 1311 The embassador went himself to the serrail. 1687 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 2307/3 The other report is, That the Grand Signior is only kept a close Prisoner in the Serail. 1782 J. SCOTT *Poet. Wks.* 231 And from his high serail the sultan hears The wide Propontis' beating waves resound.

† **3.** A barrack for Turkish soldiers; = SERAGLIO 6.

1585 T. WASHINGTON tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* IV. xxv. 140 b, There is besides another Sarail, for the lodging of the Azamoglans or Ianissaries.

Serain(e, obs. forms of SERENE *sb.*[1], SIREN.

Seral (sī·răl), *a.* (and *sb.*) *Geol.* [f. L. *sēr-us* late + -AL: see quot.] **a.** *adj.* Used by H. D. Rogers to designate the Millstone Grit formation of the Pennsylvanian Coal-measures. **b.** *absol.* or *sb.* Used as a name for this formation.

1858 H. D. RDGERS *Geol. Pennsylv.* I. 109 Seral series, or Coal strata. Seral Conglomerate (or Lowest Division of the Coal-Measures). *Ibid.* II. ii. 1027 Seral..a synonym for the coal-formation expressing the period of the nightfall or late twilight of the Appalachian Palæozoic day.

Seralbumen, -in (sīərælbiū·men, -in). *Chem.* Also **sero-albumen**. [f. SER-UM + -ALBUMEN.] The albumen of the blood. Hence **Seralbu·minous** (**sə:ro-albu·minous**) *a.*, composed of or containing seralbumen.

1835–6 *Todd's Cyc. Anat.* I. 63/1 An orange-yellow coloured sero-albuminous fluid. *Ibid.* 89/2 When coagulated seralbumen is digested in acetic acid, it becomes soft and transparent. 1857 [see OVALBUMEN]. 1873 RALFE *Phys. Chem.* 28 Ovo-albumin is distinguished from sero-albumin by the following characteristics. 1878 KINGZETT *Anim. Chem.* 124 Chyle contains potassium-albumin, casein, and seralbumin.

‖ **Serang** (səræŋ). *Anglo-Indian.* Also **sarang, syrang**. [a. Pers. سرهنگ *sarhang* commander.] A native boatswain or captain of a Lascar crew.

1799 *Hull Advert.* 21 Dec. 4/1 Seringapatam Prize-money. ..first dividend. Commandant Subadars, and Serangs of Gun Lascars. 1806 *Naval Chron.* XV. 469 The sarang, or principal native. 1817 in R. G. Wallace *Fifteen Yrs. India* (1822) 256 The syrangs..exerted their powerful influence over the seamen. 1891 KIPLING *Life's Handicap* 297 Pambé, the Serang or head man of the Lascar sailors.

Seranine (se·rănəin). (See quot.)

1889 CUNDILL *Dict. Explosives* 61 Seranine is a mixture of nitro-glycerine and chlorate of potash. 1890 EISSLER *Mod. Explosives* 38.

Serapah, obs. form of SERPAW.

‖ **Serape** (serāpe). Also **sarape**. [Mexican Sp. *serape, sarape.*] A shawl or plaid worn by Spanish-Americans.

1847 RUXTON *Adv. Mexico*, etc. xxiv. 210, I..knew that I had seen the last..of civilized man under the garb of a Mexican sarape. 1850 MAYNE REID *Rifle Rangers* xi, The ranchero..is never seen without the 'serapé'. *a* 1883 — *Lost Mtn.* xv. 147 Keeping the rain off with waterproof serapes.

Seraph[1] (se·răf). [Back-formation from the plural SERAPHIM, SERAPHIN (on the analogy of *cherubim, -in* and *cherub*). (Perh. first used by Milton.)

Cf. G. *seraph*, in mod. use perh. from Eng., though Luther had in one passage used *seraph* (as a plural). Certain mediæval commentators on Pseudo-Dionysius, followed by many glossaries down to the *Ortus Vocabulorum* (1518), give *seraph* (genitive *seraphis*) as the sing. corresponding to the pl. *seraphin*; but the form appears to have had no actual currency in med. Latin.]

1. One of the SERAPHIM.

1667 MILTON *P. L.* III. 667 Brightest Seraph tell In which of all these shining Orbes hath Man His fixed seat. 1692 NORRIS *Pract. Disc.* (1716) II. 171 Who sees Darkness even in the Angels of Light, and charges the loftiest Seraph with Folly! *a* 1711 KEN *Hymns Evang.* Poet. Wks. 1721 I. 184 The Seraphs who of all love Godhead most Had near the Throne the honourable Post. 1786 COLERIDGE *Genevieve* 4 Sweet your voice, as Seraph's song. 1816 BYRON (*1st*) *Stanzas to Augusta* iv, Oh! blest be thine unbroken light, That watch'd me as a seraph's eye. 1842 TENNYSON *St. Simeon Styl.* 166 That Pontius and Iscariot by my side Show'd like fair seraphs.

b. *fig.* A seraphic person, an 'angel'.

1853 C. BRONTE *Villette* xxi, I knew another of these seraphs..she was [etc.].

2. *Geol.* A fossil shell. Cf. SERAPHIM 4.

1822 PARKINSON *Outl. Oryctol.* 153 *Seraphs*, a convoluted, elongated, univalved shell. 1851 WOODWARD *Mollusca* I. 106.

3. *attrib.* and *Comb.* (sometimes quasi-adj. = seraphic), as *seraph-band, -bard, fire, -man, note, song, way, -wing*; *seraph-winged* adj. Also **seraphtide** *Anglo-Irish*, Michaelmas.

1786 BURNS *'O Thou dread Power'* v, The beauteous, *seraph Sister-band. 1798 COLERIDGE *Anc. Mar.* VI. xx, This seraph-band, each waved his hand. 1729 SAVAGE *Wanderer* V. 379 Then, as yon *Seraph-Bard fram'd Hearts below, Each sees him here transcendant Knowledge show. 1803 HEBER *Palestine* 32 One faint spark of Milton's *seraph fire. 1798 COLERIDGE *Anc. Mar.* VI. xix, A man all light, a *seraph-man On every corse there stood. 1814 BOWDLER *Hymn*, *'Sing to the Lord'*, Israel's shepherds heard amazed The *seraph notes of peace and love. 1801 SOUTHEY *Thalaba* XII. iv, Or liker the first sound of *seraph song And Angel greeting. *a* 1849 MAR. EDGEWORTH *White Pigeon*, You promised to make me a compliment of it last *Seraph-tide was twelvemonth. 1818 BYRON *Juan* I. lxxxv, For he would learn the rudiments of love, I mean the *seraph way of those above. 1754 GRAY *Progr. Poesy* III. ii, He, that rode sublime Upon the *seraph-wings of Extasy. 1821 SHELLEY *Hellas* 448 A *seraph-winged Victory.

‖ **Se·raph**[2]. *Obs.* [a. F. † *seraph*, corruptly a. Turkish شريف *sharīf*: see SHARIFFE. Cf. It. † *saraffo.*] A Turkish gold coin; a sequin.

1576 EDEN *Hist. Trav.* (1577) 364 Three thousande Saraphes of golde. 1653 URQUHART *Rabelais* II. xiv, I will give thee my Codpiece :..there are six hundred Seraphs in it, and some fine Diamonds. 1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr.*, *Seraph*, a Turkish coyn of fine gold, worth about a French crown.

Seraph, obs. variant of GIRAFFE.

1607 TOPSELL *Four-f. Beasts* 4 Their nourishment goeth more forward then backward, like the best horses, and the Arabian Seraph, which are higher before then behinde.

Seraphic (sĕræ·fik), *a.* and *sb.* Also 7 **seraphique**, 7–8 **seraphick**, 8 **serafic**. [a. eccl. L. *seraphicus*, f. *seraph-im*: see SERAPHIM. Cf. F. *séraphique*, Sp. *seráfico*, Pg. *seraphico*, It. *serafico.*]

A. *adj.*

1. Of or pertaining to the seraphim.

1632 MASSINGER *Maid of Hon.* v. i, Seraphique Angells Clap their celestiall wings in heavenly plaudits. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* I. 794 The great Seraphic Lords and Cherubim In close recess and secret conclave sat. 1727 DE FOE *Syst. Magic* I. iii. (1840) 81 This supposition..places him [the Devil] beneath the dignity of his seraphic original. 1755 YOUNG *Centaur* vi. (1757) IV. 275 A being big with..hope.. of adding melody to seraphic choirs, in ceaseless Hallelujahs to their Eternal King. 1850 MRS. JAMESON *Leg. Monast. Ord.* (1863) 238 Seven beautiful seraphic or allegorical figures.

2. Of attributes: Resembling what pertains to the seraphim; worthy of a seraph; ecstatically adoring.

1659 BOYLE *Some Motives Love of God* 9 This Love I have taken the freedome to style Seraphick Love, borrowing the name from..those nobler Spirits of the Cælestiall Hierarchie, whose Name..expresses them to be of a flaming Nature. 1683 NORRIS *Idea Happin.* 35 There is a more peculiar Acceptation of the Love of God proper to this place. And it is that which we call Seraphic. By which I understand ..that Love of God which is the effect of an intense Contemplation of him. 1695 BLACKMORE *Pr. Arth.* I. 44 Nor did his Arts in vain weak Man assail, His false Seraphick Tongue and Charms prevail. *a* 1711 KEN *Hymns Festiv.* Poet. Wks. 1721 II. 191 Seraphick Ardour dwelling in each Vein, The Majestatick Presence in the Brain. 1778 WARNER in Jesse *Selwyn & Contemp.* (1844) III. 336 Mr. Mudge.. had a most seraphic finger for the harpsichord. 1831 CARLYLE *Sart. Res.* II. viii, On the thick Hyperborean, cherubic reasoning, seraphic eloquence were lost. 1846 DE QUINCEY *Shelley* in *Tait's Mag.* Jan. 29 Many people remarked something seraphic in the expression of his features. 1850 TENNYSON *In Mem.* cix, Seraphic intellect and force To seize and throw the doubts of man. 1859 GEO. ELIOT *Adam Bede* vi, Dinah's seraphic gentleness of expression. 1872 CALVERLEY *Fly Leaves* (1884) 97 Her voice was sweet..Her singing quite seraphic. 1884 W. S. LILLY in *Contemp. Rev.* Feb. 263 That religious romanticism which paints for us a mediæval period full of seraphic sweetness.

† b. ? Concerned with sublime objects. *Obs.*

a 1697 AUBREY *Brief Lives, Dunstan* (1898) I. 243 Meredith Lloyd tells me that, three or 400 yeares ago, chymistry was in a greater perfection, much, then now; their proces was then more seraphique and universall: now they looke only after medicines.

3. Resembling a seraph, either in beauty or in fervour of exalted devotion.

1762–71 H. WALPOLE *Vertue's Anecd. Paint.* (1786) III. 121 That seraphic dame, Mrs. Rowe, also painted. 1807 CRABBE *Sir Eustace Grey* 71 Her morals [show'd] the seraphic saint. 1845 DISRAELI *Sybil* IV. x, That seraphic being, whose lustre even now haunts my vision. 1870 — *Lothair* xiii, Seraphic saints, and gorgeous scenes by Tintoret.

b. Of discourse, actions, appearance: Showing ecstasy of devout contemplation.

a 1668 DAVENANT *Play-ho.* I. (1673) 76 A spiritual Musician too With his seraphick Colloquies exprest In stilo recitativo. 1668 PEPYS *Diary* 24 May, A very good and seraphic kind of sermon, too good for an ordinary congregation. 1884 *Punch* 18 Oct. 191/1 The seraphic look of personal affection that mantled his brow.

4. *Special collocations*: **Seraphic doctor**, a title given to St. Bonaventura (in Spain also popularly to St. Teresa); **seraphic Father**, a title given to St. Francis; **seraphic friar**, a Franciscan, hence *seraphic habit, order*; **seraphic hymn**, the Sanctus (see Isa. vi. 3).

1728 CHAMBERS *Cycl.* s. v., In the Schools, St. Bonaventure is call'd *The *Seraphic Doctor*, from his abundant Zeal and Fervour. 1834 K. H. DIGBY *Mores Cath.* v. v. 153 The seraphic doctor observes that [etc.]. 1894 Mrs. G. C. GRAHAM *S. Teresa* I. iv. 179 *note*, Teresa, by a definitive decree of the Tribunal of the Rota, is formally declared a Doctor of the Church. The 'seraphic doctor', the antonomasia by which she is as often as not referred to in Spain, relates to this, and not to the Doctor's degree bestowed upon her, after her death, by the University of Salamanca. 1728 CHAMBERS *Cycl.* s. v., St. Francis, the Founder of the Cordeliers and Franciscans, is called the *Seraphic Father*, in Memory of a Vision he saw on Mount Alverna,..when.. he saw a Seraph glide rapidly from Heaven upon him; which impress'd on him certain Stigmata or Marks. 1884 *Tablet* 11 Oct. 592/1 The Feast of the Seraphic Father St. Francis was celebrated with great solemnity. 1826 SOUTHEY *Lett. to Butler* 514 The *Seraphic and Cherubic friars. 1662 J. DAVIES tr. *Olearius' Voy. Ambass.* 143 Those who take that habit, which they call *Seraphick, are not to be numbered among Men, but are become Angels. 1796 SOUTHEY *Lett. Spain* (1799) 418 Of the Mendicants the most numerous is the *Serafic, or Franciscan order.

B. *sb.*

†1. a. [=eccl. L. *seraphicus.*] A Franciscan friar. b. Allusively applied in the sense of zealot.

1659 GAUDEN *Tears Ch.* II. xxxii. 256 Many high Seraphicks and supercilious Separatists. 1699 R. L'ESTRANGE *Erasm. Colloq.* (1725) 265 They are commanded to wear the Coat and Hood (for so say the Seraphicks).

2. *Seraphics*: rapturous moods or discourses.

1709 SWIFT & ADDISON *Tatler* No. 32 P 2 To hear her talk Seraphicks, and run over Norris, and Moor, and Milton. 1789 CHARL. SMITH *Ethelinde* (1814) I. 182 And the angel will descend from her seraphics.

Hence **Sera·phicness.** *rare.*

1727 BAILEY vol. II, *Seraphickness*, the being of the seraphick Nature. 1888 LIGHTHALL *Young Seigneur* 71 No romantic seraphicness glowed upon her features.

Seraphical (sĕræ·fikăl), *a.* Now *rare.* [f. eccl. L. *seraphic-us* SERAPHIC *a.* + -AL.] = SERAPHIC *a.*

1. Pertaining to the seraphim; = SERAPHIC 1.

1568 T. NEWTON in Farr *S. P. Eliz.* (1845) 553 The troupes seraphicall. 1633 T. ADAMS *Exp. 2 Pet.* ii. 13 Some of the hairs that fell from the seraphical angel.

2. Resembling what pertains to the seraphim; rapturous, ecstatically devout.

1581 J. BELL *Haddon's Answ. Osor.* 304 Let us take a test of this your Seraphicall obedience. 1593 G. HARVEY *New Letter* Wks. (Grosart) I. 274 In the profoundest trance of rapt Seraphicall Zeale. 1596 NASHE *Saffron-Walden* G 4; My Seraphicall visions in Queene Poetrie. 1648 J. GOODWIN *Yongling Elder* 2 A man of such Seraphicall parts and learning. 1674 BP. CROFT *Let. Pop. Idol.* (1679) 13 St. Francis, ..and many others, in their Seraphical Meditations, have been rapt up into the third Heaven. 1742–3 *Observ. Methodists* 17 Together with a mixture of Seemingly Seraphical Flights and extravagant Allusions.

† b. Of ideas, etc.: Lofty, sublime. Cf. SERAPHIC *a.* 2 b. (In quot. *ironical.*) *Obs.*

1656 CROMWELL *Sp.* in *Burton's Diary* (1828) I. Introd. 161 Now we would be loth to tell you of notions more seraphical.

3. Of persons: Resembling the seraphim; characterized by ecstatic fervour of devotion. In the 17th c. often *ironical*, applied to fanatical religionists or to impassioned orators.

1596 NASHE *Saffron-Walden* G 4 b, Grane Heliconists, seraphicall Omniscians. 1616 BULLOKAR *Eng. Expos., Seraphicall*, inflamed with diuine loue like a Seraphin. 1644 VICARS *God in Mount* (1844) 44 Such like rare seraphical rhetoritians. 1691 WOOD *Ath. Oxon.* II. 18 The most florid and seraphical Teacher in the University. 1692 SOUTH 12 *Sermons* (1697) V. 33 The most Seraphical *Illuminati*, and the highest Puritan Perfectionists. *a* 1714 ABP. J. SHARP *Serm.* Wks. 1754 III. 218 Thus some very seraphical men do talk.

†4. In *Seraphical Doctor, Order*: see SERAPHIC 4.

a 1540 BARNES *Wks.* (1573) 278 For these thinges bee geuen vnto them peculiar names, as subtile and seraphicall, and irrefrigable Doctours. 1561 DAUS tr. *Bullinger on Apoc.* (1573) 116 b, The Seraphicall order of S. Fraunces. 1640 HOWELL *Dodona's Gr.* 80 These Seraphicall Fathers doe so under value all other Orders, that [etc.]. 1674 HICKMAN *Hist. Quinquart.* (ed. 2) 69 Bonaventure..called generally the Seraphical Doctor. 1721 *Constitutions Blue Nuns* x, Let them keep the Octave of the Seraphicall Father S. Francis.

Hence † **Sera·phicalist**, one who pretends to 'seraphic' excellence; † **Sera·phicalness.**

1659 *Clarke Papers* (Camden) IV. 301 It's strange to see these seraphiclists [*sic*] can act without law, against Parliaments and against morality. 1727 BAILEY vol. II, *Seraphicalness*, the being of the seraphick Nature.

Seraphically (sĕræ·fikăli), *adv.* [f. SERAPHICAL + -LY 2.] In a seraphic manner.

1678 NORRIS *Misc.* (1699) 260 Till I ascend in Spirit to the Element of Love, where I shall know thee more clearly, and love thee more Seraphically. 1891 'J. S. WINTER' *Lumley* xiv, He is so seraphically happy. 1909 *Nation* 3 Apr. 14/1 He was smiling seraphically.

† **Sera·phicism.** *Obs.* [f. SERAPHIC *a.* + -ISM.] Pretence of 'seraphic' raptures.

1676 CUDWORTH *Serm.* (1 Cor. xv. 57) 87 Such are a self-chosen holiness..high-flown enthusiasm and Seraphicism.

Seraphim (se·răfim), † **se·raphin.** Forms: 1, 3–7, 9 *arch.* **seraphin**, 3 **serafin**, 4 **serafyn**, 5 **ceraphin, secheraphym, -phyn, seraphyn, -en, serophyn, syraphyn**, 6–7 **seraphine**, 1, 6– **seraphim.** [a. late L. *seraphim* (Vulg.), in MSS. often *seraphin* (=Gr. σεραφίμ, σεραφείμ, LXX.), a. Heb. שְׂרָפִים *s'rāphīm* (only in Isa. vi), pl. of *שָׂרָף *sārāph*, which is not recorded in the Bible, unless it be identical with the formally coincident word denoting a kind of venomous serpent, which occurs as quasi-adj. or in apposition with *nāḥāsh* serpent in Num. xxi. and Deut. viii. (Eng. Bible 'fiery serpents', after Vulg. *ignitos serpentes, serpens adurens*; LXX ὄφεις θανατοῦντας, ὄφις δάκνων), and in Isa. xiv. 29 and xxx. 6 with the epithet 'flying' (Eng. Bible 'fiery flying serpent').

Some scholars assume the identity of the word occurring in Isa. vi. with that found in the other passages. On this view the 'seraphim' seen by Isaiah flying above the throne of God represent a mythic or symbolic conception which must originally have had the form of a 'fiery flying serpent', though in the vision this appears considerably modified. The word *sārāph*, as the name of a kind of serpent, may belong to the root *sāraph* to burn, in allusion to the effect of the bite (cf. Gr. πρηστήρ). This etymology has given rise to a conjecture that the celestial 'seraphim' originally symbolized the lightning. Of those who reject the identity of *sārāph* 'seraph' with *sārāph* 'fiery serpent', some refer the former to the root of the Arabic *sharafa* to be lofty or illustrious. Phonologically this is unobjectionable, but on other grounds it is now generally abandoned. Various suggestions of non-Hebrew (Egyptian, Assyrian, etc.) etymology have been made, but have not found wide acceptance.

The L. form *seraphin*, which is found in many MSS. of the Vulgate, and is the source of all the forms used in Eng. down to the 16th c. (as well as of those in the Rom. langs.), coincides with the Aramaic *s'rāphīn*, but it is very doubtful whether it is more than a scribal error or a euphonic alteration. Cf. F. *séraphin* (*serafin*, 12th c.), Pr. *serafi*, Sp. *serafin*, Pg. *seraphim*, It. *serafino* (all masc. sing.).

In the Latin liturgical passages from which the word first became widely known, it was prob. originally apprehended correctly as a plural, and readers of the Latin Bible would be guided aright by the syntax of Isa. vi. a; but there is evidence that 'Cherubim and Seraphim' were often supposed to be the names of two individual angels. From the 15th to the 18th c. the English plural ending was often appended, but *seraphin* as a sing. = 'one of the seraphim' does not appear in Eng. till late in the 16th c. (the form *seraphim* in this use not till the 17th c.). After the introduction (perh. by Milton) of the form SERAPH, the misuse of the plural forms in singular sense gradually became rare, and it is now obsolete.]

1. In Biblical use: The living creatures with six wings, hands and feet, and a (presumably) human voice, seen in Isaiah's vision as hovering above the throne of God.

1382 WYCLIF *Isa.* vi. 2 Serafyn stoden up on it. [1535 (Coverdale), 1537, 1539, 1551 the Seraphins; 1540 Seraphins; 1560 (Geneva), 1611 the Seraphims; 1568, 1609 (Douay) Seraphims; 1884 (Revised) the seraphim.]

2. By Christian interpreters the seraphim were from an early period supposed to be a class of angels, and the name, associated with that of the cherubim, was introduced in the Eucharistic preface and subsequently in the *Te Deum*, and thus became extensively known. The presumed derivation of the word from a Heb. root meaning 'to burn' (see above) led to the view that the seraphim are specially distinguished by fervour of love (while the cherubim excel in knowledge), and to the symbolic use of red as the colour appropriate to the seraphim in artistic representations. In the system of the Pseudo-Dionysius, the chief source of later angelology, the seraphim are the highest, and the cherubim the second, of the nine orders of angels.

a. *Seraphin* (*obs.* exc. *poet.* as *nonce-use*), *seraphim*, used as *plural.* (Some of the early examples are ambiguous, and may belong to b.)

a. *a* 900 CYNEWULF *Elene* 754 Syndon tu..þe man Seraphin be naman hatað. *a* 1240 *Ureisun* in *Cott. Hom.* 191 Heih is þi kinestol onuppe cherubine, Binoren ðine leone sune wiðinnen seraphine. *c* 1250 *Meid. Maregrete* lxxv, Cherubin ant serafin, a þousend per were. 13.. *Ipotis* 92 (Vernon MS.) in Horstm. *Altengl. Leg.* (1881) 342 Þe furste ordre is Cherubin And þat oþer Seraphin. 1362 LANGL. *P. Pl.* A. I. 104 Cherubin and Seraphin an al þe foure [*the B and C texts have* nine] ordres. 1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* II. viii. (1495) 34 Seraphyn is a multytude of angellis that is to vnderstonde: brennynge other settynge a fyre..and the propre offyce of thyse angels is to brenne in theymselfe and to moeue other to brenne in the loue of god. *c* 1400 *Prymer* (1891) 21 To thee cherubyn and seraphyn cryeth with uoys with owten ceessynge. *c* 1425 *St. Mary of Oignies* I. vii. in *Anglia* VIII. 140/3 She sawe oon of Seraphyn, þat is a brennynge aungel. 1486 *Bk. St. Albans, Her.* a iv b, The iiii. Tronli [orders of angels] be theys Principatus Trony Cherubyn and Seraphyn. 1549 *Bk. Com. Prayer, Te deum*, Cherubin, and Seraphin. 1642 R. WATSON *Serm. Schisme* 32 The first place or degree is given to the Angels of love, which are termed Seraphin. 1691 NORRIS *Pract. Disc.* 289 What is it that makes the Seraphin burn and flame above the rest of the Angelical Orders? 1897 F. THOMPSON *New Poems* 74 You shall..ay, press in Where faint the fledge-foot seraphin.

β. *a* 1000 *Andreas* 719 (Gr.) Cherubim et Seraphim þa on swegeldreamum syndon nemned. *a* 1500 *Adrian & Epotys* 92 in *Brome Bk.* 28 The secund ordyr is secheraphym. 16.. MILTON *At a Solemn Music* 10 Where the bright Seraphim in burning row Their loud up-lifted Angel trumpets blow. *a* 1680 CHARNOCK *Attrib. God* (1834) II. 146 The angels..are here called Seraphim, from burning or fiery spirits. 1827 HEBER *Hymn*, *'Thou art gone to the grave'*, The sound which thou heard'st was the Seraphim's song! 1829 COLERIDGE *Monody Chatterton* (later version) 24 Thou..The triumph of redeeming Love dost hymn..to harps of Seraphim. 1864 PUSEY *Lect. Daniel* ix. (1876) 533 Like the Seraphim, they are seen in adoring love, about His throne. 1871 ROSSETTI *Poems, Ave* 104 And from between the seraphim The glory issues for a hymn.

† b. Taken as the name of an angel.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 22600 þan sal quak sant cherubin, And alsna sal do seraphin. *a* 1400 *Relig. Pieces fr. Thornton MS.* 37 Michaell and Gabrielle and Raphaelle, cherubyn and seraphyn, and all þe oþer angells and archangells.

c. Plural. † *seraphins, seraphims* (now *rare*).

a. *a* 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 9415 Þe silloure full of Seraphens & othire sere halows. *c* 1420 *Virgin's Compl.* 88 in *Pol. Rel. & L. Poems* (1903) 241, I sawe angelis with gret lithe of seraphynnys order adowne gan sende. 1490 CAXTON *How to die* 22 The cherubyns and the syraphyns come to thyne helpe. 1566 *Pasquine in Traunce* 73 These were their names,..Angels, Arch-angels,.. Powers, Cherubines, and Seraphines. 1596 SPENSER *Hymn Heav. Beauty* 94 Those eternall burning Seraphins, Which from their faces dart out fierie light. *a* 1610 PARSONS *Leicester's Ghost* (1641) 24 Know that the Prince of Heavenly Seraphines..Was tumbled downe for his presumptuous sinne. 1635 A. STAFFORD *Fem. Glory*, Panegyr. e 7, All the strings Of Seraphins tun'd high, lowd Hymnes did play. 1649 LOVELACE *Elegy on Princ. Katherine* 51 Clap wings with Seraphins before the Throne. 1659 H. L'ESTRANGE *Alliance Div. Off.* 76 The Seraphins resound it.

β. [1560, 1568, 1609, 1611: see I.] *a* 1627 SIR J. BEAUMONT *Epiphany* 38 Who..trie our actions in that searching fire By which the seraphims our lips inspire. 1653 JER. TAYLOR *Serm. for Yr.* ii. 16 The joy is so great that it runs over and wets the fair brows and beauteous locks of Cherubims and Seraphims. 1675 ABP. J. SHARP *Serm.* ii. Wks. 1754 I. 58 To know and be known by angels, arch-angels, and seraphims. *a* 1711 KEN *Hymnotheo* Poet. Wks. 1721 III. 201 Seraphims, whose Mold is heav'nly Love, Who nearest to the Godhead wait above. 1756–9 A. BUTLER *Lives Saints, S. Ludger*, God, in whose presence the highest seraphims annihilate themselves.

† d. *Seraphin, seraphim* as a sing. = one of the seraphim, a seraph. *Obs.*

a. 1579 W. WILKINSON *Confut. Fam. Love* B ij, The Seraphin with his fiery sword not being taken away. *c* 1610 MIDDLETON *Witch* IV. ii. 111 No, he that would soul's sacred comfort win Must burn in pure love, like a seraphin. *c* 1645 HOWELL *Lett.* (1650) II. 35 She should have every thing divine That would befitt a Seraphin.

β. *a* 1649 CRASHAW *Carmen Deo Nostro* 74 We will pledge this Seraphim [*viz.* St. Teresa] Bowles full of richer blood [etc.]. *a* 1674 TAAHERNE *Poet. Wks.* (1903) 104 While we see What every Seraphim above admires! 1700 ASTRY tr. *Saavedra-Faxardo* I. 168 God gave not the flaming Sword, which guarded Paradise, to a Seraphim. 1802 Mrs. WEST *Infidel Father* II. 85 Or had you..blended the service of the Deity with the idolatrous worship of a seraphim.

3. *Her.* † a. In Sir John Ferne's fancifol method of blazoning by 'spirits', the equivalent of Argent.

1586 FERNE *Blas. Gentrie* 144 A fosse waynee between the two starres artick and antiartick seraphines.

b. The representation of a seraph.

Usually, a child's head with two wings above, two below, and one on each side.

1828–40 BERRY *Encycl. Her.* s. v. *Carruthers*, Crest, a seraphim, volant, ppr.

4. A Swedish order of knighthood. (See quot.)
1784 H. Clark *Hist. Knighthood* II. 213 Sweden. The Order of the Seraphim, or of Jesus..first instituted by Magnus the IId, in the year 1334...It..lay dormant, until February 1748, when it was revived by Frederick the First.

5. *Geol. sing.* and *collect.* A fossil crustacean of the genus *Pterygotus*.
1839 Murchison *Silur. Syst.* 606 Fig. 4 and 5 belong undoubtedly to the same animal as the Seraphim of the Old Red Sandstone. 1863 H. Woodward in *Intell. Observ.* IV. 229 The 'Seraphim', a fossil found in 'the Arbroath pavingstone' of Forfarshire, which from the wing-like form of some parts of the shell, and the scale or feather-like markings upon its surface, has given rise to this angelic title among the natives. 1894 *Q. Rev.* July 191 The giant crustaceans or arachnids known to the Scotch quarrymen as 'Seraphim'.

6. A moth of the genus *Lobophora*. Also *seraphim-moth*.
1832 J. Rennie *Butterfl. & Moths* 132 The Seraphim (*Lobophora hexapterata*, Curtis) appears in June...The small Seraphim (*Lobophora sexalisata*, Curtis) appears in June and August. 1882 *Cassell's Nat. Hist.* VI. 67 In.. *Lobophoræ* there is so large an additional lobe to the hind wing as to give them the appearance of having six wings, whence they are called 'Seraphims' by collectors. *Ibid.*, Index to Popular Names, Seraphim Moths.

‖ **Se·raphin.** *Obs.* Forms: 6 **seraffine, serafyne, seraphine, xeraphin,** 7 **serafin, seraffin, zeraphin,** 8 **seraphyn, xerapheen.** [a. Pg. *xerafim, xarafim*, a. Arab. شريفي *sharīfī*, orig. the name of a gold coin. Cf. Seraph 2.] A silver coin formerly current in India, worth about 1*s.* 5*d.*
1582 N. Lichefield tr. *Castanheda's Conq. E. Ind.* 56 b, He must give him 600 Serafynes. 1584 R. Barret in *Hakluyt's Voy.* (1599) II. i. 273 There is also stamped in Ormuz a seraphine of gold, which is litle and round. 1588 Hickock tr. *C. Frederick's Voy.* 37, I lost my 800 Seraffines or duckets. *a* 1613 W. Hawkins in Purchas *Pilgrims* (1625) I. 217 *Inprimis*, of Seraffins *Echeri*, which be ten Rupias a piece, there are sixtie Leckes. 1698 Faver *Acc. E. India & P.* 207 The Cruzado of Gold, 12 Zeraphins. 1704 *Churchill's Collect. Voy. & Trav.* III. 772/2 A *Candil* of Rice was sold ..for 2500 *Seraphyns*, or Gilders. 1727 A. Hamilton *New Acc. E. Ind.* I. xxi. 249 Their Soldiers Pay [at Goa] is very small..They have but six Xerapheens per Month,..a Xerapheen is worth about sixteen Pence half Peny Ster.

Seraphine (se·răfĭn). Also **seraphina.** [f. Seraph 1 + -ine.] A musical instrument of the reed kind, invented by John Green in 1833.
1839 *Civ. Engin. & Arch. Jrnl.* II. 318/2 Certain improvements in the construction of certain musical instruments.. of the kind commonly called seraphines. 1845 Gresley *Frank's First Trip* 201 Six or eight women..were singing a plaintive hymn, accompanied by a seraphine. 1879 A. J. Hipkins in *Grove's Dict. Mus.* I. 667 In England keyboard harmonicas with bellows were known by the name of Seraphine, which was not an harmonium. 1900 *Westm. Gaz.* 7 June 8/1 In most Boer houses of the better class there is an American organ or 'seraphine'.

Se·raphism. *rare.* [f. Seraph 1 + -ism.] Ecstatic devotion.
1846 C. Maitland *Ch. Catacombs* 212 That religion..presents..a joyful serenity, worth all..the proud seraphism of the Thebaid.

† **Sera·phium.** *Obs.*—1 ? = Serapine.
1583 *Rates Custom ho.* E iij b, Seraphium the pound.

‖ **Serapias** (sĕrā·piăs). [L. *serāpias*, f. the name of the Egyptian god *Serāpis*.] Formerly, a book-name for various orchids, and for the dried roots of these as used in pharmacy. Now only mod. Latin (*Bot.*) as the name of an orchidaceous genus.
1597 Gerarde *Herbal* I. civ. 173 We haue called these kindes Serapias stones, or Orchis Serapiades,..taking the name as it were from Serapias the god of the Citizens of Alexandria...It is also called..in English Satyrion, and finger Orchis. 1640 Parkinson *Theat. Bot.* 1354 The properties of these Serapiaes. 1706 Phillips (ed. Kersey), *Serapias*, (Gr.) an Herb call'd Dog-stones, or Rag-wort. 1753 *Chambers' Cycl.* Suppl., *Serapias*, in the materia medica, the officinal name of the dried root, called *salep*.

Serapic (sĕræ·pik), *a.* [f. *Serap-is* + -ic.] Of or pertaining to the Egyptian god *Serapis*.
1888 *Pop. Sci. Monthly* XXXII. 560 (Cent.) They include various types of the god Abraxas, Cnuphic and Serapic emblems, Egyptian types.

† **Serapin(e.** *Obs.* Also in Latin form. [ad. med.L. *serapīnum*; of obscure origin; perh. this and Sagapenum represent some Oriental word.]

1. = Sagapenum.
a. c 1400 *Lanfranc's Cirurg.* (1894) 43 Azafetida is best medicyn if þou make of him emplastre, serapinum, & þe fecis of a litil wex. 1543 Traheron *Vigo's Chirurg.* Interpr., Sagapenum commonly called Serapinum droppeth out of the stalke of ferula. *a* 1618 *Rates Marchandizes* F 2 b, Gum Serapinum.
β. 1526 *Grete Herball* ccclxxx. (1529) X ij, Serapyn is.. the gomme of a tre that groweth beyonde the see and in Grece. *c* 1550 Lloyd *Treas. Health* G ij, Serapine stampte and put into the hollow tooth taketh awai y^e paines therof. 1555 Eden *Decades* (Arb.) 269 Gumme Serapine. 1714 *Fr. Bk. Rates* 92 Gum Serapin per 100 Weight 06 05.

2. The tree that produces sagapenum.
1585 T. Washington tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* II. x. 43 Al maner of trees, as pinetrees, Serapins, Cypres, Terebinths [etc.].

‖ **Seraskier** (sĕrăskī·ɹ). Also **seraskur, serasquier.** [repr. Turkish pronunciation of Pers. سرعسكر *sercaskar* head of the army, f. سر *ser* head + Arab. عسكر *caskar* army.] The title of the Turkish Minister of War, who is also commander in chief of the army.
1684 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 1952/2 The Turkish Officer, who is known by the Title of Serasquier. 1717 Lady M. W. Montagu *Let. to Pope* 12 Feb., A very numerous garrison of their bravest janissaries, commanded by a pasha seraskiér (i. e. general). 1803 Wittman *Trav. Turkey* 237 The title of Seraskier corresponds with that of our commander in chief of the army. 1876 A. J. Evans *Through Bosnia* vi. 261 The Seraskier at Stamboul..had persisted in withdrawing the regulars stationed in the province.

‖ **Seraskierate** (sĕrăskī·ɹĕt). Also **seraskarat, -kerat, -keriat(e, -kierat.** [f. prec. + -ate 1.] The War Office at Constantinople.
1876 *Illustr. Lond. News* 8 July 43/2 The execution..took place..in the open square of the Seraskierate or War Office. 1877 *Encycl. Brit.* VI. 307 The great tower of Galata, like that of the Seraskierat (War Office) on the opposite height in Stamboul, is used as a fire-tower. 1891 *Athenæum* 26 Dec. 868/3 They are instructed to send all local details as to situation to the Seraskierate.

† **Serate.** *Obs.*—1 [a. F. †(*laict*) *serat* (Cotgr.).] (See quot.)
1600 Surflet *Country Farm* I. xiv. 90 The Normans do boile milke with garlicke and onions, and keepe it in vessels for their vse, calling it sowre milke or Serate.

Serauee, seraw(e, seray, obs. ff. Serai 1.

Serayn(e, obs. forms of Siren.

Serb (sɔ̄ɹb), *sb.* and *a.* Also 9 **Syrbe.** [a. Servian *Srb, Serb.* Cf. F. *Serbe.*] **A.** *sb.*

1. † a. A Wend of Lusatia. (Cf. Sorb.) *Obs.*
b. A native of Servia, a Servian.
1813 *Q. Rev.* X. 283 The Serbs or Wends came about the same time into the countries between the Saal and the Oder. 1842 *Penny Cycl.* XXII. 103/2 The Syrbes or Wends, who inhabit Lusatia. 1866 *Chamb. Encycl.* VIII. 629/2 (art. *Servia*) Every Serb carries arms. 1883 Morfill *Slav. Lit.* ii. 33 The Serbs have, unlike the Russians and other Slavs, kept their old name.

2. The Servian language.
1886 *Fortn. Rev.* Jan. 146 Serb became a proscribed tongue. 1905 *Macm. Mag.* Nov. 40 Everyone, whether Christian or Moslem, speaks Serb only.

B. *adj.* Servian.
1876 A. J. Evans *Through Bosnia* i. 16 The barbarous Serb races who settled in the Danubian basin in the fifth and succeeding centuries.

Serbian (sɔ̄·ɹbiăn), *a.* and *sb.* [f. Serb + -ian.] = Servian *a.* and *sb.*
1862 Denton *Servia & Servians* 11 About the middle of the seventh century the Serbians, a Sclavonic tribe, entered Mœsia. 1867 Misses Mackenzie & Irby *Turks, Greeks & Slavons* 412 We asked, in Serbian, if they would kindly show us their books. 1876 A. J. Evans *Through Bosnia* i. 7 The headdress of the Serbian women. *Ibid.* 26 Besides my native tongue..I know Serbian. 1883 Morfill *Slav. Lit.* i. 8 The Serbian chieftain, Vouk Brankovitch. 1887 — (*title*) Simplified grammar of Serbian.

Se·rbo-, combining form of Serb, as *Serbo-Croatian, -Italian.* Cf. Servo-.
1876 A. J. Evans *Through Bosnia* ix. 389 Her Serbo-Italian neighbours. 1883 Morfill *Slav. Lit.* i. 8 The.. extent of the territory over which Serbo-Croatian and its dialects..are spoken. 1905 *Contemp. Rev.* Apr. 598 The Serbo-Croat language.

Serbonian (sɔ̄ɹbō·niăn), *a.* [f. Gr. Σερβωνίς (λίμνη) + -an.] *Serbonian bog*: Milton's name for Lake Serbonis in Lower Egypt, a marshy tract (now dry) covered with shifting sand. Hence used allusively.
1667 Milton *P. L.* II. 592 A gulf profound as that Serbonian Bog Betwixt Damiata and mount Casius old, Where Armies whole have sunk. 1790 Burke *Fr. Rev.* Sel. Wks. II. 231 In the 'Serbonian bog' of this base oligarchy they are all absorbed, sunk, and lost for ever. 1903 Morley *Gladstone* VIII. vii. III. 121 The Serbonian bog of Egyptian finance.

Serc, obs. form of Sark.

Serce, obs. Sc. form of Search *v.*

Serce, Sercer, obs. ff. Searce, Searcer.

Sercell, var. Sarcel *Obs.* (hawk's feather).

Sercenett, obs. form of Sarsenet.

† **Serch.** *Obs. rare.* Also 5 **seergh.** [Of obscure origin.] ? Some kind of worked stone for building purposes.
1416–17 in Willis & Clark *Cambridge* (1886) II. 442 Pro lviij pedibus de lapid' vocat' seerghys ij^s. v^d. *c* 1429 *Ibid.* II. 445 Pro..xxiij pedibus de serchis.

Serch(e, obs. forms of Search *sb.* and *v.*

Sercial (sɔ̄·ɹsiăl). A kind of Madeira wine.
1818 Accum *Chem. Tests* 190. 1851 Redding *Mod. Wines* (ed. 3) 265 The sercial is said to be the product of the bock grape, transplanted to the island. 1873 *St. Pauls Mag.* June 637 A glass of his favourite old Sercial. 1882 Ellen M. Taylor *Madeira* 75 The principal varieties of wine-making grapes are the following: Malvasia, Bual, Sercial [etc.].

Sercil, var. Sarcel *Obs.* (hawk's feather).
1678 in Phillips (ed. 4).

Sercle, obs. form of Circle.

Serclet(t, obs. forms of Circlet.
1530 Palsgr. 269/2 Serclet for a brides heed, *cedre.*

Sercote, obs. form of Surcoat.

Sercute, obs. form of Circuit.
1506 *Kal. Sheph.* (Sommer) 125 The mone maketh one turnyng or one sercute..within xxvii. dayes or there about.

Serd, var. Sard *v.* and obs. pa. t. of Serve.

‖ **Serdab** (sɔɹdā·b). Also **serdaub, sirdab.** [Pers. (hence Arab.) سرداب *serdāb* grotto, ice-house; cellar.] a. In Western Asia, a cellar or underground chamber. b. In Egypt, a secret passage or chamber in an ancient tomb.
a. 1842 W. F. Ainsworth *Trav. Asia Minor*, etc. II. 331 The foundations, cellars, or serdaubs,..were generally all that remained. 1842 J. B. Fraser *Mesopot. & Assyria* i. 25 When the inhabitants of Bagdad are panting in their *sirdabs*, or cellars under ground, whither they retire to avoid the rays of the sun.
b. 1877 Miss A. B. Edwards *Up Nile* iv. 92 This tomb.. also contains a secret passage of the kind that M. Mariette calls a serdab. These serdabs..are constructed in the thickness of the walls and have no entrances. 1897 *Daily News* 5 July 8/3 In the serdab, or statue-chamber, of one of the principal tombs, a very fine statue..was found.

Serdar, obs. form of Sirdar.

Serdge, obs. form of Cierge, wax candle.
1538 *Test. Ebor.* (Surtees) VI. 84 The other xii serdges to be burned in like manner.

† **Serdoner.** *Obs. rare*—1.
a 1550 *Image Ipocr.* II. in *Skelton's Wks.* (1843) II. 429 Thou arte..The syre of serdoners, And prince of pardoners.

† **Sere,** *sb. Obs.* Also 7 **seere, serre, sear(e.** [a. OF. *serre*, vbl. n. f. *serre-r* to hold fast, shut :—pop.L. *serrāre*, altered form of late L. *serāre*, f. *sera* bolt, bar. Cf. Sear *sb.*1] A claw, talon.
1606 Sylvester *Du Bartas* II. iv. I. *Tropheis* 136 A paire of busie chattering Pies, Seeing some hardie Tercell from the skies To stoop with rav'nous seres, feel a chill fear. 1618 Chapman *Hesiod's Georg.* I. 318 The Hauke once, hauing trust vp in his Seres, The sweet-tun'd Nightingale. 1683 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 1799/4 Lost near Cadnam.., a..thorough mewed Falcon, the Feet and Sear very yellow. 1864 Lowell *McClellan's Rep.* Wks. 1890 V. 94 Every excuse was invented..except the true one, that our chicken was no eagle after all. He was hardening his seres, he was waiting for his wings to grow [etc.].

Sere, sear (sīɹ), *a.*1 Forms: 1 *séar, síere,* 4–7 **seare, seere,** 4–8 **seer,** 5 **seyr,** 6 **seyre,** 7 **seir(e,** 7–9 (*dial.*) **sare,** 4– **sere,** 6– **sear.** [OE. *séar* corresponds to MLG. *sôr* (LG. *soor*), Du. *zoor* :—OTeut. **sauzo-* :—Indogermanic **sausó-*, whence Lith. *saũsas*, OSl. *suxŭ*, Gr. *αὗος* dry, Skr. *çōsha* drying up, withering.
OE. seems to have had also a synonymous derivative *stere* (:—**sauzjo-*), which in later Eng. would be represented by the same form as *stear.*]

1. Dry, withered. Now *poet.* or *rhetorical.*
824 *Grant* in Birch *Cartul. Sax.* I. 515 Hit stent on þam sieran boc hazan. *a* 1000 *Gloss. Prudent.* in *Germania* (1878) XI. 402 *Steriles*, seare. 13.. *K. Alis.* 4425 (Bodl. MS.), Þe spere crakeþ also þicke So on hegge sere stykke. *c* 1425 *Found. St. Bartholomew's* (E. E. T. S.) 28 Seyr and drye membyrs. 1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 47 b, And that appereth in the tree of nature whiche..in wynter..semeth seyre, drye, & in maner as deed. 1590 Shaks. *Com. Err.* IV. ii. 19 He is deformed, crooked, old, and sere. 1620 Quarles *Feast for Wormes* C 4, Will greene wood burne, when so vnapt's the seire? 1715 *Bradley's Fam. Dict.* s. v. *Thatching*, When they [Withs] are grown Sear they will fly and break. 1805 Wordsw. *Prelude* I. 84 Now here, now there, an acorn, from its cup Dislodged, through sere leaves rustled. 1901 H. Tbench *Deirdre Wed* 12 Aghast, the woman Fumbled at her sere breast, and wept.

b. *transf.* and *fig.*, and in fig. context.
1530 Tindale *Gen.* xlvii. 21 *marg.*, To sucke out y^e iuce of them with their poetrye, till all he seer bowes and no thinge greene save their awne comenwelth. 1567 Turberv. *Ovid's Ep.* 93 b, Receyue me to thy carelesse couch in sere and silent night. 1605 Shaks. *Macb.* v. iii. 25, I haue liu'd long enough, my way of life Is falne into the Seare, the yellow Leafe. 1633 T. Adams *Exp. 2 Pet.* ii. 13 The house that grows sere, needs supporters. 1795 Coleridge *Sonnet to Southey*, Till sickly Passion's drooping Myrtles sear Blossom anew. 1837 Card. Wiseman *St. Eliz. of Hungary* in *Ess.* (1853) III. 226 The rude materialities of life in this sear generation. 1880 O. W. Holmes *Shadows* 18 Some locks had got silvered, some lives had grown sere.

c. *absol.* (Cf. quot. 1605 in 1 b.)
1791 W. Taylor tr. *Lessing's Nathan* IV. (1886) 133 In my sear of life An Assad blossoms for me. 1890 J. Watson *Conf. Poacher* (1893) 74 By the third week of October, the yellow and sere of the year has come.

† 2. Of textile fabrics: Thin, worn. *Obs.*
1523 *Rec. St. Mary at Hill* (1904) 35 An Olde Seer dyapur Towell. 1591 Percivall *Sp. Dict.*, *Raça de panno*, the place where cloth is seere or thinne. *a* 1631 Donne *Elegies* I. Poems (1633) 44 If swolne with poyson, hee lay in his last bed, His body with a sere-barke covered. 1736 Pegge *Kenticisms* (E. D. S.) 45 My coat is very sare. 1798 Coleridge *Anc. Mar.* V. v, A roaring wind..shook the sails That were so thin and sere.

3. *Comb.* a. Forming parasynthetic adjectives, as *sere-coloured, sere-leaved,* † *sere-souled.* Also † **sere-dried** *pa. pple.*, dried to excess.
1901 *Westm. Gaz.* 29 May 2/1 The background of *sere-coloured autumn foliage suggests the passing of a glorious summer day. 1657 G. Starkey *Helmont's Vind.* 62 Hay, which if *sear-dryed in the Sun, is half in half damnified. 1870 D. Lindsay in *Poets Ayrsh.* (1910) 254 *Sear leaved decay does o'er the woodland steal. 1659 H. M. *Pair Spectacles for Nation* 4 Tell us you *Sear-soul'd men that will swear *pro* and *con*, tell me what an oath is?

† b. in syntactical combinations formerly often hyphened or written as single words: *sere tree, wood*; also **Sere** month, a name for August. *Obs.*
1686–7 Aubrey *Rem. Gentilisme* (1881) 123 Proverbs.. Item, *Good to cut Briars in the *Sere month* (i) August. ? *a* 1616 Beaum. & Fl. *Wit without Money* III. i, Old age like *Seer-trees, is seldom seen affected. *c* 1611 Chapman *Iliad* I. 449 The Priest, with small *sere wood Did sacrifice. 1700 Dryden *Flower & Leaf* 414 The Lawrel-Champions..Sere-wood from the rotten Hedges took. 1784 Cullum *Hist.*

Hawsted 173 The wood-stealers always tell you they never take any but sear wood.

† **Sere,** *adv.* and *a.*[2] *Obs.* (? exc. *dial.*). Forms: 3–5 **ser,** 3–6 **seir,** 3–6, 8 (*dial.*) **sere,** 4 **seyre, schere,** 4, 7, 9 (*dial.*) **seer,** 5–6 **seyr,** 5, 7 **seere,** 6 **seare.** [a. ON. *sér*, orig. dative of the refl. pron. (accus. *sik*, gen. *sín*); the sense 'for oneself' gave rise in ON. to the advb. meaning 'separately, apart' (also in compounds, e. g. *sérdeilis* partly, *sérligr* particular); the further development into an adj. is peculiar to English. Cf. Da. *sær* singular, Da. *især*, Sw. *sär* particularly.]

A. *adv.* Separately, severally. *Sere twice*, on two separate occasions.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 4231 His oþer suns com ilkan sere For to mend þair fader chere. 13.. *Gaw. & Gr. Kn't.* 1522, I haf seten by your-self here sere twyes, 3et herde I neuer of your hed helde no wordez þat euer longed to luf. *c* 1440 *York Myst.* ii. 20 Þe water I will be set to flowe bothe fare and nere, And þan þe firmament, in mydis to set þame sere.

b. ? 'All told', in all.

? *a* 1600 *Flodden F.* iii. (1664) 30 The number did but mount To six and twenty thousand seere.

B. *adj.*

1. Separate, distinct; each in particular, single.

c 1200 Ormin 18653 Forr ser iss Sune, & Faderr ser, & ser iss þe33re baþre Allmahhtiȝ Gast. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 5461 His suns blessed he on rau, He gaue ilkan seir benissun. 1340 Hampole *Pr. Consc.* 5894 Men sal alswa yhelde rek-kenynges sere Of al gudes þat God has gefen þam here. *a* 1400 *Rel. Pieces fr. Thornton MS.* v. 64 Jhesu, joyne þi lufe in my thoghte, Swa þat þay neuer be sere. 1545 Ascham *Toxoph.* ii. (Arb.) 107 Instrumentes for euery sere archer to brynge with him, proper for his own vse. 1565 Calfhill *Answ. Martiall* v. 130 b, Traditions in euery age with euery sere byshop [haue] varied.

2. Divers, various, sundry.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 2 And romans red on maneres sere. *Ibid.* 6840 Your land yee sal sau seuen yeir, And scer þar-of your corns seir. *a* 1340 Hampole *Ps.* cl. 4 Orgyns þat is made as a toure of sere whistils. *c* 1375 *Lay Folks Mass-bk.* (MS. B.) 70, I have synned largely, In mony synnes sere. *c* 1450 *Bk. Curtasye* 262 in *Babees Bk.*, Þe boke hym calles a chorle of chere, That vylany spekes be wemen sere. 1585 Jas. I *Ess. Poesie* (Arb.) 18 That your vertewis singuler and seir May wholly all in them be also found. 1691 Ray *N. C. Words* (E. D. S.). 1703 Thoresby *Let. to Ray* s. v. 1829 Brockett *N. C. Gloss.* (ed. 2) 261.

3. *Comb.*, as **sere-coloured,** parti-coloured; (on) **sere-wise** *adv.*, in divers ways.

c 1425 *St. Mary of Oignies* ii. i. in *Anglia* VIII. 151/5 A cote *sere-colerd comynge to þe helys. 1340 Hampole *Pr. Consc.* 3261 Þus sal þai on *sere-wyse pyned be, Sum many wynter for þair syn. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xxviii. (*Margaret*) 515, & hyre prayere quhen scho had ser-wyse to god deuotely mad, a licht of hewine rathly schane.

Sere, var. Cere *sb.* and *v.*, Sear *v.*; obs. f. Sir *sb.*

Serea, obs. form of Sirrah.

† **Se·rean,** *a.* and *sb. Obs.* [f. L. *Sēr-es* (see Seres) + -ean. Cf. Serian, Seric.] **a.** *adj.* Of or pertaining to the Seres; silken. **b.** *sb. pl.* = Seres.

1606 Sylvester *Du Bartas* ii. iv. ii. *Magnif.* 316 That hath soft Sereans yellow Spoyls. 1633 Drumm. of Hawth. *Poems* (1656) 160 Here are no Serean Fleeces.

Serefe, obs. Sc. form of Sheriff.

Sereiaunt, obs. form of Sergeant.

‖ **Serein** (sərǣn). *Meteorology.* [Fr.: see Serene *sb.*[1]] A fine rain falling from a cloudless sky after sunset.

1870 Tyndall *Heat* § 495 Whose condensation produces the *serein*. 1878 Huxley *Physiogr.* 41.

Sereine, variant of Serene *sb.*[1]

† **Se·rekin(s,** *a. Obs.* Forms: 3 **sirekin, serekines, serekens,** 3–4 **serekin,** 3–5 **serkin.** [f. Sere *a.*[2] + Kin *sb.*[1] (6 b).] Of several kinds.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 2654 Abraham..þis nam sua mikel es to rede Als fader o mani serkyn lede. *Ibid.* 7407 Dauid cuth on sere-kin [*Gött.* serkin] pote Bath he cuth on harpe and rote. *Ibid.* 10218 Ilkan þan to þe temple broght Sirekin gift after þai moght. *c* 1400 *Langland's P. Pl.* C. (Ilchester MS.), in Skeat iii. Pref. 36 On serkyn wys þes seculers it certefíer also, Lewed men by labour lyne and lordez go to hunt In frith and in forest.

† **Se·relepes,** *adv.* (*a.*). *Obs.* Also 3 *Ormin* **serlepess,** 4 **-lypez.** [f. Sere *a.*[2] + *-lep-* (as in Onlepy) + advb. *-es*, *-s*.] Separately.

c 1200 Ormin 513, & iwhillc an serlepess off þa fowwre & twenntiȝ hirdess Was demmnedd affterr an mann off þa fowre & twenntiȝ prestess. 13.. *Gaw. & Gr. Kn't.* 501 For-þi þis 3ol ouer-3ede, & þe 3ere after, & vche sesoun serlepes sued after oþer. 1377 Langl. *P. Pl.* B. xvii. 164 That thre þinges bilongeth in owre lorde of heuene, And aren serelepes by hem-self asoudry were neure.

b. as *adj.* Separate, distinct; sundry, various.

13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* A. 994 Vch tabelment was a serlypez ston. *a* 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 4893 Seuenty wyndows beside of serelepis werkes.

† **Se·relepy,** *a. Obs.* [f. Sere *a.*[2] + *-lepy* (as in Onlepy).] Separate; with pl. sb., sundry, various.

a 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 605 3it ware þai sett vn-samen of serelypy hewys. *Ibid.* 4440 Sere-lepy kyndis. *Ibid.* 4521 Sacrifice to ilk a segge a sere-lepy gifte.

† **Se·rely,** *adv. Obs.* Forms: 4 **serelych, serliche,** 4–5 **ser(e)ly.** [a. ON. *sérliga*: see Sere *a.*[2] and -ly [2].] Particularly, separately.

c 1350 *Will. Palerne* 2149 þei sou3t alle so serliche þurh cites & smale townes,..þat no seg..schuld haue schapit. *c* 1375 *Lay-Folks Mass-Bk.* B. 465 For hore soules, I pray derly, þate I shall neuen serly. 13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* C. 193 Sone haf þay her sortes sette & serelych deled. *c* 1440 *York Myst.* xliv. 24 It nedis we vs avise, þat we saye no3t serely.

Serement, var. Serment *Obs.*, oath.

Seremon(y, obs. forms of Ceremony.

† **Sere·na.** *Obs. rare.* [It. (Neapolitan); cf. Sp. *sereno* in the same sense.] = Serene *sb.*[1]

1594 Nashe *Terrors Nt.* H 1 b, It hath caused such a thicke fulsome Serena to descend on my braine. *a* 1600 R. Dudley in *Hakluyt's Voy.* III. 575 The most infectious serenas or dewes that fall all along these coasts of Africa. 1713 *Gentl. Instructed* i. Suppl. iii. (ed. 5) 14 They had.. armed themselves against the *Serena* with a Caudle.

Serenade (serĭnē·d), *sb.* Also 7 **serenate,** 8 **seranade.** [a. F. *sérénade* (16th c. in Hatz.-Darm.), app. ad. It. *serenata*: see Serenata.]

1. A performance of vocal or instrumental music given at night in the open air, esp. such a performance given by a lover under the window of his lady.

1656 Blount *Glossogr.* 1662 J. Davies tr. *Olearius' Voy. Ambass.* 236 They go and give the Governour a Serenade. 1667 Milton *P. L.* iv. 768 Serenate, which the starv'd Lover sings To his proud fair. 1712 Arbuthnot *John Bull* ii. v, The Musick and Serenades that were given her, sounded more ungratefully in her Ears, than the Noise of a Screech Owl. 1835 Lytton *Rienzi* iii. iii, My voice awaked the stillness of the waving sedges with a soldier's serenade. 1884 F. M. Crawford *Roman Singer* i. 163 A serenade is an every-day affair.

b. *transf.* and *fig.*

1649 Lovelace *Lucasta, To a Lady Madam A. L.* 118 Or the soft Serenades above In calme of Night, when Cats make Love. 1656 Cowley *Misc., Swallow* 3 Foolish Prater, what do'st thou So early at my window do With thy tuneless Serenade? 1695 J. Edwards *Author. O. & N. Test.* III. 27 We are enabled to..entertain our selves with the serenades of a good conscience. 1843–54 Surtees *Handley Cross* lix, When I will finish wot I've left unsung, as the tom-cat said when the brick-bat cut short his serenade. 1871 Forsyth *Highl. Central India* 391, I listened one night to the most remarkable serenade of tigers I ever heard.

† **2.** A poem suitable for a serenade. *Obs.*

1710 *Tatler* No. 222 ₱ 4 Horace's tenth Ode of the third book was originally a Serenade.

3. *Mus.* A piece of music suitable or specially composed for singing or playing in the open air as a complimentary performance.

1728 Chambers *Cycl.* s. v., The Pieces compos'd or play'd on these Occasions, are also call'd Serenades. 1794 Mrs. Radcliffe *Myst. Udolpho* xvi, Some of their servants..were performing a simple serenade. 1883 Rockstro in *Grove's Dict. Mus.* III. 467/2 The most delicious example of this that we possess is the Serenade in Sterndale Bennett's Chamber Trio in A, Op. 27. *a* 1897 tr. *Riemann's Dict. Mus.* s. v., The only thing retained from the past in serenades is that they have more movements than is usual in a sonata or symphony.

4. *attrib.* and *Comb.*

1908 Rockstro in *Grove's Dict. Mus.* IV. 418/2 The two Serenade trios of Beethoven. 1911 *Encycl. Brit.* XXIV. 663/1 The six-movement scheme (though without the serenade style) was adopted by Beethoven in..the string quartet in B flat. *Ibid.*, The classics of the serenade forms are among the works of Mozart and Haydn.

Serenade (serĭnē·d), *v.* [f. the sb.]

1. *trans.* To entertain (a person) with a serenade.

1672 Wycherley *Love in Wood* ii. i, I intend to serenade the whole Park to-night. 1691 *Comedy, Win Her & Take Her* i. ii. 5 A fourth [would] make verses upon you; treat, present, and Serenade you. 1727 Sewall *Diary* 15 Apr., Last night three musicians serenaded me under my chamber window. 1842 Mrs. Kirkland *Forest Life* I. 253 It's only a parcel of fellers gone to serenade an old widower that's been a-marrying of a young girl. 1887 Fenn *Master Cerem.* vi, I am going to beg our guests to come with us and serenade a lady whose name I will not mention.

b. *transf.* and *fig.*

1749 Fielding *Tom Jones* v. ii, From serenading his patient every hunting morning with the horn under his window, it was impossible to withhold him. 1774 G. White *Selborne, To Barrington* 28 Sept., In hot mornings several [swifts]..dash round the steeples and churches, squeaking as they go in a very clamorous manner: these..are supposed to be males serenading their sitting hens. 1825 Selby *Illustr. Brit. Ornith.* 240 The male bird..uttering the singular but unmusical notes with which he serenades his mate during incubation.

2. *intr.* (or *absol.*) To perform a serenade.

1668 Dryden *Even. Love* ii. i. 29 When I go a Serenading again with 'em, I'll give 'em leave to make Fiddle-strings of my small-guts. 1710 *Tatler* No. 222 ₱ 13 Our honest countrymen..seldom begin to sing until they are drunk; which also is usually the time when they are most disposed to Serenade. 1832 W. Irving *Alhambra* I. 299, I'll warrant, these cavaliers have their loves among the Spanish beauties ..and will soon be serenading under their balconies.

Hence **Serena·ding** *vbl. sb.* and *ppl. a.*

1673 Dryden *Assign.* ii. iii. 19 Where is this Serenading Rascall? 1705 J. Taylor *Journ. Edin.* (1903) 90 We caus'd 3 Serenading Tunes to be particularly plai'd at Sir Lothian Blackets; Enamoretta's and Astraca's houses. 1797 T. Holcroft tr. *Stolberg's Trav.* III. lxxxviii. (ed. 2) 449 The custom of serenading..ever will prevail.

Serenader (serĭnē·dəɹ). [f. Serenade *v.* + -er [1].] One who serenades.

1676 Durfey *Mad. Fickle* iii. iii, That an impertinent Serenader..shou'd have the impudence to talk thus. 1797 Mrs. Radcliffe *Italian* xvii, The music of serenaders. 1883 Fr. M. Peard *Contrad. I.* 29 A barca with serenaders was slowly approaching.

‖ **Serenata** (serenā·ta). *Mus.* [a. It. *serenata* an evening song (whence Sp., Pg. *serenata*, F. *sérénade* Serenade *sb.*), app. f. *sereno* the open air, subst. use of *sereno* Serene *a.* (Pr. had *serena* in the sense of 'serenade'.)]

1. A song or form of cantata suitable for performance in the open air.

1743 Boyce (*title*) Solomon, a Serenata. 1834 Beckford *Italy* II. 261 Having been a mighty reader of operas, serenatas, sonnets, and romances. 1862 Spencer *First Princ.* II. ii. 173 From the ballad up to the serenata.

2. A piece of instrumental music, developed from the orchestral suite, and usually composed of a march, and a minuet interposed between two movements of another kind.

1883 Rockstro in *Grove's Dict. Mus.* III. 468/2 Haydn also wrote Serenatas, but seems to have taken less kindly to the style than Mozart.

† **Se·renate,** *v. Obs. rare*[−1]. [f. Serene *a.* + -ate [3]; cf. It. *serenare*.] *trans.* To render serene.

1654 Flecknoe *Ten Years Trav.* 169 Then for serenating the mind,..Where in lowd cities shall you find A recollection like to this?

Serenate, obs. form of Serenade *sb.*

Serendipity (serendi·pĭti). [f. *Serendip*, a former name for Ceylon + -ity.

A word coined by Horace Walpole, who says (Let. to Mann, 28 Jan. 1754) that he had formed it upon the title of the fairy-tale '*The Three Princes of Serendip*', the heroes of which 'were always making discoveries, by accidents and sagacity, of things they were not in quest of'.]

The faculty of making happy and unexpected discoveries by accident.

1754 H. Walpole *Let. to Mann* 28 Jan., This discovery, indeed, is almost of that kind which I call Serendipity. 1880 E. Solly *Index Titles of Honour* Pref. 5 The inquirer was at fault, and it was not till some weeks later, when by the aid of *Serendipity*, as Horace Walpole called it—that is, looking for one thing and finding another—that the explanation was accidentally found.

† **Serene,** *sb.*[1] *Obs.* Forms: 6–7 **seren,** 7 **serene, -eine, -ain(e,** syren(e, 8 **serein.** See also Serena and Serein. [a. F. *serein* of the same meaning (OF. *serain, sierain* evening) = Pg. *serão*:—popular L. **sērānum*, f. *sēr-um* (F. *soir*) evening, subst. use of neut. of L. *sērus* late.

The word seems to have been confused in Fr. with *serein* Serene *a.* The Sp. *sereno* Serena may be from Fr.]

A light fall of moisture or fine rain after sunset in hot countries (see Serein), formerly regarded as a noxious dew or mist.

1591 Florio *2nd Fruites* 153 The Seren neuer hurts a man in these colde countries. 1605 B. Jonson *Volpone* iii. vii, Some serene blast mee, or dire lightning strike This my offending face. 1616 Bullokar *Eng. Expos.*, *Seraine*, a foggy mist or dampish vapour falling in Italie about sunne set, at which time it is vnwholesome to be abroad especially bareheaded. 1617 Moryson *Itin.* i. 219 When the Syren or dew falls at night, they keepe themselves within dores till it be dried up. 1622 F. Markham *Bk. War* iii. vii. 105 Which not to acknowledge, would hang as a Sereine or rotting Mildew vpon any thankfull nature. 1636 G. Sandys *Paraphr. Ps.* cxxi. 205 Nor unwholsome Serene shall From the Moons moyst influence fall. *c* 1645 Howell *Lett.* (1650) II. 7 Have a care of your health, take heed of the seren's. 1682 *Phil. Collect.* XII. 148 To preserve the Brain from the Serenes that fall in hot Countries. [1706 Phillips (ed. Kersey), *Serein* (Fr.), a dampish and unwholesome Vapour, that falls after Sun-set in hot Countries; a kind of Mildew.]

Serene (sĭrī·n), *a.* and *sb.*[2] [ad. L. *serēn-us* clear, fair, calm (of weather, etc.). Cf. OF. *seri, serin, serain*, mod.F. *serein*, Sp., Pg., It. *sereno*.]

A. *adj.*

1. Of the weather, air, sky: Clear, fine, and calm (without cloud or rain or wind).

1508 Dunbar *Gold. Targe* 108 Quhill loud resownyt the firmament serene. *a* 1513 Fabyan *Chron.* vi. ccxviii. 238 To perce the heuyns that beeth so serene. 1621 Burton *Anat. Mel.* i. i. i. v, As the heauen it selfe is, so is our life, sometimes faire, sometimes ouercast, tempestious, and serene. 1634 Milton *Comus* 4 Where those immortal shapes Of bright aëreal Spirits live insphear'd In Regions milde of calm and serene Ayr. 1660 R. Coke *Power & Subj.* 108 Whether it will be serene, or stormy weather. *a* 1771 Gray *Song* 9 Western gales and skies serene Speak not always winter past. 1829 *Chapters Phys. Sci.* 200 Timely alternatives of serene and rainy days. 1867 H. Macmillan *Bible Teach.* v. (1870) 91 So pure and serene is the air that..the faintest far-off sounds are heard with surprising distinctness.

b. Of the heavenly bodies: Shining with a clear and tranquil light.

1704 Pope *Winter* 6 The moon, serene in glory, mounts the sky. 1744 Akenside *Pleas. Imag.* i. 61 Ere the radiant sun Sprung from the east, or 'mid the vault of night The moon suspended her serener lamp. 1817 Shelley *Pr. Athanase* i. 61 Through which his soul, like Vesper's serene beam..Shone, softly burning.

c. Hence as a poetic epithet of colour: Pure, clear, bright. Also (cf. 2 b), Quiet, sober.

1750 Gray *Elegy* 53 Full many a gem of purest ray serene. 1846 Landor *Pentameron* Wks. II. 343 Serener colours are pleasanter to our eyes and more becoming to our character.

2. Of other natural phenomena (e. g. the sea): Calm, tranquil.

1812 J. Wilson *Isle of Palms* iii. 397 And gazed where inland waters lay Serene as night. 1816 Shelley *Mont Blanc* 61 Mont Blanc appears—still, snowy, and serene. 1821 — *Hellas* 1067 A brighter Hellas rears its mountains From waves serener far. 1870 O'Shaughnessy *Epic of Women* 76 Through each shock of sound that shivers The serene palms to their height.

b. *transf.* Restful to the eye, expressive or suggestive of repose.

1849 Ruskin *Sev. Lamps* ii. § 8. 36 The magnificent and serene constructions of the early Gothic. *Ibid.* iii. § 21. 88 Laws as inviolable and serene as those of nature herself.

3. Of a person, his mind, circumstances, etc.: Calm, tranquil, untroubled, unperturbed. Of the countenance: Expressive of inward calm, unruffled.

a 1635 (see Serenity 2). 1640 Fuller *Abel Rediv., Huss* (1867) I. 19 Stokes, an Englishman then present at the council, his serene antagonist. 1647 Clarendon *Hist. Reb.* I. § 67 The duke heard him without the least commotion, and with a countenance serene enough. *a* 1687 Petty *Pol. Arith.* vii. (1691) 103 The ordinary charge of the Government, in times of deep and serene Peace. 1712 Steele *Spect.* No. 282 ₱ 5 He who resigns the World..is in constant Possession of a serene Mind. 1818 Byron *Juan* I. lxxxiii, A quiet conscience makes one so serene! 1849 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* iv. I. 460 His serene intrepidity distinguished him among thousands of brave soldiers. 1870 E. Peacock *Ralf Skirl.* III. 144 A great event in her serene life. 1911 *Athenæum* 8 July 35/1 Mr. Austin surveys his mental development with serene satisfaction.

b. *All serene*, a slang phr. for 'all's well', 'all right'. Also jocularly *all sereno.*

1856 K. H. Digby *Lover's Seat* I. vi. 161 Well I never, all serene, stunning,..and such like phrases. 1859 *Hotten's Slang Dict., Serene*, all right; 'its all serene', a street phrase of very modern adoption, the burden of a song. 1873 *Routledge's Ev. Boy's Ann.* 378/1 'All serene, Ben', was the general reply. 1901 F. Hume *Golden Wang-ho* i, 'All sereno!' sung out Teddy.

4. An honorific epithet given to a reigning prince (esp. of Germany), formerly also to a member of a royal house, etc.; sometimes jocularly applied to anything appertaining to a person so designated. Also *most serene* = med.L. *serenissimus*, It. *serenissimo*, F. *sérénissime*. Cf. Serenity 4.

1503 Dunbar *Poems* lxxxix. 11 Borne of a princes most serene. 1552 Lyndesay *Monarche* 3074 And send one Message to the Quene, Prayand hir Maiestie serene That scho wald [etc.]. 1629 Massinger *Picture* I. ii, You are like me a subiect. Her more then serene Maiesty being present. 1660 *Trial Regic.* 17 A Warrant for the Execution of His late Sacred and Serene Majesty. 1673 Ogilby *Asia* Ded., To His Most Serene, and Most Excellent Majesty, Charles II. 1711 *Act* 10 *Anne* c. 4 The most serene Elector of Brunswick-Lunenburgh. 1740 Gray *Let.* 20 May, Poems (1775) 83 His Highness the Duke of Modena..laid his most serene commands upon me to write to Mr. West. 1745 H. Walpole *Let. to Mann* 24 June, The Duke of Saxe Weissenfels ..is not of so serene a house but that he might have known something of the motions of the Prussians. 1746 — *Let. to G. Montagu* 17 June, The Serene Hessian is gone. 1772 *Ann. Reg.* 153/2 Genoa, Dec. 26. On the 22d instant..died ..the serene John Baptist Cambiaso, Doge of this republic. 1860 Thackeray *Four Georges* i. (1861) 26 There were 600 horses in the Serene stables. *Ibid.* 29 The lovely sisters.. journeyed to Hanover, and became favourites of the serene house there reigning. 1879 Baring-Gould *Germany* I. 29 Princes to whom the predicate of durchlaucht ('your serene highness') is accorded.

5. *Drop serene*: Milton's rendering of mod.L. *gutta serena* amaurosis: see Gutta[1] 1 b. Hence allusively (quot. 1843).

1667 Milton *P. L.* iii. 25 So thick a drop serene hath quencht thir Orbs. 1843 Carlyle *Past & Pr.* I. ii, Thick serene opacity, thicker than amaurosis, veiled those smiling eyes of his to Truth.

6. quasi-*adv.*

1655 Fanshawe tr. *Camoens' Lusiad* iii. lv. 57 Her pleasant Vale..Which Thou, sweet Tagus, waterst so serene. 1728 Young *Love Fame* ii. 43 Serene quoth Adam, 'Lo I 'twas crush'd by me'. 1769 Gray *Install. Ode* 93 The Star of Brunswick smiles serene. 1847 Emerson *Poems, Threnody* Wks. (Bohn) I. 488 Gentlest guardians marked serene His early hope, his liberal mien.

B. *sb.* (absol. use of the adj.). [Similarly L. *serēnum* (neut.), It. *sereno*, OF. *seri, serain.*] Now *rare* or *Obs.* a. A condition of fine quiet weather.

1644 Dering *Prop. Sacr.* Pref. b 2, It is indeed the present issue of thunder and tempest, but was begotten in a quiet serene. 1760–72 H. Brooke *Fool of Qual.* (1859) I. 220 No more than ye can see the gloom of last winter in the smiling serene of a summer's evening.

b. The unruffled expanse of clear sky or calm sea.

1769 Sir W. Jones *Palace Fortune* Poems (1777) 28 And twinkling stars emblaz'd the blue serene. 1781 Cowper *Charity* 132 The bark that plows the deep serene. 1812 Byron *Ch. Har.* II. lxx, As winds come whispering lightly from the west, Kissing, not ruffling, the blue deep's serene. 1834 Mar. Edgeworth *Helen* I. xiii. 279 Not a cloud obscured the deep serene. 1870 O'Shaughnessy *Epic of Women* 172 And some have..through the blue serene Gone up to heaven and been lost.

c. Calm brightness, quiet radiance.

1821 Shelley *Epipsych.* 506 With moonlight patches..Or fragments of the day's intense serene. 1863 I. Williams *Baptistery* II. xxiii. (1874) 84 Upon the dark and ruin'd scene Throwing a beautiful serene.

d. Serenity, tranquillity (of mind, conditions, etc.).

1742 Young *Nt. Th.* VII. 40 Deep in rich pasture will thy flocks complain? Not so; but to their master is deny'd To share their sweet serene. 1760–72 H. Brooke *Fool of Qual.* (1809) IV. 107 The serene of heart-felt happiness has little of adventure in it. 1762–9 Falconer *Shipwr.* I. 127 The calm domestic scene Had o'er his temper breathed a gay serene. 1851 Mrs. Browning *Casa Guidi Wind.* II. 335 Behold, the people waits, Like God. As He, in His serene of might, So they, in their endurance of long straits.

Serene (sĭrī·n), *v.* Now *rare* or *Obs.* [ad. L. *serēnāre*, f. *serēn-us* Serene *a.* Cf. 16th c. F. *serener* (Ronsard).] *trans.* To make serene.

I. To make (the sky, air) clear, bright, and tranquil. †Also, to clear *from* (cloud). Also *fig.*

1613 J. Davies *Muses Teares* (Grosart) 15/1 Then let Fates Snuffes and Puffes as winds of Grace, Serene the Heauen of your Maiestick Face. 1639 Saltmarshe *Pract. Policy* 4 If your businesse be perplexed and obscure..the best course heere for clearing and serening, is to divide the parts that are mingled and more obscure. 1655 Fanshawe tr. *Camoens' Lusiad* ix. xxiv. 178 She, where she passes, makes the Wind to lye With gentle motion, and serenes the skye. *a* 1711 Ken *Edmund* Poet. Wks. 1721 II. 322 Heav'n which before in Rivulets ran down, Its Face seren'd, clear from all cloudy Frown. 1747 Mallet *Amyntor & Theodora* III. 42 As Reason thus the mental storm seren'd. 1828 *Blackw. Mag.* XXIII. 486 Homer and Shakspeare..so far from being unfit for the gross atmosphere of human nature,..soared through it like eagles,..serened it like a calm.

†b. To clarify, make clear and bright (a liquid).

1708 J. Philips *Cyder* II. 68 The hoary Frosts and Northern Blasts take care Thy muddy Bev'rage to serene, and drive Præcipitant the baser, ropy Lees.

†c. To expose to the air (articles suspected of infection). *Obs.*

[Littré has F. *sérénage* for the action of doing this.]

c 1750 M. Mackenzie *Plague* in *Phil. Trans.* XLVII. 385 To what purpose..keep ships in Sandgate-Creek for weeks, and even months, without landing and serening the goods?

2. To make (a person, his mind, etc.) calm and tranquil. †Also, to render free *from* (anything that perturbs).

1654 Whitlock *Zootomia* 226 This temper Serenes the Soule from Passion. 1707 Norris *Treat. Humility* viii. 339 It calms and serenes the regions of the breast. 1742 Young *Nt. Th.* VII. 1465 Hope, like a cordial,..Man's heart, at once, inspirits, and serenes. 1854 Bailey *Festus* (ed. 5) 164 Thus serened, speak on.

absol. 1830 *Blackw. Mag.* XXVIII. 886 Something that serenes or troubles, soothes or jars.

b. To make (the countenance, brow) calm, unruffled, or cheerful.

1648–99 J. Beaumont *Psyche* xv. ccxvii. (1702) 237 When he seren'd his Father's gloomy Frown. 1718 Pope *Iliad* xv. 178 While a Smile serenes his awful Brow. 1813 T. Busby *Lucretius* III. 316 While Air, all calm and gentle, soothes the breast, Serenes the face, and lulls the soul to rest.

Serene, obs. form of Siren.

Serenely (sĭrī·nli), *adv.* [f. Serene *a.* + -ly[2].] In a serene manner.

1690 Locke *Hum. Und.* I. iii. § 13 It being impossible, that Men should, without Shame or Fear, confidently and serenely break a Rule, which they could not but evidently know, that God had set up. 1704–9 Pope *Autumn* 13 Now setting Phœbus shone serenely bright. 1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* I. VII. xi, She..stands alone, her hands serenely crossed on her breast. 1880 'Ouida' *Moths* I. 9 Lady Dolly smiled serenely on the person who glided to her elbow.

Sereneness (sĭrī·nˌnĕs). *rare.* [-ness.] The quality of being serene; serenity.

1628 Feltham *Resolves* I. v. 11 A man that..labours to approue himselfe in the serenenesse of a healthful Conscience. 1721 R. Keith tr. *T. à Kempis, Solil. Soul* xvi. 233 But now in the Sereneness of my Mind, and in the Quiet of Solitude, I was in a Capacity to see and reflect. 1876 Blackie *Songs Relig.* 9 With a smile of cold sereneness, Came the Sadducee.

†b. as a title = Serenity 4. *Obs.*

1728 Chambers *Cycl.* s.v. *Serene*, The Emperor,..in treating with them, uses *Electoral Sereneness* or *Serenity* to the Electors; and *Ducal Sereneness* to the other Princes.

†Se·reness[1]. *Obs.* In 4 ser(e)nes. [f. Sere *a.*[2] + -ness.] Diversity, variety.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 368 Þe werld i call wit min entens þe mater of þe four elements, þat yeit was tan o forme mischapen, Quar of was serenes siþen scapen. *a* 1300 *E. E. Psalter* xliv. 11 Vmgiuen with sernes gode (Vulg. *circumdata varietate*). *a* 1340 Hampole *Psalter* xliv. 15 Vmcled in sernesis (Vulg. *circumamicta varietatibus*).

Se·reness[2]. [f. Sere *a.*[1] + -ness.] The quality of being sere, or dry and withered.

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 453/2 Seérnesse [*v.r.* sernesse], or updryynge of treys or herbis, *ariditas, marcor.* 1530 Palsgr. 269/2 Serenesse drinesse, *sechevr.* 1611 Speed *Hist. Gt. Brit.* IX. xii. § 141 Wherin he seemed to forget..the searnesse of his body, and the greennesse of his Grandchild yong Richard. 1660 Hexham II, *Dorheydt ofte Dorrigheydt*, Drienesse, Searenesse, or Witherednesse.

†Sere·nify, *v. Obs. rare*[−1]. [ad. med.L. *serēnificāre* to make serene: see Serene *a.* and -fy.] *intr.* To become serene.

1612 tr. *Benvenuto's Passenger* I. iv. 243 It's now the faire, virmilion, pleasant spring, When meadowes laugh, and heaven serenefies.

‖ Sereni·ssime, *a.* and *sb. rare.* [a. F. *sérénissime* (15th c.), ad. It. *serenissimo* or L. *serēnissimus*, superl. of It. *sereno*, L. *serēnus* Serene *a.*] 'Most serene'; an honorific epithet bestowed on certain princes. Also *sb.*, one so entitled.

1624 *Brief Inform. Palatinate* 5 The Serenissime Prince and Lord Lewis King of Hungary. 1881 Larwood *Lond. Parks* xvi. 328 He showed his prowess to..foreign princes and German serenissimes.

‖ Sereni·ssimo, *a.* and *sb. Obs.* Pl. -i, also -o's. [It.: see prec.] = prec.

1665 Sir T. Herbert *Trav.* (1677) 140 The Tiara which was worn by Serenissimo's. 1672 tr. *Nieremberg's Temporal & Eternal* III. vi. 272 (Stanf.) How many are called Serenissimi, who have their understanding darkened.

†Sereni·ssimous, *a. Obs. rare.* [f. L. *serēnissim-us* (see above) + -ous.] = Serenissime *a.*

1623 Cockeram I, *Serenissimous*, most famous, a terme applyed to Kings. 1629 B. Jonson *New Inn* II. ii, Maiestique Pru, and Serenissimous Pru.

†Sere·nitude. *Obs. rare*[−1]. [f. L. *serēn-us* Serene *a.* + -tude.] Serenity.

1672 *Wotton's Relig., Educ.* 79 From which..I am wont to hope..will flow a future quietude and serenitude [(1651) 325 and (1654) 294 Serenity] in the Affections.

Serenity (sĭre·nĭti). Also 6 -yte, 6–7 -itie. [a. F. *sérénité*, ad. L. *serēnitās*, f. *serēn-us*: see Serene *a.* and -ity.]

1. Clear, fair and calm weather; clearness and stillness of air and sky.

1538 Starkey *England* 64 The sone communyth hys perfectyon at al tymys to thes inferyor thyngys..as wel in cloudys as in serenyte. 1594 Ashley tr. *Loys Le Roy* 42 In Syria, and Egipt, where by the serenitie of the summer season, almost all the starres are cleerely seen. 1669 Sturmy *Mariner's Mag.* v. v. 19 There is never no Rain, Dew, Hail, Snow, or Wind, but still a clear serenity. 1748 *Anson's Voy.* I. viii. 108 The serenity of the sky was suddenly changed. 1820 W. Irving *Sketch Bk.* I. 15 One of those sudden storms that will sometimes break in upon the serenity of a summer voyage. 1860 Tyndall *Glac.* I. v. 40 No breath disturbed the perfect serenity of the night.

2. Tranquillity, peacefulness (of conditions, etc.). Sometimes with express reference to sense 1.

a 1635 Naunton *Fragm. Reg.* (Arb.) 32 Untill the tenth of her reign her times were calm and serene, though sometimes a little over-cast...For the clouds of Spain, and vapours of the Holy League, began then to disperse and threaten her serenity. 1647 Clarendon *Hist. Reb.* I. § 173 There being now so great a serenity in all his dominions. 1820 Scott *Monast.* xxx, 'The serenity of Heaven', she said, 'is above me; the sounds which are around are but those of earth and earthly passion.' 1867 H. Macmillan *Bible Teach.* iv. (1870) 65 The weary, careworn spirit bathes in the serenity of the silence.

b. *transf.* Appearance of reposefulness.

1849 Ruskin *Sev. Lamps* iii. § 17. 83 The desirableness of serenity in plane surfaces.

3. Cheerful tranquillity (of mind, temper, countenance, etc.).

1599 *Life Sir T. More* in Wordsw. *Eccl. Biog.* (1853) II. 77 His serenitie of mind was alwayes alike. *a* 1631 Donne *Serm.* lvi. (1640) 566 This..is that *Serenitas Conscientiæ*,.. that calme and serenity, that acquiescence, and security of the Conscience. 1647 Clarendon *Hist. Reb.* I. § 9 By degrees he lost that temper and serenity of mind he had been before master of. 1690 Locke *Hum. Und.* I. iii. § 9, I cannot see how any Men, should ever transgress those Moral Rules, with Confidence, and Serenity, were they innate, and stamped upon their Minds. 1794 Mrs. Radcliffe *Myst. Udolpho* iii, When he returned, his countenance had recovered its usual serenity. 1855 Brewster *Newton* I. xii. 310 Though ruffled for a moment, Newton's excellent temper soon recovered its serenity. 1899 Doyle *Duet* (1909) 123/1 She faced the future with a sweet serenity.

4. A title of honour given to reigning princes and other dignitaries. (So L. *Serenitas*, applied to the Roman emperor, the Pope, bishops, etc., F. *Sérénité.*)

c 1450 Holland *Howlat* 379 Next the souerane signe was sekirly sene, That seruit his serenite euer seruable. 1596 Dalrymple *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* I. 296 Quhilk gif your Serenitie plesandlie accepte. 1613 B. Carier in *Buccleuch MSS.* (Hist. MSS. Comm.) I. 142 Do such good offices with her Serenity as the Catholics may continue that good hope of her. 1693 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 2878/2 His Serenity [the Doge of Venice] continues still at the Lido. 1707 J. Stevens tr. *Quevedo's Com. Wks.* (1709) 452 They could..acquaint his Serenity [the Duke of Genoa]. 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* lxiii, The army was exhausted in providing guards of honour for the Highnesses, Serenities, and Excellencies who arrived from all quarters. 1865 *Daily Tel.* 7 Nov. 6/4 The discreet policy adopted by their Serenities the Doges of Venice. 1880 Disraeli *Endym.* I. v. 50 A German Serenity was her delight.

Serenize, *v. rare.* [f. Serene *a.* + -ize. Stressed *se·renize* or *sere·nize.*] *trans.* To make serene. Hence **Serenizing** *ppl. a.*

1598 Tofte *Alba* (1880) 66 This my Icarian soaring (boue my reach) (Through Beautie, serenising fals my Hart). 1612 J. Davies *Muse's Sacrif.* (Grosart) 33/1 And being Grace and Goodnesse most abstract, How can I, wanting both, serenize thee? 1865 *Reader* 11 Feb. 157/3 The sweet, serenizing scenery of the Thames.

‖ Sereno (sere·no). [Sp.] A Spanish night-watchman.

1897 *Outing* (U.S.) XXIX. 593/1 The foot-falls of the faithful *sereno* still lingered, echoing down the solitary street. 1904 W. Churchill *Crossing* III. vii. 493 A sereno ..was crying the hour.

†Serenous, *a. Obs. rare*[−1]. [f. L. *serēn-us* Serene *a.* + -ous.] = Serene *a.* I.

c 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* III. 67 In lond plesaunt & serenous they cheue In euery kynde.

‖ Seres (sī·rīz), *pl.* [L. *Sērēs* (Gr. Σῆρες), whence *sēricum* Silk.] The name of a people anciently inhabiting some part of Eastern Asia (prob. China), whose country was believed to be the original home of silk. Hence †*the Seres' wool*, silk.

a 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 3956 A sertane folke was in þat soile þat Serres ere callid, And all þe lyndis in þat land with leves as wolle. 1580 Lyly *Euphues* (Arb.) 388 Yet oftentimes the softnesse of Woolle, which the Seres sende, sticketh so fast to the skinne, that..it fetcheth bloud. 1587 Greene *Euphues' Censure* (1634) C 4 b, A worme that fretteth like the Seres woole. 1697 Dryden *Virg. Georg.* II. 169 How the Seres spin Their fleecy forests in a slender twine. 1842 *Smith's Dict. Grk. & Rom. Antiq.* s.v. *Sericum*, Many of those [silks] produced by the industry and taste of the Seres,

†Se·resith. [f. SERE *a.*[2] + SITHE *sb.*[1]] Several times.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 7066 Þar was slain o þam..Aght hundret sith sexti and ten, O thusands seresith o þair men.

†Se·rety. *Obs. rare*—[1]. In quot. seer-. [f. SERE *a.*[2] + -TY.] Variety.

a 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 4654 For many seerties we seet [? *read* he set] þat sysed all þe werde.

Sereu(h)ful, obs. forms of SORROWFUL.

Se-reverence, variant of SIR-REVERENCE.

†Sere·w(e. *Farriery. Obs.* [a. F. *suros*, †*surot* (13th c. *souros*), f. *sur* upon + *os* bone.] A bony excrescence on the leg of a horse.

1523 FITZHERB. *Husb.* § 96 A serewe is an yll soraunce, and is lyke a splent, but it is a lyttell longer and more, and lyeth vppe to the knee on the inner syde. And some horses haue a throughe serewe on bothe sydes of the legge. 1610 MARKHAM *Maister-Peece* II. lxiv. 326 Of the Serew, or therrow Splent. Although diners of our Farriers do distinguish..betwixt a serew and a splent, saying, that the serew is ener of the out-side of the leg, as the splent is of the inside; yet..the disease..is all of one. [Echoed by later writers.]

Serewe, Sereyn, obs. ff. SORROW, SIREN.

Serf (sɔ̄ɪf). [a. OF. *serf*:—L. *serv-um* slave; cf. Sp. *siervo*, Pg., It. *servo.*]

Not in Johnson. Todd 1818 has '*Serf*, a slave. Not in use', with quot. from Hume 1761 (see 2 b).

†1. A slave, bondman. Also *fig. Obs.*

1483 CAXTON *Golden Leg.* 101/2 Who so loneth the rychessys of thys world he is..bonde and serf in kepyng the rychesse. *Ibid.* 243/2 There was a yong man which was serf and bonde to a yonge lady. 1484 — *Chivalry* 15 Yf thou be wycked thou aughtest to be put under a serf or bonde man.

2. A person in a condition of servitude or modified slavery, distinguished from what is properly called 'slavery' in that the services due to the master, and his power of disposal of his 'serf', are more or less limited by law or custom.

In most of the typical examples of serfdom, the serf was 'attached to the soil' (*adscriptus glebæ*), i. e. he could not be removed (except by manumission) from the lord's land, and was transferred with it when it passed to another owner. This feature is often assigned as the distinctive mark of 'serfdom' as opposed to 'slavery', and is popularly apprehended as an essential part of the notion.

a. In the 17–18th c. used (after Fr. example) with reference to the contemporary condition of the lower class of cultivators of the soil in various countries of Europe, esp. in parts of Germany, in Denmark, Poland, and Russia. Now used *Hist.* with the same application; chiefly with reference to Russia, where the serfs were not emancipated until 1861, while elsewhere in Europe serfdom ceased to exist early in the 19th century.

1611 R. JOHNSON *Kingd. & Commw.* 75 [France], As for Serfes, Slaues or Villaines, they are Domesticke, and serue vppon baser condition, for Wages and Victuals. *Ibid.* 76 Neither the Subiect nor the Serf are bound to go to the warres, but only the vassall. 1761 HUME *Hist. Eng.* (1762) I. App. i. 151 There were two kinds of slaves among the Anglo-Saxons; household slaves,..and prædial or rustic... These latter resembled the serfs, which are at present met with in Poland, Denmark and some places in Germany. 1784 W. COXE *Trav.* I. viii. I. 129 The peasants in Poland, as in all feudal governments, are serfs or slaves. 1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) XVI. 571 The subordination of ranks was more complete [among the Russians] than in any other European nation; but with this simplicity peculiar to them and the Poles, that they had but three ranks, the sovereign, the noblesse or gentry, and the serfs. 1845 DISRAELI *Sybil* IV. v, Lower than the Portuguese or the Poles, the serfs of Russia, or the lazzaroni of Naples. 1861 BRIGHT *Sp., Amer.* 4 Dec. (1876) 90 [In Russia] twenty-three millions of human beings, lately serfs, little better than real slaves, have been raised to the ranks of freedom. 1880 'OUIDA' *Moths* II. 381 You have no serfs now, even in Russia.

b. Used by modern writers with reference to mediæval Europe.

In English Law Latin the terms corresponding to the modern use of *serf* were *nativus* (NATIVE *sb.* 1, NEIF), *villanus* (VILLEIN), and occasionally *servus*. The OE. THEOW, and the *servus* of Domesday Book, are usually rendered 'slave'.

1761 HUME *Hist. Eng.* (1762) I. App. ii. 404 A great part of them were serfs, and lived in a state of absolute slavery or villainage. 1805 SCOTT *Last Minstr.* IV. v, A half-clothed serf was all their train. 1874 GREEN *Short Hist.* v. § 4. 240 By this entire detachment of the serf from actual dependence on the land, the manorial system was even more radically changed than by the rise of the serf into a copyholder. 1895 W. J. CORBETT in *Soc. Eng.* v. (1902) II. 140 As the tone of society became gentler, the lords naturally had a tendency to free their serfs;..in the eyes of the law the villeins remained serfs.

c. *gen.*

1908 G. A. SMITH in *Expositor* Sept. 268 The people they [the Israelites] conquered became their serfs.

d. *transf.* and *fig.*

1847 HELPS *Friends in C.* I. ii. 22 The serf to custom points his finger at the slave to fashion. 1854 LOWELL *Keats* Wks. 1890 I. 245 As soon as we have discovered the word for our joy or sorrow we are no longer its serfs, but its lords.

3. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, simple attrib. and appositive, as *serf-class, -girl, -population, -system, -tenant*; objective, as *serf-emancipation, -owner.*

1860 FORSTER *Gr. Remonstr.* 43 The rebellion of the *serf-class. 1887 *Encycl. Brit.* XXII. 143 The chief committee for peasant affairs to study the subject of *serf-emancipation. 1878 M. A. BROWN tr. *Runeberg's Nadeschda* I, Then.. would I Brightly hide the *serf-girl's sombre garb. 1860 GEN. P. THOMPSON *Audi Alt.* III. clxxvii. 213 The mortifications and sufferings which might have been brought on aristocratic *serf-owners. 1852 GROTE *Greece* II. lxxiv. IX. 423 The *serf-population which tilled the fields. 1885 MABEL COLLINS *Prettiest Woman* V, There are still the remains of the *serf system. 1887 *Encycl. Brit.* XXII. 136/2 Under the developed régime of feudalism,..the *serf-tenant has become simply a tributary under various appellations.

Serf, obs. form of SERVE *v.*[1]

Serfage (sɔ̄·ɹfɛdʒ). [f. SERF + -AGE; cf. SERVAGE.]

1. = SERFDOM.

1775 DE LOLME *Eng. Const.* I. ii. (1784) 27 When the English villeins were freed from serfage. 1816 SOUTHEY in *Life* (1849) IV. 204, I am now in a manner attached to the soil by a sort of moral and intellectual serfage. 1868 ROGERS *Pol. Econ.* ix. (1876) 87 Serfage was extinguished, and an influential class of yeomanry..arose. 1884 *Manch. Exam.* 14 July 6/1 The political serfage of long generations. 1903 COLLINS in *Camb. Mod. Hist.* II. xvii. 601 In Denmark they [the peasants] were obliged to have recourse to the practice of commendation, which ended..in a widespread system of serfage.

2. The body of serfs collectively, the serf-class.

1864 BURTON *Scot Abr.* I. i. 34 The wretched serfage who were driven into the field.

Serfdom (sɔ̄·ɹfdəm). [f. SERF + -DOM.] The state or condition of a serf, bondage.

1850 MRS. BROWNING *H. Powers's Grk. Slave* 10 Break up ere long The serfdom of this world! 1856 FROUDE *Hist. Eng.* I. 13 Thus serfdom had merged into free servitude. 1861 BRIGHT *Sp., Amer.* 4 Dec. (1876) 90 The present Emperor of Russia..has insisted upon the abolition of serfdom in that empire. 1866 GEO. ELIOT *F. Holt* iii, The Tories were far from being all oppressors, disposed to grind down the working classes into serfdom. 1899 *Westm. Gaz.* 12 June 8/1 Exactly one hundred years ago (June 13, 1799) the last survival of serfdom in the United Kingdom was swept away by the Act which declared the colliers 'in that part of Great Britain called Scotland' free from the servile yoke under which for several centuries they had groaned.

b. *fig.*

1875 JOWETT *Plato* (ed. 2) III. 470 His soul is full of meanness and serfdom—the best elements in him are enslaved. 1876 MELLOR *Priesthood* ii, At length the laity sank into the most abject spiritual serfdom.

Serfe, serff, obs. forms of SERVE *v.*[1]

Serfhood (sɔ̄·ɹfhud). [f. SERF + -HOOD.] The collective body of serfs.

1841 *Blackw. Mag.* L. 550 The Serfhood of Russia is a remarkable feature in her constitution. 1848 MRS. JAMESON *Sacr. & Leg. Art* (1850) 266 While knighthood had its St. George, serfhood had its St. Nicholas.

Serfice, obs. form of SERVICE.

Serfish (sɔ̄·ɹfiʃ), *a.* [f. SERF + -ISH[1].] Having the (debasing) qualities of one in a servile condition; characteristic of a serf. Hence **Se·rfishness.**

1879 *Echo* 18 Apr. 1/4 The negroes, either through serfish instincts, from intimidation, or from a not unfounded belief that their interests are identical, are voting with their old masters. 1906 MACKINNON *Hist. Mod. Liberty* I. 145 There is no spirit of self-assertion in these serfish centuries to aspire to self-government. 1906 *Athenæum* 5 May 539/1 The absence of allusion to 'serfishness' in the second volume [of Mackinnon].

Se·rfism. *rare.* [f. SERF + -ISM.] The state of things characterized by the existence of serfs.

1849 *Blackw. Mag.* LXVI. 592 No man..can possibly sympathise with despotism, serfism, and that enormous stretch of feudal power which is given to a privileged class.

Serfship (sɔ̄·ɹfʃip). [f. SERF + -SHIP.] Serfdom.

1830 GALT in *Fraser's Mag.* II. 446 In those countries where serfship exists—in Russia, for instance. 1854 H. MILLER *Sch. & Schm.* xiv. 305 *note*, [Scotch colliers.] Their slavery seems not to have been derived from the ancient times of general serfship, but to have originated in comparatively modern acts of the Scottish Parliament.

Sergancie, -gant(e: see SERGEANCY, SERGEANT.

Sergans, -gantz, -ganz, obs. pl. ff. SERGEANT.

Serge (sɔ̄ɹdʒ). Forms: 4–6, 8 **sarge,** 6 **eurge,** 7 **searge, sierge, serg, eharge,** 6– **serge.** [a. OF. *serge, sarge* (mod.F. *serge*) = Pr. *serga, sargua*, Pg., Catal. *sarja*, Sp. *sarga*, Rumanian *sdrică*:—popular L. **sārica* = class. L. *sērica* (*lāna*): see SERIC *a.* and SILK. From Fr. the word has passed into all the Teut. langs.: G. *sarsche, serge*, Dn. *sargie*, Da. *sars, sarge*, Sw. *sars.*

The material originally designated by the name must have been silk, though there is no evidence of this in the early English (and app. not in the Romanic) uses of the word. But names of textile fabrics often come to be applied to materials cheaper and coarser than those which they originally designated.]

1. A woollen fabric, the nature of which has probably differed considerably at different periods. Before the 16th c. it is mentioned chiefly as material for hangings, bed-covers, and the like; afterwards it is often referred to as worn by the poorer classes (both men and women), perh. rather on account of its durability than of its price, which seems not to have been extremely low. The name now denotes a very durable twilled cloth of worsted, or with the warp of worsted and the woof of wool, extensively used for clothing and for other purposes.

Certain imported varieties were formerly known by French designations indicating the place of manufacture, as *serge de Ghent, s. de Nismes, s. de Ko(h)an, s. de Shaloon.*

c 1386 CHAUCER *Kut.'s T.* 1710 The Citee large, Hanged with clooth of gold, and nat with sarge. 1491 *Acta Domin. Concil.* (1839) 228/2, xxij coveringis of beddis of sarge, price x li. 1585 T. WASHINGTON tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* I. viii. 8 Som peece of a white sarge or blanket. 1620 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* XII. 339 Seargeis Double and Single. 1631 T. POWELL *Tom of All Trades* 14 Where one is ready to take his rise out of Sierge into Sattin, out of Parsonage..into a Deanarie. 1648 in Magrath *Flemings Oxf.* (O.H.S.) I. 391 For 8 ya. & halfe of serge de roan for sute..02 11 00. 1649 J. MASTER in *Archæol. Cant.* XV. 182 For 3 ya. 3 quar. of serge de shaloon at 6ˢ ye yard. 1683 *Repr. Advantages Manuf. Woollen-cloath* 4 That sort of Serges called Stirling Serges. *Ibid.* 5 Mixt Searges, Cloath-Searges, and these called in France Seargе de Nismes. 1695 MOTTEUX tr. *St. Olon's Morocco* 138 Serges de Nismes, Fustians and Dimities of Montpelier. 1728 CHAMBERS *Cycl., Serge*,..a Woollen cross'd Stuff, manufactured on a Loom with four Treddles, after the Manner of Rateens, and other cross'd Stuffs. 1757 DYER *Fleece* III. 576 The Dune and Rother, who have won The serge and kersie to their blanching streams. 1835 LYTTON *Rienzi* I. i, The long loose gown and the plain tunic, both of dark-grey serge. 1861 *Our Engl. Home* 174 The walls [of a bedroom, temp. Q. Eliz.] were hung with say, or the scarlet serge of Ghent. 1882 MISS BRADDON *Mt. Royal* II. x. 221 Mopsy and Dopsy were dressed in home-made gowns of dark brown serge. 1882 CAULFEILD & SAWARD *Dict. Needlework* 443 There are a great many varieties of cloth known as Serge, viz. French Flannel Serge..; the Serge de Berri,..Witney Serges,..and Pompadour Flannel Serges. 1888 [see *navy blue* NAVY[1] 6].

b. A garment made of serge.

1583 STOCKER *Civ. Warres Lowe C.* III. 93 They slewe two of the watch, hauing gotten for their paines, three cloaks, one Cushin and a Sarge. 1899 F. T. BULLEN *Way Navy* 43 Many of them tore off their serges and cast themselves recklessly overside. 1906 *Daily Chron.* 17 Oct. 6/6 'Serges'—as the loose-fitting jacket is termed in the [police] force.

c. *transf.* and *fig.*

1599 B. JONSON *Cynthia's Rev.* III. ii, I wonder at nothing more then our gentlemen-vshers that will suffer a piece of serge, or *perpetuana*, to come into the presence. 1654 WHITLOCK *Zootomia* 320 Let your black Serge pore on Books, it is not for Scarlet Boyes, to task themselves to such serious spendings of their time.

¶2. Used to translate L. *sagum*, in Vulg. with the sense of curtain. Cf. SAY *sb.*[1] 2.

1382 WYCLIF *Exod.* xxvi. 8 The lengthe of the too sarge shal haue thretti cubitis, and the brede foure; enen mesure shal be of alle the sarges [*MS. E. pr. m.* say..sayis].

3. *Silk serge*: a silk fabric twilled in the manner of serge, used for linings of coats, and formerly for mantles. Also †*serge du soy* (= Fr. *serge de soie*).

1844 *Ladies' Hand-bk. Haberdashery* 15 Serge..is of various colors and qualities; it is known by its being a stout silk with a very fine twill. 1853 PERKINS *Haberdashery* (ed. 8) 112 Serge is a stout twilled silk..usually sold for lining the skirts, cuffs, and padded parts of coats. 1876 PLANCHÉ *Cycl. Costume* I. 450 A silken stuff called 'serge-dusoy' was used in the last century for coats by the commonalty.

4. *attrib.* passing into *adj.* Made of serge.

1608 MIDDLETON *Trick to catch Old One* I. iv, He in the uneven beard and serge cloak. 1685 *Rec. Scott. Cloth Manuf. New Mills* (S.H.S.) 105 Ane seargе justicoat. 1690 CHILD *Disc. Trade* (1698) 10 Let us ask..whether gentlewomen in those days would not esteem themselves well cloathed in a Serge gown, which a chamber maid now will be ashamed to be seen in. 1863 GEO. ELIOT *Romola* xiv, A serge covering..concealed the contents of the basket. 1880 'OUIDA' *Moths* I. 60 A white serge frock.

humorous. 1593 SHAKS. 2 *Hen. VI*, IV. vii. 27 Ah thou Say, thou Surge, nay thou Buckram Lord.

5. *Comb.*, as *serge-cloth, -clothier, -maker, -manufacture, -market, -weaver.* Also †**serge-wale,** ? a striped serge (see WALE *sb.*).

c 1430 LYDG. *Min. Poems* (Percy Soc.) 201 Lych a *seerge-cloth hire nekke is clene. 1829 LAMB *Let. to Gillman* 30 Nov., A fall in serge cloth was expected. 1707 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 4377/4 William Crooke,..*Serge-Clothier. 1689 *Ibid.* No. 2420/4 Richard Richardson..had a Box of *Serge Makers Paper sent by his Wagoner. 1822 LYSONS *Magna Brit.* VI. Devonsh. p. cccii, At Honiton there is only one serge-maker. 1742 *De Foe's Tour Gt. Brit.* (ed. 3) I. 310 Here we see the first of the *Serge-manufacture of Devonshire. *Ibid.* 324 The *Serge-market held here every Week. 1682 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 1762/4 Stolen..several Pieces of Rich Silk Druggets, *Serge-Wale, Thred Druggets. 1703 *Ibid.* No. 3920/4 Tho. Noble,..a *Serge-Weaver by Trade.

Serge: see CIERGE, SEARCE *v.*, SEARCH *sb.*[1] and *v.*

Sergeancy, serjeancy (sɑ̄·ɹdʒănsi). *Hist.* Forms: 4 **sargeancie, serjancy, sergancie,** 7 **sergeancy, serjeancy,** (9 less correctly **sergeantcy**). [a. AF. *sergeancie*, graphic variant of *sergeantie* SERGEANTY. In later use a new formation on SERGEANT + -CY.]

†1. The body of sergeants in a country, the sergeant-class. *Obs.*

c 1330 R. BRUNNE *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 13391 *note*, Þe seriauntz [*v.r.* sargeancie] & þe archers, & opere noble arbalasters. 1338 — *Chron.* (1725) 83 Knyght & sergeancie als how mykelle þei helde.

†2. The district or province held by or under the government of a sergeant. *Obs.*

1371 *Rolls of Parlt.* II. 306/1 Touz les Hundrez,..Serjancies, & Fraunchises. 1464 *Ibid.* V. 547/2 Eny Graunte.. to be had..of the Sergancie withynne our Counties of Not' and Berk'.

†3. = SERGEANTY 1. *Obs.*

1602 FULBECKE *1st Pt. Parall.* 21 *Grand sergeancy*, is where a man holdeth his lands or tenements..by doing some speciall seruice to the king in person. *Ibid., Petite Sergeancy*, is where a man holdeth his land of the king, paying

yearely vnto him a bow, or a speare, or a dagger, or a launce, or a spurre of gold &c. *c* 1630 Risdon *Surv. Devon* § 296 (1810) 306 Lord Martin held this land..by serjeancy.

4. The office of a sergeant or a serjeant in various senses; e. g. an appointment by writ or patent of the crown as serjeant-at-law; also the commission of sergeant in the army.

a 1670 Hacket *Abp. Williams* I. (1693) 110 Lord Keeper ..congratulated their Adoption unto that Title of Serjeancy. 1814 Scott *Wav.* vii, Some sly petitions for sergeantcies and corporalships. 1865 Carlyle *Fredk. Gt.* XII. ix. (1872) IV. 205 He did reward them by present, by promotion to sergeantcy.

Sergeant, serjeant (sā·ɹdʒənt), *sb.* Forms: α. 3–5 **sergeaunte**, 3–6 **sergant(e**, 4 **sergiaunt**, **-gond**, **-gont(e**, 4–5 **sergaunt(e**, **seregeaun**, 4–6 **sarg(e)ante**, **-iant**, **sergeaunt**, 5 **sargeande**, **aergend**, **-gyaunte**, 5–6 **sargantt**, **-eaunt(e**, **-ent**, **aergeand**, 6 **schargant**, **sergeante**, **-ent**, **-iand**, **-iaunte**, 6–7 **s(e)argeant**, **sergiant**, 4– **sergeant**. β. 3–6 **seriaunt**, 3–7 **seriant**, 4 **seriont**, 4–5 **seriaunte**, 4–6 **sariant**, **serieaunt**, 5 **ceriawnt**, **sariand**, **-aunt**, **seriauntte**, **seriawnt(e**, **aerja(u)nte**, 5–6 **seriand**, **-ante**, 6 **sereiaunt**, **serjeaunt(e**, 6–7 **serieant**, **aerjand**, **-ant**, 7 **sarient**, **sarjant**, **sarriant**, 5– **serjeant**. (Down to the 15th c. the *t* was often omitted in the plural, which therefore ended in **-ns**, **-nz**, **-nce**.) [a. OF. *sergent*, *serjant* (mod.F. *sergent*) = Pr. *serven-s*, Sp. *sirviente*, Pg., It. *servente* servant :—L. *servientem*, pr. pple. of *servīre* Serve *v.*[1] The Fr. word has been adopted into other Rom. langs.: It. *sergente*, Sp., Pg. *sargento* sergeant, Sp. *sergente*, Pg. *sargente* catchpoll.

Down to the 19th c. the α and β forms were used indiscriminately. In recent times, however, the spelling *serjeant* has come to be generally adopted as the correct form when the word is the designation of a member of the legal profession, while *sergeant* is the prevailing form in the other surviving senses, and in most of them the only form in use.]

†**1.** A serving-man, attendant, servant. *Obs.*

c 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 177 Þe senden here sergantes to bringen inele tiðinges. *c* 1250 *Kent. Serm.* in *O. E. Misc.* 29 Hac hye spac to þo serganz þet seruede of þo wyne. *c* 1290 *Beket* 687 in *S. Eng. Leg.* 126 On nf is seriaunz sat a niȝt þe ȝwile þat men woke. *a* 1300 *Floris & Bl.* 665 Þer ben seriaunz in þe stage, þat serue þe maidenes of parage. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 2516 He [*sc.* Abram] did to-geder samen his men, Thre hundret aght sariants and ten [Vulg. *vernaculos*, Gen. xiv. 14]. *Ibid.* 3221 A sargiant call þan comand he þat mast wist of his priuete. *c* 1300 *Havelok* 2066 Cum now forth with me..And þine seriaunz al þre. 1303 R. Brunne *Handl. Synne* 2361 Ȝyf þou be a seriaunt And take more þan þy cunnaunt..Y rede þat þou þer-of lete. *c* 1330 *Arth. & Merl.* 2522 (Kölbing) On þe gate loude þai bete, Seriaunce com & hem in lete. 1340 *Ayenb.* 33 And þis is þe sixte vice of þe kueade sergonte. Þet he ſayleþ er þan he come..to his terme. 1377 Langl. *P. Pl. B.* III. 216 Seruantz [*v.r.* Sergauntz] for her seruise..Taken Mede of here maistre. *c* 1450 Lovelich *Grail* xli. 323 An Old Serjaunt he gan to calle, And there him Comaunded...The Cristene to kepen with ful gret honour. *c* 1450 *Mirour Saluacionn* (Roxb.) 133 Sho qwitte hym of awayt of hire ffaders sergeantz and lete him out at a wyndowe.

†**b.** *transf.* A servant (of God, of Satan). *Obs.*

c 1290 *Matheu* 64 in *S. Eng. Leg.* 79 'Nai certes', quath þis holie man; 'god nam ich nouȝt Ake godes seriaunt'. 14.. *Alexius* (Laud MS. 622) in *Archiv Stud. neu. Spr.* LIX. 104 Alexis hys sone..sayd, Sergeaunte of god haue pyte of me that am a poure pylgryme. 1483 Caxton *G. de la Tour* h ij, Which [Raab] god wold haue saued by cause she had saued his mynystres and sergeans. 1513 Bradshaw *St. Werburge* I. 1024 The minister of myschef & sergeaunt of sathanas. 1570 *Satir. Poems Reform.* xix. 78 That Apostat, that Feyndis awin Seriand.

†**2.** A common soldier. *Obs.*

[Cf. Cotgr. '*Sergent*..in old French, a footman, or souldier that serues on foot.']

c 1300 *Havelok* 2361 With hem fiue thusand gode Sergaunz, þat weren to fyht wode. *c* 1330 R. Brunne *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 895 Seuen þousand now we are Of knyghtes to bataille ȝare, Wyþoute seriauntz & oþer pytaille. *a* 1352 Minot *Poems* (ed. Hall) v. 22 He hasted him to þe Swin with sergantes snell. *c* 1450 *Merlin* 113 And the barons..were well viij[m] knyghtes, with-outen seriantz and arblastis. 1456 Sir G. Have *Law Arms* (S. T. S.) 47 Sevin thousand knychtis, four score of thousandis of sergendis. 1490 Caxton *Sonnes of Aymon* xxii. 478 He wythdrewe his arme, & gaff to one of the sergauntes suche a stroke wyth it in to y[e] forhede that [etc.].

†**b.** In alliterative verse used for: A man. *Obs.*

Perh. with a pun on *geaunt*, giant.

? *a* 1400 *Morte Arth.* 1173 Be sekere of this sergeaunt [*sc.* the giant], he has me sore greuede! 15.. *Droichis Play* in *Dunbar's Poems* (1893) 314 Se ȝe not quha is cum now?..A sergeand out of Sowdoun land A gyane strang for to stand.

†**3.** A tenant by military service under the rank of a knight; esp. one of this class attending on a knight in the field. *Obs.*

App. nearly equivalent to Esquire, though 'squires' and 'sergeants' are often mentioned together in a way that suggests that there was some difference of meaning in the terms. Cf. F. *sergent noble*.

c 1290 *Beket* 2427 in *S. Eng. Leg.* 176 For to honouri þis holi man þer cam folk i-nov3;..Of Eorles and of barones and manie knistes heom to; Of seriaunz and of squiers. 13.. *Coer de L.* 1259 To Londoun, to hys somouns, Come erl, bysschop, and barouns,..and manye bachelers, Serjaunts, and every freeholdande. 13.. *Seuyn Sag.* 253 Som squier or som seriant nice, Had i-told th'emperice Al of th'emperoures sone. 13.. *K. Alis.* 3464 Mony baron, mony sergant, Mony strong knyght and géant. *c* 1314 *Guy Warw.* 7000 On ich side he seye come knistes, Burieys, and seriaunce redi to fistes. *c* 1330 R. Baunne *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 7210 Of hym [*sc.* the king] hauy no lond ne rent So þat y may not holde to me Fourty squiers [*Petyt MS.* sergeanz; Wace *sergans*] on al my fe. *c* 1400 *Ywaine & Gaw.* 1872 Knightes, serjantes, and swiers. *c* 1425 Wyntoun *Chron.* VIII. xxix. 431 Off sergeandis þar and knychtis keyn He gat a gret company.

†**4.** An officer whose duty is to enforce the judgements of a tribunal or the commands of a person in authority; one who is charged with the arrest of offenders or the summoning of persons to appear before the court. *Obs.*

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 17293 Þai send sergantz for to nym Both sir nichodem & him. *a* 1330 *Roland & V.* 413 Seriaunce þe bodi souȝt. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Clerk's T.* 519 A maner sergeant [Petrarch *satelles*] was this prince man. — *Sec. Nun's T.* 361 The sergeantz of the toun of Rome hem soghte And hem biforn Almache the Prefect broghte. 1388 Wyclif 1 *Sam.* xix. 14 Saul sente sergeauntis [Vulg. *apparitores*], that schulden rauysche Dauid. 14.. *Nom.* in Wr.-Wülcker 684/5 *Hic lictor*, a sargent. 1433 *Rolls of Parlt.* IV. 477/1 That the Baylyffs..make 11 Sergeauntes of the seid Town. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 67/1 Ceriawnt, *indagator*. *Ibid.* 453/2 Seriawnt, undyr a domys mann, for to a-rest menn, or a catche-pol. *c* 1450 *Brut* II. 570 He..after sent forth sergeauntes, and arestit dyuers Constables and vinteners. 1455–6 *Cal. Anc. Rec. Dublin* (1889) 290 He schold assingne one of hys serjauntys to arest the Mayre. 1479–81 *Rec. St. Mary at Hill* (1904) 111 Item, payd to a sergeaunte for the arrest of our tenaunte þat dyd vs wronge, viij d. 1490 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* I. 174 To the sergeandis of the towne ix s. 1496 *Ibid.* 302 To the seriand of Leith, to rest the avnaris of the Cukow to the court ij s. 1533 Bellenden *Livy* I. xi. (S. T. S.) I. 66 And quhen þe seriandis [orig. *præcones*] had with þare noyiss and hobas warnit in speciall þe albanis to here þe kingis concioun [etc.]. *Ibid.* III. xv. II. 5 Assembil þarefore now all þe seriandis and burreois of thy collegis [orig. *omnes collegarum lictores*], armit, as þare custome is, with wandis and axis. 1549 Coverdale, etc. *Erasm. Par.* 2 *Cor.* xi. 21–30 Thryse was I beaten with sargeauntes roddes. 1557 N. T. (Genev.) *Matt.* v. 25 Agre with thin aduersarie quickely..least..thy iudge deliuer thee to the seargeant. 1590 Shaks. *Com. Err.* IV. ii. 56 Oh yes, if any houre meete a Serieant, a turnes backe for verie feare. 1606 Bp. Hall *Heaven upon Earth* § 6 When..thy conscience, like a stern Sergeant, shall catch thee by the throat, and arrest thee vpon Gods debt. 1611 Bible *Acts* xvi. 35. 1617 Morvson *Itin.* III. 244 Foure Serjeants attired in red gownes attend the Senate and summon men to appeare. 1621 J. Taylor (Water-P.) *Praise Beggery* B 2, He's free from shoulder-clapping Sergeants clawes. 1633 Marmion *Fine Comp.* II. vi. D 4 b, He may..consort with wits and sword-men, bee afraid of Sergeants, and spend more for his Protection then would pay the debt. 1648 Hexham II, *Een Schade-beletter*, A Sargeant to save one from Harme. 1673 *Aberdeen Reg.* (1872) IV. 286 The toun serjands of this brughe. 1680 C. Nesse *Ch. Hist.* 378 They were put into the serjeants ward.

b. *transf.* and *fig.*

1413 *Pilgr. Sowle* (Caxton) I. xxii. (1859) 24 Thylke dethes sergeaunt, maladye, She hath arest, and haldyth the now in hande. 1593 G. Harvey *Pierces Super.* 163 He shall finde it one of their speciall Priuiledges, to be exempted from the arrest of the sixfooted Sergeant, a continuall haunter of other hairy beastes, and onely fauorable to the good Asse, and the gentle Sheepe. 1600 Touaneur *Transf. Metam.* xli, One day? Nay sure a twelve-months' time t'will be, Ere seriant death will call me at my doore. 1602 Shaks. *Ham.* v. ii. 347 Had I but time (as this fell Sergeant death Is strick'd in his arrest) oh I could tell you. 1618 Bp. Hall *Contempl. N. T., Widow's Son*, Our decrepit age both expects death and sollicites it; but vigorous youth, lookes strangely vpon that grim sergeant of God. 1646 Jenkyn *Remora* 12 You shall not be able to intoxicate this Sergeant of God [conscience]. 1681 Flavel *Meth. Grace* xxxv. 594 If ever God send forth those two grim sergeants, his Law and thine own conscience, to arrest thee for thy sins.

†**c.** More fully *Sergeant of (the) peace*. *Obs.*

1357 in Blount *Law Dict.* (1691) s. v., Et etiam habere ibidem sex Servientes qui vocantur Serjeants of peace, qui servient Cur. Manerii prædicti, & facient Attach[iamenta] [etc.]. 1464 *Rolls of Parlt.* V. 541/2 Th'Office of Sergeant to the pees of alle oure Countees, in alle oure Lordship. 1485 *Ibid.* VI. 380/2 The Offices of Sergeannt of Peas..in the Lordship of Denbygh.

d. *King's sergeant* (Guernsey): see quot.

1682 Warburton *Hist. Guernsey* (1822) 58 The King's Sergeant...To his office it belongs to proclaim and publish all orders of the governor or of the Court.

5. Sergeant (or **serjeant**) **at arms.** (Also †*sergeant of arms.*) †**a.** In early use *gen.*, an armed officer in the service of a lord (cf. sense 1); *spec.* one of a body of men of knightly rank, originally 24 in number, who were required to be in immediate attendance on the king's person, to arrest traitors and other offenders. **b.** An officer of each of the two Houses of Parliament, who is charged with the duty of enforcing the commands of the House, the arrest of offenders, etc. Hence, an officer having corresponding duties under certain other legislative assemblies, as the U. S. Senate and House of Representatives.

1377 Langl. *P. Pl.* B. XIX. 335 Now is Pieres to þe plow & pruyde it aspyde, And gadered hym a grete oest..And sente forth surquydous his seriaunt of armes. ? *a* 1400 *Morte Arth.* 632 He sendez furthe sodaynly sergeantes of armes. 1449 *Rolls of Parlt.* V. 159/1 One of the Sargeauntes of Armes of our Soverayne Lord the Kyng. *c* 1460 J. Russell *Bk. Nurture* in *Babees Bk.* (1868) 71 A yeman of þe crowne Sargeaunt of armes with mace. 1462 *Paston Lett.* II. 87 Ther bode not with hym [a bishop] over xij persones atte the most, with his serjaunt of armes; whiche serjaunt was fayn to lay doun his mase. 1470–85 Malory *Arthur* x. lxxxviii. 569 Thre sergeauntes of armes. 1473 *Rolls of Parlt.* VI. 84/1 His Office of oone of oure Sergeauntes at Armes. 1481 *Cov. Leet-bk.* 496 Ric. Shawe was arrested be þe seriaunt of armes þat brought be writyng & caried vp to Wodstok vnto þe kyng. 1491 *Act* 7 *Hen. VII*, c. 2. § 8 Serjauntes of Armes that be purposely ordeyned for the personall attendaunce of the..King. 1556 *Chron. Grey Friars* (Camden) 45 A sergant at harmes of the parlament howse. 1565 Cooper *Thesaurus*, *Apparitor regis*, a serieaunt at armes. 1633 T. Stafford *Pac. Hib.* I. i. 7 A Serjeant at Armes, who shall beare the Mace of the Queenes Majesties Armes before him. 1710 J. Chamberlayne *St. Gt. Brit.* I. II. xiii. (ed. 23) 96 Knocking at the Door of the House of Commons, which thereupon is by the Serjeant at Arms attending the House opened. 1769 Blackstone *Comm.* IV. xix. 259 The lord high steward directs a precept to a serjeant at arms, to summon the lords to attend and try the indicted peer. 1827 Hallam *Const. Hist.* (1876) III. xiii. 25 Four counsel..were taken into custody of the Sergeant-at-arms by the speaker's warrant. 1886 C. E. Pascoe *London of To-day* viii. (ed. 3) 89 Seats for this space are in the gift of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

6. As a title borne by a lawyer. (Now always written **serjeant.**) **a.** A member of a superior order of barristers (abolished in 1880), from which, until 1873, the Common Law judges were always chosen (hence a serjeant was always called by a judge 'my brother So-and-so'). More explicitly, *serjeant at* (†*the*) *law*, †*serjeant of* (*the*) *law*. Sometimes called *serjeant of the coif*: see Coif *sb.* 3 b.

The title represents the law Latin *serviens ad legem*, which may be rendered 'one who serves (the king) in matters of law'.

1297 R. Glouc. (Rolls) 8833 Mid is wisdom þat was so muche he hom out drou & false serians of assise & dude hom ssame ynon. 1340 Hampole *Pr. Conse.* 6084 Þai sal þan na help gett Of sergeaunt, ne aturne, ne avoket. 1362 Langl. *P. Pl.* A. III. 276 Schal no seriaunt for þat seruise were a selk hoode. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Prol.* 309 A Sergeant of the Lawe war and wys. 1404 *Rolls of Parlt.* III. 549/1 The Kynges entent is, to assigne..alle his Justices, and his Sergeantz. *c* 1435 in Kingsford *Chron. London* (1905) 57 Markham the Justice and Gascoigne Seriaunt of lawe. 1486 *Bk. St. Albans* f vj b, A sotelty of sergeauntis. 1501 in *Plumpton Corr.* (Camden) 152 *note*, John Vaxley, Sergent at the Law. 1503 *Privy Purse Exp. Eliz. York* (1830) 101 Item to John Mordant Sargeant at Lawe xl s. *c* 1530 Heywood *Love* 808 (Brandl) Nowe am I a iudge and neuer was seriaunt. 1540 Palsgr. *Acolastus* II. iii. L j b, To Poules crosse, or to the barre, where sergeantes plede in westmister hall. 1552 Edw. VI *Jrnl.* Lit. Rem. (Roxb.) 415 Also ther ware appointed eight sergeants of the law against Michelmas next comming. 1597 Hooker *Eccl. Pol.* v. lxvi. § 9 A linnen Coife,..an ornament which only Sergeants at law doe weare. 1602 J. Chamberlain *Lett.* (Camden) 132 One Pelham, a lawyer, was made sergeant to be sent Cheife Baron into Ireland. 1656 Blount *Glossogr.*, *Sergeant* at Law (or of the Coyf) is the highest degree, taken in that profession, as a Doctor of the Civil Law. 1697 Dryden *Dedi. Æneis* Ess. (Ker) II. 162 A judge upon the bench..does not willingly commend his brother serjeant at the bar, especially when he controuls his law. 1710 J. Chamberlayne *St. Gt. Brit.* I. II. xv. (ed. 23) 122 None may be Judge in this Court, unless he be a Sergeant of the Degree of the Coif. 1711 Addison *Spect.* No. 89 P 1 At present he is a Serjeant at Law. 1712 Arbuthnot *John Bull* III. viii, Serjeant such a one has a Silver Tongue at the Bar. 1764 *Oxf. Sausage* 172 Marking grave Serjeants cite each wise Report. 1819 Taunton *Rep. Cases Comm. Pleas* VII. 183 Lens and Vaughan, Serjts. now shewed cause against this rule. 1829 *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) XX. 762/2 Three Inns have belonged from very early times to the Judges and Sergeants at Law. 1841 *Penny Cycl.* XXI. 272/1 A paper endorsed with..the words 'Mr. Serjeant A (or 'Mr. B'), retainer for the plaintiff' (or for the defendant). 1846 M'Culloch *Acc. Brit. Empire* (1854) II. 155 Serjeants are sworn to do their duty to their clients. 1873 *Act* 36 & 37 *Vict.* c. 66 § 8 Provided, that no person appointed a Judge of either of the said Courts shall henceforth be required to take, or have taken, the degree of Serjeant-at-Law.

transf. (*jocular*) 1663 Butler *Hud.* I. iii. 1164 By black caps underlaid with white, Give certain guess at inward light; Which Serjeants at the Gospel wear, To make the Spiritual Calling clear.

b. *The King's* (or *Queen's*) *Serjeant*: a title given to a limited number of the serjeants-at-law, appointed by patent.

The king's serjeants were supposed to be charged with the duty of pleading in the courts on behalf of the crown; but from an early period it had ceased to be more than an honorary distinction. The senior in rank of the king's serjeants was designated 'the King's Serjeant', and the second 'The King's Ancient Serjeant'.

1423 *Rolls of Parlt.* IV. 201/2 The King' Sergeant to be sworne..to yeve the poor Man..Counsaill. 1454 *Ibid.* V. 240/1 Oon of the Kynges Sergeauntz atte lawe. 1482 *Ibid.* VI. 207/1 Richard Pygot, and Roger Townessend, the Kyng's Sergeants of the Lawe. 1512 *Act* 4 *Hen. VIII*, c. 11 Lews Pollard the Kynges serjeaunt at the Lawe. 1602 Coke *Rep.* III. To Rdr. D iv b, Out of these the King electeth one, two, or three as please him to be his Serieants, which are called the *Kings Serieants*. 1710 J. Chamberlayne *St. Gt. Brit.* II. III. xxx. (ed. 23) 576 The Queens Serjeants at Law. 1825 *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) XVII. 308/2 The King's Serjeant, so constituted by special patent; the King's Ancient Serjeant. 1882 Serj. Ballantine *Exper.* I. 209 A post filled at that time by Mr. Serjeant Manning, Queen's ancient serjeant. 1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 682/2 Until 1814 the two senior King's serjeants had precedence of even the attorney-general and solicitor-general.

c. *Prime serjeant*: the title given until 1805 to the first in rank of the three (earlier two) serjeants-at-law in Ireland. (Now called *first serjeant.*)

1666 in *Cal. St. Papers Irel.* 1666–9 (1908) 73 Sir Audley Mervin, Prime Sergeant at Law. 1733 Berkeley *Let.* Wks. 1871 IV. 205 The prime serjeant, Singleton, may probably

be a means of assisting you to get light in these particulars. *a* 1797 H. Howard in *3rd Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* 434/1 John Hely Hutchinson, Prime Serj[t] at law, y[e] vainest man alive, set his heart upon y[e] place. *c* 1799 Sir L. Parsons in *Charlemont MSS.* (Hist. MSS. Comm. 1894) II. 404 There is no end of the turnings-out talked of,..—lord Carhampton, the prime serjeant,..and even Toler. The prime serjeant is, I believe, certain. 1806 Duncan *Nelson's Funeral* 31 Prime Serjeant.

d. Common Serjeant (at Law). A judicial officer appointed by the Corporation of London as an assistant to the Recorder.

[1419 *Liber Albus* (Rolls) I. 47 Le..Commune Sergeaunt de ley, qui autrement est dit 'Commune Countour'.] 1556 *Chron. Grey Friars* (Camden) 64 It was proclamyd opynly with the kynges shreffe & two harraldes & two pursevanttes & a trumpet, with the comyne sargant of the citte of London. 1680 *Lex Londin.* 55 The Common Serjeant of the City is the only person intrusted by the Court of Aldermen to take all Inventories and Accompts of freemens' estates. 1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) XVII. 292/2 Common Sergeant, an officer..who attends the lord mayor..on court days. 1844 Ld. Brougham *Brit. Const.* xvi. (1862) 366 So high judicial functionaries as the Recorder of London and the Common Sergeant are elected. 1861 [see Countour 2]. 1887 *Times* 27 Aug. 11/4 The three City Judges (the Recorder, the Common Serjeant, and Mr. Commissioner Kerr). 1890 *Ibid.* 28 Apr. 11/6 The Common Serjeant sentenced the prisoner to two years' hard labour.

7. (Now commonly written **sergeant**; in some uses **serjeant** appears to be officially adopted.) In the titles of certain officers of the Royal Household. **a.** The head of a specified department, as *sergeant of the cellar*, of the *saucery*, of the *vestry*. † Also *s. of the bears*, a bearward; *s. of the minstrels*; *s. of the surgeons, of the trumpets* = sergeant-surgeon, sergeant-trumpeter.

1450 *Rolls of Parlt.* V. 192/1 William Pecke Clerke of oure Spicerye, Ric' Ludlowe Sergeant of oure Seler. *Ibid.*, Robert Browne Sergeant of oure Saucerye. *Ibid.*, Sergeant of oure Chaundelerye. 1464 [see Masonry A. 3]. 1526 in *Househ. Ord.* (1790) 140 The Serjeant of the bake-house. *Ibid.* 141 The Serjeant of the chaundry...The Serjeant of the ewry. *Ibid.* 142 The Serjeant of the larder. *Ibid.* 143 The Serjeant of the squillery. *Ibid.* 169 Serjeant of the Mynstrills. 1539 Cromwell *Let.* 24 Apr. in Strype *Eccl. Mem.* (1733) I. II. 272 Jenyngs, Sergeant to your Graces Pastery House. 1541 in *Vicary's Anat.* (1888) App. ii. 109 Thomas Sperin and his son sergiantes of the beres. 1561 Vicary *Will* in *Anat.* (1888) App. vi. 187, I, Thomas Vicars, Seriante of the Suriantes vnto our saide soueraigne ladie the quenes maiestie. 1710 J. Chamberlayne *St. Gt. Brit.* I. II. xiv. (ed. 23) 120-1 The Sergeant of the King's Wood-Yard. ..The Sergeant of the Ewry...The Sergeant of the Larder. *Ibid.* II. III. xvii. 534 H. Parker, Esq; Serj. of the Vestry. 1721 Strype *Eccl. Mem.* II. I. i. 2 The Sergeants of the Trumpets.

b. Prefixed appositively to certain designations of office, as *sergeant-cater*, *-farrier* (*-ferrour*), *-footman*, *-painter*, *-plumber*, *-porter*, *-squiller*, *-surgeon* († *chirurgeon*), *-tailor*, *-trumpet*, *-trumpeter*.

Many other similar designations, adopted from Anglo-French, and not proved to have been used in English, will be found in F. Tate, *Household Ord. Edw. II*, 1601 (new ed. 1876).

1614 Gentleman *Engl. Way to Wealth* 25 His Maiesties *Seriant Cater. *a* 1529 Skelton *Dyuers Balettys* Wks. 1843 I. 24 Haue in *sergeaunt ferrour, myne horse behynde is bare. 1710 J. Chamberlayne *St. Gt. Brit.* II. III. xx. (ed. 23) 549 Serjeant Farrier, John Willis, Esq. 1901 *Westm. Gaz.* 9 May 7/3 *Sergeant-footman Boswell. 1548 in Kempe *Losely MSS.* (1836) 81 To Anthony Tuto, *sergeante paiyntor, in rewarde for his paynes takyng..in drawyng of patrons for the masks 20s. 1720 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 5848/3 His Majesty's Serjeant-Painter. 1887 Pater *Imag. Portr.* 146 The sergeant-painter and deputy sergeant-painter were conventional performers enough. 1533 in *Hampton Crt. Accts.*, The Kynges *sergeaunt plumber. 1663 Gerbier *Counsel* 58 The Serjeant Plumber calling his workmen to caste in his presence a Leaden Medal. 1450 *Rolls of Parlt.* V. 192/2 John Stok *Sergeant porter of oure Gate. 1710 J. Chamberlayne *St. Gt. Brit.* II. III. xix. (ed. 23) 545 To the Serjeant Porter. 1821 Scott *Kenilw.* xv, One of the sergeant porters told them they could not at present enter. 1901 *Whitaker's Almanack* 87 Sergeant State Porter. *a* 1483 *Liber Niger* in *Househ. Ord.* (1790) 81 He rescevethe..all the plates of peautyr by the pourveyaunce of the *sergeaunt-squylloure. 1710 J. Chamberlayne *St. Gt. Brit.* II. III. xix. (ed. 23) 545 *Serjeant skinner. 1565 J. Halle *Hist. Exposit.* 19 Maister Vicary, late *sargeant chyrurgien to the queenes highnes. 1749 Fielding *Tom Jones* VIII. xiii, Serjeant-surgeon to the King. 1812 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 16663. 2189/1 Serjeant-Surgeon to His Majesty. 1901 *Whitaker's Almanack* 88 Sergeant Surgeon, Lord Lister. 1480 *Wardrobe Acc. Edw. IV* in *Privy Purse Exp. Eliz. York*, etc. (1830) 155 George Lufkyn *Sergeant taillour of the grete Warderobe of the Kynge. 1588 Delonev in *Roxb. Ball.* (1887) VI. 392 The *Sargeant trumpet with his mace, and nyne with trumpets after him, Bare headed went before her grace. 1708 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 4416/4 Her Majesty has appointed John Shore, Esq; Serjeant-Trumpet of Great Britain. 1603 *Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm., Var. Coll.* III. 164 *Serjeant trumpeter. 1700 Luttrell *Brief Rel.* (1857) I. 413 Gervas Price esq., serjeant trumpeter to his majestie, died lately. 1901 *Whitaker's Almanack* 87 Sergeant Trumpeter.

8. In the titles of certain inferior officers employed by the Corporation of the City of London, and by other municipal bodies.

1423 *Cov. Leet-Bk.* 43 þer schall no beestys be pynnyd at the comen pynfold by the comien seriante. 1672 Cave *Prim. Chr.* III. v. 359 Satan as the Common Serjeant and Jaylor seized upon them. 1710 J. Chamberlayne *St. Gt. Brit.* II. III. xliv (ed. 23) 631 Serjeant-Carvers...Serjeants of the Chamber or Mace...Moses Griffith, Serjeant of the Channel. 1720 [see Taker 2 g]. 1766 Entick *Lond.* III. 307 The officers belonging to the lord-mayor,..are..the three serjeant carvers; three serjeants of the chamber; a serjeant of the channel [etc.]. 1835 *App. Munic. Corpor. Rep.* IV. 2345 [At Lincoln.] Four Serjeants of the Key or Bailiffs. *Ibid.* II. 998 (Hastings) The Mayor's Serjeant..serves process; attends the corporation meetings with a mace; and is sworn in as a constable. ..The Common Serjeant, who is also a serjeant at mace,.. has the same salary and clothing as the mayor's serjeant.

b. *Sergeant at* († *the*) *mace*, † *of* (*the*) *mace*: an inferior executive officer (cf. sense 4), carrying a mace as a badge of office.

c 1420 *Anturs of Arth.* 64 The king..folowed fast one þe tras, Withe many Sergeant of mas. *Ibid.* 498 þe lordes hylyne hom to list ledes With many seriant of mace, as was þe manere. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 67/1 Ceriawnt of mace, *apparitor*. 1474 *Rolls of Parlt.* VI. 103/1 Henry Neuton, oon of the Sergeants at Mace of Robert Billesdon, oon of the Shirrefs of the Cite of London. 1510 *Sel. Cases Star Chamb.* (Selden) II. 70 The meyer..sent oon John Yong sergeaunt att the mace within the seid Towne to the seid Priour. 1556 *Chron. Grey Friars* (Camden) 43 For arest of Robert Taylor sergant of maysse. 1680 in *10th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. v. 506 If the Sergeants-at-Mace shall neglect theire duty in not summoning every member of the Council [etc.]. 1715 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 5394/4 Cesar Grist, Serjeant at Mace to the Bailiffs of the Corporation of Welsh Poole. 1761 in Entick *London* (1766) IV. 369 The serjeants at mace for the city to arrest for debt in the Borough. 1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) XVII. 292 Sergeants of the mace of an inferior kind. 1835 [see 8]. 1901 *Whitaker's Almanack* 178 [Lord Mayor's Court.] Sergeant at Mace.

transf. 1745 P. Thomas *Jrnl. Anson's Voy.* 211 A hundred Soldiers..follow'd with a hundred Serjeants at Mace. 1790 Burke *Fr. Rev.* Wks. 1808 V. 356 He appears to be nothing more than a chief of bumbailiffs, serjeants at mace, catchpoles, jailers and hangmen.

† **c.** *Sc.* An officer of a guild. *Obs.*

1557 *Baxter-bks. St. Andrews* (1903) 10, viiid to thomas demster, yair schargant.

9. *Mil.* (Now always written **sergeant.**) In modern use, a non-commissioned officer of the grade above that of corporal. In the 16th c. the title, more explicitly † *sergeant of a band* [= F. *sergent de bande*], appears, like many other military titles, to have indicated a much higher rank than in later times. See also Colour-sergeant, Drill-*sergeant*, Recruiting-*sergeant*, Sergeant-major.

1548 Patten *Exped. Scot.* H vij b, Sargeauntes of the band to the foreward. 1579 Digges *Stratiot.* 86 This Serjeant ought perfitly by memorie to know every Souldiour within the Bande. 1590 Sir R. Williams *Brief Disc. War* 26 The least Serieant of a Band, being a naturall Spaniard, will seeme to command the greatest man of qualitie of anie other Nation. 1593 Sutcliffe *Pract. & Law Arms* 61 The officers of companies, namely lieutenants, ensignes, sergiants, corporals, are chosen by the captaines of companies. 1624 W. G. *Count Mansfield's Direct. Warre* 11 If all the three fore-named Officers [Captain, Lieutenant, and Ensign] be out of the way by any accident, then the eldest Sergiant is to command the Company as next in place. 1690 Mackenzie *Siege Londonderry* 47/2 Serjeants, Corporals, Drummers, and private Men 2d. per diem each, besides Bread. 1709 Steele *Tatler* No. 87 P 1 The Epistle is from one Serjeant Hall of the Foot-Guards. 1833 Marryat *P. Simple* xi, All disputed points were settled by the sergeant of marines with a party, who divided their antagonists from the Jews. 1898 Steevens *With Kitchener to Khartum* 274 'Fall out, sergeant, you're wounded,' said the subaltern of his troop.

b. Prefixed appositively to various designations of offices in which sergeants are employed, as *sergeant armourer*, *bugler*, *clerk*, *compounder*, *cook*, *drummer*, *farrier*, *instructor*, *master tailor*, *saddler*, *schoolmaster*, *tailor*, *trumpeter*.

1810 Wellington in Gurw. *Desp.* (1838) VI. 308 *Serjeant armourers and serjeant saddlers' implements. 1901 *Whitaker's Almanack* 220 *Sergt. Bugler. 1895 *Outing* (U.S.) XXVII. 252/1 It changes the title of the brigade sergeant-major to that of *sergeant-clerk. 1901 *Whitaker's Almanack* 220 *Sergeant Cook. 1899 *Westm. Gaz.* 27 June 1/2 A *sergeant-drummer in each battalion of the Grenadier, Coldstream, and Scots Guards. 1876 Voyle & Stevenson *Milit. Dict.*, *Sergeant instructor. 1865 *Army Clothing Warrant* 30 The *Sergeant Master Tailor. 1837 *King's Regul. Army* 239 The *Serjeant-Schoolmasters. 1900 *Westm. Gaz.* 12 Dec. 4/2 The Secretary of State..is causing inquiries to be made on the feasibility of having officers' uniforms made by the *sergeant-tailors of their regiments.

10. (Now always written **sergeant.**) A police officer, of higher rank than a simple constable; in Great Britain ranking next below an inspector.

1839 Hood *Lost Heir* 36 Oh serjeant M[c]Farlane! you have not come across my poor little boy, have you, in your beat? 1856 A. Wynter *Curios. Civiliz.* 469 The force consists of three inspectors, nine sergeants, and a body of police termed 'plain-clothes men'.

11. Comb. **Sergeant Baker** *Australian*, a fish of New South Wales, *Aulopus purpurissatus*; † **sergeant corn** *Sc.*, ? some feudal impost paid in corn; **sergeant-fish** *U.S.*, a name applied to various fishes having marks like the stripes on the sleeve of a sergeant's uniform, esp. *Elacate canada*; † **sergeant-loaf**, some kind of bread; † **serjeant's ring**, one of the rings which a newly appointed serjeant-at-law was required by custom to present to various persons of high rank or official position.

1882 Tenison-Woods *Fish N. S. Wales* 82 The *Sergeant Baker in all probability..was called after a sergeant of that name. 1581 *Reg. Mag. Sig. Scot.* 107/2 Lie *serjand-corne. 1884 Goode, etc. *Nat. Hist. Aquatic Anim.* 444 The name *'Sergeant-fish' refers to its peculiar coloration, several stripes of brown and gray being visible on the sides of the body. 1341 *Secretum Abb. Glastonie* (MS. Wood empt. 1) lf. 146 b, Unum panem uocatum Priketlof, et alterum panem uocatum Bastardlof et tercium panem uocatum *seriauntlof de Panetria predicti abbatis. 1690 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 2613/4 They offered to sell or pawn.., one Gold *Sergeants Ring, and one pair of Gold Lockets.

† **Se·rgeant,** *a. Obs. rare*[−1]. [Back-formation from Sergeanty.] In *grand*, *petit sergeant*, said of a tenure by grand or petit serjeanty respectively.

1513 Bradshaw *St. Werburge* II. 1771 Many helde their landes..By tenure grand-seriante..Some by petit-seriant.

† **Se·rgeant,** *v. Obs.*[−1] [a. OF. *sergenter*, f. *sergent* Sergeant *sb.*] *intr.* To act as a sergeant.

c 1430 *Pilgr. Lyf Manhode* IV. xxi. (1869) 187 After þat þat þe matere is..ordeyned, þer after j shal sergeaunte [orig. *use de ma commission*] and werche diuerseliche.

† **Se·rgeantess.** *Obs.*[−1] [f. Sergeant *sb.* + -ess.] A female sergeant.

c 1430 *Pilgr. Lyf Manhode* IV. xix. (1869) 185 And for oure mootiere þou art and oure sergeantesse we senden þee and comitte þee þat þou go hi alle houses, and [etc.].

† **Sergeant-general.** *Obs.* [f. Sergeant *sb.* + General *a.*] = Sergeant-major 1 b. (In the later examples *sergeant-general of battle*, as a title of high rank in certain foreign armies.)

1579 Digges *Stratiot.* 93 To sende his serjeant to the Serjeant general. 1685 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 2028/3 Being a Sergeant-General of Batalia in the Service of his Catholick Majesty. 1693 *Mem. Count Teckely* IV. 55 The Prince of Auguste of Hanover, Serjeant General of Battle.

Ser·geant-ma·jor. [f. Sergeant *sb.* + Major *a.*; in Fr. *sergent-major.*]

† **1.** In the 16–17th c., a military title variously applied to officers widely differing in rank and function. **a.** A field officer, one in each regiment, next in rank to the lieutenant-colonel, and corresponding partly to the 'major', partly to the 'adjutant', of the modern army.

Ordinarily referred to as superior to the captains, but in many instances a 'captain' is said to be also 'sergeant-major'.

1573 Whithorne *Briefe Tables* H jh, Maister of the Campe, or Seargeant Maier, or Capitaine. 1591 Sir J. Smythe *Instr. Milit.* (1595) 36 The Sergeant Maior must command all the Captaines or their Lieutenants. 1598 Barret *Theor. Warres* II. i. 15 Euery Regiment hath this Sergeant Maior. 1598 B. Jonson *Ev. Man in Hum.* III. v, He might haue beene Serieant-Maior, if not Lieutenant-Coronell to the regiment. 1604 E. Grimston *Siege Ostend* 20 An English Captaine who was also Sargent Maior. 1624 W. G. *Count Mansfield's Direct. Warre* 13 The eldest Sergeant..is also to fetch the Word from the Sergeant Maior of the Regiment. 1633 *Swed. Intelligencer* IV. 127 The Sergeant-Major over these 5 companies, was Captaine Thomas Grove, who now commanded them. 1642 (*title*) A List of the Names of the severall Colonells..with the Leivtenant Colonells, Serieant Maiors, and Captaines and Lievtenants appointed by the Committee, for the ordering of the Militia of this Honourable City of London. 1642 *Declar. Lords & Comm. for Rais. Forces* 22 Dec. 7 Serjeant-Major of the sayd Regiment. 1683 Turner *Pallas Armata* XI. 225 The Swedes of a long time allowed him [*sc.* the Major] no company, yet allow'd him the command over Captains, but it is now many years ago since they were permitted to have companies; hence perhaps it is that when they have no companies, they may be called Serjeant-Majors, as when they have companies, the Germans call them Captain-Majors, but the English use frequently the words of Serjeant Major and Serjeant-Major General, none of them are used either by German, Swede, or Dane. 1704 *Milit. Dict.* (ed. 2).

† **b.** A general officer, corresponding to the modern major-general. Also *sergeant-major major*, *sergeant-major general. Obs.*

1591 Sir J. Smythe *Instr. Milit.* (1595) 60 If a Lord Marshall or a Sergeant Maior Maior, haue..10000 or more or fewer piquers to reduce into one bodie of squadron, hee may [etc.]. *c* 1595 Maynarde *Drake's Voy.* (Hakl. Soc.) 14 We buried Captaine Arnolde Baskerville, our serjant-major generall. 1599 J. Chamberlain *Lett.* (Camden) 38 Sir Ferdinando Gorge is named to be Sergeant Major [of the army in Ireland]. 1625 G. M. *Souldier's Accid.* 62 The Serieant-Maior of the Horse, which in some discipline is called the Commissary-generall. 1633 T. Stafford *Pac. Hib.* II. xvii. 222 The Sergeant Major, being the second Commander to Don Iohn. 1642 *List Army Earl Essex* 1 His Excellencie Robert Earle of Essex, Capt. Generall. Sir Iohn Merrick, Serjeant Major Generall, and President of the Councell of Warre. 1644 Symonds *Diary* (Camden) 50 Lord Wentworth was Serjeant Major of the Horse. 1646 Earl Monm. tr. *Biondi's Civil Warres* VIII. 147 [Richard III] Went himselfe in Person in the head of his Army..executing Himselfe the duty of a Sergeant Major. 1647 Clarendon *Hist. Reb.* VII. § 26 Philip Skippon..was now made sergeant-major-general of the army by the absolute power of the two houses.

2. A non-commissioned officer of the highest grade.

The *regimental sergeant-major* (who is, strictly speaking, not a 'non-commissioned officer', but a 'warrant officer'), is an assistant to the adjutant. There is also a sergeant-major belonging to each squadron of cavalry and each battery of artillery.

1802 James *Milit. Dict.* s. v., In most regiments the serjeant-major, under the direction of the adjutant, is directed to drill every young officer who comes into the regiment. 1816 Scott *Old Mort.* xxxiv, Claverhouse..called for his serjeant-major. 1837 *King's Regul. Army* 170 The Troop Serjeant-Majors...The Regimental Serjeant-Major.

transf. 1897 *Daily News* 15 June 3/4 They were members of the Salvation Army, one of them, a woman, describing herself as the sergeant-major.

3. An American fish, the cow-pilot, *Pomacentrus saxatilis*.

1876 Goode *Fishes of Bermudas* 38 *Glyphidodon saxatilis*, ..Cow-pilot; Sergeant-major. 1885 Lady Brassey *The Trades* 407 Fine little black and white 'serjeant-majors' as they are called, because of their many stripes.

Hence **Sergeant-majorship.**

1892 *Athenæum* 1 Oct. 448/2 [*c* 1630] The king gave him [Fabert] another company vacant by death, again permitting his retention of the sergeant-majorship.

† Se·rgeantry, serjeantry. *Obs.* Also 5 **sergawntry, seriauntrie, -rye, seryauntre,** 7 *Sc.* **serjandrie.** [a. OF. *sergenterie* (cf. Anglo-L. *sergenteria*, *c* 1200 in *Rot. Chart.*, ed. 1837, p. 56/2), f. *sergent*: see Sergeant and -ery.]

1. = Sergeanty 1.

c 1400 *Brut* 1. 242, Y 3elde vp, Sir, now vnto 3ow my homage, ..for ham alle þat holden by seriauntrye [1480 Caxton seryauntre]. 1778 *Eng. Gazetteer* (ed. 2) s. v. *Scrivelsby*, This manor is held by grand serjeantry. *Ibid.* s. v. *Pitchley*, *Northamp.*..The ancient lords of this manor held it of the King by petit serjeantry, *i. e.* to furnish dogs, at their own cost, to destroy the wolves, foxes, polecats, and other vermin, in the counties of Northampton, Rutland, Oxford, Essex, and Bucks. 1795 Burke *Abridgm. Eng. Hist.* Wks. 1842 II. 550 If the tenant was in an office about the king's person, this gave rise to sergeantry. 1830 Scott *Ayrsh. Trag.* 1. i, We'll not suffer A word of sergeantry, or halberd-staff. 1837 Barham *Ingol. Leg.* Ser. 1. *Spect. Tappington*, These lands were held in grand serjeantry by the presentation of three white owls. 1830 James *Darnley* vii, To hold his land by sergeantry, as it had been held by Lord Fitzbernard.

2. The office of sergeant or serjeant.

1426 Lydg. *De Guil. Pilgr.* 16221 [Tribulation *loq.*] And thus vsynge myn Sergawntry, I kan werke dyuersly; Wherffore I rede be war off me, For I anoon shal smyte the. 1669 *Sc. Acts Chas. II* (1820) VII. 588/2 All and haill the office of Serjandrie of the lands & Lordship of Methven.

3. *nonce-use.* Skill as a serjeant-at-law.

1830 Lama *Album Verses, In Autograph Bk. Mrs. Serjeant W——*, These should moot cases in your book, and vie To show their reading and their Serjeantry.

Sergeantship, serjeantship (sā·ɹdʒənt-ʃip). [f. Sergeant, Serjeant *sb.* + -ship.] The office of a sergeant or a serjeant, in various senses.

1450 *Rolls of Parlt.* V. 197/2 Theyre Fees of Serjauntship atte armes. 1495 *Act* 11 *Hen. VII*, c. 33 § 11 The offices of Sergeauntshippe of the Pese and [etc.]. 1584 in 10*th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. v. 436 The office of Sariantship. 1825 Hone *Every-day Bk.* I. 157 His serjeantship being denoted by the *Coif*. 1909 *Essex Rev.* XVIII. 71 The persons they thought of appointing to serjeantship or corporalship.

Sergeanty, serjeanty (sā·ɹdʒĕnti). *Hist.* Forms: *a.* 5–7 **sergeantie** (5 **sergeaunte**), 6 **sergeauntie, sergentie,** 7– **sergeanty.** *β.* 4–5 **seriauntye,** 5 **serjantie,** (*pl.* **serjaunteez**), 7 **seriantie, serieanty, serjeantie,** 7– **serjeanty.** [a. OF. *serjantie, sergentie*, f. *serjant, sergent*: see Sergeant *sb.* and -y.] (The usual spelling is now serjeanty.)

1. A form of feudal tenure on condition of rendering some specified personal service to the king.

1467 *Rolls of Parlt.* V. 595/2 The rent of the Sergeantie, and of the small parcellz of Serjaunteez of oure Conntee of Notyngh' and Derb'. 1468 *Ibid.* 605/2 Other fermes to us of Serjanties or otherwise. 1477 *Ibid.* VI. 171/1 Smale parcells of Serjantie in diverse parcells,..thre Roodes of Serjantie. 1610 Holland *Camden's Brit.* I. 464 Baldwin Le Pettour..held certaine lands, by Sergeanty. 1643 Baker *Chron., Rich. II* 1 John Wiltshire Citizen of London, by reason of a Moyitie of the Manour of Heydon, holden in Sergeantie, claimed to hold a towell for the King to wipe with when he went to meat. 1880 Hasting *Extinct Brit. Anim.* I. 82 Several grants of land..held by the serjeanty of keeping..boar-hounds. 1906 *Athenæum* 18 Sept. 269/1 A little criticism is perhaps invited by the interesting list of serjeanties with which the volume closes.

b. Distinguished as *grand* and *petit* (or *petty*) *serjeanty.*

In their AF. form, these terms occur in the 13th c. According to *Britton* (*c* 1292), *grand serjeanty* obliges the tenant to a service 'touching the defence of the country', such as acting as marshal, putting an army in the field, or finding a horseman and his equipment for the army, while *petit serjeanty* binds him to a service 'amounting to half a mark or less', such as carrying to the king a bag, a brooch, an arrow, or a bow without string, etc. Later writers give more or less differing accounts: see quots. The Latin of Magna Carta (1215) has *occasione parvarum sergantisarum* (v. r. *parvæ serganteriæ*).

(*a*) 1449 *Rolls of Parlt.* V. 167/2 His Auncestres..have holden..the Manoir..by Graunte Sergeaunte. 1523 [see (*b*) below]. *a* 1625 Sir H. Finch *Law* (1636) 154 Euery grand Serieanty is a tenure in chiefe, being of none but of the King, to doe vato him a more speciall seruice whatsoeuer by the person of a man, as to beare his Banner or Lance, to lead his horse, to carry the sword before him at his coronation [etc.]. 1695 Gibson *Camden's Brit.* 55 Brienston..was held in Grand Sergeanty by a pretty odd jocular tenure. 1766 Blackstone *Comm.* II. v. 73 Such was the tenure by grand serjeanty, *per magnum servitium*, whereby the tenant was bound, instead of serving the king generally in his wars, to do some special honorary service to the king in person; as to carry his banner, his sword, or the like; or to be his butler, champion, or other officer at his coronation. 1818 Cruisa *Digest* (ed. 2) III. 118 The office of High Steward was originally annexed to the manor of Hinckley in Leicestershire, and held in grand serjeanty. 1875 Stubbs *Const. Hist.* I. xi. 344 These [offices] had become..hereditary grand serjeanties.

(*b*) 1523 Fitzhera. *Surv.* 12 And all these tenauntes maye holde their landes by dyuers tenures..as by..graunt sergentie, petyte sergeantie, franke almoyne. 1544 tr. *Littleton's Tenures* 37 b, Tenure by Petyte sergeauntye. 1616 Bullokar *Eng. Expos.*, *Pettie Sergeantie*, a tenure of lands, holden of the king, by yeilding to him, a Buckler, Arrow, Bow, or such like seruice. 1875 Digby *Real Prop.* I. (1876) 49 When land was held of the king not by military service, but under the obligation to render some small thing 'belonging to war', as, for instance, to 'yield to him yearly a bow or a sword, or a dagger, or a knife, or a pair of gilt spurs, or an arrow or divers arrows', this was called tenure by petit serjeanty.

† 2. 'Sergeants' or squires collectively. *Obs.*

c 1330 R. Brunne *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 11979 Alle armed men,..Wyþonte fotmen & seriauntye [*v.r.* sargeancie].

† Sergelim. *Obs.* Also 6 **zerzelnie,** 6–7 **zerzeline,** 7 **schirgelim, sergelin.** [a. Pg. *gergelim, zirgelim*, a. Arab. جلجلي *juljulī*, also جلجلان *juljulān*.] = Sesamum.

1588 Hickock tr. *C. Frederick's Voy.* 22 b, Mirabolany ..long Pepper, Oyle of Zerzeline. 1698 Petiver in *Phil. Trans.* XX. 314 Mixt with the Oyl Sergelin it stops pissing of Blood. *Ibid.* 322 Oyl of Schirgelim. 1707 Sloane *Jamaica* I. 126 The Root boil'd in Sergelim Oil..takes away freckles or spots.

Sergend, -ent, obs. forms of Sergeant.

Sergette (sɔ̃ɹdʒe·t). [a. F. *sergette*, dim. of *serge.*] See quot.

1858 Simmonds *Dict. Trade, Sergette*, a thin and slight serge.

Sergiand, -iant, -iaunt(e, sergond, -ont(e, obs. ff. Sergeant.

Sergre(i)ant: see Segreant *Her.*

Seri, variant of Sirih.

1864 D'Almeida *Life in Java* II. 104 Chewing tobacco betel, and seri leaf.

Seri, obs. form of Sorry.

Serial (sī·riăl), *a.* and *sb.* [ad. mod.L. *seriālis*, f. *seri-ēs*: see Series and -al. Cf. F. *sérial* (1861), *sériel* (1874).] **A.** *adj.* Belonging to, forming part of, or consisting of a series; taking place or occurring in a regular succession.

1854 *Fairholt's Dict. Terms Art* s. v., Serial Pictures are of that order in which a story is carried on consecutively, such as the four seasons, the four ages, &c. 1855 Spencer *Princ. Psychol.* (1872) II. 16 A thinking of the three in serial order—first, second, third. 1864 *Realm* 6 July 8 The last performances of all the great serial concerts.

b. *spec.* of the publication of a literary work, *esp.* a story, in successive instalments (as in a periodical magazine or newspaper).

Serial rights, rights attaching to the publication of a story in serial form.

1841 F. Vesey *Decl. Eng. Lang.* 86 Serial publication. 1867 E. Yates *Black Sheep* xxxi, She..had set herself to read the serial story. 1874 *Athenæum* 28 Feb. 293/1 After contributing to the newspapers and the magazines, [he] became a serial novelist. 1879 *19th Cent.* 997 Country journals, ..instead of using an inferior article, will often purchase the 'serial right', as it is called, of stories which have already appeared elsewhere.

c. In scientific use; *esp.* applied to the disposition of the parts of an organism in a straight line or longitudinal succession.

Serial temperatures, temperatures taken at different successive depths between the bottom and the surface of water.

1855 T. Williams in *Ann. & Mag. Nat. Hist.* Ser. II. XVI. 405 The serial history of any given structural element of any given complex organ. 1857 A. Gray *First Less. Bot.* (1866) Gloss., *Seriat*, or *Seriate*, in rows. 1858 Spencer *Princ. Psychol.* (1872) I. 16 They preserve a serial arrangement: their aggregation is little more than that of close linear succession. 1872 Humphry *Myology* 9 The transverse septa, a serial continuation of those in the tail, are directed from the median line above. 1872 Mivart *Elem. Anat.* 10 Serial symmetry may be much less and much more developed than we find it to be in man. 1877 Thomson *Voy. Challenger* I. 11 Taking bottom and serial temperatures. 1884 Bower & Scott *De Bary's Phaner.* 109 The serial arrangement of the elements of the cork perpendicular to the surface is always very regularly preserved. 1897 M. L. Hughes *Mediterranean Fever* iii. 136 The qualitative alterations are both nodal and serial.

B. *sb.* A serial or periodical publication, *esp.* a novel published in serial (as opposed to *book*) form.

1846 *Athenæum* 5 Dec. 1237/1 A fresh serial from the prolific pen of Dickens. 1859 *Jrnl. Soc. Arts* 25 Feb. 213/2 How valuable would be some of our serials with all their advertisements—The *Gentleman's Magazine*, for instance. 1882 A. W. Ward *Dickens* ii. 20 When the popularity of the serial was once established, it grew with extraordinary rapidity.

attrib. 1872 Lowell *Milton* Wks. 1890 IV. 59 A practised serial writer.

Hence **Se·rialist,** a writer of serials; **Seriality** (sīeriæ·lĭti), serial arrangement; **Se·rializa·tion,** publication in serial form; **Se·rialize** *v. trans.*, (*a*) to publish in serial form; (*b*) to arrange in a series.

1846 *Blackw. Mag.* LX. 594 The characters depicted by some of our later *serialists. 1855 Spencer *Princ. Psychol.* IV. i. 500 The advance of the correspondence of itself necessitates a growing *seriality in the psychical changes. 1892 *Author* July 49/1 It is desirable that authors should understand the difficulties with which *serialisation is surrounded. *Ibid.* 48/2 If a story is **serialized* in England and is not serialized simultaneously in the States, the American copyright is of course seriously jeopardised. 1893 *Athenæum* 11 Nov. 663/3 The serializing of fiction. 1907 W. James *Pragmatism* v. 172 To frame some system of concepts mentally classified, serialized, or connected in some intellectual way.

Serial, variant of Cerrial *a. Obs.*

Serially (sī·ɹriăli), *adv.* [f. Serial *a.* + -ly 2.] **a.** In a series, in series, in serial arrangement; **b.** in serial form, as a serial.

1854 Owen in *Orr's Circ. Sci., Org. Nat.* I. 203 A supplementary costal piece, serially homologous with the appendage to the proper pleuropophysis. 1870 *Daily Tel.* 22 Sept., Small parties of the sparse artillerists hurrying along behind the wall from gun to gun, firing progressively and serially. 1872 *Athenæum* 1 June 681/1 However 'Middlemarch' may appear, it is clear that it has not been written, although published, serially. 1884 Bower & Scott *De Bary's Phaner.* 163 Round bordered pits, arranged in left-handed oblique series, with the inner apertures serially coalescent into long slits.

† Se·rian, *a. Obs. rare.* [f. Ser-es + -ian.] *Serian worm*, silkworm. (Cf. Serean, Seric.)

1633 P. Fletcher *Purple Isl.* XII. iii, No Serian worms.. that with their threed Draw out their silken lives.

Seriand, -ant, -antie, etc.: see Sergeant, -y.

Seriary (sī·ɹriări), *a. rare.* [f. Seri-es + -ary 1. Cf. F. *sériaire*, Sp. *seriario.*] Serial.

1900 Deniker *Races of Man* 65 The characters called seriary, to which we have recourse in order to compare man with animals which bear the closest resemblance to him.

Seriate (sī·ɹiĕt), *a.* Chiefly *Zool.* and *Bot.* [ad. mod.L. **seriāt-us*, f. Series.] Arranged or occurring in one or more series or rows.

1846 Dana *Zooph.* (1848) 139 Tubercles small,..vertically seriate. 1857 [see Serial A. c). 1870 Hooker *Stud. Flora* 137 Sedum acre..leaves obscurely 6-seriate. 1874 T. Hardy *Far fr. Mad. Crowd* xxvi, The remainder was a mere question of time and natural seriate changes.

So **Se·riated** *a.*; hence **Se·riately** *adv.*, in series.

1846 Dana *Zooph.* (1848) 266 Disks seriately and reticulately budding. 1872 H. C. Wood *Fresh-w. Algæ* 227 The gelatinous tubes or sheaths in which the cells are seriated are very obvious. 1874 Lewes *Probl. Life & Mind* Ser. I. I. 120 Vitality and Sensibility may be said to rest on seriated Change.

‖ **Seriatim** (sī·ɹiē·tim), *adv.* (and *a.*) [med.L., f. L. *seri-ēs* after Gradatim, Literatim.] One after another, one by one in succession.

1680 C. Hatton *Corr.* (Camden) I. 225 Y^e^ judges did every one of them seriatim declare y^t^ that board was a proper place of judicature of state affaires. *a* 1734 North *Exam.* I. ii. § 80 (1740) 72 The Judges thought fit to give their Judgments, *seriatim*, after solemn Argument had. 1815 Kirby & Sp. *Entomol.* x. I. 303 If not content with taking them [*sc.* spiders] seriatim you should feel desirous of eating them by handfulls. 1838 Dickens *Nich. Nick.* xv, Mr. and Mrs. Kenwigs thanked every lady and gentleman, *seriatim*, for the favour of their company. 1871 Spencer *Princ. Psychol.* (1872) II. 343 This question subdivides into several questions, which we will consider *seriatim.*

b. as *adj.* Following one after the other. *rare.*

1871 Earle *Philol. Eng. Tongue* x. 497 There are places where force would be lost by dividing it into two or three successive and *seriatim* sentences.

Seriation (sī·ɹiē·ʃən). [ad. mod.L. **seriātiōn-em*, f. *seri-ēs*: see Series and -ation.] Succession in series, serial succession; formation of or into a series.

1658 J. Robinson *Endoxa* iv. 30 Where there is no fear of enormity, there may be a secure seriation of supremacy. 1866 Odling *Anim. Chem.* 47 The acids of these two series presented..a marked parallelism in their constitution, seriation, and properties. 1874 Lewes *Probl. Life & Mind* Ser. I. I. 144 The demonstration that thinking is seriation. 1887 *Athenæum* 3 Sept. 299/3 In the seriation of the [chemical] elements certain gaps occur.

† Se·riatly, *adv. Obs.* Also 5 **seryatt-, ceriat-,** 6 **seryat-.** [Partial anglicization of med.L. Seriatim.] In succession, seriatim.

c 1450 *Cov. Myst.* (Shaks. Soc.) 273 Now I wyl fede 3ow alle with awngellys mete, Wherfore to reseyve it come fforth seryattly. *c* 1475 *Partenay* 1836 Thai ..With-out tariyng to wash ther handes went; After went to sitte ther ceriatly. *c* 1520 Barclay *Jugurth* 37 b, To write of the besynesse and dedes of both the parties seriatly and dystinctly. 1540 *St. Papers Hen. VIII*, III. 200 We have receynid Your Graces most gracins letters..the contents wherof we have seriatly redde.

Seriaun, -auns, -aunt(e, etc.: see Sergeant.

Seriba, variant of Zareba.

Seric (se·rik), *a. rare.* [ad. L. *sēric-us*, (1) belonging to the Seres, (2) of silk (neut. *sēricum* as sb., silk), = Gr. σηρικός (neut. σηρικόν silk), f. Σῆρες: see Seres.]

1. Chinese.

1842 Tupper *Proverb. Philos.* Ser. II. Introd., Unclean meats as of the clean hang upon my Seric shambles. 1840 *New Monthly Mag.* LX. 310 The pure concoction of the seric herb [=tea].

2. Silken.

1886 *Edin. Rev.* July 155 The manufacture of seric stuffs.

Sericate (se·rikēt). *Chem.* [f. Seric-ic + -ate 2.] A salt of sericic acid.

1841 *Turner's Elem. Chem., Org.* 1084 Sericate of oxide of ethule is a colourless mobile liquid.

Se·ricated, *a. rare*—0. [f. L. *sēricāt-us* (f. *sēric-um* silk: see Seric) + -ed 1.] = Clothed in silk; also = Sericeous.

1623 in Cockeram. 1860 Worcester, *Sericated* [sic].

Sericeo- (sĭri·ʃĭo), used as comb. form of L. *sēriceus* (see next) = silky and . . .

1841 *Penny Cycl.* XX. 359/2 Ovaries sericeo-tomentose.

Sericeous (sĭri·ʃĭəs), *a. Zool.* and *Bot.* [f. L. *sērice-us*, f. *sēric-um* silk (see Seric): see -eous.] Silky, covered with silky down.

1777 Robson *Brit. Flora* 15 *Sericeous*, covered with a down of extremely fine texture. 1819 Samouelle *Entomol. Compend.* 282 Hylæus...Lip lanceolate, little sericeous. 1847 Hardy in *Proc. Berw. Nat. Club* II. No. v. 236 Shining yellow sericeous down. 1885 H. O. Forbes *Nat. Wand.* IV. App. 376 The sericeous brand on the male.

Sericic (sĭri·sik), *a. Chem.* [f. L. *sēric-um* silk (see Seric) + -ic.] = Myristic.

1841 *Turner's Elem. Chem., Org.* 1083 Sericic Acid. Syn. Myristic Acid. Discovered by Playfair.

Sericiculture (se·risikɔ·ltiŭ, -tʃəɹ). [ad. F. *sériciculture*, f. L. *sēric-um* (see Seric) + *cultūra* Culture.] = Sericulture. Hence **Se·ricicu·ltural** *a.*, **Se·ricicu·lturist.**

1892 Crookes tr. *Wagner's Man. Chem. Technol.* 803 Sericiculture.—Varieties of Silkworms. *Ibid.* 804 Sericiculturists become sufficiently adepts..to be able to select a sufficient number of cocoons of each sex.

Sericin (se·risin). *Chem.* Also -ine. [Formed as Seric + -in 1.]

1. = Myristin.

1841 *Turner's Elem. Chem., Org.* 1083 Sericate of oxide of glycernle (sericine or myristine).

2. The gelatinous constituent of silk.

1868 Bloxam *Chem.* § 446. 1886 tr. *Benedikt's Chem. Coal-tar Colours* 39 Both fibroine and sericine (silk-glue) consist of carbon, nitrogen, hydrogen and oxygen.

Sericipary (serisi·pări), *a. rare.* [f. L. *sēricum* silk + *-par-us* (-parous) + -y.] Producing silk.

1869 *Eng. Mech.* 24 Dec. 350/3 A double apparatus..situated on either side of the intestinal canal, and below it, called the sericipary gland.

Sericite (se·risəit). *Min.* [ad. G. *sericit* (1852), f. L. *sēric-um* silk: see Seric and -ite 1 2 b.] A fibrous variety of muscovite.

1854 Dana *Syst. Min.* (ed. 4) II. 223 Sericite of K. List, is regarded by him as near Damourite. 1866 Lawrence tr. *Cotta's Rocks Classified* 23 Sericite, a green mineral, of silky lustre.

b. *attrib.* = Sericitic.

1879 Rutley *Study of Rocks* 296 *Sericite-Schist.*—This is a schistose rock closely allied to the porphyroids, and consists of sericite, fragments of quartz [etc.]. 1884 *Nature* 13 Nov. 35/1 Sericite mica.

Hence **Sericitic** (serisi·tik) *a.*, containing or having the character of sericite; **Se·riciti·za·tion**, the production of a sericitic character.

1814 *Nature* 13 Nov. 34/1 A slight development of sericitic mica. 1893 Geikie *Text-bk. Geol.* IV. VIII. ii. (ed. 3) 617 Where the silky unctuous sericite has been developed from orthoclase (sericitization).

† **Sericon.** *Alch. Obs.* [a. med.L. *sericon* (indeclinable).

In *Turbæ Philosophorum alterum exemplar*, printed in *Artis Auriferæ quam Chemiam vocant volumen primum* (Basileæ 1593) 138, 'sericon' is mentioned (in connexion with 'magnesia': see Magnesia 1) as 'a composition which is called by ten names', and which is one of the ingredients in 'the ferment of gold'. That the word originally stood for some real chemical substance is not improbable, but its proper meaning and etymology (perh. Arabic: ? cf. Zircon) are obscure. There is no ground for identifying it with mod. L. *sericum* (prob. merely a use of L. *sēricum* silk) cited by writers of the 18th c. as a name for the flowers of zinc. On the other hand, '*Sericum*, an old name for minium', in some modern dictionaries, may represent a conjecture as to the meaning of the alchemical term.]

A substance supposed to be concerned in the transmutation of inferior metals into gold.

The explanation given in Gifford's note on the Jonson passage, 'the red tincture', appears to be an unauthorized conjecture.

?15.. in Ashmole *Theat. Chem.* (1652) 428 This centrall Earth who can it take, It and *Sercion* [sic] do our Maistry make. 1610 B. Jonson *Alch.* II. v, Both *Sericon*, and *Bufo* shall be lost.

‖ **Sericterium** (seriktī·riŏm). *Entom.* Pl. **-eria** (īə·riă). Also anglicized **serictery** (sĭri·ktĕri). [mod.L., irreg. f. Gr. *σηρικόν* silk (see Seric) + *-τηριον*, after *sialisterium* (σιαλιστήριον) salivary gland of insects.] A glandular apparatus in silkworms for the production of silk; a silk or spinning gland.

1826 Kirby & Sp. *Entomol.* xli. (1828) IV. 137 In the sericterium the fluid that produces it [*sc.* silk] is sometimes white or grey. 1875 Blake *Zool.* 287 The two fine filaments from the sericteria are glued together by another secretion from a small gland. 1898 Packard *Text-bk. Entomol.* 337 In the imago the sericteries revert to their primitive shape and use as salivary glands.

Sericultural (serikɔ·ltiŭrăl, -tʃ-), *a.* [f. next + -al.] Pertaining to or engaged in sericulture.

1864 *Q. Jrnl. Sci.* I. 515 The sericultural departments of France. 1886 Wardle *Catal. India Silk Culture* 28 Aids to Sericultural Study.

Sericulture (se·rikɔltiŭ, -tʃəɹ). [Shortened ad. F. *sériciculture*; see Sericiculture.] The production of raw silk and the rearing of silkworms for the purpose.

1851–4 *Tomlinson's Cycl. Useful Arts* (1867) II. 520/2 The Central Society of Sericulture of France. 1863 *All Year Round* 11 July 467/1 Model silkworm houses..would greatly tend to popularise this new branch of sericulture. 1881 Wardle *Wild Silks of India* 53 Eria sericulture plantations.

Hence **Sericu·lturist**, one engaged in sericulture, a silk-grower.

1864 *Q. Jrnl. Sci.* I. 515 He recommends the sericulturist to separate his dark worms from the general stock.

Seridolath, northern f. *cered cloth*: see Cered.

1438–9 *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 408 In 22 virgis panni linei empt. pro le Seridclath pro vestimentis.

† **Serie.** *Obs.* [app. ad. L. *seriēs*: see Series.] Succession of points in an argument.

c 1386 Chaucer *Kut.'s T.* 2209 What may I concluden of this long serye, But after wo I rede vs to be merye?

Seriea(u)nt, -y, obs. forms of Sergeant, -y.

Seriema (seri,ī·mă), **çariama, cariama** (sœ-, kæriā·mă). Also **siriema.** [mod.L. *seriema* (A. de St. Hilaire, 1830), *cariama* (Brisson, 1760), a. Tupi *siriema, sariama, çariama*, explained by Ruiz de Montaya as = crested. The erroneous form *cariama* (without cedilla) comes down from Marcgrav, *Hist. Nat. Brasil.* 1648.] A large long-legged crested bird, *Cariama cristata*, inhabiting parts of Brazil; the crested screamer.

1836 *Proc. Zool. Soc.* 30 Though the Çariama, in its osseous structure, exhibits but little resemblance to the Birds of the Raptorial order. 1860 *Ibid.* 334 A New Form of Grallatorial Bird nearly allied to the Cariama. 1869 R. F. Burton *Highl. Brazil* II. 26 The Siriéma, that hunted the serpents from our path. 1870 *Proc. Zool. Soc.* 666 Burmeister's Cariama. 1895 *Pop. Sci. Monthly* XLVI. 770 The far-famed seriema (*Dicholophus cristatus*), a form that has puzzled the best of taxonomers since the middle of the seventeenth century.

Series (sī·ri,īz, sī·riz). Pl. (8–) **series**, (7–8, *rare* in 9) **serieses**, (7–8) **series's.** [a. L. *seriēs* row, chain, series, f. *ser-ĕre* to join, connect. Cf. F. *série*, It., Sp., Pg. *serie*.]

I. General senses.

1. A number or set *of* material things of one kind ranged in a line, either contiguously or at more or less regular intervals; a range or continued spatial succession of similar objects; † in early use applied to a row of building.

1611 Coryat *Crudities* 454 A very faire architectonical Machine..in which are three degrees, whereof each contayneth a faire Statue...At the very toppe of this rowe or *series* of worke is errected a most excellent effigies of a Cocke. *Ibid.* 636 A faire front of building...Which front or *series* extendeth it selfe in a goodly length. 1638 Sir T. Herbert *Trav.* (ed. 2) 163 For five hundred paces it every way gives a *series* of all sorts of Persian fruits and flowers. 1812 Miss Mitford in L'Estrange *Life* (1870) I. 191 In Oxfordshire, where I saw a landscape, or rather a series of landscapes, of singular beauty. 1856 Emerson *Eng. Traits, Aristocracy* Wks. (Bohn) II. 81 The series of squares called Belgravia. 1872 H. C. Wood *Fresh-w. Algæ* 68 Cells mostly arranged in a simple or double series in the filament.

2. A number *of* things of one kind (chiefly immaterial, as events, actions, conditions, periods of time) following one another in temporal succession, or in the order of discourse or reasoning.

1618 Chapman *Hesiod's Georg.* II. 455 The noisome gales,.. that incense the seas And raise together in one *series* loues Autumne dashes. 1646 Howell *Lewis XIII*, 20 So was his whole life attended with a series of good successes. 1656 tr. *Hobbes' Elem. Philos.* I All men can reason to some degree,.. but where there is need of a long series of Reasons, there most men wander out of the way. 1663 Power *Exp. Philos.* II. 122 The Series and Chain of our former Experiments. 1709 Felton *Diss. Classics* (1718) 188 The worst Province an Historian can fall upon, is a Series of barren Times, in which nothing remarkable happeneth. 1765 W. Ward *Grammar* IV. iv. 167 Several participles cannot conveniently be used so as to affect every part of long serieses of words immediately. 1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) XVIII. 514/1 These different heights of tide are observed to succeed each other in a regular series...This series is completed in about 15 days... Two serieses are completed in the exact time of a lunation. 1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* II. I. vi, What a hoping People he had, judge by the fact, and series of facts, now to be noted. 1871 R. W. Dale *Commandm.* x. 242 These Commandments occupy a great place in a series of Divine revelations. 1886 *Act* 49 & 50 *Vict.* c. 44 § 13 That the repayment of the money to be borrowed should be spread over a series of years.

with pl. concord. 1864 Babbage *Passages* 46 Another series of experiments were..made. 1871 Morley *Carlyle* in *Crit. Misc.* Ser. I. 245 A complex series of historic facts do not usually fit so neatly into the moral formula.

b. A number *of* persons in succession holding the same office or having some characteristic in common. † Also, a succession of persons in descent, a family line.

1625 T. Godwin *Moses & Aaron* I. v. 15 Aaron, and those that issued from his loynes, (in whom the series of Priests was continued). 1638 Nabbes *Totenham Court* II. i, To make the series of their Families Spread in so many glorious divisions. 1656 Blount *Glossogr.*, *Series*..an issue or descent of kindred. 1665 G. Havers *P. della Valle's Trav. E. India* 26 Teimùr Lenk, though extracted from the noblest blood of the Kings, yet remote from the Royal Stock by a long series. 1712 Addison *Spect.* No. 287 ₱ 6 Look into the Historian I have mentioned, or into any Series of Absolute Princes. 1776 Johnson in *Boswell* 16 Mar., Entails are good, because it is good to preserve in a country serieses of men, to whom the people are accustomed to look up as to their leaders. 1865 G. Grote *Plato* I. iv. 134 Speusippus succeeded him..as teacher,..being succeeded..by Polemon, Krantor..and others in uninterrupted series.

† c. A catalogue, list. *Obs.*

1656 Earl Monm. in *Boccalini's Advts. fr. Parnass.* I. lxxx. (1674) 108 [They] made a long and exact Series of many abuses which reigned in that State. 1660 R. Coke *Power & Subj.* 60 It is not my purpose to relate a series and catalogue of all the British Kings to the Saxon Monarchs.

† 3. A succession, sequence, or continued course (*of* action or conduct, *of* time, life, etc.). *Obs.*

1652 Gaule *Magastrom.* 152 The *series* both of fate, and of fortune. 1660 Ingelo *Bentiv. & Ur.* II. (1682) 138 To devote the Series of their whole Life to the Divine honour. 1684 T. Burnet *Th. Earth* II. vii. 251 The Series of Providence that was to follow in this Earth. *Ibid.* xi. 316 No long Series's of Providence. 1690 Child *Disc. Trade* 190 After such a long series of time. 1725 Pope *Odyss.* III. 140 How trace the tedious series of our fate? 1772 Burke *Corr.* (1844) I. 373 A more decent..and prudent series of proceeding. 1805 T. Lindley *Voy. Brazil* 11 His life had been a series of industry. 1815 Jane Austen *Emma* xxii, After a series of what had appeared to him strong encouragement.

† b. A continued state or spell. *Obs.*

1748 *Anson's Voy.* I. x. 98 We had a series of as favourable weather, as could well be expected. *Ibid.* II. i. 111 Those ..who have endured a long series of thirst. 1793 Smeaton *Edystone L.* § 149 A series of unsettled weather.

† 4. The connected sequence (*of* discourse, writing, thought). *Obs.*

1631 Brathwait *Whimzies* Ep. Ded., As the conceit may neither taste of too much lightnesse..nor the whole passage or *series* incline to too much dulnesse. 1646 Crashaw *Steps to Temple, Delights Muses* 104 The plyant Series of her slippery song. 1661 Boyle *Physiol. Ess.* (1669) 31 Not to look upon any thing as my Opinion or Assertion that is not deliver'd in the entire Series of my own Words. 1667–8 S. Ward *Infidelity* (1670) 5 Reflecting..upon the Text as it lies in the Series of the Epistle. 1696 Phillips, *Series*,.. a continuation of Discourse. 1712 Addison *Spect.* No. 549 ₱ 1, I am engaged in this Series of Thought by a Discourse which I had..with..Sir Andrew Freeport.

† 5. Order of succession; sequence. *Obs.*

1611 Speed *Hist. Gt. Brit.* VII. xii. 312 Wee haue shewed the ancient Coines of the Britaines, and obserued a series thorow the Romanes succession. 1651 N. Bacon *Disc. Gov. Eng.* II. xxviii. 223 Nor [are] they good Historians, that will tell you the bare journall of Action without the *Series* of occasion. 1662 Stillingfl. *Orig. Sacræ* II. iii. § 2 It seems impossible that any thing should really alter the *series* of things, without the same power which at first produced them. 1779 Johnson *L. P., Watts* (1868) 450 The series of his works I am not able to deduce.

6. A number of magnitudes, degrees of some attribute, or the like, viewed as capable of being enumerated in a progressive order. Also, a set of objects of one kind, differing progressively in size or in some other respect, or having a recognized order of enumeration.

1786–8 (*title*) A Series of [64] points of ancient history. 1818 Accum *Chem. Tests* (ed. 2) 61 *note*, A series of these [test] tubes should be always ready at hand. 1859 Darwin *Orig. Spec.* ii. (1873) 41 These differences blend into each other by an insensible series.

II. Technical senses.

7. *Math.* A set of terms in succession (finite or infinite in number) the value of each of which is determined by its ordinal position according to a definite rule known as the *law* of the series; *esp.* a set of such terms continuously added together.

See Arithmetical, Geometrical, Recurring, etc.

1671 J. Gregory in Rigaud *Corr. Sci. Men* (1841) II. 224 Reducing all of them [*sc.* equations] to infinite serieses. 1736 *Gentl. Mag.* VI. 739/1 Any one who is conversant in Series. 1750 *Phil. Trans.* XLVII. 20 The operation, by having two or more series's to multiply into one another, becomes very troublesome. 1791 *Ibid.* LXXXI. 148 The serieses deduced should converge. 1839 R. Murphy *Algebr. Equat.* 92 Recurring Series have been much used..in the solution of algebraical equations. 1874 Gross *Algebra* II. 153 Summation of Series.

allusively. 1836 J. Gilbert *Chr. Atonem.* ii. 59 To examine in detail the series, of which the computed sum betrays at once somewhere in the calculation so gross an error. 1853 [Whewell] *Plural. Worlds* v. 76 We have here to build a theory without materials;—to sum a series of which every term, so far as we know, is nothing.

8. A set of coins, medals, etc. belonging to a particular epoch, locality, dynasty, or government. Also, a set of postage stamps, bank notes, etc., of a particular issue.

1697 tr. *Jobert's Knowl. Medals* 28 A Gold or Silver series of Medals. 1697 Evelyn *Numismata* 26 We begin with Heads, as best determining and guiding the Series. 1730 A. Gordon *Maffei's Amphith.* 128 Among the many and particular Series's collected by him, he has 800 Medals of Colony's, 1500 Greek Coins, and 1200 Egyptian. 1808 Pinkerton *Ess. Medals* I. 3 Serieses of Roman coins. 1867 *Philatelist* I. 23/1 New series, 4 annas, light green. *Ibid.* 129/2 The stamps which were immediately adopted for the empire [*sc.* Mexico] were the 'eagle' series. 1876 Mathews *Coinage of World* Introd. p. iii, A recently discovered series of Bactrian coins. 1879 H. Phillips, jr. *Addit. Notes upon Coins* 3 The present medal is one of a series struck to commemorate this occurrence. 1907 *Lancet* 16 Feb. 471/1 A fresh series of 5-franc notes is about to be issued.

9. A set of literary compositions having certain features in common, published successively or intended to be read in sequence; a succession of volumes or fascicules (of a periodical, the publications of a society, etc.) forming a set by itself (distinguished as *first*, *second*, etc. *series*). Also, in recent use, a succession of books issued by one publisher in a common form and having some similarity of subject or purpose; usually with a general title, as 'the Clarendon Press Series', 'the Men of Letters Series'.

1711 Addison *Spect.* No. 106 ₱ 6 [The Chaplain] has digested them [*sc.* Sermons] into such a Series, that they follow one another naturally. (?) 1791 (*title*) A Series of original papers on that great National Subject, The improvement of the art of Ship-building. 1813 Brydges (*title*) The Ruminator: containing a series of moral, critical and sentimental essays. 1832 Scott *Betrothed* Introd., The

Tales of the Crusaders was determined upon as the title of the following series of these Novels. 1889 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 3 Aug. 1/1 Of all these *serieses* the 'Men of Letters' has, I suppose, been the most popular.

10. *Nat. Sci.* A group of individuals exhibiting similar characteristics or a constant relation between successive members: see quots.

1823 H. T. Brooke *Crystallogr.* 100 When the sets of new planes..are so much extended as entirely to efface the primary planes, a *series* of entirely new solids will result. 1851 Mantell *Petrifactions* ii. § 3. 116 The entire series of phalangeals with the corresponding metatarsal of a..species of Dinornis. 1857 A. Gray *First Less. Bot.* (1866) 177 The upper Series or grade of Flowering or Phænogamous Plants, which have their counterpart in the lower Series of Flowerless or Cryptogamous Plants. *Ibid.*, The following schedule.. comprises all that are generally used in a natural classification,..Series, Class, Subclass [etc.]. 1857 [see Isologous]. 1869, 1876 [see Homologous 3]. 1878 Dallinger in *Nature* 23 May 102/2 A hitherto unrecorded organism belonging to the septic series.

11. *Geol.* A set of successive deposits or group of successive formations having certain common fossil or mineral features.

1822 Conybeare *Outl. Geol.* II. iii. § 2. 181 A zone of argilleo-calcareous beds belonging to the Purbeck series. 1839 De la Beche *Rep. Geol. Cornwall*, etc. iii. 59 The series having been slightly overlapped. 1877 Huxley *Physiogr.* 197 A curious series of deposits may thus be produced.

12. *Electr.* and *Magn.* A number of wires of different metals each connected with the preceding. (Such wires or the cells are said to be *in series*.)

1873 F. Jenkin *Electr. & Magn.* ii. § 21 (1881) 43 Any series of metallic conductors thus placed in contact. 1885 Watson & Burbury *Math. Th. Electr. Magn.* I. 229 If any number of wires of different metals M_1, M_2, M_3, M_4 are joined together in series,..the wire of metal M_1 beginning and ending the series.

b. *attrib.* or as *adj.* = (*a*) arranged or connected in series; (*b*) short for *series-wound*, i. e. wound in series, or so that the coils on the field-magnets are placed in series with the outer circuit.

1884 C. G. W. Lock *Workshop Rec.* Ser. III. 125/1 The ordinary or series dynamo. 1888 *Scribner's Mag.* Aug. 194/2 The 'series' system..may be likened to the arrangement of disks on the chain of a chain-pump. 1891 *Lightning* 19 Nov. 107 Series-wound dynamo-machine. 1893 Sloane *Electr. Dict.*, *Series*, arranged in succession as opposed to parallel ..[e. g.] Series Connection. *Ibid.*, *Series-multiple*, arrangement of electric apparatus, in which the parts are grouped in sets in parallel and these sets are connected in series.

13. *Philol.* (tr. G. *reihe*.) In the Indogermanic languages, a set of vowels, or of diphthongs and vowels or sonants, which are mutually related by ablaut.

1888 Wright *OHG. Primer* 61 The vowels vary within certain series of related vowels, called ablaut-series. There are in OHG. six such series.

14. A parcel of rough diamonds of assorted qualities. (In recent Dicts.)

Serif (se·rif). *Typogr.* Also **seriff**; (formerly) **ceriph, seriph, -yph, surryph**: see Sanserif. [Of obscure origin.] One of the fine cross-strokes at the top and bottom of a letter. Also used loosely as in quot. 1894.

1841 Savage *Dict. Printing* 163 The fine lines, and the cross strokes at the tops and bottoms of letters, are termed by the letter founders ceriphs. 1869 *N. & Q.* Ser. IV. III. 381 The word *serif*, used by printers and type-founders. 1885 De Vinne in *Trans. Grolier Club* I. 36 The bracketed serifs of Van Dyke and Garamond. 1894 Kipling in *My First Bk.* 94 Even a Hindoo does not like to find the serifs of his f's cut away to make long s's.

Seriff, variant of Shereef.

Serific (sĭri·fik), *a. rare.* [irreg. f. L. *sēric-um* silk (see Seric) + -fic.] Producing silk.

1895 Sedgwick *Peripatus* x. (Cambr. Nat. Hist.) 246 There are a large number of 'serific glands' of two kinds in the female [of the Mantidæ].

Seriform (sī·rĭfōm), *a. rare.* [f. L. Ser-es + -form.] Applied to a division of the Ugro-Finnish races comprising the Chinese, Siamese, etc., and to the group of languages spoken by these peoples.

1849–52 W. B. Carpenter in *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* IV. 1347/2 The Seriform, or Indo-Chinese [languages], which are spoken by the people of South-Eastern Asia. *Ibid.* 1364/2 The Seriform stock of Southern Asia. 1850 Latham *Var. Man* 15 Altaic Mongolidæ..Seriform Stock.

Serigraph (se·rigrof). [irreg. f. L. *sēricum* silk (see Seric) + -graph.] An instrument for testing the uniformity of raw silk.

1887 *Encycl. Brit.* XXII. 62/2 A most ingenious American invention, the serigraph.

So **Serimeter** (sĭrĭ·mĭtəɹ), an instrument for testing the strength of silk thread.

Serimonie, -y, obs. forms of Ceremony.

Serin (se·rin). Also 6 **seryne, -ene**. [a. F. *serin* canary, of disputed origin; cf. Pr. *serin*.]

1. In early examples perh. the canary (*Serinus canarius*); in modern ornithology, a bird of the genus *Serinus*.

1530 Palsgr. 269/2 Seryne a byrde, *serin*. 1549 *Compl. Scot.* vi. 39 The grene serene sang sueit. 1894 R. B. Sharpe *Hand-bk. Birds Gt. Brit.* I. 53 A small Serin (*S. pusillus*) with a red forehead.

2. In full, *Serin finch*: the finch *S. serinus* (*S. hortulanus*), a native of central Europe.

a 1672 Willughby *Ornith.* (1678) 265 It [*sc.* the Citril] differs from the Siskin and Serin, I. In its ash-coloured Neck [etc.]. 1783 Latham *Gen. Syn. Birds* II. i. 296 Serin F[inch]. 1836 *Partington's Brit. Cycl. Nat. Hist.* II. 540 The Serin ..is..remarkable for its small and very short bill. 1871–81 Dresser *Birds Eur.* IV. Pl. 25 The call-note of the Serin Finch. 1882 Yarrell *Brit. Birds* (ed. 4) II. 113 The Serin is a very popular cage-bird on the continent.

Serin(e (se·rin). [f. Serum + -in [1], -ine [5].]

1. *Chem.* a. Serum albumin. b. Amido-glycerol.

1876 tr. *Schützenberger's Fermentation* 84 It is not the serine which is active in this case. 1898 *Daily News* 28 Feb. 6/4 The only hot drink we prepared was a kind of toddy made of lime juice tablets, or serine powder.

2. (See quot.)

1898 Johansen in *Windsor Mag.* Sept. 436/2 'Serin', or whey powder... This is really nothing else than pulverised whey, which we mixed with boiling water.

‖ **Serinette** (serine·t). [Fr., f. *serin* canary: see -ette.] A bird organ.

1858 *Lond. Jrnl.* 27 Feb. 408/3 There are puppet-shows, and performances on the accordion, and the serinette in the subterranean passage.

Sering, obs. form of Syringe.

Seringa (sĕri·ngä). [a. F. *seringa* (formerly also *seringat*) = Pg. *seringa*, ad. L. Syringa.]

1. Any of the shrubs of the genus *Philadelphus*, esp. *P. coronarius*, common in gardens; the mock-orange, Syringa. (Also † **seringo**.)

1740 C'tess Hartford *Let. to C'tess Pomfret* 17 Apr., Arbours interwoven with lilacs, woodbines, seringas, and laurels. *a* 1785 T. Potter *Moralist* II. 144 'Twas then a Black-bird and its mate In a seringo built their nest. 1840 Miss Mitford in L'Estrange *Life* (1870) III. 109 The rich perfume of the seringas and acacias. 1876 Miss Bradoon *J. Haggard's Dau.* x, A dark-brown jug of roses and seringa on the window-sill.

‖ **2.** The Portuguese name for Brazilian plants of the genus *Hevea* (*Siphonia*), yielding india-rubber.

1866 *Treas. Bot.* s.v. *Siphonia*, They [species of *Siphonia*] are called Seringa-trees by the Brazilians. 1880 C. R. Markham *Peruv. Bark* 455 In Brazil the name is *seringa*, and the collectors are *seringueiros*.

Hence **Seri·ngahood** *nonce-wd.*, the condition of abounding in seringa bloom; **Seri·ngous** *a.*, resembling that of seringa.

1754 H. Walpole *Let. to G. Montagu* 8 June, [Strawberry Hill] is now in the height of its greenth, hlueth, gloomth, honeysuckle and seringahood. 1887 A. M. Brown *Anim. Alkal.* 32 An almost cloudless liquid of slightly oleaginous consistence, of a seringous odour.

Sering(e, variant of Cering *vbl. sb.*

1558 in Feuillerat *Revels Q. Eliz.* (1908) 88 Seringe candell. 1571 *Ibid.* 142 Other lightes Seringcandle Corde.

Seringe, obs. form of Syringe.

Seringue. = Seringa 2.

1866 *Treas. Bot.*, *Seringue*, a South American name for the caoutchouc-yielding Siphonia.

Serio, short for Serio-comic *sb.*

1894 *Yellow Bk.* I. 76 Coming after all those sly serios.. Miss Cissy Loftus had the charm which things of another period often do possess. 1908 *Daily Chron.* 3 Aug. 4/4 'As if a serio had anything to do with anything serious!'

Serio- (sī·rĭo), used as comb. form (see -o-) of Serious, = partly serious and partly . . .

1902 *Academy* 12 Apr. 387/2 The *serio-grotesque headlines of the New York *Journal*. 1811 [E. Nares] (*title*) Thinks-I-to-Myself. A *serio-ludicro, tragico-comico tale. *a* 1834 Lamb *Guy Faux* Misc. Wks. (1871) 373 It is familiarized to us in a kind of *serio-ludicrous way. 1835 Dickens *Sk. Boz, Mr. J. Dounce*, The young lady..went through various other *serio-pantomimic fascinations. 1866 Carlyle *Remin.* (1881) I. 85 What a fantastic..*serio-ridiculous set these road companions of his mostly were.

Se·rio-co·medy. [f. next.] A serio-comic piece.

1884 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 30 Apr. 4/1 The libretto of 'The Canterbury Pilgrims' is no ordinary work;..its story is ..told tunefully and gaily, as befits a serio-comedy. 1891 M. Williams *Later Leaves* xix. 226 Nothing will ever come near him in *The Roused Lion*, which..was serio-comedy.

Se·rio-co·mic, *a.* [f. Serio- + Comic *a.*] Partly serious and partly comic; (of an actor, vocalist, etc. or his performance) presenting a comic plot, situation, etc. under a serious form.

a 1783 Colman *Prose Sev. Occas.* (1787) III. 147, I was almost confounded in the serio-comick scenes of the Satyrick Piece. 1787 Keate (*title*) The Distressed Poet, a serio-comic poem. 1826 F. Reynolds *Life & Times* II. 321 Lewis, by a striking display of serio-comic talent,..proved, that..he could excite tears as abundantly as smiles. 1858 H. Morley *Jrnl. Lond. Playgoer* (1866) 227 The production at the Olympic of a 'new serio-comic drama'. 1877 Mrs. Forrester *Mignon* ii, 'Good Heavens!' interrupts Fred, regarding him with serio-comic horror—'*young* did you say?'

b. as *sb.* (also -comique). A serio-comic actor, vocalist, etc.

1907 H. Wyndham *Flare of Footlights* xxxi, Miss Constance Plantagenet, the Favourite Serio-Comique.

So **Se·rio-co·mical** *a.*; **Se·rio-co·mically** *adv.*

1749 Smollett *Gil Blas* VII. viii. (1782) III. 67 My serio-comical reception behind the scenes. 1872 *Punch* 18 May 202/1 The Ministry..were defeated only three times this week—once comically, once seriously, and once serio-comically. 1873 B. Harte *Fiddletown* 11 Her hair..was tumbled serio-comically about her forehead.

† **Seriol.** *Obs. rare*[−1]. [ad. L. *sēriola*, dim. of *sēria* jar.] A small jar.

c 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* IV. 393 Ek whelue a seriol therout that haue Grauel vp to the myddes.

Serion, -iont, obs. ff. Surgeon, Sergeant.

Seriosity (sī·rĭo·sĭti). [ad. late L. *sēriōsitās*, f. *sēriōsus* Serious. Cf. Seriouste.] Seriousness.

1637 Bastwick *Letany* I. 6 It would..move laughter to men though disposed otherwise to seriosity. 1693 *Humours Town* 20 The grave starch'd seriosity of a Sylogistical Argumentation. 1837 *Fraser's Mag.* XVI. 284 If I may claim from my reader a moment's seriosity, I will explain. 1903 *Academy* 21 Feb. 168/1 Laugh! Few things are worthy of seriosity.

b. A serious saying, a piece of seriousness.

1893 Leland *Mem.* I. 288 Painfully elaborating jocosities or seriosities for the million.

Serious (sī·rĭəs), *a.* Forms: 5 **sery-, ceryows**, 5–6 **seryous**, 6 **seryouse, -iouse**, 6–7 **-eous**, (7 *superl.* **seriousest, seriousst**), 6– **serious**. [ad. F. *sérieux* (14th c.) or its source, late L. *sēriōsus*, f. L. *sērius* (whence Sp., Pg., It. *serio*). Cf. It. *serioso*.]

1. Of persons, their actions, etc.: Having, involving, expressing, or arising from earnest purpose or thought; of grave or solemn disposition or intention; having depth or solidity of character, not light or superficial; now often, concerned with the grave and earnest sides of life as opposed to amusement or pleasure-seeking.

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 453/2 Seryows, sad and feythefulle, *seriosus*. 1530 Palsgr. 324/1 Seryouse ernest, *serieux*. 1532 More *Confut. Tindale* Wks. 480/2 Saint Paule woulde not haue made so serious and earnest remembrance of the putting vpon of the handes..if [etc.]. 1597 Hooker *Eccl. Pol.* v. lxii. (1611) 329 All that belongeth to the mysticall perfection of baptisme outwardly, is the element, the word, and the serious application of both vnto him which receiueth both. 1611 Beaum. & Fl. *King & No K.* III. iii, The King is serious, And cannot now admit your vanities. *c* 1640 A. Stafford *Just Apol. Fem. Glory* (1869) p. xcii, The faire sereous Prince wee are now blest in. 1663 Marvell *Corr.* Wks. (Grosart) II. 95, I do hereby, with my last and seriousest thoughts, salute you. 1710 Steele *Tatler* No. 222 P 2 I have taken that Matter into my serious Consideration. 1712 Arbuthnot *John Bull* II. xii, Shaking off his old serious friends, and keeping company with buffoons and pickpockets. 1823 Scott *Quentin D.* Introd., I was..glad to see that she took a serious thought of any kind. 1838–9 Kemble *Resid. in Georgia* (1863) 20, I really entertain serious thoughts of learning to use a gun. 1849 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* iii. I. 320 His chief serious employment was the care of his property. 1882 Mozley *Remin.* (ed. 2) I. 64 He was too serious to smile; indeed, I cannot remember him ever smiling except sadly. 1897 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* IV. 619 Such a dietary, adapted for an adult man, is little irksome to any serious patient.

† b. Earnestly bent or applied (to the pursuit of something); keen. *Obs.*

1567 Maplet *Gr. Forest* A 5 Julius Cæsar,..serious after the inquisition of good Discipline. 1576 Fleming *Panopl. Epist.* 278 If I should seeme serious, in doing seruice to the aduauncement of mine owne wit. *Ibid.* 186 They assaulted me with more serious supplications, not holding me..excusable. 1671 Milton *P. R.* I. 203 All my mind was set Serious to learn and know.

† c. Staid, steady, reliable. *Obs.*

1693 J. Clayton in *Misc. Curiosa* (1708) III. 291, I have been told by very serious Planters, that 30 or 40 Years since, ..the Thunder was more fierce.

2. Earnest about the things of religion; religious.

1796 Simeon in Carus *Life* (1847) 117, I could wish..that the custom of drinking toasts was banished from the tables of the serious, because it tends to excess. 1838 Dickens *Nich. Nick.* xvi, Pleasant Place, Finsbury. Wages, twelve guineas. No tea, no sugar. Serious family. 1840 Newman *Lett.* (1891) II. 311 Such a general feeling exists amongst serious people of the need of religious communities.

b. Cited as a canting expression.

1809 Kenoall *Trav.* I. xxxiii. 323 His sons death brought him to God—he grew serious [*note*, Serious has the cant acceptation of religious]. 1819 Shelley *Peter Bell 3rd* I. i, And Peter Bell, when he had been With fresh-imported Hell-fire warmed, Grew serious. 1885 'F. Anstey' *Tinted Venus* x, No one knows the power that a single serious hairdresser might effect with worldly customers.

3. Dealing with or regarding a matter on its grave side; not jesting, trifling, or playful; in earnest. Hence, of theatrical compositions or actors, not jocular or comic.

[1590: see 4.] 1712–13 Swift *Jrnl. to Stella* 17 Jan., I was going to be serious, because it was seriously put; but I turned it to a jest. 1762–71 H. Walpole *Vertue's Anecd. Paint.* (1786) IV. 224 Magnificent serious pantomimes. 1796 Oulton *Theatres Lond.* II. 107 Orpheus and Euridice, a grand serious Opera, translated from the Italian. 1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) XII. 497/1 Gaetano Guadagni..had been in this country..as serious-man in a burletta troop of singers. 1825 T. Hook *Sayings* Ser. II. *Passion & Prine.* viii. III. 104 A note of enquiry, half serious, half waggish. 1864 H. Morley *Jrnl. Lond. Playgoer* (1866) 339 A play which demands alternation of serious and comic acting. 1875 Jowett *Plato* (ed. 2) I. 201 The gentlemen are not serious, but are only playing with you.

4. Requiring earnest thought, consideration, or application; performed with earnestness of purpose.

1531 Elyot *Gov.* I. xx. (1537) 76 h, Socrates..was not ashamed to account daunsynge amonge the seriouse disciplines. 1590 Shaks. *Com. Err.* II. ii. 29 Your sawcinesse will iest vpon my loue, And make a Common of my serious howres. 1607 Chapman *Bussy d'Ambois* II. ii, And never My fruitless love shall let your serious honour. *a* 1625 Beaum. & Fl. *Woman's Prize* III. iv, *Row.* She made a puppy of me...*Bya.* She must doe so sometimes, and oftentimes: Love were too serious else. 1706 E. Ward *Wooden World Diss.* (1708) 35 He makes Cards and Dice his serious Entertainment. 1825 Lamb *Elia* II. *Barbara S—*, I have played at serious whist with Mr. Liston. 1884 *Manch. Exam.* 26 May 6/2 Perhaps more serious reading would then dethrone the eternal novel. 1886 Ruskin *Præterita* I. vi. 196 Knowing of sorrow only just so much as to make life serious to me.

† b. Used for purposes of business. *rare.*

1621 Quarles *Argalus & P.* (1678) 32 The treacherous Lady stept aside Into her serious closet.

5. Of grave demeanour or aspect.

1613 Shaks. *Hen. VIII*, Prol. 2 A weighty and a serious brow. *a* 1661 Fuller *Worthies, Staffs.* (1662) III. 47 Queen Elizabeth was serious (I dare not say sullen) and out of good humour. 1688 Evelyn *Diary* 18 Dec., He is very stately, serious and reserv'd. 1781 Cowper *Conversat.* 297 A shallow brain behind a serious mask. 1838 Dickens *Nich. Nick.* x, A good portrait..must be either serious or smirking, or it's no portrait at all. 1859 Meredith *R. Feverel* ii, White smocks, and slate, surmounted by hats of a serious brim. 1877 Mrs. Oliphant *Makers Flor.* iii. 82 His aspect was grave and quiet, and his dress seemly and serious.

b. Inducing or associated with grave or solemn thoughts.

1822 Lamb *Elia* II. *Bks. & Reading*, I should not care to be caught in the serious avenues of some cathedral alone, and reading *Candide*. 1849 Ruskin *Seven Lamps* vi. § 1 It would be difficult to conceive a scene less dependent upon any other interest than that of its own secluded and serious beauty.

6. Weighty, important, grave; (of quantity or degree) considerable, not trifling.

1584 B. R. tr. *Herodotus* I. 11 Ether permit me to..make one in y^e vniage, or alleage some more wayghty & serious reason why you retayne me. 1687 A. Lovell tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* I. b 2 b, So many different Employments..have not at all diverted him from the study of the most serious and difficult matters. 1782 Warton *Ess. Pope* II. xii. 380 Swift was always reading lectures of œconomy..to his poetical friends. A shilling, says he, is a serious thing. 1793 Smeaton *Edystone L.* § 103 To level the Sugar-Loaf to its base, would of itself be a serious work. 1810 Crabbe *Borough* xiii. 28 Serious sums in healing misery spent. 1835 Alison *Hist. Eur.* IV. xxx. 336 The light infantry of the enemy, which was..making serious progress. 1861 F. A. Paley *Æschylus* (ed. 2) *Prometh.* 433 *note*, In the epodus..it is probable that serious corruptions exist. 1875 Jowett *Plato* (ed. 2) III. 13 Of the numerous company, three only take any serious part in the discussion. 1884 *Pall Mall G.* 11 Sept. 1/2 All vessels of serious tonnage must lie at the anchorage, about twelve miles by river from the city. 1884 *Times* 27 June 4 The damage is not thought to be serious.

b. Attended with danger; giving cause for anxiety.

1800 Mrs. Hervey *Mourtray Fam.* IV. 260 As well as she had ever been since her serious illness. 1891 *Daily News* 21 Nov. 3/5 He was badly thrown...It is feared that his condition is serious.

7. quasi-sb. *The serious*: that which is serious; the serious side of life, etc.

c 1730 Ramsay *Some Contents* ii, Dunbar does..in the serious schyne. 1749 Fielding *Tom Jones* v. i. *heading*, Of the serious in writing, and for what purpose it is introduced. 1897 Flandrau *Harvard Episodes* 71 You have found out how seriously he objects to the serious.

8. *Comb.*

1825 Hood *To Sylv. Urban* i, A sober age made serious drunk by thee. 1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* III. iv. iii, It was piercing and fearful, and a most serious-looking thing. 1845 S. Austin *Ranke's Hist. Ref.* I. 489 The thinking and serious-minded among his contemporaries. 1894 Baring-Gould *Queen of Love* v, He had been brought up in the straightest sect of serious-mindedness.

Se·riously, *adv.*[1] Also 4–5 ceryous-, -ious-. [Rendering of med.L. *seriōsē*, used as adv. of *seri-ēs* Series; cf. Seriatim, Seriatly.] In due order or sequence; from beginning to end; one after another, seriatim. *Obs.*

c 1386 Chaucer *Man of Law's T.* 87 Thise Marchantz han hym toold of dame Custance So greet noblesse in ernest ceriously. *c* 1407 Lydg. *Reson & Sens.* 5442 There namys by and by Be rehersed ceriously. 1412–20 — *Chron. Troy* I. 1449 Whan þe kyng had herd ceryously þentent of Iason. 1463 Ashby *Prisoner's Reft.* 313 Redyng thys tretyse ceryously. 1513 *Life Hen. V* (1911) 79 And 6 Earles w^th 470 speares, and 1420 archers, whose names seriously be hereafter ensewe. 1531 Elyot *Gov.* II. viii, Nowe will I procede seriously, and in a due forme to speke more particularly of these thre vertues. *c* 1611 Chapman *Iliad* x. 361 And this (said Dolon) too (my Lords) Ile seriously unfold.

Seriously (sī·°riəsli), *adv.*[2] [f. Serious *a.* + -ly [2].] In a serious manner.

1. With earnest thought or application; with serious intent; in earnest, earnestly; with gravity; not lightly, superficially, or jocosely.

Sometimes *elliptically*, introducing a qualifying statement or a question = to speak seriously.

1509 Fisher *Funl. Serm. C'tess Richm.* Wks. (1876) 294 Tho dayes that by the chirche were appoynted she kept them diligently & sereously. *a* 1548 Hall *Chron., Edw. IV* 225 Kyng Edward and his counsaill tooke the matter in great earnest, and seriously wrote to Duke Charles, that [etc.]. 1576 Fleming *Panopl. Epist.* 62 By the remembrance and thinking vpon the same seriously. 1601 Shaks. *All's Well* II. i. 84 If seriously I may conuay my thoughts In this my light deliuerance. 1617 Moryson *Itin.* I. 242 This I beleeved not, till..the English Merchants..seriously affirmed the same to be true. 1624 Gataker *Transubst.* 15 It is absurd ..to call a thing seriously (for in mockery indeed sometime we doe) by the name of some other thing. 1644 Symonds *Diary* (Camden) 67 Except here and there an officer, (and seriously I saw not above three or four that looked like a gentleman). 1650 Baxter *Saint's R.* III. vi. 368 If one fall down in a swoun..how seriously will you run to relieve..them. 1706 E. Ward *Wooden World Diss.* (1708) 27 When he's sober again, he seriously curses the Freedom of his Tongue. 1711 Addison *Spect.* No. 89 P 4, I would have them seriously think on the Shortness of their Time. 1818 Scott *Hrt. Midl.* xxxiv, As you seem to be a seriously disposed young woman, you may attend family worship in the hall this evening. 1849 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* ii. I. 165 Seriously impressed by religious convictions. 1872 Ruskin *Eagle's N.* § 104 Quite seriously, all the vital functions.. rise and set with the sun. 1907 H. Wyndham *Flare of Footlights* xxiii, Seriously, though, what ought I to do?

b. Phr. *To take seriously* (cf. Take *v.* 42): to be serious in one's dealings with, or attitude towards.

1782 Miss Burney *Cecilia* IV. xi, 'Dear Mrs. Delvile', cried Lady Honoria, giddily, 'you take me too seriously'. 'And dear Lady Honoria', said Mrs. Delvile, 'I would it were possible to make you take yourself seriously'. 1889 *Cornh. Mag.* Dec. 573 It is really time..that you took things more seriously.

2. To a serious extent.

1765 R. Rigby in Jesse *Selwyn & Contemp.* (1843) I. 365, I should be seriously sorry that March should suffer for want of attention to his master. 1825 Scott *Talism.* iii, 'Help, Nazarene!' cried Sheerkohf, now seriously alarmed. 1868 E. Edwards *Raleigh* I. iv. 59 The Earl fell more seriously than before under the Queen's anger. 1886 *Act* 49 & 50 *Vict.* c. 55 *Preamble*, The health of many young persons employed in shops and warehouses is seriously injured by reason of the length of the period of employment.

Seriousness (sī·°riəsnės). [f. Serious *a.* + -ness.] The quality or condition of being serious; gravity or earnestness of purpose, thought, or conduct; importance, weightiness. †*In seriousness*, seriously.

1530 Palsgr. 269/2 Seriousnesse, *serieuseté*. 1598 Marston *Sco. Villanie* Prol. B 2 b, Where I but strine in honest seriousnes, To scourge some soule-poluting beastlines. 1607 Fletcher *Woman Hater* I. iii, Sister, in seriousnesse you yet are young And faire. 1662 *Bk. Com. Prayer, Visit. Sick*, That the sense of his weakness may add..seriousness to his repentance. 1700 T. Brown tr. *Fresny's Amusem.* 3 Seriousness and Merriment are near Neighbours. 1725 De Foe *Voy. round World* (1840) 153 The utmost gravity, seriousness, and solemnity in his countenance. 1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* I. III. ii, Nay, in seriousness, let no man say that Calonne had not genius. 1844 S. G. Osborne *Let.* 23 July (1891) I. 13 Now, Sir, one word in all sober seriousness. 1874 Green *Short Hist.* vii. § 7. 417 The seriousness of his [Spenser's] poetic tone reflects the seriousness of his poetic purpose. 1895 *Law Times* XCVIII. 280/1 Plaintiff's counsel dwelt forcibly on the seriousness of the injury, as blighting the plaintiff's whole future career.

†**Seriouste.** *Obs. rare*—°. In 5 cery-, -owste. [f. Serious + *-le*, -ty.] Seriousness.

1440 *Promp. Parv.* 142/1 Ernest, ceryowste, *sèriositas*. *c* 1490 *Ibid.* 453/2 Seriowste, *seriositas*.

Seriowre, obs. form of Searcher.

Seriph, variant of Serif, Shereef.

Seripositor (seripɒ·zitə(r)). [f. L. *sēricum* silk (see Seric) + Positor.]

1881 Wardle *Wild Silks of India* 28, I propose..to change the word 'spinnaret', which conveys an inaccurate impression, and substitute for it that of 'seripositor'. 1887 *Encycl. Brit.* XXII. 58/1.

†**Se·rish,** *a. Obs. rare*—°. In 7 searish. [f. Sere *a.* + -ish.] Dryish.

1648 Hexham II, *Dorachtigh*, Dryish, or Searish.

Serius, obs. form of Sirius.

Serjand, -jaunt, etc.: see Sergeant.

Serk(e, obs. forms of Sark.

Serkel(l, serkle, serkill, etc., obs. ff. Circle.

Serkelet, obs. form of Circlet.

Serly: see Sirly, Serely, Surly.

†**Se·rment.** *Obs.* Also 5 serement. [a. OF. *ser(e)ment, sairement*:—L. *sacrāmentum*.] An oath.

a 1325 tr. *Stat. Westm.* II. xlvii. (MS. Rawl. B 520, lf. 27), Ant te lord king aioinez to alle his Iustises in fei and in serment..þat [etc.]. 1387–8 T. Usk *Test. Love* I. vii. (Skeat) I. 52 To make a trewe serment. 1422 Yonge tr. *Secreta Secret.* xv. 143 Kepe thy feyth, thyn vndyrtakynges, and thy Serementz. 1494 *Act* 11 *Hen. VII*, c. 21 If..it be found, that the Pety Jury have given a false Serement. 1549 *Compl. Scot.* xv. 136 This serment vas veil maid & bettir kepit.

Serment, obs. form of Sermon.

Sermo·cinate, *v. rare*—°. [f. L. *sermōcinat-*, pa. ppl. stem of *sermōcinārī*, f. *sermo* (see Sermon).] *intr.* To talk.

1623 Cockeram I, *Sermocinate*, to talke, to commune.

†**Sermocination.** *Obs.* Also 7 cerm-. [ad. L. *sermōcinātiōn-em*, n. of action f. *sermōcinārī* to Sermocinate.]

1. Talk, conversation; a discourse, sermon.

1514 *Fruyte of Redempcyon* (W. de W.) A iij b, Every oryson, every tonge, and sermocynacyon. 1623 Cockeram II, A Talking together... *Cermocination*. 1645 Pagitt *Heresiogr.* 53 Barrow and Greenwood were possessed with a spirit of railing and scoffing, terming..preaching preachment and sermocination. 1646 Bp. Hall *Three Tract., Free Prisoner* § 2 No sermocinations of Ironmongers, Feltmakers, Coblers. 1662 Phillips Pref., Whatever kind of sermocination is generally used in any Country, may very properly be termed a Language. 1674 Sir W. Petty *Disc. Royal Soc.* Ep. Ded., Falsity..cannot be rectified by any sermocinations.

2. *Rhet.* A form of prosopopœia in which the speaker, having made a remark or put a question, immediately answers it.

1753 *Chambers' Cycl.* Supp., *Sermocination*, ..in rhetoric, denotes discourse in general, whether held by a person alone, or in company, and is the same with what is called dialogism.

So †**Sermocinator,** a talker, speaker; †**Sermocinatrix,** a female talker.

1623 Cockeram I, *Sermocinator*, hee which talketh. *Ibid., Cermocinatrix*, shee that instructed to speake. *Ibid., Sermocinatrix*, she which talketh. 1640 Howell *Dodona's Gr.* 214 These obstreperous Sermocinators..make easie impressions upon the minds of the vulgar. 1657 [W. Sancroft] *Mod. Policies* iv. (ed. 7) D 5 b, These Clancular Sermocinators bear as great sway in popular minds..as the Loyolists do.

Sermon (sə·ɹmən), *sb.* Forms: α. 3–4 sermun, 3–5 sarmun, 3–6 sarmon, sermoun, 4–5 sarmoun(e, sermown(e, 4–6 sermone, 4– sermon. β. 5–6 sermond(e, 6 serment, sarmond, 7 searmond, 8 *vulgar* sarmant. [a. AF. *sermun* = OF. *sermon* (= Pr. *sermo(n*, It. *sermone*, Sp. *sermon*, Pg. *sermão*), ad. L. *sermōnem, sermo* talk, discourse, speech.]

†1. Something that is said; talk, discourse. *Obs.*

To make sermon: to speak. *To make* (*a*) *long sermon*: to speak at great length.

c 1275 *Serving Christ* 53 in *O. E. Misc.* 92 Þureb his sely sermun sorewe him wes by-þouht. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 13245 To þe Iues..In his louing he made sermon. *Ibid.* 13494 Quat sal i sai yow lang sermun? *c* 1330 R. Brunne *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 9240 Arme vs swyþe, & go we doun, Wyþoute any more sarmoun! 13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* A. 1185 If hit be ueray & soth sermoun. *c* 1430 Lydg. *Min. Poems* (Percy Soc.) 40 Withoute more sermoune, Thei drouhe handes, as weddynge askethe of rihte. 1536 Bellenden *Cron. Scot.* (1821) II. 177 Thair wes na sermone amang thaim how thair army suld be arrayit. 1592 Greene *Disput.* 16 When any of you come to your confession at Tyborne, what is your last sermon that you make. 1594 *2nd Rep. Faustus* in Thoms *Prose Rom.* (1858) III. 404 Desiring Don Infeligo with very mild sermon to be friends with Medesimo again.

†b. In particularized use: A speech, discourse; *pl.* in collective sense, words, talk. *Obs.*

α. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 22219 Sant Paule þus sais in his sarmuns To þe folk of þe tessaluns. *c* 1385 Chaucer *L. G. W.* 2025 What shuld I langer sermone off it make? *c* 1386 — *Man of Law's Prol.* 87 He..Nolde neuere write in none of his sermons Of swyche vnkynde abomynacions. 1447 Bokenham *Seyntys, Agnes* 189 The prefect..made hir a sermoun ful of flatery. *c* 1500 Kennedy *Passion of Christ* 1509 Quhilk ar þe sarmonis quhilk ze at oþer speir? 1535 Coverdale *Jer.* i. 1 These are the Sermons of Ieremy the sonne of Helchia the prest.

β. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 11491 He said in his sermond, þat sothely the grekes Were of pepull & power plaintius inony. *a* 1533 Ld. Berners *Huon* lxxxi. 246 It is not nedefull that I shulde make a longe sermonde. 1533 Bellenden *Livy* v. xi. (S.T.S.) II. 186 He ceissit nocht with sic playis, sermondis & exercicionns..to draw þame.

†c. *pl.* The satires (*sermones*) of Horace.

1540 Palsgr. *Acolastus* II. i. I j, As Horace witnesseth in his .ii. boke of sermons, the .iiii. Satyre. 1601 B. Jonson *Poetaster* III. i, Good Horace..I am for your odes or your sermons, or any thing indeed. 1671 H. M. tr. *Erasm. Colloq.* 438 Again Horace in his Odes...Likewise in his Sermons.

2. A discourse, usually delivered from a pulpit and based upon a text of Scripture, for the purpose of giving religious instruction or exhortation. Phr. *To preach*, † *do*, † *make*, † *say a sermon.*

α. *a* 1200 *Vices & Virtues* 35 He wisseð ðes mannes iðang ..oðer ðurh halize writes oðer ðurh hali sermuns. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 312 Weope we, cweð þe holi mon in 'Uitas Patrum', þo me hefde longe iseied on him efter sarmun. 1340 *Ayenb.* 20 Ine þet þou ne hest..y-hyerd his seruise ne y-zed his benes ne yhyerd sermons. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Sompn. T.* 81, I have to day been at youre chirche at messe, And seyd a sermoun after my symple wit. *a* 1400 *Relig. Pieces fr. Thornton MS.* 1 Here begynnes a Sermon..þe whilke teches how scrifte es to be made. 1474 Caxton *Chesse* 65 He herde in a sermone that deth spareth none. *c* 1511 *1st Eng. Bk. Amer.* Introd. (Arb.) 35/1 He comyth bod[i]ly enery yere in his chirche & doth a sermon. 1597 Hooker *Eccl. Pol.* v. xxi. 38 Sermons are not the onely preaching which doth saue soules. 1692 T. Watson *Body Divinity* 342 Which is worse, to stay from a Sermon, or sleep at a Sermon? 1712 Addison *Spect.* No. 269 P 5 The Sunday before he had made a most incomparable sermon out of Dr. Barrow. 1828 Whately in *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) I. 263/1 Sermons not unfrequently prove popular, which consist avowedly and almost exclusively of Exhortation. 1869 Arnold *Cult. & Anarchy* 29 A life of jealousy of the Establishment, disputes, tea meetings, openings of chapels, sermons.

β. *c* 1500 *God spede the Plough* 62 Preching dayly Sermondys inough With good Examples full graciously. 1564 in *Three 15th Cent. Chron.* (Camden) 130 Y^e Byshope of London went to the pulpyt and prechyd a sermond. 1599 in W. Kelly *Notices illustr. Drama* (1865) 230 [He] further said the preacher was a Liar, for that, in his sermond, he said [etc.].

b. as an institution connected with a particular church or pulpit or particular season.

1479 in *Eng. Gilds* (1870) 426 The Maire and Shiref of Bristowe shall..kepe theire Aduent sermondes. 1550 Wriothsley *Chron.* (1877) II. 40 Allso this yeare the sermons at Whitsontyde was kept at Pawles Crosse. 1556 *Chron. Gr. Friars* (Camden) 57 Thys yere on sent Martyns day began the sarmond at the crosse agayne. 1646 Payne *Canterb. Doome* 378 Concerning the Sermon weekly on Wednesday in Saint James Chappell in Brackley. 1765 Foote *Commiss.* I. i, Never misses the sarmant on Sundays.

c. as a written or published work.

1422 Yonge *Secreta Secret.* xxxii. 183, I fynde In a Sermonde writte, that an extorcionere is wors than the deuyll. 1547 (*title*) Certain Sermons, or Homilies, appoynted by the Kynges Maiestie, to be declared and redde, by all Persones. 1657 *Crooke's Div. Char.* To Rdr. A 2 b, Certain select Sermons..licensed by the Vice-chancellor of Oxford, to be printed there. *a* 1721 Prior *Turtle & Sparrow* 193 And Sermons are less read than Tales. 1862 J. F. Stephen *Def. Rowland Williams* 150 In Bishop Horsley's Sermons.

d. without article.

At, after sermon = at, after church.

a 1470 Gregory *Chron.* in *Hist. Coll. Cit. London* (Camden) 239 Whyle men were at sarmonys the Sonday nftyr noon. 1582–8 *Hist. Jas. VI* (1804) 106 Imediatlie he past to the kirk, and..maid sermon as though he had done na sic thing. 1597 Hooker *Eccl. Pol.* v. xxii. 49 Those places which euery day for the most part are at sermons as the flowing Sea. 1666 Evelyn *Diary* 4 July, After sermon I waited on my Lord Abp. of Canterbury. 1773 Anne Grant

Lett. Mountains (1809) I. vii. 53 Kilmore, where we heard sermon, is four miles off. 1815 Scott *Guy M.* xi, The young Laird of Hazlewood rides hame half the road wi' her after sermon. 1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* I. iv. iv, To march in procession to Notre-Dame, and hear sermon.

e. Applied to the discourses of our Lord and the Apostles.

Sermon on the Mount, the discourse recorded in Matt. v–vii and introduced by the words 'he went up into a mountain..and taught them, saying'.

c 1250 *Kent. Serm.* in *O. E. Misc.* 31 He bedde i-yne þo newe laghe in one montayne and hedde i-maked þet formeste sarmun þet euerte made in erþe. 1340 *Ayenb.* 138 Oure lord ate biginnynge of his uayre sermon zayþ þet yblyssed byeþ þe poure. *c* 1520 Nisbet *N. T. in Scots* I. 13 The serment of Petir befor the congregratioun at Jerusalem. 1533 Gau *Richt Vay* 82 Quhen he prechit the sueit sermond to thaym apone the montane. 1582 *N. T.* (Rhem.) Matt. v. *margin*, The sermon of Christ vpon the Mount. 1597 Hooker *Eccl. Pol.* v. xxii. 45 Hearers of the Apostles Sermons. 1645 Hammond *Of Conscience* 26 Christs improvements of the Law in the Sermon on the Mount. 1875 Manning *Mission Holy Ghost* xii. 339 The Sermon on the Mount is the law of perfection given to the Christian people of the world. 1897 *Ch. Times* 20 Aug. 186/4 In spite of the Sermon on the Mount, men expect a deanery or a comfortable competency to be the sequel to a life of work for God.

3. *transf.* and *fig.* a. A discourse (spoken or written) on a serious subject, containing instruction or exhortation. Also *contemptuously*, a long or tedious discourse or harangue.

1596 Shaks. *Tam. Shr.* iv. i. 186 Making a sermon of continencie to her. 1786 Burns *Ep. Yng. Friend* i, Perhaps it may turn out a Sang; Perhaps, turn out a Sermon. 1816 [see Lay *a.* 2]. 1841 Thackeray *Gt. Hoggarty Diam.* xii, And now let's go to business, gentlemen, and excuse this sermon. 1870 Dickens *E. Drood* vii, I will nôt repay your confidence with a sermon. 1872 Calverley *Fly Leaves* (1903) 62 They do not make their woes the text Of sermons in the *Times*.

b. Something that affords instruction or example.

1600 Shaks. *A. Y. L.* II. i. 17 Bookes in the running brookes, Sermons in stones. 1700 Dryden *Char. Gd. Parson* 78 His preaching much, but more his practice wrought; (A living sermon of the truths he taught).

4. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *sermon-book, -head, note, -pamphlet, -style, -time,* † *while*; objective, as *sermon-actor, -borrower, -hunter, -hunting, -maker, -monger, -slighter, -taster, -writer*; adverbial, as *sermon-goer, -proof* adj., *-shaken,* † *-trodden* pa. ppples., *-wise* adv.; **sermon-bell**, a bell rung to give notice of a sermon; **sermon case**, a cover for the protection of a sermon in manuscript; **sermon class**, a class for instruction in preaching sermons; **sermon paper**, writing paper of foolscap 4to size; † **sermon-prayer**, a prayer said by the preacher before his sermon; † **sermon-sick**, temporarily 'upset' by the hearing of a sermon; so **sermon-sickness**; **sermon week** *Sc.*, the week passed in preparation for receiving the Sacrament.

1642 Milton *Apol. Smect.* 46 The finicall goosery of your neat *Sermon-actor. 1646 Trapp *Comm. John* i. 41 Do the office of the *sermon-bell at least, we know not what God may there do for them. 1687 *Churchw. Acc. Pittington*, etc. (Surtees) 255 They shall..ring the great bell for the Searmond bell. 1807 Crabbe *Par. Reg.* I. 569 Of them not one Shall court our view on the sepulchral stone;..Or keep the sexton from the sermon-bell. 1772 Nugent *Hist. Fr. Gerund* II. 9 He might meet in any *sermon-book, with abundant field to forage in. 1653 Walton *Angler* iv. 106 Which the *Sermon Borrower complained of to the Lender of it. 1853 *Hodson's Booksellers' Directory* Advt., *Sermon Cases, Black Roan, 2s. 1847 Carus *Life C. Simeon* iv. 62 He would..encourage the least hopeful of his *sermon-class by telling them, that with his example before them none need despair. 1612 T. Tavloa *Comm. Titus* iii. 578 Hypocrites, dissemblers, holy brethren, *sermon-goers, Puritans. 1647 Trapp *Comm. Mark* i. 15 These were foure of our Saviours *Sermon-heads. 1886 H. F. Lester *Under two Fig Trees* 186 The fashionable *Sermon-hunters. 1768–74 Tucker *Lt. Nat.* (1834) II. 208 Psalm-singing, *sermon-hunting, ejaculating. 1552 Huloet, *Sermon maker, *concionator*. 1850 Thomson *Owen's Wks.* I. Life p. cvi, No one..will refuse to him the praise of a great sermon-maker. 1673 Hickeringill *Greg., Fr. Greybeard* 231 These modern orthodox-juglers and *sermon-mongers. 1705 — *Priest-cr.* II. ii. 22, I have found more Honesty [amongst the naked Indians in America]..in one Day, than amongst those Sermon-mongers in a Year. 1691 Wood *Ath. Oxon.* I. 269 He..had..taken *Sermon notes by his most dextrous and incomparable faculty in short-writing. 1716 M. Davies *Athen. Brit.* II. 69 Latin *Sermon-Pamphlets. 1855 *Hodson's Booksellers' Directory* Advt., Ralph's *Sermon Paper. 1637 C. Dow *Answ. to Burton* 161 If *Sermon-prayers shall bee used as libels. 1624 Donne *Serm.* xlvi. (1640) 466 It is a fearfull obduration to be *Sermon-proofe. 1769 Wesley *Wks.* (1872) III. 367, I am afraid many of them are sermon-proof. *a* 1656 Vines *Lord's Supper* (1657) 364 Sometimes a man is *Sermon-shaken, and his heart begins to tremble. 1607 Hieron *Wks.* I. 216 Many may be said to be *sermon-sicke, as there are some said to be sea-sick. *a* 1665 J. Goodwin *Filled with Spirit* (1670) 38 That which some call a *Sermon-sickness, when the Conscience of a man is only troubled..with the dreadful concernment of the things he hears. 1646 Saltmarshe *Groans for Liberty* 29 That the Parliament are *Sermon sleighters. *a* 1704 T. Brown *Wks.* (1711) IV. 191 Let 'em by N——'s *Sermon-Stile refine Their English Prose. 1709 *Female Tatler* No. 7/3 A Sett o' Gentlemen..that are call'd *Sermon-Tasters, they peep in at twenty different Churches in a Service. 1534 *Chron.* in *Songs, Carols*, etc. (E.E.T.S.) 163, & þer stod on a skaffold, all þe *sermond tyme, þe holy maid of Kent. 1749 Fielding *Tom Jones* VIII. xii, A set of wicked wretches, who were at play during Sermon-time. 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* ix, He alwoys took his nap during sermon-time. 1647 Trapp *Comm. Matt.* xiii. 19 People are now so *Sermon-trodden..that their hearts..grow hard by the Word. 1794 Scott *Let.* in *Lockhart* (1837) I. 223 This being *sermon week..we are looking very religious and very sour at home. 1583 Stocker *Civ. Warres Lowe C.* IV. 546 On which date in the *Sermon while. 1646 Prynne *Canterb. Doome* 378 That it was a Catechizing *Sermon-wise, and as bad as preaching. 1796 Charlotte Smith *Marchmont* IV. 423 The first head of his argument, which he divided sermon-wise. 1788 V. Knox *Winter Even.* (1790) I. xxxviii. 329 The quaintness of the old *sermon writers.

Sermon (sō·ɪmən), *v. rare* in mod. use. Also 3 **sarmoni, sermonye**, 4–5 **sar-, sermone, -oun, -un**, 5 **sermowne**. [a. AF. *sarmuner* = OF. *sermounier* (mod.F. *sermonner*), f. *sermon* (see prec.). In mod. use a new formation on Sermon *sb.*]

1. *trans.* To preach to (a person). *lit.* and *fig.*

c 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 81 Þis monne me mei sermonen mid godes worde. *Ibid.*, Þes ilke Mon is strong to sermonen. 1607 Shaks. *Timon* II. ii. 181 Come sermon me no further. 1863 R. F. Burton *W. Africa* II. 185 He once..gathered energy to sermon me upon the subject of over-curiosity.

2. *intr.* † a. To preach (*of* a thing).

c 1275 *Sinners Beware* 161 in *O. E. Misc.* 77 Þeos prude leuedies..Nulleþ here sermonye Of none gode þinge. *c* 1290 *S. Eng. Leg.* I. 466/158 Crist hire hanede a-boute i-sent to sarmoni and to preche. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 19320 'Þe men þat yee did in prisun', He said, 'in temple þai sermon'. [*a* 1300–1657: see Sermoning *vbl. sb.*].

b. To preach (*at* a person).

1819 Keats *King Stephen* I. iv. 16, I would be..Spoken to in clear, plain, and open terms, Not side-ways sermon'd at.

† 3. *intr.* To speak (*of* a thing). *Obs.*

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 18666 Wit þam he fenged fourti dais, And sermond..Of heuen blis. 1303 R. Brunne *Handl. Synne* 6955 Seynt Ihon to Troyle bygan to sermun with ensamples of gode resun. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Pard. T.* 551 What nedeth it to sermone of it more? *c* 1430 *Pilgr. Lyf Manhode* II. xciii. (1869) 109 Whan þe olde hadde þus spoken, and sermowned of hire craft. *c* 1440 *York Myst.* xxx. 302 And þerfore sermones you no more. 1586 J. Hooker *Descr. Irel.* 28 in *Holinshed*, You sermon to vs of a dungeon appointed for offendors and miscredents. 1606 S. Gardiner *Bk. Angling* 25 And when Saul came himselfe, hee sermoned in such sort.

† 4. *trans.* To speak, utter, declare. *Obs.*

1382 Wyclif *Wisdom* viii. 12 And me sermounende manye thingis [orig. *me sermocinante*]. 1590 Spenser *F. Q.*, *Let. to Raleigh*, Good discipline deliuered plainly in way of precepts, or sermoned at large.

† **Se·rmonary**, *a. Obs.* [f. Sermon *sb.* + -ary.] Of the nature of a sermon.

1657 J. Sergeant *Schism Dispach't* 338 Who never..knew what it was to make any notions cohere at all save onely in a loose sermonary way. 1666 — *Let. Thanks* 28 Loose sermonary Discourses.

Sermond(e, -one, obs. forms of Sermon.

† **Sermonee·r.** *Obs. rare.* [f. Sermon *sb.* + -eer.] A preacher.

a 1637 B. Jonson *Underwoods* lxvii. 39 The wits will leave you, if they once perceive You cling to Lords, and Lords, if them you leave For sermoneeres.

Sermoner (sō·ɪmənəɹ). *rare.* [f. Sermon + -er[1]; in ME. after AF. *sarmuner* = OF. *sermounier* (f. *sermoun* Sermon *sb.*).] A preacher of sermons.

c 1325 *Metr. Hom.* 147 Quen he sendes his messageres, That es at sai, thir sarmouneres, That clenses man of gastli wede, And schawes in him Goddes sede. 1547 *Will of H. Marwood* in *C. Worthy's Devonshire Wills* (1896) 3 The sayde s'moner to have of my executryxe for hys stypent..syxe shyllyngs and eghtypens. 1855 Thackeray *Newcomes* x, Guarded by cordons of sentinels, sermoners, old nunts. 1895 *Westm. Gaz.* 15 May 2/2 Without hireling singers, sermoners, or supplicators.

Sermonesque (sɔɪmənesˈsk), *a.* [f. Sermon *sb.* + -esque.] Of the nature or style of a sermon: with depreciatory force.

1859 Helps *Friends in C.* Ser. II. II. vi. 117 This essay of Durnford's is not a bad essay, though somewhat sermonesque. 1883 *Pall Mall G.* 7 Sept. 3/2 These sermonesque platitudes.

Sermonette (sɔɪmənetˈ). Also -et. [f. Sermon *sb.* + -ette (-et).] A short sermon.

1814 H. & L. M. Hawkins (*title*) Sermonets addressed to those who have not yet acquired..the inclination to apply the power of attention to compositions of a higher kind. 1848 *Blackw. Mag.* Mar. 289 Each sermonette was succeeded by a prayer. 1895 S. R. Hole *Tour Amer.* 241 He thrust in a sermonette, an impressive little moral deduction.

Hence **Se:rmonetti·no**, a diminutive sermon; **Sermone·ttist**, a preacher of sermonettes.

1818 Lady Morgan *Flor. Macarthy* II. 17 Sermonettinos or religious Bagatelles. 1873 M. Collins *Squire Silchester* xxxii, Farmer Giles, continued our pretty sermonettist, is asked his opinion on free trade and protection.

Sermonic (sɔɪmɒnˈnik), *a.* [f. Sermon *sb.* + -ic.] Of the form or nature of a sermon; resembling (that of) a sermon. Somewhat *depreciatory*.

1761 Hurd in *Warburton & H.'s Lett.* (1809) 330 The sermonic cast of this sentence. *a* 1849 Poe *Predicament* Wks. 1864 IV. 247 The grateful sermonic harangues of Dr. Ollapod. 1856 Bagehot *Biogr. Studies* (1881) 27 His tone is a trifle sermonic. 1892 *Bookman* Oct. 5/2 The book is introduced by a sermonic preface from the Committee of the Religious Tract Society.

b. *sb. pl.* Sermonizing. *rare.*

1804 *Something Odd* III. 82, I have not troubled myself..to transcribe the letter, well assured that..you have no taste for sermonics.

So **Sermo·nical** *a.*; hence **Sermo·nically** *adv.*, after the fashion of a sermon.

1782 V. Knox *Ess.* clxiv. II. 324 First then of the first (forgive my sermonical style), namely, of the Fine Man. 1829 *Censor* 87 The egregious lecture..half sermonical, half theatrical. 1844 *Fraser's Mag.* XXIX. 77 Sermonically speaking, I cannot conclude without a piece of advice.

Sermonies, -ys, obs. pl. of Ceremony.

† **Se·rmoning**, *vbl. sb. Obs.* [f. Sermon *v.*]

1. Preaching; also, a sermon.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 1829 Þai for-soke his sermoning And toke his word al til hething. *Ibid.* 21123 Matheu, a-postil and wangeliste,..For sarmoning of gods word, Men sais be stiked was wit suord. *c* 1430 *Pilgr. Lyf Manhode* I. xxvii. (1869) 18 Sermonynge and prechinge maketh men many times lene sinne. 1554 Philpot tr. *Curio's Def.* Ded., Wks. (Parker Soc.) 323 The divelish hypocrisy hath been..vanquished..both by reasoning, sermoning and writing. 1642 Milton *Apol. Smect.* 5 Quaint Sermonings interlin'd with barbarous Latin. 1657 J. Watts *Scribe, Pharisee*, etc. Pref. Ep. 11 To break out unto preaching and sermoning in the pulpits of others.

2. Talk, discourse, conversation. *To make sermoning of*, to speak of.

c 1330 R. Brunne *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 8824 Þe stones to Bretaigne for to brynge, þat Merlyn made of sermonynge. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xxvii. (*Machor*) 1100 Þan held þai wele lang sermonyng of..hewinlik thing. *c* 1385 Chaucer *L. G. W.* 1184 Herof was so longe a sermonynge. 1513 Douglas *Æneis* v. xii. 98 With sic wordis and prudent sermonyng Of his wise agit freynd. 1535 Stewart *Cron. Scot.* II. 7 Thair he hes maid, with richt lang sermoning, Ane sair complaint.

So **Se·rmoning** *ppl. a.*, preaching.

1677 *2nd Pacquet Advices* 57 The whole Posse of Sermoning Matrons (the chief Garison of the Presbyterian Clergie).

Sermonish (sō·ɪməniʃ), *a.* [f. Sermon *sb.* + -ish.]

1. Inclined for a sermon.

1858 Bailey *Age* 113 When once a man feels sermonish or psalmy.

2. = Sermonic *a.*

1847–54 Webster, *Sermonish*, resembling a sermon. 1880 *Academy* 16 Oct. 272 A sermonish restatement of what is very much better said in Canon Farrar's *Seekers after God*. 1889 *Advance* (Chicago) 25 Apr., A very prosaic and sermonish letter.

Sermonist (sō·ɪmənist). [f. Sermon + -ist.] A preacher, sermonizer.

1630 Widdowes *Schysmat. Puritan* B 2 b, The factious Sermonist, is he, whose purenes is, to serue God with sermons, and extemporary praiers made according to his supposititicus inspiration. 1632 Lupton *Lond. Carbonadoed* 82 [Players] do as some wandring Sermonists, make one Sermon trauaile and serue twenty Churches. 1816 Miss Mitford in L'Estrange *Life* (1870) I. 331 What a contrast between him and our dramatic sermonists. 1844 *Fraser's Mag.* XXIX. 292 We were together looking over the ponderous sermonist.

Sermonize (sō·ɪməˌnəiz), *v.* [f. Sermon *sb.* + -ize.]

1. *intr.* To deliver or compose a sermon; = Preach *v.* 1. Chiefly *depreciatory*.

1635 [see Sermonizing *vbl. sb.*]. 1651 Jane Εικων Ακλαστος 214 Its like his preachers pray and sermonize without premeditation. 1772 *Town & Country Mag.* 35 To go and hear this black-gown lover sermonize. 1887 F. W. Macdonald *Life W. M. Punshon* ii. 37 He sermonised with ease. 1893 Jessopp *Stud. Recluse* vii. 229 Like a young curate sermonising.

b. To give serious exhortation, talk seriously; = Preach *v.* 1 b. Also with *it*.

1753 E. Moore *Gamester* iv. (ed. 3) 55 If they should laugh at you, fly to my Lord, and sermonize it there. 1788 Burns *Let. to R. Ainslie* 30 June, You see how I preach. You used occasionally to sermonize too. 1864 Tennyson *Enoch Arden* 204 In sailor fashion roughly sermonizing On providence and trust in Heaven. 1874 Symonds *Sk. Italy & Greece* (1898) I. ii. 34 To allegorise and sermonise is out of place here.

2. *trans.* To preach a sermon to (*rare*); to talk seriously or earnestly to, 'preach' to, 'lecture'.

1802 Marian Moore *Lascelles* II. 60, I do not intend..to sermonize you about coquetry. 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* xiii, I won't be always sermonised by you because you're five years my senior. 1860 Mrs. Byrne *Undercurrents* II. 307 A preacher of the time of Charles II.,..being called upon to sermonize royalty. 1890 *Blackw. Mag.* CXLVIII. 173/1 Fined and sermonised by the magistrates at Bow Street.

3. To 'preach' upon (a subject). *rare.*

1789 *Poetry* in *Ann. Reg.* 158 To..sermonize the follies of the age.

4. To bring into a specified condition by preaching.

1768 W. Livingston *Let. to Bp. Landaff* 15 People..may be mendicated or sermonized out of their money. 1824 Landor *Imag. Conv.* Wks. 1853 I. 7/1 Which of us shall sing or sermonize the other fast asleep. 1868 Helps *Realmah* xiv, I should have claimativeness written, talked, educated, and sermonized down.

Sermonizer (sō·ɪməˌnəizəɹ). [f. prec. + -er.] One who sermonizes or preaches.

1651 Jane Εικων Ακλαστος 46 The Rebellion, perjury and Atheisme, that hath followed such sermonizers. 1788 V. Knox *Winter Even.* (1790) I. xxxviii. 324 The method which the old sermonizers pursued to eke out their sermons. 1863 'Ouida' *Held in Bondage* vi, What the deuce, Colonel! you turning sermonizer? 1868 Doran *Saints & Sinners* I. 296 One of the heaviest and longest sermonizers of the seventeenth century was..Dr. Manton.

Se·rmonizing, *vbl. sb.* [f. Sermonize + -ing[1].] Delivery or composition of sermons; preaching (*lit.* and *fig.*).

1635 F. White *Sabbath* Ep. Ded. 14 Concerning their owne ecclesiasticall sermonizing. 1761 Hurd in *Warburton & H.'s Lett.* (1809) 331 The common way of sermonizing is most wretched: neither sense, nor eloquence. 1796 Mrs.

M. Robinson *Angelina* II. 245 There was something so awful in the old gentleman's sermonizing, that I could not immediately answer him. 1830 Coleridge *Table-t.* 27 May, Any whining or sermonizing would have..confirmed me in my absurdity. 1890 *Spectator* 13 Sept., Dr. Liddon had early realised that preaching does not come by nature;.. that amateur sermonising is no better than amateur acting.

So **Se·rmonizing** *ppl. a.* (or *vbl. sb.* used *attrib.*).
1714 Mandeville *Fab. Bees* I. (1723) 12 Whom d'ye think The Sermonizing Rascal chid? A Glover that sold Lamb for Kid. 1740–87 *Lett. of Miss Talbot* (1808) 43 You see I am in a sermonizing humour. 1808 E. Sleath *Bristol Heiress* III. 131 Tired of her sermonizing conversation. 1877 Owen in Marq. Wellesley *Desp.* Introd. p. xxxvii, The sermonizing and inquisitorial passage from the Directors' own Despatch.

Se·rmonless, *a.* [-less.] Without a sermon.
1869 Lanoreth *Adam Thomson* iii. 147 A sermonless Sabbath. *a* 1876 M. Collins *Pen Sk.* (1879) I. 20 A sermonless Sunday seems rather in the nature of a holiday.

Sermonoid (sō·ɹmənoid). *rare.* [-oid.] Something of the nature of a sermon.
a 1849 Poe *Marginalia* Wks. 1864 III. 489 For the want of merely a comma, it often occurs that an axiom appears a paradox, or that a sarcasm is converted into a sermonoid. 1886 *Tinsley's Mag.* Sept. 288, I will not turn more of my reminiscences into sermonoids.

Sermono·latry. Excessive devotion to sermons.
1859 F. E. Paget *Curate of Cumberworth* 149 The rampant sermonolatry—(forgive so barbarous a word!) of the day.

Sermono·logy. [-(o)logy.] Sermonizing; sermons collectively.
1854 E. G. Holland *Mem. Jos. Badger* viii. 141 The sermonology that then passed for the Word of Life. 1864 Kidder *Homiletics* iii. 86 The opportunity of investigating ..the sermonology of ancient and medieval as well as of modern times. 1897 Talmage in *Chr. Herald* (N.Y.) 24 Nov. 884/1 The old styles of sermonology.

†**Sermonward**: see -ward.

Sermonyal, obs. form of Ceremonial.
c 1380 Wyclif *Wks.* (1880) 285 Sermonyalis of þe oolde lawe.

†**Sermountain.** *Obs.* [a. OF. *sermontain* (also *sel-, seur-*), *sermontaygne,* ad. med. L. *siler montanum,* lit. mountain willow.] The umbelliferous plant *Laserpitium Siler.* (Cf. Hartwort 1.)
c 1450 *Alphita* (Anecd. Oxon.) 169 *Sifula*..gallice et anglice sermontaygne. *Ibid.* 169 *Siseleos uel siselenum*.. gall. et angl. sermontayne. 1640 Parkinson *Theat. Bot.* 909 *Ligusticum verum sive Siler montanum.* Libisticke or Sermountaine of Liguria. 1768 W. Lewis *Mat. Med.* (ed. 2) 541 *Seseli*..Hartwort or Sermountain.

Sermuncle (sō·ɹmʌŋk'l). [ad. L. *sermunculus,* dim. of *sermo* Sermon.] A sermonette.
1886 *Ch. Times* 2 Apr. 253/3 The essence of this devotion is a series of sermuncles, meditations, hymns, or prayers.

†**Sero.** *Obs.* [L., adv. of *sērus* late.] Late; also, a late boy (at school).
1682 *Rec. Scott. Cloth Manuf. New Mills* (S.H.S.) 17 And if the clerk be *sero* or absent to pay the double. 1734 T. Watt *Vocab., Lang. School* 8 What will you do to me? I'll set you up Amongst the Sero's.

Sero- (sī·ɹro), used as comb. form of Serum in the senses: (*a*) of or pertaining to serum, as *sero-diagnosis* (hence *-diagnostic* adj.), *-phthisis*; **sero-the·rapy,** treatment of disease or infection by serums, serum-therapy; hence **se·rotherapeu·tic** *a.*, **serothe·rapist**; (*b*) pertaining to, consisting of, or involving serum (and something else), as *sero-abuminous, -fibrinous, -fibrous, -gelatinous, -lactescent, -membranous, -mucous, -puriform, -purulent, -sanguineous, -sanguinolent, -synovial* adjs.; **sero-pus,** serous pus; (*c*) characterized by serous effusion or infiltration, or involving a serous membrane (cf. Serous 1 b), as *sero-colitis, -cyst, -cystic* adj., *-dermatosis, -dermitis, -enteritis, hæmorrhagic* adj., *-hepatitis, -synovitis*; **sero-serous** *a.*, pertaining to two or more serous membranes jointly.
1855 Dunglison *Med. Lex.* s. v. *Colitis,* Inflammation of the peritoneal..membrane of the colon..is termed *Serocolitis. 1872 T. Bryant *Pract. Surg.* 765 The simple *serocyst is usually found single in the mammary gland. 1846 Sir B. Brodie *Lect. Pathol. & Surg.* vii. 156, I would suggest 'the *sero-cystic tumor of the breast' as being an appropriate appellation. 1875 H. Walton *Dis. Eye* (ed. 3) 166 Sero-cystic sarcoma within the orbit. 1897 *Lippincott's Med. Dict.,* **Sero-dermatosis,* cutaneous disease with serous effusion into the skin. *Ibid.,* **Serodermitis,* dermitis with serous infiltration. 1896 *Lancet* 24 Oct. 1157/1 *Sero-diagnostic Test for Typhoid Fever. *Ibid.* 1157/2 *Sero-diagnosis of Typhoid Fever according to Widal's Method. 1876 *Dunglison's Med. Lex.* s. v. *Enteritis,* The inflammation of the serous coat, *Seroënteritis. 1873 T. H. Green *Introd. Pathol.* (ed. 2) 215 The meshes of the pia mater become infiltrated with a *sero-fibrinous liquid. 1896 Whitney in 20 *Cent. Pract.* VII. 10 Serofibrinous pleurisy. 1834 J. Forbes *Laennec's Dis. Chest* (ed. 4) 107 *Sero-fibrous adhesions. 1894 *Foster's Med. Dict.* s.v., **Sero-gelatinous,* partaking of the nature of both serum and gelatin. 1898 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* V. 569 *Serohæmorrhagic extravasations. 1855 Dunglison *Med. Lex., Hepatitis,* It may be seated..in the peritoneal covering, *Sero-hepatitis. 1857 Bullock tr. *Cazeaux' Midwifery* 130 A serous, or *sero-lactescent liquid. 1894 *Foster's Med. Dict.,* **Sero-mucous,* partaking of the nature of both serum and mucus. 1901 *Lancet* 2 Feb. 317/2 Some *sero-puriform fluid escaped. 1835–6 *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* I. 61/2 The inflammation..producing *seropurulent suppuration. 1873 Ralfe *Phys. Chem.* 168 In ichorous, muco-, or *sero-pus. 1834 J. Forbes *Laennec's Dis. Chest* (ed. 4) 81 A *sero-sanguineous congestion of the pulmonary texture. 1874 Van Buren *Dis. Genit. Organs* 90 To..change the discharge into a *sero-sanguinolent one. 1894 *Foster's Med. Dict.,* **Sero-serous,* pertaining to two or more serous membranes jointly. *Ibid.,* **Sero-synovial,* partaking of the nature of both serum and synovia. 1888 *Buck's Handbk. Med. Sci.* VI. 703/2 Acute serous synovitis,..*sero-synovitis. 1902 *Encycl. Brit.* XXX. 486 Experiments in immunizing by *sero-therapeutic methods have not as yet met with success. 1901 *Daily Chron.* 31 Aug. 5/6 The medical puffery of the *serotherapists. 1894 *Brit. Med. Jrnl.* 3 Nov. 1008 The series of discoveries which finally led to that of the *serotherapy.

Sero-albumen: see Seralbumen.

Serocco, obs. form of Sirocco.

Seroid (sī·roid), *a.* [f. Ser-um + -oid.] 'Resembling a serous membrane' (*Dunglison's Med. Lex.* 1876).

Serolin (sī·ɹŏlin). Also -ine. [ad. F. *séroline* (Bondet), f. *sérum* Serum, L. *oleum* oil + *ine* -in.] A fatty substance found in blood serum.
1835–6 *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* I. 411/1. 1845 W. Gregory *Outl. Chem.* II. 556 A peculiar fat called seroline.

Serological (sī·ɹŏlɹ·dʒikăl), *a.* [f. Sero- + -logical.] Involving examination of the serum.
1911 *Lancet* 4 Feb. 319/2 Serological tests for blood.

Seron (sī·ɹŏn, sĕɹū·n). Also 6, 9 **serone,** 9 seroon; see also Ceroon. [ad. Sp. *seron* hamper, crate (f. *sera* large basket), partly through F. *serron* (spelt also *céron*).] A bale or package (of exolic products, e. g. almonds, medicinal bark, cocoa) made up in an animal's hide.
1545 *Rates Custom ho.* d vij, A cheste of suger...A serone of sope...A barrell of pepper. 1577 Hellowes *Gueuara's Chron.* 213 An olde Seron, wherein the slaues did heare out the ordure of the stable. 1640 in *Northouck's Lond.* (1773) 841/2 For a bag or sack 4*d.* For a seron 3*d.* 1706 Phillips (ed. Kersey), *Seron of Almonds,* the Quantity of Two Hundred Weight; Of Anis-seeds from 3 to 4 C: Of Castle-Soap from 2½ C to 3½ C. 1745 *Loud. Even. Post* 5 Mar. 1/2 Having on board 800 Serons of Cacoa. 1748 *Anson's Voy.* II. iv. 164 Twenty-three serons of dollars, each weighing upwards of 200 *l.* averdupois. 1821 J. Smyth *Pract. Customs* 103 [Horse Hair] In Serons or Bales from South America..usually weighing from 18 to 24 lbs. each. 1833 M. Scott *Tom Cringle* ix, Forty seroons of cochineal. 1890 *Chamb. Jrnl.* 11 Jan. 22 The bulk of medicinal barks are imported in bales and serons.

‖ **Seroot** (sĕrū·t). Also **serut.** [African.] A tabanid fly of the genus *Pangonia,* which inhabits the region of the upper Nile.
1867 Baker *Nile Trib.* viii. 189 The seroot fly was teasing them. 1903 in *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* (1907) II. II. 181 The first serut met with going south is at Goz-abu-Gooma.

Serop, obs. f. Syrup. **Serophyn,** obs. f. Seraphim. **Seropis,** obs. f. Serapis.

†**Se·rose,** *a. Obs. rare.* [ad. mod.L. *serōsus,* f. Serum.] = Serous.
1563 T. Gale *Antidot.* II. 9 It doeth much repell serose humors. 1653 H. More *Antid. Ath.* II. ii. § 11 (1712) 46 Pressing out the milky and serose Humour in the Butter. 1707 Floyer *Physic. Pulse-Watch* 70 They have a softer Habit of Body, their Bloods are more serose.

Serosity (sĕɹŏ·sĭti). [ad. F. *sérosité* (16th c.) or mod.L. *serōsitās,* f. *serōsus* Serose.]
1. Watery fluid in an animal body; the serous or watery part of blood or milk, serum; freq. *pl.* in 17–18th c. = watery humours.
1601 Holland *Pliny* II. Catal. Words Art, Serosities, or Serous humours, bee the thinner parts of the masse of bloud, answering to the whey in milke. 1646 Sir T. Browne *Pseud. Ep.* III. iii. 110 The salt and lixiviated serosity with some portion of choler, is divided betweene the guts and bladder. 1685 J. Chamberlaynr *Coffee, Tea, & Chocolate* 66 The Cheese, which hinders and stops the flux of the Belly, the serosity or Cream which is purgative. 1753 N. Torriano *Gangr. Sore Throat* 16 From the two Nostrils there dropt a very sharp and corrosive Serosity (i. e. Ichor). 1771 T. Percival *Ess.* (1777) I. 243 By the seasonable discharge of the serosities, the fever..is..moderated. 1834 J. Forbes *Laennec's Dis. Chest* (ed. 4) 107 A bloody serosity. 1873 T. H. Green *Introd. Pathol.* (ed. 2) 216 The lateral ventricles..become distended with serosity (acute hydrocephalus). 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 481 The eruption consists of papules infiltrated with serosity.

b. A yellowish alkaline liquid produced when serum is heated.
1807 J. Murray *Syst. Chem.* IV. 531 If the coagulated mixture, obtained by the action of heat on serum, be gently pressed, there flows from it a liquor somewhat turbid, named the Serosity. 1836 Brande *Chem.* 1137.

2. The condition of being serous. *rare.*
1743 tr. *Heister's Surg.* 232 The too great Serosity or Viscidity of the Blood. 1834 *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 4) IV. 365 The mass of the blood..is too copiously dissolved into a state of serosity. 1898 P. Manson *Trop. Diseases* xii. 207 Deficient serosity of the blood from excessive sweating.

Serotine (se·ɹŏtəin), *sb.*[1] [ad. F. *sérotine* (Buffon), ad. fem. of L. *sērōtinus,* f. *sērō,* adv. of *sērus* late.] A small European bat flying late in the evening, *Vespertilio serotinus.*
1771 Pennant *Syn. Quadrupeds* 370 Serotine...Bat with a longish nose. 1800 Shaw *Gen. Zool.* I. 142 Great Serotine Bat. 1837 T. Bell *Brit. Quadrupeds* 34 The Serotine.. was mistaken for the Noctule by Geoffroy.

Serotine (se·ɹŏtəin), *a.* and *sb.*[2] [ad. L. *sērōtinus* (see prec.).] Late in occurrence or development; chiefly of plants late-flowering. Also *sb.,* a late-flowering plant or species.
1597 A. M. tr. *Guillemeau's Fr. Chirurg.* 53/3 To serotine doth Doctour then beginne When the disease to deepe is rooted in. 1656 Blount *Glossogr.* 1660 Sharrock *Vegetables* 27, I find he [Ferrarius] makes but two sorts; Præcoces and Serotin's [*printed* Serolin's]. 1786 Abercrombie *Arr.* in *Gard. Assist.* 76 Serotine, or late flowering, white autumnal narcissus. 1868 Longf. *Dante, Purg.* xv. 141 As far as ever eye could stretch Against the sunbeams serotine and lucent.

Serotinous (sĭɹo·tinəs), *a.* [f. L. *sērōtinus*: see Serotine *sb.*[1]] = prec. adj.
1656 Blount *Glossogr.,* **Serotine, Serotinous,* that is in the evening, late, lateward. *a* 1682 Sir T. Browne *Misc. Tracts* (1684) 54 The Vulgar and Septuagint [signify] that it was serotinous or late, and our old Translation that it was late sown. 1857 A. Gray *First Less. Bot.* (1866) Gloss., *Serotinous,* happening late in the season. 1900 *Jrnl. Quekett Microsc. Club* Apr. 260 The bulk of the Radiolaria belong to the latter or serotinous division.

Serous (sī·ɹəs), *a.* [ad. F. *séreux* (16th c.), ad. L. *serōsus,* f. *ser-um* Serum.]
1. Of or pertaining to serum; consisting of or containing serum; of the nature of serum.
1594 T. B. *La Primaud. Fr. Acad.* II. Ep. Rdr. A 8 b, The sucking veines serue to purge the blood from the serous substaunce of it. 1618 W. Barclay *Well at King-horne* A vj b, For the croudy part hindeth some, and the serous or wheyish part louseth others. 1638 Burton *Anat. Mel.* I. i. III. iii, Ichores and those serious [ed. 1651 serous] matters. 1683–4 Boyle *Mem. Nat. Hist. Hum. Blood* 13 The Differences between the Serous and the Red part of Humane Blood. 1735 Somerville *Chace* I. 345 The serous Particles evade Thro' th' open Pores. 1815 J. Smith *Panorama Sci. & Art* II. 501 Ass's, mare's, and woman's milk, are the most saline and serous. 1876 tr. *Wagner's Gen. Pathol.* 334 Serous infiltration occurs in cells.

b. *Path.* Involving or characterized by an effusion of serum.
1779 Johnson *Let. to Mrs. Thrale* 5 Oct., Mr. Thrale's disorder whether grumous or serous. 1879 P. Smith *Glaucoma* 19 Serous Iritis. 1893 W. R. Gowers *Man. Dis. Nerv. Syst.* (ed. 2) II. 407 The so-called 'serous apoplexy'. 1895 *Brit. Med. Jrnl.* 14 Dec. 1492/1 Serous cysts.

2. *Anat.* Secreting or moistened with serum, as a membrane.
1732 Arbuthnot *Rules of Diet* iv. in *Aliments,* etc. (1735) 395 This Disease [dropsy] may happen wherever there are serous Vessels. 1813 J. Thomson *Lect. Inflam.* 143 The external surface of the stomach is covered by a membrane, the peritoneum, denominated serous. 1869 *Eng. Mech.* 3 Dec. 271/2 The back layer of the cornea and the front of the iris are what anatomists call serous membranes. 1873 Mivart *Elem. Anat.* 462 The proper serous sac of the thorax.

Serow (se·ɹou). Also **saraw, sarau, surow, se(e)rou.** [Native name.] Any of the Asiatic antelopes of the genus *Nemorhædus* (*Capricornis*), esp. *N. thar* (*N. buhalinus*), the Thar.
1847 Hodgson in *Jrnl. Asiatic Soc. Bengal* XVI. II. 697 Genus Nemorhædus. Vel Capricornis...The Thar or Saraw. 1848 tr. *Hoffmeister's Trav. Ceylon,* etc. viii. 295 Two species of antelopes (*Antilope Ghoral* and *A. Thar*), one called '*Ghoral*', and the other '*Surow*'. 1865 Mathias *Sport in Himalayas* 52 Returning to camp, I came across a serow, the first that I have seen. 1900 Lydekker *Gt. & Small Game India* 128 The Sumatran Serow (*Nemorhædus sumatrensis*). *Ibid.,* It appears preferable to call them by the name by which they are commonly known in the North-West Himalaya, viz. serow, or, correctly, sarao. 1908 *Times* 17 Aug. 11/3 A fine young serow..from Perak.

Seroy, obs. f. Serai. **Serpaw,** var. Seerpaw.

Serpe(e)-cloth, var. Sarp-cloth, sarplier, *Obs.*

Serpe, var. Sarpe [2] *Obs.*, collar.
1438 *E. E. Wills* (1882) 110 Item to Robert Greyadoor, squyer, my Serpe of silner and my cheyne of goold.

Serpe·dinous, *a. rare.* [f. med.L. *serpēdin-, serpēdo,* synon. of Serpigo.] Serpiginous.
1616 T. Adams *Soul's Sickness* 63 The Itch is a corrupt humour betweene the skin and the flesh, running with a serpedinous course.

Serpent (sō·ɹpĕnt), *sb.* Also 6 **sarpent**; 4–6 *pl. Sc.* **serpens.** [a. OF. (mod.F.) *serpent* = Pr. *sarpent,* Sp. *serpiente,* It., Pg. *serpente*:—L. *serpent-em, serpens* creeping thing (e. g. a louse), serpent, properly pres. pple. of *serpĕre* to creep, cogn. with Gr. ἕρπειν to creep, Skr. *sṛp* to creep, crawl, *sarpa* creeping, crawling, snake.]
1. Any of the scaly limbless reptiles regarded as having the properties of hissing and 'stingiag'; *Zool.* a reptile of the group Ophidia; a snake; now, in ordinary use, applied chiefly to the larger and more venomous species; otherwise only *rhetorical* (e. g. in contexts suggesting senses 2 and 3), or with reference to serpent-worship.
c 1305 *Land Cokayne* 157 Þer nis serpent, wolf no fox. *c* 1374 Chaucer *Troylus* v. 1497 She told eek..of the holy serpent, and the welle. *c* 1386 — *Manciple's T.* 5 He slowe phiton þe serpent. 1390 Gower *Conf.* I. 57 A Serpent, which that Aspidis Is cleped. 1447 Bokenham *Seyntys* III. 835 (Horstm.) Julyan..clepyd to hym oon wych had cunnyng Serpentys to charm. 1475 *Bk. Noblesse* (Roxb.) 21 He slow the serpent clepit Ydra. 1549 *Compl. Scot.* I. 20 It is desolat, ande inhabit be serpens. 1592 Shaks. *Ven. & Ad.* 17 Here come and sit, where neuer serpent hisses. 1606 — *Ant. & Cl.* II. vii. 29 Your Serpent of Egypt, is bred now of your mud by the operation of your Sun. 1727–46 Thomson *Summer* 895 The green serpent, from his dark abode,..At noon forth-issuing. 1834 McMurtrie *Cuvier's Anim. Kingd.* 181 The true Serpents..comprise the genera without a sternum, and in which there is no vestige of a shoulder. 1854 Owen in *Orr's Circ. Sci., Org. Nat.* I. 198 The serpent has no limbs, yet it can outclimb the monkey, outswim the fish, outleap the jerboa. 1867 Augusta Wilson *Vashti* xix,

I trust neither men nor wumen, nor even the angels in heaven; for one of them turned serpent. 1889 Ruskin *Præterita* III. 75 There used to be..harmless water serpents in the Swiss waters.

† b. A creeping thing or reptile, *esp.* one of a venomous or noxious kind. *Obs.*

1440 [see 5]. 1553 Eden *Treat. Newe Ind.* (Arb.) 27 The Serpente called Salamandra, which lyueth in the fyre wythoute any hurte. 1584 B. R. tr. *Herodotus* II. 77 b, Very hydeous and terrible serpents called Crocodyles. 1608 Topsell *Serpents* 10 By Serpents we vnderstand in this discourse all venomous Beasts, whether creeping without legges, as Adders and Snakes, or with legges, as Crocodiles and Lizards, or more neerely compacted bodies, as Toades, Spiders, and Bees; following heerein the warrant of the best ancient Latinists. 1691 Evelyn *Diary* 30 Dec., Mr. Charlton's collection of spiders, birds, scorpions, and other serpents.

c. Applied to serpent-like animals inhabiting the sea; cf. Sea-serpent.

1608 Topsell *Serpents* 235 In the Germaine-Ocean there is found a Serpent about the bignesse of a mans legge. 1616 T. Adams *Soul's Sickness* 65 One knaue guls him, hee innumerable fooles, with the strange Fish at Yarmouth, or the Serpent in Sussex. 1697 Dryden *Æneid* II. 272 We spy'd Two Serpents rank'd abreast, the Seas divide. 1859 Grattan *Civilized Amer.* I. iv. 54 She saw..a huge serpent, gliding gracefully through the waves, having evidently performed the action of turning round.

d. In proverbial and allusive phr. referring to the serpent's guile, treachery, or malignancy. † *The serpent's tongue*, vulgarly supposed to be the 'sting'; allusively used for 'venomous' speech; also (*nonce-use*) for hissing.

c 1386 Chaucer *Sompn. T.* 286 þe serpent þat so slyly crepith Vndyr þe gres & styngith suhtyly. 1388 Wyclif *Gen.* xlix. 17 Dan be maad a serpent in the weie, and cerastes in the path. 1481 Caxton *Godfrey* li. 93 This fals greek whiche counseylled them allewey to theyr dammage And was alway as the serpent emonge the elis. 1508 Dunbar *Flyting* 75 Dissaitfull tyrand, with serpentis tung. 1584 Lodge *Alarum* 10 The Gentleman surprised with this sodaine ioye, and vnacquainted good speaches (not dreading that the Serpent laye hidden in the grasse)..assented. 1590 Shaks. *Mids. N.* v. i. 440 Now to scape the Serpents tongue, We will make amends ere long. 1595 — *John* III. iii. 61 He is a very serpent in my way. 1605 — *Macb.* I. v. 67 Looke like th' innocent flower, But be the Serpent vnder't. 1647 Cowley *Mistress, Heart-breaking* ii, The mighty Serpent Love, Cut by this chance in pieces small, In all still liv'd, and still it stung in all.

2. The serpent, 'more subtil than any beast of the field', that tempted Eve (Gen. iii. 1–5); the Tempter, the Devil, Satan. Also, *the Old Serpent* (after Rev. xii. 9).

a 1300 *Fall & Passion* 26 in *E. E. P.* (1862) 13 A serpent he [þe deuil] com þro3 felonie an makid eue chonge hir þo3t. 1382 Wyclif *Rev.* xii. 9 The greet olde serpent, that is clepid the Deuel. 1420–2 Lydg. *Thebes* 4663 Lucyfer, fader of Envie, The olde Serpent, be levyatban. 14.. — *Serp. Div.* (1911) 50 The contagious Serpent of Division eclipsed and appalled theire worthines. 1534 in *Norwich Pageants* (1856) 17 It. to Edm^d Thurston playeng y^e Serpent, 4^d. 1555 Eden *Decades* (Arb.) 50 The oulde serpente who hath so longe had them in hys possession. 1622 Mabbe tr. *Aleman's Guzman d'Alf.* I. 243 Being put into such a Paradise of Conserues, the Serpent of the flesh might tempt me to eate of this forbidden fruit. 1657 Trapp *Comm. Ps.* xvi. 4 It was the Serpents grammar that first taught men to decline God in the plurall number. 1667 Milton *P. L.* XII. 454 The Serpent, Prince of aire. *a* 1720 Sewell *Hist. Quakers* (1722) 31 Some Men have the Nature of the Serpent (that old Adversary) to sting, envenom and poison. 1859 Tennyson *Geraint & Enid* 638 Some, whose souls the old serpent long had drawn Down.

3. *fig.* as a symbol of envy, jealousy, malice, or wiliness.

c 1374 Chaucer *Troylus* III. 837 Thou wikked serpent Ialousye. 1412–20 Lydg. *Chron. Troy* II. 1066 *rubric*, Howe Kynge Priamus..by þe serpente Of Envye was stirede. 1513 More in Grafton *Chron.* (1568) II. 760 Such a pestilent Serpent is ambition. 1609 Tuvill *Vade-mecum* (1629) 127 Here is Policie without Iustice, a Serpent without a Doue. 1854 T. T. Lynch *Lett. to Scattered* (1872) 409 Error is a siren and a serpent.

b. A treacherous, deceitful, or malicious person.

[1382 Wyclif *Matt.* xxiii. 33 3ee sarpentis, fruytis, or burlownyngus, of eddris,..hou shulen 3ee flee fro the dom of helle?] 1590 Shaks. *Mids. N.* III. ii. 73 With doubler tongue Then thine (thou serpent) neuer Adder stung. 1605 — *Lear* V. iii. 84 Edmund, I arrest thee On capitall Treason; and in thy arrest, This guilded Serpent. 1837 Dickens *Pickw.* xviii, Mr. Pott..ground his teeth..and exclaimed, in a saw-like voice,—'Serpent!' 1884 *Chr. World* 15 May 366/1 The *Times* degraded itself..by patting these unmannerly serpents [*viz.* hissers] on the back.

4. A representation of a serpent, esp. as a symbol or an ornament.

Brazen serpent has been used allusively in reference to Num. xxi. 9.—The figure of a serpent with its tail in its mouth is a symbol of eternity.

13.. *Coer de L.* 5728 In his blasoun..Was i-paynted a serpent. 1388 Wyclif *Num.* xxi. 8 Make thou a serpent of bras, and sette thou it for a signe. 1388 — 2 *Kings* xviii. 4 He brak the brasun serpent, whom Moyses hadde maad. *c* 1400 Maundev. (1839) xx. 217 At 4 Corneres of the Mountour, ben 4 Serpentes of Gold. *c* 1440 *Alphabet of Tales* 434 Hym happend on a tyme to lose a sakett and a thowsand talentis þerin and a serpent of gold. 1577–8 *New Yrs. Gifts* in Nichols *Progr. Eliz.* (1823) II. 79 A sarpent of ophall with a ruby pendant. 1644 Evelyn *Diary* 7 Mar., A fountaine of serpents twisting about a globe. 1655 R. Farnworth (*title*) The Brazen Serpent lifted up on high, or Truth cleared and above the deceit exalted. 1730 Bailey (folio), *Serpents*, (in Hieroglyphicks) were used to represent Hereticks. 1831 Carlyle *Sartor Res.* II. x, Mistaking the illcut Serpent-of-Eternity for a common poisonous Reptile. 1867 Augusta Wilson *Vashti* xi, The..daintily rounded wrist encircled by the jet serpent.

5. *Astron.* †a. The sign of Scorpio (*?nonce-use*). † b. The southern constellation *Hydra*. c. The northern constellation *Serpens*.

[*c* 1440 *Astron. Cal.* (MS. Asbm. 391), Whan þe moone is in Scorpio þ^t is the signe of a serpent.] 1551 Recorde *Cast. Knowl.* (1556) 269 The great Serpent whiche is called of the greekes and latines Hydra: it containeth 25 starres. 1599 T. Hill *Sch. Skil* 22 The Serpent hath 11. stars. 1674 Moxon *Tutor Astron.* I. iii. § 10 (ed. 3) 19 The Southern Serpent. 1868 Lockyer *Guillemin's Heavens* (ed. 3) 328 Above the Scorpion, Ophiuchus and the Serpent are..visible.

6. A kind of firework which burns with a serpentine motion or flame.

1634 J. B[ate] *Myst. Nat.* 61 The Composition for middle sized Rockets may serve for Serpents. 1666 Pepys *Diary* 6 June, Mrs. Mercer's son had provided a great many serpents, and so I made the women all fire some serpents. 1697–8 *Act 9 Will. III*, c. 7 § 1 Whereas much Mischief hath lately happened by throwing casting and fireing of Squibbs Serpentes Rockettes and other Fire-workes. 1763 Colman *Prose Sev. Occas.* (1787) I. 122 Some queer old gentleman may be alarmed at the..serpents bissing at his tail. *a* 1845 Hood *To Vauxhall* 13 Wheels whiz—smash crackers—serpents twist. 1869 Aldrich *Story of Bad Boy* viii, The smaller sort of fireworks, such as pin-wheels, serpents, double-headers.

7. An obsolete bass wind instrument of deep tone, about 8 feet long, made of wood covered with leather and formed with three U-shaped turns. Also, an organ-stop of similar tone.

1730 Bailey (folio), *Serpent*, a Kind of musical Instrument, serving as a Bass to the Cornet or small Shawm. 1775 J. Jekyll *Corr.* (1894) 16 High mass..was accompanied with a variety of instruments, among which the Serpent supplies a good bass. 1838 G. F. Graham *Mus. Comp.* 12/1 The serpent is chiefly used in military music. 1852 Seidel *Organ* 105 Serpent is a reed-register seldom to be met with. 1861 Thackeray *Leaf out of Sk. Bk.* Wks. 1900 XIII. 644 There is a great braying and bellowing of serpents and bassoons. 1872 T. Hardy *Under Greenw. Tree* I. iv, They should have stuck to strings as we did..and done away with serpents.

8. Miscellaneous transferred uses: A candle of spiral form; a 'rope' of hair; the crank-shaft in a weaving-machine. *Pharaoh's serpent*: see Pharaoh 4.

1802 Fosbrooke *Brit. Monachism* I. 33 On the Sunday the same ceremony followed..respecting the serpent. 1869 Browning *Ring & Bk.* XI. 1365 Had I enjoined 'Cut off the hair!'..at once a yard or so Had fluttered in black serpents to the floor. 1870 O'Shaughnessy *Epic of Women* 120 Through the swift mesh'd serpents of her hair. 1878 Barlow *Weaving* 230 The crankshaft is called a 'serpent'.

9. *Hist.* = Serpentine *sb.* 2.

1830 D. Booth *Analyt. Dict.* 137 Smaller machines, having the names of Dragons, Serpents, Scorpions, War-wolves. 1895 Oman in *Traill's Soc. Eng.* III. 75 A couple of hundred gunners, with ten or twelve 'serpents' or 'bombards'.

10. *attrib.* and *Comb.*: a. simple attrib., as *serpent-bite, breed, -coil, emblem, enemy, -poison, -race* (see Ophiogenes), *skin, -slime, symbol, -tail, -train, tribe*; (with reference to the snake-like hair of the Furies) *serpent-braid, -fury, -tress*; b. objective, as *serpent-bruiser, -charmer, -eating* adj., *-killer, slayer, -worship, -worshipper*; c. similative (cf. 12), as *serpent-footed, -haired, -hearted, -rooted, -throated* adjs., also *serpent-green*; d. instrumental, as *serpent-bitten, -cinctured, -circled, -stung* ppl. adjs.

1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* I. v. i, A miraculous Brazen Serpent..whereon whosoever looks..shall be healed of all woes and *serpent-bites. 1629 H. Burton *Truth's Tri.* 63 The *serpent-bitten-man looked, and liued 1813 Byron *Giaour* 880 The sablest of the *serpent-braid That o'er her fearful forehead stray'd. 1774 J. Bryant *Anc. Mythol.* (1775) I. 481 Ὀφιογενεῖς, or the *serpent-breed. 1738 Wesley *Hymns, Jesu God of our Salvation* iv, Jesu! Help, thou *Serpent-Bruiser. 1861 Gosse *Rom. Nat. Hist.* Ser. II. 289 The poor *serpent-charmer never came to life again. *Ibid.* 279 [Hasselquist] records his judgment that there is no delusion in *serpent-charming. 1820 Shelley *Prometh. Unb.* I. 324 A *serpent-cinctured wand [*sc.* the caduceus]. 1896 A. E. Housman *Shropshire Lad* xlii, With..feet that fly on feathers, And *serpent-circled wand. 1833 L. Ritchie *Wand. Loire* 83 The *serpent-coil of Laocoon. 1596 Fitz-Geffrey *Sir F. Drake* C 1 Foule *serpent-eating envies loathsome cottage. 1887 G. Salmon in *W. Smith & Wace's Dict. Chr. Biog.* IV. 80 A religious use of the *serpent emblem was common to the Phoenicians with the Egyptians. 1848 R. I. Wilberforce *Doctr. Incarnation* ii. 18 That by the woman's seed her *serpent enemy should finally be subjugated. 1621 G. Sandys *Ovid's Met.* I. (1626) 5 The *Serpent-footed Giants. 1849 Aytoun *Lays Scott. Cavaliers* (ed. 2) 219 The *serpent-furies Coiled around the maddening brain. 1897 Mary Kingsley *W. Africa* 13 A *serpent-green sky. 1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* III. iii. viii, These *serpent-haired Extreme She-Patriots. 1850 F. Mason *Nat. Product. Burmah* 329 *Serpent-hearted eel. 1647 R. Stapylton *Juvenal* xv. Annot. 279 The *Serpent-killer, Ibis. 1774 Goldsm. *Nat. Hist.* VII. 200 The potency of the *serpent poison. 1774 J. Bryant *Anc. Mythol.* (1775) I. 484 The natives of Thebes in Bœotia..esteemed themselves of the *serpent race. 1855 Tennyson *Brook* 135 Seated on a *serpent-rooted beech. *c* 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* XII. 125 A *serpent skyn. 1818 Keats *Endym.* III. 239 Where go, When I have cast this serpent-skin of woe? 1598 Sylvester *Du Bartas* II. ii. IV. *Columnes* 508 That stout *Serpent-slayer, His Satan-taming Son. 1844 Mrs. Browning *Drama of Exile* 651 Bring no *serpent-slime Athwart this path. 1855 Bailey *Mystic*, etc. 118 His bright bride Though *serpent-stung. 1851 Squier (*title*) The *Serpent Symbol, and the worship of the reciprocal principles of Nature in America. 1847 Tennyson *Princess* v. 243 The blast and bray of the long horn And *serpent-throated bugle. 1769 Gray *Installat. Ode* 8 Let painted Flatt'ry hide her *serpent-train in flowers. 1791 Darwin *Bot. Gard.* I. 217 With bright wreath of *serpent-tresses crown'd,..young Medusa frown'd. 1841 *Penny Cycl.* XXI. 279/2 The *serpent tribe. 1774 J. Bryant *Anc. Mythol.* (1775) I. 425 Mount Lehanon, and Hermon..where *serpent-worship particularly prevailed. 1871 Tylor *Prim. Culture* II. 218 The old Prussian serpent-worship and offering of food to the household snakes. *Ibid.*, Legends of serpent-races who turn out to be simply *serpent-worshippers. *a* 1875 Kingsley in C. K. Paul *Memories* (1899) 160 I've always thought that the serpent [in Genesis] was a *serpent-worshipping black tribe.

e. *Serpent-tail* vb. (nonce-wd.), to link up. (Cf. Serpentine *a.* 1 b.)

1872 Ruskin *Fors Clav.* xxiv. 12 It is necessary to serpent-tail this pit with the upper hell by a district for insanity without deed.

11. Special comb.: **serpent-bearer** = Ophiuchus; **serpent bird**, a bird of the family *Plotidæ* = Darter 4 a; **serpent-boat**, a canoe of great length used on the Malabar coast (Ogilvie, 1882); **serpent cucumber**, a cucumber of the genus *Trichosanthes*, having long serpent-like fruit, esp. *T. colubrina*; **serpent deity** = *serpent-god*; **serpent eagle**, a bird of prey of the genus *Spilornis*; **serpent-eater**, (*a*) the secretary bird; (*b*) the markhor; **serpent-eel**, a marine animal of the genus *Ophichthys*; **serpent-fence**, 'a zigzag fence made by placing the ends of the rails upon each other' (Ogilvie); **serpent-fish**, the red snake-fish, *Cepola rubescens*; **serpent-god**, a serpent worshipped as a god; the object of worship of the Ophites; **serpent-king**, a name given to Cecrops, who is represented with a body terminating in a serpent form; **serpent-lizard** = Seps 2; **serpent melon** = *serpent cucumber*; **serpent paper** [= F. *papier* (*à la*) *serpente*], a very thin transparent paper having a serpent for the water-mark; **serpent-star**, an ophiuran; † **serpent-tongue**, a jeweller's ornament in the shape of a snake's tongue; **serpent-wand**, the caduceus; **serpent-withe**, *Aristolochia odoratissima*; † **serpent-wood**, the wood of *Strychnos colubrina* or some related plant.

1551 Recorde *Cast. Knowl.* (1556) 264 Serpentarius, that is the manne with the Serpente, or *Serpent bearer. 1841 *Penny Cycl.* XXI. 273/1 *Serpens*..astronomically distinguished from Ophiuchus, but not mythologically, being the serpent carried by the Serpent-bearer. 1870 Gillmore tr. *Figuier's Reptiles & Birds* 263 The Darter..in the United States..has received the name of the *Serpent Bird. 1760 J. Lee *Introd. Bot.* App. 326 *Serpent Cucumber, *Trichosanthes*. 1774 J. Bryant *Anc. Mythol.* (1775) I. 428 When the Greeks understood that in these temples people worshiped a *serpent Deity, they concluded that Trachon was a serpent. 187. *Cassell's Nat. Hist.* III. 284 The Indian *Serpent Eagle (*Spilornis cheela*). 1731 Medley *Kolben's Cape Good Hope* II. 142 The Cape Europeans call this Bird the *Serpent-Eater. 1819 Stephens in *Shaw's Gen. Zool.* XI. 193 Hoatzin Serpent-Eater. 1840 Vigne *Narr. Visit Afghanistan* 86, I procured a good skin of the markhur, or serpent-eater. 1896 *Lydekker's Roy. Nat. Hist.* V. 449 *Serpent-eels are represented by a great number of species. 1753 *Chambers' Cycl.* Suppl., *Serpens rubescens*, the red *serpent fish,..properly of the tænia kind. 1816 Kirby & Sp. *Entomol.* xxii. (1818) II. 273 Their wonder would have been diminished, and their *serpent-gods undeified. 1873 Miss R. H. Busk *Sagas fr. Far East* 18 A pool where lived two Serpent-gods, who had command of the water. 1855 Kingsley *Heroes, Theseus* I, Kekrops the *serpent-king. 1802 Shaw *Gen. Zool.* III. 307 *Serpent Lizard. 1778 *Ann. Reg., Chron.* 192 There is now growing..in Lancashire a *serpent melon which measures in length five feet two inches and an half. 1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) XIII. 715/2 The manner of preparing this [oiled] paper is to take that which is thin and smooth, known commonly by the name of *serpent paper. 1851 Mantell *Petrifactions* ii. § 1. 82 Asteridæ (named *Ophiura* or *Serpent-stars). 1488 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* I. 81 A grete *serpent toung set with gold, perle and precious stanis. 1849 Aytoun *Lays Scott. Cavaliers* (ed. 2) 277, I have seen the robes of Hermes glisten—Seen him wave afar his *serpent-wand. 1864 Grisebach *Flora W. Ind. Islands* 787 *Serpent-withe. 1681 Grew *Musæum* II. § i. i. 180 A piece of *Serpent-Wood. *Lignum Colubrinum.*

b. Combinations with *serpent's*: **serpent's beard**, *Ophiopogon japonicus* (Treas. Bot. 1874); **serpent's head, skull**, names for species of cowry; **serpent's tongue**, † (*a*) = Adder's tongue; (*b*) the fossil tooth of a shark.

1815 S. Brookes *Conchol.* 156 *Serpents Head. *Cypræa Caput serpentis.* 1795 tr. *Thunberg's Trav.* (ed. 2) II. 82 Small shells, called *serpents skulls (*Cypræa moneta*). 1578 Lyte *Dodoens* I. xciii. 135 [Ophioglosson] is now called.. in English, Adders tonge, & *Serpents tonge. 1607 Topsell *Four-f. Beasts* 720 A kind of stone called the serpents toong. 1835 D. Booth *Analyt. Dict.* 284 The fossil bodies called *Glossopetræ* (petrified tongues) and Serpents' Tongues.

12. quasi-*adj.* Resembling a serpent or that of a serpent, serpent-like, serpentiform, serpentine.

1592 Shaks. *Rom. & Jul.* III. ii. 73 O Serpent heart, hid with a flowring face. 1633 P. Fletcher *Purple Isl.* II. ix, Their serpent windings. 1667 Milton *P. L.* VII. 302 With Serpent errour wandring. *a* 1718 Parnell *Hesiod* 101 Back roll'd her azure veil with serpent fold. 1725 Pope *Odyss.* IV. 342 He, whose practis'd wit Knew all the serpent-mazes of deceit. 1820 Shelley *Prometh. Unb.* III. iii. 135 It feeds

the quick growth of the serpent vine. 1835 LYTTON *Rienzi* II. v, The serpent smile is your countrymen's proper distinction. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* I. v. iv, Shaking their serpent-hair. 1869 BROWNING *Ring & Bk.* XI. 1611 All the way down the serpent-stair to hell! 1872 TENNYSON *Gareth & Lynette* 884 Those long loops Wherethro' the serpent river coil'd.

b. *Antiq.* of temples, etc. having the supposed symbolical form of a serpent.

1774 J. BRYANT *Anc. Mythol.* (1775) I. 464 Tor-Opus, the serpent-hill, or temple. 1830 DEANE *Worship Serp.* vi. 341 The erection of a serpent-temple, like that of Abury. 1897 *Saga-Bk. Viking Club* Jan. 256 Whether any old serpent-mounds had been found in Iceland.

†Se·rpent, *a. Obs.* [ad. L. *serpent-em*, pres. pple. of *serpĕre* to creep.] Of an ulcer: Spreading.

1541 R. COPLAND *Galyen's Terap.* G ij, Serpent vlceres & other affections yᵗ maketh the vlceres long in healyng.

Se·rpent, *v.* Now *rare.* [ad. F. *serpenter* (14th c.), f. *serpent* SERPENT *sb.*]

1. *intr.* To move in a serpentine manner; to follow a tortuous course; to wind.

1606 SYLVESTER *Du Bartas* II. iv. 1. *Tropheis* 1038 The Banks of Forth (Whose forceful stream runs smoothly serpenting). 1679 EVELYN *Sylva* (ed. 3) 78 [Poplars] in Italy, for their Vines to serpent on. *a* 1706 — *Hist. Relig.* (1850) I. 28 Rivers and larger streams; made to serpent in meandering crooks. 1746 *Phil. Trans.* XLIV. 58 One sees a Light serpenting all along the Tube. 1818 KEATS *Endym.* III. 500 Shapes, wizard and brute, Laughing and wailing, groveling, serpenting.

fig. 1841 LEVER *Charles O'Malley* xvii. 93 So did Mr. Webber tread his way, serpenting through the statute-book.

b. To make (one's way) tortuously.

1891 *Sat. Rev.* 23 May 620/2 Serpenting their way through the dry grass.

†2. *trans.* To entwine. *Obs.*

a 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 30 Jan. 1645, Fruit-trees, whose boles are serpented with excellent vines.

‖ Serpentaria (sɔ̄ɹpĕntē·riă). [late L. *serpentāria* (scil. *planta*), fem. of *serpentārius*, f. *serpent-*, *serpens* SERPENT *sb.*: see -ARY.] = SERPENTARY 2.

1803 *Med. Jrnl.* IX. 100 A clyster made of a strong decoction of bark and serpentaria. 1811 A. T. THOMSON *Lond. Disp.* (1818) 45 Dried serpentaria root is imported into this country in bales. 1874 GARROD & BAXTER *Mat. Med.* 493 Serpentaria (in powder).

b. *Chem.* An alkaloid obtained from serpentary.

1831 J. DAVIES *Man. Mat. Med.* 168 Dr. C. Conwell has lately discovered in this root, a new alkali, which he has called serpentaria...The hydrochlorate of serpentaria forms brilliant plumose fibrils.

Se·rpentarin. *Chem.* Also -ine. [f. late L. *serpentāria* SERPENTARY *sb.* 1 + -IN.] A bitter substance obtained from serpentary root.

1847 *Turner's Elem. Chem.* (ed. 8) 1166.

‖ Serpentarius (sɔ̄ɹpĕntē·riŭs). [mod.L.: see next.]

1. *Astron.* = OPHIUCHUS.

1728 CHAMBERS *Cycl.* s.v., The Stars in the Constellation Serpentarius in Ptolomy's Catalogue are 29. 1795 T. MAURICE *Hindostan* I. i. x. 339 Serpentarius..is one of the forty-eight old constellations, and a very near neighbour of the Scorpion. 1868 LOCKYER *Guillemin's Heavens* (ed. 3) 366 Since the observation of Tycho Brahé, many temporary stars have been seen in the constellations of Serpentarius and Cygnus.

2. *Ornith.* The serpent-eater or secretary-bird.

1893 *Public Opin.* 10 Nov. 590.

Serpentary (sɔ̄·ɹpĕntări), *sb.* Also 5 -ory. [ad. late and med.L. *serpentāria* (in sense 1, scil. *retorta*, in sense 2 *planta*), fem. of *serpentārius*: see next.]

†1. A kind of retort or still. *Obs.* (Cf. SERPENT *sb.*)

c 1450 *M. E. Med. Bk.* (Heinrich) 183 On þe morowe dystylle hem þorow a serpentory. 1615 MARKHAM *Eng. Housew.* 31 Take Saxifrage..two gallonds of good wine, or else wine lees, and put it into a slerpentary [*sic*].

2. The plant Virginian Snake-root, *Aristolochia Serpentaria*; the root of this (in full, Serpentary Root = *Serpentariæ Radix*) used medicinally.

1658 PHILLIPS, *Serpentary*, a kind of herb called Vipersgrasse. 1706 — (ed. Kersey), *Serpentary-Wood*, a kind of Wood that grows in Malabar,..and is commended for its Virtue in expelling Poison. 1837 T. CASTLE *Pharmacopœia Lond.* 170 Infusion of Serpentary...Diaphoretic, diuretic, stimulant. 1871 GARROD *Mat. Med.* (ed. 3) 308 *Serpentariæ Radix.* Serpentary Root. *Ibid.* 309 Serpentary contains a volatile oil and resin.

Se·rpentary, *a. rare*⁻¹. [ad. med.L. *serpentāri-us*, f. *serpent-em* SERPENT *sb.*: see -ARY.] = SERPENTINE *a.*

1681 JORDAN *London's Joy* 10 Suppress Pamphlet-Contentions, for they are The Serpentary Seeds of Civil War.

Se·rpentcleide (-klēid). *Mus.* [f. SERPENT *sb.* + *-cleide* of OPHICLEIDE.] A form of the ophicleide with a body of wood instead of brass.

1851 *Catal. Gt. Exhib.* I. 469/1 Newly-invented euphonic serpentcleide. 1882 in Grove *Dict. Mus.* III. 470.

†Se·rpenter. *Obs.* [app. f. SERPENT *v.* + -ER 1.] A serpentine line.

1598 SYLVESTER *Du Bartas* II. ii. IV. *Columnes* 170 Other, whose Tracts never directly slide, As with the Snayl, the crooked Serpenter [orig. *Comme la limaceuse auec la serpentee*].

†Se·rpentess. *Obs. rare*⁻¹. [f. SERPENT *sb.* + -ESS.] A female serpent.

1621 MOLLE *Camerar. Liv. Libr.* IV. xii. 273 Apollodorus saith, that Sphinx was engendred of Typhon and of a grent Serpentesse [*ex Echidna & Typhone parentibus ortam*].

†Se·rpentful, *a. Obs. rare*⁻¹. [-FUL.] Teeming with serpents.

1557 PHAER *Æneid* VII. T 3, So serpentfull she seemes, and ouer all begrowen with snakes.

Serpe·ntian. App. error for SERPENTINIAN.

1841 MURDOCK & SOAMES tr. *Mosheim's Eccl. Hist.* I. Cent. II. II. v. § 19 The Ophites or Serpentians..of which one Euphrates is said to be the father.

†Serpentic, *a. Obs. rare*⁻¹. [f. SERPENT *sb.* + -IC.] Serpent-like, serpentine.

1661 MORGAN *Sph. Gentry* I. v. 56 So also were the heroes of ancient time [honoured] for destroying of Serpentick kind of men.

†Serpe·ntical, *a. Obs. rare*⁻¹. [f. SERPENT *sb.* + -ICAL.] = prec.

1546 *Supplic. Poore Commons* (E.E.T.S.) 74 O dinelish subtiltie, more then serpentical!

Serpentici·dal, *a.* [Formed as next + -AL.] Serpent-slaying.

1817 G. S. FABER *Eight Dissert.* (1845) I. 348 Their serpenticidal Chrishna. 1819 — *Disp.* (1823) I. p. xx, The serpenticidal and virgin-born God.

Serpenticide[1] (sɔ̄ɹpe·ntisəid). [f. SERPENT *sb.*: see -CIDE 1.] A slayer of serpents.

1801 G. S. FABER *Horæ Mosaicæ* (1818) II. 294 *note*, Vishnu, much of whose character has been borrowed from old tradition respecting the predicted Serpenticide. 1817 S. R. MAITLAND *Dissertation* 31, I have before mentioned Apollo as a king: I must now say something of him as a Serpenticide.

Serpe·nticide[2]. [f. SERPENT *sb.*: see -CIDE 2.] Killing of serpents.

1882 *Field* 3 June 733, I think we must acquit the gentle deer of this charge of habitual serpénticide.

Serpentiferous (sɔ̄ɹpĕntĭ·fĕrɔs), *a. rare.* [f. SERPENT *sb.* + -FEROUS. Cf. L. *serpentifer*.]

1. Bearing or containing a serpent.

1743 STUKELEY *Abury* 62 This sacred figure of the alate and serpentiferous circle.

2. Abounding in serpents.

1905 GEIL *Yankee in Pigmy Land* iv. 45 This road was emphatically serpentine, if not serpentiferous.

Serpentiform (sɔ̄ɹpe·ntifɔ̄ɹm). [ad. mod.L. *serpentiform-is*: see SERPENT *sb.* and -FORM. Cf. F. *serpentiforme*.] Having the form of a serpent; serpentine in shape.

1777 PENNANT *Brit. Zool.* IV. 53 Asterias...Five-Rayed, with slender or serpentiform rays. 1819 SAMOUELLE *Entomol. Compend.* 114 Julus...Body serpentiform, cylindric. 1877 HUXLEY & MARTIN *Elem. Biol.* 26 A wriggling or serpentiform motion.

Serpenti·genous, *a. rare*⁻⁰. [f. L. *serpenti-gena*, f. *serpent-* SERPENT *sb.* + *-gen-* to produce.] See quot. So **Serpenti·gerous** [L. *serpentiger*: see -GEROUS].

1730 BAILEY (folio), *Serpentigenous*, ingender'd..of a Serpent. *Ibid.*, *Serpentigerous*, bearing or carrying Serpents.

Serpentile (sɔ̄·ɹpĕntəil), *a. rare.* [f. SERPENT *sb.* + -ILE.] = SERPENTINE.

1795 T. MAURICE *Hindostan* I. i. i. 68 This profound veneration of the serpentile tribe. 1857 MUNDY *Antipodes* 14 A serpentile [*ed.* 1852 serpentine] line of demolished rocks and gum-trees.

‖ Serpentin (sɛrpaṅtæ̃). [F.: see next.] A long coloured paper ribbon which is unrolled and thrown into the air at times of rejoicing.

1894 *Nation* 22 Mar. 215/2 They shouted unmusical songs, threw confetti, serpentins, and paper darts among the ladies. 1905 J. K. JEROME *Idle Ideas* iii, The 'serpentin' is a feature of the Belgian Carnival.

Serpentine (sɔ̄·ɹpĕntəin), *sb.* Also 4–6 serpentyn, 5–6 -yne, (5, 7 sarp-, 5 -ene, 6–8 -in, 6 *Sc.* scharpentyn). [a. OF. *serpentin* and *serpentine*, ad. med.L. *serpentīnum* and *serpentina*, absol. uses of the neut. and fem. sing. respectively of *serpentīnus* (see next).]

1. A name for certain plants reputed to contain an antidote to the poison of serpents; e. g. dragonwort, fenugreek.

a 1400 *Stockholm Med. MS.* ii. 651 in *Anglia* XVIII. 323 Dragaunce & serpentyn in same And nedderistonge, alle on be name. 1526 *Grete Herball* cccxx. (1529) V iij, Powdre of serpentyne put alone in to yᵉ eye is good to clense the eye of the pynne & webbe. 1552 HULOET, Serpentine [*ed.* 1572 *adds* or serpentarie,..*dracuntium*..*Vulgo Serpentaria*]. 1608 TOPSELL *Four-f. Beasts* 611 Fænegreek..is called also Serpentine, because when Snakes..are hurt therewith, they recouer their woundes by eating therof.

2. A kind of cannon; in the 15th and 16th cent. used largely as a ship's gun. Now only *Hist.*

c 1450 *Brut* ccl. 505 Many other gret gonnes & serpentines. 1485 *Cely Papers* (1900) 177, iiij small sarpentynus with vij chamburs of on mackyng. 1513 *Acc. Ld. High. Treas. Scot.* IV. 484 For iij scharpentynnis..to the greit schip. 1627 CAPT. SMITH *Seaman's Gram.* xiv. 70 A Sarpentine. Height [=bore] in Inches 1½. 1824 MEYRICK *Ant. Armour* II. 201 In the year 1474 King Edward the Fourth directed all the bombs, cannons, culverines, fowlers, serpentines..to be taken and provided for his use. 1863 KIRK *Hist. Chas. Bold* II. 451 The battering-train consisted of thirty bombards and fifty large serpentines.

3. A rock or mineral, consisting mainly of hydrous magnesium silicate, of a dull green colour with markings resembling those of a serpent's skin. Also, an ornamental stone made of this.

The purest kind is called 'noble' or 'precious serpentine'. The impure or 'common serpentine' occurs in rock-masses and is worked as serpentine marble.

1426 in *Somerset Med. Wills* (1901) 118 [My best covered cup of silver and gilt, with one] serpentyn [in the bottom (*in fundo*) of the said cup]. *c* 1450 METHAM *Wks.* (E.E.T.S.) 47/1256 A ston ys ther, That the serpent may noght hym noght dere. The name off home serpentyne ys. 1561–2 *New Yrs. Gifts* in Nichols *Progr. Eliz.* (1823) I. 114 A small coller of serpentyne garneshed with silver gilt. 1615 G. SANDYS *Trav.* 181 In the bottome of this manger, and just in the middle a round Serpentine is set. 1644 EVELYN *Mem.* (1857) I. 97 Four pillars of a kind of serpentine. 1756–7 tr. *Keysler's Trav.* (1760) IV. 288 The seats of the chairs in this apartment are made of serpentine. 1816 J. SMITH *Panorama Sci. & Art* II. 466 Serpentine..is either compact, granulated, scaly, lamellated, or fibrous. 1874 RAYMOND *Statist. Mines & Mining* 380 The main ridge seems to be made up of a series of metamorphic slates, sandstones, and serpentines.

†4. = SERPENT *sb.* 4. *Obs.*

c 1440 *Alphabet of Tales* 434 This sakett and þis gold is not þine, for þon says þou lost ij serpentynys and here-in is bod one.

5. The coiled pipe or worm of a distilling apparatus. *Obs.* exc. as representing F. *serpentin.*

1519 in Noake *Mon. & Cath. Worc.* (1866) 185 A limbeke with a serpentyn closed both on oun. 1584 COGAN *Haven Health* ccxxii. (1636) 227 Distill it with a Limbecke or Serpentine. 1611 FLORIO, *Serpentina*,..a kind of winding limbecke called a Serpentine or doubble ss. 1694 SALMON *Bate's Dispens.* 34/2 Then distil twenty four hours, and distil through a Serpentine or Worm. 1725 *Bradley's Fam. Dict.* Qq 4/2 A Canal made of Tin,..very long, and winding..; For which Reason they have given it the Name of Serpentine. 1885 *Forestry* 209 This is subjected to a cooling process, in this case a serpentine of cold water.

†6. The cock of the harquebus. *Obs.*

1590 SIR J. SMYTHE *Cert. Discourses* 21 b, If Harquebuziers in putting their matches into their serpentines do faile to set them of a conuenient length. 1611 FLORIO, *Serpentina*, an iron at the end of a Gunners Linstocke called a cocke or serpentine. [1881 GREENER *Gun* 45 The serpentin is hung upon a pivot passing through the stock and continued past the pivot, forming a lever.]

†7. A serpiginous disease. *Obs.*

1639 T. DE GRAY *Compl. Horsem.* 94 Pin and web, dragons, serpentines, and such numberlesse sorances. 1700 RYCAUT *Hist. Turks* III. 134 He was afflicted with a Distemper called a Serpentine or Cancer, which some Years since was caused by an Erysipelas.

†8. [after Pg. *serpentina.*] A kind of hammock.

1767 *Byron's Voy. round World* 15 The rich [at Salvador, Brazil] cause themselves to be carried about in a kind of cotton hammocks called serpentines.

†9. a. A malicious action. **b.** A wily, cunning person. *Obs.*

c 1510 MORE *Picus* Wks. 3/2 When thei perceiued, that thei coulde not against his connyng any thing openly preuaile: thei brought forth the serpentines of false crime. *a* 1533 LD. BERNERS *Gold. Bk. M. Aurel.* viii. (1537) 11 When our senate fayllethe of meke and wyse Senatours, and multyplieth with these serpentines.

10. A winding path or line.

1885 *Pall Mall G.* 20 Mar. 6/1 The narrow-gauge line can ..wind down mountains, with a number of quick turns and serpentines. 1886 *Field* 13 Mar. 370/1 (Skating) The more sedate delineator of 3's, 8's, Q's, serpentines, and what not. 1893 R. F. BURTON in Lady Burton *Life* I. 269 The yellow ..Wazegura wilderness, traversed by a serpentine of trees.

b. *Math.* A cubic curve to which the equation is $y(a^2+x^2) = abx$. (In recent Dicts.)

11. *attrib.* **a.** Consisting of, containing, or made of serpentine (sense 3), as *serpentine knife*, *porphyry*, *pillar*, *rock*, *tankard*, *-wacke.*

1463 *Will of J. Baret* in *Bury Wills* (Camden) 35 My serpentyn knyves. 1582 HESTER *Secr. Phiorav.* L lxv. 78 A rounde Corrall like vnto the Serpentine Purphire. 1781 GIBBON *Decl. & F.* xvii. II. 16 *note*, The serpentine pillar of the Hippodrome. 1799 W. TOOKE *View Russian Emp.* I. 120 The principal mountains of these parts [*sc.* Lapland], consist of granite..and probably likewise of porphyry and serpentine-wake. 1838 W. F. AINSWORTH *Res. Assyria*, etc. 336 Serpentine rocks. 1875 J. W. DAWSON *Dawn of Life* vi. 144 Serpentine-limestone or ophicalcite.

b. (sense 2) *serpentine cart*, *gun.*

1471 *Coventry Leet Bk.* 363 Delyuered to Rob. Onley a serpentyne gun & a staffe gun. 1496 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* I. 291 The feys and schethis to the serpentyn cartis.

Serpentine (sɔ̄·ɹpĕntəin), *a.* Also 5–6 -yn(e, 6–7 -in. [a. F. *serpentin* (12th cent.), ad. L. *serpentīnus*, f. *serpent-*, SERPENT *sb.* + *-īnus* -INE 1.]

1. Of or pertaining to a serpent or serpents; of the form of or resembling a serpent, or that of a serpent.

c 1420 ? LYDG. *Assembly of Gods* 616 Wyngys had bit serpentyne and a long tayll. *Ibid.* 968 Vice..On hys 'steede serpentyn. 1509 HAWES *Past. Pleas.* XXXVI. xi, The sorceresse..Of the best, made the head serpentyne. 1608 TOPSELL *Serpents* 235, I will not expresly define whether this may be called a Sea-Serpent, or a Serpentine-fish. 1664 H. MORE *Myst. Iniq.* I. viii. 250 That notorious Serpentine shape which deceived Adam and Eve. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* x. 870 Thy shape..and colour Serpentine. 1774 J. BRYANT *Anc. Mythol.* I. 428 Servius, who distributes the serpentine species into three tribes. 1834 *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 4) II. 80 The most active and malignant of all the serpentine poisons is that of the rattlesnake. 1880 *W. Smith & Cheetham's Dict. Chr. Antiq.* II. 1889/2 Continual use is made of the serpentine or lacertine form in Irish and Anglo-Saxon ornament. 1896 CROCKETT *Cleg Kelly* vii, Once more he protruded his head in that monstrously serpentine manner round the corner of the low shop-door.

b. In allusion to the representation of a serpent

with its tail in its mouth. *Serpentine verse*, a metrical line beginning and ending with the same word.

1605 CAMDEN *Rem., Rythmes* 26 Our Poets hath their knacks..as Ecchos, Achrostiches, Serpentine verses,..&c. 1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr., Serpentine verses*, are those which do, as it were, run into themselves, as we see Serpents pictured with tail in mouth.

c. *Surg.* (See quot.)

1753 *Chambers' Cycl.* Suppl. s.v. *Bandage*, These creeping, or as we sometimes call them serpentine bandages.

d. *Serpentine pot*: a potters' utensil for colouring or ornamenting common stoneware.

1839 URE *Dict. Arts* 1017 The serpentine or snake pots.. are made..in three compartments, each containing a different colour...On inclining the vessel, the three colours flow out at once..; whereby curious serpent-like ornaments may be readily obtained.

† e. Caused by serpents. *Obs. rare.*

1446 LYDG. *Two Nightingale Poems* II. 315 Receyved ..medicyne Of al theyr hurtis, that were serpentyne.

2. Having the evil qualities of the serpent; pertaining to the Serpent as the tempter of mankind; diabolical, Satanic; devilishly wily or cunning.

In early use often with retention of literal phraseology.

1387–8 T. USK *Test. Love* I. vii. (Skeat) I. 40 Enemyes.. wol seche privy serpentynes queintyses, to quenche..by venim of many besinesses, the light of truthe. *c* 1422 HOCCLEVE *Min. Poems* (1892) 236 This serpentyn womman..shee That had him terned with false deceitis. 1491 CAXTON *Vitas Patr.* (W. de W. 1495) I. xl. 58 b, An euyll and serpentyne tongue full of venyme. *a* 1550 *Image Ipocr.* in *Skelton's Wks.* (1843) II. 426 Sectes serpentyne. 1599 SANDYS *Europæ Spec.* (1632) 96 A serpentine generation, wholly made of fraud, of policies and practises. 1637 DOW *Answ. to H. Burton* 25 The poysoned shafts of his serpentine tongue. 1663 BOYLE *Usef. Exp. Nat. Philos.* I. ii. 31 A serpentine wariuesse in decliniog dangers. 1752 LAW *Spirit of Love* II. (1816) 125 All that is earthly, serpentine, and devilish in every man. 1830 *Westm. Rev.* XIII. 84 In De Foe's time the serpentine temptation consisted in laced shoes instead of leathern. 1873 DIXON *Two Queens* XIV. vi. III. 99 With serpentine deceit, she said the King was cheerful in his trials.

3. Having a direction or following a course resembling that of a serpent in motion; tortuous, sinuous, winding.

1615 CROOKE *Body of Man* 26 The Serpentine and writhen Meanders of the Veynes. *Ibid.* 603 A Serpentine Still. *c* 1645 HOWELL *Lett.* I. I. xvi, The branching and serpentin cours of the River Seine. 1696 PHILLIPS (ed. 5), *Serpentine Line*, a crooked winding, that Incloses itself continually, as a Serpent wraps himself up in Folds. 1754 SMEATON in *Phil. Trans.* XLVIII. 535 Upon the serpentine river in Hyde-park. 1796 WITHERING *Brit. Plants* (ed. 3) I. 81 (Dict. Terms), *Serpentine* (*repandus*), the edge of some leaves is formed like a serpentine line; without any angles or corners. 1809 PINKNEY *Trav. France* 127 The road was..so serpentine as never to be visible beyond an hundred yards. 1829 *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 3) I. 379 When the stools were examined, they were found..to be serpentine or twisted. 1868 BAIN *Ment. & Mor. Sci.* III. xiii. § 18. 307 The most beautiful line is the serpentine line, called by Hogarth, the Line of Grace. 1888 MISS BRADDON *Fatal Three* I. v, A broad gravel path led in a serpentine sweep towards the stables.

b. In various technical uses (see quots.). *Serpentine temple* = serpent temple (see SERPENT *sb.* 12).

1743 STUKELEY *Abury* 9 Those with the form of a snake annext, as that of Abury, I call serpentine temples, or *Dracontia*, by which they were denominated of old. 1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) XVII. 311 A horse is said to have a serpentine tongue, if it is always frisking and moving, and sometimes passing over the bit. 1851 SQUIER *Serpent Symbol* 137 Ancient serpentine structures of the United States. 1860 C. R. M. TALBOT tr. *Newton's Lines 3rd Order* 12 We shall call..that which cuts the asymptote in contrary flexures, having on both sides contrary branches, the serpentine hyperbola. *Ibid.* 17 Where the serpentine curve does not pass through the intersection of the asymptotes. 1867 *Philatelist* I. 99/2 The peculiarity of the serpentine perforation is that no paper is taken away by the machine; it is simply a serpentine cut, with twelve waves to the base of the stamp on one, eighteen on the other. 1884 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.* Suppl., *Serpentine Molding Machine*, one for carving parlor frames, lounge, sofa, and chair backs, and other crooked work [etc.].

4. *Comb.*

1603 KNOLLES *Hist. Turks* (1621) 249 All that intestine and serpentine-like tragedie. 1867 *Philatelist* I. 103/1 This, which has been called serpentine-pierced, is found..on the.. stamps of Finland. 1887 P. M'NEILL *Blawearie* 93 The gentle serpentine-like curvings of the wall-sides.

Se·rpentine, *v.* [f. prec.]

1. *intr.* To move in a serpentine manner; to pursue a serpentine or tortuous path; to wind.

a 1774 HARTE *Vis. Death* 2 In those fair vales..Where Guadalquiver serpentines with ease. 1797 T. HOLCROFT tr. *Stolberg's Trav.* III. lxxi. (ed. 2) 83 Garlands of flowers serpentine with a free..air. 1802 COLMAN *Broad Grins, Elder Bro.* (1804) 120 Toby [who was drunk]..Went serpentining home. 1886 RUSKIN *Præterita* I. 289 Permitting the road to serpentine and zigzag up the cliff terraces.

b. *trans.* To pursue (one's way) with a winding motion.

1837 T. HOOK *Jack Brag* viii, He was merely serpentining his way to the part of the details.

2. To cause to take a serpentine direction; to wind. Also, to bring into a condition by serpentine behaviour.

1850 DICKENS *Dav. Copp.* XXXV, If you're an eel, Sir, conduct yourself like one...I am not going to be serpentined and corkscrewed out of my senses! 1870 THORNBURY *Tour Eng.* I. i. 25 He serpentined water through the gardens, and built two bridges. 1883 D. C. MURRAY *Val Strange* III. xxiv. 243 'My dear,' said Hiram, serpentining his long arm about her.

Se·rpentinely, *adv.* [f. SERPENTINE *a.* + -LY².] In a serpentine manner; in a serpentine path.

1656 S. H. *Golden Law* 23 So would my Excepter do, if in their place, Serpentinely save his head. 1762 tr. *Busching's Syst. Geog.* III. 77 The great canal..serpentinely flows through the city. 1877 RUSLING *Great West* 87 Down this [bed] the wild little creek shoots very serpentinely. 1906 M. CHOLMONDELEY *Prisoners* iv, Perhaps..he might have serpentinely glided through into the next room without her perceiving him.

Serpentine marble. [= med.L. *marmor serpentīnum*; cf. F. *marbre serpentin.*] The mineral serpentine in massive form.

1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* XXXVI. vii. II. 573 The Serpentine marble called Ophites. 1657 [see OPHITICAL]. 1660 F. BROOKE tr. *Le Blanc's Trav.* 278 A Sphinx wrought in Numidian or Serpentine marble extraordinary hard. 1865 W. B. CARPENTER in *Reader* 8 July 45 The Serpentine marble of Canada. 1875 J. W. DAWSON *Dawn of Life* vi. 147 A beautiful variety of ophicalcite or serpentine-marble.

Serpentine powder. [See SERPENTINE *sb.* 2.] Gunpowder for use with the serpentine; gunpowder in fine meal as distinguished from the corned or granulated kind.

1497 *Naval Acc. Hen. VII* (1896) 129 Serpentine poudre with ij barelles brent in the botom. 1588 GREENE *Alcida* (1617) G 2 b, What though the Serpentine powder is quickly kindled, and quickly out. 1598 BARRET *Theor. Warres* v. iv. 137 Powder both serpentine and corne powder. *a* 1642 SIR W. MONSON *Naval Tracts* III. (1704) 344/1 Serpentine Powder..is weak, and will not keep at Sea. 1787 *Act* 27 *Geo. III*, c. 13 (Sched. A, Rates Inwards) Gunpowder, Serpentine Powder.

Serpentine stone. [= med.L. *lapis serpentinus*, rendering Gr. *λίθος ὀφίτης*: cf. OPHITE 1.] = SERPENTINE *sb.* 3.

1662 MERRETT *Neri's Art of Glass* 259 This stone most commonly partakes of a light Green, like the Serpentine stone. 1726 LEONI *Alberti's Archit.* I. 33/1 The green, or Serpentine-stone mightily resists the Fire.

† **Serpenting,** *vbl. sb. Obs.* [f. SERPENT *v.* + -ING 1.] Winding.

1677 EVELYN *Diary* 12 Oct., This place is exceeding sharp in the winter, by reason of the serpenting of the hills. 1679 *Ibid.* 23 July, A circular view..which with the serpenting of the Thames is admirable.

So † **Serpenting** *ppl. a.*, winding.

1614 DRUMM. OF HAWTH. *Poems*, This Moone, that Sunne, ..Be but the same which vnder Saturnes Raigne, Did the serpenting [*ed.* 1711 serpentine] Seasons interchaine. *a* 1649 — *Flowers of Sion* Wks. (1711) 26 Her Floods and pratling Brooks,..with serpenting [*ed.* 1630 maz-like] Crooks.

Serpentinian (-i·niăn). [f. L. *Serpentīnus* (see SERPENTINE *a.* and *sb.*) + -IAN.] = OPHITE 2.

1758 MACLAINE tr. *Mosheim's Eccl. Hist.* I. Cent. II. II. v. § 19 The Ophites, or Serpentinians, a ridiculous sort of heretics, who had for their leader a man called Euphrates.

Serpenti·nic, *a.* [f. SERPENTINE *sb.* + -IC.] Of or pertaining to serpentine.

1883 *Science* I. 75/2 The chloritic and serpentinic series. 1887 *Geol. Mag.* Jan. 23 A serpentinic substance containing bronzite, ilmenite [etc.].

Se·rpentining, *ppl. a.* [f. SERPENTINE *v.* + -ING 2.] Winding or coiling like a serpent; winding, sinuous, tortuous.

1799 SOUTHEY *Let. to John May* Aug. *Life* (1850) II. 22 Ascending from Lynmouth up a road of serpentining perpendicularity. 1855 BROWNING *Men & Women, Andrea del Sarto* 26 My serpentining beauty, rounds on rounds! 1888 *Punch* 4 Feb. 60/2 The gnarled serpentining root of yonder..elm.

Hence **Se·rpentiningly** *adv.*, windingly.

1871 BROWNING *Balaust.* 355 Though they leap all the way the pillar leads,..And serpentiningly enrich the roof.

Serpentinization (sə:ɹpĕntinəizĕ·ʃən). *Geol.* [f. SERPENTINE *sb.* + -IZATION.] Conversion into serpentine.

1885 JUDD in *Q. Jrnl. Geol. Soc.* XLI. 382 The results are, in this case, not complicated by serpentinization.

Serpentinize (sə·ɹpĕntinəiz), *v.* [f. SERPENTINE *sb.* or *a.* + -IZE.]

1. *intr.* = SERPENTINE *v.* 1.

1791 NEWTE *Tour Eng. & Scot.* 248 The venerable beauties of Innerpaffray, fronting Castle Drummond, in a concavity of the serpentinizing Ern. 1798 W. MAVOR *Brit. Tourists* V. 18 Extensive lawns through which a river serpentinizes.

2. *trans.* (*Geol.*) To convert into serpentine.

1889 *Amer. Nat.* Nov. 1007 Scyelite..consists of serpentinized olivine, altered augite, bleached mica. 1899 *Nat. Sci.* XV. 173 The ferro-magnesian minerals are more or less serpentinised.

Se·rpentinoid, *a.* [f. SERPENTINE *sb.* + -OID.] Having the characters of the mineral serpentine.

1888 *Encycl. Brit.* XXIII. 801/1 Serpentines and obscure serpentinoid rocks.

Serpentinous (sə·ɹpĕntəinəs), *a.* [f. SERPENTINE *sb.* or *a.* + -OUS.]

1. Of the nature of or consisting of serpentine.

1833–4 *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) VI. 764/2 The serpentinous masses in the Northern Apennines. 1856 PAGE *Adv. Text-bk. Geol.* (1876) 157 The..serpentinous limestones of Canada.

2. Serpentine, winding.

1882 GEIKIE *Text-bk. Geol.* IV. III. 511 Causes the outcrop to describe a widely serpentinous course.

† **Serpentinously,** *adv. Obs.* [f. **serpentinous* (a. OF. *serpentineux*, f. *serpentin* SERPENTINE *a.*) + -LY 2.] With serpentine or diabolical action.

1502 *Ord. Crysten Men* (W. de W.) II. xii. L ij, The deuyll the whiche by the meane of the tonge serpentynously putteth all humayne lygnage vnto perdycyon.

† **Serpentive,** *a. Obs.* [f. SERPENT *sb.* + -IVE.] = SERPENTINE *a.* 2.

1635 SHIRLEY *Traitor* III. i, Finding this serpentive treason broken in the shell. 1645 *City Alarum* 17 The Serpentive abuse that hath devoured the memory of all other. 1649 *Shute's Sarah & Hagar* Table b iij b, The serpentive motion of sin.

Serpentivorous (sɔ·ɹpĕnti·vŏrəs), *a.* [f. L. *serpent-em* SERPENT + -VOROUS.] Serpent-eating.

1882 *Nature* No. 642. 378 The lightning 'dabs' of a serpentivorous bird.

Serpentize (sɔ·ɹpĕntəiz), *v.* Now *rare.* [f. SERPENT *sb.* + -IZE.]

1. *intr.* = SERPENTINE *v.* 1.

1699 GARTH *Dispens.* VI. 75 Where living Floods of Mercʼry serpentize. 1718 OZELL tr. *Tournefort's Voy.* II. 202 The Euphrates serpentizes among wonderful plants. 1755 *Gentl. Mag.* XXV. 128 The colour of this shell is the purest white; its canalures or ribs, which serpentize, are crossed by circular lines. 1834 BECKFORD *Italy* I. 23 How happy I was, when I had duly serpentized over his garden, to find myself once more in the grand avenue. 1865 CARLYLE *Fredk. Gt.* XVIII. ii. V. 32 The miserablest Brook in nature, which takes to oozing and serpentising forward thereabouts.

2. *trans.* To cause to take a serpentine shape, motion, or course.

1762 MRS. MONTAGU in Doran *Lady Last Cent.* (1873) 117, I dare say his Grace of Newcastle will fall to serpentizing rivers. 1808 *Europ. Mag.* LIII. 253, I would teach them a circumbendibus; I would serpentize them.

Hence **Se·rpentizing** *ppl. a.*, winding, tortuous.

1629 LE GRYS tr. *Barclay's Argenis* 266 A Cabinet..inlaid ..with siluer Plates, wrought in a serpentizing manner. 1739 H. BROOKE *Gustavus Vasa* II. i, I know thou hast a serpentizing genius, Canst wind the subtlest mazes of the soul. 1855 SINGLETON *Virgil* II. 455 A glen there is with serpentizing bend.

Serpent-like, *a.* and *adv.* [-LIKE.] **A.** *adj.* Like a serpent; = SERPENTINE *a.*

a 1586 SIDNEY *Arcadia* I. (1622) 93 A creeping serpent-like of mortall woe. 1629 H. BURTON *Truth's Tri.* 307 His serpent-like gate. *a* 1649 DRUMM. OF HAWTH. *Wks.* (1711) 4/1 Serpent-like Meander. 1774 GOLDSM. *Nat. Hist.* (1825) III. 159 Its serpent-like figure. 1890 'R. BOLDREWOOD' *Miner's Right* XXV, I re-read the serpent-like scroll which had been cast into my Eden of love and faith.

B. *adv.* With serpentine motion, habit, disposition, etc.; † malignantly, treacherously.

1605 SHAKS. *Lear* II. IV. 163 She hath..Look'd blacke vpon me, strooke me with her Tongue Most Serpent-like, vpon the very Heart. 1682 LISTER *Gœdart Of Insects* 109 These Insects did put off their skins, Serpent like. *a* 1699 J. BEAUMONT *Psyche* I. clxvi. (1702) 10 Where, Serpent-like, in Paradise, she over Her foul Design spread this fair-faced cover. 1825 SCOTT *Talism.* XXI, The marabout..glided on ..serpent-like, or rather snail-like.

Se·rpently, *adv.* [f. SERPENT *sb.* + -LY 2.] = prec. adv.

1402 *Pol. Poems* (Rolls) II. 49 Jak, thou seist ful serpentli. *c* 1530 *Calisto & Melib.* A iij, Semyng to be shepe and serpentlyshrewd. 1842 *Tait's Mag.* IX. 374 Stealthily, serpently, he slimed his way.

† **Se·rpentous,** *a. Obs. rare*—1. [f. SERPENT *sb.* + -OUS.] = SERPENTINE *a.* 1.

c 1500 *Melusine* 320 On the basse stone of the wyndowe apereth at this day themprynte of her foote serpentous.

Serpentry (sɔ·ɹpĕntry). [f. SERPENT *sb.* + -RY.]

1. Serpents or serpentine creatures collectively.

1818 KEATS *Endym.* I. 821 To..wipe away all slime Left by men-slugs and human serpentry. 1869 RUSKIN *Q. of Air* § 87 There is an Æsculapian as well as an evil serpentry among the Draconidæ. 1869 BROWNING *Ring & Bk.* XII. 561 For egg turned snake needs fear no serpentry.

2. A place where serpents are kept and reared.

1846 MRS. GORE *Engl. Char.* Introd. 12 A serpentry for improving the domestic breed of rattlesnakes [etc.].

3. A winding like that of a serpent.

1848 in WEBSTER; and in later Dicts.

Serpent-stone.

1. = AMMONITE 1. Now *Obs.* or *local.*

1681 GREW *Museum* III. § i. i. 261 The Helick Serpent-Stone, *Ophites Ammoneus.* 1807 VANCOUVER *Agric. Devon* (1813) 73 The serpent-stone, or *cornu ammonis.* 1851 *N. & Q.* Ser. I. IV. 261 At Whitby, where these fine fossils of the Lias are called 'St. Hilda's Serpent-stones'.

2. An artificial 'stone' used as a remedy for the poison of serpents. Also = BEZOAR 2 a.

1681 GREW *Museum* I. § iii. 52 The Serpentstone. Said by some, to be factitious. *c* 1711 PETIVER *Gazophyl.* vii. 62 East India Serpent Stone..much esteemed in the Indies as a certain Remedy for the Bite of the Cobra de Capello or Hooded Snake, out of whose Head some affirm this to be taken; but it's more probable..that it's factitious and said to be composed of burnt Elephant's Bones. 1731 MEDLEY *Kolben's Cape Gd. Hope* II. 167 The artificial Serpent-Stone..is shap'd like a Bean. 1774 PENNANT *Tour Scot. in* 1772, 297 The *Glain naidr* or Druidical bead..is..made of glass, marked with figures of serpents coiled up. The common people in Wales and in Scotland..call it by the name of Serpent-stone. 1861 HULME tr. *Moquin-Tandon* II. III. 68 Bezoars:..(serpent stone, cobra de capello).

3. ? = SERPENTINE STONE.

1757 tr. *Henckel's Pyritologia* 361 Ophites or serpent-stone.

† **Serpet.** *Obs. rare*—1. [error for Turkish سپت *sepet* wicker basket.] A kind of basket. In 18th c. dicts. (by misinterpretation of quot. 1678), a kind of rush.

1615 G. SANDYS *Trav.* 67 After them are carried in Serpets (a kind of baskets) their presents. 1678 PHILLIPS, *Serpet*, probably from *Scirpus* a sort of Rush, of which is made

a kind of Basket. 1726 *Dict. Rust.* (ed. 3), *Serpet*, a sort of Rush of which Baskets are made.

Serpiginous (səɹpi·dʒĭnəs), *a.* [ad. mod.L. **serpīginōsus*, f. *serpīgin-*, SERPIGO. Cf. F. *serpigineux*.] Of the nature of serpigo; (of skin diseases) creeping from one part to another.

1676 WISEMAN *Chirurg. Treat.* I. xxv. 139 A dry white Scurf, under which the serpiginous circles lay covered. 1753 R. RUSSELL *Diss. Sea Water* 143 Many Diseases of the serpiginous Kind. 1771 SMOLLETT *Humph. Cl.* 18 Apr., A serpiginous eruption, or rather a pocky itch. 1861 BUMSTEAD *Ven. Dis.* (1879) 387 Serpiginous chancroids. 1876 BRISTOWE *Theory & Pract. Med.* 633 Deep ulcers..spreading..in a serpiginous manner. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VI. 590 Senile gangrene..tends to be serpiginous.

Hence **Serpi·ginously** *adv.*, in a serpiginous manner or form. After the manner of serpigo.

1897 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* II. 51 Individual spots may increase greatly in size, or neighbouring ones may coalesce into large serpiginously bordered tracts.

‖ **Serpigo** (səɹpəi·go). Pl. **serpigines** (səɹpi·dʒĭnīz), **serpigoes**. Also 6–7 **sarpego**, 7 **sapego**. [med.L. *serpīgo*, f. *serpĕre* to creep; cf. *herpes*.] A general term (cf. HERPES) for creeping or spreading skin diseases; *spec.* ringworm.

[1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* VII. lxiii. (1495) 278 Serpigo is a drye scahbe.] *c* 1400 *Lanfranc's Cirurg.* 194 Serpigo is a scharpnes of a mannes skyn, & it is clepid serpigo, for it passiþ fro place to place. 1527 ANDREW *Brunswyke's Distyll. Waters* L'ij b, The..Serpigines that is drye and small scahbes and spottys. 1603 SHAKS. *Meas. for M.* III i. 31 The Gowt, Sapego, and the Rheume. 1607 TOPSELL *Four-f. Beasts* 651 Carbuncles, Tetters, Serpigoes, and such like. 1637 HEYWOOD *Royall King* III. xi, Be all his body.. with the Sarpego dry'd. 1694 SALMON *Bate's Dispens.* 677 Ulcers, Serpigines, Scall'd-Heads. 1799 UNDERWOOD *Dis. Childhood* (ed. 4) II. 25 *Herpes Exedens*, or Serpigo.

† **Serpille.** *Obs. rare.* [ad. It. *serpillo*, ad. L. *serpyllum* (see SERPOL).] Wild thyme. Also † **Serpyne** [?].

1558 WARDE tr. *Alexis' Secr.* 45 b, Jasemyn, Maioram, Sauourye, Serpyne, or Serpille, called wilde Time [orig. *gelsomino, maggiorana, serpillo, saturegia*].

Serpils, obs. form of SURPLICE.

Serpitant. Blundered f. SERPENTINE *sb.* (2).

a 1578 LINDESAY (Pitscottie) *Chron. Scot.* (S.T.S.) I. 251 Serpitantis and doubill doggis witht hagbut and cullvering.

Serpivolant (səɹpi·vōlănt). [ad. It. *serpe volante* (pl. *serpi volanti*) flying serpent.] The figure of a flying serpent.

1866 G. MACDONALD *Ann. Q. Neighb.* ix. (1878) 138 Under the outstretched neck of one of those serpivolants on the gate.

Serplaith, -ath (ɵ, Sc. variants of SARPLIER.

† **Serpol.** *Obs. rare.* In 5 **sorpol**, 7 **serpoile.** [a. OF. *serpol, -oul*, = Sp., Pg. *serpol*:—L. *serpullum, -yllum*, repr. Gr. ἕρπυλλον.] = next 1.

c 1400 *Master of Game* (MS. Digby 182) fol. 7 b, Whan þei pasture of ij herbes, þat one is clepid Sorpol, and þat other puligin, þei be..fastrennynge. 1646 Sir T. BROWNE *Pseud. Ep.* III. xvii. 147 The mutation of Mint into Cresses, Basill into Serpoile, and Turneps into Radishes.

Serpolet (sɔ̄·ɹpŏlet). [ad. F. *serpolet*, a. Pr. *serpolet*, dim. of *serpol*:—L. *serpullum* (see prec.).]

† **1.** Thyme; wild thyme. *Obs.*

a 1693 *Urquhart's Rabelais* III. l. 407 [Called] Serpolet, because it creepeth aloog the ground. 1853 LANDOR *Imag. Conv., Achilles & Helena*, Pleasant the short slender grass, ..interrupted..by little troops of serpolet running in disorder here and there.

2. In full *serpolet oil*: see quot.

1866 *Treas. Bot.* s.v., *Serpolet*, an essential perfumery oil obtained from *Thymus Serpyllum*. 1897 *Lippincott's Med. Dict., Serpolet oil.*

Serpoloid (sɔ̄ɹpŏloid). [f. L. *serpĕre* to creep, *serpens* SERPENT + POLOID.] = HERPOLHODE.

1862 CAYLEY *Math. Papers* (1891) IV. 572 A curve called 'the Serpoloid', which is the locus of the points with which the several points of the poloid come successively in contact with the tangent plane, and is a species of undulating curve.

Serpow, variant of SEEPAW.

Serppelys, obs. form of SURPLICE.

‖ **Serpula** (sɔ̄·ɹpĭŭlă). *Zool.* Pl. **serpulæ** (ī). [mod.L. use of late L. *serpula* small serpent.] A marine annelid which inhabits a tortuous calcareous tube.

1767 *Phil. Trans.* LVII. 432 The Serpula, or Worm-shell. 1834 McMURTRIE *Cuvier's Anim. Kingd.* 256 Bent like the tubes of a Serpula. 1855 KINGSLEY *Glaucus* 124 The tubes of serpulæ and other annelidæ. 1881–2 SAVILLE KENT *Man. Infusoria* II. 778 Flashing out of sight after the manner of a serpula with the rapidity of lightning.

Hence **Serpula·cean, Serpu·lean, Se·rpulid, Serpu·lidan, Se·rpuline,** an annelid belonging to a group or family of which *Serpula* is a typical genus; **Se·rpulite** *Geol.*, a fossil serpula; also, a formation containing these; attrib. *serpulite-grit*; **Se·rpuloid** *a.*, resembling or characteristic of the serpulæ.

1841 *Penny Cycl.* XXI. 182/1 *Serpulaceans. Under this division Lamarck arranges the genera *Spirorbis Serpula, Vermilia, Galeolaria*, and *Magilus*. 1835 KIRBY *Hab. & Inst. Anim.* I. xii. 334 The second [Order] he [Savigny] names *Serpuleans. 1883 *Science* I. 344/2 A new species of *serpulid, belonging, apparently, to the Sabellidæ. 1888 ROLLESTON & JACKSON *Anim. Life* 608 *note*, A Serpulid *Placostegus benthalianus*. 1835 KIRBY *Hab. & Inst. Anim.* I. xii. 344 The *Serpulidans, in general, imitate the spiral structure of the Trachelipod and other Molluscans. 1882 *Cassell's Nat. Hist.* VI. 240 *Ditrupa subulata*, one of the *Serpulines. 1828–32 WEBSTER, **Serpulite*, petrified shells or fossil remains of the genus Serpula. 1856 PAGE *Adv. Text-bk. Geol.* x. 118 We rank provisionally under the head *annelida* such organisms as serpulites (so called from their resemblance to the serpula of existing seas). 1880 J. F. BLAKE in *Q. Jrnl. Geol. Soc.* XXXVI. 192 The lower part is so full of *Serpula gordialis* as to almost merit the title of Serpulite. 1884 *Nature* 13 Nov. 34/1 Fucoid-shales, Serpulite-grit, and limestone. *a* 1843 *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) VII. 272/1 The *Serpuloid, Lumbricoid, and Hirudinoid orders have no head.

† **Serr,** *v. Obs.* Also **serre.** [ad. F. *serrer* = It. *serrare* (used intr. to close up the ranks) :—pop. L. **serrāre*, for class. L. *serāre*, f. *sera* lock, bolt.] *refl., pass.*, and *intr.* To press close *together*; esp. to serry the ranks, form a serried company.

1562 J. SHUTE tr. *Cambini's Turk. Wars* 31 b, The Christians serred them selues and charged them. 1603 KNOLLES *Hist. Turks* (1621) 33 Let vs, serred together, forcibly breake into the riuer. 1623 BINGHAM *Xenophon* 18 His Troope of 600 Horse close serred. 1626 BACON *Sylva* § 82 The more grosse of the Tangible Parts doe contract and serre themselues together. 1683 SIR JAS. TURNER *Pallas Armata* 22 They were oblig'd to serr together as close as they could. *Ibid.* 43 Some Tribunes..found the Gauls serr'd together in a Testudo. 1747 CARTE *Hist. Eng.* I. 88 His own men were..hardly able though serred together to stand the shock.

‖ **Serra**[1] (se·ră). Pl. **serræ.** [L. = saw, sawfish.]

1. a. A fabulous marine monster.

The first quot. is doubtful.

c 1450 METHAM *Wks.* (E.E.T.S.) 44/1177 The qwyche dragan, serra men calle. *c* 1520 ANDREW *Noble Lyfe* III. lxxii. in *Babees Bk.*, Serra is a fysshe with great tethe, and ou his backe he hathe sharpe fynnes lyke the combe of a cocke and iagged lyke a sawe. 1845 *Archæol. Album* (ed. T. Wright) 183 Among the monsters of the deep one of the most remarkable was the serra or serre...When a serre sees a ship, the bestiaries tell us, it flies up.

b. A saw-fish.

1854 BADHAM *Halieut.* 418 The larger and fiercer the adversary, the more ardently does the serra desire to join battle.

c. The fish *Alepisaurus serra*, found on the coast of California.

1896 JORDAN & EVERMANN *Fishes N. & Middle Amer.* I. 597.

2. Dentation resembling the teeth of a saw, as of the edge of a leaf, the sutures of the skull; *pl.* the 'teeth' of a serrated edge.

1800 *Phil. Trans.* XC. 435 This has a serrated edge; but the serrae are confined to the soft part, not extending to the membrane covering the bone. 1866 *Treas. Bot., Serra, Serratures*, the saw-toothings at the edge of leaves and similar bodies. 1898 JORDAN & EVERMANN *Fishes N. & Middle Amer.* II. 1285 Serræ of preopercle at angle blunt.

‖ **Serra**[2] (se·ra). [Pg. :—L. *serra* saw. Cf. SIERRA.] A ridge of mountains or hills (in Portuguese territory).

1830 *Portugal; or Yng. Travellers* 152 The burra-drivers kept shouting vociferously, to deter, they said, the wolves from coming down the serra. 1846 G. GARDNER *Brazil* 308 The storm..passing over a high Serra..again altered its course. 1853 A. R. WALLACE *Amazon & Rio Negro* 147 The great marsh which extends from the Amazon to the serras.

‖ **Serradilla** (serădi·lă). Also **-ella.** [Pg., dim. f. *serrado* SERRATE. Cf. F. *serradelle*.] A kind of clover used as a fodder-plant.

1846 LINDLEY *Veget. Kingd.* 547 Clover, Medick, Lucerne, Trefoil, &c., are well-known fodder-plants, as are also Saintfoin, Ornithopus or Serradilla. 1880 CRAWFURD *Portugal* 181 Cutting serradella, clover, and plantain for stall-feeding.

Serrafdom, obs. form of SHERIFFDOM.

Serraglio, -aill, -alia, obs. ff. SERAGLIO, SERAIL.

Serran (se·răn). *Ichth.* [ad. mod.L. *serrānus*, f. *serra*: see SERRA and -AN.] A fish of the genus *Serranus* or the family *Serranidæ*, which includes many food fishes, as the black sea-bass.

1803 SHAW *Gen. Zool.* IV. 439 Serran Sparus. 1841 KITTO *Palestine*: *Phys. Geog.* viii. 416 The Brazen Serran. 1851 GOSSE *Nat. Hist., Fishes* 57 The Serrans (*Serranina*), a very numerous sub-family [of the *Percadæ*].

Hence **Se·rranoid** *a.* and *sb.*, belonging to, a fish of, the family *Serranidæ*.

1884 GOODE, etc. *Nat. Hist. Aquatic Anim.* 413 The Serranoid Fishes of the Pacific Coast.

Serrasalmonoid (serăsæ·lmŏnoid). *Ichth.* [f. mod.L. *serrasalmon-, -salmo-*, irreg. f. *serra* saw + *salmo* SALMON: see -OID.] A fish of the South American genus *Serrasalmo*.

1880 GÜNTHER *Fishes* 111 The voracious Serrasalmonoids of the South American rivers.

Serrate (se·rĕt), *a.* Chiefly *Nat. Hist.* [ad. L. *serrāt-us*, f. *serra* saw: see -ATE[2].] Having or forming a row of small projections resembling the teeth of a saw; jagged or notched like a saw. *Serrate leaf*: see quot. 1866.

1668 WILKINS *Real Char.* II. iv. § 3. 109 Oblong shining serrate leaves. 1691 RAY *Creation* I. (1692) 145 All [Birds] that have serrate Teeth are carnivorous. 1713 DERHAM *Phys.-Theol.* IV. xv. (1727) 256 *note*, Strong hooked Talons, (one of which is remarkably serrate on the Edge) the better to hold their Prey. 1861 BENTLEY *Man. Bot.* 158 The leaf is serrate, as in the common Nettles. 1866 *Treas. Bot., Serrate*, having sharp straight-edged teeth pointing to the apex. When these are themselves serrate, they are biserrate or duplicato-serrate.

b. *Comb.*, as *serrate-spined, -toothed* adjs.; also = SERRATO-.

1793 MARTYN *Lang. Bot., Serrato-ciliatum folium*, a Serrate-ciliate leaf. *Ibid., Serrato-dentatum folium*, a Serrate-toothed leaf. 1850 F. MASON *Burmah* 323 Serrate-spined Cat-fish.

Se·rrate, *v.* [f. L. *serrāt-*, ppl. stem of *serrāre*, f. *serra* saw.]

1. *intr.* To saw. Only in vbl. sb.

1597 A. M. tr. *Guillemeau's Fr. Chirurg.* 38/1 The membrane Periostium..which also in serratinge or sawinge might be some hinderance.

2. *trans.* To make serrated or saw-toothed, jag the edge of; to impress in a serrated form.

1750 *Phil. Trans.* XLVII. 41 This mark..is found..impress'd or serrated on the new shell. 1865 *Morn. Star* 4 Oct., This corner of Ireland is absolutely serrated with bays. 1877 *Encycl. Brit.* VI. 32/1 If you make any rude sketch..of a pair of wheels acting together, and serrate the edges of the teeth. 1893 'Q.' *Delect. Duchy* 47 The larches and Scotch firs that serrate the long ridge above.

Serrated (se·rĕtĕd), *a.* Chiefly *scientific.* [f. L. *serrāt-us* SERRATE + -ED.] = SERRATE *a.*

1703 DAMPIER *Voy. New Holland* 156 The Leaves are.. like the top Leaves of *Bardana major*...In the Figure they are represented too stiff and too much serrated. 1768 PENNANT *Brit. Zool.* (1776) II. 469 The bill is..finely toothed, or serrated. 1802 SHAW *Gen. Zool.* III. 72 Serrated Tortoise. 1825 SCOTT *Talism.* xxviii, A serrated and rocky mountain. 1839–47 *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* III. 645/2 The *ligamentum dentatum* (serrated membrane of Gordon). 1851 MAYNE REID *Scalp Hunters* xi, That white spheroidal mass, with its grinning rows and serrated sutures, that is a human skull. 1878 H. M. STANLEY *Dark Cont.* I. xvi. 430 Bare and serrated hilly ridges.

Serratic (seræ·tik), *a. Path.* [f. L. *serrāt-us* SERRATE *a.* + -IC.] Resembling or suggesting the motion of a saw or the sound of sawing; = SERRATILE. (Cf. SAWING *ppl. a.* 2.)

1753 N. TORRIANO *Gangr. Sore Throat* 102 The Pulse was always small, *serratic*, or like a Saw, hard and unequal. 1859 SEMPLE *Diphtheria* 296 When the respiration is frequent and *serratic*, that is to say, imitating the noise of a saw cutting a stone.

Serratiform (serē·tĭfōɹm), *a.* [f. L. *serrāt-us* SERRATE *a.* + -FORM.] Saw-shaped, serriform.

1821 W. P. C. BARTON *Flora N. Amer.* I. 59 The margin ..marked by about four serratiform indentures.

† **Se·rratile,** *a. Obs.* Also 6 **sarratylle.** [a. F. *serratile*, ad. mod.L. *serrātilis*, f. *serrāt-us* SERRATE *a.*: see -ILE.] Saw-like; serrate; serratic.

1541 R. COPLAND *Guydon's Quest. Cyrurg.* D iv, The commyssures [of the skull] called sarratylles seames endented as tethe of a sawe. 1707 FLOYER *Physic. Pulse-Watch* 105 The Pulse in most Inflammations is hard and serratile.

Serration (serē·ʃən). [ad. mod.L. *serrātiōnem*, f. *serrāre* (see SERRATE *v.*).]

1. *Surg.* The operation of sawing. *rare*—°.

1706 PHILLIPS (ed. Kersey).

2. The condition of being serrated; indentation like that of a saw; chiefly *concr.* and *pl.*, saw-like indentations, the teeth of a serrated edge or surface.

1842 PRICHARD *Nat. Hist. Man* 101 The serrations are found to result from a structure resembling a series of inverted cones, encircling a central stem. 1849 D. J. BROWNE *Amer. Poultry Yd.* (1855) 38 The comb..is low, thick, destitute of serrations. 1851 RUSKIN *Stones Ven.* I. xiii. § 8 The eye which has once been habituated to the continual serration of the pine forest. 1870 HOOKER *Stud. Flora* 122 Differing in pubescence and amount of double serration of the leaflets. 1872 C. KING *Sierra Nevada* vii. 141 Dim serrations of Coast Range loom indistinctly on the hazy air. 1897 P. WARUNG *Tales Old Regime* 123 As the saw refused..to 'bite', and he had to withdraw it to feel, with his tongue, if the serration was still perfect.

Serratirostral (serē·tiɹɒ·străl), *a. Ornith.* [f. L. *serrātus* SERRATE + *rostrum* beak + -AL.] = SAW-BILLED.

Serrato-, used as comb. form (see -o-) of L. *serrātus* SERRATE *a.* in the senses 'serrate and . . .', 'in a serrate manner, with serrate indentation', as *serrato-crenate, -dentate, -glandulous, -spinose* adjs.

1857 T. MOORE *Handbk. Brit. Ferns* (ed. 3) 40 [Pinnules] *serrato-crenate. 1846 DANA *Zooph.* (1848) 177 Lamellæ thin, regularly *serrato-dentate. 1775 J. JENKINSON *Brit. Plants* Gloss., **Serrato-glandulous*, bearing glands and partly serrated. 1822 J. PARKINSON *Outl. Oryctol.* 218 *Serrato-spinose before, and crenato-squamous in the hinder part.

Serrature (se·rătiŭ, -tʃəɹ). [ad. L. *serrātūra*, f. *serrātus*: see SERRATE *a.* and -URE.] = SERRATION.

1541 R. COPLAND *Guydon's Quest. Cyrurg.* F j b, In the top of euery of the other extremytees in cuttynge is a bowed sarrature which is composed with an addycion very suhtylly made and bred there. *a* 1725 WOODWARD *Catal. For. Fossils* II. 25 The Serratures towards the Point are wanting in this Tooth. 1760 J. LEE *Introd. Bot.* III. v. (1765) 181 *Duplicato-serrate*, ..when there is a twofold Serrature, the less upon the greater. 1802 BINGLEY *Anim. Biog.* (1813) II. 319 The edges of the mandibles are marked with sharp serratures. 1863 M. J. BERKELEY *Brit. Mosses* iii. 15 The serratures consisting..merely of cells projecting beyond their neighbours. 1880 GÜNTHER *Fishes* 115 In Petromyzon this serrature is absent, or but faintly indicated.

‖ **Serratus** (serē·tŭs). *Anat.* [mod.L. use of L. *serrātus* SERRATE.] Any of certain muscles which are inserted into the vertebral or costal region in such a way as to suggest a serrated border; *esp.* short for *serratus magnus*, which

connects the eight upper ribs and the vertebral border of the shoulder-blade.

1881 Mivart *Cat* 279 Where it [posterior thoracic nerve] lies upon the serratus muscle. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VII. 210 The posterior border of the scapula projects like a wing owing to paralysis of the serratus.

Serray, obs. form of Serai, Sirrah.

Serrayle, obs. form of Serail.

‖ **Serre**[1] (sɛr). [F., vbl. sb. f. *serrer*, ad. pop. L. **serrāre* : see Serr.] A greenhouse.

1819 [H. Busk] *Banquet* III. 147 Lock'd in my *serres*, from hail-engendering blast, Exotic fruits from spring to spring shall last.

Serre[2]. Anglicized form of Serra[1] (1 a).

Serre, obs. form of Seer *sb.*[2]

‖ **Serre-**, stem of F. *serrer* to tighten, constrict, forming the first element in compounds denoting surgical instruments used for constricting ligatures, as **serre-nœud**, **serre-pédicule** (see quots.).

1846 Brittan tr. *Malgaigne's Man. Oper. Surg.* 19 The '*Serre nœud' (Knot-tightener) of Graefe, an imitation of the tourniquet of Petit. *Ibid.* 326 The two ends of the ligature should be passed into a *serre-nœud*, and the polypus strangled to the required degree. 1881 *Trans. Obstet. Soc. Lond.* XXII. 160 Koeberle's serre-nœud. 1898 *Syd. Soc. Lex.*, **Serre-pedicule*, a clamp used for constricting a pedicule

Serrefile (se·rəfəil). *Mil.* Also **serafile**. [ad. F. *serrefile*, f. *serre-r* (see Serr) + *file* File *sb.*[2] Cf. Pg. *serrafila*.] *pl.* The line of supernumerary and non-commissioned officers placed in the rear of a squadron or troop; *sing.* one of these.

1796 *Instr. & Reg. Cavalry* (1813) 19 In the filings of the squadron, the serrefiles take their place in the rear of the files. 1875 Kinglake *Crimea* (1877) V. 117 The serre-files were Boyd, Nugent, and..Prendergast. 1896 Baden-Powell *Matabele Campaign* xvi, Being now a sort of 'serrefile' or hanger-on to the column. 1906 *Daily Chron.* 15 Nov. 3/4 Sergeant-Major Harrison..bade me mount a grey mare he led as he rode serafile.

attrib. 1796 *Instr. & Reg. Cavalry* (1813) 219 The serrefile rank remains closed to the right. 1833 *Reg. & Instr. Cavalry* I. 35 The Serrefile Officers pass through the intervals and cover to the right.

‖ **Serre-fine** (sɛrfin). [F. *serre fine*, fine clamp.] (See quot.)

1875 Knight *Dict. Mech., Serre-fine*, a small clip used to compress a severed artery pending the farther conduct of the operation. 1895 *Arnold's Catal. Surg. Instr.* 30 Serrefines, Silver, straight or curved.

Serreli, var. Sibly *a. Obs.* **Serrey**, obs. f. Serry. **Serrha**, obs. f. Sirrah. **Serrhfull**, obs. f. Sorrowful. **Serrial(l**, obs. ff. Cerrial.

Serricorn (se·rikɔ̄m), *a.* and *sb.* [ad. mod.L. *serricorn-is* (through F. *serricorne*), f. *serra* saw + *cornū* horn.] **A.** *adj.* Of beetles: Having serrated antennæ. **B.** *sb.* A beetle of this class.

[1834 McMurtrie *Cuvier's Anim. Kingd.* 348 Those Serricornes, in which the posterior extremity of the præsternum is not similarly prolonged.] 1842 Brande *Dict. Sci.*, etc. *Serricorns*, ..a family of Coleopterous insects. 1862 T. W. Harris *Insects Injur. Veget.* (ed. 3) 45 One great tribe, named serricorn or saw-horned beetles.

Serried (se·rid), *ppl. a.* [app. f. Serry + -ed[1]; but perhaps a graphic representation of *serred*, pa. pple. of Serr, pronounced as a disyllable. The modern currency of the word is app. due to Scott.] Of files or ranks of armed men: Pressed close together, shoulder to shoulder, in close order.

1667 Milton *P. L.* I. 548 Thronging Helms Appear'd, and serried Shields in thick array. *Ibid.* VI. 599 Nor serv'd it to relax thir serried files. 1757 W. Wilkie *Epigoniad* II. 39 The Theban chief survey'd The close-compacted ranks..To find where least the serried orh could bear The strong impression of a pointed war. *a* 1785 Glover *Athenaid* II. 226 No engine..To man destructive, like his own fell hand In serried fight. 1808 Scott *Marm.* VI. xxxiv, Lioked in the serried phalanx tight. 1814 — *Ld. of Isles* v. xv, Shield compact and serried spear. 1828 Tytler *Hist. Scot.* I. 164 To present a serried front to the enemy. 1859 Jephson *Brittany* xii. 192 The French ranks were so serried that.. you could not throw an apple but it would fall upon a helmet or a lance. 1879 Green *Readings Eng. Hist.* xv. 74 The Norman horsemen, in serried line and with lances at rest.

b. Of things likened to ranks of soldiers.

1834 Lytton *Pompeii* III. ix, The dark ranks of the serried clouds. 1857 Gosse *Omphalos* iii. 57 An enormous Frog (*Labyrinthodon*),..apparently allied, in its serried teeth,.. to the Crocodiles. 1858 Longf. *M. Standish* v. 13 The serried billows, advancing. 1883 'Ouida' *Wanda* I. 31 The gorges, dark with the serried pines.

c. Of argument, etc.: Closely reasoned, compact in expression.

1899 *Blackw. Mag.* No. 1001. 511 To follow a long or serried argument. 1910 *Edin. Rev.* Jan. 93 His composition is lucid, logical, serried.

¶ Misnsed for Serrated.

1848 B. Webb *Cont. Ecclesiol.* 173 The bleak crags are serried by the numerous torrents which fall straight into the lake. ? 1886. B. Harte *Friar Pedro's Ride* in *Fiddletown*, etc. (1873) 111 The morning came above the serried coast.

Serriform (se·rifɔ̄m), *a.* Also erron. **serræ-**. [f. L. *serra* saw: see -form.] Saw-shaped, serrate.

1822 J. Parkinson *Outl. Oryctol.* 218 Thirty ribs, with serræform teeth. 1895 A. H. Cooke *Molluscs* (Camb. Nat. Hist. III.) 235 Marginals much pectinated and serriform.

† Se·rrine, *a. Obs. rare.* [f. L. *serra* saw + -ine[1].] Of the pulse: = Serratic.

1707 Flover *Physic. Pulse-Watch* 136 In most Inflammations the Pulse is hard, and serrine.

† Se·rring, *vbl. sb.* [f. Serr *v.* + -ing[1].] Arraying in close order.

1626 Bacon *Sylva* § 714 Grinding of the Teeth is caused (likewise) by a Gathering and Serring of the Spirits together to resist.

Serring, obs. form of Syringe.

Se·rriped(e, *a.* [ad. mod.L. *serriped-*, *-pēs*, f. L. *serra* saw + *pēs* foot.] Having serrations on the feet. 1858 Mayne *Expos. Lex.* s.v. *Serripes.*

Serriro·strate, *a.* [f. mod.L. *serrirostris*, f. L. *serra* saw + *rostrum* beak.] Having a serrated beak.

† Se·rrous, *a. Obs. rare*[—1]. [f. L. *serra* saw + -ous.] Resembling the action of a saw, saw-like. (Cf. Serratic, Serrine.)

1646 Sir T. Browne *Pseud. Ep.* III. xxv. 176 A serrous or jarring motion like that which happeneth while we blow on the teeth of a combe through paper.

Serrulate (se·riŭlēit), *a. Nat. Hist.* [ad. mod.L. *serrulātus*, f. late L. *serrula*, dim. of L. *serra* saw.] Finely or minutely serrated; having small serrations.

1793 Martyn *Lang. Bot.*, *Serrulatum folium*, a serrulate leaf. 1810 *Encycl. Lond.* I. 683/1 Leaves oval,..obsoletely serrulate. 1841 *Proc. Berw. Nat. Club* I. No. 9. 268 The penis of the male is..serrulate on the outer side.

Serrulated (se·riŭlēitėd), *a.* [Formed as prec. + -ed.] = prec.

1796 Withering *Brit. Plants* (ed. 3) II. 126 Calyx, husks equal, both serrulated on the keel. 1851 Woodward *Mollusca* 133 Uncini, 2, the inner broad and serrulated.

Serrulation (seriŭlē·ʃən). [f. prec.: see -ation.] The condition of being serrulated; a fine or minute serration.

1821 W. P. C. Barton *Flora N. Amer.* I. 59 The margin ..in the older leaves..marked by about four serratiform indentures, scarcely deserving the appellation of serrulations. 1881 *Jrnl. Bot.* X. 115 The serrulation on the back of the nerve was also continued lower down.

Serry (se·ri), *v.* Also 6 **sar(r)ie**, **serrey**, **serrie**. [As a military term in the 16th cent., app. f. F. *serré*, † *sarré*, pa. pple. of *serrer* (see Serr), already adopted in ME. as Sarray (see also Sarraly). In recent use, a back-formation from Serried.]

1. *intr.* To press close *together* in the ranks; to stand or move in close or serried order.

1581 Styward *Mart. Discipl.* I. 71 First, to cause your pikes to sarie close together, then to traile their pikes with the sharpe ende toward the enimie. *Ibid.* II. 102 They must sarrie close together, and not dissever to followe or flie. 1598 Barret *Theor. Warres* I. i. 4 When men come to the..push of the Pike, they sarrie close together. *Ibid.* III. i. 36 Being brought into a Ring, and serreying close shoulder to shoulder. 1888 Henley *Bk. Verses* 18 High shoulders, low shoulders broad shoulders, narrow ones, Round, square and angular, serry and shove.

2. *trans.* To cause to stand in close order, to close up (the ranks).

1635 Barriff *Milit. Discipl.* vi. (1643) 25 Close order is onely usefull for your files of Pike-men, so they may..stand the stronger, by so much as they are the closer serried together.

1821 Byron *Sardanap.* III. i. 259 Serry your ranks—stand firm. 1843 Prescott *Mexico* III. ii. (1864) 143 The courageous band of warriors, serried together. 1887 Bowen *Virg. Æneid* IV. 407 Others serry the ranks.

Serry, obs. and dial. f. Sorry. **Sers(s**, obs. ff. Search *v.* **Sersour**, obs. Sc. f. Searcher.

† Sert. *Obs.* [Apbetic of Desert *sb.*[1]] Desert, merit; phr. *for sert of*, for the sake of.

c 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xxviii. (*Margaret*) 645 Nocht for my sert, bot þi gudnes. *a* 1400 *Pistil of Susan* 223 For sert of hire souereyn and for hire owne sake.

Sert-: see Cert-.

† Serte. *Obs.* [a. OF. *serte* fem. (also *sert* masc., cf. *desert*, *deserte* Desert *sb.*[1]) :—pop. L. **servīta* for **servīta*, noun of action f. *servīre* to Serve.] Service due from a servant to his lord.

a 1400 *Morte Arth.* 513 By sertes thow was my sandes, and senatour of Rome. *Ibid.* 2926 We for-sake þe to-daye be serte of owre lorde.

‖ **Sertularia** (sɔ̄tiŭlē·riă). *Zool.* Pl. **-æ**, **-as**. [mod.L., f. L. *sertula*, dim. of *serta* garland.] One of a genus of branching hydroids having small sessile hydrothecæ; the genus itself.

1767 *Phil. Trans.* LVII. 434 A great many zoophytes, which were formerly called Corallines, now Sertularias and Cellularias. 1833 Mantell *Wonders Geol.* (1838) 474 The elegant arborescent forms of the Sertulariæ. 1876 *Van Beneden's Anim. Parasites* 62 One of these Halodactyles spreads itself upon the stalk of a Sertularia.

Hence **Sertula·rian** *a.*, of or belonging to the genus *Sertularia* or the family *Sertularidæ* of hydroids; *sb.* a sertularian hydroid; so **Se·rtularid**, in the same sense.

1847–9 *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* IV. 47/1 The Sertularian Polypes. *Ibid.* 49/1 The stem of the Sertularian is composed of two layers. 1861 J. R. Greene *Man. Anim. Kingd.*, *Cœlent.* 90 For no example of a Sertularid has yet been recorded in which the hydrosoma exhibits but a single polypite.

‖ **Sertulum** (sɔ̄·rtiŭlŏm). *Bot.* Also anglicized **se·rtule**. [mod.L., dim. of *sertum*, assumed sing. of *serta* n. pl., garlands.] A simple umbel.

1831 Macgillivray tr. *Richard's Elem. Bot.* 420 Small flowers, either solitary or disposed in a spike or sertule. 1866 *Treas. Bot.*, *Sertulum*, a simple umbel.

‖ **Serula** (se·riŭlă). [See quot. 1678.] The red-breasted merganser, *Merganser serrator*.

[1678 Ray *Willughby's Ornith.* 336 The Bird called at Venice, *Serula*: *Mergus cirratus fuscus.*] 1802 Montagu *Ornith. Dict.*, Merganser-red-breasted...Red-breasted Goosander. Lesser-toothed Diver. Serula.

Serum (sī·ə·rŏm). Pl. **sera** (sī·ə·ră), **serums** (sī·ə·rŏmz). [L. = whey, watery fluid.]

1. Watery animal fluid, normal or morbid; *spec.* blood-serum, the greenish yellow liquid which separates from the clot when blood coagulates.

1672 Wiseman *Treat. Wounds* I. 59 That morning I let her bloud, taking away about 10. ounces with a rotten *Serum* upon it. 1678 J. Brown *Disc. Wounds* 272 Being as the Hearts *Marsupium*, it being wounded, it loseth its store of *Serum*, whereby the Heart is kept moyst. 1701 J. Peter *Truth* 36 Every Body useth the Salt..to purge the Serum off, about the finishing of their Water-drinking. 1707 Flover *Physic. Pulse-Watch* 202 All Pains are to be Cured by removing of the Cause, as Inflammations, Sizy Serum. 1793 Beddoes *Obs. Calculus* 230 The blood..coagulated immediately...A small quantity of greenish serum was separated. 1813 J. Thomson *Lect. Inflam.* 401 This swelling depends partly..on the effusion of serum into the interstices of the cellular membrane. 1865 Livingstone *Zambesi* iii. 83 It brought out serum as black as porter, as if the blood had been impregnated with bile. 1872 T. Bryant *Pract. Surg.* 444 The epidermis is raised by a small quantity of purulent serum.

b. *Therapeutics.* The blood serum of an animal used as a therapeutic or diagnostic agent.

1895 *Bril. Med. Jrnl.* 20 July 181/1 The antitoxic serums prepared at the Pasteur Institute in Paris. *Ibid.* 16 Nov. 1253/1 The physiological action of the serums of tuberculised sheep is remarkably different in guinea-pigs and rabbits. 1910 *Lancet* 26 Mar. 861/2 The sera employed included anti-streptococcic serum, anti-diphtheritic serum, anti-tetanic serum.

2. *attrib.* (of 1), as *serum albumin* (cf. Seralbumin), *-globulin*.

1876 tr. *Wagner's Gen. Pathol.* 526 Leube has noticed the appearance of albumen and even of serum-albumen in the sweat of four patients. 1896 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* I. 825 Of the various forms of albumin, serumalbumin is constantly found. 1897 *Ibid.* IV. 303 Serum albumin and globulin being also present. 1904 *Brit. Med. Jrnl.* 10 Sept. 562 Hahn could find no difference between the serum and histon blood. *Ibid.* 566, 0.24 and 0.48 mg. of acid reduce the serum agglutinability to one thirty-third of its normal value.

b. *attrib.* and *Comb.* (of 1 b); esp. applied to treatment by means of serum.

1886 Crookshank *Pract. Bacteriol.* 29 Serum-steriliser. *Ibid.* 30 Serum Inspissator. 1893 *Lancet* 21 Oct. 1036/2 Serum Injections in Tetanus. 1894 *Ibid.* 17 Nov. 1189/2 The Serum Treatment of Diphtheria in Russia. 1895 *Brit. Med. Jrnl.* 16 Nov. 1253/1 Serumtherapy in Tuberculosis. 1897 *Trans. Amer. Pediatric Soc.* IX. 44 A bacteriological diagnosis of diphtheria..by means of the incubator and Loeffler serum tube. 1898 J. Hutchinson in *Archives Surg.* IX. 328 A serum-injection treatment.

Serup, obs. form of Syrup.

Serurgien, -erie, etc.: see Chirurgeon, Surgeon, and Chirurgery, Surgery.

Seruse, obs. form of Ceruse.

† Se·rvable, *a.*[1] *Sc. Obs.* Also 6 **serveabill**. [a. OF. *servable*, f. *servir* Serve *v.*[1]: see -able. Cf. Serviable.] Ready to serve.

c 1450 Holland *Howlat* 379 Next the souerane signe was sekirly sene, That seruit his serenite euer seruable, The armes of the Dowglass. *a* 1578 Lindesay (Pitscottie) *Chron. Scot.* (S. T. S.) I. 50 He promist to [be] allis serueabill as ony man wnto this realme. 1626 J. Haig in J. Russell *Haigs* (1881) 178, I rest, Your loving and servable brother.

† Se·rvable, *a.*[2] *Obs.*—[o] [f. Serve *v.*[2] + -able.] That may be kept or preserved.

1623 Cockeram I. 1656 Blount *Glossogr.* 1721 Bailey.

Servable (sɔ̄·rvăb'l), *a.*[3] [f. Serve *v.*[1] + -able.] That may be served, worthy to be served.

1855 Ogilvie Suppl., *Servable*, capable of being served. 1881 F. Harrison in *19th Cent.* Mar. 462 If we seek to love and serve the greatest loveable and serveable thing on this earth.

Servage (sɔ̄·rvėdʒ). Also 6 **sarvage**, 7 **servadge**. [a. OF. *servage* (in med.L. *servāgium*) :—L. type **servāticum*, f. *servus* slave, Serf: see -age. Cf. Pr. *servage*, *servagi*, It. *servaggio*.]

† 1. Servitude, bondage, slavery. *Obs.*

c 1290 *Beket* 1999 in *S. Eng. Leg.* 164 Nov wolde ze holi churche In grete seruage do. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 4193 Þar was ioseph in seruage sald, For tuenti besands. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Clerk's T.* 426 It is greet shame..to been in seruage To thee, that born art of a smal village. *c* 1440 *Knt. de la Tour* (1868) 111 Thei were in seruage as prisoners in Egipte. *a* 1533 Ld. Berners *Huon* cxxviii. 468 The emperour of Almayne who hath..slayne my men, and some kepethe in saruage. 1536 *Ir. Acts* 28 *Hen. VIII*, c. 3 (1621) 97 The Kings enemies haue them in servadge. 1586 A. Day *Eng. Secretary* II. (1625) 109 Scanderbeg declaring his wearisomenes of captivitie and servage.

attrib. 1567 Turberv. *Ovid's Ep.* H iij, The selfe same man had Iole made in seruage yoke to toyle.

b. *fig.*

c 1380 Wyclif *Wks.* (1880) 122 Coueitise & glotonye ben seruage of manmetrie. *c* 1450 tr. *De Imitatione* III. xi. 79 O þe holy state of religiose seruage [L. *famulatus*].

† 2. Feudal homage, allegiance. *Obs.*

1297 R. Glouc. (Rolls) 1059 Is noble seruage Dude to þe heye emperour. *c* 1369 Chaucer *Dethe Blaunche* 769 Al this I put in his seruage As to my lorde, and dyd homage.

a 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 918 (Dubl. MS.) This freke of all þe fraunches of kyng philop haldes,..& seruage hym awght. *a* 1533 Ld. Berners *Huon* xxxiii. 105 He doth me yerely seruage by the seruyce of a rynge of gold.

† 3. A service, or its equivalent in money or kind, due from a serf to his lord. *Obs.*

1434 *Rolls of Parlt.* IV. 58/1 The forseide..Chanons hav cleymed..bonde servages and custumes. *c* 1460 *Oseney Reg.* 122, I, Henry of Saunder, clerck, 3afe..all my londe..with all seruices and seruages, men [etc.]..of the same londe. *a* 1513 Fabyan *Chron.* VII. (1811) 645 The Kyng, yᵉ which yerely oppressyth his subiectys with taskys and other greuouse seruagys. 1563–87 Foxe *A. & M.* (1596) 122/2 Ethelwulfe..gaue to them..libertie and freedome from all servage and civill charges.

4. Serfage, serfdom.

1848 Mill *Pol. Econ.* II. v. I. 298, I speak of negro slavery, not of the servage of the Slavonic nations.

†Servagery. *Obs. rare.* [f. Servage + -ery.] = Servage 2.

c 1400 *Laud Troy Bk.* 140 Polleus hadde wel gret envye That men dede bim [Jason] suche seruagery. *Ibid.* 11494 He was not worthi To haue of hem suche seruageri.

Serval (sɔ̄·ɪvăl). [a. mod.L. *serval*, F. *serval* (Buffon, 1765), a. Pg. (*lobo*) *cerval* lynx (cf. F. *loup-cervier*).] † a. A name applied (after Buffon) to some Asiatic wild cat or lynx; also to an American animal resembling this. *Obs.* b. A carnivorous quadruped, *Felis serval*, native of S. Africa, having a tawny coat spotted with black, a short tail and large ears; the *bush-cat* (Bush *sb.*¹ 11).

1771 Pennant *Syn. Quadrupeds* 186 Called by the natives of Malabar, the Maraputé; by the Portuguese, the Serval. 1800 Shaw *Gen. Zool.* I. 369 The Serval is a native of India and Tibet and is an extremely fierce and rapacious animal. *Ibid.* 370 American Serval..inhabits North America..is considered as a mild and gentle animal. 1865 Lubbock *Prehist. Times* viii. 262 In the Genista Cave at Gibraltar..[they] have discovered..the leopard, lynx, serval [etc.]. 1899 F. V. Kirby *Sport E. C. Africa* 321 The serval is a tireless hunter, and runs down its prey.

Serval, obs. Sc. form of Servile.

Servaline, *a. Zool.* [ad. mod.L. *servalīnus*, f. *serval*: see prec.] Resembling the serval.

1876 *Proc. Zool. Soc.* 413 A collection of Angolian animals. ..Servaline Cat. *Felis Servalina.* From River Kwanza.

Servant (sɔ̄·ɪvănt), *sb.* Forms: *a.* 3–7 servand, 4 servon, serfaunt, 4–5 servaund, -ond, sirvand, 4–6 servande, -ante, serwand, sirvant, 4–7 servaunt(e, 5 servaunth, -awnt, -onde, -unt, serwaunt, siervaunt, cervawnte, 5–6 serwant, 6 servont, -ent, serwonde, servand, scherv-, scherw-, schirwand, 3– servant; (pl. forms 3–4 servanz, 4 -ans); *β.* 4 sarvaunte, 4–5 sarvande, 4, 7, 9 *dial.* sarvant, 5–6 sarvaunt, 6 sarvand, -ante. [a. F. *servant*, subst. use of pr. pple. of *servir* Serve *v.*¹

In mod.Fr. only the fem. *servante* has survived in this sense: In OF. the pr. pple. had the same form in both genders; hence the Eng. word has always been applied both to males and females, without any distinction of form.]

A person of either sex who is in the service of a master or mistress; one who is under obligation to work for the benefit of a superior, and to obey his (or her) commands.

1. A personal or domestic attendant; one whose duty is to wait upon his master or mistress, or do certain work in his or her household. (The usual sense when no other is indicated by the context; sometimes with defining word, as *domestic servant.*)

Upper servant, a domestic servant of superior grade of employment, as a butler or a housekeeper. *General servant* (see General *a.* 6), *servant of all work*: a female servant who does all kinds of housework. *Servants' hall*: an apartment for use as a common room by the servants in a large house.

a. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 428 Non ancre seruant ne ouhte, mid ribte, uorto asken i-sette huire. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 2560 Child haue i self nan, Bot mi seruand sun allan þat serues me, eleazar [cf. *Gen.* xv. 2, Vulg.: *filius procuratoris domus meæ*]. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Prol.* 101 A Veman hadde he and seruantz namo. 1433 in *10th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. v. 295 No citsaine herafter..shall not bake ne brewe ..but only by his wif or siervaunt. 1447 *Shillingford Lett.* (Camden) 10 Alle men of habite servantis familiars knawed without any fraude generally. 1509 Fisher *Funeral Serm. C'tess Richmond* Wks. (1876) 296 The housholde seruauntes muste be put in some good ordre. 1611 Shaks. *Cymb.* III. v, That man of hers, Pisanio, her old Seruant. 1728 Mrs. Delany *Life & Corr.* (1861) I. 183, I am in great coocern at your being without a servant. 1780 *Mirror* No. 96 We..keep a good number of servants. 1813 *Examiner* 8 Feb. 89/1 The ethics of the kitchen and servants'-hall. 1835 Dickens *Sk. Boz, Scenes* vii, The intense delight with which 'a servant of all work', who is sent for a coach, deposits herself inside. 1843 Wordsworth in Chr. Wordsw. *Mem.* (1851) II. 76 A stranger..asked of one of the female servants..permission to see her master's study. 1881 *A Chequered Career* 285 Let us peep into the servants'-hall. 1908 R. Bagot *A. Cuthbert* xxiii. 293 She had evidently learned the language from servants and was, therefore, not quite at home with her *h*'s.

β. *c* 1400 *Rule of St. Benet* (Verse) 54 And put vs vn-to pyen for þi, Als wykkyd saruandes er worthy. *c* 1500 *God Speed the Plough* 19 Our sarvauntys we Moste nedis paye. 1599 Dallam in *Early Voy. Levant* (Hakl. Soc.) 41 John Knill, sarvante to Mr. Wyseman, marchante. *a* 1699 Lady Halkett *Autobiog.* (1875) 29 One of his sarvants came and told mee that [etc.].

2. In wider sense: One who is under the obligation to render certain services to, and to obey the orders of, a person or a body of persons, esp. in return for wages or salary.

1433 *Rolls of Parlt.* IV. 475/1 How that late he sende into Bretayn Wauter Trenchevyle, his Servant, Factour and Attournay, to Marchandise ther. 1683 W. Hedges *Diary* (Hakl. Soc.) I. 85 Yᵉ Honᵇˡᵉ Company's Servants. 1704 Hearne *Duct. Hist.* (1714) I. 172 Polydore Virgil..Servant to the Pope in the Time of K. Henry VIII. 1783 Burke *Rep. Aff. India* Wks. 1842 II. 6 One provision, indeed, was made for restraining the servants [of the E. Ind. Comp.]. 1848 *Times* 6 Nov. 4/4 Every attention was paid by the servants of the [railway] company to the deceased.

b. *fig.* Applied to things (chiefly with more or less of personification).

c 1350 *Will. Palerne* 467 Mi siȝt is seruant to mi hert. 1390 Gower *Conf.* III. 100 As it is in Phisique write Of livere, of lunge, of galle, of splen, Thei alle unto the herte ben Servantz. 1639 J. Clarke *Parœmiologia* 206 Fire and water be good servants, but bad masters. 1688 Holme *Armoury* III. 320/2 A Shovel..is a Servant for several uses about the Lady Ceres. 1745 *Life Bampfylde-Moore Carew* 17 Disposing therefore of his faithful Servants, his Horse and Asses in Bridgwater. 1900 *Daily News* 19 Feb. 6/3 They knew that the Empire was the best servant that mankind had ever had.

† c. Used for Sergeant, serjeant, in various senses. *Obs.*

13.. *Coer de L.* 1641 Hys knyghtes weren dyght, al redy, Servauntes off armes, and squyers. 1340 *Ayenb.* 37 Þe ontrewe reuen prouos and bedeles and seruons, þet steleþ þe amendes, and wybdraweþ þe rentes of hire lhordes. 1511 *Chron.* in *Songs, Carols*, etc. (1907) 156 This yer ix. seruantis of þe coyff made. 1513 *Bk. Keruynge* A 4 b, in *Babees Bk.*, Also yf marshall, squyers and seruauntes of armes be there. 1561–2 *New Yrs. Gifts* in Nichols *Progr. Eliz.* (1823) I. 127 To John Betts, Servent of the Pastrye, twoo guilt spoones.

† d. One who assists a workman. Cf. Serve *v.*¹ 36. *Obs.*

1554–5 in *Extracts Edin. Burgh Rec.* (1871) II. 313 Item, to David Grahame, masoun, for his oulk's wage xxiiij^{s}. Item, to Laurence Paterson, his servand viij^{s}.

e. Applied occas. to any state official, as expressing his relation to the Sovereign. Similarly, *servant of the state*, *public servant*, etc. See also Civil servant.

1570 Buchanan *Admonitioun* Wks. (1892) 33 Being ane gude servand to ye croun. 1607 Shaks. *Cor.* II. iii. 186 When he had no Power, But was a pettie seruant to the State. *c* 1645 Howell *Lett.* (1650) I. 112 Besides Scots and Swissers, there are divers of the King's servants that are protestants. 1676 Hobbes *Iliad* I. 307 Talthyhius and Eurybates..Two public servants of the king were these. 1787 W. Thomson *Cunningham's Hist. Gt. Brit.* I. Introd. 16 King William was wont to observe, that he got more truth from Argyle than from all the rest of his servants in Scotland. 1845 *Gen. Index Parl. Papers* 1832–44, 632 Public Servants voting at Elections. 1849 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* ii. I. 273 The chief servants of the crown form one body. 1888 'R. Boldrewood' *Robbery under Arms* xxxiv, We hadn't been used to firing on the Queen's servants.

f. In the 16th c., certain companies of actors were permitted to describe themselves as the 'servants' of some noble patron, and in the 17th c. similar privileges were granted by the sovereign. Hence in mod. use *His* (or *Her*) *Majesty's servants* sometimes appears as a jocular designation for the theatrical profession.

1559 Earl Leicester *Let. to E. Shrewsbury* in Collier *Northbrooke's Dicing* (Shaks. Soc.) Introd. 7 Where my servauntes..be suche as ar plaiers of interludes, and for the same haue the licence..to plaie in diverse shieres within the realme. 1603 in Rymer *Fœdera* XVI. 505 James by the Grace of God &c...Knowe ye that Wee..doe licence and authorize theise our Servaunts, Laurence Fletcher, William Shakespeare,..And the rest of their Assosiates, Freely to use and exercise the Arte and Faculty of playing Comedies, Tragedies [etc.]. 1609 in *Shaks. Soc. Papers* (1849) IV. 45 Thomas Greene [and others]..Servants to our most deerely beloved wiefe, Queene Anne. 1696 J. Dryden, jun. (*title*), The Husband his own Cuckold. A Comedy, As it is acted ..by His Majesty's Servants. 1864 Doran (*title*) 'Their Majesties' Servants.' Annals of the English Stage.

3. a. In the 14th and 15th c. often used to render the L. *servus* slave. In all the Bible translations from Wyclif to the Revised Version of 1880–4, the word very often represents the Heb. עבד *ʿebed* or the Gr. δοῦλος, which correspond to *slave*, though this term as applied to Israelitish conditions would perh. be misleading. *Servant of servants*: a Hebraism for one in the most degrading bondage.

1375 Barbour *Bruce* III. 220 Serwandis and threllis mad he fre. 1382 Wyclif *Ezek.* xxvii. 13 Thei, thi biers, brouȝten seruauntis [1388 boonde men] and brasen vessels to thi puple. 1388 — *Gen.* ix. 25 Cursid he the child Canaan, he schal be seruant of seruantis [so the later versions] to hise britheren. 1483 *Cath. Angl.* 330/2 To make a Servande, *mansipare*. *c* 1520 Nisbet *N. T., Gal.* iv. 30 The sonn of the seruand sall nocht be aire with the sonn of the fre wife. *fig.* 1474 Caxton *Chesse* II. iii. (1883) 38 For he is seruant & bonde vnto money and not lord therof.

b. In the North American colonies in the 17–18th c., and subsequently in the United States, *servant* was the usual designation for a slave.

1643 *Virginia Stat. at Large* (1823) I. 253 If any such runnaway servants or hired freemen shall produce a certificate [etc.]. 1784 *Acts & Laws of Conn.* (1784) 103 Apprentices under Age and Servants bought for Time excepted. 1809 Kendall *Trav.* II. 272 Servant, in the statute book of Connecticut..is put for slave. 1852 Mrs. Stowe *Uncle Tom's C.* xxi. 223 Why don't we teach our servants to read?

4. In various transferred uses. † a. One who owes feudal service to his overlord, a vassal. *Obs.*

c 1330 R. Brunne *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 11505 Þou frolle, our baroun [*v.r.* seruant], slow, ffrance & fflaundres from vs þou drow. 1471 Caxton *Recuyell* (Sommer) II. 525 O right noble kynge as I am your trewe seruant and vassale. 1527 *Caldwell Papers* (Maitland Club) I. 58 Me Johne Mure.. grants me and myne airs ppetualie, to bekum man and servand till Hew Erle of Eglingtone, and till his airs ppetualie.

† b. A professed lover; one who is devoted to the service of a lady. (Cf. Mistress 10.) Also, in bad sense, a paramour, gallant. *Obs.*

c 1368 Chaucer *Compl. Pite* 60 Sheweth vnto youre rialle excellence Youre servaunt, yf I durst me so calle, Hys mortal harme. 1508 Dunbar *Tua Mariit Wemen* 466, I have ane secrete seruand,..That me supportis of sic nedis. 1598 B. Jonson *Ev. Man in Hum.* IV. ii, Servant (in troth) you are too prodigall Of your wits treasure, thus to powre it forth Upon..my worth. 1614 W. Browne *Sheph. Pipe* vii. F 1 b, Nor hath her seruants nor her fauorites That waite her husbands issuing at dore. 1629 Ford *Lover's Mel.* I. iii, For your reward, Henceforth Ile call you Seruant. 1666–7 Pepys *Diary* 4 Jan., Pegg, and her servant, Mr. Lowther. *a* 1700 Sedley *Poems* Wks. 1778 I. 54 Some caution yet I'd have thee use, Whene'er thou dost a servant chuse: Men are not all for lovers fit.

c. With religious signification.

Servant of the servants of God (*servus servorum Dei*): a title assumed by the Popes (first by Gregory the Great).

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 3118 Herkens o godd þat all weldand, How he wald faand his lel seruand. *a* 1340 Hampole *Pr. Consc.* 1082 Þe world here, es þe devels servand, þat brynges his servauntes til his hand. *a* 1340 — *Ps.* lxv. 5 Þai ere saruauntes til þaire godes. *c* 1380 Wyclif *Wks.* (1880) 362 It bylongiþ to þe godheed of criste..to rewarde his trewe saruandis. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Parson's T.* 699 The Pope calleth hym-self seruant of the seruantz of god. 1447 Bokenham *Seyntys* ix. 904 She seruaunth was To Cryst in heuene. 1574 *Wills & Inv. N. C.* (Surtees) I. 405 Lawrence dunccane serwand to the churche of god and Minister at the churche of belford. 1655 (*title*) A true Testimony of what was done concerning the servants of the Lord, at the Generall Assizes at Northampton. *a* 1770 Jortin *Serm.* (1771) VII. ii. 19 Christians..must not draw back and become the servants of sin. 1823 Scott *Quentin D.* xvi, The good Bishop labours night and day to preserve peace, as well becometh a servant of the altar. 1871 J. Ellerton *Hymn*, '*Now the labourer's task is o'er*' i, Father, in Thy gracious keeping Leave we now Thy servant sleeping.

d. *Your* (*humble, obedient*) *servant*: one of the customary modes of subscribing a letter, or of addressing a patron in the dedication of a book. † (*Your*) *servant*: a mode of expressing submission to another's opinion, often equivalent to 'there is nothing more to be said upon the subject'; a form of greeting or leave-taking.

a. [1444 *Paston Lett.* I. 48 Wretyn right simply..By your most symple servaunt Jamys Gresham.] 1474 Caxton *Chesse* Ded., Your most humble servant william Caxton amonge other of your seruantes sendes unto yow peas. *c* 1550 Bale *K. Johan* 1139 Yowr servoot and Umfrey! of trewthe, father, I am he. 1601 J. Donne in Kempe *Losely MSS.* (1836) 333 Yoʳ L'ps most dejected and poore servant, J. Donne. 1649 Lovelace *Being treated to Ellinda*, But now to close all I must switch-hard. Servant ever; *Lovelace Richard.* 1672 Wycherley *Love in Wood* I. ii, Your Servant,—your Servant.—Mr. Ranger. 1687 Prior *Hind & P. Transversed* Wks. (1907) 9 Nay Gentlemen, if you question my skill in the Language, I'm your humble Servant. 1705 [T. Walker] *Wit of a Woman* II. 21 Enter Boastwit. *Boast.* So, Sir, your Servant, your Servant, Captain. 1752 Foote *Taste* II. (1781) 27 As to Sculpture, I am his very humble Servant. A Man must know damn'd little of Statuary, that dislikes a Bust for want of a Nose. 1770 — *Lame Lover* III. Wks. 1799 II. 89 Oh! if you are angry, your servant—I thought that the news would have pleased you. 1806–7 J. Beresford *Miseries Hum. Life* (1826) VI. 116 *Sen.* I shall be content with a few selections..*Tex.* O, your servant!—those you shall have without demur. 1845 [Macray] *Man. Brit. Hist.* Ded., To the Rev. Bulkeley Bandinel,..this volume is..dedicated, by his obedient and obliged servant. 1851 Lytton *Not so bad* II. i. 33 Enter Wilmot and Softhead. Wilmot. Your servant, ladies;—Sir Geoffrey, your servant. 1896 Crockett *Cleg Kelly* vii, 'Servant, m'am!' said he, putting his pipe behind him as he came into the shop.

β. 1680–1 Marlborough in Wolseley *Life* I. 237, I am your..faithful frend and sarvant. 1859 Hughes *Scouring Wh. Horse* vii. 169 The old farmer..came and sat down at the table. 'Your sarvant, gen'l'men,' said he, taking off his broad-brimmed beaver.

5. *attrib.* and *appositive*, as *servant-boy*, † *-gentleman, -lass, -maid, -man,* † *-train,* † *-wench, -woman*; *servant-like* adj. and adv. Also Servant-girl.

1832 Ht. Martineau *Hill & Valley* vi, Her *servant-boy.. now came up. 1604 in *T. Pont's Topogr. Acc. Cunningham* (Maitland Club) 183 To Thomas Blair, his *servand-gentilman of fie, xl lib. 1694 *Aberdeen Reg.* (1872) IV. 315 That.. noe *servant lass goe in to the pews of either churches. 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* xxvi, The Irish servant-lass rushed up from the kitchen. 1616 T. Scot *Philomythie* I. (ed. 2) H 5 b, When thou most *seruant-like thy head dost beare Downe to the ground. 1853 Hickie tr. *Aristoph.* (1872) II. 567 This is a servant-like act which you have openly done. 1661–2 in Swayne *Churchw. Acc. Sarum* (1896) 236 For the *servant maid of W. Hayter, 6s. 1782 Cowper *Let. to Hill* Wks. 1837 XV. 113 As servant maids, and such sort of folks. 1880 M'Kay *Hist. Kilmarnock* (ed. 4) 160 With his wife, eight children, and a servant-maid he then set out for London. 1379 *Poll-tax W. Riding* in *Yorks. Archæol. Jrnl.* VI. 12 Robertus *seruantman, iiij*d*. 1815 *Ann. Reg., Chron.* 17 The wife of Mr. Metters,..was murdered by her servant man. 1725 Pope *Odyss.* IV. 906 Must my *servant train Th' allotted labours of the day refrain? 1768 Tucker *Lt. Nat.* (1834) I. 128 A *servant wench in London. 1812

Ann. Reg., Chron. 37 The servant-wench, who slept in the next room. 1379 *Poll-tax W. Riding* in *Yorks. Archæol. Jrnl.* VI. 23 Elena *Seruantwoman iiij*d. 1842 Aiton *Domest. Econ.* (1857) 126 The servant-women in the manse are nearly unexceptionable.

† Se·rvant, *a.* *Obs. rare.* [a. F. *servant*, pr. pple. of *servir* to Serve; cf. Servant *sb.*] Serving, ministering; serviceable, useful; servant-like.

1531 Tindale *Exp. John* (1537) 6 They..haue promysed ..to waxe euer lower and lower, and euery daye more seruant then another. 1614–15 Bovs *Wks.* (1629) 758 He that in Christs Church is most seruant is the greatest, and he that is most lordly the least.

† Se·rvant, *v.* *Obs. rare.* [f. Servant *sb.*]

1. *trans.* To put in subjection *to.*

1607 Shaks. *Cor.* v. ii. 89 My affaires Are Seruanted to others.

2. *pa. pple.* Provided with a servant.

1631 J. Done *Polydoron* (1650) 133 Hee is ill servanted that hears his mayde before hee sees her.

3. *intr. To servant it*, to act as a servant.

1656 S. H. *Golden Law* 68 He mated..not only his Master, but his Masters also,..by servanting it to them all in his administrations and services..for their good.

Servantdom (sə·ɪvantdəm). [f. Servant *sb.* + -dom.] Servants as a class.

1883 T. Wright in *19th Cent.* Feb. 285 The point of the saying, 'No man is a hero to his valet' extends in practice to all servant-dom. 1884 Mrs. Banks *Sybilla* III. 88 Mrs. Price was holding forth on the subject of servantdom.

‖ Servante (sɐrvānt). [F. *servante* side table.] An extra table or concealed shelf used in conjuring.

1872 *Routledge's Ev. Boy's Ann.* 344/1 The servante, or hidden shelf. 1878 tr. *Houdin's Secr. Conjuring* 66 The *gibecière* or *servante*, as it is now more generally called.

† Se·rvantess. *Obs. rare*$^{-1}$. [f. Servant *sb.* + -ess 1.] A female servant.

1388 Wyclif *Gen.* xvi. 2 Entre thou to my seruantesse. *Ibid.* xxxii. 22 He took hise twei wynes, and so many seruantessis..and passide the forthe of Jaboth.

Servant-girl. A young female servant.

1834 Mrs. Carlyle *Lett.* I. 10 The very servant-girls wear bustles. 1853 *Punch* XXIV. 98/1 *Servant Gal*...I a'int a going to stop in sarvice no longer.

attrib. 1894 Miss E. L. Banks *Campaigns Curios.* 15, I sat down on the hat-rack in orthodox servant-girl fashion.

Hence **Servantgirldom, Servantgirlism.**

1853 *Punch* XXIV. 98/1 Servantgalism; or, what's to become of the missuses? 1896 *Daily News* 6 Apr. 3/4 The Sunday afternoon attire of servant girldom in the East-end.

Servantless (sə·ɪvantlĕs), *a.* [-less.] Having no servant (in various senses of the sb.).

1669 Cokaine *Poems* 158 One of less beauty and..Servantless, sooner should my heart command. 1883 Stevenson *Silverado Sq.* (1895) II. 306 We must go to our mountain servantless. 1889 G. Gissing *Nether World* III. xiii. 295 Bessie was just now servantless.

† Se·rvantly, *a.* *Obs.* [f. Servant *sb.* + -ly 1.] Having the qualities appropriate to a servant.

1561 Daus tr. *Bullinger on Apoc.* (1573) 259 b, He would therfore haue worshipped and honoured the Angel wyth seruauntly worshyppe as they terme it [*dulia*]. *a* 1603 T. Cartwright *Confut. Rhem. N. T.* (1618) 78 You call the Pope the most seruantlie seruant of the Church.

Se·rvantry. *rare.* [f. Servant *sb.* + -ry.] The servants of a household or estate considered collectively.

1860 W. H. Russell *Diary India* II. 205 The male servantry summoned to do homage by the blast of the cows' horns. 1891 Hardy *Tess* v, It was evidently the gentleman's wish not to be disturbed..by the servantry.

Servantship (sə·ɪvantʃip). [f. Servant *sb.* + -ship.] The state or condition of being a servant.

1579 W. Wilkinson *Confut. Fam. Love* b i b, Supposed enen so that his seruannt (that is his seruanntship out of the law) should be his heire. 1583 Golding *Calvin on Deut.* lxiv. 391 That seruantship bare no sway in him by the space of those fortie dayes. 1776–80 Bentham *Introd. Princ. Mor. & Legisl.* xvi. (1789) 263 Usurpation of servantship [coincides] with usurpation of mastership. 1803 Jane Porter *Thaddeus* xxi, I suppose the appellation mistress put her in mind of her ci-devant servantship. 1876 Bathgate *Deep Things* v. 87 Any man who treated his neighbour, either in servantship or mastership, as he should be treated.

† Serva·tion. *Obs. rare*$^{-1}$. [ad. L. *servātiōnem*, n. of action f. *servāre* to preserve.] Preservation.

1521 Wolsey *Let.* in Strype *Eccl. Mem.* (1733) I. i. 32 For the Servation of themselves, and Surety of their Goods.

† Serva·tor. *Obs. rare*$^{-1}$. [a. L. *servātor*, f. L. *servāre* to preserve.] A preserver.

1502 Arnolde *Chron.* 60 b/1 Abdalazys Soldan of babilon ..seruator and defensor of the lordes of assia.

Servator(e, servatour, erron. ff. Servitor.

† Se·rvatory. *Obs.* [ad. med.L. *servātōrium* magazine, f. L. *servāre* to preserve: see -ory 1.]

1. A reservoir or tank for water.

c 1450 *Godstow Reg.* 301 The cowrte, and all the bildyngis, with the gardeyne, and seruatory.

2. A safeguard, preservative (see quot.).

1613 Purchas *Pilgrimage* (1614) 141 Their Phylacteries or Seruatories, Defensiues..(so the word signifieth)..they vsed as Preseruatiues, or Remembrancers of the law.

Servatour, variant of Serviter *Sc.*

† Serve, *sb.*1 *Obs. rare.* [OE. *syrfe* wk. fem. :— prehistoric **surbjōn-*, a. popular L. **sorbea*, f. *sorb-us* Service 2.]

1. = Service 2.

940 in Birch *Cartul. Sax.* II. 490 Of wulfa lenze to cawel dene. of cawel dene to þære syrfan. *c* 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* II. 227 In Iane, in ffeueryeer and Marche in coold Erthe, October and Nouember in hoot Erthe, is settyng of sernys nohul hold. *Ibid.* III. 877 In serue & peche, in plane & populer, In wilous may this melis graffid be.

2. The fruit of the service-tree.

1621 Burton *Anat. Mel.* I. ii. II. i. 92 Nuts, Medlers, Serues, &c.

Serve (sɜ·ɪv), *sb.*2 [f. Serve *v.*1]

† 1. ? Service, adoration. *Obs. rare*$^{-1}$.

c 1440 *Rel. Pieces fr. Thornton MS.* 73 Þon gyffe me grace the serue to paye.

2. *Tennis.* An act of serving, a service.

1688 Holme *Armoury* III. 264/2 (Tennis) Serve, is the first casting out of the Ball upon the Pent-House, for him on the contrary side to strike at. 1905 *Westm. Gaz.* 17 Mar. 3/1 This is the serve, and to be a good one it has to come off the wall into the right court. The serve is then taken by one of the opposing party. 1909 *Ibid.* 7 Aug. 2/1 He is the most difficult of all the bowlers who have applied to cricket the American serve at tennis.

† Serve, *sb.*3 *Obs. rare*$^{-1}$. [a. F. *serve* (:—L. *serva*), fem. of *serf* Serf.] A female slave.

1480 Caxton *Ovid's Met.* XI. v, And helde her as hys serve & paramour.

Serve (sɜ·ɪv), *v.*1 Forms: *α.* 2–3 (*Ormin*) serrfenn, serrvenn, 3 servie, sarvi, 3–4 servi, 2–5 serven, 3–5 servy, 3–6 serf, 3–5, 7 serfe, 3, 5–9 (*now vulgar*) sarve, 4 servin, 4–7 *Sc.* serwe, 5 cervyn, servyn(ne, 5–6 *Sc.* serff, (6 *Sc.* scherve, 7 searve, searfe, serv), 2– serve. *β.* 3 sarevy, 5 seryf(f, -iff, serof, serryff, sarif, -yf, sarofe. *γ. Sc.* and *dial.* 5, 6, 8 ser, 5–6, 9 sar, 5, 8– sair; 9 sarrow, sarra (see Eng. Dial. Dict.). [a. OF. (and F.) *serv-ir*:—L. *servīre* to be a servant or slave, to serve, f. *serv-us* slave, servant. Cf. Pr. *servir, sirvir*, Sp., Pg. *servir*, It. *servire.*

In Latin the verb was intransitive, often followed by a dative. In Fr. (as other Rom. langs.) the intransitive use has remained, but by the side of it there has been from an early period a transitive use, resulting from the conversion of the indirect into a direct object. In ME. both uses were common; in mod.Eng. the vb. is felt as primarily transitive, the intransitive senses which survive having blended with the absolute uses.]

I. To be a servant (to), render service (to).

1. *intr.* To be a servant; to perform the duties of a servant.

1303 R. Brunne *Handl. Synne* 835 Þe seruyng man, þat seruyþ yn þe 3ere. 1338 — *Chron.* (1810) 33 Whilom he serued in his panterie. *c* 1400 *Rule of St. Benet* (prose) xxxv. 26 Þe vassels þat tay serue wid [orig. *vasa ministerii sui*]. 1591 Shaks. *Two Gent.* III. i. 270 She is her Masters maid, and serues for wages. *c* 1655 Milton *Sonn.*, '*When I consider*', They also serve who only stand and waite. 1667 — *P. L.* I. 263 Better to reign in Hell, then serve in Heav'n. 1664 R. Codrington *Prov.* in *Youths Behav.* II. 200 He that serves well needs not fear to ask his wages. 1729 Swift *Direct. Serv., Cook* (1745) 37 Whether you serve in Town or Country. 1764 Burn *Poor Laws* 215 From the highest subject to the lowest, no man chuses to serve for nothing. 1800 Wordsw. *Farmer Tilsbury Vale* 50 All trades, as need was, did old Adam assume,—Served as stable-boy, errand-boy, porter, and groom. 1859 Tennyson *Enid* 453 The men who served About my person. 1894 Baring-Gould *Deserts S. France* II. 246 He served some time as a waiter in an eating-house.

† b. To be a slave or bondman; to be in bondage; to labour as a bondman. Also with cognate object. (A latinism.) *Obs.*

1382 Wyclif *Isa.* xiv. 3 Thin harde seruage, that thou beforn seruedist. 1382 — *Gal.* iv. 3 So and we, whanne we weren litile, weren seruynge [1388 we serueden] vndir the elementis of the world. 1611 Bible *Exod.* i. 13 The Egyptians made the children of Israel to serue with rigour. *Ibid., Ezek.* xxix. 18 Nebuchad-rezzar..caused his armie to serue a great seruice against Tyrus. 1671 Milton *P. R.* III. 378–9 Serving as of old Thir Fathers in the land of Egypt serv'd.

2. To go through or perform a term of service under a master. Usu. with advb. accus. denoting the period, as *to serve one's time, to serve an apprenticeship* (*to* a trade, etc.). Also with *out.*

[1382 Wyclif *Gen.* xxix. 20 Thanne Jacob serued for Rachel seuen 3eer.] 1562 in W. H. Turner *Select. Rec. Oxford* 293 He served his apprentycehode. 1562–3 *Act* 5 *Eliz.* c. 4 § 21 To serve as Apprentice..to any suche Arte Misterye or Mannell Occupacion. *c* 1570 *Saparton's Alarum* in *B. L. Ball. & Broadsides* (1867) 118 If euer warlike wighte Hath serued his time in vaine. 1608 Shaks. *Per.* IV. vi. 187 (Qo.) Serue by indenture to the common hang-man. 1700 S. L. tr. *Fryke's Voy. E. Ind.* 110 Those who had served out their time [*sc.* as soldiers]. 1712 Arbuthnot *John Bull* I. iv, Lewis Baboon had taken up the Trade of Clothier and Draper, without serving his Time, or purchasing his Freedom. 1835 *App. Munic. Corpor. Rep.* III. 1667 A person bound to a free mariner..for seven years, and having served during that period. 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* lvii, Having served his full time in India..he was free to come home and stay with a good pension. 1863 *Rep. Sea Fisheries Comm.* (1865) II. 418/1, I served my time to trawling.

b. *fig.*

1553 R. Ascham in *Lett. Lit. Men* (Camden) 16 Som reason I have, to be made free and iorneyman in lernyng, whan I have allready served out three prentyships at Cambrige. 1593 Shaks. *Rich II*, I. iii. 271 (Qo.) Must I not serue a long apprentishood To forreine passages. 1603 Dekker, etc. *Patient Grissill* IV. ii. 2132 When a quarrell enters into a trade, it serues seauen yeares before it be free. 1648 [see Prenticehood]. 1685 Dryden *Albion & Alb.* Pref. (b) 2 As if I had not serv'd out my time in Poetry, but was bound 'Prentice to some doggrel Rhymer. 1693 *Hum. Town* 107 Some old nonsensical Translations which have serv'd a Patriarch's age to the Library of Moore-fields. 1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* I. iv. iii, Or shall we say: Insurrection has now served its Apprenticeship.

c. *trans.* To go through, work out (a term of imprisonment, a penal sentence). Also with *out.* Also ellipt. *to serve time* and simply *to serve.*

1873 Greenwood *In Strange Comp.* 57 One lad..laid claim to have 'served' both in Maidstone gaol and the prison at Wandsworth. *Ibid.* 288 The virago who has just 'served' three months for a murderous assault. 1885 *Encycl. Brit.* XIX. 756/2 The obligation to return to a convict prison to serve out the unexpired term of penal servitude. 1886 *Science* 24 Sept. 287 Every unfortunate or miscreant who has once 'served time'.

3. To be a servant to; to work for, be employed in the personal service of (a master or mistress).

In the early instances the obj. may possibly be *dative.*

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 422 Helpeð mid ower ownne swinke,.. to schrunden ou sulnen and þeo þet ou serueð. *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 1670 Ic sal, for rachel, Seruen ðe seuene winter wel. *c* 1325 *Chron. Eng.* 518 in Ritson *Metr. Rom.* II. 291 That on partie he [Alfred] yef hem That in ys court serveden hym. 1362 Langl. *P. Pl.* A. v. 115 For sum tyme I Seruede Simme atte noke, And was his pliht prentys. 1584 Cogan *Haven Health* ii. 17 Plautus..was faine for his liuing to serue a baker. 1601 Shaks. *All's Well* III. iv. 54 A Gentleman that serues the Count. 1611 Bible *Exod.* xxi. 6 His master shall boare his eare through with an aule, and he shall serue him for euer. 1661 in *12th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. v. 6 Gervise Lucas served George Earle of Rutland as gentleman of his horse some yeares. 1740 [? De Foe] *Mrs. Chr. Davies* (1741) 10 Richard Welsh, a young Fellow who had served my Aunt. 1819 Scott *Ivanhoe* xxxvii, My two brethren, who serve the rich Rabbi. 1828 J. Wilson *Noct. Ambr.* Wks. 1856 II. 49 That is the lot o' the puirest herd callant, wha, ha'in na pawrents, is glad to sair a hard master, withooten ony wage.

b. *fig.* To be the slave of (sin, one's lower nature, etc.). *Obs.* or *arch.*

1390 Gower *Conf.* III. 3 It is the cuppe whom he serveth. *c* 1400 *Pety Job* in 26 *Pol. Poems* 127, I seruyd syn, and was hys knaue. 1535 Coverdale *Tit.* iii. 3 For we oure selues also were..seruynge lustes [1538 Wycl. seruynge todesyris]. 1542 Udall *Erasm. Apoph.* 135 Suche persones as serven onely the throte & the bealye.

c. *rarely* of a beast made to work for his master.

1692 R. L'Estrange *Fables* ccviii. 178 A Certain Ass that serv'd a Gard'ner.

d. To work for (a body of persons, a company) as a paid servant.

1844 H. H. Wilson *Brit. India* III. 8 His retirement from public duty on account of failing health..called forth..a deserved tribute of acknowledgment from those whom he had long faithfully and ably served. 1876 Gladstone *Glean.* (1879) II. 296 Another term of four years brought him back, the least Indian..of all the civilians who had ever served the Company.

4. To attend upon (as a servant does); to wait upon, minister to the comfort of.

c 1250 *Owl & N.* 1579 Þat gode wif..seruep [*Jesus MS.* saruep] him to bedde & to borde mid faire dede & faire worde. *c* 1275 *Passion our Lord* 40 in *O. E. Misc.* 38 And þer comen engles hym to seruy. *a* 1300 *Floriz & Bl.* 978 (Hausknecht), Ehc moretid þer moste come Two maidenes ut of hire bure, To serven him up in þe ture. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 20120 To fere and seke ai did scho bote, And serued taim till hand and fote. *c* 1450 *Merlin* xiv. 225 Whan the kynges doughter hadde serued the thre kynges, than she serued hir fader. 1617 Morvson *Itin.* I. 251 He presently fell sicke, and not able to serve himselfe, could not..doe me any service. 1794 [see Granny 2]. 1852 Thackeray *Esmond* III. iii, His health was still shattered; and he took a lodging near to his mistresses, at Kensington, glad enough to be served by them. 1859 Tennyson *Enid* 379 The good house..Endures not that her guest should serve himself.

β. c 1440 *Alphabet of Tales* 80 What is he þis at syttis att supper & I holde candell vnto and dure such serves? what am I þat I sulde seryff hym þis? *c* 1450 *St. Cuthbert* (Surtees) 4347 All bot he and his wyfe, And a seruand þaim to sarofe.

b. *To be* (*well* or *ill*) *served.* (Cf. branch V.)

1687 A. Lovell tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* I. 32 The common price of the Bagnio, is two Aspres to the Master; and they who would be well served, give as much to the Man. 1779 Warner in Jesse *Selwyn & Contemp.* (1844) IV. 283 Never were people worse served by the post, than we are in this country. 1858 Longf. *M. Standish* i, Serve yourself, would you be well served, is an excellent adage. 1869 Miss Alcott *Gd. Wives* i, The mistress of a house, however splendid, should know how work *ought* to be done, if she wishes to be well and honestly served.

5. To assist (a priest) *at* (or † *to*) mass as server. Also *absol.*, to act as server. Also *to serve mass* (= F. *servir la messe*).

1393 Langl. *P. Pl.* C. VI. 12 'Canstow seruen,' he seide 'oþer syngen in a churche.' 1595 in J. H. Pollen *Acts Eng. Martyrs* vi. (1892) 108 It was proved he had served a priest to Mass some three days before this happened. 1667 in *Cath. Rec. Soc. Publ.* III. 62 There was nothing more gratefull vnto him then to serue Masse, nor any more welcome to the Priest he serued. 1706 J. Stevens *Sp. Dict., Missario*, or *Missero*, a Boy that serves at Mass. 1753 Challoner *Cath. Chr. Instr.* 153 [The] Acolyth, whose Function is to serve at Mass. 1844 A. P. de Lisle in E. Purcell *Life* (1900) I. 122 Arno and Everard served the Mass. 1889 Pater *G. de Latour* (1896) 39 At the great ecclesiastical seasons.. Gaston and his fellows 'served' Monseigneur.

6. (In the earliest use, with obj. in dative.) To be (officially) a servant of (God, a heathen deity); to take official part in the worship of.

c 1175 in Assmann *Ags. Hom.* 118/2 He sealde..oðerne del þæm þe gode ane seruedæn [*OE. orig.* þeowodon]. *c* 1200 Oamin 615 Annd illc an hird wel wisste inoh Whillc lott badd hise prestess I Godess temmple serrfenn Godd.

1819 SHELLEY *Cenci* II. ii. 76 A priest who has forsworn the God he serves.

† b. *intr.* To officiate as a minister of God, to perform divine service. *Obs.*

c 1200 ORMIN 506 þatt illc an shollde witenn wel Whillc lott himm shollde reȝȝsenn, To cumenn inntill ȝerrsalæm, To serrvenn i þe temmple. *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 3634 Aaron bissop, oðere of ðat kin, Sette he hem for to seruen ðor-in. *a* 1330 *Rouland & V.* 358 Wiþ an hundred chanouns & her priour,..For to serui þere. *c* 1380 WYCLIF *Sel. Wks.* III. 346 ȝif Apostlis weren now alyve, and sawen þus preestis serve in þe Chirche. 1435 in *Laing Charters* (1899) 30 [Granting to the] Lady Awter off the parisshe kyrk of North Berwyk and tyll Schir Androw Ferour thare serwand. 1537 [see CLERK *sb.* 2]. 1568 *Peebles Burgh Rec.* (1872) 74 Being found qualifiit to serf and mak ministratioun in the kirk of God. 1691 *Galliæ Notitia* 68 There are eight Chaplains that serve quarterly..Who are to say every day (excepting the High-Mass dayes) a low Mass before the King.

7. † a. *trans.* To worship (God, a deity) with religious rites; to offer praise and prayer to, give divine honour to. *Obs.*

a 1300 *X Commandm.* 26 in *E. E. P.* (1862) 16 Sundai wel þat ȝe holde, to serue god þilk dai wis boþe ȝung and eke olde. 1340 *Ayenb.* 225 Ine holy stede..þet hyeþ apropred uor god to bidde and hym seruy. *c* 1450 *Mirk's Festial* ii. 6 þe whech dey ȝe schull come to þe chyrch to serue God, and forto worschip the holy apostoll for þe speciall uertues þat he hade. 1577 KENDALL *Flowers of Epigr.* 8 First serud on knees, the Maiestie deuine. 1587 GOLDING *De Mornay* xxiii. (1617) 377 The Spirits which were seened in Stockes and Images..were vncleane and mischieuous Spirits. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 17 Oct. 1686, Shewing the costome of the primitive Saints in serving God with Hymns. 1702 LUTTRELL *Brief Rel.* (1857) V. 221, 500 protestants in Languedock met in a wood to serve God.

b. To render habitual obedience to, to do the will of (God, a heathen deity, Satan).

c 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 81 Hu me sulde godalmihti serue and his wille wurche in orðe. *c* 1200 *Vices & Virtues* 43 Ðo ðe ðese swikele woreld habbeð forlaten And seruið ure drihten on religiun. 1340 HAMPOLE *Pr. Consc.* 1080–1 Þas þat þe world serves and loves, Serves þe devel. 1340–70 *Alex. & Dind.* 632 ȝe..serue sory idolus þat ȝou in sinne brynge. *c* 1400 *Rule of St. Benet* (prose) Prol. 1 To seryf our lorde Iesu criste. 1435 MISYN *Fire of Love* I. v. 10 God with-outen doutte we liue noȝt, forsoth hym not sarifand. 1490 CAXTON *Eneydos* iv. 19, I swere to the, by the goddis whom thou seruest. 1535 COVERDALE *Ps.* cxlviii. 14 The children of Israel, euen the people that serueth him. 1566 PAINTER *Pal. Pleas.* I. lvi. (1890) II. 89 Now make accompt of your pilgrimage here, and serue no more such Sainctes. 1597 in *Spalding Club Misc.* (1841) I. 157 The Devill thy maister, quhome thow seruis. 1598 SHAKS. *Merry W.* IV. v. 130 Sure, one of you do's not serue heauen well, that you are so cross'd. *c* 1655 MILTON *Sonnet*, '*When I consider*' 11 Who best Bear his milde yoak, they serve him best. 1810 S. GREEN *Reformist* I. 186, I did not think that London was yet such a sink of depravity, as to openly serve God and Satan on the same day. 1850–1 LONGF. *Gold. Leg.* II, For a whole century Had he been there, Serving God in prayer.

8. To render obedience and service to, to fulfil one's duty to (a feudal superior, a sovereign).

c 1275 LAY. 4855 He saruede [*earlier version* herde] þan kinge mid halle his mihte. 13.. *Guy Warw.* 123 His lord he serued treweliche In al þing manschipeliche. 1362 LANGL. *P. Pl.* A. III. 203 Hit hicomeþ For a kyng..To ȝiue meede to men þat mekeliche him seruen. *c* 1470 HENRY *Wallace* I. 397 We serff a lord; thir fysche sall till him gang. 1528 ROY *Rede me* (Arb.) 92 To serve the kynge in warre and peace. 1611 BIBLE *Gen.* xiv. 4 Twelue yeeres they serued Chedorlaomer, and in the thirteenth yeere they rebelled. 1765 H. WALPOLE in *Lett. C'tess Suffolk* (1824) II. 299 Serving a tyrant, who does not allow me many holiday-minutes, I am forced to seize the first that offer. 1830 D'ISRAELI *Chas. I*, III. viii. 164 Northumberland was serving a master for whose service he felt no zeal.

† b. *intr.* Of land: To pay feudal service to a lord. [tr. L. *servīre.*] *Obs.*

1652 NEEDHAM tr. *Selden's Mare Cl.* 272 At Excester when hee [the King] made any Expedition by Land or by Sea, this Citie served after the rate of V. Hides of Land.

† c. *trans.* To be obedient to (parents). *Obs.*

c 1200 ORMIN 9072 To cwemenn ure faderr wel & urc moderr baþe, To lutenn hemm, to lefftenn hemm, To serrfenn hemm well ȝerrne.

d. To be the 'servant' or lover of (a lady).

c 1374 CHAUCER *Troilus* IV. 448 But as hir man I wol ay live and sterve, And never other creature serve. 1390 GOWER *Conf.* I. 160 Mi ladi that I serve. 1562 A. BROOKE *Romeus & Iuliet* 78 What booteth me to loue and serue a fell vnthankfull one? 1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* III. vii. 53 That gentle Lady, whom I loue and serue. 1611 SIR W MURE *Misc. P., Elegie* 24 Still sall I hir adoir and serwe. 1781 COWPER *Anti-Thelyph.* 119 Can he that serves the Fair do less? 1819 BYRON *To Murray* 29 June, A Neapolitan Prince..serves the wife of the Gonfaloniere.

† 9. *intr.* (with const.). To render service or obedience *to, unto* (God, Satan, a feudal lord, etc.: see 7, 8). *Obs.*

a 1300 *E. E. Psalter* xcix. 1 Serues to lauerd in fainenes [Vulg. *servite Domino in lætitia*]. *a* 1340 HAMPOLE *Psalter* Cant. 504 All vnrighttwismen, þat seruys till þe deuyll as his trew knyghtis. *c* 1374 CHAUCER *Troil.* I. 458 Good goodly, to whom serve I and laboure As I best can. 1375 BARBOUR *Bruce* I. 436 For he Ay lely has serwyt to me. 1382 WYCLIF *Heb.* viii. 5 The whiche seruen to [1611 Who serue vnto] the saumpler and schadewe of heuenly thingis. 1390 GOWER *Conf.* I. 322 And thus thi will is cause of Sinne, And is thi lord, to whom thou servest. 1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* II. viii. 1 But O th' exceeding grace Of highest God, that loues his creatures so..That blessed Angels he sends to and fro, To serue to wicked man, to serue his wicked foe.

† 10. *trans.* To obey (a person's will): to fulfil, execute (a command, etc.).

1310 *St. Brendan* (Bälz) 24 þer he miȝte alone be to servy godes wille. 13.. *Coer de L.* 1180 Gretes wel,..Bothe myn erchebysschopys tway, And so ye doo the chaunceler, To serve the lettre in all maner, In no maner the lettre fayle. *a* 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 2410 þat þai with-sitt suld his saȝes & serue noȝt his pistill. *c* 1400 MAUNDEV. (1839) xxii. 244 And thus rennethe on to other..tille the Emperours entent be served. 1602 WARNER *Alb. Eng.* x. lix. (1612) 262 The King commands he there be slaine, Which Warrant did Banaiah serue. *a* 1639 SIR H. WOTTON *Char. Happy Life* 2 How happy is he born and taught, That serveth not an others will? 1822 SHELLEY *With Guitar* 34 Ariel still Has tracked your steps, and served your will.

b. To gratify, furnish means for satisfying (desire); to minister to, satisfy (one's need).

1390 GOWER *Conf.* III. 23 For bot his lust be fully served, Ther hath no wiht his thonk deserved. 1500–20 DUNBAR *Poems* lxxxiv. 21 Sic is thair weird, thairfoir quha sould thame wyte To serue thair beistlie lust and appatite. 1585 T. WASHINGTON tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* IV. xxxvi. 159 To serue their insatiable and damnable auarice. 1597 SHAKS. *Lover's Compl.* 135 Many there were that did his picture gette To serue their eies. 1605 — *Lear* III. iv. 89 A Seruingman.. that seru'd the Lust of my Mistris heart. 1697 PRIDEAUX *Mahomet* (1716) 131 It appears how much he made his Imposture serve his Lust. 1715 POPE *Iliad* III. 374 May all their Consorts serve promiscuous Lust! 1784 COWPER *Task* II. 138 The very elements, though each be meant The minister of man, to serve his wants, Conspire against him.

c. To comply with the request of (a person); to fulfil the wishes of, give (one) his wish.

a 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 1685 Quod Alexander belyue, 'all þis I graunt, And els any othire thing aske & be serued'. 1500–20 DUNBAR *Poems* xxii. 31 Quhen seruit is all vdir man, ..Na thing I get, na conquest than.

† d. ? To give way to (the sea). *Obs. rare*[−1].

1614 GORGES *Lucan* V. 200 To guide the helme the maister dreads: To port, to weare, or serue the seas, The labouring ship he cannot ease [V. 645–6 *nescitque magister Quam frangat, cui cedat aquae*].

11. *To serve the time*: to shape one's conduct in self-interested conformity to the views that happen to be in favour at the time. [L. *tempori servire.*] Cf. TIMESERVING.

1560 DAUS tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* 441 Those, whome it best became to remeadye it, partlye wincked therat, partly seruing the time [orig. *obsecundantes tempori*], had a respect more to their priuate commoditye. 1594 HOOKER *Eccl. Pol.* I. i. § 1 Who thinke that herein we serue the time, and speake in fauour of the present state, because thereby we eyther holde or seeke preferment. 1604 R. CAWDREY *Table Alph.* (1613), *Temporise*, to serve the time. 1823 BYRON *Juan* XIII. xviii, Be wary, watch the time, and always serve it. 1852 TENNYSON *Ode Death Wellington* 179 Who never sold the truth to serve the hour.

12. To render active service to (a king or commander) in the army or navy; to fight for, 'to obey in military actions' (J.).

1518 SIR J. STILE in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. III. I. 193 For otherwise he [the gunner] wol go to serve the King of Portugale. 1710 SWIFT *Jrnl. to Stella* 18 Nov., He had two hundred thousand men ready to serve her [*sc.* the queen] in the war. 1764 BURN *Poor Laws* 179 Let them be forced to serve the king in his fleet. 1786 BURNS *Ep. to J. Rankine* vi, I'd better gaen an' sair't the king, At Bunker's hill. 1821 SCOTT *Kenilw.* i, I have learned to be dangerous upon points of honour ever since I served the Spaniard. 1887 A. E. HOUSMAN *Shropsh. Lad* i, We pledge in peace by farm and town The Queen they served in war.

¶ b. In the phrase *to serve one's country* the meaning of the vb. fluctuates between 'to labour for, be in the service of' and 'to benefit, do good offices to' (see 16).

1600 SIR W. CORNWALLIS *Ess.* I. iii. D 1, He serued his country for his countries sake. 1651 HOBBES *Leviathan* II. xxviii. 166 Men have no lawfull remedy, when they be commanded to quit their private businesse, to serve the publique, without Reward, or Salary. 1671 MILTON *Samson* 564 To what can I be useful, wherein serve My Nation. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* II. v. vi, War-Minister Narbonne ..threatens..to 'take his sword',..and go serve his country with that. 1868 RUSKIN *Pol. Econ. Art* Add. 196 A labourer serves his country with his spade, just as a man in the middle ranks of life serves it with his sword, pen, or lancet. 1875 JOWETT *Plato* (ed. 2) V. 527 Those who serve their country ought to serve without receiving gifts.

13. *intr.* To take one's part in war under a sovereign or commander; to be a soldier or man-of-war's-man. Said also of a ship.

1518 SIR J. STILE in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. III. I. 192 The said master George gonner,..wol not in no wise serve any lenger here. 1523 EP. FOX *Ibid.* 323 Souldyers..contynually attendante and seruinge in the werre uppon the said borders. 1573 *Satir. Poems Reform.* xxxix. 158 The Suddartis swarfit, and said they wold not sar. 1585 T. WASHINGTON tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* I. xvii. 19 b, [He] sent his gally..to serue in the warres. 1599 SHAKS. *Hen. V*, IV. vii. 154 Who seru'st thou vnder? *Will.* Vnder Captaine Gower, my Liege. 1601 R. JOHNSON *Kingd. & Commw.* (1603) 95 The Ianizers, who serve with muskettes of longer and bigger bore then those of the germans. 1632 MASSINGER *Maid of Honour* I. i, You are Sr A knight of Malta, and as I have heard, Have serv'd against the Turke. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 26 Apr. 1689, People being generally disaffected..so that the sea and land men would scarce serve without compulsion. 1744 BIRCH *Life Boyle* 201 He..then went to Scotland, where he served in the army till 1655. 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* iii. I. 301 In 1666, John Sheffield, Earl of Mulgrave,..volunteered to serve at sea against the Dutch. 1855 G. C. LEWIS *Credib. Rom. Hist.* II. 298 Pay had been introduced, in order to overcome the reluctance of the citizens to serve. 1869 E. A. PARKES *Pract. Hygiene* (ed. 3) 268 The 84th Regiment, in which I formerly served.

† b. Phr. *to see and serve*: cf. *to see service* (SERVICE 12 d). *Obs.*

1590 SIR J. SMYTHE *Disc. Weapons* Ded. 1 b, That haue seene and serued in the well ordered warres of Emperours or Kings. 1602 SHAKS. *Ham.* IV. vii. 84 I'ue seene my selfe, and seru'd against the French.

c. To be employed as a sailor in the mercantile marine.

1864 TENNYSON *En. Arden* 52 [He had] served a year On board a merchantman, and made himself Full sailor. *Ibid.* 120 The master of that ship Enoch had served in.

14. *trans.* To perform the duties of (an office, cure of souls, etc.). Also, to go through a tenure of (a terminal office).

? 1404–8 *26 Pol. Poems* v. 46 Let eche man serue his charge in skylle. 1500–20 DUNBAR *Poems* lxxxi. 97 The ballance gois vnevin, That thow allace to serff hes kirkis sevin. 1557 in Warden *Burgh Laws Dundee*, etc. (1872) 335 Albeit he hes not seruit dewtie in all poyntis as become him of ye Craft. 1571 *Act* 13 *Eliz.* c. 20 § 2 His Curat..that shall there serve the Cure for hym. 1603 SHAKS. *Meas. for M.* II. i. 281 They do you wrong to put you so oft vpon't. Are there not men in your Ward sufficient to serue it? 1711 *Act* 10 *Anne*, c. 14 (*title*) For exempting Apothecaries from serving Parish and Ward-Offices. 1786 BURNS *To Gavin Hamilton* i, As lief then I'd have then, Your clerkship he should sair. 1824 G. CHALMERS *Caledonia* III. II. viii. 164 A Vicarage was established for serving the Cure. 1885 *Act* 48 & 49 *Vict.* c. 54 § 9 The whole of the stipends to the curates serving any such benefice shall not exceed [etc.]. 1886 C. E. PASCOE *London of To-day* xxvi. (ed. 3) 240 The Lord Mayor..must have served the office of sheriff.

b. To work for, assist at, take part in (a function); to take part in the service of (an institution); esp. to minister, discharge religious functions in (a church) or at (an altar).

1477–9 *Rec. St. Mary at Hill* 80 Paid to John Modley, for servyng the quere for þe termez of Mydsomer & Mighelmasse. 1565 ALLEN *Defence Purg.* II. x. (1886) 299 Such as would profess the truth and serve the Altar. 1573 in Feuillerat *Revels Q. Eliz.* (1908) 218 For the children that served the Mask. 1673 CAVE *Prim. Chr.* III. ii. 253 A Gentile Player that served the Theatre. 1840 K. H. DIGBY *Mores Cath.* x. ii. (1847) III. 240/1 His monasteries were served by priests from without. 1868 FREEMAN *Norm. Conq.* II. x. 458 He found his church small, poor, served only by four or five canons. 1892 J. H. POLLEN *Acts Engl. Martyrs* 358 In the following year he came on the English Mission, which he served for seven years.

c. To attend (an auction).

1854 W. CHAMBERS *Things in Amer.* 282 One migratory company..serving all the slave-auctions in the place.

15. *intr.* To perform official duties, hold office (e. g. as sheriff or M.P., or on a jury). Formerly with sb. as direct complement, *to serve churchwarden*, etc.

1477–9 *Rec. St. Mary at Hill* 80 To the same Iohn.. seruyng as a paressh Clerke, for his wages, xiijs iiijd. 1632 Serving in juries [see JURY 1]. 1676 *Rector's Bk. Clayworth* (1910) 19 Mr. Dickonson promisd me to serve Church warden next year if I would excuse him this. 1696 PRIDEAUX *Lett.* (1875) 174 A very fitt person to serve in parliament. 1698 *Laws Nevis* xvii. (1740) 16 Several Gentlemen of this Island have heretofore refused to serve as Assemblymen. 1721 BAILEY, *Burgess*,..one that serves for a Borough in Parliament. 1818 CRUISE *Digest* (ed. 2) III. 180 The Crown's having power to compel a subject to be a sheriff; and to fine him for refusing to serve. 1834 MACAULAY *Ess., Pitt* P 10 When Parliament met in 1735, Thomas made his election to serve for Oakhampton. 1851 *Gentl. Mag.* Apr. 419 Members returned to serve in Parliament. 1880 *Encycl. Brit.* XIII. 786/1 The class of persons entitled and liable to serve on special juries.

† b. Of a serjeant: *To serve at the bar. Obs.*

1362 LANGL. *P. Pl.* A. Prol. 85 þer houeþ an Hundret In Hounes of selk, Seriauns hit semeþ to seruen atte Barre.

† c. To have the office *to do* something. *Obs.*

1390 GOWER *Conf.* III. 271 Asmod, which was a fend of helle, And serveth, as the bokes telle, To tempte a man of such a wise.

16. *trans.* To render useful service to, do good offices to (a person); to work for or assist *in* any matter.

1638 MARQ. HAMILTON *Let.* 1 Dec. in *H. Papers* (Camden) 64 Thinking my self most miserabill, in thatt I haue nat beine abill to serfe you as I uoold. 1658 W. DUGDALE *Let. to Sir T. Browne* 9 Nov., I..shall rest At your Commands wherein I may serve you, W. Dugdale. 1727 LADY M. W. MONTAGU *Let. to C'tess Mar* June (1893) I. 507, I am sure whatever I can serve my poor nieces and nephews in, shall not be wanting on my part. 1748 SMOLLETT *R. Random* ii, In all his calamities, they never discovered the least inclination to serve him. 1802 MAR. EDGEWORTH *Moral T.* (1816) I. xiii. 106 He ardently desired to serve his fellow-creatures. 1828 MACAULAY *Ess., Hallam* P 29 Cranmer rose into favour by serving Henry in the disgraceful affair of his first divorce. 1866 G. MACDONALD *Ann. Q. Neighb.* xiii. (1878) 270 The lad thinks you were the ladies in serving whom he got into trouble.

b. To render service to (a person's memory); to labour for (a cause).

1711 SWIFT *Jrnl. to Stella* 25 Dec., Which is all I can do to serve her memory. 1847 MARRYAT *Childr. N. Forest* viii, A tradesman or outlaw, who has served the cause.

II. (Chiefly of things, primarily as a fig. use of senses in branch I.) To be subordinate, serviceable, or useful (to); to answer a purpose.

17. Of a thing: To be subordinate or subsidiary to (another).

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 6 þe vttre riwle, ðet ich þuften cleopede, & is monnes findles, nis for noþing elles istald bute forte seruie ðe inre. *c* 1440 *Jacob's Well* 194 Fastyng was made to serue prayere, & noȝt prayere to serue fastyng. Perfore, prayere, þe heued, goth be-forn & þe handyll, fastyng, folowyth after him to be redy to seruyn hym, as þe heued

of þe schouele is be-fore, & þe handyl þer-of is be-hynde to serue þe heued. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* v. 101 In the Soule Are many lesser Faculties that serve Reason as chief. *Ibid.* VIII. 87 That Bodies bright and greater should not serve The less not bright.

†18. *intr.* To be serviceable *to* (a person); be subsidiary *to* (a thing). *Obs.*

c 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* v. (*Johannes*) 196 Al creatur to be commone settis þare cur, as sone, mone, sternis al smal, presis þam to serwe til all. *c* 1450 *St. Cuthbert* (Surtees) 4114 Bot or he partyd þat pelfe he proued first in him selfe Whatkyn vertu it was of; To him full wele it serof. 1669 HOLDER *Elem. Speech* 8 As was said of the Senses, to which they [the tongue and pen] serve.

19. *trans.* To be useful or advantageous to; to answer the requirements of; to be used by. Const. inf. of purpose. With negative expressed or implied: To avail or profit (one) nothing.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 3545 For-birth, he said, quat serues me? 13.. *Coer de L.* 1550 Off froyt here is gret plente! Fyggys, raysyns, in frayel, And notes may serve us fol wel. 1393 LANGL. *P. Pl.* C. xx. 173 A flaume..That seruep þese swynkeres to seo by a nyghtes. *a* 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 1364 If he cuthe seke any sleȝt þat him serue wald. 1540 PALSGR. *Acolastus* Ep. Ded. b ij, He hath maystered the latinitie, and forced it to serue hym, to set forthe to all clerkes his intent and purpose. 1565 ALLEN *Defence Purg.* xvii. 283 Which forme of argument serued the Arians against the consubstantiall vnitye of God the father, and his son our sauiour. 1596 SHAKS. *Merch. V.* IV. i. 444 That scuse serues many men to saue their gifts. 1604 E. G[IMSTONE] *D'Acosta's Hist. Indies* II. vi. 94 It brings forth a great aboundance of reedes..which serves them to a thousand vses. 1662 J. DAVIES tr. *Olearius' Voy. Ambass.* 405 We knew the Conuoy he intended us, would serve us in no stead. 1779 WARNER in Jesse *Selwyn & Contemp.* (1844) IV. 178 If my going to Milan, or going anywhere, would serve you, I would joyfully go directly. 1818 SCOTT *Br. Lamm.* xxxv, May your penitence avail you before God; with me it shall serve you nothing. 1852 DICKENS *Bleak Ho.* iii, I had youth and hope. I believe, beauty...Neither of the three served, or saved me. 1861 PALEY *Æschylus* (ed. 2) *Agam.* 72 *note*, The readings of the MSS...may be made to serve both sides of the question.

b. To be used in common by (a number of persons).

1418 *E. E. Wills* 32 That than the forsaide ij. vestmentes shull remayne & duelle still alwey in the forsaide Chaunterie to serue the prestes of the same Chaunterie. 1563 *Knaresb. Wills* (Surtees) I. 93 A graie stoned horse to serve the towneshippe. 1612–13 *Aberd. Acc.* in *Spalding Club Miscell.* V. 92 Item,..for ane quheil barrou to serue the toune, 12s. 1749 SMOLLETT *Gil Blas* II. vii. (1782) I. 166 A wretched flock-bed, covered with a doubled sheet, which had served an hundred different travellers, at least, since the last washing. 1774 WARTON *Hist. Poetry* I. Diss. II. a 3 b, At the beginning of the tenth century books were so scarce in Spain, that one and the same copy of the bible..often served several different monasteries.

c. Of a bodily faculty or organ: To render its normal service to (the owner). Also const. inf.

c 1350 *Will. Palerne* 463 Min eiȝen sorly aren sogettes to serue min hert, & buxum ben to his bidding as boie to his master. 1553 T. WILSON *Rhet.* (1580) 214 And yet his tongue serued hym well otherwise, to vtter what soener came in his hedde. 1668 R. L'ESTRANGE *Vis. Quev.* II. (1702) 58 Will your Teeth serve you now to fetch out the Marrow of this Prophesy? *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 8 Mar. 1681, Her eyes serving her as well as ever. 1818 SCOTT *Hrt. Midl.* xviii, 'And where are the two women?' said Sharpitlaw. 'Both made their heels serve them, I suspect.'

d. Of a thing: To supply the need or contribute to the working of (another thing).

1580 BLUNDEVIL *Cur. Horses Dis.* xcv. 42 b, *Tenasmus*.. is an vleer in the right gut seruing the fundament. 1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* xxx. iv. II. 378 As touching the cricks of the nerues or sinews that serve the nape of the necke. 1668 CULPEPER & COLE *Barthol. Anat.* III. ii. 325 The third [branch of a nerve] by the Cavity of the Nostrils serves the coat of the said Nostrils. 1669 STURMY *Mariner's Mag* v. xii. 49 Two Screws fitted to serve the four holes. 1878 STEVENSON *Inland Voy.* 4 Here and there a flight of steps to serve a ferry.

20. *intr.* To have a definite use or function, answer a purpose, effect or conduce to an end; to admit of being used for some end. With negative expressed or implied = to be of no use, not to avail.

† a. const. *of* (a purpose). [= F. *servir de.*]

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 9687 For quar-of serues ani a-sise Of sothfastnes, or of iustise, Bot for to yeme þe pes in land, Dom es þar-for sett to stand. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Manciple's T.* 235 Wost thou wherof a racle tonge serueth? 1399 LANGL. *Rich. Redeles* II. 45 Than was it ffoly..To sette siluer signes þat of noust serued. 1477 EARL RIVERS (Caxton) *Dictes* 8 b, An enuious man serueth of noght but to disprayse alle other. 1550 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* I. 90 The fortis..be cassin doun becaus tha serve of na thing in tyme of pece.

† b. const. *to* (a purpose). *Obs.*

c 1305 *Land Cokayne* 47 Watir seruiþ þer to no þing Bot to siȝt and to waiissing. 1340 HAMPOLE *Pr. Consc.* 2775 Penaunce to thole here with gude wille, Serves here til twa thynges by skille. 1579 GOSSON *Sch. Abuse* (Arb.) 51 As to the body, there are many members, seruing to seuerall vses. 1662 STILLINGFL. *Orig. Sacræ* II. iii. § 6 To what end do these miracles serve? 1690 LOCKE *Hum. Und.* III. vi. § 28 Every Man's Words being intelligible only to himself, would no longer serve to Conversation. 1737 WATERLAND *Eucharist* 124 The Uses which they serve to. 1749 FIELDING *Tom Jones* I. viii, This served to many good purposes. 1853 LYTTON *My Novel* x. xiii, How far his reasonings and patience served to his ends, remains yet to be seeo. 1863 — *Caxtoniana* I. xi. 195 The times in which they were composed, and the purposes to which they served.

c. const. *for* (a purpose).

1390 GOWER *Conf.* III. 380 And ther fore servith scheld and spere. *c* 1470 HENRY *Wallace* II. 73 Gud ordinance, that serd for his estate, His cusyng maid at all tyme. 1576 FLEMING tr. *Caius' Dogs* II. (1880) 14 Such Dogges as serue for fowling. 1599 E. WRIGHT *Err. Navig.* F 2, These numbers..serue only for the finding out of the degrees and minutes of latitude. 1646 SIR T. BROWNE *Pseud. Ep.* III. xxi. 161 Unto others it [*sc.* water] performs the common office of ayre, and serves for refrigeration of the heart. 1669 HOLDER *Elem. Speech* 32 The Organs which serve for Articulation. 1831 SCOTT *Ct. Robt.* xxxii, To clear a convenient part of the seats..that it might serve for the accommodation of Prince Tancred's followers. 1844 S. TYLER *Baconian Philos.* I. (1846) 51 (Funk) The nerve of vision..can never serve for hearing. 1845 J. MARTINEAU *Ess.* (1869) II. 20 This, however, though of very wide application, will not serve for the solution of every problem.

d. const. inf. (expressing purpose or use).

a 1300 (see a). 1340–70 *Alex. & Dind.* 797 Alle þe godus þat ȝe geten..Seruen for to sustaine ȝour vnsely wombe. 1477 (see a). 1560 DAUS tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* 20b, They will serve well to confute their Errours. 1604 E. G[IMSTONE] *D'Acosta's Hist. Indies* IV. xxxii. 296 The grape ripens not well..so as they serve only to eate. 1634 SIR T. HERBERT *Trav.* 211 [The dodo's wings] serue only to proue her Bird. 1700 DRYDEN *Sigism. & Guisc.* 84 This little Brand will serve to light your Fire. 1768 GOLDSM. *Good-n. Man* I, I'm sorry they taught him any philosophy at all; it has only served to spoil him. 1850 TENNYSON *In Mem.* lxxvi[i]. 7 These.. lullabies..May serve to curl a maiden's locks. 1871 B. STEWART *Heat* § 91 The great latent heat of water serves to retard the melting of snow.

e. without const. Often with negative, or in rhetorical question, as *what serves it?* = what is the use of it?

13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* A. 331 What seruez tresor, bot garez men grete When he hit schal efte with tenez tyne? *a* 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 2374 (Dnbl. MS.) What seruyd ȝitte all þar sapience & sleghtes of were? *a* 1530 HEYWOOD *Play of Wether* 716 (Brandl) Nother of them both that hath wyt nor grace To perceyue that both myllys may serue in place. 1566 GASCOIGNE *Supposes* I. ii, But this lighte serueth not very well, I will beholde it an other day, when the ayre is clearer. *a* 1586 SIDNEY *Ps.* xxx. ix, What serves, alas, the blood of me When I with in the pitt doe bide? 1785 BURNS *Epist. to J. Lapraik* xi, If honest Nature made you fools, What sairs your Grammars? 1793 SMEATON *Edystone L.* § 209 It makes however excellent water mortar,..and will very well serve in those parts of the kingdom. 1815 J. SMITH *Panorama Sci. & Art* II. 343 If the manganese that has been once used, be exposed for some time to the air, it will serve again. 1820 SHELLEY *Hymn Merc.* liii, When no evasion Served—for the cunning one his match had found. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* I. VII. x, Barricading serves not.

f. To be usable or available *for*.

1528 ROY *Rede me* II. (Arb.) 98 For the best meate awaye they carve, Which for their harlottis must serve, With wother frendes of their kynne. 1614 GORGES *Lucan* IX. 385 Then they vnto that Temple came, That serues for all the Libian name. 1639 FULLER *Holy War* II. iii. (1640) 46 This vision, though calculated for this one Bishop, did generally serve for all the non-residents which posted hither. 1662 CHARLETON *Myst. Vintners* (1675) 181 The same Parell serves also for White Wines vpon the Frett. 1671 E. CHAMBERLAYNE *St. Eng.* II. 79 Besides these Courts serving for the whole Province, every Bishop hath his Court held in the Cathedral of his Diocess.

21. *trans.* To help to fulfil or bring about (an end, purpose, etc.); to be a means to, contribute or conduce to, tend to promote.

a 1568 ASCHAM *Scholem.* I. (Arb.) 82 They make Christ and his Gospell, onelie serue Ciuill pollicie. 1596 SPENSER *F. Q.* VI. x. 36 He had no weapon, but his shepheards hooke, To serue the vengeaunce of his wrathfull will. 1607 SHAKS. *Cor.* I. i. 94 Since it serues my purpose. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* IV. 398 As thir shape servd best his end. 1680 MOXON *Mech. Exerc.* x. 178 Turners have commonly two or three pair of Puppets to fit one Lathe, and always strive to use the shortest they can to serve their Work. 1736 BUTLER *Anal.* II. i. Wks. 1874 I. 156 Christianity served these ends and purposes, when it was first published. 1778 MISS BURNEY *Evelina* xxxii, Neither do I know another human being who could serve any interest by such a deception. 1819 SHELLEY *Cenci* II. ii. 107 It fortunately serves my close designs. 1884 *Manch. Examiner* 20 Feb. 5/1 Diatribes so blind and furious can do no good to the cause they are meant to serve. 1893 J. A. HODGES *Elem. Photogr.* (1907) 19 It would serve no useful purpose. 1895 *Law Times* XCIX. 545/2 We best serve our own interests in studying the interests of those for whom we act.

22. To discharge a specified function; to take the place of some specified agency.

a. *intr.* To be of use, admit of being used *as, for, instead of* (some means, agency, or the like).

1387 HIGDEN *Trevisa* (Rolls) V. 171 And anon his monþ bycom his ers, and servede aftirward in stede of his neþer ende. 1566 PAINTER *Pal. Pleas.* I. 135 A naturall abashmente and shame, which with the vaile of honor doth serue, or ought to serue for a bridle. 1590 SHAKS. *Mids. N.* II. ii. 41 One turfe shall serue as pillow for vs both. 1606 KNOLLES tr. *Bodin's Commw.* I. v. 35 Let one example serue for many. 1642 FULLER *Holy & Prof. St.* II. xvi. 111 Those may make excellent merchants and mechanicks which will not serve for Scholars. 1651 HOBBES *Leviath.* III. xxxiv. 212 The Cloud served as a sign of God's presence. 1765 A. DICKSON *Treat. Agric.* (ed. 2) 280 When the land is wet, the furrows serve for drains. 1820 SHELLEY *Œdip.* I. 87 He'll serve instead of riot money. 1856 HAWTHORNE *Eng. Note-bks.* (1870) II. 145 Mr. Hall, being familiar with the localities, served admirably as a guide. 1861 M. PATTISON *Ess.* (1889) I. 44 The Great Hall, serving for a council-chamber on days of general convocation, and as a banqueting-room for the oft-recurring festivities. 1910 *Encycl. Brit.* II. 28/1 A grasshopper or almost any large fly will serve for bait.

† b. With omission of *as*. *Obs.*

1601 SHAKS. *All's Well* I. ii. 15 It [*sc.* the Tuscan Servin] well may serue A nursserie to our Gentrie, who are sicke For breathing, and exploit. 1654 Z. COKE *Logick* Pref., Nor could the Monuments of these Whirlegigs serve Muniments to their expiring glories.

c. *trans.* To be of use to (a person or thing) in the way specified; const. as in a.

1593 SHAKS. *Rich. II*, II. i. 47 This precious stone, set in the siluer sea, Which serues it in the office of a wall, Or as a Moate defensiue to a house. 1595 DANIEL *Civ. Wars* III. xix. 48 So that a talke of tumult and a breath Would serue him as his passing-bell to death. 1614 GORGES *Lucan* VIII. 329 Vntill..Babylon they had throwne downe To serue the Crassi for their tombe. 1731–8 SWIFT *Pol. Conversat.* 112 My Stomach serves me instead of a Clock. 1818 BYRON *Juan* I. vi, Some..paradise or cavern, Which serves the happy couple for a tavern. 1845 J. COULTER *Adv. in Pacific* viii. 95 There was plenty of long grass about...This served me well for a bed.

¶ d. *To serve the place* or *stead of*: app. for 'to serve in place of' (cf. a).

1827 SCOTT *Highl. Widow* v, She lighted..a splinter of hog pine which was to serve the place of a candle. 1837 C. LOFFT *Self-formation* I. 199 They may serve the stead of presence of mind, to a certain point at least.

† 23. Of one's courage, conscience, inclination, etc.: To prompt, encourage (one), *to do* something; (with negative expressed or implied) to permit, suffer.

c 1380 *Sir Ferumb.* 255 Vs herte was god & sykerly serued him to do þat dede. *c* 1460 FORTESCUE *Abs. & Lim. Mon.* xiii. (1885) 142 But þer hartes serue hem not to take a manys gode, while he is present, and woll defende it. 1463 *Bury Wills* (Camden) 33, I grawnte my executours ful power to do to hire as ther discrecyon wyl serve hem to doo. 1521 BP. LONGLAND in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. III. I. 252, I mynystred as my weykenes wold serve, in pontificalibus. *a* 1530 HEYWOOD *Play of Wether* 871 (Brandl) Yf your appetyte serue you so to do. 1534 MORE *Comf. agst. Trib.* II. Wks. 1185/1 My conscience can not serue me..to praise her calfe aboue twoo pence. 1540 PALSGR. *Acolastus* I. ii. F j, Go safely thyther as thy harte or courage serueth the. 1576 in J. Morris *Troubles Cath. Forefathers* (1877) 249 He cometh not to the church because his conscience will not serve him so to do. 1596 SHAKS. *Tam. Shr.* I. i. 38 The Mathematickes, and the Metaphysickes Fall to them as you finde your stomacke serues you. 1596 — *Merch. V.* II. ii. 1 Certainely, my conscience will serue me to run from this Iew my Maister. 1597 MORLEY *Introd. Mus.* 100 Do so if your mind serue you.

b. *intr.*

1591 SHAKS. 1 *Hen. VI*, V. iv. 164 And therefore take this compact of a Truce, Although you breake it, when your pleasure serues.

24. Of the wind, weather, tide, etc.:

† a. *trans.* To favour, be favourable to. *Obs.*

13.. *Coer de L.* 56 Anon the sayl up thay drowgh, The wynd hem servyd wel inowgh. *c* 1400 *Sowdone Bab.* 143 The wynde hem served, it was ful goode. 1483 *Act* 1 *Rich. III*, c. 9 § 6 As soon as Wind and Weather will serve them after the said Two Months. 1585 T. WASHINGTON tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* II. i. 31 [We] found the wind to be at Northwest, which serued vs so wel, that..we sayled that night 60. miles. 1604 E. G[IMSTONE] *D'Acosta's Hist. Indies* III. iv. 131 They come from the East, where the Easterly or Northerne windes do serve them.

b. *intr.* To be favourable or suitable.

1443 *Acts Privy Council* (1835) V. 239 Vif winde & weder wol serve. 1540 *Act* 32 *Hen. VIII*, c. 14 To make..their departur from the said port..as soone as wynde and wether wyl serue. 1599 DALLAM in *Early Voy. Levant* (Hakl. Soc.) 5 Thare we came to an anker, for the wynde sarved not to pass by Dover. 1601 SHAKS. *Jul. C.* IV. iii. 223 On such a full Sea are we now a-float, And we must take the current when it serues, Or loose our Ventures. 1688 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 2340/4 The Tide serving early. 1760 C. JOHNSTON *Chrysal* (1822) II. 73 The wind and tide served for us. 1793 SMEATON *Edystone L.* § 225 The weather serving at intervals,..the first course..was finished. 1815 SCOTT *Guy M.* xxi, I propose to make a farther excursion through this country while this fine frosty weather serves. 1827 — *Surg. Dau.* Pref., Leaving to the atmosphere to bring forth the young, or otherwise, as the climate shall serve. 1894 ASTLEY *50 Yrs. Life* II. 247 As the tide did not serve, the anchor was let go.

25. Of time, occasion, or the like: To be opportune, convenient, or favourable (to). Of one's leisure: To afford (one) occasion or opportunity, to be at one's disposal. Also const. inf. of purpose.

a. *trans.*

1570 T. WILSON tr. *Demosth. Orat.* iv. 38 There is no let in your way to passe into his country, when occasion shal serue you. 1593 SHAKS. 3 *Hen. VI*, IV. vii. 78 If fortune serue me, Ile requite this kindnesse. 1596 — *Merch. V.* IV. i. 405, I am sorry that your leysure serues you not. 1621 G. SANDYS *Ovid's Met.* v. (1626) 97 But, ours perhaps to heare, Nor leasure serues you, nor is't worth your eare. 1818 SCOTT *Br. Lamm.* xxxiii, Tell Colonel Ashton.. I shall be found at Wolf's Crag when his leisure serves him.

b. *intr.*

1410 26 *Pol. Poems* IX. 146 And ȝe in batayle hane maystrie, And fortune serue, and god ȝow spede. 1540 PALSGR. *Acolastus* III. iii. P ij, While the tyme dyd beare .i. whyle the tyme serued. 1562 WINJET *Cert. Tractates* I. Wks. (S.T.S.) I. 8 Tyme seruis not to schaw. 1579 LYLY *Euphues* (Arb.) 194 And as occasion shall serue I will requite thee. 1584 A. MUNDAY *Fidele & Fortunio* 711 in *Archiv Stud. neu. Spr.* CXXIII. 62 My leasure serues, and I will stand. 1599 *George a Greene* C 3b, In spite of thee they now shall feede their fill, And eate vntill our leasures serue to goe. 1607 SHAKS. *Cor.* IV. iii. 32 The day serues well for them now. 1681 DRYDEN *Span. Friar* IV. iii. 62 Read that, 'Tis with the Royal Signet sign'd, And given me by the King when time shou'd serve To be perus'd by you. 1821 SCOTT *Kenilw.* xxiii, The large boughs which had been left on the ground till time served to make them into fagots and billets. 1879 G. A. SALA in *Daily Tel.* 21 July, At eating and drinking London I shall arrive, should occasion serve by-

and-bye. 1879 SPENCER *Princ. Sociol.* § 349 II. 36 The sportsman, narrating his feats when opportunity serves.

26. Of the memory: To assist or prompt its owner, be at his call, not to fail him. **a.** *trans.*

1634 in *Fasti Aberd.* (1854) 398 The subprincipall..testifiet that since the twalt day of Marche last, as his memorie serwes him, the said principall did [etc.]. 1641 MILTON *Reform. Eng.* II. 70 You have now at length this question.. as my memory would best serve me in such a copious, and vast theme, fully handl'd. 1695 *New Light Chirurg. put ont* 54 The Doctor's either Modesty or Memory hath not served him to insert [etc.]. 1861 S. BROOKS *Silver Cord* viii. (1865) 44 Or perhaps your memory don't serve you as well as it did. 1862 MRS. H. WOOD *Channings* Iv, I think I did tell you so, Hamish, if my memory serves me right. 1895 BUDD in *Law Times* XCIX. 543/2 If my memory serves me, the late Sir Henry Jackson..brought a Bill into Parliament on the subject.

b. *intr.*

1660 F. BROOKE tr. *Le Blanc's Trav.* 31, I will content my self to discover a view of the country, as faithfully, and exactly as my memory will serve. 1911 SAINTSBURY in *Cambr. Hist. Eng. Lit.* VII. v. 104 So far as memory serves, there is not any passage in his entire work which [etc.].

27. *trans.* To suffice (a person) in regard to some need or requirement. Const. inf., or *for* (a purpose). Also, to last (one) *for* a specified time.

1450 HEN. VI in *Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* Var. Coll. IV. 85 There vitailes ben not suffisant to serue them for iij wekes at the farrest. 1500–20 DUNBAR *Poems* xv. 24 Few wordis may serve the wyis. *a* 1530 HEYWOOD *Play of Wether* 692, I say we nede no water mylles at all For wyndmylles be suffycyent to serue all. 1562 TURNER *Herbal* II. 52b, A romishe acre of it [medick fodder]..will serue iii. horses for an hole yere. 1599 SHAKS. *Hen. V*, IV. viii. 74 It will serue you to mend your shooes. 1662 J. DAVIES tr. *Olearius' Voy. Ambass.* 303 They provide Ice enough to serve them all Summer. 1697 DAMPIER *Voy.* I. 146 The 21st day we sent out our Moskito Strikers for Turtle, who brought aboard enough to serve both Ships Companies. 1711 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 119 ¶ 3 A polite Country 'Squire shall make you as many Bows in half an Hour, as would serve a Courtier for a Week. 1734 POPE *Hor. Sat.* II. ii. 53 One half-pint bottle serves them both to dine. 1777 SHERIDAN *Sch. Scand.* v. ii, Never let me hear you utter any thing like a sentiment; I have had enough of them to serve me the rest of my life. 1821 SCOTT *Kenilw.* iii, Private apartments..bedizened fine enough to serve the Queen.

b. In sentences containing a negative: To satisfy, content, meet the wishes or demands of. Esp. in forms like 'nothing would serve him but..'.

1634 SIR T. HERBERT *Trav.* 140 No other water would serue their pallat. 1684 BUNYAN *Pilgr.* II. (1900) 168 Nothing will serve me but going on Pilgrimage. 1809 MALKIN *Gil Blas* III. i. (Rtldg.) 76 He took such a fancy to me that nothing would serve him but I must be his guest at Segovia. 1821 SCOTT *Kenilw.* xxv, With those whom such reasons did not serve, they dealt more rudely. 1861 HUGHES *Tom Brown at Oxf.* vi, Nothing would serve him but that we should turn off for Hungerford at once.

c. To be sufficient for, furnish what is requisite for (a thing). Also, † to be a sufficient account of, be applicable to.

1566 PAINTER *Pal. Pleas.* I. xliii. (1890) I. 248 Not suffring so much straw, as would serue the couche of two dogges, to be left vnconsumed. 1615 W. LAWSON *Country Housew. Gard.* (1626) 9 Lesse fencing serues six acres together, than three in severall inclosures. 1660 SHARROCK *Vegetables* 96 About twelve or fourteen quarter of lime serves an acre. 1662 PLAVFORD *Skill Mus.* II. (1674) 99 These Directions for the Bass-Viol do also serve the Treble-Viol. 1705 tr. *Bosman's Guinea* 476 What hath been said of the Habits, Cattle and Fruit of the former, may also serve them.

28. *intr.* To suffice, meet the needs of the case; to be adequate or sufficient. Also, to last for a given period. Const. *for* or inf.

1496–7 *Act 12 Hen. VII*, c. 13 § 1 As mych of the goodez.. as shall serve for the payment of suche somme. 1523 FITZHERB. *Husb.* § 126 Reed wethy is beste in marsshe grounde; asshe, maple, hasel, and whyte-thorne wyl serue for a time. 1549 *Bk. Comm. Prayer, Commun.*, Puttyng yᵉ wyne into the Chalice, or else in some faire or conueniente cup, prepared for that use (if the Chalice will not serue). 1592 SHAKS. *Rom. & Jul.* III. i. 101 'Tis not so deepe as a well, nor so wide as a Church doore, but 'tis inough, 'twill serue. *c* 1610 BEAUM. & FL. *Philaster* IV. ii, Bestow on me.. so much as may serve To keep that little piece I hold of life From cold and hunger. 1662 STILLINGFL. *Orig. Sacræ* II. iv. 4 Thus much may serve concerning the originall and institution of theſe Schools of the Prophets. 1699 DAMPIER *Voy.* II. ii. 119 The Indians make use of no more Land than serves to maintain their Families in Maiz; and to pay their Taxes. 1700 S. L. tr. *Fryke's Voy. E. Ind.* 9 Which [provision] a man must husband as he thinks best; it is to serve for the whole week. 1801 H. K. WHITE *Let.* Apr. *Life & Rem.* (1850) 256 My father generally gives me one coat in a year, and I make two serve. 1808 SCOTT *Marm.* VI. xxiv, Short greeting serves in time of strife. 1879 G. MACDONALD *Sir Gibbie* lxii, *Laverock* III, A hert for the micht o' 't Wad sair for nine men.

b. (Chiefly in certain negative forms.) To satisfy, be considered satisfactory, meet people's wishes or demands.

1712 ARBUTHNOT *John Bull* II. xiii, 'Will nothing less than Hanging serve' (quoth Jack)? 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* II. III. ii, Nothing will serve but you must gather your way-worn limbs and thoughts, and speak to the multitudes.

† **29.** To be valid, hold good; to be available *for*; to be satisfactory, pass muster. Of coin: To pass current, be accepted. *Obs.*

a 1467 GREGORY *Chron.* in *Hist. Coll. Cit. London* (Camden) 230 But þe prevelege wolde not serve that tyme for noo cause of eresy. 1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531), 26 The coyne of one countre wyll not serue ne be admytted or receyued in an other countre. 1568 GRAFTON *Chron.* II. 774 Serueth this libertie for my person onely, or for my goods to? 1588 SHAKS. *L. L. L.* I. ii. 119 The world was very guilty of such a Ballet some three ages since, but I thinke now 'tis not to be found: or if it were, it would neither serue for the writing, nor the tune. 1726 AYLIFFE *Parergon* 123 A Bishop may prove himself to be a Bishop several ways... First, By the Bulls or Letters of his Election: but then this only serves in the Romish Countries.

30. *trans.* To suit, fit. (Chiefly of clothes.) *Obs.* exc. *Sc.*

1540 W. G. *Answ. to Maister Smyth* vii. (Huth), Although a shypmans hose wyll serue all sortes of legges. 1553 T. WILSON *Rhet.* (1580) 154 Demonedes hauing crooked feete ..made his praier to God, that his shoone might serue his feete, that had stolne them awaie. 1591 SHAKS. *Two Gent.* IV. iv. 167, I was trim'd in Madam Iulias gowne, Which serued me as fit, by all mens iudgements, As if the garment had bin made for me. 1611 — *Cymb.* IV. i. 3 How fit his Garments serue me! 1749 SMOLLETT *Gil Blas* II. iii. (1782) I. 136 With a doublet and breeches which would have served a man four times as big as me. 1790 SCOTT *Let.* 6 Aug. in *Lockhart* (1837) I. vi. 167 This character..would serve most of them. 1808 JAMIESON, *To Sair*,..to fit, to be large enough. The coat does na sair him, i. e. it is too little. 1879 'SARAH TYTLER' *Bride's Pass* v. in *Good Words* 198 I've no quarrel with his appearance; unless that I think it would better serve a pinging lassie than a bold lad.

III. To minister to a person at table; hence, to supply, furnish, present *with* (a commodity).

31. [Cf. sense 4 above.] To wait upon (a person) at table; hence, to set food before, help (a person) to food.

To serve in (later *on*) *silver*, etc.: to give (a person) his food in vessels of silver, etc.

c 1250 *Kent. Serm.* in *O. E. Misc.* 29 Architriclin, þat was se þet ferst was i-serued. *c* 1275 LAY. 22776 Þe hehze ibore men þane mete beare..ech man þare sareuede his freonde. 13.. *K. Alis.* 1156 He dude serve Olimpias In gold and seolver, in bras, in glas. 1388 WYCLIF *Luke* xvii. 8 Girde thee, and serue me [1382 mynystre to me, Vulg. *ministra mihi*], while Y ete and drynke. *c* 1400 MAUNDEV. (Roxb.) xxxiv. 153 He has fyfty damyselles þat seruez him ilk a day at his mete. *a* 1533 LD. BERNERS *Huon* lxvi. 226 They..sat down to supper, where as they were rychely serued. 1600 HAKLUYT *Voy.* III. 370 All the vessels wherein they are serued,..were of golde. 1731–8 SWIFT *Pol. Conversat.* 22 Let your Betters be serv'd before you. 1766 GOLDSM. *Vic. W.* v, Our two little ones..were regularly served after we had done. 1823 SCOTT *Quentin D.* xxvi, When I was only a refugee..I was served upon gold plate by order of the same Charles. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* lxiii, There is a servant in scarlet and lace to attend upon every four, and every one is served on silver.

b. Const. *with*, † *of*: To supply (one) with food at a meal, to help (one) to food.

13.. *K. Alis.* 539 To the mete they weoren y-set, No myghte men beo served bet, Neither of mete no of drynke. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Prol.* 749 And to the soper sette he vs anon And serued vs with vitaille at the beste. *c* 1400 *Anturs of Arth.* xxxvi, In siluer sa semly þai serue þame of the beste. 1474 CAXTON *Chesse* II. iv. (1883) 51 Whan they had seruyd Alexander in vayssell of gold and siluer with dyuerce metes. 1717 LADY M. W. MONTAGU *Let. to C'tess Mar* 18 Apr., I was very sorry I could not eat of as many [ragouts] as the good lady would have had me, who was very earnest in serving me of every thing. 1781 COWPER *Conversat.* 335 Serve him with ven'son, and he chooses fish. 1864 MRS. H. WOOD *Trevlyn Hold* xxix, How many are there to serve with pie still?

† **c.** *To serve* (a person) *forth* or *in*: to set his food before him. (Cf. 43.) *Obs.*

1513 *Bk. Kervynge* in *Meals & Manners* (E.E.T.S.) 156 Thaa serue forth your soueravne withouten blame. 1629 WADSWORTH *Pilgr.* iii. 16 Now let vs come to the Collegiates or Students, and their diet: First they are serued in by seuen of their owne rancke Weekely and in Course.

d. Proverbs. *To serve with* (or † *of*) *the same sauce*: see SAUCE *sb.* 3 a. *First come, first served* (also used with reference to sense 35).

1523–: see SAUCE *sb.* 3 a. 1545–: see FIRST *adv.* 1 b. 1583 GOLDING *Calvin on Deut.* CXV. 707 That hee which hath gone about to do his neighbour harme shall be serued of the same sawce himselfe. *a* 1721 FOUNTAINHALL *Decis.* (1759) I. 9 They must wait their tour..; and he that's first ready must be first served. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* I. VI. iv, Their long strings of purchasers, arranged *in tail*, so that the first come be the first served,—were the shop once open!

32. *absol.* [Cf. sense 1.] To wait at table; to present or hand food to guests. † Formerly const. *of* (meat or drink); also *to* (a person).

c 1250 *Kent. Serm.* in *O. E. Misc.* 29 Hye spac to þo serganz þat seruede of þo wyne. 1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 3950 Kay king of aungeo a þousend kniȝtes nom..Of o sywte & seruede at þis feste anon. *a* 1300 *K. Horn* 234 Tech him..Binore me to kerue & of þe cupe serue. ? *a* 1400 *Morte Arth.* 892 He calles sir Cayous that of the cowpe serfede. *c* 1440 *Ipomydon* 57 He taught hym..to serve in halle, Bothe to grete and to smalle. 1526 TINDALE *Luke* xxii. 27 For whether is greater, he that sitteth at meate: or he that serveth? 1528 ROY *Rede me* II. (Arb.) 93 Knyghtes and squyres honorable, Are fayne to serve at their table As vnto Dukes excellent. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 11 Apr. 1645, [The Pope] serves at their table.

33. *trans.* To set food on (the table), to spread *with* food.

The expression *to serve tables*, in *Acts* vi. 2 applied with reference to the administration of the alms of the church, is now sometimes allusively used with reference to the secular functions attached to the office of the clergy, viewed as encroaching on the time available for their more spiritual work.

c 1386 CHAUCER *Nun's Pr. T.* 23 Hir bord was servyd most with whit and blak. 1539 BIBLE (Great) *Acts* vi. 2 It is not mete yᵗ we shuld leaue yᵉ worde of God, & serue tables [Gr. διακονεῖν τραπέζαις, 1526 TINDALE, serve at the tables]. 1557 F. S[EAGER] *Sch. Vertue* iii. (heading), Howe to behaue thi selfe in seruynge the table. 1621 G. SANDYS *Ovid's Met.* VI. (1626) 120 The boards are princely seru'd. *c* 1850 *Arab. Nts.* (Rtldg.) 107 As soon as the guests were all arrived, the table was served, and they sat down to eat.

34. To set food before, feed (animals). Const. *with*, † *of*. † Of meat: To be food for.

1523 FITZHERB. *Husb.* § 146 Serue thy swyne bothe mornyng and enenynge. *a* 1533 LD. BERNERS *Huon* lii. 177, I can..serue the houndes of theyr ryghtes. *c* 1566 *Merie Tales of Skelton* in *S.'s Wks.* (1843) I. p. lxiv, Well, sayd Skelton, for this once, serue my mare wyth horse bread. *c* 1586 C'TESS PEMAROKE *Ps.* LXXIX. ii, The livelesse carcasses of those That liv'd thy servants, serve the crowes. 1602 J. CHAMBERLAIN *Lett.* (Camden) 148 Wherein you served two pigeons with one beane. 1625 BACON *Apophth.* § 278. 304 This Lady..called to one of her Maids, that lookt to the Swine, and askt; Is the piggy serued? 1680 O. HEYWOOD *Diaries* (1881) II. 298 Mathew Midleborough's wife serving a swine. 1781 BECKFORD *Hunting* 199 No, master, I have not seen him [the fox]; but I smelt him here this morning, when I came to serve my sheep.

35. To attend to the request of (a customer in a shop). Hence, to supply (a customer) *with* a commodity which he has come to purchase.

1362 LANGL. *P. Pl.* A. II. 190 Marchaundes..Bi-sou3ten him in heore schoppes to sullen heore ware, Apparayleden him as a prentis þe Peple for to serue. 1556 BP. BROOKS *Injunct. Gloucester* § 20 All tavernes..and vitlinge houses to be shutte up at the time of Divine Service, and non to be served there at those times, but passingers onlie. 1727 *De Foe's Compl. Eng. Tradesman* (1732) I. xii. 147 If I am at any other part of the shop, and see him serving a customer, I never interrupt them. 1831 LAMA *Elia* II. *Ellistoniana* P 2, E... was serving in person two damsels fair, who had come into the shop ostensibly to inquire for some new publication. 1838 DICKENS *Nich. Nick.* xxxviii. [Squeers *log.*] You came to the right shop for mercy when you came to me, and thank your stars that it is me as has got to serve you with the article. 1851 *Beck's Florist* 182 My wife told me she noticed the shopkeeper served other people before her, though she came first. 1901 W. W. JACOBS *Light Freights, A Marked Man* (init.), Knocking on the mantelpiece all night with twopence and wanting to know why he wasn't being served.

b. *To serve the shop*: to attend to customers.

1849 CUPPLES *Green Hand* iii. (1856) 34 The old salt had been rocking the cradle, with..a line made fast to keep it in play when he served the shop.

c. *intr.* To attend to customers in a shop.

1825 HONE *Every-day Bk.* I. 49 All the pastrycooks always try to get handsome ladies to serve in the shop! 1860 MRS. GASKELL *Sylvia's Lovers* vii, Is na' this Hester, as serves in Foster's shop? 1881 *A Chequered Career* 279 This young man serves behind a counter in a grocer's shop.

36. *trans.* To assist (a workman) by handing him materials; to 'feed' *with* material for work.

1525 in Gage *Heugrave* (1822) 46 Paide to John Haddenham for sarving of the mason for ij days..viij*d*. 1547 in *Archæologia* XXV. 562 To Dingle for iiij dayes thackinge xvj d... To Dingles sonne for servinge him iiij dayes viij d. 1601 *Shuttleworths' Acc.* (Chetham Soc.) 137 A laborer, for iij days sarving the wallers, le day ij*d* ob., vij*d* ob. 1676 *Poor Robin's Intell.* 9–16 May 1/2 A Magistrate..received a Letter..as he was thatching a Hogsty, which being with much difficulty read by the Clark of the Parish that was serving him with Straw [etc.]. 1816 *Cheshire Gloss.* s. v. *Sarve*, The assistant who hands the straw up to the thatcher, or bricks and mortar to the bricklayer, is always said to 'sarve' him.

37. To give alms to, relieve (a beggar). *dial.*

1765 J. BROWN *Chr. Jrnl.* 205 How extremely impudent is this beggar! I served him as I went in; and yet now he bawls for more. *a* 1800 PEGGE *Suppl. Grose, Serve*, To relieve a beggar. Derb. 1822 GALT *Provost* xiii. 106 Two bonny bairns..going from house to house, like the hungry babes in the wood;..as I was seeing them served myself at our door, I spoke to them. 1825 JAMIESON s. v. *Sair.*

38. *gen.* (Said of persons and things.) To supply, provide, or furnish with something necessary or requisite. Also, to furnish (a person, town, etc.) with a regular or continuous supply.

† **a.** const. *of* (something).

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 22508 Þe sun þat es sa bright, And seruis al þis werld o light. 1362 LANGL. *P. Pl.* A. I. 17 He hihte þe eorþe to seruen ow vchone Of wollene, Of linnene. *c* 1400 MAUNDEV. (Roxb.) xxxii. 145 Oure land seruez vs of twa thinges, þat es to say of oure lyflade,..and of sepultare. *c* 1440 *Alphabet of Tales* 334 He..serryffed seke folk of swilk as þaim nedud. 1483 *Act 1 Rich. III*, c. 6 § 1 The Commons.. be worse served of such Stuff and Merchandise as else should come to the said Fairs. 1500–20 DUNBAR *Poems* xxvii. 64 Quhen thay wer serwit of thair speiris. 1594 NASHE *Unfort. Trav.* Liij, She appoynted..her to..serue mee of such necessaryes as I lacked. 1600 HOLLAND *Livy* XXXVIII. 1002 That..they might..be served of a mart-towne for vent.

b. const. *with*.

c 1470 HENRY *Wallace* x. 320 Serwyt thai war with gud speris enow. 1515 *Sel. Cases Star Chamb.* (Selden Soc.) II. 97 The said dauy serued my lord darcy house in Berwyke with hooppis. *c* 1553 CHANCELOR in *Hakluyt's Voy.* (1599) I. 252 Colmagro serues all the Countrey about it with salt, and salt fish. 1615 G. SANDYS *Trav.* IV. (1658) 202 Naples is..served with water by fountains and conduits. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* (Chandos) 18 Dorking, which serves it abundantly with provisions. 1726–31 WALDRON *Descr. Isle of Man* (1865) 32 A woman who..used to serve my family with butter. 1784 COWPER *Task* IV. 758 These [plants] serve him with a hint That nature lives.

c. without const.

1511 *Guylforde's Pilgr.* (Camden) 22 Which condyttes serue all the Cytie in euery place. 1531 *Dunfermline Reg.* (Bannatyne Club) 363 Giff þe said abbot..desyris ony pan wod of my lord of sanct andr' coill thay sall be sernit befor ony vþeris. 1617 MORYSON *Itin.* I. 4 A Conduit of water; which serves all the Towne. 1712 ARBUTHNOT *John Bull* I. ii, Besides, the Rascal has good Ware, and will serve him as

cheap as any Body in that Case. 1868 *Chamb. Encycl.* X. 104/1 The distributing reservoir..must therefore be higher than the highest house to be served. 1892 KIPLING *Barrack-r. Ballads* 79 The thatch of the byres will serve their fires when all the cattle are slain.

d. To supply with means of transit and conveyance: esp. of railways.

1866 *Roy. Comm. Railways, Min. Evid.* 601/1 He said that we [the company] had really served Rochdale well with trains and accommodation. 1892 TURRELL & GRAVES *Roads Oxf.* 38 The country described in this book is served almost entirely by the Great Western Railway.

†39. *refl.* To make use *of*, avail oneself *of*. Also const. *with*, in the same sense. [After F. *se servir de.*] *Obs.*

In quot. 1560 = 'to make use *of* as slaves'; the choice of expression was suggested by the Heb. original.

1560 BIBLE (Geneva) *Jer.* xxv. 14 Many nacions and great Kings shal euen serue them selues of them [so 1611 and 1884]. 1594 R. ASHLEY tr. *Loys le Roy* 56 Seruing himselfe with meane fellowes. 1600 HOLLAND *Livy* xxxvii. 960 Intending ..to serue himselfe of the provision prepared for the enemie. 1648 tr. *Senault's Paraphr. Job* 6 God..serves himself sometimes with criminals to execute his designes. 1655 JER. TAYLOR *Golden Grove* 53 It were well if they would serve themselves of this form set down at the end of this Diary. 1714 MRS. MANLEY *Adv. Rivella* 114 She had serv'd her self with Romantick Names, and a feign'd Scene of Action. 1750 WARBURTON in W. & Hurd *Lett.* (1809) 58 You may serve yourself of the following hints. 1846 TRENCH *Mirac.* vi. (1862) 189 *note*, In the intercourse of ordinary life our Lord served Himself, as was natural, of the popular Aramaic.

†b. *intr.* (? for *refl.*). To make use *of*. *Obs.*

c 1380 WYCLIF *Wks.* (1880) 79 þes feyned þeues seruen of þis, to forbede men to do goddis seruyce.

40. *transf.* (*trans.*) To ply, assail *with* (hostile weapons). *rare.* (So F. *servir.*)

1375 BARBOUR *Bruce* xvi. 451 And with suerdis that scharply schar Thai seruit thame full egyrly. *Ibid.* 454. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* II. i. ii, Then to read or mumble something about the King's peace; and, after certain pauses, serve any undispersing Assemblage with musket-shot, or whatever shot will disperse it.

41. *Sc.* To satisfy or content *with* (food, etc.). (Cf. sense 27 b.) Hence, to give (one) a glut *of*, weary *of*.

1768 Ross *Helenore* (1789) 30 The squire..Snys cannily, I'm sure ye are not saird; Here's fouth of meat, eat on and do not spair't. *Ibid.* 47 It seems ye are na sair'd wi' what ye got. 1806 A. DOUGLAS *Poems* 148 (E.D.D.) Whan sair'd o' beef, they get a roast O' dainty rare sweet mutton. *a* 1819 A. WATSON in W. Walker *Bards Bon-Accord* (1887) 328 They sained them o' fighting wi' very few blows. 1886 WILLOCK *Rosetty Ends* xii. (1887) 93 Dauvit tried nae mair experiments in galvanism. Ae dose o'it sained him.

IV. (Inversion of the construction in branch III. Cf. the converse development of sense in PRESENT *v.* 11–13.) To dish up (food); to deal out, present (a commodity).

42. To set (meat or drink) on the table or before a person; to bring in or dish up (a meal). †Also const. *to* or *into* (the table). Also (*is*) *serving* = (is) being served.

13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* B. 997 Ho [Lot's wife] serued at þe soper salt bifore dry3tyn. *a* 1400 *Sir Cleges* 382 The cheryse were servyd thorowe the hall. 1513 *Bk. Kervynge* in *Meals & Manners* (E.E.T.S.) 160 Fyrste on that daye [Easter] he shall serue a calfe soden and blessyd. 1560 DAUS tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* 25 A piece whereof is served to the Emperours table. 1597 BEARD *Theatre God's Judgem.* (1612) 268 A fishes head of great bignesse being serued into the table. 1640 tr. *Verdere's Rom. of Rom.* III. ii. 7 Having fed heartily on a kid, that was served into the table. 1726 SWIFT *Gulliver* III. ii. 188 They cut up the joints that were served to his majesty's table. 1781 COWPER *Truth* 213 The dinner serv'd, Charles takes his stand, Watches your eye, anticipates command. 1836 MARRYAT *Midsh. Easy* xxxviii, But dinner is serving, go into the after-cabin. 1856 KANE *Arctic Explor.* II. vi. 74 He cooked and served our breakfast-meal. 1877 MISS A. B. EDWARDS *Up Nile* xviii. 487 After luncheon..coffee was served. 1885 *Truth* 2 July 2/1 It was getting on for two before supper was served.

absol. 1697 VANBRUGH *Prov. Wife* II. ii, *Cor.* Will your ladyship please to dine yet? *Lady Fan.* Yes, let 'em serve. 1709 MRS. MANLEY *Secret Mem.* (1720) III. 241, I see my People coming to tell us they have served; *Allons*..refresh yourself at Dinner. 1905 R. BAGOT *Passport* xxiv. 256 The men-servants were already bringing in the coffee, and Monsieur d'Antin was constrained to wait until they had served and retired.

b. const. *to* (a person) or dative. Hence also in indirect passive.

1596 SHAKS. *Tam. Shr.* IV. i. 167 How durst you villaines bring it from the dresser And serue it thus to me? 1717 LADY M. W. MONTAGU *Let. to C'tess Mar* 18 Apr., After this they served me coffee upon their knees in the finest japan china. 1743 BULKELEY & CUMMINS *Voy. S. Seas* 88 This afternoon the People insisted to be serv'd Brandy out of the Casks that were buried Under-ground; accordingly they were serv'd half a Pint each Man. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* liii, The Colonel's breakfast was served to him in the same dingy..plated ware. 1859 TENNYSON *Enid* 304 So that ye do not serve me sparrow-hawks For supper.

c. To dish up or send to the table in a specified manner or *with* some other edible.

c 1430 *Two Cookery-bks.* I. 6 As men seruyth furmenty wyth venyson. *c* 1450 *Ibid.* II. 83 And so serue hit hote. 1747 MRS. GLASSE *Cookery* ii. 50 Bake them [Larks] in a gentle Oven, serve them without Sauce. 1849 M. ARNOLD *Sick King Bokhara* 287 Cherries served in drifts of snow. 1864 *Englishw. in India* 145 Boil these gently together and serve on toast. 1884 HOWELLS in *Harper's Mag.* Dec. 111/2 Everything is served *à la Russe*.

d. To hand out (food) in portions; = HELP *v.* 8 b.

1682 G. ROSE *Sch. Instruct. Officers Mouth* 24 They ought to serve the Sweetmeats with a Fork, but the Dragee, or small Seeds of Sugar with a Spoon.

43. With adverbs, †*away*, †*forth*, †*forth in*, *in* (? obs.), *up*, in the same sense as in 42.

c 1430 *Two Cookery-bks.* I. 5 Serue it forth. *Ibid.* 13 Panne serue it forth ynne. *c* 1440 LYDG. *Hors, Shepe & G.* 208 (Harl. MS.) A fatt goos..Is serued vp at the kyngis table. *c* 1530 *Doctrynall Gd. Servauntes* in *Anc. Poet. Tracts* (Percy Soc.) 8 Fyrste serue ye in the potage, And than eche meet after his degre. 1592 SHAKS. *Rom. & Jul.* I. iii. 101 Madam, the guests are come, supper seru'd vp. 1617 MORYSON *Itin.* III. 83 At supper they served in a peece of roasted beefe hot. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* IX. 38 Marshal'd Feast Serv'd up in Hall with Sewers, and Seneshals. 1711 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 108 ₱ 5 The Gentleman..had the Pleasure of seeing the huge Jack, he had caught, served up for the first Dish. 1747 MRS. GLASSE *Cookery* xi. 123 Put in the Meat again..and let it boil; then serve it away. 1775 S. J. PRATT *Liberal Opin.* lvi. (1783) II. 164 The dinner was serving up as I entered the dining-parlour. 1827 in Scott *Chron. Canongate* Introd. App., The dinner was very handsome (though slowly served in). 1878 W. S. GILBERT *H. M. S. Pinafore* II, And dinner served up in a pudding basin!

absol. *c* 1430 *Two Cookery-bks.* I. 7 Let boyle to-gederys, an serue in. *Ibid.* 8 Sette hem on þe dysshe, an serue forth.

b. *transf.* and *fig.* (Cf. *dish up.*)

1390 GOWER *Conf.* I. 296 The beste wordes wolde I pike.. And serve hem forth in stede of chese. 1576 FLEMING tr. *Caius' Dogs* To Rdr., If I serue in their meat with wrong sawce. 1596 SHAKS. *Tam. Shr.* III. i. 14 Then giue me leaue to read Philosophy, And while I pause, serue in your harmony. 1633 G. HERBERT *Temple, Priesth.* v, Th' holy men of God such vessels are, As serve him up, who all the world commands. 1656 EARL MONM. tr. *Boccalini's Advts. fr. Parnass.* II. xiv. 243 History is meat not only well seasoned..but substantially and magnificently served in to please the curious pallat. 1711 *Medley* No. 23. 267 The Examiner utters Falshoods that are altogether stale and exploded; whereas Abel serves them up fresh and fresh. 1712 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 488 ₱ 2 Provided the *Spectator* might be served up to them every Morning as usual. 1848 BARTLETT *Dict. Amer., To Serve up*, to expose to ridicule; to expose. 1875 MANNING *Mission Holy Ghost* xiii. 371 You serve them up to us like new articles of science.

c. *To serve out*, to distribute or deal out (food, ammunition, etc.) in portions. Also jocularly (chiefly *Naut.*), to mete out or administer (corporal punishment); cf. 46.

1802 RICHARDSON in *Naval Chron.* VII. 54 My grog was served out. 1819 SCOTT *Ivanhoe* xl, To preside over the stock-fish and ale, which was just serving out for the friars' breakfast. 1827 O. W. ROBERTS *Voy. Centr. Amer.* 67, I served out some kegs of gunpowder. 1867 SMYTH *Sailor's Word-bk., Serving out slops*, distributing clothing, &c. Also, a cant term to denote punishment at the gangway. 1884 SIR S. ST. JOHN *Hayti* iii. 81 On many of the large estates, a certain number of lashes was served out every morning as regularly as the rations. 1887 F. FRANCIS *Saddle & Mocassin* xi. 207 The short measures of flour which 'Rowdy Jack', one of their fellow-men, served out.

†44. *gen.* To supply, furnish (a commodity); to yield a regular or continuous supply of. Of the earth: To yield, bring forth. Const. *to*. *Obs.*

1575 GASCOIGNE *Kenelworth Castle* Wks. 1910 II. 129 What fruits this soyle may serve. 1590 SHAKS. *Com. Err.* IV. iv. 14 *Ant.* Fiue hundred Duckets villaine for a rope? *E. Dro.* Ile serue you sir fiue hundred at the rate. 1677 YARRANTON *Eng. Improv.* 102 Our People too, with this Money, make Cloth, and serve it cheap in all places where we send our Cloth. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 25 Oct. 1695, The pump he had erected that serves water to his garden.

b. *intr.* (? for *refl.*). Of a commodity: To yield a supply, to be forthcoming. *rare.*

1575 GASCOIGNE *Fruits of Warre* cxxxvii, Three dayes wee fought, as long as water served. 1893–4 *Northumbld. Gloss.* s. v., Gas is said to *serve* when it issues more or less regularly from a fault, slip, etc., in a coal mine.

45. *trans.* (in *fig.* uses). †To deliver or deal *blows* or the like (*obs.*; cf. 43 c); †to play (one) a *trick*; to do (one) a (good or bad) *turn*.

1591 SHAKS. *Two Gent.* IV. iv. 38, I remember the tricke you serv'd me, when I tooke my leaue of Madam Siluia. 1607 — *Timon* I. ii. 237 What a coiles heere, seruing of beckes, and iutting out of hummes. 1794 MRS. RADCLIFFE *Myst. Udolpho* xxvii, It would have been serving you a good turn, ma'amselle, as well as myself. 1887 W. E. NORRIS *Major & Minor* III. 249 You never in your life served me a worse turn than when you prevented me from hitting that man.

46. To hand (a commodity) to a customer in a shop. (Cf. sense 35.)

1862 MRS. H. WOOD *Mrs. Hallib.* III. vi, Ben Tyrrett's wife says will you let her have a gill of vinegar? Be I to serve it?

V. To treat in a specified manner. [Developed from the use of *to serve well, ill*, etc., in the senses of branch I. Cf. esp. sense 4 b.]

47. To treat in a specified (usually unpleasant or unfair) manner. Now chiefly *colloquial*.

c 1275 LAY. 9206 He lette smite him of þat heued..and þus he 3am sareuede euerechone. *s* 297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 624 3if alle luþer holers were iserued so Me ssolde vinde þe les such spousbruche do. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Clerk's T.* 584–5 As I his suster serued by nyghte Right so thenke I to serue hym pryuely. *c* 1412 HOCCLEVE *De Reg. Princ.* 3853 Allas! þat drynke so man serue schal! 1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 49 The tree that brynggeth forth no good fruyte shall be serued in lyke wyse. 1589 PUTTENHAM *Eng. Poesie* I. xxviii. (Arb.) 71 Or else be locked into the Church by the Sexten as I my selfe was once serued reading an Epitaph in a certain cathedrall Church of England. 1611 SHAKS. *Cymb.* v. v. 248 She is seru'd, As I would serue a Rat. 1693 DRYDEN *Ded. to 3rd Misc.* Ess. (1900) II. 10 And no better than thus has Ovid been served by the so-much-admired Sandys. 1727 GAY *Fables* v. 7 All cowards should be serv'd like you. 1847 MARRYAT *Childr. N. Forest* xiii, If I served you as you deserve, I should now put my bullet into you. 1860 TYNDALL *Glac.* I. xvii. 119 On swerving a little..the mass turned over, and let me into the lake. I tried a second one, which served me in the same manner. 1870 *Murray's Handbk. Essex*, etc. 200 The nave piers have unfortunately been covered with a yellow wash, which..has been removed from some in the S. aisle with very good result. It is much to be wished that all the piers were so served.

b. *To serve* (a person) *right*: to treat (an offender) as he deserves. Now chiefly in phr. *it serves* (me, you, etc.) *right*; also colloq. *serves* (you, etc.) *right*, (*and*) *serve* (you, etc.) *right*, an exclamation of satisfaction at seeing a person punished for his folly or wrong-doing.

1587 HIGGINS *Mirr. Mag., Iago* Lenvoy iii, This sleeper ..Which for his slouthfull sinne was serued right. *c* 1640 H. BELL *Luther's Colloq. Mens.* (1652) 303 The wretch (said Luther) was served right. 1705 tr. *Bosman's Guinea* 419 What think you, Sir, Were not these Villains right served? 1728 VANBR. & CIB. *Prov. Husb.* II. 31 They serv'd you right enough! will you never have done with your Horse-play? 1837 DICKENS *Pickw.* xiii, Natural death—..workhouse funeral—serve him right—all over. 1839 THACKERAY *Fatal Boots* Mar., But papa was stern for once, and vowed that I had been served quite right. 1841 BARHAM *Ingol. Leg.* Ser. II. *Misadvent. at Margate*, 'He's stolen my things and run away!!'—Says she, 'And serve you right!!' 1885 J. PAYN *Talk of Town* I. 99 Confound the fellow!..it would serve him right if they tossed him. 1889 A. LANG *Prince Prigio* vi. 45 Everyone had heard of his disgrace, and almost everyone cried 'Serve him right!'

†48. a. *Thieves' slang.* To rob. **b.** To maim, wound. *To serve out and out*, to kill (cf. next). *Obs.*

1812 J. H. VAUX *Flash Dict., Serve*, to serve a person, or place, is to rob them; as I *serv'd* him *for* his *thimble*, I rob'd him of his watch; that crib has been *served* before, that shop has been already robbed, &c. To *serve* a man, also sometimes signifies to maim, wound, or do him some bodily hurt, and to *serve* him *out and out* is to kill him.

49. *To serve out*: to punish, take revenge on; to retaliate on (one) *for* something objectionable. *colloq.* (orig. pugilistic slang). Also (*Hunting slang*), to 'punish' or smash (a fence).

1817 *Sporting Mag.* L. 18 The butcher was so completely served out, that he resigned all pretensions to victory. 1819 MOORE *Tom Crib's Memor.* (ed. 3) 34 And whosoe'er grew unpolite, The well-bred Champion serv'd him out. 1836 COL. HAWKER *Diary* (1893) II. 113 I'll serve him out for it. 1862 H. H. DIXON *Scott & Sebright* 398 This was the third or fourth flight of rails that Cognac, who was very fresh after a frost,..had served out that day. 1863 KINGSLEY *Water-Bab.* 183 I'll serve you out for telling the salmon where I was. 1891 MRS. RIDDELL *Mad Tour* 9 He set his mind to work to consider how he could best serve me out.

VI. Technical senses (with various const.).

50. *Law.* To make legal delivery of (a process or writ). Const. *on* or *upon* (a person).

1442 *Rolls of Parll.* V. 43/2 If any Processe of suche Appell..be awardet or servet in othir wyse. 1494 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* I. 238 To the seruing of the breif of ydeotrye vpone the Erle of Suddirland in Inuerness. 1570–6 LAMBARDE *Peramb. Kent* (1826) 240 To serve the processe of that suite upon him. 1585 *Act 27 Eliz.* c. 3 § 5 The same Privie Seale was duely served..upon the person of the same Heire. 1612 N. FIELD *Woman Weathercock* III. i, You are come to serue a warrant, or a Scitation. 1776 *Trial Nundocomar* 24/2 Has any notice been served upon you by Mr. Jarut? 1798 DALLAS *Amer. Law Rep.* II. 335 An attachment must be served by the marshall. 1896 *Law Times* C. 488/1 The vestry served a notice on the respondent, calling upon him to repair the drain.

fig. 1593 SHAKS. *Lucr.* 1780 The deepe vexation of his inward soule, Hath seru'd a dumbe arrest vpon his tongue. 1842 LOVER *Handy Andy* xxi, Some frank..girl would have been the only one likely to serve a writ on the jovial attorney's heart. 1847 DE QUINCEY *Sp. Mil. Nun* x. (1853) 22 Notice to quit was now served pretty liberally.

b. To present (a person) *with* a writ. Also, *to serve in* (cf. 31 c).

1575 in D. King *Vale-Royal* (1656) I. 88 For which cause, he was served by a Pursevant from York. 1630 *Banquet of Jests* 135 A Waiting Gentlewoman being summoned into a Court to take an Oath (for she was serued in with a *sub pœna*) The Examiner asked how [etc.]. 1655 FULLER *Ch. Hist.* IV. 137 Never before was the Bishops served with such a prohibition. 1839 DE QUINCEY *Recoll. Lakes* Wks. 1862 II. 199 The holder of that place or fortune was immediately served with a summons to surrender it.

c. *Scots Law.* To declare (a person) heir to an estate, by the affirmative verdict of an 'inquest' or jury appointed to adjudicate the claim. Const. † *of* (an estate); now only with compl., *to serve* (a person) *heir to*.

? An erroneous shortening of the phr. *to serve and retour*: see RETOUR *v.* 3.

1506 *Reg. Privy Seal Scot.* I. 174 The inqueist that servit him of his breif of the said vi merkis worth of land. 1533 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* VI. 138 Ane inquest that servit Richert, umquhile lord Inuermeith, of..the landis of Inuermeith. 1582 *Reg. Privy Counell Scot.* III. 558 He sall entir and obtene himself servit air as use is within the space of thrie termes. 1637 RUTHERFORD *Lett.* (1664) 54 O that he would..serve himself Heir to the poor mean portion I have. 1693 STAIR *Inst. Law Scot.* III. iv. (ed. 2) 449 Other Heirs.. cannot be served Heirs, but by a special Service, serving them to such particulars, whereunto they succeed, by Infeftment or Provision. 1815 SCOTT *Guy M.* I, We must pass over his father, and serve him heir to his grandfather Lewis. 1854 H. MILLER *Sch. & Schm.* xvi. (1857) 356 After getting myself served heir to my father before the Court of the Canon-

gate. 1893 STEVENSON *Catriona* i, To-day I was served heir to my position in life.

absol. 1597 SKENE *De Verb. Sign.* s. v. *Breve de morte antecessoris*, Gif the persones of inquest..deliveris and servis *Negative*, in favoures of the defender.

51. *Tennis* (and similar games). †**a.** *intr.* To act as assistant or marker. Also ?*trans.* (see quot. 1611). 1531 in *Privy Purse Exp. Hen. VIII* (1827) 180 Paid to one that served on the kinges side at Tennes at hamptoncourte, in Rewarde, v^s. *c* 1532 DU WES *Introd. Fr.* in Palsgr. 951 *Nacqueter*, to serve at tennes. 1611 COTGR., *Naquet*, the boy that serues, or stops the ball after the first bound, to make a better chace, at Tennis. *Naqueter*, to serue (or stop) a ball at Tennis.

b. *intr.* To start play by striking the ball into the opposite court.

1585 HIGINS *Junius' Nomencl.* 296 *Datatim ludere*..to serue or to tosse from hand to hand. 1611 COTGR., *Blouse*, a close Tennis court,..haning a house on either side to serue on. 1878 J. MARSHALL *Ann. Tennis* 162 The server continues to serve until two chases be made.

c. *trans.* To put (the ball) in play.

1696 R. H. *Sch. Recreation* 97 Love is the Court, Hope is the House, And Favour serves the Ball. 1837 D. WALKER *Games & Sports* 255 The player who commences..must serve the first ball over a red line marked upon the wall. 1878 J. MARSHALL *Ann. Tennis* 161 The ball served must be struck with the racket.

d. To strike the ball to (one's opponent); to 'feed' *with* the ball. Also *fig.*

1647 N. BACON *Disc. Govt. Eng.* I. xliii. 111 And as at Tenis the Dane and Bishop served each other with the fond Countrey man. 1849 *Boy's Own Bk.* 29 (Rounders) Another in-player takes up the bat, and is served or fed with the ball.

52. Of a male animal: To cover (the female); esp. of stallions, bulls, etc. kept and hired out for the purpose. Also *absol.*

1577 B. GOOGE *Heresbach's Husb.* III. (1586) 148 b, At halfe a yeere old they [boars] are able to serue a sowe. 1621 *Shuttleworths' Acc.* (Chetham Soc.) 248 Given to Sir Raphe's man, when the little black mare was served at the Ahhie, ij^s vj^d. 1714 GAY *Sheph. Week* Tuesd. 106 Then saw the cow well serv'd, and took a groat. 1837 YOUATT *Sheep* 317 Ewes to be served by more than one ram. 1885 *Bell's Life* 15 June 1/2 Camhallo will serve a limited number of mares at 70 sovs. each. 1909 *Ruff's Guide to Turf* IV. 145 List of principal stallions serving in 1909.

53. a. *Falconry.* To drive out game into the view of (the hawk). Said of the falconer or of the dog. 1576 FLEMING tr. *Caius' Dogs* II. (1880) 14 Of gentle Dogges seruing the hauke. 1891 HARTING *Bibl. Accipitr.* 229 *Serving a hawk*, helping to put out the quarry from covert. 1897 *Encycl. Sport* I. 373/2 (Falconry) *Serve* (of the falconer), to put out the quarry from the cover for the falcon waiting overhead.

b. *Coursing.* (See quot. 1897.)

1576 TURBERV. *Venerie* 249 If there be no Cotes gyuen betwene a brase of Greyhounds, but the one of them seruetb the other at turnyng. *a* 1600 in Markham *Country Contentm.* I. vii. (1615) 105 If one dogge turne the Hare, serue himselfe, and turne her againe, those two turnes shall be as much as a coate. 1897 *Encycl. Sport* I. 210/1 (Coursing) When a dog turns his hare, and keeps his place for another turn, he serves himself; or, losing his place, serves his opponent.

54. Chiefly *Naut.* [Formerly often in form **sarve.**] **a.** To bind (a rope, rod, etc.) with small cord or the like, so as to protect or strengthen.

1627 CAPT. SMITH *Seaman's Gram.* v. 25 To sarue any rope with plats or Sinnet, is..to lay Sinnet, Spun yarne, Rope yarne, or a peece of Cannas vpon the rope, and then rowle it fast to keepe the rope from galling. 1669 STURMY *Mariner's Mag.* v. xii. 64 Ropes..served close..with Yarn. 1775 FALCK *Day's Diving Vessel* 54 The eyes, as well as the splice by which they were bent, were also served with inch rope. 1875 BEDFORD *Sailor's Pocket Bk.* x. (ed. 2) 360 Two men can worm and serve seven fathoms of 3½ inch rope in an hour. 1876 PREECE & SIVEWRIGHT *Telegraphy* 232 It [the copper conductor] is then served with a covering of tape which has been well soaked in Stockholm tar. 1895 'J. BICKERDYKE' *Sea Fishing* 60 For the simpler binding, intended merely to act as a protection.., we say we 'serve' the line rather than 'whip' it.

b. To wrap (a rope, bandage) round an object.

a 1586 SIDNEY *Arcadia* III. (Sommer) 295 Parthenia laid his head in her lap, tearing of her linnen sleeues & partlet, to serue about his wounds. 1806 A. DUNCAN *Life Nelson* 43 Her hull had long been kept together by cables served round. 1870 *Eng. Mech.* 11 Mar. 625/3 Over which a tarred rope.. is 'served' or wrapped.

55. *Mil.* To operate, keep in play or action (a gun, battery, etc.).

1706 PHILLIPS (ed. Kersey), To *Serve a Battery*..is to see that the Guns play well. 1747 *Gentl. Mag.* 344 A constant fire of a numerous and well serv'd artillery. 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* v. I. 611 The cannon,..though ill served, brought the engagement to a speedy close. 1852 THACKERAY *Esmond* III. i, The enemy's cannonade, which was very hot and well served. 1876 DOUBLEDAY *Forts Sumter & Moultrie* 163 An artillery-man, serving his gun.

b. *To serve the vent*: to close the vent of a muzzle-loading gun while it is being loaded.

1828 SPEARMAN *Brit. Gunner* (ed. 2) 175 Number..2, sponges; 3, loads; 4, serves the vent and primes.

VII. 56. *Comb.*: †**serve-image**, an idolater.

1530 TINDALE *Answ. More* Wks. (1573) 272/1 So art thou an Idolater, that is to say in Englishe, a serue Image.

☞ For *To serve one's* (*a*, *the*) *turn* (in various senses), see TURN *sb.*

Hence **Served** *ppl. a.* (chiefly with prefixed adverb).

1747 [see 55]. 1884 RUSKIN *Bible of Amiens* I. 1 At this halting-place in mid-journey there is a well-served buffet. 1907 WYNDHAM *Flare of Footlights* I, The well-chosen and perfectly served dinner.

†**Serve,** *v.*^2 *Obs.* Chiefly *Sc.* and *north.* Also 3 **sareve**, 4–6 (chiefly *Sc.*) **serf**, *Sc.* **serwe**, 5 **sarve.** [App. aphetic a. OF. *deservir* DESERVE *v.* It may, however, be a use of SERVE *v.*^1, as the sense 'to gain by serving' may have been developed in the simple vb.; cf. It. *servire* to merit, deserve.]

1. *trans.* To earn or acquire a right to; to become, or to be, worthy of (reward or punishment, praise or blame); to merit; = DESERVE *v.* 1, 2.

c 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 1686 Oc serf me seuene oðer 3er, If ðu salt rachel seruen her. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 15849 Forsoth i neuer serued it, in dede ne yeitt in sau. 13.. *E. E. Allit. P. A.* 553 More haf we serued..þat suffred han þe dayez hete. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* vi. (*Thomas*) 573 Þar-for, me think, I serwe no blame quhen I say: god Inffis [etc.]. ? *a* 1400 *Morte Arth.* 1315 My lorde meruailles hym mekylle, ..Why thow morthires his mene, that no mysse serues. *c* 1400 *Rule of St. Benet* (verse) 614 Vn-to hell we suld take hede, And were vs euer with al our mayn Fro filth of sin, þat sarues payn. *c* 1430 *Chev. Assigne* 194 For þe sauyng of hem þanke þou haste seruethe. 1456 SIR G. HAVE *Law Arms* (S. T. S.) 298 Quhat blame serve we now..that brekis Goddis hidding. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* I. Prol. 78 Quhar I offend, the les repreif serf I. *a* 1578 LINDESAY (Pitscottie) *Chron. Scot.* (S. T. S.) I. 195 It is tyme to seik your reward quhan ye haue serwed it. 1721 KELLY *Scot. Prov.* 319 They give you less wite than you serve.

b. with *inf.* or *clause* as obj.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 9089 Sin i haf serued to haue þe scam, Gis me mi scrift, o godds name! *c* 1330 *Arth. & Merl.* 951 (Kölbing) Þei sche haue serued to he spilt, þe child þer of haþ no gilt. *c* 1330 R. BRUNNE *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 4900, Y serued neuere he scholde so do! *c* 1400 *Apol. Loll.* (Camden) 26 In þis maner of curse þat men curse man iustli for his misdede, was Crist not cursid, for He seruid not to be cursid. 1500–20 DUNBAR *Poems* XXV. 81 And how nane servis to haif sweitness That nevir taistit bitterness. *c* 1550 ROLLAND *Crt. Venus* II. 335 Thow seruis weill on Rakkis to be rent.

2. *intr.* or *absol.* = DESERVE *v.* 3.

c 1275 LAV. 24154 And he þare eche cnihtes be 3ef alle hire rihtes, ech one he 3af heahte ase hii i-sarued [*c* 1205 iærned] hadde. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 550 þat 3e me faith make, In dede for to do as I desyre wille, And my wille for to wirke, if I wele serue. *c* 1440 *York Myst.* ii. (*Playsterers*) 8 To suffir sorowe on soght, syne þai haue seruid so. *c* 1450 *St. Cuthbert* (Surtees) 866 As we haue serued, gif vs our mede. *c* 1550 ROLLAND *Crt. Venus* II. 361 Sayand, curst knaif thow sall haif affliction As thow did serue, rise, and resaif thy bill. 1575 *Mirr. Mag., Manlius* xiv, We either are rewarded, as we serue; Or else are plaged, as our deedes deserue.

†**Serve,** *v.*^3 *Obs. rare.* [ad. L. *servāre*, or aphetic form of PRESERVE *v.*] *trans.* To preserve.

c 1386 CHAUCER *Sqr.'s T.* 513 And in this wise he serued his entente That saue the feend noon wiste what he mente. 1470–85 MALORY *Arthur* VI. xv. 207 Thenne wold I haue baumed hit [thy body] and serued hit and soo haue kepte it my lyfe dayes. 1559 MORWYNG *Evonym.* 304 Whiche gathered diligently thou shalt serue in a phyall of glas.

Serveable, variant of SERVABLE.

Serveiour, obs. form of SURVEYOR.

Serventism (sɜ·rvəntiz'm). Also **serventeism.** [f. It. *servente* (in *cavaliere servente*: see CAVALIER *sb.* 5) + -ISM.] The system which countenances the devotion of a man to the service of a married woman; cicisbeism.

1833 *New Monthly Mag.* XXXVIII. 151 The slavery of serventism. 1839 DARLEY *Introd. to Beaum. & Fl. Wks.* I. 29 Cicisbeism and serventeism were mentioned with no less complacency than if the dramatists themselves had been Italians. 1841 W. SPALDING *Italy & It. Isl.* III. 277 We may still see serventeism ludicrously caricatured among the middle classes, where a domestic sometimes has to dress for the evening, and attend his mistress as a companion to the theatre or the promenade. 1843 *Penny Cycl.* XXV. 308/2 The cicisbeism or serventism of Italy and Spain.

Server (sɜ·rvəɹ). Forms: 4–5 **servere**, 6 **servar**, 5– **server.** See also SERVIER. [f. SERVE *v.* + -ER^1.]

1. One who serves or ministers to the requirements of another. Now *rare.* Also, † a servant.

c 1380 WYCLIF *Sel. Wks.* I. 386 But Crist is among hem as a good servere. *c* 1440 *Alphabet of Tales* 60 Lo! yonder is his server. 1554 *Dyer's Acc.* in Sharp *Cov. Myst.* (1825) 186 Payd to ij servers of the cressets iiij d. 1868 MORRIS *Earthly Par., Man born to be King* 1277, I, who then Was but a server of poor men Outside our Abbey walls.

b. An attendant at a meal, one who serves food and drink to those sitting at table.

? 1460 *Bk. Curtasye* 532 in *Babees Bk.*, Þe seruer hit next of alle kyn men Mays way and stondes by syde. 1545 *Ludlow Churchw. Acc.* (Camden) 21 Payde to the servers of wyne on Easter day. 1622 MABBE tr. *Aleman's Guzman d'Alf.* II. 67 The Napkin where-with hee seru'd as Seruer. ? 1784 *Scot. Piper's Queries* 18 For one article having eggs the server of the table, as usual, laid the cloth on every one's knee, wherewith to hold their egg in when hot. 1868 MORRIS *Earthly Par., Land E. of Sun* 3065 While the servers bore Unto the guests rich meats and drink.

† **c.** An artisan's assistant. *Obs.*

1481–90 *Howard Househ. Bks.* (Roxb.) 382 Item, to Iohn Hege, his server, for iij. dayes iiij.d. ob. 1514 *MS. Acc. St. John's Hosp., Canterb.*, Payd to ij tyllars & ij seruars ij days. 1605 WILLET *Hexapla Gen.* 140 The seruer bringing one thing when the builder called for another. 1747 HOOSON *Miner's Dict.* S ij, This Server likewise carries away the Wash-Ore, to the Ore-Place, it being their Business.

d. With religious signification. Now *arch.*

[1530 TINDALE *Answ. More* Wks. (1573) 282/1, I..am an image seruer & walke after myne own imagination & not after Gods word.] 1600 PALFREYMAN *Baldwin's Mor. Philos.* (ed. 4) 64 He cannot bee a true seruer of God, which seeketh him not in the spirit of his minde, and in truth. 1678 CUDWORTH *Intell. Syst.* 446 Jupiter..made gods to be the curators of men, and he made men to be the worshippers and servers of those gods. 1900 *Pilot* 3 Nov. 551/1 The servers of icons..demonstrated that the doctrine of their opponents led to Judaism and Manichæism.

e. *Eccl.* An assistant at Mass who arranges the altar and makes the responses.

1853 DALE tr. *Baldeschi's Cerem.* 292 Before leaving the sacristy with the Priest, the Server will light the candles on the Altar. 1879 BARING-GOULD *Germany* II. 145 Two servers in surplices kneel before the altar in silence. 1894 *Westm. Gaz.* 20 Sept. 2/1 Working men generally act as servers at the early daily celebrations.

f. In various games: The player who serves or puts the ball in play.

1585 HIGINS *Junius' Nomencl.* 296 *Dator*,..a player or server: he that in playeng casteth the ball. 1868 *Routledge's Ev. Boy's Bk.* 269 (Rackets) In a close-court game, the 'server' who serves the ball properly above the line [etc.]. 1875 'STONEHENGE' *Brit. Sports* III. I. v. § 4. 690 The server [at lawn-tennis] then has to return the ball again, and so on till one player fails. 1897 *Encycl. Sport* I. 399/1 (Fives) The Server. A who begins serving, is bound to give C..the sort of service which he prefers.

g. *Anglo-Irish.* = PROCESS-*server.*

1842 LOVER *Handy Andy* xiv, To..harry a bum, Or 'clip a server' [*Footnote*, Cutting off the ears of a process-server].

2. Something which serves or is used for serving.

†**a.** A conduit or pipe for conveying water. *Obs.*

1610 HOLLAND *Camden's Brit.* I. 248 The Citizens likewise..derived rilles and servers of waters into euery street.

b. = SALVER^2.

1686 *Churchw. Acc. Pittington*, etc. (Surtees) 208 One silver server or a patten with a foot to screw on and a leather case. 1727 in W. Macgill *Old Ross-sh.* (1909) 133 Pewter spoons, server, basone, and potinger. 1816 SCOTT *Antiq.* iii, A little bit of diet-cake, on a small silver server of exquisite old workmanship. 1821 GALT *Ann. Parish* xii. (1895) 87 He took them [letters] both in to her ladyship on the silver server. 1894 LATTO *Tam. Bodkin* XXV, My share o' the tea was brocht to me on a server.

c. *pl.* A spoon and fork for serving salad.

1884 *Cyclist* 13 Feb. 243/1 Salad bowls and servers.

Servery (sɜ·rvəri). [f. SERVE *v.*^1 + -ERY, after *pantry.*] A room from which meals, etc. are served.

1893 *Builder* 11 Feb. 112 Kitchen...Servery...Pantry. 1899 *Athenæum* 15 Apr. 450/3 Chambers to let, unfurnished... Three Rooms, Bath-room, and Servery.

Serves, obs. form of SERVICE *sb.*^1 and *sb.*^2

Servet, obs. form of SHERBET, SERVIETTE.

Servetian (sɜ·ɪvi·ʃăn), *a.* (and *sb.*). *Eccl. Hist.* [f. *Servetus* + -IAN.] **A.** *adj.* Of or pertaining to Michael Servetus (Miguel Servede), a Spanish heresiarch of semi-pantheistic opinions, who was burned at Geneva in 1553.

1655 J. OWEN *Vind. Evang.* Pref. 11 Every Heretical blasphemy,..whether it be Arian, Servetian, Eunomian [etc.].

B. *sb.* A follower of Servetus.

[1564 HARDING *Answ. Jewel* XV. 158 Anabaptistæ, Seruetiani, Antinomi.] 1645 PAGITT *Heresiogr.* (ed. 2) 35 *Servetians.* 1764 tr. *Mosheim's Eccl. Hist.* Cent. xvi. II. iv. § 6 (1833) 531. 1874 *Blunt's Dict. Sects*, Servetians.

Hence **Serve·tianism,** the heresy of Servetus.

1655 J. OWEN *Vind. Evang.* Pref. 12 A man..wholy infected with Servetianisme.

Se·rveting. *Sc. Obs.* [f. *servet*, SERVIETTE + -ING^1.] Material for table-napkins.

1612 *Sc. Bk. Rates* in *Halyburton's Ledger* (1867) 319 Linning cloth..Towelling and serveitting of Holland making the eln xxvi. s. viii. d. *Ibid.* 321 Servitting.

†**Serve·tist.** *Eccl. Hist. Obs.* [f. as prec. + -IST.] A follower of Servetus (see SERVETIAN).

1728 CHAMBERS *Cycl.* 1887 *Cassell's Encycl. Dict.*

Servi, obs. form of SERVE *v.*^1

Se·rviable, *a. Obs.* [a. OF. *serviable*, irreg. f. *servir* to SERVE; see -ABLE.]

1. Willing to serve, complaisant, obedient.

c 1386 CHAUCER *Clerk's T.* 979 (Camb. MS.) And sche þe moste seruyable of alle Hath euery chambre arayed and his halle. *c* 1400 *Rom. Rose* 6004 They..been, in good feith, more stable and trewer, and more serviable. *a* 1475 ASHBY *Active Policy* 472 Also chese your servantes of goode draught, That wol attente and be serviable. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* XII. ii. 88 The byssy knaipis..Abont thame stud, full 3aip and seruyabill. 1638 W. HAIG in Russell *Haigs* (1881) 219 Your loving and servyable friend.

2. Belonging to the servant class.

1612 *Acts & Stat. Lawting, Sheriff, & Justice Courts* (Maitl. Club 1840) 160 Act for Servandis.—Item Forsamekill as thair is monie serviable persones that mareyis and takis up housis nocht haveing whervpone to live [etc.].

Hence **Se·rviableness.**

1530 PALSGR. 269/2 Servyablenesse, *seruiableté.*

Servial, -all, obs. forms of SERVILE.

Servian (sɜ·ɪviăn), *a.*^1 and *sb.* [f. *Servia* (properly *Serbia*: see SERB) + -AN.] **A.** *adj.* Of or belonging to Servia, a country of South-eastern Europe occupied by a Slavonic people.

The Slavonic kingdom of Servia was conquered by the Turks in 1389; the country remained a principality tributary to Turkey until 1878, when the kingdom was revived.

1808 C. STOWER *Printer's Gram.* Index, Servian alphabet. 1827 BOWRING *Servian Pop. Poetry* Introd. 38 'Fair as the mountain Yila,' is the highest compliment to a Servian lady. 1879 FREEMAN *Hist. Ess.* Ser. III. 273 Had the Servian Czar entered Constantinople in the fourteenth century.

B. *sb.* A native or an inhabitant of Servia.

1788 GIBBON *Decl. & F.* lv. V. 543 The language of the

Dalmatians, Bosnians, Servians [etc.]. 1835 *Penny Cycl.* III. 328/1 A stronghold to the Servians in their wars with the Turks. 1878 *N. Amer. Rev.* CXXVII. 402 Christian volunteers from Russia helping the belligerent Servian.

Servian (sə̄·rviăn), *a.*[2] *Roman Hist.* [a. L. *Serviānus*, f. *Servius*: see -AN.] Of or pertaining to Servius Tullius, the sixth king of Rome, who is said to have organized the plebs into thirty local 'tribes', and to have encircled the city with a wall, of which extensive remains still exist.

1843 *Penny Cycl.* XXV. 201 The probability is in favour of five tribunes, so that one was taken from each of the five Servian classes. 1855 LIDDELL *Hist. Rome* I. i. iii. 56 A person who once belonged either to a Romulian Tribe of birth or a Servian Tribe of place, always remained a member of that Tribe. 1886 PELHAM in *Encycl. Brit.* XX. 734/2 Only Etruscan builders..could have built..the Servian wall.

[**Serviant.** A spurious word, due to Berners' having misread the F. *serment* oath as *serviant*.

In the first quot. Berners seems to have taken the word as an adj. (cf. SERVIENT *a.*).

1525 LD. BERNERS *Froiss.* II. clii. 167 b, There all the companyons made them seruyaunt to Aleyne Roux. *Ibid.* II. clxxiii. 210 No man myght entre in to that..company, without he make seruyaunt or othe, neuer to beare armoure agaynste the crowne of Englande.]

Service[1] (sə̄·rvis). Forms: 1 **serfise**, 2–5 **servise**, 3 **serviz**, 3–4 **serveis**, 3–6 **servyse**, 3–7 **servis**, 4 **servijs**, **servyss**, *Sc.* **serwise**, 4–5 **servese**, **serveys**(e, 4–6 **servyce**, **servys**, 4–6 (8) **serves**, 5 **cervyce**, **sarvyse**, **servysse**, **serwyse**, 5–6 **sarvys**, 5–6 (8–9 *vulgar*) **sarvice**, 5–7 *Sc.* **serwice**, 6 **sarves**, **servicie**, *Sc.* **scherwice**, **scherwyce**, **servyiss**, **servyss**, **serwyce**, 6–7 **servies**, 6–8 *dial.* **sarvis**, 7 **cervis**, 9 *Sc.* **sairvice**, 3– **service**. *Pl.* 7 **service**. [a. OF. *servise*, *service*, also *servige*, *serviche* (mod.F. *service*), ad. L. *servitium*, f. *servus* slave. Cf. Pr. *servizi*, *servis*, Sp. *servicio*, Pg. *serviço*, It. *servizio*, *servigio*.

The word in English, as also in the Romanic langs., has supplied the place of a noun of action to the cognate SERVE *v.*[1], and its sense-development appears to have been materially influenced by association with the verb.]

I. The condition of being a servant; the fact of serving a master.

1. The condition, station, or occupation of being a servant. (In mod. use almost exclusively *spec.* = *domestic service.*) **a.** In phrases with preps. † *at*, *in*, † *into*, † *on*, *out of service*; *to go to*, *put to*, *set to service*; *to go into*, *put into*, *take into service*; *to place out at service.*

1320–30 *Horn Ch.* 644 Icham comen to fand, For to win gold & fe, In seruise wiþ 3our king to be. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 4400 He ordant angels after his deuyse, And set hom in seruice hym seluyn to honour. *c* 1400 *Apol. Loll.* (Camden) 4 If a man haue an hired plowman in to seruey to dwel wiþ him. 1416 *E. E. Wills* (1882) 71 And I woll and pray 3ow þat Phelippe be kept on seruice stille. 1495 *Coventry Leet Bk.* 568 þat euery Maide & sole woman.. take a Chambre within an honest persone..or els to go to seruice. 1543–4 *Act* 35 *Hen. VIII*, c. 1 Persons..that shall haue any office..or shalbe receyued in seruice with his grace. *a* 1548 HALL *Chron., Hen. VII*, 49 b, The sayde Barlo set me with a merchaunt of Middelboroughe too seruyce. *c* 1550 N. SMYTH tr. *Herodian* I. 10 The same beynge put to seruice in the Emperours house. 1557 *Order Hospitalls* F 5, Whether the same Childe be..in the Howse, or at Nurse; at Service, or els dead. 1592 *Soliman & Pers.* II. ii. 76 Least my maister turne me out of seruice. 1610 SHAKS. *Temp.* I. ii. 286 Caliban Whom now I keepe in seruice. 1749 SMOLLETT *Gil Blas* I. xvii. (1782) I. 104, I resolved to go to service, and hired myself to a great woollen-draper. 1771 — *Humph. Cl.* 29 May, They..swarm up to London, in hopes of getting into service. 1798 O'KEEFFE *Wild Oats* II. ii, I place her out at sarvice. 1833 HT. MARTINEAU *Vanderput & S.* I. 12 All this is less than many a maid has that has been at service a shorter time. 1841 THACKERAY *Gt. Hoggarty Diam.* vii, He had put two of his daughters into service. 1881 O'SHAUGHNESSY *Songs of Worker* 176 Not even the fretting when the eldest girl In service far away forgot to write.

fig. 1600 SHAKS. *A. Y. L.* I. iii. 26 But turning these iests out of seruice, let vs talke in good earnest.

b. In other constructions.

c 1420 *Sir Amadace* (Camden) I, Alle that ther wold seruyse haue, Kuyȝte squiere, ȝoman and knaue. *a* 1450 *Knt. de la Tour* lxv. (1906) 86 The whiche Amon was Seneschall of the king,..and became riche by his seruice. 1525 in *Reg. Mag. Sig. Scot.* an. 1527 (1883) 97 Gif ony freman of the said craft pass furth of the toun or his band of his service be worne furth. 1567 PAINTER *Pal. Pleas.* II. xi. (1890) II. 268 [She] determined therefore..to seeke seruice in that house, counterfaytinge the kynde and habite of a Page. 1768 STERNE *Sent. Journ.* (1778) II. 124 (*Le Dimanche*), The sons and daughters of service part with liberty, but not with nature in their contracts. 1785 PALEY *Mor. Philos.* III. I. xi, Service in this country is, as it ought to be, voluntary, and by contract. 1870–2 LIDDON *Elem. Relig.* iv. § 1 (1904) 137 Holy Scripture..speaks of sin as a service, the wages of which is death. 1876 HARDY *Ethelberta* xxx, I wish you could have given up service by this time. 1886 HERFORD *Lit. Rel. Eng. & Germany* 310 Grumshall..goes to take service with Bartervile, a well-reputed Naples merchant. 1891 KIPLING *Light that Failed* ix. (1900) 157 'When did you leave service?'..'How did you know I was in service?..I was. General servant.'

Proverb. *c* 1412 HOCCLEVE *De Reg. Princ.* 841 Seruyse, I wot wel, is non heritage. 1631 BRATHWAIT *Whimzies*, *Undersheriff* 98 But service is no inheritance;..therefore..hee beginnes now in his summer, to store up against winter. 1729 SWIFT *Direct. Serv.* Gen. Direct., Answer, that..a poor servant is not to be blamed if he strives to better himself; that service is no inheritance.

† **c.** Servitude, slavery. *Obs.*

1340–70 *Alisaunder* 935 On weies & women awrak hee his teene And solde them too seruise in sorowe too liue.

2. Const. *of* or possessive: The condition of being a servant of a particular master.

c 1290 *St. Cristofer* 39 in *S. Eng. Leg.* 272 Ich am a man opon mi seruiz [*Harl. MS.* in mie seruise] and noman serui i nelle Bote mi louerd þat ich seche. *Ibid.* 59 Daþeit þanne, Cristofre seide, þat leng beo in þine seruise. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 9485 Nu has him sathanas in wald,..Quils he es thralled in his seruis He ne mai be fre on nakins wis. 1382 WYCLIF 2 *Kings* v. 3 A lytill chyld woman caytife, that was in the seruyce [Vulg. *in obsequio*] of the wiyf of Naaman. *c* 1400 *Rom. Rose* 4594, I am so sore bounde him til, From his servyse I may not fleen. 1536 CROMWELL in Merriman *Life & Lett.* (1902) II. 5 For my sake to accept this berer salisbury again into your seruice. 1596 SHAKS. *Merch. V.* II. ii. 156 To leaue a rich Iewes seruice. 1716 HAWKINS *Pleas Crown* I. 130 If a Parent in a reasonable Manner chastise his child, or a Master his Servant, being actually in his Service at the Time. 1835 DICKENS *Sk. Boz*, *Mr. Watkins Tottle* i, That's the very housemaid..She went into Fanny's service when we were first married, and has been with us ever since. 1841 THACKERAY *Gt. Hoggarty Diam.* xii, You will hardly fancy that I..knew anything of the concerns of the Company into whose service I entered as twentieth clerk. 1881 BESANT & RICE *Chapl. Fleet* I. 26, I do not ask thee to enter my service, or to receive wages.

b. In religious use: The condition or fact of being a servant (of God). Cf. 13. † *To end in God's service*: to die in the faith.

c 1230 *Hali Meid.* 28 Þe selie godes spuses, þe..in his anes seruise hare lif leadeð. 1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 2277 Constance is eldoste sone in godes seruice Monek he made at winchestre. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 5482 Siþen him deid ioseph, þat wis, And endid in our lauerd seruis. *c* 1325 *Prov. Hendyng* 11 in Böddeker *Alteng. Dicht.* (1878) 288 Lene vs alle to ben wys, Ant to ende in his seruys. *c* 1450 tr. *De Imitatione* III. xi. [x.] 79 O þe acceptable & þe iocunde seruice of god. 1549 *Bk. Comm. Prayer, Morn. Prayer*, 2nd Collect, O God..whose seruice is perfect fredome.

† **c.** The condition of being the 'servant' (of Love, of one's lady). *Obs.* (Cf. 10.)

c 1374 CHAUCER *Compl. Mars* 189 For this day in hir seruise shal I dye. *c* 1386 — *Squire's T.* 272 He moste han knowen loue and his seruyse. *a* 1450 MYRC 57 Wymmones serues thow moste forsake. 1500–20 DUNBAR *Poems* xlvi. 8 This wes hir sentens sueit and delectable, A lusty lyfe in luves scheruice bene. 1588 SHAKS. *L. L. L.* v. ii. 276 And Longauill was for my seruice borne. 16.. MURE *Sonn. to Marg.* ii. 12 Gif I be thyne, no greiff can death impairt Sall mak me seime thy service to deny.

† **d.** A particular ministerial office or charge.

c 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 3754 He [*sc.* Korah and his company] seiden he weren wurði bet to ðat seruise to ben set. *c* 1380 WYCLIF *Sel. Wks.* II. 247 Þe sixte servise takeþ he þat is above in busynesse..In þe sevenþe servyse is he þat haþ mercy in gladnes. 1382 — 2 *Cor.* v. 18 God..ȝaf to vs the mynisterie, or seruyse, of reconcilinge.

3. † **a.** A situation or place as servant (*obs.*). **b.** A particular employ; the serving of a certain master or household.

1469 *Paston Lett.* II. 387 Whedyr that they shall sek hem newe servysys or not. 1505 in *Extracts Burgh. Rec. Edin.* (1869) I. 107 Ony maner of vagabounds, young fallowis or young husis, haffand na prettik nor seruice to life vpon. 1564 *Child-Marr.* 126 John Jackson came to this deponent, and willed to have a Service for a maide. 1596 SHAKS. *Merch. V.* II. ii. 165, I cannot get a seruice, no, I haue nere a tongue in my head. 1634 MILTON *Comus* 85 And take the Weeds and likenes of a Swain, That to the service of this house belongs. 1719 D'URFEY *Pills* (1872) III. 248 And doubtless for so small abuse, a young man may his Service lose. 1767 A. YOUNG *Farmer's Lett. to People* 181 The children..were put into the world in services. 1779 WARNER in Jesse *Selwyn & Contemp.* (1844) IV. 53 Her mother, who is now reduced to wish a service [as French governess] in a foreign land. 1818 SCOTT *Rob Roy* vi, It seems to me..that you might have found a service where they eat less, and are more orthodox in their worship. 1850 TENNYSON *In Mem.* xx, 'It will be hard' they say 'to find Another service such as this'.

4. The condition or employment of a public servant (of a sovereign or state). *In the British*, *French*, etc. *service*: (chiefly of a soldier or sailor).

1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 2418 & hii ssolle be such þat no prince ne dorre hom vorsake Ac vor hor prowesse gladliche in to hor seruise hom take. 13.. *Guy Warw.* 704 & wiþ him felawes tventi,..þat wiþ þerl Rohaud hadde ben long, In his seruise armes to vnder-fong. 1396–7 *XII Concl. Lollards* vi. in *Eng. Hist. Rev.* (1907) XXII. 299 A kyng and a hisschop al in o persone,..a curat and an officer in worldly seruise, makin euery reme out of god reule. 1585 T. WASHINGTON tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* I. xvii. 19 b, He being in seruice of his most Christian Maiesty. *a* 1763 W. KING *Polit. & Lit. Anecd.* (1819) 55 My Lord Taaffe of Ireland, a general officer in the Austrian service. 1779 WARNER in Jesse *Selwyn & Contemp.* (1844) IV. 95 Charles Fox has made his motion for the removal of Lord Sandwich from his Majesty's service and counsels. 1839 THACKERAY *Fatal Boots* Jan., I have borne the commission of lieutenant in the service of King George. 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* v. I. 594 That the three English regiments in the Dutch service might be sent to the Thames. 1897 CONSTANTINE *Mar. Engin.* vi. 51 Blasco de Garay, an officer in the Spanish naval service.

† **b.** *Horse of service*, a war-horse or charger.

1577–86 STANYHURST *Descr. Irel.* ii. 20/1 in *Holinshed*, Of the horsse of seruice they make great store. 1585 T. WASHINGTON tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* IV. xxxiii. 155 b, Those whiche..might maintaine a horse of seruice, were..called knights. 1606 *Choice, Chance*, etc. (1881) 48 To see a horse of seruice drawe in a doung-carte. 1679 BLOUNT *Anc. Tenures* 116 That the said Robert ought to come armed upon his Horse of service, with twenty men at Armes [etc.].

c. *To take service*: to enlist under a military commander, join a fighting force.

1847 MARRYAT *Childr. N. Forest* xxvii, Recollect, that, whatever general you take service under, you will follow him. 1878 SIMPSON *Sch. Shaks.* I. 78 He..had gone to Spain to take service against the Moors.

5. A branch of public employment, or a body of public servants, concerned with some particular kind of work or the supply of some particular need, as in *the consular service*, *the customs service*, *the diplomatic service*, *the excise service*, *the* CIVIL SERVICE.

1685 W. HEDGES *Diary* (Hakl. Soc.) I. 176 Fearing Agent Beard and Councill at Hugly might be soe displeased with him for shewing any kindness to me, as to turne him out of y^e^ Service. 1776 MICKLE tr. *Camoens' Lusiad* Introd. 153 Thomas Pearson, Esq.; of the East India Company's Service. 1801 SURR *Splendid Misery* II. 194 A Neapolitan pirate originally, but who took to the land service afterwards. 1815 SCOTT *Guy M.* x, Francis Kennedy, of his majesty's excise service. 1835 *Act* 5 & 6 *Will. IV*, c. 19 § 45 To prevent any Seaman..from entering or being received into the Naval Service of His Majesty. 1860 MRS. GASKELL *Sylvia's Lovers* xxiii, The commanding officer of the impress service. 1901 SKRINE *Sir W. Hunter* 308 With a small Service which has a few splendid prizes and many blanks, it is inevitable that [etc.].

b. *The service*: the Army or Navy (according to the implication in the context) considered as a sphere of duty or occupation, or as a profession. So *the* (*United*) *Services*, the Army and Navy.

For *the senior service* (the Navy), see SENIOR *a.* 2.

1706 FARQUHAR *Recruit. Officer* IV. i, Sir, I wou'd qualifie my self for the Service. 1714 *Spect.* No. 566 P 3 A Man has scarce the Face to make his Court to a Lady, without some Credentials from the Service to recommend him. 1777 EARL CARLISLE in Jesse *Selwyn & Contemp.* (1844) III. 208 No domestic reasons can be strong enough to justify a man in quitting the service at the opening of a campaign. 1833 MARRYAT *P. Simple* xxviii, I wish Mr. Harrison would stay on shore with his wife altogether,—it's really trifling with the service. 1842 BURN *Nav. & Mil. Techn. Fr. Dict.* Pref. (1852), My brother officers, or those of the Sister Service. 1845 STOCQUELER *Brit. India* (1854) 381 The merchants and others not connected with 'the services' could only be admitted by ballot. 1862 G. H. KINGSLEY *Sport & Trav.* (1900) 362 Every morning there is a small row of the United Services standing just abaft of the mainmast. 1872 *Routledge's Ev. Boy's Ann.* 185/1 The Service is going to the dogs.

II. The work or duty of a servant; the action of serving a master.

6. Performance of the duties of a servant; attendance of servants; work done in obedience to and for the benefit of a master. *To do*, † *bear* (one) *service*, to serve, attend on (a master); now *rare* exc. *poet.*

a 1200 *Vices & Virtues* 33 Ȝewerȝed hie ðe man..þe want his herte..more to mannes seruise ðanne te godes. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 28283 Ouer slaw i was for þam to ris, Reckeles to do þam þair seruise. 13.. *K. Alis.* 3138 Threo hundrod to-fore him stode, Flombardynges, knyghtis gode,..Redy to the kyngis servys. 1362 LANGL. *P. Pl.* A. III. 210 Seruauns for heore seruise..Takeþ Meede of heore Maystres. 1390 GOWER *Conf.* III. 145 Thre ther were That most service unto him here. 1470–85 MALORY *Arthur* VII. xxiv. 251 Bothe I and these fyue honderd knyghtes shal alweyes be at your somons to doo you seruyse. 1586 *Shuttleworths' Acc.* (Chetham Soc.) 32 Margerie Heselden for tene wykes servies iij^s^ vj^d^. 1607 SHAKS. *Cor.* IV. v. 1 Wine, Wine, Wine: What seruice is heere? I thinke our Fellowes are asleepe. 1610 — *Temp.* I. ii. 247 Remember I haue done thee worthy seruice. 1822 *S. Carolina Stat.* (1840) VII. 462 In case any male slave or slaves be so permitted..to hire out their own time, labor or service. 1845 S. FOX *Monks & Monast.* xiii. 147 He [the porter] was allowed the service of a boy. 1859 TENNYSON *Geraint & Enid* 405 Then tending her rough lord,..In silence, did him service as a squire. 1878 MANN *Dom. Econ.* 351 When there is a parlour-maid in the establishment her share of the service is the parlour and pantry work, and waiting at table.

fig. (of things). 1340 HAMPOLE *Pr. Consc.* 6389 What nede war þat þa creatures þan Shewed swilk servyse mare for man. 1535 COVERDALE 2 *Esdras* vi. 46 The starres didest thou sett in ordre, and gauest them a charge, to do seruyce euen vnto man [Vulg. *ut deservirent homini*].

b. An act of serving; a duty or piece of work done for a master or superior.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 15333 [Christ washing the disciples' feet.] Þe seruis al i yow ha don. 1390 GOWER *Conf.* III. 156 Thus scholde every worthi king Take of his knihtes knowleching, Whan that he syh thei hadden nede, For every service axeth mede. 1600 SHAKS. *Sonn.* lvii. 4, I haue no precious time at al to spend, Nor seruices to doe til you require. 1610 — *Temp.* IV. i. 35 Thou, and thy meaner fellowes, your last seruice Did worthily performe.

† **c.** *The flesh's service*, sexual intercourse. Also *the service of Venus. Obs.*

c 1315 SHOREHAM I. 1960 3ef þer ne mey noþere kendelyche Do þe flesches seruyse. *Ibid.* 1975 And þa3 þat seruyse be foul, 3et hyt hys tokne of gode. 1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* XVII. iii. (1495) 605 The swete almonde..kyndlyth the seruyce of Venus [orig. *veneream accendit*].

† **7.** The use of the sb. (in sense 6) as obj. to verbs of ambiguous meaning like *pay*, *yield*, led to the development of the sense: Reward for service, wages, payment. (Cf. SERVE *v.*[2]) *Obs.*

a 1300 *K. Horn* 990 King þe wise, ȝeld me mi seruise. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 28397 Myn hird-men and als oþer maa Haf i þaire seruis halden fra. 13.. *Ibid.* 12390 (Gött.) Trein beddes was he wont to make, And þar-for his seruis to take. *c* 1325 *Song of Merci* 102 in *E. E. P.* (1862) 121 But ȝe þat hated cristendame..ȝour seruise schal be endeles schame.

c 1425 *Cast. Persev.* 846 in *Macro Plays* 102 Pay not þi serwauntys here serwyse! *c* 1430 *Chev. Assigne* 178 She.. delyuered hym his seruyse & he out of cowrte wendes. 1533 Gau *Richt Vay* (1888) 17 Thay that wil noth help thair nichthurs in thair necessite and wil notht len to thayme in thair mister without okker mony or seruice or raward.

8. In feudal use. †**a.** Feudal allegiance, fealty; profession of allegiance, homage. *Obs.*

1297 R. Glouc. (Rolls) 3865 Þe king wende þo to parys..& alle þe heye men of the lond þuder come ywis. Hor omage of hom & hor seruise he nom. 1390 Gower *Conf.* I. 259 But he [the king of France], that wiste nothing why He scholde do so gret servise After the world in such a wise, Withstod the wrong of that demande. *a* 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 918 Þis freke all his franche of Ph[ilip] he haldis, And was a suget to himself & serues him a3t. *c* 1489 Caxton *Sonnes of Aymon* xiv. 325 And I shall holde you quyte of all the servyse that ye owe me & your eyres also, for evermore. 1538 Starkey *England* 55 Gyuyng..to theyr pryncys and lordys al humbul seruyce and meke obedyence. 1595 Shaks. *John* v. i. 23 Vpon your oath of seruice to the Pope. *Ibid.* 34 Your Nobles will not heare you, but are gone To offer seruice to your enemy.

fig. 1523 Skelton *Garl. Laurel* 425 O noble Chaucer.. bounde ar we with all deu reuerence..To owe to yow our seruyce.

b. A duty (whether a payment in money or kind, a definite amount of forced labour, or some act useful or complimentary) which a tenant is bound to render periodically to his lord. Cf. *Knight-service* 1.

1338 R. Brunne *Chron.* (1810) 290 Þe barons..said, þei suld not so, Suilk a new seruise to reise ne to do. *c* 1380 Wyclif *Wks.* (1880) 26 Vpon þis seruyces þei han þes heize statis & lordischipis. *c* 1450 *St. Cuthbert* (Surtees) 7984 Þe monkes possessiouns made he Fra all sernice and customes fre. 1491 *Act* 7 *Hen. VII* c. 19 Kyng Edward the fourthe ..graunted the Lordshippe..to Griseld..to have and hold to hir and to hir heires..by the service of a redde rose yerely. 1549 *Registr. Aberdon.* (Maitland Club) I. 434 Payand heir for 3eirlie..ten penneis for bundage arrage or carrage and vthir dew seruice vsit and wont. 1651 Hobbes *Leviath.* II. xxiv. 129 Divers services reserved on the Land he gave his Subjects. *a* 1700 Evelyn *Diary* 11 Apr. 1689, When the King and Queen had din'd, the ceremonie of the Champion, and other services by tenure were perform'd. 1801 *Farmer's Mag.* Nov. 404 Landlords would soon find their advantage in converting all these services into a fixed rent. 1818 Cruise *Digest* (ed. 2) V. 611 The Duke of Bridgwater..granted the said premises to the said W. Murhall.. freed and enfranchised from all services. 1883 R. W. Dixon *Manoi* I. v. 13 The peasants groan..Weighed down by tolls, by services and dues, Which to their mighty lords they ever owe.

c. *To hold in service* [tr. AF. *tenir en service* (Britton), law Latin *tenere in servitio*]: To hold (land) not in one's own occupation ('in demesne') but in that of a sub-tenant. See Demesne 1.

†**d.** A feudal holding. *Obs.*

1362 Langl. *P. Pl.* A. II. 69 In al þe seruyse of Slouþe I sese hem to-gedere.

9. *transf.* In complimentary expressions: Respect, 'duty'. *My service to you*: a phrase accompanying the drinking to a person. In epistolary use, *Give my service to* = remember me respectfully to (a third person). *To pay, present one's service* (*to*), to pay a call of ceremony. Now *rare* or *Obs.*

1601 Shaks. *Twel. N.* III. i. 106 My dutie Madam, and most humble seruice! 1606 — *Tr. & Cr.* v. v. 3 Fellow, commend my seruice to her beauty. 1625 Massinger *New Way* I. ii, He will in person first present his seruice. 1646 Endecott in Hutchinson *Collect. Papers Massachusetts Bay* (1769) 158 [P. S.] My wife desires to have her service remembred to Mrs. Winthrop. 1679 Lady R. Russell *Lett.* I. i. 9 My kindest service to all the dear young ones. 1693 Congreve *Old Bach.* I. i. 4 It lies convenient for us to pay our Afternoon Service to our Mistresses. 1711 Swift *Jrnl. to Stella* 4 Apr., Give my hearty service to Stoyte and Catherine. *c* 1751 Chatham *Lett. Nephew* i. (1805) 3 Pray shew him this letter, with my service to him. 1773 Goldsm. *She Stoops* II, Sir, my service to you. 1778 Miss Burney *Evelina* xxi, Call..and give my service to him. 1816 Scott *Old Mort.* xxxiv, 'My service to you, Mr. Morton', he said, filling one horn of ale for himself, and handing another to his prisoner.

†**b.** *pl.* in the same sense. *Obs.*

1605 Shaks. *Lear* I. i. 29 My services to your Lordship. 1614 J. Donne in Kempe *Losely MSS.* (1836) 345 My errand ys onely to deliver my thanks and services..to yo^r^ selfe, and all y^r^ good company. 1723 Atterbury *Let. to Pope* 10 Apr., Give my faithful services to Dr. Arbuthnot, and thanks for what he sent me.

c. *At* (a person's) *service*: ready to obey his commands. (Cf. sense 25.) †*At your service*: used *ellipt.* as a phrase of politeness. Also †*Yours to do you service.*

1554 in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. III. III. 315 Youres to do yow service, as I am most bounden, duering lief Fraunois Yaxley. 1601 Shaks. *Twel. N.* I. v. 318 What hoa, Malnolio. *Mal.* Heere Madam, at your service. 1600 Sir W. Cornwallis *Ess.* I. xxiv. N 3, *At your seruice*, hath beene so connersant, as one asking, what's a Clock? 1712 Addison *Spect.* No. 269 P 5 The Knight told me..his Chaplain was very well, and much at my Service. 1771 Smollett *Humph. Cl.* 13 July (1815) 230 My name is Matthew Bramble, at your service. 1905 R. Bagot *Passport* xxxv. 408 'Ask me anything', Silvio replied. 'I am entirely at your service'.

10. The devotion or suit of a lover; professed love. *arch.* (Cf. 2 c.)

c 1374 Chaucer *Compl. Mars* 167, I yaf my trewe seruise and my thoght For evermore..To hir. *Ibid.* 183 What wonder is then, thogh that I besette My seruise on suche oon. 1500–20 Dunbar *Poems* xliv. 34 All wemen of ws suld haif honoring, Serwice and luve, aboif all vthir thing. 1596 Spenser *F. Q.* VI. x. 38 So well he wood her, and so well he wrought her, With humble seruice, and with daily sute. 1600 Shaks. *A. Y. L.* v. ii. 95 *Phe.* Good shepheard, tell this youth what 'tis to loue...*Sil.* It is to be all made of faith and seruice. 1611 — *Cymb.* I. vi. 140 Let me my seruice tender on your lippes. 1859 Tennyson *Elaine* 119 Yourself, Now weary of my service and devoir.

11. The serving the sovereign or the state in an official capacity; the duties or work of public servants. *On His* (or *Her*) *Majesty's Service*: a formula (often abbreviated O.H.M.S.) printed on the cover of a letter to indicate that it is official (and therefore exempt from postage). *Secret service*: see Secret *a.* 4 c.

1389 in *Eng. Gilds* (1870) 30 Yat no man schal ben excusyd of absence at yat messe, but it be for ye kynges seruise. 1536 *Cal. Anc. Rec. Dublin* (1889) 497 One that dyd good and trewe sarvys to owre soveren lord the kyng. 1568 in H. Campbell *Love Lett. Mary Q. Scot.* (1824) App. 27 You, taryying behynd, wold furder us in this her Majesties sarvys. 1617 Morvson *Itin.* II. 15 The Lords..because they so judged it best for her Majesties service, sent over Sir John Norreys. 1709 Swift *Project Adv. Relig.* Misc. (1711) 226 Men of great Abilities would then endeavour to excel in the Duties of a religious Life, in order to qualify themselves for publick Service. *a* 1713 Ellwood *Hist. Life* (1714) 12, [I] seldom went afterwards, upon those publick Services, without a loaded Pistol in my Pocket. 1829 Scott *Anne of G.* xxvii, 'And I,' said his father, 'have no wish to detain him on the service in which he is now employed'. 1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* II. v. v, All Public Service lies slack and waste. 1874 Whyte Melville *Uncle John* xiv. II. 89 Three letters ..marked 'On Her Majesty's Service'.

12. The duty of a soldier or sailor; the performance of this duty. Often, actual participation in warfare; more fully *active service.*

Piece (or †*parcel*) *of service*: a military achievement or exploit. (In Shaks. used *ironically.*)

1590 Sir J. Smythe *Disc. Weapons* 6 Our trained Low Countrie Captaines..some of them more hungrie after charge, spoyle and gaine, than skilfull to do anie great seruice. 1590 Barwick *Disc. Weapons* 7 And so dooth the matter fall out, if a parcell of seruice should be doon, where 500. [men] should be imployed therunto. 1593 Shaks. 2 *Hen. VI*, v. i. 155 And such a peece of seruice will you do, If [etc.]. 1599 — *Hen. V*, III. ii. 49. 1599 — *Much Ado* I. i. 48 He hath done good seruice Lady in these wars. 1632 Massinger *Maid of Hon.* I. i. B 2 b, Pray you shew vs The difference betweene the city valour And service in the field. 1702 *Propos. Effectual War in Amer.* 9 When they [*sc.* the Companies] form a Battalion or go upon Service, the Eldest or Senior Officer should command. 1828 *Sporting Mag.* XXII. 248 When I was a soldier we were on service together. 1829 W. Irving *Granada* lxvii. II. 160 It was evident, from the warlike character of El Zagal, that there would be abundance of active service and hard fighting. 1889 Gunter *That Frenchman* I. 10 Then I volunteered for service in Mexico, and fought my way to..a captaincy.

b. A military or naval operation in which a soldier or a regiment serves (often *pl.*); an expedition or engagement.

1590 Barwick *Disc. Weapons* 7 The Countie of Creance had in the seruice against Charles the 5. the charge of 600. footmen. *c* 1594 Capt. Wyatt *R. Dudley's Voy. W. Ind.* (Hakl. Soc.) 4 Who made us this answear..that they came from the service of Brest, and withall delivered the truth of that honorable, allthough blooddy, service theare accomplished by our Englishmen. 1605 Bacon *Adv. Learn.* I. viii. § 1. 41 b, Alexander..when hee receiued Letters out of Greece, of some fights and seruices there. 1647 Clarendon *Hist. Reb.* VI. § 135 Then the King's forces entered the town after a very warm service, the chief officers and many soldiers of the other side being killed. 1748 Smollett *Rod. Rand.* xxxii, The captain..swore he would confine Mackshane as soon as the service should be over. 1760 *Ann. Reg.* 13 The late service..affords very little matter of improvement in the art of reducing or defending strong places. 1834 Medwin *Angler in Wales* II. 55 Nothing could be more harassing than that service. Driven from one stockade, they entrenched themselves behind another. 1844 *Asiatic Jrnl.* Ser. III. III. 407 The loss of the European Regiment during the foregoing services is stated as having been very severe.

†**c.** A manner of serving in warfare (e.g. mounted or on foot, with some specified weapon); a branch of the service (= Arm *sb.*[2] 9). *Obs.*

1610 Rich *Descr. Irel.* 37 The Galloglas succeedeth the Horsman..: his service in the field, is neither good against horsmen, nor able to endure an encounter of pikes. 1735 Johnson *Lobo's Abyssinia, Descr.* vii. 84 His force consisting only of Foot, and the Galles entirely of Horse, a Service at which they are very expert.

d. To see service. Of a soldier: To have experience of warfare. Hence (in perfect tense) of a thing, to have been much used or worn.

1601 Shaks. *All's Well* I. ii. 14 Our Gentlemen that meane to see The Tuscan service. 1611 — *Wint. T.* IV. iii. 71 If this bee a horsemans Coate, it hath seene very hot service. 1778 T. Townshend in Jesse *Selwyn & Contemp.* (1844) III. 304 He has an ardent desire to see service. 1794 Mrs. Radcliffe *Myst. Udolpho* xxxiv, There, take it—it has seen service, though it could do little in defending the castle. 1827 Scott *Chron. Canongate* iii, My face has seen service, but there is still a good set of teeth [etc.]. 1838 Mill *A. de Vigny* Diss. & Disc. (1859) I. 298 Fourteen years a soldier without seeing any service. 1891 A. H. Craufurd *Gen. Craufurd* 74 Many soldiers who had seen a good deal of active service.

†**e.** *Man of service*: a veteran soldier. *Obs.*

1590 Sir J. Smythe *Disc. Weapons* 6 b, Besides that, by the imployment of such a number of trained Captaines, the regiment..should bee the more full of men of seruice and skill. 1825 Carlyle *Schiller* III. 202 That rude tumultuous host which Wallenstein presided over...In this ludicrous doggrel..these men of service paint their hopes and doings.

f. *pl.* (See quot.)

1802 C. James *Milit. Dict.*, *Services*, pecuniary disbursements, or payments which are made for military purposes.

III. In religious uses. (See also 2 b.)

13. The serving (God) by obedience, piety, and good works. Phrase, †*to do God's service.*

c 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 155 Dauid..deþ us to understonden on hwiche wise þe halie Men hersumden ure dribten ine þisse liue, and hwiche mede heo sculen habben for hore feire seruise. *c* 1275 *Duty of Christians* 35 in *O. E. Misc.* 142 If we ..luuyeþ vre dryhte And doþ his seruyse myd al vre myhte. *a* 1340 Hampole *Psalter* xvii. 22 He..lufid vs in his goednes, noght for oure seruys. *c* 1380 Wyclif *Wks.* (1880) 6 Þei don not goddis seruyce in hem selfe but drawen oþere men þerfro. 1521 Fisher *Serm. agst. Luther* iv. Wks. (1876) 343 He weneth that in so doyng he pleaseth god & dothe a specyall seruyce vnto god. 1552 Abp. Hamilton *Catech.* (1884) 39 Quharin standis the trew and principal service quhilk we aucht to God. 1563 *Homilies* II. *Almsdeeds* III. 180 Wyll he see vs lacke necessaries when we do hym true seruice? 1614 *Life & Death Geninges* 91 A Virgin who had wholy dedicated her selfe to the seruice of God. 1662 *Bk. Com. Prayer* General Thanksgiving, By giving up ourselves to thy service. 1667 Milton *P. L.* v. 529 Our voluntarie service he requires. 1846 Ruskin *Mod. Paint.* II. III. i. xv. § 12 There will come a time when the service of God shall be the beholding of him.

14. Worship; esp. public worship according to form and order. Now *rare* or *Obs.* exc. in *divine service.* †Formerly often, *God's service, public service, common service.*

c 1205 Lay. 8071 Þe king bi-gon seruise on ælches cunnes wise æfter þan heðene laȝen. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 28251 In kyrk i wroght oft syth vn-to Quen goddis seruis was to do. *a* 1340 Hampole *Psalter* 4 (Prol.) Þis boke of all haly writ is mast oysed in halykyrke seruys. 1340 — *Pr. Consc.* 3455 When þe lyst slepe and wil noght ryse, And comes overlate tyl Goddes servise. *c* 1386 Chaucer *2nd Nun's T.* 553 Hir hous the chirche of seinte Cecilie highte..In which, in to this day, in noble wyse Men doon to Crist and to his seinte seruyse. 1534 More *Comf. agst. Trib.* I. Wks. 1146/2 Toward this purpose, are expressely praied many deuout orasons in the comon seruice of our mother holy church. 1597 Hooker *Eccl. Pol.* v. xi. § 1 Solemne duties of publique seruice to be done vnto God must haue their places set and prepared. *Ibid.* v. xxix. § 1 The attyre which the Minister of God is by order to vse at times of diuine seruice. 1629 Milton *Hymn Nativ.* xxi, A drear and dying sound Affrights the Flamins at their service quaint. 1749 *Minutes Method. Conf.* (1812) 41 Exhort those, who were brought up in the Church, constantly to attend its service.

15. A celebration of public worship.

Often without the article, where a particular occasion is indicated by the context.

c 1374 Chaucer *Troylus* I. 315 On other thing his look som-tyme he caste, And eft on hir, whyl that servyse laste. *c* 1440 *Alphabet of Tales* 144 When serves was done, he went vnto þe bysshopp & shrafe hym. 1470–85 Malory *Arthur* I. iii–v. 41 So vpon newe yeresday whan the seruyce was done, the barons rode vnto the feld. 1585 T. Washington tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* III. xxi. 110 b, The houre of seruice being come, the Maizins beginne to cry vppon the towres. 1597 Hooker *Eccl. Pol.* v. xxviii. § 3 So that, according to this forme of theirs, it must stand for a rule, No Sermon, no seruice. 1599 Dallam in *Early Voy. Levant* (Hakl. Soc.) 23 Sarvis beinge ended, we Departed out of the chapell. 1600 *Weakest goeth to Wall* H 4, Then the Parish is like to haue no seruice to day. 1770 Goldsm. *Des. Vill.* 181 The service past, around the pious man, With steady zeal, each honest rustic ran. 1859 Jephson *Brittany* viii. 121, I looked into the church, where service was going on. 1882 Mozley *Remin.* (ed. 2) I. 55 He preached once at St. Mary's, and occasionally assisted in services.

16. A ritual or series of words and ceremonies prescribed for public worship, or for some particular occasion or ministration. Often with defining word, as *baptismal, burial, communion, marriage service* (none of these are so entitled in the Prayer-book). †*Altar-service*, the Communion. †*Book of service* = *service-book* (see 38).

Phrases, *To read, say, sing service.*

¶ *a* 1100 *O. E. Chron.* an. 1070 (Parker MS.) Þa gewrǽdede hine se arcebiscop Landfranc & bebead þam biscopan ðe þar cumene wæran..þa serfise to donde & eallan þan munecan þæt hi scoldan hi unscrydan. *c* 1305 *Oxf. Student* 63 in *E. E. P.* (1862) 42 Þo come þe maistres..þe seruise for to do. And þo hit was to ende ibrouȝt and þe bodi ibured [etc.]. *c* 1350 *Will. Palerne* 5059 Whan þe seruise was seid as it schold bene, þat fel to a mariage be-maked at cherche. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Knt.'s T.* 2054 To do the office of funeral seruyse. 1393 Langl. *P. Pl.* C. x. 227 And vp-on sonedays..godes seruyce to huyre, Boþe matyns and messe. 1396–7 *XII Concl. Lollards* iv. in *Eng. Hist. Rev.* (1907) XXII. 297 Þe seruise of Corpus Christi imad be frere Thomas. *c* 1400 *Ywaine & Gaw.* 2355 Sir Ywayn to the Kyrk yede, Or he did any other dede; He herd the servise of the day. 1418 *E. E. Wills* 31 To fynde Twey honestes prestes to singe goddys seruice for my soule..be vij ȝere next folwyng after my desese. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 454/1 Servyce, don for dede menn and women, *exequie.* *c* 1450 *Brut* 425 The Erchebisshop of Caunturburi..and othir Engelisshe Bisshoppis..diden this solempne seruyce there, and weddid hem togederis. 1543 in Rymer *Foedera* XIV. 766 Thies Bookes of Divine Service, that is to sey, the Masse Booke, the Graill, the Antyphoner, the Himptuall [*sic*], the Portans, and the Prymer, bothe in Latyn and in Englyshe of Sarum use. 1548–9 *Rec. St. Mary at Hill* (1904) 388 Paide for ij bookes of y^e^ new service, vijs. vjd. 1566 *Eng. Ch. Furniture* (Peacock 1866) 84 A mass booke portas wythe all other bookes of saruys. *c* 1585 [R. Browne] *Answ. Cartwright* 49 The dumbe ministers may be heard reading service. 1602 Shaks. *Ham.* v. i. 259 We should prophane the seruice of the dead, To sing sage Requiem, and such rest to her As to peace-parted Soules. 1635 Brereton *Trav.* (Chetham Soc.) 72 Here is only a curate maintained to say service. 1721 A. Campbell *Doctr. Middle State* Pref. 7 Upon this bottom

also were the Ten Commandments introduced into the Altar Service, for the first time. 1726–1857 [see BURIAL 5]. 1844 LINGARD *Anglo-Sax. Ch.* (1858) I. i. 14 The service of their church was performed in the Latin tongue. *Ibid.* I. ii. 90 This washing of feet formed part of the public service of the day. 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* ii. I. 159 A baptismal service in which the sign of the cross might be used or omitted at discretion. 1883 J. GILMOUR *Mongols* xxvi. 317 A service consisting of the chanting of prayers and the blowing of trumpets is gone through.

† b. *spec.* The daily office or hours of the breviary (= OFFICE *sb.* 6 a); more fully *divine service. Our Lady service*, the Little Office of the Virgin Mary. *Obs.*

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 8 Iðe ereste dole of ower boc, of ower seruise. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Prol.* 122 Ful weel she soong the service dyvyne, Entuned in hir nose ful semeely. 1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* IX. xxix. (1495) 364 In fastyng tyme we reherse ofte the lj psalme in the seruyse of the daye. *c* 1440 *Alphabet of Tales* 166 Sho sufferd all þis becauce þe space of v wekis sho nowder hard dyvyne serves nor mes. *Ibid.* 250 A yong monk þat was passand devowte in saying of our Ladie serves & hur howres. 1450–1530 *Myrr. our Ladye* 11 How and why goddes seruyce is sayde, eche daye in .vii. howres. 1513 BRADSHAW *St. Werburge* I. 2548 Or that her systers came to the oratory To say dyuyne seruyce. 1516 BP. FOX *Rule of seynt Benet* F j, The .xlvii. chapiter treateth of thappoyntment of the houre of diuine seruice. 1547 *Injunctions given by Edw. VI* xxiv. c j b, People neuerthelesse perswadyng themselfes, sufficiently to honor God on that daie, if thei heare Masse & seruice. 1549 *Bk. Comm. Prayer* Pref., The common prayers in the Churche, commonlye called diuine service. 1583 in Foley *Rec. Eng. Prov. S. J.* (1880) VI. 714 He was made prest and beneficed in Queen Mary's time. He saith service with me daily.

† c. *Common service*, the 'Common Prayer' of the Prayer-book. *Obs.*

1561 BP. PARKHURST *Injunctions* A iv, Whether the parsons, vicare, curate or reader doth reade the common seruice with a lowde, distinct and treatable voyce. 1565 *Aduertisments* 25 Jan. A iii, The booke of Common seruice.

† d. *To give* (*one*) *service*: to have the service of the church performed over a dead man. *Obs.*

1470–85 MALORY *Arthur* XVII. xviii. 716 And on the morne he gaf hym seruyse and putte hym in the erthe afore the hyghe Aulter.

† e. Used *transf.* of the singing of birds. *Obs.*

? *a* 1366 CHAUCER *Rom. Rose* 669 By note made fair serwyse These hriddes..; They songe hir song as faire and wel As angels doon espirituel. *c* 1369 — *Dethe Blaunche* 302 [The birds] songen, euerich in his wyse, The moste solempne seruyse By note, that euer man, I trowe, Had herd.

17. A musical setting of those portions of the church-offices which are sung; esp. the music for the canticles at Morning and Evening Prayer.

1691 WOOD *Ath. Oxon.* I. 815 Joh. Tomkins .. a composer of certain Church Services and Anthems. 1782 MASON *Collect. Anthems, Ess. Cathedr. Mus.* p. xix, The Service which Thomas Tallis composed in the reign of Queen Elizabeth. *Ibid.* p. xlii, Those Hymns which Church Musicians call by the technical term of Services, by which they mean the *Te Deum, Magnificat*, &c. 1789 *J. Lewis' Mem. Dk. Glocester* 83 *note*, A very ingenious service of his, formerly performed at the King's Chapel. 1883 STAINER in *Grove's Dict. Mus.* III. 471 A Service may be defined as a collection of musical settings of the canticles and other portions of the liturgy which are by usage allowed to be set to free composition.

18. A SERVICE-BOOK. Now only, a volume containing the Book of Common Prayer together with the daily lessons; = CHURCH-SERVICE 3.

a 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 31 Aug. 1654, A vast old song book or service. 1860 SALA *Lady Chesterfield* v. 76 Young lasses .. with big velvet and gold-clasped Services in their hands.

IV. Help, benefit, advantage, use.

19. The action of serving, helping, or benefiting; conduct tending to the welfare or advantage of another. Chiefly in *to do, render service* (cf. 6).

1582 N. BICHEFIELD tr. *Castenheda's Conq. E. Ind.* ii. 4 b, A man experimented in matters of the Sea, and of Navigation, wherein he had done to this kingdome great service. 1601 HAKLUYT *Galvano's Discov. World* 30 Christopher Columbus..who first had offered his seruice for a western discouerie vnto king Iohn of Portugall. 1605 BACON *Adv. Learn.* I vi. § 15. 31 We see..what notable seruice and reparation they [the Jesuits] haue done to the Romane Sea. 1663 S. PATRICK *Parab. Pilgr.* viii. (1687) 39, I intend to do you service by revealing to you my very heart. 1779 *Mirror* No. 35 Professions of friendship and regard will lead to expectations of service that cannot be answered. 1853 W. F. AINSWORTH *W. B. Barker's Lares & Penates* Introd. Pref. 3 During the campaign of the French in Syria he also rendered good service to our old ally the Porte. 1883 *Manch. Guard.* 4 Oct. 5/2 The Howard Association is doing good service by its persistent watchfulness in all matters relating to the treatment of crime.

b. An act of helping or benefiting; an instance of beneficial or friendly action; a useful office.

a 1533 LD. BERNERS *Huon* lvi. 189 The grete seruyce that he hathe done to me shall be euen ryght well rewarded. 1603 SHAKS. *Meas. for M.* I. ii. 181, I pre'thee (Lucio) doe me this kinde seruice. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 19 Sept. 1667, If they esteem'd it a service to the University (of which I had been a member). 1770 LANGHORNE *Plutarch, Pompey* (Rtldg.) 434/1 In the Mithridatic war they [the Pirates] assumed new confidence and courage, on account of some services they had rendered the king. 1817 JAS. MILL *Brit. India* II. v. iii. 406 He..mentioned two services by which the co-operation of that Prince might be ensured. 1855 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* xxi. IV. 567 While Mary lived, it might well be doubted whether the murder of her husband would really be a service to the Jacobite cause. 1862 MAURICE *Mod. Philos.* 604 In so far as Bentham brought these contradictions before the face of those who were committing them we conceive he was doing a service.

c. *collect. pl.* Friendly or professional assistance.

1832 HT. MARTINEAU *Life in Wilds* iii. 40 Seeing that greater strength of finger was what they wanted, he offered his services. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* xiv, I think we shall be able to help each other,..and shall have no need of Mr. Bowls's kind services. 1887 GUNTER *Mr. Barnes* xxiv. 192 Edwin said..that he would hand me over to you as his fee for your medical services.

† 20. With *of* or possessive: A person's interest or advantage. *Obs.*

14.. *26 Pol. Poems* v. 44 Loke how goddis lawe ȝe vse; Whom ȝe refuse, and whiche auaunce, ffor goddis loue, or ȝoure owen seruyce. *c* 1643 LD. HERBERT *Autobiog.* (1824) 227 The Queen of Bohemia, whose service they desired to advance. 1654 H. L'ESTRANGE *Chas. I* (1655) 26 He hath been sedulous in promoving the service and contentment of your house. 1713 JOHNSON *Guardian* No. 1 P 5, I shall find enough to do to give Orders proper for their Service, to whom I am by Will of their Parents Guardian. 1768–74 TUCKER *Lt. Nat.* (1834) I. 266 If we have..a reasonable prospect of promoting her service in the long run.

21. Assistance or benefit afforded by an animal or thing (or by a person as involuntary agent); the work which an animal or thing is made to do. Phr. *to do service.*

c 1470 HENRY *Wallace* IX. 1310 Thai..brak the bait, quhen thai war landyt thair; Serwice off it Sotheroun mycht haiff no mayr. 1523 FITZHERB. *Husb.* § 146 The churle hempe..is nat so good as the female hempe, but yet it wyll do good seruice. 1598 SHAKS. *Merry W.* IV. ii. 218 I le haue the cudgell hallow'd, and hung ore the Altar, it hath done meritorious seruice. 1604 N. F. *Fruiterers Secrets* 10 If they bee gathered afore, they will shrinke, wither, and eate tough, and doe no seruice. 1715 DE FOE *Fam. Instr.* I. i. (1766) I. 13 He..has given them to you for Food and Service. Don't you see that we eat them, ride upon them, and the like. 1749 SMOLLETT *Gil Blas* I. vi. P 2 (1782) I. 36, I bore their discourse with patience, because to fret myself would have done me no service. 1816 SCOTT *Antiq.* i, He certainly would not..have suffered the coachman to proceed while the horse was unfit for service. 1882 FROUDE in *Longman's Mag.* I. 205, I passed the rod to X——, in whose hands it did better service. 1886 C. E. PASCOE *Lond. To-day* xxxv. (ed. 3) 311 Excursionists..press into service every vehicle which can carry them away from town.

b. Of the limbs: Function, office.

1749 SMOLLETT *Gil Blas* II. i. (1782) I. 117 Though his hand shook, it did not refuse its service, but went and came with great expedition. *Ibid.* x. x. IV. 73 After having walked about two hours, my little legs began to refuse their service.

† 22. The purpose or use to which a thing is put.

1600 J. POEY tr. *Leo's Africa* II. 50 They know not what seruice to put their waxe vnto. 16.. SPELMAN (J.), All the vessels of the king's house are not for use of honour, some be common stuff, and for mean services, yet profitable. 1793 SMEATON *Edystone L.* § 129 The Neptune..would be.. a store-vessel for the service of rebuilding the Lighthouse. 1805 SKENE *Let.* in Lockhart *Scott* (1896) 130 A new kitchen range (as..the grate for that service is technically called).

† b. *To stand* (a person) *in no service*: to be of no use to. *Obs.*

1542 UDALL *Erasm. Apoph.* 12 b, He refused yᵉ gift whiche should stand hym in no service [orig. *munus inutile*].

23. Supply of the needs *of* (persons, occas. of things).

a 1325 *Prose Psalter* ciii. 15 Þou art bryngand forþe hay to meres and grasse to seruice of men [Vulg. *et herbam servituti hominum*]. *c* 1450 tr. *De Imitatione* III. xi. [x.] 78 Hevene & erþe, þat þou hast made unto mannes seruice [L. *in ministerium hominis*]. 1585 T. WASHINGTON tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* I. vi. 4 b, A great fountain for the common seruice of the house. 1781 GIBBON *Decl. & F.* xxxi. III. 214 The baths of Antoninus Caracalla, which were open, at stated hours, for the indiscriminate service of the senators and the people. 1886 STEVENSON *Kidnapped* v, On the south shore they have built a pier for the service of the Ferry.

24. Serviceableness, utility. Now *rare.*

1679 PENN *Addr. Prot.* (1692) Pref., It may be objected by some, that much of the Service of it is over. 1691 T. H[ALE] *Acc. New Invent.* 103 The usefulness and service of the said Lead. 1910 *Expositor* Apr. 371 The system has its service in showing how impossible it is to get rid of Sin as a tragedy in the universe.

b. *Of service* (predicatively): of use or assistance, useful, helpful. Const. *to.*

1709 FELTON *Diss. Classics* (1718) 3 If I am of any Service to Your Lordship. 1729 BUTLER *Serm.* Wks. 1874 II. 132 Even the bearing of this rule in their thoughts may be of some service. 1756 BURKE *Subl. & B.* Pref., In this pursuit, whether we take or whether we lose our game, the chace is certainly of service. 1779 STORER in Jesse *Selwyn & Contemp.* (1844) IV. 295 This paper war will not be of much service to us. 1839 T. MITCHELL *Frogs of Aristoph.* Introd. 93 *note*, The reader who wishes to work this out for himself, will find the following references of service. 1860 TYNDALL *Glac.* I. xxii. 152, I found him of some service to me. 1867 BAKER *Nile Tribut.* viii. 196 The long tails of the giraffes ..would be of little service against..the seroot.

25. *At one's service*, at one's disposal, ready or available for one to use. Cf. 9 c.

1669 DAVENANT *Man's the Master* III. 47 *Tod.* Lead 'em a Dance, I'll have a Dance. *D. John.* My feet are at your service, Sir. 1683 W. HEDGES *Diary* (Hakl. Soc.) I. 132, I told him the last time he was here..I promised him a Persian Horse; I had now one at his Service, which he accepted with some ceremony. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* III. II. ii, My whole strength..is, day and night, at the service of my fellow-Citizens. 1875 JOWETT *Plato* (ed. 2) I. 385 My means, which are certainly ample, are at your service.

† 26. Permission to use; the loan *of* a thing for use.

1810 SCOTT *Lady of L.* II. xxxvii, Tell Roderick Dhu I owed him naught, Not the poor service of a boat, To waft me to yon mountain-side 1821 — *Kenilw.* xiii, Wayland, obtaining from the cook the service of a mortar,..mixed, pounded, and amalgamated the drugs which he had bought.

V. Waiting at table, supply of food; hence, supply of commodities, etc.

27. The act of waiting at table or dishing up food; the manner in which this is done. Phrase, *the service of the table* (now *arch.*).

13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* B. 1401 When alle segges were þer set, þen seruyse bygynnes. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Squire's T.* 58 And eek it nedeth nat for to deuyse At euery cours the ordre of hire seruyse. 1412–20 LYDG. *Chron. Troy* II. 4187 þe straunge metis, þe manere of þe seruyse. 1528 ROY *Rede me* II. (Arb.) 93 Whose prowde service to beholde, In plate of silver and golde, It passeth a mans witt. 1585 T. WASHINGTON tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* I. xxi. 27 He was..serued with al magnificence..and superfluity of meates..; and this seruice was done..by officers in number. 1588 KYD *Househ. Phil.* Wks. (1901) 275 Necessary implements, not onely for the vse of the Kitchin but seruice of the Table. 1632 MASSINGER *City Madam* I. i, You may want, though, A dish or two when the service ends. 1674 T. P., etc. *Eng. & Fr. Cook* 431 Bills of Fare, as well for great Feasts as ordinary Services through the whole year. 1815 SCOTT *Guy M.* xlix, More pretty things were said on both sides during the service of the tea-table than we have leisure to repeat. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* xlix, He described..the service of the table..enumerated the dishes and wines served. 1887 *Cassell's Encycl. Dict., Service*, waiting at table: as, The service was good *or* indifferent.

b. That which is served up or placed on the table for a meal; the food set before a person; an allowance or portion of food. Now *rare.*

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 13990 A man þat hight symon leprus, At ete he praid him til his hus... Ful fair seruis symon him dight. 13.. *Coer de L.* 1504 Anon they wer to borde sette, And fayr servyse byfore hem sette. *c* 1400 *Rule St. Benet* (Verse) 1584 þat euer-ilkon wil of hir laue þe third part til hir sopper saue, And to þe celerer wil it seme Swilk seruys for to saf & ȝeme. *c* 1430 *Stans Puer ad Mensam* 26 in *Meals & Manners* 278 And whanne þou seest afore þee þi seruice, be not to hasti upon breed to bite. *a* 1483 *Liber Niger* in *Househ. Ord.* (1790) 24 The servyce of his table and of his cupborde to be dayly recorded into the King's countyng-house. 1557 F. SEAGER *Sch. Vertue* 342 Disshes with measure thou oughtest to fyll, Els mayste thou happen thy seruyce to spyll. 1598–9 B. JONSON *Case Altered* I. i, Gods lid man, seruice is ready to go vp man, you must slip on your coate and come in, we lacke waiters pittyfully. 1607 TOPSELL *Four-f. Beasts* 81 In the Summer let them haue their first meate in the morning, and their second seruice at noone. 1610 HEYWOOD *Gold. Age* II. i. *Stage Direct.*, A banquet brought in, with the limbes of a Man in the seruice. 1700 [E. WARD] *Lond. Spy* XVII. 14 A Service of Sweet-meats, which every Gossip carry'd away in her Hankerchief. 1839 LANE *Arab. Nts.* I. 86 Services of food were then spread before them. *c* 1880 R. H. STODDARD *Sgr. Low Degree* (Cent.) I'll spread your service by the door, That when you eat you may behold The knights at play where the bowls are rolled.

† c. A division of a meal served up at one time, a course. Also, a particular 'dish' or kind of food.

a 1536 *Songs, Carols* etc. (E. E. T. S.) 33 The boris hede, I vnderstond, Ys cheff seruyce in all this londe. 1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* XVI. v. I. 458 Even at this day throughout Spaine, the manner is to serve up acorns and mast to the table for a second service. 1607 DEKKER & WEBSTER *Westw. Hoe* I. ii, An excellent pickeld Goose, a new seruice. *c* 1643 LD. HERBERT *Autobiog.* (1824) 152 One of the most sumptuous Feasts that ever I saw, being but of nine dishes, in three several services. 1662 J. DAVIES tr. *Olearius' Voy. Ambass.* 278 Certain services of Paste and Sugar, according to the German fashion, which were brought to the Table, rather to divert the Eye, than to sharpen the Appetite. 1715 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 5336/2 The Entertainments..consist only of one Service. 1707 *Curios. in Husb.* 47 Fruits..are still the most agreeable Service of Tables. 1765 in *Priv. Lett. Ld. Malmesbury* (1870) I. 137 His dinner—four services.

28. The furniture of the table; esp. a set of dishes and other utensils required for serving a particular meal. Often with defining word, as *dinner, dessert, breakfast, tea service.*

1669 R. MONTAGU in *Bucclench MSS.* (Hist. MSS. Comm.) I. 445 A very pretty service of gilt plate. 1710 LUTTRELL *Brief Rel.* (1857) VI. 597 A magnificent service of plate, consisting of many large silver dishes, stands, plates, &c. 1788 LD. AUCKLAND *Corr.* (1862) III. 67 The service of Sèvres china arrived all safe. 1851 *Beck's Florist* 266 A handsome silver tea and coffee service. 1882 OGILVIE, *Service*, an assortment of table-linen. 1885 *Law Times* LXXIX. 175/1 A service of plate bequeathed by a baronet. 1890 'R. BOLDREWOOD' *Col. Reformer* (1891) 345 The damsel.. completed the clearing off and washing up of the various articles of the service.

b. Similarly: A set of vessels for the altar, for the toilet, etc.

a 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 25 Jan. 1645, The compleate service of the purest chrystal for the altar of the Chapell. 1851 MAYHEW *Lond. Labour* I. 368/1 A green and white chamber service all complete, with soap trays and brush trays. 1867 C. T. NEWTON *Blacas Coll. Antiq. Brit. Mus.* 24 Silver toilet service of a Roman bride.

29. An administration or application (*of* something).

1632 LITHGOW *Trav.* X. 465 From whence carrying a pot full of water..hee did powre it in my bellie..The first and second seruices I gladly receaued, such was the scorching drouth of my tormenting payne. 1700 [E. WARD] *Lond. Spy* XVII. 10 The next piece of Lip-Exercise my Part'ner set me, was to make a Regular Service of Kisses round the Room. 1839 URE *Dict. Arts* 1143 In France a small quantity of solution of sulphate of iron is added during the boiling of the soap, or rather with the first service of the lyes.

30. The supply or laying-on of gas, water, etc., through pipes from a reservoir; the apparatus of pipes, etc., by which this is done.

1879 W. YOUNG *Town & Country Mansions* 41 From one of the cisterns a separate service of pipes should be carried

to the water-closets. 1895 *Outing* XXVII. 254/1 Sinks were constructed, and the city water-service was introduced.

b. *attrib.*, as *service-box, -pipe*, etc.

1819 PECKSTON *Gas-Lighting* 299 He must prepare to bring the gas into the houses by laying the service-pipes. 1862 *Catal. Internat. Exhib.* II. x. 44 Improved service-box for supplying water-closets. *Ibid.*, To be connected either with the service-pipe direct from the main, or with the supply-pipe from the cistern. 1863 *Chamb. Encycl.* X. 103/2 The distributing or service reservoirs should be roofed.

c. = *service-pipe* (see b).

1865 S. HUGHES *Gas-works* (ed. 2) 233 The pipes which convey gas or water through the different streets are called main pipes or mains; and the small pipes which convey the fluid therefrom to the houses are called services. 1877 W. RICHARDS *Manuf. Coal Gas* 271 Services should be of course always laid with a slight incline to the main.

31. Provision (of labour, material appliances, etc.) for the carrying out of some work for which there is a constant public demand.

1853 PAPWORTH *Museums*, etc. 15 Regulations as to admission into public museums..the porter not to allow the entrance of any person out of the hours of public service. 1886 C. E. PASCOE *Lond. To-day* (ed. 3) 320 St. Bartholomew's Hospital..has a service of 710 beds. 1892 *Post Office Notice*, The object of the new Post Office Express Service is to secure the immediate delivery of Messages, Letters and Parcels by Special Messenger. 1904 G. B. SHAW *Common-sense Munic. Trading* vi. (1908) 48 There is, however, one very important difference between a telegraph and a telephone service.

32. Accommodation for conveyance or transit afforded by vehicles plying regularly on a route.

1854 *N. & Q.* 1st Ser. IX. 355/1 *Service*..is of very late importation from the French, within three years, as applied to the lines of steamers, or traffic of railways. 1865 *Cassell's Handy Guide Sea-side* (ed. 2) 103 There is a very fine service of steamboats between Douglas, Ramsey, and Liverpool thrice a week in the winter. 1866 *Roy. Comm. Railways, Min. Evid.* 519/1 The London and North-western Company running a very good service between London and Birmingham. 1870 DICKENS *E. Drood* vi, A short squat omnibus..which was then the daily service between Cloisterham and external mankind. 1885 *Law Times* LXXX. 111/1 The right of the railway company to suspend the ordinary service of trains on occasions of great and exceptional pressure. 1904 G. B. SHAW *Common-sense Munic. Trading* v. (1908) 40 London is at present helplessly at the mercy of a cab service which [etc.].

VI. Action of serving, in technical senses.

33. *Law.* **a.** The action or an act of serving (a writ, notice, etc.) upon a person.

To accept service (of a writ): see ACCEPT *v.* 3.

1429 *Rolls of Parlt.* IV. 346/1 Touching the retourne, servise, and all executions of the Writtes, Processe and Juggementz, in and of the saide actions. 1837 DICKENS *Pickw.* xxx, 'Beg your pardon, Mr. Pickwick', said Mr. Jackson...'But personal service, by clerk or agent, in these cases, you know, Mr. Pickwick—eh, Sir?' 1863 LE FANU *Ho. Churchyard* III. 7 I'll permit the services of the notices.

b. *Scots Law.* The procedure for ascertaining and declaring the heir to a person deceased. A *general service* determines generally who is heir to another; a *special service* determines who is heir to a special estate.

1597 SKENE *De Verb. Sign.* s. v. *Breve de morte antecessoris*, Be the auld law of this Realme, the Justice-generall and his deputes..was judge competent to the service of this breve. 1693 STAIR *Inst. Law Scot.* III. v. (ed. 2) 467 The general Service is a compleat establishing of the Right in the Person of the Heir. 1815 SCOTT *Guy M.* lviii, [We have] got our youngster's special service retoured into Chancery. 1847 *Act* 10 & 11 *Vict.* c. 47 § 1 The Practice of issuing Brieves from Chancery for the Service of Heirs shall cease.

34. *Tennis* (and kindred games). The act of 'serving' the ball or starting it in play; a particular player's manner of doing this; the ball served.

1611 COTGR., *Grebonde*, a service at Tennice, wherein the ball runs not along on the house, but bounds on the side thereof. 1797 *Encycl. Brit.* XVIII. 380/2 (*Tennis*) When the player gives his service at the beginning of a set, his adversary is supposed to return the ball. 1819 *Examiner* 7 Feb. in *Hazlitt's Table-talk* ix. (1821) 203, 204 His service was tremendous. He once..made seven and twenty aces following by services alone. 1894 *Times* 6 Mar. 7/3 Mr. Young's service and return were very severe in the third game. 1897 *Encycl. Sport* I. 402/1 (Fives) If he fails to return the 'service' above the 'line' no stroke is counted.

b. *attrib.*, as *service-box, -court, -line, -side, -wall.*

1797 *Encycl. Brit.* XVIII. 380/1 (*Tennis*) Over this long gallery..is a covering, called the pent-house, on which they play the ball from the service-side. 1875 'STONEHENGE' *Brit. Sports* 690 If the service drops in the wrong court, or beyond the service line, it is a fault. 1878 J. MARSHALL *Ann. Tennis* 159 *Service court*, that part of the floor which is contained between the service-line, the pass-line, the grille-wall, and the gallery-wall and battery. *Ibid.* 160 *Service-wall*, the wall above the side-pent-house. 1898 *Encycl. Sport* II. 244/2 (Rackets), *Service-box*, the square (marked out on each side of the floor) from which the service must be delivered.

35. *Naut.* Small cord, or the like, wound about a rope to protect it. (Cf. SERVE *v.*[1] 54.)

1729 CAPT. W. WRIGLESWORTH *MS. Log-bk. of the 'Lyell'* 24 Nov., Veered out the best bower Cable on the Flood, and claped on the moaring Service. 1748 *Anson's Voy.* III. ii. 318 The cables..armed with the chains..were besides cackled..seven fathom from the service. 1793 SMEATON *Edystone L.* § 137 Not only the service and worming were cut, but the cable itself was..injured by the sharpness of the rocks. 1840 R. H. DANA *Bef. Mast* iii, This chafing gear consists of wormiog,..battens, and service of all kinds. 1899 F. T. BULLEN *Log of Sea-waif* 323 We could not..repair the 'service' where chafed out aloft.

36. The action of covering a female animal. (Cf. SERVE *v.* 52.)

1844 H. STEPHENS *Bk. Farm* III. 845 He is often so much fatigued when brought to the mare..as to be quite unfit for effective service. 1885 *Bazaar* 30 Mar. 1260/3 With each pup a written guarantee of a service from a pedigree St. Bernard dog will be given. 1911 *Kingsbridge* (Devon) *Gaz.* 26 Mar. 2/4 For service—a Pedigree Large Black Boar.

VII. *attrib.* and *Comb.* (See also 30 b, 34 b.)

37. Simple attrib., passing into adj.

a. Belonging to the army or the navy; esp., employed on active service, as *service ammunition, bullet, charge, company, rifle*, etc.

1828 J. M. SPEARMAN *Brit. Gunner* (ed. 2) 124 The service charges in the above table [required for cartridges]. 1837 *King's Regul. Army* 153 Regiments on Foreign Stations are formed into Six Service Companies and Four Depôt Companies. 1844 *Queen's Regul. Army* 111 All Regiments are to have, in the constant possession of each Man, Ten Rounds of Service Ammunition 1860 *All Year Round* No. 73. 546 The ordinary unrifled service gun. 1875 BEDFORD *Sailor's Pocket Bk.* vi. (ed. 2) 236 By service rigs, is to be understood the rig that boats use when on service. 1898 *Times* 28 June 13/6 The new service bullet..fits all the service rifles and machine guns in use by the British Army. 1901 *Scotsman* 4 Mar. 8/2 He wished the members of the service company God-speed. *Ibid.* 2 Mar. 10/1 Dressed in their service khaki. 1909 COL. EGERTON in *Westm. Gaz.* 4 Mar. 3/1 Match-rifle conditions..are directly opposed to service-rifle shooting and training for war.

b. Belonging to household service, the serving of meals, etc.

1864 R. KERR *Genil. Ho.* 247 Butler's Service-room, its position, uses, and fittings. 1878 F. S. WILLIAMS *Midl. Railw.* 351 The ventilation of the kitchens is conducted up the 'service' staircase and shaft. 1885 in Willis & Clark *Cambridge* II. 774 While each man has a small service-room of his own, there are on each staircase two larger gyp-rooms. 1899 *Daily News* 18 Apr. 7/7 The fire originated in the service-lift. 1907 *Daily Chron.* 25 June 3/4 In all the club rooms there are what are called 'service-hatches', which will supply food or drink in infinite variety.

38. Special combinations: **service-book**, a book containing one or more forms of divine service (in the 17th c. often applied to the Book of Common Prayer); **service measure, metre**, the 14-syllable line which is the equivalent of a couplet of common metre; also used = common metre (see COMMON *a.* 19 b); **service paste**, a porcelain-paste prepared to serve for all ordinary work; †**service-room**, a music-room or song-school in a religions house; **service-time**, †**-while**, the time of divine service.

1580 HOLLYBAND *Treas. Fr. Tong, Breviaire*, the *seruice booke of priestes of the church of Rome. 1638 LAUD *Diary* 29 Apr., The tumults in Scotland, about the Service-Book offered to be brought in. *c* 1680 BEVERIDGE *Serm.* (1729) I. 558 The book of Lamentations seems to have been a kind of service-book or office. 1846 MASKELL *Mon. Rit.* I. p. lxxxi, The revision of the service-books of the Western Church which followed the council of Trent. 1841 LATHAM *Eng. Lang.* v. 382 *Poulterer's Measure.*—Alexandrines and *Service Measures alternately...It will be seen that a couplet of Ballad Metre is equivalent to a line of *Service Metre. 1886 MEIKLEJOHN *Eng. Lang.* 182 Iambic Tetrameter with Iambic Trimeter in alternate lines—the second and fourth rhyming—is called Ballad Metre. When used, as it often is, in hymns, it is called Service Metre. 1839 URE *Dict. Arts* 1022 The following composition has been adopted for the *service paste of the royal manufactory of Sèvres. 1669 WOODHEAD *St. Teresa* II. 276 The Nuns, then in the *Service-room. *c* 1440 *Alphabet of Tales* 144 He..happend þat day ..to be assigned be þe bisshopp to be his dekyn in *serves tyme & rede þe pistle. 1582 in W. H. Turner *Select. Rec. Oxford* (1880) 420 Uppon the Soundaye..owt of service tyme. 1818 SCOTT *Hrt. Midl.* xviii, She had never seen Robertson since his remarkable escape during service-time. 1573 *Nottingham Rec.* IV. 154 Hyr gesse compyng in *sarves wylle. 1673 [R. LEIGH] *Transpr. Reh.* 83 A citizens sitting bare-headed all service-while.

Service[2] (sə·rvis). Forms: *a.* 6 servis(se, serves, servyse, 6–7 servise, service, 6–8 servise, 6– service; *β.* 6 sarves, 9 *U.S.* sarvice; *γ.* 7 sorvise, sorveise, sorvice. [orig. *serves*, pl. of SERVE *sb.*[1]]

1. A tree, *Pyrus* (*Sorbus* L., *Cormus* Spach) *domestica*, native in continental Europe and cultivated in the British Isles, bearing small pear-shaped or round fruit edible when in an over-ripe condition; see CORME[1] 1, SERVICE-TREE, SORB.

1530 PALSGR. 265/1 Sarves, tree, *alisier*. *Ibid.* 269/2 Servyse, tree, *alisier*. 1577 B. GOOGE *Heresbach's Husb.* (1586) 72 Upon the same stocke are graffed..the Medler, and the Servisse. 1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* xv. xiii. I. 437 The fruit Sebesten..beeing graffed vpon Sorvices. 1664 EVELYN *Kal. Hort.* (1679) 38 Catalogue of Fruit-trees...Services or Chequers. 1767 ABERCROMBIE *Ev. Man his own Gard.* (1803) 40 Plant fruit trees..quinces, medlars, mulberries, filberts, services, &c. 1906 *Westm. Gaz.* 27 Sept. 10/1 The service is of slow growth, seldom fruiting until sixty years old.

†**2.** The fruit of this tree. *Obs.*

1530 PALSGR. 265/1 Sarves, frute, *alise*. *c* 1532 DU WES *Introd. Fr.* in Palsgr. 1073 Walnuttes, cervyse, medlers, aples. 1542 BOORDE *Dyetary* xxi. (1870) 283 Ceryuces be in maner of lyke operacyon. 1594 MARLOWE & NASHE *Dido* IV. v. N.'s Wks. (Grosart) VI. 64 Browne Almonds, Seruises, ripe Figs and Dates. 1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* XIX. v. II. 18 Divers there be, who after another sort make a confection thereof, namely with Quinces, with Sorvises, or Plums. 1612 PEACHAM *Gentl. Exerc.* II. vii. (1634) 126 A basket of Servises, Medlers and Chestnuts. 1682 WHELER *Journ. Greece* VI. 452 A Fruit,..not much bigger than Cervices. 1780 COXE *Russ. Discov.* 56 They also feed upon several species of roots and berries, namely, cloud-berries,..and services. 1796 C. MARSHALL *Garden.* xvii. (1813) 287 Service, (sweet) or sorb apple, is rarely cultivated for fruit, as it requires a warmer climate than England to ripen it.

3. *Wild Service*: a bush or low tree (*Pyrus torminalis*) bearing harsh bitter fruit.

1741 *Compl. Fam.-Piece* II. iii. 374 There are several other Trees and Shrubs which are now in Flower, as..wild Service or Quickbeam. 1852 G. W. JOHNSON *Gard. Dict.* 758 *Pyrus torminalis.* Wild-service.

4. *attrib.*, as †*service-apple*; **service-berry**, †(*a*) the fruit of the Service (*Pyrus domestica*); (*b*) a N. American shrub, *Amelanchier Canadensis*, the Shad-bush (also attrib.); (*c*) the fruit of the white-beam, *Pyrus Aria* (*Cent. Dict.*).

1820 T. MITCHELL *Aristoph.* I. 122 The baskets which held the cheeses, chesnuts, and dried *service-apples. 1578 LYTE *Dodoens* VI. lii. 727 The Sorbe Apples or *Seruice heries. 1807 P. GASS *Jrnl.* 136, I saw service-berry bushes hanging full of fruit. 1847 RUXTON *Adv. Mexico* xxiv. 206 A shrub which produces a fruit called by the mountaineers service-berries. 1894 *Outing* July 306/1 The undergrowth was poplar, sarvice-berry bushes and other shrubs.

Serviceability (sə·rvisăbi·lĭti). [f. next + -ITY.] Capability or readiness for service; usefulness.

1834 *Tait's Mag.* I. 531 Her kind-heartedness, her serviceability, and naiveté of mind, reodered her..a welcome guest. 1898 GREGORY *Side Lights Meth.* 13 The basis of his character was seriousness and an indomitable serviceability.

Serviceable (sə·rvisăb'l), *a.* Forms: *a.* 4 servisabylle, -abul, serviseable, 4 servicable, 4–6 servisable, 5 servesabill, cervysable, servysabill, 6 servychable, 6– serviceable; *β.* 4 servisiable, 4–5 servisiable, 5 cervycyable. [a. OF. *serviçable, -isable*, f. *service* SERVICE[1]: see -ABLE. With the *β* forms cf. med.L. *serviciābilis* (Du Cange).]

1. Ready to do service; prepared to minister, willing to be of service; active or diligent in service. Now *rare*.

a. *c* 1330 R. BRUNNE *Chron.* (Rolls) 3139 He..was plesaunt & seruisable. *c* 1380 WYCLIF *Sel. Wks.* I. 40 þe Pope shulde be..moost servysable and most pore. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Prol.* 99 Curteis he was, lowely, and seruysable, And carf biforn his fader at the table. *c* 1430 *Syr Gener.* (Roxb.) 36 Thei wer ..ful seruiceable in al wise. *c* 1450 *Merlin* 100 Arthur was goode and seruisable, and seide, 'With gode will'. 1534 MORE *Picus* Wks. 32 Thirdelye of reason bee we seruisable ..To suche as haue done muche for vs before. 1561 DAUS tr. *Bullinger on Apoc.* (1573) 80 Are they not all seruisable spirites sent forth to doe seruice for their sakes which are heyres of saluation. 1605 SHAKS. *Lear* IV. vi. 257 A seruiceable Villaine, As duteous to the vices of thy Mistris, As badnesse would desire. 1859 TENNYSON *Marr. Geraint* 393 Seeing her [Enid] so sweet and serviceable. 1890 *Spectator* 11 Jan., Her loyal and serviceable friend.

β. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Clerk's T.* (Lansd.) 979 And sche þe most seruisiable of all Haþe euery chambre arraide. *c* 1440 *Alphabet of Tales* I. 223 Sho was seruyciable to euerilk creatur. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 67/1 Ceruycyable, or redy alle waye, *obsequiosus*. 1483 *Cath. Angl.* 331/1 Servysiable.

†**b.** Of actions or conditions: Involving or expressing readiness to serve. *Obs.*

a 1586 SIDNEY *Arcadia* II. (Sommer) 172 b, Once Zelmane could not stirre, but that..Basilius with seruiceable steppes, ..would follow her. 1608 D. T[UVILL] *Ess. Pol. & Mor.* A 3, My seruiceable affection towards your Honour. 1629 MILTON *Christ's Nativ.* xxvii, And all about the Courtly Stable, Bright-harnest Angels sit in order serviceable.

†**c.** Subservient. *Obs. rare.*

1613 HAYWARD *Will. I* 88 He was..sottishly seruiceable both to pleasure and sloath. 1849 JAMES *Woodman* iii, Thou hireling, serviceable knave.

†**2.** Suitable to be served (as food). *Obs. rare.*

1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* XVII. xcvi. (1495) 663 Lens lentis is a manere of coddeware: and is seruysable to potage. *c* 1460 J. RUSSELL *Bk. Nurture* 798 in *Babees Bk.*, Beef or moton stewed seruysable.

3. a. Of persons: Profitable, useful.

1660 F. BROOKE tr. *Le Blanc's Trav.* 280 A dead man is often more serviceable to the living, than the living themselves. 1691 NORRIS *Pract. Disc.* 133 What makes you Good and Religious here, serves also to make you useful and serviceable hereafter. 1704 DE FOE in *15th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. IV. 83 Wishing..that you may find this neglected fellow serviceable or at least make him so. 1794 S. WILLIAMS *Vermont* 263 In what manner the people of Vermont could be the most serviceable to the British government. 1866 GEO. ELIOT *F. Holt* xxix, Johnson was a most serviceable subordinate. 1881 BESANT & RICE *Chapl. Fleet* I. 129 'She will, I trust, be serviceable to you', said the doctor.

b. Of things: Capable of being applied to an appropriate purpose, or to the performance of a proper function.

1390 GOWER *Conf.* II. 153 For thelementz ben servicable To man. 1577 B. GOOGE *Heresbach's Husb.* III. (1586) 126 b, The Camel..some suppose to be the seruiceablest cattell for man that is. 1590 SIR J. SMYTH *Disc. Weapons* Ded. 1 b, To suppresse and extinguishe the exercise and seruiceable vse of Long-bowes. 1601 R. JOHNSON *Kingd. & Commw.* (1603) 51 To find so and so many seruiceable horse for the war. 1668 HALE *Pref. to Rolle's Abridgm.* 8 He shall never be able to carry on a distinct serviceable Memory at all..without helps of Use or Method. 1708 SWIFT *Sacram. Test* Wks. 1755 II. I. 123 The most serviceable treatise that could have been published at such a juncture. 1774 GOLDSM. *Nat. Hist.* (1776) I. 306 The barometer..is also serviceable in measuring the heights of mountains. 1816 SCOTT *Antig.* XXXV, His museum..contained nothing that could be service-

able on the present or any other occasion. 1857 RUSKIN *Pol. Econ. Art* 7 To procure him large intervals of healthful rest and serviceable leisure. 1880 ZAEHNSDORF *Bookbinding* 93 The work is as strong and serviceable as in a whole-bound book. 1894 K. GRAHAME *Pagan P.* 4 Past farmsteads where man and beast .. learn pleasant and serviceable lessons each of the other.

Serviceableness (sɔ̄·rvisăb'lnės). [f. SERVICEABLE + -NESS.] The quality of being serviceable.

1. Readiness for service, helpfulness. Now *rare*.

1564 HAWARD *Eutropius* x. R iij b, He estemed him greatly for the earnest trauaile and payns which he sustained in the battail..& for other seruiceablenesse & good endeuor, which he apperceiued to be in him. 1578 J. JONES *Preserv. Bodie & Soule* I. xlv. 120 All godlinesse,..seruisablenesse, stayednesse, temperance. 1655 FULLER *Ch. Hist.* II. 77 Contending by laudable means, which shall surpasse other in their Serviceablenesse to God. 1702 C. MATHER *Magn. Chr.* II. ix. (1852) 154 Having always but low expectations, after he had merited as highly as possible by his universal serviceableness. 1878 FR. A. KEMBLE *Rec. Girlhood* II. vi. 196 His serviceableness to his friends was unwearied. 1886 HERFORD *Lit. Rel. Eng. & Germany* 317 The polished urbanity of King Alphonso's guest, the ironical serviceableness of the merchant's clerk.

2. Usefulness, ability to render service or to promote the interests of another.

1653 H. MORE *Antid. Ath.* App. I. xi. (1712) 210 Those long and subordinate concatenations of instrumental serviceableness of such things, say they, is but our fancy, no design of any First Cause. 1721 DE FOE *Mem. Cavalier* (1840) 268 The serviceableness of these small bodies of firemen. 1851 RUSKIN *Sheepfolds* 46 There is no fear that the civil officer should underrate the dignity or shorten the serviceableness of the minister. 1870 J. H. NEWMAN *Gram. Assent* II. x. 421 Not undervaluing the force and serviceableness of his argument.

Serviceably, *adv.* [f. SERVICEABLE + -LY².]

†1. With a disposition to serve, obediently. *Obs.*

1538 ELYOT *Dict., Famulanter*, humbly, seruysably. 1579 G. HARVEY *Letter-bk.* (Camden) 64, I most humblye serviceablelye after my dutifull manner take my leave of your Excellencyes feete.

2. Usefully.

1665 PEPYS *Diary* 16 June, My Lord Sandwich..hath done most honourably and serviceably. 1857 RUSKIN *Pol. Econ. Art* 15 She would know in an instant what part of to-morrow's work might be most serviceably forwarded.

†Se·rviceage. *Obs.* [f. SERVICE¹ + -AGE.]

1. Bondage, servage.

1594 CAREW *Tasso* (1881) 62 If but such sixe were mongst our enemies, Ere now had Syria stoopt to seruiceage. 1600 FAIRFAX *Tasso* VIII. lxxxiii, He..obaies the raine Of thraldome base, and seruiceage, though loth.

2. ? Feudal military service.

1602 FULBECKE *1st Pt. Parall.* 24 The serniceage is suspended vntill the maturitie of his age.

Se·rviceless, *a.* [f. SERVICE¹ + -LESS.]

†1. ? Without reward or pay (cf. SERVICE¹ 7).

14.. *Langland's P. Pl.* B. (MS. O.) xv. 119 Many a prest ..Schulden go synge seruyseles wiþ sire philip þe sparwe.

2. Of no service; without usefulness, useless.

1879 MEREDITH *Egoist* II. 93 They [truisms] will not be serviceless in their admonitions to your understanding. 1906 *Hibbert Jrnl.* Apr. 595 The intestine appendix..now is serviceless and a perpetual menace to health and life.

Hence **Se·rvicelessness.**

1876 MEREDITH *Beauch. Career* I. xv. 236 The elegant vessel..an image..of a beautiful servicelessness.

Service-tree. [f. SERVICE² + TREE *sb.*]

1. = SERVICE² 1.

1600 SURFLET *Country Farm* III. xl. 507 Such is the force of the ceruise tree, to raise vp, renew and reuiue a qualified and appeased madnes. 1749 LADY LUXBOROUGH *Let. to Shenstone* 23 Mar., The walk which is bordered by service-trees. 1857 MILLER *Elem. Chem., Org.* (1862) 410 An acid derived from the berries of the service-tree. 1910 *Blackw. Mag.* Aug. 181/1 The..wood of the small service-tree.

b. The wood of this tree used in the arts.

1545 ASCHAM *Toxoph.* II. (Arb.) 124 Steles be made of dyuerse woodes as..seruis tree. 1703 *Art's Improv.* I. 33 By this Method, the Violet Wood which Dyers use, will be Stained Black as Ebony;..Pear-Tree and Service-Tree will be of Reddish Colour.

2. *Wild service-tree.* = SERVICE² 3.

1639 HORN & ROB. *Gate Lang. Unl.* xi. § 122 The bay-tree, the maple and wild service-tree beare berries. 1796 WITHERING *Brit. Plants* (ed. 3) II. 458 Wild Service-tree, or Sorb. 1832 *Planting* 103 in *Libr. Usef. Knowl., Husb.* III, The wild service-tree (torminalis). 1859 W. S. COLEMAN *Our Woodlands* (1862) 55 In the Southern parts of the kingdom, we may often meet with the Wild Service Tree.

3. †*Narrow-leaved, Fowler's Service-tree*: names for the Mountain Ash, *Pyrus* (*Sorbus*) *Aucuparia*.

1793 *Statist. Acc. Scot.* IX. 328 They fixed branches of mountain ash, or narrow leaved service-tree above the stakes of their cattle, to preserve them from the evil effects of elves and witches. 1859 W. S. COLEMAN *Our Woodlands* (1862) 59 The Mountain Ash is often called the Fowler's Service-tree.

4. The N. American service-berry (SERVICE² 4).

1884 SARGENT *Rep. Forests N. Amer.* 84 *Amelanchier Canadensis*...June berry. Shad bush. Service tree.

Servicie, obs. form of SERVICE¹.

†Servi·cious, *a. Obs.* [ad. med.L. *servitiōs-us*, f. L. *servitium* service; see -OUS.] = SERVICEABLE.

1460 *Promp. Parv.* (Winch.) 408 Servycyows, or seruicyable, *obsequiosus*.

Servie, obs. form of SERVE *v.*¹

Servient (sɔ̄·rviĕnt), *a.* [ad. L. *servient-em*, pr. pple. of *servīre* to serve.]

1. Subordinate, subject to rule. *rare.* †Also, performing service, serving.

1647 COWLEY *Mistress, The Soul* i, My Soul..in another's Breast does lye, That neither Is, nor will be I, As a Form Servient and Assisting there. 1650 T. BAYLY *Herba Parietis* 3 A liberall fountaine, which was no lesse servient to the grotts for waterworks, then to the house for use. 1724 WATERLAND *Farther Vind.* 120 This celebrated Father is full and express, in his famous Creed, against any thing created, or servient, in the Trinity. 1892 T. WATTS in *Athenæum* 2 Apr. 436/2 She..endows men..with two different kinds of personality, the dominant and the servient.

†b. *absol. Obs. rare.*

c 1615 BOYS *Wks.* (1629) 436 But in generall onely you se that Angels are seruients vnto God, and his people.

2. Law. *Servient land, tenement*: a land or tenement over which a servitude has been granted or acquired in favour of a dominant land or tenement. *Servient proprietor*: the tenant of a servient land or tenement.

1681 STAIR *Inst. Law Scot.* II. vii. (1693) 284 The Servitude of Support, whereby the servient Tenement is lyable to bear any Burden for the use of the Dominant. *Ibid.* 287 A Watergang is a Servitude, of conveying Water thorow the servient Ground, for the use of the Dominant. 1754 ERSKINE *Princ. Law Scot.* (1809) 221 The owner of the servient tenement is not obliged, in a servitude of support, to repair it, unless [etc.]. 1838 W. BELL *Dict. Law Scot.* 864 This class of servitudes imports no obligation on the servient proprietor to maintain the road. 1871-4 MARKBY *Elem. Law* § 371 English lawyers call..the land over which it [an easement] is exercised the servient land.

transf. 1864 BLACKMORE *Clara Vaughan* lxvii, His great fear was, that the..Della Croce estates should become a servient tenement to the frozen fields of the North.

†Servie·ntial, *a. Obs. rare*⁻¹. [f. SERVIENT *a.* + -IAL.] Pertaining to servicc.

1897 F. W. MAITLAND *Domesday Bk.* 162 The relation between thegn and lord is no longer conceived as a menial, 'serviential' or ministerial relation.

†Se·rvier. *Obs. rare.* Also 5 sarueyere. [irreg. f. SERVE *v.*¹] = SERVER 1.

a 1475 ASHBY *Poems* (1899) 26 And euer remembre olde Sarueyeres. 1530 *Fabric Rolls York Minster* (Surtees) 135 For a servyer to ye said maysons, 2s. 8d.

Serviette (sɔ̄·rvie·t). Forms: *α. Sc.* 5–7 serviot, 6 serviat; *β. Sc.* 6–7 servit, 8 servite, 6, 9 servet; *γ.* 6–7 *Sc.* serviet, 9 serviette. [a. F. *serviette* a towel, table-napkin, of obscure formation, connected with *servir* SERVE *v.*¹

The older use of the word was exclusively Sc. In the 19th c. it was re-introduced with the French spelling (at first only as a foreign term). It may now be regarded as naturalized, but latterly has come to be considered vulgar.]

A table-napkin; also, †a slip-cloth.

α. 1489 *Acta Dom. Concil.* (1839) 131/2, xij cuschingis.. and xij seruiotis of dornewik. 1501 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* II. 28 Item, for serviotis to the same [King's burd] vij elne lang and iij quartaris braid. 1560 *Stirling Burgh Rec.* (1887) I. 72 Ane hand towall, ane serviat [etc.]. *c* 1575 *Balfour's Practicks* (1754) 235 The air sall have..twelf servettis and ane buird-claith of dornique. 1619 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* XII. 767 Tua dusane of dornik serviottis.

β. 1588 *Cal. Laing Charters* (1899) 289 [Twenty-four] linteolum lie seruittis [at 18s. the dozen]. 1601 in *T. Pont's Topogr. Acc. Cunningham* (Maitland Club) 179 Ten small seruittis, twentie round seruittis. *a* 1670 SPALDING *Troub. Chas. I* (Bannatyne Cl.) I. 108 The generall himselfe..and souldiers, sat doun..and of their own provision, with ane servitt on their knee, took their breakfast. 1719 in W. Macgill *Old Ross-sh.* (1909) 131 Table cloths and servites of damask and dornick and hagabag servites, sheets, &c. 1821 JOANNA BAILLIE *Metr. Leg., Lady G. Baillie* xxxi, Her hands..Unfolding spread the servet white.

γ. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* I. xi. 17 With soft serviettis to mak thair handis clene. 1587–8 in *Extracts Burgh Rec. Edin.* (1882) IV. 515 Thai sall nocht..be sene in the streits with thair aiprunes and seruiets. 1612 in A. M'Kay *Kilmarnock* 308 Saxteine seruietis of damais. 1818 LADY MORGAN *Autobiog.* (1859) 114 A dirty coarse canvas *serviette*. 1864 SALA *Quite alone* I. viii. 133 At table d'hôte time he.. carried a serviette in lieu of a feather broom under his arm. 1889 ROY TELLET *Pr. Maskileff* 167 Mordaunt and Scarnell..always spoke of napkins as serviettes. 1906 H. BLAND *Lett. Daughter* 53, I think..she was the sort who would call a table napkin a serviette.

Servile (sɔ̄·rvəil, sɔ̄·rvil), *a.* and *sb.* Forms: 4, 6 servyle, (5 servylle, serval, -all), 6–7 servil, (6 *Sc.* serviall, 7 servial), 7 servill, 5– servile. [ad. L. *servīlis*, f. *serv-us* slave: see -ILE. Cf. F. *servile* (14th c. in *œuvre servile*: see 1 b), Pr., Sp., Pg. *servil*, It. *servile*.] **A.** *adj.*

1. Of, belonging to or proper to a slave or slaves. *Servile habit* was formerly sometimes applied *transf.* to the dress of a labourer or a poor man. *Servile war, insurrection*: one raised by slaves against their masters.

c 1450 *Mirour Saluacioun* 2666 Thay knewe noght the king in his servylle habite. 1542 BECON *Potat. Lent* I v, The bearynge of Olyues shewethe that we are..delyuered oute of seruile captiuite. 1591 SAVILE *Tacitus, Hist.* IV. v. 176 Asiaticus, for his lewde credit vnder his master, made satisfaction now as a freed-man with a seruile death. 1607 CHAPMAN *Bussy d'Ambois* III. i. 28 Like a monster Kept only to show men for servile money. 1617 MORYSON *Itin.* I. 40 A Doctor..thinking my servile habit not fit for contemplation, commanded mee to draw water for his horse. 1770 LANGHORNE *Plutarch, Crassus* III. 430 He thought he could easily rekindle the Servile war, which had but lately been smothered. 1840 THIRLWALL *Greece* lix. VII. 325 Demetrius was of very low, if not of servile origin. 1841 ELPHINSTONE *Hist. India* I. 383 The total extinction of the servile condition of the Súdras is..an improvement. 1884 *Manch. Exam.* 7 Oct. 5/4 A well-known..device..for securing servile labour without the name of slavery. 1885 W. PATER *Marius* I. iv. I. 53 This lad of servile birth.

b. Of arts, employments, labour: Befitting a slave; unworthy of a free man; hence, 'mechanical' as opposed to *liberal*.

1514 BARCLAY *Cyt. & Uplondyshm.* Wks. (1570) D iij b, Thus began honour and thus began bondage,..And seruile labour first in the worlde began. 1535 STEWART *Cron. Scot.* (Rolls) II. 444 Bot vse his office as ane man of kirk, No seruiall werkis with his handis wirk. *c* 1590 MARLOWE *Faust* (1631) i, This study fits a mercenary drudge, Who aymes at nothing but externall trash, Too seruile and illiberall for me. 1679 BLOUNT *Anc. Tenures* 3 Each of which Bond-men was ..to Plow, reap, make the Lords Malt, and do other servile work. 1784 COWPER *Task* III. 406 No works indeed That ask robust tough sinews, bred to toil, Servile employ. 1838 ARNOLD *Hist. Rome* I. 81 [Tarquinius] employed the great bulk of them [*sc.* the people] in servile works, in the building of the circus [etc.]. 1868 RUSKIN *Time & Tide* xviii. (ed. 2) 109 A great number of quite necessary employments are, in the accuratest sense, 'servile,' that is, they sink a man to the condition of a serf, or unthinking worker.

c. *Servile work* [after L. *opus servile* (Vulg.), a literal rendering of Heb. מלאכת עבודה *mᵉlĕketh ʿăbōdâ*]: in religious use applied *spec.* to laborious or mechanical work forbidden to be done on the Sabbath and hence on the festivals of the Church.

1382 WYCLIF *Lev.* xxiii. 21 And ȝe shulen clepe this day.. moost holi; al seruyle werk ȝe shulen not do in it. *c* 1430 *Hymns Virg.* 104 Haue mynde to helewe þin holi day,.. Leue seruile werkis & nyce aray. 1449 *Rolls of Parl.* V. 152/1 Yᵗ yer he no Merketts in thy places,..ne oyer servile werkes don uppon Sondays. 1637 GILLESPIE *Eng. Pop. Cerem.* IV. iii. 7 To doe servile worke upon the sixe dayes of labour is good. 1884 ADDIS & ARNOLD *Cath. Dict.* (1897) 218/1 To keep the Sundays and holidays of obligation holy, by hearing Mass and resting from servile works.

2. Of a person: Subject as a slave or serf to a master or owner; living in servitude. Of a class, etc.: Composed of slaves or serfs.

1565 COOPER *Thesaurus* s.v. *Seruilis, Capita seruilia*, Liuius. Seruile persons. 1695 KENNETT *Paroch. Antig.* Gloss. s.v. *Coterellus*, Spelman and Du Fresne make cotarius and coterellus to be both the servile inhabitants. 1704 POPE *Windsor For.* 365 Let barb'rous Ganges arm a servile train. 1776 GIBBON *Decl. & F.* xiii. I. 356 A distinct line of separation was hitherto preserved between the free and the servile part of mankind. 1784 CULLUM *Hist. Hawsted* iii. 95 To this manor belonged two *nativi*, or servants born of servile tenants. 1874 STUBBS *Const. Hist.* xxi. (1896) III. 624 Possibly these [*sc.* bondmen on some manors] were the survivors of the peasant population which had been servile before the Conquest. 1906 MACKINNON *Hist. Mod. Liberty* I. 285 During the three centuries following the Conquest, the condition of the servile class undoubtedly improved.

†b. In wider sense: Belonging to the serving class or to the lower orders; engaged in 'servile' or mechanical occupations. *Obs.*

1447 BOKENHAM *Seyntys* xi. 163 If þou þan..be a ientyl wumman, A serual persone why shewyst the In maners & condycyouns for to be? 1588 SHAKS. *Tit. A.* v. ii. 55, I will ..by the Waggon wheele, Trot like a Seruile footeman all day long. 1599 *George-a-Greene* D 3, Ile..take that seruile pinner George a Greene, And butcher him. 1612 *Acts & Stat. Lawting, Sheriff & Justice Courts* (Maitl. Club 1840) 160 That it shall not be lesum to servile persones not worth..lxxij li Scottis to tak vp housis. 1628 BURTON *Anat. Mel.* I. ii. IV. i. (ed. 3) 136 The mother will be more carefull..then any seruile woman or such hired creatures. 1727 GAY *Begg. Op.* III. xliv, Of all mechanicks, of all servile handicraftsmen, a gamester is the vilest.

3. Of a person: That behaves like a slave; slavish, meanly submissive, 'cringing, fawning' (J.); destitute of independence in thought and action; slavishly deferential or obedient *to*.

1605 SHAKS. *Lear* III. ii. 21 *Lear.* Heere I stand your Slaue,..But yet I call you Seruile Ministers, That [etc.]. 1655 FULLER *Ch. Hist.* IV. 166 King Henry the fourth, who though courteous, was not servial to the Pope. 1725 WATTS *Logic* II. iii. § 4 Others..give themselves up in too servile a manner to the Opinion and Authority of other Masters. 1728 POPE *Dunc.* II. 356 A low-born, cell-bred, selfish, servile band..who fight for any God, or Man. 1751 JOHNSON *Rambler* No. 96 ₱ 4 Those who are neither servile nor timorous are yet desirous to bestow pleasure. 1843 LYTTON *Last Bar.* II. i, Be courteous to all men, servile to none. 1840 KINGSLEY *Lett.* (1878) I. 49, I was servile to the opinions of the very persons I despised. 1860 EMERSON *Cond. Life* iv. Wks. (Bohn) II. 373 A supple, glib-tongued tribe, who live for show, servile to public opinion. 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* ix. II. 418 A tribunal..where established principles of law could not be utterly disregarded even by the most servile judges. 1865 SEELEY *Ecce Homo* v. (ed. 8) 44 This magnanimous self-restraint saved him from false friends and mercenary or servile flatterers.

absol. 1665 EVELYN *Let. to Sir W. Coventry* 2 Oct., If you can believe I retaine so much of servile in me, as to informe you of tales.

†b. Slavishly devoted *to* (an object). *Obs.*

1619 FLETCHER & MASSINGER *False One* IV. ii, He is.. a meere wandring Merchant Servile to gaine.

c. Of personal attributes and actions: Befitting, or characteristic of a slave or a state of servitude; slavish, ignoble. *Servile fear* (Theol.): see FEAR 3 d.

1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 73 He that feareth god onely for this cause, his feare is called seruyle feare. 1601 SHAKS. *Jul. C.* I. i. 80 [Cæsar] Who else would soare aboue the view of men, And keepe vs all in seruile fearefulnesse. 1618 BOLTON *Florus* III. xxi. (1636) 243 Marius by servill flight saved himselfe. *a* 1626 BACON *Ess., Riches* (Arb.) 239 Riches ..when they are gotten by Flattery, Feeding Humours, and other Seruile Conditions. 1647 CLARENDON *Hist. Reb.* VII. § 225 For as he [Falkland] had a full appetite of fame by just and generous actions, so he had an equal contempt of it by any servile expedients. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* XII. 305 Disciplin'd..from servil fear To filial. 1697 DAVDEN *Virg. Georg.* IV. 307 Besides, not Egypt, India, Media more With servile Awe their Idol King adore. 1699 SHAFTESB. *Inq. Virtue* I. iii.

Charac. (1711) II. 55 The Obedience is servile, and all that is done thro it, merely servile. 1705 Stanhope *Paraphr.* I. 37 The..Servile Fears usual in those of a mean depending Condition. 1720 Pope *Ep. to Craggs* 10 Then scorn to gain a Friend by servile ways. 1817 Shelley *To Ld. Chancellor* xii, By..The servile arts in which thou hast grown old. *a* 1862 Buckle *Civiliz.* (1873) III. i. 2 It encourages that blind and servile respect which men are apt to feel for those who are above them. 1862 Gladstone *Gleanings* (1879) I. i. 6 In a presumptuous or in a servile spirit.

4. Of a people, state, its condition, etc.: Politically enslaved; subject to despotic or oppressive government or to foreign dominion. Const. *to*. Now *rare* or *Obs.*

1547 J. Harbison *Exhort. Scottes* 229 Wee could finde in our hartes to become seruile..to a forrein nacion. 1577 Holinshed *Chron.* (1586) III. 2/1 They..declared to them ..the pride and insolencie of the Normans, and the hardnesse and griefe of bondage and seruile estate. 1609 Daniel *Civ. Wars* IV. xxxviii, What? haue we hands, and shall we seruile bee? Why were swordes made? but, to preserue men free. 1654 Vilvain *Epit. Ess.* IV. xiv. 85 But Claudius since that Nation servil made. 1661 Webster & Rowley *Thrac. Wonder* IV. i, His Subjects..shall servile be to Turks and Infidels. 1703 Pope *Thebais* I. 241 O servile land, Where exil'd tyrants still by turns command! 1727–46 Thomson *Summer* 957 And all the green delights Ansonia pours When for them she must bend the servile knee. 1821 Byron *Mar. Fal.* II. i, When wicked men wax mighty, and a state Turns servile. 1873 C. Robinson *N. S. Wales* 6 A despotic Government and a servile people never can prosper.

absol. 1753 Johnson *Adventurer* No. 69 P 4 The day is always coming to the servile in which they shall be powerful.

† b. Of government: Exercised over slaves, oppressive, despotic. *Obs.*

1603 Knolles *Hist. Turks* (1621) 57 Under whose servile government it was holden of long time. 1644 H. Parker *Jus Pop.* 28 Servile power is tolerated because it tends to the good of him that is subject to it.

† **5.** Of immaterial things: Subject *to* the control of something else; not free. *Obs.*

1581 J. Bell *Haddon's Answ. Osor.* 167 b, Agayne whether offence be committed through free or seruile choyse of will. 1603 Shaks. *Meas. for M.* III. i. 9 Reason thus with life:.. a breath thou art, Seruile to all the skyie-influences. 1805 Foster *Ess.* (1806) I. i. iii. 51 Even should the attention be awake, and opinions be formed, the faculty which forms them is very servile to the other parts of the human constitution. *Ibid.* I. II. ii. 141 His judgment is not servile to the mood of his feelings.

6. Of imitation (esp. in literature and art), translation, etc.: Unintelligently close to the exemplar or original; 'slavish'. Hence of a person as agent.

After Hor. Ep. I. xix. 19 *O imitatores, servum pecus.*

1605 Bacon *Adv. Learn.* I. § 2. 2 Speech that is framed after the imitation of some patterne of eloquence, though neuer so excellent: All this hath somewhat seruile, and holding of the subiect. 1638 Junius *Paint. Ancients* 29 How unprofitable..it is that we should tie our endeavours to a kinde of servile Imitation. *c* 1647 Denham *To Sir R. Fanshawe* Poems (1668) 120 That servile path thou nobly dost decline, Of tracing word by word, and line by line. 1680 Dryden *Pref. Ovid's Epist.* (1716) a 2, A servile, litteral Translation. 1781 Cowper *Table-T.* 666 While servile trick and imitative knack Confine the million in the beaten track. 1806 *Med. & Phys. Jrnl.* XV. 363 The idle conceits of the chemists, of which our modern quacks are the servile imitators. 1837 Whewell *Hist. Induct. Sci.* I. IV. ii. § 3. 271 The commentators or disciples of the great philosophers did not assume at once their servile character. 1879 Farrar *St. Paul* I. i. 11 If..a minute and servile record had preserved for us every hasty expression.

7. *Philol.* a. Of words: Expressing mere grammatical relations; auxiliary.

1668 Wilkins *Real Char.* IV. iv. 419 The more servile Particles are of three kinds; Articles, Modes, Tenses. 1885 J. Avery in *Trans. Amer. Philol. Assoc.* XVI. App. 17 Case relations are denoted by added syllables, some of which retain their form and sense as independent words, and others have been degraded into servile particles.

b. *Semitic Gram.* Of a letter: Not belonging to the root of the word in which it occurs; serving to express a derivative or flexional element. Hence applied to those letters of the alphabet (in Heb. the eleven grouped mnemonically in the words אוהן משה ונלב) which represent sounds that may be used in derivation or flexion. Opposed to *radical.*

1653 W. Robertson *Gate to Holy Tongue* 7 These servile letters are eleven in number. *Ibid.* 9 These servile letters are so called, not because they are always servile, for all of them do make up roots by themselves,..but because they are often servile..; the other eleven, being always radicall. 1776 J. Richardson *Arab. Gram.* 17 *note*, The *Alif of union* is always servile. 1843 *Proc. Philol. Soc.* I. 138 (Berber) has a distinction of letters..into servile and non-servile, nearly identical with that of Hebrew and Arabic.

c. Of a letter: 'Not itself sounded, but serving to lengthen the preceding vowel, as *e* in *tune*.'

1864 Webster.

d. Of sounds: Subject to euphonic change.

1879 Whitney *Skr. Gram.* 23 Certain nasals in Sanskrit are of servile character, always to be assimilated to a following consonant.

B. *sb.* (elliptical or absolute uses of the adj.).

1. A servile person.

1830 Fonblanque *Eng. under 7 Administr.* (1837) II. 17 They have been distinguished by the King's favour, and nothing else—quacks, serviles, sycophants, and buffoons. 1830 *Westm. Rev.* XIII. 476 Swarms of anti-national serviles, the relics of bygone days. 1831 E. Elliott *Poet. Wks.* (1840) 108/2 Self-robb'd servile! sold, not bought, For the shadow of a groat! 1880 L. Wallace *Ben-Hur* 19 The Sudra, or serviles, doomed to menial duties.

2. *Sp. Hist.* A hostile designation applied (in 1820 and later) by Spanish Liberals to the royalists.

1822 *Gentl. Mag.* XCII. i. 75 The Lapidas, or constitutional pillars, set up in the different towns of Spain are sometimes, during the night, defaced or bemired by the Serviles. 1840 Napier *Penins. War* VI. xxii. vi. 312 And always the serviles yielded under the dread of personal violence. 1887 *Encycl. Brit.* XXII. 345/2 The royalists or serviles, as they were called, were dismissed from office.

3. *Philol.* a. A servile particle. See A. 7 a.

1668 Wilkins *Real Char.* III. vii. 343 Both these may contribute to the Abbreviatiog of Language, when they are compounded as serviles.

b. *Hebr. Gram.* A servile letter. See A. 7 b.

1738 R. Grey *New Meth. Hebr.* p. ii, The Letters are divided into an equal Number of Radicals and Serviles. 1773 Bayly *Gram. Hebr.* p. xxvii, The principal use of the Letters אהוי is with the other Serviles to form Number, Gender, Moods, Tenses and Derivatives.

Servilely (sə·rvəlˌli), *adv.* Also 6–7 **servilly**, (7 -llye), 7–8 **servily**. [f. Servile *a.* + -ly 2.] In a servile manner.

1. In the spirit of a slave; with servile fear or submission; cringingly.

1550 Veron *Godly Sayings* Ep. Ded. A 5 b, Seruillye.. worshipping..the signes, for the thinges, whiche by the signes are signified. 1596 *Edw. III*, I. i, *Ed.* I meane to visit him as he requests; But how? not seruilely disposed to bend, But like a conquerer to make him bowe. 1660 Coke *Power & Subj.* 72 He who rigorously executes his power will be hated, and servilely feared. 1667 Milton *P. L.* IV. 959 Who more then thou Once fawn'd, and cring'd, and servilly ador'd Heav'ns awful Monarch? *a* 1677 Manton *Serm. Ps. cxix.* 167 This is not true Obedience, that is done servilely and by constraint. 1727 [Dorrington] *Philip Quarll* (1816) 84 The docile beast most servilely obeys. 1849–50 Alison *Hist. Europe* VIII. I. § 74. 199 The senate joyfully and servilely registered his decrees. 1878 Spurgeon *Treas. Dav.* Ps. cxiii. 2 Not quarreling with his justice..nor servilely dreading his power.

b. With servile adherence to rules or conformity to an exemplar or original.

1668 Dryden *Def. Ess. Dram. Poesy* Ess. (ed. Ker) I. 130, I say not this with the least design of limiting the stage too servilely to twenty-four hours. 1711 Addison *Spect.* No. 29 P 8 An English composer should not follow the Italian recitative too servilely, but make use of many gentle deviations from it. 1748 Hartley *Observ. Man* II. iii. 299 This Method of Reasoning has been adopted too servilely. 1852 H. Rogers *Ecl. Faith* 43 Or how can you ascertain that these men meant what you menn, when you thus servilely copy their language? 1890 Gross *Gild Merch.* I. 109 Most English writers servilely follow Brentano.

2. In or as if in a state of servitude or slavery; as a slave. Now *rare* or *Obs.*

1561 T. Norton *Calvin's Inst.* IV. (1562) 12 So many being seruilely born and brought vp, do wythout douting boast themselues to be the children of God. 1579 Twyne *Phisicke agst. Fort.* II. vii. 171 b, I was seruylely borne. 1592 Shaks. *Ven. & Ad.* 392 How like a inde he stood tied to the tree, Seruilly masterd with a leatberne raine. 1617 Moryson *Itin.* III. 220 The Germans are very churlish to their wives and keep them servily at bome. 1681 Glanvill *Sadducismus* I. (1726) 21 Who inveigle Children..and carry them away to the Plantations of America, to be servilely employ'd there. 1825 Scott *Talism.* xxv, Is it indeed you, ..gallant Sir Kenneth of Scotland..thus servilely disguised?

Servileness (sə·rvəlnės). *rare.* [f. Servile *a.* + -ness.] Servility.

1673 *Lady's Call.* I. ii. § 4 To be thus yielding, is not a meekness but servileness of understanding. 1707 Norris *Treat. Humility* vi. 243 Humility will despise no man..for the servileness of his condition in being our slave or servant. 1755 in Johnson. In recent Dicts.

Servilism (sə·rvilizm). [f. Servile *a.* + -ism. Cf. F. *servilisme.*]

1. Systematic servility.

1831 *Fraser's Mag.* IV. 140 [That journal's] truckling, and trimming, and shifting, and debasing servilism to mob opinions. 1831 *Westm. Rev.* XV. 93 But we are not aware that servilism, and sycophancy,..ought to be considered as essential recommendations in an historian. 1845 *Foreign Q. Rev.* XXXIV. 277 Twenty years residence in Russia had encrusted Cobenzl with a coating of submissiveness (servilism), that was at times almost comical.

2. The doctrine which advocates political 'slavery'. A hostile designation for anti-Liberal opinions. Cf. Servile *sb.* 1.

1831 Carlyle *Misc.* (1840) III. 242 Though calling himself Philosopher, Mr. Taylor..still painfully struggles in the questions of Naturalism and Supernaturalism, Liberalism and Servilism. 1841 *Fraser's Mag.* XXIII. 146 He who refutes servilism proves nothing for liberalism.

3. The social system based on the existence of slaves.

1880 *Congregationalist* (U. S.) 17 Nov. (Cent.), The remnants of domination and of servilism [in the southern United States] will soon take themselves hence.

Servility (səɹvi·lĭti). [f. Servile *a.* + -ity. Cf. F. *servilité* (18th c. in Hatz.-Darm.).]

† **1.** Servile condition; the quality or status of being a slave; the condition of being in bondage.

1591 Savile *Tacitus, Agricola* 238 As our ancestours attained..the highest pitch and perfection of liberty, so we of servility. 1613 T. Jackson *Eternal Truth Script.* I. II. § 3. ix. 167 Such seruilitie as the Iewes suffered vnder the Greeks & Asiaticks. 1615 Rich *Honestie of Age* 47 The Pride of this age is growne to that height, that..who is able by the outward shew, to discerne betweene Nobility and Seruility, to know a Lord from a Lowt? 1645 Milton *Colast.* 15 How should hee a Servingman..know..what the meaning is of gentle...Who could have devis'd to give us more breifly a better description of his own Servility?

quasi-*concr.* 1667 Milton *P. L.* VI. 169 Such hast thou arm'd, the Minstrelsie of Heav'n, Servilitie with freedom to contend.

fig. 1581 J. Bell *Haddon's Answ. Osor.* 255 Shall the will be therfore not wicked in doyng wickedly, bycause it is not free, but enforced to yield to a necessary Servilitie?

2. Servile disposition or conduct.

† a. Illiberality, meanness. *Obs.*

a 1610 Healey *Theophrastus* (1616) 77 Illiberality, or Servility, is too great a contempt of glorie, proceeding from the like desire to spare expence.

b. Mean submissiveness, degradingly obsequious demeanour, cringing. (The prevailing sense.)

1573 G. Harvey *Common-pl. Bk.* (1884) 15 He tould me.. that it was mi flatteri and Serviliti (for so it pleasd him now to term it) that bewitchid him. 1674 *Govt. Tongue* viii. 135 Lying, Servility, and Treachery..make up a loathsome Monstrous guilt. 1797 Ht. Lee *Canterb. T.* (1799) I. 374 The domestics..had an air of servility and constraint. 1841 Elphinstone *Hist. India* I. 465 The ceremonial of the kings, bowever, had not the servility since introduced by the Mussulmans. 1856 Froude *Hist. Eng.* (1858) I. ii. 185 The servility with which she addressed the cardinal so long as he was in power. 1874 Green *Short Hist.* vii. § 1. 341 The success of such a system depended wholly on the absolute servility of Parliament. 1909 Gwatkin *Early Ch. Hist.* I. iii. 50 Servility to Rome and armed resistance were alike impossible.

personified. 1781 Cowper *Table-T.* 127 Servility with supple knees, Whose trade it is to smile, to crouch, to please.

c. Lack of independence in opinion or action; undue subjection or deference *to* some person or influence.

1674 *Govt. Tongue* vi. 94 For what besides this unhappy servility to custome, can possibly reconcile men that own Christianity, to a practice widely distant from it? 1849 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* iii. I. 398 In our island there was less of this servility than on the Continent..Yet even here homage was paid..to the literary supremacy of our neighbours.

d. Of imitation, translation, etc.: The quality of being servile or unduly close to the original.

1782 Miss Burney *Cecilia* VIII. v, Servility of imitation.

† **Se·rvilize,** *v. Obs. rare*—2. [f. Servile *a.* + -ize.] *trans.* To make servile.

1619 A. Newman *Pleas. Vis.* etc. C 7, Know I must dye, That all the Land may mourne for me, That, seruilized, first made it free. 1741 Warburton *Div. Legat.* V. App., Wks. 1788 III. 192 Lord Shaftesbury..pretended that every motive regarding self tended to servilize virtue.

Serving (sə·rviŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. Serve *v.*1 + -ing 1.]

1. The action of the verb Serve in various senses; an instance of this. Also comb. with advs., as *serving-up.*

c 1205 Lay. 8097 Þa þe seruuinge wes idon þat hit to þe mete com. *Ibid.* 8114 Hit wes al isomned & þere sereuunge. *a* 1310 in Wright *Lyric P.* xxv. 69 Jhesu,.. Thou ne askesd me non other thing, Bot trewe love ant eke servyng. 1463 in *Acts Parlt. Scot.* (1874) XI. 28/2 And þat ȝe mak na ger mak na stoping to me in þe serving of thame [breves]. 1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 65 As stacyons, inclynacyons, gestures, turnynges, wesshynge, seruynge at meet and in other places..and suche other. 1542–3 *Act* 34 & 35 *Hen. VIII*, c. 27 § 79 The sbirefe shall haue..for the seruing of euery writ of haberi fac. seisinam, syx shillinges eyght pence. 1656 *Artif. Handsom.* 52 Nor are [they] to be called crossings or opposings of his will; but rather they are servings and obeyings of it. 1757 Challoner *Garden of the Soul* (ed. 7), Method of Serving at Mass. 1816 J. Scott *Vis. Paris* (ed. 5) 127 Here [at restaurants] both the supply and the serving-up are of the most elegant description. 1857 J. H. Walsh *Man. Dom. Econ.* 240 The Serving at Dinner commences by taking in the first course, after which dinner is announced. 1863 Mrs. Gaskell *Sylvia's L.* xvii, While Hester and me is left i' t' shop for t' bear t' brunt o' t' serving.

¶ The part or character 'served' by (a disguise).

1611 Shaks. *Cymb.* III. iv. 173, I haue already fit..Doublet, Hat, Hose, all That answer to the them: Would you ia tbeir seruing,..fore Noble Lucius Present your selfe.

b. *concr.* A helping (of food, etc.); also *Sc.* as much as 'serves' or satisfies one.

1769 Ross *Helenore* 10 You cou'd na look your sairing at her face. 1818 Scott *Rob Roy* xxv, I hae been waur mistrysted than if I were set to gie ye baith your ser'ing o't. 1843 J. Ballantine *Gaberlunzie's Wallet* iv. 113 Baith beast an' bodie aye gat their full sairin. 1864 Mrs. H. Wood *Trevlyn Hold* xxix, Nora immediately drew an apple-pie before her, and began to cut unlimited servings from it. 1871 W. Alexander *Johnny Gibb* xxi. 159 An' he gae far that road they'll seen get their sairin o' him.

c. *Cornwall.* 'A supply of tin ready for smelting'.

1778 Pryce *Min. Cornub.* 326. 1880 D. C. Davies *Metall. Min.* 420.

2. The action of winding 'service' round a rope, etc. Also the material so used.

a 1625 [see Pudding *sb.* 4]. 1688 Holme *Armoury* III. xv. (Roxb.) 30/1. 1769 Falconer *Dict. Marine* (1780) s. v. 1833 Marryat *P. Simple* xvi, The captain of the maintop reports the breast backstay much chafed in the serving. 1860 H. Stuart *Seaman's Catech.* 27 The parcelling is put on with the lay, and the serving against the lay. 1890 *Scribner's Mag.* Oct. 403 The core [of a submarine cable] travels through another set of machines which first wrap it with a thick serving of tarred jute.

3. *Comb.*, as *serving-hatch, -main, -valve*, etc.; (in sense 2) *serving-board, -mallet* (also *transf.*).

1794 *Rigging & Seamanship* I. 160 **Serving board* is a tapering thin piece of board, with a small score gouged at the end and sides. It is used for serving small ropes. 1840 R. H. Dana *Bef. Mast* xxxiv, I balled up my yarns, took my serving-board in my hand. 1881 Eden *Decor. & Furniture* 114 *Serving hatches. 1904 Gasquet *Eng. Monastic Life* ii. 23 A screen pierced with doors would probably have somewhat veiled the serving-hatch, the dresser, and the passages to the butteries, cellars, and pantry. 1823 P.

Nicholson *Pract. Build.* 408 The Forcing-pump consists of a working-barrel, a suction-pipe and *serving-main, or raising-pipe. 1750 Blanckley *Nav. Expositor* s. v. *Mallet*, *Serving Mallets. 1897 F. T. Bullen *Cruise of 'Cachalot'* 371 Magnificent clipper ships..who seemed to turn up their splendid noses at the squat, dumpy, antiquated old serving-mallet that dared to mingle with so august a crowd. 1864 R. Kerr *Gentl. Ho.* 248 To place the Butler's-Pantry in intercommunication with the *Serving-room. 1895 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 4 Feb. 8/1 A lift carries the joints up to the serving-room [from the kitchen]. 1797 *Monthly Mag.* III. 464 The small cylinder, which contains the *serving valve.

Serving (sə·ɹvɪŋ), *ppl. a.* [f. Serve *v.*[1] + -ing[2].]

1. That serves, or does service to, another; that acts as a servant. Often hyphened to the qualified sb. as in *serving-maid*, Serving-man, -woman.

1303 [see Serving-man]. 1382 Wyclif *Heb.* i. 14 Seruyng spiritis, sent into mynysterie for hem that [etc.]. *a* 1450 [see Serving-woman]. 1592 *Arden of Feversham* iv. i. 67 To keepe her from the Painter. *Cla.* Why more from a Painter then from a seruing creature like your selfe? 1592a Shaks. *Rom. & Jul.* iv. v. 119 Then will I lay the seruing Creatures Dagger on your pate. 1610 in *T. Pont's Topogr. Acc. Cunningham* (Maitland Club) 185 To Johne Birsbane, his serveing gentilman, of fie the said zeir, threttie thrie pund vj s. viij d. 1688 Durfey in *Roxb. Ball.* (1891) VII. 364 If I were but her Serving-Loon, I'd never ask for wages. 1693 G. Stepney *Dryden's Juvenal* viii. *note* 43 Oriculana, whom Juvenal calls a Serving-Maid. 1818 Scott *Hrt. Midl.* xxviii, A tight serving-maiden entered the room. *c* 1820 S. Rogers *Italy, A Funeral* (1838) 154 None were near, None save her serving-boy, who knelt and wept. 1851 Sir F. Palgrave *Norm. & Eng.* I. 267 The wanton serving wench. 1870 Dickens *E. Drood* iv, His serving-maid entering, and announcing 'Mr. Jasper is come, sir'.

b. That acts as server at Mass.

1885 (*title*), Server's Missal. A Practical Guide for Serving Boys at Mass.

2. Of a soldier, etc.: That is on service.

c 1570 *Saparton's Alarum* in *B. L. Ball. & Broadsides* (1867) 118 Al Mars his men..Sit downe a while, and harken heere,..A seruinge souldiers case. 1900 *Daily News* 21 Sept. 3/2 The whole of the home-serving troops. 1908 *Westm. Gaz.* 5 Mar. 9/1 Serving Yeomen and Volunteers who wish to enter the Territorial Force need not attest before June 30.

† 3. Of things: Subsidiary. *Obs.*

a 1586 Sidney *Apol. Poetrie* (Arb.) 30 All these are but seruing Sciences, which..are..all directed to the highest end of the mistres Knowledge. 1594 Carew *Huarte's Exam. Wits* (1616) 87 For this sort of wisedome, the cold and drie of Melancholie is a seruing instrument.

Se·rving-ma:n. Now *arch.* [Serving *ppl. a.*]

1. A man who serves; a male servant or attendant. (Common in 16th and 17th centuries.)

1303 R. Brunne *Handl. Synne* 835 Þe seruyng man, þat seruyþ yn þe 3ere, Oweþ to come [to church on Sunday] when he haþ leysere. 1538 Starkey *England* I. iii. 78 Of thos sortys be ouermany, and specyally of them wych we cal seruyng men, wych lyue in seruyce to gentylmen, lordys, and other of the nobylyte. 1581 W. Stafford *Exam. Compl.* ii. (1876) 64 For now a dayes Seruingmen goe more costely in apparell,..then their maisters were wont to doe in times past. 1605 Shaks. *Lear* III. iv. 87. 1677 Mrs. Behn *Debauchee* I. i. 7 You know the serving-man is always allow'd to break his fast upon his master's leavings. 1818 Scott *Br. Lamm.* xviii 'The mercy of Heaven forbid!' said the old serving-man. 1872a Tennyson *Gareth & Lyn.* 781 There brake a serving-man Flying from out of the black wood, and crying, 'They have bound my lord to cast him in the mere.' 1888 J. Payn *Myst. Mirbridge* xx, Save these two serving-men, there was not a menial at the Court who [etc.].

Comb. 1667 Dryden & Dk. Newcastle *Sir M. Mar-all* iv. i, Or, Serving-man like, ready to carry up the hot meat for your Master.

† 2. *Serving-man's joy*: a name for Rue. *Obs.*—[0]

1671 Phillips (ed. 3), *Rue*, a Solar herb,..it is otherwise called Herb-grace, or serving-mans joy. 1721 Bailey, *Serving-man's joy*, the Herb Rue.

Hence † **Serving-manned** *pa. pple.* (*nonce-wd.*).

1609 Rowlands *Knave of Clubs* (1612) B 1, Yes sir (said she) I pray come in, Thus was she seruing-mand.

Se·rving-wo:man. Now *arch.* [Serving *ppl. a.*] A female servant or attendant.

a 1450 *Knt. de la Tour* xxi. (1906) 31 There is a maner now amonge seruyng women of lowe astate, the whiche is comen, for thei furre her colers. 1633 Massinger *Guardian* iv. ii, One of those Ambitious Serving-women who [etc.]. 1849 James *Woodman* iv, One of the elder sisters soon appeared, followed by two stout serving women.

Servitary (sə·ɹvɪtări). *local.* = Servitor 5.

1883 *Bham Daily Post* 11 Oct., Servitary Wanted, for Gas Globes.

Servite (sə·ɹvəit), *sb.* and *a.* [ad. med.L. *Servītæ* pl., f. L. *serv-us* servant (in *Servi Beatæ Mariæ*, the formal name of the order): see -ite[1].] A. *sb.* A friar or nun of the order of 'Servants of Blessed Mary', founded in 1233.

a 1550 *Image Ipocr.* iv. 180 in *Skelton's Wks.* (1843) II. 441/1 Servi and Servytes, And sondry Jacobites. 1607 Sir H. Wotton *Let.* 13 Sept. *Lett.* (1907) I. 399 A very true picture..of Maestro Paolo the Servite. 1768 Boswell *Corsica* iii. (ed. 2) 175 There are two colleges of Jesuits, two convents of Dominicans, five of Servites. 1857 F. W. Faber *Foot of the Cross* Pref., It is now twelve years since the Author became a tertiary of the ancient order of the Servites. 1884 Addis & Arnold *Cath. Dict.* (1897) 840/1 The habit finally adopted by the Servites was black, with a leather girdle, a scapulary, and a cope.

B. *adj.* Of or pertaining to this order.

1756–7 tr. *Keysler's Trav.* (1760) III. 88 Poggibonzo of Tuscany, who was a Servite monk in the convent. 1862 Howells *Venet. Life* xv. (1868) 208 The old Servite Convent..associated with the great name of Paolo Sarpi. 1884 Addis & Arnold *Cath. Dict.* (1897) 840/1 In England there is a flourishing Servite community established in the Fulham Road, London,..also three convents of Servite nuns.

Se·rviter. *Sc. rare.* Forms: 6 servatour, servitor, 9 serviter. [app. alteration of *servet* Serviette, perh. by association with L. *servātor* preserver.] A table napkin.

1530 in A. Laing *Lindores Abb.* (1876) 489 Item xxxij hayll seruatours for my lords bourd. 1530 J. Symsoun *Inv.* in *Liber S. Marie de Lundoris* (Abbotsf. Club) 32, vij seruitors of dornyth werk. 1858–61 Ramsay *Remin.* vi. (1870) 246 Serviter, Napkin.

Servitial (sə·ɹvi·ʃăl), *a. Hist.* [ad. med.L. *servitiālis*, f. L. *servitium* Service *sb.*[1]: see -al.] *Servitial nobility*, those ennobled by service in the king's household.

1874 Stubbs *Const. Hist.* vi. § 66 I. 160 In the laws of Canute..the earl..is included in the servitial nobility.

Servitor (sə·ɹvɪtəɹ). Forms: 4–5 servytour, 4–6 servitur, -oure, 4–8 servitour, 5 servytor, (servertor, servitieure), 5–6 servytoure, 6 servyture, serveture, serviteure, -uir, (sarvytor), *Sc.* schervitour, servatour, 6–8 serviture, -eur, 7 serviter, servatore, 5– servitor. [a. OF. *servitor* (mod.F. *serviteur*), a. late L. *servītor*, agent-n. f. *servīre* Serve *v.*[1] Cf. Pr., Sp., Pg. *servidor*, It. *servitore*.]

1. A (male) personal or domestic attendant (in early use chiefly, one who waits at table); a manservant. Now *arch.*

c 1330 R. Brunne *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 11300 Þat ilke vsage was at þer feste,..Þe wommen wyþoute men schuld be, But seruitors of here meyne. 1338 — *Chron.* (1810) 165 Statin his stiward spak to þe Emperoure, Als his mete he sat, & was his seruitoure. *c* 1400 Maundev. (1839) xxii. 239 He hathe in his Court many Barouns, as Servytoures, that ben Cristene. *c* 1460 J. Russell *Bk. Nurture* 682 in *Babees Bk.*, And se þat ye haue seruytours semely þe disches for to bere. 1466 *Paston Lett.* II. 267 To the prest that cam with the cors from London, iiis. iiiid. To servytors that awaytyd upon hym..xxi *d*...To lxx. servertors, eche of them iiid., xviis. *vid.* 1473 *Exch. Rolls Scot.* VIII. 157 *note*, Our lovete familiare servitieure of houshaulde Johnne of Wardelaw. 1549 *Compl. Scot.* xiv. 117 He hed ane domestik seruitour. 1573 Tusser *Husb.* (1878) 189 One diligent seruiture, skilfull to waight, more comelieth thy table than other some eight. 1582 *N. T.* (Rhem.) *Matt.* xxiii. 11 He that is the greater of you, shal be your seruiteur [Vulg. *minister*]. *a* 1617 Bayne *On Eph.* i. (1618) 7 We see in earthly seruiters, their glory is so much the greater, by how much their Lords and masters are in greater præeminencie. 1725 *Bradley's Fam. Dict.* s. v. *Pains*, It must be set on the Table by a neat handed Servitor, lest it should be broken as it is serving up. 1821 Scott *Kenilw.* xix, The least servitor of the favourite Earl. 1837 Dickens *Pickw.* xxx, That favoured servitor entered his bed-chamber. 1877 'Rita' *Vivienne* III. vii, The old servitor left him alone with the dead.

b. *gen.* A servant. Also *transf.* and *fig.*

1450–80 tr. *Secreta Secret.* Prol. 3, I that am servitoure of the kyng, haue put in execucioun his comaundement, and travaylid forto gete the book of good thewes to him. *a* 1500–34 *Coventry Corpus Chr. Plays* ii. 128 And so this stare wasse a serveture And vnto iij kyngis a playn cundeture Vnto the mancion of a virgin pure. 1543 Traheron tr. *Vigo's Chirurg.* 35/2 Nature sendeth blonde or cholere, and spirytes as seruitoures to succour the hurted place. 1563–87 Foxe *A. & M.* (1596) 7/2 The office of a Bishop or servitour ecclesiasticall, was in the old law to offer sacrifice. 1570 *Homilies* II. *Agst. Rebell.* iv. (1574) 586 Achitophel..for lacke of an hangman, a conuenient seruitour for suche a traytour, went and hanged vp hym selfe. 1580 *Second & Third Blast Plays & Theatres* 109 Neede and flatterie are two brothers, and the eldest seruitors in the Court. 1594 Hooker *Eccl. Pol.* I. iii. § 4 This workman [God], whose seruitor nature is, being in truth but only one. 1594 Shaks. *Lucr.* 285. 1616 Hieron *Three Serm.* 10 b, Surely the spirite of Christ Iesus is not in mee;..I am yet a limme of the kingdome of darknesse, a seruitour of the prince of darknes. 1621 G. Sandys *Ovid's Met.* viii. (1626) 156 A Bore: Dian's reuenge, and horrid Seruatore [orig. *famulus*]. 1641 Milton *Ch. Govt.* I. iv. 13 To the performance of w[ch] [office] the Levits were but as servitors & Deacons. 1654 H. L'Estrange *Chas. I* (1655) 5 And though he was an universall Scholar, yet did he make other sciences..but drudges and serviteurs to Divinity. 1866 J. Martineau *Ess.* I. 126 Thè grandest..are thus but servitors of a grander than themselves. 1874 Spurgeon *Treas. Dav.* Ps. xcvi. 9 Holiness is the royal apparel of his servitors.

† c. An attendant or caretaker in a church. *Obs.*

1593 *Rites of Durham* (Surtees 1903) 38 Alwaies provyded w[th] fresh water..by two of y[e] bell Ringers or servitors of y[e] church.

† d. *Sc.* A person in a subordinate office or employment; an assistant in a school; an apprentice, *spec.* a lawyer's apprentice or clerk. *Obs.*

1486 *Aberd. Reg.* in *Spalding Club Miscell.* V. 30 Thome Gray, tailzour..and in likniss, gif ony seruitor of his he fundin connikit in sic faltis [etc.]. 1598 *Reg. Mag. Sig. Scot.* 1588, 547/2 Patrik Glesfurde and Geo. M[c]Cartnay schervitouris to the said Wil., Thomas Home schervitour to Mr. Jhone Prestoun advocat. 1601–2 *Aberd. Acc.* in *Spalding Club Miscell.* V. 129 Item, to Mr. George Mackie, servitor of the grammer school, for his panis in attending on the school, fra the deceis of the maister thairof till the new maisteris wer admittit..10 lib. 1814 Scott *Wav.* lxvi, The Bailie was in search of his apprentice (a servitor, as he was called Sixty Years since), Jock Scriever.

attrib. 1583 *Exch. Rolls Scot.* XXI. 559 James Bonar, servitour clerk of the schirefdome of Forfair.

e. An official or semi-official title of certain officers, e. g. of the Royal Household, or municipal bodies. † *Servitor of bills*, a tipstaff of the court of King's Bench.

1543 tr. *Act 2 Hen. IV*, c. 23 No seruytour of bylles that bereth a staffe of the same courte shall [etc.]. 1597 in Feuillerat *Revels Q. Eliz.* (1908) 417 A petition of the Creditors & Servitors of the Revels. 1658 Fanshaw *Pract. Exch. Crt.* 48 All Officers, Ministers and Servitors of the Exchequer. 1671 Jordan *London's Resurr.* 2 The two City-Marshals, riding each of them on Horse-back, with six Servitors to attend them, with Scarfs and Colours of the Companies. 1683 Moxon *Mech. Exerc., Printing* 363 Four Whifflers (as Servitures) by two and two walking before with White Staves in their Hands.

f. A military attendant, a squire or page. *rare.*

a 1513 Fabyan *Chron.* VII. (1533) 124 b/2 They agreed to purney at theyr propre costes .v. C. men of armys, wyth a seruyture to eueryche spere. 1839 Mrs. Browning *Romaunt of Page* xxiv, She..followed him she wed before, Disguised as his true servitor, To the very battle-place.

g. A lover; = Servant *sb.* 4 b. *rare.*

1500–20 Dunbar *Poems* lxxxiv. 16 The lustiast ladie that nature can devyne, Thocht scho have mony semelie scheruitour, 3it [etc.]. *a* 1529 Skelton *Calliope* 20 Yet is she fayne Voyde of disdayn, Me to retayne Her seruiture. *c* 1560 A. Scott *Poems* (S.T.S.) x. 39 Is no[t] in erd I cure, Bot pleiss my lady pure, Syne be hir scheruiture Vnto I de. *a* 1850 Rossetti *Dante & Circle* I. (1874) 145 Till, turning, I beheld the servitor Of Lady Lagia.

† 2. Used in expressions of humility or politeness. = Servant *sb.* 4 d. *Obs.*

c 1386 Chaucer *Sompn. T.* 477 'Now, maister', quod this lord, 'I yow biseke'. 'No maister, sir', quod he, 'but servitour, Though I have had in scole such honour'. 1470–85 Malory *Arthur* x. xxvii. 457, I am a poure knyght and a seruytour vnto yow and to alle good knyghtes. 1562a O. Rowe in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. III. III. 339 Your Honors pore sarvytor. 1580 J. Hay *Demandes* Ded. in *Cath. Tractates* (S.T.S.) 34 Yours most humble and obedient Seruiteure, Iohne Hay. 1593 Shaks. 3 *Hen. VI*, III. iii. 196 *War[wick]*...My Noble Queene, let former grudges passe, And henceforth, I am thy true Seruitour. *c* 1645 Howell *Lett.* (1655) I. II. vi. 76 Your truly devoted Servitor, J. H.

‖ b. In Fr. form *serviteur*. *Obs.*

1664 Etherege *Com. Revenge* I. ii, Your most humble *Serviteur*, my Lord. 1697 Vanbrugh *and Pt. Æsop* (end), There's a Tale for your Tale, Old Dad; and so—*Serviteur*. [Exit.] 1702a — *False Friend* I. 9, I like your Daughter very well; but for Marrying her—*Serviteur*.

3. One who serves in war; a soldier; *spec.* one of a class of persons to whom lands were assigned in Ulster in the reign of James I, as having served in a military or civil office in Ireland. *Obs.* exc. *Hist.* in the specific use.

1561 Awdelay *Frat. Vacab.* (1869) 3 A Ruffeler goeth wyth a weapon to seeke seruice, saying he hath bene a Seruitor in the wars, and beggeth for his reliefe. 1587 T. Sanders *Voy. Tripoli* B ij b, A Spaniard called Sebastian, which had beene an old seruitor in Flanders. 1591 Shaks. 1 *Hen. VI*, II. i. 5 *Sen[tinel]*. Thus are poore Seruitors..Constrain'd to watch in darknesse, raine, and cold. 1598 Barret *Theor. Warres* IV. ii. 107 Among our English seruitours in the Low Countreis. 1610 Holland *Camden's Brit.* I. 422 The..most venterous Mariners and servitours at sea. 1612a Davies *Why Ireland*, etc. 127 Our Norman Conqueror..gaue away to his seruitors, the Lands and possessions of such, as did oppose his first inuasion. 1618 *Carew Papers* in *Roy. Engin. Jrnl.* Aug. (1909) 126 To survey and make a return of the proceedings and performances of conditions of the undertakers, servitors and natives planted [in Armagh, etc.]. 1634 *Ir. Act* 10 *Chas. I* Sess. II. c. 3 (*title*) The estates of the undertakers, servitors, natives, and others holding lands..in..the plantations. 1640 Yorke *Union Hon.* 20 A valiant servitour in sundry wars beyond sea. 1827 Hallam *Const. Hist.* (1876) III. xviii. 380 Sir Arthur Chichester..advised that the lands should be assigned,..partly to servitors of the crown, as they were called.

4. *Oxford University.* In certain colleges, one of a class of undergraduate members (no longer existing under that title: see quot. 1852) who received their lodging and most of their board free, and were excused lecture fees.

Originally the servitors acted as servants to the fellows, and although the requirement of menial services from them gradually fell into disuse, they continued to be regarded as socially the inferiors of the commoners. The last mention in the Oxford University Calendar of servitors as an existing class (at Christ Church) is in 1867; in the following year the same persons are called 'exhibitioners'. In most of the colleges the funds originally used for servitorships are now used for 'exhibitions', but at Balliol for scholarships. The scholars of Balliol appear in 1507 as 'scholastici sive servitores'.

1642 *Let. Stud. at Oxford, & Answ.* 2 My Servitor hath brought mee in the tidings. 1656 Blount *Glossogr.* s. v. *Serviteur*, Wee use the word *Servitor* in our Universities, where the poor or meaner sort of Schollars..execute the office of a Servitor or attendant to those of greater wealth and quality. 1691 Wood *Ath. Oxon.* I. 305 Whether he was at his first coming a Servitour, or Scholar, I know not. 1731 *Gentl. Mag.* I. 118 The Bishop, in this case, must take some raw young Man, perhaps a Servitor in a College. 1745 Mrs. Delany *Life & Corr.* (1861) II. 377 The Dean said if his parents would consent to his entering the college of Dublin as a sizer (which in Oxford and Cambridge are called servitors) he would take care he was treated with a particular regard. 1754 Johnson *Let.* 28 Nov. in *Boswell*, Let a servitour transcribe the quotations. 1787 Sir J. Hawkins *Johnson* 12 It was the practice in his time, for a servitor, by order of the master, to go round to the rooms of the young men, and knocking at the door, to enquire if they were within, and if no answer was returned, to report them absent. 1848 Thackeray *Bk. of Snobs* xiii, The unlucky boys who have no tassels to their caps, are called sizars—*servitors* at Oxford. 1852 *Rep. Oxf. Univ. Comm.* 135 Servitors are found, under that name, only at Christchurch, where they used within the last twenty years to bring the first dish into the Hall; but now they differ from other Students of that Society in little, except in academic dues. In some other

colleges the class of Servitors are represented by Clerks or Bible-Clerks, of whom there are about forty in the University. 1858 [J. C. THOMSON] *Almæ Matres* 86 Christchurch ..is the only College which preserves the odious distinction of servitors, or as they call them, 'scrivs.'

b. *Eton.* (See quot.)

1865 W. L. C. *Etoniana* viii. 138 At the college dinner three lower boys (called *servitors*) wait to hand the plates and pour out beer; their dinner is half an hour later, with the 'upper servitor'—one of the higher boys, who superintends the hall economy.

5. *Glassmaking.* †a. An assistant to a master workman (*obs.*). b. Now *spec.* as the designation of the second of the men composing a 'chair': see quots. Also SERVITARY.

1662 MERRETT tr. *Neri's Art of Glass* 242 [Of the Furnaces.] *Boccarellas*, one on each side of the *Bocca*,..out of these the Servitors take coloured or finer Metall from the piling pot. *Ibid.* 244, 246, 247. 1849 PELLATT *Curiot. Glass-making* 89 [A 'chair' consists of] first, a gaffer, or workman; the second, a servitor; and the third, a foot-maker; the latter usually earns about half the wages paid to the chief, and the servitor receives an intermediate amount. 1887 *Rep. Patent Cases* IV. 273 Shaw was his servitor—the servitor being the man who made the feet of the wine glasses. 1897 *Worc. County Express* 3 Apr., There were ten chairs at the works each occupied by a glassmaker, servitor, and footmaker.

Servitorial (sɔ̄ɹivitōᵊ·riăl), *a. rare.* [f. prec. + -IAL.] Of or pertaining to a servitor (in any sense).

1843 *Blackw. Mag.* LIII. 386 Your cherry-cheeked friend and another..do the servitorial offices of the table. 1866 TVERMAN *Life S. Wesley* 81 His servitorial services [at Oxford] might obtain him bread. 1871 MEREDITH *H. Richmond* (1886) 4 The squire was diverted from his objurgations against this piece of servitorial defiance.

Servitorship (sɔ̄·ɹvitəɹʃip). [f. SERVITOR + -SHIP.] a. The position, state, or duties of a servitor at an Oxford college. *Obs.* exc. *Hist.*

1785 BOSWELL *Tour Hebrides* 130 *note*, Dr. Johnson..by his interest with the Rev. Dr. Adams, master of Pembroke College, Oxford,..obtained a servitorship for young M'Aulay. 1820 SOUTHEY *Wesley* I. 52 Servitorships are more in the spirit of a Roman Catholic than of an English establishment. 1868 M. PATTISON *Academ. Org.* 73 It is not so much we that have abolished servitorships, as time and manners that have made the position untenable. 1897 FAIRBAIRN *Catholicism* (1899) 445 The evil system and associations of the old servitorship left for life their ignoble stamp on the soul of Whitefield.

b. The condition of being a servitor or servant.

1824 *Blackw. Mag.* XV. 254 Postmen, beadles, scavengers, chimney-sweeps—the whole *pecus* of parochial servitorship was at my gate.

Servitress (sɔ̄·ɹvitrès). [See SERVITOR and -TRESS.] A female servant or attendant.

1860 J. P. KENNEDY *Rob of the Bowl* xii. 125 [She] now attended him as his servitress and only domestic. 1873 M. COLLINS *Miranda* II. 100 Tom Jones had fitted up a buffet..and put some servitresses behind it. 1877 KINGLAKE *Crimea* VI. xl. 439 An obedient servitress attending hospital sick-beds.

†Servitrice. *Sc. Obs.* Also 7 servetrice. [ad. med.L. *servītrīce-m*, acc. of *servītrix.*] = next.

1477 *Exch. Rolls Scot.* IX. 101 *note*, Oure lovete familiare servitrice Margret Sandelandis. 1561 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* I. 170, I, your servitrice and pure wedo. 1633 *Sc. Acts Chas. I* (1870) V. 124/1 Maistres Margaret Wincester servetrice to his Majesties said vmq[uhi]l darrest mother.

†Servitrix. *Sc. Obs.* [a. med.L. *servītrix* (Diefenbach), fem. of L. *servītor*: see SERVITOR.] A female servant.

1566 in *Maitl. Club Misc.* (1840) I. 43 Marie Betoune familiar servitrix to our said souerane lady. 1615 in Ritchie *Churches of St. Baldred* (1880) 136 Janet Shortus, servitrix to Mr. Alexander Knowis. *c* 1775 in McDowall *Hist. Dumfries* xlvii. (1867) 680 [Janet Watson] a servitrix [at the very farm].

Servitude (sɔ̄·ɹvitiūd). Also 5–6 servytude, 6 *Sc.* schervitude. [a. F. *servitude*, ad. late L. *servitūdo*, f. *serv-us* slave, SERF: see -TUDE.]

1. The condition of being a slave or a serf, or of being the property of another person; absence of personal freedom. Often, and now usually, with additional notion of subjection to the necessity of excessive labour. Also, a (more or less rigorous) state of slavery or serfdom.

1471 CAXTON *Recuyell* (Sommer) II. 611 Or that we shall be ledde in seruytude & bondage in to strange contreyes. *a* 1533 LD. BERNERS *Huon* xliii. 144, I had rather to be in seruitude there than to pay .iiii. drams to this Gyaunt. 1584 B. R. tr. *Herodotus* II. 107 Whiles shee abode in Ægypt, shee was redeemed and acquit of her seruitude by one Charaxus, who purchased her libertie by a great summe of money. 1687 A. LOVELL tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* I. 25 All the rest are shaved as a mark of their servitude. 1776 GIBBON *Decl. & F.* xiii. I. 270 The greatest part of the nation was gradually reduced into a state of servitude. 1832 HT. MARTINEAU *Homes Abroad* iv. 59 There was a probability of the woman marrying as soon as she could obtain remission of her servitude. 1845 SARAH AUSTIN *Ranke's Hist. Ref.* IV. iv. II. 457 It enabled them to reduce the peasantry to a still harder state of servitude. 1910 *Encycl. Brit.* XII. 40/1 In Hungary..the abolition of servitude in 1781–1782 carried with it the freedom of the Gipsies.

personified. 1769 GRAY *Install. Ode* 6 Servitude that hugs her chain.

b. With reference to animals: Subjection to mankind. Now *rare* or *Obs.*

1697 DRYDEN *Virg. Georg.* III. 268 For his soft Neck, a supple Collar make Of bending Osiers; and (with Time and Care Enur'd that easy Servitude to bear) Thy flatt'ring Method on the Youth pursue. 1774 GOLDSM. *Nat. Hist.* (1776) II. 376 The wild ass is even more asinine..than that bred in a state of domestic servitude.

c. The condition of being politically enslaved; subjection to a foreign power or to oppressive rule. † With *of* (or possessive): The state of being under the yoke *of* (a tyrant, a conqueror).

1471 CAXTON *Recuyell* (Sommer) I. 276 For hit is the destyne that Troye shall neuer be quyte of this right harde seruytude and thraldom vnto the tyme that [etc.]. 1477 EARL RIVERS *Dictes* (Caxton) 10 b, Al be it that they be in his seruitude yet ought he to his power to kepe them in fraunchyse and liberte. 1584 *Leycesters Commw.* (1641) 5 The feare of servitude under forraine nations, may restraine them from such attempts. 1585 T. WASHINGTON tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* IV. xxxvi. 160 b, These wretched Græcians are left vnder the miserable seruitude of these misereated Mahometists. 1598 BACON *Ess., Of Hon. & Reput.* (Arb.) 72 Such as..deliuer their Countries from seruitude of strangers or tyrants. 1660 R. COKE *Power & Subj.* 53 Nebuchadnezzar..carried the Jews themselves into most miserable servitude. 1716 ADDISON *Freeholder* No. 43 P 2 A disturbed Liberty is better than a quiet servitude. *a* 1727 NEWTON *Chronol. Amended* ii. (1728) 217 Sesostris..reduced Judæa into servitude. 1904 H. PAUL *Hist. Mod. Eng.* II. 244 One wanted the liberation of Italy and the other her servitude.

d. *transf.* and *fig.* A condition resembling slavery; a state of degrading or burdensome subjection.

1474 CAXTON *Chesse* III. i. (1883) 80 For the debilite and feblenes of corage that is broken in conscience by pryde Enuye or hy couetyse is ryght seruytude. 1532 MORE *Confut. Tindale* Wks. 429/1 He lamenteth the miserable seruitude of the symple soules the poore sely women, because men will not suffer them to say masse. *Ibid.* 556/1 The deadly synne in the time of his fall, and of the seruitude and thraldom that he lyeth in. *c* 1560 A. SCOTT *Poems* (S.T.S.) vii. 18 Thot this belappit body heir Be bound to scheruitude and thrall, My fathfull hairt is fre inteir And mynd to serf my lady at all. *a* 1586 SIDNEY *Arcadia* III. (Sommer) 265 b, So did she..with the tribute of gifts, seeke to bring her mind into seruitude. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* VI. 178 This is servitude, To serve th'unwise, or him who hath rebelld Against his worthier. 1685 BAXTER *Paraphr. N. T.* 2 Tim. i. 9 Who hath saved us from our servitude to sin and Satan, and called us out of the World to be a Holy people. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 29 May 1677, This business being now at an end and myself deliver'd from that intolerable servitude and correspondence, I [etc.]. 1837 WHEWELL *Hist. Induct. Sci.* I. IV. ii. § 4. 276 The Arabians..tamely adopted the intellectual servitude of the nation which they conquered by their arms. *a* 1862 BUCKLE *Civiliz.* III. iv. (1869) 192 The religious servitude into which the Scotch fell ..was a willing servitude.

†e. *concr.* Slaves or servants collectively. *Obs.*

1667 MILTON *P. L.* XII. 132 After him [Abraham] a cumbrous Train Of Herds, and Flocks, and numerous servitude.

2. The condition of being a servant, service; esp. domestic service. Now *rare* or *Obs.* (exc. as a contextual application of 1 d).

1651 tr. *Life Sarpi* (1676) 10 He had likewise a very near familiarity with the Father Inquisitor,..with whom he continued servitude till his death. 1782 ELIZ. BLOWER *Geo. Bateman* II. 89 The longer Cecilia lived upon a footing..with people of fortune, the more irksome Servitude would appear to her. 1792 G. WAKEFIELD *Mem.* (1804) I. 532 You would have been led into a more healthy situation, and might have procured, after a short servitude, some comfortable preferment. 1807 SOUTHEY *Spec. Eng. Poets* II. 234 At the age of 24, married, in servitude, with little leisure, and no money or books, he set about his plan of improvement. 1817 *Salish. & Winch. Jrnl.* 29 Sept., A servant girl..was found drowned...She had been missing from her place of servitude since the preceding Thursday. 1822 GALT *Provost* xxxviii, He sentenced her to be dismissed from her servitude with no more than the wage she had actually earned.

3. Apprenticeship. ? *Obs.*

1791 in Langford *Cent. B'ham Life* (1868) I. 368 At the Expiration of the Servitude of these..Apprentices. 1799 *Hull Advert.* 12 Oct. 2/4 John Brown.. lately enticed..apprentices..from their servitude. 1805 W. TAYLOR in *Ann. Rev.* III. 323 The duration of apprenticeship in this country is excessive. Five years ought to confer all the privileges of servitude. 1835 *App. Munic. Corpor. Rep.* III. 1667 Admission to the company [*sc.* Trinity House, Newcastle-on-Tyne] is acquired, 1st, by Birth; 2d, by Servitude; 3d, by Gift.

4. A person's (period of) service (in the Navy).

1818 *Tuckey's Narr. Exped. R. Zaire* Introd. p. xlix, Though wanting eighteen months for the completion of his servitude to qualify him for a lieutenant's commission. 1836 MARRYAT *Three Cutters* ii, During my servitude as first lieutenant.

5. Compulsory labour as a punishment for criminals. Chiefly *penal servitude*: see PENAL *a.*[1] 1 c.

Free by servitude (Austral.): see quot. 1889.

1828 P. CUNNINGHAM *N. S. Wales* (ed. 3) II. 129 Those who have become free by servitude. 1889 *19th Cent.* Nov. 765 When you were a little familiar with colonial phraseology you at once understood that..Giles..was what was called a 'free by servitude man', i.e., a convict whose sentence of transportation had expired.

†6. Feudal or ecclesiastical subjection; vassalage, subordination. *Obs.*

c 1500 *Melusine* lix. 359 Thou holdest me for thy subget & woldest hold me in seruitude and thou hast therof nothing to shew. 1631 WEEVER *Anc. Funeral Mon.* 559 S. Albans exempted from the inrisdiction of Lincoln... Robert was the next Abbot..and deliuered his Monastery from the seruitude of the Bishop of Lincolne.

†b. Feudal homage or service. *Obs.*

1498 *Coventry Leet Bk.* 594 Of all maner Toll, pontage, pykage,..kayage and all oþer Imposicions, charges & seruitudes. *c* 1500 *Melusine* xxxvi. 249 For yf he escape grete shame shal be to vs in an euyl heure is he come in to oure land for to demande seruytude of vs. 1809 PINKNEY *Trav. France* 26 But there are some instances of personal service, and which are held to be legal..provided they relate to husbandry, and not to any servitude or attendance upon the person of the landlord.

7. In *Civil Law* (= L. *servitus*), and hence in *Scots Law*: a subjection or subserviency of property either: (1) to some definite person other than its owner ('personal servitude'), or (2) to some definite property other than that of its owner for the benefit of the dominant property ('prædial servitude'). In *Scots Law* the term is now in practice restricted to prædial servitude, which includes both the 'easement' and the 'profit à prendre' of English Law; it has been sometimes used by English lawyers to include both these kinds of rights.

A personal servitude (of which usufruct is an example) could be constituted either over movables or immovables; a prædial servitude (e. g. a right of way) could only be constituted over an immovable in favour of another immovable.

1592 *Sc. Acts Jas. VI* (1814) III. 609/2 And siclyk exceptand and reservand the servitude altius edes non tollendj prospectui et luminibus non officiendj constitute and imposit vpon ane tenement of land now pertening to mr Johnne nicolsoun aduocat. *Ibid.*, And all vther servitude quhatsumeuer. 1652 NEEDHAM tr. *Selden's Mare Cl.* 133 Hereupon Servitudes have been imposed, against the rearing of Houses higher then ordinary. 1681 STAIR *Inst. Law Scot.* II. vii. (1693) 282 Servitudes are distinguished in Real and Personal, though neither of them be personal Rights; yet these Servitudes whereby one Tenement is subservient to another Tenement, and to persons only as having Right to, and for the use of that Tenement, are called Real Servitudes, as not being subservient directly to Persons, but to Things: And the other are called Personal; because thereby the Tenement is subservient directly to Persons, and not with respect to any other thing, as Liferents, &c. *Ibid.* 287 Watering is a Servitude of taking Water, proper to one ground for the use of another. 1754 ERSKINE *Princ. Law Sc.* (1809) 221 The owner of the servient tenement is not obliged, in a servitude of support, to repair it, unless the servitude be expressly so constituted. 1765–8 — *Inst. Law Scot.* II. ix. § 12 The chief rural servitudes of the Roman law are, *iter, actus, via, aquæductus, aquæhaustus*, and *jus pascendi pecoris*. 1799 J. ROBERTSON *Agric. Perth* 558 One great obstacle to improvements in agriculture is the Servitude of Thirlage. 1816 G. J. BELL *Comm. Laws Scot.* (1826) I. 757 Servitudes, when of a positive nature, require possession to complete them; but negative servitudes are effectual without possession or registration. 1842 J. AITON *Dom. Econ.* (1857) 321 Ministers have frequently servitudes of peat, of feal, and divot, and of pasturage on particular estates or farms. 1872 W. GUTHRIE *G. J. Bell's Princ. Law Scot.* (ed. 6) § 981 Servitudes have been classed as Prædial and Personal... But, practically, the only servitudes in Scotland are Prædial. 1888 W. D. EDWARDS *Law Property in Land* II. vi. 271 Easements resemble rights of common appendant and appurtenant, in that they are annexed to the ownership of land for its benefit. They are, therefore, sometimes classed with such rights of common, under the name of 'servitudes'. 1900 *Act* 63 & 64 *Vict.* c. 93 *title*, To acquire lands and servitudes for the purposes of such water supply.

fig. 1720 E. ERSKINE *Serm.* Wks. (1791) 59/2 This earthly house, it lies under many servitudes, and the believer..pays a dear mail or rent for his quarters.

b. *attrib.*

1838 W. BELL *Dict. Law Scot.* s.v. *Road*, A public-road may be used by all the Queen's subjects, whereas a servitude-road can be legally used only by the dominant proprietor and his family. 1884 WATSON in *Law Times Rep.* LI. 802/1 Servitude rights burdening the corporeal lands taken by the company.

†Servitudinous, *a. Obs. rare*–[1]. [f. L. *servitūdin-, servitūdo* (see prec.) + -OUS.] Of the nature of, or characterized by servitude.

1647 *Maids Petit.* 1 Wee the Mayd-servants in generall of the City of London, and in behalfe of the universall sisterhood of the same servitudinous ranke and quality.

†Serviture. *Obs. rare.* Also 6 *Sc.* scherviture. [ad. med.L. *servitūra*, f. L. *servīre* to SERVE: see -TURE.]

1. Service, servitude.

1500–20 DUNBAR *Poems* xlv. 8 Scho haldis with continwance No scheruiture.

2. The whole body of servants in a family.

a 1667 MILTON in *Prose Wks.* (1738) I. p. xliv, The Chorus of Shepherds præpare resistance in thire Maister's Defence, calling the rest of the serviture.

Serviture, obs. form of SERVITOR.

†Servitute. *Obs.* Also 4, 6 servitut, 5–6 servytute. [a. OF. *servitute, -uit*, or ad. L. *servitūt-em* (*servitūs*), f. *serv-us* slave.] Servitude, slavery. *lit.* and *fig.*

c 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* ii. (*Paulus*) 866 Seruitut or thrildome. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Clerk's T.* 742 In gret lordshipe, if I wel avyse, Ther is gret servitute in sondry wyse. 1390 GOWER *Conf.* II. 182 Bot Pharao with wrong hem ladde In servitute ayein the pes. 1432–50 tr. *Higden* (Rolls) VII. 51 Ynglonde was redacte iiij. tymes into servitute. 1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W.) 83 Whan virginite is vnder the seruytute or bondage of elacyon or pryde. 1533 GAU *Richt Way* (1888) 95 Giff vsz grace to dant our bodis and to subiect thayme in seruitut. 1546 BALE *1st Exam. Askew* 40, A verye servitute of Ægipte is it, to be in daunger of these papystyck Byshoppes.

Servo- (sɔ̄·ɹvo), combining form of SERVIAN, as *Servo-Croat, -Croatian.*

1887 MORFILL in *Encycl. Brit.* XXII. 145/1 Servo-Croats, including those of Servia, Montenegro, the southern part of Hungary. *Ibid.* 148/2 Servo-Croatian, Slovenish, Slovakish, and Bohemian possess the vocal *r*. 1896 KEANE *Ethnol.* 412 Slavic Branch..Servo-Croatian.

†Servoice. *Obs. rare*—¹. [a. F. *cervoise* :—L. *cerevisia*.] Ale.

a 1483 *Liber Niger* in *Househ. Ord.* (1790) 32 One gallon servoice. *Ibid.* 35 A quart wyne, one gallon servoice.

Servo-motor. [ad. F. *servo-moteur* (1873 in Littré *Suppl.*), f. L. *servus* slave + F. *moteur* MOTOR.

In the official notice of the prize awarded in 1875 to the inventor, M. Farcot, the apparatus is called 'servo-moteur ou moteur asservi'.]

An auxiliary motor, e.g. one used for directing the rudders of a Whitehead torpedo, or the reversing gear of a large marine engine.

1889 SLEEMAN *Torpedoes* (ed. 2) 184 The servo-motor is the air-engine from which is derived the power to move the horizontal or diving rudders. 1902 BODMER *Hydraulic Motors* (ed. 3) 504 [In turbines] a so-called indirect-acting governor is almost invariably necessary, that is, a governor acting on the regulator through a relay, or as it is sometimes called, a 'servo-motor'.

†Se·rvulate, *v. Obs. rare*—¹. [f. L. *servus* slave; ? after *adulate*.] *intr.* To be servile.

a 1625 FLETCHER *Elder Bro.* I. ii, *Br.* I embrace their loves. *Egr.* Which wee'll repay with servulating.

Serwand, obs. form of SERVANT *sb.*

Serwe, obs. Sc. form of SERVE *v.*¹, SORROW.

Seryauntre, variant of SERGEANTRY.

Seryf(f, obs. forms of SERVE *v.*¹

Serymonie, -y(e, obs. forms of CEREMONY.

Seryne, obs. Sc. form of SIREN *sb.*

Ses: see CEASE, SAY *v.*¹, SEE, SESS.

Sesame (se·sămi, *formerly* se·săm, sĭ·săm). Forms: 5 sysane, 6–7 sesama, 7 sesami, sesamo, sesamy, 7– sesame, (9 -é), 6– sesam. [In early use, a. or ad. L. *sēsamum* (see SESAMUM), also *sīsamum*, and *sēsama*, *-ima* = Gr. *σήσαμον*, *σησάμη*, prob. of oriental origin, but the relation to the Semitic forms (Syriac *shūshmā*, Jewish Aramaic שומשמא *shumshᵉmā*, Arab. *simsim*) is not clear. Some of the earlier forms represent It. *sesamo*, or mod.Gr. *σησάμι* (= earlier *σησάμον*, dim.). The mod. currency and form of the word are due to translations of the Arabian Nights from Fr. (*sésame*), and the trisyllabic pronunciation to association with Gr. *σησάμη*.] A widely cultivated East Indian plant, *Sesamum indicum* (N.O. *Pedaliaceæ*). Also, the seeds of this plant, from which an oil is expressed.

c 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* x. 67 Sysane in faat soil & graueł is sowe. 1551 TURNER *Herbal* I. P vj b, Ebonymus.. hath coddes lyke vnto sesam. 1562 *Ibid.* II. 134 No beast will eat sesama when it is grene. 1600 J. PORY tr. *Leo's Africa* VIII. 324 This little citie built vpon the riuer of Nilus,.. aboundeth greatly with the graine or seed called Sesama. 1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* XXII. XXV. II. 140 Sesama stamped or beaten into pouder, and so taken in wine, restraineth immoderat vomits. 1682 WHELER *Journ. Greece* I. 67 Sesami (of which they make Oyl). 1736 AINSWORTH *Lat.-Eng. Dict.*, *Sesama*, a white grain or corn growing in India,.. sesame. 1744 in 6*th Rep. Dep. Kpr.* App. II. 121 A vegetable (called Sesamo) extraordinary productive of oyl of a sweet taste. 1785 MARTYN *Rousseau's Bot.* XIII. (1794) 148 Wheat, Barley, Vetches, Sesame, &c., are said by Berosus to be wild in Babylonia. 1877 C. GEIKIE *Christ* XIVI. (1879) 547 Wheat fields alternated with fields of barley, sesame and rice. 1897 [see GINGILI].

b. The word used as a charm to open and shut the door of the robbers' den in the tale of 'Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves'; hence, a magic password, something which acts like magic in obtaining admission; = OPEN SESAME.

1785 *Arab. Nts. Entert.* 562 Their captain..pronounced these words distinctly: 'Sesame' (which is a sort of corn), 'open.' *Ibid.*, Then Ali Baba heard him bid the door shut, by pronouncing these words—'Shut, Sesame'. *Ibid.*, Ali Baba..perceiving the door,..said—'Open, Sesame'. 1831 LYTTON *Godolphin* XXII, No Tory, however wise,..could ..have obtained the *sesame* to those apartments. 1862 CALVERLEY *Verses & Transl.* (1894) 96 Thy name shall be a Sesame, at which the doors of the great shall fly open. 1894 K. GRAHAME *Pagan P.* 89 'Open, open, green hill!'—you needed no more recondite sesame than that.

c. *attrib.*, as *sesame grain*, *oil*, *-seed*; **sesame cake**; **sesame grass** = GAMA GRASS.

1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* XV. VII. I. 434 The Sesame-seed doth yeeld an oile. 1745 tr. *Columella's Husb.* XI. II, In the provinces beyond the sea some sow their sesam-seeds either in this or the following month. 1758 J. S. *Le Dran's Observ. Surg.* (1771) Dict. Cc 8 b, *Sesamoidea Ossa*, several small Bones..resembling Sesamy-Seed. 1846–50 A. WOOD *Class-bk. Bot.* 623 *Tripsacum dactyloïdes*. Sesame Grass. 1867 BAKER *Nile Trib.* II. (1872) 35 The sésamé grain. 1870 YEATS *Nat. Hist. Comm.* II. (1872) 207 Sesame oil..is frequently used for the adulteration of balsams and volatile oils. 1876 *Crace-Calvert's Dyeing* 111 The fabric is steeped in an emulsion of sesam oil. 1883 *Jrnl. Chem. Soc.* XLIV. 360 Albuminoïds in Peach Kernels and Sesame Cake.

†Sesamine, *a.* and *sb. Obs.* [ad. L. *sēsamin-us*, a. Gr. *σησάμινος*, f. *σήσαμον* SESAMUM.] **A.** *adj.*

1. Pertaining to, or obtained from sesame.

1608 TOPSELL *Serpents* 214 A Sesamyne seede. 1613 PURCHAS *Pilgrimage* (1614) 454 They were annointed with Sesamine oyle.

2. = SESAMOID.

1578 BANISTER *Hist. Man* I. 31 The Sesamine Ossicles.

B. *sb.* = SESAME.

1607 TOPSELL *Four-f. Beasts* 133 A vomit made of Butter, Annise, and oyle of Sesamine. 1608 — *Serpents* 212 Drinke also two drammes of the roote of Centaury, or Hart-wort, Nosewort, or Gentian, or Sesamine.

Sesamoid (se·săməid), *a.* and *sb.* [ad. L. *sēsamoīdēs*, a. Gr. *σησαμοειδής*, f. *σήσαμον* SESAMUM: see -OID.]

A. *adj.* Shaped like a sesame-seed; applied in *Anat.* to certain small bones and cartilages formed in tendinous structures.

1696 PHILLIPS (ed. 5), *Sesamoide*, Sixteen, Nineteen, Twenty, and sometimes more little Bones.. which are found in the Joynts of the Hands and Feet. 1718 *Phil. Trans.* XXX. 891 Sesamoide Bones in the Fingers and Toes. 1808 BARCLAY *Muscular Motions* 404 A sesamoid bone belonging to the tendon of the *ulnaris internus*. 1846 BRITTAN tr. *Malgaigne's Man. Oper. Surg.* 247 Dissect the skin from the sole of the foot, leaving the sesamoid bones on the phalangeal articulation. 1854 *Orr's Circ. Sci., Org. Nat.* I. 234 A sesamoid ossicle.

B. *sb.* A sesamoid bone or cartilage.

1854 *Orr's Circ. Sci., Org. Nat.* I. 256 The wrist has nine bones,.. besides supplementary sesamoids. 1886 W. N. PARKER *Wiedersheim's Anat. Vertebr.* 113 Wherever a marked friction occurs, ossifications (sesamoids) may become developed in the course of a muscle or tendon.

So **Sesamoi·dal** *a.* (in recent Dicts.); **Sesamoi·deal** *a.* [mod.L. *sēsamoīdeus*] = SESAMOID *a.*

1869 FITZWYGRAM *Horses & Stables* § 678. 439 The superior Sesamoideal Ligament

‖ **Sesamum** (se·săməm). [L., ad. Gr. *σήσαμον*.] = SESAME.

1577 B. GOOGE *Heresbach's Husb.* I. (1586) 32 b, What say you to Sesamum, that was greatly in vse in the olde tyme. 1600 SURFLET *Country Farm* II. xl. 251 You must steepe your seedes in the oile of Sesamum, otherwise called Turkie millet. 1796 MORSE *Amer. Geog.* II. 551 Rice, sugar-canes, corn, sesamum. 1822 *Hortus Anglicus* II. 133 Common Sesamum, or Oily Grain. 1884 A. LANG *Custom & Myth* 93 The girl performs no magic feat, but merely throws sesamum on the ground to delay the cannibals.

b. *attrib.*, as *sesamum-cake*, *-oil*, *-plant*, *-seed*.

1597 GERARDE *Herbal* II. cccxcix. 1054 Columella saith, that Sesamum seedes must be sowen after Autumne Æquinoctiall. 1696 PHILLIPS (ed. 5) s.v. *Sesamoide*, Sesamum Seeds. 1850 F. MASON *Nat. Product. Burmah* 176 The sesamum plant is largely cultivated by the Karens. 1863 R. F. BURTON *Abeokuta* I. 132 Sesamum oil. 1891 *Daily News* 16 May 5/4 Sesamum cake..is..mixed with both Persian and Indian opium.

†Sesamus. *Obs.* [mod.L., ad. Gr. *σήσαμος* = *σήσαμον* SESAMUM.] Sesame, sesame oil.

1601 R. JOHNSON *Kingd. & Commw.* (1603) 205 Their sinewes and ioyntes are..annointed with the oyle Sesamus. 1813 J. C. HOBHOUSE *Journey* (ed. 2) 667 The plain of the Cayster..is cultivated with cotton and tobacco plants, with sesamus and a little barley.

Sesban (se·sbæn). [ad. F. *sesban*, ultimately ad. Pers. سیسبان *sīsabān*.] Any leguminous plant of the genus *Sesbania*, esp. *S. ægyptiaca* and *aculeata* (which yields rope fibre).

1860 *Sir Rohan's Ghost* vi, Orange-colored sesban. 1864 GRISEBACH *Flora W. Ind. Islands* 787.

Sesce, obs. form of CEASE.

Sescuple (se·skiup'l), *a.* Now *rare.* [ad. L. *sesquiplus* or *sesquiplex*, var. *sesquiplus*, *-plex*, f. *sesqui-* SESQUI- + *-plus*, *-plex* -FOLD.] = SESQUIALTER *a.*

1694 W. WOTTON *Anc. & Mod. Learn.* (1697) 100, 9 is in a Sescuple Proportion to 6. 1774 MITFORD *Ess. Harmony Lang.* 13 Rhythmus is either even, as in the dactyl, which has one long syllable equal to two short ones,..or it is sescuple, as in the pæon, composed of one long syllable and three short ones. 1846 *Penny Cycl.* Suppl. II. 369 Superparticular ratio..: its varieties are sescuple or sesquialter, sesquiertius, sesquiquartus, &c.

Sese: see CEASE, CESS, SEE, SEIZE.

Seseli (se·sĭli). Also 6 -y. [med.L. *seseli*, *-is* (also *seseleos*), a. Gr. *σέσελι*, var. of *σέσελις*. Cf. F. *séséli* (16th c.), It., etc. *seseli*, and CICELY.] a. = HARTWORT. b. A plant of the umbelliferous genus *Seseli*.

1578 LYTE *Dodoens* 6 If it be drunken with Annis seede or Sesely. 1597 GERARDE *Herbal* II. cccclviii. 893 Of Seselios, or Harte woorts of Candie. *Ibid.* 894 *Seseli Creticum*. Seseleos of Candie. 1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* VIII. xxxii. I. 213 The hearbe Seselis or Siler-mountaine. 1605 TIMME *Quersit.* III. 172 Take..of the seedes peony, of seseli or comin, of each two ounces. 1753 *Chambers' Cycl.* Suppl., *Seseli seed*, in the materia medica, the name of the seed of a plant, called also by some *libanotis*. 1834 *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 4) I. 43 The root of several of the seselis.

Seser, variant of SISER, cider.

†Se·skyn. *Obs.* Also **suskyn.** [a. MDu. *seskijn*, f. *ses* six + dim. suffix *-kijn* = -KIN.] A Dutch coin of the value of 6 mites.

1413 *Act* 3 *Hen. V*, c. 1 § 2 Les Galyhalpens & la Moneie appelle Seskyn & Doydekyn. *Ibid.*, Galyhalpens, Seskyns ou Doykyns. 1423 *Rolls of Parlt.* IV. 255/1 Le moneie appelle Galihalpenys, Suskyns & Dodekyns. 14.. in *Athenæum* (1867) 7 Dec. 768, vi mytis is a seskyn.

Sesora, variant of SISERARY.

17.. *Ballad* in H. Walpole *Let. to Percy* 5 Feb. 1765, They [the bells] rung with a Sesora.

Sesours, obs. form of SCISSORS.

Sesperal, obs. variant of SUSPIRAL.

Sesqui- (se·skwi), a Latin prefix [L. *sesqui-*, also *sesque-*, contraction of **sēmis-que* a half in addition; cf. *sestertius* :—**sēmis-tertius*], expressing a superparticular ratio.

1. With designations of measure or amount, denoting one-and-a-half times the unit; as *sesquihōra* an hour and a half; *sesquipēs* a foot and a half (see SESQUIPEDALIAN); so **†sesquiho·ral** *a.*, lasting an hour and a half; **se·squioce·llus** *Ent.* (see SESQUIALTEROUS); **†se·squitone** *Mus.*, an interval consisting of a tone and a semitone, a minor third; also used loosely in **†sesquide·cuman** *a.*, consisting of fifteen; **†sesquide·cury,** a set of fifteen.

1650 *Descr. Future Hist. Eur.* 31 Merlin prophesied to him, 'That within lesse then a *sesquidecumane period of time, the Eagles head should be cloven in two.' 1650 RAVIS (*title*) A generall Grammer for the ready attaining of the Ebrew...Also a *Sesquidecury, or a number of Fifteene Adoptive Epistles..concerning care of the Orientall Tongues to be promoted. 1652 URQUHART *Jewel* Wks. (1834) 279 Their tedious pharisaical prayers before supper, and *sesquihoral graces upon a dish of skink and leg of mutton. 1694 W. HOLDER *Harmony* 80 The Third Minor, Trihemitone, or *Sesquitone, as consisting of three half Tones (or rather of a Tone and half a Tone).

b. *Chem.* In the names of salts, expressing a proportion of 3 to 2 between the constituents, *viz.* a combination of 3 atoms or equivalents of the substance denoted by the word to which it is prefixed with 2 atoms of another element or radical; e.g. *sesquibromide*, a bromide containing 3 atoms of bromine for 2 of another substance; similarly **sesquiba·sic** [see BASIC *a.*], having 3 equivalents of the base for 2 of the acid; **se·squicompound, se·squisa·lt,** a compound, a salt having its constituents in these proportions.

This terminology was introduced into English by T. Thomson in his *First Principles of Chemistry* 1825, and *System of Chemistry* 1831, where many terms, not illustrated here, are to be found.

1849 D. CAMPBELL *Inorg. Chem.* 208 The *Sesquibasic acetate of lead, $3PbO,2(C_4H_3O_3)+Aq$. 1831 T. THOMSON *Syst. Chem.* (ed. 7) II. 388 *Sesquiborate of ammonia. *Ibid.* I. 324 The *sesquibromide of arsenic. 1825 — 1*st Princ. Chem.* II. App. 515 *Sesquicarbonate of ammonia. 1883 HAROWICH *Photogr. Chem.* (ed. 9) 38 When first formed it has nearly the composition of a Sesquicarbonate, but by exposure to the air neutral Carbonate of Ammonia escapes, and a white powder is left, which is a Bicarbonate. 1871 *Jrnl. Chem. Soc.* XXIV. 1012 *Sesquicarbonyl Chloroplatinite, $C_3O_3Pt_2Cl_4$. 1825 T. THOMSON 1*st Princ. Chem.* II. App. 515 *Sesquichloride of iron. 1857 MILLER *Elem. Chem., Org.* (1862) 218 Aluminum forms a *sesqui-compound $(Al_2(C_4H_3)_3)$ corresponding to its oxide Al_2O_3. 1839 *Penny Cycl.* XIII. 32/2 The ferrocyanide of potassium also gives a deep blue, but the *sesquiferrocyanide gives none at all. 1831 T. THOMSON *Syst. Chem.* (ed. 7) II. 452 *Sesquihydrated carbonate of soda. 1887 *Jrnl. Chem. Soc.* LII. I. 558 The formula of the fibrous alum, $3MgO,SO_3+2Al_2O_3,3SO_3+53H_2O$, represents a *sesqui-magnesia alum. 1849 D. CAMPBELL *Inorg. Chem.* 186 *Sesquinitrate of iron, $Fe_2O_3,3NO_5$. 1839 *Penny Cycl.* XIII. 32/1 Sulphate of Peroxide of Iron, or *Sesquipersulphate of Iron. *Ibid.*, [Pernitrate of iron] is..a *sesquisalt. 1825 T. THOMSON 1*st Princ. Chem.* II. App. 515 *Sesquisulphide of uranium. *Ibid.*, *Sesquisulphuret of arsenic. 1890 *Westm. Gaz.* 1 Mar. 6/1 It has been found that sesqui-sulphuret of phosphorus..melts only at 142 deg. 1838 T. THOMSON *Chem. Org. Bodies* 176 *Sesquitartrovinate of copper. 1888 *Jrnl. Chem. Soc.* LIV. 377 *Sesquiterpene, $C_{15}H_{24}$.

c. In *Astrology*, **sesquiquadrate, -quartile,** denoting an aspect of planets when 135° from one another; **sesquiquintile,** when 108° from one another; **sesqui-square** = *sesquiquadrate.*

c 1610 Sir C. HEYDON *Astrol. Disc.* (1650) 95 The *Sesquiquadrate [aspect] of 135 degr. 1647 LILLY *Chr. Astrol.* c. 512. 1674 JEAKE *Arith.* (1696) 11 Aspects..*Sesquiquartil. 1647 LILLY *Chr. Astrol.* c. 512 *Sesquiquintil [consists of degrees] 108. 1861 'ZADKIEL' *Hand-bk. Astrol.* I. 8 The new aspects are semi-square, 45°; quintile, 72°; *sesquisquare, 135°.

†d. Prefixed to words descriptive of forms of religious belief, = extreme(ly), excessive(ly), ultra-; e.g. *sesqui-conformist*, *-deist*, *-heretic*, *-jesuit*, *separation*; also *sesqui-superlative* adj. *Obs.*

a 1661 FULLER *Worthies, Glouc.* (1662) I. 360 Some pressed super-Canonical Ceremonies, and such *Sesqui-Conformists made Mr. Workman turn first but a Semi-Conformist, and then by degrees to renounce all Conformity. 1880 F. HALL *Doctor Indoctus* 52 If he invented a brand-new form of allotheism, and came out a *sesquideist, or a quaternitarian. 1627 DONNE *Serm.* i. (1649) II. 5 They are *se[s]qui-Heretiks in this, that they countenance Incontinency, and Fornication, which those very heretiks abhorred. *a* 1631 — *Serm.* xii. (1640) 113 A Jesuit, or a Semi-Jesuit, a practising Papist, or a *Sesqui-Jesuit, a Jesuited Lady. 1653 R. BAILLIE *Dissuas. Vind.* (1655) 9 Why..do the Independents..runne beyond it..to a *sesqui-separation? 1611 DONNE *Poems, Upon Coryat's Crudities* 2 Oh, to what height will love of greatness drive Thy learned spirit, *sesqui-superlative!

2. With an ordinal numeral adjective, denoting the proportion $1+\frac{1}{n}:1$, *i.e.* $n+1:n$, where n is the corresponding cardinal number, as *sesquioctāvus*, bearing the ratio $1\frac{1}{8}:1$, *i.e.* 9:8; so **SESQUIALTER, -ALTERA,** etc., **SESQUITERTIA,** etc.; **†se·squibitertrtial,** involving a proportion of 5:3; **†se·squide·cimal,** of 11:10; **sesquino·nal,** of 10:9; **se·squiocta·val, -o·ctave,** of 9:8; **se·squiqua·rtal, -quartan,** of 5:4; **se·squise·ptimal,** of 8:7.

a 1696 SCARBURGH *Euclid* (1705) 228 Sextuple proportion is by addition of the Antecedents made of Sesquitertial,

*Sesquibitertial, and Triple proportions. *Ibid.* 180 If above the exact Multiple of the Consequent, there remains in the Antecedent any Quotal part of the Consequent, as an half, a third, a fourth, or a tenth part of the Consequent, (or otherwise thus named, a Sesquialteral, a Sesquitertial, a Sesquiquartal, a *Sesquidecimal part, &c.). 1787 HAWKINS *Life of Johnson* 375 The proportion of a column is taken from that of the human figure, which..is in a man sesqui-octave of the head, and in a woman *sesquinonal. *a* 1696 SCARBURGH *Euclid* (1705) 182 The Exponent of their proportions is the common Quotient $1\frac{1}{7}$, which shews the proportion to be..*Sesquioctaval. 1603 HOLLAND *Plutarch's Mor.* Explan. Words, **Sesqui-octave*, that which compriseth the whole and one 8 part; as 9 to 8. 18 to 16. 1726 LEONI *Alberti's Archit.* II. 30/2 Its proportion will be as eight to nine, which the Latins call a Sesquioctave. *a* 1696 SCARBURGH *Euclid* (1705) 180 This proportion is named triple *Sesquiquartal, and is noted thus $3\frac{1}{4}$. 1715 tr. *Gregory's Astron.* (1726) I. p. xi, The same Tension upon a sub-sesquialteran Chord acts in a double *sesquiquartan Ratio. 1726 LEONI *Alberti's Archit.* II. 30/2 Seven to eight,..the proportion which the Latins call *Sesquiseptimal.

b. in *Music*, after SESQUIALTERA and SESQUITERTIA; **sesquiquarta, -quinta, -sexta, -octava (-octave), -nona**, applied (i) to harmonic intervals producible by sounding four-fifths, five-sixths, etc. of a given string; (ii) rhythmic combinations of four notes against five, five against six, etc.

1597 MORLEY *Introd. Mus.* 54 If they would make fiue crotchets to one semibreefe, then must they set downe *Sesquiquarta* proportion thus $\frac{4}{5}$, wherein fiue semibriefes or their value make vp the time of foure semibriefes or strokes. 1694 W. HOLDER *Harmony* 153 To divide a Sesquioctave Tone (9 to 8) by dupling the Terms of the Ration thereof, into 2 Hemitones. 1698 WALLIS in *Phil. Trans.* XX. 81 We assign to a Fifth..the Sesqui-alter Proportion..And to a Tone..The Sesqui-octave (or that of 9 to 8). 1776 HAWKINS *Hist. Mus.* I. 74 The ditone he had demonstrated to be in sesquiquarta proportion, as 5 to 4. *Ibid.* 75 The greater or sesquioctave tone, 9 to 8, and the lesser or sesquinonal tone, 10 to 9. *Ibid.* The semiditone is sesquiquinta. 1883 ROCKSTRO in *Grove's Dict. Mus.* III. 475/1.

‖ **Sesquialter** (seskwiæ·ltəɹ), *a.* (*sb.*). [L., f. *sesqui-* (see prec.) + *alter* second. For the formation cf. ON. *hálfr annarr*, OE. *ðþer healf*, G. *anderthalb*.]

1. Of a proportion: That is as $1\frac{1}{2}$ is to 1. Of an object: Proportionate *to* another object as $1\frac{1}{2}$ is to 1; that is such a multiple *of*.

1570 DEE *Math. Pref.* c j b, A Cylinder, whose heith, and Diameter of his base, is æqual to the Diameter of the Sphære, is Sesquialter to the same Sphære. 1598 FLORIO, *Hemiolio*, an arithmeticall proportion called Sesquialter or Sesquiplex, which is so much, and halfe so much againe. 1641 H. L'ESTRANGE *God's Sabbath* 119 This would by sesquialter proportion exceed all the rest. 1660 BARROW *Euclid* IV. xi. Schol., Isosceles triangle, whose angles at the base are multiples sesquialter of those at the top. 1698 *Phil. Trans.* XX. 81 We assign to a Fifth..the Sesquialter Proportion (or that of 3 to 2). 1711 H. NEEDLER in J. Duncombe *Lett.* (1773) I. 90, 6 is only sesquialter of 4. 1715 CHEYNE *Philos. Princ.* I. 222 In all the Revolutions of the Planets about the Sun,..the periodical Times is [*sic*] in a Sesquialter Proportion to the middle Distances. 1784 J. KEEBLE *Harmonics* 29 The sesquialter chromatic. 1846 *Penny Cycl.* Suppl. II. 369/2 The following ratios are superparticular: 15 to 10, which is sesquialter.

† b. *Mus.* = SESQUIALTERA 1 b.

1704 J. HARRIS *Lex. Techn.* s. v. *Time*, *Sesquialter Proportion*, which signifies a Triple Measure of three Notes, to two such like Notes of the Common Time.

2. = SESQUIALTERA 2.

1841 *Penny Cycl.* XXI. 293/2 Sometimes the Mixture stop is considered as part of the Sesquialter. 1846 *Ibid.* Suppl. II. 369/2 The sesquialter stop of an organ.

‖ **Sesquialtera** (seskwiæ·ltĕră), *a.* (*sb.*). [L., fem. (sc. *ratio*) of *sesquialter* (see prec.).]

† 1. = SESQUIALTER *a.* Also as *sb.*, a sesquialteral proportion. *Obs.*

1609 J. DOWLAND *Ornith. Microl.* 62 Now as of Duples you make Sesquialteraes, so of Triples you may make sesquitertiaes. 1650 BULWER *Anthroponet.* 150 If you onely contemplate the Diameters of longitude and latitude of a mans Face, you shall find a Sesquialtera proportion.

b. *Mus.* (See quots. and cf. SESQUI- 2 b.)

1501 DOUGLAS *Pal. Hon.* I. xli, Proportionis..Duplat, triplat, diatesseriall, Sesqui altera, and decupla resortis. 1597 MORLEY *Introd. Mus.* 32 *Phi.* Come then to Sesquialtera, what is it? *Ma.* It is when three notes are sung to two of the same kinde. *Ibid.* 92 The manner of singing *Sesquialtra* proportion. 1667 C. SIMPSON *Compend. Pract. Mus.* 34 Figures set thus $\frac{3}{2}$ called Sesquialtera proportion, which signifies a Tripla Measure of three Notes to two such like Notes of the Common Time. 1776 HAWKINS *Hist. Mus.* I. 67 If the fourth chord was to be..sesquialtera. 1883 ROCKSTRO in *Grove's Dict. Mus.* III. 475/1 Sesquialtera expresses the Proportion of two to three, and therefore represents the Perfect Fifth, which is produced by sounding two-thirds of a given string. *Ibid.*, In rhythmic combinations, Sesquialtera is used as the general symbol of Triple Time. The term Sesquialtera is also applied to passages of three notes sung against two.

2. The name of an organ stop, consisting of several ranks of pipes, of a brilliant tone. Usually *absol.* as *sb.*

1688 in Hopkins *Organ* (1870) 453 Ecchos..Sesquialtera.. 105 pipes. 1798 HARGROVE *Hist. Knaresbro* (ed. 5) 53 The organ hath ten stops, viz. two diapasons,..one susquialtra [etc.]. 1801 BUSBY *Dict. Mus.* s. v. *Stop*, *Sesquialtera Stop*, a mixed stop running through the scale of the instrument, and consisting of three, four, and sometimes five ranks of pipes, tuned in thirds, fifths, and eighths. 1883 STAINER in *Grove's Dict. Mus.* III. 475/1 The Sesquialtera organ stop.

Sesquialteral (seskwiæ·ltĕrăl), *a.* [f. L. *sesquialter*: see prec.] = SESQUIALTER 1.

1603 HOLLAND *Plutarch's Mor.* 1358 The proportion..of Diapente, [is] Hemolios or Sesquialterall, that is to say, the whole and halfe as much more. 1692 BENTLEY *Boyle Lect.* viii. (1693) 10 As the six Primary Planets revolve about Him, so the Secondary ones are moved about Them..in the same Sesquialteral proportion of their Periodical motions to their Orbs. *a* 1696 SCARBURGH *Euclid* (1705) 180, 10 to 4 is in Multiple superparticular proportion duple Sesquialteral $2\frac{1}{2}$, that is $2\frac{1}{2}$. 1729 SHELVOCKE *Artillery* II. 148 The proportion of Coal to Sulphur, shall be either Sesquialteral or Double, or Triple, or sometimes Equal. 1817 H. T. COLEBROOKE *Algebra*, etc. 287.

b. *Bot.* and *Ent.* (See quots.)

1793 MARTYN *Lang. Bot.*, *Sesquialter flosculus*, a Sesquialteral floret. When a large fertile floret is accompanied by a small abortive one. 1806 TURTON tr. *Linn. Syst. Nat.* VII. Expl. Terms, *Sesquialteral*...In entomology it means occupying a third part of the wing, or including a smaller band or spot within a larger one. [1856 HENSLOW *Dict. Bot. Terms*, *Sesqui-alter*...Where the stamens are one half as many as the petals or sepals.]

† **Sesquia·lteran**, *a. Obs.* [Formed as prec. + -AN.] = SESQUIALTER 1.

1653 R. SANDERS *Physiogn.* 271 Here you may finde the Double proportion, the sesquialteran, the sesquitertian. 1715 tr. *Gregory's Astron.* (1726) I. 137 That the Periodic Times of the Planets will be exactly in the Sesquialteran Proportion of their Orbits or Circles.

Sesquialterate (seskwiæ·ltĕrĕt), *a.* [Formed as prec. + -ATE 2.] = SESQUIALTER 1. Hence † **Sesquialterate** *v.* (see quot. 1609).

1609 DOWLAND *Ornith. Microl.* 64 There he, which adde the colour to the figures which are made sesquialterate by the Caracters of the numbers: and contrarily sesquialterating the sesquialteraes. 1653 R. SANDERS *Physiogn.* 270 These all..bear a sesquialternate [*sic*] part to the former proportion. 1728 CHAMBERS *Cycl.* s. v. *Lime*, The Marks of a well-burnt Lime..are, that its Weight is to that of the Stone in a sesquialterate Proportion. 1776 BURNEY *Hist. Mus.* (1789) I. vi. 67 Time..of odd numbers or sesquialterate proportion is more proper to excite commotion. 1817 H. T. COLEBROOKE *Algebra*, etc. 287 In what time will my principal be raised to the sesquialterate amount? 1907 OMOND *Eng. Metrists* 14 Feet of sesquialterate ratio (3 : 2 or 2 : 3) 'answer to the Diapente or fifth in Music'.

b. (See quot. and SESQUIALTERA 1 b.)

1801 BUSBY *Dict. Mus.*, *Sesqui-Alterate*, *The greater Perfect*...A triple in the old music, in which the breve is three measures, or semibreves.

Sesquialterous (seskwiæ·ltĕrəs), *a. Ent.* [Formed as prec. + -OUS.] See quots. and cf. SESQUIALTERAL b.

1826 KIRBY & SP. *Entomol.* xlvi. IV. 288 Sesquialterous Ocellus (*Ocellus sesquialterus*). An ocellus with a smaller near it, called also *Sesquiocellus*. *Ibid.* 289 Sesquialterous Fascia (*Fascia sesquialtera*). When both wings are traversed by a continued band, and either the primary or secondary by another. *Ibid.* 342 Sesquialterous (*Sesquialteræ*). When a minute areolet is appended to a large one.

Sesquicentennial (se·skwisente·niăl), *a.* and *sb. U.S.* [f. SESQUI- + CENTENNIAL.] **a.** *adj.* Pertaining to a celebration of a hundred-and-fiftieth anniversary. **b.** *sb.* Such a celebration or anniversary.

1880 *Lond. & Prov. Mus. Trades Rev.* 15 Nov. 3/1 The Sesqui-centennial of Baltimore was celebrated during the second week of October. 1888 *Advance* (Chicago) 9 Aug., The sesquicentennial celebration of the church. 1896 *Academy* 6 June 468/2 The sesquicentennial celebration of the University of Princeton, New Jersey.

Sesquiduple (se·skwidiū·p'l), *a.* [f. SESQUI- + DUPLE, to express the meaning 'two and a half' (on a false analogy), after *sesquialteral*.] Involving a ratio of $2\frac{1}{2}$ to 1. So **Sesquidu·plicate** *a.*

1775 ASH, *Sesquiduplicate*, belonging to the ratio of five to two. 1842 BRANDE *Dict. Sci.*, etc. s. v. *Sesqui*, Sesquiduplicate..sometimes occurs in modern treatises. 1850 OGILVIE, *Sesquiduple*, is sometimes used in the same manner as *sesquiduplicate*.

Sesquioxide (seskwi,o·ksəid). *Chem.* Also † **sesquoxide**. [See SESQUI- 1 b.] An oxide containing three equivalents of oxygen to two of another element or radical.

1831 T. THOMSON *Syst. Chem.* (ed. 7) I. 515 When the native hinoxide of manganese is exposed to a low red-heat it is converted into sesquoxide. *Ibid.* II. 818 Muriated sesquioxide of manganese. 1848 NORMANDY tr. *Rose's Chem. Analysis* I. 159 Sesquioxyde of Iridium, Ir_2O_3. 1880 BASTIAN *Brain* I. 5 The sesquioxides of chromium and iron.

Hence **Se·squioxida·tion**, conversion into a sesquioxide; **Se·squio·xidized** *pa. pple.*, converted into a sesquioxide.

1849 D. CAMPBELL *Inorg. Chem.* 27 The amount of iron sesquioxidized. *Ibid.* 142 A complete sesquioxidation of the iron salt.

Sesquipedal (sĕskwi·pĭdăl, se·skwipedăl), *a.* and *sb.* [ad. L. *sesquipedāl-is*, f. SESQUI- + *ped-*, *pēs* foot: cf. PEDAL.] **A.** *adj.* = SESQUIPEDALIAN.

1611 R. BADLEY in *Coryat's Crudities* k 2 b, The sesquipedale belly of thy Tome. 1624 BURTON *Anat. Mel.* III. iv. II. vi, Fustian, big, sesquipedal words. 1802 SYD. SMITH *Wks.* (1869) 4 Dr. Parr seems to think that eloquence consists..in a studious arrangement of sonorous, exotic, and sesquipedal words. 1829 *Blackw. Mag.* XXVI. 917 Admirable dissertations on old chamber-pots are poured into ears sesquipedal. 1891 M. MURIEL DOWIE *Girl in Karp.* ix, Some lovely sesquipedal adverb.

B. *sb.* A thing a foot and a half in length: cf. next B. 1. (In quot. used jocularly.)

1713 *Guardian* No. 108 P 4, I am but a Sesquipedal, having only six Feet and a half of Stature.

Sesquipedalian (se·skwipĭdē·liăn), *a.* and *sb.* [f. L. *sesquipedālis*: see SESQUIPEDAL and -IAN.]

A. *adj.* 1. Of words and expressions (after Horace's *sesquipedalia verba* 'words a foot and a half long', A. P. 97): Of many syllables.

1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr.* s. v., Sesquipedalian words (*verba sesquipedalia*) used by Horace for great, stout, and lofty words; words that are very long, consisting of many Syllables. 1661 K. W. *Conf. Char., Courtier* (1860) 20 Noddle puzzling sesquepedalian words. 1791 BOSWELL *Johnson* an. 1776 (1831) III. 407 Finding one of his sesquipedalian words hang fire. 1793 W. ROBERTS *Looker-on* No. 80 (1794) III. 276 A set of sesquipedalian exclamations. 1807 SOUTHEY *Spec. Eng. Poets* I. Pref. p. xviii, The verses of Stephen Hawes are as full of barbarous sesquipedalian Latinisms, as the prose of the Rambler. 1861 MAX MÜLLER *Sci. Lang.* Ser. I. viii. (1864) 338 In these sesquipedalian compounds the significative root remains distinct. 1886 R. F. BURTON *Arab. Nts.* (abr. ed.) I. Forew. p. xii, Sesquipedalian un-English words.

b. *transf.* Given to using long words.

1853 MRS. GASKELL *Cranford* v, Towards the end of her letter Miss Jenkyns used to become quite sesquipedalian.

¶ Used for 'very tall or big'.

1857 TROLLOPE *Barchester T.* xxv, This [half-crown] she sacrificed to the avarice of Mrs. Proudie's metropolitan sesquipedalian serving-man.

2. Half a yard high or long.

c 1714 ARBUTHNOT, etc. *Mem. M. Scribl.* I. xiv. (1741) 48 Hast thou ever measur'd the gigantick Ethiopian, whose stature is above eight cubits high, or the sesquipedalian Pigmey?

B. *sb.* 1. A person or thing that is a foot and a half in height or length.

1615 *Curry-Combe for Coxe-Combe* iii. 113 He thought fit by his variety, to make you knowne for a viperous Sesquipedalian in euery coast. 1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr*

2. A sesquipedalian word.

1830 *Fraser's Mag.* I. 350 What an amazing power in writing down hard names and sesquipedalians does not the following passage manifest! 1894 *Nat. Observer* 6 Jan. 194/2 His sesquipedalians recall the utterances of another Doctor.

Hence **Se·squipeda·lianism**, style characterized by the use of long words; lengthiness; so **Sesquipe·dalism**; **Se·squipeda·lity**, sesquipedalian quality; *transf.* great length, lengthiness; also, 'the practice of using long words' (Ogilvie, 1882).

1863 *Sat. Rev.* 440 How dear to his heart must be that marvellous *sesquipedalianism in which he ordinarily revels. 1887 W. C. RUSSELL *Bk. for Hammock* (1893) 120 Everything must be done quickly at sea: there is no time for sesquipedalianism. 1873 F. HALL *Mod. Eng.* 148 The era of galvanized *sesquipedalism and sonorous cadences. 1759 STERNE *Tr. Shandy* II. ix, With a breadth of back, and a *sesquipedality of belly, which might have done honour to a serjeant in the horse-guards. 1850 *Fraser's Mag.* XLI. 654 There is certainly some sesquipedality in the word. 1855 *Ibid.* LI. 63 A most wonderful topknotted cock with a sesquipedality of wattle.

Sesquiplicate (seskwi·plikĕt), *a.* [ad. mod.L. *sesquiplicātus*, f. SESQUI- + *plicātus* folded, PLICATE, to express the meaning 'subduplicate of the triplicate'. (L. *sesquiplex* = taken once and a half.)] Bearing or involving the ratio of the square roots of the cubes of the terms of a certain ratio.

Thus, a is to a' in the sesquiduplicate ratio of b to b', when $a : a' :: \sqrt{b^3} : \sqrt{b'^3}$.

1714 DERHAM *Astrol. Theol.* (1769) 22 Their motions round the Sun, are in sesquiplicate proportion to their distances from him. 1728 tr. *Newton's Syst. World* 12 The periodic times of the satellits of Jupiter are, one to another, in the sesquiplicate proportion of their distances from the center of this planet. 1841 *Penny Cycl.* XIX. 309/2 Sesquiplicate ratio of A to B. 1873 PROCTOR *Expanse of Heaven* 108.

‖ **Sesquitertia** (seskwitē·ɹʃă). *Mus.* [L., fem. (sc. *ratio*) of *sesquitertius*, f. SESQUI- + *tertius* third.] Denoting a ratio of $1\frac{1}{3}$ to 1, *i. e.* 4 to 3; chiefly *Mus.* denoting (i) an interval having this ratio, viz. the perfect fourth, (ii) a rhythm of three notes against four.

1597 MORLEY *Introd. Mus.* 33 Sesquitercia is when foure notes are sung to three of the same kinde. 1650 BULWER *Anthropomet.* 149 Wherefore the latitude of the Face compared with the longitude..should be in a sesquitertia proportion. 1776 HAWKINS *Hist. Mus.* I. 64 GB is sesquitertia to DB. *Ibid.* 68 The number 256, sesquitertia of 192. 1801 BUSBY *Dict. Mus.* 1883 ROCKSTRO in *Grove's Dict. Mus.* s. v. *Sesqui.*

Sesquitertial (seskwitē·ɹʃăl), *a.* ? *Obs.* [f. prec. + -AL.] Expressing a ratio of 4 : 3. Cf. prec.

1603 HOLLAND *Plutarch's Mor.* 1358 The proportion of the Musicke or Symphonie Diatessaron, is Epitritos or Sesquitertiall, that is to say, the whole and a third part over. 1658 ROWLAND tr. *Mouffet's Theat. Ins.* II. xiii. 1066 These legs also are made in a sesquitertiall proportion. *a* 1696 SCARBURGH *Euclid* (1705) 180 As 40 to 12 is $3\frac{1}{3}$ or $3\frac{1}{3}$, Triple Sesquitertial.

b. *transf.* (See quot.)

1806 TURTON tr. *Linn. Syst. Nat.* VII. Expl. Terms, *Sesquitertial*, occupying the fourth part.

Sesquitertian (seskwitē·ɹʃăn), *a.* ? *Obs.* [Formed as prec. + -AN.] = SESQUITERTIAL.

1603 HOLLAND *Plutarch's Mor.* Explan. Words, *Sesquitertian*, a proportion, whereby is understood as much as comprehendeth the whole, and one third part, as 12. to 9. 1658 SIR T. BROWNE *Gard. Cyrus* iii. 58 The legs of Spiders are made after a sesquitertian proportion. 1698 *Phil. Trans.* XX. 81 We assign to a Fifth..the Sesqui-alter Proportion..And, to a Fourth..the Sesquitertian. 1760 STILES in *Phil. Trans.* LI. 717 If the interval diatessaron, or ses-

quitertian ratio, should be assigned for the limitation of the extreme tones. 1774 J. Duncombe *New Arithm. Dict.*

So † **Sesquite·rtianal** *a. Obs.*

1704 J. Harris *Lex. Techn.* I, *Sesquitertianal Proportion*, is when any..Quantity contains another once and one third.

Sesquitertious (seskwitə·ɪʃəs), *a. Ent.* [Formed as prec. + -ous.] (See quot. and cf. Sesquialterous.)

1826 Kirby & Sp. *Entomol.* xlvi. IV. 290 Sesquitertious Fascia (*Fascia sesquitertia*). When both wings are traversed by a continued band, and more than half of either the primary or secondary by another; or, when a wing or elytrum contains a band and the third of a band.

Sess, *sb.*[1] Also 7 sesse. [Aphetic f. Assess *sb.*: see Cess *sb.*[1]]

1. An assessment, impost. Now only *dial.* and in Ireland, a local rate; = Cess *sb.*[1] 1 a (which is more usual).

1580 [see Cess *sb.* 1a]. 1673 *Acct. Bk. W. Wray* in *Antiquary* XXXII. 119 Paid to Richerd Bell for the sesse, 8*d*. 1708 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 4442/4 They intend to make Sale of the Lands of such Persons.., who refuse to pay the Sesses laid upon them. 1840 Barham *Ingol. Leg.* Ser. II. *Row in Omnibus*, There's the rent, and the rates, and the sesses, and taxes.

† **2.** *Ireland.* = Cess *sb.*[1] 2. *Obs.*

1571 Campion *Hist. Irel.* II. x. (1633) 126 The abuses whereof with sesse and Souldiours, doe so impouerish and alienate the needie Farmers from us. 1586 [see Assess *sb.*]. 1612 [see Cess *sb.* 2]. *a* 1661 Fuller *Worthies, Kent* (1662) II. 75 Sir Henry Sidney..established the Composition of the Pale, in lieu of Purveyance and Sesse of Souldiers.

Sess (ses), *sb.*[2] *Soap-manuf.* [Origin obscure.] Each of the sections composing the frame or mould into which the soap is thrown to cool and solidify after the process of fitting (see Fitting *vbl. sb.* 4).

1854 *Tomlinson's Cycl. Useful Arts* (1867) II. 539/1 The semi-fluid mass is ladled out from the precipitated ley into rectangular frames, or sesses, as they are called in Liverpool.

† **Sess,** *v. Obs.* Forms: 5 ses, sese, 6 seasse, seise, 6–7 sease, seaze, sesse, 7 seize. [Aphetic f. Assess *v.*; see Cess *v.*]

For the variation in the length of the vowel, cf. Cease *v.*]

1. *trans.* To assess or determine officially the amount of (a tax, contribution, wages, or prices); = Cess *v.*[1] 1.

1467 in *Eng. Gilds* (1870) 382 That the price of ale be sessed at euery lawday by the gret enquest. 1484 *Coventry Leet Bk.* 519 Wheruppon they were commytte to warde, and their ffyn sessed be þe seid Maire..at xx li. 1533–4 *Act* 25 *Hen. VIII*, c. 8 The saide maire and the aldermen maie haue power..to sesse fines hy their discreasions. 1563 Golding *Cæsar* v. 108 b, When the hostages were brought in by the day limitted, he appointed dayesmen betwene the Cities to consyder of the matter in variance, and to sesse the penalty. 1620 J. Wilkinson *Coroners & Sheriffes* 60 The Coroners ought to be there to sesse the wages. 1640 *Archdeaconry of Essex Min.* (MS.) 1638–40, 195 Not paying iiˢ viᵈ which he was seast for bread and wyne and diverse other necessary expences. 1656 Earl Monm. tr. *Boccalini's Advts. fr. Parnass.* II. lxxxiii. 365 Those [taxes] which were at first sessed but for a limited time.

2. To impose (a tax, fine, etc.) *upon* a person or community; = Cess *v.*[1] 2.

1465 *Paston Lett.* II. 199 There putte into the Kynges pryson hy cawse of the fyn which was sessed upon the forsaid John Smyth, John Hopton, and me. 1551 in W. H. Turner *Select. Rec. Oxford* (1880) 207 Suche taxe and tallenge as shall be uppon hym taxed and sessyd. 1561 in *Rec. Caernarvon* (1838) 298 That you giue likewise in chardge to the said Jury to taske and sease such severalle fines vppon the severall offenders. 1633 T. Stafford *Pac. Hib.* I. i. 16 Any person, upon whom any such Fines shalbe so seased. 1764 [see Cess *v.*[1] 1].

3. To fix the amount of payment due from (a person, a community, a property); to impose a tax upon, tax: const. *at, to, unto*; also with indirect question as second object. = Cess *v.*[1] 4.

1475 *Rolls of Parlt.* VI. 139/2 Henry Bodrugan..sessed the people of the said Shire to grete notable sommes. *c* 1488 *Plumpton Corr.* (Camden) 61 As for our land, we pay our dymes therfore, and trust in you that ye will not ses none thereof, wherby we should have cause to make further labor; for it is not the Kyngs mynd to ses no dymeable land. 1530 Palsgr. 710/1, I sesse, as a kyoges officers do a kynges subjectes what they shall paye, *je taille*. 1542 in W. H. Turner *Select. Rec. Oxford* (1880) 166, ij persons shalbe chosen to sesse and tax..the inhabytaunts. *a* 1548 Hall *Chron., Hen. IV*, 29 For which cause the Kyng..seassed and fined her at a great some of money. 1577 Hanmer *Anc. Eccl. Hist., Socrates* III. xi. 306 So that euery one rateably was seased [1619 seised] at a certaine summe. 1600 J. Pory tr. *Leo's Africa* I. 43 At last the bird was sessed to pay. 1610 B. Jonson *Alch.* III. iv, That was with the griefe Thou took'st for being sess'd at eighteene pence, For the waterworke. 1611 Speed *Hist. Gt. Brit.* VI. ix. 49 Cæsar..seized them at forty hostages, with sufficiency of graine for his whole army. 1643 Baker *Chron., Will. I*, 32 Likewise he Sessed all Bishops and Abbotts what number of souldiers they should finde. 1643 Prynne *Sov. Power Parl.* App. 26 The Clergy and Lords then refusing to pay any more then they were first sessed unto. 1698 Fryer *Acc. E. India & P.* 166 Causing his Coin to be stamped with his Master's Inscription, his Subjects Molcted and Sessed hy his Impositions.

Sess, *int. Obs.* exc. *dial.* (see *Eng. Dial. Dict.*). Also 7 ses. A call to a dog when giving him food.

1606 Sylvester *Du Bartas* II, iv. IV. *Decay* 216 Ses, ses, here Dogs.

Sess, variant of Cess *sb.*[5]

1887 Hall Caine *Deemster* xxviii, Bad sess to the women, the idle shoulderin' craythurs.

Sesse, obs. forms of Cease *v.*

† **Se·ssa,** *int. Obs.* [perh. var. of Sa-sa, or possibly a. F. *cessez* 'cease!']

It is not certain that modern editors are right in inserting the form *sessa* in all the passages; the word may not be the same in the three places.]

An exclamation of uncertain meaning.

1596 Shaks. *Tam. Shr.* Induct. i. 6 Looke in the Chronicles, we came in with Richard Conqueror: therefore *Paucas pallabris*, let the world slide: Sessa. 1605 — *Lear* III. iv. 104 Dolphin my Boy, Boy Sesey [*Q*1 caese; *Q*2 cease; *Q*3 ceas; *Malone* sessa!]: let him trot by. *Ibid.* III. vi. 77 Dogs leapt the hatch, and all are fled. Do, de, de, de: sese [*Malone* Sessa!]: Come, march to Wakes and Fayres.

† **Sesse**[1]. *Obs. rare*—[1]. [a. F. *sesse*, a. Arab. *shāsh*: see Sash *sb.*[1]] = Sash *sb.*[1]

1718 Ozell tr. *Tournefort's Voy.* II. 356 They are distinguished by the White Sesse [orig. *la sesse blanche*] of their turbants.

† **Sesse**[2]. *Obs.* Aphetic form of *dissesse*, Decease *sb.*; = Cess *sb.*[2]

1417–8 *E. E. Wills* (1882) 39/3 Also it ys my wyll þat..all þat sche schele haue, after þe sesse of her, þat it be sold.

Sesse, obs. form of Cease *sb.*

c 1330 R. Brunne *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 15893 Þen com þe folk wyþouten sesse Aboute Brian for to presse.

Sessile (se·səil, se·sil), *a.* [a. L. *sessilis* sitting down, dwarfed, stunted, f. *sess-*, ppl. stem of *sedēre* to sit: see -ile.]

1. Having no footstalk. **a.** *Bot.* Of leaves, fruits, flowers, or other organs: Immediately attached by the base; not having a peduncle, pedicel, or the like. Hence of a species or variety (e. g. of oak) bearing sessile fruits: opposed to *pedunculated.*

1753 *Chambers' Cycl.* Suppl. s. v. *Leaf, Sessile Leaf*, one which rises immediately from the stalk without any pedicle. 1756 *Phil. Trans.* XLIX. 835 The leaves..[are] generally quite sessile, or close to the stalk. 1785 Martyn *Rousseau's Bot.* vi. (1794) 70 In the whole compound class the seed is always sessile, that is, it bears immediately upon the receptacle without any intermediate pedicle. 1861 S. Thomson *Wild Fl.* I. (ed. 4) 71 Seed-vessel of common Poppy, showing the *rayed stigma*..placed close down, or *sessile* upon the ovary. 1875 *Lyell's Princ. Geol.* II. III. xliv. 507 Prostrate trunks of the Sessile Variety of the Common oak occur. 1879 A. Gray *Struct. Bot.* vi. § 6. 251 The filament, being only a stalk or support, may be very short or wholly wanting; the anther is then sessile. 1882 Vines *Sachs' Bot.* 565 In Piperaceæ however the stigma, which is sessile on the apex of the ovary, is often placed obliquely or divided into several lobes.

b. *Zool.* Of limbs or organs: Immediately in contact with the structure to which they are attached; having no connecting neck or footstalk. Also of certain animals.

1777 Pennant *Brit. Zool.* IV. 61 The shell..fixed by a stem: or sessil. 1834 M'Murtrie *Cuvier's Anim. Kingd.* 298 The Læmodipoda are the only Malacostraca with sessile eyes. 1840 F. D. Bennett *Whaling Voy.* II. 248 A sessile spur on the heel. 1851 Darwin *Monogr. Cirripedia* I. (Ray Soc.) 4 The more important valves..being common to the pedunculated and sessile Cirripedes. 1870 Rolleston *Anim. Life* Introd. 65 The cerebral hemispheres always contain a lateral ventricle, which is prolonged into the interior of the sessile olfactory lobes.

c. *Path.* Of morbid growths, warts, etc.: Adhering close to the surface.

1725 Huxham in *Phil. Trans.* XXXIII. 380 During the Suppuration, the Pox would become very sessile, and the coherent kind would enlarge their Bases exceedingly. 1822–29 *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 3) V. 670 Simple Wart, Simple and distinct: sessile or pensile. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 891 The skin..in many cases 'peppered' with warts, both sessile and pedunculated.

2. Of certain animals: Sedentary, fixed to one spot; not ambulatory. Of cells: Immobile.

1860 Wraxall *Life in Sea* x. 242 They [Serpulariæ, etc.] are, therefore, nothing further than sessile nurses, just as the Siphonophoræ are nurses swimming about freely. 1871 E. D. Cope *Orig. Fittest* (1887) 193 It is now important to observe that great numbers of centrifugal animals are sedentary or sessile; while the longitudinal are vagrant, moving from place to place. 1879 G. Allen *Colour-Sense* iii. 23 Sessile or sedentary animals, as a rule, do not possess any form of visual organ. 1880 E. R. Lankester *Degeneration* 39 We may now proceed to look at some sessile or immobile animals which are not usually regarded as degenerate. 1904 *Brit. Med. Jrnl.* 10 Sept. 586/1 Certain cells which are normally fixed or sessile cells.

3. *Comb.*, as *sessile-eyed, -flowered, -fruited, -leaved* adjs.

1854 A. Adams, etc. *Man. Nat. Hist.* 294 *Sessile-eyed Crustaceans (Edriophthalmata). 1796 C. Marshall *Gardening* xix. (1813) 372 Herb-true-love, nodding, and *sessile flowered. 1846 Keightley *Notes Virg.* Flora 391 The *Quercus sessiliflora*, or *sessile-fruited oak. 1822 *Hortus Anglicus* II. 356 *Sessile-leaved Eupatorium.

Se·ssiliflore, *a. Bot. rare*—[1]. [ad. mod.L. *sessiliflōrus* (f. L. *sessili-s* Sessile *a.* + *flōr-*, *flōs* flower).] Sessile-flowered: specific name of a kind of oak.

1842 J. B. Fraser *Mesopot. & Assyria* xv. 354 Quercus sessiliflora..Sessiliflore oak.

† **Se·ssing,** *vbl. sb. Obs.* [f. Sess *v.* + -ing [1].] = Assessing.

1481 *Coventry Leet Bk.* 480 This concideracion to be taken in their sessyng, that such persones as ware ouercharged in theire wardes at þe vij li. etc. aforeseid to be eased nowe. *a* 1500 *Chron. London* (Kingsford 1905) 186 This yere was a greate Sessyng of all lordes landes thrugh England. 1513 in W. H. Turner *Select. Rec. Oxford* (1880) 11 Ye sesseing of ye subsidy. 1522–3 *Rec. St. Mary at Hill* 316 Item, paid for brede, drink and ffire at þe Newe sessing of þe clarkes bill. 1530 Palsgr. 269/2 Sessyng that a prince setteth in a countrey, *imposition*. 1612 Davies *Why Ireland* 177 Irish exactions..namely..Sessings of the Kerne, of his family,..of his Horses,..and the like. 1622 Mabbe tr. *Aleman's Guzman d'Alf.* II. 107 There was a certaine sessing to be set in a ratable proportion, vpon the Townedwellers..for some publike peece of worke.

attrib. 1610 Holland *Camden's Brit.* I. 153 Angliæ commentarios Censuales, that is, The Taxe register, or Sessing booke of England.

Session (se·ʃən), *sb.* Forms: 4–6 sessioun, 5 cessiown, sessyone, 5 cessione, 5–6 cession, sessyon, 6 cessioun, cecion, cessyon. [a. F. *session* (= Sp. *sesion*, Pg. *sessão*, It. *sessione*), ad. L. *sessiōnem* (*sessio*), n. of action f. *sedēre* to sit.]

1. The action or an act of sitting; the state or posture of being seated; occupation of a seat in an assembly or the like; also a manner of sitting. Now *rare.*

1615 Crooke *Body of Man* 996 On the foreside it is gibbous, and that is profitable..for Session and sitting. 1635 Pagitt *Christianogr.* I. ii. (1636) 65 To the Bishop whereof was assigned the next place of session in councell after the Bishop of Hierusalem. 1670 Marvell *Corr.* Wks. (Grosart) II. 325 The King has ever since continued his session among them, and says it is better than going to a play. 1695 J. Edwards *Author. O. & N. Test.* III. 133 The antientest heroes used session not discumbiture. 1704 Swift *Mech. Operat. Spirit* 297 The Art of See-saw on a Beam, and swinging by Session upon a Cord. 1859 Tennyson *Vivien* 693 Vivien .. Leapt from her session on his lap. 1859 F. E. Paget *Curate Cumberworth* iv. 34 Whether Mrs. Crakanthorpe had indulged herself during her decline by session or recumbency thereon [*sc.* on a settee] there is, unfortunately, no evidence to show.

b. *spec.* The 'sitting' of Christ at the right hand of God.

c 1557 Abp. Parker *Ps.* cx. Collect, Where, hy the session of the ryghte hande of thy father, thou subduest thy enemies. 1605 Bp. Andrewes *Serm.* (1629) 369 His Passion and his Session. 1706 Stanhope *Paraphr.* III. 85 This Ascent, and Session of our Blessed Master at God's Right Hand. 1894 Swete *Apostles' Creed* vi. 64 Some of the oldest accounts, which place the Session immediately after the Resurrection.

† **c.** A place for sitting. *Obs. rare*—[1].

1412–20 Lydg. *Chron. Troy* II. 1003 And al aboue, reysed was a se,..þat callid was..Of þe regne þe sete moste royal... And sessions wer made on euery syde, Only þe statis by ordre to deuyde.

2. The sitting together of a number of persons (esp. of a court, a legislative, administrative, or deliberative body) for conference or the transaction of business. Also (now somewhat *rarely*), a single continuous sitting of persons assembled for conference or business.

1444 *Rolls of Parlt.* V. 122/1 To eny Baillif or Baillifs, Lieutenauntz, Deputez or eny othur, in her Sessions and assembleez. 1564 Haward *Eutrop.* VI. 60 When Cesar on a daye wyth the reste of the Senate, were at theyr sessyon in the conncell house. 1577–87 Holinshed *Chron.* I. 121/1 The archbishop of Canturburie kept a synod at Herford, the first session whereof began the 24 of September. 1612 Drayton *Poly-olb.* v. 81 Each part most highlie pleas'd, then vp the Session brake. 1661 *Bk. Com. Prayer*, A Prayer for the High Court of Parliament, to be read during their Session. 1667 Milton *P. L.* II. 514 Then of thir Session ended they bid cry With Trumpets regal sound the great result. 1725 Pope *Odyss.* III. 171 Nor herald sworn the session to proclaim. 1827 Hallam *Const. Hist.* (1876) III. xiii. 1 The frequent session of parliament.. furnished a security against illegal taxation. 1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* I. III. iii, Already his Majesty..had held session of Notables. 1841 Catlin *N. Amer. Ind.* lviii. II. 240 For the sessions of these dignitaries each tribe has..a Government or council-house. 1869 Huxley in *Sci. Opin.* 21 Apr. 464/1 The British geologists..here in solemn annual session assembled. 1890 P. H. Hunter *After Exile* II. ii. 33 They proposed further that this court should not confine its sessions to Jerusalem, but should go on circuit.

b. *transf.* and *fig.*

1594 J. Dickenson *Arisbas* (1878) 59 Being in these dumpes he held a session in his thoughtes. 1855 Tennyson *Brook* 127 His pigeons, who in session on their roofs Approved him.

c. *pl.* with sing. sense and construction. *rare* (cf. 3 c).

1613 Heywood *Silver Age* K 4 b, Let 's breake this Sessions vp, I am dull. 1847 Helps *Friends in C.* I. vi. 86 Is it not comfortable to have our sessions here for once, and to be looking out on a good solid English wet day?

† **d.** A number of persons sitting in conference.

1615 Chapman *Odyss.* II. 40 The old man..weeping, thus bespake the Session. *a* 1656 Ussher *Ann.* VI. (1658) 468 Both parties appeared to Ptolemei Philometor, and a Session of his friends, for the hearing and decision of the Cause.

e. = Séance. *rare.*

1858 Hawthorne *Fr. & It. Note-bks.* (1871) II. 14 Browning and his wife had both been present at a spiritual session held by Mr. Hume.

3. A continuous series of sittings or meetings of a court, a legislative, administrative, or deliberative body, held daily or at short intervals; the period or term during which the sittings continue to be held; opposed to *recess* or *vacation.*

1553 in Burnet *Hist. Ref., Rec.* II. I. lvi. (1681) 225 The said Lord President and Council shall keep four general Sittings or Sessions in the Year, every of them to continue by the space of one whole Month. 1871 Freeman *Norm. Conq.* (1876) IV. xviii. 130 It was in this Christmas session of the Witan that the vacancy would regularly be filled. 1885 *Act* 48 & 49 *Vict.* c. 60 § 4 A session of the Council shall be held once at least in every two years.

b. *spec.* In English parliamentary use, applied to the period between the opening of Parliament and its prorogation.

The term *autumn session* (instead of 'autumn sitting') is sometimes used to designate the exceptional resumption of the sittings of the Houses, after an adjournment, in what is normally the autumn recess; but this use is condemned by parliamentary authorities as incorrect.

a 1577 Sir T. Smith *Commw. Eng.* II. iii. (1589) 54 The last day of that parliament or session the Prince commeth in person in his Parliament robes. 1676 Lady Chaworth in 12*th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. v. 34 Parliament.. some says will be dissolved of course by reason of three sessions past without any bill passing. 1683 *Repr. Advantages Manuf. Woollen-cloath* 1 The 20th Act of the third Sess. of the same Parl. 1711–12 Swift *Jrnl. to Stella* 21 Mar., I doubt the session will not be over till the end of April. *a* 1832 Mackintosh *Hist. Rev.* Wks. 1846 II. 43 At the opening of the Session, that House had contented themselves with general thanks to the King for his speech. 1878 H. S. Leigh *Town Garland* 195 Very few Members of Parliament only Will wait for the Session to crawl to its close.

† c. *pl.* with sing. sense and construction. *Obs.*

1642 Chas. I *Message to Both Ho.* 28 Apr. 5 Other Bills passed this Sessions. 1701 *Maryland Laws* v. (1723) 16 Within Six Months from the End of this Sessions of Assembly. 1732 W. Pulteney in *G. Colman's Posth. Lett.* (1820) 38 This day is to conclude a very tedious Sessions of Parl[t]. 1780 M. Madan *Thelyphthora* II. 59, I much doubt, whether every sessions of Parliament, for some years past, has not afforded melancholy proofs [etc.].

d. In Scotland and the U.S., and in some of the newer universities and colleges in England, the portion of the year during which instruction is given.

Summer session, in recent Sc. use, a period of instruction during the summer, additional to the old winter session.

1775 Johnson *West. Isl.* 12 A [St. Andrews'] student of the highest class may keep his annual session,..which lasts about seven months, for about fifteen pounds. 1807 Grierson *Delin. St. Andrews* 108 The session of this college lasts only about four months,..and the complete course of a student's attendance is, at the shortest, four sessions. 1851 *Catal. Univ. Virginia* 15 (Hall *College Words*) The session commences on the 1st of October, and continues without interruption until the 29th of June. 1861 *Temple Bar Mag.* III. 515 The medical session [at Edinburgh] began on the 1st November. 1880 (*title*) The Mason Science College. Calendar for the Session 1880–81. 1891 *Edin. Univ. Cal.* 30 A Summer Session (1st May to 1st October).

4. A judicial sitting. † a. *gen.* A sitting of a judge or judges to determine causes; a judicial trial or investigation. *sing.* and *collect. pl.* (often const. as *sing.*). *Obs.* (exc. *arch.* as contextual use of sense 1 or 2).

14.. *Customs of Malton* in *Surtees Misc.* (1890) 60 þe sayd Burgoye schall answere..in all sessyons and inqwyres. 1548 Cranmer *Catech.* 58 He that sayeth to his brother Racha..is worthye the sessyons. 1557 in *Select Pleas Admiralty* (Selden Soc.) II. 33 At the Sessyons of the same courte which should be holden the .xiij[th] daye of Decembre then next folloinge. 1585 Fleetwood in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. I. II. 296 Uppon Thursdaye laste..we kepte a Sessions of Inquyrie in London in the forenone, and in the afternone we kepte the lyke att Fynsburie for Middlesex, in which two severall Sessionses all such as were to be arrayegned for felonye at the Gaole deliverye were indyted. 1604 Dekker *Honest Wh.* Wks. 1873 II. 159 *Car.* Araigne the poore Whore. *Ast.* Ile not misse that Sessions. 1611 Shaks. *Wint. T.* II. iii. 202 Summon a Session, that we may arraigne Our most disloyall Lady. 1691 Conset *Pract. Spir. Crts.* (1700) 3 The first general Sessions held in the Court of the Arches..was kept..the next day (if no Holyday) after the Feast of St. Faith the Virgin.

transf. and *fig.* 1591 H. Smith *Lords Supper* ii. 30 This is the priuate araignement or close Sessions, when Conscience sits in her chaire to examine, and accuse, and iudge and condemne her selfe. *c* 1600 Shaks. *Sonn.* xxx. 1. 1630 Bp. Hall *Occas. Medit.* lxxxix. (1633) 225 To hold a privy Sessions, upon my Soule, and actions. 1645 Milton *Tetrach.* Wks. 1851 IV. 194 The hard hearts of others unchastisable in those judicial Courts, were so remitted there, as bound over to the higher Session of Conscience. 1659 W. Brough *Sacr. Princ.* 190 Those particular sessions on my self, prevent His generall assizes. 1879 Chr. Rossetti *Seek & Find* 22 Daniel..beheld the Session of the Ancient of Days, beheld the Judgment set and the Books opened.

b. **Sessions of the peace** (in ordinary language simply **sessions**): the periodical sittings of justices of the peace (or, in some instances, of a stipendiary magistrate or a recorder). Often const. as *sing.*

In England the sessions of the peace are of the following kinds: *petty sessions*, a court held by two or more justices or a stipendiary magistrate, exercising summary jurisdiction in minor offences within a particular district (a 'petty sessional division'); *special sessions*, a periodical meeting of the justices of a division prescribed by statute for the transaction of some particular kind of business (under this head are included *brewster* or *licensing sessions*, for the hearing of applications for licences to sell alcoholic drinks); *general* or *quarter sessions*, a court held four times a year (in a county, riding, etc. by the justices of the peace, and in certain boroughs by the recorder), having a limited criminal and civil jurisdiction and certain administrative functions. (*The sessions*, without qualification, usually denotes the quarter sessions.) Quarter sessions are also held in Scotland and Ireland. In certain British colonies the English system of sessions of the peace formerly existed, and was for a time retained in some of the United States.

c 1386 Chaucer *Prol.* 355 At sessiouns ther was he lord and sire. 1453 *Rolls. of Parlt.* V. 267/2 The Justicez of the peax in theire Sessions of peax. 1477 *Ibid.* VI. 173/2 Diverse of the Kyng's Justices of the peas..sittyng in the Kyng's generall Cessions of pease in the same Counte. 1548 in J. H. Glover *Kingsthorpiana* (1883) 108 One Gregorye Cosbye..was indyted at a cessyons holden at North[a] for huntyng of the hare in the feld of Pysford. 1556 *Chron. Grey Friars* (Camden) 34 A prisoner brake from the halle at Newgate whan the cecions was done. 1673 Sir W. Temple *Ess. Adv. Trade Irel.* Misc. I. (1680) 116 Sometimes one share of that Money is paid to a single pretender at the Sizes, or Sessions. 1699 *Plea agst. Extr. Price of Corn* 23 Our Country Alehouse-making Justices at their Petty-Sessions, Quarter, and General Sessions. 1754 *Gentl. Mag.* XXIV. 461 The Brewster-Sessions at Bray in Northungria. 1844 Ld. Brougham *Brit. Const.* xix. (1862) 315 The Magistrates, when acting singly or in small numbers at petty sessions. 1859 Dickens *T. Two Cities* II. v, A favourite at the Old Bailey, and eke at the Sessions.

rarely in sing. 1442 *Rolls of Parlt.* V. 43/1 Ones a yere a gret Cession holden afore the Kynges Justice,..and also a petit Cession, holden afore the said Justice. 1588 Lambarde *Eiren.* IV. i. (1591) 374 *margin*, The description of a Session of the Peace. 1616 B. Jonson *Devil an Ass* v. vi. 21 *Pug.* How? tonger here a moneth? *Ing.* Ves, boy, till the Session. *c* 1710 Celia Fiennes *Diary* (1888) 160 Applehy..is the shire town where the session and assizes are held. 1844 *Act* 7 & 8 *Vict.* c. 101 § 2 Such Justice of the Peace shall thereupon issue his Summons to the Person..to appear at a Petty Session.

† c. *Petty* or *statute sessions*: see quots. (cf. *petty sessions* in b). *Obs.*

1562–3 *Act* 5 *Eliz.* c. 4 § 40 That it shalbe laufull to the Highe Constables of Hundredes in every Shire, to holde kepe and contynue Petie Sessions, otherwise called Statute Sessions. 1641 *Termes de la Ley* 247 Petit Sessions or statute Sessions are held by the high Constables of every Hundred for the placing of servants. 1787 W. H. Marshall *Rur. Econ. Norfolk* (1795) I. 40 The High Constable of the Hundred in which a statute is held, holds what is called a 'petty sessions'; at which the hiring [of servants] and its attendant circumstances are, or may be, registered.

d. *Great* or *grand session(s)*: a court of justice formerly held half-yearly in each of the counties of Wales, presided over by itinerant judges forming a distinct body from the judges of assize in England. *Court of Session*: a court formerly exercising for the County Palatine of Chester a jurisdiction more or less corresponding to that of the courts of assize in the rest of England. *Obs.* exc. *Hist.*

Both these courts were abolished in 1830 by the Act 11 Geo. IV & 1 Will. IV, c. 70 § 14.

1542–3 *Act* 34 & 35 *Hen. VIII*, c. 26 § 4 There shalbe holden ..Sessions twyse in everye yere in everye of the saide Shyres in..Wales:..the whiche Sessions shall be called the Kinges Greate Sessions in Wales. 1707 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 4330/4 The Grand Jury, Justices of the Peace, and others.., met together at the Great Sessions holden for the said County [Pembroke]. 1730 *Act* 3 *Geo. II*, c. 25 *Preamb.*, Judges of the Great Sessions in Wales. *Ibid.* § 9 Causes in the Grand Sessions in any County of Wales. *Ibid.*, At least eight Days before every Grand Sessions. § 14 The Grand Session in Wales. 1899 W. R. Williams (*title*), The history of the Great Sessions in Wales 1542–1830.

5. *Scots Law.* a. *Hist.* The name given to a court of justice (often called 'the Session of James I'), established in 1425, consisting of the Chancellor and other persons chosen by the king, which sat three times in the year to determine such causes as had previously been brought before the king and his council. The judges of this court were called the *Lords of Session.* b. *Court of Session*: the supreme civil tribunal of Scotland (otherwise called the *College of Justice*: see College 1 c), established by Act of Parliament in 1532, and uniting in itself the powers and jurisdiction which had belonged to the Session of James I, to the Daily Council of James IV, and to the Lords Auditors of Parliament. The judges of this court are officially styled *Lords of Council and Session*, but in ordinary language *Lords of Session.* (Formerly the court was often spoken of as † *the Session(s)*.

1495 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* I. 242 Item, gevin to the Freris of Edinburgh at the Kingis commande xviij s. at the sessyon. 1496 *Ibid.* 269 Quhen the King raid to Sanct Jhonistoun to the cessioun. 1500–20 Dunbar *Poems* ix. 134 At Counsale, Sessioun, and at Parliament. 1503 Lords of Session [see Council 7]. 1569 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* I. 665 Gevin and pronunceit be the Lordis of Counsale and Sessioun. 1577–87 Holinshed *Hist. Scot.* 317/2 This yeere [1530] the college court of iustice called the sessions was instituted. 1610 Holland *Camden's Brit.* II. 8 The Colledge of Iustice, or as they call it The Session. 1652 Lamont *Diary* (Bannatyne Club) 37 Lords of Session and Counsell. 1708 J. Chamberlayne *St. Gt. Brit.* II. II. vi. (1710) 426 None shall be named..to be ordinary Lords of Session, but such who have been Advocates or principal Clerks of Session for the Space of Five Years. 1711 *Act* 10 *Anne* c. 13 § 2 The Christmas Vacation of the Session or College of Justice.

6. *Sc.* = Kirk-session.

a 1572 Knox *Hist. Ref.* III. Wks. 1848 II. 152 That the auld Sessioun befor thair departure, nominat twenty-four in Electioun for Elders,..and thirty-two for Deacounes. 1672 Sir G. Mackenzie *Pleadings* Pref. A iij, Our Session having been at first constitute of an equal number of Churchmen and Laicks. 1725 in J. J. Vernon *Hawick* (1900) 187 The Minister did read to ye members of ye Session a petition. 1786 Burns *Answ. to Trimming Epist. by Tailor* vii, Wi' pinch I put a Sunday's face on, An' snoov'd awa' before the Session. 1846 J. Macfarlane *Late Secess. Ch. Scot.* 124 The list of parishes vacant, and of sessions dismembered, and of churches thinned, is not to be overlooked.

7. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as (sense 2) *session-bell*; (sense 3) *session-time*; (sense 4) *sessions-chamber*, *session('s day*; (sense 6) *session-clerk*, *-clerkship*; **session(s-book** *Sc.*, a book kept in each parish to record the proceedings of the kirk-session; **session(s-house**, (*a*) a building in which sessions are held; (*b*) *Sc.*, a room attached to a church in which the session meets; † **sessions-paper**, a list of cases put down for trial at the sessions.

1701 *Acts of Sederunt* (1790) 221 After the ringing of the *Session-bell. 1829 Train in Scott *Old Mort.* Introd., His death is not registered in the *session-book of any of the neighbouring parishes. 1778 *Eng. Gazetteer* (ed. 2) s. v. *Weldon-Great*, A handsome market-house, and a *sessions-chamber over it. 1821 Galt *Ann. Parish* xii. (1895) 86 The schoolmaster was likewise *session-clerk and precentor. 1795 *Statist. Acc. Scot.* XVI. 511 This and the *session-clerkship do not belong to him as schoolmaster. 1537 London in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. I. II. 81 In the *cession dayes and other cowrt dayes. 1602 Heywood *Wom. killed w. Kindn.* (1617) C 1 b, This is the Sessions day. 1599 Lewkenor *Contarini's Commw. Venice* 1. 22 Euery holliday ..this great councell is assembled into a great and spacious hall, which we will call the *Session house. 1600 in *Cath. Rec. Soc. Publ.* (1908) V. 389 They were..bidd to putt on their bootes and to goe to the sessions house. 1647 *Acts of Sederunt* (1790) 55 All the advocates sall come to the Session-hous. 1836 Dickens *Sk. Boz, Scenes* xxv, The right wing of the prison [Newgate] nearest the Sessions-house. *a* 1704 T. Brown *Pleas. Lett. to Gent.* Wks. 1709 III. II. 16 The greasy Fragments of a *Sessions-Paper. 1728 Gay *Polly* I. (1777) 18 Every monthly sessions-paper..was a record of his [a thief-taker's] services. 1817 Scott *Let.* in *Lockhart* (1837) IV. ii. 59 In the vacation I never sit down; in the *session-time I seldom rise up.

Session (se·ʃən), *v. Sc.* (see also E.D.D.). [f. prec.] *trans.* To bring before the kirk-session.

1895 Crockett *Men of Mosshags* 125 Was there one of us ..that had not been sessioned time and again?

Sessional (se·ʃənăl), *a.* [f. Session *sb.* + -al.] Pertaining to a session or sessions. a. Belonging or relating to, supplied by, a kirk-session.

1715 in J. F. S. Gordon *Bk. Chron. Keith* (1880) 89 The Session..thought fit to give them a sessional admonition to make conscience of ordering their affairs [etc.]. 1821 T. Chalmers in Hanna *Mem.* (1849) I. 218, I gave her sessional assistance. 1849 Hanna *Mem. Chalmers* II. 307 The number of sessional poor (that is, of poor who had been on the session's roll of one or other of the three parishes ..) was ninety-eight. 1885 Edgar *Old Ch. Life Scot.* 240 The Lord's table was not to be approached without a sessional pass.

b. Pertaining to the session of a law-court. So *petty sessional*, *quarter sessional*, pertaining to petty sessions, quarter sessions.

1832 *Act* 2 & 3 *Will. IV*, c. 64 § 9 Such other places..as are locally situated within..the said sessional divisions. 1837 Lockhart *Scott* (1839) VI. 326 Scott being then on one of his short Sessional visits to Abbotsford. 1846 S. G. Osborne *Let.* 28 May (1891) I. 6 The sitting on the quarter sessional bench. 1883 *Fortn. Rev.* May 693 To establish petty sessional districts.

c. Belonging, relating, or restricted to a session of a House of Parliament; recurring every session.

1834 A. W. Fonblanque *Eng. under* 7 *Administr.* (1837) III. 104 The sessional stages. 1839 *Times* 7 Sept. 4/1 He will make a sessional motion in the House of Commons. 1844 May *Parlt.* 132 Sessional orders. At the commencement of each session both houses agree to certain orders and resolutions, which, from being constantly renewed from year to year, are evidently not intended to endure beyond the existing session. 1886 C. E. Pascoe *Lond. of To-day* vii. (ed. 3) 81 The Sessional dinners of each House.

Sessionally (se·ʃənăli), *adv.* [f. Sessional + -ly 2.]

1. *Sc.* By the kirk-session.

1715 in J. F. S. Gordon *Bk. Chron. Keith* (1880) 88 They were sessionally rebucked, till further guilt, if any be, appear. *a* 1732 T. Boston *Acc. My Life* (1908) 96 The precentor professing his sorrow for his offence, was readmitted sessionally. 1887 W. Ross *Pastoral Work Covenant. Times* viii. 168 Some faults dealt with sessionally would not be looked upon nowadays as sufficiently grave.

2. Every session.

1863 Cox *Inst. Eng. Govt.* I. ix. 158 No standing committees of the whole House appointed sessionally now sit.

Sessionary (se·ʃənări), *a. rare.* [f. Session *sb.* + -ary.] Of or pertaining to a session or sessions.

1702 *Case of Schedule Stated* 86 The *Dies Statutus*..is ever the Next Sessionary Day. 1884 *Law Times* LXXVII. 401/2 If the sessionary courts were invested with more discretionary power.

b. *transf.* During which business is carried on.

1837 C. Lofft *Self-formation* II. 188 The sessionary hours of the shopkeepers.

† **Se·ssioner.** *Sc. Obs.* Also 7 -air. [f. Session *sb.* + -er 1.]

1. A member of the Court of Session.

1597 R. Bruce *Apol.* in Wodrow *Life* (1843) 169 We take us not to his Majesty, neither to the nobility of Scotland..; we take us only to the Sessioners. 1610 Jas. VI in *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* VIII. 613 The saidis President and Sessionaris sall weir these habitis upoun the streitis of Edinburgh induring the tyme of sessioun. 1641 *Sc. Acts Chas. I* (1814) V. 403/1 And in Lyke maner the sessioners with the advise and approbation of the most part of that hous, wch elections made in the intervall shalbe allowed or disallowed. *a* 1657 Sir J. Balfour *Ann. Scot.* Hist. Wks. 1825 II. 129 That from hencefurth [1626] no judge or sessioner should be a priuey counseller.

2. A member of a kirk-session.

1643 in Boyd *Zion's Flowers* (1855) App. 41/2 That none win to the Sessions loft till the Sessioners be placed. *a* 1670 Spalding *Troub. Chas. I* (Bannatyne Club) I. 173 Ilk minister haveing ane ruleing elder chosen out of the worthiest of the sessioners of his presbiterie. 1682 J. Finlay in *Cloud of Witnesses* (1778) 193 They..now are sessioners to this Curate. 1683 in Wodrow *Hist. Suff. Ch. Scot.* (1722) II. 317 That the Ministers give in upon Oath a List of their Sessioners.

Sessions (se·ʃənz), *v. slang.* [f. *sessions*, pl. of SESSION *sb.*] *trans.* To commit (a person) to the sessions for trial.

1857 A. MAYHEW *Paved with Gold* III. vi, I am the only chap they could prove against...They could sessions me, but Ned and Phil are safe enough.

Sessle, *v. dial.* Also **sissle.** *intr.* To move uneasily, fidget.

1695 KENNETT *Par. Antiq.* Gloss. s.v. *Cart-Sadel*, In Kent to *sessle* about is to change seats very often. 1865 GARLAND *Words W. Cornw.* in *Jrnl. Roy. Inst. Cornw.* Apr. 52 *Sissling*, moving uneasily in sleep.

† **Se·ssment.** *Obs.* Also 6 seas(s)-, 6–7 ses-, sesse-, seaz(e)-, 7 seasse-, seize-. [Aphetic f. ASSESSMENT; cf. CESSMENT. For the variation of quantity in the root-vowel cf. SESS *v.*] = ASSESSMENT in various senses. Also *attrib.*

[1538 in *Norwich Pageants* (1856) 18 Assembly at Black Fryers, 19 May, 1538, elected Officers; a Sesmant 14ᵈ. Charges, 19ˢ 2ᵈ. Assembly at Guyldhalle, 9 May, 1539, elected Officers; Assmt. 16ˢ 6ᵈ.] *c* 1540 *Plumpton Corr.* (Camden) 239, I marvill greatly that your said manor shold be so highley charged...I could never se no writing of the sesment therof. 1548 in *Vicary's Anat.* (1888) App. III. i. 135 A precept directyd to the Craftes..of London, for payment of their Sessment vnto the poore. 1576 *Act* 18 *Eliz.* c. 10 § 5 By Taxacion and Sessement at one Courte or Lawedaye. 1598 BARRET *Theor. Warres* II. i. 26, I would wish a generall seazement to be made vpon euery parish. 1620–21 *Shuttleworths' Acc.* (Chetham Soc.) 247 P'd by him for sessement to kinge and churche there, vjˢ viijᵈ. 1636 FEATLY *Clavis Myst.* xiii. 179 In other seizements you give as you are in the King's books. 1647 in *Polit. Ball. Commw.* (Percy Soc.) 34 The seazement for the lots and snbsydyes, The weekly seazements for the trained bands. 1666–7 MARVELL *Corr.* Wks. (Grosart) II. 208 Our House yesterday perfected the proviso of 380,000 l. of the Sesment Bill. [*Ibid.* 209 Bill of Assessment.]

Sessone, -oun, obs. Sc. forms of SEASON *sb.*

† **Sessor.** *Obs.* [Aphetic f. ASSESSOR. Cf. CESSOR[1].] = ASSESSOR in various senses.

1481 *Coventry Leet Bk.* 481 The names of þe sessours [of a war-levy]. 1496 *Rolls of Parlt.* VI. 516/1 The Sessours and Ordrers in every of the said Cities and Boronghs. 1527–8 *Rec. St. Mary at Hill* 343 Paid for the drinking of the Sessours of the clerkes wages..vj d. 1579–80 NORTH *Plutarch, P. Æmil.* (1595) 282 They [*sc.* the Censors] be the sessonrs of the people, and the muster masters. 1642 *Ordin. & Decl. Lds. & Comm.* 29 Nov. 5 To nominate Sessors for the same City and Borough. 1712–13 SWIFT *Jrnl. to Stella* 29 Jan., We also raised sixty guineas upon our own Society; but I made them do it by sessors,..and we fitted our tax to the several estates.

Sess-pool, Sestain, var. ff. CESS-POOL, SEXTAIN.

Sest(e, obs. ff. pa. t. and pa. pple. of CEASE.

c 1380 *Sir Ferumb.* 1017 Þe Sarsyns fleȝe & noȝt ne sest. 14.. *Polit. Rel. & Love Poems* (1903) 137 Of þi seruyse oft hase I seste.

Seste, obs. form of SIXTH.

Sester (se·stəɹ). Now only *Hist.* Also 4 **cestre, sesster,** 6 **cester, sestur.** [OE. *sester* (also *seoxter*) and AF. *sester* = OF. *sestier* :—L. *sextārium* SEXTAR, SEXTARY.

Cf. OS. *soster, suster,* Du. *sester, sister,* MLG. *sestere,* OHG. *sehtari* and *sextari* (MHG. *sehtere* and *sehstere,* G. *sechter, sester*). See also SEPTIER.]

† **1.** A vessel for holding liquid; in OE. a jar, pitcher; in ME. ? a brewing-vat. *Obs.*

c 1000 ÆLFRIC *Gloss.* in Wr.-Wülcker 122/30 *Amfora,* sester. *c* 1000 — *Judges* vii. 16 Gedeon..het heora ælcne ȝeniman anne æmtiȝne sester oððe ænne wæterbuc to þam ȝewinne forð. *c* 1341 *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 542 In 2 novis Sestres factis de novo pro bracina, 20*d.* 1347–8 *Ibid.* 546 In 2 Cestris novis fact. et ferro ligand. pro bracina, 2*s.* 10*d.*

2. A liquid measure for beer, wine, etc.

In OE. rendering L. *modius, cadus, metreta,* and *sextarius.*

909 in Thorpe *Charters* (1865) 158 Twelf seoxtres beoras. *c* 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* John ii. 6 Stænino fatto..niomende syndrize sestras tuoeze *uel* ðrea [*Ags. Gosp.* ælc wæs on twezra sestra ȝemete oððe on ðreora]. *c* 1000 *Sax. Leechd.* III. 92 Twezen sestres sapan, & tweȝe hunies & þre sestres ecedes, & se sester sceal weȝan twa pund. *c* 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* II. 410 In half a sester [L. *heminam*] nged wyn do shake. 1494 in *Househ. Ord.* (1790) 113 Then yee must goe to the servant of the seller, and warne him to make readie..as many sesteres of wine as yee thinke will serve the people. 1528 *Coventry Leet Bk.* 696 No bruer..fromehensfurth shall sell eny ale within this Citie by the Cester aboue ij s. 1580 HOLLYBAND *Treas. Fr. Tong, Demy Sétier,* ..halfe sester.

b. † **Sester-penny,** ? a charge made upon every sester of beer brewed.

1328 in *Essex Rev.* XIII. 203 Every copieholder that doeth brewe here or ale to sell, shall paye yerely in the moneth of harvest one penye called Cestre-penye.

3. A dry measure for wheat, etc.

In mod. use only *Hist.* with reference to *O. E. Chron.* an. 1043, On þisum wæs..corn swa dyre..swa þæt se sester hwætes eode to .lx. peneȝa & eac furðor.

c 1050 *Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 444/4 *Mine,* healfsester. *c* 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* VIII. 148 A sester and a semycicle take Of senney seed. 1707 BP. FLEETWOOD *Chron. Prec.* 65 A Sester or Sextarius was what we now call a Quarter, or a Seam, containing 8 Bushels. [1848 PETRIE tr. *Ags. Chron.* 433.]

Sesterce (se·stəɹs). Pl. **sesterces** (se·stəɹsiz). Also *pl.* 6–7 **sestercies,** 7 **-ties**; *sing.* 7 **sestercie.** [ad. L. *sestertius* properly adj. (sc. *nummus* coin) = that is two and a half, f. *sēmis* half + *tertius* third; cf. SESQUI-.] A Roman coin, originally equivalent to 2½ asses, later to 4 asses; the fourth part of a DENARIUS.

pl. 1598 GRENEWEY *Tacitus, Ann.* VI. iv. (1622) 127 Putting a hundred million sesterces in bancke. 1601 B. JONSON *Poetaster* III. iv. 64 What does this gentleman owe thee, little Minos? *Mino.* Fourescore *sesterties,* sir. 1611 — *Catiline* II. i, He, tame Crow,..would haue kept Both eyes, and beake seal'd vp, for sixe sesterces. 1624 BURTON *Anat. Mel.* II. iii. III. (ed. 2) 267 Rings on his fingers worth 20000 sestercies. 1702 ADDISON *Dial. Medals* I. Wks. 1766 III. 10 That..would rather choose to count out a Sum in Sesterces, than in pounds sterling. 1834 LYTTON *Pompeii* I. i, An additional reason for supping with him while the sesterces last. 1882 FARRAR *Early Chr.* 5 A robe covered with pearls and emeralds, which had cost forty million sesterces. 1885 R. BRIDGES *Nero* III. ii, See, here I give you Two hundred sesterces.

sing. 1601 B. JONSON *Poetaster* IV. vii. 9 I'll sell 'hem my share for a sesterce. 1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr., Sesterce, Sestercie.* 1771 RAPER in *Phil. Trans.* LXI. 489 The *As* was reduced to one ounce, and the silver denarius made to pass for 16 *Asses*; the quinarius, for eight; and the sesterce, for four. 1850 MERIVALE *Rom. Emp.* lxi. (1865) VII. 338 Costly wars ..had drained perhaps to the last sesterce the coffers of the empire. 1861 SHEPPARD *Fall of Rome* ii. 98 Destitute and degraded, without a sesterce and without a friend.

¶ Misused for SESTERTIUM.

1693 *Dryden's Juvenal* IV. (1697) 76 The lavish Slave Six thousand Pieces for a Barbel gave; A Sesterce for each Pound it weigh'd. 1819 *Pantologia* s.v., Some authors make two kinds of sesterces: the less, called sestertius..and the great one, called sestertium.

† **Se·stern.** *Obs.* Also 5 **cestron,** 6 **sestorne, seystarne,** 7 **sestron.** [var. SESTER; cf. *testern,* var. TESTER[1]. See also SEXTERN.] = SESTER.

1421 *Coventry Leet Bk.* 25 That no breuster sell no derre a Cestron ale to noo hukster but for xviij d. 1502 ARNOLDE *Chron.* 72 b/2 The tonne of burdeux..holdith in sesternes lxiij. sesternes. The..sesterne iiij. galons. 1534 in Sharp *Cov. Myst.* (1825) 183 A Seystarne & a halfe of ale ijs iijd. 1682 *Art & Myst. Vintners* 15 Every Sestron is 4 gallons.

Sestern(e, obs. forms of CISTERN.

‖ **Sestertium** (sestə·ɹʃiŭm). Pl. **sestertia** (-ʃiă); also 6 **sex-, -cia, -tiaes,** 7 **-tias.** [L., usually explained as the gen. pl. *sestertium* of *sestertius* SESTERCE (with ellipsis of *mille* a thousand), taken as neut. sing.

The use of the sing. in the sense '1000 sesterces', which must on this view have existed, does not appear to be found in the classics; the pl. for 'thousands of sesterces' was common. On the other hand, the gen. pl. *sestertium,* after *decies* ten times, *centies* a hundred times, was used with ellipsis of *centena millia* (= 100,000), and when so used was sometimes treated as a neut. sing.]

A sum of a thousand sesterces.

1540–1 ELYOT *Image Gov.* XXX. (1544) 71 b, Euery *Sestertium* (which in englysh money of olde grotes..amounteth to .iiii. li .xvi. s. viii. d.). 1549 W. THOMAS *Hist. Ital.* 27 b, Plinie saieth, that The conueighaunce of this water [Aqua Claudia] did coste .555. thousande sexterti a..the summe amounteth to .vii. millions and .viii. hundred thousand poundes of our money. 1598 MERES *Palladis Tania* II. 284 b, Octauia..gaue him [*sc.* Virgil] for making 26 verses, 1137 pounds, to wit, tenne Sestertiaes for euerie verse. 1603 B. JONSON *Sejanus* I. i, There is a Gentleman of Rome would buy...*Sat.* A Tribunes place, my Lord. *Sej.* What will he giue? *Sat.* Fiftie Sestertia. 1770 LANGHORNE *Plutarch* (1852) II. 832/1 They thought it better to deposit five hundred sestertia each. 1834 LYTTON *Pompeii* I. iii, 'I will play no more,' said Glaucus, 'I have lost thirty sestertia.' 1842 *W. Smith's Dict. Class. Antiq.* 875 Up to the time of Augustus..the sestertium = £8. 17. 1; after the reign of Augustus the sestertium = £7. 16. 3.

‖ **Sestertius** (sestə·ɹʃiŭs). Also 7 *erron.* **sex-, -ties.** Pl. **sestertii** (-ʃi|əi). [L.: see SESTERCE.] = SESTERCE.

In the first two quots. the form app. represents the Lat. acc. pl.

1567 PAINTER *Pal. Pleas.* II. xiii, She sent one to demaunde .xii. C. Sestercios of silner. 1584 COGAN *Haven Health* clxxviii. 143 Asinius Celer..paid..8000 Sestertios, which after Tonstals account is fourty pound sterling. 1600 HOLLAND *Livy* XLV. 1231 Twentie millions of Sestertij. *a* 1630 J. TAYLOR (Water-P.) Wks. I. 66/2 An As, a Drachma, a Sesterties. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 6 May 1645, The Sestertius was a small silver coyne marked H. S. or rather LL*, valu'd 2 pound and half of silver. 1884 *Encycl. Brit.* XVII. 653/1 Under Severus Alexander there was the latest large issue of denarii and sestertii.

Sestet(t, sestette (seste·t). [ad. It. *sestetto*: see next and -ET, -ETTE, and cf. SEXTET.]

1. *Mus.* A composition for six voices or instruments.

1801 BUSBY *Dict. Mus., Sestetto,* or *Sestett.* 1874 OUSELEY *Mus. Form* 52 Thus are constructed..sestetts, septetts, and ottetts. 1883 *Grove's Dict. Mus.* III. 475/2 Instrumental sestets are of two kinds; those for strings only..and those for various combinations of strings, wind and pianoforte.

2. *Pros.* The last six lines of a sonnet. Cf. OCTAVE, OCTET.

a 1859 L. HUNT *Bk. Sonnet* (1867) I. 10 The Minor division [of the Italian sonnet consists] of six lines, called the Sestette. 1881 *Athenæum* 8 Oct. 459/3 The regular sonnet of octave and sestet. 1882 *Macm. Mag.* Feb. 325 This rhythmic variation of the order in the sestet rhymes. 1896 E. GOSSE *Crit. Kit-Kats* 7 No fault can be found with the structure of her [Mrs. Browning's] octetts and sestetts.

‖ **Sestetto** (sestə·to). *Mus.* [It., f. *sesto* sixth (:—L. *sextus*) + dim. suffix *-etto.*] = SESTET 1.

1801 [see SESTET 1]. 1824 MEDWIN *Convers. Byron* II. 261 At the moment he was listening to a sestetto in Mayer's opera of 'Elena'. 1879 LONGF. *Life* (1891) III. 294 The sestetto at the end of the second act was splendid.

† **Se·stiad.** *Obs.* In 6–7 **sestyad.** [ad. Gr. Σηστιάς, -άδος (Musæus) adj., f. Σηστός Sestus, a town on the Hellespont. Used by Chapman (after *Iliad*) as the title of each of the six divisions of *Hero & Leander* (Linley's ed. 1598); hence in transf. sense below.]

Any one of six cantos or main divisions of a poem.

1646 S. SHEPPARD (*title*) The Times Displayed in six Sestyads.

‖ **Sestina** (sestī·nă). *Pros.* Also *erron.* **sestino.** [It., f. *sesto* sixth.] A poem of six six-line stanzas (with an envoy) in which the line-endings of the first stanza are repeated, but in different order, in the other five.

1838 GUEST *Engl. Rhythms* IV. v. II. 372 The Sestino-stave, invented by Arnaud Daniel, the Troubadour eulogised by Dante and Petrarch. [1845 *Encycl. Metrop.* XXV. 818/1 It was from the Provençal *chanzo* that the Italians derived their *Sestina* and *Distichi.*] 1878 SWINBURNE *Poems & Ball.* Ser. II. 60 The Complaint of Lisa. (Double Sestina.) 1880 HUEFFER in *Macm. Mag.* Nov. 49 The sestina is a dangerous experiment, on which only poets of the first rank should venture. 1896 KIPLING *Seven Seas* 158 (*title*) Sestina of the tramp-royal.

Sestine (sestī·n). *Pros. rare.* [a. obs. F. *sestine,* ad. It. *sestina* (see prec.). Cf. SEXTAIN.] = prec.

a 1586 SIDNEY *Arcadia* II. (1598) 219 To present Basilius with some other of their complaints Eclogue-wise, and first with this double Sestine. *Ibid.* IV. 426 One Agelastus.. framing an vniuersall complaint in that vniuersall mischiefe, vttered it in this Sestine. 1611 COTGR., *Sestine,* a Sestine, or stanzo of six verses. 1879 E. GOSSE *New Poems* 157 Arnaut, great master of the lore of love, First wrought sestines to win his lady's heart.

Sestole, Sestolet, occas. var. ff. SEXTOLE, -ET.

Sesto(u)rne, obs. forms of CISTERN.

1577 B. GOOGE *Heresbach's Husb.* I. (1586) 28 b, My Barley is fyrst steeped in a Sestorne of water a day or two. 1603 *Inv.* in Gage *Hengrave* (1822) 27 One greate copp^r sestourne to stand at the coobard.

Sestre, obscure variant of THESTER *v.*

a 1300 *E. E. Psalter* lxxiii. 20 Ful-filled er þai þa þat sestrede [*v.r.* cestered] er in mirkenes.

Sestrone, obs. form of CISTERN.

1536 *Cockersand Chartul.* (Chetham Soc.) III. II. 1179 Item oone grete Sestrone of ledd at xx *s.*

Sestuor (se·stiu|ɹ). *Mus.* Also SEXTUOR. [f. It. *sesto* sixth, after SEPTUOR.] A sestet.

1862 T. A. TROLLOPE *Marietta* I. vi. 112 Qnartettes, sestuors, quintettes.

Sesun(e, -yn(e, obs. forms of SEASON.

Set (set), *sb.*[1] Also 4–5 **sete,** 3–6 **sette,** (6 **seat**), 5– (now prevalent in many technical senses) **sett.** [f. SET *v.*, partly directly from the vb.-stem, and partly a subst. use of SET *ppl. a.*; the two formations cannot always be distinguished.

OE. had *set* neut., seat (in sing. place of setting of the sun; in pl. *setu, seotu* collect. in the senses camp, stable or cow-house), corresp. to OHG. *sez* neut., seat (MHG. *sez* neut., masc., seat, siege, mod.G. *sess* masc., seat), ON. *set* neut., abode :—OTeut. **seto-mi,* f. **set-*; see SIT *v.* It is doubtful whether this survived beyond OE.; the rare early ME. *sette* seat appears to be (as the rhyme shows in one instance) an irregular spelling for *sete* SEAT *sb.*[1] Sense 1 below can hardly have been influenced by the OE. word, as this occurs (in sing.) only in phr. e.g. *to sete gán* (= to set), and the dat. sb. would have become *sēte* in early ME. On the other hand, sense 1 may be partly due to an adoption of ON. *-setr* neut., *-sela* fem. (in *dagsetr, sólarsetr, -seta*: see SUNSET), which are cogn. with OE. *set.*]

I. The action of setting or condition of being set.

1. The act of setting (of a luminary); the apparent descent of the heavenly bodies towards the horizon at the close of their diurnal period. Now only *poet.* except in SUNSET.

c 1386 (see *day set,* DAY *sb.* 24]. 1390 GOWER *Conf.* III. 257 Riht evene upon the Sonne set. *a* 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 2045 And so to sett of þe son sesid þai neuire. 1592 DANIEL *Compl. Rosamond* Wks. (1717) 39 This fair Morning had a shamefnl Set. 1594 DRAYTON *Idea* liii [lx], Tell me, if euer since the world begunne, So faire a morning had so foule a set? 1599 SHAKS. *Hen. V*, IV. i. 292 But [the King] like a Lacquey, from the Rise to Set, Sweates in the eye of Phebus. 1605 — *Macb.* I. i. 5 That will be ere the set of Sunne. 1618 CHAPMAN *Hesiod's Georg.* II. 366 The Seuen-stars, and the Fiue, That twixt the Bulls hornes, at their set arriue. 1654–66 EARL ORRERY *Parthen.* (1676) 569 The Sun was fiue hours from his set. 1724 RAMSAY *Vision* xvii, Frae the sun's rysing to his sett. 1812 CARY *Dante, Purg.* XVIII. 80 When they of Rome behold him [the sun] at his set Betwixt Sardinia and the Corsic isle. 1834 MRS. BRAY *Warleigh* xxxi, The sun had already made a fiery set. 1845 SUMNER *True Grandeur Nations* (1846) 13 Between the rise and set of a single sun.

b. *Set of day*: (*a*) the time at which the sun sets; (*b*) the west.

1623 LISLE *Ælfric on O. & N. Test.* Ded. xv, Thou..shalt..Extend thy fame fro Set to Spring of day. 1830 TENNYSON *Adeline* ii, Looking at the set of day. 1868 NETTLESHIP *Ess. Browning* v. 127 At set of day. 1885–94 R. BRIDGES *Eros & Psyche* Mar. xxiii, Lookt left and right to rise and set of day.

c. *fig.* of the close of life.

1625 in Rushw. *Hist. Coll.* (1659) I. 158 Vet can they never deny but that admired Serenity had its set in a Clond. 1635 A. STAFFORD *Fem. Glory* 13 Anna..being then in the occident, or set of life.

† **2.** ? A setting oneself to fight, encounter, attack. *Obs.*

c 1330 R. BRUNNE *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 15658 Wyþ Cadwaly so harde he met, & Cadwalyn fley atte ferste set.

† **3.** Letting, lease. *Sc. Obs.*

1439 *Charters,* etc. *Edin.* (1871) 64 Sindry alde charteris, takis, and settis of feefedorme made to thaim. 1471 *Acts Lds. Auditors* (1839) 14/2 Þat he sall haue na dale nor en-

trometing þarwith..without þt he optene tak & set þarof. 1476 *Ibid.* 41/1 Dauid allegiand at þe said landis of logy-carroch belangit him be Resone of Sete. 1583 *Exch. Rolls Scot.* XXI. 564 Thair was ane set maid of the kingis majesties landis. 1600 J. Melvill *Autobiog.*, etc. (1842) 11 Be whome they might gett a new sett and possessioun of thay teind fisches. *a* 1637 Spottiswood *Hist. Ch. Scot.* (1655) 452 He should not delapidate his Benefice..nor make any set, or disposition thereof. [1886 *Act* 49 & 50 *Vict.* c. 50 § 3 'Lease' [in this Act] shall include tack and set.]

b. (Usually *sett.*) A mining lease. Chiefly *Cornwall.* (Cf. 21.)

1713 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 5141/4 The Setts heretofore made of the Copper-works..will determine at Michaelmas next. 1778 Pryce *Min. Cornub.* 326 A Set..sometimes..implies the deed or lease by which they enjoy the premises. 1855 Leifchild *Cornwall* 241 The sett, or lease, frequently extends to twenty-one years.

attrib. 1891 *Labour Commission* Gloss., *Sett quarries*, a number of mines or quarries taken on lease.

4. *Scots Law.* The action of setting to sale (see quots.).

1693 Stair *Inst. Law Scot.* I. xvi. (ed. 2) 135 A Roup at the half or major part of the Owners against the rest, or a Set at any of the Owners instance against the whole, either to take his part at such a rate, or [etc.]. 1838 W. Bell *Dict. Law Scot.* s.v. *Sett*, Where the owners of a ship disagree as to the manner in which a vessel is to be employed, or where one of the owners is desirous to sell his share, he usually offers it, at a certain price, to the other owners; and failing an extrajudicial arrangement, an action of sett is competent.

† **5.** The condition of being stopped or checked; a check. Phr. *at a set*, at a standstill, in difficulties, nonplussed (cf. 10 e); *hard* or *sore set* (Sc.), a serious check or set-back (cf. phr. s.v. Set *v.*).

1613 Purchas *Pilgrimage* III. iv. 211 Our Gull-gallants ..who would sometimes be at a sette in their braue and brauing phrases, if they should not haue varietie of oathes and curses. 1642 D. Rogers *Naaman* 87 He is at a set, and knows not what to make of it. *c* 1680 *Mem. Mrs. Veitch*, etc. (1846) 26 (E.D.D.) They were both against it, which gave my faith a sore set. 1751 [R. Paltock] *Life P. Wilkins* xii, It rose so steep..that I was at a Set upon the first Entrance. 1768 Ross *Heleuore* (1789) 45 Great may the hardships be, that she has met, Gotten for my sake so hard a set. *Ibid.* 70, I shanna tell yon..How sad the set was, that my heart did get.

b. *Bowls.* (See quot. and Rub *sb.*[1] 2 a.)

1876 *Encycl. Brit.* IV. 180/2 A 'rub' or 'set' is when a jack or bowl, *in transitu*, comes in contact with any object on the green.

† **c.** *Mech.* (See quot.)

1763 Fitzgerald in *Phil. Trans.* LIII. 156 The stop, or sett, generally in large engines, when the ends of the leaver come to the springs, is a defect that has been endeavoured to be remedied.

6. The act of a dog in setting game. (Cf. 10 f.)

1727 Bover *Dict. Royal* I. s.v. *Arrest*, A Dog that makes a fine set. 1737 Bracken *Farriery Impr.* (1749) I. 309 Their little Dogs make a Set at them in the Manner of Setting-Dogs. 1897 *Badminton Mag.* Apr. 448 All your senses tingle as you go to the set, and encourage the statuelike animal to go on. 1897 *Outing* XXIX. 479/2 Only twenty years ago the term 'set' was in general use. A sportsman, especially an old-timer, when a setter paused on game, would then say 'There's a set!'

7. = *dead set*, 10 c, d.

1829 *Examiner* 609/1 'A set' is made upon him of the most inveterate and splenetic character. 1850 Chubb *Locks & Keys* 17 When 'a set' is made at a bank, every information is..sought for, by the burglars. 1857 Mrs. Mathews *Tea-Table T.* I. 136 On one occasion, at a noble table, a great set was made at him. 1857 A. Mayhew *Paved with Gold* II. x, A direct set upon Phil was made by the satirical young rogues. 1887 W. E. Norris *Major & Minor* xxiii, No one could say that Miss N. was making a set at him.

8. (Usually *sett.*) A form of power used by shipwrights: see quots.

1794 *Rigging & Seamanship* I. 10 The sett is made by driving wedges between the head or heel of the shore. *Ibid.* 19 Both must be set close together with cross-setts. 1815 *Falconer's Dict. Marine* (ed. Burney), *Setts*, in mast-making denotes powers made use of, where force is required to bring or unite two or more pieces together, and is performed by screws, shores, cross-setts, or cleats. 1874 Thearle *Naval Archit.* 83 A 'set' or pressure is obtained by means of other pins driven and wedged into holes on the opposite side of the angle-iron.

9. The action of setting or hardening, or the condition of being set. *To take a set*: to set.

1837 J. T. Smith tr. *Vicat's Mortars* 53 The 'time of set' may sometimes transgress the prescribed limits. 1839 *Civ. Engin. & Arch. Jrnl.* II. 69/1 Before the cement was perfectly hardened and had taken a set.

10. Dead set: often in phr. *to make a dead set at.* † **a.** *slang.* (See quots.)

1725 *New Cant. Dict.*, *Set*, as *Dead Set*, a Term used by Thief-catchers when they have a Certainty of seizing some of their Clients. 1785 Grose *Dict. Vulgar T.*, *Set*, a dead set, a concerted scheme to defraud a person by gaming.

† **b.** A fixed look. *Obs.*

1781 G. Parker *View Soc.* I. 196 The Doctor..gave me what I term the dead set with his eye.

c. A pointed attack; a determined onslaught; const. *at*, *against*. Also, an attitude or position of hostility.

1835 Fonblanque *Eng. under 7 Administr.* (1837) III. 274 The abhorrence of every thing like a 'dead set', or an attempt to run down a man by abuse and clamour. 1836 Gen. P. Thompson *Exerc.* (1842) IV. 91 A dead set is to be made from various quarters, against the abominable innovation of publishing Divisions by authority. 1841 Keble *Let. to Newman* 19 July, It was plain from the moment Young went into the room that a dead set was to be made at him. 1859 *Hotten's Slang Dict.* s.v., 'A dead set', a determined stand, in argument or in movement. 1885 *Manch. Evening News* 16 July 2/1 The disaffected sections of the Irish population made a dead set against him from the first.

d. Of a woman: A determined attempt to gain a man's affections. Also *occas.* conversely of a man.

1823 Byron *Juan* XIV. xlii, Her late performance had been a dead set At Lord Augustus. 1825 T. Hook *Sayings* Ser. II. *Sutherl.* (Colburn) 3 James had..made a 'dead set' at a 'fortune'. 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* iii, There was a girl at Dumdum..who made a dead set at me in the year '4. 1883 F. M. Crawford *Dr. Claudius* xvii, I made a dead set at a new beauty just arrived from the South. 1894 Mrs. F. Elliot *Roman Gossip* v. 148 Women all through his life made a dead set at Garibaldi.

e. An absolute stop; a complete check; phr. *at a dead set.* Also *Univ. slang* = Dead *sb.*[1] 5.

1806 Surr *Winter in Lond.* III. 211 Hollo—what's this!—the duchess of Drinkwater at a dead sett! 1848 Webster s.v. *Set*, *To be at a dead set*, is to be in a fixed state or condition which precludes further progress. *a* 1851 in B. H. Hall *College Words* 92 See the front of Logic lower; Screws, dead-sets, and fines. 1854 Thoreau *Walden* i. (1863) 72 The man is at a dead set who has got through a knot hole or gateway where his sledge load of furniture cannot follow him.

f. *Sporting.* An abrupt stop made by an animal with its muzzle in the direction of the prey; *esp.* the position taken up by a dog in pointing game. (Cf. 6.)

1819 T. B. Johnson *Shooter's Comp.* 23 Happening to pass a small bush, with the whelp close to me..when the bitch was at a distance, he made a dead set. 1863 W. C. Baldwin *Afr. Hunting* v. 122 He made a dead set, getting my wind; and immediately made a desperate charge.

II. The manner or position in which a thing is set.

† **11.** The way in which something is set down in writing. *Obs. rare.*

1535 Stewart *Cron. Scot.* II. 27 Ane herald..Quhilk schew to him ilk word fra end to end,..In forme and sett as I haif said 3ow heir.

12. Tendency, inclination; determination (of the mind, character, action, etc.) in a certain direction; often = settled direction, fixed habit.

1567 Maplet *Gr. Forest* 14 There is another kind of Lodestone..that is of contrarie set and disposition, which will haue none of Iron. 1603 Daniel *Def. Rhime* Wks. (1717) 7 Which Frame of Words..are disposed into divers Fashions, according to the Humour of the Composer, and the Set of the Time. *c* 1620 Fletcher *False One* II. ii, Here's a strange alteration in the Court; Mens Faces are of other setts and motions. 1692 Burnet *Past. Care* vii. 80 Tully's Offices will give the Mind a noble sett. 1730 T. Boston *Mem.* viii. (1899) 168 The Lord was pleased to give my heart a set toward the preaching of Christ. 1847 H. Miller *First Impr. Eng.* xvi. (1857) 268 The poetical mind of England had taken an inveterate set. 1852 Blackie *On Studying Lang.* 10 In the..process by which the mother tongue is acquired, the mind acquires a habit and a set. 1898 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* V. 843 Strain of the heart,—that is, of a permanent 'after-strain' or 'set' towards other than the normal lines of its action.

13. The direction in which a current flows or a wind blows; also, the action of the water, etc. in taking a particular direction.

Locally applied to particular currents.

1719 De Foe *Crusoe* I. (Globe) 193 How the Sets of the Tide, or Currents lay, when the Flood came in. 1755 J. Sheppeare *Lydia* (1769) I. 125 By a sudden sett of the sea ..Jack tumbled forward. 1793 *Phil. Trans.* LXXXIII. 189 Although the northern set was trifling..; yet the wind, being both scant and light, we could never overcome the tendency of the current. 1823 W. Scoresby *Jrnl.* 350 The set of the ice. 1827 Fonblanque *Eng. under 7 Administr.* (1837) I. 13 As straws show the set of the wind. 1876 Farrar *Marlb. Serm.* ii. 19 A feather will show you the direction of the wind; a straw will prove the set of a current. 1879 *Scribner's Monthly* XIX. 327/1 Often in storms a strong swift current runs along the coast between the outer bar and the shore, called by the surf-men the 'set' or 'cut'.

14. The build or make of a person. *Obs.* exc. *dial.*

1611 Speed *Hist. Gt. Brit.* IX. xxiv. (1623) 1186 Of a bigge and broad set. *c* 1620 Fletcher *Custom of Country* I. v, A goodly gentleman, Of a more manly set I never look'd on. 1708 *Brit. Apollo* No. 32. 4/2 He is of a Squat Set. 1825 Jamieson, *Set*..8. Shape, figure, cast, make, Aberd[een]. 1888 *Harper's Mag.* Jan. 291/2 Something effective and picturesque in the set of his strongly built frame.

† **b.** *gen.* ? Shape. *Obs.*

1567 Maplet *Gr. Forest* 46 Houselike..for his endurance is resembled to Ambrosia..for his roundset [? *read* round set] or figure to the Bullocks eie.

15. *Weaving.* (Usually *sett.*) The adjustment of the reeds (of a loom) necessary for the making of a fabric of a particular texture; hence, the make of a fabric as determined by this.

1780 A. Young *Tour. Irel.* I. 324 The grist or fineness of the yarn, determines the set or fineness of the reed through which it is to be wrought. 1833 J. Holland *Manuf. Metal* II. 350 When the set of the web is from three fourths of an inch to forty meshes in the inch. 1879 Ashenhurst *Weaving*, etc. 272 The systems of calculating the sett of reeds. *Ibid.*, If a cloth contains sixty threads per inch, it would be said to be a sixty sett cloth. 1893 *Times* 10 July 4/6 Medium and heavy setts of powerlooms are having most attention, fine descriptions being almost neglected.

b. (Usually *sett.*) Each or any of the squares in the pattern of a tartan; the pattern itself.

1721 Ramsay *Tartana* 107 The Plaid itself gives pleasure to the sight, To see how all its sets imbibe the light. 1725 — *Gentle Sheph.* I. i, Scarlet and green the sets, the borders blue. 1811 Mrs. A. Grant *Superst. Highl.* II. 207 Every clan wore a different *sett*..of tartan. 1819 Scott *Leg. Montrose* viii, How many checks in the sett of his plaid and trews. 1897 *Standard* 21 Sept. 7/1 The Murray 'sett'.

16. The form which a body assumes as the result of strain or pressure or in the process of solidification, etc.; *esp.* the permanent deflexion of a bar or plate of metal or wood.

1812 P. Nicholson *Mech. Exerc.* 85 When the timbers are sagged, either by casting or by a set. 1824 Tredgold *Ess. Cast iron* (ed. 2) 81 That iron is to be esteemed the best which will bear the greatest degree of flexure without set. 1847 H. Miller *First Impr. Eng.* xii. (1857) 204 Like a piece of old elastic parchment that had been acquiring for ages the set of the roll. 1869 Mrs. Somerville *Molec. Sci.* I. ii. 77 The..phenomena of crystals depends upon unequal conductibility..and their set is determined by the difference between the forces of attraction and repulsion. 1883 *Science* I. 174/1 The 'set' of a zinc bar when heated. 1886 *Cheshire Gloss.* s.v., When the crystals of hay-salt begin to form upon the strings and thorns, the pan is said to have n good or a bad set according as the crystals are large or small. 1888 *Lockwood's Dict. Terms Mech. Engin.*, *Permanent set*, that amount of deflection from which a beam or structure is unable to return to its original form, but which remains constant. 1903 Kipling *Nations* 24 Turning the shingle, returning the shingle, changing the set of the sand.

17. The way in which an article of dress is arranged or 'hangs'; also similarly of a ship's sails.

1822 *Examiner* 68/2 Studying the set of her bonnet. 1827 Fonblanque *Eng. under 7 Administr.* (1837) I. 107 She who shapes the mistress's caps, and gives the set to her head-dress—the lady's maid! 1828 H. Le Blanc *Art of Tying the Cravat* (ed. 2) 65 Scrutinizing examination will be made on the *set* of his Cravat. 1845 Mrs. M. J. Howell *Hand-bk. Dress-making* 40 In order to give the skirt a pretty 'set'. 1881 *Daily Tel.* 28 Jan., Considering the squareness of her bows and the set of her canvas. 1896 Kipling *Seven Seas* 166 The set o' the tunic's 'orrid.

18. The position or attitude (either occasional or habitual) given to a limb or a part of the body.

1855 Bain *Senses & Int.* III. i. § 3 (1864) 335 A peculiar set of the limb, for example, the turning out of the toes. 1863 B. Taylor *Han. Thurston* iv, His yellow hair..grew back from the temples with a sturdy set. 1876 Geo. Eliot *Dan. Der.* vii, The set of her head and neck. 1896 Kipling *Seven Seas* 165 'E saw the set o' my shoulders.

19. a. The inclination or dip of the arm of an axle-tree; the elevation of a gun.

1844 H. Stephens *Bk. Farm* III. 1163 Were all wheels made with one uniform degree of dish, we should then have one simple standard for the *set* of the axle-arms. 1852 Burn *Nav. & Milit. Dict.* s.v., To give the proper set or dip. 1876 Voyle & Stevenson *Milit. Dict.* 1898 *Encycl. Sport* II. 168/2 (Punt shooting), '*Set' of the gun*, the elevation given to the gun as it lies on the gun-rest.

b. The slight lateral deflexion in opposite directions of the alternate teeth of a saw; the amount of this deflexion.

1837 Hebert *Englin. & Mech. Encycl.* II. 630 Each successive tooth is placed in opposite directions, at the desired *set*, to allow the blade of the saw to pass through the wood without resistance. 1853 Ure *Dict. Arts* II. 584 The 'set' of the saw consists in inclining the teeth at the particular angle known to be the best to facilitate the exit of the sawdust. 1875 Knight *Dict. Mech.* 1047/1 *Hack-saw*, a frame saw of moderate set.

c. *Typogr.* (See quots.)

1892 *Southward's Pract. Printing* (ed. 4) 29 *note*, The set of the types signifies the proper position of the letters, with reference to the precise amount of space between them. 1908 Legros in *Proc. Instit. Mech. Engin.* Dec. 1043 As the letters are not only unequal in set, and since the widths of set generally bear no particular relation to the em (or body). *Ibid.* 1075 The mould thus made is of definite size for body but variable for the width of set.

III. Something which is set.

† **20.** An area marked out for a hunt. *Obs.*

c 1410 *Master of Game* (MS. Digby 182) xxxv, The maister of þe game shulde be accorded with þe maister forster or parker whedyr þat it be where þe kynge shall hunte suche a daye. And if þe sette be wyde [etc.]. *Ibid.*, þe maister of þe game shulde be enformed by þe forster or þe parker, what game þe kyng shall fynde withinne his sette.

21. (Usually *sett.*) The area of ground worked by a particular mining company. Chiefly *Cornwall.* (Cf. 3 b.)

1778 Pryce *Min. Cornub.* 326 A Set is the ground granted to a company of Adventurers. 1835 *English's Mining Rev.* July 113 The setts comprise a circumference of several miles, and abound in lodes producing argentiferous ores. 1839 De la Beche *Rep. Geol. Cornwall*, etc. xv. 537 The bounder had the right of granting the sett. 1855 Leifchild *Cornwall* 136 The lord of the soil grants a *sett*.., or portion of mining soil, for a lease of years. 1893 *Daily News* 11 Jan. 2/1 There are many old workings to Wheal Owles, and several setts have of late years been discontinued.

† **22.** ? An ornament of jewellery set on a garment. *Obs.*

1502 *Priv. Purse Exp. Eliz. York* (1830) 21 Spangelles settes..sterrys dropes and pointes..for garnisshing of jakettes. 1542 *Inv. Royal Wardrobe* (1815) 67 Upon the samyne bonet tene settis, in every set four dyomonttis,.. with xxiiii settis of perle in every set four perle. *Ibid.* 67-68 Tene plain dyamonttis in settis of gold, xviii settis of perle, & thrie in every set, and nyne set lang, and four in every sett.

23. 'Any thing not sown, but put in a state of some growth into the ground' (J.); a twig, slip, or sucker, used for planting or grafting; also, a young plant, *esp.* a bedding-out plant.

1513 Douglas *Æneis* XII. Prol. 133 The plane pulderyt

with semely settis sovnd. 1523 FITZHERB. *Husb.* § 127 Take a sharpe hatchet..and cutte the settes in a playne place, nyghe vnto the erthe. *Ibid.*, At euery two fote, or iii fote, to leaue one set growyng not plasshed. 1553 T. WILSON *Rhet.* 26 b, To ympe or graffe yong settes. 1577 B. GOOGE *Heresbach's Husb.* II. (1586) 67 Do they growe of the seede, or of the sette? 1615 W. LAWSON *Country Housew. Gard.* (1626) 12 It shall grieue you much to see your yong sets rubd loose at the roots. 1618 *Shuttleworths' Acc.* (Chetham Soc.) 233, ij hundrethe setts of lycorise for my Mrs, iiij^{s}. 1669 WORLIDGE *Syst. Agric.* (1681) 147 Chuse the largest Sets that you can get; which are to be had best out of a Garden well kept. 1760 BROWN *Compl. Farmer* II. 107 One runner will make many setts. 1848 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* IX. II. 563 The hop-set is no sooner put in the ground than its enemies find it out. 1877 *N. W. Linc. Gloss., Set*..(2) Young plants of any kind used for bedding out. 1894 *Daily News* 15 Jan. 6/6 Find a swampy place, and get good setts (that is, two or three year old withy).

fig. 1605 *1st Pt. Ieronimo* III. ii. 123 This arme neare met So strong a courage of so greene a set. 1662 MARVELL *Corr.* Wks. (Grosart) II. 80 We may..graft an Set of our own upon their motion.

b. A potato, or a portion of a potato, used as seed. *local.*

1767 A. YOUNG *Farmer's Lett. to People* 12 Dropping potatoe setts. 1844 H. STEPHENS *Bk. Farm* II. 655 The tubers are either planted whole, or cut into parts called *sets*. 1896 P. A. GRAHAM *Red Scaur* vi. 83, I found her and Mark and Elsie planting potatoes...She carried a basket of 'sets', ..and Mark was doing the hard work of digging. 1901 *Dundee Adv.* 23 Apr. 4 The common potato growing practice is to allow..six inches from sett to sett of the seed.

†c. A shoot. *Obs.*

1675 EVELYN *Fr. Gard.* 182 When you have cut off the heads of your Cabbages..they will produce small sets, which the Italians call Broccoly.

†24. The stake put down at dice, etc. Also *fig.*

1537 in *Privy Purse Exp. Hen. VIII* (1827) 143 Paied to the iij Cotons for iij settes the whiche the kinges grace loste to them in Grenewiche parke. 1586 A. DAY *Eng. Secretary* II. (1595) 39 The plaie that I vsed was with them, the sette by agreement not great, concluded vppon more to passe time, then wherof to make gaine. 1602 HEYWOOD *Wom. killed w. Kindn.* (1617) E 2, Let them that are taken playing false forfet the Set. 1611 COTGR., *Monmon*..a set, by a Mummer, at dice.

†25. A game at dice or cards; hence, the number of points to be made in order to be 'up'.

1594 HENSLOWE *Diary* (1845) 47 [Title of play] The seat at mawe. 1611 FLORIO, *Partita*,..a set or match at any game. 1633 FORD *Love's Sacr.* III. G 2 b, You were best to try a set at Maw. 1667 DRYDEN & DK. NEWCASTLE *Sir M. Mar-all* I, I lose all my sets, when I want but one of up. 1680 COTTON *Compl. Gamester* (ed. 2) 58 Picket...The usual Set is an hundred. *Ibid.* 75 At Cribbidge..the number of the Set is sixty one. *Ibid.* 79 This Game I conceive is called All-Fours from Highest, Lowest, Jack, and Game, which is the Set as some play it. 1687 SEDLEY *Bellamira* IV. i. Wks. 1778 II. 161, I lost three sets at back-gammon.

†b. *fig.* Match, contest. *Obs.*

c 1605 ROWLEY *Birth of Merlin* I. i, Your Sister and Lord Edwin are in game, And all their wits at stake to win the Set. 1649 G. DANIEL *Trinarch., Rich. II*, cclxxxvi, If the sword must try it, Hee had an Equall sett, and choos'd to play it. 1687 DRYDEN *Hind & P.* II. 161 That was but civil war, an equal set, Where Piles with piles, and Eagles Eagles met.

26. *Tennis.* A group of six games which counts as a unit to the side that wins more than half of them; see also quot. *a* 1769. (Sometimes spelt *sett.*)

1578 FLORIO *1st Fruites* 8, I will goe see some play at Tenise, and perhaps play also: will you play two or three settes with me? 1591 — *2nd Fruites* 25 *P.* How manie are you my masters? *H.* We are but two that will plaie. *P.* Will you plaie in set? 1630 *R. Johnson's Kingd. & Commw.* 185 Ye shall see them play Sets at Tennis in the heat of Summer. *a* 1769 HOYLE *Games* (1778) 203 Six Games make a Set of Tennis, but if what is called an Advantage Set is played, two successive Games above five Games must be won to decide; or, in Case it should be six Games all, two successive Games must still be won on one Side to conclude the Set. 1822 SCOTT *Nigel* xxiii, Perhaps you would like a set at tennis, or a game at balloon. 1886 *Field* 31 July 182/2 Mr. Joy only beat Mr. Thorpe after all three sets had been exhausted. 1891 'J. S. WINTER' *Lumley the Painter* 36 I shouldn't have liked to lose my first sett with you.

†27. One of the pleats of a ruff; also, the arrangement of a ruff in pleats. *Obs.*

1594 NASHE *Unfort. Trav.* Wks. 1904 II. 255, I warrant you should not see one set of her neckercher peruerted or turned awrie. 1601 DENT *Pathw. Heaven* (1617) 47 Some are as proud of their falling bands and little sets, as others are of their great ruffes. 1608 MACHIN *Dumb Knt.* I. i. B 2 b, You haue a pretty set too, how hig is the steele you set with? 1610 B. JONSON *Alch.* IV. iii, He speakes out of a fortification 'Pray god, he ha' no squibs in those deep sets. 1651 *Randolph's Hey for Honestie* III. iii. 27 The sets of my old Ruffe lookt like so many Organ-Pipes.

28. = *set scene*: see SET *ppl. a.* 8.

1861 *Cornh. Mag.* IV. 169 In the *Frogs*, we have.. a grand full stage 'set' of the Acherusian lake. 1868 MISS BRADDON *Dead-sea Fruit* xxvi. II. 296 If such a set were only manageable at the Bonbonnière! But we have not enough depth for this kind of thing. 1880 *Theatre* Apr. 223 The set was excellent, representing the interior of an Elizabethan house.

29. (Usually *sett.*) A squared stone (chiefly granite) used for paving.

1871 WILLIAMSON *Science Lect.* Ser. II. 98 Those square stones which I think are technically called 'sets'. 1880 *Daily News* 7 Dec. 6/3 One of the small steamers which trade with setts from the quarries. *Ibid.* 9 Dec. 1/3 A sett stone quarry. 1905 *Academy* 9 Sept. 935/1 The streets used to be paved with setts taken from the black marble quarry.

30. Miscellaneous technical senses.

a. *Plastering.* The finishing coat on walls prepared for painting. b. In pile-driving, etc., a body placed between the hammer and the object to be struck. c. *Fishing.* (*a*) = 'set net' (see SET *ppl. a.*); chiefly *eel-set.* (*b*) See quot. 1867. (Cf. MDu. *set, sete.*) d. *Mining.* (See quots.) e. *Saddlery.* 'The filling of deer's hair or other stuffing beneath the ground seat of a saddle, to bring the top seat to its shape' (Knight *Dict. Mech.* 1875). f. (*a*) A young oyster when first attached; (*b*) the crop of young oysters in a locality.

a. 1823 P. NICHOLSON *Pract. Builder* 373 As the plasterer lays on the set, he draws the brush backwards and forwards over it, till the surface is smooth. 1825 [see RENDERING *vbl. sb.* 3 a].

b. 1837 in *Civil Eng. & Arch. Jrnl.* (1838) I. 242/2 A set is then applied to the end of the wedge, and the workman strikes it with a hammer. 1842 GWILT *Archit.* 1031 *Sett*, in piling, a piece placed temporarily on the head of a pile.

c. *a* 1808 *State, Leslie v. Fraser* 56 (Jam.) The practice of hauling their fishing-nets and feith-sets to the shore. 1867 F. FRANCIS *Angling* IV. (1880) 106 The angler..hooks the fish on to his line by a certain arrangement of hooks called a flight or set. 1882 *Blackw. Mag.* Jan. 102 The silver-bellied eel..is only caught in the eel-sets. 1892 *Longman's Mag.* Nov. 88 Along the Norfolk rivers a very important eel fishery is carried on by means of fixed nets known as 'eel-sets'.

d. 1858 R. HUNT *Catal. Mus. Pract. Geol.* 223 The pillars are taken away, commencing at the extreme end of the sett. 1862 *Chamb. Jrnl.* Apr. 216 The strait sets are excavations four or five feet wide..made..in the side of a seam of coal at a distance of about six yards from each other. 1883 GRESLEY *Gloss. Coal-mining, Sett*, a measure of length along the face of a stall, usually from say 6 to 10 feet, by which holers and drivers are paid. A certain number of setts comprise a day's work.

f. 1881 INGERSOLL *Oyster-Industry* 248 'The Set is good in Somerset this year'; *i. e.*, there is an abundance of infant oysters. 1887 GOODE, etc. *Fish. Industr. U. S.* v. II. 515 At only a few places does a breed of oysters, or a 'set', as it is termed, occur with any regularity. *Ibid.* 540 *note*, There is no word in the Northern States for infant oysters, except the terms 'set', 'spat', 'spawn', &c.

IV. A place where something is set.

31. A place where stationary fishing nets are fixed.

1745 BLOMEFIELD *Topogr. Hist. Norfolk* II. 866 There were 19 appropriated Fishing-Places, which they called Setts, which were yearly allotted by the Mayor, to certain Fresh-Water Fishermen. 1867 SMYTH *Sailor's Word-bk., Sett*, the particular spot in a river or frith, where stationary nets are fixed.

32. The earth or burrow of a badger.

1898 A. E. PEASE *Badger* 40, I knew of nine badger 'sets' in the vicinity. *Ibid.* 44 A badger's earth or warren is properly and generally called a 'set' or 'cete'. 1908 *Nation* 6 June 340/2 For a year or two past the brocks had held their sett in the brake.

V. 33. (Often *sett.*) A tool or device used for 'setting' (in various technical senses): see quots.

1750 BLANCKLEY *Nav. Expositor, Setts* for Saws, are for setting the Teeth when out of Order, so as they may cut with the greater Exactness. 1812 P. NICHOLSON *Mech. Exerc., Smithing* 353 *Side Set*, a hammer used to set shoulders of rivets to a true square or bevel, as required. 1843 HOLTZAPFFEL *Turning* I. 387 The work..is bent over with the blows of a flat-ended punch or set. 1846 [see *saw-set*, SAW *sb.*^{1} 5 d]. 1881 *Design & Work* 24 Dec. 451/2 The operation of 'driving' rivets consists in placing a set on the end of the rivet, and sledging it down to form the head. 1888 *Lockwood's Dict. Terms Mech. Engin., Set*, or *Sett*, (1) a narrow square nosed or round nosed chisel-like tool used by fitters and boiler makers for chipping grooves in metal. (2) Broad chisel-like tools used for cutting off hot or cold bars on the anvil. *Ibid., Hook Wrench*, or *Set*, or *Hand Hook*, a smith's tool used for taking work out of winding or out of twist. 1892 *Labour Commission* Gloss., *Sett*, a piece of bar-iron bent to the same curvature or shape that an iron pipe is required to take.

Set (set), *sb.*^{2} Also 4–6 sette, 5– sett. [orig. (in sense 1) a. OF. *sette* :—L. *secta* SECT *sb.*^{1}, but in subsequent developments of meaning influenced by SET *v.* and apprehended as equivalent to 'number set together'. The application to things (branch II) may be partly due to MLG. *gesette* set or suite (of pieces), whence app. G. *gesetz* set of knitting-needles, etc., Da. *sæt* set of china, suit of clothes.]

I. A number or group of persons.

†1. A religious body, sect. *Obs.*

1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) VI. 41 After þe deþ of Machometus þat cursede secte encresede so faste þat it drouȝ myȝti men of Pers to þe corsed lawe of þe Arabes. Al þat sette haþ infecte..nl Affrica. *c* 1500 *Melusine* xxxvi. 272 Many other of our sette and lawe. *c* 1520 NISBET *N. T.* Acts xxiv. 14 Eftir the sett [*Wycl.* secte] quhilk thai say herresie, sa I serue to God the fadir. *Ibid.* 2 Pet. ii. 1 Maistris learis, that sal bring in settis [*Wycl.* sectes] of perditioun. 1538 in Archbold *Somerset Relig. Houses* (1892) 80 What ys my lord Audley, a man off ye new sett or arfter ye olde sorte?

transf. c 1450 *Mankind* 372 ȝe wolde haue me of yowur sett?

2. A number, company, or group (*of* persons) associated by community of status, habits, occupations, or interests. Often with depreciatory implication (cf. LOT *sb.* 8). In the 17th–18th c. freq. spelt *sett.* [Prob. *transf.* from uses in branch II.]

1682 TATE *Abs. & Achit.* II. 533 The rest..Who ne'er had wit nor will for mischief yet. But pleased to be reputed of a set. 1693 LOCKE *Educ.* § 122. 151 A Sett of Children thus ordered, and kept from the ill example of others, would.. learn to read, write, and what else one would have them, as others do their ordinary Plays. 1701 [W. PATERSON] *Counc. Trade* 72 The Fisheries were become a tempting Morsel for a Sett of avaricious Hucksters, and Monopolists. 1705 ADDISON *Italy, Venice* 105 A Set of Artisans, that by the help of several Poles..build themselves up into a kind of Pyramid. 1712 — *Spect.* No. 440 P 1 A Sett of merry Fellows. 1733 J. BARBER *Let. to Swift* 6 Feb., I have been, for many years, plagued with a sett of ungrateful monsters, called Cousins, that I tremble at the name. 1774 J. BRYANT *Mythol.* I. 258 This kind of divination is still carried on by a set of priests. 1779 JOHNSON *L. P., Valden* Wks. III. 229 A very numerous and splendid set of acquaintance. 1815 SCOTT *Guy M.* xlvii, A set of smugglers, gipsies, and other desperadoes. 1837 HT. MARTINEAU *Soc. Amer.* II. 164, I think the abolitionists of the United States the most reasonable set of people that I ever knew to be united together for one object. 1866 ROGERS *Agric. & Prices* I. xxiii. 601 In the hope that a new set of customers might be developed. 1894 E. T. AVERS *Bowls* 26 The six [players] divide or 'cut' into two sets of three.

b. *absol.* (cf. sense 3).

1683 KENNETT tr. *Erasm. on Folly* 34 There will come a new hungry Sett. 1691 DRYDEN *Prol. to K. Arthur* 38 Among the rest there are a sharping Sett. *a* 1704 T. BROWN *Praise Poverty* Wks. 1730 I. 92 If this sett were thrown aside and men of poverty and honesty put in their stead. 1758 JOHNSON *Idler* No. 78 P 3 There was a select sett, supposed to be distinguished by superiority of intellects. 1826 DISRAELI *Viv. Grey* II. xiv, 'Who are we among,..?' asked Vivian. 'Oh! an odd set,' said the lady, looking dignified. 1845 FORD *Handbk. Spain* I. 16 A highly trustworthy laborious and hardworking set. 1869 TOZER *Highl. Turkey* I. 292 The shepherds were an uncouth-looking set. 1885 *L'pool Daily Post* 23 Oct. 4/7 He did not speak or preach in the dialect of any party or set.

†c. A political group or party. *Obs.*

1748 THOMSON *Cast. Indol.* I. liv, In comes another sett, and kicketh them downstairs. 1750 in *Priv. Lett. Ld. Malmesbury* (1870) I. 78 That the Bedford set will be honourably kicked up or down stairs. 1790 BURKE *Corr.* (1844) III. 140, I intend no controversy with Dr. Price, or Lord Shelburne, or any other of their set.

d. A division of pupils in a school for some special subject, *e. g.* mathematics (as at King Edward's school, Birmingham).

1889 *Boy's Own Paper* 7 Sept. 781 Those dry definitions [of Euclid] seem twaddle to me (I admit I am low in my set).

e. A gang of pickers assigned to a hop-bin.

1805 R. W. DICKSON *Pract. Agric.* II. 752 Three, four, or more pickers being employed in clearing the binds of the hops..: these, with the person engaged in sorting the poles, are denominated a set.

3. A group of persons in society having its own peculiar interests, fashions, and conventions; a social group of a select or exclusive character.

Smart set: see SMART *a.* 13.

1777 SHERIDAN *Sch. Scandal* I. ii, The set she meets at her house, encourage the perverseness of her disposition. 1798 S. & HT. LEE *Cant. T., Young Lady's T.* II. 91 Sir Edward, not deigning to mingle with the set, leaned on his daughter's chair. *c* 1815 JANE AUSTEN *Persuasion* II. iv. (1833) 346 They will move in the first set in Bath. 1837 HT. MARTINEAU *Soc. Amer.* III. 33 What a delightful 'set' she belonged to at her school: how comfortable they all were once, without any sets, till several grocers' daughters began to come in. 1847 TENNYSON *Princess* Prol. 8, I was there From college, visiting the son..with others of our set. 1855 THACKERAY *Newcomes* xlvi, Your intimacy was with Emma. It has cooled. Your sets are different. The Tomkins's are not *quite* &c. &c. 1890 BESANT *Demoniac* I, These men constituted the best set in the College...All were reading men, and all good men. 1906 BERNARD VAUGHAN *Sins of Society* (1908) 16 What a treacherous world was the Smart Set in which the Prodigal rioted.

4. The number of couples required to perform a country dance or square dance.

1766 GOLDSM. *Vic. W.* ix, We were in want of ladies to make up a set at country-dances. 1809 MALKIN *Gil Blas* x. ix. (Rtldg.) 362 The household of the governor and his lady formed a set. 1815 JANE AUSTEN *Emma* xxxviii, Emma was..delighted to see the respectable length of the set as it was forming. *Ibid.*, Mr. Knightley leading Harriet to the set! 1837 DICKENS *Pickw.* ii, Quadrilles were being systematically got through by two or three sets of dancers. 1890 GUNTER *Miss Nobody* xviii. (1891) 209 She is at the side of the set, he at the head.

II. A number or collection of things.

5. A collection of instruments, tools, or machines customarily used together in a particular operation; a complete apparatus employed for some specific purpose.

For various specific applications, see quots.

[1561: see 6]. 1611 COTGR. s. v. *Ieu, Vn ieu de violles*, a set, or chest of violls. 1669 STURMY *Mariner's Mag.* II. ii. 53 You must have two or three Sorts and Sets of Steel Letters and Figures. 1683 MOXON *Mech. Exerc., Printing* 98 A whole Set of Punches of the same Body of Roman and Italica. 1687 MIEGE *Gt. Fr. Dict.* I. s. v. *Jeu, Un Jeu de Quilles* [Boyer: *neuf quilles pour jouer*], a Set of Pins. 1691 T. H[ALE] *Acc. New Invent.* 70 They will..provide two setts of Rudder-Irons to each Ship. 1711 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 108 P 4 A Set of Shuttlecocks. 1773 *Life N. Froude* 39 A complete Sett of Mathematical Instruments. 1825 *Gentl. Mag.* XCV. I. 215 Five or six of these barbacues form a set close to the pulping-mill. 1842 *Civil Eng. & Arch. Jrnl.* V. 387/1 The 'hanging sets' or columns of pumps, with their 'ground spears' used in sinking the shafts. 1848 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* IX. II. 567 The bin-man, with his pickers, is placed to a certain number of hills, which is called a set. 1864 A. JEFFREY *Hist. Roxburghsh.* IV. 117 A sett of machines, at this time [*c* 1818], consisted of a double scribbler,..a double carder,..a 36-spindled billy,..and four 48-spindled jennies. 1879 *Man. Artill. Exerc.* 117 A set of scales, consisting of a front and rear scale. 1881 FORGAN *Golfer's Handbk.* 35 *Set*, a pack of clubs. 1884 *Mil. Engin.* I. II. 23 In laying out tools in rows the sets should be one pace apart. 1897 R. F. FOSTER *Compl. Hoyle* 563 Matadore Game...Four dominoes in the set are trumps or Matadores.

6. † a. A number *of* musical instruments arranged to play together; a band; also *set of music.* b.

A suite *of* bells to be rung together. c. A 'pair' of organs, of bagpipes: see PAIR *sb.*[1] 6.

1561 T. HOBY tr. *Castiglione's Courtyer* II. M iv b, The musike of a sette of Violes. 1660 *Englands Joy* in Somers *Tracts* Ser. IV. II. 142 In many Places Sets of loud Musick. 1670 BAXTER *Cure Church Div.* 75 As a musical instrument in tune or a set of musick, delight the hearer by the pleasing harmony. 1679 LOVELL *Pomey's Indic. Univ.* 165 A set of Violins. 1771 SMOLLETT *Humph. Cl.* 18 July (1815) 263 A variety of tunes played upon a set of bells. 1795 *Diary* in *Antiquary* (1896) Oct. 303 Doncaster... Fine set of organs. 1893 STEVENSON *Catriona* Concl. 368 We were guided up to the garret where he lay by the sound of Highland piping. It seemed he had just borrowed a set of them from Bohaldie to amuse his sickness. 1906 RAVEN *Bells* II A treble in a village set of four or five.

†7. A 'pair' of beads. *Obs.*

1593 SHAKS. *Rich. II*, III. iii. 147 Ile giue my Iewels for a sett of Beades. 1634 Sir T. HERBERT *Trav.* 55 Vpon the Coffin lie a set of great Beades.

8. A collection of volumes by one author, dealing with one subject, belonging to one department of literatnre, or issued in a series.

1596 SHAKS. *Tam. Shr.* II. i. 107 And this small packet of Greeke and Latine bookes..Take you the Lute, and you the set of bookes. *c* 1615 in Walcott *William of Wykeham* (1852) 166 Item, a sett of Ovids o 5 4. 1712 HEARNE *Collect.* (O. H. S.) III. 461, I want Setts also for several others. 1726 *Advt.* in J. Ker *Mem.*, Price 10 Guineas the small, 15 Guineas the large Paper in Sheets for the whole Set. 1778 MME. D'ARBLAY *Diary* 25 July, My father told me it was a shame that I, the author, should not have even one set of my own work. 1815 SCOTT *Guy M.* xx, Commentaries,.. sets of the fathers, and sermons. 1873 ALDRICH *Marj. Daw* i. 10 A complete set of Balzac's works, twenty-seven volumes. 1911 *Publisher's List*, Dickens' Works, 18 vols. Sold in Sets only, excepting the single vols. listed above.

b. A number of musical compositions forming a whole, as a church 'service'.

1590 T. WATSON (*title*) The first sett, of Italian Madrigalls Englished. 1603 *Inv.* in Gage *Hengrave* (1822) 24, vj bookes covered with pchement. contē vj setts in a book, with songs of iiij, v, vj, vij and viij partes. 1788 in *Grove's Dict. Mus.* (1883) III. 476/2 A set of Quartetts. 1819 SCOTT *Anne of G.* xxx, His Highness..composed an entire set of grotesque music for the Festival of Asses. 1883 STAINER in *Grove's Dict. Mus.* III. 472 The *Gloria* has once more been included in the set... The Offertory sentences may perhaps be looked upon as a legitimate addition to the set.

c. A complete series of the parts of a periodical publication.

1701 in *Lett. Lit. Men* (Camden) 302, I wish you would try..the Philosophical Transactions, our sett reaching not far, and being imperfect in the first Volumes. 1709 STEELE *Tatler* No. 31 ₱ 8 They had never heard of the Tatler 'till I brought down a Set. 1830 CARLYLE *Misc., Richter again* (1840) II. 313 He perused the antiquated sets of Newspapers. 1834 MACAULAY in Trevelyan *Life* (1876) I. 354 All the Edinburgh Reviews are being bound, so that we shall have a complete set up to the forthcoming number.

d. A series of prints by the same engraver.

1768 *Boyer's Dict. Royal* II. s. v., A whole set of Prints ingraved by John Audran. 1841 BROWNING *Bells & Pomegr., Pippa Passes* 5/1 You brought those foreign prints... Nothing but saying His own set wants the proof-mark, roused him up. 1854 THACKERAY *Newcomes* xi, He could talk the Art-cant..and had a set of Morghens and Madonnas.

e. A definite number of copies of a bill of exchange or of lading: see quot. 1818.

1818 CHITTY *Bills of Exchange* (ed. 5) 81 The several parts of a foreign bill are called a set; each part contains a condition, that it shall be paid, provided the others remain unpaid. 1865 H. PHILLIPS *Amer. Paper Curr.* II. 91 Bills of exchange were directed to be prepared in setts of four. 1883 *Law Rep.* 11 *Q. B. Div.* 333 The bill of lading had been drawn in a set of three copies.

9. A number of things connected in temporal or spatial succession or by natural production or formation.

1604 SHAKS. *Oth.* II. iii. 135 He'le watch the Horologe a double Set, If Drinke rocke not his Cradle. 1674 N. FAIRFAX *Bulk & Selv.* 74 The least bitling of it will so far club and fall in with the laws that bind the whole Set. 1681 H. MORE *Expos. Dan.* App. II. 278 The seven last plagues of the Vials supposing a Sett or Number of plagues antecedent. 1692 BENTLEY *Boyle Lect.* v. 32 You do not cast any given Sett of Faces with four Cubical Dice. 1759 R. SMITH *Harmonics* ix. (ed. 2) 212 The Proper Set of Beats, which the said vths ought to make in the given organ. 1815 SCOTT *Guy M.* xxxviii, A new set of words to the old tune of 'Over the Water to Charlie'. 1841 T. R. JONES *Anim. Kingd.* 574 An elaborate temporary set of muscles provided for the purpose. 1893 Sir H. HOWORTH *Glacial Nightmare* I. 31 A set of low hills also intervene.

b. The complement *of* teeth (natural or artificial) with which a person (or animal) is furnished.

1678 J. BROWN *Disc. Wounds* 236 The Tongue being thus guarded with a Sett of Teeth. 1700 T. BROWN tr. *Fresny's Amusem.* 97 Other knaves..take as much for Drawing out an Old Tooth, as would buy a Sett of New ones. 1705 VANBRUGH *Confederacy* I. i, I have worn out four pair of pattens with following my old lady Youthful, for one set of false teeth, and but three pots of paint. 1854 THACKERAY *Newcomes* xxiv, Her ladyship's teeth (a new and exceedingly handsome set). 1878 L. P. MEREDITH *Teeth* 250 With mouths so unfavourable that it is impossible to adapt a set of teeth to them. 1886 C. SCOTT *Sheep-farming* 15 Each set when complete consists of incisor, canine, and molar teeth.

†c. *Set of features*: the lineaments of a person's face. *Obs.*

1713 ADDISON *Cato* I. iv, 'Tis not a sett of features, or complexion..that I admire. 1779 G. KEATE *Sketches fr. Nat.* (ed. 2) I. 59 That air of sensibility..accompanied with a pleasing set of features. 1815 SCOTT *Guy M.* ii, He had a tall, handsome figure, a good set of features.

d. A spell (of weather); =SERIES 3 b. (But cf. *set in*, SET *v.* 146 e.) *Obs.* exc. *dial.*

1633 T. JAMES *Voy.* 104 Wee must haue a set of faire weather, to passe the Straight. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 3 Sept. 1666, With a long set of faire and warme weather. 1880 *Antrim & Down Gloss.* s. v., A long set of saft weather.

10. A number of things grouped together according to a system of classification or conceived as forming a whole.

1690 LOCKE *Hum. Und.* II. i. § 4 Which Operations..do furnish the Understanding with another sett of Ideas. 1701 SWIFT *Contests Nobles & Comm.* Wks. 1755 II. I. 50 He assumes..an entire sett of very different airs. 1730 MALCOLM *New Syst. Arith.* 509 Conceive two or more different Setts (or Systems) of Things, containing each the same, or a different number of Things. 1738 SWIFT *Pol. Conversat.* Introd. 23 My old Friend did..invent a Set of Words and Phrases. 1742 YOUNG *Nt. Th.* VIII. 387 Virtue has her peculiar set of pains. 1774 GOLDSM. *Nat. Hist.* (1776) VII. 240 An exact plan.. of Nature's operations in this minute set of creatures. 1802 MAR. EDGEWORTH *Moral T.* (1816) I. xiv. 110 The set of notions which he had acquired from his education. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* I. VI. i, The Constitution, the set of Laws,..that men will live under. 1857 CAYLEY *Math. Papers* (1890) II. 35 Let *L* denote a set of any four elements, *a*, *b*, *c*, *d*. 1897 W. P. KER *Epic & Rom.* II. vi. 201 The poet is at this point free to make use of a new set of motives.

11. The complete collection of the 'pieces' composing a suite of furniture, a service of china, a clothing outfit, or the like.

1687 A. LOVELL tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* I. 160 All these Pavillions are..lined within with sets of lovely Tapistry. 1687 MIEGE *Gt. Fr. Dict.* II. s. v., A fine Set of Silver Plate. 1696 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 3158/4 Fine Sets for Dressing Tables. 1697 tr. *C'tess D'Aunoy's Trav.* (1706) 140 Neither is it enough to have one Sett of Jewels, as our Ladies in France have. 1727 BOYER *Dict. Royal* II, A Set of Diamonds...A Set of Buttons. 1779 *Mirror* No. 40 The fall of a set of Dresden. 1798 in Nicolas *Disp.* (1846) VII. p. clx, I had every man ..at work to alter some of her own sails, and some we got from the Serieuse to make up a set for her. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* xxix, A set of Irish diamonds and cairngorms. 1859 *Habits of Gd. Society* iv. 163 Her set of winter sables. 1867 LATHAM *Black & White* 74 The doorkeeper wears a set of shooting dittos.

12. A series of buildings or apartments associated in use; *esp.* a suite of apartments let as lodgings.

1722 DE FOE *Col. Jack* (1840) 136 He led me into a..set of warehouses. 1820 *Gentl. Mag.* Jan. 79/1 A single room out of the sixteen sets composing that part of the Hall [i.e. Magdalen Hall]. 1833 HT. MARTINEAU *Brooke Farm* iv. 53 His one set of farm buildings. 1840 J. T. J. HEWLETT *P. Priggins* xiv, The Dean's scout was summoned to..show me the rooms..that I might select any set I chose. 1841 THACKERAY *Gt. Hoggarty Diam.* ix, First we went into lodgings,—into three sets in three weeks. *a* 1890 LIDDON *Life Pusey* (1893) I. iv. 89 At Lent term, 1826, Pusey went into rooms in Oriel College. The set he occupied [etc.].

b. *Mining.* In full *set of timber(s*: A frame for supporting the side of a level or shaft, or the roof of a gallery.

1830 *Eng. & For. Mining Gloss., Cornw.* (1860) 22 *Set of timber*, a frame complete to support each side of the vein, level, or shaft. 1877 RAYMOND *Statist. Mines & Mining* 263 *note*, The 'set of timbers' may perhaps be fairly assumed to represent 50 cubic yards of material removed. *Ibid.* 276 Replacing the old timbers with new square sets.

13. A team of (usually six) horses.

1687 MIEGE *Gt. Fr. Dict.* I, *Attelage*, a Set of Horses for a Coach or Cart, or of Oxen for a Cart or plough, four of each. 1701 W. WOTTON *Hist. Rome* 402 He would give Sets of Chariot-Horses. 1748 RICHARDSON *Clarissa* (1768) V. 275 To wait upon my Beloved with a coach-and-four, or a Sett. *c* 1789 GIBBON *Autob.* (1896) 162 The favourite team, an handsome set of bays or greys. 1825 T. HOOK *Sayings* Ser. II. *Man of many Fr.* I. 153 A set of horses for town.

b. A train of coal-trucks.

1863 R. SCOTT *Ventil. Mines* 10 [The doors] are at a sufficient distance from each other, so as to admit the set to pass through the one before the other is required to be opened. 1871 *Daily News* 17 Aug., When the sets had arrived at 'meetings', instead of passing each other, they ran on to the same line.

14. The series of movements or figures that make up a sqnare dance or country dance, *esp.* the quadrille; the music adapted to this. *First set*: see quots. 1894, 1898. (Cf. *set dance*, s. v. SET *ppl. a.* 8.)

1834 DICKENS *Sk. Boz, Tales* vii, He attached himself solely to Miss Julia Briggs, with whom he danced no less than three sets consecutively. 1849 CUPPLES *Green Hand* iii. (1856) 29 They were soon swimming away in the first set. 1865 DICKENS *Mut. Fr.* I. xi, The discreet automaton [at the piano]..played a..tuneless set. 1894 E. SCOTT *Dancing* 119 The Quadrille. (Generally known as the First Set.) 1898 tr. *Vuillier's Hist. Dancing* 431 The 'First Set' came over from Paris,..and was introduced..as the 'Parisian Quadrille'.

Set (set), *v.* Forms: see below. Pa. t. and pa. pple. **set.** [Com. Teut.: OE. *settan* = OFris. *setta* (mod.Fris. *sette*), OS. *settian* (MDu., MLG. *setten*, Du. *zetten*), OHG. *sezzan* beside *sazzan* (MHG. *sezzen*, G. *setzen*), ON. *setja* (Sw. *sätta*, Da. *sætte*), Goth. *satjan*; causal of **setjan* (*sitjan*) to SIT.

Confusion between *set* and *sit* arose as early as the beginning of the 14th c., owing partly to the identity or close similarity of the forms of their past tenses and pa. pples., and partly to the identity of meaning in some uses, as between *to be set* (= seated) and *to sit*; cf. SIT *v.* (etym. note and A. 5 a note). For cases of mere substitution of forms of *sit* for forms of *set*, see A. 1 γ, 2 ζ below. The spelling *sett* is still sometimes found in technical senses; cf. SET *sb.*[1]

A. Inflexional Forms.

1. *Infinitive* and *Present stem.* α. 1 settan (*Northumb.* setta), 2–5 (6 *arch.*) setten, 3–6 sette (2 setton, seotte, 3 *Orm.* settenn, *Lay.* sætten, 4 *Kent.* zetten, 5 settyn, cettyn, satte, 6 seatt-), 4–9 sett, 7–9 *s. w. dial.* zet, 4– set.

c 725 *Corpus Gloss.* (Hessels) P 13 *Pastinare*, settan. *a* 900 *Laws Ælfred* II. v. (Liebermann) 50 We settað æxhwelcere cirican..ðis frið. *c* 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* Matt. xviii. 23 Seðe wil reht setta mið ðeȝnum his. *c* 1000 *Ags. Ps.* (Th.) c. 3 Ne sette ic me fore eaȝum yfele wisan. *a* 1122 *O. E. Chron.* (Laud MS.) an. 656, Þæt hi scoldon..seotte þa dæi hwonne [etc.]. *c* 1200 ORMIN 3941 Soþ sahhtnesse settenn. *c* 1205 LAY. 17569 Heo wolden al þis lond sætten on hæore tweire hond. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 12416 To sett iesu to werld lar. *a* 1340 HAMPOLE *Psalter* ii. 10 Settand vndire ȝoure fote ȝoure enmys. 1362 LANGL. *P. Pl.* A. VI. 32 Boþe to sowen and to setten. *c* 1380 *Sir Ferumb.* 2872 Ȳ set noȝt by þy sawes. *c* 1400 *Pilgr. Sowle* (Caxton) II. xlv. (1859) 51 Prowde men ..that settyn att nought al other men. *c* 1420 *Chron. Vilod.* 1761 How lytull his martrus setton by worldelyche gode. 1499 *Promp. Parv.* 67/2 Cettyn or putten. *a* 1533 LD. BERNERS *Huon* iii. 5 Huon and gerarde who hy theyr pryde settyth no thynge by me. 1538 in *Lett. Suppress. Monasteries* (Camden) 199 Setteynge many on worke. 1552 *Bk. Com. Prayer* Exhort. Morn. Pr., To sette foorth his moste worthye prayse. 1584 *Eltham Churchw. Acc.* in *Archæologia* XXXIV. 63 For seatting fourthe of a soldger into Frawnce. 1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* I. iv. 14 Themselues to setten forth to straungers sight. 1605 *Lond. Prodigall* V. i. 470 Che zet not a vig by a wife if a wife zet not a vig by me. 1613 E. WRIGHT *Descr. & Use Sphære* 61 Such starres as sett when the sunne riseth, are said to set cosmically. 1711 in *10th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. v. 176, I sett again the quære, how can the Irish..be..deemed rebels? 1801 NELSON *Let.* 28 Jan. in *Quaritch's Catal.* Oct. (1909) 28 To sett in a dark room. 1904 *Blackw. Mag.* Feb. 193/2 Unless you have..seen him..'sett' the game he fetches.

β. *north.* 3–4 seit(t, 4–5 sete. (Cf. 2 δ, 3 η.)

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 1177, I sal seit on þi mi merk. *Ibid.* 6060 To seitt him soru at his hert. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* I. (*Katerine*) 27 Quhar all þe folk..he mycht seit opynly and see. 1455 *Test. Ebor.* (Surtees) II. 215, I sete vij marcs to a preste to syng a yere for me.

γ. 4 sitt, syte, 5 sitte, 6–7 sit. (Cf. 2 ζ.)

13.. *Cursor M.* 1580 (Gött.) Þe schame, þe sin,..To tell war lang to sitt aboute [*Fairf.* syte]. *c* 1420 *Sir Amadace* (Camden) xxxiv, Men sittus ryȝte noȝte him bye. 14.. *Sailing Directions* (Hakl. Soc. 1889) 18 Be ware of your stremes of flode for they sitten north est on the Iron groundes. 1567 *Gude & Godlie B.* (S.T.S.) 57 Sittand thair strenth thy word againe. 1601 SHAKS. *Twel. N.* I. iii. 145 Shall we sit aboot some Reuels? 1683 *Col. Rec. Pennsylv.* I. 82 For sitting up of Bouyes in the River and Bay.

b. *Pres. Ind. 2nd person sing.* 1– settest, 4–5 settist, 5 -yst, 6–7 setst, settst; *north.* 1 settes, 1, 5–6 settis.

c 825 *Vesp. Ps.* xx. 4 Ðu settes heafde his beȝ of stane deorwyrðum. *c* 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* John xiii. 38 Saul ðin fore mec ðu settis [*Rushw.* setes]. *c* 1000 *Ags. Ps.* (Th.) lxxiii. 16 Þu dæg settest. *c* 1400 *Melayne* 988 Thou settis more by a littill golde,..Þan to fighte one goddes foo. 1411 in *26 Pol. Poems* 43 Þou settest at nouȝt, y bouȝt so dere. *c* 1460 *Wisdom* 927 in *Macro Plays* 66 Why werkyst þou hys consell? hy myn settis lyght? *c* 1460 RUSSELL *Bk. Nurture* 69 in *Babees Bk.*, When þow settyst a pipe ahroche. 1535 COVERDALE *Job* vii. 17 What is man that thou..settest so moch by him? 1558 PHAER *Æneid* I. C j b, My son, that of the thonderblastes of hye Ioue settst but light. 1562 J. HEYWOOD *Prov. & Epigr.* (1867) 134 Shall I set at my hart, that thou settst at thy heele. 1611 BIBLE *Deut.* xxiii. 20 In all that thou settest thine hand to. 1682 DRYDEN *Mac-Fl.* 199 With whate'er gall thou settst thy self to write.

c. *Pres. Ind. 3rd person sing.* α. 1–4 setteþ, (*Anglian* seteþ), 3 -epp, 4 zetteþ, 5–6 settyth, -ith, 5 -eth.

c 825 *Vesp. Psalter* ciii. 3 Se seteð wolcen upstiȝe his. *c* 975 *Rushw. Gosp.* Matt. xxiv. 51 Dæl his [he] seteþ mið liceterum. *c* 1000 *Ags. Ps.* (Th.) lxxxiv. 12 And on weȝ setteð wise gangas. *c* 1200 ORMIN 7821 Drihhtin setteþþ i þin þohht God dede to higinnenn. 1340 *Ayenb.* 6 Huo þet ine þise þinges ageleþ zetteþ zuo moche hire herte..[etc.]. *c* 1450 *Mirk's Festial* 283 Ȝe settyth noght by no worldely worschyp. 1551 ROBINSON tr. *More's Utopia* II. (1895) 149 He settethe nothynge by yt. 1637 RUTHERFORD *Lett.* (1664) 169 Let Christ (as it setteth him well) have all the glory.

β. 1–5 set(t, (2 sæt, 4 *Kent.* zet).

c 888 ÆLFRED *Boeth.* xxxv. § 4 Þæt hehste god, ðæt..hit eall set. *a* 1122 *O. E. Chron.* (Laud MS.) an. 963, Nan man buton se abbot ane, & þam þe he þærto sæt. *c* 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 179 Gief he him set a speche. 1340 *Ayenb.* 7 Ine þe stede of þe sabat..zet holi cherche þane sonday to loky. *c* 1400 *Rom. Rose* 4925 Youthe sett man in all folye. 1422 YONGE tr. *Secreta Secret.* xxxvi. 191 Man be-hettith woman loue when he Set the Ring on hir fynger.

γ. 1 (*Northumb.*), 5 settes, 4 settus, 4–6 *north.* settis, -ys, (5 setis, sattys), 6– sets (setts).

c 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* Matt. xxiv. 51 Dal his [he] settes mið legerum. 1340–70 *Alex. & Dind.* 182 Þe..king..þere-on settus his sel. *a* 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 1221 Sampson on anothire side setis out belyue. 14.. *Erthe upon Erthe* (1911) 32/4 How erthe vpon erthe sattys all at noght. *c* 1450 *St. Cuthbert* (Surtees) 579 He saies he settes here þat he fande. *a* 1586 SIDNEY *Ps.* CIII. ii, He setts thee free. 1601 SHAKS. *Twel. N.* III. iv. 79 And consequently setts downe the manner how. 1607 — *Cor.* III. i. 270 Which he so sets at naught. 1807 A. YOUNG *Agric. Essex* II. 334 At this Michælmas (1805) he *setts* 2000.

d. *Imperative.* 1–5 sete (1 *Northumb.* sett), 3–6 sette, 4 zete, 4–6 sett, 4– set; *pl.* 1 settaþ, 3–4 setteþ, 4–5 settith, *north.* settis.

c 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* Matt. ix. 18 On sett hond ofer hia [*Rushw.* ȝesette]. 971 *Blickl. Hom.* 87 Sete nu þin wuldres tacn in helle. *c* 1000 ÆLFRIC *Hom.* II. 542 Settað eornostlice on eowerum heortum þæt [etc.]. *c* 1205 LAY.

27216 Setted heom after. *Ibid.* 3699 Þu ..irum al þat lond and sete hit Cordoille an hond. 1340 *Ayenb.* 254 Zete ane brydel to þine conaytises. 1374 CHAUCER *Troilus* IV. 622 But manly set þe world on sixe and seuene. 1375 BARBOUR *Bruce* XI. 563 Beis nocht abasit..Bot settis speris 3ow befor. 1410 in *26 Pol. Poems* 37 Among seyntes þy soule sete. *c* 1449 PECOCK *Repr.* II. xviii. 257 Sette thou me bisidis thee. *c* 1450 *Mirk's Festial* 139 Castys don þes mawmetys..and settyþe þer a cros. 1482 *Monk of Evesham* (Arb.) 27 Settith before vs the bred. 1535 COVERDALE *Col.* iii. 2 Set youre mynde on the thinges which are aboue.

2. *Past Tense.* α. 1–6 sette (1–3 sætte, 3 seate), 3–5 sete, (4 zette), 4–7 sett, 4– set.

Beowulf 325 Setton sæmeþe side scyldas.. wiþ þæs recedes wæl. *c* 975 *Rushw. Gosp.* John xx. 15 Sæge hræðe me hwer ðu settes hine. *c* 1000 *Guthlac* 405 (Gr.) Guðlac sette hyht in heofonas. *a* 1122 *O. E. Chron.* (Laud MS.) an. 1086, He sætte mycel deorfrið. *c* 1160 *Hatton Gosp.* Luke xix. 21 Þu nymst þæt þu ne settst. *a* 1175 *Cott. Hom.* 221 God him sette nama adam. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 4175 Siþen þai settam [= sett þam] dun and ete. *c* 1330 R. BRUNNE *Chron.* (Rolls) 2086 Gwynddolene a child had þan,..When tyme was, [she] set hit to boke. *c* 1380 WYCLIF *Sel. Wks.* III. 208 Wher-to, my modir, settist þou me on þi knees,..and rokkid me, and fed me? *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Prol.* 507 He sette nat his benefice to hyre. 1558 G. CAVENDISH *Poems* (1825) II. 14 Thou didest me avaunce, And settest me uppe in thys great pompe and pryde. 1579 GOSSON *Sch. Abuse* (Arb.) 65 The same proposition..which I sette downe before. *c* 1610 *Women Saints* 35 Some she sett out of prison. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 21 May 1685, The jeweller and goldsmith who sett them.

β. 5–9 sat, sate.

Frequent in inferior writers of the second half of the 18th c., esp. in intr. senses.

c 1420 *Master of Oxf. Catech.* in *Rel. Ant.* I. 231 C[lerk] Who sat first vines? M[aister] Noe set the first vines. 1430–40 LYDG. *Bochas* VIII. xv. (1558) 10 Theodose..Smote of his heed, and sate [*edd.* 1494, 1554 set] it on the gate. *a* 1547 in Fosbrooke *Econ. Mon. Life* (1796) 84 She sate forward a5t[er] masse. 1561 NUCE tr. *Seneca's Octavia* (1581) III. iii, That..rage..Sate them agog. 1677 W. HUBBARD *Narrative* II. 66 We sate Sayle. 1716 B. CHURCH *Hist. Philip's War* (1865) I. 119 The fore-most sat down his load and halted. 1742–3 *Observ. Methodists* 19 The Lord sat his Banner over us. 1755 J. SHEBBEARE *Lydia* (1769) II. 74 Like Yorick, he often sat the table on a roar. 1756 TOLDERVY *Hist. 2 Orphans* I. 109 The coach being ready, the ladies..sate out for the hall. 1790 CATH. GRAHAM *Lett. Educ.* 318 The example which the king and his courtiers sat. 1808 HELEN ST. VICTOR *Ruins of Rigonda* I. 186 He then sat before them some dried fruits. 1824 ELLIS *Orig. Lett.* Ser. I. III. 137 *note*, The Prince and Marquis..sate out with the names of Thomas and John Smith.

γ. *dial.* 8–9 sot, *s.w.* zot.

1776 T. HUTCHINSON *Diary* 5 June (1886) II. 67, I sot out from Falmouth this morning. 1803 MARY CHARLTON *Wife & Mistress* II. 52 Dolly informed her that she was to depart the next day..because, as the caravan *sot off* by five in the morning, they should not catch her travelling before daylight. 1840 SPURDENS *Voc. E. Angl.* s. v. *Sot*, I sot it down. 1857 KINGSLEY *Two V. Ago* III. 161 If ever he sot a foot here! 1886 *W. Somerset Word-bk.* s. v., Zot his back up purty well.

δ. *north.* [1 *pl.* seton], 4 seit, sete, 5, 8–9 seet(e. [*c* 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* Mark xv. 19 Seton cnewa.] *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 2442 Þar he seit first his auter stan. 1375 BARBOUR *Bruce* III. 394 And certane tyme till him he sete [*rime* meite]. *a* 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 4654 For many seerties we seet þat sysed all þe werde. *c* 1746 J. COLLIER (Tim Bobbin) *View Lanc. Dial.* vi. (1828) 68 Then they aw seete ogen meh.

ε. 4 settede, 4–5 -ide, 5 -id, -yd, 5–6 -ed, 6 *Sc.* -it, 9 *s.w. dial.* zetted.

Frequent in Caxton.

1382 WYCLIF *Isa.* liii. 3 Wherfore ne wee setteden by hym. *c* 1449 PECOCK *Repr.* v. ix. 530 Crist..settid the lawe of hise sacramentis to the seid lawe of kinde. *c* 1489 CAXTON *Sonnes of Aymon* ix. 245 Reynawde setted noughte by his lyffe. *c* 1520 NISABET *N. T.* Matt. iv. 5 The feend..settit him on the pynacle of the tempile. 1582 BENTLEY *Mon. Matrones* iii. 330 O heauenlie King, who..settedst me in the regall throne. 1888 *Berks. Gloss.* 12, I zetted.

ζ. 4 sitt. (Cf. 1 γ.)

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 5058 And þan on bink he sitt him bi [*other MSS.* set, sete, sett].

3. *Past Participle.* α. 1 zeset(t, -sæt, 2–4 iset, (2–3 *infl.* isette, 3 *Lay.* isæt, hi(i)-sette, 4 ysett, *Kent.* y-, izet), 3–4 (6–7 *arch.*) yset, 4–5 ysett(e, isett(e, 5 i-sete.

c 888 ÆLFRED *Boeth.* xi. § 2 Þa zesælða þe ze oninnan iow habbað..zeset. *c* 1050 *Ags. Hom.* (Assmann) 183 Hys flæsc weard eall zesett. *c* 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 11 Þas dazes beoð iset us to muchele helpe. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 416 Þeos riche ancren þet..habbeð rentes i-sette. *c* 1330 *Arth. & Merl.* 9 Childer, þat ben to boke ysett. 1340 *Ayenb.* 167 Erþan hi by yret ope þet bord. *a* 1440 *Sir Degrev.* 1373 Swythe chayres was i-sete And quyschonis of vyolete. *c* 1450 *Godstow Reg.* 491/11 In tymys I-sette. 1483 CAXTON *G. de la Tour* Prol. 1 My seruice well ysette and quitte. 1596 SPENSER *F. Q.* IV. iii. 24 The stone therein yset. 1610 HOLLAND *Camden's Brit.* I. 387 With words in forme yset.

β. 1–9 sett, 2–3 (*infl.*), 4–6 sette, (5 cette), 3– set, (9 *s.w. dial.* zet).

c 1000 *Ags. Ps.* (Th.) cxliii. 14 Settum beamum. 1128 *O. E. Chron.* (Laud MS.), Fulle feoht was sett betwenen ða Cristene & þa heðene. *c* 1200 ORMIN Ded. 101 Wiþþ all swillc rime alls her iss sett. *a* 1300 *Havelok* 2612 Þe helmes heye on heued sette. 1303 R. BRUNNE *Handl. Synne* 189 She shal noght to any be sette Withoutyn leue of my maumette. *c* 1340 *Nominale* (Skeat) 850 Henne is set. *a* 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 179 Sen it is sett to be soo. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 67/2 Cette, or putt. 1477 EARL RIVERS (Caxton) *Dictes* 67, I haue not sette by golde ne siluer. 1607 *Stat.* in *Hist. Wakefield Gram. Sch.* (1892) 59 All partialitie sett apart. 1719 in Picton *L'pool Munic. Rec.* (1886) II. 62 To be sett out so as not to p'judice the highway. 1746 *Exmoor Scolding* (E. D. S.) l. 228 When tha art zet agog. 1757 R. ROBERTSON *Let.* in J. RUSSELL *Haigs* (1881) 359 All your neighbours are sett to be upon you. *c* 1850 *Rudim. Navig.* (Weale) 140 To make a sett near to another that cannot be sett on any more.

γ. 1 *Anglian* zeset(t)ed, -et, 5 settyt, 6 -it, 9 *dial.* zetted.

c 825 *Vesp. Ps.* ii. 6 Ic soðlice zeseted ic eam cyning. *c* 900 *Bæda's Hist.* III. xviii. § 1 Þa wilnade he liif onhyrzan, þe he wel zeseted zeseah in Gallia rice. *c* 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* Mark iv. 21 Zesetted bið, *ponatur.* *c* 1520 NISBET *N. T.* Luke xix. 21 Thou takis away that that thou has nocht settit. *a* 1532 DU WES *Introd. Fr.* in *Palsgr.* 1055 The soule vegetable..is setted within the myght elemented. 1888 *Berks. Gloss.* 12 Zetted.

δ. 1 *Northumb.* zesatted, 3 isat, 5 sat(t)e, 6–7 sat.

c 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* John xx. 6 Ða linne hræglo zesattedo *vel* asetedo, *linteamina posita.* *c* 1205 LAY. 30229 Þe dæi wes isat. 14.. *Three Chron.* (Camden) 77 Sir Baudwyns hede caryed to Excester and sate upon the castell yate. 14.. *Tundale's Vis.* (Wagner) 2031 A crowne..satte aboute.. Wyth precious stones. 1594 R. ASHLEY tr. *Loys le Roy* 47 b, To be sat at their ease. *a* 1695 WOOD *Life* an. 1683 (1772) II. 324 In the Pump below the Star Inn was a Tub sat.

ε. *dial.* 9 a-sot, sot, zot (see *Eng. Dial. Dict.*).

1836 HALIBURTON *Clockm.* xxi. (1839) 76 To get it sot to rights. 1888 *W. Somerset Word-bk.* s. v. *Set up*, He's a quiet sort of a man like till he's a zot up.

ζ. Chiefly *north.* 1 zeseten, 5 settyn, 6 settin, 5, 9 setten.

c 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* Luke Pref. 9 Zeseteno mið bisene, *positaque similitudine.* 1484 CAXTON *Fables of Æsop* I. xvi, Of euery one I am setten aback. ? 1567 *Decl. Lordis just quarrell* 91 in *Satir. Poems Reform.* I. 60 Quhen faceles fuillis sall not be settin by. 1887 *Jamieson's Sc. Dict. Suppl., Setten...*This old part. form is still used by the common people. 1889 *N. W. Linc. Gloss.*, *Setten up.*

η. *north.* 4 seeit, 4–5 seit, 5 seete, seyt, 5, 9 seet, 4–6 sete.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 1166 Mi sin me has seit in vnsell. *Ibid.* 20179 Has he sete me ani dai? *c* 1380 WYCLIF *Wks.* (1880) 74 Goddis curs is seit at nouȝt. *Ibid.* 174 Here herte is seeit to loue his muk. *c* 1380 — *Sel. Wks.* III. 451 Holy Chirche is seet in virtues and good lif. *c* 1420 *Sir Amadas* (Weber) 370 Full mykyll seyt by. *c* 1449 PECOCK *Repr.* Prol. 3 Thei hem silf..ben despisid and ben not seet bi. 1488 *Registr. Aberdon.* (Maitl. Club) I. 320 The said reuerend fadir..has seit and to male lattin .. þe saidis landis. 1584 *Shuttleworths' Acc.* (Chetham Soc.) 21 Payed for a horce showe wch was sete on in Chorlaye iij^{s}.

B. Signification.

General arrangement of senses. I. To cause to sit, seat; to be seated, sit. II. To sink, descend. III. To put in a definite place (the manner of the action being implied either in the verb itself or in the context). IV. To place or cause to be in a position, condition, relation, or connexion. (This group embraces a large number of uses in which the precise implication of sense depends mainly on the kind of construction employed.) V. To appoint, prescribe, ordain, establish. VI. To arrange, fix, adjust. VII. To place mentally, suppose, estimate. VIII. To put or come into a settled position or condition. IX. To put in the way of following a course, cause to take a certain direction. X. Senses perhaps arising from reversal of construction or from ellipsis (their origin being often obscure). XI. With prepositions in specialized senses. XII. With adverbs in specialized senses. (Combinations formed on the verb-stem are given in a separate article, SET-.) ☞ A phrase key is given on page 548.

I. To cause to sit, seat; to be seated, sit.

The intransitive sense 'to sit' (5) was apparently developed out of the reflexive and passive uses of the original transitive sense of 'to seat'. *Set*, being thus used synonymously with *sit*, became capable of taking its other senses and constructions (see 5 d, e, 6, 7).

1. *trans.* To place in a sitting posture; to cause to occupy a seat; to seat.

This sense is barely exemplified outside certain phraseological expressions, e.g. *to set on a seat, a throne, on horseback*, etc., in which the sense 'cause to sit' is now lost sight of. (Prov. *to set a beggar on horseback*: to give an undeserving person an advantage which he will misuse.)

c 888 K. ÆLFRED *Boeth.* viii. § 5 Þu settest us on þæt setl ðines sceoppendes. 1130 *O. E. Chron.* (Laud MS.), Þa munecas..setten him on þes abbotes settle. *c* 1205 LAY. 14074 Þe king..sette hine bi him seoluen. 1300–1400 *R. Gloucester's Chron.* (Rolls) App. xx. 446 To king he was iblessed..& iset in trone. 1377 LANGL. *P. Pl.* B. XII. 198 Riȝt as sum man ȝeue me mete and sette me amydde þe flore. 1470–85 MALORY *Arthur* III. ii. 101 The Bisshop of Caunterbury..sette the viij and xx knyghtes in her syeges. *c* 1485 in *Rutland Papers* (Camden) 19 The King..shalbe sett a gayn in his chair befor the high aulter. 1530 PALSGR. 712/1 Come hyther, Kate, and I wyll set the on my lappe, and daunce the. *Ibid.* 713/1 In the stede of a good man we set a shrewe upon the benche. 1607 TOURNEUR *Rev. Trag.* I. (1608) B2, *Dut.* Nay set you a horse back once, Youle nere light off. *Spu.* Indeed I am a beggar. 1621 BURTON *Anat. Mel.* II. iii. II. 395 Set a beggar on horseback, and he will ride a gallop. 1660 INGELO *Bentiv. & Ur.* I. (1682) 158 Having set the two Ladies..upon two green Seats. 1692 R. L'ESTRANGE *Fables* lxx. 69 They.. Set Boys upon the Back on't [a camel]. 1735 JOHNSON *Lobo's Abyssinia*, Descr. xiv. 132 Who setting us upon Camels, conducted us to Mazna.

†**b.** To cause (a body of persons) to sit in deliberation. *Obs.* (Cf. 4 c.)

a 1122 *O. E. Chron.* (Laud MS.) an. 675, Ða heot seo kining þone ærcebiscop Theodorus þæt he scolde setton ealle zewitenemot æt þone stede þæt man cleopeð Heatfelde. 1375 BARBOUR *Bruce* I. 591 The king a parlyament Gert set thareftir hastely. 1560 *Inchaffray Charters* (S. H. S.) 167 With power to gar set and affirme courte or courtis.

c. To put (a hen) to sit on eggs.

c 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* I. 575 What wommon connot sette an hen obrood And bringe her briddis forth? 1523 FITZHERB. *Husb.* § 146 Whan they waxe brodye, to sette them there as noo beastes..hurte them. 1530 PALSGR. 710/2, I will set sixe hennes a brodyng agaynst this Marche. 1707 MORTIMER *Husb.* 191 The best Age to set a Hen for Chickens, is from two years old to five. 1844 H. STEPHENS *Bk. Farm* II. 709 It is not an unusual practice to set a hen at any time of the day. 1867 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* Ser. II. III. 522, I never set less than three hens at one time.

d. To cause (a bird) to perch.

1530 PALSGR. 710/2, I set a hauke on her perche, *je perche*. ..Go set my hauke on her perche. 1864 BROWNING *G. Lee's Wife* III. i, The swallow has set her six young on the rail.

†**2.** *refl.* To go down *upon one's knees* (*aknee, a-knewling, on knee(s*, etc.); = SIT *v.* 19. *Obs.*

c 1250 *Meid Maregrete* lxvii, Malchus herde thes wordes, he sette him acne. *a* 1300 *K. Horn* 781 He sette him a knewelyng. *c* 1300 *Havelok* 1211 On knes ful fayre he hem setten. *c* 1385 CHAUCER *L. G. W.* 455 Doun I sette me on myn kne.

3. *refl.* To seat oneself, take a seat, sit down. (Most freq. *to set oneself down*: see 143 i, *a.*)

a 1300 *K. Horn* 1475 He sette him on þe benche His harpe for to clenche. *c* 1374 CHAUCER *Troilus* III. 608 After to þe souper alle and some..þey hym sette. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 5092 Þerfore set you full sone. *Ibid.* 12214 He..set hym to ground. *c* 1500 *Melusine* 154 My doughter, sette you here by me. *a* 1586 SIDNEY *Ps.* IX. ii, Setting thy self, in throne which shined bright, Of judging right.

4. *pass.* To be seated. (See also *set down* i, *b.*)

c 1330 *Arth. & Merl.* 6516 Afterward her compeinie Was yset,..& next hem..Sat þe knistes of þe rounde table. *c* 1380 WYCLIF *Serm.* Sel. Wks. I. 62 Þe men weren sette as it were fyve þousand. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 1711 When þe souerayne was set in a sete rioll. *c* 1410 *Sir Cleges* 469 The kynge was sett in his parlor, Wyth myrth solas and onor. 1503 in *Lett. Rich. III & Hen. VII* (Rolls) I. 192 Next the..Saxon, the marques of Brandeburgh..bisshop of Laufenburgh were sett. 1553 T. WILSON *Rhet.* (1580) 156 It so fortuned that as thei were set, the Italian knockt at the Gate. 1697 DRYDEN *Æneid* VI. 821 The Queen of Furies by their sides is set. 1793 SMEATON *Edystone L.* § 305 Most of the workmen were set round the fire. 1852 THACKERAY *Esmond* II. xv, Most of the party were set to cards. 1875 FREEMAN in W. R. W. Stephens *Life* (1882) II. 254 Soft chairs, in which, when one is once set, it is hard to get up again.

b. To be seated to partake of a meal (*to meat, at* or *to dinner*, etc.). *Obs.* or *arch.*

Partly a spec. use of prec., partly a true passive of sense 1.

13.. *K. Alis.* 538 To the mete they weoren y-set. *c* 1440 *Generydes* 387 The Kyng was sette and serued in the hall. *c* 1475 *Ranf Coilȝear* 183 Quhen thay war seruit and set to the Suppar. 1523 LD. BERNERS *Froiss.* (1812) I. 396 He.. was set at the table to eate some meate. 1596 DANETT tr. *Comines* (1614) 118 After the K[ing] was set to dinner. 1625 MASSINGER *New Way* III. ii, I play the foole To stand here prating, and forget my dinner. Are they set Marrall? 1760–72 H. BROOKE *Fool of Qual.* (1809) IV. 132 When they were again set to dinner, the page entered.

†**c.** To be seated for deliberation or judgement; (of a court) to be in session. *Obs.*

1390 GOWER *Conf.* I. 249 Whan the Court is set. *c* 1400 *Pety Job* 422 in *26 Pol. Poems* 134 Thou shalt me call at domesday, When thow art set on iugement. *a* 1548 HALL *Chron., Hen. VIII* (1550) 181 b, After that thei [the Legates] wer set..their Commission was redde. 1592 KYD *Sp. Trag.* III. vi, Bring forth the Prisoner, for the Court is set. 1626 B. JONSON *Staple of N.* III. i. 41 Is the examiner set? *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 26 May 1671, Being all set, our Patent was read.

d. Of a rabbit: To be resting.

1801 (see FORM *v.*[1]). 1817 J. MAYER *Sportsman's Direct.* (ed. 2) 195 The stag is said to be harboured,..the hare formed, the rabbit set, the marten-cat treed.

5. *intr.* To sit, be seated. (Sometimes, as in 4 b, c, with spec. reference to partaking of a meal or sitting in judgement, etc.). Now *dial.* or *vulgar.* (See also *set down*, 143 i, *c.*)

c 1205 LAY. 22913 A bord swiðe hende þat þer mazen setten [*c* 1275 sitte] to sixtene hundred & ma. *c* 1275 *Ibid.* 19704 Here vte setteþ [*c* 1205 sitteð] six men. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* Prol. 132 Quhene at he Suld sit in sege of maieste, þai twell sud set with hym-self. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 5095 Þen set þai sone, as said hom the kyng. 1470–85 MALORY *Arthur* XIII. vii. 620 And soo after vpon that to souper, and euery knyȝt sette in his owne place. *c* 1489 CAXTON *Sonnes of Aymon* xvi. 377 He made theim to set vpon a benche. 1530 PALSGR. 713/2, I set hyest, or upper moste in a companye, *je preside.* 1596 NASHE *Saffron Walden* K 1, Such men as..set on the pillory for..periurie. 1658 SIR T. BROWNE *Hydriot.* iv. 23 They may set in the Orchestra, and noblest Seats of Heaven. 1662 GERBIER *Principles* 30 The King and Queen only remaining ..setting under the Cloath of State. 1680 OTWAY *Orphan* III. ii, As with his Guests he set in Mirth rais'd high. 1788 JEFFERSON *Writ.* (1859) II. 385 It is very possible that the President and the new Congress may be setting at New York. 1825 R. P. WARD *Tremaine* I. xxiii. 173 He had set upon tenter-hooks during the whole conversation. 1844 DICKENS *Chimes* I. 30 You must always go and be a settin on our steps must you! 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* lv, I'm thinkin' if I set here until I'm paid my wages, I shall set a precious long time, Mrs. Raggles: and set I will, too. 1897 WATTS-DUNTON *Aylwin* VII. ii, When you two was a-settin' by the pool, a-eatin' the breakfiss.

b. Of a hen: To sit *upon* eggs.

1586 [see ABROOD]. 1611 COTGR., *Couvé*, layed, or set on, as an egge. 1721 R. BRADLEY *Philos. Acc. Wks. Nat.* 85 Stopping when they have laid as many as they can

set upon. 1726 — *Country Gentl. Monthly Director* 31 Chuse the old Hens to set upon the Eggs, for they will set close. 1840 F. D. Bennett *Whaling Voy.* I. 371 The boobies..that were 'setting hard', as the schoolboys say,.. screamed..on our approach.

c. To become lodged *upon*.

1869 E. J. Reed *Shipbuild.* i. 16 Sand is the worst description of ground for a ship to set on as it forms a curved base. 1887 Goode, etc. *Fish. Industr. U.S.* v. II. 540 The first thing found out was that the floating spawn would not attach itself to, or 'set' (in the vernacular of the shore) upon, anything which had not a clean surface.

d. *transf.* and *fig.* = Sit *v.* B. 7, 8, 14. Now *dial.* or *vulgar*.

c 1400 *Rule St. Benet* (Verse) 317 Þam..Þat for godes sake here sett Vnder Þe band of Sant Benett. 1482 *Cely Papers* (Camden) 121 They off Gaunte hath sent to the Inglysch naschon and to Dutch naschon..commaundyng them to sett styll..and entermete wt noo party. 1536 in *Lett. Suppress. Monast.* (Camden) 113 The emperor him selfe was glad to sett still. 1586 T. B. *La Primaud. Fr. Acad.* I. 484 That which setteth neerest hir husbands hart. 1592 Kyd *Sp. Trag.* III. vi, O monstrous times, where murders set so light. 1651 Howell *Venice* 2 The Eastern Emperors have divers times set upon her skirts [see Skirt *sb.* 3]. 1674 N. Fairfax *Bulk & Selv.* 34 Setting full as close to the very stamp or inmostnesse of a thinking Being, as [etc.]. 1803 *Forest of Hohenelbe* III. 103 A disappointment that ought not to set very heavily on her mind. 1892 *Harper's Mag.* Dec. 22/1 The cat ate a rat, and it did not set well on her stomach.

e. To have a certain set or hang; to sit (well or ill, tightly or loosely, etc.). Cf. Sit *v.* 16 b.

1804 tr. *La Marteliere's Three Gil Blas* II. 95 Your new clothes, which do not by any means set so well upon you. 1861 *Temple Bar* III. 250 To make the artificial hair curl and set naturally to the head. 1878 Napheys *Phys. Life Wom.* 205 A body-case of strong linen..setting snugly to the form. 1883 J. P. Quincy *Figures of Past* 129 His brown wig, which set low upon his forehead. 1887 *Lady* V. 46 Sleeves lined with stiff or harsh linings never set well. 1892 *Field* 2 July 30/1 Her sail did not set at all well.

6. *trans.* To become, befit, suit. Chiefly *Sc.* (in mod. use often ironical).

c 1480 Henryson *Poems* (S.T.S.) III. 103 Scho woir nevir grene nor gray That set hir half so weill. 1508 Dunbar *Twa Maryit Wemen* 196 How it settis him so syde to sege of sic materis. *c* 1560 A. Scott *Poems* (S.T.S.) iv. 41 It settis not madynis als To latt men lowis thair lace. 1606 Rollock 1 *Thess.* 190 (Jam.) It is ouer sore to a Gentleman to doe that, it settes him not. 1637 Rutherford *Lett.* (1664) 55 It sets him well howbeit he be young, to make Christ his garland. 1725 Ramsay *Gentle Sheph.* iv. i, It sets him weel To yoke a plough where Patrick thought to till! 1814 Scott *Wav.* xxx, It wad better set you to be nursing the gudeman's bairns than to be deaving us here. 1827 Carlyle *Germ. Rom.* II. 241 How prettily the lace cap sets her. 1860 Whyte-Melville *Holmby House* II. xxi. 301 It set him well now, a worn and broken man, to be taking thought of his looks like a girl. 1891 Barrie *Little Minister* ii, Gavin,..do you think this bonnet sets me?

b. Also said of the person with regard to clothing, etc.

1892 *Longman's Mag.* Nov. 59 Mysie..was a pretty creature, 'setting', in Scottish phrase, everything she wore.

7. To sit (a horse); = Sit *v.* 31. *rare.*

1648 *Petit. Eastern Assoc.* 11 It will try how the new Riders will set the saddle. 1710 Steele *Tatler* No. 248 P 1 She set her horse with a very graceful air.

II. To sink, descend.

†8. *intr.* To subside, abate. *Obs.*

c 1000 *Sax. Leechd.* III. 86 Nim fyrs..& lege uppa þat geswollene & byt sceal sona settan. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 274 Þe swell schal setten.

9. Of the sun or other luminary: To go down; to make an apparent descent towards and below the horizon. (Conjugated, like other intr. verbs of motion, with either *be* or *have*.)

Not in OE.: cf. ON. *setjask*.

c 1300 *Havelok* 2671 So þat þei nouth ne blinne, Til þat to sette bigan þe sunne. *a* 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 3050 Als sone as þe son hup soght þe slaghter begynnys, And to sett was þe same sesytt þai neuer. *c* 1440 *Alphabet of Tales* 74 Þou sall dye or þe son sett. *a* 1586 Sidney *Arcadia* II. (Sommer) 172 The Sun was readie to set. 1613 Chapman *Maske Inns Crt.*, The ruddy Sunne was seen ready to be set. 1625 N. Carpenter *Geog. Del.* I. x. 220 With them all the stars equally set & rise. 1792 A. Young *Trav. France* I. 18 The sun, on the point of being set. 1816 Scott *Bl. Dwarf* vi, The sun setting red. 1822 Mrs. Hemans *Siege of Valencia* i. (1823) 121 Till the last pale star had set. 1847 C. Brontë *J. Eyre* v, The moon was set, and it was very dark. 1877 Miss Yonge *Cameos* Ser. III. xxxiv. 360 The sun had long been set.

transf. 1665 Dryden *Ind. Emp.* I. ii. (1668) 6 Distant skies that in the Ocean set.

b. Of the day: To come to its close. *poet.*

1604 Drayton *Moyses* II. 48 Euery minute is a day and night That breakes and sets in twinkling of an eie. 1610 B. Jonson *Alch.* II. ii, The euening will set red, vpon you, sir. 1838 S. Bellamy *Betrayal* 67 The third day Had set upon the sepulchre.

c. *fig.* To decline, wane.

1607 Tourneur *Rev. Trag.* IV. I 4 b, May not we set as well as the Dukes sonne. 1611 *Second Maiden's Trag.* 1302 And rise againe in health, to set in shame? *a* 1627 Middleton *Chaste Maid* v. ii, Your malice sets in death, does it not, sir? 1654 Z. Coke *Logick* Pref., Having absolved your courses through Zodiac of praise worthy actions, you wil set laden with Lustre. 1812 Scott *Lel.* in *Lockhart* (1837) II. xii. 396 She should have no twilight, but set in the full possession of her powers. 1890 Tout *Hist. Eng. fr. 1689*, 282 The British Empire in India seemed setting in fire and blood. 1892 *Argosy* June 496 The glory of Egypt seemed to have set.

†10. Naut. *To heave and set*: to rise and fall with a heavy sea. *Obs.*

1509 Hawes *Past. Pleas.* xxi. (1555) 99 Quadrant it was, and did heve and sette At every storme whan the wind was great. 1574 W. Bourne *Regiment for Sea* vi. (1577) 26 The Sea..causeth the shippe to heaue, and sette little or much. 1630 Winthrop *New Eng.* (1825) I. 9 This day the ship heaved and set more than before. 1674 Petty *Disc. bef. R. Soc.* 60 If the said water be so rough, as that the Vessel heavs and sets.

III. To put (more or less permanently) in a definite place.

* *Where the manner of the action is implied in the verb itself.*

†11. *trans.* To place on or as on a foundation; to build, erect; = *set-up*, 154 n. *Obs.*

a 900 Cynewulf *Crist* 356 Þa þu ærest wære mid þone ecan frean sylf settende þas sidan ȝesceaft. *a* 1000 *Cædmon's Gen.* 1881 Ongunnon..heora burh ræran & sele settan. *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 562 Dat arche ..set and limed a-ȝen ðe flood. *a* 1300 *K. Horn* 1395 Strong castel he let sette. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 20902 Quen he of antioche had fund þe kirk, and graytli set on grund. *c* 1330 *Arth. & Merl.* 1238 For mi blod no worþ it þe bet, Neuer more þe bet yset. *a* 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 1649 Godis awen temple, þat of sir Salamon þe sage sett was & foundid. *Ibid.* 4305 And þat sullepe sire at sett all þe werde, In him we ley beleue & in na laȝe ellis. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 1689 Qwhen this Citie was set & full sure made. 1470 *Little Red Bk. Bristol* (1900) II. 133 A litill newe howse..is bild and sett vpon the Comyn grond in the hye strete iij fote.

fig. 1474 Caxton *Chesse* II. v. (1883) 61 That oure lawe is sette alle vpon loue and charyte.

†b. *pass.* Of a figure: To rest (*on* a base). *Obs.*

1570 Billingsley *Euclid* VI. Prop. xxvi. 173 b, If from a parallelogramme be taken away a parallelograme like vnto the whole and in like sorte set. 1660 Barrow *Euclid* I. xxxviii, Triangles set upon equal bases.

12. To put (a shoot or young plant) into the ground to grow; to plant (a tree, also by extension, a vineyard, flowers, a crop). Also, less usually, to plant (seed) by hand, as opposed to *sowing*; sometimes said of the plant; formerly also, † to cause to grow from seed (*of a kernel*).

c 725 *Corpus Gloss.* P 13, *Pastinare*, settan. *a* 1000 *Cædmon's Gen.* 1558 Da Noe..wingeard sette, seow sæda fela. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 378 Ȝe beoð ȝunge impen iset in Godes orcharde. *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 1278 Abraham..tillede corn and sette treen. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 1015 Treis o frut þan es þarsett þat serekin vertu has at ette. *c* 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* I. 14 His appultreen, what hour Best is to sette. 1523 Fitzherb. *Husb.* § 127 If the hedge be of .x. or .xii. yeres growing sythe it was first set. 1530 Palsgr. 713/2, I have set rosemarye and sage ynough in my gardayne. 1538 Elyot *Dict.*, *Sertor*, he that soweth seedes or setteth herbes. 1572 Mascall *Planting & Graff.* (1592) 36 Ye ought to transplant or set your trees from Alhallow-tide vnto March. 1602 Kyd *Sp. Trag.* Add. 1999 This was the tree; I set it of a kiernnell. 1611 Shaks. *Wint. T.* IV. iv. 100 Ile not put The Dible in earth, to set one slip of them. 1612 Hopton *Concord. Yeares* (1615) 112 The time [December] is good.. to set beanes, pease, &c. 1662 Stillingfl. *Orig. Sacræ* III. iii. § 2 To order his trees, and set his flowers. 1767 A. Young *Farmer's Lett. to People* 154 Those trees which are propagated by..setting shoots. 1820 Keats *Isabella* lii, She..cover'd it with mould, and o'er it set Sweet Basil. 1830 *Examiner* 796/1 The seed is to be set by hand. 1890 *Blackw. Mag.* CXLVIII. 717/1 If a man sets potatoes in wet bog.

†b. *absol.* or *intr.*

c 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* Matt. vi. 26 Ne settas *vel* sauues *non serunt*. 1340–70 *Alex. & Dind.* 912 For to sowe & to sette in þe sad erthe. 1377 Langl. *P. Pl.* B. VII. 6 Alle þat halpe hym to erie to sette or to sowe. ?*a* 1586 Montgomerie *Misc. Poems* xxxi. 17, I sau, I sett—no flour nor fruit I find. 1690 R. Lucas *Hum. Life* 245 Idleness..never ploughs nor sows..it never plants nor sets.

c. *transf.* and *fig.*

a 900 Cynewulf *Crist* 663 And eac moniȝfealde modes snyttru seow and sette ȝeond sefan monna. *a* 1310 in Wright *Lyric P.* xviii. 57 Suete Jhesu,..In myn huerte thou sete a rote Of thi love. *a* 1325 *Prose Psalter* xliii. 3 Þyn honde desparplist þe folk, and þou settest hem. *c* 1374 Chaucer *Boethius* II. pr. v. (1868) 48 Is it þan so þat ye men ne han no propre goode I-set in 3ow. *c* 1425 *Cast. Persev.* 1011 in *Macro Plays*, And þorwe Mankynde we settyn & sowe þe dedly synnys seuene. *c* 1532 Du Wes *Introd. Fr.* in *Palsgr.* 1055 The soule vegetable..is setted within the myght elemented. 1580 Lyly *Euphues* (Arb.) 367 Faire women are set thicke, but they come vp thinne.

†d. As a literalism or contextually: To graft.

1388 Wyclif *Rom.* xi. 24 For if thou art kit doun of the kyndeli wielde olyue tre, and aȝens kynd art set in to a good olyue tre, hou myche more thei that ben bi kynde, schulen be set in her olyue tre. 1645 Ussher *Div.* 165 We see one tree may be set into another, and it groweth in the stock thereof, and becommeth one and the same tree.

†13. To put down, deposit (a pledge, security). Cf. Wedset *v.*

c 1000 *Laws Æthelred* I. i. (Liebermann) 218 Ȝif he þonne ful wurðe, æt þam forman cyrre..sette ȝetreowe borgas, þæt he ælces yfeles ȝeswice eft. 16.. in Turreff *Gleanings* (1859) 29 The said day John Michel is ordaint to be put in kirk wolt, thairin to remain quhile he sett caution to adhear to Margratt Quhytt, his spous. *a* 1670 Spalding *Troub. Chas. I* (Bannatyne Club) I. 38 They with the marquess should sett caution, for keeping of the king's peace.

14. To put (a sum) down as a stake; to stake, wager. Also *fig.* *Obs.* or *arch.*

c 1460 Sir R. Ros *La Belle Dame* 524 Ile leseth his after game, That surely cannot sette his poyntes double. 1500–20 Dunbar *Poems* xxxvi. 27 ȝung airis, That his auld thrift settis on ane ess. 1599 Minsheu *Sp. Dict.* Dial. 67, I set him two shillings, he cast and drew them. 1605 Shaks. *Lear* I. iv. 136 Set lesse then thou throwest. 1668 Dryden *Even. Love* IV. i, He is nettled, and sets me twenty: I win them too. 1726 *Art & Myst. Gaming* 23 Whatever Sum you set me, I will do the same to you. 1817 Shelley *Rev. Islam* x. xli. 4 His great Empire's worth Is set on Laon and Laone's head. 1853 Whyte-Melville *Digby Grand* ix, The stakes were 'set', the dice rattled [etc.].

b. *absol.* or *intr.* To put down a stake, lay money *on* (or *at*). Also *fig.* to give a challenge *to*. *Obs.* or *arch.*

Freq. with dat. of the person against whom the stake is laid. The dat. being interpreted as a direct obj., a personal pass. const. was evolved (see quot. 1823).

a 1553 *Nice Wanton* 212 Heer six come on seuen. *They set them*...Come on fiue. *She casteth and they set.* 1560 *Misogonus* II. iv. 171 Sett lustilye, my boykins...That was knavishlye throwne. 1575 *Gammer Gurton* II. ii. 23 Thou shalt set on the king. 1605 Chapman *All Fools* v. i, Come, Dariotto, set me. 1609 B. Jonson *Sil. Wom.* IV. iv, A very sharke, he set me i' the nicke t'other night at *primero*. 1610 — *Alch.* I. ii, If I doe giue him a familiar, Giue you him all you play for; neuer set him: For he will haue it. 1667 Dryden *Maiden Q.* Prol. ii. 54 Throw boldly, for he sets to all that write. 1716 E. Parker *Fielding's Acc. Comet* 6 Happy the Man who Punts upon a Knave during the Month of January, or sets on 6 upon Twelfth Night. 1739 *Act 12 Geo. II*, c. 28 § 3 Every Person..who shall..set at, stake or punt at..Ace of Hearts [etc.]. 1807 E. S. Barrett *Rising Sun* I. 132 Come, seven's the main—who'll set me? 1823 *Mirror* I. 176/1 Observing that he was completely set, he stopped short,..saying, 'I believe I am set, gentlemen!' 1825 *Examiner* 631/2 The King would at one time set higher than usual.

c. *Dominoes.* To play first.

1897 R. F. Foster *Compl. Hoyle* 561 The one whose turn it is to set lays down any domino he pleases.

15. To put (a thing, such as an ornament, fitting, piece of furniture, etc.) in a place allotted or adapted to receive it; (contextually) to fit, fix.

c 1205 Lay. 7832 Þa Bruttes..nomen longen ræftres..& setten heom i Temese flod. *a* 1483 *Liber Niger* in *Househ. Ord.* (1790) 29 A tortayes to sett his lyverey in the wynter nyghtes. 1531 *Test. Ebor.* (Surtees) VI. 26 The side borde in the haull with the tristillis sett in the ground. 1556 in *Shropsh. Par. Doc.* (1903) 58 For ii Wode Candyllstyckes to set apon tapurs. 1575 *Gammer Gurton* I. iv, Set me a candle, let me seeke. 1590 Barwick *Disc. Weapons* 10 b, There be other peeces [*viz.* guns], to be set vpon Blockes. 1610 *Shuttleworths' Acc.* (Chetham Soc.) 192 For Coventrie blue to sett lettres in the chaffe beddes. 1629 Milton *Hymn Nativ.* xii, While the Creator Great His constellations set. 1632 — *L'Allegro* 106 How the drudging Goblin swet, To ern his Cream-bowle duly set. 1673 Dryden *Assign.* II. iii. 20 Set the Ladder, and mount first. *a* 1700 Evelyn *Diary* 11 Apr. 1645, Setting the candles in little paper lanterns. 1729 Desaguliers in *Phil. Trans.* XXXVI. 202 If the Pulley be set backwarder still. 1807 Crabbe *Par. Reg.* III. 622 The fire-side chair, still set, but vacant still. 1808 *Lady's Econ. Assist.* 4 The sleeves must be set into the shirt rather full. 1875 Jowett *Plato* (ed. 2) I. 86 When he considers if he shall set a bridle on a horse. 1891 M. Muriel Dowie *Girl in Karp.* vii. 83 No chair is wiped and set for the visitor.

†b. To fit or attach (one thing) *to* another.

c 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* ii. (*Paulus*) 372 Þe hed to set þe body till. *c* 1489 Caxton *Sonnes of Aymon* ix. 233, I shall set to your necke an halter. 1497 *Naval Acc. Hen. VII* (1896) 237 Workmanship in..settyng the Newe ledders vnto the seid Bellowes. 1595 Shaks. *John* IV. ii. 174 Be Mercurie, set feathers to thy heels.

†c. To place in a certain sequence in a literary work, in writing or print. *Obs.*

1535 Jove *Apol. Tindale* 19 Tindals vncharitable pistle set before hys newe Testament. 1560 Daus tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* Pref. 3, I have set before the beginnyng of every boke, the some or argument. 1679 Dryden *Pref. to Troilus & Cr.* Ess. 1900 I. 204, I made..an order and connexion of all the scenes; removing them from the places where they were inartificially set.

d. To put (eggs) *under* a hen to be hatched.

1726 R. Bradley *Country Gentl. Monthly Director* 31 You may now likewise set Duck-Eggs under Hens. 1815 *Sporting Mag.* XLVI. 27 The saving of eggs..which you intend to set. 1826 J. Wilson *Noctes Ambr.* (1855) I. 170 James, you shall have a dozen eggs to set.

16. *pass.* To have a certain position or arrangement by nature.

a 1310 in Wright *Lyric P.* ix. 35 Swannes swyre swythe wel y-sette. 1390 Gower *Conf.* I. 98 Her yhen smale and depe set. 1657 W. Coles *Adam in Eden* vii. 15 At the tops of the stalks come forth the flowers set at certain spaces one above another. 1719 De Foe *Crusoe* I. (Globe) 209 His fine Teeth, well set. 1883 Mrs. F. Mann *Parish of Hilby* iii, Their heads were set on long and graceful necks.

** *Where the manner of the action is implied in the adverbial extension.*

(Many of the divisions under this heading do not indicate a difference of sense, but serve mainly to exhibit the great variety of usage.

The development of phraseological expressions has brought into existence many uses in which the original physical reference is obscured. Cf. IV.)

17. To put or place, cause to be, lie, rest, or stand, in a locality specified by an advb. expression. (See also branch XII with advs.)

Beowulf 1242 Setton him to heafdon hilderandas. *a* 1000 *Cædmon's Gen.* 312 [God] heo..under eorðan beoðan..sette sizelease, on þa sweartan helle. *a* 1000 Ælfric *Gen.* ix. 13 Ic sette minne renbogan on wolcnum. *c* 1200 Ormin 11351 Þe deofell..brohhte himm o þe temmple, & sette himm heȝhe uppo þe rhof. *a* 1225 *Leg. Kath.* 1972 Her, amid heapes, wes þis meiden iset. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 21624 A wessel..Sett vnder þat licure to hint. *c* 1300 *K. Horn* 738 (Laud) He sette sadel on stede. 1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) V. 179 Basilius awook and fonde..his armour i-sette þere as it was raþer. *c* 1400 Maundev. (Roxb.) xix. 87 Þai sett þis mawmet with grete wirschepe in a chariot. *c* 1440 *Jacob's Well* xlii. 260 As

an erthyn pott..sett on þe fyir brestyth on-sundir. 1535 COVERDALE *Jer.* xlix. 38, I wil set my stole [1611 throne] in Elam. *a* 1548 HALL *Chron., Hen. IV* (1550) 32 b, He caused his crowne to be set on the pillowe at his beddes heade. 1548–9 (Mar.) *Bk. Com. Prayer, Communion* Rubr., Settyng both the brende and wyne vpon the Alter. 1588 SHAKS. *Tit. A.* v. iii. 179 Set him hrest deepe in earth, and famish him. 1617 MORYSON *Itin.* III. 82 They set this iuyce vpon the fier, continually stirring it. 1764 ELIZA MOXON *Eng. Housew.* (ed. 9) 155 Set it over the fire to melt. 1856 MRS. BROWNING *Aur. Leigh* I. 1057 They saw a light at a window now and then, They had not set there. 1867 AUGUSTA WILSON *Vashti* xxv, Two drops of blood had fallen on the tablecloth, and the girl instantly set her cup and saucer over them.

b. *pass.* To be situated, lie (in a certain locality); to be placed (at a certain height, interval, etc.).

c 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* Matt. v. 14 Ofer mor ȝeseted, *supra montepositа.* 1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 2 Engelond his a wel god lond..ech londe best Iset in þe on ende of þe worlde as al in þe west. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 527 Seuen maister sterns er sette in heuen. *Ibid.* 10005 Þe four torels on hei er sett. 1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) VI. 5 Þe citee Oxenford, i-sette hytwene þe tweie riveres of Tame and of Temse. *c* 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* III. 381 The graffes..With gemmes fele aboute on hem ysette. 1530 PALSGR. 711/2 Rychemonte is very well set. 1585 T. WASHINGTON tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* I. vi. 4 b, A small fountaine beeing no higher set then the pauement. 1594 WEST 1*st Pt. Symbol.* § 60 d, The said W. M. set, lying, or being in W. 1650 BAXTER *Saint's R.* III. i. § 6. 275 Betwixt them and you will be a great gulf set. 1756 MRS. F. BROOKE *Old Maid* No. 28. 234 They are gone to their country seat set in Berkshire. 1868 MORRIS *Earthly Par., Man born to be King* 118 Nor struggle in the net Wherein thine helpless feet are set.

18. a. To place (a thing) *upon* or in some kind of contact with some part of a person's body, *esp.* as a part of insignia. *Obs.* or *arch.*

971 *Blickl. Hom.* 23 [Hie] wundan beaȝ of þornum & him setton on heafod. *a* 1225 *Leg. Kath.* 1571, & te an toc ane guldene crune, & sette on hire heauet. ?*a* 1366 CHAUCER *Rom. Rose* 846 His leefe a rosen chapelet Had made, and on his heed it set. 1390 GOWER *Conf.* I. 15 Upon the hond to were a Schoo And sette uppon the fot a Glove. *c* 1450 *Mirk's Festial* 17 Then anon com oure lady..and set a garlond on his hedde. 1525 SIR J. RUSSELL in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. II. I. 298 If your Highnes woll, he woll sett the crowne of Fraunce on your hed. *a* 1533 LD. BERNERS *Huon* xlvi. 152 He sette his horne to his mouthe and blewe it. 1575 *Gammer Gurton* II. iv. 44 Chil in, Diccon, a cleene aperne to take and set before me. 1720 MRS. MANLEY *Secret Mem.* (1736) IV. 213 It is they that occasioned the Crown having been set upon your Head.

† **b.** To put (a thing) *in a person's hand.* (Cf. 27.)

c 1000 *Oaths* iii. (Liebermann) 396 Swa hit me se sealde, ðe ic hit nu on hand sette. *c* 1200 ORMIN 8181 Himm wass sett inn hiss rihht hannd An dere kinezerrde. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 4472 Me-thought..i þis cupe in hand him sette. *Ibid.* 17629 Son in his hand he þe letter sett.

c. To put (something) *in one's sight* (or *view*), *before one* or *one's eyes* (or *view*), † *to* SHOW, † *to the sight,* † *to* VIEW.

To set before, orig. = to place so as to be seen by, acquired the meanings of to put before one for use, consideration, imitation, etc.

a 1000 ÆLFRIC *Deut.* xi. 26 Nu to dæȝ ic sette beforan eow bletsunga and wiriȝnissa [*En propono in conspectu vestro*]. *c* 1000 *Ags. Ps.* (Th.) lv. 7 Ic..sette on ðinre ȝesyhðe sarize tearas. 1382 WYCLIF *Gen.* xviii. 8 He toke butter, and mylk ..and sette bifore hem. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 436 With pelur and pall..set to þe sight. 1422 YONGE tr. *Secreta Secret.* lxiv. 241 Whan a man syttyth atte mette, and dyuers maner mettis afor hym Is sette. 1535 COVERDALE *Rev.* iii. 8, I haue set before the an open doore. 1576 GASCOIGNE *Delicate Diet* Wks. 1910 II. 464 They dyd Clarkly in figures, set before us sundry tales. 1671 MILTON *Samson* 1624 What was set before him Which without help of eye, might be assay'd,..he still per-form'd All. 1697 DRYDEN *Æneid* VI. 971 To set before your sight your glorious race. 1725 BROOME *Notes Pope's Odyss.* X. 295 The description sets the figure [of Terror] full before our eyes. 1848 PUSEY *Par. Serm.* I. xix. (1873) 371 He cannot set them before him; he cannot see, believe, grasp them. 1888 BURGON *Lives* 12 *Gd. Men* II. v. 2 His birth.. and his parentage have been fully set before the public.

† **d.** To put (a person) *in prison.* Similarly *to set in* (*on*) *the pillory* (see PILLORY *sb.*). *Obs.*

c 1100 *O. E. Chron.* (MS. D) an. 1036, Þa let he hine on hæft settan. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 23315 Þai sal be sett in þair prisun. *a* 1533 LD. BERNERS *Huon* cxxviii. 468 My wyfe set in pryson. 1535 LAYTON in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. II. II. 61 We have sett Dunce [*sc.* Duns Scotus] in Bocardo. *a* 1547 in J. R. Boyle *Hedon* (1875) App. 74 Then the maiore to sett theym in presone.

† **e.** With complementary advb. phr. expressing removal or issue *from* or *out of* a place. *Obs.*

c 1450 *Brut* 336/20 Þei sette out of þe Tour þe Archebishop of Caunturbury. 1596 DALRYMPLE tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* I. Prol. 25 All this tyme settis na man his heid out of the hous. *a* 1610 HEALEY *Epictetus* (1636) 25 Is the dish set from thee? stay it not. 1667 *Churchw. Acc. Pittington,* etc. (Surtees) 335 For setting the watter away from the church style, 2d. 1684 BUNYAN *Pilgr.* II. 180 Now they..befooled themselves for setting a Foot ont of doors in that Path.

f. *To set on the sea, water, afloat,* etc.: to launch.

1559 [see *set afloat,* 137 a]. 1568 C. W[ATSON] *Polybius* 48 They were vndockte, and sette on the water. 1587 [see AFLOAT 1]. *a* 1800 *Fair Janet* i. in Child *Ballads* II. 105 Ye'll build to me a bonnie ship, And set her on the sea.

† **g.** To lay (siege) *before* a place. *Obs.*

1474 CAXTON *Chesse* III. vi. 130 A prynce that setteth a siege to fore a castell. 1530 PALSGR. 711/2 Whan the kynges good grace dyd set his siege byfore Tournaye.

h. To put (pen) *to paper* († *book*).

1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 1 As I had set the penne to the boke. *c* 1530 [see PEN *sb.*[1] 4]. 1579 HAKE *Newes out of Powles* Ep. Ded. (1872) A ij b, And so shall I..set my Pen to Booke againe. 1581 MELBANCKE *Philotimus* Z j, Setting pen to paper. 1621 T. WILLIAMSON tr. *Goulart's Wise Vieillard* A 4 b, My fingers did euen itch to set pen to paper. 1711 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 62 ¶ 7, I am apt to think that Enclid was the greatest Wit that ever set Pen to Paper. 1895 KERNAHAN *God & Ant* Apol., The worst of all reasons which inexperienced writers put forward for setting pen to paper.

19. To place (a part of the body) upon a surface or an object.

c 900 tr. *Bæda's Hist.* II. xii. § 5 [He] sette his þa swiðran hond him on þæt heafod. 971 *Blickl. Hom.* 239 He sette his hand ofer hiora heortan. *a* 1000 ÆLFRIC *Gen.* xxiv. 2 Sete þine hand under min þeoh. *a* 1300 *K. Horn* 758 To lond he him sette & fot on stirop sette. *c* 1520 *Everyman* 778 Now set eche of you on this rodde your honde. 1607 BEAUM. & FL. *Woman Hater* I. iii, When her hnsband sets first foot in the bedde. 1692 R. L'ESTRANGE *Fables* xxx. 29 A Child of the Family happen'd to set his Foot upon't [*sc.* a snake]. 1749 SMOLLETT *Gil Blas* II. iii. (1782) I. 136 Fabricius..set his hands in his sides. 1870 ROSSETTI *Dante at Verona* xxxii, At such times, Dante, thou hast set Thy forehead to the painted pane Full oft. *a* 1908 F. THOMPSON *Poppy* i, Summer set lip to earth's bosom bare.

† **b.** *To set* (*one's*) *hand*(*s on*: to lay hands upon, seize; *esp.* to lay violent hands upon, attack. Also *to set one's hand against,* to oppose. *Obs.*

c 1290 *Beket* 931 in *S. Eng. Leg.* I. 133 ȝif ani man hond on ov set. *c* 1330 *Arth. & Merl.* 5815 Hir hondes sche sett on hir here & hir fair tresses al totere. *c* 1400 *Beryn* 2290 Macnigne arose..And set hond fast on Beryns othir scleve. *c* 1489 CAXTON *Sonnes of Aymon* iii. 79 Aymon..began to sette sore hande vpon theym. 1635 PAGITT *Christianogr.* (1636) III. 37 Our Princes and Bishops set their hand against Image-worship. *c* 1641 F. HAWKINS *Youth's Behav.* (1663) 36 Without setting hand on any thing before him.

c. *To set* (*one's*) *hand to*: to lay hold of, take into one's hand; *fig.* to set about, engage upon († formerly const. inf.). *To set one's hand to the door*: see DOOR *sb.* 6.

c 1477 CAXTON *Jason* 60 b, Argos sette hande unto the werk. 1542 in *Lett. Lit. Men* (Camden) 2 Of your abound-aunt pitie to sette your helpyng hand to the bestowyng of me to suche condition. 156. *Thersites* (Roxb.) 47 They wyll not ones set hande to fight with me. 1638 W. TIRWHYT tr. *Balzac's Lett.* II. 144 If you appoint him to set hand to his Penne. 1639 FULLER *Holy War* I. ix. 13 God set his hand to this warre. 1662 EVELYN *Sculptura* Table, Painters encouraged to set their hands to the graver. 1748 *Trifler* No. 4. 47, I..resolved to set hand to work. 1865 SWINBURNE *Atalanta* 1972 She set her hand to the wood, She took the fire in her hand. 1889 F. BARRETT *Under Str. Mask* I. iii. 46 He set his hand to this good work.

† **d.** To take (a step). *Obs.*

1593–1642 [see FOOTING *vbl. sb.* 1]. 1622 MABBE tr. *Aleman's Guzman d'Alf.* I. 219 The first step that I set within those holy gates. 1767 GOOCH *Treat. Wounds* I. 212 He was not able to set a step. 1780 A. YOUNG *Tour Irel.* I. 241 Every step the horse set.

† **20.** To plant or deal (a blow); with dat. of the person or *upon. Obs.*

c 1300 *Havelok* 2405 He robert sette Biforn þe teth a dint ful strong. 13.. *Guy Warw.* (A.) 1382 So wele his strok he sett þat his heued fram þe bodi flei. *c* 1400 *Arth. & Merl.* 2422 And when they were togethet mett, There were strokes sadlye set. *c* 1430 *Syr Tryam.* 1498 They settyd strokes of mode. *c* 1500 *Lancelot* 3175 Nor he so hard his strok apone hyme set.

† **b.** *transf.* To strike (a person). *Obs.*

13.. *K. Horn* (Harl.) 714 Wel sone bote þou flette myd suert yshal þe sette. *c* 1400 *Beryn* 577 He..set hym with þe ladill on the grustill on þe nose.

† **c.** To direct, aim (*trans.* and *intr.*). *Obs.*

a 1300 *K. Horn* 1201 To herte knif heo sette. 1471 CAXTON *Recuyell* (Sommer) 292 Theseus was the firste..that sette and cowched his speer ayenst hym. 16.. *Sir Andrew Barton* xxxi, A noble gunner..That can sett well with his eye.

d. To apply (a weapon, etc.) *to.*

To set spurs to: see SPUR *sb.*

1388 WYCLIF *Luke* iii. 9 An axe is sett to the roote of the tree. 1593 SHAKS. 3 *Hen. VI,* II. ii. 165 We set the Axe to thy vsurping Roote.

21. (orig. † *To set on write.*) To put down in writing; to put on paper; † *occas.* to depict. Now *set down* (see 143 e).

a 900 *Laws Ælfred* I. xlix. (Liebermann) 46 Ic ne dorste ȝeðristlæcan þara minra awuht fela on ȝewrit settan. *a* 900 CYNEWULF *Elene* 654 (Gr.), & þa winterȝerim on ȝewritu setton. *c* 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 75 Þet rihte ileue setten þe twelue apostles on write.

c 1450 *Myrr. our Ladye* I. vi. 20 That he shulde se that they were sett in trew and conuenyente termes. 1486 *Bk. St. Albans, Her.* b iv, Y° token of a beest..set with in the cootarmure. 1540 PALSGR. *Acolastus* I. i. Metres E ij b, I.. haue soo often as any greke word was to he englished, set ouer him..*græca uox.* 1613 TAPP *Pathw. Knowl.* 38 Therefore I take but 8, which I set in the quotient. 1621 in Kempe *Losely MSS.* (1836) 460 Theyr armes in y° window, geneal-logically sett. 1686 W. HOPKINS *Ratrannus* Dissert. iii. 38, I conceive it will not be unacceptable to the Render to see them set in parallel. 1810 P. BARLOW in *Nicholson's Jrnl.* XXV. 187 Set the inches, parts, &c. as decimals.

b. *Geom.,* etc. To lay or mark off (a line of a definite length). (Cf. *set off,* 147 d.)

1617 SPEIDELL *Geom. Extract.* 21 From the end A, drawe the line AE,..then set the line C, from A, to F. 1660 BARROW *Euclid* VI. iv, Set the side BC in a direct line to the side CE. 1725 W. HALFPENNY *Sound Building* 42 Take *Im* in your Compasses and set it from D to the Dot in the Line DE. 1805 *Shipwright's Vade-M.* 171 Next proceed to set aft the distance of dead-flat from the foremost per-pendicular. 1830 HEDDERWICK *Mar. Archit.* 247 On this line set the half-thickness of the stem from the centre-line,

22. To put down in a record, catalogue, etc.; to mention or treat of in a writing or composition; to put down or enter in an account. Now *set down.*

c 1200 ORMIN 3282 He badd settenn upp o writt All mann-kinn. *a* 1310 in Wright *Lyric P.* viii. 31 Of levedis love that y ha let,..Ofte in song y have hem set. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Wife of Bath's Prol.* 209 Why sholde men elles in hir bookes sette That a man shal yelde to his wyf hyr dette? 1390 GOWER *Conf.* I. 12 Whan Crist him self hath bode pes And set it in his testament. 1474 CAXTON *Chesse* IV. vii. 182 Wherfore he setted not the versis of homere in his book. 1540 PALSGR. *Acolastus* I. i. D iij, Sette in a hyll, what thy chyldes parte commeth to. 1601 SHAKS. *Jul. C.* IV. iii. 98 All his faults obsern'd, Set in a Note-booke. 1745 P. THOMAS *Jrnl. Anson's Voy.* 105, I know it was set in the Ship's Log Book by Order.

23. To put (one's signature), affix (a seal) *to* († *on*) a document. (Cf. *set to,* 152 b.)

13.. *Cursor M.* 6889 (Gött.), He..wrat þe name and set [*v.rr.* sett to, sette on] þe sele. 1405 *Rolls of Parlt.* III. 605/2 In Witnessing of whilk thyng, to thys presentes we have sette our forsaide Seal. 1524 in J. H. Glover *Kingsthorpiana* (1883) 66 We have hereunto set the comon seal of Kyngesthorp. 1567 HARMAN *Caveat* xv. (1869) 60 One should make writinges and set seales for lycences and pas-porte. 1600 *Weakest goeth to Wall* I 3 b, Here is your hand set to confirme the deed. 1616 R. C. *Times' Whistle* v. 2029 Hee'l make the landlord set both hand & seale To this new lease. 1626 MASSINGER *Rom. Actor* IV. i, Have you set your hands To the accusation? *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 3 Dec. 1699, For setting the Greate Seale to the pardon of an arch pirate. 1736 *Gentl. Mag.* VI. 473/1 In witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal. 1892 *Temple Bar* Nov. 358 He set his hand to the death-warrant.

fig. 1611 *Second Maiden's Trag.* 310 Force grace into that cheeke wher impudence setts her seale. 1637 RUTHER-FORD *Lett.* (1664) 342 Lend Christ your heart: Set him as a seal there.

IV. To place or cause to be in a certain position (other than merely local), condition, relation, or connexion.

* *Where a person or thing is placed in or brought into a condition.*

24. To place in a state or sphere specified by an adverbial expression.

Now less freq. than *place* or *put.*

c 1200 ORMIN 10728 3ho doþ þe to settenn þe Bireþenn þine lahȝhre. *a* 1225 *Leg. Kath.* 1758 3ef ȝe beoð mine, as under me isette. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 11408 Quen ani deid o þat dozein, His sun for him was sett again. *Ibid.* 23552 If it sett þam into will to mak anoiher erth or heuen. 1377 LANGL. *P. Pl.* B. VI. 48 Þat he worth worthier sette and with more blisse. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 223 Hit wold sothely me set as souerayne in Joye. *Ibid.* 1728 Þat ben set voder ser-uage. *c* 1400 *Rom. Rose* 4957 Celde gan..sette men by her ordinaunce In good Reule and in gouernaunce. 1530 PALSGR. 714/2 And I be set ones in auctorite. 1566 DRANT *Hor., Jer.* K viij b, Preists haue set God, in this chafinge moode. 1567 *Gude & Godlie B.* (S. T. S.) 159 Quhen Sathan was lonsit out of hell, And had set man in my place. 1632 BP. HALL *Hard Texts* Matt. v. 13 This holy calling, wherein yee are set. 1662 STILLINGFL. *Orig. Sacræ* II. ix. § 1. 253 Everything remains in the course and order wherein it was set at the Creation. 1711 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 255 ¶ 4 Pro-vidence for the most part sets us upon a Level. 1831 SCOTT *Cast. Dang.* ix, My age sets me beyond your cruelty. 1846 TRENCH *Huls. Lect.* Ser. II. viii. (1880) 245 He must be set in those conditions, where to abide by this good shall bring upon him every outward calamity. 1847 H. MILLER *First Impr. Eng.* vi. (1857) 92 It had to be set under a keeper, to insure better behaviour.

† **b.** With complementary advb. phr. expressing removal from a condition or position. *Obs.*

(Now commonly expressed by *put.*)

c 1050 *O. E. Chron.* (MS. C) an. 1043, & raðe þæs man sette Stigant of his bisceoprice. 13.. *Cursor M.* 8639 (Gött.) Þe dede childe..es þin, þat þi-selue of lijf has sett [*Fairf.* atte þon fra life to dede has sette]. 1390 GOWER *Conf.* III. 1 This vice, which so out of rule Hath sette ous alle. 1523 LD. BERNERS *Froiss.* I. ccccv. 285 b, His mynde was so sore therof, that no man coude set hym therfro. 1530 PALSGR. 715/1, I feare me he hath set my fote out of joynte. *Ibid.* 715/2 Who hath set my bookes out of order on this facyon? 1548 [see BESIDE *prep.* 4 c]. 1559 in Strype *Ann. Ref.* I. App. x. 31 Note th' end of these men's doctryns, that is to sett us withowt God. 1596 [see BY *prep.* 16 c]. 1596 SHAKS. 1 *Hen. IV,* v. i. 88 This present enterprize set off his head. 1606 G. W[OODCOCKE] *Hist. Ivstine* XXXI. 105 It was a far easier labor to depose them of Rome then to set them beside their Empire. 1693 LOCKE *Educ.* § 55 Wks. 1714 III. 18 This.. spoils his Mind, and sets that farther out of order. 1756 in *Coltness Collect.* (Maitl. Club) 209 They wanted to have a haggas, but John said we must set our hearts bye that.

25. In a large number of phraseological expres-sions (often equivalent to a single verb), in which *set* acquires the sense of: To cause to be or become (so-and-so). Cf. PUT *v.* 25, 26.

To set at ease, at rest, to rest, †in or *at peace; to set †at debate, †at difference, †at a jar, †at jars, at odds, at one, at variance, †at square, at war, by the ears, †in sunder; to set agog, †at gaze, astray; to set aglow, afire, on fire, aflame, in flame*(*s,* etc.; *to set in array, in order, in readiness, to rights; to set †in effray, †on fear; to set at large, at leisure, at liberty; to set on edge; to set in* or *on a roar; to set in action, motion, operation; to set at bay, at fault, †in press, †in stay; to set at contempt, at defiance;* etc.: see also the sbs. and advs.

a 1000 *Cædmon's Gen.* 2728 Ne þearf ðe on edwit Abraham settan. *a* 1000 *Sal. & Sat.* 344 (Gr.), Hine god seteð ðurh ȝeearnunga endȝum to ræste. 1297 [see AFIRE 1]. 1375 BARBOUR *Bruce* X. 257 Settand in pes all the cuntre. *Ibid.* XVI. 427 The Ynglis rout in gret effray War set. *c* 1407 LYDG. *Reson & Sens.* 2188 Sette thyn herte best at ese. 1473 *Paston Lett.* III. 102, I trust to God thatt the ij Dukes of Clarans and Glowcester shall be sette att one. 1509 HAWES

Past. Pleas. xxv. iii, Whan that God set them [the planettes] in operacyon. 1513 Douglas *Æneit* viii. iv. 142 That on this wise had Cacus set in pres [L. *telis premit*]. 1530 Palsgr. 715/2 Set your herte at rest. *c* 1530 *Crt. of Love* (MS.) 418 And lovers true to setten at debate. 1568 Grafton *Chron.* II. 35 He set that Countrie in good rest and peace. 1575 Gascoigne *Glasse of Govt.* iv. i, I have..set al thinges in redynesse for my Sonnes departure. 1578 *Paradise Dainty Devises, Sturdy Rock* 8 The stately stagge..By yalping hounds at bay is set. 1595 Shaks. *John* iii. iii. 9 Imprisoned angells Set at libertie. 1632 Lithgow *Trav.* ii. 48 An vnresolued man..is distracted here, set on feare there. 1668 Pepys *Diary* 8 Nov., At my chamber all the morning, setting my papers to rights. *a* 1774 Goldsm. *Hist. Greece* I. 111 The Athenians..sat many of their ships on fire. 1805-6 Cary *Dante, Inf.* xxviii. 132 Father and son I set at mutual war. 1809 Malkin *Gil Blas* x. x. (Rtldg.) 371 Which set my lungs as well as appetite in motion. 1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* II. vi. ii, They have quite another feat to do: a paralytic National Executive to set in action. 1854 H. Miller *Sch. & Schm.* (1858) 284 A peculiarity which had set at fault..the modern ship-carpenter. 1867 Augusta Wilson *Vashti* xxiii, At last she was set once more adrift in the world. 1879 Guest *Lect. Hist. Eng.* xxxi. 316 His followers set themselves in battle array. 1895 *Cornh. Mag.* Mar. 298 That day's incident set the whole neighbourhood agog.

b. With complementary adj.; chiefly *to set free, loose, right*: see also the adjs.

1530 Palsgr. 713/2 As for your costes, take no thought for, I wyll set you fre. *c* 1570 W. Wager *The Longer thou livest* 1558 (Brandl), Let me helpe you to set your gowne right. 1607 Shaks. *Timon* iii. iii. 31, I cannot thinke, but in the end, the Villanies of man will set him cleere. *a* 1639 W. Whatelev *Prototypes* ii. xxiv. (1640) 8 She is a bad and unloving wife,..who sets him short, and cares not to fit him with pleasing food. 1693 Locke *Educ.* § 89 Wks. 1714 III. 35 His Practice must by no means cross his Precepts, unless he intend to set him wrong. 1780 *Mirror* No. 92 Who make people laugh, or set them asleep. 1799 Kirwan *Geol. Ess.* 19 An immense quantity of inflammable air set loose. 1854 Thackeray *Newcomes* iii, Orme's Hindostan, the book.. which set dear Tom wild to go to India. 1855 Browning *Fra Lippo* 45 Let's sit and set things straight now. 1890 Tout *Hist. Eng. from 1689*, 155 The death of the old king set them free from their last scruple.

† 26. To place (a person) in a certain sphere of activity or occupation; esp. *to set to lore, to book, to school*; also, to place *with* an instructor or employer. *Obs.* (Cf. 114.)

a 1225 *Leg. Kath.* 115 Hire feder hefde iset hire earliche to lare. *c* 1290 *Beket* 210 in *S. Eng. Leg.* 112 Þis child was 3oug to schole i-set. *c* 1330 *Arth. & Merl.* 9 Childer, þat ben to boke ysett. 1340–70 *Alex. & Dind.* 454 We ben lered..lore of no scole, Ne to no sience i-set vs silue to wisse. 1486–93 *Early Chanc. Proc.* 94/14 (P. R. O.), Your said oratour (when newly set to Courte in Davys Inne). 1513 Bradshaw *St. Werburge* i. 491 He set her for doctryne to the abbesse Saynt Hylde. 1538 Starkey *England* i. ii. 43 Settyng themselfe in relygyouse housys, ther quyetly to serue God. *a* 1548 Hall *Chron., Hen. VII* (1550) 49 b, The sayde Barlo set me with a merchaunt of Middelboroughe too seruice. 1697 Dryden *Virg. Georg.* iii. 261 Set him betimes to school.

† b. *To set above, aloft, high,* or *on high*: to exalt. *To set nether*: to bring low. *Obs.*

c 1205 Lay. 4049 Feowere here weren riche þe haueden ferden muchele þeo nedden al þæ oðere & heom nedðer sætten. 1390 Gower *Conf.* I. 7 Tho was the vertu sett above And vice was put under fote. *c* 1430 *Hymns Virgin* 37 Wrong is an hiz seete þere riȝt schulde be. *c* 1470 Henry *Wallace* vi. 58 Feyll sys or than he had beyne set abuff. 1509 Hawes *Past. Pleas.* xxxiii. xxv, Verite on the first fane Did sette aloft of falshood the hede. 1530 Palsgr. 711/1, I set a lofte, as a man is whan one dothe promote him. 1596 Norden *Progr. Pietie* (Parker Soc.) 28 That God that can give and take away, set aloft and pull down. 1610 Holland *Camden's Brit.* 244 Fortune..hath set no man so high, but she threatneth to take from him as much. *c* 1675 Waller *Epitaph Col. Cavendish* 25 Equal success had set these champions high.

† c. To put (singers) at the proper pitch. *Obs.*

1506 in Legg *Clerk's bk.* (1903) 76 The said clarkis..whaune ony seruyce shalbe don by note shall sett the quyer not after his owne hrest. 1530 Palsgr. 714/1 Can you nat set these syngyng men in tune yet?

d. orig. *to set upon the muzzle*: To muzzle (a horse) so as to prevent him feeding improperly.

1834 Medwin *Angler in Wales* II. 115 My training groom had his orders and yet I was afraid Idris would not be set upon muzzle, and so get improperly filled. 1856 'Stonehenge' *Brit. Rural Sports* II. i. vi. § 7 Some [horses] requiring to be set over night after having eaten their hay. 1856 H. H. Dixon *Post & Paddock* (1862) 143 They set them [the horses] very sharp.

27. To place (a person or thing) in one's possession or control, or in a condition to be used, dealt with, or occupied.

To set in hand: †(*a*) to place in (a person's) possession or control; †(*b*) to take in hand, undertake; also *intr.* with *with*, in the same sense; (*c*) to put out to be done. *To set to* (*for, on*) *sale, a-sale*: see Sale *sb.*[2] 2 a, c. †*To set at pawn, to pledge, to wed*: to pledge, pawn.

c 1205 Lay. 12348 Cheorles..hefden al þis kine-lond iset a cheorlene hond. *Ibid.* 25171 Mi lond ich wulle sette to wedde for seolnere. 1388 Wyclif *Ecclus.* x. 10 For whi this man hath also his soule set to sale. *c* 1420 *Sir Amadace* (Camden) xxxiii, That he had sette, and layd to wedde. *c* 1500 *Robin Hood* liv, My londes beth sette to wedde..To a ryche abbot. 1535 Coverdale 2 *Esdras* v. 3 Let vs set our londes..to pledge. 1548 Udall, etc. *Erasm. Par. John* vii. 6–10 He left them and set in hand to preache. *Ibid.* x. 19–24 New matter to set in hand and dispute wt him again. 1553, 1577 [see A-sale]. 1600 W. Watson *Decacordon* (1602) 349 Neither done, nor set in band withall. 1601 Hakluyt tr. *Galvano's Discov.* 77 He set in hand sending foorth two ships. 1750 Johnson *Rambler* No. 28 § 7 A man who has..set his country to sale. 1812 Crabbe *Tales* xix. 256 Concerns it you what hooks I set for sale? 1864 *Builder* 16 Apr. 281/3 The proposed restoration of St. Bartholomew's, Smithfield, is to be set in hand forthwith.

28. To cause (a thing) to assume a certain physical position expressed by a complementary adj. or advb. phr.; chiefly *to set open* († *wide*), *set on end, set upright* (see also these words).

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 3804 He it sett vp right. *a* 1300 [see End *sb.* 17 d]. *a* 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 2142 Werpis þam vp ..& wyde open settis. 1549–62 [see Ope *a.*]. 1615 Murrell *New Bk. Cookerie* 32 To make Pancakes so crispe that you may set them vpright. 1678 Phillips (ed. 4), *To set taught the Shrouds*, in the Navigators Dialect, is to make them stiffer when they are too slack. 1715 Leoni *Palladio's Archit.* (1742) I. 101 Seeing that the..legions were so close and crouded, he commanded them to set themselves more at large. 1724 Calamy *Life Howe* 11 Setting the Top on the piqued end downwards. 1775 Johnson *Jrnl.* 23 Oct. in *Boswell*, The plate..is..then set sloping to drop the superfluous mercury. 1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* II. iv. viii, With door set ajar. 1896 *Pall Mall Mag.* May 7 An ill-tempered frown, that set her beauty askew.

b. To cause to take a certain shape (defined by an adj. or advb. phr.).

1677 Moxon *Mech. Exerc.* i. 12 Turn the other side of your work, and with your Hammer set it flat and straight. 1842 *Penny Cycl.* XXIII. 432/2 The sword is then set to the required shape by placing it on a sort of fork upon the anvil, and wrenching it by means of tongs.

29. To place (a person, his body or limbs) in a certain posture. Also *refl.*

To set on one's feet, legs: see Foot *sb.* 27, Leg *sb.* 2 c.

c 1400 *Beryn* 1838 The hoost..set his hond in kenebowe. 1565 J. Phillip *Patient Grissell* 53, I was set on my legges and reyzed vpright. 1662 Hopkins *Funeral Serm. A. Grevil* (1663) 27 What are they..but..Nothings set a strutt? 1665 Hooke *Microgr.* 200 Standing still, and setting itself on its hinder leggs. 1750 Johnson *Rambler* No. 116 ¶ 10 When a man can set his hands to his sides, and say he is worth forty thousand pounds every day of the year. 1835 Harewood *Dict. Sports* s. v. *Cock-fighting*, When brought beak to beak, and set on their legs. 1837 Lockhart *Scott* I. ii. 82 Unless the old man would set him astride on his shoulder. 1859 *Habits of Gd. Society* vii. 250 In standing, the legs ought to be straight, or one of them bent a little, but not set wide apart.

***Where something is assigned, applied, allotted, apportioned, etc.*

† 30. To give, bestow, assign (a name). Const. dat. or equivalent with *to, upon*. *Obs.*

c 1000 Ælfric *Hom.* I. 12 God him sette naman Adam. *c* 1200 Ormin 722 Whatt name he shollde setteun Uppo þatt illke child. *a* 1635 Sibbes *Confer. Christ & Mary* (1656) 79 God setteth a stile upon us suitable to the excellency of our spirituall being.

† 31. To apply or allot (money) *to*, spend (a sum) *on* a certain object; to expend, invest. *Obs.*

1154 *O. E. Chron.* (Laud MS.) an. 1137, [He] wrohte on þe circe & sette þar to landes & rentes. *c* 1400 *Beryn* 2244 Wele settith he his peny, þat þe pound..savith. 1455 [see A. 1 β]. 1475 *Bk. Noblesse* (Roxb.) 81 Late it be set in money to the remedie and socoure of this gret importunyte and necessite. 1485 *Naval Acc. Hen. VII* (1896) 7 All somes of money sett upon hym for the same [office]. 1507 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* III. 334 To the King himself, quhilk was set on the syment riall,..xx Franch crounis.

† 32. To apply (a remedy) *to*; to bestow (pains). *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 89 To sette traueil On thyng þat may not auail. 1375 Barbour *Bruce* x. 100 And he mycht set no help thar-till. *c* 1375 *Cursor M.* 4722 (Fairf.) Bot ȝe sette bote our life ys gane. *c* 1440 *York Myst.* v. 19 My trauayle were wele sette Myght y hym so betraye. *c* 1450 *Merlin* vii. 114 That alle shull be distroied but god sette remedye. 1481 Caxton *Godfrey* 277 To theude that they myght sette remedye for theyr affayres. *a* 1578 Lindesay (Pitscottie) *Chron. Scot.* (S.T.S.) I. 394 To sett ane remedy thairto.

† 33. To add (one thing) *to* another. *Obs.*

c 1055 *Byrhtferth's Handboc* in *Anglia* VIII. 303 Nim þæt an, & sete onforeweardum þam concurrentium. *c* 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 19 We wrecche sunfulle..setteð deihwamliche sunne uppon sunne. *c* 1375 *Lay Folks Mass Bk.* (MS. B) 23 Grett saumpel he settis þer-to, whi hit is ful ille to do. *c* 1449 Pecock *Repr.* i. xi. 55 That to Holi Writt men schulde not sett euy exposicioun, declaracion, or glosis. 1532 More *Confut. Tindale* Wks. 505/2 If any manne any thing set to these thynges. 1540 Palsgr. *Acolastus* i. i. Metres E iij b, They..sette a syllable or mo to the nexte verse folowynge.

34. *To set* († *a*) *fire* † *in*, † *on*, † *upon*, † *of*, now only *to*: to kindle, ignite. (Cf. 25.)

c 1400 *Laud Troy Book* 5879 Thei sette fir In schip. 1535 Coverdale *Matt.* xxii. 7 The kynge..destroyed those murtherers & set fyre vpon their Citie. 1568–1700 [see Fire *sb.* 1 f]. 1582 N. Lichefield tr. *Castanheda's Discov. E. Ind.* 120 Our men..did set fire to all the Townes y[t] were in the Ilande. 1641 T. Jordan *Walks of Islington* iv. ii. (1657) F 4, I will even make bold to set fire of your Bush [tavern], then throw your water and spare not. 1726 Swift *Gulliver* i. vii, By setting fire on your house. 1885 *Manch. Exam.* 8 July 5/2 These set fire by rockets to the straw barracks. 1907 Elinor Glyn *Three Weeks* vi, As a child..who sets a light to a whole box of matches in play.

35. To stake the welfare or existence of (something) *upon*; also *pass.* to be dependent for its destiny *upon*.

Phr. *to set on* (*at*) *cinque and sice, on six and seven*: see Cinque 3, Six.

1594 Shaks. *Rich. III*, v. iv. 9, I haue set my life vpon a cast, And I will stand the hazard of the Dye. 1601 — *Jul. C.* v. i. 75 To set Vpon one Battell all our Liberties. 1670 Dryden *Tyr. Love* v. i. 49 Yet all my Fortune on his death is set. 1832 [see Die *sb.*[1] 2 b (*d*)]. 1894 W. J. Dawson *Making of Manhood* 74 Their life is set upon a rushing whirling star.

36. To put (one thing) in the balance *against* another; to compare (one thing) *by* or *to* another.

[*a* 1000 *Boeth. Metr.* vi. 7 Hiora birhtu ne hið auht to ȝesettane wið þære sunnan leoht.] 1589 Puttenham *Eng. Poesie* iii. xix. (Arb.) 241 When a man will seeme to make things appeare good or bad,..he sets the lesse by the greater, or the greater to the lesse. 1687 Burnet *Reply to Varillas* 30 Improbabilities ought never to be set against Positive Proofs. 1692 R. L'Estrange *Fables* lxviii. 68 This method of Setting what we Have against What we have Not. 1729 *Act 2 Geo. II*, c. 22 § 13 Where there are mutual Debts between the Testator or Intestate, and either Party, one Debt may be set against the other. 1873 Spencer *Study Sociol.* ii. 40 Against his professed theory may be set his actual practice. 1890 *Illustr. Lond. News* 13 Sept. 331/1 Has she no human faults to set against so much sterile virtue?

*** *Where something is made to dwell in or rest upon a person or thing.*

37. To place (one's hope or trust) *in* († *on*); to cause (one's thoughts or affections) to dwell *upon* or to be centred *in* something. Phr. *to set one's heart on* († *in*).

c 825 *Vesp. Ps.* lxxvii. 7 Dæt hie setten in gode hyht. 971 *Blickl. Hom.* 227 Up to heofenum..þyder his modȝeþanc a ȝeseted wæs. *a* 1300 *E. E. Psalter* lxi. 11 Nil þou set on þam þi hert. 1340 Hampole *Pr. Consc.* 7226 Pai..on þe world þair hertes sett hard. 1377 Langl. *P. Pl. B.* x. 392 Many men..more sette here hertis In good þan in god. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Monk's T.* 854 In vengeance he al his herte sette. *c* 1400 *Rule St. Benet* (Verse) 607 In god we set al our thoght. 1470–85 Maloay *Arthur* i. xvii. 62 Kyng Arthur sette his loue gretely vpon her. *a* 1548 Hall *Chron., Hen. VII* (1550) 3 b, Whose mindes and studyes he..knewe to be..set in the polytique regiment..of the publique wealth. 1576 Gascoigne *Droomme of Doomes Day* Wks. 1910 II. 307 To set mynde, upon vice and wickednesse. 1617 Moryson *Itin.* ii. 195 His heart is very much set upon the enterprize of Ireland. 1714 Addison *Lover* No. 10 ¶ 3 The fragility of china is such as a reasonable being ought by no means to set its heart upon. 1802 Mar. Edgeworth *Moral T.* (1816) I. xi. 90 He had set his fancy upon his friend's horses. 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* xliii, She had set her mind on the Major. 1862 Tyndall *Mountaineer.* i. 3 We set our thoughts on the sublime and beautiful. 1870 Rogers *Hist. Gleau.* Ser. II. 203 He had set his heart on seeing his son a clergyman. 1891 E. & D. Gerard *Sensit. Pl.* III. iii. xii. 91 Jeannette had set her fancy there.

† b. *pass.* and *intr.* (said of the affections). *Obs.*

1607 Tourneur *Rev. Trag.* iv. i. G 3 Where the hearts set, there goes the tongues consent. 1831 Scott *Ct. Robt.* x, Whether, she had..felt a partiality towards one whose heart was not particularly set upon gaining hers.

† 38. To cause (a feeling or state of mind) to arise *in* a person; to fix *in* one's mind. *Obs.*

971 *Blickl. Hom.* 125 Uton we symle þæs dæȝes fyrhto & eȝsan on ure mod settan. *c* 1200 Ormin 2337 þe laffdiz Sannte Marȝe..haffde sett inn hire þohht To libbenn i clænnesse. *Ibid.* 7187 Iss ned tatt he Dredinng & aȝhe sette On alle þa [etc.]. *a* 1225 *Leg. Kath.* 646 Sete, Iesu, swucche sahen i my muð to marhen. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 32 Alle monne sores setteð in ower þouhte. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 6060 To seitt him soru at his hert. *c* 1400 *Apol. Loll.* 24 If ȝe wil not sett to þe hert to ȝef glory to my name. 1540 Palsgr. *Acolastus* i. iii. G ij h, What care goest thou about to set at thy fathers hart.

39. To rest (one's eye, one's look) *upon*.

c 1330 R. Brunne *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 13821 Ilk on oþer auisement sett. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Clerk's T.* 233 Vp on Grisilde..this Markys sette his eye. *c* 1386 — *Man of Law's T.* 1053 At the firste look he on hire sette. *c* 1450 *St. Cuthbert* (Surtees) 4423 His syght on þe lyght he settys. 1575 Gascoigne *Hemetes the heremyte* Wks. 1910 II. 482, I cold nev[r] more sett eye on her. *a* 1645 Waller *To Amoret* 5 Joy salutes me when I set My blest Eyes on Amoret. 1765 Foote *Commissary* ii. (1782) 32 The first time I set eyes on captain Wilkins..I accost him. 1852 Dickens *Bleak Ho.* xlvi, He..never has been seen or heard of since, till I set eyes on him just now.

† b. *To set sight of* (*in*) = to set eyes on, to sight. *Obs.*

c 1595 Capt. Wyatt *R. Dudley's Voy. W. Ind.* (Hakl. Soc.) 11 On which daie it pleased God that wee sett sight of a carvell. 1746 *Exmoor Scolding* (E.D.S.) l. 37 Nif ze be tha dest bet zet Zeert [= sight] in Harry Vursdon.

40. To put (a mark, impression) *upon*; to place as a distinguishing mark, token, or imprint. Now *rhetorical*.

a 1000 *Cædmon's Gen.* 2369 Abraham..sette friðotacen [*viz.* circumcision]..on his selfes sunu. 1382 Wyclif *Gen.* iv. 15 The Lord sette a signe in Caym [1611 set a marke vpon]. 1412–20 Lydg. *Chron. Troy* iv. 2156 Al paie is good, be so þe prente be set. 1601 Shaks. *Twel. N.* ii. ii. 31 In womens waxen hearts to set their formes. 1653 Manlove *Leadmines* 21 The Barghmaster..on the Spindle ought to set a nick, If that the grove unworked be three week. 1653 Marvell *Corr.* Wks. (Grosart) II. 4, I shall hope to set nothing upon his spirit but what may be of a good sculpture.

41. To lay or spread (a surface of a certain kind) *on* an object; hence, to put (a favourable or specious appearance) *upon* a thing.

To set a good face upon: see Face *sb.* 10. *To set a gloss upon*: see Gloss *sb.*

1540 Palsgr. *Acolastus* ii. i. I iij, Seinge thou settest as good a face vpon beanes, as if they were blanched almondes. 1566 Gascoigne *Supposes* iv. v, What a brazen face he setteth on it! 1593 Shaks. 2 *Hen. VI*, iv. ii. 7 Iacke Cade the Cloathier, meanes to dresse the Common-wealth and turne it, and set a new nap vpon it. 1602 — *Ham.* iv. vii. 133 Wee'l..set a double varnish on the fame The Frenchman gaue you. 1607 — *Timon* i. ii. 152 You haue..Set a faire fashion on our entertainment. 1649 Milton *Eikon.* Pref. B 4 b, They took him to set a face upon thir own maligunt designes. 1697 Dryden *Virg. Past.* ix. 8 Kick'd out, we set the best face on't we cou'd. 1716 Lady M. W. Montagu *Let. to Pope* 14 Sept., I find that I have..,

whatever face I set on't, a strong disposition to believe in miracles.

42. To put (an edge or point) *on, to.* (Cf. 75.)

1600 NASHE *Summer's Last Will* F 1, What sets an edge on a knife? the grindstone alone? no, the moyst element powr'd vpon it, which grinds out all gaps, sets a poynt vpon it. 1620 *Westward for Smelts* (Percy Soc.) 11 This did but set an edge to her wanton appetite. 1647 C. HARVEY *Schola Cordis* xxxix. 3 What I get Serves but to set An edge upon mine appetite. 1891 *Cornh. Mag.* Dec. 638, I am now setting a very keen edge to my blade.

43. To fix (a certain price) *upon* a thing; now chiefly in *to set a price upon one's head* and the like; otherwise expressed by *put*. (Cf. 89.)

1530 PALSGR. 715/2 And you set nat a price upon your marchaundyse, howe can it be bought? 1652 NEEDHAM tr. *Selden's Mare Cl.* 492 Setting great ransom upon their Fisher-men. 1666–7 MARVELL *Corr.* Wks. (Grosart) II. 203 A Bill has bin read for setting the prices of wine as well upon the merchant as retaylor. 1687 BURNET *Contin. Reply to Varillas* 35 There is not a word of any sum set on his Head. 1720 OZELL *Vertot's Rom. Rep.* II. xi. 184 Sylla set a Price upon the Heads of all that were proscribed. 1765 [see PREMIUM 1]. 1861 *Temple Bar* I. 521 A price was set upon the head of the Prince. 1880 D. C. DAVIES *Metallif. Min.* 420 s. v., To set a price upon a share in a mine.

b. *fig.* To put (a certain value) *upon*, have (a certain estimate) *of*.

1611 SHAKS. *Cymb.* IV. iv. 48 Since of your liues you set So slight a valewation. 1671 MILTON *P. R.* IV. 160 That I On what I offer set as high esteem. 1756 MRS. CALDERWOOD in *Coltness Collect.* (Maitland Club) 238 After setting a just value upon others, I must next set it on myself.

†**44.** To lay (something burdensome) *upon*; to impose or inflict (a penalty, tax, etc.) *upon. Obs.*

c 888 ÆLFRED *Boeth.* xxxix. § 10 Þæt God nylle...nan unaberendlice broc him an settan. *a* 1000 *Cædmon's Gen.* 1266 Hwonne frea wolde on wærloȝan wite settan. *c* 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 61 Listeð nu wich þreat dauid setteð uppen us. 1338 R. BRUNNE *Chron.* (1810) 55 Forto reise þe treuage, þat on þe lond was sette. 13.. *Cursor M.* 23666 (Gött) [Pine] Þat godd has sett vs for vr sin. *c* 1450 *St. Cuthbert* (Surtees) 6246 þe tax on þaim to sett. 1537 in Leadam *Sel. Cases Crt. Requests* (Selden Soc.) 47 The seid felaweship...sett vpon euery of the seyd compleynauntes for his contribucion xij d. by the yere. 1552–3 *Act 7 Edw. VI*, c. 12 § 10 The somme or sommes upon hym sett to be due. 1617 MORYSON *Itin.* I. 115 There being a great penalty set upon any that carry their Armes. 1639 DU VERGER tr. *Camus' Admir. Events* 220 This man sets a seisure on Nilamon's lands. *a* 1715 BURNET *Own Time* (1724) I. 399 He was to have a proportion of all the fines that should be set upon this evidence. 1761 *Chron.* in *Ann. Reg.* June, Of which offence he being convicted, the Court set a fine on him.

V. To appoint, institute (a person); to prescribe, ordain, establish (a thing).

45. To post or station (a person) in a certain place *to* perform certain duties.

With infin. this sense passes into 112 b.

971 *Blickl. Hom.* 177 Þa he behyrȝed wæs, settan him hyrdas to. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 270 Isboset lei & slepte & sette ane wummon uorte beon ȝeteward. 1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 8113 Hii...at ech of þe vour ȝates sette an compaynie. *Ibid.* 10685 He astorede þe castel..& sette þer uolk inou to holde him aȝe þe kinge. 1362 LANGL. *P. Pl.* A. x. 22 Þeose sixe ben I-set to saue þe Castel. *c* 1400 *Master of Game* (MS. Digby 182) xxxv. fol. 55 b, Þe stable þat oweth to be sette or þe kyng comme. *c* 1450 *Mirk's Festial* 16 Þeu wer þer þefes set for hym yn a wod þat he most nede goo þrogh. *a* 1533 LD. BERNERS *Huon* lxxxiii. 259 Loke that ye set good watche at euery gate. 1598 BARRET *Theor. Warres* II. i. 22 He shall..assist him..in setting the watch. 1630 WINTHROP *Hist. New Eng.* (1825) I. 10 Our captain, so soon as he had set the watch, at eight in the evening, called his men. 1697 DRYDEN *Virg. Georg.* IV. 607 Like Centries set. 1769 FALCONER *Dict. Marine* (1780) Rr 4 b, To set the Watch, is to appoint one division of the crew to enter upon the duty of the watch. 1821 SCOTT *Kenilw.* xxxviii, How came he to leave the Castle after the watch was set? 1873 SPENCER *Stud. Sociol.* x. 251 Spies have to be set to check them. 1877 MISS YONGE *Cameos* Ser. III. xxiii. 214 A watch was set all round the castle.

†**46.** To place (a person) in an office, appoint *to* a certain function or *to perform* a certain duty; to appoint (an official). *Obs.*

c 1000 *Ags. Ps.* (Th.) civ. 17 He sette hine on his huse to hlafweardе. *c* 1200 ORMIN 13438, I sette ȝuw to ben Amang hæþene lede Lihhtfatless mup. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 11753 Preistes..To do þe folk, als þai war sete, Ma sacrifies to þair maumet. *Ibid.* 23877 Hirdes þat þe lauerd has sett. *c* 1400 *Rule St. Benet* (Prose) 20 þabbes ah at set nan þar-to bot þat scho is sikir offe. *c* 1450 *Brut* 429 He...made his testament full, and sette his executoris. *c* 1460 *Oseney Reg.* 5 The which sett in the seyde church seculer chanons. *c* 1460 SIR R. ROS *La Belle Dame* 613 There is no iuge yset on such trespace. 1486 *Rec. St. Mary at Hill* (1904) 7 Than I woll..admytte..an honest preest to the said Chauntry, & hym set & inducte in the same. 1498 *Cov. Leet Bk.* 597 Auditours therupon to be sett.

47. To place in a position of superiority or control *over* another (e. g. as a ruler, protector, guard).

c 1000 *Ags. Ps.* (Th.) xvii. 48 Þa hælo þæs cynges ðe ðu ȝesettest ofer folcum. 1123 *O. E. Chron.* (Laud MS.), Hit wæs toȝeanes riht þæt man scolde setten clerc ofer muneces. *c* 1200 ORMIN 3910 To..setten enngless oferr hemm To ȝemenn hemm. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 72 þet beoð ouer oðre iset, & habbeð ham to witene. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 6222 Ouer al þat ost he sett leders. *c* 1400 *Rule St. Benet* (Verse) 965 Lord, o-bouen set hase þou Souerayns to wham vs bus bew. 1585 T. WASHINGTON tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* III. iv. 76 b, The Ambassadors, vnto whom they are set ouer as theyr gard. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* IX. 941 Us his prime Creatures,...Set over all his Works. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* Sept. 1646, They..set a guard upon us. 1754 RICHARDSON *Grandison* IV. xiii. 80 The seventh man was set over the post-boy. 1844 H. H. WILSON *Brit. India* I. 235 In the estimation of those whom he was set over. 1879 GUEST *Lect. Hist. Eng.* xiv. 127 He promoted the French clergy, and set them over the English.

b. To cause (a person) to act in a grievous way *upon*.

Phr. *To set* (one) *in* another's *neck*: see NECK *sb.* 3 c. Similarly *to set on* another's *back*.

1551 ROBINSON tr. *More's Utopia* II. viii. (1895) 251 They reyse vp the people..and them they sette in theyre neckes vnder the coloure of some olde tytle of ryghte. 1692 DRYDEN *Cleomenes* IV. i, Your Friend was set upon you for a Spy. 1695 WOOD *Life* (O.H.S.) IV. 49 He endeavoured to set Sir William Glynn on his back.

c. *To set* (a person) *on* (another): to get him to use influence with. *rare.*

a 1715 BURNET *Own Time* (1724) I. 241 He took care to set the English Bishops on the King.

48. To appoint (a bonndary, limit). Const. dat. of person or equivalent with *to*.

c 888 ÆLFRED *Boeth.* xxi, He hæfð heora mearce swa ȝesette þæt hie ne mot heore mearce ȝebrædan. *a* 1000 ÆLFRIC *Exod.* xix. 23 Þu hete settan ȝemæro. 1535 COVERDALE *Ps.* ciii. 9 Thou hast set them their boundes, which they maie not passe. 1576 GASCOIGNE *Grief of Joy* Wks. 1910 II. 521 Asthough ye bounds were sett, How longe mans lyfe, might heere on earthe endure. *a* 1586 SIDNEY *Arcadia* III. (Sommer) 265 Since she found she could set no limits to his passions. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* III. 538 Where bounds were set To darkness. 1678 CUDWORTH *Intell. Syst.* 882 Those narrow Limits, which Vulgar Opinion and Imagination sets them. 1749 SMOLLETT *Gil Blas* IX. i. (1782) III. 226 Ambitious fellows, who set no bounds to their desires. 1827 SCOTT *Highl. Widow* v, My sufferings will soon be over; but yours—Oh, who but Heaven shall set a boundary to them! 1885 'LUCAS MALET' *Col. Enderby's Wife* II. IV. i. 130 The limits of our nature are set, and we can never cross them.

†**49.** To appoint (a season, festival, etc.) to be observed. *Obs.*

c 1000 *Ags. Ps.* (Th.) lxxv. 7 Þæt ic þe symble daȝ sette and ȝyrwe. *c* 1000 ÆLFRIC *Hom.* I. 310 Þes dæȝ [Pentecostes] wæs on ðære ealdan æ ȝesett and ȝehalȝod. *c* 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 11 Þas dazes beoð iset us to muchele helpe. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 28260 þe festes þat in kyrk ar sette. 1340 *Ayenb.* 171 Þe festes principals þet byeþ yzet ine holy Cherche vor God to bidde.

50. To ordain or establish (a regulation); to lay down (a law); to prescribe (a form or order). †Also, in OE. and ME., to ordain or lay it down (*that* something should be done). *Obs.* or *arch.*

Cf. *set law* s.v. SET *ppl. a.* 1 b.

c 893 ÆLFRED *Oros.* 1. ii. § 3 Hio ȝesette ofer eall hyre rice þæt nan forbyrd nære [etc.]. *a* 900 CYNEWULF *Crist* 236 [God] sylfa sette þæt þu sunu wære efeneardiȝende mid þinne engan frean. *a* 1122 *O. E. Chron.* (Laud MS.) an. 1102, Hi þær maneȝa beboda setton þe to Cristendome belimpað. *c* 1200 ORMIN 491 Drihhtin haffde þanne sett, þatt nan ne shollde wurrþenn þa sett to wurrþenn prest, butt iff He prestess sune wære. *a* 1225 *Leg. Kath.* 359 Alle ich iseo þine sahen sotliche isette. *c* 1449 PECOCK *Repr.* IV. vii. 461 Seint Poul..which made this now rehercid lawe and settide it to be had in vce. 1477 NORTON *Ord. Alch.* iv. in Ashm. (1652) 46 Rasis set the Dietary. 15.. BOOENHAM in Hakluyt *Voy.* (1599) II. I. 100 The chiefe of the Turkes set order y^t none shal do any harme to the people or to their goods. 1666–7 PEPYS *Diary* 14 Feb., When our rules are once set,..no Governor should offer to alter them. 1865 GROTE *Plato* I. xii. 422 Actual positive laws: which..have ..been set by some ill-qualified historical ruler, or have grown up insensibly.

absol. *c* 1200 ORMIN Ded. 10 An reȝhellboc to follȝhenn Unnderr kanunnkess had & lif, Swa summ Sannt Awwstin sette. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 379 After custome to kepe as the Kyng set.

51. To fix or appoint (a time) for the transaction of an affair, or as the term of a period. Also, to fix a time for. Cf. SET *ppl. a.* 2 a.

a 1056 *Diplom. Angl.* (Th.) 376 [Hi] settan dæȝ to þæt man to ðam lande scolde faran. *a* 1122 [see A. 1 a]. *c* 1205 LAY. 2554 A þon daie þet wes iset þa comen heo to sumne. *c* 1290 *Beket* 78a in *S. Eng. Leg.* 129 Ich þe lende þo fif hondred pound..Sete me þar-of ane schorte day for þov schalt heom ȝelde ech-on. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 5939 Sett vs term wen we sal for þe prai. 1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) VIII. 103 Þere was i-sette a day to answere. 1470–85 MALORY *Arthur* X. lxxxvii. 568 Sette ye a day said sir Tristram that we shalle doo bataille. 1548–77 VICARY *Anat.* i. (1888) 16 They shal..neuer set any certaine day of the sicke-mans health, for it lyeth not in their power. 1633 BP. HALL *Hard Texts* Isa. xvi. 14 Within three yeares (which shall be as precisely set and observed, as the hireling uses to keep account of the time agreed upon for his service). 1693 LOCKE *Educ.* § 127 Wks. 1714 III. 58 Upon his dispatching his Study within the Time set him. 1753 RICHARDSON *Grandison* IV. xxi. 163, I thank my grandmamma and aunt for their kind summons. I will soon set my day. *a* 1810 TANNAHILL *Poems* (1846) 21 Let's set the bridal night afore ye gang. 1890 MARY E. WILKINS *Far-away Melody*, etc. 305 Two o'clock had been the hour set for the wedding. 1893 *Field* 18 Feb. 225/3 The club's opening day..is set for April 22.

b. Said of God, destiny, etc.; also in impers. pass.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 15163 þe tide, þat in his suete wil was sett. 1390 GOWER *Conf.* I. 191 The time set of kinde is come. 1460–70 *Bk. Quintessence* 1 þe teerme þat is sett of god, þat noman may a-schape. 1590 LODGE *Rosalynde* (Hunter. Club) 1 b, You see that Fate hath set a period of my yeares. 1594 KYD *Cornelia* IV. ii. 147 Heauen sets our time. 1611 *Second Maiden's Trag.* 364 Yet sir ther is a date set to all sorrowes. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* x. 499 His Seed, when is not set, shall bruise my head. 1681 H. MORE *Expos. Dan.* 199 God had set his time wherein these afflictions.. should end.

†**c.** *intr.* To fix *upon* a time. *Obs.*

1648 GAGE *West Ind.* 84 We set upon the time that we should take our flight.

†**52.** *trans.* To appoint as one's lot or destiny. Also *absol. Obs.*

c 1000 ÆLFRIC *Hom.* I. 64 Ac he sette ȝecamp ȝeleaffullum sawlum. *c* 1200 ORMIN 775, & forrþi sette himm Drihhtin Godd To ben Johan ȝehatenn. *Ibid.* 4836 All þatt he setteþþ uppo þe Off sellþe & off unnsellþe. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 15548 Als prophetis has sett..I sal rise on þe thrid dai. *a* 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 522 He..Said it was sett to be so he saȝe by his artis. *c* 1470 HENRY *Wallace* VIII. 691 For Inglismen he settis no doym bot ded.

†**53.** To appoint or provide to be used or observed by a person. *Obs.*

c 1000 ÆLFRIC *Hom.* I. 312 On ðam ealdan Pentecosten sette God æ ðam Israhela folce. 1129 *O. E. Chron.* (Laud MS.), Crist sette red for his wrecce folc. *c* 1200 ORMIN 11690 þe lare off haliȝ boc þatt ȝuw iss sett to follȝhenn. 1340 *Ayenb.* 11 Þe tuelf apostles þet hise zette to hyealde and to loky to alle þon þet wyleþ by yborȝe. *c* 1430 *Life St. Kath.* (Roxb.) 28 After þe offices þat he hath sett vs to hem. *c* 1450 CAPGRAVE *Life St. Aug.* xi, Sche took councell of Seyn Ambrose, and he sette hir þis reule. 1690 LOCKE *Hum. Und.* II. xxvii. § 6. 158 It would be in vain for one intelligent Being, to set a Rule to the Actions of another.

54. To present (an example or pattern) for others to follow; to introduce (a fashion).

c 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 5 Godalmihti..sette us bisne. *a* 1340 HAMPOLE *Psalter* xxvii. 1 Crist..settand him ensaumpile til rightwismen. 1642 MILTON *Apol. Smect.* § 12. 57 Their Maister Christ gave them this precept, and set them this example. 1710 ATTERBURY *Serm.* (Matt. xi. 6) (1734) I. 81 To trace all the Steps of that Example which he set us in the Flesh. 1786 *Microcosm* No. 11. 130 Homer having prescribed the form, or, to use a more modern term, set the fashion of Epic Poems. 1867 FREEMAN *Norm. Conq.* I. v. 378 A Thegn of Danish descent, Thurcytel..., set the example of flight. 1883 *Ch. Times* 9 Nov. 813/3 He set a pattern of controversial violence at a time when tolerance was the lesson most needed by all parties. 1890 S. LANE-POOLE *Barbary Corsairs* II. xvi. 213 The Genoese and Venetians set the models of these vessels. 1895 A. J. BALFOUR *Found. Belief* I. ii. 54 A fashion, as the phrase goes, has to be 'set'.

b. To put before a person (a specimen of work) to be followed, mark out (the lines) on which he is to work or proceed.

1593 SHAKS. 2 *Hen. VI*, IV. ii. 95 We tooke him setting of boyes Copies. 1638 JUNIUS *Paint. Ancients* 8 Children follow the copies which are set them. *c* 1680 BEVERIDGE *Serm.* (1729) I. 586 To walk..in the ways which he hath set them. 1714 POPE *Let. to Caryll* 16 Aug., I could turn writing-master at last and set copies to children. 1862 MACLAREN *Milit. Syst. Gymnastic Exerc.* 9 The instructor will set (*i.e.*, perform in its perfect manner) each exercise. 1912 *Scott. Hist. Rev.* Jan. 193 Successful in a brief military campaign on lines set for him by his circumstances.

†**c.** To start (a hymn, etc.) for others to take up.

c 1450 in Aungier *Syon* (1840) 360 The chefe chauntresse. To whos charge..it belongeth for..to sette the songe euen and mensurably. 1712 STEELE *Spect.* No. 284 P 5, I had one Day set the Hundredth Psalm, and was singing the first Line in order to put the Congregation into the Tune. 1726 *Adv. Capt. R. Boyle* (1768) 148 One Sunday as the Clerk had set the Psalm. 1742 FIELDING *Jos. Andrews* I. vi, I should be very willing to be his Clerk: for which you know I am qualified, being able to read, and to set a Psalm.

d. In a chase or race, *to set the pace*, to proceed at a rate of speed to be followed by another. So *to set the stroke* (in rowing).

1891 *Murray's Mag.* Mar. 367 Walking the pace set by her pupil. 1892 *Field* 2 Apr. 480/1 Elin, in the Cambridge boat, is setting a longer stroke. 1898 NEWBOLT *Isl. Race* 84 He's leading them straight for Blackmoor Gate, And he's setting a pounding pace!

e. *Bowls*, etc. (See quots.)

1886 *W. Somerset Word-bk.* s.v., At each round [of skittles] the loser has to set—i.e. to fix the spot where the bowl shall be delivered in the next. 1897 *Encycl. Sport* I. 129/2 (Bowls), A 'mark' is *set*, *thrown*, or *led*, by the winners of an end after the score has been settled.

55. To allot or enjoin (a task). Const. dative of person or *upon*.

In mod. use often *pass.* said of what is required to be done.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 29000 Crist..has he sett vs certain task quilk ar þai bones for to ask. 1693 LOCKE *Educ.* § 127 (1699) 235 Set him such a Task, to be done in such a time, as may allow him no opportunity to be idle. 1821 SCOTT *Kenilw.* xxxvii, Repeating the words like a task which was set him. 1821 B'NESS BUNSEN in Hare *Life* (1879) I. 187 While I sit working or setting work. 1845 [PYCROFT] *Collegian's Guide* 107, I shall close my door another morning after the first five minutes, and then set impositions. 1847 MARRYAT *Childr. New Forest* xiv, I shall not set him anything to do. 1884 *Manch. Exam.* 17 June 5/1 The master..was in the habit of setting lessons for the children to work upon at home after school hours. 1892 *Standard* 27 July 7/5 The Club were set 94 runs to win. 1892 *Field* 6 Feb. 188/1 We had our work set to keep up with hounds.

b. *Mining*, etc. To appoint the amount of (work to be done).

1742 *De Foe's Tour Gt. Brit.* (ed. 3) I. 141 They appoint ..the Quantity each Dredgerman shall take in a Day, which is usually called Setting the Stint. 1868 BALLANTYNE *Deep Down* xxviii, The manager..read out the names, positions, etc., of the various 'pitches' that were to be 'sett' for the following month. 1880 D. C. DAVIES *Metallif. Min.* 420 To set bargains or work to miners. 1900 *Daily News* 3 Dec. 10/3 Those other bargains which it was impracticable to 'set' on the 19th and 20th November will be 'set' as usual on the same day (December 5th).

c. To propound (a question or set of questions) to be solved or answered; to prescribe (a book) for an examination or a course of study.

1711 [see A. 1 a]. 1845 [PYCROFT] *Collegian's Guide* 317 [It] enabled Williamson..to answer two of the ethical questions with the *ipsissima verba* of two of the examiners who set

them. 1889 Mrs. Lynn Linton *Thro' Long Night* I. i. vii. 101 No mind-reader..could have solved the problem had it been set him. 1890 *Jrnl. Educ.* 1 June 297/2 He will henceforward set no papers either in Greek or in Latin verse. 1891 *Murray's Mag.* X. 743 Milton's 'Areopagitica' is set for examinations. 1895 *Law Times* XCIX. 547/1 The intermediate examination is in special books set from time to time.

† 56. To appoint (a meeting), make (an appointment). Also *absol. Obs.*

c 1330 *Arth. & Merl.* 4702 Galathin & Gawainet To gider com, þer þai hadde set. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xviii. (*Egipciane*) 1160 To þe kirk he come but let, quhare scho to hyme triste set. 1596 Shaks. 1 *Hen. IV*, I. ii. 119 (Qo.), Nowe shall we knowe if Gadshill haue set a match. *a* 1810 Tannahill *Poems* (1846) 19 They set their tryst where neist again to meet.

† b. To appoint (a council, etc.) *to be held. Obs.*

1523 Ld. Berners *Froiss.* I. l. 30 Ther was a counsell set to be at Uyllenort. *a* 1578 Lindesay (Pitscottie) *Chron. Scot.* (S. T. S.) I. 394 He sett ane parliament at Edinburgh to be haldin the tent day of Juin.

57. To let on lease, lease, let. Also *to set in feu, in feu ferm, in lease, in tack.* Now *local.*

1422 in Raine *North Durham* (1852) App. 104 For til haue Set & to ferme latty[n] to my der frende..all my landis of Eddirham. 1426 in C. Rogers *Chartul. Priory Coldstream* (1879) 43 Be it kend..ws Wiltame Drax..till haue set and to ferme lattyn al ye landis of Litill Swynton. *c* 1480 *Oseney Reg.* (Exch. MS.) 60 b, Howses..the which, to whoome soo ever they will, they maye sett or lette. 1495 *Rolls of Parlt.* VI. 465/1 Moche lesse Rent..then the said Lordshippes.. myght resonably be sette for. 1523 Fitzhera. *Surv.* 2 b, How moche euery acre is worthe to set by the yere. 1564 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* I. 304 He..hes..set and disponit the few of the saidis landis owir his heid. 1600 Holland *Livy* xxvii. 635 That these Censors should set and to ferme let the territorie of Capua. 1618 in *Rec. Convent. Roy. Burghs Scot.* (1878) III. 61 Thai..sall nather sell, dispone or sett in few or in tak anie of the saids lands. 1682 G. Vernon *Life Heylin* 120 He removed his Study to Alresford, setting his House for no more than 3 l. a year. 1693 Stair *Instit.* II. xi. (ed. 2) 347 All Tacks set by the Vassal without the Superiors Consent. 1710 Swift *Jrnl. to Stella* 26 Oct., I have had also a letter from Parvisol, with an account how my livings are set; and that they are fallen, since last year, sixty pounds. 1788 Burke *Sp. agst. W. Hastings* Wks. XIII. 233 By setting the rest to farmers at rents and under hopes, which could never be realized. 1790 Wolcot (P. Pindar) *Ep. to Jas. Bruce* Wks. 1816 II. 163 A comely spot..; A leasehold though..; Set..at a moderate rent. 1806 Morison *Decis.* XXXIII. 14259 The magistrates and council did set in lease to certain persons a stell fishing. 1884 R. Hunt *Brit. Mining* 107 The custom of setting or leasing a mine on tribute. 1910 P. W. Joyce *Engl. in Irel.* 319 A struggling housekeeper failed to let her lodging, which a neighbour explained by: 'Ah, she's no good at setting'.

† b. *intr.* To take a (mining) lease. Cf. Set *sb.*[1] 3 b. *Obs.*

1653 Manlove *Lead-mines* 3 May set In any ground, and there Lead-oar may get. *Ibid.* 37 The Vulgar term, is setting for a Mine, For the grace of God, and what I there can find. *Ibid.* 41 Another Miner for a Crosse-vein sets.

† 58. *trans.* To establish by agreement or authority (a settled condition, an alliance, a peace). *Obs.*

c 900 tr. *Bæda's Hist.* III. xviii. § 1 Þa wilnode he þæt lif onbyriȝan, þe he well ȝesæt ȝeseah in Gallia rice. *c* 1205 Lay. 30031 Heo setten grið, heo sette frið. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 25870 Þer has þi schrift sett end o pyne, Þat elles war wit-vten fine. *a* 1450 *Le Morte Arth.* 2331 A trews they sette and sekeryd thare. 1523 Ld. Berners *Froiss.* I. lii. 30 b, The thyrde shulde set agrement bytwene them. 1535 Cromwell in Merriman *Life & Lett.* (1902) I. 411 As ye can..sett a fynall ende therin. 1545 in Leadam *Sel. Cases Crt. Requests* (Selden Soc.) 175 To sett suche fynall ordre and determinacion therin as maye stand with our Lawes. 1576 Gascoigne *Droomme of Doomes day* Wks. 1910 II. 352 Thynke not..that I came to set peace in the world. 1581 Pettie tr. *Guazzo's Civ. Conv.* I. (1586) 31 It is now high time to set an end to this discourse. 1585 T. Washington tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* I. ii. 2 Hauing sette an order in his householde affaires. 1632 Bp. Hall *Hard Texts* Matt. xv. 2 Why do thy disciples violate and neglect this good order, set by our wise Elders in their repast? 1633 *Ibid.* 2 Sam. xix. 29, I have in my first sentence set an order in these affaires. 1652 Needham tr. *Selden's Mare Cl.* Ep. Ded. 14 You were readie to set an end to the present differences.

† b. To settle (an affair). *Obs.*

1605 Stow *Ann.* 1426 [Jas. I] called a councell to him, and taking order for setting all things in his Realme of Scotland, began his voyage towards England. 1619 Cushman in Bradford *Plymouth Plant.* (1856) 36, I..could not effecte yt which I aimed at, neither can yet sett things as I wished.

VI. To put in position, arrange, fix, adjust.

* *To fix or arrange in a required position or manner.*

59. To spread out (a net) to catch animals; to lay (a trap). † Also *absol.*

For *set a gin, snare, trap* used phraseologically in a fig. sense, see the sbs.

c 825 *Vesp. Ps.* cxviii. 110 Setten synfulle ȝerene me. *a* 1000 *Colloq. Ælfric* in Wr.-Wülcker 92 Ic brede me max and sette hiz on stowe ȝehæppre. *a* 1250 *Owl & Night.* 1057 Þe louerd.., Lym & grune & wel ihwat Sette & leyde þe for to lacche. ?*a* 1366, etc. [see Gin *sb.*[1] 4]. 1388 Wyclif *Jer.* v. 26 Fouleres settynge snaris and trappis. 1530 Palsgr. 711/2 Go set for some connyes. *a* 1578 Lindesay (Pitscottie) *Chron. Scot.* (S.T.S.) I. 56 As they had ben settand tinchellis for the murther of wyld beistes. 1697 Dryden *Virg. Georg.* I. 413 For stalking Cranes to set the guileful Snare. 1815 [see Gin *sb.*[1] 4]. 1817 J. Mayer *Sportsman's Direct.* (ed. 2) 176 To have traps constantly set and baited. 1827 *Act* 7–8 *Geo. IV*, c. 18 § 1 If any Person shall set or place..any Spring Gun, Man Trap, or other Engine calculated to destroy human Life. 1842 *Act* 5 & 6 *Vict.* c. 106 § 7 Every Person offending by setting or leaving set any such Net. 1889 Doyle *Micah Clarke* iv, We..proceeded to set our lines [for fishing]. 1890 *Good Words* Aug. 549/1 The snare was set..outside the field.

60. To put (a thing) in place; to fix up in the proper or required manner; † to erect (a tent, a mast); in early use often = *set up*, 154 m.

1399 Langl. *Rich. Redeles* III. 166 Kerving þe cloþe all to peces, þat seuene goode sowers..Moun not sett þe seemes ne sewe hem ageyn. *a* 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 1143 And þen trussis him to Tyre & þare his tentis settis. 1429–30 *Rec. St. Mary at Hill* (1904) 73 For iij^e latthes set..xvj d. *a* 1530 Heywood *Play of Wether* 742 (Brandl) Except ye be perfyt in settynge your [mill]stones. 1603 *Shuttleworths' Acc.* (Chetham Soc.) 151 A mason, iiij days and halfe settinge the chimly pyppes. *a* 1647 in *Archæologia* XII. 283 We reared our sheers to set our masts. 1669 Boyle *Contn. New Exp.* II. (1682) 187 Whilst I set the screw all things in the Receiver suffered a compression. 1720 De Foe *Capt. Singleton* xvii. (1840) 296 She lay to set her mast. 1735 Dyche & Pardon *Dict., Set,..* a Term used for turning a Crane round, so as to raise the Weight that is to be shipped from the Shore. 1765 Franklin *Let.* Wks. 1887 III. 390 You mention nothing of the furnace. If that iron one is not set, let it alone till my return. 1830 Hedderwick *Mar. Archit.* 280 Having the sheer adjusted and set fair on one side. 1863 G. A. Lawrence *Border & Bastille* iv, The fore and hind wheels are nearly the same height, and set very close together. 1870 *Inquiry, Yorksh. Deaf & Dumb* 18 She has been occupied in setting cards to card wool with. 1883 *Law Times Rep.* XLIX. 139/1 He [a slater] was to have 4*s.* a square, 2*d.* a foot for setting the ridge. 1890 Billings *Nat. Med. Dict.* II. 498 The lancets are set and released simultaneously. 1891 *Labour Commission* Gloss., *Setting trees*, the placing of timber props to support the roof in a coal mine.

b. = *set going* (114 c).

c 1500 More *Wks.* ¶ iij, A toppe can I set, and dryue it in his kynde. 1781 Cowper *Let. to Rev. W. Unwin* 28 May, When the press is once set..[the printers] are rather impatient of any delay. 1819 Hayman *Art of Brewing* 16 When the tap is set, the liquor passes perpendicularly through the goods. 1833 Brewster *Nat. Magic* xi. 294 He can, by setting an engine, produce [etc.].

61. To insert (a stitch). Phr. *to set a stitch*, to use needle and thread, to sew. Formerly † *to set seams.*

1683 Kennett tr. *Erasm. on Folly* 94 For a poor Cobbler to set a stitch on the Sabbath day. 1771 Foote *Maid of B.* III. Wks. 1799 II. 239, I am almost resolved never to set another stitch for him as long as I live. 1856 Miss Yonge *Daisy Chain* xxvii. 654 Bellairs..shed a tear for every stitch she set in the trousseau. 1862 — *C'tess Kate* xiv, She has never let Lily wear a stitch but of her setting.

62. *Baking, Glass-making*, etc. To put into the oven or furnace.

1483 *Cath. Angl.* 263/1 To set in Owen. *Infornacem ponere.* 1530 Palsgr. 714/1 At the settyng in to the oven folkes make syde loves. 1735 Dyche & Pardon *Dict., Set,* ..in particular used by Bakers, as putting their Bread, &c. into the Oven. 1834–6 Barlow in *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) VIII. 459/1 The seggars, in *setting-in* the oven, are first placed in the spaces between the bags opposite the entrance. 1839 Ure *Dict. Arts* 577 (*Glass-making*) Before *setting the pots* in the furnace. 1845 G. Dodd *Brit. Manuf.* IV. 45 The withdrawal of an old pot and replacing it with a new one is called 'setting a pot'. 1854 G. Read *Biscuit Baker's Assist.* (ed. 2) 15 An old practice of setting a suit of biscuits, called 'chuck and shove'. 1885 Lock in *Workshop Rec.* Ser. IV. 171/1 Before commencing to 'set' the retorts.

63. To fix (a stone or gem) in a surface of metal as an ornament; † formerly also on a garment (cf. Set *sb.*[1] 22). Also, to fashion (a design or pattern) *in* precious stones.

a 1500 *Flower & Leaf* 146 Many a riche stone Was set on the purfiles. 1501 *Bury Wills* (Camden) 91 A ryng of gold w^t a toorkes set in. 1530 Palsgr. 710/2, I wyll set my rubye in fyne golde. 1604 E. G[rimstone] *D'Acosta's Hist. Indies* VI. xiv. 459 To cut, and set the stones in worke. 1607–12 Bacon *Ess., Beauty* (Arb.) 208 Vertue is like a rich stone, best plaine sett. 1611 Bible 1 *Chron.* xxix. 2 Onix stones, and stones to be set. 1710 Steele *Tatler* No. 245 ¶ 2 A Crochet of 122 Diamonds, set strong and deep in Silver. 1737 [S. Berington] *G. di Lucca's Mem.* (1738) 15 We found several Precious Stones, some Set, some Unset, of a very great Value. 1828 *Mirror* V. 15/2 Fine brilliants are always set open. 1890 W. C. Russell *Ocean Trag.* xxvii, On the back..were his initials set in brilliants.

transf. and *fig.* 1596 Shaks. *Merch. V.* II. vii. 55 O sinfull thought, neuer so rich a Iem Was set in worse then gold. 1681 Dryden *Span. Friar* IV. ii, And him too rich a Jewel to be set In vulgar metal, or for vulgar use. 1827 Keble *Chr. Y., 2nd Sunday Adv.* iv, Each tender gem, Set in the figtree's polish'd stem. 1890 *Blackw. Mag.* CXLVIII. 23/2 No vice could be odious when set in so much gold.

b. *transf.* and *fig.* To place (a thing) *in* a certain setting; † to frame (a picture).

1530 Palsgr. 711/1 Now that my picture of the crucifix is set in bordes. 1712 Addison *Spect.* No. 328 She..draws all her Relations Pictures in Miniature; [which]..must be..set by no body but Charles Mather. 1822 Coleridge *Table-t.* 29 Dec., A scrubby boy, with a shining face set in dirt. 1825 *New Monthly Mag.* XVI. 534 It is a dark and terrible picture richly set in a massive framework of old English manners. 1865 Trollope *Belton Est.* iii. 33 Large square windows set in stone.

c. To fix (artificial teeth) on the plate.

1844 P. B. Goddard (*title*) The anatomy..of the human teeth; with methods of treatment; including operations, and making and setting teeth. 1878 C. Hunter *Mech. Dentistry* viii. 100 The models..must now have wax plates made for them, and upon these the teeth are set.

64. To put (a sail) up in position to catch the wind. Also said of a ship carrying (so much canvas).

[*a* 1300: see *set up*, 154 b.] 1627 Capt. Smith *Seaman's Gram.* ix. 41 Set your foresaile. 1669 Sturmy *Mariner's Mag.* I. ii. 16 Loose the Main-sail, and set him. 1799 *Naval Chron.* I. 377 Their..ships..set all their plain sails. 1805 in Nicolas *Disp.* (1846) VII. 166 *note*, All our masts badly wounded and no sail fit to set. 1890 *Chamb. Jrnl.* 26 July 469/2 There was no more canvas on her to set. 1891 *Engl. Illustr. Mag.* X. 42 When under full sail this vessel sets 45,000 square feet of canvas.

fig. 1819 Crabbe *T. of Hall* XI. 869 A daily guest the man appear'd, Set all his sail, and for his purpose steer'd. 1843 Bethune *Scott. Peasant's Fireside* 15 Setting all the sail they could to catch the gale of admiration.

b. phr. *To set sail*: to start on a sea voyage. Also † *to set one's sails*: to sail.

1513 Douglas *Æneis* v. xiii. 69 That salfiie throw the se It may be lefull thai thare salis set. 1599 Bodenham in *Hakluyt's Voy.* II. i. 100 After the sayde dayes expired, I wayed & set saile for the Iland of Chio. 1615 G. Sandys *Trav.* 227 On the sixt of June they were licensed to set sail. 1712 Addison *Spect.* No. 507 ¶ 6 When Pompey was desired not to set sail in a tempest that would hazard his life. 1760–72 H. Brooke *Fool of Qual.* (1809) III. 90 He reimbarked in the frigate, and directly set sail. 1890 Tout *Hist. Eng. from 1689*, 118 Buonaparte set sail from Toulon.

65. To put (a movable part of an instrument or piece of mechanism) in a certain position.

c 1391 Chaucer *Astrol.* II. § 3 Tho sette I the centre of this Alhabor vpon 18 degrees among myn Almykantaras. 1592 Hues *Treat. Globes* IV. xii, The Globe being set to the latitude of the place. 1675 J. S. *Horol. Diat.* II. 39 What hour soever you would have your Larrums to ring at, to that figure..set your Larrum hand. 1833 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 7) VI. 800 A larger knob or button..sets the hand of the watch backward or forward as may be necessary. 1857 C. Hoare *Wine & Spirit Merchant's Guide* 49 Set the length on the slide to 18.79 on D. 1879 *Man. Artill. Exerc.* 116, No. 1 having set his scale replaces it in the gun. *Ibid.* 117 He first sets the tangent scale to the required deflection. 1883 R. H. Scott *Elem. Meteorol.* 68 Just before setting the vernier.

66. *Bell-ringing.* To ring (a bell) up till it stands still in an inverted position, either balanced or held by the stay and the slider. Also *intr.* of the bell.

1671 *Tintinnalogia* 3 He is able to Set a Bell Fore-stroke and Back-stroke. 1688 [see *set change*, Set *ppl. a.* 8]. 1733 *Campanologia* in *Encycl. Metrop.* XV. 410 The first step he (the learner) makes in this art, is to learn perfectly to set a Bell, both back stroke and fore. [1788 W. Jones, etc. *Key to Art of Ringing* (repr.) 9 *note*, As the first half-pull sets the bell up at back-stroke..; so the next half-pull brings her at hand or fore-stroke, which is the position we suppose her to have set off from.] 1860 E. Beckett Denison *Clocks & Watches* (ed. 4) 420 A bell of about 52 cwt..which he and some other boys used to raise and set. 1871 Wigram *Change-ringing Disentangled* 41 The learner should begin his practice on a bell when 'set'. 1875 Haweis in *Encycl. Brit.* III. 539/1 The first half-pull 'drops' the bell, the second 'sets' it.

67. a. To put (a liquid) in a vessel, at a certain temperature, strength, etc., ready to undergo a process; *spec.* in *Cheese-making* (see quot. 1861 and cf. *set together*, 153 c).

1736 Bailey *Dict. Domest.* s.v. *Cheese*, The milk must be set to turn in two different vessels. 1789 W. H. Marshall *Glo'stersh.* I. 275 The evening's meal is set for cream; and, being skimmed in the morning, is added to the morning's meal. *Ibid.* 297 The heat of the milk when set 83½°. 1852 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* XIII. i. 37 The churn should be set at 58° or 60°. 1861 *Ibid.* XXII. i. 50 The temperature of the milk when it is 'set' (that is, when the rennet is added). 1875 F. J. Bird *Dyer's Hand-bk.* 39 Run your cloth through a jigger, set with cutch at 4° Twaddle, temperature about 180° Fahr.

transf. *a* 1861 T. Woolner *My Beautiful Lady, Wild Rose* ii, And sets a crimson rose to bleach.

b. *Baking* and *Brewing.* To add barm or yeast to. *To set the sponge*: to leaven a mass of flour.

1743 *London & Countrey Brewer* IV. (ed. 2) 329 This Servant..being obliged to set his Drink that Night. 1841 *Guide to Trade, Baker* 41 The..journeyman..is occupied in carrying out bread till about half-past four, when he sets the sponge. 1844 T. Webster *Encycl. Dom. Econ.* § 4317 The sponge being thus set, cover the whole over with a cloth.

** *To put in a certain order or arrange according to a plan.*

† 68. To compose, write (a treatise, book). *Obs.*

c 888 Ælfred *Boeth.* ii, Ða lioð..ic sceal nu..þah swiþe ungeradum wordum ȝesettan. *a* 950 *Guthlac* (prose) Prol., For ðisum þingum ic ðas boc sette. *c* 1000 Ælfric *Hom.* II. 576 Dauid ðurh ðone Halȝan Gast ða sealmas sette. 1340 *Ayenb.* 12 Þe uerste article ys þellich. 'Ich beleue ine god þe uader almiȝti..'. Þis article zette saynte peter. *a* 1400 *Launfal* 4 Of a ley that was ysette, That hyght Launval. 1471 Caxton *Recuyell* (Sommer) 4 Whyche was in prose so well and compendiously sette and wreton.

† b. Contextually: To translate. *Obs.* (Cf. *set out*, 149 s, *b.*)

c 888 Ælfred *Boeth.* Proem, Hwilum he sette word be worde, hwilum andȝit of andȝite. *c* 1425 *Eng. Conq. Irel.* 90 The forme of thay preuyleges..ne myght I nat comly setten yn Englyshe. 1601 W. T. tr. *Ld. Remy's Civ. Consid.* 1st Ep. Ded., I attempted to set it out of French into our vulgar tongue.

† c. To arrange (words) in speech; to phrase, give a particular turn to. *Obs.*

c 1400 *Beryn* 3781 Geffrey set his wordis in such manere wise. 1484 Caxton *Fables of Æsop* II. xii, Of a fewe wordes euyll sette cometh a grete noyse and daunger. 1530 Palsgr. 714/2 Beware of hym, he can sette his wordes, I tell you.

† d. *Astrol.* = Cast *v.* 39. *Obs.*

1570 in *Archæologia* XL. 391 Bedo..desyred this examynate to cast a fygure for certen monny that was hydden.. and upon his importunat sute this examynate sett a fygure.

† 69. To settle or dispose of (land). *Obs.*

[971 *Blickl. Hom.* 79, & þæt land ȝesetton swa hie sylfe woldon.] *c* 1205 Lay. 24088 Arður hafde France and freoliche heo sette. 1297 R. Glouc. (Rolls) 7780 Þo he adde iset is londes. *c* 1320 *Sir Tristr.* 903 Tvo ȝere he sett þat land, His lawes made he cri.

†**70.** To settle the arrangement of (an army) for battle. *To set the field*: see FIELD *sb.* 8 b. *Obs.*

c 1205 LAY. 27430 Ælc king of his folke 3arkede ferde. Þa hit al was iset & ferden isemed. 1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 432 Brut ordeinede is ðst, and sette hom wisliche. *c* 1420 ? LYDG. *Assembly of Gods* 634 The capyteyns..B[e]st to set hys felde and folow on the chase. 1502 [see FIELD *sb.* 8 b]. 1573 WHITEHORNE (*title*) Certaine Waies for the ordering of Souldiours in battelray, and setting of battailes. 1608 CHAPMAN *Byron's Conspir.* v. H 4, I am not hee that can set my Squadrons ouer-night [etc.].

71. a. To make (a table) ready for a meal, spread (a table) *with* food, etc. **b.** To lay (a meal).

c 1386 CHAUCER *Clerk's T.* 975 She gan the hous to dighte, And tables for to sette. *a* 1547 in Fosbrooke *Econ. Mon. Life* (1796) 84 The bordes was divers times set. 1575 *Gamm. Gurton* II. i. 23 Was there none at home thy dinner for to set? 1700 DRYDEN *Ovid's Met.* VIII. *Baucis* 83 The good old Huse-wife, tucking up her Gown, The Table sets. 1794 MRS. A. M. BENNETT *Ellen* I. 21 He..declined partaking of the supper, which was setting on the table. 1861 *Temple Bar* I. 343 Go and set the tea. 1884 J. T. TROWARIDGE *Farnell's Folly* II. xxxvi. 101 You may as well set the table for two. 1890 *Universal Rev.* Aug. 580 A table is set with refreshments.

c. To arrange the colours in the desired order on (a palette).

1847 *Man. Oil Painting* 126 To set a palette is to arrange the tints and colours in their due order for service. 1866 E. YATES *Land at Last* I. vii. 122 By the easel were a big palette already 'set', a colour-box, and a sheaf of brushes.

72. *Printing.* To place (type) in the order in which it is to be printed from; to compose, set up (type); hence, to put (manuscript) into type. † Also *absol.*

1530 PALSGR. 711/2 Your worke must nedes go forwarde, for I have foure that do nothyng else but set upon it. 1535 JOYE *Apol Tindale* (Arb.) 20, I correked but the false copye wherby and aftir whyche the printer dyd sette his boke. 1609 TOURNEUR *Funeral Poem* 428 As practis'd printers sette and distribute Their letters. 1637 [see COMPOSE *v.* 7]. 1708 in Hearne *Collect.* (O. H. S.) II. 126 The third sheet..is set. 1830 MISS MITFORD *Village* Ser. IV. 241 The proprietor of the county newspaper, who keeps the advertisement of this matchless villa constantly set. 1864 *Daily Tel.* 28 June, Next, to the composing-room, where I find about seventy men at work 'setting' small scraps of copy before them. 1892 *Leisure Hour* Feb. 232/2 The type from which the journal is set. 1899 *Tit-Bits* 8 Apr. 36/2 A good compositor can set 12,000 letters a day.

73. To put (words) *to* (†*in*) music; to write (a musical composition) *for* certain voices or instruments. Also (less freq. and now *Obs.*) to put (music) *to* words, adapt (a melody) *to*, compose (a tune).

1502 *Privy Purse Exp. Eliz. York* (1830) 2 For setting an Anthem of oure lady and Saint Elizabeth. *Ibid.* 83 Item to Cornishe for setting of a carralle upon Cristmas day. *a* 1548 HALL *Chron., Hen. VIII*, 8 Exercisyng hym selfe daily ..in settyng of songes, makyng of ballettes, & did set .ii. goodly masses, euery of them fyue partes. 1560 DAUS tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* 233 This Psalme..he made it also in metre, and set a note to it. 1600 NASHE *Summers Last Will* D 2, He..setteth wanton songs vnto the Lute. 1607 CHAPMAN *Busiy d'Ambois* v. iii. 67 Consorts fit to sound forth harmony Set to the falls of kingdoms! 1645 (*title*) Poems of Mr. John Milton...The songs were set in Musick by Mr. Henry Lawes. 1693 LUTTRELL *Brief Rel.* (1857) III. 134 A fine consort of musick, wherein the word Maria was soe sett it took up halfe an hour in singing. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 9 Aug. 1661, [He] plaied 9 or 10 tunes on the bells very finely, some of them set in parts. 1762 COLMAN *Mus. Lady* II. 19 *Sophy.* And you really think it is set prettily...*Mask.* Delightfully!..and sung — O heavens! 1774 STORER in Jesse *Selwyn & Contemp.* (1844) III. 77 An air set to the words of one of his own ballads. 1821 SHELLEY *Song* iv, Let me set my mournful ditty To a merry measure. 1870 TENNYSON *Window* Pref., Sullivan..had been very successful in setting such old songs as 'Orpheus with his lute'. 1891 *Sat. Rev.* 14 Nov. 558/2 The poem is set for chorus and orchestra.

b. *fig.*

1789 MRS. PIOZZI *Journ. France* I. 8 He sets his talk to a sounding tune. 1809 MALKIN *Gil Blas* x. x. (Rtldg.) 371 Get out of my sight, or I shall set your *solfeggio* in a crying key. 1862 TYNDALL *Mountaineer.* xi. 92 Clothing the crags with splendour, and setting the wind to melody. 1879 MORLEY *Burke* x. 209 Burke's mind was not easily set to these tunes.

c. *intr.* To be capable of being put *to* music; to go (*well*) *to* music.

1697 J. LEWIS *Mem. Dk. Glocester* (1789) 82 He thought that they [the verses] would set very well to music.

74. trans. *Theatr.* To make up (a scene) on the stage; to arrange (an item of the scenery) in a particular way. Also *to set the stage.*

1779 SHERIDAN *Critic* II. i, Sir, the scene is set, and everything is ready to begin. 1889 MRS. LYNN LINTON *Thro' Long Night* II. II. ii. 4 He wanted to see how he should be received when the stage was not set nor were the lamps trimmed for his reception. 1890 *Harper's Mag.* June 68/2 The palace of the Borgias was 'set' as a modern apothecary's shop. 1892 *Illustr. Lond. News* 23 July 110/2 The time necessary for setting and changing scenes.

**** To give a required shape or form to.*

75. To put an edge on (a cutting instrument, *esp.* a razor). Also *to set the edge of.* (Cf. 42.)

In first quot. app. fig. phr. *to set upon the hone*, to sharpen (a person) up.

1461 MARG. PASTON in *P. Lett.* II. 62 As for Wylliam Wyrcestyr, he hathe be set so up on the hone, what by the parson and by othyr,..that they hope he wole do well i now. 1562 WITHALS *Dict.* 39 A stone to whette or sette the rasure with. 1667 WOOD *Life* (O. H. S.) II. 122 Setting a razor, *ad.* 1680 MOXON *Mech. Exerc.* x. 192 It is afterwards Set upon a round Whet-stone. 1687 DRYDEN *Hind & P.* III. 19 You have ground the persecuting knife, And set it to a razor edge on life. 1749 SMOLLETT *Gil Blas* II. vii. (1782) I. 165 A case and two razors..with a thong of leather to set them. 1816 BYRON *Parisina* XV, The headsman..Feels if the axe be sharp and true Since he set its edge anew. 1868 BEMROSE *Fret-Cutting* 10 In 'setting' the tools, apply a few drops of sweet oil to the Arkansas stone. 1892 *Leisure Hour* Apr. 387/1 Are my razors set yet?

b. fig. phr. *To be sharp* or *keen set*: to be hungry or keen. (See also SHARP-SET.)

1540 PALSGR. *Acolastus* II. iii. M ij, My mynd is al redy in the platters or dishes .i. I am sharpe set. 1606 BRYSKETT *Civ. Life* 94 Being fed temperatly, our mindes may be the sharper set to fall to those other dainties. 1728 YOUNG *Love of Fame* II. 120 As in smooth oil the razor best is whet, So wit is by politeness sharpest set. 1891 'L. KEITH' *Halletts* III. iv. 80 Her own appetite was keener set than usual. 1893 SELOUS *Trav. S. E. Africa* 22, I knew she [a lioness] must be pretty keen set.

76. To adjust (the teeth of a saw) by deflecting them alternately in opposite directions so as to produce a kerf of the required width. Also *to set a saw.*

1678 MOXON *Mech. Exerc.* v. 94 Then with the Saw wrest ..they set the Teeth of the Saw. 1806 J. BERESFORD *Miseries Hum. Life* (ed. 3) iv. 77 Having your impatience soothed by the setting of a saw, close at your ear. 1834-6 BARLOW in *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) VIII. 382 In sawing valuable timber the teeth are not turned out so much (or as the workmen term it, set so rank) as for coarse cheap stuff.

†**77.** To tune (an instrument). *Obs.*

1471 CAXTON *Recuyell* (Sommer) 324 Orpheus setted & entuned his harpe. 1530 PALSGR. 714/1, I set in tune, as mynstrelles do their instrumentes of musyke. 1590 BARWICK *Disc. Weapons* B 3, I doubt not..we shall haue a Cornelius to set these instruments in better tune.

78. † To tenter (cloth); to stretch (leather).

1473 in *Arnolde's Chron.* (1811) 78 The fullyng teynteryng or settyng and sheryng of wullen cloth..teyntered sett and drawen out in lengeth and brede. 1884 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.* Suppl. 797/1 To set a side of leather, it is spread upon the table when wet, and is smoothed out on it. 1897 C. T. DAVIS *Manuf. Leather* (ed. 2) 217 It is well to have a tub of water by the side of the stuffing table, and dip in each side to soften it before proceeding to set the same.

79. To put (a broken or dislocated bone) in a position adapted to the restoration of the normal condition. Also *intr.* said of the bone.

1572 in Gage *Hengrave* (1882) 192 To Adkyns of Bury, surgon for setting of ij dogges legs. *a* 1586 SIDNEY *Arcadia* II. (Sommer) 114 b, Gynecia..had her shoulder put out of ioinct; which though..it was set well againe [etc.]. 1672 WISEMAN *Wounds* II. 71 It was doubted, whether the Bone was Set or not. A Bone Setter was sent for. 1709 STEELE *Tatler* No. 41 ℙ 7 The new Man has broke his Leg, which is so ill set, that he can never dance more. 1821 JEFFERSON *Autobiog.* Writ. 1892 I. 100 A dislocated wrist, unsuccessfully set. 1887 *Encycl. Brit.* XXII. 682/1 Accurate apposition is termed 'setting the fracture'; this is best done by the extension of the limb and coaptation of the broken surfaces. 1891 *Field* 14 Nov. 761/2 Dogs' bones soon set.

fig. a 1591 H. SMITH *Serm.* (1592) 430 Pride doth breake the peace, humilitie doth set it againe. 1647 WARD *Simple Cobler* 65 When a kingdome is broken just in the neck joynt,..ropes and hatchets are not the kindliest instruments to set it.

†**80.** To plent (a ruff); to arrange the pleats of (a gown). *Obs.*

1530 PALSGR. 710/2, I set a gowne, I put the playtes of it in order...I can nat sette a gowne, I was never no taylour. 1576 GASCOIGNE *Grief of Joy* Wks. 1910 II. 534 They set their ruffes, thei ruffle up theire heare. 1597 BP. HALL *Sat.* III. vii, His linnen collar Labyrinthian-set. 1611 COTGR., *Godronner vne fraise*, to set a ruffe.

†**81.** To adjust (one's attire, the hair). *Obs.*

1303 R. BRUNNE *Handl. Synne* 5206 Be nat proud of þy croket Vn þe cherche to tyse and set. 1694 DRYDEN *Love Triumph.* Ded., Combing his Peruke and setting his Cravat. 1695 CONGREVE *Love for L.* v. i, He's at the great Glass in the Dining-Room,..setting his Cravat and Wig. 1712 POPE *Rape Lock* I. 146 These set the head, and those divide the hair. [1722 STEELE *Consc. Lovers* I. ii, Such an Author consulted in a Morning, sets the Spirits for the Vicissitudes of the Day, better than the Glass does a Mans Person.]

82. *Weaving.* To fix the texture of (a fabric). In first quot. *pass.*, of a tartan: To have a pattern of a certain kind (cf. SET *sb.*[1] 15 b).

1685 *Depred. Clan Campbell* (1816) 114 Item, ane new colored womans wearing plaid, most sett to boday red. Item, ane gray broken plaid, sett most to the green. 1839 URE *Dict. Arts* 1056 A thorough knowledge of the adaptation of yarn of a proper degree of fineness to any given measure of reed. ..The art of performing this properly is known by the names of *examining*, *setting*, or *sleying*. 1891 *Yorksh. Coll. Textile Soc. Jrnl.* I. 129 By the sett of a fabric is meant the number of threads it contains in a given space. There are a great many things to be considered in setting any fabric.

83. To arrange (a butterfly, etc.) as an entomological specimen. (Cf. *set up*, 154 o.)

1868 *Rep. U. S. Commissioner Agric.* (1869) 317 In setting long-legged specimens, a square piece of stiff paper or card should be pushed upon the pins under the insect. 1892 *Field* 18 June 904/1 'Setting' the insects, which means the spreading of specimens on blocks of cork or wood to dry.

84. To give the requisite adjustment, alignment, or shape to (a mechanical contrivance, an instrument, etc.). (Cf. SET *sb.*[1] 33.)

1879 *Cassell's Techn. Educ.* IV. 413/2 The rough-maker..smoothes off all the sharp edges and 'sets' them, i. e., bends them into graceful and uniform shape over a block. 1881 BURGESS *Coach-building* 78 Setting axles is giving them the bend and slope required. 1886 WALSINGHAM & PAYNE-GALLWEY *Shooting* (Badm. Libr.) I. 70 The next process is to 'set' or straighten the barrel inside. 1898 RIDER HAGGARD *Farmer's Year* (1899) 222 Being able to 'set' a wheel better than anyone about here.

***** To adjust according to a standard.*

85. To regulate, adjust *by* a standard; *esp.* to put (a clock, etc.) right.

c 1391 CHAUCER *Astrolabe* II. § 3 To haue sette Iustly a clokke. 1640 SUCKLING *Let. to German* Fragm. Aur. (1648) 92 In Court they..determine his [the king's] good by his desires: which is a kind of setting the Sun by the Diall. 1665 BOYLE *Occas. Refl.* IV. xv. (1675) 254 A little Sun-Dyal, furnished with an excited Needle to direct how to set it. *a* 1721 PRIOR *Ess., Opinion* Wks. (1907) 196 Quare [a clock maker] does not set his Watch more actually than Mathar does his understanding. 1762 *Phil. Trans.* LII. 579 The 16th, at noon, I sat a pendulum-clock..to solar time. 1772 FOOTE *Nabob* I. (1778) 21 To set his watch by Tompion's clock in the Hall. 1844 HOOD *Workhouse Clock* 8 The Overseer of the Poor Is setting the Workhouse Clock. 1850 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* XI. II. 397 We watch vainly every cloud and in vain set our weather-glass. 1857 HUGHES *Tom Brown* I. iv, The Tally-ho [coach] was a tiptop goer..and so punctual that all the road set their clocks by her.

b. with immaterial obj.

1693 LOCKE *Educ.* § 14 (1699) 19 The Seasoning and Cookery which by Custom they [*sc.* our palates] are set to. 1693 PRIOR *To Montague* iii, Pleas'd, when his Reason He deceives; And sets his Judgment by his Passion. 1717 — *Alma* I. 88 He ..sets men's faith by his opinions.

86. To fix the amount of (a fine or other payment), put down *at* a certain amount. *Obs.* or *arch.*

c 1420 in *26 Pol. Poems* 76 And þou nylt ȝeue it [*sc.* love] me..; Sette pris to selle it. 1521 *Maldon* (Essex) *Liber B.* 57 Truly affur and sett al maner of mercyaments made. 1525 in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. III. II. 24 To set his raunsom at a somme of money reasonable. 1531-2 *Act* 23 *Hen. VIII*, c. 7 To set the prices of all kinde of wynes. 1653 H. COGAN tr. *Pinto's Trav.* xx. 71 He payd for all that he bought at the price the sellers would set. 1691 LOCKE *Consid. Lower. Interest* Wks. 1714 II. 5 That Law cannot keep Men from taking more Use than you set. *Ibid.*, The Rate you set, profits not the Lenders, and very few of the Borrowers. 1770 LANGHORNE *Plutarch, Cicero* ℙ 13 Verres being thus condemned, Cicero set his fine at 750,000 drachmæ.

VII. To place mentally; to suppose, estimate.

†**87.** To posit, assume, suppose. Phr. *set the case* (see CASE *sb.*[1] 12), chiefly in imper. or pres. pple. as equivalent to a conj. = suppose, supposing.

a 1340 HAMPOLE *Psalter* xxii. 4 Gret vertu is in man when he dredis na ill þat may fall for he settis þe werst. *c* 1374 CHAUCER *Troilus* II. 367, I sette þe worste þat ye dredden þis Men wolden wondren to se hym come or gon. *c* 1386 — *Melib.* ℙ 525 Yet sette I caas, ye have bothe might and licence for to venge yow. 1387-8 T. USK *Test. Love* I. ix. (Skeat) 64, I sette now the hardest. *c* 1440 [see CASE *sb.*[1] 12] 1561 T. HOBY tr. *Castiglione's Courtyer* IV. (1577) X ij, Setting case therefore this be so. 1632 HOLLAND *Cyrupædia* 129 Set case..that a man should make so much of those dogs which you keepe. 1659 BUNYAN *Law & Grace Unfolded* (1685) 286 Set the case that there be two men who make a covenant. 1726 SHELVOCKE *Voy. round World* Pref. 10 Setting the case I had not their interest at heart, yet it was for my interest to support theirs.

88. To place mentally or conceptually in a certain category; †to regard as being (so-and-so); to consider (a thing) to reside *in* or to depend *on* (another); †to attribute *to.*

13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* A. 8 Quere-so-euer I lugged gemmez gaye, I sette hyr sengely in synglure. 1375 BARBOUR *Bruce* XVII. 826 That wes mar To myrakill of god almychty; And to nocht ellis it set can I. 1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) IV. 81 Hircanus, for he was ȝong, was i-sette laste of þe wise men. *c* 1400 *Beryn* 1278 Allas! þat ever a man shuld ..Setten al his wisdom on his wyvis tayll! 1423 JAS. I *Kingis Q.* v, This noble man, That in him-self the full recouer wan Off his Infortune, pouert, and distresse, And in tham set his verray sekernesse. 1549 *Compl. Scot.* xvi. 141 Euerye man settis his felicite to distroy his nychtbour. 1576 GASCOIGNE *Droomme of Doomes day* Wks. 1910 II. 240 He alwayes setteth his end in thinges which he must hnve. 1604 E. G[RIMSTONE] *D'Acosta's Hist. Indies* I. xiv. 46 They set Tharsis in Affrike, saying, it was the same Citie which was anciently called Carthage. 1685 STILLINGFL. *Orig. Brit.* iv. 209 The want of skill may make Caradoc set his Gildas elder than he ought to have done. 1870 ROGERS *Hist. Glean.* Ser. II. 21 Tradition sets Wiklif's birth in the year 1324.

b. To place (a person or thing) *before* or *after* another in estimation. Now *poet.*

c 1383 in *Eng. Hist. Rev.* Oct. (1911) 747 Religiouse possessioneris..shulden sette before [*preferrent*] þe comaundementis of god. 1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) V. 99 þat þe manere and þe usage of al holy chirche of Grees, of Italy, of Rome, of Gallia, and of Fraunce, schulde be i-sette to-fore þe manere and custom..of a corner of þe worlde. *c* 1400 *Rule St. Benet* (Verse) 2475 So þat þai set non erthly þing Be-for þe luf of crist. 1592 HUES *Treat. Globes* Pref. (Hakl.) 16 These Globes..may justly bee preferred before all other that have been set before them. 1648 MILTON *Sonn.* xiii. 12 Dante shall give Fame leave to set thee higher Then his Casella. 1671 — *Samson* 1375 Venturing to displease God for the fear of Man, and Man prefer, Set God behind. 1732 POPE *Ep. Cobham* 148 And justly set the Gem above the Flow'r.

89. To fix the value of (a thing) *at* so much. *Obs.* or *arch.*

Cf. the reverse construction in sense 43.

c 1460 FOATESCUE *Abs. & Lim. Mon.* x. (1885) 131 That [*sc.* salt] is now sett to so grete prise, þat the bushell, wich the kyng bieth ffor iij[s] or iiij[d], is solde to his peple ffor ij[s] and a j[d]. 1530 PALSGR. 712/1, I sette my horse at foure pounde..How moche set you his plate at? 1585 T. WASHINGTON tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* IV. xxvi. 145 [The women] beyng once set at a price none could marry them, except they first payde the pryce. 1616 R. COCKS *Diary* (Hakl. Soc.) I. 104 Yf the Hollanders set pepper at that rate, they sell other comodetis at a hier. 1617 MORYSON *Itin.* I. 34 At the times

of the faires, Coaches are set dearer then any time els. 1692 R. L'Estrange *Fables* clxx. 142 Well..and what's the Price of that Juno there? The Carver set That a little Higher. 1713 Pope *Let. to Swift* 8 Dec., I cannot set his delivery from purgatory at less than fifty pounds sterling.

fig. 1592 Shaks. *Rom. & Jul.* v. iii. 301 There shall no figure at that Rate be set, As that of true and faithful Juliet. 1602 — *Ham.* I. iii. 122 Set your entreatments at a higher rate, Then a command to parley. 1648–9 *Eikon Bas.* xvii. 170 Setting Peace at as high a rate, as the worst effects of War.

b. Hence in idiomatic phr. connoting disesteem or depreciation: *to set at naught* or *nought* (see Nought A. 6), *at little, at the least, at nothing*; *to set at a pease, at a pie's heel, at a pin's fee*; *to set at no price, store*, or *value*.

1303 R. Brunne *Handl. Synne* 3013 And he þat ys vnbuxum al Aȝens hys fadyr spiritual, And setteþ hym ryȝt at þe leste. *Ibid.* 7774 þe mayster fend..sette at noȝt þat he hadde tolde. 1377 Langl. *P. Pl.* B. vi. 171 Lete liȝte of þe lawe..And sette Pieres at a pees. *Ibid.* vii. 194, I sette ȝoure patentes..at one pies hele! *c* 1385 Chaucer *L. G. W.* 602 Al the worlde he sette at noo value. 1413 in *26 Pol. Poems* 51 Þou3 all here gold were hider brou3t, I wolde set bit at lytel store. *c* 1450 tr. *De Imitatione* III. xi, To sette all þinges at no price for þe. 1488 *Rolls of Parlt.* VI. 413/2 Unreverently sette theym at litill or nought. 1596 Spenser *F. Q.* VII. vi. 44 Shee had..Long loved the Fanchin, who by nought did set her. 1602 Shaks. *Ham.* I. iv. 67, I doe not set my life at a pins fee. 1649 Earl Monm. tr. *Senault's Use Passions* (1671) 203 He then sets at nothing what he so much esteemed. 1874 Stubbs *Const. Hist.* I. viii. 238 Canonical custom is set at naught.

†**c.** *To set light, at light* (see Light *a.*[1] 13 d), *lightly, coldly*. (Cf. 91 e, f.)

1602 Shaks. *Ham.* IV. iii. 65 Thou maist not coldly set Our Soueraigne Processe. 1652 Needham tr. *Selden's Mare Cl.* 149 Wee'll not disgrace your Realm, nor lightly set Your Fame. 1718 Bp. Hutchinson *Witchcraft* vii. 104 He set them light [*ed.* 1720 set them at light].

d. To estimate the amount of *at* so much.

1863 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* XXIV. i. 21 The yearly increase..is set at about 8*s.* per acre. 1866 Rogers *Agric. & Prices* I. xxiii. 599 We cannot set the increase at less than 100 per cent.

90. To assess (a person) *at* so much. *Obs.* or *arch.*

1521 *Maldon* (Essex) *Liber B.* 57 Set every man after the quantyte of the trespace. *c* 1537 in Leadam *Sel. Cases Crt. Requests* (Selden Soc.) 47 Like as all other brethern of the seid felaweship were and be set at. 1538 Elyot *Dict.* Add., *Duicensus*, he that is sette with an other to pay money for a taxe. 1557 in Marwick *Edinb. Guilds* (1909) 89 Prouyding always thai pay the sowmes to the quhilk thai were sett. 1607 in W. H. Hale *Prec. in Causes of Office* (1841) 9 And so shall sett every parishoner proportionably. 1611 Biale 2 *Kings* xii. 4 The money that every man is set at. 1831 Macaulay *Ess., Hampden* (1843) I. 453 The sheriff was blamed for setting so wealthy a man at so low a rate.

91. To have (a certain estimate) of a person or thing: in idiomatic phrases expressing high or low regard, great or little esteem, for a person or thing.

Here the construction is the reverse of that of 93 b.

a. *To set* (*so*) *little* (or †*lite*), (*so*) *much* (or *mickle; a great deal*), *less, least, more, most by. Obs.* exc. *arch.* or *dial.*

Originally substantival or pronominal, *little, much*, etc. were capable of being taken as adverbial; whence the substitution of adverbs of equivalent meaning (see f).

a 1300 [see Little B. 3]. *c* 1374 Chaucer *Troilus* II. 432, I se ful wel þat ye sette lite of vs Or of oure deth. *c* 1380 Wyclif *Sel. Wks.* III. 109 þey sette more hy here lawes..þan þey dude by þe lawe þat God ȝaf to hem. *c* 1380 *Antechrist* in Todd *Three Treat. Wyclif* (1851) 151 And more þei shal be sett by and wurshiped. 14.. *Why I can't be a Nun* 220 in *E. E. P.* (1862) 144 But alle..set not by her nether most ne lest. 1456 Sir G. Haye *Law Arms* (S.T.S.) 33 Tynsale of the body..that is lytill to sett by. 1545 Ascham *Toxoph.* I. (Arb.) 74 Howe moche the Persians..set by shotinge. 1627 Drayton *Agincourt* 4 What set that Conqueror, by their Salique Lawes. 1664–5 Pepys *Diary* 9 Mar., He did..give me one of Lilly's grammars..which I shall much set by. 1690 C. Nesse *Hist. & Myst. O. & N. Test.* I. 23 A pretious soul was no more set-by by them. 1741 Richardson *Pamela* II. 173 He was sure I should set more by it, than the richest Diamond in the World. 1785 B. Tuffer in Sparks *Corr. Amer. Rev.* (1853) IV. 118 A visit, which I shall set more by than the interest I possess in Massachusetts. 1845 S. Judd *Margaret* II. i. (1874) 190 God knows how hard it is to help setting a good deal by one's children. 1894 *Advance* (Chicago) 5 Apr., A man much set-by.

†**b.** *To set naught* or *nought* (*nothing, not anything*) *by*: to have no esteem or regard for. *Obs.*

c 1375 *Cursor M.* 23860 (Fairf.) In hert to halde hit as a horde & noȝt to sette be goddis worde [*Cott.* Quen noght es mad o crists word]. 1390 Gower *Conf.* III. 348 Bot noght forthi Mi will hath nothing set therby. 1470–85 Malory *Arthur* VIII. xxxviii. 331 By the myghty lord of this yle he setteth nought by. 1483 Caxton *G. de la Tour* e j b, Mocked & scorned & nought set by. 1535 Coverdale *John* iv. 44 A prophet is nothinge set by at home. 1549 —, etc. *Erasm. Par. Heb.* xii. 1–6 By despisyng and settyng naught by worldly reproche. 1598 Grenewey *Tacitus, Ann.* I. v. 8 The souldyers..set nought by all military discipline. 1601 Shaks. *Twel. N.* v. i. 194, I thinke you set nothing by a bloody Coxecombe.

absol. 1456 Sir G. Haye *Law Arms* (S.T.S.) 14 And suppos it be sum part subtile to understand, settis nocht hy.

c. By substitution of *not* for *nought*, and by extension of the idiom to negative expressions generally, *set by* came to be equivalent to 'esteem, regard', and, by elimination of the negative, to 'esteem or value highly, think or make much of'. *Obs.* exc. *arch.* or *dial.*

Formerly *to set not by* sometimes = to have no scruples about.

1393 Langl. *P. Pl.* C. x. 302 Men setten nat by songe-warie. *a* 1400 *Minor Poems fr. Vernon MS.* 692/10 Now is þe selue I-set not by. *c* 1400 *Rule St. Benet* (Verse) 459 Þai wil set bi no man saw. 1426 Audelay *Poems* 3 Avoutré ne lechory men set not by. *c* 1435 *Torr. Portugal* 1152 The kyng of Aragon set her bye. 1467 Marg. Paston in *P. Lett.* II. 308 Thei set not be a woman as thei shuld set be a man. *c* 1480 Henryson *Mor. Fab., Fox, Wolf & Cadger* 1998 (Charteris MS.) To beir ȝour office than wald I not set by. 1508 Dunbar *Flyting* 238 Quhat man settis by the? 1513 Douglas *Æneis* XI. iv. 98 Onlesum war syk plesour I set by. 1561 T. Hoby tr. *Castiglione's Courtyer* I. H ij b, They do not onelye not sett by letters, but they rather abhorre them. *a* 1659 Bp. Brownrig *Serm.* (1674) I. iv. 57 Men set by good servants. *a* 1661 Fuller *Worthies, N'hants* (1662) II. 291 Set by and extolled. 1663–4 Pepys *Diary* 20 Jan., Mr Pierce tells me that my Lady Castlemaine is not at all set by by the King. 1848 Lowell *Biglow P.* Ser. I. ix, Wite folks aint sot by half ez much.

d. *To set* (*no, more*, etc.) *store* or †*price by*: see Price *sb.* A. *a*, B. 8, Store *sb.*

†**e.** *To set light by*: see Light *a.* 13 d. Also *to set short by. Obs.*

1377 Langl. *P. Pl.* B. xi. 2 Scripture scorned me..and liȝte by me she sette. *Ibid.* xii. 124 No clergie to dispise, Ne sette schort be here science. *c* 1460 *Wisdom* 927 in *Macro Plays* 66 Why werkyst þou hys consell? by myn settis lyght? 1565 T. Stapleton *Fortr. Faith* 129 Such smal matters were not of good Christians light sett by. 1594–1771 [see Light *a.* 13 *d*]. 1633 Marmion *Fine Comp.* III. v. F 3, She set as light by me, as by the least feather in her Fanne. 1816 Scott *Old Mort.* xxxix, I am a fool..to set light by that which Heaven has so often preserved.

†**f.** *To set* †*greatly*, † *littly, lightly*, † *so*, etc. *by. Obs.*

1530 Palsgr. 713/1 The man is hyghely sette by in our countraye. 1537 *Orig. & Sprynge of Sectes* 28 Hitherto haue they ben in estimacion & greatly set by. 1577 T. Kendall *Flowers of Epigr.* 30 No man that setts so hy hym self, can please the Lorde a right. 1612 T. Taylor *Comm. Titus* To Rdr., Things lightly come by are lightly set by. 1729 Bp. Butler *Serm.* XV. (1862) 209 That in all lowliness of mind we set lightly by ourselves. 1809–10 Coleridge *Friend* (1818) I. 104 To set lightly by the emancipation of the human reason.

g. In negative context, with a sb. as obj. connoting a negligible or contemptible quantity.

To set not a cherry, curse, a fly, a haw, a mite, an onion (etc.) *at, by, of*: see also the sbs.

c 1374 Chaucer *Troilus* III. 900, I nolde setten at his sorwe a myte. *c* 1386 — *Miller's T.* 648 Of paramours he sette nat a kers. 1406 Hoccleve *La Male Regle* 380 For by hem two, he settith nat an hawe. *c* 1489 Caxton *Sonnes of Aymon* xix. 442, I shall not sette a rotyn appull for all the power of Charlemagne. 1500–20 Dunbar *Poems* xxxi. 22 Lat ws..sett nocht by this warld a chirry. *a* 1525 *Vergilius* in Thoms *Prose Rom.* (Rtldg.) 223 The roffyans set nat a poynt. *c* 1570 W. Wager *The Longer thou livest* 1691 (Brandl), By honest men he setteth not an Oynion.

h. In various constructions, with preps. other than *by*.

† *To set little, more, nought, nol, of*; *to set a* (*great, little*) *price*, † *rate, store upon*; *to set no price, littly at*; † *to set light of, before*; † *to set little, nought to*; etc.

1387–8 T. Usk *Test. Love* I. i. (Skeat) 67 How shulde ye, lady, sette prise on so foule fylthe. 1390 Gower *Conf.* II. 211, I sette noght of his beyete. *c* 1400 *Beryn* 1386 Sith he of my wordis so litil prise set. *Ibid.* 2838 To save hir lyvis, & set nat of hir los. *c* 1400 *Sowdone Bab.* 1717 Set not of youre Barons so light. 1422 Yonge tr. *Secreta Secret.* ix. 139 Men that lytill bethe sette of. *Ibid.* xix. 146 Men sholde sette lytillie at this goodis. 1470–85 Malory *Arthur* v. ii. 162 Of his demaunde and commaundement I sette nothyng. 1481 Caxton *Myrr.* I. v. 18 They setted not of mete and drynke. 1589 Puttenham *Eng. Poesie* III. xix. (Arb.) 239 We set but light of the matter. 1601 Holland *Pliny* XXXIII. xii. II. 483 Disdaining and setting light by any other bathing-vessels. 1607–12 Bacon *Ess., Riches* (Arb.) 232 Doe you not see what fayned prices are sett vpponn litle stones, and rarityes. 1632 Lithgow *Trav.* Ep. Ded. A 3 b, What a high Value was set upon the Widdowes Mite. 1638 [see Rate *sb.*[1] 2]. 1642 [see Light *a.* 13 d]. 1651 Hobbes *Leviath.* I. x. 42 By comparison to the rate that each man setteth on himselfe. 1662 [see Price *sb.* 8]. 1688 *Lett. conc. Pres. St. Italy* 79 Nor would it have been set on so much by their Holy Patriarchs. 1819 Scott *Ivanhoe* xxx, Where be these dog-priests now,..who set such price on their ghostly mummery. 1861 Ld. Brougham *Brit. Const.* xx. 396 The grounds upon which so great store has ever been set upon colonial possessions. 1875 Manning *Mission Holy Ghost* iv. 105 They are continually showing that they set small price on the Eternal God. 1891 F. W. Robinson *Her Love & His Life* III. vii. iv. 262 He did not set any value on his own life.

†**i.** To care (so much) for. Also *intr.* (Not) to care *for. Obs.*

c 1374 Chaucer *Troilus* III. 832 Yf to lose his loye he set a myte Than semeth it þat loye is worth but lyte. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 5002 Yf þou set noght our saghe. 1456 Sir G. Haye *Law Arms* (S. T. S.) 233 Ane unworthy lymmare, that settis nocht for honour bot for pillery.

VIII. To put or come into a settled or rigid position or state.

92. *pass.* To be resolved or determined; to have a settled purpose. Chiefly const. inf. Now *dial.*

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 17332 Mi-self es sett to wrek þe wrang. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xxxvii. (*Vincencius*) 403 [S. Vincent] til þes god wes mar sete, þane ocht þat wes in þe markete. *c* 1420 *Liber Cocorum* (1862) 42 þerfore to telle you I am set, ..what herbz..Ben gode to potage. *c* 1470 Henry *Wallace* III. 324 Thai are set till wndo all thi kyn. 1525 Aap. Warham in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. III. II. 10 Seeing almoste al the people obstinatly sett not to graunte to the request. 1540 Palsgr. *Acolastus* I. iii. F iv b, I am at a poynte, or my mynde is fully sette. *a* 1586 Sidney *Arcadia* III. (Sommer) 261 b, But my hart is already set..to lead a virgins life to my death. *a* 1641 Bp. Mountagu *Acts & Mon.* (1642) 256 She was wayward, disdainful, and set to contradict. 1757 in J. Russell *Haigs* (1881) xii. 359 All your neighbours are sett to be upon you. 1827 Keble *Chr. Yr., Morning* 30 If on our daily course our mind Be set to hallow all we find. 1890 *Harper's Mag.* Aug. 407/2 Mamma was completely set in her own mind that we must go to the south.

† **b.** *intr.* To resolve. *Obs.*

1638 Earl Manch. in *Buccleuch MSS.* (Hist. MSS. Comm.) I. 280 The King hath set to be at Hinchenbrook to bed the 27th of March. 1674 N. Fairfax *Bulk & Selv.* 161 Could not God then make the world, when he set with himself that he would do it?

c. *trans.* To make (a resolution). *rare.*

1771 Wesley *Wks.* (1872) V. 100 If he does but once set a resolution.

93. *pass.* To have one's mind or will fixed *upon* something.

1390 Gower *Conf.* I. 301 He was upon pacience So sett. *c* 1400 *Balade of Pite* 100, I am sette on yowe in suche manere þat..I moste you loue. *c* 1400 *Rom. Rose* 4829 They are so sette Vpon delite to pley in feere. 1611 Speed *Hist. Gt. Brit.* IX. xviii. 25 If she be..so obstinate, and so precisely set vpon her owne will. 1671 Milton *Samson* 1201 When I perceiv'd all set on enmity. 1740 Richardson *Pamela* (1824) I. xxxi. 50, I am so set upon it, that I am not to be persuaded. 1890 *Universal Rev.* Mar. 457 Cap'n Prust's as set as never was on little Dot. 1893 *Chamb. Jrnl.* 28 Jan. 58/2 Isabell is always set on the news.

† **b.** To have a specified disposition or inclination to be (so) disposed. *Obs.*

1470–85 Malory *Arthur* X. lxxxviii. 570 Whanne syre launcelot wyste how his kynnesmen were sette. *c* 1500 *Cocke Lorelles Bote* 1 She is as softe as a lamme yf one do her meue, And lyke to y^e deuyll wan a man dothe her grene, So well is she sette. 1513 Douglas *Æneis* II. ix. 58 Bot he..was nocht to Priame sa hard set. *a* 1670 Spalding *Troub. Chas. I* (Bannatyne Club) I. 103 The commissioners told how the marquess and burgh of Aberdeen were peaceably sett. *a* 1715 Burnet *Own Time* (1724) I. 598 Were he ever so wickedly set.

94. *To set one's* or *the face* (*countenance*): to give a fixed or settled expression to the countenance.

† *To set a face*: to make it appear (*as though*..). *To set one's face as a flint*, after Isaiah l. 7.

1560 Biale (Genev.) *Isa.* l. 7 Therefore haue I set my face like a flint. 1564–5 *Buggbears* I. ii. 154 Formosus set a face as thoughe he knew wher to find a cunnyng mane. *a* 1586 Sidney *Arcadia* II. (Sommer) 212 When she set her countenaunce to tell the matter. *c* 1610 B. Jonson, etc. *Widow* v. i, Set your countenance then; for here he comes. 1635 Cranley *Amanda* 9 She would..sometimes set her countenance as if shee had bin angry. 1719 D'Urfey *Pills* I. 353 Set thy Face, and thy best Curchy make. 1855 Tennyson *Maud* I. i. 31, I..May make my heart as a millstone, set my face as a flint.

b. *pass.* and *intr.* (and *refl.*) Of the eyes, the features, the countenance: To have or assume a fixed look or expression.

1601 Shaks. *Twel. N.* v. i. 205 O he's drunke..an houre agone: his eyes were set at eight i' the morning. 1611 Biale 1 *Kings* xiv. 4 But Ahiah could not see, for his eyes were set by reason of his age. 1717 Garth tr. *Ovid's Met.* xiv. *Iphis* 45 Set are her eyes and motionless her limbs. 1861 Geo. Eliot *Silas M.* i, He saw that Marner's eyes were set like a dead man's. 1865 Swinburne *Chastelard* v. iii. 214 His face set, The eyes not curious to the right or left And reading in a book. 1880 Mrs. Riddell *Palace Gardens* ix, The lines in his face set and hardened. 1881 P. Greg *Ivy* III. iii. 68 Her face sets as it used against your mother. 1884 'Rita' *My Lord Conceit* I. i. v. 72 A face set in stern, rigid lines. 1888 G. Gissing *Life's Morning* III. xxii. 210 Her features had set themselves in sorrow. 1898 G. B. Shaw *You never can tell* IV. *Stage dir.*, His face set and sulky.

95. To press (the teeth, lips) together into a rigid position; to clench (the teeth), compress (the lips, mouth).

Phr. *To set one's teeth*: see Tooth.

1602 Marston *Antonio's Rev.* V. iii, Another frets, and sets his grinding teeth. 1702 C. Mather *Magn. Chr.* VI. vii. 73 They were sometimes hindred from eating their Meals, by having their Teeth set. 1853 Kingsley *Hypatia* xxiv, The old woman set her lips firmly, and drew her dagger. 1860 Whyte-Melville *Mkt. Harb.* xxii, 'I think not!' replied Mr. Sawyer, setting his teeth for a catastrophe. 1867 'Ouida' *Cecil Castlemaine*, etc. 263 His mouth sternly set, and his forehead paler and more severe than ever. 1886 Stevenson *Kidnapped* xxii, Each set his mouth and kept his eyes in front of him.

b. *refl.* and *intr.* Of the mouth, or the teeth.

1626 Bacon *Sylva* § 714 [This] maketh the teeth to set hard one against another. 1719 De Foe *Crusoe* I. (Globe) 191 My Teeth..would..set against one another so strong, that for some Time I could not part them again. 1883 Mrs. F. Mann *Parish of Hilby* xix, Helen's mouth set itself firmly as she thought of it.

c. *pass.* and *intr.* Of muscles, or the like: To have or assume a rigid attitude or state.

1851 H. Stephens *Bk. Farm* (ed. 2) II. 174/2 The hams should not be too full of flesh, *lyavy*, which in a young animal indicates that the carcass will soon set from growing. 1862 Tyndall *Mountaineer.* vi. 53 The muscles have become set, and some minutes are necessary to render them again elastic. 1868 *Rep. U. S. Commissioner Agric.* (1869) 313 Butterflies generally *set* in one or two weeks. 1893 *Outing* XXII. 154/1 At the words 'Get set!' the arms are raised, the knees slightly bent, and..the starter braces his legs apart.

d. *intr.* To become bent or twisted as a result of strain. (Cf. Set *sb.*[1] 16.)

1798 *Phil. Trans.* LXXXVIII. 485 If a wire is twisted only a little more than its elasticity admits of, then, instead of setting, as it is called, or acquiring a permanent twist all at once, it sets gradually. *c* 1865 *J. Wylde's Circ. Sci.* I.

404/1 The scales will have a tendency to 'set' when overloaded.

†e. *trans.* To stick up, cock. *Obs. rare.*

1708 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 4428/16 Stollen.., a Bay Nag..sets his Head and Tail.

96. *Dyeing.* a. To prepare (woad) for dyeing.

1529 *Cov. Leet Bk.* 697 To occupie the Craft of dying and settyng of wadd. 1590 West *Symbol.* § 82 Euery set of the same woad shall make, when it is set and prooued, fower pound sterling. 1811 *Self Instructor* 535 Wood-wax..is set with pot ashes.

b. To make (a colour) fast or permanent.

1601 Holland *Pliny* xxii. ii. II. 115 To set all other colours that can bee devised, with the juice onely of certaine hearbs. 1882 Crookes *Dyeing* 15 The brown colouring matter of the flax instead of being removed is fastened, or as it is technically called, 'set'.

97. To cause to become firm, hard, or rigid in consistency; to curdle, coagulate (milk, etc.).

1736 Bailey *Dict. Domest.* s. v. *Cheese*, While this rennet is fresh, one spoonful of the liquor will turn or set about 16, 18 or 20 gallons of milk. *Ibid.*, When you would turn or set milk for cheese. 1784 Twamley *Dairying Exempl.* 102 Boiling Water..will set the Curd in some degree, and fix it hard. 1855 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* XVI. 1. 135 If you clay heavily..you must muck heavily, or you will set the land. 1875 Knight *Dict. Mech.* 2286/1 [He] uses golden sulphuret of antimony and sets the rubber by vulcanizing it.

b. *pass.*

1791 Smeaton *Edystone L.* § 168 Dutch Tarras,..which, after being once set, would afterwards become hard, without ever being compleatly dry. *Ibid. note*, [*Set*], the term used in the application of calcareous mortar, which denotes its first step, or degree of hardening. 1839 Chatto & Jackson *Wood Engraving* 723 Recent impressions of a wood-cut, before the ink is set. 1846 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* VII. II. 493 The skin was set, that is, it would not easily rub off. 1879 *Cassell's Techn. Educ.* III. 99 When the film is just set enough to bear a light touch, without receiving any impression of the finger.

c. *intr.* To become firm or solid in consistency; (of milk) to curdle or turn; (of mortar, etc.) to solidify.

1736 Bailey *Dict. Domest.* s. v. *Cheese*, When it [milk] sets or turns to curd very quick. 1776 Semple *Building in Water* 79 The out-side Mortar..set, that is, grew hard immediately. 1837 J. T. Smith tr. *Vicat's Mortars* 9 We say that a lime has set, when it bears without depression a knitting-needle of 0.12 cent...diameter, filed square at its extremity, and loaded with a weight of 0.30 kil. 1839 Hansard *Print. & Typefounding* (1841) 151 When the varnish has had time to set. 1842 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* III. 1. 16 The soil..is rather sticky when wet, and sets hard when dry. 1860 Piesse *Lab. Chem. Wonders* 168 Silver 'sets' before the lead. 1883 *Standard* 17 May 2/2 Nor shall we permit the meat to hang, to 'set' over the reeking fumes of the killing chamber. 1886 J. Blandy *Baker's Guide* 51 A certain sort of loaf, put into the oven without touching, 'set crusty', as the baker would say.

d. Of cream: To collect and settle on the top of the milk.

1859 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* XX. 1. 53 The milk..is..left until the cream has set.

98. To cause (fruit) to form on a tree by the process of fertilization; to cause (a flower) to develop into fruit: said of bees, etc. and (also *absol.*) of the tree bearing the fruit.

1693 Evelyn *De La Quint. Compl. Gard.* Dict. s. v. *Bud*, Well Budded or well set Trees; is said of those Fruit-Trees, that have abundance of Fruit Buds. 1721 Bradley *Philos. Acc. Wks. Nat.* 25 Concerning the Generation of Plants, and the manner of setting their Fruits. 1729 Langley *Pomona* 77 Our Fruits being plentifully set. *a* 1793 G. White *Selborne, Obs. on Veget.* (1836) 301 When they [bees] are once induced to haunt the frames, they set all the fruit. 1877 Darwin *Forms of Flowers* i. 28 Flowers legitimately fertilised set seeds under conditions which cause the almost complete failure of illegitimately fertilised flowers. 1892 *E. P. Dixon's* (Hull) *Seed Catal.* 18 It is a robust grower and sets very freely. 1893 *Field* 8 Apr. 530/1 The plant..'sets' a larger proportion of the flowers.

b. *intr.* Of blossom or fruit: To develop as the result of fertilization. Also said of hemp fibre.

1718 J. Lawrence *Fruit-Gard. Cal.* 53 This Blossom Set, and produced me a Peach. 1779 *Phil. Trans.* LXX. 475 February was so mild and fine that the wall-fruit flowered ..and set much fuller, than the apples, which were two months later. 1849 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* X. 1. 177 The fibre has not set, nor has the male stem shed its pollen. 1854 H. Miller *Sch. & Schm.* (1858) 561 To mark how very few of the blossoms have set. 1891 *Field* 24 Oct. 634/1 About a dozen fruit set, of which six ripened.

c. Of a plant: *To set to seed* = Seed *v.* 1.

1897 Willis *Man. Flowering Pl.* II. 234 Moneywort..is said never to set to seed in Brit[ain].

99. *Plastering.* To put a finishing coat on. (See Set *sb.*[1] 30 a.)

1693 Moxon *Mech. Exerc.* (1703) 249 They finish the Plastering when it is almost dry,..setting it, that is to say, Trowelling and brishing it. 1812 P. Nicholson *Mech. Exerc.* 309 (Plastering) *Lath Floated and Set Fair.* These words bear the same meaning as lath pricked-up and floated and set. 1847 Smeaton *Builder's Man.* 128 Render, float, and set, is three-coat work. 1874 J. Birch *Country Archit.* 44 Lath, plaster, float, set and twice whiten all ceilings throughout.

100. a. *Sheep-breeding.* To settle or establish (a particular stock).

1782 Marshall *Norfolk* (1795) II. 321 Bought by those who are increasing, or 'setting' a ewe stock. 1807 A. Young *Agric. Essex* II. 334 His flock has been 1140 breeding ewes; and at this Michælmas (1805) he setts 2000. *a* 1819 Rees *Cycl.* XXXII, *Setting*, a term used in sheep-management, which signifies the picking, choosing, and selecting those which are the best formed..for the purpose of breeding, forming the flock, and keeping as stock. *Ibid.*, *Setting Lamb-Stock.* 1847 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* VIII. 1. 17 In setting the flocks particular attention is paid to size, wool, strength of constitution.

b. *intr.* Of a period of time or weather: To become settled; = *set in*, 146 e. (Cf. Set *ppl. a.* 6 c.)

a 1800 *Gil Brenton* vi. in Child *Ballads* I. 74 Till the evening set and birds they sang. 1880 *Antrim & Down Gloss.* s. v., 'The night is set'..night has come on. 1892 Zangwill *Bow Myst.* 98 It's set wet, it'll rain right into the new year. 1894 *Harper's Mag.* Feb. 359/1 The night set very cold.

c. *Cricket.* (*pass.*) To have become accustomed to the bowling.

1865 *Lillywhite's Cricketers' Comp.* 127 As a bat he is deficient in defence, though a punishing hitter when once set. 1882 *Daily Tel.* 19 May, The Colonials were firmly set, and the runs came fast.

101. To settle the growth of (a plant) in the right way.

1845 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* V. II. 339 Where the clover is not well set. 1864 *Ibid.* XXV. II. 275 Wheat is rolled..in spring, to set the young plant.

102. To check; to puzzle, nonplus, 'stump'; to tax the resources of. Now *north. dial.*

1586 Hooker *Irish Hist.* 87/2 in *Holinshed*, At this answer Meth was set. 1601 Holland *Pliny* II. xii. I. 9 The silie mind of men was before sett and to seeke. 1633 G. Herbert *Temple, Ch. Mil.* 51 Learning was pos'd, Philosophie was set. 1737 Bracken *Farriery Impr.* (1757) II. 164 Standing ..will make them [feet] grow so hard,..that it will set the Smith to drive a Nail in shoeing. *c* 1746 J. Collier (Tim Bobbin) *View Lanc. Dial.* Misc. Wks. (1775) 62, I wur warr set to get eawt (if possible) in e wur when Nip an me feel off the Bridge. 1819 *Pantalogia* s. v. *Cart-horse*, Four thorough-shaped horses will draw, with facility, a weight which would set five ordinary ones.

103. *Dancing.* (*intr.*) To take up a position and perform a number of steps with one's face *to* one's partner or *to* the dancer on one's right or left. Chiefly in *set to partners, to corners* (also *set corners*).

1652 *Dancing Master* Expl. Charac., Set and turn single, is a single to one hand, and a single to the other, and turn single. *Ibid.* 1 Sides all, set and turn S. *Ibid.* 72 Meet all, back again, set to your own, and to the next. 1711 Budgell *Spect.* No. 67 P 9 A..Step called Setting, which I know not how to describe to you, but by telling you that it is the very reverse of Back to Back. 1791 Burns *Tam o' Shanter* 147 The dancers..reel'd, they set, they cross'd, they cleekit. 1801 R. Anderson *Cumbld. Ball.* 18 Tou kens we dance'd a threesome reel, And Betty set to me. 1806 J. Beresford *Miseries Hum. Life* iii. (ed. 3) 51 Set corners, ladies. 1811 T. Wilson *Country Dancing* (ed. 2) 6 Foot and set are the same; it is merely dancing in your place to fill up the time of the music. 1894 E. Scott *Dancing* 113 The gentleman sets to and turns with the lady on his left hand. *Ibid.* 119 Set to partners and turn. *Ibid.* 120 All set to corners and turn...They set and turn to places.

transf. 1835 Dickens *Sk. Boz, Mr. Watkins Tottle* ii, Two green sauce tureens, with ladles of the same, were setting to each other in a green dish.

104. *pass.* and *intr.* To get stuck. †Also *trans.* to allow to get stuck.

(There is perhaps a punning reference to this sense in Shaks. *Lear* II. ii. 3 *Stew.* Where may we set our horses? *Kent.* I' th' myre.)

1756 J. Clubbe *Misc. Tracts, Hist. Wheatfield* (1770) I. 83 Carters..when their waggons were set in bad roads. 1778 [Marshall] *Minutes Agric.* 2 Sept. 1776 If he spill or overturn his load, or if he break his waggon, or set his horses. 1854 Thoreau *Walden* xvi. (1863) 316 A plough got set in the furrow and had to be cut out. 1888 *Sci. Amer.* 4 Feb. 74/1 To prevent the 'setting' and sliding of the wheels.

b. *Bowls.* (*intr.*) = Run *v.*[1] 14 b.

1875 'Stonehenge' *Brit. Rural Sports* III. 1. iii. § 3 If a bowl be struck and if it do ruh or set on the striker's partner.

IX. To put in the way of following a certain course, cause to take a particular direction.

**Where physical direction or motion in a certain path is the prevailing notion.*

†**105.** To take (a journey), direct (one's course).

a 900 Cynewulf *Elene* 1004 (Gr.) Ðá hie..ȝesundne síð settan mosten. *a* 1000 *Sat.* 189 (Gr.) Ic..sceal nu wreclastas settan sorhȝcearigˇ, síðas wide. *a* 1330 *Sire Degarre* 425 Mani a jorne thai ride and sette. *c* 1375 *Cursor M.* 13668 (Fairf.) To ihesus þe way he sette.

†b. To lay (a ship's course). Also *absol.* Obs.

c 1485 *Digby Myst.* (1882) iii. 1723 Sett þer-with, yf we mown, for I wott itt is a havyn town. 1513 Douglas *Æneis* VII. v. 10 It is also cummyn to our eris, ȝe set ȝour cours ouer see thir mony ȝeiris. 1585 T. Washington tr. *Nichotay's Voy.* II. viii. 42 Setting our course east Northeast.

106. *intr.* (less freq. *refl.*) To proceed in a specified direction; to begin to move, start off, put out, set out. Now surviving (exc. *Sc.*) only in *set forth, forward, off, on*, etc. (see XII).

a 1000 *Boeth. Metr.* i. 4 Setton suðweardes sizeþeoda twa. 1052 *O. E. Chron.* (MS. C), Ða ȝeaxedon þæt lið þæt on Sandwic læg embe Godwines fare, setton þa æfter. *c* 1205 Lay. 27216 Setteð fleom after. *c* 1400 *Beryn* 1999 He set hym in ful purpose to his Shippis ward. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 1828 At Salame full sound þai set into hauyn. *Ibid.* 11109 Sadly ho sete, sewit hym agayne. 1568 C. W[atson] *Polybius* 62 b, Immediately to set towardes his ennimies. 1599 Shaks. *Hen. V*, II. Prol. 34 The King is set from London. 1632 Lithgow *Trav.* x. 440 From thence I set East-ward to Syragusa. 1637 Rutherford *Lett.* (1664) 342 To set up the brae to the King's city. 1697 Dryden *Æneid* VII. 508 The faithless Pirate soon will set to Sea. 1786 Burns *Halloween* xxi, While for the Barn she sets. 1808 Jamieson s. v., *I set*, or *set out, after him*; I pursued him.

107. *intr.* Of a current, wind: To take or have a (certain) direction or course.

14.. *Sailing Directions* (Hakl. Soc.) 11 At the Hedelonde the streme settith North West and Southest. 1595 Maynarde *Drake's Voy.* (Hakl. Soc.) 19 From hence..a great currante setts towards the estward. 1685 W. Hedges *Diary* (Hakl. Soc.) I. 181 The Current (which usually setts to the Northward at this time of the Year). *a* 1700 Evelyn *Diary* 15 Oct. 1644, Blowing very hard from land..it set so violently as rais'd..so great a sea. 1748 *Anson's Voy.* I. iv. 51 We found the tide to set S.S.E. and N.N.W. 1835 Syd. Smith in *Mem.* (1855) II. 362 When the wind sets that way. 1877 Huxley *Physiogr.* 174 The current which sets into the Gulf of Mexico. 1890 *Longman's Mag.* July 336 The prevalent winds set from the west.

b. Of the tide (cf. *set in*, 146 f).

1777–83 Lescallier *Voc. Termes Mar.* 64 The tide sets to the South. 1825 *Examiner* 30/1 There was a strong tide setting. 1853 M. Arnold *Sohrab & Rustum* 627 As the vast tide Of the bright rocking Ocean sets to shore At the full moon.

c. *fig.* and in fig. context: To have a direction, tendency, or hent.

1778 Earl Carlisle in Jesse *Selwyn & Contemp.* (1844) III. 340, I think I have strength of mind enough to stem the torrent, let it set against me with all its fury. 1842 Tennyson *Locksley Hall* 24 All the current of my being sets to thee. 1885 *Manch. Exam.* 16 Feb. 5/3 The current of popular fiction in this country has lately set strongly towards pure sensationalism. *Ibid.* 28 Sept. 5/3 The public opinion of the young men is setting against the practice. 1891 *Temple Bar* Nov. 309 Her ambition did not set in the direction indicated. 1893 *National Observer* 1 Apr. 490/1 The sleeve puffings reveal an artful under-garment, setting towards pink.

108. *trans.* To cause to pass into a certain place or from one place to another; to convey, transport (? orig. by water, cf. *set over*, 150 a). Now *rare*, the usual verb being *put*.

1375 Barbour *Bruce* xiv. 382 With four schippes that he had tane, He set thame our the Ban ilkane. *c* 1500 in Peacock *Stat. Cambr.* (1841) App. A. 37 The Bedyll shall sett the Masters of Gramer to the Fathers place. 1530 Palsgr. 715/1 Ferye man, what shal I gyve the to set me over the water? 1556 *Chron. Gr. Friars* (Camden) 36 The curet with all the parich and solempnite sette the osttes home with soleme procession. 1575 *Gamm. Gurton* IV. iii. 21, I set him soone inward. *a* 1578 Lindesay (Pitscottie) *Chron. Scot.* (S. T. S.) I. 394 To..sett certane bandis of men of weir to the bordouris. 1601 *Acc. Bk. W. Wray* in *Antiquary* XXXII. 80 A laye layde..for settynge soldyars into Ireland. 1615 W. Lawson *Country Housew. Garden* (1626) 2 Drifts of snow will set Deere, Hares, and Conies..ouer your wals. 1819 J. Hodgson in Raine *Mem.* (1857) I. 227 The price may pinch me for cash to set me home. 1856 Hawthorne *Engl. Notebks.* (1870) II. 53 We went back to the ferry, and, after being set across.., we drove back to Melrose.

†b. To put *a land, on land, ashore. Obs.*

1375 Barbour *Bruce* III. 425 Ane That rowyt thaim our deliuerly, And set thaim on the land all dry. *c* 1482 J. Kay tr. *Caoursin's Siege of Rhodes* (1870) P 11 Many of the Turkes that were sette a land by the brygge from the shippes. 1617 Moryson *Itin.* I. 47 The barke..set us on land neere the Towne. 1700 S. Parker *Homer in Nutshell* 6 You'll ferry o'r, And at the Pallace-stairs be set a'shoar.

intr. for *refl.* 1523 Ld. Berners *Froiss.* I. cxxi. 59 b, He counselled the kyng..to set a lande in Normandy.

c. To accompany or escort (a person) for part or all of the way he has to go. Chiefly *north. dial.*

1737 Bracken *Farriery Impr.* (1757) II. 99, I was setting my Patient a little on the Road. 1802 R. Anderson *Cumbld. Ball.* 34 And monie a time he's set me heame. 1889 M. E. Carter *Mrs. Severn* III. II. ix. 17 I've had a very happy day, and they set me to the stile. 1890 Hall Caine *Bondman* I. vii, I'll set you as far as Ballasalla.

†d. *To set home*: to bring to bear closely *upon*; to enforce, emphasize. *Obs.*

a 1656 Vines *Lord's Supper* (1677) 178 Setting home the sin and danger of it. 1678 Cudworth *Intell. Syst.* I. iv. 422 Which Argumentation is further set home by such Similitudes as these. 1757 Jon. Edwards *Orig. Sin* I. Wks. 1807 II. 97 To set home this awful truth upon their consciences.

109. Of a current, wind, etc.: To cause to move, carry along in a (certain) direction.

c 1450 *St. Cuthbert* (Surtees) 6792 Bot þai were lett, And fra þe se to land sett. *c* 1620 Z. Boyd *Zion's Flowers* (1855) 9 She plies that course her compasse sets her on. 1748 *Anson's Voy.* II. v. 180 There was a current which set us to the northward. 1819 Byron *Juan* II. ci, The current..Still set them onwards to the welcome shore. 1823 W. Scoresby *Jrnl.* 74 A breeze sprung up from the south-east, and set the ice so rapidly upon us. 1892 *Field* 6 Feb. 198/3 The current in a rapid usually 'sets' the canoe clear of rocks.

110. To propel (a boat or other craft) with a pole; to punt. Also *absol.*, to use a punt pole or setting pole; now *esp.* in punt-shooting, to move up *to* the fowl, to get within shooting distance (cf. *set up*, 154 pp).

c 1566 Southam in *Hakluyt's Voy.* (1599) I. 366 We departed from Ostroue in the morning before Sunne rising, rowing and setting vp the riuer 5. miles. 1705 tr. *Bosman's Guinea* 338 Those in the Boats are obliged to set 'em along by sticking their Pole in the Ground. 1725 De Foe *Voy. round World* (1840) 325 By the help of towing and setting as well as they could, they came to a flatter shore. 1765 J. Bartram *Jrnl.* 31 Dec., We rowed or set the battoe as far as she could swim. 1823 *Examiner* 719/1 At Shields, as a young keelman..was in the act of setting the keel to which he belonged, the pole slipped. 1859 Folkard *Wild-fowler* xxiv. 145 When 'setting' to birds side by side with other punters. 1882 Payne-Gallwey *Fowler Irel.* 468 When setting to fowl in this style of craft the shooter lies partly on his left side.

111. To direct or point (one's face, foot, etc.) *to, towards, for* a place.

1611, 1632 [see Face *sb.* 2 g]. *a* 1700 Evelyn *Diary* 30 Aug. 1654, I, with my wife, &c. set our faces towards home. *a* 1701

Maundrell *Journ. Jerus.* (1732) 14 That way the Musselmans are obliged to set their faces when they Pray. 1732 Law *Serious C.* iv. 65 With hearts always set towards Heaven. 1850 Tennyson *In Mem.* cii, I turn to go: my feet are set To leave the pleasant fields and farms. 1861 *Temple Bar* I. 394 It was time for him to set his face homewards. 1862 Collins *No Name* II. i. I. 279 The lonely figure of a woman..with her face set towards the westward view. 1885 *Field* 4 Apr. 426/2 As usual he [*sc.* the fox] set his head for Nosely. 1890 Miss I. D. Hardy *New Othello* i, They have set their faces for home.

b. To put (a person) *on the way* leading to a destination.

1678 Bunyan *Pilgr.* I. (1900) 24 By turning thee from the way in which I had set thee. *Ibid.* 46 He directed me to the Wicket-Gate..and so set me into the way that hath led me directly to this house. 1883 J. Gilmour *Mongols* xviii. 212 Your host comes out with you to set you on your way. 1891 Muriel M. Dowie *Girl in Karp.* xviii. 239 He knew the path and could set us on it.

** *Where a person (or thing) is put to perform a task or to act in a certain way.*

(☞ For phr. *set a work, at, in, on,* or *to work,* see Awork and Work.)

112. To put (a person) *to* a piece of work or a task.

c 1200 Ormin 4166 Þe sexe daȝhess sette God Hiss follc to þeȝȝre werrkess. 1522 *World & Child* 848 Folye met me..And vnto all synnes he set me. 1530 Palsgr. 715/1 To set every man to his taske. 1576 Gascoigne *Droonme of Doomes day* Wks. 1910 II. 349 To doe any y* most vyle or paynefull dewty they are set unto. 1695 J. Edwards *Author. O. & N. Test.* III. 487 The 70 seniors disagreed in their translation..and so were set to it again. 1836 B. Hall *Schloss Hainfeld* vi. 77 We set the children to their regular lessons. 1861 *Macm. Mag.* IV. 331/1 He was set to a work for which he had no stomach.

b. Const. inf. (occas. †gerund): To put (a person or agent) to the task of doing a certain thing, cause (him) to be so occupied.

Prov. *Set a thief to catch a thief.*

a 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 3634 Aaron bissop, oðere of ðat kin, Sette he hem for to seruen ðor-in. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 18563 And o mi knightes sum þai sett For to do his graf be gett. 1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) V. 311 Paschasius,..in þe peyne of purgatorie, was i-sette for to serve bathes. *c* 1450 in Aungier *Syon* (1840) 255 They schal be sette to say.. fyftene pater nostres. 1474 Caxton *Chesse* II. iv. 56 That men shold sette poure children to labouie in the felde. 1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 142 The free mason setteth his prentyse first longe tyme to lerne to hewe stones. 1599 B. Jonson *Ev. Man out of Hum.* I. i. (1600) D 2, Ile instantly set all my Hinds to thrashing Of a whole Reeke of corne. 1612 Brinsley *Lud. Lit.* 8 To set your children to begin to learne. 1712 Addison *Spect.* No. 435 ¶ 1 As one set to watch the Manners and Behaviour of my Countrymen. 1833 Ht. Martineau *Loom & Lugger* II. ii. 22 Nurse set us to ask my brother Robert. 1852 Thackeray *Esmond* II. vii, Baubles..for which men have been set to kill and quarrel ever since mankind began. 1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XX. 42/2 The twilight that sends the hens to roost sets the fox to prowl. 1890 *Sat. Rev.* 12 July 37/2 The naval operations our squadrons are set to perform.

c. *transf.* with a thing as obj.

1841 Helps *Ess., Pract. Wisd.* (1842) 6 By setting one evil thing to counteract another. 1871 R. Ellis *Catullus* lxiii. 18 Let a gong clash glad emotion, set a giddy fury to roam.

113. To direct (one's mind, intention, or will) *to* the consideration or performance of something. Now *rare.*

1340 Hampole *Pr. Consc.* 97 He þat til ille settes his wille. 1375 Barbour *Bruce* I. 11, I wald fayne set my will,..To put in wryt a suthfast story. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Pars. T.* 314 He that wolde sette his entente to thise thynges. 1423 Jas. I *Kingis Q.* xxxviii, Sen him to serue he myght set my corage? *c* 1450 Capgrave *Life St. Aug.* xiii, Þe loue of his hert is now only sette to serue God. 1513 Douglas *Æneis* v. xiii. 105 My desire was sett..all Troy for to doun bett. 1590 Spenser *F. Q.* II. x. 60 To which whiles absent he his mind did set. *a* 1668 Denham *Of Prudence* 133 Our hearts are only set..to be Rich or Great. 1671 Milton *P. R.* I. 202 All my mind was set Serious to learn and know. 1682 H. More *Expos. Dan.* 183 He..will set his mind to the taking of the more strongly fortified places. 1879 Guest *Lect. Hist. Eng.* xxiv. 236 He set his mind to govern his people well.

b. *refl.* To apply oneself *to* a piece of work, a task, or employment. Most often (and now always) const. inf.; also † to lay oneself out *for.*

a 1352 Minot *Poems* (ed. Hall) x. 20, I rede þat þou..sone set þe to schriue. *c* 1375 *Cursor M.* 17845 (Fairf.) A-twynne they sette hem to þat note. *c* 1450 *Mirk's Festial* 81 þay maden to take Mathy eftsones, and set hom to throw stonys at hym. 1456 Sir G. Haye *Law Arms* (S. T. S.) 37 That King sett him to have senȝeoury of all the Orient. 1500–20 Dunbar *Poems* xxix. 13 Quhen I sett me to sing or dance. 1611 Speed *Hist. Gt. Brit.* VI. li. § 5. 178 He set himselfe for their deliuerance. 1624 in *Lett. Lit. Men* (Camden) 131, I had set myselfe close to my worke. 1701 W. Wotton *Hist. Rome* 259 He set himself to redress the Abuses. 1845 Trench *Huls. Lect.* Ser. I. i. 9 They..will yet set themselves..to look for petty discrepancies. 1880 Meredith *Trag. Com.* v, She set herself to study it.

c. *intr.* in the same sense: const. *to* with sb. (pron.) or inf., or *to* or *a-* with gerund. (Cf. *set about,* 127 a.)

1456 Sir G. Haye *Law Arms* (S.T.S.) 90 Quhether I aw to defend my nychtbour in armys, and men wald sett to sla him. 1611 Cotgr. s.v. *Mettre,* If I vndertake it, if I set to it. 1641 Milton *Animadv.* ii. 18 Your Bishops have set as fair to doe it as they durst. 1668 H. More *Div. Dial.* III. xxix. I. 492 Two Asses..that set a-braying. 1705 tr. *Bosman's Guinea* 395 Most of them set to running before the Enemy appears. 1737 [S. Berington] *G. di Lucca's Mem.* (1738) 14 The Chief of the Inquisition..set to the Scrutiny of his Papers. 1803 Bedmoes *Hygëia* IX. 99 A young man.. reached a book from a shelf..and set to read. 1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* I. III. iii, He sets to denouncing Stockbrokerage. 1890 *Cornh. Mag.* June 643 The mother and daughters set to the making of beds. 1893 *Black & White* 29 July 124/2 Let us..set a-hunting once more for the philosopher's stone.

114. trans. *To set* (a person) *upon*: to put in the way of doing or performing, cause to be occupied with (something): often with implication of urging or impelling (cf. Put *v.*[1] 27). Also *refl.*

1435 *Contract Fotheringhay Ch.* (1841) 29 During all the sayd werke the seid Will. Horwode shall nether set mo nor fewer Free-Masons..thereupon. *c* 1475 *Rauf Coilȝear* 394 Ane man..That neuer wald set him on assay withoutin his assent. 1657 W. Rand tr. *Gassendi's Life Peiresc* I. 184 A..Historiographer, who was at that time set upon the same undertaking. 1690 Locke *Hum. Und.* II. xxi. § 29 Nothing setting us upon the change of state, or upon any new action, but some uneasiness. 1693 — *Educ.* § 94 Wks. 1714 III. 40 The Studies which he sets him upon. 1711 Addison *Spect.* No. 255 ¶ 8 This often sets him on empty Boasts and Ostentations of himself. 1825 *New Monthly Mag.* XVI. 406 [It] has set us upon an inquiry into the present state of religion. 1879 M. Pattison *Milton* vi. 75 This rude shock..set Usher upon a more careful examination.

b. Const. *on* (occas. † *in, to*) with gerund.

Obs. with reference to physical movement, e.g. *set on going, packing*: cf. d.

c 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* I. 366 Lond grauel anoon sette in worchinge. 1624 Bacon *Consid. War Spain* (1629) 5 This wheele set on going, did power a Warre vpon the Venetians. 1639 Fuller *Holy War* II. xli. (1640) 100 Suspicion giveth a passe-port to faith to set it on packing. 1690 Locke *Hum. Und.* III. vi. § 31 [It] sets them also upon making of one name, that may comprehend both Gold, and Silver. 1695 Dryden tr. *Dufresnoy's Art Paint.* 72 You will do well to ..set your self on designing after the Ancient Greeks. 1745 *Col. Rec. Pennsylv.* V. 27 The pernicious conduct of the French at Canada in setting their Indians on destroying the Inhabitants. 1763 Mills *Pract. Husb.* III. 156 If the ground be..not wet enough to set it on growing. 1832 *Examiner* 91/2 This address set him to dancing again. 1851 Keble *Occas. Papers* (1877) 242 Is not this a thought to set us on praying? 1859 Geo. Eliot *Adam Bede* xxvii, That he might..set him on persuading the Squire to consent. 1889 F. Pigot *Strangest Journ.* 188 It was perhaps this that set..Jem on stealing my own silver goblet.

c. Const. gerund with *a-* prefixed: in this const. and next, often, to put (a thing) in motion or progress, to start; esp. *to set (a-)going.*

1530 Palsgr. 712/1 Go set these glasses of rose water a sonnyng. 1600 J. Pory tr. *Leo's Africa* IX. 334 Whosoeuer listeth to drinke of it, must set it a cooling for the space of an hower. 1660 Boyle *New Exper. Phys. Mech.* xvii. 129 Which perhaps will set..You..a thinking. 1705 Cheyne *Philos. Princ.* I. v. (1715) 186 The Impulse of an Almighty Hand to set them first a-going. 1794 Gouy. Morris in Sparks *Life & Writ.* (1832) II. 440 Those who set the plan agoing. 1852 Thackeray *Esmond* I. xiv, Those cards set people sadly a-quarrelling. 1855 Bain *Senses & Int.* II. iv. § 27. 292 A morsel of food on the tongue sets a-going the movements of mastication. 1861 Thackeray *Four Georges* ii, The abbey bells are set a-ringing.

d. Const. simple gerund.

In early use † *to set packing,* etc., where in modern idiom *send* is used.

1577 Hanmer *Anc. Eccl. Hist.* 43 The..Gadarits set packing the stoutest of them. 1611 *Second Maiden's Trag.* 1653 One touch will set him flyinge. 1662 R. Mathew *Unl. Atch.* 26 Neither let him think that it [ague] will be set going with one violent potion. 1809 Malkin *Gil Blas* X. ix. (Rtldg.) 362 The good wines..were set running at a furious rate. 1832 Fa. A. Kemble *Rec. Girlhood* III. 176 Victor Hugo has set my mother raving. 1843 Dickens *Mart. Chuz.* xxxix, With reference to your duties, I can set you going. 1872 Calverley *Fly Leaves* (1884) 24 Half-a-bar sets several couple Waltzing in convenient spots.

¶ **e.** *To set gone*: to set going, send or let off.

c 1611 Chapman *Iliad* XV. 429 He..well might haue set gone A hundred arrowes. 1615 — *Odyss.* XIII. 121 The Rowers..set gone The Ship.

115. To cause to be busy *about.* Also *refl.* and *pass.* (For the corresponding *intr.* see 127.)

1622 Mabbe tr. *Aleman's Guzman d'Alf.* II. 131 Taking little sleepe when I had any thing to set my selfe about. 1693 Locke *Educ.* § 202 Wks. 1714 III. 93 The advantages propos'd from what they are set about. 1693 Dryden *Disc. Satire* Ess. 1900 II. 32 The archangel..sets her (Discord)..about her business. 1849 Helps *Friends in C.* II. i. (1854) I. 277 It set me..about thinking of Cicero's *De Senectute.* 1864 Miss Yonge *Trial* I. xiv. 289 Mr. Axworthy had exclaimed that if ever he wanted a thing to be done, he must set Ward about it.

*** *Where attack or opposition is the motive.*

116. To incite (a dog or other animal, also a person) to make an attack or pursuit: chiefly with preps. *at, on.* (Cf. *set on,* 148 c.)

c 1440 *Alphabet of Tales* 229 Hondis that & þai be set at any maner of beste, þai will kill it. 1560 Pilkington *Aggens* Cc vj, If a sheepe runne from hys felowes, the Shepeherde settes hys Dogge after it. 1695 A. Telfair *New Conjut. Sadd.* (1696) 6 When any one whistled for him [a dog] to set him on the Cattel. 1776 Earl Carlisle in Jesse *Selwyn & Contemp.* (1844) III. 137, I shall prevent this man from setting ruin like a bull-dog at her. 1840 Thackeray *Barber Cox* Oct., While young Tug set the dog at their heels. 1848 — *Van. Fair* xlvii, In setting the boys' tutor..on her Ladyship's director, Father Mole. *Ibid.* li, Once or twice they set people at her, but they failed. 1889 Doyle *Micah Clarke* x, They set dogs on us as though we were rats.

b. To encourage (an animal) to perform some evolution or feat; to pit (fighting cocks).

a 1586 Sidney *Arcadia* III. (Sommer) 288 They,..making their horses answer their hands, with a gentle galop, set the one toward the other. 1688 Holme *Armoury* II. 253/1 In Setting of a Cock, none are to be up on the clod but the 2 Seeters [*sic*]...When the Cocks are set Beak to Beak in the middle of the clod,..if the set Cock do not strike in counting of 20, and six times 10, and 20 after all; then the Battle is lost. *Ibid.,* The Cock is to be set, and they are to fight it out. 1884 *Western Daily Press* 16 Apr. 7/2 A well-known Kentish amateur..decided to 'set' his own birds. 1890 F. Barrett *Betw. Life & Death* II. xix. 38 She would set her horse at anything.

117. To place in a position of hostility or opposition; to cause to be hostile or antagonistic; to pit (one) *against* (another). Phr. *To set* (a person) *against,* to cause him to have an antipathy for.

To set one's face against: see Face *sb.* 2 g.

1297 R. Glouc. (Rolls) 9375 Vor setteþ him one hardeliche aȝen an hondred to wende. *a* 1340 Hampole *Psalter* xxvi. 5 If castels be set agaynes me my hert shal not drede. *c* 1420 in *26 Pol. Poems* 108 Why settyst þou þy herte aȝen resoun? 1576 Gascoigne *Droonme of Doomes day* Wks. 1910 II. 308 To set our owne wicked wills directly against his most holy will. 1680 H. More *Apocal. Apoc.* 261 He wonders that any man should set his wit against it. 1727 Boyer *Dict. Royal* II. s.v., Why would ye set such a man against ye? 1827 Scott *Surg. Dau.* ix, Set a brave spirit, then, against your fortune. 1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* II. II. iv, Man has been set against man. 1879 Miss Yonge *Cameos* Ser. IV. v. 62 Henry VIII tried to set François against it. 1884 *Manch. Exam.* 25 June 5/2 The story..set people against a useful article of fish food. 1892 Fenn *Mahmie Nousie* II. iii. 54 You have been setting her against me.

b. Const. *to, at.*

a 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 1316 (Dubl.) A sege by hym-self sett to a hundreth. 1595 Shaks. *John* III. i. 264 So mak'st thou faith an enemy to faith, And like a ciuill warr setst oath to oath. 1596 Nashe *Saffron Walden* Wks. 1910 III. 75 Were there a thousand more of them and they should set their wit to his. 1606 Shaks. *Tr. & Cr.* II. i. 94 Will you set your wit to a Fooles? 1822 Lamb *Elia* I. *On some of the old Actors,* I have seen some Olivias..who..have seemed to set their wits at the jester. 1871 R. Ellis *Catullus* lxvi. 20 Whiles her bridegroom bold set to the battle a face.

c. *refl.* and *pass.* To be hostile or antagonistic.

c 1482 in *Cal. Proc. Chanc. Q. Eliz.* II. (1830) Pref. 70 Whoos lordship and ladyship..is so hevely sette ayene the said suppliant. 1535 Coverdale *Ezek.* xxiv. 2 When the kynge of Babilon set himiself agaynst Ierusalem. *c* 1640 H. Bell *Luther's Collog. Mens.* (1652) 303 The Cardinals would yield to no Reformation, but set themselvs against it. 1676 Hobbes *Iliad* I. 107 With a mind against me set. 1727 Gay *Begg. Op.* I. xiii, My Papa and Mama are set against thy life. 1889 Jessopp *Coming of Friars* iii. 158 The Cistercians..at first set themselves against the wholesale pillage of the parochial clergy. 1889 Gissing *Nether World* iii, She only gets more and more set against me.

d. *intr.* To make an attack: see *set against* 128 a, *set at* 129, *set on, upon,* 131, 132 a.

X. Senses which appear to have arisen by reversal of construction or by an ellipsis.

†**118.** To people or garrison (a place) *with.*

971 *Blickl. Hom.* 121 Hie wiston þæt heora eþel þær on heofenum sceolde eft ȝehuen & ȝeseted weorþan mid halȝum sawlum. *a* 1122 *O.E. Chron.* (Laud MS.) an. 964, Her dræfde Eadgar cyng þa preostas on Ceastre of Ealdanmynstre,.. & of Middeltune & sette hy mid munecan. *c* 1205 Lay. 13337 And setten þine castles mid kene monnen.

b. To beset (a place) for the purpose of intercepting or capturing a person.

a 1425 *Cursor M.* 19717 (Trin.) Ofte þe toun for him þei set And saul wist þat he was þret. *c* 1470 Henry *Wallace* IV. 56 And tauld how thai the way for his man sett. 1525 *Sc. Acts Jas. V* (1814) II. 298 Setting þe gait Laying wachis. 1535 Stewart *Cron. Scot.* I. 123 With mony spy [he] Gart sett the wod. *a* 1593 Marlowe *Mass. Paris* 332 That they which haue already set the street May know their watchword.

119. To plant (ground) *with* 'sets' or (young) trees; formerly often with *about.* (Cf. 12.)

To be set with = to have growing upon it, to be overgrown with.

c 1290 *S. Eng. Leg.* 239/695 Þicke it was i-set wiþ treon. 1340 *Ayenb.* 95 God zette paradys erþlich uol of guode trawes. 1398 Trevisa *Barth. De P. R.* XIII. iv. (1495) 443 Ampnis is a ryuer arayed and sett wyth woodes. *c* 1450 *St. Cuthbert* (Surtees) 3862 þat fosse whare þe water was ȝett It is aboute with trees sett. *a* 1500 *Flower & Leaf* 56 The hegge ..With sicamour was set and eglatere. *c* 1590 Marlowe *Faustus* (1631) D, The Riuer Maine..Whose bankes are set with groues of fruitfull Uines. *a* 1700 Evelyn *Diary* 27 Sept. 1644 The Pall Mall is sett with faire trees. *Ibid.* Apr. 1646, Several..walks all set about with orange..trees. 1757 Mrs. Griffith *Lett. Henry & Frances* (1767) I. 196, I have set the last acre of Belmont since I came down. 1852 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* XIII. II. 417 The whole 3 acres were ploughed and set with beans. 1855 Tennyson *Brook* v, Many a fairy foreland set With willow-weed and mallow. 1891 M. Muriel Dowie *Girl in Karp.* xiii. 163 A grassy clearing, set with whortleberries.

120. To ornament (metal or other surface) by inlaying or encrusting it with stones or gems.

c 1370 *Robt. Cicyle* 57 (Camb. MS.) Alle was set with perrye. *a* 1375 *Joseph Arim.* 290 Sencers..set wiþ riche stones. 1432 *Rec. St. Mary at Hill* (1904) 27 A myter of cloth of gold set with stones. 1572–3 in Nichols *Progr. Eliz.* (1823) I. 324 One ring of golde sett with diamondes lozengye. 1681 Flavel *Meth. Grace* xxxiv. 575 A sword that hath an hilt of gold, set thick with diamonds. *a* 1700 Evelyn *Diary* 7 Sept. 1651 Whose belt was set with pearle. 1795 *Gentl. Mag.* 607/1 A superb watch, set with brilliants.

b. To surround (a large stone) *with* a mount of small stones; to mount (an object) *in* a particular metal. ? *Obs.*

1506 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* III. 246 Ane mergreit set with stanes. 1705 Evelyn *Diary* 5 Feb., He had a most rich George in a Sardonyx set with diamonds. 1726 Swift *Gulliver* II. viii, I got it [a maid of honour's corn]

hollowed into a cup and set in silver. 1727 GAY *Begg. Op.* i. vi, And this snuff-box...Set in gold!

121. *pass.* To be studded, dotted, lined, etc. *with* a number of objects; *occas.* †to be adorned or trimmed *with*. *To be set about* (arch.) or *round with*, to be surrounded or encircled with, to have a circle of.

1382 WYCLIF *Song Sol.* vii. 2 As an hep of whete, set aboute with lilies. *a* 1400 *Parlt.* 3 *Ages* 31 And he assommet and sett of vi and of fyve. *c* 1400 *Anturs of Arth.* (Camden) x. In clething vn-clere Was sette aure [*Thornton MS.* Cerkelytt] with serpentes, that sate to the sidus. 1474 CAXTON *Chesse* III. ii. 90 Enuyrouned and set aboute wyth gardes & wacchemen. 1486 *Bk. St. Albans, Her.* b iv, Quadrat is calde in armys whan the felde is set with sum tokyn of armys. 1585 T. WASHINGTON tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* II. xviii. 51 b, A very fayre fountaine, set about with diuers faire cypres trees. *Ibid.* xxii. 60 b, A rich pauillion of..satten set with gold and siluer. 1597 GERARDE *Herbal* I. v. 6 A brownish stalke..set with long sharpe leaues. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* VI. 755 As with Starrs thir bodies all And Wings were set with Eyes. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 15 Feb. 1645, An admirable picture..set about with columns of alabaster. *Ibid.* 29 May 1660, The windowes and balconies well set with ladies. 1712 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 383 ¶ 4 How thick the City was set with Churches. 1810 SCOTT *Lady of L.* I. xi, Fantastically set With cupola or minaret. 1889 M. E. CARTER *Mrs. Severn* III. iii. viii. 205 The serene sky was set with stars. 1889 DOYLE *Micah Clarke* xxiv, A small ante-chamber, set round with velvet settees.

b. *rare* in the corresponding active use.

c 1386 CHAUCER *Clerk's T.* 382 A corone on hire heed they han ydressed And sette hire ful of Nowches. 1882 *Century Mag.* XXIV. 398/1 Winter had set them [the summits of the mountain] with snowy castles.

122. †**a.** To beset or besiege (a place or a person): esp. with *about*. *Obs.*

c 1400 *Rom. Rose* 7342 They..set the castel al aboute. *c* 1425 WYNTOUN *Cron.* VIII. xxxi. 5408 He was set harde. *c* 1430 *Syr Tryam.* 1307 We here be sett alle abowte. 1530 PALSGR. 715/1, I set rounde aboute, as a man is with his enemyes, or a beest with hunters.

b. *fig.* esp. in pass. phr. *to be hard set*, †*ill set*, to be in great straits or hard put to it.

1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) VII. 473 Þe kyng..was hard i-sette wiþ tempest in þe see. *c* 1475 *Rauf Coilȝear* 449, I sall hald that I haue hecht, bot I be hard set. *c* 1560 A. SCOTT *Poems* xx. 20 Lufe, Quhilk now setts the so sair. 1653 H. MORE *Antid. Ath.* III. ix *heading*, How hard set the Atheist will be for a subterfuge against this story. 1673 O. HEYWOOD *Diaries* (1883) III. 204 They were ill set to liue. 1737 BRACKEN *Farriery Impr.* (1756) I. 254 The poor Creature is very hard set to drive his Water from him. 1891 *Temple Bar* Dec. 514 He..was hard set to restrain himself in his desire.

123. Of a hunting dog: To mark the position of (game) by stopping dead and pointing the muzzle towards it. (Cf. SETTER *sb.*[1] II.)

1621 MARKHAM *Hungers Prevention* 255 If..you chaunce to see your dogge to make a sudden stop..you shall then presently make into him (for he hath set the Partridge). *a* 1674 CLARENDON *Hist. Reb.* XIV. § 76 To see a dog set partridge. 1727 BOYER *Dict. Royal* I. s.v. *Arrester*, To set Quails, or Partridges, as a setting Dog does. 1892 *Field* 7 May 666/3, I remember once having a young setter dog out with me, when he set a partridge on her nest.

b. *transf.* and *fig.*

1675 J. SMITH *Chr. Relig.* App. I. 23 Vet for all this Tully sets this Royal Game [Varro]. 1781 JOHNSON in *Boswell*, Have I said any thing against Mr.****? You have set him, that I might shoot him: but I have not shot him. 1825 T. HOOK *Sayings* Ser. II. *Sutherl.* I. 5 My reader may perchance have seen a cat *set* a mouse. 1888 *Times* 16 Oct. 10/5 The puppy was..encouraged forward on my trail..and 'set' me without a fault.

c. *intr.* To set game. †Also formerly (of persons), *to go setting*, to hunt with a setter.

To set dead, to make a dead set: see SET *sb.*[1] 10 f.

1775 JOHNSON *Tax. no Tyr.* 12 His dog may refuse to set. 1841 H. MILLER *Old Red Sandst.* iii. (1887) 66 The puppy of the setting-dog squats down and sets untaught. 1892 *Field* 23 July 124/1 He..steals along a few paces, and then sets rigidly, just as an old grey hen flushes. 1897 *Badm. Mag.* Apr. 456 The mother, twenty yards off, backs her point and sets dead.

†**d.** Of persons, *To go a-setting*: see SETTING *vbl. sb.* 1 c (*b*).

124. *Naut.* To take the bearings of (an object).

1626 Capt. SMITH *Accid. Yng. Seamen* 18 Set him by the Compasse. 1627 — *Seaman's Grám.* ix. 38 Set the land, how it beares by the Compasse. 1694 MOTTEUX *Rabelais* v. x, We weigh'd Anchor, hois'd up Sail, stow'd the Boats, set the Land, and stood for the Offing. 1769 FALCONER *Dict. Marine* (1780) *Setting*, We set the Tower of Arabia near the port of Alexandria. 1808 ASHE *Trav.* I. 25 Having set the house with a pocket-compass. 1863 HARBORD *Gloss. Navig.* s.v. 1867 SMYTH *Sailor's Word-bk.*, *Set the chase*, to mark well the position of the vessel chased by bearing.

†**b.** To sight or 'make' (land, a vessel). *Obs.*

1632 LITHGOW *Trav.* VII. 328 When they set land, Some this, some that, doe gesse, this Hill, that Cape.

125. To mark down as prey, fix on as a victim, make a set at; to watch for the purpose of apprehending or robbing. *slang.* (Cf. SETTER *sb.*[1] 7 a.)

1670 *Mem. Du Vall* 8 He, with his Squadron, overtakes a Coach which they had set over night. 1692 SPRAT *Relat. Contriv. Blackhead & Young* I. 50 He might come to Rob, or to Set the House. 1727 GAY *Begg. Op.* III. ii. (1776) 43 There will be deep play to-night at Marybone,..I'll give you the hint who is worth setting. 1732 *Tricks of Town* 11 The Dogs that belong to private Families and Shopkeepers, the proper time for setting them is generally soon after Seven in the Morning. 1800 in *Cornwallis Corr.* (1859) III. 320 The person who procured for me all the intelligence respecting Lord Edward Fitzgerald, and got —— to set him. 1890 *Melbourne Argus* 2 July 8/3 Two of the fraternity 'setting' a young man..and endeavouring to win the gold for which he had laboured.

†**126.** *Sc. Law.* To reject, set aside. *Obs.*

1678 Sir G. MACKENZIE *Crim. Laws Scot.* II. xxiii. § 6 (1699) 250 Thus an assizer was set..because he was not twenty-five Years of age. *Ibid.* xxvi. § 2. 265 To object against a witness in our Law, is called to cast a witness, or to set him.

XI. With prepositions in specialized senses (intransitive).

127. Set about —.

a. To begin working at, take in hand, begin upon.

1601 [see A. 1 γ]. 1611 *Second Maiden's Trag.* (Malone Soc.) 1182 He will weigh the work he vndertakes, and sett about it een in the best sobrietie of his Iudgem[en]t. 1637 RUTHERFORD *Lett.* (1664) 189, I purpose God willing to set about Hosea & to try if I can get it to the presse here. 1707 SHAFTESB. *Let. Enthusiasm* (1708) 8 Men..are wonderfully happy in a Faculty of deceiving themselves, whenever they set heartily about it. 1784 *New Spect.* No. I. 6 My friend sat about it with great diligence. 1818 SCOTT *Br. Lamm.* xxvi, Let every man and woman here set about their ain business. 1865 RUSKIN *Sesame* i. § 2 This essential education might be more easily got..if they set about it in the right way. 1889 DOYLE *Micah Clarke* xxx, We had best set about our part of the contract.

(*b*) *const. inf.*

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 1580 Þe scham, þe sin þat þan was vte At tell war lang to sett aboute [*Gött.* sitt aboute, *Fairf.* syte a-bout]. 1736 LEDIARD *Life of Marlborough* I. 147 The Queen set about to form Her Ministry. 1840 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* I. iv. 404 He sets about to clean his land in good earnest. 1889 'M. GRAY' *Repr. Annesley* I. i. iv. 94 He scrambled to his feet, and set about to console himself.

(*c*) *const. gerund.*

1749 CHESTERF. *Let. to Son* 24 Nov., I..will set about doing the orders contained therein. *a* 1774 GOLDSM. tr. *Scarron's Com. Romance* (1775) II. 172 Don Sancho's servant ..immediately sat about enquiring into Dorothea's conduct. 1865 GLADSTONE *Gleanings* vii. (1879) 34, I will set about explaining what I mean. 1890 TOUT *Hist. Eng. from 1689*, 173 Peel..set about forming a new party.

b. To set upon, attack. *colloq.*

1879 HORSLEY *Jottings from Jail* (1887) 5 This got to my father's ears; when I went home he set about me with a strap until he was tired. 1906 *Daily Chron.* 22 May 3/3 It is always well to name the antagonist whom you are setting about.

128. Set against —.

†**a.** To make an attack upon, be hostile to. *Obs.*

c 1330 *Arth. & Merl.* 4874 Þis paiens..oȝains þis children set. *a* 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 2082, I my-selfe with a sowme set þaim agayns. 1542 UDALL *Erasm. Apoph.* 333 He spared not to sette against Philippus w[t] moste vehemente oracions. 1590 SHAKS. *Mids. N.* III. ii. 146. 1611 BIBLE *Ezek.* xix. 8 The nations set against him on euery side. 1685 BAXTER *Paraphr. N. T.* Mark vii. 9 You think it very well done, to set against Godliness and God's own Laws.

b. To compensate, balance.

1832 HT. MARTINEAU *Homes Abroad* vii. 104 Such a fright as we have had will set against a great deal of the good.

c. To move in a direction opposed to.

1859 TH. PARKER *Exper. as Minister* Wks. 1865 XII. 318 Public opinion, now setting against this beastly vice. 1889 C. LARKING *With Everything agst. her* III. xi. 245 On the last day luck set dead against her.

129. Set at —. To assail, attack. (Cf. 127 b, 128 a, 131, 132 a.)

c 1430 *Pilgr. Lyf Manhode* I. xliii. (1869) 26 Ne were ye so gret a ladi, ye shulde right soone haue þe werre, and at yow I wolde sette. *a* 1548 HALL *Chron., Hen. VIII*, 49 b, They were prively sett at and in many jeopardies. 1849 *Tait's Mag.* XVI. 262/1 He sets at the church..and he deals it..strong advice and comment. 1877 MISS VONGE *Cameos* Ser. III. xxxvi. 391, I would go, although as many devils should set at me as there are tiles on the housetops.

Set by —: see 91 c.

130. Set into —. †**a.** To enter or embark upon.

1591 SAVILE *Tacitus, Agricola* (1622) 188 Boldnesse to challenge and set into dangers. 1605 BACON *Adv. Learn.* II. To the King § 12 When Schollars come to the practises of professions, or other actions of ciuill life, which when they set into (etc.).

b. To get into (a certain condition).

1825 HONE *Every-day Bk.* I. 292, I begin..setting into wind to follow the foxhounds in November.

131. Set on —. = 132.

c 1290 *S. Eng. Leg.* 16/530 A cristine man sone he mette,..and on him faste he sette. *c* 1450 *Brut* II. 434 He set sore on the Frensshe men. 1470–85 MALORY *Arthur* II. x. 87 Syr said a knyght set on arthur for they are wery and forfoughten. *a* 1548 HALL *Chron., Hen. VI*, 136 The Frenchemen, beyng sodainly surprised and set on. 1628 EARLE *Microcosm.* xl. (Arb.) 61 He..sets boldly on good natures, as the most vanquishable. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 20 Apr. 1644, The company behind us were set on by rogues. 1820 SCORESBY *Acc. Arctic Reg.* II. 447 With despair pictured in every face, the crew set on the pumps. 1892 *Sat. Rev.* 13 Aug. 185/2 If you see a man set on by robbers.

Set to —: see 14 b, 103, 113 c.

132. Set upon —.

a. To attack, assail, fall violently upon.

1390 GOWER *Conf.* III. 247 The lordes alle upon him sette With drawe swerdes. 1525 in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. II. I. 300 Wheere the Emperors thought to have set upon them being encamped, they founde them in array and goode ordre. 1530 PALSGR. 716/1 They dyd sette upon me foure to one. 1562 in *Archæologia* XLVII. 230 His maister..meteth whithe theeves..And ys sett vpon by them. 1631 GOUGE *God's Arrows* I. § 60. 100 David..set upon a Beare at one time, and on a Lion at another, and slew them both. 1663 PEPYS *Diary* 11 May, I was set upon by a great dogg, who got hold of my garters. 1722 *St. James's Even. Post* 14–16 June 2/1 A young Man was set upon by three Rogues..and robb'd of Bills and Money. 1848 DICKENS *Dombey* xliii, Wounded, hunted, set upon by dogs. 1879 GUEST *Lect. Hist. Eng.* xii. 109 The Danes came against them and set upon them again and again.

(*b*) *in immaterial sense.*

1639 DU VERGER tr. *Camus' Admir. Events* 205 Of all brags the foolishest is, that which sets upon the reputation of a weake sex. 1690 LOCKE *Govt.* I. xi. § 118 However sin might set upon him. 1711 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 16 ¶ 3 If I attack the Vicious, I shall only set upon them in a Body. 1875 JOWETT *Plato* (ed. 2) I. 356 This is the reason why my three accusers..have set upon me.

b. To urge strongly, importune. *rare.*

1652 EARL MONM. tr. *Bentivoglio's Hist. Relat.* 158 The Princesse was secretly set upon in private to suffer herself to bee conveyed away. *a* 1715 BURNET *Own Time* (1724) I. 236 The best of the Episcopal Clergy set upon the Bishops, to lay hold on this opportunity. 1883 [G. N. BANKES] *Cambr. Staircase* vi 95 Milstead again set upon Oxden for his story.

†**c.** = *set about*, 127 a. *Obs.*

1555 WATREMAN *Fardle of Facions* II. xii. 300 It behoued them to sende for the Bishoppe, to hallowe the firste corner stone...And then might the Masons sette vpon the reste, but not afore. 1648 GAGE *West Ind.* 146 It was my fortune to set upon a hard and difficult building in a Church of Mixco. 1681 R. L'ESTRANGE *Tully's Offices* 69 Him that sets upon Building. 1709 STRYPE *Ann. Ref.* I. xxiii. 234 The Dean..exciting them with all his Rhetorick, to set upon the Reparation of it. 1793 SMEATON *Edystone L.* § 103 To level the Sugar-Loaf..would..be a serious work; as it never could be set upon except when the sea was remarkably still.

d. *Naut.* To haul or pull upon.

1793 SMEATON *Edystone L.* 196 This tackle being a little slacked,..and then set upon. *Ibid.* 197 The rope..being then set upon by the main tackle.

XII. With adverbs in specialized senses.

133. Set about. To circulate, spread about (a statement, report). Now chiefly *north. dial.*

a 1715 BURNET *Own Time* (1724) I. 168 Many discourses were set about upon this occasion. 1890 *Sat. Rev.* 4 Oct. 385/1 Alarming reports have been set about as to the imminence of serious trouble.

134. Set abroach. *arch.*

a. To broach (a cask, liquor).

1390 GOWER *Conf.* II. 183 Riht as who sette a tonne abroche. *c* 1460 [see A. 1 b]. 1697, 1855 [see ABROACH 1]. *fig.* 14.. LYDG. *Chron. Troy* IV. 2464 (Digby MS.) He..gan approche & wiþ his swerd to sette a broche..þe Grekys hatful blood. 1605 CHAPMAN *All Fools* II. i, My Purse set a broch By euerie cheating come you seauen? 1763 C. JOHNSTON *Reverie* I. p. iv, He had drunk of his wine, which now began to warm his heart, and set all his secrets abroach.

b. To set on foot, set going, give currency or publicity to.

c 1475 *Mankind* 572 in *Macro Plays* 21 Ther xall be sett a-broche a clerycall mater. 1545 ASCHAM *Toxoph.* I. Wks. (1904) 26 Than euery one of them setteth his shiftes abroche. 1579 GOSSON *Sch. Abuse* (Arb.) 32 There set they abroche straunge consortes of melody. 1638, 1835 [see ABROACH 2]. 1702 *Engl. Theophrastus* 324 A studied and a laborious forecast toward the setting of a humour abroach.

†**135. Set abroad.** *Obs.*

a. To spread abroad, spread wide.

1526 TINDALE *Matt.* xxiii. 5 They set abroade there philateries, and make large borders on there garmenttes.

b. To publish (a treatise); to circulate (a report); to disseminate (a disease); to set (a matter) on foot.

1555 BRADFORD in Strype *Eccl. Mem.* (1721) III. App. 127 Thoughe yt be never so daungerous to me to sett this lyttell Treatys abroad. 1584 COGAN *Haven Health* ccxliii. 265 The plague..was set abroade in the towne through buying..bedding..infected. 1588 SHAKS. *Tit. A.* I. i. 192 And set abroad new businesse for you all. 1687 MIEGE *Gt. Fr. Dict.* II, To set a Story abroad. 1759 SARAH FIELDING *C'tess of Dellwyn* I. 257 Ingeniously set it abroad that a Fire had happened.

†**136. Set adown.** = *set down*. *Obs.*

c 1205 LAY. 19686 We weoren..for gode men iholden a þat Sæxisce men setten us a-dune. 13.. *Coer de Lion* 2142 The steward on knees him set adown. *c* 1350 *Will. Palerne* 2459 þanne as hliue þat barn þe best a-doun sette. *c* 1385 CHAUCER *L. G. W.* 226 Vp-on the..gras They settyn hem ful softely adoun. 1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) V. 107 And I..deme þat I be disposed and i-sette adoun.

137. Set afloat († **on float**). *arch.*

a. To launch, float (*lit.* and *fig.*).

1559 *Mirr. Mag., Cade* xi. 1 See here how fortune setting vs a flote, Brought to our nets a portion of our pray. 1575 GASCOIGNE *Glasse of Govt.* Wks. 1910 II. 62, I trust maister Philosarchus fees will be sufficient to set both thee and me a floate. 1785 BOSWELL *Tour Hebrides* (1897) 537, I got our common friends there to assist in setting him afloat. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* I. II. v, Wondrous leather-roofed Floating-batteries, set afloat by French-Spanish *Pacte de Famille*.

b. To bring to the surface (as the dregs of a liquid); hence *fig.* to set (*esp.* something bad) in motion, set agog, stir up, make active.

1586 [see AFLOAT 8]. 1662 CHARLETON *Myst. Vintners* (1675) 191 Seeing all Unsavouriness of Wines whatever seems to proceed from their impurities set afloat. 1724 WARBURTON *Tracts* (1789) 4 Ill Qualities,..when indiscreetly set on Float become fatal on the Constitution. 1749 [see FLOAT *sb.* 4]. 1809 MALKIN *Gil Blas* IX. x. (Rtldg.) 332 Hold your hand.. exclaimed I...You must not set my avarice afloat again.

†**c.** To flood (land). *Obs.*

1692 RAY *Disc.* II. ii. (1693) 74 So much Water..as..caused a considerable Flood.., setting all the Meadows on flote.

†**d.** To cause to become unsettled, 'carry away'.

a 1713 ELLWOOD *Hist. Life* (1714) 320 [Their] Applause setting his Head afloat, he came up to London.

138. Set apart.

†**a.** To lay aside, put on one side. *Obs.*

1530 PALSGR. 711/1 You may sette this a parte for a whyle, for we shall nat occupye it.

† b. To get rid of, do away with. *Obs.*

1455 *Rolls of Parlt.* V. 279/2 To..purvey for restfull..reule in Wales, and to sette aparte such riottes and disobeisaunces as have be there. 1475 *Ibid.* VI. 143/2 That the said blessed intent,..and last Will..be not..fordoon and sett a parte.

† c. To dismiss from one's consideration; to put out of one's mind; to cease to entertain, put aside, discontinue. *Obs.*

1471 CAXTON *Recuyell* (Sommer) 676 They..sette aparte all dangers and paryllis. 1515 *Sel. Cases Star Chamb.* (Selden) II. 103 To set aparte all suche neue besynes as that thenne they hadde begonne. 1565 J. PHILLIP *Patient Grissell* (Malone Soc.) 1581 Be frollicke and ioyfull, set sorowes aparte. 1609 HOLLAND *Amm. Marcell.* xx. vii. 152 Sequestring and setting apart his anger for that time. *a* 1641 SPELMAN *Hist. Sacrilege* (1698) 144 They all set all other Business a-part.

(*b*) *in absolute ppl. phr.*

1471 CAXTON *Recuyell* (Sommer) 146 That thou retorne in to the mercy of thy fader..alle excusacions set a part. 1508 FISHER 7 *Penit. Ps.* vi. Wks. (1876) 5 Set aparte the goodnes and gentylnes of almyghty god. 1560 DAUS tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* 14 b, He would..all delaye sette a parte, repaire into Germany. 1595 SHAKS. *John* III. i. 159 All reuerence set apart To him and his vsurp'd authoritie. 1636 HEYWOOD *Challenge Beautie* I. Wks. 1874 V. 11 To parallel the Queene in beauty and vertue?..Which he may easily doe, her Prerogative of birth set apart.

d. To separate for a special purpose; to devote to some use. 1604–1853 [see APART 6].

139. Set aside (†**on side**). a. See simple physical senses and ASIDE *adv.* 1, 2, 3; to put on one side.

1412–20 LYDG. *Chron. Troy* II. 2696 Make þi chayse..Whan euery drogge & pot is set a-syde. *c* 1430 *Art of Nombryng* (E.E.T.S.) 10 Write a cifre in the place of the figure sette a-side. 1530 PALSGR. 711/2 Set this asyde, tyll I call for it. 1598 DELONEY *Jacke of Newberie* Wks. (1912) 16 Set your link aside, and giue mee your hand. 1611 COTGR., *Remonvoir*, to remoue, retire, withdraw, set aside, put away. 1614 GORGES *Lucan* VIII. 343 His Roman pile was set aside. 1697 [see ASIDE A. 3].

† b. To discontinue the performance or practice of; also, to discard the intention of doing (something). *Obs.*

1426 LYDG. *De Guil. Pilgr.* 22458 Late lordes..Sette asyde alle flatterye! *c* 1440 — *Hors, Shepe & G.* 90 Lett alle werr and stryffe be sett A-syde. 1528 ROY *Rede me* I. (Arb.) 65 Sett thy busynes a whyle a side, And lett vs have fyrst a songe. 1530 PALSGR. 711/2 The kynge wyll, all other thynges set asyde, that you examyne this mannes mater. 1590 SHAKS. *Mids. N.* IV. i. 188 Our purpos'd hunting shall be set aside. 1697 DRYDEN *Æneid* VIII. 584 Set your Tasks aside.

† c. ? To repulse. *Obs.*

c 1500 *World & Child* 294 To set our enemy sharpely on-syde.

d. To dismiss from one's mind, abandon the consideration of.

c 1407 LYDG. *Reason & Sens.* 3189 And al they mente in honest wyse, Vnleful lust was set a-syde. 1540 PALSGR. *Acolastus* II. ii. K ij, Settynge care and thought a syde. 1562 *Aberd. Kirk Sess. Rec.* (Spalding Club) 4 All vder excusatioun set asyde. 1567 HARMAN *Caveat* Epist. (1869) 21 Settinge asyde all feare. 1593 SHAKS. 3 *Hen. VI*, III. iii. 119 All dissembling set aside, Tell me for truth, the measure of his Loue. 1710 WYCHERLEY *Let. to Pope* 1 Apr., Yet..set raillery or compliment aside, I can bear your absence..better than I can your company when you are in pain. 1821 SCOTT *Kenilw.* xxiii, To make her lady's safety the principal object of her care, setting all other considerations aside.

const. inf. *c* 1572 GASCOIGNE *Posies, Fruites of Warre* xl, I set aside to tell the restlesse toyle The mangled corps.

(*b*) In imper. or ppl. const.: Excluding, excepting, except for, apart from.

1610 HOLLAND *Camden's Brit.* I. 567, I saw Solyhill: but in it, setting a side the Church, there is nothing worth sight. 1652 EARL MONM. tr. *Bentivoglio's Hist. Relat.* 55 And set wine aside..they abound in all things necessary for human life. 1657 — tr. *Paruta's Pol. Disc.* 107 But set this respect aside, to live out of a mans Countrie, hath no resemblance of evil. 1760 *Inipostors Detected* III. xi. II. 123 He was a very good kind of a man, setting aside his figure. 1883 EMILY LAWLESS *Millionaire's Cousin* iv. 95 Setting aside this, all inequality so far as I can see ceases.

† (*c*) In ppl. const.: Not taking account of, let alone. *Obs.*

1753 L. M. *Accomplished Woman* I. 61, I think, that setting aside scandal, it were enough to escape their [men's] censure. 1785 *Liberal Amer.* I. 63, I flattered myself that the sight of a country..which is certainly beautiful, setting aside the charm of novelty, would have amused her.

e. To reject or throw over as being of no value, cogency, or pertinence; to overrule.

1594 WEST *2nd Pt. Symbol., Chancerie* § 22 Equitie..setting on side the common rules of the law. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 18 May 1688, Such a dispensing power as might..set aside all Laws. 1762–71 H. WALPOLE *Vertue's Aneed. Paint.* (1786) III. 57 [He] was brought to set aside his evidence. 1870–2 LIDDON *Elem. Relig.* iv. § i. (1904) 133 The existence of moral evil is too patent..a subject, to be permanently set aside by human beings. 1874 STUBBS *Const. Hist.* I. vi. 135 The rule of hereditary succession was..set aside. 1885 R. BRIDGES *Nero* III. i. 12/2 To set our honoured oaths and firm allegiance To you aside, as being unjustly sworn.

f. To discard or reject from use or service, in favour of another.

1576 GASCOIGNE *Droomme of Doomes day* K iij b, Settinge a side such thinges as are requisite for the soules health: And omitting the obseruance of gods holy commaundementes. 1691 *Trials Sir R. Graham*, etc. 24 *Mr. Cradock.* My Lord, I know not how I came to be summoned upon this Jury; for I am no Freeholder. *L. C. J. Holt.* Then set him aside. 1779 *Mirror* No. 39 When a man of acknowledged honour..sees himself set aside, and obliged to give way to the worthless and contemptible. 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* vi. II. 5 If that national force [the militia] were set aside, the gentry of England must lose much of their dignity and influence. 1861 LD. BROUGHAM *Brit. Const.* xv. 220 To set aside the elder or Stuart branch, and to substitute..the younger. 1879 M. J. GUEST *Lect. Hist. Eng.* xliii. 440 The English prayer-book was set aside, and the Latin mass said again.

g. To annul, quash, render void or nugatory. Chiefly *Law.*

1760 C. JOHNSTON *Chrysal* (1822) III. 179, I have it in my power to set aside the whole unnatural, nonsensical will. 1790 DURNFORD & EAST *K. B. Rep.* III. 5 A rule to shew cause..why the verdict should not be set aside and a new trial granted. 1877 SPURGEON *Serm.* XXIII. 61 Nor does it set aside the necessity that those men should cheerfully accept the gospel of Christ. 1883 *Law Rep.* 11 Q. B. Div. 591 A rule was subsequently obtained by Mr. Woollett to set that nonsuit aside.

h. To separate out for a particular purpose.

1720 GORDON & TRENCHARD *Indep. Whig* (1728) 66 Particular Persons who are set aside and paid for that Purpose. 1890 TOUT *Hist. Eng. from 1689*, 91 To set aside a part of the national revenue every year. 1891 *Law Times* XCII. 130/2 To set aside a portion of his wages in order to meet Lloyd's debt.

140. Set away. † a. To remove, do away with.

c 1430 *Art of Nombryng* (E.E.T.S.) 16 Settyng away alle that is ouer hym in respect of the doublede. 1549 LATIMER *7th Serm. bef. Edw. VI* (Arb.) 200 Knoweledge..causeth vs to forget all, and set a waye discipline. 1687 MIEGE *Gl. Fr. Dict.* II, To set (or put) away, *oter.*

b. = *set by*, 142 b.

1747 MRS. GLASSE *Cookery* ii. 52 Strain it and set it away for Use.

c. *intr.* To set off. *north. dial.*

1818 SCOTT *Rob Roy* xxvii, Mattie had ill-will to see me set awa on this ride.

141. Set back.

a. To hinder the progress of, give a check to.

[1530 PALSGR. 712/2 I set backewarde, or hynder a mater that it gothe nat forwarde...I have set hym backwarde this mornynge more than he shall come forwarde these seven yeres]. 1600 HOLLAND *Livy* III. 118 Thou hadst more need to set me backe with force of arms. 1647 MAY *Hist. Parlt.* I. ii. 20 The endammnging and setting backe of that newly established Kingdome. *a* 1677 BARROW *Serm.* Wks. 1716 I. 62 By so eagerly persuing he effectually setteth back his designs. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 11 Aug. 1693, This succeeded much wet, and set harvest extremely back. 1748 RICHARDSON *Clarissa* VI. 56 This had like to have set all back again.

b. To put (a clock, its hands) to an earlier time.

1635 QUARLES *Embl.* v. vii. 2 Or has some frolick heart set back the hand Of Fates perpetuall Clock? 1892 *Illustr. Lond. News* 9 Jan. 45/1 They reconcile people to monarchy and set back the clock of progress.

c. *intr.* To flow in the reverse direction.

1803 SYD. SMITH *Wks.* (1859) I. 24/1 Is not the tide of opinions..setting back with a strength equal to its flow?

142. Set by. † a. To put on one side, lay aside (*lit.* and *fig.*). *Obs.*

1602 SHAKS. *Ham.* v. ii. 295 He play this bout first, set by a-while. 1626 B. JONSON *Staple of N.* III. ii. (1905) 66 To be separated and set by For Vshers, to old Countesses. *a* 1642 SUCKLING *Goblins* I. Wks. 1874 II. 16 Set him by, till he's sober. 1654 tr. *Scudery's Curia Pol.* 12 You have forced him not onely to set by his Militia, and to depose his Crown.

b. To lay up or lay by for future use.

1595 MAYNARDE *Drake's Voy.* (Hakl. Soc.) 8 To trimme his shippes..set by some new pinnaces. 1726 LEONI *Alberti's Archit.* I. 100/2 The Pantry for setting by what is left after meals. 1818 SCOTT *Br. Lamm.* xxvi, Let the house be redd up, the broken meat set by. 1850 MISS WARNER *Wide Wide World* xxxvii, After that many a basket of apples..was set by for her.

† c. To reject, dismiss; to disregard, scorn.

1592 NASHE *Strange Newes* Wks. 1910 I. 294 No more set by, but set by, thrust aside. 1636 HEYWOOD *Challenge Beautie* I. Wks. 1874 V. 9 Birth wee set by. 1660 FULLER *Mixt Contempl.* II. xiv. 23 Being now set by, layd aside as vselesse, and not sett by. 1704 NORRIS *Ideal World* II. i. 36 To set by this conclusion for a while. 1758 S. HAYWARD *Serm.* xvi. 481 'Tis indisputable...Devils cannot set it by, and the judge will not.

† (*b*) *Setting by*: setting aside, not counting.

a 1592 GREENE *Alphonsus* I. i, Setting by Alphonsus' power divine, What man alive..Could countervail his courage? 1657 HEVLIN *Undeceiv. People* 7 Setting by all children which live under their parents [etc.]..the number of the residue will be found so small.

† d. To give up (doing something). *Obs.*

a 1674 CLARENDON *Surv. Leviath.* (1676) 282 To set by disputing with him, as one that is to be convinced only by himself.

143. Set down. (Cf. *set adown*, 136.)

a. See simple trans. senses and DOWN *adv.*

(*a*) To cause to sit down. *rare.*

a 1470 GREGORY *Chron.* in *Hist. Coll. Cit. Lond.* (Camden) 222 The Erle of Worseter was take before the mayre and sette downe in the myddys of the hy tabylle. 1525 LD. BERNERS *Froiss.* II. ccxxvii. 295 b, The duke of Orlyaunce set euery man downe. 1835 WILLIS *Pencillings* III. 135 We were set down..at nine, to cold grouse, salmon [etc.]. 1861 S. BROOKS *Silver Cord* v. (1865) 27 The little girl having..been..set down, in a half-darkened apartment, to amuse herself with the pictures in Fox's Book of Martyrs.

† (*b*) To encamp (an army or host). *Obs.*

1607 SHAKS. *Cor.* v. iii. 2 We will before the walls of Rome to morrow Set downe our Hoast. 1621 BP. MOUNTAGU *Diatribæ* 34 Because he did not..spend so many bookes..as Antimachus did, before he sate downe the seuen Princes at Thebes.

(*c*) To place, situate, locate.

1827 *Edin. Weekly Jrnl.* 28 Feb., in SCOTT *Chron. Canongate* Introd. App., Wherever the belligerent powers might be pleased to set down this new theatre. 1882 W. MORRIS in Mackail *Life* (1899) II. 67 Lewes is set down better than any town I have seen in England. *a* 1887 JEFFERIES *Field & Hedgerow* (1889) 316 He was the exact counterpart of the London Jew dealer, set down in the midst of the country.

(*d*) *Falconry.* (See quots.)

1614 LATHAM *Falconry* I. xi. 40 You doe at her first setting downe, giue her as much as she list to take into her gorge. 1891 HARTING *Bibl. Accipitr.* 229 *Set down to moult*, put into the mew.

b. † (*a*) To bring low, debase; to depose from office; to put down, quell. *Obs.*

c 1369 CHAUCER *Dethe Blaunche* 635 That is broght up she set al doun. 1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) VII. 261 In þat counsaille were y-sett doun meny bisshops and abbotes. *Ibid.* VIII. 179 He was i-sette doun of the fourþe pope Innocentius. *a* 1578 LINDESAY (Pitscottie) *Chron. Scot.* (S. T. S.) II. 141 Quhat was best to be done aganis..thair new religieoun and to sie quhat way thay might sett done the samin.

(*b*) To lower (a person's pride, etc.); to take down, snub.

1753 RICHARDSON *Grandison* (1754) III. xviii. 251 Sir Harry own'd himself to blame: and thus the Lady's pride was set down softly. 1846 D. JERROLD *Mrs. Caudle* xxxi, Like her impudence!—I set her down for the rest of the evening. 1889 MRS. COMYNS CARR *Margaret Maliphant* I. i. 11, I was such a headstrong girl that it took a deal to set me down.

c. † (*a*) To slacken (the strings or pegs of a musical instrument). *Obs.*

1565 COOPER *Thesaurus* s. v. *Chelys, Intendere chelyn*, to wreste vp the stringes of the lute. *Laxare chelyn*, to sette downe. 1604 SHAKS. *Oth.* II. i. 202 Oh you are well tun'd now: But Ile set downe the peggs that make this Musicke.

(*b*) To beat down to a shape.

1703 T. N. *City & C. Purchaser* 193 So much of the Sheet as lies over the Cavity is set down into it with the Seaming-mallet. 1843 HOLTZAPFFEL *Turning* I. 213 When the iron is to be set down..it is first nicked with a round fuller.

d. To place so as to rest upon a surface; to put down, as upon the ground. Also *absol.*

a 1425 *Cursor M.* 12958 (Trin.) On an hege pinacle he set him doun Of þe temple. *c* 1530 H. RHODES *Bk. Nurture* in *Babees Bk.* 67 In some places the Caruer doth vse to shew and set down,..and in some place he beareth the first dish, and..setteth it downe couered before the degree of a Knight. 1573 G. HARVEY *Letter-bk.* (Camden) 4 He hath set down his staf. *c* 1600 SHAKS. *Sonn.* cxliii, As a..huswife..Sets downe her babe. 1796 MRS. M. ROBINSON *Angelina* III. 180 Sir Edward sat down the candlestick. 1825 SCOTT *Betrothed* x, The body was here set down before the door of the chapel. 1878 FR. A. KEMBLE *Rec. Girlhood* II. i. 28 If you attempt to lift or carry me down the stage, I will kick and scream till you set me down.

(*b*) To cause or allow to alight from a vehicle; to 'drop' (a person at a place). Also *absol.*

(Said of the person or persons in charge of or occupying the vehicle, or of the vehicle itself.)

1668–9 PEPYS *Diary* 18 Mar., My wife and I going by coach, she went with us to Holborne, where we set her down. 1694 CONGREVE *Double-Dealer* v. v, My coach shall set you down. 1715 GAY *Let. to Pope* 8 July, I have just set down Sir Samuel Garth at the Opera. 1782 MISS BURNEY *Cecilia* VII. vi, I knew the postilion very well...And then he told me where he had set you down. 1841 THACKERAY *Gt. Hoggarty Diamond* ii, A number of carriages full of ladies were drawing up and setting down. 1844 *Act 7 & 8 Vict.* c. 85 § 6 Such Train shall..take up and set down Passengers at every Passenger Station. 1889 MRS. ALEXANDER *Crooked Path* I. iv. 110 The carringe is to come back for us after setting you down at the theatre.

e. To put down in writing or in print; to put on paper; to enter in a catalogue or account; to write out, compose; to put on record; to record, relate, give an account of.

1574 H. BAKER *Well-spring Sci.* (1617) 9, I set downe 7 vnder the line against the place of penies. 1576 GASCOIGNE *Droomme of Doomes day* II. E viij, [In the Scriptures] there are set down two..entyer parts of rightuousnesse. 1579 GOSSON *Sch. Abuse* (Arb.) 16 The harshest penne may sette downe somewhat woorth the reading. 1590 SHAKS. *Mids. N.* I. ii. 22 You Nicke Bottome are set downe for Pyramus. 1605 BACON *Adv. Learn.* I. vi. § 6. 28 After the Creation was finished, it is sette downe vnto vs that man was placed in the Garden to worke therein. 1610 HOLLAND *Camden's Brit.* I. 288 And here I am willing to set down their names. 1615 R. COCKS *Diary* (Hakl. Soc.) I. 70, I forgot to set downe how I receaved a letter from Martin de Guinia. 1663 S. PATRICK *Parab. Pilgrim* xi. (1687) 59 You will expect..that I should set down at large the particulars of every days conference. 1687 A. LOVELL tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* II. 182 A great many good Ports that are not set down in the Maps. 1712 STEELE *Spect.* No. 266 P 2 Her Women..are alphabetically set down in her Book. 1779 J. MOORE *View Soc. Fr.* (1789) I. ix. 62, I set down the whole scene as soon as F— left me. 1806 J. BERESFORD *Miseries Hum. Life* (ed. 3) III. v, My youngest boy..bethought himself of setting down a few 'School-miseries'. 1863 COWDEN CLARKE *Shaks. Char.* xvi. 393, I have always regretted that Hazlitt set down that passage. 1886 BESANT *Childr. Gibeon* II. v, It would not be fair to set down in cold blood the things he habitually said.

† (*b*) *To set down the* or *one's period*: to come to a final decision. *Obs.*

1590 GREENE *Never too Late* Wks. (Grosart) VIII. 23 They set downe the period with a deepe sigh. 1590 — *Mourn. Garm.* ibid. IX. 150 At last she set downe her period on the face of Alexis, thinking he was the fairest.

† (*c*) To fix at a certain amount. *Obs.*

c 1593 ? GREENE *George a Greene* (1599) G 1 b, George a Greene, set downe the king of Scots His ransome. 1621 R. COCKS *Diary* (Hakl. Soc.) II. 141 It being the price sett downe. 1654 BRAMHALL *Just Vind.* iv. (1661) 85 Prescribed the indowments of Vicars, set down the wages of Priests.

(*d*) To put down, as in a schedule or table, *to*

be performed at a certain time; †to appoint a time for the performance of (something).

1593 Shaks. *Rich. II*, IV. i. 319 On Wednesday next, we solemnly set downe Our Coronation. 1594 — *Rich. III*, III. iv. 44 We haue not yet set downe this day of Triumph. 1795 [C. Abbot] *Jurisdiction Crt. Gt. Sessions Wales* 120 The plaintiff must..set down his cause to be heard. 1819 Taunton *Rep. Cases Comm. Pleas* VII. 85 Cases out of Chancery..cannot be set down nor heard, unless they are signed by a Serjeant. 1889 Acworth *Railways Eng.* 203 The Great Western express..was set down to leave Didcot ..3 minutes earlier. 1893 *Weekly Notes* 68/1 After the cause had been set down for trial.

†f. To lay down (a principle), prescribe (a regulation, mode of procedure). *Obs.*

1576 Fleming *Panopl. Epist.* 257 Whiles I set doune directions and precepts. 1579 Lyly *Euphues* (Arb.) 193 She endeauoreth to set down good lawes. 1625 Bacon *Ess., Simul. & Dissim.* (Arb.) 508 Therfore set it downe; That an Habit of Secrecy, is both Politick, and Morall. 1641 Milton *Reform.* II. 47 If..the Constitution of the Church be already set down by divine prescript. 1688 *Lett. conc. Pres. St. Italy* 30 All of that Cabale had set down this for a Rule.

†g. To determine or resolve upon. Also *set down one's rest* (see Rest *sb.*2 8 b). *Obs.*

1582 N. Lichefield tr. *Castanheda's Discov. E. Ind.* xxx. 73 b, Of the meeting of the King..and the Captaine generall, at which time there was set downe a Trade and Factorie. 1611 Shaks. *Cymb.* I. iv. 178 Wee will haue these things set downe by lawfull Counsell. 1632 Bp. Hall *Hard Texts*, Luke xiv. 29-31 [He] must..set it downe with his owne heart to undergoe resolutely all the difficulties that [etc.].

(*b*) *pass.* and *intr.* To be resolved, resolve. *Obs.* exc. *north. dial.* const. inf.

a 1586 Sidney *Arcadia* I. (Sommer) 20 One, that to praise well, one must first set downe with himselfe, what it is to be excellent. 1603 Knolles *Hist. Turks* (1638) 295 A man set downe to mischiefe. 1684 N. Lee *Constantine* III. ii. 36 If you set down t'enjoy me, Sir.

h. (*a*) To estimate, reckon; †in early use with obj. and compl., or with clause; now only, to regard (a person) *as*, take (him) *for*, consider (him) *to be* (so-and-so).

1798 *Geraldina* I. 183, I never see a library of books with highly gilt bindings, but I set down that the owner seldom opens them. 1799 S. & Ht. Lee *Cant. T., Frenchman's T.* (ed. 2) I. 198 The playful unconscious character she had first been set down. 1809 Malkin *Gil Blas* I. xii. (Rtldg) 25 The corregidor..set me down for the culprit. 1815 *Zeluca* III. 9 He sat himself down as invulnerable. 1828 Scott *Aunt Marg. Mirror* ii, You had best set him down a Jesuit. 1840 Dickens *Barn. Rudge* xlviii, Those who cling to the truth and support the right cause, are set down as mad. 1872 J. Hastley *Yorksh. Ditties* Ser. II. 118 They used to be sat daan to be yonng ens 'at hadn't le'nt wit. 1889 F. Barrett *Under Str. Mask* I. iv. 68 He would set her down at once for an impertinent..busy-body.

(*b*) To attribute, or put down *to*.

1822 Lama *Elia* I. *Mod. Gallantry*, He could not set it dowo to caprice. 1879 Miss Yonge *Cameos* Ser. IV. xii. 137 This, as usual, was set down to malice prepense on his side.

i. Now *dial.* (*a*) *refl.* To seat oneself. (Cf. 3.) †Also, to go down *on one's knees*: cf. sense 2.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 14092 For-wit his fete sco sett hir dun. 1470-85 Malory *Arthur* I. xix. 65 He sette hym doune by a fontayne. 1548 Uoall. *Erasm. Par. John* vi. 1-4 Iesus, beyng sumwhat separate from the people, setteth hym down on the hyll. 1694 *Acc. Sev. Late Voy.* (1711) I. 64 They set themselves down on the Grass. 1719 De Foe *Crusoe* I. (Globe) 15 We.. set us down to fish.

(*b*) *pass.* To be sealed. (Cf. 4.) Also *transf.* to be settled in a place.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 13495 All right þar war þai sett dun. 1575 Painter *Pal. Pleas.* II. iv. (1890) II. 178 The king and Arioharzanes being sette downe at a table. 1622 Mabbe tr. *Aleman's Guzman d'Alf.* II. 229 When I was set downe to my meat. 1741 C'tess Hartford *Corr.* (1805) III. 189 When I am set peacefully down at my farm, I shall often read over your letters. 1776 S. J. Pratt *Pupil of Pleas.* II. 74, I was just set down to the card-table at the Delmores. 1815 Scott *Guy M.* xvi, When all should be gone to bed, or set down to cards, which is the same thing.

† *With mixed construction.*

1582 T. Watson *Centurie of Love* (Arb.) 38 My harte is sett him downe twixt hope and feares Vpon the stonie banke of high desire. 1593 Shaks. 3 *Hen. VI*, IV. iii. 2 The King by this, is set him downe to sleepe.

(*c*) *intr.* To sit down. (Cf. 5.)

c 1400 *Rule St. Benet* (Verse) 1741 þai sal set down And mak a schort colaciown. 1442 *Aberdeen Reg.* (1844) I. 7 That..[he] sal cum..and set downe on his kneis. 1530 Palsgr. 713/1, I set downe, I rest me on a seate, *je massis*. 1635 Heylin *Sabbath* (1636) I. 124 That we should..set down with modesty ..to heare the Law. *a* 1700 Evelyn *Diary* 17 Sept. 1685, All the gentlemen in his traine setting down at table with him. 1720 *Humourist* 212 Till he set down to Dinner. 1794 Mas. A. M. Bennett *Ellen* I. 28 He had just..set down to his coffee. 1809 Syd. Smith *Serm.* I. 43 He is ever ready..to say a grace to God, before he sets down to feast with Mammon.

†(*d*) *To set down by* = to put up with. Cf. Sit *v.* 21 d (*a*).

c 1618 Morvson *Itin.* IV. (1903) 64 The Venetians..having a very rich Shipp robbed by Turkish Pyratts..were forced to sett down by the losse.

j. *refl.* To begin to devote oneself *to*.

1864 J. H. Newman *Apol.* 248, I set myself down to my translation of St. Athanasius. 1891 *Blackw. Mag.* CL. 173/1 In his green old age, he set himself down to write this great dictionary.

†k. *intr.* To be encamped; to 'sit down' *before* (a town) to besiege it. *Obs.* Cf. a (*b*).

1601 Shaks. *All's Well* I. i. 129 Man setting downe before you, will vndermine you, and blow you vp. 1606 — *Ant. & Cl.* III. xiii. 168 Cæsar sets downe in Alexandria. 1621 Lady M. Wroth *Urania* 130 Then did the braue Generall set down before Thessalonica. 1631 Hevlin *St. George* 248 Nothing to stop our march, till we set downe With all our troopes, before the Holy Towne.

l. *intr.* To have a direction downwards.

1747 Hooson *Miner's Dict.* S 2 b, If a fair leading sets down under the second Sett, it may in all probability lead down to a third, and so on.

144. Set forth. See simple senses and Forth *adv.* †a. To thrust forth. *Obs.*

a 1225 *Leg. Kath.* 827 Ah nu we beoð of se feor for þe iflut hidere, þu schalt setten sikel forð. 1553 T. Wilson *Rhet.* 118 Some settes forth their lippes two ynches good beyonde their teeth.

†(*b*) To direct or send forward, set on the way.

1525 Lee in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. III. II. 75 To sett forthe the standard against thies Philistees. 1549 Latimer *Ploughers* (Arb.) 17, I have assaied to sette furth my plough to proue what I coulde do. 1590 Barwick *Disc. Weapons* 7 My commaunder commaunds me to set foorth of my band of 200. one hundred, to keepe a straight or passage.

†(*c*) To arrange or dispose in a certain manner; to lay out. *Obs.*

c 1450 in Aungier *Syon* (1840) 373 The butler schal sett forthe the pottys..up on eche table. 1595 Shaks. *John* II. i. 295 W'el set forth In best appointment all our Regiments. 1651 T. Barker *Art of Angling* (1653) 1 A man that goeth to the River..must understand..to set forth his Tackles. 1667 Milton *P. L.* VII. 429 There the Eagle and the Stork ..set forth Thir Aierie Caravan high over Sea's Flying.

†b. To send out (soldiers, etc.) for service; hence, to equip, fit out (men, a fleet, a voyage). *Obs.*

1451 [implied in Setter-forth] *a* 1533 Ld. Berners *Huon* lxi. 213 They sette forth a galay & .xxx. paynyms therin. 1584 [see A 1]. 1603 Owen *Pembr.* (1891) 41 They are forced to sett furthe manye to theire owne dislike, althonghe the best that cold be founde. 1626 B. Jonson *Staple of N.* II. v, Setting forth some Lady, Will cost as much as furnishing a Fleete. 1635 R. N. tr. *Camden's Hist. Eliz.* I. 54 He intended to set forth a voyage into West India. *a* 1700 Evelyn *Diary* 29 July 1667, The charge of setting forth a fleete. 1702 — *Diary* 3 May, Every Missioner, besides the 20 *l.* to set him forth, should have 50 *l. per. ann.* 1805 *Act* 45 *Geo. III*, c. 72 § 7 If such Ship or Vessel so retaken shall appear to have been, after the taking by His Majesty's Enemies, by them set forth as a Ship or Vessel of War.

†(*b*) To furnish with what is necessary. *Obs.*

c 1610 *Women Saints* 207 Haue you nothing..lying in store, wherewith her exequies may be sett forth?

†(*c*) To furnish, provide (entertainment). *Obs.*

1526 Tindale *John* ii. 10 All men att the begynnynge sett forth goode wyne. 1613 Purchas *Pilgrimage* (1614) 330 Certain Priests, whose office it was to set forth publike playes and games in honor of their Gods. 1693 Congreve *Dryden's Juvenal* XI. 6 When Poor Rutilus spends all his Worth, In hopes of setting one good Dinner forth.

†c. To provide, allot, or set apart for a purpose.

1596 Dalrymple tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* II. 358 In this ordour..ar mony sett furth to hald sitizenis in peice and in thair office. 1632 Bp. Hall *Hard Texts* Matt. xxiv. 29 When as my Church shall have endured that full proportion of affliction, which I have set forth for it. 1684 in Picton *L'pool Munic. Rec.* (1883) I. 318 The wast ground..formerly set forth for that purpose.

†(*b*) To put aside as tithe; = *set out*, 149 q (*b*).

1548 *Act* 2 & 3 *Edw. VI*, c. 13 § 2 Yf any person carrye awaye his corne or haye or his other predialI tythes before the tythe thereof be sett forthe. 1670 W. Sheppaad *Parson's Guide* 9 The Parson or Vicar is to take away his Tythes in a convenient time after they are set forth.

(*c*) To lay out (money); = *lay forth*, Lay 52 c; = *put forth*, Put 42 j.

1622 Bacon *Hen. VII*, 208 This [sum of money] to hee set forth in Lands, of the best and most certaine Reuenue.

d. To promulgate, publish, issue (a regulation, proclamation, etc.).

1567 Harman *Caveat* Epist. (1869) 19 Many good..lawes and actes made and setforthe in this..realme. 1583 Stubbes *Anat. Abus.* II. 17 If the prince than doe set foorth a lawe contrarie to the lawe of God. *a* 1700 Evelyn *Diary* 1 Oct. 1651, Our religion, that had neither appointed nor set forth any houres of prayer or breviaries. 1711 Steele *Spect.* No. 17 P 2 The Rules of the Club, as set forth, in a Table, intituled, *The Act of Deformity*. 1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* I. III. iii, Lafayette..took upon him to set forth more than one deprecatory oration. 1877 Miss Yonge *Cameos* Ser. III. vii. 64 A proclamation was set forth placing a price..on his head.

e. To publish (a literary work).

1535 Coverdale Prol. to Rdr., I toke the more upon me to set forth this speciall translacyon. 1590 Greene *Mourn. Garment* Concl., Wks. (Grosart) IX. 221, I haue..set forth many Pamphlets, full of much loue and little Scholarisme. 1628 S. Ward in *Ussher's Lett.* 394 Dr. Jackson hath lately set forth a Book of the Attributes of God. *a* 1700 Evelyn *Diary* July 1645, Father Kirchner, who was then setting forth his greate work *Obeliscus Pamphilius*. 1779 *Mirror* No. 21 (1787) I. 154 The latter has set forth his in print.

f. To express in words, give an account of, present a statement of, *esp.* in order, distinctly, or in detail; to declare, expound, relate, narrate, state, describe; †to describe the features or characters of.

1530 Palsgr. 713/1 Now have I shewed you in a generaltie the contentes of the chapiter, but to set forthe the partyculers requyreth a further layser. 1548-9 (Mar.) *Bk. Com. Prayer, Commun., Pr. Whole St. Ch.*, That thei maie..set furthe thy true and liuely worde. 1549 Latimer *Ploughers* (Arb.) 38 One that wyl set furth papistrie as well as him selfe wyll do. 1586 A. Day *Eng. Secretary* II. (1595) 100 As if in setting foorth our most gracious Soueraigne, wee should say: That Goddesse like adorned with high aspectes,.. she issued foorth. 1589 Puttenham *Eng. Poesie* (Arb.) 41 They set forth the dolefull falles of infortunate and afflicted Princes. *a* 1660 N. Rogers (*title*) The Rich Fool, set forth in an exposition on that parable. Luke 12, 16-22. 1688 *Lett. conc. Pres. St. Italy* 31 A Sect of men that were set forth as Monsters. 1692 R. L'Estrange *Fables* lxxx. 78 In These Three Fables, is set forth the Vanity of Unnatural Wishes, and Foolish Prayers. 1711 Steele *Spect.* No. 54 P 3 A Treatise, wherein I shall set forth the Rise and Progress of this famous Sect. 1746 Hervey *Medit.* (1818) 151 Even fancy has her merit when she sets forth in such pleasing imagery, the crucified Jesus. 1780 Coxe *Russ. Disc.* 254 The instructions given to the Captain set forth that a private ship had in 1762 found there a commodious haven. 1801 *Farmer's Mag.* Jan. 80 An advertisement..inserted in some of the public papers, setting forth the miseries of the poor. 1865 Kingsley *Herew.* I, Hereward, whose history this tale sets forth. 1872 C. E. Maurice *Stephen Langton* i. 21 One after another he set forth the hideous corruptions which were growing up. 1893 *National Observer* 14 Jan. 201/1 He invites the fault-finders to set forth their grievances.

(*b*) To represent in art. ? *Obs.*

1585 T. Washington tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* I. viii. 8 b, I haue thought good..too sette foorth vnto you, a woman as shee goeth in the streete. 1662 Evelyn *Sculptura* 38 But to proceed, Albert [Durer] being very young set forth our Lady, some designes of Horses after the life, [etc.].

g. To adorn, decorate. Now *rare.*

1530 Palsgr. 713/1 This blacke velvet gowne setteth fort this lady verye well. 1585 T. Washington tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* II. xviii. 51 b, [The gate] is..well set forth, with letters of gold, and leaues of diuers colonrs. 1633 Bp. Hall *Hard Texts* Ezek. xxiii. 6 The Assyrians..which were rich and proudly set forth. 1889 Hearing & Ross *Irish Cousin* I. I. v. 62 Heavy mahogany tables, each duly set forth with hooks and daguerrotypes.

†h. To further the progress or advancement of; to promote, advance. *Obs.*

1528 More *Dyalogue* IV. Wks. 262/2 To confesse..what he had done for the settinge forth of that secte. 1542 [implied in Setter-forth]. 1551 T. Wilson *Logic* Lj, The very cause of thynges, is such a one that if it be practised in very diede, and set forth with other naturall causes, the effect must nedes folowe.

†i. To praise, commend. *Obs.*

1565 Cooper *Thesaurus*, *Commendare*, to prayse: to sette forth. 1596 Shaks. *Merch. V.* III. v. 95 *Les.* Nay, let me praise you while I haue a stomacke? *Lor.* No pray thee, let it serue for table talke...*Iessi.* Well, Ile set you forth. 1622 Stillingfl. *Orig. Sacræ* II. ii. § 2 To set forth a person by that which in its self is no matter of commendation.

†j. To exhibit, display, show forth. *Obs.*

1551 Robinson tr. *More's Utopia* I. B j b, Onles I wolde ..set furth the brightnes of the sonne wyth a candell. *Ibid.* II. S ij b, Wretches..whose ponerty she [Pride] might.. encrease by gorgiously setting furthe her riches. 1593 Nashe *Christ's T.* 69 b, Thys woman disdaines..that any should sette forth the porte and maiestie, in gate and behauiour like vnto her. 1611 *Second Maiden's Trag.* 190 Fortunes are but the outsides of true worth, it is the mynde that sets his master forth. 1667 Milton *P. L.* VI. 310 To set forth Great things by small.

k. *intr.* To set out *on* a journey, *against* an enemy, *in* pursuit, etc.

c 1400 *Destr. Troy* 4604 Hast you to saile; Sette furthe to þe se. 1530 Palsgr. 713/1 Whan sette you forthe on your journay, and God wyll. 1568 Grafton *Chron.* II. 294 They set forth that were appoynted to breake the array of the Archers. 1592 Kyd *Sp. Trag.* I. iv. 28, I with my hand set foorth against the Prince. 1601 Shaks. *Twel. N.* III. iii. 13 My willing loue, The rather by these arguments of feare Set forth in your pursuite. 1675-6 *City Mercury* 10-17 Feb. 2/1 Exeter Coach..Sets forth every Monday morning from the Sarazens head Inn. 1718 Atterbury *Serm.* (Acts xxvi. 26) (1734) I. 4 Just as if it [Christianity] were now in its Infant State, and newly setting forth in the World. 1798 Charlotte Smith *Yng. Philos.* IV. 76 Your fair Columbian,..the moon being at full..sat forth alone. 1845 Ford *Handbk. Spain* I. 55 Before they set forth on their day's journey. 1890 W. E. Norris *Misadventure* I. vi. 88 The two young people set forth for the village. 1894 E. Scott *Dancing* 110 If the partners join right and left hands in setting forth.

145. Set forward (†forwards).

a. To carry, send, or thrust forward. *To set one's (best) foot forward*: see Foot *sb.* 29, 29 b.

c 1430 *Art of Nombryng* (E.E.T.S.) 10 Sette forwarde the figures of the nombre multiplying by 00 difference. *a* 1547 in Fosbrooke *Econ. Mon. Life* (1796) 83 When hir hors letyr was app[ar]eled..she was set forwards aft[er] this manner. 1555 Eden *Decades* (Arb.) 70 Settinge forewarde with their ores the brigantine. *a* 1617 Bayne *Lect.* (1634) 202 That man neuer yet set right foote forward in the way to the Kingdome of God.

(*b*) To put (a clock) on.

16.. Middleton, etc. *Old Law* III. i, I would have you set forward the Clock. 1848 H. Miller *First Impr. Eng.* vii. (1857) 115 One of his companions..set forward the house-clock.

†(*c*) To increase, aggravate. *Obs.*

1611 Bible *Job* xxx. 13 They set forward my calamitie. 1684 Burnet tr. *More's Utopia* 24 Luxury likewise breaks in apace upon you, to set forward your Poverty and Misery.

b. To assist (a person) in the way of progress; to help on (a matter, plan, etc.); to advance, promote.

1530 Palsgr. 713/2, I set forwarde a person, or avaunce him to promocyon. *Jaduance.* 1540 Cranmer *Let.* in *Misc. Writ.* (Parker Soc.) 401 To set forwards whatsoever was your Majesty's will. 1561 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* I. 193 For.. setting forduart of the commone effaris of the cuntre. *a* 1617 Bayne *Lect.* (1634) 204 Walking after a potion taken..setteth forward the working of physicke taken. 1662 *Bk. Com. Prayer, Pr. Ember Weeks*, That..they may..set forward the salvation of all men. 1793 Smeaton *Edystone L.* § 7 *note*, To set the workmen forward..I have been obliged to continue on board our store vessel..frequently a week. 1811 Simeon *Let.* in Carus *Life* (1847) 308 Some of the young men..were endeavouring to set forward a Bible Society.

c. To put forward, promulgate; to advance (an opinion).

1560 *1st Bk. Discipl. Ch. Scot.* (1621) 47 We leave it..to be weighed by your honours wisdome, and set forwards by your authority. 1651 HOBBES *Leviath.* III. xl. 252 To set forward ..such doctrine as was agreeable to Moses his doctrine. 1890 *Universal Rev.* Sept. 64 The theory now set forward.

d. *intr.* To go forward, set out, start.

1530 PALSGR. 713/2, I set forward, as an armye..dothe. *Je me auance.* *a* 1548 HALL *Chron., Rich. III*, 12 The erle.. aventured..to set forwarde hym selfe hy lande. 1603 KNOLLES *Hist. Turks* (1638) 670 With which fleet..[he] set forward against the Portingals. 1632 LITHGOW *Trav.* IX. 411, I set forward through the vaile of Ombria. 1749 FIELDING *Tom Jones* XVII. v. (1840) 248 Mrs. Miller set forwards to her son-in-law's lodgings. 1815 JANE AUSTEN *Emma* xiii, He..set forward at last in his own carriage. 1889 'M. GRAY' *Repr. Annesley* III. VI. i. 129 He..set forward again after supper.

146. Set in. a. See simple trans. senses and IN *adv.*; to enter (a name); to insert, put in; to engraft, implant; † to put in office or power, etc.

1388 WYCLIF *Rom.* xi. 23 3he, and thei schulen be set yn [Vulg. *inserentur*], if thei dwellen not in vnbileue. *c* 1450 in Aungier *Syon* (1840) 361 To sette in the names of sustres and brethren professed in the register of the chapter. 1487 *Cely Papers* (Camden) 169 They hawe dischargyd all the old wytt [=magistrates] of Bruges the whych was sett yn be the Kyng. 1502 *Child-Marriages* 13 The said James Smith toke a Lease of his part of the Tenement, and set-in the said Ellin to have hit after his decesse. 1563–4 in Swayne *Churchw. Acc. Sarum* (1896) 109 John Atkyns to blo y^e^ organs when he set in y^e^ pypes vj d. 1587 GOLDING *De Mornay* i. (1592) 6 When a member that was out of ioynt is set in again. 1598 GRENEWEY *Tacitus, Ann.* XII. xi. (1622) 172 [They] set in Companies to robbe and spoile [*immittere latronum globos*]. 1662 PEPYS *Diary* 5 Aug., At Greenwich set in Captain Cocke. 1669 STURMY *Mariner's Mag.* I. ii. 17 Set in your Lee-braces. 1709 *Tatler* No. 37 ¶ 2 Beau Slimber a Londoner, undertook to keep up with Trips, a whelp just set in. 1808 *Lady's Econ. Assist.* I The worked part of the frock body must be set in quite plain. 1859 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* XX. II. 364 To prevent any escape of the manure while turning [the plough] and setting in again. 1888 *Co-op. News* 16 June 619 If the clothes are placed in cold water out of the boil the fabric will contract, and so set in the dirt. 1888 'J. S. WINTER' *Bootle's Childr.* xii, I want the ring to be quite plain and heavy, with three stones set in level with the gold. 1889 'M. GRAY' *Repr. Annesley* I. II. ii. 158 Having now finished setting in a row of young plants.

(*b*) *absol.* (See quot.)

1530 PALSGR. 714/1, I set in to the oven, as bakers do their breed...We shal nat set in tyll to morowe thre of the clocke

(*c*) To put (a vessel) in towards the shore. Also *absol.*

1887 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 22 Feb. 10/2 The ship was set in towards the land by a current. 1891 F. W. ROBINSON *Her Love & His Life* III. VII. i. 236 'Set in to shore,' cried Kerts, roughly.

(*d*) To draw or gather in.

1858 *Ladies' Cabinet* Jan. 54/1 The skirt..is set in at the waist, in large fluted or hollow plaits.

b. † (*a*) To direct into the fight. *Obs.*

1375 BARBOUR *Bruce* IX. 610 Schir Eduardis cumpany, Quhen thai had thrillit thame hastely, Set stoutly in the hedis agane.

† (*b*) *To set in foot*: to enter upon an undertaking.

1542 UDALL *Erasm. Apoph.* 78 b, Whoso hath ones stepped foorth, and sette in foote to take charge of a commen weale. 1560 DAUS tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* 122 b, It belongeth..to the Emperour..to set in foote in counselles. 1562 HEYWOOD *Prov. & Epigr.* (1867) 169 He hath set in foote, thyngs by wyt to be sped.

† (*c*) 'To put in a way to begin' (J.). *Obs.*

1697 COLLIER *Ess. Mor. Subj.* II. 48, I think I had better decline the Task, than injure the Argument. However, if you please to assist, and set me In, I will endeavour to recollect my self for a short Conference.

† c. *intr.* To make one's way into the fight, among the enemy; hence, to offer fight, to intervene in behalf of a person or in support of a cause.

1450 *Merlin* xxix. 588 Whan thei saugh the hoste comynge thei merveiled fro whens so moche peple myght come. Neuertheles thei sette in a-monge hem. 1630 SANDERSON *Serm. ad Magistr.* i. (1674) II. 258 A rich opportunity ..to set in for Gods cause. 1656 BAXTER *Reformed Pastor* 73 It is our duty to set in for the assistance of these,..to help them to a conquest of their corruptions. 1665 SANDERSON *Eight Cases Consc.* (1674) 85 Princes may see cause to set in for their own safety and interest. 1692 RAY *Disc.* II. iv. (1693) 145 May not the Stoicks here set in and help us out at a dead lift?

d. To set to work, begin (upon something); *esp.* followed by *to*, *for*. *Obs.* exc. *dial.*

1608 WILLET *Hexapla Exod.* 495 Where the fire setteth in, the whole is spoiled. 1650 TRAPP *Comm. Lev.* xiii. 6 God also will set in and wash such with the blood of his son. 1693 TATE *Dryden's Juvenal* II. (1697) 30 To behold your unnerv'd Sex set in To Needle-Work. 1700 CONGREVE *Way of World* IV. i, Sir Wilfull is set in to drinking, madam, in the parlour. 1711 STEELE *Spect.* No. 24 ¶ 1 A worthy old Batchelor, who sets in for his Dose of Claret every Night. 1764 *Museum Rusticum* II. xxix. 93 To let the first mower and his attendants set-in well before the second follow. 1794 MRS. RADCLIFFE *Myst. Udolpho* XXV, They are all set in to feasting yet. 1835 MOORE *Mem.* (1856) VII. 82, [I] set in hard at work at the remainder of my volume. 1842 DICKENS *Amer. Notes* ix, I go upon the hurricane-deck, and set in for two hours of hard walking up and down. 1893 *Field* 11 Feb. 191/2 It set in to freeze.

e. To begin, become prevalent: chiefly of the weather entering upon a particular state.

a 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 8 Feb. 1684, The weather was set in to an absolute thaw and raine. 1765 FOOTE *Commissary* III. (1782) 61 The latter end of the year, when the winter sets in. 1769 FALCONER *Dict. Marine* (1780) N 2 b, When the western monsoons set in. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* lx, Politics set in a short time after dessert. 1856 HAWTHORNE *Engl. Note-bks.* (1870) II. 167 The evening set in misty and obscure. 1857 MILLER *Elem. Chem., Org.* (1862) 137 Though no fermentation had set in. 1890 *Blackw. Mag.* CXLVIII. 32/1 Sooner or later a reaction must set in.

f. Of a current or wind: To flow or blow towards the shore.

1719 DE FOE *Crusoe* I. (Globe) 193 The Current of the Flood set in close by the Shore. 1815 J. SMITH *Panorama Sci. & Art* II. 46 The westerly winds setting in on this coast. 1821 SCOTT *Pirate* i, The current of a strong and furious tide,..setting in betwixt the Orkney and Zetland Islands. 1831 *Mirror* XVII. 102/1 The tide sets in on this part of the coast with extraordinary velocity.

147. Set off. a. See simple trans. senses and OFF *adv.*: † (*a*) To take away, remove. *Obs.*

1597 SHAKS. *2 Hen. IV*, IV. i. 145 Euery thing set off, That might so much as thinke you Enemies.

† (*b*) To alienate. *Obs.*

1632 BP. HALL *Hard Texts* 1 John iii. 15 If any mans heart bee set upon the world, it is set off from God. 1651 — *Soliloquies* vi, Do Thou set off my heart from all these earthly vanities.

† (*c*) ? To discharge, cancel. *Obs.*

1642 C. VERNON *Consid. Exch.* 27 Such [sums] as shall appeare to be discharged or set off by such matter of Record. *Ibid.* 30 The Clerk of the Pipe is not to discharge or set off any part of the Sheriffes charge, but by Tallies to be leavied in his Majesties Receipt of Exchequer.

(*d*) To put (a person) off. *Sc.*

1768 ROSS *Helenore* 75 But think na, man, that I'll be set off sae, For I'll hae satisfaction ere I gae.

(*e*) To stop the working of. *Sc.*

1728 RAMSAY *Monk & Miller's Wife* 51 Gae warm ye, and crack with our dame, Till I set aff the mill. 1823 SCOTT *Peveril* xxi, The goodman has set off the mill, to come to wait on you himself.

(*f*) To set up in type separately. ? *nonce-use.*

1770 LUCKOMBE *Hist. Printing* 375 A very close line in the Copy, which we set off, to see how it comes into the measure made to m's.

(*g*) To let. *Sc.*

1799 J. ROBERTSON *Agric. Perth* 516 He..set off five new farms, formerly waste land.

(*h*) To cause to go off or explode, let off.

1881 *J. of Wight Gloss., Zet off*,..to explode gunpowder. 1882 *Jamieson's Sc. Dict.* s. v., He sat off the cannon. 1898 *Engineering Mag.* XVI. 69 A spark..that might set off the explosives.

b. To start off, give (a person or thing) a start; to send off *into* a fit of laughter, etc.

a 1625 FLETCHER *Hum. Lieut.* III. vi, I seek a brave hand To set me off in death. 1828 SIR H. STEUART *Planter's Guide* (ed. 2) 478 It is extremely important for the success of Trees, to possess a certain degree of vigour in the outset, or to be what is technically called, 'well set off.' 1830 FR. A. KEMBLE *Rec. Girlhood* (1878) II. 163 The carriage..was set off at its utmost speed. 1863 MRS. GASKELL *Sylvia's Lovers* iii, To divert her attention from the subject which had set her off into hysterics. 1865 LEVER *Luttrell* xix. 132 One of those practised laughs, which, by setting others off, frequently cut short an unpleasant discussion. 1886 *Tip Cat* xxii. 301 Her questions set Dick off thinking. 1889 'M. GRAY' *Repr. Annesley* III. v. ii. 44 He..set Mr. Rickman off upon one of his interminable monologues.

c. To apportion or assign to a particular purpose; to portion off.

1687 BURNET *Contin. Reply to Varillas* 60 The appointments that were set off for her. 1828–32 WEBSTER s. v., To set off a portion of an estate. 1842 *Penny Mag.* 8 Oct. 395/2 A portion of the stabling is set off as a 'sick-box' for the invalids.

d. To mark or measure off (a certain distance) on a surface; to lay off (the lines of a ship).

a 1647 in *Archæologia* XII. 250 They found by due trial all lines [of the ship] to be truly set off. 1683 MOXON *Mech. Exerc., Printing* xi. ¶ 1 The varied Measure must be set off from the top of the Cilinder. 1712 J. JAMES tr. *Le Blond's Gardening* 95 Set off 30 Fathom on the Side BD. 1774 M. MACKENZIE *Marit. Surv.* I. iii. 11 Taking the Length of XY from a Scale of equal Parts, set it off from X to Y. 1830 HEDDERWICK *Mar. Archit.* 201 The square measurements of the cant-timbers are set off on the body-plan of the schooner foreward and abaft. 1876 VOYLE & STEVENSON *Milit. Dict.* 335/1 This space is formed by setting off demi-gorges of 30 yards. 1891 *Chamb. Jrnl.* 20 June 400/1 If three hundred and sixty separate degrees be set-off from the centre of a perfect circle.

(*b*) To place along a surface at definite intervals.

1850 INKERSLEY *Ing. Styles Archit. France* 311 All these windows being set off on the outer face of the wall.

(*c*) To mark off, separate from the context.

1824 L. MURRAY *Eng. Gram.* (ed. 5) I. 399 When adjuncts or circumstances are of importance,..they may be set off by commas.

e. To set in relief, make prominent or conspicuous by contrast.

1596 SHAKS. *1 Hen. IV*, I. ii. 239 My reformation glittering o're my fault, Shall shew more goodly,..Then that which hath no foyle to set it off. 1633 G. HERBERT *Temple, Foil* ii, God hath made starres the foil To set off vertues; griefs to set off sinning. 1634 MILTON *Comus* 801 She fables not, I feel that I do fear Her words set off by som superior power. 1656 EARL MONM. tr. *Boccalini's Advts. fr. Parnass.* I. xix. (1674) 20 Picture-drawers do the better set off the Figures they draw, by dark shadows. 1693 LOCKE *Educ.* § 93 (1699) 148 Good qualities are the Substantial Riches of the Mind, but 'tis good Breeding sets them off. 1778 SIR J. REYNOLDS *Disc.* viii. (1876) 454 That the blue, the grey, or the green colours..be used only to support and set off these warm colours. 1825 *New Monthly Mag.* XVI. 121 His raiment served to set his destitution off. 1859 GEO. ELIOT *Adam Bede* ix, The primrose is set off by its nest of green. 1890 *Lippincott's Mag.* Jan. 23 Thick brown hair..fell down on her shoulders and set off the margins of her smooth pure cheeks.

absol. 1611 SHAKS. *Cymb.* III. iii. 13 It is Place, which lessen's, and sets off.

(*b*) *intr.* To form a contrast (*with*).

1652 *Bk. Drawing*, etc. 34 What Colours set off best together. 1735 *Dict. Polygraph.* II. H h 4, Blues set off with yellows, reds, whites, browns, and blacks. Greens set off well with purples and reds.

f. To show to advantage, enhance, embellish.

1611 SHAKS. *Cymb.* I. vi. 170 He hath a kinde of Honor sets him off, More then a mortall seeming. 1628 EARLE *Microcosm.* lv. (Arb.) 79 No quality sets a man off like this. 1705 ADDISON *Italy* 439 Claudian has set off his Description of the Eridanus, with all the Poetical Stories that have been made of it. 1747 MRS. GLASSE *Cookery* xvi. 142 Fairy Butter...This is a pretty Thing to set off a Table at Supper. 1749 SMOLLETT *Gil Blas* III. v. (1782) I. 255, I adorned myself to the best of my power, the barber lending a helping hand, in order to set me off. 1821 SCOTT *Kenilw.* xix, Thou seest how well the French hose set off the leg and knee. 1849 RUSKIN *Seven Lamps* iv. § 42. 133 The sculpture is approved and set off by the colour. 1891 *Temple Bar* July 445 Dress helped to set off her many charms.

g. To give a flattering description of, commend, praise.

a 1625 FLETCHER *Hum. Lieut.* III. i, Set 'em off Lady I mean sell 'em. 1706 POPE *Let. to Wycherley* 10 Apr., The great Dealers in Wit, like those in Trade, take least pains to set off their Goods. 1785 [R. GRAVES] *Eugenius* II. xviii. 118 Young Scrip, whom Mrs. Banks was going to set off as a young man of great expectations. 1828–32 WEBSTER, *To set off*...To give a pompous or flattering description of; to eulogize; to recommend; as to set off a character.

h. To take into account by way of compensation or equivalent; to put in the balance (*against* something); *spec.* in *Law*, to allow or recognize as a counter-claim. Also *absol.*

1735 *Act* 8 *Geo. II*, c. 24 § 5 The Debt intended to be set off, shall be pleaded in Bar, in which Plea shall be shewn how much is truly and justly due on either side. 1775 F. BULLER *Introd. Law Nisi Prius* (ed. 2) 179 A Debt by simple Contract might by the former Act have been set off against a Specialty Debt. 1809 MALKIN *Gil Blas* II. v. (Rtldg.) 56 We may set off their drugs against our specifics. 1818 J. CAMPBELL *Nisi Prius Cases* II. 586 The defendant had therefore a right to set off this loss against the premiums. 1819 TAUNTON *Rep. Cases Comm. Pleas* VII. 481 The Defendants' guaranty does not so make the Defendants parties to the contract, that they can set off. 1880 MUIRHEAD *Gaius* iv. 64 He is required to set off his customer's counter-claim. 1891 *Sat. Rev.* 15 Aug. 192/1 The produce is set off against the advance, the balance is fairly struck.

(*b*) To counterbalance, compensate.

1749 FIELDING *Tom Jones* v. i, Thus the beauty of day, and that of summer, are set off by the horrors of night and winter. 1819 SCOTT *Ivanhoe* xl, The merry-men of the forest set off the building of a cottage with the burning of a castle. 1893 *Times* 8 May 7/6 The loss feared in one branch of trade would be set off by a gain in another branch.

(*c*) *intr.* To be a set-off *against*.

1824 *Examiner* 152/2 Prices neither have risen, nor is there the least prospect of their rising, to a rate that will set off against the taxes..that burden the land.

i. *intr.* To start on a journey or course; *transf.* to start (doing something).

1774 *Trinket* 91, I sat off in immediate pursuit of them. 1816 SCOTT *Bl. Dwarf* xi, They mounted..and..set off at a round gallop. 1823 SOUTHEY *Hist. Penins. War* I. 473 Messengers set off to solicit succour from Badajoz. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* iii, They both set off in a fit of laughter. 1888 'J. S. WINTER' *Bootle's Childr.* viii, He..set off to go home alone.

(*b*) To take off for a leap. *rare.*

1760–72 H. BROOKE *Fool of Qual.* (1809) III. 95 A mark from whence the rivals were to set off on their leap.

†j. To have a certain appearance. *Obs.*

1601 B. JONSON *Poet.* Epil. 20, I, now, but thinke, how poore their spight sets off, Who,..Haue nothing left, but the vnsau'ry smoake Of their blacke vomit, to vpbrayd themselues.

k. *Printing.* To soil the next leaf or sheet: said of the ink or of the printed page.

1683 MOXON *Mech. Exerc., Printing* xi. ¶ 23 Trane-Oyl ..hinders the Inck from drying; so that when the Work comes to the Binders, it Sets off. 1777 in *N. & Q.* Ser. IX. V. (1900) 189/1 [The hinder] is particularly desired to beat the work before he places the cuts, in order to prevent the letterpress from setting off on the engravings. 1843 J. BADCOCK *Dom. Amusem.* 27 Some printers' works 'set off', as they term it, when the ink of one page leaves its impression upon the opposite page. 1883 R. HALOANE *Workshop Rec.* Ser. II. 343/2 An undue proportion of lampblack in the ink will cause it to smear,..and to 'set-off' during bookbinding operations.

l. In the pianoforte, (of the hoppers) to make the proper set-off.

1853 W. SANDILANDS in *Abridgm. Specif. Patents, Music* (1871) 287, I..claim an improvement through the same means in the setting off of the hopper. 1885 LOCK *Workshop Rec.* Ser. IV. 281/1 Blocking is caused by the hoppers not 'setting off'.

148. Set on. a. *lit.* To place on or upon something: see simple senses and ON *adv.*: with special implication, e. g. to set (a vessel) on the fire; † to put on (an article of clothing); † to hang (a door).

c 975 *Rushw. Gosp.* Mark v. 23 Sete on honda ofer hiæ. *c* 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 197 He ne mihte finden on al his licame hwar he his finger on sette bute uppen wunden. *c* 1205 LAY. 311 Brutus sette on his flo. *c* 1420 *Anow. Arth.* xxxi, Downe thay take that birde bryȝte, Sette hur one, behinde the knyȝte. *c* 1460 J. RUSSELL *Bk. Nurture* 987 in *Babees*

Bk. 183 But furst sett on his sokkis. 1522 in *Archæologia* XXV. 450 Item p^d..for settyng on of a horne & trymmyng of yo^r long bowe..iiij d. 1535 COVERDALE *2 Esdras* iii. 6 They..set on the dores, lockes & barres of it. 1582 STANYHURST *Æneis* I. 213 Soom doe set on caldrons, oothers doe kendel a bauen. 1657 R. LIGON *Barbadoes* (1673) 38 Another course [of a meal] is set on. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 7 Mar. 1690, To protect, set on, and bring off, those who should manage the fire-strips. 17.. in *Kitson's Gammer Gurton's Gart.* (1783) 52 Is John smith within?.. Can he set on a shoe? 1808 *Lady's Econ. Assist.* 22 A welt should be set on to the waist at the hack. *c* 1850 *Rudim. Navig.* (Weale) 140 To *relieve*, to make a sett near to another that cannot be sett on any more till it is taken in on each side. 1859 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* XX. II. 330 The tail is not neatly set on. 1880 *Plain Knitting* 11 Knitting can hardly be set on too loosely. 1884 *Live Stock Jrnl.* 1 Aug. 107/1 A..Setter Dog, good all round, with the exception of his ears, which are set on too high.

† b. To set on foot, instigate, promote. *Obs.*

1639 ROUSE *Heav. Univ.* vii. (1702) 94 They behold the shape of Folly of their own setting on. *c* 1640 H. BELL *Luther's Colloq. Mens.* (1652) 334 The Emperor sent his Embassador to John Frederick, Prince Elector of Saxon, to set on and to further a Council. 1688 *Lett. conc. Pres. St. Italy* 158 The Son of him that set on the Massacres of the Protestants. *a* 1715 BURNET *Own Time* (1724) I. 262 The King was as earnest in the setting it on, as the Duke was in opposing it.

c. (*a*) To urge (an animal, *esp.* a dog) to attack.

1592 NASHE *P. Penilesse* B 4 What Cur wil not bawle.. when he is set on by his maister? 1610 SHAKS. *Temp.* IV. i. Stage Dir., Enter diuers Spirits in shape of Dogs and Hounds, hunting them about: Prospero and Ariel setting them on. 1890 MRS. A. MACLEOD *Austral. Girl* I. xxii. 259, I found him setting a puppy on to some sheep.

(*b*) To instigate, incite, urge on (a person) *to do* something.

1523 BERNERS *Froiss.* I. lviii. 32 b, By the settyng on of Sir Willyam Bayllule. 1540 PALSGR. *Acolastus* I. i. D ij b, The vndewe loue he hath to hym selfe..setteth him on to take this way. *Ibid.* D iij b, He hath prinyly or by secrete menes stered the, or set y^m on (to do this thinge). 1560 DAUS tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* 137 Beinge ayded by the Byshop of the same Citie, or set on rather. 1616 R. COCKS *Diary* (Hakl. Soc.) I. 115 The chirurgion is a prating fello, and I think sett on per others. 1622 MABBE tr. *Aleman's Guzman d'Alf.* I. 150 My Master was now bent against me, his Wife had set him on. 1743 T. MORAIS *Serm.* vii. 184 Whether they went out of their..choice, or were set on by others. 1781 D. WILLIAMS tr. *Voltaire's Dram. Wks.* II. 286 The devil set me on to marry you. 1821 SCOTT *Kenilw.* xxxiv, Vnless I set on Sir Walter Raleigh. 1892 *Gd. Words* May 300/2 It was..the boys—they set us on to ask.

† (*c*) To carry through to a conclusion; to drive *home*. *Obs.*

1596 NASHE *Saffron Walden* Wks. 1910 III. 123 Speaking to him, that he shuld not go about to answere me, except he set it soundly on. 1653 H. MORE *Antid. Ath.* App. iii. (1712) 186, I confess the Objection is very ingenious, and set on home.

d. † (*a*) To advance, send forward. *Obs.*

1601 SHAKS. *Jul. C.* II. i. 331 Set on your foote, And..I follow you. *Ibid.* V. iii. 108 Let vs to the Field, Labio and Flauio set our Battailes on.

(*b*) To set in motion, set going. Also *absol.*

1855 BAIN *Senses & Int.* I. i. § 3 By what influence do we draw our first breath, or set on the first stroke of the heart? 1867 SMYTH *Sailor's Word-bk.*, *Set on*, the order to set the engine going on board a steamer.

e. To start (a person) doing something. Cf. *set off*, 147 b.

1854 J. S. C. ABBOTT *Napoleon* (1855) II. xxxi. 58 It is well known to be no easy matter to check the people when they are once set on. 1866 MRS. H. WOOD *St. Martin's Eve* xxi. II. 86, I have coughed a great deal lately..and the coming in from the cold air to the atmosphere of your stifling stove, has set me on now.

f. To set or appoint (a person) to do something; = *put on*, PUT *v.* 46 l.

1852 THACKERAY *Esmond* I. x, He was set on to read Latin. 1856 *Housek. Words* 21 June 546/2 Frazer..set on two or three extra gangs of navvies.

g. *intr.* To advance, go forward.

c 1400 *Sowdone Bab.* 2555 On thay set with herte stronge. *c* 1450 *Merlin* xxii. 383 Loke ye sette on alle to-geder ther as ye shull here an horne blowe right high and lowde. 1605 *1st Pt. Ieronimo* III. iv. 6 Set on to Spaine in most triumphant measure. 1611 SHAKS. *Wint. T.* IV. iv. 682 We set on..to th' Sea-side. 1808 SCOTT *Marm.* IV. iii, Marmion Gave..the signal to set on.

† (*b*) To make a move *for*. *Obs.*

1616 SIR T. ROE *Jrnl. Embassy* (1899) 342 When I deliuer the Next guiftes to the Mogoll..I will sett on anew for a formall contract.

(*c*) To begin working.

1889 W. WESTALL *Birch Dene* II. iii. 34 All of you to your places; the engine is setting on again. *Ibid.* xi. 173 Nearly an hour after the engine had 'set on'.

h. To make an attack. Now *dial.* in *set on at* or *to* = attack, assail.

1670 EACHARD *Cont. Clergy* 120 Countrey People..read not so many Gazetts, as a Citizen, nor concern themselves where the Turk, or King of France sets on next. 1886 MRS. H. WOOD *Mrs. Hallib.* III. vi, His sister..set on at the wife, saying it was her fault.

149. Set out. * a. See simple senses and OUT *adv.*; to lay out, spread out; to cause to project or extend; to display (a flag); etc.

1573 in Feuillerat *Revels Q. Eliz.* (1908) 193 Setting owte & Taking in againe..sundry kyndes of Apparell. 1576 PETTIE *Petite Pallace* 54 Setting out flag of defyance. 1592 TIMME *Ten Engl. Lepers* vii. H 2 b, Olde age draweth in the eyes, setteth out the teeth. 1614 GORGES *Lucan* VIII. 331 The light That Pharus tower sets out at night. 1641 J. JACKSON *True Evang. T.* III. 190 Let us a little set out the bounder-stones of this disquisition upon which we are fallen. 1698 FARQUHAR *Love & Bottle* I. i, The Enemy approaches, we must set out our false Colours. 1719 DE FOE *Crusoe* I. (Globe) 122 How many [*sc.* pots] crack'd by the ..Heat of the Sun, being set out too hastily. 1888 'J. S. WINTER' *Bootle's Childr.* xii, The jeweller..set out some trays of pretty inexpensive brooches. 1897 C. T. DAVIS *Manuf. Leather* (ed. 2) 250 The side having been stuffed, and next 'set out'..the next step in the process of manufacturing upper leather is that of whitening.

† b. To set in relief, set off. *Obs.*

1577 WHETSTONE *Remembr. Life Gascoigne* vii, Euil sets out good, as far as black dooth white. 1611 *Second Maiden's Trag.* 2225 The Body..drest vp in black velvet which setts out the pailenes of the handes and face. 1658 SANDERSON *Graphice* 48 Light and Shadows forward, set out any Painting outwards.

† c. To expose. *Obs.*

1579 TOMSON *Calvin's Serm. Tim.* xxiii. 404/2 That our life seemeth to be set out to Sathan [orig. *exposee à Satan*]. 1611 COTGR. *Exposé*..set out, put or layed open to.

d. To accompany or escort on the way. *dial.*

1725 WALKDEN *Diary* (1866) 7, I rose and set son John out towards the coalpit. 1803 R. ANDERSON *Cumbld. Ball.* 57 Young Susy half consenting To set me out a mile o' geate.

** † e. To fit out (a ship, fleet) for a voyage; to equip for an expedition; to send out (forces), fit out (an expedition). *Obs.*

a 1122 *O. E. Chron.* (Laud MS.) an. 1047, Man sette ut .ix. litsmanna scipa. 1557 in *Sel. Pleas Crt. Admiralty* (1897) II. 31 Another shippe of warre..furnished manned and victualyd and sett out to the seas by Walter Rawleighe. 1601 HAKLUYT tr. *Galvano's Discov.* 20, I know not whether the charge of that voiage was theirs or the kings. But by whom soeuer it was set out [etc.]. 1603 KNOLLES *Hist. Turks* (1638) 783 *marg.*, The Christian Princes set out a fleet for the recouery of Tripolis. 1605 STOW *Ann.* 1402 The Citizens of London set out 500 souldiers into Ireland, with their furniture. *a* 1642 SUCKLING *Goblins* I. i. Wks. 1874 II. 11 Why does not then the state Set out some forces, and suppress them? 1707 SLOANE *Jamaica* I. 1 Christopher Columbus first solicited the king of Portugal to set him out. *a* 1715 BURNET *Own Time* (1724) I. 313 The fleet could not be set out that year.

(*b*) To equip or furnish *with*.

1585 T. WASHINGTON tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* IV. i. 114 Set out and furnished with bowes and arrowes. 1725 *Fam. Dict.* s. v. *Goose*, They set out Arrows with its Feathers.

† (*c*) To dress for going out. *Obs.*

1687 MIEGE *Gt. Fr. Dict.* II. s. v., To set out a Child in order to go abroad, *habiller un Enfant pour sortir*.

† (*d*) To put out (a boat). *Obs.*

1694 tr. *Martens' Voy. Spitzbergen* in *Acc. Sev. Late Voy.* II. 128 They set out their Long-boats after the Whale.

† f. With immaterial obj.: To cause to go forth, send forth; to give currency or vogue to; to issue, promulgate. *Obs.*

c 1100 *O. E. Chron.* (MS. D) an. 1052, & setton stefna ut to Lundene & man bead þa folce þider ut ofer ealne þisne norðende. 1542 UDALL *Erasm. Apoph.* 197 For epitaphies are..not set out till the parties bee deceassed. 1548 in *Wodrow Soc. Misc.* (1844) 9 This confescion was fyrste wrytten and set out by the ministers of the churche and congregacion of Swenerland. 1560 *Maitl. Club Misc.* III. 216 Traditiones of men sett owt to thirle the consciences of Goddis people. 1687 BURNET *Contin. Reply to Varillas* 83 The Articles of our Religion were agreed on, and set out by Authority. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 23 Dec. 1695, The Parliament..setting out a proclamation prohibiting the currency of half crowns. *a* 1715 BURNET *Own Time* (1724) I. 500 The King set out a declaration for satisfying his people.

† g. *To set out one's* (*a*, *the*) *throat*: to cry aloud, shout. *Obs.* (Cf. *set up*, 154 c.)

1574 tr. *Marlorat* in *Marbeck's Bk. Notes* (1581) 1108 Set out thy throte & cry. 1602 MIDDLETON *Blurt* II. i. C, I should cut your throate..but that I know you would set out a throate. 1610 B. JONSON *Alch.* V. iii. His gag is melted, And now he sets out the throte. 1622 MABBE tr. *Aleman's Guzman d'Alf.* II. 263 She thereupon began to set out so loud a throat, as if (like a pig) I had offered to sticke her.

† h. To exhibit (a play) on the stage; to exhibit (public games). *Obs.*

1540 PALSGR. *Acolastus* Prol. B ij b, That same wyll we nowe sette out before you (with personages) in our play. 1565 COOPER *Thesaurus* s. v. *Comparo*, To sette out playes with great charges. 1579 GOSSON *Sch. Abuse* (Arb.) 29 Romulus..set out playes to gather the fayre women togither. 1600 HOLLAND *Livy* XXVII. 635 A decree was graunted, that C. Hostilius the Pretour should vow, and set out the games and playes of Apollo.

† i. To put into print, publish (a literary work).

1559 MORWYNG *Evonym.* Pref. A j, This Arte was..wryten in our Dutch tung and first set out by him. *a* 1568 ASCHAM *Scholem.* II. Wks. (1904) 285 Which booke I hane in writyng, and is not yet set out in print. 1612 J. CHAMBERLAIN in *Crt. & Times Jas. I* (1848) I. 214, I hear of some verses are set out or given to some few, but not publicly sold.

† j. To declare, proclaim, show forth, reveal. *Obs.*

a 1540 BARNES *Wks.* (1573) 293/2 That..the declaration and setting out of his worde. 1547 HARPSFIELD in *Homilies, Mis. Mankind* *** j b, He is the God, whiche..setteth out his charitie and excendyng loue toward vs. 1565 COOPER *Thesaurus* s. v. *Duco*, To employe his studie to set out ones prayse. 1583 *Leg. Bp. St. Androis* 646 Robert Melwene of Carnebie, That with that bischop went about, To sett his feinyeit falsett out. 1648 GAGE *West Ind.* 77 If I should not set out to the publick view the worth of her people. 1665 MANLEY *Grotius' Low C. Wars* 545 If any more eminent matter of Valour or Policy happen, there is given a fair occasion..to set out the Authors or Inventors thereof. 1681 H. MORE *Expos. Dan.* 233 Then will this Antichrist by a publick writing be exhibited or set out to the world in his colours.

† k. To express, denote. *Obs.*

1628 T. SPENCER *Logick* 4 The word *art*, doth set out the generall nature of Logick. 1631 GOUGE *God's Arrows* III. § 53. 284 The word whereby the Evangelist setteth out consent in prayer. 1684 H. MORE *Answ.* 41 The Kings of the Earth..calling to the Rocks and Mountains..sets out the fear of those great Men.

*** l. To display (wares) for sale.

13.. *K. Alis.* 7077 Ac theygh the marchaunt sette out his ware, In the stret. 1530 PALSGR. 715/1 This felowe hath set out his marchandyse to the shewe. 1611 COTGR., *Mangonner*, to..set out vnto the eye sale things. 1617 MORYSON *Itin.* I. 198 All vertues become lesse prized in them, who set them out to sale. 1829 *Examiner* 370/1 Shop-keepers set out their goods for the purpose of attracting the gaze.

† m. To display to advantage, put forward to attract attention, make attractive. *Obs.*

1586 T. B. *La Primaud. Fr. Acad.* I. Ep. Ded., Seeing they are sent to edifie others, and not to set out themselves. 1605 CHAPMAN *All Fools* V. ii. 195 As for your mother, shee ..could set out her taile with as good grace as any shee in Florence. 1619 W. WHATELY *God's Husb.* I. (1622) 102 Hee that is apt to set out himselfe, and cannot brooke another that goeth not so farre as himselfe: that man doe thou suspect, and from him be thou reserued. 1646 SIR T. BROWNE *Pseud. Ep.* I. iii. 9 Mahomet..when hee set out the felicitie of his heaven, by..the delights of sense.

† (*b*) To extol, 'crack up'. *Obs.*

1687 MIEGE *Gt. Fr. Dict.* II. s. v., To set one out, or speak much to his Praise. 1693 DRYDEN *Juvenal* Ded. in *Ess.* (1900) II. 68 The colours [of rival charioteers] themselves were but a fancy; but when once a man had taken pains to set out those of his party, and had been at the trouble of procuring voices for them, the case was altered. 1754 RICHARDSON *Grandison* I. viii. 39 How have you over-rated my merits!..should you not.. have known something of my mind before you had set me out thus.

† n. To embellish, adorn, deck out, trick out. Also *refl.* *Obs.*

1523 SKELTON *Garl. Laurel* 422 O noble Chaucer, whos pullisshyd eloquence Oure Englysshe rude so fresshely hath set out. 1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 84 Not set out with fayre & fyne clothes. 1589 COOPER *Admon.* 56 The Libeller to set out his Pasquill, raketh all things. 1621 BURTON *Anat. Mel.* III. ii. II. iii. 572 Gold and pretious stones doe condescend to set out their shooes. 1662 J. DAVIES tr. *Olearius' Voy. Amb.* 205 They set out their Discourse with all sorts of Fables. *a* 1704 T. BROWN *Ess. on Women* Wks. 1711 IV. 157 They bestow..as much Times and Pains in the Art of Dissimulation, as they do in setting out their Faces. 1714 C'TESS COWPER *Diary* (1865) 36 There she was, set out in all her Airs. 1747 MRS. GLASSE *Cookery* ix. 89 It is good with Vinegar, and a fine Dish to set out a cold Table.

**** † o. To put out at interest. *Obs.*

1533 in *Test. Ebor.* (Surtees) VI. 8 All such goodes..shall.. be sett owte to the use and profett of John Mering, Robert Mering and Nicholes Mering. 1614 RICH *Honestie Age* (1615) 36 Euery man can call him an Vsurer that setteth out his money. 1677 YARRANTON *Eng. Improv.* 22 All such as..dare not set out their Moneys at interest.

† p. To put (a child) out to nurse; to place out with a master or at school. *Obs.*

1575 GASCOIGNE *Glasse Govt.* IV. iv. Wks. 1910 II. 64, I thinke no mens children are thus set out. 1643 TRAPP *Comm. Gen.* xxi. 7 If the childe must be set out, let a fit nurse be looked after. *c* 1670 WOOD *Life* (O.H.S.) I. 130 Somtimes she would tell him that she would set him out to an attorney or sollicitor. 1729 WALKDEN *Diary* (1866) 61 To-day we set son Henry out to school to Mr. Nabb.

† q. To set apart *for* certain treatment. *Obs.*

1607 SHAKS. *Timon* V. iv. 57 Whom you your selues shall set out for reproofe. 1633 BP. HALL *Hard Texts*, Zech. xi. 4 Thus saith the Lord, my God, yet amongst these Jewes, which I have justly set out for this slaughter, there is a flocke of mine, whom I have due care of.

(*b*) To put aside (a tenth part); to reserve as tithe. *Obs.* (Cf. *set forth*, 144 c, *b*.)

1548 *Acl 2 & 3 Edw. VI*, c. 13 § 1 Everye of the Kinges subjectes shall..devide sett out yelde and paye all manner of their prediall tythes in their proper kynde. 1670 W. SHEPPARD *Parson's Guide* 41 The common course of setting out and delivering Corn by the Common Law, is by the tenth Shock, Cock, or Shenf. 1710 PAIDEAUX *Orig. Tithes* iii. 160 Men were forced to set the Tithes duly out, and pay them fully. 1736 *Gentl. Mag.* VI. 697/1 And no Quaker shall after such Notice, and before the setting out, or after such Tythe shall be so set out, withdraw or take away, or cause to be withdrawn or taken away the said Tythes. 1768 *Case of Jeffry Ruffle* 3 He gave him notice every time of the setting out of his tythes.

† r. To let or lease out. *Obs.*

1614 RICH *Honestie Age* (1615) 37 The Land-Lords that doe set out their linings at those high rates. 1617 MORYSON *Itin.* I. 6 Some boyle not the Salt in their owne name but set it out to others. 1693 STAIR *Instit.* I. xvi. (ed. 2) 135 Letting out of Lands, or setting out of Houses.

***** s. † To exhibit graphically (*obs.*); to put down on paper in express or detailed form; to describe or enumerate expressly; to detail.

1560 DAUS tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* 158 Before Luthers booke was sette out a picture. 1568 GRAFTON *Chron.* II. 13 There ye shall see it [pallium] set out in white with a great many of blacke crosses vpon it.

1545 ASCHAM *Toxoph.* (Arb.) 43 The other [Cicero] setteth onte no poynte of rhetorike, so fullie in all his bookes, as [etc.]. 1585 T. WASHINGTON tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* III. ix. 84 The very same partie by whom the finely figure before set out was made. *Ibid.* IV. xxix. 150 b, The places..most notable, and that doe merite to be set out. 1621 ELSING *Debates Ho. Lords* (Camden) 109 Yt shoulde sett out the matter orderly. 1658 GURNALL *Chr. in Arm.* II. verse 14. xvi. 314 The Christians getting to heaven, is set out as a businesse of so much difficulty. 1693 DRYDEN *Juvenal* x. (1697) 244 The Poets Design in this Divine Satyr, is to represent the various Wishes and Desires of Mankind; and to set out the Folly of 'em. 1775 F. BULLER *Introd. Law Nisi Prius* (ed. 2) 176 In such Case the Jury are not to set out the Value of the

Land descended. 1842 *Act* 5 & 6 *Vict.* c. 45 Sched. 4 Set out the Title of the Book. 1879 M. Pattison *Milton* 101 This moving situation Gauden, no mean stylist, set out in the best academical language of the period. 1896 *Athenæum* 14 Mar. 339/1 A list of authorities set out in the appendix.

† (*b*) To furnish a translation of. *Obs.*

1597 Morley *Introd. Mus.* To Rdr., I do not donbt, but many..will wonder that..I haue taken vpon mee to set ont that in our vulgar tongue. *a* 1668 Lassels *Voy. Italy* (1670) II. 232 It was he that set us out the life of Sir Thomas More in English. *a* 1700 Evelyn *Diary* 12 Sept. 1649, Dr. Crighton, ..a learned Grecian who set out the Council of Florence.

t. To delimit, define, mark out.

1653 Manlove *Lead-mines* 48 The finder,..May have two meers met, and set out by stake. 1660 Stanley *Hist. Philos.* XI. *Parmenides* (1687) 747 He..first set ont and limited the habitable parts of the Earth. 1690 Locke *Hum. Und.* IV. iv. § 13 A false Supposition, that these two Names, Man and Beast, stand for distinct Species so set out by real Essences, that there can come no other Species between them. 1727 Boyer *Dict. Royal* II. s. v., Every Man has his Share of Provisions and Business set out. 1847 Marryat *Childr. New Forest* xiv, If he is to work..it must not be by having work set out for him. 1870 Hughes *Alfred the Grt.* xv, The shires and their sub-divisions..were carefully set out.

(*b*) To portion ont (land) into lots.

a 1700 Evelyn *Diary* 22 Mar. 1675, When the rebells were dividing their conquests in Ireland, he was employ'd by them to measure and set out the land. 1818 Cruise *Digest* (ed. 2) V. 17 The commissioners should set out, allot, and assign unto the lady of the manor, twenty statute acres of the common and waste grounds. 1893 *Field* 1 Apr. 486/1 My predecessor had set out a large field in allotments.

(*c*) To plan, lay out (a town, road, garden, etc.); to lay out (ground) *with* plants.

1673 Ray *Journ. Low C.* 3 The present Town having been contrived and set out all at once. 1689 *Col. Rec. Pennsylv.* I. 298 To set out a Cart road according to Statute. *a* 1700 Evelyn *Diary* 17 Jan. 1653, I began to set out the ovall garden at Suyes Court. 1712 J. James tr. *Le Blond's Gardening* 138 A Gardener who has a Parterre or a Grove to set out. 1845 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* VI. II. 335 A ditch is then to be set out 4 feet wide. 1854 *Ibid.* XV. II. 426 He ..himself sets out his drains and his water-meads. 1893 *Cornh. Mag.* May 485 Every year sees another acre or two set out with narcissus bulbs.

(*d*) To mark out, lay out in a pattern or design.

1838 *Civ. Engin. & Arch. Jrnl.* I. 322/1 Professor Phillips described an Odontograph, or instrument for setting out the teeth of wheels. 1861 *Temple Bar* I. 234 The lines of a floating battery in setting out the lines of a..fast frigate. 1891 Denning *Art Cabinet-Making* 213 The sketch from which the working drawing is set out. 1892 Eleanor Rowe *Chip Carving* 45 To set ont the borders on Figs. 35 and 36.

u. (*a*) To arrange (a table, a room, etc.) for a meal or other purpose; to spread (a table, etc.) *with* ornaments, etc.; to dress (a window). (*b*) To put out or arrange (things necessary for a meal, game, etc.), esp. on a table; to lay (a meal).

1809 Malkin *Gil Blas* I. v. (Rtldg.) 10 The next step was to regale after their labours. A large table was set out in the hall. 1850 *Tait's Mag.* XVII. 764/2 The room was set out for dinner. 1856 *Leisure Hour* V. 604/1 Is it beneath his dignity to take down the shutters and 'set out' the window of his establishment? 1859 Geo. Eliot *Adam Bede* x, Seth..began to..clear the small round deal table that he might set out his mother's tea upon it. 1872 Calverley *Fly Leaves* (1884) 34, I see her..setting out the tea-things, For a howling herd of hungry boys. 1885 J. Payn *Luck of Darrells* xliii, The table was brilliantly set out with glass and silver

(*c*) To arrange (objects) at proper intervals or with a due amount of display; *spec.* to plant out; to leave (plants) at a distance apart, by thinning (cf. Single *v.* 7).

1812 *New Bot. Gard.* I. 15 Removing the plants..and setting them out in beds. 1831 Loudon *Encyct. Agric.* (1857) § 6009 The planters differ in the number of hills to be made ..some choosing to set them out..in rows of equal distances. 1847 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* VIII. I. 215 The plants are set out with the hoe, the distance varying from 14 to 18 inches. 1860 Tyndall *Glac.* II. x. 285 This line [of stakes] was set out and numbered from the Trélaporte side of the valley. 1888 B. W. Richardson *Son of Star* II. v. 79 A commander-in-chief who cannot set out troops. *Ibid.* III. xii. 218 The tents..are set out in the order of a city. 1890 *Jrnl. Educ.* 1 Aug. 429/2 The examples are nowhere 'set out', but buried in the body of the page.

****** † v. To put (people) at variance. *Obs.*

a 1610 Healey *Theophrastus* (1636) 51 If he be chosen Arbitrator betwixt two at difference..hee sets them out further then euer they were before. 1649 *Nicholas Papers* (1886) 156 To breed differences with and set him out with the Qneene his mother.

******* *intr.* w. To begin or start on a journey; to start on one's way.

Set out is felt as more appropriate than *set off* in this sense when the journey is undertaken with some deliberation or is of an important or arduous character.

1583 Stocker *Civ. Warres Lowe C.* IV. 24 b, Thei franckly and freely sette out of the Towne. 1667 Milton *P. L.* VIII. 211 Mee thou thinkst not slow, Who since the Morning hour set out from Heav'n..and ere mid-day arriv'd in Eden. *a* 1700 Evelyn *Diary* 27 June 1650, The next morning by 4 we sat out for Canterbury. 1748 Richardson *Clarissa* VII. 215, I write this after all are gone to bed; and the fellow is to set out with it by day-break. 1837 Lockhart *Scott* IV. xi. 366 The Baronet..set out on his return to the North. 1886 Miss Sergeant *No Saint* ix, He set out resolutely to walk across country. 1887 Ruskin *Præterita* II. 164 We set out together for the base of the Buet,—I on muleback, he walking.

(*b*) const. *inf.* To begin one's career or start off with the object of doing something; to lay oneself out (*to do*).

1888 Bryce *Amer. Commw.* lxxxix. III. 211 It..accomplished much of what it set out to do. 1893 *Harper's Mag.* Jan. 313/2 Did he..deliberately set out to be a tyrant? 1897 *Bookman* Jan. 126/1 The..stories..don't set out to prove anything.

(*c*) *ellipt.*

1744 Lady M. W. Montagu *Let. to Montagu* 12 June, A new vice-legate,..young, rich, and handsome, and sets out in a greater figure than ever has been known here. 1798 *Geraldina* I. 191 Nor would I set out a Reformer.

x. To start on a certain course; to begin or start off (*with* or *by doing* something).

1693 Locke *Educ.* § 93 (1699) 151 A young Gentleman, who gets this one Qualification from his Governour, sets out with great Advantage. 1694 Atterbury *Serm.* (Isa. lx. 22) (1726) I. 100 But Christianity, when it set out, took none of these methods of recommending it self. 1753 Hogarth *Anal. Beauty* xi. 89 The two general ideas we sat out with at the beginning of this chapter. 1770 Luckombe *Hist. Printing* 247 Every Printer ought to consult with himself about the scope and nature of the business which he sets out for. 1829 Lamb *Let. to Gillman* 30 Nov., Life opened upon him with comparative brilliancy. He set out as a rider or traveller for a wholesale house. 1853 J. Napier *Man. Dyeing* 261 If we start with a protosalt of iron..and if we set out with a persalt. 1884 G. Allen *Philistia* III. 22 He set out by admiring his niece's fat arms.

y. To project.

1892 *Black & White* 11 June 758/1, I have observed..that several of the new skirts..show a tendency towards setting out round the feet. 1892 *Pictorial World* 25 June 98/1 It is only cut and stiffly lined to set out round the feet.

† z. = *sit out* (trans. and intr.): see Sit *v.* 37 a, b.

1714 Mrs. Manley *Adv. Rivella* 40, I..saw the Person for whom she was accus'd, set the Play out. 1815 *Zeluca* III. 82 Not but I'd rather set out; for it's quite unfair to sing a foolish thing that nobody likes, when I could do better.

150. Set over. † a. To convey to the other side of a piece of water. Also *absol.* or *intr.* (Cf. *put over*, Put *v.* 49 d.) *Obs.*

c 1400 *Destr. Troy* 2998 There light þai full lyfely, lept into bote, And were set ouer soundly into the same yle. 1548 Hall *Chron., Edw. IV* (1809) 292 He was a frayde to set ouer or to gene battayl, knowynge not to what parte his sonldiers would enclyne. 1567 Harman *Caveat* xi. (1869) 54 By that tyme the boye was sette ouer, his Maister..hadde taken a Bote and followed hym. *a* 1627 Hayward *Edw. VI* (1630) 61 Finding the riuer to be fordeable.., he there set ouer his horse.

† b. To give up, surrender *to*. *Obs.*

1575–85 Abp. Sandys *Serm.* vii. 109 The vineyard of the Lorde is set ouer to the spoile. *a* 1641 Bp. Mountagu *Acts & Mon.* (1642) 460 Sorry Ascetæ they were..who could not find in their hearts to set over to Gods service any more then two times or hours in the day.

c. To make over, transfer.

1594 West *2nd Pt. Symbol., Chancerie* § 141 The said sheriffe..did..bargaine, sell, assigne, & set ouer the said lease..vnto one G. H. 1613 R. Witt *Arithm. Quest.* 148 This Merchant hauing occasion to imploy money at 3. moneths end after he deliuer the said 300*l.* is desirous to sell or set ouer the said debt. 1818 Cruise *Digest* (ed. 2) II. 10 A covenant from the lessee, that he would not 'assign, transfer, or set over..the said indenture of demise'. 1820 Gifford *Compl. Engl. Lawyer* (ed. 5) 660 The said A. B. hath..assigned, transferred, and set over..unto the said N. O...all that messuage.

† d. To brush aside, dismiss. *Obs.*

1701 *Col. Rec. Pennsylv.* II. 80 Objections..which they could by no means Sett over.

† e. *intr.* Of a vessel: To run over. *Obs.*

1608 Bp. Andrewes *Serm. Holy Ghost* ii. (1641) 609 Filled: not to hold, but to set over.

f. *pass.* and *intr. Salt-manuf.* Of the pan: To collect a crust in the process of evaporation.

1808 H. Holland *Agric. Cheshire* 59 When a crust of this kind forms [on the surface of the brine] the salt boilers say that 'the pan is set-over'. 1875 *Ure's Dict. Arts* III. 744 The introduction of a very few grains being amply sufficient to clear the largest pan, and to prevent any recurrence of the 'setting over'.

151. Set through. † To carry through, bring to a conclusion. *Obs.*

1600 J. Pory tr. *Leo's Africa* II. 53 A kinde of tribunall.. wherein all contentions..are presently decided and set through [orig. *deciditur ac sedatur*].

152. Set to. † a. *trans.* To add. *Obs.*

c 1200 Ormin Ded. 339, & tale wile icc settenn to, To don 3uw tunnderrstanndenn Hu fele [etc.]. 1551 Turner *Herbal* I. H ij, Seynge the place..is proued to be hut bastarde, and set to by sume other to Dioscorides.

† b. To affix (one's seal or signature). *Obs.*

Often written *setto* or *set-to*.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 6889 He..wrat þe nam, and sett to sele [*c* 1375 *Fairf.* sette on sel]. 1418 *E. E. Wills* (1882) 29 In the wytnesse of the wyche thynge, I haue set to my sele. *c* 1450 *Godstow Reg.* 44 He made hyt stronge hy settynge to of hys seele. 1464 in *Archæologia* XLVII. 192 In witnesse of the quhilk thing I haf set to my signet. 1534 Tindale *John* iii. 33 He that hath receaued hys testimonye hath set to his seale that God is true. 1552–3 *Inv. Ch. Goods, Stafford* 43 To thes presents interchaungeabli have setto our handes. 1624 Heriot *Codicil to Will* in *Mem.* App. iii. (1822) 102 In witness whereof to this..I have..set to my seal. 1829 Gen. P. Thompson *Exerc.* (1842) I. 38 Men must set-to their hands to being the born thralls of a proprietor of human cattle.

† c. To set (a broken limb). *Obs.*

1596 Shaks. *1 Hen. IV*, v. i. 133 Can Honour set too a legge?

† d. *To set to one's hands*: to get to work. *Obs.*

1611 *Second Maiden's Trag.* 1787 Remoue the stone that I maie see my mistres, setto yo^r handes yo^u villaines, and that nymblie.

e. *Cock-fighting.* To put (cocks) beak to beak. (Cf. Setter-to I.)

c 1800 in *Hoyle's Games Improv.* (1814) 443 No persons to set-to, but those who are appointed by the masters of the match.

f. *intr.* To make a beginning; to get to work; *esp.* to begin seriously or energetically.

c 1425 *Eng. Cong. Ireland* 130 He sette to, & asked of the out-comen men that ynto the lond wer comen, howe hyt shold be of ham. 1637 Rutherford *Lett.* (1664) 189, I beseech you set to, to goe through scripture. *c* 1830 Mrs. Sherwood *Houlston Tracts.* III. 9 The lass was at the washing-tnb till it was quite late in the day, without getting anything forward, so that my wife was obliged to set to. 1847 Marryat *Childr. New Forest* viii, Edward then set to with a good appetite. 1858 R. S. Surtees *Ask Mamma* I. 222 He again set-to on his own account, munching and crunching. 1890 H. M. Stanley *Darkest Africa* I. v. 100 The engineer set to to repair the rudder.

(*b*) *Pugilism.* To begin fighting (*with*).

1743 *Broughton's Rules* iii. in Egan *Boxiana* (1830) I. 52 Every body is to quit the stage as soon as the champions are stripped, before they set-to. 1792 *Ann. Reg.* 17 These famous pugilists set-to exactly at a quarter before 3 o'clock. 1823 Syd. Smith *Wks.* (1859) II. 27/1 They [*sc.* poachers] take a delight in setting-to with the gamekeepers. 1863 'Ouida' *Held in Bondage* vi, Du Loo and his pet of the Fancy retired to the far end of the room, and there set-to, delivering from the left shoulder.

(*c*) *Racing.* To make the final effort to get in front. (Cf. Set-to 3.)

1856 H. H. Dixon *Post & Paddock* xii. 204 Buckle's great forte was to wait and then set-to on an idle horse.

† g. *pass.* or *intr.* Of food: To 'catch' on the bottom or side of a vessel in cooking. *Obs.*

a 1610 Healey *Theophrastus* (1636) 72 Then he tels you that his Sieges were blacker then broth, that's set to.

153. Set together. † a. To put (things) together; to set (a bone); to construct (a framework). *Obs.*

c 1205 Lay. 51 Feþeren he nom mid fingren & fiede on boc-felle & þa sobere word sette to-gadere. 1530 Palsgr. 715/2 And you wyll set your horses nere togyther, you have romme ynongh in this stabell for two mo. 1553 T. Wilson *Rhet.* (1585) 6 Though a man can finde out good matter and good wordes, though hee can handsomely set them together. 1579 Lyly *Euphues* (Arb.) 58 Doth not he remember that the broken bone once set together, is stronger than ever it was? 1598 Chapman *7 Bks. Iliads* To Rdr., I haue good authoritie that the bookes were not set together by Homer himselfe. 1603 Knolles *Hist. Turks* (1638) 670 After it [timber for building a fleet] was framed, and ready to be set together. 1613 Shaks. *Hen. VIII*, I. i. 46 Who set the Body, and the Limbes Of this great Sport together?

† (*b*) *To set together by the ears*: see Ear *sb.*[1] 1 e.

1663 [see Ear *sb.*[1] 1 e]. 1692 R. L'Estrange *Fables* lxvii. 65 So Mean a Rascal, as to set other People together by the Ears, without Fighting your self.

† (*c*) *To set horses togelher*, to agree. *Obs.*

1685 in *Verney Family Mem.* (1899) IV. 344, I wonder how Sir Rich. who is boyling water & the Mayor doe, to set their horses together.

† b. To couple together in comparison. *Obs.*

1628 T. Spencer *Logick* 117 The Oxe, and Isnell are set together, in the quantitie of ignorance.

c. *Cheese-manuf.* To prepare (the milk) for the process of coagulation by adding the rennet.

1837 *Brit. Husb.* II. 426 (Libr. Usef. Knowl.) The firmness of the curd, if the milk be set hot together, will be much greater than that from milk which has been set cold together. 1845 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* VI. I. 107 They make their cheese 'cold'—that is, set the milk together at a low temperature.

† d. *intr.* To curdle. *Obs.*

1608 Willet *Hexapla Exod* 215 The word is *kapha*, which properly signifieth the running or setting together of cheese.

154. Set up. * a. To place in a high or lofty position; to raise to an elevated situation.

[*c* 1200 Ormin 3430 He sette a steorrne upp o þe lift.] *c* 1290 *S. Eng. Leg.* 238/680 Þis monekes he [a whale] ladde ech-on, And sette heom up hole and sounde. *c* 1330 *Arth. & Merl.* 5911 [They] sett him vp as a king, þat er lay as a hrepeling. 1470–85 Malory *Arthur* VIII. xli. 336 Sir Gawayne..toke the knyghtes lady, and sette her vp behynde his squyer. 1565 Cooper *Thesaurus* s. v. *Pono*, He sette vp a marke on the toppe of an elme for archers to shoote at. 1582 Allen *Martyrdom Campion* (1908) 57 M. Forde being set up in the carte. 1631 Gouge *God's Arrows* v. Ded. 406 You haue brought me forth into the open field, and set me up to be gazed on. 1861 C. Beard *Port Royal* I. 308 They..set up an inscription in the same church. 1879 M. J. Guest *Lect. Hist. Eng.* xxxvi. 364 [She] caused his head to be set up on the gates of York.

† (*b*) To drive up. *Obs.*

1496 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* I. 305 To ij childer that chasit dukis in the dubbis, and set thaim vp to the halkis, ijs.

† b. To hoist (sail, a flag). *Obs.* (Cf. ON. *setja upp segl.*)

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 24829 Þair sail þai sett up o þair scipp. *c* 1330 *Arth. & Merl.* 115 Vp þai sett sail & mast. 1538 Starkey *England* I. i. 22 Them wych..wythout wynd wyl set vp the sayle. 1585 T. Washington tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* II. I. 31 b, [They] set vp a redde flagge. *a* 1674 Clarendon *Hist. Reb.* XVI. § 237 The wind coming fair, he set up his Sails. 1790 *Lond. Comp.* 144 Any waterman who sets up a sail between Lambeth and London Bridge, forfeits for each offence 5*s*.

c. To raise (a cry); to utter (vocal sound).

† *To set up one's throat*: see Throat *sb.* 3 b.

c 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 3717 Þis folc ðo sette up grot and gred. 1540 Palsgr. *Acolastus* IV. ii. S iij b, Let vs begynne or set vppe a prety songe or balade. 1664 Butler *Hud.* II. ii. 657 The whole Rout Set up their throats with clam'rous shout. 1682 Bunyan *Holy War* (1905) 285 With one voice they set up a cry that reached up to the Heavens. 1720

De Foe *Capt. Singleton* xii. (1840) 211 They set up a huzza. 1749 Smollett *Gil Blas* I. v. (1782) I. 28 Setting up my pipes, as if he had flayed me. 1809 Malkin *Gil Blas* x. x. (Rtldg.) 365 The good old man set up a roar of laughter. 1821 Scott *Kenilw.* xi, Dame Crane set up her throat, and began a horrible exclamation against Jack Hostler. 1853 Hawthorne *Tanglewood T.* (1883) 238 Setting up her childish voice, she called him back. 1887 Miss Betham-Edwards *Next of Kin Wanted* II. vii. 78 Baby..set up a yell.

†d. To open. *Obs.*

1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) V. 129 Whan Constantyn was i-cristened he made prisouns i-oponed,..and chirche dores i-sette up [*aperiri*].

†e. To put up for sale or auction. *Obs.*

c 1395 *Plowman's Tale* III. 1198 They that..sette hem up to any sale. 1707 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 4343/7 On the 4th of July..will be exposed to Sale.., 10 Bags of..Spanish Wool, ..set up at 20d. per lb. 1812 Carv *Dante, Purg.* xiv. 64 Their flesh, yet living, sets he up for sale. 1819 Hazlitt *Pol. Ess.* 260 Let them set them up at auction, and see what they will fetch.

f. To post up (a paper or notice); to give notice of, advertise.

c 1540 in *Lett. Lit. Men* (Camden) 24 And in the night season sett upp certeyn refutacions in wrytyng on the churche dore. 1562 in *Vicary's Anat.* (1888) App. III. 163 Peter van Duran..was licensed by the same Courte to sett vp bylles vpon postes, in suche partes of this Cytye as to him shall seame good. 1601 Shaks. *Jul. C.* I. iii. 145 Good Cinna, take this Paper..set this vp with Waxe Vpon old Brutus Statue. 1616 R. Cocks *Diary* (Hakl. Soc.) I. 122 And soe we sett up a bill in writing, that I would geve a har of plate to him which brought the keyes. 1708 *Constit. Watermen's Co.* liii, A Summons, to be set up at the most noted Plying-places between Gravesend and Windsor. 1727 Bovea *Dict. Royal* II, To set up a Play on the Posts. 1779 Stiles *Diary* 1 June (1901) II. 343, I attended even8 prayers in the Chapel and set up College Orders. 1876 J. Fergusson *Hist. Ind. Archit.* I. vi. 139 It appears unlikely that Asoka would have been allowed to set up two copies of his edicts in the dominions of such powerful kings as Aira and his father seem to have been,

†g. To throw into relief, make brilliant, heighten the lustre of. *Obs.*

1588 Kyd *Househ. Phil.* Wks. (1910) 275 The Pewter so set vppe, the Brasse and yron works so bright [etc.]. 1603 Holland *Plutarch's Mor.* 94 Painters to set up their colours, and to give them more beautifull light and lustre. 1615 S Ward *Coal from Altar* 24, I haue heard our Marchants complain, that the set vp blewes haue made strangers loath the rich oaded blewes.

h. †(*a*) To tighten (strings) so as to raise their pitch. *Obs.*

1642 M. Newcomen *Serm. bef. Ho. Comm.* 5 Nov. (1643) 25 To proceed as Musicians doe in tuning their instruments: Who straine their strings with a gentle hand, and set them up by little and little.

(*b*) *Naut.* To take in the 'slack' of (shrouds, stays), make taut.

1748 *Anson's Voy.* I. viii. 80 One mizen-shroud broke,.. which we knotted, and set up immediately. 1750 Blanckley *Nav. Expositor* s. v. *Salvagees*, Salvagees..are used when a Shroud or Back Stay wants setting up. 1840 R. H. Dana *Bef. Mast* xxv, Setting up the weather breast-back-stays. 1875 Bedford *Sailor's Pocket Bk.* viii. (ed. 2) 282 The hawser is to be set up by means of the double block tackle purchase.

i. (*a*) To stake: only in phr. *set up one's rest* (see Rest *sb.*[2] 6 b).

†(*b*) To score (so much) at cards. *Obs.*

1680 Cotton *Compl. Gamester* (ed. 2) 76 Cribbidge...And when they have play'd out their three Cards and set up with Counters their Games in their hands. *Ibid.* 82 He that hath three Honours in his own hand, his partner not having the fourth sets up Eight by Cards, that is two tricks.

j. To place in an exalted, eminent, or superior position; to raise to power or authority; sometimes *spec.* to put on the throne. Also *absol.*

c 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* vii. (*Jacobus Minor*) 612 Þana Iosaphus þe met gert dycht, & set vpe tytus..to þe bowrde as þare oure-mane. 1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) VIII. 41 Foure false popes þat Frederik þe emperour had i-sette up. *a* 1586 Sidney *Arcadia* I. (Sommer) 21 All the things she did to ouerthrow him did set him vp vpon the height of honor. 1596 Spenser *F. Q.* v. ii. 41 He maketh Kings to sit in souerainty; He maketh subiects to their powre obay; He pulleth downe, he setteth vp on hy. 1603 Lo. Cecil in *Crt. & Times Jas. I* (1848) I. 16 To dispossess his majesty and his royal issue of this crown, and to have set up the Lady Arabella Stuart. 1654 Z. Coke *Logick* Pref., God hath set you up the Oracles of War. 1713 Addison *Cato* I. iv, Where's the worth that sets this people up Above your own Numidia's tawny sons! 1818 Scott *Rob Roy* xxvi. She'll be keen for a that can set up King James, and ding down King George. 1879 M. J. Guest *Lect. Hist. Eng.* xlvii. 477 Judges..were almost tools of the king, who could set them up and put them down at his pleasure.

(*b*) To appoint (an officer or functionary).

1642 Vicars *God in Mount* 45 Lecturers, chosen and set up with the peoples consent. 1678 Butler *Hud.* III. ii. 267 Some were for setting up a King. 1879 M. J. Guest *Lect. Hist. Eng.* xxxi. 308 Two rival popes were set up.

(*c*) To appoint to or nominate for a position.

1689 T. R. *View Gov. Eur.* 40 A Mountebank was set up for Lord Chancellor. *a* 1700 Evelyn *Diary* 8 Apr. 1685, For this Parliament, very meane and slight persons..were set up. *a* 1715 Burnet *Own Time* (1724) I. 480 When a person was set up to be Sheriff that would not serve. 1754 Richardson *Grandison* I. xvi. 99 Supposing that he would set up his nephew when at age..as a representative for the county.

k. To make (a person) elated, proud, or vain; *esp.* in *pass.* to be elated, gratified; to be proud, or 'stuck-up'

1526 Skelton *Magnyf.* 2025 Nowe she wyll laughe; forthwith she wyll frowne; Sodenly set vp and sodenly pluckyd downe. 1601 B. Jonson *Poetaster* IV. iii. 67 Come hither, cockatrice: here's one, will set thee vp, my sweet punke: set thee vp. 1789 Charlotte Smith *Ethelinde* (1814) II. 168 He's not so set up with it. 1866 Mrs. Gaskell *Wives & Daughters* xiv, Sister thought such a message would set you up too much. 1886 Ruskin *Præterita* I. 392 We were very much set up at making his acquaintance. 1893 Kipling *Many Invent., Badalia Herodsfoot* 297 She's that set up you wouldn't know her.

l. †To speak highly of, extol, praise (*obs.*); to put forward *as* a model, 'put on a pedestal'.

1535 Coverdale *Song* 3 *Childr.* 63 O ye spretes and soules of the righteous, speake good of y° Lorde: prayse him, and set him vp for euer.

1809 Malkin *Gil Blas* IV. viii. P 1 This exterior did not prevent her from being set up as the cleverest woman in all Madrid. 1891 'H. S. Merriman' *Prisoners & Captives* x, I do not set him up as a hero.

(*b*) *dial.* (esp. *Sc.*) in ironical or contemptuous use.

1824 Scott *St. Ronan's* ii, Set him up for confectioner! 1829 Brockett *N. C. Gloss.* (ed. 2) s. v., She rides in a coach —set her up, indeed! 1893 Stevenson *Catriona* xi, Which makes me the keener for your company, Mr. David Balfour of the Shaws, and set ye up!

**m. To place in an erect position; to set or stand upright; to erect (an image, statue); to raise (a standard).

c 1205 Lay. 27244 Þa lette he sette up þene drake hermærken unimake. *a* 1225 *Leg. Kath.* 1468 Me schal.. setten hit [an ymage] on heh up. *c* 1400 *Beryn* 1746 A Chese [=chessboard] þere was I-brouȝt forth..The meyne were I-set vp. 1530 Palsgr. 716/1 Set up this ladder agaynst the wall. *a* 1533 Berners *Huon* lxii. 215 She fell downe in a transe...Than Huon..set her vp, and comfortyd her. 1603 Shaks. *Meas. for M.* II. i. 2 We must not make a scar-crow of the Law, Setting it vp to feare the Birds of prey. 1626 Bacon *Sylva* § 435 It hath beene knowne, that a Fruit-Tree hath beene blowne vp (almost) by the Roots, and set vp againe, and the next yeare bare exceeding!y. *a* 1700 Evelyn *Diary* 14 June 1685, Certaine intelligence of the Duke of Monmouth..having set up his standard as King of England. 1707 S. Sewall *Diary* 7 Aug., Peter Weare set up the stone post to shew a mile from the Town-House ends. 1821 Scott *Kenilw.* xii, In less than a minute, by setting up his mustaches and his hair, he seemed a different person. 1849 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* iii. I. 359 Palisades were set up, and a pleasant garden laid out. 1857 Hughes *Tom Brown* II. viii, Old Bailey gravely sets up the middle stump again and puts the bails on. 1879 M. J. Guest *Lect. Hist. Eng.* xxiii. 234 A beautiful monument was set up.

†(*b*) ? To trim or curl up. *Obs.*

a 1625 Fletcher *Wild-Goose Chase* II. iii, Let me set my Beard up. — *Hum. Lieut.* IV. i, She hates curl'd heads too, And setting up of beards she swears is Idolatry.

(*c*) To 'erect' (lines) in a plan.

1731 W. Halfpenny *Perspective* 24 To draw the Steps, first draw their Plan.., then set up their intended Heights.. from G, on the Line G*g*. 1830 Hedgewick *Mar. Archit.* 247 Set up the tangent-lines at the exact half-breadth of the midship-frame, on each side of the centre-line.

†(*d*) To set (a top) spinning. *Obs.*

1607 Shaks. *Cor.* IV. v. 161 He turn'd me about with his finger and his thumbe, as one would set vp a Top. 1649 Lovelace *Lucasta* 8 Then, as a Top, he sets it up, And pitifully whips it! 1679 Dryden *Troil. & Cress.* III. i, He's an old wooden Top, set up by Father Time three huudred Years ago.

(*e*) *To set up one's bristles*: to be irate. *To set up one's comb* or *hair*: to be proud. *To set one's back up*, etc.: see Back *sb.*[1] 24 f.

1528 Tindale *Obed. Chr. Man.* 47 b, Then fume we and rage and sett vp the bristels. *a* 1536 [see Comb *sb.*[1] 5]. 1576 Gascoigne *Droomme of Doomes day* Wks. 1910 II. 251 Men thus advaunced..hould up theyr heads, set up their heare, shew theyr pryde. 1845 [see Back *sb.*[1] 24 f]. 1886 Besant *Childr. Gibeon* I. ix, I hear you've been to see my mother and you've set her back up.

(*f*) *U.S.* To put (drink, etc.) before customers for their consumption; hence, to 'treat' to (drinks, cigars).

1884 *Lincoln* (Nebraska) *Jrnl.* Aug., A counter where the beer could be set up. 1888 *Lisbon* (Dakota) *Star* 9 Nov. 2/6 Well, we must make him set up the cigars on that happy event.

n. To erect and make ready for use; to pitch (a tent); †to erect (a building). Cf. 60.

c 1205 Lay. 8716 Þa þet work wes up iset. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 10378 Sir Ioachim was fain and blith, And vp he sett an auter suith. *a* 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 2296 Þe powere him grauntis To sett his cite vp agayn. 1471–3 in *Cal. Proc. Chanc. Q. Eliz.* (1830) II. Pref. 55 The seid hous shuld have be..fully sett upp, garnysshed, and doon by the fest of the nativite of our lady Seint Mary. 1485 Caxton *Chas. Gt.* 241 He made hys tentys to be sette vp there. 1523–4 *Rec. St. Mary at Hill* 323 Paid..for Settyng vpp of a pewe in Seint Annys chappell iiij d. 1585 T. Washington tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* II. xiii. 49 Constantinople being reedified and new sette vp. 1603 *Shuttleworths' Acc.* (Chetham Soc.) 152 When they were settinge upp the chimle pyppes and the batlement. 1667 Milton *P. L.* XII. 247 He voutsafes Among them to set up his Tabernacle. 1719 De Foe *Crusoe* I. (Globe) 212, I made a..fram'd Door-case, and a Door.., and..set it up in the Passage. 1880 Lady F. Dixie *Across Patagonia* 206 Several vain attempts were made to set up the tents, but the wind was too strong.

†(*b*) To build (a ship). *Obs.*

1595 Maynarde *Drake's Voy.* (Hakl. Soc.) 11 Settinge up more newe pinnaces. 1719 De Foe *Crusoe* II. (Globe) 481, I oblig'd him to set up the Sloop which I had brought [in frame].

o. To set (a trap), lay (a snare). Now *dial.*

1579 Gosson *Sch. Abuse* (Arb.) 72 Cupide sets vpp a Springe for Woodcockes. 1687 Miege *Gt. Fr. Dict.* II. s. v. *Mouse*, To set up a Mouse-trap. 1887 *Kentish Gloss.* s. v. *Set up* A man 'sets up a trap for vermin'.

p. To put together the parts of (a machine) and erect it in position.

(Merges in the sense of 'establish, set on foot', see aa.)

1683 *Repr. Advantages Manuf. Woollen-cloath* 18 We have 25 Loomes constantly imployed, and have ordered the setting up 10 more. 1751 Labelye *Westm. Bridge* 84 Three ..Months were employed..by the Carpenters in new framing and setting up the Centers. 1770 Luckombe *Hist. Printing* 323 [He] ought to know as much of setting-up a Press as the Press-man himself. 1872 Pope *Telegraph* I. 13 In setting up the battery pure water may be used in the porous cell. 1879 M. J. Guest *Lect. Hist. Eng.* xxviii. 284 Flemish weavers set up their looms and taught the English to weave cloth.

(*b*) To start (a piece of work) on a loom, etc.

1857 Miss Cummins *Mabel Vaughan* xxxiii, Drawing a huge ball of yarn from her pocket, [she] commenced setting up a stocking. 1861 Geo. Eliot *Silas M.* v, A piece of very fine twine was indispensable to his 'setting up' a new piece of work in his loom.

q. *Typogr.* To put (types) into the composing-stick; to arrange (type) in words or blocks of words; to put (a book, etc.) into type; occas. said of the type (quot. 1770). Also *absol.*

1668–9 J. Leigh *Let. to S. Clarke* (MS. Rawl. D. 398 fol. 141), I Request y[e] giue halfe Crown a man to each Compositor when hee begins to sett it vp. 1683 Moxon *Mech. Exerc., Printing* xix. P 6 When the Boy Sets up Letters.. [he] takes the Composing-stick..in his left-Hand. 1770 Luckombe *Hist. Printing* 247 A Fount of English, which sat up about twelve sheets in 4to of the Surgeons Case, in Paris. 1818 Byron *Ep. to Murray* i, My dear Mr. Murray, Your'e in a damn'd hurry, To set up this ultimate Canto. 1832 Hallam in *Life Tennyson* (1897) I. 89 The (printer's) devils are full of promise to set up immediately. 1891 *Chamb. Jrnl* 16 May 319/2 The speech..was set up in an incredibly short time.

r. To place (the dead body of an animal stuffed or otherwise treated for preservation) in an erect or lifelike position.

1781 *Nat. Hist.* in *Ann. Reg.* 64/2 These Bats were kept for some time..before they were set up. 1861 *Temple Bar* III. 500 A nearly perfect skeleton has been obtained and is being set up. 1884 G. Allen *Philistia* I. 2 Where they stuffed birds or set up exotic butterflies in little cabinets. 1892 *Field* 30 Jan. 133/3, I am sending the skin..to be set up.

s. *To be well (straight) set up*: to have a stalwart, well-knit frame.

1825 Ld. Cockburn *Mem.* (1856) 159 Charles Hope was tall and well set up. 1861 *Temple Bar* III. 53 Leotard is not straight set up, after the standard so cherished by soldier martinets. 1904 Sir P. Burne-Jones *Dollars & Democr.* 53 In New York..the women..are so well 'set up', so excellently 'turned out'.

t. To make erect and soldierly by drill.

1865 Meredith *Rhoda Fleming* i, No master of callisthenics could have set them up better. 1893 *Chamb. Jrnl.* 10 June 364/1 When I joined the [Police] Force I was a big awkward-looking, country Johnny...Drill soon set me up.

(*b*) (See quot.)

1842 in R. Oastler *Fleet Papers* II. 134 The assault consisted in 'setting her up', that is, making her hold a brush above her head for an hour and forty minutes; and when her arms began to be tired, and dropped a little, he put them up again

u. *Agric.* To earth up (root-crops).

1801 *Farmer's Mag.* Jan. 52 The turnips thrive better when not set up.

†v. To fix (a price or standard); also, to put up the price of. *Obs.*

1530 *Proper Dyalogue* in Roy *Rede me*, etc. (Arb.) 138 Oure fearmes set vp dayly more and more. *Ibid.* 139 And yet no hygher price was ther vp set Than good conscience did require. 1592 Nashe *P. Penilesse* Wks. 1910 I. 197 In setting vp a sise of Bread.

†w. To compose (verses). *Obs.*

1607 *Stat.* in *Hist. Wakefield Gram. Sch.* (1892) 72 Those which are able shall vpon that daye sett upp verses.

†x. *Cards.* To make up (a side). *Obs.*

1609 B. Jonson *Sil. Wom.* III. vi, *Cen.*..Mavis and shee will set vp a side. *Trv.*..And mistris Mavis, shee will sustaine her part.

***y. To put into operation; to bring into use or vogue; to establish a course or series of. Now *rare*.

a 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 2135 And settes vp a sawte to þe towne sydes. 1570 [see Plea *sb.* 1 y]. 1612 Chapman *Rev. Bussy d'Ambois* v. iv. 3, I have had lotteries set up for my death. 1622 Jas. I *Let. to Earl Southampton* 9 July (*title-p.*), The present setting up of Silke works..in Virginia. 1685 Dryden *Pref. to Alb. & Alb.* Ess. 1900 I. 279 When operas were first set up in France. *a* 1700 Evelyn *Diary* 19 July 1664, The lottery which his Majesty had permitted Sir Arthur Slingsby to set up for one day in the Banqueting House at White-hall. 1700 *Ibid.* 24 Mar., Some Lectures were set up. 1722 De Foe *Plague* (1754) 35 All the Plays and Interludes, which..had been set up. 1847 L. Hunt *Men, Women, & Bks.* II. iii. 44 The numerous smaller periodical works which were set up by Steele. 1849 *N. & Q.* Ser. I. I. 33 A new post-coach had been set up which performed the journey to Bath in a single day.

(*b*) To cause (a certain condition, *esp.* of disease) to arise. Often *pass.*

1851 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* XII. II. 528 Inflammation is set up in the soft tissue. 1853 *Ibid.* XIV. I. 199 Fermentation was more readily set up. 1889 Mrs. Comyns Carr *Marg. Maliphant* II. xxi. 122 Want of proper nourishment..had caused the accident to set up a disease. 1891 *Cornh. Mag.* Dec. 601 This sets up fructification.

z. To establish (a state of things, a custom, a form of government, a society, etc.).

1431 *Acts Privy Council* IV. 95 It alwey pourveide and seene þat..justice he set uppe and stabylysshede þere. 1535 Coverdale 1 *Chron.* xviii. [xix.] 3 Whan he wente to set

vp his power by the water Euphrates. 1549 LATIMER *Ploughers* (Arb.) 30 His office is to binder religion,..to set vp Idolatrie. 1597 SHAKS. 2 *Hen. IV*, I. iii. 50 To plucke a Kingdome downe, And set another vp. 1640 *Articles agst. Laud* 3 He went about to subvert Religion, and to set up Papists and superstition. *c* 1710 CELIA FIENNES *Diary* (1888) 200 They have their Coales and 3 shillings p^r^ weeke allowed to Each to maintain them,..its set up and allowed to by M^r^ Coleson a merch^t^ in London. 1765 BLACKSTONE *Comm.* I. 52 The legislature..which was originally set up by the general consent of the society. 1820 W. IRVING *Sketch Bk.* (1859) 184 In consequence of two rival 'Burial Societies' being set up in the place. 1855 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* xii. III. 225 Though he had not taken part in setting up the new government. 1861 *Macm. Mag.* IV. 371/1 He succeeded in setting up Episcopacy..in Scotland. 1890 TOUT *Hist. Eng. from 1689*, 151 The house of Savoy now set up a united Italy.

aa. To set on foot, establish (a business, profession); to begin (housekeeping, life).

To set up shop: see SHOP *sb.*

1525 *Coventry Leet Bk.* 691 Enery persone that haith beene full prentise..doithe sett vp his occupacion or Craft within the same [city]. 1567 HARMAN *Caveat* Epist. (1869) 21 To set vp houses and kepe hospitalytie. 1585 T. WASHINGTON tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* IV. xvi. 130 b, They haue also there set vp printing, not before seene in those countries. 1615 G. SANDYS *Trav.* 136 Buying pewter, brasse, and such like implements as if to set up house-keeping. 1663 MARVELL *Corr.* Wks. (Grosart) II. 91 The Earl of Carlisle is going upon an extraordinary embassage to Muscovy, in order to setting up the English trade again there. 1738 SWIFT *Pol. Conversat.* Introd. 17, I have often wished, that certain..Instructors..would set up Schools. 1777 *Ann. Reg.* II. 42 He returned to London and set up the small-coal trade. 1852 THACKERAY *Esmond* I. x, He taught the science of the small-sword, and set up a saloon-of-arms. 1869 'WAT. BRADWOOD' *The O. V. H.* vi, The next thing we shall hear will be that you have set up house and got married. 1894 H. DRUMMOND *Ascent of Man* 299 As new cells budded from the parent they moved away and set up life for themselves.

(*b*) To begin the use or practice of; to adopt as part of one's establishment, etc.

a 1704 T. BROWN *Dial. Dead* Wks. 1711 IV. 36 She set up a Basset-Table. 1709 STEELE *Tatler* No. 176 P 8, [I] have set up a Pack of little Beagles. 1749 SMOLLETT *Gil Blas* VIII. ix. (1782) III. 188, I..bought the coach of a notary, who had set it up through ostentation, and now wanted to get rid of it. 1815 SCOTT *Guy M.* xli, He had lately set up a carriage. 1853 'C. BEDE' *Verdant Green* II. xi, He conceived the idea of setting up a drum! 1860 MRS. CARLYLE *Lett.* III. 63 You will have heard of my setting up a second servant. 1890 *Cornh. Mag.* July 45 Improved..by the short beard he had set up.

bb. To provide (a person) with means; to place in a position of prosperity or in the way of retrieving one's fortune; to set 'on one's legs' *again*.

1530 PALSGR. 716/1, I shall thau be set up agayne. 1584 LODGE *Alarum* 10 Thou maist haue money in thy purse, and other necessaries to set thee vp againe. 1605 SHAKS. *Macb.* III. i. 10 May they not be my Oracles as well, And set me vp in hope. 1658 *Wit Restor'd* 25 But when a Fammily is sunck, And Titles are a fading, Some Merchant's daughter setts you up. 1728 LAW *Serious C.* viii, She has set up near twenty poor tradesmen that had failed in their business. 1811 MARY TITHERINGTON *Diary in Mem.*' (1819) 103 Job was set up again by the bounty of his friends. 1840 R. H. DANA *Bef. Mast* xxv, We had a light, fair wind, which set us up again. 1892 *Illustr. Sporting & Dram. News* 10 Dec. 446/3 He soon set us all up in funds.

cc. To establish or start (a person) in a business or profession; *transf.* said of the money, stock, or outfit sufficient to equip a person.

To be set up for (colloq.): to be well provided with.

1556 *North Country Wills* (Surtees) 238 The same company (of mercers in London] shall deliver yerlie the said rent to one poore yong man to sett hym up that hathe nother father nor mother. 1628 EARLE *Microcosm.* (Arb.) 65 Two Deskes, and a quire of Paper set him vp. 1679–88 *Moneys Secr. Serv. Chas. II & Jas. II* (Camden Soc.) 88 To W^m^ Lloyd,..bounty, to sett him up to his trade of a shoemaker. 1720 DE FOE *Col. Jack* (1840) 184, I was..set up in the world, made a master. 1745 *Life Bampfylde-Moore Carew* 52 He expended a small Sum of Money to set her up for a retail Trader in Buckles. 1825 *New Monthly Mag.* XVI. 366 Mistress of as many branches of knowledge as would set up half-a-dozen literary hacks. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* xxii, He had brilliant under-waistcoats, any one of which would have set up a moderate buck. 1863 MRS. H. WOOD *Verner's Pride* v, I'm set up for cotton gowns. 1865 DICKENS *Mut. Fr.* IV. xix, Now, John, if you don't fix a time for setting her up in her own house and home, and letting us walk out of it, I'll turn Informer. 1886 MRS. C. PRAED *Miss Jacobsen* II. iii. 48 His father will set him up in business.

(*b*) *refl.* To constitute or establish oneself (*as*).

1883 FENN *Middy & Ensign* xxiv. 142 Dick had no intention of setting himself up as a prophet. 1891 *Murray's Mag.* X. 728 The Wincauntons set themselves up as judges of their neighbours.

†**dd.** To restore, repair, make good. *Obs.*

1609 BIBLE (Douay) 1 *Macc.* iii. 43 Let us set up [Vulg. *erigamus*] the abasing of our people, and let us fight for our people. *a* 1670 SPALDING *Troub. Chas. I* (Bannatyne Club) II. 286 Whill his loissis wes set wp.

ee. To bring to a proper state of health and strength; to restore to health.

1727 BOYER *Dict. Royal* II, To set one up again..(to recover his Health). 1804 NELSON *Lett.* (1814) II. 63 A little of your good nursing, with ass's milk, will set me up for another campaign. 1863 MRS. CARLYLE *Lett.* III. 170, I returned from that visit quite set up. 1889 MRS. LYNN LINTON *Thro' Long Night* II. II. xiii. 200 Change is just what Estelle wants to set her up again.

****** ff.** To put away for future use, lay up in store, store away. *Obs.* or *dial.*

1421 *Coventry Leet Bk.* 33 Þat hur hoost haue in charge that they bryng all hur fysche in-to the markett, without they sett up any fische in any othur fyschers houses. 1530 PALSGR. 716/1 Go, set up this bagge of monaye, tyll I call for it. 1588 KYD *Househ. Phil.* Wks. (1901) 242 Mellons, Cytrons, and such like,..were..reserued and set vp. 1617 MORYSON *Itin.* III. 82 They beginne them in the midst of the broade side, making a round hole there, into which hole, when the cheese is to be set vp, they put some few drops of wine. 1729 SWIFT *Direct. Serv.* ii. P 7 If your lady orders you to set up a piece of meat for supper. 1730 T. BOSTON in Morrison *Mem.* ix. (1899) 221, I refused to eat;..and the meat was set up again untasted. 1844 H. STEPHENS *Bk. Farm* II. 393 The corn is then set up, that is, set down in the sacks on the floor, and remains there unemptied.

†**gg.** To put (a horse, etc.) up in a stable; *occas.* to keep (cattle) up to fatten them. *Obs.*

c 1440 *Alphabet of Tales* 124 He went privalie into þe stabyll þer þe knightis man had sett vp her hors. 1523 FITZHERB. *Husb.* § 68 Yf she be rydden vppon, and sette vp hotte. 1540 PALSGR. *Acolastus* v. v. B b j b, The caulfe that is well fatted ,*i.* that is set vp to be made fatte. 1622 MABBE tr. *Aleman's Guzman d'Alf.* I. 46 My Companion.. sets vp his Asses in the Stable. *a* 1713 ELLWOOD *Autobiog.* (1714) 21 When I..had set up my Horse at an Inn. 1768 *Boyer's Dict. Royal* II. s.v., To set up a coach..*Dételer les chevaux d'un carrosse.*

*******hh.** To put into an attitude of hostility or opposition; to incite, instigate.

a 1586 SIDNEY *Ps.* VII. vi, Arise, O Lord, in wrath thy self up sett Against such rage of foes. 1601 SHAKS. *All's Well* I. i. 35 Hee was skilfull enough to haue liu'd stil, if knowledge could be set vp against mortallitie. 1606—*Tr. & Cr.* v. iv. 13 They set me vp in pollicy, that mungrill curre Aiax, against that dogge of as bad a kinde, Achilles. 1803 *Pic Nic* No. 4 (1806) I. 144 They set up argument against matter of fact. 1804–6 SYD. SMITH *Mor. Philos.* (1850) 218 Sudden variation,..in a great scale, is most commonly either grand or sublime; it sets all the faculties up in arms. 1818 SCOTT *Rob Roy* xxxii, As for them that have abused your Grace's ear, and set you up against a man that [etc.]. 1884 G. ALLEN *Phil istia* III. xxvi. 27 The environment is too strong for you; and if you set yourself up against it, it'll crush you. 1894 J. T. FOWLER *Adamnan* Introd. 33 This one has perhaps been set up as a rival to an earlier St. Patrick's Purgatory.

(*b*) *Hunting.* To bring to bay. Also *fig.*

1608 CHAPMAN *Trag. Byron* v. Q 4, As a Sauadge Bore that (hunted longe, Assayld and set vp) with his onely eyes, Swimming in fire keepes of the baying hounds. 1747 *Tricks of Town laid open* (ed. 3) 31 You see, Sir, how naturally all these Beasts of Prey hunt a Country Squire, and..they seldom lose the Scent till they have set him up (as you phrase it) *brought him to a Bay.* 1889 *Field* 12 Jan. 41/3 The hounds..came up with their stag there, and set him up to bay at this well-known landmark.

******** ii.** To put forward (a claim, defence, a case in law).

1697 *Mem. Trans. Savoy* 123 Several Reasons engage the French King to set up anew his Title to Savoy. 1813 SHELLEY *Q. Mab* IV. 77 That apology Which kings who rule, and cowards who crouch, set up For their unnumbered crimes. 1821 SCOTT *Kenilw.* xvii, After setting up a vain and unjust pretence to the throne of England. 1855 [see ALIAS *sb.*]. 1856 *N. Brit. Rev.* XXVI. 201 The best defence is that which..has been set up by M. de Remusat. 1858 [see CLAIM *sb.*]. 1885 BOWEN in *Law Rep.* 10 Prob. Div. 194 The husband sets up in bar a deed of separation.

jj. To advance, propose, put forward (a theory, idea, plan).

1803 *Pic Nic* No. 3 (1806) I. 87 They seem to have set up for themselves a peculiar test of their merit. 1843 RUSKIN *Mod. Paint.* (1851) I. Pref. p. xiv, They are rejoiced to set up a standard of imaginary excellence. 1883 FENN *Middy & Ensign* xii. 70 You set up a theory of your own. 1890 MISS I. D. HARDY *New Othello* III. x. 211 You set up those false and morbid scruples between yourself and me.

********* *intr.* kk.** To sit up (late at night). Now *dial.* or *vulgar.*

1697 *C'tess D'Aunoy's Trav.* (1706) 201 In this Season they set up till four or five a Clock in the Morning because of the heats. 1776 S. J. PRATT *Pupil of Pleas.* II. 208, I find the whole family..is to set up. 1822 MRS. NATHAN *Langreath* I. 176 You forget, my child, how late you set up at night.

ll. (orig. *absol.* of **aa.**) To start in business, begin the exercise of a trade or profession.

Formerly const. *for*, now *as* (with the sb. connoting the occupation); in recent use also with simple sb. as compl.

1593 NASHE *Christ's T.* 46 b, My young Merchant returnes, and settes vppe fresher then euer he did. 1647 N. BACON *Disc. Govt. Eng.* I. iii. (1739) 7 They had but new set up, and had not yet found out the right way of Trade. 1691 WOOD *Ath. Oxon.* I. 377 He set up for a writing-master. *a* 1704 T. BROWN. *Laconics* Wks. 1711 IV. 11 A Wit and a Beau set up with little or no Expense. 1779 *Mirror* No. 67 Your predecessor, *The Spectator*, used to be consulted in cases of difficulty. I know not if you, Mr. Mirror, set up on the same footing. 1809 SCOTT *Let.* in *Lockhart* (1837) II. vi. 237 Ballantyne's brother is setting up here as a bookseller. 1822 *Sat. Rev.* 19 Aug. 247/1 When people had set up in business. 1891 *Ibid.* 26 Dec. 728/1 He even set up smuggler on his own account.

mm. To set up for. (*a*) *To set up for oneself*, to start on a career on one's own account.

1622 MABBE tr. *Aleman's Guzman d'Alf.* I. 55 He got him a Stocke, to set vp for himselfe in the world. 1701 W. WOTTON *Hist. Rome* 268 Three of them set up for themselves, Pescennius Niger in the East, Septimius Severus in Illyricum, and Clodius Albinus in Britain. 1727 BOYER *Dict. Royal* II. s.v., After this Victory over Mark Anthony, Augustus had a mind to set up for himself. 1852 C. W. HOSKYNS *Talpa* xviii. (1854) 153 No sooner is a new thought imparted, than it sets up for itself, and denies its pedigree.

(*b*) To put oneself forward as (a person of a certain kind or class), to lay claim to being (so-and-so). Also, to *set up for being* (so-and-so).

1687 MIEGE *Gt. Fr. Dict.* II, To set up for a Reformer. 1692 R. L'ESTRANGE *Fables* lxvii. 66 Shall any Man..that Willfully..procures the Cutting of whole Armies to Pieces, set up for an Innocent? 1709 E. WARD tr. *Cervantes* 206 Covetous Men commonly set up for being very long sighted. 1716 J. CRAGGS *Let. to Pope* 2 Sept., I fancy I am..setting up for a wit. 1765 FOOTE *Commissary* I. (1782) 17 *Sim.*.. Why he must be upwards of— *Mrs. Mech.* Fifty, I warrant. *Sim.* Rather late in life to set up for a gentleman. 1849 *Tait's Mag.* XVI. 237/1, I do not set myself up for a purist. 1889 *Harper's Mag.* Mar. 557/1, I don't set up for a beauty.

†(*c*) To have as one's object or goal. *Obs.*

1685 STILLINGFL. *Orig. Brit.* ii. 50 Clodius Albinus having set up for the Empire in Britain,and being beaten by Severus. 1705 ADDISON *Italy* 504 Whether or no they have done well, to set up for making another kind of Figure, Time will witness. 1707 *Diverting Muse* I. 6 An Old Lady, who has bury'd Six Husbands and sets up for the Seventh.

†(*d*) To support the claims of. *Obs.*

1689 T. R. *View Gov. Eur.* 4 Ahaz's Dial is no President for our time or measures; nor may the Theocracy of the Jews authorize us to set up for King Jesus. 1692 W. NICHOLLS *Answ. Naked Gospel* 97 The first then that stood up for this Heterodoxy was Michael Servetus..who..set up for the Unitarian Doctrine in Europe.

(*e*) To lay claim to (a quality, virtue, etc.). Also, † to lay claim to having (a concrete possession).

1698 COLLIER *Immor. Stage* 226 This Spark sets up for Sense. 1698 FARQUHAR *Love & Bottle* II. i, Had the Landlady but a Highland Piper to joyn with 'em, she might set up for a Collection of Monsters. 1741 RICHARDSON *Pamela* III. 127 If People will set up for Virtue, and all that, let 'em be uniformly virtuous. 1766 GOLDSM. *Vic. W.* xv, No doubt ..you have known ladies set up for wit that had none. 1865 MISS BRADDON *Sir Jasper's T.* xxii, I suppose Pauncefort sets up for originality.

nn. (*absol.* of **ii.**) To lay claim or pretend *to be.*

a 1849 MAR. EDGEWORTH *Pop. Tales, Rosanna* v, What more could we have, if we were to set up to be gentry? 1889 MISS SERGEANT *Luck of House* I. xxi. 286 You need not set up to be virtuous.

†**oo.** (orig. *absol.* of **gg.**) To put up *at* an inn or other lodging. *Obs.*

1684 MRS. BEHN *Novels* (1722) II. 325 Bellamora..was obliged to lodge..at the same Inn where the Stage-Coach set up. 1745 *Life Bampfylde-Moore Carew* 92 He..then rode away Post-Haste to Exeter; where being arrived he sets up at the Oxford Inn. 1760–72 H. BROOKE *Fool of Qual.* (1809) IV. 105 On setting up for the night, I rejoiced to find..Louisa was..alive. 1780 S. J. PRATT *Emma Corbett* civ. 209 Every house where the stages set up. 1819 LADY MORGAN in *Mem.* (1862) II. 116 We set up at the Nova-Yorka [Hotel], kept by an Englishwoman.

pp. To punt, esp. so as to get close *to* waterfowl to shoot them. (Cf. sense 110.)

1776 C. CARROLL *Jrnl. Miss. Canada* in B. Mayer *Mem.* (1845) 47 In many places the current was so strong that the batteau men were obliged to set up with poles, and drag the boat by the painter. 1824 HAWKER *Instr. Yng. Sportsmen* (ed. 3) 343 If we can neither find a creek nor a 'latch', with sufficient water to set up to birds. 1882 PAYNE-GALLWEY *Fowler Irel.* 26 Illustr., Wexford floatmen setting up to fowl together.

qq. Of a cart: To tip up. *local.*

1841 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* II. II. 178 The carts..are..larger, and with moveable bodies, so as to set up for the purpose of turning out their load at once.

rr. Of a soft-nosed bullet: To expand on impact.

1896 *Times* 16 Dec. 5/2 The metal covering at the point being made thin and the lead core slightly exposed, the result being that the bullet 'set up' on striking any object. 1898 *Engineer* 4 Mar. 216/2 A bullet should do more than make a man rub his leg some hours afterwards. Consequently efforts have been directed to causing bullets to set up on impact.

☞ *Key to phrases and idiomatic uses.*

Uses of the passive: (= be seated) 4, (= be arranged) 16, (= be situated) 176, (= be resolved, determined, fixed, settled, rigid) 92, 93, 94 b, 95 c, 97 b, (= be hostile) 117 c; to be *s* with 119; to be *s* round or about (with) 121; to be keen *s*, sharp *s* 75 b; to be hard *s*, ill *s* 122 b.

Uses of the intransitive: (= sit) 5, (= sit on eggs) 5 b, (= subside) 8, heave and *s* 10, (= stake) 14 b, (= become fixed, rigid, solid, coagulated) 94 b, 95 b, c; d, 97 c, (of fruit or blossom) 98 b, (= set in) 100 b, (in dancing) 103, (in bowls) 104 b, (= proceed, start off) 106, (of a current) 107, (= punt) 110, (of a setter) 123 c; see also branches XI and XII.

Set about (prep.) 127, (adv.) 133; *s* above 26 b; *s* abroach 134; *s* abroad 135; *s* adown 136; *s* afloat 137; *s* against (= attack) 128; *s* one person against another 117; *s* aland 108 b; *s* aloft 26 b; *s* apart 138; *s* ashore 108 b; *s* aside 139; *s* at (= attack) 129; *s* away 140; *s* the axe to 20 d; *s* back 141; *s* one on another's back 47 b; *s* a bargain 55 b; *s* before one or one's eyes 18 c; *s* a bell 66; *s* a bone 79; *s* to book 26; *s* bounds to 48; *s* a butterfly 83; *s* by 91 c, 142; *s* case 87; *s* caution 13; *s* the chase 124; *s* a clock 85; *s* a colour 96 b; *s* a copy 54 b; *s* (to) corners 103; *s* one's countenance 94; *s* dead 129 c; *s* a dog on 116; *s* down 143; *s* an edge on 42; *s* the edge of 75; *s* eggs 15 d; *s* an end to 58; *s* on end 28; *s* an example 54; *s* (one's) eyes on 39; *s* a fabric 82; *s* a or one's face 94; *s* a (good) face upon 41; *s* one's fancy on 37; *s* a fashion 54; *s* in fen 57; *s* the field 70; *s* a fine 86; *s* fire to 34; *s* on fire 25 b; *s* a flock 100; *s* (one's) foot 19; *s* footing 19 d; *s* forth 144; *s* forward(s 145; *s* to fowl 110; *s* free 25 b; *s* the fruit 98; *s* game 123; *s* a gin 59; *s* a gloss on 41; *s* (on, a-) going 114 b, c, d; *s* gone 114 e; *s* in hand 27; *s* in one's hand 18 b; *s* one's hand against, on, to 19 b, c; *s* one's hand (= signature) to 23; *s* one's heart on 37; *s* a hen 1 c; *s* (on) high 62 b; *s* home 108 d; *s* on horseback 1; *s* in 146; *s* (= tune) an instrument 77; *s* into 107, 130; *s* the keel 110; *s* land 69; *s* on land 108 b; *s* the land 124; *s* in lease 57; *s* (at) light 89 c; *s* light by 91 e; *s* lightly (littly) by 91 f; *s* a limit 48; *s* lines 59; *s* little by (of, to) 91, etc.; *s* at little 89 b; *s* loose 25 b; *s* to lore 26; *s* a mark on 40; *s* a mast 60; *s* a match 56; *s* a meal 71; *s* milk for cream 67 a; *s* one's mind on 37; *s* one's mouth 95; *s* much by 91; *s* to music 73; *s* upon the muzzle 26 d; *s* at naught 89 b; *s*

naught by (of, to) 91 h, h; *s* a net 59; *s* nether 26 b; *s* not by 91 c; *s* off 147 *s* on 131, 148; *s* a person on another 47 c; *s* open 28; *s* order in 58; *s* in order 25 b; *s* out 149; *s* over 150; *s* a person over another 47; *s* the pace 54 d; *s* (on, a-) packing 114 b, c, d; *s* a palette 71 c; *s* to partners 103; *s* a pattern 54; *s* at pawn 27; *s* pen to paper 18 b; *s* (= frame) a picture 63 b; *s* in (on) the pillory 18 d; *s* to places 103; *s* a plant 12, 101; *s* to pledge 27; *s* a pot 62; *s* a price on 91 h; *s* a price on one's head 43; *s* in prison 18 d; *s* the psalm 54 c; *s* a question 55 c; *s* a rate 86; *s* at a rate 89; *s* a razor 75; *s* remedy 32; *s* right 25 b; *s* a ruff 80; *s* the saddle 7; *s* sail 65 b, *s* to sale 27; *s* a saw 76; *s* to school 26; *s* on the sea 18 f; *s* one's seal 23: *s* on a seat 1; *s* the scene 74; *s* to seed 98 c; *s* a siege before 18 g; *s* in one's sight 18 c; *s* sight of 39 b; *s* a snare 59; *s* a song 73; *s* the sponge 67 b; *s* a squadron 70; *s* the stage 74 *s* a stake 14; *s* a step 19 d; *s* a stitch 60 b; *s* a stock 100; *s* a stone 63, 120 b; *s* a stroke 20; *s* the stroke 54 d; *s* a table 71; *s* in tack 57; *s* a task 55; *s* teeth on a plate 63 c; *s* one's teeth 95; *s* on a throne 1; *s* through 151; *s* a time for 51; *s* to (prep.) 113 c, (adv.) 152; *s* (= add) one thing to another 33; *s* together 153; *s* a trap 59; *s* tryst 56; *s* type 72; *s* up 154; *s* upon 132; *s* upright 28; *s* a varnish on 41; *s* a watch 45; *s* on the water 18 f; *s* a person on his (or the) way 111 b; *s* to wed 27; *s* one's wit at 117 b; *s* wnad 96 a; *s* one's words 68 c; *s* on write 21.

See also the lists of phrases under senses 25, 89 b, 91.

Set (set), *ppl. a.* Forms: see SET *v.* A. 3. [pa. pple. of SET *v.*]

When in concord with a following sb., it was formerly often hyphened.

I. 1. In various strictly participial uses, with reference to corresponding senses of the vb.

a. Of a task, a subject of study or discourse: Imposed or prescribed. Now *rare* exc. in *set book*: a book 'set' or prescribed as one of the subjects.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 26270 Quen nede es for to slak þe sett penance þat es for plight. 1709 STEELE & SWIFT *Tatler* No. 66 P 1 When you are to talk on a Set Subject. 1863 W. C. BALDWIN *Afr. Hunting* i. 2 My natural aversion to any set task. 1888 *Daily News* 5 Nov. 5/2 Set books are for a Tripos the exception rather than the rule.

†**b.** Of law: Imposed by definite enactment; = POSITIVE 1. *Obs.*

c 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 17 Hit is iset lage..þat me sal children fulwhtnie. *c* 1320 *Cast. Love* 170 Two lawen Adam schulde..holden In Paradis: þat on him was þorw kynde i-let, þat oþer was clept lawe I-set. *Ibid.* 193 Þe kuyndeliche and þe set ek, Boþe his lawen he to-brek.

†**c.** Of plants or trees: Planted, not self-sown or growing wild. Also, that has been 'set' or dibbled, not 'sown' broadcast. *Obs.*

1562 TURNER *Herbal* II. 60, ii. sortes of sowen or set myrtel trees. *Ibid.* 60 b, The set or gardin Myrt tre. 1644 SYMONDS *Diary* (Camden) 44 Round about the howse many rowes of sett tall oakes. 1780 *Lett. & Pap. Bath Soc.* I. 15 A whole field was sown, and set, in alternate stetches...The produce of the set part was eight bushels per acre more than the sown.

†**d.** Provided with a musical setting. *Obs.*

1598 YONG *Diana* 237 The sweetenes of a Set-song. 1600 BOORNHAM *Eng. Helicon* 4 M. Birds set Songs. 1706 A. BEDFORD *Temple Mus.* xi. 226 Our Psalm Tunes were composed before any of our Set Services.

e. Placed in a setting, mounted.

1535 COVERDALE 1 *Chron.* xxx [xxix.]. 2 Onix stones, set Rubyes [1611 stones to be set], and stones of dyuerse coloures. *a* 1732 [see NEW-SET *ppl. a.*].

f. Inserted in a fixed framework, built in.

Set bowl (U. S.), a lavatory basin. *Set tub* (U. S.), a tub for washing, fixed in masonry. Also *set-pot* (see 8).

1884 HOWELLS *Silas Lapham* (1891) I. 66 I'll do the wash .., said Mrs. Lapham. I presume you'll let me have set tubs. 1899 — *Ragged Lady* 183 He sympathized with her in her wish that there was a set-bowl in her room.

g. Of the teeth: Clenched.

1810 SCOTT *Lady of L.* III. xi, With set teeth and clenched hand. 1876 A. J. EVANS *Through Bosnia* viii. 368 The sailors..with set teeth laboured at the oars as for grim life.

h. Of types: That have been 'set up'.

1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* II. II. iv, Your military ranked Arrangement going all (as the Typographers say of set types, in a similar case) rapidly to pie!

2. Appointed or prescribed beforehand; †appointed for observance by the Church. Hence (with sense less distinctly ppl.), Fixed, definite, not subject to uncertainty or alteration. **a.** Of a point of time.

e 1050 *Laws Northumb. Priests* § 36 (Liebermann) 382 Ȝif preost on ȝesetne timan tida ne ringe oððe tida ne singe. *c* 1205 LAY. 25459 Arður þa hehte aðelest kinge to ane isette time þat folc isomnien. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 412 Ȝif out limpeð misliche þet ȝe beon nout i-huseled i þeos i-sette termes. 1375 BARBOUR *Bruce* VIII. 213 Quhen the set day cumin was He sped him fast toward the place. *c* 1477 CAXTON *Jason* 14 b, The triews faylled at time sette and exspired. 1597 HOOKER *Eccl. Pol.* V. (1617) 377 Festiuall Solemnities and set-dayes. 1628 EARLE *Microcosm.* (Arb.) 37 An old Colledge Butler..keepes the set houres at his hooke more duly then any. *a* 1659 BP. BROWNRIG *Serm.* (1674) I. i. 12 God ..sets much by them, that put him not off with some set-dayes service. 1701 SWIFT *Contests Nobles & Commons* Wks. 1755 II. i. 28 The set time for payment. 1769 E. BANCROFT *Guiana* 325 The Indians have no set time of eating. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* II. VI i, There will not have arrived, at the set day, Three-thousand of them in all.

b. Of wages, income, rent, quantity. Now *rare.*

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 428 Non ancre seruant ne ouhte..uorto asken i-sette huire, bute mete & cloð. 1504 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* II. 262 Item, to the said Maister Andro, that he gaif in almous be the Kingis command, hy the set almous ..xxzjs. 1587 R. HOVENDEN in *Collect.* (O. H. S.) I. 217 Which a sett rent can no wise affoord. 1593 NASHE *Christ's T.* Wks. 1910 II. 149 Half a Crowne..is the sette pryce of a strumpets soule. 1633 MASSINGER *Guardian* I. i, Some.. make a set living on't. 1651 HOBBES *Leviath.* II. xxii. 123 It is not a set number that makes the Assembly Unlawfull. 1705 ADDISON *Italy, Switzerl.* 480 Handsom Fountains planted at set Distances from one End of the Streets to the other. 1851 HELPS *Comp. Solit.* ix. (1854) 157 There always will be a set amount of wrongdoing. 1891 *Labour Commission* Gloss., *Set wages*, a fixed weekly wage, apart altogether from piece-work.

c. Of rules, order, a form of words, etc.

1570–6 LAMBARDE *Peramb. Kent* (1826) 239 The..Princelike Palaices..which the Archbishops..kept..to perfourme their set solemnities of housekeeping. 1597 HOOKER *Eccl. Pol.* V. xxvi. § 1 A strange conceipt, that to serue God with any set forme of common prayer is superstitious. *a* 1619 FOTHERBY *Atheom.* II. i. § 7 (1622) 182 As strictly tied vnto his set-motion, as a Mill-horse to his Mill. 1630 BP. HALL *Occas. Medit.* lxxx. (1633) 200 The Monarchical government requires a constant and regular course of the set degrees of rule and inferiority. 1705 STANHOPE *Paraphr.* II. 215 A long preparation of set Diet. 1710 BERKELEY *Prine. Hum. Knowl.* § 30 The set rules or established methods. 1872 EARLE *Philol. Eng. Tongue* § 292 The set words of a proverb. 1883 JAS. GILMOUR *Mongols* xvii. 201 Our religious system has no set form of liturgy to be got off by heart and repeated.

†**d.** Of persons, things, places: Fixed, specified, definite. *Obs.*

1594 ? GREENE *Selimus* 327 Things that were as common as the day, Did then to set possessors first obey. 1709 SHAFTESB. *Moralists* I. i. 5 There are formal Set-Places, where..there is enough said and taught of this kind.

3. Deliberate, intentional. **a.** Of a purpose or design: Deliberately conceived. Chiefly in phrases, *of* (or †*on*, †*a*) *set purpose* (see PURPOSE *sb.* 10, 11).

1456 SIR G. HAYE *Law Arms* (S. T. S.) 84 To byde in felde fermly of sett purpos..cummys of a calde sett mynde confermyt in hardyness with deliberacioun. 1530 PALSGR. 835/1 Evyn a set purpose. 1581 PETTIE tr. *Guazzo's Civ. Conv.* I. (1586) 24 b, How much more hainous those faults are which are committed of set mallice, then those which are done of blinde ignorance. 1600 in R. M. Fergusson *Logic* (1905) II. 22 *note*, Cruellie slaine be yame..vpon sait purpois and foirthocht fellonie. 1695 WOODWARD *Nat. Hist. Earth* VI. (1723) 303 Should a Man go about with never so set Study and Design. 1872 MORLEY *Voltaire* 57 This fatal predominance was first founded, though assuredly not of set design, by Voltaire.

b. Of phrases, forms of expression: Deliberately composed, not spontaneously arising. Also, customary, 'stereotyped.' Cf. 5 d.

In good set terms: often used (after the context of the Shaks. example) for 'roundly', 'with outspoken severity'.

1600 SHAKS. *A. Y. L.* II. vii. 17, I met a foole i'th Forrest ..Who..rail'd on Lady Fortune in good termes, In good set termes, and yet a motley foole. 1695 J. EDWARDS *Author. O. & N. Test.* III. 382 The set sayings of the Stoicks. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 27 Jan. 1689, He did this without any set or formal repetitions, as one who had learn'd things without book. 1827 SCOTT *Surg. Dau.* ix. He drew it up in good set terms, like one who had his senses much at his command. 1832 LEWIS *Use & Ab. Pol. Terms* Introd. 1 The set phrase of Scientific inquirers. 1860 MOTLEY *Netherl.* x. (1865) II. 85 The governor-general..often denounced him in good set terms. 1861 DICKENS *Gt. Expect.* xxxii, It had no set beginning, as Dear Mr. Pip, or Dear Pip.

†**c.** Contrived in order to deceive. *Obs.*

1603 FLORIO *Montaigne* I. v. 10 Nor by surprises, or stratagems by night, nor by set-flights [*par fuittes apostees*].

4. (In *set battle, field*) = PITCHED *ppl. a.*[1] 2. Now *rare* (cf. sense 5).

1375 BARBOUR *Bruce* VIII. 367 The king, in set battalye.. Vencust him with a gret menye. *c* 1470 HENRY *Wallace* XI. 9 Off set battaillis fyve he dyscumfyt haill. 1552 ROBINSON tr. *More's Utopia* II. (1895) 257 In set fylde the wynes doo stande euerye one by here owne husbandes syde. 1572 J. SADLER tr. *Vegetius* Pref. ¶ *. ii. b, Whether they should fight in skirmishe, or set battel. 1664–5 PEPYS *Diary* 17 Feb., He hath fought more set fields than any man in England hath done. 1773 HAMPTON *Polybius* IV. Contents XIV, The Carthaginians..are defeated in a set engagement.

transf. 1883 F. M. CRAWFORD *Dr. Claudius* xvii, I challenged her to a set flirtation.

5. Formal, ceremonious, regular. **a.** As the designation of a particular style of handwriting: see quots. Now only *Hist.*

1513 [see HAND *sb.* 16]. 1594 SHAKS. *Rich. III*, III. vi. 2 Here is the Indictment..Which in a set Hand fairely is engross'd, 1685 MATLOCK *Fax Nova Artis Scribendi* 6 The Set-Hand is thought fittest..for Ingrossing all Evidences of Lands. *Ibid.* 11 The English-Ingrossing-Hand, commonly called Set-Secretary. 1784 ASTLE *Orig. Writ.* v. 98 The writing which prevailed in England from..596 to the middle of the eleventh century, is generally termed Saxon, and may be divided into five kinds, namely, the Roman Saxon, the Set Saxon, the Running hand Saxon, the Mixed Saxon, and the Elegant Saxon. *Ibid.* 143 The specimens of the charters..are composed partly of characters called Set Chancery and Common Chancery. 1885 E. M. THOMPSON in *Encycl. Brit.* XVIII. 156/2 In the 8th century appears the set book-hand in an even..character.

b. Of a meal, a meeting for business or pleasure: Carefully pre-arranged; attended with some degree of ceremony or formality; stated, regular, formal. So †*set table.*

1606 HOLLAND *Sueton.* 71 He feasted daily: and never otherwise than at a set table [L. *cena recta*]. 1653 H. COGAN tr. *Pinto's Trav.* ii. 3 Keeping a set table for above seven hundred persons. 1680 COTTON *Compl. Gamester* (ed. 2) 95 They have one most egregious piece of Roguery more, and that is playing the High-Game at Putt; and this is to be done but once at a Sett-meeting. 1693 LOCKE *Educ.* § 14 (1699) 21 The Romans usually fasted till Supper; the only set Meal, even of those who eat more than once a Day. 1718 *Free-thinker* No. 19, 133 His Physicians advised him to leave off Set-Suppers. 1818 in Lady Morgan *Autobiog.* (1859) 166 It is not a set party, but one without full dress or ceremony. 1864 *Chamb. Encycl.* s. v. *Curling*, These *bonspiels* or set matches, are contested with immense spirit. 1868 E. EDWARDS *Ralegh* I. xxii. 495 The ambassador would fain have discussed such grave matters only at a set audience.

†**c.** Of costume: Suited to ceremonial occasions. 1698 FRYER *Acc. E. India & P.* 390 The set dress of the Persian. 1676 ETHEREGE *Sir Fopling Flutter* IV. ii, We should not always be in a Set Dress.

d. Of a discourse, treatise, etc.: Elaborate, composed in due form; expressly or systematically dealing with a subject.

Set speech: public speech more or less elaborate; an oration, as distinguished from extemporaneous or informal utterances.

1573 G. HARVEY *Letter-bk.* (1884) 12, I am inforcid rather to bungle up a pelting histori then to write a set epistle. 1608 CHAPMAN *Trag. Byron* V. i. Q 1, The most lawierly deliuery Of his set speeches. 1655 STANLEY *Hist. Philos.* (1701) 4 He did not confine himself to set Lectures in the Chair. 1662 STILLINGFL. *Orig. Sacræ* II. ii. § 2 A learned man hath in a set discourse endeavoured to shew the great defects that were in it. 1760–2 GOLDSM. *Cit. W.* XXX, I had prepared a set introductory speech for the occasion. 1817 MOORE *Lalla Rookh* (1824) 126 The young lady dies, in a set speech. 1834 MACAULAY *Ess., Pitt* P 29 He was no speaker of set speeches. His few prepared discourses were complete failures. 1886 C. E. PASCOE *London of To-day* viii. (ed. 3) 89 It is not easy to learn beforehand when the great popular leaders may be expected to make set orations.

†**e.** Regularly established. *Obs.*

1702 C. MATHER *Magn. Chr.* IV. Introd. (1852) 9 They soon determined..that set-schools are so necessary there is no doing without them.

6. That has assumed a permanent form or condition; immovable, persistent.

a. Of facial expression, looks, or countenance, tones of voice: Fixed, rigid, unvarying.

1605 CHAPMAN *All Fools* IV. i, A set countenance Of rage and choller. *a* 1625 FLETCHER *Nice Valour* I, Look, who comes here, sir! his love fit's upon him: I know it, by that set smile, and those congies. 1760 FRANKLIN *Ess.* Wks. 1840 II. 127 Those even, set tones, so common among readers. 1865 SWINBURNE *Poems & Ball., Two Dreams* 28 The heavy sun's Set face of heat stopped all the songs. 1892 BIERCE *In Midst of Life* 96 In that set immobile face was no sign; it was as hard as bronze.

b. Of a feeling, attitude of mind: Fixed, settled, immovable. †Of action: Resolute. Also (*dial.* and *U.S.*) of persons: Obstinate. (Cf. HARD-SET 3.)

a 1625 FLETCHER *False One* IV. ii, Why do you frowne? good gods, what a set-anger Have you forc'd into your face! 1650 BAXTER *Saint's R.* IV. vi. (1654) 146 The set and solemn acting of all the powers of the soul. 1748 RICHARDSON *Clarissa* (1811) III. 38, I can not, at present, write to every particular unless I would be in set defiance. 1848 BARTLETT *Dict. Amer.* s. v., He is very set in his ways. 1848 LOWELL *Biglow P.* Ser. I. ix (end), Wen I hev once made up my mind, a meet'nhus aint sotter. 1896 *Harper's Mag.* Apr. 680/1 'You are a terribly set person,' she said, ..after she had consented to let him have his own way.

c. Of a kind of weather: Persistent, likely to continue some time. So quasi-*adv.* in *set fair.*

Set fair is usually marked on English barometers at the point indicating that the height of the mercury is 30¼ inches.

1699 DAMPIER *Voy.* II. II. 55 Then you have set Rains till the latter end of August. 1823–4 *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) XV. 281 To the next half-inch below this highest point are written *set fair* on the one side, and *set frost* on the other. 1842 DICKENS *Amer. Notes* xiv. (1893) 167 The road..was certainly enough to have shaken tempers that were not resolutely at Set Fair, down to some inches below Stormy.

†**d.** Of demeanour: Composed, grave. *Obs.*

a 1660 in Morris *Troubles Cath. Foref.* (1872) I. vi. 286 She was always of a set and womanly carriage, not wild or given much to play.

e. Chiefly predicative: Of settled form or habit of body.

1861 HUGHES *Tom Brown at Oxf.* ii, The other man was evidently a year or two older than himself, his figure was more set. 1861 *Temple Bar* IV. 53 Their limbs are not sufficiently 'set' to prevent serious accidental injury. 1894 ASTLEY *50 Yrs. Life* I. 144 Orme was, as we should say of a racehorse, 'too set.'

7. With prefixed adv.: Having a specified position, location, arrangement, conformation, build, adjustment, disposition, pitch, etc.

See *broad-set* (BROAD *a.* D. 2), DEEP-SET, *fine-set* (FINE *a.* D. 2 b), *firm-set* (FIRM *a.* C. 2), HARD-SET, HIGH-SET, ILL-SET, *low-set* (LOW *a.* 5), STRONG-SET, THICK-SET, *thin-set* (THIN *a.* D. II), WELL-SET.

13.. *K. Alis.* 7112 Cadace was a ferly best, Thries set [*Laud MS.* shet] teth was in his teste.

II. Combinations.

8. In special collocations (most of which are hyphened as compounds, and often stressed on the first syllable): †**set board** *Sc.*, (*a*)? a washboard in a ship [cf. Du. *zetboord*, G. *setzbord*]; (*b*) some kind of table; **set changes** *Bell-ringing*, = *set peal*; †**set cloth**, a kind of worsted fabric; **set dance**, a quadrille, country-dance, or the like; **set iron** [cf. Du. *zetijzer*, G. *setzeisen*] *Shipbuilding*, a bar of soft iron, admitting of being bent so as to be used for transferring curves from the scrive-board to the bending plate; **set line** [cf. Du. *zetlijn*], a fishing-line with baited hooks, pegged or anchored; also *attrib.*; †**set match**, an agreement, conspiracy, an appointment made for a highway robbery (cf. *to set a match*, SET *v.* 56); **set net**, a fishing net fastened across a stream or channel, into which the fish are driven; †**set peal** *Bellringing*, a ringing of a peal of bells in one position for a considerable length of time before a change is given; **set piece**, (*a*) a painting, or

a sculptured group of figures; (*b*) a picture or design composed of fireworks; **set-pot, se·tpot,** (*a*) *dial.* a fixed cauldron or boiler used for heating water for domestic purposes; (*b*) a copper pan, heated by a special flue, used in making varnish, and for heating oil, size, etc.; †**set-pull** *Bell-ringing*, the position of a bell when raised so that it stands mouth upwards; **set scene**, an apparatus built up and placed in position upon a theatrical stage before the rise of the curtain; a collection of side scenes, 'skies', etc. depending upon one another for a particular effect; so *set scenery*; **set sod**, a turf used in building up a bank of a ditch in the operation of water-tabling; **set square**, (*a*) a plate of wood, metal, etc. in the form of a right-angled triangle, the acute angles being either 60° and 30° or both 45°, used by draughtsmen as a guide for drawing lines at one of these angles; (*b*) a form of T-square with an additional arm turning on a pivot, for drawing lines at fixed angles to the head; (*c*) a joiner's square; †**set-stitched** *a.*, ? of 'set-work' embroidery. See also SET-WORK.

1512 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* IV. 456 Item..for xv^e seym and ruf for the *set burdis of the greit schip. 1529 *Reg. Mag. Sig. Scot.* (1883) 178 A comptar burd price 2 markis, a set burd with formis and trestis price 13s. 4d. 1677 [STEDMAN] *Campanalogia* 169 For such as have not yet attain'd the skill to ring these compleat peals, *Sett-changes are very proper for them, being easie. 1688 HOLME *Armoury* III. 462/2 Ringing in Set Changes, that is, the Bells being Set, they order which Bell shall lead away & what to follow. 1872 ELLACOMBE *Bells of Ch.* iii. in *Ch. Bells Devon* 231 Its members rang nothing but rounds and set changes, till about the year 1642, when single changes were first attempted. 1467-8 *Rolls of Parlt.* V. 629 Divers Wollen Clothes, some called brode *sette Clothes, and that other called streite sette Clothes. 1523 *Act* 14 & 15 *Hen. VIII*, c. 11 Vesses, otherwise called Sette clothes of diuers colours. 1712 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 434 § 5 Several Regular Tunes and *Sett Dances. 1800 WEEMS *Washington* ii. (1877) 11 He has carried down many a sett dance with her. 1874 THEARLE *Naval Archit.* 83 When the scrive board is used, a flat rod of soft iron termed the '*set iron' is bent to the curvature. 1865 BERTRAM *Harvest of Sea* 160 *Set-line-fishing..can only be practised in places where the tide recedes to a considerable distance. 1586 J. HOOKER *Hist. Irel.* 37/2 in *Holinshed*, These things came not thus to passe, as it were by a *set match. 1592 GREENE *Discov. Coosenage* C 3, When their other trades fail, as..y^e high lawier, when he hath no set match to ride about. 1614 BP. HALL *Contempl.* VII. *Aaron's Censer* 269 A set match betwixt the brethren. 1481-90 *Howard Housek. Bks.* (Roxb.) 192 A *sett net of ij. fadom. 1745 BLOMEFIELD *Norfolk* II. 866 Two Wardens of the Fishermen-Company..to inspect the Sett Netts belonging to them. 1863 *Rep. Sea Fisheries Comm.* (1865) II. 1190/1 Small quantities of herrings were taken with set-nets close in shore. 16.. in *Eng. Gilds* 290 If the Master..shall neglect to warn the Company..for to ring a bisett *sett peale, he shall pay..one shilling. 1846 DICKENS *Pictures Italy, Rome* 190 The hollow-cheeked monk..went down on his knees, in a corner before this *set-piece. 1874 W. H. BROWNE *Art Pyrotechny* 118 'Set pieces' (as they are called). 1901 *Westm. Gaz.* 22 May 6/3 A group [of flowers] of the set-piece kind in the form of a grotto. 1839 URE *Dict. Arts* s. v. *Varnish*, Black japan is made by putting into the *set-pot 48 lbs. of Naples or any other of the foreign asphaltums. 1862 ROBINSON *Dial. Leeds, Set pot*, a stone boiler or 'copper', with a fire-grate under, for the purpose of boiling and 'stewing' dirty linen. 1873 E. SPON *Workshop Rec.* Ser. I. 65/2 Take the gum pot from the fire; let it cool for a few minutes, then pour it into the oil in the set pot. 1677 [STEDMAN] *Campanal. gia* 26 The falling of the bells from a *Set-pull. *Ibid.* 46 Supposing that a peal of 5 bells were raised, and rung at a Sett-pull. 1887 *Spectator* 25 June 857/2 Theatrical speculators now spend such vast sums on the upholstery of their *set scenes. 1854 FAIRHOLT *Dict. Terms Art* 382 The scenery..was entirely of the nature of what is now termed *set-scenery, regularly built up by carpenters before the curtain rises, to be taken to pieces again when it falls. 1844 H. STEPHENS *Bk. Farm* II. 574 After a few of these smaller sods have been made ready, the hedger lays them, with the grass side downwards, upon the edges of the *set-sods. 1854 in *Specif. Patents, Artists' Instr.* (1872) 73 An improved artizans' tool, which may be used as a measuring rule, straight edge, *set square, T square, bevel, and plumb rule. 1857 BINNS *Orthogr. Projection* 1 One 8-inch set square. 1884 HOLTZAPFFEL *Turning* V. 64 The slide rest is adjusted to it by means of the set square, an instrument with a straight shaft and a steel blade fixed to it at right angles. 1892 ELEANOR ROWE *Chip-Carving* (1895) 15 The set-square of 45°. *Ibid.* 7 The 60° set-square. 1760 STERNE *Tr. Shandy* III. xxix, An old *set-stitch'd chair.

9. In parasynthetic derivatives. *rare.*

1614 CHAPMAN *Androm. Lib.* Ep. Ded. ¶ 3 b, The one-ear'd Race Of set-eyed vulgars. 1615 — *Odyss.* XVII. 602 You are a sawcy set-fac't Vagabond. 1633 T. STAFFORD *Pac. Hib.* I. xi. 74 The treacherous Guid, who did upon a set purposed malice draw this Draught, was..hanged.

10. With adverbs (see the corresponding combinations of the vb.), as *set-apart* (rare), *set-down, -on, -out*, etc. With specific meaning: **set-down** *nonce-use*, described in books, recognized; **set-in**, (*a*) inserted, inset; (*b*) of rain, etc. that has set in or become continuous; **set-off** *Sc.*, of part of a tenement, let off to a sub-tenant; **set-on** *Sc.* (see quot. 1825); **set-up**, (*a*) established; (*b*) in phr. *well set-up* (see quot. 1867; also in wider use); (*c*) *dial.* and *colloq.* conceited, 'stuck up'; (*d*) of type, composed.

1830 GEN. P. THOMPSON *Exerc.* (1842) I. 292 This act of choice baseness and *set-apart iniquity. 1858 — *Audi Alt.* lxxvi. II. 28 All have sunk into a state of lamentable indifference, there is no burning zeal left except among the set-apart. *a* 1850 ROSSETTI *Dante & Circle* II. (1874) 281 'Tis no *set-down sickness that I have, Nor are my pains set down. 1884 RUSKIN *Bible of Amiens* I. 9 *note*, The first fixed and set-down footsteps. 1534 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* VI. 185 To be ane *set in nek to ane veluet slop. 1866 LIVINGSTONE *Last Jrnls.* (1873) I. vi. 158 A set-in rain came on. 1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.* 1534/2 *Side-notes*, marginal or set-in notes. *a* 1722 FOUNTAINHALL *Decis.* I. 454 One may set *set-off chambers and parts of a house. 1825 JAMIESON, *Set-on*, a term applied to what is singed or slightly burned in the pot or pan. 1864 *Q. Jrnl. Sci.* I. 467 Well set-on tails and very sloping shoulders. 1710 PALMER *Proverbs* 359 If the pomp..be carry'd out of proportion,..it is an ill *set-out ambition. 1809 MALKIN *Gil Blas* III. iii. (Rtldg.) 87 There was no want of magnificence, good taste, or a well-designed set out table! 1607 The..new-*set-up company [see NEW-SET *ppl. a.*]. 1856 JULIA KAVANAGH *Rachel Gray* iv. 66 Serve her right—the set up thing! 1867 SMYTH *Sailor's Word-bk.* s. v., Soldiers, mariners, and small-arm men, well drilled, and instructed to be upright and soldierlike in their carriage, are 'well set up'. 1878 *Encycl. Brit.* VIII. 116/1 Set-up type is also sometimes copied thus.

†**Set**, *conj. Sc. Obs.* [Prob. evolved from the imperative or the pa. pple. (in absolute construction) of SET *v.* in the sense 'to put the case,' 'to suppose (that)'. Cf. G. *gesetzt* = 'on the assumption that'.] Though, although. Also with *at* (= that).

Very frequent in the *Sc. Leg. Saints.*

c 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xxvii. (*Machor*) 26 God mad hym to rest syn in fraunce,..til honouryt be, set þare a strangere was he. 1390 GOWER *Conf.* III. 345 And sett thou myhtest lust atteigne, Of every lust thende is a peine. *c* 1425 WYNTOUN *Cron.* I. Prol. 33 And set to þis I gif my will My wit I ken sa skant þartill That I drede saire þame till offend. *c* 1470 HENRY *Wallace* XI. 1432 Blaym nocht the buk, set I be wnperfyt. *c* 1500 *Lancelot* 99 And set yhoue clep one erbis and one treis, Sche heris not thi wo. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* VI. Prol. 31 Set thow think this bot sport.

Set-, the stem of SET *v.* in comb., chiefly in sbs. derived from phr. with advs. (see SET *v.* XII.): **set-forth**, a setting forth, departure; **set-in**, the beginning of a period of time, a spell of weather, or the like; **set-on**, the way in which a thing is set on; **set-up**, (*a*) an object set up or upright, an upright; (*b*) the manner or position in which a thing is set up; *U.S.*, personal bearing or carriage; *Billiards*, etc., a position of the balls (e.g. as left by the last player) from which it is easy to score. See also SET-BACK, SET-DOWN, SET-TO, etc. Also **set-fair**, the second coat in plastering; **set-hands**, applied to devices connected with setting the hands of a watch or clock; in names of devices for adjusting or shaping, **set-bolt, -hammer, -screw, -stud** (see quots.). See also SETFAST.

1627 CAPT. SMITH *Seaman's Gram.* ii. 5 *Set bolts for forcing the workes and plankes together. 1770-4 A. HUNTER *Georg. Ess.* (1803) I. 115 Backing out a Bolt, or Trenail, is driving it out by means of a tool called a Set-bolt. 1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.*, *Set bolt..a.* One used as a drift, to force another bolt out of its hole. *b.* A bolt used to bring a plank to its bearings. 1812 P. NICHOLSON *Mech. Exerc.* 312 (*Plastering*), *Set Fair, is used after roughing-in and floated or pricked up and floated: it should be well troweled. 1829 SOUTHEY in *Corr. Car. Bowles* (1881) 177 Whether the next *set-forth from the house be for a marriage, or a funeral. 1855 FRANKE *Beil's Technol. Dict.* II. 456 *Set-hammer (a hammer used in forging a set-off). 1883 CRANE *Smithy & Forge* 29 The 'set-hammer' is employed by being held against a certain portion of the heated iron and its top struck with the hammer. 1884 F. J. BRITTEN *Watch & Clockm.* 240 *Set-bands Arbor..the arbor in a three-quarter plate key-winding watch by which the hands are set. *Ibid.*, Set-hands Dial. *Ibid.*, Set-hands Square. 1885 C. G. W. LOCK *Workshop Rec.* Ser. IV. 337/1 The set-hands stud. 1825 *New Monthly Mag.* XVI. 270 A regular *set in of Arabian wind is hardly to be expected. 1830 W. PHILLIPS *Mt. Sinai* IV. 331 At set-in of day. 1852a in Col. Hawker *Diary* (1893) II. 344 A regular set in of wet weather at last. 1847 W. C. L. MARTIN *Ox* 48/2 The *set-on of the tail is prominent, and detracts from their appearance. 1884 *Live Stock Jrnl.* 15 Aug. 154/2 In Puppies the winner..falls away too much from loin to set-on of tail. 1855 FRANKE *Beil's Technol. Dict.* II. 456 *Set-screw, Adjusting screw, Regulating screw. 1861 FAIRBAIRN *Iron* 129 Set screws,..and all kinds of small work, are produced at the same rate. 1855 FRANKE *Beil's Technol. Dict.* II. 456 *Set-bolt*, **Set-stud* (a bolt screwed into the two pieces to be joined, and fastened so as to prevent the play of the pieces). 1841 *Civ. Engin. & Arch. Jrnl.* IV. 264/1 The *set-ups on the rail with the line fixed. 1843 *Guide to Trade, Baker* 30 Set-ups..are four-sided oblong pieces of beech of proper dimensions. They are placed on both sides, the back, and in the front of the oven, to keep the loaves in their places. 1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.*, *Set up*,..the steam-ram used in the squeezer which operates on the loup or ball of iron from the puddling-furnace. The action is to up-set or condense longitudinally the bloom. 1890 T. C. CRAWFORD *Eng. Life* 147 (Cent.), They [English soldiers] have a set-up not to be found in any of the soldiers of the Continental armies. 1895 *Outing* (N. Y.) XXVI. 66/1, I found an easy set-up and pocketed fifteen straight.

‖**Seta** (sī·tă). Pl. **setæ** (sī·tī). [L. *sēta, saeta* bristle.]

1. *Bot.* A stiff hair or bristle-like body. Also the stalk which supports the theca or capsule of mosses.

1793 T. MARTYN *Lang. Bot.*, *Seta*, a Bristle. A strong, stiff, roundish hair. A sort of pubescence.—Linneus also puts it for the scape of the capsule in Mosses. 1830 LINDLEY *Nat. Syst. Bot.* 320 *Thecæ* [of mosses], hollow urn-like cases seated upon a seta or stalk. 1832 — *Introd. Bot.* I. ii. 104 When the *arista* proceeds from the very apex of the bracteæ, and not from below it, it is denominated in the writings of Palisot a *seta*. 1870 HOOKER *Stud. Flora* 219 Leaves covered..with long flexuous scattered..hairs or setæ with bulbous bases.

2. *Zool.* A bristle; a bristle-like appendage.

c 1820 *Edin. Encycl.* (1830) VII. 432 *Ampithoë*. Superior antennæ, without a seta at the base of the last joint. 1826 KIRBY & SP. *Entomol.* IV. xliv. 225 A number of small hexapods distinguished by two pairs of anal setæ and a proleg. 1858 W. CLARK tr. *Van der Hoeven's Zool.* II. 553 *Gypaëtus*. Head closely plumed, bearded with rigid setæ under the bill. 1881-82 SAVILLE KENT *Man. Infusoria* II. 779 Two oblique rows of ventral setæ, three caudal, but no anal setæ.

†**Setace.** *Obs. rare.* Also **settace.** [ad. mod. L. *sētāce-um* seton, neut. of *sētāceus*: see SETACEOUS *a.*] = SETON.

1656 RIDGLEY *Pract. Physick* 114 Setaces are principle good, applyed to the Neck. *Ibid.* 155 He set a settace between the first and third Spondil.

Seta·ceo-. Used as combining form of next.

1829 LOUDON *Encycl. Plants* 1104 *Setaceo-rostrate*, having a beak with the figure of a bristle. 1833 HOOKER in *Smith's Eng. Flora* V. I. 32 Leaves from a broad base setaceo-capillary spreading on all sides flexuose.

Setaceous (sĭtā·ʃəs), *a.* Also 9 *erron.* **setateous.** [f. mod.L. *sētāce-us*, f. L. *sēta* bristle: see -ACEOUS.]

1. Having the form or character of a bristle. Chiefly in scientific use (*Anat., Zool., Bot.*), of the nature of a seta or setæ.

1664 H. MORE *Myst. Iniq.* 273 These setaceous prickles. 1713 DERHAM *Phys.-Theol.* VIII. vi. 427 The Parent-Insect with its stiff setaceous Tail, terebrates the Rib of the Leaf. 1769 PENNANT *Brit. Zool.* III. 168 The Gattorugine..The teeth slender, almost setaceous. 1769 BANCROFT *Ess. Nat. Hist. Guiana* 391 The setaceous hairy substance growing on the outside of the pod. 1829 LOUDON *Encycl. Plants* 19 *Justicia nigricans*...Bractes setaceous. 1835 T. BELL in *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* I. 474/1 The cats and..the seals, in which animals the long elastic setaceous whiskers are so useful as feelers. 1882-4 COOKE *Brit. Fresh-w. Algæ* I. 120 Thallus very thick, setaceous.

2. Furnished or covered with setæ or bristles, bristly.

Setaceous Hebrew-character: a book-name for the moth *Noctua C-nigrum* (1803 HAWORTH *Lepidoptera Brit.* 226. 1869 NEWMAN *Brit. Moths* 346).

b. *jocularly.* Bristly, unshaven.

1787 *Minor* II. i. 66 My father's broad, setaceous visage alternately displayed specimens of all the various colours.

Hence **Seta·ceously** *adv.*

1821 W. P. C. BARTON *Flora N. Amer.* I. 14 The serratures or little teeth being sometimes only setaceously armed.

Setaceous, obs. (erron.) f. CETACEOUS.

Setal (sī·tăl), *a.* [f. L. *sēta* bristle + -AL.] 'Of or pertaining to setæ; as the setal bands of a brachiopod which may run along the pallial margin and denote the site of the setæ.'

1891 *Century Dict.* (citing *T. Davidson*).

Setarious (sĭtē·rĭəs), *a. Ent.* [f. L. *sēta* bristle + -ARIOUS.] Of antennæ: Ending in a naked arista or bristle.

1806 TURTON tr. *Linn. Syst. Nat.* VII. Expl. Terms, *Setarious*, applied to the antennæ of insects, it means, terminating in a simple naked bristle. 1826 KIRBY & SP. *Entomol.* IV. xlvi. 324 Setarious...When the awn or bristle is naked.

Se·t-back. [f. vbl. phr. *set back*: see SET *v.* 141.]

1. *fig.* A check to progress, a retardation or retrograde movement, a relapse, reverse.

1674 FLAVEL *Husb. Spirit.* I. 20 Even when he is about his work, how many set-backs doth he meet with! 1883 *Century Mag.* July 431 Yet, in the face of all set-backs, the city [New Orleans] that once was almost annually scourged, has, in the twenty-seven years since the great epidemic,..suffered but one mild and three severe epidemics. 1895 *Daily News* 25 Sept. 2/5 Operators are..sore at this sudden set-back, when the boom appeared to be resuming its course on a sounder basis. 1899 *Ibid.* 1 Mar. 5/4 It is now feared that a set-back in the patient's present weakened condition may result in collapse.

2. *Arch.* A plain, flat set-off in a wall.

1864 WEBSTER (citing *Weale*). 1887 *Arch. Publ. Soc. Dict.*, *Set-off*; or set-back, or offset.

3. A setting back or backward; a thrown-back set (of the shoulders), a backward set (of a golf-club).

1900 MARY E. WILKINS *Parson Lord*, etc. 188 The old Beau .. had a military set-back to his shoulders. 1900 *Westm. Gaz.* 10 Nov. 2/1 The angle..which gives the club the necessary set-back and resulting loft.

4. *U.S.* = BACK-SET *sb.* 2. In recent Dicts.

5. *attrib.*: **set-back hinges**, hinges for setting back window-shutters.

1833 LOUDON *Encycl. Archit.* 269 The hinges used should be what are called set-back hinges, when it is wished to make the shutters fit close to the windows when shut, and to throw them back close to the wall when open.

Setchal, setchel(l, obs. forms of SATCHEL *sb.*

Set-down. (Stress variable.) [f. vbl. phr. *set down*: see SET *v.* 143.]

1. a. A single drive (ending where the passenger first alights) in a vehicle plying for hire; the distance covered by such a drive. (= F. *course*.)

b. An opportunity of being conveyed some distance on one's way by a passing vehicle; a 'lift'.

a. 1761 *Ann. Reg.* 220 A guinea for a set-down from any

of the squares..to Westminster abbey. 1767 Bush *Hibernia Cur.* (1769) 23 The rates of hackney-coaches, and sedans, are established here as in London, for the different distances, or set-downs, as they are called. 1891 *Daily News* 27 May, Cabbies..bargain not to be taken by the hour, or for set downs at long distances.

b. 1792 W. Roberts *Looker-On* No. 30 (1794) I. 437, I have seen a very able disputant very much humbled..by a cold offer, on the part of his wealthy opponent, to give him a set down in his carriage. 1799 Mar. Edgeworth *Pop. Tales, Lame Jervas* ii, Part of the journey I performed on foot; but wherever I could, I got a set down. 1832 G. Downes *Lett. Cont. Countries* I. 142, I secured a set-down to Zug in our late vehicle.

2. An unexpected and humiliating rebuff. Also, a severe scolding.

1786 Mrs. A. M. Bennett *Juvenile Indiscr.* V. 12 Miss Franklin's..ideas of the..felicity of the marriage state received a most mortifying set down. 1809 Malkin *Gil Blas* v. i. (Rtldg.) 199 The lady then, offended at my words ..gave a complete set down to my assurance. 1861 Gen. P. Thompson *Audi Alt. Part.* III. 143 The home monopolists ..have had a notable though not complete set-down. 1867 J. Macgregor *Rob Roy on Baltic* xviii. 216, I gave him such a hearty set-down in good sound English that he was ashamed of himself.

3. *U.S. slang.* A sit-down meal.

1900 Flynt *Tramps* 105 (Farmer) He will almost always give a beggar a set-down.

†Sete, *sb. Sc. Obs.* (Only *pl.* **setis.**) [Of obscure origin; perhaps from OE. (Northumb.) pl. *giseto* 'insidias'; OE. *sǽt* 'ambush' would also correspond in form and sense.] A number of men posted to intercept or shoot game.

1375 Barbour *Bruce* III. 479 Thai..soucht schawys, and setis set; Bot thai gat litill for till ete. *c* 1425 Wyntoun *Cron.* VII. i. 46 Þe kynge þan warnyt his menȝhe Withe hym at huntynge for to be ;..þan on þe morn..Þe setis [*Wemyss MS.* settis] and þe stabile set [etc.]. 1513 Douglas *Æneis* IV. iii. 58 Quhen that the rangis..Dynnis throw the gravis, ..And setis sett the glen on euery side.

†Sete, *a. Obs.* Also 4 **seete,** 5 **sety** (?). [Related to Sit *v.*; the precise formation is uncertain.]

1. Settled or easy in mind, content.

a 1310 in Wright *Lyric P.* xxx. 89 Withoute gold other eny tresor, he mai be sound ant sete. *Ibid.* xlii. 114 Whose loveth untrewe, his herte is selde seete.

2. Fitting, suitable; (of food or drink) wholesome.

13.. *Propr. Sanct.* (Vernon MS.) in *Archiv Stud. neu. Spr.* LXXXI. 108/109 Þis is þe 30k,..Þat crist on his meyne wol ley, To Monnes soule hit is ful seete; Þerfore he seide, hit was ful sweete. 13.. *Gaw. & Gr. Kn.* 889 Serued..Wyth sere sewes & sete, sesounde of þe best. *c* 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* II. 420 To this x pounde of hony swete And best: this wol be plesaunt drynke & sete. *Ibid.* IV. 457. 1467 *Ordin. Worc.* in *Eng. Gilds* (1870) 382 Ale conners..to se that the ale be good and sete. *Ibid.* 397 To se that all suche vytelle be able and sete for mannys body. *Ibid.* 425 That the ale be gode, able, and sety.

Sete, obs. form of City, Seat, Set, Sit.

Setel, setelle, obs. forms of Settle *sb.* and *v.*

Setenes, variant of Setness[1] *Obs.*

Seterdai, -day, Seters-dai, obs. ff. Saturday.

Setewale, obs. form of Setwall.

Setfast (se·tfast). [f. Set *v.* (? vb.-stem or pa. pple.) + Fast *adv.*] A hard tumour on a horse's back; = Sitfast 1. Also *dial.* 'a gathering, tumour; the central part of a wound or boil' (*Eng. Dial. Dict.*).

1709 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 4591/4 A..Gelding,..with..a Set fast under the Saddle. 1826 Cobbett *Rur. Rides* (1885) II. 192 This man..is a sore to Westminster; a set-fast on its back. 1866 *Morn. Star* 10 July, On examination he perceived it had a bad back, a set-fast [etc.].

Setfoyle, obs. form of Septfoil.

‖ Seth (sēt). *India.* Also 8 **seat, set.** [Hindī *seṭh*, Skr. *śēṭha*, said to be a corruption of *çrēṣṭha* best, chief; in meaning the mod. word corresponds to the Skr. derivative *çrēṣṭhin.*] A leading Hindoo merchant or banker.

1740 in J. Long *Select. Unpubl. Rec. Govt.* (*Ft. William*) (1869) 9 (Y.) The Sets being all present at the Board inform us that [etc.]. 1772 Dow *Hist. Hindostan* III. Diss. I. 109 The well-known bankers, the Jaggat Seats of Murshedabâd. 1880 Growse *Mathura* (ed. 2) 15 The Seths..also advanced large sums of money for Government purposes on different occasions. 1884 M. Thornhill *Pers. Adv. Ind. Mutiny* 79 The Seths held rank next to the sovereign princes. 1895 *Rep. Opium Commiss.* VII. 319 *Seth*, or *Sheth*, or *Sah*, the honorific title of a Hindu merchant.

Seth, variant of Saithe, Seath *Obs.*

Seth, seþ, obs. forms of Sith.

†Seth(e. *Obs.* Also 5 **seeth(e, seyth, syth.** [Aphetic f. Asseth(e, due to apprehending the phr. *make asethe* as *make a sethe.* See also the later (Scottish) Syth *sb.* and *v.*] Satisfaction, amends, atonement. **a.** *To make a seth(e*: see Asseth(e.

1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) VII. 91 Þat þey schulde make a sethe to þe bisshop [orig. *ut præsuli satisfacerent*]. 1430–40 Lydg. *Bochas* III. v. (1554) 77 To make a seeth for his transgression. *c* 1450 *Cov. Myst., Salut.* 103 He may nevyr make a seyth be resone. *a* 1513 Fabyan *Chron.* VI. cxciv. (1533) I. 119 That he made a seth and amendes to goddes pleasure.

b. *To make (a) full sethe, make amends and sethe.*

c 1420? Lydg. *Assembly of Gods* 97 Tyll he haue made full seethe and recompence For hurt of my name. *c* 1460 *Wisdom* 122 in *Macro Plays* 39 Wysdam, þat was Gode & man ryght, Made a full sethe to þe fadyr of hewyn. 1461 J. Paston in *P. Lett.* II. 36 To make amendes and sethe to the pore peple.

Sethe, variant of Saithe; obs. form of Sith.

Sethen(ne, -in, etc., var. ff. Sithen *Obs*

Sethence, -ens, obs. forms of Sithence.

Sethian (se·þiăn). [ad. eccl. L. *Sēthiān-ī* (Gr. Σηθιανοί) pl., f. *Sēth* (LXX. Σήθ, Heb. שֵׁת *shēth*), the name of the son of Adam who according to the Book of Genesis was the ancestor of Noah and hence of the existing human race.] A member of a Gnostic sect of the second century, holding Seth in great veneration, and believing that Christ was Seth revived.

1721 Bailey. 1780 N. Lardner *Hist. Heretics* II. xiii. Wks. 1788 IX. 449 Irenæus, at the conclusion of his first book, has two chapters, the first of Ophites and Sethians, whom he joins together. 1874 *Blunt's Dict. Sects*, etc.

Sethic (se·þik), *a.* [f. *Seth* (see prec.) + -ic.] Of or pertaining to Seth.

1882–3 *Schaff's Encycl. Relig. Knowl.* II. 1662/2 Noah.. was the tenth and last in the list of the Sethic line.

Sethim, sethin, obs. forms of Shittim.

†Sethinian. *Obs.* [f. mod.L. *Sēthīn-us* (f. *Seth*) + -ian.] = Sethian.

1723 *Dict. Relig.* (ed. 2). 1728 Chambers *Cycl.*

Sethite (se·þəit), *sb.* and *a.* Also **Shethite.** [f. *Seth* (see Sethian) + -ite.]

A. *sb.*

1. A descendant of Seth (occas. *transf.* a spiritual descendant of Seth).

1659 Gell *Ess. Amend. Transl. Bible* 102 The Shethites and Shemites were and are taken up wholly or principally with matters of the life to come. 1863 J. G. Murphy *Comm. Gen.* iv. 23, 4 The Cainites were..an older race than the Shethites. 1896 Dawson in *Expositor* Sept. 206 The Sethites were thus sons and daughters of Adam by special right.

2. = Sethian.

1765 Maclaine tr. *Mosheim's Eccl. Hist.* Cent. II. II. v. § 18 The Sethites..honoured Seth in a particular manner, and looked upon him as the same person with Christ. 1862 *Chamb. Encycl.* IV. 804/1 To the Syrians may also be reckoned the Ophites, Cainites, and Sethites.

B. *adj.* Of or pertaining to Seth, descended from Seth.

1795 T. Maurice *Hindostan* (1820) I. xii. 382 The virtuous Sethite progeny. 1877 Dawson *Orig. World* xii. 255 This intermixture of the Sethite and Cainite races.

Seþþe(n, seththe(n, obs. forms of Sith(en.

Setiferous (sĭti·fĕrəs), *a.* [f. L. *sēta* bristle: see -ferous.] Having setæ or bristles.

1828 Stark *Elem. Nat. Hist.* II. 128 Rows of setiferous papillæ. 1835–6 *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* I. 163/1 The setiferous annelidans. 1856 W. Clark *Van der Hoeven's Zool.* I. 628 *Bomolochus*..Feet bifid, setiferous in four pairs.

Setiform (sī·tifōrm), *a.* [f. L. *sēt-a* bristle + -(i)form.] Having the form of a seta or bristle; bristle-shaped.

1816 Kirby & Sp. *Entomol.* xvii. (1818) II. 89 Two setiform tubes. 1826 Lindley in *Bot. Register* XII. 992/2 The setiform processes. 1849 Owen in *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* IV. 874/1 When the teeth are..rather stronger than these, they are called 'setiform'. 1882–4 Cooke *Brit. Fresh-w. Algæ* I. 163 Terminal cell setiform.

Setiger (sī·tidʒəi). [a. L. *sētiger, sætiger* bristle-bearing, f. *sēta, sæta* bristle + *-ger* bearing.] A setigerous worm.

1842 Brande *Dict. Sci.* etc., *Setigers*,..the name of a tribe of Anellidans, including those which like the earthworm, are provided with bristles for progressive motion.

Setigerous (sĭti·dʒĕrəs), *a.* [f. L. *sētiger, sætiger* bristle-bearing (f. *sēta* bristle + *-ger* bearing) + -ous.] Furnished with or having setæ or bristles.

1656 Blount *Glossogr.*, *Setigerous*, that bears or hath bristles on his back. 1721 Bailey. 1819 Samouelle *Entomol. Compend.* 299 Antennæ inserted near the front, setigerous. 1826 Kirby & Sp. *Entomol.* xlvii. IV. 377 The antennæ..in the other [*sc.* Homoptera]..are very short and setigerous. 1852 Dana *Crust.* I. 14 The feet are usually setigerous. 1882–4 Cooke *Brit. Fresh-w. Algæ* I. 170 Terminal cell often setigerous.

Setil, obs. form of Settle *sb.*

†Setin. *Obs.* Also 7 **Setine.** [ad. L. *Sētīn-um*, f. *Sētia*, a city of Latium.] Wine of Setia.

1693 W. Bowles *Dryden's Juvenal* v. (1697) 97 Perhaps to morrow he may..drink old sparkling Alban, or Setine. 1764 *Oxf. Sausage* 50 Nectareous Wines, that well may vie With Massic, Setin, or renown'd Falern.

Setiparous (sĭti·părəs), *a.* [f. L. *sēt-a* bristle + -parous.] Producing setæ or bristles.

1870 Rolleston *Anim. Life* 125 Due to the development in these segments of the setiparous glands of the inner row of setæ.

Setirday, obs. form of Saturday.

Setireme (sī·tirēm). [f. L. *sēta* bristle + *rēm-us* an oar.] A name given by Kirby to the setose leg of an aquatic insect, serving as an oar.

1835 Kirby *Hab. & Inst. Anim.* II. xvii. 133 These might be named *Setiremes*.

Setirostral (sītirǫ·străl), *a. Ornith. rare.* [f. L. *sēta* bristle + *rostr-um* beak + *-al*: see Rostral.] 'Having the bill furnished with conspicuous bristles along the gape; having long rictal vibrissæ.'

1891 *Century Dict.* (citing *P. L. Sclater*).

Setl(e, obs. forms of Settle *sb.* and *v.*

Setling (se·tliŋ). Also 6–8 **settling.** [f. Set *sb.*[1] + -ling. Cf. LG. *settling*, G. *setzling.*] A slip taken from a tree and planted.

1387–8 T. Usk *Test. Love* III. v. (Skeat) I. 23 Every yonge setling lightly with smale stormes is apeyred. 1502 Arnoloe *Chron.* lxiiij, A setlyng y[t] sprynge th out of a nother trees Roete. 1564 Becon *Wks.* I. Pref. B vj, Such as he..newly planted in the religion of Christ, and haue taken no sure roote in the same, are easily moued, as young setlings & caryed away. 1664 Evelyn *Sylva* xix. 41 For setlings, those are to be preferr'd which grow neerest to the stock. 1725 *Bradley's Fam. Dict.* s.v. *Sallow*, Some there are who plant them [*sc.* Sallows] at full Height,..but then they are less useful for Staves and Settlings, nor do they grow so speedily.

†Se·tly, *adv. Obs. rare.* [f. Set *ppl. a.* + -ly[2].] In a set manner; resolutely, of set purpose.

1678 E. Coles *God's Sov.* Pref. 6 This put him upon searching the Scriptures more Setly touching the Doctrine. *Ibid.* I. 11 That Honour..which they setly intended to prevent.

†Se·tness[1]. *Obs.* Also 3 **sett-, sætt-, sætt-, sete-,** 4 **zet-.** [OE. *setnes* (also *gesetnes*), f. (*ge*)*set*, pa. pple. of *settan* Set *v.* + -ness.]

1. Constitution; establishment; imposition (of a law).

Law of setness: positive law as opposed to law of nature ('kind'). Cf. Set *ppl. a.* 1 b.

c 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* Matt. xiii. 35 Ic loccete deiȝlo from setnesse middanȝeardes [*a constitutione mundi*]. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 29517 Þat cursing tald vn-laghful es Þat ordir wantes and right settnes o lagh. 13.. *Ibid.* 1571 (Gött.) Þai left Þe lede of oþer laue, Þat es of setnes and of kind.

2. What is decreed or determined; a statute, ordinance.

c 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* Matt. xv. 2 Þegnas ðinne hia ofergæs *vel* oferhoȝas selenise *vel* setnesa [*traditionem*] ðara ældra. *c* 1200 Ormin 16837 Godess laȝhe & Godess rihht & hiss hallȝhe settnesse. *c* 1205 Lay. 4258 Heo makeden ane sættnesse, and mid aȝe heo semde. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 11292 Þai bar Þe child..vn-to Þe temple, For to do fore him Þat dai, Þe settenes of Þe ald lai. *Ibid.* 24958 Þis ilk abbot... A settnes set in his abbai. 1340 *Ayenb.* 223 Huanne Þe lost ne paseþ naȝt Þe markes ne Þe zetnesses of spoushod.

3. ? Fixed abode.

c 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 23 Chireche is cleped..kiriaca .i. dominicalis,..and is Þerto nemned for Þe heuenliche kinges lichame is to setnesse Þarinne.

4. Appointed time.

a 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 5553 Sone so Þe setnes was gane Þat him-selfe made [*Tempus..quod militibus suis predixit Alexander completum erat*].

Setness[2] (se·tnĕs). [f. Set *ppl. a.* + -ness.] The quality, state, or character of being set, in various senses; also an instance of this.

1642 D. Rogers *Naaman* 187 Looking sometime more..at the setnesse of our sentences..then at Gods awfull presence. 1741 Richardson *Pamela* II. 67 Don't you see by the Setness of some of these Letters..that it is the Hand of a Person bred in the Law-way. 1818 Hazlitt *Eng. Poets* viii. (1869) 195 There is in the chief character..a setness of purpose which John Kemble alone was capable of giving. 1852 Mrs. Stowe *Uncle Tom's C.* xxvi, Her little peculiarities and setnesses, so unlike the careless freedom of southern manners. 1899 R. H. Charles *Eschatol.* xi. 380 There is a setness and rigidity in the teaching of the Apostle.

Se·t-off. Pl. **set-offs** (*incorrectly* **sets-off**). [f. vbl. phr. *set off*: see Set *v.* 147.]

1. Something used to set off or adorn; an adornment, decoration, or ornament.

1621 Fletcher *Wild Goose Chase* III. i, This course creature, That has no more set off, but his jugglings, His travell'd tricks. 1662 Stillingfl. *Orig. Sacræ* Ep. Ded. a 4 b, The plain dress of the Scriptures, without the paint and set-offs which are added to it by the severall contending parties of the Christian World. 1702 *Eng. Theophrastus* 347 A fine woman charms us without any other set-off than that of her beauty and youth. 1856 J. H. Newman *Serm. Var. Occas.* i. (1881) 13 Nor is science..an ornament and set-off to devotion.

2. The act of setting off on a journey, etc.; a start.

1759 Franklin *Hist. Rev. Pennsylv.* Wks. 1840 III. 425 What the governor's set-off could not effect, was to be re-attempted by this put-off. 1798 *Geraldina* II. 189 This is but a dull set-off. 1806 Southey *Lett.* (1856) I. 376, I suppose the new Magazine will start with the new year, in which case I must lend a helping hand for awhile, and give a hearty shove at the set-off. 1893 'Q' [Quiller-Couch] *Delect. Duchy* 52 Never do I mind such a gay set-off for the journey.

3. *Comm.* and *Law.* An act of 'setting off' one item of account against another, i.e. of reckoning the former as a counterbalance to or a deduction from the latter; an item or amount which is or should be set off against another in the settlement of accounts; a counter-claim, or a counterbalancing debt, pleaded by the defendant in an action to recover money due; also, this mode of defence. Cf. Offset *sb.* 5.

1766 Burrow *Cases K. B.* II. 820 There was a Plea of a Set-off. 1768 Blackstone *Comm.* III. xx. 304 The practice of what is called a set-off: whereby the defendant acknowleges the justice of the plaintiff's demand on the one hand; but, on the other, sets up a demand of his own, to counterballance that of the plaintiff, either in the whole or in part. 1775 F. Buller *Introd. Law Nisi Prius* (ed. 2) 181 Defendant..gave a Notice of Set-off. 1838 W. Bell *Dict. Law Scot.* 195 This plea, however, is not properly a bar to the action, but of the nature of a set-off or counter-claim, which extinguishes or modifies the pursuer's claim. 1844 Mill *Pol. Econ.* III. xii. 6 If the cheque is paid into a different bank, it will not be presented for payment, but liquidated by set-off against other cheques. 1854 *Act* 17 & 18 *Vict.* c. 104 § 191 If in any Proceeding..touching the Claim of a Master to Wages any Right of Set-off or Counter-claim is set up. 1861 Goschen *For. Exch.* 16 Otherwise, involving no immediate claim, they [American securities] cannot be

regarded as a set-off to the debts which we incur to the Americans for cotton and corn. 1868 ROGERS *Pol. Econ.* iv. (1876) 39 The debts may be made to act as a set-off against each other.

b. In wider sense: A taking into account of something as a counterbalance to a partial compensation for something else; a counterbalancing or compensating circumstance or consideration.

1773 *Hist. Eur.* in *Ann. Reg.* 106*/2 The idea of a set-off of services against offences was trivial. 1799 JEFFERSON *Writ.* (1859) IV. 263 Something is required from you as a set off against the sin of your retirement. 1809 MALKIN *Gil Blas* IV. vii. (Rtldg.) 151 As a set-off against his henpecked cowardice..he gave me fifty ducats. 1848 DICKENS *Dombey* xxiv, Her own delight was no set-off to this. 1864 *Reader* 5 Nov. 567/3 We must take her evidence with great allowances and sets-off.

4. a. *Arch.* (Also *sett-off.*) A reduction in the thickness of a wall, buttress, etc.; the sloping or flat projection or ledge formed when the portion above is reduced in thickness; = OFFSET *sb.* 7.

1717 TABOR in *Phil. Trans.* XXX. 554 There was a Set-off (as our Masons term it) in the inside of the Wall, eight Inches broad. 1721 PERRY *Daggenh. Breach* 81 My Dam had hitherto from the Foundation been carry'd up by Set-offs on each Side, of about seven foot in breadth. 1823 P. NICHOLSON *Pract. Builder* 427 The sets-off thus made..will also afford a secure support to the floors. 1842 GWILT *Archit.* Gloss., *Sett-off.* 1850 PARKER *Gloss. Archit.* (ed. 5) s. v. *Buttress*, The set-offs dividing the stages [of Early English buttresses] are generally sloped at a very acute angle. 1867 A. BARRY *Sir C. Barry* vii. 254 Set-offs would have caused dislocation in the panelling.

b. A similar reduction or shoulder in a metal bar, etc.

1830 *Eng. & For. Mining Gloss., Cornw.* (1860) 22 *Set-off*, the part of a connecting rod to which the bucket rod is attached. 1846 HOLTZAPFFEL *Turning* II. 821 The safe-edge file is principally required in making a set-off, or shoulder at any precise spot in the work. 1883 CRANE *Smithy & Forge* 42 A set-off is a reduction from the original size of the bar with a square shoulder or two square shoulders.

5. *Printing*, etc. The transference of ink from one page to another.

1842 *Penny Mag.* 24 Sept. 379 The rolling-press is found to be more efficacious than the hammer in producing less 'set-off', or transference of ink from one page to another. 1882 SOUTHWARD *Pract. Printing* 436 In this way only can 'set off' be prevented.

b. An impression transferred.

1839 HANSARD *Print. & Type-founding* (1841) 138 Impressions in reverse, which, whilst the ink was yet fresh, were to be pressed strongly between clean paper, the set-off upon which would be fit for use. 1854 *Ev. Man Own Printer* 26 This will leave upon the stone what is termed a 'set off', or light transfer of the drawing.

6. In a pianoforte, the space left between the hammer at its full rise and the strings.

1896 HIPKINS *Pianoforte* 33 A prolongation, forming the escapement lever *k*, controls the escapement or set-off from the strings by the screw and button *h*.

7. *attrib.*: **set-off button**, a button to control the 'set-off' (sense 6) in a pianoforte; **set-off paper, sheet** *Printing* (see quots.).

1822 SAVAGE *Hints Decorative Printing* 45 These Set off Sheets..prevent the ink setting off from one sheet to another while it is newly printed. 1839 HANSARD *Print. & Type-founding* (1841) 111 The master should not grudge ample supplies of set-off paper. 1896 HIPKINS *Pianoforte* 36 The set-off button.

Setoler, var. CITOLER *Obs.*, citole-player.

c 1420 *Anturs of Arth.* 343 (Thornton MS.).

Seton (sī·tən), *sb. Surg.* Forms: 5–6 ceton, 7 setton, 8 seaton (9 *illiterate* seething), 5– seton. [ad. med.L. *sētōn-em*, app. f. L. *sēta* bristle, in med.L. also silk. Cf. OF. *seton, ceto* (mod.F. *séton*), It. *setone*.]

1. A thread, piece of tape, or the like, drawn through a fold of skin so as to maintain an issue or opening for discharges, or drawn through a sinus or cavity to keep this from healing up (*Syd. Soc. Lex.*).

c 1400 *Lanfranc's Cirurg.* 308 The .x. cauterie is clepid ceton. *Ibid.* 310 Alle þese cauterijs wolen be maad best wiþ seton. 1541 COPLAND *Guydon's Quest. Chirurg.* P ij b, Rounde cauteres, or cauteres with cetons, that kepeth it better open. 1597 A. M. tr. *Guilleneau's Fr. Chirurg.* 22/1 Applyinge of the corrosive in place of a Seton. 1651 BIGGS *New Disp.* P 255 A Seton or coard of twisted thred or silk is runne through on both sides the skin of the neck. 1714 [see ROWEL *sb.* 6]. 1813 *Sporting Mag.* XLII. 75 The defendant attempted to pass a seething up the wound. 1844 H. STEPHENS *Bk. Farm* III. 841 Some farmers introduce a seton into the dewlap of all their calves...The seton consists of a piece of tape or soft cord passed under a portion of the skin by a seton-needle. 1895 *Brit. Med. Jrnl.* 14 Dec. 1492/1 It was replaced by a tight seton of quadrupled cord.

b. *Seton-needle*, a needle used for passing a seton through the skin.

1672 WISEMAN *Wounds* I. vii. 61, I passed a Seton-needle through, and that way discharged the Matter. 1831 LOUDON *Encycl. Agric.* (1857) § 6537 When the seton needle is removed, the ends of the tape should be joined together.

2. The issue so formed.

1597 A. M. tr. *Guilleneau's Fr. Chirurg.* 43/1 The Seton, properlye, the threde which we drawe through the skinne with the needle...Improperly, a longe stretchinge vlceration which is cleane thrust throughe the dubble skinne with a glowinge Cauterye. 1688 HOLME *Armoury* III. 430/1 This Needle being..heated red hot..makes a Seton, or perforates the flesh almost paineless. 1725 *Bradley's Fam. Dict.* s. v. *Glanders*, First to make a Seaton under the Tail and in the Withers. 1846 BRITTAN tr. *Malgaigne's Man. Oper. Surg.* 59 The seton is a kind of issue made by piercing the skin in two corresponding points, and passing through them a *mèche* of cotton, or a bit of linen unravelled at the edges. 1860 JESSIE WILSON *Mem. G. Wilson* 323 Lecturing ten, eleven, or more hours weekly..frequently with torturing setons and open blister wounds.

fig. 1849 CLOUGH *Dipsychus* II. i. 32 A sort of seton, I suppose, A moral bleeding at the nose.

Hence **Se·ton** *v.*, to apply a seton. **Se·toned** *ppl. a.*, **Se·toning** *vbl. sb.*

1541 COPLAND *Guydon's Quest. Chirurg.* P ij, The fyfth place is the necke where as cetons are applied with tonges cetoned or with a nedle cetonned. 1845 YOUATT *Dog* vi. 118, I have bled, and physicked and setoned, and blistered, and used the moxa. 1897 *Yearbk. U. S. Dept. Agric.* 254 Many plans of prevention [of blackleg] have been adopted, such as bleeding, setoning [etc.].

Setose (sī·tōus), *a.* [nd. L. *sētōs-us, sætōs-us* bristly, f. *sēta, sæta* bristle: see -OSE.]

1. *Anat.* and *Zool.* Set or covered with bristles or stiff hairs, bristly. Also, of a bristly nature.

1661 LOVELL *Hist. Anim. & Min.* Isagoge b 1 b, The taile ..setose in those that are longish, as horses. 1819 MACLEAY *Horæ Entomol.* I. 35 Porrect mandibles, and setose maxillæ. 1881–2 SAVILLE KENT *Man. Infusoria* II. 779 Three or four distinctly differentiated setose cilia.

2. *Bot.* Having setæ or bristles.

1760 J. LEE *Introd. Bot.* I. xvii. (1765) 43 *Setose*, bristly. 1832 LINDLEY *Introd. Bot.* I. ii. 114 If those hairs..are very unusually stiff, it [*sc.* the *pappus*] is setose. 1881 BAXINGTON *Brit. Bot.* (ed. 8) Gloss., *Setose*, having bristles or setæ usually ending in glands.

Hence **Seto·sity.**

1731 BAILEY vol. II, *Setosity*, fulness of bristles.

Setous (sī·təs), *a. rare.* [ad. L. *sētōs-us, sætōs-us*: see prec. and -OUS.] = SETOSE.

1822 J. PARKINSON *Outl. Oryctol.* 120 Their spines are various, never uniformly setous. 1828–32 WEBSTER, *Setous*, bristly; having the surface set with bristles; as, a setous leaf or receptacle [citing MARTYN who in *Lang. Bot.* (1793) has *Setosus*].

Set-out. (Stress variable.) Chiefly *colloq.* and *dial.* Pl. **set-outs** (*incorrectly* **sets-out**). [f. vbl. phr. *set out*: see SET *v.* 149.]

1. A display.

a. A display or set of plate, china, etc.

1806–7 J. BERESFORD *Miseries Hum. Life* (1826) X. xxi, Every dish..being served up on the kitchen table, with a set-out of crockery from the same apartment. 1823 'JON BEE' *Dict. Turf*, etc., *Set out*, ..'tis also applied to a sideboard, decked out, or a dinner table, set out. 1830 COL. HAWKER *Diary* (1893) II. 14 He and his punt came home looking like a set-out of glass, and himself half-frozen. 1851 MAYHEW *Lond. Labour* I. 368/1 The lady..wanted me to go and buy expressly for her a green and white chamber service all complete,..and all this here grand set-out she wanted for a couple of old washed-out light waistcoats.

b. A 'spread' of food.

1809 MALKIN *Gil Blas* III. viii. (Rtldg.) 101 There was a grand set-out, and mirth, the best relish, was not wanting to the banquet. 1815 JANE AUSTEN *Emma* xlii, 'There shall be cold meat in the house.' 'Well, as you please; only don't have a great set-out.' 1850 L. HUNT *Autobiog.* I. iv. 161 A becoming set-out of coffee and buttered toast. 1898 MRS. H. WARD *Helbeck* I. v. 98 It wor a varra poor set-oot, wor Jenny's buryin. Nowt but tay, an sic-like.

c. A 'turn-out'; i.e. a carriage with its horses, harness, etc.

1810 *Sporting Mag.* XXXVI. 82 The set out of these gentlemen excited admiration. 1819 *Ibid.* V. 123 The Corinthians, in their bang-up sets-out of blood and bone. 1827 *Ibid.* XX. 47 The fame of the Western sets-out is recorded in Nimrod's best style. 1833 T. HAMILTON *Men & Mann. Amer.* vi. (1843) 86, I thought of the impression the whole set-out would be likely to produce on an English road. *a* 1837 [APPERLEY] *Road* (1852) 62 The vis-à-vis,..with all its *set-out*, has cost at least a thousand pounds. 1837 J. F. COOPER *England* (ed. 2) III. 119 A procession of mail-coaches, which however neat and seemly the set-outs, had too much the air of a cockney show. 1851–61 MAYHEW *Lond. Labour* II. 46/2 The 'whole set out'..poney included, cost 50*l.* when new. 1856 WHYTE MELVILLE *Kate Coventry* iv. 38 As we pulled up in front of the Castle Hotel ..'Ere's a spicy set-out, Bill!' said one.

transf. 1819 LADY MORGAN in *Mem.* (1862) II. 114 He said he had orders to bring the Captain's boat and ten men for me as often as I pleased. He came with this set-out twice.

d. A person's costume or 'get-up'; the way in which a person is dressed.

1834 L. RITCHIE *Wand. Seine* 192 Her cap is..a plain set-out, round which is thrown loosely a piece of white muslin bordered with lace. 1834 *Tait's Mag.* I. 605/2 Both at a glance seemed to make a rapid inventory and appraisement of Mrs. Mark Luke, and her entire set-out. 1837 DICKENS *Pickw.* ii, He called his companion's attention to the large gilt button, which displayed a bust of Mr. Pickwick in the centre, and the letters 'P. C.' on either side. 'P. C.', said the stranger,—'queer set out—old fellow's likeness, and "P. C."'. 1892 *Daily News* 7 Sept. 6/5 In a blue and green dress, with bows flying, and every one turning round to look and laugh at her set-out.

e. A show or public performance; an entertainment for a number of people, a party of pleasure.

1818 LADY MORGAN *Autobiog.* (1859) 290 He excited some sensation here last Wednesday, when I had a most brilliant set-out. 1823 W. ROBINSON in J. A. Heraud *Voy. & Mem. Midshipm.* (1837) 140 We went to the play here; but it was a horrid set out. 1834 DICKENS *Sk. Boz, Tales* i. ch. ii, Never saw anything like that Captain Ross's set-out—eh? *Ibid. Tales* vii, The best way will be, to have a committee of ten, to..manage the whole set-out. 1887 *Kent Gloss., Set out*,..a grand display; an event causing excitement and talk. 'There was a grand set-out at the wedding.'

f. A party, set (of people), company.

1854 DICKENS *Hard T.* I. viii, She must just hate and detest the whole set-out of us.

g. A commotion, disturbance, 'to-do'.

1875 PARISH *Sussex Gloss.* 101 There's been a pretty set-out up at the forge. 1887 *Kent Gloss., Set-out*, a great fuss and disturbance.

2. A beginning or start.

1821 BYRON *Diary* 18 Feb. in Moore *Lett.* etc. (1830) II. 429 The commotions left every body a side to take; and the parties were pretty equal at the set out. 1863 W. BARNES *Dorset Dial., Set out*, an outset; a starting, or a proceeding. 1893 *Nat. Observer* 4 Mar. 392/1 The children ..might have had such a good set-out in the world.

3. Outfit, equipment.

1831 *Lincoln Herald* 7 Oct. 4/4 Gambling set-outs of every description. 1832 COL. HAWKER *Diary* (1893) II. 45 But my grand object was to try all the tackle, having (except the gun, newly done up) an entirely new set-out, on a somewhat different, and I hope, improved plan. 1864 *Gd. Words* 788/1 The teacher..is supposed to have on his shelf a full set-out of the most approved elementary volumes.

4. *Coal mining.* (See quot.) Also *set-out tub.*

1849 GREENWELL *Gloss. Terms Coal Trade* (1851) 46 *Set-out*, a tub or corf of coals filled insufficiently, and consequently forfeited. 1891 *Labour Commission* Gloss., *Set-out Tub*, a tub of coal insufficiently filled by a miner.

Setrack, obs. form of CETERACH.

1570 LEVINS *Manip.* 5/36 Setrack, berbe, *lepidium.*

Setre(t)-day, Setry(s)day, obs. ff. SATURDAY.

Setryne, obs. form of CITRINE.

Set sames: see SEPT PSAUMES.

Setsayne, rare obs. form of CITIZEN.

Setsman (se·tsmăn). [f. *sets* pl. or genit. of SET *sb.*[1] + MAN *sb.*] A workman who makes 'sets' or paving-stones.

1881 *Instr. Census Clerks* (1885) 86 Stone quarrier...Sett Miner, Maker, Setsman, Setsman Finisher.

Sett (set). *Sc.* Also **9 set.** [Possibly a use of SET *sb.*[1] (though its relation to the other senses is difficult to assign); it may, however, be n. MLG. *set*, *sette* (also *gesette* = G. *gesetz*) ordinance, law, f. *setten* to SET.] The constitution or form of government of a burgh, fixed by charter.

1683 (*title*) The Sett, and Decreet Arbitral of King James the 6th..containing the Fundamentall Principles of the Government of the City of Edinburgh. 1739 in *Edin. Antiq. Mag.* (1849) 133 The Council of Dingwall, by the act of sett, consists of a Provest, two Bailies [etc.]. 1806 FORSYTH *Beauties Scot.* IV. 109 The set or constitution [of Kirkcaldy]. 1818 SCOTT *Hrt. Mid.* i, An anxious..discussion, concerning provosts, bailies, deacons, sets of boroughs [etc.]. 1838 W. BELL *Dict. Law Scot.* s. v., The setts are either established by immemorial usage, or were at some time or other modelled by the convention of Burghs.

Sett: see SET *sb.*; also obs. f. SET *a.* and *v.*

Settable (se·tăb'l), *a. rare.* [f. SET *v.* + -ABLE.] That may be set. (In quot. perh. that may be planted with trees.)

a 1657 BRADFORD *Plymouth Plant.* (1856) 216 They should only lay out settable or tillable land.

‖ **Settaine.** *Obs. rare*[−1]. [a. F. *septain* (pronounced sɛtæ̃), f. *sept* seven: cf. QUATRAIN.] A stanza of seven lines.

1589 PUTTENHAM *Eng. Poesie* II. x[i]. (Arb.) 101 The huitain or staffe of eight verses, hath eight proportions such as the former staffe, and because he is longer he hath one more then the settaine.

Sette, obs. form of SEAT *sb.*, SET, SETTEE[1].

Settee[1] (sĕtī·). Now only *Hist.* Forms: 6 settea, 7 sattie, -y, satia, sett(y)e, 7–8 sattee, 8 cettee, saetia, setye, 7– settee. [a. It. *saettia* (pronounced -tī·a), 'a very speedie pinnace' (Florio 1598), of obscure origin, commonly viewed as f. *saetta* arrow. Cf. F. *scétie, setie, scitie.*] A decked vessel, with a long sharp prow, carrying two or three masts with a kind of lateen sails, in use in the Mediterranean. Also *attrib.* **settee-sail** (see quot. 1794).

In some of the early quots. the vessel appears to have been a fairly large merchant ship.

1587 T. SANDERS *Voy. Tripoli* Civ, M. Barton with all the residue of his companie departed from Tripolie to Oezant in a vessell called a Settea of one Marcus Segoorus. 1628 DIGBY *Voy. Mediterr.* (Camden) 13 To take that opportunitie to cleanse my shippes and to furnish myselfe with a sattie and other necessaries, and to change my ballast. 1653 H. APPLETON *Fight Legorn-Road* 2 The Warwick..takes a French Sattee coming in to the Road. 1665 *Oxf. Gaz.* No. 17/4 A Sette came also from Malaga, a Vessel rarely seen in these parts; she is about fifty Tuns, and her Masts like a pair of Taylors Sheers opened. 1667 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 133/1 An English Satia from Tangier. 1686 W. HEDGES *Diary* (Hakl. Soc.) I. 237 We came up and spoke with a French Settee of Marsel[les]. 1712 BLINSTON in *Lond. Gaz.* No. 5026/6 Three Martineco Ships, a Cettee and Gavilan. 1755 *Acts Gen. Assembly Georgia* (1881) 53 For every Ship Twenty Seven Shillings and Sixpence for every Snow Brig Polacre or Saetia [*printed* Sactia] Twenty Two Shillings and Six pence for every Sloop or Schooner [etc.]. 1786 in *Amer. St. Papers* (1833) I. 107, 1 Setye of 34 guns. 1794 *Rigging & Seamanship* I. 136 *Boat's Settee Sail.* This sail is quadrilateral. The head is bent to a latteen-yard. *Ibid.* 236 *Polacre-settee* is a vessel with three masts, usually navigated in the levant or mediterranean,..generally rigged with square-sails upon the main and mizen mast, and a latteen-sail upon the foremast, like a xebec. *Ibid.* 238

Settee, a vessel used in the mediterranean, rigged and navigated similar to xebecs or galleys, with settee-sails instead of latteen-sails. 1860 Dundonald *Autobiog. Seaman* (1862) 181 On the 11th [Nov. 1808] we captured a settee.

† Settee[2]. *Obs. rare.* [Of unknown origin.] A double pinner for the head.

1688 Holme *Armoury* II. 482/1 A Coronet settee..covers the Head, and by doubling it makes it stand at a great height both above and besides the Face. 1692 *Scarronides* II. 63 With top-knots fine, to make 'em pretty, With tippet, pallateen and settee. 1694 N. H. *Ladies Dict.* 11/1 A Settee is only a double Pinner.

Settee[3] (setī·). [perh. a fanciful variation of Settle *sb.*: see -ee[2].] A seat (for indoors) holding two or more persons, with a back and (usually) arms; occasionally also with divisions (see quot. 1784). In America sometimes furnished with rockers.

1716 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 5494/4 All Sorts of Hangings for Rooms and Stair-cases, Chairs, Settees and Screens. 1718 *Free-thinker* No. 44. 317 The Damask Settee was placed in the Center. 1756 Amory *Buncle* (1825) I. 321 An oak settee, on which his bones lay. 1784 Cowper *Task* I. 75 Ingenious Fancy..devis'd The soft settee; one elbow at each end, And in the midst an elbow it receiv'd, United yet divided, twain at once. 1823 E. Moor *Suffolk Words* 336 *Settee*, a sopha or moveable window-seat; in more modern language called, I believe, conversation stool. I have not heard the word of many years, and believe it is going out. 1839 Barnam *Ingol. Leg.* Ser. I. *Gengulphus*, The aforesaid *barbe gris*..Had been stuff'd in the seat of a kind of settee Or double-arm'd chair. 1888 Eggleston *Graysons* I. 6 There was a green settee with three rockers heneath and an arm at each end. 1893 Leland *Mem.* II. 141 An abundance of velvet 'settees', or divan sofas. 1895 *Stores' Price List* 192 Cane Settee.

b. *U.S.* (See quot.)

1891 *Century Dict., Settee*, ..(*b*) A small part taken off from a long and large sofa by a kind of arm: thus, a long sofa may have a settee at each end partly cut off from the body of the piece.

c. **Settee-bed**, a bed that can be folded up so as to form a settee.

1769 Falconer *Dict. Marine* (1780) II, *Banc à coucher*, a sort of folding bedstead, or settee-bed. 1786 in W. Macgill *Old Ross-sh.* (1909) 141 Settee bed with blue and white cheque covers.

Settel(l, obs. forms of Settle.

Setter (se·təs), *sb.*[1] Also 5–6 *Sc.* settar, 6 *Sc.* -are, 7 seter. [f. Set *v.* + -er[1]. Cf. Du. *zetter*, OHG. *sezzari* (Ger. *setzer*), Sw. *sättare*, Dan. *sætter*.]

I. One who or something which sets, in various senses of the vb.

1. *gen.* One who sets something specified or contextually implied. Often as the second element of a compound, in which the first element denotes the thing 'set,' as in Bone-setter, Eel-*setter*, Type-*setter*.

14.. *Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 604/34 *Prepositor*, a setter of mes. 1538 Elyot *Dict., Finitor*, a setter of boundes. 1557 in Marwick *Edin. Guilds* (1909) 89 Thai wer ordanit be the settaris of the said taxt to pay ane pairt thairof. 1648 Hexham II, *Een Zetter*, a Setter, or a Compositor of letters. 1652 Urquhart *Jewel* Wks. (1834) 181, I usually afforded the setter copy at the rate of above a whole printed sheet in the day. 1859 *Lancet* 24 Dec. 649/2 Having the special repute of being a first-class, setter of stoves, grates, &c. 1889 Rider Haggard *Cleopatra* II. iv, Who..would believe that she was the setter of that snare in which the Queen..should miserably perish?

b. With adverbial extension or complement. See also Setter-forth, -on, -out, -to, -up.

1548 Udall, etc. *Erasm. Par. John* xix. 16–22 He was and is..a setter of all them at libertie whiche professeth his name. 1560 Daus tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* 228 b, Neyther wanted the matter setters foreward. 1591 Savile *Tacitus, Hist.* II. xx. 89 Maricus..pretending to be the setter of France at freedome. 1623 Lisle *Ælfric on O. & N. Test.* Pref. to Serm. Easterday M 4, An earnest louer and a great setter forward of monkery. 1654 Whitlock *Zootomia* 30 They come as Refiners of thy Drosse, or gilders (setters off) of thy Graces. 1656 Blount *Glossogr., Spretor*, a contemner,..a setter-light by. 1846 Trench *Mirac.* xxiv. (1862) 352 *note*, He was come now a Redeemer, that is a setter free of man..from alien powers which held him in bondage. 1866 W. Collins *Armadale* III. xii, 'Gin-and-bitters will put you on your legs again,' whispered this Samaritan setter-right of the alcoholic disasters of mankind.

2. A workman employed to 'set' something.

† a. One who 'sets' or lays stone or brick in building. *Obs.* Also *rough-setter*: see Rough *a.* 21.

?1403 *Fabric Rolls York Minster* (Surtees) 21 In remuneracione data cementariis vocatis setters ad parietes. 1435 *Contract Fotheringhay Ch.* (1841) 30 The Setters shall be chosyn and takyn by such as shall haf the governance and oversight of the sayd Werke by my seid Lord. 1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 142 Choseth hym as a connynge man,..& maketh hym a setter or orderer of y^e^ same stones. 1601–2 *Accts. Trin. Coll.* in Willis & Clark *Cambridge* (1886) II. 486 To laborers diging foundacions..and seruing the setters at the fountaine.

b. *Woollen Manuf.* (See quot. 1757.)

c 1515 *Cocke Lorelles B.* (Percy Soc.) 9 Lyne webbers, setters, with lyne drapers. 1713 Addison *Trial Count Tariff* 3 He was Huzza'd into the Court by several Thousands of Weavers, Clothiers,..Packers, Calenders, Setters, Silk-men, Spinners [etc.]. 1757 R. Campbell *Lond. Tradesman* (ed. 3) 201 Setters..are called so only because they rent Tenter-grounds and stretch Cloths after they are milled, upon Frames called Tenters.

c. A workman who sets jewels.

1819 *P. O. Lond. Direct.* 382 Woolcott & Co.,..Cutters and Glaziers' Diamond Setters, 127 High Holborn. 1874 *Dieulafait's Diamonds*, etc. 275 The setter has at his command a furnace filled with burning charcoal. His work is to solder the diamond into a quantity of alloy [etc.]. 1884 *B'ham Daily Post* 23 Feb. 3/4 Jeweller's Setter.—Wanted a good Hand, used to flush work.

d. *Agric.* (See quot.)

1707 Mortimer *Husb.* (1721) I. 90 To each Cart [of marl] must he a Driver and a Setter, whose Office is to shew where 'tis to be laid, and to assist in the unlading of it.

e. A workman who sets or puts into working condition saws, razors, gun-barrels, etc.

1833 J. Holland *Manuf. Metal* II. 29 A celebrated setter or whetter of razors. 1837 Hebert *Engin. & Mech. Encycl.* II. 630 They [saws] are next handed to the setter, who places each alternate tooth over the edge of a little anvil [etc.]. 1881 Greener *Gun* 234 To determine if a barrel is straight, the setter holds it a few inches from his eye with one end pointing towards the top of a high shop-window.

† 3. 'A officer on the Border, who, with a searcher, was responsible for setting the appointed watch' (*Northumbld. Gloss.* 1893–4). *Obs.*

1552 in Nicolson *Leges Marchiarum* (1705) 235 The Ford of Bellester..to be watched nightly, with two Men at either Watch..; Setters and Searchers, Thomas Blenkensop and John Orshy. *Ibid.*, Setters and Searchers of the same Watch, Christopher Bowman, Nichol Blaykloke.

4. In *Dice-play.* The player who stakes on the throw of the 'caster'.

1726 J. Ker *Mem.* II. 93 And when the Cullies that are not in the Secret, throw at All, they commonly throw out, and lose the Box, which the Bites take, and the Setters go round, laying Guineas, and most extravagant Odds upon the Success. 1726 *Art & Myst. Gaming* title-p., Tables calculated betwixt the Caster and Setter, throughout the whole Course or Changes of the Dice. 1814 *Hoyle's Games Impr.* 367 If the main be seven, and each person stakes a guinea, the gain of the setter is about 3½d. per guinea. 1856 Carleton in Bohn's *Hand-bk. Games* (1867) 359 (Hazard), If the Caster throw 2, 3, 11 or 12, next after the main is declared, the Setter wins the stake.

5. † a. *gen.* One who places a combatant in position. *Obs.*

1648 Bp. Hall *Select Th.* xv. 60 This duel [between the flesh and the spirit] may well beseem God for the Author, and the Son of God for the setter of it.

b. *spec.* In cock-fighting: = Setter-to 1.

1688 Holme *Armoury* II. 253/1 When the Cocks are set Beak to Beak in the middle of the Clod, and there left by the Setters. 1835 H. Harewood *Dict. Sports* s. v. *Cock-fighting*, The battle is conducted by two setters, as they are called, who place the cocks beak to beak. 1884 *West. Daily Press* 16 Apr. 7/2 The whole number at the pit side, including the 'setters' was only 37 persons.

6. † a. *Sc.* One who grants or makes a lease. *Obs.*

1484 in *Exch. Rolls Scot.* IX. 603 Our commissioneris and settaris of all and sindri our landis. 1586 in *Extracts Edin. Burgh Rec.* (1882) IV. 478 The said setters of thair land to sic persouns sall be poynded or wairdet for ane valaw of fyve pund swa aft as thai failyie. 1638 R. Baillie *Lett. & Jrnls.* (1841) I. 163 He was a setter of tacks to his sones and goodsones, for the prejudice of the church. 1754 Erskine *Princ. Sc. Law* (1809) 186 Tacks necessarily imply a *delectus personæ*, a choice by the setter of a proper person for his tenant.

b. 'One who lets anything to another for hire' (Jam.). *north. dial.*

1806 *Sporting Mag.* XXVII. 42 A person in the city of Chester, who is noted for a high setter of shops, as they express it in the north. 1825–82 Jamieson s. v., A *horse-setter*, a horse-hirer.

c. In quarrying and mining work: The foreman by whom the contracts are made with the workmen. See also Setting *vbl. sb.* 1 e.

1884 *West. Morn. News* 5 Sept. 2/4 The setter will engage that the bridge shall ply..daily...The setter also will appoint engineers and pay their wages. 1892 *Labour Commission* Gloss., *Setter*, a *bargain-setter* (or *letter*) is the official who *sets* or *lets* the contract to the quarrymen. 1901 *Daily News* 29 Jan. 6/5 At the beginning of each month, upon what is called bargain day, one, two, or three skilled quarrymen agree with a foreman, or 'setter', upon the tonnage rate at which they will work out a given portion of the quarry for the following month.

7. a. A confederate of sharpers or swindlers, employed as a decoy; also (? with transferred notion of sense 11), one who is employed by robbers or murderers to spy upon their intended victims.

1592 Greene *Discov. Coosenage* A 4, There be requisite effectually to act the art of Conny-catching, three seuerall parties, the Setter, the Verser, and the barnacle. The nature of the Setter, is to drawe anie person familiarly to drinke with him [etc.]. 1596 Shaks. 1 *Hen. IV*, II. ii. 53 *Poin.* O 'tis our Setter, I know his voyce: Bardolfe, what newes? 1647 Diggs *Unlawfuln. Taking Arms* iv. 137 It is beyond my skill to..determine, whether the slyo and cunning setter, or the stout thief can claim greatest share in the spoyle. 1722 Swift *Dying Words Elliston* Wks. 1761 III. 357 We have setters watching in corners, and by dead walls, to give us notice when a gentleman goes by. 1755 *Connoisseur* No. 86 P 4, I became Setter to a Fleet-Parson.

b. 'A person employed by the vendor at an auction to run the biddings up' (*Hotten's Slang Dict.* 1860).

1698 Dunton *Life & Errors* 547, I had not one Setter (to advance the price, and draw on unwary Bidders) in any of my five Sales. 1732 *Tricks of Town* 36 Away to the place of Auction; the Orator,..surrounded by his Puffs and Setters, shows away.

c. A police spy or informer.

1630 J. Lane *Contn. Squire's T.* 2nd vers. (1887) 134 So maie wee doe and live, woold Algarsive and his state setters, all vs thus reprive. *a* 1661 Fuller *Worthies, Lond.* (1662) II. 222 It was not long before he [Campian] was caught by the Setters of the Secretary Walsingham, and brought to the Tower. 1778 Warner in Jesse *Selwyn & Contemp.* (1844) III. 314, I shall have the satisfaction at last of finding something that I am fit for,—a setter, a dun, a catchpole, or a bum-bailiff, to recover bad debts. 1866 Fitz-Patrick *Sham Squire* 125 All the information regarding the movements of Lord Edward Fitzgerald came through Francis Higgins, who employed a gentleman..'to set' the unfortunate nobleman. The 'setter' we believe to have been Mr. Francis Magan, barrister-at-law. 1890 Barrère & Leland *Dict. Slang, Setter*,..a policeman in disguise or a man in the employ of the police (the French 'indicateur') who points out the thief for others to arrest.

† d. (See quot.) *Obs.*

a 1700 B. E. *Dict. Cant. Crew, Setters*..also..an Excize-Officer to prevent the Brewers defrauding the King.

e. *transf.* and *fig.*

1600 Sir W. Cornwallis *Ess.* I. iii. C 8, They are the effect of need, or wantonnesse, venial faults. Age commonly reclaimeth the one, and the other is punished by the setter Pouertie. 1667 *Decay Chr. Piety* v. (1668) 82 Self-love, which is, as it were, the common Setter to all those cheats which circumvent and fool us. 1683 Cave *Eccles., Basil* 218 Their first care was to lodge him in the House of some Friend, or Country-man, or at least one of those Setters, that plied up and down in the behalf of that Sophist.

8. One who sets to music.

1605 J. Davies (Heref.) *Wit's Pilgr.* (Grosart) 8/1 Thy Soule vpon so sweet an Organ plaies As makes the Parts, she plaies, as sound as sweete; Which sounds the beau'nly Setters, and thy praise. 1635 Waller *To Mr. H. Lawes* 23 The Writers and the Setters skill At once the ravisht Ears do fill.

† 9. One who devises or instigates. *Obs.*

1600 Holland *Livy* xxvi. 605 As well the maisters that were the setters thereof, as the servants that were privie and accessarie thereto, had their deserts, and suffered for it.

10. a. That which fertilizes a flower, so that the plant is able to 'set' or develop fruit (see Set v. 98).

a 1793 G. White *Selborne, Obs. on Veget.* (1836) 301 If bees, who are much the best setters of cucumbers, do not happen to take kindly to the frames, the best way is to tempt them by a little honey put on the..bloom.

b. A plant which 'sets' or develops fruit; only with adj. as *good*, *bad setter*.

1888 M. T. Masters in *Encycl. Brit.* XXIV. 237/2 Some ..varieties [of the vine] are, as gardeners say, bad setters',—i. e. do not ripen their fruit owing to imperfect fertilization.

11. A dog trained to 'set' game.

a. As the name of a special breed.

Of the breed now so called, there are three varieties, the *English*, the *Irish*, and the *Gordon setters*. The name was formerly applied to a kind of spaniel.

1576 Fleming tr. *Caius' Dogs* (1880) 16 When he approcheth neere to the place where the birde is, he layes him downe, and with a marcke of his pawes, betrayeth the place of the byrdes last abode, whereby it is supposed that this kinde of dogge is called *Index*, Setter. 1616 Surfl. & Markh. *Country Farm* VII. xxii. 680 There is also another sort of land spannyels which are called Setters. 1774 Goldsm. *Nat. Hist.* II. 167 The setter that crouches down when it scents the birds, till the net be drawn over them. 1859 Darwin *Orig. Spec.* I. (1873) 25 Some..authorities are convinced that the setter is directly derived from the spaniel. *attrib.* 1885 *Field* 17 Jan. Advt., For Sale, handsome highly bred Setter Bitch. *Ibid.*, A gentleman is desirous of placing Two Red Setter Pups..with a first-class breaker.

† b. *gen. Obs.*

1678 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 1317/4 A little Land Spaniel, red and white, no Setter. 1741 *Compl. Fam.-Piece* II. I. 314 But Water Spaniels may be brought to be Setters, if they have a perfectly good Scent.

† c. One who practises 'setting': see Setting *vbl. sb.* 1 c (*b*). *Obs.*

1780 T. Davies *Garrick* I. 3 Mr. Hunter was..a great setter of game. Happy was the boy who could inform his offended master where a covey of partridges was to be found.

II. 12. An instrument or tool used in setting, in various senses.

† a. A net or trap for catching or killing birds.

1526 *Househ. Exp. Sir T. Le Strange* (MS.), Item. a woodcocke and ij partriches kylled with the setter. 1540 *Acts Privy Counc.* (1837) VII. 56 Taking or killing..any partriches and fesantes with any nettes setters horses trameles or other gynnes.

b. *Gunnery.* A wooden instrument used, with the aid of a mallet, to set the fuse into a shell.

1802 C. James *Milit. Dict., Setter*, in *gunnery*, a round stick to drive fuzes, or any other compositions, into cases made of paper. 1828 J. M. Spearman *Brit. Gunner* (ed. 2) 79 Wood Setters. 1854 F. A. Griffiths *Artil. Man.* (ed. 6) 82 They are carefully driven into the Shell with a mallet and setter. 1876 Vovle & Stevenson *Milit. Dict.* 377/2.

c. ? = Setting-pole.

1853 Sir H. Douglas *Milit. Bridges* 31 The appurtenances were as follows:—6 balks,..2 oars; 1 anchor; 1 grapnel; 1 pole or setter.

d. *Porcelain Manuf.*

1853 Ure *Dict. Arts* II. 454 A plate sagger will hold twenty plates placed one on the other of earthenware, but china plates are fired separately in 'setters' made of their respective forms. 1873 Spon *Workshop Rec.* Ser. I. 43/2 Setters also should be used at the bottom of each piece, and ground fliot applied, but not sand, for the placing or seating.

e. A kind of lifting-jack.

1895 *Stores' Price List* 15 Sept. 490 Carriage Setter. Best Wood Setter—each 15/0.

13. *dial.* (See quot.)

1849 Greenwell *Gloss. Terms Coal Trade* (1851) 46 *Setters*, large pieces of coal; so called by the landsale cartmen, from their use in piling or setting round the sides of their carts, to enable them to hold a larger quantity of coals than could otherwise be placed upon them.

Se·tter, *sb.*[2] *dial.* [f. SETTER *v.*] A seton or issue produced by 'settering': see the vb.

1766 *Complete Farmer, Setter*, a kind of setom [*sic*] or issue, made by cutting a hole in the dewlap of an ox or cow, and putting into the wound a sort of tent formed out of the root of helleboraster. 1788 [see SETTERGRASS].

Setter (se·tə1), *v. dial.* Also 6 syter. [f. SETTER-in SETTERWORT.] *trans.* To insert a piece of setterwort under the skin of (an animal) in order to produce an issue.

[1523: cf. SEVER *v.* 5 c.] 1551 TURNER *Herbal* I. L vj, Dyuerse husband men..vsed to put the roote of berefoot into beastes eares, and called the puttynge in of it, syterynge of beastes. 1577 B. GOOGE *Heresbach's Husb.* III. (1586) 133 The order of Settring a Bullocke is this, take setterwoort [etc.]. *Ibid.* 151 Some again cure them with settering. 1691 RAY *N. C. Words*, To *Setter*; to cut the Dewlap of an Ox or Cow, into which they put Helleboraster, which we call Setterwort. 1741 *Compl. Fam.-Piece* III. 506 It is necessary at the same Time to setter the Hog in the Ear with the common Helleboie. 1863 ATKINSON *Danby Gloss.* s. v. *Seton*, We took care that she [a cow] was weel setter'd.

Setterday, obs. form of SATURDAY.

Setter-forth. [See SET *v.* 144.] One who sets forth (in various senses); one who promulgates an opinion, who equips an expedition, etc.

1451 *Rolls of Parlt.* V. 225/1 Noon owner, Vitailler, nor setter-forth of eny Shippe or Vessell. 1542 UDALL *Erasm. Apoph.* 5 *marg.*, Mecænas was..so great a fauourer, promouter, and setter fourthe of Virgil, Horace, & suche other learned menne, that [etc.]. 1611 BIBLE *Acts* xvii. 18 He seemeth to be a setter foorth of strange gods. 1616 CAPT. SMITH *Descr. New Eng.* 48, I was beholden to the setters forth of the foure ships that went with Cooper. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* Aug. 1641 (1879) I. 22 Mr. Blenw, the setter forth of the Atlas's and other workes of that kind. 1721 STRYPE *Eccl. Mem.* III. xl. 319 Sebastian Cabota.. was the chief Setterforth of the first Voyage into those Parts. 1840 BROWNING *Sordello* I. 26 Your setters-forth of unexampled themes.

Se·ttergrass. *Obs.* exc. *dial. rare.* In 4 **saturgresse, 5 setyr grysse.** [f. **setter-* in SETTERWORT + GRASS.] = SETTERWORT.

a 1387 *Sinon. Barthol.* (Anecd. Oxon.) 18 *Elleborus*, i. saturgresse. 1483 *Cath. Angl.* 331/2 Setyr grysse, *eleborus niger, herba est.* 1597 GERARDE *Herbal* II. ccclxi. 827 *Consiligo* is called in English Bearfoote, Setterwoort, and Settergrasse. 1788 W. H. MARSHALL *Yorksh.* II. 350 Settergrass, *helleborus fœtidus*; a species of bear's-foot; used in making 'setters' or issues in cattle. 1868 ATKINSON *Cleveland Gloss.* 439 The plant setter-wort, or setter-grass.

† Setter-on. *Obs.* [See SET *v.* 148.]

1. One who sets on; an instigator or inciter.

c 1550 BALE *K. Johan* 2482 (Manly) Tyll my setters-on were of their purpose wyde. 1560 DAUS tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* Pref. 4 b, I sent unto them that were my setters on, at Woormes. 1616 R. COCKS *Diary* (Hakl. Soc.) I. 163 The Jesuistes and other padres are the fyre brands and setters on of all this, in provoking children against parents and subjects against their naturall princes. 1749 FIELDING *Tom Jones* VI. ix, The great Dowdy who acts the part of a madman as well as some of his setters-on do that of a fool.

2. One who 'sets on' or makes an onset. *rare.*

1568 GRAFTON *Chron.* II. 294, I made once a vowe that the first battaile that eyther the king your father or any of his children should be at, how that I would be one of the first setters on, or else to die in the trauaile.

Setter-out. *rare.* [See SET *v.* 149.]

1. One who sets out; one who publishes, proclaims, etc.

c 1553 ASCHAM *Disc. Germ.* (1570) 21 A noble setter out, and as true a follower of Christ and his Gospell. 1582 in Row *Hist. Kirk* (Wodrow Soc.) 101 That the autors, dyters, setters out of that infamous lybell he punished accordinglie. 1824 [W. CARR] *Craven Gloss.* Introd. 5 T'Setter-out o't book.

2. *spec.* (See quot.)

1892 *Labour Commission* Gloss., *Setter out*, an under or assistant foreman of joiners or leading joiner, whose work is to accurately set or line out every detail of each piece of joinery.

Setter-to. ? *Obs.* [See SET *v.* 152.]

1. A professional handler of game-cocks in a cock-fight; = SETTER *sb.*[1] 5.

1794 *Sporting Mag.* III. 169 To these another class become annexed, called 'handers' or 'setters to'. 1835 H. HAREWOOD *Dict. Sports* s. v. *Cock-fighting*, When once the cocks are pitted, neither of the setters-to can touch his cock ..unless [etc.].

2. *Pugilism.* With epithet: One who has a particular style of 'setting to' or beginning the fight.

1810 *Sporting Mag.* XXXVI. 125 A shewy setter-to, but a slight hitter. 1824 EGAN *Boxiana* II. 493 The most accomplished setter-to of the day, Tom Belcher.

Setter-up. [See SET *v.* 154.] One who sets up (in any sense).

1563 *Homilies* II. *Agst. Peril Idol.* III. 59 b, The erecter, setter vp, and mainteyner of Images in Churches and Temples. 1593 SHAKS. *3 Hen. VI*, II. iii. 37 Thou setter vp, and plucker downe of Kings. 1607 MIDDLETON *Michaelm. Term* II. iii, I am but a yong setter vp; the vttermost I dare venture vppon't is three-score pound. 1613 BEAUM. & FL. *Honest Man's Fort.* II. i, Old occupations have too many setters up to prosper. 1713 BERKELEY *Hylas & Phil.* iii. Wks. 1871 I. 359, I do not pretend to be a setter-up of new notions. 1853 R. S. HAWKER in *Life & Lett.* (1905) 251 Neither can I congratulate your Setter-up [i. e. compositor] on his accuracy. 1876 MORRIS *Æneids* VIII. 134 Dardanus first setter-up and sire of Ilian wall. 1881 *Instr. Census Clerks* (1885) 43 Spinning and weaving machine maker... Setter-up.

Setterwort (se·tə1wɔ̃1t). Also 6 syter wurt. [Perh. adopted from MLG.; Diefenbach s.v. *Elleborum* gives a great variety of synonymous forms in MHG. and MLG. such as *sitro, sutir-, sittir-, sitti-, siter-, sutten-, -sutwurz, -wort* (f. HG. *wurz*, LG. *wort* WORT[1]). The first element is of unknown origin; cf. ME. (14th *c.*) *satur(gresse)* SETTERGRASS.] The plant Bear's-foot or Fetid Hellebore, *Helleborus fœtidus*; also the Green Hellebore, *H. viridis.*

1551 TURNER *Herbal* I. L vj, The herbe syter wurte. 1577 B. GOOGE *Heresbach's Husb.* III. (1586) 124 h, The hearbe called blacke Ellebor, of some Bearfoot, and others Setterwort. 1597 [see SETTERGRASS]. *c* 1710 PETIVER *Cat. Ray's Eng. Herbal* Tab. 42 Setterwort, Greenish. 1778 G. WHITE *Selborne, Let. to Barrington* 3 July, *Helleborus fœtidus*, stinking hellebore, bear's-foot, or setterwort. 1907 *Daily News* 25 Feb. 3 The tender green of the setterwort does not own the power of the frost by a single black spot.

Settewale, obs. form of SETWALL.

Setthe(n, obs. variant forms of SITH, SITHEN.

Settherday, dial. form of SATURDAY.

Settil, obs. form of SETTLE.

Setting, *sb. Orkney & Shetl.* Also 6 **settein,** 7–9 **settan,** 9 **settin, -een.** [a. ON. *séttung-r* sixth part, f. *sétte* sixth.] A unit of weight in the Orkney and Shetland Isles; the sixth part of a 'meal' (MEAL *sb.*[4]); identical with the LISPOUND.

1576 in *Oppress. Orkney & Zetl.* (1859) 72 Ane barrell of malt of nyne setteins wecht. 1588 *Rot. Scacc. Reg. Scot.* XXI. 390 Selling..63 lastis 23,003 settingis 4 marks coist, 125 lnsts 1002 settingis beir, 95 lastis 1004 settingis flesche. 1703 M. MARTIN *Descr. West. Isles* 370 A Young Boy..stole a setten of Barley, which is about twenty eight Pound Weight. 1814 SHIRREFF *Agric. Shetl.* 159 Twenty-four marks make a settin or lispund...Six settins or lispunds make a meil.

Setting (se·tiŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. SET *v.* + -ING[1].]

I. 1. The action of the verb SET in various transitive senses; putting, placing, planting, etc. Also, the fact of being set.

1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* XVII. CXXXVI. (1495) 692 The rose tree spryngith somtyme by settynge and plantynge and somtyme by graffynge. 1427–8 *Rec. St. Mary at Hill* 68 Also for settyng of þe same ston iij dayes. 1561 T. HOBY tr. *Castiglione's Courtyer* III. (1577) P j, M. Thomas..writte to his wife, and did hir to weete hys setting at libertie. 1626 BACON *Sylva* § 423 A Tree, at the first Setting, should not be Shaken, vntill it hath taken Root fully. 1769 FALCONER *Dict. Marine* (1780), *Setting*, when applied to the sails, is the loosening and expanding them. 1796 W. JONES, etc. *Key to Art of Ringing* Pref. 1 Instructions for the attainment of the practical part of the art, from the setting of a Bell itself to the perfect knowledge of the most difficult peals. 1841 *Guide to Trade, Baker* 38 This is called the quarter sponge, and the operation is denominated setting. 1881 GREENER *Gun* 235 At that time setting or straightening was so little known that many of the barrels were far from being straight. 1892 *Labour Commission* Gloss., *Setting of the Brick*, the fixing of the bricks in a kiln.

† **b.** An ambush or trap. *Obs.*

c 1430 *Pilgr. Lyf Manhode* IV. viii. (1869) 180 Keepe þee.. from hise settinges and from hise nettes.

c. *Sport.* (*a*) The action of a dog in indicating game.

1621 MARKHAM *Hungers Prev.* 265 To make a true election of your dogge, which you intend to apply to this purpose of Setting. 1725 *Bradley's Fam. Dict., Setting-dog*, a Dog train'd up to the Setting of Partridges. 1819 T. B. JOHNSON *Shooter's Comp.* 22 Dogs, called setters, are now to be met with of all forms, miserably deficient in the most prominent quality, setting.

(*b*) The sport of 'putting up' game with a setter.

1661 BOYLE *Certain Physiol. Ess.* (1669) 36 When I go a Hawking or Setting. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 20 Aug. 1654, I went a setting and hawking. 1770 G. WHITE *Selborne, Let. to Pennant* 12 May, I knew a lover of setting, an old sportsman. 1818 *Gentl. Mag.* LXXXVIII. II. 113 His great skill in all the sports of the field, especially that of Setting, of which diversion his Lordship was passionately fond.

d. *Sc.* and *dial.* The action of letting or leasing (land, etc.); the right to do this; a lease.

1397 in *Spalding Club Miscell.* V. 252 All giftys, taliees, settyngys, and condysyoungs mad or to be mad be dame Isabell, Contas of Mar, to the sayd George hir brothir. 1546 *Yorks. Chantry Surv.* (Surtees) 246 The saide founder ..shall have the lettinge, settinge, boynes, services and customes of all the landes. 1634–46 ROW *Hist. Kirk* (1842) 173 Cruell oppression of the poore tenants; evidenced, 1°. By deare setting of rowms. 1760 *Patrington Haven Act* 16 The intention of such letting or setting. 1898 *Longman's Mag.* Apr. 546 The lettings, here called 'settings' or 'takings', are at Candlemas.

e. *Mining.* The act of contracting with miners for work to be done.

1839 DE LA BECHE *Rep. Geol. Cornwall*, etc. xv. 569 Of the remainder he paid the adventurers one-half, or one-quarter, as may have been agreed upon according to the supposed prospects of the mine at the time of setting. 1892 *Labour Commission* Gloss., *Setting*, sometimes termed 'letting',..in the slate industry,..means agreeing upon a contract for a month.

2. The manner or position in which anything is set, fixed, or placed. In *Croquet*, any one of the different arrangements of the hoops and pegs on the ground.

14.. *Wyclifite Bible, 2 Kings* ii. 19 *marg.*, That is, the setting of the citee was best for profetis. *c* 1450 *Mirk's Festial* 279 How 3e schull pray to God, þe settyng of þe chyrch hyt tellyþe you: Hit ys sette yn þe est, techyng [etc.]. 1523–34 FITZHERB. *Husb.* § 4 The temperynge to go brode and narrowe is in the settyng of the culture [= coulter]. 1625 MIDDLETON *Game at Chess* Induct. 40, I saw the bravest setting for a game now That ever mine eye fix'd on. 1868 W. J. WHITMORE *Croquet Tactics* ii. 19 There are as many as eight different settings. 1897 *Encycl. Sport* I. 254/1 (Croquet) The original setting had ten hoops...Finally came the six-hoop or championship setting.

b. The inclination or dip of an axle: = SET *sb.*[1] 18 a.

1844 H. STEPHENS *Bk. Farm* III. 1162 The setting or form of the axle.

c. *Gas-works.* The manner of placing retorts in a furnace; *concr.* a group or set of retorts placed together.

1872 W. C. HOLMES & Co. *Manag. Gas Works* 15 The setting of the retorts is a matter of the utmost importance. 1877 W. RICHARDS *Manuf. Coal Gas* 354 Of all the apparatus of a gasworks, unquestionably the most important are the settings of retorts. 1879 *Encycl. Brit.* X. 91/2 A furnace or bed of retorts is composed of a group or setting, heated by a separate fire.

d. *Type-founding.* The position of the face of a letter on the body or shank. Cf. SET *sb.*[1] 19 c.

1887 J. SOUTHWARD in *Encycl. Brit.* XXIII. 710/1 All founders now supply imitations of the old types. Comparing the old face and the modern characters, the latter are more regular in size, lining, setting, and colour,—using these words in the technical sense of the founder.

† **3.** Putting into words, redaction. *Obs.*

c 1450 LOVELICH *Grail* lvi. 519 For þe ton storie the tothir Medlyth withal, After the settyng Of the forseid Robert That somtym it translated. 1450–1530 *Myrr. our Ladye* I. vi. 21 Therefore thus after the settynge of mayster Alphonse is youre legende red in all places of this order.

† **4.** A sum staked at play; a bet or stake. *Obs.*

1540 PALSGR. *Acolastus* IV. iii. T j, All the stakes and settynges that he sette within the dyce borde, whiche lye on lyttell heapes.

† **5.** A set (of stones) with which a surface is 'set' or studded. *Obs. rare*[−1].

1611 BIBLE *Exod.* xxviii. 17 And thou shalt set in it settings of stones [*margin*, Hebr. fill in it fillings of stone].

6. The manner in which a jewel is 'set' or mounted; *concr.* the frame or bed (of precious metal or the like) in which a jewel is set.

1815 W. H. IRELAND *Scribbleomania* 192 *note*, A very valuable antique ring, the setting of which did not meet his approbation. 1822 HAZLITT *Table-t.* Ser. II. ii. *Aristocr. Lett.* (1869) 48 The setting is more valuable than the jewel. 1879 *Cassell's Techn. Educ.* IV. 350/2 There are two systems of setting practised—viz., Roman setting, and what is called colletting.

b. *transf.* and *fig.* The environment or surroundings in which a person or thing is 'set'; the literary framework of a narrative or other composition; the mounting of a play.

1841 MYERS *Cath. Th.* III. § 8. 30 The connecting links—the framing and setting—of these Revelations. 1874 SAYCE *Compar. Philol.* viii. 315 Mythology has a setting in geography and history. 1885 *Manch. Exam.* 27 Jan. 5/4 The setting of the piece is charming, and it is quite wonderful how much has been made of a little stage.

7. The manner in which a poem or form of words is set to music; a piece of music composed for a particular poem or form of words.

1879 HUSK in *Grove's Dict. Music* I. 84/2 Arne gave to the world those beautiful settings of the songs 'Under the greenwood tree' [etc.]. 1881 CROWEST *Phases Mus. Eng.* 93 Settings for the Canticles by modern Church writers.

8. a. *Plastering.* The finishing coat of plaster, the *setting-coat* (see 14, SET *sb.*[1] 30 a, SET *v.* 101).

1823 P. NICHOLSON *Pract. Builder* 390 The term setting is commonly used, when the third coat is made of fine stuff for papering. 1825 J. NICHOLSON *Oper. Mech.* 606 With this tool all the first coats of plaster is laid on, as are also the last, or, as it is technically termed, the setting. 1873 SPON *Workshop Rec.* Ser. I. 121/2 Setting may be either a second coat upon laying or rendering, or a third coat upon floating.

b. A wash of gum or other suitable material applied to the surface of a pencil, charcoal or crayon drawing to prevent it being rubbed; a fixative.

1895 in *Funk's Stand. Dict.*

9. A crop of fruit developed by fertilizing (see SET *v.* 98). ? *Obs.*

1731 MILLER *Gard. Dict.* s. v. *Cucumis*, For Want of which kindly Heat, the first Setting or Crop of Fruit..drops off.

II. Senses related to intransitive uses of SET *v.*

10. The sinking of a heavenly body towards and below the horizon; the quarter or direction in which a heavenly body sets. Also, the fall of night or darkness.

a 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 5508 Þan sewis furth þat souerayn ay by þa salt strandis Toward þe settynge of þe son. 1592 HUES *Treat. Globes* xii, You shall in like manner have the houre of the setting. 1607, 1728 [see HELIACAL 2]. 1699 *Relat. Sir T. Morgan's Progr. France* 13 The Major-General reply'd he would fall on just at the setting of the Night, and when the dusk of the Evening came on. 1823 CLISSOLD *Ascent Mt. Blanc* 22 The sun being now near his setting. 1877 BROWNING *Agamemnon* 67 The shield-bearing people That made a leap, at setting of the Pleiads.

b. *fig.*

1613 SHAKS. *Hen. VIII*, III. ii. 225, I haue touch'd the highest point of all my Greatnesse, And from that full Meridian of my Glory, I haste now to my Setting. 1702 C. MATHER *Magn. Chr.* II. x. (1852) 156 Upon the setting of Mr. Francis Newman, there arose Mr. William Lee. 1807 WORDSW. *Ode Intim. Immortality* v, The Soul that rises with us, our life's Star, Hath had elsewhere its setting, And cometh from afar. 1839 LONGF. *Hyperion* I. i, The setting of a great hope is like the setting of the sun.

11. The process or fact of becoming set, hard, or stiff; coagulation.

1791 E. DARWIN *Bot. Gard.* I. Addit. Notes xii. 24 The clay becomes as hard as before, being pressed together..by its self-attraction, called setting by the potters. 1805 R. W. DICKSON *Pract. Agric.* I. 456 An almost impenetrable crust may be produced by the quick exhalation of the moisture, and what is termed by farmers the setting of the clay. 1812 P. NICHOLSON *Mech. Exerc.* 312 (Plastering) *Setting* is also the quality that any kind of stuff has to harden in a short time. 1883 *Hardwich's Photogr. Chem.* (ed. 9) 166 If too much Alcohol be employed, the setting of the Pyroxyline will be..greatly retarded.

attrib. 1825 J. NICHOLSON *Oper. Mech.* 610 The coagulating or setting power of burnt alabaster. 1878 ABNEY *Treat. Photogr.* vii. 52 The alkali decomposes the pyroxyline, rendering it..defective in setting qualities.

12. The flowing of a current in a particular direction; the direction of flow. Also *fig.*

c 1595 CAPT. WYATT *R. Dudley's Voy. W. Ind.* (Hakl. Soc.) 52 The settinge of head seas in soe darke a night within soe straight and daingerous a passage. 1670 NARBOROUGH *Jrnl.* in *Acc. Sev. Late Voy.* I. (1694) 10 You are to.. observe all..Courses of Tides, flowings and settings of Currents. 1769 FALCONER *Dict. Marine* (1780) N 2 *b*, The setting, or progressive motion of the current. 1835 SIR J. ROSS *N.-W. Passage* xl. 533 It was attempted to explain this appearance, by supposing the setting of a current here from west to east. 1875 GLADSTONE *Glean.* (1879) VI. 199 That powerful setting of the current of human motive and inclination.

III. Combinations.

13. With various advs., as *setting-down, -forth, -in, -off, -out, to*: see the corresponding combinations of SET *v.*

c 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* Prol. 6 As sais 'þe romance of þe rose', but settyng to of ony glose. 1439 *Little Red Bk. Bristol* (1900) II. 157 Atte the settyng vp of his Crafte he schal pay ijs. 1551 ROBINSON tr. *More's Utopia* II. H iv, The gallaunt garnishing, and the bewtiful setting furth of it. 1666 BACON *Consid. Plant. Irel.* Resuscit. (1657) 259 So that, this must rather be an Adventure, for such as are full; Then a setting up, of those, that are of low Means. 1614 MARKHAM *Pleas. Princes* 52 From his [the Cock's] head to the setting on of his shoulders. 1711 STEELE *Spect.* No. 132 ¶ 1 The first preparation for our Setting out was, that the Captain's Half-Pike was placed near the Coachman. 1778 HALHED *Bengal Gram.* Advt., Till the setting in of the dry season. *c* 1800 in *Hoyle's Games Improv.* (1814) 444 The person appointed..is to tell ten between each setting-to, till one of the two cocks has refused fighting ten times successively.. 1845 YOUATT *Dog* iii. 82 Their teeth and the setting-up of their backs will confirm this. 1859 H. H. DIXON *Silk & Scarlet* 216 We do not just like the setting on of his [a horse's] neck.

b. Specific uses: **setting-down**, †a siege; **setting-forth**, †a means of advancement or bringing into celebrity; **setting-off**, †something that enhances the charm of a thing; **setting-out**, a working drawing.

1601 B. JONSON *Poetaster* II. ii. 217 O Iove, what a setting forth it is to a man, to haue many courtiers come to his house! 1605 SHAKS. *Macb.* v. iv. 10 The confident Tyrant Keepes still in Dunsinane, and will indure Our setting downe before't. 1633 MASSINGER *Guardian* II. v, A Bed-fellow, To whose rare entertainment all these are But foils and settings off. *a* 1635 NAUNTON *Fragm. Reg.* (Arb.) 48 They were rather excursions than sieges or settings down, for he staid not long in a place. 1891 DENNING *Art Cabinet-Making* 220 The setting out or working drawing may be made on paper.

† c. Phr. *To cost one the setting on*, ? to cost one dear. Also, *to cost one (dear) in the setting on.*

1594 LYLY *Mother Bombie* II. v, This good fellowshippe shall cost mee the setting on at our next meeting. 1615 JACKSON *Creed* IV. II. viii. 255 Carthages often pronocation of Rome cost it dearer in the setting on, then other Cities vanquished by the Romanes.

14. Attributive, in many names of technical instruments and appliances, as *setting-chisel, -dibble, -hammer, -iron, -knife, -pin, -screw, -trowel*, etc.; **setting-board**, (*a*) a board used by glaziers in lead-work (see quot. 1825), (*b*) a board of wood or cork, usually grooved, for setting insect specimens; **setting-circle**, a graduated circle attached to a telescope for ascertaining the position of a star (1891 in *Cent. Dict.*); **setting coat**, a finishing coat of fine plastering (cf. 8 a); **setting muzzle**, a muzzle used for preventing a horse from feeding (cf. SET *v.* 26 d); **setting-net**, ? a SET-NET; **setting-rule**, a composing-rule; **setting-up drill**, a course of gymnastic exercises used to give an erect carriage, etc.; also **setting-up exercise.** Also SETTING-POLE, SETTING-STICK.

1825 J. NICHOLSON *Oper. Mech.* 638 The *setting-board is that in which the ridge of the light is marked and divided into squares, struck out with a chalk line, or drawn with a lath, which serves to guide the workmen. 1826 KIRBY & SP. *Entomol.* I. IV. 534 The English plan, except in the case of some large-bodied moths or hawk-moths, requires no groove in the setting-board. 1399 in *Fabric Rolls York Minster* (Surtees) 18 Magnæ *settyng chisiles. 1812 P. NICHOLSON *Mech. Exerc.* 312 **Setting Coat.* 1626 T. H. tr. *Caussin's Holy Court* 28 To handle the scepter, with the same humility of heart..that one would do a *setting-dibble. 1688 HOLME *Armoury* III. ix. 382/1 Tools used by Jewellers. ..A *Setting Hammer. 1611 COTGR., *Fiche*, a gardeners dible, or *setting yron. 1854 H. MILLER *Sch. & Schm.* (1858) 186 With what are known as masons' setting-irons stuck into the stone-work behind. 1825 J. NICHOLSON *Oper. Mech.* 638 The *setting-knife [used by glaziers in lead-work] consists of a blade with a round point, loaded with lead at the bottom and terminating in a long square handle. 1835 H. HARDWOOD *Dict. Sports* s. v. *Muzzle*, There are two descriptions of muzzles: 1. the dressing muzzle.. 2. the *setting muzzle. 1840 BLAINE *Encycl. Rural Sports* § 1127. 319 A setting muzzle prevents it [*sc.* wind-sucking in horses] usually. ?*c* 1690 *Bagford Ball.* (1877) 757 This Honourable Covey met, Hodge draws the Members *Setting-Net, And gets from all, without regret, Subscriptions. 1789 W. H. MARSHALL *Gloucester* I. 144 The *setting pin resembles the gardener's dibble. 1770 LUCKOMBE *Hist. Printing* 376 Having made and secured our measure, we look for a *setting Rule. 1867 *Chamb. Encycl.* IX. 608/2 A thin slip of brass called a setting-rule, which he places in the composing-stick when he begins. 1733 TULL *Horse-Hoeing Husb.* xxii. 329 The Use of this *Setting-Screw is, to increase or diminish the Proportion of seed to be turned out by the Notches. 1693 MOXON *Mech. Exerc.* (1703) 249 A *Setting Trowell, being less than the Laying Trowell, with which they finish the Plastering when it is almost dry. 1862 MACLAREN *Milit. Syst. Gymnastic Exerc.* 26 The *setting up and position drill of recruits.

Setting (se·tiŋ), *ppl. a.* [f. SET *v.* + -ING².] That sets, in various senses of the verb.

1. Becoming, suitable, graceful. *Obs.* exc. *Sc.* Cf. SITTING *ppl. a.* 2.

1535 *Goodly Primer* Admon. to Rdr. (1537), It is not mete, comely, nor settynge, that [etc.]. 1768 ROSS *Helenore* (1789) 50 Says she, that lad was a' her care, That was so setting with his yellow hair. *Ibid.* 94 The ither too was a right setting lass, Though forthersome.

2. Of a dog: That sets or indicates game. See also SETTING-DOG.

1551 *Richmond. Wills* (Surtees) 71 To my brother Rayff Thompsone my setting spanyell doge, with all netts and geyr pertenyng to it. 1687 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 2275/4 Lost.., a large Setting-Bitch about 4 years old.

3. Of a hen: Sitting. Now *dial.*

1829 Mrs. S. C. HALL *Sk. Ir. Char.* II. 29 Mr. Billy.. sent her a setting hen and seven eggs. 1879 HOWELLS *L. Aroostook* (1883) II. 14 A ship's time is worth no more than a setting hen's.

4. Sinking below or nearing the horizon; said of the sun or other heavenly body, its light, etc.

1593 SHAKS. *Rich. II*, II. i. 12 The setting Sun. 1697 DRYDEN *Æneid* VIII. 79 When the setting Stars are lost in Day. 1704 POPE *Windsor For.* 194 His shadow lengthen'd by the setting sun. 1798 WORDSW. *Tintern Abbey* 97 Whose dwelling is the light of setting suns. 1814 SCOTT *Ld. of Isles* II. xix, A flush like evening's setting flame Glow'd on his cheek. 1882 SIR W. W. HUNTER in Skrine *Life* (1901) 314 By the light of a setting half-moon.

b. *fig.*

1595 DANIEL *Civ. Wars* II. i, All turn'd their faces to the rising sunne And leaues his setting-fortune night begun. *a* 1639 WOTTON *Parall. Essex & Buckhm.* Reliq. W. (1651) 11 First, he was to wrastle with a Queens declyning, or rather with her very setting Age (as we may term it). 1658 SIR T. BROWNE *Hydriot.* v. 26 We whose generations are ordained in this setting part of time. 1829 SCOTT *Anne of G.* I, That important period, when chivalry still shone with a setting ray, soon about to be totally obscured.

† c. *transf.* Western. *Obs.*

1612 DRAYTON *Poly-olb.* v. 248 The Flemings were inforc't to take them to their Ores, To try the Setting Maine to find out firmer shores. 1622 *Ibid.* xxix. 22 Yorkshire which doth lye vpon my Setting side. 1646 SIR T. BROWNE *Pseud. Ep.* VI. vii. 305 Magnifying the condition of..the Easterne Countries, above the setting and occidentall Climates.

d. *Setting-sun*: an edible bivalve mollusc, *Psammobia vespertina.*

1867 LOVELL *Edible Mollusks* 150.

5. Of fruit: Beginning to develop from the flower.

1891 *Macm. Mag.* Apr. 438 The setting plums or apples.

6. With adverbs, *down, in, up*, etc. (see the vb.).

1805 FORSYTH *Beauties Scot.* II. 413 Here the sea has formed caverns, which are rendered dreadful by a setting-in tide. 1874 *Hislop's Bk. Scot. Anecd.* 514 'Did ye ever hear a cuddie bray, Hawkie', said a youth to him one day... 'Never till the noo,' was the setting-down and quick answer. 1881 *Instr. Census Clerks* (1885) 51 Type Founding...Setting-up Boy.

† **Setting dog.** *Obs.* A dog trained to 'set' game; = SETTER *sb.*¹ 11.

1611 COTGR., *Braque*, a kind of short-tayled setting dog. 1621 MARKHAM *Hungers Prev.* 253 A Setting Dogge is a certaine lusty land Spaniell, taught by nature to hunt the Partridge before, and more then any other chase whatsoeuer. 1697 *Post Boy* 12–14 Aug. b/2 An old Brown and white Setting-dog. 1751 JOHNSON *Rambler* No. 116 ¶ 1 He was eminent for a breed of pointers and setting-dogs. 1780 H. WALPOLE *Let. to W. Cole* 5 Feb., Dr. Birch was..running about like a young setting-dog in quest of anything. 1835 H. HARDWOOD *Dict. Sports* s. v. *Setter*, It is said that Dudley, Duke of Northumberland, was the first person that broke a setting-dog to the net, doubtless the spaniel.

b. *transf.* and *fig.*

1643 *True Chr. Subj. under Heathen Prince* 5 Looke to the twentieth part, which is but a setting dogge to shew where the covey of nineteen are. *a* 1700 B. E. *Dict. Cant. Crew, Setters*, or *Setting-dogs*, they that draw in Bubbles, for old Gamesters to Rook; also a Sergeant's Yeoman, or Bailiff's Follower, or Second, and an Excize-Officer to prevent the Brewers defrauding the King. *c* 1730 RAMSAY *Address of Thanks* xii, Even sell K. T. that gart us ban, And eke that setting-dog his man.

Setting-pole. A pole, esp. one used by wild-fowlers for propelling a boat or punt on mud-banks, securing wounded birds, etc.

1765 *Universal Mag.* XXXVII. 370/1 When they go against a current, they use setting-poles. 1797 F. BAILY *Tour* (1856) 270 The longest setting poles we had would not reach the bottom. 1824 HAWKER *Instr. Yng. Sportsman* (ed. 3) 345 Let one go out for the birds, taking with him the setting pole. 1875 'STONEHENGE' *Brit. Rural Sports* I. I. ix. § 2. 121 The shooter proceeds, generally by night, with an assistant in the punt, using the oars, paddle or setting-pole.

Setting-stick.

1. A stick used for making holes for 'setting' or planting. Now *dial.*

1556 WITHALS *Dict.* (1562) 19 *b*, A dibell or settynge sticke, *pastinum.* 1658 EVELYN *Fr. Gard.* (1675) 233 Plant them with the setting-stick, or dibber. 1669 WORLIDGE *Syst. Agric.* vii. § 4 (1681) 121 Make the holes with an ordinary Setting-stick. 1793 *Trans. Soc. Arts* (ed. 2) V. 54 The plant is then to be planted with a setting-stick so that the upper part of the root shall appear about half an inch out of the ground. 1817–8 COBBETT *Resid. U. S.* (1822) 66 A setting-stick which should be the top of a spade-handle cut off, about ten inches below the eye. 1886 *Cheshire Gloss.*, *Setting-stick*, a short pointed stick, used for planting cabbages.

† **2.** A rod used for stiffening the plaits or 'sets' of ruffs, a poking-stick. *Obs.*

1575 LANEHAM *Let.* (1871) 37 Marshalld in good order: wyth a stetting [*sic*] stick, and stoout, that euery ruff stood vp like a wafer. 1583 STUBBES *Anat. Abus.* II. 36 They haue also another instrument called a setting sticke,..and with this they set their ruffes. 1615 HOWES *Stow's Chron.* 948/2 About the sixteenth yeere of the Queene, began the making of steele poking-stickes, and vntill that time all Lawndresses vsed setting stickes, made of wood, or bone. 1621 BURTON *Anat. Mel.* III. ii. II. (III.) iii. 568 Pots, glasses, oyntments, irons, combes, bodkins, setting stickes.

3. A composing-stick.

1875 SOUTHWARD *Dict. Typogr.* (ed. 2) 123.

Settirday, obs. form of SATURDAY.

Settle (se·t'l), *sb.*¹ Forms: *a.* 1 setl, setel, setol, seotl, sotl, seatl, sitl (-el, -ol, -ul); 3 sættel, seotel, seotle, 3, 6, setle, 3–4 settel, 4 setill(e, setil(e, 5 setyl, 4– settle. *β.* 1 *Northumb.* seð(e)l, sedl, 5 *north.* sedylle; see also LANG-SETTLE. [OE. *setl* neut., pl. *setlu* (also, in Northumb., pl. *setlas, seatlas*, etc., as if masc.) corresponds to OHG. *sezzal* (MHG. *sezzel*, mod.G. *sessel*) masc., Goth. *sitl-s* masc.:—OTent. **setlo-*:—pre-Teut. **sedlo-*, cogn. w. L. *sella* (:—**sedlā*), f. Indogermanic root **sed-*, OTeut. **set-*: see SIT *v.* The *β* forms, OE. (Anglian) *seð(e)l, sedl*, ME. *-sedil, sedylle*, mod. north. dial. *-seddle, -saddle* (see LANG-SETTLE), represent a WGer. variant **seþl* (with the irregular variation in the articulation of the dentals sometimes found before *l* and *m*: see BOTTLE *sb.*¹, BOTTOM *sb.*), which is found also in OFris. *sedel*, OS. *sethal, sedal, sedel* masc., OHG. *sethal, sedal* (MHG. *sedel*) nent., masc., whence MHG. *sidelen* (mod.G. *siedeln*) to settle in a place. Cf. the metathetic form SELD *sb.*

In Eng. the *β* type appears only in Anglian dialects (after the OE. period almost exclusively in the forms of LANGSETTLE), and does not show (as it does in OHG.) any differentiation in application from the *α* type.]

† **1.** A sitting place. Also *transf.* and *fig.*, a 'seat', position, abode. *Obs.*

Beowulf 1782 (Gr.) Ga nu to setle. *a* 900 tr. *Bæda's Hist.* III. xiv. [xvi.] (1890) 202 Ond mon mæg gen to dæge þa stowe his seðles [orig. *locum sedis ejus solitariæ*] on þæm ilcan ealonde seowian. *c* 1000 ÆLFRIC *Ags. Bible* (Gr.) 2/45 Þa næfde he nan setl, hwær he sittan mihte, for þan þe nan heofon nolde hine aberan. 13.. *Cursor M.* 17872 (Gött.) Adam..wid patriark and wid prophete, In mirk settlis þar þai sete. *a* 1340 HAMPOLE *Psalter* iv. 9, I sall rest in þe bed of endles blis & in þe setil of heuen. *Ibid.* Cant. 504 Þou did down ill gastis & vicys of þaire alde setile, þat þai hase na powere in my saule.

† **2.** Something to sit upon; a chair, bench, stool, or the like. *Obs.*

c 897 K. ÆLFRED *Gregory's Past. C.* lvi. 435 Hit is swiðe gewunelic ðætte domeras & rice menn on setelum sitten. *c* 1000 *Ags. Gosp.* Matt. xxi. 12 Hyra setlu [*c* 975 *Rushw.* settlas] þara þe culfran sealdon he tobræc. *a* 1250 *Owl & Night.* 594 Among þe wede, among þe netle, þu syttest & singst bihinde seotle. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 14734 Þair setles þat þai in can sete, He kest þam dun. 13.. *Gaw. & Gr. Knt.* 882 A cheyer by-fore þe chemné..Was grayþed for sir Gawan..& he sete in þat settel semlych ryche. 1483 CAXTON *Golden Leg.* 226/2 He dyd do make a siege or a stole of yron..and after to sette fyre under it..but the siege or setyl malte like waxe. 1483 *Cath. Angl.* 327/2 A Sedylle, *sedile.*

b. *High settle* (OE. *héahsetl* = OHG. *hôhsedal*): an elevated seat, a chair of dignity or state; a seat of honour at table; a throne, seat of judgement. *Obs.* exc. *arch.* after OE. use.

c 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* John xix. 13 Fore þæm hehsedle [Vulg. *pro tribunali*]. *c* 1000 ÆLFRIC *Hom.* (Th.) I. 272 Se rica man ðe sitt on his heahsetle hraðe geswicþ he his gebeorscipes gif ðu þeowan geswicaþ ðæra teolunga. *c* 1205 LAY. 16646 Þa sat Agag þe king inne his hæh sættele. *a* 1225 *Juliana* 20 He lette bringen hire biuoren him to his heh seotel as he set in dome as reue. 1877 GREEN *Hist. Eng. People* I. i. 16 The high settle of King or Ealdorman.

3. *spec.* A long wooden bench, usually with arms and a high back (often extending to the ground), and having a locker or box under the seat. Cf. LANGSETTLE.

1553 *Rec. St. Mary-at-Hill* 53 Item, In y^e qvire ij settelles with lockars apece. 1590 in *Archæologia* (1866) XL. 327 Itm. an olde standing bedsted w^th a settle unto it. 1596 NASHE *Saffron Walden* To Rdr., D, His Booke..I hauing kept idle by me in a by settle out of sight amongst old

shooes and bootes almost this two yere. 1658 tr. *Ussher's Ann.* 114 They rap and make a noise with their hands or mallets, upon the deskes or settles in their Synagognes. 1678 BUNYAN *Pilgr.* I. 47 Looking down under the Settle there he espied his Roll. 1700 DRYDEN *Ovid's Met.* VIII. *Baucis & Phil.* 44 The Man..A common Settle drew for either Guest, Inviting each his weary Limbs to rest. 1859 TENNYSON *Geraint & Enid* 579 And cast him..Down on an oaken settle in the hall. 1868 EASTLAKE *Hints Househ. Taste* 145 The common wooden settle which forms so comfortable and snug-looking a seat by rustic hearths.

b. A bench or seat in a boat (see quot.).

1867 SMYTH *Sailor's Word-bk., Settle*, now termed the stern-sheets.

4. A ledge, raised platform. †**a.** In the Bible, used to render Heb. כּוֹרָה *kăzārāh* (Vulg. *crepido*), app. either of two platforms or stages, surrounding the great altar, the one on a level with its base, and the other between this and the ground. *Obs.*

1611 BIBLE *Ezek.* xliii. 14 And from the bottom vpon the ground, euen to the lower settle [*R. V.* or ledge], shalbe two cubits,..and from the lesser settle euen to the greater settle shalbe foure cubites. *Ibid.* 17. *Ibid.* xlv. 19.

b. (*a*) = *settle-gang* (*b*): see 6. (*b*) See quot. 1833.

1799 J. ROBERTSON *Agric. Perth* 183 For this purpose, I have seen the settles of the byre (cow-house) sometimes floored. 1833 LOUDON *Encycl. Archit.* § 1206 The settles (gutters) for carrying off the urine.

c. (See quots.)

1695 KENNETT *Par. Antiq.* s.v. *Cart-Sadel*, The frame of wood to support the barrels in a buttery or cellar, is call'd the Seddle and Settle. 1881 *Isle of Wight Gloss., Settle*,.. a foundation, usually raised, for a rick. 1886 *Chesh. Gloss., Settle*, any bench or frame for supporting heavy weights. Thus a barrel of beer might be said to be stillaged 'on a stone settle'.

5. *Firework Manuf.* A projection on the upper surface of the block used in filling tourbillon cases; it fits into the end of the case and forms a base for the composition during the process of filling.

1873 SPON *Workshop Rec.* Ser. I. 135/2 Tourbillon cases are filled by means of an apparatus which consists of a block of wood, provided with a settle, on which one end of the tourbillon case is placed...The settle projects into the case about ⅛ of an inch. 1888 W. H. BROWNE *Firework Making* xx. 144 To fill the piece..fit the end on to the settle, and see that it stands perfectly upright.

6. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *settle-back*; **settle bed**, a settle adapted for alternative use as a seat or bed; †**settle-bench, -chair** = sense 3 above; **settle-gang**, †(*a*) the setting (of the sun); (*b*) *dial.*, 'the raised part of a cow-house on which the animals lie' (*Eng. Dial. Dict.*).

1900 H. SUTCLIFFE *Shameless Wayne* vii. (1905) 97 Reaching across the *settle-back. 1641 in *Burlington Mag.* Mar. (1912) 342/2 A *settle bed of wanscote in Fashion of a Fourme, wherein is a Fetherbed. 1781 C. JOHNSTON *Hist. J. Juniper* I. 8 A settle-bed, which served the double purpose of being sat upon, and slept in. 1818 SCOTT *Hrt. Midl.* xix, His eyes involuntarily rested upon the little settle-bed. 1741 RICHARDSON *Pamela* (1824) I. 67 Sitting down upon a *settle-bench.. 1688 HOLME *Armoury* III. xiv. (Roxb.) 14/2 Some terme it a *settle chaire, being so weighty that it cannot be moued from place to place.., haueing a kind of box or cubbert in the seate of it. *c* 1000 *Ags. Ps.* (Th.) xlix. 2 Fram sunnan up-gange, oð hire *setl-gang. *a* 1300 *E. E. Psalter* xlix. 1 Fra sonne springe to setelgange.

Settle (sɛ·t'l), *sb.*[2] *Obs.* exc. *Sc. rare.* [f. SETTLE *v.*] The action of the verb SETTLE; settling, settlement. *To take settle*: to be settled, to be at ease.

a 1660 *Contemp. Hist. Irel.* (Ir. Archæol. Soc.) II. 24 Castlhaven did continue in Mariborough 9 or 10 daies givinge orders for the settle therof. *Ibid.* 166 For the settle of his freinds. 1822 AINSLIE *Pilgr. Land of Burns* 39 Frae the settle o' the night To the income o' the light. 1889 BARRIE *Window in Thrums* 153 I'll tak no settle till ye're awa.

Settle (sɛ·t'l), *v.* Forms: *α.* 1 **setlan**, 3–7 **setle**, 4, 6–7 **settell, seatle, settill**, (4 **sedle, setel**, 5 **setelle, setyll**), 3– **settle**. *β.* 4–6 **satle**, (4 **satille**), 5–6 **sattyl, -yll**, (5 **sattil**), 6 **satell, sat(t)ill**, 4–7 **sattell**, 5–7, 9 *dial.* **sattle**. [OE. *setlan* (only once), f. *setl* seat, place of rest: see SETTLE *sb.*[1] Cf. mod.Du. *zetelen*, to place, settle. The *β* forms seem to represent another formation from the same Teut. root; ? OE. **sætlan*:—prehistoric **satuljan* f. **sat-*, ablaut variant of *set-*: see SIT *v.*

In some uses the vb. became synonymous with the like-sounding ME. *sæ̆ttle* to appease, reconcile (SAUGHTEL *v.*), association with which may perhaps have influenced the development of these uses.

In many of the senses explained below, the verb frequently appears with a colouring derived from senses of different origin, so that the position of many of the examples is open to dispute.]

I. To seat, place.

The examples here treated as passive uses of senses in this branch mostly admit of being interpreted as intransitive uses (branch II) conjugated with *be*.

†**1.** *trans.* To seat; to put in a seat or place of rest; also, to cause to sit down. *Obs.*

c 1000 *Whale* 15 (Gr.) Wæ̆ɣliþende..setlaþ sæmearas [= 'stable their sea-horses'] sundes æt ende. *c* 1200 ORMIN 14049 Þatt hæfedd mann þatt hezhesst wass Att tatt bridale settledd. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 23340 Bot suld þai [*sc.* the righteous] haf a gret delite, To se þam [*sc.* the wicked] setlid [*MS.* seclid] in þair site. 1561 T. HOBY tr. *Castiglione's Courtyer* I. K ij b, And assone as he had saluted the Dutchesse, and setled the reste that were risen vp at his comminge, he satte hym downe. 1632 J. HAYWARD tr. *Biondi's Eromena* 129, I kept my selfe setled on the plancke till the morning. 1663 WOOD *Life* 24 Sept. (O. H. S.) I. 495 After they were setled in their chaires under the canopy. 1691–2 *Ibid.* 26 Jan. III. 381 A meeting in the Apoditerium before the vice-chancellor, Doctors, and Masters setled in the house.

†**b.** *fig.* in *passive*: To be 'seated', situated.

a 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 4429 For all 3oure wisdom, I-wis, is wroken to 3our tongis, And all þe sanour of 3oure sauls is sattild in 3our monthis.

2. To place (material things) in order, or in a convenient or desired position; to adjust (e.g. one's clothing).

1515 BARCLAY *Eclogues* III. (1570) B vj/2 Or els must he rise and walke him selfe a space, Till time his ioyntes be setled in their place. 1582 STANYHURST *Æneis* II. (Arb.) 66, I twisted a wallet On my broad shoulders, my nape did I settle eke vnder. 15.. *Sir Andrew Barton* xliv. in Child *Ballads* (1889) III. 341/1 With that hee lett his gun-shott goe; Soe well hee settled itt with his eye, The ffirst sight that Sir Andrew sawe, Hee see his pinnace sunke in the sea. *c* 1650 in Gutch *Hist. & Antiq. Univ. Oxford* (1796) II. 943 *note*, That they [*sc.* Selden's books] bee placed..in the new built west end of the publique Library,..with such inscription upon the place where they shall bee soe settled as the said Executors..shall directe. 1709 STEELE *Tatler* No. 48 P 4 He adjusted the cock of his hat a-new, settled his sword-knot. 1719 DE FOE *Crusoe* I. (Globe) 69 Having settled my houshold Stuff and Habitation. 1784 COWPER *Task* III. 486 Th' uplifted frame..He settles next upon the sloping mount. 1796 C. MARSHALL *Garden.* xiv. (1813) 196 Thus having settled the plants, shut the lights close. 1815 SCOTT *Guy M.* xxxvi, He washed his face and hands, settled his wig in the glass. 1818 — *Hrt. Midl.* i, They immediately began to settle their clothes, which were a little deranged. 1861 TROLLOPE *Orley Farm* I. xxxiii. 264 I'll come for the answer when you're settling the room after breakfast tomorrow. 1866 G. MACDONALD *Ann. Q. Neighb.* I. vii. 192 As I was settling her pillow for her. 1894 CROCKETT *Raiders* xi, May Maxwell settled her shawl closer about her.

†**b.** To dispose in order (an argument, the parts of a discourse). *Obs.*

1551 T. WILSON *Logic* G vj, Now..I will declare howe to seatle & place an argumente, that any bodie may gene a reason, why euery worde is set in an argument, in this, or that place. 1553 — *Rhet.* (1580) 159, I thinke meete to speake of framyng, and placyng an Oration in order, that the matter beeyng aptly seteld and couched together: might better please the hearers.

3. To place (a person) in an attitude of repose, so as to be undisturbed for a time. Chiefly *refl.* to dispose oneself comfortably, adjust one's position on a chair, etc. with the intention of remaining seated.

1515 BARCLAY *Eclogues* III. (1570) B vj b/1 Neuer shalt thou knowe thy lodging or thy nest, Till all thy betters be setled and at rest. 1546 J. HEYWOOD *Prov.* I. x. (1562) L j b, In no place could she sit hir selfe to settle. 1627 DRAYTON *Nimphidia* 516 Yet scarce he on his back could get, So oft and high he did coruet, Ere he himselfe could settle. 1712 HEARNE *Collect.* (O. H. S.) III. 381 They soon came away and settled themselves at the East part of the Library. 1781 COWPER *Ep. Lady Austen* 39 Thus we were settled when you found us, Peasants and children all around us. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* lxi, When her patient above was settled for the night. 1893 'Q' *Delect. Duchy* 16 The man ..settled her comfortably in the stern-sheets. 1901 W. S. WALKER *In the Blood* vi. 71 You were asleep like a child almost as soon as you were settled. 1905 R. BAGOT *Passport* ii. 12 Settling himself in his saddle, Sor Beppe started off at an easy canter.

b. In *passive.* To be installed in a residence, to have completed one's arrangements for residing.

c 1643 LD. HERBERT *Autobiog.* (1824) 185, I was but newly settled in my Lodging. 1722 DE FOE *Plague* (1840) 130 Why should we make you remove now you are settled in your lodging? 1782 MISS BURNEY *Cecilia* VI. i, Such was the house in which Cecilia was now settled. 1813 W. BINGLEY in *Lady Morgan's Mem.* (1862) II. 31 You, I presume, are by this time comfortably settled in your new residence. 1837 LEVER *H. Lorrequer* i, We were soon settled in barracks. 1901 W. S. WALKER *In the Blood* viii. 97 Billy's sisters..were at length settled in a small cottage out Redfern way.

4. To cause to take up one's residence in a place; *esp.* to establish (a body of persons) as residents in a town or country; to plant (a colony, †a town).

1573–80 TUSSER *Husb.* (1878) 198 So God I trust for Christes sake, Shall settle me in blis. 1582 STANYHURST *Æneis* I. (Arb.) 17 Ere towne could statelye be builded, Or Gods theare setled. 1599 SHAKS. *Hen. V*, I. ii. 47 Charles the Great..There left behind and settled certaine French. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* IV. 940 My afflicted Powers To settle here on Earth. 1670 DENTON *Brief Descr. N. York* (1845) 1 Part of the Main Land belonging to New York Colony, where several Towns and Villages are setled. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 4 Jan. 1665, I went..to settle physitians, chirurgeons, agents, marshals and other officers in all the Sea Ports. 1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) V. 149/1 The practice of settling commercial colonies in distant countries hath been adopted by the wisest nations of antiquity. 1830 M. T. SADLER *Law Popul.* I. 483 Maryland..was first settled by Roman Catholics. 1831 SCOTT *Ct. Robt.* xxxiii, What interest I have..shall be strained to the uttermost to settle thee in thine own beloved native country. 1845 *Encycl. Metrop.* XIV. 392/1 The first town that was settled by the English in North America.

b. *refl.* Also in *passive*, to have taken up one's abode.

1550 BALE *Eng. Votaries* II. C j b, The Romysh clergy satled them selues all the worlde ouer. 1572 *Act* 14 *Eliz.* c. 5 § 16 That the said aged ympotent and poore People should have convenient Habitacions and Abydinge Places throughout this Realme to settle themselves upon. *c* 1610 *Women Saints* 22 She went to Bethleem,..where she settled her self. 1686 tr. *Chardin's Trav. Persia* 30 That the Grand Signior should not entertain..any European Nation, except what were already setl'd there, but under the French Banners. 1711 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 12 P 1 It was some time before I could settle my self in a House to my likeing. 1738 *Whitehall Even. Post* 12–15 Aug. 3/2 This is to give Notice, That Mr. Isaac De Vic, Jun., Wine-Merchant, of Southampton, is settled in this City. 1780 HARRIS *Philol. Enq.* (1841) 470 He induced..many of the first families in Italy..to leave their country, and there settle themselves. 1827 O.W. ROBERTS *Voy. Centr. Amer.* 45 One of the rivers on which they are settled has its source in a kind of lake. 1853 J. H. NEWMAN *Hist. Sk.* (1876) I. I. ii. 52 A tribe of them.. settled themselves between the high Tartar land and the sea of Aral.

c. To fix or establish permanently (one's abode, residence, etc.). † *To settle one's rest*: to take up one's residence. (Cf. *to set up one's rest*, REST *sb.*[2] 7 f; and see REST *sb.*[1] 5.)

1562 J. HOPKINS *Ps.* lxxxiv, Much rather would I keepe a dore within the house of God: Then in the tentes of wickednes, to settle myne abode. 1633 BP. HALL *Hard Texts, Isa.* xi. 10 And he shall settle his rest among them, which shall be glorious for himselfe, and happy for them. 1678 J. GODOLPHIN *Repert. Canon.* (1680) 17 St. Augustine..took on him the Title of Archbishop of England, settling his See at Canterbury. 1727 BOYER *Fr. Dict.*, To settle one's Abode somewhere. 1823 SCOTT *Quentin D.* Introd., The town at which I had settled my temporary establishment.

d. To assign to (a person) a legal domicile in a particular parish. Chiefly in *passive*. Cf. SETTLEMENT 3.

1572 *Act* 14 *Eliz.* c. 5. § 16 Then the said Justices..shall ..settle the same poore People for their Habitacions and Abydynges, yf the parishe within the whiche they shalbee founde shall not..provide for them. 1662 *Act* 14 *Chas. II*, c. 12 § 1 To such Parish where he or they were last legally setled either as a native Householder Sojourner Apprentice or Servant for the space of forty dayes. 1773 *Observ. State Poor* 77 Children whose parents settlements cannot be discovered and illegitimate children, are all settled wherever they are born. 1814 MAULE & SELWYN *K. B. Rep.* I. 380 If the pauper lived 40 days under that assignment we should hold him settled in the parish.

e. To furnish (a place) with inhabitants or settlers.

1702 *Propos. Effectual War in Amer.* 18 The..setling and fortifying that large Island of Newfoundland. 1768 J. BYRON *Narr. Patagonia* (ed. 2) 112 The country hereabouts ..is so circumstanced as to discourage the most sanguine adventurers from attempts to settle it. 1823 COBBETT *Rur. Rides* (1885) I. 321 Margate..is so thickly settled with stock-jobbing cuckolds at this time of year, that [etc.]. 1855 KINGSLEY *Westw. Ho!* xiii, Your..brother, sir, is better bestowed than in settling Newfoundland.

†**f.** To establish, set up (an institution, a business, etc.) in a particular town or country. *Obs.*

1582 N. LICHEFIELD tr. *Castanheda's Conq. E. Ind.* I. xxx. 75 He was come thether..to settle a trade in y^e^ citie. 1624 in Foster *Eng. Factories India* (1909) III. 16 Hee should have a howse and there to settell a factorye in his towne of Pullasera. 1645 DURYE *Israel's Call* (1646) 48 Next unto the Schooles of the Prophets (whereof besides the Universities, it were to be wisht that some lesser ones might be setled in every Province). 1687 A. LOVELL tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* II. 157 This might be made one of the richest Cities in the World, because of the commerce that might be settled there. 1705 DE FOE *Consolidator* Wks. 1840 IX. 354 They..settled a sub-cash, depending upon the grand bank, in every province of the kingdom. 1773 *Life N. Frowde* 6 Having by his frequent Voyages settled a good Correspondence on the Continent.

†**5.** To fix, implant (something) *in* (a person's heart, mind, etc.). *Obs.*

1560 INGELEND *Disob. Child* G ij, All such sayinges as in my mynde At the fyrst tyme ye studied to sattell. 1579 LODGE *Def. Poetry* 6 Witt hath wrought that in you, that yeares and studie neuer settled in the heads of our sagest doctors. 1607 SHAKS. *Timon* v. i. 54 What a Gods Gold..? 'Tis thou that Setlest admired reuerence in a Slaue. 1646 SIR T. BROWNE *Pseud. Ep.* I. ix. 37 [Poets' inventions] setling impressions in our tender memories, which our advanced judgements, doe generally neglect to expunge. 1690 LOCKE *Hum. Und.* IV. vii. § 11 Before Custom has setled Methods of Thinking and Reasoning in our Minds.

†**6.** To set firmly on a foundation; to fix (a foundation) securely. *lit.* and *fig. Obs.*

1560 BIBLE (Geneva) *Prov.* viii. 25 Before the mountaines were setled..was I begotten. 1583 H. HOWARD *Def. Pois. Supposed Prophesies* A j b, The higher any man will rayse his toppe, the lower must he settell hys foundation. 1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* II. xii. 1 That goodly frame of Temperaunce ..Formerly grounded and fast setteled On firme foundation of true bountyhed. 1604 E. G[RIMSTONE] *D'Acosta's Hist. Indies* VI. xiv. 461 The water is so deep as they can not settle any foundation. 1666 STILLINGFL. *Serm.* (1673) 21 That the glory of the City may not be laid upon the tears of the Orphans and Widows, but that its foundations may be setled upon Justice and Piety.

II. To come to rest after flight or wandering.

†**7.** *intr.* To take a seat, sit down (? OE.). Of the sun: To set. *Obs.*

[*c* 1000 ? Implied in *setlung*, sitting down, setting (of the sun), *Lambeth Ps.* CXXXVIII. 2, *Sax. Leechd.* III. 266.] *c* 1350 *Will. Palerne* 2452 Till þe semli sunne was setled to reste.

8. Of a bird, flying insect: To take up a position of rest from flight; to alight *on* something.

13.. *K. Alis.* 484 Him thoughte a goshauk with gret flyght Setlith on his beryng [*MS. Bodl.* settleþ on his herbergeynge]. *Ibid.* 488 A dragon out of his den flygth..And setled [*MS. Bodl.* settleþ]..On the stude there the quene was. 1728 *Congress of Bees* in *Arbuthnot's Misc. Wks.* (1751) II. 135 The Bees..all settled. 1791 COWPER *Yardley Oak* 91 Time was, when, settling on thy leaf, a fly Could shake thee to the root. 1845 J. COULTER *Adv. in Pacific* iii. 29, I have often seen flocks of snipe..settling to the left of the town. 1859 TENNYSON *Merlin & V.* 221 The gnat That settles, beaten back, and beaten back Settles. 1875 *Encycl. Brit.* I. 260/1 The common blue fly which settles on meat.

fig. 1601 Shaks. *All's Well* III. i. 21 All the honors that can flye from vs, Shall on them settle. 1611 — *Wint. T.* IV. iii. 106 This man..(hauing flowne ouer many knauish professions) he setled onely in Rogue. 1781 Cowper *Retirem.* 672 A mind..after poising her advent'rous wings, Settling at last upon eternal things. 1842 Tennyson *Gard. Dau.* 220 We coursed about The subject most at heart, more near and near, Like doves about a dovecote, wheeling round The central wish, until we settled there.

b. Of things, esp. flying or floating objects, also *transf.* and *fig.* of darkness, silence, etc.: To come down and remain.

13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* C. 409 Muche sorȝe þenne satteled vpon segge Ionas. *c* 1380 *Sir Ferumb.* 3281 þat fyr þat setlede so on þe walle ȝerne hit gan to brenne. 1715 Pope *Iliad* IV. 527 Shades eternal settle o'er his eyes. 1779 *Mirror* No. 50 P 4 A deep gloom settled on his spirits. 1802 Mar. Edgeworth *Moral T.* (1816) I. 232 The dust which had settled on the white figures. 1810 Scott *Lady of L.* I. iii. And silence settled, wide and still, On the lone wood. 1829 *Chapters Phys. Sci.* 239 The dog had inhaled the noxious air which, sinking to the bottom, had settled there. 1864 E. Yates *Broken to Harness* I. xv. 271 You find..a yellow fog settling down. 1866 G. Macdonald *Ann. Q. Neighb.* III. ix. 208 Suddenly from out of the dark a hand settled on my arm. 1890 R. Bridges *Shorter Poems* III. ii. 3 The snow came flying..Stealthily and perpetually settling and loosely lying.

9. To come together from dispersion or wandering. †**a.** Of a body of persons: To direct their course to a common point. *Obs.*

?*a* 1400 *Morte Arth.* 2465 Thane the price mene prekes, and proues þeire horsez, Satilles to þe cete, appone sere halfes.

b. *Hunting.* Of hounds: To keep steadily to the scent.

1781 Beckford *Th. Hunting* xiv. 185 By this time his hounds get together, and settle to the scent. 1827 [Apperley] *Chace* (1852) 44 The scent being good, every hound settles to his fox. 1885 *Field* 7 Feb. 148/2 The music of the pack as they settled to the line. 1897 *Encycl. Sport* I. 551/2 Hounds settle like bees upon the line.

10. Of things: To lodge, come to rest, in a definite place after wandering.

1622 Venner *Via Recta* (ed. 2) 190 Those crude and superfluous humors..fluctuating from part to part, doe at length settle and produce morbificall affects. *a* 1634 Chapman *Revenge for Hon.* v. i, Where like a fixt Star 't [*sc.* love's flame] settles, never to be removed thence. 1660 Stanley *Hist. Philos.* XI. ix. § 6 (1687) 764/2 The Earth at first wandred up and down..; but in time growing thick and heavy, it setled down immoveable. 1682 Creech *Lucretius* VI. 202 The Earth..Inclining only from its usual Plain, Then turns, and settles in its seat again. 1829 Scott *Anne of G.* ii, Down went the huge fragment,..settling at length in the channel of the torrent.

b. Of pain or disease: To establish itself *in* or *on* a definite part of the body.

1594 Kyd *Cornelia* III. i. 99 And suddainly..A chyl-cold shyuering (setled in my vaines) Brake vp my slumber. 1768 Earl Carlisle in Jesse *Selwyn & Contemp.* (1843) II. 301 A cold which chose to settle in my eyes. 1856 Julia Kavanagh *Rachel Gray* xvii, A cough settled on her chest. 1877 *Five Yrs. Penal Serv.* I. 26 Poor A. caught a cold he never recovered from; it settled on his lungs.

c. Of the wind: To become 'set' *in* (*at*, *into*) a specified quarter.

1626 Bacon *New Atl.* 1 But then the Winde came about, and settled in the West for many dayes. 1628 Digby *Voy. Mediterr.* (1868) 75 It continued all day verie foule weather ..: in the end it settled a stiffe gale at N.W. 1719 De Foe *Crusoe* I. (Globe) 40 [The hurricane] came about to the North-West, and then settled into the North-East. 1773 *Life N. Frowde* 140 A..Storm..which in the space of forty-eight Hours varied to every Point of the Compass, and at length, settled in the East by North.

d. Of affections, etc.: To come after wandering *to*, become fixed *on* an object.

1628 Feltham *Resolves* I. xxx. 95 Finding my affections settle to them [*sc.* the world's choicest solaces] without resistance, I cannot but distrust my selfe. 1639 S. Du Verger tr. *Camus' Admir. Events* 16 Friendship is not idle where it settles, it presently falls to worke. 1714 *Spect.* No. 605 P 6 When Time hath worn out their natural Vanity, and taught them Discretion, their Fondness settles on its proper Object. 1884 *Manch. Exam.* 17 May 4/7 The interest..which led to the inquiry too often evaporates or settles on some new object before it is finished.

11. Of persons: To cease from migration and adopt a fixed abode; to establish a permanent residence, take up one's abode, become domiciled. Also with *down*.

1627 Earl Manch. in *Buccleuch MSS.* (Hist. MSS. Comm.) I. 267, I hope to be settling at Kimolton for a while. 1685 Wood *Life* 1 Sept. (O.H.S.) III. 158 He setled for a time in Shropshire. 1719 De Foe *Crusoe* I. (Globe) 1 My Father being a Foreigner of Bremen, who settled first at Hull. 1779 Lady A. Howard in Jesse *Selwyn & Contemp.* (1844) IV. 235, I..go into Hertfordshire on Sunday. When I come to settle, I hope, Mr. Selwyn, you will do me the favour to call upon me. 1874 Green *Short Hist.* i. § 3. 25 If trouble befell the Christian preachers who came settling among them. 1891 *Law Times* XCII. 127/2 Riley had left his father's house..for America, where he intended to settle down. 1904 Dor. P. Hughes *Life H. P. Hughes* i. 6 When he finished his wanderings as a Methodist preacher..and settled in Carmarthen as a supernumerary.

b. Of a people: To take up its abode in a foreign country. Also, to establish a colony.

a 1682 Sir T. Browne *Tracts* (1683) 138 The Saxons settling over all England, maintained an uniform Language. 1700 Evelyn *Diary* 4 Feb., The Parliament voted against the Scots settling in Darien. 1726 Shelvocke *Voy. round World* 358 They are secure from the attempt of any European nation to settle on them. 1872 Freeman *Europ. Hist.* xiii. § 28 (1874) 277 So men tried to get more freedom by settling in distant lands. Thus the French Huguenots tried to settle in America.

indirect passive. 1845 J. Coulter *Adv. in Pacific* xi. 147 The greatest surprise I experienced was, that they [these islands] were not colonized and settled upon long before this.

12. = *to settle oneself* (sense 3). Sometimes of birds, etc. with mixture of sense 8. *To settle in*: to dispose oneself for remaining indoors.

1818 Scott *Rob Roy* xvii, The little irritable citizens [*sc.* bees], who were settling in their straw-thatched mansion for the evening. 1827–35 Willis *Idleness* 55 When..the birds settle to their nests. 1833 Lady Morgan *Mem.* (1862) II. 377 On my return, settled in to write. 1859 Tennyson *Geraint* 250 Like a clamour of the rooks At distance, ere they settle for the night. 1864 E. Yates *Broken to Harness* I. xv. 272 The inhabitants of the neighbouring houses had pulled their blinds down and settled in for the night. 1865 Kingsley *Herew.* xlii, The clang of the wild-fowl settling down to rest. 1902a 'M. Fairless' *Roadmender* 24 The child..extracted from the basket a small black cat, and settled in for the afternoon.

III. To descend, sink down; to lower. [From sense 8.]

13. To sink down gradually by or as by its own weight. Of the ground: To subside. Of a structure or part of a structure: To sink downwards from its proper level.

c 1315 Shoreham *Poems* I. 758 Ase oþer mete In-to þy wombe hyȝt sedlyþ. *c* 1330 R. Brunne *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 8186 Þen schok þe ground [*v.r.* þe grounde satled]. *c* 1440 *York Myst.* xxxiii. 248 Whan it [*sc.* a standard] sattles or sadly discendis. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 440/2 Saggyn, or sallyn [?*read* satlyn] (*P.* satelyn), *basso*. 1545 Ascham *Toxoph.* (Arb.) 131 For with shoting it [*sc.* the feather] wyll sattle and faule very moche. 1576 Lambarde *Peramb. Kent* 287 Y^e very earth..did continually, for euer after, setle and sinke downeward. *a* 1597 Peele *David & Bethsabe* II. iii. (1599) E j b, As doth the daylight settle in the west. 1601 [see Sag *v.* 1]. 1693 Moxon *Mech. Exerc.* (1703) 256 These Arches..must be made of Bricks and Morter that are very good,..that they do neither settle nor give way. 1751 Labelye *Westm. Bridge* 76 The..Pier..was observed to settle. 1791 W. Hutchinson *Treat. Pract. Seamanship* 15 Which caused their..floors to sag downwards, so much as to make their hold stanchions amidships..settle from the beams. 1868 *Rep. U. S. Commissioner Agric.* (1869) 251 The single-row fence..must sag and settle toward the ground, if pleached without staking. 1898 Watts-Dunton *Aylwin* I. i, The *débris*..again falling and settling into new and permanent shapes. *Ibid.*, A great mass of loose earth settled, carrying me with it in its fall.

†**b.** *fig.* Of feeling, conviction: To sink deeply *into* (the mind, heart). *Obs.*

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 24225 And al þe baret þat he bar, It setteld [*Gött.* satlid] in þi hert ful sare. 1513 More in Grafton *Chron.* (1568) II. 814 This olde adage so sanke, and setled in my heade, that [etc.]. 1525 *St. Papers Hen. VIII*, IV. 361 And nowe the said newes doe satell and synke into the Scottes myndes. 1574 Dee in *Lett. Lit. Men* (Camden) 35 Onely God can make the perswasion of the truth hereof to settel into the bottom of your Lordships hart.

†**c.** ? *transf.* Of troops: To fall back, yield ground, retire. Also *trans.* (causatively). *Sc. Obs.*

1513 Douglas *Æneis* IX. xiii. 28 Turnus a lityl..Begouth frawart the bargane to withdraw, And sattyl towartis the ryveris syde alaw. 1535 Stewart *Cron. Scot.* (Rolls) III. 429 So cruell counter..Quhilk satlit hes the Sutheroun far abak Beȝond the place quhair that tha first began. *a* 1578 Lindesay (Pitscottie) *Chron. Scot.* (S.T.S.) I. 97 Ane companie of fresche men..como so fercelie wpoun the Earle of Huntlieis wangaird quhill they war compellit to satill a littill abak. *Ibid.* 275 Thay caosit the inglismen to sattill frome thame.

†**14.** *trans.* (*causatively*). **a.** To lower in condition; to reduce in degree. *Obs. rare.*

1338 R. Brunne *Chron.* (1810) 225 Þis legate Ottobone mad a cursyng hard..& som of þer heyres..it peyres, & som has satled sore. *c* 1350 *Will. Palerne* 4562 Þe comli quen of palerne oft crist þonked, þat..hade setteled hire sorwe so sone, þat was huge.

b. To lower (a commodity, rent) in price or value. Also *intr.*, to go down in price. *dial.*

1812 in W. Cudworth *Round abt. Bradford* (1876) 412 Mr. Joseph Dawson settled his coals at Wrose Pit from seven-pence to sixpence a load. 1868 Atkinson *Cleveland Gloss.* s.v., Corn's sattled a vast sen last market. Ah's quit at May-day gin he weeant sattle me [*i. e.* reduce my rent] a bit. 1886 *W. Somerset Word-bk.* s.v., Arter all this dry weather, an no keep, stock's bound to settle.

†**c.** To put *down* to the original place. (Cf. 2.)

1731 Miller *Gard. Dict.*, s.v. *Cucumis*, If you find your bed too hot, it is but raising up the Baskets..and when the violent Heat is over, they may be settled down again.

15. *Naut.* **a.** *intr.* Of a ship: To sink gradually; also with *down*.

1819 Byron *Juan* II. xliv, The ship was evidently settling now Fast by the head. 1836 *Uncle Philip's Convers. Whale Fishery* 289 The ship began to settle down in the water.

transf. 1818 Scott *Hrt. Midl.* i, The ancient vehicle used to settle quietly down, like a ship scuttled and left to sink. 1840 F. D. Bennett *Narr. Whaling Voy.* II. App. 174 The whale will occasionally sink in the horizontal position, or, as it is technically expressed, 'settle down'. 1873–5 Henley *In Hospital* xiii. *Bk. Verses* (1888) 22 Raised, he settled stiffly sideways: You could see the hurts were spinal.

b. *trans.* To diminish the height of, to reduce to a lower level (a deck, topsail). † Also, to cause (the land) to appear lower in the water by receding from it (cf. Lay *v.*[1] 5).

a 1625 *Nomenclator Navalis* (Harl. MS. 2301) To Setle a Deck. 1626 Capt. Smith *Accid. Yng. Seamen* 28 We shall haue wind, sattle your top sailes. 1669 Sturmy *Mariner's Mag.* I. ii. 17 Settle our fore and main Top-sails two thirds of the Mast down. 1704 J. Harris *Lex. Techn.* I, *Settle a Deck*, is the Word at Sea for taking a Deck lower than it was at first. 1769 Falconer *Dict. Marine* (1780), *Settled*, lowered in the water; as, we have settled the land, or sunk it lower, by sailing further out to seaward. This phrase is usually opposed to raising. 1867 Smyth *Sailor's Word-bk.*, *To settle*, to lower;..as..'we settled the land'. 'Settle the main topsail halliards', *i. e.* ease them off a little, so as to lower the yard.

16. *intr.* Of soil, loosely compacted materials: To subside into a solid mass. Of new masonry or brickwork: To become consolidated by its own weight and drying of the mortar.

1560 Ingelend *Disob. Child* F j, I wyll make thy skyn to rattell, And the braynes in thy Scull more depely to sattell. 1618 W. Lawson *New Orch. & Garden* vii. (1623) 20, I shake the Set easily to and fro, to make the earth settle the better to his roots. 1664 Gerbier *Counsel* II. 27 See the Morter well tempered, since if unequall in thicknesse; that which is thin, will cause the work to settle more in one place then in the other. 1791 Mawe & Abercrombie *Every Man his own Gardener* 157 Shaking the plant gently as the earth is filled in, to cause it to settle close between all the roots and fibres. 1800 Wellington in Gurw. *Desp.* (1837) I. 60 The people cannot build more than about a foot and a half in a day which must be allowed to dry and settle for three or four days. 1828–32 Webster, *Settle*, to sink after being heaved, and to dry; as, roads settle in spring after frost and rain. 1886 *W. Somerset Word-bk.* s.v., 'Tis a maain gurt heap, but he on't look so big arter he've a settled a bit.

b. To shrink in size. *dial.* (? *obs.*) and *techn.*

1641 Best *Farm. Bks.* (Surtees) 12 When sheepe are first putte out of the closes into the field, they will sattle and goe backe extreamely for the space of a weeke. 1889 C. T. Davis *Bricks* v. 139 The bricks are now ready to shrink, or as it is termed in burning, to 'settle'.

c. *trans.* To cause to subside into a solid mass; to consolidate, compact. Also with *down*, *home*.

1611 Bible *Ps.* lxv. 10 Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly: thou settlest the furrowes thereof. 1669 Sturmy *Mariner's Mag.* v. xii. 68 With the Rammer give two or three strokes more to settle it home. 1673 Ray *Journ. Low C.* 123 Mud or Clay..which in tract of Time hath been setled together and hardned. 1706 E. Ward *Wooden World Diss.* (1708) 75 A short Breakfast upon the Crumbs of Comfort well settl'd down with a humming Stroke at the Brandy-Bottle. 1712 J. James tr. *Le Blond's Gardening* 106 The Earth should be trod upon to settle it. 1751 Labelye *Westm. Bridge* 91 They are all built..and both the Abutments of the Bridge compleated and settled. 1791 Mawe & Abercrombie *Ev. Man his own Gardener* 157 If they are watered as soon as planted, it will settle the earth about all the roots. 1828–32 Webster, *Settle*, to cause to subside after being heaved and loosened by frost; or to dry and harden after rain. Thus clear weather settles the roads. 1845 *Florist's Jrnl.* 33 Then give the whole a good watering to settle the soil.

IV. To come or bring to rest after agitation.

17. *intr.* Of a liquid: To become still after agitation or fermentation, so that the suspended particles or impurities are separated as scum or sediment. Also in figurative context.

c 1467 *Noble Bk. Cookry* (1882) 101 Sye it throughe a clothe and let yt stond and setelle. 1471 Ripley *Comp. Alch.* v. x: in Ashm. (1652) 150 For they together lyke lyquyd Pyche that tyde, Shall swell and burbyll, setyll, and Putrefye. 1530 Palsgr. 698/1 And so for wyne, or ale, or any thynge that fyrst swelleth and afterwarde sattylleth. 1560 Bible (Geneva) *Jer.* xlviii. 11 Moab..hathe setled on his lees, & hathe not bene powred from vessel to vessel. *a* 1634 Chapman *Trag. Chabot* I. i. 197 And not be like a dull and standing lake, That settles, putrefies, and chokes with mud. 1758 Reid tr. *Macquer's Chym.* I. 298 If you let the turbid water settle, and distill the sediment. 1799 G. Smith *Laboratory* I. 290 Pour the ingredients of the three glasses into one, stop them up, and let them settle. 1857 Miller *Elem. Chem., Org.* 361 The mixture is left to settle. 1866 Lowell *Study Wind.*, *Swinburne's Trag.*, Goethe, in whose capacious nature..the spiritual fermentation of the eighteenth century settled and clarified.

b. *trans.* To cause (liquor) to deposit dregs or work off impurities; to clarify.

1599 Sir J. Davies *Nosce Teipsum* Introd. xl, So working seas settle and purge the wine. 1883 *Harper's Mag.* Mar. 578/1 Should the coffee be settled with an egg or with fish-skin?

c. *Soap-making.* To refine or purify (soap) by fusing in water or weak lye.

1906 L. L. Lamborn *Manuf. Soap* ix. 343 Soap to be filled with soda-ash solution..may be settled finer or thinner; i. e., more heavily hydrated than the various kinds of soaps just mentioned.

18. *intr.* Of suspended particles or impurities in a liquid: To come to rest after agitation or disturbance; to collect as scum or sediment by gravitation; now chiefly (with mixture of sense 13), to sink to the bottom as sediment. Also *to settle out*. Also *fig.*

c 1420 *Pallad. on Husb.* XII. 480 Whanne her dregges sattled doun heth go. *c* 1425 tr. *Arderne's Fistula* etc. 59 Poudry resolucions which..ar..putte out with þe vryne. And for þai ar heuy and erþi þai satle in þe grounde. 1626 Bacon *Sylva* § 14 The Wine setling in the top..and the Water descending & setling in the bottome. 1630 R. Johnson *Kingd. & Commw.* 14 The melancholike [humours].. remaine, and as dregges settle at the base of all their actions. 1634 Milton *Comus* 595 But evil..shall..mix no more with goodness, when at last Gather'd like scum, and setl'd to it self It shall [etc.]. 1678 Moxon *Mech. Exerc.* vi. 102 Especially if the Small Beer chance to be new, and its Yest not well settled from it. 1695 Woodward *Nat. Hist. Earth* II. 75 That which had the least Gravity sinking not down till last of all, settling at the Surface of the Sediment.

1860 Maury *Phys. Geog. Sea* (Low) xiv. § 587. 326 When they die their shells settle to the bottom. 1883 Haldane *Workshop Rec.* Ser. II. 302/2 The liquor is kept..in a fluid condition, to allow mechanical impurities to settle out.

19. Of passion: To subside, calm down. Of the brain, mind, etc.: To become calm or composed.

1591 Savile *Tacitus, Hist.* II. xv. 61 The feare, which at first is most terrible, settling by litle and litle. 1611 Shaks. *Wint. T.* IV. iv. 482 Then till the fury of his Highnesse settle Come not before him. 1680 Dryden *Span. Friar* II. i, Your fury then boil'd upward to a foam; But since this message came, you sink and settle, As if cold water had been pour'd on you. 1693 Prior *'While blooming Youth'* 28 The Heat, with which thy Lover glows, Will settle into cold Respect. 1779 Johnson *Let. Mrs. Thrale* 28 Oct., I dined on Tuesday with *** and hope her little head begins to settle. 1818 Scott *Hrt. Mid.* xvi, Better let her mind settle a little. 1823 — *Quentin D.* xxviii, Risks which raise a man's blood so, that, by Saint Andrew, it will not settle for an hour or two.

b. Of persons: To become composed; to compose oneself *to* sleep; to come to a quiet or orderly state after excitement or restless activity. Also with *down*.

a 1578 Lindesay (Pitscottie) *Chron. Scot.* (S. T. S.) I. 111 He waxit irefull nganis all consperatouris bot zeit wald settill of his ire sa sune as they became penitent of thair offences and cryme. 1784 Cowper *Task* VI. 69, I again perceive The soothing influence of the wafted strains, And settle in soft musings as I tread The walk. 1848 Dickens *Dombey* xxxi, It is impossible to settle down after this, and why not go, in a party, to the play? 1896 Bodkin *Ld. Edw. Fitzgerald* xiii, Maurice Blake was too excited..to settle at once to sleep.

c. *To settle down*: To subside into indolence or contentment.

1853 F. W. Faber *All for Jesus* (1854) 328 It is incredible how soon people can make themselves comfortable in low things...If it were not for this fatal facility of *settling down* [etc.]. 1862 *Lady Morgan's Mem.* II. 22 Lady Morgan was always anxious that Sir Charles should exert himself and not settle down into indolent comfort.

20. *trans.* To quiet, tranquillize, compose (a person, his mind, brain, nerves, etc.); to allay (passion). Also *refl.*

1530 Palsgr. 698/1, I sattyll, or sober, or appayse my selfe from myne anger, or any passyon, *je me rassis.* 1550 Bale *Apol.* 30 If all thys wyll not sattle his wyld wytlesse head. *a* 1619 Fletcher *Mad Lover* IV. i, How still he sitts: I hope this Song has setled him. 1684 Bunyan *Pilgr.* I. (1900) 12 Hoping that sleep might settle his brains, with all haste they got him to bed. 1694 Congreve *Double Dealer* I. i, We'll..drink a dish of tea to settle our heads. 1833 Ht. Martineau *Manch. Strike* i. 8 A glass of gin..to settle him to his sleep. 1848 Leigh Hunt *Town* (1906) 581 [Charles II] was a rapid and constant walker, to settle his nerves. 1865 Trollope *Belton Est.* xiii, Cold pudding is good to settle a man's love.

b. *To settle the stomach*: to check vomiting or nausea.

1660a J. Davies *tr. Mandelslo's Trav.* 195 There is not any thing that..settles the stomack better than this herb doth. 1756 Mrs. Calderwood in *Coltness Collect.* (Maitland Club) 129 The minister..made a large pot of coffee,..declaring it to be the finest thing to settle the stomachs of the whole company. 1898 P. Manson *Trop. Dis.* vi. 122 Effervescing mixture often helps to clean the tongue and settle the stomach.

c. To recover from the effects of (drink).

1639 S. Du Verger tr. *Camus' Admir. Events* 62 They let him sleepe..and whilest he setles his drinke, the Duke prepares [etc.].

21. To quiet with a blow; to knock down dead or stunned; to finish, 'do for'.

c 1611 Chapman *Iliad* XIII. 587 It settled him, and set his spirit gone Amongst the hands of his best friends. 1660 Fuller *Mixt Contempl.* I. xxvii. 44 They [of Northamptonshire] used to say when at Cudgel playes..one gave his Adversary such a sound blow, as that he knew not whether to stand or to fall that he Settled him at a blow. *a* 1661 — *Worthies, Lancash.* (1662) I. 124 He [Lambert] at Preston gave the Scotch Army such a Blow, as setled or stun'd it. 1709 *Brit. Apollo* II. No. 44. 3/1 Clowns..Call it Settling a Man when they knock him down dead. 1738 Swift *Pol. Conversat.* 103 There's nothing will settle me but a Bullet. 1834 Dickens *Sk. Boz, Boarding Ho.*, 'She says she'll settle her missis's life,' replied Mrs. Tibbs. 'The wretch! they're plotting murder.' 1888 Kipling *Soldiers Three, In Matter of a Private*, 'Come to ——' langhed Simmons, sending a cartridge home with his thumb. 'Not before I've settled you an' Jerry Blazes.'

b. *To settle* (a person's) *hash*: see Hash *sb.* 3 b.

1822 A. Thornton *Don Juan* II. xii, Which..settled his hash, or, to speak in the language of real science, floored him.

c. To compel to cease from opposition or annoyance; to silence, nonplus.

1850 Dickens *Dav. Copp.* xi, [He] rebelled against my being so distinguished [as to be called by my Christian name], but Mick Walker settled him in no time.

† 22. In occasional physical uses: **a.** *trans.* To steady, keep from quivering. **b.** In *passive*, of the blood: To cease to move or pulsate. **c.** *intr.* of the eyes: To become set. *Obs.*

1592 Shaks. *Rom. & Jul.* IV. v. 26 Alas shee's cold, Her blood is setled and her ioynts are stiffe. 1615 G. Sandys *Trav.* 267 His tongue hung out and his eyes setled in his head. 1631 Gouge *God's Arrows* III. § 48. 273 To settle his hand, and to make it the more steddy..Aaron and Hur staid up his hands. 1824 Miss Ferrier *Inher.* viii, 'Miss Pratt!' cried the Earl, in a tone enough to have settled quicksilver itself.

23. *intr.* To come to an end of a series of changes or fluctuations and assume a definite form or condition. Const. *in, into.* Also *to settle down* (*to*).

1684 Burnet *Th. Earth* I. v. 53 The Chaos..was wrought by degrees from one form into another, till it setled at length into an habitable Earth. 1731 Arbuthnot *Aliments* vi. (1735) 191 Our Aliment in the Form of Chyle..is whitish; by..Circulation it runs through all the intermediate Colours, till it settles in an intense Red. 1828 D'Israeli *Chas. I*, II. ii. 32 The elements of war are often gradually accumulating before they settle into an open rupture. 1851-4 *Tomlinson's Cycl. Useful Arts* (1866) I. 775/2 [The ball of glass] settles by cooling into a form similar to that of Fig. 1078. 1858 Carlyle *Fredk. Gt.* VII. vi. II. 236 The Duke..blushed blue, then red, and various colours; at length settling into steady pale. 1859 *Habits of Gd. Society* vii. 250 This smile should not settle into a simper. 1900 'Q' *Old Fires* viii, Young men who have run through all beliefs by the age of twenty and settled down to a polite but weary atheism.

b. Of the weather: To become steadily fine. Also, *to settle (in) for*: to come gradually to a steady condition of (rain, frost, etc.).

1719 De Foe *Crusoe* I. (Globe) 106 As soon as the Rains were over, and the Weather began to settle. 1818 Scott *Rob Roy* xiv, Howsomever, I'm no denying that it may settle..till Monday morning. 1825 Hone *Every-day Bk.* I. 879 His cautious neighbour..waited for the weather to 'settle'. 1863 Mrs. Gaskell *Sylvia's L.* (ed. 2) I. xiv. 294 The air was very still, settling in for a frost. *Mod.* It seems to be settling for a storm.

c. *To settle down*: to drop into a regular or uniform rate of movement.

1899 *Daily News* 5 June 3/7 Sweet Mart colt settled down with a clear lead.

V. To render or become stable or permanent; to fix or become fixed in a certain condition.

24. *trans.* To ensure the stability or permanence of (a condition of things, a quality, power, etc.).

c 1386 Chaucer *Merch. T.* 2405 Til that youre sighte ysatled [*v.r.* ystabled] be a whyle Ther may ful many a sighte yow bigile. 1526 *St. Papers Hen. VIII*, IV. 441 Till the peax were some deall moore firmely satilled. 1569 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* I. 667 To settill and estableis universall peace. 1610 B. Jonson *Masques, Sp. Pr. Henry's Barriers* Wks. (1616) 969 Th' increase Of trades and tillage, ..Begun by him [Edw. I.], but settled and promoun'd By the third Heroe of his name. 1648-9 *Eikon Bas.* xiii. 106 Other violent motions..shall never either shake or settle my Religion. 1693 Locke *Educ.* § 41. 43 Thus much for the Setling your Authority over your Children in general. 1710 Paideaux *Orig. Tithes* IV. 172 After they had settled peace between the Father and the Son. 1748 *Anson's Voy.* III. vi. 345 The eastern monsoon was now, we reckoned, fairly settled. 1833 Tennyson *Lotos-eaters* 127 'Tis hard to settle order once again.

† b. To adopt firmly (an opinion, mental attitude). *Obs.*

a 1586 Sidney *Arcadia* I. (Sommer) 38 They rather increased new doubts, then gane him ground to settle any iudgement. 1697 Cibber *Woman's Wit* III. 34 When he does that, I shall know how to settle my Opinion. 1756 Tolderyv *Hist. a Orphans* IV. 210 Mr. Richmond had settled so great a respect for that accomplished gentleman, that he could not suffer him to depart [etc.].

25. To fix, make steadfast or constant (a wavering, irresolute or doubting person, heart, mind, etc.). Const. *in, to.*

1435 Misyn *Fire of Love* 99 Perfore my mynde to þi power take & make itt stabyll, þat..my mynde so in þe sattyld so in þi lufe byrne þat, with no channs..it be kelyd. 1535 Coverdale *Ecclus.* ii. 2 My sonne,..sattle thine hert, and be pacient. 1581 in Allen *Martyrdom Campion* (1908) 49 If a man were not setled in his religion this were inough to convert him. 1606 Shaks. *Ant. & Cl.* II. ii. 246 If Beauty, Wisedome, Modesty, can settle The heart of Anthony. 1611 Bible *Col.* i. 23 If ye continue in the faith grounded and setled. 1639 S. Du Verger tr. *Camus' Admir. Events* 52 He kept back his anger, and setled his minde to sufferance. 1643 Baker *Chron.* (1653) 475 All these being.. Papists yesterday, and to day Protestants, who being scarce setled in their Religion, how should they be setled in their Loyalty? *c* 1665 Mrs. Hutchinson *Mem. Col. Hutchinson* (1846) 26 There was no opinion which he was most settled in,..but he would patiently and impartially hear it debated. 1714 Swift *Public Spirit of Whigs* 5 It is a Pamphlet.. against the Ministry..; it will settle the Wavering, confirm the Doubtful. 1720 De Foe *Capt. Singleton* xix. (1840) 331 However, William settled my mind to more prudent steps than these. 1888 Mozley *Remin.* (ed. 2) I. 61 A sermon designed to recall and settle the troubled spirits of Oxford, ..in what to him was the faith and practice of his forefathers.

26. a. *refl.* To fix one's attention *upon* an object; to make up one's mind *to do* something; to dispose or set oneself steadily *to* some employment. Now usually with mixture of sense 20, to compose oneself after excitement or restlessness and apply oneself quietly to work. (Often with *down*.) **b.** *intr.* In the same senses. † Also, to become fixed or steadfast *in* (affection, etc.).

a. 1530 Palsgr. 698/1 The mans mynde is so wandringe that he can sattell hym upon nothyng. 1548 Elyot *Dict., Comparare se ad respondendum*, to prepare or settle hym selfe to make an answere. 1576 Fleming *Panopl. Epist.* 356 Let vs take the nxe,..and settle our selues to cleaning and rineing. 1579 Hake *Newes out of Powles* i. (1872) B j b, Then Panle began..To settle forth him selfe to speake. *c* 1582 M. Phillips in *Hakluyt's Voy.* (1600) III. 432, I could neuer throughly settle my selfe to marry in that countrey. 1675 Duppa *Rules Devotion* 70 When thou art therefore setling thy self to thy devotions. 1833 Ht. Martineau *Briery Creek* iv. 78 When I settle myself down to my pursuits. 1881 Shorthouse *J. Inglesant* II. 378 After some talk of this nature we settled ourselves to our music and to tune our instruments.

b. 1576 Pettie *Petite Pallace* 65 She began to settle so surely in good wyl towardes him. 1667 Pepys *Diary* 1 June, It troubles me to see how hard it is for me to settle to it [*sc.* business] sometimes when my mind is upon pleasure. 1699 Dampier *Voy.* II. II. vi. 128 When the violent Storm..took us, I was but just settling to Work. 1756 Walpole *Let. Conway* 22 Jan., The Opposition, like schoolboys, don't know how to settle to their books again after the holidays. 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* lix, His daughter could not induce him to settle down to his customary occupations. 1865 Mrs. Gaskell *Wives & Dau.* I. xix. 215 She went down into the drawing-room, and could not settle to anything. 1883 *Law Times* LXXVI. 118/2 The horse..when checked..broke into a canter, and would not trot and settle down to its work afterwards.

27. To secure or confirm (a person) *in* a position of authority, an office; to install permanently, establish *in* an office, an employment.

a 1548 Hall *Chron., Hen. VI*, 187 b, When Kynge Henry was somewhat setteled in the realme of Scotlande. 1553 Bale *Vocacyon* 42, I thought my selfe..wele satteled in the bishoprycke of Ossorye. *a* 1586 Sidney *Arcadia* II. (Sommer) 180 After the death of Tiridates, and setling Erona in her gouernement. 1634 Sir T. Herbert *Trav.* 35 He beheaded and strangled most of them..to settle himselfe in a more quiet tyranny. 1660 Wood *Life* Dec. (O. H. S.) I. 360 Many..being absent from the University either to get, or settle themselves in their preferments. 1694 E. Chamberlayne *Pres. St. Eng.* III. i. (ed. 18) 356 How a Clergyman becomes settled in a Living. 1705 De Foe *Consolidator* Wks. 1840 IX. 354 They went on to settle themselves in all sorts of trade in open companies. 1857 Kingsley *Two Y. Ago* I. i, He had made to himself a practice large enough to enable him to settle two sons well in his own profession.

b. (Chiefly *Sc.* and *U.S.*) To appoint (a minister) to the charge of a parish; also, to appoint a minister to (a parish). In U.S. also *intr.*: see quot. 1828–32.

1719 Wodrow *Corr.* (1843) II. 448 The Presbytery of Ayr are appointed..to go on and settle the parish. 1726 *Ibid.* III. 253 That Mr. Chambers being now settled, the Magistrates..and Communicants in Aberdeen..could not be deprived of him. 1756 in [N. Morren] *Ann. Gen. Assembly Ch. Scot.* (1840) II. 77 That the blood of the parish of Nigg would be required of them if they should settle a man to the walls of the kirk. 1773 Boswell *Johnson* 1 May, In some cases the Presbytery having refused to induct or settle, as they call it, the person presented by the patron. 1828–32 Webster, *Settle*, to be ordained or installed over a parish, church or congregation. A. B. was invited to *settle* in the first society in New Haven. 1890 Mary E. Wilkins *Faraway Melody*, etc. 32 He was settled over a neighbouring parish [New England].

28. To establish (a person) in the matrimonial state. Phr. *to settle in the world* or *in life.* Now chiefly *refl.* and *pass.*

1566 Kinwelmarshe *Jocasta* I. in *Gascoigne's Wks.* (1907) I. 247 Thou knowst what care my carefull father tooke, In wedlockes sacred state to settle me With Laius. 1693 Dryden *Ovid's Met.* IX. *Iphis & Ianthe* 70 The fond Father thought the time drew on Of settling in the World his only Son. Ianthe was his choice. 1704 Steele *Lying Lover* II. i. 27, I therefore have resolv'd to settle thee, and chosen a young Lady, witty, prudent, rich and fair. 1772 Foote *Nabob* III. (1778) 71 And as to my young cousins within, I hope we shall be able to settle them without Sir Matthew's assistance. 1825 T. Hook *Sayings* Ser. II. *Doubts & F.* iii, The prudent gentlewoman..wishes to settle her daughter. 1831 T. L. Peacock *Crotchet Castle* v, I have been very much in love; but now I am come to years of discretion, and must think..of settling myself advantageously. 1864 Trollope *Can you forgive her?* vii, How are you to settle yourself in life if you don't care for them [*sc.* amusements]?

b. *intr.* 'To establish a domestic state' (J.); chiefly in phr. *to marry and settle, to settle in life.*

1718 Prior *Alma* II. 49 As people marry now, and settle, Fierce love abates his usual mettle. 1738 Swift *Pol. Conversat.* 102 Why don't you marry, and settle? 1822 De Quincey *Conf.* 29 My landlady..had but lately married away and 'settled' (as such people express it) for life. 1830 M. T. Sadler *Law Popul.* I. 564 Their very object in leaving their native countries is to settle in life, a phrase that needs no explanation.

† 29. To establish (a person) in legal possession of property. *To be settled of*: to be seised of.

1617 Moryson *Itin.* II. 10 This man dying without heires males, his said brother came up to the State, that he might be setled in his inheritance. 1647 N. Bacon *Disc. Govt. Eng.* I. xli. (1689) 64 If the man was settled of such estate..and died, his Wife surviving,..she had her Dower, or third part of such estate of inheritance.

30. To secure (payment, property, title) *to*, *on*, or *upon* (a person) by decree, ordinance, or enactment.

1625 Burges *Pers. Tithes* 32 By yeelding that to be a Due, which the Law hath setled vpon the Minister. 1651 Hobbes *Leviath.* III. xl. 250 The succession to that Office was setled upon Aaron, and his heirs after him. 1659 Milton *Consid. Means to remove Hirelings* title-p., Wherein is also discourc'd..whether any maintenance of ministers can be settl'd by law. 1697 Dryden *Æneid* I. 8 He..setl'd sure Succession in his Line. 1708 *Constit. Watermen's Co.* lv, So much Money as shall from time to time be settled to and for each of them in the Poor's List. 1765 Blackstone *Comm.* I. i. iii. 207 They therefore settled the crown, first on king William and queen Mary..for their joint lives. 1859 Miss Piddington *Last of Cav.* xxxiv, The conditions on which the crown was to be settled. 1863 H. Cox *Inst.* III. iii. 620 The statute settling the present title to the Crown.

b. Of a private individual: To secure (property, succession) *to*, *on* or *upon* (a person) by means of a deed of settlement.

a 1661 Fuller *Worthies, Somerset.* (1662) II. 37 She would have settled on that House Lands to the value of five hundred pounds *per annum.* *a* 1700 Evelyn *Diary* 6 Jan. 1692, Boyle..had settled a fund for preachers who should preach expressly against Atheists [etc.]. 1711 Addison *Spect.* No. 106 P 6, I..have settled upon him a good Annuity for Life. 1766 Blackstone *Comm.* II. 137 It became usual, on mar-

riage, to settle by express deed some special estate to the use of the husband and his wife, for their lives, in joint-tenancy or jointure. 1818 Cruise *Digest* (ed. 2) IV. 285 A tenant for life, with power to settle a jointure. 1844 J. Williams *Real Prop.* (1877) 103 The modern English custom of settling the family estates on the eldest son. 1884 Flor. Marryat *Under Lilies* xiii, The day that Miss Rayne becomes Lady Coombe, I will settle a thousand a year on her for her private use.

c. *absol.* To make a jointure (see Jointure *sb.* 4). 1713 Garth *Epil. to Cato*, He sighs with most Success that settles well.

† d. *intr.* Of an estate: To pass legally. *Obs.* *a* 1626 Bacon *Use of Law* (1629) 65 Vpon Feofments and Recoveries, the estate doth settle as the vse and intent of the parties is declared..before the Acts was done.

31. *trans.* To subject to permanent regulations, to set permanently in order, place on a permanent footing (institutions, government); to bring (a language) into a permanent form.

1597 Hooker *Eccl. Pol.* v. lxxvi. § 4. 223 The greatest felicitie they wish to the common wealth..is that..no faulte may be capitall besides dislike of things setled in so good termes. 1629 Selden in *Lett. Lit. Men.* (Camden) 143 For the Library is not yet so setled as that books may not be lent if the founder will. 1642 J. M[arsh] *Argt. conc. Militia* 1 The King refusing to settle the Militia for the defence and securitie of his people. 1643 Baker *Chron.* (1653) 93 King Richard at his going out of England, had so well setled the Government of the kingdome, that [etc.]. 1659 Milton *Treat. Civ. Power Eccl. Causes* 44 [They] who think the gospel..cannot stand or continue..unless it be enacted and settled, as they call it, by the state. 1662 *Bk. Com. Prayer, For the High Court of Parlt.*, That all things may be so ordered and setled by their endeavours, upon the best and surest foundations. 1712 Swift *Propos. Corr. Eng. Tongue* 45 If You will not take some Care to settle our Language, and put it into a state of Continuance. 1849 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* v. I. 575 The government should be settled on principles favourable to liberty. 1874 Green *Short Hist.* viii. § 10 They proceeded at once to settle the Government on a Parliamentary basis. 1886 T. L. K. Oliphant *New Engl.* II. 1 Tyndale, Coverdale, and Cranmer had done so much to settle our language.

absol. *a* 1700 Evelyn *Diary* 19 Aug. 1660, The National Assemblies beginning to settle, and wanting instruction. 1718 Prior *Solomon* II. 704 Her Will alone could settle or revoke; And Law was fix'd by what She latest spoke.

† b. To vest the control of (something) *in* a person. *Obs.*

1671 E. Chamberlayne *Pres. St. Eng.* II. 279 Besides, the fore-mentioned forces there is the standing Militia,..setled in the King.

c. *To settle one's estate, one's affairs*: to arrange for the disposal of one's property, the payment of one's debts, etc., esp. with a view to one's death, removal to a distance, or retirement from business. Occas. with *up*.

In the first quot. perh. rather: to render one's worldly position secure (sense 24).

1652 Bp. Hall *Rem. Wks.* (1660) 144 Oh the poor and base thoughts of men! How may I raise my house? how may I settle my estate? *a* 1700 Evelyn *Diary* 10 Sept. 1647, Being call'd into England to settle my affaires after an absence of about 4 yeares. 1710 Steele *Tatler* No. 164 ₱ 6, I several months since made my Will, settled my estate, and took leave of my friends. 1719 De Foe *Crusoe* II. (Globe) 555 He had settled all his affairs so well at Bengal, and left his Effects in such good Hands, that [etc.]. 1884 J. Gilmour *Mongols* xxxi. 363 They..are expected to settle up their affairs and return to their remote abodes. 1894 A. Robertson *Nuggets* 84 Besides, hasn't he settled his affairs—made his will, in fact, most sensibly.

VI. To fix (what is uncertain), to decide (a question).

32. To appoint or fix definitely beforehand, to decide upon (a time, place, plan of action, price, conditions, etc.); † to adjust (one's action) *to* something.

1596 Dalrymple tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* ix. II. 158 The Wardanis setlis a day. 1608 Chapman *Byron's Trag.* III. i. 50 My lord, I stand not on these deep discourses To settle my course to your fortunes. 1754 Cowper *Ep. R. Lloyd* 31 Thus, the preliminaries settled. 1782 Miss Burney *Cecilia* VI. v, His journey to Bristol was settled to take place in three days. 1798 Sophia Lee *Canterb. T., Young Lady's T.* II. 164 Having settled his route..[he] set out. 1825 Cobbett *Rur. Rides* (1885) II. 14 The allowance settled by the magistrates for a young, hearty, labouring man! 1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* I. IV. iv, The Hall is ready: the very costume [of the Deputies], as we said, has been settled. 1867 Mrs. Oliphant *Madonna Mary* III. xiv. 236, I came that it might be all settled out of hand. 1891 'J. S. Winter' *Lumley* iii, 'Then it's as good as settled,' he remarked, smiling broadly.

† b. To appoint or arrange (something to be done or to take place). *Obs.*

1694 Penn *Trav. Holland* 162 Being the first monthly meeting that was setled for Friesland. 1705 *New Jersey Archives* XI. 13 These are to give notice, That Her Majesty ..Hath settled Packet-Boats for the West-Indies. 1709 Steele *Tatler* 143 ₱ 3 There is a Stage-Coach settled from the One-Bell in the Strand to Dorchester.

c. To fix by mutual agreement.

1620 R. Cocks *Diary* (Hakl. Soc.) II. 122 Capt. Speck came .. to talke about going to Nangasaque to Gonrok Dono, to settell the price of the lead. 1687 Miege *Gt. Fr. Dict.* s.v., We have at last settled that Business. 1716 Addison *Freeholder* No. 23 ₱ 3, I think it is very convenient there should be a cartel settled between them. 1786 Mme. D'Arblay *Diary* 8 Aug., The conversation concluded with nothing being settled. 1824 Miss Ferrier *Inher.* viii, All these matters being settled, Miss Pratt then accepted the arm of her companion. 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* iv, If a dear girl has no dear Mamma to settle matters with the young man. 1896 Bodkin *Ld. Edw. Fitzgerald* xi, Meanwhile the two seconds were settling the fatal formalities in the library.

d. *intr.* To come to a decision; to decide *to do* something; to decide *upon* (a plan of action, an object of choice).

1782 Miss Burney *Cecilia* IV. vii, Two other young ladies, who were..settling to dance in the same cotillon. 1814 Mme. D'Arblay (Miss Burney) *Wanderer* (1817) I. 122 A comedy that we have been settling to massacre. 1833 Ht. Martineau *Manch. Strike* xii. 127 The masters met and settled that they would give no more than the medium wages. 1867 Mrs. Oliphant *Madonna Mary* III. xiii. 222 This was what Will had always intended and settled upon. 1885 H. Finch-Hatton *Advance Australia!* 196, I settled to shift my camp up the creek. 1886 Hardy *Mayor Casterbr.* xxiv, But settling upon new clothes is so trying.

33. *trans.* To decide, come to a fixed conclusion on (a question, a matter of doubt or discussion); to bring to an end (a dispute) by agreement or intervention.

1651 Hobbes *Leviath.* I. iv, 15 In Geometry..men begin at settling the significations of their words; which settling of significations, they call Definitions. 1666 Boyle *Orig. Formes & Qual.* III This being thus setled in the First place, we may in the Next consider, that [etc.]. 1716 Addison *Freeholder* No. 53 ₱ 3 Casuists..that will settle you the right of Princes. 1793 *Blackstone's Comm.* (ed. 12) I. 114 *note*, At the great council assembled in 1072, to settle the claim of precedence between the two archbishops. 1883 *Law Rep.* 11 *Q. B. Div.* 575 In settling the value of a copyhold fine. 1886 *Manch. Exam.* 16 Jan. 5/4 The dispute at Llandulas quarries has been settled. 1895 Rowlands in *Law Times* XCIX. 564/2 Now that this point has been definitely settled, it seems too clear for argument.

b. With indirect question as obj.

1796 Mme. D'Arblay *Camilla* I. 282 Mr. Tyrold intreated him to stay till they had settled how to get rid of the business. 1874 Symonds *Sk. Italy & Greece* (1898) I. xii. 237, I have to settle with myself what I mean by art in general.

c. Of a fact or argument: To be decisive of (a question).

1825 Coarbett *Hist. Prot. Reform.* (1899) xvi. § 468 There! that settles the matter. 1857 Kingsley *Two V. Ago* Introd., You shall see enough to-day to settle for you the question whether we old-country folk are in a state of decadence.

d. *Law.* To decide (a case) by arrangement between the contesting parties. More fully, *to settle out of court*.

1900 *Daily News* 14 Feb. 6/4 After one of the plaintiffs.. had been in the box, it was agreed to settle the case.

e. To put beyond dispute, establish (a principle, fact) by authority or argument.

1733 Arbuthnot *Ess. Effects Air* v. 97 Another Fact, settled by a fair Experiment of the ingenious Mr. Hales, is, that [etc.]. 1883 Kay in *Law Rep.* 24 *Chanc. Div.* 107 It is well settled that the transmissibility of contingent interest is a doctrine applying equally to real and personal estate.

34. *intr.* To arrange matters in dispute, to come to terms or agreement *with* a person.

1527 *St. Papers Hen. VIII*, I. 272, I have first depeched Mons^{r} Gregory, who, after he hathe satelled with Mons^{r} de Lotrik..shall [etc.]. 1647 *Caldwell Papers* (Maitland Club) I. 110 For my awin chargis..in settling w^{t} y^{e} ladie, and resaving of y^{e} rents. 1682 *Rec. Scott. Cloth. Manuf. New Mills* (S.H.S.) 33 Ordered thatt upon settleing with Smith in the teerms thatt the rest of the silk stocken men are upon thatt he have a gratuity of 3 legg dollars. 1800 Paget in *P. Papers* (1896) I. 191 It was not till yesterday that I was enabled to settle with the Master of an English Merchantman for my conveyance.

b. To make an arrangement, compound *with* a creditor.

1838 W. Bell *Dict. Law Scot.* 197 In extra-judicial arrangements for settling by composition, no creditor can be required to accept the composition offered, unless he pleases. 1855 Thackeray *Newcomes* II. xxxii. 294 The reverend Baptist Bellman..had helped himself to 73,000 l. more, for which he settled in the Bankruptcy Court. 1885 *Law Rep.* 15 *Q. B. Div.* 11 The underwriters of the ship ultimately settled with her owners at 88 per cent.

35. *trans.* To close (an account) by a money payment; to pay (an account, bill, score); also *dial.* to write 'settled' to a bill, to receipt (it).

1687 Miege *Gt. Fr. Dict.* s.v., To settle an Account, *regler un Conte.* 1765 Foote *Commissary* I. (1782) 26 Let us settle accounts, Mr. Paduasoy; you'll see no more of my money. 1840 Thackeray *Shabby-genteel Story* ii, [At the foot of a bill.] Settled, Juliana Gann. 1848 — *Van. Fair* xxxiv, I'd best go and settle the score. 1868 Atkinson *Cleveland Gloss.* s.v., Gan an' pay John Lewis' bill, an' mahnd an' git him to sattle 't.

fig. 1794 Mrs. Radcliffe *Myst. Udolpho* xxxiii, If I was they, I would settle accounts with myself, for all my hard fighting, the same way. 1852 Mrs. Stowe *Uncle Tom's C.* xvi. 148 What an awful account these wicked creatures will have to settle, at last, especially for being lazy! 1887 W. E. Norris *Major & Minor* III. xi. 199, I am here to settle accounts with you, my fine fellow. I suppose you thought it was a very safe thing to insult and desert a girl who had nobody at hand to protect her except an old man.

b. *absol.* or *intr.* To settle accounts by payment. Chiefly const. *with*.

1788 Clara Reeve *Exiles* III. 105, I was obliged to go to the inn to settle with the landlord. 1796 *Hist. Ned Evans* II. 192 He had still upwards of £300 in his hands, for which he would be ready to account whenever he chose to settle. 1827 Scott *Chron. Canongate* i, Some change that was due to me on settling with my landlady. 1844 Macaulay in Trevelyan *Life* (1876) II. 155, I then called to the steward, and pretended to be very anxious to settle with him about some coffee that I had taken. 1873 *Money Market* ix. (ed. 3) 113 The 'settling' days occur twice in each month, when the transactions of the preceding fortnight are settled for in cash. 1886 Elworthy *W. Somerset Word-bk.* s.v., I went and begged o' un vor to settle; he've a got a plenty o' money.

fig. *c* 1820 S. Rogers *Italy, Arqua* 40 When he had done and settled with the world.

VII. 36. Comb.: † **settle-brain**, something that calms the brain; **settle-down**, *nonce-wd.*, a flock settling down.

1629 Ford *Lovers Mel.* II. ii, Sir, is your stomacke vp yet? get some warme porredge in your belly, 'tis a very good settle-braine. 1640 Brome *Antipodes* v. vii, I have yet an entertainment for him, Of better Settle-braine, then Drunkards porridge. 1692 Tryon *Good Housew.* xxvi. 213 Coffee is the Drunkards Settle-brain. 1855 Browning *Cleon* 15 Like the chequer-work Pavement..Now covered with this settle-down of doves.

Se·ttleable, *a. nonce-wd.* [-able.] Capable of being settled.

1837 Moore *Mem.* (1856) VII. 202 He seemed to consider the whole thing as settled, or, at least, settle-able without any difficulty.

Settled (se·t'ld), *ppl. a.* [f. Settle *v.* + -ed^{1}.]

1. Of mental states, purposes, habits, etc.: Fixed, firmly embraced or implanted; become regular or customary; unchanging, undeviating.

1556 Heywood *Spider & F.* ii. 8 Oh sodayne sorowe, from setled solas. 1568 *Gismond of Salerne* IV. iii. 17 There stayed in me so settled trust, that thy chast life..wold not haue yelded to vnlawfull lust. 1599 Thynne *Animadv.* (1875) 12 But I judge the beste, for in dobtes I will not resolue with a settled iudgemente. *a* 1617 Hieron *Penance for Sin* xv. Wks. 1628 I. 235 A settled bent of the soule, in nothing to sinne against God. 1693 Norris *Pract. Disc. Div. Subj.* (1722) IV. 17 For alas what is a Mode or Fashion, but only a continued and settled Practice of a great Many? 1712 Addison *Spect.* No. 349 ₱ 7 He died under a fixed and settled Hope of Immortality. 1784 Cowper *Tiroc.* 778 Where ..His virtuous toil may terminate at last In settled habit and decided taste. 1796 Southey *Mary, Maid of the Inn* i, Her silence implies The composure of settled distress. 1856 *N. Brit. Rev.* XXVI. 41 To remain to the end of life destitute of any settled religious opinions. 1874 Green *Short Hist.* iv. § 5 It was his settled purpose to fling off the yoke of the Baronage.

b. Of the mind, character, etc.: Rendered staid, steadfast, or sober.

1557 *Tottel's Misc.* (Arb.) 203 Pacience thy setled minde dothe guide and stere. 1604 Shaks. *Ham.* (Qo. 2) IV. vii. 81 For youth no lesse becomes The light and carelesse liuing that it weares Then setled age, his sables, and his weedes. 1611 — *Wint. T.* v. iii. 72 No setled Sences of the World can match The pleasure of that madnesse. 1650 H. More *Observ.* in *Enthus. Tri.* (1656) 96 What you have delivered ..concerning the Soul of man..might become a man of a more settled brain than Anthroposophus. 1670 Dryden *Tyr. Love* II. i. 16 Nor pride nor frenzy, but a setled mind. 1821 Scott *Kenilw.* xli, Wayland, now a man of settled character.

c. Of the countenance or bearing: Indicating a settled purpose, mind, character, etc.

a 1586 Sidney *Arcadia* II. (Sommer) 111 With a setled countenance, not accusing any kind of inwarde motion. 1603 Shaks. *Meas. for M.* III. i. 90 This outward sainted Deputie, Whose setled visage, and deliberate word Nips youth i'th head. 1622 Mabbe tr. *Aleman's Guzman d'Alf.* I. 225 With..a graue countenance, a settled gate, and words well plaste. 1680 Otway *Orphan* II. iv, In your settled Face And clouded Brow methinks I see my Fate. 1825 Scott *Betrothed* xv, Rose saw her cheek assume a paler but more settled hue, instead of the angry hectic which had coloured it. 1839 G. Darley *Nepenthe* II. 31 Antiquity, thou Titan-born! That..look'st with dim but settled eye O'er thy deep lap.

2. Of a matter in dispute, an arrangement, regulation, etc.: Determined, decided, enacted or agreed upon. Of a truth, a principle: Established, placed beyond dispute.

1579 Lyly *Euphues* (Arb.) 82, I finde it now for a setled truth, which earst I accompted for a vaine talke, that the purple dye will neuer staine [etc.]. 1638 Junius *Paint. Ancients* 11 It is then expedient that we should not wander, but rather follow a settled short way. 1662 J. Davies tr. *Olearius' Voy. Ambass.* 325 Those who are entertain'd into his Service have a setled pay at all times. 1666 Stillingfl. *Serm.* (1673) 21 That there be no complaining..in the Churches for want of a settled maintenance. 1749–50 Johnson *Rambler* No. 1 ₱ 1 The settled and regular forms of salutation which necessity has introduced into all languages. 1803 *Vesey's Chanc. Cases* (1827) XI. 537, I cannot upon any doubt of mine..shake what is the settled law upon the subject. 1860 Ruskin *Unto this Last* iv. § 60, I wish this were a settled question in London markets. 1870 Morris *Earthly Par.* III. 386 We look to have from him a settled day When we must change our faith or bide the worst.

b. Phr. *A settled thing* (or *matter*), used predicatively (often = something about which there is considered to be no room for doubt or question).

1818 Scott *Br. Lamm.* xxi, 'I thought', said he,..'that was a settled matter—they are continually together'. 1839 Thackeray *Stubb's Cal.* Apr. (1841) 305 She was told to call me her little husband; and she did; and it was considered a settled thing from that day. 1845 Disraeli *Sybil* v. vii, 'Is it a settled thing between Lady Joan and Mr. Mountchesney?' 'Not the slightest foundation...She is not in a hurry to marry'. 1853 Mrs. Gaskell *Cranford* vii, Still, it was not at all a settled thing that Mrs. Fitz-Adam was to be visited. 1864 E. Yates *Broken to Harness* I. xv. 272, The twilight had been a settled thing for at least an hour. 1868 H. Blackburn *Artists & Arabs* i. 7 At Marseilles, where..it is an understood and settled thing that every Englishman is on his way, to or from Italy or India.

3. Of affairs, an institution, or the like: Estab-

lished on a permanent footing and under fixed conditions or regulations.

1648–9 *Eikon Bas.* xvii. 149 Since the first Age,..not one Example can bee produced of anie settled Church, wherein were manie Ministers and Congregations, which had not som Bishop above them. 1650 HUBBART *Pill Formality* 152 Man ..In his most settled estate is altogether vanity. 1672–5 COMBER *Comp. Temple* (1702) 7 Such a liberty therefore cannot be granted in a setled Church. 1724 DE FOE *Mem. Cavalier* (1840) 259 The parliament had no settled army. 1765 JOHNSON *Shaks.* Wks. (1773) I. Pref. D8, Grammatical and settled languages. 1794 BURKE *Corr.* (1844) IV. 254 Settled governments have not the bold resources of new experimental systems. 1842 TENNYSON *'You ask me, why'* iii, A land of settled government. 1858 FROUDE *Hist. Eng.* xix. IV. 119 A settled age can imperfectly comprehend an age of revolution. 1883 P. H. HUNTER *Story Daniel* i. 8 At such time as this..when the settled order of things was breaking up.

4. Fixed in place or position; having a fixed abode.

1591 SHAKS. *1 Hen. VI*, II. v. 106 But now thy Vnckle is removing hence, As Princes doe their Courts, when they are cloy'd With long continuance in a settled place. 1611 BIBLE *1 Kings* viii. 13, I haue surely built thee an house to dwel in, a setled place for thee to abide in for euer. 1633 P. FLETCHER *Pisc. Ecl.* i. xvii, The setled rock seem'd from his seat remove. 1645 *Direct. Lords & Comm. for Elect. Ruling-Elders* 2 In the place where his most setled dwelling and imployment doth lie. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 9 Mar. 1652, No more intending to go out of England, but endeavour a settl'd life, either in this or some other place. 1735 JOHNSON *Lobo's Abyssinia* Descr. i. 47 They..live like the Arabs, without any settled Habitation. 1830 M. T. SADLER *Law Popul.* i. ix. 146 Since mankind have become more settled and numerous. 1862 STANLEY *Jew. Ch.* (1877) I. x. 191 Becoming a settled..instead of a nomadic people.

b. Of an ailment: Fixed in the system.

1811 LADY MORGAN *Mem.* (1862) I. 479 A bad cold and a settled cough.

5. Of weather of a specified character: Established and maintaining itself without change or break (cf. SET *a.* 6 c). Of wind: Blowing continuously in one direction.

1628 DIGBY *Voy. Mediterr.* (1868) 8 The current did then sett strongly out of the straightes, which I vnderstand is vsuall after settled Leuant windes. 1710 *Loyal Mourner* 9 The smiling Aspect of Earth, Sea, and Air, All for a lasting Calm, and Settled Fair. 1719 DE FOE *Crusoe* i. (Globe) 72 Now it began to be settled fair Weather. 1737 [S. BERINGTON] *G. de Lucca's Mem.* (1738) 143 It was the most settled and downright Rain (as the Saying is) that ever I saw. 1798 S. ROGERS *To Friend on Marr.* Poems (1812) 162 And settled sunshine on her soul descend! 1818 BYRON *Juan* i. CXCVI, As roll the waves before the settled wind. 1837 SOUTHEY *Poems* IV. Pref., Raising my spirits to the degree of settled fair. 1870 L'ESTRANGE *Life Miss Mitford* I. v. 136 What is a thunder shower..to settled, set-in, bad weather?

b. Of weather (without other specification): Calm and fine.

1717 in J. O. Payne *Rec. Eng. Catholics 1715* (1889) 156 Such brave settled weather as't has been ever since you left us. 1731 MILLER *Gard. Dict.* s.v. *Cucumis*, Towards the latter End of May, when the Weather appears settled and warm. 1830 T. MOORE in *Lady Morgan's Mem.* (1862) II. 312, I am preparing to take advantage of the very first appearance of more settled weather.

†**6.** Of a liquid: Not flowing, stagnant, coagulated. Also of wine: That has 'settled on the lees'.

1597 SHAKS. *2 Hen. IV*, IV. iii. 112 The warming of the Blood: which before (cold, and setled) left the Liuer white, and pale. 1604 DRAYTON *Moyses* II. 36 The fleet hurrying flood..As a black lake or setled marish stood At th'extension of the Hebrewes wand. 1659 HOWELL *Vocab. Arts & Sci.* xviii, Settled wine; *vin riposato*; *vin rassis*. 1681 CROWNE *Hen. VI*, IV. 58 His Face is black and swell'd with settled Blood.

7. That has sunk down or subsided. Of earth: Compacted, consolidated.

1642 HEXHAM *Princ. Art Milit.* II. (ed. 2) 48 The stopping which is made newly is not so firme as the old setled Earth, which hath lain a long time in it. 1751 LABELYE *Westm. Bridge* 80 The further Loading of the settled Pier would be dangerous.

8. Of a person: Established in life, esp. by marriage; brought into a regular way of life.

a 1706 EVELYN *Mrs. Godolphin* (1888) 128 Wee will looke vpon this Lady now, as a setled Woman, and in the Armes of that excellent Person the most worthy to possess her. 1777 SHERIDAN *Sch. Scandal* II. iii. Plays (1902) 169 Mercy on me—He's greatly altered—and seems to have a settled married look. 1884 'C. E. CRADDOCK' (Miss Murfree) *In Tennessee Mts.* 83 A settled married man, a-behavin' no better 'n them fool boys.

b. Established in an office or living; *spec.* of Presbyterian ministers (cf. SETTLE *v.* 27 b).

1773 *Ann. Reg.* 148 Mrs. Greeve was to have procured the place of a settled-tidesman for Mr. John Smith. 1785 *Gentl. Mag.* LXIV. II. 391 The settled Relief minister at Irvine. *a* 1817 T. DWIGHT *Trav. New-Eng.* (1823) IV. 397 In the year 1798 there were..two hundred and forty-two ministers; of whom thirty-three were without any charge; or, in the language of New-England, were not settled ministers.

9. Of an estate or property: Secured to a person by a legal act or agreement; held by a tenant for life under conditions defined by the deed.

1856 *Act* 19 & 20 *Vict.* c. 120 (*title*), An Act to facilitate Leases and Sales of Settled Estates. *Ibid.* § 1 The Term 'Settled Estates'..shall signify all Hereditaments..and all Estates..which are the Subject of a Settlement. 1882 *Act* 45 & 46 *Vict.* c. 38 (*title*), An Act for facilitating Sales, Leases, and other dispositions of Settled Land. 1889 *Wharton's Law Lex.* (ed. 8), *Settled land*, land limited by way of succession, to a person other than the person for the time being entitled to the beneficial enjoyment thereof.

10. Of a country: Peopled with new-comers; colonized. Also *settled-up*.

1831 SIR J. SINCLAIR *Corr.* II. 12 In the settled part of it, the land is divided into smaller farms. 1839–40 W. IRVING *Wolfert's Roost*, etc. *R. Ringwood* (1855) 196, I had relatives in Lexington, and other settled places. 1897 BEATRICE HARRADEN *Hilda Strafford* 146 She had seen some of those settled-up parts.

11. Of soap: Refined by fusing in water or weak lye.

1898 G. H. HURST *Soaps* vii. 228 Three chief varieties of hard soap..known as 'curd', 'fitted', or, in America, 'settled', and 'run' soaps. 1906 L. L. LAMBORN *Manuf. Soap* ix. 328 Settled Rosined Soap.

†**Se'ttledly,** *adv. Obs.* [-LY 2.] In a settled manner.

1602 WARNER *Albion's Eng.* XIII. Epit. 360 The first King dome..was Kent...It setledly began about the yeere..475. *a* 1617 HIERON *Penance for Sin* xviii. Wks. 1628 I. 263 When hee doth aduisedly, and setledly, and with deliberation and purpose doe that which is naught. 1635 STRAFFORD *Lett.* (1739) I. 412 To shew you how cheerfully and settledly I remain Your Lordship's..most humble Servant, Wentworth. 1668 H. MORE *Div. Dial.* IV. ii. (1713) 291 Those that either slight or misbelieve Christianity..do not seriously or settledly believe there is a God. 1692 T. BEVERLEY *Concil. Disc.* 5 Men, among whom Scripture is setledly receiv'd.

Settledness (se't'lднēs). [-NESS.] The state or quality of being settled (in various senses).

Frequent in 17th c.

1571 GOLDING *Calvin on Ps.* i. 1 The 'seate' by which word he betokeneth..the settlednesse that is concieued of the continuall custome of lining. 1607 BEAUMONT *Woman Hater* v. iii, *Coun.* You are your self my Lord, I like your setel'dnes. 1622 MABBE tr. *Aleman's Guzman d'Alf.* i. 151 Their eyes [turn] to a swolne settlednesse & dulnesse of look. 1642 FULLER *Holy & Prof. St.* III. xxiv. 221 § 1 The Scythian wandring Nomades,..wanting both civility and settlednesse. 1648 BP. HALL *Breath. Devout Soul* xxxiv. 53 Lord, work my heart to so firme a settledness upon thee, that it may never be shaken. 1663 BP. PATRICK *Parab. Pilgr.* xxiii. (1665) 248 Setledness and stediness of mind. *a* 1676 HALE *Prim. Orig. Man.* II. vii. (1677) 196 The Antiquity and Setledness of this Monarchy. *a* 1866 GROTE *Exam. Utilit. Philos.* xii. (1870) 195 The discriminateness or settledness, with which moral notions present themselves to the mind. 1875 J. H. RIGG *Living Wesley* II. ii. 43 The pleasant and old-fashioned settledness of the town of Epworth. 1877 BRYCE *Transcaucasia & Ararat* i. 25 The general want of settledness [in Russia] is seen in the ease with which the population move from place to place.

Settlement (se't'lмёnt). [f. SETTLE *v.* + -MENT.] **I.** The placing of persons or things in a fixed or permanent position.

1. The act of fixing (a thing, material or immaterial) in a secure or steady position; the state of being so fixed; a fixed or steady position.

1648 BP. HALL *Breath. Devout Soul* § 3. 3 Can ye hope to finde rest in any of these sublunary contentments. Alas? how can they yeeld any stay to you, that have no settlement in themselves? 1677 YARRANTON *Engl. Improv.* 5 The Winds and Tide trouls them [*sc.* the Sands], and give them a settlement along the Shores. 1825 SCOTT *Talism.* xii, Bring, if thou canst, thy wavering understanding to a right settlement for a minute or two. 1837 DISRAELI *Venetia* I, xii, A vast trunk uprooted from its ancient settlement. 1902 ALLAUTT in *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 10) XXX. 611/2 Even more set diseases began to lose their settlements, and were recognized as terms of series, as transitory or culminating phases.

2. Establishment of a person in life, in marriage, in an office or employment.

1651 WALTON *Life Wotton* in *Reliq. Wotton.* c 4 b, This [*sc.* the Provostship of Eton Coll.] was a faire settlement for his minde. 1660 R. COKE *Justice Vind.* 21 A magistrate of an hour's settlement is as much a magistrate as if he had been one never so long. 1692 R. L'ESTRANGE *Fables* ccxci. 254 Every Man..Applies himself..toward the Attaining of his End; whether it be Honour, Wealth, Power, or any other sort of Advantage, or Settlement in the World. 1749 SMOLLETT *Gil Blas* III. i. (1782) I. 212, I shall find no difficulty in procuring for you a good settlement. 1788 GIBBON *Decl. & F.* lii. V. 445 Thirty thousand Persians, who had obtained service and settlement in the Byzantine empire. 1861 MRS. H. WOOD *E. Lynne* xii, That Mr. Carlyle was not of rank equal to her own she scarcely remembered: East Lynne seemed a very fair settlement in life, superior to the home she was now in. 1861 *Two Cosmos* I. 294 Contrary to all that Mr. Caird had ever dreamed or planned for a settlement of his daughter in the married state.

3. Legal residence or establishment in a particular parish, entitling a person to relief from the poor rates; the right to relief acquired by such residence.

1662 *Act 14 Chas. II*, c 12 § 3 If the person..shall not returne to the place aforesaid when his..worke is finished.. it shall not bee accounted a Settlement in the cases abovesaid. 1689 in G. T. Lawley, *Hist. Bilston* (1893) 59 Forasmuch as some persons by sculking w[i]n this Constablewick, have surreptitiously gain'd a settlement here. 1704 J. CHAMBERLAYNE *St. Gt. Brit.* I. III. x. (ed. 21) 425 There is a Workhouse in Bishopsgate-Street, for employing..all such as have no Settlement. 1722 DE FOE *Plague* (1754) 113 Many of them were without what we call legal Settlements, and so could not claim of the Parishes. 1791 'G. GAMADO' *Ann. Horsem.* (1809) xvii. 138 But I soon convinced 'em he had not staid long enough in the parish to gain a settlement. 1857 A. MAYHEW *Paved with Gold* Introd. iii, At one Union..they had told her that she must go back to where she had been born, for her settlement was there. 1898 *Daily News* 20 July 8/4 The appeal involved a question as to the settlement of a pauper..who was born at Plymouth, but had done no act to gain a settlement.

4. The act of settling oneself, or state of being settled, in a fixed place or position, in a permanent abode, etc.

a 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 9 Mar. 1652, I went to Deptford, where I made preparation for my settlement, no more intending to go out of England. 1719 DE FOE *Crusoe* i. (Globe) 112 This little wandring Journey, without settled Place of Abode, had been so unpleasant to me, that my own House, as I call'd it to my self, was a perfect Settlement to me, compar'd to that. 1791 LD. AUCKLAND *Corr.* 12 Dec. *Jrnl. & Corr.* (1861) II. 396 Nothing can be known till the settlement in the new house and in society is completed. 1882 BESANT *Revolt of Man* iv. 85 She began..with a comfortable settlement in the chair, which meant a good long talk.

5. In Presbyterian churches: The placing or installing of a minister in a pastoral charge.

1723 WODROW *Corr.* (1843) III. 14 Our settlements are turning extremely vexatious. 1825 JAMIESON Suppl. s.v. *Settle* v., A congregation is said to get a settlement, when the Pastor is introduced to the discharge of the pastoral office among them, S. 1842 W. M. HETHERINGTON *Hist. Ch. Scot.* 666 Great opposition was made to the settlement by the pious parishioners. 1854 H. MILLER *Sch. & Schm.* ii. 31 Gillespie had been deposed..for refusing to assist in the disputed settlement of Inverkeithing.

6. The act of settling as colonists or new-comers; the act of peopling or colonizing a new country, or of planting a colony. (Cf. sense 14.)

Phrase, *to effect a settlement.*

1827 P. CUNNINGHAM *N. S. Wales* II. 83 It would be well, also, to attempt the cultivation of tea in some part of our colony, by a settlement of Chinese. 1850 W. MURE *Lit. Greece* I. v. § 1. 89 The settlement of Oriental colonies in Greece produced no sensible effect on the character either of the language or the nation. 1851 D. WILSON *Preh. Ann.* (1863) II. IV. i. 170 A band of pioneers effected a settlement on the southern part of Argyleshire. 1874 GREEN *Short Hist.* iv. § 2 We have traced the rudiments of our Constitution to the first moment of the English settlement in Britain. 1884 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 8 Sept. 5/1 That region is now divided into four distinct provinces—Assiniboia, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and Athabasca—in all of which, except the last, settlement is rapidly progressing.

transf. 1896 NEWTON *Dict. Birds* 897 Being a great wanderer, it [*sc.* the Tree-Sparrow] has effected settlements even in such remote islands as the Færoes.

II. Arrangement or regulation (of affairs, etc.).

7. The act or process of regulating or putting on a permanent footing; the act of establishing (public affairs, etc.) in security or tranquillity; the state of being settled and established; a settled arrangement, an established order of things.

1645 DURYE *Israel's Call* (1646) 47 Then look to the further settlement of the civill state. *Ibid.* 48 With the settlement of the Church, as a body compact together. 1661 COWLEY *College* Ess. etc. (1906) 254 That every third year (after the full settlement of the Foundation) the Colledge shall give an account..of the fruits of their triennial Industry. 1681 H. NEVILE *Plato Rediv.* 23 People..who think that the growth of Popery is our only Evil, and that if we were secure against that, our Peace and Settlement were obtain'd. 1696 EVELYN *Let. Wotton* 30 Mar. *Diary* (1879) III. 484 In religious matters..I could not but discover in him the same free thoughts which he had of philosophy...For the rest always conformable to the present settlement. 1716 ADDISON *Freeholder* No. 50 ¶ 6 A sufficient force for the reformation of such disorders, and the settlement of the publick peace. 1796 MORSE *Amer. Geog.* II. 197 These [*sc.* manufactures and commerce] are the offspring of peace and settlement. 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* v. I. 555 A settlement such as Argyle would have made..seemed to them not worth a struggle. 1900 *Sat. Rev.* 24 Mar. 350 The settlement that should be made after the war.

b. Determination or decision of a question, dispute, etc.; the establishing of an opinion, the text of a document, etc.

1777 PRIESTLEY *Matt. & Spir.* (1782) I. xx. 249 The opinion ..does not seem to have tended to a settlement before the fifth century. 1855 PALEY *Æschylus* (1861) Pref. p. xi, The settlement of the text of Aeschylus..has been a gradual process of restoration and recovery. 1856 FROUDE *Hist. Eng.* (1858) I. ii. 159 The settlement of the question..could not long be delayed. 1866 LOWELL *Study Wind., Swinburne's Trag.*, That is an affair of taste, which does not admit of any authoritative settlement.

8. *Law.* The act of settling property upon a person or persons; the particular terms of such an arrangement; the deed or instrument by which it is effected. Often spec. = *marriage settlement*: see MARRIAGE 8.

1677 YARRANTON *Engl. Improv.* 9, I have been a Commissioner in the Third part of the greatest Estates in the County, wherein I have seen the Settlements two ways. 1685 DRYDEN tr. *Idylls of Theocritus* XXVII. Misc. Wks. 1727 II. 68 My Flocks, my Fields, my Wood, my Pastures take, With Settlement as good as Law can make. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 30 Dec. 1679, I went to meete Sir John Stonehouse, and give him a particular of the settlement on my sonn, who now made his addresses to..his daughter-in-law. 1731 SWIFT *Strephon & Chloe* 40 But, Strephon sigh'd so loud and strong, He blew a Settlement along. 1782 MISS BUANEY *Cecilia* II. vii, All the world..would approve the connection, and the settlement made upon her should be dictated by herself. 1848 DICKENS *Dombey* XXX, The deed of settlement, the professional gentlemen inform me, is now ready. 1858 LD. ST. LEONARDS *Handy Bk. Prop. Law* xi. 69 Your wife..may..claim a settlement out of it for herself and her children. 1861 M. PATTISON *Ess.* (1869) I. 36 The splendid settlement which Rudolf was ready to make upon his son.

attrib. 1879 CHAMPNESS *Insur. Dict.* (1883) 302 *Settlement policies*, life policies in which are introduced clauses giving them all the effect of marriage settlements so far as the moneys assured are concerned.

b. The settling the succession to the Crown.

Act of Settlement, the Act passed in 1701 (12 & 13 Will. III, c. 2) by which the succession to the British crown was settled upon Princess Sophia of Hanover and her descendants.

1714 R. STEELE (*title*) The Crisis, or, a Discourse Representing..The several Settlements of the Crowns of England

and Scotland on Her Majesty. 1765 BLACKSTONE *Comm.* I. i. 124 These liberties were again asserted..in the act of settlement, whereby the crown is limited to his present majesty's illustrious house. 1827 HALLAM *Const. Hist.* (1876) III. xv. 179 The immediate settlement of the crown at the Revolution extended only to the descendants of Anne and William.

c. *Scots Law.* The disposition of property or heritage by will; also, the document by which this is effected. *Disposition and settlement*, a deed by which a person provides for the disposal of his property, heritable and movable, after his death.

1815 SCOTT *Guy M.* xxxv, This lady..made a general settlement of her affairs in Miss Lucy Bertram's favour. *Ibid.* xxxviii, Mr. Protocol..began to read the settlement aloud in a slow, steady, business-like tone. 1838 W. BELL *Dict. Law Scot.* s. v. *Testament*, Testament or Will disposing of Moveables only...Disposition and Settlement or Will disposing of Heritage as well as Moveables.

d. The amount settled upon a person.

1811 T. C. MORGAN in *Lady Morgan's Mem.* (1862) I. 525 My wife's settlement is vested in the Three per Cents.

e. *U.S.* A sum of money or other property formerly granted to a minister on his ordination, in addition to his salary.

1828–32 in WEBSTER. *a* 1840 NATH. EMMONS *Autobiog.* in Bartlett *Dict. Amer.* (Cent.), Before the war began, my people punctually paid my salary, and advanced one hundred pounds of my settlement a year before it was due by contract.

9. The settling or payment of an account; the act of satisfying a claim or demand, of coming to terms (*with* a person).

1729 *Act 2 Geo. II*, c. 23 § 23 Upon the Taxation and Settlement of such Bill and Demand. 1818 SCOTT *Br. Lamm.* ix, Ye might say..that the carline awed ye rent, and that ye wad allow it in the settlement. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* II. II. v, From the Townhall he..emits..fresh plans of settlement with Château-Vieux. 1873 MRS. H. WOOD *Master Greylands* I. x. 172 In an incredibly short..time..the affairs of the bank were in a way of settlement. 1878 MRS. J. H. RIDDELL *Mother's Darling* I. vii. 197 No heavy bills were sent to Dilfield for settlement.

b. *spec.* The fortnightly (or, for government securities, monthly) settling of accounts on the Stock Exchange.

1772 FOOTE *Nabob* II. (1778) 41 For de next settlement, would your honour be de bull or de bear? 1897 *Westm. Gaz.* 23 Dec. 8/2 With regard to Mining markets preparations are now in full progress for the settlement.

10. In India: The process of assessing the government land-tax over a specific area.

1789 EARL CORNWALLIS *Let.* 2 Nov. *Corr.* (1859) I. 443 The Board continued..to form and issue the necessary instructions for making a settlement of the land revenues of the province of Bahar. 1849 *Direct. Revenue Off. N. W. Prov. Bengal* (1850) 7 There are evidently two distinct operations in the formation of a Settlement. The one is fiscal—the determination of the Government Demand—the other is judicial, the formation of the record of rights.

attrib. 1849 *Direct. Revenue Off. N. W. Prov. Bengal* (1850) 27 Directions for Settlement Officers.

III. The act of becoming set or still, sinking, subsiding, etc.

11. The act of settling and clarifying after agitation or fermentation.

1626 BACON *Sylva* § 302 First for Separation; It is wrought by Weight; As in the ordinary Residence or Settlement of Liquors. 1662 CHARLETON *Myst. Vintners* (1675) 156 The too frequent or violent motion of Wines after their settlement in their vessels. *Ibid.* 179 They counsel to rack it from the Milky bottom, after a weeks settlement.

fig. 1881 JOWETT *Thucyd.* I. 9 In the age which followed the Trojan War, Hellas was still in process of ferment and settlement.

b. The deposition of grosser particles or solid matter. Also *concr.*, a deposit or sediment. *Obs.* exc. *dial.*

1687 MIEGE *Gt. Fr. Dict.* s. v., This Liquour is not right, there is a Settlement. 1692 J. HOUGHTON *Coll. Improv. Husb.* No. 9 P 3, I dry'd both the Settlements asunder. 1739 W. MONTAGU *Let.* 16 Aug. in *Lady M. W. Montagu's Lett.* (1893) II. 43 They are occasioned by a settlement of humours, which are removed by exercise. 1739 LABELYE *Westm. Bridge* 64 The Tide of Ebb having so long a Time to deposit its Settlement. 1890 *Glouc. Gloss.*, *Settlements*, sediment.

12. A sinking down or subsidence (of a structure, loose earth, etc.).

1793 SMEATON *Edystone L.* § 283 Twelve pieces..of near a ton each,..laid upon the first vaulted floor, without..the least degree of settlement. 1799 KIRWAN *Geol. Ess.* 410 After a certain degree of desiccation their masses were capable of a much closer approach to each other, or of what builders commonly call settlement. 1820 TREDGOLD *Carpentry* § 298 By shrinkage, or settlement, the joints will bear only upon the angular points of the joint. 1833 DE LA BECHE *Geol. Man.* (ed. 2) 135 The whole may be explained by the settlement of loose sand..during the violent shocks of an earthquake. 1842 GWILT *Archit.* Gloss., *Settlements*, those parts in which failures by sinking in a building have occurred. 1898 WATTS-DUNTON *Aylwin* I. i, These landslips are sometimes followed, at the return of the tide, by a further fall, called a 'settlement'.

13. The process of becoming calm or tranquil.

1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* III. VII. v, It is like the settlement of winds and waters, of seas lang tornado-beaten.

IV. An assemblage of persons settled in a locality.

14. (Cf. sense 6.) A community of the subjects of a state settled in a new country; a tract of country so settled, a colony, esp. one in its earlier stages.

Back settlement: see BACK *a.* 1 a. *Straits Settlements*, the collective name given to the British possessions in the Malay Peninsula.

1697 DAMPIER *Voy.* I. vii. 163 In some River where the Spaniards have neither Settlement nor Trade with the native Indians. 1725 DE FOE *Voy. round World* (1840) 280 Have the Spaniards no..ports or towns, settlements or colonies in it? 1753 *Scots Mag.* Feb. 65/2 British subjects in the back settlements. 1776 A. SMITH *W. N.* I. viii. I. 89 The present state of Bengal, and of some other of the English settlements in the East Indies. 1844 BROUGHAM *Brit. Const.* xvii. (1862) 280 The endless variety of our settlements in all the most remote quarters of the globe! 1874 GREEN *Short Hist.* i. § 4 Offa resolved to create a military border by planting a settlement of Englishmen between the Severn and the huge 'Offa's Dyke'. 1877 *Encycl. Brit.* VI. 159/1 The English settlements in Virginia, New England, Maryland, and Pennsylvania had..developed into a new nation.

b. Of a religious community.

1708 J. CHAMBERLAYNE *St. Gt. Brit.* I. III. i. (ed. 22) 201 According as their [*sc.* the Quakers'] Settlements are more Numerous and Thick. 1884 R. PATON *Scott. Ch.* viii. 75 St. Finnian had twelve chief disciples, who filled the land with religious settlements. *Ibid.* 81 There was the earthen rampart enclosing the settlement.

15. In the outlying districts of America and the Colonies: A small village or collection of houses. Also, the huts forming the living quarters of the slaves on a plantation.

1827 O. W. ROBERTS *Voy. Centr. Amer.* 31 The terms settlement and plantation mean the residences of the natives. 1839 FR. A. KEMBLE *Resid. in Georgia* (1863) 18 There are four settlements or villages (or, as the negroes call them, camps) on the island, consisting of from ten to twenty houses. 1856 OLMSTED *Slave States* 417 At another plantation..I found the 'settlement' arranged in the same way, the cabins only being of a slightly different form. 1884 'C. E. CRADDOCK' (Miss Murfree) *In Tennessee Mts.* 81 And certainly the instinct of the eagle built that eyrie called the Settlement.. far above the towering pine forest. 1896 *Trans. Roy. Soc. Canada* II. ii. 210 Topographical terms actually used by the people of New Brunswick...*Settlement*, rarely village.

16. An establishment in the poorer quarters of a large city where educated men or women live in daily personal contact with the working class for co-operation in social reform.

1884 *Oxf. Mag.* 23 Apr. II. 171/2 Oxford and East London. The Executive Committee of the University Settlement have issued a prospectus and appeal for donations towards the initial expenses of the Settlement. *Ibid.* 172/1 Nine men have undertaken to commence residence in the Settlement. 1892 *Ch. Times* 4 Nov. 1094/1 Those 'settlements', or missions, which have become of late such a striking feature in the religious life of London. 1904 D. PRICE HUGHES *Life H. P. Hughes* ix. 207 A site in the City Road, where it was proposed to erect premises containing full accommodation for a Settlement.

Settler (se·tlɔi). [f. SETTLE *v.* + -ER 1.]

1. One who or a thing which, settles fixes, decides, etc.

1598 FLORIO, *Acconciatore*,..a mender, a setler, an ordrer. 1611 COTGR., *Ficheur*, a fixer, fastener, setler, or setter in. 1659 *England's Universal Distraction 1643–5* 16 True Religion is rather a Setler then Stickler in Policy, and rather confirmes men in obedience to the Government. 1687 WOOD *Life* 9 Dec. (O.H.S.) III. 245 Mr. A[rthur] Ch[arlet] of Trin. Coll., the chief setler of unsetled minds in Oxford. 1825 *New Monthly Mag.* XVI. 113 He fancied himself a settler of destinies. 1846 GREENER *Sci. Gunnery* Introd. 6 This powerful settler of disputes [*sc.* artillery]. 1898 *Daily News* 6 July 4/6 That sum was..paid by him over to Mr. Goodson, who acted as Sir John's settler.

b. *colloq.* Something that settles or 'does for' a person, a finisher; something that settles an antagonist in an encounter or argument; a crushing or finishing blow, shot, speech, etc.

1744 M. BISHOP *Life & Advent.* ix. 124, I endeavoured to revive them by saying I intended to have a Bowl of Punch, by way of a Settler and then to go to Bed upon it. *c* 1817 HOGG *Tales & Sk.* V. 221 This was a settler; I could make no answer to that. 1819 MOORE *Tom Crib's Memorial* (ed. 3) 15 So he jipp'd him a settler..Full plump in the whisker. 1833 FONBLANQUE *Eng. under 7 Administr.* (1837) II. 338 Cook knocked him on the head instantly; this is what the English call a settler, that is, in this way they settle their accounts. 1837 HALIBURTON *Clockm.* Ser. I. xx, That shot was a settler; it struck poor Sall right atwixt wind and water. 1888 *Sportsman* 22 Dec. (Farmer), A mistake at the last hurdles proved a complete settler, and he succumbed by six lengths. 1894 BLACKMORE *Perlycross* 239 After this settler [a crushing speech], the man sat down, and turned his back on the Parson.

2. One who settles in a new country; a colonist.

1788 GIBBON *Decl. & F.* lii. V. 442 The fields and vineyards were divided among the new settlers. 1786 T. DUNDAS *Let.* 28 Dec. in Cornwallis *Corr.* (1859) I. 279 The half-pay provincial officers are valuable settlers. 1802 G. BARRINGTON *New South Wales* iv. 98 The natives taking advantage of the distance settlers lived from each other. 1867 EMERSON *Lett. & Soc. Aims; Progr. Culture* Wks. (Bohn) III. 225 Land without price is offered to the settler. 1874 GREEN *Short Hist.* i. § 1 Each dweller within the settlement was jealous of his own isolation and independence among his fellow-settlers. 1904 W. M. RAMSAY *Lett. 7 Churches* xi. 133 Hence the Jewish settlers formed a counterpoise against the Greek colonists in the Seleucid cities.

b. *gen.* One who settles in a place as a resident.

1815 SCOTT *Guy M.* vii, Nor was Mr. Bertram in a hurry to exert his newly-acquired authority at the expense of these old settlers. *Ibid.* xii, If..he should become a settler in that part of Scotland. 1834 DICKENS *Sk. Boz*, *Boarding Ho.*, He resides among the original settlers at Walworth.

c. A worker at a social settlement (see SETTLEMENT 16).

1884 *Durham Univ. Jrnl.* 5 July VI. 44 What then are Settlements, and their Settlers, to do in the East End of London? 1887 *Charity Organiz. Rev.* III. 408 The university settlers [at Toynbee Hall]. 1899 *Daily News* 26 June 4/7 The 'settlers' at Mansfield House look forward to having one of the best-equipped boys' clubs in London.

3. *Law.* One who settles property: = SETTLOR.

1800 *Act* 39 & 40 *Geo. III*, c. 98 § 1 The Term of Twenty-one Years from the Death of any such Grantor, Settler, Devisor, or Testator.

4. A pan or vat into which a liquor is run off to 'settle' or deposit a sediment. In *Metallurgy* (see quot. 1881).

1674 RAY *Collect. Words, Allom Works Whitby* 140 Which [kelp] being put in so soon as the Liquor boils or flows up.., they draw it off into a settler. 1731 MILLER *Gard. Dict.* s. v. *Anil*, There are three of these [indigo] Vats commonly built one above another...This last Vat is also call'd at St. Domingo, a Settler. *a* 1864 GESNER *Coal, Petrol.*, etc. (1865) 161 The pump..draws the petroleum from the settler. 1874 RAYMOND *6th Rep. Mines* 193 The roasted ore is amalgamated in 8 pans, with as many settlers. 1881 — *Mining Gloss.*, *Settler*, a tub or vat, in which pulp from the amalgamating pan or battery-pulp is allowed to settle, being stirred in water, to remove the lighter portions.

5. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *settler-folk*, †*slam* (SLAM *sb.*3); **settler's or settlers' clock, matches, twine** *Austral.* (see quots.).

1896 *Harper's Mag.* Apr. 716/2 The westward march of the *settler-folk. 1743 in *6th Rep. Dep. Kpr.* App. II. 121 A Method of making Alum out of Dross (commonly called *Settler Slam). 1847 L. LEICHHARDT *Jrnl. Australia* viii. 234 The laughing Jackass (*Dacelo gigantea*) which, from its regularity, has not been unaptly named the *settlers' clock. 1898 MORRIS *Austral Eng.*, **Settlers' Matches*,..the long pendulous strips of bark which hang from the Encalypts and other trees, during decortication and which..are used as kindling wood. **Settler's Twine*, a fibre plant, *Gymnostachys anceps*, R. Br[own]..used by farmers as cord or string.

Se·ttlerdom. *nonce-wd.* [f. SETTLER + -DOM.] Settlers collectively.

1863 DICEY *Federal St.* II. 123 *Veni, vidi, aedificavi*, should be the motto of Western settlerdom, so rapid is the growth of cities in the West.

Settling (se·tliŋ), *vbl. sb.* [-ING 1.] The action of the verb SETTLE.

OE. *setlung* = a sitting down, also the setting of the sun. The latter sense is recorded by Ash (1775) and Todd (1818) for *settling*, but this is prob. an error for *setting*.

1. The action of fixing, establishing, arranging permanently, adjusting, deciding, etc.

1553 T. WILSON *Rhet.* (1560) 3 The setling or ordering of things inuented for this purpose, called in Latin *Dispositio*. *a* 1569 KYNGESMILL *Confl. with Satan* (1577) Pref. A v b, This I say must be a setlinge vnto thee, if thou hast tasted how good and gracious God is. 1619 W. SCLATER *Expos. 1 Thess.* 173 To Gods children let it be a settling of their Faith, that it neuer wauer. 1629 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* Ser. II. III. 21 To gif thair advise anent the satling of the disordouris of the Middle shyris. *a* 1642 SUCKLING *Let.* in *Fragm. Aurea* (1648) 62 Since the setling of your Family would certainly much conduce to the setling of your mind. 1662 STILLINGFL. *Orig. Sacræ* II. ix. § 2. 261 The miracles done at the setling of their Law. 1669 R. MONTAGU in *Buccleuch MSS.* (Hist. MSS. Comm.) I. 465 This thing will be an absolute settling of my fortune, which..is in no good condition. 1747 *Col. Rec. Pennsylv.* V. 141 Has desir'd me to take upon myself the settling of the Terms for paying the Men off. 1817 SELWYN *Law Nisi Prius* II. 917 The adjustment of a loss is the settling and ascertaining the amount of the indemnity. 1909 GWATKIN *Early Ch. Hist.* I. vi. 112 We get a general impression of apostolic superintendence..and of settling of churches.

†**b.** The state of being settled, a settlement; a station. *Obs.*

1582 N. LICHEFIELD tr. *Castanheda's Conq. E. Ind.* I. lxvii. 137 Those that went in the vangard, as soone as they came to their setling [orig. *chegando à estancia*], did giue fire to theyr ordinance. 1641 MILTON *Ch.-Govt.* I. vi. 26 Those Epistles of Peter and John, which are likely to be latest written, when the Church grew to a setling.

2. The action of planting a country with colonists, or of establishing a colony. †Also the result of this, a settlement.

1609 SALISBURY in *Buccleuch MSS.* (Hist. MSS. Comm.) I. 83 An enterprise of plantation in the Indies, where..the King of England..might have a settling as well as the King of Spain. *a* 1680 BUTLER *Rem.* (1759) I. 2 To search the Moon by her own Light;..And make the proper'st Observations, For settling of new Plantations. 1707 J. ARCHDALE (*title*) A New Description of..Carolina: with a brief account of its Discovery, Settling, and the Government Thereof to this Time. 1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) V. 149/1 That the settling of colonies would have been a cheaper and better method of bridling modern countries, than building fortresses in them. 1877 *Ibid.* (ed. 9) VI. 159/2 The ultimate constitution of a colony depends but little on the manner in which the territory for settling was originally acquired.

3. The adjusting or liquidating of accounts; also *settling up.*

1761 T. MORTIMER *Ev. Man his own Broker* ii. (1762) 28 The four principal times, for which contracts or bargains are made,..are called in 'Change Alley, the Rescounter settlings. *Ibid.* 82 Against the day of settling he has made out, what he calls his list. 1852 R. S. SURTEES *Sponge's Sp. Tour* (1893) 377 After a great event—a Derby, Oaks, or Leger.. the newspapers generally devote a neat paragraph or two to what is called 'the settling'. 1893 *Baily's Mag.* Oct. 275/2 A backer, who..refused to face an adverse settling, and quietly skedaddled.

fig. 1910 *Blackw. Mag.* Feb. 183/1 After dinner there would be a settling up with the two rebels.

b. Settling day, a day appointed for settling accounts; *spec.* the fortnightly pay-day on the Stock Exchange. **Settling room,** a room (esp. at the Stock Exchange) in which accounts are settled.

1806–7 J. Beresford *Miseries Hum. Life* (1826) xii. xviii, Attending at the Stock-exchange on settling-day. 1822 Scott *Nigel* xxi, The score of pieces that must be made up at settling-day. 1859 H. H. Dixon *Silk & Scarlet* 97 In the yard of Tattersall's, on Priam's settling day. 1902 *Westm. Gaz.* 20 Mar. 9/1 The Settling-room underneath the House [Stock Exchange].

4. (Cf. Settle *v.* 21 c.) *To get a settling* (Sc.): 'to be frightened into quietness' (Burns *Gloss.* 1785).

1785 Burns *Halloween* xxiv, But Och! that night, amang the shaws, She gat a fearfu' settlin!

5. The action of coming to rest, taking up a fixed or permanent position, becoming quiet or composed, etc.

1605 Shaks. *Lear* iv. vii. 82 The great rage You see is kill'd in him:..Trouble him no more till further setling. 1711 Addison *Spect.* No. 106 ¶ 6 At his first settling with me. 1744 M. Bishop *Life & Advent.* viii. 111, I hope you have no Thoughts of going again to Sea, as I have waited so many Years in Expectation of your settling, when you came home. 1796 Mme. D'Arblay *Camilla* I. 344 Dr. Marchmont..had been introduced to Sir Hugh upon the baronet's settling in the large mansion-house of that village.

6. The action of sinking down, subsiding, forming a deposit or sediment, etc.; also, the result of this.

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 440/2 Saggynge, or sallynge, *bassacio.* 1540 Jonas tr. *Roesslin's Byrth Mankynde* I. vii. 32 After the delyueraunce happeneth to women other the feuer or ague, ..or els commotion or settelynge ont of order of the..matrice. 1601 Holland *Pliny* xxxi. iii. II. 408 [These plants] come up..in some low grounds where there is a settling or stay of raine water fallen from higher places. 1650 Fuller *Pisgah* iv. iv. 70 Purple being severall sanguine colours, differing onely in degrees, and the severall setlings thereof. 1655 Moufet & Bennet *Health's Improv.* 294 For as too long sitting..hindereth the full descent of meat to the depth of our stomachs; so too speedy rising causeth an overhasty setling. 1663 Gerbier *Counsel* 26 The unequall setling of the Work. 1693 Moxon *Mech. Exerc.* (1703) 260 Which occasions Cracks and Setlings in the Walls. 1742 *De Foe's Tour Gt. Brit.* (ed. 3) I. 174 The Shifting of the Beach without, and Settling of the Sullage within. 1880 *Standard* 10 Dec., The ground..immediately over a disused rock salt-mine, began to show signs of 'settling'. 1881 *19th Cent.* 247, I have known a settling down of strata crumple up 14 feet of solid masonry, as though it were paper.

attrib. 1782 Wedgwood in *Phil. Trans.* LXXII. 320 After complete vitrification, the heat is abated for some hours to 28 or 29°, which is called the settling heat. 1834–6 *Encycl. Metrop.* VIII. 422/2 The strong liquor is drawn off into settling cisterns. 1857 Miller *Elem. Chem., Org.* 667 The solution is allowed to run into a deep vessel or settling back. 1884 *Encycl. Brit.* XVII 506/1 As these..naturally act as settling-ponds they get rapidly silted up.

b. *concr.* Sediment, lees, dregs. Chiefly *pl.*

1594 Plat *Jewell-ho.* III. 23 The residence or setling, which you find in the bottom therof. 1634 Milton *Comus* 810 Vet 'tis but the lees And settings of a melancholy blood. 1646 P. Bulkeley *Gospel Covt.* I. 180 The Lord formed man.. out of the earth, the dregs and settlings of all creatures. 1747 Mas. Glasse *Cookery* v. 65 Fill these Cups with the Jelly, which you must take clear from the Settling at the Bottom. *Ibid.*, Take the fine Jelly clear from the Settlings at Bottom. 1832 G. R. Porter *Porcelain & Glass* ix. 240 A layer of the finer settlings of the enamel is to be spread..over the convex side. 1895 *Daily News* 11 May 7/7 The stuff [illicit spirit] was made..from sugar and wine settlings.

Settling (se·tlin). *ppl. a.* [f. Settle *v.* + -ing².] That settles (in the senses of the verb).

c 1611 Chapman *Iliad* II. 82 [As bees] So from the ships,.. The rabble..Hurried together;..earth did grone Beneath the setling multitude. 1681 Dryden *Span. Friar* III. 36 You call it Settling of a man; just as when a fellow has got a sound Knock upon the head, they say he's settled: Marriage is a Settling blow indeed. 1762–3 Macpherson *Ossian's Poems, Coulath & Cuthona* (1806) II. 287 Go; view the settling sea; the stormy wind is laid. 1844 Mrs. Browning *Drama of Exile* 1701 The settling hush A bird makes in her nest with feet and wings. 1850 J. H. Newman *Let.* 11 Oct. in 'J. Oldcastle' (W. Meynell) *Newman* (1889) 27, I have just received Maskell's able and settling pamphlet. 1902 Mabel Barnes-Grundy *Thames Camp* xii. 256 'Of course you refused him', I said, in my most settling manner. 1908 *Westm.Gaz.* 1 Aug. 7/1 The wild little black [horse] ..stood trembling and snorting in the settling dust.

Settlor (se·tlɔr). *Law.* [Altered form of Settler (sense 3): see -or 2 d.] One who makes a settlement of property.

1818 Cruise *Digest* (ed. 2) II. 317 Where an estate was limited to the use of the settlor for 99 years. 1848 Mill *Pol. Econ.* II. x. § 2 (1876) 207 Every settlor and testator has an almost unbounded licence to multiply interests in land. 1875 Poste *Gaius* IV. (ed. 2) § 151 A settlor of dower. 1876 K. E. Digby *Real Property* vii. § 2. 329 The great object of settlements of lands, the preserving them in the settlor's family.

Set-to. Pl. set-tos (-to·s); *incorrectly* sets-to. [f. vbl. phr. *set to*: see Set *v.* 152.]

†1. A talking-to, dressing-down. *Obs. rare*—¹.

1774 Mme. D'Arblay *Early Diary* (1889) I. 313, I gave her a good *set-too* just now.

2. orig. *Pugilism.* The action of 'setting to' (Set *v.* 152 f. (*b*)); hence, a bout or round; a pugilistic encounter or boxing match. Also, a bout, engagement, or match at some other sport.

1743 *Broughton's Rules* in Egan *Boxiana* (1830) I. 51 Every fresh set-to after a fall, or being parted from the rails. 1789 *Chron.* in *Ann. Reg.* 199/2 The set-to was prodigiously fine, and after a few feints on each side, Ryan put in the first blow. 1818 *Sporting Mag.* (N. S.) III. 31 They will exhibit two grand set-to's in boxing. 1821 Egan *Boxiana* (1830) I. 67 Taylor died in three months after this set-to. 1824 Scott *St. Ronan's* xxxi, Gentlemen of the fancy hastening to a set-to. 1882 De Windt *Equator* 41 A..rattling set-to at lawn tennis. 1899 A. Dobson *Paladin Philanthr.* xii, [He] proposed a preliminary set-to with the gloves.

b. *gen.* and *fig.* A fight, contest.

1794 Mas. Radcliffe *Myst. Udolpho* xxxiii, Signor Verezzi is always losing..and Signor Orsino wins from him,..and they have had several hard set-to's about it. 1816 J. Scott *Vis. Paris* App. (ed. 5) 333 There were many set-to's of dogs, chiefly mastiffs. 1819 Scott *Let.* in *Lockhart* (1837) IV. viii. 253 My stomach is now getting confirmed, and I have great hopes the bout is over; it has been a dreadful set-to. 1829 Brockett *N. C. Words* (ed. 2), *Set-to*, an argument, a strong contest, a warm debate. 1833 Maryat *P. Simple* lv, Every gun was ready,..and every soul..was anxious for the set-to. 1881 Jefferies *Wood Magic* I. ii. 42 The starlings on the chimney began to quarrel, and had a terrible set-to. 1894 Fenn *Real Gold* xii, Didn't you ever have a set to at school?

c. An attack or 'go' (*at*); *dial.* a drinking-bout.

1801 Southey *Lett.* (1856) II. 191 There are materials before me for another set-to at the Evangelicals. 1818 *Blackw. Mag.* III. 407 The dinner much invited a set-to. 1828 *Life Planter Jamaica* 358 His noise soon procured him materials for a set-to at sangaree.

3. *Racing.* (See quot. 1842 and Set *v.* 152 f (*c*).)

1842 Apperley *Life Sportsman* xvi. 329 The struggle of the last few yards between two horses very nearly equal—which we call the set-to. 1894 *Field* 9 June 829/1 After a tremendous set-to, Haut Brion beat her by three-quarters of a length.

Settres-, Setturday, obs. ff. of Saturday.

Setule (sī·tiul, se·tiul). (Also in Latin form.) [ad. mod.L. *sētula*, dim. of *sēta*; see Seta.] A small seta or bristle.

1826 Kirby & Sp. *Entomol.* xlvi. IV. 302 *Setule*, a little bristle. 1852 Dana *Crust.* II. 702 The most prominent setules are at the outer apex of the penult joint at base.

Hence **Se·tuliform** *a.*, having the form of a setule; **Se·tulose, Se·tulous** *adjs.*, covered with setules.

1826 Kirby & Sp. *Entomol.* xlvi. IV. 276 Setulose (*Setulosa*). Setose with the bristles truncated. 1852 Dana *Crust.* II. 882 Having two very low prominences near base of finger, the first rounded and minutely setulous. 1857 M. J. Berkeley *Cryptog. Bot.* § 386 Substance various;..sometimes setulose. 1879 W. A. Leighton *Lichen-flora* (ed. 3) 522 *Setuliform*, thread-like.

Set-up: see Set *ppl. a.* 10, Set-.

Setwall (se·twɔl). Forms: *α.* 3 zedewal, 3, 5 zeduale, 5 zedewal(l)e, 6 zedual; 4 sed(e)wale, 5 seduale, 6 -wale. *β.* 4 ceteuall, setewale, 4–5 sette-, 4–7 cetewale, 6 cety-, 7 setywall. *γ.* 4–6 setuale, 4–8 setwell, 5 cetuall, 5 set(t)-well, setwaly(?), 5–6 setwale, 6 setual(l, -waule, settwelle, 7 set(t)wal(l, 6– setwall. [a. AF. *zedewale* = OF. *citoual, citual, sotoval* (Palsgr.), also *citouar(t*, etc., ad. med.L. * *zedoāle*, var. *zedoārium*, ad. Arab. *zedwār*: see Zedoar, Zedoary.]

†1. The root of the East Indian plant *Curcuma Zedoaria*, used as a drug; also the plant itself; = Zedoary. *Obs.*

α. a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 370 Ne makeden heo neuer strencðe of ginginere ne of gedewal [*MS. T.* ȝedewal, *MS. C.* zeduale], ne of clon de gilofre. *c* 1305 *Land Cokayne* 74 In þe praer is a tre...þe rote is gingeuir and galingale, þe siouns beþ al sedwale. *a* 1310 in Wright *Lyric P.* v. 27 With gyngyvre ant sedewale ant the gylofre. *c* 1400 Maundev. (1839) xviii. 187 Canelle, Zedewalle, Notemuges and Maces. 14.. *Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 621/16 *Zeduarium*..zeduale. 1547 Boorde *Brev. Health* iii. 8 Take of Anys sedes, of Fenell sedes, of Zedual, of eche the weyght of xii d.

β. 1310–11 *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 507 In 3 *li.* di. de Cetenall. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Miller's T.* 21 As sweete as is the roote Of lycorys or any Cetewale [*v.r.* Settewale]. *a* 1400 in *Sc. Acts Parl.* (1844) I. 669 Gynger setwell almondis. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 454/1 Setuale, or seduale, herbe (*K.* setwale, *P.* setwaly), *Zedoarium.* 1496 *Halyburton's Ledger* (1867) 57 Item a li. settwell. 1530 Palsgr. 269/2 Setwall. 1567 Maplet *Gr. Forest* 37 Cetewale, is an Herbe whose roote the Phisitions vse to gather in Sommer. 1610 Markham *Masterp.* II. clxxiii. 495 *Nardi radix*, which wee call setwal. 1640 Parkinson *Theat. Bot.* 1612 Zedoaria..the Setwall that we have usually in our shops.

attrib. 1639 O. Wood *Alph. Bk. Phys. Secrets* 211 Take the powder of Setwell Roots.

2. The plant valerian, *Valeriana pyrenaica.*

1548 Turner *Names Herbes* (E.D.S.) 62 Phu is called in englishe setwal, of other some Cupones tayle. 1590 Spenser *Muiop.* 196 Dull Poppie, and drink-quickning Setuale. 1593 Drayton *Ballad of Dowsabell* 33 This mayden..Went forth..to get sweete Cetywall [? 1605, 1619, Setywall].. to deck her summer hall. 1658 Phillips, *Settwall*, a kind of herb growing near walls. 1741 *Complete Fam.-Piece* I. iv. 254 Take red Sage, Betony,..Setwell. 1865 'C. Bede' *Rook's Gard.* 9 Clusters of the red valerian or setwall.

Set work, se·twork. [Set *ppl. a.*]

†1. A kind of embroidery used in working tapestry; also *attrib. Obs.*

1503 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* II. 214 Ane gret liar of set werk of worsait. 1624 *Inv.* in *Archæologia* XLVIII. 136 A set work chare. 1649 in *Bury Wills* (Camden) 220 My posted settworke bedstead.

†2. Regular or fixed employment. *Obs.*

a 1661 Fuller *Worthies, Leic.* (1662) II. 132 Especially making it his Set-work (what was Pits his by-work) to observe the Natives of this Shire.

†3. Piece-work. In quot. *attrib. Obs.*

1720 S. Sewall *Diary* 12 Nov., His Trade of Set-Work Coopering.

4. Two-coat plastering on lath.

1812 P. Nicholson *Mech. Exerc.* 312 The plasterers denominate set work by the compound term of layed and set.

5. a. A method of boat-building in which the strakes are placed edge to edge and battened inside. **b.** Mechanism for feeding transversely material that is being sawed. (In recent U.S. dicts.)

Setye, obs form of City.

1536 *Cal. Anc. Rec. Dublin* (1889) 497.

Setyn, obs. f. and pa. t. Sit *v.* **Setyrday,** obs. f. Saturday. **Seu,** obs. f. Sew, Sue; obs. pa. t. Sow *v.* **Seuer, Seuerance, Seuerte,** obs. ff. Sure, Surance, Surety. **Seuge, Seuggen,** obs. ff. Say *v.* **Seugh,** var. Sheugh. **Seuȝ,** obs. pa. t. Sow *v.* **Seuir,** obs. Sc. f. Sure.

†Seul, *a. Obs. rare.* Also 5 seulle, 6 seile (?). [a. F. *seul* alone, Sole *a.*] Sole, unique.

c 1477 Caxton *Jason* 32 Jason..thought..onely, upon the seulle and oultrepassed beaute of the vertuouse myrro. 1512 *Helyas* in Thoms *Prose Rom.* (1858) III. 26 If I thought to haue endomaged you of one seile farthyng [*sic*; Fr. *d'un seul espy*]. [*Ibid.* 106 Seul heritier of his brother.]

†Seur. *Obs.*—¹ [? a. F. *seur* 'a kind of Net, or Engine to catch fish with' (Cotgr.).] A kind of fishing-net. 1558 [see Lammet].

Seur(e, Seur(e)ly, Seur(e)te, etc., obs. ff. Sure, Surely, Surety, etc. **Seute,** obs. f. Suit.

[Sevant, -ly : see List of Spurious Words.]

‖ Sève (sɛv). [Fr. = sap.] The fineness and strength of flavour proper to any particular wine.

1742 Pope *Dunc.* IV. 556 The *Sève* and *Verdeur* of the Vine. 1851 Redding *Mod. Wines* (ed. 3) vi. 175 When carefully kept until old, it approaches Barsac in *sève.* 1888 *Encycl. Brit.* XXIV. 605/2 Sauterne..possessing a special *sève*, or, in other words, having that special taste which, while it remains in the mouth, leaves the palate perfectly fresh.

Seve, obs. form of Sieve; see also Sevres.

Seveare, Seveirlie, obs. ff. Severe, Severely.

Seven (se·v'n), *a.* and *sb.* Forms: *α* 1–2 seofon, -en, (1 seofan, -un, siofun, sibun, sifun, sufon, syfan, -on, 2 soven), 2–3 seoven, (*Ormin* se(o)ffne, se(o)fenn), 2, 5 sefen, 3 seovene, seofne, 3–5 sevene, 4 sefne, seyven, 4–5 seyvyn, sevon, sevyan, 4–6 sevin, -enne, ceven(e, -yn, 5–6 sevyne, 5–7 seaven, 6 sevn, 7 seavne, seivine, 3– seven. *β.* Chiefly *Sc.* 4 sewine, 5 sewne, 5–7 sewin, 6 seweyne, sewn, sawin. *γ.* 4 sen, sene (?); see also Sennight. *δ.* 1 seofo, -a, siofo, sefo, 1–2 seofe, 2 sefe, 2–4 sove, 2–5 seve, 3 seove, 4 *Kent.* zeve, 5 sef(f. [Com. Tent.: OE. *seofon* (infl. *scofone*, *-u*, etc.) = OFris. *sowen*, *sawen* (later *sân*, *saan*, mod. *saun*), *sigun*, *siugun* (mod. *sjûggen*), etc., OS. *sibun*, *sivon* (MLG. *seven*, *soven*, MDu. *seven*, Du. *zeven*), OHG. *sibun* (MHG. *siben*, G. *sieben*), ON. *sjau* (Icel. *sjö*, Norw. dial. *sjau*, *sju*, etc.; Sw. *sju*, Da. *syv*), Goth. *sibun* :—OTeut. **sebun.* The Indo-germanic **septṇ* is more closely represented by Skr. *saptá*, Gr. ἑπτά, L. *septem*, OSl. *sedmĭ*, Lith. *septynì*, OIr. *secht n-.*] The cardinal number next after six, represented by the symbols 7, VII, vii.

A. *adj.* **1.** In concord with a sb. expressed.

α. Beowulf 3122 Þegnas syfone. 971 *Blickl. Hom.* 193 An ȝear & seofan monaþ. *c* 1000 Ælfric *Gen.* xli. 53 Þa þa seofon godan ȝear agane wæron. *c* 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 13 Þa oðre souen laȝe. *c* 1200 Ormin Ded. 252 Godnessess seffne. *Ibid.* 8399 Forr sefenn winnterr haffde he beon Tosamenn inn Egippte. *c* 1330 *Arth. & Merl.* 3845 Þo seiȝe þai senen baners. 1390 Gower *Conf.* I. 140 So that..he be bereined Be times sefne and sore peined. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 67/2 Ceventymes, *septies.* 1591 Digges *Pantam.* 8 The line AB which I would diuide into seauen equall portions. 1596 Dalrymple tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* I. 35 Sax, sevin, or viii. cubites hich. 1683 Evelyn *Diary* 18 June, For the last seaven yeares. 1813 Southey *Nelson* I. 198 The capture of seven sail of the line. 1865 Baring-Gould *Werewolves* viii, When seven girls succeed each other in one family.

β. c 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* viii. (*Philepus*) 79 Sewyne dais ..before his ded. 1422 tr. *Secreta Secret., Priv. Priv.* 153/10 He makyd the Cite of Rome afyre to sette, and Sewyn dayes and Sewyn nyghtes to brente. 1500–20 Dunbar *Poems* lx. 5 All thing wrocht in dayis seweyne. 1559 in J. Campbell *Ch. & Par. Kirkcaldy* vi. (1904) 59 Sewn pundes and twelf shillinges. 1612 in *Scott. Hist. Rev.* (1905) 394 Of ferras wark tapestrie sewin stand ewerie stand contenying fywe pieces.

γ. a 1340 Hampole *Psalter* xi. 7 Þe sen [*v.r.* seuen] giftis of þe halygast. *c* 1380 Wyclif *Sel. Wks.* III. 500 In hevene it [God's body] is sene fote in fourme. *a* 1400 *Octouian* 1386 Sene yere and more.

δ. c 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* Luke ii. 36, & lifde miþ wer hire wintrum seofo. *c* 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 41 He him sceaude an ouen on berninde fure; he warp ut of him seofe leies. *a* 1200 *Moral Ode* 140 Wa wurð sorȝe seueȝer for soueniht blisse. *c* 1275 Lay. 3970 Þo soue ȝer were a-gon. 1297 R. Glouc. (Rolls) 88 Þe saxons..Seve kynges made in engelond. 1340 *Ayenb.* 4 Þe zeue stapes of chasteté. *c* 1475 *Partenay* 4181 A lytell body of sixe or sef yere age.

b. Used predicatively.

1622 Fletcher *Beggar's Bush* II. i, We are seven of us. 1655 F. W. *Observ. on Fulke's Meteors* 162 Metalls are seven in number, as the Planets are. 1708 Wordsworth (*title*) We are seven. *a* 1847 Rossetti *Blessed Damozel* i, The stars in her hair were seven.

c. With *day*, *night*, *month* in more or less specific uses.

Seven days: a week; often referred to as the period of the Creation; in England, a common term of imprisonment. Also *seven days and seven nights. Seven months' child.*

one born at the seventh month; a type of weakliness. Cf. SEVEN-DAY(S, SEVEN-YEAR(S, and SENNIGHT.

c 1200 ORMIN 4356 Forr seffne dazhess brinngenn a33 þe wuke till hiss ende. *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 2952 Dis wreche.. Lestede fulle seuene niȝt. *a* 1300 *Leg. Rood* (1871) 42 þer wiþþoute mete and drinke seue dawes he lay. *c* 1375–1500–20 [see 1 β above]. 1470–85 MALORY *Arthur* IV. xix. 144 And rode daye by day wel a seuen dayes or they fond ony auenture. *a* 1513 DUNBAR *Compl. to King* 5 God, that..all thing wrocht in dayis seweyne. 1611 BIBLE *Job* ii. 13 They sate downe with him vpon the ground seuen dayes, and seuen nights. 1798 COLERIDGE *Anc. Mar.* IV. ix, Seven days seven nights I saw that curse. 1817 *2nd Rep. Committee Police Metrop., Min. Evid.* 352 He is sent for seven days to the House of Correction. 1847 *Act* 10 & 11 *Vict.* c. 89 § 29 Liable..to Imprisonment for a Period not exceeding Seven Days. 1850 [I. WILLIAMS] (*title*) The Seven Days, or the Old and New Creation. 1859 TENNYSON *Merlin & V.* 561 A seven-months' babe had been a truer gift. 1892 *Oxf. Chron.* 19 Mar. 6/7 Fined 1*s.* and costs 3*s.* 6*d.*, or seven days. 1898 J. HUTCHINSON in *Archives Surg.* IX. 364 In December of the same year his wife was delivered of a seven months' child. 1903 *Ladies' Field* 7 Nov. 346/1 The Crystal Palace Cat Show..Neila Billi, a grand seven-month son of Orange Blossom of Thorpe.

d. Used (*a*) symbolically, often denoting completion or perfection (esp. in echoes of biblical phraseology), or (*b*) typically in expressions of time, etc. for a large number or quantity, esp. †(*this*) *seven year*(*s*, etc. (= a long period). See also SEVENSITHE(S.

†*Seven times fold* = SEVENFOLD *adv.*; *seven-times-folded* = SEVENFOLD *a.*

c 1000 ÆLFRIC *Judges* xvi. 7 ȝif ic heo ȝebunden mid seofon rapum of sinum ȝeworhte, sona ic beo ȝewyld. 1362 LANGL. *P. Pl.* A. IX. 66, I haue suwed þe þis seuen ȝer. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Nun's-Pr. Epil.* 7 The were nede of hennes, as I wene, 3a, mo̧ than seuene tymes seuentene. 1470–85 MALORY *Arthur* VII. xiii. 232 Men sayen that he hath seuen mens strength. *c* 1475 *Rauf Coilȝear* 664 Thocht he had socht sic ane sicht all this seuin ȝeir. *c* 1475 *Partenay* 4182 Better..seff tymes fold. 1549 *Compl. Scot.* ii. 24, I sal strik ȝou vitht ane plag, seuyn tymes mair vehement. 1611 SHAKS. *Wint. T.* IV. iv. 591 There shall not, at your Fathers House, these seuen yeeres Be borne another such. 1657 AUSTEN *Fruit Trees* I. 32 The Lord recompenceth and will give thee seauen-times as much. 1671 MILTON *Samson* 1122 Add thy Spear, A Weavers beam, and seven-times-folded shield. 1855 KINGSLEY *Westw. Ho!* xiii, And gold seven times tried he was, when God..took him home at last.

2. With ellipsis of sb., which may usually be supplied from the context.

c 900 tr. *Bæda's Hist.* IV. iii. (1890) 262 Mid seaum broðrum, þæt is seofonum oðþo eahtum. *a* 1000 *Cædmon's Gen.* 1335 (Gr.) Ond þu seofone ȝenim on þæt sundreced tudra ȝehwilces ȝeteled rimes. *c* 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 27 Erðon he nefde bute enne deofel, nu he haued sefene. *c* 1205 LAY. 15878 Joram þe witie & seofne of his iueren. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 1455 Nine hundret yeir and seuen a[nd] fiue, Sua lang it lasted seth liue. 1382 WYCLIF *Gen.* vii. 2 Of alle hauynge sowles clene, thow shalt take seuene and seuene, maal and femaal. 1411 in *26 Pol. Poems* x. 34 Wiþ water, for synne þe world y slow, Saue seuene, and noe þat was my gest. 1500–20 DUNBAR *Poems* lxvi. 47 Bot beneficis ar nocht leill devydit; Sum men hes sewin, and I nocht ane. 1603 SHAKS. *Meas. for M.* III. i. 111 Sure it is no sinne, Or of the deadly seuen it is the least. 1656 STANLEY *Hist. Philos.* III. 89 He first divided an oration into four parts, some say into seaven. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* III. 648 Th' Arch-Angel Uriel, one of the seav'n Who in God's presence..Stand. 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* viii. II. 357 It was known all over London that the Bishops were before the Council...When the Seven came forth under a guard [etc.].

b. With ellipsis of *parts*.

1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 8372 Her ost hii delde a seuene [*MS.* β departed in seuene].

c. *esp.* With ellipsis of *hours* (of the day) or *minutes*, as *seven o'* (†*of the*, †*a*) *clock*; also simply *seven*; *half-past seven*, *seven fifteen*, etc.

c 1412 HOCCLEVE *De Reg. Princ.* 2008 O-bonte þe hour of seuene. 1470–85 MALORY *Arthur* XX. v. 804 Or it be seuen of the clok. 1596 SHAKS. *Tam. Shr.* IV. iii. 193 It shall be seuen ere I go to horse. 1664 BUTLER *Hud.* II. iii. 512, I meant what time n'th' day 'tis? Quoth Ralpho, between seven and eight 'tis. 1779 *Mirror* No. 43 ▸ 6 A clock was heard to strike seven. 1859 GEO. ELIOT *Adam Bede* iv, It's gone seven by th' clock. 1872 CALVERLEY *Fly Leaves* (1903) 93 Ere yet the minster clock chimed seven.

1580 G. HARVEY *Letter-Bk.* (Camden) 72 Afternoone seavenaclocke dinnars. 1898 WATTS-DUNTON *Aylwin* v. ii, To dress for her ridiculous seven o'clock dinner.

d. With ellipsis of *years* (of age). *To be more than seven*: to 'know one's way about'.

1608 SHAKS. *Per.* IV. vi. 81 Did you goe too't so young, were you a gamester at fiue or at seuen? 1693 LOCKE *Educ.* § 199. 254 The first Season to get Foreign Languages, ..I should think, should be from Seven to Fourteen or Sixteen. 1872 CALVERLEY *Fly Leaves* (1884) 65 A dull little varmint Of seven or eight. 1898 GISSING *Town Trav.* viii. 81 Oh, we all know that Mr. Gammon's more than seven.

e. With ellipsis of *shillings* or *pence*, as in *seven and seven*(*pence*). *Seven-and-sixer*: an article (in quot., a hat) costing seven shillings and sixpence.

1839 THACKERAY *Stubbs's Cal.* Dec., I had charged a gentleman in the coffee-rooms seven-and-sixpence for a glass of ale and bread and cheese. 1857 HUGHES *Tom Brown* I. v, We are allowed two seven-and-sixers a half.

f. Specific uses.

The Seven: (*a*) the seven deacons of Acts vi. 5; †(*b*) the Seven Sages of Greece (see SAGE *sb.*[3] 2); (*c*) the seven Argive heroes that made war against Thebes; (*d*) in soldier's slang (see quot. 1898). †*The erring seven*: the planets.

1382 WYCLIF *Acts* xxi. 8 Philip euangelist, that was oon of the seuene. 1605 BACON *Adv. Learn.* II. iv. § 3 Which later kind of Parabolical wisedome was much more in vse in the ancient times, as by the Fables of Aesope, and the briefe sentences of the seuen..may appeare. 1612 SELDEN *Illustr. Drayton's Poly-olb.* x. 220 As the old verses of the Seven tells us. 1642 H. MORE *Song of Soul* II. iii. III. xv, So doth the earth one of the erring seven Wheel round the fixed sunne. 1842 W. C. TAYLOR *Anc. Hist.* viii. § 6 (ed. 3) 216 The memorable war of 'the Seven against Thebes'. 1888 *Encycl. Brit.* XXIII. 230 War of the 'Seven' (under Adrastus of Argos). 1898 *United Service Mag.* Mar. 649 In their way soldiers are very philosophical. If anything in their work annoys them they say, 'It's all in the seven', *i. e.*, the seven years for which they join the army. 1902 T. M. LINDSAY *Ch. Early Cent.* iv. 117 They are never called deacons; the Seven is the technical name they were known by.

†**3.** = seven times. *Obs.*

1303 R. BRUNNE *Handl. Synne* 6834 More þank þou getest for swych 3yuyng þan seuene so moche with chydyng. *a* 1425 *Cursor M.* 9382 (Trin.) Sonne & mone þat is so brist Had seuen so michel more list.

4. a. Multiplying another numeral.

c 893 ÆLFRED *Oros.* II. v. § 2 His heres wæs seofon hund þusenda. *c* 1205 LAY. 364 We habbeð seoue þusund of gode cnihten. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 1488 Lameth his sun his eild to neuen, Seuen hundret yeir seuenti and seuen. 1362 LANGL. *P. Pl.* A. III. 141 Seuen score dayes. *a* 1400 *Morte Arth.* 3788 One seuenschore knyghtes. *c* 1400 *Laud Troy Bk.* 8669 Dnuȝti knyȝtes thnusandes seuene. 1596 DALRYMPLE tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* I. 4 Seuin hundir thousand pace lang. 1626 BACON *Sylva* § 755 Who lived till she was seuen-score yeares old. 1650 in *Fasti Aberd.* (1854) 587 Seivine dusson egges o 14 o. 1774 GOLDSM. *Nat. Hist.* (1776) I. 216 The river Missisippi is of more than seven hundred leagues in length. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* III. II. i, Then do but touch some spring dexterously, the whole machine, clattering and jerking seven-hundredfold, will whirl with huge crash. 1859 FITZGERALD tr. *Omar* xx, To-morrow I may be Myself with Yesterday's Sev'n Thousand Years.

b. Coupled with a higher (cardinal or ordinal) numeral, so as to form a compound (cardinal or ordinal) numeral.

c 1000 *Ags. Ps.* (Th.) xxvii. *heading*, Dauid sang þisne seofen and twentiȝoþan sealm. *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 594 Seuene and .xx.tl dais. *c* 1470 HENRY *Wallace* VI. 107 Tuelff hundred ȝer, tharto nynte and sewyn. 1579 FULKE *Heskins' Parl.* 302 The seuen and sixtieth Chapter. *a* 1586 SIDNEY *Arcadia* II. (Sommer) 163 b, A young girle of a seuen and twenty yeare old. 1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* II. 270 The seven and twentieth Booke of Plinies Naturall Historie. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* I. IV. iv, Slashed by seven-and-twenty wounds.

c. Forming fractional numerals.

1726 *Act* 13 *Geo. I*, c. 26 § 11 In Breadth full Three quarters of a Yard, or full Seven eighths. 1832 J. RENNIE *Consp. Butterfl. & M.* 64 Wings one inch one-half to seven-twelfths. 1900 *Jrnl. Sch. Geog.* (U. S.) Jan. 16 We must divide the number of days between the time of the observation and the nearest equinox by three and seven-eighths.

†**5.** = SEVENTH *a.* *Obs.*

The ME. *sevenday* may be either an instance of this or a contraction of *sevende day* (see SEVENTH); cf. SEVENDELE.

c 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 247 Đe seuendai morȝen sprong. *c* 1305 *Pop. Treat. Sci.* 137 Ther nis bote the sove del that men wonyeth on i-wis. *c* 1320 *Sir Tristr.* 800 To his castel..He sailed þe seuenday. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* vi. (*Thomas*) 422 þat in lele pennance we suld dwel, as fore þe sewine gre ve ma tell. *a* 1400 *Relig. Pieces fr. Thornton MS.* 23 The seuen braunche of pryde es elacion. *c* 1475 *Partenay* 1261 The seffe child Ffromont that tyme callyd was. 1491 *Cal. Anc. Rec. Dublin* (1889) 375 The yer of the regn of Kyng Harry the Seventh the sewne yer. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* I. xi. 755 For now the sevin symmir hidder careis the Wilsum, and errant, in euery land and see. 1588 A. KING tr. *Canisius' Catech.* 39 Ye sawin commandiment.

6. In special collocations.

Seven bishops *Eng. Hist.*, Archbishop Sancroft, and Bishops Ken, Lake, Llnyd, Trelawney, Turner, White, who in 1688 protested against the Declaration of Indulgence of James II. **Seven brethren**, the seven sons of St. Felicitas, whose festival is assigned to July 10th. **Seven champions**, the national saints of England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, France, Spain, and Italy, viz. George, Andrew, David, Patrick, Denys, James, and Anthony. Hence sing. †*seven-champion* allusively (see quot. 1676). **Seven Islands**, the Ionian Islands (cf. SEPTINSULAR). **Seven jargons** (see quots.). **Seven names of God**, cf. quot. 1905; a partial coincidence with this Jewish list appears in the incantatory formula (in Heinrich *M.E. Medizinbuch* 149) *El*, *Elye*, *Sabaoth*, *Adonay*, *Alpha*, *Omega*, *Messias*, *Pastor*, *Agnus*, *Fons*. The 14th c. quots. below point to a use of *Seven* as a name of God. **Seven Seas**, the Arctic, Antarctic, North and South Pacific, North and South Atlantic, and Indian Oceans. Also SEVEN SISTERS, SEVEN SLEEPERS, SEVEN STARS. For others see AGE *sb.* 5, ART *sb.* 7, BELL *sb.* 3 b, COMMAND *sb.* 2, DEADLY *a.* 5 (*s. deadly sins*), HEAD *sb.* 63 b (*s. head-sins*), HEAVEN *sb.* 4, MERCY *sb.* 7 (*s. works of mercy*), PLANET *sb.*[1] 1, PSALM *sb.* 2, SACRAMENT *sb.* 1, SAGE *sb.*[2], SCIENCE *sb.* 3, SENSE *sb.* 10, STAR, VIAL, VICE, VIRTUE, WHISTLER, WISE (*s. wise masters* and *men*), WONDER, WORD.

1731 TINDAL *Rapin's Hist. Eng.* XV. 142 *marg.*, Tryal of the *Seven Bishops [1688]. *c* 1450 *Godstow Reg.* 19, I pray ȝou þen *Brethren seuyn, That I may be one of Benet ys heyre. 1588 A. KING tr. *Canisius' Catech.* in *Cath. Tract.* (S.T.S.) 189 The 7 brether sones of S. Foelicite martt. at Rome vnder Antoninus 136. 1596 R. JOHNSON (*title*) The Famous History of the *Seauen Champions of Christendome. 1676 *Poor Robin's Intell.* 28 Mar. 1/1 He is a Seaven-Champion in Quackery, that delights in nothing but dangerous adventures. 1735 BOLINGBROKE *Study Hist.* i. (1752) 5 Some..read the life of Aristides or Phocion,..just as..they would read the story of the seven champions. 1803 G. ROSE *Diaries* (1860) II. 20 The republic of the *Seven Islands. 1880 *Encycl. Brit.* XIII. 206/2 In 1800, the emperor Paul erected the Republic of the Seven United Islands. 1843 BORROW *Bible in Spain* xxxix, I heard one of them [the alguazils] say 'he understands the *seven Gypsy jargons'. 1896 *Gentl. Mag.* CCLXXX. 129 It was very galling for one who had just been discussing the Seven Jargons with a past master to be now floored in a missing word competition. *a* 1325 *Adam & Eve* 125 in Horstm. *Altengl. Leg.* (1878) 140 Yblisced be his *nam seuen. 13.. *Guy Warw.* 2841 God, for his name seuene He bring ȝou to gode heuene! *c* 1460 *Towneley Myst.* xiii. 191 Now lord, for thy naymes sevyn, that made both mnyn and starnes, Well mn then I can neuen thi will, lorde, of me tharnys. [1905 *Jewish Encycl.* IX. 163/2 The number of divine names that require the scribe's special care is seven: El, Elohim, Adonai, YHWH, Ehyeh-Asher-Ehyeh, Shaddai, and Zeba'ot.] 1872 FITZGERALD tr. *Omar* xlvii, Which of our Coming and Departure heeds As the *Sev'n Seas should heed a pebble-cast. 1896 KIPLING (*title*) The Seven Seas.

B. *sb.* **1.** The abstract number seven.

At or *on six and seven*, *at sixes and sevens*: see SIX *sb.* 5. †*Be sic seven*: see SIC *a.* 1 b.

c 1055 tr. *Byrhtferth's Handboc* in Anglia VIII. 303 Twia seofon beoð seowertyne. *c* 1200 ORMIN 5351 Forr tale off seoffne tacneþþ uss þatt seofennkinne bene. 1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* XIX. CXX. (1495) 922 Seuen hyghte Septenarius and is the thyrde amonge odde nombres. *c* 1425 *Crafte Nombrynge* (E.E.T.S.) 10 Cast 3 to foure, þat wole be seuen. ? 1593 DRAYTON *Man in Moon* Poems (1619) 484 The which foure Seuens the Eight and Twenty make. 1621 T. WILLIAMSON tr. *Goulart's Wise Vieillard* 42 The number of seuen, is otherwise iudged of in the holy Scriptures.

†**b.** *To set on seven*: said of the work of God in creation. *Obs.*

a 1400 *Pistill of Susan* 264 Þou maker of myddelert,..Boþe þe sonne and þe see þou sette vpon seuene. *c* 1460 *Towneley Myst.* xiii. 738 The fader of heuen god omnypotent, That sett all on seuen. *c* 1470 *Gol. & Gaw.* 1045, I swere be suthfast God, that settis all on sevin.

c. Short for the date of the seventh year of a particular century, e.g. 1707. Also, *Two sevens*: 77th year.

1818 SCOTT *Hrt. Midl.* xxiv, At the last riding of the Scots Parliament, and that was in the gracinus year seven. 1889 GRETTON *Memory's Harkback* 63 When he was in his 'two sevens', I followed him from church on Christmas Day in his Doctor's red gown, big wig, and silk stockings.

2. A set of seven persons or things.

Sevens: a ball game (see quot. 1868).

1590 H. BROUGHTON *Let. to Friend* A 2 Seauen seauens (of yeeres) and sixtie and two seauens. 1599 PONT *Right Reckoning of Years* 76 The wicked spirites alsoare numbred by seavens. 1611 BIBLE *Gen.* vii. 2 Of euery cleane beast thou shalt take to thee by seuens. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* XI. 731 Of everie Beast, and Bird, and Insect small Came seavens, and pairs. 1853 *N. Brit. Rev.* Feb. 397 Till the end of the forty-ninth annual revolution, a period of seven sevens. 1868 *Routledge's Ev. Boy's Bk.* 48 Sevens. This game is very like Catch-ball. The object is to catch a ball seven times in a particular fashion.

b. A playing card marked with seven pips.

1656 EARL MONM. tr. *Boccalini's Pol. Touchstone* (1674) 288 The fair advantage which he had of three Sevens in hand. 1680 COTTON *Compl. Gamester* (ed. 2) 90 You then play your seven of Clubs. *Ibid.* 102 They may lay out the threes, fours, fives, sixes and sevens. 1783 W. HOOPER *Rat. Recr.* (ed. 2) I. 120 With the seven and eight of diamonds. 1873 *Routledge's Young Gentl. Mag.* Jan. 121 Gather up the four sevens, and place them on the top of the pack.

c. *Cricket.* A score of seven runs from one hit.

1765 in Waghorn *Cricket Scores* (1899) 59 Harding fetched 24 notches off his own bat at four strokes: that was one 5, two 6's, and one 7. 1886 PYCROFT *Oxford Mem.* II. 101 He hit Mr. Lowth for a fair seven.

d. *pl.* Verses of seven syllables.

1825 *Collect. Psalms & Hymns* 197 Hymn 170. (Sevens.) Gracious Spirit, Love Divine. 1891 J. C. PARSONS *Eng. Versif.* 35 Sevens. Trochaic trimeter, with added syllable.

†**3.** In the game of hazard, with reference to the throwing of a main. *Obs.*

Seven's the main: see MAIN *sb.*[2]. *Seven is* (*my*) *chance*: see CHANCE *sb.* 3 b. *Seven and eleven*: the two casts upon which the highest expectation can be wagered when seven is the main. *Come on seven*: ? = 'seven's the main'; ? so *Come you seven*, in quot. used as sb., a hardened gamester.

c 1386 CHAUCER *Pard. T.* 653 Seuene is my chaunce, and thyn is cynk and treye. *a* 1553 *Nice Wanton* 212 Heer six come on seuen. 1596 SIR J. DAVIES *Epigr.* xxi, Hee still doth swear By come on seauen that al is lost and gone. 1605 CHAPMAN *All Fools* II. i. 42 Shall I be made A foolish novice..By everie cheating come you seaven? 1680 COTTON *Compl. Gamester* (ed. 2) 121 (Hazzard) If again Seven be the Main, and the Caster throws eleven, that is a Nick. 1684 OTWAY *Atheist* v. i, Farewel for ever Old Hock..Seven and Eleven, Sink-Tray, and the Doublets. 1693 *Humours Town* 25 But at Seven and Eleven to shake away an Estate to known Rooks that live by the Dice, is an unaccountable piece of folly. 1726 *Art & Myst. Mod. Gaming* 13 Whereas of the 36 Changes 24 only are Mains, viz. 8 Fives and Nines, 10 Sixes and Eights, and 6 Sevens. 1814 *Hoyle's Games Impr.* 362 If seven is thrown for a main, and four the chance, it is 2 to 1 against the person who throws. 1839 THACKERAY *Lect. Fine Arts* ii. Wks. 1900 XIII. 273 A gambling-house, where many a bout of seven's-the-main..has been had.

†**b.** *To set* (*all*) *on seven*: to make a desperate venture; hence, to make an attack. Cf. *to set* (*all*) *on six and seven*: see SIX *sb.* 5. *Obs.*

? *a* 1400 *Morte Arth.* 2131 Thus he settez on seuene with his sekyre knyghttez. *a* 1440 *Sir Degrev.* 1279 3et wold I sett all one seven ffor Myldor the swet. *c* 1470 *Gol. & Gaw.* 668 With seymely scheildis to schew, thai set vpone seuin.

4. A person or thing to which the number seven is attached in a set or series, e.g. in an elght-oared boat, the rower occupying the seat behind stroke. Also *number seven*.

1830 MARRYAT *King's Own* xli, 'Had not I better get a piece of duck for that? 'No, no—number seven [*sc.* canvas] will do as well.' 1872 H. KINGSLEY *Hornby Mills*, etc. II. 59 You spoilt the boat by carrying away young Dickson,..and instead of rowing a good seven in the boat, he was bowled out with five runs at Kennington. 1891 *Cambr. Rev.* 12 Mar. 267/1 On Saturday with a new seven they rowed so well [etc.].

†**5.** A seventh in music. *Obs. rare.*

1561 T. Hoby tr. *Castiglione's Courtyer* I. (1577) E j, The verie sense of our hearing..oftentymes delyteth in a second or in a seauen. 1598 Marston *Sco. Villanie* III. xi. (1599) 228 When they sute Some harsher seauens for varietie My natine skill discernes it presently.

C. Combinations.

1. In parasynthetic adjs. with suffix **-ED**[2], as *seven-branched, -caped, -channelled, -chorded, -cornered, -eyed, -formed* [after eccl. L. *septiformis*], *-gated, -headed, -horned, -mouthed, -piled, -quired, -sealed, -sided, -syllabled, -thorned, -tined, -toned, -twined, -twisted*; **seven-footed**, seven feet high; †**seven-mountain-seated** = SEVEN-HILLED; †**seven-ported**, seven-gated. See also SEVEN-HILLED, SEVEN-LEAGUED.

1863 Stanley *Jew. Ch.* xvii. 377 On the left of the Entrance, stood the *seven-branched candlestick. 1859 *All Year Round* No. 34. 176 She calls the *seven-caped cabman. 1621 G. Sandys *Ovid's Met.* I. (1626) 11 *Seuen-chanel'd Nile. 1647 H. More *Triumph* 27 But Æther..Tunes his *seven-corded Harp. 1841–6 Longf. *To a Child* xii, Pythagoras..formed the seven-chorded lyre. 1611 Florio, *Settangolare*, *seuen-cornered. 1649 Roberts *Clavis Bibl.* 615 The vigilant *seven-eyed Providence of the Lord. [See Zech. iv. 10.] 1787 Colman *Inkle & Yarico* I. iii, Some grim, *seven-footed fellow ready to scalp us. 1561 Daus tr. *Bullinger on Apoc.* (1573) 47 b, He is sayd..to haue the *seuen formed spirite, whom he also powreth out vpon the faithfull. 1581 A. Hall *Iliad* IV. 71 The *seauen gated Thebes towne. 1729 G. Adams tr. *Sophocles' Antig.* I. ii. II. 14 Round the seven gated City. 1849 M. Arnold *Strayed Rev.* 247 Seven-gated Thebes. 1561 Daus *Bullinger on Apoc.* (1573) 5 b, The old *seuenheaded, and the new twohorned beast. 1646 [S. Gorton] (*title*) Simplicities Defence against Seven-headed Policy. Or Innocency vindicated, being unjustly accused by that Seven-headed Church-Government united in New England. 1810 Southey *Kehama* XIV. i, Joy in the seven-headed Idol's shrine! 1847 Tennyson *Princess* Prol. 200 Seven-headed monsters only made to kill Time by the fire in winter. 1835 I. Williams in *Lyra Apost.* cxi[ii]. (1836) 139 And old imperial Rome Looks up, and lifts again half-dead Her *seven-horned head. 1849 Rossetti *Mary's Girlhood* ii, The seven-thorn'd briar and the palm *seven-leaved. 1624 *Nero* II. (1633) C 3 b, Empire-crown'd *seven mountaine-seated Rome. 1590 Spenser *F. Q.* I. v. 18 As when a wearie traueller that strayes By muddy-shore of broad *seven-mouthed Nile. 1850 Marg. Fuller *Wom. in 19th C.* (1862) 187 Their ever weeping skies and *seven-piled velvet of verdure. 1603 Murray in *Stirling's Darius* In praise Author, *Seauen-ported Thebes wals. 1897 F. Thompson *New Poems* 20 Where *seven-quired psalterings meet. 1826 E. Irving *Babylon* II. 339 The 14th chapter, which is no portion of the *seven-sealed book. 1766 B. Martin *New Art Survey* 27 A Heptagon, or *seven-sided Figure. 1853 Lynch *Self-Improvem.* iv. 96 Seven-sided subjects. 1869 Hood *Rules of Rhyme* 30 Tetrameter (*seven-syllabled). 1849 *Seven-thorned [see *seven-leaved*]. 1844 H. Stephens *Bk. Farm* II. 682 The implement..is now very frequently used with five tines, in place of the original *seven-tined implement. 1853 *N. Brit. Rev.* Feb. 399 The *seven-toned rhythm of the universe. *Ibid.*, A pencil of light..*seven-twined and beautiful. *Ibid.*, A web of *seven-twisted thread.

b. *Nat. Hist.*

1812 Shaw *Gen. Zool.* I. i. 190 *Seven-banded Armadillo., 1881 *Cassell's Nat. Hist.* V. 32 The third *seven-gilled Shark, called *Notidanus indicus*. 1591 Percivall *Sp. Dict.*, *Siete en rama*, *seauen leaued grasse. 1822 *Hortus Anglicus* II. 175 Seven-leaved Tooth Wort. 1821 W. P. C. Barton *Flora N. Amer.* I. 14 Leaves..*seven-nerved. 1812 Shaw *Gen. Zool.* VI. i. 55 The common or *seven-spotted Lady-Bird.

2. Combined with sbs. forming adjs., as *seven-carbon, -feet, -figure, -foot, -inch, -line, -octave, -ounce, -part, -shilling*, †*-shot, -wire*; **seven-water**, containing seven parts of water to one of spirit. See also SEVEN-LEAGUE.

1852 *Jrnl. Chem. Soc.* IV. 233 *Seven-carbon ether, Amylate of ethyle, or Ethylate of amyle. 1829 W. Pearson *Pract. Astron.* II. 367 Mr. South's *seven-feet instrument. 1865 De Morgan & Schroen (*title*) *Seven-figure Logarithms. 1805 R. W. Dickson *Pract. Agric.* I. Plate xx, A small *seven-inch drain. 1869 Hood *Rules of Rhyme* 38 The *Seven-line Stanza. 1885 *Encycl. Brit.* XIX. 77/2 Broadwood's *seven-octave concert grands. 1896 Kipling *Seven Seas* 97 (Lost Legion) We've shouted on *seven-ounce nuggets. 1883 *Grove's Dict. Mus.* III. 464/1 Several short pieces for female voices in *seven-part harmony. 1780 H. Walpole in Jesse *Selwyn & Contemp.* (1844) IV. 317 Last night I saw a proof-piece of *seven-shilling pieces struck in 1776. 1821 Byron *Juan* III. lx, A lady with her daughters or her nieces Shine like a guinea and seven-shilling pieces. 1870 Henfrey *Engl. Coins* I. 87 One-third guinea or Seven-shilling piece. 1681 Grew *Musæum* IV. § ii. 366 A *Seven-Shot Gun, or a Gun which carries Powder and Bullets, for seven Charges and Discharges. 1688 Holme *Armoury* III. ix. 382/1 A Wax Box, with a *seven Stone Ring set in it. 1836 Marryat *Three Cutters* ii, *Seven-water grog. 1876 Preece & Sivewright *Telegraphy* 242 To the old *seven-wire cable..four new wires are added.

3. With sbs. Footer, Pounder, Shooter (q. v.).

1890 'R. Boldrewood' *Col. Reformer* (1891) 205 A very effective seven-shooter. 1896 *Daily News* 22 Apr. 7/7 A Hotchkiss seven-pounder. 1899 *Westm. Gaz.* 13 Sept. 3/3 That giant seven-footer.

4. Seven-bark, (*a*) = 'nine-bark' (*Spiræa opulifolia* and other species); (*b*) *Hydrangea arborescens* (Syd. Soc. Lex. 1891); **seven-bore**, a shot-gun with calibre seven; **seven-eye**(s [cf. G. *siebenauge*], the lamprey, in allusion to its seven gill-openings; **seven-gills**, a shark of the genus *Heptanchus* or *Notidanus* (Cent. Dict. 1891; cf. *seven-gilled* in 1 b); **seven-holes** = *seven-eyes*; †**seven-leaf, -leaves** = SEPTFOIL.

1814 Lewis & Clarke *Trav. Missouri* (1815) III. 18 The *seven bark, or as it is usually denominated, the nine bark of the United States. 1863 W. C. Baldwin *Afr. Hunting* ix.. 375, I have shot for ten years constantly with a *seven-bore of his make. 1740 R. Brookes *Art of Angling* I. xxxviii. 81 The Lamprey..is called by Dr. Plot, the Pride of the Isis, and by others, *Seven-Eyes. 1839 T. C. Hofland *Brit. Angler's Man.* xv. (1841) 186 The lamprey,..or seven eyes. 1883 Day *Fishes Gt. Brit.* II. 360 Names—Lampern, lampron, and lamper-eel; nine-eyes, nine-holes, the eye and nasal orifice appear to be here counted; *seven-holes, when only the gill-openings are enumerated. *c* 1000 *Sax. Leechd.* I. 232 Ðeos wyrt þe man eptafilon & oðrum naman septifolium nemneð & eac sume men *seofenleafe hatað. 1657 Coles *Adam in Eden* 76 Tormentil, Setfoil or Seven-leaves.

Seven-day(s, -days', *attrib. phr.*

1. Consisting of or extending over seven days or a week. Also Comb. *seven-days-long* adj.

1823 Bentham *Not Paul* 354 The seven-days-long false oath. 1862–3 (*title*) The Seven Days' Journal of Literature, Science, Art, and General Information. 1879 *Law Rep.* (*Ireland*) II. 386 It is competent to him..to exchange such six-day license for a general or seven-day license. 1885 'H. Conway' *Family Affair* vii, The seven days wonder about the boy had almost died away.

2. *Seven-day(s disease*, a form of tetanus. *Seven-day fever*, a kind of relapsing fever; septan fever.

1797 Underwood *Dis. Childhood* I. 377 Having escaped the seven-days-disease, they thrive well until the third or fourth month. 1888 Fagge *Princ. Med.* (ed. 2) I. 153 *note*, Synonyms [of Relapsing Fever]..bilious remittent, seven-day fever, famine fever. 1891 *Syd. Soc. Lex.*, *Seven-day disease*, a term for *Trismus*.

†**Se·vendele.** *Obs.* [f. *sevende* (see SEVENTH) + *dele* (see DEAL *sb.*[1] 1 b). Cf. OFris. *sawendel*, MHG. *sibenteil*.] Seventh part.

[*c* 1305: see Seven A. 5.] 1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) I. 45 Þe roundenesse of a cercle aboute conteyneþ þre so moche as þe brede [MS. *a adds* and the seuendele of the brede]. [*a* 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 2342 A-losed mare of strenth þan I my-selfe or my seggis be þe seuent dele.]

†**Seven-double,** *a. Obs.* [Cf. THREE-DOUBLE, etc.] Sevenfold.

a 1586 Sidney *Arcadia* I. Ecl. (1598) 86 Her hands which pierc'd the soules seau'n-double shield. 1611 Florio, *Settecplico*, seauen-fold, seauen-double.

Sevener (se·v'nəɹ). [-ER[1].] **a.** A criminal who is sentenced to seven years' imprisonment. **b.** A hit for seven runs.

1897 P. Waring *Old Regime* 219 Pedder was a 'sevener', Blake was a 'niner'. 1898 in Bettesworth *Chats Cricket Field* (1910) 417 Stephens again hit me to leg, but this time he only made a sevener!

Sevenfold (se·v'nˌfōʊld), *a., adv., sb.* [OE. *seofonfeald* = OFris. *sivonvald, saunfald*, OHG. *sibunfalt* (MHG. *sibenvalt*, G. *siebenfalt*), ON. *sjaufalde*: see SEVEN and -FOLD.] **A.** *adj.*

1. Consisting of seven together or seven in one; having seven parts, divisions, elements, or units. Formerly a frequent epithet of the river Nile.

c 960 Æthelwold *Rule St. Benet* (Schröer) xvi. 40 Dæt seofonfealde ȝetæl bið þus þurh us ȝefylled, ȝif [etc.]. *c* 1055 tr. *Byrhtferth's Handboc* in *Anglia* VIII. 302 Witodlice hine ofer stiȝað þæt seofonfealde ȝetæl þære sunnan ȝeares daȝas. 1340 *Ayenb.* 268 Þe dede of alle ine mennesse ys zeuenuld: Hy lybbeþ, hy smackeþ, hy louyeþ, hy byeþ glede, hy heryeþ, hy byeþ zuyfte, hy byeþ zikere. 1590 Greene *Orl. Fur.* 3 From seuenfold Nilus to Taprobany. 1606 Shaks. *Ant. & Cl.* IV. xiv. 38 The seuen-fold shield of Aiax. 1634 Sir T. Herbert *Trav.* 156 The Alcoran bids a seuen-fold daily worship. 1728 Pope *Dunc.* I. 244 The Master of the sev'nfold Face. 1807 Crabbe *Par. Reg.* III. 816 He fill'd the sevenfold surplice fairly out. 1864 Pusey *Lect. Daniel* (1876) 168 A sevenfold period of years. 1882 *Encycl. Brit.* XIV. 696/1 A 'litania septiformis', that is to say a sevenfold procession of clergy, laity, monks, virgins, matrons, widows, poor, and children.

b. *Theol.* [tr. eccl.L. *septiformis*.] Applied to seven gifts of the Holy Ghost enumerated in Isaiah xi. 2 (Vulg. and LXX.); see also Rev. i. 4.

a 1000 Ælfric *Hom.* (Thorpe) I. 326 We wurðiað þæs Halȝan Gastes to-cyme mid lofsangum seofon daȝas, forðan ðe he onbryrt ure mod mid seofonfealdre ȝife. *c* 1200 Ormin Ded. 301 Þiss sefennfald godleȝȝc þatt Crist Uss dide þurrh hiss are. *a* 1400 *Minor Poems Vernon MS.* xx. 9 Þou art in ȝifte seuenfold, Godus riht hond ffinger art þou. *c* 1450 *Mirour Saluacioun* (Roxb.) 21 The sevenfold haly gast. 1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 1 The vij folde graces of the holy goost. 1563 Winȝet tr. *Vincent. Lirin.* vii. Wks. (S.T.S.) 27 The seuinfald licht of the Haly Gaist. 1627 Cosin '*Veni Creator*', Thou the anointing Spirit art, Who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart. 1738 Wesley *Hymns, Creator Spirit, by whose Aid* iii, Plenteous of Grace, descend from high, Rich in thy sevenfold Energy. 1827 Keble *Chr. Y., Confirmation*, Draw, Holy Ghost, Thy sevenfold veil, Between us and the fires of youth.

2. Seven times as great or numerous; seven times increased or repeated. Hence, typically = very great, strong, etc.

c 1000 Ælfric *Saints' Lives* (1881) I. 66 Iulianus wycode wiþ þa ea eufraten and him ofer-wacedon syfan-fealde weardes. 1382 Wyclif *Isa.* xxx. 26 The liȝt of the sunne shal he seuene fold, as the liȝt of seuene daȝes. 1557 Recorde *Whetst.* B ij, Septupla 7 to 1: 14 to 2..Seuenfolde. 1694 Salmon *Bate's Dispens.* (1713) 359/2 Chymists advise a sevenfold Rectification. 1736 *Gentl. Mag.* VI. 601/2 A seventy times seven-fold Vengeance from above. 1742 Young *Nt. Th.* IV. 204 And foul transgression dips in sev'n-fold guilt. 1852 Bailey *Festus* 298 With A sevenfold blessing and inviolate rest, Yea, with His sabbath. 1872 Spurgeon *Treas. Dav.* Ps. lxxiv. 20 In some places a sevenfold night of superstition and unbelief has settled down. 1908 *Grove's Dict. Mus.* IV. 670/2 Among his [*sc.* Stainer's] most successful..pieces of church music must be named the well-known 'Sevenfold Amen'.

3. Seven in number. *poet.*

1614 Gorges *Lucan* VI. 232 Here stood..Echions Thebes with seauenfolde gates. 16.. Middleton, etc. *Old Law* I. i, Never did Greece, Not when she flourished in her sevenfold sages,..Produce a law more grave and necessary. 1812 Cary *Dante, Purg.* XXXII. 17, I mark'd that glorious army ..turn, Against the sun and sevenfold lights, their front. 1887 Morris *Odyssey* XI. 263 Thebes of the gates sevenfold.

B. *adv.* (OE. had *seofonfealdlice*.)

1. In a sevenfold manner or degree; seven times. Hence, exceedingly, greatly.

c 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 171 Ðe rihtwise shulle ben seuefeald brihtere þane þe sunne. *a* 1225 *Juliana* 18 So mare ȝe me helpeð seouenald to heouene. *a* 1340 Hampole *Psalter* xi. 7 Syluyre examynd in fire proued of þe erth, purged seuenfald. 1382 Wyclif *Dan.* iii. 19 He had, that the fourneyse shulde be sette on fijre seuen fold hatter than it was wont for to be tendid. *c* 1460 *Towneley Myst.* ii. 373 For he that sloys yong or old It shall be punyshid seven-fold. 1567 *Gude & Godlie B.* 119 Seuinfald, their sin, gude Lord, mot punist be. 1607 Shaks. *Timon* I. i. 289 Plutus the God of Gold Is but his Steward: no meede but he repayes Seuen-fold aboue it selfe. 1632 W. Forster tr. *Oughtred's Circles of Proportion* 16 Let the ratio given be septuplicated, that is multiplied sevenfold into it selfe. 1849 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* I. iii. 340 The population of some [country towns] has multiplied sevenfold.

2. In seven folds or coils. *nonce-use.*

1830 Tennyson *Mermaid* ii, That great sea-snake..From his coiled sleeps in the central deeps Would slowly trail himself sevenfold Round the hall where I sate.

C. *sb.* (*nonce-uses.*) **a.** *The sevenfold*, a sevenfold amount. **b.** A group of seven.

1382 Wyclif *Prov.* vi. 31 Caȝt therewith forsothe he shal ȝelde the seuene fold [Vulg. *septuplum*]. 1864 Pusey *Lect. Daniel* iv. 165 *note*, Some of the poets have said, who measure age ταῖς ἑβδομάσι, by the sevenfolds.

Hence †**Sevenfold** *v.*, to make sevenfold; **Se·venfolded,** †**-folden** = SEVENFOLD *a.*; **Se·venfoldness**, the quality of being sevenfold.

1611 Florio, *Settiplicare*, to *seauen-fold or double. 1590 Spenser *F. Q.* II. v. 6 His *seuenfolded shield. 1876 Morris *Æneids* XII. 925 The..outer rim of that seven-folded shield. 1561 Daus tr. *Bullinger on Apoc.* (1573) 66 b, I tolde you..how the seuen spirites of God are put for the *seuen folden, full, and perfect spirite of God. 1856 P. Fairbairn *Prophecy* II. iii. 306 The *sevenfoldness ascribed to it must be..seven different states or forms of dominion.

Seven-hilled, *a.* [Cf. L. *septicollis* (Prudentius).] Standing on seven hills: epithet of the city of Rome.

1608 H. Clapham *Errour Right Hand* 73 The Seauen hilled Citie (Rome). 1681 H. More *Expos. Dan.* Pref. 24 The seven-hilled City of Rome. *c* 1743 Francis tr. *Hor., Sec. Poem* 117 Mayst thou, in all thy radiant course, Nothing more great than seven-hill'd Rome behold! 1818 Byron *Ch. Har.* IV. lxxx, The Goth, the Christian, Time, War, Flood, and Fire, Have dealt upon the seven-hill'd city's pride. 1835 Lytton *Rienzi* I. xii, Rome..with her seven-hilled diadem.

So **Seven-hilly** *a. rare.*

1561 Daus tr. *Bullinger on Apoc.* (1573) 281 The *seuen hilly Rome. 1824 Byron *Def. Transf.* I. ii. 149 In old Rome, the seven-hilly, We'll revel at ease.

Sevenight(e, etc., obs. forms of SENNIGHT.

Seven-league(d, *a. Seven-league(d) boots* [F. *bottes de sept lieues*], the boots in the fairy story of Hop o' my Thumb, which enabled the wearer to cover seven leagues at each step. Hence allusively = of enormous size or speed.

1799 Southey in Robberds *Mem. W. Taylor* (1843) I. 254 He has advanced with such seven-leagued strides as to overtake everybody. 1813 L. Hunt in *Examiner* 26 Apr. 262/2 Heaven grant he may not have put on his seven-league boots in vain! 1818 Scott *Rob Roy* iv, Giants with seven-leagued boots. 1826 — *Woodst.* xxviii, Leave swelling phrase and seven-leagued words at home. 1849 Hawthorne *Twice-told T., Mr. Higginbotham's Catastr.*, The stranger on foot must have worn seven-league boots, to travel at such a rate. 1855 Dickens *Dorrit* II. xii, With a..rapid step, as if he wanted to get his seven-league dress-shoes on and go round the world. 1890 'R. Boldrewood' *Miner's Right* (1899) 141/2 The sergeant strode forward with one of his characteristic seven-leagued movements.

Comb. 1864 A. J. Warden *Linen Trade* 240 The rapid progress in this seven-league-booted century.

Sevenpence (se·v'npĕns). [f. SEVEN + PENCE.] A sum of money equal to seven pennies. Hence **Se·venpence-ha'lfpenny; Se·ven-pe·nnyworth** (**-penn'orth**).

1671 E. Leigh *Three Diatribes* 73 In Venice a Liver is about seven pence half peny. 1756 Mrs. Calderwood in *Coltness Collect.* (Maitland Club) 229 Peices..of sevenpence (called a skillen). 1824 Ure tr. *Berthollet's Dyeing* I. 8 A measure of corn, which would at present cost sevenpence-halfpenny English. 1859 *Hotten's Slang Dict.*, *Seven pennorth*, transportation for seven years. 1865 Ruskin *Sesame* i. § 33 Now £700 is to £50,000 roughly, as sevenpence is to two thousand pounds. 1885 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 11 Mar. 4/1 Mary L. warmly asserted that 'she had been married at the sevenpence-halfpenny-church'...The sevenpence-halfpenny demanded pays only for the legal stamp.

Sevenpenny (se·v'npĕni), *a.* [See PENNY *sb.* 10.] Costing or valued at sevenpence; hence, †trifling, contemptible. Also as *sb.*, a volume that costs sevenpence.

c 1380 *Antecrist* in Todd *Three Treat. Wyclif* (1851) 147 Antecrist makiþ hise [priests] knowen..bi her sevenpeny

wedding & haliwater spryngynge. 1664 J. Webb *Stone-Heng* (1725) 122 Readers would never be induced to swallow such a Gudgeon, as that seven-penny Men should be fed with Venison. 1711-12 Swift *Jrnl. to Stella* 8 Jan., I forgot Catherine's sevenpenny dinner. 1908 *Daily Chron.* 17 Aug. 5/4 The neatly-bound, well-printed sevenpenny or shilling volume of fiction. 1908 *Westm. Gaz.* 7 Sept. 4/3 The 'sevenpenny' has come to stay as a form for the circulation of English literature.

Seven sisters. [See also Sister *sb.*]

†**1.** The Pleiades. *Obs.*

1412-20 *Lydg. Chron. Troy* II. 3334 Sche allone among þe susters senene Schroudeth to vs schamfastly hir chere. [1667 Milton *P. L.* x. 673 To Taurus with the Seav'n Atlantick Sisters, and the Spartan Twins Up to the Tropic Crab.] 1742 Gray *Propertius* II. 35 Whence the seven Sisters' congregated fires.

2. *Hist.* Seven cannon, resembling each other in size and make, cast by Robert Borthwick and nsed at the battle of Flodden.

? 1513 Skelton *Agst. Scottes* 162 Your Seuen Systers, that gun so gay. *a* 1578 Lindesay (Pitscottie) *Chron. Scot.* (S.T.S.) I. 259 Sewin cannonis that he tuik fourtht of the castill of Edinburgh, quhilk was callit the sewin sisteris. 1808 Scott *Marmion* IV. xxvii, Borthwick's Sisters Seven.

3. a. A name of two common spurges. *dial.*

1886 Britten & Holland *Plant-n.*, Seven Sisters. *Euphorbia Helioscopia* and *E. Peplus*, in allnsion to the seven branches of the stem. Co. Donegal, Ireland.

b. *Seven sister(s') rose*: a climbing rose producing densely clustered heads of white, cream, or pinkish flowers.

1864 Hibberd *Rose Bk.* 27 One of the finest is *Grevillei*, or the Seven Sisters' rose, a climber which grows with tremendous vigonr. 1906 *Westm. Gaz.* 3 Aug. 10/1 The seven-sister rose Blossoms abont the gabled close.

4. A popular name for *Malacocercus terricolor*, an Indian bird of gregarious habits.

1878 P. Robinson *In Ind. Garden* 31 The Seven Sisters pretend to feed on insects, lint that is only when they cannot get peas. 1901 Kipling *Kim* 90 The chattering, gray-backed Seven Sisters.

†**Sevensithe(s,** *adv. Obs.* Forms: see Seven and Sithe *sb.*[1] [OE. *seofon síþa, síþum*: cf. ON. *sjausinnum.*] Seven times.

c 825 *Vesp. Psalter* cxviii. 164 Seofen siðum in deze lof ic sezde ðe. *c* 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* Matt. xviii. 21 Hnn oft synngiza mæze in mec broðer min & ic forgefo him, wið sefo siða? *c* 1055 tr. *Byrhtferth's Handboc* in *Anglia* VIII. 303 Seofon siðon seofon beoð nizon & feowertiz. *c* 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 39 Seofesiðe brihtre þene þa sunne. *a* 1225 *Leg. Kath.* 1680, & alle þe burhmen seonen siðes brihtre þen beo þe sunne. *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 1825 Sene siðes he fell him bi-foren. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 1851 Til seuensith tuenti dais war gan. *a* 1300 *Floriz & B.* 650 Hu ihc hire boȝte apliȝt For seuesiþe of gold hire wiȝt. 1410 *26 Pol. Poems* ix. 89 Seuene syþes on þe day, Men seyn, the riȝtwis man doþ falle. 1483 *Cath. Angl.* 331/2 Seven sithe, *sepcies*. *c* 1530 *Crt. Love* 436 Seven sith at night thy lady for to please.

Seven sleepers. [tr. L. *septem dormientes.*] Seven youths of Ephesus said to have hidden in a cave during the Decian persecution and to have slept there for several hundred years.

c 1000 Ælfric *Saints' Lives* (1881) I. 488 Her efne on-ginð þæra eadiȝra seofon slæpera ðrowung. *c* 1310 *Leg. Saints* (MS. Ashm. 43) lf. 122 b, Seue sleparis. 1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) VII. 221 þe array of þe sevene slepers. *c* 1450 *Godstow Reg.* 19 Make us to stndy þe sevene slepars. 1599 Nashe *Lenten Stuffe* Wks. 1905 III. 163 The forty yeares vndermeale of the seauen sleepers. 1641 Milton *Prel. Episc.* Wks. 1851 III. 77 The seven Sleepers, that slept.. three hundred seaventy, and two years. 1781 Gibbon *Decl. & F.* xxxiii. (1787) III. 350 The memorable fable of the Seven Sleepers. 1831 Carlyle *Sartor Res.* I. iv, A peal of laughter, enough to have awakened the Seven Sleepers!

b. Hence *sing.* **Seven-sleeper:** *allusively*, one who has been asleep for years; *dial.* a dormonse or other hibernating (or migrating) animal. [So G. *siebenschläfer.*]

1671 Glanvill *Further Discov. M. Stubbe* 30, I thought there was something in 't, that you now publish him for a Seven Sleeper, that knows not the Transactions of the Learned World. 1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* II. III. i, But in seasons of Revolution..your miraculous Seven-sleeper might, with miracle enough, awake sooner. 1873 W. P. Williams & Jones *Somerset Gloss., Seven-sleeper*, dormouse. 1899 H. C. Hart in *Phil. Soc. Trans.* 13 *Seven sleepers.* The summer migrants supposed to sleep through the Winter.

Sevensome (se·v'nsŏm), *sb.* and *a.* [f. Seven *a.* + -some. Cf. Fris. *saunesom.*]

A. *sb.* Seven together. *Sc.*

17.. Ramsay *Wyfe of Auchtermuchty* viii, He draif the gaislings forth to feid, Thair was hut sevensum of them aw.

B. *adj.* Consisting of seven. *rare*—°.

1864 in Webster.

Hence **Se·vensomeness,** the quality of being 'sevensome'. *rare*—¹.

1853 *N. Brit. Rev.* Feb. 398 The Sevensomeness of the microcosm. *Ibid.* 407 The sevensomeness of the luminous, or of the musical octave.

†**Seven stars.** *Obs.* (Also ME. *sterres seven.*) [OE. *seofon steorran*: see Seven and Star *sb.*, but OE. bad also collect. neut. *sifun-, sibunsterri* = WFris. *saunstjerre*, WFlem. *zeven(ge)sterre*, MLG. *sevensterne*, Dn. *zevengesternte*, OHG. *sibunstirni, -stirri* (MHG. *sibensterne*, G. *siebenstern* and *siebengestirn*), ON. *sjaustirni.* Cf. med.L. *septistellium.*] **a.** The Pleiades. **b.** ? The planets. **c.** The Great Bear.

c 725 *Corpus Gloss.* (Hessels) P 451 *Pliadas*, sibunsterri. *a* 900 *O. E. Martyrol.* 7 Nov. 202 Ond þonne gongað þa seofon steorran up on æfen. 1340-70 *Alex. & Dind.* 477 þe sonne set in his cours & þe sene sterres. *a* 1400-50 *Wars Alex.* 1961 (Dublin MS.) One of þe souerenest syres vndir þe seuen sternes. 1412-20 Lydg. *Chron. Troy* II. 3323 Pliades, þe senene sterris briȝt, Of whiche sixe apperen to oure siȝt. 1483 *Cath. Angl.* 331/2 þe Seven sterns, *plias, septemtriolis, septemtrio.* 1513 Douglas *Æneis* VIII. Prol. 151 The plench, and the polys, the planettis begane, The son, the sevin sternis, and the Charll wane. 1535 Coverdale *Amos* v. 8 [so 1611; *Revised* 1884 Pleiades]. 1577 B. Googe *Heresbach's Husb.* IV. (1586) 182 b, The best time for the first haruest, the rising of the seuen starres, or the beginning of May. 1605 Shaks. *Lear* I. v. 38 The reason why the seuen Starres are no mo then seuen, is a pretty reason. 1630 *R. Johnson's Kingd. & Commw.* 85 Where so many kingdomes are nnited, making a more perspicuous shew over the universe, than the seven starres doe in the Firmament, over the single planets. 1754 J. Hill *Urania, Seven Stars*, a common denomination of the constellation, called, by astronomers, the Pleiades. [1818 Scott *Hrt. Midl.* xxviii, Mrs. Bickerton, lady of the ascendant of the Seven Stars, in the Castle-gate, York.]

1430-40 Lydg. *Bochas* I. ii. (1544) 5 b, He would haue raught vp to y° sterres senen. *c* 1450 Metham *Whs.* (E.E.T.S.) 10 Hys bryght plowgh of sterrys, and eke the systyrrys at ther stent, The qwyche be namyd the sterrys seuyn. 1500-20 Dunbar *Poems* xxv. 66 We pray to all the Sanctis of hevin, That ar aboif the sterris sevin.

Sevent, obs. form of Seventh.

Seventeen (se·v'ntī·n, se·v'ntīn; see -teen), *a.* and *sb.* Forms: see Seven and -teen; also 3 sceoven-, 5 cevyn-; 3-5 -ten; 6 *Sc.* sewinteine, sewinttein. [OE. *seofontíene, -téne, -týne* = OFris. *sogen-, soven-, sauntene* (WFris. *sauntsien*), OS. *sivontein*, MDu. *seventien* (Du. *zeven-*), OHG. **sibunzehan* (MHG. *sibenzehen*, G. *siebzehn*), ON. *sjautján* (Sw. *sjutton*, Da. *sytten*): see Seven and -teen.] The cardinal number next after sixteen, composed of ten and seven, represented by the symbols 17, XVII, xvii. **A.** *adj.*

1. In concord with a sb. expressed. Also, qualifying a higher numeral.

c 900 tr. *Bæda's Hist.* III. xxiv. (1899) 315 Wæs he Wulfhere Mercna cyning seofontyne winter. *c* 1205 Lay. 27200 Seouentene þusend selere cnihten. 1297 R. Glouc. (Rolls) 6487 þe ȝer of grace a þousend & seuentene. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 9124 þis roboam þat i of mene, Regned winters seuentene. *c* 1330 *Arth. & Merl.* 8895 A knist of dede vertuons þat on hur gat knistes seuentene. *a* 1400-50 *Wars Alex.* 2105 Saudiours him to sewe seuyntene thousand. 1592 Nashe *P. Penilesse* Wks. 1904 I. 225 Scotland, Denmarke, and some more pure partes of the seauenteene Prouinces. *a* 1627 Hayward *Edw. VI* (1630) 94 A proclamation vnder the hands of seuenteen persons. 17.. in *Ritson's Gammer Gurton's Garl.* (1783) 23 There was an old woman toss'd in a blanket, Seventeen times as high as the moon. 1777 (*title*) Seventeen Hundred and Seventy-Seven; or, a picture of the manners and characters of the age. 1814 Scott in *Lockhart* (1837) III. iii. 132 A..dissenting clergyman, who has..brought up ..sixteen or seventeen children..upon L.150 a-year. 1879 Morley *Burke* 161 A Lyons silk weaver, working..for over seventeen hours a day. *a* 1890 Liddon *Life Pusey* (1893) I. iv. 76 In all Germany the number of professors who then contended for the truth of the Gospel..was thought to be seventeen.

2. With various ellipses, esp. of *years.*

Sweet seventeen is used typically for the most attractive period of a girl's life. *The seventeen-eighties*: the decade extending from 1780 to 1789.

c 1290 *S. Eng. Leg.* 264/107 ȝeot heo leouede twenti ȝer after þe seuentene bi-fore þat heo ne et no mannische mete bote weodes and wilde more. 1375 Barbour *Bruce* XIII. 645 Scho set hym in so hard assay, That he with sevintene in a bat Wes fayne for to hald hame his gat! *c* 1386 [see Seven A. 1d]. *a* 1568 Ascham *Scholem.* (1904) 205 From seuentene to seuen and twentie (the most dangerous tyme of all a mans life). 1662 Stillingfl. *Orig. Sacræ* III. iv. § 9 That the posterity of Noah might beget children at seventeen. 1712 Steele *Spect.* No. 266 P 2 A slim young girl about Seventeen. 1767 H. Walpole in Jesse *Selwyn & Contemp.* (1843) II. 190 The lottery tickets which I have bought for you at twelve pounds seventeen and sixpence apiece. 1855 Tennyson *Brook* 113 Clasp hands and that petitionary grace Of sweet seventeen subdued me ere she spoke. 1878 H. S. Leigh *Town Garland* 29 The gushing heart of seventeen. 1896 E. V. Lucas *Willow & Leather* (1898) 32 The Hambledon Club's ground was changed..somewhere in the seventeen-eighties.

†**3.** = Seventeenth. *Obs.*

c 1400 *Destr. Troy* 6369 Polidarius, the porknell, and his pere Machaon, Suet with the xvij, sad men & noble. 1551 Recorde *Pathw. Knowl.* I. xxviii, As the seuentene conclusion doth teache. 1580 in *Cath. Tractates* (S.T.S.) 68 As hie declaris in the sewinttein huik of the Citie of God.

4. *Comb.* (chiefly parasynthetic), as *seventeen-branched* adj.; *seventeen-day, -foot, -mark, -mile*, attrib. phr.; **seventeen-hander,** a horse of 17 hands; **seventeen-hunder linen** (*Sc.*), linen in the weaving of which 1700 threads go to the warp; **seventeen-year(s') locust,** *Cicada septemdecim* (see quot. 1882).

1861 Hagen *Synopsis Neuroptera N. Amer.* 207 Sector 1 *seventeen-branched. 1890 Billings *Nat. Med. Dict.*, **Seventeen-day fever*, relapsing fever. 1900 Kipling in *Daily Express* 29 June 4/5 The *seventeen-foot Union Jack. 1886 Miss Braddon *One Thing Needful* xxii, The horses were her own particular *Seventeenhanders, grand, upstanding bays. 1790 Burns *Tam o' Shanter* 154 Snaw-white *seventeen hunder linnen! 1861 *Two Cosmos* I. 228 Sheets o' seventeen hunder linen. 1824 G. Chalmers *Caledonia* III. iv. 438 Gilbert Macdonal..who held the *seventeen-mark lands. 1897 *Outing* XXX. 357/1 Regular watches were once more set upon the boats as they entered the upper or *seventeen-mile level. 1882 *Cassell's Nat. Hist.* VI. 112 One North American species is called the *Seventeen-years' Locust (*Cicada septendecim*) because it is said to appear only at intervals of seventeen years in any given locality.

B. *sb.* The abstract number seventeen; the symbol representing this.

1594 Nashe *Unfort. Trav.* Wks. 1905 II. 211, I vp with a long circumstance, alias, a cunning shift of the seuenteenes. 1596 Harington *Apol. Ajax* Aa 2, Lyke a trycke of seuenteene in a sinkapace.

Seventeenth (se·v'ntīnþ, sev'ntī·nþ), *a.* and *sb.* Forms: *a.* 1 seofonteoðða, -teoȝeðða, -tiȝeþa, -teoðða, 4-5 seventeþe; *β.* 3-4 seventenþe, 5 -tenyth, 6 -tenth, 6- teenth; *γ.* 4-5 sevintende. [OE. *seofontíoþa*, f. *seofontíene* Seventeen: see -teenth. The later developments (*β* and *γ* forms) are parallel with those of Fifteenth (q.v.); with the *γ*-form cf. ON. *sjautjánde.* See also Tenth.]

A. *adj.* The ordinal number corresponding to the cardinal seventeen; qualifying a sb. expressed or implied.

c 900 tr. *Bæda's Hist.* I. v, Severus casere..se wæs seofonteoȝeða [*v.r.* seofonteoða] fram Agusto. *Ibid.* III. xxiv, þi seofanteoþan [*v.r.* -tiȝeþan] dæȝe Kalendarum Decembrium. *c* 1300 *Havelok* 2559 Of marz þe seuentenþe day. *c* 1400 *St. Alexius* (Land 108) 325 At þe seuentenþe ȝere ende. *c* 1400 *Rule St. Benet* (Prose) xii. 17 þe hundred senintende [psalm]. *c* 1450 *Godstow Reg.* 147/27 The ȝere of þe reyne of kyng Edwarde þe seventenyth. 1530 Palsgr. 372 *Dixseptiesme*, sevynteenth. 16.. Middleton, etc. *Old Law* v. i, September the seventeenth. 1805 Wordsw. *Prelude* II. 386 My seventeenth year was come. 1839 De la Beche *Rep. Geol. Cornwall*, etc. xv. 590 About the end of the seventeenth century. 1862 Miss Braddon *Lady Audley* xxxv, He..married me three months after my seventeenth birthday.

B. *sb.* **1.** A seventeenth part.

1728 Chambers *Cycl.* s.v. *Measure*, One Paris Ell, and fifteen Seventeenths.

2. *Mus.* A note seventeen degrees above or below a given note (both notes being counted); the interval between, or consonance of, two notes seventeen degrees apart; a chord containing this interval. Also, an organ stop (see quot. 1855.)

1597 Morley *Introd. Mus.* 126 Though I do in it talke of fifteenth and seuententhes, yet are these cordes seldome to be taken in three parts. 1609 Dowland *Ornith. Microl.* 79 A seuenteenth, which is equall to a third, and a tenth. 1694 W. Holder *Princ. Harmony* 102 A Seventeenth Major. 1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) XII. 509/2 The double octave of the third is called a seventeenth. 1855 Hopkins *Organ* 120 *Tierce-Seventeenth.* A Stop formed of open metal cylindrical pipes, the pitch of which is a major third above the Fifteenth, or a seventeenth above the Diapasons. 1897 tr. *Riemann's Dict. Mus.* 372/1 The (major) Seventeenth (second octave extension of the major third..),..the Minor Seventeenth (second octave extension of the minor third). *Ibid.* 730/1 *Seventeenth*, the seventeenth degree of the scale; also called the 10th or 3rd.

Hence **Seventee·nthly** *adv.*, in the seventeenth place (in an enumeration).

1623 in *Fasti Aberd.* (1854) 283 Seventintlie, that [etc.]. *c* 1643 Cleveland *Let.* Poems, etc. (1677) 127 Cheverel-Lungs that will stretch as far as Seventeenthly. 1725 tr. *Dupin's Eccl. Hist. 17th C.* VI. II. xv. 250 Seventeenthly, That baptiz'd Infants..ought to be instructed in the Faith of Jesus Christ. 1819 Scott *Leg. Montrose* xiv, The Captain heard sixteenthly—seventeenthly—eighteenthly, and to conclude, with a sort of feeling like distracted despair.

Seventh (se·v'nþ), *a.* and *sb.* Forms: *a. north.* (and *Kentish*). 1 seofunda, -onda, siofunda, 2 seofende, 3 (*Ormin*) se(o)ffnde, sefennde, 3-4 sevende, 3-5 sevend, 4 zevende, seyvend(e, 4-5 sevind, -ynd. *β.* 1 seofoþa, -eða, sufoþa, 1-2 -oþe, 2 seofeþe, 3 seoveþe, 3-4 sovethe, seveþe; 3 sefþe, 5 sefth. *γ.* 3 seouenþe, 3-5 seventhe, 4 sevenethe, sefnthe, 4-5 seveneth, 5 sevynthe, (senthe), 6 sevoenthe, sevinth, 6-7 seaventh, 4- seventh. *δ. north.* 4 seyvent, sevente, sewinte, sevynte, 4-6 sevent, sevint, 4, 6 sewint, 5 sevenete, sente, (senfte), 6 sewent. [Formations of different types are here represented: *α.* OE. (Anglian) *seo-, siofunda*, ME. (Northern and Kentish) *sevende*, corresp. to OFris. *siugunda, sogunda, savnda* (mod. *saunde*), OS. *sivondo*, OHG. *sibunto* (MHG. *sibente, sibende*, G. *siebente*), ON. *sjaunde* (Norw. *sjaunde*, Sw. *sjunde*, Da. *syvende*):—OTeut. **sebundo-*; cf. late OE. *nigende* ninth, ME. *tende* tenth. *β.* OE. *seofoþa, -eþa* = OS. *sivoðo*:—OTeut. **sebunþo-*, f. **sebun* Seven; cf. OE. *nigoþa* ninth, *téoþa* tenth. *γ.* ME. *seventhe*, a new formation on Seven and -th; cf. Ninth, Tenth. The *δ*-forms exhibit the by-form (*-t*) of the suffix characteristic of Sc.] The ordinal number corresponding to the cardinal number Seven. **A.** *adj.*

1. In concord with a sb. expressed or understood.

α. c 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* Matt. xxii. 26 ȝelic ðe æftera & ðe ðirda wið to ðæm seofnndn [*c* 975 *Ruskw. Gosp.* siofund; *c* 1000 *Ags. Gosp.* seofoþan, *v.r.* seofeðan, sufoþon; *c* 1160 *Hatton Gosp.* seofende, *v.r.* seofeðen]. *c* 1200 Ormin 4168 þe sefennde, þe lattste dazz. *Ibid.* 5598 þe seoffnde ȝife Godess Gast Her ȝifeþþ. *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 445 Lamech is at ðe sexte kne, ðe senende man after adam. 1340 *Ayenb.* 3 þe zeuende bene of þe holy pater noster. *c* 1350 *Leg. Rood* (1871) 93 For hunger he cried on þe seuynd day. *c* 1400 *Rule St. Benet* (Prose) vii. 14 þe seuind degrece o mekenes. *c* 1400 Maundev. (Roxb.) xvi. 73 þis faire lady sall com to him at þe seuend day, or þe thridd day, end.

β. 971 *Blickl. Hom.* 47 Ærest on æme morȝen..seofoþan siþe on uhtan. *c* 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 43 Innan þan sea weren vii bittere uþe..þe seofeþe [wes] ful stunch. *a* 1225 *St. Marher.* 8 Þe seoueðe time of þe dei. 1297 R. Glouc. (Rolls) 2577 Þe seueþe ȝer it was after þat hii to londe come. *Ibid.* 9068 In þe seueþe & tuenti ȝer of þe kinges crouninge. *a* 1300 *Signs bef. Judgm.* 97 in *E.E.P.* (1862) 10 Þe sefþe dai hit sal grow aȝe. 1393 Langl. *P. Pl.* C. xvii. 144 The syxte, hit is a paþ of pees...The seueþe, hit is a welle of wysedome. *c* 1475 *Partenay* 4427 Thys Grymold is the fifte Geant found, The sixte, or the sefth of thaim hath be last. *a* 1550 *Six Town Chron.* (1911) 186 Kyng henry the sevethe.

γ. *c* 1290 *Beket* 1815 in *S. Eng. Leg.* 158 Þe seuenþe ȝer þat he wende furst out of engelonde. *c* 1374 Chaucer *Troilus* II. 681 Blisful Venus wel arayed Sat in here seuenethe hows of heuene þo. 1390 Gower *Conf.* III. 130 The sefnthe sterre in special Of this science is Arial. *c* 1415 *Eng. Conq. Irel.* xxiv. 58 He arryued, the yer of hys kyngedome, senthe [*v.r.* the Senfte]. *c* 1430 *Chev. Assigne* 42 Sex semelye sonnes & a dowȝter þe seueneth. 1493 *Dives & Pauper* III. xiii. 1 j b, God bad reste in the seuynthe day. 1596 Dalrymple tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* I. 84 Henrie the seuinth. 1605 Shaks. *Mach.* IV. i. 118 Another yet? A seauenth? 1667 Milton *P. L.* VIII. 128 Thir wandring course..In six thou seest, and what if sev'nth to these The Planet Earth.. Insensibly three different motions move? *Ibid.* XI. 696 Hee the seventh from thee, whom thou beheldst The onely righteous in a World perverse. 1710 Swift *Jrnl. to Stella* 31 Oct., I have sent my seventh [letter] to your fourth, young women. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VII. 353 In both cases the focus [of disease] seems to have affected the issuing seventh [cerebral nerve].

δ. *c* 1375 *Cursor M.* 6844 (Fairf.), vj. dayes sal ȝe wirke.. and ȝe sal rest þe seyuent day. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* vii. (*Jacobus Minor*) 95 The sewynt ȝere of his bischophad. *c* 1380 Wyclif *Sel. Wks.* III. 169 Þe sevent werke of mercy. 1456 Sir G. Haye *Law Arms* (S.T.S.) 23 Pape Gregore the sevynt. *a* 1500 *Signs of Doomsday* 95 in *Brome Bk.* 74 The sente day schall fall down Chyrch, and castyll. 1576 in *Oppress. Orkney & Zetld.* (1859) 47 This Sewint Article. 1588 A. King tr. *Canisius' Catech.* 183 The sext is bontie... The Sewent is gentilnes.

b. *ellipt.* for *seventh day, chapter, regiment,* etc. *To commit the seventh* (slang), to transgress the seventh commandment, to commit adultery.

1598 J. Chamberlain *Lett.* (Camden) 29 The seventh of this moneth. 1674 Brevint *Saul at Endor* 298 The seventh of St. John's Revelation. 1841 Lever *O'Malley* cxvii, He ordered me to picket two squadrons of the seventh. 1874 Hardy *Far fr. Madding Crowd* viii, As soon as he could ..fancy he was doing wrong and committing the seventh.

2. *Seventh part,* or † *deal* (see also Sevendele), one of the seven eqnal parts into which a thing may be divided.

c 1290 *S. Eng. Leg.* 318/657 Þare nis bote þat seouenþe del þat men woniez on, i-wis. *Ibid.* 318/665 Þe seuenþe part. 1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) I. 45 Þe seuenþe parte of þe þridde. *a* 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 2157 Þai pleyne more þe pouirte & þe pite of þar horsis þan þe soroȝe of þam-selfe hy þe seuynt parte [*Dubl. MS.* seuent dele].

b. *Seventh heaven,* see Heaven *sb.* 5 c, 7 c.

Hence *seventh-heaven-arian* (nonce-wd.), one who is always in the seventh heaven of ecstasy.

1818 Scott *Hrt. Midl.* xxxiii, You will find that, when you have heard my counsel, you may go to the seventh heaven with it in your pocket, if you have a mind, and not feel yourself an ounce heavier in the ascent. 1857 Kingsley *Two Y. Ago* II. 104 What a blue stocking, pre-Raphaelite seventh-heaven-arian she would have been. 1892 Mrs. Clifford *Aunt Anne* xiv, Florence was in a seventh heaven of happiness.

3. = Seventhly. *rare.*

1576 Gascoigne *Droome of Doomes day* Wks. 1910 II. 330 Seventh, he ought in all things to [etc.]. 1840 *Dom. Brewing* 8 The following articles only are requisite... Seventh, a stirring stick.

B. *sb.* **1.** = Seventh part.

1557 Recorde *Whetst.* B ij b, *Sesquiseptima.* 8 to 7 : 16 to 14..($1\frac{1}{7}$) a seuenth more. 1623 J. Johnson *Arith.* 229 Because your fractions are seuenths, cut off 7 figures. 1762 Ramsbottom *Fractions Anatomized* 33 For if to 4 Sevenths We add 4 Eighths..it is neither 8 Sevenths nor 8 Eighths. 1844 R. Rouse *Turf Betting* 8 Different denominators, as fifths, sevenths, elevenths. 1897 Günther in Mary Kingsley *W. Africa* 711 Eye two-sevenths of the length of the head.

2. *Mus.* a. A note seven degrees (see Degree *sb.* 11 a) above or below a given note (both notes being counted); the note immediately below the octave in a scale, = *leading note.* b. The interval between two notes seven degrees apart; it is either *major, minor,* or *diminished*: see these words. c. (In full, *chord of the seventh.*) A chord consisting of a note together with its third, fifth, and seventh: denominated from that note of the scale which forms the root, as *dominant seventh, tonic seventh*; also *minor, diminished seventh* (see quots. 1880, 1883), *leading seventh* (see Leading *ppl. a.* 1 b).

1591 J. Farmer *Plainsong* B vj, 2 parts in one in the seuenth, the Basse before, the Meane follow a semibreefe, the plainsong in the midst. 1597 Morley *Introd. Mus.* 71 *Phi.* Which distances make discord..? *Ma.*..a second, a fourth, a seuenth. 1694 W. Holder *Princ. Harmony* 169 These Discords, the Tritone, and Semidiapente; as also, the Seconds, and Sevenths, are of very great use in Music. 1730 *Treat. Harmony* 15 The Seventh of the key. 1752 tr. *Rameau's Treat. Mus.* 28 The perfect Chord, and that of the Seventh. 1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) XII. 508/2 An interval consisting of four tones and two semitones, as from *re* to *ut*, is called a *seventh minor.* 1818 T. Busby *Gram. Mus.* 326 The chord of the Seventh is susceptible of three changes. 1839 *Penny Cycl.* XV. 257/1 The dominant 7th and the diminished 7th, or their inversions. 1855 Browning *Toccata of Galuppi's* vii, Those lesser thirds so plaintive..Those commiserating sevenths. 1880 *Grove's Dict. Mus.* I. 673 The use of the minor seventh, which we call the Dominant seventh, without preparation. 1883 *Ibid.* III. 477/2 The chord of the Diminished seventh..is in its complete form composed of a set of minor thirds.

Seventh-day. (Also 5–6 *north.* sevent, -ynt.)

†**1.** = Week's-mind. *Obs.*

1462 *Test. Ebor.* II. 256, I wille that I be brought forthe at the day of berial as my degre askis withouten any seventday. 1527 *Ibid.* V. 238, I witt a quarter wheate and ij barils bere to be delt in the kirke of Hornese opon my sevynt daye.

2. The seventh day of the week, Saturday; the (Jewish) Sabbath; *transf.* Sunday. Also *attrib.*

1692 T. Watson *Body Divinity* 332 The old Seventh-day Sabbath (which was the Jewish Sabbath) is abrogated. 1710 O. Sansom *Acc. Life* 226 On the Seventh Day we went to Youghall, and on the First Day had two Meetings there. 1870 Conway *Earthward Pilgr.* xxviii. 345 The sanctity of the Seventh Day is the survival of the old worship of Ashtaroth. 1872 O. W. Holmes *Organ-Blower* 27 When the seventh day's sunshine falls Through rainbowed windows on the walls, 1885 R. Buchanan *Matt* iii, I thought her ordinary costume far more becoming than her seventh-day finery.

b. In the designations of bodies of Christians who observe the seventh day of the week (Saturday) as the principal day of rest and religious observance.

Seventh-day Adventists: a millenarian sect holding sabbatarian principles. *Seventh-day Baptist*: see Sabbatarian *sb.* 3. †*Seventh-day man*: see Traskite.

1684 Luttrell *Brief Rel.* (1857) I. 302 The seventh day minister, in Newgate. 1694 E. Chamberlayne *Prcs. St. Eng.* (ed. 18) III. i. 378 Traskitts, now called Seventh-day-men, who keep the Jewish Sabboth. 1784 Backus *Ch. Hist. New Eng.* II. Index 15 Seventh-day Baptists. 1876 *Direct. Amer. Publ.* 19 in *Amer. Catal.* (1880), Seventh Day Adventists. 1880 *Libr. Univ. Knowl.* (U.S.) s.v., Traces of seventh-day keepers are found in the days of Gregory I.

Seventhly (se'v'nþli), *adv.* [f. Seventh *a.* + -ly 2.] In the seventh place (in an enumeration).

c 1532 Du Wes *Introd. Fr.* in *Palsgr.* 929 Seventhly, *septiesmement.* 1574 Whitgift *Def. Answ.* xvii. 631 Master Gualter..sayth: He comprehendeth seuenthly in this order, gouernours vnder whom [etc.]. 1648 D. Jenkins *Wks.* 38 Seventhly, we maintaine that the King is the onely supreme Governour in all causes. 1725 *Fam. Dict.* s.v. *Rules,* Seventhly, Galloping is the last, and must be join'd to all the other Paces. *a* 1887 Jefferies *Field & Hedgerow* (1889) 328 Seventhly, no one can find these footpaths, which probably led nowhere.

b. As *sb.* with ref. to the heads of a sermon.

1815 Scott *Paul's Lett.* i. (1816) 4 The Parson has spared his flock one Seventhly of his text. 1860 Dickens *Uncomm. Trav.* ix, I have been..catechised respecting Boanerges Boiler, his fifthly, sixthly, and his seventhly.

Se'venth-night. *Obs.* [f. Seventh *a.* + Night.] = Sennight.

1625 B. Jonson *Staple of N.* I. v. 86 His Father dy'd on this day seuenth-night. 1672 Locke *Let. to Mapletoft* 19 Oct., That day seventhnight I parted from you.

Seventieth (se'v'ntiėþ), *a.* Forms: 3–4 seventiþe, 4 seveteþe, (*north.* seven-, seyvintiand), 4–6 seventeþe, 6 seventyth, 7 seaventieth, 7– seventieth. [f. next + *-eth,* -th. The forms in Cursor Mundi are after the ON. ordinal ending *-tugonde.*] The ordinal numeral corresponding to the cardinal Seventy.

1297 R. Glouc. (Rolls) 5730 Yssryned he was nyn hondred & on & seuentiþe ȝere. 13.. *Cursor M.* 21209 (Göt.) Þe seuentiand and feird ȝere [*Fairf.* seyuintiand]. 1382 Wyclif *Zech.* i. 12 This is now the seuentithe ȝeer. 1530 Palsgr. 372 *Septantiesme,* seventyth. 1570 Levins *Manip.* 88/41 V° Seuenteth, *septuagesimus.* 1611 Florio, *Settuagesimo,* the seauentieth. 1635 A. Stafford *Fem. Glory* 206 She liv'd to her seaventieth yeare. 1900 (*title*) Report of the Seventieth Meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science.

Seventy (se'v'nti), *a.* and *sb.* Forms: [1 hundseofontiȝ, -sifontiȝ, etc.: cf. Seven], 3 seoventi, (*Ormin*) seof(f)enntiȝ, 4 seyventi, sewinty, zeventy, 4, 6 sevinty, -te, 5 ceventye, senty, 7 seaventy, 3– seventy. [OE. (*hund*)-*seofontiȝ* = OFris. *siugun-, sogen-, soventich* (mod. *sauntich*), OS. *siwuntig* (MLG. *seven-, soventich,* MDn. *seventich,* Dn. *zeventig*), OHG. *sibunzug* (MHG. *sibenzec,* etc., G. *sieb(en)zig*), ON. *sjau tiger* (Norw. *sjautti, sytti,* Sw. *sjuttio*): see Seven and -ty.]

A. *adj.*

1. The cardinal number equal to seven tens, represented by 70 or lxx: a. with sb. expressed or implied in the context.

c 1200 Ormin 4319 Þe feorþe staff iss nemmnedd O & seofenntiȝ bitacneþþ. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 1486 Til þat nine hundret yeir war gan And seuenti. 1340 *Ayenb.* 1 Blind, and dyaf, and alsuo domb. Of zeuenty yer al uol rond. *a* 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 634 In foure or in fyfe ȝere he ferre was in lare þan othire at had bene þare seuynte wynter. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 67/2 Cevyntye, *Septuaginta.* 1530 Palsgr. 367 *Septante,* seventy. *a* 1674 Clarendon *Hist. Reb.* XI. § 151 A ship..that carried seventy guns. 1814 Wordsw. *Excurs.* II. 600 The still contentedness of seventy years. 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* li, 'Lend me a hundred, Wenham, for God's sake,' poor Rawdon said—'I've got seventy at home.'

b. With ellipsis of *years* (*of age*).

c 1645 Howell *Lett.* (1650) II. 114 He..who at seventy odd forsakes this light. 1729 Pope *Let. to Swift* 28 Nov., My first friendship at sixteen, was contracted with a man of seventy. 1831 Scott *Ct. Rob.* vi, His age was some seventy and upwards. 1884 Ryle *Princ. Churchmen* (ed. 2) 424 By the time we are seventy, our memories and intellects begin to fail.

c. Specific elliptical uses.

The Seventy: (*a*) the seventy disciples of our Lord whose mission is recorded in Luke x. 1; (*b*) the Seventy Interpreters = Septuagint 1; (*c*) in the organization of Mormonism, a body of seventy elders acting as missionaries.

1520 Nisuet *N. T.* (S. T. S.) I. 10 He sendithe the sevinte befoire him to preche. 1614 Raleigh *Hist. World* I. vii. § 8. 110 The Geneua Translation calls it [Gopher] Pinetree, the Rabbine Cedar, the Seuentie square timber. 1662 Stillingfl. *Orig. Sacræ* I. ii. § 11. 37 The Seventy render it.. τὰ γλυπτὰ, by which they understand graven Images. [1669 Barrow *Expos. Creed* (1697) 143 Fitly rendered κύριος by the Seventy interpreters.] 1681–6 J. Scott *Chr. Life* II. vii. Wks. 1718 I. 485 Matthias, who..was one of the Seventy that was Chosen and Ordained by the other Apostles to succeed Judas in the Apostolate. 1858 *Trans. Phil. Soc.* 72 The Greek rendering of the Seventy. 1861 R. F. Burton *City of Saints* ix. 484 The fourth body in rank is the Seventies. The 'Seventy' act in the name of the Lord, under direction of the 'Twelve', in building up the church, and like them are travelling ministers.

2. In comb. with numbers below ten (ordinal and cardinal), as *seventy-one, one and seventy, seventy and one, seventy-first*; often with ellipsis (e.g. of *years*).

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 62 Seouene & seouenti lefdies. 1297 R. Glouc. (Rolls) 7672 In þe ȝer of grace a þousend & seuenti & þre. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* Prol. 139 And disciplis ȝet had he may, forowtin þir, sewinty and twa. *c* 1420 *Chron. Vilod.* 414 After þe Incarnacyon ayȝte hundreth ȝere senty and fyue hit was. 1562 Winȝet *Cert. Tractates* Wks. (S.T.S.) I. 17 His Apostolis and seuinty-twa Discipulis. 1615 W. Bedwell *Moham. Impost.* III. § 109 You shal be separated farre off from me vnto the seuenty three generation. 1788 Gibbon *Decl. & F.* I. V. 218 Seventy-two Houris..of resplendent beauty. 1791 J. Townsend *Journ. Spain* (1792) III. 266 On the seventy-first day. 1862 Lowell *Biglow P.* Ser. II. ii, Wal, by heaven, That's the wust news I've heerd sence Seventy-seven! 1873 *All Year Round* 3 May 13/2, In 1791, the Seventy-third, now the Seventy-first, that had won a name in Indian warfare, again took a foremost part against ..Tippoo. 1885 Tennyson *To E. FitzGerald* 43, 44 And I am nearing seventy-four, While you have touch'd at seventy-five.

b. Specific uses.

Seventy-four: (*a*) a ship carrying seventy-four guns (now *Hist.*); (*b*) see quot. 1853. *Seventy-five*: a bow requiring a power of 75 lbs. *Seventy-twos, seventy-twomo* [reading of the symbol 72mo; cf. *sixteenmo,* etc.], the size of the page of a book in which each leaf is one seventy-second part of a whole sheet.

1797 Nelson in Duncan *Life* (1806) 44 Two first-rates and a seventy-four are with him. 1840 G. A. Hansard *Bk. Archery* 368 A seventy-five, which commands all lengths within four hundred yards. 1841 Savage *Dict. Printing, Seventy-twomo,* a sheet of paper folded into seventy-two leaves or one hundred and forty-four pages is termed seventy-twos or seventy-twomo. 1853 Pappe *Edible Fishes C. Good Hope* 21 *Dentex Rupestris*..(Bastard Silverfish; Seventy-four). 1860 Dickens *Uncomm. Trav.* xv, The dark hold of an old Seventy-four. 1882 Southward *Pract. Printing* (1884) 110 A variety of formes from folio to seventy-twomo. 1894 C. N. Robinson *Brit. Fleet* 238 For fifteen years the seventy-four was the ideal fighting ship for the line of battle.

3. *Comb.* (chiefly parasynthetic), as *seventy-horse* (= horse-power), *-mile*; *seventy-footer* (see Footer *sb.*1 5); *seventy-times-seventh, seventy-year-old* adjs.; also *seventy-fold* adv. and vb. (see -fold).

1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) II. 231 Lamech his synne was i-punsched seuene and seuenty folde. 1611 Florio, *Settantiplicare,* to seauentie-fold. 1834–6 *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) VIII. 705/1 The propelling powers are two seventy-horse steam-engines. 1877 Besant & Rice *Son of Vulcan* II. iv. 198 His seventy-times-seventh flogging. 1893 Kate F. Sanborn *Truthful Woman* 50 From San Diego to Los Angeles, a seventy-mile run along the coast. 1896 *Harper's Mag.* XCII. 761/2 The seventy-year-old Blücher. 1900 *Daily News* 9 July 8/5 The new seventy-footers..now being sailed in American waters.

B. *sb.* **1.** A set of seventy persons or things; † a period of seventy years.

1590 H. Broughton (*title*) A Letter to a Friende, tovching Mardochai his Age, which helpeth much to holde the trueth, for that chiefe prophecie of our saluation, in Gabriels seuenties. 1741 in *Buccleuch MSS.* (Hist. MSS. Comm.) I. 398 Many companies that were seventy's when we embarked, have not six men left in them. 1883 *Encycl. Brit.* XVI. 828/2 There are eighty seventies in Utah. [Cf. A. 1 c, 1861.] 1892 Gunter *Miss Dividends* 106 A Mormon empire..ruled over by the Priesthood of the faith of Joseph Smith and the Council of Seventies.

2. *The seventies*: the decade 70 to 79 in a particular century or in a person's life.

1865 'C. Bede' *Rook's Gard.,* etc. 96, I have heard the word sparrowgrass from the lips of a real Lady—but then she was in her seventies. 1895 Saintsbury *Corr. Impr.* 173 It was not easy to reconcile these two laws in the late seventies and early eighties with regard to Mr. Anthony Trollope.

Seven-up. *U.S.* The game of all-fours when played for seven 'chalks'.

1845 J. J. Hooper *Simon Suggs* (Bartlett), Simon and Bill were..very earnestly engaged at seven-up. 1847 Ruxton *Adv. Mexico* xxvii. 245 'Euker', 'poker', and 'seven-up', the regular mountain-games. 1890 L. C. D'Oyle *Notches* 47 There sat four 'cow-punchers',..playing 'seven-up'.

Seven year(s, -years', *attrib. phr.* Consisting of or lasting for seven years; having a period of seven years. † *These* (*this*) *seven years day,* this long time: cf. Seven A 1 c, d.

Seven-year(s apple, a fruit of tropical America, *Genipa clusiæfolia,* supposed to require seven years to ripen. †*Seven-years bean, pea*: see quot. 1666. *Seven Years' War,* the third Silesian war (1756–1763), in which Austria, France, Russia, Saxony, and Sweden were allied against Fred-

erick II of Prussia. *Seven-year-vine*, the West Indian *Ipomœa tuberosa*.

1593 SHAKS. 2 *Hen. VI*, II. i. 2, I saw not better sport these seuen yeeres day. 1647 SYMMONS *Vind.* To Rdr. b 3 b, It hath been mine endeavour this seaven years day, and my usuall Prayer, that I may be able to conclude as M. Bradford the Martyr did. 1666 J. DAVIES *Hist. Caribbee Isles* 64 Those called the Seven-years Beans, because the same stalk bears seven years one after another. 1672 W. HUGHES *Amer. Physit.* 20 Of the seven years Pease. 1730 *Phil. Trans.* XXXVI. 434 The Seven Years Apple. 1788 TOWERS *Mem. Fredk. III of Prussia* II. 325 Thus ended [1763], what is called in Germany, The Seven Years War. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* II. III. i, In that seven-years sleep of his, so much has changed! 1856 H. H. DIXON *Post & Paddock* i. 17 We lately met with a seven-year-old. 1864 GRISEBACH *Flora W. Ind. Islands* 787 Seven-year-vine. 1880 J. C. HARRIS *Uncle Remus* i. (1881) 17 'Miss Sally' missed her little seven-year-old. 1900 *Jrnl. Sch. Geog.* (U.S.) Apr. 141 The seven-year periods.

Sever (se·vəɹ), *v.* Also 5 **sevyr, severe,** *Sc.* **sevir,** 6 **sevour, seaver,** *Sc.* **siver, -ir, syver, sewer.** [a. AF. *severer, ceverer*, OF. *sevrer, severer*, mod.F. *sevrer* to wean :—pop. L.**sēpērāre*, L. *sēpārāre* to SEPARATE. Cf. It. *sceverare, scevrare*.]

I. Transitive senses.

1. To put apart, set asunder (two or more persons or things, or one *from* another); to part or separate by putting in different places.

1382 WYCLIF *Gen.* XXV. 6 He seneryde [Vulg. *separavit*] hem fro Ysaac..to the est plage. 1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) VII. 307 Everiche in his owne celle..i-served [*v.r.* ysevered] by hem self [orig. *ab aliis seperatus*]. *c* 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* III. 147 And seuered hy hem self sette euery kynd. *c* 1450 *Merlin* XXII. 402 Than he seuered a part of his peple. 1535 COVERDALE *Ezek.* XXXIV. 20, I will seuer the fat shepe from the leane. 1591 SPENSER *Virg. Gnat* 623 By which inst Minos righteous soules doth seuer From wicked ones. 1605 BACON *Adv. Learn.* II. XXV. § 9. 112 The cbaffe may and ought to be seuered from the corne in the Eare. 1623 MASSINGER *Dk. Milan* II. E 1 b, *Franc.* What winde hath rais'd this tempest? Sener 'em, I command you. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* IX. 252 Least harm Befall thee sever'd from me. 1788 COWPER *Negro's Compl.* 11 What are England's rights,..Me from my delights to sever? 1908 S. A. COOK *Relig. Anc. Palestine* v. 56 Cremation.. may have been intended to sever the soul from the body.

b. To part or open (the lips, eyelids).

1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* v. xvii. (1495) h ij b, Mannes lippes..maye be seueryd & departed. *a* 1586 SIDNEY *Arcadia* III. (1598) 372 Pyrocles, then first seuering his eye liddes, and quickly apprehending her danger. 1842 TENNYSON *Day-Dream, Sleeping Pal.* iv, Her lips are sever'd as to speak.

c. To disjoin, dissociate, disunite (persons or things normally united by some immaterial tie).

1382 WYCLIF *Prov.* xvi. 28 The man ful of woordis seuereth princis. 1412-20 LYDG. *Chron. Troy* v. 24 Amonge hem silf to bring in variaunce, And her hertis..Contagiously to seueryn & deuyde. 1495 *Act* 11 *Hen. VII*, c. 34 § 1 That all the same..Hereditamentes shuld be..seperat severed and disanexed from the Duchie of Cornwall. 1593 SHAKS. 3 *Hen. VI*, IV. i. 21 God forbid, that I should wish them seuer'd, Whom God hath ioyn'd together. 1601 — *All's Well* I. iii. 57 How somere their hearts are seuer'd in Religion. 1605 CAMDEN *Rem.* 3 In whose person the two mightie Kingdomes of England and Scotland hitherto severed, are now conioyned. 1831 SCOTT *Cast. Dang.* v, I will ..take an opportunity of severing these two young men. 1856 FROUDE *Hist. Eng.* (1858) I. iii. 188 A revolution which severed England from the papacy. 1875 JOWETT *Plato* (ed. 2) IV. 529 Plato sees that the ideal of the state in his own day is more and more severed from the actual. 1898 WATTS-DUNTON *Aylwin* II. xi, I would trample it [a coronet] in the mud, if it were to sever me from Winifred.

d. in legal phraseology (cf. 7).

1532 *Dial. Laws Eng.* II. vii. 19 b, The fealtie can nat be seuered fro the reuercion. 1579 *Termes de la Ley* 44 b/2 Such common [*viz.* common appurtenant]..may bee seuered from the land to which it is appurtenaunte. *a* 1625 FINCH *Law* I. iii, Things incident cannot be seuered. 1884 *Law Times Rep.* 12 Apr. 201/1 Where a fund is directed to be at once set apart and severed from the rest of the testator's estate, it carries income from the testator's death.

†**e.** To part or remove by some technical process (a substance) *from* another with which it is combined or mixed; = SEPARATE *v.* 5. *Obs.*

1626 BACON *Sylva* § 311 It is vsuall in Clarifying Ippocrasse to put in Milke; Which after seuereth and carrieth with it the Grosser Parts of the Ippocrasse. 1661 BOYLE *Certain Physiol. Ess.* (1669) 251 The thinner and more serous Liquor..being thus sever'd from the grosser parts of the milk. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* I. 704 A second multitude With wondrous Art founded the massie Ore, Severing each kinde, and scum'd the Bullion dross. 1796 KIRWAN *Elem. Min.* (ed. 2) I. 485 A general method of discriminating and severing them [*sc.* earths].

fig. 1626 BACON *Sylva* § 490 This Axiome is of large extent; And therefore would be seuered, and refined by Triall.

†**f.** (In Biblical language.) To set apart or segregate for a special purpose. Also with *out*.

1382 WYCLIF *Deut.* iv. 41 Thanne Moyses seuerde thre citees, bisonde Jordan. [Also 1611.] 1609 BIBLE (Douay) 2 *Esdras* iii. 16 Iacob thou didst sever to thy selfe, but Esau thou didst separate. 1611 — *Ezek.* XXXIX. 14 And they shall seuer ont men of continual emploiment. 1718 PRIOR *Callimachus' Hymn to Jupiter* 93 The Soldier..rich with hostile Spoil, Severs the Bull to Mars.

†**g.** In occasional uses: To deprive *of*; to hinder *from*; to free *from*. *Obs.*

1508 DUNBAR *Tua Mariit Wemen* 337 Quhen I seuerit had that syre of substance in erd. 1533 BELLENDEN *Livy* II. XX. (S. T. S.) I. 208 The Inemyis..mycht skairslie be severit fra oppugnatioun of þare tentis [orig. *aegre abstinent quin castra oppugnent*]. 1577 B. GOOGE *Heresbach's Husb.* I. (1586) 29 b, Weeding when it is knotted, senereth the Corne from all anoyances. 1601 *2nd Pt. Return fr. Parnassus* I. vi. 484 What slimie bold presumtious groome is he, Dares with his rude audacions hardye chatt Thus seuer me from skybredd contemplation?

h. *refl.*

1568 GRAFTON *Chron.* II. 61 The most part of them that came with the Archebishop and accompanied him before, for feare of the kinges displeasure seuered themselues from him. 1589 NASHE *Pref. to Greene's Menaphon* (Arh.) 10 Amongst others in that Age, Sir Thomas Eliots elegance did seuer it selfe from all equalls. 1611 BIBLE *Judges* IV. 11 Now Heber the Kenite..had seuered himselfe from the Kenites. 1617 MORYSON *Itin.* II. 14 Their Lordships advised the Lord Deputy to offer Odonnel pardon, so as he would sever himselfe from Tyrone. 1845 SARAH AUSTIN *Ranke's Hist. Ref.* II. IV. v. 537 Switzerland, which had now severed itself from the empire. 1863 GEO. ELIOT *Romola* II. iv. (1880) II. 44 To sever herself from the man she loved no longer. 1872 RAE tr. *Taine's Notes Eng.* xvi. 206 The Englishman does not sever himself from public affairs.

2. To separate in thought or idea; to distinguish, treat as distinct; to mark off *from*.

1425 LYDG. *De Guil. Pilgr.* 2032, I [Reason] am she By whom that ye yknowe be ffrom other bestys..And seueryd in especyal. *c* 1510 MORE *Picus* (W. de W.) A iv, Suche vnknowen and straunge tokens..seveynge the cradyls of suche specyall chyldren fro ye company of other of the comune sorte. 1594 HOOKER *Eccl. Pol.* I. iii. § 2 Expedient it will be that we sener the law of nature observed by the one from that which the other is tied vnto. 1605 B. JONSON *Volpone* v. v, *Volp.* Am I then like him? *Mos.* O, Sir, you are hee: No man can seuer you. *c* 1652 MILTON *Sonn. to Sir H. Vane* 11 To know Both spirituall powre & civill, what each meanes, What severs each. *a* 1654 SELDEN *Table-T., Books* (Arb.) 31 He is a poor Divine that cannot sever the good from the bad. 1909 *Expositor* Sept. 222 In another letter he severs his own position most definitely from that of Sabbatier. 1910 *Ibid.* Aug. 127 We cannot sever religious cult from social custom.

3. To keep distinct or apart by an intervening space or barrier. Of the intervening medinm: To occupy the space or interval between. Also *fig.*

1422 YONGE tr. *Secreta Secret.* lviii. 223 That the rybbis Bene wel departid or Seneret. 1533 BELLENDEN *Livy* II. xi. (S. T. S.) I. 171 Belive all municiouns, quhilkis war laid be Industrye to sivir þe armyis, war removit. 1584 COGAN *Haven Health* ccxli. 240 Let your lodging be in an vpper chamber, yet senered from the ronse with some false flower. 1600 NASHE *Summer's Last Will* H 4, Ile beate downe the partition with my heeles Which as a mud-vault seuers hell and thee. 1611 BIBLE *Exod.* viii. 22, I will seuer in that day the lande of Goshen..that no swarmes of flies shall be there. 1665 HAVERS *P. della Valle's Trav. E. India* 102 A large cover'd room in the poop, sever'd from the banks of rowers. 1805 WORDSW. *Prelude* XI. 94 With such general insight into evil, And of the bounds which sever it from good. 1814 — *Excurs.* III. 661 Immense The space that severed us! 1850 MRS. BROWNING *Prometh.* (near end) *Poems* I. 183 The gulf which severs rule from servitude. 1874 GREEN *Short Hist.* ii. § 1 Fens nearly one hundred miles long severed East Anglia from the midland counties.

4. To divide into (two or more) parts. Also *refl.* Now *rare* or *Obs.* exc. as in 5.

1435 *Cov. Leet Bk.* 182 For & the Craft were severed in the maner as hit [is] seide aboue, Then the Cardwirdrawers and the myddelmen most nedes bye the wire that they shull wirche of the smythiers. 1533 GAU *Richt Vay* (1888) 83 Part of psalmis ar sewert be this vord sela that singnifeis rest and pece. 1566 *Act* 8 *Eliz.* c. 16 § 3 The Tayle of Rewarde of everie of the foresayd Counties..shalbe severed and devyded. 1577 HANMER *Anc. Eccl. Hist., Euseb.* v. xii. (1619) 85 He sheweth this heresie in his time to have been severed into sundry sects. 1584 B. R. tr. *Herodotus* II. 73 b, Running in one streame til it come to the city of the Cercasians, and afterwards seuering it selfe into three sundry chanels. 1617 MORYSON *Itin.* II. 95 The rest were severed into small companies, and unlike to draw to any dangerous head. 1654 [ELLISTONE & SPARROW] tr. *Behmen's Myst. Magn.* iv. 11 Now the will Severs it selfe..into two Kingdomes, where each dwelleth in it selfe.

†**b.** To divide according to kind or quality, to sort. *Obs.*

1523–34 FITZHERB. *Husb.* § 36 To seuer pees, beanes, and fytches...Let theym be well reed with synes, and senered in thre partes, the great from the small. *Ibid.* § 53 Whan thou haste all shorne thy shepe, it is than best tyme to drawe them, and soo seuer theym in dyuers sortes. 1573–80 TUSSER *Husb.* (1878) 33 Now friend, as ye wish, goe seuer thy fish: When friend shall come, to be sure of some.

†**c.** To divide and distribute. *Obs. rare*—1.

1548 GESTE *Agst. Pr. Masse* I ij, He bad vs seuer the consecrate breade charitablye emong vs & not eche of vs to reserue it to hym selne.

5. To part or divide suddenly or forcibly; to cut in two, cleave or rend asnnder. With a material or immaterial thing as object.

1412-20 LYDG. *Chron. Troy* III. 2056 Eneryche on oþer lik tigers or lyons Be-gan to falle, and proudly to assaille, And furiously seuere plate and maille. *Ibid.* v. 648 Þe þondre, þat seuerede seil & mast. *a* 1450 *Knt. de la Tour* 49 No man shulde putte betwene hem no thinge that might senere the loue that God and the churche hathe ioyned in hem. 1560 DAUS tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* IV. 52 b, Many they were y^t sought to seaver and break that societie. 1595 DANIEL *Civ. Wars* VI. xciv, There the closest ranks hee senereth. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* IX. 958 Our State cannot be severd, we are one, One Flesh. 1791 MACKINTOSH *Vind. Gallicæ* Wks. 1846 III. 163 Let the Court of Madrid..sever every tie that unites her to Europe. 1837 WHEWELL *Hist. Induct. Sci.* (1857) I. 190 Under their hands, the pediment was severed at its vertex, and divided into separate halves. 1852 ROBERTSON *Serm.* Ser. III. (1857) xii. 171 Not many years ago the Church of Scotland was severed into two great divisions. 1861 BUCKLE *Civiliz.* (1873) III. iii. 166 Thus it was that this great tie was severed. 1867 BAKER *Nile Tribut.* xiv. (1886) 246 Another galloped up behind, and severed the hamstring. 1870 BAYANT *Homer* I. VIII. 240 The aged man Hastened to sever with his sword the thongs That bound him to the car. 1875 *Encycl. Brit.* III. 377/1 Having discovered that this company was merely a swindling concern, he severed his connection with it.

b. To break up, scatter, disperse (an assemblage or company of individnals). Also *refl.* Now *rare.*

1412-20 LYDG. *Chron. Troy* IV. 2301 But Troylus ay hem chaseth her & 3onder, And seuered hem maugre al her my3t. *a* 1513 FABYAN *Chron.* v. xcii. (1516) 36 b/1 Ye Brytons..that were disparkled and seueryd in many countres. 1568 GRAFTON *Chron.* II. 976 On Friday at night blewe such a storme that seuered all the nauie. 1590 SHAKS. *Midr. N.* III. ii. 23 As..russed-pated choughes, many in sort (Rising and cawing at the guns report) Seuer themselues, and madly sweepe the skye. 1591 SPENSER *Virg. Gnat* 638 Let the flitting aire my vaine words sever. 1853 KANE *Grinnell Exp.* XXI. (1856) 168 A gale of wind has severed the pack, and the drift begins.

¶ **c.** To cut the dewlap of (cattle). (? Misprint for *seller*: see SETTER *v.*)

1523 FITZHERB. *Husb.* § 59 (1525?) 26 b, There be many men that can seuer theym, & that is to cutte the dewlappe before.

6. 'To part by violence from the rest' (J.); to separate suddenly and forcibly; to cut, tear, or pull off.

1626 BACON *Sylva* § 400 It is reported..that a Sacrificed Beast hath lowed, after the Heart hath been seuered. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 12 May 1641, The fatal stroke which sever'd the wisest head in England from the shoulders of the Earle of Strafford. 1712 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 519 ₱ 6 That Species of Shell-fish..that grow to the Surface of several Rocks, and immediately die upon their being sever'd from the Place where they grow. 1784 COWPER *Task* v. 38 He from the stack carves out th' accustom'd load,..With such undeviating and even force He severs it away. 1798 WORDSW. *Simon Lee* 86, I struck, and with a single blow The tangled root I severed. 1815 J. SMITH *Panorama Sci. & Art* II. 27 By which any length desired will instantly be severed from the rest of the tube. 1839 LANE *Arab. Nts.* I. 108 The blow, which I gave with the view of severing his head, only cut the gullet and skin and flesh. 1908 S. A. COOK *Relig. Anc. Palestine* ii. 16 The heads had evidently been severed before hurial, and there was no trace of the bodies.

7. *Law.* **a.** To divide (a joint estate) into independent parts.

1544 tr. *Littleton's Tenures* 69 Whan the Ioyntenaunte were ioyntly seased in fee symple..thoughe that one of them made estate of that, that vnto him belongeth for terme of lyfe..yet he hath nat senered the fee symple. 1628 COKE *On Litt.* 182 b, If a man maketh a lease to two for their liues, and after granteth the reuersion to one of them in fee, the ioyntnre is senered. 1766 BLACKSTONE *Comm.* II. 185 How an estate in joint-tenancy may be severed and destroyed. 1818 CRUISE *Digest* (ed. 2) II. 499 The question was, whether the jointure was severed or not. 1895 STRAHAN *Law of Property* (1908) 89 On the reversion being severed the conditions of all kinds are to be apportioned between the persons among whom the reversion is divided. *Ibid.* 132 A joint tenancy, where the joint tenants are beneficial owners, may be severed either (a) by a partition of the joint estate, or (b) by alienation by one of the joint tenants of his undivided share.

b. To detach (growing fruit or trees, minerals, fixtures, etc.) from the soil or realty.

1602 FULBECKE *1st Pt. Parall.* 37 If a man..deuiseth the corne growing vpon the lande, and dyeth before it bee senered, the deuisee shall haue it. 1628 COKE *On Litt.* 55 b, If a Disseisor sowe the ground and seuer the corne. 1911 ODGERS *Common Law* I. 329 All these become personal property as soon as they are severed from the soil, and until they are severed they cannot, of course, be carried away. *Ibid.* II. 700 The produce of the trees, when they should be cut down and severed from the freehold.

c. To separate and remove (one of the plaintiffs in a joint action, when he is nonsuited). (See also SUMMON *v.*)

1602 FULBECKE *1st Pt. Parall.* 29 By our law if two bring a writ of warde of the body of the heire beeing within age, and the one of them is summoned and seuered, and the other reconereth, hee which was seuered may haue a writte of accompt against the other for the profites. 1628 COKE *On Litt.* 139 In reall or mixt actions the Nonsuite of one Demandant is not the Nonsuite of both, but he that makes default shall be summoned and seuered. 1652 tr. *Fitzherbert's Nat. Brev.* 36 If one of those who is named by his proper name, will not sue..he shall be severed. 1741 T. ROBINSON *Gavelkind* I. vi. 109 If two Coparceners join against the Alienee in a Writ of Partition at Common Law, and one of them does not proceed, yet he may be summoned and severed, as his Part shall be parted and severed, as well as the other Parts.

d. To part (two or more defendants) in their trial. (Cf. 10 a.)

1660 *Trial Regicides* 57 Are you all agreed as to your Challenges?..No, my Lord...Then we must do as before, sever you, and go to tryal severally. 1691 *Arraignmt. Sir R. Graham*, etc. 22 Since they are pleased to declare they will sever in their Challenges, we must desire to sever them in their Tryal, and to begin with the Tryal of my Lord Preston.

8. *absol.* To make a separation or division (*between*). *rare.*

1611 BIBLE *Exod.* ix. 4 The Lord shall sener betweene the cattel of Israel, and the cattell of Egypt. 1622 J. TAYLOR (Water-P.) *Water-cormorant* A 4, The Pope sends stormes forth, seuers or combines, According to his mood it raines or shines. 1648–9 *Eikon Bas.* xi. 82 There remain's in far the Major part of both Houses..so much Learning, Reason, Religion, and just Moderation, as to know how to sever between the use and abuse of things. 1882 PUSEY *Paroch. & Cathedr. Serm.* xvii. 243 He stands between the dead and the living. He severs between her past and her future life.

II. *intr.* (Cf. the reflexive uses in branch I.)

9. Of a person: To go away, part, be sundered *from*. Of two or more: To be separated, quit each other, go asunder, part.

13.. *Gaw. & Gr. Knt.* 1707 Ho..semly hym kyssed, & siþen ho seueres hym fro. *Ibid.* 1987, & vche segge as sore, to seuer with hym þere, As þay hade wonde worþyly with þat wlonk euer. *c* 1375 *Lay Folks Mass Bk.* (MS. B.) 396 In oure last day..when þis worlde & we shal seuer. *c* 1470 HENRY *Wallace* III. 86 Gude lycht harnes, fra that tyme, wyst he enir; For sodeyn stryff, fra it he wald nocht seuir. 1533 BELLENDEN *Livy* I. x. (S.T.S.) I. 60 Sone eftir baith þe armyis siverit and returnit hame. 1618 FLETCHER *Isl. Princess* II. i, Come, all sever, But keep still within sight. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* IX. 366 Seek not temptation then, which to avoide Were better, and most likelie if from mee Thou sever not. 1715 POPE *2nd Epist. to Miss Blount* 5 From the dear man unwilling she must sever, Yet takes one kiss before she parts for ever. 1791 BURNS *Ae Fond Kiss* i, Ae fond kiss, and then we sever. 1825 JEFFERSON *Autobiog.* Wks. 1859 I. 31 Should we sever from each other,..no foreign power will ally with us. 1842 W. A. BUTLER *Serm.* Ser. I. x. (1849) 166 The more the parties sever, the closer the knot is bound.

b. of things.

1545 RAYNALD *Byrth Mankynde* I. xiv. (1552) 39 Manye tymes the one [vein] senereth from the other before conuenient season and so causeth aborcement. 1598 DRAYTON *Heroic. Ep., C'tess Salisb. to Black Prince* 47 If modesty and women once doe sever, Farewell our fame, farewell our name for ever. 1605 BACON *Adv. Learn.* II. xxii. § 17. 86 b, Theis three as in the bodye, so in the minde seeldome meete, and Commonly sever. *a* 1626 — *Physiol. Rem.* Baconiana (1679) 140 Spirit of Wine mingled with common Water, although it be much lighter than Oyl,..severeth not again, as Oyl doth. 1859 LO. LYTTON *Wanderer, Once* xxiii, These lips from thine, I know, must sever.

c. Of the lips, doors, or the like: To go apart, open.

1797 MRS. A. M. BENNETT *Beggar Girl* (1813) III. 267 Her lips severed, but no voice was heard. 1811 MISS MITFORD *Blanch of Castile* in L'Estrange *Life* (1870) I. 130 The deaf man..Felt her hands' pressure soft and warm, Saw her lips sever. 1871 B. TAYLOR *2nd Pt. Faust* I. i, 'T is thus,..The portals of fulfilment widely sever.

d. Of a whole or aggregate: To part, become divided, be separated into parts.

c 1407 LYDG. *Reson & Sens.* 2527 Her companye Ne seuereth nat, but y-fere Eche ys to other so entere. 1412–20 — *Chron. Troy* IV. 4084 She..slowe of hem vp-on enery syde, Makynge her rengis for to seuere wyde. *a* 1548 HALL *Chron., Hen. VI*, 102 b, This fortresse stode in such a place, that what with waters and what with marishes, the army must sever in thre partes. 1608 CHAPMAN *Byron's Conspir.* III. i, As, the soul departed from the body, The body wants coherence in his parts Can not consist but sever and dissolue. 1805–6 CARY *Dante, Inf.* XXV. 124 His tongue, continuous before and apt For utterance, severs [*si fende*]; and the other's fork Closing unites.

10. *Law.* a. Of two or more defendants: To plead independently. More fully *to sever in their challenges, in their defence*, etc.

a 1625 HOBART *Rep.* (1650) 245 Now though the Defendants shall not sever in Dilatories, yet in Bars they may. 1660 *Trial Regicides* 57 If one challenge one [of the Jury-panel], and another challenge another, we must sever, and go to Tryal one by one. 1691 *Arraignmt. Sir R. Graham*, etc. 23 If you had joyned in your Challenges, then you had been tryed all together...That Advantage you lose by severing in your Challenges. 1824 STEPHEN *Princ. Pleading* 270 If the defendants have once united in the plea, they cannot afterwards sever at the rejoinder. 1855 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* XX. IV. 523 The prisoners who were first arraigned did not sever in their challenges, and were consequently tried together. 1884 *Law Times Rep.* 10 May 321/1 The defendants had severed in their defence to the action. 1884 *Law Rep.* 26 *Chanc. Div.* 701 Motion made by counsel for the Defendants..for leave to sever in their defences.

b. Of joint tenants: To divide their jointure.

1895 STRAHAN *Law of Property* (1908) 131 When joint tenants for life sever, each takes a tenancy in severalty or in common for his own life in his share.

Severable (se·vərăb'l), *a.* [f. SEVER *v.* + -ABLE.] Capable of being severed or separated; †distinct, separate. *Severable contract*: see quot. 1848.

1548 GESTE *Agst. Pr. Masse* G v b, By Paules doctryne to serue the aultare & to preache be soundrye and seuerable offices and ministeryes. 1641 *Termes de la Ley* s.v. *Apportionment*, Common appendant is of common right and severable. 1651 tr. *Kitchin's Courts Leet* (1653) 292 Suit by two is not severable. 1818 CRUISE *Digest* (ed. 2) V. 470 A joint estate given to the husband and wife before marriage ..is severable. 1847 C. G. ADDISON *Contracts* II. I. § 1 (1883) 250 The ornamental fixtures now held severable and removable by the tenant are..stoves, tapestry,..and ornamental cornices capable of being detached without injury to the building. 1848 WHARTON *Law Lex.* s.v. *Contract*, A severable contract is one, the consideration of which is, by its terms, susceptible of apportionment on either side, so as to correspond to the unascertained consideration on the other side. 1852 C. WORDSWORTH *Occas. Serm.* Ser. III. 42 Whether secular knowledge can rightly be regarded as severable from religion. 1878 A. MITCHELL *Past in Present*, etc. (1880) 231 A state could not give up its gods, nor could the gods give up a state. The connection was not severable. 1884 *Law Times Rep.* LI. 532/1 Two causes of action which are severable and distinct.

Several (se·vĕrăl), *a.*, *adv.*, and *sb.* Also 4–8 -all, (5 -ell, -ele, *pl.* -alx), 5–6 el(le, alle, (7 -ale); *poet.* 7–8 sev'ral (7 -all). [a. AF. *several* adj. and sb. (whence med.L. *severālis*), ad. med.L. *sēparālis* (neut. sb. *-āle*), f. L. *sēpar* separate, distinct.

Seuerel in Trevisa's translation (1387) of Higden's *Polychronicon* (Rolls) VIII. 49 (MS. St. John's, Camb. H 1) 'seuerel werkes', is an error for *servile*.]

A. *adj.*

I. Existing apart, separate.

†1. Having a position, existence, or status apart; separate, distinct: (*a*) in predicative use. *Obs.*

1422 YONGE tr. *Secreta Secret.* xlvi. 209 So oweste thow, Alexander, to haue v messagers and v consaillonrs, and enery of tham shall be seuerall [orig. *per se separatus*]. *c* 1430 *Freemasonry* (ed. Halliw. 1844) 22 The thrydde poynt most be severele, With the prentes knowe hyt wele, Hys mayster cownsel he kepe and close, And hys felows by his goode purpose. 1539 BIBLE (Great) 2 *Chron.* xxvi. 21 Uzia..dwelt seuerall in an house [1611 in a seueral house] beynge a leper. 1577 B. GOOGE *Heresbach's Husb.* III. (1586) 145 Varro doth commend sundry little flocks kept seueral, rather then greate flockes together. 1612 BREREWOOD *Lang. & Relig.* 109 Many Mahumetans be also found..both several in sundry provinces, and otherwise mingled with idolaters. 1642 FULLER *Holy & Prof. St.* IV. i. 243 Severall are the causes of Favourites falls,..different the degrees and manner of their ruine. 1652 SPARKE *Prim. Devot.* (1660) 553 Mistaking the Son of Alphæus, and St. James the Brother of our Lord, for several; which were but one and the same person. 1654 WHITLOCK *Zootomia* 330 Keeping the Delivery of others Opinions and my own severall. 1707 MORTIMER *Husb.* (1721) II. 334 Then grind or beat them, keeping the Fruit several, in case you have enough to fill a Vessel of one kind.

(*b*) in attributive use, with *a* and *pl.*

1511 GUYLFOARDE *Pilgr.* (Camden) 79 They haue..seuerall cloysters and seuerall lodgynges, but they kepe all theyr dyuine seruyce in one quere al togyther. *a* 1533 FRITH *Disput. Purgat.* I. (end) F vij, What soeuer is not answered in this parte, shalbe..fully conuynced in the thyrde, which shall be a seuerall boke agaynst my lorde of Rochestre. 1594 PLAT *Jewell-ho.* III. 5 Receaue the oile into a seuerall glasse by it selfe. 1597 MORLEY *Introd. Mus.* 3 If you shoulde aske them, why two men of one name should not both giue one Armes? they will straight answere you, that they be of seuerall houses. 1603 OWEN *Pembrokeshire* ii. (1891) 33 In seuerall and lone houses. 1620 E. BLOUNT *Horæ Subs.* 518 The commixture of seuerall sexes, which we call Marriage. 1635 SWAN *Spec. M.* IV. § 2 (1643) 60 Every scale of an onyon is a severall and differing scale. 1690 MILTON *Hist. Eng.* II. (end), But so different a state of things requires a several relation. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* June 1645, From hence we visited St. Spirito nnd St. Lawrence, faire Churches in severall islands. 1700 DRYDEN *Fables* Pref. *C 1 b, The Reeve, the Miller, and the Cook, are several Men. 1768 TUCKER *Lt. Nat.* (1834) II. 311 It is the custom of Providence to perfect mighty works by n multitude of.. instruments, each performing a small and several part of the whole.

†b. Separate, distinct, or different *from*. *Obs.*

1533 TINDALE *Supper of Lord* Wks. (1573) 467/2 So be we now by Baptisme rekened to bee consigned vnto Christes Church seuerall from Iewes, paynyms, &c. 1551 RECORDE *Pathw. Knowl.* II. xxvi, The thirde likeiamme..hathe his grounde line.., seuerall from the other, bnt yet equall vnto it. 1560 DAUS tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* 373 b, It [penance] is also a seuerall Sacrament from Baptisme. 1566 T. STAPLETON *Ret. Untr. Jewel* iii. 58 Saint Luke.., if that crye of the Lycaonians hade bene in greke, wonlde not haue termed it a seuerall language from the greke, as he doth, calling it Lycaonicall. 1599 *Broughton's Lett.* xii. 40 Christianity hath vsed many words in seuerall sence from the common phrase. 1612 T. TAYLOR *Comm. Titus* iii. 1 But the precept is entire of it selfe, and seuerall from the other before. 1636 *Recorde's Gr. Artes* 302 Either the whole number is seuerall from the Fraction..or else the whole number is ioyned with one, or both of the Fractions.

†c. With reference to function or use: Distinctive, particular. *Obs.*

1564–5 *Form Prayers Genev. & Scot.* (1584) H 8, That the Minister..also vse some forme of prayer..to the which he may appoint..some seuerall daye after the Sermon, weekely to be obserued. 1582 BENTLEY *Mon. Matrones* To Rdr. B 3, Vnder the pretense of seuerall deuotion to commit manifold vngodlinesse. 1584 B. R. tr. *Herodotus* II. 79 b, Enery one.. doth seruice to all the gods indifferently, no man being clarked or chosen to be the seuerall minister of any one god alone. 1596 SPENSER *State Irel.* Wks. (Globe) 681/2 All men should marke theyr cattell with an open severall marke upon theyr flanckes. 1614 CAMDEN *Rem., Armories* 178 The ancient Picts and Britans..adorned their bodies with figures and blazons of diuers colours, which they coniecture to haue bene seuerall for particnlar families. 1648 GAGE *West Ind.* 214 There are no severall terminations for cases, as in Latine.

†d. Acting separately or individually; having separate responsibility. *Obs.*

1466 *Cal. Anc. Rec. Dublin* (1889) I. 322 That every person..have his accion of trespas agaynes all manner person or persones of Chester..juncte or severell at his plesyre. 1475 in *10th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. v. 312 The payne..to be levid by thofficers and by every of them, juncte and severall.

2. Qnalifying a pl. sb.: Individually separate; different.

a. Preceded by an adj. of number or plurality.

1448 in *Wars Eng. in France* (Rolls) I. 483 There is due unto him the somme of vij. c. xlij. li...as by iij. severalx accomptes. 1562 TURNER *Herbal* II. 127 Although diuerse.. learned men haue made one herbe of Thymhra and satureya, yet it is playne..that they are two seuerall herbes. 1588 *Marprel. Epist.* (Arb.) 42 Two seuerall Iohns, the father and the sonne, that had beene both recusants. 1602 SHAKS. *Ham.* v. ii. 20 An exact command, Larded with many seuerall sorts of reason. 1617 ABP. ABBOT *Descr. World* (1634) 91 China..containeth in it very many severall Kingdomes. 1641 R. BROOKE *Disc. Nat. Episc.* II. iv. 75 The word *Elder*, is used twenty severall times in the New Testament. 1719 DE FOE *Crusoe* I. (Globe) 70 All these Days entirely spent in many several Voyages. 1800 WORDSW. *Hart-Leap Well* 67 Three several pillars, each a rough-hewn stone. 1879 GEO. ELIOT *Theo. Such* I. 3 Three several times astonished.

b. Preceded by the def. article, a possessive, etc.: Each and all of *the*, *these*, †*one's* (etc.) various or different.

1445 tr. *Claudian* in *Anglia* XXVIII. 279 So that yf thou woldist nat enelyne to her severel preyers At Romys request thou sholdist not lette her wille soon to perfourme. 1594 SHAKS. *Rich. III*, III. ii. 78, I doe not like these seuerall Councels. 1596 — *Merch. V.* II. vii. 2 Draw aside the curtaines, and discouer The seuerall Caskets to this noble Prince. 1634 SIR T. HERBERT *Trav.* 33 Hee had well viewed her seuerall forces. 1681 POPPLE tr. *Locke's 1st Let. Toleration* L.s' Wks. 1727 II. 253 All the several separate Congregations,..will watch one another. 1711 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 205 P 2 Besides a great many little Blemishes which you have touched upon in your several other Papers. 1731–8 SWIFT *Pol. Conversat.* Introd. 39 In the Compass of my own several Acquaintance. 1794 LO. GRENVILLE in *Paget Papers* (1896) I. 64 Your several Dispatches have been duly received and laid before the King. 1844 LINGARD *Anglo-Saxon Ch.* (1858) II. x. 107 During the several weeks which they spent on the coast of Natolia. 1866 J. MARTINEAU *Ess.* I. 198 Now combine these several propositions. 1893 SIR R. BALL *Story of Sun* 1 It is to the control of the Sun that the several planets are indebted for the regulation of their movements.

c. Without limiting word: A number of different; various, divers, sundry. (Now merged in 4.)

1509 HAWES *Past. Pleas.* XLIII. (1555) 212 Whose goodly stories in tongnes severall About were sent for to be perpetuall. 1563 *Homilies* II. *Almsdeeds* I. 168 b, When seuerall matters are severally handeled. 1601 SHAKS. *Jul. C.* I. ii. 320, I will this Night, In severall Hands, in at his Windowes throw, As if they came from severall Citizens, Writings. 1628 T. SPENCER *Logick* 12 Severall respects of things, considered alone, and by themselues. 1650 FULLER *Pisgah* I. iv. 11 Dates, Almonds, Nnts,..and other severall frnits. 1690 LOCKE *Hum. Und.* III. vi. § 25 Were they Nature's Workmanship, they could not be so various..in several Men. 1710 J. CHAMBERLAYNE *St. Gt. Brit.* II. I. ii. (1743) 329 It seems to have been built at several times, and by different Persons. 1823 J. BADCOCK *Dom. Amusem.* 51 Two or three lenses may be kept, of several focal lengths. 1855 J. PHILLIPS *Man. Geol.* 206 Upper limestone, cavernous, with coral bands in several stages.

d. In legal use: More than one.

1531 *Dial. Laws Eng.* I. viii. 15 b, They be set in this writyng for seuerall groundes and he that lysteth may so accompt them, or if he wyll he may take them for one grounde after his pleasure. 1628 COKE *On Litt.* III. I § 241. 164 They be but one heire, and yet seuerall persons. 1824 STEPHEN *Princ. Pleading* 279 The use of several counts, and the allowance of several pleas. 1853 in W. Williams *Introd. Pleading* (1857) 307 Several pleas, replications or subsequent pleadings, or several avowries or cognizances founded on the same ground of answer or defence. *Ibid.*, Several counts on the same cause of action shall not be allowed.

3. Being one of a number of individuals of the same class. a. *Every* or *each several*: every or each individual or single.

a 1562 G. CAVENDISH *Wolsey* (1893) 112 Under the sealls of every severall nnyversitie. 1568 GRAFTON *Chron.* II. 2 That enery seuerall person, nswell horsemen as footemen should carye a greene bough in his hand. 1591 SHAKS. *Two Gent.* I. ii. 108 Ile kisse each seuerall paper, for amends. 1622 MABBE tr. *Aleman's Guzman d'Alf.* I. 237 The tearing of enery seuerall hayre seemed vnto him the plucking out of so many eyes out of his head. 1665 MAHLEV *Grotius' Low C. Wars* 193 Without the consent of every severall Province. 1823 B'NESS BUNSEN in Hare *Life* (1879) I vi. 214 Each several person wishes each several cardinal a happy conclave. 1847 MRS. GORE *Castles in Air* xviii. (1857) 154 Unless the families said to inhabit Bark's Buildings were hoisted up by the crane attached to each several house. 1861 MAHNING in *Ess. Relig. & Lit.* Ser. I. (1865) 39 Every several Greek is hound to submit to the Catholic Church, one by one. 1883 PARRY in *Grove's Dict. Mus.* III. 477/2 Any of its elements can be treated as the discordant note, with the result of leading to a different key in each several case.

†b. *A* or *one several*: a single, one and only one. Also *many a several* = many a. *Obs.*

1543 *Necessary Doctr.* F iij, The church of Rome being bnt a seuerall church, chalenginge that name of Catholyke aboue all other. 1563 *Homilies* II. *Prayer* I. 122 b, Why dyd the Apostles immediatly after his ascention, gather them selues together into one seuerall place? 1582 *N. T.* (Rhem.) Rev. xxi. 21 Every gate was of one several pearle. 1597 SHAKS. *Lover's Compl.* 206 These tallents of their heir, ..I haue receau'd from many a several faire.

4. As a vague numeral: Of an indefinite (but not large) number exceeding two or three; more than two or three but not very many. (The chief current sense.)

In earlier instances that may be brought under this definition, it is difficult to determine how far the sense of 'different, various' remains; cf. the remarks s.v. DIVERS *a.* 3.

? 1661 in *12th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. v. 6 During which times he received severall sums of money to the value of 300 *l.* 1662 J. DAVIES tr. *Olearius' Voy. Ambass.* 154 The current having forc'd the Ship upon the shore, where we were constrained to stay for several hours. 1671 MILTON *P. R.* III. 276 Ninevee, of length within her wall Several days journey. 1711 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 159 P 1 When I was at Grand Cairo, I picked up several Oriental Manuscripts. 1748 *Anson's Voy.* I. vi. 65 A thong of several fathoms in length,..with a running noose at one end of it. 1860 TYNDALL *Glac.* I. v. 37 Which may be seen by several hundred persons at once. 1883 STEVENSON *Treas. Isl.* iv, Some of the men..remembered..to have seen several strangers on the road.

†b. A good many. *Obs.*

1712 SWIFT *Let. Eng. Tongue* 24 Several young Men at the Universities, terribly possessed with the fear of Pedantry, run into a worse Extreme. 1733 BUDGELL *Bee* IV. 341 A French-Celtick, or French-British Dictionary.. useful and curious..for finding the Etymology of several

French and British Words. 1753 L. M. *Accomplished Woman* II. 26 We must not be surpris'd that this passion hath so great influence on the mind of several women.

c. *ellipt.* and *absol.*, esp. followed by *of*. *A good several* (nonce-use): a good many.

1685 Luttrell *Brief Rel.* (1857) I. 340 His majestie hath turn'd off severall of his servants, as is said, near 200. 1686 tr. *Chardin's Trav. Persia* 7 The French are very numerous..over all the Levant, there not being a Port of Turkie upon the Mediterranean sea, wherein there are not several. 1705 Addison *Italy* Pref., There are still several of these Topicks that are far from being exhausted. 1748 *Anson's Voy.* II. x. 232 Commerce was the reigning passion of several of the European Princes. 1774 *Chesterfield's Lett. to Son* I. xi. 30 Cicero, the greatest Orator that Rome ever produced; although it produced several [orig. Fr. *plusieurs*]. 1839 Ure *Dict. Arts* etc. 605 France contains no workable gold mines; but it presents in several of its rivers auriferous sands. 1865 Carlyle *Fredk. Gt.* XIX. v. V. 525 A good several of them cut and wounded. 1883 Stevenson *Treas. Isl.* iv, While we could get several who were willing enough to ride to Dr. Livesey's.

† 5. Consisting of different elements or parts; of diverse origin or composition. Chiefly *poet.*

1590 Spenser *F. Q.* I. iii. 16 A heavy load he bare Of nightly stelths, and pillage severall. 1649 G. Daniel *Trinarch., Hen. IV*, CXXVI, How Richard fell, the various Reports Of many writing, make it severall; Some say that he was starv'd. *a* 1674 Milton *Hist. Moscovia* v. Wks. 1851 VIII. 515 Seventy Messes with three Carts of several Meath [*i.e.* mead = drink] sent after him.

6. *Comb.* (parasynthetic).

1633 Shirley *Triumph Peace* I. i. Stage Direct., Fancy in a suit of several-coloured feathers, hooded, a pair of bat's wings on his shoulders. 1677 Moxon *Mech. Exerc.* xi. 201 There are several fashion'd Collers: As the Joynt-Coller marked G, the Round Coller marked H, and the Coller marked I, in Plate 13. 1830 Lindley *Nat. Syst. Bot.* 181 Seeds nut-like, sometimes cohering into a several-celled putamen. 1866 *Treas. Bot.* s.v. *Poa*, The spikelets..are for the most part several-flowered and without awns. 1882 Symonds in *Macm. Mag.* XLV. 325 It is a several-chorded lute on which they play. 1882–4 Cooke *Brit. Fresh-w. Algæ* I. 270 Or even forming transverse, several-celled hands.

II. Pertaining to an individual person or thing.

7. Chiefly *Law.* (Opposed to *common.*) Private; privately owned or occupied.

a. of land, *esp.* of enclosed pasture.

1421 *Cov. Leet Bk.* 33 That þe Trinite gilde haue hur close feldis severell. *c* 1440 *Jacob's Well* 37 þe tythe aw3te to be payed..of pastur, comoun & seuerall. 1483 *Rolls of Parlt.* VI. 257/1 All the seid XL Acres of Lande..as their proper and severall grounde and soil. 1580 Tusser *Husb.* (1878) 50 Good land that is severall, crops may haue three, in champion countrie it may not so bee. 1583 Stubbes *Anat. Abus.* II. (1882) 27 The commons..are inclosed, made seuerel. 1614 Markham *Cheap Husb.* I. iii. (1623) 42 This ground is best if it be seuerall and inclosed, yet may be bred vpon though it bee open and in common. *a* 1656 Vines *Lord's Supper* (1657) 183 A severall not a common field.

b. Of a house, water, or any possession or commodity. *Obs.* exc. in *several fishery*, a right to fish derived through or on account of ownership of the soil.

1426 Lydg. *De Guil. Pilgr.* 2352 Sestow nat how a comoun welle Mor avaylleth..Than doth A-nother seuerel? *a* 1450 *Fyssh3nge w. angle* (1883) 35 That ye fysshe not in noo poore mannes seuerall water. *c* 1450 *Godstow Reg.* 401 The abbesse of Godestowe..yaf..to henry kyngeston and to william more, Fysshers, ther seuerell fysshwere in the subarbis of Oxenford that is I-called Charwelle. *a* 1547 T. Key *Erasm. Par. Mark* v. 35–43 This thyng dyd Iesus then in a nother mannes seuerall house. 1618 Dalton *Countrey Justice* ciii. (1630) 263 To take fishes that be kept in a trunke or severall pond. 1766 Blackstone *Comm.* II. 39 He that has a several fishery must also be the owner of the soil. 1842 *Act* 5 & 6 *Vict.* c. 106 § 114 The Words 'several Fishery' shall, for the Purposes of this Act, be construed to mean an exclusive Fishery, possessed and enjoyed as such by virtue of Grant, Patent [etc.]. 1885 *Act* 48 & 49 *Vict.*, c. 79 § 3 A right of several fishery or of regulating a fishery shall not exceed sixty years.

† c. Const. *to*, also *by*, *for* (the possessor); esp. *to himself* (etc.). *Obs.*

1423 *Cov. Leet Bk.* 47 The tenement..schal-be seuerall to þe priour of Couentre. 1450–1530 *Myrr. our Ladye* 284 The olyue that growyth in gardyns is seueral to the owners. 1523 Fitzherb. *Husb.* § 18 He that hath a falowe felde, seuerall to hym-selfe. 1551 Robinson tr. *More's Utopia* I. (1895) 101 Here..euerye man hath hys possessyons seuerall to hymselfe, and there all thinges be common. 1593 *Rites of Durham* (Surtees 1903) 83 Euery one of the old monkes had his Carrell seuerall by him selfe. 1612 Brerewood *Lang. & Relig.* 112 The Jews have not for their mansion any peculiar countrey;..neither have they..any other region in the world, several to themselves.

d. *fig.* and *allusively.*

c 1430 Lydg. *Min. Poems* (Percy Soc.) 207 The bastyle. longith of verray dewe ryght, To fals bakerys it is trewe herytage, Severelle to them. 1526 Tindale *Expos. Matt.* v. (*c* 1550) 24 b, The lyght of Christes gospell may not bee hidden nor made a seuerall thinge, as though it parteyned to some certayne holy parsons onelye. 1569 in Strype *Ann. Ref.* (1709) I. lv. 558 Many of your Disordered..Wives are much agrieved that Priests, which were wont to be Common, be now made Several. 1588 Shaks. *L. L. L.* II. i. 223 *La.* My lips are no Common, though seuerall they be. *Bo.* Belonging to whom? *La.* To my fortunes and me. *c* 1600 — *Sonn.* CXXXVII, Why should my heart thinke that a seuerall plot, Which my heart knows the wide worlds common place? 1611 W. Sclater *Key* (1629) 303 So enuious is our nature, and so gladly would we make seuerall Gods common fauours.

8. Belonging, attributed, or assigned distributively to certain individuals referred to; different for each respectively. a. Preceded by a possessive (or its equivalent) referring usually to a collective or distributive adj. or pron.; (*a*) qualifying a pl. sb.

1457 in *Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* Var. Coll. IV. 85 Bothe my lord and we haue now late writen vnto yon diuers times our seueralx lettres of especial Recommendation. 1579 Gosson *Sch. Abuse* (Arb.) 51 As to the body, there are many members, seruing to seuerall vses. 1617 Morvson *Itin.* I. 285 Now I will set downe the divers moneys of Germany, with the severall values of them. 1633 P. Fletcher *Purple Isl.* I. xxxix, Bid each kinde their severall places fill. 1667 Milton *P. L.* III. 714 Swift to thir several Quarters hasted then The cumbrous Elements, Earth, Flood, Aire, Fire. *a* 1716 South *Serm.* (1744) X. 118 Moses and our Saviour Christ himself; both of them in their several times, the meekest persons upon the earth. 1819 Scott *Ivanhoe* XXXVIII, They embraced accordingly, and departed on their several roads. *a* 1842 Arnold *Hist. Rome* III. xliv. 175 The officers for the year being thus appointed, it remained to determine their several provinces. 1881 Jowett *Thucyd.* I. 149 The Acharnians..did not attempt any united action, but guarded their several districts.

(*b*) qualifying a sing. sb.

1577 B. Googe *Heresbach's Husb.* I. (1586) 33 They are to be sowed in tyme and place as I haue tolde before, in my seuerall entreatyng of them. 1599 Shaks. *Much Ado* V. iii. 29 Good morrow masters, each his seuerall way. 1629 Milton *Hymn Nativ.* XXVI, Each fetter'd Ghost slips to his severall grave. 1633 G. Herbert *Temple, Ch. Porch* viii, All in a shipwrack shift their severall way. *c* 1750 Shenstone *Ruin'd Abbey* 18 Ambitious to display Their several merit. 1807 Wordsw. *White Doe* I. 161 While each pursues his several road. 1866 Lowell *Study Wind., Swinburne* (1870) 214 Each was natural in his several way. 1894 K. Grahame *Pagan P.* 4 But most of them, avoiding classification, keep each his several tender significance.

b. Preceded by the indef. article. *Obs.* or *arch.*

1526 Tindale I *Cor.* XV. 38 To every seed a severall body. 1583 Stubbes *Anat. Abus.* I. (1879) 102 To enery dish a seuerall sawce appropriat to his kinde. 1634 Ford *Perkin Warbeck* Epil., Here ha's appear'd, though in a severall fashion, The Threats of Majestie; the strength of passion; Hopes of an Empire; change of fortunes. 1635 Pagitt *Christianogr.* III. (1636) 83, I finde added to the end of every Psalme a severall Prayer. 1672 Villiers (Dk. Buckhm.) *Rehearsal* III. ii. (Arb.) 77, I see, Sir, you have a several design for every Scene. 1707 Cibber *Com. Lovers* IV. Stage Direct., Florimel and Celadon walk carelessly by one another, humming a several Tune. 1732 Pope *Ess. Man* II. 237 Each individual seeks a sev'ral goal. 1879 J. Earle *Philol. Eng. Tongue* (ed. 3) 193 To observe the distinction..by a several [*ed.* 1871 distinct] orthography, writing the interjection *wo*, and the substantive *woe*.

† (*b*) *ellipt. Obs.*

1628 Feltham *Resolves* I. xliii. 127 Opinions are as various, as false. Iudgement is from every tongue, a severall. 1651 Hobbes *Gov. & Soc.* vi. § 1. 86 In neither sense can a multitude be understood to have one will given to it by nature, but to either a severall. 1670 J. Smith *Eng. Improv. Reviv'd* 182 Within these Ovals do grow Saffron, Anniseed, Carroway, and Coriander-seed in each Plot a several.

† c. Preceded by other limiting words. *Obs.*

1614 Tailor *Hog hath lost Pearl* III. E 1 b, Search through the guts of greatnes, and behold What seueral sin best pleas'd them. 1647 Clarendon *Hist. Reb.* IV. § 131 He repeated the Several, and Distinct discourse every man had made.

d. Not preceded by a limiting word, and qualifying a sing. or pl. sb. *Obs.* or *arch.*

1571 Digges *Pantom.* III. xi. R iv, To teach seuerall rules for euery sorte it were ouer tedious. 1587 Fleming *Contn. Holinshed* III. 1428/1 My lord gaue to them seuerall thanks, and they seuerallie did giue to him the like. 1594 Drayton *Idea* XXXVII, How happy are all other liuing Things, Which though the Day dis-ioyne by seu'rall flight, The quiet Eu'ning yet together brings. 1615 T. Adams *White Devil* 2 Every one shewed him severall kindness. 1667 Milton *P. L.* X. 610 This said, they betook them several wayes. *Ibid.* 650 The Creator calling forth by name His mightie Angels gave them several charge. 1732 Pope *Ess. Man* II. 166 A mightier Pow'r the strong direction sends, And sev'ral Men impels to sev'ral ends. 1838 Wordsw. *'Serving no haughty Muse'* 4 My hands have here Disposed some cultured Flowerets..Each kind in several beds of one parterre.

9. *Law.* (Opposed to *joint.*) Pertaining separately to each of the tenants of an estate, parties to a bond or suit, etc. Of inheritance, tail: By which land is conveyed or entailed to two persons separately by moieties. Of an obligation to which several are parties: Enforceable against each of the parties independently of the others. *Several tenancy*: see quot. 1607.

1532 *Dial. Laws Eng.* II. xxx. 64 That writte lyeth where two presente hy seuerall tytles. 1544 tr. *Littleton's Tenures* 67 Tenauntes in comon be they that haue landes and tenementes..by seueral tytle, and nat ioynt tytle, and none of them knowe that, that is seuerall to him. [1581 Kitchin *Court Leet* 198 Cestuy que plede seueral tenancy.] 1607 Cowel *Interpr., Several tenancie* (*tenura separalis*) is a plee, or exception taken to a writ, that is laide against two as ioynt, which are seuerall. 1628 Coke *On Litt.* 189 Joyntenants haue the Lands by one ioynt Title, and in one Right, & Tenants in common by seuerall Titles, or by one Title, and by seuerall Rights. 1684 Manley *Cowel's Interpr., Several tayle*, is that whereby Land is given or entayled severally to Two: For example Land is given to two Men and their Wives, and to the Heirs of their Bodies begotten; the Donees have Joynt Estate for their two Lives, and yet they have several Inheritance. 1821 Archbold *Digest* 307 If several tenancy be pleaded to parcel, the tenant must also plead over to the action or vouch. 1826 G. J. Bell *Comm. Laws Scot.* (ed. 5) I. 346 *note*, A bill drawn abroad, without the words jointly and severally, settled to be joint and several on a report of mercantile usage. 1847 C. G. Addison *Law of Contracts* I. § 2 (1883) 38 Wherever several persons agree to perform a particular act, they are bound jointly and not severally in the absence of express words creating a several liability. 1863 *Chamb. Encycl.* V. 732/2 The general rule of law is, that a contract of several persons is joint and not several.

† 10. *Logic.* Used as designation of the minor proposition: see Minor *a.* 4. *Obs.*

1551 T. Wilson *Logic* F viij, The seconde is called *Minor*, that is to saie, the seuerall proposicion. *Ibid.*, The second terme is called the seuerall, whiche is in the second proposicion. *Ibid.* G j, The terme at large, is in the first proposicion, and the terme seuerall, is in the second proposicion.

† B. *adv.* = Severally *adv.*; separately, apart; distinctly, differently; each in his own place, way, turn, etc. *Obs.*

1551 Robinson tr. *More's Utopia* II. v. (1895) 157 Enerye kynde of thynge is layde vp seuerall in barnes. 1560 Daus tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* VI. 78 They al pourged them selves every man several [orig. L. *separatim*]. 1576 G. Baker *Gesner's Jewell of Health* 228 b, These beaten severall and apart, and compounded after altogether,..keepe to yonr use. 1596 Spenser *F. Q.* VI. i. 10 Both tooke goodly leaue, and parted seuerall. *c* 1615 W. Goroon in Purchas *Pilgrims* III. iii. xii. 555 Foure or fiue Wiues, with whom he lyeth by turn euery night seuerall. 1667 Milton *P. L.* V. 697 Hee together calls, Or seuerall one by one, the Regent Powers. *a* 1777 *Robin Hood & Golden Arrow* xiii. in Child *Ballads* III. 224/1 We'll dress us all so several They shall not us perceive. One shall wear white, another red [etc.].

C. *sb.*

1. In several [AF. *en several*]: † a. Of land, pasture: As private property; in private hands, under separate ownership, not common. *Obs.*

1473 *Acta Audit.* (1839) 27/1 þe landis of Wistoune pertening to him in seuerale & propirte. 1573–80 Tusser *Husb.* (1878) 145 More profit is quieter found (where pastures in seuerall bee:) Of one seelie aker of ground, than champion maketh of three. [1602 Carew *Cornwall* 13 Their workes, both Streame and Load, lie either in seuerall, or in wastrell, that is, in enclosed grounds, or in commons.] 1652–62 Heylin *Cosmogr.* III. (1673) 24/1 Where the Lands lie in several, and are duly cultivated, it answereth to the former character. 1707 Mortimer *Husb.* (1721) I. 204 Good store of Pasture, either in several or common.

b. Separately, individually; apart from others or the rest; as a separate member, unit, etc. Now *rare.*

To know one's part in several (Law): see 2c.

1586 A. Day *Eng. Secretary* I. (1595) 47 As touching these particularities which wee have tearmed Motions and effects let vs consider if yon wil in seuerall, and see [etc.]. 1601 Holland *Pliny* VI. xxxiii. I. 149 Now are we to compare respectively the greatnes of ech part of the world in severall. 1607 Topsell *Four-f. Beasts* 11 Concerning their members or parts in seueral, they are black and hairy,..a long Dogges face, and teeth stronger and longer then Dogges. *c* 1611 Chapman *Iliad* II. 320 They all, will fight in seuerall then, (Easie for note). 1652–62 Heylin *Cosmogr.* III. (1673) 3/1 So it retained that name [Asia] to it self in several, distinct both from the Greater and the Lesser Asia. 1862 F. Hall *Hindu Philos. Syst.* 160 *note*, Nescience and ignorance, when referred to souls in several, are only fractional portions of illusion.

† c. Divided into separate portions. *Obs.*

1652 W. Brough *Sacred Princ.* (ed. 2) 28 If thou wouldest have a reason, why these Prayers are so short, and in severall, which use to make a long one, all put together.

2. Land in private ownership or over which a person has a particular right; chiefly in particularized use, a plot of such land; *esp.* enclosed pasture land, as opposed to common. *Obs.* exc. *dial.* (see quots. 1787, 1895).

c 1460 *Oseney Reg.* 139 Thabbot and Conent..purposenne..to close all þe forsayde ffelde of le heth and lynlonde as here seuerell. 1473 *Acta Audit.* (1839) 27/1 Quhethir þe said land..has been broukit..be þe saide Johne of carmichell..as propirte & seuerale til him. 1523 Fitzherb. *Surv.* 7 The lorde may haue an actyon of Trespace agaynst any man that chaceth or kylleth any of theym in his commen as well as in his seuerall. 1587 Mascall *Govt. Cattle, Sheep* (1627) 229 They haue no seuerals to put their lambs in when they should hee weaned. 1642 Fuller *Holy & Prof. St.* V. xiii. 409 He counts to enter common with others as good as his own severall. 1669 Worlidge *Syst. Agric.* (1681) 15 A Farm divided into many Severals. 1787 Marshall *Norfolk* (1795) II. 378 *Dole*, or *Several*, a piece of land upon a heath or common, off which only one particular person hath a right to cut fuel. 1895 *E. Angl. Gloss.*, *Several*, a portion of common land allotted to a certain person.

† b. *gen.* Private property or possession. *Obs.*

1555 Watseman *Fardle Facions* Pref. A ij, When no man claimed aught for his seuerallе, but lande and water ware as commune to al, as Ayer and Skie. 1616 Chapman *Homer's Hymn Apollo* 734 No more Yee must be made, your owne Reciprocalls To your lou'd Cittie, and faire seuerallѕ Of wiues, and houses. 1636 B. Jonson *Discov.* (1640) 89 Truth lyes open to all; it is no mans severall. 1642 Fuller *Holy & Prof. St.* IV. i. 242 Some are so boysterous, no severals will hold them, but lay all Offices common to their power.

† c. *To know one's several* [AF. *savoir son several*]: see quots. *Obs.*

[1539 *Act* 31 *Hen. VIII*, c. 1 None of them [joynt tenauntes] by the lawe..maye knowe their severall partes or porcions in the same. 1544 tr. *Littleton's Tenures* 67 Which haue suche landes & tenementes by seueral tytle, and nat ioynt tytle, and none of them knowe that, that is seuerall to him. 1628 Coke *On Litt.* § 292 Their occupation is indeuided, and neyther of them knoweth his part in seuerall.]

1598 *Termes de la Ley* § 267 Though two tenants in common be seised throughly & of the whole and none knoweth hys seueral, yet if one die the other shall not haue the whole by y^e suruiuor. 1628 Coke *On Litt.* § 292 None of them [tenants in common] know of this his seuerall.

transf. 1639 Fuller *Holy War* II. viii. (1640) 54 The deluge of the Saracens tyranny had washed away the bounds of the Churches jurisdictions, that now they knew not their own severals, where Mahometanisme so long had made all common and waste.

3. *pl.* †a. Particular or individual points, parts, or qualities; particulars, details. *Obs.*

1599 Shaks. *Hen. V*, I. i. 86 There was not time enough to heare..The seuerallis and vnhidden passages Of his true Titles to some certaine Dukedomes. 1606 — *Tr. & Cr.* I. iii. 180 All our abilities, gifts, natures, shapes, Seuerals and generals of grace. 1628 Feltham *Resolves* I. xii. 32 No man can leaue his Successor rules for seuerals. 1673 *Ladies Call.* I. i. § 7 This will be found true in all the severals we are to pass thro. *a* 1703 Burkitt *On N. T.* Matt. vi. 13 In this comprehensive and compendious prayer, the following severals are remarkable.

(*b*) *rarely in sing.*

1606 Hieron *Truths Purchase* 65 This is the first thing which I will..commend as a direction, for the meaner sort, (who cannot enter into the examination of every seuerall). 1706 Phillips (ed. Kersey), A *Several*, a Particular.

†b. Different parts, branches, or heads. *Obs.*

1639 Fuller *Holy War* v. xix. (1640) 260 Herein we branch our opinion into these severals. 1654 Whitlock *Zootomia* 26 Make Infallibility minced (as I may terme it) into severalls, and private Interpretation the Canon of our owne and other mens beleife. 1659 Bp. Walton *Consid. considered* iii. 39 This [general charge] will appear to be most untrue in the severalls, by him mentioned, when we shall come to them.

†c. Individual persons or things. *Obs.*

1611 Shaks. *Wint. T.* I. ii. 226 Not noted, is't, But of the finer Natures? by some Severalls Of Head-peece extraordinarie? 1650 Jer. Taylor *Holy Living* ii. § 3 (1686) 73 Besides these general acts of Chastity which are common to all states of men and women, there are some few things proper to the severals.

d. Several persons or things; = A. b. (Cf. *others.*) *Sc., Irish,* and *U.S.*

1654 *Nicholas Papers* (Camden) II. 106 He spoak with severalls that were com in. 1693 Stair *Inst. Law Scot.* I. iii. § 5 (ed. 2) 21 They remain only as bonds upon the good-will and honesty of these who are thereby bound, of which there are severals. *a* 1699 Lady Halkett *Autobiog.* (Camden) 58 Itt was knowne to severalls abontt the Court what my concerne in him was. 1711 *Countrey-Man's Lett. to Curate* 70 In all the Impressions of the Genevan Liturgie that ever I saw, and I have seen severals, there is a Table for the Moveable Feasts. 1756 Mrs. Calderwood in *Coltness Collect.* (Maitland Club) 155 They..were acquented with severalls of the great folks. 1860 Bartlett *Dict. Amer.* (ed. 3), *Severals*, for *several*, is used in Pennsylvania. 'How many hats have you?' 'I used to have severals, but now have got only one.' 1875 W. Alexander *Sk. Ain Folk* (1882) 121 Severals o' them wud lickly be cautioners or hae len'it sooms till 'im. 1880 *Antrim & Down Gloss.* s.v., Severals told me abont it.

†4. ? A partition or boundary. *Obs.*

[Possibly another word, f. Sever *v.*+-al.]

1597 Hooker *Eccl. Pol.* v. xiv, [The Jews] had..their seuerall for the Priests, and for the high Priest alone their seuerall. Their being in ours for locall distinction betwene the Clergie and the rest..but one partition. *a* 1661 Fuller *Worthies, Suffolk* (1662) III. 55 High stiles troublesome to be clambred over. But the owners grudge not the pains in climbing them sensible that such severals redound much to their own advantage.

†Se·veral, *v. Obs. rare.* [f. Several *a.*]

1. *trans.* To make (a field) 'several' or enclosed and private property.

1482 *Cov. Leet Bk.* 510 My lorde Priour severels the Brodwok wast. *Ibid.* 511 The Maister of þe Trinite Gilde severels a feld in Stychall-hiron calde Miry-felde. 1577–87 Harrison *England* I. x. 36 in *Holinshed*, The people of this Ile vsed not to seuerall their grounds. 1794 W. Pearce *Agric. Berks.* 49 The advantage resulting from inclosing, or at least severalling common fields, is so very obvious.

2. To divide or break up into separate parts or branches.

1570 Dee *Math. Pref.* *j b, Our Seuerallyng, distinctyng, and Numbryng, createth nothyng: but of Multitude considered, maketh..distinct determination. 1642 D. Rogers *Naaman* 55 Wee will severall the story into her branches.

Se·veral-fold, *a., adv.,* and *sb. rare.* [f. Several *a.* + -fold.] Used like Manifold, but with the implication of not very many.

1738 Medley tr. *Kolben's Cape Gd. Hope* (ed. 2) I. 194 Some of the grown Women have above a Hundred of those Rings upon each Leg, lying several-fold one upon another. 1833 Carlyle *Misc. Ess., Cagliostro* I. (1872) V. 79 As for the other question, of his resources, these we perceive were several-fold, and continually extending. 1884 Bower & Scott *De Bary's Phaner.* 33 In P[eperomia] magnoliifolia and rubella, it [the epidermis] exceeds several-fold the rest of the substance of the leaf, and in P. pereskiifolia it exceeds it seven-fold. 1892 *Advance* (Chicago) 13 Oct., There is a growing interest in the cause, and..we may look for an increase of severalfold.

Severality (sevĕræ·lĭti). *rare.* [f. Several *a.* + -ity. Cf. the earlier Severalty.]

1. *pl.* Individual or particular points, matters, or objects.

1562 [see Severalty 4]. 1649 Bp. Hall *Cases Consc.* IV. v. (1654) 332 All the severalities of the degrees prohibited run still upon the male. 1830 W. Taylor *Hist. Surv. Germ. Poetry* II. 359 He..Packs up his severalities. 1843 Emerson *Misc. Papers, Carlyle* Wks. (Bohn) III. 315 And no such glaring contrasts or severalities in that or this.

†2. Separateness, distinctness. *Obs.*

1664 Power *Exp. Philos.* Pref. 9 Multiplicity of parts, diversity of figures, severality of functions.

3. *In severality:* separately, singly, each by itself.

1665 J. Webb *Stone-Heng* (1725) 31 Reckoning up the Parts of Structures in Severality. 1836 J. Abbott *Way to do Good* ix. 284 The objects, though..trifling when regarded in severality and detail rise to..importance when we consider their fast aggregation.

Se·veralize, *v. rare.* [See -ize.] *trans.* To separate or distinguish (*from*). Cf. Severize *v.*

1645 Bp. Hall *Peace-maker* i. § 3. 14 There is one and the same Church of Christ, however farre disterminate in places, however segregated and infinitely severallized in persons. 1649 J. E[llistone] tr. *Behmen's Epist.* vi. § 17. 85 The properties of the Severalized distinguishing or separating will [orig. *die Eigenschafften des schiedlichen Willens*]. 1862 F. Hall *Hindu Philos. Syst.* 284 Its epithet visuddha, 'pure', is intended to severalize it from 'modificational cognition'.

Severall: see Several and Severon.

Severally (se·vĕrăli), *adv.* [f. Several *a.* + -ly².]

1. Separately, individually; each of a number of persons or things by himself or itself; each successively or in turn.

(*a*) with distributive adj. or pron.

1399 *Rolls of Parlt.* III. 451/1 The Answeres of certeins Lordes..ware herd, iche man severallyche hy hymself. *a* 1533 Frith *Disput. Purgat.* Wks. (1573) 13/2 Let us see how he annswereth the argument, and severally examine euery part. 1549 *Form Consecr. Archbishops*, etc. rubric, The Bisshop with the Priestes presente shall laye their handes severally vpon the heade of enery one that receaneth orders. 1560 Daus tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* xvi. 228 b, He had spoken with eyther of them severally. 1597 Hooker *Eccl. Pol.* v. lxviii. § 2 In speaking vnto enery communicant seuerally. 1700 Dryden *Fables* Pref. *C, All his Pilgrims are severally distinguish'd from each other. 1760–2 Goldsm. *Cit. W.* xxx, He turned severally to each for their opinion. 1812 H. & J. Smith *Rej. Addr.* v. (1873) 39, I take it for granted that every intelligent man, woman, and child..has stood severally and respectively in Little Russell Street.

(*b*) referring to plural subject or object.

c 1400 tr. *Secreta Secret., Gov. Lordsh.* 101 It nedys noght þat a kyng aske conseyll of vs, of any of his pryue doynges, But þat he aske seuerally of some his conseill. 1456 *Cov. Leet Bk.* 286 Endentures senerally made be-twix the seyde Meyre & the Collectours. 1528 More *Dial. Heresies* III. iii. Wks. 209/2 Whan thei be wisely & seuerally examined, thei can seldome so well make their tale before, but that their vntrouth shall in some parte appere. 1603 Drayton *Bar. Wars* VI. xxxiii. 133 Yet heere and there they seu'rally withdrew. 1660 *Trial Regic.* 33 We must needs try them severally. 1828 Scott *F. M. Perth* xiii, Receiving the mute salutations of the members of the council whom he had severally addressed. 1890 Gladstone in *Daily News* 31 Dec. 5/7 My own inability to acknowledge severally the gifts..which have reached..me. 1892 Westcott *Gospel of Life* 33 We severally think with a mind which is more or less in harmony with a universal mind.

b. In legal language, opposed to *jointly.*

1447 *Rolls of Parlt.* V. 140/1 An action of trespasse ayenst such takers and ayenst all thaym, to whom the possession..comes..joyntly or severally. 1474 *Ibid.* VI. 115/2 That the same Shires..stond and be severally chargeable and charged of the same men Archers. 1528 Gardiner in Pocock *Rec. Ref.* (1870) I. l. 104 To proceed jointly or severally with your grace. 1628 Coke *On Litt.* § 296 In this case of the two Abbots in respect of their seuerall capacities, albeit the words be ioynt, yet the Law doth adiudge them to be severally seised. 1652 tr. *Fitzherbert's Nat. Brevium* 38 Whether they shall recover severally damages upon that joynt count, it is a doubt. 1875 Poste *Gaius* III. 396 In Correality each creditor is *severally* entitled to receive, and each debtor is *severally* bound to discharge, the whole Object of the obligation. *a* 1887 J. Grant *Royal Highlanders* 19 Holcroft would in some way or other bring trouble upon them conjunctly or severally.

(*b*) *jointly* (Sc. *conjunctly*) *and severally.*

1454 *Registr. Aberdon.* (Maitland Club) I. 261 Be it kende til al men me Edwarde of þe Vesthale til haf maide [the several persons named] coniunctly and seuerly my ful procuratoris. 1467 *Godstow Reg.* 347 They made..Iohn Baywell and Symond Turnere..there trew and lawfull attorneyes, ioyntly and severally, to entre and delyver in ther name. 1554 *Acts of Sederunt* (1790) 1 That thay, and ilk ane of thaim, conjunctlie and severalie, suld lelelie and trewlie minister in the said office of curatry. 1597 in *Spalding Club Misc.* (1841) I. 117 The quhilk to do we commit to you, coniunctlie and severallie, our full power, be this our precept. 1766 Blackstone *Comm.* II. xii. II. 193 A devise to two persons, to hold jointly and severally, is a joint-tenancy. 1826 G. J. Bell *Comm. Laws Scot.* (ed. 5) I. 346 If the co-obligants be bound jointly and severally, any one may be taken for the whole debt. 1838 W. Bell *Dict. Law Scot.* s. v. *Conjunctly*, When two or more persons are bound conjunctly and severally to perform an obligation, they are liable *singuli in solidum*, and it is in the option of the creditor to exact performance, either from each of them proportionally, or to enforce the obligation to the full extent against any one of them, leaving him to seek his relief from the rest.

†c. Preceded by numeral adv.: On two (etc.) separate occasions. *Obs.*

1576 Gascoigne *Kenelworth Castle* Wks. 1910 II. 121 Twise severally summoned to appeare before the great Gods.

2. Apart from others or from the rest; not together or in a company; independently. *arch.*

1530 Elyot *Image Gov.* (1541) 104 The thyrde state was of the base people or communers to whom seuerally should not be committed any authoritee. 1548 Geste *Agst. Priv. Masse* L j, In the pryuate masse where the priest seuerally all alone hath hys loofe & eateth it alone. 1577 Hanmer *Anc. Eccles. Hist., Euseb.* II. xvii. (1663) 29 They assembled together, severally meo, and severally women. 1615 Markham *Eng. Housew.* I. 25 Take knot grasse and shepheards purse, and plantaine, and stampe them seuerally. 1630 Pagitt *Christianogr.* I. ii. (1636) 55 These Christians live severally by themselves without any mixture of Mahometans or Pagans. 1660 Barrow *Euclid* I. xxxii, Two angles (taken severally, or together). 1709 Atterbury *Serm.* (Rom. xi. 6) (1726) II. 256 Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob..to whom the Promise of the Blessed Seed was severally made. 1883 Stevenson *Silverado Sq.* 9 A great variety of oaks stood, now severally, now in a becoming grove, among the fields.

const. *from.* 1649 Milton *Eikon.* xi. 102 [The King is] not to be consider'd severally from them [the Parliament]. 1862 F. Hall *Hindu Philos. Syst.* 99 It is the same as concerns the experience of cognition, or the like, considered severally from its experience.

†b. Specially, particularly. *Obs. rare.*

c 1610 *Women Saints* 70 The place cntt for the head seuerallie was made so iust for her head as could be deuised.

3. Respectively.

1585 T. Washington tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* II. vii. 37 b, Grecians and Genenoises, and..Iewes..senerally haue one streete to dwell in. 1756 Burke *Subl. & B.* I. x, They stick severally to their own species in preference to all others. 1827 C. Wordsworth *Chas. I* (1828) 2 The parts which I and they have severally taken are openly justified. 1875 Jowett *Plato* (ed. 2) I. 33 The great benefits which mankind would obtain from their severally doing the things which they knew. 1909 *Athenæum* 20 Mar. 345/1 'The Constitution is saved.' 'A Commission is needed at once.' So say severally the very old and the very young amongst our legislators.

†4. Differently, variously. *Obs.*

1605 Bacon *Adv. Learn.* I. i. § 3 To deliuer it [*sc.* learning] from the discredites and disgraces which it hath receiued; all from ignorance; but ignorance seuerally disguised. 1625 — *Ess., Of Building* (Arb.) 549, I vnderstand both these Sides..to be vniforme without, though seuerally Partitioned within. 1628 Feltham *Resolves* I. xciii. 271 There are, and that seuerally, that be much troubled with the disease of speaking. *a* 1644 Chillingworth *Serm.* ii. § 42 How severally Satan plants his Engines for the subversion of the Church.

Severalty (se·vĕrălti). [a. AF. *severalte, -aute*: see Several *a.* and -ty.]

1. The condition of being separate or distinct; separateness, distinctness, independence.

1449 Pecock *Repr.* I. x. 50 3it herfore tho craftis in thilk man ben not the lasse dynerse, ne neuer the lasse kepen her seneralte in boundis and markis as in hem silf. 1571 Golding *Calvin on Ps.* lxxiv. 16 Insatiable covetousnes and ambition breaketh whatsoever severaltie [*quicquid distinctionis*] is made in the world. 1648 Bp. Hall *Select Th.* 269 He singles them out in a familiar kinde of severalty both of knowledg and respect. 1650 B. *Discoliminium* 37 A respective severalty, that each Nation should operate separately..in cases peculiar to their severall interests. 1679 Puller *Moder. Ch. Eng.* (1843) 21 The several societies of Christian men, unto every of which the name of a Church is given, with addition betokening severalty, as the Church of Rome, Corinth, Ephesus, England. 1847 Grote *Greece* II. x. III. 92 The original severalty and subsequent consolidation of the different portions of Attica. 1849 *Ibid.* II. xxxviii. V. 8 The discordant severalty of agents conspicuous in the Homeric theology. *a* 1882 T. H. Green *Proleg. Ethics* (1883) 31 Something other than the manifold things themselves which combines them without effacing their severalty.

2. In **severalty** [AF. *en severalte*]. a. *Law.* Of land: (Held) in a person's own right without being joined in interest with another (opposed to joint-tenancy, coparcenary, and tenancy-in-common); (held) as private enclosed property (opposed to common).

To know in severalty: = 'to know one's several': see Several C. 2 c.

c 1475 *Partenay* 3640 Thi land shal be..Parted in partes ..Neuer to-geders hold in seueralte. 1480 *Cov. Leet Bk.* 447 He kepeth diuerse pastures in seueralte, which owen to be comen. 1523 Fitzherb. *Surv.* 2 And than is nat an acre so moche worthe as & it were in seuerally inclosed or in seuerall pasture. 1540 *Act* 32 *Hen. VIII*, c. 1 § 3 The same in three partes to be divided in certainety and by speciall divisions as it may be knowen in severaltie. 1581 W. S. *Compend. Exam.* 18 b, Tenaunts in common be not so good husbandes as when enery man hath his parte in seueralty. 1653 tr. *Kitchin's Courts Leet* (ed. 2) 476 They are Tenants in severalty. 1766 Blackstone *Comm.* II. 185 If two joint-tenants agree to part their lands, and hold them in severalty, they are no longer joint-tenants. 1807 Vancouver *Agric. Devon* (1813) 102 Coarse moor-land, lying in severalty. 1828 Cruise *Digest* (ed. 2) I. 329 Not in the nature of dower, that is, in severalty, but in common with the heir. 1875 Maine *Hist. Instit.* iv. 101 The arable lands are held in severalty, while pasture and bog are in common. 1895 Strahan *Law of Property* (1908) 132 By partition is meant the dividing up of the joint estate among the joint tenants, who henceforth hold their individual shares in severalty.

(*b*) Const. *to* or *for* (the possessor).

1523 *Act* 14 & 15 *Hen. VIII*, c. 6 § 1 Yt shalbe leafull to your said besecher [etc.]..to enclose the said olde Waye.. and that frohensforthe to holde in Severaltie to them and to their Heires and Assignes to their owne use and profitt for ever..without any comon Waye or passage ther. 1652 Hevlin *Cosmogr.* III. 44 Every one..should..take as much ground in severalty for his own inheritance, as he could overcome.

b. Separately, apart from others, particularly.

1588 Fraunce *Lawiers Logike* II. iii. 89 b, If the same Logicall Doctor..should affirme the same of all the other kindes of causes specially and in seuerally. 1624 Wotton *Archit.* I. 64 Having considered the precedent Appertions or Ouertnres, in seueraltie according to their particular Requisites. 1768 Tucker *Lt. Nat.* (1834) I. 240 That all should enjoy the produce of their skill and industry in severalty, without interruption from others. 1893 Traill *Soc. Eng.* Introd. 17 It has seemed best to treat of each great department of our social life in severalty.

c. In or into several divisions or parts.

1824 J. Davison *Disc. Prophecy* vi. III. 388 Polytheism divided the world, and its own creed, in severalty; it set up its deities over particular regions. 1868 Gladstone *Juv. Mundi* viii. § 12. 304 One group of these traditions..which when associated compose a nebula, appears before us in severalty, divided between the three individualities of Artemis, Persephonè, and Aphroditè.

3. Land held by an individual not joined with

other owners. Also, the condition of land so held; a state of being owned by individuals.

1570 Dee *Math. Pref.* a ij, Which was when..ground sold were to be layd out: or (when disorder preuailed) that Commons were distributed into seueralties. 1766 Blackstone *Comm.* II. xii. II. 194 Estates in common can only be dissolved two ways: 1. By uniting all the titles and interests in one tenant..which brings the whole to one severalty: 2. By making partition between the several tenants in common, which gives them all respective severalties. 1801 *Farmer's Mag.* Nov. 400 Reducing all common and intermixed possessions into severalty. 1814 Shirreff *Agric. Shetld.* 179 Till land is placed in a state of severalty, ..inclosures are seldom erected in any country. 1844 *Min. Evid. Sel. Comm. Commons' Inclosure* 27 It often happens that in these shifting severalties the occupier of lot one this year goes round the whole of the several lots in rotation. 1862 Merivale in *Macm. Mag.* July 265 Not inclosed from the waste, but merely converted from 'common field' into severalty.

b. *attrib.*

1844 *Min. Evid. Sel. Comm. Commons' Inclosure* 27 After the crop has been removed, these lands become commonable to all the parties having a severalty right, and to no others. *Ibid.*, The severalty crop. *Ibid.*, Circumstances under which the severalty ownership of these lands shifts from time to time. 1892 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 30 May 6/2 A private arrangement between the lord, the severalty owners, and the owners of lammas rights.

†4. A separate, distinct, or particular thing, point, feature, etc. *Obs.*

1561 T. Norton *Calvin's Inst.* I. xiii. 37 Lette it not come in our myndes ones to imagine suche a Trinitie of Persons as may hold our thought withdrawen into seueralties [ed. 1562 seueralities]. 1610 Healey *St. Aug. Citie of God* VIII. vii. tr. *Vives* 309 The first apprehensions..nature hath giuen man, whence the knowledge of many great seueralties arise [*vnde rerum multarum magnarumque oritur cognitio*]. 1637 Heylin *Answ. Burton* 163 These are the seueralties contained in that generall head; and they relate either to preaching or to praying. 1640 Bp. Hall *Episc.* II. vii. 124 Here is a manifest distinction betwixt the Pastor or Bishop, and those of his charge; and they are described by the seueralties of their estates. 1667 Waterhouse *Narr. Fire in London* 17 Many other Authors have given us seueralties which summed up together, makes out such secret policies.

5. (See quot.)

1867 Smyth *Sailor's Word-bk., Severalty*, the denomination under which disagreements respecting accounts amongst the part-owners of a ship are referred, either to equity courts, or the common law.

Severance (se·vĕrăns). [a. AF. *severance*, OF. *sevrance*, f. *sevr-er*: see Sever *v.* and -ance.]

1. The act or fact of severing; the state of being severed; separation.

1467–8 *Rolls of Parlt.* V. 574/1 Seueraunces from Shires, and makyng of Shires by theymself. 1491 *Act 7 Hen. VII*, c. 12 § 1 To preserve the possessions of the Crown hoolly and entierly without any seueraunce or decreasing therof. 1565 *Act 8 Eliz.* c. 16 § 2 The wch sayd seuerance and Devision of the sayd proffers shalbe entred of Recorde. 1602 Carew *Cornw.* II. 152 These 2. riuers..doe enclose betweene them..a neck of land..in regard of his fruitfulnesse, not vnworthy of a seuerance. 1786 Jefferson *Writ.* (1859) II. 66 This measure..gives me serious apprehensions of the severance of the eastern and western parts of our confederacy. 1787 J. Barlow *Oration 4 July* 8 Our severance from the British empire. 1864 Pusey *Lect. Daniel* (1876) 501 A meeting..after this first severance. 1873 J. Geikie *Gt. Ice Age* xxxiii. 474 The sea again stole in between our islands and the Continent, until a final severance was effected. 1875 M. Arnold *God & Bible* Pref. 34 Their religion involved severance from Rome. 1876 Miss Braddon *J. Haggard's Dau.* II. 81 He..kissed her with more warmth of feeling than he had ever shown after so short a severance. 1879 Calderwood *Mind & Br.* iv. 91 There is no real severance of the lobes.

b. const. *between* (two or more objects). †Formerly, a distinction or difference *between*.

1422 Yonge tr. *Secreta Secret.* 180 Mekenesse is the Seuerance and the difference betwene a kynge and a tyraunt. 1508 Dunbar *Tua Mariit Wemen* 311 For, thocht I say it my self, the seuerance wes mekle, Betuix his bastard blude, and my birth noble. *c* 1642 *Contra-Replicant's Compl.* 28 The Law itself makes ever a distinction betwixt the King and his agents: though our Replicant will not allow any such severance. 1845 Maurice *Mor. Philos.* in *Encycl. Metrop.* II. 665/1 Now more than at any former time there was a severance between religion and philosophy. 1851 Gladstone *Glean.* VI. xlviii. 32 To draw in practice those lines of severance between truth and falsehood. 1865 Pusey *Truth Eng. Ch.* 59 The temporary severance between Rome and both Asiatic and African Churches. 1883 Chalmers & Hough *Bankruptcy Act* Introd. 9 A severance is made between judicial and administrative functions. 1912 *Blackw. Mag.* Jan. 148/2 The severance between the Parliament and the country is complete.

2. *Law.* a. The division of a joint estate into independent parts; the destruction of the unity of interest in a joint estate.

1539 *Act 31 Hen. VIII*, c. 1 § 1 Forasmuche as..diverse of the Kinges Subjectes being seised of Mannors landes [etc.] as joynt tenauntes..cannot..make any seuerans division or particion thereof, without either of their mutuall consentes and assentes. 1628 Coke *On Litt.* 192 If two Joyntenaunts be, and one maketh a Lease, this is a seuerance of the joynture. 1766 Blackstone *Comm.* II. 185 Joint-tenants being seised *per my et per tout*, every thing that tends to narrow that interest..is a severance or destruction of the jointure. 1818 Cruise *Digest* (ed. 2) II. 501 A mortgage by a joint tenant, for a term of years, will operate as a severance of the joint tenancy. 1895 Strahan *Law of Property* (1908) 89 The severance of the reversion.. that is, the dividing between two or more of the estate in reversion. *Ibid.* 134 Severance of joint tenancies in land may also be brought about by merger.

b. The detaching of fruit, minerals, fixtures, etc. from the soil or realty.

1602 Fulbecke *1st Pt. Parall.* 38 After the sowing and before the seuerance [of the corn]. 1628 Coke *On Litt.* 55 b, Seuerance or remouing of the corne. 1684 Manley *Cowel's Interpr.* s.v., Severance of Corn is the cutting and carrying it off from the ground, and sometimes the setting out the Tythe from the rest of the Corn is called Severance. 1769 Blackstone *Comm.* IV. 232 Of things..that adhere to the freehold, as corn, grass, trees, and the like, or lead upon a house, no larciny could be committed by the rules of the common law; but the severance of them was, and in many things is still, merely a trespass. 1817 W. Selwyn *Law Nisi Prius* (ed. 4) II. 1208 The right to tithes accrues immediately on the severance. 1911 Odgers *Common Law* II. 700 When things annexed to the freehold are sold in contemplation of an immediate severance.

c. The separation of two or more parties that are joined in a writ, as when one is nonsuited and the other is allowed to proceed in the action. Also, 'the putting in several or separate pleas or answers by two or more disjointly' (Bouvier).

1607 Cowel *Interpr.*, *Severance* is the singling of two or more, that ioyne in one writ, or are ioyned in one writ. 1628 Coke *On Litt.* 139 If two be Plaintifes in a *Natiuo habendo*, if one be nonsuit this is the Nonsuite of both, and no sommons and seuerance doth lie in that case. *Ibid.* 139 b, *Note*, Seuerance is twofold, *viz.* by Sommons *ad sequendum simul*, and that is when one of the Demandants or Plaintifes neuer appeared; and by award of the Court of Nonsuit without any sommons, and that is after appearance. 1684 Manley *Cowel's Interpr.* s.v., Severance in Debt [is] where two, or more, Executors are named Plaintiffs, and the one refuses to prosecute. 1741 T. Robinson *Gavelkind* I. vi. 110 It is the less unreasonable that the Part of him not proceeding should be divided with the rest in this Case, because he does not by the Severance absolutely cease to be Party to the Record. 1824 Stephen *Princ. Pleading* 270 Where in respect of several subjects or several defendants, a severance has thus taken place in the pleading, this may..lead to a corresponding severance in the whole subsequent series.

Severane, obs. form of Sovereign.

Severans, -ant: see Severon.

†**Severat**(e, *a. Obs.* Altered form of Separate *a.*, after *sever*. Hence †**Severatly** *adv.*

1470–85 Malory *Arthur* IV. vii. 127 He tooke vs seueratly as we rode on oure auentures. 1563 *Homilies* II. *Right Use Ch.* II. D d j, When euery man and woman in seuerate [*edd.* 1567–71 seuerat, *later edd.* seuerall] pretence of deuotyon prayeth priuately.

Severation (sevərē·ʃən). *rare.* [f. Sever *v.* + -ation.] Separation, severance.

1649 J. E[llistone] tr. *Behmen's Epist.* vi. § 60 The humane Science..may in that same light see, not onely it selfe, but likewise all other naturall things according to the severation of the Word. 1654 [Ellistone & Sparrow] tr. *Behmen's Myst. Magn.* iv. 12 Now we are to consider of the Severation in the fire. 1821 W. P. C. Barton *Flora N. Amer.* I. 27 Michaux deemed it sufficiently at variance with that genus in its fruit, to justify a severation. 1852 W. Jerdan *Autobiog.* II. 282 The last severation of all human ties.

Severe (sĭvī·ə·1), *a.* Also 6 sever, *Sc.* seveir(e, (7 seveere, seveare). [a. F. *sévère* or ad. L. *sevērus*. Cf. It., Sp., Pg. *severo*.]

I. Rigorous in condemnation or punishment.

1. Of persons, their temper, disposition, etc.: Rigorous in one's treatment of, or attitude towards, offenders; unsparing in the exaction of penalty; not inclined to indulgence or leniency.

1548 Elyot *Dict., Asper*,..rude, seuere, rigorous. *Ibid., Austerus*,..cruelle, austere, seuere. 1560 Daus tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* xv. 197 b, In a steade of a gentle and mercifull Prince, you shall haue a seuere executour of iustice. *a* 1568 Ascham *Scholem.* I. (Arb.) 47 One of the greatest benefites, that euer God gaue me, is, that he sent me so sharpe and seuere Parentes, and so ientle a scholemaster. 1603 Shaks. *Meas. for M.* III. ii. 276 He who the sword of Heauen will beare, Should be as holy, as seueare. 1611 Bible *Wisd.* v. 20 His seuere wrath shall he sharpen for a sword. 1611 Heywood *Golden Age* I. i, Why should not I proue as seuere a mother As he a cruell father. 1667 Milton *P. L.* IX. 1169 And am I now vpbraided, as the cause Of thy transgressing? not enough severe, It seems, in thy restraint. *a* 1715 Burnet *Own Time* (1823) I. 290 They were men of severe tempers, and kept good discipline. 1780 Harris *Philol. Enq.* Wks. (1841) 463 [Athens] found the cruel Sylla her severest enemy. 1829 Scott *Anne of G.* xiv, Charles of Burgundy deserved the character of a just though severe prince. 1849 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* viii. II. 342 The King's temper was arbitrary and severe. 1878 Dale *Lect. Preach.* iii. 74 Nature is sometimes kindly if she is often severe.

absol. 1817 Shelley *Rev. Islam* II. xxxiv, Nor are the strong and the severe to keep The empire of the world.

b. Const. *to, with, against.*

[1561: cf. 3.] 1648 *Hamilton Papers* (Camden) 216 The Houses haue been of late very seuere against the poore Caualiers. *a* 1699 Stillingfl. (J.), What made the church of Alexandria be so severe with Origen for, but holding the incence in his hands..? yet for this he was cast out of the church. *a* 1700 Evelyn *Diary* 22 July 1674, A severe master to his servants. 1725 Pope *Odyss.* IX. 132 Each rules his race, his neighbour not his care, Heedless of others, to his own severe. 1742 Gray *Adversity* 31 Justice, to herself severe.

c. Of a person's looks, demeanour, etc.: Betokening a severe mood or disposition.

1565 Cooper *Thesaurus* s. v. *Seuerus*, Seuere grauitie of countenance. 1600 Shaks. *A. Y. L.* II. vii. 155 The Iustice, ..With eyes seuere, and beard of formall cut. 1603 Knolles *Hist. Turks* (1621) 709 Saying with a severe countenance, that they were worthie of such death. 1675 Covel in *Early Voy. Levant* (Hakl. Soc.) 206 A full, roundish high forehead, a severe brow. 1819 Scott *Ivanhoe* xxxvi, 'There is in this mansion..,' said the Grand Master, in a severe tone, 'a Jewish woman.' 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* xlix, The Lady Bareacres..to whom the Colonel's lady made also a most respectful obeisance: it was returned with severe dignity by the exalted person in question.

2. Of law, judgement, punishment, discipline, restraint, and the like: Involving strict and rigorous treatment; executed or carried out with rigour; not leaning to tenderness or laxity; unsparing.

1562 Winjet *Cert. Tractates* ii. Wks. (S. T. S.) I. 21 The seueir punisment of Core, Dathan, and Ahiron. *c* 1570 W. Wager *The Longer thou liuest* 1752 (Brandl), I represent Gods seuere iudgement, Which dallieth not where to strike he doth purpose. 1592 Shaks. *Rom. & Jul.* v. iii. 269 Let my old life be sacrific'd..Vnto the rigour of seuerest Law. 1661 *Act 13 Chas. II*, c. 9 § 21 None shall presume to quarrell with his Superior Officer, upon pain of severe punishment. 1662 Stillingfl. *Orig. Sacræ* III. i. § 12 It is not evident that the Laws of all the antient Common-wealths were so severe against Atheism. 1669–70 Marvell *Corr.* Wks. (Grosart) II. 306 The House..voted..that severe provision be made against all frauds upon the importation [of wine]. 1797 Mrs. Radcliffe *Italian* x, Schedoni hinted that the obedience of youth was hopeless unless severer measures were adopted. 1819 Shelley *Cenci* v. ii. 73 To pursue this monstrous crime By the severest forms of law. 1838 F. A. P[aley] tr. *Schömann's Assemb. Athen.* Introd. 19 The people..disliking the severe controll of the four hundred. 1861 M. Pattison *Ess.* (1889) I. 47 Severer penalties awaited drunkenness, dissipation, or dicing.

b. Of a compact: Imposing rigorous conditions, stringent. Of an account: Unsparingly exacted.

1591 Shaks. 1 *Hen. VI*, v. iv. 114 If we conclude a Peace, It shall be with such strict and seuere Couenants, As little shall the Frenchmen gaine thereby. 1684 *Contempl. St. Man* I. ix. (1699) 106 Let us not misspend the time of this Life, since so severe an account will be demanded of all the benefits which we have received. 1751 Joatin *Serm.* (1771) I. vii. 135 Power wantonly exercised is the undesirable opportunity of doing mischief, for which a severe account is to be given in the next state.

c. Of a prisoner: Rigorously confined. *nonce-use.*

1740 Richardson *Pamela* (1824) I. 138 You told me once she was in London waiting on a bishop's lady, when all the time she was a severe prisoner here.

3. Unsparing in censure, criticism, or reproof.

1561 B. Googe *Palingenius' Zodiac of Life* Ep. Ded., As the deuine Plato (although a ludge somethynge to seuer agaynste them)..doth confesse. 1581 J. Hamilton *Cath. Traict.* 21 S. Hierom, the seueir impugner of all hæritiks in his age. 1638 Baker tr. *Balzac's Lett.* (vol. II.) 83 Your friend therefore, is certainly more severe than he needs to be. *c* 1673 Waller *To the Duchess, when he presented this Book* 8 While we your wit and early knowledge fear, To our productions we become severe. 1680 Dryden *Pref. Ovid's Ep.* (1716) 9 The most severe Censor cannot but be pleas'd with the Prodigality of his [Ovid's] Wit. 1683 Sir J. Turner *Pallas Armata* 39 *marg.*, Lipsius severe to Vegetius. 1711 Addison *Spect.* No. 124 ¶ 1 As the most severe Reader makes Allowances for many Rests and Nodding-places in a Voluminous Writer. 1760–2 Goldsm. *Cit. W.* xcix, Her very appearance was sufficient to silence the severest satirist of the sex. 1780 *Mirror* No. 70 His goodnature..prevented him from viewing, with too severe an eye, the occasional excesses of some of his companions. 1825 Macaulay *Ess., Milton* ¶ 7 Nor..will the severest of our readers blame us. 1837 Whewell. *Hist. Induct. Sci.* (1857) I. 138 The exact but severe historian of astronomy, Delambre,..loses all his bitterness when he comes to Hipparchus. 1858 Mrs. Paul *Maiden Sisters* xii. 119 'There is no depth in the talk of general society, but plenty of lightness and flippancy.' 'I think you are severe,' said Ellen, courageously.

absol. c 1614 Sylvester *Micro-cosm.* 374 Wks. (Grosart) II. 100 If I be merry, I am mad (say the Severe).

b. *To be severe on* (or *upon*): to pass harsh or sarcastic judgement on, 'to be hard upon'.

1672 Wycherley *Love in Wood* II. i. 26 His wit properly lies in..being severe as they call it, upon other peoples cloaths. 1713 Addison *Guardian* No. 162 ¶ 1 The good Lady Lizard..desired her Cosin Thomas..not to be so severe on his Relations. 1731–8 Swift *Pol. Conversat.* 103, I suppose the Colonel was cross'd in his first Love, which makes him so severe on all the Sex. 1858 Mrs. Paul *Maiden Sisters* xiv. 138 'One must not be severe on a little inequality of temper,' said Norah, laughing.

c. Of an utterance, opinion, etc.: Unsparing in censure; strongly condemnatory.

1561 B. Googe *Palingenius' Zodiac of Life* Ep. Ded., Humbly requesting that..the simple frutes of a yong head, may strongly be defended from the seuer reprehensions of Momus. 1668 Marvell *Corr.* Wks. (Grosart) II. 253 We on Munday send to the Lords severe votes against their proceedings. 1692 Norris *Two Treat. Div. Light* I. 15 He..very gravely applies to me two of the most severe Texts of Scripture that he could pick out in all the Bible. 1709 Swift *T. Tub* Apol. (1710) a 3, The severest Stroaks of Satyr in his Book. 1781 Cowper *Table-t.* 103, I grant the sarcasm is too severe. 1873 B. Harte *Fiddletown* 27 He was arrested..and discharged with a severe reprimand. 1879 Lubbock *Addr. Pol. & Educ.* ix. 151 English travellers in Oriental countries frequently make severe remarks on the manner in which the ..remains of antiquity are allowed to go to ruin.

II. Conforming to a rigorous standard.

4. Extremely strict in matters of conduct or behaviour; rigorous in self-discipline and self-restraint; austere with oneself; shunning laxity or self-pleasing.

1565 Cooper *Thesaurus* s. v. *Seuerus*, A seuere man eschewynge all sensuall pleasures. 1604 Shaks. *Oth.* II. iii. 301 Come, you are too seuere a Moraller. 1643 Sir T. Browne *Relig. Med.* II. § 7 To doe no injury, nor take none, was a principle, which to my former yeers..seemed to contain enough of Morality, but my more setled yeares, and Christian constitution have fallen upon severer resolutions. 1671 Milton *P. R.* IV. 280 The Stoic severe. 1709 Steele *Tatler* No. 4 ¶ 8 He is held in the highest Veneration imagin-

able for a severe Honesty, and Love of his Country. *a* 1715 BURNET *Own Time* (1766) I. 459 He was a man of severe morals. 1798 SOPHIA LEE *Canterb. T., Young Lady's T.* II. 411 Emily affected severe economy in her travelling expences. 1818 SCOTT *Rob Roy* xiii, A man of severe temperance. 1822 MRS. HEMANS *Siege of Valencia* i, We must fall As men that in severe devotedness Have chosen their part, and bound themselves to death. 1869 TOZER *Highl. Turkey* II. 306 [His] severe impartiality adds weight to his authority. 1879 FROUDE *Cæsar* xxviii. 481 A Roman matron of the strictest and severest type.

b. Of habits, etc.: Dictated by strict and austere principles of living.

1828 SEWELL in *Oxf. Prize Ess.* 36 The Spartan manners were rough, simple, and severe. 1879 FROUDE *Cæsar* vi. 49 The habits of the household were simple and severe.

c. Of a secret: Strictly kept (*? obs.*). Of a resolution: Unyielding, rigid.

1734 FIELDING *Univ. Gall.* IV. i, I beg this thing may be kept a severe secret. 1849 DE QUINCEY *Engl. Mail Coach* Wks. 1890 XIII. 276 The Emperor..descended in great pomp from his throne, with the severest resolution never to remount it.

5. Of intellectual operations, thought, etc.: Conforming to an exactlng standard of mental effort; rigidly exact or accurate; grave, serious, not light or recreative; not shrinking from what is toilsome or difficult. (Cf. 9.)

1605 BACON *Adv. Learn.* II. i. § 3. 8 A substantiall and seuere Collection of the Heteroclites, or Irregulars of Nature, well examined & described. *c* 1645 HOWELL *Lett.* (1655) II. xli. 50, I find you have a genius for the most solid and severest sort of studies. 1662 STILLINGFL. *Orig. Sacræ* II. viii. § 6. 235 And upon severe enquiry we shall find the grand principle which [etc.]. 1682 DRYDEN *Relig. Laici* 233 Those hours hast thou to Nobler use employ'd, And the severe Delights of Truth enjoy'd. 1757 GRAY *Bard* 127 Truth severe, by Fairy Fiction drest. 1812 CRESSWELL *Maxima & Min.* I. 10 In haste to quit the province of severe reasoning. 1821 HAZLITT *Table-t., Milton's Sonn.*, A day spent in social retirement and elegant relaxation from severer studies. 1839 DE QUINCEY *Recoll. Lakes* Wks. 1862 II. 203 Under the continual restraint of severe good sense. 1863 GEO. ELIOT *Romola* I. xii, [He] is held in high honour for his severe scholarship.

absol. 1683 SOAME & DRYDEN tr. *Boileau's Art Poet.* I. 76 Happy who in his verse can gently steer From grave to light, from pleasant to severe [orig. *du plaisant au sévère*]. 1734 POPE *Ess. Man* iv. 380 Form'd by thy converse, happily to steer From grave to gay, from lively to severe

b. said of a student, thinker, etc.

1603 DANIEL *Def. Rhyme* H 5 b, Peraduenture there will be found in the now contemned recordes of Ryme matter not vnfitting the grauest Diuine and seuerest Lawyer in this kingdome. 1706 HEARNE *Collect.* 8 Mar. (O.H.S.) I. 201 Mr. Smith..has been..a severe Student.

6. In reference to style or taste, literary or artistic: Shunning redundance or unessential ornament; not florid or exuberant; sober, restrained, austerely simple or plain.

1665 BOYLE *Occas. Refl.* VI. i. (1848) 341 To expect that Piety and Vertue were able, by their native charms, so much to endear my dress, as to win themselves adorers in a plain, or even a severe one. 1676 DRYDEN *State Innoc.* Pref. (1677) b 3 Virgil and Horace, the severest Writers of the severest Age. 1693 — *Disc. Satire* Ess. 1900 II. 65 Lucilius, who was more severe, and more correct. 1820 KEATS *Hyperion* I. 211 That inlet to severe magnificence Stood full blown, for the God to enter in. 1849 RUSKIN *Sev. Lamps* ii. § 24. 56 The forms of the tracery were still severe and pure. 1856 EMERSON *Eng. Traits, Manners* Wks. (Bohn) II. 50 Even Brummel their fop was marked by the severest simplicity in dress. 1860 RUSKIN *Mod. Paint.* V. IX. xi. 319 He would have been remembered as one of the severest of painters. 1872 BLACK *Adv. Phaeton* x, Queen Titania's more severe but no less graceful costume.

† **b.** Of a language: Concise, terse, not redundant. *Obs. rare.*

1680 DRYDEN *Pref. Ovid's Ep.* (1716) 15 The Latin (a most Severe and Compendious Language).

III. Of impersonal agencies or conditions: Pressing hardly, rigorous.

7. Of the weather, etc.: Causing great discomfort or injury to living beings; hard, rigorous; very cold, wet or stormy.

1676 in *12th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. v. 32 God bless your two deare sweet babies and keep them from the sharp colds of this seveare weather. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 7 Mar. 1658, This had been the severest winter that any man alive had known in England. 1768 H. WALPOLE *Let. to Earl Strafford* 25 June, We have had some severe rain; but the season is now beautiful. 1774 PENNANT *Tour Scotl. in 1772* 175 The climate is very severe. 1788 M. CUTLER in *Life*, etc. (1888) I. 420 Very severe shower in the night. 1812 *New Bot. Gard.* I. 59 In case the frost is not so severe as to destroy the flowers. 1866 G. MACDONALD *Ann. Q. Neighb.* xxviii. (1878) 477 Very severe weather came. 1884 *Harper's Mag.* Jan. 283/2 They would require slightly severer cold to affect them.

b. Of fire or light: Painfully or searchingly intense. *rare.*

1652 CRASHAW *Carmen Deo Nostro* Wks. (1904) 252 O that Book] whose leaves so bright Will sett the world in severe light. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* II. 276 Our torments also may in length of time Become our Elements, these piercing Fires As soft as now severe. 1822 SHELLEY *Tri. Life* 424 In that light's severe excess.

c. Of an attack of illness or disease: Attended with a maximum of pain or distress, violent.

1725 N. ROBINSON *Th. Physick* 265 It is the way Nature her self often takes, in solving the severer Fevers. 1756 MRS. CALDERWOOD in *Coltness Collect.* (Maitland Club) 224 The coldness of the inn had given Mr. Calderwood a severe cold. 1803 *Med. Jrnl.* X. 522 The complaint was in many cases very severe, but fatal to very few. 1823 WHEWELL in *Life* (1881) 83, I finally caught a severe cold. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 507 In severe cases [of eczema] there may be some prodromal symptoms.

8. Of pain, suffering, loss, or the like: Grievous, extreme.

1742 GRAY *Eton* 80 Moody Madness laughing wild Amid severest woe. 1781 COWPER *Truth* 101 His voluntary pains, severe and long. 1794 MRS. RADCLIFFE *Myst. Udolpho* xxxviii, The silence of Valancourt..oppressed Emily with severe anxiety. 1808 *Med. Jrnl.* XIX. 173 Severe shooting pains in the head were felt. 1838 PRESCOTT *Ferd. & Isab.* I. xi. (1854) I. 272 The loss inflicted on the infantry was also severe. 1844 H. H. WILSON *Brit. India* III. 200 Their exposure beyond the trenches to the fire of the garrison would have been attended with still severer loss of life. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* xxxii, She..watched incessantly by the wounded lad, whose pains were very severe. 1888 *Spectator* 30 June 874/2 There has been a severe fall in the value of the shares.

absol. 1802 BEDDOES *Hygeia* VIII. 141 The gouty, besides having to struggle with every thing that pain has of severe, are [etc.].

b. Qualifying an agent-n., as *a severe loser.*

1748 FOOTE *Knights* II. Wks. 1799 I. 80 'Tis odd, that the same cause that increases the passion in one sex should destroy it in the other; the reason is above my reach, but the fact I am a severe witness of. 1863 FAWCETT *Pol. Econ.* II. v. 185 Individuals engaged in the trade might be severe losers.

9. Of events or circumstances, labour or exercise, a struggle or contest, a test, trial, etc.: Hard to sustain or endure; making great demands on one's powers or resources; arduous.

1774 BRYANT *Mythol.* II. 58 Osiris..then entered Thrace, with the King of which he had a severe encounter. 1784 COWPER *Task* IV. 389 The man feels least, as more inur'd than she To winter, and the current in his veins More briskly mov'd by his severer toils. 1798 FORESTER in *Paget Papers* (1896) I. 114 This day..met near Oakham, have had a very severe day. 1826 DISRAELI *V. Grey* IV. xiii. 244 De Bœffleurs once more assisted me, though his terms were most severe. 1827 SCOTT *Two Drovers* Introd., The master of the pack takes as severe exercise as his whipper-in. 1838 PRESCOTT *Ferd. & Isab.* II. xiv. (1854) II. 220 This action was one of the severest which occurred in these wars. 1860 TYNDALL *Glac.* II. xxii. 347 In the following experiment the ice was subjected to a still severer test. 1867 BAKER *Nile Tribut.* xiv. (1886) 244 The pace was too severe, and, although running wonderfully, he was obliged to give way to the horses. 1880 C. T. NEWTON *Art & Archæol.* viii. 323 Universities where this elaborate training was tested by competitive examinations of the severest kind.

b. Of a curve: Sharp, hard to 'negotiate'.

1897 *Daily News* 1 Sept. 3/1 This is again a very difficult piece of running. There are severe curves at Smethwick and at Worcester Foregate.

10. *Naut.* (See quot. 1867.)

1830 MARRYAT *King's Own* xiii, Belay all that; take a *severe* turn, and don't come up an inch. 1867 SMYTH *Sailor's Word-bk., Severe*, effectual; as, a severe turn in belaying a rope.

11. *colloq.* (chiefly *U.S.*) A vague epithet denoting superlative quality; very big or powerful; hard to beat.

1834 J. HALL *Kentucky* II. 9 Your whiskey is as good as your fire, and that is saying a great deal, for you are the severest old beaver to tote wood that I've seen for many a long day. 1847 DE QUINCEY *Sp. Milit. Nun* Wks. 1890 XIII. 209 *note*, These Andes, in Jonathan's phrase, are a 'severe' range of hills. 1864 ATKINSON *Stanton Grange* 75 The whole party arrived, quite ready for a 'severe tea'. 1889 C. D. WARNER in *Harper's Mag.* Jan. 270/1 A well-known character in the mountains, who has killed twenty-one men...He is called, in the language of the country [Kentucky], a 'severe' man.

12. Epithet of a small snake, *Coluber severus.*

1802 SHAW *Gen. Zool.* III. 421 Severe snake. *Coluber Severus.*

13. quasi-*adv.* = SEVERELY.

1599 NASHE *Lenten Stuffe* 20 Not any where is the word seuerer practised, the preacher reuerentlier obserued and honoured. 1653 MILTON *Ps.* ii. 9 The Lord shall scoff them, then severe Speak to them in his wrath. 1725 POPE *Odyss.* I. 446 No blame severe his choice.

Severe, obs. form of SEVER *v.*

Severed (sĭvē·rəd), *ppl. a.* [f. SEVER *v.* + -ED[1].] In senses of the verb.

1581 HOWELL *Devises* L iiij, Then eche a seuerde peece doth spoyle, Which late conioynde, no force could foyle. 1588 T. HUGHES *Misfort. Arthur* III. i. 107 How close the seuered skinne vnites againe. 1606 SHAKS. *Ant. & Cl.* III. xiii. 170 Our seuer'd Nanie too Haue knit againe. 1621 G. SANDYS *Ovid's Met.* I. (1626) 6 Part of his seuer'd scarce-dead limbs he boyles. 1634 MILTON *Comus* 274 How to regain my sever'd company. *a* 1635 SIBBES *Confer. Christ & Mary* (1656) 49 We must not think of the ascension of Christ as a severed thing from us. 1814 WORDSW. *Excurs.* IV. 746 Take, running river, take these locks of mine..This severed hair. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* III. IV. i, The executioner lifted the severed head. 1860 TYNDALL *Glac.* II. xxiii. 352 We have, in the case of ice, the actual regelation of the severed surfaces.

Hence **Se·veredly** *adv. rare*[−1].

1605 BACON *Adv. Learn.* II. viii. § 5. 35 But heere I must giue warning, that it bee done distinctly and seueredly.

Severee : see SEVERY.

Severely (sĭvī·əli), *adv.* [f. SEVERE *a.* + -LY[2].]

1. With rigour or extreme strictness in the treatment of offenders; with severity in judgement, punishment, censure or rebuke.

1548 ELYOT *Dict., Asperè*,..rigorously, seuerely. *Ibid., Duriter*,..cruelly, seuerely. 1573 T. CARTWRIGHT *Reply Whitgift's Answ.* 27 The transgressyons of the lawe in the tyme of the gospell oughte rather to be seuerelyer punyshed then they were vnder the lawe. 1591 SHAKS. *Two Gent.* III. i. 108 She..is..kept seuerely from resort of men. 1647 CLARENDON *Hist. Reb.* I. § 74 Olivarez had been heard to censure very severely the duke's..want of respect towards the Prince. 1695 BLACKMORE *Pr. Arth.* V. 564 Be mercifully Just, severely Kind. 1712 STEELE *Spect.* No. 431 P 2 My Master received Orders every Post to use me very severely. 1759 HUME *Hist. Eng. Tudors* I. Mary i. 356 Taylor..was very severely handled, and was violently thrust out of the house. 1855 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* xii. III. 209 Of legislation such as this it is impossible to speak too severely. 1878 LECKY *Eng. in 18th C.* I. i. 121 The treaty of 1709..was severely censured as too favourable to the Dutch.

b. With severe looks or demeanour.

1565 COOPER *Thesaurus, Exuere vultus seueros*, to look no more seuerely. 1697 DRYDEN *Æneid* VI. 779 Whose Jaws with Iron Teeth severely grin. 1757 W. WILKIE *Epigoniad* VII. 225 Severely smiling, thus the hero spoke. 1898 W. W. JACOBS *Sea Urchins, Money-changers* (1906) 223 The fare, who had been leaning back in the stern with a severely important air.

c. With rigour or strictness in examining, revising, or the like.

1660 JER. TAYLOR *Worthy Commun.* ii. § 3. 141 Here therefore it concerns us to examine our selves strictly and severely. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 6 July 1679, Dr. Lloyd.. with Dr. Burnet, who had severely examin'd him, came away astonish'd. 1821 LAMB *Elia* Ser. I. *Old Benchers*, His housekeeping was severely looked after, but he kept the table of a gentleman. 1897 *Daily News* 6 May 6/2 He wrote best, as most Frenchmen do, in the morning, and corrected much less severely than Victor Hugo.

d. *To leave* or *let severely alone* : to avoid of set purpose; to pursue a deliberate policy of ignoring or isolating.

1880 PARNELL *Sp.* 19 Sept. in R. B. O'Brien *Life* (1898) I. 237 You must show him..by leaving him severely alone, by putting him into a moral Coventry..your detestation of the crime he has committed. 1886 *Referee* 20 June 5 (Cass.), England and her wants..are to be severely let alone. 1898 *Dubl. Rev.* Oct. 276 The question was regarded as quite insoluble, and severely left alone.

2. With rigour or strictness in one's own practice or conduct; rigidly, inflexibly.

1649 J. H. *Motion to Parl.* 38 Halfe a life need to be severely spent in learning them. 1703 ROWE *Fair Penitent* I. i. 207 With deadly Imprecations on her Self, She vow'd severely ne'er to see me more. 1726 POPE *Odyss.* XVI. 36 Severely chaste Penelope remains. 1821 SCOTT *Kenilw.* xxii, My father is stern and strict in his temper, and severely true to his trust. 1873 M. ARNOLD *Lit. & Dogma* iii. 79 Bishop Butler, in general the most severely exact of writers. 1889 *Sat. Rev.* 6 Apr. 415/1 Though they were severely orthodox.

3. With austere plainness or simplicity of style or taste.

1635–56 COWLEY *Davideis* III. Wks. 1905 I. 337 Od's head an helm of well-wrought brass is place'd, The top with warlike Plume severely grace'd. 1849 RUSKIN *Sev. Lamps* iii. § xv. 79 Severely rectilinear forms were associated with the curved ones in the cornice. 1878 MISS BRADDON *Open Verdict* I. 335 Dog-cart, severely painted darkest olive. 1885 *Harper's Mag.* Mar. 524/2 The fire-places..are severely plain.

4. Painfully, grievously; in a manner, or to a degree, that is distressing or hard to bear.

1682 SIR T. BROWNE *Chr. Mor.* II. x. (1716) 64 This the fallen Angels severely understand,..and more afflictively feel the contrary state of Hell. 1687 A. LOVELL tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* I. 74 He..received the great and small Shot of one half of the Turkish Fleet, which he mawled severely. 1711 SWIFT *Cond. Allies* Wks. 1841 I. 414/2 We have shamefully misapplied [our strength]..to effect [ends], which after a peace we may severely repent. 1778 MISS BURNEY *Evelina* xxi, I now most severely felt the folly of my plan. 1807 WILKINSON in Pike *Sources Mississ.* (1810) II. App. 25 The night was severely cold. 1861 GEO. ELIOT *Silas M.* vi. 38 After this feeble delusive thaw, the silence set in as severely as before. 1867 BAKER *Nile Tribut.* viii. (1886) 107 The plague of boils broke out, and every one was attacked more or less severely. 1885 *Manch. Exam.* 16 May 6/1 The extremely cold nights..tell very severely on the elderly members of the House. 1897 MARY KINGSLEY *W. Africa* 121 The mangrove-swamp..stank severely.

5. *colloq.* To a great or excessive degree, 'not wisely but too well'. (Cf. SEVERE *a.* 11.)

1854 WHYTE MELVILLE *General Bounce* xii, That officer has dined 'severely', as he calls it, and is slightly inebriated.

Seve·reness. Now *rare.* [-NESS.] Severity.

1579–80 NORTH *Plutarch, Phocion* (1595) 792 This fault of seuerenes was in Cato the younger. 1597 I. T. *Serm. Paules Crosse* 37 We doubt he will execute it with seuerenesse. 1610 DONNE *Pseudo-Martyr* 118 The certainety, seuereness, and length of Purgatory. 1667 H. MORE *Div. Dial.* V. xxi. (1713) 476 That Severeness and Austerity observable in the Baptist. 1673 TEMPLE *United Prov.* I. 20 The Severeness and Gravity of the [Spanish] Nation.

Severer (se·vərəɹ). *rare.* [f. SEVER *v.* + -ER[1].] One who severs or separates.

1662 *Comenius' Janua Ling. Triling.* 102 The severer separateth (severeth) the stony filth, the washer washeth the things thus separated. 1887 in *Cassell's Encycl. Dict.*

Severey : see SEVERY.

Severian (sĭvī·ĕriăn). [ad. L. *Sevēriān-ī* (pl.), f. the name *Sevērus* (see below) + -IAN.]

1. A member of an Encratite or Gnostic sect of the 2nd century which condemned marriage, etc.

'It may reasonably be doubted whether there really was an Encratite teacher named Severus, or whether sects did not merely get the Latin name of Severians from the austerity of their rule of life' (*Smith's Dict. Chr. Biog.*).

1607 T. ROGERS *39 Art.* vi. (1633) 30 Of the former sort [*i. e.* those who rejected the books of the O. T.] were the Severians,..and the Manichies. 1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr.*,

Severians..a sort of Hereticks that condemned marriage, abstained from eating flesh and drinking wine, &c. 1702 ECHARD *Eccl. Hist.* (1710) 500 The Severians..who rejected the Epistles of St. Paul and the Acts of the Apostles. 1887 SALMON in Smith & Wace *Dict. Chr. Biog.* IV. 633/1 A sect of Severians is described by Epiphanius (*Haer.* 45) which except the feature of Encratism has little in common with the sect described by Eusebius.

2. A follower of Severus, the Monophysite patriarch of Antioch (early 5th c.).

1698 FRYER *Acc. E. India & P.* 272 Severus Bishop of Antioch.., from whom they were denominated Severians. 1765 MACLAINE tr. *Mosheim's Eccl. Hist.* Cent. VI. II. v. § 5. 1878 P. SMITH *Hist. Chr. Ch.* xvi. § 6. 368 *note*, The Severians ..held that the body of Christ before the resurrection was mortal and corruptible. 1882-3 SCHAFF *Encycl. Rel. Knowl.* II. 1137 The Egyptian Monophysites called themselves.. Theodosians, or Severians.

b. *attrib.* or *adj.*

1718 J. SHARPE *Hist. Acc. Heresie* II. 51 The Severian Sect (in the Year 521)..took its Name from Severus

Severiga, obs. variant of SEVRUGA.

Severing (se·vərin), *vbl. sb.* [-ING 1.] The action of the verb SEVER; an instance of this.

1382 WYCLIF *Isa.* vii. 17 Fro the dayes of the seueryng of Effraym fro Juda. 1533 BELLENDEN *Livy* I. x. (S.T.S.) I. 59 Afore þe seuering [*v. r.* syvering] of þare armyis. 1712 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 349 ¶ 7 The severing of his Head from his Body. 1805 WORDSW. *Prelude* IX. 271 In memory of the farewells of that time, Domestic severings. 1807 — *Ode Intim. Immortality* 192 And O, ye Fountains, Meadows, Hills, and Groves, Forebode not any severing of our loves!

†**b.** *concr.* A division, partition, separated part.

c 1400 LOVE *Bonavent. Mirr.* xiii. (1907) 83 Thei had no grete hous but a litel in the whiche thei hadde thre seuerynges as it were thre smale chambres there specially to praye and to slepe.

Se·vering, *ppl. a.* [-ING 2.] That severs.

1592 SHAKS. *Rom. & Jul.* III. v. 8 Looke Loue what ennious streakes Do lace the seuering Cloudes in yonder East. *a* 1635 SIBBES *Confer. Christ & Mary* (1656) 92 That spirit of God..is a severing spirit. 1793 WORDSW. *Descr. Sk.* 310 Th' insuperable rocks and severing tide. 1836 J. H. NEWMAN in *Lyra Apostol.* (1891) 217 Thou shrinkest now From urgent rule, and severing vow. 1888 MEREDITH *Night frost in May* Poems 1898 II. 238 In this shrill hush of quietude, The ear conceived a severing cry.

Hence **Se·veringly** *adv.*

a 1390 WYCLIF *Isa.* Jerome's Prol., And off euer either rewme, now togidere, now seuerendely [Vulg. *nunc commistim, nunc separatim*], he ordeynede the profecie.

Seve·rish, *a. rare.* [-ISH.] Somewhat severe.

1819 *Blackw. Mag.* IV. 566 One don't sift Such trifling doggrel strains with eye severish. 1863 J. BROWN *Lett.* (1907) 158 Russel was severish, but justish.

†**Severite** 1. *Obs.* [f. the name *Sevērus* (see SEVERIAN) + -ITE 1.] = SEVERIAN 1 and 2.

1607 T. ROGERS *39 Art.* ii. (1633) 13 The Seuerites..who affirmed the diuinitie and humanity of Christ, to be of one and the same nature. *Ibid.* vi. 32 Others, of all other bookes reiected the said Acts, as the Manichies, and the Seuerites. 1716 M. DAVIES *Athen. Brit.* II. 284 The Eutychians, Nestorians, Apolliuarists, and the Severits or Acephalians.

Severite 2 (se·vərəit). *Min.* [Named from Saint-*Sever* (Landes, France) + -ITE 1. Cf. F. *sévérite*.] A synonym of LENZINITE.

1823 W. PHILLIPS *Introd. Min.* (ed. 3) 87 Severite..occurs in small masses [etc.]. 1854 DANA *Syst. Min.* (ed. 4) II. 504 Severite, a variety of halloysite.

Severity (sĭve·rĭti). [a. F. *sévérité*, ad. L. *sevēritās*, f. *sevērus*: see SEVERE *a.* and -ITY. Cf. It. *severità*, Sp. *severidad*, Pg. *severidade*.]

1. Strictness or sternness in dealing with others; stern or rigorous disposition or behaviour; rigour in treatment, discipline, punishment, or the like.

1530 WOLSEY in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. II. II. 33 Your most excellent nature wych hath ever be moved and propensyd to clemency and mercy then to rygor and severyte. 1538 *St. Papers Hen. VIII*, VIII. 50 Wher as severitie is to be used ayenst the anabaptistes. 1582 *N. T.* (Rheims) *Rom.* xi. 22 See then the goodnes and the seueritie of God. 1591 SHAKS. 1 *Hen. VI*, II. iii. 47, I laugh to see your Ladyship so fond, To thinke, that you haue ought but Talbots shadow, Whereon to practise your seueritie. 1622 BACON *Hen. VII*, 235 As for the Seueritie vsed vpon those which were taken in Kent, it was but vpon a Scumme of People. 1680 DRYDEN *Pref. Ovid's Ep.* Ess. 1900 I. 231 The Emperor who condemned him had as little reason as another man to punish that fault with so much severity. 1752 HUME *Polit. Disc.* x. (ed. 2) 203 Excessive severity in the laws is apt to beget great relaxation in their execution. 1838 THIRLWALL *Greece* xli. V. 178 His regulations were..enforced with inflexible severity. 1856 KANE *Arctic Explor.* I. xxxii. 443, I have to guard its ventilation with all the severity that would befit a surgical ward. 1868 E. EDWARDS *Raleigh* I. iii. 41 An illustrious poet..apologises for it [the massacre] as an act of unavoidable severity.

b. An act or instance of severity.

1538 STARKEY *England* 120 A lyke seueryte I fynd in the punnyschment of treson. 1689 LUTTRELL *Brief Rel.* (1857) I. 613 The severityes towards the protestants were continued. *a* 1715 BURNET *Own Time* (1766) I. 201 That so a colour might be put on their severities against such as should refuse it. 1726 AYLIFFE *Parergon* 157 There is a Difference between an Ecclesiastical Censure, and an Ecclesiastical Severity: For under the Appellation of a Censure we only include Excommunication, Suspension, and an Interdict; but under the Denomination of an Ecclesiastical Severity, every other Punishment of the Church is intended...But according to some, a Censure and a Severity is the same Thing. 1871 FRASER *Berkeley* ii. 19 The severities of Tyrconnel obliged Molyneux to fly to England.

c. Harshness of judgement, criticism, or rebuke. Also *pl.*, severe rebukes or criticisms.

1660 F. BROOKE tr. *Le Blanc's Trav.* 2 Though I received some severities from my mother on this occasion. 1665 BOYLE *Occas. Reft.* Ep. Ded., The Devout..will be scrupulous to be more Severe to these Papers, than a Person in whom, upon the score of her own Style, Severity were more justifiable than in most Readers. 1713 STEELE *Englishm.* No. 50. 326, I should be very loth to see you fall with too particular a severity upon the Error. 1784 COWPER *Task* V. 170 'Twas but a mortifying stroke Of undesign'd severity, that glanc'd ..On human grandeur and the courts of kings. 1859 BAGEHOT *Lit. Stud.* (1879) I. 176 We should think it unseemly to criticise the..work..with extreme severity. 1871 R. ELLIS *Catullus* v. a Sour severity, tongue of eld maligning. 1884 R. W. CHURCH *Bacon* i. 2 Bacon has been judged with merciless severity.

d. Sternness of aspect or countenance; a severe look or expression.

1711 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 160 ¶ 11, I think, says the Author, I never saw a greater Severity than in this Man's Face. 1770 LANGHORNE *Plutarch, Cleomenes* V. 177 In the court, where, with a silent severity of aspect, he observed all that passed. 1782 MISS BURNEY *Cecilia* VII. vi, How will his noble mother disdain me! how cruelly shall I sink before the severity of her eye! 1828 J. W. CROKER *Diary* 21 Apr., [Sir J.] Moore's countenance assumed a great severity.

e. *transf.* in reference to handling or dealing with inanimate objects.

1878 J. MARSHALL *Ann. Tennis* 112 Though not playing with so much severity as some others, he yet can cut the ball so as to make and win short chases on the floor with some certainty. 1898 W. W. JACOBS *Sea Urchins, Grey Parrot* (1906) 219 Mr. Gannett..with a small knife dug with much severity and determination a hardened plug from the bowl [of his pipe].

2. Strictness or austerity of life, morals, etc.

1481 BOTONER *Tulle on Old Age* (Caxton) g ij (R.), Seuerity is continuance and perseuerance of oon maner of lyuyng as wele in the thyngys within as in theym without. 1565 COOPER *Thesaurus* s. v. *Seuere*, Life passed in great seueritie and grauitie. 1579 LYLY *Euphues* (Arb.) 178 We would.. with more seueritie direct the sequele of our life, for the feare of present death. 1592 SHAKS. *Rom. & Jul.* I. i. 225 Beauty steru'd with her seuerity, Cuts beauty off from all posteritie. 1680 DRYDEN *Pref. Ovid's Ep.* Ess. 1900 I. 230 'Tis true, they [Ovid's Elegies, etc.] are not to be excused in the severity of manners. 1728 LAW *Serious C.* xviii. (1732) 329 Such severity of behaviour, such abstinence [etc.]. 1741 MIDDLETON *Cicero* II. viii. 256 He affected the severity of the Stoic. 1903 in Westcott *Life Bp. Westcott* I. 23, I had ever before me what I may call the severity of his example.

b. *pl.*

1673 *Ladies Calling* I. i. ¶ 10. 8 Tho these first severities were soon lost in the successes of that Empire. 1797 MRS. RADCLIFFE *Italian* vi, O, Ellena! let the severities of custom yield to the security of my happiness. 1826 LAMA *Elia* Ser. II. *Wedding*, The tristful severities of a funeral. 1890 'R. BOLDREWOOD' *Col. Reformer* (1891) 291 The ordinary prudences and severities of conscience.

3. Strictness in matters of thought or intellect; rigid accuracy or exactness; undeviating conformity to truth or fact. Also *pl.* instances of this.

1638 JUNIUS *Paint. Ancients* 73 Then the Artists themselves, the severitie and integritie of whose judgements is often weakened hy the love of their owne and the dislike of other mens workes. *a* 1676 HALE *Prim. Orig. Man.* I. i. 27 A sort of Men that pretend to much severity of Wit, and would be thought too wise to be imposed upon by Credulity. 1693 DRYDEN *Disc. Satire* Ess. 1900 II. 24, I may say it, with all the severity of truth, that every line of yours is precious. 1791 BURKE *Let. Memb. Nat. Assembly* Wks. 1834 I. 477 The process of reasoning called *deductio ad absurdum*, which even the severity of geometry does not reject. 1834 *Burke's Wks.* I. Introd. 75 A vagueness and looseness of language quite incompatible with precision of thought, and utterly inconsistent with the severity of philosophy. *a* 1859 DE QUINCEY *Syst. Heavens* Wks. 1889 III. 194 A wish for the naked severities of science, with a total absence from all display of enthusiasm. 1864 HAMERTON *Doré* in *Fine Arts Q. Rev.* III. 2, I have but one law of conduct in criticism which is to judge..neither with indulgence nor prejudiced harshness, but with severity (in its true sense) stating qualities and defects with equal force.

4. Austere purity or simplicity of style, taste, etc.

1709 FELTON *Diss. Classics* (1718) 18 Considering the Disadvantage of the Language, and the Severity of the Roman Muse, the Poem is still more Wonderful. 1768 GOLDSM. *Goodn. Man* III. i, The severity of French taste. 1858 KINGSLEY *Misc.* (1860) I. 153 Look at that old hound...Look at the severity, delicacy, lightness of every curve. 1859 JEPHSON *Brittany* iii. 36 The modest severity of the Breton dress. 1883 *Eng. Illustr. Mag.* Nov. 90/2 That severity of treatment on which the success of iron-work greatly depends.

5. Rigour or inclemency (of weather or climate); esp. extremity of cold.

a 1676 HALE *Prim. Orig. Man.* II. ix. 210 The severity of the Winter finds them [*sc.* Insects] out and destroys them. 1794 MORSE *Amer. Geog.* 112 Winter continues with such severity from December to April, as that the largest rivers are frozen over. 1826 LAMA *Let. to V. Novello* 9 May, Summer, as my friend Coleridge waggishly writes, has set in with its usual severity [also alleged to be a phrase of H. Walpole's]. 1863 GEO. ELIOT *Romola* II. v, The bare wintry morning, the chill air, were welcome in their severity. 1880 HAUGHTON *Phys. Geog.* IV. 175 The severity of the climate in this part of Asia may be estimated by a comparison of this January and July temperatures of Astrachan. 1912 *Cowley Evangelist* 181 We have had on three successive evenings thunderstorms of increasing severity.

6. Violence or acuteness (of illness).

1808 *Med. Jrnl.* XIX. 362 Nor does this disease at all seem to increase either in severity or in frequency. 1879 *St. George's Hosp. Rep.* IX. 126 The eruption..increased in severity till death. 1893 ECCLES *Sciatica* 68 After a period of rest..varying in duration..according to the severity of the case.

7. Grievousness (of pain, affliction, penalties, etc.).

1849-50 ALISON *Hist. Eur.* xxix. (1854) IV. 309 They now felt the severity of the confiscation they had inflicted on others. 1890 NICOLAY & HAY *Lincoln* X. 314 The news [of Lincoln's assassination] fell with peculiar severity upon the hearts which were glowing with the joy of a great victory. 1893 *Law Times* XCIV. 600/2 The [income] tax falls with excessive and undue severity upon one class, and with unreasonable lightness upon others.

Severiza·tion. *rare*—1. [Formed as next + -ATION.] The action of severing or cutting in two.

1861 *Temple Bar* I. 248 A Scottish *fête* in Holland Park, where..sergeants of the Life Guards effected the 'severisation of the leg of mutton', and performed the 'Saladin feat'.

†**Se·verize,** *v. Obs. rare.* [f. SEVER *v.* + -IZE.] *trans.* To sever or separate. (Cf. SEVERALIZE *v.*) Hence †**Se·verized** *ppl. a.*

1649 J. E[LLISTONE] tr. *Behmen's Epist.* vi. § 65. 91 All Beings are but one onely Being, which hath breathed forth it selfe out of it selfe, and hath severized, and formized it selfe. *Ibid.* § 66 The severized, parted, and divided will. 1691 TAYLOR *Behmen's Theos. Phil.* 381 Mutually unfolded and severized.

Severly, obs. Sc. form of SEVERALLY *adv.*

†**Severon.** *Arch. Obs.* Forms: 5 severonne, -yn, -ant, *pl.* -ans, 6 severall, *pl.* se(y)verns. [a. OF. *sev(e)ronde, souv(e)ronde, souverante, severonne*, etc. (Godefroy):—L. *suggrunda, subgrunda* eaves, ? f. *sub* under + *grunda* (only in a gloss) roof, projecting part of roof: cf. It. *gronda* eaves, gutter of a roof.] 'Some kind of water-table or cornice' (Parker *Gloss. Archit.* 1850). Also *severon table.*

1412 *Contract Catterick Ch.* (1834) 10 And also forsaide Richarde sall make tablyng of the endes of the forsaide Kirke of a Katrik with seueronne tabill. 1422-3 *Fabric Rolls York Minster* (Surtees) 48 Et in ix. m waltiell emptis ..pro j severyn facto ex parte Archiepiscopi. 1443 in Willis & Clark *Cambridge* (1886) I. 386, iiij^{c}xvj fote of Seuerant table scapled with poynts aftur a molde. 1450 in *Hist. Dunelm. Script. Tres* (Surtees) p. cccxxvi, Pro factura xxiiij ulnarum de severans. 1517 in *Hearne's Hist. Glastonbury* (1722) 287, viij^{s}. and iij^{xij}. footes off cresse table, and severall table att iij. d. the foote. 1527-8 *Fabric Rolls York Minster* (Surtees) 101 In les fre stone, in evis bordes, severns et j soletre. 1532-3 *Durham Housek. Bk.* (Surtees) 173 Pro sarracione ½ rod [cf. ROOD 8 c] pro molendinis, in seyverns.

Severy (se·vĕri). *Arch.* Forms: 5 severy, -ee, 6 -ey; *pl.* 4 sewerwus, 5 severyse, civerys, (civers, cyfres), 6 severey(e)s. [ad. OF. **civorie, civoire* ciborium:—L. *cibōri-um* (see CIBORIUM), used by Gervase of Canterbury (12th c.) in the following sense.] A bay or compartment of a vaulted roof. Also, a compartment or section of scaffolding.

1399 *Mem. Ripon* (Surtees) III. 131 In j porcione meremii empta de Willelmo Kyrkby pro sewerwus pro præd. tenemento, 6*d.* 1422-3 *Fabric Rolls York Minster* (Surtees) 47 Pro vj magnis saplyngs emptis pro scaffaldyng in le severy Archiepiscopi. *Ibid.* 48 Pro bruscis porcinis pro bruscis faciendis ad dealbacionem le severyse in le yle ecclesiæ, 15*d.* *a* 1490 BOTONER *Itin.* (1778) 244 Memorandum de le severee duarum fenestrarum. *Ibid.* 302 Ab illo hostio usque ad illas les civerys in quibus maritagia dependent. 1506 in *Rel. Ant.* II. 115 Which roof conteyneth vii. seuereys [*printed* senereys]. 1512 in Willis & Clark *Cambridge* (1886) I. 608 The tymber of ij seuereys of the said grete scaffold. *Ibid.*, For euery seuerey in the seid churche.

1859 GWILT *Archit.* (ed. 4) 838 App., The vault of the chapel in question [*i. e.* King's Coll. Chapel at Cambr.] is divided into oblong severies. 1866 R. WILLIS *Archit. Hist. Glastonbury* 35 The nave contained ten severies, the eastern arm of the cross four severies. 1883 *Archæol. Cantiana* XV. 64 It projects a severy eastward of the rest of the range.

†**Sevi·dical,** *a. Obs.*—° [f. L. *sævidic-us* (f. *sævus* fierce, furious + *dic-* stem of *dicĕre* to say, speak) + -AL.] 'That speaks cruel and rigorous words, that threateneth' (Blount *Glossogr.* 1656).

Sevier, var. SIEVIER *Obs.*, sieve-maker.

1630 in Mayo *Munic. Rec. Dorchester* (1908) 403.

‖ **Sévigné, sevigné.** [Prob. named after Mme. de *Sévigné* 1627-96.] A kind of bandeau, *esp.* one for the hair.

[1817 LADY MORGAN *France* III. (1818) I. 364 The *chignon à la Sevigné*, or *coëffure de Ninon*, now triumph over *la tête à l'Agrippina.*] 1835 *Court Mag.* VI. p. vi/2 Some are ornamented with Sevignés of *tulle*, disposed in regular plaits. 1837 [MISS MAITLAND] *Lett. fr. Madras* (1843) 55 They were covered with gold and jewels,..bands round their heads, sévignés, and rings on all their fingers and all their toes. 1843 *Commissioner* 221 A..damsel with long black ringlets ..and a sevigné on her forehead.

Sevile, Sevilioun, obs. ff. CIVIL, CIVILIAN.

c 1400 *Beryn* 2069 For they were grete Sevilioun & vsid probate law. *Ibid.* 2665 Sevile law.

Sevillan (sevi·lăn), *a.* [f. *Seville* (see next) + -AN.] = SEVILLIAN *a.* *Sevillan ware*, an earthenware made in Seville in imitation of Italian majolica. 1891 in *Century Dict.*

Seville (se·vĭl), *a.* Forms: 5 Syvyle, Cyvylle, 6 Cyvyl, 6-7 Cyvill, Civil(l, 7 Civile, Sivil, 7-8 Sevil(l, 8- Seville. [The name (Sp. *Sevilla*) of a city and province of Andalusia, used attributively.]

†**1.** *Seville oil*: olive oil brought from Seville.

1436 *Libel Eng. Policy* 54 in *Pol. Poems* (Rolls) II. 160 Lycorys, Syvyle [*marg. note* Cyvylle] oyle, and grayne. 1541 in *Sel. Pleas Crt. Admiralty* (1894) I. 112 On hogs hede of Cyvill oyle. 1610 MARKHAM *Masterp.* II. lxxx 358 Other Farriers take of Ciuill oyle and brimstone, of each like quantity. *a* 1618 *Rates Marchandises* I 4 b, Seuill oile, Maiorca oile [etc.].

2. *Seville orange*: the bitter orange, *Citrus Bigaradia*, used for making marmalade.

1593 NASHE *Strange Newes* Wks. (Grosart) II. 282 For the order of my life, it is as ciuil as a ciuil orenge. [1599 SHAKS. *Much Ado* II. i. 304 The Count is neither sad, nor sicke,..: but ciuill Count, ciuill as an Orange.] 1657 W. COLES *Adam in Eden* clxvii. 256 In Spaine about Sivil, where the best Orenges grow, and are called by us Civil-Orenges. 1710-11 SWIFT *Jrnl. to Stella* 11 Feb., I wish you had some of our Seville oranges. 1796 *Campaigns* 1793-4 II. xi. 81 The whole tribe of Oranges, seville and sweet. 1877 *Cassell's Dict. Cookery* 482/2 Take some Seville oranges.

ellipt. 1892 *Garrett's Encycl. Cookery* II. 31 Oranges are capable of being adapted to many culinary purposes..; the Seville being preferred..as having the stronger flavour.

Sevillian (sevi·liăn), *a.* and *sb.* [f. prec. + -IAN.] **a.** *adj.* Of or pertaining to Seville. Cf. SEVILLAN. **b.** *sb.* An inhabitant of Seville.

1842 BORROW *Bible in Spain* xlviii, This grove is the favourite promenade of the Sevillians. 1849 *Athenæum* 3 Mar. 233/2 [Murillo] the prince of Sevillian painters. 1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 709/2 The Casa de los Abades is in the Sevillian plateresque style.

Sevocation (sevŏkē·ʃən). *rare*—°. [n. of action f. L. *sēvocāre*: see SEVOKE *v.* and -ATION.] The action of calling apart or aside.

1623 COCKERAM II, A Calling aside, *Seuocation.* 1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr.* Hence in PHILLIPS, BAILEY, and later Dicts.

†Sevo·ke, *v. Obs.*—° [ad. L. *sēvocāre*, f. *sē-* apart, aside + *vocāre* to call.] *trans.* To call apart or aside. 1623 COCKERAM II, To Call aside, *Seuoke.*

†Se·vous, *a. Obs. rare*—¹. [ad. L. *sēvōs·us*, *sēbōsus*, f. *sēv-um*: see SEVUM and -OUS.] Of the nature of suet or tallow.

1725 *Phil. Trans.* XXXIII. 223 A thick Layer of sevous Fat.

‖ Sèvres (sɛ̄vr), *a.* Forms: 8 Sève, Seve, 8-9 Sèvre, Sevre, 9- Sèvres. [The name of a town in France, near Paris.] The designation of a costly porcelain made at Sèvres.

1764 LD. HOLLAND in Jesse *Selwyn & Contemp.* (1843) I. 287 We saw the china you speak of at Poiriers,..; it is Sevre china. 1782 H. WALPOLE *Let. to T. Walpole* 6 Sept., A cup and saucer of the Sève china. 1789 A. YOUNG *Trav. France* (1892) 101 A table formed of Seve porcelain. 1825 T. HOOK *Sayings* Ser. II. *Sutherl.* I. 81 A salver of Sèvre coffee-cups. *Ibid., Man of Many Fr.* I. 294 Etruscan vases, and Sèvres tables. 1862 MISS BRADDON *Lady Audley* xxxii, The Benvenuto Cellini carvings and the Sèvres porcelain. 1908 R. BAGOT *A. Cuthbert* xxi. 254 A basket of beautiful old Sèvres china.

absol. 1862 MISS BRADDON *Lady Audley* xxxii, The Sèvres and bronze, the buhl and ormolu. 1870 'OUIDA' *Held in Bondage* 40 The breakfast, in dainty Sèvres and silver.

‖ Sevruga (sevrū·gă). Forms: 6 severiga, 9 sewruga, 8-9 sevruga. [Russ. севрюга *sevriúga.*] A species of sturgeon, *Acipenser stellatus.*

1591 G. FLETCHER *Russe Commw.* (1857) 12 The fish called bellougina, the sturgeon, the seueriga, and the sterledey. 1799 W. TOOKE *View Russian Emp.* III. 143 The several kinds of sturgeon, namely beluga, sturgeon, and sevruga. 1802-3 tr. *Pallas's Trav.* (1812) I. 218 One thousand sevruga produce one pood and a quarter of isinglass. 1814 tr. *Klaproth's Trav. Cauc.* 308 The most common fishes in the Terek are carp, barbel, sturgeon and sewruga.

‖ Sevum (sī·vŭm). [L. *sēvum*, *sēbum.* Cf. SEBUM.] Suet, as used in pharmacy.

c 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* I. 1141 Or siftid askis clene And seuum molton, held in enery chene. 1693 tr. *Blancard's Phys. Dict.* (ed. 2), *Sevum*, Suet. 1853 ROYLE *Mat. Med.* (ed. 2) 733 *Sevum*... Fat of Ovis Aries, the Sheep. Suet... Useful in giving consistence to ointments and plasters.

Sevyan, sevyne, obs. forms of SEVEN.

†Sew, *sb.*¹ *Obs.* Forms: 1 sēaw, sēa, (3 -sæw), 4-5 seew, seue, 4-6 sewe, 5 cewe, seau, 5-7 sew, 6 seu. [OE. *sēaw* neut. = NFris. *sâie, sei, sii,* OHG. *sou,* MHG. (genit. *sowes*) juice, poison, food :—OTeut. **sawwo-.* Cf. ON. *sǫgg-r* wet, dank. The root may be identical with that of Gr. ὗει (:— **su-*) it rains.]

1. Juice, moisture, humour. (OE. only; but cf. ME. ELESÆW oil, in Ormin.)

Cf. the combs. *lipsēaw* synovia, *plūmsēaw* plum-juice.

c 900 *Bede Glosses* in Sweet *O. E. Texts* 182 *Sucum*, sea. *a* 1000 *Sax. Leechd.* I. 268 Wiþ ðæra earena sare, genim þisse sylfan wyrte [*sc.* of foxglove] seaw, mid rosan seawe. *Ibid.* II. 176 Cuma þ þa adla..on [*? read* of] yflum seawum.

2. Pottage, broth; a mess of pottage. (Cf. *fig-sue,* FIG *sb.* 10.)

In the 15th c. sometimes used as the equivalent of OF. *civé* onion broth, minced meat stewed with onions. (Cf. quot. *c.* 1440.) There may have been a disyllabic *seve* (a. OF. *cívé*) which may have been confused with the native word because of the ambiguity of the spelling.

13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* B. 108 Þyse ilk renkez..Schul neuer.. suppe on sope of my seve. *Ibid.* 825 Þenne ho sauerez with salt her senez vchone. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Squire's T.* 59, I wol nat letten of hir strange sewes. 1388 WYCLIF *Gen.* xxvii. 4 Whanne thou hast take ony thing bi huntyng, make to me a seew therof. 1422 YONGE tr. *Secreta Secret.* lxix. 246 Flesh y-rostid, wych is more hottyr than in seau, or sode in watyr. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 67/2 Cewe, *sepulatum. Ibid.* 454/2 Sew, *cepulatum.* 14.. *Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 572/7 *Cepiarium*, sewe. *c* 1500 LACY *Wyl Bucke's Test.* a iij, The potage stued tripes and Noumbles in sewe. 1547 BOORDE *Brev. Health* § 309 Beware of eatyng of frutes, potages, and sewes. 1586 WARNER *Alb. Eng.* v. xxv, To have gud spiced Sewe and Roste, and plum-pies for a King. 1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* xx. xvi. II. 63 If a thicke grewell or sew be made thereof. 1633 J. FISHER *Fuimus Troes* III. ix, Hidder, eke and shidder, With spiced sew ycramd.

fig. 1645 *Answ. Pref.* 89 You..durst not upon the peril of quenching your kitchin-fire; put forth your single sew of translation, without the Coloquintida of your Annotations.

attrib. 1459 *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 89 Item ij sewpottez.

Sew, *sb.*² *Obs.* exc. *dial.* [a. OF. **sewe, saiwe,* aphetic f. **esseve, escheve,* f. *essever* SEW *v.*⁴

But cf. the synonymous SOUGH (north. dial. *seugh*), which may conceivably have undergone alteration through association with SEW *v.*⁴ and SEWER *sb.*¹]

A sewer, drain.

1475 *Engl. Misc.* (Surtees) 27 The hows of Robert Raynald next by stoppes the watyr sew, that the water may not hawe it reght corsse. *Ibid.*, The new sewes in Gouththorp..is defectyve. 1585 HIGINS *Nomenclator* 391/2 *Cloaca*, the towne sinke: the common sew. 1610 HOLLAND *Camden's Brit.* I. 237 Common Sewes or Sinks. 1710 FULLER *Pharm. Extemp.* 244 Julep..scoms out feculent Rubbish..of the Body [and] sweeps it into the Common-Sew of the Circulating Blood. 1875 PARISH *Sussex Gloss., Sew*, an underground drain. 1898 B. KIRKBY *Lakeland Words* 127 *Sew*—Mig hole, sewer, muck midden.

Sew (siū), *a. dial.* Also sue, zoo, etc. [? Shortened form of *a-sew* (s.w. dial.): see *Eng. Dial. Dict.*

This word may possibly represent OE. *dsiwen*, pa. pple. of *dséon* to strain, drain.]

Of a cow: Dry of milk. Chiefly in phr. *to go sew*, also *to go to sew.*

1674 RAY *S. & E. C. Words* 76 To go Sew: i.e. to go dry, Suss[ex] spoken of a cow. 1746 *Exmoor Scolding* (E.D.S.) 36 Thee hast a let the Kee go zoo vor Want o' strocking. 1875 PARISH *Sussex Gloss.* s. v., A cow is said to be gone to sew when her milk is dried off. 1886 *W. Somerset Word-bk.* s. v. *Zoo*, We milks twenty cows, but you know they never baint all in milk to once, some be always zoo.

¶ **b.** The alleged subst. use = 'a cow which gives no milk' is perh. based on an erroneous analysis of *a-sew* (see above).

1681 WORLIDGE *Syst. Agric.* 331 A Cow is a Sew when her Milk is gone. 1706 PHILLIPS (ed. Kersey), *Sew* (Country-word), a Cow, when her Milk is gone. 1885 SWEETMAN *Wincanton Gloss.* (E.D.D.).

Sew (sōu), *v.*¹ Pa.t. **sewed** (sōud). Pa. pple. **sewed, sewn** (sōun). Forms: 1 seowan, siwan, seowian, siowian, siwian, 2 sewen, 3 seouwen, 4 seu, souwe, sowen, 4-6 sewe, 4-8 sowe, (5 sawe), 6 *Sc.* schew, 6-7 sow, 7-9 *Sc.* shew, 5- sew. *Pa. pple.* 1 ssowed, 3 ise(o)uwed, 4 isued, y-sewed, 4-8 sowed, (5 saude, sawede), 6 soude, sowd, *Sc.* sowit, 7 sewit, 4- sewed; 4-6 sowen, 7 sewen, 9- sewn. [Com. Teut. and Indogermanic: OE. *siwan, siowan* (usually, with change of conjugation, *siwian, siowian, seowian*) = OFris. *sia* (mod.Fris. dial. *siije*), OHG. *siuwen,* ON. *sýja* (Sw. *sy,* Da. *sye*), Goth. *siujan* :—OTeut. **siwjan,* cogn. w. the synonymous L. *su-ĕre,* Gr. (κασ-)σύειν, Lett. *schuju,* OSl. *šiti* (Russ. ШИТЬ, ШИВАТЬ), Skr. *siv* (3 sing. pres. *sīvyati*, pa. pple. *syūtá*; derivatives are *syū* fem., needle or thread, *syūman* suture).

The root (for which Hirt suggests a primary form **seyewa-*) appears in the words above quoted as **syū-*: **sīw.* Another ablaut-grade, **syou-*, is found in OTeut. **saumo-* SEAM *sb.* The pronunciation (sōu) is abnormal (cf. *strow,* var. of *strew,* repr. OE. *streowian*); the written forms show that it goes back at least to the 14th c. In the 17th c. *sew* sometimes rhymes with *clue, new*; the mod.Sc. pronunciation is (ʃū).]

I. *trans.* To fasten, attach, or join (pieces of textile material, leather, etc.) by passing a thread in alternate directions through a series of punctures made either with a needle carrying the thread, or with an awl; to make the seams of (a garment, etc.).

c 725 *Corpus Gloss.* 1773 *Sarcio*, siouu. *c* 1000 ÆLFRIC *Gen.* iii. 7 Hiȝ..siwodon ficleaf and worhton him wædbrec. *c* 1000 — *Saints' Lives* xv. 23 Sum sntere siwode [*v.r.* seowode] þæs halȝan weres sceos. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 420 Schepieð, and seouweð, and amendeð chirche cloðes. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 19766 To seu þe pouer þair clething. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Parson's T.* P 256 They sowed of fige-leves a manere of breches. *c* 1420 *Liber Cocorum* (1862) 36 Fylle thy bagge ..And sew hit fast. 1566 in Hay Fleming *Mary Q. of Scots* (1897) 506 Item of lyncum tuyne to schew the Quens curges tua unce. 1576 G. BAKER *Gesner's Jewell of Health* 21 A Bagge..shaped and sowen after this manner. 1576 GASCOIGNE *Steele Gl.* Wks. 1910 II. 171 When shoomakers make shoes, That are wel sowed. 1666 *Third Adv. to Painter* 29 Bring home the old ones, I ngain will sew And deam them up to be as good as new. 1756 MRS. CALDERWOOD in *Coltness Collect.* (Maitland Club) 243 A boy who sowes point in the forenoon. 1843 HOOD *Song Shirt* 31 Sewing at once, with a double thread, A Shroud as well as a Shirt. 1880 'OUIDA' *Moths* I. 40 She can get a girl to sew them for her.

b. To fasten, attach, or fix (something) by this process *on, upon, in, to, round* (etc.) something else.

a 1000 *Ags. Gosp.* Mark ii. 21 Nan man ne siwaþ niwne scyp to ealdum reafe. *c* 1290 *Beket* 1804 in *S. Eng. Leg.* 158 In þe schipes seile an heiȝ þis holi man let do Ane Croiz, þat Man fer isaiȝ Isenwed faste þer-to. 1382 WYCLIF *Job* xvi. 16, I souwide a sac vpon my skin. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Prol.* 685 A vernicle hadde he sowed on his cappe. 1464 *Nottingham Rec.* II. 376 As it nppiers in a cedule to þis sewed. 1483 *Act* 1 *Rich. III*, c. 8 Preamble, The seid Diers..uppon the lystes of the same Clothes festen and sowe greate Risshes. 1588 SHAKS. *Tit. A.* II. iv. 39 Faire Philomela she but lost her tongue, And in a tedious Sampler sowed her minde. 1635 R. N. *Camden's Hist. Eliz.* III. 261 His head was soone after sewed to his body by his friends, and committed to buriall. 1681 DINELEY *Jrnl. Visit Irel.* in *Trans. Kilkenny Arch. Soc.* Ser. II. II. 28 [They] adorn it with flowers, sewen to the shroud. 1815 SCOTT *Guy M.* vi, Two slips of parchment, which she sewed round it, to prevent its being chafed. 1908 [MISS E. FOWLER] *Betw. Trent & Ancholme* 362 She had a black ribbon sewn round her lame finger.

fig. 1598 Q. ELIZ. *Hor. de Arte Poet.* 20 Oft to beginnings graue and shewes of great is sowed A purple pace. 1831 SCOTT *Cast. Dang.* i, My own good breeding is not so firmly sewed to me but that I can doff it, and resume it again without its losing a stitch.

c. with adv., esp. *on, together.*

c 1290 *St. Edmund Conf.* 54 in *S. Eng. Leg.* 433 And euere ȝwane heo sende heom cloþes..þare-with heo wolde herene sende faste i-seuwede with-inne. 1382 WYCLIF *Gen.* iii. 7 Thei soweden to gidre leeues of a fige tree. 1560 DAUS tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* 424 The other two and Paule also, had as it were sowed together certen fragmentes and patches. 1634 SIR T. HERBERT *Trav.* 105 Prams, sowed together with hempe and cord. 1709 FELTON *Diss. Classics* (1718) 32, I can compare such Productions to nothing but rich Pieces of Patchwork, sewed together with Pack-thread. 1836 W. IRVING *Astoria* I. 269 Mere tents of dressed buffalo skins, sewed together and stretched on long poles. 1855 LADY E. FINCH *Sampler* (ed. 2) 83 To Sew on a Button. 1901 L. F. DAY & M. BUCKLE *Art in Needlework* (ed. 2) xii. 116 A thread may be laid across and sewn down—couched, as it is called.

d. *Surgery.* = *sew up*: see 4 a.

c 1502 *Joseph Arim.* 269 The wounde to sewe fast he began to spede. 1795 J. BELL *Disc. Wounds* 17 *note*, The older Surgeons..called it a Continued Suture when they sewed the wound all along like a seam. 1801 — *Princ. Surg.* II. 52 Except in those cuts which are so slight as only to require a cloth to be wrapped about the part, every wound ought to be sewed.

e. *Bookbinding.* To fasten together the sheets of (a book) by passing a thread or wire backwards and forwards through the back fold of each sheet, so as to attach it to the bands: distinguished from *stitch.*

1637 *Star Chamber Decree* in *Milton's Areop.* (Arb.) 9 Nor cause any such [books] to be bound, stitched, or sowed. 1809 C'TESS CHARLEVILLE in *Lady Morgan's Mem.* (1862) I. 366, I read *Ida* before it was all issued from the press, a volume being sent me as soon as sewed.

f. With cogn. obj.: To make (a seam).

1399 LANGL. *Rich. Redeles* III. 166 Kerving þe cloþe all to pecis, þat seuene goode sowers sixe wekes after Moun not sett þe seemes ne sewe hem aȝeyn. *c* 1400, 1630 [see SEAM *sb.*¹ 2].

2. *absol.* and *intr.* To work with a needle and thread.

c 1450 *Mirk's Festial* 136 þis man..toke hys schone to hym, and began forto sawe on hit. And as he sewet full helt [etc.]. 1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 67 Whan a virgyn begynneth fyrst to lerne to sewe in the samplar. 1602 SHAKS. *Ham.* II. i. 77 As I was sowing in my Chamber. *a* 1700 DRYDEN *Ovid's Art Love* I. 780 What means Eacides to spin and sow? 1846 J. E. TAYLOR *Fairy King* 65 She sat steadily at her work, sewing away at the shirts. 1855 BROWNING *In a Year* iii, When I sewed or drew. 1891 MORRIS *Poems by the Way* (1896) 162 Hellelil sitteth in bower there, And seweth at the seam so fair.

3. *trans.* To enclose *in*, put *into* a cover or receptacle secured by sewing; = *sew up*, 4 b.

c 1350 *Will. Palerne* 3060 Þan þa komeli quen kast in hire hert, Sche wold wirche in þis wise wel to be sewed In an huge hindes hide as þe oþer were. 1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) VII. 195 Peraventure ȝe schal kepe my body if it be sewed [1432-50 sawede] in a hertes skyn. 1555 EDEN *Decades* (Arb.) 124 Her picture sowd in his apparell nere vnto his breste. 1596 SHAKS. *Tam. Shr.* IV. iii. 137 Master, if euer I said loose-bodied gowne, sow me in the skirts of it. *a* 1648 DIGBY *Closet Opened* (1677) 27 Sow these spices in a little bag. 1663 BUTLER *Hud.* I. i. 797 They sow'd them in the Skins of Bears And then set Dogs about their Ears. 1840 DICKENS *Old C. Shop* xxx, Nell had still the piece of gold sewn in her dress. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* xxxii, The diamonds were sewed into her habit.

4. Sew up.

a. To close (an orifice, a wound, also anything that envelops) by stitching the edges together.

1490 CAXTON *Eneydos* li. (1890) 143 Merencyus..made his wounde to be shwed [*? read* sewed; orig. *faisoit couldre sa playe*] vppe, that was yet full sore. *a* 1548 HALL *Chron., Hen. VI*, 181 The lordes sat still..neither whisperyng nor spekyng, as though their mouthes had been sowed vp. 1596 SHAKS. *Tam. Shr.* IV. iii. 148, I commanded the sleeues should be cut out, and sow'd vp againe. 1712 STEELE *Spect.* No. 436 P 9 The Wound was exposed to the View of all who could delight in it, and sowed up on the Stage. 1776 *Trial Nundocomar* 31/1, I sewed up the bag with my own hand. 1812 *Ann. Reg., Chron.* 37 A surgeon sewed up the wound. 1885 *Riverside Nat. Hist.* (1888) III. 224 The fishermen..generally sew up the mouth before placing it with others.

¶ *transf.* To keep (one's mouth) resolutely closed. *? nonce-use.*

1785 H. WALPOLE *Let. to C'tess Upper Ossory* 20 June, I sewed up my mouth, and though he addressed me two or three times, I answered nothing but yes or no.

b. To enclose *in* a cover or receptacle and secure it by sewing.

1611 BIBLE *Job* xiv. 17 My transgression is sealed vp in a bagge, and thou sowest vp mine iniquitie. 1633 FORD *Love's Sacrif.* II. ii, A Creature Sow'd vp in painted cloth, might so be styl'd. 1648 HERRICK *Hesper., Nuptial Song* xv, But since It must be done, dispatch, and sowe Up in a sheet your Bride. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* li, He has sewn up ever so many odalisques in sacks and tilted them into the Nile. 1855 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* xii. III. 234 A piece of paper sewed up in a cloth button.

c. *slang.* (*a*) To tire out (a horse). (*b*) To tire out, exhaust (a person); to nonplus, bring to a

standstill; to put *hors de combat*; to outwit, cheat, swindle. (*c*) To make hopelessly drunk. (*d*) *To sew up one's stocking*: to put to silence, confute.

(*a*) 1826 *Sporting Mag.* XIX. 17 He preserves his cattle in such rare condition, that with great difficulty are they to be 'sewn up'. 1862 WHYTE MELVILLE *Inside Bar* x, I like you young fellows to enjoy yourselves..and sew up your horses and come home.

(*b*) 1837 DICKENS *Pickw.* xxxix, Here's Mr. Vinkle reg'larly sewed up vith desperation, miss. *Ibid.* lv, 'Busy!' replied Pell; 'I'm completely sewn up'. 1838 HALIBURTON *Clockm.* Ser. II. x. 154 You might have traded with him, and got it for half nothin'; or bought it and failed, as some of our importin' marchants sew up the soft-horned British. 1849 ALB. SMITH *Pottleton Legacy* xiii. 113, I have introduced him to you as soon as I could, and you must sew him up as quickly as you can. 1855 SMEDLEY *H. Coverdale* ii. 12, I did not think there was a man living who could have sewn me up in ten minutes like that; but you are..quick with your fists. 1857 A. MAYHEW *Paved with Gold* II. xvii, He told Fred Tattenham in confidence that if the men who were in his debt did not come up to the scratch on settling day he should be regularly 'sewed up'.

(*c*) 1829 BUCKSTONE *Billy Taylor, Kilty.* (*Aside, and taking out a vial.*) This liquid, sent me by Monsieur Chabert, The fire-king, will sew him up. 1840 J. T. J. HEWLETT *P. Priggins* xx, We must ply him with liquor, for I don't think a little will sew him up. 1842 LOVER *Handy Andy* v, To use Jack Horan's own phrase, the apothecary was sewed up before he had any suspicion of the fact.

(*d*) 1859 READE *Love me Little* xxvi, At this home thrust Mrs. Wilson was staggered...'Eh! Miss Lucy', cried she, 'but ye've got a tongue in your head. Ve've sewed up my stocking'.

5. *Comb.*: **sew-and-fell** *attrib.*, made by sewing and felling; **sew-round**, used *attrib.* to designate a method of sewing the upper of a shoe directly to the sole; also *sb.*, a shoe so made.

1880 *Plain Hints* 27 The edge of the patch should be turned down as for a sew-and-fell seam. 1885 LENO *Boot & Shoemaking* xi. 94 In the best sewrounds, the sole is reduced to the thickness of the upper. 1889 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 20 Nov. 4/3 Men engaged in the sewround branch of the boot trade. 1900 C. RUSSELL & H. S. LEWIS *Jew in London* 78 In the 'sew-round' or slipper-making trade.

† Sew, *v.*[2] *Obs.* Also 5 cew, 5–6 shew, 6 sewe. [Back-formation from SEWER *sb.*[2]] *trans.* To place (food) on the table as a sewer does; *intr.* to act as a sewer.

The gloss *cepulo* in *Promp. Parv.* is due to association with SEW *sb.*[1]

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 67/2 Cewyn, *cepulo*. *Ibid.* 454/2 Sewyn, at mete..., *ferculo, sepulo*. *c* 1440 LYDG. *Hors, Shepe, & G.* 208 A fatt goos..is sewid [*v.r.* served] vp atte kingis table. *a* 1483 *Liber Niger* in *Househ. Ord.* (1790) 36 He [the sewer] seweth at one mele, and dyneth and soupeth at another mele. *c* 1500 *For to serve a Lord* in *Babees Bk.* (1868) 366 First, mustard and brawne, swete wyne shewed therto. 1530 PALSGR. 716/2, I sewe at meate, *je taste*. *a* 1548 HALL *Chron., Hen. IV*, 14 b, The esquier whiche was acustomed to sewe and take the assaye before kyng Rychard. 1560 RHODES *Bk. Nurture* in *Babees Bk.* (1868) 67 In some places the Caruer doth vse to shew and set down. 1609 B. JONSON *Silent Wom.* III. vii. *marg.*, La-Foole passes ouer sewing the meate.

† Sew, *v.*[3] *Falconry. Obs.* [aphetic a. OF. *essuer, essuier* (mod.F. *essuyer*) to wipe, cleanse :—L. *exsūcāre* to deprive of juice, f. *ex-* ont + *sūcus* jnice.] *trans.* Of a hawk: To wipe (the beak) after feeding.

c 1450 *Bk. Hawking* in *Rel. Ant.* I. 296 An hawke suyth is beke and not wypith. 1486 *Bk. St. Albans* a vj, An hawke snytith or sewith hir beke and not wipith hir beke. 1575 TURBERV. *Faulconrie* 289 Let hir tire against the Sunne, snyting and sewing hir beake a little at your discretion.

Sew (sīū), *v.*[4] Also 6 seaw, sewe, 7 siew, 7–9 sue. [a. OF. (north-eastern) **sewer* (latinized *sewāre*), aphetic a. OF. *essewer, essever*:—popular L. **exaquāre*, f. L. *ex-* out + *aqua* water.

The OE. *stēon* (pa. pple. *gesiwen*) had precisely the sense 2 below. It is possible that in this sense the vb. may be a distinct word, from the OE. pple. The F. *suer* to sweat may also be a partial source.]

1. *trans.* To drain, draw off the water from. Now *dial.* Also, † to draw off (water).

a 1513 FABYAN *Chron.* VII. (1811) 487 [They] slewe and hurte many of the abbottes tenauntes, and spoyled and brake his closures and warynes, and sewyd their pondes and waters. 1573 TUSSER *Husb.* (1878) 32 Sewe ponds, amend dams. 1579–80 NORTH *Plutarch, J. Cæsar* (1595) 785 He determined to draine and seaw all the water of the marishes. 1610 FOLKINGHAM *Art of Survey* I. xiii. 45 Mills, for Siewing of surrounded grounds. 1669 WORLIDGE *Syst. Agric.* (1681) 268 A good time to sew Fish-ponds, and take Fish. 1853 W. D. COOPER *Sussex Gloss.* (ed. 2), *Sue*, to make furrows to draw off water from land. 1887 *Kent Gloss., Sew*, to dry; to drain; as, 'To sew a pond.'

2. *intr.* Of a liquid: To ooze out, exnde. (Said also of the containing vessel.) Now *dial.*

1565 GOLDING *Ovid's Met.* IV. (1567) 53 The droppes of bloud that from the head did sew Of Gorgon being oew cut off. 1575 TURBERV. *Faulconrie* 292 Whensoever the humor makes a shew to sew out at the hawkes eares. 1626 BACON *Sylva* § 79 The Percolation or Suing of the Veriuyce through the wood. *Ibid.* § 410 Some Wheat lay vnder the Pan, which was somewhat moistned by the Suing of the Pan. 1648 J. BEAUMONT *Psyche* II. clxvii, The deadly juice that from his brain doth sue. 1807 W. TAYLOR in *Monthly Mag.* XXIV. 549 The water sues through the brick work. 1823 E. MOOR *Suffolk Words* 337 *Sew*, to ooze out. Water, from wet land—blood, from a bound-up wound. *a* 1825 FORBY *Voc. E. Anglia, Sue*, to issue in small quantities; to exude as a fluid from a vessel not sufficiently tight to confine it.

3. *Naut.* a. Of a ship: To be grounded, to be high and dry; also (with specifying addition), to have its water-line (so much) above the water.

c 1588 in *Defeat Sp. Armada* (Navy Rec. Soc.) I. 16 For that she was aground and sewed two foot, and could not be gotten off. 1627 CAPT. SMITH *Seaman's Gram.* ix. 45 When the water is gone and the ships lie dry, we say she is Sewed; if her head but lie dry, she is Sewed a head; but if she cannot all lie dry, she cannot Sew there. 1676 WOOD *Jrnl.* in *Acc. Sev. Late Voy.* (1694) I. 166 The Water did Ebb, and the ship Sued above 3 Foot. 1745 P. THOMAS *Voy. S. Seas* 178 At Low-Water she Sued about one Foot and a half. 1750 BLANCKLEY *Nav. Expositor* s. v., When a Ship at low Water comes to be on the Ground to lie dry, they say, she is Sewed; and if she be not quite left dry, they say, she Sews to such a Part. 1769 FALCONER *Dict. Marine* (1780) s. v. *Sewed*, If a ship runs aground on the tide of ebb, and it be required to know if she has sewed, the water line ..is examined, and this mark being found above the water, she is said to be sewed by as much as is the difference. 1882 NARES *Seamanship* (ed. 6) 109 If the water has left her two feet, she has sued two feet.

† b. Of the water: To subside or diminish in depth. *Obs.*

1748 *Anson's Voy.* III. vii. 355 The tide of ebb making, the water sewed to sixteen feet.

† Sew, *v.*[5] *Obs.*—[0] *intr.* Of a cow: To go dry. (Perh. only a compiler's error; cf. SEW *a.*)

1766 *Complete Farmer* s. v., To Sew, or go Sew, to go dry; spoken of a cow.

Sew, obs. f. SAW *v.*, SHOW *v.*, SOW *sb.*, *v.*, SUE *v.*

Sewable (siū·ăb'l), *a.* [f. SEW *v.*[4] + -ABLE.] Capable of being drained.

1848, 1894 [see DIKE-REEVE].

Sewage (siū·ĕdʒ), *sb.* [Formed after SEWER *sb.*[1] (apprehended as a derivative with -ER[1]) by substitution of suffix: see -AGE.

The assumed verb-stem implicit in this formation coincides in form and sense with SEW *v.*[1], but, unless the sb. is much older than the evidence shows, it was prob. framed without any knowledge of the verb as having been actually used.]

1. Refuse matter conveyed in sewers.

1834 *Rep. Sel. Comm. Metrop. Sewers* 169 A grating..through which the lighter and thinner parts of the sewage would rise. 1849 in *Mech. Mag.* Aug. (1850) 177/1 The separation of the sewage from the surface waters 1869 E. A. PARKES *Pract. Hygiene* (ed. 3) 25 Shallow wells are very apt to be contaminated..by sewage soaking from cesspits.

fig. 1868 *Sat. Rev.* 5 Dec. 749/1 (art.) Newspaper Sewage. 1884 *Bookseller* 6 Nov. 1100/1 The literary sewage which is pouring forth from the Paris press.

2. = SEWERAGE 1, 2. *rare.*

1834 *Rep. Sel. Comm. Metrop. Sewers* 136 The public have ..built more sewage within the same level and the same term of years. *Ibid.* 182 Have you any communication to make..respecting the want of sewage in Holloway? 1850 OGILVIE, *Sewerage, Sewage*, The system of sewers or subterranean conduits for receiving and carrying off the superfluous water and filth of a city; as, the *sewage* of the city of London.

3. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *sewage-outfall, -question, -water, -works*; **sewage farm**, a farm on which sewage irrigation is practised; so **sewage farming**; **sewage grass**, grass grown on land fertilized by sewage; **sewage irrigation**, the system of disposing of liqnid sewage by turning it on to land; so **sewage-irrigated** *a.*

1870 CORFIELD *Treatm. Sewage* 234 Examples of *Sewage Farms. *Ibid.* 271 Influence of *Sewage-Farming on the public health. 1888 *Science* 30 Mar. 156/1 *Sewage-grass is very inferior to normal herbage. 1867 B. LATHAM *Purif. Sewage* 10 The *sewage-irrigated farm of Beddington. 1870 CORFIELD *Treatm. Sewage* 237 Near Edinburgh, *sewage irrigation has been going on for the last 200 years. 1858 *Prel. Rep. Comm. Sewage Towns* 11 The present state of *sewage outfalls. 1850 *Mech. Mag.* Aug. 177/1 The Metropolitan *Sewage question. 1854 BAZALGETTE & HAYWOOD *Rep. to Metrop. Sewers Comm.* 5 The commercial value of *sewage water, and the cost of its conversion into dry manure. 1884 *Punch* 16 Feb. 82/1 The Vestry strongly object to *sewage-works being there erected.

Sewage (siū·ĕdʒ), *v.* [f. prec. sb.]

1. *trans.* To irrigate or fertilize with sewage.

1861 *2nd Rep. Comm. Sewage Towns* 24 Plot 2. To be irrigated with sewage at the rate of 3,000 tons per acre per annum. Plot 3. To be sewaged at the rate of 6,000 tons per acre per annum. 1880 [cf. SEWAGED 1].

2. To furnish with sewers, drain with sewers.

1884 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 9 Dec. 11/2 The streets..are badly paved, abominably sewaged [etc.]. 1887 *Cassell's Encycl. Dict.*

Sewaged (siū·ĕdʒd), *ppl. a.* [f. SEWAGE *v.* or *sb.* + -ED.]

1. Fertilized by the application of sewage.

1861 *2nd Rep. Comm. Sewage Towns* 28 Ten Hereford oxen were tied up in a shed; two to be fed on unsewaged grass, and the remaining eight to receive sewaged grass. 1880 H. ROBINSON *Sewage Disposal* 25 Weeds which are a source of trouble and expense on sewaged land.

2. Contaminated with sewage.

1865 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 18 Aug. 9/2 'Sewaged water never can get pure' says another.

Sew·aging, *vbl. sb.* [f. SEWAGE *v.* + -ING.[1]. In quot. 1610 app. an independent word, f. SEW *v.*[4]]

1. The action of draining by means of sewers.

1610 FOLKINGHAM *Art of Survey* II. ii. 50 Bancking, balking, dyking, drayning, sewing, sewaging, rilling.

2. The action of irrigating with sewage.

1894 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* June 348 Berlin adopted very stringent regulations for the management of the [sewage] farms and for the sewaging of each field in particular. *Ibid.*, A careful systematic sewaging of the land.

† Sewane. *Obs. rare*[−1].

1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* XII. Prol. 145 Seroppis, sewane, sugour, and synamome.

Sewant, Sewantly: see SUANT *sb.* and *a.*, SUANTLY.

Sewar, obs. form of SEWER, SOWAR.

Sewarry, variant of SOWARRY.

Sewch, Sewdarie, obs. ff. SHEUGH, SUDARY.

Sewe, obs. form of SEW, SIEVE, SOW *v.*, SUE *v.*

Sewed (sōud), *ppl. a.* [pa. pple. of SEW *v.*[1] Cf. SEWN.] Joined, fastened, etc. by stitching.

1585 HIGINS *Nomenclator* 113/2 *Corona sutilis.* A sowed garland, or a garland the flowers wherof are tied together with thread. 1601 in *T. Pont's Topogr. Acc. Cunningham* (Maitl. Club) 179 Twa pair curtingis with sewit rebbenis. 1652 in Beck *Gloves* (1883) 152 Twenty four shillings for the Doz. of twice shewed sheep leather. 1763 in Macgill *Old Ross-sh.* (1909) 148 A Black gauze sewed hood. 1861 *Ladies' Gaz. Fashion* Oct. 79/2 Bonnet of sewed rice straw. 1861 *Times* 4 Oct. 7/4 The trade in sewed muslins. 1885 *Harper's Mag.* Jan. 279/1 Whether 'sewed' or 'open-tanned' goat-skins are preferable.

b. Of books: Having the sheets stitched together, but not bound.

1766 *Catal. Mod. Bks.* 87 Young's (Dr. Edward)..Conjectures on Composition 8vo, sewed, o 1 o. 1834 *J. R. Smith's Catal. Bks.* May 5/2 Historie of Friar Rush, 4to, sewed 2s 6d.

Sewed, obs. form of SUET.

† Sewee. ? Variant of SOY. (Cf. F. *soui.*)

1737 WESLEY *Jrnl* 2 Dec., Sewee Beans, about the Size of our Scarlet, but to be shelled and eaten like Windsor Beans.

Sewel, variant of SHEWEL *Obs.*, scarecrow.

Sewellel (sĭwe·lĕl). [See quot. 1893.] A small rodent of the Western coast of the United States, *Haplodon rufus*. Called also *mountain-beaver* (see MOUNTAIN 9 c).

1814 LEWIS & CLARKE *Trav. Missouri* (1815) III. 39 Sewellel is a name given by the natives to a small animal found in the timbered country on this coast. 1859 S. F. BAIRD *Mammals N. Amer.* 353 *Aplodontia leporina*, Rich. Sewellel; Showt'l. 1887 *Cassell's Nat. Hist.* (1896) III. 97 The sewellel is torpid during the winter. 1893 COUES in *Lewis & Clark's Exped.* III. 861 *note*, It seems by the later researches of George Gibbs into the unspellable jargon of the Columbia River Indians, that 'sewellel' is their name for the robes, mistaken by Captain Lewis for the name of the animal.

Sewen, obs. f. SEWIN, SUE *v.*; obs. pa. pple. of SEE *v.*, SEW *v.*[1]

Sewer (siū·ər), *sb.*[1] Also 5 suer(e, 6 sewar souer, 7 sewre, aure, 7 seward. See also SYRE, SYVER (*Sc.*; prob. unconnected), and SHORE *sb.*[2] [a. OF. (north-eastern) *se(u)wiere* channel to carry off overflow from a fishpond (latinized *seweria*, 1264 in Du Cange):—L. type **exaquāria* (cf. med.L. *exaquālōrium*), f. **exaquāre* (L. *ex-* out + *aqua* water), whence OF. *essever* to drain off, with which are connected OF. *essevour, -eur, esseouer, essouere* drain, ditch. (For the phonology cf. EWER.)

Until the 16th c. chiefly in legal formulæ as representing the earlier Anglo-Latin *sewera* or Anglo-Fr. *sewer(e.*]

1. An artificial watercourse for draining marshy land and carrying off surface water into a river or the sea. Also *water-sewer.*

[1299 *Memoranda LTR* 26 & 27 Edw. I, m. 51 (Public Rec. Office), Per defectum reparacionis Walliarum Watergangarum et Sewerarum contra impetum fluctuum aque Humbrie.] 1402–3 [see *sewer-gate* in 5]. 1461 *Rolls of Parlt.* V. 493/1 For Sewers, Walles of Mersshes, Dyches, Gutters. 1482 *Ibid.* VI. 210 Makyng of Sewers for avoidyng of lake waters. 1543 in *Lett. & Pap. Hen. VIII*, XVIII. II. 118 For skoryn of a water souer. 1610 *N. Riding Rec.* I. 200 Tho. Skarth of Carlton in Cleveland, theldest, [presented] for stopping of the water-sewer upon the West Shortflatt. 1612 DRAYTON *Poly-olb.* XXV. 5 One general sewer which seemeth to divide Low Holland from the high. 1833 *Act* 3 & 4 *Will. IV*, c. 22 § 22 It shall..be lawful for the Occupier ..of Land..adjoining to any..Sewer..to take..such Gravel, Soil,..and Weeds.

transf. a 1548 HALL *Chron., Hen. VI*, 187 The great ryuer of Wharfe, which is the great sewer of y^e^ broke, and of all the water comyng from Towton.

2. An artificial channel or conduit, now usually covered and underground, for carrying off and discharging waste water and the refuse from houses and towns. *Common sewer*: a drain through which all or a large part of the sewage of a town passes, a main drain collecting and discharging the contents of auxiliary drains. Cf. SHORE *sb.*[2]

The development of this sense (*c* 1600) is prob. due to the fact that the drainage of towns near tidal rivers had come under the control of the commissioners of sewers. See Act 3 Jas. I, c. 14 (1606).

Technically, 'sewer' is distinguished from 'drain', the latter being restricted to channels used 'for the Drainage of one Building only or Premises within the same Curtilage' (Act. 11 & 12 Vict. c. 112 § 147).

1606 SHAKS. *Tr. & Cr.* v. i. 83 *Ther.* Sweet draught: sweet quoth-a? sweet sinke, sweet sure. 1610 HOLLAND *Camden's Brit.* I. 423 A sewer within the ground to ridde away filth. 1611 COTGR., *Gesse*, a common sinke or sewer. 1619 DRAYTON *Bar. Wars* v. xli, Vnder whose Floore, the common Sewer past Vp to the same, a loathsome stench that cast. 1628 WITHER *Brit. Rememb.* II. 387 It was no noysome Ayre, no Sewre or Stinke. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* IX. 446 As one who long in populous City pent, Where Houses thick and Sewere annoy the Aire. 1682 L. PETER *Siege of Vienna* 42 Some

Men were discovered in the Common-Sewer. 1739 LABELYE *Westm. Bridge* 72 Drains or Sewers discharging themselves into a small Arch. 1834 *Rep. Sel. Comm. Metrop. Sewers* 136 Open and Covered Sewers built within the Ranelagh Level. 1851 MAYHEW *Lond. Labour* II. 389 Fleet Ditch, which was perhaps the first main sewer of London. 1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 713/1 For small sewers, circular pipes of glazed earthenware..are used, from 6 inches to 18 inches in diameter...Where the capacity of an 18-inch circular pipe would be insufficient, built sewers are used in place of earthenware pipes.

b. *transf.* and *fig.*

1647 N. BACON *Disc. Govt. Eng.* I. iv. 16 This Island hath from time to time been no other than as a sewer to empty the superfluity of the German Nations. 1738 JOHNSON *London* 94 London! the needy villain's general home, The common sewer of Paris, and of Rome. 1765 FALCONER *Demag.* 240 His black entrails, faction's common sewer. 1859 TENNYSON *Enid* 39 A territory Wherein were bandit earls,..Assassins..this common sewer of all his realm. 1884 MRS. C. PRAED *Zero* ix, The moral sewer of Europe.

3. *Law.* a. *Commission of Sewers*: (*a*) a royal commission issued to a number of persons (hence called *Commissioners of Sewers*) constituting them a temporary court with authority for the repair and maintenance of 'walls, ditches, banks, gutters, sewers, gotes, causeys, bridges, streams and other defences by the coasts of the sea and marsh ground lying and being within the limits of' a specified district liable to inundation from the sea or rivers; also, the body of commissioners of sewers for a district; (*b*) a body of municipal officers (abolished by Act 60 & 61 Vict. c. 133, 1897) who were responsible for the control of the 'sewers' (sense 2) in the City of London; these officers were first appointed in pursuance of the Act 19 Chas. II, c. 8 (1667), and were invested with the title and jurisdiction of commissioners of sewers by the Act 7 Anne, c. 32 (1708).

The term 'Commission of Sewers' (AF. *Commission de Sewerez, de Sewers*) occurs first in 1427 (Rolls of Parlt. IV. 333/1 and Act 6 Hen. V, c. 5), but the issue of similar commissions is recorded in 1314 (Rolls of Parlt. I. 319/1) and in 1322 (Placit. Abbrev. 339/1).

1444 *Rolls of Parlt.* V. 109/1 Hit was ordeyned..that by x yere then next folwyng, severals Commissions of Sewers shuld be made unto divers persones. 1504 in Leadam *Sel. Cases Crt. Requests* (Selden Soc.) 9 The kynges Commysioners of Sewers. *c* 1530 in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. III. II. 227 One of the Kyngs Commysioners of Sewers. 1531–2 *Act* 23 *Hen. VIII*, c. 5 § 2 The authoritie to you yoven by the Commission of Sewers. 1622 CALLIS *Stat. Sewers* (1647) 135 If a Collector or Officer of Sewers do distrain a man, or do any other act contrary to an Inhibition of Sewers to him directed by the Commissioners of Sewers. 1623 BACON *Ordin. Chancery* § 94 (1642) 20 The Commission of Sewards. 1708 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 4442/4 The Commissioners of Sewers for the Levels of Havering and Dagenham. 1833 *Act* 3 & 4 *Will. IV*, c. 22 § 60 The Words 'Court' and 'Court of Sewers'..shall..be deemed to mean every Court..of any Six or more Commissioners of Sewers..named in any Commission of Sewers. 1848 *Act* 11 & 12 *Vict.* c. 112 § 3 The Metropolitan Commissioners of Sewers. 1881 *Ann. Local Taxation Returns* 112 Monies Raised and Expended by Commissioners of Sewers during the Year last ended.

b. *Law of Sewers*: a local law relating to embankment and draining. *Statute of Sewers*: the Act 23 Hen. VIII, c. 5, relating to the issuing of Commissions of Sewers. † *Work of Sewers*: any of the works of defence against floods (e.g. a sea-wall, ditch, bank, gutter, sewer, etc.) to which commissions of sewers relate.

1571 *Act* 13 *Eliz.* c. 9 § 3 Concerning the execution of any suche Lawes Ordynaunces and Constitutions of Sewers. 1605–6 *Act* 3 *Jas. I*, c. 14 The saide Statute of Sewers [23 Hen. VIII, c. 5]. 1622 CALLIS *Stat. Sewers* (1647) 133 If one oppose against a Law of Sewers. *Ibid.* 138 If one do suffer a Wall, Bank, or other work of Sewers to fall into decay for want of repairing. 1661 N. N. *Narrative Drain. Fens* in Arb. *Garner* I. 317 A Law of Sewers made at Saint Ives. 1835 *Tomlins' Law Dict., Romney-marsh.* A large tract of land in the county of Kent..which is governed by certain..laws of sewers.

4. Ellipt. for: Commissioner of Sewers. *Obs.*

1616 BULLOKAR *Eng. Expos., Sewer*..one that hath authoritie to ouerlooke water courses. 1641 *Termes de la Ley* 247 The Sewers are Commissioners that sit by vertue of their Commission and authority grounded upon divers statutes, to enquire of all nusances and offences committed by the stopping of rivers [etc.]. 1675 ASHMOLE *Mem.* (1717) 53 This Morning a Jury of Sewers set out my Brick Wall made towards the High-way. 1706 PHILLIPS (ed. Kersey), *Clerk of the Sewers*, an Officer belonging to the Commissioners of Sewers, who writes down all Things they do, by virtue of their Commission. 1901 *N. & Q.* Ser. IX. VII. 436 Some of the family were 'sewers' of Wisbech.

5. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *sewer-assessment, authority, -ditch, grating,* †*law* (see I b), *-man, -rate, -water*; **sewer-air, -gas,** atmospheric air mixed with gas formed by the decomposition of sewage; **sewer-block,** a stoneware brick used for building the walls of sewers; †**sewer-gate,** a floodgate at the mouth of a drain or water-course; **sewer-heading** (see HEADING *vbl. sb.* 11); **sewer-hunter,** one who searches sewers; **sewer-rat,** the brown rat (*Mus decumanus*) common in sewers and drains.

1861 FLOR. NIGHTINGALE *Nursing* ii. (ed. 2) 23 A stream of *sewer air coming up the back staircase of a grand London house from the sink. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 313 Similar symptoms may follow poisoning by sewer air, if this be concentrated. 1814 *Regent's Park* 72 He misunderstood the nature of the *sewer assessments. 1893 *Daily News* 25 Nov. 5/1 The Corporation..are at once the *sewer authority and the road authority. 1884 *Health Exhib. Catal.* 50/1 Sanitary stoneware..including drain-pipes..*sewer-blocks [etc.]. 1851 MAYHEW *Lond. Labour* II. 390 Open sewer-ditches, into which drains were emptied. 1870 CORFIELD *Treatm. Sewage* 174 It would be difficult to imagine a more ingenious method for delivering *sewer gases at high pressure into houses than the one above described. 1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 716/1 The corrosive action of sewer gas. 1402–3 *Doc. New Romney*, [An entry about new gates to the sluice of the] *suergate. 1897 W. RYE *Norfolk Songs* 42 He cut his wife up into small pieces and dropped her down *sewer gratings. 1890 *Hardwicke's Sci. Gossip* XXVI. 236/2 Note on a Boulder met with in driving a *Sewer-Heading in Liverpool. 1851 MAYHEW *Lond. Labour* II. 151 The *sewer-hunters usually go in gangs of three or four for the sake of company. 1785 J. PHILLIPS *Treat. Inland Navig.* 40 The works done in pursuance of this Act, not to be subject to the *sewer-laws. 1851 MAYHEW *Lond. Labour* II. 383 Of the *Sewermen and Nightmen of London. *Ibid.* (1861) II. 431/1 The *sewer-rat is..said by the Jacobites to have come in with the first George. 1888 WOOD *Farmer's Friends* 23 Sewer-rats, of course, are to some extent beneficial. 1823 *Rep. Sel. Comm. Sewers Metrop.* 15 Laying a *sewer rate over the whole district. 1848 *Act* 11 & 12 *Vict.* c. 112 § 77 Every District Sewers Rate to be made under this Act. 1851 MAYHEW *Lond. Labour* (1864) II. 463, I..regard the Thames in the neighbourhood of the metropolis as nothing less than diluted *sewer-water.

[*Note.*—In the collocations 'Commission of sewers', 'works of sewers', etc., the word had virtually a much wider meaning than sense 1 above; it practically denotes any means of defence against inundation from the sea. The formula enumerating the things placed under the control of the commissioners begins with 'walls' (1322 more fully 'sea-walls', *murorum maritimorum*) and mentions 'sewers' only in the fifth or sixth place. This had already attracted the attention of lawyers early in the 17th c.; in 1622 Callis (*Stat. Sewers*, ed. 1647, p. 57) states that 'some compound the word of *sea* and *were*' (=WEIR, defence). Although sense 1 is certainly genuine, and the etymology stated at the head of this article is well established, it seems not impossible that there may have been some early confusion with a native compound of the formation suggested by the writers referred to by Callis. No instance of OE. **sǽ-wer*, however, is known; a (?plural) *sǽ-wǽre*, of obscure meaning, occurs A.D. 1045 (Kemble *Cod. Dipl.* No. 776): 'Se iggað æt portes bricge & healfe sæ-wære & se mylnstede æt Mannæs bricge.' The Anglo-Latin derived verb *sewerare* (1314 in *Rolls of Parlt.* I. 319/1) appears to mean 'to protect from flood'.

The pseudo-etymological spelling *seward* (quot. 1623 in 3) is noteworthy. Skinner (Etymol. 1671, s. v.) erroneously attributes to Minsheu the statement that the word 'was formerly written *seward*, perhaps from *seaward*, either because they [*sc.* sewers] are made towards the sea, or because they ward off the sea'.]

Sewer (sīū·əɹ), *sb.*[2] Now only *Hist.* Forms: *α.* 4–6 **sewere,** 4–7 **sewar,** 5 **seware, ceware,** 5–6 **sever,** 6 **sawere,** 7 **sewre,** 4– **sewer**; *β.* 6 **shewere, shower,** 6–7 **shewer.** [aphetic a. AF. *asseour*, f. OF. *asseoir* to cause to sit, seat:—L. *assidēre*, f. *ad-* + *sedēre* to sit. ASSEWER (q.v.) is not recorded so early as the aphetic form. The *β*-forms are assimilated to *shew, show.*] An attendant at a meal who superintended the arrangement of the table, the seating of the guests, and the tasting and serving of the dishes.

Down to the 15th c. it was the designation of an officer of the Royal Household; it survived somewhat later as the title of a ceremonial office at coronations.

a. 13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* B. 639 As sewer in a god assyse he serued hem fayre, Wyth sadde semblaunt & swete of such as he hade. 1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) VI. 251 Olyver, cheef sewere of þe kynges bord. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 67/2 Ceware at mete. 1447–50 Q. MARG. *Lett.* (Camden) 97 Oure trusty and welbeloved Squier Thomas Burneby, sewer of our mouth. 1464 *Rolls of Parlt.* V. 535/2 Oure Servaunt William Wade, Squier, Sewer of oure Chambre. 15.. in W. Jones *Crowns & Coronat.* (1883) 119 [At the coronation of Elizabeth, queen of Henry VII, 1487] the lorde Fitz-water, sewer, or dapifer, attended..and served the messes. 15.. *Bk. Precedence* in *Q. Eliz. Acad.* 17 A viscount..may haue Caruer and Sewer, with there Towells, when they sett there seruisse on the table. 1605 SHAKS. *Macb.* I. vii. Stage Direct., Enter a Sewer, and diners Seruants with Dishes and Seruice ouer the Stage. 1637 N. WHITING *Albino & Bellama* 129 The dropsied Host, like to a Sewre did strut To marshall every dish. 1669 E. CHAMBERLAYNE *Pres. St. Eng.* (ed. 2) 257 The Sewers of the Chamber are 8. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 23 Apr. 1661, Gent. Ushers, Daily Waiters, Sewers, Carvers. 1791 COWPER *Odyss.* I. 178 The sewer with savoury meats Dish after dish, served them. 1821 SCOTT *Kenilw.* xvii, Let the master of my lord's household see that both clerk and sewer taste the dishes which the one dresses and the other serves. 1864 BURTON *Scot Abr.* I. iv. 168 *note*, Atholl performed the part of sewer, and Morton of carver.

β. 1525 BERNERS *Froiss.* II. xxxi. 36 b/1 Sir yuan of Leschell was shewer and sir Gracyen bare his cuppe. 1533 MORE *Answ. poysoned Bk.* Wks. 1036/2, I beshrew such a shewer as so serueth in the supper, that he conneieth away the best dysh. 1553 *Rutland Papers* (Camden) 119 Therle of Sussex claymethe to be shewer at dyner the daye of the coronacion. 1565 in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. I. II. 204 Athall shower, Morton carvar, Crayforde cupbearer. 1602 W. S. *Life Cromwell* IV. iv. Stage Direct., Enter the Vsher and the Shewer, the meate goes ouer the Stage.

b. *fig.* and in fig. context.

1501 DOUGLAS *Pal. Hon.* III. lviii, His maister sewar hecht verteous discipline. 1641 MILTON *Animadv.* 7 It shew'd but green practise..to blurt upon the eares of a judicious Parliament with such a presumptuous and over-weening Proem: but you doe well to be the Sewer of your owne messe. 1649 — *Eikon.* xxiv. 192 Som such place, as may stile them the Sewers, or the Yeomen Ushers of Devotion.

Sewer (sōu·əɹ), *sb.*[3] Forms: 4–5 **sower,** 5 **sawer,** 7 **shewer,** 5, 8–9 **sewer.** [f. SEW *v.*[1] + -ER[1].] One who sews.

1399 LANGL. *Rich. Redeles* III. 165 Seuene goode sowers sixe wekes after Moun not sett þe seemes ne sewe hem aʒeyn. *c* 1475 *Pict. Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 795/21 *Hec sutrix*, a sewer. 1481 in *Eng. Gilds* 314 That no man of the forsayde crafte [of tailors] set no new sawer a-warcke a-bofe the spasse of xv. days. 1483 *Cath. Angl.* 331/2 A Sewer, *filator, sutor, sutrix.* 1652 in Beck *Gloves* (1883) 152 [The Craft] ordains every hoy and fial to take such work from his Master as his shewers cast. 1755 JOHNSON, *Sewer*..He that uses a needle. 1870 *Echo* 30 Dec., The sewer has it placed on a long table round which she travels, stitching as she goes. 1880 ZAEHNSDORF *Bookbinding* 21 It will be better if the cords are a little to the right of the press, so that the sewer may get her or his left arm to rest better on the press. 1891 E. PEACOCK *N. Brendon* II. 108 She was not only a neat sewer, but could cut out men's shirts.

Sewer (siū·əɹ), *v.*[1] Also 6 **sewar.** [f. SEWER *sb.*[1]]

†**1.** *trans.* To drain. *Obs.*

1565 in *Arch. Cantiana* XIII. 269 A cricke, or waterwey, sewared or dryed upp.

2. To furnish (a town, road, etc.) with a system of sewers. Hence **Sew·ering** *vbl. sb.*

1854 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* XV. I. 155 These towns have been sewered under the improved system. 1865 *3rd Rep. Comm. Sewage of Towns* 210 The sewering of towns on correct principles ought to be promoted, so as to ensure cleanliness, comfort, and health. 1884 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 9 July 2/1 In some of the southern cities of America..sewering, draining, and scavenging have brought about great improvement. 1888 BRYCE *Amer. Commw.* II. li. II. 287 To grade, pave, and sewer streets.

† **Sew·er,** *v.*[2] *Obs. rare.* [f. SEWER *sb.*[2]] *intr.* To act as sewer at a meal.

c 1553 in Grose *Antiq. Rep.* (1809) IV. 652 A Gent. to sewerer yf they were not otherwise occupyed in the Q. busynesse. 1623 MINSHEU *Sp. Dict.*, To Sewer or taste before, *vide Hazer salva.* *a* 1641 FINETT *Observ.* (1656) 156 His assertion was not followed for the better convenience of the said Officers carving and sewering. 1647 HEXHAM II, To Sewer, *Voor-smaecken, voor-tasten.*

Sewer, obs. form of SURE.

Sewerage (siū·ərēdʒ). [f. SEWER *sb.*[1] + -AGE.]

1. Drainage by means of sewers; a method or system of draining by sewers.

1834 *Rep. Sel. Comm. Metrop. Sewers* 149 The tenantry are paying sewer-rates; they never have enjoyed sewerage. *Ibid.* 150 To prepare a sewerage and manage it themselves. 1841 *Penny Cycl.* XXI. 317/2 How imperfectly the advantages of good sewerage are appreciated. 1892 EMINSON *Epid. Pneumonia* 12 Good sewerage will, I trust, banish this disease as effectually.

attrib. 1848 *Act* 11 & 12 *Vict.* c. 112 § 34 The Limits of such Sewerage Districts. 1862 *Catal. Internat. Exhib.* II. x. 57 Glazed sewerage-pipes. 1865 *Times* 5 Apr. 3/1 The opening..of the great sewerage works.

b. The carrying away *of* refuse.

1856 STANLEY *Sinai & Pal.* v. 246 The hole [in the altar rock] is an aperture for the sewerage of the blood of victims.

2. *concr.* Sewers collectively; the system of sewers belonging to a particular locality.

1834 *Rep. Sel. Comm. Metrop. Sewers* 150, I have seen a programme of the street; I think that is the position in which the sewerage is. 1851 MAYHEW *Lond. Labour* II. 389 Our arched and subterraneous sewerage. 1889 GUNTER *That Frenchman* v. 46 Whose foul-smelling gutters have been replaced by under-ground sewerage.

3. Sewage.

1851 MAYHEW *Lond. Labour* II. 383 Which forms a part of the street mud..of the scavenger's cart, rather than of the sewerage. 1858 HAWTHORNE *Fr. & It. Jrnls.* II. 182 The Tiber..enriched with city sewerage. 1900 *Jrnl. Sch. Geog.* (U. S.) June 207 To carry sewerage of Chicago toward the Mississippi river.

b. *fig.* Moral filth or garbage.

1859 MEREDITH *R. Feverel* xl, [She] poured a little social sewerage into his ears. 1868 SWINBURNE *Blake* 131 The weltering sewerage of Aphra's unreadable and unutterable plays. 1874 L. STEPHEN *Hours in Library* (1892) I. vi. 230 The foulest depths of literary sewerage.

Sewering, *vbl. sb.*: see SEWER *v.*[1]

Sew·erless, *a.* [f. SEWER *sb.*[1] + -LESS.] Having no sewers.

1854 *Chamb. Jrnl.* I. 209 The saturated and sewerless ground. 1885 *Truth* 28 May 850/1 Sewerless cities.

Sew·ery, *sb. rare.* [f. SEWER *sb.*[2] + -Y.] The office or apartment used by a sewer.

1851 TURNER *Dom. Archit.* I. 68 In household rolls of the thirteenth century the daily expenditure is almost always classed under the following heads; 1. The amount of bread, wine and beer supplied from the sewery and butlery.

Sew·ery, *a.* [f. SEWER *sb.*[1] + -Y[1].] Characteristic of sewers.

1851 MAYHEW *Lond. Labour* II. 390 The Fleet Ditch seems always to have had a sewery character. 1896 *Punch* 1 Dec. 257/1 Some thought them [the smells] like Eau-de-Cologne, whilst their foes Denounced them as sickly and sewery.

Sewet, obs. form of SUET, SUIT.

Seweyne, obs. Sc. form of SEVEN.

Sewin[1] (siū·in). Forms: 6 **suwynge, sewing,** 8 **shewin,** 9 **sewen, suin,** 8– **sewin.** [Of obscure origin: app. not Welsh. Cf. SUANT *sb.*] A fish of the Salmon tribe (*Salmo cambricus* or *eriox*), the bull-trout, found in Welsh rivers.

1532 in G. T. Clarke *Carlæ Glamorgan* IV. 454 Yeldyng and paynge yerely to the sayd abbotte .. x. samones v. gyllynges and xliiij[li] suwynges..or elles..for euery cuple

sewinges 1. d. 1769 Pennant *Brit. Zool.* III. 248 Taken in the river Wye, where it is known by the name of Sewin, or Shewin. 1805 Duncumb *Agric. Heref.* 17 The botcher resembles the suin taken in the Welsh rivers. 1834 *Proc. Berw. Nat. Club* I. ii. 52 The sewin will most likely prove our Scotch hirling or whiting. 1861 *Act* 24 & 25 *Vict.* c. 109 § 4. 1900 *Field* 28 July 153/1 There is not a better sea trout or sewin river in North Wales.

Sewin[2] (siū·in). Corrupt form of *sewel*, Shewel.

1886 Walsingham *Shooting* (Badm. Libr.) I. 201 A substitute for nets in covert shooting, where it is desirable to stop the winged game rather than the ground game, is commonly known as 'sewin'. 1898 *Encycl. Sport* II. 85/2 (Pheasant) The number of stops may be materially reduced by the use of the sewin.

Sewin(e, obs. Sc. forms of Seven.

Sewing (sōu·iŋ), *vbl. sb.*[1] Forms: 3 seuwingue, 4–5 sewinge, 4–6 sowinge, 5 sawyng, sowenge, soyng, 5–6 sewin, 5, 7, sowing, 6 *Sc.* schiuine, 7 soweing, soeing, 4– sewing. [f. Sew *v.*[1] + -ing[1].]

1. The action of Sew *v.*[1]; the use of a needle and thread; the uniting of pieces of material (etc.) by this means. In *Bookbinding*: see Sew *v.*[1] 1 e.

c 1290 *S. Eng. Leg.* 261/18 With spinningue and with seuwingue hire liflode heo wan. 1428–9 *Rec. St. Mary at Hill* 71 The lauendere for a hole 3ere wasshynge & sowenge ..ij s. 1484 Caxton *Fables of Alfonce* xiii, [A tayller] whiche surmoonted alle the other in shapynge or sewynge. 1566 in Fleming *Mary Q. of Scots* (1897) 506 Item for schiuine and the fassoune and pontis. 1597 A. M. tr. *Guillemeau's Fr. Chirurg.* 13/3 Sowinge of a wounde is a vnitinge and coupling together of the dissevered partes with a threded needle. 1691 Ray *Creation* III. (1704) 322 To manage the Needle in Sowing and the Pen in Writing. 1872 Yeats *Techn. Hist. Comm.* 155 The rise of the tailor's art did not take the constant occupation of sewing out of the hands of women. 1874 Knight *Dict. Mech.* s.v. *Bookbinding*, A machine for folding sheets for gathering, sewing and binding.

b. with prefixed word denoting the kind.

1878 Jevons *Primer Pol. Econ.* 72 Those who were not.. wise enough to learn machine-sewing, receive better wages for hand-sewing than they would formerly have done.

2. *concr.* Work sewn; materials to be sewn; the stitches or seams of anything.

c 1400 *Lanfranc's Cirurg.* 143, & þanne bynde þe nose wiþ two handis..þe toþir schal be leid aboue þat he mowe kepe þe plumaciols, poudre, & þesowynge. 1565 in Fleming *Reform. Scot.* (1910) 610 Four coffarris with hir clayis and sewingis. 1706 Hearne *Collect.* (O.H.S.) I. 177 (Near to the Sewing), not at ye Top of ye Page. 1845 Mas. M. J. Howell *Hand-bk. Dress-making* 47 No opportunity should be lost in making the sewing look well. 1865 Hatton *Bitter Sweets* iii, Mrs. Grey looked up from her sewing.

3. *pl.* Sewing thread or silk: see 4.

1844 G. Dodd *Textile Manuf.* vi. 184 Sewings are compound threads of silk, wound, cleaned, doubled and thrown, with especial reference to their ultimate use as sewing-silk. 1853 Perkins *Haberdashery* (ed. 8) 24 Cloth Sewings—coarse large skeins for tailors' use. 1862 *Catal. Internat. Exhib.*, Brit. II. No. 3656, Dyed and polished yarns and sewings.

4. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *sewing-work*; = employed in sewing or in teaching sewing, as *sewing-class*, *-maid*, *-mistress*, *-society*, *-woman*; of materials used for sewing, as *sewing cotton* (Cotton *sb.*[1] 3), †*gold* (Gold *sb.* 4), *silk*, *silver* (Silver *sb.* 4), *thread*, *worsted*; of contrivances, etc. for holding materials to be sewn, as *sewing-bird*, *-frame* (Frame *sb.* 13 b), *-horse*, *-press* (Press *sb.*[1] 10), *table*; **sewing-brod** *Sc.*, a tailor's board; **sewing-clerk**, in the glove trade, a district collector of sewing done by home-workers; †**sewing-rope**, ? some kind of rope used for scaffolding.

1875 Knight *Dict. Mech.*, **Sewing-bird*,..a device for holding the work while sewing... It has assumed many forms, the bird being ornamental and holding the work in its beak. 1790 A. Wilson *Callamphitre's Elegy*, He at the *sewing-brod was hred, And wrought gude serge and tyken. 1864 Laycock *Lanc. Rhymes* 62 We couldn't have an easier job nor goin' to th' *sewin' class. 1884 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 16 May 4/1 The glove-making counties are mapped out into circuits, each of which has its *sewing clerk or commercial traveller. 1826 *Haberdasher's Guide* 13 Coloured *Sewing Cottons. 1818 *Art Book-binding* I *Sewing-frame, with brass or iron keys, to fasten the cords or bands. 1876 *Encycl. Brit.* IV. 43/1 When taken out of the sewing-frame the fly-leaves are pasted on. 1534 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* VI. 191 Twa gret hankis..*sewing gold. 1566 in Fleming *Mary Q. of Scots* (1897) 505 Item of schiuine gold iiij doubil hankis. 1875 Knight *Dict. Mech.*, **Sewing-horse*, a harness-maker's clamp for holding leather while being sewed. 1886 *York Herald* 23 Aug. 1/5 Useful *Sewing-maid. 1870 *Act* 33 & 34 *Vict.* c. 75 § 3 The term 'teacher' includes assistant teacher, pupil teacher, *sewing mistress. 1613 M. Ridley *Magn. Bodies* 6 Smaller wiers, *sowing-needles and such like small waights. 1779 *Phil. Trans.* LXIX. 540, I stuck the point of this sewing needle to the lower extremity of a steel magnet. 1860 Tyndall *Glac.* I. xx. 144 If a common steel sewing needle be substituted for the iron [etc.]. 1728 Chambers *Cycl.* s.v. *Bookbinding*, They are then sew'd in the *Sewing-Press. 1842 *Penny Mag.* 24 Sept. 380/2 When the book is taken from the sewing-press, an inch or two of each string is left hanging to it. 1336 *Acc. Exch. K. R.* 19/3 m. 4 *Sewenge rope [made of skin (*pelle*)]. *a* 1515 *Build. Louth Steeple* in *Archæologia* X. 74 Paid to Robert Beverley for 6 bunch sewing rope, 0 0 5. 1809 *Sporting Mag.* XXXIII. 281 The *sewing-school, the pastry-school, were then essential branches of female education. 1480 *Wardr. Acc. Edw. IV* (1830) 136 *Sowing sylk, j lb. ij unces and a quarter. 1621 in Kempe *Losely MSS.* (1836) 426 Stitching and soeing silke, 4*s.* 6*d.* 1826 Miss Mitford *Village* II. 190 Trimmings, ribands, sewing-silk, and lining. 1546 in *Extracts Edin. Burgh Rec.* (1871) II. 126 *Sewing sylver, to be sawld in punds. 1842 Dickens *Amer. Notes* (1850) 32 They have among themselves a *sewing Society to make clothes for the poor. 1875 Knight *Dict. Mech.*, **Sewing-table*, a table or bench at which signatures of books are sewed to the cords or bands by which they are fastened together, and also secured in the cover. 1566 in Fleming *Mary Q. of Scots* (1897) 499 Four pound of fyne *suyng threide. 1850 Miss Pratt *Comm. Things Sea-side* iv. 247 Scarcely larger than a sewing thread. 1847 Mas. Carlyle *Lett.* II. 15 All the *sewing women I knew of being unable to come. 1722 De Foe *Col. Jack* (1840) 343 She..took up her *sewing-work. 1612 *Sc. Bk. Rates* in *Halyburton's Ledger* (1867) 296 *Sewing worsett the dozen pound weght thairof.

†**Sew·ing**, *vbl. sb.*[2] *Obs.* [f. Sew *v.*[2] + -ing[1].] The action of a sewer; the arrangement of the guests and serving up of dishes or courses.

a 1483 *Liber Niger* in *Househ. Ord.* (1790) 37 The manner of sewing of dishes at the dressour. 1513 *Bk. Keruynge* in *Babees Bk.* 270 Here folowyth sewynge of flesshe. *Ibid.*, The borde of sewynge. *Ibid.* 286 Here endeth the boke of seruyce, & keruynge, and sewynge. 1627 Hakewill *Apol.* (1630) 430 Dinner and supper was served in with all accustomed ceremonies, as sewing, water, grace, carving, say taking, &c. 1660 R. May *Accompl. Cook* (1665) B 4 b, The Sewing of Fish...To go to the sewing of fish, muscalade, minews in sew [etc.]. [1812 Southey *Omniana* II. 71 The terms of carving and sewing.]

Sew·ing, *ppl. a.* [f. Sew *v.*[1] + -ing[2].] That sews.

1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* I. vii. iii, The fair sewing fingers.

Sewing, -ly, var. ff. Suing, Suingly.

Sew·ing-machine. [Sewing *vbl. sb.*[1]]

1. A machine designed to perform the operation of sewing.

1847 *Artizan* Mar. 65/1 Sewing Machine. A new machine for sewing has recently been invented [etc.]. 1858 Hogg *Shelley* II. 457, I thought very little of it [*sc.* Cleopatra's Needle], ..after having seen the sewing-machine in London. 1869 E. A. Parkes *Pract. Hygiene* (ed. 3) 411 Two pieces of waterproof cloth, sewn together by the sewing-machine.

attrib. 1873 'Susan Coolidge' *What Katy Did at Sch.* ii. 37 The nice half-dozens of pretty underclothes came home from the sewing-machine woman's. 1875 Knight *Dict. Mech.* s.v. *Bobbin*, A bobbin for sewing-machine shuttles.

2. *Bookbinding.* (See quot.)

1880 Zaehnsdorf *Bookbinding* 176 *Sewing-machine*, a recent invention for the sewing of books with wire instead of thread.

Hence **Sew·ing-machi·nist.**

1881 *Instr. Census Clerks* (1885) 75 Sewing Machinist.

Sewinti, obs. form of Seventy.

Sewirer, obs. comparative of Sure.

Sewit, obs. f. Suit. **Sewl**, var. f. Sull. *dial.*

Sewn (sōun), *ppl. a.* [pa. pple. of Sew *v.*[1]] Stitched, fastened by means of sewing. Chiefly with prefix, as *hand-sewn*, *machine-sewn*.

1866 *Chamb. Encycl.* VIII. 645 The operator, who keeps drawing the sewn cloth off at the eye-end of the needle. 1881 *Instr. Census Clerks* (1885) 73 Sewn Ornament Maker. 1895 *Hasluck's Boot Making* iii. 57 Shoemakers call all work sewn that is treated with a round awl; while stitching is only technically applied where the square awl is used.

Sewn(e, obs. forms of Seven.

Sewr(e, **Sewrance**, obs. ff. Sure, Surance.

Sewre, obs. form of Sewer *sb.*[1], *sb.*[2]

Se·wster. *Obs.* exc. *Sc.* Forms: 4–5 sewestre, -stare, sou-, sowe-, sywester(e, 4–9 sewster, 5 sew-, sowstare, 5–9 sowster, 6 seu-, sewe-, sewstar. [f. Sew *v.*[1] + -ster. Cf. Fris. dial. (Hinderloopen) *syster.*] A sempstress.

1391 *Earl Derby's Exped.* (Camden) 86/26 Edwyne Moreyn sewster pro filo ab ipsa empto. 1393 Langl. *P. Pl.* C. vii. 362 Sesse þe sywestere (*v. rr.* sowester, sewestare, sewestre, soustere; A. v. 158 souters, *v. r.* soustere; B. v. 315 soutteresse, *v. r.* sowestere]. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 454/2 Sewstare, or sowstare (sowares) *sutrix*. *c* 1440 *Jacob's Well* 40 Taylourys, sowsterys. 1519 Horman *Vulg.* 238 Brotherers, sylkewomen, and all seusters craftis occupye redyls. 1550 Bale *Engl. Votaries* II. 29 A yonge wenche..whych was a very connynge sowster. 1567–9 Jewel *Def. Apol.* (1611) 450 Labouring Women, and Sewsters, and Seruants, and Handmaids. 1590 *Maldon* (Essex) *Liber C.* 121 Le sewester sive silkewoman. *a* 1637 B. Jonson *Sad Shepherd* II. iii, At every twisted thrid my rock let flie Unto the sew'ster, who did sit me nigh. 1657 C. Bech *Universal Char.* K 7 b, A sewster. 1824 MacTaggart in Trotter *East Galloway Sk.* (1901) 370/1 When plowman Tam meets sewster Bess His dogg'rel rhymes he'll chime till her. 1825 Jamieson, *Sewster*, a sempstress. [ed. 1882 also *Sowster.*]

Sewte, obs. f. Suit *sb.* **Sewy**, obs. f. Sue.

Sewyn, obs. pa. pple. of See *v.*

Sewyr, obs. form of Sure *v.*

Sex (seks), *sb.* Also 6–7 sexe, (6 seex, 7 pl. sexe, 8 *poss.* sexe's). [ad. L. *sexus* (*u*-stem), whence also F. *sexe* (12th c.), Sp., Pg. *sexo*, It. *sesso*. Latin had also a form *secus* neut. (indeclinable).]

1. Either of the two divisions of organic beings distinguished as male and female respectively; the males or the females (of a species, etc., esp. of the human race) viewed collectively.

1382 Wyclif *Gen.* vi. 19 Of alle thingis hauynge sowle of ony flehs, two thow shalt brynge into the ark, that maal sex and femaal lyuen with thee. 1532 More *Conf. Tindale* II. 152, I had as lene he bare them both a bare cheryte, as wyth the frayle feminyne sexe fall to far in loue. 1559 Aylmer *Harborowe* E 4 b, Neither of them debarred the heires female..as though it had ben..vnnatural for that sexe to gouern. 1576 Gascoigne *Philomene* xcviii, I speake against my sex. *a* 1586 Sidney *Arcadia* II. (1912) 158 The sexe of womankind of all other is most bound to have regardfull eie to mens judgements. 1600 Nashe *Summer's Last Will* F 3 b, A woman they imagine her to be, Because that sexe keepes nothing close they heare. 1615 Crooke *Body of Man* 274 If wee respect the..conformation of both the Sexes, the Male is sooner perfected..in the wombe. 1634 Sir T. Herbert *Trav.* 19 Both sexe goe naked. 1667 Milton *P. L.* IX. 822 To add what wants In Femal Sex. 1671 — *Samson* 774 It was a weakness In me, but incident to all our sex. 1679 Dryden *Troilus & Cr.* I. ii, A strange dissembling sex we women are. 1711 Addison *Spect.* No. 10 P 6 Their Amusements..are more adapted to the Sex than to the Species. 1730 Swift *Let. to Mrs. Whiteway* 28 Dec., You have neither the scrawl nor the spelling of your sex. 1742 Gray *Propertius* II. 73 She.. Condemns her fickle Sexe's fond Mistake. 1763 G. Williams in Jesse *Selwyn & Contemp.* (1843) I. 265 It would astonish you to see the mixture of sexes at this place. 1780 Bentham *Princ. Legisl.* VI. § 35 The sensibility of the female sex appears..to be greater than that of the male. 1814 Scott *Ld. of Isles* VI. iii, Her sex's dress regain'd. 1836 Thirlwall *Greece* xi. II. 51 Solon also made regulations for the government of the other sex. 1846 *Ecclesiologist* Feb. 41 The propriety and necessity of dividing the sexes during the publick offices of the Church. 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* xxv, She was by no means so far superior to her sex as to be above jealousy. 1865 Dickens *Mut. Fr.* II. i, It was a school for both sexes. 1886 Mabel Collins *Prettiest Woman* ii, Zadwiga had not yet given any serious attention to the other sex.

b. *collect.* followed by plural verb. *rare.*

1768 Goldsm. *Good-n. Man* IV. (Globe) 632/2 Our sex are like poor tradesmen. 1839 Malcom *Trav.* (1840) 40/1 Neither sex tattoo any part of their bodies.

c. *The fair(er), gentle(r), soft(er), weak(er) sex*; *the devout sex*; *the second sex*; † *the woman sex*: the female sex, women. *The* † *better, sterner sex*: the male sex, men.

[1583 Stubbes *Anat. Abus.* E vij b, Ye magnificency & liberalitie of that gentle sex. 1613 Purchas *Pilgrimage* (1614) 38 Strong Sampson and wise Solomon are witnesses, that the strong men are slaine by this weaker sexe.]

1641 Brome *Jovial Crew* III. (1652) H 4, I am bound by a strong vow to kisse all of the woman sex I meet this morning. 1648 J. Beaumont *Psyche* XIV. l, The softer sex, attending Him And his still-growing woes. 1665 Sir T. Herbert *Trav.* (1677) 22 Whiles the better sex seek prey abroad, the women (therein like themselves) keep home and spin. 1665 Boyle *Occas. Refl.* v. ix. 176 Persons of the fairer Sex. *a* 1700 Evelyn *Diary* 12 Nov. an. 1644, The Pillar..at which the devout sex are always rubbing their chaplets. 1701 Stanhope *St. Aug. Medit.* I. xxxv. (1704) 82, I may.. not suffer my self to be outdone by the weaker Sex. 1732 [see Faia *a.* 1 b]. 1753 Hogarth *Anal. Beauty* x. 65 An elegant degree of plumpness peculiar to the skin of the softer sex. 1820 Byron *Juan* IV. cviii, Benign Ceruleans of the second sex! Who advertise new poems by your looks. 1838 *Murray's Hand-bk. N. Germ.* 430 It is much frequented by the fair sex. 1894 C. D. Tyler in *Geog. Jrnl.* III. 479 They are beardless, and usually wear a shock of unkempt hair, which is somewhat finer in the gentler sex.

¶ d. Used *occas.* with extended notion. *The third sex*: eunuchs. Also *sarcastically* (see quot. 1873).

1820 Byron *Juan* IV. lxxxvi, From all the Pope makes yearly, 'twould perplex To find three perfect pipes of the third sex. *Ibid.* v. xxvi, A black old neutral personage Of the third sex stept up. [1873 Ld. Houghton *Monogr.* 280 Sydney Smith..often spoke with much bitterness of the growing belief in three Sexes of Humanity—Men, Women, and Clergymen.]

e. *The sex*: the female sex. [F. *le sexe.*] Now *rare.*

1589 Puttenham *Eng. Poesie* III. xix. (Arb.) 235 As he that had tolde a long tale before certaine nohle women, of a matter somewhat in honour touching the Sex. 1608 D. T[uvill] *Ess. Pol. & Mor.* 101 b, Not yet weighing with himselfe, the weaknesse and imbecillitie of the sex. 1631 Massinger *Emperor East* I. ii, I am called The Squire of Dames, or Servant of the Sex. 1697 Vanbrugh *Prov. Wife* II. ii, He has a strange penchant to grow fond of me, in spite of his aversion to the sex. 1760–2 Goldsm. *Cit. W.* xcix, The men of Asia behave with more deference to the sex than you seem to imagine. 1792 A. Young *Trav. France* I. 220 The sex of Venice are undoubtedly of a distinguished beauty. 1813 Byron *Juan* XIII. lxxix, We give the sex the *pas*. 1863 R. F. Burton *W. Africa* I. 22 Going 'up stairs', as the sex says, at 5 a.m. on the day after arrival, I cast the first glance at Fuchal.

f. Without *the*, in predicative quasi-adj. use = feminine. *rare.*

a 1700 Dryden *Cymon & Iph.* 368 She hugg'd th' Offender, and forgave th' Offence, Sex to the last!

2. Quality in respect of being male or female.

a. With regard to persons or animals.

1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 282 b, Ye bee, whiche neuer gendreth with ony make of his kynde, nor yet hath ony distinct sex. 1577 T. Kendall *Flowers of Epigr.* 71 b, If by corps supposd may be her seex, then sure a virgin she. 1616 T. Scot *Philonythie* I. (ed. 2) A 3 Euen as Hares change shape and sex, some say Once euery yeare. 1658 Sir T. Browne *Hydriot.* iii. 18 A critical view of bones makes a good distinction of sexes. *a* 1665 Digby *Chym. Secrets* (1682) II. 225 Persons of all Ages and Sexes. 1667 Milton *P. L.* I. 424 For Spirits when they please can either Sex assume, or both. 1710–11 Swift *Jrnl. to Stella* 7 Mar., I find I was mistaken in the sex, 'tis a boy. 1757 Smollett *Reprisal* IV. v, As for me, my sex protects me. 1825 Scott *Betrothed* xiii, I am but a poor and neglected woman, feeble both from sex and age. 1841 Elphinstone *Hist. India* I. 349 When persons of different sexes walk together, the woman always follows the man. 1882 Tenison-Woods *Fish N. S. Wales* 116 Oysters are of distinct sexes.

b. with regard to plants (see FEMALE *a.* 2, MALE *a.* 2).

1567 MAPLET *Gr. Forest* 28 Some seeme to haue both sexes and kindes: as the Oke, the Lawrell and such others. 1631 WIDDOWES *Nat. Philos.* (ed. 2) 49 There be sexes of hearbes..namely, the Male or Female. 1720 P. BLAIR *Bot. Ess.* iv. 237 These being very evident Proofs of a necessity of two Sexes in Plants as well as in Animals. 1790 SMELLIE *Philos. Nat. Hist.* I. 245 There is not a notion more generally adopted, than that vegetables have the distinction of sexes. 1848 LINDLEY *Introd. Bot.* (ed. 4) II. 80 Change of Sex under the influence of external causes.

3. The distinction between male and female in general. In recent use often with more explicit notion: The sum of those differences in the structure and function of the reproductive organs on the ground of which beings are distinguished as male and female, and of the other physiological differences consequent on these; the class of phenomena with which these differences are concerned.

Organs of sex: the reproductive organs in sexed animals or plants.

a 1631 DONNE *Songs & Sonn., The Primrose* Poems 1912 I. 61 Should she Be more then woman, she would get above All thought of sexe, and think to move My heart to study her, and not to love. *a* 1643 CARTWRIGHT *Siedge* III. vi, My Soul's As Male as yours; there's no Sex in the mind. 1748 MELMOTH *Fitzosborne Lett.* lxii. (1749) II. 119 There may be a kind of sex in the very soul. 1751 HARRIS *Hermes* Wks. (1841) 129 Besides number, another characteristic, visible in substances, is that of sex. 1878 GLADSTONE *Prim. Homer* 68 Athenè..has nothing of sex except the gender, nothing of the woman except the form. 1887 K. PEARSON *Eth. Freethought* xv. (1888) 429 What is the true type of social (moral) action in matters of sex? 1895 CRACKANTHORPE in *19th Cent.* Apr. 607 (art.) Sex in modern literature. *Ibid.* 614 The writers and readers who have strenuously refused to allow to sex its place in creative art. 1912 H. G. WELLS *Marriage* ii. § 6. 72 The young need..to be told..all we know of three fundamental things; the first of which is God,..and the third Sex.

¶ 4. Used, by confusion, in senses of SECT (q.v. 1, 4 b, 7, and cf. 1 d *note*).

1575–85 ABP. SANDYS *Serm.* xx. 358 So are all sexes and sorts of people called vpon. 1583 MELBANCKE *Philotimus* L iij h, Whether thinkest thou better sporte & more absurd, to see an Asse play on an harpe contrary to his sex, or heare [etc.]. 1586 J. HOOKER *Hist. Irel.* 180/2 in *Holinshed*, The whole sex of the Oconhours. 1586 T. B. *La Primaud. Fr. Acad.* I. 359 O detestable furie, not to be found in most cruell beasts, which spare the blood of their sexe. *a* 1704 T. BROWN *Dial. Dead, Friendship* Wks. 1711 IV. 56 We have had enough of these Christians, and sure there can be no worse among the other Sex of Mankind [i. e. Jews and Turks]? 1707 ATTERBURY *Large Vind. Doctr.* 47 Much less can I imagine, why a Jewish Sex (whether of Pharisees or Saducees) should be represented, as [etc.].

5. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *sex-distinction, function,* etc.; *sex-abusing, transforming* adjs.; **sex-cell,** a reproductive cell, with either male or female function; a sperm-cell or an egg-cell.

1642 H. MORE *Song of Soul* I. III. lxxi, Mad-making waters, sex trans-forming springs. 1781 COWPER *Expost.* 415 Sin, that in old time Brought fire from heav'n, the sex-abusing crime. 1876 HARDY *Ethelberta* xxxvii, You cannot have celebrity and sex-privilege both. 1887 *Jrnl. Educ.* No. 210. 29 If this examination craze is to prevail, and the sex-abolitionists are to have their way. 1889 GEDDES & THOMSON *Evol. Sex* 91 Very commonly the sex-cells originate in the ectoderm and ripen there. 1894 H. DRUMMOND *Ascent of Man* 317 The sex-distinction slowly gathers definition. 1897 J. HUTCHINSON in *Arch. Surg.* VIII. 230 Loss of Sex Function.

Sex (seks), *v.* [f. SEX *sb.*] *trans.* To determine the sex of, by anatomical examination; to label as male or female.

1884 GURNEY *Diurnal Birds Prey* 173 The specimen is not sexed, neither is the sex noted on the drawing. 1888 A. NEWTON in *Zoologist* Ser. III. XII. 101 The..barbarous phrase of 'collecting a specimen' and then of 'sexing' it.

Sex, obs. form of SIX.

Sex- (seks), repr. L. *sex* six in combination (as in *sexangulus* SEXANGULAR, *sexennis* SEXENNIAL), occurs in many mod. formations, chiefly scientific or technical. (In some of these SEXI- is also used.)

1. Forming parasynthetic compounds, as *sexannulate* (= six-ringed), *sexarticulate, sexcuspidate, sexlocular, sexradiate, sextubercular, -tuberculate* adjs. (see ANNULATE, etc.); **sexdi·gital, -di·gitate, -di·gitated** (also **sedigital,** etc. after L.) *adjs.*, having six digits (fingers or toes); **sexdi·gitism,** the condition of having six digits; **sexdi·gitist,** one who has six digits; **sexfa·rious** *a. Bot.* [mod.L. *sexfarius*], see quot.; **sexfid** *a.* [mod.L. *sexfidus*], divided into six segments; **sexta·ctic** *a. Math.*, pertaining to or involving six coincident points of contact.

1856 W. CLARK *Van der Hoeven's Zool.* I. 317 *Loxocera,..* Abdomen elongate, *sexannulate. *Ibid.* 345 *Chironomus,* ..Antennæ filiform,..in females *sexarticulate. 1899 *Proc. Zool. Soc.* 560 In the molars..the derivation from the *sexcuspidate type is equally recognizable. 1898 *Syd. Soc. Lex.*, **Sexdigital*, having six digits. 1868 DARWIN *Anim. & Pl.* II. xii. 13 The child of the fifth generation would have only 1-32nd part of the blood of his *sedigitated ancestor. 1775 ASH *Suppl.*, **Sexdigitism.* 1825 A. CLARKE *Bible Comm.* II. 2 Sam. xxi. 20 Maupertius..says, that he met with two families near Berlin, where sexdigitism was equally transmitted on both sides of father and mother. 1880 PROCTOR *Rough Ways* 211 In a branch of a well-known Scotch family sex-digitism—after continuing for three or four generations—has apparently disappeared. 1775 ASH *Suppl.*, **Sexdigitist.* 1900 B. D. JACKSON *Gloss. Bot. Terms*, **Sexfarious*, presenting six rows, extending longitudinally round an axis. 1760 J. LEE *Introd. Bot.* I. xi. (1776) 26 In respect to its Segments..it [a calyx] is.. *Sexfid, in six. 1785 MARTYN *Rousseau's Bot.* xxiv. (1794) 341 The exterior calyx..in Alcea is sexfid. 1777 ROBSON *Brit. Flora* 34 *Sexlocular, divided into six cells, as in Asarum. 1853 MACDONALD & ALLAN *Bot. Word-bk.* 29 *Sexlocular*, applied to a pericarpium which has six internal divisions or cells. 1874 J. E. GRAY in *Ann. Nat. Hist.* Ser. IV. XIII. 288 Sponges with spicules of the *sexradiate type. 1859 CAYLEY *Math. Papers* (1891) IV. 228 The twenty-seven *sextactic points form nine groups of three each. 1893 *Ibid.* (1897) XIII. 387 Halphen assumes that $a^2d-3abc+2b^2$ is the sextactic reciprocant. 1890 *Nature* 20 Mar. 467/1 The addition of a postero-internal cusp in the bunodont series gives us the *sextubercular molar. 1899 *Proc. Zool. Soc.* 558 The unworn molars..are..*sextuberculate.

b. *Chem.* In the names of classes of compounds, denoting the presence of six atoms, molecules, or combining proportions of the substance indicated by the second part of the compound, as *sexalu·minate, sexbo·rate, sexde·cyl.* Also in other kinds of words: † **aexba·sic** *a.*, having six combining proportions of the base; **aexva·lent** *a.*, having an equivalence of six, combining with or replacing six hydrogen atoms.

1836 T. THOMSON *Min., Geol.*, etc. I. 219 The mineral might be considered as composed of 2 atoms sexaluminate of magnesia 1 atom tersilicate of magnesia. 1841 BRANDE *Chem.* (ed. 5) 839 A hydrated sexbasic nitrate of lead is formed. 1849 WATTS tr. *Gmelin's Handbk. Chem.* III. 89 Sexborate of soda. 1868 *Fownes' Chem.* (ed. 10) 632 Sexdecyl, or Cetyl Alcohol,..also called Ethal, is obtained from spermaceti. 1872 WATTS *Dict. Chem.* VI. 243 Sulphur, regarded as sexvalent, may take with it into combination the quinquivalent group. 1877 — *Fownes' Chem.* I. 256 Sexvalent elements, or Hexads.

2. Combined with a numerical element: **aexde·cimal, se:xduode·cimal, aexo·ctonal** *adjs.* (see quots. 1816, 1822); **aexde·cimo** = SEXTODECIMO; **aexmillena·rian** *a.*, holding the doctrine of the 'sexmillenary duration' of the world: **aexmille·nary, -mille·nnial** *adjs.*, of 6000 years.

1816 R. JAMESON *Char. Min.* (ed. 2) 201 **Sex-decimal*, when the planes that belong to the prism..and those which belong to the two summits, are the one six, and the other ten in number, or *vice versa*. In the same manner, we say, *octodecimal*, **sex-duodecimal* [etc.]. 1870 J. POWER *Handy-bk.* 112 *Sex-decimo,—sixteenmo; contraction, 16mo, now called foolscap 8vo. 1851 A. P. STANLEY in *Life & Lett.* (1893) I. 429 A conversation..going on between the Dean, Dr. Spry, and the *sexmillenarian C——. 1728 EARBERY tr. *Burnet's St. Dead* II. 16 The Prophecy of the Jews..of the *Sexmillenary Duration thereof [*sc.* of the World]. 1684 T. BURNET *Th. Earth* II. 34 The prophecy..concerning the *sexmillennial duration of the world. 1822 P. CLEAVELAND *Min.* (ed. 2) I. 36 Quadridecimal, octodecimal,..octosexdecimal, *sexoctonal, &c. when..a prism or the middle part of a crystal, and the two summits have the number of faces, indicated by the several names respectively. Thus..plomb carbonaté (carbonate of lead) sexoctonal.

Sexa-, irreg. for SEX-, SEXI-.

1891 *Century Dict., Sexadecimal.* 1905 KAMENSKY *Mendeléeff's Princ. Chem.* (ed. 3) I. 441 *note*, Sulphur is bivalent towards hydrogen, and sexavalent as regards oxygen.

Sexagecuple, *a. rare.* [f. L. *sexāgintā* sixty, after *decuple.*] Proceeding by sixties.

1728 CHAMBERS *Cycl.* s. v. *Minute*, The Divisions of Degrees are Fractions, whose Denominators increase in a Sexagecuple Ratio.

Sexa·genal, *a.* [f. L. *sexāgēnī* 60 each + -AL.] = SEXAGENARY *a.* In recent Dicts.

Sexagenarian (seːksădʒĭnēˑriăn), *a.* and *sb.* [f. L. *sexāgēnāri-us*: see SEXAGENARY and -IAN.]

A. *adj.* Of the age of sixty years. Also, characteristic of one sixty years old.

1862 T. A. TROLLOPE *Marietta* I. ii. 27 A sexagenarian sire. 1889 GUNTER *That Frenchman* iii. 28 He gives a sexagenarian nudge to his companion.

B. *sb.* A person sixty years old.

1738 CHAMBERS *Cycl.* (ed. 2) s. v. *Sexagenary*, Some casuists dispense with sexagenarians for not fasting. 1826 SYD. SMITH *Wks.* (1859) II. 88 The rouged cheek of the sexagenarian. 1870 DISRAELI *Lothair* xxxv, Your enamoured sexagenarians.

Hence **Se:xagena·rianism,** the state of being sixty years old.

1876 HARDY *Ethelberta* xlii, The sort of sexagenarianism beside which a young woman's happiness can sometimes contrive to keep itself alive in a quiet sleepy way.

Sexagenary (seksæˑdʒĭnări), *a.* and *sb.* [ad. L. *sexāgēnāri-us*, f. *sexāgēnī* sixty each, distributive of *sexāgintā* sixty.

In some dicts. of the 18th and 19th c. the word is accented *se·xagenary*, in some of the 18th *sexage·nary.*]

A. *adj.*

1. *Math.* Of or belonging to the number 60; composed of or proceeding by sixties; pertaining to a scale of numbers of which the modulus is 60.

Sexagenary arithmetic = SEXAGESIMAL *arithmetic. Sexagenary table*, a table of proportional parts which shows at sight the product or quotient of any two sexagenary numbers to be multiplied or divided.

1594 BLUNDEVIL *Exerc.* I. (1597) 34 (*bis*), The Sexagenary progression is alwaies to be vsed, as well in Diuision as in Multiplycation. *Ibid.* 37 b, The description and vse of the Sexagenarie Table. 1669–70 FLAMSTEED in Rigaud *Corr. Sci. Men.* (1841) II. 93 In the study of..Mr. Halton I once saw one [*sc.* a mathematical canon] of Vlaccus to every ten sexagenary seconds. 1721 BAILEY, Sexagenary Arithmetick. 1785 HUTTON *Math. Tables* I Ptolemy, who used the sexagenary arithmetic for this division of chords and arcs, and for astronomical purposes. 1795 T. MAURICE *Hindostan* (1800) I. I. viii. 274 The emperor Yu,..who flourished.. about the middle of the third great sexagenary cycle. 1819 JAS. WILSON *Dict. Astrol.* 398 Leaving the left hand column for the seconds, but they may be made to answer to any sexagenary proportion.

2. = SEXAGENARIAN *a.*

1638 MAYNE *Lucian* (1664) 141 Though he was a Sexagenary Bridegroome. 1755 CHESTERF. in *World* IV. 132 The sexagenary widow remembers that she was handsome, but forgets that it was thirty years ago. 1819 BYRON *Wks.* (1846) 799/1 Having a sexagenary aunt of my own. 1821 *Blackw. Mag.* X. 88 Some will have this to be the due consequences of sexagenary decay. 1856 MRS. BROWNING *Aur. Leigh* I. 1038, I count it strange..That nearly all young poets should write old, That Pope was sexagenary at sixteen.

B. *sb.*

† 1. *Math.* and *Astr.* = SEXAGESIMAL B. *sb.*

1668 GLANVILL *Plus Ultra* 23 The Decimal Arithmetick, which avoids the tedious way of computing by Vulgar Fractions in..Sexagenaries in Astronomy. 1704 J. HARRIS *Lex. Techn.* I. s.v., Sexagesimal Fractions, or Sexagenaries, are such as have always 60 for their Denominator. 1728 CHAMBERS *Cycl., Sexagenary Tables*, are Tables of proportional Parts, shewing the Product of Two Sexagenaries, or Sexagena's that are to be multiplied; or the Quotient of Two, to be divided.

2. = SEXAGENARIAN *sb.* Now *rare* or *Obs.*

1814 SCOTT *Wav.* xliii, The lad can sometimes be as dowff as a sexagenary like myself. 1841 MOORE *Mem.* (1856) VII. 290, I..went down an English country dance of fifty couples on the stone floor, no trifling achievement for a sexagenary.

Se·xagene. *Math.* Also in L. form. [ad. mod. L. *sexāgēna* fem. sing. f. L. pl. *sexāgēnī*, *-æ*, *-a*: see prec.] A quantity or number multiplied by sixty or a power of sixty; an arc of sixty degrees. *First, second,* etc. *sexagene*: the first, second, etc. stage in ascending order of a sexagesimal scale of numeration or measurement.

1570 DEE *Math. Pref.* *ij, The Astronomers, for spede.. haue deuised a peculier maner of orderyng numbers, about theyr circular motions, by Sexagenes, and Sexagesmes. 1597 BLUNDEVIL *Exerc.* I. (ed. 2) 37 In those Tables are often vsed two kinds of denominations,..Sexagenæ and..Sexagesimæ,..the denomination Sexagenæ being set ouer any number doth signifie that the vnite of the Integrum is multiplyed by 60. But the denomination Sexagesimæ doth signifie that the vnite of the Integrum is diuided by 60. 1674 JEAKE *Arith.* (1696) 233 Bring all the Circles and Signs, or Sexagenae thereof, into Degrees. 1694 tr. *Oughtred's Key Math.* 32, 53″. 09′ 34°. *i. e.* 53 second Sexagenes; 9 first Sexagenes; and 34 Unites. 1709 MANDEY *Syst. Math., Arith.* (1729) 77 Days also are accounted in Sexagenes, so that 60 Days make one Prime Sexagene: and sixty Prime Sexagenes, or 3600 Days makes one Second Sexagene, etc. 1728 [see SEXAGEHARY B].

Sexagesima (seksădʒe·simă). *Eccl.* Also 4 **aexagesime,** 5 **-ym(e, -in, aexagesme,** 7 **sexagesm.** [Eccl. L., fem. (*sc. diēs*) of L. *sexāgēsimus* sixtieth, f. *sexāgintā* sixty. For the etymological meaning see SEPTUAGESIMA.] In full *Sexagesima Sunday*: the second Sunday before Lent. (Also † *Sunday in S.*: cf. SEPTUAGESIMA 2.) Hence *S. week.*

c 1380 WYCLIF *Sel. Wks.* I. 102 Sexagesime Sonday Gospel. *c* 1400 *Table of Lessons*, etc. in *Wycl. Bible* IV. 685 The Sonday in Sexages. *c* 1450 *Godstow Reg.* 193 At the fest of Sexagesyme fyfty shillyngis. *c* 1450 *Mirk's Festial* 69 Pys day ys called yn holy chirch Sonday in Sexagesin. 1483 CAXTON *Golden Leg.* (1892) I. 30 The sexagesme sygnefyeth the tyme of reuocacion. 1549 *Bk. Com. Prayer*, The Sunday called Sexagesima. 1658 in Morris *Troubles Cath. Foref.* (1872) I. vi. 314 Upon Sexagesima Sunday before Prime. 1710 WHEATLEY *Bk. Com. Prayer* v. § 9 The Gospel for Sexagesima-Sunday..admonishes us to be careful in the performance of our duty. 1883 *Cath. Dict.* (1897) 559/2 To fast three days in Sexagesima and three in Quinquagesima week. 1886 E. MILLER *Text. Guide* 111 The Tuesday after Sexagesima.

Sexagesimal (seksădʒe·simăl), *a.* and *sb.* [ad. med.L. *sexāgēsimālis*, f. L. *sexāgēsimus* (see next).]

A. *adj.* Proceeding by sixties; *esp.* pertaining to, involving, or based upon division into sixty equal parts (as seconds and minutes).

Sexagesimal arithmetic, a method of computation based on the number 60. *Sexagesimal table* = SEXAGENARY *table.*

1685 WALLIS *Alg.* vii. 20 Concerning this Process, by Sexagesimal Multiplication. *Ibid.*, The Sexagesimal Tables of Multiplication. *Ibid.* 21 The Arabs..have introduced.. their Table of Sines.., expressed in like manner by Sexagesimal Parts. 1694 tr. *Oughtred's Key Math.* 29 If there be several Sexagesimal Species joined to Integers, suppose 129. 32′. 00″. 09‴. 45⁗. 1728 CHAMBERS *Cycl., Sexagesimal*, or *Sexagenary Arithmetic*, a Method of Computation, proceeding by Sixties. 1780 M. TAYLOR (*title*) A Sexagesimal Table, exhibiting, at sight, the result of any proportion, where the terms do not exceed sixty minutes. 1785 HUTTON *Math. Tables* I The sexagesimal division both of the radius and of the parts [of every circle]. 1826 *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) I. 439/2 Stifelius ventured to simplify the sexagesimal notation. 1876 tr. *J. Verne's Adv. Engl. & Russ.* iv. 36 The length of the pendulum that beats the sexagesimal second. 1887 *Academy* 3 Sept. 144/2 The sexagesimal numeration which we employ for the division of the hour.

b. *Sexagesimal fraction*: a fraction whose denominator is 60 or a power of 60.

1685 WALLIS *Alg.* vii. 19 Writers of Astronomical or Sexagesimal Fractions. 1749 S. LOWE *Arithm.* 72 Thus it is..

that Sexagesimal fractions..are reduc'd to decimal. 1858 *Catal. MSS. Univ. Libr. Camb.* III. 61 A table of the square roots of numbers from 1 to 102, calculated to three places of sexagesimal fractions.

B. *sb. pl.* Sexagesimal fractions; also, the system of sexagesimal fractions.

1685 WALLIS *Alg.* vii. 20 By this way of Multiplication and Division in Sexagesimals. 1694 tr. *Oughtred's Key Math.* 29 The Conversion of Sexagesimals into Decimals. 1706 W. JONES *Syn. Palmar. Matheseos* 93 By this Proposition, Fractions are reduced..into Decimals, Sexagessimals &c. 1794 CUNN *Doctr. Fractions* 62 Sexagesimals are such places of Figures below Unity, that decrease in a 60*th* rate. 1873 *Rep. Brit. Assoc.* I. 25 The table is prepared as if for three places of sexagesimals. 1907 *Athenæum* 9 Nov. 589/1 The Elamites appear also to have used a decimal system of notation instead of the Babylonian sexagesimals.

Hence **Sexage·simally** *adv.*, into sixtieths.

1888 *Encycl. Brit.* XXIV. 489/1 The talent of the 80 grain system was sexagesimally divided. 1900 *N. & Q.* Ser. IX. V. 290/1 There is no utility, only needless complexity, in dividing 1° of arc sexagesimally.

† **Sexage·sime,** *a.* and *sb. Obs. rare.* [As next.] Sixtieth (part).

1632 W. FORSTER tr. *Oughtred's Circles of Proportion* 66 To reduce sexagesime parts into Decimals. Diuide the sexagesimes giuen by 60.

† **Se·xagesm.** *Math. Obs.* [ad. mod.L. *sexāgēsima* (sc. *pars*), fem. of L. *sexāgēsimus*, ordinal of *sexāgintā* sixty.] A sexagesimal fraction. Also, the sixtieth part of a degree, a minute.

1570 [see SEXAGENE]. 1635 GELLIBRAND *Variation Magn. Needle* 13 The differ. is 11^{0998} MZB..which converted into sexagesmes is 11 gr. 0 min., 0 Sec. [1674 JEAKE *Arith.* (1696) 233 To turn *Sexagenae* into Integers, or Decimals into *Sexagesimae*, multiply continually by 6, every time removing the *Separatrix* one place.] 1685 WALLIS *Alg.* vii. 18 For 1/7, (because this cannot be exactly expressed in Sexagesms) they would put 8′. 1734 *Phil. Trans.* XXXVIII. 470 The Declination of all needles (especially if touched by different Magnets) is different a few Sexagesms.

Sexagon (se·ksăgŏn). [mod.L. *sexagōnum*, alteration of *hexagōnum* HEXAGON by substitution of L. *sex* 'six' for the first syllable.] = HEXAGON.

1616 RATHBORNE *Surveyor* IV. 114 To inscribe a Sexagon within a circle giuen. 1688 HOLME *Armoury* III. ix. 377/2 A Sexagone, Hexagone, or Exagon. 1873 'OUIDA' *Pascarèl* III. vi, The white sexagons of the stars of Bethlehem grew amongst the grasses. 1908 *Daily Chron.* 19 Feb. 9/6 Showcase,..sexagon shape.

Sexagonal (seksæ·gŏnăl), *a.* [f. mod.L. *sexagōn-us* (see prec.).] = HEXAGONAL.

1750 tr. *Leonardus' Mirr. Stones* 76 The beryl has a clear sexagonal form [orig. L. *sexagonam formam*]. 1802–3 tr. *Pallas's Trav.* (1812) I. 409 Sepulchral buildings of a sexagonal, heptagonal, or octagonal form. 1882 *Harper's Mag.* July 192 *note*, A reticulated sexagonal pattern, which gives the surface the appearance of being honey-combed.

† **Sexangle.** *Obs. rare.* [ad. L. *sexangulus*, f. *sex* six + *angulus* ANGLE *sb.*2 Cf. SISEANGLE (1551).] A hexagon.

1651 J. F[REAKE] *Agrippa's Occ. Philos.* II. xxiii. 253 Triangle, quadrangle, sexangle [orig. L. *hexagonum*], septangle, octangle, and the rest. 1788 T. TAYLOR *Proclus* I. Pref., As Barocius observes, why..should not πεντάγωνος and ἑξάγωνος be rendered quinquangle and sexangle. 1795 HUTTON *Math. Dict.*, *Sexangle*, in Geometry, a figure having 6 angles, and consequently 6 sides also.

So † **Sexangled** *a. rare*—1 [after late L. *sexangulātus*], = next.

1509 HAWES *Past. Pleas.* III. iv, The fayre tower..Was all about sexangled. 1730 BAILEY (folio), *Sex-Angled* [with Geometricians] having six Angles, as in the Figure.

Sexangular (seksæ·ŋgiŭlăr), *a.* [ad. late L. *sexangulār-is*, f. *sexangulus*: see SEXANGLE.] Having six angles; hexagonal.

1608 TOPSELL *Serpents* 94 If you eye well their [*sc.* hornets'] nestes, you shall finde them all for the most part exactly sexangular or sixe cornered. 1637 WOTTON *Wilt* in Walton *Life* (1670) 71 Item, A piece of Christal Sexangular, (as they grow all). 1701 GREW *Cosm. Sacra* I. iii. § 27. 15 The known Figure of Nitre, is a Sexangular Prisme. 1860 *Merc. Marine Mag.* VII. 25 The Beacon is sexangular. 1880 GÜNTHER *Fishes* 344 Teeth sexangular.

So † **Sexa·ngularly** *adv.*, in a sexangular form; † **Sexa·ngulary** *a.* = SEXANGULAR *a.*

1658 R. WHITE tr. *Digby's Disc. Cure Wounds* (ed. 2) 72 Armoniac salt [doth form it self] in Hexagons of six points, as the snow doth, which is sexangulary. 1681 GREW *Museum* I. iii. 35 Cancellated with little squares..on the top of the back, sexangularly. 1701 — *Cosm. Sacra* I. iii. § 21. 14 Diamonds are often sexangularly pointed.

Sexcentenary (seks,se·ntĭnări), *a.* and *sb.* [In A. 1, f. L. *sexcentēnī*, distributive of *sexcentī* 600; in A. 2 and B, f. SEX- + CENTENARY.]

A. *adj.*

1. Pertaining to the number 600: see quot.

1779 J. BERNOULLI (*title*) A Sexcentenary Table; exhibiting, at sight, The Result of any Proportion, Where the Terms do not exceed 600 Seconds or 10 Minutes. 1841 *Penny Cycl.* XXI. 320/1. 1888 *Encycl. Brit.* XXIII. 9/1.

2. Relating to a period of 600 years.

1864 *Times* 15 June 11/3 The sexcentenary Festival of Merton College, Oxford.

B. *sb.* The six-hundredth anniversary (of an event).

1885 *Encycl. Brit.* XVIII. 98/1 Worcester College..has recently celebrated the sexcentenary of its first building in 1283 as Gloucester Hall. 1909 *Q. Rev.* Jan. 158 The sexcentenary of the birth of Dante.

† **Sexcuple,** *v. Obs. rare.* [irreg. f. L. *sex* six, after DECUPLE.] *trans.* To multiply by six.

1674 JEAKE *Arith.* (1696) 200 The Square of 16, sexcupled and multiplyed by the square of 8, makes 98, 304.

Sexe, obs. form of SIX.

Sexed (sekst), *a.* [f. SEX *sb.* + -ED 2.]

1. As the second element of a parasynthetic compound: Pertaining to one or both of the sexes (specified by the prefixed word).

1598, 1873 Double-sexed [see DOUBLE C. 1]. *a* 1616 BEAUM. & FL. *Four Plays in one* Wks. (1647) 27/2 Tie up my sight, let not soft nature so transformed be (and lose her gentler sex'd humanitie) to make me see my lord bleed. 1621 J. TAYLOR (Water P.) *Superbiæ Flagellum* C 6, Shamelesse double sex'd Hermophradites, Virago Roaring Girles. 1883 MEREDITH *Poems & Lyrics* 140 Alas, that I should have to say it! bad Is two-sexed upon earth.

2. Of an animal or plant: Having sex; not neuter or asexual.

1891 *Century Dict.*

† **Sexenary,** *a. Obs. rare.* [irreg. f. L. *sex* six, after SEPTENARY.] = SENARY *a.*

1815 HUTTON *Math. Dict.*, *Sexenary* or *Sextuple Scale* of Notation. 1864 WEBSTER.

Sexenna·rian. *rare*—1. [f. L. *sexenn-is* (f. *sex* six + *annus* year) + -ARIAN.] A six-year-old child. So **Sexe·nnary** *a.*, sexennial; **Sexe·nnate** [after SEPTENNATE], a period of six years.

1753 W. MAITLAND *Hist. Edin.* II. 223 A Sexenary [*sic, for* sexennary] Account of Burials in the City of Exeter. 1821 *Blackw. Mag.* X. 118 Scholars..mostly quinquennarians, or at most sexennarians. 1890 *Times* 7 Feb. 5/2 The Government contemplated the consolidation of the sexennary bonds. 1898 *Ibid.* 16 Dec. 5/1 A further increase in the navy beyond the limits of Admiral Tirpitz's sexennate.

Sexennial (seksе·niăl), *a.* [f. L. *sexennis* or *sexennium* (see prec.) + -AL.] Continuing for a period of six years; occurring every six years.

1646 J. TEMPLE *Irish Reb.* 81 That as in England there past an Act for a Triennial Parliament, there may passe in Ireland another for a Sexenniall Parliament. 1676 in *Fasti Aberd.* (1854) 347 The sexennial residence of the regents and masters of philosophie in the colledges. 1790 BURKE *Fr. Rev.* 300 Your new contrivance of sexennial elective judicatories. 1818 COLEBROOKE *Import Colonial Corn* 230 The recent sexennial period (1812–1817). 1890 *Daily News* 21 Feb. 4/6 The sexennial bonds will be consolidated in Perpetual Three per Cent. Rentes.

Hence **Sexe·nnially** *adv.* (1854 in Webster.)

Sexern, variant of SIXERN.

1906 H. W. SMYTH *Mast & Sail* 114 *note*, Very few 'sexerns' are now being built.

Sexfoil (se·ksfoil), *a.* and *sb.* [f. SEX-, after *trefoil, cinquefoil.*] **A.** *adj.* Having six foliations.

1848 *Rickman's Styles Archit.* Introd. 26 A small sexfoil gable window. 1906 *Proc. Soc. Antiq.* 6 Dec. 261 The chalice is 5⁹/₁₆ inches high, with a sexfoil foot. 1907 E. A. JONES *Ch. Plate I. Man* Introd. 16 The sexfoil depression is superseded..by a single circular depression.

B. *sb. Arch.* and *Her.* = SIXFOIL.

1688 HOLME *Armoury* II. iv. 60 He beareth Argent, a Sexfoile, or a Sisefoile, Sable. 1828–40 BERRY *Encycl. Her.* I, *Sexfoil*, or *Sisefoil*, is a grass, or flower, with six leaves, formed like the cinquefoil which has five. 1851 PUGIN *Chancel Screens* 85 With images of angels in sexfoils.

Sexfoiled (se·ksfoild), *a.* [f. prec.] = prec. A. 1846 *Ecclesiologist* VI. 69 The clerestory is Middle-Pointed, of sexfoiled circles. 1851 TURNER *Dom. Archit.* II. iv. 167 The highest part of which [window] is sex-foiled.

Sexhindman. *Hist.* [Altered form of OE. *siexhynde mon* (in Instituta Cnuti, *c* 1110, *sexhende-, -hændeman*, also *sexhindus*) lit. six-hundred man.] A thane of the middle class, assessed at 600 shillings.

1729 JACOB *Law-Dict.* s. v. *Hindeni*, The middle Class [were] valued at Six hundred Shillings, and called Sexhindmen.

Sexhood (se·kshud). [f. SEX *sb.* + -HOOD.] The quality or condition of belonging to one or other sex; status with reference to sex.

1866 J. B. ROSE *Ovid's Met.* 79 For seven long years to a changed sexhood bound. 1891 *Advance* (Chicago) 5 Mar., To lift women from mere sexhood up toward glorious womanhood.

attrib. 1869 BUSHNELL *Woman Suffrage* vii. 62 Their sexhood qualities of variation.

Sexi-, occas. used as combining form of L. *sex* six: **Se·xifid** = *sexfid* (see SEX- 1). **Se·xiped**(e [L. *ped-, pēs* foot] = HEXAPOD. **Sexipo·lar** *a.*, having or involving six magnetic poles. **Sexisylla·bic** *a.*, of six syllables; so **Sexisy·llable. Sexitube·rcular, Sexiva·lent** *adjs.* = *sextubercular, sexvalent* (see SEX- 1, 1 b).

1860 WORCESTER **Sexifid.* 1847 *Blackw. Mag.* LXI. 756 The delicate monsters, the savoury *sexipedes, with whom Typee and his comrades had to wage incessant war. 1889 MACCOLL *Mr. Stranger's Sealed Packet* v, All the creatures ..were quadrupeds; there were no quintipeds, sexipeds, or anything of that sort among them. 1855 OGILVIE Suppl., **Sexisyllable.* 1854 EMERSON *Lett. & Soc. Aims* (1883) 35 The decasyllabic quatrain, or the octosyllabic with alternate *sexisyllabic, or other rhythms. 1874 J. P. COOKE *New Chem.* 244 The four *sexivalent atoms of sulphur are the centres of subordinate groups connected with this nucleus.

Sexiferous (seksi·fĕrəs), *a. Bot.* [f. L. *sex-us* SEX *sb.* + -FEROUS.] Bearing sexual organs.

1819 LINDLEY tr. *Richard's Obs. Fruits & Seeds* 15 There is then no such thing as a naked seed..proceeding from an ovulum with a covering that is simple, and consequently immediately sexiferous.

Sexi·llion. [f. L. *sex* six, after *million, billion.*] = SEXTILLION. 1850 in OGILVIE.

Se·xing, *vbl. sb. rare.* [f. SEX *v.* + -ING 1.] Attribution of sex.

1834 GEN. P. THOMPSON *Exerc.* III. 6 'That blind and unconscious matter cannot, by any of her combinations,' (Why *her*? This sexing is a stock receipt for mystification).

† **Sexious,** *a. nonce-wd.* [? for **sectious*, f. SECT *sb.* + -IOUS.] ? Sectarian.

1592 MARLOWE *Massacre Paris* 857 (Brooke), To ouerthrow those sexious Puritans.

† **Sexism.** *Obs. rare*—1. [ad. OF. *sixiesme* (mod. *sixième*) sixth.] = SIXIEME.

1688 HOLME *Armoury* III. xvi. (Roxb.) 73/2 A Sexism, is a sequence of 6 cards.

Sexit, obs. Sc. form of SIXTH.

Sexless (se·kslĕs), *a.* [f. SEX *sb.* + -LESS.] Without sex; lacking the characteristics of sex; asexual.

1598 [see SIRELESS]. 1714 MANDEVILLE *Fab. Bees* (1733) II. 99, I perfectly lothe the sight of those sexless animals [*sc.* eunuchs.] 1853 KINGSLEY *Hypatia* II. ii. 40 Which..I must leave to be uttered only by the pure lips of sexless priests. 1865 LECKY *Ration.* I. 374 Sometimes the soul was pourtrayed as a sexless child, rising out of the mouth of a corpse. 1903 F. W. MAITLAND in *Camb. Mod. Hist.* II. xvi. 583 One reading of her character, and perhaps the best, makes her heartless and nearly sexless.

b. *Nat. Hist.* = NEUTER *a.* 4.

1827 *Blackw. Mag.* XXII. 363 Like two sexless bees, from flower to flower, They wander'd unreproved. 1858 LEWES *Sea-Side Studies* 283 The insect which issues from the egg [of the aphis] is a wingless sexless insect. 1877 DARWIN *Forms of Fl.* Introd. 6 Between the sexless, female and hermaphrodite states of these latter flowers, the finest gradations may be traced.

Hence **Se·xlessly** *adv.*, in a sexless manner; without reference to sex; **Se·xlessness,** absence of sexual power or characteristics.

1864 JAS. MANNING *Possessive Argument* 56 In Wicliff's translation, 'And Mary..turnid again to *his* own house' Luke i. 56, the masculine possessive pronoun appears to be applied sexlessly. 1873 PATER *Renaissance* viii. 194 Here, there is a moral sexlessness, a kind of impotence. 1891 ELIZ. R. PENNELL in *Mary Wollstonecraft's Rights Wom.* Pref. 23 The new sham sexlessness of emancipation.

† **Se·xly,** *a. Obs. rare*—1. [f. SEX *sb.* + -LY 1.] Characteristic of one's sex.

1601 Q. ELIZ. *Sp. to last Parlt.* 30 Nov. A 3 b, Should I ascribe any of these things vnto my selfe or my sexly weakenesse, I were not worthy to liue.

Sexpartite (sekspā·ɹtəit), *a.* [ad. mod.L. *sexpartīt-us*: see SEX- and PARTITE *a.*] Divided into or consisting of six parts.

1760 J. LEE *Introd. Bot.* I. xiv. (1776) 39 In respect to their Number the Stigma may be Sexpartite, divided into six Parts. 1775 J. JENKINSON *Brit. Plants* 234 The cup is monophyllous, sex-partite, campanulated. 1830 WHEWELL *Archit. Notes* 25 A roof consisting of six cells, which may be called, therefore, sexpartite. 1849 FREEMAN *Archit.* 367 The vaulting is usually quadripartite, but sometimes sexpartite.

Sexst, obs. 2nd sing. ind. pres. of SEE *v.*

Sex sum, obs. form of SIXSOME.

Sext (sekst). Also 5 **sexte, syxt.** [In sense 1, ad. L. *sexta* (sc. *hōra* hour), fem. of *sextus*, ordinal of *sex* SIX. In sense 2, ad. L. *sextus* (sc. *liber* book). In sense 3, ad. L. *sexta* (sc. *pars* part). Cf. F. *sexte*, G. *sexta, sexte.*]

1. *Eccl.* The third of the lesser canonical hours; so called because belonging orig. to the sixth hour of the day (midday). Also *pl.* (cf. NONES).

An early name was 'midday': see MIDDAY 1 b.

c 1425 *St. Eliz. of Spalbeck* in *Anglia* VIII. 118/7 Atte a dewe oure, and, as me meniþ, bytwix sexte & noon. 1446 LYDG. *Nightingale Poems* I. 342 Sygnyfinge all the tydes, ..Whech that haue be fro tierce vnto syxt. 1481 CAXTON *Reynard* v. (Arb.) 10, I will now go forth, for I haue yete to saye my sexte, none, and myn euensonge. 1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 164 b, All the seruyce of god & houres canonicall.., matyns, pryme, tierce, sext, none, euensonge & complyn. 1753 CHALLONER *Cath. Chr. Instr.* 212 Terce, Sext, and None, begin with *Pater, Ave* &c. 1805 SOUTHEY *Ballads & Metr. T.* Poet. Wks. VI. 118 'Tis the hour of noon..And the Sexts are begun. 1877 J. D. CHAMBERS *Div. Worship* 195 On Ash Wednesday, after Sext there might be a Sermon. 1898 CHR. WORDSW. *Med. Services* 28 On Sundays and semi-doubles at Lincoln Terce was followed by High Mass; and Sext and None then were sung after the Mass.

2. *Eccl.* The sixth book added to the Decretals by Pope Boniface VIII.

1656 in BLOUNT *Glossogr.* 1883 *Cath. Dict.* (1897) 115/1 Of these five collections—namely, the Decretals, the Sext, the Clementines, the Extravagants of John XXII., and the Extravagants Common—the 'Corpus Juris Ecclesiastici' is made up.

3. *Mus.* **a.** An interval of a sixth. **b.** An organ stop of two ranks of pipes having an interval of a sixth between them.

1876 STAINER & BARRETT *Dict. Mus. Terms*, *Sext*, the name of an organ stop of two ranks, having the interval of a sixth between them, namely, a twelfth and tierce.

Sext, obs. form of SIXTH.

Sextain (se·kstēin). *rare.* Also 7 **sestain.** [? Alteration of obs. F. *sestine*, after *quatrain, sixain.*] = SESTINA.

1639 DRUMM. OF HAWTH. *Conv. w. B. Jonson* Wks. (1711) 226 Sextains, madrigals, and songs, echoes and equivoques.

1658 PHILLIPS, *Sextain*, a stanza consisting of six verses. 1880 *Macm. Mag.* XLIII. 49/1 Dante..has paid him the practical compliment of imitating one of his favourite metres, viz. the sestina, or sextain.

Sextan (se·kstăn), *a.* [ad. mod.L. *sextāna* (sc. *febris* fever), f. L. *sext-us* sixth: see -AN.] Designating a fever of which the paroxysms recur every fifth (according to old reckoning, every sixth) day.

1657 *Expert Physician* 123 The Quintan, Sextan, Septan, and Nonan Feavers. 1897 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* II. 318 Further modifications have been recognised by nosologists as quintan, sextan, octan.

Sextant (se·kstănt). Also formerly in Latin form 6–7 **sextans** (7 -ance?). [ad. L. *sextant-*, *sextans*, sixth part (of an as, acre, etc.), f. *sextus* sixth: see -ANT.]

†**1.** The sixth part of the Roman as. *Obs.*

1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* XXXIII. x. II. 480 That purse..wherein every man put his sextant, *i.* the sixt part of an As. 1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr.*, *Sextant*, a coin less then that called Quadrant, by the third part.

†**2.** The sixth part of a circle. *Obs.*

1596 BLAGRAVE *Uran. Astrolabe* H 2, The Sextans of a circle. 1609 — *Dyalling* 141 Describe the Sextans, A.B.C. 1656 J. B. *Descr. Carpenters Rule*, etc. 137 The Dyal it self is in form of a Quadrant, Sextance, or Circle, according as you please. *Ibid.* 139. 1730 BAILEY (folio), *Sextant*, with Mathematicians is the 6th Part of a Circle, or an Arch comprehending 60 Degrees.

3. An astronomical instrument resembling a quadrant, furnished with a graduated arc equal to a sixth part of a circle, used for measuring angular distances between objects, esp. for observing altitudes of celestial objects in ascertaining latitude at sea.

Tycho Brahe, *Astron. Instaur. Mech.* (1602) A 5, states that he gave the name *sextans* to this instrument.

1628 BURTON *Anat. Mel.* II. ii. iv. (ed. 3) 264 To examine and calculate the motions of the Planets..by those curious helps of glasses, astrolabes, sextantes [1632, sextants], quadrants. 1726 SWIFT *Gulliver* III. iii, Stored with great variety of sextants, quadrants, telescopes [etc.]. 1774 M. MACKENZIE *Marit. Surv.* 32 Hold the Sextant vertically, and direct the Sight to some Object in the Horizon, or between you and the Sky, under the Sun. 1828 MOORE *Pract. Navig.* 156 Hadley's Sextant is constructed on the same principles as the Quadrant; but ..the Arch is extended to 120°..; it is also provided with some appendages not generally annexed to a Quadrant. 1860 DICKENS *Lett.* (1880) II. 125 His sextant (which is about the size and shape of a cocked hat), on being applied to his eye, entirely concealed him. 1868 LOCKYER *Elem. Astron.* § 520 If we require to measure simply the angular distance of one celestial body from another, we employ a sextant.

4. *Bot.* Each of a group of six segment-cells; also *attrib.*

1875 BENNETT & DYER tr. *Sachs' Bot.* 122, 123 The section of the stem now appears as if composed of six cells or sextants, whose walls are placed nearly radially, forming a six-rayed star... Hence the walls..are called sextant-walls... The sextant-cells are still further broken up. 1884 BOWER & SCOTT *De Bary's Phaner.* 19 Then follows in each of these the division into alternately dissimilar sextants.

5. *Astr.* The constellation *Sextans*.

1795 HUTTON *Math. Dict.*, *Sextans*, the Sextant, in Astronomy, a new constellation, placed across the equator, but on the south side of the ecliptic. 1875 *Encycl. Brit.* II. 817/1 The constellations added by Hevelius are the following..:—..10. Sextans, The Sextant.

Sextantal (sekstæ·ntăl), *a.* [f. L. *sextans* (see prec.) + -AL.] Pertaining to or based on the ancient Roman *sextans* (see prec. 1).

1887 B. V. HEAD *Hist. Num.* 37 Bronze coins of the Roman sextantal and uncial systems.

†**Sextantary**, *a. Obs.*—° [ad. L. *sextantāri-us*.] (See quot.)

1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr.*, *Sextantary*, of or belonging to the measure, quantity or weight of Sextant.

Sextar (se·kstaɪ). *rare.* [ad. L. *sextār-ius*: see prec. Cf. SESTER.] = SEXTARY.

1559 MORWYNG *Evonym.* Pref., Sieth ij sextars of the juice of Roses. 1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* XIV. xiii. I. 418 Among donatives..certaine sextars or quarts of milke have been many times given. 1656 DUGDALE *Warwicksh.* 340/1 In the time of the said King Edward [the Confessor] the Shirivalty of this County..answered lxv *li.* in money and xxxvi. Sextars of honey. 1707 FLEETWOOD *Chron. Prec.* 68 In 1125, a Sextar or Quarter of Wheat, at 01*l* 00*s* 00*d*. *Ibid.* 73 Sir H. Spelman says, that at Paris, a *Modius Vini* holds 36 *Sextarios*, and that a *Sextar* is 8 Pints. 1774 T. WEST *Antiq. Furness* ii. 33 [transl.], I also grant that they hall sell each sextar of ale dearer by one penny than is done at Appleby.

Sextary (se·kstări). Also in Latin form. [ad. L. *sextāri-us*, f. *sextus* sixth: see -ARY. Cf. SESTER, SEPTIER.]

1. An ancient Roman liquid measure containing the sixth part of a CONGIUS. Also used loosely = SESTER 2, SEPTIER.

1382 WYCLIF *Lev.* xiv. 10 He shal take..bisides a sextarie of oyle. 1398 [see CONGIUS 1]. *a* 1483 *Liber Niger* in *Househ. Ord.* (1790) 24 One sextarie of wyne; viii gallons of ale. 1559 MORWYNG *Evonym.* Pref., It consisteth of v sextaries of water, ii sextaries of hony. 1607 TOPSELL *Four-f. Beasts* 256 Let the fasting patient..take three sextaries Warme of that milke. 1633 N. HUNT *Handmaid Arith.* 387 The Spanish Sextarius. 1679 BLOUNT *Anc. Tenures* 76 A Sextary of July-Flower Wine. 1737 WHISTON *Josephus*, *Antiq.* VIII. ii. § 9 The bath is able to contain seventy-two sextaries. 1809 BAWDWEN *Domesday Bk. York*, etc. 291 Value in King Edward's time forty shillings and two sextaries of honey. 1833 *Penny Cycl.* I. 472 The Attic amphora contained.. seventy-two sextaries, equal to about two gallons, five pints and a half of English wine-measure.

2. A dry measure containing the sixth part of a MODIUS. (Cf. SESTER 3.)

1382 WYCLIF *Exod.* xxix. 40 The fourthe part of hyn, that is a sextarye, that is a mesure of two pownd. 1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* XIX. CXXVIII. (1495) 932 Sextarius is the mesure of two pounde..and is Cenix in grewe. 1646 SIR T. BROWNE *Pseud. Ep.* VII. xviii. 380 If every man of the Army had had a chenix of Corne a day, that is a sextary and halfe, or about two pints and a quarter. 1674 JEAKE *Arith.* (1696) 89 Whether by confounding the Attick and Roman Sextaries ..I know not. 1707 [see SESTER 3]. 1737 WHISTON *Josephus*, *Antiq.* IX. iv. § 4 The Hebrews bought a sextary of dove's dung, instead of salt. 1837 WHEELWRIGHT tr. *Aristoph. Clouds* II. i, I ask..what thou thinkest the most perfect measure, The trimeter or the tetrameter? *Str.* I think that nought beats the half sextary.

†**3.** Any of the six divisions of the city of Venice.

1617 MORYSON *Itin.* I. 78 The City [of Venice]..is of old divided into six sextaries, or six parts vulgarly *sestieri*. 1651 HOWELL *Venice* 13 Six Councellors, whose peculiar priviledg is to be chosen out of the six Precincts or Sextaries of the City.

Sexte, Sexten, obs. forms of SIXTH, SIXTEEN.

Sextend, obs. Sc. form of SIXTEENTH.

Sextene (sekstī·n). *Chem.* [f. L. *sext-us* sixth + -ENE.] = HEXENE.

1873 WATTS *Fownes' Chem.* (ed. 11) 554.

Sextene, obs. form of SIXTEEN.

Sextennial (seksteniăl), *a. rare*—[1]. [irreg. f. L. *sext-us* sixth, after *sexennial.*] = SEXENNIAL.

1814 J. ADAMS *Lett. J. Taylor* x. Wks. 1851 VI. 468 The legislatures of the several states are balanced against the senate by sextennial elections.

†**Sextern**[1]. *Sc. Obs.* Variant of SESTERN.

1425 *Sc. Acts Jas. I* (1814) II. 12/1 The ald boll first maid be king Dauid contenit a sexterne [orig. *sextarium*] þe sexterne contenit xij galonnis. 14.. *Assize of Measures* in *Sc. Acts* (1844) I. 310 Item þe boll sall contene a sexterne viz. xij gallonis of aile.

Sextern[2] (se·kstəm). [ad. med.L. *sexternum*, *-us*, f. L. *sex* six, after *quaternum*, *-us* (see QUIRE *sb.*[1]), variants of *quaternio*, QUATERNION.] A quire consisting of six sheets.

1885 E. MAUNDE THOMPSON in *Encycl. Brit.* XVIII. 144 Sexterns, or quires of six sheets (twelve leaves).

Sexters, rare obs. pl. of SESTERCE.

1541 PAYNELL tr. *Felicius' Conspir. Catiline* xiv. 20 b, Who so euer wolde detect the conspiracie,..shoulde haue his freedome, and an hundred sexters.

Sextes, obs. pl. form of SECT *sb.*[1]

Sextet (sekste·t). Also -ett. [Alteration of SESTET after L. *sex* six. (In sense 1, a. G. *sextett.*)]

1. = SESTET 1.

1841 tr. *Schindler's Beethoven* II. 380 Sextett in E flat, for two Violins, Alto, two Horns, and Violoncello. 1880 *Academy* 28 Feb. 168/1 A sextett in A major, op. 48, for two violins, two violas, and two violoncellos, by Anton Dvořák.

2. A stanza of six lines.

a 1850 ROSSETTI *Dante & Circle* I. (1874) 36 Two sextetts followed by two quattrains. 1877 DOWDEN *Shaks. Primer* vi. 86 Paris scatters his blossoms with one of those graceful love-speeches in the form of a rhymed sextet.

3. A group or set of six persons or things.

1873 W. BOYD (*title*) Sextet of Morse Alphabets. 1896 (*title*) A Sextet of Singers, or Songs of Six.

4. 'A bicycle for six riders' (*Cent. Dict.* Suppl. 1909). Cf. SEXTUPLET.

Sextetto. Alteration of SESTETTO: cf. prec.

1876 STAINER & BARRETT *Dict. Mus. Terms.*

†**Sexti-,** occas. combining form of L. *sextus* sixth, used in the sense of 'six': **Sextipartite** *a.*, drawn up in six copies; **Sextipartition,** division by six; **Sextise·ction,** division into six parts. *Obs.*

a 1548 HALL *Chron., Hen. IV*, 12 The sedicious congregacion..made an indenture sextipartite..in the whiche eche bounde him selfe to other..for the destruccion of Kynge Henry. 1674 JEAKE *Arith.* (1696) 34 Sextipartition, or to divide by 6. 1697 G. K. *Discov. Geom. Problems* 9, I shall begin with the Sextisection, and then proceed to the Quinquisection.

Sextic (se·kstik), *a.* and *sb. Math.* [f. L. *sext-us* sixth + -IC.] **A.** *adj.* Of the sixth degree or order.

1853 [see QUINTIC *a.*]. 1867 CAYLEY *Math. Papers* (1893) VI. 249 The discriminant of this sextic function contains the factor *c*. 1872 — in *Proc. Lond. Math. Soc.* IV. 105 On the Mechanical Description of Certain Sextic Curves.

B. *sb.* A quantic, or equation, of the sixth degree; a curve of the sixth order.

1872 CAYLEY in *Proc. Lond. Math. Soc.* IV. 110 The curve is consequently a unicursal sextic, or sextic with 10 dps. 1885 J. HAMMOND in *Amer. Jrnl. Math.* VII. 327 On the Syzygies of the Binary Sextic and their Relations.

Sextiene, obs. form of SIXTEEN.

†**Sextier,** variant of SESTER.

c 1483 CAXTON *Dialogues* 7/19 *Cannes dun sextier* Cannes of a sextier. *Ibid.* 21/8 By quarters or by sextiers, By poundes or by half poundes.

Sextile (se·kstəil, -il), *a.* and *sb.* Also 7 -il(l. [ad. L. *sextīlis* (in class. L. only with *mēnsis* or ellipt., as the earlier name of August), f. *sextus* sixth: see -ILE.] **A.** *adj.*

1. Astrol. *Sextile aspect*, the aspect of two heavenly bodies which are 60° or one sixth part of the zodiac distant from each other.

1557 H. BAKER *Rules Use Almanacs* B vij b, ✱ Signifieth sextile aspecte: whiche is caused, by the distaunce of two sygnes betwene two planettes. 1614 CHAPMAN *Androm. Lib.* C 4 b, Venus in aspect Sextile or Trine. 1638 WILKINS *New World* V. (1707) 40 When she [the Moon] is about a Sextile Aspect distant from the Sun. 1715 tr. *Gregory's Astron.* (1726) I. 204 If a Sixth Part of the Zodiac lies between them, they are said to have a Sextile Aspect. 1815 SCOTT *Guy M.* iii, Signs and planets, in aspects sextile, quartile, trine, conjoined or opposite. 1856 [see QUARTILE *a.*].

†**2.** (See quot.) *Obs. rare*—°.

1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr.*, *Sextile* or Sextilian moneth,..the moneth of August.

B. *sb.*

1. *Astrol.* A sextile aspect. Phr. *in* (*a*) *sextile.*

1592 *Greene's Vision* Wks. (Grosart) XII. 278 Canst thou ..tell the course of the Starres, setting downe their aspects, oppositiues, times, and sextiles? *c* 1610 SIR C. HEYDON *Astrol. Disc.* (1650) 74 Six Sextiles equal to six aequilater Triangles, fill the whole space about a point, which is equal to four right Angles. *a* 1625 FLETCHER *Bloody Brother* IV. ii, Mars being Lord of the Geniture in Capricorne, Is..now a Sextile here, With Venus Lady of the Horoscope. 1638 WILKINS *New World* I. (1684) 114 If you behold the Moon ..when she is in a Sextile with the Sun. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* x. 659 Thir planetarie motions and aspects In Sextile, Square, and Trine, and Opposite. 1837 WHEWELL *Hist. Induct. Sci.* (1857) I. 176 By observation of the moon, when she was nearly in trine and in sextile with the sun. 1880 SHORTHOUSE *J. Inglesant* xvi, Venus also casting a sextile to the cusp of the ascendant.

2. A sixth form boy at Eton.

1825 C. M. WESTMACOTT *Eng. Spy* (1907) I. 33 He is our captain, a Sextile, a Roue. 1838 W. CORY *Lett. & Jrnls.* (1897) 3 Westmacott, Bullock, and Tarver, all sextiles.

†**Sexti·lian,** *a. Obs. rare*—°. [f. L. *sextīlis* SEXTILE: see -IAN.] (See quot.)

1623 COCKERAM I, *Sextilian moneth*, the moneth of August. 1656 [see SEXTILE 2].

Sextillion (seksti·lyən). *Arith.* [ad. F. *sextillion*, f. L. *sex* six, after *septillion*, *octillion*.] The sixth power of a million, denoted by 1 followed by 36 cyphers. In American (following the later Fr.) use, the seventh power of a thousand, denoted by 1 followed by 21 cyphers. Hence **Sexti·llionth** *a.* and *sb.* (in recent Dicts.).

1690 LOCKE *Hum. Und.* II. xvi. § 6 Sextillions. 1730 MALCOLM *New Syst. Arith.* 8 Quintillions, (or a Million of Quadrillions;) Sextillions, (or a Million of Quintillions). 1861 T. L. PEACOCK *Gryll G.* xxi, He..adorned the surface of the ice with successions of 898, till they amounted to as many sextillions, with their homogeneous sequences. 1870 PHIPSON *Guillemin's Sun* 39 This sum of work is represented by 510 sextillions of kilogrammetres. 1881 WALT WHITMAN *Leaves of Grass*, *Song of Myself* XXXI, I believe ..a mouse is miracle enough to stagger sextillions of infidels.

Sextine (se·kstīn). [ad. F. *sextine*, ad. Pg. *sextina* = It. SESTINA.] = SESTINE.

1598 YONG *Diana* 31 After she had plaied a while on it, she began to sing this Sextine following. 1884 R. F. BURTON (*title*) Camoens. The Lyricks. Part I. (Sonnets, Canzons, Odes, and Sextines) Englished by Richard F. Burton.

attrib. 1823 ROSCOE tr. *Sismondi's Lit. Eur.* IV. 438 Camoens also wrote some sextine pieces [orig. F. *sextines*].

Sextine, obs. form of SIXTEEN (*a.* 3).

1599 NASHE *Lenten Stuffe* 7 This sextine centurie.

Sextinva·riant. *Math.* [f. L. *sext-us* sixth + INVARIANT.] An invariant of the sixth degree.

1878 SYLVESTER in *Amer. Jrnl. Math.* I. 112 On the principal forms of the general sextinvariant to a quartic and quartinvariant to a sextic.

†**Se·xtiply,** *v. Obs. rare.* [ad. med.L. *sextiplicāre*, inferior form of *sextuplicāre* SEXTUPLY *v.*] *trans.* To multiply by six.

1602 J. DAVIES (of Heref.) *Microcosmos* 86 So, some Affections our soules browes vnbend, And other some doe sextiply each dent. 1602 — *Mirum in Modum* XV. Wks. (Grosart) I. 6/2 And thus executes Their pow'res as one, though sextiplied in sutes.

Sexto (se·kstō). [a. L. *sextō*, ablative case of *sextus* sixth: cf. QUARTO, etc.] The designation of the size of a book, or of the page of a book, in which each leaf is one-sixth of a sheet.

1847 DE MORGAN *Arithm. Bks.* Introd. 11 When he folds a sheet of paper into six leaves, making what ought to be a sexto book, he calls it a duodecimo printed in half sheets.

Sexto-decimo (seksto(de·simo). = DECIMO-SEXTO, q.v. (Cf. SIXTEENMO.)

[1626 S. WARD *Let.* in R. Parr *Life of Usher* (1686) 344 A Book of large 16o.] 1688 HOLME *Armoury* III. XV. (Roxb.) 23/1 A sextodecimo booke, is of 16 leaues in a sheete. 1819 DIBDIN *Typogr. Antiq.* IV. 282 Justification of Man, &c. 1548. Sextodecimo.

Sextole (se·kstoul). *Mus.* Also (Dicts.) sestole. [a. G. *sextole*, arbitrarily f. L. *sext-us* sixth: cf. QUINTOLE.] A group of six notes to be played in the time of four. So **Se·xtolet.**

1854 J. SCHUBERTH *Mus. Hand-bk.* (ed. 4) 233 *Sextole*, a group of 6 notes, having the value of 4 equal notes. 1876 STAINER & BARRETT *Dict. Mus. Terms*, *Sextolet*, or *Sextuplet.* 1883 *Grove's Dict. Mus.* III. 478/1 Sextolet.

Sexton (se·kstən). Forms: *α.* 4–5 segerstone, 4–6 -ane, 6 -en, (sequestern, segerson), 6–7 segerston, 7 seggerston; 6 sagar-, sacarston, 6–7 sagerston. *β.* 5 secristeyn, -ane, -oun, sekyrsteyn, 6 secri-, secra-, secrestan. *γ.* 4 sekesteyn, 4–6 sexteyn(e, -eine, (4 -eyene, -ein, 5 -een, cexteyne, 6 cyxten, seixten), 5–6 sextayn(e, -ene, 5–7 sexten, (5 sex(e)sten, 6

sextine, 7 -aine, -an, -in, sixeteene), 6- sexton; 6 saxten, 7 saxton. [a. AF. *segerstaine*, = OF. *segrestein, secrestein, -in*, etc. (whence med.L. *segrestanus*), semi-popular ad. med.L. *sacristānus* SACRISTAN (of which this word is a doublet). The trisyllabic (α and β) forms are almost entirely confined to northern texts; cf. the early quots. s.v. SACRISTAN.]

1. A church officer having the care of the fabric of a church and its contents, and the duties of ringing the bells and digging graves.

In early use often = the sacristan in a religious house, cathedral, etc., having charge of the vestments, sacred vessels, relics, and the like. In popular use from the 16th c. usually = bell-ringer and grave-digger.

α. [1330 *Rolls of Parlt.* II. 47/2 Benefices appurtenantz al Segerstaine d'Everwik.] 1391 *Mem. Ripon* (Surtees) III. 110 In salario Johannis Segerstane mundantis ecclesiam in le flore ejusdem, item parietes et fenestras vitreas ejusdem. 1537 *Whalley Abbey Inv.* (P. R. O.), The sequestern that had the keping of al the seid copes. 1546 *Yorksh. Chantry Surv.* (Surtees) II. 353 Yerlie to the segezstaue (*read* seger-] and belman, iiij^{li}. vj^{s}. *Ibid.* 530 In the saide collegiate churche bee..fower segersons. 1637 *Churchw. Acc. Pittington*, etc. (Surtees) 100 For the seggerston, 3s.

1575-6 *Durham Depos.* (Surtees) 280 Being..sagarston of the same church 20 yeres togither. 1597 *Churchw. Acc. Pittington*, etc. (Surtees) 127 Item the sacarston for his fourth quarter's wages, xij d. 1687 *Ibid.* 255 That John Riddam shall make and assist the sagerston to make graves.

β. 14.. *Nom.* in Wr.-Wülcker 680/36 *Hic sacrista*, a secristoun. 1463 *Bury Wills* (Camden) 26 To the Secristeyn and to the Priour of Dusgylde. 1483 *Cath. Angl.* 327/2 A Secristane; vbi Sacristaue. 1513 BRADSHAW *St. Werburge* II. 1588 Werburge appered to the secristan alone. 1537 *Aberdeen Reg.* (1844) I. 151 Quheu thai ar warnit be the secrestanis seruand, or him self. *Ibid.*, Gyf the secrastan preevis nocht his warning.

γ. 1303 R. BRUNNE *Handl. Synne* 11093 A nyȝt, whan þe sekesteyn yn bede was leyd, Hym þoȝt [etc.]. 13.. *St. Alexius* (Cott. MS.) 192 That Images spake, þat was so bryght, to the sexteyene vppon a nyght. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Monk's Prol.* 48 Thou art som Officer Som worthy sexteyn or som Celerer. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 67/2 Cexteyne (*edd.* 1508, 1516 cyxteu), *sacrista*. 1463 *Bury Wills* (Camden) 17 Y° Sexteyn of y° chirche to haue..xij d. for his rynggyng and his mete. 1498 in *Somerset Med. Wills* (1901) 363 The said cruetts and paxebrede to be in the kepyng of the Sexten of the said priorie. *a* 1539 in *Archæologia* XLVII. 56 That the president of your religion or sextene kepe them [*sc.* church keys]. 1581 PETTIE tr. *Guazzo's Civ. Conv.* III. (1586) 168 b, As a sextine said, a man cannot carie the crosse, and ring the bells altogether. 1596 NASHE *Saffron Walden* O, [The] continuall crashing of sextens spades against dead mens bones. 1602 SHAKS. *Ham.* v. i. 177, I haue bin sixeteene heere, man and Boy thirty yeares. 1624 BEDELL *Lett.* xi. 140 As if all that are made Priests among you were Psalmists, Sexteus, Readers, Exorcists, Torch-bearers, Subdeacons, and Deacons before. 1638 in Legg *Clerk's Bk.* (1903) 99 Whether your Parish Clark or Sexton hath had due regard to the Ornaments of your Church. 1708 J. CHAMBERLAYNE *St. Gt. Brit.* I. II. vii. (1755) 71 Where the Office of the Clerk and Sexton are distinct, the Minister chooses the former, the people the latter. 1766 BLACKSTONE *Comm.* I. 395 Parish clerks and sextons are also regarded by the common law, as persons who have freeholds in their offices. 1826 HOOD *Faithless Sally Brown* 67 They went and told the sexton, and The sexton toll'd the bell. 1866 GEO. ELIOT *F. Holt* I. i. 18 The sexton waited in the belfry ready to set the one bell in joyful agitation just at the right moment.

1593 in Legg *Clerk's Bk.* (1903) 81 And also that the same Saxten shall..rynge the fowerthe Bell for a daye Bell. 1696 *Churchw. Acc. Pittington*, etc. (Surtees) 260 If the said saxton be negligent therein, he shal hereby incurr the forfeiture of his place.

†**b.** Applied to the pope's sacristan. *Obs.*

1667 P. A. *Acc. Pope Alex. VII*, etc. 25 The Sandals were taken up by the hand of the Lord Sexton. 1728 CHAMBERS *Cycl.* s. v., The Office of Sexton of the Pope's Chapel is particularly affixed to the Order of the Hermits of Saint Augustin: He is generally a Bishop...He takes the Title of Prefect of the Pope's Sacristy.

†**c.** *transf.* Applied to custodians of heathen temples, etc.; a keeper, warden. *Obs.*

1582 STANYHURST *Æneis* IV. 78 Seixten of Hesperides Sinagog. 1603 FLORIO *Montaigne* II. xii. (1632) 298 Varro..writeth, that Hercules his Sextaine [etc.]. 1606 HOLLAND *Sueton.* 39 The warden and Sextaine of that ground or soyle, which Augustus of happy memory touched first.

d. *fig.*

1502 ARNOLDE *Chron.* 61/1 O tho most noble bishop..thou art y° clere lyght of thy feyth & y° sexten of y° crysten relygion. 1595 SHAKS. *John* III. i. 324 Old Time the clocke setter, y^{t} bald sexton Time. 1603 HOLLAND *Plutarch's Mor.* 1150 A Sextaine [*orig.* μυσταγωγός], who leadeth by the hand those that are professed in some religion, shewing unto them all the holy reliques and sacred ceremonies. 1867 BAKER *Nile Trib.* I. (1872) 7 The usual sextons were the crows.

2. = SEXTONESS, SACRISTAN 2.

c 1400 *Rule St. Benet* (Verse) 1472 The Priores, & oþer nane, Aw for to ches a segerstane To ring þe bels in right aray. *c* 1440 *Jacob's Well* 271 A nunne þat hyȝte Beatrix, sexteyn of here hows. *c* 1450 in Auugier *Syon* (1840) 284 Sche that is sexteyne moste ordeyn that the awter in the sustres qoyer be honestly arayed. *c* 1475 *Pict. Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 780/16 *Hic et hec secrista*, a sekyrsteyn.

3. A sexton beetle.

1885 *Riverside Nat. Hist.* (1888) II. 385 *Necrophorus*... These beetles are often called sextons or grave-diggers.

4. *attrib.* and *Comb.*: **sexton beetle**, a beetle of the genus *Necrophorus*; a burying beetle.

1839 G. DARLEY *Nepenthe* II. 31 Floods of dust..Heaped o'er thee by the sexton winds! 1840 *Cuvier's Anim. Kingd.* 516 *Necrophorus*, Fabr...The instinctive habits which these insects possess of burying small quadrupeds, has caused them to be named Sexton, or Burying Beetles. 1854 A. ADAMS, etc. *Man. Nat. Hist.* 195 Sexton-Beetles (Blapsidæ). 1891 MEREDITH *One of Our Cong.* xli, That worm-like thread of voice [of a dying woman] came up to him still from sexton-depths.

Sextoncy (se·kstənsi). *nonce-wd.* [f. SEXTON + -CY.] Sextonship.

1831 CARLYLE *Misc.* (1857) II. 288 While Eulenspiegel held this Sextoncy.

Sextoness (se·kstənės). Also 5 **sexteynes, sextenesse.** [f. SEXTON + -ESS.] A female sexton (or sacristan).

c 1420 *Chron. Vilod.* 2843 Þe sexstenes rong þe belles þo alle aboute. *c* 1450 in Auugier *Syon* (1840) 306 The sexteynes schal ordeyne be fore the profession the bere with fayre newe erthe,..and thys bere sche schal sette forthe at the dore. *c* 1450 CAPGRAVE *Life St. Gilbert* xl. 121 Þe nunne, þe sextenesse, rang to mateyns. 1826 MISS MITFORD *Village* Ser. II. 127 He..even dug a grave for the sextoness, an old woman of eighty. 1842 BARHAM *Ingol. Leg.* Ser. II. *Sir Rupert*, It reach'd such a pass That the sextoness hasten'd to turn on the gas. 1888 BURGON *Lives Twelve Gd. Men* I. iv. 397 Rebecca (the dear old sextoness of S. Mary's).

†**Se·xtonry.** *Obs. rare*$^{-1}$. In 6 **sextenry.** [f. SEXTON + -RY.] = SEXTONSHIP.

1525 LD. BERNERS *Froiss.* II. cxcvii. 250/2 He..retayned to hymselfe but a small lyueng, and that was the sexteury of our lady churche in Renes.

Sextonship (se·kstənʃip). [f. SEXTON + -SHIP.] The office or position of a sexton.

1511-2 *Rec. St. Mary at Hill* (1905) 279 Paid to William Wylde for his wages this yere for the sextenship. 1597 *Return fr. Parnass.* II. i. 671, I am double beriefisde with my sextoushipp and my clearkeshippe! 1731-2 SWIFT *Consid. 2 Bills* Wks. 1737 VI. 152 They may get a Dispensation to hold the Clerkship and Sextonship of their own Parish *in Commendam*. 1816 BYRON *Churchill's Grave* 13 And thus he answer'd—..'He died before my day of Sextonship, And I had not the digging of this grave.' 1833 SIR F. PALGRAVE *Corporate Reform* 7 The Candidate for the sextonship grounds his pretensions on being an 'Old inhabitant'. 1903 *Macm. Mag.* Feb. 269/1 [He] cherished open aspirations towards the sextonship, presently vacant.

†**Se·xtress, -trice.** *Obs. rare.* [f. SEXTON by substitution of the suffixes -TRESS, -TRICE. Cf. next.] = SEXTONESS.

a 1400 *Minor Poems fr. Vernon MS.* 138 *note*, Hou vre lady dude þe offys of a sextresse fyftene 3eer for a nonne. 1476 *Crabhouse Reg.* (1889) 11 The mony..remaynyd..to the profiht of the sextrice.

Sextry (se·kstri). Also 4 **sextrize**, 5 **cextrye**, 5-6 **sextrye**, 6 **sextre**, 6-7 **sextery** (e, **sextrie**, 7 **sextary.** [Of obscure formation; perh. f. SEXTON after *vestry*, or an alteration of OF. *sacrestie* (mod.F. *sacristie*), med.L. *sacristia*, by metathesis of *r*.]

†**1.** = SACRISTY. *Obs.*

a 1400 *Minor Poems fr. Vernon MS.* xxix. § 1. 51 Seþen him-self goþ to þe Sextrize, þat was þe Munstres treserye. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 67/2 Cextrye, *sacristia*. *c* 1450 in Auugier *Syon* (1840) 350 The tapers schal be lyghte abowte the sepulcre be the minister of the sextry. 1483 CAXTON *Gold. Leg.* 358/2 Whan he sawe he taryed ouer long to clothe hym he entryd in to the Sextrye. 1519 HORMAN *Vulg.* 10 Bere these iewelles into the sextrye. *c* 1530 in Strype *Cranmer* (1694) App. 25 There are in the Sextre five Crosses of gold. 1594 O. B. *Quest. Profit. Concern.* L 3 b, His sextrie or vestry, wherin he was wont to bestow his holy relicks. 1611 COTGR., *Secretainerie*, a Sextrie, or Vestrie. 1691 *d'Emiliane's Frauds Rom. Monks* 222 The Abbot and his Officers, having put off their Ornaments, went into the Sextry.

2. The residence of a sacrist or sacristan.

1585 in *Acc. Obedientiars Abingdon* (Camden) App. 167 The soil of divers houses pulled down..called the Abbottes lodging..the Sexterye [etc.]. 1829 J. BRITTON *Hist. Abbey & Cath. Glouc.* Ess. 13 The Under-Steward of the Abbey. ..His dwelling was in a chamber, with a garden annexed to it, called 'the sextry'.

3. *attrib.*: **sextry barn, land** (see quots.).

1675 DUGDALE *Baronage* I. 324/1 All the Lands called Sextery-Lands, lying in the Towns of Hellingley..and Hailesham, in that County of Sussex. 1691 BLOUNT *Law Dict.* (ed. 2) Sextery lands..are Lands given to a Church or Religious House, for maintenance of the Sexton or Sacristan. 1843 R. WILLIS *Descr. Sextry Barn* 5 The Tithe-Barn at Ely...This was commonly known by the name of the Sextry Barn (or Sacrist's Barn), because..the Tithes, for the reception of which this building was erected, belonged to the Sacrist of the monastery.

‖ **Sextula** (se·kstiŭlă). *Antiq.* Also (in Dicts.) anglicized **sextule.** [L., dim. of *sexta* (sc. *pars*), fem. of *sextus* sixth.] The sixth part of a Roman ounce (*uncia*). Also a Roman land measure, the sixth of an *uncia*. Hence †**Se·xtulary** *a.* [after mod.L. *sextulāris*], of a 'sextula'.

1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr.*, *Sextule*. 1657 W. RAND tr. *Gassendi's Life Peiresc* II. v. 114 Both being added, make five Sextulæ (for half an ounce contains three of them) so that by this means all the parts of an ounce might be computed, both the duellary and sextulary parts. 1658 J. ROWLAND tr. *Moufet's Theat. Ins.* 1056 Rabby Moyses prescribes one Sextula of Frankincense with Wine sufficient. 1888 PETRIE in *Encycl. Brit.* XXIV. 488/2 The sextula after Constantine had the name of solidus as a coin weight.

Sextu·mvirate. *rare.* [Badly f. L. *sex* six, with reminiscence of TRIUMVIRATE, SEPTEMVIRATE. Cf. *quartumvirate.*] A group of six persons.

1726 SWIFT *Gulliver* III. vii, A sextumvirate, to which all the ages of the world cannot add a seventh. 1906 *Westm. Gaz.* 26 Feb. 2/2 It is curious to read the reasons alleged for their action by this Lordly Sextumvirate.

Sextuor (se·kstiuəɹ). *Mus.* [a. F. *sextuor*, f. L. *sex* six, after QUATUOR, Cf. *septuor.*] = SEXTET 1.

1824 *Dict. Musicians* II. 184 Grand Sextuor, for Pianoforte. 1829 J. JOUSSE *Dict. Terms Mus.*, *Sestetto* or *Sextuor*...Mozart's sextuor in Don Juan. 1876 STAINER & BARRETT *Dict. Mus. Terms*, *Sextuor*, a composition in six parts.

‖ **Sextupla.** *Mus. Obs.* [mod.L., neut. pl. of *sextuplus*: see next.] See quot. (cf. SEXTUPLE A. 2).

1597 MORLEY *Introd. Mus.* 32 Wee call that sextupla, where wee make sixe black minymes to the semibriefe.

Sextuple (se·kstiup'l), *a.* and *sb.* [ad. med.L. type **sextuplus*, f. *sex* six, after late L. *quintuplus*, *septuplus*: see QUINTUPLE, SEPTUPLE. Cf. F. *sextuple*, Sp., Pg. *sextuplo*, It. *sestuplo.*] **A.** *adj.*

1. Sixfold; six times as great or numerous; consisting of six parts or things.

1626 BACON *Sylva* § 186 Cause some halfe dozen Pipes to be made..with a single, double, and so on to a Sextuple Bore. 1646 SIR T. BROWNE *Pseud. Ep.* IV. v. 192 The proportion of man, whose length..is sextuple unto his breadth. *a* 1687 PETTY *Pol. Arith.* i. (1691) 6 But what is exported out of Holland into England is worth three Millions; and what is exported thence into all the World besides, is Sextuple to the same. 1784 HERSCHEL *Catal. Double Stars* in *Phil. Trans.* LXXV. 90 In the quadruple or n. preceding set, the two nearest very unequal...In the sextuple or s. following set, the two largest pretty unequal. 1805 T. WEAVER tr. *Werner's Ext. Charac. Fossils* 170 A sextuple-passage [occurs] when the folia of a fossil intersect each other in six different directions. 1841 ELPHINSTONE *Hist. India* I. 459 The fourfold division of the army (horse, foot, chariots, and elephants) was the same as that of Menu; but Strabo makes a sextuple division. 1868 LOCKYER *Guillemin's Heavens* (ed. 3) 393 *note*, The great nebula which surrounds the sextuple star θ Orionis. 1884 *Fortn. Rev.* June 835 Our nearest continental neighbour..may have much to lose, by a quadruple or sextuple control.

†**2.** *Mus.* (See quots.) *Obs.*

1738 CHAMBERS *Cycl.* (ed. 2), *Sextuple*, *Sestuplo*, in music, denotes a mixed sort of triple time, which is beaten in double time. 1746 TANSUR *New Mus. Gram.* 32 The next Species [of Time] is Sextuple (or Binary-Tripla-Time..) and call'd Six to Four; each Bar containing six Crotches.

†**3.** = SENARY *a.* 1815 [see SEXENARY].

B. *sb.* The number which is six times a specified number.

1657 HOBBES *Absurd Geom.* 5 The excesse shall be that proportion which unity hath to the sextuple of the number of termes after o. 1692 J. SMITH *Seaman's Gram.* II. xv. 123 The Sextuple thereof is 1.817.

Sextuple (se·kstiup'l), *v.* [f. SEXTUPLE *sb.*]

1. *trans.* To multiply by six; to make six times as large, numerous, powerful, etc.

1632 W. FORSTER tr. *Oughtred's Circ. Proportion* 14 Bring the Anticedent arme unto the quadrupled space and the consequent arme, keeping that duplicated opening, will cut the space sextupled. 1656 HOBBES *Six Lessons* iii. 22 Your instance therefore of six, three, one, is here impertinent, there being in them no doubling, no tripling, no sextupling of Proportions, but of numbers. 1864 MAINE *Village-Commun.* (1876) 248 We have sextupled our studeuts. 1884 *Edin. Rev.* Oct. 358 The range of vision was more than sextupled.

2. *intr.* To increase sixfold.

1861 M. ARNOLD *Pop. Educ. France* 157 *note*, The number of schools has more than doubled in the last twenty years..; the number of girl-scholars has sextupled. 1870 *Daily News* 18 June, In Ulster during 90 years the value of land was trebled, and in Scotland..it had sextupled.

Sextuplet (se·kstiuplet). [f. SEXTUPLE *a.* after *triplet.*] A group, set, combination, etc. of six things. **a.** *Mus.* = SEXTOLET. **b.** *pl.* Six children born at one birth. **c.** A cycle for six riders.

1852 [see OCTUPLET]. 1876 STAINER & BARRETT *Dict. Mus. Terms*, *Sextolet*, or *Sextuplet*, a double triplet, six notes to be performed in the time of four. 1894 GOULD *Illustr. Dict. Med.*, *Sextuplet*, one of six offspring from a single gestation. 1896 *Daily News* 17 July 7/1 A proposal was recently made..to match a sextuplet [*sc.* cycle] against a railway train. 1905 *Daily Chron.* 19 Oct. 5/3 Professor Hamy..reported that a negress living in the Gold Coast Colony gave birth recently to sextuplets.

Sextuplex (se·kstiupleks), *a.* [a. med.L. *sextuplex*, f. *sex* six, after *triplex*, *quadruplex*, etc. Cf. SEXTUPLE *a.*] Sixfold.

1668 WALLIS in Rigaud *Corr. Sci. Men* (1841) II. 495 Sextuplex is as much the double of triplex as 6 is the double of 3.

b. *Electric Telegr.* Applied to a system by which six messages may be transmitted simultaneously by the same wire. Hence **Se·xtuplex** *v.*

1889 [see OCTUPLEX]. 1891 PREECE & SIVEWRIGHT *Telegraphy* x. (ed. 9) 202 The application of the same terms, duplex, quadruplex and sextuplex..to the corresponding arrangements in multiplex working would tend to confusion. 1895 *Times* 29 Jan. 6/6 The wires were all worked on the simplex plan 25 years ago; now the processes are simplex, duplex, quadruplex, and sextuplex.

†**Sextu·plicate,** *a. Obs. rare*$^{-1}$. [ad. med.L. *sextuplicāt-um*, pa. pple. of *sextuplicāre*: see SEXTUPLY *v.*] Sixfold.

1657 HOBBES *Absurd Geom.* 10 An infinite row of Arithmetically proportionalls in proportion quadruplicate, quintuplicate, sextuplicate &c.

Sextuplica·tion. *rare.* [n. of action f. med. L. *sextuplicāre*: see next.] Multiplication by six.

1674 JEAKE *Arith.* (1696) 24 Sextuplication, or to multiply by 6.

†**Se·xtuply**, *v.* *Scots Law.* *Obs.* *rare.* Cf. SEXTIPLY *v.* [ad. med.L. *sextuplicāre*, f. *sextuplic-*, *-plex* : see SEXTUPLEX *a.*] *intr.* To make a rejoinder to a quintuplication.

1573 *Rec. Justic. Crt. Edinb.* (S. H. S.) II. 167 Quintuplyes his Majesties Advocate, that..Sextuplyes Sir Geo. McKenzie, that [etc.].

Sextuply (se·kstiupli), *adv.* [f. SEXTUPLE *a.* + -LY 2.] In a sixfold manner.

1873 MAXWELL *Electr. & Magn.* I. 175 In the sextuply connected part of the spherical surface.

Sexual (se·ksiuăl), *a.* Also 7 -all. [a. late L. *sexuāl-is* (5th c.), f. L. *sexu-s* SEX. Cf. F. *sexuel* (18th c.), Sp., Pg. *sexual*, It. *sessuale.*]

1. Of or pertaining to sex or the attribute of being either male or female; existing or predicated with regard to sex.

1651 BIGGS *New Disp.* P 69 The same simple rotteth, and is changed into little animals, these are..of both sexes, which truly would not come to passe if those simples had already a sex or sexuall powers within them. 1760 J. LEE *Introd. Bot.* (1776) Pref. 9 The Honour of having first suggested the true sexual Distinctions in Plants appears to be due to..Sir Thomas Millington. 1794 SULIVAN *View Nat.* II. 222 One only single sexual pair of every species of living things. 1803 SYD. SMITH *Wks.* (1859) I. 46/1 Delphine is said to be intended for the authoress, and Madame de Vernon (by a slight sexual metamorphosis) for Talleyrand. 1874 SAYCE *Compar. Philol.* vii. 249 We may take, by way of illustration, the question of gender. What..was the source..of the sexual relation of nouns? 1877 HUXLEY *Anat. Inv. Anim.* ii. 81 These extremely simple organisms have not yet reached the stage of sexual differentiation.

2. Pertaining to sex as concerned in generation or in the processes connected with this.

Sexual intercourse: copulation.

1799 *Med. Jrnl.* II. 323 The act of sexual intercourse. 1803 *Ibid.* X. 509 Sexual function is impaired. 1821 *Blackw. Mag.* IX. 282/1 Some one has said that Sir George Etherege was the first who founded a comedy barefacedly upon the sexual passion. 1826 KIRBY & SP. *Entomol.* III. 334 It is most probably for sexual purposes. 1836–9 *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* II. 695/1 We are inclined to attribute very little weight to the nature of the sexual desires of the malformed individual. 1861 EMERSON *Soc. & Solit.* Wks. (Bohn) III. 133 To insure the existence of the race, she [Nature] reinforces the sexual instinct. 1863 E. V. NEALE *Anal. Thought & Nat.* 183 The sexual impulse. 1876 BRISTOWE *Theory & Pract. Med.* (1878) 329 It [acne] has a special connection with the period of development and maturation of the sexual functions. 1880 BESSEY *Bot.* 206 No sexual organs are known [in Protophytes], and whether the sexual act occurs or not is somewhat doubtful.

b. *Sexual organs*, the organs of sexual generation in animals or plants.

1828 STARK *Elem. Nat. Hist.* II. 407 Worms..with..the sexual organs separate. 1861 J. R. GREENE *Man. Anim. Kingd., Cœlent.* 74 If the producing zoöid possess sexual organs. 1882 VINES *Sachs' Bot.* 224 The morphological characters of the sexual organs.

c. Of or pertaining to the organs of sex.

1836–9 *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* II. 695/1 In attempting to determine the true sex in such doubtful instances of sexual formation. 1898 *Syd. Soc. Lex.*, *Sexual diseases*, diseases of the sexual organs.

d. *Sexual system* (or *method*): the Linnæan classification of plants, based on the differences in their sexual organization.

In 1735 Linnæus (*Bibl. Bot.*, ed. 1747, p. 64) has *systema sexuale*, referred to 1731.

1760 J. LEE *Introd. Bot.* (1776) Pref. 6 Dr. Linnæus; whose Labours..and whose Invention of the Sexual System in particular, are well known. 1825 T. K. CROMWELL *Colchester* 352 The herbaceous collection will be arranged according to the sexual system of Linnæus.

3. Relative to the physical intercourse between the sexes or the gratification of sexual appetites, as *sexual morality*, *vice*, *excess*, etc.

1878 GLADSTONE *Prim. Homer* 112 Sexual frailty exists among Achaians, only in narrow measure. 1911 *Contemp. Rev.* Sept. 383 Berlin is outbidding Paris in its sexual immorality.

4. Of animals and plants: Having sex; sexed; separated into two sexes; having sexual organs; producing offspring by means of sexual congress. (Opposed to *asexual*.)

1830 LINDLEY *Nat. Syst. Bot.* Introd. 18 Plants are naturally and primarily divided into two great divisions, called Sexual and Asexual. 1861 HULME tr. *Moquin-Tandon* II. vii. 329 The Lingnatulæ are at first asexual...They pass.. into the bodies of the carnivora.., where they complete their development, and become sexual. 1880 BESSEY *Bot.* 361 They [*sc.* Vascular Cryptogams] present an alternation of sexual and asexual generations. 1882 VINES *Sachs' Bot.* 273 It is only towards the close of the period of growth that sexual individuals make their appearance.

b. *Sexual cell*, a reproductive cell which is either male or female; a sperm-cell or an egg-cell.

1868 DARWIN *Anim. & Pl.* II. xii. 2 Some trifling peculiarity..transmitted through the male or female sexual cells. 1883 AVELING tr. *Haeckel's Pedigree Man*, etc. 242 That blending of the two kinds of sexual cells that is the sole essential in sexual reproduction.

c. Of reproduction in animals or plants: Taking place by means of the congress of the two sexes. Opposed to *asexual* or *agamic*.

1872 H. C. WOOD *Fresh-w. Algæ U. S.* 100 The propagation is both sexual and non-sexual. 1882 VINES *Sachs' Bot.* 251 Conjugation is the simplest form of sexual reproduction.

5. Characteristic of or peculiar to the one sex or the other.

Secondary sexual characters: those marks of sex (e.g. the beard in man, the distinctive plumage in birds) which are not immediately connected with the reproductive structure.

1815 *Sporting Mag.* XLVI. 74 Her looks, her turns, her whole manner of speaking and acting is sexual. 1826 KIRBY & SP. *Entomol.* III. 316 Of all the organs of the head, none seem so little subject to sexual variation as the under-jaws. 1839 DE QUINCEY *Recoll. Lakes* Wks. 1862 II. 204 To ingraft, by her sexual sense of beauty, upon his masculine austerity those graces, which [etc.].

6. Having reference to the sexes.

1879 *St. George's Hosp. Rep.* IX. 719 The sexual distribution of this disease.

Sexualism (se·ksiuăliz'm). [f. SEXUAL *a.* + -ISM.] Sexuality as a principle of action or thought.

1857 *Blackw. Mag.* LXXXII. 751 Siva..is most useful and popular as the god of reproduction and sexualism. 1867 *Contemp. Rev.* V. 187 Cecco Angiolieri..drives his master, Dante, into the strangest development, refusing to see anything in him save merely a sort of artistic sexualism.

Sexualist (se·ksiuălist). *rare.* [ad. mod.L. *sexuālista* (Linnæus 1735), f. *sexuāl-is*: see SEXUAL *a.* + -IST.] **a.** One who attributes sexuality to certain organisms. **b.** An adherent of the 'sexual system' of botanical classification.

1790 W. SMELLIE *Philos. Nat. Hist.* I. 246 Here, then, the analogy stops; and, instead of bringing aid to the sexualist, operates powerfully against his favourite hypothesis. 1839 LINDLEY *Introd. Bot.* I. iii. 261 It was difficult for sexualists to believe that plants of so large a size were destitute of such organs [of fecundation].

Sexuality (seksiuæ·liti). [ad. mod.L. **sexuālitās*: see SEXUAL *a.* and -ITY. Cf. F. *sexualité.*]

1. The quality of being sexual or having sex.

a 1800 COWPER *Wks.* (1836) VII. 320 It is on their sexuality that he has built his poem [Loves of the Plants]. 1826 KIRBY & SP. *Entomol.* III. 325 The wonderful diversity of forms.. to which mere sexuality gives rise amongst insects. 1888–4 COOKE *Brit. Fresh-w. Algæ* I. 63 Larger cœnobia,..with daughter-cœnobia enclosed within the mother, evolved without sexuality.

b. (See quot.)

1888 *Buck's Handbk. Med. Sci.* VI. 436/2 According to a strict biological definition sexuality is the characteristic of the male and female reproductive elements (genoblasts), and sex of the individuals in which the reproductive elements arise. A man has sex, a spermatozoon sexuality.

2. Possession of sexual powers, or capability of sexual feelings.

1879 J. M. DUNCAN *Dis. Wom.* xxvii. (1889) 223 In removing the ovaries, you do not necessarily destroy sexuality in a woman. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 191 Precocious sexuality..interferes with normal mental growth.

3. Recognition of or preoccupation with what is sexual; *pl.* (*nonce-use*), allusions to sexual matters.

1848 KINGSLEY *Yeast* viii, Paradise and hell..as grossly material as Mahomet's, without the honest thorough-going sexuality, which you thought made his notion logical and consistent. 1893 C. A. CLARKE *Knobstick* xiii. 137 Under the unsteady inspiration of..alcohol, there was rude and uproarious bawling of music hall ditties..and chuckling sexualities were tossed to and fro.

4. Appearance distinctive of sex.

1908 S. A. COOK *Relig. Anc. Palestine* iii. 29 [The Astarte-plaques] offer a large variety of types from the coarsest exaggeration of sexuality to highly conventionalised forms.

Sexualize (se·ksiuălәiz), *v.* [f. SEXUAL *a.* + -IZE.] *trans.* To make sexual, endow with sex, attribute sex to.

1839 *Blackw. Mag.* XLV. 462/2 The French [language].. has no resources for elevating its diction...The single misfortune of having no neuter gender,..by sexualising in all cases, neutralises the effect. 1876 FAIRBAIRN *Stud. Philos. Relig.* 31 The bright divinity of Heaven may have been sexualized and married to a goddess of Heaven before [etc.]. 1900 POSTGATE *Pref. to Mrs. H. Cust's Transl. Bréal's Semantics* 12 Even in the case of animals the sexualizing, if I may so call it, of the endings *-us* and *-a* was by no means complete.

Sexually (se·ksiuăli), *adv.* [f. SEXUAL *a.* + -LY 2.] **a.** In a sexual manner; by means of sexual congress. **b.** With respect to sex.

1655 in Hartlib *Ref. Commonw. Bees* 21 These Wormes.. engender sexually. 1863 HUXLEY *Lect. Working Men* 86 Whether we consider the reproduction..of organic beings as they take place asexually or as they may take place sexually. 1878 BELL tr. *Gegenbaur's Comp. Anat.* 131 These are developed into the sexually mature form.

Sexualogy (seksiuæ·lŏdʒi). *rare*—1. [f. SEXUAL *a.* + -LOGY.] The science of sexual relations. Hence **Sexualo·gical** *a.*, of or belonging to sexualogy.

1885 K. PEARSON *Ethic of Freeth.* xiii. (1888) 371 Not until we have ample statistics..will it be possible to lay the foundations of a real science of sexualogy. *Ibid.* 387 The whole question of Neo-Malthusianism is fraught with immense social and sexualogical difficulties.

Sexuate (se·ksiuet), *a.* *Ent.* [f. L. *sexu-s* SEX + -ATE 2.] Having sex, separated into sexes = SEXUAL *a.* So **Se·xuated** *a.*

1882 *Entomol. Mag.* Mar. 225 This last genus is sexuate; it has males and females which copulate. *Ibid.* 226 A single egg..will produce..males and females; and before these sexuated insects appear, would be seen winged insects [etc.].

Sexupare (se·ksiupeər). *Ent.* [ad. mod.L. *sexupar-um*, neut. of *sexuparus*: see next.] 'In the plant lice, one of the parents of the sexed generation, usually developed late in the season' (*Cent. Dict.* 1909).

18.. *U. S. Dept. Agr.*, Div. Entom., Bulletin 44 p. 8 (Cent.) The sexupares or return migrants.

Sexuparous (seksiū·pārəs), *a.* *Biol.* [f. mod. L. *sexupar-us*, L. *sexu-s* SEX : see -PAROUS.] Producing offspring sexually.

1899 D. SHARP *Insects* II. 586 One [series of Chermes] is wingless, and exclusively parthenogenetic,..while the other part becomes winged; these latter are called sexuparous.

†**Sexvirate.** *Obs.* *rare*—1. [ad. late L. *sexvirātus* (*sēvirātus*), f. *sexvir* (*sēvir*) one of six colleagues (back-formation from *sex virī* six men): see -ATE 1.] A body of six colleagues.

1762 tr. *Busching's Syst. Geog.* II. 374 The eldest of the six professors which constitute the sexvirate of the college is styled primicerius.

Sey 1 (sē). Also 7 **sye**, 9 **sei**. [var. of SAITHE. Cf. Norw. *sei.*] = SAITHE. Also *sey-fish*, *-pollack.*

1698 M. MARTIN *Voy. St. Kilda* (1749) 27 Their food is Herring, Mackarels, and Syes. 1842 BONNYCASTLE *Newfoundld.* I. 264 The gadus carbonarius, the sey-fish of Norway, or coal-fish. 1863 KINGSLEY in *Reader* 29 Aug. 213/1 A two-pound 'sei' (*Pollachius viridis*), the most beautiful in form and colour of all British fish. 1864 COUCH *Brit. Fishes* III. 84 Sey Pollack.

Sey 2 (sē). *Sc.* Also 8 **say**. [Of obscure origin.] (See quot. 1844.)

1719 RAMSAY *Ep. J. Arbuckle* 89 A healthfu' Stomach sharply set Prefers a Back-sey pipin het. 1724 — *Health* 259 His squeamish Stomach loaths the savory Sey. *Ibid.* Gloss., *Back-sey*, a Surloin. 1737 *Ochtertyre House Bk. Acc.* (S.H.S.) 65 Sent a hinde quarter of the cow to Gray and a fore say to Fentry. 1816 SCOTT *Antiq.* xv, He'll make as muckle about buying a forequarter o' lamb in August as about a back sey o' beef. 1819 — *Bride Lamm.* xxxiv, This bit morsel o' beef..is out o' the back sey. 1844 H. STEPHENS *Bk. Farm* II. 168 The sirloin, or back sey. The spare rib, or fore sey. [In the Scotch mode of cutting up a carcass of beef.]

Sey 3 (sei). *Sc.* and *Ulster.* Also **sie**, **sye**, etc. (see E.D.D.). Cf. SCYE. [Of obscure origin.]

1825–80 JAMIESON *s.v.*, The sey of a gown or shift is the opening in which the sleeve is inserted. S.

Sey: see SAY, SEA, SEE, SYE (sieve).

‖ **Seyal** (seyā·l). Also **sayall**. [Arab. سيال *sayāl.*] The acacia.

1844 KITTO *Phys. Hist. Palestine* vii. 251 The Arabs of the desert now use the epidermis of the *seyal*.. for tanning. 1873 TRISTRAM *Moab* ii. 36 Some fine acacia or 'seyal' trees. 1907 *Daily Chron.* 18 Nov. 8/6 The sayall bushes began to grow more densely.

Seyalle, obs. form of SEAL *sb.*2

Seybertite (sē·bəɹtəit). *Min.* [Named after H. *Seybert*: see -ITE.] A synonym of clintonite.

1833 *Amer. Jrnl. Sci.* XXIV. 171 Mr. Clemson..proposes for it [Bronzite] the trivial name of Seybertite, after the distinguished American analyst, Mr. Henry Seybert. 1854 DANA *Syst. Min.* (ed. 4) II. 297.

Seybie, Sc. variant of SYBO, young onion.

Seych, obs. Sc. form of SIGH *v.*

Seyd, var. SAYYID. **Seyde**, obs. f. SAID, SEED *sb.*

Seye, obs. f. SAY *sb.*1, *sb.*2, SAY *v.*, SEE *v.*

Seyed, var. SAYYID. **Seyen**, obs. f. SAY *v.*1

Seyer, variant of SYRE *Sc.* (gutter, drain).

Seyetyka, obs. form of SCIATICA.

Seyf(e, **Seyge**, obs. forms of SIEVE, SIEGE.

Seygnery, **-o(u)rye**, etc., obs. ff. SEIGNIORY.

Seyin, variant of SYNE *adv.*, since.

Seyk, **-nes**, obs. forms of SICK, **-NESS.**

Seyl(l(e: see SAIL, SEAL, SELE.

Seym, obs. form of SEAM *sb.*1, *sb.*2, SEEM *v.*2

Seymar, variant of SIMAR.

Seyme, obs. f. SEAM *sb.*1, *sb.*2; Sc. var. SEAM *sb.*3

Seymland, var. SEMBLAND *sb. Obs.*

Seymme, obs. form of SEEM *v.*2

Seyn: see SAY, SEE, SEEN, SENE, SYNE.

Seynct, obs. form of SAINT.

Seynd, obs. form of SIND *v.*, to rinse.

Seynd, **Seyndil**(l: see SINGED *ppl. a.*1, SENDLE.

†**Sey·ne.** *Obs.* *rare*—1. [a. OF. *seigné*, pa. pple. of *seigner* in the sense to assign, designate.] = ASSIGN *sb.*2

a 1500 *Brome Bk.* 140 [To] J. B. [and] T. P., to þe eyrys and seyneys of them.

Seyne: see SAY, SEE, SENE, SENYE, SYNE.

Seyng(e: see SAY *v.*1, SEE *v.*, SING *v.*

Seynorye, **-ourye**, obs. forms of SEIGNIORY.

†**Seynt.** *Obs.* Also 4 **saynt**, (**sayn**), **ceint**, 4–5 **seinte**, **ceynt**(e, 4–6 **seint**, 5 **saint**, (**sent**). [a. OF. *ceint* masc., *ceinte* fem. :—popular L. *cinctum* neut., *cincta* fem. (whence Sp., Pg., It. *cinto*, *cinta*) = older L. *cinctu-s* (*u*-stem), f. *cingĕre* to gird.] A girdle.

a 1350 *Assumpt. Mary* 473 in Horstm. *Altengl. Leg.* (1881) 118 A saynt°of silk..Þat was obut hir medel done. 13.. *Gaw. & Gr. Knt.* 589 With silk sayn vmbe his syde. *Ibid.* 2431. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Prol.* 329 A Sergeant of the Lawe.. Ther was..He rood but hoomly in a medlee cote Girt with a ceint [*v.rr.* ceynt, seynt, seint, sent] of silk with barres smale. 1399 LANGL. *Rich. Redeles* III. 140 For they..settith all her siluer in seintis and hornes. *c* 1400 *Ywaine & Gaw.* 1772 A riche robe als gan sho ta, And a saint of silk alswa.

1413 *Pilgr. Sowle* v. v. (1859) 76 Aungels..clothed..of reed bloody purpure, gyrd with ceyntes of gold. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 451/2 Seynt, or cors of a gyrdylle, *textum*. *c* 1530 *Crt. of Love* 817 With aureat seint about her sydes clene. 1530 PALSGR. 268/1 Seynt of a gyrdell, *tissu*.

Seynt, obs. form of SAINT, SINGED *ppl. a.*[1]

Seyntery, -tuarie, etc.: see SANCTUARY *sb.*[1]

Seynt graal, obs. form of SANGRAIL.

†Seynture. *Obs. rare*—[1]. [a. F. *ceinture*. Cf. CENTURE.] A waist-belt.

c 1400 *Beryn* 3925 The second brou3t a swerd I-shethid, with seynture I-fretid all with perelis orient & pure.

Seyntwar(e, variant forms of SAINTUAIRE *Obs.*

Seyntwary(e, obs. forms of SANCTUARY *sb.*[1]

Seynur(r)ye, Seyon: see SEIGNIORY, SCION.

†Sey·ny. *Obs.* [a. OF. *seigné* bled, or *seignée* bleeding.] Used *attrib.* in *seyny book* (= *liber sanguinatorum* in *Consuet. Mon. S. Petri Westmon.* § 317), a choir book provided for the use of monks who had lately been bled.

c 1492 in J. A. Robinson & M. R. James *MSS. Westm. Abbey* 9 Payments for the newe repairyng of the Seyny bookes. *Ibid.* 10.

Seyper, var. SIPER. **Seyroh,** obs. f. SEARCH *v.*

Seys(e, Seysere, etc., obs. ff. CEASE *v.*, SEIZER.

Seyson(e, -oun, -yne, obs. forms of SEASON *sb.*

Seyt, -tte, obs. forms of SEAT *sb.*

Seyth, obs. form of SAITHE *Sc.*; var. SYTHE.

Seyud, seyyad, -id, variant forms of SAYYID.

1824 HEBER *Jrnl.* 20 July, Real Seyuds, descendents of the prophet. 1912 *Scotsman* 5 Apr. 4 A seyyid..and twenty-four other persons..have been arrested.

Seyverne, pl. form of SEVERON *Obs.*

Seywinge, obs. form of SHOWING *vbl. sb.*

†S'fire, *int. Obs. rare*—[1]. [See 'S.] Used as a minced oath.

1791 O'KEEFFE *Wild Oats* I. i, *Sir Geo.* S'fire, my Lady.

†'Sflesh, *int. Obs.* [See 'S.] = FLESH *sb.* 9 d.

1705 [T. WALKER] *Wit of a Woman* III. 29 'Sflesh I'm a Gentleman Soldier now. *Ibid.* 30.

†'Sfoot, *int. Obs.* Also **'sfut, sfut, sfoot(e, s'fut, s'foote.** Shortened form of *God's foot*: see GOD 14 a.

1602 MARSTON *Antonio's Rev.* IV. iii, Gods neakes he has wrong, that he has: and S'fut, an I were he, I would beare no coles. 1602 — *Ant. & Mel.* V. H 3, Sfoote, a sits like Lucifer himselfe. 1606 SHAKS. *Tr. & Cr.* II. iii. 6. 1616 B. JONSON *Ev. Man in Hum.* II. iv, 'Sfoot [1598 *reads* Gods foot], I haue lost my purse, I thinke. 1662 [see FOOT *sb.* 1 b].

‖Sforzando (sfɒrtsa·ndo). *Mus.* [It., gerund of *sforzare* to force.] A musical direction indicating that the note so marked is to be specially emphasized or rendered louder than the rest. Abbreviated *sf.*, *sfz.* *Sfz. p.*, abbreviated form of *sforzando piano*, suddenly loud followed by diminuendo or piano.

1801 BUSBY *Dict. Mus.* (1811), *Sforzando*, or *Sforzato*, or SF. (Ital.). 1876 STAINER & BARRETT *Dict. Mus.* 1883 GROVE *Dict. Mus.*

b. *transf.* Increase of loudness (in speaking).

1902 R. HICHENS *Londoners* 34 'Instant destruction', he repeated, with a slight sforzando.

c. *Comb.* **sforzando coupler, pedal:** see quots.

1876 HILES *Catech. Organ* iii. (1878) 20 The Sforzando coupler is a movement for increasing the power of the Swell instantaneously. 1881 C. A. EDWARDS *Organs* 114 The sforzando pedal is a coupler of great value.

‖Sforzato (sfɒrtsā·to). *Mus.* [It., pa. pple. of *sforzare*: see prec.] = SFORZANDO.

1801 [see SFORZANDO]. 1876 STAINER & BARRETT *Dict. Mus. Terms.*

‖'Sforzato. *Obs. rare*—[1]. [Error for It. *forzato*.] A galley-slave. = FORSADO.

1605 B. JONSON *Volpone* II. ii, I was condemn'd a 'Sforzato to the Galleys, for poysoning the Cardinall Bembo's Cooke.

‖Sfumato (sfumā·to), *a. Painting.* [It., lit. 'smoked'.] (See quot. 1869.)

1847 *Manual of Oil-Painting* 126 *Sfumato.* Painted with a light, vapoury touch. 1869 EASTLAKE *Mater. Hist. Oil Painting* II. 206 Another quality which was adopted from Leonardo..was the 'sfumato' system—the imperceptible softening of the transitions in half-tints and shadows.

†S'gad, *int. Obs. rare*—[1]. = EGAD.

1731 FIELDING *Eurydice* Wks. 1771 III. 212 *Auth.* Ay! s'gad, I should as soon have suspected half the Dutchmen to be dancing-masters.

Sge, early ME. form of SHE.

‖Sgraffito (sgrafi·tō). Also 7 **sgrafit.** Pl. **sgraffiti** (sgrafi·tī). [It.: see GRAFFITO; the prefix *s-* represents L. *ex-* (see Ex-).] (See quots. Cf. GRAFFITO.)

1730 BAILEY (fol.), *Sgrafit*, a method of Painting in black and white only, not in *fresco*. 1847 *Manual of Oil-Painting* 126 *Sgraffito.* A kind of bold design, in black and white, done by scratching a wall where it was purposely painted of the former hue. 1847 EASTLAKE *Mater. Hist. Oil Painting* I. 150 Works so produced must have resembled the *nielli*, or, on a small scale, the *sgraffiti* of the Italians. 1902 BALDRY *Mod. Mural Decoration* 101 The term sgraffito is now limited to a particular method of scratching lines upon a plaster surface...The plaster is so laid that the incisions in an upper coat reveal a lower stratum of a contrasting colour.

attrib. 1883 *L'pool Daily Post*, Panels in Sgraffito work. 1886 *Offic. Catal. Col. & Ind. Exhib.* 53 Layer upon layer of coloured lac are laid. Then, with a stylus, these coats are scratched through in a manner analogous to Italian *sgraffito* decoration.

b. *Pottery.*

1889 C. T. DAVIS *Pract. Treat. Bricks*, etc. xv. 463 Each clay is to be separately compressed, unless sgraffito effects are desired. 1897 SPARKES & GANDY *Potters* 237 The introduction, in 1867–1870, of the 'Doulton-ware Sgraffito' pottery. These were vases and jugs made in the common pipe-clay, with simple incised or stamped patterns, coloured equally simply.

SH, a consonantal digraph representing the simple sound (ʃ). In late OE. this sound was represented by the combination *sc*, which retained its original phonetic value (sk) only in words of foreign origin. The sound (ʃ) did not exist in early OF., and hence the early ME. texts, written by French-educated scribes, show great diversity of attempts to find expression for it. The OE. notation by *sc* became rare after the 12th c. Some scribes of the 12–13th c. used the single *s* initially and finally. More frequent was *ss* (used in all positions), which is found as late as 1340 (*Ayenbite*). In medial and final positions *ssh* was common from the 13th to the 16th c.; Coverdale (1535) has frequently *szsh*, sometimes *szh* (but also often *sh*). The prevailing form from the end of the 12th c. to the end of the 14th c. was *sch* (initially; in other positions it was less frequent); in the north it was common down to the end of the 16th c. In the 13th c. we occasionally find *sge, sȝe, sze* for *she* (rarely *sȝ* or *sz* in other words), and in the 14–15th c. some East Anglian scribes wrote *xal, xulde* for *shall, should*. In ME. texts the suffix *-ship* is often written *-chipe*, and sometimes *ch* occurs as the symbol of (ʃ) in other positions.

The combination *sh* (probably to be regarded as a simplification of *sch*) is regularly used in the *Ormulum* *c* 1200 and frequently in the *Trinity College Homilies* of about the same date. It is the usual symbol in the London documents of the 14th c. and in the MSS. of Chaucer, and from the time of Caxton onwards it has been the established notation for (ʃ) in all words except those which (as *machine, schedule, Asia*, the derivatives in *-tion*, etc.) are spelt unphonetically on etymological grounds.

In some compounds as *dishonest, mishap, Gateshead, s* and *h* come together without forming a digraph. The pronunciation of some proper names in which this sequence occurs has been affected by misinterpretation of the spelling; e.g. Evesham is often called (ī·vʃăm), Petersham (pī·təɹʃăm).

Sh (ʃ), *int.* Also written **'sh** (as if an abbrev. of *hush*). An exclamation used to enjoin silence or noiselessness; = HUSH *int.* The reduplication or prolongation of the sound is indicated by *sh-sh, s-s-sh*, and the like (see quots.).

1847 *Man in the Moon* II. 114 He..imposed silence by a long-drawn S-s-s-s-s-s-sh! 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* xix, When anybody entered the room, she uttered a *shshshsh* so sibilant and ominous, that it frightened the poor old lady in her bed. 1867 MISS BROUGHTON *Cometh Up* xxvi, Sh! Sh! don't make a scene! 1883 HOWELLS *Register* ii. in *Harper's Mag.* Dec. 79/2 'Sh! Listen. 1893 ASHBY-STERRY *Naughty Girl* vii. 66 S-s-sh! Don't make a noise!

b. Used (in reduplicated form) to express a low faint rustling or swishing sound. Cf. SHISH.

1878 BESANT & RICE *Monks of Thelema* xli, The gardener's boy sharpened his scythe musically, and then began again his low and gentle sh-sh-sh over the lawn.

Sh-, sh', formerly used for *she* in certain elisions, as *sh'as* for *she has'*.

1575 *Gammer Gurton's Needle* III. iv. 8 Shase as much wyt in her head almost as chaue in mine! *Ibid.* IV. ii. 23 Chad thought shad stopt hir throte. 1611 MIDDLETON & DEKKER *Roaring Girl* II. i. D 1 b, Life, sh'as the Spirit of foure great parishes. 1620 *Westward for Smelts* (Percy Soc.) 20 Twice thirtie yeeres, Sha'd past with cares. 1631 KNEVET *Rhodon & Iris* III. i. E 3, Sometimes sh'applauds a pavement-sweeping traine.

Sh., abbreviation of *shilling.*

1607–8 *Aberd. Acc.* in *Spalding Club Miscell.* V. 135 Item, for four bnistis, at ten sh. the buist, is 2 lib. 1730 A. MALCOLM *Syst. Arith.* 79 The Sum is 68*d.* which I divide by 12 (because 12*d.* = 1 *sh.*).

‖Sha (ʃā). [? Shortened f. SHAPOO.] The oorial (*Ovis cycloceros*). Also applied to *O. vignei.*

1842 VIGNE *Trav. Kashmir* II. 280 The Shâ is a tragelaphus, or goat-deer. 1893 LYDEKKER *Horns & Hoofs* 77 The so-called sha (Ovis-vignei) of the upper Indus valley. 1894 *Lydekker's Roy. Nat. Hist.* II. 223 The Asiatic wild sheep known in the Punjab as the urial, but in Ladak as the sha.

Sha, obs. form of SHAH.

Shaake, Shaar(e, Shaarpe, obs. ff. SHAKE, SHARE, SHARP.

Shab (ʃæb), *sb.* Forms: 1 **sceabb, scæb, sceb,** 3 **schabbe,** 4 **shabbe,** 4– **shab.** [OE. *sceabb* masc. corresponding to ON. **skabbr* SCAB *sb.*, f. Teut. root **skab-* to scratch, SHAVE:—Indogermanic **skābh-*, whence L. *scabiēs* itch, *scabĕre* (perf. *scābī*) to scratch. From the same root are Flem. dial. *schab* (Kilian *schabbe*), mod.G. *schäbe* (*schabe*, dial. *schabbe*) itch.]

1. = SCAB *sb.* 1–3. Now only *dial.*, a cutaneous disease in sheep (= SCAB *sb.* 2).

c 897 K. ÆLFRED *Gregory's Past. Care* xi. 70 Se hæfð singalne sceabb se þe næfre ne hlinð unzestæddiznesse. *c* 1000 *Sax. Leechd.* I. 322 Eac hyt afeormaþ ðone leahtor..þe hy achoras nemnað þæt ys sceb [*v. r.* scæb]. *c* 1290 *St. Francis* 309 in *S. Eng. Leg.* 62 Þo hi-gan þe souwe a-non..To beo ful of schabbe and of buyles. 13.. *Pol. Songs* (1839) 239 He shrapeth on is shabbes. 1382 WYCLIF *Lev.* xxii. 22 Litil bleynes, or shab, or drye round shab. 1806 *Med. Jrnl.* XV. 518 They were afflicted, not with the sheep-pox, but with the scab, or shab. 1810 *Sporting Mag.* XXXV. 30 Our poor kiddy..which died yesterday of the shab. 1825 LOUDON *Encycl. Agric.* § 6522 (Sheep) The scab, shab, ray, or rubbers. 1886 *W. Somerset Word-bk., Shab*, scab in sheep.

2. *slang.* A low fellow (= SCAB *sb.* 4). ? *Obs.*

1637 BASTWICK *Litany* I. 19 Neither are those Shabs for any merit in themselues..worthy to giue guts vnto a beare. 1735 DYCHE & PARDON *Dict.*, *Shab*, a mean, sorry, pitiful Fellow, one that is guilty of low Tricks &c. 1837 BAYLY *Songs & Ball.* (1844) II. 40, I belong to the Club, which is very genteel—We ne'er let a Scamp or a Shab in. 1851 BORROW *Lavengro* xcviii, 'Any name but that, you shab,' said Black Jack.

Shab (ʃæb), *v. Obs.* exc. *dial.* [Of obscure origin; sense 2 suggests connexion with SHAB *sb.* 2.]

1. *trans.* with *off*: **a.** To get rid of; get (a person) out of the way.

1677 W. HUBBARD *Narrative* Postscr, T 3 b, Certain Nipnets intended to have sheltred themselves under Vncas; but he perceiving it would be distastful to the English, soon shab'd them off. 1698 FARQUHAR *Love & Bottle* IV. iii, I have shabb'd him off purely. *a* 1824 in Mactaggart *Gallovid. Encycl.* 347 They shab'd puir Thomas aff to hell Wi nimble feet. 1828 CROKER *Fairy Leg. S. Irel.* II. 212 But when that [money] was gone..they soon shabbed him off.

b. To put (a person) off *with* (something inferior or unsatisfactory). Cf. FOB *v.* 3.

1840 J. P. KENNEDY *Quodlibet* iii. (1860) 61, I hold the people in too much esteem to shab them off with anything of a secondary quality.

2. *intr.* with *off* or *away*: To slink away, sneak off. Also, to fall away from one's engagement.

a 1700 B. E. *Dict. Cant. Crew, Shab'd off*, sneakt, or slid away. 1720 *Humourist* 185 And so the fat Parson shabb'd off. 1829 BROCKETT *N. C. Words, Shab-off, Shab-away*, to sneak away. 1880 *W. Cornw. Gloss.* s. v., He wanted to shab-off without paying.

b. (See quot.)

1755 JOHNSON, To *Shab* v. n., to play mean tricks; a low barbarous cant word.

†3. *trans.* ? To rob. *Obs.*

1787 W. HUTTON *Courts of Requests* xxxvii. 187 He bore it like a philosopher; to be shabbed was nothing new, he had often lost everything he had, but himself.

†Shabaroon, shabroon. *slang. Obs.* Also 7 **shabberoon, 9 shabbaroon.** [? f. SHAB *sb.*, after *picaroon*.] A disreputable person, ragamuffin.

a 1700 B. E. *Dict. Cant. Crew, Shabberoon*, a Ragamuffin. 1703 E. WARD *London Spy* XV. (1706) 366 Poor loose Shabroons in Bawdy-Houses Bred. 1762–7 T. BRIDGES *Hom. Trav.* (1797) II. 11 That no more rogues to-day may drop, Go you and all your shabroons stop. 1797 MRS. A. M. BENNETT *Beggar Girl* (1813) I. 21 Letting a tribe of shabroons and painted Jezebels into their honest house. 1838 *New Monthly Mag.* LIV. 214 If..a recognition from a coroneted carriage stamps you a lord,..the notice of a shabaroon can be nothing less than a hint to your tailor to send in his bill. 1847 HALLIWELL, *Shabbaroon*, a mean shabby fellow.

attrib. 1786 MRS. A. M. BENNETT *Juvenile Indiscr.* V. 56 Trap answered, he believed he had nobody belonging to him worth seeking after, for that he was but a shabroon sort of a gem'man.

Shabbaron, obs. form of CHAPERON.

Shabbaroon, variant of SHABABOON.

Shabbed, *a. Obs.* exc. *dial.* Forms: 1 **sceabbede, scæbbede,** 4–5 **schabbed, shabbid,** -**yd,** 7– **shabbed.** [f. SHAB *sb.* + -ED[2]. Cf. SCABBED.]

1. Afflicted with scab or scabs; = SCABBED *a.* 1.

a 1100 in Napier *O. E. Glosses* 126/4929 *Purulentus*, scæbbede [*v. r.* sceabbede], ættræn. 1362 LANGL. *P. Pl. A.* VIII. 17 Hou heore schabbede schep schal heore wolle saue. *a* 1400–50 *Stockh. Med. MS.* 101 For schabbed hands.

2. = SHABBY.

1674 R. GODFREY *Inf. & Abus. Physick* 63 The Chymical Doctor..offered him his help contrary to his custome, (for I believe he hateth that shabbed trick of asking people to buy health). *a* 1687 COTTON *Poems* (1689) 94 We..Had happy been had we chang'd features, Garments at least, though theirs he shabbed, With those who that cold place inhabit. 1716 HEARNE *Collect.* (O.H.S.) V. 210 He died in a shabbed Condition, as he lived. 1891 'M. GRAY' *In Heart of Storm* Prol. i. I. 28 My best bonnet was that shabbed I didn't like to go to church of a fine Sunday.

Shabberoon, variant of SHABAROON.

Shabbify (ʃæ·bifəi), *v. nonce-wd.* [f. SHABBY *a.* + -FY.] *trans.* To make shabby.

1866 *All Year Round* 9 June 518 Walking over Mont Cenis ..has somewhat shabbified my travelling attire.

Shabbily (ʃæ·bili), *adv.* [-LY 2.] In a shabby manner (see the adj.).

1755 JOHNSON, *Shabbily*, meanly; reproachfully; despicably; paltrily. A cant word. 1756 MRS. DELANY *Autobiog.* (1861) III. 417 Madame de Sevigné goes on but shabbily: this cold weather numbs my faculties. 1781 J. RIPLEY *Sel. Orig. Lett.* 47 The caparisons upon his horse, shabbily splendid. 1821 J. W. CROKER *Diary* 12 June, Burdett.. comes shabbily off, for he denies a meaning which his words have. 1829 LYTTON *Devereux* III. vi, A little dark man, shabbily dressed. 1870 MISS BRIDGMAN *R. Lynne* II. ii. 23 The rooms were furnished shabbily. 1879 F. W. ROBINSON *Coward Consc.* IV. i, Fanny behaved so shabbily to your brother.

Shabbiness (ʃæ·binės). [-NESS.] The quality or state of being shabby (in various senses).

1711 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 31 ₱ 1 The Shabbiness of his Dress. 1712 STEELE *Ibid.* No. 264 ₱ 2 His gay Shabbyness of Clothes. 1827 SYD. SMITH *Cath. Quest.* Wks. 1859 II. 120/1 Explaining away this sale of your soul by every species of falsehood, shabbiness, and equivocation. 1863 MISS BRADDON *Eleanor's Vict.* I. i. 3 In spite of..the shabbiness of her straw bonnet. 1899 DOYLE *Duel* (1909) 69/1 His occasional shabbiness in money matters.

Shabble: see SHABLE.

Shabby (ʃæ·bi), *a.* [f. SHAB *sb.* + -Y. Cf. SCABBY; also LG. *schabbig, schäbbig*, MHG. *schebic* (mod.G. *schäbig* = sense 1 below).

'A word that has crept into conversation and low writing; but ought not to be admitted into the language' (J.).]

1. That has lost its newness or freshness of appearance; dingy and faded from wear or exposure. Said of clothes, furniture, houses, etc.

1685 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 2070/4 Having a Gray Coloured Coat and a shabby Perriwig. 1716 LADY M. W. MONTAGU *Let. to C'tess of Bristol* 22 Aug., In the other, you see a sort of shabby finery. 1763 R. LLOYD *New-River Head* II With the drap'ry she had got Within her little shabby cot. 1765 GOLDSM. *Ess.* xxi. [vi.] ₱ 1 A man in very shabby cloaths. 1838 DICKENS *Nich. Nick.* xvi, There was a stream of people pouring into a shabby house. 1866 G. MACDONALD *Ann. Q. Neighb.* vi. (1878) 82 It was an old book in very shabby binding. 1884 W. C. SMITH *Kildrostan* 65, I should have been a poacher In shabby velveteen. 1889 JESSOPP *Coming of Friars* iii. 123 The surest token that a monastery was in a bad way was that its church was in a shabby condition.

b. Of persons, their appearance, etc.: Poorly-dressed, 'seedy'.

1669 OGILBY *Odyss.* XXIII. 334 Shabby my looks, so mean my garments be, That for her lord she'll not acknowledge me. 1688 CLARENDON *Diary* 7 Dec., They were very shabby fellows, pitifully mounted, and worse armed. *a* 1700 B. E. *Dict. Cant. Crew, Shabby*, in poor, sorry Rigging. 1782 MISS BURNEY *Cecilia* II. i, [She] was shewn, by a little shabby footboy, into a parlour. 1882 MISS BRADDON *Mt. Royal* II. ix. 179 He lived with a shabby old half-pay father.

c. *transf.* Discreditably inferior in quality, making a poor appearance.

1820 LADY GRANVILLE *Lett.* (1894) I. 191 Excuse this shabby letter. 1824 SYD. SMITH *Wks.* (1859) II. 46/2 We Scotch, who live in a little shabby scraggy corner of a remote island. 1852 THACKERAY *Esmond* II. xiv, My Lord Duke's entertainments were both seldom and shabby. 1865 MILL *Exam. Hamilton* 448 Who, then, would expect such shabby, not arguments, but mists of arguments, as the author presents us with. 1880 E. A. FREEMAN in W. R. W. Stephens *Life & Lett.* (1895) II. 198 Unless they have mended their ways at Laon since 1869, you will bear the shabbiest of masses there.

2. Of persons, their actions, etc.: Contemptibly mean, ungenerous, or dishonourable. Often applied, in a lighter tone, to conduct which is less friendly or generous than one had hoped for.

1679 J. SHEFFIELD (Dk. Buckhm.) *Charac. Tory* Wks. 1729 II. 66 These shabby fellows who pretend to be robbed. *a* 1720 SEWEL *Hist. Quakers* VII. (1722) 374 Among these was a shabby Fellow, who to get Victuals without working, had thrust himself among the Quakers. 1763 LD. HOLLAND in Jesse *Selwyn & Contemp.* (1843) I. 270 Stephen gives his compliments, but says you left Paris in a shabby manner. 1840 THACKERAY *Bedford-Row Consp.* i, It was voted a shabby excuse. 1850 SMEDLEY *Frank Fairlegh* XV, It would be horribly shabby of you to desert us now. 1892 W. S. GILBERT *Mountebanks* I, What shabby things a man will do when he's eaten up with jealousy.

b. Mean or ungenerous in giving or paying.

1766 [ANSTEY] *Bath Guide* v. 7 So I took out my Purse, as I hate to be shabby. 1863 P. BARAY *Dockyard Econ.* 154 The Admiralty, always generous to profusion to unworthy people,..is shabby to the sailor.

c. Of a gift or the like: Small or poor as estimated by the giver's means.

1753 MISS COLLIER *Art Torment.* II. iii. (1811) 139 Make him some shabby allowance, hardly enough to keep him from starving. 1857 LIVINGSTONE *Trav. S. Africa* iii. 68, I, being..familiar with their customs, knew that this shabby present was an insult to us.

3. † a. ? Dirty, muddy. *Obs. rare*—1.

1705 BERKELEY *Cave of Dunmore* Wks. 1871 IV. 504 A spacious vault, the bottom whereof is always shabby by reason of the continual distillation of rock-water.

b. *dial.* Of weather: Wet and unpleasant.

1855 *Whitby Gloss.* s. v., A wet shabby day.

4. Of the pulse: Weak.

1843 R. J. GRAVES *Syst. Clin. Med.* xiv. 175 His pulse was 140 in a minute and remarkably shabby. 1906 *Brit. Med. Jrnl.* 13 Jan. 70 A rapid shabby pulse.

5. *dial.* Diseased with 'shab' or scab; = SCABBY 1. App. the original meaning, though not recorded early.

1825 JENNINGS *Obs. Dial. W. Eng.* 66 *Shabby*, affected with the shab. 1886 *W. Somerset Word-bk.* s. v., They sheep be shabby.

6. *Comb.*, as †*shabby-looked*, *-looking* adjs.

1705 MRS. CENTLIVRE *Gamester* I. i, But, Sir, here was a kind of a—kind of a shabby-look'd fellow. 1853 KANE *Grinnell Exp.* xl. (1856) 365 We are an uncouth, snobby, and withal, shabby-looking set of varlets.

Sha·bby-genteel, *a.* Attempting to look genteel and keep up appearances in spite of shabbiness. Also *absol.*

1754 in *Connoisseur* No. 25. 146 The numerous fraternity of the shabby-genteel, who are the chief support of the clothiers in Monmouth-street. 1800 HELENA WELLS *Const. Neville* (ed. 2) II. 342 A tall meagre female,..whose habiliments might come under the description of shabby genteel. 1821 W. COBBETT *Rur. Rides* (1885) I. 50 Shabby-genteel houses, surrounded with dead fences, and things called gardens. 1868 ALEX. SMITH *Last Leaves* 76 He has.. a feeling of respect for shabby-genteel virtues. 1874 MICKLETHWAITE *Mod. Par. Churches* 341 A shabby-genteel imitation of an expensive building.

Hence **Shabby-gentility.**

1836 DICKENS *Sk. Boz, Charac.* x, This compound of the two—this shabby-gentility.

Sha·bbyish, *a.* [-ISH.] Somewhat shabby.

1830 CARLYLE *Let.* 21 Aug. in Froude *Life* (1882) II. 120 A cold-hearted, shabbyish, dandy parson. 1864 BURTON *Scot Abr.* I. i. 25 The advancement of one of his brothers from the shabbyish bishopric of Poitiers to the brilliant see of Paris.

Shable, shabble (ʃæ·b'l). *Sc.* Also 7 **shabel, schable.** [ad. It. *sciabla, sciabola*, or Hungarian *száblya*, Polish *szabla*, parallel forms to Du. *sabel*, G. *sabel* (now *säbel*): see SABLE *sb.*3, SABRE.]

1. A sabre or curved sword.

'Now generally used to denote an old rusty sword' (Jam.).

1632 LITHGOW *Trav.* v. 208 Shables, or short crooked swords. 1683 SIR J. TURNER *Pallas Arm.* 171 The Persians, Turks, Russians, Polonians, and Hungarians, for most part wear Scimiters and Shables. 1689 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 414/2 One of them had his left Arm cut off with one blow of a Schable or Polish sword. 1749 CROOKSHANK *Hist. Ch. Scot.* II. 22 At last, the Commander struck him with a shabble on the face. 1818 SCOTT *Rob Roy* XXVIII, He tugged for a second or two at the hilt of his *shabble*, as he called it. 1895 CROCKETT *Men of Mosshags* 75 He would strike them on the face with the basket hilt of his shable.

2. 'Any little person or thing' (Jam.).

1842 CARLYLE *Let.* 19 Apr. in Froude *Life Lond.* (1884) I. ix. 251 Fly away with your shabble of a Duke.

‖ **Shabracque, shabrack** (ʃæ·bræk). Also 9 **shubrach, (chabrague, shabrag), schabraque, shabraque.** [a. G. *schabracke*, F. *schabraque* (also *chabraque*), from some lang. of Eastern Europe: cf. Russ. чапракъ, Czech *čabrak*(*a, čapraka, šabraka*, Magyar *csabrág*, Turkish چاپراق *čāprāg*.] A saddle-cloth used in European armies.

c 1808 PORTER *Russ. & Swed.* (1813) II. xxxi. 59 The leopard-skin shubrach (or saddle covering). 1821 *Sporting Mag.* VII. 151 A saddle-cloth vying in size with the shabrack of a heavy dragoon. 1838 *Hist. Rec. Life Guards* 190 Sheepskin Shabraques, black for the Officers, and white for the Men. 1865 MILLER *Equipm. Artillery* 74 Shabraque... Worn by officers of horse brigades only. 1904 *Dress Regulat. Officers* 17, 18 Shabracque. 1908 BAIN *Slav. Europe* 213 Their..shabracks ablaze with precious stones.

Sha·b-rag, *a.* and *sb. dial.* and *slang.*

A. *adj.* Shabby, damaged, the worse for wear.

1762–7 T. BRIDGES *Hom. Trav.* (1797) II. 254 None of your Bromingham affairs, Nor any such like shabrag wares, But good new halfpence from the mint, With honest George's face in print. 1880 *W. Cornw. Gloss.* s. v. *Horny-wink*, An old tumble-down house has been revilingly described as an old shabrag horny-wink place.

B. *sb.* A mean beggarly person, a ragamuffin.

1828 [CARR] *Craven Gloss.* 1829 BROCKETT *N. C. Words.* 1869 R. B. PEACOCK *Lonsdale Gloss.* 1879 MISS JACKSON *Shropsh. Word-bk., Shab-rag*, a term of contempt applied to persons of dirty, depraved appearance.

Shabroon: see SHABAROON.

†Shabub; shawbubbe. *Obs.* [app. repr. G. † *schabab*, explained as black coriander; f. *schab ab* imper. of *abschaben* to get away, be off.] Alleged name for the plant Honesty (*Lunaria biennis*).

1548 TURNER *Names Herbes* (E.D.S.) 85 It maye be called in englishe great Lunari. Some cal it Shabub. 1568 — *Herbal* III. 52 Some call this herbe Shawbubbe.

‖ **Shabunder** (ʃābv·ndəɹ). Forms: 7 **sabandar(e, -er, sabendor, savendar; shabandar, xabandar, shawbander, chabandar, -er,** 7–8 **shabander, -bender, shah-, shawbunder,** 8 **shebandar,** 9 **shahbendar.** [a. Pers. شاهبندر *shāh-bandar*, lit. 'king of the port'. Cf. Pg. *xabandar*.] 'The title of an officer at native ports all over the Indian seas, who was the chief authority with whom foreign traders and ship-masters had to transact. He was often also head of the Customs' (Yule).

1599 J. DAVIS in Purchas *Pilgrims* (1625) I. III. 120 The Sabandar tooke off my Hat, and put a Roll of white linnen about my head. *c* 1603 *Ibid.* 161 The Sauendar, or Gouernour of the Citie. 1606 *Sir H. Middleton's Last East-Ind. Voy.* E 4, Then came the Sabendor with light, and brought the Generall to his house. 1613 in Purchas *Pilgrims* (1625) I. IV. 462 The Xabandar. 1619 in Foster *Eng. Factories Ind.* (1906) I. 150 Choja Hasanaly, Shabandar. 1628 *Ibid.* III. 212 Cojah Tellaldine, Shawbander or admirall of this port. 1678 J. PHILLIPS tr. *Tavernier's Trav.* II. 18 The Chabander and Mint-master are very observant to the Company.

1698 FRYER *Acc. E. India & P.* 98 The Shawbunder..who is King of the Port, or Chief Customer. *a* 1711 in C. Lockyer *Acc. Trade India* 223 The *Shabander* or Custom-Master. 1795 M. SYMES *Embassy Ava* (1800) 160 The important office of Shawbunder, or intendant of the port, and receiver of the port customs. 1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) XVIII. 62/2 At Batavia..the Shabander exacts a dollar *per* peculum all sugar exported. [1833–5 LANE *Mod. Egyptians* (1836) I. 137 The Shah-bendar (chief of the Merchants of Cairo).]

Shach, obs. form of SHAH.

Shachle, variant of SHAUCHLE *v. Sc.*

Shack (ʃæk), *sb.*1 Now *dial.* [f. *shack*, dial. variant of SHAKE *v.* Cf. SHAKE *sb.*1 2 e.]

1. Grain fallen from the ear, and available for the feeding of pigs, poultry, etc., after the harvest; a supply of fallen grain for this purpose. Also, fallen beech-mast or acorns.

1536 *Rolls House MS.* in Froude *Hist. Eng.* (1185–6) III. 93 *note*, Able and sufficient with the help of the shakke in the stubbe to succour and feed as many great beasts..as the land would keep. 1563 *Homilies* II. *Rogat. Week* IV. 251 b, The common balkes and walkes, whiche good men before tyme, made the greater and broder,..partlye for the better shacke in haruest tyme, to the more comfort of his poore neyghbours cattell. 1764 *Museum Rust.* III. lxxiv. 322 [Produce of farm (Suffolk)] One hundred coomb of wheat.. £75 0 0. Shack for cattle, £1 10 0. 1802 *Sport. Mag.* XX. 64 Lonely watch'd he the grunters all day, As they rooted the stubbles for shack. 1823 E. MOOR *Suffolk Words* 337 *Shack*, the corn left in a barley or pea field, after the crop has been carried. Pigs and poultry are then turned in 'to shack'. 'Tha's good shack in that there fillď. *a* 1825 FORBY *Voc. E. Anglia, Shack*...The shaken grain remaining on the ground when harvest and gleaning are over; or, in woodland countries, the acorns, or mast under the trees. 1858 *U. S. Newspaper* in J. F. Morgan *Eng. Norm. Occup.* iii. 57 *note*, The woods in the vicinity of Sandusky..were frequented by vast numbers of wild hogs, which..grew fat upon the shack which every where abounded.

2. a. In phrase *to be, go* or *run at shack, to go to shack*, said of pigs, poultry, etc., when turned into the stubble to feed on the 'shack' (sense 1) after the harvest. Hence b. The right of sending pigs or poultry to 'run at shack' on another's land after the harvest; also, in extended sense, the right of pastnring cattle in winter on another's land.

1629 COKE *Rep.* VII. II. 5 Cenx parolx, daler Shack, sont tant adire comme daler a libertie ou daler alarge. *Ibid.*, Le dit common appel Shacke. 1641 *Termes de la Ley* 247 *Shack* is a peculiar name of Common, used in the Countrey of Norfolke. 1706 PHILLIPS (ed. Kersey), *Shack*, (in Norfolk and Suffolk) the liberty of Winter-Pasturage;..Also a Custom in Norfolk to have Common for Hogs, from the end of Harvest till Seed-time in all Mens Grounds: Whence *to go at Shack* in that County, signifies as much as to go at large. 1787 W. H. MARSHALL *Norfolk* (1795) II. 387 *Shack.* Stock turned into the stubbles after harvest are said to be at shack. Grounds lying open to common fields are said to 'lie quite shack'.

c. *attrib.*, as *shack-land, -time* (cf. SHAKE-*time*).

1821 *Monthly Repos.* Feb. 97/1 A great part..of our lands were formerly *shack lands, of which the occupant had the use only whilst his crop was on, the land then reverting to the community for pasturage. 1573–80 TUSSER *Husb.* (1878) 42 Yoke seldom thy swine while the *shacktime doth last. *Ibid.*, Where loue among neighbors do beare any stroke, While shacktime indureth men use not to yoke. *a* 1825 FORBY *Voc. E. Anglia, Shack-time*, the time when pigs are at shack.

3. An animal or animals 'at shack'.

1842 C. W. JOHNSON *Farmer's Encycl.* 1087/1 *Shack*,.. the stock turned upon the stubble after harvest. 1859 *All Year Round* No. 33. 160 The pig is an admirable gleaner, 'a shack' they call him in Norfolk.

Shack, *sb.*2 *dial.* and *U.S.* [? Short for SHACK-BAG. Cf. SHAKE *sb.*2]

1. An idle disreputable fellow, a vagabond.

1682 HICKERINGILL *Black Non-Conf.* Concl. 64 Such vile Shacks as will swear an hundred Oaths for Nothing, or a Whisker for Something. *a* 1734 NORTH *Exam.* II. iv. § 120 (1740) 293 Great Ladies are more apt to take Sides with talking flattering Gossips than such a Shack as Fitzharris. *c* 1800 *Derbysh. Rhyme* in W. Andrews *Bk. Oddities* (1882) 84 Ripley ruffians, Butterley blacks, Swanwick bull-dogs, Alfreton shacks. 1862 BORROW *Wales* lxxviii, A fellow.. having much the appearance of a town shack. 1892 HOLE *Mem.* xvi. 192 The shack is a man [in Notts] who objects to regular employment, but can and will do anything except ordinary work.

2. 'A worthless horse; a plug' (Webster 1911).

Shack, *sb.*3 *U.S.* and *Canadian.* [Of obscure origin.

The late J. Platt, Jun., suggested (*N. & Q.* Ser. x. XII. 306/2) that the source might be the Mexican *jacal*, Aztec *xacalli*, wooden hut. Cf. SHACKLE *sb.*1]

A roughly built cabin or shanty of logs, mud, etc.

1881 *N. Y. Times* 18 Dec. in *N. & Q.* Ser. VI. V. 65/2 The average 'shack' comprises but one room, and is customarily roofed with earth, supported by poles. 1882 *Century Mag.* Sept. 774/1 He [a stockman in the north-west] lives, as a rule, in a wretched dirt-roof 'shack'.

b. *attrib.* and *Comb.*

1885 *Home Missionary* (N. Y.) Mar. 426 The rude shack-like store has changed to an imposing structure of stone. 1909 *N. Y. Even. Post* 4 Feb. in Thornton *Amer. Gloss.* s. v., An Italian was murdered in his bunk by his shack-mate.

Shack, *sb.*4 *U.S.* Also (in comb.) **shag-.** [Of obscure origin.

There is some affinity of meaning with SHACK *sb.*1 1.]

1. Bait picked up at sea, refuse fish, flesh of porpoises or of sea-birds, etc., as distinguished from

regular bait carried on the vessel. More fully *shack-bait*. Also *attrib.*, *shack-fisherman*, *-fishing*.

1891 in *Century Dict.*; and in later Dicts. 1897 KIPLING *Capt. Cour.* 75, 'I mistrust shag-fishin' will pay better, ez things go.' That meant the boys would bait with selected offal of the cod as the fish were cleaned.

2. A catch of sea-fish, made up of cheap varieties, esp. of the cod species. Also *attrib.* or *adj.*

1904 *Rep. Mass. Comm. Fisheries & Game* 78 (Cent. Suppl.) Such fish, tumbled in together, without effort at classification, are known as shack. *Ibid.*, At first a shack trip referred particularly to a voyage on which cheap species of fishes constituted the bulk of the catch.

†Shack, *a.*[1] *Obs. rare.* [? Evolved from SHACK-HAIRED *a.*] Shaggy.

1577 HARRISON *Descr. Scot.* vii. 9/1 in *Holinshed*, White Bulles with shack [1587, p. 13/2 shackt] beares and curled manes like fierce Lions.

Shack, *a.*[2] *dial.* [f. SHACK *sb.*[1]] Used predicatively in phrase *to lie shack*, said of land so situated as to be liable to 'shack'.

1787 [see SHACK *sb.*[1] 2].

Shack (ʃæk), *v.*[1] *dial.* [f. SHACK *sb.*[1]]

†1. *intr.* ? To 'run at shack' (in quot. *transf.*).

1674 N. FAIRFAX *Bulk & Selv.* 196 Those rayes of other atoms that are shacking all over the worlds wasts.

2. *trans.* To turn (pigs or poultry, etc.) into stubble-fields; also, of animals, to feed on (stubble). Also *intr.* to feed *upon* stubble.

[1658– cf. *shaking-time*: SHAKING *vbl. sb.* 4.] *a* 1825 FORBY *Voc. E. Anglia*, *Shack*..To turn pigs or poultry into the stubble-fields, to feed on the scattered grain. 1867 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* Ser. II. II. 533 They [turkeys] are then sold..to the larger farmers to 'shack' upon the barley or oat stubbles. 1887 SUFFLING *Land of Broads* 253 *Shack*, to turn cattle out to graze after the corn has been carted. *a* 1904 in *Eng. Dial. Dict.* s.v. *Shake* 9 The pigs shack the barley.

Shack, *v.*[2] *dial.* [f. SHACK *sb.*[2], or of cognate formation. Cf. SHACKLE *v.*[2] (sense 2).]

1. *intr.* To idle away one's time; to loaf *about*.

1787 [implied in *Shacking* ppl. a., see below]. *a* 1825 FORBY *Voc. E. Anglia*, *Shack*..To rove about; as a stroller or mendicant. 1865 *Good Words* Feb. 125/2 What makes the work come so heavy at the end of the week, is, that the men are 'shacking' at the beginning. 1896 E. PHILLIPS OPPENHEIM *False Evid.* xxvi, What would you have me do? Shack about with my hands in my pocket all day?

2. *Western U.S.* 'To hibernate, as an animal, especially the bear: also said of men who "lay up" or "hole up" for the winter, or go into winter quarters' (*Cent. Dict.* 1891).

Hence **Sha·cking** *ppl. a.* (in sense 1).

1787 W. H. MARSHALL *Norfolk* (1795) II. 387 *Shacking*, a shabby rambling fellow (living at shack). 1881 *Dr. Gheist* 227 I'm tired enough of this shacking night-work. 1891 *Rutland Words* Add., *Shacking*, idle good-for-nothing. He's a shacking chap.

Shack, *v.*[3] *U.S.* [Of obscure origin.] *trans.* 'To go after, as a ball batted to a distance' (*Cent. Dict.* 1891); 'to chase and fetch, as a batted ball' (*Funk's Stand. Dict.* 1895).

Shack, dial. variant of SHAKE *sb.* and *v.*

Shackage (ʃæ·kėdʒ). [f. SHACK *sb.*[1]] The turning (of pigs, etc.) into the stubble or 'shack'. Also *attrib.*

1885 W. RYE *Hist. Norfolk* 59 *note*, Open fields over which the manor tenants had grazing and shackage rights during certain times of year. 1903 *Westm. Gaz.* 14 Sept. 3/1 To this day in Bygrave..the different occupiers of lands in the open fields enjoy the right of 'shackage'—that is, of pasturing beasts on one another's lands after harvest.

Shackal(l, obs. forms of JACKAL.

†Shackatory. *Obs. rare.* Also **shockatory.** [Of obscure origin: possibly a blundered reproduction of It. *cacciatore* hunter.] ? A huntsman's underling, a beater.

In Dicts. erroneously explained 'an Irish hound'.

1630 DEKKER *2nd Pt. Honest Wh.* III. i. E 2 b, The Irish Footman can tell you all his hunting boures..that Irish Shackatory beates the bush for him, and knowes all. 1640 W. M. *Wand. Jew telling Fortunes* 34 For Time..is an excellent footman; no Shockatory comes neere him if hee once get the start, hee's gone, and you gone too.

Shack-bag. Also **shack-back.** [variant of SHAKE-BAG.]

1. *dial.* = SHACK *sb.*[2] 1.

1855 *Whitby Gloss.*, A *Shackbag*, a loose trustless fellow. 1886 FENN *This Man's Wife* I. xiv, I was a fool to come down as I did before, such a shackbag as I was.

2. The name of a large breed of fowls.

1816 'B. MOUBRAY' *Treat. Poultry*, etc. (ed. 2) 25 Shack-bags. Formerly the largest variety, but in probability it has been entirely worn out for some years. It was called the duke of Leeds' breed, [etc.]. 1849 D. J. BROWNE *Amer. Poultry Yd.* (1855) 75 The famous 'shack-backs', 'shack-bags', or 'Duke of Leeds' fowl',..were supposed to have been a cross between the jago and Dorking fowls.

Shackbolt (ʃæ·kbōult). *Her.* [? Shortened from *shackle-bolt*: see SHACKLE *sb.*] A shackle or fetter used as a charge.

1610 GUILLIM *Heraldry* IV. xvii. (1660) 349 He beareth, Argent, a Shackboult sable. 1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr.*, *Shackbolt* or *Shackle*, a prisoners Bolt, a Fetter or Give. 1688 [see SHACKLE-BOLT]. 1712 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 4973/4 A Lion's Head erased in a S[b]ackbolt on a Wreath. 1868 CUSSANS *Handbk. Her.* vii. (1893) 115 Fetter-lock, or Shack-bolt: a somewhat rare Charge.

†Shacked, *a. Obs. rare.* Also 6 **shackt.** [f. SHACK *a.*[1] + -ED[2]. Cf. SHAGGED *a.*] Shaggy.

1587 [see SHACK *a.*[1]]. 1587 HARRISON *England* I. x. 41/1 in *Holinshed*, Their haire is betweene the wooll of a sheepe and the haire of a goat, resembling both, shacked, and yet absolutelie like vnto neither of both.

Shacker (ʃæ·kəɹ). *U.S.* [f. SHACK *sb.*[4] (sense 2) + -ER[1].] See quot.

1902 *Boston* (Mass.) *Transcript* 20 Aug. 13/6 A shacker, as the vessels, which bring fresh cod and haddock to the wharf are called.

†Shackerell. *Obs.* Also 5 **shaker(e)l.** [? f. SHAKE *v.*] A vagabond.

c 1420 ? LYDG. *Assembly of Gods* 675 Shamefull shakerles, soleyn shaueldores. 1610 B. RICH *Descr. Irel.* 9 The meanest Shackerell, that hath scarce a mantle to wrap himselfe in, hath as proud a mind as Oneal himselfe.

Shackfork, dial. variant of SHAKEFORK.

†Shack-haired, *a.* Also **ahak-, shake-.** [? Altered form of SHAG-HAIRED; cf. *shock-haired.*] Shaggy or shock-haired.

1555 WATREMAN *Fardle Facions* II. viii. 187 Certeine salvages with dogges heades, and shacke heared on their bodies. 1567 GOLDING *Ovid's Met.* XIII. 1084 Herbes which neuer calf..nor shakheard Goate did feede. 1587 HARRISON *England* III. vii. 230/1 in *Holinshed*, Of which sort [of dogs] also some be smooth,..and some shake haired.

Shackle (ʃæ·k'l), *sb.*[1] Forms: *a.* 1 aceaoul, scacul, 3 scheakel, 4 schackle, schakel, 4–5 schakle, 5 shakill, schakyl(1, -ylle, schakkyl, 5–6 shakyl, 5–7 shakel, 6 schakill, schaccle, shakyll, shackil, -yll, 6–7 **shackel**(1, 6–9 *now dial.* **shakle,** (7 schackell), 9 *dial.* **sheakle,** 6– **shackle.** *β. north.* and *Sc.* 5 shekyl, 6 scheckill, 7 schaikill, 8 shekle, shekel, 9 sheckle, shaikle. [OE. *sceacul* masc., fetter, corresp. to LG. *schakel* link of a chain, hobble for a horse, Du. *schakel*, HG. dial. *schakel* link of a chain, ON. *skǫkull* masc., pole of a wagon (Sw. *skakel*, Da. *skagle*):—OTent. type **skakulo-*. A cognate word is LG. *schake* link of a chain.

The notion common to these words appears to be that of 'something to fasten or attach'. On this ground it seems difficult to refer them to the Teut. root **skak-* SHAKE *v.* Falk and Torp suggest a Teut. root **skāk-*:—pre-Teut. **skēg-*, a doublet of **kēg-*, whence Teut. **hāk-* (: *hak-* : *hōk-*) found in G. *haken*, OE. *hóc* HOOK *sb.*[1] but this is very doubtful.]

I. A kind of fetter.

1. A fetter for the ankle or wrist of a prisoner, usually one of a pair connected together by a chain, which is fastened to a ring-bolt in the floor or wall of the cell. In the OE. examples, a ring or collar for the neck of a prisoner. **a.** *sing.*

a 1000 ÆLFRIC *Gloss.* in Wr.-Wülcker 107/10 *Columbar*, sceacul, *uel* bend. [*Ibid.* 116/10 *Nerui boia* fotcopsn, *uel* sweorscacul.] *c* 1425 *Cast. Persev.* 2655 in *Macro Plays* 156 Þou schalt be schakyn in myn schakle. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 443/2 Schakkyl, or schakle, *murella*, *numella*. *a* 1591 H. SMITH *Serm.* (1594) 262 At last his shackell falleth from him,..the prison openeth and [etc.]. 1688 HOLME *Armoury* III. 336/1, I should rather take it [a Cop-sole and Pin] for a Shackle and Bolt. *a* 1779 COOK *Voy. Pacific* III. vi. (1784) II. 102 He carried with him the shackle of the bilboo-bolt that was about his leg. 1851 ROBERTSON *Serm.* Ser. I. xviii. (1855) 303 It is not the shackle on the wrist that constitutes the slave—but the loss of self-respect.

b. *pl.*

1540 *Star Chamber Cases* (Selden Soc.) II. 220 There was put vpon your sayd poore subiecte..a great payer of Shackels. *a* 1548 HALL *Chron.*, *Hen. VIII*, 91 b, A prison and a man loking out at a grate..and all his apparel was garded with shakelles of sylver. 1555 EDEN *Decades* (Arb.) 252 Then caused two payre of shackels of iron to bee put on theyr legges. 1597 *Aberd. Acc.* in *Spalding Club Miscell.* V. 69 Tua pair of schekkills to the witches in the stepill. 1641 EARL MONM. tr. *Biondi's Civil Wars* V. 167 They resolved rather to dye fighting then to live in schackells. 1652 COTTEREL tr. *Calprenede's Cassandra* III. (1676) 51 You go to offer your hands to the shackles that are already prepared for you. 1784 COWPER *Task* II. 42 Slaves cannot breathe in England; ..They touch our country, and their shackles fall. 1852 MRS. STOWE *Uncle Tom's C.* x, Haley, drawing out from under the waggon-seat a heavy pair of shackles, made them fast around each ankle. 1864 SEATON *Cadet to Colonel* xiii. 272 Shackles were put on their legs. 1867 SMYTH *Sailor's Word-bk.*, *Shackles*, semicircular clumps of iron sliding upon a round bar, in which the legs of prisoners are occasionally confined on deck. *Manacles* when applied to the wrists.

c. *Her.* A shackle used as a bearing.

1780 EDMONDSON *Her.* II. Gloss. In mod. Dicts.

2. *fig.* and in figurative context. Applied to restraint on freedom of action. Chiefly in *pl.*

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 94 Auh ancren..schulen beon þer [i. e. in heaven]..lihture & swifture & ine so wide scheakeles pleien ine heouene, ase me seið ine heouene is large leswe, þet tet bodi schal beon bwar so euer þe gost wule, in one hondhwule. *a* 1400 *Minor Poems Vernon MS.* 145/13 For synne is cald þe deueles schakel, His net, his tool, his takyng takel. *a* 1592 GREENE *Mamillia* II. Ded., Wks. (Grosart) II. 142 Staying thus in suspence, I shaked off the shakles with calling to remembraunce the saying of a poore Painter in Sienna, who [etc.]. 1681 TEMPLE *Mem.* III. Wks. 1731 I. 337 They would leave the Crown after him in Shackles, which..would not be easily knock'd off by any Successor. 1690 C. NESSE *Hist. & Myst. O. & N. Test.* I. 13 This body is become a prison, a shackle, a sepulchre to the soul. 1738 *Gentl. Mag.* VIII. 4/1 To knock off the Shackles of Ignorance and Prejudice. 1752 YOUNG *Brothers* II. i, Virtue's a shackle, under fair disguise, To fetter fools, while we bear off the prize. 1776 MICKLE tr. *Camoens' Lusiad* Introd. 152 That rhyme makes the poet walk in shackles is denied. 1872 YEATS *Growth Comm.* 281 Elizabeth..removed the chief shackle upon British trade.

b. *The shackles*: the bonds of matrimony.

[*c* 1460 *Towneley Myst.* xiii. 72 Bot begyn she to crok, To groyne or to clok, Wo is hym is of oure cok, ffor he is in the shekyls.] 1780 *Mirror* No. 89 Were I to enter the shackles, I have too much regard to my own ease to chuse a lady of reflection.

†3. A fetter-like bond, esp. one used as an ornament, an armlet or anklet. *Obs. rare.*

1571–2 in Nichols *Progr. Eliz.* (1823) I. 294 An armlet or skakell [*sic*] of golde. 1634 SIR T. HERBERT *Trav.* 10 They bury his Armolets, Bracelets, Shackles and such Treasure. 1697 DAMPIER *Voy.* I. 514 Most of the Men and Women on the Island..had all Ear-rings made of Gold, and Gold Shackles about their Legs and Arms.

4. [Short for SHACKLE-BONE.] The wrist; also *rarely* the ankle. *dial.*

1788 W. H. MARSHALL *Yorksh.* II. 350 *Shackle of the arm*, the wrist. 1861 C. C. ROBINSON *Dial. Leeds*, *Shackle*, the wrist. 'Spreined one o' my shackles'. 1902 HYNE *Thompson's Progr.* 195 'T' sheckle willn't mend...'..The fool of a woman ought to have had her shackle set at the infirmary.

5. a. A hobble for a horse. ? *Obs.*

1529 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* V. 366 Ane pair of schakillis to the grete hors. 1562 WITHALS *Dict.* (1568) 38 b/2 Shakels or spannes vpon the horse legges, *numelli*. 1573 TUSSER *Husb.* (1878) 38 Soles, fetters, and shackles, with horselock and pad. 1594 CAREW *Huarte's Exam. Wits* (1616) 171 Those shackles which we clap on the legs of an vntrained Mule, which going with them many dayes, taketh a steddie and seemly pace. 1610 MARKHAM *Masterp.* II. lxxxiv. 364 If a horse be galled in the pastorne, on the heele, or vpon the croget, either with shackell or locke, as it many times happens in the Champion countries, where the Farmers vse much to teather their horses: then for such a soare you shall [etc.]. 1814 SOUTHEY *Roderick* XXV. 91 Some sleek and sober mule Long trained in shackles to procession pace.

b. A chain, rope, twisted band of straw or the like, used for securing cows. Now *dial.*

c 1400 *Beryn* 1064 A plant, whils it is grene..A man may with his fyngirs ply it wher hym list, And make ther-of a shakill, a withey, or a twist. 1858 M. A. DENHAM in *D. Tracts* (1891) I. 275 The custom of twisting birch twigs in a peculiar manner, to serve instead of hempen bands for the purpose of tying up cattle. These are called 'sheakles'. 1869 PEACOCK *Lonsdale Gloss.*, *Shackle*, ..a cow chain.

II. In various technical senses.

6. A ring, clevis, or similar device, used for attaching or coupling, so as to leave some degree of freedom of movement; often a U-shaped piece of iron, closed by a movable bar passing through holes in the ends. **a.** A coupling for a plough, harrow, wagon, carriage, etc.

1343 *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 205, 1 clitta pro moldebredd; 2 schackles de ferro pro carucis; 2 coupewaynes. *Ibid.* 543, 3 Reyns, 3 paribus de pastrons, 3 Schakles et 1 croper pro longa carecta, 26s. 9d. 1422–3 *Ibid.* 619 Pro 5 novis Reynes de corr. pro stabulo d'ni Prioris, 3 Shakelys de correo, 2 heltres de corr. 1523–34 FITZHERB. *Husb.* § 15. C 4 b, The fote teame shall be fastened to the same [*i.e.* 'the formest slote' of the harrow] with a shakyll, or a withe to drawe by. 1530 *Knaresb. Wills* (Surtees) I. 27 A wayne and yoke with bolte and shakyll. 1832 *Scoreby Farm Rep.* 3 in *Libr. Usef. Knowl.*, *Husb.* III, The price charged..is for the plough fit for use, but not including the shackle, by which it is drawn and regulated. 1881 J. W. BURGESS *Coach-Building* x. 98 Shackles are iron staples, which serve to receive the leather suspension braces of C spring carriages on the springs; they are also used for coupling springs together. 1894 *Northumbld. Gloss.*, *Sheckle*, *sheakle*, *shaikle*, ..the sling that fastens the double-tree to a plough-head or bridle.

b. *Naut.* A fastening for a port-hole; a coupling for lengths of chain cable, an anchor, etc.

1627 CAPT. SMITH *Seaman's Gram.* xiv. 68 Shackels are a kinde of Rings but not round,..fixed to the middest of the ports within boord, through which wee put a bullet to keepe fast the port for flying open in foule weather. 1793 SMEATON *Edystone L.* § 142 A large swivel, with shackles and bolts,..the western chain..joined to the eastern..by a bolt and shackle. 1805 *Shipwright's Vade-M.* 130 *Shackles*, the small ring-bolts driven into the ports, or scuttles, and through which the lashing passes when the ports are barred in. 1831 J. HOLLAND *Manuf. Metal* I. 190 A large shackle is also fixed at one end to be joined to the anchor. 1875 BEDFORD *Sailor's Pocket Bk.* x. (ed. 2) 363 Each length is to be provided with a shackle and shackle bolt, to be tested as part of the chain. 1891 WINN *Boating Man's Vade-M.* 78 *Shackle* is a small half hoop shaped iron, fitted with a screw pin connecting the two open ends. Anchor shackles have the lug or pin countersunk [etc.].

c. A ring, hook, or the like for lifting, holding, carrying, etc. a weight or something heavy.

1552 in R. H. Hore *Wexford* (1901) II. 243, 2 Iron Shackells for bucketts. 1896 *Westm. Gaz.* 2 Nov. 10/1 The immense wooden beams on which it [the bell] formerly hung have long since been broken down at the shackle.

d. The hinged and curved bar of a padlock which passes through the staple.

1850 CHUBB *Locks & Keys* 7.

7. *Telegr.* A form of insulator used in overhead lines for supporting the wire where a sharp angle occurs.

1855 *Lardner's Mus. Sci. & Art* III. 143 The conducting wire of the main line in passing the station is cut and the ends jointed by a shackle. 1859 *Abridgm. Specif. Patents*, *Electr. & Magn.* 288 Non-conducting shackles (used at stations to break the continuity of the wire) consist of a solid piece of gutta percha inserted into metal hooks [etc.]. 1876 PREECE & SIVEWRIGHT *Telegraphy* 213 A special form of insulator known as a shackle is employed, which confines

the strain of the wire to one spot. *Ibid.* 214 The shackle is formed of porcelain, with a hole through the centre, into which a 4½in. bolt is inserted.

8. A device for gripping anything; *spec.* 'either of the pivoted gripping devices for holding a test piece in a testing machine' (Webster 1911).

1838 *Civ. Engin. & Arch. Jrnl.* I. 380/1 A shackle was placed round the centre of the block [of concrete], and two others at the extremities.

9. A length of cable 12½ fathoms (orig. the distance between two 'shackles', in sense 6 b).

1886 J. M. Caulfeild *Seamanship Notes* 4 The length of the bower cable is generally 12 shackles, a shackle is 12½ fathoms.

†**10.** Some implement used by chimney-sweepers; ? a link for fastening poles together. *Obs.*

1719 D'Urfey *Pills* IV. 198 A Chimny-sweeper, with his Brooms, his Poles and Shackles.

III. 11. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, **shackle-bar**, (*a*) the swingle-tree of a coach, etc.; (*b*) *U.S.* 'the coupling between a locomotive and its tender' (Webster 1864); **shackle-bresching** (see quot.); **shackle-crow**, 'a bar of iron slightly bent at one end like the common crow, but with a shackle instead of a claw at the end... used for drawing bolts or deck-nails' (Smyth *Sailor's Word-bk.* 1867); †**shackle-dancer**, a performer who dances in shackles; †**shackle-gall**, a sore under the fetlock of a horse, caused by the galling of the shackle (cf. 5 a), hence *shackle-galled* adj.; †**shackle-hammed** *a.*, knock-kneed, so also †**shackle-hams**, knock-knees; **shackle-head** *dial.*, a seine-net; **shackle-irons** *dial.*, hand-cuffs; **shackle-jack** (see quot.); **shackle-joint**, (*a*) a joint in the form of a shackle (sense 6), esp. one for adjusting the tension of rods, wires, etc.; (*b*) a peculiar kind of articulation in the vertebræ of some fishes (see quot. 1872); **shackle-net** *dial.* (see quots.); **shackle-pin**, †(*a*) the pin or bolt of a shackle; (*b*) 'the small pin of wood or iron that confines a shackle-bolt in place' (*Cent. Dict.* 1891); **shackle-plate** (see quot.); †**shackle-vein**, 'a vein of the horse, apparently the median ante-brachial, from which blood used to be let' (*Cent. Dict.*); †**shackle-wise** *adv.*, in the form of a shackle. See also Shackle-bolt, Shackle-bone.

1834 *D. Walker's Manly Exerc.* 201 *Shackle- or swing-bars. 1867 Smyth *Sailor's Word-bk.*, **Shackle-breeching*, two shackles are turned into [*i.e.* fastened to] the breeching, by which it is instantly disconnected from the port-ring bolts. 1709 E. Smith *Poem Death J. Philips* 102 So the stretch'd Cord the *Shackle-Dancer tries. 1596 Mascall *Bk. Cattle* II. *Horses* 164 *Shakell-gall, is on the pastornes. 1627 J. Taylor (Water-P.) *Armado* C 6, The Chinegall, the Nauellgall, Windgall, Spurgall, Lightgall, and Shacklegall. 1684 *Lond. Gaz.* 1958/4 Her two fore Feet *Shackel-gald. 1592 Greene *Upst. Courtier* D 1 b, His legges *shackle hamd, as if his knees had beene laced to his thighes with points. 1674 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 907/4 A Red Roan Nag about 13 hands high, shakle hammed. 1750 W. Ellis *Mod. Husbandm.* III. I. 180 (E.D.D.) Colts broken too young are often shackle-hammed. 1603 H. Crosse *Vertues Commw.* (1878) 132 The Grashopper ..with his *shackle hammes weakely skips too and fro. 1762 *Gentl. Mag.* June 287/2 If I lies than Bessy, than I wishes The *Shackleheads may never close the fishes. 1876 *Whitby Gloss.*, **Shackle-irons*, prison hand-cuffs. 1896 J. K. Snowden *Web of Old Weaver* xv. (1897) 176, I looked to be taen any day, and I did not want all to see me wear the shackle-irons. 1875 Knight *Dict. Mech.*, **Shackle-jack*, an implement for attaching the thills to the shackle on the axle where an anti-rattling box of india-rubber is used. 1837 *Civ. Engin. & Arch. Jrnl.* I. 48 A round wrought-iron tie-bar.. with a *shackle joint in the centre. 1872 Mivart *Anat.* ii. 25 Some spiny bones of Siluroid fishes have a perforation at their base, through which passes a bony ring..a shackle-joint. 1824 [Carr] *Craven Gloss.*, **Shackle-net*, a net, called a flue. 1446 *Wills & Inv. N. C.* (Surtees 1835) 95, vij shakels ferri, unde ij sine *shakelpynnez et v cum shakylpynnez ferri. 1874 Thearle *Naval Archit.* 67 At *K* is shown a *shackle plate to receive rudder pendants, which secure the rudder to the vessel in the event of the former becoming accidentally unshipped. 1607 Markham *Caval.* VII. ix. 22 The cuer is to let them blood very much in the *shackle veins to draw the humors from the vpper parts. 1610 — *Masterp.* II. CXV. 414 A slender string, which commeth from the shackell veine to the gristell in the nose and betweene the lippe. 1639 T. de Gray *Compl. Horsem.* 347 Take up the shackle veynes. 1596 Mascall *Bk. Cattle* I. 73 Yee shall fasten them vnto the postes, with a bowe-withe made *shacle wise.

Sha·ckle, *sb.*² *dial.* [f. Shake *v.*: see -le.]

1. Stubble.

a 1800 Pegge *Suppl. Grose*, *Shackle*, stubble. Herefordsh.

2. a. Sc. *Silver shackle*: the quaking-grass, *Briza media*. (Cf. *silver shaker*, Shaker 7.) **b.** *pl.* The yellow rattle, *Rhinanthus Crista-galli* (E.D.D.).

a 1824 in *Mactaggart's Gallovid. Encycl.* 427 The sillar shakle wags its pow, Upon the brae.

3. A game of dice; a raffle. Cf. Shake *sb.* 2 g.

1881 *Chequered Career* 350 The shanty-keeper now produces the dice-box and proposes a 'shackle'. 1885 *Western Gaz.* 30 Jan. in *N. & Q.* Ser. VI. XI. 245/2 He..was asked by a young man to join in a 'shackle' for live tame rabbits. He consented, and a box was brought containing three threepenny pieces, and those who threw the highest gained the rabbits.

Shackle (ʃæ·k'l), *sb.*³ *U.S.* [See Shack *sb.*³] = Shack *sb.*³

1890 *Advance* (Chicago) 18 Sept., I found lots of families living in the most miserable shackles.

Shackle (ʃæ·k'l), *v.*¹ Forms: 5 **schaklyn, -ylle**, 6 **shakel, shakle, shakkle**, 6–7 **shackel**, 6– **shackle**. [f. Shackle *sb.*¹]

1. *trans.* To confine with shackles; to put a shackle or shackles on.

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 443/2 Schaklyn, *numello*. *c* 1530 *Hickscorner* 237 (Manly) In Newgate we dwelled togyder, For he and I were bothe shakeled in a fetter. *a* 1548 Hall *Chron., Hen. IV*, 20 Edmond Mortimer..whome..Owen Glendor kepte in filthy prison shakeled with yrons. 1577 B. Googe *Heresbach's Husb.* IV. (1586) 158 This mischiefe you may easily preuent, with shackling him with a shooe sole. 1635 Swan *Spec. M.* VI. § 4 (1643) 252 To find their horses unfettered in the morning, although they were fast shackled over night. 1760–72 H. Brooke *Fool of Qual.* (1809) III. 90 Sore and shackled as I was, I got..on deck. 1874 Green *Short Hist.* iii. § 5 (1882) 139 A smith was ordered to shackle him. 1886 Stevenson *Kidnapped* xviii, It's harder yet to lie shackled in a red-coat prison.

b. of a chain.

1646 H. Lawrence *Comm. Angels* 58 These chaines shall shackle and binde them for ever.

2. *transf.* and *fig.*

a 1568 Ascham *Scholem.* II. (Arb.) 121 They will say, it were a plaine slauerie, and iniurie to, to shakkle and tye a good witte. 1594 Carew *Huarte's Exam. Wits* i. (1596) 7 Our vnderstanding shackled with the rules and precepts of Logicke. 1655 *Nicholas Papers* (Camden) II. 245 The last post day I was shackled in my bed with an humour fallen into my right foot. 1692 R. L'Estrange *Fables* lxxv. 74 His Claws were so Shackled in the Fleece..that the Shepherd..caught him. 1763 Mills *Pract. Husb.* IV. 345 Moss likewise, which shackles the vine, as with a fetter,..must be carefully scraped off. 1779 J. Moore *View Soc. Fr.* I. xv. 123 Had she been shackled to a morose,..jealous fellow ..the case would have been different. 1879 Farrar *St. Paul* (1883) 326 The views of Paul were..less shackled by associations. 1901 Earl Spencer in *Parl. Deb.* 5 July 948 The work which they did hindered and shackled me in my endeavours to do what I considered right..for the Navy.

†**3.** *Chem.* To fix in combination. *Obs.*

1675 Grew *Anat. Pl.* Lect. VI. iv. (1682) 288 A Sulphur well impregnated, either with an Alkaline, or an Acid Salt, but also shackled with Earth. 1681 — *Musæum* II. § ii. ii. 224 A little of that Fixed Salt, serves, it seems, to Shackle or Crystallize..a very great quantity of the Essential Salt of this Plant. 1694 Westmacott *Script. Herb.* 227 Sulphur, well impregnated with an Alkaline Salt, shackled with Earth.

4. To join, couple, or fix by means of a shackle.

1834–5 M. Scott *Cruise Midge* i. I. 18 Its [the yard's] heavy iron-shod heel was shackelled by a chain of a fathom long, to a strong iron-bar. 1845 *Ann. Reg.* 131/2 A goods truck was placed across the up line at the 'points'..ready to be shackled to a down train. 1882 Nares *Seamanship* (ed. 6) 171 Shackle the cable.

b. *intr.* for *refl.*

1865 *Times* 19 Aug. 9/3 Up came the cable and wire rope shackling together on the V-wheel in the bow. 1882 Nares *Seamanship* (ed. 6) 50 The foremost ends shackle on to dolphin striker.

5. *Telegr.* To attach to or furnish with a shackle (Shackle *sb.*¹ 7). *To shackle off*: to terminate (involving the use of a shackle).

1852 in *Abridgm. Specif. Patents, Electr. & Magn.* (1859) 257 Shackling the wires. 1876 Preece & Sivewright *Telegraphy* 224 When the wire has to be terminated, or 'shackled off', as it is termed, at intermediate points. 1910 *N. Hawkins' Electr. Dict.*, *Shackling*, connecting a line wire to a shackle insulator.

Hence **Sha·ckling** *vbl. sb.* and *ppl. a.*

1556 J. Heywood *Sp. & Flie* lxxii. 20 Rather then bide their perpetuall shakling, To stand agaynst them, and stick to our takling. 1674 N. Fairfax *Bulk & Selv.* 3 A medly made to the everlasting shackling of that head or question. 1753 Hogarth *Anal. Beauty* xvii. 229 They then have recourse to steel collars and other iron machines [to prevent children from stooping]; all which shacklings are repugnant to nature, and may make the body grow crooked. 1861 Paley *Æschylus* (ed. 2) *Choeph.* 484 *note*, The entangling and shackling garment called ποδιστῆρ πέπλος. 1862 Carlyle *Fredk. Gt.* XI. i. (1865) IV. 13 Censorship, or the shackling of men's poor tongues and pens. 1894 Blackmore *Perlycross* 307 For the miserable floods, and the long snowtime, and the shackling of the stream is over.

Sha·ckle, *v.*² *dial.* (See *Eng. Dial. Dict.* for other senses, and forms.) [Freqnentative f. Shake *v.*]

1. *trans.* To lay (standing corn); also, to litter, disorder (see *Eng. Dial. Dict.*). Also *To send hogs a shackling*, to send them to feed in the stubble (cf. Shack *sb.*¹ and *v.*¹).

1670 Eachard *Cont. Clergy* 83 Every neighbour's horse or cow, that breaks their hedges, or shackles their corn. 1790 Grose *Prov. Gloss.* (ed. 2) s. v. *Shacking*, To send hogs a shackling, to send hogs to feed in the stubble. Essex. 1891 *Rutland Gloss.* s. v., After some heavy rain the corn is 'so shackled that you cannot reap it'.

2. *intr.* To idle or loaf *about*, to shirk work. (Cf. Shack *v.*²)

1809 Batchelor *Anal. Eng. Lang.* 143 *Shakling*, idling. 1845 F. E. Paget *Tales Village Childr.* Ser. II. 120 That good-for-nothing fellow, rat-catcher Falkener, who is always shackling about. 1859 — *Curate Cumberworth* 266 There's a lot of lads that are always shackling about, ready for any mischief on Sundays.

Shackle, variant of Shauchle *v. Sc.*

Shackle-bolt. [f. Shackle *sb.*¹ + Bolt *sb.*¹] **a.** The bolt which passes through the eyes of a shackle. **b.** *Her.* This used as a bearing. **c.** 'A bolt having a shackle or clevis on the end' (Knight *Dict. Mech.* 1875). **d.** *dial.* A handcuff.

1688 Holme *Armoury* III. 311/1 He beareth sable, a double shake-bolt or shackle-bolt, Argent. 1706 Phillips (ed. Kersey), *Shackle-bolts* or *Shacklets*, a sort of Fetters put upon Malefactors in Prison. 1819 Scott *Ivanhoe* xxix, A fetter-lock and shacklebolt azure. 1852–63 Burn *Nav. & Mil. Techn. Dict.* (ed. 4), Shackle bolt of a triangle gin. 1876 Preece & Sivewright *Telegraphy* 214 Through the hole in the arm or bracket a 4½ in. bolt is placed; connecting this with the shackle-bolt are two galvanized iron straps..which [etc.]. 1897 *Leeds Merc. Suppl.* 1 May (E.D.D.), Shackle-bolts [= handcuffs].

Shackle-bone. *Sc.* and *dial.* [Shackle *sb.*¹]

1. The wrist.

1571 in *Reg. Privy Counc. Scot.* XIV. 93 The tormentaris ..band haythe my handis at the schakilbanes withe a coird. 1622 in Pitcairn *Crim. Trials* III. 509 Scho..tuik him he þe schaikill-bane with the ane hand. *c* 1730 Ramsay *Boy & Pig* 13 [He] drugs till he has maist disjointed His shekelbane. 1824 Scott *Redgauntlet* ch. xi, The shackle-bones are of the largest, and so they were obliged to keep the handcuff wide. 1868 G. Macdonald *R. Falconer* I. 65 His shackle-bane was as thick as baith mine.

2. The knuckle-bone; also 'the hind leg of a pig's carcase, between the foot and the joint at which it is cut off' (Miss Jackson *Shropsh. Word-bk.*).

1822 Galt *Sir A. Wylie* lxxxviii, Gin ye hae the shachle bane o' a mutton ham.

Shackled (ʃæ·k'ld), *ppl. a.* [f. Shackle *sb.*¹ + -ed¹.] Wearing or bound in shackles.

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 443/2 Schakklyd, *numellatus*. 1562 J. Heywood *Prov. & Epigr.* (1867) 185 We wrestle alone: And shall, tyll tyme our shakled breeches be gone. 1600 *Maids Metam.* v. i, Hee's as good a footeman as a shackled sow. 1671 Woodhead *St. Teresa* I. xxxv. 259 To make them, who fly like eagles..to walk no faster than a shackled Hen. 1842 Longf. *Witnesses* i, With shackled feet and hands. 1861 Dickens *Gt. Expect.* liv, The hunted wounded shackled creature.

b. *transf.* and *fig.*

1837 Whittier *Lines Celebr. 3rd Anniv. Brit. Emancip.* 14 The shackled soul and hand are free. 1894 E. Lee-Hamilton *Sonn. Wingless Hours* 22 Let not this shackled body drag thee down Into that stagnant sea.

†**c.** *Shackled-ham'd* = *shackle-hammed* s. v. Shackle *sb.*¹ 11. *Obs.*

1733 W. Ellis *Chiltern & Vale Farm.* 112 A Colt, who is check'd by being work'd too soon, will he shackled-ham'd, stunted, and complain ever after.

Sha·ckledom. *nonce-wd.* [f. Shackle *sb.*¹ + -dom.] The condition of being bound with shackles. (In quot. = marriage.)

1771 T. Hull *Sir W. Harrington* (1797) IV. 121 Why does the sage Julia S. so soon after the commencement of her own shackledom, ask such a question?

Shackling (ʃæ·klin), *ppl. a.* [f. Shackle *v.*² + -ing². In sense 2 perh. influenced by Ramshackle.]

1. Loafing, dissipated.

1788 Paar *Let. Burney* 16 Feb., Wks. (1828) VII. 407 And upon this account I call him a shuffling, shilly-shally, shackling fellow. 1889 Dor. E. Huast *Horsham* (ed. 2) 267, I carn't employ him, he is such a shackling fellow.

2. *U.S.* Rickety, ramshackle.

1872 J. T. Trowbridge *Coupon Bonds* 387 (Farmer) The gate itself was such a shackling concern, a child couldn't have leaned on it without breaking it down. 1884 *Harper's Mag.* Oct. 738/2 A poor old black horse, harnessed to a shackling buggy.

†**Sha·cklock.** *Obs.* [? Contr. of **shackle-lock*, f. Shackle *sb.*¹ + Lock *sb.*] A fetterlock.

The surname *Shacklock* is known in Derbyshire.

1613–16 W. Browne *Brit. Past.* I. v. 98 The swarty Smith ..bids his Man bring out..His shackles, shacklockes, hampers, giues and chaines.

Shackly (ʃæ·kli), *a. U.S.* and *dial.* [f. Shackle *sb.*² or *v.*² + -y.] Shaky, rickety; ramshackle.

1848 Bartlett *Dict. Amer.* s. v., What a shackly old carriage! *c* 1850 Dow *Serm.* III. (Bartlett 1860), The general fly-offs and moral unhitches incident to poor shackly mortality. 1884 'Mark Twain' *Huck. Finn* xxi. 208 All kinds of old shackly wagons. 1897 — *More Tramps Abroad* lxxi, A gaunt, shackly country lout six feet high. 1896 De Vinne *Moxon's Mech. Exerc., Printing* Pref. p. xvii, The poverty of the old printing-house..Its scant supply of types, its shackly hand-presses [etc.]. *Ibid.* 426 The needless wearing of elastic or shackly-fitted parts of the press.

†**Sha·ck-rag.** *Obs.* = Shake-rag, Shag-rag.

1611 Chapman *Widow's T.* v. i. K 4, To send a man abroad vnder guard of one of your silliest shack-rags; that he may beate the knaue, and run's way.

†**Sha·cky,** *a. Obs. rare*⁻¹. = Shaggy *a.*

1567 Golding *Ovid's Met.* I. 275 His garments turnde to shackie heare.

Shaco, variant of Shako.

Shad (ʃæd), *sb.* Forms: 1 **sceadd**, 6–7 **shadde**, (7 **shed**), 7, 9 **chad**, 6– **shad**. *Pl.* **shad**, also **shads** (? 7 **shades**). [OE. *sceadd*, of unknown origin; cf. Welsh *ysgadan* pl. (sing. *ysgadanyn*), Irish and Gaelic *sgadan*, herring.

The LG. *schade* shad, herring, may be from Eng.; in Dicts. it has been confused with *scheide* sheat-fish, catfish.]

1. Any clupeoid of the genus *Alosa*; the British species are the allice, *A. communis* or *vulgaris*, and the twaite (or herring-shad), *A. finta*; the common or white shad of America is *A. sapidissima*, and the Chinese shad is *A. reevesi*.

1002 *Will* in Kemble *Cod. Dipl.* VI. 147 On ðæt ȝerad, ðonne sceaddgenge sy, ðæt heora æȝðer sylle .iii. þusend sceadda into ðære stowe æt Byrtune. 1538 Elyot *Dict.* Addit., *Acon, aconis*, a fyshe, whiche after the description of Paulus Iouius, I suppose to be that, whiche at London is callid a shad [1545 a shadde]. 1584 Cogan *Haven Health* clxxviii. 143 Shad & Mackerel are both sweete in tast &

soft in substance. 1602 CAREW *Cornwall* 30 Of round fish there are..Chad, &c. *a* 1623 FLETCHER *Love's Cure* II. ii, Whilst I [had]..seen poor rogues retire all gore and gash'd Like bleeding shads. 1629 CAPT. SMITH *Virginia* II. 28 (Arb.) I. 356 Of fish we were best acquainted with Sturgeon, Grampus, Popus..Catfish, Shades, Pearch of three sorts,.. and Muscles. 1634 WOOD *New Eng. Prosp.* (1865) 38 The Shaddes be bigger than the English Shaddes and fatter. 1792 WASHINGTON *Let.* Writ. 1792 XII. 245 To furnish me with a certain quantity of shad and herreing. 1819–20 W. IRVING *Sketch Bk., Sleepy Hollow* (1865) 440 There was..broiled shad and roasted chickens. 1833 J. RENNIE *Alph. Angling* 24 Ælian again tells us, that the chad is allured by the sound of castanets. 1848 JOHNS *Week at Lizard* 238 Bream, chads, or young bream, gurnards. 1886 R. C. LESLIE *Sea-painter's Log* viii. 164 A herring-shad—a large bony flat-fish like a magnified fresh-water bream.

2. *U.S.* Applied, usually with defining word, to other fishes, as **gizzard shad**, the genus *Dorosoma*, esp. *D. cepedianum* (called also *mud, white-eyed, winter shad*); **green-tailed, hard-head(ed, yellow-tailed shad**, the menhaden; **hickory** or **tailor shad**, see TAILOR *sb.* 6; **long-boned shad** = MOHARRA a; **Ohio shad**, *Pomolobus chrysochloris*; **trout shad**, the squeteague.

1884 GOODE, etc. *Nat. Hist. Aquatic Anim.* 569 The Menhaden. .. 'Hard-head Shad'.. . 'Yellow-tailed Shad.' *Ibid.* 607 The Hickory Shad. *Ibid.* 608 The 'Tailor Shad.' *Ibid.* 610 The..'Mud-Shad', 'Winter Shad', or 'Stink Shad'..the 'Gizzard Shad'..or 'White-eyed Shad'.

†**3.** As a term of abuse. *Obs. rare*[−1].

1610 B. JONSON *Alch.* IV. vii, Then you are an Otter and a Shad, a Whit, A very Tim.

4. *attrib.* and *Comb.* **a.** Simple attrib., as *shad-box, -fish, -fisher, -fry, genus, -hatcher, -seine.*

1884 GOODE, etc. *Nat. Hist. Aquatic Anim.* 409 These eggs were placed in *shad boxes. 1679 A. LOVELL *Indic. Univ.* 35 A *Shed fish, *Alosa*. 1908 LD. CROMER *Mod. Egypt* II. 326 Six live electric shad-fish from the Nile. 1904 GALLICHAN *Fishing & Shooting in Spain* 195 The *shad-fishers of Seville. 1857 PEARLEY *Hand-bk. N. Brunswick* 25 Upwards of two hundred boats and five hundred men are employed in the *shad fishery, every season, in Cumberland Basin. 1879 MISS JACKSON *Shropsh. Word-bk.* s. v. *Shad-bird*, It is probable that the Severn fishermen, connecting the appearance of the bird with the advent of the *shad-fishing season, gave to it the local appellation of Shad-bird. 1904 GALLICHAN *Fishing & Shooting in Spain* 164 Shad-fishing is still a flourishing industry in the Valley of the Minho. 1884 GOODE, etc. *Nat. Hist. Aquatic Anim.* 606 The *shad fry..spend the first six months in our rivers. 1891 *Century Dict.*, **Shad-hatcher*, one who engages in the artificial propagation of shad. *Ibid.* s. v. *Seine*, *Shad-seine, a seine especially adapted or used for taking shad, and generally of great size. 1884 GOODE, etc. *Nat. Hist. Aquatic Anim.* 604 In the Albemarle the important Shad seine-fisheries begin early in March.

b. Special comb. [Chiefly U.S. names of plants which are in flower or fruit when the shad are found in the rivers, and of birds, insects, etc. that appear about that time.] **Shad-berry**, the shad-bush or its fruit; **shad-bird**, (*a*) *dial.* the common sandpiper, *Tringoides hypoleucus*, ? *Obs.*; (*b*) 'the common American snipe, *Gallinago wilsoni* or *G. delicata*' (*Cent. Dict.* 1891); **shad-blossom**, the shad-bush or its blossom; †**shad-brid** (see quot.); **shad-bush**, the genus *Amelanchier*, esp. *A. canadensis*, also called *June-berry* or *service-berry*; **shad-flower**, (*a*) = *shad-bush* (Miller *Plant-n.* 1884); (*b*) the whitlow-grass, *Draba verna* (*Cent. Dict.*); **shad-fly**, a fly which appears when shad are running; **shad-frog**, *Rana halecina* or *virescens*; **shad-herring**, a gizzard shad; **shad-salmon**, the whitefish or freshwater herring, *Coregonus clupeiformis* of Lakes Erie and Ontario; **shad-splash** = *shad-wash* (1891 in *Cent. Dict.*); **shad-tree** = *shad-bush* (1895 in *Funk's Stand. Dict.*); **shad-trout**, the squeteague; **shad-waiter**, the Menomonee whitefish, *Coregonus quadrilateralis*; **shad-wallow**, the spawning ground of shad; **shad-wash**, 'the wash, swish, or splash of the water by shad in the act of spawning; hence a place where shad spawn' (*Cent. Dict.*); **shad-worm**, a 'worm' which is the food of shad. See also SHAD-BELLY.

1861 BENTLEY *Man. Bot.* 537 *Amelanchier canadensis*.—The fruit is known in Rupert's Land, &c., under the name of *Shad-berry or Service-berry. 1879 MISS JACKSON *Shropsh. Word-bk.*, *Shad-bird. 1883 KAIGER in Trumbull *Names & Portraits Birds* 157 (Cass. Suppl.) [In Delaware] snipe are called shad-birds by many of the fishermen. 1821 T. DWIGHT *Trav.* I. 42 *Shad blossom. This tree grows about fifteen feet in height. 1860 MISS WARNER *Say & Seal* li, Under the trees were various low shrubs in flower: shad-blossom, with its fleecy stems, and azalia, in rosy pink. 1688 HOLME *Armoury* II. 325/2 A Minnow [is] first a *Shad-brid, then a Sprat, then a Minnow. 1856 BRYANT *Old Man's Counsel* 28 Within the woods..the *shadbush, white with flowers, Brightened the glens. 1892 *Nation* (N. Y.) 11 Aug. 114/2 The Eastern shadbush, with its two varieties, and the northwestern (species of *Amelanchier*) come next. 1857 THOREAU *Maine Woods* (1894) 316 We met with ephemerae (*shad-fly) midway, about a mile from the shore. 1791 W. BARTRAM *Trav.* 278 The *shad frog, so called in Pennsylvania from their appearing and croaking in the spring season, at the time the people fish for shad. 1852 THOREAU *Autumn* (1894) 79 Painted tortoises and shad frogs. 1845 STORER in *Mem. Amer. Acad.* (1846) II. 462 *Chatoëssus signifer* Dekay...Called '*Shad-Herring', 'Thread-Herring', and 'Thread-fish' in New York. 1842 *Ibid.* 452 *Coregonus clupeiformis*, Common *Shad-Salmon. 1884 GOODE, etc. *Nat. Hist. Aquatic Anim.* 362 In the Southern Atlantic States it [the Squeteague] is called 'Grey Trout', 'Sun Trout', and '*Shad Trout'. 1879 GOODE *Catal. Anim. Res. U.S.* 57 Prosopium quadrilaterale, (Rich.) Milner.—*Shad-waiter. 1884 GOODE, etc. *Nat. Hist. Aquatic Anim.* 606 The favorite spawning grounds of the Shad, or '*Shad Wallows', as they are termed by the fishermen. 1857 PEARLEY *Hand-bk. N. Brunswick* 25 Their [shad's] favourite food, the *shad-worm and the shrimp.

Shad, *v. rare.* [f. SHAD *sb.*] *intr.* To fish for shad. Cf. SHADDER *sb.*

1863 T. W. HIGGINSON *Out-Door Papers* ix. 240 (Funk) Along our maritime rivers the people associate April, not with 'sugaring' but with 'shadding'. 1884 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 2 Aug. 4/2 Fishing mainly consists, it is true, of pool-locking (whiffing), and chadding.

Shad, obs. form of SHADE, SHED.

Sha'd-belly. *U.S.* [f. SHAD *sb.* + BELLY *sb.*] A Quaker coat, so called from its shape (see quot. 1860), hence a Quaker. More fully *shad-belly coat.*

1842 *Philad. Spirit of Times* 18 Mar. (Thornton *Amer. Gloss.*), A gentleman in a shad-belly coat. 1854 J. C. BALDWIN *Flush Times* 67 (*Ibid.*) He had doffed the cassock, or rather the shadbelly, for the gown. 1860 BARTLETT *Dict. Amer.* (ed. 3), *Shad-belly coat*, one which slopes gradually from the front to the tails, and has no angle. Drab coats of this shape are worn by Quakers, who are hence sometimes called shad-bellies.

Hence **shad-bellied** *a.*, **a.** Of a coat (*rarely* of a waistcoat) = prec.; **b.** Of a person, having an abnormally thin or flat belly.

1845 S. JUDD *Margaret* I. xiii. (1874) 83 Many wore three-cornered hats, shad-bellied coats, shoe and knee buckles. 1851 H. MELVILLE *Whale* xvi, A harpooner in a broad shad-bellied waistcoat. 1871 MRS. STOWE *Oldtown Fireside Stor.* 12 He was kind o' mournful and thin and shad-bellied. 1874 EGGLESTON *Circuit Rider* xx. (1895) 146 His coat is straight-breasted,—shad-bellied, as the profane call it.

Shadd, doubtful var. SHOAD. **Shadde,** obs. f. SHED; and *shod* pa. pple. of SHOE *v.*

Shadden, bad spelling of SCHADON.

1750 W. ELLIS *Mod. Husbandm.* v. i. 107 (E.D.S.) Else the honey will be corrupted by the shaddens in the comb.

†**Sha'dder,** *sb. Obs. rare*[−1]. [f. SHAD *sb.* + -ER [1].] A fisher for shad.

1630 in Binnell *Descr. Thames* (1758) 78 None of the said Shadders shall go forth to fish until they have received Leave and Licence.

Shadder (ʃæ·dəɹ), *v.* [Cf. SHALDER *v.*] *trans.* To break up (the larger pieces of crude lead ore).

1622 MALYNES *Anc. Law-Merch.* 264 [He delivered] 20 pound weight of the said Ore, grinded, shaddered and washed. 1890 WALLACE *Alton Moor* 145 (E.D.D.) The larger pieces were shaddered.

Shaddo, obs. form of SHADOW *v.*

Shaddock (ʃæ·dȯk). Also 8 **shattuck, shaddoc, shadock, ohad(d)ock.** [Named after a Captain *Shaddock*: see quot. 1707.] The fruit of *Citrus decumana* (also called POMPELMOOSE) resembling an orange, but very much larger. In stricter use, applied to the large pear-shaped varieties of the species, the smaller and rounder varieties being called *grape-fruit.*

1696 [see *shaddock tree*]. 1707 SLOANE *Jamaica* I. 41 In Barbados the Shaddocks surpass those of Jamaica in goodness. The seed of this was first brought to Barbados by one Captain Shaddock, Commander of an East-India Ship, who touch'd at that Island in his Passage to England, and left the Seed there. 1720 S. SEWALL *Diary* I Jan., Mr. Cooper sends my wife a present of oranges and a shattuck. 1764 GRAINGER *Sugar Cane* I. 44 The golden shaddoc, the forbidden fruit. 1773 Chaddock [see POMPELMOOSE]. 1823 BYRON *Island* I. viii, A seaman..Held the moist shaddock to his parched mouth. 1884 *De Candolle's Orig. Cultivated Pl.* 181 Oranges are distinguished from shaddocks by the complete absence of down on the young shoots and leaves.

b. The tree bearing this fruit.

1785 MARTYN *Rousseau's Bot.* XXV. (1794) 371 Shaddock, which has them [the leaves] obtuse, and emarginate or notched at the end. 1885 LADY BRASSEY *The Trades* 139 The orange, lemon, shaddock, pomelo,..were weighed down by their own golden fruit.

c. *attrib.*, as *shaddock-bower*, etc.

a 1818 M. G. LEWIS *Jrnl. W. Ind.* (1834) 23 My coffee walks and *shaddock bowers. 1892 KIPLING *Barrack-r. Ballads* 130 He has stripped my rails of the *shaddock-frails. 1731 BRADLEY *Gardening* 592 The *Chadock Orange. 1797 *Encycl. Brit.* V. 29/1 s. v. *Citrus*, The great Shaddock orange, or pumplemoes. 1825 *Greenhouse Comp.* I. 81 The orange is best propagated by grafting or budding on lemon or *shaddock stocks. 1696 *Shaddock-tree* [see POMPELMOOSE]. 1884 *Leisure Hour* Feb. 78/2 The fragrant blossoms of large shaddock-trees.

Shaddow, obs. form of SHADOW.

†**Shaddrew,** var. CHEDREUX *Obs.*, a kind of wig.

1678 D'URFEY *Fool turn'd Critick* I. ii. 5 And let me see you strut it in the Streets, Display thy Garniture, Hat, Curl'd Shaddrew.

Shaddy, obs. form of SHADY.

Shade (ʃēd), *sb.* Forms: 1 sceadu, scead, scad, sced, scæd, 3 ssade, 3–4 schade, 4 ssed(e, 5, 7, 9 *dial.* shad(de, 6 shaad, 6–7 *Sc.* schad, 4, 6– **shade.** [ME. *schade*, repr. OE. *sceadu* str. fem. (oblique cases *sceadwe*, also irreg. *sceade*) and the by-form *scead* neut. (dat. sing. *sceade*, pl. *sceadu*). The flexional form *sceadwe* is represented by SHADOW *sb.*, q.v. for the further etymology.

The ME. *schade*, mod.Eng. *shade*, descend regularly from the nom. *sceadu* of the fem. sb., and from the dat. *sceade*, which is common to the fem. and the neut. sb. The neut. nom. *scead* is represented by ME. *schad(de*, mod. dial. *shad.* The OE. *sceade* for *sceadwe* genit. and dat. is due to the analogy of other sbs. with nom. sing. in *-u.* The neuter *scead* prob. arose from taking the sing. *sceadu* as a plural.]

I. Comparative darkness.

1. Partial or comparative darkness; absence of complete illumination; esp. the comparative darkness caused by a more or less opaque object intercepting the direct rays of the sun or other luminary.

a 1000 *Sal. & Sat.* 116 (Gr.) Hydeð hine æzhwylc æfter sceades sciman. *c* 1374 CHAUCER *Anel. & Arc.* 18 Thou Polymya..that..Singest with vois memorial in the shade Vnder the laurer. ?*c* 1400 LYDG. *Æsop's Fab.* I. 84 (Trin.) [Cock-crow] Causeþ merchauntys and pylgryms to be glad, The theuys swerde hyd vndyr þe shad. 1596 SHAKS. 1 *Hen. IV*, I. ii. 29 Let vs be Dianaes Forresters, Gentlemen of the Shade. 1629 MILTON *Hymn Nativ.* XX, In twilight shade of tangled thickets. 1730–46 THOMSON *Autumn* 1139 The night begins to fall, A shade immense. 1791–2 WORDSW. *Descr. Sk.* 98 Aloft, here, half a village shines arrayed In golden light; half hides itself in shade. 1794 MRS. RADCLIFFE *Myst. Udolpho* xlviii, The pensive shade of twilight was pleasing to her. 1797 — *Italian* Prol., The shade of the long aisles. 1827 SCOTT *Surg. Dau.* viii, The lady stood in the shade. 1850 TENNYSON *In Mem.* Concl. XXX, And touch with shade the bridal doors, With tender gloom the roof, the wall. 1870 ROSSETTI *Last Conf.* 253 As when a bird flies low Between the water and the willow leaves, And the shade quivers till he wins the light.

†**b.** *Shade of death* = SHADOW of death.

a 900 [see SHADOW 1 b]. 1591 SHAKS. 1 *Hen. VI*, v. iv. 89 But darkness, and the gloomy shade of death Inuiron you. 1593 — 2 *Hen. VI*, III. ii. 54.

c. *fig.* Comparative obscurity. Chiefly in phrases, *to be in the shade*, to be in retirement, to be little known; *to cast, throw into the shade, put into the shade*, to obscure by contrast of superior brilliancy, to surpass so as to render insignificant.

1650 R. STAPYLTON *Strada's Low C. Wars* I. 3 Though I am a stranger to the Court and Camp, a man..of the shade, yet [etc.]. 1796 BURKE *Regic. Peace* I. (1892) 55 They throw the light on one side only of their case; though ..the other side which is kept in the shade has it's importance too. 1806 *Med. Jrnl.* XV. 556, I have chosen to remain in the shade. 1819 SCOTT *Ivanhoe* XXVII, Hast thou..sought refuge from oppression in the shade of the convent? 1824 BYRON *Juan* XVI. xliv, Adeline would throw into the shade ..Their sort of half profession. 1852 *Beck's Florist* 229 Young's Crimson King..puts all other bedding varieties into the shade. 1854 THACKERAY *Newcomes* V, How can we see a man's brilliant qualities if he is what we call in the shade? 1884 *Manch. Exam.* 2 May 4/7 Internal taxation ..is so excessive in other Portuguese colonies as to cast even an illiberal tariff into the shade. 1884 R. W. CHURCH *Bacon* iii. 68 Bacon still remained in the shade.

d. *transf.* A fleeting look of displeasure, a 'cloud' on a person's brow or countenance.

1818 SCOTT *Rob Roy* xii, The whole countenance loses its sterner shades, and becomes serene and placid. 1838 LYTTON *Alice* I. iv, A shade came over her forehead. 1879 E. K. BATES *Egypt. Bonds* I. viii. 183 A shade of annoyance crosses his face.

2. In plural. **a.** *The shades* (*of night, of evening*, etc.): the darkness of night; the growing darkness after sunset. Also *fig.*

1582 STANYHURST *Æneis* IV. 8 Watrye shaads Aurora remooued. 1593 SHAKS. *Rich. II*, I. iii. 177 To dwell in solemne shades of endlesse night. 1634 MILTON *Comus* 580 O night and shades, How are ye joyn'd with hell in triple knot. 1667 — *P. L.* IV. 1015 The Fiend..fled Murmuring, and with him fled the shades of night. 1682 DRYDEN *Religio Laici* 182 Sin spread once again the Shades of Night. 1717 POPE *Let. to Mrs. M. Blount*, The shades of the evening overtook me. 1744 AKENSIDE *Pleas. Imag.* II. 6 How faint, How slow, the dawn of Beauty and of Truth, Breaks the reluctant shades of gothic night. 1814 SCOTT *Ld. of Isles* III. XX, The shades come down—the day is shut. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* II. IV. vii, The thick shades of night are falling. 1840 THACKERAY *Shabby-genteel Story* vii, The shades of evening had hy this time fallen upon the quiet city. 1841 LONGF. *Excelsior* I.

b. *The shades*; the darkness of the nether world; the abode of the dead, Hades. (Often indistinguishable from the collective plural of sense 6).

1594 KYD *Cornelia* III. i. 107 When shall this soule of mine Come visite thee in the Elisian shades? 1602 CAMPION *Bk. Ayres* I. XX, When thou must home to shades of vnder ground. 1638 G. SANDYS *Paraphr. Job* XXXIV. (1648) 50 No mufling Clouds, nor Shades Infernall, can From his inquiry hide offending Man. 1718 POPE *Iliad* XVII. 349 Sent by great Ajax to the Shades of Hell. 1749 SMOLLETT *Regic.* V. ii, Then let our swords..Dismiss him to the shades. 1812 BYRON *Ch. Har.* I. vi, And e'en for change of scene would seek the shades below. 1907 QUILLER-COUCH *Introd. to Coleridge's Poems* I After a third attempt to embrace his mother in the Shades.

c. Applied to the condition of the present life in contrast to that of heaven. *nonce-use.*

1816 J. WILSON *City of Plague* II. i. 53 Us poor dwellers in the woeful shades Of mortal being.

3. *Drawing* and *Painting.* Absence of complete illumination as represented pictorially; the parts, or a particular part, of a picture which represent this; the darker colour expressing absence of illumination. Often in *light and shade.*

1662 EVELYN *Sculptura* I. (1906) 89 Perel has discovered a particular talent for Landskips, if not a little exceeded in the darknesse of his shades. 1712 WHITWORTH *Acc. Russia* (1758) 40 Miserable paintings without shade or perspective.

1756–7 *Keysler's Trav.* (1760) II. 167 Streaks of *verde antico* inlaid by way of shades. 1768 W. GILPIN *Ess. Prints* (1781) 158 The whole is in dark shade, except three figures on the fore-ground. 1779 *Mirror* No. 48 P 10 By the distribution of light and shade, to make every figure stand out from the canvas. 1799 [G. SMITH] *Laboratory* I. 179 Delineate the outlines or capital strokes and where the shades appear soft. 1812 CARY *Dante, Purg.* XII. 29 What master of the pencil or the style Had traced the shades and lines. 1840 *C. O. Müller's Hist. Lit. Greece* xi. § 2 He contemplates it as the shade in a picture. 1907 J. A. HODGES *Elem. Photogr.* (ed. 6) 112 A good contrast of light and shade.

b. *transf.* and *fig.* In various applications: those portions of a story, a literary work, or the like, which are designedly less brilliant in effect than others; the less praiseworthy features of a character, the sadder portions of a person's history, etc. *Light and shade*: in a literary work, a musical performance, or the like, the contrast necessary to artistic effect, of passages of lighter and graver tone, or of greater and less brilliancy.

1732 (see LIGHT *sb.* 12). 1768 BOSWELL *Corsica* ii. (ed. 2) 80 The shades which were in his private conduct, are to be forgotten. 1818 T. BUSBY *Gram. Mus.* 480 The Voluntary, like the Organ Concerto, should have its lights and shades. *Mod.* (*Conductor log.*) You must be careful of your light and shade in this passage.

c. *Ent.* An ill-defined patch of darker colour on the wing of a moth.

1869 E. NEWMAN *Brit. Moths* 415 The hind margin is chiefly occupied by a darker band-like shade. *Ibid.* 417 The discoidal spots are green,..the reniform having..a gray-brown shade on the median area. In recent Dicts.

4. Degree of darkness or depth of colour; hence, any of the many minutely differing varieties of quality that may exist in what is broadly considered as one and the same colour; a tint.

By chromatologists (after Clerk Maxwell, *Sci. Papers* 1890 I. 131) the word is used in a more restricted sense, distinguished from *hue* and *tint*. Two varieties of a mixed colour (e. g. lilac) differ in *shade* when one is lighter or darker than the other; in *hue* when the one is more red or more blue, etc., than the other; and in *tint* when the one is more or less decided in colour than the other. For a different distinction see quot. 1879.

1690 LOCKE *Hum. Und.* II. iii. § 1 Colours, as white, red, yellow, blue; with their several Degrees or Shades, and Mixtures. 1783 WEDGWOOD in *Phil. Trans.* LXXIII. 285 Darker or lighter shades of black and brown. 1857 MILLER *Elem. Chem., Org.* 274 Various shades of rose, violet, and dark red. 1879 POLE in *Nature* 6 Nov. 15/2 *note*, In technical language mixtures of a colour with white are called *tints*, with black, *shades*. 1885 RIDER HAGGARD *K. Solomon's Mines* xix, My stubbly hair came out of the treasure cave about three shades greyer than it went in.

b. *transf.* and *fig.* A minutely-differentiated degree or variety (of a quality, a condition, meaning, etc.). Often advb. with comparatives, *a shade better, less*, etc.

1749 SMOLLETT *Gil Blas* IX. ii. (1782) III. 229 He put (to use the expression) different shades of consideration in the civilities he shewed. 1781 GIBBON *Decl. & F.* xviii. II. 89 Among the different branches of the human race, the Sarmatians form a very remarkable shade. 1820 J. W. CROKER *Diary* 2 Feb., The King is a shade better. 1858 O. W. HOLMES *Aut. Breakf.-t.* IX. (1891) 211, I drew my chair a shade nearer to her. 1888 BURGON *Lives* 12 *Gd. Men* II. v. 13 Men of all shades of opinion..combined against him.

c. A tinge, a minute qualifying infusion (of some quality); colloquially, a minute quantity or portion added or removed.

1791 BURKE *App. Whigs* 6 Without any shade of sorrow. 1816 SCOTT *Old Mort.* xliii, There was now in his conduct a shade of lunacy. 1860 TYNDALL *Glac.* II. xi. 290, I..was unwilling to accept an observation of such importance with a shade of doubt attached to it. 1888 PAYN *Myst. Mirbridge* III. i. 257 A touch of pity, just the merest shade, but still a touch, crept into those threatening eyes. 1890 W. J. GORDON *Foundry* 194 Up came Whitworth's highly scientific foreman to tell the American that in their shop they did not work to 'shades', but to measurement.

II. 5. A dark figure 'cast' upon a surface by a body intercepting light, a shadow. Now *dial.* and *poet.*

a 1000 *Cædmon's Exod.* 113 (Gr.) Blace stodon ofer sceotendum scire leoman, scinon scyldhreoðan, sceado swiðredon. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 20883 Peter..a ded he quickend wit his schade. 1340 *Ayenb.* 179 Zuich uolk is y-lich þe horse þet heþ drede of his ssede. *c* 1400 *Pety Job* 308 in *26 Pol. Poems* 131 And thus I chaunge in euery shoure, And fle away ryght as a shade. 1561 W. KETHE in *Sc. Psalter* xc. v, They are..euen lyke a slepe or shade. 1662 EVELYN *Sculptura* v. 122 You see likewise in this very Figure, that the oblique, and direct shades *o u x y* are caused by the cathetus *m t n*. 1750 JOHNSON *Rambler* No. 80 P 2 After a few hours, we see the shades lengthen. 1868 MORRIS *Earthly Par., Cupid & Psyche* 641 And when she woke the shades were lengthening. 1891 HARDY *Tess* xxi, I zid you kissing his shade.

b. *fig.* An unsubstantial image of something real; an unreal appearance; something that has only a fleeting existence, or that has become reduced almost to nothing; = SHADOW *sb.* 6. Now only *poet.* or *rhetorical*. Also, with strengthened hyperbole, *the shadow of a shade*.

1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 2330 þe king nas him sulf bote as a ssade & let im worþe al out. *a* 1300 *Sarmun* xxxviii. in *E. E. P.* (1862) 5 Man-is lif nis bot a schade nov he is and nov he nis. 1340 *Ayenb.* 77 Holy wryt þet hise clepeþ leazinges and ssed and metinges and uanites. *c* 1580 SIDNEY *Ps.* XXXIX. iv, They are but shades, not true things where we live. 1664 S. CROSSMAN in Palmer *Bk. Praise* (1865) 166 My life's a shade, my days Apace to death decline. 1741–2 GRAY *Agrippina* 43 The consulate, that empty shade Of long-forgotten liberty. 1814 COLERIDGE *To Lady with Falconer's 'Shipwreck'* vi, Remembrances of Friend, Or absent or no more! Shades of the Past, Which Love makes substance! 1815 SCOTT *Guy M.* XXXVII, I am a member of the suffering and Episcopal Church of Scotland —the shadow of a shade now, and fortunately so. 1874 O'SHAUGHNESSY *Music & Moonlight* 185 We die..And shades, we hunt some shade of our desire.

c. *transf.* An inseparable follower or companion. *poet. nonce-use.* Cf. SHADOW *sb.* 8.

1667 MILTON *P. L.* X. 249 Thou my Shade Inseparable must with mee along.

6. The visible but impalpable form of a dead person, a ghost. Also, a disembodied spirit, an inhabitant of Hades (= L. *umbra*); chiefly with allusion to pagan mythology. Often collective plural, *the shades*: the world of disembodied spirits, Hades (cf. sense 2 b).

1616 SIR W. MURE *Misc. Poems* xvii. 26 Glorefied amidst the schads dewyne. 1697 DRYDEN *Virg. Georg.* IV. 726 The youth essay'd To stop her flight, and strain the flying shade. 1742 GRAY *Eton* 4 Where grateful Science still adores Her Henry's holy Shade. 1798 FERRIAR *Illustr. Sterne* iii. 85 Lucian..allows only a foot to each of the shades. *a* 1839 PRAED *Poems* (1864) II. 299 Peace to his hallowed shade! 1879 C. F. KEARY *Dawn Hist.* X. 149 A journey after death to reach the home of shades.

b. A spectre, phantom. *rare.*

1598 SHAKS. *Merry W.* V. v. 42 Fairies blacke, gray, greene, and white, You Moone-shine reuellers, and shades of night.

c. In humorous invocation of the spirit of a deceased person, as likely to be horrified or amazed by some action or occurrence.

1818 MOORE *Fudge Fam. Paris* (ed. 4) 167 Oh, shade of the Cheesemonger! [*Note.* One of the Fancy, who..was killed ..at Waterloo.] 1863 W. PHILLIPS *Sp.* i. 8 Shades of Hugh Peters and John Cotton, save us from such pulpits! 1866 WYNTER *Our Social Bees* Ser. II. 96 Shade of my aunt! why, her Dresden china poodle dog cost more money.

†**7.** = SILHOUETTE *sb.* 1. *Obs.*

1781 *Advt.* in *N. & Q.* (1900) Ser. IX. VI. 356/2 Old Shades reduced with Care and Expedition. 1793 HOLCROFT *Lavater's Physiogn.* xiii. 219 No art can attain to the truth of the shade taken with precision. 1809 'J. A. ANDERSEN' *Dane's Excurs.* I. 22 Lord Nelson pointed out to me a profile, and then observed 'You see it is but a shade: yet I had great difficulty in obtaining it'. 1842 *Penny Cycl.* XXII. 8/1.

III. Protection from glare and heat.

8. Cover afforded by the interposition of some opaque or semi-opaque body between an object and light, heat, etc.; esp. the shelter from the sun afforded by trees; quasi-*concr.* (*sing.* and *pl.*) overshadowing foliage.

c 1000 *Ags. Ps.* (Th.) XXXV. 8 Manna bearn soðlice symle hopiað to þæm sceade þinra fiðera. 1340 *Ayenb.* 95 Þis trau is to alowe and to louie uor manye þinges. Vor þe rote...And uor his nayre ssed. *c* 1350 *Will. Palerne* 22 þe buschys þat ..lent grete schade. 1574 HELLOWES *Gueuara's Fam. Ep.* (1577) 42 When his souldiers saide, the enimies did shoote arrowes so thicke that the sunne was conered, He annswered: Then let vs fighte in the shade. 1584 B. R. tr. *Herodotus* II. 108 Fayre braunched trees, ouershadowing yᵉ waters with a coole & pleasant shade. 1600 SHAKS. *A. Y. L.* II. vii. 111 Vnder the shade of melancholly boughes. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* I. 303 In Vallombrosa, where th' Etrurian shades High overarch't imbowr. 1765 *Museum Rust.* IV. 458 The canal ought not to be under shade. 1841 JAMES *Brigand* i, The high swelling of the mountains round, still gave a pleasant shade to one side of the valley. 1855 BAIN *Senses & Int.* III. iii. § 19 Too much light impels us to seek the shade. 1892 *Photogr. Ann.* II. 431 Printing..should be done in shade by preference.

fig. 1599 SHAKS. *Hen. V*, II. ii. 28 There's not I thinke a subiect That sits in heart-greefe and uneasinesse Vnder the sweet shade of your gouernment. 1789 W. BLAKE *Songs Innoc., Cradle Song* 1 Sweet dreams, form a shade O'er my lovely infant's head! 1832 LONGF. *Coplas de Manrique* liii, And he, the good man's shield and shade.

b. *In the shade*: in a position screened from the direct action of the sun's rays; opposed to *in the sun*. Also *fig.*

1621 T. WILLIAMSON tr. *Goulart's Wise Vieillard* 130 If from his youth he..hath not bin brought vp in the shade, but hath endured stormes, cold, and extreame parching heate [etc.]. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* June 1645, One may walk all round it, dry, and in the shade. 1826 S. COOPER *First Lines Surg.* (ed. 5) 371 The patient distinctly perceives the light, and can even plainly discern in the shade,..large objects, or bright colours. 1883 E. A. PARKES *Pract. Hygiene* I. xv. (ed. 6) 435 Two maximum thermometers are issued—one to observe the greatest heat in the sun, the other in the shade.

9. A place sheltered from the sun; chiefly, a piece of ground overshadowed by trees. Now rare exc. in *collective plural*, with poetical colouring.

c 1000 *Sax. Leechd.* I. 284 Þone man sceal mid linenan claþe befealdan & on sceade ahon oððet he ȝedrifed beon mæȝe. *a* 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 3800 A knizt þat zephall was callid fand in a cole schade A litill drysnyng of dewe. 1577 B. GOOGE *Heresbach's Husb.* III. (1586) 140 b, In the noone time..you must driue them to the valleies and shades. 1646 CRASHAW *Delights* Wks. (1904) 126 No lone shade, but rings With chatting Birds delicious murmurings. 1705 ADDISON *Italy, Brescia* 61 Corn, that in these warm countries ripens much better among the Mulberry Shades, than if it were expos'd to the open Sun. 1830 J. G. STRUTT *Sylva Brit.* 59 The respectability which leafy shades, of apparently long standing, always confer on a habitation. 1845 KITTO *Cycl. Bibl. Lit.* s. v. *Egypt* (1849) I. 599/2 The climate is..exceedingly hot..; a shade is not easily found.

b. *transf.* A retired spot. Hence, an abode sheltered from the world, a quiet habitation. Chiefly *pl.* Now only *poet.* or rhetorical.

1605 SHAKS. *Mach.* IV. iii. 1 Let vs seeke out some desolate shade, & there Weepe our sad bosomes empty. 1630 *R. Johnson's Kingd. & Commw.* 536 Delighting in nothing but in ease, in shades, in dancing and drinking. *c* 1710 LADY M. W. MONTAGU *Let. to Mrs. Hewet* (1887) I. 30 People mistake very much in placing peace in woods and shades. 1729 T. COOKE *Tales, Proposals*, etc. 48 Hail to those Shades where, in our golden Age, The godlike Sidney pen'd the deathless Page. 1751 JOHNSON *Rambler* No. 180 P 9 Men bred in shades and silence..may be allowed to feel terror at personal danger. 1823 LAMB *Elia* Ser. II. *Poor Relations*, In the depth of college shades..or in his lonely chamber, the poor student shrunk from observation. 1837 DISRAELI *Venetia* I. i, Sought the retired shades of Cherbury.

c. In dial. use: A meadow open to the breeze, into which cattle are turned in hot weather.

1806 [see SINGLE *sb.* 2]. *a* 1847 in F. Sheldon *Minstrelsy Eng. Border* 421 He raced thro' reise and shad. 1893 *Cornhill Mag.* June 591 When they say the cattle come 'to shade' they mean they seek a spot where they are open to the cooling influences of water and breeze.

10. *The Shades*: originally, a name for wine and beer vaults with a drinking-bar, either underground or sheltered from the sun by an arcade. Hence often used, both in England and in the U.S., as a name for a retail liquor shop, or a drinking-bar attached to a hotel.

1823 'J. BEE' *Dict. Turf, Shades* (the) at London-bridge are under Fishmongers' hall. 1872 SCHELE DE VERE *Americanisms* 315 In the cities Shades are perhaps the most numerous. 1882 E. EDWARDS *Words, Facts & Phrases* 507 *Shades*...The name originated at Brighton...Numbers of other publicans, in London and elsewhere, adopted the name 'Shades', which is now fully established in the language as a synonym for wine vaults.

11. Something which affords protection from light, heat, etc. a. A shelter from wind and weather, a screen from excessive heat or cold. Also, *U. S.* a window-blind.

1624 *Capt. Smith's Virginia* III. vii. 73 To keepe vs from the winde we made a shade of another Mat. 1730 A. GORDON *Maffei's Amphith.* 349 The first who invented a Shade in the Theatre. 1814 T. HAYNES *Treat. Strawberry*, etc. (ed. 2) 70 Such shade or skreen will admit of being removed and taken away. 1867 AUGUSTA WILSON *Vashti* xviii, A window opened from the hall, and to-day, though a rose-coloured shade was lowered, the sash had been raised. 1894 HOWELLS *Trav. fr. Altruria* 126 The windows had paper shades

b. A lace scarf for the head worn by women. *Obs.* exc. *dial.*

1706 PHILLIPS (ed. Kersey), *Shade*,..an Ornament for a Woman's Head. 1738 *Boston News Let.* in Alice M. Earle *Costume Col. Times* (1894) 213 Worsted Shades. 1753 *Ibid.*, White Paris net shades. 1755 *Ibid.* 214 Gauze for Shades. 1766 [ANSTEY] *Bath Guide* iii. 76 All that Fancy's self has feign'd In a Band-Box is contain'd: Painted Lawns and chequer'd Shades. 1800 ELIZA S. BOWNE *Girl's Life* (1888) 42 Why can't you go and see McLellan's lace shades? Perhaps he may let you have one reasonably. 1868 LADY VERNEY *Stone Edge* vii. 81 Lydia appeared in her black 'shade' (a sort of mantle) and hood.

c. A dome-shaped cover of glass to protect ornaments from dust or accidental injury.

1705 HAUKSBEE in *Phil. Trans.* XXV. 2130 A Shade (as they generally call such as are put o'r Images to keep them from Dust). 1863 KINGLAKE *Crimea* (ed. 3) I. xiv. § 8. 267 One shot broke the mirror over the chimney-piece, another the shade of the clock. 1894 MORRISON *Mean Streets* 215 A 'shade of fruit'—a cone of waxen grapes and apples under a glass cover.

d. A globe or cylinder of some semi-transparent substance placed over the flame of a candle, lamp or gas-jet to soften or diffuse the light or to protect the flame from draughts; also, a screen of silk, paper, metal, etc., supported upon a light framework and placed above an illuminant to reflect, concentrate, or soften the light. Also (Westminster School) a lamp with a fixed shade. *Wall shade* = SCONCE *sb.*[1]

1780 *Hickey's Bengal Gaz.* 8 Apr. (Y.) Borrowed last Month by a Person or Persons unknown..a very elegant Pair of Candle Shades...—N.B. The Shades have private marks. 1789 I. MUNRO *Narr. Milit. Operat.* 186 His tent is furnished with..a folding-table, a pair of shades for his candles [etc.]. 1825–9 MRS. SHERWOOD *Lady of Manor* III. xxi. 251 It was well lighted up, with many wall-shades and standing-shades. 1884 FORSHALL *Westminster Sch.* 64 The Juniors had then ..to clean the 'shades' of the Seniors and third Election. 1891 HARDY *Tess* liii, The two customary candles were burning under their green shades in the Vicar's study.

e. A covering worn to protect the eye from light (see quot. 1857).

1801 NELSON *Let. to Lady Hamilton* 28 Jan., He has directed me..to have green shades for my eyes. 1818 LADY MORGAN *Autobiog.* (1859) 71 The dear Comte de Ségur, with a green shade over his eyes, and almost blind. 1857 BARWELL *Care of Sick* 80 The proper method is to use what is called a shade, made of a piece of cardboard, large enough to hang over the eye.

f. The part of a head-dress that projects in front so as to shade the eyes; the peak of a cap.

1818 SCOTT *Hrt. Midl.* xiii, The projecting shade of a curch, or coif.

g. In scientific apparatus: a shutter or other mechanical means of intercepting light falling upon or through an object.

1837 GORING & PRITCHARD *Microgr.* 74, I likewise drew a

shade over the objective end of the microscope. 1848 *Knapp's Chem. Technol.* I. 156 Reflectors, shades, &c.

IV. *attrib.* and *Comb.*

12. a. Simple attrib., as (sense 8) *shade-mantle, -side*; (sense 8 b) *shade-heat*; (sense 9) *shade-plot*; (sense 11) *shade-frame, -stone*; b. objective, as *shade-giving, -loving, -seeking* adjs.

1909 *Cent. Dict. Suppl.*, **Shade-frame.* A frame for the partial shading of a seed-bed. 1859 LANG *Wand. India* 282 A clump of *shade-giving mango trees. 1896 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* I. 249 We distinguish between radiant or sun heat, and *shade or air heat. 1830 LINDLEY *Nat. Syst. Bot.* 264 Ferns and other *shade-loving plants. 1880 O. CRAWFURD *Portugal* 318 Detached clouds..shall throw their *shade-mantles on the land. 1586 W. WEBBE *Eng. Poetrie* (Arb.) 73 Thou Tityr, at ease in a *shade plott. 1826 MISS MITFORD *Village* II. 173 That..cold-braving, *shade-seeking plant. 1856 MRS. BROWNING *Aur. Leigh* VI. 429 The artist's eye, That keeps the *shade-side of the thing it loves. 1904 H. C. BUTLER *Archit. & other Arts* 126 Another interesting detail of the domestic architecture of Northern Syria is the shed or *shade-stone frequently found over the doorways.

13. Special comb.: **shade-cord**, *U.S.* a blind-cord; **shade-deck**, an upper deck of a passenger vessel, covered at the top but open at the side, forming a sheltered promenade in hot weather; hence **shade-decked** *a.*; **shade-fish**, = MAIGRE *sb.*; **shade maximum**, the highest temperature recorded in a single day by a thermometer placed in the shade; **shade-reading**, the indication of a thermometer protected from direct influence of the sun's rays; **shade-tree**, a tree planted for the purpose of affording shade.

1904 RIIS *Roosevelt* xii. 298 When he passed each window [he] would seize the *shade-cord and give a little abstracted pull. 1894 *Times* 22 Oct. 7/5 The boats are carried on a *shade deck, which forms a covered promenade. 1894 W. H. WHITE *Man. Naval Archit.* (ed. 3) 382 A tank steamer of the 'shade-deck' type. 1902 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 10) XXXII. 550/1 Most of the latter have a continuous upper deck above the main deck: if this be of light construction .. the vessel is called a *Shade-decked Vessel. 1722 DIAPER tr. *Oppian's Halieut.* I. 214 Here.. tim'rous *Shade-Fish the blind Haunts pursue. 1863 COUCH *Brit. Fishes* II. 54 Sciæna. Shade Fish. Maigre. 1896 *Daily News* 20 July 7/3 In London the *shade maximum on Friday was only 67 degrees. 1897 *Ibid.* 21 Sept. 5/2 There was no *shade reading below 40 deg. reported. 1806 *Balance* 22 July 228 (Thornton *Amer. Gloss.*) It is to be regretted that a *shade tree, useful and ornamental as the poplar, should be in danger. 1885 LADY BRASSEY *The Trades* 179 Through plantations of fine coffee, protected by the usual 'shade-trees'.

Shade (ʃēd), *v.*[1] Also 4 **schade**, 8–9 *dial.* **shad.** [f. SHADE *sb.*]

†**1.** *intr.* To cast a shadow. *Obs. rare*—[1].

1393 LANGL. *P. Pl.* C. XXI. 479 May no grysliche gost glyde þer hit [the cross] shadeweþ [MS. M. schadeþ].

2. *trans.* To screen from light or heat, to protect from the glare or heat of the sun's rays.

c 1400 in *26 Pol. Poems* (1904) 143 A place I fonde shadyd with bowes I-bent. *c* 1420 ? LYDG. *Assembly of Gods* 65 The grettest trees that any man may fynde In forest to shade the deere for her comfort. 1615 G. SANDYS *Trav.* 120 Barges, shaded with damasks, and stuffes of India. 1697 DAVDEN *Virg. Past.* VII. 16 Here wanton Mincius..shades his happy Banks with bending Reeds. 1707 MORTIMER *Husb.* (1721) II. 58 They cannot well stand too dry, if they are but shaded in dry Weather. 1820 SHELLEY *Orpheus* 12 The overhanging rock That shades the pool. 1874 O'SHAUGHNESSY *Music & Moonlight* 20 Aloe, I made thee A garden to shade thee.

†**b.** To place in the shade; *refl.* To take shelter from light or heat. *Obs.*

a 1586 SIDNEY *Arcadia* II. (Sommer) 120 b, How to feede his beastes before noone, where to shade them in the extreame heate. 1733 W. ELLIS *Chiltern & Vale Farm.* 140 The Cattle..lie and shade themselves under their Boughs.

fig. 1639 FULLER *Holy War* II. XXVI. 77 Many retired themselves to solitary places..chiefly to shade themselves from the heat of persecution.

c. To protect (one's eyes or face) from the glare of the sun, with the hand or with something used as a screen.

1782 MISS BURNEY *Cecilia* VI. IX, You have indeed a bad cold my love; but shade your eyes with your hat, and after dinner [etc.]. 1831 SCOTT *Ct. Robt.* XIII, His hand interposed between his eyes and their faces, like a man that would shade his eyesight from the level sun. 1902 'MICHAEL FAIRLESS' *Roadmender* 74 He shaded his keen old blue eyes, and looked away across the water.

†**d.** *transf.* To overshadow protectingly; to protect. ? *Obs.*

1613 SHAKS. *Hen. VIII*, V. i. 160 Now good Angels.. shade thy person Vnder their blessed wings. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* IX. 266 Leave not the faithful side That gave thee being, stil shades thee and protects. 1701 DE FOE *Trueborn Eng.* 18 Whose Female Glories shade them from my Song.

¶ **e.** Misused for: To shelter (from wind). *rare.*

1845 J. COULTER *Adv. in Pacific* VIII. 102 They [the hills] shaded it from the trade winds.

f. To cover with a screen, to protect (a light) from draughts.

1827 SCOTT *Surg. Dau.* VIII, A large chandelier, which, shaded opposite to his face, threw all the light to the other side of the table. *c* 1885 CHR. G. ROSSETTI *Sick Child's Medit.* 4 Fresh air blows in, and mother shades the light.

3. To conceal from view; to hide partially, as by a shadow; to veil, obscure; to disguise.

c 1530 *Crt. of Love* 1272 'How is', (quod I) 'that he [Prevy Thought] is shaded thus With yonder cloth, I not of what colour?' 1596 SPENSER *F. Q.* VI. X. 42 Through hollow caues, that no man mote discouer For the thicke shrubs, which did them alwaies shade From view of liuing wight. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* V. 277 A Seraph wing'd; six wings he wore, to shade His lineaments Divine. 1704 SWIFT *T. Tub* Introd. § 3 All this he cunningly shades under the following allegory. 1813 SHELLEY *Q. Mab* I. 41 Her golden tresses shade The bosom's stainless pride. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* II. IV. iii, A lady shaded in broad gipsy-hat. 1908 [MISS E. FOWLER] *Betw. Trent & Ancholme* 72 Shaded from view on the South side.

4. To cover with shadow, to darken. Also *transf.* and *fig.*

1599 SHAKS., etc. *Pass. Pilgr.* x, Bright orient pearl, alack, too timely shaded! 1634 SIR T. HERBERT *Trav.* (1638) 253 From this accursed root branching out so many sects as in short time infected and shaded all the orient, in an eclipse of fearfull darknesse. 1794 MRS. RADCLIFFE *Myst. Udolpho* xxxiv, Never..had she watched with so much pleasure.. twilight shade and darkness veil the scene. 1700 PRIOR *Carm. Sec.* xii, The Piece by Virtue's equal Hand is wrought, Mix'd with no Crime, and shaded with no Fault. 1827 SCOTT *Highl. Widow* v, A melancholy smile shaded his cheek.

b. To appear like a shadow upon.

a 1704 T. BROWN *On Duke Ormond's Recov.* Wks. 1730 I. 49 Ee'r rising down to shade his cheeks began. 1750 tr. *Leonardus's Mirr. Stones* 132 Nassonites is a stone of a sanguin colour, marked or shaded with black veins.

c. To cast one's shadow upon, to be close to. *nonce-use.*

1717 POPE *Iliad* X. 183 But sleep'st thou now? when from yon' Hills the Foe Hangs o'er the Fleet, and shades our Walls below.

5. In occasional figurative uses. **a.** To cast into the shade; to surpass, eclipse (now *dial.*). **b.** To obscure, dim the lustre of (good qualities). **c.** To throw a veil over (faults).

c 1746 J. COLLIER (Tim Bobbin) *View Lanc. Dial.* Wks. (1862) 49 This had like't o shad awth' tother! 1785 ADAMS *Let.* 17 Nov. in Boswell *Johnson* Advt. P 4, I wish..a few of our hero's foibles had been a little more shaded. 1813 *Sk. Character* (ed. 2) I. 14 His good qualities were not a little shaded by an inherent pride of ancestry, and an austerity of manners. 1865 BRIERLEY *Irkdale* xiii. I. 210 Queer! It shads Guilliver ut thy feyther ust read abeawt.

6. To represent as by a shadow, to shadow forth, symbolize. *To shade out*: to sketch faintly.

1591 SIDNEY *Astrophel* lxxxi, How faine would I paint thee to all mens eyes, Or of thy gifts at least shade out some part! 1596 SPENSER *F. Q.* V. vii. 2 Calling him [Iustice] great Osyris ..With fayned colours shading a true case.

7. *Painting* and *Drawing.* To represent the shade or shadow on (an object); to furnish (a picture) with the indications of shade. In black-and-white or monochrome work: To furnish (a drawing) with the gradated dark markings (produced by lines more or less close together, rubbing of crayon or pencil, a wash of tint, or the like) indicating shade and colour of the object. Hence *occas.* to darken (parts of a diagram, etc.) in a similar manner. *To shade up*: to fill in (an outline sketch) with markings indicative of contour.

1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) VI. 116/1 After the learner has made himself..perfect in drawing outlines, his next endeavour must be to shade them properly. 1815 J. SMITH *Panorama Sci. & Art* II. 718 The perspective drawing thus produced, may then be completed, by shading it according to the manner in which the light appears to fall on the original. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* I, She buys a couple of begilt Bristol boards..and paints.. a shepherd with a red waistcoat on one, and a pink face smiling in the midst of a pencil landscape—a shepherdess on the other..with a little dog, nicely shaded. 1875 SEATON *Fret Cutting* 64, I have not shaded the leaf to show any depth of the carving. 1886 W. N. BROWN *Wood Engraving* 33 Filling in or 'shading up' with a softer and darker pencil and washes of Indian ink.

b. *To shade in*: to insert by shading. *fig.*

1878 *Irish Monthly* VI. 506 And then the eloquent Member for Louth proceeds to shade in the darker tints of this companion picture.

8. To colour (a textile fabric) with shades gradually passing one into another.

1841 *Penny Cycl.* XIX. 495 Shading [of ribbons] 6d. per gross extra. 1845 MRS. M. J. HOWELL *Hand-bk. Dress-making* 27 Observe, in silks and satins that are shaded, there is an up and a down.

9. a. *intr.* Of a colour, hence *gen.*: To pass by imperceptible degrees *to* or *into* something else; also with *away, off.* Also *to shade away*: to disappear gradually.

1819 SCOTT *Lel.* in *Lockhart* (1837) IV. viii. 272 It will perhaps shade off into a mild chronic complaint. 1845 BUDD *Dis. Liver* 162 The colour of the skin is a golden yellow shading into green. 1855 BREWSTER *Newton* I. v. 123 Three primary spectra..having their intensity of illumination and maximum at different points, and shading to nothing at their extremities. 1880 E. WHITE *Certainty Relig.* 80 Their own teaching was at once definite and vague, carrying a central lustre and a dimmer enfolding radiance, shading away into the Infinite. 1901 *N. Amer. Rev.* 15 Feb. 235 No other nation has company officers of the average ability and education of our own; but the superiority shades away as their service progresses.

b. *trans.* To change or make to pass by imperceptible degrees *into* something else; also with *away, off.* Also *to shade away, down*, to soften the abruptness of (a statement) by qualifying words.

1818 SCOTT *Rob Roy* iii, A touch of coarseness and hardness about the manners of the times, which has since, in a great degree, been softened and shaded away. 1864 BOWEN *Logic* x. 336 Their various sorts and degrees are shaded into each other imperceptibly. 1873 SYMONDS *Grk. Poets* viii. 235 The thoughts of Aristophanes are not shaded down, concealed or wrapped up in symbols.

Shade, *v.*[2] Forms: 3–5 **schade**, 9 **shade.** [Northern repr. OE. *scádan, sceáddan*: see SHED *v.*]

†**1.** *intr.* To distinguish *between*. *Obs. rare*—[1].

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 22930 Wel bitnix þam can he schade.

†**2.** *trans.* To shed, scatter abroad. *Obs. rare*—[1].

c 1425 *Cast. Persev.* 2329 in *Macro Plays* 146 Gostly grace I spylle & schade.

3. *Sc.* To part (the hair). Also *transf.*

1818 SCOTT *Hrt. Midl.* xvii, Hastily shading her dishevelled hair back from her wasted, but still beautiful countenance. 1824 MACTAGGART *Gallovid. Encycl.* 116 He'd shade the binwud door aside. 1869 [MCLENNAN] *Peasant Life* Ser. I. 265 To have her hair combed and shaded.

Shade, doubtful form of SHOAD.

Shaded (ʃē·dĕd), *ppl. a.* [f. SHADE *v.*[1] + -ED [1].]

1. Protected from light or heat.

1634 HABINGTON *Castara* I. (Arb.) 49 I'de rather like the violet grow Vnmarkt i'th shaded vale. *a* 1692 BOYLE *Hist. Air* (1692) 153, I placed a piece of amber in a shaded part of a window. 1756 MRS. CALDERWOOD in *Coltness Collect.* (Maitl. Club) 186 There are shaded walks for study and contemplation. 1827 KEBLE *Burial of Dead* 45 in *Lyra Apost.* (1849) 59 If human anguish o'er the shaded brow Pass shuddering, when the handful of pure earth Touches the coffin lid. 1897 MARY KINGSLEY *W. Africa* 276 These narrow shaded swamps gave us a world of trouble.

b. Of a lamp, candle: Covered with a shade.

1865 DICKENS *Mut. Fr.* III. V, H was standing with some papers in his hand by a table with shaded candles on it. 1866 MRS. H. WOOD *St. Martin's Eve* XXXVIII, A small shaded reading lamp. 1881 LADY D. HARDY *Through Cities & Prairie Lands* 96 The shaded lamps were lighted.

2. Covered with shadow.

1670 DRYDEN *1st Pt. Cong. Granada* III. i. Song (1673) 27 From her white Temples fell her shaded Hair, Like Cloudy Sunshine, not too brown nor fair. 1725 POPE *Odyss.* XI. 12 O'er the shaded billows rush'd the night. 1829 *Chapters Phys. Sci.* 402 If the moon indeed be attentively viewed, some days after her conjunction, the boundary of the shaded part will be seen as it were indented.

†**3.** Obscurely hinted, shadowed forth. *Obs.*

1583 MELBANCKE *Philotimus* K iv, His highnes perceiuing the shaded drift, called a counsell of diuers noble men [etc.].

4. Having colours gradually passing into one another, marked with gradations of colour.

1710 STEELE *Tatler* No. 151 P 1, The artificial nosegay, and shaded furbelow. 1799 *Hull Advertiser* 25 May 3/1 A complete stock of shaded worsted. 1891 'J. S. WINTER' *Lumley* V, These shaded pink geraniums are exquisite.

b. In collectors' names of moths: see quots.

1832 J. RENNIE *Butterfl. & Moths* Index 277 Shaded Broad Bar. 1869 E. NEWMAN *Brit. Moths* 151 The Shaded Broad Bar (*Thera obeliscata*). *Ibid.* 122 The Shaded Pug (*Eupithecia subumbrata*).

5. Of a drawing, etc.: see SHADE *v.*[1] 7. Also, of a colour or coloured object: Edged or variegated *with* some darker colour.

1796 WITHERING *Brit. Plants* (ed. 3) IV. 188 Gills extremely white: pileus mouse-colour, shaded with brown. 1813 SHELLEY *Q. Mab* II. 17 Those far clouds of feathery gold, Shaded with deepest purple. 1839 R. S. ROBINSON *Naut. Steam Eng.* 107 The shaded spaces *b b*, representing the position of the valve when shut. 1869 *Athenæum* 20 Feb. 279/1 An outline woodcut copy, and also a shaded one, of Occleve's beautiful miniature of Chaucer. 1871 *Amer. Encycl. Printing* (ed. Ringwalt) 405 *Shaded*, a general name for many varieties of job-letter, in which the main character is shaded.

Shadeful (ʃē·dfŭl), *a. rare.* [f. SHADE *sb.* + -FUL.] Abounding in shade; umbrageous.

1563 B. GOOGE *Eclogs* i. (Arb.) 34 Then shadefull places oute he lookes, and all alone he lyues. 1596 R. L[INCHE] *Diella* (1877) 78 O'regrowne it was with mighty shadefull Trees. 1613 DRAYTON *Poly-olb.* iii. 78 The Easterne Avon vaunts..To be the onelie child of shadefull Sauernake.

Shadeless (ʃē·dlĕs), *a.* [f. SHADE *sb.* + -LESS.]

1. Lacking shade, without shelter (from heat, etc.).

1814 WORDSW. *Excurs.* VII. 143 An opening Shadeless, and shelterless. 1882 ARNOLD in *Macm. Mag.* XLVI. 145 The shadeless streets of a hot and dusty town.

2. Affording no shade.

1890 H. H. JOHNSTON in *Nature* 13 Nov. 46 The shadeless acacias with their cruel thorns.

3. Not marked by shadows; unrelieved by shade, monotonously faultless.

1835 MRS. BROWNING *Felicia Hemans* 2 Thou bay-crowned living One, that o'er the bay-crowned Dead art bowing, And, o'er the shadeless moveless brow, the vital shadow throwing. 1894 H. NISBET *Bush Girl's Rom.* 13 Walter Scott was a little heavy for her with his introductions, while his heroines were just a trifle shadeless and uninteresting.

4. Not furnished with a shade.

1852 MAITLAND *Eight Ess.* 237 Though for reasons of his own he might incessantly wear a shadeless cap.

Hence **Sha·delessness.**

1894 H. NISBET *Bush Girl's Rom.* 153 Its sunny shadelessness filled him with a strange tremor of dread. 1909 *Eng. Rev.* Apr. 70 In the wonderful light and shadelessness of that noon..I looked at you.

Shader (ʃē·dəɹ). *rare.* [f. SHADE *v.*[1] + -ER [1].] One who or something which shades (in various senses of the verb).

1728 *Capt. G. Carleton's Mem.* 151 In every Age Virtue has its Shaders or Maligners. 1765 J. BROWN *Chr. Frnl.* 221 Black and deep the night begins to fall; a shader immense. 1881 *Instr. Census Clerks* (1885) 55 Flower Making..Shader. *Ibid.* 64 Woollen Cloth Manufacture..Shader.

Shadew(e, obs. forms of SHADOW.

Shadewy, obs. form of SHADOWY.

Shadine (ʃædī·n). [f. SHAD *sb.*, after SARDINE.] A trade name for the menhaden, preserved in oil like a sardine.

1782 CRÈVECOEUR *Lett.* 132 It is on the shores of this part of the island..where they catch their best fish, such as sea-bass, tew-tag or black fish,..shadine, pike, &c. 1842 in *Mem. Amer. Acad.* (1846) II. 260 *Alosa sadina*, Spotted Shadine. 1888 GOODE *Amer. Fishes* 386 'American Sardine', 'American Club-fish', 'Shadine' and 'Ocean Tront'.

Shadiness (ʃē·dinĕs). [f. SHADY *a.* + -NESS.] The quality or condition of being shady.

1611 COTGR., *Opacité*, opacitie, shadinesse, vmbrage. 1652 J. WRIGHT tr. *Camus' Nat. Paradox* XII. 361 The.. Shadiness of the Chamber. 1863 BATES *Nat. Amazons* I. 82 It is difficult to see the bird in the woods, on account of.. the shadiness of its dwelling-places. *Mod.* I agree with you as to the shadiness of their transactions.

Shading (ʃē·diŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. SHADE *v.*[1] + -ING[1].] The action of SHADE *v.*[1] in various senses.

1. Protection from light or heat.

1611 COTGR., *Ombragement*, a shading or shadowing. 1821 SCOTT *Kenilw.* ii, I thought I might take the privilege of an old comrade to ride across through the trees, both for shading..and for avoiding of dust. 1858 GLENNY *Everyday Bk.* 210/1 Attention to the watering and shading is all that is required for the established plants.

2. A foreshadowing, adumbration.

1850 WORDSW. *Prel.* IV. 248 Whatever shadings of mortality,..Had come among these objects heretofore.

3. Delineation of shade; a marking or colouring resembling this.

1663 GERBIER *Counsel* 85 Painting..upon flat moulding, and set off with shading. 1766 FORDYCE *Serm. Young Women* (1767) I. vi. 253 The business of shading with the needle is now..seldom thought of but at school. 1839 DICKENS *Nich. Nick.* iv, Gilt letters and dark shading. 1882 MORRIS *Hopes & Fears for Art* iv. (1903) 148 Gradation, which in more naturalistic work is got by shading.

fig. 1896 MRS. CAFFYN *Quaker Grandmother* 254, I fear the finer shading was entirely omitted in the making of me.

b. *Mus.* The imparting of 'light and shade'.

1881 BROADHOUSE *Mus. Acoustics* 331 That expression.. was obtained..by the much more delicate shading of various transpositions of consonant chords.

4. A minute variation or difference (of a colour, hence of a quality, species, etc.).

1775 ASH, *Shading*, the different gradation of colours. 1858 SEARS *Athan.* xix. 168 The seven colors and their shadings. 1863 DANA *Man. Geol.* 602 Appearances suggesting the idea of such shadings among species are..rare.

b. *Shading-off*: decrease in the intensity of a colour, or its passage *into* some other, by imperceptible gradations; also *fig.* of a quality, species, or the like.

1858 MALLET in *Rep. Brit. Assoc.* I. 60 The shading-off or evanescence of tint. 1885 *Manch. Exam.* 6 Mar. 5/4 In Egypt..there is no gradual shading off from fertile into waste ground. 1892 *Spectator* 16 Jan. 77/2 The University ..lends its influence even to the shading-off of one political class into another.

5. A toning-down, qualifying (of a statement).

1818 SCOTT *Rob Roy* xiii, The circumlocutions, shadings, softenings, and periphrasis, which usually accompany explanations betwixt persons of different sexes in the higher orders of society.

Shading (ʃē·diŋ), *ppl. a.* [f. SHADE *v.*[1] + -ING[2].] That shades, in various senses of the vb.

1. Affording protection from heat or light.

a 1586 SIDNEY *Arcadia* I. x. P 7 (1912) 63 Grasse (which plentifully grewe, brought up under the care of those wel shading trees). 1671 MILTON *P. R.* III. 221 A shelter and a kind of shading cool Interposition, as a summers clond. *c* 1709 PRIOR *First Hymn of Callim.* 15 Wild Lycæus, black with shading Pines. 1910 *Westm. Gaz.* 19 Feb. 14/2 If such a shadiog hood were applied at all times..the clearness of the photograph taken would be very much clearer.

†2. Delineating shade. *Obs. rare*[−1].

1667 MILTON *P. L.* III. 509 Thick with sparkling orient Gemmes The Portal shon, inimitable on Earth By Model, or by shading Pencil drawn.

Shadock, obs. form of SHADDOCK.

Shadoing, obs. form of SHADOWING *sb.*

Shadoof (ʃădū·f). Also **shadouf**, **shayduf**; **chadous**. [Egyptian Arabic شادوف *shādūf*.] A contrivance used in the East for raising water for irrigation purposes, consisting of a rod or pole working upon a pivot, at one end of which is fastened a bucket and at the other a weight to serve as a counterpoise.

1836 LANE *Mod. Egypt.* xiv. (1890) 300 The most common of these machines is the 'shadoof'. 1837 WILKINSON *Manm. & Cust. Anc. Egypt*, ii. (1841) I. 53 The mode of irrigation was by the *shadoof*. 1858 HOMANS *Cycl. Comm.* 440/1 The cotton plants [in Egypt] are watered periodically by means of Sakyiehs, Shadoufs, or water-wheels. 1885 LOCK *Workshop Rec.* Ser. IV. 90/2 The shadoof or chadous of Egypt. 1904 H. SPENCER *Autobiog.* II. 338 The fellahs..work all day with their shadoofs, raising water to irrigate their lands.

Shadow (ʃæ·dou), *sb.* Forms: 1 *dat.* **sceadwe**, **sceaduwe**, 2 **sceadewe**, 2–3 **scadewe**, 2–5 **shadewe**, 3 **schesdewe**, **scaudu**, **sadue**, 3–4 **schadw**(**e**, 3–5 **schadew**(**e**, 3–7 **schadow**, 4 **schadu**(**e**, **shaldw**, **shadw**, **shadu**, **shodow**, **sadwe**, **szadewe**, *Sc.* **schedow**, **-aw**, 4–5 **shadue**, **shadwe**, 4–6 **schadowe**, 4, 6 *Sc.* **schaudow**, 4, 6–7 **shaddowe**, 4–7 **shadowe**, 4, 7 **schadou**, 5 **schado**, **shsdew**, **shedow**, 5–7 **shaddow**, 6 **shadoe**, **shadoo**, **shadou**, **shoddowe**, *Sc.* **schaudou**, **schaddou**, 6–7 *Sc.* **schaddowe**, 7 **shaddou**, 8 **shadoue**, 4– **shadow**. [repr. OE. *scead(u)we*, oblique case of *sceadu* str. fem.; the nom. sing., with the variant form *sceade* of the oblique case, and the by-form *scead* neut., are represented by SHADE *sb.*, q.v. The Teut. cognates show some variation in declension and gender: OS. *scado* masc. or fem. (MLG. *schade*, *schadewe*, mod. LG. *schadde*, *scharde*, *scharre*, *scharr*; cf. mod. WFris. *skaed*, EFris. *schād*, NFris. *skaar*); MDu. *schade*, *schaduwe* (mod.Du. *schaduw* fem.); OHG. *scato* masc., genit. *scatewes* (MHG. *schate*, *schatte* str. and wk. masc., also *schatewe*, early mod.G. *schatte* wk. masc., mod.G. *schatten* masc.); wanting in ON. (the mod. Norw. *skadda*, *skodda* fog, is of doubtful origin); Goth. *skadus* masc. The OTeut. form was prob. **skaδwo-z* masc. or **skaδwō* fem. (the traces of *u* declension in Goth. and OE. being due to analogical alteration):—pre-Teut. **skotwó-s*, *-wā* or **skatwó-s*, *-wā*; cf. Gr. *σκότος* masc. and neut., darkness, OCeltic **skāto-s* masc. (Irish *scáth*, Cornish *scod*, Breton *squeut*, Welsh *cy-sgod*, shadow).]

I. Comparative darkness.

1. Comparative darkness, esp. that caused by interception of light; a tract of partial darkness produced by a body intercepting the direct rays of the sun or other luminary. Cf. sense 11.

a 1220 *Bestiary* 648 Đanne cumeð ðis elp unride, and.. slepeð hi ðe tre in ðe sadue. *c* 1325 *Gloss. W. de Bibbesw.* in Wright *Voc.* 159 E pus au boys en umbrail [*glossed* in the sadwe (szadewe)] Passerom desouz l'overayl. *a* 1366 CHAUCER *Rom. Rose* 1411 And fayre in shadowe was euery wel. *c* 1421 *26 Pol. Poems* 104 So soþfast sunne, by hys pouste, Dryueþ awey shadewe. 1555 EDEN *Decades* II. i. (Arb.) 106 The shadowe of the tree is contagious. 1603 SHAKS. *Meas. for M.* III. i. 257 That the time may haue all shadow, and silence in it. 1820 BELZONI *Egypt & Nubia* III. 400 Where there is no index to direct the stranger on his way, ..nor even a stone or a shadow to shelter him from the sun. 1860 TYNDALL *Glac.* I. vi. 42 The fronts of the ridges.. remain in shadow all the day. 1902 R. BAGOT *Donna Diana* xxi. 258 She quietly withdrew from the bedside, and stood in the shadow of the curtains at its head.

b. *Shadow of death*: a Biblical expression (= LXX and N.T. *σκιὰ θανάτου*, Vulg. *umbra mortis*) embodying an ancient interpretation of Heb. צַלְמָוֶת, traditionally vocalized *ṣalmāveth*, as if f. *ṣēl* shadow + *māveth* death.

Ewald and many other scholars, however, think the word should be pronounced *ṣalmūth* (or as pl. *ṣalmōth* = Arab. *ṣalamāt*), and that it comes from the Semitic root found in Arab. as ظلم *ẓalima* to be dark. However this may be, it is in the Old Testament merely a poetic word for intense darkness (so the margin of the Revised Version, 'deep darkness'). But the phrase 'shadow of death' has (in Eng. as in Christian Latin and other langs.) often been used with various meanings naturally suggested by the words; the commonest use is to denote the gloom and horror of approaching dissolution.

The valley of the shadow of death (Ps. xxiii. 4 in Eng. versions from Coverdale 1535; the earlier versions follow the Vulg. and LXX, which read 'midst' instead of 'valley'): often applied to the experience of being brought by illness apparently near to the grave.

The Land of the Shadow of Death: a rhetorical name for a tract of Western Africa in which the mortality among the white inhabitants is very great.

[*a* 900 CYNEWULF *Christ* 118 Þa þe longe ær..deorc deaþes sceadu dreoȝan sceoldan.] *c* 1050 *Lambeth Ps.* cvi. 10 Ða sittendan on þeostrum & on sceaduwe deaþes. *a* 1340 HAMPOLE *Psalter* cvi. 10 In shadow of ded, þat is in vicious life, þat is, ymage of endles ded. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Pars. T.* 177 The lond of mysese and of derknesse, where as is the shadwe of deeth [= *Job* x. 22, Vulgate]. 1535 COVERDALE *Ps.* xxiii[i]. 4 Though I shulde walke now in the valley of the shadowe of death [so 1611]. 1678 BUNYAN *Pilgr.* I. (1900) 58 Now at the end of this Valley, was another, called the Valley of the Shadow of Death. 1889 'MARK TWAIN' *Yankee at Crt. K. Arthur* xli. 480 If you've watched your child through the valley of the Shadow and seen it come back to life. 1897 MARY KINGSLEY *W. Africa* 441 The..depressing scenery of the Land of the Shadow of Death—a land that stretches from Goree to Loanda. 1910 *Lond. Mag.* Dec. 478/2 That Valley of the Shadow of Death which lies between Wolverhampton and Birmingham.

c. *fig.* with various notions: Gloom, unhappiness; a temporary interruption of friendship; sometning that obscures the lustre of a reputation.

1855 LONGF. *Hiawatha* x, Love is sunshine, hate is shadow. 1894 DOYLE *Sherlock Holmes* 38 There never was a shadow between us until this accursed affair began. 1905 *Century Mag.* Aug. 484/1 The episode left an unfortunate shadow on the sportsmanship of the visitors.

2. *pl.* a. The darkness of night; the growing darkness after sunset.

1382 WYCLIF *Song Sol.* ii. 17 To the time that the dai springe, and shadewes be bowid in. *a* 1611 BEAUM. & FL. *Four Plays in One, Tri. Death* Wks. 1912 X. 349 Give me such kisses as the Queen of shadows Gave to the sleeping boy she stole on Latmus. 1728 YOUNG *Ocean* xix, The stars are bright To chear the night, And shed, thro' shadows, temper'd fire. 1865 BARING-GOULD *Hymn*, '*Now the day is over*' i, Shadows of the evening Steal across the sky.

†b. *The shadows*: the shades, Hades. *Obs. rare.*

1490 CAXTON *Eneydos* xx. 73 Wherof I shalle make my reporte vnto the pryue goddis, heyng in the lowe shadowes.

3. *Painting* and *Drawing*. The darker part of a picture, etc. representing the less illuminated portions of the original. Also the colour used in the tincture of such a part. = SHADE *sb.* 3 (which is now more usual).

1486 *Bk. St. Albans*, *Her.* c viij, A dowte theer is yit of a certayn shadow of a mylneryscros as it shewith here folowyng [etc.]. 1565 COOPER *Thesaurus*, *Umbræ pictorum*..Shadows cast in peynctyng. 1675 A. BROWNE *App. Art Limning* 9 An Excellent Shadow for Old Mens Bodies, temper Pink, Lake, and Red Lead. 1778 SIR J. REYNOLDS *Disc.* viii. (1779) 19 One of the first rules..respecting his conduct and management of light and shadow, would be what Leonardo Da Vinci has actually given. 1885 LOCK *Workshop Rec.* Ser. IV. 365/1 The result is a negative harmonious from high light to clear shadow. 1907 J. A. HODGES *Elem. Photogr.* (ed. 6) 116 The lights being hard and the shadows dense.

II. Image cast by a body intercepting light.

4. The dark figure which a body 'casts' or 'throws' upon a surface by intercepting the direct rays of the sun or other luminary; the image (approximately exact or more or less distorted) which this figure presents of the form of the intercepting body.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 19277 Þe seke war born þam for to mete, þat petre scaudu on þaim suld rine Þar-of had mani seke medicine. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Pars. T.* 212 Certes a shadwe hath the liknesse of the thyng of which it is shadwe. *c* 1450 *Mirk's Festial* 188 Wher þat euer he ȝeode, and his schadow glod on a seke body, he was hole anon. 1553 T. WILSON *Rhet.* II. 56, I solde you not the shadowe of the Asse. 1635 N. CARPENTER *Geog. Del.* I. x. 226 The shaddow is alwayes found to be opposite in place to the Sunne-beams. 1785 MISS FIELDING *Opheña* I. xxiii, Lord Larbornugh..followed me about like a shadow. 1822 IMISON *Sci. & Art* I. 467 Eclipses of the moon are owing to the shadow of the earth falling upon the moon. 1874 tr. *Lommel's Light* 14 An opaque body is illuminated on that side of its surface only which is turned towards the light, its opposite surface, as well as a space covered by it, the shadow, remains dark.

fig. 1801 CAMPBELL *Lochiel's Warn.* 56 Coming events cast their shadows before.

b. Phrases, *To be afraid of one's own shadow*: to be unreasonably timorous. *May your shadow never grow* (*be*) *less!* may you keep on increasing (in prosperity)! [A Persian phrase.]

1568 GRAFTON *Chron.* II. 659 Whether shee were afrayed of her awne shadowe..the truth is, that the whole army returned to their Shippes. 1824 [MORIER] *Hajji Baba* xxviii. II. 64 'May his shadow never be less', said another. 1863 R. F. BURTON *Wand. W. Africa* I. 9 *note*, The little fleet—may its shadow never be less!—began with chartered ships. 1887 *Referee* 2 Jan. (Cass.), The recipients hope.. that Sara's shadow may never grow less.

c. As a type of what is fleeting or ephemeral.

a 1272 *Luue Ron* 32 in *O. E. Misc.* 94 Þus is þes world as þu mayht seo al so þe schadewe þat glyt away. 1340 HAMPOLE *Pr. Consc.* 715 Man..passes away Als a shadu on the somers day. ?*c* 1415 HOCCLEVE *Min. Poems* 67 Lyf passith as a shadwe in enery age. 1830 SCOTT *Jrnl.* II. 260 In this phantasmagorial place [London] the objects of the day come and depart like shadows. 1871 CASWALL *Hymn*, '*Days and Moments*' II. i, As a shadow life is fleeting.

d. *Optics*, etc. †*Right shadow*: the figure thrown by an opaque body upon a horizontal plane to which it is perpendicular. †*Contrary*, †*Versed shadow*: the figure thrown by an opaque body upon a vertical plane to which it is perpendicular. *Geometric shadow*: the figure produced upon a vertical screen by extending the lines from a luminous point which envelop an opaque body placed between the screen and the point. †*Line of shadows*: a scale engraved upon some mathematical instruments used in taking altitudes; = QUADRAT.

1571 DIGGES *Pantom.* I. xii. D iij b, Marke well the diuisions of pointes touched in your scale, if they be of right shadow...But and if they bee of contrarie shadow, worke contrarely. 1644 NYE *Gunnery* II. (1670) 37 But if of contrary or vers'd shadow, multiply the distance from the middle of your foot by the parts cut. 1727–52 CHAMBERS *Cycl.*, *Quadrat*, *Quadratum*, called also *geometrical square*, and *line of shadows*, is an additional member on the face of the common Gunter's and Sutton's quadrants. 1882 *Encycl. Brit.* XIV. 581/1 How to place a plane quadrilateral of given form so that its geometric shadow may be a square.

e. *transf.* (See quots.)

1875 TYNDALL *Sound* vii. (ed. 3) 317 The possible influence of a sound-shadow. 1883 *Ibid.* (ed. 4) 299 *heading*, Acoustic Shadows. 1895 *Funk's Stand. Dict.*, *Shadow*, A region protected or screened off from radiation of any kind: used with qualification or in composition; as, a sound-shadow; an electric shadow.

5. In loose or extended use.

a. A reflected image.

A similar use of the corresponding sb. is found in many other langs.

c 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 29 Hu maht þu iseon þine sceadewe in worie watere? *c* 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 29 Hie [*sc.* þe wimman] bihalt hire sheawere, and cumeð hire shadewe þaronne, þe shadewe hire taceð [etc.]. *a* 1366 CHAUCER *Rom. Rose* 1529 He (*sc.* Narcissus) louede his owne shadowe soo That atte laste he starf for woo. *c* 1470 HENRYSON *Mor. Fab.* x. (*Fox & Wolf*) xxiv, The schadow of the mone schone in the well. 1601 SHAKS. *Jul. C.* I. ii. 58 Such Mirrors..That you might see your shadow. 1692 R. L'ESTRANGE *Fables* vi. 5 But out of a Greediness to get Both, he [*sc.* the dog] Chops at the Shadow, and Loses the Substance. 1797–8 COLERIDGE

Anc. Mar. VI. xvi, And on the bay the moonlight lay, And the shadow of the Moon. 1803 WORDSW. *Yarrow Unvisited* 44 Let..The swan on still St. Mary's Lake Float double, swan and shadow! 1823 SCOTT *Quentin D.* xxix, The planets which shine above us as little influential of our destiny, as their shadows, when reflected in the river, are capable of altering its course.

† b. The faint appearance of something seen through an obscuring medium. *Obs.*

1594 PLAT *Jewell-ho.* I. 42 Let the scholler write vpon the shadowe of the text lines.

c. Applied to the appearance of degenerate corpuscles, bacilli, etc. faintly visible under the microscope; also known as *Shell-shadows*.

1885 *Buck's Med. Handbk.* I. 204 (Cent. Suppl.), The occurrence of..'shell shadows' in the blood after release from the bell jar. 1896 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* I. 83 In tuberculosis..it is not unusual to find in the giant-cells some bacilli .. but faintly traceable as unstained, translucent shadows.

6. *fig.* a. An unreal appearance; a delusive semblance or image; a vain and unsubstantial object of pursuit. Often contrasted with *substance*.

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 366 He bet penede nout of sunne, bute scheadewe one. 1526 ABP. WARHAM in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. III. II. 42, I..shulde bee as a shadoo and ymaige of an Archebisshop and Legate, voide of auctoritie and jurisdiction. 1602 SHAKS. *Ham.* II. ii. 265 The very substance of the Ambitious is meerely the shadow of a Dreame. 1611 MURE *Misc. Poems* i. 52 Thy pleasour is bot paine, A dreame, a toy, a schadou. 1701 DE FOE *Trueborn Eng.* 41 Titles are Shadows, Crowns are empty things. 1780 BURKE *Sp. Bristol declining Poll* P 5 The worthy gentleman ..has feelingly told us, what shadows we are, and what shadows we pursue. 1809 MALKIN *Gil Blas* XI. vi. (Rtldg.) 405 The minister..was now determined to seize the substance as well as catch at the shadow. 1840 J. H. NEWMAN *Par. Serm.* V. i. 4 At present we are in a world of shadows.

† b. Applied rhetorically to a portrait as contrasted with the original; also to an actor or a play in contrast with the reality represented. *Obs.*

1580 LYLY *Euphues* (Arb.) 259 For Appelles shadowes are to be seene of Alexander, but not Alexanders of Appelles. 1590 SHAKS. *Mids. N.* V. i. 213, 430. 1591 — *Two Gent.* IV. ii. 126 To your shadow, will I make true loue. 1609 *Ev. Woman in Hum.* III. i. in Bullen *O. Pl.* IV. 347, I have a dumbe-shewe of all their pictures, each has sent in his several shadow. 1679 in *Spalding Club Miscell.* V. 186 He was wont to gaze away whole days on her picture,..practising upon the shadow to fit himself for the substance.

c. An obscure indication; a symbol, type; a prefiguration, foreshadowing.

1382 WYCLIF *Col.* ii. 17 The whiche ben schadowe of thingis to come; forsoth the body is of Crist. 1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 3 b, But all these were but fygures and shadowes of thynges to come. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* XII. 233 Religious Rites Of sacrifice; informing them, by types And shadowes, of that destind Seed to bruise The Serpent. 1704 SWIFT *Mech. Operat. Spir.* Misc. (1711) 305 Certain curious Figures,..which were so many Shadows and Emblems of the whole Mystery. 1855 KINGSLEY *Westw. Ho!* xix, That eternal world, whereof all here is but a shadow and a dream.

d. Something of opposite character that necessarily accompanies or follows something else, as shadow does light.

1830 TENNYSON *Love & Death* 10 Thou [Death] art the shadow of life. 1872 MORLEY *Voltaire* (1886) 1 A new type of belief, and of its shadow, disbelief.

e. An imitation, copy; a counterpart.

1693 *Humours Town* 31, I desire you to parallel the Follies and Vices of the Town with the shadows of such in the Country. 1815 T. HOOK *Sayings* Ser. II. *Passion & Princ.* xv. III. 362 Everything [on a voyage] goes on with the precision of clockwork, and one day is only the shadow and echo of another. 1864 BRYCE *Holy Rom. Emp.* xviii. (1875) 330 The Roman Empire was the shadow of the Popedom.

f. Used *hyperbolically* to designate a person extremely emaciated or feeble.

1588 GREENE *Pandosto* Wks. (Grosart) IV. 262 This tragicall discourse of fortune so daunted them, as they went like shadowes, not men. 1590 SIR J. SMYTHE *Disc. Weapons* Ded. 11 Great nambers of miserable and pitiful ghosts or rather shadowes of men. 1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* III. i. 45 All were faire knights, and goodly well beseene, But to faire Britomart they all but shadowes beene. 1773 *Life N. Frowde* 8, I hardly eat or drank, and became a perfect Shadow. 1815 SCOTT *Guy M.* xli, He appeared to wither into the shadow of himself. 1887 BOWEN *Virg. Æneid* III. 590 A stranger, by want to a shadow worn.

g. An attenuated remnant; a form from which the substance has departed. Also, *the shadow of a name* (L. *nominis umbra*), a shadowy or faintly surviving renown.

a 1569 KYNGESMILL *Godly Adv.* (1580) 13 Least instead of a man, ye finde but the shadowe of a man. *a* 1674 CLARENDON *Hist. Reb.* XV. § 152 But his greatness at home was but a shadow of the glory he had abroad. 1781 GIBBON *Decl. & Fall* XVII. II. 29 The emperors themselves, who disdained the faint shadow of the republic. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* I. IV. iv, Who shall become the eloquent orator of Royalism, and earn the shadow of a name. 1862 BROUGHAM *Brit. Const.* iii. 52 The prerogative of the Crown was reduced to a shadow.

h. A slight or faint appearance, a small insignificant portion, a trace.

1586 A. DAY *Eng. Secretary* I. (1625) 8 Simple, plaine, and of the lowest and meanest stile, utterly devoide of any shadow of high and loftie speeches. 1678 CUDWORTH *Intell. Syst.* I. iv. § 18 (1743) 321 There was no shadow of reason, why [etc.]. 1736 BUTLER *Anal.* I. i. Wks. 1874 I. 28 There is not so much as this shadow of probability, to lead us to any such conclusion. 1831 KERLE *Serm.* V. (1848) 113 For the shadow of anything like proof of it, we may search far and wide in vain. 1867 FREEMAN *Norm. Conq.* (1876) I. App. 774 There is not a shadow of evidence that Harold ever reigned as Under-king in England.

7. A spectral form, phantom; = SHADE *sb.* 6.

c 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* ii. (*Paulus*) 1151 Pan come a schadow full hugly, blak and blay, & stud hyme by. 1460 CAPGRAVE *Chron.* (1858) 266 Eke he [Rich. II] thoute evyr that a schadow of a man walkid before him. 1588 SHAKS. *Tit. A.* I. i. 100 That so the shadowes be not vnappeased. — *Mids. N.* III. ii. 347 Beleeue me, King of shadowes, I mistooke. *c* 1590 MARLOWE *Faust.* 146 And I..Will be as cunning as Agrippa was, Whose shadowes made all Europe honor him. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* X. 264 Whom thus the meager Shadow answerd soon. 1790 COWPER *Iliad* II. 71 At mine head The shadow took his stand. 1812 CARY *Dante, Purg.* VIII. 45 To the valley now..let us descend; and hold Converse with those great shadows. 1871 R. ELLIS *Catullus* lxiv. 153 No handful of earth shall bury me, pass'd to the shadows. 1888 HONNOR MORTEN *Sk. Hosp. Life* 48 Every second the silent shadow feared of man drew nearer.

8. One that constantly accompanies or follows another like a shadow.

a. A parasite, toady; also (= L. *umbra*) a companion whom a guest brings without invitation.

1579 GOSSON *Sch. Abuse* (Arb.) 40 Though the pryde of their shadowes (I meane those hangebyes whome they succour with stipend) cause them to be somewhat ill talked of abroade. 1609 B. JONSON *Sil. Wom.* II. ii, Laught at by the Lady of the Colledge, and her shadowes. 1639 MASSINGER *Unnat. Combat* III. i, I must not haue my boord pester'd with shadowes, That under other mens protection breake in Without invitement.

b. A spy or detective who follows a person in order to keep watch upon his movements. Cf. SHADOW *v.* 12.

1859 MATSELL *Rogue's Lex.* 78 *Shadow*, a first-class police officer, one who possesses naturally the power..to follow his quarry. 1890 *Daily News* 4 Oct. 4/6 The refusal of the magistrates to allow a policeman to be asked whether he was a 'shadow'. 1908 *Westm. Gaz.* 8 Aug. 10/2 His duties as official police 'shadow' to the Prince of Wales.

c. *Westminster School.* (See quot.)

1884 FORSHALL *Westminster Sch.* 4 The master..called me to him, and along with me another boy, whom he assigned to me as my 'Substance'. I was the 'Shadow'. The 'Substance' was, for the space of a week, responsible for the proper conduct of his 'Shadow'. 1903 F. MARKHAM *Recoll. Town Boy Westminster* 231.

† 9. An outline for a picture. *Obs.*

1656 JEANES *Fuln. Christ* 14 Painters, whose first rude or imperfect draught is termed a shadow, or adumbration.

10. *Algebra.* A symbol having no meaning apart from a symbol of another kind to which it is attached.

1898 A. N. WHITEHEAD *Univ. Algebra* I. 87 The Greek letters have no meaning apart from the Roman letters to which they assign properties, and therefore should not be written alone. Let these Greek letters be called shadows or umbral letters; and let the Roman letters denoting regions be called regional letters.

III. Shelter from light and heat.

11. Protection from the sun; shade. Now *rare*.

† *In the shadow* = 'in the shade' (SHADE *sb.* 8 b).

'Dry it in the shadow' is a constant direction in pharmaceutical recipes in the 17th c.

c 1350 *Will. Palerne* 754, & vnder a tri appeltre tok him tid a sete, þat was braunched ful brode & bar gret schadue. *c* 1425 *Cursor M.* 8451 (Trin.) Vndir þe shadow of þat tre be kynde of þingis lerned he. 1525 BERNERS *Froiss.* II. ciii. [xciz.] 209 They shall be in the sonne and in great heate, and we shall be in the shadowe and in the fresshe ayre. 1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* XXVIII. ix. II. 320 Prepared they ought to bee and dressed, before Autumne, when they be oew and fresh washed, & dried in the shaddow.

† b. *concr.* That which affords shade. Cf. 13.

1667 MARVELL *Corr.* Wks. (Grosart) II. 402 Though an only son be inestimable, yet it is like Jonah's sin, to be angry at God for the withering of his shadow.

† c. A shady place. *Obs.*

1526 *Grete Herball* lxii. (1529) D iv, Betony..groweth on hylles, woodes, & shadowes, and about trees. 1688 HOLME *Armoury* II. 176/2 A Shepheards Bower..[is] called Shades, or shaddows, by the Poets.

† d. Retirement, seclusion. *Obs. rare*—1.

1612 BACON *Ess., Of Gt. Place* (Arb.) 280 They..are impatient of priuatenesse, euen in age and sicknesse, which require the shadow.

12. Overshadowing (of wings, etc.), as affording security; protection or shelter from danger or observation.

c 1200 *Vices & Virtues* 101 Vnder ðare scadewe of ðine fiðeres. *a* 1300 *E. E. Psalter* xvi. 10 Hile me vnder schadou of þi wenges twa. 1474 CAXTON *Chesse* IV. viii. (1883) 187 Prayngе your good grace to resseyue this lityll and symple book made vnder the shadowe of your noble protection. 1607 SHAKS. *Timon* V. iv. 6 Such As slept within the shadow of your power. 1719 WATTS *Hymn*, '*O God our Help*' ii, Beneath the shadow nf Thy throne Thy Saints have dwelt secure. 1821 SCOTT *Kenilw.* i, There is no treason, sure, in a man's enjoying his own thoughts, under the shadow of his own bonnet? 1827 — *Surg. Dan.* xii, She is under the shadow of the British flag, and she shall experience its protection. 1871 FREEMAN *Norm. Conq.* (1876) IV. xviii. 106 Deeds were done under the shadow of his name which we may be sure that in his own heart he abhorred.

† b. *Under the shadow of* [= Fr. † *en l'ombre de, sous* (*l'*) *ombre de*, It. *solto ombra di*]: = under colour of, on pretence of. *Obs.*

1523 BERNERS *Froiss.* I. cccxxvi. 206 b, He was nat worthy to holde any herytage in the realme of Fraunce, vnder the shadowe of his children. 1632 LITHGOW *Trav.* IV. 146 He stroue (vnder the shaddow of inuented lies) to mitigate the fury of her..disdaine.

† 13. Denoting various appliances for affording shade. a. A handscreen; also a parasol, sunshade. b. A woman's headdress, or a portion of a headdress, projecting forward so as to shade the face. c. A tester or canopy for a bed. *Obs.*

a. 1604 E. G[RIMSTONE] *D'Acosta's Hist. Indies* V. xxix. 418 They put vpon him certaine ensignes of feathers, with fannes, shadowes and other things. 1611 COTGR., *Ombraire*, an Vmbrello, or shadow. *Ibid.*, *Ombrelle*.

fig. 1623 FLETCHER *Rule Wife* III. (*init.*), Now you have got a shadow, an *umbrella* To keep the scorching worlds opinion From your fair credit.

b. 1579 LYLY *Euphues* (Arb.) 116 Besides all this their shadows, their spottes, their lawnes, their leefekyes, their ruffes, their rings, shew them rather Cardinals curtisans, then modest Matrones. 1598 FLORIO, *Velaregli*, bonegraces, shadowes, vailes or launes that women vse to weare on their foreheads for the sunne. 1631 KNEVET *Rhodon & Iris* III. i. E 3, Shadowes, rebatos, ribbands, ruffes, cuffes and fals. 1641 BEST *Farm. Bks.* (Surtees) 106 Lawne..is much used for fine necke-kerchers, and fine shadowes, and dressinges.

c. 1604 T. M. *Black Bk.* in *Middleton's Wks.* (Bullen) VIII. 25 The testern, or the shadow over the bed.

14. *Theatr.* A penthouse or roof over the stage. *Obs.* exc. *Hist.*

1600 in Greg *Henslowe Papers* (1907) 5 With a shadowe or cover over the saide Stadge. 1831 J. P. COLLIER *Dram. Poetry* III. 305 The projecting tiled roof over the stage [at the 'Fortune'] is called in this agreement 'the shadow', but it is also technically termed 'the heavens'.

IV. *Comb.*

15. a. Simple attrib., as *shadow-side*, *-streak*; (sense 4) *shadow-show*, *-tracery*; (sense 4 c) *shadow-wave*; (sense 7) *shadow-crown*, *-king*, *-patriarch*, *-shape*, *-world*; (sense 13) *shadow-plant*; *shadow-like* adj. (and adv.); also quasi-adj. = SHADY, as †*shadow ditch*, †*hedge*, †*hilet*, †*place*, †*tree*.

1844 MRS. BROWNING *Vis. Poets* cccxiv, The figure of a palm-branch brown Traced on its brightness up and down In fine fair lines,—a *shadow-crown. 1568 TURNER *Herbal* III. 54 *Nummularia*..groweth by hedge sydes, and in *shaddowe ditches. 1602 tr. *Pastor Fido* II, Where a *shadow hedge [*una siepe ombrosa*] doth close it in. 1382 WYCLIF *Isa.* iv. 6 And a tabernacle shal ben in to a *shadewe hilet of the dai, fro brennyng. 1896 LINA ECKENSTEIN *Wom. Monasticism* 75 Ebruin..again became house-mayor to one of the *shadow kings, *rois fainéants*, the unworthy successors of the great Merovech. 1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* XXXII. ix. II. 444 The garbage and skales of the *shadow-like Sciæna. 1623 DRUMM. OF HAWTH. *Flowres of Sion* (1630) 31 Glories breath, which Shadow-like on wings of Time doth glide. 1863 I. WILLIAMS *Baptistery* I. Imag. xiii. (1874) 170 A something deep, And shadowlike, yet shadowless. 1639 FULLER *Holy War* III. ii. (1640) 111 Let those who are delighted with Sciographie, paint out..these *shadow-Patriarchs. 1551 TURNER *Herbal* I. E v b, Astragalus..groweth in places open to the wynde in *shadowe places. 1885 LAOY BRASSEY *The Trades* 140 '*Shadow-plants' which have to be grown in order to protect the young cacao-plants. 1872 FITZGERALD *Omar* (ed. 3) lxviii, We are no other than a moving row Of Magic *Shadow-shapes. 1859 *Ibid.* xlvi, 'Tis nothing but a Magic *Shadow-show. 1570 T. WILSON *Demosth. Orat., Life* 117 When the sunne was verie hote about noonetide, they both would go on the *shadow side of the Asse. 1890 *Anthony's Photogr. Bull.* III. 147 If the light is too strong on the nose it must be lowered by bringing up the shade on the cheek, especially on the shadow side. 1833 TENNYSON *Pal. Art* 76 The ragged rims of thunder brooding low, With *shadow-streaks of rain. 1885 WARREN & CLEVERLY *Wand. Beetle* 72 Lying on the sunny sward, dappled with the restless *shadow-tracery of the trees. 1602 tr. *Pastor Fido* F 3 b, Among these *shadow trees. 1871 G. MACDONALD *Wks. Fancy & Imag.* II. 11 Scaring *shadow-waves o'er fields of corn. 1891 F. THOMPSON *Sister Songs* (1895) 50 A *shadow-world, wherethrough the shadows wind Of all the loved and lovely of my kind.

b. Instrumental, as *shadow-chequered*, *-dappled*, *-haunted*, *-peopled*, *-vested*, *-winged* adjs.

1830 TENNYSON *Arab. Nts.* 102 Many a *shadow-chequer'd lawn. 1857 KINGSLEY *Two V. Ago* XXV, Gazing out over the *shadow-dappled lawn. 1887 MORRIS *Odyss.* XII. 285 To wander o'er the *shadow-haunted sea. 1820 SHELLEY *Hymn Merc.* xxix, But we will leave this *shadow-peopled cave And live among the Gods. 1832 — *Invoc. Misery* i, *Shadow-vested Misery. 1871 PALGRAVE *Lyr. Poems* 131 *Shadow-winged night hovers nearer above.

c. Objective, as *shadow-bringer*, *-fighter*, *-hunting*, *-maker*, *-painting*, *-pursuer*; *shadow-bringing*, *-casting*, *-fighting*, *-grasping* adjs.

1902 W. S. CROCKETT *Scott Country* xix. 479 The great *Shadow-bringer was fast approaching. 1730 BAILEY (fol.), *Umbriferons*,..*Shadow-bringing. 1859 TENNYSON *Merlin & V.* 479 To him the wall That sunders ghosts and *shadow-casting men Became a crystal. 1882 *Encycl. Brit.* XIV. 584/1 The shadow-casting object should be near the screen. 1845 MAURICE *Mor. Philos.* in *Encycl. Met.* II. 582/1 He becomes a mere *shadow-pursuer and *shadow-fighter. 1768–74 TUCKER *Lt. Nat.* (1834) I. 473 Locke..then addressed the *shadow-fighting champion in these words. *a* 1644 QUARLES *Sol. Recant.* VI. 81 Thou, whose *shadow-grasping hand even tires Vpon the vanity of thy vast desires. 1856 RUSKIN *Mod. Paint.* IV. v. v. § 11 The strange shapes it [a cast shadow] gets into..cannot be imagined until one is actually engaged in *shadow-hunting. *a* 1887 JEFFERIES *Field & Hedgerow* (1889) 226 That singular *shadow-painting seen on the wings of moths.

16. Special comb., as †**shadow-adder** (tr. L. *coluber*, pseudo-etymologically 'qui colit umbram'), a serpent lurking in shady places; **shadow-band**[1], a company of or resembling phantoms; **shadow-**

band 2, one of a series of parallel bands, alternately light and dark, seen passing over any light-coloured surface immediately before and after totality in a solar eclipse; **shadow-bird**, a popular name for *Scopus umbretta*, a bird of nocturnal habits native in Africa and Madagascar; **shadow-building** (see quot.); **shadow canoe** (cf. *shadow-building*); **shadow catcher**, (*a*) one who grasps at and retains trifles; (*b*) a photographer; †**shadow dial**, ? a sundial; **shadow-fight**, a fighting with shadows (i.e. imaginary foes), or a fight between shadows, a sciamachy; **shadow-figure**, a silhouette; **shadow-fish** = SCIÆNA; †**shadow grass**, ? *Luzula sylvatica*; **shadow-half, -part**, 'that portion of land which lies towards the north, or is not exposed to the sun' (Jam.); †**shadow-house**, a summer-house; **shadow-light**, a reflected light; **shadow-line**, (*a*) = *line of shadows* (sense 4 d); (*b*) a line cast by the shadow of an upright post or by the gnomon of a sun-dial; **shadow-photograph**, a picture taken by means of the Röntgen rays; hence **shadow-photography**; **shadow-picture**, a shadow-photograph; **shadow-pin** (see quot.); **shadow-play**, a play in which the actors appear as shadows cast upon a screen placed between the stage and the auditorium; †**shadow-plough**, ? a PLOUGH (sense 3 a) on the shady part of an estate; **shadow-script** (? *nonce-use*), markings in shadow; **shadow-stick**, an upright post used for casting a shadow line; **shadow-stitch**, 'in *lace-making*, a mode of using the bobbins so as to produce delicate openwork borderings and the like' (*Cent. Dict.* 1891); **shadow test**, (*a*) a method of finding out by refraction whether an eye is myopic or hypermetropic; (*b*) a method of examining the outer side of an eye affected with cataract in its second stage (*Syd. Soc. Lex.* 1898).

1382 WYCLIF *Prov.* xxiii. 32 It shal bite as a *shadewe eddere. 1891 C. DAWSON *Avonmore* 156 In dear memory's hallowed land They move a silent *shadow hand. 1900 S. P. LANGLEY in *Science* 22 June 977 (Cent. Suppl.) Shadow bands were seen. 1905 *Westm. Gaz.* 1 Sept. 6/3 The shadow-bands were splendidly exhibited before and after totality. 1869–73 T. R. JONES *Cassell's Bk. Birds* IV. 62 The Hammer-head, or *Shadow-bird. 1891 WINN *Boating Man's Vade-M.* 9 The construction of small boats without regard to particular lines and without special intermediate dimensions is termed '*Shadow building'. 1883 *Fisheries Exhib. Catal.* 197 Full-size whale boat, dories, *shadow canoe,..Indian birch canoe, &c. 1774 MITFORD *Ess. Harmony Lang.* 53 *note*, Such a *shadow-catcher as I. Vossius..seems to have been. 1907 *N. & Q.* Ser. x. VII. 67 A firm of photographers in Bishopsgate Street are now describing themselves as 'Shadow-catchers'. 1669 STURMY *Mariner's Mag.* VII. Aaaa 2, A Globe with two Pole-Dials, and one *Shadow-Dial. 1768–74 TUCKER *Lt. Nat.* (1834) I. 471 Who is that antagonist whom he bumps and pummels so furiously in his *shadow-fight? 1816 COLERIDGE *Statesm. Man.* 34 While the latter present a shadow-fight of Things and Quantities, the former gives us the history of Men. 1851 MAYHEW *Lond. Labour* I. 311 The *shadow-figures sold this winter by one of my informants were of Mr. and Mrs. Manning, the Queen, Prince Albert [etc.]. 1598 *Epulario* F iiij b, To dresse a Latus or *shadow fish. 1705 DALE *Pharmacol.* Suppl. 348 Umbra...The Grunter or Shadow-Fish. 1597 GERARDE *Herbal* I. vi. 8 Wood grasse or *Shadow grasse. 1505 *Reg. Mag. Sig. Scot.* 600/2, 6 mercatas terrarum bine partis de Smythtoun de Noth, viz., le *Schaddow-half earundem. 1574 *Ibid.* 1585, 263/1 The *schaddow or myd thrid part and how schaddow thrid part. 1586–[87] *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* IV. 149 With the barnis, byris, biggiogis and uthiris abonespecifeit standing upoun the shaddow halff thairof. 1869 C. LESLIE *Family Leslie* III. 45 George Leslie of Tocher granted a charter of the shadow half of the town and lands of Drumdurno. 1649 in *Archæologia* X. 419 One garden summer or *shadowe house. 1623 DRUMM. OF HAWTH. *Flowres of Sion* (1630) 6 Of which that golden Eye, which cleares the Skies, Is but..a *Shadow light. 1764 J. FERGUSON *Lect.* 207 So as the uppermost edge of the shadow of the gnomon may just cover the *shadow-line. 1900 *Jrnl. Sch. Geog.* (U. S.) Jan. 2 The shadow-line is marked at each hour during the school day. 1902 *Westm. Gaz.* 17 Oct. 4/2 They watched the slowly moving shadow-line and cast sorrowful glances towards the erratic clocks in the neighbourhood. 1896 *Daily News* 13 Feb. 2/1 At least two years ago a German scientist took what are now called *shadow photographs in a small way. *Ibid.*, '*Shadow photography', nevertheless, is the term that has 'caught on'. 1896 *McClure's Mag.* VI. 415/2 A Crookes tube..with which he has taken all his *shadow pictures. 1891 *Naut. Mag.* Sept. 809 The *shadow-pin..attached to a compass card, to indicate the bearing of the sun at noon. 1895 Mrs. GRINDROD *Siam* 49 Burlesques, comedies introducing current events, and *shadow-plays, are productive of much mirth at fair-times. 1910 *Handbk. Ethnogr. Coll. Brit. Mus.* 102 The first two forms of Wayang are shadow-plays, the puppets being cut from leather. 1544 in *Reg. Mag. Sig. Scot.* 1587, 402/1 Octo bovatas terre..vocatas the *Schaddow-pleuch of Sonnyside. 1898 *Edin. Rev.* Apr. 312 The Fraunhofer spectrum, being a *shadow-script on a bright ground. 1900 *Jrnl. Sch. Geog.* (U.S.) Jan. 2 The *shadow-stick aids in teaching latitude. 1882 CAULFEILD & SAWARD *Dict. Needlework* 248 *Shadow Stitch..is used in Pillow Lace making to form the shadow of a pattern, to fill in the inside of curves [etc.].

Shadow (ʃæ·dŏu), *v.* Forms: 3–4 shadu, 3–5 schadow, 4 sseduy, 4–5 shadew, -dwe, schadew(e, 4, 6 schadou, 4–7 shadowe, 4, 6–7 shaddow, 5 schado, schad(o)we, 6 schaddow, shad(d)o, 6–8 shaddowe, 4– shadow. [OE. *sceadwian* f. *sceadu* SHADOW *sb.* (cf. OS. *skadowan*, *skadoian*, OHG. *scatewen*, also OE. *ofer-sceadwian* OVERSHADOW *v.*, and its Teut. equivalents).]

1. *trans.* To protect or shelter (a person or thing) from the sun; to shade. Now *rare* or *Obs.*

a 1366 CHAUCER *Rom. Rose* 1511 Whan he was to that welle comen, That shadowid was with braunches grene. 1530 PALSGR. 699/2 The sonne can nat come hyther, yonder house shadoweth me. 1577 B. GOOGE *Heresbach's Husb.* II. (1586) 98 Against the heat of the sun..shadow them as wel as you may. 1630 *R. Johnson's Kingd. & Commw.* 69 The Land is..shadowed with huge woods. 1675 COVEL in *Early Voy. Levant* (Hakl. Soc.) 202 Two more in like manner went fanning him all the way and shadowing him (for it was about ten o'clock, and a most excessive hot day). 1726 LEONI *Alberti's Archit.* I. 48 These..Stones..make a kind of pavement at top to shadow and protect the Substructure.

†**b.** *refl.* To obtain shade, take shelter from the sun. *Obs.*

1340 *Ayenb.* 97 Ine þe ssede of þise trawe him ssel guod herte sseduy. 1530 PALSGR. 700/1, I wyll go shadowe my selfe under yonder fayre oke. 1648 GAGE *West Ind.* 69 A rock, under which they shadowed themselves. 1682 LISTER *Gædart Of Insects* 138 These Spiders delight to be about the herbe Balm; and in Summer time they shaddow themselves under it.

†**c.** *intr.* for *refl. Obs.*

a 1533 BERNERS *Gold. Bk. M. Aurel.* (1546) Z j, Agaynste enuye is no..thycke wodde to shadowe in. 1607 NORDEN *Surv. Dial.* v. 205, I find that under these trees the grasse is most rancke and fruitefull,..by reason of..the cattle sheltring and shadowing under them.

2. *trans.* To shelter or protect as with covering wings; to enfold with a protecting and beneficent influence; = OVERSHADOW *v.* Chiefly in Biblical use. *Obs.* exc. *poet.* with *over*.

c 1000 *Lambeth Ps.* xc. 4 His sculdrum he scaduaþ þe [*obumbrabit tibi*]. *a* 1325 *Prose Ps.* xc. 4 And he shal shadow þe wyþ hys shulderis. *c* 1420 HOCCLEVE *Lam. Green Tree* 18 in *Reg. Princes* App. p. xxxvii, O holy gost,..That of heye vertue shadowist me. *c* 1450 CAPGRAVE *Life St. Gilbert* xxxv. 112 Þe commemoraciones of holy seyntis used in þe cherch, be whech we be schadowyd fro wyndes of temptaciones. 1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 202 The holy goost shall comme ouer the, and the vertue or myght of the moost hye god shall shadowe the. 1595 SHAKS. *John* II. i. 14 You giue his offspring life, Shadowing their right vnder your wings of warre. 1830 TENNYSON *Supposed Conf.* 181 Let Thy dove Shadow me over, and my sins Be unremember'd.

¶ **b.** *intr.* with prep. *on, over, up* (= L. *obumbrare* with *super*), in the same senses. *Obs. rare.*

a 1300 *E. E. Psalter* cxxxix. 8 [cxl. 7] Lauerd..þou schadowed ouer mi hened in dai ofe fighte. *a* 1325 *Prose Psalter*, Þou shadued, Lord, vp min heuede. 1382 WYCLIF, Thou al aboute shadewedest on myn hed.

†**3.** *trans.* To screen, protect from attack. *Obs.*

1489 CAXTON *Faytes of A.* I. xix. 56 A rowte of folke on horshake that ouer ranne about the felde here and there for to shadowe theyre fote men. 1558 LD. WENTWORTH *Let. to Q. Mary* 2 Jan. *Cal. State Pap., For.* 1553–8, 355 The enemy, shadowing themselves under the turnpike wall..kept themselves so secure that the pieces from the bridge could not touch them. 1598 BARRET *Theor. Warres* v. iii. 154 The Cauallerie, in their quarters..., would be defended and shadowed by the Infanterie.

†**b.** In immaterial sense: To be a security or protection to; to take under one's protection or patronage; to screen from blame or punishment, or from wrong. Also, to put (oneself, one's rights, etc.) under the protection of another. *Obs.*

a 1548 HALL *Chron., Hen. VI*, 127 b, And so, shadowed with this counsaill..he tooke a determinate peace. 1565 J. PHILLIP *Patient Grissell* 2116 (Malone Soc.), Shadow and defend them, with thy glorious spright. 1577–87 HOLINSHED *Chron.* I. 161/1 Though she were no nun, yet the offense seemed verie heinous, for that he should not once touch anie woman shadowed vnder that habit. 1588 GREENE *Pandosto* Ep. Ded. (1607) A 2 b, But I hope my willing minde shall excuse my slender skill, and your Honours courtesie shadowe my rashnesse. 1621 FLETCHER *Isl. Princess* III. i, Was't not enough I saw thou wert a Coward, And shaddowed thee? 1630 *R. Johnson's Kingd. & Commw.* 420 He invaded Livonia..., which had shadowed it selfe under the protection of the said Sigismund. 1704 TRAPP *Abra-Mulé* I. II. 286 Those Laurels which his conqu'ring Sword has won Should shadow this Miscarriage.

4. To cast a shadow upon, to cover or obscure with a shadow.

1382 WYCLIF *Acts* V. 15 That..the schadowe of him schulde schadowe [Vulg. *obumbraret*] ech of hem. [Similarly TINDALE 1526.] 1414 BRAMPTON *Penit. Ps.* (Percy Soc.) 64 (Harl. MS.), My dayes..ben shadowed and waxen drye and derke. 1563 SHUTE *Archit.* D iiij b, The Proiecture, shalbe as before..sauing onely that Mutili shall hange ouer so farre as ye maye conueniently not hyddinge or shadowing his Cymatium. 1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* II. vii. 56 The warlike Elfe much wondred at this tree, So faire and great, that shadowed all the ground. 1613 CHAPMAN *Maske Inns Court*, Her tresses in tucks braided with silver: The hinder part shadowing to wanes her shoulders. 1683 MOXON *Mech. Exerc., Printing* ii. P 1 When the Compositer is at work the Light may come in on his Left-hand; for else his Right-hand..might shadow the Letter he would pick up. 1795 SOUTHEY *Joan of Arc* X. 168 The dark battalions of the foe Shadowing the distant plain. 1825 SCOTT *Talism.* xxiii, The features..no longer shadowed by the mass of hair. 1850 TENNYSON *In Mem.* xlv[ii], The path we came by, thorn and flower, Is shadow'd by the growing hour.

†**b.** In *passive* of a shadow: To be 'cast' by an object. (If the reading be genuine: other MSS. read 'shadwe'.)

c 1386 CHAUCER *Pars. T.* 212 (Camb. MS.) Certis a schadewe hat the liknesse of the thyng of whiche it is schadewid.

c. *intr.* To cast a shadow. Now *rare.*

13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* A. 42 On huyle þer perle hit trendeled doun, Schadowed his wortez ful schyre & schene. 1377 LANGL. *P. Pl.* B. XVIII. 431 May no grysly gost glyde þere it [the cross] shadweth. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* IV. Prol. 2 Thow bricht Cytheria, Quhilk only schaddowist amang sterris lite. 1821 CLARE *Vill. Minstr.* II. 100 To seek the brook that down the meadows glides, Where the grey willow shadows by its sides. 1847 TENNYSON *Princess* V. 515 As comes a pillar of electric cloud,..shadowing down the champaign till it strikes On a wood.

d. To grow dark or gloomy. Also *transf.*

1888 *Harper's Mag.* Apr. 753 Evening shadowed; the violet deepened. 1891 MEREDITH *One of Conq.* III. 12 'There's the mother too', said he; and Nesta saw that the ladies shadowed.

†**5.** *trans.* To intercept or dim the light of (the sun or other luminary). *Obs.*

c 1430 *Pilgr. Lyf Manhode* II. xl. (1869) 91 Whan the sunne is shadewed, and at time of miday is shoven vnder a cloude. *a* 1548 HALL *Chron., Hen. IV*, 1 The bright glory of the triumphant Rome was eclipsed and shadowed. 1561 B. GOOGE *Palingenius' Zodiac Life* I. B j, As the sonne behinde the cloude, or shadowde of the moone. 1608 WILLET *Hexapla Exod.* 117 They are in such multitudes that they shadow the sun. *a* 1633 AUSTIN *Medit.* (1635) 42 He [Christ] was borne in the Night, to shew that the dignity and glory of his Godhead was shaddowed and darkened with the Night, and vaile of our flesh.

†**6.** To screen from view or knowledge; to keep dark, conceal. *Obs.*

1432–50 tr. *Higden* (Rolls) VII. 369 Thenkynge to schado his rape by the simplicite of seynte Wulstan. 1436 *Rolls of Parlt.* IV. 501/1 Under ye vmbre of such vidimus, all an hole Navye of Adversaries myght been and been shadewed. *c* 1560 *Trag. Rich. II* (1870) 51 You and I will heere shadowe ourselues, and writ downe the speches. 1581 PETTIE tr. *Guazzo's Civ. Conv.* II. (1586) 71 Manie, to the ende they may be taken for others then they are, vse to shadow the trueth. 1588 KYD *Househ. Philos.* Wks. (1901) 257 Neyther are their [women's] faces shadowed with beards. 1605 SHAKS. *Macb.* v. iv. 5 Let euery Souldier hew him downe a Bough, And bear't before him, thereby shall we shadow The numbers of our Hoast. 1608 MIDDLETON *Mad World* III. i. 29 Though I shadow it, that sweet virgin's sickness grieves me not lightly!

b. ? To clothe (a person) *with* a garment, to wrap, enfold.

1605 B. JONSON *Masque of Blackness*, Oceanus..shaddowed with a robe of sea-greene. *Ibid.*, Niger..shaddowed with a blue, and bright mantle.

7. To represent by a shadow or imperfect image; to indicate obscurely or in slight outline; to symbolize, typify, prefigure. Now chiefly with adv. *forth, out.*

1575 tr. *Marlorat's Apocalips* 47 The mysterie of the election and sealyng vp of Gods children by the holie Ghoste, seemeth too be ryghte trimly shadowed vnder this figure of speeche. 1606 BACON *Consid. Plant. Irel.* Resuscit. (1657) 257 That Glorious Emblеme or Allegory, wherein the wisdome of Antiquity, did figure, and shadowe out, works of this Nature. 1625 T. GODWIN *Moses & Aaron* VI. viii. 312 By the same foure [creatures], in the opinion of many of the Fathers, are shadowed forth the foure Euangelists. 1697 DRYDEN *Æneid* Ded. (b) 2, Augustus is still shadow'd in the Person of Æneas. 1712 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 327 P 5 Tho' the Catastrophe of the Poem is finely presag'd on this Occasion, the Particulars of it are so artfully shadow'd, that they do not anticipate the Story which follows in the ninth Book. 1715 CHAPPELOW *Right way Rich* (1717) 18 As the times grew nearer that dispensation which they shadowed out. 1820 SHELLEY *Prometheus* I. 247 Tremendous Image, as thou art must be He whom thou shadowest forth. 1843 GRAVES *Syst. Clin. Med.* XXIX. 370 Some of them [i.e. symptoms] will be faintly shadowed out, or altogether absent. 1894 *Knowledge* 1 May 99/2, I have ventured..to shadow forth what I believe will be the most hopeful principle on which to mount a monster reflecting telescope.

†**b.** *intr.* To hint *at* something. *Obs.*

1621 BAATHWAIT *Nat. Embassie* (1877) 150 My purpose is rather to shadow at some, then amply to dilate on all.

†**8.** *trans.* To portray, paint the likeness of; to draw or paint (a picture). *Obs.*

Very common in Lyly and some of his contemporaries.

1576 FLEMING *Panopl. Epist.* 58 It surpasseth all the pictures shadowed with the painters pencill. 1580 LYLY *Euphues* (Arb.) 213 The first picture that Phydias the first Paynter shadowed, was the portraiture of his owne person. 1584 B. R. tr. *Herodotus* II. 89 A Phœnix..I neuer saw but portrayed and shadowed in coloures. 1589 LODGE *Scillaes Met.* D 3, The pencile man that with a careles hand Hath shaddowed Venus, hates his slack regard. 1603 H. CROSSE *Vertues Commw.* (1878) 130 Apelles would not loose a day without shadowing a phisnomie. 1615 W. LAWSON *Country Housew. Gard.* (1626) 36 This is the best forme of a fruit-tree, which I haue here only shadowed out for the better capacity of them that are led more with the eye, than the mind. 1635 H. GELLIBRAND in J. W[ells] *Sciographia* ¶ 3 b, Others voice it on that witty Samian Aristarchus,..as first shadowing out the houre lines on a Plane. 1669 STURMY *Mariner's Mag.* VII. iv. 8 The Stile..you may make with Copper..., in form as you see shadowed.

†**9.** To depict the shadows in (an object, a scene); to place the shadows in (a picture or a part of it); to shade. *Obs.*

1612 PEACHAM *Gentl. Exerc.* I. ix. 29 The shinbone from the knee to the instep, is made by shadowing one halfe of the leg with a single shadow. 1674 LEYBOURN *Surv.* 311 Vmber is good to shadow upon Gold. 1682 T. A. *Carolina* 23 A deep Green, shadow'd with a Murry. 1714 JERVAS *Let. to Pope* 20 Aug., I have done Homer's head, shadow'd and heighten'd carefully. 1735 *Dict. Polygraph.* II. H h 4, Umber is shadowed with umber burnt.. Masticote is shadowed with red orpiment. *c* 1790 IMISON *Sch. Art* II. 2 With the pencil and gold size touch the places you would have shadowed. 1821 CRAIG *Lect. Drawing*, etc. vii. 367

He cannot by means of his art singly, delineate and shadow the face and person of his friend.

10. *intr.* †**a.** To be tinged *with* a darker colour. *Obs.* †**b.** To agree in shade of colour *with* (in quot. *fig.*); to border or verge *upon* a certain colour. *Obs.* **c.** (Also *passive.*) To pass by degrees, shade off *to* or *into* a certain hue; also *fig.*

1648 J. Goodwin *Right & Might* 32 Nor doth the Act of the Army in that dissociation of the Parliament..colour, or shadow (in the least) with the act of the King, breaking into their House. 1656 Earl Monm. tr. *Boccalini's Pol. Touchstone* (1674) 256 [She] is of so sallow a complexion, that she shadows upon the Moor. 1666 Boghurst *Loimogr.* (1894) 39 A urine shadowing with a greenish black. 1839 *Standard* 25 Feb., This sphere [of falsehood] is so wide, and its several degrees so shadowed into one another. 1868 Lowell *Pict. Appledore* ii, Now pink it blooms, now glimmers gray, Now shadows to a filmy blue.

†**11.** *trans.* To reflect, to imitate. *Obs. rare*—1.

1553 Brende *Q. Curtius* F f vij, I have not thought it unsemely for the Percians to shadow y^e^ customes of the Macedons.

12. To follow (a person) like a shadow; in mod. journalistic language said of a detective who dogs the steps of a person under surveillance.

1602 Rowlands *Greenes Ghost* 17 Then did Gibson sweare that he shuld not buy one peniworth of ware that day..and thereupon he shadowed him vp and downe, and mard his market quite. 1876 Besant & Rice *Gold. Butterfly* i, A bear who was 'shadowing' the man and meant claws. 1899 *Yorksh. Post* 20 Dec. 3 A Spanish Steamer shadowed by a British Cruiser.

Shadowed (ʃæ·doʊd), *ppl. a.* [f. Shadow *v.* + -ed 1.]

1. Protected from light and heat; furnished with shade.

1400 tr. *Secreta Secret., Gov. Lordsh.* lviii. 79 Wyn..þat growys in playn and moyst valeyes, and stedys shadwyd. 1526 *Grete Herball* cxxxiv. (1529) H v b, Candelacia..groweth in shadowed and humourous places. 1600 Surflet *Country Farm* II. xlii. 277 Pimpernell..craueth a moist and shadowed ground. 1713 C'tess Winchilsea *Misc. Poems* 27 A Shepherd seeking with his Lass, To shun the Heat of Day; Was seated on the shadow'd Grass. 1857 Kingsley *Two Y. Ago* xx, That peak is four miles from us now; and yet the shadowed cliffs at its foot seem double that distance.

†**2.** *Her.* = Umbrated. *Obs.*—1

1486 *Bk. St. Albans, Her.* c viij, He berith of golde with a mylneris cros umbratid or shadowyd. 1611 Cotgr., *Ombré*, vmbred, or shadowed; (a tearme of Blason).

3. Obscured or darkened by shadow or shadows. Also *transf.* and *fig.*

1596 Shaks. *Merch. V.* II. i. 2 Mislike me not for my complexion, The shadowed liuerie of the burnisht sunne. 1729 Savage *Wanderer* III. 290 Winter more nitrous chills the shadow'd sky. 1825 Longf. *Burial of Minnisink* i, On sunny slope and beechen swell, The shadowed light of evening fell. 1867 Augusta Wilson *Vashti* xxv, He scrutinized the sadly sharpened and shadowed features. 1908 Alice Shield *Henry Stuart* Pref., The quiet shadowed story of the last Stuart prince.

4. Of a portion of a visible object or scene: Lying in shadow or shade. (Chiefly with implied reference to artistic representation.)

1657 G. Thornley *Daphnis & Chloe* 171 The shadowed beauty of the ripened grapes. 1778 Sir J. Reynolds *Disc.* viii. (1779) 19 You must oppose a light ground to the shadowed side of your Figure. 1830 in *Builder* 9 Jan. (1864) 22/3 [Fuseli:] 'Don't say shadowed, it is incorrect'. 'Shaded, then, sir?' 'Yes. I know Sir Joshua uses "shadowed"; but it is not right.' 1879 Linton *Hints Wood Engraving* 28 The shadowed face of the boy,..and it may be the level sky, are engraved in regular lines.

†**5.** Of textile fabrics: Having colours or tints gradually passing one into another. *Obs.*

1639 in *Verney Mem.* (1907) I. 154 Some shadoede sattine ribbinge.

†**6.** ? Faintly written; ? showing faintly through a semi-opaque medium. (Cf. Shadow *sb.* 5 b.) *Obs.*

1588 W. Kempe *Educ. Children* F 3 b, The Maister shall teach his Scholar to write by practise of drawing the Pen upon the figures of shadowed letters.

7. Indicated obscurely, or by symbol or type; disguised, veiled.

1635 R. N. tr. *Camden's Hist. Eliz.* I. 32 Whether this proceeded from any virtue of his, whereof he gave some shadowed tokens. 1726 Pope *Odyss.* XIX. 627 A visionary thought I'll now relate, Illustrate, if you know, the shadow'd fate. 1850 Tennyson *In Mem.* xxxiii, Leave thou thy sister when she prays, Her early Heaven, her happy views; Nor thou with shadow'd hint confuse A life that leads melodious days.

†**b.** Adopted as a disguise. *Obs. rare*—1.

1615 Brathwait *Strappado* 173, I know your place and haue an ayme, To shewe your merits in a shadow'd name.

†**8.** Reduced to a shadow; shadowy, unreal.

1597 Middleton *Wisd. Solomon* ix. 7 What were it to be shadow of a king? A vanity; to wear a shadow'd crown?

9. Followed by a 'shadow' or spy, kept under observation.

1889 *Daily News* 12 Oct. 2/1 At last the shadowed man seized his opportunity, and slipped into the Irish mail unobserved.

Shadower (ʃæ·doʊəɹ). [f. Shadow *v.* + -er 1.]

1. One who or something which shadows, adumbrates, or portrays.

1600 Surflet *Country Farm* Ep. Ded. A 4, Those..liuely shadowers and setters forth of natures workes. [1618 *Owles Alman.* 56 *Painters*, You Beauty-shadowers, that robbe the raine-bow of her colours.] 1822 Beddoes *Brides' Trag.* II. ii, His words are feeble shadowers Of such pure beauty!

b. One who portrays shadow: tr. Gr. σκιαγράφος.

1842 Wornum in Smith *Dict. Grk. & Rom. Antiq.* 691/1 s.v. *Painting*, Apollodorus..was surnamed the shadower.

†**2.** Something affording protection. *Obs. rare*—1.

1691 E. Taylor *Behmen's Theos. Philos.* 162 (Tho' not in the holy Book, yet) in the adjunct, shadower or cover.

3. One who follows another in order to keep watch upon his actions, a spy.

1889 *Daily News* 12 Oct. 2/1 This seems to have taken the shadowers a little aback. There was a delay in getting out the police cars. 1893 F. F. Moore *I Forbid Banns* (1899) 186 Lupus has several shadowers.

Sha·dowgram. [f. Shadow *sb.* + -gram.] = Skiagram.

1896 *Brit. Med. Jrnl.* 29 Feb. 558, I sent her to Dr. Mackenzie Davidson that a shadowgram of the foot might be obtained. 1896 *Q. Rev.* Apr. 496 Actual shadowgrams, realising all that had been reported of them, passed into circulation.

Shadowgraph (ʃæ·doʊgɹaf), *sb.* [f. Shadow *sb.* + -graph.]

1. A picture formed by a shadow (usually, of the operator's hand or hands) thrown upon a screen or other lighted surface; an exhibition of a series of such pictures as a form of entertainment.

1888 *Glasgow Even. Times* 10 Sept. 4/3 Prof. Wynne brings his shadow-graph to the Gaiety and Star this week. 1893 *Westm. Gaz.* 14 Dec. 4/3 An account of Trewey's famous shadowgraphs.

2. A picture or photograph taken by means of X-rays, a radiograph.

1896 *Dubl. Rev.* Apr. 422 A shadowgraph is produced on the plate, revealing the skeleton stripped of flesh and muscle.

Hence **Sha·dowgraph** *v., intr.* to produce shadowgraphs; *trans.* to depict by shadowgraphs, take shadowgraphs of. **Shadowgra·phic** *a.*, pertaining to shadowgraphs. **Sha·dowgraphist,** one who produces shadowgraphs. **Sha·dowgraphy,** the production of shadowgraphs.

1888 *Weekly Scotsm.* 29 Sept. 4/8 Mons. F. Trewey, famed as a shadowgraphist. 1896 *Daily News* 29 Feb. 5/4 Mr. Stanley Kent photographed,shadowgraphed,electrographed, or radiographed..a fractured finger bone at St. Thomas's Hospital. 1896 *Brit. Med. Jrnl.* 14 Mar. 678 Shadowgraphy is an impossible monster. 1897 *Strand Mag.* Dec. 625/2 Mr. Devant..actually gave his shadowgraphic entertainment in the dazzling glare of a noon-day sun. 1902 *Music Hall & Showman* 28 Mar., His *répertoire* consists of shadowgraphy, conjuring [etc.].

Shadowily (ʃæ·doʊili), *adv.* [f. Shadowy *a.* + -ly 2.] In a shadowy manner, like a shadow.

1845 E. Warburton *Crescent & Cross* I. 336 Numerous torches here gleamed upon walls, shadowily giving out pictured battles, and kneeling priests, and stern deities. 1890 *Chamb. Jrnl.* 1 Mar. 133/1 The sailors..went staggering shadowily under their burden along the poop.

Shadowiness (ʃæ·doʊinés). [-ness.] The quality or condition of being shadowy.

a 1672 Sterry *Freed. Will* (1675) 213 [Christ] takes away ..the shadowyness of the shadowy Image in its dissolution and restauration. 1682 H. More *Annot. Glanvill's Lux O.* 116 And the shadowyness of the Night may help them in the more composing Introversions of their contemplative mind. 1881 *Contemp. Rev.* Mar. 479 The shadowiness and want of concreteness in the portraiture.

Shadowing (ʃæ·doʊiŋ), *vbl. sb.* [-ing 1.] The action of the verb Shadow in various senses.

1. The action of affording shadow or protection from the sun; the state of being protected from the sun; protective overshadowing or sheltering.

a 1340 Hampole *Psalter* ciii. 4 Thoro shadoyng of þi grace we are taken in contemplatyf life. *a* 1366 Chaucer *Rom. Rose* 1503 For Narcisus,..By auenture come to that welle To resten hym in that shadowing. 1450–1530 *Myrr. Our Ladye* 329 Whiche hathe conceyued thyne only gotten sonne hy shadowyng of the holy goste. *a* 1850 Rossetti *Dante & Circle* I. (1874) 252 And there my lady 'mid the shadowings Of myrtle-trees..Singing I saw.

†**b.** *concr.* Something affording shade, a canopy, curtain. *Obs. rare.*

1598 Florio, *Vela*,..a vaile or shadowing, a couering, a curteine. *c* 1710 Celia Fiennes *Diary* (1888) 256 Then she [the Queen] was anoynted in this manner; there was a Cloth of silver twilight Embroyder'd, held a Little shaddowing over her head.

2. The act of casting a shadow upon something; obscuration of light; quasi-*concr.* shadows cast upon something. Also *fig.*

c 1000 *Sax. Leechd.* III. 258 On sumum earde hi [*sc.* days] beoð længran, on sumon scyrtran, for þære eorðan sceadewunge [*v.r.* sceadwunge]. 1382 Wyclif *Jas.* i. 17 Anentis whom is not ouerchaungynge, nether schadewing of whileness [Vulg. *obumbratio vicissitudinis*]. *a* 1619 Fotherby *Atheom.* II. i. § 9 (1622) 197 Peter [healed], hy his onely shadowing. 1868 Lockyer *Guillemin's Heavens* (ed. 3) 169 It is by projecting these total and partial shadowings one on the other that they produce the phenomena of eclipses. 1878 Newcomb *Pop. Astron.* 556 *Penumbra*, a partial shadowing.

3. The position or distribution of shadow, in a visible object or scene; the placing of the shadows in a picture. †Also, in *Drawing* and *Painting*, = Shading.

1603 Dekker *Wonderf. Yeare* C 3, Lend me Art (without any counterfeit shadowing) to paint..the whole story. 1622 Peacham *Compl. Gent.* xii. 115 You must obserue the shadowing of Taffata's. 1705 Addison *Italy* 371 An infinite Variety of Inequalities and Shadowings, that naturally arise from an agreeable Mixture of Hills, Groves and Vallies. 1732 Berkeley *Minute Philos.* iv. § 23 A little soft shadowing of evil sets off the bright and luminous parts of the creation. 1799 G. Smith *Laboratory* II. 35 This way of drawing and shadowing is generally performed with black chalk.

†**4.** A variation of colour, a shade, tint. *Obs.*

1580 Lyly *Euphues* (Arb.) 352 When Phydias first paynted, they vsed no colours, but blacke, white, redde, and yeolow: Zeuxis added greene, and euery one inuented a new shadowing.

5. An imperfect or obscure representation; a prefiguring or adumbration. Also with *forth.*

1642 R. C. *Union Christ & Ch. Shadowed* 4 God..delighted to draw some Shadowings and Adumbrations of it here below. 1805 A. Knox *Rem.* (1834) I. 15 If every species of the sublime be..a shadowing of Deity [etc.]. 1872 A. P. Forbes *Kalendars Sc. Saints* p. xlvii, The first shadowings forth of the minsters and cathedrals of the best days of pointed architecture.

6. The action of dogging a person's steps to spy on his proceedings.

1890 *Guardian* 9 July 1085/1 The real author of shadowing is..the National League.

attrib. 1904 Sweeny *At Scotl. Yard* iii. 35 Nominally, you are not on shadowing duty for more than a certain time.

7. *Comb.*: †**shadowing place,** a place of shade, a shelter, an arbour. *Obs.*

1382 Wyclif *Ecclus.* xxxiv. 19 The hilet, or the schadowyng place [Vulg. *umbraculum*], of the myd-day. 1426 Lydg. *De Guil. Pilgr.* 16750, I se that ffolkys..ffyndena Shadwyng place and an holsomme Refuge whan they ffien to the ffor socour and helpe. 1509 Fisher 7 *Penit. Ps.* cxxx. Wks. (1876) 231 After this Ionas..made hym a shadowynge place. 1580 Hollyband *Treas. Fr. Tong, Auvent*, an arbour, a shadowyng place.

Shadowing (ʃæ·doʊiŋ), *ppl. a.* [-ing 2.] That shadows, in various senses of the verb.

1. Affording shade, shelter, or protection.

1552 Huloet, Shadowynge or makynge shadowe as wood doth, *umbrifer.* 1562 Turner *Herbal* II. 81 Peplis..hath a brode shaddowyng bushe which is full of whyte iuice. 1634 Sir T. Herbert *Trav.* 214 Shadowing trees. 1797 Mrs. Radcliffe *Italian* i, Shadowing pines and thickets of oak. 1816 Scott *Old Mort.* xxix, The horseman..pulled the shadowing hat still deeper on his forehead.

2. Indicating obscurely or by symbol; prefiguring, boding.

1579 Fulke *Heskin's Parl.* 58 [The pascal lamb is] a shadowing figure, like the first draught of a painter. 1604 Shaks. *Oth.* IV. i. 41 Nature would not inuest her selfe in such shadowing passion, without some Instruction. 1795 Southey *Joan of Arc* III. 350 The dark and shadowing visions of the night. 1877 Tennyson *Harold* III. i, The king Is holy, and hath talk'd with God, and seen A shadowing horror.

3. Spying, following for purposes of information.

1889 Gunter *That Frenchman* v. 46 Of Hermann and his shadowing Jolly [a detective] he sees nothing.

Hence †**Sha·dowingly** *adv. Obs.*—1

1635 Brathwait *Arcad. Princ.* 24 Hee shadowingly deliuers unto her, in what manner they are handled.

†**Sha·dowish,** *a. Obs.* Also 6 **shadowysshe, shaddoish, shadowishe.** [f. Shadow *sb.* + -ish.]

1. Characterized by shadow, shady.

1530 Palsgr. 323/1 Shadowysshe, *vmbrageux.* 1568 Turner *Herbal* III. 66 Sanicle..groweth commonlye in colde and shadoish woddes and hedges.

2. Of the nature of or resembling shadow.

1642 J. Eaton *Honey-c. Free Justif.* 278 As the walls of the house cannot of their own nature but cast forth all day long a shadowish darkness.

b. *transf.* and *fig.* Unsubstantial, fleeting; figurative, mystical.

Very common in the 16th and 17th c.

1561 T. Norton *Calvin's Inst.* I. 8 Euen thys is it, to make a shadowishe God, to driue farre away the true God whome we ought to feare and worshyp. 1621 *Three Quest. Answ. Fourth Commandment* 30 Take heed this doctrine bee not rather shadowish then substantiall. 1685 Bunyan *Seventh-day Sabb.* iv, The nature of that law is moral, but the..circumstances thereunto belonging are shadowish and figurative.

Hence †**Sha·dowishly** *adv.*, indistinctly. *rare*—1.

1681 Glanvill *Sadducismus* I. (1682) 155 A certain faculty in the soul, which, in some manner, though very shadowishly, answers to that power in God of creating Matter.

Shadowist (ʃæ·doʊist). [f. Shadow *sb.* + -ist.]

†**1.** A constructor of dials. *Obs. rare.*

1635 H. Gellibrand in J. W[ells] *Sciographia* ¶ 4 The Surveyour may search out Altitudes..hy the only helpe of three right lines; But the compleat Shadowist cannot here rest without further helpe from above. 1650 T. Rudd *Pract. Geom.* B j, The compleat Shadowist can teach the Sun to trace out his way upon the Earth.

2. One who gives an entertainment consisting of shadow pictures.

1902 *Music Hall & Showman* 28 Mar., Another well-known conjurer and shadowist.

Shadow-land. A place conceived as the abode of phantoms and ghosts, an imaginary land of spirits.

1821 Lamb *Elia* Ser. I. *Witches*, A peep..into the shadow-land of pre-existence. 1862 Lytton *Str. Story* II. 16 Trials and visitations from the shadowland of ghosts and sorcerers. 1877 *Outl. Hist. Relig.* 181 [The soul] then sets off on its journey to the shadow-land. *a* 1887 Jefferies *Field & Hedgerow* (1889) 243, I shall start forth from my burial-mound upon the chase in the shadow-land just as now I start forth from my cave. 1908 *Contemp. Rev.* Oct 425 The country suddenly felt itself face to face with reality when it heard M. Clemenceau, and M. Jaurès faded away into shadowland.

Shadowless (ʃæ·dǝulès), *a.* [f. SHADOW *sb.* + -LESS.]

1. Casting no shadow.

1638 Sir T. Herbert *Trav.* (ed. 2) 6 They cast their shadowes both wayes according as the Sunne is in declination, and Ascij or shadowlesse, when Sol is Zenith. 1804 Mar. Edgeworth *Ennui* i. (1809) 38 She had a large assortment of fairies and shadowless witches, and banshees. 1862 Miss Braddon *Lady Audley* xxviii. 186 Under the bare and shadowless trees in the grey February atmospbere.

b. Of a lamp or its furniture: So constructed as to cast no shadow.

1859 F. S. Cooper *Ironmongers' Catal.* 77 Gas chimneys, per dozen. Shadowless ditto. *c* 1865 Letheby in *J. Wylde's Circ. Sci.* I. 111/1 Parker's Sinumbra Lamp..was called the shadowless lamp. 1884 *Health Exhib. Catal.* p. liv, Gasaliers and brackets with improved shadowless burners.

2. Having no shadows on its surface; unsheltered from the sun. Of light, the sky, etc.: Unclouded.

1827 Pollok *Course T.* v. 145 Black Ethiopia, that, shadowless, Beneath the Torrid burned. *c* 1810 T. Moore *Song of Hyperborean* iii, That shadowless orb [the moon]. 1845 E. Warburton *Crescent & Cross* II. 144 There was something startlingly new and strange in that wild, shadowless landscape. 1870 Morris *Earthly Par., Ring given to Venus* 1275 And in the shadowless still morn A sense of rest to him was born.

fig. 1830 Praed *Poems, My Little Cousins* 42, I used to have as glad a face, As shadowless a brow. 1854 Greenwood *Haps & Mishaps* 94 A day of shadowless pleasure.

Hence **Sha·dowlessness.**

1881 Hardy *Laodicean* I. i. iii. 51 He saw the dinted nose of the De Stancys distinctly outlined with Holbein shadowlessness against the blue-green of the distant wood.

†**Sha·dowly,** *a. Obs. rare*⁻¹. [f. SHADOW *sb.* + -LY¹.] Of the nature of a shadow.

1434 Misyn *Mending of Life* 128 Myendly sight truly is takyn vp heuenly to behald be schadoly syght 3it & meroly, not clere and opyn.

Shadowly (ʃæ·dǝuli), *adv.* [f. SHADOW *sb.* + -LY².] In the manner of a shadow, obscurely.

1866 Blackmore *Cradock Nowell* xxx, He could see her shadowly. 1892 Doyle *Round Red Lamp* (1894) 221 Terrible possibilities loom ever shadowly upwards.

†**Sha·dowous,** *a. Obs. rare.* [f. SHADOW *sb.* + -OUS.] Shadowy, shady; also *fig.* (see quot. 1483).

1483 Caxton *Gold. Leg.* (1892) I. 313 He was vmbronse or shadewous. That is to saye he was cold & refrigerat fro all concupyscence of the flesshe. 1585 T. Washington tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* I. xvi. 17 b, They study to seek places coole & shadowous, to eschew the heat of the Sun.

Shadowy (ʃæ·dǝui), *a.* Forms: 4 shadewy, schadewy, shadwye, 5 shadwy, schadowye, 6 shaddowy, 7 shadowey, 4– shadowy. [f. SHADOW *sb.* + -Y.]

1. Resembling or of the nature of a shadow. a. Unsubstantial, impalpable; transitory, fleeting; unreal, imaginary.

1374 Chaucer *Boeth.* II. pr. iv. (Skeat) II. 60 Thise shadewy transitorie dignitees [L. *has umbratiles dignitates*]. 1632 Milton *L'Allegro* 108 When in one night..His shadowy Flale hath thresh'd the Corn That ten day-labourers could not end. 1712 Addison *Spect.* No. 419 ¶ 8 We find a whole Creation of the like shadowy Persons in Spencer. 1814 Byron *Lara* I. vii, He did not follow what they all pursued..; Nor shadowy honour, nor substantial gain. 1855 Longf. *Hiawatha* v. 58 Gazing with half-open eyelids Full of shadowy dreams and visions. 1884 Lindley in *Law Times Rep.* LI. 277/1 The plaintiff's case is of such a shadowy, frivolous, and vexatious character.

b. Spectral, ghostly.

1681 J. Scott *Chr. Life* I. iii. (1684) 72 Their Monuments and Sepulchres, where the shadowy Phantasms of such Souls have sometimes appeared. 1727 De Foe *Hist. Appar.* v. (1840) 45, I come now to the main and most disputed part of shadowy appearance, viz, the apparition of unembodied soul. 1804 Moore *Passing Deadman's Isl.* iv, Yon shadowy bark hath been to that wreck. 1887 Bowen *Virg. Æneid* IV. 243 From the river of Death he recalls Shadowy ghosts.

c. Faintly perceptible, indistinct, vague.

1797 Mrs. Radcliffe *Italian* i, He perceived a shadowy figure station itself at the entrance of the arch. 1819 Byron *Juan* II. cxlvii, Where the blue veins look'd shadowy, shrunk and weak. 1862 Spencer *First Princ.* I. v. § 32 (1875) 113 A belief seeming to them so shadowy and indefinite. 1888 Henley *Bk. Verses* 160 A shadowy sail, silent and gray, Stole like a ghost across the bay.

†d. Of the nature of a faint or reflected image; symbolic, typical. *Obs.*

1641 Milton *Ch. Gov.* ii. Wks. 1851 III. 103 Indeed the description is as sorted best to the apprehension of those times, typicall and shadowie. 1676 Gale *Crt. Gentiles* II. iii. 90 Philosophers had some kind of..dark adumbration or shadowy description of the first principles of Nature. 1726 Penn *Tracts* Wks. I. 578 That it might the better end the Jews shadowy services.

e. quasi-*adv.*

1797 Coleridge *Christabel* I. 60 A silken robe of white, That shadowy in the moonlight shone. *c* 1804 Moore *Odes to Nea* vii, The broad banana's green embrace Hung shadowy round each tranquil grace. 1897 Olive Custance *Opals, A Pause,* In silver mail all shadowy pale, The moon shines white.

2. a. Abounding in shade; protected from the sun.

1398 Trevisa *Barth. De. P. R.* xviii. lviii. (Bodl. MS.), His modre huydeþ hym..in schadewi places. *c* 1450 Burgh *Secrees* 1918 In placys pleyn moyst and shadwy. 1526 *Grete Herball* xcii. (1529) F ij, It ought to be gadred wban it bereth floures & than be hanged to dry in a shadowy place. 1657 W. Coles *Adam in Eden* xi. 23 Primroses and Cowslips joy most in shadowy places. 1794 Mrs. Radcliffe *Myst. Udolpho* 35 The bluish tints that pervaded their shadowy recesses. 1824 Mrs. Sherwood *Waste Not* III. 3 The various shadowy lanes branching off from the high road. 1871 R. Ellis *Catullus* lxiii. 41 When he smote the shadowy twilight with his healthy team sublime.

b. Enveloped in shadow; obscured by shadows.

1840 Susan E. Miles in Palmer *Bk. Praise* (1865) 70 Our spirits shall not dread The shadowy way to tread. 1855 Tennyson *Maud* II. i, A shadow there at my feet, High over the shadowy land. 1876 Hardy *Ethelberta* xlvi, From the shadowy archway came a shining lantern which was seen to be dangling from the band of..the hostler, John.

†c. Screened from observation, retired; hence, remote, inaccessible. *Obs.*

1555 Watreman *Fardle Facions* II. viii. 177 These [Gymnosophistæ] haunte the outemoste borders, and shadowie partes of that countrie. 1591 Shaks. *Two Gent.* v. iv. 2 This shadowy desart, vnfrequented woods I better brooke then flourishing peopled Townes. 1613 Purchas *Pilgrimage* (1614) 369 Then they wash it with the blood of a slaine Wolfe, and carry it into a shadowie place.

3. Casting a shadow, affording shade.

1607 Topsell *Four-f. Beasts* 605 About noon when the season groweth hot, they lead them [sheep] to shaddowey trees and rocks. 1796 W. Taylor in *Monthly Rev.* XX. 515 The shadowy palm. 1871 L. Stephen *Playgr. Eur.* x. (1894) 250 To climb the rocks when the sun is hot and creep into cool shadowy ledges.

†4. Of an inflorescence: Shaped like a 'shadow' or umbrella. *Obs.*

1561 Turner *Herbal* II. 107 b, A shaddowy or spokye top with a round circle as dyll. 1578 Lyte *Dodoens* v. xlii. 606 The stalkes..be full of branches, vppon the which grow spoky tufts or litle shadowy toppes with white flowers. *Ibid.* vi. lxxx. 760 The flowers [of the *Viburnum Opulus*] be white, and grow in brode round shadowy tuffetes.

5. *Comb.*

1855 Tennyson *Daisy* xviii, A thousand shadowy-pencill'd valleys And snowy dells.

Shadrach (ʃē·dræk). [Allusive use of the name of one of the 'Three Children' delivered unharmed from the fiery furnace (Dan. iii. 26, 27).] See quot. 1847. Cf. Salamander *sb.* 3.

1847 Webster, *Shadrach,* in the smelting of iron, a mass of iron on which the operation of smelting has failed of its intended effect.

Shady (ʃē·di), *a.* Also 7–8 shaddy. [f. SHADE *sb.* + -Y.]

1. Affording shade.

1579 Spenser *Sheph. Cal.* Jan. 31 You naked trees, whose shady leaues are lost. 1611 Bible *Job* xl. 22 The shady trees couer him with their shaddow. 1697 Dryden *Virg. Georg.* IV. 74 The winged Nation..o'er the Plains and shady Forrest flies. 1825 Wordsw. *To Skylark* 7 Leave to the nightingale her shady wood. 1879 'Edna Lyall' *Won by Waiting* xxvi, There was a shady hat to be chosen.

2. Shaded, protected by shade.

1589 Greene *Menaphon* (Arb.) 36 The shadie valleies [shall be] thy euenings arbour. 1590 Spenser *F. Q.* I. iii. 4 Her angels face..made a sunshine in the shady place. 1661 Boyle *Certain Physiol. Ess.* (1669) 191 Those little moats that from a shady place we see swimming up and down in the Sun-beams. 1717 Lady M. W. Montagu *Let. to Pope* 17 June, I am in the middle of a wood..divided into many shady walks. *a* 1821 Keats *Hyperion* I. 1 Deep in the shady sadness of a vale. 1875 Jowett *Plato* (ed. 2) V. 29 There are shady places under the trees, at which..we may often rest and talk.

b. fig. phr. *On the shady side of*: older than (a specified age).

1807–8 W. Irving *Salmag.* (1824) 87 The younger being somewhat on the shady side of thirty. 1872 Calverley *Fly Leaves* (1884) 74 Thou art on the shady Side of sixty too.

c. Inhabiting or loving the shade; choosing retirement and security. *nonce-use.*

a 1586 Sidney *Apol. Poetry* (Arb.) 51 We were full of courage, giuen to martiall exercises;..and not lulled a sleepe in shady idlenes with Poets pastimes.

†3. Opaque; also, not luminous, dark. *Obs.*

1605 Bacon *Adv. Learn.* II. xxiii. § 48. 118 This Globe which seemeth to vs a dark and shady body is in the view of God as Christall. 1709–29 Y. Mandey *Syst. Math., Astron.* 343 And that 'tis not Pellucid or Shining, but is the same shady Body, is evident from this [etc.].

b. said of night. *poet.*

1746 Francis tr. *Horace, Epist.* II. ii. 281 From dawning Day till shady Night [L. *ad umbram lucis ab ortu*]. 1896 A. E. Housman *Shropshire Lad* xix, Eyes the shady night has shut.

†c. Of qualities: Of the nature of shade or defect. *Obs.*

1719 Oldisworth *E. Smith's Wks.* Charac. Author A 8, If the World had half his good Nature, all the shady Parts would be entirely struck out of his Character.

†4. Shadowy, indefinite in outline, faintly perceptible. *Obs.*

1626 Bacon *Sylva* § 249 You shall see..diuers such Super-Reflexions, till the *species speciei* at last die. For it is euery Returne weaker, and more shady. 1710 Norris *Chr. Prud.* iv. 332 The light of Conscience..may be..made shine very dim, so as to give but a very faint and shady direction.

5. *colloq.* a. Of questionable merit or prospects of success; uncertain, unreliable. [? Orig. university slang.]

1848 Clough *Bothie* I. 24 The Tutor..Shady in Latin, said Lindsay, but topping in plays and Aldrich. 1858 Br. Fraser in Hughes *Life* (1887) 97 We have twenty-one candidates for the Ireland—a shady lot. 1858 R. S. Surtees *Ask Mamma* xxv. 95 What looks very well one way may look very shady the other. ? *c* 1880 Jowett in Tollemache *Mem.* (1895) 21 [Commenting on the remark that England had one living poet of the first order, but hardly another even of the second class.] I think that Browning deserves a shady first. 1884 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 16 Oct. 5/2 The chances of the Underground Railway against the omnibuses will be very shady.

b. Not bearing investigation, of a nature or character unable to bear the light; disreputable.

1861 *Sat. Rev.* 8 Feb. 156 Balls and bazaars continue to be the refuge of institutions, whether charitable or religious, whose balance-sheets are 'shady'. 1873 *Punch* 25 Oct. 167/2 Have always heard that 'shady people' went to Boulogne. 1882 Serj. Ballantine *Exper.* iv. 42, I was entrusted with a brief by a rather shady attorney. 1894 Sir E. Sullivan *Woman* 52 A Roman lady of extraordinary beauty and somewhat shady character.

Shae, Shaeling, obs. ff. She, Shieling.

Shaell, Shaet, obs. ff. Shell, Shahi.

Shafe, shaff, obs. ff. Sheaf *sb.*

Shaferne, shafferoon : see Shaffron.

Shaff(e-hoke, obsolete forms of Shave-hook.

Shaffle (ʃæ·fl), *v. dial.* [In sense 1 (northern), app. a variant of Shauchle *v.*; sense 2 may be developed from this, or belong to a distinct word, perh. of imitative or symbolic formation: cf. *shiffle-shaffle, shiffle* vbs. (E.D.D.) and Shuffle *v.*]

1. *intr.* To shuffle in walking.

[1552: implied in Shaffler.] 1781 Hutton *Tour to Caves* (ed. 2) 95 *Shaffle* and *Shiffle* v. to hobble in walking. 1818 Todd, *To Shaffle,* to move with an awkward or irregular gait; to hobble. Used in the north of England 1894 *Northumbld. Gloss.*, *Shaffle, Shaughle,* to shuffle in walking.

2. a. To work or move in a lazy fashion; to be undecided in plan or action; to vacillate, delay.

[1703 implied in Shaffles.] 1828 [Carr] *Craven Gloss., Shaffle*..to do things ineffectually. 1873 R. Ferguson *Dial. Cumbld.* 121 *Shaffle,* to be undecided, to vacillate. 1890 *Sheffield Gloss., Shaffle,* to move in a lazy way; to delay, to put off.

b. 'To retreat from a bargain or engagement, make excuses, prevaricate' (*Eng. Dial. Dict.*).

1781 Hutton *Tour to Caves* (ed. 2) 95 *Shaffle,*..also to act unfairly. 1866 Brogden *Provinc. Words Lincolnsh.* 178 Don't shaffle with me.

Hence **Sha·ffler,** one who 'shaffles'; **Sha·ffles,** a bungler, shiftless person.

1552 Huloet, Shaffler with his fete whych fayleth in going, *atta.* 1703 Thoresby in Ray *Philos. Lett.* (1718) 336 A *Shaffles,* a Bungler. 1828 [Carr] *Craven Gloss., Shaffler,* one who walks lame. 2. A bungler in business. 1885 Hall Caine *Shadow of Crime* xxiv, Or mayhap ye'll ask yon shaffles, yer father.

†**Sha·fflin.** *Obs. rare.* Also 6 shafflynge (in Continental authors schafoling, schafling, -lyng). [Perh. the same word with Shaftling, though applied to a different fish. Cf. Shaft-eel.] A kind of eel.

1553 Belon *De Aquatil.* 273 Anglorum autem pisces..hisce nominibus agnoscuntur,..Eils, Lampres, Schafolings, Fausen, Griggs. 1555 — *La Nat. des Poissons* 267 Eils, Lampres, Schaflings, Fauson, Griggs. 1558 *Gesner's Hist. Anim.* IV. 54 Minima Anguilla iisdem [Anglis] *Grigge* nocatur. *Schaflyng* nera media inter *Grigge* & *Fausen ele.* 1572 Hulort (ed. Higins), Shafflinge, or eele of a middle bignesse, *anguilla media.* 1747 Mrs. Glasse *Cookery* xxi. 163 Fish in Season..Midsummer Quarter Grigs, Shafflins and Glout [etc.].

Shaffolde, obs. form of Scaffold *sb.*

†**Shaffron.** *Obs.* Forms: 5 shawfron, 6–7 shaf(f)ron, 7 shafrons, shaferne, 8 shafferoon; 6 (*Sc.* in sense 2) schaifron, saferon, schaffroun, chaffrone, cheffroun, chaiffer, schaiffer. [Variant of Chaffron, Champrain.]

1. The frontlet of a barbed horse: = Chaffron, Champrain.

1465 Shawfron [see Champrain]. 1547–8, 1610, 1617 [see Chaffron]. 1590 Sir J. Smythe *Disc. Weapons* 31 b, Their shafrons, cranets, or steele pectorells. 1660 in *Archæologia* XI. 100 Shaffroones.

2. *Sc.* 'A piece of ornamental head-dress anciently worn by ladies' (Jam.).

1511 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* IV. 210 Item, to be schaiffronis to the sam budis, half ane elne crammesy. *Ibid.* 230 Item, for half quartar crammesy satin, to be ane schaiffer to hir hud, viij s. ix d. *Ibid.*, Item, for making of the hud and chaiffer, viij s. 1512 *Ibid.* 213 For ane chaffrone of gold. 1516 *Inv. R. Wardrobe* (1815) 24 Ane saferan with ane cbenye of gold of blak velvous. *Ibid.* 27 Item, ane schaffroun with ane burd of gold with lxxxi perle...Item, ane cheffroun sett with goldsmyth werk with xxxv perle.

†b. = Chaperon 2. *Obs.*

[Possibly *shafferoon* may be the correct form, and the form *chaperon, -oon* may be due to pseudo-etymology.]

1725 J. Coats *Dict. Her.* (1739) 73 Those little Shields, containing Death's Heads, and other Funeral Devices, plac'd upon the Foreheads of the Horses, that draw Hearses at Pompous Funerals vulgarly now call'd, by Corruption *Chaperoons,* or *Shafferoons.*

Shafiite (ʃæ·fiǝit). Also **Shafeite, Shafæite.** [f. Arab. شافعي *shāfiʿī* + -ITE¹.] A member of one of the four sects or schools of the Sunnites or orthodox Mohammedans, named from the cognomen (*ash-Shāfiʿī*) of their founder, Abu Abdallah Muhammad ibn Idris, 767–819. Also *attrib.* or *adj.*

[1704 Pitts *Acc. Mahometans* vii. 93 The Malachees and Shaffees lift up their Hands in a sort of careless manner, and then let them fall down and bang by their sides.] 1838 G. C. Renouard in *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) XXIV. 440/2 The Sect of the Shâfi'is or Shafeites, is named from Mohammed ibn Idris Al Shâfi'i. 1886 Shafeite [see Hanbalite].

1887 *Encycl. Brit.* XXII. 661/1 The Hanafite praxis is the least rigorous, then the Shâfi'ite. *Ibid.*, In Egypt and North Africa Shâfi'ites are more numerous than Mâlikites, while the opposite is the case in Arabia.

Shaflie, obs. (non-literary) form of SAFELY *adv.*
1639 *Hamilton Papers* (Camden) 94.

Shafman, -ment, obs. forms of SHAFTMENT.

Shafnet, corrupt form of SHAFTMENT.

† Shaft, *sb.*[1] *Obs.* Forms: 1 sceaft (also with ȝe-), scæft, 2–3 sceft-e, saft-e, 2–3 *Ormin.* shafft, 2–4 scaft, 3 seft, 3–4 schafte, (scaf *Cursor M.*), 3–5 shafte, schaft, 4 chaft, *pl.* schefte, *Ayenb.* sseppe, (ssefpe), 2–5 shaft. [OE. *sceaft*, *gesceaft* fem. :—OTeut. *(*ga*)skapti-z* f. **skap-* to make, create : see SHAPE *v.* Cf. OS. *giscaft*, OHG. *gascaft*, *giscaft* fem.]

1. Creation, origin (*OE.* only); make, constitution, nature or species.

888 K. ÆLFRED tr. *Boeth.* xxx. § 2 Ealle sint emnæþele, ȝif ȝe willaþ þonne fruman sceaft ȝeþencan, & þone scippend. [*c* 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 81 He is..þe king of heuene þe com in to herþe and auenede him in to his isceafte.] *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 349 Flesses fremiðe and safte same boðen he felten on here lichame. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 739 A littel best þe quilk es noght vnwiliest, þe nedder þat es of a scaft þat mast kan bath on crok and craft. *a* 1300 *E. E. Psalter* cii[i]. 13 [14] Fore our schaft wele knawes he. 13.. *Guy W.* 7168 Gret wenges he haþ wiþ to fle, His schaft to telle alle ne mow we. *c* 1320 *Cast. Love* 661 He moste be boren of a wommon, þulke schaft to vnderfonge wiþ-alle þat ouȝte to monnes kynde bi-falle. *c* 1330 R. BRUNNE *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 9386 He [Merlin] can ynow of swylke craftes, Of alle vigures he turnes þe schaftes. 1340 *Ayenb.* 62 Þe dyeuel him sseweþ ine uele ssefþes. *Ibid.* 158 Me be-houeþ to zyenne..ine þe perle of þe eȝe þe sseppe of the þinge þet is him be-nore. 1377 LANGL. *P. Pl.* B. XIII. 297 Feyrest of feytures of fourme and of schafte. *c* 1400 *Arth. & Merlin* (Linc. Inn MS.) 1579 His schaft may nomon telle, He loked as a feond of helle.

2. That which is created; a creature.

c 888 K. ÆLFRED tr. *Boeth.* xli. § 2 ðif God næfde on eallum his rice nane friȝe ȝesceaft [13.. *Bodl. MS.* sceaft] under his anwalde. *c* 1375 *Lamb. Hom.* 59 Lauerd he is of alle scafte. *a* 1200 *Moral Ode* 84 He wit and waldeð alle þing and scop alle scefte [*c* 1200 safte]. *c* 1200 ORMIN 19444 Acc hallȝhe weress sæȝhenn Godd I shafftess onnlicnesse. *c* 1220 *Bestiary* 456 Seftes sop ure seppande. *a* 1225 *Leg. Kath.* 239 Þæt schafte of mon Þæt he schop. *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 127 God saȝ his safte fair and good. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 23640 Wit alkin scaf [*Gött.* schaft] þai sal discord. 1340 *Ayenb.* 84 He [man] wes lhord of alle sseppes þet were onder heueue.

Shaft (ʃaft), *sb.*[2] Forms: 1 sceft, 1–3 sceaft, scæft, 3 scaft, saft, 3–4 ssafte, scheft, 4 shafth, 4–5 schafft, schafte, 4–7 schaft, shafte, 5 chaft(e, 4– shaft; *rare* 4 schaf, 4–5 shaffe, 4, 7 shaff, 7 shafe. [Com. Teut. (wanting in Gothic): OE. *sceaft* masc. = OFris. *skeft* (Heltema), OS. *skaft* masc. (MLG., MDu., Du. *schaft*, *schacht* fem.), OHG. *scaft* masc., pl. *scefti* (MHG., mod.G. *schaft* masc.), ON. *skapt* neut. (Sw., Da. *skaft*) :—OTeut. **skafto-*, **skafti-z* :—preTeut. **skapto-*, *-ti-s*.

App. cogn. w. L. *scāpus* shaft, stem, shank; somewhat more doubtfully with Gr. (Dor.) *σκᾶπτον* staff (Inn., Att. *σκηπτο-* in *σκηπτοῦχος* staff-bearer, *σκῆπτρον* staff, SCEPTRE, *σκήπτειν* to prop.). The Tent. word might, with regard both to form and meaning, be plausibly explained as a passive ppl. derivative from the root of SHAVE *v.*; but it is doubtful whether the supposed cognates can be similarly accounted for.]

1. The long slender rod forming the body of a lance or spear, or of an arrow. Also of a staff, harpoon, etc.

c 1000 ÆLFRIC *Gloss.* in Wr.-Wülcker 143/7 *Contus*, spereteas sceaft. 1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 8658 He sset þe kyng [William Rufus] in atte breste þat neuereft þe ne speke Bote þe ssafte þat was wyþoute grisliche he to brek. 1382 WYCLIF 1 *Sam.* xx. 5 The brother of Goliath Jethee, whos spere schaft was as the beme of websters. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Knt.'s T.* 504 (Morris), His sleep, his mete, his drynk is him byraft, That lene he wexe, and drye as eny schaft. 1506 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* III. 358 Item, for xij staf schaftis ..xxiiij s. 1533 *Ibid.* VI. 188 For v dosane shaftis to Jedburcht stavis coft to his grace. 1688 HOLME *Armoury* III. xvii. (Roxb.) 113/1 Parts of a Pike. The shaft, for military service is reputed 16 or 18 foot long or there about. 1801 T. ROBERTS *Engl. Bowman* 293 *Shaft*, an arrow: properly so called when it wants only the head. 1814 SCOTT *Ld. of Isles* VI. xvi, His broken weapon's shaft survey'd The King, and careless answer made. 1836 LANDOR *Pericles & Aspasia* Wks. 1846 II. 419, I can compare the Lacedemonians to nothing more fitly than to the heads of spears without the shafts. 1907 C. HILL-TOUT *Brit. N. Amer., Far West* viii. 232 Points being held to the haft of the harpoon by long plaited lines. When the fish is struck these points detach themselves from the shaft.

b. A spear or lance. Now *arch.*

c 1000 ÆLFRIC *Lives Saints* xii. 53 His sceaft ætstod ætforan him..swa þæt þæt spere him eode þurh ut. *c* 1205 LAY. 23907 Þe an an his ænde..and þæ oðer an his ænde.. heo quehten heore scaftes [*c* 1275 saftes]. 13.. *Guy Warw.* 1404 So miȝti strokes þer wer ȝiuen, þat strong schaftes al to-driuen. *c* 1380 *Sir Ferumb.* 1594 So harde þay acoupede on bur scheldes þat broke buþ boþe hure schafte, & þe peces fulte on þe feldes þe hedes on þe tre by-lafte. *c* 1430 *Chev. Assigne* 301 And whenne þat shafte is schyuered take scharpelye another. 1483 *Cath. Angl.* 57/2 A Chafte; *vbi* spere, &c. 1697 DRYDEN *Virg. Georg.* II. 627 War from stubborn Myrtle Shafts receives: From Cornels Jav'lins; and the tougher Yeugh Receives the bending Figure of a Bow. 1754 GRAY *Poesy* 53 Hyperion's march they spy, and glitt'ring shafts of war. 1847 TENNYSON *Princess* v. 492 All the plain,—brand, mace, and shaft, and shield—Shock'd.

2. An arrow. *Cloth-yard shaft*, see CLOTH-YARD.

c 1400 *Rom. Rose* 1747 So at the last the shaft of tree I drough out, with the fethers three. *c* 1480 *Test. Ebor.* (Surtees) III. 253 Item xiiij shaffe of bolts and shoytyng shaftes, price xiiij s. Item v shaffe of rowyng shaftes iiij s. Item xlvij shaffe of childre shaftes. 1483 *Cath. Angl.* 57/2 A Chafte; *vb*[*i*] Arowe. 1541 *Act* 33 *Hen. VIII*, c. 9 § 3 Euerie man, hanynge..men children..shall prouide..a bowe and two shaftes. 1596 SHAKS. *Merch. V.* I. i. 140 In my schoole dayes, when I had lost one shaft, I shot his fellow in the selfesame flight The selfesame way. 1599 B. JONSON *Ev. Man out of H.* V. iv, Draw me the biggest shaft you haue out of the butt you wot of. 1624 BP. HALL *True Peace-maker* Wks. (1625) 539 Thou wounded heart [*sic*]..; alas, the shaft sticks still in thee, or if that bee shaken out, the head. *a* 1721 KEN *Edmund* Poet. Wks. 1721 II. 236 Shafts aim'd at Trees can never mount so high, As those we shoot directly tow'rds the sky. *a* 1854 H. REED *Lect. Eng. Lit.* iv. (1878) 129 The air was darkened by the shafts from the hosts of English archers.

b. *Proverbial phr.* See BOLT *sb.*[1] 1 b.

1594 NASHE *Terrors of Nt.* Wks. 1904 I. 368 To make a shaft or a bolt of this drumbling subiect of dreames, from whence I haue bin tost off and on I know not how.

† c. In various occasional scientific uses, as transl. of L. *sagitta*: (*a*) *Astr.* The Pole-star and its companion; (*b*) *Anat.* (see quot. 1552); (*c*) *Geom.* A versed-sine: cf. ARROW *sb.* 6. *Obs.*

1552 RECORDE *Cast. Knowl.* (1556) 263 The lesser Beare.. is the chiefe marke whereby mariners gouerne their course in saylinge by nyghte, and namely by 2 starres in it, which many do call the shafte. 1552 UNALL tr. *Geminus' Anat.* B vij b, In the bone of the temple is a bone lyke a smal pyller, or a nedle, and therefore called the nedlelyke bone, ..the quyll bone, the shafte, and the staffe bone. 1594 BLUNDEVIL *Exerc.* II. (1597) 49 b, A.H. is the Shaft, called in Latine *Sinus versus*. [See also ARROW *sb.* 6.]

† d. An 'arrow' on a plan or diagram showing the direction. *Obs. rare.*

1730 A. GORDON *Maffei's Amphith.* 293 The Bending of the Stairs; the Knowledge of which..will be much facilitated by the Shafts which shew their Extension.

e. *loosely.* A missile. *rhetorical.*

1786 tr. *Beckford's Vathek* (1836) 80 By my formidable art, the clouds shall pour grape-shot in the faces of the assailants, and shafts of red-hot iron on their heads. 1817 SHELLEY *Rev. Islam* VI. xi, Then the shaft Of the artillery from the sea was thrown More fast and fiery. 1835 W. IRVING *Tour Prairies* 196 The trees and thickets with which it was bordered would be sufficient to turn aside any shaft of the enemy. 1838 PRESCOTT *Ferd. & Isab.* I. x. (1846) I. 427 Some threw away their arms; hoping by this means to facilitate their escape, while in fact it only left them more defenceless against the shafts of their enemies.

f. *fig.* and in figurative context.

1576 GASCOIGNE *Droome Doomes Day* Wks. 1910 II. 409 To wound and wearye thеyr soules, with..the shaftes of sundrye shamefull concupyscences. 1600 FAIRFAX *Tasso* II. xxxiv, Death hath exchang'd againe his shafts with Ione, And Cupid thus lets borrow'd arrowes flie. 1608 HIERON *Help Devot.* Wks. 1632 II. 760 Let his children be as chosen shafts in thy quiuer. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* IV. 763 Here Love his golden shafts imploies, he lights His constant Lamp. 1779 J. MOORE *View Soc. Fr.* I. xxx. 281 It is..to be regretted, that he allowed the shafts of his ridicule to glance upon the Christian religion. 1847 TENNYSON *Princess* II. 444 And often came Melissa hitting all we saw with shafts Of gentle satire, kin to charity, That harm'd not. 1873 DIXON *Two Queens* XIX. vii. IV. 41 Having suffered for a whole year past from the shaft of love.

g. *transf.* A beam or ray (of light, etc.), a streak of lightning, etc. Chiefly *poet.*

13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* A. 982 By-ȝonde þe brok fro me warde keued, þat schyrrer þen sunne with schaftez schon. *Ibid.* C. 455. *a* 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 1544 A Mitre,..Stiȝt staffull of stanes þat straȝt out bemes, As it ware shemerand shaftis of þe shire son. 1798 BLOOMFIELD *Farmer's Boy, Summer* 264 When midnight and the frightful Tempest come, The Farmer wakes, and sees..The angry shafts of Heaven gleam round his bed. ? 1799 COLERIDGE *On a Cataract* 13 It embosoms the roses of dawn, It entangles the shafts of the noon. 1864 TENNYSON *En. Arden* 588 The sunrise broken into scarlet shafts Among the palms and ferns and precipices. *a* 1878 W. C. BRYANT *Leg. Delawares* 4 A thousand shafts of lightning pass. 1898 WATTS-DUNTON *Aylwin* XIV. iv, Masses of vapour..blazing..whenever the bright shafts of morning struck them.

3. A pole, flagstaff; *spec.* †a may-pole; also †the pole on which the candle lighted at the 'new fire' was carried in the ceremonies of Easter Eve. Also, †a gate-post. *rare.*

a 1000 *Boeth. Metr.* i. 11 Fana hwearfode scir on sceafte. *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 3899 Moyses ðor made a wirme of hras, And heng et hege up on a saft. 1419 *26 Pol. Poems* 71 Of here banere of grace, god broken haþ þe shaft. 1428 in Peacock *Eng. Ch. Furniture* (1866) 179 Et Thomas harpmaker pro emendacione de la schafte xj d. *c* 1450 in Aungier *Syon* (1840) 351 The holy water schal go before, the schafte after with ij tapers unlyght...Aftyr the sensyng of the fyre the schafte schal be lyght only. 1528 *Churchw. Acc. St. Giles, Reading* 17 Paid for a whope of Iron to the Shafts of the churche gate iij d. 1598 STOW *Surv.* 107 On May day..a high or long shaft (or May pole) was set vppe there,..which shaft when it was set on end..was higher then the Church steeple. *a* 1819 REES *Cycl.* XXXII, *Set*, a term used for a pole or shaft, used to shove boats along a canal, &c. 1852–63 BURN *Techn. Dict.* I. (ed. 4), *Trabe*,..pole or shaft of an ensign or colour.

† b. A guild in the parish of St. Dunstan's, Canterbury; ? named from a pole carried by the warden in procession. Also, ? the pole itself. *Obs.*

1486 *Churchw. Acc. St. Dunstan's, Canterb.* in *Archæol. Cant.* XVI. 294 The acompte of the Schafte made be..[the two] then beyng wardeyns. 1511 *Ibid.* 321 We haue receyud of Wyllyam Carpenter of his gyfte a gyrdyll for to here the Schaft contynuyng for euer from Warden to Wardeyn. 1535 *Ibid.* 98 For the expensis of the dyner, Seynt Dunstones lyght, mendyng of the Shaft, and other charges xxiij s. xj d. 1539 *Ibid.* 102 Wardens of a Brotheryd caulyd the Shafte in the parysch of Seynt Dunstone.

4. A stem, columnar or straight portion of something. a. The stem or trunk of a tree. Now *rare.*

1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* XVII. i. (Bodl. MS.), þe schafte of a tree þat strecche þ fro the rote vp to þe toppe is propreliche cleped lignum. 1449 PECOCK *Repr.* I. vi. 28 Tho howis grewen out of stockis or tronchons, and the tronchons or schaftis grewen out of the roote. 1605 BACON *Adv. Learn.* II. xvii. § 4. 62 If you will haue sciences growe, it is lesse matter for the shafte or hodie of the Tree, so you looke well to the takinge vp of the Rootes. 1825 COBBETT *Rur. Rides* 98 By far the finest tree that I ever saw in my life. The stem or shaft is short. 1842 MRS. KIRKLAND *Forest Life* I. 203 They were the shafts of bee-trees, found in the forest. 1889 B. HARTE *Cressy* x. II. 113 The dim colonnade of straight pine shafts.

b. In various Natural History uses. (*a*) The main stem or scape of a feather. [So G. *schaft.*] (*b*) The part of a hair between the root and the point. (*c*) *Anat.* The middle portion of a long bone. (*d*) *Ent.* The SCAPE of an antenna or of a halter. †(*e*) *Bot.* = STYLE (1787 Withering *Brit. Pl.* ed. 2, *passim*).

(*a*) 1748 *Phil. Trans.* XLV. 163 The Shafts of the Tail Feathers are very stiff. 1826 STEPHENS in Shaw *Gen. Zool.* XIV. I. 177 The white on the shafts of the feathers is broader. 1886 P. L. SCLATER *Catal. Birds Brit. Mus.* XI. 345 Feathers of head and neck lanceolate and with shining shafts.

(*b*) 1852 CARPENTER *Man. Phys.* (ed. 2) 200 The constituent fibres of the shaft are marked out by delicate longitudinal striæ, which may be traced in vertical sections of the hair. 1876 DUHRING *Dis. Skin* 33 In considering the hair we distinguish two portions,—the shaft, and the root.

(*c*) 1835–6 *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* I. 431/1 The long bones..are never exactly cylindrical, being always contracted in the middle or shaft, and enlarged at each end. 1858 HOLDEN *Hum. Osteol.* (1878) 165 The 'shafts' are slightly concave towards the palm, to form the hollow of the hand.

c. The part of a candlestick which supports the branches.

1388 WYCLIF *Exod.* XXV. 31 Thou schalt make a candilstike..and thou schalt make the schaft [1382 staf, 1535 Coverdale, 1611 shaft] therof, and ȝerdis, cuppis, and litle rundelis, and lilies comynge forth therof. *Ibid.* 33 Sixe ȝerdis, that schulen be brouȝt forth of the schaft. *a* 1586 CARTWRIGHT in *Answ. to Cartwright* 88 The shaft..of the candlesticke.

† d. 'The Spire of a Church-Steeple' (Phillips 1706). [Cf. F. *flèche.*] *Obs.*

c 1450 *Chron. London* (Kingsford 1905) 156 The Steple of Seynt Pawlis chirche was sette on fire aboute the medyll of the Shafte in the tymbir. 1581 *Churchw. Acc. Dunmow* (MS.) fol. 49 In repayringe the steple in stone worke xxxix*li*. iii*s*. id. Item, repayringe the shafte and tymber therof, vl*i*. xvi*s*. ix*d*. 1612 PEACHAM *Gentl. Exerc.* I. vi. 19 Practise to draw small and easie things,..as a cherry with the leafe, the shaft of a steeple [etc.]. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 20 Aug. 1654, Famous is the Steeple [at Grantham] for the exceeding height of the shaft, which is of stone.

e. Of a chimney, a blast-furnace: (see quots. and *chimney-shaft* s. v. CHIMNEY 11).

c 1450 *Nominale* (Harl. MS. 1002) 146 b, *Caminus*, a chymney. *Epicaustorium*, þe chaft þer-of. *a* 1548 in J. Bayley *Tower Lond.* (1821) I. App. p. xxv, To fynyshe x. shaftes upon x. chymneys. 1662 GERBIER *Brief Disc.* (1665) 10 Neither are those high Shafts of Chimnies real Ornaments to a Building. 1706 PHILLIPS (ed. Kersey), *Shaft*,..the Tunnel of a Chimney. 1836–50 PARKER *Gloss. Archit.* (ed. 5) s. v., The part of a chimney-stack between the base and cornice is called the shaft. 1855 FRANKE *Beil's Technol. Dict.* II. 457/2 *Shaft* of a blast-furnace (the internal cavity of the furnace), *der Schacht*; *Cuve, cheminée.*

f. *Arch.* The body of a column or pillar between the base and the capital. Also the 'die' of a parapet. See also quot. 1842.

1483 *Cath. Angl.* 332/1 A schafte of a pylar, *stilus*. 1598 HAYDOCKE tr. *Lomazzo* I. xxiv. 86 The shaft or trunke of the columne is to be diminished a fourth parte at the toppe. 1624 WOTTON *Archit.* 32 They [the Columns] are all Diminished or Contracted..from one third part of the whole Shaft vpwards. 1756–7 *Keysler's Trav.* (1760) II. 461 The pedestal [of this pillar] consists of one stone, the base of eight, the torus of one, the shaft of twenty-three, and the capital of one. 1823 P. NICHOLSON *Pract. Build.* 310 The shaft or die, which is the part immediately above the plinth. 1842 GWILT *Archit.* Gloss., *Shaft of a King Post*, the part between the joggles. 1849 FREEMAN *Archit.* 16 Then gradually bringing within its power the details of shaft and capital.

g. The upright part of a cross; *esp.* the part between the arms and the base.

1781 LENWICH in Vallancey *Collect. de Rebus Hibern.* II. 446 The arms were broken, but the shaft [of the market cross of Kilkenny] remained adorned with beautiful figures. 1810 SCOTT *Lady of L.* III. viii, A slender crosslet form'd with care,..The shaft and limbs were rods of yew. 1836–50 PARKER *Gloss. Archit.* (ed. 5) s.v. *Cross*, In some instances they had small niches..round the top of the shaft below the cross. 1870 F. R. WILSON *Ch. Lindisf.* 90 The limbs and a portion of the shaft of a Saxon cross were found. *a* 1887 JEFFERIES *Field & Hedgerow* (1889) 279 One of them has retained its top perfect, and really is a cross, not a shaft only.

h. The stem or long straight handle of a tool, etc.; the shank of an anchor; the stem of a pipe; †the stalk or foot of a goblet or wine-glass.

1530 PALSGR. 266/1 Shafte of any edged tole, *manche.* 1769 FALCONER *Dict. Marine* (1780), *Shank*, the beam or shaft of an anchor. *a* 1837 J. HOGG *Tales & Sk.* I. 297, I then took out my brandy bottle, and a small crystal glass without the shaft, that I carried in my pocket. 1841 CATLIN

N. Amer. Ind. xxix. (1844) I. 235 The shafts or stems of these pipes. 1851 GREENWELL *Coal-trade Terms, Northumb. & Durh.* 46 *Shaft*,..the handle of a pick, hack, shovel, or mandl. 1855 FRANKE *Beil's Technol. Dict.* II. 457/2 Shaft of a forge hammer (the helve or handle of the hammer), *der Helm, Stiel*; *Manche.* 1897 *Encycl. Sport* I. 473/1 (Golf), *Shaft*, the handle of the club.

1. †(*a*) Of a cannon: = CHASE *sb.*3 2. (*b*) 'The forward, straight part of a gun-stock' (Knight *Dict. Mech.* 1875).

1626 Capt. SMITH *Accid. Yng. Seamen* 32 Her shaft or chase, her trunnions.

5. a. *Arch.* A slender column, *esp.* one of 'the small columns which are clustered round pillars, or used in the jambs of doors or windows, in arcades and various other situations' (Parker *Gloss. Archit.*).

1835 R. WILLIS *Archit. Mid. Ages* ii. 27 But the compound archway did not long remain in this simple form, its compoeent archways were early decorated in various ways with shafts and mouldings. 1838 LYTTON *Leila* I. ii, The ceiling of cedar-wood..was supported by slender shafts, of the whitest alabaster. 1873 DIXON *Two Queens* I. i. I. 8 Images of the goddess on her jasper shaft. 1878 McVITTIE *Christ Ch. Cathedral* 67 The inside moulded jambs are decorated with six short limestone shafts.

b. *U.S.* An obelisk or column erected as a memorial.

1847 EMERSON *Poems, Hymn* Wks. (Bohn) I. 494 Spirit, that made those heroes dare To die, and leave their children free, Bid Time and Nature gently spare The shaft we raise to them and thee. 1873 B. HARTE *Washington in N. Jersey* in *Fiddletown*, etc. 93 The gray shaft that commemorated the Morristown dead of the last civil war. 1878 JOAQUIN MILLER *Songs of Italy* 49 The whole country round vaunts our deed and the town Raised that shaft on the spot.

†**6.** A kind of balance: = AUNCEL, POUNDER (app. orig. *auncel's shaft*).

1429, 1439 [see POUNDER *sb.*1]. 1502 [see AUNCEL].

7. a. One of the long bars, between a pair of which a horse is harnessed to a vehicle; a thill. Also (? *U.S.*) 'the pole of a carriage, also called *tongue* or *neap*' (Webster 1828–32).

1613 PURCHAS *Pilgrimage* (1614) 325 The shafts or beam of Gordius his cart. 1725 POPE *Odyss.* xv. 208 The bounding shafts upon the harness play. *a* 1764 LLOYD *Cobbler of Cripplegate's Let.* 124 The racer stumbles in the shaft, And shews he was not meant for draft. 1794 W. FELTON *Carriages* (1801) I. 61 The Shafts of a Carriage are the side framings, by which it is supported by the horse. 1894 K. GRAHAME *Pagan P.* 77, I found him smoking his vesper pipe on the shaft of his cart.

b. Either of the two side-pieces of a ladder which support the rungs or steps.

1888 STEVENSON *Across the Plains* (1892) 197 The weedy spokes and shafts of the ladder.

c. (See quot.)

1825 J. NICHOLSON *Oper. Mech.* 630 The sides of this table [for casting sheet lead]..are guarded by a frame or edging of wood, 3 inches thick, and 4 or 5 inches higher than the interior surface, called the shafts. *Ibid.* 631 So that its ends, which are notched.., may ride upon the shafts.

8. *Mech.* A long cylindrical rotating rod upon which are fixed the parts for the transmission of motive power in a machine; also, a separable portion of a line of shafting.

Also with qualifying word indicating a specific kind of shaft, as *crank, paddle, propeller, screw shaft*, COUNTERSHAFT, etc.: see those words.

1688 HOLME *Armoury* III. 340/2 The Shaft [of a Wind-Mill], that on which the Sail Rods are set. 1764 CROKER, etc. *Dict. Arts* s. v. *Mill*, The undershot-wheel, upon whose shaft is fixed a spur or cog-wheel. 1814, etc. [see JOURNAL *sb.* 10]. 1825 J. NICHOLSON *Operat. Mechanic* 43 In forming couplings, great care should be taken to make them fit, so that the coupled shaft may move as though of the same piece with the driving shaft. 1841 R. WILLIS *Princ. Mechanism* 44 *note*, Axis is the general and scientific word, shaft the millwright's general term, and spindle his term for smaller shafts. 1873 J. RICHARDS *Wood-working Factories* 4 The last shaft, or the one farthest from the engine, can be driven at a higher speed than the other shafts to suit joiners' machines on an upper floor. 1887 D. A. LOW *Machine Draw.* (1892) 30, Fig. 25, which represents a brake shaft carrier of a locomotive tender.

9. *Weaving.* Each of a pair of long laths between which the heddles are stretched; also applied to the pair taken together. Also in parasynthetic compounds with prefixed numeral, as *four-shaft, ten-shaft* adjs., designating makes of cloth.

Although no early examples have been found, the sense is certainly old; the G. *schaft* and Du. *schacht* are similarly used. Cf. '*thre-schaptyd cloth*, triplex' (*Promp. Parv.*, *c* 1440): see THREE III. 2.

[1801 see LAM *sb.*2] 1839 URE *Dict. Arts*, etc. 1230 The heddles being stretched between two shafts of wood, all the heddles connected by the same shafts are called a leaf. 1878 BARLOW *Weaving* 173 With four shafts and twenty pairs of leashes..the effect that may be produced will be noticed at ABCDE and F. *Ibid.*, At D the leashes are raised, and the shafts also. *a* 1904 W. THORNTON in *Eng. Dial. Dict.* s. v., [*Obs.* in W. Yorksh.] Long thin flat rods of wood, upon which the 'gems' or 'healds' were stretched. The stretching was effected by a 'top' and 'bodom' shaft, and the whole was also termed a 'shaft', when describing the pattern or make of cloth to be produced, as 'four shaft', 'ten shaft', &c.

†**b.** *Sc.* A kind of woollen cloth. *Obs.*

[Prob. generalized from designations like *four-shaft, ten-shaft*, etc.: see above.]

1797 *Statist. Acc. Scot., Aberd.* XIX. 208 Cloths manufactured from the above wool,..three quarters to yard broad seys, sarges, shafts, plaidings, haizes, linseywoolseys, jemmies, and stripped apron stuffs.

10. *attrib.* and *Comb.* **a.** In sense 2 (arrow, etc.), as *shaft-arm*, †*-end*, *-hand*, *-head*, *-maker*; *shaft-armed*, *-like*, *-straight*, *-strong* adjs.; † **shaft-wise** *adv.*, ? in cylindrical form.

1801 T. ROBERTS *Engl. Bowman* 293 **Shaft-arm, Shaft-hand*, the arm, the hand, employed in drawing the arrow. 1790 COWPER *Iliad* I. 18 His hands charged with the wreath And golden sceptre or the God *shaft-arm'd. 1545 ASCHAM *Toxoph.* II. Wks. (1904) 116 Yf I should shoote at a line and not at the marke, I woulde alwayes loke at my *shaft ende. 1801 *Shaft-hand [see *shaft-arm* supra]. 1545 ASCHAM *Toxoph.* II. Wks. (1904) 115 To looke at your *shafte hede at the lowse, is the greatest helpe to kepe a lengthe that can be. 1821 BYRON *Sardanap.* IV. i. 90 A huge quiver rose With shaft-heads feather'd from the eagle's wing. 15.. J. BRYAN *Ps.* cxxvii. 7 in Farr *S. P. Eliz.* II. 335 Straight, *shaft-like sprowts in shape and mind. 1899 R. B. SHARPE in *Daily News* 21 Feb. 6/2 A long shaft-like plume. 1904 WINDLE *Preh. Age Eng.* iv. 80 Here the object was..to shape off the roughnesses of a stick, so as to convert it into an arrow-shaft—for which reason this kind of scraper is sometimes called a '*shaft-maker'. 1849 CHARL. BRONTË *Shirley* II. v. 127 Her *shaft-straight carriage and lightsome step. 1519 HORMAN *Vulg.* 105 b, All preciouse stonys may be made *shaft wyse, sane pearlys. *Omnes gemmæ teretes fieri possunt, extra vnum vnionem.*

b. In seuse 5 a (*Arch.*), as *shaft-architecture, -cap, -ring.*

1851 RUSKIN *Stones Venice* I. viii. § xxiii, The earliest and grandest shaft architecture which we know, that of Egypt. 1882 *Archæol. Cant.* XIV. 364 The segmental arch of its head springs not from shaft-caps but from vertical stilts. 1909 *Century Dict.* Suppl., *Shaft-ring*, an annular band.. which seems to surround a shaft of a column. It is often the wrought edge of a stone plate which separates two stones that make up a shaft, the inclosing ring being an appearance only.

c. In sense 4 h (handle), as **shaft-hole**, *Archæol.* the hole in an axe-head or similar implement for the insertion of the haft or handle.

1852–63 BURN *Techn. Dict.* II. (ed. 4), Shaft prop, *servante. *Ibid.*, Shaft stay, *cravate.* 1865 LUBBOCK *Preh. Times* iii. (1878) 62 The British lance-heads frequently have loops at the side of the shaft-hole,..which is never the case with Danish specimens. 1894 J. MACINTOSH *Ayrsh. Nt.'s Entert.* 201 A stone axe..having a shaft-hole one inch in width.

d. In sense 7 a (thill of a carriage, etc.): as *shaft-bar, -bender, -bolt, -jack, -loop, -man, -ring, -tug*; **shaft-horse**, the horse which goes in the shafts.

1802 C. JAMES *Milit. Dict.*, **Shaft-bars*, are two pieces of wood to fasten the hind ends of the shafts together, into which they are pinned with wooden pins. 1881 *Instr. Census Clerks* (1885) 56 Coach making..*Shaft Bender. 1852–63 BURN *Techn. Dict.* II. (ed. 4), *Shaft-bolt, *boulon de limoniere.* 1769 WESLEY *Jrnl.* 28 July, The *shaft-horse.. boggled and turned short. 1886 RUSKIN *Præterita* I. vi. 182 The four horses were driven by one postillion riding the shaft horse. 1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.*, **Shaft-jack*, (Vehicle) an iron attaching the shafts to the axle. *Ibid.*, **Shaft-loop*, (Harness) the ring of leather suspended from the gig-saddle to hold the thill or shaft. 1881 *Instr. Census Clerks* (1885) 56 Coach making..*Shaftman. 1802 C. JAMES *Milit. Dict.*, *Rings*, in artillery, are of various uses such as, the *shaft-rings to fasten the harness of the shaft-horse by means of a pin. 1856 'STONEHENGE' *Brit. Rural Sports* III. III. iv. 543 A buckle and strong loop on each side, called the *Shaft Tug, by which the shaft is supported.

e. *Ornith.* (sense 4 b), as *shaft-mark, -spot, -streak, -stripe*; **shaft-tailed bunting**, Latham's name for one of the buntings of the genus *Emberiza.*

1884 J. H. GURNEY *Diurnal Birds Prey* 157 The dark *shaft-marks much narrower than in the female [Kestrel]. 1888 P. L. SCLATER *Argentine Ornith.* I. 164 Above plumbeous, with slight darker *shaft-spots. 1874 R. B. SHARPE *Catal. Accipitres B. Mus.* 438 Crowo rufous, with blackish *shaft-streaks. 1867 P. L. SCLATER & SALVIN *Exotic Ornith.* 71 There are linear elongated *shaft-stripes on the head and on portions of the under plumage. 1783 LATHAM *Gen. Synopsis Birds* II. I. 183 *Shaft-tailed Bunting.

f. In sense 8 (axle or revolving bar), as *shaft-bearing, -boss, -bracket, -coupling, -drive* (so *-driven*), *-eye, -gearing, -governor, -head, -passage*, etc.

1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.*, *Shaft-bearing. 1863 BARRY *Dockyard Econ.* 236 This is 42 feet in length, and, with its sole and *shaft-boss, weighs 40 tons. 1894 W. H. WHITE *Man. Naval Archit.* (ed. 3) 415 (Cent. Suppl.), Stems, sternposts, *shaft-brackets, rudders, etc., are now commonly made of cast steel instead of forged iron or steel. 1906 *Westm. Gaz.* 26 June 4/1 As regards transmission, fourteen of the cars are employing chains, as against twenty relying on *shaft drive. 1906 *Daily Chron.* 14 Nov. 9/3 These cars are *shaft-driven. 1835 URE *Philos. Manuf.* 34 The recent innovations in..adjusting the movements of the system of *shaft-geering. 1898 *Engineering Mag.* XVI. 146/2 The Design and Setting of *Shaft Governors. 1825 J. NICHOLSON *Operat. Mechanic* 130 A gudgeon from the end of each cylinder runs into an iron fastened to the *shaft-head. 1874 THEARLE *Naval Archit.* 115 The bulkheads of the *shaft passages are sometimes made watertight.

g. *Weaving* (sense 9), as *shaft harness, monture.*

1878 BARLOW *Weaving* 168 The second [contrivance] is generally used in weaving the richest silks now made, and is termed the split harness, or 'shaft monture'. *Ibid.* 170 The above contrivance entirely dispenses with a separate set of treadles to work the shaft harness.

h. Shaft-furnace, 'a high furnace, charged at the top and tapped at the bottom' (Raymond *Mining Gloss.* 1881).

1874 RAYMOND *Statist. Mines & Mining* 393 Those shaft-furnaces which use charcoal as fuel.

Shaft (ʃaft), *sb.*3 Also 5 **shafte**. [Corresponds in sense to MHG. *schaht*, mod.G. *schacht* masc., which is prob. a. LG. *schacht* (also Du.) of the same meaning, usually regarded as a specific application of *schacht* = SHAFT *sb.*2, the primitive notion being that of something cylindrical. It is possible, however, that the type **skafto-* represented by LG. *schacht*, Eng. *shaft* 'pit-hole', may be a separate formation on the Teut. root **skab-* of SHAVE *v.*, in its original sense to dig (cf. Gr. σκάπτειν). On either of these views, it is doubtful whether *shaft* 'pit-hole' goes back to OE. (though not recorded before the 15th c.), or was introduced into England by foreign miners.

Some scholars still adhere to the view of Grimm, that the HG. *schacht* (and LG. *schacht* in this sense) represent a Teut. type **skaχto-z*. On this supposition the Eng. word would necessarily be a loan word from the continent. Grimm's hypothesis is formally possible, but leaves the ultimate etymology obscure, as the suggested connexion with the root **skak-* SHAKE *v* is semasiologically improbable.]

1. A vertical or slightly inclined well-like excavation made in mining, tunnelling, etc., as a means of access to underground workings, for hoisting out materials, testing the subsoil, ventilation, etc.

For *air-shaft, engine-shaft, pumping-shaft*, etc. see those words.

1433–4 *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 711 Pro factura unius shaft infra campum de Heworth pro carbonibus ibidem lucrandis, 20*s.* 1443 *Ibid.* 713 Cum thirlyng unius shafte. 1602 CAREW *Surv. Cornw.* 8 b, There they sincke a Shaft, or pit of fiue or sixe foote in length [etc.]. 1665 *Phil. Trans.* I. 80 By letting down shafts from the day (as Miners speak). 1733 ARBUTHNOT *Ess. Effects Air* ii. 34 Suppose a Tube, or, as the Miners call it, a Shaft were sunk from the Surface of the Earth to the Centre. 1815 CLANNY in *Thomson's Ann. Philos.* (1816) VII. 369 In this district there are several coal-mines that have only one shaft, which serves the double purpose of ventilation and working. 1843 *Penny Cycl.* XXV. 369/2 Shafts of at least four feet diameter should be sunk along the line of the tunnel. 1868 MORRIS *Earthly Par., Rhodope* 14 Nor as yet had any one Sunk shaft in hill-side there, or dried the stream To see if 'neath its sand gold specks might gleam. 1888 F. HUME *Mme. Midas* I. i, She..sank a shaft in the place indicated.

2. *Mil. Mining.* (see quot. 1876).

1834 J. S. MACAULAY *Field Fortif.* (1847) 183 The top frame of the shaft is then let into the ground. *Ibid.* 184 In unfavourable soil the whole shaft must be lined with sheeting. 1876 VOYLE & STEVENSON *Milit. Dict.* (ed. 3), *Shaft*, in military mining is the perpendicular passage sunk from the surface of the ground to the required depth, from which the branches of the mine diverge, termed 'galleries'...Shafts and galleries are lined with timber to prevent the soil from breaking in.

3. *transf.* Applied to other well-like excavations, or passages.

1820 BELZONI *Egypt & Nubia* II. 270 Where the granite work finishes at the end of this passage [in the 2nd Pyramid], there is a perpendicular shaft of fifteen feet. 1860 TYNDALL *Glac.* I. ii. 18 Numerous shafts, the forsaken passages of ancient 'moulins'. 1861 FLOR. NIGHTINGALE *Nursing* (ed. 2) 28 It often happens that the sick room is made a ventilating shaft for the rest of the house. 1912 *World* 25 June 1005/2 The second floor [of the burning house] seemed a furnace, and the shaft of the lift acted as a chimney.

4. *attrib.* and *Comb.* **a.** simple attrib., as *shaft ladder, mouth, work*, etc.; *shaft sinking* vbl. sb.

1844 F. W. SIMMS (*title*) Practical tunnelling, explaining in detail..shaft sinking, and heading driving. 1862 *Times* 21 Jan., Mr. Coulson..has had vast experience in shaft work. *c* 1868 C. WARREN *Recov. Jerus.* (1871) 128 The shaft mouth is on the south side of the Sanctuary wall. 1909 *Chamb. Jrnl.* Apr. 239 They started to descend the shaft-ladders.

b. *Comb.*: **shaft-drill**, 'a rotary drilling-machine, armed with diamond points, for boring vertical shafts' (Knight *Dict. Mech.* 1875); **shaft-grave** *Archæol.*, applied to ancient interments in a 'shaft'; **shaft-house**, 'the heavy framework for the pulleys and landing-place at the top of a mining shaft, sometimes enclosed for protection from the weather' (*Funk's Stand. Dict.* 1895); **shaftman**, a man employed to keep the shaft in repair (*Northumbld. Gloss.*); also, a workman employed to sink shafts (cf. SHAFTSMAN); **shaft-rent** (see quot.); **shaft-riding**, ascending by means of a lift or cage in a shaft; **shaft-tackle** = POPPET-HEAD 2; **shaft tomb** = *shaft-grave.*

1910 D. G. HOGARTH in *Encycl. Brit.* I. 248/1 The *shaft graves in the Mycenae circle are also a late type. 1874 RAYMOND *Statist. Mines & Mining* 332, I cannot see the need or use of a *shaft-house of such a shape and only 10 feet in diameter. 1881 *Instr. Census Clerks* (1885) 84 Tin miner..*Shaftman. *Ibid.* 85 Lead miner..shaftman. 1893 W. C. BORLASE *Age Saints* Introd. 21 Many a first-rate Cornish miner—a 'shaftman', that is to say—belongs to it [the German type]. 1849 GREENWELL *Coal-trade Terms, Northumb. & Durham* (1851) 42 **Shaft rent*, for the privilege of drawing up the shaft the coal worked from another royalty by outstroke. 1887 P. MCNEILL *Blawearie* 57 In those days the miners who worked the coalfields on the estate of Blawearie were but rarely allowed to indulge in the luxury of '*shaft riding'. 1874 J. H. COLLINS *Metal Mining* 81 The cost of preparing and fixing this *shaft-tackle should not exceed 25*s.* or 30*s.* for timber, ironwork, and labour. 1895 W. LEAF *Iliad* I. Introd. 15 The '*shaft tombs' discovered by Dr. Schliemann in the Acropolis of Mykenai.

†**Shaft**, *v.*1 *Obs. rare*—1. [Of obscure origin.] *intr.* Of the sun: ? To set.

13.. *Gaw. & Gr. Knt.* 1467 He rechated, & r[ode] þur3 ronez ful þyk, Suande þis wy[ld]e swyn til þe sunne schafted.

Shaft (ʃɑft), *v.*[2] [f. SHAFT *sb.*2]

1. *trans.* To fit (an arrow-head, a weapon or tool) with a shaft.

1611 FLORIO, *Alberdre*,..Also to shaft or stave any weapon as a holbard. *a* 1775 *Hobie Noble* xvi. in Child *Ballads* IV. 3/1 Gar warn the bows o' Hartlie-burn See they shaft their arrows on the wa ! 1853 G. J. CAYLEY *Las Alforjas* II. 256 Many of our modern authors live by..new shafting and feathering old arrow heads.

2. *Shaft out*: to shoot as an arrow or shaft.

1862 THORNBURY *Turner* II. 88 There was the storm rolling ..and shafting out its lightning over the Yorkshire hills.

3. To propel (a barge, etc.) with a pole.

1869 A. DAVIS *Velocipede* 5 Like unto the method of punting or shafting vessels. 1906 *Daily Chron.* 19 Feb. 10/5 Sometimes a boat is 'shafted' through [a tunnel] with a pole.

Shafted (ʃɑ·ftĕd), *a.* [f. SHAFT *sb.*[1] + -ED[2].] Having or furnished with a shaft or shafts.

a. *Her.* Of a spear, arrow, or similar weapon: Having the shaft of a specified tincture.

1586 FERNE *Blas. Gentrie* 221 Tomyris, Queene of Scythia: did beare Iupiters thunder-bolt Or: shafted and winged Argent. 1661 MORGAN *Sph. Gentry* I. iv. 50 Jupiters Thunderbolt in pale or,..shafted saltirewayes argent.

b. Furnished with a shaft or handle. Chiefly in parasynthetic derivatives, as *long-shafted.*

1641 *D. Fergusson's Sc. Prov.* (1785) 14 He should hae a long shafted spoon that sups kail wi' the devil. 1869 BOUTELL *Arms & Armour* App. (1905) 273 Fourteen Examples of Shafted Weapons. 1870 MORRIS *Earthly Par.* III. iv. 46 He crept along, Poising a spear, thick shafted, strong, In his right hand. 1879 *Echo* 21 Mar. 2/5 Those [assegais].. are thrown by the hand..and are less strongly shafted than the charging weapon.

c. *Arch.* Ornamented with or resting upon shafts.

1801 A. RANKEN *Hist. France* I. i. v. 452 Hence proceeded the pointed arches, the shafted columns [etc.]. 1805 SCOTT *Last Minstr.* II. i, When the broken arches are black in night, And each shafted oriel glimmers white. 1835 R. WILLIS *Archit. Mid. Ages* iii. 29 These imposts are divided into two classes, which may be called Shafted and Banded. In shafted archways the horizontal section of the upright is different from that of the arch taken immediately above the impost, and generally much plainer. 1878 SIR G. G. SCOTT *Lect. Archit.* (1879) 279 Even when the exterior is shafted the inner splay often comes close to the face of the recessed order. 1882 *Archæol. Cant.* XIV. 364 Seven-foiled lights, with shafted mullions of Decorated character.

d. *Ornith.* In comb. with prefixed word: Having the shafts (of feathers) of a specified character or number.

1809 SHAW *Gen. Zool.* VII. 496 Six-shafted Paradise-bird. 1831 Red-shafted [see RED *a.* 14 b].

†Shaft-eel. *Obs.* [? SHAFT *sb.*[2], referring to the shape.] A kind of eel. Cf. SHAFFLIN.

1411 *Cal. Let. Bks. Hen. IV*, I. 102 [*printed* shastele], 15.. in Dugdale *Monasticon* (1655) I. 81/2 Schafte eles to bake for the covent on shere thursday. 1545 *Rates Custom Ho.* b j b, Elis called shaft kyue or dele elis. 1583 *Ibid.* B vij b, Shaft, kine or dole Eeles. [So in later schedules.]

Shafter (ʃɑ·ftəɹ). [f. SHAFT *sb.*[2] + -ER[1].] A shaft-horse.

1840 HALIBURTON *Clockm.* Ser. III. x. 137 A London brewer's shafter wouldn't make the smallest part of a circumstance to him. 1877 *Holderness Gloss., Shafther*, the horse, where there are more than one, which is placed between the shafts of a cart. 1904 *Blackw. Mag.* June 824/2 The cook alternately crooned and swore at the old shafter.

Shaftesburian (ʃɑftsbiū·riăn), *a.* Also **Shaftsburean, -ian.** [f. *Shaftesbury* (see below) + -IAN.] Of or pertaining to the moral philosophy or literary style of Anthony Ashley Cooper, third Earl of Shaftesbury (1671–1713), author of 'Characteristicks of Men' (1711).

1752 *Gray's Inn Jrnl.* No. 10 (1756) I. 68 Mr. Plastic is a compleat Shaftesburian Philosopher. *Ibid.* 69 This with him is the Test of Truth which he opposes..to the Shaftesburian Rule. 1755 MISS TALBOT in Pennington *Life Mrs. Carter* (1808) I. 196 Shaftsburian Heathens [will read this book] because Epictetus was an honour to Heathenism. 1828 D. IRVING *Elem. Composition* (ed. 8) 243 That parade of language which distioguishes the Shaftesburean manner.

†Shaftesbury. *slang. Obs. rare*—°. [The name of a town in Dorset.] (See quot.)

a 1700 B. E. *Dict. Cant. Crew, Shaftsbury*, a Gallon-pot full of Wine, with a Cock.

Shafting[1] (ʃɑ·ftiŋ). [f. SHAFT *sb.*[2] + -ING[1].]

1. A system of connected shafts for communicating motion from the prime mover to the machinery. Also, material from which to cut lengths of shafts.

1825 J. NICHOLSON *Oper. Mech.* Descr. Frontisp. 16 The rotary motion which the crank has received from the engine is imparted to the shafting. 1845 I. FARRELL *Archimedean Railway* 5, I have therefore made several experiments on different lengths of shafting. 1862 *Catal. Internat. Exhib.* II. XII. 2 The motion of the handle on deck is transmitted ..by means of a series of shaftings and tooth-wheels. 1889 F. COLYER *Public Instit.* 192 The Shafting must be 2½ inches diameter, and the pulleys of suitable sizes to the machines they have to drive. 1895 *Daily News* 3 June 7/3 The demand for marine shafting in the city has been fairly good for nine months. 1912 *Times* 19 Dec. 19/3 Bolts, shaftings, and miscellaneous products.

attrib. 1881 *Instr. Census Clerks* (1885) 99 Factory Labourer...Shafting Oiler. 1898 *Engineering Mag.* XVI. 148/1 A Shafting Lathe. Describes a lathe..intended both for general lathe work and for turning shafting.

2. Shafts or ornamental columns.

1868 *Morn. Star* 25 June, A large quantity of shafting belonging to the north piers of the chancel..had been smashed with a hammer.

3. *U.S.* 'A darkening of the shaft, or quill of a feather, as in some breeds of poultry' (*Cent. Suppl.*).

1896 *Yearbk. U. S. Departm. Agric.* 462 (Cent. Suppl.), Shafting on the back will also help the black stripe in the saddles.

Shafting[2]. [f. SHAFT *sb.*[3] + -ING[1].] The sinking of a shaft; also, the shafts of a mine collectively.

1872 RAYMOND *Statist. Mines & Mining* 297 Aggregate of shafting over 5,000 feet. 1877 *Ibid.* 273 About 1,000 feet of shafting and drifting well represent the amount of work done.

Shaftless (ʃɑ·ftlĕs), *a.* [f. SHAFT *sb.*[2] + -LESS.] Without or lacking a shaft (in any sense of the sb.).

1811 BYRON *Curse of Min.* vii, The broken lance Seem'd weak and shaftless. 1812 — *Ch. Har.* II. xc, The flying Mede, his shaftless broken bow. 1881 PALGRAVE *Vis. Eng.* 116 One high gracious curve Of shaftless windows frames the limpid blue. 1881 MAYNE REID *Free Lances* I. xvii. 189 His irony was shaftless, being understood. 1895 *Daily News* 21 Sept. 5/5 The doctors went to look for the Lefebvre light carts but found them shaftless.

Shaftlet. *nonce-wd.* [f. SHAFT *sb.*[2] + -LET.] A small shaft or column.

1890 *Murray's Handbk. Lincolnsh.* 148 The font is E.E., with two crosses on each face, and shaftlets round the stem.

†Shaftling. *Obs.* [Perh. f. SHAFT *sb.*[2] + -LING, with allusion to the shape. Cf. SHAFFLIN.] The stickleback.

1558 *Gesner's Hist. Anim.* IV, 896 De Pungitio...Angli Scharplyng uel Shaftlyng nominant. 1572 HULOET (ed. Higins), Shaftling, sharplinge, stickling, sticklehanke, or banstickle, *aculeatus pisciculus, Pungitius, Centriscus.* 1598 FLORIO, *Spinarudlo*, a sharpling, or shaftlin fish [1611 Shaftin-fish].

Shaftment[1]. *Obs.* exc. *dial.* Forms: 1 sceaftmund, 4 schaftmonde, 5 schafftmon, schaftemonde, schaft-mun, shaftmone, -mon(d, -mount, chaftmonde, 5–6 shafmond, 6 shaftman, shaftemente, (shafts-man *Florio*), 7 shaftmont, -men, -met, shafman, (*corruptly* shafnet), 7, 9 shafment, 9 shaffment, 6–9 shaftment (see also *Eng. Dial. Dict.*); 8–9 *Sc.* shathmont. [OE. *sceaftmund* (only once), f. *sceaft* SHAFT *sb.*[2] + *mund* hand, handbreadth. (Probably *sceaft* was intended to denote the extended thumb.)] The distance from the end of the extended thumb to the opposite side of the hand, used as a measure = about 6 inches.

c 910–*c* 1060 *Pax* in Liebermann *Gesetze Ags.* 390 Dus feor sceal beon ðæs cinges grið fram his burhgeate,..III. mila & .III. furlang, and .III. æcera bræde, and .IX. fota, and .IX. sceaftmunda [? *read* sceaftmunda], and .IX. berecorna. †*a* 1400 *Morte Arth.* 3843 He schare hyme one the schorte rybbys a schaftmonde large ! *c* 1400 *Laud Troy Bk.* 6658 He hadde a strok a schafftmon long. *c* 1400 *Anturs of Arth.* xli, Thro his shild and his shildur a schaftmun [*Douce MS.* shaftmone] he share. 1474 *Coventry Leet Bk.* 399, iij schafmond and a half a-bout and a yerde of lenthe. *a* 1483 in W. G. Benham *Red Paper Bk. Colchester* (1902) 19 His fagot of wode shall be a yard of length and iij shaftmonds and an half abowte. *a* 1483 *Liber Niger* in *Househ. Ord.* (1790) 49 The Deane of the Chapell hathe all the offerings of wax..when the tapers be consumed into a shaftmount. 1483 *Cath. Angl.* 57/2 Chaftmonde. 1545 ASCHAM *Toxoph.* II. (Arb.) 112 Therfore lette youre bowe haue good byg bend, a shaftemente and .ii. fyngers at the least. 1558 *Cranmer's Confut. Veritie* O iv b, A lytle young prety babe, abont a shaftmond long. 1598 FLORIO, *Quattraggio*, a certaine rate of cloth that is giuen aboue measure, as we say a shaft man or a handfull. 1620 J. TAYLOR (Water-P.) *Praise Hemp-seed* (1623) 13 Once heaue the Lead againe and sound ahaft, A shafnet lesse, seauen all. 1626 CAPT. SMITH *Accid. Yng. Seamen* 18 Fadome by the marke, 3 od and a shaftment left. 1640 PARKINSON *Theat. Bot.* 486 This Scabions hath a thicke whitish stemme next the ground for a shaftmont high. 1647 HEXHAM I, A Shaftmen, *Een mate van een halven voet.* 1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr.*, *Shafment*, is a kinde of measure used in some parts of England, and is the breadth of a mans hand, and the length of the thumb. 1674 *Ibid.* (ed. 4), *Shaftmet*, or *Shaftment.* 1762 [W. YOUNG] *Treat. Weights & Meas.* 19 A shaftment, which is the length from the bottom of the wrist to the end of the thumb when the hand is extended, is reckoned 6 inches. *a* 1769 *Wee wee man* ii. in Child *Ballads* I. 330/1 His legs were scarce a shathmont's length. 1816 SCOTT *Antiq.* viii, Not a step, not a pace, not an inch, not a shathmont, as I may say; the meaning of which word has puzzled many that think themselves antiquaries.

Shaftment[2] (ʃɑ·ftmĕnt). *rare.* [f. SHAFT *sb.*[2] + -MENT. (Perh. suggested by misunderstanding of prec.)] †**a.** An arrow. *Obs.* **b.** The feathered part of an arrow.

1634 WOOD *New Eng. Prosp.* II. xiii, Let fly their winged shaftments without eyther feare or wit. 1801 T. ROBERTS *Engl. Bowman* 293 *Shaftment*, that part of the arrow occupied by the feathers. 1903 *Amer. Anthropologist* Jan.–Mar. 60 (Cent. Suppl.) The dice were originally made of canes, being the shaftments of arrows, painted or burned with marks corresponding with those used to designate the arrows of the four world-quarters.

Shaftsman (ʃɑ·ftsmăn). *Mining.* [f. SHAFT *sb.*[3] + MAN *sb.*[1] after CRAFTSMAN, etc. Cf. *shaftman*, SHAFT *sb.*[3] 4 b.] A man employed in sinking shafts.

1881 *Instr. Census Clerks* (1885) 84 Coal Miner..Shaftsman. 1892 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 21 Mar. 7/3 Walking from eight to ten miles a day before and after his underground work (much of it as a shaftsman).

Shafty (ʃɑ·fti), *a.* [f. SHAFT *sb.*[2] (sense 9) + -Y.] Of wool: 'having a close, compact, free, long, and strong staple' (Webster 1911).

1891 *Times* 3 Oct. 13/1 Good shafty wools, both merinos and cross-breds. 1895 *Argus* (Melbourne) 4 Oct., At the London wool sales yesterday..deep shafty and scoured merinoes sold at 20 per cent. [above previous prices]. 1911 A. F. BARKER in *Encycl. Brit.* XXVIII. 806/2 A long but fine wool technically termed a long and shafty 60's to 64's quality.

Shag (ʃæg), *sb.*[1] Forms: 1 sceacga, 6–7 shage, 7 shagge, 7–9 shagg, 7– shag. [OE. *sceacga* wk. masc. :—prehistoric **skaggon-*, cogn. w. ON. *skegg* neut., beard (:—**skagjo-m*), OE. *sceaga* wk. masc., coppice, SHAW (formally = ON. *skage* wk. masc., promontory :—**skagon-*), ON. *skaga* to project; the ON. *skǫg-r*, a wood, shows a different ablant-grade of the root. Cf. OHG. *scahho* wk. masc., promontory (:—**skakon-*), which may be more distantly related.

The OE. word occurs once (in a gloss), and the derivative *sceacgede* SHAGGED *a.* twice. Otherwise neither the sb. nor any of its derivatives has been found before the latter part of the 16th c.]

1. Rough matted hair, wool, etc. *rare* or *arch.*

c 1050 *Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 379/41 *Coma*, feax, sceacga. 1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* VIII. XXXIII. I. 214 Of the same kind is the Goat hart, and differing onely in the beard and long shag about the shoulders. 1697 *Phil. Trans.* XIX. 410 Many Prickles interspersed among the Hairy Shag that covered the sides. *a* 1732 GAY *Fables* II. v. 69 A Bear of shagg and manners rough, At climbing trees expert enough. 1771 tr. *Pernety's Voy. Malouine Isl.* (1773) 289 They have a sort of buskins or half-boots, made of the same skins, with the shag on the inside. 1809 W. IRVING *Knickerb.* v. vii. (1820) 343 A rugged mop of hair, not a little resembling the shag of a Newfoundland dog. 1869 BUSHNELL *Woman Suffrage* iii. 50 The base in his voice and the shag on his face. 1898 C. F. LUMMIS *Awak. Nation* 104 It is a purely leonine type—not by bulk or shag, but by look and port.

b. A mass of matted hair; also shreds (of bark).

1607 TOPSELL *Four-f. Beasts* 626 For that [wool] which was rough and thicke in ancient time, was vsed for this purpose, and also to make garments, hauing the shags thereof hanging by it like rugs. 1610 GUILLIM *Her.* III. XV. (1660) 180 The King of Judah was then like a Sleeping Lyon, which did not shew his rage with his erected shag. 1888a *Harper's Mag.* May 870/1 Nuts which have been packed away and wedged beneath the loose shags of bark.

c. The nap (esp. long and coarse) of cloth.

a 1661 HOLYDAY *Juvenal* II. Notes (1673) 25 Then their *Galbana rasa*, white smootn sarcenet without hair or shag; ..of this our Women now wear hoods. 1716 GAY *Trivia* I. 47 Fine Witney Broad-Cloath with it's Shag unshorn. 1844 G. DONN *Textile Manuf.* vi. 201 The face [of velvet] has a short shag, or 'pile', occasioned by the insertion of short pieces of silk thread doubled under the shoot. 1851–3 *Tomlinson's Cycl. Usef. Arts* (1867) II. 329/1 *Plush*, a textile fabric, with a sort of velvet nap or shag on one side.

d. *transf.* Applied to thick down on plants.

1773 *Phil. Trans.* LXIII. 365 The shag [Fr. *la pluche*], or inner part of these flowers. 1854 PAPPE *Silva Capensis* (1862) 18 Twigs, petioles, calyces and underside of leaves densely coated with brown shag. *Ibid.* 19 Petioles and veins clothed with a dense rusty shag.

e. A (tangled) mass of shrubs, trees, foliage, etc.

1836 STRUTHERS *Dychmont* i. Poet. Wks. (1850) II. 50 Were thy broomy shag but shorn, Thou might'st be made to wave with corn. 1855 BROWNING *Up at Villa* iii, Stuck like the horn of a bull Just on a mountain's edge as bare as the creature's skull, Save a mere shag of a bush with hardly a leaf to pull ! 1877 BLACKMORE *Erema* iii. III. 190 Dark shags of ling, and podded spurs of broom. 1905 MARY E. WILKINS *Debtor* 60 He could see the gleam of the current through the shag of young trees which found root in the unpromising soil. *Ibid.* 396 Only the oak-leaves, a brownish-red shag mostly on the lower branches, were left on the trees.

f. *fig.* Roughness, brutality of manner.

1784 COWPER *Task* v. 693 As if, like him of fabulous renown [*i. e.* Orpheus], They had indeed ability to smooth The shag of savage nature. 1809 MALKIN *Gil Blas* VIII. XIII. (Rtldg.) 308 This metamorphose into the shag of a savage is not perceptible to myself.

2. A cloth having a velvet nap on one side, usually of worsted, but sometimes of silk. Also, a kind or variety of this.

1592 *Wills & Inv. N. C.* (Surtees 1860) II. 211 Three quarters of blacke shage, 12s. 1598 SYLVESTER *Du Bartas* II. ii. III. *Colonies* 71 Chiorze, where Buls as big As Elephants are clad in silken shag. 1612 [F. BEAUMONT] *Masque Inner Temple* D 1 b, The high Priest a cap of white silke shagge close to his head, with two labels at the eares [etc.]. 1623 SIR R. BOYLE in *Lismore Papers* (1886) II. 86, I..gaue him ordre to bring for me..crymson shagg and Spangled Lace for winter Clothes for my Children. 1769 DE FOE, etc. *Tour Gt. Brit.* (ed. 7) III. 280 The Woollen Manufacture called Half-thicks, Frizes, and Shags. ?1725 *Sadberge (Durham) Par. Reg.*, A..cushion of red shagg. 1781 *Phil. Trans.* LXXI. 72 The Indians make a most elegant cloathing..as fine as a silk shag. 1805 LUCCOCK *Nat. Wool* 277 The blanket manufacture at Witney, and that of worsted shaggs at Banbury. 1825 SCOTT *Talism.* xvii, A cap of rough shag. 1855 LEIFCHILD *Cornwall* 179 Engine Shag and Poldavey 1,119 yards. 1887 *Fortn. Rev.* Aug. 294 The King, says Petion, wore a coat of dark shag, and his linen was not clean.

3. †**a.** A garment, rug, or mat of shaggy material.

1634 SIR T. HERBERT *Trav.* 97 At the end sate the Potshaugh or great King..his seat hauing two or three white silke shags vpon the Carpets. 1664 POWER *Exp. Philos.* I. 50 A [magnified] Sage Leaf looks like a white Rugge, or Shagge, full of Knots, tassel'd all with white silver Thrums. 1681 T. JORDAN *London's Joy* 9 St. Patric..a gray Mantle with a thick shag about his Neck of large green Silk and Gold fringes.

1738 [G. Smith] *Cur. Relat.* II. 361 Twelve Royal travelling Coaches..; one Set of Shags. 1827 Carlyle *Germ. Rom.* III. 229 The Regiments-Quartermaster..embaled in a long woollen shag. 1854 R. S. Surtees *Handley Cross* xiv, His hunting clothes, consisting of a roomy scarlet coat,.. drab shags, and mahogany-coloured tops.

b. *Westminster School slang.* (See quot. 1902.)

1902 R. Airy *Westminster* 108 Any coat other than an 'Eton or 'tails' is a 'shag'.

4. (In full *shag tobacco.*) A strong tobacco cut into fine shreds.

1789 *Act* 29 *Geo. III*, c. 68 § 127 Upon the exportation of any short cut tobacco, shag tobacco, roll tobacco, and carrot tobacco. 1823 in *Spirit Publ. Jrnls.* 527 Porter and pop, mirth-moving max, and fragrant shag. 1840 Thackeray *Shabby-genteel Story* i, A constant and agreeable odour of shag tobacco. 1862 *Cornh. Mag.* VI. 607 One pipe..of Virginian tobacco in the shape of bird's-eye or shag. 1876 J. Dunning *Tobacco* 17 'Shag' is the generic name of all those varieties of leaf which have passed through the cutting machine.

¶ 5. ? Used for *snag.* [Cf. Shagged *a.* 2 c; but perh. a misprint.]

1649 J. Taylor (Water-P.) *Wand. West* 6 At a stile I had a great disaster, for a shagge or splinter of the stile tooke hold of my one and onely breeches.

6. *attrib.* and *Comb.* a. simple attrib., as *shag edging, manufactory, manufacture*; **shag boy**, *dial.* = next (*b*); **shag foal**, *dial.*, (*a*) 'a foal with its first year's coat on' (*N.W. Linc. Gloss.* 1877), (*b*) a hobgoblin (see quots. 1847, 1856); †**shag sponge**, a 'muricate' sponge.

1882 M. G. Watkins *In Country* (1883) 210 Fairies and *shag-boys! lasses are often skeart at them, but I never saw none. 1884 G. S. Streatfeild *Linc. & Danes* 357 *Shag-boy* also *Shag-foal*, a ghost. 1808 *Trans. Soc. Arts* XXVI. p. x, The ingenious Implement..for cutting *Shag Edgings. 1847 Halliwell, *Shag-foal*, a sort of ghost or spectre, which under this appearance is thought by the common people to haunt different parts of the county. *Linc.* 1856 P. Thompson *Hist. Boston* 722 *Shag-foal*, a hobgoblin in the shape of a small rough horse. *Ibid.* 736. 1780 A. Young *Tour Irel.* I. 278 Bandon was once the seat of the stuff, camblet, and *shag manufacture. 1794 R. Davis *Agric. Oxford* 26 The *shag manufactory at Banbury. *a* 1776 J. Ellis *Zoophytes* (1786) 185 *Spongia muricata.* *Shagg Sponge.

b. passing into *adj.*, composed or made of 'shag' (sense 2).

1611 Middleton & Dekker *Roaring Girl* II. i. D 1 b, I am going to buy a shag ruffe. 1621 in Kempe *Losely MSS.* (1836) 426 For 17 yards of fyne doble shagg bayes, for Gilbert's murning cloake [etc.]. 1706 in C. N. Robinson *Brit. Fleet* (1894) 493 Striped shag breeches, lined with linen. 1836 Marryat *Japhet* xxxix, He was dressed in highlow boots, ..a shag waistcoat, and a blue frock overall. 1911 B. Capes *Leaves & Fishes* 181 Wandering unsociable in a shag coat.

Shag (Jæg), *sb.*2 Forms: 6 **schagge**, 7 **shagge**, 7–9 **shagg**, 7– **shag**. [Perh. a use of Shag *sb.*1 or Shag *a.*, with reference to the 'shaggy' crest.] A cormorant, esp. the crested cormorant, *Phalacrocorax graculus*, which in the breeding season has a crest of long curly plumes.

Also with defining name, applied to several varieties of the cormorant, and sometimes erroneously to the common shag at different periods of its age, under the idea that it is a different variety.

1566 *Act* 8 *Eliz.* c. 15 § 2 For euery head of..Busarde, Schagge, Carmeraunt, or Ryngtayle, two pence. 1602 Carew *Cornwall* I. 35 Curlewes, Teale, Widgeon, Burranets, Shags, Duck and Mallard. *a* 1672 Willughby *Ornith.* (1676) 249 *Corvus aquaticus minor sive Graculus palmipes.* The Shag. 1729 J. Wood *Voy.* 85 An island which is much frequented by a sort of Fowl which are called Shaggs, that live mostly upon fish. 1769 Cook *1st Voy.* in Hawkesworth *Voy.* (1773) II. 339 Plenty of wild fowl, principally shags, ducks, curlieus, and the sea-pie. 1785 Latham *Gen. Synopsis Birds* III. II. 600 Crested Shag. *Pelecanus cristatus. Ibid.*, Violet Shag. *Ibid.* 601 Red-faced Shag. *Ibid.* 602 Spotted Shag. *Ibid.* 603 Carunculated Shag. *Ibid.* 604 Magellanic Shag. *Ibid.* 605 Pied Shag. *Ibid.* 606 Tufted Shag. *Ibid.*, African Shag. *Ibid.* 607 Dwarf Shag. 1824 — *Gen. Hist. Birds* X. 423 Chinese Shag. *Ibid.* 425 Brown-necked Shag. *Ibid.* 431 New Holland shag. 1841 J. T. Hewlett *Parish Clerk* I. 288 Cormorants, or shaggs, as they are more commonly termed. 1841 Selby in *Proc. Berw. Nat. Club* I. No. ix. 255 The common cormorant (*Phalacrocorax carbo*), and the crested shag (*P. cristatus*), are permanent residents. 1861 Coues in *Proc. Philad. Acad.* 241 Both this [*Graculus dilophus*] and the *G. carbo* are universally known as 'Shags'. 1879 Beerbohm *Patagonia* ii. 12 We startled a large covey of shag, which, to judge by the accumulation of guano, appeared to roost there habitually. 1885 *Riverside Nat. Hist.* (1888) IV. 191 New Zealand is especially rich in shags,..having not less than thirteen species, amongst these the curiously colored spotted shag (*Phalacrocorax punctatus*). *Ibid.*, Flock after flock of violet-green shags (*P. pelagicus*) came up to the steamer.

Phrase. 1835 Marryat *Jac. Faithf.* xx, I'm as wet as a shag, and as cold as charity. 1841 in Col. Hawker *Diary* (1893) II. 197 Came home in the middle of the day 'as wet as a shag', it having come on to pour.

c. *attrib.* **shag cormorant**, †**pelican**, the shag; **shag-like** *adv.*, in the manner of a shag.

1826 Stephens in Shaw *Gen. Zool.* XIII. i. 82 *Shag cormorant (*Phalacrocorax Graculus*). 1896 T. E. Brown *Lett.* (1900) II. 165 Indications (stage-directions, hints like yours) send one skimming *shag-like over the water. 1785 Pennant *Arctic Zool.* II. 581 *Shag Pelecan.

Shag, *sb.*3 In 6 **shagge.** [f. Shag *v.*1] †a. A shake. *Obs.* b. *dial.* The refuse of barley, corn, oats, etc. Cf. Shack *sb.*1 2.

1581 Rich *Farew.* (1846) 166 When she sawe she waked not, she laied her hand upon her, and givyng her a shagge, she said withall, Mistres, awake! my maister calleth for you. 1822 *Edin. Caled. Mercury* 9 Dec. (Jam.), Mr. Robert Meiklejohn, brewer, Alloa, sowed a quantity of shag, from English barley,..being the skimmings of his malt cisterns. 1823 *Ibid.* 13 Nov. (Jam.), Oats have about ten times the quantity of shag they had last year. 1856 Morton *Cycl. Agric.* II. 725 (Provincialisms.) *Shagg*, (Stirlings.), tail corn.

Shag, *sb.*4 In 7 **shagge.** [? var. of Shack *sb.*2 Cf. Shag-rag.] A low, rascally fellow.

1620 T. Granger *Div. Logike* 170 *Shagge*, a terme of reproach semes to come of *Shog*, *Shagag*, or *Shag heb.* to do vnadvisedlie [etc.]. 1790 Grose *Prov. Gloss.* (ed. 2), *Shag*, or *Shack*, a blackguard. Suffolk. 1801 Charlotte Smith *Lett. Solit. Wand.* I. 352 Was now under the hard necessity of becoming shag, fag, skip, or whatever the boys in the higher forms chose to insist upon.

Shag, *sb.*5, variant of Shack *sb.*4

Shag (Jæg), *a.* Now *rare* or *arch.* Also 6 **shagg**, 7 **shagge.** [From attrib. use of Shag *sb.*1]

1. Having shaggy hair.

Formerly sometimes hyphened, as *shag-dog.*

1592 Shaks. *Ven. & Ad.* 295 Round hoofs, short ioynted, fetlocks shag, and long. 1634 Sir T. Herbert *Trav.* 201 Black—long—shag—curld heads. 1638 Ford *Lady's Trial* III. i, A' has chang'd Haire with a shagge dogge. 1642 (*title*) An exact Description of a Roundhead and a long-headed Shag-Poll. *c* 1645 Howell *Lett.* IV. xxxiii. (1892) II. 612 The Shag-dog was so well bred, that his Master us'd to send him by himself to Smithfield Shambles. *c* 1670 Wood *Life* (O.H.S.) I. 199 He..had a curl'd shag-pate, was squinteyed and purblind. 1760 *Impostors Detected* III. viii. II. 77 Two hundred of these creatures [monkeys], mounted on shag dogs came first. 1883 A. Dobson *Old World Ballads* 181 Huddling they came, with shag sides caked of mire, With hoofs fresh sullied from the troughs o'erturned. 1892 Kipling *Barrack-r. Ballads* 97 The picketed ponies, shag and wild, Strained at their ropes.

†2. Of hair, a mane, etc.: Long and rough, shaggy. *Obs.*

c 1596 *Sir T. More* III. ii. 111 How long Hath this shagg fleece hung dangling on thy head? *Ibid.* 118 When were you last at barbars? how longe time Have you vppon your head woorne this shagg haire? 1601 Holland *Pliny* XVII. xxii. I. 532 Sheepe..with their shag-coats. 1611 Tourneur *Ath. Trag.* II. F 2, The Gentleman took the dog in shaggehaire to be some Watch-man in a rugge gowne. 1639 T. de Gray *Compl. Horsem.* 314 Clip away the long shag haire from about the pasternes. 1647 Hexham I, Shagge haire, *Ruygh hayr.*

3. Comb., as *shag-bearded, -eared, -faced, -footed, -woolled*, etc.

1907 H. Trench *New Poems* 10 *Shag-bearded pines, All gnarled, loom down. 1907 *Black Cat* June 26 Dogged at every step by the sinister, velvet-footed march of *shag-coated wolves. 1605 Shaks. *Mach.* IV. ii. 83 Thou ly'st thou *shagge-ear'd [*mod.edd.* shag-haired] Villaine. *Mur.* What you Egge? 1884 *N. & Q.* Ser. VI. IX. 133/2, I have frequently heard a Shetland pony called 'shag-ear'd just like a moke'. 1716 R. Arbuthnot in *Stuart Papers* (Hist. MSS. Comm. 1904) II. 218 Macdonald..is a *shag-faced, thin fellow. 1901 Jane Barlow *Land of Shamrock* 222 Gulls..swooping about among the *shag-footed, tramping plough-horses. 1821 Scott *Kenilw.* xv, Half a score of *shag-headed Irish kernes. 1612 Drayton *Poly-olb.* xiii. 139 Flocks of *shag-woolled Sheepe.

†**Shag,** *v.*1 *Obs. rare.* Also 4–5 **schagge.** [Of obscure origin: cf. Shake *v.*, Shog *v.*] a. *trans.* To toss about. b. *intr.* To shake, waggle. Hence †**Sha·gging** *vbl. sb.*

c 1380 Wyclif *Sel. Wks.* I. 374 And þe boot, amydde þe water, was shaggid [*v.r.* schoggyd; 1388 — *Bible* Matt. xiv. 24 schoggid; Vulg. *jactabatur*] wiþ wawis. *a* 1400 *Pistil of Susan* 106 þe chouwet, þe cheuerol, þat schaggen on niht. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 443/1 Schaggynge, schoggynge, or waverynge, *vacillacio.* 1572 Mascall *Plant. & Graff.* v. (1592) 28 But alwayes take good heede to the binding of your heds that they waxe slack, or shagge, neyther on the one side or other, but remaine fast vpon the clay.

Shag (Jæg), *v.*2 [f. Shag *sb.*1]

†1. *intr.* To be shaggy; to hang down in a shaggy manner. *Obs. rare.*

1596 Spenser *F. Q.* v. ix. 10 Long curld locks, that downe his shoulders shagged. 1801 Charlotte Smith *Lett. Solit. Wand.* II. 90 But here are vines planted on hills, and shagging like copse-wood in England.

2. *trans.* To render rough or shaggy, *esp.* the surface of the earth, a hill-side, a rock, etc. (*with* a growth of trees or the like). Chiefly in pa. pple.

1612 Peacham *Gentl. Exerc.* II. vi. (1634) 121 His neather parts of a Goate declare the inequality of the earth being rough and shagged as it were with trees, plants, hils, &c. 1634 Milton *Comus* 429 Caverns shag'd with horrid shades. 1726-46 Thomson *Winter* 281 The Swain..sees other hills ascend, Of unknown joyless brow; and other scenes, Of horrid prospect, shag the trackless plain. 1806 R. Mant *Poems* I. 32 Where seas extend of everlasting ice, And horror shaggs the unsunn'd precipice. 1873 Howells *Chance Acquaintance* iii. 74 The woods that hitherto have shagged the hills with a stunted and meager growth,..now assume a stately size. 1894 Blackmore *Perlycross* 196 The fringe of the dominant black weed, like heavy brows, shagging the outlook. 1897 F. Thompson *New Poems, Ode Setting Sun* 113 Who lit the furnace of the mammoth's heart? Who shagged him like Pilatus' zibbèd flanks?

†b. To make a long or rough nap or pile on (a cloth or other material). *Obs. rare.*

1671 E. Blood in *Abridgm. Specif. Patents, Weaving* (1861) 1 A rich silk shagg..made of a silke wast..and shagged by tezell or rowing cardes, like as English bayes, rowed fustians, or dimatyes.

†**Sha·gamuffin.** *Obs. rare*−1. [Alteration of Ragamuffin, after Shag *sb.*4] A term of abuse.

1642 *Compl. to Ho. Commons* B 2 b, Debauched Shaggamuffins whose words no wise man will regard.

Shaganappi (Jægănæ·pi), *sb.* and *a. U.S.* Also **shaganappy, shagginappi, -eppi**, etc. [Name in one of the western dialects of Ojibwa.] a. *sb.* Thread, cord, or thong made from raw hide, raw hide cut into strips. Also a rough pony. b. *adj.* 'Tough, rough' (*Cent. Dict.* 1891).

1873 G. M. Grant *Ocean to Ocean* v. 122 When any part broke before, a thong of Shaganappi had united the pieces. Shaganappi, in this part of the world does all that leather, cloth, rope, nails, glue, straps, cord, tape..[etc.] are used for elsewhere. 1892 J. Robertson in C. W. Gordon *Life* (1908) 338 In the old days..every one had his pocket full of shaganappi. 1908 *Outlook* 5 Sept. 302/2 The women..hanging on their shaganappies (native ponies).

Sha·g-bag, *sb.* and *a. colloq.* [A jingling alteration of Shake-bag; cf. Shake-bag, Shag-rag, Shag *sb.*4] a. *sb.* A shabby or worthless fellow. b. *adj.* Shabby and worthless; poor in quality.

a. *a* 1700 B. E. *Dict. Cant. Crew, Shag-bag*, a poor, shabby Fellow. 1865 W. S. Banks *Prov. Words Wakefield* 62 *Sheg-beg*,..a loosely (baggily) and raggedly drest, or worthless man.

b. 1888 *Star* 17 Apr. 4/5 A particularly shag-bag field started for this event. 1892 Lo. Bramwell in *Times* 10 May 10/1, I was sitting in my chambers when there came a shagbag attorney with a brief.

Shagbark (Jæ·ghāik). *West Indian* and *U.S.* [f. Shag *a.* + Bark *sb.*1

So called on account of the rough and shaggy appearance of the bark when the tree is old.]

1. *West Indian.* = Savonette b.

1691–6 Plukenet *Almagestum* Wks. 1769 III. 373 *Shagbarke* Barbadensibus dicta, eo quod in hac Arbore cortex scabritie valde asperatus est. 1864 Grisebach *Flora W. Ind. Islands* 787 Shag-bark: *Pithecolobium micradenium.*

2. *U.S.* A variety of Hickory; also the wood or the nut of this tree. Also *attrib.* or *adj.* as a designation of this tree.

1751 J. Bartram *Observ.* 67 A great hill, cloathed with large Magnolia,..shaghark-hickery, chesnut and chesnut oak. 1788 J. May *Jrnl.* 20 June, My men employed in planting shaghaiks, which out here [at Marietta, Ohio] are the largest one can conceive of. 1827 J. Q. Adams *Mem.* 12 Aug., Two more of my shagbark walnut-trees have come up. 1856 Lowell *Lett.* (1894) I. 304 There were the same high-heaped shagbark trees. 1860 Worcester, *Shagbark*,..the nut of the tree *Carya alba.* 1866 Whittier *Snow-bound* 348 From the shagbark overhead The grizzled squirrel dropped his shell. 1878 Mrs. Stowe *Poganuc P.* xx. 179 For the frost ripened the shag-bark walnuts. 1902 Greenough & Kittredge *Words* 340 In some parts of America the name walnut is given to the 'shagbark', a kind of hickory nut, and the true walnut is known as the 'English walnut'.

So †**Shag-barked** *a.*

1786 Abercrombie *Gard. Assist., Arrangemt.* 35 Walnut tree,..Black American, or hickory,..Shag barked.

Shagbot(e, -bush, -but, obs. ff. Sackbut I.

Shaggamitie, obs. form of Sagamité.

Shaggareen, -in: see Shagreen, Chagrin *a.*

Shagged (Jægd, Jæ·gĕd), *a.* Now *rare.* Forms: 1 **sceacgede** (sceagode), 6 **shagd**, 7 **shag'd**, 7, 9 **shagg'd**, 6– **shagged.** [OE. *sceacgede*, f. *sceacga* Shag *sb.*1: see -ed 2.]

1. Having or covered with shaggy hair; rough with hair. Chiefly said of animals.

Shagged foal=shag-foal s. v. Shag *sb.*1 5.

a 1000 *Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 206/9 *Comosus*, sceagode. *c* 1050 *Ibid.* 380/14 *Comosus*, sceacgede. *c* 1611 Chapman *Iliad* VI. 184 A Gotes shagg'd forme she bore. 1612 Drayton *Poly-olb.* xi. 109 Of whose shagg'd Siluans shee Hath in the Rockes been woo'd, their Paramour to bee. 1653 H. More *Antid. Ath.* III. vii. § 4 (1712) 104 A shagged Dog with great eyes. *a* 1720 W. Gibson *Diet Horses* vii. (ed. 3) 95 Otherwise in cold Weather the finest Horses will look shagged, if they are not kept cloathed. 1821 Clare *Vill. Minstr.* I. 23 A shagged foal would fright the early-rising swain. 1822 T. Taylor *Apuleius* 114 The shagged god [*sc.* Pan)..called her gently to him. 1825 Scott *Tatism.* iii, I will strike thy shagged head from thy meagre shoulders. 1848 Lytton *Harold* VI. i, Round them grazed the rough shagged ponies which they had used for their journey.

†b. *transf.* (Said, e.g., of a comet.) *Obs.*

1648 Herrick *Hesper., Farewell to Sack*, And like to those Comets we see by night; whose shagg'd portents Fore-tell the comming of some dire events. 1679 Ecclestone *Noah's Fl.* II. 18 I'le shake off all these shagged shades of Night, And will adorn my self with Robes of Light.

†c. ? Unkempt; ? ill-clad, ragged. *Obs.*

1622 J. Taylor (Water-P.) *Water-Cormorant* C 2, Attended fitly..With two shag'd Ruffians, and a pyde coat Page. 1711 E. Ward *Don Quix.* I. 7 Yet look'd so shagged and forlorn.

†2. Of textile fabrics, garments: Having a rough or long nap. *Obs.*

1649 J. Taylor (Water-P.) *Wandering* 8 My chamber-pot seemed to be lined within with crimson plush, or shag'd scarlet bayes. 1665 Hooke *Microgr.* 3 A very course piece of shag'd cloth. 1679 T. Jordan *Lond. in Luster* 7 An old Woman clad all in white Flannel, with a white shag'd Irish Mantle. 1679 A. Lovell *Indic. Univ.* 65 Shagged or high-napped cloth. 1691 *Bragadocio* v. ii. 63 *Stage-direct.*, Enter the Quack in a Fur Cap, and shag'd Gown.

b. *transf.* Of a hill-side, etc.: Covered with scrub, trees, or some rough or shaggy growth.

1820 W. Irving *Sketch Bk., Rip* I. 69 He looked down into a deep mountain glen, wild, lonely, and shagged. 1831 Lytton *Godolphin* xv, Constance..pointed admiringly to the blue course of the waters as they wound through their shagged banks.

c. Jagged; having a rough, uneven surface.
1589 PUTTENHAM *Eng. Poesie* III. iv. (Arb.) 156 Teeth euen and not shagged. 1750 G. HUGHES *Barbados* 116 The bark..is rough and shagged. 1764 *Museum Rust.* II. xxv. 80 His crop [of 'coleseed'] will receive great damage by the stumps being left very shagged and torn. 1858 G. P. SCROPE *Geol. Central France* (ed. 2) 64 Replacing the rivulet that flowed there with a black and shagged current of lava.

3. Of hair, etc.: Long and rough; shaggy.
1587 HUGHES *Misfort. Arthur* II. Argt., A man..with blacke long shagged haire downe to his shoulders. 1609 HOLLAND *Amm. Marcell.* XXV. iii. 270 His beard, which was shagged and rough. *c* 1620 *Z. Boyd Zion's Flowers* (1855) 120 His long black lockes haog shagg'd adowne his shoulder. 1719 D'URFEY *Pills* (1872) III. 318 And like him made a noble Shield of She-goat's shagged Coat. 1775 ADAIR *Amer. Ind.* 7 Skins of buffalo calves, with the wintery shagged wool inward. *c* 1800 R. CUMBERLAND *John De Lancaster* (1809) I. 71 Monstrous white bulls with shagged manes and hairy foreheads. 1814 SCOTT *Ld. of Isles* III. XXV, Eyebrows shagg'd and grey.

b. *transf.* Of plants, etc.: Having a rough or shaggy appearance.
1798 BLOOMFIELD *Farmer's Boy, Autumn* 45 Some warm slope with shagged moss o'erspread. 1830 SCOTT *Auchindrane* II. i, Rough with..shagged sea-weed.

† 4. *Comb.* **shagged-ragged** *a.* (cf. SHAG-RAG), shaggy and ragged. *Obs.*
1613 ROWLANDS *Knaue of Harts* 13 Rose Hat-bands, with the shagged-ragged-Ruffe.

Hence **Sha'ggedness.**
1660 H. MORE *Myst. Godl.* IV. ix. 121 The colour, shaggedness and other qualities of the Dog.

Shaggily (ʃæ'gili), *adv. rare.* [-LY 2.] In a shaggy manner; so as to be shaggy.
1891 *Century Dict.* s.v., Shaggily pilose.

Shagginess (ʃæ'ginĕs). [f. SHAGGY *a.* + -NESS.] The quality of being shaggy.
1778 COOK *3rd Voy.* IV. v. (1784) II. 377 From the colour and shagginess of the hair..we judged it might probably be that of the large male ursine seal, or sea-bear. 1881 V. SHAW *Bk. Dog* ix. 82 General appearance, tail, strength, and shagginess without too much length of coat, should be taken into consideration.

Shaggreen, Shaggrin: see SHAGREEN, CHAGRIN.

Shaggy (ʃæ'gi), *a.* Also 6–7 **shaggie**, 8 **shagy.** [f. SHAG *sb.*1 + -Y.
The altered form *shackie*, SHACKY *a.*, appears in our quots. somewhat earlier.]

1. Covered with or having long coarse or bushy hair. Of persons: Unkempt.
c 1590 MARLOWE *Jew of Malta* IV. 1858 He sent a shaggy totter'd staring slaue. 1607 N. FIELD *Woman a Weathercock* II. i. (1612) D 3, Wilde Virginia, Blacke Affricke, or the shaggy Scithia, Must send it ouer as a Merchandize Ere thou shew any heere. *a* 1612 B. JONSON *Masque Oberon* Wks. (1616) 978 Trap our shaggie thighs with bels. 1690 C. NESSE *Hist. & Myst. O. & N. Test.* I. 42 Some black shaggy dog. 1754 GRAY *Poesy* 55 Shaggy forms o'er ice-built mountains roam. 1755 in Macgill *Old Ross-sh.* (1909) 169, 2 two-year-old she cattle and a shagy bull. 1822 SCOTT *Nigel* xvii, Shaggy, uncombed ruffians, whose enormous mustaches were turned back over their ears. 1848 DICKENS *Dombey* ii, He was a strong, loose, round-shouldered, shuffling shaggy fellow. 1882 'OUIDA' *In Maremma* I. 151 A mounted shepherd on his wild and shaggy horse.

b. Of a skin, or garment, etc.: Covered with coarse bushy hair.
c 1611 CHAPMAN *Iliad* XV. 282 Ioues huge and each-where shaggie shield. 1705 J. PHILIPS *Blenheim* 408 While Volga's Stream Sends Opposite, in shaggy Armor clad, Her Borderers. 1790 COWPER *Odyss.* XVII. 107 Tunic and shaggy mantle. 1816 GALT *Life B. West* 94 A peasant dressed in shaggy skins.

c. Of a textile material: Having a long, rough nap; rough or coarse in texture.
1664 PEPYS *Diary* 11 Nov., Put on my new shaggy purple gown with gold buttons and loop lace. 1728 POPE *Dunc.* II. 135 A shaggy tap'stry, worthy to be spread On Codrus' old, or Dunton's modern bed. 1831 SCOTT *Ct. Robt.* ii, A surcoat composed of strong shaggy silk, so woven as to exhibit, at a little distance, no inaccurate representation of a bear's hide. 1837 WHITTOCK *Bk. Trades* (1842) 113 (*Carpet-Weaver*), But in Wilton, or other carpets that are required to be 'shaggy', the wires are made thin, and sharp at one end.

d. *Bot.* and *Zool.* Having or covered with rough or stiff hairs (hirsute) or long soft hairs (villous). Also in renderings of specific names, as *shaggy maple, spunk.*
1796 WITHERING *Bril. Plants* (ed. 3) I. 81 Shaggy (*hirsutus*), rough with stiff hairs. *Ibid.* II. 218 Blossom shaggy. 1802 WILLICH *Dom. Encycl.* IV. 455 The Shaggy Spunk, or *Boletus hirsutus*, a species of Mushroom. 1833 *Penny Cycl.* I. 78/2 *Acer villosum*, the shaggy maple. 1840 LOUDON tr. *Köllar's Treat. Insects* 363 This beetle is somewhat shaggy and black. 1854 PAPPE *Silva Capensis* (1862) 6 Flowers terminal on short, shaggy peduncles. *Ibid.* 14 Drupe shaggy.

e. *Phys., Path.*, etc. Bristling with hair-like processes.
Shaggy chorion, that part of the chorion which develops long villous processes, and thus enters into the formation of the placenta, the rest of the chorion remaining smooth.
1799 *Med. Jrnl.* II. 2 Upon maceration in water for a certain time, it put on the usual shaggy appearance formed by the tubuli seminiferi. 1835–6 *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* I. 780/1 An epidermic layer..covering a thick and shaggy membrane. 1855 RAMSBOTHAM *Obstet. Med.* 62 And imbed themselves in the semi-fluid deciduous secretion, like roots in the soil, these have been called the shaggy chorion. 1888 W. H. DICKINSON in *Lancet* 24 Mar. 565/1 The Furred or Shaggy Tongue. *Ibid.*, When there is great projection of the papillæ, so that these stand out distinctly, the term furred or shaggy represents this condition. 1898 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* V. 739 It's [i. e. the inflamed pericardium's] surface is covered with floating shaggy processes.

f. *transf.* Of the earth, a hillside, etc.: Covered with a rough, tangled growth. Also of a comet: 'Hairy'.
1591 SYLVESTER tr. *Du Bartas* I. ii. 407 And liberally the shaggy Earth [He will] adorn With Woods, and Buds of fruits, of flowers and corn. 1612 DRAYTON *Poly-olb.* xii. 524 Those fallow Deere, and huge-hancht Stags that graz'd Vpon her shaggy Heaths. 1653 RAMESEY *Astrol. Rest.* IV. vi. 319 [Other comets] become shaggy and compassed as it were with hair or fringe round about. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* IV. 224 A River Through the shaggie hill Pass'd underneath ingulft. 1780 G. CUMBERLAND *Landscapes* (1793) 8 Nor less I joy, at parting day, to trace The sun-gilt forms of Enfield's shaggy chace. 1808 WATTS-DUNTON *Aylwin* II. xiii, The little flower-beds looked shaggy, grass-grown, and uncared for.

g. Having a rough surface. *Shaggy metal*: in the Cheshire salt mines, 'porous clay in the side of the shaft, which admits the ingress of fresh water' (*Cheshire Gloss.* 1886).
1693 EVELYN *De La Quint. Compl. Gard.* II. 83 Some by growing Soft first, as many Pears do,..others by growing Dry and Shaggy, as most Muse-Pears do; all which are different ways Conducing to Rotteness and Destruction. 1811 H. HOLLAND in *Trans. Geol. Soc.* I. 50 Where this [porous] structure of the clay occurs it goes by the name of the shaggy metal. 1813 SCOTT *Rokeby* IV. viii, A mantle long and loose he wore, Shaggy with ice, and stain'd with gore. 1849 MURCHISON *Siluria* xiii. 332 Chocolate-coloured porphyres..highly shaggy and amygdaloidal. 1856 A. GRAY *Man. Bot.* 402 Fruit globular, its husk very thick: bark of old trunk shaggy, exfoliating in strips or plates.

2. Of hair, etc.: Rough, coarse, tangled.
1638 BP. MOUNTAGUE *Art. Enq. Norwich* B 1 b, Doth he (your Minister) weare long shaggy haire? 1721 MORTIMER *Husb.* (ed. 2) II. 78 Moss growing on Trees is of several sorts, cold and moist Ground produces a long shaggy, moist and dry Ground a short thick Moss. 1735 SOMERVILLE *Chase* III. 256 Thy shaggy Mane. 1828 SCOTT *F. M. Perth* xiv, The bushy red hair and shaggy beard. 1829 LYTTON *Disowned* iv, Eyebrows sage and shaggy. 1868 C. GIBBON *R. Gray* xxii, His short shaggy hair was shaggier than usual. 1901 ALLORIDGE *Sherbro* xiv. 141 Her dress is of long shaggy fibre.

b. Bot. *Shaggy hairs*: see quots. Cf. SHAG *sb.*1
1884 BOWER & SCOTT *De Bary's Phaner.* 55 Shaggy hairs are thread-like bodies, consisting of two or many layers or rows of cells. *Ibid.* 56 The multiseriate shaggy hairs of the Melastomeæ.

c. *transf.* Of a wood, trees, etc.: Resembling a rough growth of hair.
1789 GILPIN *Wye* 38 A woody hill..rudely hung with shaggy furniture. 1791 NEWTE *Tour Eng. & Scot.* 303 The rocks and shaggy wood that fringe that river. 1805 SCOTT *Last Minstr.* VI. ii, Land of brown heath and shaggy wood, Land of the mountain and the flood. 1890 A. J. C. HARE *Story Life* xxvi. (1900) VI. 193 A poor town hanging shaggy on the hillside.

3. Comb., as *shaggy-bearded, -bodied, -fleeced, -footed, -haired* adjs.; **shaggy-mane**, an edible fungus, *Copinius comatus* (Cent. Dict. Suppl.).
a 1593 MARLOWE *Hero & L.* i. 114 Wretched Ixions shaggie footed race. 1593 NASHE *Christ's T.* Wks. (Grosart) IV. 173 A grizly shaggy-bodied deuill. 1610 G. FLETCHER *Christ's Tri.* II. xlvi, Foolish Sheapheards, that wear woont esteem, Your God all rough, and shaggy-hair'd to bee. 1822 *Hortus Anglicus* II. 128 Shaggy-leaved Toad Flax. 1840 CARLYLE in Froude *Life in Lond.* (1884) I. 190 A fine..shaggy-headed man is Alfred [Tennyson]. 1861 L. L. NOBLE *Icebergs* 68 They were a..shaggy-bearded set. 1879 SALA in *Daily Tel.* 15 May, The black-faced shaggy-fleeced sheep.

Shagh, obs. form of SHAH.

† **Shag-hair,** *a.* and *sb. Obs.* [f. SHAG *a.* + HAIR *sb.*] **a.** *adj.* = next. **b.** *sb.* A 'shag-haired' dog.
1584 LYLY *Sapho* IV. iv. 33 *Vulcan.* My shag-haire Cyclops, come, lets ply Our Lemnion hammers lustily. 1598 FLORIO, *Lacno*, a dogs name, as we say a shag-haire or ruffian. 1612 PEACHAM *Gentl. Exerc.* I. xvi. 54 Shag hair dogs.

Shag-haired, *a. arch.* [f. SHAG *a.* + HAIRED *a.* Cf. SHACK-HAIRED *a.*] Having shaggy hair.
1577 B. GOOGE *Heresbach's Husb.* III. (1586) 154 The Mastie..his breast great, and shaghaird. *Ibid.* IV. 182 Some of them be shaghearde, and ill coloured. 1577 tr. *Bullinger's Decades* III. vi. 381 They were called Nararites, as who should say, longe locked, or shagge haired people. 1593 SHAKS. 2 *Hen. VI*, III. i. 367 Like a shag-hayr'd craftie Kerne. 1604 *Meeting of Gallants at Ordinarie* B 3, Infection..was saide to skip into wollen cloathes, and lie smothring in a shag-hayrde Rugge. *a* 1693 *Urquhart's Rabelais* III. xxiv, The Shaghaired Argives..vowed to carry never any hair on their Heads, till [etc.]. 1901 H. TRENCH *Deirdre Wed* 18 And the shag-hair'd guard, with a mock, laid spears in their passage house Athwart. 1904 M. HEWLETT *Queen's Quair* III. i. 358 Every horse in the country was saddled and manned by some shag-haired Hepburn.

Sha'glet. *nonce-wd.* [f. SHAG *sb.*2 + -LET.] A young shag or cormorant.
1898 E. STEP in *Good Words* Sept. 622, I..put the uncomplaining shaglet into my empty lunch-bag.

† **Sha'gling,** *a. Obs. rare.* [Of obscure origin. ? Cf. SHACKLING *ppl. a.* and SHAG *sb.*1] **a.** A designation at Oxford for persons permitted to lecture, but having no official status; also for the lectures given by them. **b.** Used (? through misapprehension) by Davies for: Feeble, ineffective.
1691 WOOD *Ath. Oxon.* I. 18 Lynacre..was incorporated Doctor of Physick in this University read a shagling Lecture in that faculty etc.]. *Ibid.* 90 Robert Warde..became a shagling Lecturer in Philosophy before the University in the publick Schools. 1716 M. DAVIES *Athen. Brit.* II. 245 Yet 'tis from the same confus'd and confounding Magazine of artful Sandins, that our Modern Arians borrow all their Shagling Weapons and Sophistical Quivers. *Ibid.* III. *Diss. Author Lat. Drama* 27 That University..permitted him to read a shagling Lecture in that Faculty.

Sha'g-rag, *a.* and *sb.* Now *rare* or *Obs.* exc. *dial.* [A jiugling alteration of SHAKE-RAG. Cf. SHAG *sb.*4, SHACK-RAG, SHAB-RAG, SHAG-BAG.]

A. *adj.* Of a person: Ragged, rascally.
c 1590 MARLOWE *Jew of Malta* IV. 1913 To haue a shag-rag knaue to come [etc.]. 1615 *Band, Ruffe & Cuffe* (Halliw.) 9 A scurvie shag-ragge gentleman new come out of the North, a punie, a freshman come up hither to learn fashions, and seeke to expell me?
transf. 1693 *Bacchanalian Sessions* 6 Upon which, in clean Vessel, not tatter'd and shagrag, Appears Rhenish, Hock, Old and Young, Moselle, and Backrag.

b. Shaggy, unkempt.
1868 BROWNING *Ring & Bk.* V. 389 An old bruised and battered year-by-year..With shag-rag beard and doleful doublet.

B. *sb.* A ragged, disreputable person; a low rascally fellow.
1611 CHAPMAN *May Day* Plays 1873 II. 340 I'de hire some shag-ragge or other for half a chickeene to cut's throat. 1611 COTGR., *Guerluset*, (Somewhat like our Shagrag;) a by-word for a beggerlie souldior. 1622 MABBE tr. *Aleman's Guzman d'Alf.* I. 69 Your poore Shag-rags, and silly snakes, that steale from the Armie to returne home. 1719 D'URFEY *Pills* II. 327 Sharks, Shagrags, Shatter-brains, Panders. 1829 BROCKETT *N. C. Gloss.* (ed. 2). 1881 *Cumberld. Gloss.* etc.

b. *Shag rag and bobtail* = tag rag and bobtail.
1708 MOTTEUX *Rabelais* IV. xxxiii, It will swallow us all, Ships and Men, Shag, Rag, and Bobtail, like a dose of Pills. 1762 STERNE *Tr. Shandy* V. i. 5 There was a good farcical house, large enough to hold..them, *shag rag and bob-tail*, male and female, all together. 1828 [CARR] *Craven Gloss.* II. 113 Shag-rag and bobtail.

Shagreen (ʃăgrī'n). Also 7–8 **shagrin, shaggreen,** 8 **shaggareen,** 7–9 CHAGRIN. [Var. CHAGRIN *sb.*]

1. A species of untanned leather with a rough granular surface, prepared from the skin of the horse, ass, etc., or of the shark, seal, etc., and frequently dyed green. Also, an imitation of this.
1677 [see 3]. 1698 FRYER *Acc. E. Ind. & P.* 264 Hides and Leather from Bulgaria, Turky, and of their own dressing, which excels that we call..Shagreen for Durableness. 1710 STEELE *Tatler* No. 245 ¶ 2 A Bible bound in Shagreen. 1774 GOLDSM. *Nat. Hist.* (1776) VI. 239 His [the shark's] skin..being that substance which covers instrument cases, called shagreen. 1777 COOK *3rd Voy.* III. ix. (1784) II. 174 The men of Mataia..cover..their bodies with a sort of shagreen, being skin of fishes. 1852 MORFIT *Tanning & Currying* (1853) 443 The genuine oriental shagreen is not a true leather, but a skin prepared by drying. 1891 E. PEACOCK *N. Brendon* II. 327 A thin oval case covered with dark shagreen. 1907 GALSWORTHY *Country House* I. i. 2 A tall man..whose tall wife carried a small bag of silver and shagreen.

b. The skin of various sharks, rays, etc., which is covered with close-set calcified papillæ, forming a hard rough surface: used for polishing, etc.
1870 NICHOLSON *Man. Zool.* lviii. (1875) 434 The so-called 'shagreen' of the Dog-fishes and sharks is composed of very small and close-set tooth-like processes. 1871 HUXLEY *Anat. Vert.* iii. 126 Very commonly it [the integument of sharks, etc.] is developed into papillæ, which become calcified, and give rise to toothlike structures; these, when they are very small and close-set, constitute what is called shagreen. 1873 MIVART *Elem. Anat.* vii. 277 These [calcifications] may be quite small and thickly distributed all over the body. A skin so furnished is called shagreen.

c. *transf.* in *Ironfounding.* (See quot.)
1884 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.* Suppl., *Shagreen*, hard, colored, metallic spots found on the surface of iron castings.

† 2. A silk fabric. *Obs. rare.*
1702 LADY G. BAILLIE *Househ. Bk.* (1911) 197 For 5½ ells black shagrin..18 9 0. 1728 MRS. DELANY in *Life & Corr.* (1861) I. 177, I..bought eighteen yards of very pretty white silk for Trott, something in the nature of shagreen, but a better colour than they ever are. 1741 *Anti-Pamela*; *Mem. Mr. J. Parry* 129 Nicholas advised him..to have the suit lined with white Shagreen.

3. *attrib.* and *Comb.* **a.** *attrib.* passing into adj., made of shagreen, as *shagreen case, cover, skin.*
1706 PHILLIPS (ed. Kersey), *Shagreen*,..a sort of rough, green Leather; as *A *Shagreen Case.* 1730 *Inventory D. Bond's Goods* (1732) 34 A Shaggureen Case for Bottles. 1852 THACKERAY *Esmond* III. vii, She held out the black shagreen-case. *c* 1696 PRIOR *Cupid & Gan.* 19 Two Table-Books in *Shagreen Covers. 1677 J. P. tr. *Tavernier's Trav.* I. iv. 21 [They] wear Boots or Shooes of *Shagrin-Leather. *Ibid.*, *Shagrin-Skins. 1782–3 W. F. MARTYN *Geog. Mag.* I. 42 In this country are also manufactures of ..shagreen skins and other leather.

b. (Sense 1 b.) *shagreen-granule, point, scale*; **shagreen-ray, -skate,** *Raiia fullonica.*
1896 H. WOODWARD *Guide Fossil Reptiles Brit. Mus.* 82 In the majority of instances, the fossils [of sharks] consist merely of detached spines, *shagreen-granules, teeth, or pieces of cartilage. 1857 H. MILLER *Test. Rocks* ii. 58 An external armature, consisting of plates, spines, and *shagreen points of solid bone. 1776 PENNANT *Brit. Zool.* III. 77 *Shagreen Ray. I met with this species at Scarborough, where it is called the French Ray. 1849 MURCHISON *Siluria* vii. 138 The fish-remains are chiefly those of the minute *Shagreen scales. 1882 TENISON-WOODS *Fish New South Wales* 191 *Shagreen-skate. *Raiia fullonica.* Britain.

c. *Comb.*: *shagreen-covered, -like* adjs.
1857 H. MILLER *Test. Rocks* i. 62 The dorsal spines and *shagreen covered skin of the common dog fish. 1864 SALA *Quite Alone* I. viii. 131 Limp, green, shagreen-covered

registers to keep the accounts in. 1840 tr. *Cuvier's Anim. Kingd.* 317 Others [of the subgenus *Pimelodes*] have the head oval, and a kind of helmet of *shagreen-like bones.

Shagreened (ʃăgrī·nd), *a.* [f. prec. + -ED 2.]

1. Having a roughened consistence or appearance like 'shagreen' or shark-skin.

1721 BRADLEY *Philos. Acc. Whs. Nat.* 74 Its Skin is Shagreen'd, like that of the Dog-Fish. 1801 PENNANT *Journ. Lond. to I. Wight* II. 73 The back and tail shagreened. 1822 J. PARKINSON *Outl. Oryctol.* 301 With a rough and shagreened surface in the soft tortoises. 1841 E. NEWMAN *Hist. Insects* 28 The microscope shews the case of the egg to be shagreened in squares. 1866 E. C. RYE *Brit. Beetles* 47 Their elytra are shagreened in texture. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 595 These patches [of neurotic lichen], which have a shagreened aspect, spread quickly.

2. Covered with shagreen.

1847 WEBSTER; and in later Dicts.

Shah (ʃā). Forms: 6 shawgh, 6–7 shaugh, xa, 6–9 shaw, 7 sa(a, saha, scha, shawe, shagh, 7–8 s(c)hach, schah, sha, 9 shauh, 7– shah. [a. Pers. شاه *shāh*, shortened from OPers. *χšāyaθiya* king, prob. orig. an adj. = 'mighty'. allied to Skr. *kṣatra* dominion, Gr. *κράσθαι* to acquire, get, *κεκτῆσθαι* to possess.] A Persian title equivalent to 'king'; in Europe the usual designation of the monarch of Persia, the PADISHAH.

1566 A. EDWARDS in Hakluyt *Voy.* (1589) 378 A noble man..in great favour with the Shaugh. *c*1575 DUCKET *Ibid.* 422 The king of Persia..is called the Shawgh. 1625 PURCHAS *Pilgrims* I. II. i. 32 Ismael the Persian Xa, or Sophi. 1662 J. DAVIES tr. *Olearius' Voy. Ambass.* 250 The Kings of Persia were not called Schachs, as they are now. 1664 MAAVELL *Corr.* Wks. (Grosart) II. 146 The Shagh of Persia? 1747 *Gentl. Mag.* XVII. 449/1 Advices from Ispahan confirm the death of the late Schah. 1825 T. HOOK *Sayings* Ser. II. *Passion & Princ.* xv. III. 396 Punkah'd by Ranees and salamed by Shaws. 1828 [MORIER] *Hajji Baba in Eng.* I. xiv. 158 The shah's throne, on which he sits to administer justice. 1897 L. J. TROTTER *Life J. Nicholson* ii. (1908) 30 Calcutta had heard of the Shah's triumphant return to the Bala Hissar.

b. followed or preceded by a proper name.

1564 A. JENKINSON in Hakluyt *Voy.* (1589) 370, I was sent for to come before the sayd Sophie, otherwise called Shaw Thamas. 1566 A. EDWARDS *Ibid.* 378 Thomas the Shaugh. 1601 HAKLUYT *Galvano's Discov. World* 49 Shaugh Ismael king of Persia. 1614 SELDEN *Titles Hon.* 110 Ismael is vsually calld Ismael Schah, Shah, or Shach. 1683 W. HEDGES *Diary* (Hakl. Soc.) I. 87 Buglagotte, a place where Shaw Susa [*i.e.* Shujā'] fought a great battle with his brother, y^e present Emperour Aureng Zeeb. 1685 *Ibid.* 211, I went to see y^e King of Persia, Sha Soliman, ride abroad to take y^e aire. 1698 FRYER *Acc. E. Ind. & P.* 171 His Grandfather was a Man in Esteem under Nisham Shaw. 1738 [G. SMITH] *Cur. Relat.* II. 570 Shach Sefi caused not many Years ago one Side of the Wall to be lined with Marble Slabs. 1815 ELPHINSTONE *Acc. Caubul* (1842) I. 104 His voice and manner strongly resembled Shauh Shujah's. 1841 — *Hist. Ind.* XII. I. II. 567 The death of Bahádur Sháh [at Lahor] was followed by the usual struggle among his sons.

Shahdom (ʃā·dəm). *rare.* [f. SHAH + -DOM.] The position, dignity, or territory of the Shah.

1884 MARVIN *Region Eternal Fire* xix. 334 Desert or mountain-severed provinces, susceptible of being easily broken off the Shahdom in detail. 1895 *Athenæum* 9 Mar. 314/1 The difficult task of tutoring Shahdom.

Shahee, variant or obs. form of SHAHI.

‖ **Shaheen** (ʃahī·n). Also **shahin.** [Urdū, a. Pers. شاهين *shāhīn*, lit. royal (bird), f. *shāh* SHAH.] An Indian falcon, *Falco peregrinator* and other species.

1839 JERDON in *Madras Jrnl. Lit. & Sci.* X. 81 The shaheen is a native of India, and breeds pretty generally among rocky mountains. 1851 J. GOULD *Birds Asia* III. Pl. 2, *Falco peregrinator.* Shaheen Falcon. 1858 R. F. BURTON *Falconry Valley Indus* ii. 13 The Bahri..and her tiercel, here vulgarly called the Shahin, are found in some parts of the province [Scinde]. 1897 *Encycl. Sport* I. 366/1 (Falconry), In India there are used..the black shaheen, *Falco peregrinator*; the red-naped shaheen, *Falco babylonicus* [etc.].

Shahgoest, variant of SYAGUSH.

‖ **Shahi** (ʃā·i). Forms: α. 6 shaugh, 7 scahy, -i, shawhee, schai, 8 s(h)ahie, chaye, 7–9 shahee, 9– shahi; β. *erron.* 7 shehide, shaet, schaied. [Pers. شاهي *shāhī* royal, f. شاه *shāh*: see SHAH.

It has been suggested that the erroneous β forms are due to confusion (by Europeans) with the word *shāhid* martyr.]

Formerly, a small silver coin of Persia varying between 4*d.* and 10*d.*; now, a copper coin of Persia worth about ⅝*d.*

α. 1566 A. EDWARDS in Hakluyt *Voy.* (1589) 378, 200 shaughes is a tumen, reckoning euery shaugh for 6. pence Russe. 1617 MORYSON *Itin.* I. 293 Eight aspers at Cyprus made one scahy (a Turkish money which the Italians call Seya) being esteemed at little more then sixe pence English, and fifteene scahy made a zechine. 1619 in Foster *Eng. Factories India* (1906) 140 Two shahees maketh a ma[hmudi]. 1634 SIR T. HERBERT *Trav.* 151 Their [Persian] Coines..Larrees..are worth ten pence, Shawhees four pence. 1687 A. LOVELL tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* II. 89 The Piastres are commonly worth there thirteen Schais. 1753 HANWAY *Trav.* (1762) I. v. lxiv. 292 Shahie, or sahie. 1882 E. O'DONOVAN *Merv Oasis* I. xxiv. 400 Small copper coins called pools and shahis.

β. *c*1583 NEWBERY in Purchas *Pilgrims* II. IX. iii. 1418 The cariage of a Mule from Arzerum to Arsingam, costeth twelue Shehides. 1677 J. P. tr. *Tavernier's Trav.* I. I. xii. 51 There are four several pieces of Silver Coyn [in Persia]; Abassi's, Mamoudi's, Shaet's, and Bisti's. *Ibid.*, Two Shayet's make a Mamoudi. 1687 A. LOVELL tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* II. 32 At Aleppo..the Schaied is worth five Aspres, sixteen Schaieds go for a Piastre.

Shahmanism, variant of SHAMANISM.

Shahstah, obs. form of SHASTER.

‖ **Shahzadah** (ʃāzā·dă). Forms: 7 shawhzawdeh, 9 shahzadeh, shazada, shah zadeh, shahzada, 8– shahzadah. [Pers. شاهزاده *shāhzādah*, f. شاه SHAH + زاده *zādah* son.] The son of the SHAH; a king's son.

1662 PHILLIPS (ed. 2), *Shawh-zawdeh*, the Grand-Signior's son; the word signifieth in Persian tongue, a King's son. 1800 WELLINGTON in *Suppl. Desp.* (1858) I. 461 You have heard of the conspiracy here [Seringapatam] to..carry off the Shah-zadahs. 1817 JAS. MILL *Brit. India* II. IV. v. 172 The Shazada (such was the title by which the eldest son of the Mogul was then distinguished in Bengal). 1840 J. B. FRASER *Trav. Koordistan*, etc. I. iii. 56 Thus, however, the Beglerbeggee becomes regarded nearly in the light and rank of a Shah Zadeh, and maintains the state of one. 1859 *Hodson's Twelve Yrs. India* 310 *note*, The three Princes [*footn.* called Shahzadahs]..were in a tomb six miles off.

Shaik, variant of SHEIKH.

† **Shail**, *sb.*[1] *Obs. rare.* Also shayle. [Cf. SHEWEL.] A scarecrow.

1531 ELYOT *Gov.* I. xxiii, The good husbande..setteth up cloughtes or thredes, whiche some call shailes [1557 shayles], ..to feare away birdes.

Shail, *sb.*[2] *dial. rare.* In 6 shayle. [f. SHAIL *v.*[2]] A crooked gait; a shuffling, awkward manner of walking. First in **a-shayle** *adv.*, moving or walking in a shuffling, awkward manner.

1530 PALSGR. 831/1 A shayle with the knees togyther, and the fete outwarde, *a eschays.* 1887 HARDY *Woodlanders* I. xi. 202 Fancy..her bounding walk becoming the regular Hintock shail-and-wamble.

† **Shail,** *v.*[1] *Obs. rare*—[1]. [An alteration of SKAIL *v.* (perh. a scribal error; the MS. elsewhere has *skail.*)] *intr.* = SKAIL *v.* 9.

*c*1375 *Cursor M.* 18836 (Fairf.), His hare..bi his eres shailande sumdele [*a* 1300 *Cott.* skailand].

Shail (ʃēl), *v.*[2] *Obs.* exc. *dial.* Forms: 4–5 schayle, 5 scheyle, (6 shoyle, scayle), 6, 9 shayl, 6–7, 9 shale, (7 ? shael), 7– shail. [Possibly a metathetic derivative of OE. *sceolh* oblique.]

1. *intr.* To stumble, to walk or move in a shuffling, shambling manner.

?*a* 1400 *Morte Arth.* 1098 Schovelle-fotede was þat schalke, and schaylande hyme semyde, With schankez unschaply, schowande to-gedyrs. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 443/1 Schaylyn, or scheylyn. (*Disgredior.*) 1483 *Cath. Angl.* 332/1 To Schayle (*v.r.* Schaylle), *degradi* & *degredi.* *a* 1529 SKELTON *Sp. Parrot* 85 Our Thomasen she doth trip, our lenet she doth shayle. 1530 PALSGR. 700/1, I shayle with the fete, *jentretaille des pieds.* I never sawe man have a worse pace, se how he shaylleth. 1565 GOLDING *Ovid's Met.* II. (1567) 17 The Waine for want of weight ..Did hoyse aloft and scayle and reele, as though it empty were. 1575 TURBERV. *Venerie* lv. 155 They [wild swine] set not their hinderfoote within their forefoote, and their gards fall straight vpon the ground and neuer shoyle or leane outwards. 1593 *Passionate Morrice* (1876) 82 Other, which were well legde, shaled with their feete, or were splafooted. 1692 R. L'ESTRANGE *Fables* CCXXI. 193 Child [a young crab], (says the Mother) You must Use your self to Walk Streight, without Skewing, and Shailing so Every step you set. 1887 HARDY *Woodlanders* I. xi. 202 She may shail; but she'll never wamble.

b. *fig.* To blunder, be wrong.

a 1529 SKELTON '*Womanhood, wanton*' 19 Good mastres Anne, there ye do shayle. — *Col. Cloute* 401 What, Colyne, there thou shales! — *Replyc.* 172 Ye shayle *inter enigmata* And *inter paradigmata.*

2. ? To blink. *rare*—[1]. (See SHAILING *vbl. sb.*)

3. *dial.* a. *intr.* To glide or move in a slanting direction. b. *trans.* To throw (a flat missile) with a gliding motion. [Possibly a distinct word.]

a. 1895 A. PATTERSON *Man & Nat. on Broads* 78 High over-head some great grey gulls are 'shayling' in erratic flight, making seaward.

b. 1832 tr. *Tour Germ. Prince* III. v. 127 It is also no rarity for some one to throw the fragments of his 'goute'..on the heads of the people in the pit, or to shail them with singular dexterity into the boxes. 1840 SPURDENS *Suppl. Forby, Shail*, to throw a flat missile, as a tile or an oyster shell.

Hence **Shai·ling** *vbl. sb.* and *ppl. a.* Also **Shai·ler**, one who shambles in his gait.

1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* VIII. xii. (Tollemache MS.), Þe scrahbe is schaylynge beste [1495 a sheylynge, 1535 shelynge, 1582 shelling beest] and goop hakwarde. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 443/1 Schaylare. *Ibid.*, Schaylynge (or scheylynge, *loripedacio*). *c* 1460 *Ibid.* (Winch. MS.) 395 Schey, or skey, or horsys or schyttyl scheylere, idem quod schaylare, supra. 1530 PALSGR. 266/1 Schayler that gothe a wrie with his fete, *boytevx.* 1611 COTGR., *Fauquet*, ..a shaling wry-legd fellow. 1653 BULWER *Anthropomet.* VI. 106 The word..was *Hippos*, which signifies a perpetuall shaeling of the Eyes. 1658 GURNALL *Chr. in Arm.* verse 14. VI. II. 237 This is too narrow a path, for many shaleing professours to walk in now adays.

Shair(d, obs. Sc. forms of SHARE *v.*, SHERD.

[Shairl, spurious word: see SHAWL (*-goat*).]

Shairman, Shairn, Sc. ff. SHEARMAN, SHARN.

‖ **Shaitan** (ʃaĭtā·n). Forms: 7 shitan, sceithan, 7, 9 sheitan, 9– shaitan. [Arab. شيطان *shaiṭān*, corruptly a. Heb. *sāṭān* SATAN.]

1. The Devil, Satan; an evil spirit.

1638 SIR T. HERBERT *Trav.* (ed. 2) 241 Ozman in his parody assures them, The Devil (Shitan they call him) ever diets so. 1662 J. DAVIES tr. *Olearius' Voy. Ambass.* 233 But as soon as they were gone, Sceithan, that is to say, the Devil, presented himself to Hagar. 1698 A. BRAND *Emb. Muscovy into China* 41, I could not meet with any thing worth taking notice of all over the Hall but their Sheitan, or (as they themselves call'd it) their God. 1863 YULE *Friar Jordanus' Mirabilia* (Hakl. Soc.) 37 *note*, Certain mysterious footsteps, more than thirty or forty paces asunder, which the natives alleged to be Shaitan's.

2. *transf.* An evil-disposed or vicious person or animal.

1834 MORIER *Ayesha* I. i. 18 Cara Bey! oof! he is a Sheitan, he is Satan, he is a black Yezidi, a worshipper of the devil! 1849 LAYARD *Nineveh* I. ix. 287 *note*, The term Sheitan (equivalent to Satan) is usually applied in the East to a clever, cunning, or daring fellow. 1884 F. BOYLE *On Borderland* 377 Ranjit Singh, that Shaitan, turned it into a magazine. 1895 MRS. B. M. CROKER *Village Tales* (1896) 21 The shaitan [*i.e.* a tiger] has slain my man and my son. *Ibid.* 230 But Zālim Sing had no such excuse—he is a shaitan, the son of a she ass.

3. A dust-storm.

1900 *Daily News* 17 Apr. 5/5 In India and the East a dust storm rejoices in the name Shaitan, otherwise Satan. ..To-day thousands of sightseers were the playthings of a Shaitan in the Champ-de-Mars. 1911 in WEBSTER.

Shakal, obs. variant of JACKAL.

Shakbott, -but(t, obs. forms of SACKBUT.

1519 *Lett. & Pap. Hen. VIII*, III. II. 1533 To the shakbutts, 50*s.* 1593 G. PEELE *Hon. Garter* B 1 *b*, Therewith I heard the Clarions and the Shalmes, The Shakbuts.

Shake (ʃēk), *sb.*[1] Also 4 schak, 5 schakke, 8–9 shack. [f. SHAKE *v.*]

† **I. 1. a.** With prefixed adj., as advb. cognate obj. to *shake* vb., or other vbs. of motion, *a good, great,* etc. *shake*: quickly, with headlong speed.

13.. *K. Alis.* 232 Away he rod from henm god schak. 13.. *Propr. Sanct.* (Vernon MS.) in *Archiv Stud. neu. Spr.* LXXXI. 84/72 And aftur þei schoken a ful gret schak. ?*c* 1475 *Hunt. Hare* 96 Thei wente a nobull schakke.

† b. A charge (of men in battle), onrush. (Cf. SHOCK *sb.*) *Obs.*

c 1380 *Sir Ferumb.* 2663 So þat þe furste schak was ouercome of hure enymys. ?*a* 1400 *Morte Arth.* 1759 The Bretons..Schokkes in with a schakke, and schontez no langere.

II. The action or an act of shaking.

2. An act of shaking a person or thing.

1581 A. HALL *Iliad* IV. 72 And as down leaped he, His gay and gorgeous armor rich so sounded in the shake. 1632 J. HAYWARD tr. *Biondi's Eromena* 2 The dogge..pinch'd him in the eye, with so terrible a shake, that the Lion..was constrained to forsake himselfe. 1683 MOXON *Mech. Exerc., Printing* 172 Sometimes it happens that by a Shake..the Metal may spill. 1715 ADDISON *Freeholder* No. 1 P 5 Blossoms, that would fall away with every shake of wind. 1764 ELIZA MOXON *Eng. Housew.* (ed. 9) 138 Give them a shake together before you lie in your eggs. 1823 LAMB *Elia* Ser. II. *Amicus Rediv.*, It seemed to have given a shake to memory, calling up notice after notice of [etc.]. 1845 POE *Purloined Let.* Tales 206 We turned over every leaf in each volume, not contenting ourselves with a mere shake.

b. (Usually in full *a shake of the hand.*) An act of shaking hands or a person's hand, a hand-shake. (See SHAKE *v.*)

1712 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 269 P 5 Our Salutations..consisting of many kind Shakes of the Hand. 1820 L. HUNT *Indicator* No. 40 I. 315 The shake [was] as close, as long, and as rejoicing, as if the semi-unknown was a friend come home from the Desarts. 1908 R. BAGOT *A. Cuthbert* vii. 75 Jim Sinclair gave her hand a very British shake.

c. *Shake of the head*: see SHAKE *v.* 6 b.

1713 J. HUGHES in J. Duncombe *Lett.* (1772) I. 74, I may have called a man a knave by a shake of the head and a shrug of the shoulders. 1779 SHERIDAN *Critic* III. i, *Puff.* Why, by that shake of the head, he [Ld. Burleigh] gave you to understand that [etc.]. 1848 DICKENS *Dombey* 1, Captain Cuttle observed with a shake of his head, that Jack Bunsby himself hadn't made it out. 1889 PARNELL in R. B. O'Brien *Life* (1898) II. 228 Is there any one of them who..sitting in his place, by a shake of the head, or a nod, or a word, will venture to say that [etc.]?

d. An act of shaking oneself. Also *fig.*

1712–14 POPE *Rape Lock* I. 15 Now lap-dogs give themselves the rousing shake. 1726 W. PENN *Tracts* Wks. I. 490 Having given my self a loose shake of the Calumnies of his first Section. 1830 *Blackw. Mag.* XXVIII. 596 That long shake [of a dog] that bedrizzled the sunshine. 1857 HUGHES *Tom Brown* I. viii, The speaker got up from a bench on which he had been lying unobserved, and gave himself a shake.

e. *dial.* The shaking out of corn from the ear. Also in Comb. *shake-time.* Cf. SHACK *sb.*[1]

1668 WORLIDGE *Dict. Rust.*, *Shake-time*, the season of the year that Mast and such Fruits fall from Trees. 1786 *Hart Rig* vi, And aye they tell, that 'a green shear Is an ill shake.' 1899 *Cumbld. Gloss.* s. v. *Shear*, A green shear's as bad as a shak.

f. *Paper-making.*

1885 *Encycl. Brit.* XVIII. 225/1 He..then gives the mould the 'shake', a gentle shake both along and across the mould. 1890 A. WATT *Paper-making* xii. 131 He gives the mould a gentle shake from his chest forward and back again, which is called the fore-right shake; this shake takes place across the wires...He next gives a shake from right to left, and back again.

g. *dial.* A raffle.

1877 E. LEIGH *Chesh. Gloss.*, *Shake*, a raffle. 'My mon won the picture in a shake.'

h. *colloq.* or *slang.* Used as the type of instantaneous action, esp. in the phrases *in a shake, in a brace* or *couple of shakes.*

1816 G. MUIR *Clydesdale Minstrelsy* 98 (E.D.D.) In the shake

of a hand I received my sight. 1840 BARHAM *Ingol. Leg.* Ser. I. *St. Aloys*, He'll be up at the church in a couple of shakes. 1841 J. T. HEWLETT *Parish Clerk* I. xvi. 283 I'll just..run whome wi' un, and be back agin in a brace of shakes. 1883 STEVENSON *Treasure Isl.* xiii, 'Well, if I speak back, pikes will be going in two shakes. 1904 E. NESBIT *Phœnix & Carpet* vii. 145 Wait a shake, and I'll undo the side gate.

3. Irregular vibratory or tremulous movement, esp. as the result of impact or disturbance of equilibrium; irregular lateral movement (of something revolving or moving in a line). *Naut.* A fluttering or shivering (of a sail).

1665 HOOKE *Microgr.* 12 The cause of fluidness..I conceive to be nothing else but a certain pulse or shake of heat. 1690 BOYLE *Effects of Motion* iii. 18 The Shake is first communicated by the Cannon to the earth or floor on which they play. 1764 J. FERGUSON *Lect.* 48 The bush must embrace the spindle quite close, to prevent any shake in the motion. 1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) XV. 663/2 A square box made to slide along this wooden trunk without shake. 1825 J. NICHOLSON *Oper. Mech.* 529 The earth must be struck with a rammer, and if found to shake, must be bored, to ascertain whether the shake be local or general. 1844 H. STEPHENS *Bk. Farm* II. 320 Diagonal braces..to resist the shake from the action of the wheel upon the pinion. 1882 NARES *Seamanship* (ed. 6) 223 The sail will come in without a shake. 1883 *Science* I. 101/1 Care should be taken..that there is no 'shake' or lateral motion in the adjustments for focus. 1885 LOCK *Workshop Rec.* Ser. IV. 328/2 See that the cannon pinion does not confine the shake of the centre wheel.

b. The shock of an earthquake. Now only *U.S.*

1622 W. BURTON *Leicestersh.* 270 The bell in the Townehall at Denbigh knowled with the violence of the shake [of an earthquake]. 1731 *Gentl. Mag.* I. 224 In that and some following Days they had no less than 50 Shakes. 1793 SMEATON *Edystone L.* Introd. 3 It has been destroyed by the shake of an earthquake. 1907 *Westm. Gaz.* 13 Apr. 3/2 That earthquake at San Francisco—the 'shake', as the local papers lightheartedly called it within a fortnight.

4. A shivering or trembling of the body or limbs; also, a state of tremor. *The shakes*, nervous agitation caused by fear or horror.

1624 FLETCHER *Rule a Wife* IV. i, I must stand to it stoutly, And show no shake of fear. 1837 LYTTON *E. Maltrav.* I. x, She was pale and agitated, or, as she expressed it, 'had a terrible fit of the shakes'. 1851 HAWTHORNE *Ho. Sev. Gables* xvi, Her nerves were in a shake.

b. An attack of a shaking disease. *The shakes*, a name popularly applied to any disease characterized by a trembling of the muscles and limbs.

Dumb shakes, (*U.S.*) ? masked intermittent fever. *Hatters' shakes*, a disease incident to some workers in hat-making.

1782 MME. D'ARBLAY *Diary* 28 Dec., A man who has had two shakes of the palsy! 1838 *Penny Cycl.* XI. 220/2 When 'the shakes' have taken possession of their unhappy victim [of mercury-poisoning]. 1856 OLMSTED *Slave States* 355 Even in the midst of a severe 'shake', they would generally insist that they were 'well enough to dive'. 1867 H. LATHAM *Black & White* 109 The Dismal Swamp is a first-rate place for concealment, if you are not afraid of shakes and agues. 1871 NAPHEYS *Prev. & Cure Dis.* III. ii. 640 The 'dumb shakes' of the Wabash Valley. 1884 *Cornhill Mag.* June 616 An attack of delirium tremens, or, as she and her neighbours style it, a 'fit of the shakes'. 1902 *Brit. Med. Jrnl.* 15 Feb. 378 Muscular tremors ('hatters' shakes') are most often observed in those engaged in dusty post-carotting processes.

c. A tremor (in the voice).

1859 LEVER *Dav. Dunn* liv, If I'd have detected one line in your face, or one shake in your voice, like treachery.

5. *Mus.* (See quot. 1881.)

† *Close, open shake* (see quot. 1674). *Obs.*

1659 [see *shaking stop*, SHAKING *vbl. sb.*]. 1674 PLAYFORD *Skill Mus.* I. xi. 47 Trill, or plain shake. *Ibid.* 53 The Trill, or Shake of the Voice, being the most usual Grace. *Ibid.* II. 104 The close Shake is when you stop with your first Finger on the first Fret, and shake with your second Finger as close to it as you can; the open Shake is when you stop with your first Finger on the first Fret, and shake with your third Finger on the third Fret. 1711 [see QUAVER *sb.* 2]. 1775 MME. D'ARBLAY *Early Diary* Nov. (1889) II. 98 She has a very pretty shake, and sings very chastly, not with vile graces and trills. 1825 SOUTHEY *Paraguay* III. xl, And sometimes high the note was raised, and long Produced, with shake and effort sensible. 1881 F. TAYLOR in *Grove's Dict. Mus.* III. 479 *Shake* or *Trill*..consists of the regular and rapid alternation of a given note with the note above,..continuing for the full duration of the written note... Immediately before the final note of a shake a new subsidiary note is introduced, one degree *below* the principal note. This and the concluding principal note together form what is called the *turn* of the shake.

6. A concussion or blow which impairs the stability of something; often *fig.* a damaging blow (e.g. to an institution, a state of things, a person's health); a shock (to the mind or nerves).

1565 W. ALLEN *Def. Purgatory* xvii. 283 One of these ouerthrowers frameth..his negatiue argument, to the more sure shake of onre faithe herein after this sorte. 1673 TEMPLE *Observ. United Prov.* Wks. 1731 I. 35 The States-General..consisted of about Eight Hundred Persons, whose meeting..gave too great a Shake to the whole Body of the Union. 1685 BAXTER *Paraphr. N. T.* Acts xxiv. 8–9 This is a great shake to the credit of most History. 1704 SWIFT *Tale Tub* ix. 168 His Brain hath undergone an unlucky Shake. *a* 1722 FOUNTAINHALL *Decis.* (1759) I. 13 Being thought..a great shake to the security of men's lives and fortunes. 1862 SPENCER *First Princ.* I. i. § 5 (1875) 18 The rude shakes which Science has given to many of their cherished convictions. 1894 H. NISBET *Bush Girl's Rom.* 44 He was the life of us before he had that shake, but it's only nerves.

7. *To be no great* (*some great, considerable*, etc.) *shakes*: to be nothing (something, etc.) extraordinary in ability or importance.

[Perh. alluding to shaking of dice.]

[1816 LD. BROUGHTON *Recoll.* (1865) II. 2 W. said that a piece of sculpture there was '*nullae magnae quassationes*', and the others laughed heartily.] 1819 MOORE *Tom Crib's Memor.* (ed. 3) 41 Though no great shakes at learned chat. 1820 *Blackw. Mag.* VIII. 89 Ten years ago, the young Whig was 'non sordidus auctor', considerable shakes; but now they are all asses. 1820 BYRON *Let. to Murray* 28 Sept. (1875) 733, I had my hands full, and my head too, just then [when he wrote 'Marino Faliero']; so it can be no great shakes. 1845 CARLYLE *Cromwell* (1850) II. 222 No great shakes at metre. 1876 BROWNING *Pacchiarotto, Shop* xi, This article, no such great shakes, Fizzes like wild fire? 1894 *Cornhill Mag.* June 564 Bannock can't hit a haystack at fifty yards, and I'm no great shakes.

8. In combination with adv. (subst. use of phrases: of SHAKE *v.*: see also SHAKE-DOWN). **a.** *Shake out* (Stock Exchange): a crisis in which the weaker speculators are driven out of the market.

1895 *Daily News* 23 Jan. 2/2 The 'shake-out' in speculative accounts..has strengthened the Stock markets...The recent 'shake out' of weak holders, referred to above. 1910 *Westm. Gaz.* 13 Apr. 10/1 All traces of last week's Rubber 'shake out' have vanished.

b. *Shake up*: a rousing or stirring up to activity.

1857 HUGHES *Tom Brown* II. ii, Tom gave the prisoner a shake-up, took away his list, and stood him up on the floor. 1903 *Westm. Gaz.* 21 Feb. 7/1 The Board has had a healthy 'shake-up'. 1912 *Contemp. Rev.* Nov. 654 Indictments and bills in equity became the order of the day, and 'probings' and 'shake-ups' the common talk of business men.

III. Something produced by shaking.

9. A natural cleft or fissure prodnced during growth or formation. **a.** in timber.

For *cup, heart, star, wind shake*: see those words.

1651 J. WHITE *Rich Cabinet* (1677) 29 Get a streight piece of wood..; let it be free from knots, or shakes, then plain it. 1769 FALCONER *Dict. Marine* (1780), *Shakes*,..the cracks or rents in a plank, occasioned by the sun or weather. 1851 *Rural Cycl.* IV. 178 *Shake*, a disease in trees, consisting of long splits up the stem. 1894 *Times* 31 Aug. 3/5 Yellow pine, without a single knot, shake, or other blemish in its whole surface.

b. in rock, mineral strata, etc.

Water shake, one in which a stream empties itself.

1747 HOOSON *Miner's Dict.* L 2, The Shaft was Sunk in a great and loose Shack of Chirts. 1771 MRS. GRIFFITH *Hist. Lady Barton* I. 41 That same want of stability..like a shake in marble, runs thro' the whole block. 1802 J. MAWE *Mineral. Derbysh.* iii. 38 In this limestone stratum are frequently found openings or caverns, which are commonly called shakes, or swallows. 1846 J. BAXTER *Libr. Pract. Agric.* II. 305 They..were as compact as when first moved by the plough, without even the appearance of a water shake or fissure. 1856 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* XVII. II. 373 The more feeble springs that empty themselves..through some loose or porous soil, shakes in the rocks, or otherwise. 1893–4 *Northumberld. Gloss.*, *Shake*, a thickening or 'belly' in a vein of lead ore..or the cavity sometimes found in such places.

10. *U.S.* pl. **a.** A set of barrel staves = SHOOK *sb.*

1820 SCORESBY *Arct. Regions* I. 207 *note*, Empty casks are..taken to pieces, and the staves closely packed up in a cylindrical form, constituting what are called shakes or packs. 1841 DANA *Seaman's Man.* 122 *Shakes*, the staves of hogsheads taken apart.

b. Pieces of split timber, a kind of shingles.

1845 C. MATHEWS *Writ.* I. 164 in R. H. Thornton *Amer. Gloss.* s. v., A..house, shingled with what they call 'shakes' all over the West and Southwest. 1893 *Advance* (Chicago) 16 Mar., By and by..shakes can be split for a roof, and fastened on.

11. *Printing.* (See quot.)

1888 JACOBI *Printers' Voc.*, *Shake*, a slur on a printed sheet through some defect in the impression.

12. (See quot.)

1911 *Webster's Dict.*, *Shake*...Short for *milk shake* or *egg shake*, etc., beverages of milk, or milk and egg, flavored and shaken thoroughly. *Colloq., U. S.*

IV. 13. *Comb.*: **shake-bog**, a bog which shakes or quakes when trodden upon; **shake culture**, a CULTURE (3 c) in which the orgauisms are distributed through the medium by a gentle shake; **shake-hole** (see quots.); **shake willey, willow**, a machine used in the preparation of cotton and wool (see quot.).

1815 J. SMITH *Panorama Sci. & Art* II. 599 That kind of bog called the *shake-bog. 1894 E. KLEIN in *Brit. Med. Jrnl.* 13 Oct. 799/1 It does not form gas bubbles in gelatine *shake cultures. 1823 BUCKLAND *Reliq. Diluv.* 6 *note*, Open fissures, locally called *shake-holes, or swallow-holes, from their swallowing up the streams that cross the limestone districts. 1828 [CARA] *Craven Gloss.*, *Shack-hole*, a hollow in the ground, resembling a funnel, which receives the surface water. 1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.*, **Shake-willy* (Cotton-manufacture), a willy or willowing machine for cleaning cotton, preparatory to carding. 1884 W. S. B. MCLAREN *Spinning* 181 In order..to shake loose any matted pieces, the wool is usually passed through a shake willey or willow.

Shake (ʃēk), *sb.*[2] *dial.* [Short for SHAKE-RAG. (Cf. SHACK *sb.*[2])] A disreputable person.

1859 *Hotten's Slang Dict.*, *Shake*, a disreputable man or woman. *North.*

Shake (ʃēk), *v.* Pa. t. **shook** (ʃuk); pa. pple. **shaken** (ʃē·k'n). Forms: *Inf.* 1 sceacan, scacan, 3 sceki, soeky, sake, scheken, schek(e, 3–4 scake, ssake, schak(e, sshake, (4 schac, scha(a)k, s(c)haken, 5 schakyn), 4–6 schake, 6 *Sc.* scha(i)k, 8–9 *Sc.* and *dial.* shack, 4– shake. *Pa. t. a.* 1 sceóc, scóc, 3 scoc, scok(e, ssoc, ssok, 3–4 schok, choke, 4–5 schook, 4–6 schoke, *Sc.* schuk(e, 4–7 (9 *dial.*) shoke, (4 shok, shuke), 6–7 shooke, (6 showke, *Sc.* schuik, 6, 9 sheuk), 9 *dial.* shu(c)k, *north.* shuik, 5– shook. *β.* 4 shakid, 5 shakyd, 6 schaked, shakte, 6–7 ehakt, shak't, 9 *dial.* shacked, sha(c)kt, shakked, *Sc.* and *north.* shaket, -it, 5–9 shaked, 6–9 shak'd. *γ.* 3 sceken (*pl.*). *Pa. pple. a.* 1 sceacen, scacen, scæcen, 4 schaken, (yshaken), s(c)hakun, schake, 4–6 shake, 5 i-sake, 5–6 *Sc.* schakyn, 6–7 *Sc.* scha(i)kin, 6 *Sc.* shaikne, shacken, shakken, 5– shaken. *β.* 5 schacked, 6–7 shak'd, shakt, 6 shakte, 7 shak't, 9 *dial.* shacked, shakked, shak't, 6– shaked. *γ.* (6 shooken), 7 shooke, 9 *dial.* shock, shooken, shookt, shu(c)k, -en, *Sc.* sheuken, shooken, 7– shook. [OE. *scacan* str. vb. (*scóc, scacen*) corresponds to OS. *skakan* to depart (once only, in pa. t. *skôk*), mod.Fris. dialects (Sylt) *skaake*, (Föhr) *skaaki* to push, displace. LG. *schacken* to shake, ON. *skaka* (*skók, skekinn*) to shake (Sw. *skaka*) :—OTeut. **skakan*. (Not found in Goth. or in HG.; the OHG. gloss '*untschachondes*, fluctivagi' seems to prove the existence of a derivative vb. **scachôn* to wander.) Outside Teut. the only probable cognate is Skr. *khaj* to agitate, churn (*khaja, khajâ* a churn).]

† **I. 1.** *intr.* A poetical word for: To go, pass, move, journey; to flee, depart. Said of persons and things, and both in physical and non-physical senses. Also with *away, forth, down. Obs.*

It is not clear that the notion of rapidity of movement, which may be found in some of the examples, is other than merely contextual.

Beowulf 1803 (Gr.) Þa com beorht leoma scacan ofer scadu. *Ibid.* 3118 Þonne stræla storm..scoc ofer scildweall. *a* 1000 *Andreas* 1594 (Gr.) [Hi] gewitou mid þy wæge in forwyrd sceacan under eorþan grund. *a* 1122 *O. E. Chron.* (Laud MS.) an. 992, Ða sceoc he on niht fram þære fyrde him sylfum to mycclum bismore. *a* 1220 *Bestiary* 264 Þe mire ..suneð it and sakeð forð, so it same were. *Ibid.* 660. *a* 1300 *Childhood Jesus* 1387 in Horstm. *Altengl. Leg.* (1875) 46 Þo Josep was fram him i-schake. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 21228 Quider-ward sum-euer he scok. *c* 1330 R. BRUNNE *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 7084 Out of his abite he hym schok. 1338 — *Chron.* (1810) 217 Symoun did donu schake [to the king's side]. *Ibid.* 323 With þam away þei schoke. *c* 1380 *Sir Ferumb.* 928 Duke Rolant saw hymen awayward schake. *c* 1400 *Sege Jerus.* 18/315 (E.E.T.S.) Clerkes & comeus of coutrees aboute, Wer schacked to þat cite. *c* 1450 LOVELICH *Merlin* 2744 Grete diches we scholen here make, wherthorwgh this water schal forth Schake. *c* 1450 — *Holy Grail* xiv. 282 And whanue Of his Swowneng tho he Awook, Anou there Into A Sadel he Schook. ? *c* 1475 *Hunt. Hare* 66 To the town the husbond wentt, As fast as he myght schake. 15.. *Wedding of Syr Gawene* 741 in *Syr Gawayne* (Bannatyne Club) 298 Syr Gawen rose, and in his hand he toke His fayr lady, and to the dore he shoke.

II. To vibrate irregularly, tremble.

2. Of things having more or less freedom of movement: To move irregularly and quickly to and fro, up and down, or from side to side; to quiver, quake, vibrate, waver.

c 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* Matt. xi. 7 Huæt eada ge in uoesteru ȝesea ȝerd from uinde sceæcende. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Merch. T.* 605 The slakke skyn aboute his nekke shaketh. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 443/2 Schakyn or qwakyn.., *tremo.* Schakyn or waveryn, *vacillo.* 1575 GASCOIGNE *Kenelworth* II. v. Wks. 1910 II. 127 Her Majestie came hy a close Arbor,.. and whiles Silvanus pointed to the same, the principall bush shaked. 1684 R. WALLER *Ess. Nat. Exper.* 62 Her Wings..upon the Ingress of the air shoke very much. 1780 COWPER *Progr. Err.* 129 The full concerto swells upon your ear; All elbows shake. 1800 WORDSW. *Pet Lamb* 10 His tail with pleasure shook. 1847 TENNYSON *Princess* IV. 3 The long light shakes across the lakes. 1860 LONGF. *Wayside Inn, K. Olaf* II. xiv, While the rifted Streamers o'er him shook and shifted. 1872 CALVERLEY *Fly Leaves* (1884) 65 The mighty pine-forests which shake In the wind.

b. *Naut.* Of a sail: To shiver, vibrate, flutter.

1769 FALCONER *Dict. Marine* (1780), *Shivering*, the state of a sail when it shakes or flutters in the wind. 1846 CODRINGTON in Nicolas *Disp. Nelson* VII. 154 *note*, She kept her starboard and lee studding-sails set and shaking. 1867 SMYTH *Sailor's Word-bk.* s. v., To shake in the wind.

† **c.** Of a person or animal: To throw oneself or one's limbs about. *Obs.*

1538 ELYOT *Dict.*, *Succusso*, to shake as a horse doth whan he trotteth. 1611 COTGR., *Iacter*,..to swing, tosse, tumble, or shake vp and downe.

3. Of things normally stable or still: To vibrate irregularly, tremble, either as a whole or in its parts, as the result of impact or disturbance of equilibrium. Hence, to totter, lose stability, become weakened.

1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 4241 Al þe hul mid þe vallinge ssoc. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 19211 And in þat erth-din þar scok, þe haligast eft-sith þai tok. *c* 1489 CAXTON *Sonnes of Aymon* ix. 217 The trompettes..sowned soo sore that the chambre where as he laye shoke of it. 1523 SKELTON *Gart. Laurel* 1508 The starry heuyn, me thought, shoke with the showte. *a* 1530 J. HEYWOOD *Play of Love* (1534) B iv, And therwithall I fet a sygh such one As made the forme shake which we both sat on. 1605 *1st Pt. Jeronimo* III. i. 24 Now, Spaine, sit firme; ile make thy towers shake. 1634 MILTON *Comus* 797. 1785 BURNS *Jolly Beggars*, He ended; and the kebars sheuk Aboon the chorus roar. 1819 SCOTT *Ivanhoe* xxix, The postern gate shakes,..it crashes—

it is splintered by his blows. 1842 Barham *Ingol. Leg.* Ser. II. *Sir Rupert*, From base to turret the castle shook. 1859 Tennyson *Elaine* 459 So..that a man far-off might well perceive..The hard earth shake. 1864 — *Voyage* ii, We felt the good ship shake and reel.

b. *fig.* Of a person: To lose firmness. ? *Obs.*

1340 *Ayenb.* 116 Make oure herten ueste and stedeuest þet hi ne ssake uor none uondynge þet to hare comþ.

c. Of a band of persons: To become unsteady, to reel, give way.

1375 Barbour *Bruce* II. 380 And in the stour sa hardyly He ruschyt, that all the semble schuk. *a* 1586 Sidney *Arcadia* I. (Sommer) 26 b, The great bodie of them beginning to shake, and stagger. 1849 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* v. I. 611 The pikes of the rebel battalions began to shake; the ranks broke.

4. Of a person, his body, limbs, etc.: To quake or tremble with physical infirmity or disease; to quiver with emotion; to shiver with cold, to quake with fear.

To shake in one's shoes: to tremble with fear.

[*a* 1100 *Aldh. Gl.* in Napier *OE. Glosses* I. 4160 *Exhorruit*, ofscoc.] *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 3565 Quen þat sua bicums ald..þe heued higinnes for to scak. 1398 Trevisa *Barth. De P.R.* XVII. clxxxv. (1495) 726 The dronklew mannys honde tremblyth and shakyth. *c* 1489 Caxton *Sonnes of Aymon* VII. 161 He shoke all for angre. *Ibid.* xxiv. 528 He shoke all for fere. 1581 A. Hall *Iliad* X. 183 He stoode so tremblingly, That one full wel might heare his teeth togither so to shake. 1611 Shaks. *Wint. T.* IV. iv. 641 Why shak'st thou so? Feare not (man). 1615 R. Cocks *Diary* (Hakl. Soc.) I. 31 And about midnight..my frend came home againe, shaking every joint of hym. 1735 Pope *Donne Sat.* iv. 279, I sweat, I fly, And shake all o'er, like a discover'd spy. 1781 Cowper *Convertat.* 333 He shakes with cold. 1818 Cobbett *Polit. Reg.* XXXIII. 497 This is quite enough to make Corruption and all her tribe shake in their shoes. 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* lviii, Was that she? He began to shake at the mere possibility. 1873 *Punch* 15 Mar. 107/2 It had set the whole Liberal party 'shaking in its shoes'. 1909 Mrs. H. Ward *Daphne* iv. 90 Her small frame shook with weeping.

b. To be convulsed with laughter. Cf. 11 c.

1728 Pope *Dunc.* I. 22 Whether thou choose Cervantes' serious air, Or laugh and shake in Rab'lais' easy chair. 1748 Johnson *Van. Hum. Wishes* 61 How wouldst thou [Democritus] shake at Britain's modish tribe. 1905 F. Young *Sands of Pleasure* II. ii, If the whole of France is shaking with the antics of Venus, the whole heavens are shaking with laughter.

III. To cause to vibrate, agitate.

5. *trans.* To brandish or flourish threateningly (a weapon or something used as a weapon); †to wield. Also, to flourish, wave (something) in ostentation or triumph.

c 1000 *MS. Bodl.* 577 lf. 63 b, Macheram stricto mucrone uibrabat, *gloss* sceoc. *c* 1205 Lay. 26481 Heo scæken on heore honden speren swiðe stronge. *c* 1320 *Sir Tristr.* 885 Schaftes þai gun schake. 1470–85 Malory *Arthur* VIII. xxxi. 321 He shoke the sword to the kynge. 1570–6 Lambarde *Peramb. Kent* (1576) 185 A picture of woode, that wulde shake a speare, and rolle the eyes. 1601 Shaks. *All's Well* II. v. 96 Go thou toward home, where I wil neuer come, Whilst I can shake my sword. 1667 Milton *P. L.* XI. 489 And over them triumphant Death his Dart Shook, but delaid to strike. 1712 Steele *Spect.* No. 382 ₱ 1 The Prince..shaked a Cane at the Officer. 1813 Scott *Rokeby* I. ii, Conscience..calls her furies forth, to shake The sounding scourge and hissing snake. 1838 Dickens *O. Twist* xx, 'Take heed, Oliver! take heed!' said the old man, shaking his right hand before him in a warning manner. 1862 W. Collins *Basil* III. vi, He has no marriage-certificate to shake over our heads, at any rate. 1896 A. E. Housman *Shropshire Lad* xlvii, And the people passing by Stop to shake their fists and curse.

b. *fig.* Chiefly in phrases. † *To shake boast*: to boast, swagger. † *To shake the feather*: see Feather *sb.* 8 b.

c 1380 *Sir Ferumb.* 3645 After hym folwede & schoke bost xxxti bowsant on an host. 1509 Barclay *Shyp of Folys* (1570) 45 Thou shakest boast [*jactas*] oft of her foly in vayne. 1883 R. W. Dixon *Mano* I. viii. 21 A reckless star Seemed shaking over him malific powers.

6. To move to and fro irregularly or tremulously, agitate (some part of the body); (of an animal) to 'wag' (its tail) (? *obs.*); (of a bird) to flap, flutter (its wings) esp. as preparing to fly. Also said of a thing personified. Also with *down*, *wide*.

[*a* 1000 *Phœnix* 144 þonne..he..þrîwa ascæceþ feþre flyhtwate.] 1388 Wyclif *Jer.* li. 38 Thei schulen schake lockis, as the whelpis of liouns. *a* 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 5018 Þan schogs hire þe son-tree & schoke hire schire leues. 1486 *Bk. St. Albans* c viij b, She..drawith booth her wyngys ouer the myddys of her boeke..and softely shakyth them. 1590 Spenser *F. Q.* II. iv. 25 [Furor] Shakt his long lockes..And bit his tawny beard to shew his raging ire. 1600 Fairfax *Tasso* I. xiv, On Libanon at first his foote he set, And shooke his wings with roarie maydewes wet. 1667 Milton *P. L.* VII. 66 The Tawnie Lion..Rampant shakes his Brinded main. *a* 1700 Evelyn *Diary* 19 Sept. 1658, Rattlesnakes..swiftly vibrating and shaking their tailes. 1797 Ht. Lee *Canterb. T., Frenchm. T.* (1799) I. 192 Dorsain shook his grey locks—'That's as much as to say our dancing days are past!' added Antoine, observing it. 1818 Scott *Rob Roy* v, Shaking down a profusion of sable ringlets. 1819 Shelley *Cyclops* 66 Shaking wide thy yellow hair. 1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* I. IV. iv, He steps proudly along, ..and shakes his black *chevelure*, or lion's-mane. 1852 Thackeray *Esmond* II. i, His cruel goddess had shaken her wings and fled. 1909 J. G. Frazer *Psyche's Task* iv. 38 The sun-scorched stocks of the fruitless Indian corn shook their rustling leaves in the wind.

b. *To shake one's head*: to turn the head slightly to one side and the other in sorrow or scorn, or to express disapproval, dissent or doubt.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 24503 On him mi hefd i scock, and said, 'Vngretli, leif sun, er þou graid!' *c* 1320 *Sciyn Sag.* (W.) 1069 '*Par fai*, dame', he saide, 'no!' And schok his heved vpon the quen. *c* 1385 Chaucer *L. G. W.* 2344 And pitously he wep & shok his hed. *c* 1400 *Rom. Rose* 3164 So cherlishly his heed he shook. 1551 Robinson tr. *More's Utopia* I. (1895) 71 And as he was thus saying, he shaked his heade, and made a wrie mouth. 1607 Shaks. *Timon* IV. ii. 25 Let's shake our heads, and say..We hane seene better dayes. 1697 Dryden *Virg. Georg.* III. 819 The Learned Leaches in Despair depart: And shake their Heads, desponding of their Art. 1743 Bulkeley & Cummins *Voy. S. Seas* 10 The Captain shook his Head, and said, Carpenter! that is not the Reason. 1808 Cobbett *Pol. Reg.* XIII. 161 It is he who now nods *yes*, or shakes *no*, while the ministers are speaking. 1865 Mrs. Gaskell *Wives & Dau.* I. xi. 134 'No, I shan't!' said Molly, shaking her head. 1897 Max Pemberton *Queen of Jesters* iv. 176 The Corsican shook his head, implying that he doubted.

c. *To shake one's ears*: lit. of an animal, hence *fig.* of a person likened to an animal, (*a*) to wake up, bestir oneself; (*b*) to show indifference or dislike, pleasure in freedom, mirth, etc.

1580 Lyly *Euphues* Wks. 1902 II. 35 Euphues..began to shake his eares, and was soone apparailed. 1583 Golding *Calvin on Deut.* I. 34–40 When Gods threatenings are vttered vnto vs, a great many of vs do but shake our eares at them. *Ibid.* viii. 1–4. 1592 Shaks. *Ven. & Ad.* 924 [Hounds] Shaking their scratch'd ears, bleeding as they go. 1601 — *Jul. C.* IV. i. 26 Then take we downe his Load, And turne him off (Like to the empty Asse) to shake his eares, And graze in Commons. 1601 — *Twel. N.* II. iii. 134. 1645 G. Daniel *Poems* Wks. 1878 II. 42 Thriftie villagers Have long since shak'd their Ears. 1654 Gayton *Pleas. Notes* IV. viii. 220 The Mountebanck shak'd his ears, (as if he drank base wine). 1747 H. Walpole *Let. to H. S. Conway* 8 June, How merry my ghost will be, and shake its ears to hear itself quoted as a person of consummate prudence!

d. To wave (the hand) in farewell.

1569 W. Hubeard *Ceyx & Alcyone* Av, She sawe him becking with his hand: And she likewise her hands did shake [Ovid: *concussaque manu dantem sibi signa maritum prima videt, redditque notas*]. *a* 1700 Dryden *Ceyx & Alcyone* 77 [She] first her Husband on the Poop espies Shaking his Hand..; She took the Sign; and shook her Hand again. 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* xxix, Amelia..acknowledged her presence..by kissing and shaking her fingers playfully in the direction of the vehicle.

e. *To shake one's elbow*: to gamble with dice.

1623 Webster *Devil's Law Case* II. i, This comes of your ..Shaking your elbow at the Taule-board. 1705, 1826 [see Elbow 4 e]. 1721 Amherst *Terræ Fil.* No. 10. 47 A famous gamester..was elected Margaret-professor of divinity: so great, it seems, is the analogy between dusting of cushions, and shaking of elbows.

f. *To shake a foot, leg* (see Leg *sb.* 2 b), *toe, one's bones, feet, heels, hough* (Sc.), *shanks*, also † *to shake it* = to dance.

1661 *Thrac. Wonder* II. C 4, Son, set down thy Hook, and shake it lustily. 1667 Dryden *Tempest* IV. iii, Now wou'd I lay greatness aside, and shake my heels, if I had but Musick. 1828 J. Ruddiman *Tales & Sk.* 62 When he shakes his bowed houghs to the sound o' Rab Murray's creaking catgut. 1830 Buckstone *Wreck Ashore* II. i, Dance with? with me, to be sure; though I hav'n't shaken a toe these twenty years. 1842 Lover *Handy Andy* xvii, They hav'nt a lilt to shake their bones to. 1850 Thackeray *Mr. Malony's Acc. Ball* x, in *Punch* Aug. XIX. 53 And I'd like to hear the pipers blow, And shake a fut with Fanny there! 1884 D. Grant *Lays & Leg. North* 99 Resolved to shak' their heels,..In jigs and Highland reels.

† *transf.* 1595 A. B. *Noblen. Asse* D 3, Whereupon, he caused him with the rest, to be hanged by the neckes, and (as the common prouerbe is) sent them to shake their heeles against the winde. 1611 Chapman *May-Day* I. 10 Let her shake her heeles..I would make her shake her heeles too, afore I would shake mine thus.

g. *refl.* Of a person or animal: To give a shake to his or its body (e.g. in order to throw off wet, snow, dust, etc., or to remove the stiffness caused by repose); *fig.* to bestir oneself, arouse oneself to activity. Also with complement, *to shake oneself free, loose, awake, sober*, and with const. *from*.

1390 Gower *Conf.* III. 75 Into an Egle he gan transforme after that himself he schok. *c* 1489 Caxton *Sonnes of Aymon* xxiv. 497 He [Bayard] shaked hymselfe for to make falle the water from hym. 1535 Coverdale *Isa.* lii. 2 Shake the [1611 shake thy selfe] from the dust, arise & stonde vp, o Ierusalem. 1759 Robertson *Hist. Scot.* v. Wks. 1851 II. 55 The regent saw the danger of allowing the duke to shake himself loose, in this manner, from his engagements. 1845 D. Jerrold *St. Giles* i, 'What's the matter?' asked the watchman..surlily shaking himself. 1859 Farrar *Jul. Home* xvii. 222 A large and fierce mastiff also shook himself from sleep. 1861 Geo. Eliot *Silas M.* iii, Just shake yourself sober and listen, will you? 1888 Stokes *Celtic Ch.* 153 The Roman Church determined at last to shake itself free from this thraldom. 1899 B. Marie Dix *Hugh Gwyeth* xvi. 261 ''Twill be sunrise soon', Hugh said, and shook himself awake.

h. *intr.* for *refl.*

1893 Sir R. Ball *Story of Sun* 255 They shake clear from one surrounding group merely to ally themselves with another.

7. *trans.* To cause to move irregularly to and fro by external force; to make to flutter or quiver; to agitate. *Naut.* To cause (a sail) to flutter in the wind. Also with adv., as *about*, *abroad*.

a 1000 *Cædmon's Exod.* 176 (Gr.) Guðweard gumena..wælhlencan sceoc. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Prol.* 406 With many a tempest hadde his berd been shake. 14.. *Beryn* 1762 Who so shoke a rynge, Ther no man is within, þe rynging to answere. 1523–34 Fitzhera. *Husb.* § 25 Whan thy medowes be mowed,..if the grasse be very thycke, it wolde be shaken with handes, or with a shorte pykforke. 1534 Tindale *Matt.* xi. 7 Went ye out to se a rede shaken with the wynde? *c* 1570 *Buggbears* I. ii. 134 Ther they shaked Iron chaynes. 1648 T. Hill *Strength Saints* 5 It is clean water indeed, that when the glasse is shaked, there is no filth appeares. 1770 Langhorne *Plutarch, Demetrius* (Rtldg.) 615/2 Bocchoris..ordered the man to tell the gold that she demanded into a hason, and shake it about before her, that she might enjoy the sight of it. 1797 Colman *Br. Grins, Night-gown & Slippers* (1804) 30 When taken, To be well shaken. 1813 Shelley *Q. Mab* I. 205 The Queen Shaking the beamy reins Bade them [the coursers of the air] pursue their way. 1825 Scott *Betrothed* xxvii, Genvil slowly unrolled the pennon—then shook it abroad. 1842 Tennyson *Locksley Hall* 32 The glass of Time..Every moment, lightly shaken, ran itself in golden sands. 1851 Mrs. Browning *Casa Guidi Wind.* II. 175 At which we shook the sword within the sheath Like heroes. *c* 1860 H. Stuart *Seaman's Catech.* 41 Keeping the ship close to the wind without shaking the sails.

slang. 1788 Grose *Dict. Vulgar T.* (ed. 2), To shake a cloth in the wind; to be hanged in chains.

b. With additional notion of a purpose of dislodging or discharging something adhering or contained.

c 1386 Chaucer *Clerk's T.* 922 She gan the hous to digþte, ..Preyynge the chambreres..To hasten hem, and faste swepe and shake. 1388 Wyclif 2 *Esdras* [*Neh.*] v. 13 Y schook [1382 shakide out] my bosum, and Y seide, So God schake awei [1382a shake out] ech man, þat fillith not this word. 1530 Palsgr. 700/1 Shake the table clothe or you laye it on agayne. 1595 Shaks. *John* III. iii. 7 And ere our comming see thou shake the bags Of hoording Abbots. 1697 Dryden *Virg. Georg.* I. 238 You may..shake for Food the long-abandon'd Oak. 1784 Cowper *Task* IV. 499 Society, grown weary of the load, Shakes her encumber'd lap. 1847 *Act* 10 & 11 *Vict.* c. 89 § 28 Every Person who beats or shakes any Carpet, Rug, or Mat.

8. To grasp or seize and move (a person) roughly to and fro; esp. (*a*) as a punishment or in a struggle; also in phr. *to shake by the beard* or *ears*.

To shake a fall (Wrestling): see Fall *sb.*[1] 13.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 7509 And i..scok þam [*sc.* a bear and a lion] by þe berdes sua. *c* 1330 R. Brunne *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 1823 [The wrestlers'] brestes to-gyder met;..Ilk oþer pulled, ilk oþer schok. 1471 Caxton *Recuyell* (Sommer) 253 And so they shoke and lugged eche other, but finably hercules cast theseus. 1565 J. Phillips *Patient Grissell* 541 (Malone Soc.), Jacke sauce I shake you by the eares. 1611 Bible *Job* XVI. 12 He hath also taken me by my necke, and shaken me to pieces. 1665 in *Extr. St. Papers rel. Friends* Ser. III. (1912) 237 P. J...gript him and shakt him and tould him tythes should quickly be putt downe. 1795 Burns *To Collector Mitchell* Postscr., Grim loon! he [Death] got me by the fecket, And sair me sheuk. 1838 Dickens *O. Twist* VI, Oliver..shook him, in the violence of his rage, till his teeth chattered in his head. 1856 Miss Yonge *Daisy Chain* II. vi. 390 Dr. May stepped towards her, almost as if he could have shaken her.

(*b*) for the purpose of arousing him. Also *transf.* of an inanimate agency: To rouse or startle (a person *from* sleep).

1530 Palsgr. 706/1, I shake one that is aslepe tho [*sic*] wake him, *je sace*. 1610 Shaks. *Temp.* II. i. 319, I heard a humming,..which did awake me: I shak'd you Sir, and cride. 1728–46 Thomson *Spring* 1024 Sudden he starts, Shook from his tender trance. 1823 Scott *Quentin D.* xxiv, Though he shake thee something roughly hy the shoulders to awake thee. 1872 J. G. Holland *Marble Prophecy* 84 Silence thy strong pulse repeating Wakes me—shakes me—from my rest.

b. Of an animal: To worry (its antagonist or prey).

1565 Cooper *Thesaurus* s. v. *Excutio*, A lamme shaken in pieces. 1589 L. Wright *Hunt. Antichrist* 11 John Wicklif an eger bloudhound..so hunted and shaked that venemous Dragon in his time, as the woundes he gave him, coulde neuer yet be cured. 1611 Cotgr., *Gousiepiller*, to shake, or tug, as a Dog doth a Cat, &c. 1807 *Med. Jrnl.* XVII. 272 A mad dog..met two men, both of whom he shook and bit. 1824 Mactaggart *Gallovid. Encycl., Shack*, a word used in encouraging a curr-dog to worry a fox; 'shack him!' is the cry.

c. To rouse up (an animal) to activity; to 'shake up' a horse (see 21 c), also *absol.*

1853 Whyte Melville *Digby Grand* xi, This is the time to shake to the front, and cut down three of the best riders England can produce. 1904 *Eng. Dial. Dict.* s. v. *Shake* 5 A farmer buying a horse said, 'Shack him over the stones, let's see if he's got a thistle in 'is toe.'

9. To clasp and move to and fro (another person's hand) as a customary salutation or an expression of friendly feeling. a. *To shake hands* (said of two persons mutually saluting thus); also (of one person) *to shake hands with* (another):

(*a*) as a greeting, sign of friendship or goodwill, confirmation of a promise, bargain, etc.; (of combatants) as a sign of the absence of ill-feeling.

1535 Coverdale 2 *Macc.* xii. 12 Whervpon they shoke hondes [Gr. λαβόντες δεξιάς], and so they departed to their tentes. 1540 Palsgr. *Acolastus* II. iii. L ij b, That they maye shake handes with me. 1579 Gosson *Sch. Abuse* (Arb.) 46 But bothe [combatants] be contented and shake handes. 1657 R. Ligon *Barbadoes* (1673) 52 And coming near together, they [*sc.* wrestlers] shake hands, and embrace one another with a cheerful look. 1719 De Foe *Crusoe* II. (Globe) 357 They shook Hands, and swore to one another that they would be reveng'd. 1826 Coleridge *Six Months W. Ind.* 287, I would rather shake hands with a highwayman than with a gentleman who [etc.]. 1827 Scott *Surg. Dau.* iv, Let me see you shake hands, and let us have no more of this nonsense. 1865 Dickens *Mut. Fr.* I. xv, 'Sit down, sir', said Mr. Boffin, shaking hands with him. 1908 R. Bagot *A. Cuthbert* v. 48 Now we have shaken hands on the bargain.

fig. 1565 W. Allen *Def. Cath. Ch. Doctr.* Pref. 20, I feare

me they haue indented with deathe, and shaked handes withe helle. 1593 Sraks. 3 *Hen. VI*, I. iv. 102. 1659 D. Pell *Impr. Sea* 588 *note*, Resolve, that the Orient shall sooner shake hands with the West. 1797 T. Holcroft tr. *Stolberg's Trav.* II. lx. (ed. 2) 367 Thns do..harvest and the..spring shake hands together. 1809 Malkin *Gil Blas* x. x. (Rtldg.) 372 Here it was..that I first shook hands with sensuality. 1829 Lytton *Devereux* I. iii. 12 Application and I, having once shaken hands, became very good acqnaintance. 1874 Blackie *Self-Culture* 21 That famous son of Philip of Macedon, who with his conquering hosts caused the language of Socrates and Plato to shake hands with the sacred dialect [etc.].

(*b*) as a farewell.

1546 J. Heywood *Prov.* (1867) 37 We shoke handes, and parted. 1602 Shaks. *Ham.* I. v. 128. 1826 Coleridge *Six Months W. Ind.* 74 Having shaken hands with kind Antonio ..we mounted our horses. 1850 Tennyson *In Mem.* xl. 29 But thon and I have shaken hands, Till growing winters lay me low.

fig. 1577-87 Harrison *England* II. xi. 186/2 in *Holinshed*, It is the custome of the more idle sort haning once served,.. to shake hand with labour, for ener. 1674 S. Vincent *Yng. Gallants Acad.* 99 His word and his meaning are quadrate, and never shake hands and part. 1742 Wesley *Wks.* (1872) I. 386, I have long since shook hands with the world. 1867 Augusta Wilson *Vashti* xxxii, A lonely woman, who has shaken hands with every earthly hope.

b. *To shake* (a person's) *hand*, *to shake* (a person) *by the hand* = to shake hands with.

1540 Palsgr. *Acolastus* II. iii. L ij b, That they maye.. shake me by the fyste. *a* 1566 R. Edwards *Damon & Pithias* (1908) F j, Let vs agree like friends, and shake eche other by the fist. 1567 *Satir. Poems Reform.* iii. 231 With that he..shnik our handis twa. 1606 Shaks. *Ant. & Cl.* II. vi. 75 Let me shake thy hand, I never hated thee. 1712 Addison *Spect.* No. 329 P 15 He shook him by the Hand at parting. 1865 Dickens *Mut. Fr.* I. v, He shook Silas earnestly by the hand. 1886 Ruskin *Præterita* I. 357 The Dean gave me his first and second fingers to shake at our parting.

c. absol. *To shake* = to shake hands. Now only *U.S. slang* (chiefly *imper.*).

[1601 Shaks. *Jul. C.* III. i. 185 Let each man render me his bloody hand. First Marcus Brutus will I shake with you.] 1891 J. Newman *Scamping Tricks* vii. 59 Shake. That's right. 1903 F. Norris *Deal in Wheat* iv, 'Sold I Sold !' shouted Hornung... Billy, shake on it.

10. To put into a quaking, quivering, or vibrating motion (a thing normally firm or fixed); to cause (a structure) to totter; hence, to impair the stability of, to weaken; occas. †to loosen (something rooted). *To shake down*: to canse to totter and fall.

c 1050 *Byrhtferth's Handboc* in *Anglia* VIII. 320 Þe þænne swyðlice þa heannyssa þæs roderes sceeð mid his þodennm. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 7259 Þe post þat al þat huse vpbare Wit bath his handes he it scok. *c* 1400 Maundev. (Roxb.) v. 17 He tuke þe post in his armes and schoke donne all þe hous apon þam. 1569 Stocker tr. *Diod. Sic.* III. xi. 123 And with his great artillary [he] sore battered and shaked the Walles. 1582 N. Lichefield tr. *Castanheda's Conq. E. Ind.* I. lxxi. 146 With y^e^ other shot past, they had somwhat shaken their yron works. 1610 *Gaultier's Rodomont.* E 2, A Bullet..fel into my month, shook two of my formost teeth, without iniury or offence vnto mee. 1643 Baker *Chron., Hen. VI*, 64 The Regent..by secret mining and violent Batteries so shooke the Walls, that they agreed to yeild it up. 1699 Boyle *Ess. Effects of Motion* iii. 17 The tremnlous motion of the Air..has been able sensibly to shake..the glass-windows of houses. 1715 Pope *Iliad* xv. 119 Jove..Shakes all the thrones of heaven. 1812 Byron *Ch. Har.* II. lxxxviii, Age shakes Athena's tower, but spares gray Marathon. 1850 Tennyson *In Mem.* xc. 19 Not less the yet-loved sire would..shake The pillars of domestic peace. 1860 Tyndall *Glac.* I. ix. 63 A peal like that of thunder shook the air. 1869 Tozer *Highl. Turkey* I. 58 Parts of two monasteries had been shaken down by earthquakes.

b. *fig.* (*a*) with object a person (in faith, resolution, etc.) or his faith, purpose, testimony, etc.

c 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xxxi. (*Eugenia*) 159 He..fel in disputacion with ane erretike, þat richt wise wes in clergy at dewyse, þat sa wele schoke þe abbot, til [etc.]. 1605 Shaks. *Mach.* I. v. 47 That no compunctious visitings of Natnre Shake my fell purpose. 1625 Donne *Serm.* 3 Apr. 6 The righteous is bolde as a Lyon, not easily shaked. 1646 in *12th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. ix. 18 The confidence her Majesty had formerly in mee was ever after much shaken. *a* 1729 J. Rogers *Twelve Serm.* viii. (1730) 241 Our Religion, which no Arguments can shake. 1825 Scott *Talism.* xxiii, These attentions were intended to shake him in his religious profession. 1838 T. Mitchell *Clouds of Aristoph.* 798 *note*, It may almost be thought impertinent to endeavour to shake their testimony. 1859 Geo. Eliot *Adam Bede* xl, Adam had not been shaken in his belief that Hetty was innocent. 1884 W. C. Smith *Kildrostan* 48 Let nothing shake your trust in her.

(*b*) with object (the health or strength of) a person, his body or mind.

1588 Shaks. *Tit. A.* IV. iii. 17 It comes from old Andronicus, Shaken with sorrowes in vngratefull Rome. 1651 R. Wittie tr. *J. Primrose's Pop. Err. Physic* II. ix. 109 The body is shaked, and weakened by the violence of diseases. 1783 Anna Seward *Lett.* (1811) II. 75 Shook as his frame has been, his mind has lost, as yet, none of its energy. 1818 Scott *Br. Lamm.* xxx, Her health also began to be shaken. 1846 *Edin. Rev.* LXXXIV. 176 If your nerves are apt to be shaken by the click of a knife in the dark passage of a hostelry. 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* xxxiv, Too much shaken in mind and body to compose a letter.

(*c*) with object a person, institution, etc., with regard to his or its stability of position.

1545 *Primer of Hen. VIII* (1546) D d iij b, We haue now suffered much punishment, being..shaken with so many fluddes. 1560 Daus tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* 48 It is onely the preaching of Gods word, that shaketh theyr [*sc.* the Papists'] power and dignitie. 1587 Golding *De Mornay* Pref. 10 Now God vouchsafe..to confnte them which go about to shake downe his doctrine. 1625 Donne *Serm.* 3 Apr. 17 That great Storme, that shaked the State, and the Church. 1660 Dryden *Astræa Redux* 104 Her blows not shook but riveted his Throne. *a* 1715 Burnet *Own Time* III. (1724) I. 457 A great part of the property of the Nation..was shaken by the prospect. 1764 Goldsm. *Hist. Eng.* (1772) II. 17 Such a conduct wonld have shook him on the throne. 1821 Scott *Kenilw.* xvii, Such reflections on government..as tend to..shake the solid foundations of civil society. 1871 Freeman *Norm. Conq.* (1876) IV. xviii. 224 An attempt was made to shake the dominion which he had established over Wessex. 1879 B. Taylor *Germ. Lit.* 145 The Thirty Years' War..hardly shook a single society ont of existence. 1883 R. W. Dixon *Mano* I. v. 14 With wrongs wonld they redub the wrongs they felt, Shake down the state, and friously be freed.

11. Of physical infirmity, emotion, etc.: To cause (a person, his frame, etc.) to quiver or tremble; to agitate, convulse.

1382 Wyclif *Matt.* viii. 14 He say his wyues moder liggynge, and shakun with feueris. 1390 Gower *Conf.* II. 146 Bot if this Fievere a womman take, Sche schal be wel mor harde schake. 1599 Shaks. *Hen. V*, II. i. 124 Hee is so shak'd of a burning quotidian Tertian, that it is most lamentable to behold. 1750 Gray *Long Story* 119 A sudden fit of ague shook him. 1797 Ht. Lee *Canterb. T., Frenchm. T.* (1799) I. 287 Extreme emotion..seemed to shake his whole frame. 1842 Tennyson *Locksley Hall* 27 And she turn'd—her bosom shaken with a sudden storm of sighs. 1895 P. Hemingway *Out of Egypt* I. xi. 112 The memory of his loss shook him with sobs.

b. To move or stir the feelings of; to distnrb, upset.

1567 Drant *Horace Ep.* I. x. D viij, Who so was to much rauished..In flow of wealth, him chaunge of flow yea to much shall yshake. 1610 Donne *Pseudo-martyr* 217 Vpon a mistaking, that the euennesse of his Maiesties disposition might be shaked by this insinnation. 1715 Rowe *Lady Jane Grey* I. i, The genius of onr isle is shook with sorrow. 1842 Tennyson *Locksley Hall* 166 Enjoyment..in the thoughts that shake mankind. 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* xv, She will be shaken when she first hears the news. 1891 Hardy *Tess* xxxvi, The unexpected quality of this confession..shook him indescribably.

c. To cause (a person, his sides) to quiver with laughter or mirth. Also of a person, *to shake one's sides*, to be convulsed with laughter.

? 1593 Drayton *Eglog* vi. Poems (1619) 454 The Man alone, Which once with laughter shook's't the Shepheards Boord. 1736 Ainsworth *Eng.-Lat. Dict.* s.v., She shaked her sides with laughter. 1781 Cowper *Expost.* 548 It shakes the sides of splenetic disdain. 1847 Tennyson *Princess* i. 197 A sight to shake The midriff of despair with laughter. 1859 H. Kingsley *G. Hamlyn* xiv, [To] shake his honest sides with many an old half-forgotten tale of fun.

d. Austral. slang. *To be shook on*: have an infatuation for.

1888 'R. Boldrewood' *Robbery under Arms* II. 46 He was awful shook on Mad; bnt she wouldn't look at him. *Ibid.* II. 291, I must have a dance; blest if I don't !..I'm regular shook on the polka.

12. With adv. or phrase: To rednce by shaking (sense 7) to a specified condition. *To shake down*: to cause to settle or snbside by shaking. *To shake together*: to shake so as to ensnre intimate mixture or subsidence into smaller compass.

1382 Wyclif *Luke* vi. 38 A good measure, and wel fillid, and shakun to gidere. 1601 Shaks. *All's Well* IV. iii. 191 [They] dare not shake the snow from off their Cassockes, least they shake themselues to peeces. 1611 Cotgr. s.v. *Voiturer*, Throughly to digest, (or, as we say, to shake downe) his meat by..exercise. 1656 Heylin *Surv. France* 127 Some [of the dancers] there were so ragged, that a swift Galliard would almost have shaked them into nakedness. 1735 Pope *Ep. Lady* 280 Heav'n..Shakes all together, and produces—You. 1747 Lady M. W. Montagu *Let. to C'tess Bute* 24 July (1893) II. 153 The land so stony, I was almost shook to pieces. 1815 J. Smith *Panorama Sci. & Art* II. 792 Shake the mixtnre well together. 1883 *Century Mag.* XXVI. 117/2 She was shaking her match ont, as women do [after lighting the gas]. 1898 G. B. Shaw *You never can tell* Plays II. 209 She shakes her dress into order..and goes to the window.

b. *intr.* for *refl.* (*a*) *To shake down*: to find temporary accommodation, esp. with reference to sleeping, to occupy a 'shake-down'.

1858-9 W. H. Russell *Diary India* (1860) I. iii. 40 An eligible apartment in which some five or six of us 'shook down' for the night. 1869 *Punch* 24 Jnly 31/1, I have often professed myself able to shake down anywhere and rough it. 1888 Rider Haggard *Mr. Meeson's Will* xi, She was led off to the cabin occupied by the captain and his wife.., the captain shaking down where he conld.

(*b*) *To shake down into*: to settle *into*, to accommodate oneself to (circumstances, a condition, position, etc.). *To shake together*: (of a company of persons) to mix, get on friendly terms with each other.

1861 Hughes *Tom Brown at Oxf.* I. i, I spent a day or two..before I got shaken down into my place here. *Ibid.* I. xi, The rest of the men had shaken together well, and seemed to enjoy themselves. 1865 Mrs. Gaskell *Wives & Dau.* I. x. 107 'We shall shake down into uniformity before long..,' said he [referring to his second marriage]. 1889 *Cornhill Mag.* June 561 We have scarcely had time to shake down into the usual routine of a well-ordered household.

13. *trans.* To dislodge or get rid of (something, a person's hold, etc.) by shaking one's body, limbs, clothes, etc. Const. *from*, *off*; also with adv., *away*, *aside*, *down*. (For *shake off* see 19.)

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 20962 (Gött.), Bot of his hand..He schok and in þe fire it kest. 1388 Wyclif *Gen.* xxvii. 40 And tyme schal come whanne thou schalt shake awei..his 3ok fro thi nollis. *c* 1440 *Alphabet of Tales* 473 Sho..bear hym..vnto þe galous, & evyn vndernethe þe galows sho shuke hym down. 1590 Shaks. *Mids. N.* III. ii. 261 Vile thing let loose, Or I will shake thee from me like a serpent. 1622 Mabbe tr. *Aleman's Guzman d'Alf.* I. 112, I haue shak't that Vermine from off my fingers ends. 1774 Goldsm. *Nat. Hist.* (1776) I. 365 He was obliged..to shake the sand from his cloaths. 1791 Cowper *Judgem. Poets* 11 [She wonld] shake with fury, to the ground, The garland that she wore. 1847 Tennyson *Princess* Prol. 137 She shook aside The hand that play'd the patron with her curls. 1848 James *Beauchamp* II. ix. 195 If the gentleman..seizes our hands, we can often shake him away.

fig. 1340 *Ayenb.* 4 Vor to ssake a-way heninesse an drede. *c* 1380 Wyclif *Wks.* (1880) 291 Vnderstond, 3e kyngis; and schaak of 3ou rndenesse. 1581 N. Burne *Disput.* in *Cath. Tract.* (S.T.S.) 155 Iohne Knnox..schuke louse all the actis of Paipis..maid be continnal snccess of tyme. 1605 Shaks. *Lear* I. i. 40 And 'tis our fast intent, To shake all Cares and Bnsinesse from our Age. 1821 Lama *Elia* Ser. I. *My First Play*, I never pass it without shaking some forty years from off my shonlders. 1850 Mrs. Jameson *Leg. Monast. Ord.* (1863) 3 He could not wholly shake from his mind the influences of the age in which he lived.

b. *To shake the dust from* or *off one's feet*: lit. in the Gospel passages (see also *shake off*, 19 a); hence *allusively*, to take one's departure from an uncongenial place.

c 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* Mark vi. 11 Sceacas..þæt asca of ..fotum inrum, *excutite pulverem de pedibus uestris*. 1382 Wyclif *ibid.*, Shake awey the powdre fro 3onre feet. 1672 tr. *J. de Luna's Pursuit Lazarillo* vii. O 7, I shaked npon them the dnst off [1622 of] my shoes. 1782 Miss Burney *Cecilia* VIII. i, I then paid off my lodgings, and 'shaking the dnst from my feet', bid a long adieu to London. 1826 Disraeli *Viv. Grey* IV. vi, At length the pilgrim shook the dnst off his feet at Heidelberg.

c. *U.S.* To get rid of, cast off (a person); to give np (a habit).

1873 B. Harte *Fiddletown* 24 Bnt she shonld shake yon, Kernel, thet she should jnst shake yon—is what gits me. 1896 *Harper's Mag.* Apr. 779/1 Then Ruth shook me. 1903 *Smart Set* IX. 13/2 Yon'll have to shake the drink; that goes without saying.

14. To dislodge or eject by shaking the receptacle or support: a. const. *from*, etc., or with adv. *down*, *off*, etc. (For *shake out* see 20.)

1500-20 Dunbar *Poems* vii. 3 The levys are doun schakyn with the schouris. *a* 1529 Skelton *E. Rummyng* 198 Than Elynour taketh The mashe bolle, and shaketh The hennes donge away. 1545 in Leadam *Court Requests* (Selden Soc.) 187 He..lyked theym nott whervpon he showke theym forthe of hys bagg. 1607 Shaks. *Cor.* III. i. 179 Hence rotten thing, or I shall shake thy bones Out of thy garments. *Ibid.* IV. vi. 99 As Hercules did shake downe Mellow Fruite. 1726 Swift *Gulliver* II. viii, The first jolt had like to have shaken me out of my hammock. 1842 Loudon *Suburban Hort.* 31 Shake this earth away from the roots. 1889 *N. W. Linc. Gloss.* s.v. *Shack*, I'll goä shack snm cherries doon.

†b. *simply*. To cast down, scatter (fruit, blossom, corn, etc.) by shaking; = *shake down* above. Also, to turn out (a fox) from a bag (cf. 20 a, quot. 1856).

1576 Gascoigne *Grief of Joye* Wks. 1910 II. 535 The weakest wynde, can shake their bravest bloomes. 1583 Melbancke *Philotimus* T ij, The wallnut tree wel bet when his nuts are shaken, beareth more fruit the yeare ensuing. 1596 Shaks. *Tam. Shr.* V. ii. 140 It..Confounds thy fame, as whirlewinds shake faire budds. 1605 — *Mach.* IV. iii. 238 Macbeth Is ripe for shaking. 1611 Tourneur *Ath. Trag.* III. i, A sweet yonng blossome shak'd before the time. 1812 *Sporting Mag.* XXXIX. 185 On Thnrsday the 2d instant, a fox was shook near Mr. Markey's.

Proverbial phr. 1557 Edgeworth *Serm.* ccxxx. C x, All this wynde shoke no corne, all this moned him not. 1589 R. Harvey *Pl. Perc.* 1 All this wind shakes none of my Corne, quoth Perceuall. 1629 J. Taylor (Water-P.) *Wit & Mirth* Wks. 1630 II. 200/2 Wel quoth Sara, all this winde shakes no corne.

c. *intr.* Of fruit, blossom, corn: To fall, scatter. Now *dial.*

1725 P. Blair *Pharmaco-Bot.* III. 130 Being again timely ripe, it mixes and shakes before any other Grain. 1788 W. H. Marshall *Yorksh.* II. 350 To *Shack* (that is, to shake); to shed, as corn at harvest. 1799 J. Roaertson *Agric. Perth* 155 These [kinds of oats] are apt to shed the grain or shake, if allowed to be fully ripe before they are cut down. 1813 T. Busby *Lucretius* II. iv. *Comm.* 6 The fine seeds of southernwood..slightly shook. *a* 1904 in *Eng. Dial. Dict.* s.v. *Shake*, This corn shacks out wi' t' wind.

15. To distribnte with a shake, to scatter, sprinkle. Also with *forth*, *down*.

c 1400 *Destr. Troy.* 2206, I graunt thee þe gouernaunse of þis gret mode, And shake it on þi shnlders. 1508 Dunbar *Gold. Targe* 14 The perly droppis schake [*pa.pple.*] in silvir schouris. 1523 Skelton *Garl. Laurel* 595 Wheron stode a lybbard,.. And with his forme foote he shoke forthe this wrytyng. 1620 *Hist. Frier Rush* (1810) 32 With his forke he shaked the straw abroad. 1667 Milton *P. L.* II. 711 Satan..like a Comet burn'd, That..from his horrid hair Shakes Pestilence and Warr. 1728-46 Thomson *Spring* 318 The Winter keen Shook forth his waste of snows. 1747 Mrs. Glasse *Cookery* ii. 25 Shake a little Flonr over it. 1819 Scott *Leg. Montrose* vi, 'Shake down plenty of straw in the great barn,' said the Laird. 1857 T. Moore *Handbk. Brit. Ferns* (ed. 3) 11 When shaken over a sheet of paper they [the spores] are scarcely visible to the naked eye.

b. To cast (dice) usnally with a preliminary shake; hence to gamble *away* (an estate); also with personal object, to 'throw' against (a person) *for* whatever is staked.

1570 B. Googe *Pop. Kingd.* 47 Dice are shakte. 1693

Humours Town 25 To shake away an Estate to known Rooks that live by the Dice. 1875 Wood & Lapham *Waiting for Mail* 79 I'll shake you for drinks.

16. †**a.** *To shake* (a person) *out of* (property): to rob, plunder. *Obs.* **b.** *slang.* To steal (goods); to rob (a person). Now *Austral.*

c 1412 Hoccleve *De Reg. Princ.* 4514 He þat schakith Men out of hire good. 1538 Elyot *Dict.* Add., *Excutere aliquem*, to robbe one, to shake oone out of his clothes. 1567 Harman *Caveat* xix. (1869) 67 When these [walking morts] get ought..as money or apparell, they are quickly shaken out of all by the vpright men. 1811 *Lex. Balatron., Shake*, to draw any thing from the pocket. He shook the swell of his fogle; he robbed the gentleman of his silk handkerchief. 1812 J. H. Vaux *Flash Dict., Shake*, to steal or rob; as I *shook* a chest of *slop*, I stole a chest of tea; I've been *shook* of my *skin*, I have been robbed of my purse. 1859 H. Kingsley *G. Hamlyn* xix. II. 22, I shook a nag, and got bowled out and lagged. 1903 W. Craig *Adv. Austral. Goldf.* 191 The man..wondered if 'he' was worth 'shaking'.

17. a. *refl.* and *intr.* Of timber: To split or crack. Also *refl.*

1679 Moxon *Mech. Exerc.* (1703) 149 The Boards will Tear or Shake, which is in vulgar English, Split or Crack. 1703 T. N. *City & C. Purch.* 136 The..Boards are set..under some cover'd Shed...For if..the Sun shine fiercely upon 'em..they will tear or shake 'em,..that is, in plain English, split or crack. 1844 W. Barnes *Poems Rur. Life* Gloss., *Shook*, split, as wood by shrinking.

b. *trans.* To separate the staves of (a cask). Cf. Shake *sb.* 10 a.

1867 Smyth *Sailor's Word-bk.* s.v., *To shake a cask*, to take it to pieces, and pack up the parts. 1882 Nares *Seamanship* (ed. 6) 95.

18. *Mus.* To accompany or execute with a shake; also *absol.* or *intr.* to execute a shake (see Shake *sb.* 5).

1611 Cotgr., *Gringoter*, to warble quauer, shake with the voice. 1632 Sherwood *s.v.*, To shake the voice (in singing), *gringoter*. 1659 C. Simpson *Division-Violist* I. 9 Open [-shake] is, when a Finger is shaked in that distance from when it was removed, or is to be set down. *Ibid.*, Wider then that [*sc.* an interval of a tone] we never shake. 1676 T. Mace *Musick's Monum.* 104 The Back-fall may be either Plain, or Shaked. 1746 Tansur *New Mus. Gram.* 23 A Shake, or Trilloe..is, to shake, tremble, or warble your Voice, or Instrument. 1828 *Examiner* 664/1 She..absolutely introduced two consecutive fifths by shaking on F instead of descending to D.

19. Shake off. a. To cast off or get rid of with a shake or an effort. *lit.* and *fig.*

1393 Langl. *P. Pl.* C. vii. 13 Repente þe,..And shryf þe sharpliche and shak of alle pruyde. 1535 Coverdale *Mark* vi. 11 Shake of the duste from your feet. 1611 Bible *ibid.* 1567 Maplet *Gr. Forest* 42 b, Through the onely.. eating hereof, they shake off many sicknesses. 1588 Shaks. *L. L. L.* iv. iii. 243 A withered Hermite fiuescore winters worne, Might shake off fiftie, looking in her eye. 1642 J. Eaton *Honey-c. Free Justif.* 366 Having shaken off our sinne (as Sampson had shaked off his new ropes). 1671 Milton *Samson* 409, I Might easily have shook off all her snares. 1711–12 Swift *Jrnl. to Stella* 11 Jan., I walked lustily in the Park by moonshine till eight, to shake off my dinner and wine. 1719 Ozell tr. *Misson's Mem. Trav. Eng.* 26 Then the Bull bellows and bounds, and kicks about to shake off the Dog. 1774 Goldsm. *Nat. Hist.* (1776) VII. 365 The most industrious shake off their old garments about eight o'clock. 1827 N. P. Willis *Widow of Nain* 18 The sentinel Shook off his slumber. 1864 Bayce *Holy Rom. Emp.* xvii. (1875) 305 Poland, once tributary, had shaken off the yoke. 1888 Pavn *Myst. Mirbridge* III. xlvii. 223, I know from experience how difficult it is to shake off old associations.

b. To get rid of (a person); to draw away from (a competitor in a race).

1530 Palsgr. 700/2, I shake of, as one shaketh of or awaye from hym a person or mater that he wolde be rydde of. 1571 *Satir. Poems Reform.* xxix. 34 Quhen he listis, he schaks hir of be diuorce or hir wirreis. 1608 Tarlton *Cobler Canterb.* (1844) 117, I shakt him off as well as I oould, but he would haue no nay at all. 1710 Swift *Jrnl. to Stella* 9 Sept., I am glad I have wholly shaken off that family. 1823 Scott *Quentin D.* vi, Exerting his strength, he suddenly shook off both the finishers of the law. 1856 H. H. Dixon *Post & Paddock* xiii. 324 'You thought to shake me off, did you?' roared Mr. T. as they landed together in a large grass field. 1878 Tennyson *The Revenge* viii, And a dozen times we shook 'em off as a dog that shakes his ears.

†**c.** To let off (a shot). *Obs. rare*[−1].

1583 Stocker *Civ. Warres Lowe C.* iv. 32 a, Either parte shooke of their shotte, and coupled them selues tegether in a braue Skirmishe.

d. Of a plant: To shed (leaves, fruit).

1388 Wyclif *Isa.* xxiv. 13 If a fewe fruitis of olyue trees that ben left ben schakun of fro the olyne tre. 1575 Gascoigne *Kenelworth* II. v. Wks. 1910 II. 123 The Trees shooke off their leaves.

e. *Naut.* To unfasten (a sail).

1627 Capt. Smith *Seaman's Gram.* v. 22 When we shake off a Bonnet. 1867 Smyth *Sailor's Word-bk.* s. v., To *shake*, to cast off fastenings, as..To shake off a bonnet of a fore-and-aft sail.

20. Shake out. a. To cast out or remove with a shake. *lit.* and *fig.*

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 206 þe scorpiunes cundel þet heo bret in hire boseme, schek hit ut mid schrifte. *c* 1330 R. Brunne *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 14682 Luytel notes þey toke, & holede þem, þe kerneles out schoke. *c* 1450 in Aungier *Syon* (1840) 368 Mynyster of the sextry schal..haue oute the tapettes.. and the duste schake oute. 1576 Gascoigne *Droomme of Doomes day* I. Wks. 1910 II. 238 You shall never shake a brybe out of your hand, unlesse you shut covetousnesse out of your brest. *a* 1700 Evelyn *Diary* 24 Aug. 1678, This they dextrously turning, shake out like a pancake. 1842 Loudon *Suburban Hort.* 449 We shook the plants out, and shortened their roots..and repotted them. 1856 'Stonehenge' *Brit. Rural Sports* I. II. v. 135 A bag-fox being shaken out before hounds by the keeper.

b. *nonce-uses.* To bring about by 'wagging'; to produce by shaking.

1601 Shaks. *All's Well* II. iv. 24 Many a mans tongue shakes out his masters vndoing. 1608 Middleton *Trick to catch Old One* v. ii, Chiefly dice, those true outlanders, That shake out beggars, thieves, and panders.

†**c.** To cast out the contents of; to empty. *Obs.*

1382 Wyclif 2 *Esdras* [*Neh.*] v. 13, I shakide out my bosum. 1639 R. Baillie *Lett. & Jrnls.* (1841) I. 213 Harie Rollock, by his sermons, moved them to shake out their purses.

d. To unfasten or unfurl and let out with a shake (a flag, sail); to straighten out by shaking (something crumpled or folded).

1549 *Compl. Scot.* vi. 41 Schaik out the flag on the top mast. 1800 *Naval Chron.* IV. 394, I dare not shake the reefs out of the sail. 1849 Lever *Confess. Con Cregan* I. xiv, Old Ben Crosseley, of the 'Lively Biddy', that wouldn't stand being ordered to shake out his canvas. 1853 Kane *Grinnell Exp.* xx. (1856) 153 We had shaken out our reefs, and were driving before the wind. 1902 Snaith *Wayfarers* xvii, He ..produced a fresh wig..and having shook it out, discarded the modest wig he was wearing.

e. *intr.* To show visible signs of trembling.

1843 Sir T. Watson *Lect. Physic* I. xl. 709 [In] the dumb ague, or the dead ague; the patient is said not to shake out.

21. Shake up. †**a.** To rattle (a chain). *Obs.*

c 1430 *Chev. Assigne* 356 þey..shoken vp þe cheynes þer sterten vp þe swannes; Eche on chese to his.

b. To shake together for the purpose of combining or mixing; to shake (a liquid) so as to stir up the sediment.

1753 *Chambers' Cycl.* Suppl. s. v. *Eye*, [The mixture is to be] thoroughly shook up every time it is to be used. 1837 Dickens *Pickw.* xxiii, Mr. Weller, shaking up the ale, by describing small circles with the pot, preparatory to drinking. 1878 Huxley *Physiogr.* 84 If we shake up a mixture of liquids of different densities.

c. To rouse up with or as with a shake.

1850 Allingham *Poems, Morning* i, The wind shakes up the sleepy clouds. 1857 Hughes *Tom Brown* I. iv, Bob.. hollers to his 'osses, and shakes 'em up, and away we goes. 1896 *Daily News* 30 Apr. 3/4 The favourite always had his race well won,..although..Loates had to shake him up.

d. To loosen (bedding, etc.) by shaking.

1833 W. H. Maxwell *Field Bk.* s. v. *Training*, After he [the horse] has had his food, the litter is to be shook up. 1857 Anne Marsh *Rose of Ashurst* vi, [He] had..shook up and arranged my pillows, in a way most comfortable to me.

e. *Naut.* (See quot.)

1769 Falconer *Dict. Marine* (1780) II. E ee 2, Shake her up in the wind, let the sails touch! the order to the helmsman to steer the ship so as to let the sails shake with their edges to the wind.

†**f.** To rate soundly, abuse violently. (Very common in 16–17th c.) Also, to harass, afflict.

a 1553 Udall *Roister D.* II. ii. (Arb.) 33, I was nere so shoke vp afore since I was borne. 1576 Pettie *Petite Pallace* 53 b, The king..sent for my youth Iphis, shooke him vp with sharpe threatninges, and charged him..neuer after to be seene at the Court. 1600 Shaks. *A. Y. L.* I. ii. 30. 1620 Sanderson *Serm.* I. 145 What was Eliah to Ahab?.. that he durst..shake him up roundly for..his bloody abominable oppressions? 1637 Heylin *Antid. Lincoln* iii. 9 Your next vagarie is upon the Doctor...The Doctor thus shaked up, you goe on againe unto the point of Iurisdiction.

g. To upset the nerves of, agitate, confuse.

1897 Kipling *Capt. Cour.* ii. 31 'Well, you was shook up and silly', said Dan.

IV. 22. The verb-stem in combination: †**shake-brained** *a.*, of unsound mind, crazy, crack-brained; †**shake breast** = Wave-*breast* (cf. *Geneva Bible* 1560, *Lev.* x. 15 shakē breast, *Num.* vi. 20 shaken breast); †**shake-day-sheaf** = Wave-*sheaf*; **shake-hands**, an act of shaking hands with another person; hence *shake-hand* attrib.; **shake-lurk** *slang*, a sham official document falsely declaring that the bearer has suffered shipwreck; †**shake offering**, a Wave *offering*; †**shake rotten** *a.*, a term of abuse; †**shake-sheaf** = *shake-day-sheaf*; **shake-tail** *a.*, of a woman, loose.

1793 *Gentl. Mag.* Feb. 126 A..*shake-brained fellow. 1647 *Husbandm. Plea agst. Tithes* 38 Then the custome is (in some Parishes) for the Parson to have a tenth joynt, a heave shoulder, or a *shake breast. *c* 1659 Br. Brownrig *Serm.* (1674) I. xxi. 278 God, saith Gregory, requires not only *pectus fidei*..the shake-breast of faith, but [etc.]. 1650 Trapp *Comm. Levit.* xxiii. 11 This *shake-daie-sheaf was a pregnant type of Christ's rising again. 1856 Lever *Martins of Cro' M.* I. 491 Not a little provoked at the *shake-hand salutation her son had accorded him. 1821 *Ora & Julie* I. 235 After..a hearty *shake-hands with Brewster. 1889 D. C. Murray *Dangerous Catspaw* 33 He..executed a hearty shake-hands. 1851 Maynew *Lond. Labour* I. 219 Armed with these [sham official documents], the patterer becomes a 'lurker'...Shipwreck is called a '*shake lurk'. 1608 Willet *Hexapla Exod.* 574 The *shake offering was shaken to and fro. 1595 Peele *Old Wives T.* D, This *shake rotten parish that will not burie Iack. 1650 Trapp *Comm. Levit.* xxiii. 17 The *shake-sheaf..of their barlie-harvest. 1782 Eliz. Blower *Geo. Bateman* II. 120 A couple of *shake-tail jabbering wenches.

Shakeable (ʃē·kăb'l), *a.* [f. Shake *v.* + -able.] That may be shaken.

1869 Ruskin *Q. of Air* § 54 Anything you can find in the universe that is shakeable.

Sha·ke-bag. *Obs.* exc. *dial.* [f. Shake *v.*]

1. *Cock-fighting.* (See quots. 1688, 1709). Cf. Shackbag 2.

1663 *State-Scuffle* 3 And when two shake-bags are thrown out, To try the Battel yet in doubt, When weary still they wheele about More eager. 1688 Holme *Armoury* II. 252/1 A Shake-bag, is a Cock turned out of the Bag to fight another Cock, unsight, unseen, or unmatched; a Battle at a venture. 1688 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 2328/4, 40 Cocks on each side will be shewn...And every Battel 5 l. each side, and 50 l. the odd Battel, and four Shake Bags for 10 l. each Cock. 1709 R. H. *Roy. Pastime Cock-fighting* iv. 19 Yet are these Birds commonly reduced into two sorts only,..the great Game Cock, or Shake-bag, and the little Match, or Battle-Cock. 1777 [T. Swift] *Gamblers* I. 829 The Pit shall roar, fierce Shake-bag flap the wing. 1881 *Isle of Wight Gloss., Shakebag*, a game-cock of the largest size.

transf. 1700 Congreve *Way of World* I. 65 *Wit*...Will you go to a Cock-match? *Sir Wil.* With a Wench, Tony? Is she a shake-bag Sirrah? 1771 Smollett *Humph. Cl.* 30 Apr., I would pit her..against the best shake-bag of the whole main.

2. A rogue, scoundrel. Also (see quots. 1796 and 1823 in 3). Cf. Shackbag 1.

[Cf. the followiog: 1592 *Arden of Feversham* (title-p.), His ..wife, who..hyred two desperate ruffins Blackwill and Shakbag, to kill him. (See also quot. 1595 Shake *v.* 7 b.)]

1794 *Sporting Mag.* III. 104 Being estimated..by the blacklegs, rooks and shakebags as a complete knowing one. 1796 Grose *Dict. Vulgar T.* (ed. 3), *Shag-bag*, or *Shake-bag*, a poor sneaking fellow, a man of no spirit: a term borrowed from the cock-pit.

3. *attrib.*

1688 Holme *Armoury* II. xi. 252 *Shake-back* [sic] *Battle*, is a fight between two Cocks unmatched, unsight, unseen. 1823 'Jon Bee' *Dict. Turf, Shake-bag match*—in cocking; the fighting adventitiously, or guessing at weights and pairing, while the fowls are still in their respective bags. 'A Shake-bag fellow', if he be no pick-pocket, is at least a seedy cove.

†**Sha·kebuckler.** *Obs. rare.* [f. Shake *v.* + Buckler *sb.* Cf. *swashbuckler.*] Only in *Sim Shakebuckler*, a nickname for a serving man.

1550 Becon *Gov. Virtue* Wks. 1564 I. 257 That a poore mayde and a simple Sym Shakebuckelare, made him [Peter] both to denye [etc.]. 1560 — *Catech.* VI. ibid. 523 Nor [suffer their children] to be of the nomber of suche simme shakebucklers, as in theyr yong yeares fal vnto seruing.

Shakebut(t, obs. forms of Sackbut.

1593 G. Peele *Hon. Garter* D 2, Then Shalmes and Shakebutts sounded in the ayre. 1628 P. Smart *Serm.* (*Ps.* xxxi. 7) 22 With Shakebuts, and..all kinde of Musicke.

†**Shaked,** *ppl. a. Obs. rare.* [f. Shake *v.* + -ed[1].] **a.** Shaken. **b.** *Mus.* Trilled.

1625 Milton *Ode Death Fair Infant* 44 Wert thou some Starr which from the ruin'd roofe Of shak't Olympus by mischance didst fall. 1659 C. Simpson *Division-Violist* I. 9 Graces done with the Fingers are of two sorts: viz. smooth and shaked. *Ibid.*, Shaked Graces.

Sha·ke-down. [f. vbl. phrase *shake down*: see Shake *v.* 12.]

1. A bed made upon straw loosely disposed upon the floor or ground; hence, any makeshift bed, esp. one made up on the floor.

c 1730 Burt *Lett. N. Scot.* (1754) I. 107 The same Blanket ..is made a Part of their Bedding at Night, which is generally spread upon the Floor; this I think they call a Shake-down. *a* 1820 A. Young *Autobiog.* iv. (1898) 72 A 'shake-down' when I was in Ireland [1776–8] meant some clean straw spread upon the floor, with blankets and sheets. 1838 Dickens *Nich. Nick.* vii, You can give him a shake-down here to-night, can't you? 1883 S. C. Hall *Retrospect* I. 77 When the party broke up there was no leaving at so late an hour, and shake-downs were improvised for at least forty.. guests.

attrib. 1891 *Catholic News* 29 Aug. 8/4 Shake-down straw beds with a rug or two for covering.

2. An act of shaking down: see Shake *v.* 12.

1878 Hardy *Ret. Native* VI. iv, Now gie the bed a shake down. We've put in seventy pound of best feathers.

Sha·kefork. Also **shackfork.** [f. Shake *v.*] A wooden fork with two tines or prongs used by threshers to shake and remove the straw from the grain; also, a pitchfork. Now *dial.*

1338 *Durh. Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 200 It. 8 rastra cum schakforkes, pr. 12*d.* 1483 *Cath. Angl.* 332/2 A Schake forke, *pastinatum.* 1597 Bp. Hall *Sat.* III. vii. 66 So slender wast with such an Abbots loyne,..Like a broad shak-forke with a slender steale. 1607 Markham *Cavel.* v. 15 You shall take a shakeforke..and with it you shall shake vp..all the horses dung, and wet litter. 1788 W. H. Marshall *Yorksh.* II. 350 Shack-fork (that is, shake-fork); a wooden fork,..generally made of a forked ozier; the tines or branches about two feet long, and one foot wide at the poiots. 1847 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* VIII. II. 297 The swaths are gathered into shocks with a shack-fork. 1876 *Whitby Gloss., Shackfork*, a wooden fork for lifting the thrashed straw...'His clothes look as if they were flung on to his back with a shackfork.'

b. *Sc. Her.* (See quots.)

1680 G. Mackenzie *Sci. Her.* xi. 33 This is called a Shak-fork with us, and should not touch the corners of the Escutcheon. 1780 J. Edmondson *Her.* II. Gloss., *Shakefork*, is in form like the Pall, but doth not touch the top of the shield, and is pointed at each end. 1894 J. Macintosh *Ayrsh. Nights' Entert.* xv. 286 [Stewarton Ch.] Over the ..doorway..is a rather long window-like compartment, in which the shake-fork forms, as it were, the mullion.

Shaken (ʃē·k'n), *ppl. a.* [pa. pple. of Shake *v.*]

1. Put into a quick or violent alternating motion; agitated; (of seed, etc.) sprinkled.

1725 P. Blair *Pharmaco-Bot.* III. 130 If..no Care has been taken to Till the Ground over the shaken Seed. 1849 M. Arnold *Strayed Reveller* 189 A Chief, With shout and shaken spear, Stands at the prow. 1876 Geo. Eliot *Dan. Der.* xxxvi, For the moment she felt like a shaken child.

2. Moved abruptly or violently with a blow or shock; hence, weakened in structure.

1614 Gorges *Lucan* II. 68 And bands of foot come follow on, This shaken bridge goe set vpon. 1822 Shelley *Scenes fr. Faust* II. 136 And through the ruins of the shaken mountain The airs hiss and howl. 1858 Mallet in *Rep. Brit. Assoc.* I. 58 The shaken area [of an earthquake].

b. *transf.* and *fig.*

1641 Milton *Reform.* II. 87 This our shaken Monarchy, that now lies labouring under her throwes. 1890 Gall *Mod. Tactics* (ed. 2) 131 Against shaken troops the opportunities will possibly be as great..in the future. 1896 F. Mathew *Wood of Brambles* ix. 176 He is a shaken irritable kindly lean little man.

3. Of a cask: Taken to pieces and bound up in a compact form for transport. (Cf. Shake *sb.* 10 a, Shook *sb.*)

1557 in Hakluyt *Voy.* (1599) I. 300 We haue laden in these ships..94. tunnes shaken Caske and 46. tunnes whole. 1575 *Ibid.* 414 There must be..800 empty shaken hogsheds. 1792 *Descr. Kentucky* 41 In 1787 were exported Shaken hogsheads 4,775.

4. Of timber: Cracked or split defectively.

1523–34 Fitzherb. *Husb.* § 132 (1882) 84 If it be noo tymbre tree but a shaken tree or a hedge-rote full of knottes. 1679 Moxon *Mech. Exerc.* ix. 172 Such Stuff as is crackt either with the heat of the Sun or the droughth of the wind, is called Shaken Stuff. 1680 *Ibid.* xii. 206 If your Stuff prove shaken, or otherwise unsound. 1852 Fincham *Ship Building* II. (ed. 3) 32 The refuse of the other planking through its being shaken, or otherwise defective.

5. *Mining.* (See quots.)

1747 Hooson *Miners Dict.* U 4, *Swallow*, a loose and shaken place in a Vein. 1839 Ure *Dict. Arts* 965 Troubles in coal-fields are..3. Shaken coal. It resembles the rubbish of an old waste.

Sha·kenly, *adv. rare.* [-LY 2.] In a shaken manner.

1890 *Blackw. Mag.* CXLVIII. 545/1 'You do not trust me,' he said, low and shakenly.

Shaker (ʃē·kəɹ). Also 5 **schakare, -ere,** 6 *Sc.* **schakar, (-car), schekkar.** [f. Shake *v.* + -ER1.]

1. One who or something which shakes (in the transitive senses of the verb).

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 443/1 Schakare, *excussor.* 1500–20, *a* 1605, 1785, 1816 [see Hallan-shaker]. 1581 A. Hall *Iliad* II. 35 Who were..cunning shakers of the staffe to hit their foe a farre. *c* 1611 Chapman *Iliad* VII. 104 Thou mightie shaker of the earth, thou Lord of all the seas. 1613 Purchas *Pilgrimage* (1614) 711 Strangers..scarsely in twentie daies, with great care, can shake off this Shaker [*sc.* ague]. 1823 Scott *Quentin D.* Introd., The Marquis was no shaker of hands. 1852 Tennyson *Death Wellington*, O shaker of the Baltic and the Nile. 1901 F. H. Skrine *Life Sir W. W. Hunter* xxi. 452 The fortune made in India by the Thackerays and other shakers of the pagoda-tree.

b. *Shaker off*: cf. Shake *v.* 19.

1638 Heywood *Wise Wom. Hogsdon* IV. G 4 b, *Harring.* Hee what art thou; *Sencer.* A hanger on, if it please you. *Harring.* And I a shaker off,..You shall not hang on mee. 1764 *Museum Rust.* II. xxv. 82 There are two men, called shakers off, that immediately follow the threshers; the first of them throws the coleseed straw up; the other strikes it as it rises, which helps to knock out what seed may be left.

2. One who or something which shakes, trembles, vibrates, etc. †Also, a boaster, swaggerer.

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 443/1 Schakare, or craker, or booste maker, *jactator.* 1573 Baret *Alv.* Sh. 265 Such a shaker or trotter. 1823 *Blackw. Mag.* XIV. 701 The pluckless shakers at his authority.

†3. ? A person of loose life. *Obs.*

? *a* 1500 *Nominale MS.* in Halliwell s.v. *Shake* (5), *Lascivus*, Anglice a schakere. 1694 Motteux *Rabelais* V. Pantagr. Prognost. v, Those whom Venus is said to Rule, as.. Wenchers, Leachers, Shakers [etc.].

4. †a. In the 17th c. applied to various sectaries whose devotional exercises were accompanied by 'shaking' or convulsions; often used as equivalent to Quaker. *Obs.*

1648 *Scottish Mist Dispel'd* 17 If the Lord in mercy doe not afford us more liberty..in things Civill and Religious,.. we may be quickly reckoned amongst the new Sect of Shakers: you would make us tremble under your hands. 1654 Pagitt *Heresiogr.* (ed. 5) 136 The Shaker or Quaker. 1694 E. Chamberlayne *Pres. St. Eng.* III. i. 378 The other sort of Anabaptists are called Quakers or Shakers, from the Trembling and Quaking, caused in them by Vapours in their Ecstatick Fits.

b. One of an American religious sect (calling itself 'The Society of Believers in Christ's Second Appearing'), which exists in the form of mixed communities of men and women living in celibacy.

The first of these communities was founded by Ann Lee or Stanley, who emigrated from England in 1774.

1784 J. Belknap *Tour to White Mts.* (1876) 21 A man from Saco whose wife had run away with the Shakers. 1821 Coleridge *Lett.* (1836) II. 18 The Essenians for several ages subsisted by adoption: we shall see if the Shakers continue so long. 1842 Dickens *Amer. Notes* xv, These people are called Shakers from their peculiar form of adoration, which consists of a dance, performed by the men and women of all ages, who arrange themselves for that purpose in opposite parties.

attrib. 1837 Ht. Martineau *Soc. Amer.* II. 55, I visited two Shaker communities in Massachusetts. 1883 *Century Mag.* XXV. 525/1 A bonnet, hey?..It looks like a Shaker cap. *Ibid.*, The Shaker sisters don't wear crimps.

c. A member of a community in the New Forest, formed in 1864 by Mrs. Mary Ann Girling, who claimed to be an incarnation of God. (The name was popularly given to the sect from some resemblance to the Shaker communities of the U.S.)

1878 *Irish Monthly* Oct. 556 Hordle, where what are usually called the New Forest Shakers reside. *Ibid.* 559 The first Shaker I met.

5. The fan-tail pigeon. More fully *shaker pigeon.*

1668 Charleton *Onomast.* 77 *Tremulæ*... Quakers or Shakers. *a* 1672 Willughby *Ornithol.* II. xv. § 2 (1676) 131 Columbæ tremulæ laticaudæ; Anglicè Broad-taild Shakers. *Ibid.* 132 Columbæ tremulæ angusticaudæ..Narrow-tail'd Shakers. 1678 Ray *Willughby's Ornithol.* II. xv. § 2. 181 Broad-tail'd Shakers, called Shakers because they do almost constantly shake or wag their Heads and Necks up and down...Narrow-tail'd Shakers...This kind we have not as yet seen. 1735 J. Moore *Columbarium* 54. 1854 Meall *Moubray's Poultry* 252–3, II. Fantail, or Shaker...12. Narrow-tailed Shaker.

†6. *pl. Sc.* An ornamentation or trimming for the dress composed of thin plates of metal which vibrate with the movements of the wearer; also *transf.*, vibrating drops of dew. *Obs.*

1506 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* III. 313 Item, for xv goldin skiunis to stomois for thaim, and schakaris and bordouris to the tailes. 1513 Douglas *Æneis* V. vii. 18 And all his heid Of goldin schacaris and rois garlandis reid Buskit full weill. *Ibid.* XII. Prol., And sylner schakaris gan fra levis hyng. *a* 1568 *Tayis Bank* 21 (Bannatyne MS.) With schakeris of the schene dew schour, Schynnyng my courtenis schew. *c* 1600 Montgomerie *Cherrie & Slae* (Evergreen) 49 Floras fragrant flouris, Quhairon Apollos paramouris Had trinklit mony a teir; The quhilk lyke silvir schaikers shynd, Embroydering Bewties bed.

7. pl. *dial.* The Quaking-grass, *Briza media*; also *hayshakers* and Sc. *silver shakers.*

1597 Gerarde *Herbal* I. lvii. 80 Shakers, or quaking grasse. 1845 *New Statist. Acc. Scot.* IV. Kirkcudbr. 68 Shaking grass (the silver shaker'). 1889 *N. W. Linc. Gloss.* 1893 *Wiltshire Gloss., Shakers.*

8. An implement, machine, etc. used for shaking.

a. A contrivance for shaking straw or hay.

1812 Sir J. Sinclair *Syst. Husb. Scot.* I. 90 An ingeniously-devised shaker..for clearing all the loose grain from among the straw. 1856 Morton *Cycl. Agric.* II. 966 (*Thrashing machine*) The straw, being taken off by the shakers..drops on the slide.

b. *Dyeing.* (See quot.)

1791 Hamilton *Berthollet's Dyeing* I. I. ii. 159 The silk is stretched out on a moveable pole, called a Shaker—kept continually in motion. 1837 Whittock *Bk. Trades, Dyer* (1842) 191.

c. A riddle or sieve (see quot).

1906 J. Paterson *Wamphray* ii. 61 *note*, [A riddle] exactly like shakers used by masons at the present day to riddle lime.

d. A utensil used in mixing American drinks.

1889 J. G. Woolley *Seed Number One hard* (1893) 96 The bartender..makes the bits of ice, the spoon, the shaker, the strainer, the glasses, fairly play a tune.

e. A machine for mechanically agitating fluids.

1897 *Brit. Med. Jrnl.* 27 Mar. 776/2 The residue [was] extracted with water. This was accomplished in twenty-four hours and was assisted by an electrically-driven 'shaker'.

Hence **Sha·kerdom,** the Shakers as a class. **Sha·keress,** a female Shaker. **Sha·kerism,** the principles and practice of the Shakers.

1822 Mary M. Dyer (*title*) A Portraiture of Shakerism. 1861 J. G. Holland *Lessons in Life* vi. 87, I object to their style of life and piety, and to everything outside of Shakerdom. 1860 *Reynolds's Misc.* 15 Sept. XXV. 180/2 Two comely Shakeresses wait upon you. 1868 *Morn. Star* 8 June, The Owenite experiments in England and America have failed, but Shakerism is a living and triumphant fact. 1870 D. Macrae *Amer. at Home* II. xxx. 358 We followed the Shakeress..within doors.

Sha·ke-rag. [f. Shake *v.* + Rag *sb.*] A ragged disreputable person; also *attrib.* or *adj.*, beggarly. Cf. Shack-rag, Shag-rag.

1571 Golding *Calvin on Ps.* lxix. 13. 259 It is no maruell that shakerags [orig. *sordidos homines*] (which haue no regarde of honestie) did..raile with out shame. 1610 Healey *St. Aug. Citie of God* VII. xi. 269 Pecunia,..one of the shake-rag goddesses in our forth booke. 1641 Brome *Jovial Crew* III. (1652) H 4 b, Do you talk Shake-rag: Heart yond's more of 'em. I shall be Beggar-mawl'd if I stay. 1815 Scott *Guy M.* xxvi, 'He was a shake-rag like fellow', he said, 'and..had gipsy blood in his veins'.

Hence †**Shake-ragged** *a.*

1560 Becon *Fortress of Faithful* Wks. II. 129 Who wyll be troubled..with suche a sorte of shake ragged slaues in a towne, whyche do nothynge hut..fyll the towne full of beggers braules?

Shakescene (ʃē·kskīn). *arch. rare.* [f. Shake *v.* + Scene *sb.*: in allusion to the name *Shakspere.*

Cf. B. Jonson *To Memory of Author* in *Shaks. Wks.* (1623), I would..call forth..Æschilus..To life againe, to heare thy Buskin tread, And shake a Stage.]

(Of uncertain or vague meaning: used by Greene in his attack on Shakspere.)

a 1592 Greene *Groatsw. Wit* (1874) 30 He..is in his owne conceit the onely Shake-scene in a countrie.

Sha·ke-spear, *a. nonce-wd.* [f. Shake *v.*] That brandishes a spear (tr. Gr. δορυσσόος).

1853 M. J. Chapman tr. *Theocritus* Idyll XXII. xvii, Castor ..The brass-mailed, shake-spear knight.

Shakespear-: see Shakspearian, etc.

Shakily (ʃē·kill), *adv.* [f. Shaky *a.* + -LY 2.] In a shaky manner, unsteadily.

1863 Huxley *Man's Place Nat.* I. 36 On the ground, the Orang always goes laboriously and shakily, on all fours. 1877 Box *Eng. Game of Cricket* 337 The 'glorious Tennent' next appeare.l [as batsman], and began very shakily indeed. 1912 *Engl. Review* Feb. 461 Frances laughed shakily.

Shakiness (ʃē·kinės). [f. Shaky *a.* + -NESS.] The condition of being shaky.

1862 *Cornhill Mag.* VI. 613 Shakiness of the hand [is] a sign of poisoning. 1884 Church *Bacon* i. The shakiness of current doctrines..on religion and policy.

Shaking (ʃē·kiŋ), *vbl. sb.* [-ING 1.]

1. The action of the verb Shake, in any sense.

c 1380 Wyclif *Sel. Eng. Wks.* III. 313 Bi here newe dampnacion þat þei maden at London in þe erþe schakyng. *c* 1450 Capgrave *Life St. Gilbert* xxiv. 98 All þe toknes [of the fever] wer come, as schakyng, akyng of þe hed and swech oþir. 1575 Gascoigne *Kenelworth* II. ii. Wks. 1910 II. 113 It was the shaking of some leafe. 1586 T. B. *La Primaud. Fr. Acad.* I. 326 Few there are, who, in great overthwarts and shakings of fortune, have harts sufficiently staied to practise..that which they commend. 1685 tr. *St. Evremond's Mixt Ess.* 24 With their warblings and shakings, they [the Spaniards] seem to mind nothing in their singing, but to contend with Nightingales. 1782 J. Adams *Fam. Lett.* (1876) 404 But shaking on horseback guards pretty well against it. 1891 Earl Lytton *Lett.* (1906) II. 430 The shaking I got on my way from London to Paris made last Sunday a terribly painful one to me. 1899 R. Whiteing *No. 5 John St.* 157 The great need of the age is a good sound shaking, to get the nonsense out.

†b. The gathering, harvesting, falling or shedding (of fruit or grain). *lit.* and *fig. Obs.*

1623 in Foster *Eng. Factories Ind.* (1908) II. 237 These fellowes are growne ripe; I hope wee shall have the shakinge of them. 1637 *MS. Acc. St. John's Hosp., Canterb.*, Payd for shakinge of our frute 0 2 0. 1658 [see *shaking-time* in 4]. *c* 1750 *MS. relating to Suffolk Manors*, No person shall in the time of Shaking..keep any drove cattle in the fields.

c. With advs.

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 443/2 Schakynge a-wey, *excussio.* 1613 Hieron *Back-parts Jehovah* Serm. (1614) 180 A shaking off of that due obedience we owe vnto him. 1683 Moxon *Mech. Exerc., Printing* XII. xix. 172 The Break made by the Shaking out of the Mettal. 1866 W. Collins *Armadale* II. vii, A good shaking-up is just the thing for you, after being so long indoors. 1897 H. A. Jones *Case Rebell. Susan* I. 19, I allow every married couple twelve months for what I call the shakiog-down process.

†d. *The shaking of the sheets*: the uame of a dance (in the 16–17th c. very often used jocularly for sexual intercourse). *Obs.*

? *c* 1570 *Misogonus* II. iv. 272 To that daunce of all other I see he is bent. *S*r. Faythe no I had rather haue shakinge oth shetes. 1589 *Pappe w. Hatchet* Lyly's Wks. 1902 III. 411 O tis his best daunce next shaking of the sheetes. 1633 Rowley *Match at Midn.* III. i, Thee and I shall dance the shaking of the sheetes together. 1654 Gayton *Pleas. Notes* I. vii. 25 He knew not what a dance the Don would lead him, before he return'd to the shaking of the sheets, with his Joan Gutierez.

transf. 16.. *Ballad, Doleful Dance & Song of Death* i, Can you dance the shaking of the Sheets, a Dance that every one must do?..Make ready then your winding sheet. 1604 *Meeting of Gallants at Ordinarie* C 3, But this youngster daunced the shaking of one sheet [*i. e.* died] within fewe dayes after.

2. A disease in sheep and swine (see quot. *a* 1722). Also the ague. Chiefly in plural.

1642 Fuller *Holy & Prof. St.* V. xi. 401 Being good Physick for the sheep to keep them from the Shakings. *a* 1722 Lisle *Husb.* (1757) 339 Some years the sheep will be apt to be taken with a disease they call the shaking..: it is a weakness which seizes their hinder quarters, so that they cannot rise up when they are down. 1736 Bailey *Housch. Dict.* s. v. *Tremour*, The tremour or shaking in Swine. 1877 *Holderness Gloss., Shakkins*, the ague. 'Thoo dodhers as if thoo'd getten shakkins.'

3. *concr.* That which is shaken off, out, down, etc. *Naut.* (see quots. 1867–86). Also with advs. *down, off, out.* Chiefly in plural.

1382 Wyclif *Isa.* xvii. 6 As the shaking out of the oile berie. 1388 *Ibid.*, As the schakyng doun of the fruyt of olyue tre. 1682 *J. Houghton's Coll. Lett. Husb.* etc. No. 7 I. 70 The Shakings of the Cloth. 1754 P. H. *Hiberniad* iv. 29 Luxuriant Congreve (the..Shakings-off of whose Pen, would invigorate twenty of our late spiritless miscall'd Comedies). 1839 *Nautical Mag.* 726 [Heading of miscellaneous items of news.] Shakings. 1867 Smyth *Sailor's Word-bk., Shakings*, refuse of cordage, canvas, &c., used for making oakum, paper, &c. 1886 *Tinsley's Mag.* Sept. 287 Shakings are the sweepings of the deck gathered together after the day's work is done. *Ibid.*, 'Mere shakings' is a term used by seamen to express worthless men.

4. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *shaking time*; also in the names of machines used for agitating materials, as *shaking barrel*, also *shaking frame, table* (Knight *Dict. Mech.* 1875); **shaking ouze, machine** (see quots.); **shaking stop,** the tremolo organ stop.

1884 *B'ham Daily Post* 23 Feb. 2/4 Boot-rivet Machines, Spring Punches, *Shaking Barrel. 1898 *Syd. Soc. Lex.*, **Shaking cure*, the treatment of certain nervous diseases, such as paralysis agitans, by means of a vibrating arm-chair. 1850 Holtzapffel *Turning* III. 1090 Rumble or *Shaking Machine. This is a contrivance sometimes used for polishing small articles principally by their attrition against each other. 1659 C. Simpson *Division-Violist* I. 9 Some also affect a kind of Shake or Tremble with the Bow, like the *shaking Stop of an Organ. 1665 in Hopkins *Organ* (1845) *Hist.* 52 One Shaking Stopp. 1658 Gurnall *Chr. in Arm.* verse 14 xii. II. 284 Away they runne with their enjoyments,..like hogges in *shaking time. 1706 Phillips (ed. Kersey), *Shacking-time*, the Season when Mast is ripe.

Shaking (ʃē·kiŋ), *ppl. a.* [f. Shake *v.* + -ING 2.] In the senses of the verb. Of a bog, morass, etc.: Quaking. *Shaking stone*, a rocking stone.

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 60 [Lechery] mid schekinde word ȝiueð speres wunden. *c* 1380 Wyclif *Wks.* (1880) 210 þei..suffre pore men haue nakid sidis & schakynge lippis & hondis for cold. 1578 J. Derricke *Image Irel.* (1581) D iij b, And

brought from Boggs to champion ground,..Yet doe thei loke to shaking boggs. 1660 R. MAY *Accompl. Cook* (1665) 180 To make a Shaking Pudding. 1662 RAY *Itin.* iii. Sel. Rem. (1760) 240 Here lies a Stone, called the shaking Stone. 1763 MILLS *Pract. Husb.* I. 137 Mr. Eliot's contrivance to drain a piece of shaking meadow, as he calls it. 1773 GOLDSM. *She stoops to conq.* II, Item..a Florentine, a shaking pudding. 1842 LOVER *Handy Andy* xxiii, The cat made for a shaking bog—the loneliest place in the whole country. 1889 P. H. EMERSON *Eng. Idyls* 133 Holding their shaking sides.

b. Of a disease: Characterized by a tremulous agitation of the head or limbs.

1528 PAYNELL *Salerne's Regim.* Yij, White pepper is holsome for a shakynge feuer. 1615 CROOKE *Body of Man* 401 The disease called Tremor, or the shaking palsie. 1905 *Brit. Med. Jrnl.* 25 Feb. 406/1 He had a shaking chill followed by a sweat.

transf. 1595 SHAKS. *John* II. i. 228 Bulletts wrapt in fire To make a shaking feuer in your walles.

c. *Shaking Quaker* = SHAKER 4 b.

1784 *Mass. Spy* 1 Jan., in R. H. Thornton *Amer. Gloss.* (1912), The people in the Western part of this State, who stile themselves Shaking Quakers. 1839 MARRYAT *Diary Amer.* Ser. I. I. 114, I had intended to..proceed from thence to New Lebanon to visit the Shaking Quakers.

d. quasi-*adv.*

1890 'R. BOLDREWOOD' *Col. Reformer* (1891) 240 What a lot of rattling bullocks, shaking fat too.

Hence **Sha·kingly** *adv.*

1889 *Cornhill Mag.* Oct. 438 'Tell her, please, Bryan', I say, shakingly.

Shako (ʃæ·kɒ). Also **schakos, schako**; and see CHACO. [a. Magyar *csákó*, short for *csákó süveg*, more correctly *csákos süveg* peaked cap (*csákos* being an adj. f. *csák* peak, believed by native scholars to be a G. *zacken* point, spike).

The word has been adopted into several European langs.; the F. *schako* may be the proximate source. While the shako was still worn in the British army, the pronunciation was (ʃæ·kəʊ) among officers, but (ʃăkə·) in the ranks.]

A military cap in the shape of a truncated cone, with a peak and either a plume or a ball or 'pom-pom'. (Not now worn by British soldiers.)

1815 SCOTT *Paul's Lett.* xiii. (1816) 317 [The French guide] puts on the *schakos*, which he has hitherto held in his hand. 1852 LIEUT.-COL. J. LUARD *Dress Brit. Soldier* 158 We have introduced the large-topped, overweighted shako from the French. 1868 *Queen's Regul. Army* I 67 Officers in uniform are not to take off their shakos or forage Caps in Saluting. 1903 J. CONRAD & F. M. HUEFFER *Romance* II. ii. 60 The little worsted balls on the infantry shakos.

Shak-shak, variant of CHAC-CHAC.

1905 *Contemp. Rev.* Oct. 510 An African revivalist..who should attempt to arouse the ecstasies of a West Indian meeting with no more elaborate orchestra than a bull-roarer and a shak-shak.

Shaksperian (ʃăkspī·riăn), *a.* (and *sb.*) Also **Shak(e)spearian, -ean, Shakesperean.** [f. *Shakspere* + -IAN.

The forms in *-ian* are alone correct according to the relevant analogies. The other variations follow the diversities of spelling of the poet's name. The spelling *Shakspere*, adopted in this Dictionary, was advocated by Sir F. Madden on the ground of the signature in Shakspere's copy of Florio's *Montaigne*, and accepted by Dr. Furnivall and the New Shakspere Society; the commonest form is perh. *Shakespeare*.]

a. *adj.* Of or pertaining to, or having the characteristics of William Shakspere (1564–1616) or his dramatic and poetical productions. **b.** *sb.* An authority on or student of the writings of Shakspere; a Shaksperian scholar. Hence **Shakspe·rianism,** (*a*) a form of expression peculiar to or imitated from Shakspere (*Cent. Dict.* 1891, and in later Dicts.); (*b*) the imitation of Shakspere, or the effects of his influence generally.

1817 KEATS *Wks.* (1889) III. 10 The acting of Kean is Shakespearian. 1820 COLERIDGE *Lett.* (1836) I. 49 The almost Shakespearian old witch-wives at the funeral [in Scott's *Bride of Lammermoor*]. 1837 LOCKHART *Scott* II. viii. 294 She was, however, about as devout a Shakspearian as her nephew. 1886 C. E. PASCOE *Lond. of To-day* xxxiv. (ed. 3) 304 The Princess's Theatre, in the days of Charles Kean famous for its Shakesperian revivals. 1886 *Contemp. Rev.* Aug. 250, I think that the spirit of modern Shakspearianism, among readers, critics, and actors, is quite false to Shakspeare himself. 1908 *Daily Chron.* 21 Mar. 5/1 But Shakespeareanism is not dead yet a while.

Similarly **Shaksperia·na** (see -ANA). **Sha·ksperism** = *Shaksperianism* (*a*). **Sha·ksperize** *v.*, *trans.* to imbue with the spirit or ideas of Shakspere; *intr.* to imitate Shakspere. **Shakspero·later,** a worshipper of Shakspere. **Shakspero·latry,** worship of Shakspere. **Shakspero·logy,** the branch of study concerned with the works and life of Shakspere.

1718 C. GILDON *Compl. Art Poetry* I. 305 Shakespeariana: or Select Moral Reflections, Topicks, Similies, and Descriptions from Shakespear. 1823 LAMB *Lett.* (1888) II. 79 In the same collection I find several Shakspearisms. 1836 EMERSON *Nature, Amer. Schol.* Wks. (Bohn) II. 178 The English dramatic poets have Shakespearired now for two hundred years. 1847 — *Repr. Men, Shakespeare* Wks. (Bohn) I. 359 Now, literature, philosophy, and thought are Shakespearized. 1862 *Daily Tel.* 20 Jan., The most commendable act performed of late years in Shakespeareology. 1864 *Realm* 9 Mar. 6 In these days of Shakspearolatry. 1875 L. TOLLEMACHE in *Fortn. Rev.* Mar. 335 The strained efforts of the Shakespearolaters to find dramatic propriety in the most inappropriate passages.

‖ **Shakudo** (ʃæ·kudōu). [a. Japanese *shakŭ dō*, ad. an older form of Chinese *ch'ih t'ung* red copper.] A Japanese alloy of copper and gold.

It is often subjected to a chemical process, which produces a blue patina.

1878 *Jrnl. Applied Sci.* Apr. IX. 61/2 The dark blue colour..is that of the Shakudo, composed of copper, and three or four per cent. of gold.

Shaky (ʃē·kĭ), *a.* Also **shakey.** [f. SHAKE *v.* or *sb.*1 + -Y.]

1. Of timber: Fissured = SHAKEN 4.

1703 T. N. *City & C. Purch.* 241 Such Stuff as is crack'd, either with the Heat of the Sun, or the Drought of the Wind, is call'd shaky, or shaken Stuff. 1851 *Palace of Industry* 18 If found to be shaky, they [*sc.* sash-bars] are rejected as unfit to be used. 1868 *Harper's Mag.* XXXVI. 418 Some of the pines were short and scraggy, some were shaky.

2. Of a structure: Given to shaking by the looseness of its parts; liable to break down or give way; unsound. Of ground: Not firm or solid.

1850 OGILVIE, *Shaky*, 2. loosely put together; ready to come to pieces. *Familiar.* 1860 TYNDALL *Glac.* I. xxv. 182 The bridge was so frail and shaky at the place of junction. 1871 *Punch* 2 Dec. 228/2 The chair..so shaky in the legs. 1894 *Bookseller's Catal.*, Binding shaky.

3. Of a person or his limbs: Trembling with age, infirmity, apprehension or fear.

1850 THACKERAY *Pendennis* lxx, The old fellow's hand was very cold and shaky. 1871 O. W. HOLMES *Smiling Listener* 46 Well, Time with..his shaky old fingers will soon snuff us out.

b. Of writing: Tremulous.

1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* xxxviii, All he did was to sign the circulars..and direct them in a shaky, clerk-like hand. 1891 C. JAMES *Rom. Rigmarole* 92 At this point the writing began to grow very shaky and weak.

4. Characterized by or causing shaking or jolting.

1860 *Merc. Mar. Mag.* VII. 290 It is rather a shaky business..riding over those roads in a cart. 1883 C. HOWARD *Roads Eng. & Wales* (ed. 3) 138 The surface is rather shaky for quick riding.

5. In immaterial sense.

a. Of a person's position, credit, securities, etc.: Insecure, liable to fail or be upset, unreliable.

1841 THACKERAY *Gt. Hoggarty Diam.* x, Our director was—what is not to be found in Johnson's *Dictionary*—rather shaky. Three of his companies had broken, four more were in a notoriously insolvent state. 1853 WILBERFORCE 3 Nov., *Life* (1881) II. 225 Lord Aberdeen now growing to look upon Gladstone as his successor...Cabinet shaky. 1865 MISS BRADDON *Sir Jasper's Tenant* I. xiv. 302 With a view to raising money on very shaky security. 1884 *Law Times* 1 Nov. LXXVIII. 10/2 The manufacturer, whose credit is so shaky. 1908 *Blackw. Mag.* July 130/2 His seat in Parliament was shaky.

b. Unsettled in allegiance or belief.

1853 LYTTON *My Novel* XI. xvii, Well,..I must be off presently to see those three shaky voters in Fish Lane. 1857 LADY CANNING in A. J. C. Hare *Two Noble Lives* (1893) II. 202 The shaky regiment, the 37th, had tried to tamper with the Seiks. 1884 *Contemp. Rev.* Jan. 141 A work..calculated to render persons who are shaky in their belief in religion..more shaky still.

c. Not completely sound in health.

1844 DICKENS *Let.* 26 Feb. *Lett.* (1880) I. 100, I am rather shaky just now, but shall pull up. 1856 H. H. DIXON *Post & Paddock* 26 If his legs are shaky, he [the racehorse] is trained 'through the muzzle', as a forlorn hope.

d. Of knowledge, or persons with reference to this: Uncertain, doubtfully adequate, not to be depended on.

1860 *Hotten's Slang Dict.*, *Shaky*, said..at the University, of one not likely to pass his examination. 1881 *Century Mag.* XXIII. 934/2 In shaky but intelligible Spanish he asked..to see her father. 1889 W. S. GILBERT *Gondoliers* II, He is shaky in his spelling, so we help him if we can.

Shalche: see SHALL *v.* A. 6 a.

†**Sha·lder,** *sb.*1 ? *Obs. rare*–1. [related to SHALDER *v.*] ? A flake, split-off piece of stone.

1577 HARRISON *England* III. xv. [ix.] 114 b, Y^e flint and chalke, the shalder and the peble.

Shalder (ʃǭ·ldəɹ), *sb.*2 Also 9 **chalder, shelder, schalder, shaalder.** [Of obscure origin. Cf. SCOLDER2, SCALEDRAKE, SHELDIN, SHELDRAKE.] The oyster-catcher, *Hæmatopus ostralegus.*

1828 FLEMING *Brit. Anim.* 115 *Hæmotopus Ostralegus.* Common Oyster-catcher...*N.*, Chalder, Skeldrake. 1866 T. EDMONSTON *Shetl. & Orkney Gloss.*, Schalder. S. 1877 G. STEWART *Shetl. Fireside T.* ix. 68 The scream of the frighted shelder.

Shalder (ʃǭ·ldəɹ), *sb.*3 *dial.* Also **shelder.** [Of unknown origin.] A rush or sedge growing in ditches, esp. the yellow iris, *Iris Pseudacorus.*

1825 JENNINGS *Observ. Dial. W. Eng.* 66 *Shalder*, a kind of broad flat rush, growing in ditches. 1873 W. P. WILLIAMS & W. A. JONES *Somerset. Gloss.* 32 *Shalder.*

†**Sha·lder,** *v. Obs. rare.* Also 8 **shelder.** [? Cogn. w. SHALE *sb.* Cf. SHALDER *sb.*1, SHADDER *v.*] *intr.* To crumble.

1577 HARRISON *England* II. iii. [i. xv.] 69 b, Till such time as two hils betwixt which it ran, did shalder & so choke vp his [the river's] course. 1707 MORTIMER *Husb.* (1721) I. 75 Rising in gross Clods at the first breaking up of the Plough, and sheldring with the Frost. *Ibid.* II. 200 If you dig them often, the Sun, Rain, and Frosts will mellow them, so as to cause them to shelder into Dust.

Shale (ʃēl), *sb.*1 *Obs.* exc. *dial.* (in various senses see *Eng. Dial. Dict.*). Forms: 1 **scealu,** scalu, 3–5, 7, 9 *dial.* **schale,** 4 **schal,** 5 *pl.* **shalus,** 6 **shaell,** (7 *erron.* **shalt**), 4 **shale.** [OE. *sc(e)alu* str. fem. :—OTeut. **skalō*, ablaut-variant of **skēlō*, represented by ON. *skál* SCALE *sb.*1, q.v. for the Teut. cognates.]

†**1.** A dish; a cup or goblet := SCALE *sb.*1 1. *Obs.*

c 1075 in Kemble *Cod. Dipl.* IV. 275, .VI. mæsene sceala. *a* 1225 [see SCALE *sb.*1 1 β]. *c* 1325 *Metr. Hom.* 120 Seruanz war at this bridale, That birled win in cupp and schal.

†**2.** A shell, husk, esp. the shell or outer covering of a nut, which encloses the kernel; also the pod of peas or beans, etc. *Obs.*

[Also in †*nutshale*, examples of which (*c* 1205–1577) are given under NUTSHELL, where see the equivalent forms in continental Teut.]

c 825 *Epinal Gloss.* 462 *Glumula*, scalu. [*c* 1050 *Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 371/1 *Cittis*, uilmenum, æpelscealum ymb ða cyrnlu. *a* 1100 in Napier *OE. Glosses* i. 608 *Quisquiliarum*, æswæpe, beanscalu.] *c* 1384 CHAUCER *H. Fame* 1281, I saugh him carien a wind-melle Under a walsh-note shale. *c* 1430 LYDG. *Letabundus* 227 in *Minor P.* (1911) 56 The husk is falle, brokyn is the shale, The noote kernel, Closyd in scripturys..Al openly shewith his swetnesse. 1532 MORE *Confut. Tindale* Wks. 644/2 From the tone [sacrament] take they the swete carnel within, the blessed body of Christ, and leaue the people the shales. 1540 PALSGR. *Acolastus* Argt. Cj, He releued his hunger with peskod shales, or the huskes of other graynes. 1584 HANMER *Anc. Eccl. Hist.* (1585) Ep. Ded. *ij b, There is found wheate among tares,.. a kearnell within the shale [1663 shaell], marrow within the bone. 1659 ROBOTHAM *Gate Lang. Unlocked* xi. § 121 He that hath a minde to get out the kernel..must put away the husk [*marg.* Peel, coat, shalt]. 1668 WILKINS *Real Char.* II. vi. § 1. 171 Cod, Husk, Pod, Shell, shale, siliquous.

fig. 1599 SHAKS. *Hen. V*, IV. ii. 18 Doe but behold yond poore and starued Band, And your faire shew shall suck away their Soules, Leaning them but the shales and huskes of men. 1617 tr. *A. de Dominis' Serm.* (*Rom.* xiii. 12) 52 They stuffe them vp with swines meat, the huskes, and shales of these superfluous, and superstitious deuotions.

†**b.** As an example of something without value. *c* 1400 *Laud Troy Bk.* 7234 So wonderly the wynd it blewe, That alle here tentis ouerthrewe; Al ȝede to grounde bothe tent and hale, Here ropes vayled not of a schale.

†**c.** The shell of an egg or a shell-fish. *rare.*

1561 HOLLYBUSH *Hom. Apoth.* 11 b, Beat egges shales to pouder. 1567 MAPLET *Gr. Forest* 99 Periwincles .. are alwaies clothed with one and the same shale.

†**d.** The refuse of hemp: = SHEAVE *sb.*2

1577 B. GOOGE *Heresbach's Husb.* I. 39 b, Of Hempe..the Shales or Stalkes serue for the heating of Ouens.

3. A scale (of a fish, of metal, of a scaly disease, etc.). *Obs.* exc. *dial.*

1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* XIII. xxix. (Tollemache MS.), Fische þat ben bred in þe see haue harde shales and þikke,.. and ryuer fische haueþ sotel schales. *c* 1420 *Chron. Vilod.* 4601, & dame Alfyne woke of hurre slepe þo after anone: And mony shalus he syȝe falle from hurre heyȝe þo,—Þen myȝt he syȝe welle, & alle hurre sckenesse was agone. 1611 COTGR., *Finfreluches*, shales, or scales, or scalie excrements; as dandriffe, &c. 1655 W. F. *Observ. Fulke's Hk. Meteors* 170 Iron..purged in the fire,..in such sort as that which is earthy, doth at last turn to schales and dross. 1880 *W. Cornw. Gloss.*, *Shale*, a scale of a fish; a flake.

†**b.** Comb., *shale-fish* = shell-fish. *Obs.*

1596 DALRYMPLE tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* I. 41 Ostiris, Buckies, and vthiris schal fishe.

4. A mesh of a net. *Obs.* exc. *dial.*

1606 S. GARDINER *Bk. Angling* 37 Some..breake the shales of the net. 1855 ANNA GURNEY *Norf. Words* in *Trans. Phil. Soc.* 36 *Shale*, the mesh of a net.

5. *dial.* 'Loose substance from a mine or quarry; loose ore' (*Eng. Dial. Dict.*); see also quots.

[Cf. OE. *stánscalu*, ? a rocky stratum denuded of soil, whence *stánscylig* stony (ground).]

1793 A. YOUNG *Agric. Sussex* 16 The various sorts of lime-stone..with the thickness and shale of each different sort. 1860 *Eng. & Foreign Mining Gloss.* (ed. 2) *Cornw.* 21 *Scal*, a shale or portion of earth, rock &c., which separates and falls from the main body. 1882 JAGO *Cornw. Gloss.* 256 *Schale*, a scale, as a 'schale of earth', or earth slide in an excavation.

Shale (ʃēl), *sb.*2 [Perh. a use of SHALE *sb.*1, or a derivative of SHALE *v.* (sense 5).

There is no sufficient reason for the common view that it is a. G. *schale* (= SHALE *sb.*1), which is not used in this sense (the G. equivalent being *schieferthon* 'slate clay'); *schale* however occurs for a thin layer of ore or stone, and the *Deutsches Wbuch.* has *schalstein* a laminated limestone, *schalgebirge*, explained as 'a layer of stone in a stratified range of mountains'.]

1. An argillaceous fissile rock, the laminæ of which are usually fragile and uneven, and mostly parallel to the bedding; often overlying a coal formation. Also with qualifying word as *bituminous shale*, etc.

1747 HOOSON *Miner's Dict.* Liv b, Strong Beds, Shale, or Chists. 1796 KIRWAN *Elem. Min.* (ed. 2) I. 182 Slate Clay, Shale. 1811 J. FAREY *Derbyshire* I. 443 It is not uncommon with colliers to call any Argillaceous Stratum in very thin lamina by the name of Shale. 1833 LYELL *Princ. Geol.* III. 334 The conversion of clay into shale, and of sand into sandstone, may, in many cases, be attributed to simple pressure. 1884 *Times* (weekly ed.) 19 Sept. 3/2 A ring of shale, part of a large ribbed bead of delf.

b. A variety or specimen of this rock.

1830 [see BITUMINOUS *a.* b]. 1832 DE LA BECHE *Geol. Man.* (ed. 2) 315 Shales, grits, &c. 1873 C. ROBINSON *N. S. Wales* 52 Deposits of brown cannel oil coals and oil shales. 1878 A. H. GREEN etc., *Coal* i. 25 Tasmanite is a shale containing from 26 to 30 per cent. of combustible matter. 1890 *Hardwicke's Sci. Gossip* XXVI. 245/2 Next in order above the sandstones..occur the black shales.

c. *spec.* = ALUM-*shale. dial.*

1825–80 JAMIESON, *Shale*, a name given to alum ore. 1847

HALLIWELL, *Shale*,..alum ore. 1876 *Whitby Gloss.*, *Shale*, the gray alum rock of this quarter.

2. *attrib.* and *Comb.* a. simple attrib., as *shale distillation*, *limestone*, *mine*, *miner*; instrumental, as *shale-sprinkled* adj.

1842 SEDGWICK in *Hudson's Guide Lakes* (1843) 209 *Third Group, or Shale Limestone.*—This group forms the upper part of the calcareous zone on the north side of the Cumbrian mountains. 1884 *Times* (weekly ed.) 19 Sept. 3/2 Beyond.. turning up a large, ornamental shale ring, nothing could be done. 1887 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 21 Sept. 11/2 The shale miners of Scotland. 1894 *Westm. Gaz.* 30 May 5/3 Mr. Robert Bell ..was the first to manufacture oil from shale distillation in Scotland. 1901 KIPLING *Kim* xiv. 358 They held the shale-sprinkled grass for an hour.

b. Special comb.: **shale-naphtha, -oil**, naphtha and oil obtained by the destructive distillation of bituminous shale; †**shale-shiver**, laminated shale; **shale-stone** *dial.*, slate; **shale-tar**, tar derived from bituminous shale.

1855 *Q. Jrnl. Chem. Soc.* VII. 106 The existence in *shale naphtha of the isomer of cumidine. 1857 MILLER *Elem. Chem., Org.* ix. 580 (heading) *Shale oils. 1886 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 14 Dec. 4/1 The Midland has begun to burn shale oil in the lamps hung in its suburban trains. 1794 T. HUTCHINSON *Hist. Cumbld.* I. *Catal. Anim.*, etc. 46 *Shale Shiver. 1880 *W. Cornw. Gloss.*, **Shale-stone*, *Shilstone*, slate. 1857 MILLER *Elem. Chem., Org.* ix. 580 *Shale tar is particularly rich in basic substances.

Shale (ʃēl), *v.*[1] *Obs.* exc. *dial.* Also 5 schale, 6 shaell, (7 shalle, 9 shail). [f. SHALE *sb.*[1]]

1. *trans.* To free from the shell or husk; to remove, take *off* (the shell or husk) from a nut, bean, fruit, etc.; to decorticate (hemp). ? *Obs.*

1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* XVIII. liii. (1495) 812 Amptes shale the greynes that they done togyders for they sholde not growe ayen and wexe grene corn. *c* 1420 *Liber Cocorum* (1862) 25 Take smalle notes, schale not [? out] kurnele, As þou dose of almondes, fayre and wele. *c* 1430 *Two Cookery-bks.* xl. 13 Take grete Oystrys, an schale hem. *c* 1518 *Kal. Sheph.* i. A v, Yet may they syt and shaell peson. 1577 B. GOOGE *Heresbach's Husb.* I. 41 Hempe harnest..The Male..is made vp in bundels to be knockt and shaled [orig. *confringenda, decorticataque repurganda*] in Winter euenynges. 1607 TOPSELL *Four-f. Beasts* 643 Parched harley which hath bene well shaled. 1613–16 W. BROWNE *Brit. Past.* II. iv. 97 A little Lad set on a bancke to shale The ripen'd Nuts pluck'd in a woody Vale. 1622 SIR R. HAWKINS *Voy. S. Sea* xxiv. 55 They haue hudds, as our Beanes, which shaled off, the kernell parteth it selfe in two. 1693 *Urquhart's Rabelais* III. xviii. 145 The Bean is not seen till..its swad..be shaled.

fig. *a* 1680 T. GOODWIN *Blessed State* x. Wks. 1703 V. III. 64 This Abundancy of Life, that is in God, instantly shales off, Works out all that Filth, Frailty, Misery.

†b. *intr.* To allow of being shelled. *rare.*

1600 SURFLET *Country Farm* III. lxv. 581 The vttermost pilling of common walnuts, whether it shale willingly or no may be distilled in the moneth of September.

2. Of grain, seed, etc.: To drop out.

[1578 ? Implied in SHALING *ppl. a.*] 1642 D. ROGERS *Naaman* 616 Suffer it to shale and fall to the ground for lack of reaping. 1764 *Museum Rust.* II. xxv. 80 Coleseed is a seed that will shed or shale very greatly, if it is not reaped in proper time. 1895 *E. Angl. Gloss.*, *Shail*..to drop out.

†3. *trans.* To shed (a tooth). *Obs. rare.*

1686–7 AUBREY *Rem. Gentilisme* (1881) 11 When Children shaled their Teeth. *Ibid.* 27 When children did shalle a tooth they rubbed salt upon it, and then threw it into the fire.

4. *intr.* Of water: To form an incrustation. *rare*[–1].

1844 H. HUTCHINSON *Treat. Pract. Drainage Land* 160 In some drains water will shale or form an incrustation upon the flat tile.

5. To cleave, as stones in being raised.

1712 J. MORTON *Nat. Hist. Northampt.* 129 Rammel, a Stone unfit for Building, because in the raising it cleaves or shales into many small uneaven Pieces. 1851 STERNBERG *Northampt. Gloss.* 93.

†6. *To shale out*: ? to strip (a tree). *Obs.*

1618 W. LAWSON *New Orch. & Garden* xiii. (1623) 45 The Bul-finch is a deuourer of your Fruit in the bud, I haue had whole trees shald out with them in Winter-time.

Shale (ʃēl), *v.*[2] *rare.* [app. echoic: see quot. 1834.] *intr.* Of water: To make the sound characteristic of tidal movement near the shore.

1834 M. SCOTT *Cruise Midge* xvi. (1842) 299 The water in the bay..again rushed in with a loud *shaling* noise,—I coin the word for the sound—in *bores* nearly ten feet high. 1890 CLARK RUSSELL *Marriage at Sea* ix, A gentle *shaling* noise of waters broken by the passage of the vessel. 1897 — *Last Entry* 57 The stream of tide softly shaled along the bends of the schooner.

Shale, variant of SHAIL *v.*[2]

†**Shaled**, *ppl. a. Obs.* [f. SHALE *sb.*[1] and *v.*[1]]

1. a. Encased as in a shell.

? *a* 1400 *Morte Arth.* 766 His [*sc.* a dragon's] scoulders ware schalyde alle in clene syluere, Schreede ouer alle the schrympe with schrinkande poyntez.

b. Consisting of a shell.

1567 MAPLET *Gr. Forest* 77 Plinie vsed this Latine worde *Cancer*, for a generall or common name for all such as haue, & weare shaled garments.

c. Having a 'shale', shell, or pod.

c 1575 DUCKET in Hakluyt *Voy.* (1599) I. 397 Hasell nuts, ..as good and thin shaled as are our Filberds. 1622 *Comenius' Janua Ling. Triling.* 19 The fruits of the earth bring grains; those which are eared in ears,..those which are shal'd in shales [*siliquatæ in siliquis*].

2. *Schalyd hed*: app. = SCALD HEAD 2.

1400–50 *Stockh. Med. MS.* 100 To holen a schalyd hed.

3. Peeled or stript of shell, shelled.

1598 FLORIO, *Snocciolato*, crackt nuts, shaled nuts. 1665 LOVELL *Hist. Anim. & Min.* 110 Tosted and shaled Barly.

Shalemuse, obs. form of SHAWM.

†**Sha·ler.** *Obs. rare*[–0]. [f. SHALE *v.* + -ER 1.] One who 'shales' or shells.

1611 COTGR., *Escailleur*, a..piller, shaler of. 1648 HEXHAM II, *Een scheller*, A Peeler, a Rinder, or a Shaler.

†**Shaleur.** *Obs. rare*[–1]. [a. F. *chaleur* heat.] = HEAT *sb.* 13.

1509 WATSON *Ship of Fools* ix. (1517) C ij b, Some hath recours vnto vyces lyke as an olde dogge hath after a bytche that is in shaleur.

‖ **Shalgram** (ʃa·lgrām). Also **salgram.** [Hindī *çālgrām*, repr. Skr. *çālagrāma* the name of a village where this stone was found.] An ammonite or other fossil, sacred to Vishnu.

1784 F. GLADWIN tr. *Ayeen Akbery* II. 29 Salgram, is a black stone which the hindoos hold sacred. 1905 MACPHAIL *Kenneth S. Macdonald* x. 133 The Shalgram, from the geological point of view, is an ammonite fossil. *Ibid.*, The Shalgram, he explained, was one of the three things essential to daily worship in an orthodox Hindu house.

Sha·ling, *vbl. sb.* ? *Obs.* [f. SHALE *v.*[1] + -ING 1.] The action of removing the outer shell or husk; also pl. the shell or husks removed.

1611 COTGR., *Chaloppes*, the huskes, parings, or shalings, of a nut, or nut-kernell. *Ibid.*, *Escaillement*, a..pilling, shaling of. *Ibid.* s. v. *Fabal*, *Le fa*: *de febues*, the chaffe, hulls, or shalings of beanes. 1686 PLOT *Staffordsh.* 170 These are..used..chiefly for Rye, Barley, and Manlt, or for shaling of Oates.

†**Sha·ling**, *ppl. a. Obs. rare*[–1]. [f. SHALE *v.*[1] + -ING 2.] ? Falling from the husk as ripe.

1578 *Procter's Gorg. Gallery Gallant Invent.* G ij b, The shaling nuts and mast, that falleth from the tree, Should serue for my repast.

Shalk. *poet. Obs.* Forms: 1–3 scealc, 3 scalk, scalc, scælk, 4–5 skalke, schalke, 4–6 schalk, 5 shalk(e. [Com. Teut.: OE. *sc(e)alc* masc. = OFris., OS. *skalk*, OHG. *scalc*, *scalh* servant (MHG. *schalk* servant, mod.G. *schalk* rogue, wag), ON. *skalk-r* (Icel. *skálk-r* rogue, Sw., Da. *skalk*), Goth. *skalk-s* servant:—OTeut. **skalko-z*. No cognates outside Teut. have been found; the word forms the second element in **marho-skalko-z* -' horse-servant', MARSHAL *sb.*] Originally, a servant; in alliterative poetry one of the common synonyms for 'man'. (In the last example used contemptuously.)

Beowulf 939 Nu sceale [Beowulf] hafað..dæd gefremede, ðe we ealle ærne meahton snyttrum besyrwan. *c* 1000 *Ags. Ps.* (Th.) lxxxv. 2 Hæl þinne scealc [*salvum fac servum tuum*]. *c* 1205 LAY. 4219 Heo wenden bi þen scelden þat hit heore scalkes weoren. *Ibid.* 19126 Þer wes moni bald scalc. 13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* C. 476 þe schyre sunne hade hem schent, er euer þe schalk wyst. *a* 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 1391 Archars with arows of atter envemonde Schotis vp scharply at shalkis [*Dubl. MS.* salkez] on þe wallis. *c* 1440 *York Myst.* xxxiii. 2 Ze schappely schalkes and schene for to schawe, I charge 30u as 30ur chiftan þat [etc.]. *c* 1450 *Golagros & Gaw.* 891 Sexty schalkis full schene, Cled in armour sa clene. 1508 DUNBAR *Tua Mariit Wemen* 105 Quhen schaiffyn is that bld schalk with a sharp rasiour, He schowis on me his schewill mouth.

Shalke, obs. form of CHALK *sb.*

Shall (ʃæl), *sb.* [f. SHALL *v.*]

1. An utterance of the word 'shall'; a command, promise, or determination (such as is expressed by means of 'shall').

It is doubtful whether quots. 1553 and 1608 belong to this word or to SHALE *sb.*[1] Quots. 1566 and 1593 imply the existence of a punning phrase *to feed* or *serve with shalls* (*shales*).

1553 *Respublica* (Brandl) III. iii. 90 *Adul.* Ye shall prove att leogth by theffecte yᵗ shall ensue. *Peop.* Nai, and we shall alwaie bee serued hut with shales, than chil beleve een still yᵗ vaire woordes beeth but tales. 1566 ASCHAM *Let.* in Harington *Nugæ Antiq.* (1804) I. 101 As now another man shall enjoye the sweet kirnell of this hard and chardgeable nutt, which I have bene so long in cracking; and nothing left unto me but shells and shalls to feed me with all. 1593 CHURCHYARD *Challenge* 153 Y 2, You shall haue Nuts, they say when ploms are ripe. Thus all with shalls or shalles ye shal be fed, And gape for gold, and want both Gold and lead. 1607 SHAKS. *Cor.* III. i. 90 Marke you His absolute Shall? 1608 *Merry Devil Edmonton* II. ii. 2 What? hast thou fed me all this while with shalles. And com'st to tell me now, thou lik'st it not? 1677 GILPIN *Dæmonol.* I. xiii. 103 These *wills* and *shalls* of wicked Men, are for the most part God's interpretation of their Acts and Carriage. 1870 M. ARNOLD *St. Paul & Protestantism* (1875) 85 The external *shalls* and *shall nots* of the law.

2. The word 'shall' as idiomatically used in contradistinction to 'will'.

1837 MACAULAY *Ess.*, *Bacon* (1843) II. 408 Not one Londoner in a million ever misplaces his *will* and *shall*. 1861 Jos. ANGUS *Handbk. Engl. Tongue* 219 These 'Shalls' are sometimes wrongly emphasized. 1882 A. J. ELLIS *Presid. Addr.* in *Trans. Philol. Soc.* 23 These *shalls* and *wills* are still shibboleths. 1891 *Daily News* 26 June 5/2 Perhaps no Scot ever yet mastered his 'shalls' and 'wills'.

Shall (ʃæl, *unstressed* ʃəl, ʃ'l). Pa. t. **should** (ʃud, ʃəd). Forms: see below. [A Com. Teut. preterite-present strong verb: OE. *sceal*, *sculon*, *sc(e)olde* = OFris. *skil* (*skel*, *scol*), *skilun* (*skalun*, etc.), *skolde* (*sculde*, etc.), OS. *skal*, *skulun*, *skolda*, OLow Frankish *sal*, *sulum*, *solde* (MDu. *sal*, *sullen*, *solde*, mod.Du. *zal*, *zullen*, *zou*), OHG. *scal*, *sculun*, *scolta*, also *sal* (*sol*), *sulun*, *solta* (MHG. *schal* and *schol*, *schulen*, *scholte*, also *sal* and *sol*, *sulen*, *solte*; mod.G. *soll*, *sollen*, *sollte*), ON. *skal*, *skulu*, *skylda* (Sw. *skall*, pa. t. *skulle*; Da. *skal*, pa.t. *skulde*), Goth. *skal*, *skulum*, *skulda*. The Teut. root (**skel-*:) **skal-* : **skul-* to owe (:—pre-Teut. **skel-* : **skol-* : **skˈl*) is represented by Goth. *skula*, OHG., OS. *scolo*, OE. *gescola* wk. masc., debtor, OHG. *sculd*, *sculda* (mod.G. *schuld*), OS. *sculd*, OE. *scyld* fem., debt, guilt. Outside Teut. the only certain cognates are Lith. *skelėti* to be guilty, *skìlti* to get into debt, *skolà* debt, guilt, OPrussian *skallisnan* (acc.) duty, *skellânts* guilty, *po-skulit* to admonish.

The northern English dialects (including Sc.) have a form *sal*, pa. t. *suld*, with initial *s* instead of *sh*. This does not occur in the remains of ONorthumbrian, but first appears in the 13th c. It is remarkable that a similar form, with *s* irregularly representing OTeut. *sk*, existed as a dialectal variant in OHG. (*sal*, *sol*, *sulun*) and OFris. (*sal*, *sel*), and has ousted the regular form in Ger. (*soll*, *sollen*) and Du. (*zal*, *zou*). Some scholars regard the *s* form as representing an OTeut. variant, originating from the euphonic dropping of *k* in inflexional forms like the subjunctive **skl-*. It seems more probable that it was independently developed in the different dialects at an early period, while the *sk*-retained its original pronunciation; in stressless position the *k* might naturally be dropped, and the simplified initial afterwards extended by analogy to the stressed use.

In Eng. the vb. has no inf. or pples. (the evidence of an OE. inf. *sculan*, *sceolan*, is doubtful). Some of the other Teut. langs. have an infinitive: OHG. *scolan*, *solan* (MHG., mod.G. *sollen*), MDu. *sullen* (Du. *zullen*), ON. *skulu* (pa. t. inf. *skyldu*); Goth. has the pres. pple. *skulands* and the pa. pple. *skuld-s*; OHG. has the pres. pple. *scolanti* (mod.G. *sollend*), and early mod.G. the pa. pple. *gesollt*; ON. has a ppl. adj. *skyld-r* bound by duty.]

A. Inflexional Forms.

I. Present tense.

1. *1st and 3rd pers. sing.* α. 1 sceall, scell, scyl, 1–3 sc(e)al, scel, scæl, 3 scall, *erron.* swal, 3–4 ssal, 3–6 schal, 3–7 shal, 4 schel, ssel, 4–5 schalle, xal, 4–6 schall, 5 shalle, schawl(l, schaul, chall, schel(e, schill, 5–6 xalle, 5–7 shale, 3– shall.

Beowulf 438 (Gr.) Ic mid grape sceal fon wið feonde. *c* 831 *Charter* in *O. E. Texts* 445 Hwet man elce zere.. aziaban scel. *c* 888 ÆLFRED *Boeth.* xxxix. § 5 Hu hit zeweorðan sceall ær ær hit zeweorðe. *c* 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* Matt. x. 8 *marg.*, Biscop scæl cunneze..ðone preost. *a* 1000 *Andreas* 1483 (Gr.) Þæt scell æzlæwra mann..findan on ferðe. *c* 1000 *Ags. Gosp.* Luke xxii. 37 Ðyt scyl beon zefylled þæt be me awriten is. *a* 1175 *Cott. Hom.* 219 For wan hi beoð þuss icweðe me scel sigge, an oðre stowe. *c* 1200 ORMIN 17684 All þatt follc þatt æfre wass & all þatt 3et shall wurrþenn. *c* 1205 LAY. 5435 Eow swal beon þe betere. *Ibid.* 32149 No scal hit eou reouwe nauere. *c* 1250 *Owl & Night.* 1195 Ich wot hwo schal [*v.r.* sal] beon anhonge. 1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 138 Her after..me ssal ihere al þis. *a* 1300 *K. Horn* 1312 Ischal þe to hewe [*v.r.* ich schal]. 1340 *Ayenb.* 2 (*heading*), Hou me ssel knawe guod and knead. 13.. *Sir Beues* (A.) 155 Me self schel dobbe þe to knizt. *c* 1375 *Lay Folks Mass Bk.* (MS. B) 357 Be my helpe whils I shal lyue. 1382 Shall [see B. 7 c]. 1389 in *Eng. Gilds* (1870) 54 He xal paye ye rytes of ye hows at his entre, viij.*d.* 1426 AUDELAY *Poems* 10, I schal say 3on the soth, that wel schul 3e wyt. *c* 1450 *Mankind* 586 in *Macro Plays* 22, I xall goo ronde in hys ere. 1463 MARG. PASTON in *P. Lett.* II. 143, I trowe it shall apeyer. 1525 SAMPSON in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. I. I. 261 A synnar..nevyr..schall..deserve such a singulier goodnesse. 1535 COVERDALE *Amos* ix. 11, I shal repayre it. 1536 in *Lett. Suppress. Monasteries* (Camden) 126, I thynke longe to know wherto I xall hold me. 1660 *Act* 12 *Chas. II*, c. 24 § 15 Who doth or shall tap out such Beere. 1663 *Extr. St. Papers rel. Friends* Ser. II. (1911) 164 This Shal be your warrant.

β. 3 sel, sæl, 3–4 sale, 4–5 salle, (5 sill, 6 sell), 3– sal, 4– sall.

From 14th c. onwards only *north.* In the early southern and midland examples (Layamon, etc.) the initial *s* represents (ʃ).

c 1205 LAY. 8904 þi mon he sæl hi-cumen. *c* 1220 *Bestiary* 25 Sal he neure luken ðe lides of hise zesen. *c* 1275 LAY. 701 þe bet 30u sel worþe. *a* 1300 *Sarmun* xxx. in *E. E. P.* (1862) 4 Þe erþe þe watir þan sal sprede. *a* 1325 *MS. Rawl. B* 520 lf. 28 b, Ase ofte as þe tressepas multipliez so sal þe torment wexen of þe peine.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 119, I sal yow schew..Bretli of aiþere testament. 1338 R. BRUNNE *Chron.* (1725) 5 Dede him toke ..als it salle do vs. *a* 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 3194 Quat sall I dreze. *c* 1461 in *Jarrow & Wearmouth* (Surtees) 246 He salle knawe hyme hy yir takynis. 1473 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* I. 14 For the quhilk he sal ansuer to the compt. 1508 DUNBAR *Tua mariit wemen* 372 Ane othir sall the worschip haif. 1646 *Hamilton Papers* (Camden) 112, I sall represent the necessitie of it the best way I can. 1784 BURNS *Addr. Illegit. Child* v, If thou..tak' the counsel I sall gie thee. 1887 *S. Chesh. Gloss.* 89 Unemphatic Form *Sall* (sŭl, sl).

γ. 3 sol, shol, 3–4 sohul(l, 4 sul, 5 scholl, shul, 6 schol, 9 *dial.* sholl, shull, etc.

c 1250 *Owl & Night.* 1025 (Cott.) Wat sol ich þar mid mine songe? *c* 1330 *King of Tars* 32, I schul hire winnen in pleyn batayle. 1455 *Cal. Anc. Rec. Dublin* (1889) 287 No maner of man ne woman scholl lad no corne. 1526 J. TAYLOR in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. II. I. 333 At whos commyng I schol wryte more at large.

2. *2nd pres.* α. 1–2 scealt, 2–3 scalt, 3 scælt, scelt, sælt, sschalt, shallt, schald, sald, scald, 3–5 schalt, (also 9 *dial.*) salt, 4 sselt, shelt, shult, 5 schild, xalt, 5–6, *dial.* 8–9 shat, 4– shalt.

c 888 ÆLFRED *Boeth.* xlii, An þing ðu scealt nede þæran

witan. *c* 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* Mark x. 21 Ðu scealt habba ȝe-strion in heofoe. *c* 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 39 Þu scalt biwepen þiue sunne. *c* 1200 ORMIN Ded. 38 Tekenn mare inoh þu shallt tæronne findenn. *c* 1205 LAY. 11492 Þu scælt habben wurhscipe muchele. *a* 1225 *Leg. Kath.* 1613 Þu schalt stihen biforen me to drihtin in heouene. *c* 1250 *Hymn* 31 in *Trin. Coll. Hom.* App. 256 Þu sschalt us in to heouene lede. *c* 1250 *O. E. Misc.* 156/22 Þeune þu schald wel do. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 26406 Þar-of salt þou þe vmlok. 1303 R. BRUNNE *Handl. Synne* 3737 Þou shalt haue charge of þo boþe. 1340 *Ayenb.* 100 Þis ruete word vader..þe sseaweþ þet þou sselt yleue. 1393 LANGL. *P. Pl.* C. XII. 113 To clergie shult þow neuere come. 1435 MISYN *Fire of Love* II. iv. 77 Þow salt chawnge. *c* 1440 *Stac. Rome* 281 in *Polit. Rel. & L. Poems* 152 Þou shat haue gret mede. *c* 1450 LOVELICH *Grail* xxi. 277 In pes ne Reste Schat thow neuer be. *c* 1450 *Cov. Myst.* (Shaks. Soc.) 37 Thou xalt be ded. *c* 1475 *Partenay* 2166 What shalt thou now don? *c* 1560 *Trag. Rich. II* (1870) 55, I com ouer them for ther blancke charters, shat heere else. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* VIII. 330 Inevitably thou shalt dye. 1749 FIELDING *Tom Jones* XV. v, Shat ha un, d—n me, shat ha un. 1879 *Shropsh. Word-bk.* p. lxxi, Thou sha't, or sha'st be.

β. 3–4 **salle**, 3–5 **sale**, **schal**, 4–5 **shal**, 5 **schall(e, shal(l)e**, 7–8 *dial.* **shall**, 3– (now *dial.*) **sal(l.** (Cf. note on 1 *β.*)

c 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 1815 Ðu sal ben hoten israel.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 1252 Toward þe est end of þis dale Find a grene gate þou sale. 1375 BARBOUR *Bruce* IV. 659 Feill anoyis thoill ȝhe sall. *a* 1400 HYLTON *Scala Perf.* (W. de W. 1494) I. lxxv, Kyndely hunger whiche thou shal nedelynges fele. *a* 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 688 Þou sall..se þe same with þine eȝen. *c* 1485 *Mary Magd.* 1176 in *Digby Myst.* 100 Stryppys on þi ars þou xall have. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* I. viii. 97 Nor thou sall nevir repent the sickirlie. *a* 1592 GREENE *Jas. IV*, I. iii, *Eust.*...I'll see her whom the world admires so much...*Sir Bar.* Be gad, and sall both see and talk with her. 1869 *Lonsdale Gloss.* s. v. *Sal*, Thou sal du it.

3. *pl. a.* 1 **sculon, sceolon, sciolon, -un, scilon, sceulon, scolan, scylun**, 2 **sceolen**, 2–3 **sculen, sul(l)en**, 3 **scullen, sceollen, shulenn, scholen, sollen, sulin, sullen**, 3–5 **schullen, schulen**, 4 **ssollen, sshullen, schollen, shullon, ssulin, sullen, solen**, 4–5 **shul(l)en, schulyn**, 5 **shullan, -yn, -on, schulun.**

c 888 ÆLFRED *Boeth.* xxxiii. § 4 Hwæt sculon we nu don? *c* 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* Matt. v. 46 ðie sciolun habba, *habebitis. Ibid.* xx. 18 We stiȝes *vel* we scilon stiȝe, *ascendimus. a* 1000 *Cædmon's Gen.* 1902 (Gr.) Ne sceolon unc betweonan teonan weaxan. *c* 1100 *O. E. Chron.* an. 870 (MS. F) Oððe þas preostas scolan munecas beon, oððe [etc.]. *c* 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 5 Þet we sulen habben ure heorte..to ure drihten. *c* 1200 *Vices & Virtues* 7 For hire we sculen alle deað þolien. *c* 1200 [see B. 10 b]. *c* 1205 LAY. 8780 To-gaderen wit scullen [*c* 1275 sollen] libben. *Ibid.* 9518 Faren wit swullen to-somne. *a* 1275 *Prov. Ælfred* 16 in *O. E. Misc.* 103 Whu we ȝure lif lede sulin. *c* 1300 *Havelok* 621 We sholen þe wel fede. 1435 *Cov. Leet Bk.* 181 Poor chapmen..shullon be gretely hyndered. *c* 1449 PECOCK *Repr.* II. xiii. 223 Thei schulen no longer so erre.

β. contracted. 4 **schulne, shuln**, 4–5 **schun, schin, schyn**, 5 **schyn(n)e, shyn, schone**, 9 *dial.* **shan, sun**, etc.

13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* C. 1810 Þose þat seme arn & swete schyn se his face. 1362 LANGL. *P. Pl.* A. XI. 237 Godis word witnessiþ we shuln ȝiue & dele oure enemys. 1389 in *Eng. Gilds* (1870) 67 They schun holdyn..foure dayes of spekyngges tokedere. *c* 1420 *Liber Cocorum* (1862) 34 Per bene bestes þat schyne be rost. 1447 BOKENHAM *Scyntys, Cecilia* 408 Fynd we shula a ful cruel fal. *c* 1450 *Bk. Curtasye* 590 in *Babees Bk.*, Baylys, and parker, Schone come to acountes euery ȝere. 1887 *S. Chesh. Gloss.* 89 Emphatic Form..Wey shaan...Unemphatic Form..Wey sün, sn.

γ. 1 (*Northumb.*) **scilo**, 2–3 **scule**, 2–4 **sculle**, 3 **shul(l)e, solle, schule, sul(l)e, ssulle, sul**, 3–4 **ssolle, schole**, 4 **schoulle, ssolle, schol, sschulle, scolle, chul, sul**, 4–5 **scholle, shulle, schul(e, schulle, shul**, 5 **shule, shole, chull, schil(l, xul.**

c 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* Matt. x. 19 Huæt ȝespreca scilo, *quid loquamini. c* 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 41 Ne scule ȝe neure god don unforgolden. *c* 1200 ORMIN 8655 Siþþenn shule witt anan Off hunngerr deȝenn haþe. *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 303 For adam sul ðus and his wif In blisse ðus leden lesteful lif. *c* 1300 *K. Horn* 1262 (Laud MS.), To day we schole hem keche. 1340 *Ayenb.* 186 Wel ssolle we habbe reuþe. *c* 1350 *Will. Palerne* 3339 Redli chul ȝe spede. 1390 GOWER *Conf.* I. 38 Pes and acord awey schol wende. *c* 1410 *Sir Cleges* 227 Ye schill to Cardyffe to the kynge. 1426 AUDELAY *Poems* 5 ȝe schul have grace. 14..*Pol. Rel. & L. Poems* (1903) 277 In tyme quan we xul dey. *c* 1450 *Mirk's Festial* 203 ȝe chull come þat day to holy chyrch. 1471 CAXTON *Recuyell* (Sommer) 44 What shulle we now doo thynke ye. *c* 1500 *Melusine* I. 16 Al thoo that shal demande the without cesse,..shul be putt from theire prosperytees.

δ. 3 **scul(l)eð, sulleð, ssulsþ, s(s)olleþ**, 3–4 **schul(l)eþ, 4 shulleþ, schulleþ.**

c 1205 LAY. 27376 Heo sculleð heon islaȝene. 1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 724 Þine sostren ssolleþ abbeal. 1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) III. 451 Þey schulleþ [MS. γ scholleþ] goo out at þe worldes ende. 1393 LANGL. *P. Pl.* C. IV. 53 For mede we shulleþ synge. 1395 *E. E. Wills* (1882) 10 To do and to preye as othere Reclus..Shulleth don and preye.

ε. 2 **scale**, 3–4 **sal(e**, 3–6 **sall**, 4 **ssohal, salle, shal(le**, 4–5 **schal(l**, 5 **shalle, shal, xal(l**, (etc. as in 1) 4– **shall.**

c 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 83 Hwan we scale festen. *c* 1250 *Owl & Night.* 1206 Ic wot if smithes sale vuele clenche. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 11450 To hend and fete we sal him fall. 13.. *Gaw. & Gr. Knt.* 2405 We schal yow wel acorde. *c* 1380 WYCLIF *Serm.* Sel. Wks. I. 141 Þei shal not see him. 1390 GOWER *Conf.* I. 44 Remembrance Of that thei schall hierafter rede. *c* 1400 *26 Pol. Poems* 149/232 All that lyuen.. Shall dye. *c* 1450 *Mankind* 358 in *Macro Plays* 14 We xall bargen with yow. 1552 LYNDESAY *Monarche* 6242 Quhen the Childryng of God..Sall do appeir. 1660 CHAS. II, in *Cath. Rec. Soc. Publ.* VI. 39 Yᵘ shale find yᵗ hearafter I will do all I can. 1664 *Extr. St. Papers rel. Friends* Ser. III. (1912) 220 We shal easily provide els-where.

4. *Subjunctive.* 1 **scule, sceole, sciele, scile, scyle,** (*pl.* 1 **scylen, -un, sceulen**), 3 **sculle, shul(l)e, sule, schulle, schille**, 3–5 **schule.**

c 888 ÆLFRED *Boeth.* xxxviii. § 7 Ne scyle [*v.r.* sceal] nan mon siocne monnan..sweacan. *c* 897 — *Gregory's Past. C.* v. 40 Hu hie selfe scylen fulfremedeste weorðan. *c* 1000 ÆLFRIC *Exod.* v. 2 Hwæt ys se drihten, þæt ic hym hiran scile? *c* 1200 ORMIN 3546 Þatt illc mann shule cumean ham. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 178 Þet heo muwe & schule þuruh ham þe betere beon ihoruwen. *c* 1250 *Owl & Night.* 1683 (Cott.) Schille [*Jesus* schulle] ich an utest uppen ow grede, ich shal swo stronge ferde lede [etc.]. *c* 1275 *Passion our Lord* 144 in *O. E. Misc.* 41 Þeyh ich to þe deþe schulle myd þe go. *c* 1450 MYRC 587 ȝef hyt schule in greyþe fare.

5. Rednced enclitic forms (all persons and numbers). *a.* 6 **-sh, -s**, 7 **-ce**, 6– **-se**, 7– **s'**; *miswritten* 7–9 **'s**, 8–9 **'se.**

Very frequent in the north, in the expressions *Ise uphaud, Ise warrant*: see *Uphold, Warrant* in Eng. Dial. Dict.

1560 ROLLAND *Seven Sages* Prol. ii, For Dialogs (quod I) weis get anew. *c* 1566 *Merie Tales of Skelton* Wks. 1843 I. p. lviii, In gewd faith, saith the Kendallman, do see, and Ise bay for your skott to London. 1575 *Gammer Gurton* I. v. 39 Youish beare the blame for mee. 1575 *Ibid.* III. iii. 44 Thouse pay for al. 1578 WHETSTONE *Promos & Cass.* II. iv. ii, Yuse haue a blew one soone. 1585 JAS. I *Ess. Poesie* (Arb.) 63 *Iis neir cair*, for *I sall neuer cair. a* 1592 GREENE *Jas. IV* Ind., Ays gar thee recon me nene of thay friend. 1605 SHAKS. *Lear* IV. vi. 246 Ice try whither your Costard, or my Ballow be the harder. 1647 CHAS. I *Let. to Dk. York* 15 July, Where I s'have the contentment of seeing you. *c* 1780 in Child *Ballads* III. 489/1 Thy dinner's be dressd in Annan Holme. 1825 JAMIESON s. v. *Ise*, In Lanarks. and other counties, *ye'se, he'se, she'se, we'se, they'se, that'se*, are also used... *Thou'se* also for *thou shalt. a* 1864 in R. A. Arnold *Cotton Famine* 303 Aw feel better neaw. We's be reet enough to-morn, lass.

β. 6–9 **-st**; *miswritten* **'st.** *dial.*

a 1590 *Marr. Wit & Wisd.* (Shaks. Soc.) 8, I promise the, before these folke, Thoust neuer cost me grote. 1728 VANBRUGH & CIBBER *Provok'd Husb.* I. 27 We'st ta' the best care we can of 'um.

6. *a.* With pronouns affixed: *sing.* 1*st pers.* 6 **shalche.** *2nd pers.* 1 **scealtu**, 3 **s(c)haltu, saltu**, 3–4 **shaltou**, 3–5 **shaltow**, 4 **schal(s)tow, saltou, -ow(e, schaltou, scheltou.** *3rd pers.* 6 **shalla.** *pl.* 1*st pers.* 7 **shalles, shals, shal's** (= *shall us*). *2nd pers.* 3 **sollie** (= *soll ye*).

1553 *Respublica* v. vii. 1609 And what shalche zai to om? *a* 1000 *Andreas* 220 (Gr.) Scealtu..mid ærdæge..ceol ȝestiȝan. *a* 1225 *Leg. Kath.* 2094 Ne schaltu nower neh se lihtliche esterten. *c* 1300 *Havelok* 1322 Alle þe castles þat aren þer-inne Shal-tow..winne. *c* 1350 *Will. Palerne* 325 Þat alle þi frendes fordedes faire schalstow quite. *a* 1352 MINOT *Poems* (ed. Hall) xi. 25 Say now,..how saltou fare? *c* 1380 *Sir Ferumb.* 1436 To Egremoygne-ward scheltou fare. *c* 1400 *Rom. Rose* 7467 But shaltow never of apparence Seene conclude good consequence In none argument.

1556 PHAER *Æneid* IV. L ij, And shalla go? Indeede? and shalla flowte me thus?

1605 *1st Pt. Ieronimo* (1901) II. i. 50 Prince Balthezer, shalles meete? 1613 HEYWOOD *Brazen Age* II. ii, Shals to the field. 1626 B. JONSON *Staple of N.* IV. i. 3 What shal's doe with our selues?

c 1250 *Kent. Serm.* in *O. E. Misc.* 32 Comeþ to srifte.. þanne sollie habbe þo helþe of heuene.

b. With *not* (*na*) affixed: 7–9 (now *dial.*) **shan-not, shan't not, sha'nt**; *Sc.* and *north.* 8 **sha'na**, 8–9 **shanna (shinna**, etc.); 7 **shann't, sha'nt**, 7– **sha'n't, shan't** (9 *dial.* **sant**, etc.).

1664 S. CROSSMAN in Palmer *Bk. Praise* (1865) 167 My Life and I sha'nt part. 1668 DRYDEN *Secret Love* I. ii, By this leg but you shan'not. 1675 COTTON *Burlesque upon B.* 48 Nay but I wonnot, so I wonnot, Nor you shan't keep me, no you shannot. 1677 RAVENSCROFT *Scaramouch* I. 10 It cannot be, it must not, it sha'not. 1682 N. O. *Boileau's Lutrin* III. 29 Doctors, Proctors, Paritors together Shann't leave upon thy Naked back one Feather. 1741 RICHARDSON *Pamela* (ed. 3) I. 121, I shan't stir from this House. 17..RAMSAY *O'er Bogie* ii, We shanna part For siller or for land. 1792 BURNS *Bonie Lesley* v, Misfortune sha' na steer thee. 1819 R. ANDERSON *Cumbld. Ball.* 55 Tou sant git a kiss! 1825 JENNINGS *Observ. Dial. W. Eng.* 67 *Shatt'n*, shalt not. 1826 J. WILSON *Noctes Ambr.* Wks. 1855 I. 148 The same shinna befa' the year. 1862 MRS. H. WOOD *Channings* iii, Shan't I have a fine time of it! 1876 BLACK *Madcap Violet* xii, He sha'n't marry Yiolet. 1878 *Cumbld. Gloss., Saltant, Sal n't, Sâan't, Sannat, Sanna*, shall not.

c. Written continuously with an infin. (esp. *be*).

c 1400 *Pety Job* 7 in *26 Pol. Poems* 121, I shalhe wormes ware. 1456 SIR G. HAYE *Law Arms* (S.T.S.) 189 The tyme salcum that thare salbe bot a pastour and a schepe faulde. 1458–9 *Cal. Anc. Rec. Dublin* (1889) 300 Ther selbe no ladyng of corn. 1502 *Bury Wills* (Camden) 92 Ther where it xalbe moste nedefull. 1523 LD. BERNERS *Froiss.* I. CCCXXXVIII. 214 b, Let vs assemble togyder, and so we shabe the stronger. 1555 *Act 2 & 3 Phil. & Mary* c. vi. § 4 Every person or persons..wᶜʰ shalbee..auctorised. 1597 *Reg. Mag. Sig. Scot.* 1599, (1890) 304/1 The..personis quha salhappin to be querellit. 1632 SANDERSON *Serm.* 560 He shalbe able to avoyd any sinne.

II. Past tense.

7. *a.* 1–2 **sceolde**, 1–3 **scolde, sculde**, (1 **sc(e)alde**, 3 **shollde, scholte, seolde**, *erron.* **swulde**), 3–4 **ssolde**, 3–5 **schulde, scholde**, 3–6 **shulde**, (4 **ssohulde, shullde, chold**), 4–6 **sholde, schold, shuld**, 4–7 **shold**, 5–6 **shoulde, xuld(e**, (5 **schulld, shoolde, xwld, sculd, schud(e**, 6 **shalld**, 7 **shoo'd, sho'd, shu'd**, 8 **shou'd**) 6– **should.**

c 888 ÆLFRED *Boeth.* xxxviii. § 1 Se Job..licette þæt he sceolde bion se hehsta god. *a* 900 *Martyrol.* in *O. E. Texts* 178 Ðæt ða wildan hors scealden iornan on hearde weȝas. *c* 975 *Rushw. Gosp.* Matt. xviii. 24 An seþe scalde ten þusende. *Ibid.* xx. 10 Þa ærestu wendon þæt hie mare sculdon onfoon. 1154 *O. E. Chron.* (Laud MS.) an. 1140, Xpist ne wolde ðæt he sculde lange rixan. *c* 1205 LAY. 4267 Þenne and auere mare heo swulden habben are. *a* 1300 *K. Horn* 906 Wiþ wrouge Scholte [*Laud MS.* Scholde] ihc hit vnderfonge. 13.. *Seuyn Sages* 1057 (W.) Who sschulde him biyete hut the king? 13.. in Ritson *Anc. Songs & Ball.* (1877) 62 That such a knight ssold falle. *c* 1350 *Will. Palerne* 2014 Sche chold sone be bi-schet here-selue al-one. 1382 WYCLIF *Matt.* II. 15 That it shuld be fulfillid. 1393 LANGL. *P. Pl.* C. XX. 154 Þe fyngeres þat folde sholden. 1399 — *Rich. Redeles* Prol. 14 For he shullde hem serue of þe same after. 1411 *Rolls of Parlt.* III. 650/1 That the said William Gascoigne shoolde treete bitwen the forsayd Lord..and hym. *c* 1449 PECOCK *Repr.* II. vii. 176 Which pilgrimage..he wolde that no Cristen man schude do. 1461 C. PASTON in *P. Lett.* 26 June, The mony that I xwld have. 1471 CAXTON *Recuyell* (Sommer) 14 þᵗ he shold not suffre hyt. *Ibid.* 37 That ..they shuld go to þe ryuage of the see. 1471 *Paston Lett.* III. 19 That I chuld goo and comon with the woman. 1515 BARCLAY *Egloges* v. (1570) D ij, A man on his cloke should not espye a heare. *c* 1550 BALE *K. Johan* 1387 (Pollard), What ye mene..I wold ye shuld opynly tell. 1608 D. T[UVILL] *Ess. Pol. & Mor.* 39 As that I shold erect a Tabernacle. 1648 HERRICK *Hesp., To Dean-bourn*, I never sho'd behold. 1662 in *Extr. St. Papers rel. Friends* Ser. II. (1911) 154 All are trouhled that they shoulde make an Order and I should not obey it. 1697 CIBBER *Woman's Wit* I. 2 D'ee believe it impossible you shu'd ever Love? 1767 GOOCH *Treat. Wounds* I. 387 These considerations shou'd make us the more attentive. 1785 BURNS *To Rev. J. M'Math* viii, I'm no' the thing I shou'd be.

β. 3 **sol(l)de, sulde, soolde**; *Sc.* and *north.* 4–9 **sulde, soulde**, 4–8 **sould**, (4 **salde, suuld, sold**, 4, 8 **sud**, 5 **sald**, 6 **sowld**, 8 **soud**), 3– **suld.**

c 1200 ORMIN 7239 Þær Messyass..To manne cumenn sollde. *c* 1210 *Bestiary* 149 He fleð fro him als he fro fir sulde. *c* 1275 LAY. 3485 So man his fader solde. *a* 1325 *MS. Rawl. B 520* lf. 62 Ilke lond..wuche soolde retournen to þilke R. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 146 Þe law..þe quilk the Iuus in sald life. 13.. *Ibid.* 6106 (Gött.), [Moyses] for-bed þat þai Sould vte of hous cum. *Ibid.* 16464, Þar was na soygne, bot his lauerd sud dei. *a* 1375 *Ibid.* 1197 (Fairf.), Our lorde..bad he salde wiþ his wyf dele hit sulde him turne to myche wele. 1497 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* I. 357 The gallory quhilk he suld mak. 1500–20 DUNBAR *Poems* xiv. 8 That sowld haif ay thair God afoir thair ene. 1567 *Satir. Poems Reform.* iii. 5 That euer I sould byde to se that day! *c* 1620 A. HUME *Brit. Tongue* (1870) 18 Quhither quho, quhen, quhat, etc. sould be symbolized with q or w. 1725 RAMSAY *Cock Laird* v, We maun hae braw things, Aheit they sond break. 1785 BURNS *To W. S*****n* ii, I sud be laith to think ye hinted Ironic satire. 1822 SCOTT *Nigel* iii, That I suld have held up my hand to my brow. *a* 1862 in C. C. Robinson *Dial. Leeds* 213 Ah wur sorely flâad 'at ah sud sâay my text wreng.

8. *2nd pres. sing. a.* 1 **sceoldes**, 3–4 **suldes**, 5 **shuldes, xulddes**; 1 **sceoldest**, 2–3 **sooldest, sculdest**, 3–5 **schuldest**, 5–6 **shuldest**, (3 **ssholdest**, 4 **ssoldest, scholdest**, 5 **sholdest**, 6 **souldest**), **shouldst.**

c 888 ÆLFRED *Boeth.* v. § 3 Eac þæt wæs swiðe micel pleoh þæt ðu swa wenan sceoldes, *c* 1150 *Gen. & Ex.* 3984 Her suldes ðu nu wurðen slaȝen. *c* 1300 *K. Horn* 106 (Laud MS.) Þat micte so bi falle Þou suldes slen us alle. *a* 1425 *Cursor M.* 2986 (Trin.) Þat þou shuldes not synne in me. *c* 1485 *Mary Magd.* 1163 in *Digby Myst.* 99 And þou xulddes ryde.

Beowulf 2056 (Gr.) Þone þe ðu mid rihte rædan sceoldest. 1154 *O. E. Chron.* (Laud MS.) an. 1137, All a dæis fare scouldest thu neure finden man in tune sittende. *c* 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 15 Þat ilke uuel þe ic dude þe þu scoldest don me. 1399 LANGL. *Rich. Redeles* III. 170 As þou shuldist mete of a myst. *c* 1400 *Pilg. Sowle* (Caxton 1483) IV. xxiv. 70 Yf thou haddest..entended to this scole duely as thou sholdest. 1445 tr. *Claudian* in *Anglia* XXVIII. 259 That to trespassours thou sholdist pardon..graunte. 1573 J. SANFORD *Hours Recr.* (1576) 109 That thou shuldest huye that which thou must occupie. 1582 BENTLEY *Mon. Matrones* II. 198 Speciallie that thou shouldest not despaire. 1667 in *Extr. St. Papers rel. Friends* Ser. III. (1912) 263 Thou shouldest take parte with the opressed. 1820 SCOTT *Monast.* XX, Shouldst thou point out to me..an enemy more worthy of my resentment. 1862 CALVERLEY *Verses & Transl.* (1894) 97 He shall teach thee that thou shouldest not dream.

β. contracted. 3 **s(s)ost**, 4 **s(c)host, schust**, 4–5 **shust.**

1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 8974 Ich clupede þe ek up þat þou it ssost ise [*v.rr.* (14*th* c.) shost, schost, scholdest, schuldest], *c* 1300 *Harrow. Helt* (A.) 195 Lord crist,..þou schust com to helle pine. 13.. *Medit.* 714 Þou shust pray for hem þat þy foos be. 1426 LYDG. *De Guil. Pilgr.* 6824 Rather than thow shust forsake Thy skryppe.

γ. 4–5 **shuld(e**, 4–6 **suld(e**, 6 **should.**

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 12088 Til oþer thues þou suld him won. *c* 1375 *Lay Folks Mass Bk.* (MS. B) 244 How þou shulde praye, I wold þou wyst. 1411 *26 Pol. Poems* 46/207 For þou shuld ȝeue, god dede þe sende. 1500–20 DUNBAR *Poems* xc. 28 Thow sulde it tell with all the circumstance.

9. *a.* With pronouns affixed: 1*st pers. sing.* 3 **schuldich.** *2nd pers. sing.* 4 **shuldestou**, 5 **schuldestow.**

a 1300 *Vox & Wolf* 163 in Hazl. *E. P. P.* I. 63 What shuldich ine the worlde go? 1377 LANGL. *P. Pl.* B. XI. 97 Þinge that al þe worlde wote wherfore shuldestow spare To redea it? *c* 1450 *Cursor M.* 9611 (Trin.) Þeune shuldestou be douted nouȝt.

b. With *not* (Sc. and dial. *na*) affixed.

c 1420 *Chron. Vilod.* 2147 How..Sathanas Dude hurre þere lette wt alle his myȝt, þat he shulnot haue come to þat ioyfulle place. *a* 1796 BURNS *'Dear —, I'll gie ye some advice'*, You shouldna paint at angels mair. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* xxv, Perhaps I was a fool, Becky, but you should'nt say so. 1859 GEO. ELIOT *Adam Bede* xxxii, I shouldna wonder if he's come about that man [etc.].

B. Signification and uses.

†**I.** 1. *trans.* a. To owe (money). *Obs.*

c 975 *Rushw. Gosp.* Matt. xviii. 28 Seþe sculde him undred denera. *c* 1000 *Ags. Gosp.* Luke xvi. 5 Hu mycel scealt þu minum hlaforde? *c* 1290 *Beket* 820 in *S. Eng. Leg.* 130 Þar-of þritti þousent pound þov me schalt. 1340 *Ayenb.* 115 Ich ne habbe huer-of maki þe yeldinge: uoryef me þet ich þe ssel. *Ibid.* 145 Þise dette ssel ech to oþren and huo mest his yelt mest he ssel. *a* 1400 *New Test.* (Paues) Rom. xiii. 7 ȝelde ȝe to alle men ȝoure dettes: to hym þat ȝe schuleþ trybut, trybut. *c* 1425 HOCCLEVE *Min. Poems* xxiii. 695 The leeste ferthyng þat y men shal.

† b. To owe (allegiance). *Obs.*

c 1325 *Poem temp. Edw. II* (Percy Soc.) xxxiv, Be the fayth ic schal to God. *c* 1374 CHAUCER *Troilus* III. 1649 And by that feyth I shal to god and yow. [*c* 1530 *Crt. of Love* 131 By the feith I shall to god.]

II. Followed by an infinitive (without *to*).

Except for a few instances of *shall will, shall may* (*mowe*), *shall conne* in the 15th c., the infinitive after *shall* is always either that of a principal verb or of *have* or *be*.

* *The present tense* **shall.**

†2. In general statements of what is right or becoming: = 'ought'. *Obs.* (Superseded by the pa. subjunctive *should*: see sense 18.)

In OE. the subjunctive present sometimes occurs in this use (e. g. *c* 888 in A. 4).

Beowulf 29 (Gr.) Swa sceal ȝeong guma gode ȝewyrcean ..þæt [etc.]. *c* 700 CÆDMON *Hymn* 1 Nu scylun herȝan hefænricæs uard. *c* 888 ÆLFRED *Boeth.* xli. § 3 Hwy sceall þonne æniȝ mon bion idel, þæt he ne wyrce? *a* 1100 *Cerefa* in *Anglia* IX. 259 Se scadwis ȝerefa sceal æȝðær witan ȝe hlafordes landriht ȝe folces ȝerihtu. *c* 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 19 Al þet þe licome luneð þet þa saule heteð..Nu sculle we for-lete þes licome lust for-þon. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 96 Ancren schulen brihtluker, uor hore blindfallunge her, iseon ant understonden þer Godes derne runes. *c* 1300 *Havelok* 2419 Mine knihtes, hwat do ye? Shule ye þus-gate fro me fle? 1340 *Ayenb.* 5 Þe hestes ten þet loki ssolle alle men. *Ibid.* 136 Ase moche ase he ssel and may do wyþ-oute misdo. 13.. *Cursor M.* 20538 (Göt.) Inogh þai did me vilete, þat wid right min aune sul be. *c* 1420 *Pol. Rel. & L. Poems* (1903) 242 Alle cristen pepill glad xal bene þat crist is boþe king and prest. *c* 1420 *Liber Cocorum* (1862) 29 Pekokys, and pertrikys perboylyd schyn be. *c* 1460 FORTESCUE *Abs. & Lim. Mon.* vii. (1885) 125 The kynge shall often tymes sende..his juges, to..punysh riatours and risers. 1562 LEIGH *Armory* 149 Whether are Roundells of all suche coloures, as ye haue spoken of here before? or shall they be named Roundelles of those coloures?

†3. In OE. and occas. in ME. used to express necessity of various kinds (for the many shades of meaning in OE. see Bosworth-Toller): = 'must', 'must needs', 'have to', 'am compelled to', etc.

c 888 ÆLFRED *Boeth.* xxxiv. § 3 Þonne scealt þu nede ȝelefan þæt sum anwald sie mara þonne his. *c* 897 — *Gregory's Past. C.* iii. 34 On ðæm ȝeswincum he sceal hine selfne ȝeðenceaa, ðeah he nylle. *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 308 We ðe ben fro heuene driuen, sulen ðusse one in sorwe liuen. *c* 1275 *Passion our Lord* 159 in *O. E. Misc.* 41 If ich hine schal drynke iworþe þine wille. *c* 1350 *Will. Palerne* 5422, I wold it were þi wille wiþ vs forto lenge, hit forþinkes me sore þat we schul de-parte. 1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) I. 369 Tweyne þat beeþ i-wedded a man and a womman schal nedes be outlawed out of þat contray. *c* 1440 *York Myst.* xvi. 18, I am fairer of face..(Þe soth yf I saie sall)..þan glorius gulles.

† b. In stating a necessary condition: = 'will have to', 'must' (if something else is to happen).

a 1000 *Boeth. Metr.* v. 26 Ȝif þu nu wilnast..þæt soðe leoht sweotole oncnawan..þu forlætan scealt idle ofersælða. 1596 SHAKS. *Merch. V.* I. i. 116 You shall seeke all day ere you finde them, & when you haue them they are not worth the search. 1605 — *Lear* v. iii. 22 He that parts vs, shall bring a Brand from Heauen. 1818 SCOTT *Hrt. Midl.* xviii, He shall hide himself in a bean-hole, if he remains on Scottish ground without my finding him.

† c. In hypothetical clause, accompanying the statement of a necessary condition: = 'is to'.

c 1440 *Alphabet of Tales* lxv. 48 Right so muste hym chastes his flessh with fastyng if he sal be savid. 1612 BACON *Ess., Greatn. Kingd.* (Arb.) 482 Neither must they be too much broken of it, if they shall be preserued in vigor.

†4. Indicating what is appointed or settled to take place = the mod. 'is to', 'am to', etc. *Obs.*

c 1000 ÆLFRIC *Gram.* xxiv. (Z.) 136 *Lecturus sum cras*, ic sceal rædan to merizen, *lecturus es*, þu scealt rædan, *lecturus est*, he sceal rædan. *Ibid.* xli. 248 *Osculandus*, se ðe sceal beon ȝecyssed. *a* 1122 *O. E. Chron.* (Laud MS.) an. 565, Nu sceal beon æfre on Ii abbod næs bisceop, & þam sculon beon under þædde ealle Scotta biscopes. *c* 1205 LAY. 5964 Belin..hit [*sc.* Rome] bi-tæcheð Brenne þe scæl bi-læuen here. 1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 56 We ssulleþ her after in þise boc telle of al þis wo. 1526 TINDALE *Luke* vii. 19 Arte thou he that shall come..? 1600 SHAKS. *A. Y. L.* II. iv. 89 What is he that shall buy his flocke and pasture? 1625 in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. I. III. 199 Tomorrow His Majesty will be present..to begin the Parliament which is thought shall be removed to Oxford.

5. In commands or instructions. a. In the second person, equivalent to an imperative.

Chiefly in Biblical language, of Divine commandments, rendering the jussive future of the Heb. and Vulgate. (In OE. the imperative is used in the ten commandments.)

a 1000 *Andreas* 950 (Gr.) Nu ðu, Andreas, scealt edre geneðan in gramra gripe. *c* 1000 *Ags. Ps.* (Th.) civ. 13 Ne sceolon ȝe mine þa halȝan hrinan. 1340 *Ayenb.* 5 Þe uerste heste þet god made..is þis: þou ne sselt habbe uele godes. 1382 WYCLIF *Exod.* xx. 7 Thow shalt not tak the name of the Lord thi God in veyn. [So Coverdale, etc.] 1405 *Lay-Folks Mass Bk.* 64 ȝe sal mak your prayers specially..for the state and the stabilnes of al halykirk. 1533 GAU *Richt Vay* 8 Thou sal haif na oder strenge godis. 1567 *Gude & Godlie Ball.* 8 Thou sall not slay, in na kin wyse. 1604 *Bidding Prayer* (still in use), Ye shall pray for Christ's Holy Catholic Church.

†(*b*) In expositions: *You shall understand*, etc. (that). *Obs.*

c 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 5 Nu ic eou habbe þet godspel iseid anfaldeliche, nu scule ȝe understonden twafaldeliche þet hit bi-tacnet. 1303 R. BRUNNE *Handl. Synne* 10663 A Frysoun ȝe shul,vndyrstande To a marchaunde of Fryslande. *c* 1400 MAUNDEV. (1839) vii. 73 ȝee schulle undirstonde, that it stont fulle faire betwene Hilles. 1423 JAS. I *Kingis Q.* cxxviii, Thou sall wele knawe and witt, Thou may thy hert[e] ground on suich a wise [etc.]. 1523 CROMWELL in Merriman *Life & Lett.* (1902) I. 313 Ye shall also understond the Duke of Suthffolke..goyth ouer in all goodlye hast [whit]her I know not.

†(*c*) In the formula *You shall excuse* (*pardon*) *me*. *Obs.* (now *must*.)

1595 SHAKS. *John* v. ii. 78 Your Grace shall pardon me, I will not backe. 1630 *R. Johnson's Kingd. & Commw.* 191 You shall excuse me, for I eat no flesh on Fridayes.

b. In the third person.

a 900 *Durham Admon.* in *O. E. Texts* 176 [Ðis mon] scal reda ofer ða feta ðe ful infalleð. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 24 Þenne schal siggen, hwo se con, 'Domine labia mea aperies'. *a* 1325 *MS. Rawl. B 520* lf. 32 b, ȝif þe lord ne mai noȝt suffisen to uellen þe vnder wode, þe contreie him sal helpe. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Prol.* 794 Ech of yow, to shorte with your weye, In this viage, shal telle tales tweye. *c* 1450 *Godstow Reg.* 206 The said Abbesse and her successours whan they ben resonably somoned shul send thedir their certayn steward. 1560 DAUS tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* 246 b, It shall be free for every man to joyne hym selfe unto thys league. 1623–4 *Act* 21 *Jac. I*, c. 28 § 7 No Sanctuarie..shalbe hereafter admitted. 1645 *Ordin. Lords & Comm.* 5 Scandalous persons shal be kept from the Sacrament. 1744 in Atkyns *Chanc. Cases* (1782) III. 166 The words *shall and may* in general acts of parliament, or in private constitutions, are to be construed imperatively, they *must* remove them.

6. In the second and third persons, expressing the speaker's determination to bring about (or, with negative, to prevent) some action, event, or state of things in the future, or (occasionally) to refrain from hindering what is otherwise certain to take place, or is intended by another person.

a. In the second person.

a 1000 *Cædmon's Gen.* 909 (Gr.) Þu scealt greot etan þine lifdaȝas. *a* 1175 *Cott. Hom.* 221 ȝif þu þanne þis litle bebod to brecst, þu scealt deaðe sweltan. *c* 1205 LAY. 26587 Abuggen ȝe scullen þa dede. *c* 1275 *Sinners Beware* 316 in *O. E. Misc.* 82 To day ye schuleþ..vnder-fo luþre mede. *c* 1350 *Will. Palerne* 2257 Þe soþe, felawes, ful sone ȝe schol it wite. 1447 BOKENHAM *Seyntys, Cecilia* 591 Ye shul hens pace, Or ellys, certeynly, ye shule deye. 1470–85 MALORY *Arthur* VII. xviii. 240 And syker assuraunce and borowes ye shal haue. *a* 1596 *Sir T. More* I. i, Followe me no further; I say thou shalt not haue them. 1633 P. FLETCHER *Purple Isl.* VI. lxxvii, To morrow shall ye feast in pastures new. 1777 SHERIDAN *Trip Scarb.* v. ii. ad fin., Well, 'fore George, you shan't say I do things by halves. 1777 — *Sch. Scandal* II. ii, Positively you shall not be so severe. 1833 TENNYSON *Death of Old Year*, Old year, you must not go;..Old year, you shall not go. 1891 'J. S. WINTER' *Lumley* xi, If you would rather not stay then, you shall go down to South Kensington Square then.

b. In the third person.

c 1000 ÆLFRIC *Gen.* xviii. 10 Þin wif Sarra sceal habban sunu. 1310 *St. Brendan* (Bälz) 603 We wolleþ ous wel awreke, up him sulve it schal go. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Reeve's T.* 167 By goddes herte he sal nat scape us bathe. *c* 1422 HOCCLEVE *Jereslaus's Wife* 37 With goddes grace my comynge ageyn Shal nat be longe. 1591 SHAKS. *Two Gent.* v. iv. 129 Verona shall not hold thee. 1604 — *Oth.* v. ii. 334 If there be any cunning Crueltie, That can torment him much,..It shall be his. 1777 SHERIDAN *Sch. Scandal* I. ii, Though your ill-conduct may disturb my peace of mind, it shall never break my heart, I promise you. 1840 THACKERAY *Barber Cox* Feb., Others, whose names may be found in the Blue Book, but shan't, out of modesty, be mentioned here. 1849 NOAD *Electricity* (ed 3) 174 The occasion of mentioning this gentleman's name shall be taken as an opportunity of describing his..form of the constant battery. 1891 'J. S. WINTER' *Lumley* xiv, 'Oh, yes, sir, she shall come back,' said the nurse. 'I'll take care of that.' 'I will come back,' said Vere.

7. In special interrogative uses related to senses 5 and 6.

a. In the first person, used in questions to which the expected answer is a command, direction, or counsel, or a resolve on the speaker's own part.

(*a*) in questions introduced by an interrogative pronoun (in oblique case), adverb, or adverbial phrase.

c 900 tr. *Bæda's Hist.* IV. xxv, Cwæð he: Hwæt sceal ic singan? Cwæð he: Sing me frumsceaft. 971 *Blickl. Hom.* 169 Hwæt sceal ic ðonne ma secgean fram Sancte Iohanne ..buton þæt [etc.]. *c* 1200 ORMIN 9289 Whatt shule we nu forrþwarrd don? *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 3358 'Louered', quad he, 'quat sal ic don? He sulen me werpen stones on'. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 11205 Quat schal [*Trin., Laud*, shulde] i tell yow, less or mare, Bot ihesu crist hir barn sco bar? *c* 1449 PECOCK *Repr.* III. xi. 342 Frowhens schule we trowe this came, that so manye..false Apostlis..weren in the chirche. *c* 1450 HOLLAND *Howlat* 69 Quhom sall I blame in this breth, a bysyn that I be? 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* I. vi. 38 Bot, O thou virgine, quham sall I call the? 1600 FAIRFAX *Tasso* VIII. lxix, What shall we doe? shall we be gouern'd still, By this false hand? 1611 BEAUM. & FL. *Philaster* I. i, How shall we devise To hold intelligence? 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* xxii, 'It's rather slow work', said he, 'down here; what *shall* we do?' 1865 KINGSLEY *Herew.* xxxiii, Where shall we stow the mare?

(*b*) in categorical questions.

Often expressing indignant reprobation of a suggested course of action, the implication being that only a negative (or, with negative question an affirmative) answer is conceivable.

1600 [see (*a*)]. 1611 SHAKS. *Wint. T.* v. iii. 83 Shall I draw the Curtaine? 1622 WITHER *Philarete* (1633) I 7 Shall I wasting in Dispaire, Dye because a Womans faire? ? *a* 1700 D'URFEY *Pills* (1719) V. 113 Shall you and I Lady, Among the Grass lye down a. 1777 SHERIDAN *Sch. Scandal* II. iii, What! shall I forget..when I was at his years myself? 1802 WORDSW. *To the Cuckoo* i, O Cuckoo! shall I call thee Bird, Or but a wandering Voice? 1865 SWINBURNE *Chastelard* I. i. 22, I am bound to France; Shall I take word from you to any one? 1891 'J. S. WINTER' *Lumley* xiii, 'Are you driving, or shall I call you a cab?' 'Oh, no; I'm driving, thanks'.

¶ (*c*) In ironical affirmative in exclamatory sentence, equivalent to the above interrogative use. (Cf. Ger. *soll.*) *rare.*

1741 RICHARDSON *Pamela* (1742) III. 89 A pretty thing truly! Here I, a poor helpless Girl, raised from Poverty and Distress,..shall put on Lady-airs to a Gentlewoman born.

†(*d*) *To stand shall I, shall I* (later *shill I, shall I*: see SHILLY-SHALLY), *to be at shall I, shall I* (*not*): to be vacillating, to shilly-shally. *Obs.*

1674 R. GODFREY *Inj. & Ab. Physic* 85 Such Medicines.. that will not stand shall I? shall I? but will fall to work on the Disease presently. *c* 1689 *Popish Pol. Unmaskt* 34 in *Third Coll. Poems* (1689) 23 Who follows him that standeth, shall I, shall I? 1727 BOYER *Dict. Royal* II. s. v., To be at shall-I shall-I, (to be at a stand, or in suspence).

b. Similarly in the third person, where the subject represents or includes the speaker, or when the speaker is placing himself at another's point of view.

1610 SHAKS. *Temp.* v. i. 22 Hast thou (which art but aire) a touch, a feeling Of their afflictions, and shall not my selfe, One of their kinde,..be kindlier mou'd then thou art? 1871 R. ELLIS *Catullus* xxx. 6 O where now shall a man trust?

c. In the second and third person, where the expected answer is a decision on the part of the speaker or of some person other than the subject.

As in a, the question often serves as an impassioned repudiation of a suggestion that something shall be permitted.

c 1205 LAY. 13531 Wha scal an hirede beon ure lauerd Nu Vortiger is iuaren? 13.. in *Ayenb.* (1866) Descr. MS., Þe kyng Alesandre acsede hwan ssal þat be. 1382 WYCLIF *Ps.* xii. 3 Hou longe shall ben enhauncid myn enemy vp on me? *c* 1450 *Merlin* i. 14 'What shalbe his name?' 'I will', quod she, 'that it haue name after my fader.' *c* 1590 MONTGOMERIE *Sonn.* liv. 2 Vhase praise, Apollo, sal my pen proclame? 1600 SHAKS. *A. Y. L.* IV. ii. 11 What shall he haue that kild the Deare? 1737 POPE *Hor. Epist.* I. i. 97 And say, to which shall our applause belong, This new Court jargon, or the good old song? 1812 CRABBE *Tales* xviii, Shall a wife complain? 1850 TENNYSON *In Mem.* lvi. 8 And he, shall he, Man,..Be blown about the desert dust, Or seal'd within the iron hills?

d. In indirect question.

In quot. 1470–85 irregularly in pres. tense when the principal clause is in pa. t.

c 888 ÆLFRED *Boeth.* v. § 3 Þæt ic þonan onȝietan mæȝe hwonon ic þin tilige scyle & hu. *c* 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* Matt. x. 19 Nallað ȝe ȝeðence huu vel huæt ȝe spreca scilo [*quomodo aut quid loquamini*]. *a* 1225 *Leg. Kath.* 638 Ne þenche ȝe neauer hwet ne hu ȝe schulen seggen. *c* 1380 WYCLIF *Wks.* (1880) 147 Þei stryuen not who schal be most meke. *c* 1400 LOVE *Bonavent. Mirr.* xiii. (Gibbs MS.) lf. 32 He taught..vs in what manere þis vertue of mekenesse schal be goten. 1450 W. LOMNER in *Paston Lett.* 5 May, The shreve of Kent..sent his under shreve to the juges to wete what to doo, and also to the Kenge whatte shalbe doo. 1470–85 MALORY *Arthur* II. xiii. 91 On the morne they fond letters of gold wryten how syr Gaweyn shalle reuenge his faders deth. *c* 1489 CAXTON *Sonnes of Aymon* viii. 181 That ye counseille me how I shall maye avenge me. *a* 1500 *Tretyce of Husb.* in *W. Henley*, etc. (R. Hist. Soc. 1890) 41 The vj chapitur tellithe nowe howe you shall lay youre lande at seede tyme. 1610 SHAKS. *Temp.* I. ii. 495 Harke what thou else shalt do mee. 1756 MRS. CALDERWOOD in *Coltness Collect.* (Maitland Club) 185, I beg to know..who I shall inform him inquited so kindly after him. 1777 SHERIDAN *Sch. Scandal* III. i, Let our future Contest be, who shall be most obliging. 1865 KINGSLEY *Herew.* x, Let her say what shall be done with it.

8. As a mere auxiliary, forming (with present infinitive) the future, and (with perfect infinitive) the future perfect tense.

In OE. the notion of the future tense was ordinarily expressed by the present tense. To prevent ambiguity, *wile* (will) was not unfrequently used as a future auxiliary, sometimes retaining no trace of its original sense. On the other hand, *sceal* (shall) even when rendering a Latin future, can hardly be said to have been ever a mere tense-sign in OE.; it always expressed something of its original notion of obligation or necessity. In ME. the present early ceased to be commonly employed in futural sense, and the future was expressed by either *shall* or *will*, the former being much more common. The usage as to the choice between the two auxiliaries has varied from time to time; since the middle of the 17th c. the general rule (subject to various exceptions) has been that mere futurity is expressed in the first person by *shall*, in the second and third by *will*. In indirectly reported speech, usage permits either the retention of the auxiliary used by the original speaker or the substitution of that which is appropriate to the point of view of the person reporting.

a. In OE. *sceal*, while retaining its primary sense, served as a tense-sign in announcing a future event as fated or divinely decreed. Hence *shall* has

always been the auxiliary used, in all persons, for prophetic or oracular announcements of the future, and for solemn assertions of the certainty of a future event.

a 900 CYNEWULF *Crist* 1030 Sceal þonne anra zehwylc fore Cristes cyme cwic arisan. *c* 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* Luke xiii. 3 Alle zelic zie sciolon losiza, *omnes similiter peribitis.* *c* 1200 ORMIN 211 Fra þiss da33 þu shallt ben dumb. *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 4039 Of ðe sal risen sterre bri3t. 1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 5133 Hii ssolleþ 3ut keuery moche lond þat hii ahbeþ y lore. *c* 1400 *Brut* lxix. 64 3e shul bigete a doun3ter þat shal be quene of Irland. *c* 1475 *Partenay* 2168 Thy contre shalt se put in exile all, Distroed, rohhed. 1546 HEYWOOD *Prov.* (1867) 43 That shalbe, shalbe. 1577 in Allen *Martyrdom Campion* (1908) 110 The queene neither ever was, nor is, nor ever shall be the head of the Church of England. 1601 SNAKS. *Jul. C.* III. i. 262 Now do I Prophesie..A Curse shall light vpon the limbes of men. 1653 W. RAMESEY *Astrol. Rest.* 273 It signifies men shall be scoffers and jeerers one of another. 1746 FRANCIS tr. *Hor. Epist.* II. i. 26 No Prince so great, so wise, Hath ever risen, or shall ever rise. 1852 TENNYSON *Ode Death Wellington* 191 Whatever record leap to light He never shall be shamed. 1864 J. H. NEWMAN *Apol.* 181 A General Council, truly such, never did, never shall err in a matter of faith. 1891 F. THOMPSON *Sister-Songs* (1895) 46 So it may be, so it shall be,—Oh, take the prophecy from me!

b. In the first person, *shall* has, from the early ME. period, been the normal auxiliary for expressing mere futurity, without any adventitious notion. (*a*) Of events conceived as independent of the speaker's volition. (To use *will* in these cases is now a mark of Scottish, Irish, provincial, or extra-British idiom.)

c 1200 ORMIN Ded. 143, I shall hafenn fort min swinnc God læn..3iff þatt I..Hemm hafe itt inntill Ennglissh wennd. *c* 1205 LAY. 8371 Nu we sulleð for heore beone bliðe iwurðen. *c* 1300 *K. Horn* 1406 (Laud MS.) Þis lond we schollen winne And sle al þat þere ben inne. 1470–85 MALORY *Arthur* I. xx. 67, I shalle dye a shameful deth. 1595 in *Cath. Rec. Soc. Publ.* V. 357 My frend, yow and I shall play no more at Tables now. 1605 SHAKS. *Macb.* I. i. 1 When shall we three meet againe? 1613 — *Hen. VIII*, I. iv. 44 Then wee shall haue 'em, Talke vs to silence. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* VI. 737, I..shall soon..rid heav'n of these rebell'd. 1777 SHERIDAN *Trip Scarb.* II. i, So—carry him off!..We shall have him into a fever by-and-by. 1781 JOHNSON in *Boswell* (1904) II. 402 You cannot suppose that we shall rise with a diseased body. 1806 WORDSW. *Addr. to a Child* 39 He may work his own will, and what shall we care? 1822 SHELLEY *Chas. I*, i. 40 My travel's done,—Before the whirlwind wakes I shall have found My inn of lasting rest. 1852 MRS. STOWE *Uncle Tom's C.* xvii, 'But what if you don't hit?' 'I *shall* hit', said George coolly. 1863 GEO. ELIOT *Romola* vi, Our personal characters will be attacked, we shall be impeached with foul actions.

(*b*) Of voluntary action or its intended result. Here *I* (*we*) *shall* is always admissible exc. where the notion of a present (as distinguished from a previous) decision or consent is to be expressed (in which case *will* must be used). Further, *I shall* often expresses a determination insisted on in spite of opposition, and *I shall not* (colloq. *I shan't*) a peremptory refusal.

In the 16th c. and earlier, *I shall* often occurs where *I will* would now be used.

c 1200 ORMIN 11557 Icc shall beon a33 occ a33 wiþþ 3uw Whil þatt tiss weorelld lasste þþ. *a* 1225 *Leg. Kath.* 396 We schulen bringen to ende þat we bigunnen habbeð. *a* 1300 *K. Horn* 833 Ischal..Wiþ mi sword wel eþe Bringe hem þre to deþe. *c* 1320 *Sir Tristr.* 621 Cherl! go oway, Oþer y schal þe smite. 1382 WYCLIF *Exod.* xx. 19 Spek thow to vs, and we shulen here. *a* 1400 *Sir Perc.* 1466 A schafte salle I ooe hym sett, And I salle fonde firste to hitt. 1559 W. CUNNINGHAM *Cosmogr. Glasse* 91 This now shall I alway kepe surely in memorye. 1601 SHAKS. *All's Well* V. iii. 27 Informe him So 'tis our will he should.—I shall my liege. 1693 EVELYN *De la Quint. Compt. Gard.* I. 91, I shall begin my Discourse of this Russelet-pear by telling you [etc.]. 1779 *Mirror* No. 25, I..shall let my wife and daughters know, that I will be master of my own house. 1819 SHELLEY *Cenci* V. iii. 86 Say what ye will. I shall deny no more. 1833 [see SHAM *v.* 5]. 1885 RUSKIN *On Old Road* II. 57 *note*, Henceforward..I shall continue to spell 'Ryme' without our wrongly added *h*.

c. In the second person, *shall* as a mere future anxiliary appears never to have been usnal in affirmative or negative senses (exc. in the uses treated under 9 a and 11); but in categorical questions it is normal: e. g. '*Shall* you miss your train? I am afraid you will.'

d. In the third person. *Obs.* (superseded by *will*) exc. when another's statement or expectation respecting himself is reported in the third person, e. g. 'He says he shall not have time to write,' (Even in this case *will* is still not uncommon, but in some contexts leads to ambiguity; it is therefore preferable to use *he shall* as the indirect rendering of *I shall.*)

c 1200 ORMIN Ded. 79 Þe33 shulenn lætenn hæþeli3 Off unnkerr swinnc. *a* 1300 *Thrush & Night.* 128 in Hazl. *E. P. P.* I. 55 Come thou henere in here londe, Hy shulen don the in prisonn stronge. *c* 1475 *Rauf Coilzear* 56 Traist quhen thow will, For I trow and it be nocht swa, sum part salbe thyne. 1477 EARL RIVERS (Caxton) *Dictes* 19 Parauenture in aduersite my power shal lak. *c* 1489 CAXTON *Sonnes of Aymon* ii. 64 Yf your fader come agayn from the courte, he shall wyll yelde yon to the kynge Charlemayne. 1581 E. CAMPION in *Conf.* II. (1584) L iv, It shalbe he reported that I sayd this and that, and my wordes shalbe depraued. *c* 1656 *Roxb. Ball.* (1891) VII. 492 'Tis very like they shall be sent, soon after, to relieve you. 17.., RAMSAY *Some of the Contents* ix, Montgomery's quatorsimes sall evir pleis. 1799 J. ROBERTSON *Agric. Perth* 361 The effect of the statute labour..has always been, now is, and probably shall continue to be, less productive than it might. 1837 MACAULAY *Ess., Bacon* (1843) II. 406 That method leads the clown to the conclusion that if he sows barley he shall not reap wheat. 1850–8 MILL *Ess., Util. Relig.* (1874) 92 People do not really believe that..they shall be punished by God, any more than by man.

¶ **e.** Down to the 18th c., *shall*, the auxiliary appropriate to the first person, was sometimes used when a person wrote of himself in the third person.

Cf. the formula: 'And your petitioner shall ever pray.'

1531 in *Sel. Cases Crt. Requests* (1898) 33 And your seid Orator shall dayly pray to Thesn for the preservacion of your most ryall grace. 1642 *Chas. I's Wks.* (1662) I. 203 (Though His Majesty shall be deeply..sensible of their sufferings) He shall wash His hands..from the least imputation of slackness. 1798 KEMBLE *Let.* in *Pearson's Catal.* (1900) 45 Mr. Kemble presents his respectful compliments to the Proprietors of the 'Monthly Mirror', and shall have great pleasure at being at all able to aid them.

†**f.** In negative (or virtually negative) and interrogative use, *shall* often = 'will be able to'. *Obs.*

a 1000 *Guthlac* 337 (Gr.) Hu sceal min cuman gæst to geoce, nemne ic gode sylle hyrsumne hige? *a* 1375 *Joseph Arim.* 104 Let breken hem a-two and bren hem al to pouder, Schalton nener gete grace þorw3 none suche goddes. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Merch. T.* 318 Ve shul nat plese hir fully yeres three, This is to seyn, to doon hir ful plesaunce. 1565–6 ABP. PARKER *Corr.* (Parker Soc.) 263 If I draw forward, and others draw backwards, what shall it avail? *c* 1600 SHAKS. *Sonn.* lxv, How with this rage shall beautie hold a plea. 1652 BLITH *Eng. Improver Impr.* II. xxviii. (1653) 192 He shall never make a Plough to go with ease by his rules. 1773 [T. DAY] *Dying Negro* 2 How shall I soothe thy grief, my destin'd bride!

g. Used (after a hypothetical clause or an imperative sentence) in statements of a result to be expected from some action or occurrence. Now (exc. in the first person) usually replaced by *will*; but *shall* survives in literary use.

c 1205 LAY. 8018 3if þu ileuest ælcne mon selde þu sælt wel don. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 406 Weop for his sunnen. Þus þu schalt, seið Salomon, rukelen on his heaued bearninde gleden. 1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* XVIII. xcii. (1495) 840 Yf that matter towchyth a mannys body the heere shal fall. *c* 1400 MAUNDEV. (1839) xviii. 189 3if ony thing falle in to that Lake, it schalle nevere comen up a3en. *c* 1400 LOVE *Bonavent. Mirr.* xiii. (Gibbs MS.) lf. 31 3yfe we woleth hier take good entent we schull mowe see þat [etc.]. 1534 TINDALE 1 *Cor.* xiv. 9 When ye speake with tonges..how shall it be vnderstonde what is spoken? For ye shall but speake in the ayer. 1594 BARNFIELD *Affect. Sheph.* (Arb.) 22 Who tutcheth pitch, with pitch shalbe defiled. 1605 SHAKS. *Lear* II. ii. 144 You shall..show too bold malice Against the..Person of my Master, Stocking his Messenger. 1709 STEELE *Tatler* No. 118 ₱ 1, I shall disoblige Multitudes of my Correspondents, if I do not take Notice of them. 1851 DASENT *Jest & Earnest* (1873) II. 140 Visit Rome and you shall find him [the Pope] mere carrinn. 1865 RUSKIN *Sesame* i. § 12 Make yourself noble, and you shall be. 1882 *Harper's Mag.* Dec. 24/2 Examine the bookshelves, and you shall find the novelist's favorite authors.

h. In clause expressing the object of a promise, or of an expectation accompanied by hope or fear. Now only where *shall* is the ordinary future auxiliary; but down to the 19th c. *shall* was often preferred to *will* in the second and third persons. Cf. sense 11.

1475 J. PASTON 22 Feb. in *P. Lett.*, Iff the markett be nott goode yit, I hope it shall be better. *c* 1475 in *Eng. Gilds* (1870) 318 Ye schall swere that ye schall well and truelly byhaue you. 1508 DUNBAR *Flyting* 111, I tak on me ane pair of Lowthiane hippis Sall fairar Inglis mak,..Than thow can blabbar with thy Carrik lippis. 1538 STARKEY *England* I. i. 20 We are sure they schal bryng vs to our saluatyon. 1628 in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. I. III. 266 He is confident that the blood of Christ shall wash away..his.. sins. 1643 in Mrs. A. Hope *Franciscan Martyrs* xiv. (ed. 3) 195, I hope nobody shall have any harme by anything I have saide, and for myself the worst they can doe to mee is the best and most desired. 1654 E. NICHOLAS in *N. Papers* (Camden) II. 142, I hope neither your Cosen Wat. Montagu nor..Walsingham shall be permitted to discourse..with.. the D. of Glocester. 1749 FIELDING *Tom Jones* xv. iii, I hope his visits shall not be intruded upon me. 1820 SOUTHEY *Wesley* (ed. 2) I. 70, I trust in God your labour shall not be in vain.

†**i.** In impersonal phrases, *it shall be well, needful*, etc. (to do so and so). *Obs.* (now *will*).

1571 DIGGES *Pantom.* I. xviii. F b, It shalbe needfull at the time of your measuring to haue ground at libertie on the one side. 1585 T. WASHINGTON tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* III. x. 90 It shall not be impertinent nor out of my purpose, if I do speak..of the kitchin of the great Turke. 1602 DEKKER *Satirom.* Ad Lect. A 4 b, It shall not be amisse (for him that will read) first to beholde this short Comedy of Errors.

†**j.** *Shall be*, added to a future date in clauses measuring time. Cf. *was* in BE *v.* 20. *Obs.*

1617 SIR T. WENTWORTH in *Fortescue Papers* 25 To which purpose my late Lord Chancelour gave his direction about the 3. of Decembre shallbe-two-yeares.

9. In the idiomatic use of the future to denote what ordinarily or occasionally occurs under specified conditions, *shall* was formerly the usual auxiliary. In the second and third persons, this is now somewhat formal or rhetorical; ordinary language substitutes *will* or *may*. Often in antithetic statements coupled by an adversative conjunction or by *and* with adversative force.

a. in the first person.

1712 STEELE *Spect.* No. 326 ₱ 2 In spite of all my Care, I shall every now and then have a saucy Rascal ride by reconnoitring..under my Windows.

b. in the second person.

c 1200 ORMIN 423 Full cweme wærenn baþe..& tu shallt findenn swillke nu Bitwenenn uss well fæwe. *c* 1449 PECOCK *Repr.* I. xx. 119 Thou schalt not fynde expresseli in Holi Scripture that the Newe Testament schulde be write in Englisch tunge to lay men. 1596 DALRYMPLE tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* I. 5 Sa plentifull is the ground, that mekle esier 3e sall expone quhat it not beiris, than quhat it beiris. 1597 MORLEY *Introd. Mus.* Annot., You shall not finde one side in all the booke without some grosse errour or other. 1625 BACON *Ess., Atheism* (Arb.) 333 You shall haue Atheists strine to get Disciples, as it fareth with other Sects. 1760 *Impostors Detected* I. iv. I. 26 He was as handsome a man, as you shall see on a summer's day. 1810 CRABBE *Borough* iii, A man so learn'd you shall but seldom see, Nor one so honour'd. 1852–4 SPENCER *Ess.* (1858) 414 After knowing him for years, you shall suddenly discover that your friend's nose is slightly awry. 1909 *Sat. Rev.* 29 May 692/1 You shall meet ten thousand men every day in the year between the Bank and the Mansion House..who are as poor as Church mice.

c. in the third person.

c 1000 *Sax. Leechd.* II. 236 Be þære frecnan cobe þe se mon his utgang þurh ðone muð..sceal aspiwan. He sceal oft bealcettan. 14.. *Pol. Rel. & L. Poems* (1903) 271 Quan a chyld to scole xal set be, A bok hym is browt. *a* 1568 ASCHAM *Scholem.* I. (Arb.) 39 If a father haue foure sonnes, three..well formed..the fourth..deformed, his choice shalbe, to put the worst to learning. 1598 SYLVESTER *Du Bartas* II. ii. IV. *Columnes* 234 Here-by the Printer, in one day shall rid More Books, then yerst a thousand Writers did. 1652 FELTHAM *Low Countries* 18 Your man shall be..saucy, and you must not strike him. 1711 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 23 ₱ 5 There is indeed something very..inhuman in the ordinary Scriblers of Lampoons. An Innocent young Lady shall be exposed, for an unhappy Feature. 1793 W. ROBERTS *Looker-On* (1794) III. 179 One man shall approve..the same thing that another man shall condemn. 1821 LAMB *Elia* I. *My Relations*, He has some speculative notions against laughter, ..when peradventure the next moment his lungs shall crow like Chanticleer. 1870 M. ARNOLD *St. Paul & Prot.* 2 It may well happen that a man who lives and thrives under a monarchy shall yet theoretically disapprove the principle of monarchy. 1870 LOWELL *Study Wind.* 175 That which one shall hide away..another shall make an offensive challenge to the self-satisfaction of all his hearers.

10. In hypothetical, relative, and temporal clauses denoting a future contingency, the future auxiliary is *shall* for all persons alike. (Where no ambiguity results, however, the present tense is commonly used for the future, and the perfect for the future-perfect; the use of *shall*, when not required for clearness, is apt to sound pedantic.)

† Formerly sometimes used to express the sense of a present subjunctive.

a. In hypothetical clauses.

(† *Shall I* = 'if I shall'. *rare.*)

c 1250 *Owl & Night.* 1683 Schille [*v.r.* schulle] ich an utest uppen ow grede, ich shal swo stronge ferde lede, þat ower pronde shal aualle. *c* 1300 *Havelok* 1782 Shul ich casten þe dore open, Summe of you shal ich drepen! 1382 WYCLIF *Ecclus.* xxiii. 13 If he shul higile the brother, the gilte of hym vpon hym shal be. *c* 1400 *Gamelyn* 115 If I schal algate be beten anon, Cristes curs mot thou have but thou be that oon! 1588 [see c]. 1590 in C. S. *Right Relig.* A ij b, If your Worship shall read with patience and with great aduise see into the work. 1680 *New Hampsh. Prov. Papers* (1867) I. 388 If any Christian..shall speak contempteously of the Holy Scriptures,..such person..shall be punished. 1852 TENNYSON *3rd Feb. 1852*, If you shall fail to understand, What England is..On you will come the curse of all the land.

b. In relative clauses (where the antecedent denotes an as yet undetermined person or thing).

c 1200 ORMIN 1205 Forrþi sinndenn alle þa þatt shulenn inntill helle Effnedd wiþþ gæt. *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 305 Alle ðo, ðe of hem sule cumen, sulen ermor in blisse wunen. 1382 WYCLIF *Luke* x. 8 In to what enere citee 3e schulen entre, and thei schulen receyne 3ou, ete 3e tho thingis that ben put to 3on. 1417–18 *E. E. Wills* (1882) 38 Eny gonde þat schele be solde, yt ys my wyll þat Wyllyam Alnowe haue it. *c* 1450 *Merlin* 33, I go thider as thei shullen lede me. 1502 *Bury Wills* (Camden) 92, I will..vj s. viij d. to be delte in bedred men..ther where it xalbe moste nedefull. 1576 *Aberdeen Reg.* (1848) II. 26 To consent to sic uther thingis as selbe thocht expedient. 1665 in *Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* Var. Coll. IV. 244 Mr. Mayor is desired to.. pay the fees that shalbe due to the officers. 1718 ROWE *Lucan* III. 171 With humble Votes obedient they agree, To what their mighty Subject shall Decree. 1794 MRS. RADCLIFFE *Myst. Udolpho* xliii, I will lay all the spirits that shall attack me in the Red Sea. 1811 SOUTHEY *Let. to G. C. Bedford* 16 Feb. The minister who shall first become a believer in that book..will obtain a higher reputation than ever statesman did before him. 1874 R. CONGREVE *Ess.* 417 We extend our sympathies..to the unborn generations which..shall follow us on this earth.

c. In temporal clauses.

1382 WYCLIF 1 *Cor.* xi. 26 How ofte enere 3e schulen ete this breed,..3e schulen schewe the deeth of the Lord, til he come. *c* 1394 *P. Pl. Crede* 9 Whan y schal schewen myn schrift schent mote y worþen. *c* 1421 *26 Pol. Poems* 111/117 Whenne þon al þe world shal deme, Dampne me nou3t after my dede. 1480 *Bury Wills* (Camden) 67 And this to be doon as ofte as such case xall require. 1588 J. UDALL *Diotrephes* (Arb.) 33 If this way shall be thought good, when there shalbe some aduice taken vpon it. 1655 *Nicholas Papers* (Camden) II. 323 When you shall licence mee, I shall bee free. *a* 1763 W. KING *Pol. & Lit. Anecd.* (1819) 159 The seat of happy souls; who, after they shall have continued in it the space of 10,000 years, will be removed to a more glorious orb. 1830 *Laws of Cricket* in Nyren *Yng. Cricketer's Tutor* (1902) 20 If in striking, or at any other time, while the ball shall be in play, both his feet be over the

popping-crease. 1865 KINGSLEY *Herew.* xxxi, Pray St. Etheldreda to be with us when the day shall come. 1896 A. AUSTIN *England's Darling* II. iv, When War's loud shuttle shall have woven peace.

11. In clauses expressing the purposed result of some action, or the object of a desire, intention, command, or request. (Often admitting of being replaced by *may*; in OE., and occas. as late as the 17th c., the pres. subj. was used as in Latin.)

a. in final clause usually introduced by *that*.

In this use mod. idiom prefers *should* (22 a) : see quot. 1611 below, and the appended remarks.

c 1200 ORMIN 7640, I þiss child iss borenn her to þann þatt fele shulenn fallenn, & fele shulenn risenn upp. *c* 1250 *Owl & Night.* 445 Bit me þat ich shulle singe vor hire lune one skentinge. 1375 BARBOUR *Bruce* I. 156, I sall do swa thow sall be king. 1390 GOWER *Conf.* II. 213 Thei gon under protecciouu, That love and his affecciouu Ne schal noght take hem be the slieve. *c* 1450 *Mirk's Festial* 289, I wil..schew ȝow what þis sacrament is, þat ȝe schullon in tyme comyng drede God þe more. 1470–85 MALORY *Arthur* XIII. xv. 633 What wille ye that I shalle doo sayd Galahad. 1558 in J. M. Stone *Hist. Mary I*, App. 518 My mynd and will ys, that the said Codicell shall be accepted. 1611 BIBLE *Luke* xviii. 41 What wilt thou that I shall doe vnto thee? [So in *Matt.* xx. 32; 'should' in *Mark* x. 51; 1881 (Revised) has 'should' in all three passages. Coverdale (1535) has 'shal' in *Matt.*, in the other gospels 'that I do'.] *c* 1643 LD. HERBERT *Autobiog.* (1824) 139 Were it not better you shall cast away a few words, than I lose my life? 1698 in J. O. Payne *Rec. Engl. Cath. 1715* (1889) 111 To the intent they shall see my will executed. 1829 MACAULAY *Mill on Govt.* in *Edin. Rev.* Mar. 177 Mr. Mill recommends that all males of mature age..shall have votes. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* xxiv, We shall have the first of the fight, sir; and depend on it Boney will take care that it shall be a hard one. 1879 M. PATTISON *Milton* xiii. 167 At the age of nine and twenty, Milton has already determined that this lifework shall be.. an epic poem.

b. in relative clause.

1545 RAYNALD *Byrth Mankynde* Prol. (1552) B iij, The foundation & grounde, by the perceauerance wherof, your ..vnderstanding shal be illuminat. 1599 SHAKS. *Hen. V*, II. iv. 40 As Gardeners doe with Ordure hide those Roots That shall first spring. *a* 1631 DONNE *Paradoxes* (1652) 35 To know those vertoes require some Judgement in him which shall discerne. 1769 JOHNSON in *Boswell* (1904) I. 399 I'll take you five children from London, who shall cuff five Highland children. 1874 L. STEPHEN *Hours in Libr.* Ser. I. 287 To hit off that delicate mean between the fanciful and the prosaic which shall satisfy his taste.

** *The past tense* **should** *with temporal function.*

†**12.** Expressing a former obligation or necessity : = 'was bound to', 'had to'. *Obs.*

Beowulf 10 (Gr.) He..weox under wolcnum..oð þæt him æghwylc þara ymbsittendra ofer hronrade hyran scolde. *Ibid.* 704 Sceotend swæfon, þa þæt hornreced healdan scoldon. *c* 893 ÆLFRED *Oros.* I. i. § 14 Þa sceolde he ðær bidan ryhtnorþanwindes, for ðæm þæt land beaȝ þær suþryhte. *c* 1205 LAY. 4301 Þer fore his mon he bicom & hærdsumnesse him solde don. *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 1326 Ysaac was leid ðat auter on, So men sulden holocaust don. *c* 1380 WYCLIF *Serm.* Sel. Wks. I. 77 In þe olde lawe weren þei wont to offre a lombe wiþouten wem, þe whiche shulde be of o ȝere. ? *a* 1400 *Arthur* 481 Arthour, as he scholde done, Sende lucyes body to Rome.

†**13.** In statements of what was formerly intended or settled to take place; = 'was to', or (contextually) 'was about to' *Obs.*

Beowulf 1443 (Gr.) Syrede hine Beowulf eorlȝewædum.. scolde herebyrne hondum ȝebroden..sund cunnian. *a* 1000 *Andreas* 1132 (Gr.) Hæfdon æglæcan sæcce ȝesohte, sceolde sweordes ecg..feorh acsiȝan. *a* 1122 *O.E. Chron.* (Laud MS.) an. 1000, His scipu wendon ut abuton Leȝceastre and sceoldan cumon ongean hine, ac hi ne mihton. *c* 1205 LAY. 10322 Heo makeden enne hehne cniht heore here-toȝe..he heom scolde læden. *c* 1275 *Passion our Lord* 532 in *O. E. Misc.* 52 Seþþe hi dude heore sel vpe þene ston Lutel hi wiste wrecches hw hit sculde gon. *a* 1300 *K. Horn* 1412 Þe schup bigan to blenche, His lemman scholde adrenche. *c* 1380 WYCLIF *Sel. Wks.* III. 58 Whanne Abraham schulde have offrid Isaac..he hadde a greet ooþ to God. *c* 1420 *Sir Amadace* (Camden) lix, Quo schuld his stede to stabulle haue? Knyȝte, squier, ȝoman, ne knaue, Nauthir with him he broȝte. 14.. in *Pol. Rel. & L. Poems* (1903) 273 Mary hys moder went þe weye To caluery þer he xuld deye. 14.. *Three 15th Cent. Chron.* (Camden) 78 The Egill ou Poulis stepell was take downe.., but whan hit shulde be set up a yene he that shulde have set it up fell downe and was dede. 1523 BERNERS *Froiss.* I. xlii. 24 The same friday that the batell shulde haue ben the french kynge..was sore dyspleased, bycause he departed without batayle. 1537 *Matthew's Bible, Luke* vii. 19 Arte thou he y^t^ shulde come : or shall we loke for another? 1560 DAUS tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* 57 b, When he shoulde die [orig. *moriturus*]. *Ibid.* 433 The common assemble of thempire y^t^ shuld be holden at Auspurge. 1622 S. WARD *Life of Faith* (1627) 12 When hee should haue been tyed to the stake, he required to stand vntyed.

14. Used in indirect reported utterances, or other statements relating to past time, where *shall* would be used if the time referred to were present.

a. corresponding to *shall* in sense 5, 6, or 7.

Beowulf 691 (Gr.) Næniȝ heora þohte, þæt he þanon scolde eft eardlufan æfre ȝesecean. *c* 897 ÆLFRED *Gregory's Past. C.* xxxix. 284 We cwædon ær ðæt se sceolde lytel sawan, se þe him ðone wind ondrede. *c* 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* Mark xiv. 40 *Ignorabant quid responderent ei*, ne wiston huæd scealdon ondueardа him. *a* 1122 *OE. Chron.* (Laud MS.) an. 1070, Þæt land folc comen him ongean & griðedon wið hine, wændon þæt he sceolde þet land ofer gan. *c* 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 13 Vre drihten cweð to moyses þet he scolde wissien his folc. *c* 1205 LAY. 2079 He hehte þat lune scolde liðen heom hi-tweonen. *c* 1330 *Arth. & Merl.* 1937 A begger þer com in ..; þai seyd, he schuld nouȝt haue, Bot strokes & bismare. 1340–70 *Alex. & Dind.* 781 Ȝe ben soþli þe same of wham þei so tolde, þat scholde lenge aftur lif in lastinge paine. *c* 1450 *Mirk's Festial* 57 The lawe of the Iewes was þen suche þat a woman þat was delyuerde of a man-chyld sculd be holden vnclene. 1470–85 MALORY *Arthur* X. lvii. 511 Yet wold not sire Launcelot telle me certeynte of you where I shold fynde yow. 1535 COVERDALE *Dan.* iii. 19 He charched and commaunded, that the ouen shulde be made seuen tymes hoter. 1579 GOSSON *Sch. Abuse* (Arb.) 74 His Pypers were ready too rounde him in the eare, what he should speake. 1611 SHAKS. *Cymb.* III. iv. 129 'Tis commanded I should do so. 1697 DRYDEN *Virg. Georg.* IV. 732 What shou'd He do, who twice had lost his Love? 1719 DE FOE *Crusoe* I. (Globe) 249 He answer'd..That he would make Conditions with them..That they should be absolutely under my Leading. 1818 CRUISE *Digest* (ed. 2) V. 497 The husband and wife covenanted to levy a fine, which was thereby declared should be to the use of the cognizees and their heirs. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* vi, So long as his friend was enjoying himself, how should he be discontented? *Ibid.* xxi, Old Osborne thought she would be a great match, too, for his son. He should leave the army; he should go into Parliament. 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* v. I. 575 James was declared a mortal..enemy...No treaty should be made with him. 1859 GEO. ELIOT *Adam Bede* xxiv, After all, what had he done? Gone a little too far, perhaps,..but..no harm could come—no harm *should* come. 1865 KINGSLEY *Herew.* xxv, Where were Sweyn and his Danes? Whither should they go till he came?

b. corresponding to *shall* in sense 8.

Here *should* is the auxiliary of the 'anterior future' or 'future in the past' tense. With perf. inf. it forms the 'anterior future perfect' or 'future perfect in the past'.

c 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 19 Heo wisten..þet he sculde cumeu to þisse middeleard for ure neode. 1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 225 Wane he wolde iwite ȝwat man þe child ssolde be þat he adde bi ȝete. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xliv. (*Lucy*) 109 Venand þat he suld at his weding þare-thru hafe doublyt al his thing. *c* 1450 *Merlin* i. 1 We ne trowed not that eny man myght be bore of woman, but that he sholde ben oures. 1470–85 MALORY *Arthur* VII. xxxiii. 266, I made promyse vnto your lady that I should yelde me vnto yow. 1568 GRAFTON *Chron.* II. 694 He was sure that with the Erle of Warwike, he should haue no peace. *a* 1586 SIDNEY *Arcadia* III. (Sommer) 255 b, She tolde him, that he should doo well to do so. 1620 *Westward for Smelts* (Percy Soc.) 11 He feared he was, or should be a cuckold. 1700 DRYDEN *Ovid's Met., Acis*, etc. 39 The Prophet Telemus..Foretold the Cyclops, that Ulysses hand In his broad eye shou'd thrust a flaming Brand. *a* 1715 BURNET *Own Time* (1724) I. 199 The French did thus set on the war between the English and the Dutch, hoping that our Fleets should mutually weaken one another so much, that [etc.]. 1760–72 H. BROOKE *Fool of Qual.* (1809) IV. 114 Sectariaos..would make a monopoly of the Saviour; they should shut him up into a conventicle. 1809 SYD. SMITH *Serm.* II. 249 Joseph in the dungeon knew not that he should be the lord of Egypt. 1846 MRS. KIRKLAND *West. Clearings* 129, I thought I never should have got out. 1855 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* xix. IV. 279 He had expected that he should be able to push forward without a moment's pause. 1893 'SARAH GRAND' *Heav. Twins* (1894) 134 They never doubted but that they should discover him hard at work.

c. in hypothetical, temporal, and final clauses, and relative clauses with hypothetical or final implication. (Cf. 10.)

Beowulf 965 (Gr.) Ic hine..heardan clammum..wriþan þohte, þæt he..scolde licgean lifhysiȝ. *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 175 He made on werlde al erue tame, ðe sulde him her..to fode, and srud. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 410 Hymself þan gaf us sample þare, þat we suld hald it euer mare. 1340–70 *Alex. & Dind.* 108 For þat enchesoun god ches oþur chef kinguus, þat scholde maistrus be maad ouur mene peple. 1390 GOWER *Conf.* I. 14 The tresor of the benefice, Wherof the povere schulden clothe And ete and drinke. *c* 1400 LOVE *Bonavent. Mirr.* xiv. (Gibbs MS.) 34 Shewynge vs þe trewe wey wher by we schuld mowe come þer to. 1510 *Sel. Cases Star Chamb.* (Selden Soc.) II. 73 They wer bound..to reentre the seid prison when the seid Priour shulde commaunde them. *a* 1578 LINDESAY (Pitscottie) *Chron. Scot.* (S.T.S.) I. 47 Witheris thocht that..he sould haue had sic men about him at his command as suld haue suppressed all oppressioun. 1794 MRS. RADCLIFFE *Udolpho* xxv, Emily..determined to attempt the outer door of the turret as soon as Barnardine should withdraw. 1821 SCOTT *Kenilw.* xxvii, He..resolved ..to retire..until the tolling of the great castle-bell should announce the arrival of Elizabeth. *a* 1859 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* xxiii. V. 31 Clancarty was pardoned on condition that he should leave the kingdom. 1902 J. K. MANN *Hist. Popes* I. I. 35 They offered to submit their case to the emperor himself as soon as the Lombards should be overcome.

d. In noun-clause dependent on expressions of willing, desiring, commanding, requesting, etc. (in the pa. t.). (Cf. 11 and 22 a.)

a 1000 *Guthlac* 636 (Gr.) Wendun ȝe & woldun..þæt ȝe scyppende sceoldan ȝelice wesan in wuldre. *c* 1000 ÆLFRIC *Hom.* I. 310 God bebead Moyse,..þæt he and eall Israhela folc sceoldon ofrian..an lamb anes ȝeares. *a* 1122 *O. E. Chron.* (Laud MS.) an. 1101, On þa ȝerad..þet se eorl Robert..sceolde..þreo þusend marc seolfres habban. *a* 1225 *Leg. Kath.* 1439 Het eft þe keiser þat me schulde Katerine bringen biforen him. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 381 Þe thrid day þat drighti n..bad a dri sted suld be. *a* 1352 MINOT *Poems* (ed. Hall) iii. 53 He cumand þan þat men suld fare Till Ingland. *c* 1400 *Gamelyn* 19 He sente hem word by lettres they schulden hye blyve. 1471 CAXTON *Recuyell* (Sommer) 71 He comandyd that thou sholdest be put to deth. 1594 ASHLEY tr. *Loys Le Roy* 42 Aristotle did write vnto Calisthenes..that..he should diligently inquire of the antiquitie of the Chaldees. 1665 *Extr. St. Papers rel. Friends* Ser. III. (1912) 245 His sweet highnes would not haue giuen it to your honour but that he intended you should doe good in it. 1780 *Mirror* No. 96 My parents..were determined I should have a good education. 1861 T. L. PEACOCK *Gryll Grange* xxxii, He had wished that the doctor should inquire into the cause of his trouble. 1891 'J. S. WINTER' *Lumley* xii, Blackwood had a not unreasonable desire that such an event should not come about.

e. In statements of a former likelihood, unlikelihood, expectation, hope, fear, etc.

In present usage the rules for the choice of the auxiliary are the same as apply to the future tense (see 8). Until the middle of the 19th c., however, *should* was common in this use in the second and third persons, where *would* is now normal.

1340 *Ayenb.* 12 Alle þon þet..storue..ine hope þet hi ssolden by y-borȝe be him uor þe zenne of the uerste manne. *c* 1489 (see FEAR *v.* 4 b). 1653 DOROTHY OSBORNE *Lett.* (1888) 94 We could not reasonably hope he should outlive this day. 1671 tr. *Palafox's Conq. China* xvi. 312 [They] expected it should have defended it self better. 1749 FIELDING *Tom Jones* XIII. ix, He thought it most likely that some of his servants should be acquainted with the same secret. 1788 MRS. HUGHES *Henry & Isab.* III. 94 From his age and infirmities it was not likely Lord Belford should live long. 1820 SHELLEY *Ess.* (1852) II. 232 There was no danger that it should become a model to the age of that false taste. 1855 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* xiv. III. 428 It was not to be expected that men who would not help themselves should help each other. 1867 THIRLWALL *Lett.* (1881) II. 118 You had reason to expect that I should have returned the enclosed papers before now.

f. In statements of what habitually occurred. (Cf. sense 9.) Now *rare* (? *dial.*).

1722 DE FOE *Col. Jack* 23 Every now and then dropping asleep, I should dream that my money was lost. 1745 P. THOMAS *Jrnl. Anson's Voy.* 314 Sometimes we should have seven Fathom on one Side.

15. Forming with the inf. a substitute for the pa. t. indic. (or, with perf. inf., for the pluperf.) in the oblique report of another's statement in order to imply that the speaker does not commit himself to the truth of the alleged fact. (The perf. inf. was often substituted for the pres. inf. merely in order to express the notion of past time more unambiguously. *Obs.* exc. *dial.*

The corresponding use of *shall* (= G. *soll*, 'is said to') is not evidenced in Eng., the OE. instances alleged by Bosw.-Toller having apparently a different meaning.

c 888 ÆLFRED *Boeth.* xxxv. § 4 Ic wat þæt ðu ȝeherdest oft reccan on ealdum leasum spellum þætte Iob Saturnes sunu..sceolde ricsian on heofenum. *c* 1000 ÆLFRIC *Saints' Lives* xviii. 197 Fundon ða lease ȝewitan þe forluȝon naboð þæt he sceolde wyriȝan wælhreowlice god. *a* 1122 *OE. Chron.* (Laud MS.) an. 1098, Þises ȝeares..æt Finchamstæde an mere blod weoll, swa swa manize trywe men sædan þe hit ȝeseon sceoldan. 13.. *Guy Warw.* (A.) 6918 In edwite it worþ þe adrawe, Swiche a man þou schust haue slawe. 1460 CAPGRAVE *Chron.* (Rolls) 7 In othir bokes..is told that Adam schuld a sent Seth onto the gates of Paradyse for the oyle of mercy. 1472 SIR J. PASTON 4 Nov. in *P. Lett.*, Thys daye rennyth a tale that the Duke of Bretayne sholde he ded. I beleeff it not. 1506 *Engl. Misc.* (Surtees) 52 Oon Bartrame Dawson of the citie of York..is senysterly defamed that he shulde be a Scottysshman borne. 1518 *Sel. Cases Star Chamb.* (Selden Soc.) II. 137 They harde one Thomas Wynwyck say that he shuld here John Sucklyng say that [etc.]. 1561 in Froude *Engl. Seamen* (1895) 26 When I was arraigned I was charged that I should say our mass was as good as theirs. *a* 1578 LINDESAY (Pitscottie) *Chron. Scot.* (S.T.S.) II. 174 It was alledgit that my lord of Arrane in his mirienes sould oppin this consperacie. *a* 1586 SIDNEY *Apol. Poetry* (Arb.) 51 To the second [*sc.* imputation]..that they should be the principall lyars; I aunswere..that of all Writers vnder the sunne, the Poet is the least lier. 1600 SHAKS. *A. Y. L.* III. ii. 182 But didst thou heare without wondering, how thy name should be..carued vpon these trees? 1663 MARVELL *Corr.* Wks. (Grosart) II. 92 There are some rumors that the conspirators should have taken some other places. 1764 *Museum Rust.* II. 134 My neighbour,..being told that I should say I would do for them, charged me with destroying them. 18.. *Let.* in Sir J. T. Coleridge *Mem. Keble* (1869) 64 Some one raised a report that he should say that herring and potatoes were good enough for anyone. 1822 SCOTT *Nigel* xv, They had a braw sport in the presence last Friday, how ye suld have routed a young shopkeeper. 1886 *W. Somerset Word-bk.* s. v. *Should*, I zeed Mr. Jones, and he zaid how you should zay I told ee that there zeed come vrom he.

¶ **b.** with omission of the *have* of the perf. inf.

c 1465 *Eng. Chron.* (Camden) 63 The peple..demed that it sholde betokened sum harm sone aftirward. *a* 1566 *Hist. Estate Scot.* (Wodrow Soc. Misc.) 71 It appeared that they should matched.

16. In indirect question relating to a past matter of fact. *Obs.* exc. *arch.*

Present usage prefers the pa. t. or perf.; when the notion of uncertainty is emphasized, *might* or *could* is used instead of the earlier *should*.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 4931 Þe folk asked quat þai suld be, 'Theues,' coth ioseph. *Ibid.* 21579 And quatkin tre it suld ha bene His eldres tald him all be-dene. *c* 1440 *Gesta Rom.* xxiii. 84 (Harl. MS.), Þere was no man cowde discryve whether of hem shuld be Emperour. 1530 TINDALE *Prol. Hebr.* Wks. (1573) 56/1 About this epistle hath euer ben much doubting..who should be the authour thereof. 1534 — *Mark* ix. 10 They..demaunded one of a nother, what the rysinge from deeth agayne shuld meane. 1640 YORKE *Union Hon.* 122 Who should be the mother I find not mentioned by M. Yincent. 1704 N. N. tr. *Boccalini's Advts. fr. Parnass.* II. 19 The Assembly were wondring what should be the meaning of it. 1851 KEALE *Occas. Papers* (1877) 238 Some..may have wondered what this 'present distress' should mean.

17. In questions introduced by *who, whom, what*, and followed by *but*, serving to express the unexpectedness of some past occurrence.

1626 BP. HALL *Contempt., O. T.* XXI. v, Whiles his hart is taken vp with these thoughts, who should come ruffling by him, but..Haman. 1833 TENNYSON *May Queen* iv, As I came up the valley whom think ye should I see, But Robin? 1842 BROWNING *Pied Piper* iv, Just as he said this, what should hap At the chamber door but a gentle tap?

*** *The past tense* should *with modal function.*

As with other auxiliaries, the pa. t. (orig. subjunctive) of *shall* is often used to express, not a reference to past time, but a modal qualification of the notion expressed by the present tense. Where in addition the notion of past time is to be expressed, this can often be effected by the use of the perf. instead of the pres. inf. (though sometimes this produces ambiguity); the temporal notion may however be merely contextually implied, and in that case the pa. t. has the appearance of having both functions (temporal and modal) at once.

18. In statements of duty, obligation, or propriety (originally, as applicable to hypothetical conditions not regarded as real).

This conditional form of expression was from an early period substituted for the unconditional *shall* in sense 2, and in mod. Eng. the pres. tense in this use is obs., and *should* = ought to.

Beowulf 2708 (Gr.) Swylc sceolde secg wesan, þegn æt ðearfe. *c* 897 Ælfred *Gregory's Past. C.* iv. 36 Ðonne mon forlet ðone eze..þe he mid ryhte on him innan habban sceolde. *c* 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 21 We scolden halden his heste us hitwenan. *c* 1275 *Passion our Lord* 472 in *O. E. Misc.* 50 Þu ne schuldest nouht þi wryt habben iwryte so. *c* 1315 Shoreham i. 749 He despyseþ ihesu cryst, Wanne he hym scholde herye. *c* 1350 *Will. Palerne* 3685 Whi make ȝe þis sorwe? ȝe schuld now make ȝow merie. 1411 *Rolls of Parlt.* III. 650/2 He knoweth wel that..he ne hath noght born hym as he sholde hav doon. ?*c* 1570 *Misogonus* III. i. 189 (Brandl) Thoughe I sait and shoulde not sait. 1607–12 Bacon *Ess., Counsel* (Arb.) 318 Neither is it necessarye, that he that consulteth what he should doe, should declare what he will doe. 1756 Mrs. Calderwood in *Coltness Collect.* (Maitland Club) 214 Some men should have been women, and he, I think, is one. 1819 Scott *Ivanhoe* xxxii, Conquest, lady, should soften the heart. 1845 Poe *Tales, Gold Bug,* I draw tolerably—*should* do it at least—have had good masters. 1896 *Law Times Rep.* LXXIII. 616/2 He should have looked up and down the line before he ventured to cross it.

Proverbial phrase. 1764 Mrs. Sheridan *Journ. to Bath* i. i, That same Lord Stewkly is no better than he should be, (between ourselves). 1780 *Mirror* No. 104 Every woman who passed much of her time in town, he made no scruple to say, was no better than she should be.

¶ with omission of *have* in perf. inf.

a 1529 Skelton *Agst. Scottes* 106 Regarded ye should your lord. 1561 *Godly Q. Hester* (1873) 23 And they that should assisted, I wote not how they were brysted. *c* 1730 Ramsay *Wyfe of Auchtermuchty* xv, Scho fand all wrang that sould been richt.

b. *Should be* : ought according to appearances to be, presumably is. ? *Obs.*

1605 Shaks. *Macb.* I. iii. 45 You should be Women, And yet your Beards forbid me to interprete That you are so. 1631 Heywood *2nd Pt. Fair Maide West* iv. i, Pursue the Ruffin,..He should be Captain of those bloody theevs, That haunts our mountains. 1661 Cosin *Corr.* (Surtees) II. 36, I saw a letter to-day which tells us that the great Presbyterian preacher in London is silenced; but the letter names him not. I guesse it should be Mr. Baxter.

c. *You should hear, see* = I wish you could hear, if only you could hear, etc.

1842 Tennyson *Walking to Mail* 63 You should have seen him wince As from a venomous thing. 1857 Hughes *Tom Brown* II. v, Ah! but you should just have seen the fight between Slogger Williams and Tom Brown!

19. In the apodosis of a hypothetical proposition (expressed or implied), indicating that the supposition, and therefore its consequence, is unreal.

a. Where *shall* (in sense 5, 6, 7, 8, or 9) would be used if the hypothesis were accepted.

1154 *O. E. Chron.* an. 1137, Wel þu myhtes faren all a dæis fare sculdest thu neure finden man in tune sittende. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 332 ȝif ure Louerd demde him al efter rihtwisnesse ..wo scholde him iwurðen. *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 194 Hadde he wel loked him wið skil, Ilc beste sulde don his wil. *a* 1300 *K. Horn* 347 Þanne scholde wiþuten oþe þe kyng maken vs wroþe. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Frankl. T.* 47 Pacience.. venquysseth..Thynges þat rigour sholde neuere atteyne. 1408–9 *26 Pol. Poems* (1904) 32 And it were soþ þat clerkis telle, ffewe folkes shulde come in heuene. 1535 Fisher *Wks.* (1876) 384 If one deadly sin were found in their soules, they shuld incontinent be throwen into the darke dungeon of hell. 1581 in Allen *Martyrd. Campion* (1908) 35, I will not belie myself, for so should I condemne my owne soule. 1601 B. Jonson *Poet.* III. i. 183 You shoo'd see mee [*sc.* dance], were it not i' the street. 1604 Shaks. *Oth.* III. iv. 62 If she lost it, ..my Fathers eye Should hold her loathed. 1718 Earl Cowper in J. Duncombe *Lett.* (1773) I. 198 You and your horse should have been very welcome. 1779 Johnson in *Boswell* (1904) II. 308 We should have robbed the Scotch, if they had had any thing of which we could have robbed them. 1790 Cowper *Let. to Lady Hesketh* 8 Mar., I should be unreasonable indeed not to be highly gratified by it. 1802–12 Bentham *Judic. Evid.* (1827) II. 404 Cross-examination..a term for which..one should have expected to have found an equivalent in every language. 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* xli, I often think we should all be better without it. 1878 O. W. Holmes *Motley* 37 He knew that he should not have been satisfied with himself, if he had not made it. 1878 Miss Braddon *Open Verd.* vi, After this, I shouldn't be at all surprised at his going over to Rome. 1887 Browning *Parleyings, B. de Mandeville* iv, So should wrong merely peep abroad to meet Wrong's due quietus.

interrogatively. 1834 K. H. Digby *Mores Cath.* v. iii. 84 But where should one finish if one were to speak of the 'lauda Sion' [etc.].

b. When the pres. tense of the principal vb. would be used if the hypothesis were accepted. (Where the pa. t. or the perf. would be used, *should* is followed by the perf. inf.)

In this use the combination of *should* with inf. forms a periphrastic past subjunctive: thus 'I should be' = the archaic 'I were'. Similarly with perf. inf.: 'Then I should have been' = 'then had I been'.

The choice between *should* and *would* follows the same rules as that between *shall* and *will* as future auxiliaries, except that *should* must sometimes be avoided on account of liability to be misinterpreted as = 'ought to' (sense 18). In present Eng. *should* occurs mainly in the first person; in the other persons it follows the rule for *shall* in 8 c, d.

c 1430 *Two Cookery Bks.* 45 Bete alle to-gederys as þikke as þou schuldyst make oþer bature in fleyssche tyme. 1432–50 tr. *Higden* (Rolls) I. 337 Thei scholde haue writen more circumspectely, if they hade seide [etc.]. *c* 1435 *Torr. Portugal* 1534 Nyne oxen of that lond Shold not drawe the tre. 1467 Marg. Paston 11 July in *P. Lett.*, Thei set not be a woman as thei shuld set be a man. 1481 Caxton *Reynard* (Arb.) 35, I haue so grette scatte and good of syluer.. that seuen waynes shold not conne carye it away. *c* 1489 — *Sonnes of Aymon* xvi. 377 Yf it had be at our wyll ye sholde have had goode peas wyth the kyng charlemagn. 1753 Challoner *Cath. Chr. Instr.* 91 At the Confiteor.. I should advise the Assistants to an humble Confession of their Sins to God. 1882 'L. Keith' *Alasnam's Lady* 111. 284, I shouldn't know how to begin. 1908 Bagot *A. Cuthbert* v. 42, I should say that Aunt Jane..is perfectly right in regarding me..as an intruder.

¶ with omission of *have* in perf. inf.

1585 Norden *Sinful Mans Solace* 25 b, Then should not thus my silly soule Bene wrapt in irkesome woe.

c. With verbs of liking, preference, etc., *should* in the first person (and interrogatively in the second) is regarded as more correct than *would*, though this is often used.

In the third person *should* is used only in indirect speech (when *he* represents *I*); uses like quot. 1862 are abnormal.

The forms *I should have liked to (see)* and *I should like to have (seen)* are alternative ways of adding the temporal notion to the modal sense of *should*. Another form, sometimes met with, but certainly faulty, is *I should have liked to have (seen)*.

1779 Boswell *Johnson* (1904) II. 308 Should you not like to see Dublin, Sir? 1785 Trusler *Mod. Times* III. 81 Should you like any thing up stairs, or would you prefer it in the kitchen? 1838 Macaulay *Ess., Sir W. Temple* (1843) III. 98 Corneille was said to unite the merits of Æschylus, Sophocles, and Euripides. We should like to see a Prometheus after Corneille's fashion. 1860 Ruskin *Unto this Last* i. § 21, I should like the reader to be very clear about this. 1862 G. C. Lewis *Lett.* (1870) 418 One should like to know what it was that they numbered. 1869 Freeman in W. R. W. Stephens *Life* (1895) I. 427, I should like to have stayed longer at Noyon.

erroneous use. 1883 L. Oliphant *Altiora Peto* I. 8, I should much preferred to have seen you there.

d. The original conditional notion is obscured in the phrases *It should seem* (see Seem *v.* 7 f); *one should think* (now somewhat *arch.* and perh. sometimes interpreted in the sense of 18). Similarly *I should think* (*suppose*, etc.) = 'I am inclined to think (suppose, etc.)'; also *colloq.* as a strong affirmation in reply to a tentative suggestion, e. g. 'I should (rather) think he *did* object'.

In the last phrase (as used idiomatically), *would* is never substituted; in the second person the phrase is used only in questions, and in the third person only in oblique narration.

1432–50 tr. *Higden* (Rolls) II. 79 Hit scholde seme to a man beholdenge the fundacion of hit that werke to be rather of the labor of..Romanes, then of Britones. 1508 Fisher *7 Penit Ps.* i. Wks. (1876) 15 It sholde seme that he was create of god but in vayne. 1577 Aylmer in H. N. Birt *Eliz. Relig. Settlem.* (1908) x. 465 *note*, He hath divers *Agnus Dei* [etc.]..It should appear that he hath bestowed many, and these he the refuses. 1617 Moryson *Itin.* I. 195, I should thinke, that these old ornaments are taken away. 1630 *R. Johnson's Kingd. & Commw.* 249 It should seeme that nature herselfe hath armed this people, in giving them the Iron Mines of Biskay, Guipuscoa, and Medina. 1741 C'tess Hartford *Corr.* (1805) III. 324 So vast a stock of vivacity..one should think, could only proceed from a head and heart entirely at ease. 1775 C. Johnston *Pilgrim* 105, I should rather think he has a mind to finger its finances. 1835 Macaulay *Ess., Sir Jas. Mackintosh* (1843) II. 261 It might, one should think, have crossed the mind of a man of fifty, who had seen a great deal of the world. 1856 — *Johnson* Misc. Writ. (1882) 321/2 It should seem that a full half of Johnson's life, during about sixteen years, was passed under the roof of the Thrales. 1861 Geo. Eliot *Silas M.* vi, 'You remember when first Mr. Lammeter's father came into these parts, don't you, Mr. Macey?'..'I should think I did.' 1889 Swinburne *Study B. Jonson* 4 That sioging power..was not, it should seem, a natural gift of this great writer's.

†e. *Should have been* = 'would have had to be': see 3 b. (In quot. with omission of *have*.)

15.. *Christ's Kirk* xvii, He suld bene swift that gat him Throw sprid.

f. *I should* (*do* so and so): orig. with expressed or understood protasis 'if I were you', but in mod. colloquial language often used loosely = 'I would advise you to (do, etc.)'.

1908 R. Bagot *A. Cuthbert* iii. 19, I should get her back as soon as you can, otherwise perhaps the painter will marry her!

20. In a hypothetical clause expressing a rejected supposition. †a. Where *should* has notional force = 'were obliged to', 'must', 'were about to'. Often with ellipsis of *if* after *as*. *Obs.*

With the use as in quot. 1530 cf. the modern 'as if his heart *would* break'.

1340 Hampole *Pr. Consc.* 4306 Devels aftir sal here hym.. In-til þe ayre als he suld stey to heven. 1362 Langl. *P. Pl.* A. I. 132 No dedly sunne to do dyȝe þau3 þou scholdest. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 10795 Þai drepit in dole, as þai degh shuld. 1526 Tindale *Matt.* xxvi. 35 Yff I shulde dye with the [Gr. κἂν δέῃ με σὺν σοὶ ἀποθανεῖν] yet wyll I not denye the. 1529 More in Scoones *Four Cent. Eng. Lett.* (1893) 12 If I shold not leave myself a spone, there shall no poore neighbour of mine here no losse by any chance happened in my house. 1530 Palsgr. 724/1 The poore boye sobbed, as his herte shulde brust. 1568 *Satir. Poems Reform.* xlvi. 34 Na pedderis pak scho will ressaif, Althocht hir travell scho sowld tyne.

b. Where the future tense (or the present with future import) would be used if the supposition were entertained. (With pa. t. subjunctive, usually *should* or *would*, also *could*, *might*, arch. *were*, etc., in the apodosis. Cf. 21.) Now somewhat *rare*, mod. usage preferring *were to*.

c 1520 *Everyman* 146 (Pollard) Yf I sholde this pylgrymage take,..Shewe me,..Sholde I not come agayne shortly? 1598 Shaks. *Merry W.* iv. ii. 237 Me thinkes there would be no period to the iest, should he not be publikely sham'd. 1664 Butler *Hud.* II. iii. 53 If he should forbear to go She might conclude h'had broke his Vow. 1743 Bulkeley & Cummins *Voy. S. Seas* 176 If any Misfortune should attend the Vessel, ..we should be put very hard to it for a Subsistence. 1782 Miss Burney *Cecilia* ix. i. (1882) II. 298 Should I think, sir, to eternity,..I could never conjecture what you mean! 1884 Tennyson *Becket* III. i, And no flower, not The sun himself, should he be changed to one, Could shine away the darkness of that gap.

†c. With reference to the past (e. g. 'if he should have done' = if he had done). *Obs.*

1576 Knewstub *Confut.* etc. (1579) R 7 The gift had beene exceeding great, if wee should haue had no more at his hands, then [etc.]. 1611 Shaks. *Cymb.* v. i. 8 If you Should haue tane vengeance on my faults, I neuer Had liu'd to put on this.

d. In relative clause with hypothetical import.

1800 C. Butler *Life Alban Butler* xvi, A person would deserve well of the English Catholics who should translate it into English. 1843 Macaulay *Ess., Addison* (1853) III. 420 Pope writing dialogue resembled..a wolf, which, instead of biting, should take to kicking. 1886 Mrs. Lynn Linton *Paston Carew* xxxii, The bank was perfectly solvent. He who should have said otherwise..would have been made to eat his libellous talk [etc.].

e. *As who should say* [cf. F. *comme qui dirait*] = as much as to say. *arch.* Also †*as if he should say* (*should have said*).

1551 T. Wilson *Logic* (1580) 70 It is asmuche as who should saie: He that made thee, without thee, can not saue thee without thee. 1568 Grafton *Chron.* II. 251 Then one of them behelde another, as who should say, who is he that dare go foorth to cary this message. 1600 C. Sutton *Disce Mori* (1607) x. 168 He declared as thus, his integrity of life: Behold here I am, beare record of mee...As if hee should haue sayd, Giue me my Quietus est at parting. 1641 J. Shute *Sarah & Hagar* (1649) 112 Some conceive the Apostle to use that phrase by way of excellency, (as if he should haue said); though I were of the most excellent elocution. 1687 R. L'Estrange *Brief Hist. Times* I. 150 As who should say; 'tis e'en a Mercy that we have not had All our Throats Cut. 1883 Sherer *At Home & in India* 110 Rameshur bowed his head, following the action by two or three affirmative nods, as who should say, 'Yes, yes' [etc.].

21. In a hypothetical clause relating to the future, *should* takes the place of *shall* (indicative or subjunctive), or of the equivalent use of the present tense, when the supposition, though entertained as possible, is viewed as less likely or less welcome than some alternative. (With future, future perf., or imperative in the apodosis.)

1675 Hannah Woolley *Gentlew. Comp.* 247, I shall swell this Volume into too great a bulk, should I give you patterns of Letters for all occasions. 1791 Cowper *Let.* 13 June, Should I thunder ever so loud, no efforts of that sort will avail me now. 1842 Tennyson *Lady Clare* xii, 'And he shall have it', the lady replied, 'Tho' I should die to-night.' 1846 J. Baxter *Libr. Pract. Agric.* (ed. 4) I. 50 Should any soluble salt remain it will be soda. 1896 A. Austin *England's Darling* I. iii, And, should the looked for shock be on us soon, I must be there!

b. Similarly, with perf. inf., in a hypothetical clause relating to what may have happened in the past.

1794 Windham in *Eng. Hist. Rev.* Oct. (1912) 714 Let me recall to your recollection the business of Mr. Burke, in case it should not have been mentioned to you by Mr. Dundas.

22. In a noun-clause (normally introduced by *that*).

a. In dependence on expressions of will, desire, command, advice, request.

Where the verb of the governing clause is in the pa. t., this use is indistinguishable from that treated in 14 d.

The substitution of *should* for the earlier *shall* (itself a periphrastic substitute for the more primitive use of the pres. subjunctive: see 11 a) may have arisen from instances in which the governing vb. was in the modal pa. t. (as in quots. *c* 1200, 1340).

c 1200 Ormin Ded. 133, I wollde bliþeli3 þatt all Ennglisshe lede Wiþþ ære shollde lisstenn itt. *c* 1290 *S. Eng. Leg.* 420 Manie gon nakede and bidde þat sum man heom scholde hiwene. 1340 Hampole *Pr. Consc.* 1625 Þai luf swa þis worldes vanyté þat þai wald never other lyfe suld be. 1482 *Cely Papers* (Camden) 94 My emer & I be agreed that I schold have xi li. 1594 Hooker *Eccl. Pol.* III. ix. § 3 Their iudgment is..that the Church of Christ should admit no Law-makers but the Euangelists. 1611 [see 11 a]. 1746 Francis tr. *Hor., Sat.* I. ix. 12 'What's your will with me?' —'That one of your profound discerning Should know me'. 1819 in Moore *Mem.* (1853) III. 77 Chantrey..wishes I should sit to Bartolini. 1833 T. Hook *Parson's Dau.* I. ix, 'I would much rather she did not come', said Fanny...'I would rather she *should* come', said the squire. 1883 *St. James's Gaz.* 25 Aug., It is suggested that the black bass..should be acclimatized in these waters. 1887 L. Oliphant *Episodes* 41, I found it to contain a request..that I should repair.. to the Horse Guards.

b. In statements relating to the necessity, justice,

propriety, etc. of something contemplated as future, or as an abstract supposition.

1527 Wolsey in *St. Papers Hen. VIII* (1830) I. 195, I think convenient..Your Grace shuld handle her both gently and doulcely. *a* 1578 Lindesay (Pitscottie) *Chron. Scot.* (S.T.S.) II. 133 It is aganes the lawis of haly kirk that thow souldest be ane preist and marie ane wyff. 1641 Milton *Animadv.* 65 It is most just, that all their faults should be imputed to yee. 1724 Ramsay *Vision* xx, Quhats proper we suld know. 1780 *Mirror* No. 75, It is of high national importance that the very earliest notice should be given of the near appearance of a figure-dancer. 1818 Cruise *Digest* (ed. 2) II. 326 We are now to consider the time at which it is requisite a contingent remainder should vest in interest. 1855 Tennyson *Maud* III. iii, It is time..That old hysterical mock-disease should die.

c. In expressions of surprise or its absence, approval or disapproval, of some present or past fact.

c 1330 *Arth. & Merl.* 6803 Woleway..þat ich euer schuld seu þus miche rewþe on erþe ben I *c* 1440 *Generydes* 35 Gret pite that she..Shuld sette hyr wurchippe atte so litill prise. 1508 Dunbar *Poems* iv. 91 Gud Maister Walter Kennedy,..lyis veraly, Gret renth it wer that so suld be. 1580 R. Parsons *Brief Disc.* 1 b, So was it no meane comforte..to consider..that their should be fownde in Ingland so many gentlemen..so precyse [etc.]. 1650 Eliz. Cromwell 27 Dec. in Carlyle *Cromwell*, I wonder you should blame me for writing no oftener, when I have sent three for one. 1780 *Mirror* No. 92 That folly and ugliness should thrust themselves forward to public notice, might be matter of surprise. 1817 Keats *I stood tip-toe* 44 It may haply mourn That such fair clusters should be rudely torn From their fresh beds. 1820 Southey *Wesley* I. 199 It is somewhat remarkable, that Wesley should have said nothing of their customs respecting matrimony. 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* lxi, The coachmao, who grumbled that his 'osses should be brought out.

¶ with omission of *have* in the perf. inf.

1537 *Wriothesley's Chron.* I. 119 Which was great pitie that so good a ladie as she is should so sone lost her great joy.

d. In clause dependent on sentence (negative, interrogative, or hypothetical) expressing possibility, probability, or expectation.

Cf. 'Is it possible that he should do this?' with 'It is possible that he may do this'. Similarly, 'It is unlikely that he should have been there', but 'It is likely that he was (or may have been) there'.

1600 Fairfax *Tasso* VIII. lxxix, Perchance you look I should entreaties bring. 1749 Fielding *Tom Jones* VII. xv, The Reader may, perhaps, expect..that..she should immediately have interposed in his Behalf. 1780 *Mirror* No. 104 It is..vain to expect, that persons in that rank of life should be able to withstand the attractions of a court. 1824 Landor *Imag. Conv.* Wks. 1846 I. 187 The popes..were under no apprehension that the new religion should itself be subverted. 1850 Thirlwall *Lett.* (1881) I. 198, I think it is quite impossible that I should not at least have looked into it enough to remember having seen it.

e. In clause (now almost always with *lest*) expressing the object of fear or precaution.

1402 Hoccleve *Let. of Cupid* vii, They [*sc.* women] graunte hem grace..for that men shulde nat for her sake dey. *c* 1440 *Jacob's Well* 107 þou leuyst almesse-dede fro þe poore for dreed þat þou schuldyst after fallyn in pouert. 1594 Lyly *Mother Bombie* I. i, She is mewed vp..least she should by some roisting courtier be stollen away. 1686 Parr *Life Usher* 81 Which he..was much concerned at, for fear he should have neglected his duty. 1753 Challoner *Cath. Chr. Instr.* 117 In such Cases 'tis much to be feared, lest their Self-love should biass their Judgment. 1777 Miss Burney *Early Diary* (1889) II. 202 The subject is melancholy, and I am afraid it should give you the vapours. 1857 Borrow *Rom. Rye* xl, However, lest conversation should lag, I'll give it you. 1893 F. Thompson *Poems* 5 Others shall fear lest, heavened thus long, Thou should'st forget thy native song.

23. In special interrogative uses. a. In questions introduced by *why* (or equivalent word), implying the speaker's inability to conceive any reason or justification for something actual or contemplated, or any ground for believing something to be fact.

971 *Blickl. Hom.* 69 To hwon sceolde þeos smyrenes þus beon to lore zedon? *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 461 Qui suld I him seruis yeild? *c* 1420 *Avow. Arth.* xxxiii, I conne notte say the ther-tille, Hit is atte the quene wille, Qwi schuld I layne? 1528 More *Dyalogue* I. xxvii. (1529) G vj b/2 Yf we fell at dyuers oppynions, why shuld thae tone parte more beleue the tother, than be beleuyd of the tother. 1583 Melbancke *Philotimus* H ij, Why then shouldest not thou aswell deceyue me as others? *c* 1600 Shaks. *Sonn.* li, From where thou art, why should I hast me thence. 1779 *Mirror* No. 21 They tell us, 'that men have one common original, and why should relations quarrel?' 1791 Cowper *Let. to W. Bagot* 5 Dec., Why should you suppose that I did not admire the poem you showed me? I did admire it. 1831 Scott *Ct. Rob.* Introd. Addr. P 38 Why should not the same triumph be repeated now? 1890 'L. Falconer' *Mlle. Ixe* i, 'I do hope she will not be dull', said Evelyn...' Why should she be dull?'

b. In questions introduced by *how*, implying that the speaker regards something as impossible or inadmissible.

c 1200 *Vices & Virtues* 65 Hu scolde godd, oðer ani of his halȝen,..hauen rewðe..of ðe, seoðen ðu ðe seluen ne hafst nu hier none of ðe seluen? 1303 R. Brunne *Handl. Synne* 732 How shulde y þan be meke to 30w? *a* 1375 *Joseph Arim.* 83 Hou scholde I gon with childe with-oute felauschupe of mon? *a* 1400 *Pistill of Susan* 46 (MS. P.), þei wold enchaunte þat child; how shold she eschewe? 1500–20 Dunbar *Poems* lxxiv. 34 How sould ony gentill hart indure To se this sycht on ony creature! *a* 1585 Montgomerie *Cherrie & Slae* 570 How suld it be said? 1782 Miss Burney *Cecilia* II. x, How *should* you understand what is so little intelligible? 1819 Scott *Ivanhoe* xliv, If a tinge of the world's pride..may mix with an expression so lovely, how should we chide that which is of earth for bearing some colour of its original?

† c. In questions relating to meaning, cause, or reason, the form with *should* was formerly often substituted for an indicative tense. *Obs.*

1532 Hervet *Xenoph. Househ.* 9 What shulde be the cause of it, gentil Socrates, but that [etc.]. *a* 1548 Hall *Chron., Edw. IV*, 237 b, What should signifie, that dumpishenes of mynde, and inward sighyng? 1592 A. Day *Eng. Secretary* II. (1625) 128 What should be the cause hereof? 1662 Stillingfl. *Orig. Sacræ* I. v. § 5 What should be the reason of this diversity?

III. Elliptical and quasi-elliptical uses.

24. With ellipsis of verb of motion: = 'shall go'. Now *arch.*

[The use is common in OHG. and OS., and in later HG., LG., and Du. In the mod. Scandinavian langs. it is also common, and instances occur in MSw.]

Present tense. Beowulf 1179 (Gr.), þonne ðu forð scyle metodsceaft seon! *c* 1000 Ælfric *Saints' Lives* xxxiii. 86 Loca nu þin fæder sceal mid me to mynstre. *a* 1225 *Leg. Kath.* 811 Schome ow is to..schunien þat ȝe schulen to. 1297 R. Glouc. (Rolls) 7213 þe ssephurdes & þe ssep al so ssolleþ to þe pine of helle. 1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) VIII. 75 Of þe devel þey come, and to þe devel þey schulleþ. *c* 1450 Capgrave *Life St. Aug.* xi, þe same man stand in study wheithir he schal to þe good wey or nowt. 1506 *Kal. Sheph.* (Sommer) 91 If thy boke be nat sure of rekenynge Thou shalt to hell. *a* 1596 *Sir T. More* IV. iii. 48 He shall straite to courte. 161. Gibbes *Expos. 3rd Chap. Philipp.* (1619) 237 The decree of God is, that to dust wee must, as all the rest of our fellow Saints and servants shall. *a* 1628 Preston *New Cov.* (1629) 324, I will plant my Law in thy heart, it shall neuer out againe. 1756 Mas. Caldrawood in *Coltness Collect.* (Maitland Club) 117 They..say, with a sort of flutter that they shall to Vauxhall and Ranelagh, but do not seem to enjoy it when there. 1828 Scott *F. M. Perth* xxix, Thou shalt with me to Iona.

Past tense. c 893 Ælfred *Oros.* III. v. § 4 þonne andydan hie þa durn þe ou þa healfe open wæs, þæt hie be þæm wiston hwider hie sceoldon. 971 *Blickl. Hom.* 225 Þæt hit ða rihte wære þæt he of ðisse worlde sceolde. 1297 R. Glouc. (Rolls) 7375 Willam & alle his þat into þis bataile mid him ssolde. 1303 R. Brunne *Handl. Synne* 2484 Wheþer he wulde, or he ne wulde, he toke hym vp, and furþe he shulde. 1377 Langl. *P. Pl.* B. xv. 13 One without tonge and teeth tolde me whyder I shulde. 1462 Marg. Paston 18 May in *P. Lett.*, Sche seithe her brother and other of her frendes thynke that she schulde up to London. 1596 Shaks. 1 *Hen. IV*, IV. i. 37 That with our small coniunction we should on. 1598 — *Merry W.* III. v. 14 If the bottome were as deepe as hell, I shold down.

† **25.** In questions, *What shall* = 'what shall (it) profit', 'what good shall (I) do'. *Obs.* (*rare* after OE.).

Present tense. a 1000 *Cædmon's Gen.* 663 (Gr.), Hwæt scal þe swa laðlic strið wið þines hearran bodan? *c* 1250 *Owl & Night.* 1025 (Cott.), Wat sol ich [*Jesus MS.* schold ich] þar mid mine songe, Ne sunge ich hom neuer so longe?

Past tense. c 893 Ælfred *Oros.* II. v. § 4 He ascade, hwæt sceolde æt swa lytlum weorode mara fultum. *c* 1250 [see above].

† **26.** With the sense 'is due', 'is proper', 'is to be given or applied'. *Obs.* [Cf. G. *soll.*]

c 1000 *Ags. Gosp.* Matt. ii. 1 *Rubric*, Þys [*sc.* godspel] sceal on twelftan dæȝ. *c* 1325 *Poem temp. Edw. II* (Percy) xli, He wol aske half a pownd To bygge with spiserye: The eyȝt shillyngs schul up To wyn and to ale. *c* 1375 *Cursor M.* 1724 (Fairf.), Sir noe..hew þe timbre þat sulde þerto.

27. With ellipsis of active infinitive to be supplied from the context.

Present tense. a 1225 *Leg. Kath.* 2390 Leste ȝe eft wepen echeliche in helle,..as ȝe schullen alle, huten ȝef [etc.]. 1297 R. Glouc. (Rolls) 4092 Vorto anhansy vre king as we ssolle on alle wyse. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 19071 'Þat i mai giue', he [*sc.* St. Peter, *Acts* iii. 6] said, 'i sale'. 1377 Langl. *P. Pl.* B. xi. 203 Loue we as lene bretheren shal. *c* 1400 Love *Bonavent. Mirr.* xxxix. (Gibbs MS.) lf. 86, I haue ouercome þe world Alse who seyth And so schulle ȝe. 1526 Tindale *Rom.* viii. 25 Who shall seperate vs from goddes love? shall tribulacion? *a* 1592 Greene *Jas. IV*, Ind., *Ober.* That would I fain see. *Boh.* Why, thou shalt. 1610 Shaks. *Temp.* v. i. 20 *Ar.*..If you now beheld them, your affections Would become tender. *Pro.* Dost thou thinke so, Spirit? *Ar.* Mine would, Sir, were I humane.. *Pro.* And mine shall. 1633 Ford 'Tis *Pity* v. vi, *Soran.*..Bring the strumpet forth. *Vas.* I shall Sir. 1710 Swift *Jrnl. to Stella* 22 Oct., This would vex me, but it shall not. 1777 Sheridan *Trip Scarb.* IV. i, You shall have your choice...*Miss Hoyd.* Shall I? 1878 Swinburne *Poems* Ser. II. *Compl. Lisa* 49 Ah, but, forgetting all things, shall I thee? 1892 Mrs. H. Ward *David Grieve* IV. ii, 'No, indeed, I havn't got all I want', said Lucy...'I never shall, neither'.

Past tense. Beowulf 2585 (Gr.) Guðbill ȝeswac nacod æt niðe, swa hyt no sceolde. *a* 1023 Wulfstan *Hom.* ii. (1883) 13 Þæt hi næfdon to gode naðer ne lufe ne eȝe, swa swa hy scoldan. *c* 1120 *Ranks* in *Gesetze der Angels.* (Liebermann) 456 Se moste..his onspæce ȝerædan mid rihte, swa hwær swa he sceolde. *a* 1200 *Morat Ode* 60 in *O. E. Hom.* I. 163 Vfel we doð al to muchel and god lesse þenne we sculden. *c* 1350 *Will. Palerne* 3810 þat þei hent swiche herte as hardi men schuld. 1377 Langl. *P. Pl.* B. vi. 49 Bot þou do bette And lyue as þow shulde. 1458 in Parker *Dom. Archit.* (1859) III. 42 For his fadir soule and his frendes he dyd as he scholde. 1509 Barclay *Skyp of Folys* 71 Blame it blynde dryuyll: by the lawe so thou sholde And nat therat to gyggyll. 1583 in W. Kelly *Notices illustr. Drama* (1865) 213 The..playours ..crawed lycense ageyne to play at there Inn, & he told them they shold not. 1601 Sir W. Cornwallis *Disc. Seneca* (1631) 9 It is not pleasure to doe what we list, but never to stray from what we should. 1735 Pegge *Kenticisms* Introd. Let. (E.D.S.) 11, I wou'd remind you, and indeed it is altogether a necessary I shou'd, that [etc.]. 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* xxxi, I knew he would come. I prayed so that he should. 1872 Calverley *Fly Leaves* (1884) 81, I knew ..That she was uttering what she shouldn't.

b. Phrase, *if I shall* (see quots.). Now *dial.*

1390 Gower *Conf.* II. 96 Doun knelende on mi kne I take leve, and if I schal, I kisse hire. *Ibid.*, I wolde kisse hire eftsones if I scholde. 1871 Earle *Philol. Engl. Tongue* 203 The familiar proposal to carry a basket, *..I will if I shall*, that is, I am willing if you will command me; I will if so required. 1886 *W. Somerset Word-bk.* s. v., I'll warn our Tom 'll do it vor ee, nif he shall—i. e. if you wish.

† c. With generalized ellipsis in proverbial phrase: *Needs must that needs shall* = 'he must whom fate compels'. *Obs.*

1390 Gower *Conf.* I. 99 Bot nede he mot that nede schal. *a* 1592 Greene *Jas. IV*, Ind., Then needs must, needs sall.

† **28.** With ellipsis of *do* (not occurring in the context). *Obs. rare.*

c 1000 Ælfric *Saints' Lives* v. 370 He axode þone casere hu he embe hi sceolde. 1477 Norton *Ord. Alch.* in Ashm. (1652) 5 O King that shall These Workes I

b. The place of the inf. is sometimes supplied by *that* or *so* placed at the beginning of the sentence. The construction may be regarded as an ellipsis of *do*. It is distinct from the use (belonging to 27) in which *so* has the sense of 'thus', 'likewise', or 'also'; in the latter there is usually inversion, as *so shall I.*

13.. *Seuyn Sag.* (W.) 2735 'Rightfulliche thou him awreke'. Th' Emperour saide, 'So ich schal'. 1470–85 Malory *Arthur* X. lvii. 510 That shall I not said sir Dynadan. 1818 Scott *Br. Lamm.* xxi, 'His Mastership will do well to look to himself'. 'That he should', re-echoed Craigengelt. 1888 'J. S. Winter' *Bootle's Childr.* iv, 'I should like to see her now she's grown up'. 'So you shall'.

† **29.** With ellipsis of *be* or passive inf., or with *so* in place of this (where the preceding context has *is, was*, etc.). *Obs.*

Present tense. a 900 Cynewulf *Elene* 895 (Gr.) Ða wæs þam folce on ferhðsefan inȝemynde, swa him a scyle. *c* 1320 *Cast. Love* 719 þe castel lihteþ al abouten, And is raddore þen euere eny rose schal. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Nun's Pr. T.* 4284 Then dreme of thing that never was ne shal. *c* 1412 Hoccleve *De Reg. Princ.* 1631 þus haþ it ben, & ay schal, I bileue. *c* 1560 *Misogonus* III. iii. 153 Yf thou best askt as I know thou shalt. 1566 Sternhold & H. *Ps.* cxliii. 12 For I thy seruant am and shal. 1615 J. Chamberlain in *Crt. & Times Jas. I* (1848) I. 362 He is not yet executed, nor I hear not when he shall.

Past tense. c 1300 *K. Horn* 326 (Harl.) Þah horn were vnder molde & oþer elle[s] wher he sholde. *c* 1380 Wyclif *Serm.* Sel. Wks. II. 269 3if þis epistle of Poule were fulli executid as it shulde. 1426 Lydg. *De Guil. Pilgr.* 2155 That ye be shorn as ye sholde As chose shepe of Crystys folde. ? 15.. *K. Estmere* vii. in Child *Ballads* II. 52/1 Manya man throughe fals messengers is deceived, And I feare lest soe shold wee. 1654 Dorothy Osborne *Lett.* (1888) 285 When I was not satisfied with it myself, I had no reason to hope that anybody else should. 1749 Fielding *Tom Jones* XVI. i, The Sentiments in all these are very little varied, nor is it possible they should.

Shallal (ʃæ·lˌlæ·l). *dial.* [Echoic.] 'A serenade of kettles and pans given to a notorious wedding couple' (Eng. Dial. Dict.); 'rough music'.

1864 *West. Morn. News* 17 June 4 It has been the custom in this town (S. Ives, Cornwall) for some years, on the occasion of a marriage, for a number of young men in disguise to go to the house of the newly-married pair on the night of the wedding and make a 'shallal', that is [etc.]. 1892 'Q.' (Quiller-Couch) *Three Ships* vii. 120 'Twill be time enough to talk of shal-lals when the weddin'-day's fixed.

† **Shalle.** *Obs.* [App. shortened from *shallemuse* or some other form of Shawm.] = Shawm.

c 1407 Lydg. *Reas. & Sens.* 5590 Ther wer trumpes and trumpetes, Lowde shallys and doucetes. 1420–2 — *Thebes* 4298 And in Thebes loud as any shalle The Cry arose. 1426 — *De Guil. Pilgr.* 14305 Thys ffiountys ek, with sotyl musys, And thys shallys loude crye.

† **Shallen.** *Obs. rare*—1. [Perh. a variant of Chalon; but the quot. is obscure.]

1588 *Wills & Inv. N. C.* (Surtees) II. 178 Shallen wever coverletts.

Shallon, shallun (ʃæ·lən). [Prob. related in some way to Salal, the native form of which is given by Lewis & Clark (II. 731) as *shelwel, shellwell.*] = Salal.

1806 Lewis & Clark *Exped.* (1893) II. 791 An evergreen called shallun, resembliog the laurel. 1866 [see Salal].

Shalloon[1] (ʃəlū·n). Forms: 7–9 shaloon, 8 saloon, 7– shalloon. [a. F. *chalon*, which had been earlier adopted as Chalon, q.v. Cf. MHG. *schalûne*, mod.G. *schalaune.*]

1. A closely woven woollen material chiefly used for linings.

[1270–1 *Pipe Roll* 55 Hen. III m. 1 *d*, Pro..xxxvij chalonibus de Reyns.] 1678 *Ancient Trades Decayed* 16 (Stant.), And instead of a Perpetuana or a Shalloon to Lyne Mens Coats with, is used sometimes a Glazened Calico. 1701 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 3701/4 All sorts of Mercery Goods, viz.. Shaloons,..Silk Shags, Chenies,..will be sold by Auction. 1706 E. Waan *Hud. Rediv.* (1707) II. 1. 18 Her Honour's Petticoat and Gown, Were nicely made of blew Saloon. 1721 Swift *Epil. Benefit-play* 21 In blue shalloon shall Hannibal be clad. 1753 Smollett *Cnt. Fathom* xxix, The mummy of an Egyptian king, most curiously rolled up in bandages of rich figured gold shalloon. 1837 Barham *Ingol. Leg.* Ser. I. *Monstre Balloon* 6 The netting had burst—the silk—the shalloon. 1877 J. W. Hayes *Draper & Haberdasher* (ed. 4) 104 Shalloons, a very loosely made stuff, used by tailors for lining coats, &c. A similar article is also made and used for dresses.

b. A wig-tie made of shalloon.

a 1845 Barham *Cousin Nicholas* xxiv, The end of his pigtail..contrasts well with the sable shalloon that unites it to his occiput. *a* 1845 — *Ingol. Leg.* Ser. III. *Wedding-day*, And bright the shalloon of his little quill'd *queue.*

† c. *transf.*

1775 S. J. Pratt *Liberal Opin.* lxxviii. (1783) III. 84, I was so disgusted..at the baseness of this shred of shalloon, that..the only business I had..was to mortify, disgrace, and punish the scoundrel who had injured you.

2. *attrib.* passing into *adj.* Made of shalloon.

1665 Wood *Life* 24 Apr. (O. H. S.) II. 35, I bought a black shaloone suit. 1841 *Blackw. Mag.* XLIX. 298 The red shallooo lining of his coat.

3. *Comb.*, as *shalloon-maker, -manufacturer.*

1723 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 6221/2 Joseph Alford and John Alford,..Shalloon-makers. 1857 *P. O. Directory Yorksh.* 1052 Shalloon Manufacturers.

†Shalloon [2]. *Obs. rare*—[1]. In 7 shaloon(e, shallown. (See quot.)

1688 Holme *Armoury* III. 345/2 A Shaloone..is a kind of Diminutive Coach, which runneth upon two Wheels, and holdeth two people; it is drawn with one Horse. *Ibid.* III. 449/2 A Shallown.

Shallop (ʃæ·lәp), *sb.*, **†shalloop.** Forms: *α.* 6 schalop, (6–7 *erron.* scallop, skallop), 7 sallop, shallupp, shawlopp, 7–9 shalop; *β.* 7 shalupe, shaloup, 8 shalloop, shalloop. See also Chaloupe. [a. F. *chaloupe*, prob. either a. Du. *sloep* (see Sloop) or the source of that word. Cf. Sp. *chalupa*, It. *scialuppa*, G. *schaluppe*. The *β* forms may be viewed either as a re-adoption of the Fr. word, or as an assimilation of the Eng. word to its original; the spellings suggest final stress, but the only verse quot. has *sha·loup*.

The form *scallop, skallop*, in Florio 1598–1611 s.v. *Schiffetto, Schiffo*, and Minshen 1617, is due to erroneous identification with Scallop *sb.*]

1. A large, heavy boat, fitted with one or more masts and carrying fore-and-aft or lug sails and sometimes furnished with guns; a sloop.

α 1578 Lindesay (Pitscottie) *Chron. Scot.* (S.T.S.) II. 278 Ane schip with aoe schalop to keip the narrow vatteris fra thame of blaknes. *c* 1595 Capt. Wyatt *R. Dudley's Voy. W. Ind.* (Hakl. Soc.) 18 Shee was in some harde fight with two pinnesses and a shallop of the Frenchmen. 1626 in Foster *Eng. Factories India* (1909) III. 143 The comanders sent their shallupps to chase fisher boats. 1666 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 29/1 A double Shallop, well mann'd, with two guns. 1740 Johnson *Life Drake* Wks. 1787 IV. 408 Were surprized with the sight of seven Spanish shallops. 1783 in Nicolas *Disp. Nelson* (1846) IV. p. iv, The Albemarle and Pandora recaptured a Shallop, and on the 12th they recaptured a Sloop laden with wine. 1876 Bancroft *Hist. U. S.* I. ii. 31 One shallop was commanded by Alonso de Castillo and Andres Dorantes, another by Cabeza de Vaca.

2. A boat, propelled by oars or by a sail, for use in shallow waters or as a means of effecting communication between, or landings from, vessels of a large size, a dinghy.

α. 1590 Spenser *F. Q.* III. vii. 27 Into the same she leapt, and with the ore Did thrust the shallop from the floting strand. 1619 W. Phillip tr. *Schouten's Wonderf. Voy.* 60 We sent out our Shalop to sound the depth. *a* 1645 Waller *On Danger His Majesty escaped* 93 Our Hero, set In a small shallop. 1832 Tennyson *Lady of Shalott* I. iii, The shallop flitteth silken-sail'd Skimming down to Camelot. 1889 P. H. Emerson *Eng. Idyls* 37 Fain would I have slumbered in my frail shallop.

β. 1646 Sir P. Osborne in Tupper *Hist. Guernsey* (1876) 281 It is a shore full of rocks..insomuch that all must be done with shalupes. 1691 Tate *Poem H. M. Voy. to Holland* 6 A distaot Fleet, and open Shaloup nigh. 1692 Luttrell *Brief Rel.* (1857) II. 394, 25 shalloops are ordered to be built with oares, and wells for fresh water. 1700 S. L. tr. *Fryke's Voy. E. Ind.* 31 Upon this we fell to tricking up our selves, painting our Long-Boat and Shalloop, and making our Ship very fine. 1719 De Foe *Crusoe* II. (Globe) 344 Coasting from one Island to another, sometimes with the Ship, sometimes with the French Man's Shalloup. 1772 *Ann. Reg.* 1771, 99/2 The Gaillard..sent her shalloop with 40 men to carry provisions and refreshments on board.

3. *Comb.*

a 1660 *Contemp. Hist. Irel.* (Ir. Archæol. Soc.) I. 104 The shawlopp men were kept within. 1905 Holman Hunt *Pre-Raph.* II. 64 Over this floated shallop-shaped clouds.

Sha·llop, *v. nonce-wd.* [f. Shallop *sb.*] *intr.* To sail or row in a shallop.

1736–7 *Pennsylv. Gaz.* 13–20 Jan., Shalloping up and down the bay to Egg Harbour.

Shallot, shalot (ʃălɒ·t). Also 7 shelot, 9 shalott, 'schalot. [aphetic f. Eschalot. Cf. LG. *schalotten, scharlotten* (Brem. Wb.).

The spelliog *shallot*, though inferior to *shalot* because it suggests a wrong pronunciation, is now the more common.]

1. A small onion, *Allium Ascalonicum*, native in Syria and cultivated for use as a flavouring ingredient for salads, sauces, etc.

1664 S. Blake *Compl. Gard. Pract.* 121 Shalot. Or Spanish Garlick. 1670 L. Meager *Eng. Gardener* 188 Shelot. *Ibid.* 189, 213. 1687 Miege *Gt. Fr. Dict.* II, Shalot,..*echalote.* 1693 Evelyn *De La Quint. Compl. Gard.* II. vi. 146 Shalots or Eschalots. *Ibid.* 201 *Shallots*, otherwise Rocamboles, or Spanish Garlick. 1741 *Compl. Fam.-Piece* II. iii. 358 Plant Garlick, Shallots, Rocambole. 1747 Mrs. Glasse *Cookery* ii. 35 Take five or six Shalots peel'd. 1822 Lama *Elia* 1. *Diss. upon Roast Pig*, Steep your whole hogs in shalots, if you wish. 1838 Barham *Ingol. Leg.* Ser. I. *Witches' Frolic* xliv, And they wound up the meal with rumpsteaks and 'schalots. 1882 *Garden* 11 Feb. 106/2 Shallots often become mildewed.

attrib. 1747 Mrs. Glasse *Cookery* ii. 35 Shalot-Sauce for roasted Fowls. 1842 Merle *Domestic Dict.* 255 *Shalot Vinegar.* Same as garlic vinegar.

†2. [After F. *échalote.*] A name for the metal 'reed' in some kinds of organ-pipes. *Obs.*

1727 Chambers *Cycl.* s.v. *Organ*, A Reed-pipe consists of a Foot..which carries the Wind into the Shalot, or Reed.., which is a hollow Demi-cylinder, fitted [etc.]. 1746 Tansur *New Mus. Gram.* 65 The Shallot or Reed.

†Sha·llow, *sb.*[1] *Sc. Obs.* In 6 schallaw, schallow. [a. Gael. *sealbh.*] A drove, a flock.

1550 *Rec. Elgin* (New Spald. Club 1903) I. 102 Ilk schallow of scheip xii d. to be pait to the pundoris..and it salbe lesum to the takaris to pund the haill guiddis or ane best of the schallaw.

Shallow (ʃæ·lou), *sb.*[2] *dial.* [OE. *scealga, scylga* wk. masc., perh. f. **scealig* scaly, f. *scealu* Shale *sb.*[1], scale.] A freshwater fish, the Rudd.

c 1050 *Suppl. Ælfric's Gloss.* in Wr.-Wülcker 180 *Rocea*, scylga. *a* 1100 *Ags. Voc.* ibid. 319 *Rocea*, scealga. 1712 J. Morton *Nat. Hist. Northampt.* 419 The Fish here called a Shallow, found in..our Rivers,..a Scaly Fish, in shape betwixt a Roache and a Breame. 1880–4 F. Day *Brit. Fishes* II. 184 *Leuciscus erythrophthalmus*..Rudd,.. Shallow (East).

Shallow (ʃæ·lou), *a.*[1] and *sb.*[3] Forms: 4–5 schalowe, 5–7 shalow, 6 *Sc.* schallow, 6–7 shallowe, 6– shallow. [Early 15th c. *schalowe*, prob. related in some way to the synonymous *schald* (OE. *sceald*): see Shoal *a.*

There may have been an OE. **scealu* (:—**skalwo-*) or **scealg* (:—**skalgo-*), f. the root of *sceald* (**skaldo-*) with a different suffix; but no such formation is known in Eng., and the cognate langs. afford no light. It is unlikely that *schalowe* is a compound f. *schald* Shoal *a.* + Low *a.*]

A. *adj.*

1. Not deep, having little extension in a downward direction: said e.g. of water, of a dish or tray, of a depression or excavation in the ground.

14.. *Trevisa's Higden* (Rolls) III. 131 [Camb. MS.] Panne þe kyng..made his anowe þat he wolde make þat greet ryuer so schalowe [*Cotton MS. a* 1400 schoolt] þat þe water schulde nou3t reche to women kneen þat wolde wade ouer. *c* 1440 *Partonope* 739 The Shippe was grete he myght not passe For the water so shalow was. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 447/2 Schold, or schalowe, no3te depe, as water or oþer lyke. 1577 B. Googe tr. *Heresbach's Husb.* I. 22 If it [*sc.* the furrow] be shallowe in one place, and deepe in another, it declares the grounde to be enill handled in the plowing. 1610 Holland *Camden's Brit.* (1637) 739 When the River in Summer time is very ebbe and shallow. 1717 Berkeley *Tour in Italy* Wks. 1871 IV. 543 Port shallow, not admitting ships of any burden. 1865 Meteyard *Wedgwood* I. iii. 98 Their [*sc.* pot-works] vicinity marked by shallow excavations for clay. 1907 J. A. Hodges *Elem. Photogr.* (ed. 6) 27 The various manipulations..are usually carried out in shallow dishes, or trays.

b. Of the soil of agricultural land: Forming only a thin stratum over rock.

1733 Tull *Horse-hoeing Husb.* xx. (Dublin ed.) 290 If the Soil be shallow, it may be broke up with a narrow Furrow. 1760 Brown *Compl. Farmer* II. 63 On poor light shallow land some sow a small white pea. 1849 Robertson *Serm.* Ser. I. ii. 22 Shallow soil is like superficial character.

c. *absol.* in superlative = shallowest part.

1587 Fleming *Contn. Holinshed* III. 271/2 The same snow was found in London to lie two foot deepe in the shallowest.

d. *transf.* Of actions, etc.

1815 J. Smith *Panorama Sci. & Art* II. 626 Experienced agriculturists..upon the whole advise shallow ploughings. 1860 Maury *Phys. Geog.* (Low) ix. 234 Now compare the shallow soundings in these lakes with the great depths of the arctic ocean.

2. Extending only a short distance inward from the surface or from the front towards the back. Of a lens: Having slight convexity or concavity.

1545 Ascham *Toxoph.* II. (Arh.) 127 The nocke of the shafte is dyuersly made, for some he greate and full..some depe, some shalowe. *Ibid.*, The shalow, and rownde nocke is best for our purpose in prickyng for cleane delyuerance of a shoote. 1679 Moxon *Mech. Exerc.* vii. 130 Or you may make the Rooms next the Front deeper, or shallower, and leave the remainder for the Back Room. 1764 G. Williams in Jesse *Selwyn & Contemp.* (1843) I. 320, I wish you would let me trouble you to buy two pair of point-ruffles,..and pray let them be shallow. 1837 Goring & Pritchard *Microgr.* 60 If you use the focus of a very deep lens to measure that of a shallow one, then [etc.]. 1849 Parker *Introd. Gothic Archit.* ii. 49 If the sculpture is early it is very rude, and the work is shallow. 1886 Willis & Clark *Cambridge* II. 619 A shallow bow-window. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 842 The ulcer is shallow.

†3. Placed not far below the surface. *Obs. rare.*

1697 Dryden *Virg. Georg.* III. 798 The lab'ring Swain Scratch'd with a Rake, a Furrow for his Grain; And cover'd, with his Hand, the shallow Seed again.

†4. Of sound: Lacking resonance, 'thin'. *Obs.*

1626 Bacon *Sylva* § 223 If a Virginall were made with a double Concaue..as the Harpe hath; It must needs make the Sound perfecter, and not so Shallow and Iarring.

5. Of respiration: Slight, 'diaphragmatic'.

1875 H. C. Wood *Therap.* (1879) 435 The respiration progressively rendered slower and shallower by a direct action upon the centre.

6. *fig.* **a.** Of thought, reasoning, observation, knowledge, or feeling: Lacking depth, superficial.

c 1586 C'tess Pembroke *Ps.* xcii. ii, What witt can.. deeply sound thy shallow'st thought? 1591 Snakes. *Two Gent.* I. i. 21 That's on some shallow Storie of deepe loue, How yoog Leander crost the Hellespont. 1771 Smollett *Humph. Cl.* 13 July (1815) 237 That were but shallow policy; it would only serve to make the satire more cutting and severe. 1812 Byron *Ch. Har.* I. xxv, He..turn'd a nation's shallow joy to gloom. 1875 Jowett *Plato* (ed. 2) IV. 269 The term 'sensational' is rightly used to express what is shallow in thought and feeling.

b. Qualifying an agent-noun, or said of a person with reference to knowledge, exposition, etc. Also †not deeply versed *in.*

1601 Shaks. *All's Well* I. iii. 45 *Clo.*..I hope to haue friends for my wiues sake. *Cou.* Such friends are thine enemies knaue. *Clo.* Y'are shallow Madam in great friends, for the knaues come to doe that for me which I am a wearie of. 1667 Milton *P. L.* IX. 544 Beholders rude, and shallow to descerne Half what in thee is fair. 1771 Wesley *Jrnl.* 25 Aug. (1827) III. 428 O how hard it is to be shallow enough for a polite audience! 1818 Coaaett *Pol. Reg.* XXXIII. 58 Shallow, indeed, must be those observers, who regard the predictions of Paine as having been falsified. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VII. 484 Thus a shallow observer may be led to give the assurance that there is no cause for further anxiety.

c. Of persons and their attributes: Wanting in depth of mind, feeling, or character.

1593 Shaks. *Lucr.* 1016 Out, idle words, servants to shallow fools! 1628 Digay *Voy. Mediterr.* (1868) Pref. 7 Not merely kept the shallow aod impetuous Sir Everard steady, but [etc.]. 1712 Steele *Spect.* No. 504 ¶ 4 Shallow fops, who are governed by the eye, and admire every thing that struts in vogue. 1870 Newman *Gram. Assent* I. iii. 32 To apprehend notionally is to have breadth of mind but to be shallow.

d. Indicative of shallowness.

1822 Hazlitt *Table-t.* Ser. II. ii. (1869) 36 To be deceived by shallow boasting. 1829 Southey *Ep. to Allan Cunningham* 185 The..shallow laugh Of one who would [etc.].

7. quasi-*adv.* To or at a slight depth.

1662 Evelyn *Sculptura* II. v. (1906) 27 Grave your vernished plate with a very fine poynt..and eate it but shallow with your Aqua Fortis. 1707 Mortimer *Husb.* xvi. 334 They should be sow'd but shallow, an Inch or an Inch and a half being deep enough. 1799 A. Young *Agric. Lincolnsh.* 72 It includes a scarificator, with a bush of thorns, and cuts deeper or shallower at pleasure. 1867 F. Francis *Angling* iv. (1880) 107 It is sometimes necessary to..fish shallow. 1892 *Photogr. Ann.* II. 269 The notches.. had better be filed very shallow at first.

8. *Comb.* **a.** Parasynthetic derivatives, as *shallow-conceited, -footed, -forded, -headed, -hearted, -hulled, -minded,* †*-mored, -rooted, -sighted, -soiled, -thoughted, -toothed, witted* adjs.

a 1674 Teaherne *Chr. Ethics* (1675) 339 These self, but *shallow-conceited ranters. 1592 Nashe *Strange Newes* H 4, Some superficial slime of poison hast thou drineld from thy pen in thy *shallow footed sliding through my Supplication. 1678 Dryden *All for Love* IV. i, But I am made a *shallow-forded Stream, Seen to the bottom. 1647 Trapp *1 Cor.* iv. 10 These Corinthians undervalued and depressed Paul under their silly *shallow-headed verbalists. 1588 Shaks. *Tit. A* IV. ii. 97 What, what, ye sanguine *shallow harted Boyes. 1842 Tennyson *Locksley Hall* 39 O my cousin, shallow-hearted! O my Amy, mine no more! 1901 *Munsey's Mag.* XXIV. 454/1 *Shallow-hulled vessels are particularly liable to this defect. 1817 Lady Morgan *France* III. (1818) I. 272 *note*, Mad. de Pompadour has left behind her, in France, the character of an ignorant, *shallow-minded, and vindictive woman. 1757 Lisle *Husb.* 452 In treading on such barley as was *shallow-mored it would stick to their shoes. 1593 Shaks. *2 Hen. VI*, III. i. 31 Now 'tis the Spring, and Weeds are *shallow-rooted. 1705 Cibber *Perolla* III. 35 Poor *shallow-sighted Man! 1827 Pollok *Course T.* IV. (1860) 95 These, like ephemera, sprang in a day From lean and *shallow soiled brains of sand. 1858 Spencer *Ess.* I. 145 Men who..prove themselves *shallow-thoughted and cold-hearted. 1857 T. Mooae *Handbk. Brit. Ferns* (ed. 3) 43 [Pinnules] *shallow-toothed. 1656 Earl Monm. tr. *Boccalini's Advts. fr. Parnass.* I. lxxiv. (1674) 92 They were..held for.. *shallow-witted people.

b. Attributive use of phrases, as †*shallow-bay, -draught, -level, -sea, -water.*

1795 Phillips *Hist. Inland Navig.* 319 No vessel drawing above six feet and a half can navigate it, unless the practice of shipping in *shallow-bay harbours be adopted. 1894 *Daily News* 28 Nov. 2/5 A contract..for the immediate construction of two *shallow-draft stern-wheel gunboats. 1902 *Daily Chron.* 2 Dec. 6/5 The report of the..Commission, which pronounced strongly in favour of the *shallow-level 'tube'. 1855 Kingsley *Glaucus* (1878) 82 Deep-sea or *shallow-sea deposits. 1880 A. R. Wallace *Isl. Life* 90 They are all comparatively *shallow-water forms.

c. Adverbial with pres. and pa. pples., as *shallow-read, -rooting, -searching* adjs.; complementary, as †*shallow-ebbed* adj.

1600 S. Nicholson *Acolastus* (1876) 17 Perchance thou seest my *shallow-ebd estate. 1704 Swift *T. Tub* v, The Art of being deep-learned and *shallow-read. 1887 *Daily News* 16 July 3/8 The *shallow-rooting turnip plants were going through a struggle for life in the parched surface soil. *a* 1645 Milton *Arcades* 41 And lead ye where ye may more neer behold What *shallow-searching Fame hath left untold.

B *sb.*

1. A shallow part of a piece of water, of the sea, of a lake or river; shallow water; a shallow place.

1571 *Act* 13 *Eliz.* c. 18 § 5 The Shyriffes..shall..cause..the saide newe Cut..to be suffyciently clensed of all the Shelfes and Shallowes. 1596 *Edw. III*, III. iii. 2 By whose cunning guide We found the shalow of this Riuer Some. 1630 *R. Johnson's Kingd. & Commw.* 121 Jarsey..is environed with Rocks and dangerous Shallowes. 1676 Milton *Hist. Eng.* II. 37 Ours who well knew thir own advantages, and expertly us'd them, now in the Shallows, now on the Sand. 1777 Robertson *Hist. Amer.* IV. (1778) I. 376 Two men can carry them, wherever shallows or cataracts obstruct the navigation. 1810 Scott *Lady of L.* I. xxxi, And the bittern sound his drum, Booming from the sedgy shallow. 1849 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* v. I. 556 A place where it was protected by rocks and shallows. 1874 O'Shaughnessy *Music & Moonlight* 21, I have gleaned them from tide And cavern and shallow.

b. *fig.*

1601 Shaks. *Jul. C.* IV. iii. 221 There is a Tide in the affayres of men, Which taken at the Flood, leades on to Fortune; Omitted, all the voyage of their life, Is bound in Shallowes, and in Miseries. 1818 Scott *Br. Lamm.* xxx, She sounded every deep and shallow of her daughter's soul. 1890 Chr. G. Rossetti *Poet. Wks.* (1904) 280/2 Thy will Chose love not in the shallows but the deep.

†2. A kind of hat. *Obs.*

Shaking in the Shallow: ? some game in which a hat of this kind was used as a dice-box or the like.

1795 *Sporting Mag.* VI. 139 They went into a back parlour to play at Shaking in the Shallow. 1812 Vaux *Flash Dict., Shallow*, a hat. 1823 in *Spirit Publ. Jrnls.* 421 A great flaming bunch of blood-red ribbons pinned upon his battered whitey-brown shallow. 1830 N. S. Wheaton *Jrnl.* 190 The tightly-laced dandy, with his fan-tailed shallow smartly stuck on one side of his bison-head.

3. a. A flat basket used by costermongers and street-hawkers.

1851 Mayhew *Lond. Labour* I. 29 Baskets of various kinds; as..the square and oval 'shallow', fastened in front of the fruit-woman with a strap round the waist. 1889 *Standard* 20 Sept., The common flowers they hawk in their hand-barrows and 'shallows'.

b. A costermonger's cart.

1859 Sala *Tw. round Clock* (1861) 33 There is a cobweb of wheeled vehicles of all sorts, from a cab to a hybrid construction something between a wheel-barrow and a costermonger's shallow. 1896 Morison *Child Jago* 33 A donkey employed to drag a cranky shallow, stored with glass bottles.

4. *Astr.* (See quot.)

1801 Herschel in *Phil. Trans.* XCI. 267 Shallows are extensive and level depressions of the luminous solar clouds, generally surrounding the openings to a considerable distance. *Ibid.* 270, Jan. 4, 1801. There is a large opening much past the centre of the sun, with a shallow about it.

Hence **Sha·llowist** *nonce-wd.*, †**Sha·llowling**, a shallow, superficial person; **Sha·llowish** *a.*, somewhat shallow.

1616 Sylvester *Tobacco Battered* 346 Can wee suppose, that any Shallowling Can find much Good in oft Tobacconing? 1799 Coleridge *Lett.* 16 Sept. (1895) 306 Kendall, a poet, who really looks like a man of genius pale and gnostic, has the merit of being a Jacobin or so, but is a shallowist. 1853 G. J. Cayley *Las Alforjas* II. 69 A slight dip, which gradually deepened into a shallowish valley.

Sha·llow, *a.*[2] *slang.* [Perh. suggested by *shall-I-go-naked*, used *dial.* as adj. applied to scanty clothing.] Used in *shallow cove, dodge, mort, screever*: see quols.

1842 *Edin. Rev.* July 484 'Shallow Coves' are impostors begging through the country as shipwrecked sailors. They generally choose winter, and always go nearly naked. *Ibid.*, 'Shallow Motts' are females who, like the Shallow Coves, go nearly naked. 1859 *Hotten's Slang Dict., Shallow screever*, a man who sketches and draws on the pavement. 1869 Greenwood *Seven Curses of Lond.* 245 The 'shaller' or more properly 'shallow' dodge, is for a beggar to make capital of his rags and a disgusting condition of semi-nudity.

Shallow (ʃæ·lōu), *v.* [f. Shallow *a.*[1]]

1. *trans.* To make shallow.

1510 *Sel. Cases Star Chamb.* (Selden Soc.) I. 74 The seid Priour..by suhtill and crafty meanes by his Fisshegarthes so ebbeth and shalloweth the same porte. *a* 1682 Sir T. Browne *Misc. Tracts* (1684) 190 The Silt and Sands shall so choak and shallow the Sea in and about it. 1870 Orton *Andes & Amazon* II. xli. (1876) 563 The great equatorial lake, already shallowed by sediment, was drained. 1879 Boddam-Whetham *Roraima* 141 The long drought had shallowed the river.

b. *fig.*

1742 Young *Nt. Th.* IX. 785 That thought alone thy state impairs, Thy *lofty* sinks, and shallows thy *profound*. 1821 R. Pollok in D. Pollok *Life* 117 This, instead of shallowing or enfeebling the current of language, deepens and invigorates it. 1872 Bushnell *Serm. Liv. Subj.* 16 These sayings..are not vaporized and shallowed by much talk.

c. *transf.* To pass from a greater to a less depth of.

1793 Rennell in *Phil. Trans.* LXXXIII. 189 In effect, in running 120 miles, we shallowed the water only nine fathoms.

2. *intr.* To become shallow, to diminish in depth.

1770 Cook *1st Voy.* III. iv. in Hawkesw. *Voy.* (1773) III. 504 The deepest water on that side is seven fathom, shallowing to five a good way up. 1823 W. Scoresby *Jrnl. Whale Fishery* 342 The sea shallows considerably on approaching the West Land. 1883 Fenn *Middy & Ensign* xli. 247 The water,..as the river shallowed, came only to his waist.

†**Sha·llow-brained.** *Obs.* [f. Shallow *a.*[1]] Having shallow brains; having no depth of intellect.

1592 Nashe *P. Penilesse* Wks. (Grosart) II. 88 To this effect, the pollicie of Playes is verie necessary, howsoeuer some shallow-braind censurers..mightily oppugne them. *a* 1634 ? Chapman *Alphonsus* I. i. 7 No, Englishman, thou art..Too shallow-brain'd to undermine my throne. 1667 South *Serm.* (*Prov.* x. 9) (1697) II. 43 Lewd Shallow-brain'd Huffs making Atheism and Contempt of Religion the sole Badge and Character of Wit. 1810 Loveden *2 Reports Thames Navig.* (1811) 5 He must be very shallow-brained indeed, who cannot perceive [etc.].

†**Sha·llow-brains.** *Obs. rare*[−1]. [Formed after prec.] A shallow-brained person.

1707 tr. *Wks. C'tess D'Anois* I. (1715) 102, I am no more a Visionary, said he, nor a jealous Shallow-brains than another.

Shallowed (ʃæ·lōud), *ppl. a.* [f. Shallow *v.* + -ed[1].] Lessened in depth.

1832 S. Ferguson *Forging of Anchor* 57 Where 'mid Norwegian isles He lies, a lubber anchorage for sudden shallow'd miles. 1879 *St. George's Hosp. Rep.* IX. 488 The primary incision for each iridectomy was by transfixion with a Graefe's knife, which, in crossing the shallowed anterior chamber of the left eye, became entangled in the iris.

Shallowing (ʃæ·lōuiŋ), *vbl. sb.* [-ing[1].] The action of Shallow *v.*; a making or becoming shallow.

1727 A. Hamilton *New Acc. E. Ind.* I. xxxii. 392 Within 50 Paces of the Bank are sixteen Fathoms Water, which sudden Shallowings make it the more dangerous. 1854 H. Miller *Sch. & Schm.* (1858) 555 *note*, The increasing roll of the sea showed the gradual shallowing of the water. 1891 Stalker *Preacher & Models* i. 27 Such a shallowing of the general mind as will render it [etc.].

Shallowing (ʃæ·lōuiŋ), *ppl. a.* [f. Shallow *v.* + -ing[2].] That shallows; that becomes shallow.

1858 Chr. G. Rossetti *Poet. Wks.* (1904) 205/2 They..count the creep Of time, and sound the shallowing deep, Till we in port shall also sleep. 1886 Froude *Oceana* 323 We were running quietly through smooth and shallowing water.

Shallowly (ʃæ·lōuli), *adv.* [f. Shallow *a.*[1] + -ly[2].] In a shallow manner.

1593 Nashe *Christ's T.* 89 What dullards and block-heads are we€, that hearing these tearmes of hell and eternall, so often souned in our eares, sound them so shallowly..? 1694 Motteux *Rabelais* IV. lxvii, Shallow of Judgment, and judging shallowly. 1871 W. A. Leighton *Lichen-Flora* 112 Margins broadly and shallowly crenate.

Shallowness (ʃæ·lōunės). [f. Shallow *a.*[1] + -ness.] The quality of being shallow:

a. in physical senses.

1552 Huloet, Shallownes or sholenes in water, *uadum.* 1555 Eden *Decades* I. III. (Arb.) 77 The keeles of the shippes often tymes rased the sandes for shalownes of the water. 1613 Purchas *Pilgrimage* (1614) 512 The cause of greater tides he thinketh to be the shallownesse, and narrower shoares. 1707 Mortimer *Husb.* xiii. 284 It may prove very commodious to place the Bed of the Cart under the Axle-tree at such a distance as the depth or shallowness of the Ways or Waters you are to go thro' requires. 1849 Parker *Introd. Gothic Archit.* (1874) I. iii. 45 The wide-jointing of the masonry and the shallowness of the carving distinguish the old work from the new. 1878 Huxley *Physiogr.* 17 The extreme shallowness of the Thames basin. 1898 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* V. 891 An increasing shallowness of breathing down to absolute cessation.

b. Want of depth of character, thought, knowledge, etc.; superficiality.

1590 Greenwood *Answ. to Gifford* 25 This bewrayeth your shallownes. 1623 Bingham *Xenophon* 8 What a shallownesse it would be, to require that of a Generall, which if he granted, his enterprise should be quite ouerthrowne. 1736 Butler *Anal.* II. vi. 317 There are other persons without this shallowness of temper, persons of deeper sense as to what is invisible and future. 1827 Hare *Guesses* Ser. II. (1873) 445 Some persons give one the notion of an abyss of shallowness. 1871 B. Taylor *Faust* II. i. (1875) II. 91, I was a fool: My shallowness I now must ridicule.

Sha·llow-pate [f. Shallow *a.*[1] + Pate *sb.*] A person of shallow intellect.

1600 *Garzoni's Hosp. Incur. Fooles* A 3 b, Shallow-pates and ninnie-hammers. *a* 1700 B. E. *Dict. Cant. Crew, Shallow-pate*, a foolish, silly, empty Fellow. [*c* 1730 Young *Ep. to Pope* 65 Each shallow pate, that cannot read your name, Can read your life, and will be proud to blame.]

So **Sha·llow-pated,** *a.*

1616 R. C. *Times' Whistle* (1871) 37 This age such shallow pated men affords. 1870 Disraeli *Lothair* lxxv, The Prince was a shallow-pated coxcomb.

Shallowy (ʃæ·lōui), *a.* [f. Shallow *sb.*[3] + -y[1].] Characterized by shallows.

1890 *Murray's Mag.* June 738 Nyanza's shallowy silver flood.

†**Sha·lly.** Anglicized var. of Challis. *Obs.*

1840 T. Hook *Fitzherbert* I. vii. 72 An elegant shally wrapper trimmed with Mechlin lace.

Shalm(e, -ewe, -eye, -ie, -oyse: see Shawm.

Shalop, obs. form of Shallop.

Shalot, variant of Shallot.

Shalt (ʃalt, ʃolt), *sb. Sc, dial.* Also 9 **shault, shawlt.** [See Sheltie.] A small horse, a pony.

1813 W. Beattie *Tales* 29 (Jam.), He made a halt, And lighted there, and left the shalt. 1858–61 Ramsay *Remin.* (1874) 31 The minister's shault's got lowse frae his tether.

†**Sha·ltree.** *Obs.* In 4 **schaltrow, skaltrow,** *pl.* **scaltreen,** 5 **scaltre, scalter, shaltre.** [Partial translation of MHG. *schaltbaum* (or MLG. *schaldbôm*) pole used as an oar or a rudder, f. *schalten* (MLG. *schalden*) to push, shove + *baum* (see Beam *sb.*); the Ger. word was also adopted in the 14th c. as *schellbeme* Sheltbeam. (Some of the spellings in the examples below may however represent G. *schalter*, used in the same sense.)] A pole (? used for propelling vessels).

1307–8 *Acc. Exch. K. R.* Bd. 14 No. 14 (P.R.O.), In .viij. paribus de schaltrowes emptis..pro dicta hargia. 1336 in Nicolas *Hist. Navy* (1847) II. 472 [For 24 spars ('spres') bought to make 24] 'skaltres' [with]. 13.. *Domesday de Sippewyz* in *Black Bk. Admiralty* (Rolls) II. 195 De chescune nefe ovesqes scaltreen qe vyent a la vyle [*transl.* (15th c.) Of eche ship with scaltreen that comyn to the toun]. 1419 *Liber Albus* III. iii. (Rolls) 344 Item, de navi cum shaltre, quantum dabit.

Shaly (ʃā·li), *a.* [f. Shale *sb.*[2] + -y[1].] Composed of, or having a resemblance to shale.

1681 Cotton *Wond. Peak* 41 A shaly Earth,..from the crown With a continual motion mouldring down. 1781 *Phil. Trans.* LXXI. 345 The soil was..in parts rather inclining to a shaly structure. 1863 Baring-Gould *Iceland* 354 The Saxifraga hirculus, like a golden star, sprinkled the shaley slopes. 1886 Fenn *Pattence Wins* 51 Along the short rough turf and over the shaly paths.

Sham (ʃæm), *sb.*[1] and *a.* Also 7 **shamm(e.** [Of obscure origin; the word first appears as slang, together with the related verb, about 1677, and immediately came into very frequent use.

Commonly explained as in some way connected with *sham*, north. dial. form of Shame *sb.* and *v.* This is not impossible, on the supposition that the slang word arose from some once well-known anecdote or incident in a play. The following quot. may possibly contain a genuine tradition, but the alleged origin does not seem to account satisfactorily for the sense in the early examples. (North says that the word was introduced into general use, in the phrase 'sham plot', by Dangerfield; but it was already common some years before 1680, the date to which this statement refers.)

a 1734 North *Exam.* II. iv. § 1 (1740) 231 The word *Sham* is true Cant of the Newmarket Breed. It is contracted of *ashamed.* The native Signification is a Town Lady of Diversion, in Country Maid's Cloaths, who to make good her Disguise, pretends to be so *sham'd*! Thence it became proverbial, when a maimed Lover was laid up, or looked meager, to say he had met with a *Sham.*]

A. *sb.*

†1. A trick, hoax, fraud, imposture; something devised to impose upon, delude, or disappoint expectation; a 'sell'. *To put a sham upon*: to hoax, defraud. *To cut a sham*: 'to play a Rogue's trick' (B.E. *Dict. Cant. Crew, a* 1700). *Obs.*

1677 [see Sham *v.*[1]]. 1678 Lady Chaworth in *12th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. v. 53 A letter to the Secretary..some feare..that tis rather a sham to prevent stricter scherch. 1678 Otway *Friendship in F.* I. i, The Sham won't pass upon me, Sir, it won't look you. 1680 *Rest. Late Libel on Curse-ye-Meroz* 19 'Tis but a Tale, and a Story of his own making, like all the rest of the Sham's he would gladly put upon the Author. 1681 Luttrell *Brief Rel.* (1857) I. 66 Some scruple not to think this a shamm, and only an accusation to draw in others. 1688 *Eng. Prot. Mem. to Pr. & P'cess Orange* 19 They thought it an easie sham to say women misreckoned very often. *a* 1696 Aubrey *Lives, Chaloner* (1898) I. 160 He [Chaloner] wrote..an anonymous pamphlett, 8vo, scil. An account of the Discovery of Moyses's Tombe..'Twas a pretty while before the shamme was detected. 1727 De For *Hist. Appar.* viii. 141 He..seem'd to laugh that she should first put such a Sham upon him, and then to tell such a formal Story to make it good. 1751 *Affect. Narr. of Wager* 31, I own, I ever look'd upon the whole Affair as a Sham. 1821 Praed *Gog* i. 191 You think I'm playing off a sham.

†b. In generalized sense: Trickery, hoaxing.

1682 Oldham *Sat. Imit. Juv.* III. Wks. (1703) 429 Let the Plot-mongers stay behind, whose Art Can Truth to Sham, and Sham to Truth convert. 1713 M. Henry *Folly of Despising our own Souls* Wks. 1855 I. 160 A man justly reckons himself affronted and resents it accordingly, who is imposed upon by sham and banter.

†c. *Upon the sham*: fraudulently, with deceitful purpose. *Obs.*

1689 T. R. *View Govt. Europe* 87 They negotiate upon the square, frankly, and without artifice, or double dealing, not disguised, or upon the sham. *c* 1692 *Virgin's Compl.* 25 in *Bagford Ballads* (1878) 931 Robin came upon the Sham, Told me many [a] Lye and Flam.

†d. One who tries to delude, a humbug. *Obs.*

1677 Oldham *Dithyr.* Wks. (1703) 451 Hence holy Sham! ..To some raw ent'ring Sinner cant and whine, Who never knew the worth of Drunkenness and Wine.

2. [Prob. developed from the adjectival or attributive uses.] Something that is intended to be mistaken for something else, or that is not really what it purports to be; a spurious imitation, a counterfeit.

1728 Morgan *Algiers* I. List of Subscribers, By retaining such a number of Names tho' Shams I might have showed away pompously. 1822 W. Fowler in *Corr.* 437 One window wanted in west front as sham. 1835 Campbell *Epist. Algiers* ix, For the pain of my thirst is no sham. *a* 1850 Rossetti *Dante & Circle* I. (1874) 237 That direst wolf shall seem like sweetest lamb Beneath the constant sham. 1861 *Sat. Rev.* 23 Nov. 524 To see whether the promised reduction of the naval and military forces of France is to be a reality or a sham. 1874 Micklethwaite *Mod. Par. Churches* 215 As dishonest a sham as the stucco stone 'orders' of modern Regent Street. 1877 Mrs. Forrester *Mignon* I. 244 She will have no shams, no imitations if she knows it. 1902 Buchan *Watcher by Threshold* 312 The hollow shams of life with their mincing conventions had departed.

b. Applied to a person. Cf. 1 d.

1850 Carlyle *Latter-d. Pamph.* i. 15 The greatest sham, I have always thought, is he that would destroy shams. 1867 Trollope *Chron. Barset* I. xxiv. 214 Who can undertake to say that he is not a sham in anything?

c. in generalized sense.

1843 Carlyle *Past & Pr.* I. v. 36 The laws of Sham and Semblance, which are called the Devil's Laws. 1857 Hughes *Tom Brown* I. ix, It's all sham—he's only afraid to fight it out.

3. *spec.* †a. A false shirt-front or 'dicky'; also see quot. 1785. b. (See quot.). c. A pillow-sham, see Pillow *sb.* 6. d. (? *U.S.*) A strip of fine linen put under the upper edge of the bed-clothes and turned over, as if forming the upper end of the sheet (*Cent. Dict.*, 1891).

a. 1721 Steele *Conscious Lover* I. i, Wearing shams to make linen last clean a fortnight. 1772 Nugent *Hist. Fr. Gerund* II. 67 A silk handkerchief round their necks,..half shirts or shams of coarse linen. 1785 Grose *Dict. Vulgar T.* s.v. *Sham*, Shams, false sleeves to put on over a dirty shirt, or false sleeves with ruffles to put over a plain one.

b. 1863 R. B. Girdlestone *Anat. Scepticism* 68 He fills up the rest of his shop with shams (i. e. boxes supposed to be filled with everything that can be required).

c. 1893 *Scott. Leader* 12 June 1 Beautifully embroidered ..tray cloths, tea cloths, pillow cases, shams and sheets.

d. 1892 *Century Dict.* 1906 Williamson *Lady Betty Across the Water* 280 There are stiff square 'shams' to hide the pillows and turn down over the top of the sheet.

B. *attrib.* and *adj.* (Sometimes with hyphen.)

1. Of immaterial things: Pretended, feigned, false, counterfeit; not genuine or true. *Sham fight*: a mimic battle between two divisions of a military or naval force, either for exercise or display.

1681 *Relig. Clerici* To Rdr., Let Sham-truths be drawn as severally as mens fancies and humours please (yet) she [*sc.* Truth] her self hath nevertheless one regular, uniform, eternal Face. 1682 Otway *Prol. to Mrs. Behn's City Heiress*, Who..Won'd lay sweet Money out in Sham-Thanksgivings? Sham-Plots you may have paid for o'er and o'er: But who ere paid for a Sham-Treat before? 1697 J. Lewis *Mem. Dk. Glocester* (1789) 91 Thus these sham fights began and ended, to the no small entertainment of the little Duke and his boys. 1699 E. S—cy *Country Gentl. Vade M.* 98 After a little Sham-squabble between the two Cheats, says the first, If [etc.]. 1708 *Deplor. St. New Eng.* 22 in *Sewall's Diary* (1879) II. 118* As soon as the Sham-Vote..was Gained, the Governour draws the Council in. 1714 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 5238/4 Known by the Sham Title of the Lady Rich. 1724 Welton *18 Disc.* 70 We find our Blessed Saviour upbraiding those puritanick Jews..with a conscious hypocrisy and sham zeal. 1741 Richardson *Pamela* (1824) I. 90 Perchance, some sham-marriage may be designed, on purpose to ruin me. 1770 Foote *Lame Lover* II. Wks. 1799 II. 71 Demurrers, sham-pleas, writs of error.., and imparlance. 1770 *Junius Lett.* xxxvi. (1788) 195, I do not refer to the sham prosecution which you affected to carry on against him. 1839 Lever *H. Lorrequer* i. 11 A sham-battle in the Fifteen Acres. 1846 O. W. Holmes *Urania* 24 And these..Are all impatience till the opening pun Proclaims the witty shamfight is begun.

2. Of a person: That pretends or is falsely represented to be (what is denoted by the sb.).

Now only as a transferred use of sense 3; hence several of the examples below are not quite in accord with present usage.

1683 *Roxb. Ballads* (1884) V. 251 When zealous Sham-Sheriffs the City oppose. 1690 Wood *Life* 4 Oct. (O.H.S.) III. 341 The discovery of the sham Prince of Wales is said to be very manifest. 1697 [J. Drake] (*title*) The Sham Lawyer: or the Lucky Extravagant. 1722 De Foe *Moll Flanders* 123 Not venturing to go myself, I sent several sham Messengers. 1727 — *Syst. Magic* II. ii. 278 The witch of Endor raised a sham Samuel in the room of the true prophet Samuel. 1756 C. Smart tr. *Horace, Art P.* [433] (1826) II. 351 So the sham-admirer is always more affected, than he that praises with sincerity. 1820 Keats *Hyperion* II. 319 Dost thou forget, sham Monarch of the Waves, Thy scalding in the seas? 1841 Dickens *Barn. Rudge* lxxi, He had his foot upon the breast of their sham deliverer. 1841 Thackeray *Shrove Tuesday in Paris* Wks. 1900 XIII. 567 As the sham-fiends do in Don Juan. 1850 Carlyle *Latter-d. Pamph.* i. 13 The Kings were Sham-Kings, playacting as at Drury-Lane;—and what were the people withal that took them for real?

3. Of material things or substances: Made in imitation of something else; made to appear to be something which it is not; made of inferior or base materials.

Now always implying reprobation; but in the earlier part of the 19th c. often used in tradesmen's price-lists, etc. as equivalent to 'imitation'.

1699 E. S—cy *Country Gentl. Vade M.* 99 One of the other two conveys a Sham-bill under the Table, which [etc.]. *a* 1700 B. E. *Dict. Cant. Crew, Masons-mason'd*, a Sham-sore above the Elbow, to counterfeit a broken Arm, by a fall from a Scaffold. 1708 Swift *Hist. Vanbrugh's Ho.* 26 And so [he] resolved a house to build: A real house... Not a sham thing of clay or cards. 1722 De Foe *Moll Flanders* 239 She kept a sham Gold Watch..in her Pocket. 1762 *Gentl. Mag.* May 212 Behind the doors..is discovered a beautiful sham front of an organ. 1780 Mme. D'Arblay *Lett.* 9 June, Send me a line by the diligence...Charlotte.. will make it into a sham parcel. 1798 *Hull Advertiser* 24 Mar. 2/3 A very handsome..light airy chariot, with sham joints. 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* xxxv, The sham coat of arms which Osborne had assumed from the Peerage. 1876 Black *Madcap Violet* xvii. 149 Not one of the girls dared to wear a bit of sham jewellery. 1898 J. T. Fowler *Durham Cath.* 28 Decorated and Perpendicular windows have..been replaced by sham Norman ones.

†**4.** False, deceptive. *Obs. rare.*

a 1721 Prior *Ess. Opinion* Wks. (1907) II. 194 Another.. likes to see the Butcher of the West really wounded at the Bear-Garden, not content with the sham red that glows upon the Skirt of Banco's Ghost. 1727 De Foe *Syst. Magic* i. ii. (1840) 49 If they could have amused the king with any sham answer,..they would certainly have done it.

5. *Comb.* Prefixed to other adjs. as *sham-ancient, -serious*; also with sbs. forming compounds used attributively, as *sham-twist*. Also † **sham-legged** *a.*, ? wooden-legged (but perh. error for *shamble-legged*).

1688 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 2339/4 One James Caulket,..a Dyer ..sham leg'd, goes somewhat foundered. 1840 Carlyle *Heroes* v. (1841) 303 He who has once seen into this, has seen the difference of the True from the Sham-True. 1843 — *Past & Pr.* I. v. 42 It is not governed by the wisest it has..but by the sham-wisest. 1850 — *Latter-d. Pamph.* i. 26 My Christian friends, and indeed my Sham-Christian and Anti-Christian, and all manner of men, are invited to reflect on this. 1847 Mrs. Gore *Castles* ix. (1857) 69 A suite of sham-ancient steam-carved furniture. 1880 E. Maitland in *Encycl. Brit.* XI. 279/2 A sham-twist [gun-] barrel..[which] has all the appearance of a genuine twisted barrel. 1889 'F. Anstey' *Pariah* III. viii, The shabby little sham-marble mantle-piece was draped with embroidered cloth. 1909 *Nation* May 153/2 To this agitation we apply the term sham-serious.

Sham, *sb.*[2] *slang.* Short for Champagne.

1849 Thackeray *Pendennis* iv, A bottle of sherry, a bottle of sham, a bottle of port and a shass caffy, it ain't so bad hay, Pen? 1870 M. Collins *Vivian* III. xii. 240 Late hours and lots of hiced sham makes a man nervous.

Sham (ʃæm), *v.* [See Sham *b.*[1]]

†**1.** *trans.* To cheat, trick, deceive, delude with false pretences; to impose upon, take in, hoax. *Obs.*

1677 Wycherley *Pl. Dealer* III. i. 44 *Law.* Why, I'm sure you jok'd upon me, and shamm'd me all night long. *Man.* ..Shamming! What does he mean by't Freeman? *Free.* Shamming, is telling you an insipid, dull Lye, with a dull Face, which the slie Wag the Author only laughs at himself; and making himself believe 'tis a good Jest, puts the Sham only upon himself. 1688 Shadwell *Sq. Alsatia* II. Wks. 1720 IV. 42 Sirrah! most audacious rogue! do you sham me? do you think you have your uncle to deal with? 1693 *Humours Town* 69 Their highest Excellence is, to banter the Vintner, to bilk their Lodgings, to sham their Bookseller. 1821 Byron *To Mr. Murray* iv, So, if *you will*, *I* shan't be shamm'd.

†**b.** To bring *into*, *out of* a condition, etc., or to deprive *of* something by 'shamming' or deception. *Obs.*

1681 T. Flatman *Heraclitus Ridens* No. 31 (1713) I. 201 These true Protestant Juries have the best luck at Shamming their Friends into Halters, that ever I knew in my Life. 1682 *New News fr. Bedlam* 9 Those Youths, who lately came..To sham us of our Lives and Liberty. 1692 R. L'Estrange *Fables* cclii. 220 When they find themselves Fool'd and Shamm'd (as we say) into a Conviction. *a* 1733 J. Dunton *Life & Err.* (1818) I. iii. 44, I fell into my first amour like a Knight Errant, being purely shammed into it.

†**c.** To put off, 'fob off' with something deceptive or worthless; to get rid of (a person) by some paltry excuse. Also with *off*. *Obs.*

1682 *Tory Plot, or Discov. Design carried on by Addressers* 9 William..was advanced to the Crown, and his Eldest Brother Robert shamm'd off with a Dukedom. 1683 Kennett tr. *Erasm. on Folly* 53 Princes..miss the advantage of being told the truth, and are shamm'd off by a parcel of insinuating Courtiers. 1712 Betterton in *Misc. Poems* 248 For Priests with empty thanks are never shamm'd. 1726 M. Henry *Wks.* (Fullarton) I. 142 Men may be shammed with a frivolous excuse. 1749 Lavington *Enthus. Meth. & Papists* II. (1754) Pref. 21 Seeing then you have thus shamm'ed us off with Counterfeit Coin.

d. ? To make to appear a sham; to rid oneself of (an accusation) by deceit. Also with *off*.

1681 *Trial of S. Colledge* 57 If they can make me a Traytor, they will try it upon others, and so hope to sham off their own Treasons. *Ibid.* 76 They talk up and down the Town as if I did intend to sham the Popish Plot, and to make a Protestant Plot. *Ibid.* 131 When he was told of this, he began to put it off, and to use his own words, had a great mind to sham off the business. 1691 *Providences of God* 124 Edward Ivy had often Conference with Mrs. Collier, and the Popish Priests in Newgate, and had received Money to Sham the Popish Plot and to swear to a Protestant one.

e. To make *up* deceitfully, to 'fake' *up*.

1679 'Tom Ticklefoot' *Obs. Trials of Wakeman*, etc. 8 But by all that's good, it was my Old Master Clodpate's disease,..alwayes to Sham up an Evidence when any body had bin with him the Morning before.

†**2.** To impose or attempt to pass off (something) *upon* (a person) by deceit; to palm *off*. *Obs.*

1682 T. Flatman *Heraclitus Ridens* No. 68 (1713) II. 174 Then he Shams upon us, that the great Poets could not give Johnson his due Praise. *a* 1683 Oldham *Sat. Jesuits* Prol. 15 Are Texts, and such exploded Trifles fit T'impose, and sham upon a Jesuit? 1687 R. L'Estrange *Answ. to Dissenter* 48 To say nothing how Artificially the Writer of that Letter has Shamm'd upon the People his Majesties Act of Grace in favour of the Dissenters, for a Matter Concerted betwixt Them, and the Papists. 1692 — *Fables* clxii. 136 Not..to Sham Fallacyes upon the World for Current Reason. 1722 De Foe *Moll Flanders* 44 Don't go to sham your Stories off upon me. 1751 Lavington *Enthus. Meth. & Papists* III. (1754) 90 Franciscan Fryars, who never fail to sham them [Hysteric Fits] upon the World for Divine Ecstasies.

†**3.** *intr.* To practise deception or deceit. *Obs.*

1678 Otway *Friendship in F.* III. i. 26 *Malag.* Oh, hang money Sir, your Father was an Alderman. *Sir Nob.* Well, get thee gone for an Arch-wagg—I do but sham all this while. 1682 Oldham *Sat. Imit. Juv.* III. Wks. (1703) 434 Tho we say the same, He is believ'd, and we are thought to sham. 1689 Prior *Ep. F. Shephard* 171 All your Wits, that flear and sham.

4. *trans.* **a.** To be or to produce a deceptive imitation of; †to pretend falsely to be (a person of a certain rank or character). †*To sham one's glass*: to make a pretence of drinking.

1698 Farquhar *Love & Bottle* IV. ii, A compound of practical rake and speculative gentleman, who..shams the bean and squire with a whore or chambermaid. *a* 1704 T. Brown tr. *Æneas Sylvius' Lett.* xlv. Wks. 1709 III. II. 74 Paint and fine Washes sham a complexion, which is none of their own. 1754 Chesterf. *World* No. 90 P 7 He keeps up his spirits bravely, and never shams his glass. 1775 Sheridan *Rivals* I. i, Why does your master pass only for an ensign?—Now if he had shammed general indeed—. 1874 Symonds *Sk. Italy & Greece* (1898) I. x. 190 Tawdry frescoes shamming stonework.

b. To assume the appearance of, counterfeit (a specified condition, action, etc.).

1775 Miss Burney *Early Diary* (1889) II. 44 Shamming a little confusion, I confessed I knew not where it was. 1812 W. Taylor in *Monthly Mag.* XXXIV. 235 Read all thy spells, and I will hear, And fold my claws, and sham a tear. 1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* II. v. v, Shamming death, '*faisant le mort!*' 1843 F. E. Paget *Warden of Berkingholt* 246 She held the candle to my face while I was shamming sleep till I began to suspect she was up to me. 1869 'W. M. Cooper' *Flagellation* xxii. 205 Persons shamming an epileptic fit.

c. To 'scamp' (work). *rare.*

1848 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* IX. II. 538 There is great room for the workmen to sham their work, without its being observable in appearance.

5. *intr.* To make false pretences; to pretend to be, do, etc. what one is not, does not, does not mean, etc.; to feign.

a. Followed by an adj. complement.

1787 *Generous Attachment* IV. 155, I preferred this scheme to that of shamming sick, as I looked so well. 1833 T. Hook *Parson's Dau.* II. ii, If I had shammed sorry when I heard of old Alexander Marc Antony Anderson's death, I should have been as great a hypocrite as—I shan't say who. 1834 Marryat *P. Simple* xviii, What did you sham dead for? 1879 Meredith *Egoist* xxxv. (1889) 351 If you want me for a friend you must not sham stupid.

b. *simply.*

1855 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* xii. III. 169 Wondering within himself whether those who lectured him were such fools as they professed to be, or were only shamming. 1878 Bayne *Purit. Rev.* x. 407 He was canting and shamming.

6. Phrase *To sham Abra(ha)m* (orig. *Naut. slang*), to feign sickness: see Abraham-man.

1752 *Gentl. Mag.* Mar. 140/2 As he [capt. Lowry] went along some sailors cry'd out..that He must not sham Abram (a cant sea phrase when a sailor is unwilling to work on pretence of sickness, and used by the captain when Hossack was almost expiring under his blows). 1760 Goldsm. *Cit. World* cxix, The boatswain..swore..that I shammed Abraham merely to be idle. 1827 Scott *Surg. Dau.* vi, It's good enough, and too good, for a set of lubbers, that lie shamming Abraham. 1860 [see Abraham-man]. 1863 Reade *Hard C.* xxxi. (1868) 265 He's shamming Abraham.

b. Hence *sham-Abra(ha)m* quasi-*sb.*, malingering, deception. Also quasi-*adj.*, hypocritical.

1828 [J. P. Collier] *Punch & Judy* 87 None of your sham-Abram. 1840 T. Hook in *New Monthly Mag.* LVIII. 442 She is all shamabram and humbug before me. 1837 Hood *Ode to Rae Wilson* 62, I..treat sham Abr'am saints with wicked banters.

Hence † **Shammed** *ppl. a.*, **Sha·mming** *vbl. sb.* and *ppl. a.*

?*c* 1677 *Obscure Prince* in *Roxb. Ballads* (1883) IV. 625 Call't the shamm'd Story of the blackened Box. 1677 Wycherley *Pl. Dealer* IV. ii. 66 You noble Wits are so full of shamming, and droling, one knows not where to have you, seriously. 1682 Mrs. Behn *City Heiress* v. i. 50 A Shamming Rogue; the right Sneer and Grin of a dissembling Whig. 1682 *London's Joy & Loyalty* in *Roxb. Ballads* (1883) IV. 632 Now the loud threat'ning Tempest is dispers'd, And all their shamming Plots are quite revers'd. 1692 *Scarronides* II. 11 What glavering shamming toads the rest are.

‖ **Shama**[1] (ʃā·mă). [Hindī *çāmā.*] A cereal cultivated in India, *Panicum frumentaceum* (*colonum*), yielding a millet-like grain used as food. Also *shama millet*.

[*a* 1815 Roxburgh *Flora Ind.* (1820) I. 307 *Panicum frumentaceum*. R...*Beng.* Shama. *Teling.* Bonta-shama; shamaloo, the grain.] 1874 *Treas. Bot.* Suppl., *Shama*, a species of *Mesembryanthemum*, the seeds of which are used as food by the desert Arabs. 1886 A. H. Church *Food-Grains India* 50 Shama Millet...This millet, sometimes called 'Wild Rice' or 'Jungle Rice', is a poor food.

‖ **Shama**[2] (ʃā·mă). Also **shamah.** [Hindī *çāmā.*] An Indian song-bird, *Cittocincla tricolor*.

1839 Jerdon in *Madras Jrnl. Lit. & Sci.* X. 252 *Petrocincla Pandoo*..Indian Rock Thrush—*Shamah*, H. *Ibid.*, The *Shamah* is a rare bird in the southern part of the Peninsula. 1894 *Times* 5 Feb. 4/6 One or two mynahs and shamahs, and a piping crow. 1895 *Daily News* 30 Dec. 5/3 Indian 'shamas' are also in great demand in Germany.

Shamade, obs. form of Chamade.

1706 Phillips (ed. Kersey), *Shamade*, a beat of Drum for a Parley. See *Chamade*.

‖ **Shamal** (ʃāmā·l). Also 7 **shemaul.** [Arab. شمال *shamāl* left (hand), north, north wind. (Sometimes confused with Samiel.)] (See quots.)

1698 Fryer *Acc. E. Ind. & P.* 226 The Periodical and stated Winds of the Gulph are the North-west, by the Inhabitants termed Shemauls, which begin when the Cowshees or South-East leave off. 1902 *Scotsman* 13 Sept. 5/2 The bay suffers only from a swell when the nor'wester known as the Shamal blows.

‖ **Shamalo** (ʃæ·mălō). Also **shamaloo, shamoola.** [Telinga.] = Shama[1]. Also *Shamalo-grass*.

[*a* 1815: see Shama[1].] 1846 Lindley *Veg. Kingd.* 113 Panicum frumentaceum, called Shamoola, in the Deccan. 1891 *Century Dict.*, *Shamalo-grass*.

Shaman (ʃā·măn, ʃæ·măn), *sb.* (and *a.*). Also 8 **schamane,** 8–9 **schaman,** 9 **shuman.** [a. G. *schamane*, Russian шаманъ *shama·n*, a. Tungusian *samân* (Castren *Tung. Sprachl.*). Cf. F. *chaman.*

The Persian *shemen*, idol, idol temple, sometimes cited as the source, is unconnected. Evidence seems to be wanting for the plausible suggestion that the Mongolian word is an adoption of Chinese *sha mên*, an ordained member of a Buddhist fraternity, a. Skr. *çramaṇa*, Pali *samana* Buddhist monk or mendicant.]

A. *sb.* A priest or priest-doctor among various northern tribes of Asia. Hence applied by extension to similar personages in other parts, esp. a medicine-man of some of the north-western American aborigines. †Formerly *occas.* in wider sense: An adherent of Shamanism.

1698 A. Brand *Emb. Muscovy into China* 50 If five or six of these Tonguese Families happen to live near one another ..they maintain betwixt them a Shaman, which signifies as much as Sorcerer or Priest. 1706 Ir. *Evert Ides' Trav.* vii. 29 Several Tunguzians, amongst which is also their famed Schaman or diabolical artist. 1780 Tooke *Russia* III. 245

Among all the Schamanes, women are looked upon as beings vastly inferior to men. 1848 S. W. Williams *Middle Kingdom* II. xviii. 258 The ritual of the Shamans..has been translated by Neumann, a German sinologue. 1868 F. Whymper *Trav. Alaska* 255 The Schaman, pronounced exactly like our word showman. 1900 T. Adney in *Harper's Mag.* Mar. 495/1 A former chief and medicine-doctor, or shuman. 1907 C. Hill-Tout *Brit. N. Amer., Far West* x. 199 If the corpse was that of a woman it was prepared for interment by a female shaman. 1910 Haddon *Races of Man* 62 After a death they [the Veddas of Ceylon] perform certain dances and rites through a shaman to the recently departed spirit.

B. *adj.* (or *attrib.*) Of or pertaining to a shaman or to Shamanism.

1780 Tooke *Russia* III. 243 The Schamane religion is undoubtedly one of the most antient that exists. 1882 Lansdell *Through Siberia* xxx. (1883) 374 The Russian missionaries..find the conversion of the Shaman Buriats tolerably easy. 1901 *Contemp. Rev.* Jan. 95 The necessary spiritual gifts entitling to the Shaman-office often are bestowed.

Hence **†Shama·nian** *sb.*, a Shamanist; **Shama·nic** *a*, akin to Shamanism.

1802 Pinkerton *Mod. Geog., Russ. Emp. in Asia* ii. II. 47 The Schamanians even believe that the Burchans, or gods themselves, arose from the general mass of matter and spirit. 1899 *Athenæum* 11 Mar. 303/2 The mental attitude of the composers is shamanic and archaic.

Shamanism (ʃā·mănizᵊm, ʃæ·mănizᵊm). Also 8 **schamanism**, 9 **shahmanism**. [f. Shaman + -ism.] The primitive religion of the Ural-Altaic peoples of Siberia, in which all the good and evil of life are thought to be brought about by spirits who can be influenced only by shamans (see prec.); hence applied to similar religions, esp. of North-West American Indians.

1780 Tooke *Russia* III. 243 Of Schamanism. 1841 *Penny Cycl.* XX. 382/2 They [Samoyedes] are heathens, and profess the religion called Shamanism. 1848 S. W. Williams *Middle Kingd.* II. xviii. 258 The form of Budhism prevailing among the Mongols and Tibetans differs more in its state and power than in its doctrines; it is called Shamanism, or *Hwang kiau*, the Yellow doctrine, from the color of the priestly robes. 1870 Dall *Alaska & Resources* 88 The belief in shamanism is universal among the natives of Alaska, Eskimo as well as Indians. 1875 Sayce in *Encycl. Brit.* III. 192/2 The earliest religion of Accad was a Shamanism resembling that of the Siberian or Samoyed tribes of to-day. 1906 Petrie *Relig. Anc. Egypt* i. 3 Others, as the Turanians,..do not adopt the worship of great gods, but deal with a host of animistic spirits, ghosts, devils, or whatever we may call them; and Shamanism or witchcraft is their system for conciliating such adversaries.

So **Sha·manist**, a believer in Shamanism; also *attrib.* or *adj.* **Shamani·stic** *a.*, pertaining to Shamanism. **Sha·manite** = Shamanist. **Sha·manize** *v.*, *intr.* [= G. *schamanieren*] to perform the incantations proper to a shaman; *trans.* to imbue with Shamanistic beliefs.

1842 Prichard *Nat. Hist. Man* xxi. (1845) 223 The Kamtschatkans..are Shamanists. 1854 Latham *Native Races Russ. Emp.* 103 A name which we expect amongst Jews and Mahometans rather than amongst shamanistic Voguls. 1871 Materr *Travancore* 191 The Shamanites acknowledge the existence of a supreme God but offer him no worship. 1882 Lansdell *Through Siberia* xxxii. (1883) 405 The people worship the spirits of the mountains, a superstition of the Shamanist Buriats. 1901 *Contemp. Rev.* Jan. 87 Old Russian settlers in those far-off regions have to a high degree become 'Shamanized'. 1908 *Q. Rev.* Oct. 522 A Lama disguised as a Shamanist dancer. 1912 *Man* XII. 171 The shamanistic ceremonies of the races occupying the northern parts of the Eurasian continent.

‖ **Shamba** (ʃæ·mbă). *East African.* [Swahili.] A cultivated plot of ground.

1878 H. M. Stanley *Dark Cont.* ii. 51 But the highest ambition of a Mgwana [freeman of Zanzibar] is to have a house and shamba or garden of his own. 1901 *Geog. Jrnl.* Nov. 551 The greater number of whom [manumitted slaves in East Africa] have settled on 'shambas' upon conditions entered into with the Arab cultivators.

Shambe, obs. form of Shawm *sb.*

Shamble (ʃæ·mbˈl), *sb.*¹ Forms: *α.* 1 **scomul**, **-el**, **scoemel**, **sceamel**, **-ol**, **-ul**, **scæmol**, **scamul**, **-ol**, 1–2 **scamel**, 2 **scæmel**, 3 **scheomel**, **schamel**, 4 **schamil**, **shamyll**, 4–5 **shamel**, 5 **schamel**, **-ylle**, **sh(s)amle**, **schamylle**, **shaumelle**, 5–6 **shamell**, 6 (9 *dial.*) **shammel**, **shamil**, **shamwelle**, **shammoulle**. *β.* 5 **sheamble**, 5–6 **schambylle**, 6 *pl.* **sh-**, **chambulles**, **shambylles**, 7 **shambel**, 6– **shamble**. [OE. *sc(e)amel* masc., = OS. (*fōt*) *skamel* (MLG. *schemel*, MDu. *schamel*, *schemel*, mod.Fris. *skammel*), OHG. (*fuoz*) *scamel*, *-il* (MHG. *schamel*, *schemel*, mod.G. *schemel*); a Com. WGer. adoption of L. *scamellum* dim. of *scamnum* bench. From LG. is prob. ON. *skemill* (Da. *skammel*), whence Scamble *sb.*]

†1. A stool, footstool. Chiefly in fig. context.

c 825 *Vesp. Ps.* cix. 1 Oð ðæt ic sette feond ðine scomul [*scabellum*] fota ðinra. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 166 Vor þi alle þe halewen makeden of al þe worlde ase ane stol [*MS. Cleopatra* scheomel; *MS. Titus* schamel] to hore uet, norto arechen þe heouene. *a* 1340 Hampole *Psalter* xcviii. 5 Heghis þe lord oure god, and loutis þe shamyll of his fete: for it is haly. 1483 *Cath. Angl.* 333/1 A Schamylle (*MS. Addit.* Schambylle), vbi A stule (*MS. Addit.* Macellum).

2. †**a.** In OE., a table or counter for exposing goods for sale, counting money, etc. *Obs.*

971 *Blickl. Hom.* 71 He þa ineode on þæt halize Salemannes templ, & þa ut awearp þa sceomolas þara cypemanna. 1289 in *Wood's MS. C.* 1. lf. 36 Shopa cum sponda quae dicitur schamel [in the Bucherow].

b. *spec.* A table or stall for the sale of meat.

a. c 1305 *Of Men Lif*, etc. xv, in *E. E. P.* (1862) 155 Hail be ȝe potters [? bochers] wiþ ȝur bole ax..ȝe stondiþ at þe schamil [*printed* sthamil in *Rel. Ant.* II. 176], brod ferlich hernes. 1548 in E. Green *Somerset Chantries* (1888) 191 [John Spiringe and Peter Leighe hold a] shamell [there, and render per ann. xxiiij s.]. *Ibid.* 201 [John Kape holds a meat] shamell [in Fore strete].

β. 1577 V. Leigh *Surv.* D iij b, And in like maner of profites of Bothes, standinges, shambles and tolles or other profits of a wekely market..kept within. 1844 W. Barnes *Poems Rural Life* 346 *Shambles*, Butchers' benches or stalls. 1850 S. Dobell *Roman* i. 11 The form that served The world for signs of beauty, parcell'd out A carcase on the shambles. 1886 *W. Somerset Word-bk., Shambles*, portable covered stalls, set up in a market-place for the sale of meat. Not applied to the market itself. Precisely the same erection for the sale of any other article would be a 'standing'.

fig. 1830 J. Milne *Widow & Son* ii. (1851) 155, I mean to give a short preamble Because it tallies with the common run Of tales laid on the literary shamble.

3. *pl.* A place where meat (or occas. fish) is sold, a flesh- or meat-market. ? Now *local.*

a 1410– [see Flesh-shambles]. 1484 *Nottingham Rec.* III. 229 The twycbell betwix þe Shaumelles and þe Draperie. *a* 1490 Botoner *Itin.* (1778) 170 In vico de Worshyp-strete alias shamellys sive bocherye. *Ibid.*, In vico vocato le shamelys. 1554 *Roll of Totnes Guild Merchants*, Received ffor the fishe shamells at the hands of James Pelliton, beeyng lett unto hym at ferme, iiij^{s} viij^{d}. 1574 in 10*th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. v. 424 To send ther fleash..to the fleash shammoulles ther to be sold.

β. 1477 in 10*th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. v. 312 If any man..sill fleshe within the citie..till it come to the Kyngs sheambles. 1556 *Chron. Grey Friars* (Camden) 55 Sent Martyns at the chambulles end, sent Nicolas in the chambulles, and sent Ewyns. *Ibid.* 58 The viij. day of March [1549] a hucher of sent Nicolas shambulles was put on the pyllery. *Ibid.* 77 Item the xvij. day of May [1553] the market in Newgate market was removyd unto..the shambylles where sent Nicolas church sometyme was. 1565 Cooper *Thesaurus*, *Carnarium*, a lardar: the shambles: flesh meate. *c* 1570 W. Wager *The longer thou livest* 251 (Brandl), In S. Nicholas shambles, ther is inough. 1634 Sir T. Herbert *Trav.* 10 They haue Shambles of men and womens flesh, ioynted and cut in seuerall Morsels. 1653 H. Cogan tr. *Pinto's Trav.* xxxiv. 137 This City hath an hundred and three score Butchers shambles, and in each of them an hundred stalls. 1688 Holme *Armoury* III. 292/2 At the Shambles, where they [*sc.* Butchers] sell their meat. 1699 Dampier *Voy.* II. I. 31 Dogs and Cats are killed purposely for the Shambles. 1725 Watts *Logic* (1736) 319 Raw Meat is bought in the Shambles. 1835 *Munic. Corp. Rep.* IV. 2627 (Chester), The Shambles are let weekly upon the market day, in standings.

b. Construed as a singular; also in sing. form.

1570 Levins *Manip.* 18/31 Y^{e} shamble, *macellum*. 1617 Morvson *Itin.* I. 87 There is the Pallace of a Gentleman, who proving a Traytor, the State..turned the same into a shambles, and some upper chambers to places of judgement. The fish market lies by this shambles. 1623 Fletcher *Rule a Wife* III. i, I stink like a stal-fish shambles. 1636 Brathwait *Rom. Emp.* 64 He was called of many Macellinus, of the Latine word *Macellum* a shambles, or butchery.

c. *transf.* and *fig.*

1608 [see Flesh-shamales b]. 1610 Donne *Pseudo-martyr* Pref. C 2, As..he would make in this Kingdome a spirituall shambles of your soules, by corrupt doctrines: so..he labours to make a Temporall shambles and market of your bodies, by selling you for nothing, and thrusting you vpon the Ciuill sword. 1843 Whittier *Massach. to Virginia* 50 Watching round the shambles where human flesh is sold.

4. *pl.* The place where animals are killed for meat; a slaughter-house.

1548 Udall, etc. *Erasm. Par. John* x. 1–5 They bee called to their foode, and not to the fleshe shambles to be killed. 1605 B. Jonson *Volpone* I. i, I..fat no beasts, To feede the shambles. 1726 Swift *It cannot rain but it pours*, A Flock of Sheep, that were driving to the Shambles. 1841 Dickens *Barn. Rudge* lxxi, He was felled like an ox in the butcher's shambles. *a* 1873 Lytton *Pausanias* I. ii. (1876) 65 Savage though the custom, it smells not so foully of the shambles.

b. Construed as a singular; also in sing. form.

1696 Bp. Patrick *Comm. Exod.* xxx. (1697) 598 The vast number of Beasts that were slain..at the Sanctuary..would have made it smell like a Shambles. 1828 Scott *F. M. Perth* xv, Like the disgusting refuse of a shambles. 1885 M. Bridges *Pop. Mod. Hist.* 433 Nobles, priests and women were slaughtered like sheep in a shamble.

5. *transf.* and *fig.* A place of carnage or wholesale slaughter; a scene of blood. Chiefly *pl.* construed as *sing.*; rarely in sing. form.

1593 Nashe *Christ's T.* 12 b, The Infidell-Romaines.. shall innade thee, and make thy City..a shambles of dead bodies. 1607 Chapman *Bussy d'Ambois* v. iv. 34 If I scape Monsieur's 'pothecary shops, Foutre for Guise's shambles! 1638 Drumm. of Hawth. *Irene* Wks. (1711) 170 The Bodies of Common-wealths are already turned into Skeletons, the Cities into Sepulchres, the Fields into Schambles. 1641 J. Jackson *True Evang. T.* I. 48 That it may appeare indeed, what bloud-hounds the Papists are, what a Shambles their Church is, consult a grand Witnesse of their own. *a* 1649 Drumm. of Hawth. *Poems* (1711) 33/2 Earth turns an hideous Shamble, a Lake of Blood. 1741 Watts *Improv. Mind* xviii. Wks. (1813) 139 When a person or his opinion is made the jest of the mob or his back the shambles of the executioner. 1794 Coleridge *Robespierre* I. i. 79 I've fear'd him, since his iron heart endured To make of Lyons ooe vast human shambles. 1868 Farrar *Seekers* I. iii. 51 A brutal..barbarity..often turned a house into the shambles of an executioner. 1901 'Linesman' *Words by Eyewitness* ix. (1902) 177 What a shambles the deep valley between Inkweloane and Spitz Kop would have been!

6. *Mining.* See quot. 1819. Also Shammel *sb.*

1671 *Phil. Trans.* VI. 2102 A Tin-shaft..which we sink down about a fathom, and then leave a little long square place, termed a Shamble, and so continue sinking from east to east. 1819 *T. Mortimer's Commerc. Dict., Shambles*, among miners, a sort of niches or landing-places, left at such distances in the adits of mines, that the shovel-men may conveniently throw up the ore from shamble to shamble, till it comes to the top of the mine. 1881 Raymond *Mining Gloss., Shambles*, shelves or benches, from one to the other of which successively ore is thrown in raising it to the level above, or to the surface.

7. *dial. pl.* 'The frame of wood that hangs over a shaft-horse in a cart' (Halliwell 1847).

[1596: see *shamble-stave* in 9]. 1677 Plot *Oxfordsh.* 257 Having also a head of boards, and shambles over the thills. 1854 Miss A. E. Baker *Northampt. Gloss.* II. 219.

8. ? A shoal. Perh. only *pl.* the name of a shoal off Portland Bill (hence Cook's use in quot. 1769).

1769 Cook *Jrnl. 1st Voy.* (1771) 70 About three miles N.E. from Portland [in the Pacific] are several shoals, which we called the Shambles. 1774 J. Hutchins *Dorset* I. 587 The Shambles, called by Hollingshed the *Shingles*, is a bank of sand, lying about four miles E. by S. from the Bill [Portland]. 1800 C. Stuart in *Naval Chron.* (1801) IV. 394 Carrying me dead upon the Shambles [off Portland], where the sea was running tremendously high.

9. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *shamble door*, *-fly*, *-house*, *-oozing*, *warden*, also *shambles-blood*, *shambles keeping*; *shamble-seeking*, *-smelling* adjs.; **†shamble-hook**, a hook for hanging meat upon; **shamble(s)-meat**, butcher's meat; **shamble-stave**, one of the bars forming 'shambles' (sense 7).

1803 A. Hunter *Georg. Ess.* I. 325 A compost made of *shambles-blood and saw-dust. 1889 Rider Haggard *Cleopatra* II. vii, No lamb skipping at the *shamble doors can be more innocent of its doom than is Queen Cleopatra. 16.. Middleton, etc. *Old Law* III. ii, Those *Shamble flies Which Butchers boyes snap betweene sleepe and waking. 1688 Holme *Armoury* III. 313/2 A *Shamble Hook. 1847 Lytton *Lucretia* II. xviii, [These] left the murderer leisure..to render the insurances on the life of the latter less open to suspicion than if effected immediately on her entrance into that *shamble-house. 1559 Feckham in Strype *Ann. Ref.* (1709) I. II. App. ix. 26 There was no open Flesh eatinge, nor *Shambles kepeinge, in the Lent and Daies prohibitid. 1618 *Licence to eat Flesh in Penny Mag.* (1836) V. 259 Forbidding them all manner of *shamble-meates whatsoever. 1736 Drake *Ebor.* I. vi. 219 This city is as well supplied with all sorts of shambles-meat as most markets in England. 1891 *Reports Provinc.* (E. D. D.), I mind the time when old people [in Devonshire] said, 'It's more'n a month since we had any shammel-mate'. 1894 Lee-Hamilton *Sonn. Wingless Hours* 10a A Paris gutter of the good old times, Black and putrescent in its stagnant bed, Save where the *shamble oozings fringe it red. 1638 G. Daniel *Eclog.* i. 122 You.. might..Scorne These *Shamble-seeking birds. 1603 Dekker *Wonderf. Yeare* B 4, In *shamble-smelling roomes. 1596 Mascall *Bk. Cattle* II. 120 Preparing the cart...At the *shamble staues to be made of good dry and tough ash, which are to beare a burthen from the thyller. 1835 *App. Munic. Corpor. Rep.* II. 1095 (Axbridge), The *Shamble Wardens have the inspection of meat, fish and butter. *Ibid.* 1370 (Wells), Two officers, named Shamble Wardens are appointed..to inspect the meat.

Shamble (ʃæ·mbˈl), *sb.*² [f. Shamble *v.*²]

1. A shambling gait.

1828 Disraeli *Viv. Grey* III. iii, His coronation pace degenerated into a strut, and then into a shamble. 1855 Bain *Senses & Int.* II. iv. § 9 The shamble of the elephant. 1881 J. Grant *Cameronians* I. iii. 34 His once firm and stately stride had given place to what he called 'a species of half-pay shamble'. 1887 Mary E. Wilkins *Humble Rom., Old Lady Pingree* 53 She..went across the room with a long shamble.

†2. *slang.* (See quot.) *Obs.*

a 1700 B. E. *Dict. Cant. Crew* s.v. *Shamble-legg'd*, *Shake your Shambles*, haste, begon.

Sha·mble, *a. rare.* [Prob. an attributive use of Shamble *sb.*¹; the expression *shamble legs* prob. meant originally 'legs straddling like those of the trestles of a shamble' (Shamble *sb.*¹ 2 b). Cf. WFris. *skammels* (pl. of *skammel* shamble, board on trestles) used in the sense 'legs, esp. when badly formed' (Dijkstra *Fries. Woordenboek*).] Shambling, ungainly, awkward; ill-shaped, wry, distorted; also *Comb.*

1607 G. Wilkins *Mis. Inforced Marr.* II. B 4 b, A leane fellowe, with sunke eyes, and shamble legges. 1639 [J. Taylor (Water-P.)] *Divers Crabtree Lect.* 100 He had a cleane Legge and a handsome Foote; but thou hast neither, a very shamble-shinne, and hast a foote of the slovings Last. *a* 1700 B. E. *Dict. Cant. Crew*, *Shamble-Legg'd*, one that goes wide, and shuffles his Feet about. 1709 Mrs. Centlivre *Man's Bewitched* III, Death, you shamble-ham'd Dog! I'll beat your head off. 1785 R. Forbes *Ulysses Answ.* 24 Thersites, Wha for's ill-scrappit tongue, An' shamble chafts, got on his back Puss wi' the nine tails hung. 1869 'Wat. Bradwood' *The O. V. H.* xii, Butchers' ponies, and rough-coated, shamble-kneed cobs, just up from grass. 1897 Ld. E. Hamilton *Outlaws* xxvii. 303 'Haud up, ye shammel-shankit brute,' be continued, as his horse stumbled forward.

Shamble (ʃæ·mbˈl), *v.*¹ *rare.* [f. Shamble *sb.*¹] *trans.* To cut up or slaughter as in the shambles.

†*To shamble forth*: to cut up and dispose of (a corpse). Also **Sha·mbled** *ppl. a.*

1601 R. Yarington *Two Trag.* II. vi. E 2 b, [*Stage direction*] Merry begins to cut the body... *Enter* Truth. Ye glorious beames [of the moon]..Why doost thou lend assistance to this wretch, To shamble forth with bolde audacitie His limes, that beares thy makers semblance! 17.. *Remonstr. Prot. agst. Papists* in *Somers Tracts* (1748) II. 248 (*bis*), As if their Intention were to convert the World, and not to Kill the King, Garble the Parliament, Shamble all good

and sober Protestants of every Party. 1869 Ld. Lytton *Orval* v. ii. 249 It was a desperate sortie. *The Count.* Desperate? ay, They shambled us like sheep. 1900 *Daily News* 26 May 3/3 To..slaughter the British soldiers like shambled deer.

Shamble (ʃæ·mb'l), *v.*2 [Prob. f. Shamble *a.* Cf. Fris. *skammelje*, 'to walk irregularly, esp. with badly-formed legs' (Dijkstra).] *intr.* To go with an awkward ungainly gait, to walk awkwardly or unsteadily, usually with adv. as *to shamble along.*

1681 [see Shambling *vbl. sb.*]. 1690– [see Shambling *ppl. a.*]. 1717 Garth *Ovid's Met.* xiv. *Vertumnus & Pomona* 36 The heedless lout comes shambling on. 1746 Francis tr. *Horace, Ep.* II. i. 233 Dossennus slip-shod shambles o'er the Scene. 1764 Gray *Jemmy Twitcher* 9 He shambles and straddles so oddly. 1837 Dickens *Pickw.* xxiv, Jinks..shambled to a seat, and proceeded to write it down. 1867 Trollope *Chron. Barset* xlix. II. 54 Every morning he shambled across from the deanery to the Cathedral. 1902 Buchan *Watcher by Threshold* 83 He turned and shambled down the passage.

b. of an animal.

1859 *Blackw. Mag.* LXXXVI. 244/2 The bears of the north have scented their quarry—they come near you and nearer, shambling and rolling their hulk. 1878 Bosw. Smith *Carthage* xxi 439 Each [camel] grunting and grumbling as he shambles along.

c. qnasi-*trans.* To make (one's way) or move (one's feet) shamblingly.

1847 Lytton *Lucretia* II. vii, The sweep..let himself out, and shambled his way to his crossing. 1859 *Habits of Gd. Society* vii. 250 Another shambles his feet along the pavement.

Shamble, obs. form of Shawm.

Shambling (ʃæ·mblin), *vbl. sb. rare.* [f. Shamble *v.*2 + -ing 1.] An awkward motion in walking or progression.

1681 Dryden *Span. Friar* I. ii, By that shambling in his walk, it should be my rich old banker Gomez. 1862 F. W. Robinson *Owen* IV. ix, Presently he heard the rustling of her dress, and the shambling of her feet across the narrow landing-place. 1887 Jessopp *Arcady* iv. 116 Think of the weary shambling through the mud and rain.

Shambling (ʃæ·mblin), *ppl. a.* [f. Shamble *v.*2 + -ing 2.]

1. That shambles or is characterized by an awkward, irregular gait or motion.

1690 Dryden *Amphitryon* II. i, One pair of shambling legs, with two splay feet. 1697 Vanbrugh *Relapse* v. v. 67 A long, loose, shambling sort of a Horse. 1771 Smollett *Humph. Cl.* 15 July (1815) 249 Mounted on a tall, meagre, raw-boned, shambling grey gelding. 1798 M. Pilkington *Dict. Painters* (new ed.) 791 [Francis Heyman is] easily distinguishable by the large noses and shambling legs of his figures. 1837 Dickens *Pickw.* xx, A shambling pot-boy. 1838 — *Nich. Nick.* xxxiv, Who..made a great many shambling bows. 1880 A. H. Huth *Buckle* II. 72 His gait was stooping, and his walk rather shambling.

b. *transf.* and *fig.* Often of metre and style, etc.

1802 Mar. Edgeworth *Rosanna* iii, Upon the profits of this place, Simon contrived to live in a shambling sort of way. 1875 Swinburne *Ess. & Stud.* 283 The slippery style and shambling license which we pardon in Decker. 1882 Stevenson in *Longman's Mag.* I. 78 He crams all this matter, tail foremost, into a single shambling sentence. 1887 Saintsbury *Elizab. Lit.* iv. 151 A third [characteristic]..makes them.. tedious reading, independently of their shambling metre.

2. Of jointed tools: Rickety in action.

1829 Hogg *Sheph. Cal.* I. 45 A pair o' shambling shears. 1833 J. Holland *Manuf. Metal* II. 204 The brass articles [tongs]..are liable to get loose and shambling.

Hence **Sha·mblingly** *adv.*

1872 *Daily News* 2 Oct. 5 A grimy miner..slouched shamblingly homeward. 1894 Sala *London up to date* vi. 73 On rare occasions I do contrive to crawl shamblingly through the streets for half an hour or so.

† **Sha·mbo.** *Sc. Obs.* Also 8 **shamboe,** 9 **shambeau.** [? Corruption of Chamois.] *Attrib.* in *shambo leather,* chamois leather (Chamois 2). Also in *shambo skin.*

1612 *Sc. Bk. Rates* in *Halyburton's Ledger* (1867) 310 Gloves of shambo lether the dozen pair xlviii s. *a* 1706 in *J. Watson's Collect. Sc. Poems* I. 28 No windy flowrish'd flying Feathers, No sweet permusted shambo Leathers. 1755 in Macgill *Old Ross-sh.* (1909) 154, 5 large Shamboe skins for lyning breeches and pockets 7s 6d. 1807 J. Hall *Trav. Scot.* II. 516 The miniature figure of a man made of stuffed shambeau leather.

Shambo, -ok, obs. forms of Sjambok.

1810 *Barrington's Voy. N. S. Wales* I. 186 These sort of whips, which they call shambos, are most horrid instruments.

† **Shambrier.** *Obs.* Also 6 **shambriere,** 9 **shammbrie.** [a. F. *chambrière,* etc.] A long lash used by the master of a manège.

1667 W. Cavendish *Meth. Dressing Horses* 182 The Shambriere is too Dull a thing; and so are all Whips, Hand-whips, and all. 1728 Chambers *Cycl.* s.v. *Rope,* When they begin to..teach him to flee from the Shambner [*later edd. corrected* shambrier], and not to gallop fastly or incompactly. 1852–63 Burn *Technol. Dict.* (ed. 4), *Shambrier,* (long leathern thong), *chambrière.* 1891 Flügel *Eng.-Germ. Dict.* (ed. 4), *Shammbrie.*

Shambrogue, obs. form of Shamrock.

† **Shambrough.** *Her. Obs.*—° (See quots.)

1780 Edmondson *Heraldry* II. Gloss., *Shambroughs,* a kind of shoe. [But the engraving represents a ship.] 1828–40 Berry *Encycl. Her.* I. Gloss., *Shambroughs,* a kind of ship. 1847 *Gloss. Heraldry.*

Shambuc, obs. form of Sjambok.

1828 *Life Planter Jamaica* 141 The cow-skin,..of the West Indies, or the shambuc of the Cape.

Shambulle, -ylle, obs. forms of Shamble *sb.*1

Sha·m-da·mn, *a.* [f. Sham *sb.*1 + Damn *v.*] The distinctive epithet of an inferior kind of scrap-iron, used for making gun-barrels. Hence of fire-arms: Of wretched quality, 'shoddy'.

1846 Greener *Sci. Gunnery* 197 Sham damn iron is similar in nature to brass, a metal with fibres certainly, but they are like the fibres of willow compared to oak. ..All slave gun-barrels are made of it. 1851-4 *Tomlinson's Cycl. Usef. Arts* (1866) I. 818/1 These [pieces of scrap-iron] are sorted and used in preparing iron of various qualities, known as wire-twist,.. twopenny, or Wednesbury-skelp, sham-damn-skelp. 1895 *Outing* XXVII. 63/2 A cheap, sham-dam arm should not be given to a boy, for it may prove his executioner.

Shame (ʃēm), *sb.* Forms: *α.* 1 scamu, sceamu, 1–4 scame, 2–3 same, 3 seame, 3–4 scam, ssame, 3–5, 6 *Sc.* scham, 3–5, 6–7 *Sc.* schame, (4 chame), *Sc.* schaym(e, 4, 6 sham, 6 *Sc.* schamme, scheyme, (schaheme), 3– shame. *β.* 1 scomu, scomo, sceomu, 2–3 scome, 3 sceome, some, 3–4 scheome, schom, 3–5 schome, shome. [Com. Teut.: OE. *sc(e)amu, sc(e)omu,* corresponds to OFris. *scome,* OS. *skama,* MDu. *schame* (mod.Du. *schaam-* in compounds), OHG. *scama* (MHG., mod.G. *scham*), ON. *skǫmm* with unexplained gemination (Sw., Da. *skam*), Goth. **skama* (inferred from the derivative *skaman* refl. to be ashamed):—OTeut. **skamō.*

From the Teut. root **skam-* are also OHG. *scant* ashamed (:–**skamdo-*), Gothic *skanda,* OHG. *scanda* (G. *schande*) fem., disgrace, OE. *scand* masc., infamous man, *scand* fem., infamous woman, disgrace, *scendan* (:–**skamdjan*) Shend *v.*

Outside Teut. no root of corresponding form and sense has been found, but many scholars assume a pre-Teut. **skem-,* variant of **kem-* to cover (Teut. **heni-*: *hani-* as in Hame 1), 'covering oneself' being the natural expression of shame.]

I. 1. The painful emotion arising from the consciousness of something dishonouring, ridiculous, or indecorous in one's own conduct or circumstances (or in those of others whose honour or disgrace one regards as one's own), or of being in a situation which offends one's sense of modesty or decency.

c 725 *Corpus Gloss.* (Hessels) P. 844 *Pudor,* scomo. *c* 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* Luke xiv. 9 Ðu inginnas miþ sceoma [*cum rubore*] þæt hlætmesto stoue gehalda. *a* 1225 *St. Marher.* 7 Ah þe schulde scheomien..ȝef þu scheome cuðest þat þulli mot haldest wiþ a ȝung meiden. *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 349 Flesses fremeðe and safte same boðen he felten on here licharne. 1471 Caxton *Recuyell* (Sommer) I. 240 Alle shame and vergoyne redowblith in me. 1595 Shaks. *John* IV. i. 114 You will but make it blush, And glow with shame of your proceedings, Hubert. 1623 Fletcher & Rowley *Maid in Mill* I. iii, But for my part (in all humility And with no little shame) I ask your pardons. 1711 Steele *Spect.* No. 114 ¶ 4 Shame of Poverty makes Laertes lanch into unnecessary Equipage. 1842 Tennyson *Ld. of Burleigh* 63 As it were with shame she blushes. 1860 Pusey *Min. Proph.* 240 Shame at the evil which sin is, works repentance.

Personified. 1590 Spenser *F. Q.* II. vii. 22 Lamenting Sorrow did in darknesse lye, And Shame his vgly face did hide from liuing eye. 1742 Gray *Eton* 64 Pallid Fear, And Shame, that sculks behind.

b. *pl.*

1851 Helps *Comp. Solit.* viii. 152 Being free from many of the usual small shames, petty ends, trivial vanities.

c. *Sense of shame*: the consciousness of this emotion, guilty feeling; also, the right perception of what is improper or disgraceful (cf. 2).

1647 C. Harvey *Schola Cordis* xv. 29 Untill the sense of shame Makes me contemne my self-dishonour'd name. 1700 Dryden *Cinyras & Myrrha* 307 Another, and another Night she came; For frequent Sin had left no Sense of Shame. 1766 Fordyce *Serm. Yng. Women* (1767) I. i. 11 All but those who.. have..lost their sense of shame. 1847 Tennyson *Princess* IV. 330 And full of cowardice and guilty shame, I grant in her some sense of shame, she flies. 1872 Darwin *Emotions* xiii. 321 Under a keen sense of shame, there is a strong desire for concealment.

d. *Past shame, dead to shame,* no longer capable of feeling shame, grown callous to shame.

1509 [see Past *prep.* 3]. 1647 Hexham I. s. v., He is past shame. 1780 Warner in Jesse *Selwyn & Contemp.* (1844) IV. 325 His wife and her sister are not great enough or little enough to be dead to shame.

2. Fear of offence against propriety or decency, operating as a restraint on behaviour; modesty, shamefastness. *Without shame,* shameless(ly.

c 1386 Chaucer *Wife's Prol.* 342 In habit maad with chastitee and shame Ye wommen shul apparaille yow. 1576 Gascoigne *Grief of Joye* IV. xxxv. Wks. 1910 II. 555 The darksome nyght, sharpe enemye to shame, By candles light, betrayethe many a dame. 1590 Shaks. *Mids. N.* III. ii. 285 Haue you no modesty, no maiden shame, No touch of bashfulnesse? 1622 Mabbe tr. *Aleman's Guzman d'Alf.* II. 131 Discouering those parts which shame bids vs bide. 1692 R. L'Estrange *Josephus, Antiq.* IV. viii. (1733) 97 A Debtor that hath neither the Shame nor the Conscience to restore what he borrowed. 1780 Bentham *Princ. Legisl.* xii. § 10 Where robberies are frequent and unpunished robberies are committed without shame. 1875 Jowett *Plato* (ed. 2) V. 45 To infuse into them that divine fear, which we call shame. *Mod.* I am not surprised at his request; he is quite without shame.

Personified. *c* 1400 *Rom. Rose* 3058 And grauntid hir.. That Shame, bicause she is honest, Shal keper of the roser be. 1754 Gray *Poesy* 64 Her track, where'er the Goddess roves, Glory pursue, and generous Shame.

3. Disgrace, ignominy, loss of esteem or reputation.

a 990 Cynewulf *Crist* 1274 Hi þær scoma mæste dreoȝað. *c* 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 59 To..kepen us from hearm and scome. *a* 1300 *K. Horn* 327 Schame mote þu fonge & on hiȝe rode anhonge. 1362 Langl. *P. Pl. A.* IV. 28 For to sauen hemself from schome and from harme. *c* 1385 Chaucer *L. G. W.* 1028 Thour out the worl oure shame is kid so wyde. 1535 Coverdale *Ezek.* xvi. 52 Therfore beare thine owne shame. 1590 Shaks. *Com. Err.* IV. iv. 70 Free from these slanders, and this open shame. 1729 Butler *Serm.* Wks. 1874 II. 14 Men, to avoid the shame of one villainy, are sometimes guilty of a greater. 1764 Burn *Poor Laws* 199 By once inflicting shame on a criminal, we for ever remove that fear of it, which is one very strong preservative against doing evil. 1845 Sarah Austin *Ranke's Hist. Ref.* I. 194 After such high-raised expectations, the result was shame and ignominy. 1859 Tennyson *Enid* 101 Far better were I laid in the dark earth..Than that my lord thro' me should suffer shame.

b An instance or piece of disgrace.

c 1230 *Hali Meid.* 8 (Bodley MS.) Teonen þolien, & gromen & scheomen. *c* 1385 Chaucer *L. G. W.* 589 So fil it as fortune hym aughte a schame. *a* 1470 Harovng *Chron.* cxiv. xviii, Thus synnes olde make shames come full newe. *a* 1586 Sidney *Arcadia* II. (Sommer) 99 Though..euery death were followed with a thousand shames. 1606 Shaks. *Ant. & Cl.* I. iv. 72 Let his shames quickely Driue him to Rome. 1633 Ld. Brooke *Poems, Treat. Warres* vii. 71 So be the Shames of Peace, the Pride of Warre. 1880 McCarthy *Own Times* IV. 32 The calamities and shames of 1865 might have been avoided. 1891 Farrar *Darkn. & Dawn* I, The name of her sister Drusilla had been already stained with a thousand shames.

c. *spec.* Violation of a woman's honour, loss of chastity. † *To do* (*a*) *shame,* to offer violence (to). *Child, son of shame,* a child born out of wedlock.

c 1205 Lay. 12101 Melga nom Oriene..& some hire bihedde & ladde heo to his bedde. *c* 1385 Chaucer *L. G. W.* 488 That al here lyf ne don nat but asayen How manye wemen they may don a schame. 1590 Spenser *F. Q.* III. v. 13 After that foster fowle he fiercely rid, To bene auenged of the shame, he did To that faire Damzell. 1603 Shaks. *Meas. for M.* III. i. 140 Is't not a kinde of Incest, to take life From thine owne sisters shame? 1722 De Foe *Col. Jack* (1840) 2 My nurse..bred me up very carefully with her own son, and with another son of shame like me. 1813 Byron *Giaour* 421 And every woe a tear can claim, Except an erring sister's shame. 1827 Scott *Surg. Dau.* ii, A child of shame, deserted by its father and mother. 1833 Tennyson *Sisters* 8 She mix'd her ancient blood with shame. 1864 — *Aylmer's Field* 687 The poor child of shame.

† d. *Shames death* (*deid, dede,* etc.), a shameful death. *Obs.*

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 1619 He suar his ath þat þai suld all thole schammes deid. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Merch. T.* 1133 God yeve yow bothe on shames deeth to dyen! *c* 1440 *Bone Flor.* 1823 God gyf the schames dedd. *c* 1450 *St. Cuthbert* (Surtees) 7829 Þai had aftir an yuel spede, Shames deed or outelawde. 16.. *Sir John Butler* iv. in Child *Ballads* III. 330/1 A shames death may hee dye!

† e. Infliction of disgrace, injurious language or conduct. (Cf. the phrases in 11.) *Obs.*

c 975 *Rushw. Gosp.* Mark xii. 4 Mið scomum miclum to-ȝiworhtun [*contumeliis affecerunt*]. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 108 In his earen he hefde,..at þe schorn, & alle þe scheomen þet earen muhte iheren. 1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 300 b, Than began all the multytude with moost shame and abhomynacyon..to spyt in thy blessed face.

† **4.** What is morally disgraceful or dishonourable; baseness in conduct or behaviour. *To do shame,* to do something disgraceful or wicked.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 25407 Ken us lauerd, for þi nam, Forsak bat sin and scam. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Wife's T.* 295 Men may wel often fynde A lordes sone do shame and vileynye. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 13704 He cast hym by course..To venge of his vilany & his vile schame. *a* 1520 Dunbar *'Be ȝe ane luvar'* 6 Be layth alway to do amiss or schame. 1682 Sir T. Browne *Chr. Mor.* III. § 17 If that degenerous vice possess thee, hide thyself in the shadow of thy shame, and pollute not noble society.

5. Used predicatively (without article) for: A fact or circumstance which brings disgrace or discredit (*to* a person, etc.); matter for severe reproach or reprobation. Now *poet.*

a 1000 *Colloq. Ælfric* in Wr.-Wülcker 100 Micel hynd and sceamu [*uerecundia*] hyt is menn nelle wesan þæt þæt be ys. *c* 1200 Ormin 11956 Forr þatt wass, alls he wisste itt wel, Hiss ahenn shame & shande. *c* 1380 Wyclif *Wks.* (1880) 72 It is schame to written it but more to done it in dede. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Prol.* 505 And shame it is, if a preest take keep, A shiten shepherde and a clene sheep. *c* 1475 *Rauf Coilȝear* 87 For first to lofe and syne to lak, Peter! it is schame. 1538 Starkey *England* I. iv. 125 Thys ys not only grete hurte to the commyn wele, but also grete schame and dyshonowre to our cuntrey. 1593 Shaks. *Rich. II,* II. i. 238 Now afore heauen, 'tis shame such wrongs are borne In him a royall Prince. 1784 Cowper *Tiroc.* 78 Truths..That 'tis our shame and mis'ry not to learn. 1819 Scott *Ivanhoe* xl, It were shame to our profession were we to suffer it. 1850 Tennyson *In Mem.* xlviii. 11 She..holds it sin and shame to draw The deepest measure from the chords. 1896 A. E. Housman *Shropshire Lad* v, Some lads there are, 'tis shame to say, That only court to thieve.

b. Similarly *a shame, a great shame.* Now common in colloq. use.

1390 Gower *Conf.* II. 28 Which were a schame unto his trowthe. *c* 1450 *Mirk's Festial* 27 Hit was a gret schame to all hom þat werne gret clerkes. 1577 B. Googe *Heresbach's Husb.* I. (1586) 16 b, If it be a shame for..a pleadar of causes to be ignorant of the lawe wherein he dealeth, a greater shame is it for a professor of husbandry, to be vnskilful in the ground whereon his whole trade lyeth. 1648 *Hunting of Fox* 36 'Tis a foul shame that you should be last in returning to a sence of your duty. 1662–3 Pepys *Diary* 19 Jan., They..pay fifteen or twenty sometimes per cent. for their money which is a most horrid shame. 1799 Ht. Lee *Canterb. T., Frenchman's T.* (ed. 2) I. 199 What a shame yon pretty cot should be suffered to go to ruin! 1809 Malkin *Gil Blas* VII. v, It was a burning shame to see such a waste of provisions. 1815 Scott *Guy M.* xxxix, I envy you the concatenation, Colonel—it is a shame to me not to have drawn the same conclusion. 1858 S. Brooks *Gord. Knot* xvi. 119 'It's a —— shame', jerked out Mr. Spenser. 1866

Geo. Eliot *F. Holt* xxii, It's a sin and a shame. 1889 J. K. Jerome *Three Men in Boat* 166 George said it was a wicked shame of Mrs. G.

c. Occas. in non-predicative use: A disgraceful thing, something to be ashamed of. *poet.*

c 1600 Shaks. *Sonn.* lxi. 7 Into my deeds to prye, To find out shames and idle houres in me. 1850 Tennyson *In Mem.* li. 7 Shall he for whose applause I strove..See with clear eye some hidden shame And I be lessen'd in his love? 1855 — *Maud* iii. iv, A peace that was full of wroogs and shames.

6. A person or thing that is a cause or source of disgrace. Const. *to*, *of*, †*on*.

a 1585 Sidney *Arcadia* ii. (Sommer) 99 That only I..should become a plague to my selfe and a shame to womankind. 1607 Shaks. *Cor.* i. iv. 31 You Shames of Rome. 1675 J. Owen *Indwelling Sin* xiii. (1732) 165 It may be this Day you had been a Terror to your selves, a Shame to your Relations. 1681 Cotton *Wond. Peak* 76 Environ'd round with Natures shames and Ills, Black Heaths, wild Rocks, bleak Craggs, and naked Hills. 1709–11 Pope *Ess. Crit.* 694 Erasmus, that great injur'd name, (The glory of the Priesthood, and the shame!). 1757 Gray *Bard* 87 Ye towers of Julius, London's lasting shame. 1778 [W. H. Marshall] *Minutes Agric., Digest* 113 Colleges of Agriculture, reared in those Wastes which are now a shame on their Country. 1819 Shelley *Cenci* iii. i. 287 Nature casts him off, who is her shame.

b. *colloq.* A thing which is shockingly ugly or indecent, or of disgracefully bad quality.

1764 Gray *Jemmy Twitcher* 8 His nose is a shame,—and his eyes are so lewd! 1815 Scott *Guy M.* v, Luckie Finniston sent up three [hens] that were a shame to be seen. 1880 Tennyson *Village Wife* vii, An' 'e bowt little statutes all-naäkt an' which was a shaame to be seen.

7. *concr.* The privy members or 'parts of shame'. Now *rare* or *Obs.*

a 1000 *Cædmon's Gen.* 942 (Gr.), Het heora sceome þeccan frea frumhrægle. *c* 1050 *Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 470/23 *Preputia*, scama, þa wæpenlican limo. *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 351 Đo gunen he same sriden, And limes in leues hiden. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 2026 His midelst þat hight cam, Bihild, and sagh his fader schame. 1584 B. R. tr. *Herodotus* ii. 86 Other [women] cast vp their clothes, & openly discouer and bewray their shame. 1599 T. M[ouffet] *Silkwormes* 3 Then fig-tree fannes uppon their shame they wore. 1611 Bible *Rev.* xvi. 15 Least hee walke naked, and they see his shame. [1795 tr. *Thunberg's Trav.* (ed. 2) II. 78 The Hottentots universally wore a bag just before the parts of shame.]

II. Phrases.

8. *To have shame*: to be ashamed, feel ashamed. Const. *of*, inf., *that*. Now *poet.*

c 888 Ælfred *Boeth.* xi. § 1 Hi habbað sceame þæs welan gif hi ne beoð swa æþele on gebyrdum swa hi woldon. *c* 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 137 And þere mide hine aleseð of sceome þe he habben sculde ȝif he heo ne ȝef. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* i. (*Petrus*) 535 Sic schent and schame at hart had he. *Ibid.* xxvii. (*Machor*) 1014 Alswa had he schame to tell quhy [etc.]. *c* 1400 Maunder. (1839) xii. 133 Sche had gret schame, that sche hadde a Child. *c* 1400 *Rule St. Benet* (Prose) 30 þat tay haue shame of þair faute. 1842 Tennyson *Vision of Sin* iv. vi, Sit thee down, and have no shame, Cheek by jowl, and knee by knee.

9. *To think shame*, to be ashamed. (Occas. *to think it shame*.) Const. *of*, *for*, inf., or *that*...

† **a.** The early examples belong to the impersonal Think *v.*, const. *dative* (*him* etc. *thinketh shame*). *Obs.* **b.** In the 15th c. this construction gave place to that in which the verb is the personal Think *v.*[2] Now somewhat *arch.*

a. *c* 1205 Lay. 28850 For mucchel scome heom þuhte þat wepmen heom ne rohte. *a* 1300 [see Think *v.*[1] B. 2 a]. *a* 1400 *St. Alexius* 5 (Vernon MS.), To seruen god þhuȝte him no schome.

b. *c* 1470 Henry *Wallace* x. 517 And for hys wrang reyff othir he sall think schame Or de tharfor. 1648 J. Beaumont *Psyche* i. cxi, And then eleven great Stars thought it no shame To couch before me who admired them. 1724–7 Ramsay *Wyfe of Auchtermuchty* xv, I trow the man thocht mekle schame. 1791 [see Think *v.*[2] B. 1 c]. 1816 Scott *Bl. Dwarf* ix, Thinkna ye shame o' yoursells, to come here..to frighten a lone widow woman? 1871 Freeman *Norm. Conq.* (1876) IV. xviii. 187 Men thought it shame to dwell at such a time under the shadow of a house.

10. *To take shame.* † **a.** To be disgraced, incur disgrace (*obs.*). **b.** To conceive shame, feel ashamed; to accept blame or disgrace as merited; to acknowledge that one is in fault. More fully *to take shame to* (*unto*, *upon*) *oneself.*

1338 R. Brunne *Chron.* (1810) 323 Grete pite it was, þat þe hede of Cristendam Suld for any trespas take so foule a scham. 1509 Hawes *Past. Pleas.* xxxii. (Percy Soc.) 156, I was not proude, I toke of him no shame. 1603 Shaks. *Meas. for M.* ii. iii. 36, I doe repent me, as it is an euill, And take the shame with ioy. 1607 B. Barnes *Divils Charter* i. iii. B 2, Take to thee Gismond both the skorne and shame. 1712 Steele *Spect.* No. 448 ₱3, I take shame upon myself for this Crime. 1727 Boyer *Dict. Royal* II. s. v., I take shame to my self, that, *J'avoue à ma honte, que.* 1821 Scott *Kenilw.* xv, I take shame to say, that [etc.]. 1869 Goulbourn *Purs. Holiness* x. 91 So long as they take shame to themselves for the evil which is in them.

† **11.** *To do* (a person) *shame*: to inflict injury or dishonour, offer reproach or obloquy (see also 3 c). Also *to say* or *speak* (one) *shame*; *to say* or *speak shame of*, *on*, *by*. Also with *a* and pl. *Obs.*

c 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* Luke xi. 45 *Nobis contumeliam facis* us sceoma ðu does. *a* 1200 *Vices & Virtues* 51 Alle ðe scames and ðe bismeres ðe hie arrer him hadde idon. *a* 1225 *Leg. Kath.* 349 Ah gað ȝet & seggeð scheome bi ure undeadliche godes. *a* 1250 *Owl & Night.* 363 Vet þu me seyst an oþer schome þat ich an on Myn eye lome. 1297 R. Glouc. (Rolls) 3239 Hii þoȝte to do þis lond ssame. *c* 1385 Chaucer *L. G. W.* 467 Ne a trewe louere may me nat blame Thaw that I speke a fals louere sum schame. 1470–85 Malory *Arthur* x. xxvii. 457 The letter spak shame by her and by sir launcelot. 1535 Coverdale *Dan.* xi. 18 A prynce shal stoppe him, to do him a shame. 1595 Shaks. *John* iv. iii. 97 If thou..teach thy hastie spleene to do me shame. 1603 — *Meas. for M.* iii. i. 81 Why giue you me this shame? 1611 Bible 1 *Sam.* xx. 34 Hee was grieued for Dauid, because his father had done him shame.

12. *To put to shame*: to bring into disgrace, bring disgrace upon; also *fig.* to outshine, eclipse. Similarly, *to bring*, †*shape*, †*turn to shame.* Also †*to go to shame*, to be ruined or spoilt.

a 1250 *Owl & Night.* 522 Hwenne þu hauest ido þi gome þi stefne goþ anon to schome [*Cotton MS.* shome]. *c* 1290 *Sancta Crux* 398 in *S. Eng. Leg.* 12 Cristine men þat he miȝte i-finde Alle he brouȝte to schame. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* ii. (*Paulus*) 521 He schupe þam all to schame, þat euir trowit in cristis name. *a* 1440 *Sir Degrev.* 127 He sey, 'Alle ȝoode to schome!' And went one hys wey. 1445 tr. *Claudian* in *Anglia* XXVIII. 269 With her also thou puttist to shame her loothsom norice ambicion. *c* 1470 Henry *Wallace* x. 1004 The Roman [buikis] at than was in Scotland, He gart be brocht to scham, quhar thai thaim fand. 1591 Shaks. *Two Gent.* iv. iv. 67 A Slaue, that still an end turnes me to shame. 1611 Bible *Heb.* vi. 6 They crucifie to themselues the Sonne of God afresh, and put him to an open shame. 1752 'Sir H. Beaumont' tr. *Attiret's Acc. Emp. China's Gard.* 29 If any one of them is caught in the Fact [i. e. Thieving] he is brought to Shame. 1780 Cowper *Progr. Error* 245 Has time worn out, or fashion put to shame, Good sense, good health, good conscience, and good fame? 1855 Thackeray *Newcomes* xli, No young woman of this year has come near her: those of the past seasons she has distanced, and utterly put to shame. 1865 F. Parkman *Huguenots* i. (1875) 5 Every ship from the New World came freighted with marvels which put the fictions of chivalry to shame.

13. *For shame*: from a sense of shame, because one feels shame; also, for fear of shame, in order to avoid shame; so †*for shame of*, in order not to bring shame upon. Also *for shame's sake.*

c 900 tr. *Bæda's Hist.* iv. xxiv. (1899) 482 Þonne aras he for scome from þæm symble. *c* 1200 Ormin 16971 Forrþi þatt he ne mihhte nohht O daȝȝ forr shame lernenn. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Franklt. T.* 24 Save that the name of soveraynetee, That wolde he have for shame of his degree. 1592 Shaks. *Ven. & Ad.* 36 He red for shame, but frosty in desire. 1592 Moryson *Let.* 21 Oct. in *Itin.* (1617) I. 38 When I looked my face in a glasse, I could not for shame take this course. 1823 Scott *Quentin D.* xxxiii, I will grant you as fair terms as for very shame's sake you ought to ask in my present condition. 1859 Tennyson *Vivien* 548 The shame that cannot be explain'd for shame.

b. esp. in adjuration or remonstrance. Hence often as an int. = 'shame on you!' 'you should be ashamed'; also *fie for shame!* (see Fie *int.* 1).

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 2794 For scam ne dos þam na males. *c* 1374 Chaucer *Anel. & Arc.* 272 Mi swete fo, whi do ye so, for shame! why makest þou al this wo? 1575 *Gammer Gurton's Needle* iv. ii. 42 Canst thou for shame deny it? 1592 Shaks. *Ven. & Ad.* 379 'For shame', he cries, 'let go, and let me go'. *a* 1642 Suckling *Fragm. Aurea*, '*Why so pale and wan*', Quit, quit for shame. 1775 Sheridan *Rivals* ii. ii, *Lucy.* For shame now! here is some one coming. 1840 Thackeray *Shabby Genteel Story* v, At which remark.. Miss Caroline very properly said 'For shame, Becky!' 1850 Miss Warner *Wide World* xxx, 'Oh, William!—William!—for shame! for shame!' said Ellen again.

† **14.** *In shame of*: in order to put to shame. *Obs.*

1596 Dalrymple tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* I. 101 To put a gluue vpon the poynte of ane speir in exprobratione and schame of him quha crakit his creddence. 1601 Shaks. *Jul. C.* ii. ii. 41 The Gods do this in shame of Cowardice.

15. *To one's shame*, so as to cause one shame, in a way that brings one discredit. Also parenthetically, with ellipsis of 'be it spoken'. In early use also †*to* or †*for* (one) *to shame.*

c 1205 Lay. 21008 Heore ȝelp & heore gome ilomp heom seoluen to scame. 1382 Wyclif 1 *Cor.* vi. 5, I seie to ȝoure schame. 1390 Gower *Conf.* II. 30 And yit for Demephon to schame Into this dai it berth the name. 1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 42 His credytours claymeth dette of hym to his payne & great shame. 1596 Shaks. 1 *Hen. IV*, v. i. 93 For my part, I may speake it to my shame, I haue a Truant beene to Chiualry. 1815 Scott *Guy M.* xlvii, It is greatly to the shame of our young lover's apprehension, that [etc.]. 1835 Macaulay in Trevelyan *Life* (1876) I. 444, I read some of his Dialogues of the Dead when I was thirteen; and to my shame, I never..read a line of him since.

16. **a.** In ejaculatory formulae of imprecation or indignant disapproval, as (*a*) *shame* (or † *a shame*) *betide* (*take*, etc.) . . *!*; (*b*) *shame to* or *on . . !* (*c*) (*the*) *more shame for . .*; (*d*) *shame!* simply. Also *for shame!* (see 13 b).

(*a*) *a* 1352 Minot *Poems* (ed. Hall) ii. 12 Schame bityde þe Skottes for þai er full of gile. *c* 1400 *Rom. Rose* 4267 God yeve him shame! 1568 Grafton *Chron.* II. 968 Shame come to him that is the cause thereof. 1593 Shaks. 2 *Hen. VI*, iii. i. 307 Nay, then a shame take all.

(*b*) 1595 Shaks. *John* ii. i. 167 Now shame vpon you where she does or no. 1728 Pope *Dunciad* i. 113 Now (shame to Fortune!) an ill Run at Play Blank'd his bold visage. 1819 Shelley *Cenci* v. ii. 60 Shame on these tears! 1855 Kingsley *Westw. Ho!* xv, It can't be expected, and no shame to them!

(*c*) 1591 Shaks. *Two Gent.* iv. iv. 138 The more shame for him, that he sends it me. 1662 Stillingfl. *Orig. Sacræ* ii. vi. § 16 Did they not? the more shame for them: and if they did, the more shame for this great Rahhi thus to belie them. 1848 Dickens *Dombey* vi, 'Ah! true! more shame for him,' thought Walter.

(*d*) 1605 Shaks. *Macb.* iii. iv. 66 Shame it selfe, Why do you make such faces? 1709 Steele *Tatler* No. 21 ₱13 The whole Town cries out, Shame! That one of his Coat should be such an Atheist? 1834–51 Mary Howitt *Sk. Nat. Hist.*, *Wolf* ii. 82 Oh, shame, that ever it hath been said, That bloody war is a glorious trade! 1848 *Times* 14 Nov. 5/2 A great many voices cried out 'Shame! shame!' 1887 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 29 Jan. 5/1 Sir Michael Hicks-Beach's proposal..elicited cries of 'Shame!' from the Irish benches.

b. *To cry shame on, upon,* †*of*: to express vigorous reprobation of.

1599 Shaks. *Much Ado* iv. i. 123 Why doth not euery earthly thing Cry shame vpon her? 1617 Moryson *Itin.* ii. 155 Don Jean..commended highly the valour of our men, and cried shame upon the cowardise of his owne. 1721 De Foe *Mem. Cavalier* (1840) 255 The people cried shame of them. 1849 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* iii. I. 360 The pavement was detestable: all foreigners cried shame upon it.

III. **17.** *Comb.*, as *shame-burnt*, *-eaten*, *-proof*, *-shrunk*, *-sick*, *-stricken*, *-swollen* adjs.; †**shamefish** = *pintle-fish* (see Pintle 3); **shameworthy** *a.*, of which one ought to be ashamed.

1849 Helps *Friends in C.* ii. ii. (1854) 287 The shrinking, downcast, *shame-burnt woman. 1859 Meredith *R. Feverel* viii, His diversion only irritated and confused our *shame-eaten youth. 1655 Moufet & Bennet *Health's Improv.* xviii. 174 Yards or *shamefishes (*Colybdænæ*). 1672 Josselyn *New-Eng. Rarities* 32 Yardfish, Asses Prick or Shamefish. 1588 Shaks. *L. L. L.* v. ii. 513 We are *shame-proofe my Lord. 1631 Quarles *Samson* Med. xvi. 97 Wee can trample Vpon our *shame shrunke cloakes, by your example. 15.. G. Ellis *Lament. Lost Sheepe* in Farr *S. P. Eliz.* (1845) 410 With *shame-sick Adam haue I hid my head. 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* xxix, Heart-stained, and *shame-stricken, he stood at the bed's foot. 1592 Nashe *P. Penilesse* Wks. 1904 I. 197 Would you..gesse it were possible for any *shame-swolne toad to haue the spet-proofe face to out liue this disgrace? 1382 Wyclif *Lev.* xvi. 4 And with lynnen breches he shal hile the *shame worthi [1388 shamefast] membres. 1600 Holland *Livy* xxxiv. 855 If they begin once to shame at that which is not shameworthy. 1802 Lamb *Let. to Manning* 24 Sept., If I should have formed a diabolical resolution..of not admitting any spirituous liquors into my house, will you be my guest on such shameworthy terms?

Shame (ʃēm), *v.* Pa. t. and pa. pple. **shamed** (ʃēmd). Forms: α. 1–2 **sceamian**, **scami(ȝ)an**, 2–3 **scamien**, 3 **shamien**, **samie**, **schamie**, **ssame**, **scam**, 3–6 **schame**, 4 **ssamie**, **scham**, 5 **schamyn**, 6 *Sc.* **schaam**, **scheyme**, 8 *dial.* **sheame**, **sham**, 3– **shame**; β. 1 **scomian**, **sceomian**, 3 **scomien**, **sceomien**, **scheomen**, **schomye**, **scomye**, **scumi**, 3–4 **schome**. [OE. *sc(e)amian*, *sc(e)ǫmian*, f. *sc(e)amu*, *sc(e)ǫmu* Shame *sb.*

The verb corresponds formally to OS. *skamon*, OHG. *scamôn* (MHG. *schamen*), mod. N Fris. *skaame*, *skômi*; an older Teut. formation is represented by Goth. *skaman*, OHG. *scamên*; and a third type by MHG. *tschemen* (mod.G. *schämen*), ON. *skemma* (Sw. *skemma*, Da. *skjæmme* to disgrace, injure); ON. had also *skamma* (Da. *skamme* refl. to be ashamed).]

1. *intr.* To feel or conceive shame; to become or be ashamed. Const. *of*, *at*, *with*, *for*. *Obs.* exc. *dial.* (see *Eng. Dial. Dict.*).

(In OE. with genit. of cause, also of refl. pron. = to be ashamed of oneself.)

Beowulf 1026 (Gr.) No he þære feohȝyfte for sceotendum scamiȝan ðorfte. *c* 897 Ælfred *Gregory's Past. C.* iii. 409 Dios sæ cwið ðæt ðu ðin scamiȝe, Sidon. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 312 Nolde þe kniht heon sori & scheomen ful sore? *a* 1240 *Ureisun* in *O. E. Hom.* I. 185 Þe sunne..leoseþ here liht and scomeþ aȝein þi brihte leor of hir þesturnesse. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 17429 Wit þis word scomed þan þe Iuus. 1340 Hampole *Pr. Consc.* 7159 Þai salle swa schame ay of þair syn. *c* 1440 *Alphabet of Tales* 120 Som þat shamyd with þer syn, went & shrafe þaim clene þerof. 1534 in *Lett. Suppress. Monasteries* (Camden) 49 He hath a brasyn forehed, which shameth at nothing. ? *a* 1586 Montgomerie *Misc. Poems* xxxii. (1887) 50, I thank my God I shame not of my shap. 1588 Greene *Pandosto* (1607) E 3, And yet Dorastus, shame not at thy shepheards weede. 1606 W. Crashaw *Rom. Forgeries* 52 The brazen face of the whore of Babylon, who shames with no sinne. 1651 Jane *Image Unbr.* 95 They..shame not at such assertions of falshood as common States blush to he detected of.

b. With clause expressing the reason. *arch.*

c 897 Ælfred *Gregory's Past. C.* x. 62 Ȝif we ðonne scomiað þæt we to uncuðum monnum swelc sprecen. *c* 1470 Henry *Wallace* x. 491 Schamys thow nocht, that thow neuir ȝeit did gud? 1593 Shaks. *Lucr.* 1143 Thou sing'st not in the day, As shaming any eye should thee behold. 1847 Mrs. Norton *Fisher's Drawing-Room Scrap-bk.* 28, I shame that a creature so light, should bid me thus quiver and bleed.

c. Const. *to* (or †*for to*) and inf. Now *rare.*

1375 Barbour *Bruce* vii. 436 Ȝhe aucht to shame..For to schut at me on fer! *c* 1400 Maundev. (Roxb.) xx. 89 Men and wymmen..schamez not to schew þam as Godd made þam. *a* 1513 Fabyan *Chron.* vii. (1811) 328 Elyzabeth.. shamyd not, for Crystis sake, to wesshe ye sorys & bylis of lazars. *a* 1541 Wyatt *Compl. upon Love* in *Tottel's Misc.* (Arb.) 48 Now shames he not on me for to complain. 1598 B. Jonson *Ev. Man in Hum.* ii. v. (1616) 28 Art thou a man? and sham'st thou not to beg? 1659 Milton *Hirelings* Pref., Clergie who shame not..to maintain..their Popish and oft refuted positions. 1840 Lady C. Bury *Hist. of Flirt* xv, A folly I shamed to confess. 1862 Miss Mulock *Dom. Stories* 210, I shame to say that [etc.].

2. *trans. impers.*, as in (*it*) *shames me* = I am ashamed. Const. *to* (or *for to*) and inf., a clause, or *for*; in OE. also genit. of cause. In later use only with *it*. Now *rare.*

c 897 Ælfred *Gregory's Past. C.* xxi. 164 Oððe hwa bið ȝescended, ðæt me forðæm ne scamiże? *c* 1000 Ælfric *Gen.* ii. 25 Hi wæron þa butu nacode..and him þæs ne sceamode. *c* 1205 Lay. 4851 Him swiðe scomede þat he swa i-scend wes. *c* 1380 Wyclif *Serm.* Sel. Wks. I. 22 Delve may Y not, and me shameþ for to begge. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Man of Law's Prol.* 3 To asken help thee shameth in thyn

herte. 1470–85 MALORY *Arthur* VIII. xxxix. 332 Me shamed att that tyme to haue more a doo with you.
1577 *St. Augustine's Man.* 17 It shameth and irketh me to abide such thyogs as this world doth. 1652 NEEDHAM tr. *Selden's Mare Cl.* 77 It shamed that noble Nation to pay Tribute, who were wont to command it. 1847 LYTTON *Word to Public* 10 Omitting it from the list of those [writings] it does not shame me to acknowledge.

3. *trans.* To feel shame in regard to (a person or thing); to hold in awe or reverence; to dread or shun through shame. *Obs.* or *arch.*
1382 WYCLIF *Mark* xii. 6 For by hap thei schulen schame my sone [*gloss* or drede with reuerence, Vulg. *reverebuntur*]. — *Heb.* xi. 27 Not schamynge [*gloss* or dredynge, Vulg. *non veritus*], the hardnesse of the kyng. *a* 1592 GREENE *Jas. IV*, v. vi, My maister sad—(for why he shames the Court) Is fled away. 1885–94 R. BRIDGES *Eros & Psyche* May xxviii, And when at night her love flew to his place More than afore she shamed his fond embrace.

4. To make ashamed, fill with shame, cause to feel shame.
1530 PALSGR. 701/1 I shame one,..I make one chaunge coloures. 1593 SHAKS. 3 *Hen. VI*, I. iv. 120 To tell thee whence thou cam'st, of whom deriu'd, Were shame enough to shame thee, Wert thou not shamelesse. 1639 MAYNE *City Match* IV. v. 43 Then, Sir, she is so modest... The least Obscene word shames her. 1735 POPE *Prol. Sat.* I. 89 Who shames a Scribbler? break one cobweb thro', He spins the slight, self-pleasing thread anew. 1847 TENNYSON *Princess* Prol. 132, I wish I were Some mighty poetess, I would shame you then, That love to keep us children! 1859 — *Elaine* 207 Nay, father,..shame me not Before this noble knight. 1889 BARRIE *Window in Thrums* xviii. 166 The love Leeby bore for Jamie was such that in their younger days it shamed him.

† **b.** *refl.* To be ashamed. Const. *of, for,* or inf.
a 1250 *Owl & Night.* 161 (Jesus MS.) Schomye [*Cott.* Schamie] þe vor þine vnrede. *c* 1375 *Cato* 573 in *Minor Poems fr. Vernon MS.* 603 þat þou ne const, schome þe not Of obere to ben I-tauht. 1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 64 And so he shameth hymselfe. 1815 SCOTT *Betrothed* xxxi, 'Rise, rise, De Lacy; and shame thee of thy petition,' said the King.

c. *pass.* To be ashamed. Const. *of, at, for, with,* †*upon,* inf., or subord. clause. Now *poet.*
13.. *Cursor M.* 636 (Gött.) Naked war þai bath tway, þai were noght schamed par ma fay. *c* 1374 CHAUCER *Troilus* v. 1727 For sory of his frendes sorwe he is, And shamed, for his nece hath doon a-mis. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 8250 Than shamet was the shalke for the shene ladies. *a* 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 469 So was scho schamed of þe schont þat hire þe schalk made. 1613–16 W. BROWNE *Brit. Past.* I. ii. 31 The flowers pull'd in their heads as being sham'd Their beauties by the others were defam'd. 1815 SCOTT *Guy M.* xxvi, He's sair shamed o' himsell. 1847 TENNYSON *Princess* III. 35 Pardon, I am shamed That I must needs repeat for my excuse What looks so little graceful. 1877 BROWNING *Agamemnon* 119 The opposite to say I shall not shamed be.

d. *To tell (say, speak) the truth and shame the devil:* to tell the truth boldly in defiance of temptation to the contrary.
1552 LATIMER *Serm. Lincolnsh.* iii. (1562) 85 b, There is a common saying amongst vs, Say the truthe and shame the diuel. 1562 T. WILSON *Rhet.* 76 b, Saie on beast, and shame the deuil. 1596 SHAKS. 1 *Hen. IV*, III. i. 58–9. 1598 — *Merry W.* IV. ii. 124 Now shall the diuel be sham'd. 1658 BRAMHALL *Consecr. Bps.* i. 7 Compell him..to shame the divell, and eate his owne words. 1731–8 SWIFT *Pol. Conversat.* 93 Come, tell Truth, and shame the Devil. 1893 G. ALLEN *Scallywag* I. 151 'Because he's so much richer', Paul answered, boldly shaming the devil.

5. To inflict or bring disgrace upon; to disgrace, dishonour; to be a cause of disgrace to.
c 1200 ORMIN 18284 Hefiȝlike he shameþþ þe & shendeþþ & unnwurrþeþþ. *c* 1330 R. BRUNNE *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 15209 þey wyþ tailles þe godeman schamed. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Frankl. T.* 837 Heer may I nat dwelle, And shamen al my kinrede in this place. 1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* xv. xii. (1495) 492 Yf it happe that thou be ouercome thenne arte thou shamyd for euermore. 1530 PALSGR. 701/1, I was of good name and fame afore he shamed me by this yvell reporte. 1556 OLDE *Antichrist* 64 b, This John..shamed the Churche of Rome wonderfully wᵗ his lyuing. 1644 NYE *Gunnery* (1670) 28 When Gunpowder is moist..it shameth the Gunner which useth it. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* I. 461 Where he fell flat, and sham'd his Worshipers. 1784 COWPER *Task* II. 807 Rusting there..What wonder if, discharg'd into the world, They shame their shooters with a random flight. 1820 BYRON *Mar. Fal.* IV. ii, *Doge*...Let us go worthy of our sires and selves. *Ber. F.* I shall not shame you, uncle. 1900 *Daily Tel.* 18 Oct. 11/1 We tortured no prisoners,..we shamed no women.

b. with a thing as object.
a 1340 HAMPOLE *Ps.* xiii. 10 þe counsaile of þe helples ȝe shamed. 1581 MARBECK *Bk. of Notes* 1124 S. Paule saith, yᵗ enery man which prayeth or precheth wᵗ couered head, shameth his head. 1784 COWPER *Task* II. 427 He..prostitutes and shames His noble office. 1812 BYRON *Ch. Har.* II. viii, If..there be A land of souls beyond that sable shore, To shame the doctrine of the Sadducee. 1842 TENNYSON *Lady Clare* 66 O Lady Clare, you shame your worth! 1865 BUSHNELL *Vicar. Sacr.* I. v. (1866) 71 The losses..that shame His saving work.

6. To confound or put to shame by superior excellence; to outrival.
c 1400 *Rule of St. Benet* (prose) 47 Bot we..þat er..of febil lif, þis gude lif schamis vs, and confundis. 1592 SHAKS. *Ven. & Ad.* 732 Wherein she framed thee in high heaven's despite, To shame the sun by day and her by night. 1611 *Second Maiden's Trag.* 1741 (Malone Soc.) How pittie strikes een throughe inscensible thinges and makes them shame our dullnes. 1741 SHENSTONE *Judgm. Hercules* 82 Her blushing cheeks, that sham'd the purple morn. 1841–44 EMERSON *Esx., Nature* Wks. (Bohn) I. 224 Here [in the forest] is sanctity which shames our religions. 1848 DICKENS *Dombey* lviii, She'll shame 'em with her good looks, yet.

7. With complementary adv. or advb. phr.: To drive *away* (etc.) through shame.
1596 SHAKS. 1 *Hen. IV*, III. i. 61 And Ile be sworne, I haue power to shame him hence. *c* 1644 CLEVELAND *Rebel Scot* Poems (1659) 53 Hyperbolus by suffering did traduce The Ostracism, and sham'd it out of use. 1682 D'URFEY *Butler's Ghost* 36 My Head's not such a thing of no worth, 'Tis to be sham'd away, and so forth. 1790 BURKE *Fr. Rev.* 53 You would have shamed despotism from the earth. 1859 *Habits of Gd. Society* 52 The turbulent state of the country ..leaving, when bloodshed was shamed back, the same deadly hatred.

b. To drive (one) *out of, into* (a state, course of action, etc.) through shame or fear of shame.
1679 J. GOODMAN *Penitent Pardoned* III. iv. (1713) 330 Railery may go about to shame him out of his course. *c* 1680 BEVERIDGE *Serm.* (1729) II. 545 When the practice of others..shames you into a compliance with them. 1775 SHERIDAN *Rivals* Epil., Shamed into sense,..Our beaux from gallantry would soon be wise. 1839 THIRLWALL *Greece* xlvi. VI. 81 Philip..shamed his son out of his suspicions by an indignant expostulation. 1878 BOSW. SMITH *Carthage* 284 The considerable armament, which the news of Hannibal's triumphant progress through Italy had at last shamed the Carthaginians into raising for him..

Hence **Shamed** *ppl. a.*
1508 KENNEDIE *Flyting w. Dunbar* 549 Defamyt, blamyt, schamyt, Primas Paganorum. *a* 1586 SIDNEY *Arcadia* III. (Sommer) 319 No, shamed Musidorus, worthie for nothing, but to keepe sheepe. 1874 O'SHAUGHNESSY *Music & Moonlight* 125 In the shamed and the ruined love's stead. 1880 MEREDITH *Tragic Com.* (1881) 275 With..secret aim, which he nursed like a shamed mother of an infant.

Shame, obs. form of SHAWM.

Shameanah, variant of SHAMIANA(H.

Sha·medly, *adv. nonce-wd.* [f. SHAMED *a.* + -LY ².] In an ashamed manner, with shame.
1890 *Murray's Mag.* May 692 'No, sir', the young man said, shamedly.

Shameana, variant of SHAMIANA(H.

Shameface (ʃē·mfe·is). *rare.* [f. SHAME *sb.* + FACE *sb.* (After *shamefaced* adj.)] **a.** A bashful aspect. **b.** *nonce-use.* A shamefaced person.
1636–41 *Politick Maid* ii. in Child *Ballads* II. 491 But it seemd he had a shame-face, He did not court and play. 1691 MRS. D'ANVERS *Academia* 4 Being told at home that a shame Face too, Was a great sign he had some Grace too. 1892 W. BESANT in *Critic* 12 Sept. 143/2 One could see all the way across the Atlantic her cheeks blush; one could observe the shameface. 1898 M. HEWLETT *Forest Lovers* xvi. (1911) 138 You mean that I may not venture into a lady's chamber, Shameface?

Shamefaced (ʃē·mfe·ist), *a.* [f. SHAME *sb.* + FACE *sb.* + -ED ²; originally an etymological misinterpretation of SHAMEFAST *a.*]
1. Modest; bashful, shy.
1555 [implied in SHAMEFACEDNESS]. 1593 R. HARVEY *Philad.* 19 Corded being euer modestly and maydenly shamefaced. 1629 MILTON *Hymn Nativ.* xi, A Globe of circular light, That with long beams the shame-fac't night array'd. 1634 W. CARTWRIGHT *Ordinary* IV. v. Song, Her blush doth shed All o'r the bed Clean shamefac'd beames. 1712 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 458 P 5 Our Excess of Modesty makes us shamefaced in all the Exercises of Piety and Devotion. 1810 SCOTT *Lady of L.* II. xxiv, The flush of shame-faced joy to hide The hounds, the hawk, her cares divide. 1873 MORLEY *Rousseau* I. 218 He felt shamefaced as a schoolboy before the great world.

b. *absol.* (See quot.)
1598 SYLVESTER *Du Bartas* II. i. 1. *Eden* 625 There quakes the plant, which in Pudefetan Is call'd The shame-fac'd [orig. *L'arbre en Pudefetan Vergongneux appellé*], for asham'd of man, If toward it one doe approch too much It shrinkes his boughes to shunne our hatefull tuch.

2. Ashamed, abashed.
1873 MORLEY *Rousseau* I. 70 That unwritten chapter of their lives which even the most candid persons keep privately locked up in shamefaced recollection. 1896 'IAN MACLAREN' *Kate Carnegie* 237 The minister..hears the shamefaced confession of some lassie whom love has led astray.

Shamefacedly (ʃē·mfē·stli), *adv.* [-LY 2.] In a shamefaced manner, modestly, bashfully.
1620 SHELTON *Quix.* II. xlix. 327 She, with her eyes fixt vpon the earth, most shamefac'dly answered [etc.]. 1865 MRS. WHITNEY *Gayworthys* iii. (1879) 31 He had shamefacedly essayed it. 1881 'RITA' *My Lady Coquette* i, 'Oh yes', says the boy, shamefacedly, 'that's all right'.

Shamefacedness (ʃē·mfē·istnés). [-NESS.] The state or quality of being shamefaced.
1. Modesty, bashfulness, shyness.
1555 WATREMAN *Fardle Facions* II. viii. 181 A couering of honeste shamefacednesse. 1608 *Pennyless Parl.* § 3 in *Harl. Misc.* (1744) I. 176 Some Maidens shall blush more for Shame, than for Shame-facedness. 1621 G. SANDYS *Ovid's Met.* IV. (1626) 74 He blusht for shame; Not knowing loue: whom shamefac'tnesse became. 1693 LOCKE *Educ.* § 135. 167 There is often in People, especially Children, a clownish shamefac'dness before Strangers. 1741 RICHARDSON *Pamela* (1824) I. 131 My poor grateful heart was like a too full river, which overflows its banks; and it carried away my fear and my shamefacedness. 1803 WORDSW. *To Highland Girl* 31 The embarrassed look of shy distress, And maidenly shamefacedness. 1888 SPURGEON *Serm.* in *Voice* (N.Y.) 31 May, A woman of few words and much shamefacedness.

2. The state of being ashamed, shamedness.
1641 J. TRAPPE *Theol. Theol.* x. 365 Shee [*sc.* the soule] stands off in a sinful shamefac'dnesse. 1653 A. WILSON *Jas. I*, 20 A certain Shamefacedness to be thought curious or changeable. 1894 WEYMAN *Man in Black* i. 8 The boy ..stood looking round him with a dark shamefacedness.

¶ **3.** Misused for: Shamelessness. Cf. SHAMEFASTNESS 3.
1827 LONGF. *Life* (1891) I. vii. 101 The French ministry is.. with the most bold shamefacedness endeavoring to retrench their liberty of thought.

Shamefast (ʃē·mfast), *a. arch.* Forms: see SHAME *sb.* [OE. *sc(e)amfæst,* f. *sc(e)amu* SHAME *sb.* + *fæst* FAST *a.*
The etymological sense appears to be 'restrained by shame'; but *fæst* was a common element in OE. adj. compounds, in some of which it has hardly any definable meaning.]
1. Bashful, modest. In a good or neutral sense: Modest or virtuous in behaviour and character. In a depreciatory sense: Shy, awkward in the company of others, 'sheepish'. Also *absol.*
c 897 *Ælfred Gregory's Past. C.* xxxi. 204 On oðre wisan sint to læronne ða scamleasan, on oðre ða scamfæstan. *c* 1200 ORMIN 2175 Ȝho wass wiss wiþþ alle Shammfasst, & daffte, & sedefull. *c* 1320 *Sir Beues* 3201 Wimmen beþ schamfast in dede And namliche maidenes. *c* 1385 CHAUCER *L. G. W.* 1535 Ther nas no lak, but that he was agast To loue, & for to speke shamefast. 1422 tr. *Secreta Secret., Priv. Priv.* 229 Tho that haue the face sumwhate ruddy bene schamefaste. *c* 1530 *Crt. of Love* 731 Demede you liche a maid with shamefast dred. 1535 COVERDALE *Ecclus.* xxvi. 10 Yf thy daughter be not shamefast, holde her straitly. 1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* I. ii. 27 With chaunge of cheare the seeming simple maid Let fall her eyen, as shamefast to the earth. 1615 BRATHWAIT *Strappado* 119 So humble was the prelate, as to please The shamefast maid, he oft fell on his knees. 1652 GAULE *Magastrom.* 185 A neck leaning to the right hand for shamefast; to the left hand for shamelesse.
transf. 1567 MAPLET *Gr. Forest* 15 Kaman the stone may well be called a turncote, for that it is now blacke, now white, now shamefast and blushing.

b. Of actions, behaviour, appearance: Characterized by or indicating modesty or bashfulness.
c 1386 CHAUCER *Pars. T.* P 985 The firste is þat confession moste be shamefast. 1505 HEN. VII *Instruct. to Ambass.* vi. (1761) 10 The said quyn ys..not lyght nor boldehardy in speche but with a demewre womanly shamefast contenance. 1611 MURE *Misc. Poems* ii. 9 Hir schamefast, blusching smyles. *a* 1835 MOTHERWELL *Poet. Wks.* (1847) 124 The rose with its sweet shamefast look. 1868 MORRIS *Earthly Par., Doom of K. Acrisius* 264 The damsel's shamefast blood Made all her face red to the golden hair.

† **2.** Ashamed, abashed, full of shame. *Obs.*
c 1275 *Sinners beware!* 80 in *O. E. Misc.* 240 And þeos gedelynges summe. Hwenne heo to schrifte come. Heo beoþ schomenaste. 1382 WYCLIF *Ps.* xxxiv. 26 Be thei clad with confusioun and shamefast drede. *c* 1450 *Merlin* vii. 111 The quene was shamefaste, and discouerid to hym the very trouthe, how the childe was be-geten the same nyght that the Duke was slain. *c* 1557 ABP. PARKER *Ps.* xxxiv. 80 They had an eye: full bent in hym, and so they lightened were: A shamefast face not one of them, from that tyme forth dyd beare. 1634 SIR T. HERBERT *Trav.* 130 With their hands couer their shamefast faces.

† **3.** = SHAMEFUL 4. *Obs.*
1388 WYCLIF *Lev.* xvi. 4 He schal hide the schamefast membris with pryuy lynnun clothis. 1563 HYLL *Art Garden.* (1593) 165 The ashes made of the rinds of the Gourds, and strawed on the vlcers of shamefast places,..bringeth them vnto a scarre. 1565 T. STAPLETON *Fortr. Faith* 110 b, Hauing a desease in some shamefast parte of their body.

Shamefastly (ʃē·mfastli), *adv.* [f. SHAMEFAST *a.* + -LY ².] In a 'shamefast' manner.
1382 WYCLIF *Ps.* xxxix. 15 Be thei confoundid and shamefastli drede thei togidere; that sechen my soule, that they do it awei. 1485 CAXTON *St. Wenefryde* 2 She..a lytyll cast down shamefastly her chere. 1567 GOLDING *Ovid's Met.* IX. 119 b, Shee calld a servant shamefastly. 1902 *Encycl. Brit.* XXVI. 482/2 He..confessed, rather shamefastly, that he had never killed anybody at any time.

Shamefastness (ʃē·mfastnés). *arch.* [f. SHAMEFAST *a.* + -NESS.]
1. Modesty, sobriety of behaviour, decency, propriety; bashfulness, shyness. Also, † a feeling of shame, ashamedness.
c 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 73 Min shamfestnesse is togenes me. *c* 1380 WYCLIF *Sel. Wks.* III. 193 Wymmen ..in convenable abite, wiþ schamefastnesse and sobirnesse ourwynge hem. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Prol.* 840 And ye, sire clerk, lat be your shamefastnesse, Ne studieth noght. *c* 1460 SIR R. ROS *La Belle Dame* 120 in *Pol. Rel. & L. Poems* (1903) 84 Tosyng also, by force he wasse constrayned, ffor no plesaunce, but verrey schamfastnesse. 1513 *Life Hen. V* (1911) 144 The Kinge..kissed..the Ladye Katherine,.. wᶜʰ was not done wᵗʰout some shamefastnes of that virgin. 1545 ASCHAM *Toxoph.* II. (Arb.) 141 And in stede of the feruente desyre, which prouoketh a chylde to be better than hys felowe, lette a man be as much stirred vp with shamefastnes to be worse than all other. 1642 D. ROGERS *Naaman* 324 Others out of bashfulnesse and shamefastnesse, loath to be troublesome. 1646 W. PRICE *Mans Deliuq.* 11 Even Nature (saith Tertullian) hath cast a shamefastnesse on all sinfull evill. 1697 J. SERGEANT *Solid Philos.* a 6, Out of Niaiserie and Shamefastness says at every turn (I think, or perhaps this is true, or may be true). 1856 MISS YONGE *Daisy Chain* II. iii. 360 Blanche..almost cried with indignant 'shamefastness'. 1882 SWINBURNE *Tristram* iii. 69 She looked on him and loved him; but being young Made shamefastness a seal upon her tongue.

† **b.** *personified.*
1509 HAWES *Past. Pleas.* xxxii. (1845) 159 And first she led me to the upper ward, Where Shamefastnes did us well regarde, For he was gayler. 1596 SPENSER *F. Q.* IV. x. 50 And next to her sate goodly Shamefastnesse, Ne euer durst her eyes from ground vpreare.

† **2.** Misused for: Shamelessness. *Obs.*
1589 NASHE *Anat. Absurditie* Wks. (Grosart) I. 26 It seemes that law is turned to libertie, and honest ciuilitie into impudent shamefastnes.

Shameferon, shamfron, var. ff. CHAMFRAIN, CHAMFRON.

1537 *North Country Wills* (Surtees 1908) 148 One paier of greate pottes pounced with Talbottes and shameferons. *Ibid.*, Shamfron.

Shameful (ʃē·mfŭl), *a.* Forms: see SHAME *sb.* Also 5 shem(e)ful. [f. SHAME *sb.* + -FUL.]

†**1.** Modest, shamefaced. *Obs.*

a 950 *Durh. Ritual* (Surtees) 108 Sceomfull [glosses L. *pudica*]. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 90 Ich am woware scheomeful. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 3367 And þof sco scamful was, i-wiss, Sco tint na contenance wit þis. *c* 1425 *St. Eliz. of Spalbeck* in *Anglia* VIII. 109/46 A merueilous onest and schameful gladnesse of cheer, caused of goostly ioye. *a* 1625 FLETCHER *Q. Corinth* IV. i, For certain Sir, his bashfulness undo's him, For from his Cradle h'had a shameful face.

†**b.** *transf.* (See quot.)

1659 R. LOVELL *Herbal* 542 Shamefull-shrub, *Pinahuihuiztlis, Herba verecunda.*

†**2.** Permeated with a feeling or appearance of shame, full of shame, ashamed. *Obs.*

1375 BARBOUR *Bruce* VIII. 359 So schamfull that he vencust wes, That..He gaf vp thar his vardanry. *c* 1440 *Alphabet of Tales* 191 When he hard þis he wex ferd & shamefull. 1594 KYD *Cornelia* I. 22 Vnder a Tyrant see our bastard harts Lye idely sighing, while our shamefull soules Endure a million of base controls. 1702 MATHER *Magn. Chr.* III. IV. vii. 231 With what shameful Reflections on all our past Behaviours. 1713 in Keble *Life Bp. Wilson* (1863) 215 She is one of the most penitent and shamefull offenders that hath been for many years. 1760–72 H. BROOKE *Fool of Qual.* (1809) IV. 1 The house-tops began to be cleared with a shameful caution.

3. That brings to shame; that causes or ought to cause shame; disgraceful, scandalous, degrading.

c 1330 *Arth. & Merl.* 1157 (Kölbing) Sore he worþ ndrad, ywis, Of schameful deþ to haue of þe. 1340 *Ayenb.* 117 Vor þet were a fole bezechinge and ssamuol. 1474 CAXTON *Chesse* IV. i. (1883) 161 And shamefull pouerte is the more greuous whan hit cometh by nature of an hyhe and noble burth or hous. 1535 COVERDALE *Wisd.* ii. 20 Let vs condemne him with the most shamefull death. 1605 SHAKS. *Lear* II. ii. 179 Take vantage heanie eyes, not to behold This shamefull lodging. 1635 CRANLEY *Amanda* 41 And as thou shamelesse of all shame dost live, So death to thee a shamefull end will give. 1781 COWPER *Hope* 715 The shameful close of all his mispent years. 1813 SHELLEY *Q. Mab* II. 140 There once old Salem's haughty fane..in the blushing face of day Exposed its shameful glory. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* VII. vii, Shameful! Three against one! 1871 R. ELLIS *Catullus* lxvii. 41 Many a shameful time I heard her stealthy profession.

†**4.** *Shameful parts*: the secret parts, organs of sex. *Obs.*

1382 WYCLIF *Ezek.* xxii. 10 Fadris vnhilliden in thee more shameful thingis. 1617 MORYSON *Itin.* III. 180 Their said breeches are so close, as they expose to view, not onely the noble but also the shamefull parts. 1693 DRYDEN *Sat. Persius* iv. 94 Not all thy Pincers, nor unmanly Arts, Can smooth the roughness of thy shameful parts.

†**5.** Applied to language: Casting shame, opprobrious, vituperative. *Obs.*

1500–20 DUNBAR *Poems* lxxii. 12 Judas..Tuke blissit Jesu ..And schot him furth, with mony ane schow, With schamefull wourdis of dishonour. 1568 GRAFTON *Chron.* II. 729 Reprouing and reuiling him with such yll wordes, and so shamefull termes, that all the hearers abhorred it. 1570 LEVINS *Manip.* 187/9 Shameful, *contumeliosus.*

†**6.** Shaming, affording shame *to*. *Obs. rare*—1.

1572 *Lam. Lady Scot.* 107 in *Satir. P. Reform.* (S.T.S.) I. 230, I grant I had ane Douchter was ane Quene,..Lusty, gude lyke, to all men fauourabill; Schamefull to enill, baith honest, meik and law.

Shamefully (ʃē·mfŭli), *adv.* [f. SHAMEFUL *a.* + -LY 2.]

1. In a manner that causes shame or disgrace; with indignity; disgracefully.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 28735 Qua mar tas þan he bere might opere he sal leue it wit-alle or schamfulli þar vnder stand. 1340 *Ayenb.* 181 His [*sc.* Samson's] yuo þet him deden grinde ate querne ssamuolliche. *c* 1430 *Pilgr. Lyf Manhode* III. iii. (1869) 138, I shal make thee shamefullich and vileynesliche dye. 1549 *Compl. Scot.* ix. 79 He vas schamefully chaissit furtht of France. 1625 BACON *Ess., Of Boldness* (Arb.) 519 They haue promised great Matters and failed most shamefully. 1712 BUDGELL *Spect.* No. 401 P 6 The World has seen me shamefully lose that Time to please a fickle Woman. 1855 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* xviii. IV. 160 The allies whom he had shamefully abandoned were accused of persecuting him without a cause. 1879 R. MORRIS *Blickl. Hom.* Pref. 8 The leaves have been shamefully clipped, I suppose by the binders. 1884 *Manch. Exam.* 20 Feb. 4/7 Ordinary license of speech has seldom been more shamefully exceeded.

2. Shamefacedly, modestly, bashfully, ashamedly. Now *rare.*

c 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xvi. (*Magdalena*) 106 Nocht for-þi scho come eftir þame schamfully, & gat in bandis cristis fete. *c* 1489 CAXTON *Sonnes of Aymon* i. 33 The whiche trybute your sone asked hym shamfully. *c* 1525 SIR T. MORE in More *Life* (1626) 183 You aske monye, deare Megg, too shamefully & fearefully of your father. ?1595–6 CAREW *Excell. Eng. Tongue* in *Camden's Rem.* (1614) 40 We borrow (and that not shamefully [*Cott. MS.* shamfully]) from the Dutch, the Britaine, the Romane [etc.]. 1887 HALL CAINE *Deemster* XXXV, Shamefully..they told what he had to do, and then his vacant face became suddenly charged with passion.

Shamefulness (ʃē·mfŭlnés). [f. SHAMEFUL *a.* + -NESS.]

†**1.** Sense of shame or disgrace. Also, bashfulness, modesty. *Obs.*

a 1340 HAMPOLE *Ps.* lxxxii. 18 Fulfil þaire faces of shamefulnes. ?*a* 1487 *How Good Wife taught Dau.* 45 Bot enir with dreid and schamfulnes Scho suld draw to the lawast plass. 1552 LYNDESAY *Compl.* 59 Allace! my sleuth and schamefulnes Debarrit fra me all gredynes. 1638 JUNIUS *Paint. Ancients* 103 It is fit we should endue children with shamfulnesse and desire of glorie.

2. Disgracefulness, scandalousness. Also, disgraceful conduct.

1564 RASTELL *Confut. Jewell's Serm.* 101 b, No absurditie or shamefulnes shall euer be concluded of them. 1610 HEALEY *St. Aug. Citie of God* II. v. 59 The whole kinred.. would blush, and bee ashamed at her shamefulnesse. 1862 TENNYSON *Coming of Arthur* 238 While the King debated with himself If Arthur were the child of shamefulness, Or born the son of Gorloïs, after death. 1903 *Blackw. Mag.* Aug. 243/1 An enterprise whose shamefulness was obvious now to himself.

†**3.** 'Shame,' secret parts. *Obs.*

1561 T. NORTON *Calvin's Inst.* (1634) Table Script. Quot., None shall come neere any of the next of his blonde that he should reveale there shamefulnesse [*sa vergongne*].

Shamel(l, obs. forms of SHAMBLE *sb.*[1]

Shameless (ʃē·mlés), *a.* Forms: see SHAME *sb.* Also 7 *superl.* **shamelest.** [OE. *sc(e)amléas, sc(e)omléas*: see SHAME *sb.* and -LESS.]

1. Lacking shame, destitute of feelings of modesty; impudent, audacious, immodest; insensible to disgrace.

c 897 ÆLFRED *Gregory's Past. C.* ix. 60 Se læce hið micles to bald & to scomleas þe gæð æfter oðerra monna husum lacniende, & hæfð on his axnum nebbe opene wunde unlacnode. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 170 Schomeleas is þe mon oðer þeo wummon þet deð eni untoweschipe, oðer seið, binoren ancren. 1340–70 *Alex. & Dind.* 20 To þe schamlese schalk schewden hur lettres. *c* 1412 HOCCLEVE *De Reg. Princ.* 3508 Fy! schamëles vnworthy gouernour! 1591 SHAKS. *1 Hen. VI*, III. ii. 45 Scoffe on vile Fiend, and shamelesse Curtizan. 1598 GRENEWEY *Tacitus, Ann.* XV. viii. (1622) 232 Vatinius was one of the shamelest monsters of his (Nero's) court. 1683 W. HEDGES *Diary* (Hakl. Soc.) I. 63 Though these men are so shameless as to deny it. 1725 POPE *Odyss.* VIII. 358 But there remain, ye guilty, in my pow'r, 'Till Jove refunds his shameless daughter's dow'r. 1859 TENNYSON *Elaine* 100 Lo the shameless ones who take Their pastime now the trustful King is gone! 1891 FARRAR *Darkn. & Dawn* ix. 65 A man of refined culture..but the most cynically shameless liver and talker even in Rome.

absol. c 897 ÆLFRED *Gregory's Past. C.* xxxi. 204 On oðre wisan sint to læronne ða scamleasan, on oðre ða scamfæstan. 1825 SCOTT *Talism.* xv, 'Peace, shameless!' said the King.

2. Indicating or characterized by absence of shame or modesty. Of actions: Indicating absence of shame on the part of the agent, impudent.

c 1000 *Ags. Ps.* (Th.) l. 3 Of þysse scamleasan scylde ȝeclænsa me. 1533 FAITH *Answ. More* (1829) 156 Then fall they to a shameless boldness & let not to deny the Scripture & all. 1675 BAXTER *Cath. Theol.* II. ix. 200 This is the same shameless self-contradicting Accusation, and needs no other Answer. 1853 GROTE *Greece* II. lxxxiv. § xi. 145 It was found practicable to convict the delinquent of shameless falshood. 1874 GREEN *Short Hist.* viii. § 2. 472 He [James] degraded the nobility by a shameless sale of peerages.

absol. c 897 ÆLFRED *Gregory's Past. C.* xxxi. 206 Forðæm he spræc ðas word þe he wolde ðara scamleasena scylda tælende ȝeopenian.

†**3.** Suffering no shame, free from disgrace. *Obs.*

1390 GOWER *Conf.* III. 151 For hou so that the cause wende, The trouthe is schameles ate ende, Bot what thing that is troutheles, It mai noght wel be schameles. *c* 1440 *Alphabet of Tales* 144 Lorde Jesu! delyuer me & safe me shameles of þis Iewis at þis tyme.

†**4.** (See quot.) *Obs. rare.*

1552 UDALL tr. *Geminus' Anat.* B vij b, The bone of the foreheade,..of some other it is called the shameles bone [orig. *os inuerecundum*], or the bone of the common senses.

5. quasi-*adv.*

a 1541 BARNES *Wks.* (1573) 311/2 Open whoredome, & abhominable and detestable vncleannes, that is now vsed shamelesse in the worlde. 1590 SHAKS. *Com. Err.* v. i. 202 Beyond imagination is the wrong That she this day hath shamelesse throwne on me.

6. *Comb.*

1555 RIDLEY in Coverdale *Godly Lett.* (1564) 87 The abhominable desolacion..of proude Senacheryb, of the shameles faced kyng & of the Babilonical beaste.

Shamelessly (ʃē·mlésli), *adv.* [f. prec. + -LY 2.] In a shameless manner, without shame.

c 897 ÆLFRED *Gregory's Past. C.* xix. 144 Hie..swiðe scamleaslice ȝilpað ðisses hwilendlican onwaldes. 1535–6 *Act 27 Hen. VIII*, c. 28 Ther vycyous lyvyng shamelesly encreasseth and augmentith. 1611 BIBLE 2 *Sam.* vi. 20 As one of the vaine fellowes shamelessely vncouereth himselfe! 1736 BUTLER *Anal.* I. iv. Wks. 1874 I. 79 There are men.. who shamelessly avow..their mere will and pleasure, to be their law of life. 1885 *Manch. Exam.* 26 Aug. 3/1 Those bounds of reticence which have been so shamelessly disregarded by some contemporary writers.

Shamelessness (ʃē·mlésnés). [f. SHAMELESS *a.* + -NESS.]

1. The quality of being destitute of shame or modesty; impudence.

1540 PALSGR. *Acolastus* Prol. Bij b, But I here whysperynges amongest you, I wote not what, of a new shamelesnesse. 1628 WITHER *Brit. Rememb.* IV. 713 There sate a peece of shamelesnesse, whose flaring Attires and looks, did show a monstrous daring. 1741 RICHARDSON *Pamela* I. 85 Here's Shamelessness for you! 1865 KINGSLEY *Herew.* i, Both were abashed by the lad's utter shamelessness.

2. In a good or neutral sense: Freedom from shame, unashamedness.

1667 H. MORE *Div. Dial.* III. vi. (1713) 191 That is very consequentially done, Euistor, to that simple shamelessness of being stark naked. 1679 OLDHAM *Sat. Jesuits* iii. Wks. (1686) 49 Let Wine..train him to a well-bred Shamelessness. 1901 *Edin. Rev.* July 68 The splendid shamelessness of the early Greeks.

Shameliche, obs. form of SHAMELY *adv.*

†**Sha·mely**, *a.* and *adv. Obs.* Forms: see SHAME *sb.* [f. SHAME *sb.* + -LY 1 and 2.] **A.** *adj.*

1. Shamefaced, modest; abashed. *rare.*

a 1100 *Aldhelm Gloss.* 3671 in Napier *O. E. Glosses* 97/2 *Pudibunda*, .i. *pudica*..sceamlic. *Ibid.* 144/2 *Pudibunda*, .i. *erubescens*, scamlic. *c* 1482 J. KAY tr. *Caoursin's Siege of Rhodes* (1870) P 12 The Turkes wyth loe chiere and halfe shamely contenaunce, departed from theym.

2. Shameful, disgraceful.

c 1205 LAY. 20462 Þenne were his cun iscend mid scomeliche witen. *c* 1350 *Will. Palerne* 556, & þat were a schamly schenchip to schende me euer. *c* 1425 *Cast. Persev.* 2051 in *Macro Plays* 138 Mankynde for to schylde & schete fro dedly synne & schamely schot.

B. *adv.* Disgracefully, shamefully.

c 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 69 Shameliche hem oigredeð and fule shendeð. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 310 A mon þet were idemed nor a luðer murðre to beon forbernd al cwic, oðer scheomeliche anhonged. 13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* C. 128 Bot, I trow, ful tyd, ouer-tan þat he were, So þat schomely to schort he schote of his ame. 1471 CAXTON *Recuyell* (Sommer) I. 27 My..husbond..will schamely put me to deth yf y accomplyssh not..his comaundement. 1558 G. CAVENDISH *Poems* (1825) II. 66 Who shamely doth, of long will not be raced.

†**Sha·meness.** *Obs. rare*—1. In 4 **ssamnesse.** [f. SHAME *sb.* + -NESS.] Shamefacedness, modesty.

1340 *Ayenb.* 142 Þous biginþ þe zaule to louie ouhede and stillehede and þanne him wext inc herte ane holy ssamnesse þet is one of þe uariste doþter of mildenesse.

Sha·mer. *rare.* [f. SHAME *v.* + -ER 1.] One who or something which shames.

a 1625 FLETCHER *Woman's Prize* I. iii, My means and my conditions are no shamers Of him that owes 'em. 1832 S. FERGUSON *Forging of Anchor* 68 But shamer of our little sports! forgive the name I gave.

Shameuse, obs. form of CHAMOIS.

†**Sha·mevous**, *a. Obs.* [f. SHAME *sb.* after *bountevous, plentevous.* Cf. SHAMOUSLY *adv.*] Shameful, disgraceful.

c 1475 *Partenay* 3407 Aforn all will declare the Auenture, hou Gaffray hym put to shameuous oppressure. *Ibid.* 3444 He wold make hym ende, And shameuous deth dight! *Ibid.* 5135 Which that he hath lost by dedes shameuous.

Shamewe, variant of SHEMEWE *Obs.*

Shamfering, obs. variant of CHAMFERING.

1728 R. MORRIS *Anc. Archit.* 81 Shamfering.

Shamfron, obs. form of CHAMFRAIN, -FRON.

‖**Shamiana(h** (ʃæ-, ʃāmiā·nă). *Indian.* Forms: 7 **semijane, semane, semian(e, symmeane, semeano, 9 shamyana, shameanah, shameana, shimiana, 9– shamiana(h.** [Urdu, Pers. شاميانه, *shāmiyāna.*] 'An awning or flat tent-roof without sides' (Yule); a flat awning or canopy. †Also (quots. 1609, 1613), a material used for such awnings, a striped calico.

1609 in Danvers *Lett. E. Ind. Comp.* (1896) I. 29 A sort of Calico here called Semijanes are also in abundance. *c* 1610 W. FINCH in Purchas *Pilgrims* (1625) I. IV. iv. 432 Another open Chounter of stone to sit in, couered with rich Semianes. 1616 F. FETTIPLACE in Danvers & Foster *Lett. E. Ind. Comp.* (1900) IV. 239 Semanes, whereof they gave us order from Suratt to buy for one-third of our stock. 1616 *Ibid.* 239 Symmeanes. 1616 SIR T. ROE in Purchas *Pilgrims* (1625) I. IV. xvi. 543 There is erected a throne foure foote from the ground, in the Durbar Court, from the backe whereof, to the place where the King comes out a square of fiftie sixe paces long, and fortie three broad was rayled in, and couered with faire Semianes or Canopies of Cloth of Gold, Silke, or Veluet ioyned together, and sustained with Canes so couered. 1622 R. COCKS *Diary* (Hakl. Soc.) II. 287 Fyne Semian chowters and white baftas are good for presentes. 1676 in Forrest *Bombay Lett.* Home Ser. (1887) I. 89 We desire you to furnish him with bridle and sadle, semeanoes, canatts [etc.]. 1814 J. FORBES *Oriental Mem.* II. 455 To pitch my tent or erect my summiniana, or shamyana. 1857 M. THORNHILL *Personal Adv. Ind. Mutiny* (1884) 14 Our beds were arranged under large canopies, open on all sides, and which are termed..'Shameanahs'. 1902 *Times* 13 Aug. 4/1 On the lawn, a shamiana with silver uprights had been erected.

Shamil, obs. form of SHAMBLE *sb.*[1]

Shaming (ʃē·miŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. SHAME *v.* + -ING 1.] The action or fact of putting to shame.

13.. *Minor Poems fr. Vernon MS.* (1901) 534 Þou miȝtest procure wiþ such prouyng To þi-self newe schamyng. *c* 1440 *Jacob's Well* xliii. 272 Beatryx, wyth-oute schamyng of here susterys, was schreuyn priuely. *c* 1510 MORE *Picus* Wks. 5/1 Thei serued of nought but to the shaming of such other folke as wer in very science much better lerned, and in those trifles ignorant. 1680 C. NESSE *Church Hist.* 212 Calling it..Nehustan..for the shameing of such as had so doted upon it. 1844 MRS. BROWNING *Lady Geraldine's Courtship* lxxii, I..trod them down with words of shaming.

Sha·ming, *ppl. a. rare.* [f. SHAME *v.* + -ING 2.] That shames or puts to shame.

1741 RICHARDSON *Pamela* III. 407 For convincing me, in so kind, yet so shaming a manner, how wrong I was. 1868 GEO. ELIOT *Span. Gypsy* I. 111 An added Present, sketching still In hope unchecked by shaming memories.

Shamle, Shamly: see SHAMBLE *sb.*[1], SHAMELY.

†**Shammade,** *v. Sc. Obs. rare*—1. [app. a blundered adoption of F. *chamarrer.*] *trans.* To ornament with lace.

1665 J. FRASER *Polichron.* (S.H.S.) 359 Cloathed in a scarlet cloake richly shammaded with golden lace.

†**Sha·mmatize,** *v. Obs.* Also 7 **samatize, sohamatize.** [a. mod.L. *samatizāre* (1583 in

Drusius *Quæst.* I. 16), **schamatizāre*, f. Jewish Aramaic שְׁמַתָּא *sh'mattā* excommunication, whence the denom. vb. שַׁמֵּת *shammēth* to excommunicate.

According to Levy *sh'mattā* (:—**sh'madtā*) is a derivative of שׁמד, in causative conjugations to destroy, curse. Modern scholars believe the word to have been a general term for excommunication; the statement of Elias Levita that there were three degrees of excommunication, of which *sh'mattā* was the most severe, appears to be destitute of authority.]

trans. In mediæval Judaism: To excommunicate.

1613 PURCHAS *Pilgrimage* (1614) 113 If they did not amend, they were excommunicated with a greater curse, or Anathema: and if they persisted obstinate, they did Samatize them. 1661 STILLINGFL. *Irenicon* I. viii. § 5. 147 A most dreadful sentence of excommunication..whereby they do Schamatize, curse and devote the persons against whom it is pronounced. 1684 tr. *Lightfoot's Horæ Hebr.* Wks. II. 538 [They] anathematiz'd, shammatiz'd, excommunicated the Samaritans.

Shammbrie, variant of SHAMBRIER.

Shammel (ʃæ·m'l), *sb. Mining.* See also SHAMBLE *sb.*[1] 6. [Dialect form of SHAMBLE *sb.*[1]] (See quots.)

1778 PRYCE *Min. Cornub.* 142 The Miners prefer a Shammel, which is a stage of boards, for the more light and easy use of their shovels. 1855 LEIFCHILD *Cornwall* 201 The product was raised by being thrown upon successive platforms (called *shammels*). 1880 D. C. DAVIES *Metallif. Min.* 420 *Shammel*, a stage for shovelling ore upon, or for raising water.

attrib. 1803 POLWHELE *Hist. Cornw.* I. 175 The shammel-working indeed, which appears in several places between Bovey and Dartmoor,..may be considered as relics of the Romans. *Ibid.* III. 9 In the mean time the shammel-works must, I think, have been almost superseded by shafts.

Hence **Sha·mmel** *v. intr.*, to work a mine by the use of a series of 'shammels'.

1778 PRYCE *Min. Cornub.* 142 The custom of Shammeling both above and under-ground at this time. 1860 *Eng. & For. Mining Gloss.* (ed. 2) *Cornw.* 22 *Shammel*, when ore or water is lifted part of the required height by one machine or person and part by another.

Shammel, obs. form of SHAMBLE *sb.*[1]

Shammer (ʃæ·məɹ). [f. SHAM *v.* + -ER[1].] One who shams.

†**a.** One who deceives or tricks with false pretences. *Obs.*

1677 WYCHERLEY *Plain Dealer* III. i. 45, I shou'd make the worst Shammer in England. 1681 R. L'ESTRANGE (*title*), The Shammer Shamm'd. *a* 1696 AUBREY *Lives, Sir H. Blount* (1898) I. 110 He was heretofore a great shammer, i. e. one that tells falsities not to doe any body any injury, but to impose on their understanding.

b. One who shams illness, death, etc.

1861 *All Year Round* 13 July 371 Mutiny shall be punished. Skulkers and shammers shall get their deserts. 1870 *Daily News* 24 Dec., Many of them are genuine invalids, but many are mere shammers. 1875 HOUGHTON *Sk. Brit. Insects* 143 Like the Skip-jacks, these Death-watch-beetles are great shammers.

†**Sha·mmish,** *a. Obs.* [f. SHAM *sb.*[1] + -ISH[1].] Of the nature of 'a sham', hoax, or fraud.

a 1734 NORTH *Exam.* I. ii. § 128 (1740) 100 The Overture was very shammish.

Shammock (ʃæ·mək), *sb. dial.* Also **shammocks, shommacks, shammick**(s (see *Eng. Dial. Dict.*). [? f. SHAMMOCK *v.* Cf. dial. *slammock*(*s*, *slammick*(*s* of similar meaning.] Used as a term of depreciation, with many varieties of meaning; a lazy, slovenly person; a starved, miserable-looking person or animal.

1828 [CARR] *Craven Gloss.* II. 113 He's a sad shammocks. 1891 'Q.' (Quiller-Couch) *Noughts & Crosses* 97 If These-an'-That, there, wasn' but a poor ha'f-baked shammick, he'd ha' killed that wife o' his afore this. 1897 MARY KINGSLEY *W. Africa* 213 So the poor old chief worried himself to a shammock.

Shammock (ʃæ·mək), *v. dial.* Forms: (see *Eng. Dial. Dict.*). [Cf. SHAMBLE *v.*; also *slammock* vb., widely used dial. in similar senses.] *intr.* To walk with a shambling or unsteady gait; to slouch; to dawdle; to idle about.

1857 SCHOLES *Tim Gamwattle* 6 (E.D.D.) As aw wur shammokin alung shore.

Hence **Sha·mmocking** *ppl. a.*, awkward, clumsy; slovenly, untidy; idle, worthless. **Sha·mmocky** *a.* = prec.; also, shaky, infirm.

1702 T. BROWN, etc. *Lett. Dead to Living* II. (1707) 73 Pox take you both for a couple of shammocking Rascals. 1841 HARTSHORNE *Salop. Ant.* 564 *Shomacky*, slovenly, awkward in gait. 1852 *Tait's Mag.* XIX. 42 An idle, boozing, and shammocking scamp weds an industrious girl. 1891 DOYLE *White Company* xiv, You shammocking yaping over-long good-for-nought! 1900 H. SUTCLIFFE *Shameless Wayne* xix. (1905) 241 But ye poor, shammocky sheep-drivers think there's nowt save ewes an' tups i' th' world.

†**Shammoe,** *v. Obs.*—° [Of obscure origin: is it a misprint for *shammoc* SHAMMOCK *v.*?]

1688 HOLME *Armoury* II. 427/2 Shammoe, to cast the toes outward in going.

Shammoulle, obs. form of SHAMBLE *sb.*[1]

Shammoy, obs. form of CHAMOIS.

Shammy[1] (ʃæ·mi). Also 7 **shammie**, 8 **shamy, shammey.** [A phonetic spelling of CHAMOIS.]

1. In full *shammy-leather*: a kind of soft, pliable leather. Cf. CHAMOIS 2. Also a piece of this, a wash-leather.

1714 *Fr. Bk. Rates* 142 Goat-Skins and Sheep-Skins drest ..in Imitation of Shammy. 1767 S. PATERSON *Another Trav.* I. 364 They are more capable of labour, than if they wore shammy, or dog-skin. 1823 J. BADCOCK *Dom. Amusem.* 93 Cover it with a piece of buff or shammy leather. 1851 MAYHEW *Lond. Labour* I. 443/2 The wash-leathers, sometimes called 'shammys' (chamois), now sold extensively in the streets, are for the most part the half of a sheep-skin, or of a larger lamb-skin. 1883 R. HALOANE *Workshop Rec.* Ser. II. 367/1 The process of manufacturing 'chamois' or 'shammy' leather is thus described.

2. *attrib.* passing into *adj.* **a.** Composed or made of 'shammy' or chamois leather.

1651 T. BAKER *Art of Angling* (1820) 7 Some make them [*sc.* May-flies] with a shammie [eds. 1653, 1659 shammy] body. 1673 SHADWELL *Epsom Wells* I. 17 A couple of Gentlemen in Buff Belts, Red Coats, and Shammey Breeches. 1706 *Sir W. Calverley's Note-bk.* (Surtees) 112 A pair of good shamy gloves. 1766 H. WALPOLE *Let. to H. S. Conway* 12 Jan., I have got my cravat and shammy shoes. 1874 G. WALCH *Head over Heels* 83 Here it is—in this old Shammy bag.

†**b.** Of the colour of this leather; yellowish brown or light fawn. *Obs.*

1661 *Peacham's Compl. Gent.* xiv. 156 Shammy colour, a smoakie, or rain colour, which is a kind of yellow.

3. *Australia.* 'A bag of chamois leather in which miners keep their gold dust' (*Cent. Dict.* 1891). [1874: cf. 2 a.]

Shammy[2] (ʃæ·mi). ? *nonce-wd.* [f. SHAM *a.* + -Y, after *dummy*.] A spurious imitation.

1822 *Sporting Mag.* IX. 214 This may be the case with horses' tails—real ones may be deliberately cut off, and some celebrated professor's shammies annexed to the beast's back in their stead.

Shamois, variant of CHAMOIS.

†**Sha·mously,** *adv. Obs.* Also **shamesly.** [f. **shamous* (f. SHAME *sb.* + -OUS: cf. SHAMEVOUS) + -LY[2].] Shamefully.

c 1440 *York Myst.* xxxii. 143 Shamously my selfe þus schente I So sone for to sente to his slayng. 14.. *Wars Alex.* 739° (Dnbl. MS.) Þus shamesly of hys awne childe hym chevyd such end.

Shamoy (ʃæ·moi), *v.* Also **shammoy, shammy.** [f. *shamoy* sb., var. CHAMOIS 2.] *trans.* To prepare (leather) by working oil or grease into the skin. Hence **Shamoyed** *ppl. a.*, **Shamoying** *vbl. sb.*

1837 HEBERT *Engin. & Mech. Encycl.* II. 67 Any subsequent operation, of tawing, or dyeing, oil-dressing, or shammoying. 1842 *Penny Cycl.* XXIV. 40/2 The process by which it is made is called shamoying or shammying... When whole skins are shamoyed, the grain surface is removed by scraping or rubbing with pumice-stone. 1857 MILLER *Elem. Chem., Org.* III. 675 Shamoying consists in working into the skin a quantity of oil, which supplies the place of the vegetable astringent..in the processes of tanning and tawing. *Ibid.*, A large portion of shamoyed leather forms what is known as wash-leather. 1858 HOMANS *Cycl. Comm.* s. v. *Leather* 1195/2 Deer and antelope [skins] are usually *shamoyed*, or dressed in oil. 1882 PATON in *Encycl. Brit.* XIV. 380/2 Shamoyed leather, consisting of skins combined with oils or fatty substances.

Shamoy(es, etc.: see CHAMOIS.

Shampany, obs. variant of CHAMPANY.

Shampin(n)ion, obs. forms of CHAMPIGNON.

1661 RABISHA *Cookery Dissected* 7 To pickle Shampinnions. 1706 PHILLIPS (ed. Kersey), *Shampinion*, a Mushroom.

Shampoo (ʃæmpū·), *sb.* [f. SHAMPOO *v.*] The act or operation of shampooing; also a 'wash' used for shampooing. Also *attrib.*

1838 HALIBURTON *Clockm.* Ser. II. xii, Prince Shleek, will you have one shampoo? said she. A shampoo? said I; to be sure I will. 1866 COOLEY *Toilet* 477 The 'Shampoo Liquid' often used by the hairdressers, after cutting the hair. 1880 WEBSTER *Suppl.* 1888 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 21 May 14/1 The shampoo room and the general swimming tank..are the same size. 1897 *Times* 9 Aug. 10/3 The vessel was labelled 'Antiseptic shampoo'.

Shampoo (ʃæmpū·), *v.* Also 8–9 **shampo, 9 champo(e, champoo, champou, shampoe.** [Prob. a. Hindī *čāmpo*, imper. of *čāmpnā* to press. Cf. CHAMPING *vbl. sb.*[2] (from 1698).]

1. *trans.* To subject (a person, his limbs) to massage. Now *rare* or *Obs.*, exc. as designating a part of the process of a Turkish bath.

1762 [? NOBLE] *Voy. E. Indies*, etc. 226 Had I not seen several China merchants shampooed before me, I should have been apprehensive of danger. 1780 J. CAPPER *Let.* in *Observ. Passage India* (1785) 26 Some people have their nails cut and also are Shampoed. 1800 BEATSON *View War with Tippoo* 159 The Sultaun generally rose at break of day: after being champoed, and rubbed, he washed himself. 1813 J. FORBES *Oriental Mem.* II. 52 She [a Mahratta wife] first champoes her husband, and fans him to repose; she then champoes the horse. 1848 DICKENS *Dombey* viii, Miss Pankey was shampooed every morning. 1898 JEAN A. OWEN *Hawaii* iii. 65 In Tahiti, too, a traveller, on entering a house, is always given a mat to lie on, and his weary limbs are shampooed whilst food is prepared for him.

absol. 1823 *Mirror* I. 424/1 A man and his wife who profess to Shampoo, according to the Indian manner.

†**b.** *transf.* and *fig. Obs.*

1837 DICKENS *Pickw.* v, The other shampoo'd Mr. Winkle with a heavy clothes brush. 1838 HALIBURTON *Clockm.* Ser. II. xii, So our diplomatists shampoo the English, and put 'em to sleep. How beautiful they shampoo'd them in the fishery story. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* xvii, Pinching the bed-curtains, poking into the feathers, shampooing the mattresses.

2. (The ordinary modern sense.) To subject (the scalp) to washing and rubbing with some cleansing agent, as soap and water, shampoo powder, etc.

1860 WORCESTER. 1881 *Times* 6 Jan. 4/3 The patient should have..the hair cut and shampooed, and the whole body well cleansed with carbolic soap.

Hence **Shampooed** (-pū·d) *ppl. a.*

1821 SIR R. K. PORTER *Trav.* I. 232 This over, the shampooed body..is rubbed all over with a preparation of soap confined in a bag, till he is one mass of lather.

Shampooer (ʃæmpū·əɹ). [-ER[1].] One who shampoos, in either sense of the verb.

1829 LYTTON *Disowned* iv, The stranger's horse..being by no means in a good humour with the clumsy manœuvres of his Shampooer, the ostler. 1859 *Habits of Gd. Society* iii. 144 It [a rough hair shirt] acts the part of a shampooer, and with its perpetual friction soothes the surface of the skin [etc.]. 1884 BRACHET *Aix-les-bains* I. 95 At Aix are found thoroughly trained shampooers. 1885 E. GREEY *Bakin's Captive of Love* iii. (1904) 21 At that moment two blind shampooers came along the road. 1906 BEGBIE *Priest* viii. 156 His reddish hair fresh from the shampooer's hand.

Shampoo·ing, *vbl. sb.* [-ING[1].] The action or operation of SHAMPOO *v.*

1762 [? NOBLE] *Voy. E. Indies*, etc. 226 Shampooing is an operation not known in Europe and is peculiar to the Chinese. 1823 J. BADCOCK *Dom. Amusem.* 114 We had long ago seen negroes employed in percussion upon their Barbadean masters, by whom it is termed 'Champooing'. 1829 *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 3) IV. 350 To these [remedies] should be added a series of friction, and especially of shampooing or manipulation applied down the whole course of the spine. 1829 *Health & Longevity* 235 In the East Indies, friction with the hand, or what is called champouing, is generally practised. 1869 M. WILKS *Hist. Sk. S. India* (ed. 2) I. xii. 276 *note*, Shampoeing may be compared to a gentle kneading of the whole person. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 778 In all these [remedies] the shampooing necessary for their thorough application plays an important part in the treatment.

attrib. 1815 *Sporting Mag.* XLVI. 213, I set up a sort of shampooing scheme for the cure of the lumbago. 1825 C. M. WESTMACOTT *Eng. Spy* I. 313 A shampooing or vapour bath. *a* 1881 R. W. PROCTER *Barber's Shop* xvii. (1883) 160 Brilliant with gas, and redolent of rich perfume, are the modern shampooing saloons.

Shamrock (ʃæ·mrɒk). Forms: α. 6 **shamrote, 7 shamroot;** β. 6 **shamrocke, sham-roke, 7 schamrock, shamrook, 7 shamocke,** 8 **shammock, shamroque,** 6– **shamrock;** γ. 7 **shamrogh, -rogth, shamerag, shamrug, -rogue, (chamroch),** 7–8 **shamrog(e,** 8 **shamrogge, (shambrogue, -brogh).** [a. Irish *seamróg* (= Gael. *seamrag*), dim. of *seamar* clover.]

1. A plant with trifoliate leaves, used (according to a late tradition) by St. Patrick to illustrate the doctrine of the Trinity, and hence adopted as the national emblem of Ireland; a spray or leaf of this plant.

The 'shamrock' of the legend has been conjecturally identified with many different plants, e. g. the white clover *Trifolium repens*, the red clover, *T. pratense*, the black medic, *Medicago lupulina*, the wood-sorrel, *Oxalis Acetosella*, and the water-cress. The name is now most commonly applied to the lesser yellow trefoil, *Trifolium minus*, which is the plant most frequently worn as an emblem on St. Patrick's Day.

α. 1571 CAMPION *Hist. Irel.* I. vi. (1633) 18 Shamrotes, Water-cresses, Rootes, and other hearbes they feede upon. 1610 HOLLAND *Camden's Brit.* II. 147 They feed willingly upon..Mushromes, Shamroots and rootes. 1613 WITHER *Abuses Stript* I. viii. Juvenilia (1633) 61 In no more cloathing than a mantle goe; And feed on Sham-rootes as the Irish doe.

β. 1577 STANYHURST *Descr. Irel.* viii. 28/1 in *Holinshed*, Water cresses, which they terme shamrocks, rootes and other herbes they feede vpon. 1596 SPENSER *State Irel.* Wks. (Globe) 654/2 Yf they founde a plotte of water-cresses or sham-rokes, there they flocked as to a feast for the time. 1597 GERARDE *Herbal* II. ccccIxxvii. 1018 Medow Trefoile is called..in Irish Shamrockes. 1617 MORYSON *Itin.* III. 163 They willingly eate the hearb Schamrock. 1627 J. TAYLOR (Water-P.) *Armado* C 1 b, Their fare being many times shamrookes, oaten-bread, beanes and butter-milke. 1630 DEKKER *2nd Pt. Honest Wh.* III. i. E 2 b, Worse then damnation, a wild Kerne,..Longed you for Shamocke? 1682 PIERS *Descr. West-Meath* (1770) 121 Butter, new cheese, and curds and shamrocks, are the food of the meaner sort all this season. 1775 SHERIDAN *St. Patrick's Day* I. i, I put a great shammock in his hat this morning. 1781 C. JOHNSTON *Hist. J. Juniper* I. 28 He marked our young hero on the left breast with a shamroque. 1813 T. MOORE *Oh the Shamrock!* 16 Chosen leaf Of Bard and Chief, Old Erin's native Shamrock! 1856 O. W. HOLMES *For Meeting Burns Club* 52 We drink a triple health,—the Rose, The Shamrock, and the Thistle! 1901 *Daily Express* 18 Mar. 5/7 Covent Garden sent King Edward a four-leaved shamrock on Saturday.

γ. 1611 SPEED *Theat. Gt. Brit.* IV. i. 138/2 Feeding vpon water-cresses, rootes, mushromes, shamrogh, butter tempered with oate-meale. 1622 J. TAYLOR (Water-P.) *Sir Greg. Nonsence* Wks. 1630 II. 4/2 Whilst all the Hibernian Kernes in multitudes Did feast with Shamerags stew'd in Vsquebagh. 1632 HOLLAND *Cyrupædia* I. i. 4 *margin*, Cresses.. of which the Irish Shamrogth are a kinde. 1643 J. TAYLOR (Water-P.) *Preter-pluperfect* 4 Some Bookes also of Irish Rebellion were devoured as they had been Shamrogs [*misprinted* Shamroys]. 1681 DINELEY in *Jrnl. Kilkenny Archæol. Soc.* (1858) I. 183 The 17th day of March yeerly is St Patricks, an immoveable feast, when..the vulgar superstitiously wear shamroges, 3 leav'd grass. 1699 E. LHWYD in *Phil. Trans.* (1712) XXVII. 506 Their Shamrug is the common Clover. 1712 STEELE *Spect.* No. 455 P 2 The Scotch Thistle, the Irish Shambrogue. 1741 *Gentl. Mag.* XI. 438/1 Go little Shamrogge, and adorn My pretty Flavia's breast this morn.

b. *To drown the shamrock*: to drink, or go drinking, in honour of the shamrock, on St. Patrick's day.

[1726 THRELKELD *Syn. Stirpium Hibern.* s. v. *Trifolium*,

This Plant is worn by the People..upon..St. Patrick's Day. It being a current Tradition, that by this Three Leafed Grass, be emblematically set forth to them the Mystery of the Holy Trinity. However that be, when they wet their *Seamar-oge*, they often commit Excess in Liquor, which is not a right keeping of a Day to the Lord.] 1888 *Daily Tel.* 22 Mar. (Farmer), An Irishman..on Saturday last resolved to drown the shamrock in the orthodox fashion. 1901 *Ibid.* 18 Mar. 10/6 The opportunities for 'drowning the shamrock' were commendably abbreviated by the law.

2. Applied with defining word to some other plants (see quots.).

1884 W. Miller *Plant-n.* 124/a Shamrock, Blue-flowered. *Parochetus communis*...Shamrock, Indian. *Trillium latifolium.* 1889 J. H. Maiden *Usef. Native Plants* 143 *Trigonella suavissima*..is the 'Australian shamrock' of Mitchell. 1898 Morris *Austral Eng., Shamrock, Native*, a forage plant, *Lotus australis.*

3. *attrib.* and *Comb.*: **shamrock pea**, *Parochetus communis* (Miller, *Plant-n.* 1884); † **Shamrock-shire**, a jocular name for Ireland.

1581 Derricke *Image of Irelande* (1883) 8 My soule dooeth detest their wilde shamrocke manners. 1689 *Irish Hudibras* 80 Which..Makes Wit so scarce in Shamrogeshire. 1724 Moffet *Hesperi-neso-gr.* (1755) 3 Priests in Shambroghshire, they say, Can women kiss, as well as pray. 1900 *Daily News* 9 Apr. 5/6 The same shamrock-embroidered bonnet.

Shamscrit, obs. form of Sanskrit.

‖ **Shamsheer.** Also 7 **chemchir,** 9 **shum-sheer.** [Pers. شمشير *shamshīr* (see Scimitar). The form *shumsheer* is Anglo-Ind.] = Scimitar 1.

1634 Sir T. Herbert *Trav.* 111 Three Cozel-bashawes standing by, in an instant whipt off all their heads, with their slicing Shamsheers or Semiters. 1686 tr. *Chardin's Coronat. Solyman* 41 The third Piece was a Chemchir, or sword. 1834 *Baboo* I. viii. 128 (Stanf.) With my shumsheer's point I directed the march towards the fort.

Shamshue, obs. variant of Samshoo.

1744 J. Philips *Jrnl. Exped. Anson* 217 They have another strong Liquor besides Shamshue. [*Ibid.* 155 Samshue.]

† **Sha·mster,** ? *nonce-wd.* [f. Sham *v.* + -ster.] A shammer, impostor.

1716 *Coll. State Songs, Poems*, etc. 40 They swore the lov'd Shamster [*i.e.* the Pretender] to Britain they'd bring.

Shamulle(r, obs. forms of Shawm, Shawmer.

Shamway, obs. form of Chamois.

Shamwelle, obs. form of Shamble *sb.*[1]

Shamy, obs. form of Shammy *sb.*[1]

Shamyana, variant of Shamiana(h.

Shamyll, obs. form of Shamble *sb.*[1]

Shan (ʃæn), *sb.*[1] [Of obscure origin.] The Shanny.

1713 Jago in Ray *Synopsis Pisc.* 164 *Cataphractus lævis, Cornubiensis.* Smooth Shan. 1851 Gosse *Nat. Hist., Fishes* 168 The most common of our Blennies is the Shanny (*Blennius pholis*, Linn.), sometimes called the Smooth Shan, an epithet probably alluding to the absence of those fringed appendages to the head with which all our other true Blennies are furnished.

Shan, *sb.*[2] *slang.* ? *Obs.* Also **shand.** [Cf. Shan *a.*] Counterfeit or base coin. Also *fig.*

1812 J. H. Vaux *Flash Dict., Shan*, counterfeit money in general. 1815 Scott *Guy M.* xxxii, I doubt Glossin will prove but shand after a'..; but this is a gude half-crown ony way. [*Note*, Cant expression for base coin.]

Shan (ʃæn), *sb.*[3] *Naut.* [Of obscure origin; the Norwegian *skaan* hard crust (ON. *skán* thin membrane, film) has been compared.] (See quot.)

1867 Smyth *Sailor's Word-bk., Shan*, a defect in spars, most commonly from bad collared knots; an injurious compression of fibres in timber: the turning out of the cortical layers when the plank has been sawed obliquely to the central axis of the tree.

Shan, *a. Sc.* and *north.* ? *Obs.* [Of obscure origin.] Pitiful, silly; poor, mean, paltry, shabby.

1714 Ramsay *Elegy on John Cowper* xiii, Of umquhile John to lie or bann, Shaws but ill will, and looks right shan. 1719 — *To Hamilton, 1st Answ.* vi, Ye're never rugget, shan, nor kittle. 1776 Hero *Sc. Songs* II. 264 Gloss. 1906 A. McCormick *Tinkler-Gypsies Galloway* iii. 128 A flat-fitted or shan-winklered (bad-eyed) body.

Shanachie, -y, variant forms of Sennachie.

1898 J. MacManus *Bend of Road* 53 Shanachy.

‖ **Shanavest** (ʃæ·nävest). *Irish.* Also *erron.* **Shanavat.** [According to Dr. P. W. Joyce, f. Irish *sean* old + Vest *sb.* (The opposing faction were called *caravats* = 'cravats'.)] *pl.* The name of one of the fighting factions into which the peasantry of the South of Ireland were formerly divided.

1811 J. Jebb in C. Forster *Corr. betw. J. & Knox* (1834) II. 41 The Archbishop..promises to insure you against caravats, shanavests, and all such maranders. 1823 *Blackw. Mag.* XIV. 518 Whiteboys, Shanavats,..and Captain Rock. 1862 Borrow *Wales* c. III. 380 My father..was the best fighting man with a stick that the Shanavests ever had.

Shancre, obs. form of Chancre.

† **Shand,** *a. Sc. Obs. rare.* In 5 **schand.** ? Beautiful, handsome.

c 1450 Holland *Howlat* 84 The plesant Pacock..schand in his schap. *Ibid.* 112 That 3e wald cry apon Crist..To schape me [*sc.* an Owl] a schand bird.

Shand, var. f. Shan *sb.*[2]

Shandaradan, obs. form of Shandrydan.

Shande, variant of Shond *Obs.*, disgrace.

Shandean (ʃæ·ndiən, ʃændī·ən), *a.* (and *sb.*). Also 8 **Shandeyan,** 9 **Shandyan** (*sb.*), **Shandeian.** [f. (*Tristram*) *Shandy*, the title of a novel (1759–67) by Sterne + -an.] Pertaining to *Tristram Shandy*, or the Shandy family there portrayed.

1762 Sterne *Tr. Shandy* VI. xvii, I write a careless kind of a civil, nonsensical, good-humoured Shandean book, which will do all your hearts good. 1767 S. Paterson *Another Trav.* I. Pref. 8 A couple of Shandean duodecimos. 1769 Chatterton *Jrnl. Sixth* Poet. Wks. (1886) 153 But Hudibrastics may be found To tire ye with repeated sound, So changing for a Shandeyan style, I ask your favour and your smile. 1782 T. Jefferson *Notes State of Virginia* (1787) 234 His stile is easy and familiar, except when he affects a Shandean fabrication of words. 1887 Saintsbury *Ess. Eng. Lit.* (1891) 107 Scott's delightful Shandean jest on bim. 1909 Sichel *Sheridan* I. 3 [Sheridan's] inner texture is Shandeian.

Comb. 1762 Sterne *Let.* 9 July, Wks. 1885 IV. 496, I had hired a chaise and horse.., but, Shandeanlike, did not take notice that the horse was almost dead when I took him.

b. *sb.* One who has the 'Shandean' spirit.

1866 P. Fitzgerald *Lamb* (ed. 2) 187 Another point of resemblance between these two great Shandyans[*sc.* Sterne and Lamb] was their both writing little quaint autobiographies.

So also † **Shanda·ic** *a.* **Sha·ndeism** (**Sha·n-dyism**), the style or the philosophy of the novel *Tristram Shandy.* **Sha·ndy** *v.* quasi-trans., *to Shandy it*, to play a Shandean part; *trans.* to bandy in Shandean fashion. † **Sha·ndyize** *v.* = prec.

a 1761 J. Gilbert *Let. to Sterne*, Shandyise. 1761 Sterne *Let.* 7 Aug., Wks. 1885 IV. 479 If God..had not poured forth the spirit of Shandeism into me, which will not suffer me to think two moments upon any grave subject. 1762 — *Let.* 19 Mar., *Ibid.* 485, I Shandy it away fifty times more than I was ever wont, talk more nonsense than ever you heard me talk in your days. 1766 — *Let.* 25 Nov., *Ibid.* 542, I am going to lie in of another child of the Shandaick procreation, in town. 1831 *Mirror* XVII. 234/2 The book is altogether *Shandean*, and the satire *shandied* to and fro with great vivacity. 1891 *Daily News* 15 Oct. 6/1, I.. imbibed Shandyism from him [Sterne] to the dregs. 1903 *Blackw. Mag.* May 712 He invented a Shandeism perfectly consistent with his own age and his own taste.

Shandeller, obs. variant of Chandler.

1547 in *Spalding Club Misc.* V. 313 Twa silver shandellers.

Shanderadan, -erydan, obs. ff. Shandrydan.

Shandigaff, variant of Shandygaff.

Shandry (ʃæ·ndri). *North-west dial.* Also **shanderee, shandray.** [Perh. shortened from next, which however is later in our quots.] A light cart or trap on springs. Also *shandry cart.*

1802 Mrs. Wheeler *Westmld. Dial.* iv. 95 Dud the cusen keep a horse an a shanderee? 18.. J. Briggs *Rem.* (1825) 93 (E.D.D.), We hired a shandry to carry us to Little Langdale. 1836 Sir G. Head *Home Tour* 427, I saw this happy couple drive away from the inn together, in a light shandry cart. 1859 Dickens *Haunted Ho.* VII. 45 I'll drive yo' in the shandry. *a* 1865 Mrs. Gaskell *Sexton's Hero* in *Cousin Phillis*, etc. 280 We borrowed a shandry, and harnessed my old grey mare. 1882 *Lanc. Gloss., Shandray*, a one-horse carriage. 1888 *Bury Times* 1 Sept. 6 Damages to a milk shandry.

Shandrydan (ʃæ·ndridæn). Also **shandry-dan, shandridan, -redan, -radan, shan-dra-dam; shandaradan, -ery-dan, -eradan; shat-terydan shattaradan.** [Of obscure origin: in some way related to prec.] A kind of chaise with a hood. In later use, a jocular designation for any rickety old-fashioned vehicle.

1820 Hogg in *Blackw. Mag.* VI. 391 Dr. Morris wheeling..yon furious shandrydan. 1823 in *Spirit Publ. Jrnls.* 277 [A parody of Moore's *Loves of the Angels.*] When in Hyde Park we grac'd the ride In the old royal shandaradan. 1829 A. Sedgwick in Clark & Hughes *Life & Lett.* (1890) I. 353 A machine with two seats, but in every other respects like a Dent's shandery-dan. 1830 Mrs. Eliz. Holmes *Scenes in our Parish* 276 To be sure Haynes the cobler has a curious shandridan, sometimes open and sometimes covered. 1838 Moore *Mem.* (1856) VII. 235 One of those cabs (or shanderadans, as they call them). 1849 J. Colquhoun *Rocks & Rivers* 15 Now, landlord, out with the shan-dra-dam. 1858 R. S. Surtees *Ask Mamma* xxxii. 134 Having got the last shandry-dan deposited under the hay-house, he had just time [etc.]. 1860 H. Mayhew *Upper Rhine* Introd. 3 The only private carriage that appears in the streets is the Princess's shandredan. 1861 Musgrave *By-Roads* 75 When..gigs and shandradans of every grade would be bespoken by special retainers. 1873 R. A. Fitzgerald *Wickets in West* 70 Shatterydans of various kinds conveyed them to the Russell House [Ottawa]. 1900 Elin. Glyn *Visits of Eliz.* 158 A few of the really odd kinds of shandrydans that one sees coming to country garden parties in England.

Shandy (ʃæ·ndi), *sb.* Short for Shandygaff.

1888 *Daily News* 4 June 3/1 Sparkling hop, shandy, and other new-fangled drinks. 1893 *Westm. Gaz.* 10 Oct. 5/2 The witness..supplied him with some bitter-shandy.

Shandy (ʃæ·ndi), *a. dial.* Also **shanny.** [Of obscure origin; connexion with OE. *sceand* masc., buffoon, charlatan, *sceand* fem., disgrace (see Shond) is unlikely.] Wild, boisterous; also visionary, empty-headed, half-crazy. See also *Eng. Dial. Dict.*

1691 Ray *N. C. Words* 62 *Shandy*, wild. 1788 W. H. Marshall *Yorksh.* II. 351 *Shandy*, a little crack-brained; somewhat crazy. *a* 1825 Forby *Voc. E. Anglia, Shanny*, shatter-brained. 1855 Robinson *Whitby Gloss., Shandy*, crack-brained, shallow, crazy. 'He's quite shandy.' Also, slender in person. 'A spare shandy sort of a figure.' 1884 Trollope *Old Man's Love* I. 107 Could there be anything more moonstruck, more shandy, more wretchedly listless, than for a girl..to indulge in dreams of an impossible lover. 1895 A. Patterson *Man & Nat. on Broads* 27 Master'll wonder if I'm clean gone tu sleep or if I'm shanny.

Comb. **Shandy-pated** *a.*, giddy, thoughtless.

1806 Bloomfield *Wild Flowers, Horkey* 47 A shanny-pated crew. 1863 Trollope *Rachel Ray* I. 250 Mrs. Ray..was so inconsequent in her mental workings, so shandy-pated if I may say so, that [etc.]. 1867 — *Chron. Barset* I. xxxii. 276, I am in such matters so shandy-pated, that I can trust myself to be sure of nothing.

Shandygaff (ʃæ·ndigæf). Also **shandigaff.** [Of unknown origin.] A drink composed of a mixture of beer and ginger-beer.

1853 'C. Bede' *Verd. Green* I. xii, He taught me..to make shandy-gaff and sherry-cobbler. 1861 Hughes *Tom Brown at Oxf.* xv, With a large pewter, foaming with shandygaff, in each hand. 1881 J. Payn *Grape from a Thorn* II, A glass of 'shandigaff'. 1903 F. Markham *Recoll. Town Boy Westminster* 135 What with the charge for the [racquet-] court, our luncheon, and frequent shandy-gaffs, our money only just lasted out.

Shane, Sc. f. Sane *v.*; obs. pa. t. of Shine *v.*

† **Shangan,** *Sc. Obs.* Also **shangin, shanjan.** [a. Gael. *seangan*, ? f. *seang* slender, narrow.] 'A stick cleft at one end for putting on a dog's tail' (*Eng. Dial. Dict.*). Cf. Shangy *sb.*

1786 Burns *Ordination* ii, He'll clap a shangan on her tail, An' set the bairns to daud her Wi' dirt this day. 1789 D. Davidson *Thoughts on Seasons* 20 And Gibby skelp'd before the fae, Like Colly wi' a shangin. 1824 Mactaggart *Gallovid. Encycl.* 425.

Shanghai (ʃæŋhəi·), *sb.* Also **Shanghae, -hay.** [f. *Shanghai* or *Shanghae*, the name of one of the chief seaports of China.]

1. A long-legged, large breed of domestic fowls, with feathered shanks, reputed to have been introduced from Shanghai; now developed into the brahmas and cochins.

1853 Tegetmeier *Profit. Poultry* 19 Cochins or Shanghaes. 1853 Fortune in Wingfield & Johnson *Poultry Bk.* 3 The Shanghae breed. *Ibid.*, Some of the Shanghae fowls' eggs have double yolks. 1857 Agassiz *Contrib. Nat. Hist. U.S.* I. 164 Varieties..such as the Shanghae fowl, for instance.

2. *Australian.* A catapult.

1863 *Leader* 24 Oct. 17/1 (Morris), Turn, turn thy shanghay dread aside, Nor touch that little bird. 1875 *Spectator* (Melbourne) 15 May 22/1 The lads had with them a couple of pistols, powder, shot, bullets, and a shanghai. 1901 Dyson *Gold-stealers* viii. 81 The plan brought Dicky, 'shanghai' in hand, under the tree where Hardy sat.

3. *U.S.* (see quot.).

1880 *Scribner's Mouthly* Jan. 365/1 The 'shanghai' is the glaring daub required by some frame-makers for cheap auctions. They are turned out at so much by the day's labor, or at from $12 to $24 a dozen, by the piece.

4. *Shanghai oil*: an oil extracted from the seeds of *Brassica chinensis.* 1861 Bentley *Man. Bot.* 453.

Shanghai·, *v.* [Formed as prec.]

1. trans. *Naut. slang.* (orig. *U.S.*) To drug or otherwise render insensible, and ship on board a vessel wanting hands.

1871 *N. Y. Tribune* 1 Mar. (Schele de Vere *Americanisms*, p. 347), And before that time they would have been drugged, shanghaied, and taken away from all means of making complaint. 1887 S. Samuels *Forecastle to Cabin* 46 To be carried or forced on board of a ship in this manner is what is termed in sailor parlance being shanghaied.

transf. 1909 *Chamb. Jrnl.* July 440/2, I have got the Grand Duke pretty well shanghaied.

2. *Australian.* [See prec. sb. 2.] 'To shoot with a shanghai' (*Webster's Suppl.* 1902).

Shangy (ʃæ·ŋi), *sb. Sc.* and *north.* Also **shangie.** [? Altered form of Shangan.]

1. A shackle; *pl.* handcuffs.

1808 Jamieson, *Shangie*, a shackle that runs on the stake to which a cow is bound in the byre. 1839 *Dundee Advertiser* 12 Apr., As he remained obstreperous, the policeman put on the shangies. 1864 Latto *Tammas Bodkin* x. 89 Clappin' the shangies on my wrists.

2. = Shangan.

1825 Jamieson, Shangan, Shanjan, Shanjie..It is pronounced *shangie*, Roxb. 1843 M. A. Richardson *Local Hist. Table Bk.*, Legend. Div. I. 117 Tom..sneaket off like a tyke wi' a shangy on his tail.

Shank (ʃæŋk), *sb.* Forms: *α.* 1 **sceanca, scanca, scance,** 2–3 **scanke,** 3 (*Ormin*) **shankk,** 3–7 **schank(e, shanke,** 4 **sschanke,** 4–5 **schanke,** 6 **shainke, shankke, sanke, shaunck,** 6–7 **shanck(e,** 5– **shank.** *β.* 1 **sconca, sconc,** 3 **sconke, shonke, (soncke),** 3–4 **schonke.** [OE. *sc(e)anca* wk. masc. corresponds to LG. *schanke* leg, thigh, Flem. *schank* bone (Sw., Da. *skank*, Norw. *skonk* thigh, prob. from LG.):—WGer. **skankan-*; also, with difference of declension, to MLG. *schenke*, Du. *schenk* leg-bone (:—**skanki-*); a derivative from the same grade of the root is MLG., MHG., mod.G. *schenkel* thigh (WGer. **skankila-*). From other grades of the root (**skink-*: **skank-*: **skunk-*) are OS. *scinka*, gl. L. 'basis', 'tibia' (MLG. *schinke* thigh, ham), OHG. *scinko* masc., *scinka* fem., leg-bone, thigh (MHG. *schinke* masc., thigh, ham, mod.G. *schinken* masc., ham); OFris. *skunka, sconck* (mod.Fris. *skonk, schunk*), LG. (Koolman) *schunke* thigh, ham, Du. *schonk* bone. The OE. str. form *scone* neut. (see 1 e) may belong to either the *a* or the *u* grade.

The root agrees formally, and may be identical, with that of ON. *skakk-r* wry, distorted (:–OTeut **skanko-*), which is prob. cogn. w. Gr. σκάζειν (:–pre-Hellenic **sq'ngj-*) to limp. Even assuming the identity of the root, however, the etymological meaning of the Teut. sbs. remains obscure.]

1. That part of the leg which extends from the knee to the ankle; the tibia or shin-bone. Also (now *jocularly*) the leg as a whole; chiefly *pl.* one's legs.

a. c 1000 Ags. Gosp. John xix. 33 þa hi to þam hælende comon & gesawon þæt he dead wæs ne bræcon hi na his sceancan. *c 1000* Ælfric *Gloss.* in Wr.-Wülcker 160/15 *Crus*, scance; *crura*, sceanca. *c 1200* Ormin 4775 Brest, & wambe, & þes, & cnes, & fet, & shannkess. *a 1300 Cursor M.* 14064 And sco hir vnttement me broght And smerd has me fote and schank. *Ibid.* 28002 If þou..has bituix hir scankes gan or tirid or tut or skirt vptan. *c 1400* Maundev. (Roxb.) xviii. 81 Men ballokes hyngez doune to þaire schankes. *c 1430 Chev. Assigne* 326 Thenne thei styrte vp on hy with staloworth shankes. 1538 Elyot *Dict.*, *Parastata*, also one of the bones in the shanke of the legge. 1596 Spenser *F. Q.* IV. x. 25 Sundry flowring bankes, To sit and rest the walkers wearie shankes. 1635 [Glapthorne] *Lady Mother* II. i. in Bullen *O. Pl.* II. 131 Come, stir your shanks nimbly or Ile hough you. 1674 Scheffer *Lapland* v. 12 Slender wasts, spindle shanks, and swift of foot. 1784 Cowper *Task* v. 16 With eye askance I view the muscular proportion'd limb Transform'd to a lean shank. 1888 Stevenson *Kidnapped* xiv, My stockings .. were quite worn through, so that my shanks went naked. 1890 H. G. Dakyns tr. *Xenophon's Anab.* III. ii. Wks. I. 156 In fact we, on our stout shanks, are better mounted than those cavalry fellows.

β. a 900 Kenl. Glosses 58 in *O.E. Texts* 173 *Tibiis*, sconcum. *a 1000 Sal. & Sat.* 101 (Gr.), Læteð flint þrecan scines sconcan. *c 1200 Trin. Coll. Hom.* 211 At pleje þih and shonkes and fet oppieð, wombe gosshieð, and shuldres wrenchieð. *c 1205* Lay. 5863 Lihteð of eowre hlanken and stondeð on eowre sconken. *a 1225 Ancr. R.* 258 Þeo ilke reouðfulle garcen of þe luðere skurgen, nout one in his [Christ's] schonken, auh 3eond al his leofliche licome. *a 1225 Juliana* 48 Ich habbe i-blend men ant ibroken ham þe schonken & te schuldren baðen. *a 1450* Myrc *Par. Pr.* 780 Wrynge þou not wyth þy schonkes.

b. *Shanks'* (or *Shanks's*) *mare, pony*, etc.: one's own legs as a means of conveyance.

a 1774 Fergusson *Poems* (1807) 333 And auld shanks-naig wad tire, I dread, To pace to Berwick. *a 1795* S. Bishop *Poet. Wks.* (1796) I. 204 I'd rather..ride on Shanks's Mare. 1823 Scott *Fam. Lett.* II Feb. (1894) II. xix. 167, I found shanksnaigie..the only way of moving by which I could get out to dinner. 1898 Watts-Dunton *Aylwin* XII. iii, I'll start for Carnarvon on Shanks's pony.

c. The lower part of the foreleg of some animals, *spec.* of a horse, that part between the so-called knee and the fetlock, corresponding to the metacarpus. Also, the tarsus of a bird; the tibia or fourth joint of the leg of an insect.

[*c 1000 Sax. Leechd.* I. 362 Nim blæces hundes deades þone swyþran fotsceancan.] *a 1000 Phœnix* 310 (Gr.), Sindon þa scancan [of the Phœnix] scyllum hiweaxen, fealwe fotas. 1545 T. Scalon *Treat. Astron.* (MS. Ashm. 391) lf. 1 In Tauro..the schank or sperlure. 1584 B. R. tr. *Herodotus* II. 82 b, Making him [Pan] to haue the head and shankes of a goate. *1661* Lovell *Hist. Anim. & Min.* 147 The marrow of the shanks [of the Crane] is used in ophthalmick unguents. 1669 Worlidge *Syst. Agric.* (1681) 194 The Bees by their pale coloured Shanks at their return home, shew whence they have their Store. *a 1777* Goldsm. *Epil. Harlequin* 31 'The deuce confound,' he [the stag] cries, 'these drumstick shanks.' 1816 Kirby & Sp. *Entomol.* xxii. (1818) II. 286 These legs..vary in larvæ of the different orders: but they seem in most to have joints answering to the hip (*coxa*); trochanters..shank (*tibia*). *a 1843* J. F. South *Zool.* in *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) VII. 284/1 The legs [of insects] are divided into five parts,—the hip, trochanter, thigh, shank, and foot. *1881* Romanes in *Fortn. Rev.* Dec. 751 The so-called knee of the horse is really the wrist or ankle, and the so-called shank, the middle toe or finger very much enlarged.

d. As part of a joint of meat, e.g. in a ham, a leg of mutton, etc.).

1806 A. Hunter *Culina* (ed. 3) 180 Good broth, made of shank of beef, or veal and mutton. 1837 M. Donovan *Dom. Econ.* II. 279 A ham without its shank. 1877 Mrs. Forrester *Mignon* I. 60 He brings in triumph a basket out of which sticks the shank of a huge leg of mutton.

†e. (OE.) ? A ham. *Obs.*

a 1000 Laws of Æthelstan I. i. (Liebermann) 148 Ane ambra meles & an sconc spices.

†2. *pl.* A kind of fur obtained from the legs of animals, esp. kids, goats or sheep, used for trimming outer garments. *Obs.*

1480 *Wardrobe Acc. Edw. IV* in *Privy Purse Exp. Eliz. York*, etc. (1830) 116 A furre of blac bogy shanks. 1502 *North Country Wills* (Surtees) 268 My gowne of tawney furred with shankles [*sic*]. 1531 *Rec. St. Mary at Hill* 43 A nolde gowne of blake furryd with blake sankes. 1570 *Wills & Inv. N. C.* (Surtees 1860) 330 One gowne faced with Shanks. 1607 Cowell *Interpr.* s.v. *Furre*, Shankes be the skin of the shanke or legge of a kind of kid which beareth the furre that we call Budge.

3. *Sc.* A stocking, or that part of it which covers the leg; esp. a stocking in process of being knitted. Also *U.S. pl.* leggings.

c 1546 P. Vaus in Agnew *Hered. Sheriffs Galloway* (1893) I. 362, I pray yow vat ye vaild send me sum mo schankis, for them that I baine vill be schone doine. 1603 *Philotus* xxx, 3our schankis of silk 3our veluot schone. 1611 in W. Macgill *Old Ross-sh.* (1909) 142 Twa pair of schanks w^t^ ane batt [etc.]. 1644–5 *Aberd. Acc.* in *Spalding Club Misc.* V. 164 Item, two pair wovin whyt shankis to him, at threttie shillings ye pair, 3 lib. *a 1867* W. Anderson in *Mod. Sc. Poets* Ser. II. (1881) 235 Jean scrapit a livin' wi' weavin' at shanks. 1871 W. Alexander *Johnny Gibb* (1873) 213 The lang evenin's 's drawin' on noo, an' it's tiresome nae to hae a bit shank to tak' i' yer han' files. 1888 *Harper's Mag.* Oct. 510/1 Four or five pairs of heavy woollen socks cover his feet, and over them is placed a pair of caribou shanks.

4. *transf.* **†a.** Each of the 'legs' of a pair of compasses. Also each of the 'legs' of a triangle. *Obs.*

1587 Golding *De Mornay* vii. 87 In the drawing of a Circle, the one shanke of the Compasses is set fast in some place, and the other shanke is caried round about. *1611* Speed *Hist. Gt. Brit.* VII. xxxix. § 5. 344 All men [have]..the shank of their Compasse so set in a center that the Circle of their lines are [etc.]. 1679 A. Lovell *Indic. Univ.* 159 The Isocele, or Triangle of equal Shanks.

b. Each of the two portions of a pair of scissors between the bow and the joint.

1833 J. Holland *Manuf. Metal* II. 40 Ladies' and fancy scissors, the shanks of which have been composed of rich open work. 1859 F. S. Cooper *Ironmonger's Catal.* 63 Scissors..Bent Blade and Shank.

c. *Arch. pl.* The plane spaces between the grooves of the Doric triglyph.

1823 P. Nicholson *Pract. Build.* 593 Shanks; the interstitial spaces between the channels of the triglph, in the Doric frieze; sometimes called Legs. 1836–50 Parker *Gloss. Archit.* (ed. 5).

d. Each of the two cheeks or side-pieces of a spur. 1891 in *Century Dict.*

5. The stem or straight part of anything. Cf. Shaft *sb.*[2] **a.** The stem of a goblet, glass, etc.

1553 *Inv. Ch. Goods York*, etc. (Surtees) 168 The foote, shancke, and knoppe of the challaice. 1583–4 *New Yrs. Gifts* in Nichols *Progr. Eliz.* (1823) II. 420 Oone sault, the foote, shainke, and cover of lapis-lazule. 1625 in Rymer *Fœdera* XVIII. 238/1 One Salte of Goulde..haveing uppon the Shanke three great course Saphires. 1826 Galt *Last of Lairds* iii. 28 He had the shank o' the very glass in his hand he had held to his old frien's lips.

b. The straight part of a nail or pin, between the head and the taper of the point. Also of a drill or borer.

1483 *Act 1 Rich. III*, c. 12 § 2 No Merchant Stranger.. shall bring into this Realm..Latten Nails with Iron Shanks. 1542–3 *Act 34 & 35 Hen. VIII*, c. 6 Pinnes..such as shal.. haue the heads soudered fast to the shanke. 1677 Moxon *Mech. Exerc.* i. 7 An hole..to set the blunt end of the shank of the Drill in. 1725 *Bradley's Fam. Dict.* s.v. *Shoeing Horses*, The Shanks of the Nails should be somewhat flat, and the Points sharp. 1815 J. Smith *Panorama Sci. & Art* I. 20 A shank or small mandrel..with a square hole..at the end of it, into which drill bits of various sizes can be alternately inserted. 1840 *P. Parley's Ann.* I. 174 The coral animal is..not much larger than a pin's shank.

c. The stem of a plant (†*Sc.* also the trunk of a tree); the pedicel or footstalk of a flower; the footstalk or connecting part of any organ in a plant.

1513 Douglas *Æneis* IV. viii. 70 And like as quhen the anciant aik tre, With his byg schank, be north wynd oft we se Is vmbeset. 1565 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* I. 413 Ane penny..havand on the one syde ane palmetre crownit, ane schell padocke crepand up the schank of the samyn. 1617 Markham *Country Housew. Garden* ix. (1648) 96 Set slips without shankes any time, except [etc.]. [*a 1693 Urquhart's Rabelais* III. xiii. 109 One Apple of the short-shank Pepin-kind.] 1710 Ruddiman *Gloss. Douglas' Æneis* s.v. *Schawk*, And Scot. the stalk of any herb or plant is called the shank. 1750 G. Hughes *Barbados* 211 Its long tubular shank is finely rayed, the inside with purple-bluish veins. 1751 Chambers *Cycl.* (ed. 7) s.v. *Clove*, Cloves must be chosen dry,..and if possible, with the shank on. 1796 C. Marshall *Gardening* xiv. (1813) 197 Earth up the shanks [of cucumber plants] with dry mould. 1820 Shelley *Sensit. Pl.* III. 56 And the dock, and henbane, and hemlock dank, Stretched out its long and hollow shank. 1884 Bowen & Scott *De Bary's Phaner.* 235 They are connected..by means of shanks or diverging limbs, which are attached to the neighbouring bundles on either side.

†d. The tunnel of a chimney. *Obs.*

c 1525 Contract in Gage *Hengrave* (1822) 42 The schanck of the chymnies. 1538 Elyot *Dict.*, *Fumarium*,..also the shanke or tonell of a chymneye. 1706 Phillips (ed. Kersey).

e. The shaft or stem of an anchor, connecting the arms and the stock.

1549 *Compl. Scot.* vi. 40 Than thai maid fast the schank of the ankyr. 1626 Capt. Smith *Accid. Yng. Seamen* 16 The Anchor hath a stocke, a ring, a shanke, a flouke. *a 1779* Cook *3rd Voy. Pacific* III. viii. (1784) II. 129 The ring, with part of the shank, and the two palms [of the anchor] were now wanting. 1882 Nares *Seamanship* (ed. 6) 165 The shank lying athwartships under the boat. 1905 Geil *Yankee in Pigmy Land* XXV. 375 Had the steering gear of the 'Flandre' broken, we should have gone over the cataracts in spite of the shanks being ready to cast.

†f. The stem of a candlestick. *Obs.*

1577 tr. *Bullinger's Decades* III. v. (1592) 347 So then Christ is the shanke or shaft of the candlesticke. *1611* Corvat *Crudities* 244 Hard by this Altar are two very rich candlestickes..; the whole shanke betwixt the base and the socket being about eight foot high. 1706 Phillips (ed. Kersey), *Shank*,..the Stem of a Candle-stick.

g. The straight part of a fish-hook, to which the line is attached.

a 1613 Dennis *Secrets Angling* I. xviii, His Shank should neither be to short nor long, His point not ouersharpe, nor yet too dull. 1741 *Compl. Fam.-Piece* II. ii. 331 Lay your Line on the Inside of the Shank. 1910 H. T. Sheringham in *Encycl. Brit.* II. 28/2 (*Angling*), A leaded hook round the shank of which is twisted bright-coloured wool.

†h. The neck of a still or alembic. *Obs.*

1600 Surflet *Country Farm* III. lxxvi. 608, C Is the shanke, which must be a foote long at the least, and is otherwise called the neck of the stillitorie.

i. The cylindrical portion of a stop-cock.

1660 Boyle *New Exp. Phys. Mech.* Proem 11 There was soder'd on to the shank of the Cock..a Plate of Tin. 1797 Cuar *Coal Viewer* 55 Injection Cocks. To be made of brass with square shanks.

j. *Typog.* The body of a type, as distinguished from the shoulder, face, and foot.

1683 Moxon *Mech. Exerc., Printing* 390 The square Mettle the Face of a Letter stands on, is called the Shank of a Letter. 1885 Lock *Workshop Rec.* Ser. IV. 219/2 Low spaces and quads must all be raised to the level of the height of the shanks of the letters prior to moulding.

k. The stem of a key, between the bow and the bit.

1677 Moxon *Mech. Exerc.* i. 6 The shank of a Key also, or some such long hole, the Punch cannot strike. 1686 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 2132/4 Lost.., a large Key with a Coronet and fluted Shank filed cross.

l. The stem of a tobacco-pipe.

1688 Holme *Armoury* III. xxii. (Roxb.) 271/2 Long shanks [of a Tobacco-pipe]..Short shanks or ends. *Ibid.* 272/1 A Shanking toole..to rub and polish and make smooth the shanks of the pipes. 1758 Reid tr. *Macquer's Chym.* I. 404 Keep stirring the mixture with the shank of a tobacco-pipe. 1898 MacManus *Bend of Road* 46 He ran a straw down the shank of his pipe.

m. The slender part between the flattened handle and the bowl of a spoon; the narrow part of a spoon-handle. Also, the handle of a ladle.

1688 Holme *Armoury* III. xiv. (Roxb.) 6/1 Spoons are made plaine, but with wrought shanks, and heads with diuerse devises. 1839 Ure *Dict. Arts* 585 By lifting it [the glass] out in flat copper ladles with iron shanks.

n. The blank part of a screw, or screw-bolt, between the thread and the head.

1677 Moxon *Mech. Exerc.* ii. 28 You must make wide holes, big enough to receive the shank of the Screw. *Ibid.* 29 The shank of the Screw..must be Forged square near the Head. 1770 Luckombe *Hist. Printing* 300 The shanks of these Screws are made so long as to reach through the Head and through the Cap: at the upper-end of these shanks is made male-screws. 1892 *Photogr. Ann.* II. 217 The narrow part of slot slips down over shank of screw, and the head holds the shelf firmly in its place.

o. *Arch.* The shaft of a column.

1736 *Gentl. Mag.* VI. 652/2 It [Pompey's Columo] is made up of three Pieces, of which the Chapiter is one, the Shank and three Feet of the Basis forms the second, and the Basis compose the third.

p. *Sc.* The shaft of a pit or mine.

1790 A. Wilson *Poems* 265 (Jam.) Nine score o' fathoms shanks down lead, To let the hammerin' core in. 1887 Service *Dr. Duguid* xxi. 138 This lowsing the stanes in the shank, so chirted oot the bratticing that at last [etc.].

q. The tang of a knife, chisel, etc. or part which is inserted in the handle; the continuation of the tang of a tool or instrument.

1688 Holme *Armoury* III. 388/1 The Shank [of a chisel]. 1807 J. Barlow *Columb.* VII. 346 Strong bayonets, with short firm shanks Protruded from their tubes.

r. (*a*) The part of a harpoon between the 'socket' and the 'mouth'. (*b*) The tapering part of an oar between the handle and the blade. (*c*) *dial.* The handle of a broom, rake, spade, etc.: see *Eng. Dial. Dict.*

(*a*) 1820 W. Scoresby *Acc. Arctic Reg.* II. 223.
(*b*) 1857 P. Colquhoun *Comp.* '*Oarsman's Guide*' 30 The oar or scull [consists] of handle, loom, shank, and blade. 1898 *Encycl. Sport* II. 297/2 (Rowing) *Oar*...Its chief parts are—the *blade*, broad and thin, which is dipped in the water, the *loom* or *shank*, and the *handle*, which the oarsman grips.

s. The stylet of a trocar.

1846 Brittan tr. *Malgaigne's Man. Oper. Surg.* 393 The surgeon..then plunges in the trocart by a sharp quick blow. ..He instantly withdraws the shank, supporting with his left hand the canula.

t. The fang of a tooth. *rare.*

1851 Mantell *Petrifactions* iii. § 5. 245 The germ of the coronal portion of the tooth was first secreted, and the entire crown completed before the formation of the shank or fang commenced.

u. The narrow part of a boot or shoe which connects the sole with the heel; the waist.

1875 Knight *Dict. Mech.*, *Shank-cutter*, a machine or tool for cutting shanks for boots and shoes. 1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 830.

v. That part of an ax-head which is between the edge and the back, which in some old forms is drawn out long and thin. 1891 in *Century Dict.*

w. The straight piece of tubing in a trumpet.

1892 A. J. Hipkins *Let. to Editor.*

6. A part or appendage by which something is attached. (Cf. 6 c, 'footstalk'.)

a. That part of a ring which encircles the finger.

1688 Holme *Armoury* III. 91/1 (Jewellers' terms.) Shank, is that part as compasseth the Finger, the Ring part. 1710 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 4691/4 A large enamelled Ring set like a Lozenge, with 18 Diamonds about the Stone and Shank.

b. A lug, stud, or ear, projecting from an object, by which it is held, or which affords a bearing or point of attachment.

1677 Moxon *Mech. Exerc.* ii. 28 This spring is..fixed at the bottom of the Main-plate, by two small shanks proceeding from that edge of the spring that lies against the Main-plate ..: These shanks are to be rivetted..on the other side of the Main-plate.

c. (See quot.)

1688 Holme *Armoury* III. 462/1 The Shank [of the Clapper of a Bell], the length of it to the Ball.

d. The wire loop by which some kinds of buttons are attached.

1790 H. Clay *Patent* in *Repertory of Arts* (1800) XII. 242 If a shank of metal is wanted or preferred,..the shank is to be put into or through a single piece or pieces of slate or slit stone,..leaving a metal stud, or other ornament, on the top of the button. 1837 Whittock *Bk. Trades* (1842) 86 (*Button-maker*), To this plate is soldered the eye or 'shank' made of wire. 1904 Quiller-Couch *Fort Amity* XV. 180

She..began with her embroidery scissors to snip at the shanks of its brenst-buttons.

7. In names of various tools and implements.

†a. A bone pin for slating. *Obs.*

1716 *Ford* (Northumbld.) *Ch.-bks.* (MS.), Paid for three pecks of shanks, from Newcastle, 3s. 8d.

b. *Founding.* A clay-lined ladle having long handles, one of them T-shaped, in which to carry molten metal from the furnace to the mould.

1843 Holtzapffel *Turning* I. 369 A double hand-ladle, or a shank. 1858 Simmonds *Dict. Trade, Shank*, a double hand-ladle, capable of holding a to 4 cwt. of melted metal, carried in foundries by from three to five men.

c. *pl.* (See quot.)

1850 Holtzapffel *Turning* III. 1265 The lenses..are brought to the circular form with flat pliers called shanks, the jaws of which are made of soft iron that they may more readily..take a firm hold.

d. A short rope or chain (*spec.* = †short for *shank-painter*); 'a tie-strap of a halter; the loose end of a rope or chain' (*Funk's Stand. Dict.* 1895).

1706 Phillips (ed. Kersey), *Shank*, or *shank-Painter*, (in Sea-Affairs) a short Chain [etc.]. 1879 Miss Jackson *Shropsh. Word-bk., Shank*, a rope by which a horse is tied up in the stall.

8. *Sc.* and *north.* 'The projecting part of a hill, or the narrow ridge, which, like a stem, joins the mass to the level ground' (*Northumbld. Gloss.* 1894).

1602 *Reg. Mag. Sig. Scot.* 485/2 The south schank of ane hill callit the peithill. 1820 *Blackw. Mag.* Nov. 201, I thought I heard a queer unearthly greet coming down the shank, and wiring ay nearer, and nearer to the byre door. 1887 *Scotsman* 19 Mar., The long 'shanks' and the abounding waterfalls.

9. *dial.* and *U.S.* The latter end or part of anything: the remainder or last part of a thing.

1828 [Carr] *Craven Gloss.* II. 113 'The shank of the evening', twilight. 1854 Miss A. E. Baker *Northampt. Gloss.* II. 220 The shank of the day. 1903 A. Adams *Log of Cowboy* xviii. 280 Miller made him knock off along in the shank of the evening.

10. a. Some unidentified plant (quot. 1657). b. 'A name applied to plants of the genus *Bryonia*' (Worcester 1860 citing *Johnson*).

1657 Beck *Universal Charac.* K 8, Shanke herb.

11. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *shank-end*; †**shank-hook**, a hook to secure the shank of an anchor when it is being drawn up to the ship's side; **shank-jelly** (see quot.); †**shank-main**, the pastern (of a horse); **shank-net**, a trawl-net used in shrimping; **shank-painter** = Painter² 1; **shank-piece** (see quot.); †**shank-pillion**, a pommel.

1837 A. Bywater *Sheffield Dial.* (1839) 170 Nah, mo lads, we'n get'n tot 'shank end at year bgeean. 1884 Lock *Workshop Rec.* Ser. III. 197/1 Put one [file] in a vice and knock the shank end off. 1485 *Naval Acc. Hen. VII* (1896) 38 Catte hokes with tree..v, 'Shanke hokes..iij. 1824 *New Syst. Cookery* 372 'Shank Jelly. Soak twelve shanks of mutton four hours ..Pour three quarts of water to them [etc.]. 1898 Senn *Culin. Encycl.* 86 Shank Jelly. 1580 Hollyband *Treas. Fr. Tong, Paturon de cheval*, the 'shankemaine of a horse. 1883 *Fisheries Exhib. Catal.* 14 'Shank Net or Shrimp Net, to be used from a Boat. 1495 *Naval Acc. Hen. VII* (1896) 258 'Shankpayntours feble ..ij, Bowpayntours for destrelles feble..j, Shankpayntors for destrelles worne & feble..ij. 1627 Capt. Smith *Seaman's Gram.* viii. 31 The Shank-painter is a short chaine fastend vnder the fore masts shrouds with a bolt to the ships sides, and at the other end a rope to make fast the Anchor to the Bow. 1642 H. Bond *Boat Swains Art* 17, 4 Shank Panters of 3½ inches. 1 Shank Panter for the Streame Anchor 3 inches. 1711 W. Sutherland *Shipbuild. Assist.* 37 To have Bolts for the Top-tackles, standing Parts of the Sheets, Shank-painter Chains. *c* 1860 H. Stuart *Seaman's Catech.* 57 The shank painter is then passed. 1885 *Harper's Mag.* Jan. 280/1 The sole in a machine-made shoe would mean a sole, an inner sole, 'shank piece [etc.]. 1596 Spenser *State Irel.* Wks. (Globe) 639/2 The furniture of his horse, ..bis 'shaunckpillion without stirrops.

Shank, variant of Chank (*-shell*).

1861 P. P. Carpenter *Mollusca* 33 (Cent.) The shank-shell is carved by the Cingalese; when found reversed it is considered sacred.

Shank (ʃæŋk), *v.* [f. Shank *sb.*]

1. *dial.* a. *intr.* To walk, to travel on foot; also with const. *away*. Often *to shank it.*

a 1774 Fergusson *Poems, King's Birthday* 83 If baudrins slip but to the door,..I fear, She'll no lang shank upon all four This time o' year. 1862 Hislop *Prov. Scot.* 186 Them that canoa ride, maun shank it. 1894 P. H. Hunter *James Inwick* ii. 29 He was michty weel pleased to..shank awa hame to Lempockshaws. 1901 G. Douglas *Ho. Green Shutters* 198 Let him shank it! We're in no hurry to have him home.

b. *trans.* To cause to walk *off*, to march (a person) *off*; *refl.* to take oneself *away*.

1816 Scott *Antiq.* xxvii, Then shank yourself awa to the double folk, or single folk. *Ibid.* xxxvi, Ye should baith be shankit aff till Edinburgh Castle. 1856 J. Ballantine *Poems* 55 He shankit the snab hame to cobble his shoon. 1898 Ld. E. Hamilton *Mawkin* iv. 47 And now shank yourself awa before I put hand till ye.

2. *intr.* Of a plant or fruit: To decay at the stem or footstalk; to be affected with shanking; usually *to shank off*. Also *pass.* Cf. Shanking 1.

1848 Turner in *Beck's Florist* I. 24 Entire beds [of pansies] have been known to shank off during a very hot summer. 1863 Darwin in *Jrnl. Proc. Linnean Soc., Bot.* VII. 70 Only four capsules [of a *Linum*] shanked off. 1892 *Garden* Aug. 193/3 The first season..the Grapes shanked badly. *fig.* 1871 H. Macmillan *True Vine* v. 223 How often alas, is it true of the believer, that his fruit is shanked, remaining sour when it should become sweet and palatable!

3. a. *trans. Sc.* To sink (a shaft). Also *absol.* b. *intr. dial.* To knit stockings. c. *trans.* in lens-making (see Shanking *vbl. sb.* 2).

1821 Galt *Ann. Parish* vi. 64 Three new coal-heughs were shanked. 1825 Jamieson s.v., To shank for coals. 1825 Jamieson, *To Shank*,..to knit stockings. 1900 C. Murray *Hamewith* 79 The auld wife's eident wheel gaes birr, The thrifty lasses shank wi' virr.

Shank-bone. The tibia of an animal.

a 1330 *Otuel* 796 Wiþ þe fal þe steede a noon, To-barst þat o sschanke bon. *a* 1552 Leland *Itin.* (1768) V. 65 A broken Shank Bone of a Horse. 1659 *Comenius' Gate Lang. Unlocked* Foundation T, They also played on flutes made of the shank-bones of Cranes. 1747 Mas. Glasse *Cookery* 24 Take off the Skin..and the Shank Bone with it at the End [of a shoulder of mutton]. 1867 Baker *Nile Tribut.* ix. (1872) 150, I took a good drink through my gazelle shank-bone.

Shanked (ʃæŋkt), *a.* [f. Shank *sb.* and *v.* + -ed.] a. Furnished with, or having a shank or shanks (in any sense).

1593 G. Harvey *Pierce's Super.* 74 His art [was] shanked like a lath. 1600 Surflet *Country Farm* III. xxviii. 486 The best of all the rest, is the short shanked apple. 1676 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 1057/4 Lost.., one single Rose Diamond set in a Ring close shank. 1683 Moxon *Mech. Exerc., Printing* xxiv. P 7 To large Paper he chuses Short Shanked Points, and to small Paper Long Shanked Points. 1904 H. G. Wells *Food of Gods* I. ii. 53 Industrious research discovered..three shanked buttons entire.

b. [f. Shank *v.* 2.] Affected with shanking.

1882 *Garden* 3 June 388/3, I completely got rid of shanked berries. 1901 *Gard. Chron.* 16 Mar. 175/2 We could never get a crop of Black Hamburgh Grapes without some shanked bunches.

Shanker (ʃæ·ŋkəɹ). [f. Shank *sb.* and *v.* + -er¹.]

†1. *nonce-use.* A shank-bone. *Obs.*

1622 Mabbe tr. *Aleman's Guzman d'Alf.* I. 148 It was my hap to meet with the shanke-bone [orig. Sp. *cañilla*] of a Heyfer..and presently..I had lapt vp my Shanker [orig. Sp. *cancarron*] in the Paste that remained.

2. *Sc.* One who 'shanks' or knits stockings.

1636 *List Inhab. Aberdeen* in *Scot. N. & Q.* July (1893) 21 Elspet Torrie. Shanker. 1802 Sibbald *Chron. S. P.* IV. Gloss., *Schankers*, the women who knit them [stockings].

3. One who makes, forms or finishes the shanks of nails, buttons, etc.

1881 *Instr. Census Clerks* (1885) 76 Button maker... Shanker. *Ibid.* 91 Nail manufacture...Wrought nail: Maker. Shanker...Header. Pointer.

4. *Sc.* One who sinks shafts.

1882 *Jamieson's Sc. Dict., Shanker*,..a sinker of shafts; as, 'a well-shanker, a pit-shanker,' West of S[cotland]. 1887 P. McNeill *Blawearie* 46 Some shankers, who had been engaged sinking the sump at the bottom of the shaft a little deeper.

Shanker, obs. form of Chancre.

Shanking (ʃæ·ŋkiŋ), *vbl sb.* [f. Shank *v.* + -ing¹.]

1. (See quot. 1846. Cf. Shank *v.* 2.)

1842 Loudon *Suburban Hort.* 462 That shanking (shrivelling) may not be induced in the berries. 1846 G. W. Johnson *Dict. Mod. Gard.* 593 *Shanking* is the technical term for a gangrene which attacks the footstalks of grapes and the stems of cabbages which have vegetated through the winter.

2. The action or process of using the pliers called shanks: see Shank *sb.* 7 c.

1850 [see Nibbling *vbl. sb.* a].

3. The process of making tobacco-pipe-shanks. In quots. *attrib.*

1688 Holme *Armoury* III. xxii. (Roxb.) 271/2 A Shanking or smoothing board..is that on which their clay is rolled to the length of their shankes. *Ibid.* 272/1 A Shanking Wyer ..is onely a plaine smooth wyer, by which the hole is made through the pipe Shank. *Ibid.*, A Pen knife, or a Shanking knife. *Ibid.*, The third is a Shanking toole.

Shannachie, variant of Sennachie.

Shannon (ʃæ·nən). An artificial salmon fly used on the river Shannon in Ireland. In full *Shannon fly.*

1867 F. Francis *Angling* xii. 357 The large heavy-water Shannon flies are very showy affairs. 1872 *Ibid.* xiii. (ed. 3) 393 The Shannon...Tag, gold tinsel and lemon-yellow floss.

Shanny (ʃæ·ni), *sb.* Also (in Dicts.) **shaning.** [Related to the synonymous Shan.] The smooth blenny, *Blennius pholis*. Also applied to several fishes of the genus *Chasmodes* of Eastern North America.

1836 Yarrell *Brit. Fishes* I. 230 The Shanny or Smooth Shan. 1873 T. Gill *Catal. Fishes East N. Amer.* 20 *Chasmodes Bosc*ianus...Bosc's shanny. *Chasmodes quadrifasciatus*...Four-banded shanny. *Chasmodes novemlineatus*. ..Nine-lined shanny. 1878 T. Cornish in *Zoologist* Ser. III. II. 423 Smooth Shanny.

Shanny (ʃæ·ni), *a. dial.* Bashful, shy.

1821 Clare *Vill. Minstr.* I. 32 Downcast eye, and blush of shanny lass. 1890 *Cassell's Fam. Mag.* Dec. 23 All sweethearts are shanny.

Shanny, variant of Shandy *a. dial.*

Shanscrit(t)a, obs. forms of Sanskrit.

Shant (ʃænt). *slang.* [Cf. Shanty *sb.*³] A quart, a pot; a pot of drink.

1851 Mayhew *Lond. Labour* I. 218 They have a 'shant of gatter' (pot of beer) at the nearest 'boozing ken'. 1864 *Hotten's Slang Dict.* 225 *Shant*, a pot or quart. 'Shant of bivy' a quart of beer. 1893 P. H. Emerson *Signor Lippo* v. 13 To show you mean it stand a couple of shants of bevarly to square the boys.

Shan't, sha'n't (ʃānt). A colloq. contraction of *shall not*: see Shall *v.* A. 6 b. Also used *subst.*

1850 Smedley *Frank Fairlegh* vi, A sulky, half-muttered 'shan't was the only reply. 1887 Baring-Gould *Gaverocks* xxxiii, 'Hoity toity!' exclaimed Madam. 'No cant's and shan'ts with me. What I have settled shall be.'

Shantrews (ʃantrū·z). *Sc.* Also 9 **shawintrewse, shantreus.** [? Gael. *sean-triubhas*, old trousers.] The name of a Highland tune and dance.

1807 Tannahill *Poems, Kebbuckston Wedding* (1846) 139 Sauney M'Nab..Has hecht to..gi'e us three wallops of merry shan trews, With the true Highland fling of Machrimmon the piper. 1881 *Antobiog. J. Younger* viii. 71, I was then allowed..to skip over the old barn floor at shantrews.

Shantung (ʃæntʊ·ŋ). [f. the name of a province of North-east China where it is manufactured.] A soft undressed Chinese silk (formerly undyed, since 1907 dyed to any shade of colour).

1882 Caulfeild & Saward *Dict. Needlework* 445 *Shantung Pongee Silk*..is a soft undyed, and undressed Chinese washing silk, and much resembles the Indian goods of the same character; but is somewhat duller in colour. 1895 *Stores' Price List* 15 Sept. 1093/1 Coloured silks...Shantung Pongee, in pieces of about 19 yards. 1908 *Daily Graphic* 21 Mar. 13/1 The hat..might be made of Shantung to match the mantelet.

Shanty (ʃæ·nti), *sb.*¹ Also **shantie, shantee.** [Prob. corruptly a. F. *chantier* (see Chantier) used in Canada in the senses: 'an establishment regularly organized in the forests in winter for the felling of trees; the head-quarters at which the woodcutters assemble after their day's work' (Clapin, *Dict. Canad.-Fr.*, 1894).

See 1 c below; it is uncertain whether this is a survival of the original sense, or a late specific application suggested by the Fr. word. It may be further remarked that *shantyman*, a lumbermbo, is precisely synonymous with *homme de chantier* (Dunn, *Gloss. Franco-Canad.*, 1880, p. 38.]

1. Chiefly *U.S.* and *Canada.* A small, mean, roughly constructed dwelling; a cabin, a hut.

1820 Z. Hawley *Tour* (1822) 31 (Thornton *Amer. Gloss.*), [These people (in Ohio)] lived in what is here called a shanty. This is a hovel of about 10 feet by 8, made somewhat in the form of an ordinary cow-house. 1827 J. F. Cooper *Prairie* II. xvi. 256, I offer you, as my side of the business, one half of my shanty. 1830 Galt *Lawrie T.* III. ii. I. 191 Our shanty was completed in good time before the evening. [The scene is Canadian.] 1832 [Mrs. Traill] *Backwoods of Canada* vi. (1836) 93 The shanty is a sort of primitive hut in Canadian architecture, and is nothing more than a shed built of logs. 1836 *Crockett's Exploits in Texas* i. (1837) 4 When we entered the shantee, Job was busy dealing out his rum..,and I called for a quart of the best. 1842 Mrs. Kirkland *Forest Life* I. 173 Not a few lounged around the wide door of a temporary building or 'shanty', as we say, erected for the refreshment of the guests. 1853 Kane *Grinnell Exp.* xxvii. (1856) 224 And driving, like the shanty on a raft, before a howling gale. 1871 Alabaster *Wheel of Law* 254 They pass the temples,..and then village after village of poor-looking hamboo shanties. 1891 'J. S. Winter' *Lumley* I, It's on the Essex coast just a rambling old farm-house standing rather high..; it's just in fact, a picturesque shanty.

b. *transf.* and *fig.*

1841-44 Emerson *Ess., Nature* Wks. (Bohn) I. 226 He has delineated estates of romance, compared with which their actual possessions are shanties and paddocks. 1851 H. Melville in J. Hawthorne *N. Hawthorne & Wife* (1885) I. 399, I have been building some shanties of houses..and likewise some shanties of chapters and essays.

attrib. 1888 Dk. Argyll *New Brit. Constit.* 98 One of the group of men who have been building a shanty-constitution for us to replace the spacious palaces of our ancient laws.

c. = Canadian Fr. *chantier* (see the etymology). See the comb. *shanty-gang, -team, shantyman* (3 below).

1876 D. Wilson in *Encycl. Brit.* IV. 774/1 Lumber shanties are constructed capable of accommodating from 25 to 50 men.

2. *Australia.* A public-house, esp. unlicensed; a 'sly-grog shop'.

1864 J. Rogers *New Rush* II. 52 The Keepers of the stores and shanties grieve. 1902 H. Lawson *Childr. of Bush* 209 They got up a darnse at Peter Anderson's shanty acrost the ridges.

3. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as (sense 1) *shanty-cook, hovel*; (sense 1 c.) *shanty-gang, -team*; (sense 2) *shanty-bar, -keeper, liquor*; **shanty-boat**, a kind of house-boat used by lumbermen; **shanty-cake**, a cake baked on or in hot ashes; **shantyman**, a lumberman.

1902 H. Lawson *Childr. of Bush* 240 What damned fools we'd been throwing away our money over *shanty bars. 1880 N. H. Bishop *Four Months in Sneak-Box* iv. 58 *Shanty-boats..are sometimes called, and justly too, family boats. *Ibid.* 59 The *shanty-boatman looks to the river not only for his life, but also for the means of making that life pleasant. 1897 *Outing* XXIX. 368/1 We were joined by a very small boy from a shanty-boat. 1847 *Knickerb. Mag.* XXXI. 223 (Thornton *Amer. Gloss.*), The backwoodsman [must have] his 'chicken-fixins' and '*shanty-cake'. 1876 D. Wilson in *Encycl. Brit.* IV. 774/1 (*Canada*), The *shanty-cook is an important member of the little community. 1894 *Outing* XXIV. 94/2 We came along just as a *shanty gang had turned a drive of square timber out of the branch [of the river]. 1862 Dicay *Federal St.* (1863) II. 46 Miserable wooden *shanty hovels. 1875 Wood & Lapham *Waiting for Mail* 45 Mrs. Smith was a *shanty-keeper's wife. 1886 H. C. Kendall *Poems* 209 He'll..swig at *shanty liquors. 1858 Simmonds *Dict. Trade*, **Shantyman*, a lumberer or wood cutter; one who lives in a shanty. 1893 *Scribner's Mag.* June 702/2 The typical

shantyman works only fitfully in summer. 1878 *Lumberman's Gaz.* 6 Apr., The last of the 'shanty-teams of the season have about gone through here on their way home.

Shanty (ʃæ·nti), *sb.*[2] Also **chant(e)y**. [Said to be a corruption of F. *chantez* imper. of *chanter* to sing.] A sailor's song, esp. one sung during heavy work.

1869 *Chamb. Jrnl.* 11 Dec. 794 (*Article*) Sailors' Shanties and Sea-Songs. 1883 Clark Russell *Sailors' Lang.* Pref. 11 So the same 'chantey', as the windlass or halliard chorus is called, furnishes the music to as many various indignant remonstrances as Jack can find injuries to sing about. 1885 Runciman *Skippers & Sh.* 93 He began to try singing shanties. 1896 Kipling *Seven Seas, Last Chantey* 40 May we lift a Deepsea Chantey such as seamen use at sea?

attrib. 1876 C. D. Warner *Winter on Nile* xi. 153 The 'shanty man' the English sailors call their leader from the French *chanter*. 1890 Henley *Views & Rev., Lit.* 153 The melancholy song of the chanty-men.

Sha·nty, *a. Obs.* exc. *dial.* Forms: 7 **shante, shauntee,** 9 **shantee, shaunty, shawnty,** 8– **shanty.** [a. F. *gentil* (ʒɑ̃ti): see Genteel, Jaunty *adjs.*] Showy, smart.

1685 Crowne *Sir C. Nice* Epil., Each Shante Spark, that can the Fashion hit. *c* 1730 J. Haynes *Dorsct Voc.* in *N. & Q.* Ser. VI. VIII. 45/1 *Shanty-man,* genteel man. 1737 R. Drury *Rival Milliners* II. xiii, Where is the gay, engaging, shanty Mien? *a* 1800 J. Warton *Fashion* 79 'Tis thine for sleeves to teach the shantiest cuts. 1811 Willan *Words W. Riding Yorksh.* in *Archæologia* XVII. 157 *Shantee,* or *Shanty,* gay, showy. 1824 [Carr] *Craven Gloss., Shanty,* smart, flanting. 1895 *E. Angl. Gloss., Shaunty,* showy, flashy, affecting to be tasteful in apparel or ornament.

Shanty (ʃæ·nti), *v.* [f. Shanty *sb.*[1]]

1. *intr.* To live in a shanty or temporary log hut. Hence **Sha·ntying** *vbl. sb.* (in quot. *attrib.*)

1840 C. F. Hoffman *Greyslaer* I. v. 97 You see..the comfort to a man—who shanties out as much as I do—of having a home all fixed and ready for you. 1857 S. H. Hammond *Wild Northern Sc.* 197 (Bartlett 1860), Mark Shuff and a friend of his, who were trapping, shantied on the outlet, just at the foot of Tupper's Lake. *Ibid.* 212 (ibid.), When we got back to our shantying ground we were tuckered out, as you may believe.

2. *Austral.* 'To visit a grog-shanty habitually; drink frequently or habitually at a public-house' (*Cent. Dict. Suppl.* 1909).

1888 'R. Boldrewood' *Robbery under Arms* iii, I was put out at his laying it down so about the Dalys and us shantying and gaffing.

Shap (ʃæp). [a. F. *chape* in the same sense (Littré *Suppl.*).] (See quot. 1904.)

1882 Caulfeild & Saward *Dict. Needlework* 445 *Shap-faced,* a term employed to denote that the plush or velvet cloth is faced with the short ends of waste silk. 1904 *N. & Q.* Ser. x. I. 307/2 Foulard is not made of silk proper, but of a certain refuse-part of the cocoon known as 'shap'.

Shap, obs. Sc. form of Shop.

Shapable, variant of Shapeable.

† Sha·pand. *Obs. rare*—[1]. Also 4 **schaphand.** [pres. pple. of Shape *v.*; cf. Sheppend.] One who 'shapes' or predetermines: said of the Fates.

1303 R. Brunne *Handl. Synne* 572 Ʒyf þou trowest..þat þre sustren ben shapandys [*v. r.* schaphandys], And comen here þe chylde ys bore, And shapyn hyt wele or euel before.

Shape (ʃēip). *sb.* Forms: 1 **ʒescap, ʒesceap,** 2–6 **schap,** 3 **scap(p, scape, scheap,** 3 (*Ormin*), 5 **shapp,** 3–6 **schape,** 3–7, 9 *dial.* **shap,** 4–6 **schapp(e,** 4–7 **shappe,** (5 **chap**), 5–7 **schaip,** 6 **scheaip, scheap,** 3– **shape.** [repr. OE. *gesceap* neut., creation, creature; make, structure, natural character; form, figure, configuration; pudendum (in this sense also *sceap* neut.); also decree, destiny; f. Teut. root **skap-*: see Shape *v.* Cf. OS. *giskap,* only pl. *giskapu* creatures, also ordinances, decrees (of God), ON. *skap* neut., state, condition; pl. fate, destiny, also, with suffixed article *skǫp-in* the genitals.

The OE. word is normally represented by the dial. form *shap*; the form *shape* (with lengthened vowel due to the influence of Shape *v.*) did not become common till the 15th c., though occasional examples, perh. due to inflexion, are found early in the 13th c.]

1. External form or contour; that quality of a material object (or geometrical figure) which depends on constant relations of position and proportionate distance among all the points composing its outline or its external surface; a particular variety of this quality.

c 1050 *Suppl. Ælfric's Gloss.* in Wr.-Wülcker 179/26 *Volubile scema,* sinewealt ʒesceap. *c* 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 99 Ac on þe holi fleis hileueð þe shap and hiu, and smul of ouelete. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 370 Al scaples was [þe matere] noght for-þi þat it o scap ne had parti. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Knt.'s T.* 1031 Round was the shap, in manere of compass. *a* 1425 tr. *Arderne's Treat. Fistula,* etc. (1910) 9 'Siringa' is an holow instrument by þe middel, and it ow to be made of the shappe as it is peynted here. 1560 Daus tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* 25 An Appell of Golde, representynge the shape of the rounde worlde. 1611 Shaks. *Cymb.* IV. ii. 309, I know the shape of 's Legge. 1710 J. Clarke tr. *Rohault's Nat. Philos.* (1729) I. 145 A Glass of the common Shape. 1860 Tyndall *Glac.* II. xxii. 346 By pressure ice can be moulded to any shape. 1896 Wells *Wheels of Chance* xxxvii. 284 The clerical person on the tricycle assumed the shape of a note of interrogation. *Mod.* All circles have the same shape; ellipses have different shapes.

b. *To keep in shape*: to secure from change of shape. *Out of shape*: changed from its proper shape.

1696 J. F. *Merch. Wareho. laid open* 6 English Canvas.. will not retch, nor let Stays out of shape. 1834 J. Forbes *Lacnnec's Dis. Chest* (ed. 4) 5 A cylinder of paper, formed of three quires, compactly rolled together, and kept in shape by paste.

c. The contour or outlines of the trunk of the body.

c 1393 Chaucer *Scogan* 31 On alle hem that ben hore and round of schap. *c* 1450 Holland *Howlat* 68, I se be my schadowe my schape has the wyte. 1702 tr. *Le Clerc's Prim. Fathers* 102 It's said that he was a Man of large Shape. 1753 A. Murphy *Gray's Inn Jrnl.* No. 53 You may meet a Lady To-day with an elegant Shape, fine by Degrees and delicately less. 1805–6 Cary *Dante, Inf.* xx. 114 That other, round the loins So slender of his shape, was Michael Scot. 1855 Tennyson *Maud* I. x. 29 Maud could be gracious too, no doubt To a lord, a captain, a padded shape.

d. Impressed or represented form; a picture, image. *Obs.* exc. *dial.* (see *Eng. Dial. Dict.*).

c 1400 Maundev. (1839) viii. 96 There schewethe the schapp of his left Foot, in the Ston. *a* 1578 Lindesay (Pitscottie) *Chron. Scot.* (S.T.S.) I. 252 Quhair ye sall find the schap of the kingis schipe and hir pictour. 1600 Shaks. *Sonn.* xxiv, Mine eyes haue drawne thy shape, 1649 Milton *Eikon.* 218 An ill Painter by writing on the shapeless Picture which he hath drawn, is fain to tell passengers what shape it is.

† e. In certain Biblical expressions, used for *form* (= L. *forma,* Gr. μορφή). Also, used for *form* in philosophical sense. *Obs.*

1362 Langl. *P. Pl. A.* x. 32 Bote Mon is him Most lyk of Marke and of schap. ? 1380 *Lay Folks Catech.* (L.) 943 His lord þat is his maker and made hym thorwe his kendnesse lyk to hym-self in schap. 1526 Tindale *Rom.* xii. 2 But be ye chaunged in youre shape [μεταμορφοῦσθε], by the renuynge of youre wittes. 1551 T. Wilson *Logic* II. Lvij, Whan the shappe or fourme is made: theffect or thyng doen may folow: take awaie the shape, & the vse also is taken awaye. 1587 Golding *De Mornay* viii. 111 In asmuch as the essentiall shape of man [orig. *la forme essentielle de l'homme*] is to acknowledge a certeine Godhead [etc.].

† 2. The make or cut of a garment. [Cf. Shape *v.*] *Obs.* as specific sense.

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 424 Hore weaden beon of swuche scheape, & alle hore aturn swuch þet hit beo eðcene hwarto heo beoð i-turnde. 1380 *Lay Folks Catech.* (L.) 1221 Ne worschipe not men for here fayre cloþes, ne for here qweynte schappis, þat sum men usen. *c* 1440 *York Myst.* xxix. 364 Lo, here a shrowde for a shrewe, and of shene shappe!

† b. Fashion of dress. *Obs.*

a 1425 *Brut* II. 296 Þey ordeyned and chaungyd ham euery ʒere diuers schappis of disgy[se]ngez of cloping. *c* 1449 Pecock *Repr.* v. xii. 548 Oon schap of outward habit (namelich such a schap which is rather foul than gay).

† 3. The manner in which a thing is fashioned (by nature or art); make, structure, arrangement of parts; visible aspect. *Obs.*

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 23659 Efter þat þe dome be ginen þe werld..sal haue a scape al neu. 1340 Hampole *Pr. Consc.* 4893 Þe shappe of þe world sal for-done be. *c* 1400 Maundev. (1839) xxvi. 269 Sum men seyn, that thei han the Body upward as an Egle, and benethe as a Lyoun: and treuly thei seyn sothe, that thei ben of that schapp. *a* 1500 *Adrian & Epotys* 138 in *Brome-bk.* 29 On the Fryday god made Adam After hys chap he ʒaffe hym name. *a* 1700 Evelyn *Diary* 27 Aug. 1666, The shape of what stood was very meane.

† b. Form, order and arrangement (of words, etc.); course, order (of a story). *Obs.*

c 1350 *Will. Palerne* 1160 But schortly for to telle þe schap of þis tale, þe duk hade þe douʒtiere men. 1357 *Lay Folks Catech.* (T.) 284 Ane is right saying and shap of wordes That him augh to sai, that gyffes this sacrement.

† 4. The appearance of a human or animal body or its parts, (often, of the general form as distinguished from the face) considered as beautiful or the contrary. *Obs.*

a 1000 *Cædmon's Gen.* 503 (Gr.) Þin lichoma leohtra micle, þin ʒesceapu scenra. *a* 1225 *Juliana* 20 As he biheold ant iseh..hire leofliche schape He sikede as þing þat sare were iwundet. *c* 1330 R. Brunne *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 7312 þe kyng byheld þyse bachelers Were faire of schap, & face clers. *c* 1381 Chaucer *Parl. Foules* 373 A formele egle of shap the gentilleste. 1471 Caxton *Recuyell* (Sommer) II. 542 Palamydes..was of ryght fayr shapp. 1565 J. Phillip *Patient Grissell* 1927 (Malone Soc.) Her comly shape Nature hath framd aright. *a* 1605 Montgomerie *Misc. Poems* xxxii. 50, I thank my God I shame not of my shap. 1700 T. Brown *Amusem. Ser. & Com.* 49 Hither come the Country Gentlemen to shew their Shapes. 1734 tr. *Rollin's Rom. Hist.* (1827) II. 245 His daughter who was of a majestic shape.

† b. Excellence of form; beauty: = L. *forma.*

1382 Wyclif *Isa.* liii. 3 Ther is not shap to hym, ne fairnesse. *c* 1450 *Mirour Saluacioun* (1888) 144 Beutee and shappe with out deformytee. *a* 1535 More *Fortune* 43 in *Songs, Carols,* etc. (1907) 73 Thow þat arte prowde of honour, shape or kyne.

c. colloq. or slang. *Show your shapes*: come into view. See also quots. *a* 1700 and 1785.

a 1700 B. E. *Dict. Cant. Crew, Show your Shapes,* turn about, march off. 1785 Grose *Dict. Vulgar T.* s.v., To shew one's shapes; to be stript, or made peel at the whipping post. 1828 Scott *F. M. Perth* ii, Step forward, I say, and show us thy shapes, man.

d. *slang.* (See quots.) ? *Obs.*

a 1700 B. E. *Dict. Cant. Crew, Shapes,* said (often) to an ill-made Man. 1735 Dyche & Pardon *Dict., Shapes,* a Cant Name for a nice finikin Lass that goes extream tightly laced; also of an ill-made, irregular Lump of Flesh, &c.

† e. An empty fop, a dandy. *Obs.*

1688 Shadwell *Sqr. Alsatia* IV. i, The most silly beau and shape about the town.

5. The visible form or appearance characteristic of a particular person or thing, or of a particular species of animate or supernatural beings.

a 1000 in Cockayne *Narratiunculæ* (1861) 36 Hi beoð oð ðene nafolan on menniscum ʒesceape. 13.. *Cursor M.* 17915 (Gött.), I sau apon his licam light In schap of doune þe haligast. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xxxii. (*Justin*) 382 The feynde..þe schape of a ʒung man tuk. *c* 1400 *Rom. Rose* 6320 For Protheus that cowde hym chaunge In euery shap homely and straunge. 1474 Caxton *Chesse* III. i. (1883) 76 In the forme & shappe of a man holdynge in his ryght hande [etc.]. 1535 Coverdale *Dan.* iv. 36, I was restored to the honoure of my kingdome, to my dignite, and to myne owne shappe agayne. 1602 Shaks. *Ham.* I. iv. 43 Thou com'st in such a questionable shape That I will speake to thee. 1727 De Foe *Hist. Appar.* i. (1840) 9 So even in Paradise the Devil assumed a shape. 1833–42 Tennyson *To* — 19 Not for this Was common clay..temper'd with the tears Of angels to the perfect shape of man. 1910 Hiath in *Encycl. Brit.* VI. 191/2 The heroes of their accounts appear in shapes somewhat resembling human beings rather than as gods and demigods.

fig. 1642 Fuller *Holy & Prof. St.* II. xvi. 111 No wonder if his scholars hate the Muses, being presented unto them in the shapes of fiends and furies.

† b. Species, kind (of animate beings). *Obs.*

c 1400 Maundev. (1839) Prol. 4 Where dwellen many dyverse Folkes..and of dyverse Schappes of Men. *c* 1475 *Hunt. Hare* 38 Jac of the Bregge and Wylle of the Gappe, Thei have dogges of thei olde schappe.

6. *concr.* **† a.** A creature. *Obs.*

a 1000 *Elene* 789 (Gr.) Swa ic þe, weroda weard..þurʒ þæt beorhte ʒesceap biddan wille þæt [etc.]. *a* 1400 *R. Brunne's Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 8050 Y ne wiste neuere, ne y ne herde, What maner wyght [*Petyt MS.* schap] wyþ me so ferde.

b. A person's body considered with regard to its appearance.

1601 B. Jonson *Poetaster* v. i. 13 You both haue vertues, shining through your shapes. 1617 Muræ *Misc. Poems* xviii. 1 Thou, thou, quhose lovelie schaip, of all admyr'de, In robs most rich a richer spreit attyrd. 1812 Shellev *Devil's Walk* xxiv, A statesman passed—alone to him, The Devil dare his whole shape uncover. 1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* I. VI. iii, Shapes rawboned, in high sabots.

c. An imaginary, spectral, or ethereal form; a phantom. Now *rare.*

1591 Shaks. *Two Gent.* IV. ii. 131 To worship shadowes, and adore false shapes. 1610 Beaum. & Fl. *Philaster* I. i, He..diues into my fancy, and there giues me shapes that kneele and doe me seruice, crie me king. 1667 Milton *P. L.* II. 649 Before the Gates there sat On either side a formidable shape. 1798 Coleridge *Wand. Cain* 110 And the Shape shrieked, and turned round, and Cain beheld him. 1820 Shelley *Prometh. Unb.* III. i. 51 Awful shape, what art thou? Speak! 1859 FitzGerald *Omar* xlii, And lately by the Tavern Door agape, Came stealing through the Dusk an Angel Shape.

fig. 1734 Watts *Reliq. Juv.* (1789) 150 Minds released from flesh..may smile at some of the fooleries and airy shapes of reason which we hug and embrace. *c* 1806 Worosw. *Poems Sentim., Charac. Happy Warrior* 72 Whom neither shape of danger can dismay, Nor thought of tender happiness betray.

d. A figure dimly or uncertainly perceived.

1834 Whittier *Mogg Megone* 477 He hears quick footsteps—a shape flits by. 1847 C. Bronte *Jane Eyre* xxxvii, That narrow front-door was unclosing, and some shape was about to issue from the grange.

7. Assumed appearance, guise, disguise.

1594 Shaks. *Rich. III,* II. ii. 27 Ah! that Deceit should steale such gentle shape. 1616 B. Jonson *Devil an Ass* v. iii. 18 My cossen has knowne These gallants in these shapes. *Eve.* T'haue don strange things, Sir. One as the Lady, the other as the Squire. 1667 Milton *P. L.* x. 495 The brute Serpent in whose shape Man I deceav'd. 1726 W. Penn in *Life* Wks. I. 138 There are but Goats and Sheep at last, whatever Shapes we wear here. 1839 Lane *Arab. Nts.* I. 117 A devil named Sakhr, came to her in the shape of Solomon.

8. *Theatr.* **† a.** A part, a character impersonated; the make-up and costume suited to a particular part. *Obs.* **b.** A stage dress or suit of clothes.

1603 Dekker *Magnif. Entert. K. Jas.* (1604) H 4, The foure Elements, in proper shapes, (artificially and aptly expressing their qualities). 1623 Massinger *Bondman* v. iii, Consider This Persian shape laid by, and she appearing In a Greekish dresse,..If she resemble not Pisanders sister? 1661 Pepys *Diary* 7 Jan., Kinaston, the boy, had the good turn to appear in three shapes: first as a poor woman in ordinary clothes..; then [etc.]. 1886 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 19 July 2/1 Some want money to bring them up to town; some borrow to supply the *addenda* to a wardrobe—such as shapes, shoes, and wigs.

9. One of the forms or diversities of appearance, structure, or properties, in which a thing may exist.

1667 Milton *P. L.* xi. 467 Death thou hast seen In his first shape on man. 1727 De Foe *Syst. Magic* I. iii. (1840) 69 The new magic coming thus in play, let us see..in what shapes it began to appear. 1771–2 Cowper *Olney Hymns* III. xviii, Dangers of ev'ry shape and name Attend the followers of the Lamb. 1800 *Med. Jrnl.* IV. 324 An atony of the uterus, or an irregularity of contraction of the muscular fibres, assuming various shapes. 1842 T. J. Arnold *Schiller's Lied von der Glocke* (1846) Pref. 5 The following translation, in its original shape, was published in Germany. 1871 Freeman *Norm. Conq.* (1876) IV. xvii. 51 They were familiar with the thing in all manner of shapes.

b. The phrase *In any (no) shape (or form)* is often loosely used for: In any (no) manner, (not) at all.

1751 Hollis in *Lett. Lit. Men* (Camden) 381 If you will please to inform me how I may be useful to you in any shape. 1818 Scott *Br. Lamm.* xxi, The Lord Keeper resolved that he would do nothing to commit himself, either in one shape

or other. 1825 — *Betrothed* xxviii, I am in no shape worthy of your farther care.

10. *In the shape of*: a. Represented by, embodied in (a person or thing).

1750 GRAY *Long Story* 41 Fame, in the shape of Mr. Purt, ..Had told, that [etc.]. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* II. II. ii, We there saw Military Rule, in the shape of poor Besenval.

b. Of the nature of.

1754 H. WALPOLE *Let. to Mann* 23 May, There is nothing else in the shape of news but small-pox and miliary fevers. 1863 W. C. BALDWIN *Afr. Hunting* iii. 90, I had nothing in the shape of food. 1871 L. STEPHEN *Playgr. Eur.* (1894) ii. 67, I love everything in the shape of a mountain.

c. In the form of, existing or presenting itself as.

[1822 LAMB *Elia* Ser. II. *Thoughts on Books*, I can read anything which I call *a book*. There are things in that shape which I cannot allow for such.] 1823 SCOTT *Quentin D.* xii, I pique nat myself upon managing steel in any other shape than that of a razor. 1835 T. MITCHELL *Acharn. of Aristoph.* I *note*, To gain admission even into this place, it was necessary for the anapæst to present itself in an unbroken form, or..in the shape of a preposition with its case immediately following. 1880 C. R. MARKHAM *Peruv. Bark* 272, I made an earnest appeal for recognition of his services in the shape of a small pension.

11. Definite, regular or proper form; orderly arrangement. Phr. *to take shape*; *to put into shape*.

1633 FORD *Loves Sacrif.* III. ii, I am so busie with his friuolous proiect, and can bring it to no shape, that it almost confounds my capacity. 1756 EARL OF HOLDERNESSE in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. II. IV. 390 Things begin to take a shape. 1820 SHELLEY *Witch of Atlas* iv, Since in that cave a dewy splendour hidden Took shape and motion. 1884 CHURCH *Bacon* ix. 220 He was quite as much a talker as a writer, and beat out his thoughts into shape in talking. 1893 *Law Times* XCV. 26/1 It is high time that this branch of the law should be thrown into statutory shape.

†**12.** An attitude (in the manege, dancing, etc.).

1576 GASCOIGNE *Grief of Joy* IV. xxxix. Wks. 1910 II. 555 Nor he that vaults, or gambolds best in shape, Can coome abowt (yet) nymbly lyke an Ape. 1602 SHAKS. *Ham.* IV. vii. 90, I in forgery of shapes and trickes, Come short of what he did. *punningly*. 1634 FORD *Perk. Warbeck* II. iii, [A tailor says:] For fashioning of shapes, and cutting a crosse-caper turne me off to my trade againe.

13. *Sporting*. Condition with respect to efficiency; 'form.'

1901 *Scotsman* 4 Sept. 7/5 She [a yacht] seems in a worse shape than at the beginning of the season.

14. *concr.* in technical uses. a. *Cookery*. A mould for forming jelly, blanc-mange, etc., into a particular shape; a portion of jelly, blanc-mange, etc. moulded into an ornamental shape.

1769 Mrs. RAFFALD *Engl. Housekpr.* (1778) 201 You must not put the shapes on the jelly till you are going to send it to the table. 1850 SURTEES *Sponge's Sp. Tour* lix. (1853) 340 She had just stolen a shape of blanc-mange. 1889 BARING-GOULD *Arminell* xliv, The puddings were ground rice mould, 'shape' Mrs. Welsh called it, rice milk [etc.].

b. *Millinery*. The body of a straw bonnet or woman's hat or cap previous to trimming.

1881 *Milliner & Dressmaker* Feb. 15/1 First-class milliners prefer to cover their own shapes with plush.

c. A portion of material cut or moulded so as to have a particular shape; *spec.* a piece of rolled or hammered iron of cross-section differing from that of merchant bar; also (see quot. 1875).

1845 Mrs. M. J. HOWELL *Hand-bk. Dress-making* 71 Before the velvet is cut out in shapes, a thin paper should be gummed at the back. 1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech., Shape*, a piece of metal roughed out as nearly as may be to the shape it will assume when finally forged and finished.

d. *Naut.* A cone, ball, or drum of metal or canvas used in signalling.

1879 in Nares *Seamanship* (ed. 6) 100 Three black balls or shapes; each two feet in diameter.

† **II. 15.** What is decreed. *Obs.*

Beowulf 3084 (Gr.) Wicum wunian oð woruldende, healdon heah ȝesceap. *a* 1000 *Riddles* xl. 24 (Gr.) Long is to secganne, hu hyre ealdorȝesceaft æfter gongeð, woh wyrda ȝesceapu. 1338 R. BRUNNE *Chron.* (1725) 101 Of Godes ordinance he forsoke þe schap. *a* 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 180 Sen it is sett to be soo & slipe it ne may, Ne schewid to be na noþire schap.

III. 16. The sexual organs; the distinctive organ of either sex. Now *dial.* in narrower sense, 'the private parts of a female' (*Eng. Dial. Dict.*).

a 1000 in *Anglia* (1888) XI. 2 Þær he on his sceape locode & his to bismere hloh. *c* 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 153 Et þe schape þe douel smuȝeð in derneliche hwenne hit bið ȝaru to galiche deden. *c* 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 67 Þi shape dide þat hit ne sholde. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Pars. T.* P 423 Allas I somme of hem shewen the boce of hir shap. *c* 1450 *Mirk's Festial* 35 But as sone as þay haden synned, þay seen hor schappe, and wern aschamet þerof, and hydden hit wyth leues of fygge-tre. *a* 1529 SKELTON *E. Rummyng* 507 Couer thy shap Wyth some flyp-flap. 1639 T. DE GRAY *Compl. Horsem.* 8 Let him cast the cold water upon her shape.

IV. 17. *Comb.*, as (sense 5) *shape-shifter*, *-shifting* adj. and sb., *-changing* adj.; (sense 14 b) *shape-coverer*; †**shape-like** *a.*, comely, fitting; †**shape mistress** (see quot.); †**shape-smith**, *jocular*, a corset-maker.

1621 G. SANDYS *Ovid's Met.* II. (1626) 21 Blew Gods the hillowes crown'd, *Shape-changing Proteus, Triton shrill. 1901 *Daily Chron.* 6 May 9/4 *Shape Coverer wanted for net work. 1672 WISEMAN *Treat. Wounds* I. 15 Be sure in your stitching; you bring the Artery and Vein to his wounded fellow, so shall you the likelyer secure your self, and make the work more *shape-like. 1820 J. CAULFIELD *Portraits* IV. 70 Mrs. Sarah Mapp..was called the bone-setter, or *shape mistress. 1887 A. LANG *Myth, Rit. & Relig.* II. 19 He was also, like Odin, a '*shape-shifter'. *Ibid.* I. 50 Belief in..Metamorphosis or '*shape shifting'. 1895 A. NUTT in Kuno Meyer *Voy. Bran* I. 211 We obtain a glimpse of the shape-shifting self-concealing powers of Tuatha De Danann. 1715 GARTH *Claremont* 98 Not yet..broad eyebrows were reduc'd by paste: No *shape-smith set up shop, and drove a trade To mend the work wise Providence had made.

Shape (ʃēp), *v.* Pa. t. **shaped** (ʃēpt); pa. pple. **shaped** (ʃēipt), *arch.* **shapen** (ʃē·p'n). Forms: *Inf.* and *pres.-stem*: *a.* 1 **sceppan, scyppan, 4 schippe**; *3rd pers. sing.* 3 **shuppieð**, (for-) **schuppeð**, 4 **scheppeð**, **ssepp.** *β.* 3 **ssape** (*3rd pers. sing.* **schapieð**), 4–5 **shappe**, 3– **shape.** *Pa. t. a. strong* 1 **sc(e)óp**, 3 **shop**, 4 **shoop**, 6 **shoope, schope**, 4–6 **shope**, *Sc.* **schupe**, 6 **showpe**; 4 **schep**; *β.* 3 **scupte, scopte, sipte**, 3–4 **schupte**; *γ.* 4 **schapit** (*Sc.*), **shapte, schapide**, 6– **shaped.** *Pa. pple. a.* 1 **sceapen, scepen**, 3 **shapenn** (*Orm.*), **isceapen, yssape**, 4 **shape, ischape, shappen**, 4– **shapen.** *β.* 3 (for-) **schupped**, 4– **schept.** *γ.* 3 **ischeaped**, 4 **yschaped**, 4– **shaped.** [A Com. Teut. str. verb, the original conjugation of which is found unaltered only in OE., OFris., OS., and Gothic, while in the other Teut. langs., and in Middle and Modern English, the primitive flexional forms have been more or less completely replaced by analogical new formations. OE. *scieppan, scóp, scapen* corresponds to OFris. **skeppa, skōp, eskepen* (WFris. *skeppe, skoep, skepen*), OS. **gisceppian, -scōp* (*scuop*), **-scapan*, Goth. *gaskapjan, -skōp, -skapan*: the sense in all these langs. is 'to create', occas. 'to fashion'. In early ME. a new pres.-stem *shape* was formed on the analogy of the pa. pple., and after the 14th c. completely took the place of the older *sheppe, shippe*. The str. pa. t. survived into the 14th c. (in Sc. still later), but in ME. two different weak formations are also found: *shupte* (ü) from the original present-stem, and *shapide* from the altered form *shape*. In the pa. pple. ME. similarly developed two distinct weak forms, of the types *schept* and *shaped*. From the 16th c. onwards, *shape* has been a 'regular' weak verb (pa. t. and pa. pple. *shaped*), though the pa. pple. *shapen* still survives in archaizing use. The verb has been influenced in sense-development by SHAPE *sb.*, of which it is apprehended as a derivative.

In continental Teut. the changes in conjugation were similar to those that took place in ME.; in addition, a cognate verb repr. an OTeut. type **skapōjan* became in some dialects coincident in form with the verb represented by the OE. and Gothic forms above. Further, German and Du. have from their earliest known periods had a verb meaning 'to draw water', identical in form (and perhaps in etymology) with the verb meaning 'to create'; in the older stages of those langs. all the conjugational varieties occur with both meanings, but subsequently the verb meaning 'to create' and that meaning 'to draw water' came to be distinguished throughout by difference of inflexion. The forms are as follows:—OFris. **skeppa, skōp, eskepen* to create, OS. *giscōp* pa. t., created, **skeppian* wk., to draw water; Du. *scheppen, achiep, geschapen* to create, *scheppen, schepte, geschept* to draw water; OHG. *scephen, scuof, giscaffan*, also *scaffan, scafta, gasheft* to create, to draw water, also *scaffōn* wk., to form; MHG. *schepfen, schepfte, geschepft*, also *schaffen, schuof, geschaffen*, and occas. *schaffen, schaffte, geschafft* to create, to do, to draw water; mod.G. *schöpfen, schöpfte, geschöpft* to draw water, earlier also to create (cf. *schöpfer* creator); *schaffen, schuf, geschaffen* to create; *schaffen, schaffte, geschafft* to do, procure; ON. *skepja, skōp* and *skapða, skapt-r*, also *skapa, skapaða, skapað-r* to shape, make, ordain; Sw. *skapa*, Da. *skabe* to create, make, shape.

The ultimate etymology is obscure. Some scholars have suggested that the original sense is 'to draw (water) from a source', and that the senses 'to create', 'to ordain' are developed from this. Others regard **skapjan* to draw water (which is related to OTeut. **skapo-*, OS. *scap*, OHG. *scaf*, mod.G. *schaff*, vessel, bucket) as a distinct word from **skapjan* to create, ordain. For other derivatives of the Teut. root **skap-* see SHAFT *sb.*[1], -SHIP; outside Teut. no cognates are known, unless the root **skap-* be an altered form of **skab-* (:—pre-Teut. **skabh-*): see SHAVE *v.*]

I. To create, fashion, form.

†**1.** *trans.* To create; in later use, to form, fashion (said of God or Nature).

From the beginning of the 14th c. there are indications that the verb in this use was sometimes apprehended as meaning 'to form, fashion, give shape to', and in the 16th c. the verb, though still used of God, would prob. have been regarded as corresponding to *formare*. In the 17th c. it was felt to be an inappropriate word to apply to God: cf. 'God makes, and the Tailor shapes' (Bulwer *Anthropom.* 256).

a 1000 *Cædmon's Gen.* 1278 (Gr.) Þa he Adam sceop. *c* 1200 ORMIN 11505, & sawle iss shapenn all off nohht, & hafeþþ þrinne mahhtess. *a* 1240 *Ureisun* in *O. E. Hom.* I. 189 His hwas dohter þu art, his þat wrahte and walt þat ischapen [203 ischeapen] is. *c* 1300 *Harrow. Hell* 196 (Harl. MS.) Habraham..þou seidest..þat mi leue moder wes boren & shaped of þi fleyhs. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Clerk's T.* 847 Hir fader.. Curseth the day and tyme that nature Shoop him to been a lyves creature. *c* 1460 *Towneley Myst.* ii. 174 God that shope both erth and heuen, I pray to the thou here my steven. 1539 BIBLE (Great) *Ps.* li. 5, I was shapen in wickednesse. 1557 TURNER *Bathes* (1562) Pref., A iij b, [These] byrdes..beynge taught of their nature, whiche almighty God grafted in them, when he shope them and made them to do so.

†**b.** In *pa. pple.*: Naturally fitted or likely (to do something). *Obs.*

1375 BARBOUR *Bruce* XX. 206 The douchty lord Dowglass Best schapen for that travell was. *c* 1500 *Melusine* 151 That man is able and shappen for to subdue & putte vndre hym all the world. 1525 BERNERS *Froiss.* II. ccvi. 264 b, Ladyes..were nat shapen nor made to endure such payne.

2. To make, fashion out of pre-existing materials. In later use, to make by alteration of shape (as by moulding or carving) *out of* something else; to make in a definite shape.

c 1000 ÆLFRIC *Gram.* xxviii. (Z.) 174 *Fingo*, ic hiwiȝe oððe scyppe. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 16573 Þe rode þai scop þan as þai wald,..O cedre, cipres, and o pine. *c* 1374 CHAUCER *Anel. & Arc.* 357 (Tanner MS.) The temple..That shapyn was as ye shall aftyr here. *a* 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 113 He shapis him of shire wax litill schipis many. 1470–85 MALORY *Arthur* XVII. vi. 698 And whan these thre spyndels were shapen, she made hem to be fastned vpon the selar of the bedde. 1598 SHAKS. *Merry W.* IV. ii. 240 Come, to the Forge with it, then shape it. 1665 HOOKE *Microgr.* 154 She does begin to Geometrize,..shaping..plane regular figures, as triangles..cubes, &c. 1802 LEYDEN *Lord Soulis* lxii, The ropes..Shaped of the sifted sand you see. 1893 D. J. RANKIN *Zambesi Basin* xiv. 240 A large wooden mortar shaped out of a log.

b. Of the organs of speech: To form, frame, produce (sounds).

c 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 211 Tunge and teð and lippe word shuppieð muð sent ut þe stefne. 1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* V. xxiii. (Bodl. MS.), To schape þe voice aier is ifonge in þe leues of þe lungen.

c. To frame, fashion (an immaterial thing); to make conformable *with* (a pattern).

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 28073 Laud men mai sumquat lere, to scape þair scrift wit þis samplere. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 72 Cornelius..translated it into latyn..but he shope it so short þat [etc.]. 1874 SAYCE *Compar. Philol.* viii. 299 The statue does not represent more truly the artistic imagination of its sculptor than does the word the mind that shaped it.

d. *To shape out*: to form, produce by giving shape to material.

1600 J. PORY tr. *Leo's Africa* Introd. 29 At the very mouth or out-let, dispersing it selfe into two branches, it shapeth out a great island. 1756 C. SMART tr. *Horace, Epist.* II. ii. (1826) II. 293 You may shape out any thing with such moist clay. 1830 LYELL *Princ. Geol.* I. 312 Currents..and tides, cannot..shape out or silt up estuaries..without [etc.].

e. *To shape over* (U.S.): to refashion. Cf. *make over*, MAKE *v.* 92 d.

1875 WHITNEY *Life Lang.* iv. 53 The same influence helped ..to shape over certain pronominal elements into the personal endings *anti, masi*, and *ti*.

3. *passive.* To have a certain shape.

c 1000 ÆLFRIC in Sweet *Sel. Hom.* iii. 7 Þa wæs þæs teoþan werodes hafes ealdor swiþe fæȝer and wlitiȝ ȝesceapen. Heore mouth is from that on ere to that othir [etc.]. *c* 1350 *Will. Palerne* 126 How faire & how fetis it was & freliche schapen. 1423 JAS. I *Kingis Q.* xlviii, Lyke to ane hert schapin verily. 1560 DAUS tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* 209 b, The cloth was so shapen, that it covered also the other partes. 1610 HOLLAND *Camden's Brit.* 739 Shaped in forme, as one would say, of an egge. 1796 WITHERING *Brit. Plants* I. 215 Receptacle very long, shaped like a style. 1884 Mrs. WALFORD *Baby's Grandm.* I. 262 The head was well shapen.

†**4.** To cut out or fashion (clothing). *Obs.* as specific sense.

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 200 Hu se euer hire kurtel heo ischeaped oðer iseouwed, heo [etc.]. 1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) VII. 269 Sche cam into þe bisshop his chambre, oon caas for to schape þe chamberlay his lynnen clopes. 1583 MELBANCKE *Philotimus* M ij, It is not hard for the Tayler to shape a fitte garment for a straight hodie. 1654 BRAMHALL *Just Vind.* ii. (1661) 24 Therefore it is as hard a task to shape a coat for Schismaticks, as for the Moon, which changeth its shape euery day. 1828 SCOTT *F. M. Perth* v, I was thinking of her poor mother when I shaped them [gloves].

absol. *c* 1412 HOCCLEVE *De Reg. Princ.* 473 The taillours, trow I, moot heer-after soone Shape in þe feeld. 1568 CHAATERIS *Pref. to Lyndesay's Whs.* (1871) 4* The King ..sayis to him: 'Qhairto vald thow be my tailȝeour? thow can nouther schaip nor sew?' 1728 RAMSAY *Widow* 2 The Widow can shape, and the Widow can shew. 1821 SCOTT *Pirate* xiv, Thimblethwaite let no one but himself shape for glorious John, and he had a slashing hand at a sleeve.

†**5.** To fashion an image of, portray. *Obs.*

c 1350 *Will. Palerne* 3214 Swete sire, ȝe me saye what signe is þe leuest to haue schape in þi scheld. *c* 1400 *Arth. & Merl.* (Kölbing) 1587 Apon his tayles ende þer was schaped a grysly hed. *a* 1650 *Old Robin of Portingale* xxxii. in *Percy Fol. MS.* I. 240 He shope the crosse in his right sholder of the white flesh & the redd.

†**b.** To present, set (an example). *Obs.*

c 1610 *Women Saints* 185 You women doe not leaue this example vnimitated, which she hath shaped you.

†**c.** *To shape out*: to depict, describe. *Obs.*

1633 MARMION *Fine Comp.* III. v. F 3, I am sure she shapt me out to bee the ridiculousest old asse in Europe.

d. *To shape forth*: to picture to view; to give an outline of.

1579 W. WILKINSON *Confut. Fam. Love* 29 b, That course which the sonne of God by his example shaped forth vnto them. 1810 SCOTT *Lady of L.* III. vii, The lone Seer.. Shaped forth a disembodied World. 1831 — *Ct. Robt.* xiii, 'My humble understanding,' said Agelastes, 'had been infinitely inferior to the management of so..sagacious a scheme, had it not been shaped forth and suggested by the inimitable wisdom of your..Imperial Highness.'

†**6.** To produce, cause, bring about. Also with clause as obj. *Obs.*

c 1315 SHOREHAM I. 111 And glorie Hit scheppeþ, ȝef man deyþe, And schilt fram purgatorie. 1377 LANGL. *P. Pl.* B.

xx. 138 He made lele matrimonye Departen ar deth cam & deuors shupte. ?*a* 1500 *Chester Pl., Temptation* (Shaks. Soc.) 204 For I shall shape honour for thee. 1831 Scott *Ct. Robt.* xxxiii, Nor is there an opportunity of acquiring honour which I can shape for thee, to which, as it occurs, I will not gladly prefer thee.

†7. To transform or turn *into*, *to*. *Obs.*

1362 Langl. *P. Pl.* A. Prol. 54 Summe schopen hem to hermytes heore ese to haue. 1470–85 Malory *Arthur* iv. xiv. 138 She shope her self hors and man by enchauntement vnto a grete marbyl stone. 1648 Gage *West Ind.* 12 Yet from a rich covetous Merchant did it shape him to a Courtier in pleasures.

†b. To put *into* clothing. Also *intr.* for refl.

1362 Langl. *P. Pl.* A. Prol. 2, I schop me in-to a schroud. ?1370 *Robt. Cicyle* 165 in Hazl. *E. P. P.* I. 275 In a clothyng ye schalle be schape. *a* 1400 *Pistill of Susan* vii. (Ingilby MS.), þe schene briddes in þe schawe þei schappyn in schrowde.

†c. To cause to assume an alien shape or appearance. *Obs.*

c 1400 *Arth. & Merl.* (Kölbing) 723 And þey [*sc.* fiends] han bothe strengthe & myȝt, After man to schapen here body. 1613 Heywood *Silver Age* II. i, Enter at one dore.. at the other Iupiter shapt like Amphitrio.

†8. To prescribe a form to. *Obs.*

1340 *Ayenb.* 209 Þeruore ous tekþ oure guode mayster Iesu crist uor to asci wysliche and ous sseþþ oure asciuge þo he rede.

†9. a. *intr.* To attain maturity of form and proportions. b. *trans.* Of a tree: To bring (its fruit) to maturity. *Obs.*

1605 Bacon *Adv. Learn.* I. v. § 4. 24 b, Young men, when they knit and shape perfectly, doe seldome grow to a further stature. 1618 Lawson *New Orch. & Garden* vii. (1623) 16, I haue knowne a tree..for want of strength could neuer shape his fruit.

10. To trim, cut, or mould to a particular shape; to adapt in shape *to*.

1457 Hardyng *Chron.* in *Eng. Hist. Rev.* Oct. (1912) 750 The lawe is lyke vnto a Walshmannes hose, To eche mannes legge that shapen is and mete. 1717 Lady M. W. Montagu *Let. to C'tess Mar* 1 Apr. (1887) I. 175 They generally shape their eyebrows. 1861 *Ladies' Gaz. Fashion* Apr. 30/2 Some [sleeves] are shaped to the elbow, and have cuffs. 1891 Kinns *Graven in Rock* viii. 300 The sarcophagus is slightly shaped to the body.

11. To give definite form to; to put *into* a certain form, to embody in words. †Also with *out*.

1589 Greene *Menaphon* (Arb.) 22 That oracles were foretold at the Delphian Caue, but were shapte out and finished in the Counsell house. 1796 W. Taylor in *Monthly Rev.* XX. 535 We knew into how complete and fascinating a whole the selecting taste of Wieland had shapen the enterprise of Huen of Bourdeaux. 1842 Tennyson *Godiva* 3 And there I shaped The city's ancient legend into this. 1875 Geo. Eliot in Cross *Life* (1885) III. 258 The trivial questions I want to put could hardly be shapen in a letter.

b. *refl.* To assume a definite form or structure; to develop from vagueness or confusion *into* something coherent.

1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* I. iv. ii, This multitudinous French People..begins beaping and shaping itself into organic groups. 1869 Tozer *Highl. Turkey* I. 37 The valleys.. shape themselves..into a succession of graceful curves.

12. To give a direction and character to (one's life, conduct, etc.).

1823 Keale *Serm.* iv. (1848) 85 Every one shapes his conduct, in regard to his worldly interests, upon the notion that sin and wickedness abound. 1863 Geo. Eliot *Romola* (1880) I. Introd. 2 The great river-courses which have shaped the lives of men have hardly changed. 1886 *Athenæum* 30 Oct. 562/2 It would be absurd to say that his life was shaped for him by the force of circumstances.

II. To devise, plan, prepare.

13. To devise (a plan, a remedy.)

c 1381 Chaucer *Parl. Foules* 502, I can shappe herof a remedie. 1423 Jas. I. *Kingis Q.* lxix, Bot venus, of hir grace, Will schape remede. *c* 1530 *Hyckescorner* 355 But at the last God shope a remedy. 1584 Lodge *Alarum agst. Usurers* 10 According as I finde your aunswere, I will shape your deliueraunce. 1819 Scott *Ivanhoe* xxxiv, Can I shape no means for myself when I am deserted by these cravens?

†14. To take measures for, contrive, endeavour to bring about. *Obs.*

c 1330 R. Brunne *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 4565 Þat schopen hym [Caesar] yuel & outrage, þey diden hym fewte & homage. *a* 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 3267* And had he shapyn Ay to shalkez shendship & illys. *c* 1450 *Mirk's Festial* 257 And soo for he schapput a fowle deth to oþer, hit fell apon hymselfe.

†b. With inf. or clause as obj. *Obs.*

13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* B. 762 I schal schape no more þo schalkkez to helpe. 1387–8 T. Usk *Test. Love* I. vi. (Skt.) 148 Thilke governour..shoop to have letted thilke eleccion, and have made a newe. *c* 1440 *York Myst.* xvii. 318 Herowde the kyng has malise ment, And shappis with shame yow for to shende. 1500–20 Dunbar *Poems* xxxiii. 61 A fedrem on he tuke, And schupe in Turky for to fle. 1567 *Gude & Godlie Ball.* 142 Send vs support and confortiug, Aganis our fais that byssie is, That schapis till stroy, baith auld and zung. *a* 1585 Montgomerie *Cherrie & Slae* 261 Bot ay the mair I schape [? *read* schupe] to smorit The baulder it brak out.

†c. *absol.*

1338 R. Baunne *Chron.* (1725) 201 þanked God & him so wele for him had schaped. *c* 1456 Pecock *Bk. Faith* (1909) 255 Therfore God so schope that the feith schulde bi a notable tyme be preched.

†15. *refl.* To set oneself, prepare. Const. *to* with inf., or *for*. *Obs.* Very common in Chancer.

c 1374 Chaucer *Boeth.* I. pr. iv. (1868) 21 And I se þat euery lorel shapiþ hym to fynde oute newe fraudes. 1377 Langl. *P. Pl.* B. xi. 429 'Certes', quod he, 'þat is soth' and shope hym for to walken. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Prol.* 774 As ye goon by the weye, Ye shapen yow to talen and to pleye. 1462 in *Extracts Burgh Rec. Edin.* (1869) I. 20 That no nychbour schaip thame to by ony vittuallis or to bid ony price thairfoir befoir the entrie. *a* 1568 *Bannatyne MS.* (Hunter. Club) 78 Schaip the no moir with ws to stryve. 1570 *Satir. Poems Reform.* xix. 95 Gif 3our fais tryumphis ouer 3ow to stand, Schaip 3ow for deid.

†b. Of the sky: To prepare (to rain). *Obs.*

c 1374 Chaucer *Troilus* III. 551 Right sone vpon the chaunging of the mone Whan..that the welken shoop him for to reyne.

†16. To direct the course of; to equip, send forth. Also, of a motive: To prompt, induce. *Obs.*

c 1330 R. Brunne *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 12050 Arthur.. schop his host to Southaumptone. 1362 Langl. *P. Pl.* A. viii. 69 Bidders and Beggers Beoþ not in þe Bulle, Bote þe suggestion be soþ þat schapeþ hem to Begge. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Man of Law's T.* 155 Bisshopes ben shapen with hir for to wende. *c* 1470 Henry *Wallace* xi. 403 Throuch auld malice he wox ner wod for teyn; Apon the Scottis schup thaim all with gret mayn.

†b. *refl.* To direct one's course. Also *intr.*

c 1400 *Destr. Troy* 1144 He will..shape hym to our shippes with his shene knightes. *c* 1470 Henry *Wallace* x. 408 Feyll Sotheroun than to Wallace fast can schaip. 1480 Caxton *Chron. Eng.* xiii. b j b, At the last he [Leir] shope hym to the see and passed ouer in to fraunce.

†c. *To shape* (a person's) *way*: to assist one in a course of action. *Obs.*

1362 Langl. *P. Pl.* A. iii. 17 We wolen wysen þe kyng and þi wey schapen. 1622 Bacon *Hen. VII*, 237 Whereas Empson and Dudley..did not giue way onely ..but shape him way to those Extremities, for which himselfe was touched with remorse at his Death.

d. *To shape one's course*: Naut., to steer *for*, *to* a place. Also *transf.* and *fig.* (occas. *to shape one's passage*, *way*, etc.).

1593 Peele *Hon. Garter* C 4 b, And Sheffeilde, shape thy course no otherwise, Then loyaltie..Directs. 1627 Capt. Smith *Seaman's Gram.* xii. 56 Shape your course as he doth to meet him at the neerest angle you can. *a* 1700 Evelyn *Diary* 16 Sept. 1644, Minding now to shape my course so as I might winter in Italy. *c* 1750 Shenstone *Love & Hon.* 325 To the cloister's pensive scene Elvira shap'd her solitary way. 1816 Tuckey *Narr. Exped. R. Zaire* i. (1818) 9 We now shaped a course for the west end of Madeira. 1877 'H. A. Page' *De Quincey* I. iv. 80 Two considerations caused him to shape his course differently.

17. †a. To direct, address (speech); to aim (a blow). *Obs.*

13.. *Gaw. & Gr. Knt.* 1626 He schewez hem þe scheldez, & schapes hem þe tale. 1456 Sir G. Haye *Law Arms* (S. T. S.) 270 He wald..prevene the strakis, and geve him the dedely straikis first that he schapis till him. 1596 Spenser *F. Q.* v. v. 39 Which speaches she applying to the scope Of her intent, this further purpose to him shope.

b. Phrase, *to shape an answer*. In early use const. *to* or *dative*. (Now with mixture of sense 11.)

c 1420 ?Lydg. *Assembly of Gods* 160 Wherefore thow Eolus, without more delay Shape vs an answer to thyne accusement. 1528 More *Dyalogue* III. i. (1529) 67 b/2 That shall I gladly here quod I, and shape you such answere as my pore wytte wyll serue me. 1581 A. Hall *Iliad* IX. 171 Achilles thus an answere shapes. 1625 Bacon *Ess., Cunning* (Arb.) 441 It is a good Point of Cunning, for a Man, to shape the Answer he would haue, in his owne Words, and Propositions. 1670 Milton *Hist. Brit.* IV. 151 Well perceaving which way the King enclin'd, every one thereafter shap'd his reply. 1812 Cary *Dante, Parad.* vi. 28 To thy first question thus I shape mine answer.

18. *intr.* †a. To turn out, take a course. *Obs.*

1338 R. Baunne *Chron.* (1725) 301 For him & us alle myght it better schape. *c* 1400 *Laud Troy Bk.* 8415 Iff happe so with me schape That thow may no wyse askape Fro me. *c* 1440 *Wars Alex.* (prose) 69 (E.E.T.S.), And when Alexander saw it schope thus..he commanded þat all men schulde wende armed.

†b. To arise, come to pass. *Obs.*

13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* C. 160, & al to lysten þat lome, 3if leþe wolde schape. *c* 1420 Hoccleve *Min. Poems* xxii. 332 And on a nyght vnhappyly shoop it, Left was the Erles Chambre dore vnstoken. *c* 1430 — *New Cant. Tale* 15/29 (E.E.T.S.) It shoop so þat this man had a yong sone.

†c. To be conducive, tend. *Obs.*

1611 Shaks. *Cymb.* v. v. 346 Their deere losse, The more of you 'twas felt, the more it shap'd Vnto my end of stealing them.

†d. Of a coast-line: to trend. *Obs.*

1769 E. Bancroft *Guiana* 7 The sea-coast..from thence ..shapes nearly south by east half east.

19. To appear promising (chiefly *Sc.* and *dial.*: see Eng. Dial. Dict.). Often with reference to physical exercises, as drill, rowing, etc.: To show signs of becoming efficient.

1865 Carlyle *Fredk. Gt.* XIV. viii. V. 264 How their Grand Army of the Netherlands shaped to prosper. *Ibid.* XVIII. vii. VII. 211 Your Brother does not the least shape towards giving in. 1899 Kipling *Stalky* 205 They [the cadet company] shape well—extremely well they shape. 1913 *Daily Chron.* 22 Feb. 7/4 No. 7 rowed light, but the other men in the stern and right down to 4 shaped finely.

b. *Cricket.* Of a batsman: To get into the proper attitude and position for dealing with the particular kind of ball delivered by the bowler.

1884 I. Bligh in *Lillywhite's Cricket Ann.* 4 Davis and Powell shaping well.

c. Of a horse: To exhibit capabilities; to develop *into*.

1887 *Daily News* 16 May 3/4 Mr. C. Clark's son of Outfit, who gives promise of shaping into a grand weight-carrier.

1891 Gould *Double Event* xvii. 123, I am very anxious to see how my horse shapes.

20. *Pugilism.* To 'square' for fighting.

1878 *Athletic World* 31 May 99/2 Bassano..without the least attempt at shaping, hit him sharply on the nose.

III. To appoint, decree, determine.

†21. *trans.* a. Of God, fate, fortune, etc.: To destine, decree. *Obs.*

Beowulf 2913 Wæs sio wroht scepen heard wiþ Huxas. *a* 1000 *Be manna wyrdum* 95 (Gr.) Weoroda god ȝeond middanȝeard monnes cræftas sceop & scyrede. *c* 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 105 Werpeð þat gilt uppen ure drihten and seiþ ..ne was me no bet shapen. 1297 R. Glouc. (Rolls) 4391 Ac euere vouȝte as hom nere deþ issape non. 13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* C. 247 A wylde walterande whal, as wyrde þen schaped, þat was beten fro þe abyme. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Monk's Prol.* 21 'Allas!' she seith, 'that ever I was shape To wedde a milksop'. 1423 Jas. I *Kingis Q.* xxiv, Fortune It schupe non othir wayis to be. *c* 1440 Capgrave *Life St. Kath.* 1257 (Rawl. MS.) ȝet is þer to 3ow schape a hyer chaunce. *a* 1547 Surrey *Æneid* II. 153 To whom that fate was shapte, whom Phebus wold.

†b. *gen.* To decree, determine. *Obs.*

c 1330 R. Brunne *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 4364 When alle were set in ylka bataille, & schept ho scholde formest assaille, Toward þe Romayns faste þey nomen. 13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* B. 742, & quat if faurty be fre & fauty þyse oþer Schalt þow schortly al schende & schape non oþer. *c* 1380 Wyclif *Wks.* (1880) 419 Siþ no cause is of þis almes, þei seyen þat god shoop þis wiþ-oute cause.

†22. To give (a name) to a person or thing. *Obs.*

Beowulf 78 Scop him Heort naman. *c* 1000 Ælfric *Hom.* (Th.) I. 478 Rice menn sceopon heora bearnum naman be him sylfum. *c* 1205 Lay. 14232 Þa þe burh wel [*read* wes] al ȝare þa scop he hire nome. 1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) I. 277 In þe same manere kynges sones of Engelond hadde names i-schape by hir fadir names. 1555 Phaer *Æneid* III. 22 And of my name their name I shoope, and Eneads them call.

†23. To deliver (a judgement), appoint (a penalty); condemn (a person) to punishment.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 9714 Til an behoues al assent And siþen schap þe iugement. 1340–70 *Alex. & Dind.* 809 To bale were ȝe þanne bore for hannede werkus, þat schulleu schamly be schent & schapen to paine. 1377 Langl. *P. Pl.* B. I. 159 Riȝt so is loue a ledere and þe lawe shapeth. *c* 1425 *Cast. Persev.* 1828 in *Macro Plays* 131, I schape þese schrewys to mekyl schame.

Shape, obs. form of Chape *sb.*

1540 in Gage *Hengrave* (1822) 114 Paid for gylting of the handle of the swarde and for the shape iijs.

Shape, obs. form of Scape *v.*[1]

Shapeable, shapable (ʃē·păb'l), *a.* [f. Shape *v.* and *sb.* + -able.]

1. Capable of being shaped, plastic.

1647 Ward *Simp. Cobler* 35 My task is to sit and study how shapeable the Independent way will be to the body of England. 1832 Carlyle in Froude *Remin.* (1881) I. 19 What strange shapeable creatures we are! 1860 Ruskin *Unto this Last* (1862) 71 Soft, and shapeable into love-syllables.

2. Shapely, characterized by shapeliness.

1719 De Foe *Crusoe* I. (Globe) 146 With a Wheel..I made Things round and shapable, which before were filthy Things ..to look on. 1889 H. B. Wheatley *How to Catalogue* iii. 71 As it forms a more shapable and better-looking volume.

Shapeau, obs. form of Chapeau.

Shaped (ʃēipt), *ppl. a.* [f. Shape *v.* and *sb.* + -ed. Cf. Shapen *ppl. a.*]

1. In senses of the verb. Often with prefixed adv.

1540 Palsgr. *Acolastus* III. iii. P iv b, That hurtful or noysom yll which..did cast away our first formed or shaped fathers. 1720 Ozell *Vertot's Rom. Rep.* II. xiii. 340 Cains Julius Cæsar..was the best shap'd Man of his Time. 1845 Mrs. M. J. Howell *Hand-bk. Dress-making* 53 For cambrics, or muslins, this shaped body is most eligible. 1857 Dickens *Dorrit* xv, That fair ship began to steer steadily on a shaped course. 1862 H. B. Wheatley *Anagrams* 18 Shaped verses are instances of the most egregious folly. It was the fashion among the minor poets to compose poems formed in the shape of every conceivable thing. 1863 *Q. Rev.* CXIV. 387 Shaped bones and chipped flints lay in the same deposit. 1890 *Hardwicke's Sci. Gossip* XXVI. 33/2 The curiously shaped rhinoceros beetle.

2. In parasynthetic derivatives of adj. + *shape* sb., as *many-shaped* adj.

1593 Q. Eliz. *Boeth.* II. pr. i. 20, I vnderstand the many shaped [*multiformes*] deceites of her wonder. 1866 *Field* 6 Jan. 10/2 The first-named..being as fine a shaped hound as ever I saw.

Shapeful (ʃē·pfŭl), *a.* [f. Shape *sb.* + -ful.]

†1. Having or taking (any) shape. *nonce-use.*

1615 Chapman *Odyss.* XVII. 648 The Gods Haue often visited these rich abods..since their pow'rs (Being alwayes [? = all ways] shapefull) glide through Townes and Tow'rs.

2. Shapely.

1621 G. Sandys *Ovid's Met.* IV. (1626) 73 But now in her owne Fountayne bathes her faire And shapefull limbs. 1842 J. Sterling *Ess.*, etc. (1848) I. 437 The..struggle for power and riches absorbs the energies that would otherwise exert themselves in shapeful melody. 1867 G. Macdonald *Disciple*, etc., *Somnium Myst.* xi, Their floral speech, Their lovely silences of shapeful lore.

Shapeless (ʃē·plĕs), *a.* [f. Shape *sb.* + -less.]

1. Without shape or form; having no definite or regular shape.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 350 Þat es þe elementes to sai, þat first scapless al samen lay. 1587 Golding *De Mornay* vii. 103 The sayd Chaos was as a shapelesse Child [*vn Embryon*].. scarce set together in the moothers wombe. 1592 Shaks. *Ven. & Ad.* 415 Who weares a garment shapelesse and vnfinisht? 1636 Earl Manch. *Contempt. Mortis & Immort.* 33 But what is this soule that so delights in futures? Though it be shapelesse and immateriall, yet [etc.]. 1698 Froger

Voy. Ded., I cou'd not forbear, how shapeless soever the same [*sc.* this Relation] may be, to present it to Your Honour. 1709 Pope *Ess. Crit.* 158 Some objects please our eyes ..The shapeless rock, or hanging precipice. 1770 Goldsm. *Des. Vill.* 47 Sunk are thy bowers in shapeless ruin all. 1799 Sir J. Mackintosh *Disc. Law Nat.* 17 A shapeless compilation, in which reason lies buried under a mass of authorities and quotations. 1821 Shelley *Prometh. Unb.* I. 36 And shapeless sights come wandering by, The ghastly people of the realm of dream. 1891 Farrar *Darkn. & Dawn* xlix. 157 The statue had been fused and disfigured into a mass of shapeless metal.

2. Destitute of beauty or elegance of form, unshapely.

1588 Shaks. *L. L. L.* v. ii. 303 Let vs complaine to them what fooles were heare, Disguis'd like Muscouites in shapelesse geare. 1590 — *Com. Err.* IV. ii. 20 He is deformed, crooked, old, and sere, Ill-fac'd, worse bodied, shapelesse euery where. *a* 1661 Holyday tr. *Juvenal* Sat. x. (1673) 191 A shape-less Lad no Tyrant e're did make His dear Court-Eunuch. 1750 Gray *Elegy* 79 Some frail memorial still erected nigh, With uncouth rhimes and shapeless sculpture deck'd. 1813 Scott *Trierm.* III. xv, In shapeless characters of yore, The gate this stern inscription bore. 1868 Geo. Eliot *F. Holt* i, The old women at Smyrna are like sacks. You've not got clumsy and shapeless.

3. Without guidance or direction, aimless. *rare.*

1591 Shaks. *Two Gent.* I. i. 8 To..Weare out thy youth with shapelesse idlenesse. 1890 'R. Boldrewood' *Col. Reformer* (1891) 133 The drunkard's nerveless, hopeless, shapeless life in death.

Hence **Sha·pelessness.**

1587 Golding *De Mornay* vii. 102 A proper imagination surely,..to father his so orderly essence vppon the shapelessenesse of a Chaos. 1872 *Echo* 3 Oct. 3 The incoherence and shapelessness which Sir George Jessel vaunts as the perfection of human contrivance.

Shapeliness (ʃē·plinės). [f. Shapely *a.* + -ness.] The condition of being shapely.

1388 Wyclif *Song Sol.* v. 15 His schapplinesse [1382 fairnesse] is as of the Liban. — *Ps.* xliv. 5 Biholde thou in thi schaplynesse. 1755 in Johnson. 1762–71 H. Walpole *Vertue's Anecd. Paint.* (1786) III. 294 The shapeliness of the lime and horse-chesnut. 1865 Swinburne *Chastelard* I. i. 23 True, a goodly man. What shapeliness and state he hath. 1884 J. R. Seeley in *Contemp. Rev.* Oct. 497 When we speak of Goethe as having created the literature of Germany, do we mean that he brought it back from wildness to Greek shapeliness and decorum?

†Sha·peling. *Obs. rare*⁻¹. [f. Shape *sb.* + -ling 2.] A small form or embryo.

1674 N. Fairfax *Bulk & Selv.* 35 The shaplings or tiny keeles of the great Malpighiuses eggs.

Shapely (ʃē·pli), *a.* Also 4–5 **shaply**, (4 **schapliche**, **schap(p)li**, **schap(p)ely**, *comparative* **schaploker**), 4–6 **schaply.** [f. Shape *sb.* + -ly 1. (OE. had *gesceaplice* adv., fitly.)]

†1. Fit, likely, suitable; also like (*to* something).

c 1374 Chaucer *Troylus* IV. 1452 Tho sleyghtes yet hat I haue herd yow stere Ful shaply ben to fayllen alle y-fere. *c* 1386 — *Prol.* 372 Euerich for the wisdom hat he kan Was shaply for to been an Alderman. 1390 Gower *Conf.* I. 264 Envie..is noght schaply forto wyve In Erthe among the wommen hiere. *c* 1435 *Chron. London* (ed. Kingsford 1905) 53 For Sorowe and Remoors, that he ys shaply to make with Inne this Rewme. *c* 1440 Hylton *Scala Perf.* (W. de W. 1494) II. xxviii, Thyse that god knewe before sholde be made shapely to the ymage of his sone.

2. Of good or elegant shape, well-formed.

1382 Wyclif *Exod.* ii. 2 [She] bar a child, and, seynge hym shaply [Vulg. *elegantem*], hydde hym thre monethis. 1388 — *Gen.* xxxix. 6 Forsothe Joseph was fair in face, and schapli in siȝt [Vulg. *decorus aspectu*]. *a* 1400 *Pistil of Susan* 118 (Vernon MS.) Als his schaply hing ȝede in hire ȝarde. *Ibid.* 194 Hire scholdres schaply and schire. *c* 1400 *Lanfranc's Cirurg.* 30 he hridde [profit is], hat he makynge of lymes were he more schaploker. 1406 Hoccleve *La Male Regle* 139 Children deere, hat so goodly so shaply were, and feir. 1513 Douglas *Æneis* VI. xv. 38 A sembly springald, a fayr ȝowng galland, Rycht schaply maid. 1687 A. Lovell tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* I. 237 The Ambassadour.. had the end of his Nose, part of the upper and under Lip cut off, but was otherwise a shapely Man. 1785 Cowper *Task* II. 76 Rude fragments now Lie scatter'd where the shapely column stood. 1883 *Contemp. Rev.* Oct. 613 In physique, they are taller, slighter, more lithe, shapelier, than their congeners at home.

absol. 1382 Wyclif *Song Sol.* ii. 11 My culuer, my shapli [Vulg. *Formosa mea*]. — *Isa.* lxiii. 1 Who is this..? this shapli in his stole. 1709 Shaftesb. *Moralists* III. ii. 225 An inward Eye distinguishes, and sees the Fair and Shapely. *a* 1834 Coleridge in *Academy* 15 Aug. (1885) 104/2 The distinct Perception of a Whole arising out of a distinct simultaneous perception of the Parts, in the relations of all to each, and of each to each and to all, constitutes —the Shapely.

b. Having definite form. *rare.*

1827 Hood *Hero & Leander* lxxix, She..spies blurr'd images obscurely drawn,..But her true grief grows shapely by degrees, A perish'd creature lying on her knees. 1863 *Edin. Rev.* Apr. 500 The plastic power of the imagination, taking up and using the existing data, forms them into a shapely conception.

†3. Pertaining to form. *Obs. rare*⁻¹.

1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) II. 177 he makere of alle hinges hat hah wih him schapliche resouns, of al manero resouns and hinges [orig. *ideales rerum rationes*].

Shapen (ʃē·p'n), *ppl. a.* [Strong pa. pple. of Shape *v.* (OE. had *earmsceapen* wretched.) Cf. Shaped *ppl. a.*]

1. Having a shape (of the kind specified by the qualifying word). *Obs.* exc. in *well shapen* (somewhat *arch.*).

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 8076 hat sagh man neuer for-wit hat hore, Sua fraward scapen creature. *a* 1425 tr. *Arderne's Treat. Fistula*, etc. (1910) 6 Haue the leche also clene handes and wele shapen nailez. 1470–85 Malory *Arthur* IX. ii. 341 The knyȝt with the euylle shapen cote. *c* 1500 *Melusine* xxxiii. 235 His fayre and wel shappen body. 1549 Coverdale *Erasm. Par. Rom.* Prol. ⁊-⁊-⁊ iij, That the righte shapen workes abyde not behynde, but accompanye faythe. 1603 Stow *Surv.* (ed. 3) 197 An vglie shapen sight appeared to them, comming in at the south Window. 1625 Bacon *Ess., Innovations*, The Births of Liuing Creatures, at first, are ill shapen. 1703 T. N. *City & C. Purch.* 85 A well shapen Man. 1859 Geo. Eliot *Adam Bede* vi, She was a good-looking woman.., well shapen.

2. Furnished with a definite shape; fashioned, shaped.

1483 *Cath. Angl.* 333/1 Schapyne, *aptus, aptatus, adplasmatus.* 1558 *Knaresb. Wills* (Surtees) I. 88, I bequith all my shappen apparell as jacketts, dubletts and others unto my children. *Ibid.* 141, 200. 1887 Morris *Odyss.* XII. 15 And withal on the topmost tomb we set the shapen oar. 1891 — *Poems by Way* (1896) 214 Yet on he went until he heard The cry become a shapen word.

Shapen (ʃē·p'n), *v. rare.* [f. Shape *sb.* + -en 5; cf. Shapen *ppl. a.*] *trans.* To shape, impart a shape to.

1535 Coverdale 1 *Kings* xxviii. 14 He sayde: How is he shapened? She sayde: There commeth vp an olde man, and is clothed with a longe garment. 1587 Golding *De Mornay* vii. 90 Seeing this Chaos could not receiue either shape or order but by the said Soule,..how met they together,..the one to shape, and the other to be shapned? 1603 Florio *Montaigne* I. xxiv. 65 Their speciall charge was first to shapen his limmes and bodie, goodly, and healthie. 1618 W. Lawson *New Orch. & Gard.* vii. (1623) 20 When it [*sc.* the sap]..shapens his buds for next yeeres fruit. 1819 Crabbe *Tales of Hall* I. 235 The minor portions of his creed hung loose, For time to shapen and an whole produce. 1905 *Westm. Gaz.* 10 Aug. 1/3 Wait..until the creature has.. shapened itself into the form of a cottage loaf.

Hence **Sha·pening** *vbl. sb.*

1647 H. More *Song of Soul* II. ii. I. ix, This is the nourishing Of all; but spermall form, the certain shapening. *Ibid.* II. iii. I. xix, The soul doth imitate and bring The eye to such a temper in her shapening.

Shaper (ʃē·pəɹ). Forms: 3 **scaper**, 4–5 **shapere**, 5 **schaper**, **schapare**, 4– **shaper.** Also (in sense 1) 4 **shapper(e**, **schappere.** [f. Shape *v.* + -er 1; the form *s(c)happere* is influenced by the doublet Shepper.]

†1. The Creator or Maker (of the universe). *Obs.*

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 12899 he scaper hat wroght al thing. 1303 R. Brunne *Handl. Synne* 579, 581 per nys no shapper [*v. rr.* shaper, schappere] but god almyȝt...He ys shapper of al hyng. *Ibid.* 585, 9663, 9668. 1382 Wyclif *Deut.* xxxii. 18 Thow..hast forȝet the Lord thi shaper. — *Isa.* xliii. 15, li. 13. *a* 1400 *Prymer* (1891) 88 Schappere of alle hynges god hat fourmedest me. 1496 *Dives & Paup.* (W. de W.) I. xi. 42/a God..is..shaper & sauer of all creatures.

2. One who or something which makes (a thing) in the required shape; one who fashions (material).

c 1425 *Noah's Ark* 87 in *Non-Cycle Mystery Plays* 22 [*Noah log.*] Christ be the shaper of this ship, For a ship need make I must. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 444/1 Schapare, *aptator, formator.* 1569 J. Sanford tr. *Agrippa's Van. Artes* 182 b, That auncient Serpente the shaper of such Gods. 1589 R. Harvey *Pl. Perc.* (1590) 14 Another..wil be none otherwise termde then a shaper of garments. 1831 Carlyle *Surv. German Poetry* in *Misc. Ess.* (1888) III. 250 Mind is the creator and shaper of matter. 1867 O. W. Holmes *Guardian Angel* II. 10 He was by nature an artist; a shaper with the pencil or the chisel. 1893 F. Thompson *Poems* 51, I..made them shapers Of mine own moods.

b. *spec.* in various trades as the designation of an operative. Also *shaper up.*

1881 *Instr. Census Clerks* (1885) 42, 45, 74, 97. 1890 *North Lindsey Star* 19 July 5/1 A shaper at the Britannia Iron Works. 1902 *Brit. Med. Jrnl.* No. 2146. 380 [Hat-making.] Curlers including 'shapers'. 1902 *Daily Chron.* 28 Oct. 10/7 Carver and Shaper-up..for shaped blocks.

3. quasi-*arch.* A poet. *rare.* (Cf. Maker 5.)

Suggested by OE. Scop, fancied to be cogn. w. Shape *v.*

1816 W. Taylor in *Monthly Mag.* LXXXI. 518 In this hall, we are told, a shaper, or poet, sang the lay of the creation. 1892 S. A. Brooke *Eng. Lit.* I. iv. 103 If we want to feel whether *Beowulf* is good poetry or not, let us place ourselves in the hall..filled with warriors and seamen,..— and then hear the Shaper strike the harp.

4. A machine or tool for shaping material, spec. a shaping-machine (see Shaping *vbl. sb.* 4).

1853 *Pract. Mechanic's Jrnl.* VI. 230/2 The shaper..is capable of working out differentially-curved..figures. 1893 *Sci. Amer.* 25 Nov. 344/1 Among notable exhibits..was an improved shaper.

b. *attrib.* and *Comb.*

1846 Holtzapffel *Turning* II. 466 By the use of figured guides, cams, or shaper-plates, by which the motion is constrained. 1884 Knight *Dict. Mech.* Suppl., *Shaper Vise*, one adapted to hold work to a planer, at any horizontal angle. 1901 *Feilden's Mag.* IV. 480/1 The form of the shaper tool would have to exactly coincide with the tooth space of the wheel to be cut.

Shaperne, -ed: see Chapourn *Her. Obs.*

†Shapet. *Obs. rare*⁻¹. ? variant of Serpet.

a 1657 R. Loveday *Lett.* lx. (1659) 116 Mr. R. left a Shapet of Turkey-Carpets and Hangings, which in all probability he designed..at Lighorn.

Shaping (ʃē·piŋ), *vbl. sb.* Forms: see the verb. [f. Shape *v.* + -ing 1.]

1. The action of Shape *v.*; an instance of this.

a 1310 in Wright *Lyric P.* x. 38 'Thah y swore by treuthe ant othe, that God hath shaped me y-nou at luppe'. 'Mid shupping ne mey hit me ashunche.' *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 444/1 Schapynge, *aptura, formacio.* 1484 Caxton *Fables of Alfonce* xiii, [A tayller] whiche surmounted alle the other in shapynge or sewynge. 1568 Chaderis *Pref. to Lyndesay's Wks.* (1871) 4 Seing teiching and preiching is na les requisite to thair vocatioun, than schaiping & sewing is to ane taiłȝeouris. 1691 T. H[ale] *Acc. New Invent.* 124 We come to the like shaping of the remaining part of the Logg. 1795 Southey *Joan of Arc* III. 361 Canst thou remember, Maid, what vision first Seem'd more than fancy's shaping? 1815 Scott *Guy M.* xiv, It was the housekeeper who did teach her those unprofitable exercises of hemming and shaping. 1850 Tennyson *In Mem.* ciii. 36 As one would sing the death of war,..And one the shaping of a star.

2. Something shaped, fashioned, or created; a creature, form, shape; a creation (of the mind or fancy).

1340 *Ayenb.* 64 Oþer huanne me zueręþ be þe sseppinges, ase me zayþ; be þe zonne þet ssinþ [etc.]. *Ibid.* 158 þe dyeuel sseweþ to þe goste zuiche sseppinges and zuiche figures ase he wyle. 1629 Gaule *Holy Madn.* 136 Oh blot not out the louely Image of God; in faining, and framing so vaine a shaping to your selues! 1794 Coleridge *Relig. Musings* 338 Pale Fear Haunted by ghastlier shapings than surround Moon-blasted Madness when he yells at midnight! 1795 — *Lines at Shurton Bars* 85 How oft, my Love! with shapings sweet I paint the moment, we shall meet! 1892 Greener *Breech-Loader* 86 This shaping of the stock is a very modified form of pistol grip.

3. *Sc.* (See quot. 1825–80.)

1814 W. Nicholson *Tales, Peacock* 91 Decamp [tailor loon], or by my bloody weapons, I'll cut thy buckram soul to shapin's! 1825–80 Jamieson, *Shapings*, the small bits of cloth that are cut off with the scissors in shaping any piece of dress, S.

4. *attrib.* and *Comb.*: **a.** simple attrib. as *shaping machinery*; *shaping implement, mould, process* (1869 C. Knight *Mechanician* 77–8). **b.** Special comb., as **†shaping apparel, clothes** *Sc.*, outer garments; **†shaping board**, a board on which a tailor or shoemaker shapes his materials; **shaping engine**, an early name for the *shaping machine* (*b*); **†shaping knife**, a shoemakers' knife; **shaping machine**, (*a*) a machine for shaping metal pieces and parts of machinery; also *attrib.*; (*b*) a machine for shaping ship's blocks; (*c*) a finishing blocking machine for hats (Knight *Dict. Mech.* Suppl. 1884); **shaping-shop**, that building in a shipwright's yard in which the steel framework, plates, etc. are shaped.

1564 *Richmond Wills* (Surtees) 170 His *shappinge apparell. A yowlowe sattane dublet and a payre of housse. 1442 *Court-Roll Gt. Waltham Manor, Essex* 11 July, [Proceedings against Joan, widow of William 'Taillor', who] asportavit unam tabulam vocat. a *shepping-bord nuper fixam infra tenementum suum. 1483 *Cath. Angl.* 333/1 A Schapynge hurde, *sculpatorium, serdecelita.* 1541 *Aberdeen Reg.* (1844) I. 176 Item, ane shaiping knyf, ane schawing irne,..ane schaiping buird. 1894 Crockett *Raiders* xxxiii, 'Deed, Jen,' said Lady Grizel,..' I wad hae gien a' my *shapin' claes to sit there.' 1819 Rees *Cycl.* XXII. B 2/1 [Brunel's machinery for making ships' blocks.] The outside surfaces of the blocks are next formed to their true figure by the three *shaping engines. *c* 1340 *Nominale* (Skeat) 553 *Trenkel et subiloun* *Shappyngknyf and al. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 444/1 Schapynge knyfe, *scalprum.* Schapynge knyfe of sowtarys, *ansorium.* 1535 Lyndesay *Satyre* 3139 How cal thay ȝou, sir, with the schaiping knife? Ane sowtar, sir. 1541 [see *shaping board* above]. 1815 *Ann. Reg., Chron.* (1816) 84 The *shaping machine-room [at the Mint]. *a* 1849 Baunel in Beamish *Mem.* (1862) iii. 38 The shaping machine I conceived while [etc.]. 1867 *Rep. Paris Univ. Exhib.* (1868) IV. 373 The same firm also show a milling, or, as it is frequently termed in England, a shaping machine, in which circular cutters are employed. 1911 J. G. Horner in *Encycl. Brit.* XXVI. 29/2 The shaping machine does for comparatively small pieces that which the planer does for long ones. 1872 J. Richards *Wood-working Machines* 263 *Shaping machinery. 1890 W. J. Gordon *Foundry* 63 The *shaping-shop.

Shaping (ʃē·piŋ), *ppl. a.* [f. Shape *v.* + -ing 2.] That shapes, in the senses of the verb.

1398 Trevisa *Barth. De P. R.* VI. xii. (1495) 196 In the male ben vertues formale and shapynge and werkynge and in the female materyal suffringe and passyf. 1674 N. Fairfax *Bulk & Selv.* 133 In like manner, another man whose plastick, shaping, or enkindling powers, are fraught with more of manhood,..may [etc.]. 1850 Robertson *Serm.* Ser. III. vi. (1857) 88 Our creative shaping intellect projected its own fantasies on him. 1897 Dowden *Fr. Lit.* V. iv. 409 He had..the artist's shaping hand.

†Shapio(u)n. *Sc. Obs.* In 6 sch-. [Of obscure formation; related to F. *chapeau* hat.] Some kind of head-dress.

1504–6 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* III. 90 Item, for vj schapiois [? *read* schapiopis] and quhit hattis..iiij *li.* iiijs. 1512 *Ibid.* IV. 205 Item..to James Bassiudin for ane schapioun and ane bever..v *li.*

Shapman, -mann, obs. forms of Chapman.

‖Shapoo (ʃā·pu). Also **shapu, sharpoo**; shortened Sha. [Tibetan *sha-pho* 'wild sheep' (Jaeschke).] A kind of sheep (*Ovis vignei*) found in Ládák (Kashmír) and Tibet.

1858 A. L. Adams in *Proc. Zool. Soc.* 526 *Caprovis vignei* (Blyth)...3. Shapoo of Ladakh and Tibet. *c* 1880 *Cassell's Nat. Hist.* III. 8 The Oorial and the Shapoo are bearded Sheep...The Shapoo is brownish-grey, white below, with a short brown beard. 1902 Ronaldshay *Sport under Eastern Sky* v. 88 One of the men..had returned, having seen some sharpoo.

Shapournet, obs. f. Chapournet *Her. Obs.*

Shapparoon, shapperoon, obs. f. Chaperon.

1622 J. Taylor (Water-P.) *Whore* B 8, Her Shapperoones,

her Perriwigs and tires. 1640 — *Praise Needle* A 1 b, No shadowes, Shapparoones, Caules, Bands, Ruffs.

Shappeau, shappo, obs. ff. CHAPEAU.

a 1700 B. E. *Dict. Cant. Crew*, *Shappeau*, or *Shappo*, for *Chappeau*, a Hat, the newest Cant, *Nab* being very old, and grown too common. 1725 *New Cant. Dict.*

Shappester, -yster, variant ff. SHEPSTER.

Shaps (ſæps), *sb. pl. U. S.* Also **chaps.** [Shortened from Mexican Sp. *chaparejos*.] Leather riding breeches.

1885 T. ROOSEVELT *Hunting Trips* 8 (Cent.) The spurs, bit, and revolver silver-mounted, the shaps of sealskin, etc. 1904 E. ROBINS *Magnetic North* x. 181 A fellow who went about in 'shaps', as his California cousins called chaparejos.

Shapsister, variant of SHEPSTER.

Shar, obs. f. SHARE; obs. pa. t. SHEAR *v.*

Sharan, dial. variant of SHARN.

‖ **Sharawaggi.** *Obs.* Also **sharawadgi.** [Of unknown origin; Chinese scholars agree that it cannot belong to that language. Temple speaks as if he had himself heard it from travellers.] (See quot. 1685.) Also *attrib.*

1685 Sir W. TEMPLE *Gard. Epicurus* Misc. II. ii. (1690) 58 The Chineses..have a particular Word to express it [*sc.* the beauty of studied irregularity]; and where they find it hit their Eye at first sight, they say the *Sharawadgi* is fine or is admirable. 1724 POPE *Let. Digby* 12 Aug., For as to the hanging Gardens of Babylon, the Paradise of Cyrus, and the Sharawaggi's of China, I have little or no Idea's of 'em. 1750 H. WALPOLE *Let. to Mann* 25 Feb., I am almost as fond of the Sharawaggi, or Chinese want of symmetry, in buildings, as in grounds or gardens. 1781 — *Let. to Earl Strafford* 13 June, Though he was the founder of the Sharawadgi taste in England, I preached so effectually that his every pagoda took the veil.

Shard, sherd (ſāɹd, ſāɜd), *sb.*[1] Forms: 1 sceard, 4 shord, 4–5 schoord, (5 schorde, schourde), 4–6 scherd(e, 5–6 sherde, (6 shered), 6 sharde, 6–7 sheard(e, 7–8 *Sc.* shaird, 8 *dial.* shoard, 9 shord, sheard, 4– sherd, 5– shard. [OE. *sceard* neut., cogn. w. OFris. *skerd* (? neut.) cut, notch (WFris. *skird*, NFris. *skård*, *schaard*, *scherd*), MDn. *scharde* fem., *schart* (*schard*-) masc., flaw, fragment (mod.Du. *schaard* fem.), MLG. *schart* neut., crack, chink, mod.LG. *schaard* potsherd, also breach, gap (e. g. in an embankment), MHG., mod.G. *scharte* fem., notch, gap, ON. *skarð* neut. (Da. *skaar* chink, potsherd, MSw. *skardh* neut., gap, chink, *skardher* masc., potsherd); subst. uses of the adj. OE. *sceard*, OS. *skard*, OFris. *skerde*, OHG. (*lida-*)*scart* (MHG. *schart*), ON. *skarð-r* :—OTeut. **skardo-* cut, notched, diminished, a ppl. formation on the root **skar-* (:—**sker-* : **skur-*): see SHEAR *v.*]

I. A cleft, gap.

1. A gap in an enclosure, esp. in a hedge or bank. Now chiefly *dial.*

a 1000 in Kemble *Cod. Dipl.* (1848) VI. 220 Swa on ðæt lytle sceard ðæt is on burhhlinceas. [*a* 1100 *Gerefa* xiii. in *Anglia* IX. 262 Dicsceard betan.] *c* 1430 LYDG. *Min. Poems* (Percy Soc.) 114 The other twayen was elle aferd, They sparyd nethe stylle ne sherd. 1471 *Vatton Churchw. Acc.* (Somerset Rec. Soc.) 107 For makyng a schorde at the wyte croste ijd. 1488 *Cal. Anc. Rec. Dublin* (1889) 493 And be cause the dyche of that lane was faste, they brake a shard and put men over the dyche. 1523–34 FITZHERB. *Husb.* § 141 If he..fynde a gap, or a sherde in his ledge. 1581 J. BELL *Haddon's Answ. Osor.* 454 But here was one sharde left open which must needes be stopt up with some brambles and Bryars. 1789 W. H. MARSHALL *Glocester* I. 331 *Shard*, a gap in a hedge; the common term. 1863 KINGLAKE *Crimea* (1877) III. i. 111 His practised eye soon showed him a fit 'shard' or break in the scarped face of the bank. *fig.* 1581 J. BELL *Haddon's Answ. Osor.* 68 b, Now for asmuch as you have stopt up a fewe shardes in these your last tedious Commentaries,..I thought good to reply.

† **2.** Used by Spenser for: ? A dividing water.

1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* II. vi. 38 Vpon that shore he spied Atin stand, There by his maister left, when late he far'd In Phædrias fleet barke ouer that perlous shard.

3. A gap or notch in the blade of a tool. *dial.*

1787 GROSE *Provinc. Gloss.*, *Shard*, a gap or notch. This knife has a great shard. Glouc.

II. 4. A fragment of broken earthenware. Phrase. *To break*, etc. *into sherds*: to reduce to fragments, break beyond repair.

Cf. POTSHERD and OE. *crocsceard.*

c 1000 *Gl. Prud.* in *Germania* (N.S.) XI. 398/257 *Testarum*, scearda. 13..*Childh. Jesus* 340 in *Archiv Stud. neu. Spr.* LXXIV. 331 His pechere he brake..And Ihesu gadirde þe skarthes [*v.r.* scherdys]. 1382 WYCLIF *Job* ii. 8 Job.. with a sherd [1388 schelle] scrapide awei the quyture. — *Ps.* xxi. 16 My vertue driede as a shord [1388 tiyl stoon]. — *Eccles.* xxii. 7 Who techeth a fool, as that glueth togidere a sherd. 1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) IV. 151 Hayle stones i-medled with scherdes. 1426 LYDG. *De Guil. Pilgr.* 4197 Thogh that a pot be broke smal On sherdys & on pecys ek. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 445/2 Scherde, or schoord, of a broke vesselle (*P.* schourde of broken vessel), *testula*, *testa*. 1483 CAXTON *Golden Leg.* 208 b/2 He put not away the wodenes of his flessh with a sherde or shelle. 1602 SHAKS. *Ham.* v. i. 254 Shardes, Flints, and Peebles. 1610 B. JONSON *Alch.* IV. v. (1612) K 2 b, There will be, perhaps, Something, about the scraping of the Shardes, Will cure the Itch. 1656 COWLEY *Davideis* II. 715 And scarce ought now of that vast Citie's found But shards and rubbish. 1725 *Bradley's Fam. Dict.*, *Drain*, a small Passage made for Water to run Under-ground, with dry Shards at Bottom. 1796 STEDMAN *Surinam* II. xx. 114 Several of the poor rebel negroes..had only the shards of Spa-water cans, instead of flints. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* III. II. v, Mirabeau's treason: wherefore his Bust..is instantly broken to sherds. 1865 TYLOR *Early Hist. Man.* viii. 217 The mutilation of the priests of Cybele was done with a sherd of Samian ware. 1877 MISS A. B. EDWARDS *Up Nile* xix. 531 Fragments of black, red, and yellowish pottery, like the shards of Elephantine and Philæ. 1881 BLACKMORE *Christowell* iv, He took up a shord..and went down to the river, with that for his cup.

Proverbs. 1641 *D. Ferguson's Sc. Prov.* (1785) 34 Where the pig's broken let the sherds lie. 1678 RAY *Prov.* (ed. 2) 351 When Tom's pitcher's broken I shall have the sheards (*i. e.* kindness after others have done with it).

b. *fig.* and in figurative context.

1579 J. STUBBES *Gaping Gulf* D 5 b, Which makes hym esteeme himselfe as the iron pot, and vs as the earthen crock, with whom..he weens he can dash vs into shards at hys pleasure. 1647 C. HARVEY *Schola Cordis* xiv. 31 I'll breake it [*sc.* my heart] all In pieces small; Sinne shall not finde a shearde without a flaw Wherein [etc.]. 1847 LONGF. *Evang.* II. i. 67 Thus did that poor soul wander..Bleeding, barefooted, over the shards and thorns of existence. 1883 D. C. MURRAY *Joseph's Coat* xxvii, Love's idol..was long since broken, and the worshipper was still sorely wounded by the shards.

c. *transf.* A fragment (of other material).

1561 HOLLYBUSH *Hom. Apoth.* 39 b, If the rubbel or shardes of the stone [*i.e.* calculus] do put the to payn. 1565 COOPER *Thesaurus*, *Assula*..a sharde of marble, or other stone. 1577 HARRISON *England* II. vi. (1877) I. 147 All [glasses] go one waie, that is, to shards at the last. *a* 1611 CHAPMAN *Iliad* v. 297 The hip of Anchisiades..which all in sherds it droue. 1829 BROCKETT *N. C. Words* (ed. 2) s. v., Many of the common people, in the lower parts of Newcastle, used to resort to the Quayside..where they gathered up coals with the half of a wooden dish, called a shard. 1847 TENNYSON *Princess* v. 132 What were I nigher this altho' we dash'd Your cities into shards with catapults. 1858 CARLYLE *Fredk. Gt.* III. xx. I. 268 Suddenly with huge jingle, the glass-door of his room went to sherds. 1877–8 HENLEY in *Ballades & Rondeaus* (Canterb. Poets) 77 A melon's dripping sherds. 1910 *Spectator* 11 June 968/1 The bark was blown clean off the stem; there were great shards and slices of bark lying twenty and thirty yards away.

d. *Sc.* A remnant (of something worn or decayed).

1785 BURNS *Ep. W. Simpson* Postscr. xii, An' when the auld Moon's gaun to lea'e them, The hindmost shaird, they'll fetch it wi' them, Just i' their pouch. 1866 CARLYLE in Froude *Remin.* (1881) II. 164 Badams..was living..in a big old rambling sherd of a house among waste gardens. 1883 A. LANG in *Fortn. Rev.* Dec. 846 Everything he carried was more or less broken and outworn...His tomahawk was a mere shard of rusted steel.

† **5.** A scale (in qnot. of a dragon). *Obs. rare*—[1]. [Cf. OHG. *scarlifedar*, shell fish or tortoise.]

1390 GOWER *Conf.* III. 68 Sche sih, hir thoghte, a dragoun tho, Whos scherdes schynen as the Sonne.

Shard (ſāɹd), *sb.*[2] *Obs.* exc. *dial.* In 6 **sharde.** [app. cogn. w. SHARN.] A patch of cow-dung. (Cf. COW-SHARD.)

1545 ELYOT *Dict.* s. v. *Bonasus*, In his runnynge [he] flyngeth, and shateth furth his sharde and dunge thre furlonge from hym. 1576 PETTIE *Petite Pallace* 82 b, The Humblebee..at nyght taketh no scorne to lodge in a Cowes foule sharde. 1606 SHAKS. *Ant. & Cl.* III. ii. 19 They'are his Shards, and he their Beetle. 1687 DRYDEN *Hind & Panther* I. 321 Such souls as Shards produce, such beetle things As only buz to heaven with ev'ning wings. 1828 [CAAB] *Craven Gloss.* 1876 *Whitby Gloss.*, *Sharn*, *Shard*, *Sharra*, or *Skarn*, cow's dung.

b. Comb.: **shard-beetle,** a beetle of the family *Geotrupidæ*, found under dung, a dor-beetle.

1854 A. ADAMS, etc. *Man. Nat. Hist.* 188 Shard-Beetles (Geotrupidæ).

Shard (ſāɹd), *sb.*[3] Variant of CHARD[2].

1685 DRYDEN tr. *Hor. Epode* ii. 81 More pleasing morsels.. Than Shards [L. *herbn lapathi*] or Mallows for the pot. 1856 KANE *Arct. Expl.* II. i. 25 With furs and woollens layer upon layer inside, like the shards of an artichoke.

Shard (ſāɹd), *sb.*[4] [Evolved from a misunderstanding of Shakspere's use in SHARD-BORN: see also quot. 1606 s.v. SHARD *sb.*[2]] The elytron or wing-case of a coleopterous insect.

[1755 JOHNSON s. v. *Shardborn*, Perhaps shard in Shakespeare may signify the sheaths of the wings of insects.] 1811 R. WILLAN *List Words W. R. Yorks.* in *Archæologia* XVII. 157 *Shard*, the shell or hard outward covering of the tribe of insects denominated *Coleoptera*. 1842 LONGF. *Hiaw.* XII. 182 The shining shards of beetles. 1884 *Mag. Art* Jan. 116 The glittering shards of insects.

Shard, obs. form of CHAR *sb.*[3]

1668 CHARLETON *Onomast.* 155 *Trutta Minor*..a Shard. 1755 JOHNSON, *Shard*..4. A sort of fish.

Shard (ſāɹd), *v. rare.* Also **sherd.** [f. SHARD *sb.*[1]] **1. a.** *trans.* To break into fragments. Also with *off*. **b.** *intr.* Of a tree: To shed its bark in 'shards'. Hence **Sha'rding** *ppl. a.*

1582 [implied in SHARDED *ppl. a.*[1]]. 1891 NISBET *Colonial Tramp* I. 4 Dead, white branches and sharding trunks. 1900 CONAN DOYLE *Gt. Boer War* xvi. 269 The artillery fire ..was then turned..upon..the isolated Vaalkranz..The hillside was sharded off in great flakes. 1910 *Contemp. Rev.* Mar. 339 The veils and filaments of queens are torn aside, their bracelets sherded on their wrists.

2. *trans.* To notch the edge of (a tool). *dial.*

1879 *Exmoor Scolding & Courtship* (E.D.S.) Gloss. *s.v.*, Thee's a shorded my knife. 1886 *W. Somerset Word-bk.* s. v. *Shord*, Zee how he've a-bin and a-shorded my plane ire.

Sha'rd-born, -borne, *a.* [f. SHARD *sb.*[2] + BORN *a.*] **a.** Of a beetle: Born in dung; *spec.* applied to the *shard-beetle* (see SHARD *sb.*[2] b). **b.** Used with the meaning (due to misinterpretation of Shaks.): Borne on shards (SHARD *sb.*[4]).

1605 SHAKS. *Macb.* III. ii. 42 Ere to black Heccats summons The shard-borne Beetle, with his drowsie hums, Hath rung Nights yawning Peale. 1830 SCOTT *Doom of Devorgoil* I. i, This was a shard-born beetle, heavy, drossy. 1843 CARPENTER *Anim. Phys.* xii. 443 The Dung or Shard-borne Beetle. 1859 LD. LYTTON *Wanderer* (ed. 2) 23 The advancing twilight's shard-born trumpeter.

Sharded (ſā·ɹdėd), *ppl. a.*[1] [f. SHARD *sb.*[1] and *v.* + -ED[1].] † **a.** Of a serpent: Scaly (*obs.*). **b.** Reduced to shards or fragments; of the moon, reduced to a crescent.

1390 GOWER *Conf.* II. 251 That Serpeot..was so scherded al aboute, It hield all eggetol withoute, He was so ruide and hard of skin, Ther mihte nothing go therin. 1582 STANYHURST *Conceits in Æneis*, etc. (Arb.) 137 With rent rocks chamferye sharded. 1876 MORRIS *Sigurd* II. 120 The sharded moon.

† **Sha'rded,** *ppl. a.*[2] *Obs. rare*—[1]. [f. SHARD *sb.*[2] + -ED[2].] Of a beetle: Living in dung.

1611 SHAKS. *Cymb.* III. iii. 20 And often to our comfort, shall we finde The sharded-Beetle, in a safer hold Then is the full-wing'd Eagle.

Shardy (ſā·ɹdi), *a. rare*—[1]. [f. SHARD *sb.*[4] + -Y.] Having shards or wing-cases.

1819 J. R. DRAKE *Culprit Fay* vii, Tied to the hornet's shardy wings.

Share (ſē·ə), *sb.*[1] Forms: 1 scær, scear, scer, 3 ssare, 4 schar, shaar, (*pl.* scharres, -is, sharris), 4, 6 shar, 4–6 schare, (7 shere, sheare, 8 sharr), 4– share. [OE. *scear*, *scær* (masc. or neut.) = OFris. *skere*, *schere*, MLG. *schar* neut., *schare* fem. (Da. *skær* from LG.), OHG. *scar*, *scaro* masc., *scara* fem. (MHG. *schar* masc., fem., neut., mod.G. *schar* fem., f. Teut. root **skar-*: **sker-*: see SHEAR *v.*]

1. The iron blade in a plough which cuts the ground at the bottom of the furrow; a ploughshare.

c 725 *Corpus Gloss.* (Hessels) 8 *Uomer*, scær. *c* 1000 [see COULTER 1]. *a* 1050 *Liber Scintill.* xxxii. (1889) 124 Scer tungan ure [L. *vomer linguæ nostræ*]. 1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 6890 Lat nime foure yrene ssares [*v.r.* scharres] vor hire sulue al a fure. 1340–70 *Alex. & Dind.* 294 Hit is no leue in oure lawe þat we land erie Wiþ no scharpede schar to schape þe forwes. 1382 WYCLIF 1 *Kings* xiii. 21 Thanne al Yrael descendide to Philistiym, that echon sharpe his shaar [1388 schar]..for eggys of the sharis [1388 scharris] ..weren blunt. *c* 1386 [see COULTER 1]. 1483 CAXTON *Golden Leg.* 130/1 Whan he toke the share to make clene hys cultre hyt cleuyd to hys hond. 1523–34 FITZHERB. *Husb.* § 3 The share is a pece of yren, sharpe before and brode behynde, a fote longe, made with a socket. 1594 *Selimus* in *Greene's Wks.* (Grosart) XIV. 204 The earth knew not the share, nor seas the barke. 1604–5 *Shuttleworths' Acc.* (Chetham Soc.) 160, ij sheres to plow with, iiij^s viij^d. 1686 PLOT *Staffordsh.* 161 If a Workman should forge out a sheare of this for a plough, it is so brittle [that etc.]. 1703 POPE *Thebais* 187 As stubborn steers..Alike disdain with servile necks to bear Th' unwonted weight, or drag the crooked share. 1733 W. ELLIS *Chiltern & Vale Farm.* 21 Great Clots, that will not yield to the Coulter's Cut, nor the Sharr's Break. 1870 MORRIS *Earthly Par.* II. III. 279 As the bright share carved out the furrow clean. 1880 JEFFERIES *Greene Ferne Farm* 111 An upturned plough with rusty share.

fig. 1815 BYRON *Parisina* xx Those furrows which the burning share Of sorrow ploughs untimely there. 1837 HT. MARTINEAU *Soc. Amer.* III. 238 In whom the very foundations of belief have been ploughed up by the share of authority.

b. The analogous part of a seed-drill, or similar implement.

1731 TULL *Horse-hoeing Husb.* xxii. (Dublin 1733) 351 But I soon contrived a Plow with four Iron Shares, to make Channels [for seed] in any Ground. *Ibid.* xxiii. 352 This [Drill-] Plow makes its Channels by three Sheats, and their Shares and Trunks. 1763 *Museum Rust.* I. lxxxi. 346 After sowing, it will be proper to plow the ground, where the lucern grows, with a drill-plow, with a round share. 1861 *Times* 11 July, The same implement frame..serves for ploughing, scarifying, trenching, digging, ridging, &c., according as it is fitted with shares for these various operations.

2. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, *share-fin*, *-point*; † **share acre,** an acre charged with supply of a ploughshare yearly to the manor; so *share acre rent*; **share-beam,** in a plough of the ancient type, the beam which carries the share; **share-head,** the share-beam.

1641 *Surv. Pleshebury Manor, Essex* (MS.) fol. 6 b, For 1 acre of land called a *share acre..12*d*. *Ibid.* fol. 4 b, For rents that the saide Smyth receiveth of diverse other persons, called Share acre rents, payeth to this manor yearely. *a* 1000 *Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 196/28 *Brigacus*, *scearbeam. 1523–34 FITZHERB. *Husb.* § 3 The sharbeame is the tre vnderneth, where-vpon the share is set. 1884 *Longman's Mag.* Feb. 403 The 'hardy rustic' [in Tuscany] still goes into the woods and seeks for an elm..for the share-beams with double backs, called 'dentale a due dorsi'. 1653 *Share-fin (phin) [see FIN *sb.* 3 b]. 1846 KEIGHTLEY *Notes Virg.*, Terms Husb. 355 The share-beam or *share-head: a piece of wood ..to which the share was fitted. 1665 D. DUDLEY *Metallum Martis* (1855) 31 The Ploughman often breaks his *Share point off if it be made of coldshare Iron. 1733 W. ELLIS *Chiltern & Vale Farm.* 40 Just before the Sharr Point. 1852 C. W. H[OSKYNS] *Talpa* I. 3 The plough comes to a standstill, just revealing, at the share-point, the bruised side of a quartz pebble.

† **Share** (ſē·ə), *sb.*[2] *Obs.* Forms: *a.* 1 scaru, 4 shzare, 4–5 schar(e, schore, shaare, 6 shaare, shayre, 8–9 shear (-bone), 5– share; *β.* 3 scher, 3–4 sheer, 3–6 schere, 4–5 shere, 6 *Sc.* scheir. [The same word as next.] The division or fork of the body; the pubic region, groin.

a. c 1000 *Sax. Leechd.* II. 232 Lexe ofer þa scare oþ þone

bafolan. *c* 1050 *Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 356/22 *Aluus*, mannes scaru. *c* 1325 *Gloss. W. de Bibbesw.* in Wright *Voc.* 148 *Le penul*, the schore [*v. r.* shzare]. 1398 Trevisa *Barth. De P. R.* VII. lv. (1495) 268 The ache is abowte the shaar and the twyste hytwene the genytours. *c* 1400 *Laud Troy Bk.* 6242 But he smot him a3eyn so sore, That fro his heued doun to his schore He cleue him doun by the chyn. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 448/1 Schore, privy parte of a mann, *pubes*. 1545 Raynalo *Byrth Mankynde* I. iv. (1552) 7 From the mydryffe to the flankes or share. 1657 W. Coles *Adam in Eden* xxi. 44 If the Share and parts thereabouts be anointed therewith. 1694 *Phil. Trans.* XVIII. 22 These Bones, viz. the Share or Pubes.

β. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 272 Heo þuruhstihten Isboset adun into [þe] schere. *a* 1290 *Pains of Hell* (MS. Digby 86) 102 He þat wes owre [= whore] oþer kopiner þat stondeþ in to hoere sheer. 1382 Wyclif 2 *Kings* ii. 23 Thanne Abner.. smoot hym in the sheer [1388 schar]. *c* 1400 *Laud Troy Bk.* 9679 Some is cloven In-to the shere, Some has lorn bothe cheke & ere. *c* 1475 *Pict. Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 750/25 *Hec pubes*, schere. 1536 Bellenden *Cron. Scot.* XII. viii, This Edrik..straik hym throw the scheir in his bowellis.

b. *Comb.*: **share-artery**, the pubic artery; **share-bone** = Pubis 1; †**sharewort**, a plant (Gerarde's drawing, according to Britten and Holland, represents *Pallenis spinosa*).

1545 Raynalo *Byrth Mankynde* I. xiv. (1552) 38 Thee *shares artyres. 1541 R. Copland *Guydon's Quest. Cyrurg.* I iv, These two bones..ioyneth to y^e^ share before, and therfore are they called the *share bones. 1615 Crooke *Body of Man* 935 The bone without a name..hath three parts; the Hip, the Hanches and the Sharebones. 1732 Arbuthnot *Rules of Diet* in *Aliments*, etc. 423 A sensation of Weight in the Lower Belly under the Shear-Bone. 1827 *Lancet* 6 Oct. 7/1 Vernacular terms...The pubis, the shear bone. 1578 Lyte *Dodoens* I. xxiv. 36 *Aster Atticus*...This herbe is called..in English *Sharewurte or Sterrewurte:..in high Douch..Scartenkraut, and Sternkraut. *Ibid.*, Layd to the botches..about the share or priuie members [it] preuayleth much against the same. 1601 Holland *Pliny* XXVI. ix. II. 256 Inguinaria, which some name Argemony. [*Margin.*] Some call it Sharewort or Codwort.

Share (ʃēə(r)), *sb.*[3] Forms: 5 schar, chare, 6 schare, shaire, 4, 6– share. See also Skair. [ME. *share*, *schar*:—OE. *scearu* str. fem., cutting, division (recorded in the senses 'tonsure' and 'division or fork of the body', Share *sb.*[1]; also in comb. *landscearu* land, boundary, *folc-*, *léodscearu* division of people, nation, *hearmscearu* penalty), corresponding formally to OS. *scara* share in a common field, troop (Gallée), also in comb. as *harm-scara* penalty, MLG. *schare* troop, share, OFris. *-skere* (in *hermskere* penance), Du. *schaar* fem., troop, multitude, OHG. *scara* troop, share of forced labour (MHG., mod.G. *schar* troop, multitude), OTeut. **skarō*, f. root **sker-* to cut, divide: see Shear *v.*]

1. The part or portion (*of* something) which is allotted or belongs to an individual, when distribution is made among a number; also, the portion or quota which is contributed by an individual.

In the earliest instances used for: (*a*) a custom paid by fishing-boats; (*b*) the portion of prize-money due to each of the officers and men of a ship.

1372 *Fer. Acc.* 6, A (P. R. O.), Custuma navium batellorum piscentium super mare ibidem [Winchelsea] vocat' shares. 1375 in *Black Bk. Admiralty* (Rolls) I. 172 Item, de prendre et saisir pour ladmiral les shares a lui dues doffice de toutes maneres de biens pris ou gaignez sur la mer. *c* 1400 *Ibid.* 400 Ladmiral aura un share del entierte. 1411 *Exch. Acc. Q. R.* Bundle 67 No. 18 (P. R. O.), Et ibidem cepit unum schar de Thos Ise magistro unius ballenger. 1481 *Howard Househ. Bks.* (Roxb.) 80 My Lord paid John Petman ix. li. x. s. For xxxviij. chares; that is the maister ij. chares, and him self ij. chares and xxxiiij persones, that is xxxiiij. chares. 1530 Palsgr. 266/1 Schare of a man of a prise of warre tyme, *butin*. 1544 in *Sel. Pleas Crt. Admiralty* (1894) I. 141 All suche maryners as wyll not sail in the said shippe for their shaires. 1562 *Mirr. Mag., Shore's Wife* lii, When almes was delt I had a hungry share. 1575 Gascoigne *Weedes* Wks. 1907 I. 454 Antonius who conquered prowde Egipt.. Chose Cleopatra for his love...He snapt but hir for his owne share. 1617 Morvson *Itin.* I. 94 Thus hath one Poet, three crownes to his share. 1653 *Descr. & Plat Sea-coasts Eng.* A 3, As to the Shares in Prizes. *a* 1667 Cowley *Ess., Agric.*, '*Happy the Man*' 21 Of which large shares, on the glad sacred daies He gives to Friends. *a* 1700 Evelyn *Diary* 5 July 1646, Taking our turns to row, of which I reckon my share came to little less than 20 leagues. 1801 *Farmer's Mag.* Jan. 77 Lord Somerville, the late President, comes in for a share of the general thrashing. 1809 Byron *Let.* 11 Aug. in R. C. Dallas *Corr.* (1825) I. 90 She offered a share of her apartment, which my *virtue* induced me to decline. 1844 H. H. Wilson *Brit. India* I. 307 They insisted upon their shares, and refused to fight unless they obtained a portion of the spoil. 1880 L. Stephen *Pope* iii. 79 We could have wished that he had been a little more liberal with his share of the plunder. 1888 F. Hume *Mme. Midas* I. Prol., There is gold here, my friend, and we must get our share of it.

b. In pregnant sense = One's due, proper, or fair share; one's full share (of something enjoyed or suffered in common with others).

c 1645 Howell *Lett.* (1650) II. lxv. 102 One who by this recluse passive condition hath his share of this hideous storm. 1697 Dryden *Virg. Georg.* IV. 356 Lazy Drones, without their Share of Pain, In Winter Quarters free, devour the Gain. 1745 Sir C. H. Williams in Jesse *Selwyn & Contemp.* (1843) I. 65 Lady Lucy indeed was very plentifully abused, and Mr. Hobart had his share. 1856 Sir B. Brodie *Psychol. Inq.* (1862) II. iv. 141 It cannot be denied that the lower animals have their share of whatever evil exists in the universe. 1871 Morley *Voltaire* 10 Whole generations that might have produced their share of skilful and intrepid mariners.

c. The measure or degree *of* a quality, condition, etc. which is allotted to an individual by nature or Providence.

1722 De Foe *Hist. Plague* (1756) 285 Those Physicians, who had the least Share of Religion in them, were oblig'd to acknowledge that it was all supernatural. 1742 M. Whiteway in *Earl Orrery's Rem. Swift* xi. (1752) 90 Mr. Nichols thought it possible he might return to a share of understanding. 1816 J. Smith *Panorama Sci. & Art* II. 258 When it contains less than its natural share [of electric fluid], it is said to be negative, or electrified minus. 1816 Scott *Old Mort.* xliii, Exerting that youthful agility of which he possessed an uncommon share. 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* xxxiii, Her mamma and sister..regarded her with that amiable pity, of which your really superior woman always has such a share to give away.

2. *Comm.* A definite portion of a property owned by a number in common; *spec.* each of the equal parts into which the capital of a joint-stock company or corporation is divided.

Deferred, *preference* (or *preferred*) *shares*: see Deferred, Preference 8. *Ordinary shares*, the shares which form the common stock and are without 'preference'.

1601 B. Jonson *Poetaster* III. iv. 373 Commend me to seuen-shares and a halfe. 1629 Sherley & Hatherley in Bradford *Plymouth Plant.* (1856) 259, I thinke it conscionable and reasonable y^t^ you should beare your shares and proporcion of y^e^ stock. 1660 F. Brooke tr. *Le Blanc's Trav.* 4 The ship, wherein my Father had halfe share. *a* 1700 Evelyn *Diary* 2 July 1667, He was endeavouring to bring me into the project, and proffered me a share. 1708 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 4484/3 All Persons that have any Demands.., on account of their Old Additional Stock, commonly called the Shares, are desired..to repair to Skinner's Hall. 1818 Cruise *Digest* (ed. 2) I. 58 A share in the New River water is held to be real property, as also a share in the navigation of the river Avon. *Ibid.* II. 515 The last mode by which an estate in joint tenancy may be destroyed, is by the devolving of all the shares on one of the joint tenants, by survivorship. 1863 Kinglake *Crimea* I. xiv. 228 He was a buyer and seller of those fractional and volatile interests in trading adventures, which go by the name of 'shares'. 1891 *Law Rep., Weekly Notes* 68/2 The company had been most successful..paying a very large dividend on the ordinary shares. 1893 *Law Times* XCV. 305/2 If she wished to be sure of her income she should of all things avoid dabbling in the shares of oew companies.

3. A part taken *in* (an action, experience, etc.). Chiefly in phr. *to have, take, bear a* (*one's*, etc.) *share in*, to have or take part in, participate in.

1592 Kyd *Sp. Trag.* I. ii. 125 Hieronimo, it greatly pleaseth vs That in our victorie thou haue a share. 1687 Burnet *Contn. Reply to Varillas* 103 Somerset came again into a Share in the Government. 1687 A. Lovell tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* I. 267 Our ship had also some share in the danger. 1721 De Foe *Mem. Cavalier* (1840) 93, I had no share in the business of Donawert. 1779 *Mirror* No. 60 The philosopher..took little share in the conversation. 1855 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* xix. IV. 362 *note*, He is extolled as having borne a principal share in the emancipation of the press. 1871 Freeman *Norm. Conq.* (1876) IV. xviii. 105 We may fully acquit William of any personal share in the evil deeds of Odo and his fellow viceroy. 1875 Jowett *Plato* (ed. 2) V. 89 He who has no share in the administration of justice, appears to himself to have no share in the state.

†**b.** *To take share of*: to share (something) *with* another. *Obs.*

1738 Swift *Pol. Conversat.* 127, I took Share of a Beefstake and Two Muggs of Ale with my Chapman.

†**4.** *gen.* A part, piece, or portion (*of* anything).

c 1400 *Rule St. Benet* (Verse) 881 Our gude angel Al our warkes to god wil tel, Al be it neuer so litil a schar. 1664 in *Extr. St. Papers rel. Friends* Ser. III. (1912) 214, I intend..to have them..out of y^e^ custody of our Kendall gaoler who is a great share of a Fanatick himselfe. 1751 T. Sharp in *Lett. Lit. Men* (Camden) 377 No small share of their time was taken up with a trust they were engaged in. 1760–72 H. Brooke *Fool of Qual.* (1809) I. 116 My friends..have engaged to spend a share of to-morrow in a party of pleasure upon the Thames.

b. One of several parts into which anything is divided; a section or division. Now *dial.*

1598 Stow *Surv.* 156 Where turning south, and breaking it selfe into many small shares, rilles or streames, it left the name of Share borne lane. 1793–1813 *Reports Agric.* 76 (E.D.D.) In a dry [seed time] the barley sown on the sand land frequently comes up in two shares, and ripens unequally. 1893–4 *Northumbld. Gloss.* s.v., The skate fish is usually dressed for sale and cut into slices or *shares*.

†**c.** *spec.* One of the portions into which land or territory is divided; a portion of land assigned to a particular holder, a lot. *Obs.*

[1570–6 Lambarde *Peramb. Kent* 20 Alfred..diuided the whole Realme into certein parts, or Sections.., whiche..he termed shires, or (as we yet speake) shares, and portions.] 1643 Baker *Chron., Jas I*, 158 So as now they began to divide the Country [Bermuda] into Tribes and the Tribes into Shares. 1682 Piers *Descr. W. Meath* (1770) 116 Of these they make so many lots or equal shares, as there are ploughs in the town. *Ibid.*, To each plow they reckon a certain number of acres, which by a general name is called a share; each share hath particularly such and such half acres or stangs assigned to it by name to make up the given number.

d. In a salmon-weir: see quot.

1842 *Act* 5 & 6 *Vict.* c. 106 § 41 A free Gap or Queen's Share shall be left or formed in the deepest Part of such River.

†**e.** With etymological reference to *shear*: A piece hewn out, or cut or torn away. (Cf. *potshare* var. Potsherd.) *Obs.*

1590 Spenser *F. Q.* I. ii. 18 Therewith vpon his crest With rigour so outrageous he smitt, That a large share it hewd out of the rest. 1641 Milton *Ch. Govt.* I. vii, No wonder then in..the fierce encounter of truth and falshood together, if, as it were, the splinters and shares of so violent a jousting, there fall [etc.]. 17.. *Clerk Colvil* vii. in Herd *Sc. Songs* (1776) I. 161 Frae her sark he cut a share.

5. Phrases. (See also 3.) **a.** *Share and share alike* (earlier †*share and share like*), with equal shares, having each a like share. Also *to go share and share alike* († *like*).

a 1566 R. Edwards *Damon & Pithias* (1908) G j b, Let vs into the Courte to parte the spoyle, share and share like. 1651 N. Bacon *Disc. Gov. Eng.* vii. 68 Edward the Third..promiseth them [the Flemings] share and share like with his own People. 1692 R. L'Estrange *Fables* vii. 6 Every one to go share and share-like in what they took. 1702 Yalden *Æsop at Court* II. 10 The Articles were these: Share and share like whate'er they got. 1719 De Foe *Crusoe* II. ii. 30 He declar'd he had reserv'd nothing from the Men, and went Share and Share alike with them in every Bit they eat. 1766 Blackstone *Comm.* II. xiv. 218 Their representatives..shared the inheritance *per capita*, that is, share and share alike. 1840 Marryat *Poor Jack* xxxi, I bequeath to my nephews and nieces.. the whole of my..personal effects, *share and share alike*. 1859 Thackeray *Virgin.* lviii, She fondly hoped that he might be inclined to go share and share alike with Twin junior. 1886 Laing-Meason *Sir William's Specul.* 75 All costs, charges, and similar payments should be share and share alike.

b. *To fall to one's share*: to be assigned as one's portion; hence, to fall to one's lot (*to do*, etc.).

1637 Earl Monm. tr. *Malvezzi's Romulus & Tarquin* 169 Had it fallen to the common people of Romes share to give their vote. *a* 1700 Evelyn *Diary* 25 Dec. 1658, It fell to my share to be confin'd to a roome in the house. 1813 Scott *Rokeby* v. xxiii, And oh! when Passion rules, how rare The hours that fall to Virtue's share! 1865 *Nat. Hist. Rev.* July 387 They divided the field of work between them...To Kotschy's share fell the flowering plants.

c. *For my share*, for my part, as regards my part in the matter. Now *rare*.

1674 N. Fairfax *Bulk & Selv.* 24 And verily, for my share, I cannot see why [etc.]. 1794 Godwin *Caleb Williams* 114 For my share, misfortunes come so thick upon me, that [etc.]. 1799 H. Mitchell *Scotticisms* 76 For my share I scorn a sycophant; Sc.—For my part. 1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* III. v. v, Busy sits Carnot,..busy, for his share, in 'organizing victory'.

d. *On shares.* Applied to a system whereby two or more persons participate in the risks and profits of an undertaking; as *to go on shares* (*with*); *to work*, etc. *on shares*.

1792 Belknap *Hist. New Hampsh.* III. 216 Men can always be had to go on shares, which is by far the most profitable method, both to the employers and the fishermen. 1830 Galt *Lawrie T.* II. v. (1849) 55 He had proposed to me to send a venture by the same ship or go on shares with him. 1878 J. S. Campion *On Frontier* (ed. 2) 6 The Captain resided in a good house on his own farm,..which was worked for him on shares by a smart Yankee. 1901 *Munsey's Mag.* XXV. 345/2 It all came out of his own pocket, for he was sailing the vessel on shares.

e. *To go shares with* (another or others) *in* (a possession, enterprise, etc.): to enjoy a part in, participate in, contribute towards. Also *to run shares, to club shares. Shares!* an exclamation demanding to be allowed to 'go shares' in something found, stolen, etc. by another person; hence *to cry shares*.

1818 Scott *Hrt. Midl.* i, Bubbleburgh is only one of a set of five boroughs which club their shares for a member of parliament. 1821 Shelley *Let. to L. Hunt* 26 Aug., Go shares with him and me in a periodical work. 1850 *Tait's Mag.* XVII. 182/1 The two scoundrels..have run shares in this imposition. 1869 Browning *Ring & Bk.* XI. 841 Why touch the thing myself When I could see you hunt and then cry 'Shares! Quarter the carcass or we quarrel'. 1879 Sala *Paris Herself Again* II. xi. 153, I went shares with a friend in the purchase of..a whole ticket. 1888 Rider Haggard *Col. Quaritch* iv, If you find the treasure we will go shares.

6. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as (sense 2) *share broker*, *-certificate*, *-list*, *-market*, *-warrant*; †**share-book**, a book brought out by a number of booksellers or publishers with a collective imprint; **share-fisherman** = *shareman*; **shareman**, a fisherman who shares with the owner of the vessel in the profits in lieu of wages; **sharesman**, †(*a*) one who has his share *of* something; (*b*) = *shareman*. Also Share-holder, -holding.

1851 Bohn in *De Lolme's Constit. Eng.* (1853) 4 In 1781 the work was bought of De Lolme by the trade, and was thereafter published under their mutual protection as what is technically called a *share book. 1909 Growoll *Three Cent. Eng. Booktrade Bibliogr.* 23 The books that were thus issued under a collective imprint were first known as 'Share-books'; later they were called 'Chapter-books'. 1851 (*title*) Ralph's Stock & *Share Brokers' Directory. 1888 *Act* 51 *Vict.* c. 8 § 12 The holder of any Foreign or Colonial *Share Certificate. 1901 *Scotsman* 11 Sept. 8/5 The Grimsby owners and the *share fishermen last night arrived at a final settlement of all outstanding questions between them. 1846 *Daily News* 21 Jan. 5/5 *Leeds Exchange.*—Notice was given on the *share list of Monday that [etc.]. 1901 *Westm. Gaz.* 31 Aug. 4/3 The *sharemen, as the skippers and the mates of the trawlers are called —for the reason that they have never been paid a wage, but shared with the owners the profits of their voyages to the fishing-grounds. 1841 Thackeray *Gt. Hoggarty Diam.* vii, Our great men in the *share-market. 1640 Murr *Counter-Buff* 245 Vea, though he should undo them, He's *sharesman of the harme. 1895 *Outing* XXVII. 20/1

[1] Sharesmen'..are credited with a certain share of what they catch, a third to a half usually going to the planter. 1867 *Act* 30 & 31 *Vict.* c. 131 § 28 A *Share Warrant shall entitle the Bearer of such Warrant to the Shares or Stock specified in it.

†Share, *v.*[1] *Obs.* Also 7 **shayre.** [A variant of SHEAR *v.* (cf. *bare* var. of BEAR *v.*); in some uses associated with SHARE *sb.*[1] (For other senses see SHEAR *v.*).] *trans.* To cut into parts; to cut off.

1553 [cf. SHARING *vbl. sb.*[1]]. 1565 J. PHILLIP *Patient Grissell* 1149 (Malone Soc.), I will share with sword, the Infants corpes by force. 1596 SPENSER *F. Q.* IV. ii. 17 Like two mad mastiffes each on other flew, And shields did share, and mailes did rash, and helmes did hew. 1614 GORGES *Lucan* VI. 232 Where now the cultor shares the soyle, And plough-men daily eare and toyle. *Ibid.* 237 That lumpe.. Which on a young colts forhead breeds,..Before the louing damme do share It with her teeth, and make it bare. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* VI. 326 The sword..deep entring shar'd All his right side. 1673 *Essex Papers* (Camden) I. 139, I would rather run y^e^ hazard of shayring a point of my Orders. 1735 SOMERVILLE *Chase* III. 210 When ev'ry Art has fail'd the captive Fox Has shar'd the wounded Joint, and with a Limb Compounded for his Life.

b. with adv. or advb. phrase.

1577 B. GOOGE *Heresbach's Husb.* III. (1586) 120 Some vse to geue them [horses] aples shared in peces. 1596 SPENSER *F. Q.* V. v. 9 For with his trenchant blade at the next blow Halfe of her shield he shared quite away. 1608 TOPSELL *Serpents* 28 While they share them asunder, they are stung or bitten by the serpent. 1691 RAY *Creation* I. (1692) 124 Pieces of Rose or other Leaves which she [the Bee] shares off with her mouth.

Hence **†Shared** *ppl. a.*, cut, divided, cloven.

1598 BP. HALL *Sat.* V. ii. 69 If perchance thou..with thine elbow shrd'st thy shared meat. 1614 GORGES *Lucan* VII. 301 We do not seeke that they should hurne In parted flames and shared vrne [orig. *Petimus non singula busta, Discretosque rogos*]. 1697 DRYDEN *Æneid* IX. 1019 Scalp, Face, and Shoulders, the keen Steel divides; And the shar'd Visage hangs on equal sides.

Share (ʃēə1), *v.*[2] Also 6 **shaire, shayre,** 7 *Sc.* **shair.** [f. SHARE *sb.*[3]]

1. *trans.* To divide and apportion in shares between two or more recipients. *Obs.* or *arch.*

1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* II. x. 28 In his crowne he counted her no haire, But twixt the other twaine his kingdome whole did shaire. 1607 SHAKS. *Timon* IV. ii. 23 Good Fellowes all, The latest of my wealth Ile share among'st you. 1610 HOLLAND *Camden's Brit.* I. 641 He..shared the Country among his companions. 1624 QUARLES *Job Milit.* Med. ix. 43 To Good and Bad, both Fortunes Heauen doth share, That both, an after-change, may hope, and feare. 1708 SWIFT *Let. conc. Sacram. Test* P 19 Misc. (1711) 340 Suppose I share my Fortune equally between my own Children and a Stranger, whom I take into my Protection; will that be a Method to unite them? 1711 W. SUTHERLAND *Shipbuild. Assist.* 48 The But Ends, which are shared with as much Indifferency as possible, that every Part of the Ship may be of equal Strength. 1743 BULKELEY & CUMMINS *Voy. S. Seas* 160 We shar'd all the Provisions among the Company. 1837–9 HALLAM *Lit. Europe* III. v. § 7 Their parental love forbids all preference, and an impartial law of gavelkind shares their page among all the offspring of their brain. 1863 NEALE *Med. Hymns* (ed. 2) 197 Midst his people thus the Clerk Scripture nurture shareth.

b. Now chiefly with *out.*

1644–52 J. SMITH *Sel. Disc.* VII. iv. (1821) 347 Those immortal inheritances which he shares out amongst his spiritual sons and subjects in heaven. 1723 *Present St. Russia* I. 52 The Senate shares that Service out among the several Governments. 1761 HUME *Hist. Eng.* I. xiii. 314 The landed property was gradually shared out into more hands. *Ibid.* III. liii. 135 Worldly glory had been shared out to them with a sparing hand. 1898 BRABROOK *Provid. Societies* 57 The funds.. diminish so rapidly that the old men share out what there is and close the society. 1901 ALLDRIDGE *Sherbro* XXIII. 242 When there is 'flesh kind' for the carriers, it is given to the head-man, who shares it out most carefully.

c. To apportion to an individual as his share. Also with *out. arch.*

c 1586 C'TESS PEMBROKE *Ps.* LVIII. iv, There is a God that shares to each his own. 1596 SPENSER *F. Q.* IV. viii. 5 And euery day, for guerdon of her song, He part of his small feast to her would share. 1602 CAREW *Cornwall* I. 13 In Wastrell, it is lawfull for any man to make triall of his fortune that way, prouided, that hee acknowledge the Lordes right, by sharing out vnto him a certaine part, which they call toll. 1633 P. FLETCHER *Purple Isl.* VI. xxxi, He all in all..Does share to each his due, and equall dole impart. 1893 STEVENSON *Catriona* vi. 62 And here I am with my foot in the stirrup again and some of the responsibility shared into my hand of prosecuting King George's enemies.

d. To divide (what one has or receives) into portions, and give shares to others as well as one's self. Const. *with.*

1592 *Arden of Feversham* II. i. 35 Were it not that I see more company comming down the hill, I would be fellowes with you once more, and share Crownes with you to. 1636 [FAZZMAN] tr. *Seneca's Shortn. Life* (1663) 4 To share his money no man can abide; Their lives 'twixt many all men will divide. 1771 GOLDSM. *Hist. Eng.* I. 149 These had a power of sharing their grants to inferior tenants. 1819 SHELLEY *Cyclops* 538 *Cyclops.* Should I not share this liquor with my brothers? *Ulysses.* Keep it yourself, and be more honoured so. 1901 HALL & OSBORNE *Sunshine & Surf* xxiii. 297 The natives had only brought enough [water] for themselves..which, however, they generously shared with us.

e. To divide *into* parts or shares. *rare.*

1591–5 SPENSER *Colin Clout* 138 First into many parts his streame he shar d. 1719 DE FOE *Crusoe* I. (Globe) 311, I shar'd the Island into Parts with 'em. 1847 C. BRONTE *Jane Eyre* V. I. 74 A thin oaten cake, shared into fragments. *Ibid.* xxi, Take one day; share it into sections; to each section apportion its task.

†f. *refl.* To divide one's service, devotion, etc. between (two different objects). *Obs.*

1680 C. NESSE *Church Hist.* 164 Solomon had been sharing himself betwixt God and idols.

2. Of two or more persons: To divide into shares and take each a portion. Also *absol.*

1594 SHAKS. *Rich. III*, I. iii. 159 You wrangling Pyrates, that fall out, In sharing that which you haue pill'd from me. 1596 — 1 *Hen. IV*, II. ii. 104 Come my Masters, let vs share, and then to horsse. 1660 STANLEY *Hist. Philos.* XIII. *Epicurus* i. (1687) 836/1 The Two thousand Citizens, whom the Athenians sent to Samus to share the Land by Lots.

3. To grant or give another or others a share in. Also const. *with.*

1662 DRYDEN *To Ld. Chanc.* 44 Well may he then to you his Cares impart And share his Burden where he shares his Heart. 1717 POPE *Eloisa to Abelard* 49–50 Then share thy pain, allow that sad relief; Ah, more than share it, give me all thy grief. 1818 SHELLEY *Marenghi* xii; There was set A penalty of blood on all who shared So much of water with him as might wet His lips. 1847 TENNYSON *Princess* VI, 235 Now had you got a friend of your own age, Now could you share your thought. 1860 E. WASHBURN *Amer. Law Real Property* I. 364 (Funk) A mode of letting lands..where the tenant is to cultivate them, and share the crops with his landlord. *Mod.* I will share my room with you for to-night if you cannot get a bed anywhere else.

¶b. *nonce-use.* To cause (one thing) to share its place *with* another.

1813 SCOTT *Rokeby* I. viii, A scorching clime, And toil, had done the work of time,..And sable hairs with silver shared.

4. To receive, possess, or occupy together with others.

1592 SHAKS. *Rom. & Jul.* I. iii. 93 So shall you share all that he doth possesse. *c* 1600 *Histriomastix* VI. i. (1610) H 1 b, *Cun*[*stable*]. Soft sirs, I must talke with you for taxe mony, To releeue the poore, not a penny paid yet. *Post.* Sir, at few words we shar'd but XV. pence last weeke. *a* 1640 DAY *Peregr. Schol.* (1881) 75 Lookeing downe I might perceive a white mowse and a blacke mowse shareinge the roote of the tree. 1697 DRYDEN *Virg. Georg.* IV. 698 Longing the common Light again to share. 1762 GOLDSM. *Cit. W.* XV, He was born to share the bounties of heaven, but he has monopolized them. 1804 J. GRAHAME *Sabbath* 35 He shares the frugal meal with those he loves. 1825 T. HOOK *Sayings* Ser. II. *Man of Many Fr.* I. 283 She quitted the sofa she had been unwillingly sharing with the self-pleased beau.

b. *fig.* (with a thing as subject.)

c 1652 MILTON *Sonn. Fairfax* 14 In vain doth Valour bleed While Avarice, and Rapine share the land. 1742 YOUNG *Nt. Th.* V. 17 We wear the chains of pleasure, and of pride; These share the man; and these distract him too.

†c. To receive or possess (a portion allotted to one); to take or receive as one's share. *poet. Obs.*

1594 SHAKS. *Rich. III*, V. iii. 268 But if I thriue, the gaine of my attempt, The least of you shall share his part thereof. *c* 1600 — *Sonn.* xlvii, An other time mine eye is my hearts guest, And in his thoughts of loue doth share a part. 1618 ROWLANDS *Sacred Mem. Miracles* (1876) 37 Who seeing now her sorrowes cause to liue, Had such a fulnesse of a ioyfull heart, That neuer woman sharde a greater part.

†d. *To share from*: to gain at the expense of.

1599 SHAKS. *Hen. V*, IV. iii. 32, I would not loose so great an Honor, As one man more me thinkes would share from me, For the best hope I haue. 1606 — *Tr. & Cr.* I. iii. 367 What glory our Achilles shares from Hector.

¶e. *To share alone*: incorrectly, to possess unshared.

1626 MASSINGER *Rom. Actor* V. ii, You shall not share alone The glorie of a deed that will endure To all posteritie.

5. To participate in (an action, activity, opinion, feeling, or condition); to perform, enjoy, or suffer in common with others; to possess (a quality) which other persons or things also have. Const. *with.*

1590 SHAKS. *Mids. N.* III. ii. 198 Is all the counsell that we two haue shar'd, The sister vowes,..O, is all forgot? 1604 — *Oth.* III. iv. 95 A man that all his time Hath..Shar'd dangers with you. 1667 DRYDEN *Ind. Emp.* V. ii. (1668) 62, I am content in Death to share your Fate. 1761 GRAY *Fatal Sisters* 27 Where our Friends the conflict share. 1815 SCOTT *Guy M.* XVI, That love of admiration which all pretty women share less or more. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* XXIX, How could we, with our means, live at all, but for a friend to share expenses? *Ibid.* XLII, His dinner, which he and his daughter took in silence..or which they shared..with a party of dismal friends. 1856 FROUDE *Hist. Eng.* (1858) I. iii. 267 The bribery was equally shared between both parties. 1860 TYNDALL *Glac.* I. XVIII. 131 Their willingness to share my fate whatever that might be. 1874 GREEN *Short Hist.* IV. § 3. 177 He [Edward I] shared to the full his people's love of hard fighting. 1885 EAGLES *Constr. Geom. Plane Curves* 99 The ellipse shares with the hyperbola the property of satisfying five geometrical conditions. 1895 *Law Times* C. 4/1 Lord Macnaghten's satisfaction with things as they are will not be shared by anyone.

6. *intr.* To have a share (*in* something); to participate *in*, to take part *in.*

1598 SHAKS. *Merry W.* II. ii. 14 Didst not thou share? hadst thou not fifteene pence? 1605 — *Mach.* IV. i. 40, I commend your paines, And euery one shall share i'th' gaines. 1669 N. MORTON *New England's Mem.* (1910) 35 In which sickness the seamen shared nlso deeply, and many died. 1690 LOCKE *Govt.* § 92 (1692) 91 A Right of Inheritance gave every one..a Title to share in the Goods of his Father. 1781 COWPER *Hope* 686 Good-breeding..if in masculine debate he shar'd, Ensur'd him mute attention and regard. 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* ii. I. 156 Was it not enough..that he shared, with the rest of the nation, in the blessings of that mild government of which he had long been the foe? 1912 *Eng. Hist. Rev.* Jan. 53 The king would not share in the expense of raising opposition to the candidature of the electoral prince of Saxony.

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†**2.** *spec.* A member of a company of players, who paid the expenses, and received the profits, and employed the 'journeymen' members of the company. *Obs.*

(Quot. 1589 is perh. a forgery by Collier.)

1589 [?] in J. P. Collier *Shaks.* (1844) I. Life p. cviii. *note*, Her Majesty's poore Playeres..being all of them sharers in the blacke Fryers playehouse, have [etc.]. *c* 1600 *Histriomastix* v. (1610) F 2 b, You that are maister-sharers Must prouide you vpon your own purses. *Ibid.* G 1, *Soul*[*diers*]. Come on Players, now we are the Sharers And you the hired men. 1601 B. Jonson *Poet.* IV. iv. 8 *Hist*[*rio*]...They directed a letter to me, and my fellow-sharers. *Lupv.* Speake lower, you are not now i' your theater, Stager. 1604 T. M. *Ant & Nightingale* C 1, Whilst the Ant began to stalke like a three Quarter sharer. *c* 1613 in Greg *Henslowe Papers* (1907) 23 Fower or ffive Sharers of the saide Company. 1699 J. Wright *Hist. Histrion.* 11 For several Years next after the Restauration, every whole Sharer in Mr. Hart's Company, got 1000 *l.* per an. 1704 *Royal Order* 17 Jan. in *Lond. Gaz.* No. 3985/1 The Managers, Sharers and Actors of the said Companies.

†**b.** A shareholder, one who owns a share in a joint concern. (In quot. 1664 *fig.*) *Obs.*

1664 Cowley *On Death Kath. Philips* iii, The Trade of Glory mannag'd by the Pen..Does bring in but small profit to us Men; 'Tis by the number of the sharers drown'd. 1715 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 5348/9 They hereby require, That all the Sharers do pay..two Guineas per Share. 1740 W. Douglass *Disc.* 12 They who take up this Loan Money are called Sharers. 1812 H. & J. Smith *Horace in Lond.* 102 But fire, alas! to smoak will turn, And sharers, though no houses burn, Are sure to burn their fingers.

Sharewort: see Share *sb.*[2] b.

Sharg. *Sc.* ? *Obs.* In 7 scharge. [a. Gael. *searg.*] = next.

1623 in Pitcairn *Crim. Trials* II. 538 Hir bairne that wes ane scharge. 1825 in Jamieson.

Shargar (ʃā·rgəɹ). *Sc.* Also sharger. [Altered form of prec.] A lean, thin, stunted person or animal; a weakly child. Also *attrib.*

1742 R. Fosbes *Ajax, Shop Bill* (1755) 39 Far wary-draggle, an' sharger elf. 1820 G. Beattie in M'Cyrus *Life* (1863) 284 We'll put the sharger down—The wee, wee German lairdie O. 1874 G. Macdonald *Malcolm* xxv, Maist mithers, gien there be a shargar..amo' their bairns, mak mair o' that ane nor o' a' the lave putten thegither. 1912 C. Murray in *The Odd Vol.* 20 A wee sharger collie was a' that she had To cuddle at e'en.

Sharge, obs. form of Serge.

Shargoss, variant of Stagush.

Shargras(s)e, obs. forms of Shear-grass.

Shariffe, -iff, vsriants of Shereef, Sherifi.

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1553 *Respublica* I. i. 94 The paringes, The baggage, the trashe, the fragmentes, the sharinges.

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1625 Bacon *Ess., Riches* (Arb.) 237 Sharings, doe greatly Enrich, if the Hands be well chosen, that are trusted. 1720 De Foe *Capt. Singleton* xiii. (1840) 228 Further sharing of profits. 1879 Geo. Eliot *Theo. Such* 20 Another form of the disloyal attempt to be independent of the common lot, and to live without a sharing of pain. 1903 A. J. Butler *Arab Conq. Egypt* 201 Mohammed answered, 'Verily the profession of Islâm and the sharing of the Flight cancel all the past.'

b. *attrib.*

1640 Nabbes *Bride* III. ii, As if the enterteinment of constables on a sharing day were not chargeable enough, but you must complement away wine and sweet meats. 1871 *2nd Rep. Comm. Friendly Soc.* II. (1872) 37/2 The sharing out clubs..mostly exist from year to year. 1885 J. K. Jerome *On the Stage* 156 He was ready to keep on with us for a week or two longer upon sharing terms. 1910 *Stage Year Bk.* 49 Sharing terms, as understood in England, are rarely arranged for in Australia.

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1573 Tusser *Husb.* (1878) 37 A skuttle or skreine,..and sharing sheares readie for sheepe to be shorne.

Shark (ʃāɹk), *sb.*[1] Also 6–7 sharke. [Of obscure origin.

The word seems to have been introduced by the sailors of Captain (afterwards Sir John) Hawkins's expedition, who brought home a specimen which was exhibited in London in 1569. The source from which they obtained the word has not been ascertained. Cf. Ger. dial. (Austrian) *schirk* sturgeon: see Shirk *sb.*[2]

The conjecture of Skeat that the name of the fish is derived from Shark *v.*[1] is untenable: the earliest example of the vb. is *c* 1596, and the passage alludes to the fish.)

1. A selachian fish of the sub-order *Squali* of the order *Plagiostomi*; in popular language chiefly applied to the large voracious fishes of this sub-order, as the genera *Carcharodon, Carcharias*, etc.

1569 in *B. L. Ballads & Broadsides* (1867) 147 Ther is no proper name for it [a 'marueilous straunge Fishe'] that I knowe, but that sertayne men of Captayne Haukinses doth call it a sharke. 1589 Sparke *Sir J. Hawkins' 2nd Voy.* [landed home 1565] in Hakluyt *Voy.* 528 Many sharks or Tuberons..came about the ships. 1622 R. Hawkins *Observ. Voy. S. Sea* xix. 43 The Sharke, or Tiberune, is a Fish like vnto those which wee call Dogge-fishes, but that he is farre greater. 1655 Terav *Voy. E. India* 8 The Shark hath not this name for nothing, for he will make a morsell of any thing he can catch, master, and devour. 1697 Dampier *Voy.* I. 79 We caught several great Sharks. 1774 Goldsm. *Nat. Hist.* (1776) VI. 240 The shark is the dread of sailors in all hot climates. 1814 Scott *Ld. of Isles* IV. xi, So darts the dolphin from the shark. 1873 Dawson *Earth & Man* vi. 158 Sharks, whose mouths are paved with flat teeth for crushing shells. 1879 E. P. Wright *Anim. Life* 460 The True Sharks, or Carchariadæ, form a family most numerous in species, which are to be found in all seas. *Ibid.* 464 This shark [the Australian Saw Fish, *Pristiophorus cirratus*] is said to attain a length of about twelve feet. 1883 *Fisheries Exhib. Catal.* (ed. 4) 381 There is no dearth of shark and scar-fish.

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(See also Basking *ppl. a.* 2, Blue *a.* 12, Cow *sb.*[1] 8, Fox *sb.* 16 b, Hound *sb.*[1] 7 b, Mackerel[1] 4, Rock *sb.*[1] 9 d, Sand *sb.*[2] 10 b, Tiger *sb.* 13, Whale, etc.)

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c. *transf.* **Fresh-water shark**, a jocular name for the pike, alluding to its voracity.

1799 G. Smith *Laboratory* II. 267 The andacity and voraciousness of this fish [the pike] justly entitle him to the name which he has acquired of the fresh-water shark. 1902 *Daily Chron.* 16 Dec. 8/4 Several fine pike have been captured lately, the heaviest..coming from a lake at Redhill, the 'freshwater shark' scaling 21lb. 2oz.

2. *fig.* (Cf. Shark *sb.*[2]) Applied to persons, with allusion to the predatory habits and voracity of the shark; one who enriches himself by taking advantage of the necessities of others; a rapacious usurer, an extortionate landlord or letter of lodgings, etc., a financial swindler.

1713 *Guardian* No. 73 The sharks, who prey upon the inadvertency of young heirs. 1804 *Naval Chron.* XII. 249 The slopsellers, and other sharks, at this port. 1832 G. Downes *Lett. Cont. Countries* I. 385 Our guide, a genuine shark, did his best to defraud his brethren, and thereby secure the entire fee. 1857 Trollope *Three Clerks* I. iii. 58 He expected to pay £200 a year for his board and lodging, which he thought might as well go to his niece as to some shark, who would probably starve him. 1886 C. E. Pascoe *Loud. To-day* xix. (ed. 3) 187 Brighton is less plagued with 'sharks' than seaside resorts usually are. 1904 Shuddick *How to arrange with Creditors* 35 The..simplest way of checking the rapacity of the money-lending shark. 1907 H. Wyndham *Flare of Footlights* xxx, Even to his untrained eye several of them [*i.e.* theatrical advertisements] obviously emanated from sharks.

attrib. 1904 Shuddick *How to arrange with Creditors* 31 Another gentleman who is to be avoided at creditors' meetings is the shark accountant.

†**b.** *spec.* (See quots.) *Obs.*

1707 J. Stevens tr. *Quevedo's Com. Wks.* (1709) 242 A meer Shark or Pick-pocket. 1788 Grose *Dict. Vulgar T.* (ed. 2) s. v. *Shark*, Sharks; the first order of pick-pockets. Bow-street term, A. D. 1785.

c. A customs officer; also *pl.* the press-gang.

1785 Grose *Dict. Vulgar T., Shark*...Also a custom house officer, or tide waiter. 1796 Eliza Hamilton *Lett. Hindoo Rajah* (1811) II. 52 The loss you had sustained from the sharks of the custom-house. 1828 D. Jerrold *Ambrose Gwinett* I. iii, *Gil.* A word with you—the sharks are out to-night. *Label.* The sharks? *Gil.* Ay, the blue-jackets—the press-gang. 1851 Mayhew *Lond. Labour* I. 384/1 They..look mysteriously around to see if there be any of 'them ere Custom-house sharks afloat'.

d. *Naut.* A lawyer.

1840 Marryat *Poor Jack* xxvii, I'm what the sailors call a shark, that is, I'm a lawyer.

3. *Ent.* Any moth of the genus *Cucullia* (formerly *Noctua*); there are several varieties as camomile, tansy, lettuce, mugwort shark.

1819 Samouelle *Entomol. Compend.* 418 *Noctua umbratica*...The large Pale Shark. *Ibid.* 419 *N. Tanaceti.* The Tansy Shark. *N. Lactucæ.* The Lettuce Shark. *N. Lucifuga.* The large Dark Shark. 1869 E. Newman *Brit. Moths* 436. 1890 Poulton *Colours Anim.* IV. 58 The appearance of splinters of wood is also often suggested by moths such as the 'Sharks' (*Cucullia*).

4. *attrib.* and *Comb.* **a.** Obvious comb., as *shark-bite, genus, -hook, kind, (-liver) oil, -steak, trap; shark-fishing*; *shark-like, -mouthed* adjs.

1888 *Daily News* 25 Dec. 5/2 Death by *shark-bite. 1852 Mundy *Antipodes* (1857) 89 *Shark-fishing is merely the best sport to be had in New South Wales. 1822–29 *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 3) V. 6 The squalus, or *shark genus. 1849 Cupples *Green Hand* viii. (1856) 74, I hauled up the *shark-hook from astern. 1758 Borlase *Nat. Hist. Cornw.* 265 Of the *shark kind..we have the sea-fox, *Vulpecula* or *Simia marina* of authors. 1885 Hornaday *2 Yrs. in Jungle* xxii. 257 A very strange..*shark-like fish. 1868 Royle & Headland *Mat. Med.* (ed. 5) 745 *note*, *Shark-liver Oil has been lately imported into Liverpool. 1806 J. Beresford *Miseries Hum. Life* IV. i, Should you chance to have a wish for what is in the baskets or barrows of these *shark-mouthed hawlers. 1615 R. Cocks *Diary* (Hakl. Soc.) I. 11 And we bought 40 gants of *shark oyle for the junk. 1888 Brannt *Anim. & Veg. Fats* 310 Shark oil, prepared from the livers of various species of the shark. 1885 Lady Brassey *The Trades* 209 The pilot..telling me ..what excellent things *shark-steaks were. 1896 A. J. Butler tr. *Ratzel's Hist. Mankind* I. 254 Fig., *Shark-trap with wooden float, from Fiji.

b. Special comb.: **shark-barrow**, 'the egg-case of a shark; a sea-purse' (*Funk's Stand. Dict.* 1895); **shark-charmer**, one professing to protect the pearl-divers in Ceylon from sharks by incantations; **shark-fin**, the fin of a shark, considered a table delicacy by the Chinese; **shark's head** *nonce-word*, a jocular name for the elongated prow of a grab; **shark-headed** *a.*, the designation of a kind of screw, so **shark-header**, a screw of this kind; **shark-louse**, a parasitic crustacean infesting sharks; **shark-moth** = sense 3; **shark's mouth** *Naut.* (see quot.); also 'the opening for the breeching in the cascabel of a cannon' (*Funk's Stand. Dict.* 1895); **shark-ray**, the angel-fish, also a rhinobatid or beaked ray; **shark-skin**, the skin of sharks used for making shagreen, and also used for polishing, etc.; **shark-sucker**, 'any remora that adheres to sharks,' esp. *Echeneis naucrates*; **shark's tooth**, **shark-tooth**, the tooth of a shark, also †= Glossopetra; also *attrib.* quasi-*adj.* in similative use; also in *shark's teeth sword, weapon*, a weapon armed with shark's teeth, in use among some uncivilized peoples; **shark-toothed** *a.*, applied to a tooth ornament suggesting shark's teeth.

1866 *Cornh. Mag.* XIV. 169 The *shark-charmer..is considered so indispensable to the fishery that he is paid by Government. 1793 J. Trapp *Rochon's Voy. Madagascar*, etc. 350 The Chinese pay likewise a liberal price for *shark-fins. 1831 Trelawny *Adv. Younger Son* I. 178 Knock the *shark's head off her, and ship a bowsprit in its place. 1861 Dickens *Gt. Expect.* XV, A gross or two of *shark-headed screws for general use. *Ibid.*, And *shark-headers is open to misrepresentations. 1850 A. White *List Specim. Crustacea Brit. Mus.* 122 *Dinemoura alata.* Winged *Shark-louse. 1819 G. Samouelle *Entomol. Compend.* 250 *Noctua Tanaceti* (*shark moths). 1881 Hamersly *Naval Encycl., Awning*, the *shark's mouth is an opening to accommodate the masts and stays abaft. 1836 Yarrell *Brit. Fishes* II. 408 The Angel-fish..is also called *Shark-Ray, from its partaking of the characters of both Shark and Ray. 1851 Gosse *Nat. Hist., Fishes* 314 *Rhinobatina.* The Shark-rays. 1873 T. Gill *Catal. Fishes East N. Amer.* 35 *Squatina Dumerili*...Angel-fish; shark-ray. 1851 H. Melville *Whale* xv. 74 His account books bound in superior old *shark-skin. 1877 G. Macdonald *Marquis of Lossie* xlv, What the final touches of the shark-skin are to the marble..that only can [etc.]. 1850 A. White *List Specim. Crustacea Brit. Mus.* 124 *Anthosoma Smithii*, Bud-like *Shark-Sucker. 1692 Ray *Disc.* II. iv. (1693) 162, I might have added *Sharks-teeth or Glossopetræ. 1885 Hornaday *2 Yrs. in Jungle* xxii. 257 They certainly are more like shark-teeth than spines. 1845 C. H. Smith in Kitto *Cycl. Bibl. Lit.* s. v. *Arms* Fig. 99 Sharks-teeth Sword. 1853 Kingsley *Westw. Ho!* vi, Jagged shark's-tooth rock. 1886 *Guide Exhib. Galleries Brit. Mus.* 216 The singular armour made of cocoanut fibre, worn by the natives [of Micronesia] as a protection against the shark's teeth weapons. 1860 Thackeray *Round. Pap., Lazy Idle Boy* (1876) 3 The sacristan..espies the traveller eyeing..the old *shark-toothed arch of his cathedral.

†**Shark**, *sb.*[2] *Obs.* Also sharke. Cf. Shirk *sb.* [Of uncertain etymology.

It is noteworthy that Shirk occurs with the same meaning frequently from 1639 down to the beginning of the 18th c., and that the G. *schurke* (now in wider sense, scoundrel, villain) had in the 16th c. precisely the same sense. Words with meanings of this character were *c* 1600 often adopted from Ger., and it is not unlikely that this word represents an adoption of G. *schurke* (earlier *schurk, schorck*), assimilated in form to Shark *sb.*[1], of which it seems often to have been felt as a figurative use.]

A worthless and impecunious person who gains a precarious living by sponging on others, by executing disreputable commissions, cheating at play, and petty swindling; a parasite; a sharper. In later use influenced by Shark *sb.*[1] 2.

1599 B. JONSON *Ev. Man out of H.* Charac., Shift. A Thredhare Sharke. One that neuer was Soldior, yet liues vpon lendings. His profession is skeldring and odling, his Banke Poules, and his Ware-house Pict-hatch. *c* 1600 *Distr. Emperor* I. i. in Bullen *Old Pl.* (1884) III. 166 To give attendance on the full-fedd gueste, Not on the hungry sharke. 1601 B. JONSON *Poetaster* III. iv. 200 Doe not we serue a notable sharke? 1609 — *Silent Wom.* IV. iv, *La-f.* A very sharke, he set me i' the nicke t'other night at primero. 1628 EARLE *Microcosm.*, *Sharke* (Arb.) 35 A Sharke. One whome all other meanes haue fayl'd, and hee now liues of himselfe. 1678 SOUTH *Serm.* (I *Sam.* XXV. 32, 33) (1697) II. 427 And thus David's Messengers are sent back to him, like so many Sharks, and Runnagates. 1684 WOOD *Life* 4 Sept. (O.H.S.) III. 108 Wright Croke..was posted up for a shark and coward in Day's coffey house. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 19 July 1664, The master of it [the lottery],..was, in truth, a meer shark.

b. *Comb.* **Shark-gull,** ? one who is both knave and dupe.

1604 T. M. *Black Bk.* C 4, Alas, poore Skark-Gull [*sic*], that put off is idle.

† Shark, *sb.*[3] *Obs.* [f. SHARK *v.*[1]] The action or an act of 'sharking'. *To live upon the shark*: to live by sharking.

c 1692 SOUTH *Serm.* (1697) II. vi. 253 Wretches who live upon the Shark, and other men's Sins,..getting their very Bread by the Damnation of Souls.

Shark (ʃaːk), *v.*[1] Also 7 **sharke**; and see SHIRK *v.* [Of uncertain origin.

It seems likely that two different words have been more or less confused from the time of the earliest examples: the one (which has the variants *sherk(e*, *shirk(e*: see SHIRK *v.*) SHARK *sb.*[2], and the other f. SHARK *sb.*[1] The senses naturally resulting from these derivations respectively are so nearly allied, and the use with mixed notions is so frequent, that the two verbs cannot be distinguished.

Skeat conjectured that *shark* vb.[1] (which he regarded as the source, not the derivative, of the two sbs.) was a. north-eastern Fr. *cherquier* = F. *chercher* to seek, orig. to go about to find. He refers to the phrase '*cercher le broust*, to hunt after feasts, to play the parasite or smell-feast' (Cotgr.), and to the similar It. '*cercare del pane*, to shift for how to live' (Torriano). In view of the senses of this verb and those of SHARK *sb.*[1] (parasite, one who lives by shifts), the citation of these phrases gives striking plausibility to Skeat's hypothesis, which would also account for the divergent forms *shark*, *sherk*, *shirk*. But the sense in which the Fr. verb is assumed to have been adopted is merely contextual in the phrase quoted; further, the importation of the Fr. word in a dialectal form at the end of the 16th c. would be surprising, and if (which is unlikely) the adoption took place early the initial sound would normally be *ch*, not *sh*.]

1. *intr.* **†a.** *To shark on* or *upon*: to prey like a shark upon; to victimize, sponge upon, swindle; to oppress by extortion. *Obs.*

c 1596 *Sir T. More* II. iv. 106 For other ruffians, as their fancies wrought,..Would shark on you, and men lyke rauenous fishes Would feed on on another. 1628 WITHER *Brit. Rememb.* IV. 895 Then citizens were sharkt, and prey'd upon. *a* 1652 BROME *New Acad.* II. i. (1658) 28 This woman..is vertuous And too discreet for him to shark upon. *a* 1668 DAVENANT *Plots* Wks. (1673) 304 Who sharkt on the People much more then the Crown.

b. To depend on or practise frand or the arts of a 'shark', parasite, or sharper; to live by shifts and stratagems. Often to *shark for* (something).

1608 MIDDLETON *Mad World* V. i, I name it gently to you; I term it peither pilfer, cheat, nor shark. 1610 B. JONSON *Alch.* I. i, 'Slid, prone to day, who shall sharke best. 1615 J. TAYLOR (Water-P.) *Revenge* Wks. 1630 II. 144/1 Couldst thou find no other way, To Sharke, or Shift, or Cony-catch for mony, But to make me thy Asse, thy Foole, thy Cony? 1616 CAPT. SMITH *Descr. New Eng.* 33 Who would..by relating newes of others actions, sharke here or there for a dinner or supper? 1633 HART *Diet of Diseased* III. xxiv. 326 Hee had not a morsell of bread..but what he begged, or else sharked for. 1635 L. FOXE *N.-W. Fox* 107 He see him doe nothing but sharke up and downe. 1641 TRAPP *Theol. Theol.* 365 To shift and sharke in every bie-corner for comfort. *c* 1672 WOOD *Life* (O. H. S.) I. 167 Others that..had no money were forced to shark and live as opportunity served. *Ibid.* 179 To row hastily from it [the little devil], and leave it to shark for it self. 1692 R. L'ESTRANGE *Fables* ccxli. 210 It was Nature that taught This Boy to Shark. 1709 HEARNE *Collect.* 27 Sept. (O. H. S.) II. 269 He sneaks and sharks about at Bathe. 1765 C. JOHNSTON *Chrysal* (1783) IV. 124 It is only slipping a puffer or two of quality at them, enough of whom come sharking to every sale for that purpose only. 1809 W. IRVING *Knickerb.* VI. ii. (1820) 359 Those vagabond cosmopolites who shark about the world, as if they had no right or business in it. 1837 CARLYLE *Diam. Neckl.* Misc. Ess. 1888 V. 160 Thou must hawk and shark to and fro, from anteroom to anteroom.

2. *trans.* **a.** *To shark up*: to collect hastily (a body of persons, etc.) without regard to selection. Now *arch.*, as an echo of the Shakspere passage.

1602 SHAKS. *Ham.* I. i. 98 Young Fortinbras,..Hath in the skirts of Norway, heere and there, Shark'd vp a List of Landlesse Resolutes. 1827 GIFFORD *Ford's Wks.*, *'Tis Pity* II. iii. *note*, What a detestable set of characters has Ford here sharked up for the exercise of his fine talents! 1900 *Edin. Rev.* July 209 The hard fisted ruffian first of all sharks up the crew out of hospitals and gambling-dens.

b. To steal, pilfer, or obtain by underhand or cheating means. Usually const. *from, out of*, also with adv. *away, out*. Now *arch.*

1612 T. ADAMS *Heav. & Earth reconc.* (1613) 6 If to digge they are too lazie,..to cheate want witte, and to line, meanes, then thrust in for a roome in the Church; and once crope in at the window, make haste to sharke out a liuing. 1650 MILTON *Eikon.* i. (ed. 2) 15 Having sharkd them [*sc.* prayers] from the mouth of a Heathen worshipper. 1653 HOLCROFT *Procopius*, *Pers. Wars* I. 30 John was irksome to all the world,..sharking all kind of booty. 1665 WOOD *Life* (O.H.S.) II. 49 He..pretended to joke and play the rogue; and at length shark away a cloak, coat, or something else, when mass was done. 1896 A. DOBSON *18th Cent. Vignettes* Ser. III. viii. 166 His classical quotations were not..sharked out of Burton's 'Anatomy'.

† c. To swindle (a person). *Obs. rare*—[1].

a 1650 MAY *Old Couple* V. (1658) 42 But think not..that I sharke, Or cheat him in it.

3. *dial.* (See quot.). Cf. SHIRK *v.*

1828-32 WEBSTER, s. v., *To shark out*, to slip out or escape by low artifices (Vulgar). 1844 W. BARNES *Poems Rur. Life* Gloss., *Shark* or *Shurk off*, to sneak off softly from shame or an apprehension of danger.

† Shark, *v.*[2] *Obs. rare.* [Perh. f. SHARK *sb.*[1]; less probably, an extended form of SHARE *v.*[1], SHEAR *v.* (cf. *lur-k*, *tal-k*).] *trans.* To cut or tear.

1611 COTGR., *Coigniaux*, a kind of small, and bright-greene vermine, which sharke off, and cut in peeces, the tendrels and grapes, of Vines. 1614 GORGES *Lucan* VII. 303 Neither could they [the birds] so sharke and share The flesh, whereby the bones were bare.

Shark, *v.*[3] *U. S. local.* [f. SHARK *sb.*[1]] *intr.* To fish for sharks (*Cent. Dict.* 1891).

1860 BARTLETT *Dict. Amer.* (ed. 3), *Sharking*, fishing for sharks. A favorite sport in the waters of Narragansett Bay.

Sharke, obs. variant of CHARQUI.

1791 *Ann. Reg., Charac. Peasantry Norway* 75 As a luxury the peasants eat sharke; or thin slices of meat, sprinkled with salt and dried in the wind like hung-beef.

† Sha·rker[1]. *Obs.* Also 7 **sharkor.** [f. SHARK *v.*[1] + -ER[1].

Some early examples suggest the possibility of a confusion with Du. *schaker* robber.]

One who 'sharks' or lives by cheating and dishonesty; a cheat, thief, swindler.

1594 NASHE *Terrors of Nt.* Wks. 1904 I. 379 Next a companie of lusty sailers (euerie one a sharker or a swaggerer at the least). 1603 KNOLLES *Hist. Turks* (1621) 1127 His baggage..was assailed and taken by the Haiducks and such other sharkers enuied to prey. 1616 T. SCOT *Philomythie* I. (ed. 2) A 8, And passing Smithfield..The owle-eyd Sharkers spied him. 1631 R. H. *Arraignm. Whole Creature* xiii. § 1. 168 To kicke them, as we use to doe with discovered Cheators, and Sharkors, as meere delnders, and Impostors. 1663 *Recr. for Ingen. Head-pieces* A 5, Epigrams..12. Of Shift the Sharker. 1672 *Reliq. Wotton* Life, etc. f 1, A hungry Renegado, a dirty Sharker about the Romish Court.

Sharker[2] (ʃāːrkəɹ). [f. SHARK *sb.*[1] or *v.*[3] + -ER[1].] One who fishes for sharks.

1885 C. F. HOLDER *Marvels Anim. Life* 182 The sharkers had not been idle.

† Sha·rking, *vbl. sb. Obs.* [f. SHARK *v.*[1] + -ING[1].] The action of SHARK *v.*[1]

1602 LYLY *Entert. at Harefield* Wks. 1902 I. 499 If euer I be brought to answere my sinnes, God forgiue me my sharking, and lay vsurie to my charge. I am a Mariner. 1628 EARLE *Microcosm.*, *Poor Man* (Arb.) 101 His best seruices [are] suspected as handsome sharking, and tricks to get money. 1674 STAVELEY *Rom. Horseleech* vii. 51 All immaginable shifts, sharking, and tricks were used.

Sharking (ʃāːrkiŋ), *ppl. a.* [f. SHARK *v.*[1] + -ING[2].]

1. That 'sharks'; †that oppresses by extortion (*obs.*); that cheats, steals, cadges, or sponges.

1608 DAY *Hum. out of Br.* III. i, Lend me this iewell. *Flo.* Iewell? away you sharking companion. 1615 BRATHWAIT *Strappado* 150 That..Harbours the sharking Lawyer for his pence. 1692 WOOD *Ath. Oxon.* II. 157 This Hicks.. was a sharking and indigent Fellow. 1760 C. JOHNSTON *Chrysal* I. iv. 1. 22 Making my fortune a prey to every sharking oroiector who flattered my vanity with promises of success. 1851 DORROW *Lavengro* lxvii, Some sharking priest who has come over to proselytise and plunder. 1856 MASSON *Ess.* iii. 78 Nothing to be seen under the sun but hypocritical priests, sharking attorneys [etc.].

b. Of a condition, quality, or manner, etc.

1613 JACKSON *Creed* I. 160 Præsaging that rude and sharking life, whereunto this wilde slippes progenie was ordained. 1629 MAXWELL tr. *Herodian* (1635) 373 The procurator.. hath received his reward, being slaine by our hands, for his harbarous sharking Cruelty. 1676 SOUTH *Serm.* (I *Cor.* iii. 19) (1692) 433 We are degenerated into a mean, sharking, fallacious, undermining Way of Converse. *a* 1694 TILLOTSON *Serm.* xxxi. (1742) II. 364 Those miserable and sharking shifts which the foolish virgins were driven to, of begging or borrowing, or buying oil. 1705 DUNTON *Life & Errors* (1818) I. vii. 289 They [Parents] should not put their Children on any sharking tricks to supply their wants. 1809 W. IRVING *Knickerb.* VI. ii. (1820) 360 His hair..added not a little to his sharking demeanour.

† 2. Behaving like a shark (the fish). *nonce-use.*

1613 PURCHAS *Pilgrimage* IX. xv. (1614) 917 By their Dogges at Land they worried them: and in their Pearle-fishing exposed them to the rauening Sharkes, themselues more dogged and sharking than the bruite creatures.

Hence **† Sha·rkingly** *adv.*

1659 TORRIANO, *Alla-scròcca*, sharkingly, shiftingly. 1665 WOOD *Life* (O. H. S.) II. 49 He..looked sharkingly, having a reddish-blew nose and cheeks of the same colour. 1670 R. COKE *Disc. Trade* 67 From hence it is that the Trade of England is managed..sharkingly by the Traders.

Sharkish (ʃāːrkiʃ), *a. rare.* [f. SHARK *sb.*[1] and [2] + -ISH[1].] **a.** Of the nature of a 'shark' (*sb.*[2]) or cheat. **b.** Of the nature of, resembling, or characteristic of, a shark (*sb.*[1]).

1844 *Blackw. Mag.* LV. 682 Our Father..got the better of Satan..and pitched him head-foremost out of heaven..; and his whole sharkish band of retainers after him. 1880 SENIOR *Trav. & Trout in Antipodes* 70 A strong objection to showing mercy to anything of a sharkish nature.

Sharklet (ʃāːrklėt). *rare.* [f. SHARK *sb.*[1] + -LET.] A young shark.

1898 in *Daily News* 2 Nov. 6/4 Some sharks are viviparous, bearing fifteen sharklets at once. 1904 F. T. BULLEN *Creatures of Sea* x. 105 Next morning..sees her lying quietly upon the waves..surrounded by sixteen sharklets.

Sharkling (ʃāːrkliŋ). *rare.* [f. SHARK *sb.*[1] + -LING[1].] = prec.

1900 F. T. BULLEN *Idylls of Sea* 14 Fourteen sharklings were now restlessly darting in and out of their cosy cave at the far end of her capacious throat.

Sha·rkship. *rare.* [f. SHARK *sb.*[1] and [2] + -SHIP.] (*His*) *sharkship*: a mock-title for a shark.

1791 A. WILSON *Poet. Wks.* (1876) II. 60 And 'Rump the petticoats and spots' His Sharkship roared wi' Vigour. 1894 R. H. SAVAGE *Flying Halcyon* IX. 141 We will bring a couple of rifles and shoot his sharkship.

Sharky (ʃāːrki), *a. rare.* Also **sharkey.** [f. SHARK *sb.*[1] + -Y.] Abounding in, infested with, or characterized by the presence of sharks.

1854 BADHAM *Prose Halieut.* 425 *note*, When they bathed in sharky localities. 1897 MARY KINGSLEY *W. Africa* 653 The way those Krnboys..hanled their 'Massa' out from among the sharkey foam every time he went into it, on the lifeboat upsetting.

Sharling, obs. form of SHEARLING *sb.*

Sharm, obs. form of CHARM *sb.*[2]

1674 FAIRFAX *Bulk & Selv.* 64 An harshness in these things not being so harmless as the cutting of Cork, whereby, though you saw and wring the ears with the sharm, yet still 'tis but a light business you have to deal with.

Sharm, *v. Obs.* exc. *dial.* Also 9 **shalm, shawm.** [Cf. CHARM *v.*[2]] *intr.* = CHIRM. Hence **Sha·rming** *vbl. sb.*

c 1485 *Digby Myst.*, *Killing of Child.* 142 Though thei sharme and crye, I care not a myght. 1823 MOOR *Suffolk Words* 339 What a sharmin them there children dew keep. *a* 1825 FORBY *Voc. E. Anglia* II. 295 *Shalm*, *Sharm*, *Shawm*, to scream shrilly and vociferously.

Sharman, obs. form of SHEARMAN.

Sharn (ʃāɹn). *dial.* and *Sc.* Forms: 1 **scearn, scern,** 4 **ssarn, scharne,** 4–5 **sheren, scherne,** 5, 7 **sharne,** 6–7 **shearne,** 6–9 **shorn,** 7 **sherne, shurn,** 8 **shern,** 9 **shearn, scharn, shurne, shairn, sharen, -an, -on, shairin,** 6– **sharn.** [OE. *scearn* neut. corresp. to OFris. *skern* (mod. WFris. *skern*, NFris. *sjaarn, sjuarn*), MLG. *scharn*, ON. *skarn* (Sw., Da. *skarn*) :—OTeut. **skarno-m*, a pass. ppl. formation on the root **sker-* : *skar-* to separate (cf. SHARE *sb.*, SHEAR *v.*).

Northern dialects have the form *scarn* (a. ON. *skarn*).]

Dung, esp. dung of cattle.

c 825 *Vesp. Ps.* lxxxii. 11 Forwurdun ȝewordne werun swe swe scearn eorðan. *c* 1000 ÆLFRIC *Gram.* xiii. (Z.) 83 *Fimus* scern. *c* 1000 *Sax. Leechd.* II. 92 Gose scearn. 1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* XIX. cxiv. (1495) 918 The Lapwynge layeth and syteeth on broode on dyrte sheren and vnclene thynges. *a* 1585 MONTGOMERIE *Flyting w. Polwart* 406 They fand the shit all beshitten in his awne shearne. 1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* XVII. x, I. 509 They should be well soked or infused in soft beast shearne or thin dung. *Ibid.* XVII. xiv. 518 Mixed togither with oxe or cow shearn. 1645 *Shetl. Witch Trial* in Hibbert *Descr. Shetl. Isl.* (1822) 595 Quhilk stinked and tasted of sharn a long tyme. 1688 HOLME *Armoury* II. 173/1 Shorn is the Dung of Oxen and Cows. 1728 RAMSAY *Daft Bargain* 26 Frae this tale, confed'rate states may learn To save their cow, and yet no eat her sharn. *a* 1774 D. GRAHAM *Hist. Reb.* x. Writ. 1883 I. 171 A poor palace without a door, A bed of state, all wet with shern. 1811 SIR A. BOSWELL *Poet. Wks.* (1872) 150 Tho' he's coupit i' the shearn 'Troth I ken nought ill about him. 1824 CARLYLE *Early Lett.* (1886) II. 286 Shonting, jostling, cursing in the midst of rain and shairn and braying discord. 1893 CROCKETT *Stickit Minister* 30 But oor minister..hae garred anither thrawn stick o' a farmer body lift his een abune the nowt an' the shairn.

b. *attrib.* and *Comb.* as *sharn-smeared* adj.; **sharn-fly,** a fly used by anglers as bait.

1787 BEST *Angling* (ed. 2) 115 The **Shorn-Fly*. Comes on about the same time as the Canon-fly...They are generally found in mowing grass. 1867 F. FRANCIS *Angling* VI. (1880) 230 Shorn Fly, Hazel Fly, Marlow,..by all of which names this little beetle is known. 1550 BALE *Image Both Ch.* (1560) B j b, The execrable cytezens of Gomorra with their *shorne smered captaines wyll sturre about them.

† Sha·rnbud. *Obs.* Forms: 1 **scearnbudda,** 4 **ssarnbodde, scharnebude,** 4–5 **scherne-bodde,** 5 **scharnebodde,** 7 **shorn-bud,** 6–7 **sharnbud.** [OE. *scearnbudda* masc.; see SHARN and BUDDE beetle.] A dung-beetle.

c 1000 ÆLFRIC *Gloss.* (Z.) 308 *Scarabeus* scernwibba [*MS. W* scearnbudda]. 1340 *Ayenb.* 61 Þet byeþ Þe ssarnboddes Þet beuleþ Þe floures and louieþ Þet dong. 1390 GOWER *Conf.* I. 173 Lich to the Scharnebudes kinde. 1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* XII. iv. (Tollemache MS.), Scherne-boddes beþ gendrid of careynes of horses. *a* 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* IX. 60 Now sharnebodde encumberith the bee; Pursue on hym that slayn anoon he be. [*c* 1475 *Pict. Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 767/28 *Hic stabo*, a scarbude.] 1596 MASCALL *Bk. Cattle* I. 57 A hettle fly, cald of some a shumbarb [*sic* mispr.], which creepeth commonly on horse dung, or other dung. 1681 CHETHAM *Angler's Vade-m.* iv. § 25 (1689) 56 A young Beetle, or Sharn-bud, which is found in a Cow-turd. 1688 HOLME *Armoury* II. 213/1 The Sweet Scented Beetle, or Shorn-Bud.

Sha·rn-bug. *Obs.* exc. *dial.* Also shorn-. [f. SHARN + BUG *sb.*] = prec.

1608 TOPSELL *Serpents* 180 The meat of Frogges..are greene Hearbes, and Humble-Bees, or shorne-bugs. 1668 CHARLETON *Onomast.* 46 *Pilularius*..the Dung-Beetle, or Shurn-bugg. 1887 *Kent Gloss.*, *Shorn bug*, *sharn bug*, the stag beetle.

†Sharn-penny. *Obs.* In 2 sor-peni, schar-, schornpenny. [f. SHARN + PENNY.] A payment of a penny yearly for each cow, which was due from the burgesses of Bury St. Edmunds to the Abbey as lord of the manor, in lieu of the profit which the Abbey would have obtained from the dung by observance of the manorial custom of folding the tenant's cattle on the lord's land.

? *c* 1200 *Deed of Abbot Sampson* (*Cart. S. Edm.*, MS. f. 247) in Kennett *Cowel's Interpr.*, Facta est compositio..quod Præpositus ejusdem villæ dabit singulis annis..denarios pro faldagio vaccarum ipsius villæ quos nominabant scharpenny. 12.. *Cart. S. Edm.* MS. f. 31, *ibid.*, Burgensibus villæ S. Edmundi data est quitantia cujusdam consuetudinis quæ dicitur *Schorn-penny*..Solebat enim Cellerarius accipere unum denarium per annum de qualibet vacca hominum villæ pro exitu. 1200 *Chron. Joc. de Brakelonda* (Camden) 73 Data eis alia quietantia cujusdam consuetudinis que dicitur sor-peni, pro iiij solidis.

Sharny (ʃɑ·ɹni), *a. dial.* chiefly *Sc.* [f. SHARN + -Y.] Bedaubed with dung. So *sharny-faced* adj.; **sharny-peat** (see quot. 1808).

a 1625 F. SEMFILL *Blythsum Bridal* v. in Herd *Sc. Songs* (1776) II. 25 Flea-lugged sharney-fac'd Lawrie. 1737 RAMSAY *Sc. Prov.* (1750) 125 Ye shine like the sunny side of a sharney weght. 1808 JAMIESON, *Sharny-peat*, a cake consisting of cows' dung mixed with coal-dross, dried in the sun, and used by the poor for fuel in some places. 1821 SCOTT *Pirate* v, Nane of your sharney peats, but good aik timber. 1871 W. ALEXANDER *Johnny Gibb* x. 77 Gyaun in owre's bed wi's sharnie beets on. 1896 CROCKETT *Cleg Kelly* xliv. 291 Ye sufferin', shairny blastie o' the byres.

b. as *sb.* (see quot. 1825).

1825–8 JAMIESON, *Sharnie*, a name given to the person who cleans a cow-house. 1897 LD. E. HAMILTON *Outlaws of Marches* xviii. 207 Hout! you auld sharnie...Gae round to the byre and see till the kye.

Sharon, dial. variant of SHARN.

Sharoot, obs. form of CHEROOT.

Sharp (ʃɑːp), *a.* and *sb.*[1] Forms: 1–2 scearp, 2–3 scærp, 3 so(h)erp, scarp, ssarp, *Orm.* sharrp, 3–4 sarp, 3–6 scharp, 4, 6 sharppe, 4–7 sharpe, 5 sherpe, sarpe, scarpe, 5–6 scharpe, scharp, 6 sharpp, *Sc.* schairp, scherpe, schirpe, 3– sharp. [Com. Teut. (wanting in Gothic): OE. *scearp* corresponds to OFris. *skarp*, *skerp*, OS. *skarp*, MLG., MDu. *scharp*, *scherp* (modDn. *scherp*), OHG. *scarpf*, *scarf* (MHG. *scharpf*, *scharf*, *scherpfe*, *scherf(e*, mod.G. *scharf*), ON. *skarp-r* (Sw., Da. *skarp*) :—OTent. **skarpo-*.

The Teut. root **skerp-* : *skarp-* : *skurp-* appears also in OHG. *scurfan*, MHG. *schürfen* to cut open (mod.G. to poke a fire), OE. *scearpe* scarification, *scearpian* to scarify. The Teut. root **skrep-* : *skrap-* (see SCRAPE *v.*) appears to be related; no cognates outside Teut. are known. The OHG. and MHG. *sarpf* (early mod.Du. *sarp*) sharp is prob. unconnected.]

A. *adj.*

1. Well adapted for cutting or piercing; having a keen edge or point: opposed to *blunt*. **a.** Having a keen cutting edge. Also said of the edge.

c 825 *Vesp. Ps.* li. 4 Swe swe scersæx scearp. *Sic ut novacula acuta.* *c* 1205 LAY. 2310 Mid scearpe mire eaxe. *a* 1225 *Leg. Kath.* 2266 Streche forð þine swire scharp sweord to underfoune. *a* 1400 *Minor Poems fr. Vernon MS.* 758/38 Deþþ draweth his sarpe knif. *c* 1460 *Urbanitatis* 42 in *Babees-bk.*, Fyrste loke.. þat þy knyf be sharpe & kene. 1508 DUNBAR *Tua Mariit Wemen* 105 Quhen schaiffyn is that ald schalk with a scharp rasiour. 1613 SHAKS. *Hen. VIII*, I. i. 110, I know, his Sword Hath a sharpe edge. 1719 DE FOE *Crusoe* I. (Globe) 207 They make their wooden Swords so sharp..that they will cut off Heads even with them. 1822 SHELLEY *Faust* ii. 399 A single blood-red line, Not broader than the sharp edge of a knife. 1907 J. A. HODGES *Elem. Photogr.* (ed. 6) 106 A good sharp penknife may be used.

trans. and *fig.* *c* 1400 MAUNDEV. (1839) xxiii. 254 My woord from hens forthe, is scharp and bytynge as a Sword. 1567 *Gude & Godlie B.* (S.T.S.) 99 Fra thame that hes thair tungis scharp & ground. 1781 COWPER *Hope* 597 He laughs, whatever weapon truth may draw, And deems her sharp artillery mere straw. 1807–8 W. IRVING *Salmag.* (1824) 268 The sharp edge..of public curiosity.

b. Having a tapering end bronght to a fine point so as to be used for piercing. Said also of the point itself.

c 825 *Vesp. Ps.* xliv. 6 Strele ðine scearpe, *Sagittae tuae acutae.* *a* 1122 *O.E. Chron.* (Laud MS.) Introd., Da ge namon þa Walas & adrifon sumre ea ford ealne mid scearpum pilum greatum innan þam wetere. *c* 1205 LAY. 30752 Swe scarp wes þe pic. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 212 He..pleieð mid sweordes, & bereð ham bi þe scherpe orde uppen his tunge. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Prol.* 114 A gay daggere, Harnessed wel, and sharp as point of spere. 1484 CAXTON *Fables of Æsop* v. xv, A busshe full of sharp thornes. 1513 *Life Henry V* (1911) 55 The Kinge had geuen commaundement..that euerie man shoulde prouide him a stake sharpe at both endes. 1588 SHAKS. *Tit. A.* IV. ii. 91 He dies vpon my Semitars sharpe point. 1688 HOLME *Armoury* III. 324/2 [An instrument] with a sharp point, called a Lancer. 1774 GOLDSM. *Nat. Hist.* (1776) VII. 307 Three very sharp teeth. 1819 SCOTT *Ivanhoe* xli, Deep and sharp rowels. 1887 MORRIS *Odyss.* I. 104 Then she took the mighty spear, headed and sharp with brass.

trans. and *fig.* *c* 1550 COVERDALE *Calvin's Treat. Sacram.* C j, And wyth sharper prickes can we not be pricked, than in that he compelleth vs (as it were) to see with oure eies [etc.]. 1605 SHAKS. *Macb.* I. vi. 23 But he rides well, And his great Loue (sharpe as his Spurre) hath holp him. 1820 SHELLEY *Prometh. Unb.* IV. i. 192 As the sharp stars pierce winter's crystal air. 1866 G. MACDONALD *Ann. Q. Neighb.* viii. (1878) 130 Hope was a sharp goad to my resolution.

c. As complement, esp. with pa. pples.

c 1350 *Ipomadon* 8413 (Kölbing), Wythe sperys, that were sharpe grovnde. 1412–20 LYDG. *Chron. Troy* IV. 1014, I hadde of Hector swiche a mortal wounde, With a quarel sharpe whet & grounde. 1508 DUNBAR *Goldyn Targe* 111 Dredefull arowis grundyn scharp and square.

d. In similative phrases, *sharp as a razor, as a needle*, etc. (often *transf.* and *fig.* in senses 3–9).

a 1000 *Soul's Address* 120 Ʒifer hatte se wyrm, þe þa eaglas beoð nædle scearpran. 1611 SHAKS. *Cymb.* I. iii. 19 To looke vpon him, till the diminution Of space, had pointed him sharpe as my Needle. *a* 1732 GAY *New Song of Similes* 51 Sharp as a needle are her words. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* lxiii, Epigrams that were as sharp as razors. 1851 MEREDITH *Love in Valley* xv, Sharp as a sickle is the edge of shade and shine. 1858 [see 4 j]. 1866 GEO. ELIOT *F. Holt* i. I. 46 Denner..had a mind as sharp as a needle.

†e. Prickly. *Obs.*

c 1000 *Sax. Leechd.* II. 314 Ɔenim þæs scearpan þistles moran. 1154 *O. E. Chron.* (Laud MS.) an. 1137, [Hi] diden an scærp iren abuton þa mannes throte. 1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 6794 Þe rose springþ of þe brer þat ssarp & kene is. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 16616 A crun apon his heued þai sett o scarpe tre þai wroght. *c* 1400 *Brut* ccix, Men sette vppon her Heuedes chapelettes of sharpe netles. 1610 SHAKS. *Temp.* IV. i. 180 Tooth'd briars, sharpe firzes, pricking gosse, & thorns. 1611 BIBLE *Micah* vii. 4 The most vpright is sharper then a thorne hedge.

f. Of sand, gravel, etc.: Composed of materials having sharp points; hard, angular, gritty. Now *technical*.

1618 W. LAWSON *New Orch. & Gard.* xiii. (1623) 46 Sift the earth with coale ashes an inch or two thicknesse, and that is a plague to them [worms], so is sharpe grauell. 1693 MOXON *Mech. Exerc.* (1703) 244 They make use of the sharpest Sand they can get (that being the best) for Morter. 1806 *Gazetteer Scot.* (ed. 2) 69 The soil of the arable part is thin and sharp, but very fertile. 1857 T. MOORE *Handbk. Brit. Ferns* (ed. 3) 26 Add to it an eighth part of clean but coarse sharp sand. 1868 JOYNSON *Metals* 96 Sharp slag, 8 cwts.

†2. Rough, rugged. *Obs.*

Chiefly as a rendering of L. *asper*.

c 893 ÆLFRED *Orosius* I. i. § 7 Swiþe scearpe weȝas & stanihte. 1382 WYCLIF *Acts* xxvii. 29 Thei dredinge lest we schulden falle into scharp places. *c* 1450 CAPGRAVE *Life St. Gilbert* xvi. (1910) 86 Wrecchid mete, scharp cloth, þis wold he þei schuld haue. 1574 HELLOWES *Guevara's Fam. Epist.* (1577) 173 He commaunded to be made in the moste sharp mounteines of Argos a most solemne Oracle. 1596 DALRYMPLE tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* I. 9 The montane Grampius, and vtheris ruch, scharpe and hard hillis.

fig. and *absol.* *a* 1536 *Songs, Carols*, etc. (1907) 54 Thow hade þe sharpe, & we the smothe.

3. Acute or penetrating in intellect or perception. **a.** Of persons or their faculties: †(*a*) Intellectually acute, keen witted, discerning, sagacious (*obs.*). (*b*) Now in less dignified use: Quick-witted, clever (said esp. of children).

Cf. the dialectal 'not right sharp' = half-witted, imbecile.

c 888 ÆLFRED *Boeth.* xxxix. 4 Buton he hæbbe swa scearp andȝit swaðær fyr. *c* 1000 *Christ's Desc. Hell* 76 Eala Gabriel! hu þu eart gleaw & scearp. *c* 1200 *Vices & Virtues* 23 Þat ðu understande mid scarpe witte hwat hie bien. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xxvii. (*Machor*) 670 For þu ȝongare is þane I, scharpare of wyt & mare mychtty. 1474 CAXTON *Chesse* III. vi. (1883) 131 Wherof cometh forgetenes of his mynde and destruction of alle quyk and sharp reson. *c* 1500 *Lancelot* 2885 In his consell wonder scharp and wys. 1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* II. ix. 49 He had a sharpe foresight, and working wit. *c* 1610 *Women Saints* 161 What was more ingenious and sharp of witt than she. 1697 DAMPIER *Voy.* I. 337 Reja Laut is a very sharp man. 1705 EVELYN *Diary* 4 Jan., Dr. King, a sharp ready man in politics. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* II. v. vii, Sharp Guadet transfixes you with cross-questions. 1870 E. PEACOCK *Ralf Skirl.* II. 147 A very sharp lad

b. Of reasoning or discourse: †Acute, sagacious (*obs.*). In later use, of remarks: Pointed, apt, witty.

1580 *Three Familiar Lett.* in *Spenser's Poet. Wks.* (Oxf. 1912) 616 Master H[arveys]s short, but sharpe, and learned Iudgement of Earthquakes. 1613 SHAKS. *Hen. VIII*, II. i. 14 He..alleadged Many sharpe reasons to defeat the Law. 1700 T. BROWN *Amusem. Ser. & Com.* 152 Your Gentlemen that speak sharp and witty Things. 1851 WILLMOTT *Pleas. Lit.* xxi. (1857) 126 It was thus that..the sharp, quick sentence flashed from the lips of Buonarotti.

c. Of sight, hearing, the eyes or ears: Acute, keen. Often in figurative expressions.

c 1000 *Sax. Leechd.* II. 30 Sio syn bið þy scearpre. *c* 1381 CHAUCER *Parl. Foules* 331 The royal egle..That with his sharpe look perceth the sonne. 1599 SIR J. DAVIES *Nosce Teipsum* Introd. iii, When their Reason's Eye was sharp and clear. 1630 *R. Johnson's Kingd. & Commw.* 8 The grey eye..is sharpest of sight. 1821 SCOTT *Kenilw.* xxxi, The Queen's sharp eye soon distinguished Raleigh amongst them. 1894 BLACKMORE *Perlycross* 77 My ears are pretty sharp..and I heard you muttering.

d. Hence of observation, an observer: Vigilant. Phrase, *to keep a sharp look-out*.

1535 COVERDALE *Lam.* iv. 18 They laye so sharpe waite for vs, that we can not go safe vpon the stretes. 1584 R. SCOT *Discov. Witcher.* XIII. xxiii. 265 The sharpest lookers on will saie it is in your other hand. 1828 P. CUNNINGHAM *N. S. Wales* (ed. 3) II. 333 As the majority of mankind have a stronger appetite for censure than for praise of those above them, he will naturally keep a sharp look-out with that view. 1889 JESSOPP *Coming of Friars* iii. 158 The bishop kept a sharp look-out upon them.

e. Keen-witted and alert in practical matters, businesslike, smart; often with unfavourable implication, quick to take unfair advantage of others. (Cf. SHARP PRACTICE.)

1697 DAMPIER *Voy.* I. 228 They found that the Don had been too sharp for them. 1722 DE FOE *Col. Jack* (1840) 4 He was..sharp as a street-bred boy must be. 1818 SCOTT *Rob Roy* vii, They got a sharp Newcastle attorney. 1853 R. S. SURTEES *Sponge's Sp. Tour* xlv. 252 Among youths of his own age he was reckoned rather a sharp hand. 1855 DICKENS *Dorrit* I. xxiii, I have seen so much business done on sharp principles that..I am tired of them. 1859 LEVER *Davenport Dunn* lii, All of them ready to do a sharp thing. 1880 L. STEPHEN *Pope* iv. 94 He..was accordingly pretty sharp at making a bargain with a publisher.

4. Eager, impetuous, violent. **†a.** Of warriors: Eager for battle. *Obs.*

c 1000 *Ags. Hom.* (Assmann) 61/244 Ac ða þa hi ne dydon nane dædbote, þa sende him god to þone scearpan here Romaniscre leode. *a* 1272 *Luue Ron* 69 in *O. E. Misc.* 95 Hwer is..Ector wiþ his scharpe meyne. 1471 CAXTON *Recuyell* (Sommer) I. 246 That men of armes shold haue no wyues to thende that they myght be more sharpe & fiers in the warre.

†b. Of feelings: Keen, ardent. *Obs.*

c 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* v. (*Johannes*) 501 Rycht sa manis deuocione þat quhile fra contemplacione Is drawyne, sal þe scharpar be. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 1780 Then he shope hym to ship in a sharp haste. 1599 SANDYS *Europæ Spec.* (1605) Z 3, Time-servers, who..follow Christ vpon a sharpe devotion, but to his bread, not to his doctrine.

c. Of conflict, warfare, an attack: Carried on with vigour, fierce, keen.

13.. *Cursor M.* 7753 (Göttl.) Ful scharp [*Colt.* snaip] it was, þat stour and snell, All fledd þe folk of israell. *c* 1381 CHAUCER *Parl. Foules* 2 Thassay so hard, so sharp the conquering. *c* 1425 WYNTOUN *Cron.* VII. viii. (Cott.) 1982 Betweyn þis Rollande of Galoway And Kylkpatrik a batel fel Was don, bath sar, scharpe and snel. 1508 DUNBAR *Goldyn Targe* 170 Thair scharp assayes mycht do no dures To me. *a* 1586 SIDNEY *Arcadia* I. (Sommer) 27 Then began the fight to grow most sharpe. 1610 HOLLAND *Camden's Brit.* (1637) 816 The fight continued sharpe and hot on both parts. 1761 HUME *Hist. Eng.* II. xxvii. 131 Huntley.. after a sharp conflict, put to flight the left wing of the English. 1845 M. PATTISON *Ess.* (1889) I. 4 The contest between good and evil becomes sharp and deadly. 1890 *Spectator* 3 May, Though the discussion will be sharp, it will be short.

d. Of a storm, a shower, †waves, etc.: Heavy, violent.

13.. *Minor Poems fr. Vernon MS.* 716/33 Scharpe wawes þat Schip has sayled. 1377 LANGL. *P. Pl.* B. XVIII. 409 'After sharpe shoures', quod pees 'moste shene is þe sonne'. *c* 1422 HOCCLEVE *Learn to Die* 556 Whan deeth, as tempest sharp & violent, With woful trouble hem shal vexe & trauaill. 1585 T. WASHINGTON tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* II. xii. 46 A sharpe showre of rayne, whiche contynued vntyll the morning.

e. Of an attack of disease: Acute, violent. †Also = ACUTE *a.* 2.

1607 TOPSELL *Four-f. Beasts* 341 Of diseases, some be called long, and some sharpe and short.

f. (*a*) Of a hawk: Eager for prey; hungry. (*b*) †Of persons (sometimes with allusion to the hawking sense): Hnngry, 'sharp-set' (*obs.*). (*c*) Of the appetite: Keen. Of the stomach: Craving for food.

1486 *Bk. St. Albans, Hawking* c viij b, Also she may be calde an aspare hawke of sharpenesse or hir corage..she is moost asper and sharpe in all thyngs that belong vnto hir of any other hawkys. 1575 TURBERV. *Faulconrie* 133 Then set hir sharpe against an evening and go out to seeke some game. 1577 *St. Aug. Manual* (Longman) 95, I am come with a sharpe stomacke, let me not goe awaye fastyng. 1596 SHAKS. *Tam. Shr.* IV. i. 193 My Faulcon now is sharpe, and passing emptie. 1642 FULLER *Holy St.* III. xxv. 231 Nowadayes, does not wealth make them lazy, and poverty keep them painfull? like Hawks they flie best when sharp. 1678 L'ESTRANGE *Seneca's Morals* II. xxiv. 317 When we have fasted our selves Sharp, and Hungry. 1707 [E. WARD] *Barbacue Feast* 7 Their Stomacks were a little too sharp to admit of time enough to crave a Blessing on their Food, but all fell to. 1771 GOLDSM. *Haunch of Venison* 5 Though my stomach was sharp, I could scarce help regretting, To spoil such a delicate picture by eating.

g. Quick or active in bodily movement. Of movements, esp. a run, gallop, etc., also of action of any kind: Brisk, energetic.

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 444/1 Scharp, or delyuer, *asper, velox.* 1766 GOLDSM. *Vic. W.* xvi, Setting my two little ones to box, to make them sharp, as he called it. 1817 J. MAYER *Sportsman's Direct.* (ed. 2) 23 But endeavour to pull quick the instant you see the gun cover the object; you cannot be too sharp. 1842 W. C. TAYLOR *Anc. Hist.* xvii. § 9 (ed. 3) 557 A sharp gallop. 1869 BOUTELL *Arms & Armour* i. 3 A rapid succession of little sharp blows. 1889 GRETTON *Memory's Harkback* 192 After a sharp run, several hunting men baited their horses at the Three Crowns.

(*b*) *Proverbial phr.* (Used as an injunction to promptitude; for another use see quot. 1788.)

1706 VANBRUGH *Mistake* III. i, Are you thereabouts, i'faith? Then sharp's the word. 1788 GROSE *Dict. Vulgar T.* (ed. 2) s. v. *Sharp*, Sharp's the word and quick's the motion with him; said of any one very attentive to his own interest, and apt to take all advantages. 1837 T. HOOK *Jack Brag* ii, Be alive, my fine fellow!..sharp's the word and quick's the motion, eh? 1875 'PATHFINDER' *Breaking & Training Dogs* 44 'Come into heel, sir!' and sharp is the word.

h. Of a stream: Rapid. Now *rare*.

1655 WALTON *Angler* vi. (1661) 132 All Fish that live in clear or sharp streams. 1787 BEST *Angling* (ed. 2) 36 From that time they delight to be in sharp streams, and such as are very swift. 1875 *Encycl. Brit.* II. 32/2 (art. *Angling*) A deep eddy off some sharp stream.

i. Of the pulse.

1843 R. J. GRAVES *Syst. Clin. Med.* xiv. 161 Pulse 120, sharp; slightly dicrotous. 1897 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* III. 621 The pulse becomes small, sharp, wiry or thready.

j. Of winter, wintry weather, frost, wind, air: Cuttingly cold, keen.

c 1435 *Chron. London* (Kingsford 1905) 2 This same yere was a Riht Sharpe Wynter. 1560 Daus tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* 197 In the most sharpe time of winter. 1610 Shaks. *Temp.* I. ii. 254 Thou..thinkst it much..To run vpon the sharpe winde of the North. 1722 De Foe *Plague* (1884) 13 With sharp tho' moderate Winds. 1762 Sterne *Let. to Mrs. Sterne* 15 Mar., There has been no snow here, but the weather has been sharp. 1858 Hawthorne *Fr. & It. Jrnls.* (1872) I. 44 Keen and cutting air, sharp as a razor. 1894 Hall Caine *Manxman* v. viii, Though the air was sharp, he had been carrying his cloak over his arm.

5. Severe, strict, harsh. a. †Of persons: Severe or harsh in temper or mood (*obs.*). Of temper, etc.: Irritable, irascible.

c 1000 *Sax. Leechd.* III. 162 He hiδ scarp & biter & swiδe wær on his wordum. *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 3577 So wurδ he wroδ, o mode sarp, His tables brokun dun he is warp. *c* 1540 tr. *Pol. Verg. Eng. Hist.* (Camden) 147 He was verie sharpe in manners, sterne of nature, exceading crewell. 1638 R. Baker tr. *Balzac's Lett.* (vol. II.) 84 Whether hee bee of these sharpe and soure ones that would take from heaven its starres, and from the earth its flowers. *a* 1668 Lassels *Italy* II. (1698) 96 The Eccho in the well, which answers you indeed, but like a sharp scold, too quick and short.

b. Of persons and their utterances: Cutting in rebuke, invective, or satire; harsh and peremptory in command. Also of looks, tones, etc.: Indicating anger or rebuke.

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 212 Sweord & knif eiδer beoδ scherpe & keoruinde wordes. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Wife's Prol.* 14 Lo! which a sharp word for the nones..Iesus..Spak in repreve of the Samaritan. 1471 Caxton *Recuyell* (Sommer) II. 654 Eneas.. answered to the kynge wordes sharpe and poynaunt ynowhe. 1568 Grafton *Chron.* II. 984 King Henry wrote to him an aunswere with verie sharpe and grieuous wordes reprouing his vntruth. 1589 Puttenham *Eng. Poesie* I. xxxi. (Arb.) 76 Skelton a sharpe Satirist. 1620 Brent tr. *Sarpi's Counc. Trent* VIII. (1629) 728 The Cardinall of Loraine also wrote a sharpe letter to the Pope. *a* 1704 T. Brown *Prol.* 1st *Sat. Juv.* Wks. 1730 I. 52 Nor sharp Juvenal's stronger verse Perverted into doggrel farce. *a* 1720 Sewel *Hist. Quakers* (1795) I. II. 139 Yet they were not for using sharp language against such teachers. 1833 Tennyson *May Queen* I. iv, He thought of that sharp look, mother, I gave him yesterday. 1868 Freeman *Norm. Conq.* (1876) II. App. 677 Tostig has sharp words with his brother.

c. Of punishment, persecution, laws, etc., also of a judge, lawgiver, etc.: Severe, merciless.

a 1340 Hampole *Psalter* ix. 25 To punysch him in sharp & bittire pyne. *c* 1375 *Cursor M.* 9103 (Fairf.) Sa sare and sharpe martiring was neuer sene on siche a king. 1533 Gau *Richt Vay* (1888) 85 Supposz thow may richtuslie be ane scherp iuge apone wsz. 1576 Gascoigne *Philomene* xcvi. Wks. 1910 II. 192 But in hir minde a sharpe revenge, She fully did reserve. 1663 Bp. Patrick *Parab. Pilgr.* xxx. (1687) 365 This sluggish temper must be banished by a rigorous and sharp penance. 1720 Sewel *Hist. Quakers* (1795) I. Pref. 16 Who will ere long fall under a sharper persecution. 1851 Helps *Comp. Solit.* vi. 96 Those we have lived with are the sharpest judges of our conduct.

d. *To be sharp upon*: to be hard or severe upon (now only, by way of censure or criticism).

1561 in *Exch. Rolls Scot.* XIX. 475 The said Thomas not to be scharp upoun the said Alexander for payment of the said soum. 1596 Dalrymple tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* I. 161 He was so scharpe vpon his abuses. 1678 Rymer *Trag. last Age* 32 Polynices seems ill treated, and his Brother is much too sharp upon him. 1713 Addison *Guardian* No. 109 ₱ 5 One of those Untucker'd Ladies whom you were so sharp upon. 1833 Lytton *Godolphin* iv, You are sharp on me, young Sir.

e. Of pain, suffering, grief, etc.: Keen, acute, intense. Of experiences: Intensely painful.

c 1000 *Sax. Leechd.* II. 206 Þonne biþ þæt sar scearpre þonne þæs welmes sar þe on þære lifre selfre beoδ. *a* 1122 *O. E. Chron.* (Laud MS.) an. 1086, & syδδan com se scearpa hungor. *c* 1205 Lay. 21944 Heo weoren swiδe iharmede mid scærpen þan hungre. *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 2980 Gnattes.. smale to sen, and sarp on bite. 1340 Hampole *Pr. Consc.* 6563 þe ferthe [payne of helle] es hunger sharpe and strang. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Pars. T.* ₱ 130 This sorwe..shal been hevy and grevous, and ful sharpe and poinant in herte. *c* 1477 Caxton *Jason* 115 b, A sorowe moche aygre and sharp. 1548–9 (Mar.) *Bk. Com. Prayer, St. Andrew's Day, Collect*, The sharp and painful death of the crosse. 1565 J. Phillips *Patient Grissell* 331 (Malone Soc.) The bitter pangs of death, Whose gripes most sharp semd to close my breath. 1592 Shaks. *Rom. & Jul.* v. i. 41 Sharpe miserie had worne him to the bones. *a* 1627 Sir J. Beaumont *Bosworth F.* 74 The sharp Conclusion of a sad success. 1697 Dryden *Virg. Georg.* III. 803 The nightly Wolf..now plots not on the Fold; Tam'd with a sharper Pain. 1722 Wollaston *Relig. Nat.* ix. 216 Such injoyments..are followed many times by sharp reflections and bitter penances in the rear. 1843 R. J. Graves *Syst. Clin. Med.* xxvii. 340 Sharp, lancinating pains were felt most frequently in the knee. 1898 Watts-Dunton *Aylwin* XL iii, A pang at my heart as sharp as though there had been a reasonable hope till now.

†f. *transf.* Said of a scourge: = Smart *a.* I.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 5876 And qua ne dos noght yur bidding, Wit scarp scurges yee þam suing. *c* 1450 *Mirk's Festial* 44 To 3eue hym dyscyplyn apon his bare backe wyth a scharpe 3erde.

†g. Of a mode of life: Austere. *Obs.*

1340 *Ayenb.* 165 þe oþer del is zuo þet hi makeþ..þet lyf þet zuo moche sseweþ ssarp an dreduol to chiese. 1577 tr. *Luther's Comm. Galat.* v. 19 (1580) 270 b, The Carthusians or Charterhouse monkes, whose order..is of all other the straitest & sharpest. 1588 Parke tr. *Mendoza's Hist. China* 254 They were certaine religious men who liued in common, & sharpe and asper life. 1611 Shaks. *Cymb.* III. iii. 31 Hap'ly this life is best, (If quiet life be best) sweeter to you That haue a sharper knowne.

6. Pungent in taste; also, having strong acid, alkaline, or caustic properties. †Of wine: Sour.

c 1000 *Sax. Leechd.* I. 354 Nim gate tord meng wiδ scearpum ecede. 1377 Langl. *P. Pl.* B. xx. 304 Shrifte shope sharpe salue and made men do penaunce For her mysdedes. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Prol.* 352 Wo was his cook, but if his sauce were Poynaunt and sharp. 1477 Norton *Ord. Alch.* v. in Ashm. (1652) 73 As Sharpe tast, Unctuous, and Sower. 1546 J. Heywood *Prov.* (1867) 46 This medicine thus ministred is sharpe and colde. 1577 B. Googe *Heresbach's Husb.* IV. (1586) 187 b, The like quantitie of manna kneaded togither, and giuen them in sharpe wine. 1584 Veron *Lat.-Eng. Dict.*, *Pallacana*, a sharpe onion causing the eies to water. 1617 Moryson *Itin.* I. 252 Pomegranates, Olives, Bread, and sharpe Wine. 1639 [J. Taylor (Water-P.)] *Divers Crabtree Lect.* 167, I can weepe no more, unlesse I get a good sharpe Onion in my handkerchiefe. 1641 Murrel *Cookerie* (ed. 5) 21 To boyle a Chine of Mutton or Veale, in sharp broth. 1661 Boyle *Scept. Chem.* IV. 254 As soon as I found the Lixivium sufficiently sharp upon the tongue, I reserv'd it for use. 1709 Felton *Diss. Classics* (1718) 106 Every body can tell Sweet from Bitter, what is Sharp, or Sour, or Vapid, or Nauseous. 1732 Arbuthnot *Rules of Diet* in *Aliments*, etc. 262 What renders the Blood acrimonious or sharp. 1815 J. Smith *Panorama Sci. & Art* II. 429 Arsenic acid..has a sharp caustic taste. 1853 Soyer *Pantropheon* 71 If you prefer a sharper sauce, mix well some green mint with rue.

b. *fig.*

1604 in Challoner *Missionary Priests* (1803) II. 21 Although I shall have a sharp dinner, yet I trust in Jesus Christ I shall have a most sweet supper. 1668 R. Steele *Husbandm. Calling* vi. (1672) 152 Drudging at the harrow, that's sharp; but sweeping down the wheat, that's sweet. 1886 Mrs. Lynn Linton *Paston Carew* xxxii, That sharp sauce which carries costs and awards damages.

c. Of water: (*a*) ? Charged with carbonic acid. †(*b*) Hot, scalding (*rare*$^{-1}$).

1660 F. Brooke tr. *Le Blanc's Trav.* 18 The water was sharp and hard. *a* 1700 Evelyn *Diary* 21 Sept. 1644, A fountaine of sharp water which they report wholesome against the stone. 1742 *Lond. & Country Brew.* I. (ed. 4) 28 Water lukewarm put over at first with the Bowl, but soon after sharp or boiling Water.

d. In various technical collocations, as *sharp lime*, ? unslaked lime; *sharp vat* (Dyeing), a vat containing a considerable excess of lime (Ure *Dict. Arts* 1839, p. 674); *sharp gas* (see quot. 1886).

1772 T. Simpson *Vermin Killer* 15 If you sow sharp lime with the grain. 1886 *Times* 12 Apr. 9/3 Miners had..discovered that some outbursts of gas are what they call 'sharp', and are capable of forming a dangerous mixture with much less warning than is usually given. The experiments of the Commissioners show that the 'sharp' gas of the miners contains a larger proportion of marsh gas.

7. Of sound: Penetrating, shrill, high-pitched.

1390 Gower *Conf.* III. 90 Nou scharpe notes and nou softe. 1420–2 Lydg. *Thebes* I. 205 Be vertue only of the werbles sharpe That he made in Mercuries harpe. 1604 E. G[rimstone] *D'Acosta's Hist. Indies* V. xxix. 418 A flute of earth, having a very sharpe sound. 1687 Dryden *Song St. Cecilia's Day* 37 Sharp Violins proclaim Their jealous Pangs, and Desperation. 1774 Goldsm. *Nat. Hist.* (1776) IV. 9 Their voice is not so sharp as the note of some other animals. 1810 Scott *Lady of L.* III. x, A sharp and shrieking echo gave, Coir-Uriskin, thy goblin cave! 1866 Whittier *Maids of Attitash* 20 The wood-bird's plaintive cry, The locust's sharp reply. 1871 R. Ellis *Catullus* lxiv. 262 A sharp shrill tinkle.

†b. Of an accent: = Acute *a.* Also of a syllable: Bearing the acute accent. *Obs. rare.*

1589 [see Accent *sb.* 1, 6]. 1611 Cotgr., *Accent aigu*, a sharpe accent marked thus, ', & much vsed. 1612 Brinsley *Pos. Parts* (1615) 46 b, Euery Nowne Substantiue common, increasing sharp or long in the Genitiue case, is the feminine Gender.

c. *Phonetics.* (*a*) Used to express the acoustic quality of the high-front vowels; (*b*) a designation for unvoiced consonants. *Obs.* in technical use.

(*a*) *c* 1532 Du Wes *Introd. Fr.* in *Palsgr.* 899 Ye shal pronounce..your *i*, as sharpe as can be. 1871 *Public Sch. Lat. Gram.* 9 § 12, *I* [is] the thin sharp palatal.

(*b*) 1841 Latham *Eng. Lang.* i. 104 Concerning the Mutes we may predicate that one half of them is Flat, and the other half Sharp. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VII. 450 The voiceless group containing the sharp consonants.

8. *Mus.* a. Of a note: Relatively high in pitch. b. Of a note, singing, an instrument: Above the regular or true pitch; too high. c. *A, C, D* etc. *sharp*: the sound which is a semitone higher than A, C, D, etc. Also the key or other contrivance in a musical instrument for producing such a note. d. Of an interval, †key, or †scale: = Major. e. Of a key: Having sharps in the signature. †f. *B sharp*: the early name for the sign ♮, used to counteract a flat.

1597 Morley *Introd. Mus.* 3 The ♭ cliefe which is common to euery part, is made thus ♭ or thus ♮ the one signifying the halfe note and flatt singing: the other signifying the whole note or sharpe singing. 1662 Playford *Skill Mus.* I. i. (1674) 5, B duralis or B sharp. 1694 W. Holder *Harmony* (1731) 151 The Differences of those we call Flat, or Sharp Keys; the Sharp, which take the Greater Intervals within Diapason, as Thirds, Sixths, and Sevenths Major, are more brisk and airy. 1746 Tansur *New Mus. Gram.* 73 Observe, to Tune all Sharp-Thirds, as sharp as the Ear will admit. 1752 tr. *Rameau's Treat. Mus.* 36 If that Concord was a Major, or a Sharp, as the Third and the Sixth may be. *Ibid.* 107 Chromatick may be practised in sharp Keys, upon the sharp Third to a Governing-note. 1782 Mrs. H. Cowley *Bold Stroke for Husb.* II. iii, Trying a semibreve in G sharp, has made me as flat as double F. 1818 Busby *Gram. Mus.* 318 *note*, The Chord of the extreme Sharp Sixth. 1848 Rimbault *Pianoforte* 19 The black key which lies Between C and D, is called C-sharp or D-flat.

quasi-*adv.* 1880 *Athenæum* 17 Jan. 96/2 There was on Saturday a tendency to sing sharp, which was at times unpleasantly noticeable.

9. With reference to form only (without implication of cutting or piercing).

a. Tapering to a (relatively) fine point.

1340 Hampole *Pr. Consc.* 820 Hys nese, at þe poynt, es sharp and smalle. 1561 Hollybush *Hom. Apoth.* 23 [Tokens of death.] When..the nose waxeth sharpe. 1599 Shaks. *Hen. V*, II. iii. 16 His Nose was as sharpe as a Pen. 1613 Purchas *Pilgrimage* IV. xiii. (1614) 413 Long and sharpe chins. 1712 J. Morton *Nat. Hist. Northampt.* 106 Turbinated Shells.., some with a broader, others with a narrower and sharper Spire. 1784 Cowper *Task* III. 157 Travel nature up To the sharp peak of her sublimest height. 1821 Scott *Kenilw.* xvii, A perpetual blush, which occupied rather the sharp nose than the thin cheek of this personage.

†b. Ending in an angle, pointed, peaked. *Sharp moon*: the crescent moon. *Crooked and sharp* (Her.): angular zigzag. *Obs.*

c 1420 *Two Cookery Bks.* 38 Take blaunchid Almaundys, & kerf hem long, smal, & scharpe. 1486 *Bk. St. Albans*, *Her.* d vii, He berith pale crokyt and sharpe of Sable and Sylver. 1530 Palsgr. 266/1 Scharpe ende of the moone, *corne.* 1617 Moryson *Itin.* I. 142 With a long visage and a little sharpe beard upon the chin. 1686 Wood *Life* 6 July (O. H. S.) III. 191 Tuesday, between 11 and 1 a sharp or new moone was seene in the skies. 1687 A. Lovell tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* II. 85 A heap sharp at the top like a Sugar-Loaf.

c. Of an angle: †(*a*) Less than a right angle: = Acute *a.* (*Obs.*: common in the 16th c.). (*b*) Relatively small or acute. (*c*) Abrupt, not rounded off or blunted; involving sudden change of direction; so *sharp turn.*

(*a*) *c* 1537 De Benese *Meas. Lande* A iiij, The last is a sharpe angle, lyke to one of the angles of a tryangle. 1594 Blundevil *Exerc.* I. (1597) 57 b, For the one [angle] is right, and the other sharpe. 1688 Holme *Armoury* III. 376/2 A sharp angle or corner, being less than a square Angle.

(*b*) 1589 Ive *Pract. Fortif.* 2 The angles that do happen in it, may be made the flatter or sharper.

(*c*) 1825 J. Nicholson *Oper. Mech.* 537 Knocking off the sharp angles with the thick end of a tool called a scabling hammer. 1877 Miss A. B. Edwards *Up Nile* xx. 574 A sharp turn to the right. 1910 Hirth in *Encycl. Brit.* VI. 191/1 Lines drawn through the eyes of one of the oldest Chinese hieroglyphics cross each other at a sharp angle.

d. Of an ascent or descent, a rise or fall (*lit.* or *fig.*): Abrupt.

1725 De Foe *Voy. round World* (1840) 257 We had gone up upon a sharp ascent. 1785 Cowper *Task* I. 326 Hence the declivity is sharp and short, And such the re-ascent. 1877 Huxley *Physiogr.* xviii. 313 A very sharp rise leads from the Pacific to the range of the Andes.

e. *Naut.* Of the shape of a vessel: Having a narrow and wedge-shaped bottom.

1709 Dampier *Voy.* III. II. 47, I would have..hal'd my Ship ashore..but my Ship being sharp, I did not dare to do it. 1721 Perry *Daggenh. Breach* 115 Ships, more especially such as are sharp and built for Sailing. 1815 *Falconer's Dict. Marine* (ed. Burney), *Sharp-Bottom*, is synonymous with a sharp floor, and used in contradistinction to a flat floor. 1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 821/1 This tendency on the part of a sharp ship..by her wedge-shaped form in the fore and after bodies, is great.

f. Of features: Emaciated, peaked, thin.

[1561, 1599: see a.] 1833 Tennyson *Death Old Year* 46 His face is growing sharp and thin. 1865 Whittier *Changeling* 29 My face grows sharp with the torment.

†**10.** *Naut.* Of the wind: ? Almost dead ahead. (Cf. Sharp *adv.* 2.) *Obs. rare*$^{-1}$.

1669 Sturmy *Mariner's Mag.* I. ii. 17 The Wind is sharp, hawl forward the main Bowline.

11. Having the angles or edges not rounded off or flattened; hence, clear or distinct in outline or contour. Often in immaterial sense, of contrasts, distinctions, etc.: Not shaded off, abrupt, strongly marked.

1675 A. Browne *App. Art of Limning* 8 The Complexions of Virgins and Fair Young Women are not so much different from the other in the Colouring: as in the Sharpness of the Work, those few and sharp Muscles in the Body [etc.]. 1815 J. Smith *Panorama Sci. & Art* II. 809 The plaster ..hardens in a few minutes, and takes a very sharp impression. 1855 *Orr's Circ. Sci., Inorg. Nat.* 207 The chiselled margins of the pillars and cornices of the latter, are still as sharp as when first carved. 1856 Stanley *Sinai & Pal.* ii. (1858) 133 Those who..are brought into the sharpest geographical contrast. 1895 Saintsbury *Corr. Impr.* 38 The very musical poets are too apt to let the sharp and crisp definition of their picture be washed away in floods of sound. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 921 With regard to the first three forms [of drug eruption] no sharp lines can be drawn.

B. *sb.*

1. A sharp weapon; *spec.* a small sword (in 18th cent. part of a civilian's attire); a rapier used for dnelling as opposed to a 'blunt' or buttoned weapon. *Obs.* or *arch.*

13.. *Gaw. & Gr. Knt.* 424 þe scharp of þe schalk schyndered þe bones. *a* 1375 *Joseph Arim.* 513 Mony swoughninge lay þorw schindringe of scharpe. 1654 Gayton *Pleas. Notes* 67 Through blunts to sharpes, through surcingles to the garters and Zones of Amazones. 1723 Mrs. Centlivre *Beau's Duel* III. i, I think a Gentleman ought to wear a sharp for a terror to the Vulgar, and because 'tis the fashion. 1775 Sheridan *Rivals* IV. i, But for your curst sharps and snaps, I never knew any good come of 'em.

†b. Phr. *To fight, play*, etc. *at the sharp, at sharp(s*: to fight with unbated swords, to fight in earnest, in contradistinction to fencing. *To go* or *come to the sharp*: to come to bloodshed. *Obs.*

1579–80 North *Plutarch, Romulus* (1595) 26 A combate

of fensers (called *Gladiatores*) fighting at the sharpe. 1600 HOLLAND *Livy* IX. xl. 344 As for that other furniture, it was rather a good bootie than armour of proofe; faire and resplendent, before men come to the sharp, but foule and unseemely amongst bloudie wounds. 1615 G. SANDYS *Trav.* 297 One goodly Amphitheater..where Fencers at sharpe succeeded the actors. 1694 JER. COLLIER *Misc., Of Duelling* 37 If Butchers had but the Manners to go to Sharps, Gentlemen would be contented with a Rubber at Cuffs. 1748 SMOLLETT *Rod. Rand.* xii, He would even fight captain Weazel at sharps; but it should be with such sharps as Strap was best acquainted with, namely razors. 1826 SCOTT *Woodst.* xviii, There is daylight enough now for a game at sharps.

c. *fig.*

1596 NASHE *Saffron Walden* F 4 b, Put a whole million of *Iohannes Mabusiusses* of them together, and they shall not handle their matters at sharpe so handsomly as I [*marg.* Painters sharp handling]. 1643 SIR T. BROWNE *Relig. Med.* II. § vii. 156 The Devill that did but buffet Saint Paul, playes mee thinkes at sharpe with me. 1720 SHADWELL *Epsom W.* I, Since they were so much too hard for us at Blunts, we were fools to go to Sharps with them.

† 2. A sharp edge; *spec.* the edge of a sword. *Obs.*

13.. *Gaw. & Gr. Kn.* 1593 For þe mon merkkez hym wel as þay mette fyrst, Set sadly þe scharp in þe slot euen. *c* 1430 *Pilgr. Lyf Manhode* I. xxvii. (1869) 19 Bi the flatte of the sword j vnderstonde good and trewe avisement...With the flatte ye shulden vsen to smite whan ye seen youre subiectes erre...And if ye mown so haue hem it is bettere than to smite with the sharpe. 1625 PURCHAS *Pilgrims* IV. 1596 The Captaine commanded that they should be put to the sharpe of the sword.

b. *fig.*

1602 DANIEL *Musophilus* lxxii, They present, with the sharp of envy, strain To wound them with reproaches and despite. 1679 OLDHAM *Sat. Jesuits* Prol. 26 'Tis pointed Satyr, and the sharps of Wit For such a prize are th' only Weapons fit. *a* 1734 NORTH *Examen* I. ii. § 96 (1740) 82 At present I haue to do only with the Matter of a Treaty (which the Rebels expected) and not with the Sharps, which to their great Surprise and Confusion fell upon them.

c. *The sharp of the hand*: the edge of the hand.

1840 R. H. DANA *Bef. Mast* xxx. 108 An old salt, pointing with the sharp of his hand to leeward. 1896 CLARK RUSSELL *Tale of Ten* III. 272 Six men..standing up, staring under the sharp of their hands.

† 3. The termination of anything which is pointed or which tapers to a point. *Obs. rare.*

1633 in *Verney Mem.* (1892) I. 108 The cloath sute, the skirts wrought in Pickendell, with two sharps on the hoase. 1638 MAYNE *Lucian* (1664) 248 The decent slendernesse of her fingers, ending in a beautiful sharpe. 1848 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* IX. II. 553 Those poles where the sharp has not been broken off are likely to break when put up and loaded with bine.

4. *Mus.* **a.** A high-pitched note. (*rare.*) **b.** A note raised half a tone above the natural pitch. **c.** In musical notation, the sign ♯ which indicates this raising of the note; †also the sign ♮ (see quot. 1653 and cf. A. 8 f). *Double sharp*: the sign × indicating that a note must be raised two semitones. **d.** *Sharps and flats*: see FLAT *sb.*3 14.

1576 GASCOIGNE *Grief of Joy* IV. xix. Wks. 1910 II. 551 Whiles I searcht, the semyquaver toyes, The glauncing sharpes, the halfe notes for the nones. 1592 SHAKS. *Rom. & Jul.* III. v. 28 It is the Larke that sings so out of tune, Straining harsh Discords, and vnpleasing Sharpes. 1612 DRAYTON *Poly-olb.* XIII. 55 The throstle with shrill sharps, as purposely he song T' awake the lustlesse sun. 1653 LD. BROUNCKER tr. *Des Cartes' Compend. Mus.* 37 Finally, the voyce ♮, is called a Quadrate, or Sharp, because it is the most Acute, and the opposite to ♭ Soft or Flat. 1746 FRANCIS tr. *Hor., Art of Poetry* 474 In vain his tuneful Hand the Master tries, He asks a Flat, and hears a Sharp arise. 1806 CALLCOTT *Mus. Gram.* v. 58 The Double Sharp is sometimes marked with a single Cross. 1842 BROWNING *Pied Piper* ii, Shrieking and squeaking In fifty different sharps and flats. 1855 TENNYSON *Brook* 40, I chatter over stony ways, In little sharps and trebles.

e. *allusively.*

1599 in Farr *S. P. Eliz.* (1845) II. 382 Let all your sharps Bee feares of faithfull harts; And all your flats The death of your desarts.

† 5. A shoal in a river-bed. *Obs. rare.*

1776 G. SEMPLE *Building in Water* 56 Shoals or Sharps in navigable Rivers.

† 6. Some kind of fish. Cf. SHARPLING. *Obs.*

a 1636 WESTCOTE *View Devonsh.* (1845) 39 Fish...Shott. Seal. Sharpe. Sturgeon.

7. Each of the two raised ledges forming the sides of the mould upon which sheet-lead is cast. Usually in plural.

1703 NEVE *City & C. Purchaser* (1736) s.v. *Lead*, This Mold..consists of..Boards..nail'd down fast, and upon these, at a due Distance..the Sharps are fixed...At each end [of the strike] is cut a Notch..; so that when the Strike is us'd, it rides upon the Sharps with those Notches... [Settle the sand] by lifting up one end of the Strike, letting the other rest upon the other Sharp. 1825 J. NICHOLSON *Oper. Mech.* 360.

8. a. = SHARPER.

1797 MRS. M. ROBINSON *Walsingham* IV. 277 The sharps have queered me. 1812 J. H. VAUX *Flash Dict., Sharp*, a gambler, or person, professed in all the arts of play; a cheat, or swindler. 1894 MASKELYNE *Sharps & Flats* ii. 25 The successful sharp..must have unbounded self-confidence if his wiles are to be of any avail.

b. *colloq.* An expert, connoisseur, a wise man or one professing to be so.

1865 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 11 Sept. 10/1 The long list of 'sharps' who advertise their 'tips' in the sporting journals. *a* 1872 B. HARTE *Poems, Cicely* 44, I never saw such a star, And I thought of them sharps in the Bible, and I went for it then and thar. 1880 ASA GRAY *Lett.* II. 702 You know I am no picture sharp. 1885 HORNADAY *2 Yrs. in Jungle* i. 5 Unless he is a scientific sharp, the chances are he cannot name a living species..which cannot be found represented there.

9. *pl.* The finer particles of the husk and the coarser particles of the flour of wheat and other cereals (separated from the bran and the fine flour in the process of milling); the 'middlings' between bran and flour.

The *Lutterworth Advertiser* of 3 Feb., 1912, reports a case heard at Petty Sessions in which the plaintiff, supported by the County Analyst, maintained that the term was applied to the 'middlings' of wheat only, while the defendant and trade witnesses asserted that 'sharps might contain rice, oats, tapioca; it was a general name for mill offals'.

1801 *Farmer's Mag.* Apr. 215 These sharps were ground a second time, and boulted a third time, and the produce was 46 lb. of second flour of barley. 1814 [CARR] *Craven Gloss., Sharps*, coarse ground flour with a portion of bran. 1844 H. STEPHENS *Bk. Farm* II. 352 The sharps, or that portion which consists of the heart of the grain, and which is broken and escapes from between the millstones. 1896 A. AUSTIN *England's Darling* II. i, None o' your sharps nor dog-bran, but real Earl's barley-meal.

10. *pl.* One of three grades of needles, including those of greatest length and most acutely pointed.

1849 LONGF. *Kavanagh* v, If I do not like the sizes, he offers to exchange them for others, either sharps or betweens. 1862 MORRALL *Needle-making* 38 The Sharps are those usually called 'Sewing needles'. 1892 'F. ANSTEY' *Voces Pop.* (1907) 241, I want..two packets of egg-eyed sharps.

11. = SHARPIE.

1891 *Century Dict., Sharp.* A kind of boat used by oystermen. Also *sharpie, sharpy.*

12. (See quot.)

1891 *Century Dict., Sharp.* In *diamond-cutting*, the edge of the quadrant when an octahedral diamond is cleft into four parts.

C. *Comb.*

1. In parasynthetic adjs., as *sharp-angled, -beaked, -bellied, -bottomed, -breasted, -clawed,* **†***-copped, -cornered, -eared, -faced,* **†***-haired,* **†***-headed, -keeled, -leaved,* **†***-nebbed,* **†***-piled,* **†***-quilled, -ridged, -snouted,* **†***-staked, -*†*tailed, -tasted, -tempered, -toed,* **†***-visaged, -winged.*

1832 J. RENNIE *Butterfl. & Moths* 143 The *Sharp Angled Peacock. 1611 COTGR. *Belenne*, a certaine little,..small-mouthed, and *sharp-beaked, fish. *a* 1661 HOLYDAY *Juvenal, Sat.* v. (1673) 77 By sharp-beak'd Ships. 1804 SHAW *Gen. Zool.* V. 76 *Sharp-bellied Salmon. 1792 J. PHILLIPS *Hist. Inland Navig.* (1795) 319 Busses, and other unavoidably *sharp-bottomed vessels. 1698 *Phil. Trans.* XX. 262 Deformities .., as Hunch Back'd, Pot Belly'd, *Sharp Breasted. 1838 MARY HOWITT *Birds & Fl., House-sparrow* 8 You find..everywhere the *sharp-clawed and the bigger still pressing on the lesser and forlorn l 1639 HORN & ROB. *Gate Lang. Unl.* xxiii. § 281 Such as have *sharp-coppid crowns, are very subject to fall mad. 1773 *Gentl. Mag.* XLIII. 597 They are sprinkled with small projecting pebbles, and *sharp-corner'd flints. 1890 'R. BOLDREWOOD' *Col. Reformer* (1891) 211 There was..no danger of the *sharp-eared blacks' dogs giving tongue in time to warn them. 1889 J. K. JEROME *Idle Thoughts* 32 A timid maiden, driven by a hard and *sharp-faced matron. 1706 J. STEVENS *Span. Dict., Peliagudo*, *sharp-hair'd, so they call the Kid, Calf, and Rabbet. 1755 SMOLLETT *Quix.* (1803) IV. II. III. XV. 71, I would not have you touch these ragoo'd rabbits, because they are a sharp-haired food [orig. Sp. *manjar peliagudo*]. 1420–2 LYDG. *Thebes* 4223 On..with a quarel *sharpe heded for his sake, Markede hym with a bowe of brake. 1545 ASCHAM *Toxoph.* I. (Arb.) 73 A sharpe heeded shafte. 1697 DRYDEN *Virg. Georg.* III. 126 The Colt, that for a Stallion is design'd,..Sharp headed, Barrel belly'd, broadly back'd. *c* 1600 HORSEY *Trav.* (Hakl. Soc.) 186 [The ships are to be] *sharpe-kielled not flatt-bottomed. 1667 DRYDEN *Ann. Mirab.* clvii, In shipping such as this, the Irish Kern, And untaught Indian, on the Stream did glide: Ere sharp-keel'd Boats to stem the Flood did learn. 1777 LIGHTFOOT *Flora Scot.* I. 306 Red *sharp-leav'd Mint. 1604 DRAYTON *Owle* 206 The *sharp-nebd Hecco stabbing at his braine. 1615 CHAPMAN *Odyss.* XX. 201 And then the Prince ..Tooke to his hand his *sharp-pil'd Lance. 1593 SHAKS. *2 Hen. VI*, III. i. 363 A *sharpe-quill'd Porpentine. 1872 COUES *Key N. Avier. Birds* 48 The tarsus of the vast majority of land birds is seen..to be *sharp-ridged behind. 1611 COTGR., *Raye au long bec*, the..*sharp-snowted Ray. 1804 SHAW *Gen. Zool.* V. 91 Sharp-snouted Salmon. 1815 MILMAN *Fasio* (1821) 23 The broad and *sharp-staked trenches of the law. 1430–40 LYDG. *Bochas* III. xvi[i.] (1494) m iv, And vnder that falshede Hony shed oute *sharpe tayled lyke a hee. 1697 DRYDEN *Virg. Georg.* II. 175 *Sharp tasted Citrons Median Climes produce. 1829 SCOTT *Anne of G.* xix, Thin Moselle wine, so light and sharp-tasted, that [etc.]. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* I. VI. iii, Our *sharp-tempered Arthur has been 'pestered for some days past', by shot. 1804 *European Mag.* XLV. 20/1 *Sharp-toed shoes. *a* 1676 HALE *Prim. Orig. Man.* II. vii. (1677) 200 The Welsh that inhabit the Mountains [are] commonly *sharp-visaged. 1687 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 2250/4 A tall lean Man with curl'd short Hair, small Eyes, and sharp visag'd. 1634 SIR T. HERBERT *Trav.* 18 A small blacke Bird long and *sharp-winged. 1832 J. RENNIE *Butterfl. & Moths* 26 The Sharp Winged Hawk..appears in July.

2. Special combinations and collocations, as **† sharp artery** [L. *arteria aspera*: see ARTERY 1 and TRACHEA], the wind-pipe; **† sharp bone,** the breast-bone of a bird; **sharp-cone** *Math.* (see quot.); **sharp-eyed** *a.*, keen of sight; *transf.* observant, penetrating; **sharp-fanged** *a.*, having a sharp tooth; *fig.* biting (in speech), caustic, sarcastic; **sharp featured** *a.*, peaked, thin; **sharp-fin,** 'an acanthopterygian fish' (*Cent. Dict.* 1891); **sharp-heeled** *a.*, (of a cock) spurred, wearing spurs; **sharp-iron** *Naut.*, a caulkers' reeming-iron; **sharp land** *north.*, soil containing a large proportion of gritty matter; **sharp-nail,** 'a nail with a forged point, used in some trades' (Knight *Dict. Mech.* 1875); **sharp-nails** *dial.*, in *Jack Sharpnails*, the stickleback; **† sharp-new** *a.*, a term applied to the appearance of the crescent moon; **† sharp-nose,** a mean person; **sharp-shinned** *a.*, slender shanked; *spec.* as the distinctive epithet of a hawk, *Accipiter fuscus*, common in N. America; **sharp-tailed** *a.*, having a tapering tail or pointed tail-feathers; *spec.* in names of birds and animals having this characteristic; **sharp-tongued** *a.*, bitter of speech; **sharp-toothed** *a.*, keen of tooth; *transf.* rending, tearing; **sharp-Tuesday** *dial.*, Shrove Tuesday; **sharp-ware,** edged tools (in quot. attrib.); **sharp-whites** (see quot.).

1578 LYTE *Dodoens* IV. lxxx. 544 The..*sharpe Arterie or wind pipe. *a* 1756 ELIZA HAYWOOD *New Present* (1771) 29 Cut the goose down both sides of the breast, half an inch from the *sharp bone. 1872 CAYLEY *Math. Papers* (1895) VIII. 102 The special forms of (quadri-)cones; these are: 1° The *sharp-cone, or plane-pair; that is, a pair of two planes, intersecting in a line called the axis, the vertex being in this case an indeterminate point on the axis. 1670 DRYDEN *1st Pt. Conq. Granada* II. i, To *sharp-eyed reason this would seem untrue. 1820 SCOTT *Monast.* xxxii, He knew it not, he saw it not—but I was sharper-eyed. 1843 *Chamb. Jrnl.* 46/1 The coarse-coated, sharp-eyed, snarling terrier. 1598 MARSTON *Sco. Villanie* I. ii. B 8 b, What power will'th desist? Or dares to stop a *sharpe fangd Satyrist? 1643 TRAPP *Comm. Gen.* xlvii. 1 How potent that quick-sighted and sharp-fanged malignity is. 1887 MEREDITH *Ballads & P.* 39 'Twixt her and sharp-fanged nature Honour first did plant the fence. 1824 MISS MITFORD *Village* I. 239 Mr. Beck..was a little, insignificant, perking, *sharp-featured man. ?*c* 1660 R. WILDE *Poems* (1870) 51 The skilful judges of the play Brought forth their *sharp-heeled warriors. 1686 BLOME *Gentl. Recr.* II. 277/2 That Cock is said to be sharp Heel'd. 1887 RÖHRIG *Technol. Wörterbuch* I, *Scharfeisen*,.. (Schiffb.) *Sharp iron. 1895 in *Funk's Standard Dict.* 1808 W. H. MARSHALL *Rev. Northern Dep. Agric.* I. 6 The soil appears to be pretty uniformly of a sandy or gravelly nature, what in Scotland is termed '*sharp land'. 1497 *Naval Acc. Hen. VII* (1896) 293 CC of *Sharpe nayle price of euery C—ij* iiij*d*..D sharpenayle price the hundred ij. 1734 *Builder's Dict.*, s.v. *Nail*, Sharp Nails..are made with sharp Points and flat Shanks. 1787 GROSE *Prov. Gloss.*, **Jack-sharp-nails*, a prickle-back, called also in Middlesex, a strickle-back. Derb. 1635 PERSON *Varieties* I. iii. 10 [The Moon] hath a glimps of light indeed of her selfe, but that is dimme and obscure; as may be seene io the *sharp-new (as we say). 1611 COTGR., *Visage de rebec*, a sneake-bill, *sharp-nose, chittiface. 1704 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 4034/4 A short Negro Man,..*sharp Shin'd, long Heel'd. 1826 STEPHENS in *Shaw's Gen. Zool.* XIII. II. 31 Sharp-shinned Hawk. 1884 *Harper's Mag.* Mar. 621/1 The sharp-shinned is our most abundant hawk. 1678 RAY *Willughby's Ornith.* 364 The *sharp-tail'd Island Duck of Wormius. 1785 PENNANT *Arct. Zool.* II. 306 Sharp-tailed Grous. 1793 *Buffon's Nat. Hist. Birds* VI. 461 The Sharp-tailed Goat-sucker. 1834 J. J. AUDUBON *Ornith. Biogr.* II. 281 The Sharp-tailed Finch. 1837 WHEELWRIGHT tr. *Aristophanes* I. 172 The *sharp-tongu'd rival's whetted teeth. 1875 MCLAREN *Serm.* Ser. II. iv. 75 The questions of a sharp-tongued servant-maid. 1604 HIERON *Preachers Plea* To Rdr. A 3 Let the most professed and *sharpe-toothed carper say what he please. 1605 SHAKS. *Lear* II. iv. 137 She hath tied Sharpe-tooth'd vnkindnesse, like a vulture heere. 1858 *N. & Q.* Ser. II. V. 209 The curious custom existing in that town [Crewkerne] 'of throwing stones against people's doors on what the boys called "*Sharp Tuesday"'. 1874 WHITCOMBE *Bygone Days Devon & Cornw.* 187 Shrove Tuesday is known by the boys as 'Sharp Tuesday'. 1688 HOLME *Armoury* III. xiv. (Roxb.) 3/1 The badge of the company of *Sharp-ware men, such as make all sorts of edge tooles. 1820 ACCUM *Adulterat. Food* 14 *Sharp whites (a term given to flour contaminated with..alum).

b. In names of birds, as **sharp-bill** = OXYRHYNCHUS 2; **sharp-tail** *U.S.*, (*a*) the sharp-tailed grouse, *Pediœcetes phasianellus*; (*b*) any bird of the sub-family *Synallaxinæ.*

1826 STEPHENS in *Shaw's Gen. Zool.* XIV. I. 199 *Oxyrhynchus*, Sharpbill. 1867 T. R. JONES *Nat. Hist. Birds* 119 Synallaxinæ. The Sharptails.

c. In names of plants. (*a*) With reference to the pointed or prickly nature of their foliage, as **† sharp-bind** = *sharp smilax*; **sharp cedar** [= F. *cèdre piquant*], a tree, *Juniperus oxycedrus*; **sharp club-rush,** *Scirpus pungens* (Miss Pratt, *Brit. Grasses* 1859); **sharp-pry-grass** *dial.*, *Carex glauca*; **sharp rush,** *Juncus acutus*; **† sharp smilax,** *Smilax aspera*; **sharp thistle** (see quot.). (*b*) With reference to the acid properties of the plant, as **sharp dock** (see DOCK *sb.*1 1 b); **† sharp-herb,** ?= *sharp dock.*

1548 TURNER *Names of Herbes* (E.D.S.) 75 Smilax aspera. ..It maye be called in englishe Pryckewynde or *Sharpbynde. 1840 PAXTON *Bot. Dict.*, *Sharp Cedar. *c* 1050 *Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 464/1 *Oxylapatium*, sio *scearpe docce. 1693 EVELYN *De La Quint. Compl. Gard.* II. vi. 193 Sharp Dock, or Dock-Sorrell. 1659 R. LOVELL *Herbal* 544 *Sharp-herb *Cocoxihuitl, Herba acris.* 1803 HUNTER *Georgical Studies* III. 88 (E.D.D.), I pared and burnt some *sharp-pry-grass ings that had not been ploughed in the memory of man. 1597 GERARDE *Herbal* I. xxiii. 31 The *sharpe Rush. 1562 TURNER *Herbal* II. 141 The *sharpe smilax hath leaues lyke vnto wodbinde. 1878 *Cumberld. Gloss.* p. xix, *Cuicus arvensis*, *Sharp thistle.

3. Quasi-advb. as complement with ppl. adjs., as †*sharp-built*, *-cut*, †*-grinded*, †*-ground*, *-looking*, *-whetted*.

1755 MAGENS *Insurances* II. 256 If it be desired to insure a *sharp-built Ship or Vessel [etc.]. 1865 TYLOR *Early Hist. Man.* ix. 240 They then seizing the *sharp-cut stake. 1700 DRYDEN *Pal. & Arc.* III. 513 The Turney is allow'd but one Career, Of the tough Ash with the *sharp-grinded Spear. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 21437 *Scarp grunden knijf in hand he bar. 1592 SHAKS. *Rom. & Jul.* III. iii. 44 Had'st thou..no sharpe ground knife. 1590 — *Com. Err.* v. i. 240 A needy-hollow-eyed-*sharpe-looking-wretch. 1887 MORRIS *Odyss.* x. 535 Thou shalt sit with thy sword *sharp-whetted drawn from thy thigh.

Sharp (ʃɑːp), *sb.*[2] *dial.* [? Corruption of SHAFT *sb.*[2]] A shaft of a cart. Usually *pl.*

1733 TULL *Horse-Hoeing Husb.* xxiii. 363 Part of the Limbers, which are also called Shafts, Sharps, and Thills. 1844 W. BARNES *Poems Rur. Life* Gloss., *Sharps*, the shafts of a cart or other carriage.

Sharp (ʃɑːp), *adv.* Forms: 1 **scearpe**, 4 **charpe**, 4–6 **sharpe**, **scharpe**, 6 *Sc.* **scherp**, **scharp**, 6– **sharp**. [OE. *scearpe*, f. *scearp* SHARP *a.*]

1. In a sharp manner, = SHARPLY in various senses; †shrilly; †niggardly, stingily.

c 1000 *Ags. Ps.* (Th.) xciii. 9 And him eaȝena ȝesyhð eallum sealde, and he scearpe ne mæȝe ȝesceawian? *c* 1000 *Hexam. St. Basil* viii, Ða fuȝelas..ðe be flæsce lyhbað syndon clyferfete and scearpe ȝehlode. *c* 1330 R. BRUNNE *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 1010 [*v.r.*] So scharpe þei com. 1377 LANGL. *P. Pl.* B. xviii. 39 Al her courte on hym cryde crucifye sharpe. *c* 1384 CHAUCER *H. Fame* 774 For whan a pipe is blowen sharpe The aire ys twist with violence. 1500–20 DUNBAR *Poems* xxvi. 42 Knyvis that scherp cowd scheir. *c* 1590 MARLOWE *Jew of Malta* IV, *Pil.* Farewell Fidler: One letter more to the Iew. *Curt.* Prethe, sweet loue, one more, and write it sharp. 1607 *Lingua* I. vi. B 3, How princely do I speake, how sharpe I threaten. 1635 MARKHAM *Eng. Husbandm.* I. iii. (ed. 2) 11 If Flies and small Gnats bite sharpe and sore. 1763 FOOTE *Mayor of G.* II. Wks. 1799 I. 182, I hunted and hunted as sharp as if it had been for one of my own minikens. 1812 SCOTT *Peveril* vii, What makes you ride so sharp this morning? 1852 M. ARNOLD *Tristram & Is.* I. 55 Loud howls the wind, sharp patters the rain.

b. Abruptly, suddenly.

1836 DICKENS *Sk. Boz, Scenes* xxv, He turns sharp round to the left, and pauses before another gate. 1859 LEVER *Dav. Dunn* xlvi, The odds are, he'd pull me up pretty sharp for doing so without his authority. 1860 MRS. CARLYLE *Lett.* III. 42 The horse..turns sharp round and stands stock still. 1885 *Spectator* 25 July 961/1 The Government ..have this week been pulled up sharp.

c. In an invitation or appointment: Punctually, precisely (at the hour specified).

1840 THACKERAY *Shabby-genteel Story* iii, They should dine that day at three o'clock sharp. 1844 W. H. MAXWELL *Sports & Adv. Scot.* x. (1855) 101 Dinner had been ordered at 'sharp five'. 1893 G. ALLEN *Scallywag* I. 35 At ten sharp the first arrivals began to greet one another.

d. Phrases. *Look sharp*: see LOOK *v.* 5. *Look sharp after*: see LOOK *v.* 5 and cf. 12 e and f. *Look out sharp*: see LOOK *v.* 40 c.

2. *Naut.* As near fore and aft as possible, trimmed as near as possible to the wind.

1669 STURMY *Mariner's Mag.* I. ii. 17 Thus have you all the Sails trimm'd sharp. 1769 FALCONER *Dict. Marine* II. (1789), *Bouter le Lof*, to trim all sharp; to spring the luff. 1815 *Falconer's Dict. Marine* (ed. Burney) s. v. *Sharp*, *To Brace up Sharp*, is to turn the yards to the most oblique direction possible, so as that the ship may lie well up to the wind. 1849 W. S. MAYO *Kaloolah* II. (1850) 24 In a moment more the frigate braced sharp up. 1899 F. T. BULLEN *Log Sea-waif* 215 Away we went, braced sharp up on the starboard tack to the north-westward.

3. *Comb.* Qualifying a ppl. adj. used attrib., and commonly hyphened.

1562 J. HEYWOOD *Prov. & Epigr.* (1867) 184 Where shooteth this sharpe shootyng archer? 1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* II. ix. 52 Bent hollow beetle browes, sharpe staring eyes, That mad or foolish seem'd. 1580 TUSSER *Husb.* (1878) 38 Sharp cutting spade, for the deuiding of mow. 1725 POPE *Odyss.* v. 621 Nor here the sun's meridian rays had pow'r, Nor wind sharp-piercing. 1842 TENNYSON *Morte D'Arthur* 190 Juts of slippery crag that rang Sharp-smitten with the dint of armed heels. 1876 GREEN *Hist. Eng. People* I. i. 4 The forger of mighty shields and sharp-biting swords. 1895 KIPLING *2nd Jungle Bk.* iii. 30 The sharp-smelling wood-smoke.

Sharp (ʃɑːp), *v.* Forms: *a.* 1 **scyrpan**, 1–2 **scerpan**, 5 **schyrpe**, 6 **scherp**, 6, 9 *dial.* **sherp**, 9 *dial.* **shirp**; *β.* 3–6 **scharp**, 4–5 **scharpe**, 4–7 **sharpe**, 5 **shaarp**, 6 *Sc.* **schairp**, 4– **sharp**. [OE. **scierpan*, *scęrpan*, *scyrpan*, = OS. (*gi*)*scerpian* (L.G., Du. *scherpen*), MHG. *scherpfen* (mod.G. *schärfen*), Icel. *skerpa*, Sw. *skärpa*, Da. *skærpe* (perh. from LG.):—OTeut. type **skarpjan-*, f. **skarpo-* SHARP *a.* In later Eng. this formation probably blends with a new formation on the adj.]

1. *trans.* = SHARPEN *v.* 1. Now only *dial.*

a. 14.. *Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 565/48 *Ascio*, to thwyte or schyrpe. 1503 DUNBAR *Thistle & Rose* 121 Syne crownit scho the Egle King of Fowlis, And as steill dertis scherpit scho his pennis. 1583 *Shuttleworths' Acc.* (Chetham Soc.) 7 Sherpeinge the harrove pennes ij[d]. 1883 *Berks. Gloss.*, Sherp this knife vor I, 'ooll 'e.

β. *a* 1340 HAMPOLE *Psalter, Song of Moses* 60 If .i. had sharpid as leuynynge my swerd. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* ii. (*Paulus*) 839 [He] fand a tre, and it scha[r]pit [L. *exacuit*] With his teht. *c* 1412 HOCCLEVE *De Reg. Princ.* 1905 Sharpe thi penne, and write on lustily. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* XIII. ii. 127 The cristit foule..For to resist hir sa scharpand hir byll [etc.]. 1614 GORGES *Lucan* VI. 255 And therewithall he sharpes the rocks. 1626 BRETON *Fantast.* (Grosart) 6/2 Now Cupid begins to nocke his Arrowes and sharpe their heads. 1684 HAN. WOOLLEY *Queen-like Closet* Suppl. 92 Pieces of Wire sharped at one end. 1815 SCOTT *Lord of Isles* v. xxiv, Let Ettrick's archers sharp their darts. 1858–61 RAMSAY *Remin.* iv. (1870) 82 He's sharping his teeth.

b. *transf.* and *fig.*

a. *c* 825 *Vesp. Ps.* cxxxix. 4 Scerptun tungan heara. *c* 1000 *Ags. Ps.* (Spelman) *Ibid.* [*Trin. MS.*], Scyrptun.

β. *a* 1340 HAMPOLE *Psalter* cxxxix. 3 Þai sharpid þaire tunges as neddirs. 1411 *26 Pol. Poems* 45 To sharpe my wreche y wole hygynne, Take vengeance for his trespas. *a* 1542 WYATT *Ps.* vi. 51 See how my soul doth freat it to the bones: Inward remorse so sharp'th it like a knife. 1600 FAIRFAX *Tasso* xx. lxii, Disdaine her ire new sharpt and kindled hath.

†2. *intr.* = SHARPEN *v.* 7. *Obs.*

a. *a* 1200 *Fragm. Ælfric's Gram.* (1838) 5 Him scerpeþ þe neose him scrinckeþ þa lippen.

β. *c* 1325 *Old Age* ii. in *E. E. P.* (1862) 149 Eld me awarpeþ, þat mi schuldern scharpiþ, and 3ouþe me haþ let. *a* 1400 in *Pol. Rel. & L. Poems* (1903) 253, & his nese shal sharpen. *a* 1536 *Proverbs* in *Songs, Carols*, etc. (1907) 128 Sone hit sharpith, that thorn will be.

†3. *trans.* = SHARPEN *v.* 2. *Obs.*

a. *a* 1100 *Gerefa* in *Anglia* IX. 260 Symle he sceal his hyrmen scyrpan mid manunge to hlafordes neode. 1527 ANDREW *Brunswyke's Distyll. Waters* G j, The same water put in the iyen in the mornyng..sherpeth the syght.

β. *c* 1380 WYCLIF *Sel. Wks.* I. 52 But Crist sharpide þes mennis bileve. *c* 1400 tr. *Secreta Secret., Gov. Lordsh.* xxxvii. 69 It..makys þe sight clerer, shaarpys þe wittes. 1590 SPENSER *F. Q., Dedic. Sonn., To Ladies in Crt.* 7 Much more me needs..To sharpe my sence with sundry beauties vew. 1633 B. JONSON *King's Entert. Welbeck* (1640) 274 Whom the Whetstone sharpes to eat, And cry Milstones are good meat.

†4. = SHARPEN *v.* 3. *Obs.*

a 1340 HAMPOLE *Psalter* ix. 25 þe synful sharpid [L. *exacerbavit*] god. 1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) IV. 121 [He] schewed hem þe iuse of grapes..forto scharpe hem to þe bataille [L. *ad acuendum eos in prælium*]. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 444/1 Scharpyn, or steryn to hastynesse, *exaspero*.

5. To make sharp (in various transferred senses of the adj.). †a. = SHARPEN *v.* 2 b.

a 1425 tr. *Arderne's Treat. Fistula*, etc. 58 When blode is aduste it is scharped. 1564–78 BULLEIN *Dial. agst. Pest.* (1888) 39 Let euery one of them..vse the regiment of diet to driyng, sharped with vineger or tart thynges.

†b. To roughen (the sea). *Obs. rare*[−1].

1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* III. v. 2 Frosty wynter scharpit [L. *asperat*] the watter cleir With cald blastis.

†c. *Mus.* = SHARPEN *v.* 4. *Obs.*

1662 PLAYFORD *Introd. Skill Mus.* I. vi. 21 Mi and Fa do serve for the flatting or sharping the ordinary Notes in the Scale. 1746 TANSUR *New Mus. Gram.* 93 Where E is sharp'd and becomes Mi.

†d. = ROUGH *v.*[1] 1 d, SHARPEN *v.* 5. *Obs.*

1841 FR. A. KEMBLE *Rec. Later Life* (1882) II. 145 Finding the roads dangerously slippery for our horses, which were not sharped,..we dismounted.

†e. To brighten (a colour). *Obs.*

1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* XIX. xvii. (1495) 874 In olde tyme men vsyd to sharpe [L. *acuere*] this colour Minius wyth the blode of a certayne worme.

†6. *To sharp up*: to admonish sharply. *Obs.*

1647 TRAPP *Comm. Matt.* xxiii. 33. 539 See how our Saviour sharps up these Heresiarchs, that, if possible, they might be made sound in the faith.

†7. *intr.* To play the sharper. *Obs.*

1709 MRS. MANLEY *Secret Mem.* (1720) II. 255 To sharp, deceive, and run into Debt. 1785 COWPER *Task* III. 86 Then he that sharp'd, And pocketted a prize by fraud obtain'd, Was mark'd and shunn'd as odious.

8. *trans.* a. To cheat, swindle, trick (a person).

a 1700 B. E. *Dict. Cant. Crew* s. v. *Clear*, The Fellow is.. Drunk, let's Sharp him. 1720 *Lett. Lond. Jrnl.* (1721) 39 Throngs of Setters and Cullies, sharping and cheating one another. 1882 *Daily News* 19 Jan., A gang of men (probably the same as those who would have sharped me) try the same trick.

b. To obtain by swindling, to steal.

1706 E. WARD *Wooden World Diss.* (1708) 13 Should a half starv'd Sailor sharp a Pair of old Shoes from him. 1716 M. DAVIES *Athen. Brit.* III. *Suppl. Diss. Drama* 31 Those must be only Popish Amusements, for to sharp a little Popish Subsistance-Money.

Sharpe, obs. form of SHRAPE.

Sharped (ʃɑːpt), *ppl. a.* [f. SHARP *v.* + -ED[1].]

1. = SHARPENED *ppl. a.* 1. Now *rare* or *Obs.*

1340–70 *Alex. & Dind.* 294 Wiþ no scharpede schar to schape þe forwes. 1557 in *Tottel's Misc.* (Arb.) 145 He [Cupid] shot his sharped fiery dart. 1591 SPENSER *Ruines of Rome* 16 Her haughtie walls..And sharped steeples high shot vp in ayre.

2. *Mus.* Of a note: Raised in pitch, *spec.* raised a semitone by a sharp.

1746 TANSUR *New Mus. Gram.* 23 All descending sharp'd Notes.

Sharp-edged, *a.* Having a sharp edge or sharp edges.

c 1000 ÆLFRIC *Hom.* (Th.) I. 92 God..het þæt he name scearpecgedne flint. 1548 COOPER *Elyot's Dict.*, *Acutus*, sharpe edged or pointed. 1582 STANYHURST *Æneis* II. (Arb.) 54 They brandish weapons sharp edgde. 1647 HEXHAM I, A sharpe edged sword. 1768 BOSWELL *Corsica* (ed. 2) 282 A sharp-edged crook. 1854 RONALDS & RICHARDSON *Chem. Technol.* (ed. 2) I. 55 A conchoidal, sharp-edged fracture. 1896 H. WOODWARD *Guide Fossil Reptiles Brit. Mus.* 4 Jaws, which were a yard in length, sharp-edged and pointed. *fig.* 1847 HELPS *Friends in C.* I. viii. 151 There are other precise angular persons, and these sharp-edged persons wound each other terribly. 1870 DICKENS *E. Drood* viii, Sharp-edged words have sharp edges to wound me.

Sharpen (ʃɑːp'n), *v.* Also 5 **scharpen**. [f. SHARP *a.* + -EN 5.]

1. *trans.* To put a sharp edge or point upon, to whet; to furnish (a weapon, implement, etc.) with a cutting edge or fine point.

1530 PALSGR. 701/1, I sharpen a knyfe or an edge toole to cutte the better, *je aguyse*. 1535 COVERDALE *Eccles.* x. 10 When an yron is blont, and y[e] poynt not sharpened, it must be whett againe. 1697 DRYDEN *Virg. Georg.* I. 357 Let him ..sharpen Stakes, or head the Forks. 1719 DE FOE *Crusoe* I. (Globe) 59 The biggest End being..sharpen'd on the Top. 1880 G. W. CABLE *Grandissimes* liv. (1898) 352 He sat and sharpened a small pen knife. 1890 S. R. GARDINER *Student's Hist. Eng.* (1896) I. 1 Flints sharpened by chipping.

b. *transf.* and *fig.*

1606 SHAKS. *Tr. & Cr.* v. ii. 75 *Cres.* I prythee Diomed visite me no more. *Ther.* Now she sharpens; well said Whetstone. 1709 STEELE *Tatler* No. 44 P 3 He was only sharpening Darts for his own Destruction. 1817 SHELLEY *Rev. Islam* IV. xxxi. 8 When the cold moon sharpens her silver horn Under the sea. 1876 J. PARKER *Paraclete* I. xi. 169 When life is sharpened into a crisis, and the whole world seems to have become our assailant.

2. To make sharp or sharper (in various transferred and figurative senses of the adj.). a. To render more acute (a person's wits, sight, appetite, zeal, etc.); to intensify (hostile feeling).

c 1450 *Mirk's Festial* 173 Þen forto scharpen ȝoure beleue þe better, I telle ȝou þis example. *c* 1570 W. WAGER *The Longer thou livest* 1417 (Brandl) You shall neuer want a witty page, To sharpen your intelligence. 1606 SHAKS. *Ant. & Cl.* II. i. 25 Epicurean Cookes, Sharpen with cloyelesse sawce his Appetite. 1779 *Mirror* No. 59 The military genius is sharpened by exercise. 1818 SCOTT *Br. Lamm.* xix, My hearing..has been sharpened by my blindness. 1835 LYTTON *Rienzi* x. vi, He had never confided but he had been betrayed; he had never forgiven but to sharpen enmity. 1870 EMERSON *Soc. & Solit., Art* Wks. (Bohn) III. 21 A study of admirable works of art sharpens our perceptions of the beauty of Nature.

b. To give an acid flavour or quality to, to make (a liquid) sour or bitter.

1675 E. W[ILSON] *Spadacrene Dunelm.* 55 Spring-water, sharpened with Spirit of Sulphur. 1747 WESLEY *Print. Physick* (1762) 90 Drink very largely of Water sharpened with Spirit of Vitriol. 1887 *Encycl. Brit.* XXII. 203/1 s. v. *Soap*, Potash lyes are, however, principally sharpened or causticized by the soap boiler himself from potash carbonate.

c. To increase the severity of (a law, a punishment). Cf. G. *schärfen*.

1709 STRYPE *Ann. Ref.* I. xxvi. 278 A Law was past for sharpening Laws against Papists. 1769 BLACKSTONE *Comm.* IV. viii. 111 It was found necessary to sharpen and strengthen these laws. 1888 *Times* 6 Sept. 3/2 [Referring to Austria.] He will be lucky if he escapes with six months, 'sharpened' by one fast day a month.

†d. To embitter, exacerbate (persons, their temper). *Obs.*

a 1715 BURNET *Own Time* III. (1724) I. 381 He was much sharpened against Popery. 1768 STERNE *Sent. Journ.* (1778) I. 5 (Calais) What is there in this world's goods which should sharpen our spirits. 1792 BURKE *Corr.* (1844) IV. 35 Their enemies will be more and more sharpened against them by frequent conflicts.

e. To render more painful, to aggravate (pain or suffering).

1768 STERNE *Sent. Journ.* (1778) I. 196 (Dwarf) An injury sharpened by an insult. 1862 STANLEY *Jew. Ch.* (1877) I. xvi. 305 Her grief is..sharpened by the peculiar horror of the Hebrew women at a childless death.

f. To make (the features) sharp or thin.

1835 W. IRVING *Tour on Prairies* iii. 22 His features were ..not unlike those of Napoleon, but sharpened up, with high Indian cheek-bones. 1849 T. WOOLNER *My Beautiful Lady, My Lady in Death* xvi, Her beauty by degrees Sank, sharpened from disease.

†3. To render eager for attack; to goad *on*. *Obs.*

1483 *Cath. Angl.* 333/2 To scharpyn, *instigare*. 1587 HUGHES, etc. *Misfort. Arthur* III. Chorus 27 The name of peace doth edge our mindes, And sharpeneth on our furie till we fight. 1733 NEAL *Hist. Purit.* II. 555 Whereby..the spirits of people [were] sharpened for war.

4. *Mus.* To raise the pitch of a note sounded upon a musical instrument. In quot. 1824 *absol.*

1824 *Mirror* III. 105/2 Flattening and sharpening and rosining bows. 1881 *Nature* 18 Aug. 358/2 If two stopped organ-pipes are brought to unison, and then one of them is sharpened by gradually pushing in its stopper [etc.].

5. = ROUGH *v.*[1] 1 d, SHARP *v.* 5 d.

1897 *Leeds Mercury Suppl.* 15 May (E.D.D.), Hes ta getten t'horse sharpened this morning?

6. *Naut.* To brace sharp up.

1841 R. H. DANA *Seaman's Man.* ix. 47 When the tack is well down, sharpen the yard up again by the brace.

†7. *intr.* a. To become sharp, to taper to a point; to grow thin. *Obs.*

1611 COTGR., *Cone*, a Cone..or any figure, that is broad, and round below, and sharpens toward the top. 1693 DRYDEN *Ovid's Met., Acis, Pol. & Gal.* 48 A Promontory, sharp'ning by degrees, Ends in a Wedge. 1804 W. TAYLOR in Robberds *Mem.* I. 504 The features of the dead are said to be clung when they sharpen and lose their roundness of contour. 1851 D. JERROLD *St. Giles* ix. 85 His face.. sharpened like the face of a sick man.

b. To light *up* with a gleam of intelligence.

1828 LYTTON *Pelham* II. xii, The blunt blue eyes of Mr. Gordon sharpened up in an instant.

c. Of faculties: To grow more acute.

1811 tr. *Zimmerman's Solitude* (ed. 8) I. ii. 55 The faculties sharpen; the mind becomes more clear [etc.].

d. To grow more shrill.

1868 GEO. ELIOT *Sp. Gypsy* IV. 327 A shout of promise,

sharpening into cries That seemed to plead despairingly with Death.

Sharpened (ʃɑ·ɹp'nd), *ppl. a.* [f. SHARPEN *v.* + -ED [1].] In senses of the verb.

1594 WILLOBIE *Avisa* xlv. (Grosart) 94 Your wanny face & sharpened nose Shew plaine, your mind some thing mislikes. 1604 DRAYTON *Moyses* II. 56 The sharpned Reed That with the fluxure of the waue is fed. 1707 MORTIMER *Husb.* (1721) I. 195 By driving a sharpened Stick into every such Hill. 1730 *Treat. Harmony* 19 That would have no Sharpned or Flatned Notes. 1805-6 CARY *Dante, Inf.* XXV. 121 He, on the earth who lay, meanwhile extends His sharpen'd visage. 1819 SHELLEY *Mask of Anarchy* lxxiv, Be your strong and simple words Keen to wound as sharpened swords. 1857 BUCKLE *Civiliz.* I. xiii. 733 With..sharpened intellect, he returned to the great field of history. 1905 H. D. ROLLESTON *Dis. Liver* 229 The face gets sharpened.

Sharpener (ʃɑ·ɹp'nəɹ). [f. SHARPEN *v.* + -ER [1].] One who or something which sharpens.

1640 BP. REYNOLDS *Passions* viii. 58 They are the sharpners and..the Whetstones of Vertue. 1807 W. IRVING *Salmag.* xvi. (1824) 289 That marvellous sharpener of the wits, a salt-water voyage. 1838 T. MITCHELL *Clouds of Aristoph.* 193 The water-bearers throw the guilt upon the sharpener of the axe and knife. 1867 MILL *Inaug. Addr. St. Andrews* 66 There never was any sharpener of the intellectual faculties superior to the Berkeleian controversy. 1876 GOODE *Classif. Collect. Anim. Resources U.S.* 27 Arrow-head sharpeners.

Sharpening (ʃɑ·ɹp'niŋ), *vbl. sb.* [-ING [1].] The action of making sharp.

1580 HOLLYBAND *Treas. Fr. Tong. Agulsement*, sharpening. 1680 MOXON *Mech. Exerc.* xi. 195 The Hooks when they want sharpening cannot be ground as the Gouges and Chissels are. 1842 LOUDON *Suburban Hort.* 235 The asperities produced in the edge of the knife by sharpening. 1893 W. H. HUDSON *Idle Days in Patagonia* xi. 184 The sharpening of its sense of smell has dimmed the armadillo's eyes. 1900 ELINOR GLYN *Visits Elizabeth* 72 It is a continual sharpening of wits.

Comb. 1843 *Penny Cycl.* XXV. 426/1 Some of these sharpening tools are rubbed upon the oil-stone. 1896 BADEN-POWELL *Matabele Campaign* xv, Sharpening-stones lying about.

Sharpening (ʃɑ·ɹp'niŋ), *ppl. a.* [-ING [2].] That sharpens; becoming or making sharp.

1834 WORDSW. *Redbreast* 1 Driven in by Autumn's sharpening air. 1876 MEREDITH *Beauch. Career* XXXV, Two or three hours of the sharpening air would screw his human nature to the pitch.

Sharper[1] (ʃɑ·ɹpəɹ). [f. SHARP *v.* + -ER [1].]

1. One who or something which 'sharps' or sharpens.

1567 MAPLET *Gr. Forest* 42 The Latine worde [sc. *fæniculum*: cf. It. *finocchio*] signifieth, that it should be sharper of the eiesight. 1611 FLORIO, *Aguzzatore*, a grinder..of any weapon. Also a sharper. *a* 1891 *Elect. Rev.* (Amer.) XV. vii. 10 (Cent.) Upright drills, milling machines, sharpers, etc.

2. A cheat, swindler, rogue; one who lives by his wits and by taking advantage of the simplicity of others; esp. a fraudulent gamester. Cf. SHARK *sb.*[2]

1681 LUTTRELL *Brief Rel.* (1857) I. 99 Many of them sharpers about town. 1709 PRIOR *Cupid & Ganymede* 45 A Sharper, that with Box and Dice Draws in young Deities to Vice. 1741 LADY M. W. MONTAGU *Let. to Montagu* 22 Mar. (1893) II. 102, I hear he [sc. her son] avoided coming near the sharpers, and is grown a good manager of his money. 1819 SCOTT *Let.* in *Lockhart* (1837) IV. ix. 301 The resort of black-legs and sharpers. 1894 MASKELYNE *Sharps & Flats* iv. 72 [He] falls an easy prey to the sharper.

†3. (See quot.) *Obs.*

1768 PENNANT *Brit. Zool.* II. 334 A bird, acquainted with the nets, is by the birdcatchers termed a sharper.

4. *attrib.* and *Comb.* (sense 2).

1822 BYRON *Vis. Judgem.* xciv, With a hook nose and a hawk's eye, which gave A smart and sharper-looking sort of grace. 1842 MRS. GORE *Fascination* 22 Where is your master, pray?—Your sharper marquis.

Sha·rper[2]. *U.S.* [f. SHARP *a.* + -ER [1].] An oyster having the end of the shell unusually sharp.

1881 INGERSOLL *Oyster-Industr.* (Hist. Fish. Industr. U.S.) 248 *Sharpers*, elongated, protruding, sharp-ended oysters, dangerous to the feet in moving about the reefs (Gulf coast). 1887 GOODE, etc. *Fish. Industr. U.S.* v. II. 548.

Sharpie (ʃɑ·ɹpi). *U.S.* [app. f. SHARP *a.*] = SHARP *sb.*[1] 11. (See quots.)

1864 WEBSTER, *Sharpie*, a long, sharp, flat-bottomed sail-boat. (*Local U.S.*) 1876 GOODE *Classif. Collect. Anim. Resources U.S.* 43 Dorys, sharpies, and dingies. 1882 H. HALL *Rep. Ship-build. Industry U.S.* (1884) 22 A large fleet of small flat-bottomed fishing boats are employed, called 'sharpies', which have a family resemblance to the dory.

attrib. 1886 *Boston* (Mass.) *Jrnl.* 1 Sept. 1/8 Orders for five sharpie yachts. 1895 *Outing* XXX. 488/1 A balance-lug sail,..subsequently replaced by a sharpie sail and jib.

Sharping (ʃɑ·ɹpiŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. SHARP *v.* + -ING [1].] The action of the verb SHARP.

1. = SHARPENING *vbl. sb.* in various senses.

1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* XIX. xvii. 874 In olde tyme men vsed to sharpe this colour Minius wyth the blode of a certayne worme:..and for suche sharpyng that red was callyd Vermiculus. *a* 1400 *Minor Poems fr. Vernon MS.* 71/499 Þei..þat hedden tonges of scharpynge And [*read* As] sweord þat kerueþ Mayle. 1475 *Bk. Noblesse* (Roxb.) 33 Late the case be taken for a new lerning, and to the sharping of goode corages. 1575 *Richmond Wills* (Surtees) 256 For horse showing, sharping of irons, and ale, xj[d]. 1662 PLAYFORD *Introd. Skill Mus.* I. ii. 9 The Flatting and Sharping of Notes. 1747 HOOSON *Miner's Dict.* E 2 b, This sort [chirtt] will wear a new Steel'd Pick off, in three or four times Sharping.

b. *Comb.*: †**sharping-corn**, an annual grant of corn formerly made to a blacksmith in return for sharpening farm implements; **sharping-stone** *Sc.*, a whetstone.

1681 *Rec. Baron Crt. Stitchill* (S.H.S.) 89, 15 sheaves of shairping corne. 1714 LADY G. BAILLIE *Househ. Bk.* (S.H.S.) 254, 2 sharping stones 3s. 1905 'H. HALIBURTON' *Excurs.* i. 9 The Bruce stood aimlessly with his sharping-stone in one hand.

2. The action of a sharper, swindling, rognery.

1692 R. L'ESTRANGE *Fables* xxxiv. 33 Cheating and Sharping, one Half of the Year, and Starving, the Other. 1748 SMOLLETT *Rod. Rand.* lviii, Sharping and other infamous practises. 1870 W. R. GREG *Polit. Probl.* 275 Shameless jobbery, cruel swindling and sharping.

Sharping (ʃɑ·ɹpiŋ), *ppl. a.* [f. SHARP *v.* + -ING [2].] That acts as a sharper, fraudulent, swindling, cheating, knavish.

1691 DRYDEN *K. Arthur* Prol. 38 A sharping Sett. *a* 1700 B. E. *Dict. Cant. Crew, Hedge-Tavern*,..a Jilting, Sharping Tavern. 1796 PEGGE *Anonym.* (1809) 47 A sharping attorney. 1829 W. IRVING *Granada* I. xxvi. 237 All wandering minstrels, sharping pedlars,..and other camp trumpery..were drummed out of the gates of Alhama. 1880 W. HOOG (*title*) Sharping London,..a book for honest people.

Sharpish (ʃɑ·ɹpiʃ), *a.* [f. SHARP *a.* + -ISH.] Somewhat sharp.

1589 FLEMING *Virg. Georg.* II. 39 Sowre and sharpish iuces. 1651 FRENCH *Distill.* iii. 87 A water somewhat sharpish. 1725 *Bradley's Fam. Dict.* s. v. *Service*, An acid or sharpish Liquor. 1823 J. BADCOCK *Dom. Amusem.* 208 The pontons, should be..sharpish fore and aft. 1880 R. B. WATSON in *Jrnl. Linn. Soc., Zool.* XV. 118 A minute, sharpish spiral thread.

Sharpling (ʃɑ·ɹplin). Also 6 **shapling**. [f. SHARP *a.* + -LING [1].]

†1. ? A kind of nail. *Obs.*

1415 in Rogers *Agric. & Prices* (1882) III. 447 Sharplings. 1456 in *Fabric Rolls York Minster* (Surtees) 67, cc sharplynges. 1465 *Mann. & Househ. Exp.* (Roxb.) 201 Item, for a quarter of sharpenge [*sic*: ? an error] for the rother, iiijd. 1526 in *Fabric Rolls York Minster* (Surtees) 100 Pro vij c. sharpling, 4s. 8d. 1538 *Ibid.* 109 Pro vj. m. shaplyng 4s.:..c shaplinges 8d.

2. *dial.* The Stickleback. Cf. SHAFTLING.

1558 *Gesner's Hist. Anim.* IV. 10 De Piscivlo Acvleato ..Anglicum eius nomen Scharplyng. *a* 1672 WILLUGHBY *Hist. Pisc.* (1686) 341 A Stickleback, Banstickle, or Sharpling. 1740 R. BROOKES *Art of Angling* I. xxx. 67 The Stickleback or Sharpling. 1836 YARRELL *Brit. Fishes* I. 76 The Rough-tailed Stickleback. Banstickle, Sharplin. *Scotland.*

Sharply (ʃɑ·ɹpli), *adv.* [f. SHARP *a.* + -LY [2].] In a sharp manner.

1. Severely, sternly, harshly. a. Of punishment, discipline, etc. Now *rare.*

c 900 *Bede Glosses* in *O. E. Texts* 181/47 *Acerbatim*, scearplice. *c* 1380 WYCLIF *Wks.* (1880) 67 In tokene þat he scharpliest schal ponysche hem þat don symonye. 1415 HOCCLEVE *To Sir J. Oldcastle* 278 Yee heretikes.. I doute it nat, your wages shal be payed sharply, but yee correct your trespas. 1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 82 b, The body must be entreated sharpely, that it waxe not wanton and wylde. 1557 N. T. (Genev.) *Matt.* xxii. 6 And the remnant toke his seruantes, and intreated them sharpely. 1677 J. LEVERETT in *Jrnl. Friends' Hist. Soc.* (1912) July 134 [The Lord] was pleased to lay his hand so sharply upon me by fits of the stone in a time of great business.

b. Of speech, rebuke, command: Sternly, severely, harshly, peremptorily; in cutting terms; in stern or angry tones.

1340 HAMPOLE *Pr. Consc.* 3450 When þou spekes sharppely til þe pure, þat sum gode askes at þi dore. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Pars. T.* P 583 Whan a man is sharply amonested in his shrift to leve his sinne. *c* 1450 in Aungier *Syon* (1840) 269 Repreve scharply. 1568 GRAFTON *Chron.* II. 971 The king wrote sharpely to him to accomplish y[t] which appertayned to his dnety. 1662 STILLINGFL. *Orig. Sacræ* I. iv. § 4. 61 Though he be sharply censured by Strabo. 1829 SCOTT *Anne of G.* xxv, 'By Saint George, never!' answered the Duke, sharply and shortly. 1870 MISS BROUGHTON *Red as Rose* I. 169 'He hates the game', replies Miss Blessington, rather sharplier than is her wont.

2. With sharp or painful effect; keenly, smartly.

a 1023 WULFSTAN *Hom.* xxix. (1883) 141 Se deofol..cwæð ..'stingað hine scearplice on þone muð'. *c* 1400 MAUNDEV. (Roxb.) ii. 6 It was of iunkes of the see, þat ware whyte and prikked scharpely as thornes. *c* 1470 *Gol. & Gaw.* 930 Sa woundir scharply he schair, The berne that the brand bair. 1602 *2nd Pt. Return fr. Parnass.* v. iv. 2162, I wish thee store of gall, Sharpely to wound the guilty world withall. 1724 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 6240/5 It froze..sharply. 1831 SCOTT *Ct. Robt.* xx, Her own well aimed, but feeble shaft, wounded him [the boar] sharply. 1851 GLADSTONE in Lathbury *Corr. Ch. & Relig.* (1910) I. 358 Such griefs..must be sacred to me, even did they not touch me sharply with a reflected sorrow. 1852 THACKERAY *Esmond* II. i, A fever..which attacked him that night pretty sharply. 1865 KINGSLEY *Herew.* ii, An arrow struck him sharply in the back.

3. †a. With intellectual acuteness; acutely, sagaciously, shrewdly. *Obs.*

c 897 ÆLFRED *Gregory's Past. C.* xi. 68 Ða þe meahton smealice & scearplice mid hiera ondgiete ryhtȝesion. 1382 WYCLIF *Prol.* 58 Men miȝten expoune..the bible in English, ..myche sharpliere and groundliere than manie late postillatouris. *c* 1450 HOLLAND *Howlat* 268 Mony allegiance leile, in leid nocht to layne it, Off Arestotill and ald men, scharplie thai schewe. 1621 S. WARD *Happiness of Practice* (1627) 10 His scope sure was not to make trial of the wits of men, who could sharpliest conceiue. 1699 BENTLEY *Phalaris* 497 Who can deny now, but this is sharply observ'd?

b. Attentively, with penetration and keen observation; vigilantly, closely.

c 1055 *Byrhtferth's Handboc* in *Anglia* VIII. 309, & hawa swyðe scearplice hwær sy .xii. kl' aprelis. *a* 1340 HAMPOLE *Psalter* lxiii. 6 Þe sharpliere þat þai thynke, þe mare þai faile fra sothfastnes. *c* 1420 *Wars Alex.* (prose) (E.E.T.S.) 40 Alexander..biheld þe Phisician in þe vesage riȝte scharpely. 1582 STANYHURST *Æneis* I. (Arb.) 32 Æneas..thee towne top sharplye beholding. 1666 PEPYS *Diary* 16 Dec., This Committee of Accounts will enquire sharply into our office. 1869 TOZER *Highl. Turkey* II. 191 A salutary hint as to..the benefit of being tolerably sharply on the look out. 1879 B. TAYLOR *Germ. Lit.* 144 Their business was to listen sharply.

4. Briskly, swiftly, quickly.

a 1000 *Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 226/33 *Efficaciter*, i. *uelociter*, caflice, scearplice. 1338 R. BRUNNE *Chron.* (1725) 244 To Wales he went his way fulle scharply, & fulle brim. *c* 1400 *Brut* (1906) 283 Þe Scottis..come fast and sharpely a3eynes evesong tyme. 1568 GRAFTON *Chron.* II. 426 The Englishe men shot so closely and so sharpely together, that the Flemynges and footemen began to flie. 1688 CLAYTON in *Phil. Trans.* XVIII. 121 They Ride pretty sharply. 1741 SHORT *Ibid.* XLI. 628 It went all over this Country from North to South, pretty sharply, but nothing near so quick as a Glade of Lightning. 1829 SCOTT *Anne of G.* xix, (He) drew in his head, and shut the window sharply against the guest. 1859 TENNYSON *Marr. Geraint* 196 Geraint..Made sharply to the dwarf, and ask'd it of him. 1912 *Times* 19 Dec. 19/6 Prices soon recovered and advanced sharply in the afternoon.

b. Of conflict or attack: Eagerly, vigorously.

c 1380 *Sir Ferumb.* 724 Al so scharply þes men of mayn þan smyte to-gadre a3y. 1535 COVERDALE *Lam.* iii. 52 Myne enemies hunted me out sharpely like a byrde. 1678 WANLEY *Wond. Lit. World* v. ii. § 82. 478/2 Solyman..sharply besieged and assaulted Vienna. 1737 WHISTON *Josephus, Antiq.* XIV. xv. § 12 He pursued them sharply, and killed them.

c. Abruptly.

1828 SCOTT *F. M. Perth* viii, Some of them [*sc.* the blows] lighted upon Jezabel, who, turning sharply round, laid her rider upon the moor. 1889 GUNTER *That Frenchman* i. 9 'Which, by the by, isn't his right name', remarks de Verney, sharply closing his speech.

5. With a sharp edge or point; at or with an acute angle.

c 1400 *Rom. Rose* 1723 He took an arowe ful sharply whet. 1567 MAPLET *Gr. Forest* 47 b, It is like that figure which the Geometricians call Pyramis, we may say sharpely topped. 1796 WITHERING *Brit. Plants* (ed. 3) III. 543 Leaves egg-shaped, streaked, sharply toothed. 1827 FARADAY *Chem. Manip.* xvi. (1842) 424 It is to be bent, not sharply, but obtusely and roundly. 1860 L. REEVE *Elem. Conchol.* I. 149 Shell.., apex rather sharply acuminated.

6. With a sharp sound.

1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) III. 29 Oon of þe goldene calues..lowede ful scharpliche. 1808 SCOTT *Marm.* VI. xxii, Deep need that day that every string By wet unharmed should sharply ring. 1825 — *Talism.* v, A shrill whistle.. was heard to ring sharply through the vaulted chapel.

7. Definitely, distinctly.

1817 COLERIDGE *Biog. Lit.* II. 156 In no system is the distinction between the individual and God..more sharply drawn than in that of Spinoza. 1874 H. H. COLE *Catal. Ind. Art S. Kens. Mus.* 127 Sharply and well carved decoration. 1893 LIDDON *Life Pusey* I. x. 198 This election [Peel v. Inglis] divided men sharply throughout Oxford. 1907 J. A. HODGES *Elem. Photogr.* (ed. 6) 123 The image having been sharply focussed.

8. Comb. With pples., forming adjs., as *sharply-bitted, -chiselled, -defined, -discerning, -focussed*; †**sharply-conceived**, having a keen, ready wit.

1844 H. G. ROBINSON *Odes of Horace* I. viii, Why now no more..Does he..with the *sharply bitted rein His Gallic courser's mouth restrain? 1854 tr. *Hettner's Athens*, etc. 54 These bold, *sharply-chiselled, expressive faces. 1630 *R. Johnson's Kingd. & Commw.* 56 The Italian is more courteous..*Sharply conceived, of fresh memory. 1865 VISCT. MILTON & W. B. CHEADLE *N.-W. Passage by Land* viii. (1867) 116 The clear, *sharply-defined track of the active mink. 1879 *St. George's Hosp. Rep.* IX. 601 A sharply-defined ulcer. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* I. II. i, A quick, choleric, *sharply discerning, stubbornly endeavouring man. 1892a *Photogr. Ann.* II. 265 A *sharply focussed representation of a distant object.

Sharpness (ʃɑ·ɹpnés). [f. SHARP *a.* + -NESS.] The quality of being sharp.

1. Keenness or fineness of edge or point.

c 725 *Corpus Gloss.* (Hessels) A 117 *Acumen ferri*, ecg *uel* scearpnis. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* XXXVII. (*Vincentius*) 317 Þe scharpnes of þe schellis. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 444/1 Scharpnesse, of egge, *acucies*. *a* 1586 SIDNEY *Arcadia* III. (Sommer) 293 b, The vnfaythfull armour yeelding to the swoordes strong-guided sharpenesse. *c* 1611 CHAPMAN *Iliad* XX. 387 My lance as well as thine Hath point and sharpenesse. 1787 *Hist. Jack & Giants* 13 Taking with him the cap of knowledge, sword of sharpness [etc.]. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* III. III. v, Herein has Sansculottism fashioned for itself a Sword of Sharpness. 1888 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 22 Aug. 5/2 A bar of steel..of wonderful temper and sharpness.

2. a. Intellectual acuteness, shrewdness.

c 897 ÆLFRED *Gregory's Past. C.* xvi. 99 Swæðeah for ðære sceawunge ðara ungesewenlicra ðinga ðeah he upaðened wære on his modes scearpnesse. 1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* II. xx. (1495) 47 The enyll angellis haue thre maner of sharpenesse [orig. *Triplici acumine vigent demones*]. 1532 SIR B. TUKE *Chaucer's Wks.* Pref. A ij b, Suche sharpnesse or quycknesse in conclusyon. 1646 H. P. *Medit. Seige* 55 Nor let them want sharpnesse to discerne, nor courage to execute what should be done in such exigencies. 1814 W. WILSON *Hist. Dissent. Churches* IV. 486 Wickliff..possessed a sharpness of wit. 1895 *Law Times* XCIX. 547/1 An articled clerk of average sharpness may rely upon getting through with three months' coaching.

b. Acuteness of the senses or organs of sense.

c 888 ÆLFRED *Boeth.* xxxiv. § 8 Ne heora scearpnesse nauht ȝebetað to þære sceawunga þære soðan ȝesælðe. 1604 JAS. I *Counterbl. to Tobacco* (Arb.) 105 So loath will they be, to bee thought inferiour to their fellowes..in.. sharpnesse of sight. 1709 BERKELEY *Ess. Vision* § 80 Wks. 1871 I. 73 No exquisite formation of the eye, no peculiar sharpness of sight. 1835 JAMES *Gipsy* ii, The hearing of those whose safety often depends upon the sharpness of their ears.

c. Keenness (of observation).

1822 Scott *Peveril* xiii, The utmost sharpness of attention which Julian applied, could not discover if Bridgenorth spoke seriously or ironically to the above purpose.

3. Pungency to the taste; acidity, sourness, tartness.

c 1000 *Sax. Leechd.* II. 224/22 Þæs ecedes sfre scearpnes. *a* 1023 Wulfstan *Hom.* v. (1883) 35 Þæs sealtes scearpnesse. *a* 1425 tr. *Arderne's Treat. Fistula*, etc. 59 Emoroides ar caused of scharpnes of blode and ouer mych hete brennyng þe blode. 1555 Eden *Decades* II. (Arb.) 110 These apples.. haue a certeyne sweetnes myxt with a gentell sharpnes. 1662 Charleton *Myst. Vintners* (1675) 155 The Sulphur.. infects the whole mass of liquor with Sharpness or Acidity. 1701 G. Stanhope *Anselm's Medit.* xvii. (1720) 348 Make me sometimes taste the sharpness of thy Vinegar. 1839 Mrs. Kirkland in Griswold *Prose Writers Amer.* (1847) 464 Her vinegar is..the *ne plus ultra* of sharpness.

4. Severity, harshness in punishment; censure, rebuke, etc.; asperity in behaviour.

a 1325 *Prose Psalter* ii. 9 Þou schalt gouernen hem in Scharpnes. *c* 1425 *Found. St. Bartholomew's* (E.E.T.S.) 25 A certeyne bocheyr, Goderyke by name, A man of grete sharpnesse more than semyd hym. *a* 1558 Abp. Sandys *Serm.* xv. (1585) 262 The sharpenesse of his correction. 1606 Shaks. *Ant. & Cl.* III. iii. 38 Thou must not take my former sharpenesse ill. *a* 1721 Sheffield (Dk. Buckhm.) *Wks.* 1753 I. 75 Some did our follies with just sharpness blame. 1827 Scott *Surg. Dau.* i, An eye of much sharpness and severity of expression. 1867 Trollope *Chron. Barset* lxvii. II. 245 In spite of the sharpness of her tongue.

† b. Austerity, asceticism. *Obs.*

1340 *Ayenb.* 187 Vele men makeþ to god sacrefices of uestinges, of peregrinages, of ssarpnesses of bodye. *c* 1440 *Jacob's Well* 10 Þou louedyst no scharpenesse of penaunce. 1450–1530 *Myrr. our Ladye* 83 Penaunce..ys done in sorowe of harte and sharpenesse of body.

† c. Acrimony, exasperated condition. *Obs.*

1673 Temple *United Prov.* v. 181 All the violence and sharpness, which accompanies the differences of Religion in other Countreys, seems to be appeased or softned here. *a* 1715 Burnet *Own Time* (1766) II. 217 He expressed a very Christian temper, without sharpness or resentment. 1733 Neal *Hist. Purit.* II. 601 Such was the sharpness of men's spirits on both sides.

† d. Severity (of weather), keenness, intensity (of heat, cold, etc.). *Obs.*

1482 *Monk of Evesham* (Arb.) 94 And yette y am constrayned ful sore to sofyr the scarpnes of colde. 1553 Eden *Treat. Newe Ind.* (Arb.) 33 At whiche tyme ye sharpenes of winter exceadeth with them. 1662 *Gusman's Ephemeris* B, It will not be common this Month [January] to see Women go with naked shoulders by reason of the Sharpnesse of the Air. 1718 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 4971/1 The badness of the Roads, and the sharpness of the Season, have hindered the march. 1778 Cook *3rd Voy.* IV. ix. (1784) II. 455 The sharpness of the air ..seemed to indicate some sudden change.

e. Severity, acuteness (of pain or sorrow); painfulness, hardship.

a 1400 *Prymer, Te Deum* (1895) 7 Whanne þou haddist ouercome þe scharpnesse of deeþ [L. *mortis aculeo*]. *c* 1410 Lydg. *Life Our Lady* lx. (1484) i v, For sharpenes of the sodayn smerte The chylde gan wepe. 1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de. W. 1531) 204 h, He suffred the sharpnes and smart of payne, ye suche as neuer was suffred. 1631 Gouge *God's Arrows* II. § 24. 166 What need is it to shew the sharpnesse of this famine by things that want life? 1709 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 4521/2 Our Loss has been very great, the Action having been so severe, and the sharpness of the whole having lain upon our Ship.

† 5. Shrillness, high pitch (of voice). *Obs. rare*—1.

1398 Trevisa *Barth. De P. R.* v. xxiii. (Bodl. MS.), It is seide þat cause of scharpenes and of chaunging of voice is by chaungeing of age.

† 6. Craving (of the stomach) for food. *Obs.*

1581 W. Stafford *Exam. Compl.* i. (1876) 15 When we had eate somewhat to satisfie the sharpnesse of our stomackes. 1675 Hannah Woollev *Gentlew. Comp.* 67 The sharpness of my Stomach shall never make me feed uncleanly.

† 7. Steepness. *Obs. rare*—1.

1585 T. Washington tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* I. i. 1 The height and sharpnesse of the mount Rhodope. *Ibid.* IV. xxiii. 139 A mount of great highnesse and sharpnesse.

† 8. Prickling sensation, smarting. *Obs.*

1694 Salmon *Bate's Dispens.* (1713) 82/1 Inflammations, Pains, and Sharpness of the Eyes.

9. Distinctness of outline or impression.

1771 Raper in *Phil. Trans.* LXI. 475 Three gold coins of Philip, which have all the sharpness of new money fresh from the mint. 1837 Goring & Pritchard *Microgr.* 82 A picture whose sharpness and clearness is a maximum. 1884 *Macm. Mag.* Oct. 444/2 That word which still retains the sharpness of its stamp and milling. 1907 J. A. Hodges *Elem. Photogr.* (ed. 6) 20 This question of definition, or sharpness of image.

Sharp-nosed, *a.*

1. Having a pointed nose.

1675 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 1053/4 A Pied Dog,..shap't like a Lurcher, sharp Nosed. 1769 Pennant *Brit. Zool.* III. 64 The Sharp-nosed Ray. 1829 J. Richardson *Fauna Boreali-Amer.* I. 126 Sharp-nosed Meadow-Mouse. 1837 Dickens *Pickw.* xxii, An important-looking sharp-nosed, mysterious-spoken personage. 1881 *Cassell's Nat. Hist.* V. 140 The Sharp-nosed Eel. *Anguilla vulgaris.*

† 2. Having a keen 'scent'; *fig.* quick at fault-finding, captious. *Obs.*

1561 T. Norton *Calvin's Inst.* I. 19 Now let come foorth al these sharpnosed fault finders. 1579 Tomson *Calvin's Serm. Tim.* 891/1 That wee bee not sharpe nosed to striue against the doctrine of God.

Sharp-pointed, *a.*

1. Tapering or tapered to a point.

1530 Palsgr. 323/1 Sharpe poynted, *pointu.* 1749 Fielding *Tom Jones* IV. ii, The sharp-pointed nose of bitter-biting Eurus. 1864 Bowen *Logic* xi. 365 A sharp-pointed rod. 1890 S. L. Gwynne *Musset's Comedies* 123 Dame Pluche, repulsing them on either side with her sharp-pointed elbows.

b. *Bot.* Acuminate, mucronate.

1565 Cooper *Thesaurus, Mucronata folia*, sharpe poynted leaues. 1653 Ramesey *Astrol. Restored* 54 All such herbs ..as have sharp-pointed leaves. 1828 Sir J. E. Smith *Engl. Flora* II. 16 Leaves ovate, sharp-pointed. 1857 Miss Pratt *Flower. Pl.* IV. 130 *Linaria Elatine* (Sharp-pointed Fluellin or Toad-flax).

2. Having a fine point adapted for purposes of piercing or stabbing.

1594 Shaks. *Rich. III*, I. ii. 175 Loe heere I lend thee this sharpe-pointed Sword. *c* 1614 Drumm. of Hawth. *Madrigals & Epigr., The Rose*, This sharpe pointed Thorne. 1707 Mortimer *Husb.* (1721) I. 189 A sharp pointed Stick. 1875 R. Wilson tr. *Figuier's Hum. Race, Brown Race* iii. 441 The oars are sharp-pointed, and can be used, in case of need, as weapons against an unforeseen attack.

fig. 1894 *Outing* XXIV. 5/1 Certain sharp-pointed reports had reached her of where her husband's evenings were spent.

3. Having irregular sharp projections.

1748 *Anson's Voy.* III. ii. 315 The bottom..is full of sharp-pointed coral rocks. 1861 Noble *Icebergs* 148 Back slid the Candle, followed by a charge of sharp-pointed baggage.

Sharp practice.

1. Work that demands brisk activity. *rare.*

In some debating societies, applied to a debate intended for practice in readiness of speech, the rule being that each member must speak when called upon, on a subject proposed at the moment.

1847 J. Paget in *Mem.* (1901) 157, I..see from 180 to 220 patients on each of my days—sharp practice for a beginner.

2. a. Hard bargaining; relentless pursuit of advantage. b. Now in more unfavourable sense: Dishonourable taking of advantage, trickery. (Cf. Sharp *a.* 3 e.)

1847 Helps *Friends in C.* I. viii. 142 The sharp practice of the world drives some logic into the most vague of men: women are not so schooled. 1869 Tozer *Highl. Turkey* II. 306 Their fondness for trickery and sharp practice.

Sharp-set, *a.* [f. Sharp *a.* (as compl.) + Set *ppl. a.*

See Set *ppl. a.* 75 b. The hawking use (1 b) may be the original: cf. *to set sharp*, Sharp *a.* 4 f (quot. 1575).]

1. Eager or keen for food, very hungry. Also said of the stomach.

1540 Palsgr. *Acolastus* II. iii. M ij, My mynd is al redy in the platters or dishes .i. I am sharpe set. 1586 Stanyhurst *Descr. Irel.* ii. 19/2 in *Holinshed*, If anie were so sharpe set ..as to eat fried flies, butterd bees, stued snailes. 1692 R. L'Estrange *Fables* clxxv. 146 A Fox that was Sharp-set, Surpriz'd a Crab,..and carry'd him away. 1725 Lady Hervey in *C'tess Suffolk's Lett.* (1824) I. 192 My stomach is so much sharper set than my wit, that I fancy it will be as well for us both to conclude. 1809 Malkin *Gil Blas* VII. v, I asked..if there was any eating-house in the neighbourhood.., and went thither sharp set. 1886 Stevenson *Kidnapped* iii. 17 'Are ye sharp-set?' he asked...'Ye can eat that drop parritch'.

b. Of a hawk, hound, etc.

1575 Turberv. *Faulconrie* 116 If shee bee very sharpe set and do plume eagerly. 1781 Beckford *Hunting* 48 Hounds, I think, should be sharp-set before hunting: they run the better for it. 1852 Burton *Falconry Valley Indus* iii. 31 Unfortunately..for the hawk..she had not been 'sharp set' that morning. 1883 Salvin & Brodrick *Falconry Brit. Isles* Gloss. 152 *Sharp set*, very hungry.

2. *transf.* Keen, eager; having desire fixed *upon*, craving *after*.

1580 Lyly *Euphues* (Arb.) 388 Euphues seeing such speedye retourne of an other aunswere, thought Philautus to be very sharp set. *a* 1586 Sidney *Arcadia* II. xvi. (Sommer) 175 b, She being sharp-set vpon the fulfilling of a shrewde office, in ouer-looking Philoclea. 1667 Marvell *Corr.* Wks. (Grosart) II. 222 Although the House be sharpe set upon finding out..things..yet neither are other publick matters neglected. 1721 Cromwell *Let. to Pope* 7 Dec., The town is sharp-set on new plays. 1860 *Times* 5 Oct., The public comes back from glacier and moor and breezy sea-coast perfectly sharpset for more oratory. 1889 Rider Haggard *Allan's Wife* 54, I did not feel particularly sharp set on elephants at the moment.

† b. Having a craving for sexual indulgence.

1597–1626 Delonev *Jack of Newbery* Wks. (1912) 14 Sir (said shee) because you are so sharpe set, I would wish you as soon as you can to wed. 1633 Ford *'Tis Pity* v. iv. 1691 *Comedy, Win Her & Take Her* I. iii. 8. 1695 Congreve *Love for L.* III. ix. 1794 *Har'st Rig* liv, Some lown as sharp set as a knife Wi' her they fand.

† c. Eager to attack. Const. *on. Obs. rare*—1.

a 1633 Austin *Medit.* (1635) 98 The Pharisees..who were too sharpe set on his Disciples, for not Fasting with them, at that present time.

† 3. Set with sharp thorns. (Cf. *quick-set.*) *Obs.*

1601 Weever *Mirr. Mart.* A 5, Within the sharp-set thickets.

4. Of eyes: ? Having a set eager look.

1865 Swinburne *Chastelard* I. ii. 34 Do you know that lord With sharp-set eyes?

Hence **Sharpse·tness.** *rare.*

1673 S. Parker *Reproof Rch. Transp.* 261 Lest this race [*sc.* capons] be totally extinguish'd by the sharpsetness of the Presbyterians.

Sharpshin (ʃɑ·ɹpʃin). *U.S.* [Prob. a back-formation from *sharp-shinned* (*hawk*); ? in jocular allusion to the eagle on the coin.] App. orig. a name for some coin of very small value; later, used as a type of what has little value.

1804 *Lancaster* (Pa.) *Jrnl.* 14 July (R. H. Thornton *Amer. Gloss.*), Three Sharpshins Reward [offered for a runaway apprentice]. 1832 J. P. Kennedy *Swallow B.* x. (1872) 93 This inconsiderable claim—for it is not of the value of a sharpshin. 1834 Marryat *P. Simple* xxx, Four sharp shins to a pictareen. 1872 Schele de Vere *Americanisms* 631 *Sharpshin*, a slang term, denoting the smallest quantity.

† **Sha·rpship.** *Obs. rare*—1. In 3 **scharpschipe.** [f. Sharp *a.* + -ship.] Hardship, rigour.

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 380 Þet te best of helle, hwon he snakereð toward ou uorto biten on ou, hurte him oðe herdschipe [*MSS. T. C.* scharpschipe], & schunche aȝeinwardes.

Sharpshooter (ʃɑ·ɹpˌʃūtəɹ). [f. Sharp *a.* + Shooter. (So G. *scharfschütz(e, scharfer schütze.*)] A marksman of accurate aim; *spec.* in naval and military use, a member of a division engaged in skirmishing and outpost work.

1802 C. James *Milit. Dict., Tirolians*, a body of sharp shooters in the Austrian service. 1803 Scott *Let.* 27 Aug. in *Lockhart* (1837) I. xi. 389 Armies of Reserve, and Militia, and Pikemen, and Sharpshooters, who are to descend from Ettrick Forest to the confusion of all invaders. 1805 in Nicolas *Disp. Nelson* (1846) VII. 224 Lord Nelson was wounded by a French Sharpshooter. 1809 Wellington in Gurw. *Desp.* (1835) IV. 331 On the 11th the enemy tried their usual manœuvres with their sharpshooters in the woods. 1897 *Century Mag.* Jan. 352 [He] had been struck by a sharp-shooter and killed.

b. *transf.* and *fig.*

1824 Dibdin *Libr. Comp.* 695 Hundreds of black-letter sharp-shooters spring up. 1885 J. Martineau *Types Eth. Th.* I. p. x, A fusillade of questions from a class of sharp-shooters.

Hence **Sha·rpshooting** *vbl. sb.* and *ppl. a.*

1806 A. Duncan *Nelson* 311 The system of sharp-shooting practised by the enemy. 1840 Thackeray *Shabby-genteel Story* vi, Mrs. S. attacked the punch with some sharp-shooting, and fierce charges of vulgarity. 1844 Dickens *Mart. Chuz.* xliv, After some little sharp-shooting on both sides, Mr. Pecksniff became grave. 1863 in *Advance* (Chicago) (1892) 28 Jan., On Tuesday he..kept his men busy sharp-shooting across the river. 1865 Kingsley *Herew.* xxxii, I am too old a campaigner to take much harm by woman's sharpshooting, at fifteen score yards off. 1872 *Routledge's Ev. Boy's Ann.* 215/1 He was out sharp-shooting in the Crimea. 1899 *Westm. Gaz.* 30 Dec. 3/2 Artillery would he put out of action by sharp-shooting riflemen.

† **Sharp-shot.** *Obs.* [f. Sharp *a.* + Shot *sb.* (in the sense of shooting). (So G. *scharfschuss.*)] Firing with shot (as opposed to blank cartridge).

1725 *Wodrow's Corr.* (1843) III. 217 Captain Bushel, unprovoked, and without reading the proclamation,..shot sharp-shot, without the least care, to dispel a poor contemptible mob. 1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* I. III. ix, The Torch Procession is met with sharp shot.

Sharpsighted (ʃɑ·ɹpˌsəi·tĕd), *a.* [f. Sharp *a.* + Sighted *a.*]

1. Having acute or quick sight.

1571 Golding *Calvin on Ps.* Ep. Ded. 2 Though he were otherwise as sharpsighted as Argus. 1648 Crashaw *Delights of Muses* (1904) 156 Sharp-sighted as the Eagles eye. 1791–1823 D'Israeli *Cur. Lit.* (1859) II. 445 He often trembled lest some future explorer of manuscripts might be found as sharpsighted as himself. 1832 Ht. Martineau *Life in Wilds* v. 62 So sharpsighted and timid are these birds. 1905 A. R. Wallace *My Life* xiv. 209 The Welshman is by no means sharp-sighted when his cattle are enjoying themselves in a neighbour's field.

2. *fig.* Having acuteness of mental vision.

1583 Golding *Calvin on Deut.* ix. 49 Because we be not sharpesighted ynough to spie out the thinges that God perceiueth. 1745 *De Foe's Eng. Tradesm.* i. (1841) I. 6 For want of this knowledge, he is liable to be imposed upon..by the sharp-sighted World. 1869 Trollope *He knew*, etc. xiv. (1878) 82 [She] was sharpsighted and clear-witted.

Hence **Sharpsi·ghtedness.**

1647 Trapp *Comm. Matt.* xxiv. 28. 553 Eagles the Saints are called...for their sharp-sightednesse. 1838 Dickens *Nich. Nick.* xxvii, She had never felt so satisfied with her own sharp-sightedness as she did that day.

Sharp-witted (ʃɑ·ɹpˌwitĕd), *a.* [f. Sharp *a.* + Wit *sb.* + -ed 2.] Sagacious, intelligent.

a 1586 Sidney *Arcadia* I. xii. (1912) 81 O Lord (saide Musidorus) how sharp-witted you are to hurt your selfe? 1623 Cockeram II, Sharp witted. *Acute, sagax.* 1756 C. Smart tr. *Hor., Sat.* I. iii. (1826) II. 27 To bear the sharp-witted sneers of these men. 1855 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* xxi. IV. 538 It was beyond the power of the great King to prevent his..sharpwitted courtiers from whispering to each other. 1854 J. H. Newman *Hist. Sk.* Ser. I. (1872) 45 The sharp-witted provincial of Greece or Asia Minor.

Hence **Sharpwi·ttedness.**

1647 Hexham I, Sharpwittednesse, *Vernuftigheyt, scherpsinnigheyt.* 1858–61 E. B. Ramsay *Remin.* vi. (1870) 194 The sharp-wittedness of the knave.

Sharrag, -ig, -og, dial. forms of Shear-hog.

S'hart (= God's heart!): see Heart *sb.* 53.

Shartfort, variant of Shortford *Obs.*

Sharute, obs. form of Cheroot.

Shas, shash, obs. ff. Sash *sb.*1 and *sb.*2

Shashoon, -une, shasoon, obs. ff. Sashoon.

Shass(e, obs. forms of Sash *sb.*1

Shaster (ʃæ·stəɹ), ‖ **Shastra** (ʃɑ·strä). Forms: 7 **shastram, -um,** 7–9 **shaster,** 8 **shahstah,** 8–9 **shastah,** 9 **sastra, shastra, shastru.** [a. Hindī *cāstr*, Skr. *çāstra* (nom. sing. *çāstram*).] Any one of the sacred writings of the Hindus.

1630 Lord *Banians* 40 This Booke by them called the Shaster. 1698 *Phil. Trans.* XX. 275 The *Shastram* being to them what the Bible is to Christians. 1763 Scrafton *Indostan* (1770) 4 A comment thereon [i.e. on the Vedas], called the Shahstah. 1838 [Miss Maitland] *Lett. fr. Madras* (1843) 198 They know that the Bible is our Shaster, and suppose it to be as good for *us*, as their own Shasters are for *them*. 1872 Sherring *Hindu Tribes* I. 3 The Brahman ..possesses..the holy canon—Vedas, Shástras, and Puránas. 1887 W. J. Wilkins *Mod. Hinduism* 127 The position of the Brâhman as taught by the Sâstras.

‖ **Shastri** (ʃāˑstrī). Also 7 **shastre**, 9 **shastree**. [Hindī *çāstrī*, Skr. *çāstrin*, nom. sing. *çāstrī*, f. *çāstra* SHASTER.] One who is learned in, or teaches, the shasters.

c 1645 HOWELL *Lett.* Suppl. xiv. (1892) 662 As they who have conversed with Shastres and Turbants doe well know. 1826 J. G. DUFF *Hist. Mahrattas* I. 23 *note*, Bramins learned in the Shasters have the title of Shastree. 1855 H. H. WILSON *Gloss. Judic.* etc. *Terms India* 470 *Sástrí*, vulgarly *Shastree*.

Shastyse, obs. form of CHASTISE.

†**Shat** [1]. *Obs.* [Ir. *séad*, lit. jewel.] Used as a term of endearment in addressing an Irish person.

a 1616 BEAUM. & FL. *Coxcomb* II. i, Come hither shat, are you an Irish mon?

†**Shat** [2]. *Obs. rare*—[1]. Mentioned as a colloq. or slang term for a tattler.

1709 STEELE *Tatler* No. 71 ¶ 7 Bambouzling is exploded; a Shat is a Tatler.

Shate, obs. pa. t. of SHOOT.

Shathmont, *Sc.* variant of SHAFTMENT [1].

Shattaradan: see SHANDRYDAN.

Shatter (ʃæˑtəɪ), *sb.* [f. SHATTER *v.*]

1. *pl.* Fragments into which a thing is broken, rent, or torn. Chiefly in phrases (*to break*, etc.) *into* or *to shatters*, (*to be*) *in shatters*. *Obs.* exc. *dial.*

a 1640 FENNER *Serm.* xvii. Wks. (1657) 225 If ever the heart come to be sensible of its blow, it will break all to shatters. 1691 MRS. D'ANVERS *Academia* 35 His..Gown.. hangs about his Legs in shatters. 1727 [E. DORRINGTON] *Philip Quarll* (1816) 38 A sea which dashed the ship to shatters against the rock. 1750 H. WALPOLE *Let. to Mann* 19 Nov., For the Ministry, it is all in shatters. *a* 1814 *Last Act* II. v. in *New Brit. Theatre* II. 398, I..run my chaise so effectually against theirs, that smash both went all to shatters. 1821 CLARE *Vill. Minstr.* I. 93 The proudest triumph art conceives..Grey-bearded time in shatters leaves. 1890 *Gloucester Gloss.*, *Shatters*, sherds of pottery, etc.

2. A shattered state of nerves. *rare.*

1777 MISS BURNEY *Early Diary* (1889) II. 166 You can have no idea what a shatter every new comer gave me. 1849 CARLYLE in *Century Mag.* (1882) May 23/2 If the nerves are to be continually in a shatter with want of sleep.

†3. 'Shattery' or friable stone. *dial. Obs.*

1712 J. MORTON *Nat. Hist. Northampt.* 123 [Strata] 2. Stiff Clay almost four Foot. 3. Shatter, as they there call it, that is a shattering Stone, two Foot.

4. Something scattered or shed; a crop (of hops); a shower (of rain). *dial.* Cf. SCATTER *sb.* 2.

1875 PARISH *Sussex Gloss.*, There's a tidy shatter of hops this year. 1887 *Kentish Gloss.*, We've had quite a nice little shatter of rain.

Shatter (ʃæˑtəɪ), *v.* Forms: 4–5 **sohater**, **-ir**, 6 **shater**, **shattar**, 6– **shatter**. [Of obscure origin: see SCATTER *v.*]

1. *trans.* To scatter, disperse, throw about in all directions; to cause (seed, leaves, etc.) to fall or be shed. Also with *out*. *Obs.* exc. *dial.*

c 1330 *Arth. & Merl.* 553 (Kölbing) Ac þo þai come hider eft, Her werk was al vp aleft & yschatred here & þere. *c* 1400 *Apol. Loll.* (Camden) 81 3e schal mak counseil and it schal be schaterid [Vulg. *Isa.* viii. 10 *dissipabitur*]. 1577 B. GOOGE *Heresbach's Husb.* I. (1586) 32 Least the whot weather shatter the seedes. 1637 MILTON *Lycidas* 5, I com to pluck your Berries harsh and crude, And with forc'd fingers rude Shatter your leaves before the mellowing year. 1665 HOOKE *Microgr.* 131 The skin cleaves and at length falls off..and leaves the seed Case to ripen, and by degrees, to shatter out its seed at a place underneath this cap. 1669 WORLIDGE *Syst. Agric.* ii. 13 If the young Cions be..a little sheltered..by shattering a little Straw, Brake, or Hawm lightly over them. 1745 P. THOMAS *Jrnl. Anson's Voy.* 329 They sow almost all Manner of Grain, but Oats and Lentils; but these are..apt to be shatter'd before Harvest. 1844 W. BARNES *Poems Rur. Life* (1848) 178 Nanny..tore the bag wher she'd a-put Her share, an' shatter'd ev'ry nut. 1887 *Kentish Gloss.* 1893 *Wiltsh. Gloss.* Add. 201.

absol. 1589 NASHE *Pasquil's Ret.* D iiij, You haue lost your iugling stick, your conueighance is such, that you shatter, and carrie not halfe so cleane as your freends would haue you.

2. To break in pieces by a sudden blow or concussion; to dash into fragments, disrupt into parts.

c 1450 LOVELICH *Grail* xiii. 734 Here helmes he to-Clef A-two, Here Scheldis he Alto-schatered Also. 1564 STOW *Mem. in Three 15th Cent. Chron.* (Camden) 130 Y^e^ backar partes of y^e^ same howsys wer all to blewne and shattard in pecis. 1604 DRAYTON *Moyses* II. 49 The slates fall shatt'red from the roofe aboue. 1634 MILTON *Comus* 799 Till all thy magick structures rear'd so high Were shatter'd into heaps o're thy false head. 1660 BOYLE *New Exp. Phys. Mech.* xxii. 166 Those light and subtle Fumes..into which the Fire it self shatters dry Bodies. 1782 COWPER *Gilpin* 124 The bottles twain behind his back Were shatter'd at a blow. 1816 J. SMITH *Panorama Sci. & Art* II. 228 In this experiment the glasses are often shattered to pieces. 1878 HUXLEY *Physiogr.* 89 A thin glass vessel may easily be shattered by sucking the air from its interior. 1883 *Harper's Mag.* Nov. 946/2 The light.., striking against a series of..prisms, fell shattered and scintillating into a thousand..beams.

b. To damage ruinously (a structure, a living organism, a fighting force, etc.) by battery or violent concussion; to damage or destroy by fractnre of the parts.

a 1513 FABYAN *Chron.* VI. clxxix. (1516) 104/1 He repayred Cyties, townes & Castelles that by the sayd Danys were shatered and broken. 1602 SHAKS. *Ham.* II. i. 95 He rais'd a sigh, so pittious and profound, That it did seeme to shatter all his bulke. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 20 Feb. 1662, I return'd home to repaire my house, miserably shatter'd by the late tempest. 1735 JOHNSON *Lobo's Abyssinia*, *Descr.* v. 77 The General had already one Arm broken, and his Knee shatter'd with a Musket-shot. 1748 *Anson's Voy.* II. iv. 167 These Spanish ships..had been greatly shattered by a storm. 1854 TENNYSON *Charge Light Brigade* iv, Cossack and Russian Reel'd from the sabre-stroke Shatter'd and sunder'd. 1863 W. C. BALDWIN *Afr. Hunting* viii. 329 His face was shattered with shot about the upper jaw, nose, and eyes.

c. *fig.*, or with immaterial object. Also, to damage or destroy the fortunes of (a person or body of persons).

1683–4 STILLINGFL. *Serm.* (Job xxiii. 15) (1707) 343 No consideration in the World doth so break in pieces and confound and shatter the Spirit of a Man. 1690 LOCKE *Govt.* I. xi. § 147 (1698) 143 When any Monarchy was shatter'd to pieces, and divided amongst revolted Subjects. 1860 EMERSON *Cond. Life, Considerations* Wks. (Bohn) II. 417 The war or revolution..that shatters a rotten system. 1874 GREEN *Short Hist.* viii. § 1. 457 The truth against which ecclesiastical dogmatism..must always shatter itself. 1906 PINCHES *Relig. Babyl. & Assyria* iii. 37 An irresistible weapon, which should shatter all his enemies.

d. To wreck (a person's constitution, nerves, etc.) by sickness, hardship, or the like. Also, to wreck the health, strength, or spirits of (a person).

1785 MME. D'ARBLAY *Diary* 14 Dec., Everything shatters her dear feeble frame. 1802 *Med. Jrnl.* VIII. 212 Her constitution, shattered by the frequent attacks it endured, could not long hold out. 1848 DICKENS *Dombey* lxi, Shattered in mind, and perilously sick in body. 1887 *Pall Mall Budget* 21 Apr. 2/2 Continual riding to and fro in the steppes will in time shatter the wiriest constitution.

e. To cause (earth) to crumble. ? *dial.*

1891 MALDEN *Tillage* 58 This land must be stirred in frosts as much as possible; if it once gets baked into a harsh condition, it will have to be allowed to get thoroughly dry, when a rain will 'shatter' it.

3. *intr.* To become scattered or dispersed; to be shed or strewn about. Of grain, etc.: To drop ont of the husk from over-ripeness. Of a flower: To drop its petals. Also with *out*.

1577 B. GOOGE *Heresbach's Husb.* I. 36 b, All Pulse..are speedily to be geathered when they be ripe, for they suddaynely shatter. 1669 WORLIDGE *Syst. Agric.* (1681) 150 To gather them [*sc.* hops] before they shatter. 1733 TULL *Horse-hoeing Husb.* xv. 202 The first Crop they let stand till some of the Seed shatter d. 1904 *Eng. Dial. Dict.* s. v., Those oats are beginning to shatter out. *Kent.*

4. To become broken suddenly or violently into fragments or separate parts; to fly in pieces or asunder. Also with *up*.

1567, 1578 [see SHATTERING *ppl. a.* 1]. 1626 BACON *Sylva* § 841 Some Fragile Bodies breake but where the Force is; Some shatter and fly in many Peeces. 1712 J. MORTON *Nat. Hist. Northampt.* 108 A very hard, irregular, lumpish Stone, that does not hew well, but shatters with the Tool. 1858 KINGSLEY *Misc.* (1859) I. 149 To hear that chorus, as it pours round the fir-stems, rings against the roof above, shatters up into a hundred echoes. 1867 AUGUSTA WILSON *Vashti* xvi, Promises, which shatter like crystal under the hammer of the first temptation. 1896 A. E. HOUSMAN *Shropshire Lad* iv, Wake: the vaulted shadow shatters.

b. Of a body of men: To suffer disruption.

a 1619 FOTHERBY *Atheom.* I. v. § 2 (1622) 31 Religion [is] the foundation of enery Citie, both gathering men, and holding them vnanimously together; who else would quickly shatter cleane asunder. 1687 tr. *Sallust*, *Jug.* (1692) 132 His Army, compos'd of several Nations, having lost their Leader, ..shatter'd into several Parties.

c. Of earth: To fall or crumble in pieces. Also with *down*. ? *dial.* (Cf. 2 c.)

1733 W. ELLIS *Chiltern & Vale Farm.* 234 It being a black, fat Mould,..will by the Frosts, Rains, and Winds,.. shatter, crumble, and become hollow. 1891 MALDEN *Tillage* 49 Any peas which have been extra trodden in wet weather should be picked out, and ploughed while frosted, so that they may 'shatter' down on thawing. *Ibid.* Gloss. s. v., Clods shatter into flakes or meal-like particles, when they fall to pieces from the effect of the weather.

5. To dash or strike noisily against some hard object; to produce sharp sudden sonnds by shaking or concussion; to clatter, rattle. *rare.*

13.. *Gaw. & Gr. Knt.* 2083 Brokez byled, & breke, bi bonkkez aboute, Schyre schaterande on schorez, þer þay doun schowned. ? *a* 1400 *Arthur* 90 Thus they hyw on helmes hye, And schatered on wyþ scheldes. 1623 J. TAYLOR (Water-P.) *World runs on Wheels* Wks. (1630) II. 238/1 The casements shatter, tatter and clatter. 1722 DE FOE *Plague* (1756) 196 Windows stood shattering with the Wind in empty Houses, for want of People to shut them. 1904 *Eng. Dial. Dict.*, *Shatter*, to rattle as the windows of a carriage. *Caithness.* 1912 M. HEWLETT in *Eng. Rev.* Apr. 12 Slantwise comes the rain And shatters at the window-pane To wake the hind.

†b. Of the teeth: To chatter. *Obs.*

1682 CREECH *Lucretius* v. 162 His Teeth all shatter, Limbs all shake with Cold. 1782 [T. VAUGHAN] *Fashionable Follies* I. lxiv. 109 His teeth shattered, his hair stood upright on his head.

c. Of birds: To chirp, chatter. *dial. rare.*

17.. *Bonnie Nancy* i. in Maidment *Ballads* (1844) 13 Nancy's to the Greenwood gain To hear the gowdspink shattering.

6. *trans.* and *intr.* To shake, wave, move to and fro. *rare.*

a 1530 HEYWOOD *Wether* 513 (Brandl) The wynde is so weyke it..skantely can shatter the shyttyn sayle That hangeth shatterynge at a womans tayle. 16.. MIDDLETON, etc. *Old Law* v. i. (1656) 61 Ist possible these gowty legs danc't lately, And shattered in a Galliard?

7. *Comb.*: **shatter-pate**, **-wit** = SHATTER-BRAIN; **shatter-pated**, **-witted** *adjs.* = SHATTER-BRAINED. (In Dicts.)

1775 ASH, **Shatterpate*, a shatterbrain. 1727 **Shatter-pated* [see SHATTER-BRAINED]. 1901 *Scotsman* 11 Nov. 9/2 The shatter-pated pulpiteers. 1775 ASH, **Shatterwit*, a shatterbrain, an inattentive young fellow, a giddy girl. *Ibid.*, **Shatterwitted*, inattentive, careless, giddy.

Sha·tter-brain. [See SHATTER *v.* 7. Cf. SCATTER-BRAIN.] A person of 'cracked' brain or wandering wits; a giddy, thoughtless person.

1719 D'URFEY *Pills* II. 327 Sharks, Shagrags,. Shatter-brains. 1788 WESLEY *Wks.* (1872) VI. 448 A petit-maitre,.. or a shatter-brain of any kind. 1853 HAWTHORNE *Eng. Note-Bks.* (1883) I. 459 However, she has undoubtedly a mother's love for this poor shatterbrain.

attrib. 1837 MISS MITFORD *Country Stories* 11 A shatter-brain boy who did not know a violet from a nettle. 1839 T. MITCHELL *Frogs of Aristoph.* Introd. p. cxii, A sort of shatterbrain commingling of right and wrong in his intellect.

So **Sha·tter-brained** *a.*, crazy, light-witted; giddy, thoughtless. (Cf. SCATTER-BRAINED.)

1727 BAILEY vol. II, *Shatter-brain'd*, *Shatter-pated*, scarce *Compos Mentis*, crazy-headed, hare-brain'd, confused, acting without Thought, &c. 1749 LAVINGTON *Enthus. Meth. & Papists* I. (1754) 7 St. Ignatius Loyola, that errant shatter-brain'd visionary Fanatic. 1818 COBBETT *Pol. Reg.* XXXIII. 483 The old, shatterbrained hag who is endeavouring to frighten and murder the people of England. 1824 SCOTT *St. Ronan's* xxv, This shatter-brained peer was, in other respects, a handsome, accomplished man.

Shattered (ʃæˑtəɪd), *ppl. a.* [f. SHATTER *v.* + -ED.] In the senses of the verb.

1666 DRYDEN *Ann. Mirab.* lxv, His shatter'd Sails with Rigging to restore. 1672 WISEMAN *Wounds* I. x. 101 You must make way to these wounds by removing the shattered flesh. 1707 FRIND *Peterborow's Cond. Sp.* 71 To recruit his shatter'd Cavalry. 1796 MME. D'ARBLAY *Camilla* IX. xi, Her shattered nerves could not bear the interview. 1849 ROBERTSON *Serm.* Ser. I. x. (1866) 182 The languor of shattered health. 1879 FARRAR *St. Paul* (1883) 283 Paul returned from this journey a shattered man.

†b. Scattered, not concentrated. *Obs.*

1687 NORRIS *Misc.*, *Of Seriousness* 171 A man of a loose, volatile and shatter'd humour.

Sha·tterer. *rare.* [-ER [1].] One who shatters. With the quot. cf. De Quincey *Coleridge* Wks. 1863 II. 58 He was called, by one who weighed him well [*sc.* by M. Mendelssohn], the *alles-zermalmender*, the world-shattering Kant.

1867 J. H. STIRLING in *Fortn. Rev.* Oct. 381 The *Alles-zermalmender*, the shatterer of the world [*i. e.* Kant].

†**Shatter-headed**, *a. Obs. rare.* = SHATTER-BRAINED. (Cf. SCATTER-HEADED.)

c 1686 in *Brasenose Coll. Quatern. Monogr.* (O.H.S.) II. I. xii. 23 A shatter-headed Fellow of Brasen-nose College. 1713 C'TESS WINCHILSEA *Misc. Poems* 226 Prithee, shatter-headed Fop.

Shattering (ʃæˑtərɪŋ), *vbl. sb.* [-ING [1].] The action of the verb SHATTER; an instance of this. Also *concr.*, a shattered piece or fragment.

1658 A. FOX tr. *Wurtz' Surg.* II. xxviii. 191 The bone was not black, all kept togetber, no shatterings nor splinters in it. 1748 *Anson's Voy.* I. x. 100 The violence of the storms, the shattering of our sails and rigging. 1863 *Reader* 31 Oct. 512 Mr. Coxwell's balloon was made by himself.., and he has repaired all the shatterings it has received in the cause of science. 1886 *Athenæum* 6 Feb. 197/1 The sudden shattering of his belief in a miraculous apparition.

Sha·ttering, *ppl. a.* [-ING 2.] That shatters.

1. That is broken up suddenly or forcibly; falling in pieces or asunder.

1567 PAINTER *Pal. Pleas.* (1890) III. 431 The foundation ..planted in shattring Soyle. 1578 T. PROCTOR *Gorg. Gallery, Sonnet agst. Detraction* iv. D iv, In weltring waues my ship is tost, My shattering sayles away hee shorne.

2. Ruinously destructive; that breaks or destroys by a sudden blow or concnssion. Also *fig.*

1577 KENDALL *Flowers of Epigr.*, *Trifles* 27, I shield from shatteryng showers the house. 1805 SOUTHEY *Madoc* II. ix. 65 Till one, or both, Dash'd down the shattering precipice, should feed The mountain eagle! 1847 DE QUINCEY *Joan of Arc* Wks. III. 235 Her answer to this was as shattering as it was rapid. 1903 MORLEY *Gladstone* VI. v. II. 343 Mr. Gladstone's description of a marvellous and shattering hour.

b. Of sound: rending the air, ear-splitting.

1842 TENNYSON *Sir Galahad* 5 The shattering trumpet shrilleth high.

Hence **Sha·tteringly** *adv.*

1818 MOORE *Fudge Fam. Paris* xi. 49 True he..But raised the hopes of men—as eaglets fly With tortoises aloft into the sky—To dash them down again more shatteringly!

Shatterment (ʃæˑtəɪmənt). *rare.* [-MENT.] The act of shattering, the result of being shattered.

1841 CARLYLE in T. W. Reid *Life Ld. Houghton* (1890) I. 256 It is above all a new kind of shatterment that I suffer.

Shattery (ʃæˑtərɪ), *a.* [f. SHATTER *v.* + -Y.]

1. Of rock, stone or soil: Apt to break in pieces or crumble, friable.

1728 WOODWARD *Fossils* 7 A brittle Shattery sort of Spar. 1813 BOYS *Agric. Kent* 65 In loose shattery soils. 1884 *Nature* 13 Nov. 34/2 The thin band of shattery quartzite.

2. Of furniture, etc.: Loose, rickety. *dial.*

1844 TUPPER *Crock of Gold* ii. 12 Each room has its shattery casement. 1854 MISS BAKER *Northampt. Gloss.* II. 221 The chairs are very shattery.

3. Shatter-brained, giddy. *dial.*

1820 WILBRAHAM *Cheshire Gloss.*

Hence **Sha·tteryness.**

1851–9 MALLET in *Man. Sci. Enq.* 360 The degree of shatteryness or compactness of the rock formations.

Shatterydan: see SHANDRYDAN.

Shattow, obs. form of CHATEAU.

1744 M. BISHOP *Life & Adv.* 186 Then General Webb took two Regiments..and marched them along in order to heat the French out of a Shattow.

Shattuck, obs. form of SHADDOCK.

Shau, obs. form of SHAW, SHOW.

Shauchle (ʃɔ̃·χ'l), *v. Sc.* Also 8 **shochel**, 9 **shochle, shachle, (shackle), shaughle.** See also SHAFFLE *v.* [Of obscure origin : cf. SHAIL *v.* The Eng. dial. words *shuckle* (Kent) to shuffle along, or slink along in walking, *shockle* to shuffle, to shake, joggle (see *Eng. Dial. Dict.*), and the G. *schaukel* a swing, *schaukeln* (= MDu. *schockelen*) to swing, rock, in spite of their similarity in form and meaning, appear to be unconnected with this word; they app. belong to the root of SHOCK *v.*]

1. *intr.* To shuffle the feet.

1721 KELLY *Sc. Prov.* 142 Had you such a Shoe on every Foot, you would shochel. *c* 1820 HOGG *Sheph. Wedding* i. Tales & Sk. (1837) II. 152 Off comes Geordie, shaughle shaughlin' wi' a' his pith. *a* 1895 R. MCL. CALDER in *Berwicksh. Bard* (1897) 221 Hoo often we'd..shauchle alang withoot object or aim.

2. *trans.* To put ont of shape, distort; to shuffle ont (shoes).

1805 JAMIESON, To *Shachle*, to use any thing so as to distort it from its proper shape or direction, S. *He has shachlit aw his schoon*, he has put his shoes quite out of shape [by shuffling]. 1875 G. MACDONALD *Malcolm* I. xiv. 169 'A' heelan' fowk's some kittle aboot their legs'. 'Deil shochle them!' exclaimed the Partaness; 'what care I for 's legs!'

Shauchled (ʃɔ̃·χ'ld), *a. Sc.* [f. prec. + -ED 1.] Twisted ont of shape. (Said chiefly of shoes or the feet.)

1737 RAMSAY *Sc. Prov.* (1797) 100 Ye shape shoon by your ain shachled feet. 1795 BURNS *Braw Wooer* vii, I spier'd for my cousin..And how her new shoon fit her auld shachl't feet. 1818 SCOTT *Br. Lamm.* xxviii, Bucklaw was welcome to the wearing of Ravenswood's shaughled shoes. 1898 LD. E. HAMILTON *Mawkin* xi, Richt soon We'se find wha's glinked our scogie-lass, And gar him fill his shackled shoon.

Shauchling (ʃɔ̃·χliŋ), *ppl. a. Sc.* [f. SHAUCHLE *v.* + ING 2.] Shuffling in gait; infirm, unsteady; *fig.* shuffling, prevaricating, unreliable.

1755 RAMSAY *To Jas. Clerk* 64 Debts I abhor, and plan to be Frae shochling trade and danger free. 1826 J. WILSON *Noct. Ambr.* Wks. 1855 I. 186 Chiels that would..look prouder, when taking their forenoon's airing alang Princes Street, on a bit schachlin ewe-necked powney..than Saladin. *a* 1894 STEVENSON *Weir of Hermiston* iii. (1896) 74 And I would send no man to be a servant to the King..that has proved such a shauchling son to his own faither.

Shauchly (ʃɔ̃·χli), *a. Sc.* Also **-ley.** [f. SHAUCHLE *v.* + -Y.] Infirm, rickety, shaky. Of a person : Unsteady in gait. (Cf. SHACKLY *a.*)

1830 J. WILSON *Noct. Ambr.* Wks. 1856 III. 70, I think I see him..wi' that wee shauchly body the Marquis o' Winchester, and that great big muckle John Bull, Sir William Curtis. 1896 D. S. MELDRUM *Grey Mantle* 272 Hey! for another ride in a shauchly gig, down the pitch-black roads!

Hence **Shau·chliness,** unsteadiness.

1887 WILLOCK *Rosetty Ends* xxi. 162 They had a limp shauchleyness aboot their legs that suggestit [etc.].

Shaugh : see SHAHI, SHAW, SHEUGH, SHOCH.

Shaugh, shauh : see SHAH.

Shaul (ʃɔ̃l). *dial.* Forms : 6 **shawlde, showle,** 7–8 **shawle,** 9 **shaul.** [Perh. subst. use of *shalde*, obs. var. of SHOAL *a.*, shallow.]

1. A wooden scoop used for winnowing corn.

1562 WITHALS *Dict.* 16/2 A trey or shawlde to wynowe or wymble corne with, *ventilabrum, pala.* 1674 RAY *S. & E. C. Words* 76 A *Shawle* : a shovel to winnow withall, *Suss.* 1766 *Complete Farmer, Shawle*, a shovel used in winnowing corn. 1884 *W. Sussex Gaz.* 25 Sept. (Advt.), Variety of tools, bushel, shaul, shovel [etc.]. 1908 *Essex Rev.* XVII. 23 The flail has been displaced by a steam threshing-machine, the barn-fan and the shaul by a winnowing-machine.

2. A wooden tub with sloping sides used for kneading bread or for washing.

1600 in W. F. Shaw *Memorials of Eastry* (1870) 226 Ite. in the buntting house one Bunting hutch, Two kneding showles. 1887 *Kentish Gloss., Shaul, Showle*, a wooden tub with sloping sides.

Shaul(d, Shauling : see SHOAL, SHOALING.

Shaulm(e, obs. forms of SHAWM.

Shault, obs. variant of SHOLT, cnr.

Shault, variant of SHALT *Sc. dial.* (pony).

Shaume, -melle : see SHAWM, SHAMBLE *sb.*1

Shauneen, variant of SHONEEN.

Shauntee, obs. form of SHANTY *a.* (JAUNTY *a.*).

Shaup, shawp (ʃɔ̃p). *Sc.* [Prob. cogn. w. ON. *skálp-r* scabbard, Du. *schelp, schulp* shell.]

1. A pea-pod; a case, wrapper.

1822 GALT *Sir A. Wylie* I. xxv. 228 But naebody can tell what's in the shawp till it's shelt. 1850 J. STRUTHERS *Poet. Wks.* I. Autobiog. 101 Whether it was sold to be read..[or] cut..into squares to be shaups for sweeties, he knoweth not.

2. *fig.* An empty person.

1728 RAMSAY *Archers diverting themselves* 78 Proud shaups, dull coofs, and gabbling gowks.

Shauwe, obs. form of SHOW *v.*

† **Shavaldour.** *Obs.* Also **shavaldwre, schaveldore,-dowr(e,schawa(l)dour,-atour,schalldour.** [Of obscure origin ; the form is app. AF. In the *Calendar of Documents relating to Scotland* III. 127 the word is quoted as *schavaldurs* from a document of 1319.] A gentleman brigand of the Scottish border ; a border-rider.

The word occurs, chiefly in Latinized forms, in 14th c. chronicles as the appellation of certain marauders in the bishopric of Durham in the reign of Edw. II, some of whom were hanged for plundering two cardinals on their way to Scotland in 1317. Probably on account of the notoriety of this incident, the word seems to have obtained some currency in England in the 15th c.

[*c* 1330 TROKELOWE *Annales* an. 1317 (Rolls) 99 Quidam fatui de Northumbria, qui dicebantur 'Savaldores'. *c* 1335 R. DE GRAYSTANES *Hist. Dunelm.* XXXV. (Surtees) 94 (Bp. Rich. Kellowe, 1310–1316) Schavaldos insurgentes in episcopatu fortiter compescuit...Quidam..qui portabat robas Episcopi..occidit quendam schavaldum vel prædonem, Johannem de Wandel nomine, sed Regi familiarem. *a* 1347 MURIMUTH *Contin. Chron.* an. 1317 (Rolls) 27 Et per suos schaveldarios marchiae inter Angliam et Scociam nec voluit R. le Bruys permittere quod ipsi cardinales regnum Scociae intrarent. *c* 1366 KNIGHTON *Chron.* an. 1318 (Rolls) I. 413 Cumque in partes Scotiæ [cardinales] venissent, insultavit eos dominus Gilbertus de Mydelton miles cum aliis elegantibus shavaldres, et eos..spoliaverunt. *a* 1369 SIR T. GRAY *Scalacronica* (Maitland Club) 147 Les maufesurs estoint appellez schaualdours.]

1375 BARBOUR *Bruce* v. 205 A knycht..Said it wes to gret perell, So neir the schavaldwris to ga. *c* 1380 WYCLIF *Wks.* (1880) 210 To ȝeue costly cloþis & manye to riche men & mynstralis or shaualdours for worldly name. *Ibid.* 249 Ydel schaueldowris. *c* 1420 ? LYDG. *Assembly of Gods* 675 Shamefull shakerles, soleyn shaueldores, Oppressours of pepyll. *c* 1425 WYNTOUN *Cron.* VIII. xxvi. 4363 [He] gat til hym a company, þat as schawadouris [*v. rr.* schawaldouris, schawatouris] war walkande In til þe wail of Anande. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 444/2 Schaveldowre, *discursor, vacabundus.* *c* 1440–50 *Brit. Mus. Addit. MS.* 6716 lf. 23 Revera generosi inter nos dicuntur tales Schalldours Ryflours. Tales enim frangunt thalamos magnorum, asportant bona,..et spoliant religiosos.

Hence † **Shavaldry** (schauadry, cheualdre), ? plundering, lawless exaction.

a 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 3371 þat he [*sc.* a king] schape to na schauadry [*Dubl. MS.* cheualdre] þat shend suld his fame.

Shave (ʃēiv), *sb.*1 Forms : 1 **sceafa, sceaba, scafa,** 4–5 **schave,** 7 **shaffe,** 4– **shave.** [OE. *sceafa* wk. masc., corresponding to MDu. *schave* (Du. *schaaf*) fem., OHG. *scaba* (MHG., mod.G. *schabe* fem.), Icel. *skafa* fem. :—OTeut. **skabon-*, f. root **skab-* : see SHAVE *v.* Cf. SHAVE-HOOK.] A name applied to various tools adapted for scraping, paring, or removing the surface of material in very thin slices ; a drawing or paring knife ; also short for SPOKESHAVE, *hoop-shave*, etc.

Frequently with distinguishing epithet as *cooper's, mast, round shave*, etc.

c 825 *Epinal Gloss.* 853 *Runcina*, locær *vel* sceaba. *a* 1100 *Gerefa* in *Anglia* IX. 263 Æcse, adsan, bil, byrse, scafan. 1352 *Exch. Acc. Q. R.* Bundle 20 No. 27 Pro vi. instrumentis vocatis *Shaues* pro nave praedicta mundanda. 1390 *Earl Derby's Exped.* (Camden) 20 Super officio scutellarie,..pro j hausak, et j schaue. *c* 1400 *Lanfranc's Cirurg.* 127 Euene the brynkis [of a hole cut in the brain-pan] with schauynge. ..Þis schaue schal kutte on þe side þat foldiþ ynward. 1404 *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 397 Item in custodia Plumbarii..2 schaves, cum maliotis, rakis [etc.]. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 444/2 Schave, or schavynge knyfe, *scalpellum*, C.F. *scalprum.* 1546 LANGLEY tr. *Pol. Verg. de Invent.* III. x. 78 b, The Squire, the Line, the Shaue, the Pricker or Puoche were deuised by Theodor a Samian. 1688 HOLME *Armoury* III. viii. 351/1 A kind of a small half round Plain, of which the Fletchers have two sorts ; the first is termed a Ripper ;..the next is the Shaffe, or Hollow Shaffe, it worketh the same smooth and round, and fit to be made up into an Arrow. *Ibid.* III. xx. (Roxb.) 249/1 He beareth sable, a Smooth Shave, Argent,..which some call a smooth shaveing Knife. 1780 EDMONDSON *Heraldry* II. Gloss., *Curriers shaves*, or *Paring-knives.* 1842 *Penny Mag.* 12 Nov. 447/1 The skains are thin ribands of willow, produced by passing the splits through a kind of shave or plane. 1859 W. S. COLEMAN *Woodlands* 65 In the manufacture of chip-hats.. young branches [of the White Willow] are taken and cut into thin slices by an instrument called a shave. 1875 *Carpentry & Joinery* 13 We now come to the two handed shave or draw knife as it is often called.

b. *Comb.* : **shave-iron,** the blade of a shave or drawing-knife. 1872 *Spon's Dict. Engin.* v. 1814.

Shave (ʃēiv), *sb.*2 [f. SHAVE *v.*]

1. Something shaved off ; a shaving, paring, thin slice ; † *fig.* a sample, specimen.

Cf. SHIVE *sb.* with which, however, it is not etymologically connected.

1604 T. M. *Black Bk.* F j b, You shall not sticke Benedick, to giue a shaue of your Office [of cut-purse] at Powles Crosse in the Sermon time. 1725 RAMSAY *Gentle Sheph.* I. i, Bannocks and a shave of cheese Will make a breakfast. 1788 PICKEN *Poems* 63 A shave o' cheese. 1875 SEATON *Fret Cutting* vi. 56 Try and take off the smallest possible shaves. 1890 J. SERVICE *Thir Notandums* xi, I got the lassock to fetch me..a saft bile't egg on a shave o' laif.

b. ' *Theatr. slang.* The proportion of the receipts paid to a travelling company by a local manager' (Farmer *Slang* 1902.)

2. An act of shaving the beard.

1838 SOUTHEY *Doctor* cliii. V. 203 And if the daily shavings of one year..could be put into one shave, the operation ..would be more than flesh and blood could bear. 1844 DICKENS *Mart. Chuz.* xxix, Being here, I may as well have a shave, and get trimmed close. 1887 TUER & FAGAN *First Year Silken Reign* v. 74 Barbers' shops, where a penny shave had been the staple trade.

3. An act of swindling or extortion. *Clean shave* (*fig.* of sense 1) : a complete swindle. Cf. SHAVE *v.* 7.

1863 *Once a Week* 7 Feb. 179/1 We doubt if any lady is aware of the very clean shave she is constantly undergoing. 1881 *Harper's Mag.* Sept. 492/2 The benches [on Brighton beach] are in one sense a shave...No sooner is a seat taken than a beach-man..demands a penny.

b. ' *U.S. cant.* (*a*) An exorbitant discount on a note. (*b*) A premium paid for an extension of the time of delivery or payment, or for the right to vary a stock contract in any particular' (Webster 1864–96).

4. *Mil. slang.* An unauthenticated report.

1813 CAPT. R. M. CAIRNES *Let. to Col. W. Cuppage* 11 June (MS.), The shave of the day is that Burgos is evacuated and destroyed : but this cannot surely be. 1898 SIR G. S. ROBERTSON *Chitral* 322 In every camp in war time, there are curious rumours called 'shaves', which originate no one knows how, and are disseminated with equal mystery. They are sometimes fantastic, but often curiously accurate.

5. A slight or grazing touch ; hence, a narrow escape from touching, more emphatically *a close, near shave* and the like. *lit.* and *fig.*

1834 R. H. FROUDE *Rem.* 23 Nov. (1838) I. 381, I seem to myself to have had a shave, if indeed I have weathered the point yet. 1856 KANE *Arct. Expl.* I. vii. 73 We passed clear ; but it was a close shave. 1866 DICKENS & HALLIDAY *Mugby Junction* (*All Year Round* Christm. No.) 27/1 The next instant the hind coach passed my engine by a shave. It was the nearest touch I ever saw. 1892 HUXLEY in L. Huxley *Life* (1900) II. xix. 329, I had a narrow shave to get down to Osborne. 1894 ASTLEY *Fifty Yrs. Life* I. 77 Accomplishing the distance..with equally remarkable near shaves of a collision.

b. *Univ. slang.*

1840 T. HOOK *Fitzherbert* II. ix. 239 Collegians glorying in a 'pass' (which the Oxford world called a 'shave'). 1840 J. T. J. HEWLETT *P. Priggins* xvi, Getting through his great-go by a shave. 1860 (see SHAVE *v.* 10 c).

Shave (ʃēiv), *v.* Forms : *Inf.* 1 **scaeban, sceafan, scafan, scæfan,** (3 *3rd pres.* **scaft, scæft**), 4–5 **schaf(e, schave,** 4 *Sc.* **shawe,** 5 **schavin, schaffe,** *Sc.* **schaiff,** 5–6 **scheve,** 6 **shawe,** 7 **schaive,** 4– **shave.** *Pa. t.* 1 **scóf,** 4–5 **schove, s(c)hoof(e,** (4 **shoove,** *Sc.* **schufe**), 5 **shufe, schof(e, (schave, shoef),** 5–6 **shove,** (6 *Sc.* **schuif**) ; *weak forms* 4 **schaved(e, schavyde,** 6– **shaved.** *Pa. pple.* 1 **sceafen, scafen,** 4–5 **schaven, -yn, shavyn, schave, shave,** (4 **schavun,** 5 **shavon,** 5–6 **schavin,** 6 *Sc.* **schaven, schaiffyn,** 7 *Sc.* **schevin,** 8 *Sc.* **schawin,** 3– **shaven** ; also 3 **ischaven,** 3–4 **i-schave,** 4 **y-shave** ; *weak forms* 4– **shaved,** (6 *Sc.* **schavit**). [A Com. Tent. verb (originally strong) : OE. *sceafan* str. corresponds to OS. (**scaban*) *scavan* (glossing *planare, scalpere*), LG., Du. *schaven*, OHG. *scaban, scapan* (MHG. *schabun, schuop, geschaben*, mod.G. *schaben* wk.), ON. *skafa, skóf, skafenn* (Sw. *skafva*, Da. *skave*), Goth. *skaban*, f. Teut. root **skab-*.

It is doubtful whether the pre-Teut. form is **skabh-* (= root of L. *scabĕre* to scratch, *scabiēs* itch) or **skap-* (= root of Gr. σκάπτειν to dig, σκαπάνη spade).]

1. *trans.* To scrape, to scrape away the surface of, to cut down or pare away with a sharp tool, thereby removing very thin portions of the surface. Also with *off.* † *To shave on* : to put on by shaving or grating.

c 725 *Corpus Gloss.* (Hessels) P 539 *Poleo*, scaebe. *a* 900 tr. *Bæda's Hist.* I. i. (1890) 30 Man scof þara boca leaf þe of Hibernia coman, & þa sceaf þan dyde on wæter. *c* 1205 LAY. 22293 Sum scæft horn, sum scaft han. 13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* B. 1134 Polysed als playn as parchemen schauen. *c* 1366 *Rom. Rose* 941 But they [arrows] were shaven wel and dight. *a* 1425 tr. *Arderne's Treat. Fistula*, etc. 84 Euery day I schoue þe bare bone with instrument preparate þer-to. *a* 1450 MYRC 1822 And schaf hyt after, þat ys be-bled, And do þe schauynge for to brenne. 1542–3 *Act* 34 & 35 *Hen. VIII*, c. 6 Pinnes..shalbe..wel smethed, the shanke wel shauen. 1584 LYLY *Campaspe* Prol. at Crt., The Persian kings sometimes shaued stickes. *a* 1655 SIR T. MAVERNE *Archimag. Anglo-Gall.* No. 16 (1658) 8 When they are baked, shave on a little sugar. 1688 HOLME *Armoury* III. xx. (Roxb.) 235/2 The Scalpra or Scraping Toole ; it is to scrape or shave bones with all. 1784 COWPER *Task* II. 585 A monitor is wood—plank shaven thin. We wear it at our backs. 1856 OLMSTED *Slave States* vi. 395 In the woods I saw a negro..shaving shingles. 1885 *St. James's Gaz.* 2 Jan. 6/2 The shaver, with a few long sweeps of this implement, quickly shaves down his raw material into supple hoops.

b. To scrape or pare (a skin, hide, etc.). *spec.* in *Currying*, To pare away the inequalities of and thin down (leather).

1467 in *Eng. Gilds* (1870) 396 Also, that no Sadeler, Bocher, Baker, ne Glover..shave flesh, skynnes, or huydes, but above the Brugge. 1530 PALSGR. 717/1, I shave, as a tanner dothe his leather, *je planie.* Nowe that his hydes be tanned, se howe easely he shaveth them. 1839 URE *Dict. Arts* 378 The currier..next applies the cleaners..to remove or thin down all inequalities. After the leather is shaved, it is thrown once more into water. *Ibid.* 379 Hides intended for covering coaches are shaved nearly as thin as shoe hides.

c. *Hat-manuf.* To smooth with pounce, sandpaper, etc. (cf. POUNCE *v.*3 1).

1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech., Pouncing Machine*, a machine for shaving or rubbing the surface of a hat or hat-body to rid it of shaggy fibres. 1902 [see LURING *vbl. sb.*1].

2. To remove by scraping or paring ; to cut off in thin slices or shavings ; also *to shave off.*

1382 WYCLIF *Ezek.* xxvi. 4 And I shal shaue [Vulg. *radam*] the dust of it [*sc.* Tyre] from it. 1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) VIII. 129 Gold i-schaue of seyntes schrynes. 1398 — *Barth. De P. R.* XIX. xvii. (1495) 874 Yf a man purposyth to shaue other to wasshe the colour Minius out of the perchemyn. 1635–8 *Archdeaconry of Essex* (MS.) Minutes 243 b, The officers found him..in a barne where he is vehemently sus-

pected to be shaving of barke. 1639 O. Wood *Alph. Bk. Secrets* 46 Take Iuniper thinne shaved, and the Berries bruised. 1680 Moxon *Mech. Exerc.* xiii. 221 Its sharp Edge scrapes or shaves off the little roughness the grosser Tools left upon the Work.

3. To cut off (hair, esp. the beard) close to the skin with or as with a razor. Also with *away, off*.

c 1320 *R. Brunne's Medit.* 966 Whan Iewes had dampned hym deþ for to haue, Shamely berde and hede gun þey shaue. 1382 Wyclif *Lev.* xiv. 8 He shal shaue alle the heeres of the bodi. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Shipm. T.* 309 With crowne and berde all fressh and newe y-shaue. 1430–40 Lydg. *Bochas* I. i. (1544) 3 Goddes angell shoue away his berde. 1474 Caxton *Chesse* III. iii. (1883) 93 And the other ought to shaue berdes and kembe the heeris. 1530 Palsgr. 701/2 He hath shavyn away all the heare on his heed. 1535 Coverdale 2 *Sam.* x. 4 Then toke Hanun the seruauntes of Dauid, and shoue of the one halue of their beerdes. 1584 B. R. tr. *Herodotus* II. 88 In what house soeuer there dies a cat, all of the same family shaue their eyebrowes. 1606 Shaks. *Ant. & Cl.* II. ii. 8 Were I the wearer of Anthonio's Beard, I would not shaue't to day. 1781 Gibbon *Decl. & F.* xix. (1787) II. 140 The ceremony of shaving his beard,.. when he first exchanged the cloak of a Greek philosopher for the military habit of a Roman prince. 1843 R. J. Graves *Syst. Clin. Med.* vii. 86, I immediately order the hair to be shaved off. 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* xxxii, Take my counsel, and shave off them mustachios, or they'll bring you into mischief. *Ibid.* xxxiv, Mr. Bowls's young man..brought him his hot water to shave that beard which he was so anxiously expecting. 1901 Alldridge *Sherbro* xx. 197, I observed other women with the wool shaved off just above the forehead.

† **b.** fig. *To shave* (a person's) *beard*, to bring to discomfiture. *Obs.*

c 1412 Hoccleve *De Reg. Princ.* 4340 Hir berdes shaued he right smothe & clene. 1418 *Man, beware!* 53 in *26 Pol. Poems* 62 Er drede and repref þy berde shaue.

4. To cut off the beard, whiskers, or moustache from (a person, his chin, upper lip, etc.) with a razor.

c 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 2120 Ioseph was sone in prisun ðo hoȝt, And shauen, & clad, & to him broȝt. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Merch. T.* 582 He kisseth hire..With thilke brustles of his berd vnsoñe..ffor he was shaue al newe. *c* 1440 *Alphabet of Tales* 305 Ther was..a passand curios barbur, and for euer-ilk man þat he shufe he tuke a peny. 1522 in *10th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. v. 400 No man shalbe made fre unlesse he..shave his upper lipe wicklye. 1611 Bible *Gen.* xli. 14 And he shaued himselfe, and changed his raiment. 1618 J. Taylor (Water-P.) *Pennyless Pilgr.* C 1 b, This Gentleman..sent to me his Barber, Who lau'd, and shau'd me. 1650 Bulwer *Anthropomet.* 125 Shaving the Chin is justly to be accounted a note of effeminacie. *a* 1722 Fountainhall *Decis.* (1759) I. 10 As in barbers shops he who is first wet is first shaven. 1748 Smollett *Rod. Rand.* viii, Stepping into a barber's shop to be shaved. 1838 J. H. Merivale *Poems* I. 93 Who, were the razor ne'er so bright and keen, Would never think it shaved him clean. 1863 Geo. Eliot *Romola* I. xvi, To be shaved was a fashion of Florentine respectability. 1872 J. Yeats *Techn. Hist. Comm.* 72 The practise of shaving the chin was commenced in the days of Alexander the Great.

b. *transf.* and *fig.*

1589 Nashe *Pasquil's Ret.* Wks. (Grosart) I. 128 And Sprignols man told me (as he trimd me the other day) that there is a new Barber in London, about to shaue the Bible. 1799 Holcroft *Mem.* (1816) III. 229 A stiff breeze..described by a sailor, who swore that it shaved him. 1855 Browning *Old Pict. in Flor.* v, The church's face set full for the sun to shave. 1880 *Encycl. Brit.* XI. 519/1 [Beaver hat making.] The coarse hairs or kemps which may be in the fur are cut off by shaving the surface with a razor.

5. To remove the hair from (the head, crown, etc.) with a razor. Also (now *rarely*) with the person as object (= to shave the head of).

Shaving the head is often jocularly referred to as a remedial operation for maniacal excitement.

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 422 (MS. C) [ȝe schulen beon] ȝef ȝe wulleð i-schauen, hwaso wule ieveset. *a* 1340 Hampole *Psalter, Song Moses* 522 þe whilk [prisoners] was wont to be shauyn þe heuyd, & so solde. *c* 1370 *Robt. Cicyle* 53 Thou art a fole, seyde the aungelle, Thou schalt be schavyn ovyr ylke a dele. 1490 Caxton *Eneydos* xxiv. (1890) 88 And thenne came out the olde witche of charmouse magyque,..alle her hed shauen. 1596 Nashe *Saffron Walden* Ep. Ded. A 3, There is a..Doctor of late very pittifully growen bald, and therupon is to be shauen immediately, to trie if that will helpe him. 1600 J. Hamilton *Facile Traict.* in *Cath. Tract.* (S. T. S.) 235 Wemen with barne..to be set vp in ane opin place with the half of thair haid schevin. 1603 Shaks. *Meas. for M.* IV. ii. 187. 1685 Baxter *Paraphr. N. T.* Acts xxi. 22 They [Nazarites] are to shave themselves ceremoniously in the Temple. 1770 Langhorne *Plutarch* I. 5 (*Theseus*) He shaved, however, only the fore part of his head. 1819 Shelley *Peter Bell* VI. iv, Another [said]—'Let him shave his head! Where's Dr. Willis?' 1886 F. W. Robinson *Courting Mary Smith* II. II. xviii. 72, I believe I am nearly off, and they'll be glad to shave my head in a day or two. 1906 W. H. R. Rivers *Todas* xxviii. 663 The Melgarsol again resemble the Teivaliol in not shaving the head after a funeral.

b. *esp.* To tonsure as a cleric. †Frequently with complement, *to shave* (a person) *a monk, canon, priest, friar*; also, to make (a 'crown') by shaving.

a 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 121 He..Clede him all as a clerke & his croune shauys. *c* 1400 *The Brut* lxvii. 63 This traitoure ..put oppon him an habite of religioun and lete shaue him a brode crone. 1430–40 Lydg. *Bochas* VIII. xix. (1554) 189 b, Constance..forthwith anon Was shaue a Monke. 1481 Caxton *Reynard* viii. (Arb.) 18 Were ye amonke or an abbot he that shoef your crowne hath nyped of your eeris. 1536 Bellenden *Cron. Scot.* (1821) II. 200 He past to the abbay of Sanct Andros, and schuif him thair ane chanoun. 1616 R. Cocks *Diary* (Hakl. Soc.) I. 164 Calsa Same was.. to goe to a church neare Miaco..to be shaved a prist. *a* 1691 D. North in R. North *Lives* (1826) II. 312 Who will, may shave himself a friar. 1855 Milman *Lat. Chr.* (1864) II. IV. viii. 395 Irene..seized, scourged and shaved into ecclesiastics the chief of her son's adherents.

† **c.** *To shave* (a person's) *crown*: to cut off or gash the head (with jocular reference to clerical tonsure). *Obs.*

13.. *Coer de L.* 4568 Every Sarezen that they mette..by the schuldren they schoof the crown. 13.. *Guy Warw.* 3651 Þou hast a croun schauen to þe bon. 14.. *Beues* 1870 (MS. N), I schane [*MS. S* schofe] him a kroune of red blode. 1593 Shaks. *2 Hen. VI*, II. i. 51 *Glost.*..Now by Gods Mother, Priest, Ile shaue your Crowne for this.

d. *Proverb.*

1626 T. H[awkins] tr. *Caussin's Holy Crt.* I. ix. 77 For if Enuy (according to the prouerbe) will offer to shaue an eg, she will mow in a meadow. [orig. *Car si l'enuie tond sur vn œuf, que ne fera elle sur vn pré.*] 179. Wolcot (P. Pindar) *Odes to Kien Long* II. Wks. 1792 III. 299 Curst with an av'rice, some would shave an egg.

6. a. *absol.* Of a barber.

c 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xxxvi. (*Baptista*) 1020 His barboure tald hym til, gyf he wald haf don þer wil, he had schorne his hals in twa, to schaf þat quhen he suld ga. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Miller's T.* 140 Wel konde he laten blood and clippe and shaue. 1474 Caxton *Chesse* III. ii. (1883) 90 He made hys doughters to lerne shaue and kembe. 1689 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 2483/4 He shaves and makes Periwigs. 1718 *Free-thinker* No. 95. 283 A poor Barber who shaves for Two-pence.

b. *intr.* for *refl.* To shave oneself.

a 1715 Burnet *Own Time* (1766) II. 219 He was quickly dressed, but would lose no time in shaving. 1827 Scott *Surg. Dau.* ii, I have seen the Doctor with a lanser heard himsell, when he has not had leisure to shave. 1844 Dickens *Mart. Chuz.* xxvi, Even archbishops shave, or must be shaved, on a Sunday.

7. *trans.* To strip (a person) clean of money or possessions (? *obs.*); †to treat stingily (*obs.*); to practise exaction or extortion upon; to fleece. Also *absol.* Now *colloq.* or *slang.*

† More emphatically *to shave to the quick* (see also Quick *sb.*1 4 b, quot. 1551).

c 1399 Chaucer *Purse* 19 Now purse..Oute of this tovne helpe me..Syn that ye wole nat bene my tresorere, for I am shave as nye as is a Frere. 1540 Palsgr. *Acolastus* II. iv. M iv, He shall be pollyd and shauen by vs, tyll he shal not haue a halfepennye lefte. *a* 1548 Hall *Chron., Hen. VIII*, 143 The religious..were charged with greate sommes of money to the kyng, and now this sodain visitacion or predacion, cleane shaued them. 1606 Dekker *Seven Deadly Sins* vi. (Arb.) 40 Then haue you Brokers yat shaue poore men by most iewish interest. *a* 1610 Healey *Theophrastus* (1636) 48 Hee measureth miserably to his servants; shaving, and pinching them to a grain. 1768 Goldsm. *Good-n. Man* IV, We should never travel without—a case of good razors..But no matter, I believe we shall be pretty well shaved by the way. 1830 D. Booth *Analyt. Dict.* 220 To Shave, in low language, is to strip a person of his property by unfair means. 1861 Mrs. H. Wood *East Lynne* xlix, I bought this rig-out yesterday, second-hand. Two pounds for the lot! I think they shaved me. 1864 *Hotten's Slang Dict.* (1865) s. v., 'To shave a customer', to charge him more for an article than the marked price. Used in the drapery trade. When the master sees an opportunity of doing this, he strokes his chin, as a signal to his assistant.

b. *absol.*

1528 Tindale *Obed. Chr. Man* 75 b, This..shavinge..of the heare..is to them a remembraunce to shere and shave, to hepe benefice apon benfice [etc.]. 1641 Milton *Ch. Govt.* II. iii. 50 Thus then the civill Magistrat looking only upon the outward man..Sometimes he shaves by penalty, or mulct..Otherwiles he seres,..and finally..cuts off. *a* 1700 B. E. *Dict. Cant. Crew, He shaves close*, he gripes, squeezes, or extorts very severely. 1816 Scott *Let.* in *Lockhart* (1837) IV. i. 7 Economy is the order of the day, and I assure you they are shaving properly close.

† **8.** To steal. *slang. Obs.*

1585 Fleetwood in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. I. II. 303 *Shave* is to ffylche a clooke, a sword, a sylver sponne or such like, that is negligentlie looked unto. 1719 D'Urfey *Pills* III. 105 The Maidens had shav'd his Breeches.

9. To cut off cleanly or closely. Also with *off*. † *To shave out one's way*: to get out by cutting down obstacles.

1598 Sylvester *Du Bartas* I. i. 584 He..Shaves with keen Sythe, the glory and delight Of motly Medowes. 1614 Gorges *Lucan* x. 447 She..from his corps his head did shaue. 1665 *Roxb. Ball.* (1887) VI. 437 Brave Smith in the *Mary* did shave out his way As Reapers do Wheat, or as Mowers do Hay. 1748 *Anson's Voy.* II. vi. 193 The peak [of his cap] was shaved off close to his temple by a ball. 1836 Haliburton *Clockm.* Ser. I. xxii, They are afeard to show their noses..lest they should be shaved off by our shots. 1897 Mary Kingsley *W. Africa* 164 The Fans, who are very slowly shaving the trees from the top of the hill.

b. To cut off closely the growth of (ground, a lawn, etc.); also *transf.* of artillery fire.

1764 Doosley *Descr. Leasowes* in *Shenstone's Wks.* (1793) I. 48 Ground..that before is kept close shaven. 1788 in *Ld. Auckland's Corr.* (1861) II. 98 Our lawn is shaved so close by the goats. 1820 Shelley *Witch of Atlas* xlviii. Like a meadow which no scythe has shaven. 1892 Bierce *In Midst of Life* 56 An artillery fire that will shave the ground the moment they break from cover.

10. To touch lightly in passing, to graze; hence, barely to escape touching.

1513 Douglas *Æneis* VIII. i. 137, I am God Tibris.. Quhilk..Bettis thir brayis, schawand the bankis doun [L. *stringentem ripas*]. 1667 Milton *P. L.* II. 634 Som times He [Satan] scours the right hand coast,..Now shaves with level wing the Deep, then soares Up to the fiery concave. 1777 [T. Swift] *Gamblers* I. 213 There [at Tennis] Tomkyns shaves the Line; or flying sends The whizzing Globe. 1885 *Field* 7 Feb. 168/1 An attempt of Evelyn's which just shaved the bar. 1888 Barrie *When a Man's Single* xi. 181 Three hansoms shaved him by an inch. 1890 'Rolf Boldrewood' *Col. Reformer* (1891) 128 As we turned one corner we hung nearly over the cliff, just shaved it.

b. intr. *To shave through*: to get through only by grazing (that which has to be passed); *fig.* to scrape *through*, barely pass (an examination).

1860 *Hotten's Slang Dict.* (ed. 2) s. v., At Cambridge, 'just shaving through', or 'making a shave', is just escaping a 'pluck' by coming out at the bottom of the list. 1882 Freeman in W. R. W. Stephens *Life & Lett.* (1895) II. 256 Another who had barely shaved through his matriculation. 1887 *Poor Nellie* (1888) 45 It would be too late for the straits. You can only shave through at half-tide.

11. trans. *U.S. slang.* To discount (a promissory note) at an exorbitant rate of interest; also *to shave paper*. (Cf. Shaver 2 b.)

1832 Webster s. v., *To shave a note*, to purchase it at a great discount, a discount much beyond the legal rate of interest. (*A low phrase.*) 1833 [S. Smith] *Lett. J. Downing* xv. (1835) 92 He says..he is makin a good livin in shavin drafts from ¼ to 1½ per cent., which the U. S. Bank used to take and collect for nothin. 1834 'J. Downing' *Andrew Jackson* 29 The Pontius Pilates who shave notes and receive niggurs in pawn. 1890 Gildersleeve *Ess. & Stud.* 225 He could not have made both ends meet by 'shaving paper' at thirty-six per cent.

Shaved (ʃēvd), *ppl. a.* [f. Shave *v.* + -ed1.] In the senses of the verb. Cf. Shaven *ppl. a.*

1. a. Cut off in very thin slices or shavings. Also, trimmed or polished by shaving.

1688 Clayton in *Phil. Trans.* XVIII. 134 She gave him *Oriental Bezoar* shaved. 1747 Wesley *Prim. Physick* (1762) 96 Half a Pound of fresh shaved Lignum Guiacum. 1855 *Imperial Gazetteer* I. 261/2 He wears..ornaments of shaved sticks in his hair.

b. Having the hair, beard, etc. cut closely with a razor. Of the head: Tonsured.

1786 *Pogonologia* 34 A shaved chin was always a sign of slavery, infamy, or debauchery. 1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* II. IV. ii, Jurant and Dissident, with their shaved crowns, argue frothing everywhere. 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* lxvi, Gentlemen in shaved heads and yellow jackets. 1888 F. Hume *Mme. Midas* I. ii, A clean shaved chin.

c. Of a beaver hat: Having the fur cut close.

1852 R. S. Surtees *Sponge's Sp. Tour* (1893) 214 Crowning himself with a shaved white hat. 1861 Whyte Melville *Mkt. Harb.* ii. 15 The way in which he wore his shaved hat and stuck his hands into the pockets of his wide-skirted grey riding-coat.

d. *Leather-trade.* Of a hide: Pared with a shaving-knife.

1892 *Daily News* 23 Mar. 2/6 The stocks of some articles are short, especially of..shaved hides

2. U.S. slang. *Half shaved*, partly intoxicated.

1834 *Atlantic Club-book* I. 138 (Farmer) When I met him, he was about—yes—just about half shaved. 1836 Haliburton *Clockm.* Ser. I. xxii, When he was about half shaved he thought every body drunk but himself.

Shavee (ʃēvī·). *jocular.* [f. Shave *v.* + -ee.] One who undergoes shaving by a barber.

1826 Miss Mitford *Village* II. 187 His chin covered with lather, he having been the identical customer—the very shavee, whose beard happened to be under discussion. 1838 Southey *Doctor* cliii. V. 204 Whether he were..a self-shaver..or merely a shavee.

Shavegrass (ʃēˑvgrɑs). Also 5 schave-, 6 schavi-, 7 sheav-. [f. Shave *v.* + Grass *sb.* Cf. Shave-rush, Shavewort.] A plant of the genus *Equisetum* (see Horse-tail 2); esp. *E. hyemale.*

c 1450 *Alphita* (Anecd. Oxon.) 37 *Cauda equina, cauda caballina idem est, angl.* schanegres. 1548 Turner *Names of Herbes* (1881) 64 Polygonum femina is called in Englishe thycke Shanegrasse, or short Shane grasse. 1597 Gerarde *Herbal* II. ccccxlii. 956 This small or naked Shaue grasse, wherewith Fletchers and Combemakers doe..polish their worke, riseth out of the ground like..Asparagus. 1693 *Urquhart's Rabelais* III. li. 408 It is more..hurtful than.. the Sheavgrass to the Mowers of Hay. 1773 *Hawkesworth's Acc. Voy.* III. 644 [It] bites upon wood almost as keenly as the shave-grass of Europe. 1839 Ure *Dict. Arts* 613 Rubbing with horse's tail (shave-grass) the parts to be yellowed. *Ibid.*, Rubbing the whole work with shave-grass, to remove any granular appearance. 1857 Miss Pratt *Flower. Pl.* IV. 386 Rough Horsetail, Shave-grass, Dutch Rush.

Shave-hook. [f. Shave *v.* + Hook *sb.*] A plumbers' tool consisting of a blade, commonly triangular, set transversely in a handle, used for scraping metal preparatory to soldering.

1432 *Muniments Magd. Coll. Oxf.* (1882) 11 Item, j ledknyff;..j shaff-hoke. 1485 *Naval Acc. Hen. VII* (1896) 40 Shaffe hokes xviij. 1486 *Ibid.* 46 Shave hokes. xviij. 1688 Holme *Armoury* III. 307/1 He beareth Sable, a Cross Staff in Fess, between a Plummers shave Hook, and a Leaden Plummet, proper. 1843 Holtzapffel *Turning* I. 445 The parts intended to receive the solder are scraped quite clean with the shave-hook.

Shaveling (ʃēˑvliŋ), *sb.* (and *a.*). Forms: see Shave *v.*; also *Sc.* 6 scheavelyng, schavel-(l)ing, schevel-, schaifl-, schewell-, sc(h)awe-, 7 shaweling, shawling. [f. Shave *v.* + -ling1.]

A. *sb.* **1.** A contemptuous epithet for a tonsured ecclesiastic. (Very common in 16th and 17th c.)

1529 Faith *Antithesis* 96 The Pope sayeth..I excommunicate all them that aske eny toll or trybute of me and my shavelinges. *a* 1578 Lindesay (Pitscottie) *Chron. Scot.* (S.T.S.) I. 385 Monkis and freiris with all the rest of scawelingis. 1647 Trapp *Comm.* 1 Tim. v. 1 Ierk him not as ..the Bishops and their shavelings did Henry the 2. of England, till the blond followed. 1824 Byron *Deformed Transf.* II. iii, Cleave yon bald-pated shaveling to the chine! 1884 Tennyson *Becket* I. iii, And that too, perjured prelate—and that, turncoat shaveling! 1911 *Contemp. Rev.* Apr. 492 Counting up the number of shavelings still in France.

b. *gen.* A person with shaven head. *rare.*
1621 Br. Mountagu *Diatribæ* iii. 532 Lycurgus would haue the Spartans weare their hair long..: for slaues were shauelings for the most part.

2. A youth, young 'shaver'. *rare.*
1854 Whyte Melville *Gen. Bounce* xiv, The very youngest of the shavelings who aspire to dandyism. 1894 Wevman *Man in Black* viii, 'He is a runaway!' the voice said. ..'Rouse up the little shaveling, will you?'

B. *adj.* 1. Of, pertaining to, or characteristic of a tonsured ecclesiastic.
1577 *Test. 12 Patriarchs* (1581) 24 *margin*, The shauelyng generation. 1581 J. Bell *Haddon's Answ. Osor.* 281 Wheresoever that shavelyng marke of the Romish Prelate is emprinted. 1865 Kingslev *Herew.* iv, But they were only honest canons with wives at home, and not shaveling monks.

2. Shaven, having the hair cut off.
1607 Topsell *Four-f. Beasts* 283 Those shaueling and short haired Stallions.

Shaven (ʃē·vn), *ppl. a.* Forms: see the verb. [Strong pa. pple. of Shave *v.*]

1. = Shaved *ppl. a.* 1 b. Chiefly of the head, crown, or of a person; often = tonsured.
c 1330 R. Brunne *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 16704 Peres of Langtofte, a chanoun Schauen y þe hous of Brydlyngtoun. *c* 1400 *Apol. Loll.* (Camden) 89 Wil þu hast habit and schauin croun. *a* 1500–20 Dunbar *Poems* xxvi. 28 Quhill preistis come in with hair schevin nekkis. 1528 Tindale *Obed. Chr. Man* 60 *margin*, The shaven nacion hath put christ out of his rowme. 1613 Purchas *Pilgrimage* (1614) 397 His wines in blacke, with shauen heads, continually mourne. 1647 Trapp *Comm. 1 Cor.* i. (1656) 662 Hence it grew to a proverb in times of Popery, That hell was paved with Priests shaven crowns. *a* 1774 R. Fergusson *Poems* (1807) 240 Wi' powder'd pow and shaven beard. 1781 Cowper *Charity* 55 Their prince..Died, by the sentence of a shaven priest. 1888 Kipling *Departm. Ditties* (ed. 3) 24 And red and ever redder grew the General's shaven gill. 1909 J. McCabe *Decay Ch. Rome* i. 2 Processions of shaven monks.
absol. 1528 Tindale *Obed. Chr. Man* 79 *margin*, The spirte perteyneth vnto the shaven only.

b. *Comb.*
1591 *Troub. Raigne K. John* xi, Yee shamelesse shauen-crowne! 1837 Dickens *Pickw.* xxix, Which had been called Coffin Lane ever since the days of the old abbey, and the time of the shaven-headed monks. 1897 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* III. 960 The intestine presents the well-known shaven-beard appearance. 1898 *Syd. Soc. Lex.*, *Shaven-beard appearance*, a peculiar appearance of the enlarged intestinal glands in typhoid fever.

2. Of turf, grass: Closely cut.
1632 Milton *Penseroso* 66, I walk unseen On the dry smooth-shaven Green. 1716 Lady M. W. Montagu *Ep. to Ld. B—t* 15 in Dodsley *Poems* (1748) I. 115 The shaven turf presents a lively green. 1853 Whyte Melville *Digby Grand* xix, Three short turns on the general's shaven lawn. 1886 Corbett *Fall Asgard* I. 144 The silvery Gula winding peacefully between the shaven meadows.

3. Trimmed or polished by shaving.
1660, 1812 Shaven latten [see Latten 1 b]. 1788 Cowper *Death Mrs. Throckm. Bulfinch* 23 On props of smoothest-shaven wood. 1793 — *Tale*, '*In Scotland's realm*', 'Twas shaven deal. 1802 Wordsw. *Resolution & Indep.* xi. 72 Himself he propped..Upon a long grey staff of shaven wood.

Shaver (ʃē·vəɹ). [f. Shave *v.* + -er 1.]

1. One who shaves with a razor.
c 1425 *Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 652/9 *Hic rasor*, shawere. 1483 *Cath. Angl.* 333/2 A Schaver, *tonsor, barbitonsor* (vbi Barbwre A.). 1592 [implied: see 3 below]. 1628 Ford *Lovers Mel.* II. ii, Shall I fetch a Barbour..? He..has not been vnder the Shauers hand almost these foure yeeres. 1777 Johnson in *Boswell* (1904) II. 125 Sir, of a thousand shavers, two do not shave so much alike as not to be distinguished. 1844 Dickens *Mart. Chuz.* xix, The bird-fancier was an easy shaver also, and a fashionable hair-dresser also. 1906 B. Capes *Loaves & Fishes* 165 And any shaver [will tell you], that his razor, after maltreating..one side of his face, will repent.
fig. 1641 Milton *Ch. Govt.* II. Concl. 64 If they [the Prelatry, likened to Delilah] be such clippers of regal power and shavers of the Laws.

2. † a. One who pillages or plunders; an extortioner. *Cunning shaver*: a swindler, sharper.
1534 Whitinton *Tullyes Offices* III. (1540) 144, I wyll not speke of murderers,..theues, pollers and shauers in this place. 1606 Dekker *Seven Deadly Sins* vi. (Arb.) 39 A shauer of yong Gentlemen, before euer a haire peepe out of their chinnes: and these are Vsurers. 1652 J. Wright tr. *Camus' Nat. Paradox* VI. 111 This bred a suspition..that they were some cunning Shavers that intended to surprise them. *a* 1700 B. E. *Dict. Cant. Crew*, *Shaver*, a *Cunning Shaver*, a subtil, smart Fellow. 1726 De Foe *Hist. Devil* (1822) 272 The Devil is a cunning shaver. 1785 Grose *Dict. Vulgar T.*, *Shaver*, a cunning shaver, a subtle fellow, one who trims close, an acute cheat. 1800 Weems *Washington* i. (1877) 6 A shaver of farthings from the poor six-penny pay of his own brave soldiers! 1815 W. H. Ireland *Scribbleomania* 242 Those scribes for collectors close shavers. 1823 'Jon Bee' *Dict. Turf.* s. v., 'He's a shaver'; said of one who charges high for his goods.

b. *U.S.* (See quot. 1860.)
1813 Jefferson *Writ.* (1830) IV. 199 This..the States have..alienated to swindlers and shavers, under the cover of private banks. 1819 H. McMurtrie *Sk. Louisville* 124 (Thornton *Amer. Gloss.*), [The operation of discounting] affords fine sport to shavers. 1849 Hawthorne *Twice-told T.*, *Mr. Higginbotham* 71 As he's a real shaver, I'll have the minister..for an indorser. 1860 Bartlett *Dict. Amer.*, *Shaver*..This word, in the United States, is applied to money brokers, who purchase notes at more than legal interest. Banks, when they resort to any means to obtain a large discount, are also called shavers, or shaving banks.

3. = 'Fellow', 'chap'; also, a humorous fellow, joker. wag. Now commonly of a youth, with the epithet *young, little*; the wider application seems to be now only *dial.*
1592 Marlowe *Jew of Malta* II. iii. E, *Itha*...I can cut and shaue. *Bar.* Let me see, sirra, are you not an old shauer? *Ith.* Alas, Sir, I am a very youth. 1602 *2nd Pt. Return fr. Parnass.* I. ii. 264 Locke and Hudson, sleepe you quiet shauers, among the shauings of the presse. 1602 Rowlands *Greenes Ghost* 39 Such iollie shauers..haue I knowne..to sit vp all night,..quaffing and swilling at the Tauerne. 1635 Cranley *Amanda* 37 Thou art..not coy..To try the courage of so young a shaver. 1649 Davenant *Love & Hon.* v. iii. 144 Say'st thou so, old shaver? 1698 Farquhar *Love & Bottle* III. i, Who would imagine now, that this young shaver could dream of a woman so soon. 1786 Burns *Dream* xi, There, Him at Agincourt wha shone, Few better were or braver; And yet, wi' funny, queer Sir John, He was an unco shaver For monie a day. 1854 Marion Harland *Alone* ix, I have known him since I was a shaver. 1887 Besant *The World Went* II. Forty-five years ago I was just such a little shaver as this. 1899 J. Lumsden *Edinb. Poems* 25 Grahame, Campbell, Pollok, Burns, and Tannahill Are worth ten shiploads o' sich shavers still!
transf. 1892 Sarah Hewett *Peas. Sp. Devon* Pref. 9 A North Devon Colonel of Militia, on seeing a hare jump up.., exclaimed: 'There 'e go'th, bwoys! a lashing gert shaver!'

† b. *Mad shaver*: a roysterer. *Obs.*
1611 Cotgr. s. v. *Enfant*, *Enfant de la mate*, a ruffin, backster, swash-buckler, swaggerer, mad shauer. *a* 1625 Fletcher *Hum. Lieut.* II. iv, *Leo* [old soldier]. Here's a mad Shaver, He fights his share I am sure...*Lieu.* I learnt it of my Betters. 1651 *Fuller's Abel Rediv.* 63 Erasmus going abroad somewhat early one morning, was met in a narrow lane by a company of madde shavers. 1664 Cotton *Virg. Trav.* 62 My mother's a mad Shaver, no man alive knows where to have her.

4. One who shaves hoops; more fully *hoop shaver.*
1885 *St. James's Gaz.* 2 Jan. 6/1 The chief shaver whistles as he brings his blade down a strip of hazel with a hiss.

† 5. A shaving instrument or tool. *Obs.*
1558 Warde tr. *Alexis' Secr.* 114 b, Fynally, with the saied shaver, or sharp yron, make the sayed pypes or conduites holowe. 1592 *Wills & Inv. N. C.* (Surtees) II. 252, ij cheshels and a shaver. 1597 Middleton *Wisd. Solomon* xiii. 12 As when a carpenter cuts downe a tree,..He pareth all the barke most cunningly, With the sharp shauer of his knives abuse. 1648 Hexham II., *Een Schae, ken*, a small Shaver, or a chiping Axe. *Ibid.*, *Een schrabber*, a Rasour, or a Shaver.

b. A shaviog machine.
1897 C. T. Davis *Manuf. Leather* xvii. 255 With this improved cutter cylinder the Rood shaver is able to shave the best quality skins.

Shaver, obs. form of Shiver *v.*

Shave-rush. *U.S. rare.* [f. Shave *v.* + Rush *sb.* Cf. G. *schaberausch.*] = Shave-grass.
1821 T. Nuttall *Trav. Arkansas* 53 *Equisetum hiemale* or Shave-rush.

Shavery (ʃē·vəri). *nonce-wd.* [Jocularly formed on Shave *v.* + *-ery*, after *slavery.*] Subjection to the necessity of being shaved (*lit.* and *fig.*).
Quot. 1549 refers to the avaricious oppression of tenants.
1549 Latimer *1st Serm. bef. Edw. VI*, D iiij b, All sneche procedynges..do intend plainly, to make the yomanry slauery, & the Cleargye shauery. 1838 Southey *Doctor* cliii, Oh pitiable condition of human kind! One colour is born to slavery abroad, and one sex to shavery at home!

Shaves, obs. pl. form of Sheaf.

† **Sha·vester.** *nonce-wd.* [f. Shave *v.* + -ster.] A barber.
1620 Shelton *Quixote* II. i. 7 Well; is this the Tale, Mr. Barber (quoth Don Quixote)..? Ah, goodman Shauester, goodman Shauester [orig. *A Señor rapista, Señor rapista!*]

† **Shave-weed.** *Obs. rare*−1. [f. Shave *v.* + Weed *sb.*] = Shave-grass, Shave-rush.
1691 Aubrey *Let.* 5 Aug. in Ray *Corr.* (Ray Soc.) 237 Shave-weed used by artists (which they have from Holland).

† **Sha·vewort.** *Obs. rare.* [f. Shave *v.* + Wort *sb.*] = Shave-grass.
c 1450 *Alphita* (Anecd. Oxon.) 82 *Hircina*,..*cauda equina* ..schafwort.

Shavie (ʃē·vi). *Sc.* [f. Shave *sb.*2] A trick.
1767 W. Meston *Poems* 129 And so to fortune I must leave ye, I wish she play not you a shavie. 1785 Burns *Jolly Beggars*, But hurchin Cupid shot a shaft That play'd a dame a shavie. 1785 — *2nd Ep. to Davie*, The warl' may play you mony a shavie; But for the Muse, she'll never leave ye. 1884 D. Grant *Lays & Leg. North* 97 It played her sic a shavie, Knocked o'er a sauce-pot in her lap.

Shaving (ʃē·viŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. Shave *v.* + -ing 1.]

1. The action of scraping or cutting off a thin slice from a surface; an abrasion.
1390 *Earl Derby's Exped.* (Camden) 22 Pro hedynge iiij doliorum pro floure imponendo, et pro hopes et schauyng dictorum doliorum. *a* 1425 tr. *Arderne's Treat. Fistula*, etc. 84 þe schauyng of þe bone profited noþing. 1595 Duncan *App. Etym.* (E. D. S.), *Intertrigo*, galling, or shauing. 1688 Holme *Armoury* III. 87/1 In the Curriers Art. Shaveing, is the taking down of the thickness of the Leather.

2. The action of removing the hair from the head or face with a razor; an instance of this.
1388. *Antecrist* in Todd *Three Treat. Wyclif* (1851) 147 Antecrist makiþ hise [priests] knowen by crowne & herdes schauynge. *c* 1440 *Alphabet of Tales* 306 When I tuke hod a peny for a shavyng, I couthe wele spar som syluer euer-ilk day. 1528 Tindale *Obed. Chr. Man* 73 *margin*, Shavinge is borowed of the hethen and oylinge of the Jewes. 1613 Purchas *Pilgrimage* (1614) 62 Their Priests vsed shauings of the head and beard. 1823 Byron *Juan* xiv. xxiii, Men for their sins Have shaving too entail'd upon their chins. 1837 Dickens *Pickw.* ii, The operation of shaving, dressing, and coffee-imbibing was soon performed. 1891 Farrar *Darkn. & Dawn* xxxvii, His arrival at full manhood, as marked by the shaving of his beard.

† b. = Tonsure *sb.* 2. *Obs.* (? *nonce-use.*)
1647 N. Bacon *Disc. Gov. Eng.* I. viii. 25 Theodore Archbishop of Canterbury..placed Bishops over each [diocese], every one of them being of the right Roman stampe, as himselfe was of the right Roman shaving.

3. *concr.* A thin slice taken off the surface of anything with a sharp tool; esp. a thin slice of wood cut off with a plane. Chiefly *pl.*
c 1386 Chaucer *Can. Yeom. T.* 686 What, deuel of helle! shulde it ellis be? Shauyng of siluer siluer is, parde. *a* 1425 tr. *Arderne's Treat. Fistula*, etc. 46 Puttyng in þe shauyng of lard wiþ þe iuse of porres. *Ibid.* 50 Chauyng of lard. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 444/2 Schavyngys, of boordys or treys, *rasure.* 1575 Turbery. *Faulconrie* 169 You shall not give them.. the shaving of a hasell wande. 1592 Nashe *Four Lett. Confut.* Wks. 1904 I. 271 These..might haue beene buried with his bookes in the bottome of a drie-fatte,..amongst the shauings of the Presse. *a* 1661 Fuller *Worthies, Devon* (1662) I. 248 We call the Shavings of Fish (which are little worth) Gubbings. 1680 Moxon *Mech. Exerc.* xii. 212 [It] is only capable to cut a narrow Shaving off of the Work. 1760 R. Brown *Compl. Farmer* II. 68 All shavings of horns ..is good manure for land. 1843 Holtzapffel *Turning* I. 151 When the ivory hollows are thin..the material would he turned entirely into shavings. 1859 Geo. Eliot *Adam Bede* I. i, The slanting sunbeams shone through the transparent shavings that flew before the steady plane. 1887 Ruskin *Præterita* II. 361, I worked with a carpenter until I could take an even shaving six feet long off a board.
attrib. 1865 J. Hannett *Bibliopegia* (ed. 6) 379 The shaving tub, over which is placed the cutting press..is a frame of wood for holding the shavings, &c., from the cutting of the edges. 1873 J. Richards *Wood-working Factories* 45 The magazine or shavings room should be arranged to allow the dust to pass off at the top.

b. (See quot.)
a 1700 B. E. *Dict. Cant. Crew*, *Shavings*, the Clippings of Money.

c. *transf.* and *fig.*
1677 Horneck *Gt. Law Consid.* v. (1704) 298 Is the King immortal..to be put off with the chips and shavings of devotion? 1681–6 J. Scott *Chr. Life* II. iii. Wks. 1718 I. 228 And all the Stock of Learning, they pretend to, is a few shavings of Wit, gathered out of Plays and Romances. 1912 *Engl. Rev.* Sept. 234 Small gleams, shavings and suffusions of light, were escaping from seams in the ship.

d. Phrase. *To a shaving*, completely, exactly.
1804 *R. Anderson's Cumbld. Ball.* (1808) 90 She'll suit thee till a shavin. 1828 [Carr] *Craven Gloss.* (ed. 2), *Shaving*, a tittle, a nicety. 'It fits to a shaving.' 1843 J. Ballantine *Gaberlunzie's Wallet* 24 The farmer applauded this song..exclaiming, 'od man, ye hae hit aff Peter till a shavin'.

4. *slang.* The action or process of defrauding.
1606 Dekker *Seven Deadly Sins* vi. (Arb.) 40 Then haue you the Shauing of Fatherlesse children,..and thats done by Executors. The Shauing of poore Clients especially by the Atturneyes. 1841 C. E. Lester *Glory & Shame Eng.* I. 38, I have been very much astonished to find the system of petty shaving so extensively carried on in England.

b. *U.S.* The discounting of bills at an exorbitant rate of interest.
1834 *Niles' Register* (Baltimore) 5 Apr. 85/2 These rates of shaving.

5. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *shaving-basin, -cup, customer, -day, -glass, hand,* † *-house, -jug, -machine, -mug, -paper, -paste, -pot, -powder, -shears, -shop, soap, -strop, -tackle, -thing, -tin, utensil, water, whittle*; **shaving-board** (see quot.); **shaving-box**, a small round box containing a piece of soap and a lathering brush; **shaving-brush**, (*a*) a brush used to put on the lather before shaving; (*b*) (see quot. 1884); **shaving-cloth**, †(*a*) ? emery cloth for shaving wood, etc.; (*b*) a cloth to cover a person's chest when being shaved; † **shaving-grass** = Shave-grass; † **shaving hat**, ? a hat made of shavings; in quot. *attrib.*; **shaving-horse** (see quot.); † **shaving-iron**, (*a*) a razor; (*b*) a plumbers' Shaving-hook; (*c*) a shoemakers' paring knife; † **shaving-knife**, (*a*) a paring tool, *spec.* a shoemakers' knife; (*b*) a razor; † **shaving-linen** = *shaving-cloth* (*a*); † **shaving-mill**, *U.S.*, a small privateer used during the Revolutionary war and the war of 1812; **shaving muscle** (see quot.); **shavings room** (see 3); **shaving-tool** (see quot.); **shaving tub** (see 3).
1488–9 *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 282 Pro sowdyng de le *schavyng bassynnys, 6*d*. 1597–8 *Wills & Inv. N. C.* (Surtees) II. 180 One deepe shaving bason and cover. 1885 *St. James's Gaz.* 2 Jan. 6/1 The rude yet sufficient engines upon which hoops are shaved. Each of these consists of a small slanted beam, the '*shaving board'. 1775 *Pennsylvania Even. Post* 27 July 325/2 Brushes, *shaving-boxes and black-ball of the best quality. 1841 Thackeray *Gt. Hoggarty Diamond* i. It was about the size of the lid of a shaving-box. 1838 Southey *Doctor* cliv. V. 210 He shaves..*sans* *shaving-brush,..*sans* everything except a razor. 1884 Britten & Holland *Plant-n.* 427 Shaving-brush. *Centaurea nigra*, L. 1427 in Rogers *Agric. & Prices* (1882) III. 476/2 *Shaving cloth. 1 ell../6. 1483 *Cath. Angl.* 333/2 A Schavynge clathe, *ralla.* 1540 in *Vicary's Anat.* (1888) App. II. 107 Item to Cornelis Hays, that gave a shaving cloth wroght with gold vjs viijd. 1558 *Bury Wills* (Camden) 150 Tenne shavinge clothes. 1875 Knight *Dict. Mech.*, **Shaving-cup*, a cup with compartments for hot water and soap, for convenience in shaving. 1840 Thackeray *Barber Cox* Nov., Did you not make over your house,..and nine-and-twenty *shaving customers, to me? 1710 Swift *Jrnl. to Stella* 11 Sept., I am rising to go to Jervas to finish my picture, and 'tis *shaving-day, so

good-morrow MD. 1839 [Miss Maitland] *Lett. fr. Madras* (1843) 265, I fear it will all end in buying *shaving-glasses and penny prints to stick up in his house. 1538 Turner *Libellus, Hippuris*, *Shavynge gyrs. 1561 Hollybush *Hom. Apoth.* 37 Take y* lesse Shauing girss, called also Cattes tayle and Earth yuy of eche two handfull. 1562 J. Heywood *Prov. & Epigr.* (1867) 177 One harber can haue but one *shauyng hande. 1723 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 6192/11 Elizabeth Robinson,..*Shaving Hatmaker. 1875 Knight *Dict. Mech.*, **Shaving-horse*, a narrow bench or trestle on which the workman sits astride while shaving down work with the drawing-knife or spokeshave. 1401–2 *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 300 Sol. pro vitriacione cujusdam fenestre in le *Shavynghous, 12*d. c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 424/1 Rastyr howse, or schavyng howse,..*barbitondium*. 1352 *Wynnere & Wastoure* 185 In Gollancz *Parl. 3 Ages* (Roxb.) 96 And alle the lethire..Schynethe alle for scharpynynge of the *schauynge iren. 1541 *Aberdeen Reg.* (1844) I. 176 The steill to scherp the [shoemakers'] schawiog irne. 1858 Simmonds *Dict. Trade*, **Shaving jug*. 14.. *Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 564/18 *Ausorium*, a *shavyngknyf, or a trenket. 1530–1 *MSS. Duke Rutland* (Hist. MSS. Comm.) IV. 269 For shavinge knyves bought for my Lorde, vjs. viij*d*. 1647 Hexham I, A shaving knife, *een scheer-mes*. 1512 in Rogers *Agric. & Prices* (1882) III. 483 *Shaving linen..ells. @ /5. 1897 C. T. Davis *Manuf. Leather* xvii. 254 *Shaving machioe..for shaving the alum, acid and combination tannages. 1781 *Independent Chron.* (Boston, U.S.A.) 19 July 3/3 In *Trans. Col. Soc. Mass.* (1910) XI. 223 A small boat, one of the noted *Shaving-Mills, which continually infest our bay. 1813 *Salem Gaz.* 12 Oct. 4/1 (ibid. 224) The Fairhaven shaving mill..has sailed from Boston on a cruise. 1895 *Stores' List*, *Shaving Mugs. 1912 Keith *Human Body* xii. 188 The skin over the chin has a curious muscle which acts on it, sometimes named the '*shaving' muscle, as it is employed to steady the skin of the chin against the razor. 1839 Dickens *Nich. Nick.* liv, A few bank notes for *shaving paper. 1808 *Times* 5 Nov., *Shaving Paste, newly invented. 1537 *North Country Wills* (Surtees 1908) 148 A *shavinge potte, a shavinge bason. 1841 Thackeray *Gt. Hoggarty Diamond* vii, A man..brought me a silver shaving-pot of hot water. 1768 Goldsm. *Good-n. Man* iv, We should never travel without—a case of good razors, and a box of *shaving-powder. 1855 Browning *Holy-Cross Day* ii, Shame, man! greedy beyond your years To handsel the bishop's *shaving-shears? 1844 Dickens *Mart. Chuz.* xxvi, Sweedlepipe's easy *shaving-shop. *Ibid.*, [It] could not remove the smell of *shaving-soap. 1909 H. G. Wells *Tono-Bungay* iii. § 2. 269 With the name on the..*shaving-strop. 1848 Dickens *Dombey* xxv, I don't see his *shaving tackle. Nor his brushes, Captain. 1797 Scott in *Lockhart* (1837) I. viii. 262 A case with *shaving-things, combs, and a knife, fork, and spoon. 1825 J. Nicholson *Oper. Mech.* 624 The *shaving-tool is used for getting the slates to a smooth face for skirtings, floors of balconies, &c. 1823 Scott *Quentin D.* xxvi, That last remark upon the *shaving utensils. 1853 Whyte Melville *Digby Grand* xxiii, *Shaving-water at seven, breakfast at eight.

Shaving (ʃē·vin), *ppl. a.* [f. Shave *v.* + -ing 2.] That shaves, in the senses of the verb.

1611 Cotgr., *Frerot*, a shauing, or shifting, fellow. 1860 [see Shaver 2 b]. 1897 Meredith *Amazing Marriage* xxxvi, A shaving Northeaster.

Shaw (ʃō), *sb.*1 Now *arch.* and *dial.* Forms: 1 **sceaga, scaga, 2 scauhe, scawe, 3–7 shawe, 4 schaȝe, 4–6 schawe, 4–6, 8–9 schaw, 5 scha(ghe, 6 *Sc. pl.* shauis, 8 shave,** 9 (Kingsley) **shaugh, 5– shaw.** [OE. *sc(e)aga* wk. masc., corresp. to NFris. *skage* farthest edge of cultivated land (Outzen), ON. *skage* wk. masc., promontory (cf. sense 3 below), *skaga* to project; related to OE. *sceacga* Shag *sb.*1, and (by ablaut) to ON. *skóg-r* wood, Scogh.]

1. A thicket, a small wood, copse or grove.

755–7 in Birch *Cartul. Sax.* (1885) I. 258 Terra illa juxta silvam quam dicunt Tocca sceaga. 987 in Kemble *Cod. Dipl.* (1845) III. 229 Ðis syndon ða landzæmæro to Westwnda..of ðære hlywan suð onbutan færes scaȝan on ða dic [etc.]. *a* 1200 *Newminster Chartul.* (1878) 75 Per has devisas, a rivulo propinquiore le Hangande-scauhe versus septentrionem. *Ibid.*, Usque ad rivulum primo nominatum propinquiorem ab Haugandescawe. *a* 1300 *Thrush & Night.* xxi. in *Rel. Ant.* I. 244 Hy beth briȝttore onnder shawe, Theu the day, wenne hit dawe. *c* 1325 *Orpheo* 242 In somer he lyveth hy bawys, That on hauthorne growth hy schawys. 13.. *Gaw. & Gr. Knt.* 2161 At a schaȝe syde. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Cook's T.* 3 Gaillard he was as Goldfynch in the shawe. 1390 Gower *Conf.* II. 333 Hou he to love untrewe was..And tok his lust under the schawe Ayein love and ayein his lawe. *c* 1400 *Anturs of Arth.* vi, Þei..siwene to þe soueravne withiu schaghes schene [*v. rr.* undur the scha schene, iu cleues so clene]. *c* 1440 *Bone Flor.* 1504 Tymely as the day can dawe, He led her thorow a feyre schawe. *c* 1480 Henryson *Mor. Fab., Cock & Fox* 411 Ane lytill fra this foirsaid Wedowis hous, Ane thornie schaw thair wes of greit defence, Quheirin ane Foxe..Maid his repair. 1508 Dunbar *Tua Mariit Wemen* 516 Berdis schoutit in schaw, with thair schill notis. 1573 G. Harvey *Letter Bk.* (Camden) 127 In the shawe there lurkes an ilsfavorid padd. 1596 Dalrymple tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* I. 15 Paslay quhilke is situat amang cnowis, grene woodis, schawis, and forrest fair. *c* 1730 Ramsay *Eagle & Robin* 57 Straicht to the schaw he spred his wing. 1742 *De Foe's Tour Gt. Brit.* (ed. 3) I. 159 In a Shave belonging to the Estate of Sir John Hales. 1787 Burns *Let. to W. Nicol* 1 June, A new-blawn plumrose in a hazle shaw. 1816 Scott *Old Mort.* xliii, Saddle the gentleman's horse, and lead him..ahint the thorny shaw. 1849 Alb. Smith *Pottleton Legacy* xvi. 131 The wet cloggy footpaths through the shaws and copses.

collective. 1871 Kingsley *At Last* ii, Compared with which European parks..are but paltry scrub and shaugh.

transf. 1721 Ramsay *Prospect of Plenty* 21 O'er shaws of coral and the pearly sands.

b. In the same sense, *shaw of wood* (arch.); also *greenwood shaw*. Cf. Woodshaw (common in ME. verse).

a 1400 *Octouian* 355 As he rood be a wodes schawe. 1462 in *Finchale Priory Charters*, etc. (Surtees) 95 An othir parcell o wod also cald the lewod on the estsid, and buttes atte northend apon a shaw o wod of the said William Tillyall, and atte estend apon the more. 1483 *Cath. Angl.* 334/1 A Schawe of wod, *virgultum*. 1562 Phaer *Æneid* VIII. X iiij, Amoug the rootes on ground in greenewood shawe A Sowe of syse vuseeue..they sawe. 1600 Fairfax *Tasso* VIII. lii, Under the greene wood shaw. 1837 R. Nicoll *Poems* (1842) 86 Through yonder greenwood shaw. 1893 Stevenson *Catriona* xxix. 346 One night in Scotland in a shaw of wood by Silvermills.

2. *spec.* A strip of wood or underwood forming the border of a field. Cf. Shaw *v.*1

1577 V. Leigh *Surv.* I ij, What shawes, or good hedge-rowes of wood he about euery fence. 1669 Worlidge *Syst. Agric.* (1681) 331 A *Shaw*, a Wood that encompasses a Close. 1736 J. Lewis *Isle of Tenet* (ed. 2) 38 *Shave*, a small Copse of Wood by a Field Side. 1798 J. Middleton *Agric. Middlesex* 136 Divided into small inclosures by high hedges and broad shaws. 1842 Darwin in F. Darwin *Life & Lett.* (1887) I. 320 A country..possessing a certain charm in the shaws, or straggling strips of wood, capping the chalky banks. 1859 Luard in *Archæol. Cant.* II. 6 There had been a shaw partly covering the place where we were digging. 1860 H. Ainsworth *Ovingdean Gr.* 8 A large close, encompassed hy a shaw, or fence of low trees.

3. (See quot.)

1813 J. Hogg *Queen's Wake* Notes 353 *Shaw*..likewise.. denotes the snout, or brow of a hill; but the part so denominated is always understood to be..broad at the base, and contracted to a point above.

Shaw (ʃō), *sb.*2 *Sc.* [Of obscure origin; perh. a use of *shaw* Show *sb.* with the sense 'what shows above ground'.] The stalks and leaves of certain plants, esp. potatoes and turnips.

1801 *Farmer's Mag.* Nov. 412, I..made trials as to the effects of cutting the haum, or shaw, as it is commonly called in Scotland, at different stages of its growth. 1812 Sir J. Sinclair *Syst. Husb. Scot.* 1. 258 The shaws or tops of the plants being removed. 1813 J. Hogg *Queen's Wake* 68 But mine was made of ane humloke schaw, And a stont stallion was he. 1851 *Rural Cycl.* IV. 178 *Shaw*, the haulm of potatoes, beans, and similar plants. 1887 Annie S. Swan *Gates of Eden* xv. 202 The potato fields, with only heaps of sodden shaws and the long, newly-filled pits to tell of what had been.

Shaw, *sb.*3 *Sc.* [? var. of Show *sb.*] (See quot.)

1844 H. Stephens *Bk. Farm* II. 163 The fore legs [of oxen] are usually farther apart than the hind, but the hind at times, when the *shaw* or *cod* is large and fat, is as much and even more apart.

† **Shaw,** *v.*1 *Obs.* [f. Shaw *sb.*1] *trans.* To fence or border (a field) with a Shaw (*sb.*1 2).

1610 Folkingham *Art of Survey* II. ii. 49 Collaterage Actiue, as siding, furrowing, balking,..hedging or shawing, immounding, impayling [etc.]. *Ibid.*, Compound Contiguall Boundage is more significant, as side-haying, head-shawing, &c.

Shaw (ʃō), *v.*2 *Sc.* [f. Shaw *sb.*2] *trans.* To cut off the tops of (potatoes, turnips, etc.).

1882 Jas. Walker *Sc. Poems* 86 She maun shaw the frosty neeps. 1895 Crockett *Men of Moss-Hags* lvi, I heard the horrible crunch as of one that shaws frosty cabbages with a hlunt knife. 1895 W. C. Fraser *Whaups of Durley* iv. 43 All were busy..shawing turnips.

Shaw, obs. form of Shah, Show *v.*

‖ **Shawanese** (ʃōwăˌnī·z), *a.* [A variant of the name Shawnee, a tribe of North American Indians.] *Shawanese-salad*, the edible leaves of *Hydrophyllum virginicum*.

1829 Loudon *Encycl. Plants* 133 Hydrophyllum virginicum is used as a salad, under the name of Shawanese salad in North America. 1866 *Treas. Bot.* s. v. *Hydrophyllum*.

Shawder, obs. form of Shadder *v.*

1582 in *Trans. Jewish Hist. Soc. Eng.* (1903) IV. 94 The Charges of gettinge, shawdring and carrieing the ure [*sc.* Copper ore].

Shawe, obs. form of Shah, Shave *v.*

Shaweling, obs form of Shaveling.

† **Shaw-fowl.** *Obs. rare.* [f. *shaw* (of obscure origin) + Fowl *sb.*

It is improbable that the first element is *shaw*, the northern form of Show *v.* Cf. WFlem. *schuw*, scarecrow, but it is not easy to see how this can be formally connected.]

A scarecrow, also *fig.* Also an artificial bird set up as a mark for shooting at.

1621 Bp. Mountagu *Diatribæ* 323 As Shaw-Fowles are in a Corne-Field, which skarre away the Crowes and Birds at first erecting. 1624 —*Gagg* To Rdr. 2 Terrible Shawe-fowles to skarre poore Soules. *Ibid.* II. 13 You set up a Shaw foule for a mark and shoot your bolt at it yourselfe alone. 1624 — *Immed. Addr.* 131 If they vrge Angelicall Reuelation, then that vnanswerable Argument of the Controuerser is but as a Shaw foule, in a Corne field. 1625 in *Cosin's Corr.* (Surtees) I. 45, I feare not those shaw-foules of convention. 1654 Tuckney *Death Disarmed* 78 Such shaw-fowls do not scare me. 1678 Phillips (ed. 4), *Shawfowl*, an artificial Bird made on purpose for Fowlers to shoot at.

Shawfron, variant of Shaffron.

Shawgh, obs. form of Shah.

Shawhee, obs. form of Shahi.

Shawl (ʃōl), *sb.* Forms: 7 **schal, scial, chal,** 8 **shaul,** 8– **shawl.** [a. Pers. شال *shāl*; the word has been adopted in Urdū and other Indian langs., and hence into all the European langs.: F. *châle* († *schall*), Sp. *chal*, Pg. *chale*, It. *scialle*, G. *shawl* (from Eng.), Dn. *sjaal*, Sw. *schal, sjal*, Icel. *sjal*, Da. *shawl* (from Eng.), Russ. шаль *shal'*.

The spurious word *shairl* (also in comb. *shairl-goat* = shawl-goat: see below) which is found in many recent Dicts., is due to a misprint in E. P. Wright *Animal Life* (1879) 165; the index has correctly *shawl* and *shawl-goat*.]

1. An article of dress worn by Orientals (commonly as a scarf, turban, or girdle), consisting of an oblong piece of a material manufactured in Kashmir from the hair of the Tibetan 'shawl-goat' (see 3 b).

1662 J. Davies tr. *Olearius' Voy. Ambass.* VI. 316 The richer sort have..another rich Skarf which they call Schal, made of a very fine stuff, brought by the Indians into Persia. 1666 Havers *P. della Valle's Trav. E. India* 123 They had such colour'd clothes as in Persia they call Scial, and use for girdles, but the Indians wear them cross the shoulders. 1687 A. Lovell tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* III. 37 At all times when they go abroad, they were a Chal which is a kind of toilet of very fine Wool made at Cachmir. 1727 A. Hamilton *New. Acc. E. Ind.* II. xxxvi. 50 And when they go abroad, they [women] wear a Shaul folded up, or a Piece of white cotton Cloth lying loose on the Top of their Heads. 1792 tr. *Rochon's Madagascar* in Pinkerton *Voy.* (1814) XVI. 760 There are few oriental travellers who are not acquainted with those fine woollen stuffs known in Bengal by the name of shawls, which the Mahometans use for turbans. 1903 Sir A. H. Layard *Autobiog.* I. iii. 145 A thick shawl in endless folds round their waists.

2. As the name of an article of clothing worn in Europe and the West, chiefly by women as a covering for the shoulders or, sometimes, for the head; originally applied to the imported 'Cashmere shawl' (= sense 1 above: see Cashmere), but in later use extended to denote an oblong or square piece of any textile or netted fabric, whether of wool, silk, cotton, or mixtures of these.

The imported 'Cashmere shawls' had usually elaborate patterns, in which a prominent feature was a peculiar ornament shaped something like a pear, with the narrow end continued into a curve. These patterns are often imitated in 'shawls' of European manufacture.

The use of the shawl as an outdoor garment is now confined to the poorer classes.

1767 Sterne *Let. to Eliza* x, I dreamt..that thou camest into the room with a shaul in thy hand..you folded the shaul about my waist. 1777 *Phil. Trans.* LXVII. 485 The Shauls all come from Cassemire..[their] material the produce of a Thibet sheep. 1782 *European Mag.* II. 68 Many a lady shrouded in a Shrawl [? *read* Shawl]. 1782–3 W. F. Martyn *Geog. Mag.* I. 44 Those fashionable handkerchiefs, which the English ladies have of late years worn under the name of shauls. 1798 Sophia Lee *Canterb. T., Yng. Lady's T.* II. 544 The servants..were unfolding for her notice a rich, and remarkable Indian shawl. 1817 Byron *Beppo* lxxxv, The Count was at her elbow with her shawl. 1834 McCulloch *Dict. Comm.* (ed. 2) s. v., The finest Edinburgh and Paisley shawls. 1840 Malcom *Trav.* 9/1 The thin cotton shawls covering not only the whole person but the head, are lent them every morning to wear in school, and kept beautifully white. 1866 G. Macdonald *Ann. Q. Neighb.* xxxii. (1878) 552 Miss Oldcastle appeared in her bonnet and shawl. 1902 Alice Terton *Lights & Shadows Hosp.* ix. 139, I just wropped the baby up in a shawl.

b. Worn round the neck as a protection from cold.

1834 *Baboo* I. xii. 208 (Stanf.) Fold your shawl close round your throat. 1837 Dickens *Pickw.* ix, Emma, give Pickwick a shawl to tie round his neck. 1859 Sala *Gas-light & D.* vii. 85 A gentleman with a very shiny hat, a very long shawl, and an indefinite quantity of thick great-coats.

3. *attrib.* and *Comb.* **a.** simple attrib., as *shawl-cloth, counterpane, girdle, goods, kind, -pin, stuff, turban, -weaver, -work, wrap*; *shawl girt, -shaped* adjs.; *shawlwise* adv.

1841 Moorcroft *Trav.* II. 169 A strong *shawl-cloth called Patu. 1791 *Trans. Soc. Arts* (1792) X. 196 A *Shawl Counterpane, four yards square. 1844 E. Warburton *Crescent & Cross* (1846) II. xvii. 251 The [Turkish] smugglers gathered round the door of the tent, their *shawl girdles stuck full of pistols and yataghans. 1812 Byron *Ch. Har.* II. lviii, The wild Albanian kirtled to his knee, With *shawl-girt head, and ornamented gun. 1783 G. Forster *Journ. Bengal to Eng.* xiii. (1798) II. 19 A portion of the revenue of Kashmire is transmitted to the Afghan capital in *shaul goods. 1835 *Court Mag.* VI. p. ii/1 The fronts are trimmed with a lappel of the *shawl kind, of black velvet or silk. 1860 Worcester, **Shawl-pin*, a pin for fastening a shawl. 1873 B. Harte *Fiddletown* 10 Her shawl pin and a soiled cuff. 1898 *Daily News* 2 Apr. 6/5 The *shawl-shaped capes. 1841 Moorcroft *Trav.* II. 186 An immense variety of articles of *shawl-stuff are manufactured in Kashmir, besides the shawls themselves. 1815 Elphinstone *Acc. Caubul* (1842) I. Introd. 31 He wore the Persian dress, with a cap and a *shawl turban over it. 1842 Vigne *Trav. Kashmir* II. 121 A first-rate *shawl-weaver will occasionally earn one small rupi a day. 1897 Mary Kingsley *W. Africa* 223 When they wear anything on their heads it is a handkerchief folded *shawlwise. 1909 *Chamb. Jrnl.* Oct. 640/2 These stitches originally were used for *shawl-work. 1879 Mrs. A. E. James *Ind. Housek. Managem.* 23 You should have your *shawl wraps and rug handy for use on deck when it is chilly.

b. Special comb.: **shawl-dance,** a dance originating in the East, in which a shawl or scarf is waved; so **shawl-dancing**; **shawl dressing-gown,** a dressing-gown having a shawl-like pattern; **shawl-goat,** a goat of Tibet (*Capra lanigera*) which furnishes the wool for making the Indian shawls; **shawl-handkerchief,** a handkerchief resembling a shawl; **shawl-loom,** a loom for weaving shawls; also, 'a figure-weaving loom' (Knight *Dict. Mech.* 1875); **shawl-material** (see quot. 1882); **shawl-pattern,** a pattern resembling or characteristic of that of an oriental shawl; also *attrib.*; **shawl-reticule,**

? a reticule made of cashmere bearing a shawl pattern; †**shawl-room**, the room for depositing shawls at a place of assembly; **shawl-strap**, a pair of leather straps joined to a transverse handle, for carrying shawls, etc.; **shawl-waistcoat**, a waistcoat having a pattern resembling that of an oriental shawl; **shawl-wool**, the wool of the shawl goat; also *attrib.*

1813 *Examiner* 15 Mar. 171/1 A conversation.., which naturally concludes with a *shawl-dance. 1897 'Ouida' *Massarenes* xxi, She had danced her shawl dance on the brink of exposure and bankruptcy. 1813 *Examiner* 15 Mar. 171/1 There is a lady, whose character is..marked by her skill in *shawl-dancing. 1837 Dickens *Pickw.* xli, The broken-down spendthrift in his *shawl dressing-gown. 1793 T. Baird *Agric. Middlesex* 39 A *shawl-goat from the East Indies. 1893 Lydekker *Horns & Hoofs* 107 The long-haired shawl goat of Tibet. 1838 Lytton *Alice* vii. iv, The rest of the party..unmuffled themselves of cloaks and *shawl-handkerchiefs. 1783 G. Forster *Journ. Bengal to Eng.* xiii. (1798) II. 20 The Kashmirians say, that during their subjection to the Mogul dominion, the province contained forty thousand *shaul looms. 1882 Caulfeild & Saward *Dict. Needlework* 445 **Shawl materials.* These are a mixture of silk and wool,..employed for the partial making and trimming of dresses. 1838 Dickens *O. Twist* xxii, A coarse, staring, *shawl-pattern waistcoat. 1908 *Chamb. Encycl.* IX. 376 A few words may be said about the patterns of Cashmere shawls...The most characteristic feature..is what has been usually called the 'cone' or 'pine cone'... Sometimes it is simply called the shawl pattern. 1825 T. Hook *Sayings* Ser. II. *Passion & Princ.* xii. III. 291 An imitation *shawl reticule, as large as a moderate *sac de nuit*, and containing..pocket-handkerchiefs for the party, hung upon her arm. 1838 Lytton *Alice* viii. ii, The ladies were waiting their carriage in the *shawl-room. 1873 'Susan Coolidge' *What Katy Did at Sch.* iii. 42 Tucking the railway guide into a *shawl-strap, and closing her bag with a snap. 1840 Thackeray *Shabby-genteel Story* viii, He had a *shawl-waistcoat of many colours. 1774 W. Hastings in C. R. Markham *Mission of Bogle* (1876) 8 The animals called tús, which produce the *shawl wool. 1879 *Proc. R. Geog. Soc.* I. 449 The export of shawl-wool (*pashm*) to India [from Tibet] has fallen off. 1841 Moorcroft *Trav.* I. 311 The *shawl-wool goat.

Shawl (ʃɔl), *v.* [f. Shawl *sb.*] *trans.* To cover with a shawl, put a shawl on (a person).

1812 Miss Edgeworth *Absentee* iii, Her son assisted Grace Nugent most carefully in shawling the young heiress. 1820 Byron *Juan* v. cxlvii, His Highness was..Shawl'd to the nose. 1840 Lady C. Bury *Hist. Flirt* vi, We retired to cloak and shawl ourselves. 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* xxvii, George had meanwhile very carefully shawled his wife. 1880 Mrs. L. B. Walford *Troublesome Dau.* I. i. 18 Evelyn beheld a slight feminine form, shawled and wrapped to the chin. 1899 *Blackw. Mag.* Feb. 329/1 She shawled her head and her baby in her sea-blue cloak.

Shawl, obs. Sc. form of Shoal *a.*

Shawlde, shawle, var. ff. Shaul *dial.*

Shawled (ʃɔld), *ppl. a.* [f. Shawl *sb.* (or *v.*) + -ed.] Wearing or covered with a shawl.

1834 Ht. Martineau *Farrers* ii. 20 Then, while Jane settled herself, aproned, shawled, and mittened, at her desk. 1847 Disraeli *Tancred* iv. ii, Their arms and shawled heads glistened, in the silver blaze of the moon. 1876 Whyte Melville *Katerfelto* iii. 27 With a shawled robe of scarlet and orange reaching to her naked ankles. 1902 E. B. Ottley in C. E. Osborne *Father Dolling* iv. (1905) 37 The shawled and hatless East End girls.

Shawling (ʃɔ·liŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. Shawl *v.* and *sb.* + -ing 1.]

1. The action of covering with, putting on, or wearing a shawl.

1815 Scott *Guy M.* xxix, I should look on his compliments, his bowings, his cloakings, his shawlings, and his handings, with some little suspicion. 1822 Miss Mitford in L'Estrange *Life* (1870) II. 144 His cloakings and shawlings are worse than any cold. 1824 — *Village* I. 252 The shawlings, the cloakings, the cloggings! the cautions against cold, or heat, or rain, or sun! 1861 Sala *Tw. round Clock* 237 Nor during..the dancing, the supper, the shawling, the departure, and the drive home to his chambers.

2. The material of a shawl.

c 1806 Mrs. Sherwood in *Life* xx. (1847) 346 A skull-cap of rich shawling, or embroidered silk.

Shawlless (ʃɔ·lˌlɛs), *a.* [f. Shawl *sb.* + -less.] Without or not wearing a shawl.

1847 Emily Bronte *Wuthering Heights* ix. (1850) 73 Cathy.. standing bonnetless and shawlless. 1871 Miss Mulock *Fair France* i. 8 What decent English maid-servant would choose to saunter bonnetless, shawlless [etc.]? 1906 *Edin. Rev.* Apr. 469 Mrs. Brown went shawlless.

Shawm (ʃɔm), *sb.* Forms: α. 4 schallemele, 6 shamulle, shamble. β. *pl.* 4–5 schalmeis, s(c)halmys, shalemeyes, chalemyes. γ. *pl.* 5 shalmuse, shalemuse, schalmeuis, 6 shalmewes; *sing.* 5 sc(h)almuse, 6 schalmesse; *pl.* 5 s(c)halmuses, schalmoyses. δ. 5–7 schalme, 6 shaulm(e, 6–7 shalme, 6–9 shalm; *pl.* 6 shalmz, schallmes. ε. *pl.* 6 shambes, s(c)hames, schammes. ζ. 6 shaume, *pl.* schawmys, 6–7 shawme, (7 *pl.* shawn(e)s), 7– shawm. [The ME. *schallemelle* (whence the other α forms) is a. OF. *chalemel* (mod.F. *chalumeau*):—vulgar L. **calamellus*, dim. of L. *calamus* reed. The β forms (with which cf. MHG. *schalmîe*, MDu. *schalmeye, schalmeide*, MLG. *schalmeie*, mod.G. and Du. *schalmei*) are a. OF. *chalemie*, an unexplained derivative of L. *calamus*. The γ forms are a. OF. *chalemeaux*, pl. of *chalemel*, the form of the last syllable being prob. influenced by association with Muse *sb.*3, bagpipe; the pl. was in Eng. early mistaken for a sing., and a new plural *schalmuses* was formed. The reduction of the word to a monosyllable was prob. due to misapprehension of pl. forms like *schalmys*. See also Shalle.]

1. A mediæval musical instrument of the oboe class, having a double reed enclosed in a globular mouthpiece.

Coverdale, followed by the Prayer-book Psalter, uses *shawmes* in Ps. xcviii. 7 where the original and the ancient versions have 'trumpet' or 'horn'.

α. 1390 Gower *Conf.* III. 358 With Cornemuse and Schallemele [*rhyme* hele]. 1524 *St. Papers Hen. VIII*, IV. 209 And furthwith the trompettes and shamulles did sounde and blewe up moost pleasauntely. 1572 Bossewell *Armorie* II. 46 One of them singeth with voice, another with shamble [*Isid.* XI. iii. 59 b, Vna voce, altera tibiis].

β. *c* 1350 *Libeaus Desc.* (Kaluza) 1864 Trompes, hornes, schalmeis [*v. rr.* schalmys, schalmes, schalmuses] Before þe hiȝe deis He herd. *c* 1384 Chaucer *H. Fame* 1218 That maden lowde menstralcies In cornemuse and shalmyes [*v. rr.* chalemyes, shalemeyes] And many other maner pipe. γ. *c* 1430 *Pilgr. Lyf Manhode* II. iii. (1869) 117 Reedes and floytes and shalmuses. *a* 1440 *Sir Degrev.* 1086 With trompe and with nakere, And the scalmuse clere. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 443/2 Schalmuse, pype, *sambuca*. 1480 Caxton *Ovid's Met.* XII. xvi, Gheterns, lutes, shalemuse, recordours. 1481 — *Reynard* xli. (Arb.) 112 They blewe up trompettis and pyped wyth shalymoyses. *a* 1483 *Liber Niger* in *Househ. Ord.* (1790) 48 Whereof sume use trumpettes, sume shalmuse and small pipes. 1503 *Privy Purse Exp. Eliz. York* (1830) 91 Item to the Kinges mynstrelles with the shalmewes xls. 1530 Palsgr. 266/1 Schalmesse a pype, *chalmeau*.

δ. *c* 1450 Holland *Howlat* 762 The dulset, the dulsacordis, the schalme of assay. 1513 Bradshaw *St. Werburge* I. 1689 Trumpettes blewe vp shalmes and claryons. 1533 Elyot *Cast. Helthe* II. xxxiii. (1541) 51 The entrayles..be exercised by blowyng, eyther by constrainte, or playynge on shaulmes or sackbottes. 1542 Udall *Erasm. Apoph.* 223 b, Blowyng on a bagpipe, or a shalme, or on some other facioned pipe. *c* 1560 A. Scott *Poems* (S.T.S.) ii. 45 Trumpettis and schalmis w^t a schowt Playid or the rink began. 1563–83 Foxe *A. & M.* I. 242/2 A noyse of trumpets and shalmes. 1565 Cooper *Thesaurus, Auletes*,..he that plaieth on the flute or shaulme: a pyper. 1575 Laneham *Let.* (1871) 7 This Pageaunt waz clozd vp with a delectable harmony of Hautboiz, Shalmz, Cornets, and such oother looud muzik. *a* 1578 Lindesay (Pitscottie) *Chron. Scot.* (S.T.S.) I. 379 The denner quhair thair was great mirth schallmes draught trumpattis and weir trumpatis. 1578 Lyte *Dodoens* IV. liv. 514 This kinde [of reed] dyd serue to make tongues for pipes, shaulmes, or trumpettes. 1607 *Schol. Disc. agst. Antichr.* I. iii. 144 The douting conscience soundeth heavily like a shalme. 1641 Brome *Joviall Crew* v. (Stage dir.), A flowrish of Shalms. 1705 Motteux *Quix.* (1733) III. 238 The Moors ..only use Kettle-Drums, and a kind of Shaulms like our Waits or Hautboys. 1805 Scott *Last Minstr.* VI. vi, From the lofty balcony, Rung trumpet, shalm, and psaltery. 1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* I. VII. v, Paris..claps hands, as the Avengers, with their shrilling drums and shalms tramp by.

ε. 1533 Cranmer in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. I. II. 317 Tromppets, shambes, and other dyverse instrumentes. 1537 *Lett. & Papers Hen. VIII*, XII. I. 11 Before y^e Scotysh gent. Shamis & dyvers oder instrumentes. 1553 Eden *Treat. New Ind.* (Arb.) 14 A great noyse of cimbals, drumslades, timbrelles, shames, pipes, flutes. 1555 in *Burgh Rec. Edin.* (1871) II. 220 James Dromond and his marrowis quha playit befoir Sanct Geill on Sanct Geillis day on the schammes. *c* 1650 *Scottish Field* 320 in *Percy Folio MS.* I. 228 Many shames [15.. *Ibid.* 450 in *Chetham Soc. Misc.* II., shalmes] in that showe: with theire shrill pipes.

ζ. 1513 Douglas *Æneis* IX. x. 67 Wyth tympanis, tawbronis, ȝe war wont to heyr, And bos schawmys of turnyt buschboun tre. 1535 Coverdale *Ps.* xcvii. 7 With trompettes also & shawmes. 1567 Drant *Horace de Arte P.* A vij, The shawme [L. *tibia*] was not as it is nowe with copper wrythed in In trumpet wyse but [etc.]. 1590 Spenser *F. Q.* I. xii. 13 With shaumes, and trompets, and with clarions sweet. 1611 Beaum. & Fl. *Knt. Burning Pestle* Prol., *Cit.* What stately Musick have you? You have Shawnes. *Pro.* Shawns? no. *Cit.* No?..Ralph plaies a stately part, And he must needs have Shawns. 1675 Covel in *Early Voy. Levant* (Hakl. Soc.) 211 Their [Turkish] pipe is much the same with our trebble shawme [*printed* shaurne] or Hooboy. 1685 Otway *Windsor Castle* 193 The Cornet, Flute and Shawme. 1698 Fryer *Acc. E. Ind. & P.* 30 With the noise of Drum, Shawm, and Fife. 1789 Burney *Hist. Mus.* II. iv. 270 *note*, Shawm in old English is a clarinet of low pitch. 1830 Tennyson *Dying Swan* iii, As when a mighty people rejoice With shawms, and with cymbals, and harps of gold. 1859 R. F. Burton *Centr. Afr.* in *Jrnl. Geog. Soc.* XXIX. 240 Of these [musical instruments] the most noisy is a kind of shawm, a straight tube of wood bound with palm fibre and opening like a clarionet. 1865 Swinburne *Poems & Ball., St. Dorothy* 403 Fair-clothed men that play on shawms and lutes.

b. *fig.*

1637 N. Whiting *Albino & Bellama, Vind. Poesie* H 3, I knew the Roscians feature, not his name, Yet tis engraven on the Shaulme of Fame.

c. *transf.* An organ-stop resembling the shawm in quality of sound.

1852 Seidel *Organ* 84 The organ in St. Elizabeth's, Breslau, contains a shalm.

†**2.** A player on the shawm. *Obs. rare.*

1481–90 *Howard Househ. Bks.* (Roxb.) 207 The same day, my Lord gaff to my Lord Glossetyres schalmevis vj.s. viij.d. 1522 *Ord. King's Ho.* in *Gentl. Mag.* (1834) CIV. I. 48 When it shall please him to have any Schames, Ministrells, or any such other, to come to his presence.

3. *Comb.*, as *shawm-blower, -player, -playing* (adj.).

1826 Hor. Smith *Tor Hill* (1838) I. 260 Scrapers of rebecks, *shawm-blowers, and vagabond pipers. 1540 Palsgr. *Acolastus* II. iii. M ij b, Any trompettours or *shaulme players. 1865 Swinburne *Chastelard* v. i. 171 These shawm-players That walk before strange women and make songs! 1894 Du Maurier *Trilby* II. (1895) 60 A lordly, godlike, *shawm-playing, cymbal-banging hero.

Shawm (ʃɔm), *v.*1 *rare.* In 5 **shalemoyse.** [f. Shawm *sb.*] *intr.* To play on the shawm.

1480 Caxton *Ovid's Met.* XI. iv, There satte Pan..holdynge a floyte of a rosier, in whiche he shalemoysed & pyped a strange note. 1844 *Blackw. Mag.* LVI. 96 All our talented performers had tuned their instruments, scraped, fluted, twanged, jingled, and shawmed to their hearts' content.

Shawm (ʃɔm), *v.*2 *north. dial.* Also **shaum.** [Cf. Scaum *v.*] *intr.* (See quots. 1855, 1877.) Also *trans.*

1824 J. Hodgson in J. Raine *Mem.* (1858) II. 49 Keep on our hats and shawm our shins, and be like other Laplanders happy at home. 1855 *Whitby Gloss.*, To *Shawm*, to warm the knees and toes by sitting with them close to the fire. 1877 *Holderness Gloss., Shawm*, to sit in front of the fire, with upraised petticoats, to impart warmth to the legs.

†**Shawmer.** *Obs. rare.* In 6 schawmir, **shalmewer, shamuller.** [f. Shawm *sb.* + -er 1.] One who plays on the shawm.

1505 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* III. 152 Item, to ane schawmir in Air, xiiij s. 1511 *Lett. & Pap. Hen. VIII*, II. II. 1451 [At Greenwich, to Piers Thoulouse], a minstrel shalmewer, 4*l.* 1527 Whitinton *Vulgaria* 16 b, Mynstrelles dwelle here and there: as harpers, luters, fydlers, shamullers.

Shawnee (ʃɔ·nī). [The name of a tribe of Algonquin Indians. Cf. Shawanese.] Used *attrib.* in Shawnee-haw, the larger withe-rod, *Viburnum nudum*; Shawnee-wood, the western catalpa or catawba-tree, *Catalpa speciosa.*

1909 in *Century Dict. Suppl.* 1911 in Webster.

†**Shaw-net.** *Obs.* [? f. Shaw + Net *sb.*] ? A fowling-net for use in a 'shaw' or coppice.

1648 Hexham II, *Vlowe*, Shaw-nets for Wood-cocks.

Shawp, variant of Shaup *Sc.*

Shawy (ʃɔ·i), *a. rare.* [f. Shaw *sb.*1 + -y.] Abounding in shaws; woody.

1848 *Fraser's Mag.* XXXVIII. 186 Through rocky cleugh and shawy glen. *Ibid.* 187, I..seek some shawy burn. *Ibid.* 317 They wander..up the shawy braes.

Shay (ʃē). [A back-formation from Chaise (ʃēz) mistaken for a plural. Also Chay.] = Chaise.

1717 S. Sewall *Diary* 20 Sept., The Governour went through Charlestown .. carrying Madam Paul Dudley in his shay. 1735 in Corey *Malden* 666 Bought a shay £27 10s. 1806–7 J. Beresford *Miseries Hum. Life* xx. (ed. 3) II. 237 Or who'd swelter and stoop Over linen and soap, While each tax-cart and shay To the Fair jolts away? 1841 J. T. Hewlett *Parish Clerk* I. 71 Some in shays, and others on horseback. 1867 O. W. Holmes *Guardian Angel* xiv. (1891) 170 It is n't everybody that can ride to heaven in a C-spring shay, as my poor husband used to say. 1873 Ld. Lytton in Lady B. Balfour *Lett.* (1906) I. 298 The Bois.. was full of..one-horse shays.

b. *attrib.*, as *shay boy, cart.*

1840 J. T. Hewlett *P. Priggins* xiv, He gives the coachman or *shayboy twice as much as is usual. 1823 C. M. Westmacott *Points of Misery* 30 [She] puts him in a light *shay cart. 1835 Dickens *Sk. Boz, Greenwich Fair*, Cabs, hackney-coaches, 'shay' carts.

‖ **Shaya,** variant of Chay.

Shay-brained, *a. dial.* Foolish, silly.

1806 Bloomfield *Wild Fl., Abner* 15 While I take this shay-brained course And like a fool run to and fro.

Shayl, Shayr: see Shail *v.*, Share *v.*

†**Shayth.** *Sc.* [? a. Gael. *seadh.*] Reason, what is reasonable; also, (a person's) rights.

1542 *Records of Elgin* (New Spald. Club 1903) I. 72 Angnes Stone vrangit in the saying to Necoll Moressone that shayth war it to gadder ane dussane of quyios and gar lesch him quhill tha var ane inch of him togidder. 1546 *Ibid.* 88 Thomas Beyn for the wrangus slaying of ane zoung swyn out of his shayth pertenying to Johne Crokatt..sall pay to the said Johne four sillingis.

She (ʃi, ʃɪ), *pers. pron., 3rd sing. fem. nom.* Forms: α. 2 scæ, 3 sse, 3–7 sche, 4 shae, 4–5 se, 4–6 che, 4–7, (8) shee, 9 *dial.* zhe(e, sheea, sheh, shey, sha, etc., 3– she; 3 sȝe. β. Chiefly *Sc.* and *north.* 3 sso, 3–5 sco, 3–7, 9 *dial.* scho, 4, 6 schoe, 4–5 schow, 4–7, 9 *dial.* sho, 5 shoy, 6 schew, schw, 5, 9 *dial.* shoo, 6–7, 9 *dial.* shoe, 9 *dial.* shou, shu, su, etc. γ. 4–5 scheo, 4–6 sheo. δ. Combined with a following verb, as 4 shere = she were; 5 shalighte = she alight; 6 shase, 7 sh'has, 8 sh'as = she has; 6 schois, 7 shees = she is; 7 sh'ad = she had; 7 sheele, shele = she will. See also Sh', Sh-. [Of difficult etymology; but prob. an altered form of the OE. fem. dem. pron. *sīo, sċo, sie*: see The *dem. pron.* A. I b.

It would appear that in some dialects of late OE. the diphthong in this word underwent a change of stress, the older pronunciations (*sīo*) and (*sīe*) being replaced by (syə̄) and (syē). The latter of these variants is represented by the spelling *sȝe* of the 13th c.; and the phonetic development so far is exactly parallel to that of the OE. fem. pers. pron. *hīo, hēo, hīe* (see Heo), which in the 13th c. was pronounced in some dialects (hyə̄, hyē), as is shown by the written forms *ȝho, ȝhe*. As the combination (sy) is acoustically close to (ʃ), and more difficult (according to English habits of articulation) to produce, it is not surprising that (syē, syə̄) became (ʃē, ʃə̄), these being the pronunciations expressed by the written forms *scæ* (midland, *c* 1150) and *sco, scho* (northern, *a* 1300).

It has been objected to this view that in ONorthumbrian the fem. sing. of the demonstrative was not *sio, seo*, but *ðeo, ðiu*. Instances of *seo, sio* are, however, found in the Lindisfarne Gospels and the glosses to the Durham Ritual and

Hymnarium; and the extant remains of the dialect represent a very small portion of the Northumbrian territory.

With regard to the substitution of the demonstrative pronoun for the original pers. pron., it may be remarked that the phonetic development of various dialects had in the 12th and 13th c. rendered the pronouns *he* (masc.) and *heo* (fem.) almost or wholly indistinguishable in pronunciation. There was therefore where these dialects were spoken a strong motive for using the unambiguous feminine demonstrative instead of the feminine personal pronoun. Further, the districts in which *she* or *sho* first appears in the place of *heo* are marked by the abundance of Scandinavian elements in the dialect and place-names; and in Old Norse the dem. pron. (of all genders) is often used as a personal pron. It is also noteworthy that in OS. and OHG. the fem. pers. pron. nom. sing. was *siu* (mod.G. *sie*, Du. *zij*), corresponding to OE. *sío* (the oblique cases, and the masc. and neut. in the sing., being f. the stems *hi-*, *i-*); and in OFris. *se* 'she' occurs beside *hiu*.

The conjecture that *she* represents the ON. *sjá* this (nom. sing. masc. and fem.) is untenable: the initial (ʃ) is sufficiently accounted for otherwise, and the vowels do not agree. It is however possible that the change from the falling to the rising diphthong in the development both of *hó* and *só* may be due to Scandinavian influence, as in ON. the Germanic *eu* and *iu* became rising diphthongs.

Some scholars have maintained that *she* and its dialectal variants descend directly from the pronunciations (hyé, hyō) of Heo (referred to above); the contention being that (hy) might naturally develop into (ʃ). This development has occurred in some Norwegian dialects, and it is illustrated by the proper names *Shetland* and *Shapinshay* from ON. *Hjaltland* and *Hjalpandisey*. But no instance of it has been pointed out in English of any period, and unless this can be done, the proposed etymology does not appear to have a claim to consideration.

The α type (to which the mod. literary form belongs) is in origin East Midland, while the β type is originally northern.]

I. As proper feminine pronoun of the third person, nominative case.

1. The female being in question, or last mentioned. **a.** Used of persons of the female sex.

α. 1154 *OE. Chron.* (Laud MS.) an. 1140, And te Lundenissce folc hire wolde tæcen & scæ fleh. *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 1444 Sȝe ne bi-spac him neuere a del. *Ibid.* 1447 Sȝe bar him siðen sex sunen. *Ibid.* 1698 For rachel non birðe ne nam Sȝe bi-tæȝte iacob balaam. *Ibid.* 1925 She [see 5]. *Ibid.* 2619 Sche forð-ran. 1297 R. Glouc. (Rolls) 709 ȝwan sse wolde imaried be. *c* 1300 *Havelok* 1721 In al denemark nis wimman So fayr so sche, bi seint iohan! *c* 1320 R. Brunne *Medit.* 843 Se wende þey wulde so serue here sone. *a* 1340 Hampole *Psalter* Cant. 523 In synguler ioy shae was glad in cryst. *c* 1350 *Will. Palerne* 2317 Ac soþli as che had seide..þei herd an huge route of horse. *c* 1420 ? Lydg. *Assembly of Gods* 376 Patronesse of plesaunce, be namyd well se myght. *c* 1460 *Towneley Myst.* x. 158 A, hyr body is grete and she with childe! 1567 *Trial Treas.* (1850) 14 Che can make curchy well enowe. 1569 J. Rogers *Glasse Godly Love* in *Tell-trothes N. Yr's. Gift*, etc. (1876) 180 Aboue all thinges, shee is glad and willinge to suffer for Christes sake. 1611 Bible *Gen.* ii. 23 She shalbe called woman, because shee was taken out of man. *a* 1699 Laov A. Halkett *Autobiog.* (Camden) 4 When she came to my sisters house. 1821 Scott *Kenilw.* xx, Yonder be 's her, mon,—yonder be 's her—Zhe will buy changes an zhe loikes stuffs. 1893 F. Thompson *Poems* 23 Hers is the face whence all should copied be, Did God make replicas of such as she.

β. 1297 R. Glouc. (Rolls) 615 So þat sso [þe quene] badde sone gret poer an honde. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 75 Hir lune sco haldes lele ilike. *Ibid.* 20209 Vntil hir chamber scho it bare. *c* 1300 *Havelok* 112 A mayden..þat was so yung þat sho ne coupe Gon on fote, ne speke wit mouþe. 13.. *Cursor M.* 2731–2 (Gött.) Scho said, 'for-soth ne smile i noght'; And if schoe [*Cott.* sco..sco] did it, hir ouerthoght. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* i. (*Petrus*) 64 Quhen men lede hyre to þe stede, quhar schow suld be put to dede, Petir [etc.]. 1436 *Rolls of Parlt.* IV. 498/1 When itt was asked of hir hy ye Prist, if shoo wolde agree her to have the said William Pulle to husbond, and sho saide, nay never by hir wille. *c* 1450 *Mirk's Festial* 211 But when þis come to þe qwhene, sco went ny3 wode wroþ. 1472 *Presentm. Juries* in *Surtees Misc.* (1890) 23 As oft as shoy his fone defectyffe. 1533 Gau *Richt Vay* (1888) 39 And yat schw hayd na payne or trowbel in hir birth as al oder vemen hesz bot schw buir hir sone with loi and blythnes. *c* 1560 A. Scott *Poems* (S.T.S.) xxiii. 17 For nowdir wald schew rew, Nor beir me at disdane. 1618 in R. M. Fergusson *Alex. Hume* (1899) 274 Margaret Donaldsoune confessed that shoe gave her the sark. *c* 1634 Row *Hist. Kirk* (Wodrow Soc.) 12 And sho dieing, the work of Reformation prospered. *c* 1730 Ramsay *Wyfe of Auchtermuchty* iv, Gudeman, quod scho, content am I. 1824 [Carr] *Craven Gloss., Shoe*, she. 1847 Emily Bronte *Wuthering Heights* ix. (1850) 75 And Miss Nelly, shoo's a fine lass! shoo sits watching for ye i' t' kitchen.

γ. 13.. *K. Alis.* 151 Kyog Phelippes quene scheo is, Theo fairest woman lyvyng y-wis. *c* 1380 *Sir Ferumb.* 2133, & þan wente sheo þe burde brist & tok hem vp anone. *c* 1400 Love *Bonavent. Mirr.* iii. (Gibbs MS.), þowe mayste vnderstond [þe] furst ioye þatt scheo hadde. 1440 J. Shirley *Dethe K. James* 15 Sheo is bot a womane.

δ. *c* 1300 *Havelok* 1250 For she wende she were bi-swike That shere yeuen unkyndelike. *c* 1374 Chaucer *Troylus* v. 189 From hir hors she alighte [*Harl. MS.* shalighte]. 1575, etc. [see Sh-, Sh']. 1607 Sharpham *Fleire* iv. (1610) G 3 b, Yet in the morning, sheele haue none of them all. 1631 Knevet *Rhodon & Iris* iii. i. E 3, Then to her hips shele have her garments fall. 1637 N. W[iting] *Albino & Bellama* 4 For having pow're to conquer, being faire, Sh'ad pow're not to be conquerd, being chaste. 1675 Shadwell *Psyche* iii. Wks. 1720 II. 37 To Psyche I haue offer'd my whole heart, Sh'has for no other left me the least part. 1697 Vanbrugh *Relapse* v. ii, Sure there's divinity about her, and sh'as dispensed some portion on't to me. 1724 Ramsay *Evergreen* (1761) II. 17 Schois fairest payd that gets her Will.

† **b.** With adjective prefixed. *Obs. rare.*

1589 Greene *Menaphon* (Arb.) 66 Till proud she repent. 1593 Shaks. *Lucr.* 1674 Which speechless woe of his poor she attendeth.

c. Used of animals of the female sex. Also (esp. in rustic use) of certain animals (e. g. the cat, the hare) the names of which have a quasi-grammatical feminine gender exc. when a male is specifically referred to.

c 1386 Chaucer *Sqr.'s T.* 409 And euere in oon she [the falcon] cryde alwey and shrighte, And with hir beek hir selven so she prighte, That [etc.]. *c* 1410 *Master of Game* (MS. Digby 182) i, An hare shall dure well iiij. myle or more or lasse, and she be an olde hare mascle. 1486 *Bk. St. Albans, Hawking* c viii, She puttithoner when she Euoidith hir meete owte of hir goorge in to hir bowillis. 1576 Turberv. *Venerie* lix. 162 Of the subtilties of an Hare, when she is runne and hunted. 1653 Walton *Angler* viii[i]. 147 The Melter hovers over her all that time that she [the female pike] is casting her Spawn. 1665 J. North in *Extr. S. P. rel. Friends* III. (1912) 234 Tennants and vassalls..who dare not say the Crow is blacke if they say shees white. 1860 Reade *Cloister & H.* vii, She [a leopard] was chained to the huntsman. 1891 [D. Jorgan] ('Son of Marshes') *On Surrey Hills* ii. (1892) 44 He [the sparrow-hawk], or 'she', as they say, will fly at anything.

¶ **d.** The misuse of *she* for *I* (also for *you* and *he*) is common in literary representations of Highland English. Cf. Nainsell, Her *pers. pron.* 2 b, Herself 3 c.

c 1450 Holland *Howlat* 797 A bard owt of Irland..Said.. 'Raike hir a rug of the rost, or scho sall ryiue the'. *c* 1707 in *Scot. Antiquary* (1898) XII. 105 She sall Confin Her nane Speak to te Salt, an te Excise, whilk she far sees will touch Her nane sell Mickle. 1818 Scott *Rob Roy* xxix, She'll speak her mind and fear naebody—She doesna value a Cawmil mair as a Cowan, and ye may tell MacCallum More that Allan Iverach said sae. 1819 — *Leg. Montrose* iv, What the deil, man,..can she no drink after her ain master without washing the cup. *Ibid.*, 'And here she comes,' said Donald, as Captain Dalgetty entered the hall.

2. Used (instead of *it*) of things to which female sex is conventionally attributed. **a.** Of a ship or boat. Also (now chiefly in colloquial and dialect use), often said of a carriage, a cannon or gun, a tool or utensil of any kind; occas. of other things.

In quots. *c* 1380 and *c* 1475 the grammatical gender of the Fr. words rendered may have influenced the translators.

1375 Barbour *Bruce* III. 626 And thar schip thai lychtyt sone..And scho, that swa wes maid lycht, Raykyt slidand throw the se. *c* 1380 *Sir Ferumb.* 2182, & þo3 þe dore were strong & huge, wiþ þe strok sche fle3. *c* 1475 *Partenay* 4495 A chambre..full fair wroght & well,..She myght in no wise..more fairer be. 1483 *Cely Papers* (Camden) 142 Oon Thursday..cam forth a passonger from Dower to Calles ward and sche was chasyd with Frensche men. 1496 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* I. 299 Item, to the men that brocht the clos cart furth of the water, quhen scho stude in the watir all nycht. 1561 Hollyaush *Hom. Apoth.* 14 b, Roste a rape upon the fyre till she be all black, and eate her warm. 1594 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* V. 195 Haveing brocht in thair ship to ane place thair quhair thay thocht sho micht maist conveniently ly. 1672 J. Roberts *Compl. Canonier* 36 To cool a Piece of Ordnance, when she is grown hot with over-much fireing. 1748 *Anson's Voy.* II. iii. (ed. 4) 212 She ..was a fine roomy ship. 1821 Scott *Pirate* viii, I'll give you my fowlingpiece; she will put a hundred swan-shot through a Dutchman's cap at eighty paces. 1865 Dickens *Mut. Fr.* III. vii, Mr. Venus..adjusting the kettle on the fire, remarked to himself..'She'll bile in a couple of minutes'. 1869 *St. James' Mag.* III. 309 The certainty of Oriel's bumping Balliol, if she can only hold up as far as the Gut. 1877 *N. W. Linc. Gloss.* s. v., The feminine pronouns *she* and *her* are used for many things, as an oven, a 'stee', a pianoforte, a 'suff', and a church-bell. 1888 Lees & Clutterbuck *B. C. 1887* xxxiv. (1892) 372 A sleeping-car was being prepared here for attachment to the train when she should arrive.

b. Of abstractions, etc. personified as feminine; also of the soul, a city, the church, a country, † an army, etc.

c 1421 *26 Pol. Poems* xx. 173 She [the soul] is ashamed, now she is wys; Sche lyued in vowtrye so many a day. *c* 1489 Caxton *Sonnes of Aymon* vi. 136 Whan the cyte vnderstode this, she began to be sore moeved. 1585 T. Washington tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* I. xiii. 14 b, [He] told the Ambassadour, that the Turkes army was at Malta, and that she had saccaged the towne. *Ibid.* I. xvi. 17 Shee is inhabited & peopled with a great number of..Merchants. 1638-Junius *Paint. Ancients* 21 Phantasie on the contrary doth take in hand also what shee hath not seene. 1760 *Ann. Reg.* III. *Misc. Ess.* 203 With all the pompous titles.. bestowed upon France, she is not more than half so powerful as she might be. 1827 Scott *Surg. Dau.* i, Nature must not be hurried, and she avenges herself of every attempt to do so. 1845 M. Pattison *Ess.* (1889) I. 10 The Church cannot be said to have created pilgrimages, or even to have encouraged them—she suffered them. 1871 Smiles *Charac.* i. (1876) 22 South Carolina;..if that state went out of the world today, she would not have done so much for the world as Socrates. 1900 G. C. Broderick *Mem. & Impressions* 252 Stanley had been ridiculing the habit of personifying the Church as a woman, and speaking of it tenderly as *she*.

† **c.** *rarely* of an immaterial thing without personification.

c 1380 *Sir Ferumb.* 2359 To morwe we wolleþ..by-gynne þe sege..& fro þat time she ys by-gunne ne schal heo neuere be laft Til þe tour a3en be wonne.

d. Of natural objects considered as feminine, as the moon, or the planets that are named after goddesses; also of a river (now *rare*), formerly of the sea, a tree, etc.

The two examples (quots. 1483, 1588 [1]) of *she* used of the sun may possibly be due to misprint; survival of the OE. grammatical gender can hardly be supposed, but Caxton may have been influenced by the fact that the sun is fem. in Flemish.

1483 Caxton *Golden Leg.* 112 b/2 The sonne..that day ascended as hye as she is on saynt Iohns day at none. 1588 Parke tr. *Mendoza's Hist. China* 340 They sayle alwayes towards the west, following the sunne when as she departeth from our hemispherie. 1588 A. King tr. *Canisius' Catech.* I vj, Conferring..hir [*sc.* the moon's] rising and setting with ye rysing and setting of ye sone..it salbe easie to knaw how longe scho do schyne. 1614 A. Roberts *Sacred Septenarie* 169 The Moone cannot shine except shee receiue light from the Sunne. 1657 Ligon *Barbados* 77, I have seen a Negre with two short ropes clyme the tree and gather the fruit, about this time she is 80 foot high. 1673 O. Walker *Educ.* I. viii. (1687) 73 Demosthenes.. strengthened his voice by declaiming near the sea side when she roared. 1823 Scott *Quentin D.* xxv, She [*sc.* the harvest moon] shed her yellow influence over rich and deep pastures. 1903 A. Adams *Log of Cowboy* ix. 121 The driftwood..indicated what might be expected when she [the river] became sportive or angry.

3. Used pleonastically. **a.** In apposition with a *sb.* in the nominative case. Now only *arch.* (*poet.*) and in uneducated use.

a 1440 *Sir Eglam.* 110 Upon the morowe the maydyn smalle, Sche wente before hur fadur in halle, Amonge hur byrdys bryght. 1576 *Common Conditions* 243 (Brandl) My sister, she the Jnell is. ? *a* 1600 *Beggar's Dau. Bednall-Green* I. xvi. in *Percy Folio MS.* II. 282 Then Bessye shee sighed, & thus shee did say. 1806 Jamieson *Sir Oluf* 44 The bride she cam' wi' the bridal train. 1892 Kipling *Barrack-room Ballads* 21 My wife she cries on the barrack-gate, my kid in the barrack-yard. 1896 — *Seven Seas* 86 The Liner she's a lady by the paint upon 'er face.

† **b.** In apposition with a sb. in the objective case. *Obs.*

1576 *Common Conditions* 265 (Brandl) Who can but smile and laugh to see the state of Fortune, shee? 1599 *Sir Clyom.* in *Peele's Wks.* (Rtldg.) 501/2 But shall I frame, then, mine excuse by serving Venus she. *Ibid.* 511/1 Vet though unto Neronis she I may not show my mind.

4. Used for *her*, as object or governed by a preposition. **a.** in literary use. Now *rare.*

c 1530 Ld. Berners *Arth. Lyt. Bryt.* lxxxi. (1814) 380, I haue no mo chyldren but she. 1588 Shaks. *L. L. L.* v. ii. 469 The Ladies did change Fauours; and then we Following the signes, woo'd but the signe of she. 1592 Daniel *Delia* xi, '*Tears, vows & prayers*', Yet will I weepe, vowe, pray to cruell Shee. 1604 Shaks. *Oth.* iv. ii. 3 You haue seene Cassio, and she together. 1610 — *Temp.* III. ii. 109, I neuer saw a woman But onely Sycorax my Dam, and she. 1881 Olive Schreiner *Story African Farm* II. xiii. (1889) 284, I want no angel, only she.

b. *vulgarly*, as an emphatic objective case.

1752 Foote *Taste* I. (1781) 14 The fat Cook..fell out at the Tail of the Waggon; so we left she behind. 1762 Bickerstaffe *Love in Village* III. iv, I have got rid of she. 1856 Miss Mulock *J. Halifax* x, 'I hope—our presence did not inconvenience—the young lady?' 'Bless your heart, sir! nothing ever inconveniences she'.

II. As antecedent pronoun, followed by relative, etc.: cf. He II.

5. The or that woman, or person of the female sex (*that* or *who* . . .).

Formerly sometimes instead of *her* (objective): cf. 3 b.

c 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 1925 Hu mai ðis sen..ðat ðine breðere, and ic, and she ðat ðe bar, sulen luten ðe? 1390 Gower *Conf.* I. 46 Sche that is the Source and Welle Of wel or wo. *c* 1400 *Rule of St. Benet* (Prose) 26 And so þat gas vt of þe wike, and so þat cumis in, sal recaiue þe benichun at morne at matins. *c* 1489 Caxton *Blanchardyn* 186 Goo ayen to Tormaday to see the noble lande of that lady, she of whom thou arte amorouse soo moche. *a* 1540 Barnes *Wks.* (1573) 361/2 Faith is shee, whiche by prayer, obtaineth that thing, that the law commaundeth. *c* 1600 Shaks. *Sonn.* iii, For where is she so faire whose vn-eard wombe Disdaines the tillage of thy husbandry? 1606 — *Tr. & Cr.* II. iii. 252 Praise him that got thee, she that gaue thee sucke. 1847 Tennyson *Princess* III. 244 There is nothing upon earth More miserable than she that has a son And sees him err. 1871 R. Ellis *Catullus* lviii. 2 That bright Lesbia,..she than whom Catullus Self nor family more devontly cherish'd.

III. As demonstrative pronoun.

6. † **a.** *She and she, she and he*, etc.: this and that, the one and the other, both. *Obs.*

c 1374 Chaucer *Troylus* II. 1747 And though ye wolde han after merye dayes, Than dar ye nought, and why? for she, and she Spak swich a word. 1500–20 Dunbar *Poems* xviii. 18 Than will thay say, baith scho and hie, That I am jaipit lait and air. 1513 Douglas *Æneis* I. Prol. 317 He or scho Quha takis me nocht, go quhar thai haue ado. 1562 *Aberd. Kirk Sess. Rec.* (Spalding Club) 7 Qubasumener within this toun, he or sche, jniuris..their nychtbour with infamous ..wordis.

b. Followed by a prepositional phrase.

1819 Scott *Ivanhoe* xliv, The Church gave her full solemnities, graced with all the splendour which she of Rome knows how to apply with such brilliant effect. 18.. H. G. Bell *Poem, Mary Q. Scots* 29 And there walks she of Medici,..the haughty Catherine! *a* 1849 Poe *The Assignation*, 'Ha! said he thoughtfully,..'the Venus of the Medici?—she of the diminutive head and the gilded hair?'

IV. As *sb.* (not changing in the objective).

7. A female; a woman or girl; a lady-love. (With pl. *shes, she's*, †*shees.*)

1538 Bale *Thre Lawes* 422 What! sumtyme thu wert an he? Yea but now ych am a she. 1547 Salesbury *Dict. Welsh*, Banyw, a she. 1575 [see Ha 7 b]. 1590 Greene *Never too late* I. (1600) D 3 b, Bright she was, for twas a she That trac'd her steps towards me. *a* 1592 — *Jas. IV*, I. iii. 679 Her vertues may compare With the proudest she that waits vpon your Queen. *c* 1600 Shaks. *Sonn.* cxxx. 14 And yet by heauen I thinke my loue as rare, As any she beli'd with false compare. 1611 — *Wint. T.* iv. iv. 360, I was wont To load my Shee with knackes. 1648 Crashaw *Delights of Muses* Poems (1904) 160 Who ere she be, That not impossible she That shall command my heart and me. 1671 *Westminster Drollery* II. (1875) 80 For every he Has

got him a she. 1709 Mrs. Manley *Secret Mem.* (1736) II. 228 The lovely She grew calm and tender. 1752 Fielding *Amelia* x. ii, The domino began to make very fervent love to the she. *a* 1814 *Forgery* IV. ii. in *New Brit. Theatre* I. 472 The very she who took the bracelets from me. 1819 Byron *Juan* II. clxxv, The freest she that ever gaz'd on glass. 1840 Thackeray *Shabby-genteel Story* i, I would not change my condition—no, not to be..the luckiest she in England. 1881 'Rita' *My Lady Coquette* xviii, 'She's a friend of yours naturally?' 'How do you know it's a "she"?' 1894 Fenn *Real Gold* 40 Those are not shes—they're both men.

b. A female animal. [So G. *sie*, Fris. *sy.*]

1556 *Aurelio & Isab.* G 3, So the moste parte of the sheos [Fr. *des femelles*], aswell of the hirdes as of the beastes, will be praide. 1601 Bp. W. Barlow *Eagle & Body* (1609) B 2, A Prey to the Eagles of the Epicene gender, both Hees and Shees. 1604 R. C. *Table Alph.* (1613), *Female*, the shee in mankinde, or other creatures. 1615 Sylvester *Job Triumph.* 78 Five hundred yoke of Oxen did hee owe, Five hundred Asse-shees, Camels six times so. 1626 Bacon *Sylva* § 852 He-Lions are Hirsute, and haue great Maines; the She's are smooth like Cats. 1657 G. Thornley *Daphnis & Chloe* 125 The he-goats had battels for the she's, and every one had his own wives. 1677 Mrs. Behn *Adelazer* I. i, He.. Had better snatch the She from the fierce side Of a young amorous lion, and 'twere safer. 1698 Fryer *Acc. E. India & P.* IV. v. 177 The She [= tigress] brings forth but once in Twelve Years. 1759 R. Brown *Compl. Farmer* 39 Especially the shees which are with kid. 1875 [see He 7 h].

8. Opposed to *he*: Female.

? *a* 1500 *Chester Pl., Noah's Flood* 124 Of cleane fowles seaven alsoe, the hee and shee together. 1567 [see He 7]. 1613 Shaks. *Hen. VIII*, v. iv. 25 Any That had a head to hit, either young or old, He or shee, Cuckold or Cuckold-maker. 1634 Sir T. Herbert *Trav.* 24 These and the Date tree thrive not, except the male and female be united, and have copulation: the she is only fruitfull. 1649 Lovelace *A Lady with Falcon* vi, For y'are in Falcons Monarchy, And in that just Dominion hred, In which the Nobler is the Shee. 1888 *Sat. Rev.* 20 Oct. 467/1 Any not a poet, whether he or she, might toil [etc.].

V. *attrib.* and *Comb.*

9. Female. Applied to animals, as in *she-ass, -bear, -wolf*, etc.; **she-dog**, chiefly *transf.* = Bitch 2; **she-dragon**, a female dragon; also *transf.* (cf. Dragon[1] 6); **she-lion** *slang*, a punning distortion of 'shilling'.

1382 Wyclif *Gen.* xv. 9 A she gehet of thre 3eer. — *Lev.* xxii. 28 Shee oxe other shee sheep. — *Zech.* ix. 9 Thi kyng shal cume to thee..sytinge vpon a she asse, and vpon a fole, sone of the she asse. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Pars. T.* P 424 A shee ape. 1500–20 Dunbar *Poems* xxxv. 27 Him meit sall in the air ane scho dragoun. 1508 Kennedie *Flyting w. Dunbar* 259 Generit betuix ane sche beir and a deill. 1587 A. Day *Daphnis & Chloe* (1890) 6 The sucke it receiued from one of his shee-goates. 1596 Dalrymple tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* I. 50 The hie Salmonte haueng castne the meltis, and the sche salmonte the Rounis. *c* 1640 J. Smyth *Hund. Berkeley* (1885) 319 The Conger alias the conger eele, beinge the hee-fish, and the Shee fish is called a quauer. 1692 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 2733/4 A..She-Ass, with a light coloured She-Foal. 1720 De Foe *Capt. Singleton* (1906) 100 A chase between a she-lion, or lioness, and a large deer. 1785 Grose *Dict. Vulgar T., She-Lion*, a shilling. 1821 Lamb in *Coleridge's Lett.*, etc. (1858) 117 'Yet', said Lamb, 'Letitia was only just tinted; she was not what the she-dogs now call an intellectual woman'. 1838 Dickens *Old C. Shop* xxxiv, She-dragons in the business conducting themselves like professional gentlemen. 1843 Marryat *M. Violet* xl, The she-panther lay dead. 1844 H. Stephens *Bk. Farm* II. 702 The she-pigs are treated in a different manner. 1856 Kane *Arct. Expl.* I. xxix. 392 A stout Esquimaux..fired at a she-bear. 1897 Kipling *Capt. Cour.* v. 119 Great she-whales slain beside their young.

10. Female. Applied to persons (now somewhat contemptuous). **a.** Prefixed to sbs. which are otherwise 'common', as in *she-cousin, dancer, thief*, etc.; † **she-friend**, a female friend, often in bad sense, a mistress; **she-saint**, a female saint; also *transf.* and *fig.*

c 1532 Du Wes *Introd. Fr.* in *Palsgr.* 918/3 A she thefe, *laronesse*. 1537 tr. *Latimer's Serm. Convoc.* ii. C j b, They swere by al he sayntes and she sayntes to. 1579 Fulke *Conf. Sanders* 615 S. Vncoulber a she Saint. 1580 Hollyband *Treas. Fr. Tong, Amoureuse*, a shee louer. *a* 1586 Sir H. Sidney *Let. to Sir P. Sidney* in *Usher's Lett.* (1686) App. 25 There is nothing more irksom than a She-Fool. *a* 1592 Greene *Thieves falling out* (1615) A 3, A Disputation betweene a Hee-Foyst, and a Shee-Foyst. 1594 Carew *Huarte's Exam. Wits* xiv. (1596) 241 There haue been.. many she Greeks..specially seen in the Sciences. 1607 Dekker & Marston *Westw. Hoe* II. ii. C 3, She..is such an intycing shee witch. 1609 B. Jonson *Sil. Wom.* II. ii. (1620) D 2, And for that cause [she will] goe line with her she-friend, or Cosen at the Colledge. 1623 Middleton & Rowley *Sp. Gipsy* IV. ii. (1653) G 3, This young shee Gipsie. 1624 Heywood *Gunaik.* VI. 303 One Pharsalia, a Thessalian shee-dancer. *a* 1625 Fletcher *Hum. Lieut.* II. ii, He.. Commends his soule to his she-saint and exit. 1664 Pepys *Diary* 9 Sept., My two she-cozen Joyces. 1668 Sedley *Mulb. Gard.* II. ii, And then a Bottle of Wine or two, and a She-Friend is an approv'd Remedy. 1682 Mrs. Behn *City Heiress* I. i. 4, I have an assignation here at Church with the dearest she-saint, and I hope sinner. 1727 Lady M. W. Montagu *Let. to C'tess Mar* Apr. (1893) I. 504 Which naturally attracts all the she and he fools in London. 1754 *Gray's Inn Jrnl.* No. 91 (1756) II. 248 She [*i. e.* Elizabeth] had no She-Friends in her Cabinet-Council. 1808 Cobbett *Polit. Reg.* 25 June XIII. 1001, I trust, that mothers and wives and sisters and she-cousins..will have very little to do in the appointing of generals and other officers. 1823 Lamb *Elia* Ser. II. *Poor Relations*, Your indigent she-relative is hopeless. 1840 Thackeray *Paris Sk. Bk.* Wks. 1900 V. 87 All the he and she scoundrels of the capital.. rush by you. 1840 Barham *Ingol. Leg., Lay St. Odille* Moral, Then let's act like Count Otto, and while one survives, Succumb to our She-Saints—videlicet wives.

b. Prefixed to sbs. which naturally or usually denote a male person.

1530 Palsgr. 266/2 Sche devyll, *diablesse*. 1580 Hollyband *Treas. Fr. Tong, Boulengière*, a she baker. *c* 1590 Marlowe *Faust.* iv. 408 There was a hee diuell, and a shee diuell. 1607 R. Wilkinson *Merchant Royall* 17 Christ did call no she Apostles. *a* 1613 Overbury *A Wife*, etc. (1638) 45 At first both sexes were in Man combinde, Man, She-Man did with his body breed. *c* 1622 Ford, etc. *Witch Edmonton* IV. ii, [Enter Winnifrede as a page]..*Frank.*..Ah, my She-Page! *a* 1628 F. Greville *Life Sidney* (1652) 188 This She-David [Q. Eliz.] of ours ventured to undertake the great Goliath among the Philistins abroad, I mean Spain and the Pope. 1633 Massinger *Guardian* III. vi, Would I were a she-Priapus, Stuck up in a garden to fright away the Crows. *a* 1704 T. Brown *Walk round Lond., Quaker's Meet.* Wks. 1709 III. III. 22 [She] makes a compleat She-Preacher, fit to denounce Hell and the Devil. *c* 1766 Gray *Impromptu*, Mrs. Keene the she Bishop of Chester [*i. e.* the bishop's wife]. 1816 *Monthly Mag.* XLII. 202 This she pope. 1840 Thackeray *Catherine* ii, I don't think I ever saw such a she-devil. 1874 Lisle Carr *Jud. Gwynne* I. iii. 73 A flirtation with a she-costermonger or other female. 1892 *Ch. Q. Rev.* July 354 A Salvationist she-captain. 1900 Elworthy *Horns of Honour* ii. 91 Cecco d'Ascoli was burnt in 1327..for having had illicit intercourse with a succuba, or she-devil.

c. Prefixed to masculine nouns in place of the (frequently later) feminine nonn in *-ess. rare.*

1591 Percivall *Sp. Dict., Sacerdotissa*, a shee priest. 1610 Holland *Camden's Brit.* II. 231 A French God, whose shee-priestes, vowing perpetuall virginity, are said to be nine in number. 1656 Earl Monm. tr. *Boccalini's Advts. fr. Parnass.* I. xxii. (1674) 22 [They] admitted the chief She-Poets, or Poetesses, into Parnassus. 1674 Brevint *Saul Endor* vii. 161 They took her for their Patroness, and consequently for their she God. *a* 1679 Earl Orrery *Herod Gt.* Prol., Rare Scenes like Opera's, nay, She-Actors too. 1712 W. Rogers *Voy.* (1718) 279 The other She-Negro (call'd Daphne). 1736 Ainsworth *Lat. Dict.* IV. s. v. *Cithæron*, It was sacred to Bacchus, and here his she priests were wont to keep their revels. 1809 Malkin *Gil Blas* II. iv. P 8 The she-adventurer who had played the part of Camilla.

d. Prefixed, with the sense 'that is a woman', to sbs. nsed *fig.* (chiefly in disparaging use). Now *rare.*

1582 T. Watson *Centurie of Love* ix, So shuts or sprouts my ioy, as doth this flow're, When my Sheesunne doth either laugh or lowre. 1591 Lodge *Catharos* 4 b, A filbert is better than a faggot, except it be an Athenian she handfull. 1601 R. Johnson *Kingd. & Commw.* (1603) 81 Almost euery common soldior carrying with him his she-haggage, besides his bag and other furniture. 1624 Heywood *Captives* I. i. in Bullen *O. Pl.* IV, Shipp all your goods With these shee-chatteyles. 1638 Ford *Lady's Trial* I. ii, And him have we beleagred to accost This shee-peece, under a pretence of being Grandee of Spain. 1694 Motteux *Rabelais* v. xxi, His Office was to cast anew those She-pieces of Antiquity. 1871 R. Ellis *Catullus* vi. 4 Some she-malady, some unhealthy wanton, Fires thee verily. 1904 Dowden *R. Browning* 246 The lone she-sparrow of the house-top [*i. e.* a poor girl in a garret].

e. with names of plants. Cf. He 8 b. See also She-oak.

1575 Gascoigne *Kenelworth* Wks. 1910 II. 127 Mary there are two kinds of Holly, that is to say, he Holly, and she Holly. 1585 Higins *Junius' Nomenclator* 114/1 *Abrotonum mas.* The hee Southernwood. *A. femina.* The shee Southernwood. 1626 [see He 8 b]. 1705 Beverley *Hist. Virginia* (1722) 127 The other..looks shrivell'd, with a Dent on the Back of the Grain, as if it had never come to Perfection; and this they call She-Corn. 1756 P. Browne *Jamaica* 362 The she-plants throw out their flowers separate. 1884 Sargent *Rep. Forests N. Amer.* 210 *Abies Fraseri*, Lindley..Balsam. She balsam. 1898 E. E. Morris *Austral Engl.* s. v. *Beech*, She Beech, *Cryptocarya obovata. Ibid.* s. v. *She-Oak*, The prefix *she* is used in Australia to indicate an inferiority of timber in respect of texture, colour, or other character; e. g. *She-beech, She-pine.*

f. with names of things = Female *a.* II.

1816 [see He 8 c]. 1876 Papworth in *Encycl. Brit.* IV. 472/2 The joint joggles made as at *a*..is called by workmen a *he*, and that at *b* a *she* joggle.

11. With the sense 'effeminate'. *nonce-use.*

1821 Byron *Sardanap.* II. i. 48 The she-king, That less than woman, is even now upon The waters with his female mates.

12. Of, pertaining to, characteristic of, a woman or women.

1602 *How Choose Gd. Wife* III. ii. E 3, And since I sware, ..To trust no she tongue, that can name a man. *a* 1625 Fletcher *Wife for Month* I. Wks. 1907 V. 13 There's no such cure for the she-falling sickness As the powder of a dryed Bawds Skin. 1633 Ford *Broken H.* II. i, But this is but she-newes, I had it from a midwife. *c* 1648–50 Brathwait *Barnabees Jrnl.* I. (1818) 33 Furnish'd with their spritely weapons, She-flesh feeles clarks are no capons. 1655 Fuller *Ch. Hist.* VI. 297 Nunneries also were good shee-schools, wherein the Girles, and Maids of the Neighbourhood, were taught to read and work. *Ibid. marg.*, Conveniency of Shee-Colledges. 1713 Rowe *Jane Shore* Epil., The Poets frequently might move Compassion, And with She Tragedies o'er-run the Nation. 1821 Byron *Sardanap.* III. i. 220 Lydian Omphale's She-garb. 1831 Trelawny *Adv. Younger Son* I. 277 He is as self-willed and obstinate as the she-kind are. 1847 Tennyson *Princess* Prol. 158 He long'd ..for she-society. 1892 *Daily Chron.* 28 Apr. 3/1 What someone contemptuously phrased as 'she-poetry'.

13. *Comb.*: **she bible**, the second of the two issues of the Bible printed in 1611 (see quot.); † **she-calends** [tr. L. *feminæ kalendæ*], the calends of March (when the Matronalia were celebrated); † **she-Dunkirk**, a privateer; † **she-flattery**, the act of flattering females; **she-house** *slang* (see quot.); † **she-retailing** *a.*, trading in women.

1878 H. Stevens *Bibles Caxton Exhib.* 109 This pair.. we shall distinguish by calling the first the Great He Bible, and the other the Great *She Bible, from their respective renderings of Ruth iii. 15. *Ibid.* 111 This [1613–11 ed.] is generally a mixture of the sheets of the He and the She Bible. *a* 1661 Holyday *Juvenal* IX. (1673) 177 A trimme creature, to whom thou might'st send guifts forsooth, such as at the *she-calends they send to women. 1623 Massinger *Dk. Milan* III. ii, As he came From a close fight at Sea vnder the Hatches, With a *she Dunckerke. 1637 Nabbes *Microcosmus* IV. E 2 b, Melancholy hath been some neglected Courtier; hee's perfect in *she-flattery. 1785 Grose *Dict. Vulgar T.*, *She House, a house where the wife rules, or, as the term is, wears the breeches. 1593 Nashe *Christ's T.* 77 b, These *shee retayling bodie-traffiquers.

VI. As adjective.

14. Female, feminine. *rare.*

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 629 þe bestes all, bath sco and he, War broght forwit him to see. *a* 1849 H. Coleridge *Ess.* (1851) II. 50 He had so little of the woman in him that he could resemble nothing She.

‖ Shea (ʃi, ʃē·ă). [Mandingo (Bambara and other dialects) *si, se, sye*, the tree or its fruit. The current English spelling is due to Park.] A sapotaceous tree of tropical Africa, *Bassia Parkii*, from the kernels of which is obtained *shea butter* (also called *galam butter*), a substance resembling butter, used as food by the natives and in Europe for the manufacture of soap, etc. Also *shea tree, shea-butter tree.*

1799 Park *Trav. Africa* xvi. (ed. 2) 202 The people were every where employed in collecting the fruit of the Shea trees. *Ibid.* 203 In clearing wood land for cultivation, every tree is cut down but the Shea. 1846 *Rep. Brit. Assoc.* II. 90 The Shea Butter-Tree. 1846 *J. Bell's Syst. Geog., Guinea* I. IV. 28 The *shea* or butter-tree. 1847 Mas. R. Lee *Afr. Wand.* xiv. (1854) 232 Anointed with vegetable or shea butter. 1905 *Brit. Med. Jrnl.* 26 Aug. 450 Shea butter..is employed for rheumatism [etc.].

Sheac(k, var. forms of She-oak.

Sheading (ʃī·dĭn). Also 6 shedding, 8 sheeding. [var. f. Shedding *vbl. sb.*] Each of the six administrative subdivisions (three to each 'district') of the Isle of Man.

? 1577 in Mills *Stat. Laws I. of Man* (1821) 12, vj Men of every Shedding of Mann. *Ibid.* 15 In your six Courts of your six Sheadings. 1653 Chaloner *I. of Man* (1656) 17, 6 Coroners or Sheriffs of the 6 Sheadings, into which the Isle is divided. 1894 Hall Caine *Manxman* 315 The Coroner of the premier sheading began to recite the same titles in Manx.

attrib. 1577 in Mills *Stat. Laws I. of Man* (1821) 60 Hereafter follows the Fencing of the Sheading Courts. 1653 Chaloner *I. of Man* (1656) 19 A Jury of six, which is called a Sheading Jury.

Sheaf (ʃīf), *sb.* Forms: *α.* 1 scéaf, 4–5 shef, schef, schoef, 4–6 shefe, sheef, 5 sheeffe, (chyfe), 5–6 schefe, scheff(e, sheff, 5–7 sheffe, 6 sheaffe, schiefe, *Sc.* scheiff, (teind-)cheif, 6–7 sheafe, 7 sheave, sheive, 8 *Sc.* sheaff, 6– sheaf. *Pl.* 1 scéafas, (scéabas, scébas), 3 sheve, (*Orm.*) shæfess, 4 schewes, (szevis, cheves), 4–5 schefes, 4–6 scheves, -is, -ys, sheves, -is, -ys, 5 shefys, shef(f)s, 5–7 sheeves, 6 sheffes, sheiffes, sheafes, 7 sheaffes, shefes, 6– sheaves, 7– sheafs. *β. chiefly north.* and *Sc.* 4 schaf, (shafth), 4–5 shafe, 5 schafe, schaffe, 5–6 shaffe, shayff, 6 schaif, schayffe, 5 shave, 9 shaf(f. *Pl.* 4 scaves, schaffes, 4–5 schaves, 5 schaiffis, shaffis, 5–6 schawis, 6 shayffs, 7 schavis, schawes, shaves. *γ.* 5 schof(e, schoof, 9 *dial.* shoaf, shofe, shoof. *Pl.* 5 schovys, 9 *dial.* shoves, shoofs, etc. [Com. Teut. (wanting in Gothic): OE. *scéaf* masc. = NFris. *skôf*, WFris. *skeaf*, OS. *skôf*? sheaf (Gallée), MLG., MDu. *schôf* (mod.Du. *schoof* fem., sheaf), OHG. *scoub* sheaf, bundle or wisp of straw (MHG. *schoup*, mod.G. *schaub* masc., also *schaube* fem., wisp of straw), ON. *skauf* neut., fox's brush :—OTeut. **skaubo-*, app. f. the root **skaub-*: *skeub-*: *skub-*: see Shove *v.* From the wk. grade of the root are OHG. *scob*, MHG. *schop*, mod.G. dial. *schob* masc., *schobe* fem., bundle, OHG. *scobar*, MHG., mod.G. *schober* masc., heap of hay, corn, etc.

With the *β* forms cf. *chaf(-man)* beside *cheap*, OE. *céap*. The *γ* forms are difficult to account for. They may represent an ablaut variant (OE. **scofa* or **scofe*), or they may be due to the influence of continental LG. or Du.; another possible explanation is that locally the original falling diphthong *éa* may have undergone change of stress; but none of these conjectures is quite satisfactory.]

1. One of the large bundles in which it is usual to bind cereal plants after reaping. Also, a similar bundle of the stalks or blooms of other plants.

α. c 725 *Corpus Gloss.* (Hessels) G 15 *Garbas*, sceabas. *c* 1000 Ælfric *Gen.* xxxvii. 7 Me þuhte, þæt we bundon sceafas on æcere and þæt min sceaf arise and stode uprihte omiddan eowrum sceafum. *c* 1000 *Sax. Leechd.* II. 216 Rudan sceafas þry ʒedo on wine croccan. *c* 1200 Ormin 1481 Þu þresshest tine shæfess, & sibbenn winndwesst tu þin corn. *a* 1250 *Owl & Night.* 455 Hwanne mon howieþ of his sheue. 1485 in *10th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. v. 291 Clane whete as it cometh from the shefe. *a* 1490 Botoner *Itin.* (Nasmith, 1778) 288 Et populi portant anglice shevys de reede segge ad luminandam aulam. 1553 *Cal. Anc. Rec. Dublin* (1889) 433 Brynyng with every pecke two shevis of fyrris. 1621 Quarles *Hadassa* Introd. B 2, Here lies a new-falne ranke, and there a sheaue. 1717 Berkeley *Tour Italy* Wks. 1871 IV. 546 Corn reaped and standing in

sheaves. 1797 T. Holcroft tr. *Stolberg's Trav.* III. lxxxi. (ed. 2) 290 We..saw barley in sheaf. 1844 H. Stephens *Bk. Farm* III. 1053 By practice, he can ascertain by the eye whether sheaves are of the proper size, which is 1 foot of diameter across the band. 1846 J. Baxter *Libr. Pract. Agric.* (ed. 4) II. 317 It is usual for landlords to pay for the drawing of the reed by the hundred sheaves. 1862 Miall *Title-deeds Ch. Eng.* 39 *note*, Beans were usually tithed in the sheaf or shock.

β. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 4061 Hijs breþer schaues [*Gött.* scheuis, *Fairf.* sheuys] he sagh lutand Til his allan þat was standand. 14.. *Nom.* in Wr.-Wülcker 725/40 *Hec garba*, a schaffe. 1513 Douglas *Æneis* IV. Prol. 14 Of vickit grane quhow sall gud schaif be schorn? 1532–3 *Durham Househ. Bk.* (Surtees) 166 Item 1 stuk et 16 shayffs ordii. 1565 *Reg. Mag. Sig. Scot.* 384 Cum..10 garbis vulgo schawis straminum. 1639 Mure *Ps.* cxxvi. 23 Charg'd with shaves.

γ. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 444/2 Scheffe, or scheef (*S.* schefe or schofe, *K.* schof), *garba, gelima. Ibid.* 447/2 Schoof or scheef. *Ibid.* Schokkyn schovys, *tasso, congelimo.* 1788 W. H. Marshall *Yorksh.* II. 35 In these 'reaps',—shoves or open sheaves,—it [*sc.* rape] lies until..the ripest is ready to open its pods. 1865 W. White *East. Eng.* I. vii. 101 Then we has to lay 'em [the reeds] straight, and tie 'em up into shoofs. 1879 Miss Jackson *Shropsh. Word-bk.*, Shoves.

Proverbs. c 1384 Chaucer *H. Fame* 2140 For alle mote oute, other late or rathe, Alle the sheves in the lathe. *c* 1385 — *L. G. W.* 2579 The whiche child of hire natyuyte To alle thewis goode I-born was she, As likede to the goddis er she was born, That of the shef she shal be the corn. 1562 J. Heywood *Prov. & Epigr.* (1867) 161, I will take as falth in the sheafe.

† b. *Tenth, ninth, third*, etc. *sheaf*: a specified proportionate part of the annual crop paid to the lord or to the church. Also (in the s.w. counties) *the sheaf* = the tenth sheaf, tithe of grain. *Obs.*

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 6807 Gine gladli tend And þin offrand, þe formast scaues of your corn. 1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) VIII. 335 And þe nynþe scheef [*v. r.* schef] everich glebe of Engelond he ordeyned for his owne iourneys. *c* 1440 *Jacob's Well* 24 Alle þo þat 3euyn þe tythe scheef to þe reperys for here hyre,..& 3euyn þe xj. sheef for þe tythe. *c* 1450 *Godstow Reg.* 351 The churche of wygynton takyth all shevis, and halfe of all oþer tythys. *a* 1460 Fortescue *Abs. & Lim. Mon.* xii. (1885) 140 When the reaume gaff to thair kyng..the ix^th^ fflese off thair wolles, and also the ix^th^ shefe off þer graynes. 1472 *Rental Bk. Cupar-Angus* (1879) I. 162 Wiljam sal pay 3erly for the teynd schafe of standand teyndis..20 bollis of vitale 1552 Lyndesay *Tragedy* 299 Ye wyll not want teind cheif nor offrandis. *c* 1630 Risdon *Surv. Devon* § 309 (1810) 318 The shefe of this place, Walter Stapledon gave to the hospital. 1641 *Will of T. Isaacs* (Somerset Ho.), Whereas the sheaf of sherverton beloogs to me. *a* 1687 Petty *Pol. Arith.* i. (1691) 34 If the Rent of the Land..be the third Sheaf. 17.. in J. Hammond *Cornish Parish* (1897) 81 The proprietors of the Sheaf [—that is, of the Rectorial tithes—were abated 13*s.* 4*d.*]

c. *fig.* in various obvious uses. Also † *To put on the sheaf*, to crown the feast, add the finishing touch (*Sc.*).

1600 in *Songs & Poems Costume* (Percy Soc.) 102 Of others take a sheafe, of mee a graine. 1690 Locke *Hum. Und.* IV. xii. § 12 In the Knowledge of Bodies, we must be content to glean what we can from particular Experiments, since we cannot from a Discovery of their real Essences, grasp at a time whole Sheaves; and in bundles, comprehend the Nature and Properties of whole Species together. 1715 Ramsay *Christ's Kirk Gr.* II. xx, A kebbuck syn..pat on the sheaf. 1825 Macaulay *Ess., Milton* P 21 Yet the harvest is so abundant that the negligent search of a straggling gleaner may be rewarded with a sheaf. 1885 R. Buchanan *Annan Water* xvi, Marriage with a holy man is a sheaf of blessing.

d. Applied to a cluster of flowers, leaves, etc.

1845 Browning *Home-thoughts from Abroad* i, The lowest boughs and the brushwood sheaf Round the elm-tree bole are in tiny leaf. 1883 *Garden* 1 July 12/1 The plant shown bore quite a sheaf of large blooms.

e. A cluster of jets of fire or water darting up together. (Cf. F. *gerbe*.)

1811 Pinkerton *Petral.* II. 535 A thousand sheaves of fire blew up into the air, where, breaking and dispersing, they fell like a shower of stars. 1857 Dufferin *Lett. High Lat.* 125 A shining liquid column, or rather a sheaf of columns wreathed in robes of vapour, sprung into the air.

2. † a. A bundle of iron or steel containing a definite number of gads (see quots. 1577, 1597).

[Cf. med.L. *garba*, a bundle of 30 pieces of steel; also MHG. *ein schoup isens.*]

1309–10 *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 7 In 3 schaffes aceris emp., 12*d.* 1377–8 *Ibid.* 387 In uno shafth calibis pro reparacione securium, 8*d.* 1495 *Naval Acc. Hen. VII* (1896) 150 Payed..for ij Sheffs of Stelle price the Sheff vij^s^. 1515–16 *Fabric Rolls York Minster* (Surtees) 96, iiij sheiffes de calabe. 1577 Harrison *England* III. xviii[xi], in *Holinshed*, Our steele..is not so good for edge toole as that of Cullen, and yet the one is often solde for the other, and lyke tale vsed in both, that is to say thirtie gaddes to the shiefe [1587 sheffe] and sixe shiefes [twelue sheffes] to the burden. 1597 Skene *De Verb. Sign.* s.v. *Schaffa*, Ane schiefe of irone containes sexteene gades, ane schiefe of steile containes fourteene gades.

† b. ? A certain quantity of timber. *Obs.*

1534 in Weaver *Wells Wills* (1890) 5 Rych. my son v shefe of tymbre.

† c. A certain number of plates of glass. *Obs.*

[Cf. LG. *schoff*, a bundle of six plates of glass (Schiller & Lübben, s.v. *schôf.*]

1402–3 *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 394, 7*s.* 8*d.* pro j pare de lyas et j shafe vitri venditis. *Ibid.* 397 Item de novo vitro colorato 2 scheff. 1476–7 in J. Raine *Auckland Castle* (1852) 54 [For 20] shefs [of new glass for repairing the windows of the manor-house, 13*s.* 4*d.*]. 1482–3 in *Finchale Priory Acc.* (Surtees) p. cccix, Pro ix shaffis vitri. 1487 *Churchw. Acc. Wigtoft Lincs.* (Nicholls 1797) 83 Paide for a shefe of glass 8^d^. 1488–9 *Durham Acc. Rolls* 99 Pro 5 shaff' vitri empt., 3*s.* 4*d.* 1532–3 *Durham Househ. Bk.* (Surtees) 170 Et in 8 shayff brymmys glasse emptis.

3. A bundle or quiverful of 24 arrows.

1318 *Act Robt. I* c. xxvii, Unum bonum arcum cum uno schapho sagittarum. 1377 Langl. *P. Pl.* B. III. 324 Half a shef of arwes. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Prol.* 104 A sheef of pecok arwes brighte and kene Vnder his belt he har ful thriftily. 1475 *Rental Bk. Cupar-Angus* (1879) I. 200 Bowis and schawis. 1502 *Privy Purse Exp. Eliz. York* (1830) 58 For a sheffe and an half of brode arrowes at ij d. the arrowe vj s. and for a sheef of brode heddes at ij d. the hedde iiij s. 1519 in *Gentl. Mag.* (1864) Apr. 501/1 A boue & a shaffe of arrows, ij^s^. 1590 Sir J. Smythe *Disc. Weapons* 20 b, To drawe their arrowes out of their cases and sheafes. 1643 Baker *Chron., Edw. IV*, 94 The Northern men..plyed their bowes, till all their Sheaves were empty. 1825 Scott *Betrothed* ix, The soldiers..discharged several sheaves of arrows upon such fugitives, as..approached too near the castle.

fig. 1377 Langl. *P. Pl.* B. xx. 224 [They] shoten aʒein with shotte many a shef of othes, And brode hoked arwes, goddes berte & his nayles.

4. A representation of a sheaf (of corn, arrows, etc.). (In *Her.* the sheaf of corn is called Garb.)

c 1420 ? Lydg. *Assembly of Gods* 291 Ceres..in a garment Of sak clothe..Embrowderyd with sheues and sykelys bent. *a* 1631 Donne *Poems, To Mr. G. Herbert*, A Sheafe of Snakes used heretofore to be My Seal, The Crest of our poore Family. 1805 Scott *Last Minstr.* IV. viii, And hence, in fair remembrance worn, Yon sheaf of spears his crest has borne. 1868 Cussans *Handbk. Her.* vii. (1893) 108 A bundle of Arrows bound together in the centre is termed a Sheaf, and consists of three: one in pale, and two in saltire.

5. *gen.* A cluster or bundle of things tied up together; a quantity of things set thick together.

a 1798 Woodward *Nat. Hist. Fossils* I. (1729) I. 78 A Mineral..composed of several Sheafs of grey Filaments. 1855 Thackeray *Newcomes* xlviii, A great palette, and a sheaf of painting-brushes. 1863 Geo. Eliot *Romola* II. xxii, The sheaves of banners were unfurled at the angles of the Baptistery. 1888 Miss Braddon *Fatal Three* I. v, He took a sheaf of telegraph-forms from the stand in front of him.

b. Emphatically in pl.: A large number, mass, or quantity.

1865 Carlyle *Fredk. Gt.* XX. vi. IX. 108 He has sheaves of Letters daily. 1888 Henley *Bk. Verses* 123 It falls, in very sheaves, The weary, dreary rain.

6. *Physics* and *Math.* A bundle of rays, lines, etc. all passing through a given point.

1863 Tyndall *Heat* IX. § 359. 302 A sheaf of calorific rays. 1885 Leudesdorf *Cremona's Proj. Geom.* 22 A *sheaf* (*sheaf of planes, sheaf of lines*) is a figure made up of planes or straight lines, all of which pass through a given point (the *centre* of the sheaf). 1890 Eagles *Descript. Geom.* 303 Sheafs of rays which in the case of a source of light..form a cone of which that source is the vortex.

7. *Comb.*, as *sheaf-like* adj.; † **sheaf-arrow**, an arrow of the kind which was carried in a sheaf (see 3) for warfare; **sheaf-binder**, one who binds sheaves, a machine which does this; **sheaf-corn**, corn in sheaves; † **sheaf-iron**, ? iron in sheaves or bundles of rods; **sheaf-ripe** *a.* (*poet.*), ripe for harvest.

1474 in Rymer *Fœdera* XI. 838 Sagittas vocatas *Shefe Arowes. 1545 Ascham *Toxoph.* II. (Arb.) 126 As concerning sheaffe Arrouse for war. 1637 Drayton *Agincourt* 20 A French man back into the Towne doth fall, With a sheafe Arrow shot into the head. 1866 Blackie *Homer & Iliad* I. 163 Sowers and reapers and *sheaf-binders. 1880 *Daily News* 10 Dec. 2/4 For many years, the only description of sheaf-binder which was found to work was one which tied with wire. 1785 W. H. Marshall *Midl. Counties* (1790) II. 167 *Sheaf corn lies straighter in the cutting box. 1572 *Wills & Inv. N. C.* (Surtees 1835) 364, iiij houndreth lb of *sheff yron j^l^ xij^s^. 1880–1 Saville Kent *Man. Infusoria* I. 249 A *sheaf-like fascicle of rod-like trichocysts. 1879 Browning *Ned Bratts* 3 Corn stood *sheaf-ripe already.

Sheaf (ʃīf), *v.* [f. Sheaf *sb.* Cf. Sheave *v.*]

1. *trans.* To bind into a sheaf or sheaves; also with *up*. Also *absol.*

1506 *Kal. Sheph.* (Sommer) 18 To laboure in haruest..To repe and shefe. 1600 Shaks. *A. Y. L.* III. ii. 113 They that reap must sheafe and binde. 1611 Florio, *Affasciare*,..to sheafe vp corne. 1620 Markham *Farew. Husb.* xiii. 103 Hauing reapt your corne so full of grasse and weeds, you shal hy no meanes sheafe it. 1651 W. Dugham *Maranatha* (1652) 14 Should the tares overlook the wheat here, and hereafter be sheafed up into the barn. 1764 *Museum Rust.* II. viii. 30 When the crop is fully ripe and clear of weeds, 'tis proper to mow inwards, and sheaf it immediately. 1845 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* V. II. 327 Last harvest Mr. Hudson sheafed part of his harley. 1874 Hardy *Far fr. Mad. Crowd* xxxiii, Maryann..with some other women was tying the bundles (oats being always sheafed on this farm).

fig. 1882 *Fraser's Mag.* Oct. 438 It would be absurd to waste its scholarship and unrivalled opportunities in sheafing up and binding together a puny list of unregistered words. 1891 F. Mary Wilson, *Browning Primer* 239 Some..seem more specially sheafed than others by the binding threads of the *Prologue* and *Epilogue*.

2. To furnish with a sheaf. *rare.*

1636 R. James *Iter Lancastr.* (1845) 3/69 Who doe bent bowes on their left showlders hould, Their girdle sheaft with arrowes.

Sheaf, erroneous form of Sheath *sb.*

1697 *C'tess D'Aunoy's Trav.* (1706) 94 These Swords being so long, that they cannot be drawn out, unless a Man has the Arms of a Giant; the Sheaf therefore flies open in laying the finger on a little Spring. 1766 *Complete Farmer* s. v. *Vegetation*, The lateral roots also break forth..from the gaping sheaf which adheres closely to the plant.

Sheaf, variant of Sheave *sb.*

Sheafage (ʃī·fĕdʒ). *rare*—[1]. [f. Sheaf *sb.* + -age.] Sheaves in the aggregate.

1885 A. Dobson *At Sign of Lyre, Masque of Months* viii, Now in wains the sheafage yellow 'Twixt the hedges slow is borne.

Sheafy (ʃī·fi), *a.* [f. Sheaf *sb.* + -y[1].] Consisting of or resembling a sheaf or sheaves.

1712 Gay *Ovid's Met.* VI. *Arachne* 190 Ceres,..Whose golden locks a sheafy garland bear. 1887 Blackmore *Springhaven* III. xv. 203 The sun had been ripening his harvest-field of sheafy gold and awny cloud.

Sheah, Sheak, var. ff. Shiah, She-oak.

Sheakle, dial. form of Shackle *sb.*[1]

Sheal: see Sheel *v.*, Shiel *sb.* and *v.*, Shill *v.*

Shealing: see Sheeling, Shieling, Shilling.

Sheamble, sheamle, obs. ff. Shamble *sb.*[1]

Shea-oak, variant of She-oak.

Shear (ʃīəɹ), *sb.*[1] Forms: *sing.* 1 scéar, 3–6 schere, 4 scheere, 4–6 shere, sheere, 6 share, 6–7 sheir, *Sc.* scheir, 7–9 sheer, 8– shear; *pl.* 1 scérero, scéruru, scéroro, scéara, 3 særes, 3–6 scheris, 4 sherys, 4–5 scheres, scherys, sheeris, 4–6 sheris, 4–7 sheres, 5 s(c)herez, schers, shereis, shires, 6 sheires, 6–7 sheyres, sheeres, sheares, 6–9 sheers, 7 shares, 7 shears. [Prob. two formations: (1) OE. *scérero* pl.:—OTeut. type **skēriz-ō*:—pre-Teut. **skēresā*, f. root **sker-*: see Shear *v.* (2) OE. *scéar* fem. = MDu. *schaer*, OHG. *scâra* (:—**skērō*), f. the same root. Another declensional variant is represented by OHG. *skâr*, pl. *skâri* (whence the later sing. form MHG. *schære*, mod.G. *schere* fem.), ON. *skæri* neut. pl. (Norw. dial. *skjæra* fem., *skjære* masc.).]

1. Originally (and still *Sc.* and *dial.*) = Scissors. In later use commonly applied to scissors of large size, and to other cutting instruments which similarly operate by the simultaneous action of two blades on opposite sides of the material to be cut.

The various kinds of shears fall into two principal classes: those which are worked in the manner of scissors, and those in which (as in ordinary sheep-shears) the bringing together of the blades is effected by pressure on their stems between the blades and the arched spring by which the stems are connected. Shears of the latter class have now sometimes three or more blades instead of two.

Often with defining word indicating the purpose for which the instrument is intended or some peculiarity of its construction, as *bar-shears, clipping shears*, etc. q. v. under the first element; also Sheep-shears.

a. in pl. form, with plural construction, either in sing. or plural sense. When qualification by a numeral or an indefinite article is required, *pair of shears* is used.

c 725 *Corpus Gloss.* (Hessels) F. 263 *Forfices*, scerero. *Ibid.* 279 *Forfex*, isern, sceruru. *c* 897 Ælfred *Gregory's Past. C.* xviii. 138 Dætte ða sacerdas ne sceoldon no hiera heafdu scieran mid scearseaxum..ac hie sceoldon hie efsian mid scearum. *c* 1050 *Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 399/19 *Forficis*, sceara. *a* 1100 *Gerefa* in *Anglia* IX. 263 He sceal..habban..horscamb and sceara. *c* 1205 Lay. 14225 Whætte his særes alse he schæren wolde. *c* 1300 *Havelok* 857 He tok þe sh[e]res of þe nayl And made him a couel of þe sayl. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Wife's Prol.* 722 How Sampson loste his heres, Slepynge, his lemman kitte it with hir sheres. 1390 Gower *Conf.* II. 318 And out he clippeth also faste Hire tunge with a peire scheres. 1473 in *Arnolde's Chron.* (1502) 27 b/1 It is..enacted, that noo wullen cloth..be shorne..but yf it be fully wet opon peine of forfetur of the said cloth. ..The sherar therof shal lese his shereis and pay xx. s' for euery pece cloth. 1527 *Knaresb. Wills* (Surtees) I. 21 Oon pair of sheris and iiij shepe. 1574 in Fenillerat *Revels Q. Eliz.* (1908) 246 Grynding of Sheeres to clypp the Assedue. *a* 1586 Sidney *Arcadia* III. (Sommer) 278 The sheares also were at hand to behead the silke. 1628 [P. Fletcher] *Brittain's Ida* I. ii, His Nimph-like face ne're felt the nimble sheeres. 1686 Plot *Staffordsh.* 380 Admitting of formation by the Gardiner's sheers. 1783 Burns *Death of Mailie* 40 So may they [sheep], like their great forbears, For monie a year come thro' the sheers. 1855 Delamer *Kitchen Garden* 17 A pair of shears, for clipping box-edging and quickset hedges. 1902 Marshall *Metal Tools* 44 For cutting thin sheet metal and wire, a pair of hand-shears.

¶ In tavern signs.

1600 *Sir John Oldcastle* V. v. 12 Yonder at the sheeres. 1826 *Hone's Every-d. Bk.* I. II. 1230 The 'Hand and Shears', a public house [in Cloth-fair].

b. in sing. form, = a pair of shears. Now *rare.*

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 7240 Quils sampson slepped, sco laght a schere, His hare sco kerf. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Monk's T.* 66 Ne on his heed com rasour noon ne schere. 1455 in Anstey *Munim. Acad.* (Rolls) II. 664, j. shere to snoffe candels. *a* 1568 *Bannatyne MS.* (Hunter. Clnb) 396 Thow yeid with elwand, scheir and thymmill, Full mony a day seikand thy craft. 1643 *Orkney Witch Trial* in *Misc. Abbotsf. Club* (1837) I. 184 Laid ane woll scheir on the coggis mouth. 1661 Petty in T. Birch *Hist. Roy. Soc.* (1756) I. 64 Then the sheer works rank, that is, takes off a deep flock. *Ibid.*, So few men can set and grind a shear exactly.

¶ c. in *pl.* form construed as *sing.*

1649 G. Daniel *Trinarch., Rich. II*, cclxvii, One Shears must cutt them both. 1842 Loudon *Suburban Hort.* 141 A shears fixed at the extremity of a long handle, and which clips and holds fast at the same time.

d. As used for purposes of divination. Commonly *sieve and shears.*

1549 in *Narr. Reform.* (Camden) 334 Sir Robert Brian..conjureth with a syve and a pair of sheeres. 1570 [see Riddle *sb.* 1 b]. 1602–1843 [see Sieve 2b].

† e. In proverbial use. *There goes but a pair of shears between them*, they match each other as if cut from the same cloth; they are 'of a piece'

(very common in 16–17th c.). *Chalk is not shears* (Sc.), chalking the cloth is not cutting it. *Obs.*

1579 Lyly *Euphues* Wks. 1902 I. 195 The *Sympathia* of affections and as it were but a payre of sheeres to goe betweene theire natures. 1603 Shaks. *Meas. for M.* I. ii. 28. 1632 *Star Chamber Cases* (Camden) 98 There went but a paire of sheeres between a Papist and a Protestant, and not a plane to choose of what religion a man is. 1643 in W. Macgill *Old Ross-sh.* (1909) 314, I feir me they sall be long in concluding, as we say in the comon proverbe 'Calke is no sheyres'.

f. *fig.*, esp. as attributed to the Fates.

1590 Shaks. *Mids. N.* v. i. 348 O sisters three, come, come to mee, With hands as pale as Milke, Lay them in gore, since you haue shore With sheeres, his thred of silke. 1637 Milton *Lycidas* 75 Comes the blind Fury with th'abhorred shears, And slits the thin spun life. 1795 Southey *Vis. Maid of Orleans* I. 309 Observe how soon..they change Their snowy hue,..Till Atropos relentless shuts the sheers. 1886 Campbell-Bannerman *Sp.* 13 May in *Hansard's Parl. Deb.* Ser. III. CCCV. 939 The shears of destiny in the hands of Mr. Jesse Collings were ready.

g. *Mech.* In modern use, applied to various machines for cutting metals, more or less analogous to shears in manner of operation.

1834–6 P. Barlow *Manuf.* § 876 in *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) VIII. 615 Cut up into narrow slips..by means of a pair of circular shears. 1869 Rankine *Machine & Hand-tools* Pl. K 1, These shears are so arranged that the long plates can be cut in two or mare divisions. *Ibid.* K 6, Fig. 2 is an end view of carriage, shawing side views of punch and shear, and front view of drill.

h. *Cloth-manuf.* The cutting apparatus of a cloth cropping machine composed of a series of spiral blades on a revolving cylinder which cut against a ledger blade; also each of these blades.

1839 Ure *Dict. Arts* 1323 This wire..being hardened is intended to constitute one edge of the shear or cutter. *Ibid.* 1326 A straight blade of steel..forms the leger blade, or lower fixed edge of the shears. 1846 Holtzapffel *Turning* II. 913 Revolving shears or 'perpetual shears' are used for shearing off the loose fibres from the face of woollen cloths.

i. One of the blades of a pair of shears.

1794 G. Adams *Nat. & Exper. Philos.* III. xxxi. 235 The upper shear is riveted to a couple of strong standards. 1884 *Cassell's Techn. Educ.* II. 19/1 Immediately after the cut of the shear commences the iron must be divided completely across.

¶ **2.** Misused for: (*a*) a knife; (*b*) a scythe.

1382 Wyclif 3 *Kings* xviii. 28 Thei cuttiden hem self..with sheeris and litil launcis [Vulg. *cultris et lanceolis*]. 1887 Mrs. Laffan *Song of Jubilee* 58 We could hear The whetstone grate upon the mower's shear.

†**3.** *pl.* Something having the shape of a pair of shears. **a.** ? The clavicles; **b.** = *Shear-battle* (see 7); **c.** A pair of wings; **d.** The pincer-like claws of a crustacean. *Obs.*

1506 *Kal. Sheph.* K 8 b, By the necke betwene the head & the sholders ben .ii. bones named the sheres. 1560 Whitehorne *Ord. Souldiers* iv. 7 b, The Sheeres are made with twoo Triangels ioyned togethers for to receiue betwen them the said battell. 1590 Spenser *F. Q.* II. viii. 5 Two sharpe winged sheares, Decked with diuerse plumes, like painted Iayes, Were fixed at his backe, to cut his ayerie wayes. 1682 K. Digby *Chym. Secr.* II. 195 The black ends of the shares of Crabs. 1714 Derham *Phys.-Theol.* IV. xiii. (ed. 2) 234 *note*, Two toothy Cheeks, somewhat like the Sheers of Lobsters.

4. *pl.* (Often construed as sing.) A device used upon ships, and in dockyards and mines, for raising and fixing masts, boilers and other heavy gear, consisting of two (or sometimes more) poles steadied (in a sloping position) by guys and fastened together at the top, from which the hoisting tackle depends, and with their lower ends separated as a base and secured to the deck or platform. Often spelt **sheers**. [Cf. G. *scherenkran.*]

a 1625 *Nomenclator Navalis* (Harl. MS. 2301) Sheeres. 1644 [see Sheepshanks 1]. 1739 C. Labelye *Westm. Bridge* 36 The Sheers and Crab made use of in lifting the Stone. 1834 Marryat *P. Simple* xlvii, Then the shears were seen forward. 1860 *Engl. & For. Mining Gloss., Cornw.* (ed. 2) 22 Shears..for the convenience of lifting out or lowering into the shaft, timber, or other things of great length. 1859 F. A. Griffiths *Artill. Man.* (1862) 130 The legs or spars for sheers. 1907 J. H. Patterson *Man-Eaters of Tsavo* x. 107, I..improvised a shears made of a couple of thirty-foot rails.

5. *pl.* A collector's name for any of several moths of the genus *Hadena* (Schrank), esp. *H. plebeia*; also *H. glauca*, the glaucous shears, *H. leucostigma*, the white-spot shears, *H. ochracea*, the tawny shears.

1832 Rennie *Butterfl. & M.* 67. 1869 E. Newman *Brit. Moths* 415.

6. *attrib.* and *Comb.* Simple attrib., as *shear-blade, -handle, -lever, -machine, rivet, slide, -smith*, (sense 4) *shear-derrick, -pole*; objective, as *shear-grinder, -grinding, -maker*; similative, as *shear-shaped* adj.

1869 Rankine *Machine & Hand-tools* Pl. K 1, With *shear blades long enough to shear a plate at one cut. 1838 *Civ. Engin. & Arch. Jrnl.* I. 268/1 For the purpose of hoisting the stone to the *shear dericks at the top. 1688 *Rec. Scott. Cloth Manuf. New Mills* (S.H.S.) 178 John Gray *shear-grinder. 1875 Knight *Mech. Dict.*, *Shear-grinding Machine. 1688 Holme *Armoury* III. 348/1 He beareth Azure, a pair of Clothiers Shears, Argent; and the *Shear handle Or. 1869 Rankine *Machine & Hand-tools* Pl. K 8, The *shear lever. 1839 Ure *Dict. Arts* 720 Two pairs of *shear-machines. 1797 *J. Robinson's Directory of Sheffield* 172 *Shear Makers. 1840 R. H. Dana *Bef. Mast* xxxv, We were obliged to go aloft upon the ropes and *shearpoles. 1859 F. S. Cooper *Ironmongers' Catal.* 63 With *Shear Rivets. 1875 C. C. Blake *Zool.* 297 The *shearshaped palps are twice as long as the body. 1869 Rankine *Machine & Hand-tools* Pl. K 6, *Shear slide. 1623–4 *Act 21 Jas. I*, c. 31 § 6 The Occupacion of a Cutler Scissorsmith *Shearsmith or Sicklesmith within..Hallamshire. 1756 Pennecuik *Hist. Blue Blanket* 42 Shear-smiths.

7. Special comb.: †**shear-battle** *Mil.*, a tactical arrangement of forces into two wedge-shaped formations acting in parallel directions toward the same objective; **shear-bill** [tr. F. *bec-en-ciseaux* (Buffon)], the Scissor-bill; **shear board**, a padded board over which the cloth was stretched for cropping with hand-shears; also *attrib.*; **shear-frame** (see quot.); **shear mark**, a mark upon a hide or fleece made when clipping an animal; also *fig.*; also **shear-marked** *a.*; **shear-mast** (see quot.); **shear-tail**, (*a*) *dial.*, a name for the Common Tern (*Sterna fluviatilis*); (*b*) a Peruvian bird (*Thaumastura cora*).

1598 Barret *Theor. Warres* 80 Loe here the *sheere battell framed of 4 battallions. 1793 tr. *Buffon's Nat. Hist. Birds* VIII. 412 The *Shearbill. 1562 *Richmond Wills* (Surtees) 156 In the shoppe, shears, *shearborde, and wyrkingere, xjs. *Ibid.* 153 Shearborde handills. 1733 [P. Lindsay] *Interest Scot.* 110 The cutting on the Shear-board. 1880 F. Peel *Luddites* 9 While the pair of cropping shears were working across the length of the two pieces fixed and prepared on the shear hoards. *Ibid.*, The *shear-frame was one by means of which the two hand-shears could be worked at one and the same time instead of one by the hand cropper. *a* 1586 Sidney *Arcadia* II. xxvii. § 4 (1912) 321 [They returned home] most of them with *share-marks of their folly. 1844 H. Stephens *Bk. Farm* III. 866 The shear-marks are seen to run in parallel bands round the carcass. 1892 *Berwick Advertiser* 16 Sept. 1/6 A Red and White Stirk; one shear mark on near hind quarter. 1696 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 3245/4 A Chesnut Mare about 13 hands high,..*shear marked on the top of the Buttock E. B. 1867 Smyth *Sailors' Word-bk.*, **Sheer-mast*, the peculiar rig of the rafts on the Guayaquil river..having a pair of sheers (instead of a single mast) within which the fore-and-aft mainsail works. 1885 Swainson *Prov. Names Birds* 203 *Shear tail. 1899 A. H. Evans *Birds* vi. 438 The 'Peruvian Shear-tail' is golden-green, with crimson throat shading into blue, and white under surface.

Shear (ʃīəɹ), *sb.*2 Now chiefly *dial.* Forms: 6 **sheere**, 6–7 **share, sheare, shere**, *Sc.* **scheir**, 7 **sheer, sheir**, 6– **shear.** [f. Shear *v.*]

I. Action or result of shearing.

1. a. A mowing of grass or corn, a crop.

1794 *Har'st Rig* vi, And ay they tell, That, 'a green shear Is an ill shake'. 1813 Vancouver *Agric. Devon* 224 Let the shear or swarth be what it may, the average price of mowing is stated..at 2*s.* 4*d.* per acre. 1882 *Cornish Telegraph* 29 June 5 The shear of hay will be a splendid one.

b. A shearing (of wool), a fleece.

1801 W. Taylor in *Monthly Mag.* XII. 579 By subdividing multifariously the sorts of wool to which the growers are to attend, the number of competitors in each line of shear will become very small.

c. *transf.* A shorn animal.

1659 *Rec. Baron Crt. Stitchill* (S.H.S.) 16 Ilke sheir without a hird 4d. for ilke fault.

d. Used in stating the age of sheep with reference to the number of times the fleece has been shorn. *One shear, two shear*: one, two years old. Also *attrib.* as *two-shear ram.*

1614 Markham *Cheap Husb.* III. xxx. 80 If you will know the age of your Sheepe, looke in his mouth, and when hee is one sheare hee will haue two broad teeth afore. 1790 W. H. Marshall *Midl. Counties* I. 398, I have seen wedders, of only two shear (two to three years old) so loaded with fat, as [etc.]. *Ibid.*, A loin of mutton of a sheep (ten shear) of twenty-six pounds a quarter, weighed [etc.]. 1799 A. Young *Agric. Lincoln.* 309 He has some shearling tups, and two shear that are good. 1911 *Midl. Counties Herald* 29 June 4/2 Two shear ram.

2. The action of shearing or cutting. *Sc.*

17.. *Jacobite Song, Wee German Lairdie* iv, And we've the trenching blades o' weir, Wad..pass ye 'neath the claymore's sheer, Thou feckless German lairdie! 1809 T. Donaldson *Poems* 58, I know not but I may come back: To..help to gie your corn a shear.

3. A cut edge.

1844 H. Stephens *Bk. Farm* III. 1038 Moss-sods..laid perfectly close, the shear of each fitted to the other.

4. A division, parting. (Cf. Shear *v.* 8 b.)

1876 Skene *Celtic Scot.* Introd. I. 10 The great wind and water shear which separates the eastern from the western districts.

5. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *shear-day, -time*; **shear-darg** *Sc.*, a day's work at reaping or shearing; †**shear-mill**, ? = *shear-shop*; **shear-sheep**, a sheep that has passed its first shearing and so more than one year old; †**shear-shop**, a place in which the manufacture of cloth is conducted; **shear wether hog** (see Shearhog); †**shear-wool** (see quot.).

1600 in *Reg. Mag. Sig. Scot.* 1605, 594/2 Lie *scheirdarg. 1689 Viscт. Dundee *Sp.* in J. Drummond of Balhaldy *Mem. Lochiel* (1842) 264, I beg leave of yow, however, to allow me to give one 'Shear-darg' to the King, my master, that I may have ane opportunity of convincing the brave Clans that [etc.]. 1717 *Select. Scott. Forfeited Estates Papers* (S.H.S.) Introd. 30 Shear-Dirgs..4 at 5d. each. 1565 in *Reg. Mag. Sig. Scot.* 1581, 58/1, 4 lie *scheir-day-wrokis. *a* 1722 Lisle *Husb.* (1757) 319 Barn-room enough to house my sheep the evening before shear-day. 1607 Norden *Survey. Dial.* III. 108 Paper-mill, Sawing-mil, *Shere-mil, or any other kind of Mill. 1503 *Maldon* (Essex) *Crt. Rolls* Bundle 62 no. iv, Defendens conduxit pasturam..pro centum ovibus vocat. *share shepe a festo sancti Michaelis archangeli. 1688 Holme *Armoury* II. 176/2 A share sheep, at two years old. 1688 *Rec. Scott. Cloth Manuf. New Mills* (S.H.S.) 178 Whearas Mr. Debnams *shearshope is not lairge enowgh for his shearmen to dress ther work in, therfor [etc.]. 1518 *Coventry Leet Bk.* 658 The next *Shear tyme. 1811 T. Davis *Agric. Wilts* 260 Wether hogs, chilver hogs, from thence [about Christmas] till shear-time. 1537 in *North Country Wills* (Surtees) 103, I geve unto..John half a hundreth of *share wedder hogges or ewe hogges at his pleasure. 1585 Higins *Nomenclator* 173/1 *Tomentum.* *Sheerewooll: flocks, such as clothworkers make in sheering.

II. In scientific uses.

6. a. *Physics* and *Mech.* (*a*) A kind of strain consisting in a movement of planes of a body that are parallel to a particular plane in a direction parallel to a line in that plane through distances proportional to their distances from that plane. (*b*) The stress called into play in a body which undergoes this kind of strain.

1850 [see Shear *v.* 9]. 1858 Rankine *Man. Appl. Mechanics* § 103. 87 Planes of Equal Shear, or Tangential Stress. 1867 Thomson & Tait *Nat. Philos.* I. § 171 This kind of strain is called a simple shear. 1869 H. Moseley in *Lond. etc. Philos. Jrnl.* XXXVII. 230 The unit of shear being the pressure in lbs. necessary to overcome the resistance to shearing of one square inch. 1883 Lodge in *Nature* XXVII. 328 The bound ether inside a conductor has no rigidity; it cannot resist shear. 1885 Glazebrook & Shaw *Pract. Physics* 139 The body is said to undergo a simple shear. 1888 *Lockwood's Dict. Mech. Engin.* s. v. *Shear*, A bar is said to be in shear when it is subject to shearing stress. 1894 Todhunter & Pearson *Hist. Th. Elasticity* II. ii. 386 The authors [Thomson & Tait] term it a simple shear. This is unfortunate, for that word was introduced by George Stephenson to denote the transverse stress in rivets, and has been consistently used in this sense of stress by Rankine and the majority of engineers since. Its present confused use partly for stress and partly for strain has been avoided in our own work by the introduction of the term slide for shearing strain. 1906 Love *Math. Th. Elasticity* (ed. 2) 532 The word 'shear' has been used in the sense attached to it in the text by Kelvin and Tait. Rankine proposed to use it for what has been called 'tangential traction'.

b. *Geom.* The transformation produced in a plane figure by motion in which all the points of the figure describe paths parallel to a fixed axis and proportional in length to their distance from it. (See quot.)

1885 O. Henrici *Projection* in *Encycl. Brit.* XIX. 797/2 Such a transformation of a plane figure is produced by a shearing stress in any section of a homogeneous elastic solid. For this reason Sir William Thomson has given it the name of shear.

7. *Geol.* Applied to the operation of transverse compression on a mass of rock, resulting in alteration of structure or breach of continuity. Also Comb. *shear-plane, -zone* (see quots.).

1888 Teall *Brit. Petrogr.* 447 *Shearing*, differential movement in a rock-mass. When the movement is concentrated along a plane, this plane is said to be a shear-plane. 1889 O. Fisher *Physics Earth's Crust* xx. (ed. 2) 268 The same amount of shear, which at one locality produces crumpling, may in another..produce schistosity. 1903 E. W. Claypole in *Amer. Geol.* Aug. 81 (*Cent. Dict.* Suppl.), Some [strata] are completely concealed by others that have been forced over them along shear-planes developed by the enormous pressures to which they have been subjected. 1911 J. F. Kemp *Min. Deposits* in *Encycl. Brit.* XVIII. 507/2 Sometimes..strains of compression have been eased by local crushing along comparatively narrow belts without appreciable..displacement of the sides such as would be required by a pronounced fault. The word shear-zone has become quite widely used in recent years as..applicable to these cases.

Shear (ʃīəɹ), *sb.*3 Also **sheer.** [Of uncertain origin; not easily identified with Shear *sb.*1 or *sb.*2] The bar, or one of the two parallel bars forming the bed of a lathe, on which the poppets slide. Also *attrib.*

1811 P. Nicholson *Mech. Exerc.* 364 The bed [of a foot lathe] consists of two parallel parts, called by some shears. 1869 Rankine *Machine & Hand-tools* Pl. N 1, Two cast iron end standards..upon which is laid the long massive cast iron shear-piece. 1873 J. Richards *Wood-working Factories* 160 The shear, or lathe frame..can be made of wood. 1875 Knight *Dict. Mech.* 1262 The *bar-lathe* has a single beam or shear, generally of a triangular shape. *Ibid.*, The *bed-lathe* is the usual form, and has two parallel shears. *Ibid.*, The bed, sheers, cheeks, sides, on which the puppets slide.

Shear (ʃīəɹ), *v.* Pa. t. **sheared** (ʃīəɹd), **shore** (ʃōəɹ); pa. pple. **sheared, shorn** (ʃōɹn). Forms: 1 **sciran, scieran, scyran, scearan, sceoran, sceran**, 3 **scer, scire, schær, sere, ssere**, 3–5 **scere**, 3–6 **schere**, 3–7 **shere**, 4–6 **scher**, 5 **sher**, 5–7 **scheir**, 6 **scheer, cheir, shire**, (? **shoré**), 6–7 **share, sheare, sheere**, 7 **sheire**, 6–9 **sheer**, 5– **shear.** *Pa. t., str.* 1 *pl.* **scéron**, *subj. sing.* **scéare**, 3 **sar, scar**(**e, scher**, 3–6 **schare**, 4 **schaar**, 4–5 **shar, schar, shere, schere**, 4–6 **schair, schure**, 5 **share, schayr**, 5–6 **schewre**, 8 *Sc.* **shure**, 6– **shore.** *wk.* 4 **scherde**, 5 **scharde, scharid, scherid**, 6 **sheard**, 9 **sheered**, 7– **sheared.** *Pa. pple., str.* 1 **scoren**, 3 **soren**, 3–4 **schoren**, 3–5 **scorn, schorn**, 4 **shorun, schorin, sheren**, 4–6 **schorne**, 4–7 **shorne**, 5 **shor**, 4–7 **shore**, 6 **shoren, -on**, 4– **shorn**; also 5 **y-schorn**(**e, y-shore, y-schore**, 5, 7 **y-**

shorne. *wk.* 4 schurd, 4–5 schard, 6 chard, 7– sheared. [A Com. Teut. verb, originally strong: OE. *sceran*, pa. t. **scear*, *scēron*, pa. pple. *scoren*, corresponds to OFris. *skera*, *schera*, OS. (*bi*)*sceran* (Gallée), LG. *scheren*, MDu., Du. *scheren*, pa. t. *schoor*, pa. pple. *geschoren*, OHG. *sceran*, pa. t. *scar*, pa. pple. *giscoran* (MHG. *scheren*, *schar*, *geschoren*, mod.G. *scheren*, *schor*, *geschoren*), ON. *skera*, pa. t. *skar*, pa. pple. *skorenn* (Sw. *skära*, *skar*, *skuren*, Da. *skjære*, *skar*, *skaaret*):—OTeut. **sker-*, *skar-*, *skēr-*, *skur-* to cut, divide, shear, shave. For Teut. cognates see SHARE *sb.*[1] and *sb.*[2], SHEAR *sb.*[1], SHARD, SCORE, SHORE. Outside Teut. the root appears to be found in Gr. *κείρειν* to shave, Lith. *skirti* to separate, Irish *scaraim*, I separate.]

1. *trans.* To cut (something) with a sharp instrument. Often with adv. or advb. phrase, as *asunder*, *in pieces*, *in two*. *Obs.* exc. *arch.* †Also *occas.* to pierce, thrust through.

Beowulf 1287 (Gr.) Sweord..swin ofer helme ecgum dyhtiġ andweard sciređ. *a* 1000 *Andreas* 1181 Lætað wæpnes spor, iren ecgheard, eaſl]dorġeard sceoran. *a* 1225 *St. Marher.* 22 Ant tet scharpe sweord..scher hire bi þe schuldren. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 8875 Wit ax he wald haf scorn it [þe tre] þan. *Ibid.* 16554 In tua þis tre þai scare. *c* 1320 *Sir Tristr.* 474 Tristrem schare þe brest. *a* 1340 HAMPOLE *Psalter*, *Cant. Exech.* 5 Bifore shorne is as of þe wefand my life whils ȝit .i. bigan he sheris me down. 13.. *Coer de L.* 3001 Ther was many gentyl heved, Quykly ſro the body weved; Scheldes many schorn in twoo. ? *a* 1400 *Morte Arth.* 1856 They scherde in the schiltrone scheldyde knyghttez. *c* 1400 *Melayne* 1093 And hawberkes sone in schredis were schorne. 14.. *Erasmus* in Horstm. *Altengl. Leg.* (1878) 202 Sheryng his flesshe with cikels. *c* 1450 *St. Cuthbert* (Surtees) 2200 þe roche away he share. 1563 *Mirr. Mag., Collingbourne* xviii, His grashyng tuskes my tender grystels shore. *a* 1568 *Christ's Kirk Gr.* 68 Throwch baith the cheikis he thocht to cheir him, Or throw the erss haif chard him. 1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* II. vi. 31 Cymochles sword..nigh one quarter sheard away. *a* 1593 MARLOWE & NASHE *Dido* IV. iv, For this will Dido..sheere ye all asunder with her hands. 1596 DALAYMPLE tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* I. 90 At the first straik..it wolde scheir a man in twa. 1793 SMEATON *Edystone L.* § 311 As bright as if shorn by a file. 1821 JOANNA BAILLIE *Metr. Leg., Ghost of Fadon* xxxix, His sword shore empty air. 1887 MORRIS *Odyss.* x. 127, I sheared the hawser of my ship.

b. *absol.* or *intr.* Now chiefly, To cut *through* (an obstacle) with the aid of a weapon. †Also with cognate obj., to cut (one's way, passage).

c 1205 LAY. 14216 Whætte his særes alse he schæren wolde. 13.. *Gaw. & Gr. Knt.* 213 As wel schapen to schere as scharp rasores. *c* 1470 *Gol. & Gaw.* 968 Sa wondir scharply he schare throu his schene schroud. 1535 STEWART *Cron. Scot.* (Rolls) II. 326 Ane small arrow, that scharpe as rasour schair. 1562 PHAER *Æneid* VIII. Z 4 Through yᵉ tydes they [the dolphins] shering glaunst. 1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* III. iv. 42 Then all the rest into their coches clim, And through the brackish waues their passage sheare. 1666 DRYDEN *Ann. Mirab.* lxxviii, So thick, our Navy scarce could sheer their way. 1838 LYTTON *Leila* II. ii, By a back stroke of his own cimeter shore through the cuirass. 1898 STEEVENS *With Kitchener to Khartum* 273 Through the swordsmen they [*sc.* the Lancers] shore without checking.

†**c.** *trans.* To circumcise. (Also with *about.*)

c 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 1200 Đe ęstende dai..Circumcised he was, a-buten schoren. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 2695 Him self and ismael he scare.

†**d.** To cut for the stone. Const. *of*. *Sc. Obs.*

a 1557 *Diurn. Occurr.* (Bannatyne Club) 77 Henrie bischope of Ross was schorne of the stane. 1572 *Reg. Mag. Sig. Scot.* 529/1 James..hes bene twyis schorne of the stane.

†**e.** To cut up, to chop (a substance) fine, to mince. *Obs.*

c 1430 *Two Cookery-bks.* 11 Shere Oynonys, an frye hem in oyle. 1613 J. MAY *Decl. Estate Clothing* v. 29 Flox.. which they can sheare as small as dust. 1725 RAMSAY *Gent. Sheph.* II. i, Small are they shorn.

†**f.** To carve (meat) at table. Also *absol. Obs.*

c 1320 *Sir Tristr.* 602 Bifor him scheres þe mes, þe king. 1375 BARBOUR *Bruce* II. 92 Iames off Dowglas, that ay-quhar All-wayis befor the byschop schar. *a* 1440 *Sir Degrev.* 801 All the met that she schare.

†**g.** To gnaw through, cut in pieces with the teeth. Also *intr.* const. *through*. *Obs.*

1530 PALSGR. 702/1 Take hede on hym [a hounde], for he wyl sheare his lyme. 1587 HARRISON *England* III. iv. 225/2 in *Holinshed*, The beuer..will..shere thorough a dubble billet in a night. 1631 MARKHAM *Country Content.* I. x. (ed. 4) 72 They defend the line from shearing or cutting in pieces with the teeth of the Pike.

†**h.** To make (a hole, a wound) by cutting. *Obs.*

c 1425 *Noah's Ark* 57 in *Non-Cycle Myst. Plays* (1909) 21 Look that..in her side a door thou shear. *c* 1440 *York Myst.* xlii. 161 Fele the wound þe spere did schere rięt in his syde. 1617 W. LAWSON *Country Housew. Gard.* x. (1623) 22 Mice..will in eyther at the mouth [of the hive], or sheere themselues an hole.

†**i.** To rend, tear. Also *intr.* for *refl. Obs.*

c 1450 *Mirour Saluacioun* (1888) 93 Jacob..share his clothis vtward. *c* 1500 KENNEDY *Passion of Christ* 1067 The wale full sone [haly] intwa it schure. 1500–20 DUNBAR *Poems* xxxiii. 105 He schewre his feddreme..And slippit owt of it full cleoe. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* VIII. xii. 70 Wyth mantell rent and schorne men micht hir se.

j. To cut (glass, tin-plate, etc.) with shears. Also, to cut (iron or steel bars, etc.) with shears (see SHEAR *sb.*[1] I g).

1837 HEBERT *Engin. & Mech. Encycl.* I. 774 Shearing the Bars.—This rough bar is..put between the jaws of a pair of shears..and cut into lengths of about a foot each. 1850 E. CLARK *Britannia & Conway Bridges* II. 665 The storing away of the plates..as they were sheared and punched. 1869 RANKINE *Machine & Hand-tools* Pl. K 1, Shear blades long enough to shear a plate at one cut. 1883 H. J. POWELL *Princ. Glass-making* 63 The workman heats the severed edge, shears it even, and smooths and rounds it by melting. 1884 *Cassell's Techn. Educ.* II. 19/1 A bar of wrought iron one square inch in section is required to be sheared across.

2. To remove (a part) from a body by cutting with a sharp instrument. Chiefly with *adv.* to cut *off*, *out*, *away*.

c 1320 *Sir Tristr.* 1485 His tong haþ he..schorn of hi þe rote. 13.. *Gaw. & Gr. Knt.* 1337 Þen scher þay out þe schulderez with her scharp knyuez. 1483 CAXTON *Golden Leg.* 214/1 Kenelme kyng barn lyeth under a thorn his hede of shorn. 1581 A. HALL *Iliad* v. 78 His right hande at a blow his falchon off did shere. 1614 GORGES *Lucan* VI. 222 He..with his blade sheares off their wrists. 1740 SOMERVILLE *Hobbinol* II. 58 With its sharpen'd Edge Shear'd both his Ears. 1819 SCOTT *Ivanhoe* xxxi, The plume was partly shorn away. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* I. I. iv, The guillotine-axe, which sheers away thy vainly whimpering head! 1852 KINGSLEY *Androm.* 306 As the vine-hook shears off the vine-bough. 1902 E. PHILLPOTTS *River* 322 He shore off the crust of the heath.

†**b.** *fig.*

a 1340 HAMPOLE *Psaller* cxviii. 36 Make my herte meke and lufand,..þat auarice be quytly shorne fra me. *c* 1400 *Rule St. Benet* (Prose) 11 And scere o-way [L. *amputare*] al þe langing of yure fleis. *Ibid.* 36 And for þi þat it es vice of propirte, sal it be scorn als þifte.

†**c.** To fashion by cutting out of a sheet of metal. *Obs.*

1706 PETTUS *Fodinæ Reg.* xxvi. 79 The Moniers, who are some to sheer the Money, some to forge it [etc.].

3. To remove (the hair or beard) by means of some sharp instrument (also with *off*, *away*); to shave (the head or face); to cut (the hair) close or short; to cut or shave the hair or beard of (a person). Now *rare* exc. in pa. pple. *shorn.*

c 897 ÆLFRED *Gregory's Past. C.* xviii. 138 Swiðe ryhtlice wæs ðæm sacerde forboden ðæt he his heafod sceare. *c* 1000 ÆLFRIC *Lev.* xix. 27 Ne ȝe eow ne efesion ne beard ne sciron! *c* 1205 LAY. 17663 He scar [*c* 1275 sar] his crune ufenen. 1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 3160 His berd he let ssere verst. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 7211 War mi bare schorn [*Göttl.* schorin, *Fairf.* shorne], i war noght þan Stranger þan a-noþer man. 1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) IV. 169 Metridas his secounde wyf schaar hir heed for love of here housbonde. *a* 1450 *Knt. de la Tour* (1906) 92 She share of and cut awey the heres of his hede. 1526 TINDALE *Acts* xviii. 18 He had schorne his heed in Cenchrea. 1596 SPENSER *F. Q.* IV. v. 34 Shagged heare, The which he neuer wont to combe, or comely sheare. 1624 CAPT. SMITH *Virginia* II. 25 His hayre, the one side was long, the other shore close. 1786 *Pogonologia* 97 The preacher drew out a pair of scissars, and sheared the prince's chin. 1821 SOUTHEY *Exped. Orsua* 98 Their hair was sheared in circles. 1850 MAS. BROWNING *Lam. for Adonis* vii, They have shorn their bright curls off to cast on Adonis. 1865 KINGSLEY *Herew.* xv, But I am no monk. I have shorn many a crown, but I have kept my own hair as yet, you see.

†**b.** To give the tonsure to. Usually in passive, *To be shorn a monk*; also occas. *refl.* Also *To be shorn in*, to be initiated to the religious life by the reception of the tonsure. *Obs.* or *arch.*

a 950 *Guthlac* (Prose) vii. (1909) 138 Đa ġelamp hit sume dæġe þæt se ylca preost com to þam eadiġan were, þæt he hine wolde scyran. 1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) VI. 7 He ..was i-schore monk in an abbay. 1565 STAPLETON tr. *Bede's Hist. Ch. Eng.* 165 Being shoren in, he went into a secret cell which the abbot had prouided for him. 1567–9 JEWEL *Def. Apol.* (1611) 372 The King was shorne into an Abbie, and made a Monke. 1591 G. FLETCHER *Russe Commw.* (Hakl. Soc.) 35 Some are put into Abbeyes, and shire themselves friers by pretence of a vowe. 1653 HOLCROFT *Procopius, Pers. Wars* II. xxii. 68 When John was shorne a Priest.

4. In passive, *to be shorn*: to be deprived *of* some part or appurtenance by or as by cutting. Chiefly *transf.* and *fig.* in certain collocations originally allnding to sense 3, e.g. (of a luminary) *to be shorn of its beams*; *to be shorn of one's strength* (? in allusion to the story of Samson), *of one's authority*, *privileges*, etc.

1740 SOMERVILLE *Hobbinol* II. 87 The tall Oak,..shorn of his leafy shade. 1778 JOHNSON *Let.* 3 July in *Boswell*, He cannot bear the thought of living at — in a state of diminution; and of appearing among the gentlemen of the neighbourhood shorn of his beams. 1836 THIRLWALL *Greece* xvii. III. 23 A law, by which the Areopagus was shorn of its authority. *a* 1849 POE *Annie* Poems (1859) 116 Sadly I know I am shorn of my strength. 1875 SCUDAMORE *Day Dreams* 8 It is shorn of its former proportions.

b. rarely active (in compound tenses with *shorn*).

1878 BOSW. SMITH *Carthage* 79 The misgovernment of domestic tyrants had shorn it of much of its grandeur.

5. To cut the fleece from (an animal); also, to cut off (the fleece, wool, etc.).

900 in Birch *Cartul. Sax.* (1887) II. 241 And hi sculan waxan sceap and sciran on hiora ağenre hwile. 1388 WYCLIF *Gen.* xxxi. 19 Laban ȝede to schere scheep. *c* 1440 *York Myst.* xxviii. 141 Lyke schepe þat were scharid A-way schall ȝe schake. 1557 TUSSER *100 Points Husb.* § 81 (1878) 231 In June washe thy shepe,..Then share them. 1593 SHAKS. *3 Hen. VI*, II. v. 37 So many yeares, ere I shall sheere the Fleece. 1615 SWETNAM *Arraign. Lewd Women* ii. 29 Is not..the sheepe sheared for his fliece? 1759 R. BROWN *Compl. Farmer* 81 In some countries they shear their geese. 1867 G. MACDONALD *Poems* 283 He gathered the hemp, and he shore the wool.

Proverb. *c* 1460 FORTESCUE *Abs. & Lim. Mon.* x. (1885) 132 And so his hyghnes shall haue þeroff, but as hadd þe man þat sherid is hogge, muche crye and litil woll. 1654 GAYTON *Pleas. Notes* I. v. 17 The Wooll we shall have is as much as the Devill (God blesse us) got when he shore a hog. 1827 SCOTT *Jrnl.* 24 Feb., It was much cry and little woo', as the deil said when he shore the sow.

absol. *c* 1481 CAXTON *Dialogues* 32/14 He oweth to shere. 1888 'R. BOLDREWOOD' *Robbery under Arms* (1890) 53 As long as we shore clean..the overseer didn't trouble his head much about our doings.

†**b.** *Phr. To shear against the wool* (fig.): ? to treat roughly. *Obs.*

1546 J. HEYWOOD *Prov.* (1867) 30 What should your face thus agayne the woll be shorne? *c* 1550 *Song*, '*Back & Side*' in *Skelton's Wks.* (1843) I. p. vii, I shall looke lyke one by swete sainte Johan were shoron agaynste the woole.

c. *fig.*

1570 *Satir. Poems Reform.* xvi. 87, I wald sum man wald scheir ȝow clene. *a* 1628 F. GREVIL *Sidney* (1652) 62 Employing no instruments among the people, but such as devise to sheer them with taxes. 1797 J. LAWRENCE in *Monthly Mag.* (1818) XLVI. 396 It mattered little to them, whether the flock were led by the nose and sheared by a convocation of bishops, or an assembly of divines.

Proverb. 1828 SCOTT *F. M. Perth* xiii, He who goes forth to seek such wool should come back shorn.

d. To yield (a fleece), to produce by being shorn. †Also *absol.* or *intr.* to be shorn (?).

1587 D. FENNER *Song of Songs* iv. 1 Those same goates which doe vpon The mount of Gilhad sheare. 1854 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* XV. I. 228 The tegs..shear a fleece varying from 5 to 7 lbs.

6. To cut off (the superfluous nap of woollen cloth) in the process of manufacture; also, in hat-making, to remove (nap) by singeing or sponring.

c 1340 *Nominale* (Skeat) 388 Homme drap retounde M. scleruth [*read* scheruth] clothe. 1442 *Eton Coll. Acc.* in Willis & Clark *Cambridge* (1886) I. 382 Robert Falowefeld for the shering of the seid ix yerdes of Ray. 1510 in *10th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. v. 394 The said cotteners shall shore a dosen for eight pence of brod cloth. 1583 STUBBES *Anat. Abus.* II. 24 The Clothier also to sheare it very lowe. 1662 *Comenius' Janua Ling. Triling.* 95 From hence they [*sc.* the cloths]..are delivered to the shearer into the shop, who sheareth them being spread upon a table with shears. 1728 CHAMBERS *Cycl.* s.v. *Cloth*, The Cloth..is returned to the Sheerman, who sheers it a second time. *Ibid.*, s.v. *Sheering*, Some use the phrase Sheering of Hats, for the passing of Hats made of Wooll, over the Flame of a clear Fire..to take off the long Hairs. 1844 G. DODD *Textile Manuf.* iii. 105 The nap of the cloth ..is 'cut', or 'cropped', or 'sheared'. 1875 *Ure's Dict. Arts* (ed. 7) III. 369 For fine printing, it is by some considered needful to shear the nap of the cloth instead of singeing it.

absol. 1474 CAXTON *Chesse* III. iii. (1883) 93 Hit appertayneth to them to cutte cloth shere dighte and dye. 1871 B. TAYLOR *Faust* (1875) I. v. 91 Enjoin upon him..To most exactly measure, sew and shear.

7. To cut down, to reap (grass, crops, etc.) with a sickle (†formerly also, with a scythe). Now *dial.*

In north midland dialects to *shear* is to cut with a sickle or hook, while to *mow* means to cut with a scythe. In Scotland also to *shear* implies the use of a sickle or hook; for reaping with a scythe the general term *cut* is used.

c 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 1919 His handful stod riȝt up soren. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 4057 Him thoght his fader þaier corn schare. 1390 GOWER *Conf.* II. 261 Manye [herbs] with a knyf sche scherth. *c* 1440 *Alphabet of Tales* 118 When he had shorn it [the corn]. 1523–34 FITZHERB. *Husb.* § 26 In the later ende of July..is tyme to shere Rye...And in somme places they mowe it. 1594 KYD *Cornelia* IV. i. 9 Lyke cocks of Hay when Iuly sheares the field. 1612 DRAYTON *Poly-olb.* XVI. 48 Where now the sharp-edg'd sithe sheeres vp the spyring grasse. 1745 C. J. HAMILTON in *Academy* 18 Nov. (1893) 440/3 Yᵉ french Put grape shot into their cannon and cut them down just as if they were sheering corn. 1764 *Museum Rust.* I. 440 *note*, In the north of England they call reaping wheat shearing it.

fig. 1563 WINJET *Bk. Quest.* To Rdr., Wks. (S.T.S.) I. 59 We mot also scheir the fruit of the doctrine of quheit.

b. *absol.* or *intr.* To cut standing crops; to use a sickle.

c 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 2347 Two ȝer ben nu ðat derke [*read* derðe) is cumen, ȝet sulen .v. fulle ben numen, ðat men ne sulen sowen ne sheren. *a* 1340 HAMPOLE *Psalter* cxxviii. 6 Of þe whilk he shal not fille his hand þat shal shere. *c* 1400 *Rule of St. Benet* (Verse) 1853 Vnto þe tyme of euynsang, To scher or hind. *c* 1520 NISBET *N. T.* Matt. xxv. 26 Wist thou that I schere [*Wycl.* repe] quhare I sew nocht. *a* 1568 *Bannatyne MS.* (Hunter. Club) 260 Husbandis to saw and scheir. 1616 SURFLET & MARKHAM *Country Farm* v. xiv. 545 In other countries they vse to sheare after the Sunne is risen. 1789 BURNS (*title of song*) Robin shure in hairst. 1883 *Longman's Mag.* Apr. 647 Some years ago cottagers here and there had to 'shear' for their cottage, i.e. to work during harvest time in exchange for a free cottage.

fig. 1552 LYNDESAY *Monarche* 5873 Ȝour polit payntit flatterye, Ȝour dissimulat Ypocrasye, That day thay sall be cleirlye knawin, Quhen ȝe sall scheir as ȝe haue sawin.

c. *transf.* (*trans.*) To nibble close.

1609 BIBLE (Douay) *Dan.* iv. 13 Annot., He..did eate grasse as an oxe, putting his mouth to the ground, to shere and swalowe it. 1615 WITHER *Sheph. Hunt.* v. H 1, Our sheepe the short sweet grasse do shear. 1658 ROWLAND tr. *Moufet's Theat. Ins.* 986 This not only tasts of corn or shears it, but breaks and grinds stalk and all.

d. To clip, cut, or trim (a tree or bush, a lawn); †to cut off (a branch).

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 11713 Iesus..said, 'Þou palme, i comand þe þat o þi branches an be scorn'. 1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* XVII. i. (Tollemache MS.), Tren and herbes of gardenes schulde be wilde, but þey beþ kepte parid and schurde. 1573 TUSSER *Husb.* (1878) 73 Let lop be shorne that hindreth corne. 1693 EVELYN *De La Quint. Compl. Gard.* II. 165 We shear our Palisade's the second time.

1802 W. Taylor in Robberds *Mem.* I. 450 A sort of yew-hedge, tangled with luxuriance and sheared into spruceness. 1863 Hawthorne *Our Old Home, Lond. Suburb*, The garden..had been levelled, carefully shorn, and converted into a bowling-green.

8. To cleave divide; said esp. of ships, birds, etc.

a 1340 Hampole *Psalter* xxviii. 7 Þe voice of lord sherand Þe flaume of fire. 1513 Douglas *Æneis* v. i. 5 His navy with north wind scheraod the seyis. 1590 Spenser *F. Q.* II. vi. 5 Her shallow ship away did slide, More swift, then swallow sheres the liquid skie. 1622 Malynes *Anc. Law-Merch.* 286 Ingots, for to be deliuered to the moneyers to sheire the same by weight into small peeces. 1706 J. Philips *Cerealia* 27 Fame to high Olympus flew, Shearing th'expanse of heaveo with active plume. 1864 Tennyson *Voy.* ii, The Lady's-head upon the prow Caught the shrill salt, and sheer'd the gale. 1885–94 R. Bridges *Eros & Psyche* Mar. xxix, Like a plough that shears the heavy land.

b. *intr.* for refl. *Where* (or *as*) *wind and weather* (or *water*) *shears*: on the ridge of a hill, on the highest ground.

1556 *Reg. Mag. Sig. Scot.* 245/2 Keipand the heid of the Innerhill io propirtie, quhill it cum to the meting of the tna gaittis as wynd and wodder scheris. 1601 *Ibid.* 395/2 Ascendand up to the hill or month heidis thairof as wind and wedder scheirris. 1815 Scott *Guy M.* xxxvi, On the tap o' the hill where the wind and water shears.

9. *Physics* (also *Mech., Geol.*, etc.). To subject to a shearing stress; to distort or fracture by shear.

1850 E. Clark *Britannia & Conway Bridges* I. 389 Examples of this kind of strain occur in the rivet which unites the two blades of a pair of scissors, or the rivet on which the blade rotates in an ordinary pocket-knife. In the former..the evident tendency of the strain is to shear the rivet in one place only, and this is called a single shear; but in the knife the rivet must be sheared in two places before the blade can escape. *Ibid.* II. 517 It is evident that immediate strain from the weight of the structure, close to the piers on which it is supported, will tend to shear off the end of the tube in a vertical line. 1881 O. Fisher *Physics Earth's Crust* x. 120 Yet we may arrive at some conclusion as to whether the material at any given level within the crust will on the average be sheared upwards or downwards by the compression. 1883 Lodge in *Nature* XXVII. 328 The ether may be sheared by electromotive forces into positive and negative electricity. 1911 *Encycl. Brit.* XVI. 669/2 (*Lighting*) The filament after a time breaks up into sections which become curiously sheared with respect to each other.

Shear: see Sheer.

Shear, obs. f. Sere *a.*[2], several.

15..*Chevy Chase* 12 (Ashm. MS.) Then the wyld thorowe the woodes went on euery syde shear. *Ibid.* 16 On sydis shear.

Shear, erron. f. *sear*, variant of Cere *v.*

1688 Holme *Armoury* IV. xii. (Roxb.) 496/1 First after his departure his body was well sheared and chested, then wrapped in Lead.

Sheared (ʃi·ɹd), *ppl. a.* [f. Shear *v.* + -ed[1].] That has undergone the operation of shearing; shorn. †Of a coin: Clipped.

1616 *Orkney Witch Trial* in C. Rogers *Soc. Life Scot.* (1886) III. 299 Haveing aft and dyvers tymes desyreit the len of ane scheret sheilling fra James Hunton. 1845 Judd *Margaret* II. xi. (1874) 334 One greased pole to climb, two sheared pigs to catch, and a silver punch-bowl the prize. 1905 Geil *Yankee in Pigmy Land* xii. 175 He presented a sheared sheep.

Shearer (ʃi·ɹəɹ). [f. Shear *v.* + -er[1].] One who or something which shears.

1. A reaper of standing crops.

1318–9 in *Shropsh. Arch. Soc. Trans.* Ser. III. (1903) III. 51 Rogerus mendepas sherar. 14.. *Nom.* in Wr.-Wülcker 687/11 *Hic messor*, a scherer. *c* 1520 Nisbet *N. T.* Matt. xiii. 30 In the tyme of ripe corn I sal say to the scheraris [etc.]. 1641 Best *Farm. Bks.* (Surtees) 43 Both shearers and binders have neede to be armed with gloves. 1788 Picken *Poems* 138 An', hint a' the shearers, wi' Peggy, I hindet the buttles o' grain. 1844 H. Stephens *Bk. Farm* III. 1066 Gloves of sheep-skin made on purpose, called shearer's gloves.

fig. a 1340 Hampole *Psalter* cxxviii. 6 Aungels are sherers Þat gedurs gode frute til god.

Proverb. 1668 R. B. *Adagia Scol.* 6 An ill shearer gat never a good hook.

2. One who removes the fleece from an animal.

1388 Wyclif 1 *Sam.* xxv. 11 The fleischis of beestis, whiche Y haue slayn to my schereris. 1523–34 Fitzherb. *Husb.* § 52 Take hede of the sherers, for touchynge the shepe with the sheres. 1611 Shaks. *Wint. T.* IV. iii. 44 Shee hath made me four and twenty Nose-gayes for the shearers. 1637 Milton *Lycidas* 117. 1883 *Century Mag.* Oct. 817 A good shearer shears seventy or eighty sheep in a day.

fig. 1654 M. Coker (*title*) A whip of Small Cords to scourge Antichrist..Whereunto is added, The Sheerer sheer'd and Casheer'd, the Shaver shav'd, and the Grinder ground. 1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* II. III. iv, Being Shepherd of this indigent People, not Shearer merely.

†**3.** One who removes the nap of cloth by the process of shearing. *Obs.*

1473 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* I. 17 To Sandy Balfoure the scherare, for certane cloth schorne be him. 1679 Jordan *Lond. in Luster* 17 Wool-combers, Sheerers, Dressers [etc.].

†**4.** = Incisor. *Obs.*

1610 Markham *Masterp.* II. xxvi. 260 The vpper teeth, which are the shearers in the vpper chappe. 1683 Snape *Anat. Horse* v. vi. (1686) 211 The Shearers or Fore-teeth.

5. = Shearman 3.

1881 *Instr. Census Clerks* (1885) 93 Wrought Iron Manufacture..Shearer or Shearman.

6. A machine designed to cut metal, etc.

1890 W. J. Gordon *Foundry* 60 Drilling-machines, punchers, squeezers, shearers, all of mighty size.

Shear-grass (ʃi·ɹgras). Forms: 5 scher-, 6 sheere-, sher-, 7 sheare-, 8 shar(e-, 9 shere-. [f. Shear *v.*] A name popularly applied to several kinds of sharp-edged grass or sedge, which are apt to cut the mouths of grazing animals or the hands of a person gathering them. Now only *dial.*

1483 *Cath. Angl.* 335/1 A Schergrysse (*A.* Scheregresse), *carex*. 1551 Turner *Herbal* I. H v, An herbe, whiche we cal in english segge, or shergresse. 1589 A. Fleming *Virg. Georg.* III. 44 Fed with rongh greene leanes, And sheere-grasse sharpe or sedge. 1631 Capt. Smith *Advt. Planters* xii. 27 You may have harsh sheare-grasse enough to make hay of. 1790 W. H. Marshall *Midl. Counties* II. 442 Sharegrass, *carix hirta*; a species of sedge. 1799 A. Young *Agric. Lincoln.* 168 It makes a soil produce a crop of hay, which naturally would only feed rabbits by shar grass. 1884 W. Miller *Plant-n.* 57/2 Shear or Shere Grass. *Cladium Mariscus*; also some species of *Carex*.

Shear-head. [f. Shear *sb.*[1] and *sb.*[2]]

1. The upper part of the apparatus for hoisting known as 'shears' (see Shear *sb.*[1]).

1769 Falconer *Dict. Marine* (1776) s. v. *Hulk*, The tackles which extend from the head of the mast to the sheer-heads. 1847 Key *Recov. H. M. Gorgon* 24 A guy was taken from the sheerhead to the shore.

†**2.** *Mining.* ? A 'fault'. *Obs.*

1813 Vancouver *Agric. Devon* 56 It no where partakes of the regular dip..of the stratum,..but is broken and interrupted with what the miners call shear-heads and saddles.

Shear-hog (ʃi·ɹhɒg). *dial.* Also 6 **sharroge**, 8 **sherrug**, 8–9 **shar-hog**, 9 **sharrag.** [f. Shear *sb.*[2] + Hog *sb.*[1]] A name given to a lamb after the first shearing and until the second.

1523–34 Fitzherb. *Husb.* § 53 The ewes by theym selfe, the share hogges and theyues by them selfe, the lambes by theym selfe. 1558 *Will of Oliv. Leder*, Huntingdon (Somerset Ho.), Ewes or sharrogs. 1736 W. Ellis *New Exper.* 52 (E.D.S.) The third year a sherrug. 1784 W. H. Marshall *Midl. Counties* (1790) II. 27 Fifty 'sharhogs' of the new Leicestershire breed. 1857 Geo. Eliot *Sc. Clerical Life, Mr. Gilfil's Love Story* i, He thought it a mere frustration of the purposes of language to talk of 'shear-hogs' and 'ewes' to men who habitually said 'sharrags' and 'yowes'.

†**Shear-hook.** *Naut. Obs.* [f. Shear *v.* + Hook *sb.*] A sickle-shaped hook intended to destroy the enemy's rigging.

1338 in Nicolas *Hist. Navy* (1847) II. 475, ii. seilyngne-deles, un dyall, un sherhok, un mykehok. 1485 *Naval Acc. Hen. VII* (1896) 39 Sherhokes for the yerde armes. 1558 W. Towrson in Hakluyt *Voy.* (1589) 124 The shippe fell aboorde of vs and with her sheare hookes cut our maine saile. 1619 in Foster *Eng. Factories India* (1906) I. 68 They should be fitted with 'sheere hooks', etc., to keepe off bording. *c* 1635 Capt. N. Boteler *Dial. Sea Services* (1685) 289 Sheer hooks are great Hooks of iron about the bigness and in the form of a sickle and they are let into the main-yard-arms. 1704 J. Harris *Lex. Techn.* I. 1794 *Rigging & Seamanship* I. 80.

Shear-hulk: see Sheer-hulk.

Shearing (ʃi·ɹiŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. Shear *v.* + -ing[1].]

1. The action or an act of cutting, clipping, or shaving with shears or some other sharp instrument.

c 1315 Shoreham I. 1416 Þat hys in holy cherche y-cleped wel Þe furste scherynge Of clerke. *a* 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 2624 Sharpe schndering of schote, schering [*Dubl. MS.* sherynq] of mailes. 1490 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* I. 138 Item, for the schereing of xxxiij elne j quartar of clayth. 1523–34 Fitzherb. *Husb.* § 51 Beware, that thou put not to many shepe in a penne at one tyme..at the sheryng. 1611 Shaks. *Wint. T.* IV. iv. 77 Grace, and Remembrance be to you both, And welcome to our Shearing. 1704 Pope *Summer* 64 When swains from shearing seek their nightly bow'rs. 1728 Chambers *Cycl.* s. v. *Cloth*, The Sheerman takes it, and gives it its first cut, or sheering. 1778 [W. H. Marshall] *Minutes Agric., Observ.* 92 The Cutting of Wheat is termed Shearing. 1881 Raymond *Mining Gloss., Shearing*,..cutting up steel for the crucible. 1890 'R. Boldrewood' *Col. Reformer* (1891) 122 With spring came all the bustle of washing and shearing. 1891 Morris *Poems by Way* (1896) 191 It was Goldilocks woke up in the morn At the first of the shearing of the corn.

†**2.** Cleavage, parting, division. *Obs.*

c 1400 *Sc. Trojan War* I. 502 This hede and taill ar for to say A myddle scheryng in Þe way Of a cercle Þat turnys in hevene.

3. Something which is cut off with shears or some other sharp implement. Now only *pl.*

1536 *Test. Ebor.* (Surtees) VI. 56 To..my shepherde fyve sheipe sheringes. 1558 Warde tr. *Alexis' Secr.* (1568) 90 A pounde of the shearinge of Scarlet. 1673 F. Kirkman *Unlucky Cit.* 287 It was like the shearing of the Hogs, all Bristles. 1712 Addison *Spect.* No. 295 ¶ 10 He would..have presented her once in three Years with the Sheerings of his Sheep for her Under-Petticoats. 1799 G. Smith *Laboratory* I. 145 Put the sheerings of scarlet cloth upon the coals. 1875 Fortnum *Maiolica* vi. 55 A certain quantity of the shearings of fine woollen cloth.

4. *dial.* A designation for a sheep after the first shearing, a shearling.

1641 Best *Farm. Bks.* (Surtees) 2 After they are once shorne, they are called gimmer shearinges. 1781 Hutton *Tour to Caves* (ed. 2) 95 *Shearing*, a sheep a year old, or once shorn. 1786 Culley *Live Stock* (1807) Introd. p. xviii, Then they take the name of shearing, shearling, shear-hog.

5. *Mining.* (See quots.)

1875 Knight *Dict. Mech., Shearing*,..the making of vertical cuts at the ends of a portion of an undercut seam of coal. 1881 Raymond *Mining Gloss., Shearing.* 1. The vertical side-cutting which, together with holing or horizontal undercutting, constitutes the attack upon a face of coal.

6. *Physics*, etc. See Shear *v.* 9.

1850 E. Clark *Britannia & Conway Bridges* I. 389 Under these circumstances failure takes place solely from the vertical shearing of the material in a transverse direction. 1858 Rankine *Man. Appl. Mechanics* § 279. 299 The resistance of timber to shearing is in each case that which acts between contiguous layers of fibres. 1869 *Lond.* etc. *Philos. Trnl.* XXXVIII. 71 On the Fracture of Brittle and Viscous Solids by 'Shearing'. By Sir William Thomson, F.R.S. 1876 F. Jenkin *Bridges* § 3 in *Encycl. Brit.* IV. 285/2 There are three kinds of stress, due to tension, compression, and shearing. 1882 Geikie *Text-bk. Geol.* III. I. iv. § 4 (1903) 428 The planes of sedimentation, or those of cleavage or shearing where these have been developed, being naturally those along which water passes most easily.

7. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *shearing-day, -feast, -rent, -season*, †*-time*; *shearing-house, -shed*; esp. in names of tools, weapons, etc. used in the process of shearing, as *shearing-board, -knife, -machine*, †*-shaft*, †*-shears*, †*-sword, -table.*

1661 Petty in T. Birch *Hist. Roy. Soc.* (1756) I. 64 The lower chap [of the sheer] is kept close down to the *sheering-board with weights of lead. 1890 'R. Boldrewood' *Col. Reformer* xvii, The shearing board would be deserted. 1860 *Indenture* 30 July, *Shearing days fines or *shearing rents and other dues. 1596 Spenser *Astrophel* 32 Emongst the shepheards in their *shearing feast. 1829 Scott *Anne of G.* vi, Thou shalt have a necklace of jet at next shearing-feast. 1614 W. Browne *Sheph. Pipe* iii. D 4, Or consuming fire Brent his *shearing-house. 1806 R. Cumberland *Mem.* (1807) II. 145 A very large and commodious shearing-house. 1844 W. Barnes *Poems Rur. Life* Gloss., **Shearen-knife*, a thatcher's tool for shearing the roof. 1834–6 P. Barlow *Manuf.* § 1025 in *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) VIII. 729 *Shearing or cropping machines have now very commonly superseded the hand shearing. 1850 E. Clark *Britannia & Conway Bridges* II. 665 A steam-engine, with the necessary shafting, for driving the punching and shearing machines. 1883 *Century Mag.* Oct. 817/1 Organized *shearing bands, with captains, that go from ranch to ranch in the *shearing season. 1581 A. Hall *Iliad* v. 87 Inoo..was wounded sore.. By triple headed *sheering shafte. 1573 Tusser *Husb.* (1878) 36 *Sharing sheares readie for sheepe to be shorne. 1910 N. Munro *Fancy Farm* xiii. 126 The dipping-fold or the *shearing-shed. 1707 Sir. W. Hope *New Method Fencing* vii. 200 A good light *Sheering-Sword. 1875 Knight *Dict. Mech.*, **Shearing-table*, a bench for holding sheep while being sheared. *c* 1520 Nisbet *N. T.* Matt. xiii. 30 Suffir ye thaim bathe to grow into *schering-tyme. 1777 Brand *Pop. Antig.* 284.

8. Special comb.: **shearing-darg** *Sc.*, a day's-work performed by a shearer; †**shearing-hook** = Shear-hook; †**shearing-ram**, a ram past its first shearing and therefore about one year old.

1550 in *Reg. Mag. Sig. Scot.* 1593, 794/2 Lie *schering-dargis. *c* 1385 Chaucer *L. G. W.* 641 (Fairf.) In gooth the grapenel so ful of crokes Amonge the ropes and the *sheryng hokes. 1586 *Shuttleworths' Acc.* (Chetham Soc.) 32 Makynge of towe sherynge houkes x[d]. 1797 *Sporting Mag.* X. 123 The use of some of his *shearing rams..for fifty guineas each.

b. in scientific terms (see sense 6 and Shear *v.* 9): **shearing plane** *Geol.* = *shear-plane* (Shear *sb.*[2] 7); **shearing strain**, a strain of the nature of a shear (Shear *sb.*[2] 6 a); **shearing strength**, power of resistance to shearing; **shearing stress**, a stress tending to produce or resist a shear.

1889 O. Fisher *Physics Earth's Crust* xx. (ed. 2) 263 The throw, that in faulting occurs along a single *shearing plane, the 'fault-' or 'thrust-plane'. 1850 E. Clark *Britannia & Conway Bridges* II. 517 The strain called by Mr. Stephenson 'the *shearing strain', which rendered thick plates necessary at the extremities of the tubes. 1882 Minchin *Unipl. Kinematics* 134 A shearing strain. 1869 Sir E. Reed *Shipbuilding* xvii. 333 The *shearing strengths of rivets are proportional to the sectional Areas. 1869 Rankine *Mach. & Millwork* 497 The ultimate shearing strength..is..equal, or nearly equal, to the tenacity. *Ibid.* 496 Every *shearing stress is equivalent to a pair of direct stresses of the same intensity, one tensile and the other compressive, exerted in directions making angles of 45° with the shearing stress. 1910 Love in *Encycl. Brit.* IX. 143/1 A state of stress in which there is purely tangential traction on a plane, and no normal traction on any perpendicular plane, is described as a state of 'shearing stress'.

Shearing (ʃi·ɹiŋ), *ppl. a.* [f. Shear *v.* + -ing[2].] That shears, in various senses of the verb.

1375 Barbour *Bruce* XVI. 455 Thai seruit thame in sa gret wayne With scherand swerdis and with knyvis. *a* 1586 Montgomerie *Misc. Poems* xxiii. 18 The sheirand shaft soon slippit to my hairt. 1599 Sanovs *Europæ Spec.* (1632) 113 As a sheering wind it kills all in the bud. 1885–94 R. Bridges *Eros & Psyche* Nov. 24 Like twin sharks.. showing 'bove the water blue Their shearing fins.

Shear-legs. [Shear *sb.*[1]] A device consisting of three poles of wood or iron bolted together at their upper ends and extended below, carrying tackle for raising heavy weights for machinery; cf. Shear *sb.*[1] 4.

1860 *Engl. & For. Mining Gloss., Newcastle Terms* (ed. 2) 62 *Shear-legs.* 1875 J. H. Collins *Metal Mining* 49 The boring tools are sometimes worked simply by a rope passed over a shearlegs or triangle. 1900 *Engineering Mag.* XIX. 675 At the Chicago yard there is a steel sheer-legs 100 feet high and of 100 tons capacity.

Shearling (ʃi·ɹliŋ). Forms: 4, 6 **scherling**, 5, 7 **sherling**, 6 **sharling, scharlyng, shyrlyng**, 8 **sheerling**, 9 **shearling.** [f. Shear *v.* + -ling.]

1. A sheep that has been once shorn.

1378–9 *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 587 In 30 pell. de Scherlings empt. de Celer. pro pistrina, 5*s.* 1532–3 *Durham Househ. Bk.* (Surtees) 207 Oves..vocatæ sharlyngs. 1786 Culley *Live Stock* (1807) Introd. p. xx, They are not called shearlings until once clipped, which is understood to be the same as one year old. 1833 *Wauldby Farm Rep.* 114 in *Libr. Usef. Kn., Husb.* III, Making up the number by an addition of the finest gimmer shearlings. 1877 Blackmore *Erema* lii, I am whiter than yonder shearling.

†2. The fleece of such a sheep. *Obs.*

1481–90 *Howard Housch. Bks.* (Roxb.) 117, xxij. dousen of scherlinges, and iij. skynnes, prise the dousen xx. d. 1531–2 *Durham Housch. Bk.* (Surtees) 109 Pelles vocati sharlyngs. 1597 *Shuttleworths' Acc.* (Chetham Soc.) 119 Of the glover, for viij shyrlynges, which was kylled before October last, ix^{s} iiij^{d}. 1680 in Ferguson & Manson *Munic. Rec. Carliste* (1887) 220 Lamb skins sherlings calfe-skins.

3. *attrib.*, as *shearling-ewe, -ram, -tup, -welther.*

1861 *Times* 27 Sept., Regular ram-breeders..let *shearling rams by private contract. 1844 H. Stephens *Bk. Farm* II. 38 A dinmont or *shearling-tup. 1782 W. H. Marshall *Norfolk* (1795) II. 321 Several pens of *sheerling-wedders.

Shearman (ʃi·ɹmăn). Forms: 3 sermon, 3–6 scher-, 4–7 shere-, 5–6 s(c)har-, 5–7 sher-, (6 shier-), 6–7 sheare-, 6–8 sheer-, (7 sheere-, share-), 6– shearman. [f. Shear *v.* + Man *sb.*]

1. One who shears woollen cloth. Now *Hist.*

c 1275 in *Shropsh. Archæol. Soc. Trans.* Ser. III. (1901) I. 130 Rogerius le sermon. 1297 *Placita coram Rege* m. 13 (1897) 83 Adam le Scherman. 1379 *Poll-tax W. Riding* in *Yorks. Archæol. Jrnl.* V. 25 Johannes Wykir & Agnes vx. ejus, Shereman. 1415 *Nottingham Rec.* II. 98 Willelmus, filius Thomae Sherman, de Notyngham,..sherman. 1530 in *Archæologia* XXV. 503 The sharman of Snettsham. 1551 T. Wilson *Logic* V iv, IIis cote somwhat araied..was dressed at the Shermans [1580 Shiermans], not past two or thre dayes before. 1593 Shaks. *2 Hen. VI*, IV. ii. 141 Villaine, thy Father was a Playsterer, And thou thy selfe a Shearman, art thou not? 1687 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 2224/4 A Sheerman by Trade. 1798 W. Hutton *Family of Hutton* 97 My great grandfather, was a shearman.

Comb. 1463 *Cal. City Lond. Let.-bk.* L. 27 That now person enfraunchesed..take vpon hym to grynde aoy menoes sheres except Sheremen sherys. 1894 R. S. Ferguson *Hist. Westmorland* 165 The shearmen-dyers.

2. One who conducts the process of shearing metal.

1881 *Instr. Census Clerks* (1885) 93 Wrought Iron Manufacture..Shearer or Shearman. 1892 *Labour Commission* Gloss., *Shear men*, men who put iron or steel into the shears ..and square it and cut it into the required lengths.

Shearn(e, variant forms of Sharn *sb.*

Shears *pl.*: see Shear *sb.*[1]

Shear-shorie, variant of Searchery *Sc. Obs.*

1707 W. Black *Privil. Roy. Burrows* App. N 2 b, In.. 1632, a Signature of Foreign Shear-shorie, in favours of Robert Borthwick..being past in Exchequer [etc.].

Shear steel. [f. Shear *sb.*[1]: see quot. 1837.] Blister steel improved in quality by heating, rolling and tilting.

1815 J. Smith *Panorama Sci. & Art* I. 13 The steel which contains the smallest proportion of carbon, for example, shear steel, is the most easily welded. 1837 Hebert *Engin. & Mech. Encycl.* I. 788 Shear Steel.—This name was given to a steel that was first made by Crowley, of Newcastle, about sixty years ago...Crowley.. stamped his production with the figure of a pair of shears, to indicate its suitable application...Various qualities of shear steel are made, distinguished by the terms half-shear, single-shear, and double-shear, according to the number of times it has been cut, piled, welded, and drawn out. 1857 Scoffern, etc. *Usef. Metals* 345 Bar-steel from the convertiog-furnace is made into single shear-steel and double shear-steel, which will differ in quality and value with the quality of the bar-steel from which it is made, and the judgment and care of the person who selects the steel. This name was given to it because it was the kind used for the blades of shears, formerly employed for cropping woollen cloths. Single shear-steel is distioguished by a single representation of a pair of those shears, and double shear by two. 1861 Sir W. Fairbairn *Iron* 175 Double Shear Steel is single shear steel a second time cut up, piled, heated, and tilted. 1884 Lock *Workshop Rec.* Ser. III. 293/2 Round the part which is to form the bearing a thick ring of shear-steel must be welded.

†**'Sheart.** *Obs.* Also written 6 **shart**, 7 **s'harte**, **'s'heart**, 8 *erron.* **'sdheart**. A euphemistic shortening of *God's heart* (see God *sb.* 14), used as an oath or asseveration.

c 1596 *Sir T. More* III. ii. 276 Shart, if my haire stand not an end [etc.]. 1604 Dekker *1st Pt. Honest Wh.* C 3, *Flu...* Sblood why doe you attach vs? *Cast.* Sheart! attach vs! *c* 1615 W. Goddard *Mastiff Whelp* E 4 b, What crying? s'harte this is ex'lent fine. 1695 Congreve *Love for L.* II. vii, 'S'heart, what shou'd he do with distinguishing Taste? 1706 Betterton *Amorous Widow* II. 18 *Visc.* 'Sdheart, 'tis impossible!

Shear Thursday: see Sheer Thursday.

Shearwater (ʃi·ɹwɔ̄təɹ). Also 7 **shere-**, 8 **shire-**, 8–9 *erron.* **sheer-**. [f. Shear *v.* + Water *sb.*]

1. A bird of the genus *Puffinus*, esp. *P. anglorum*, the Manx Shearwater (see Manx *a.*), and *P. major*, the Greater Shearwater.

c 1671 Sir T. Browne *Norf. Birds* Wks. 1835 IV. 316 A sea-fowl called a sherewater. 1674 Ray *Coll. Words* To Rdr. A 8, Among some Pictures of Birds which I have received from..Sr. Thomas Brown..I find..A shear-water inscribed *Larus niger*. 1703 Dampier *Voy.* III. i. 93 We saw no Fowl but Shear-waters. 1778 *Eng. Gazetteer* (ed. 2) s. v. *Pembrokeshire*, The harry-bird [is] the shirewater of Sir Thomas Brown. 1821 Scott *Pirate* iv, The very sheerwaters and bonxies are making to the cliffs for shelter. 1870 Gillmore tr. *Figuier's Reptiles & Birds* 288 Under the name of Shearwaters..those species of Petrels are included which have bills as long, and sometimes longer, than their heads.

2. *U.S.* The Black Skimmer, *Rhynchops nigra.*

1794 Morse *Amer. Geog.* 167 Shear Water or Razor Bill. 1850 F. Mason *Burmah* 300 The sheer-water, or scissors-bill. 1883 *Century Mag.* Sept. 652/2 The black skimmer, or shear-water.

†**Shea·ry**, *a. Obs. rare*[−1]. [f. Shear *v.* + -y.] Having a hard sharp edge.

1597 Gerarde *Herbal* I. xv. 16 Cyperus Wood grasse hath many sheary grassie leaues.

Sheat, *sb. dial.* Also 6 *pl.* **shettes**, 7–9 **sheet**, 8 **scheat**, 9 **shet**. [Cogn. w. the synonymous Shoat[2]; the relation between the two forms is obscure.] A pig under a year old.

1534 *Inv.* in *Lett. & Pap. Hen. VIII*, LXXXIII. lf. 118 (P.R.O.) Vong hogges called Shettes. 1572 in *Pegge's Kenticisms* (E.D.S.) s. v., One sow, two sheetes. 1607 Topsell *Four-f. Beasts* 661 In English we call a young swine a Pigge, A weaning Pigge, a sheate, a Yealke, and so foorth. 1653 Urquhart *Rabelais* I. xxxvii, Three hundred barrow-pigs or sheats. 1736 J. Lewis *Isle of Tenet* (ed. 2) 38 *Scheat*, a little Pig spay'd. 1852 in *N. & Q.* Ser. I. VI. 339/1 They [Kentish men] defined 'sheets' to be 'pigs between the age of six and ten months. 1875 *Sussex Gloss.*, *Sheat*, a young hog of the first year.

†**Sheat**, *a. Obs. rare*[−1]. ? Trim, neat.

c 1590 Greene *Fr. Bacon* vii. (1630) 25 Neat, sheat and fine, As brisk as a cup of wine.

Sheat, Sheat(e, obs. ff. Sheath[2], Sheet.

Sheath[1] (ʃīp). Forms: *a.* 1 **sceæð**, **scéað**, 1–3 **scéð**, 2–3 **scaþ**, 3 **shæþ**, **seaþ**, **sseþe**, 3, (5) **seth**, 4–6 **s(c)hethe**, 4–7, (8–9 *dial.*) **sheth**, 5 **scheth**, (**seeth**), 5–6 **sheethe**, *Sc.* **scheith**, 6 **scheethe**, **sheeth**, 6–7 **sheathe**, (7 ? *mispr.* **skeath**, 8 **shearth**), 6– **sheath**. *β.* 4–5 **schede**, 5 **shede**, 5–6 **schete**. [OE. *scǽþ*, *scéaþ* str. fem. = OS. *skēdia*, MDu. *schēde* (mod.Du. *scheede*, *schee*), OHG. *sceida* (MHG., mod.G. *scheide*), ON. *skeiðir* pl., scabbard (Da. *skede*):—OTeut. **skaiþjō*.

The word app. belongs to the Teut. root *skaiþ-*, *skaid-*, to separate, divide (see Shed *v.*). The primary notion may have been that of a stick split to receive the blade: cf. the ablaut-variant MSw. *skipa*, mod.Sw. *skida* a sheath, which appears to be the same word as ON. *skiða* a billet of wood, faggot (see Shide *sb.*). The ON. *skauðir* pl. 'sheath' of a horse (see 2 a below) is commonly regarded as cognate, although belonging to a different vowel-series; probably, however, the resemblance in form and sense with the present word is accidental.]

1. A case or covering into which a blade is thrust when not in use; usually close-fitting and conforming to the shape of the blade, esp. of a sword, dagger, knife, etc. Cf. Scabbard.

a. c 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* John xviii. 11 Send suord in sceæð.. *mitte gladium in uaginam. a* 1000 *Cædmon's Gen.* 1092 Handum bruzdon hæleð of scæðum bringmæled sweord. *c* 1000 Ælfric *Hom.* I. 482 He awende his swurd into ðære sceaðe. *c* 1200 Ormin 14675 Abraham..droh hiss swerd off shæpe. *c* 1205 Lay. 23211 Luken vt of scaþe [*c* 1275 senþe] sweordes longe. *c* 1375 *Cursor M.* 15795 (Fairf.) Þat dint now gif þou nane In-to þe shepe [*c* 1425 *Trin.* sheepe, *earlier texts* forel] þou putt þi squorde. *c* 1450 *Mirk's Festial* 259 Wypyng his blody swerde, and put hit vp ynto his schepe. *c* 1470 *Gol. & Gaw.* 706 Schort suerdis of scheith smertly thay dreuch. 1530 Palsgr. 266/2 Sheth of a meate knyfe, *gayne.* 1555 Eden *Decades* 224 He had a longe dager with a hafte of golde, and the shethe of a fayre kynde of carued woodde. 1605 *Shuttleworths' Acc.* (Chetham Soc.) 169 A new sheth for my M^{r} daggar. 1669 Sturmy *Mariner's Mag., Penalties & Forf.* 2 Blades, Handles, Scabbards, Sheaths for Knives. 1715 Pope *Iliad* III. 125 Your shining Swords within the Sheath restrain. 1800 *Med. Jrnl.* III. 195 The lever and cutting blade separated from the handle and sheath. 1809 Roland *Fencing* 11 Before drawing the sword from the sheath. 1865 Lubbock *Prehist. Times* 29 A bronze sword in a wooden sheath.

β. c 1385 Chaucer *L. G. W.* 888 (MS. Gg.) Tyshe..saw hire wympil & hise emty schede And ek his swerd that hym hath don to dede. *c* 1425 *Seven Sages* (Percy Soc.) 2584 And drew a knyf out of hire schete. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 444/2 Schede, or schethe, *vagina.* 14.. *Songs & Carols 15th C.* (Warton Club) lxi, Myn baselard haȝt a schede of red, And a clene loket of led. *c* 1500 *Melusine* lix. 359 He putte his swerd vp in the shede. 1518 *Ortus Vocab.*, *Vagina*, a shete [1500 a shethe].

b. *transf.* and *fig.*

1297 R. Glouc. (Rolls) 2864 Were he mowe þe luþer vortiger witie fram þe depe þat ich in is Ineward mid swerd make a ssepe. *c* 1393 Chaucer *Scogan* 39 Ne þynke I nenere of slep to wake myn muse þat rustyþ in myn schede [*Fairf. & Pepys* shethe] stylle in pes. 1592 Shaks. *Rom. & Jul.* v. iii. 170 (Qo. 1599) O happy dagger This is thy sheath, there rust and let me dye. 1615 Hieron *Three Serm. Necess. Advts.* 14 Some one who is a meere hypocrite, and but as it were the sheath and shadow of a Christian. 1821 Scott *Kenilw.* viii, Women..are occasion for many a blade's exchanging a sheath of neat's leather for one of flesh and blood. 1860 Emerson *Cond. Life, Fate* Wks. (Bohn) II. 323 Liberation of the will from the sheaths and clogs of organization..is the end and aim of this world.

†**c.** *By my sheath*, a petty oath. *Obs.*

a 1530 Heywood *Love* 1370 (Brandl), The hole faute in fortune by my sheth. 1532 More *Confut. Tindale* Wks. 595/2 Yes by my shethe.

†**d.** *Painted sheath*: showy exterior. *Obs.*

[Cf. Fr. '*Dans vne gaine d'or vn cousteau de plomb*: Prov. A leaden sword in a golden sheath; a godlesse heart in a goodly bodie' (Cotgr.).]

1542 Becon *Pathw. Prayer* ii. Siv, Let vs not flatter oure selues nor make to much of our painted shethe, as they saye. 1546 J. Heywood *Prov.* (1867) 22 She maie not beare a fether, but she must breath, She maketh so much of hir peynted sheath. 1576 Gascoigne *Steel Glas* Wks. 1910 II. 156 One Which stands so much, upon his paynted sheath.. That he accompts, no Soldiour but himselfe. 1613 Hieron *Abridg. Gosp.* II. iii. Wks. 1614 I. 159 Thou pridest thy selfe..in thy painted sheath and gay clothing.

2. A sheath-like covering. Applied to various animal and vegetable structures.

a. The tubular fold of skin into which the penis is retracted, in many animals, as the horse, bull, dog, etc. Also † = Prepuce.

1555 Eden *Decades* I. viii. 38 The men of this countrey inclose theyr prinie members in a gourde...In other places of that tract, they thrust the synew within the sheethe therof [orig. *intra vaginam mentularem neruum reducunt*]. 1607 Markham *Caval.* I. 70 If, after your foales bee gelt, their cods and sheathes happen to swell exceedieg much. *c* 1720 W. Gibson *Farrier's Guide* I. ii. (1738) 15 Its outer cover, or Sheath, is nothing else but a production of the Scarfskin Hide and fleshy Pannicle. *c* 1800 J. Cundall *Sch. Arts* 34 The Cure. First throw him [the bull], and draw his pizzle out of his sheath.

b. *Bot.* A tubular or enrolled part or organ of a plant; the part of an expanded organ that is rolled round a stem or other body, as the spathe of a flower, the lower part of the leaves of grasses, etc.

1671 Grew *Anat. Pl.* I. i. (1682) 10 The Plume in Corn is trussed up within a membranous Sheath. 1720 P. Blair *Bot. Ess.* i. 28 Sometimes they are covered with a Vagina or Sheath at the top, which appears blackish in the middle of the Flourish, until it is fully blown, and then the Sheath falls off, and the two Portions separate. 1796 Withering *Brit. Plants* (ed. 3) I. 81 *Sheath* (spatha), a species of Calyx, exemplified in the Crocus, the Iris, and the Daffodil. 1832 Lindley *Introd. Bot.* I. ii. 95 Occasionally the petiole embraces the branch from which it springs, and in such case is said to be sheathing; and is even called a sheath, or vagina, as in grasses. 1847 Tennyson *Princess* v. 28, I was ..More crumpled than a poppy from the sheath. 1847 Mrs. R. Lee *Afr. Wand.* vii. (1854) 100 He found a large spatha, or sheath, full of cocoa-nuts. 1855 Longf. *Hiaw.* xiii. 180 The maize-ears full and shining gleamed from bursting sheaths of verdure. 1861 Bentley *Man. Bot.* 174 This sheath in all true Grasses terminates above in a membranous appendage. 1876 Geo. Eliot *Dan. Der.* xx. II. 11 The cheap clothing that moulding itself on her feet seemed an adornment as choice as the sheaths of buds. 1882–4 Cooke *Brit. Fresh-w. Algæ* I. 220 Cells forming a filament (*Trichome*) usually included in a tubular homogenous or lamellate sheath (*vagina*).

c. *Bot.* 'A limiting layer of surrounding cellular tissne' (B. D. Jackson *Gloss. Bot. Terms*, 1900). Also 'the lower, longer portion of the cell-wall in division in Oedogonium' (*Ibid.* Add.). *Bundle-sheath*: see Bundle *sb.* 4.

1884 Bower & Scott *De Bary's Phaner.* 6 When a layer (simple or compound) surrounds a tissue, which differs from it, it is termed relatively to the latter a sheath. 1897 tr. *Strasburger's Text-bk. Bot.* (1903) 203 The glucose which is thus produced in the leaves passes out of the mesophyll cells into the elongated cells of the vascular bundle-sheaths. The glucose and maltose are transferred in these conducting sheaths through the leaf-stalks into the stem.

d. *Anat.* The connective tissue covering which closely invests a part or elongated organ, and binds it together and holds it in place. Cf. Fascia 3.

1805 J. F. D. Jones *Treat. Suppress. Hemorrhage* (1810) 54 A coagulum then, formed at the mouth of the artery, and within its sheath. 1843 R. J. Graves *Syst. Clin. Med.* xxx. 404 There was..no inflammation of it's [i. e. the spinal cord's] membranes or effusion into its sheath. 1872 Huxley *Physiol.* i. 10 The sheath is continued at each end into a tendon. 1873 J. Angell *Elem. Anim. Physiol.* v. 70 Each primitive fibre is invested with a delicate sheath of fine, tough, elastic, transparent, structureless membrane, termed the *sarcolemma* or *myolemma*. 1897 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* III. 819 The outermost of the three layers [of the intussuscepted bowel] is known as the intussuscipient, the sheath, or the receiving layer.

e. A tube-like case, covering, or protection, e. g. a hair-follicle, the covering of the sting, etc. of an insect.

1774 Goldsm. *Nat. Hist.* VIII. 68 The sheath sometimes sticks so fast in the wound, that the animal is obliged to leave it behind; by which the bee soon after dies. 1801 tr. *Haller's First Lines Physiol.* 205 The hair, with both its cylindrical sheaths, arrives at a cutaneous pore, goes out through it, and forces the epidermis into a similar sheath. 1820 Shelley *Witch of Atlas* xv, And there lay Visions.. Each in its thin sheath, like a chrysalis. 1828 Stark *Elem. Nat. Hist.* II. 320 Sheath of the sucker [in *Membranaceæ*] with only two or three apparent joints. 1834 McMurtrie *Cuvier's Anim. Kingd.* 399 The sheath of this apparatus [the 'sucker' of Hemipterous insects] is at these times frequently bent into an angle. 1885 Haldane *Workshop Rec.* Ser. II. 369 The softening or destruction of the hair-sheaths either by lime or by putrefaction.

f. The covering of certain shell-fish, e. g. the razor-shell.

1815 S. Brookes *Conchol.* 156 Sheath. Solen Vagina and Siliqua. 1822 J. Parkinson *Outl. Oryctol.* 174 Bivalve shells, contained in a tubular sheath distinct from the valves. 1828 Stark *Elem. Nat. Hist.* I. 114 Sheath tapering,..the valves of the shell elongated.

g. The lorica of certain protozoans, etc.

1841 T. R. Jones *Anim. Kingd.* 34 The Tubiporidæ are enclosed in a calcareous or coriaceous sheath or tube. 1859 J. R. Greene *Man. Anim. Kingd., Protozoa* vii. 61, Fig. 14 showing animal [*Vaginicola valvata*] contracted within its sheath. 1878 F. Bell *Gegenbaur's Comp. Anat.* 121 Where the proliferating Polyps are provided with a sheath, the generative buds are always enclosed by the same test as the Polyps themselves.

h. 'The horny covering of the bill or feet of a bird; esp. a sort of false cere of some birds, as the sheathbills, jägers, etc.' (*Cent. Dict.* 1891).

1781 Pennant *Genera of Birds* 43 Upper of the upper mandible lodged in a corneous sheath. 1886 Newton in *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 782/1 *note*, A strange fallacy arose early ..that this case or sheath [of the sheathbill] was movable.

i. The elytron or outer hard wing-case of a coleopterous insect.

1826 Kirby & Sp. *Entomol.* IV. 368 There are some beetles that have neither wings nor sheath. 1854 *Eng. Cycl., Nat. Hist.* II. 62/2 From this character of having the wings in

a sheath, the term *Coleoptera* was applied...The superior wings, which form the sheath, are generally called elytra. 1910 D. W. Thompson tr. *Aristotle's Hist. Anim.* I. 5 Some are coleopterous or sheath-winged, for they have their wings in a sheath or shard.

j. The fold of skin into which the claws of a feline animal are retracted.

1774 Goldsm. *Nat. Hist.* III. 200 The cat kind are.. remarkable for the sharpness..of their claws, which thrust forth from their sheath when they seize their prey.

3. *Photogr.* (See quots.)

1890 Woodbury *Encycl. Photogr.* 630 *Sheath*, an arrangement for holding the dry plate in detective cameras so that they are protected from the light and can be conveniently changed at will. They are usually made of darkened metal. 1892 *Photogr. Ann.* II. 316 The lens and finders are uncovered by sliding sheaths or covers of the same leather.

†**4.** The razor-fish or solen. [Cf. 2 f.] *Obs.*

1722 Diaper tr. *Oppian's Halieut.* I. 482 Here slender Sheaths, and juicy Oysters hide.

5. *Sc.* and *dial.* = Knitting-*sheath*.

1893 *Longman's Mag.* Feb. 378 Their straw sheaths tucked into the bands of their tousers [aprons], they clicked merrily away with their needles as they walked along the road.

6. A structure or banking of loose stones to prevent the overflow of a river.

1850 in Ogilvie, and in later Dicts.

7. *attrib.* and *Comb.* **a.** Simple attrib. often passing into adj. (applied to dress), as *sheath gown, model, skirt*, etc.; also *sheath-like, -maker*; **sheath-knife**, a dagger-like knife encased in a sheath; **sheath-piling** = *sheet-piling* (Sheet *sb.*[1] 12 b).

1908 *Westm. Gaz.* 12 May 5/1 They were what are called *sheath gowns or skirts *à fourreau*. 1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* III. iv. i, She purchases a large *sheath-knife in the Palais Royal. 1897 Kipling *Capt. Cour.* viii. 165 The leather belt with the sheath-knife at the back. 1842 Loudon *Suburban Hort.* 15 Flowers with *sheath-like bracts. 1899 *Outlook* 7 Jan. 725/2 The skirts cut in a sheath-like scantiness. 1530 Palsgr. 266/2 *Sheth maker, *gaignier*. 1766 Entick *London* IV. 357 The third sort were sheath-makers for swords. 1902 *Encycl. Brit.* XXVI. 437/2 This can be accomplished..by careful *sheath-piling to retain the sides of the excavation. 1903 *Daily Chron.* 24 Jan. 8/4 *Sheath-skirts..will still enjoy popularity.

b. *Nat. Hist.*, as *sheath-edge, -leaf*; **sheath bill**, a sea-bird of the genus *Chionis*, having the basal part of the bill ensheathed in a horny case; **sheathclaw**, a lizard of the genus *Thecodactylus*; **sheath-horned** *a.*, having hollow horns enclosing a horn-core; **sheath (razor-) shell**, the razor-shell; † **sheath-scale** *Bot.* (see quot.); † **sheath-stone** (see quot.); † **sheath-wing** = 2 i; **sheath-winged**, having the wings encased in elytra, coleopterous, vaginipennate. See also Sheath-fish.

1781 Pennant *Genera of Birds* 43 *Sheath-bill. 1854 A. Adams, etc. *Man. Nat. Hist.* 47 Sheathbills (Chionidæ). 1902 *Edin. Rev.* Jan. 208 A mother penguin cannot leave her egg for a moment but what a sheath-hill, Chionis, dashes its beak into it. 1850 P. H. Gosse *Nat. Hist., Reptiles* 90 The Smooth *Sheath-claw..is a native of Jamaica. 1870 Hooker *Stud. Flora* 411 Carex Buxbaumii..*sheath-edges filamentous. 1871 Darwin *Desc. Man* II. xii. (1890) 357 A bull, goat, or other *sheath-horned ruminant. 1766 *Compl. Farmer* s. v. *Vegetation* 7 S 2/2 Above there is a mark of the *sheath-leaf, which was pulled [off the stalk]. 1893 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* Dec. 821 The spirally twisted sheath-leaves are noticeable when the ear is beginning to form. 1819 Turton *Conchol. Dict.* 159 *Solen Vagina*. *Sheath Razor-shell. 1796 Withering *Brit. Plants* (ed. 3) I. 81 **Sheath-scale*, a membrane found at the top of the sheathes which surround the stem of Grasses, just where the sheath ends, and the proper leaf begins. 1712 *Mus. Thoresby.* (1713) 444 The *Sheath-Shell, as it is commonly called, because of its Form. 1815 Burrow *Elem. Conchol.* 194 Solen. Razor or Sheath Shell. 1681 Grew *Musæum* III. § i. i. 265 The *Sheath-Stone. *Solenites*. Like the petrify'd shell of the Sheath-Fish. 1882 Vines tr. *Sachs' Bot.* 199 A circular projection..on which the *sheath-teeth are formed. 1704 Petiver *Gazophyl.* II. Tab. xvii, Its Shoulders are yellower than the *Sheath Wings. 1646 Sir T. Browne *Pseud. Ep.* III. xv. 141 All vaginipennous or *sheath-winged insects, as Beetles and Dorrs. 1910 D. W. Thompson tr. *Aristotle's Hist. Anim.* I. 5 Some are coleopterous or sheath-winged.

† **Sheath**[2]. *Obs.* Forms: α. 4 schethe, 6 sheth(e, 7 (*? misprint*) skeath, 7–8 sheath, 9 seath; β. 8 sheat, sheet. [Prob. the same word as Sheth. The specific sense below is in WFlem. *scheeberd, scheidberd* (*berd* = board). It is also one of the meanings of Norw. *skeid*; the form *skeath*, if not a misprint, is prob. Scandinavian.] In ploughs of an old type, the bar connecting the beam and sole in front.

α. 1356–7 *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 384 It. in 24 schethes et 24 moldebred cum jugis spakes, 3*s.* 6*d.* 1523–34 Fitzherb. *Husb.* § 3 The sheldbrede is a brode pece of wodde, fast pinned to the ryghte syde of the shethe in the ferther ende. 1613 Markham *Eng. Husbandm.* I. Former Pt. iii. B 2, The skeath..is a peece of woode of two foote and a halfe in length, and of eight inches in breadth, and two inches in thicknesse; it is driuen extreamly hard into the Plough-beame, slopewise. 1616 Surflet & Markham *Country Farm* VII. xvi. 662 Of it [the Ash] also is made all manner of Plow and Cart-timber whatsoeuer, as Beames, Heads, Skeathes [etc.]. 1688 Holme *Armoury* III. 333/2 The Sheath [of a Plow] is that which holds the Beam and Throck together. 1765 A. Dickson *Treat. Agric.* (ed. 2) 164 According to the position of the sheath, the earth of the furrow is turned over more suddenly. *a* 1817 W. Muir *Poems* (1818) 8 (*Elegy on old plough*), The very pettle, riest an' seath, Are pil'd up for a fiery death.

β. 1733 Tull *Horse-Hoeing Husb.* xxi. 301 The Plow-Tail consists of..the Share P., and the Sheat Q. 1766 *Compl. Farmer* s.v. 6 T 1/2 The sheat, or as it is sometimes called the fore-sheat, there being another piece of timber behind it called the hinder sheat, should be..fastened to the beam by a retch. 1791 J. Townsend *Journ. Spain* (1792) I. 229 An English mechanic will not readily conceive how a plough can be made..without any sheets to support the handle and the share.

Sheath, variant of Seath *Obs.*, brine-pit.

1610 Holland *Camden's Brit.* I. 609 (Cheshire) There be two wells of salt water...Sheathes they call them. *c* 1682 J. Collins *Salt & Fishery* 2 At Middlewich there are seven Pits or Bryne sheaths, which yield most rich Bryne.

Sheath-anchor, obs. form of Sheet-anchor.

Sheathe (ʃīð), *v.* Also *techn.* **sheath** (ʃīþ). Forms: 5 schethe, 5–6 shethe, (7 sheate), 6–9 sheath, 6– sheathe. [f. Sheath[1].]

†**1.** *trans.* To fit or furnish (a sword, etc.) with a sheath. *Obs.*

? a 1400 *Morte Arth.* 3853 He schokkes owtte a schorte knyfe schethede with silvere. 1596 Shaks. *Tam. Shr.* IV. i. 138 Walters dagger was not come from sheathing.

2. To put (a sword, dagger, etc.) into a sheath or scabbard. *To sheathe the sword* (fig.): to cease hostilities, to put an end to war or enmity.

c 1430 *Pilgr. Lyf Manhode* I. xxxii. (1869) 20, I bithouht me what I shulde do..with þilke swerd yshethed, seled, wrapped. 1530 Palsgr. 702/1, I shethe a knyfe or a sworde, I put them in to their shethe...Shethe your sworde, you be man good ynoughe. 1590 Greene *Orl. Fur.* (1599) 52 Mars come thundring downe, And neuer sheathe thy swift reuenging sword. 1641 J. Jackson *True Evang. T.* III. 213 Still allowing to Kings and their Senates, and Counsailes, right of drawing or sheathing the sword. *a* 1660 *Contemp. Hist. Irel.* (Ir. Archæol. Soc.) I. 273 The Confederate Catholicks of Ireland were iointly and seuerally sworne,..neuer to sheate theire sworde untill they see the lustre of religion florish in Ireland. 1737 Pope *Hor. Epist.* II. i. 140 In Days of Ease, when now the weary Sword Was sheath'd, and Luxury with Charles restor'd. 1749 Smollett tr. *Gil Blas* VII. i. (1782) III. 7 Enough (said I to him, sheathing my sword) I am not a brute, to refuse to hear reason. 1812 Byron *Ch. Har.* II. lxxii, Those scarfs of blood-red shall be redder before The sabre is sheathed and the battle is o'er. 1841 Elphinstone *Hist. India* IX. i. II. 263 He restrained himself sufficiently to sheath his sword. 1849 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* v. I. 575 The sword should not be sheathed till he had been brought to condign punishment as a traitor. 1891 Morris *Poems by Way* (1896) 210 And then the ancient blade he sheathed.

† **b.** with *up*. Also *transf. Obs.*

1607 R. Turner *Nosce Te* C 3 b, Being soundly bangde he sheathde his dagger vp. 1615 Hieron *Dign. Preaching* 9 May I..like Salomons sluggard, sheathe vp my hands into my hosome and renounce husbandrie? 1640 tr. *Verdere's Rom. of Rom.* II. x. 35 But perceiving no body to appear, he presently sheathed up his sword. 1738 Wesley *Hymns*, '*Long have I view'd*' vi, I will not..beg Thee to sheath up thy Sword.

c. *transf.* To bury (a sword) as in a sheath (e.g. *in* an enemy's body). Also with obj. an animal's tusk, claw, etc.

1584 A. Munday *Fedele & Fortunio* 1255 in *Arch. Stud. neu. Spr.* CXXIII. 72 Attilia tolde me, that her mistresse had made a request, To Crack-stone, to sheathe his sworde in your brest. 1592 Shaks. *Ven. & Ad.* 617 A churlish swine..Whose tushes neuer sheathd, he whetteth still. *Ibid.* 1116 The..swine Sheath'd..the tuske in his soft groine. 1593 — 3 *Hen. VI*, v. v. 70 Dispatch me heere: Here sheath thy Sword, Ile pardon thee my death. 1614 Gorges *Lucan* I. 37 Within his [a bull's] throat they sheath'd the knife. 1667 Dryden *Iud. Emp.* IV. iv, 'Tis in my breast she sheaths her Dagger now. 1749 Fielding *Tom Jones* XVI. x, He beat down his guard, and sheathed one half of his sword in the body of the said gentleman. 1858 G. Macdonald *Phantastes* xxi. 270 The hand of his foe..still grasped the hilt of the dagger sheathed in the wound.

d. *fig.* To lay aside, cause to be laid aside (hostility, malice). Now *rare* or *Obs.*

1598 Shaks. *Merry W.* II. iii. 88 Sheath thy impatience: throw cold water on thy Choller. 1752 Young *Brothers* I. i, Sheath your resentments in your father's peace. 1773 J. Allen *Serm. S. Mary's Oxf.* 16 This ought to sheath plebeian malignity.

e. To retract or draw in (the claws).

1681 Grew *Musæum* I. 12 The Leopard..always keeps the Claws of his fore-feet turned up from the ground, and sheath'd as it were in the Skin of his Toes. 1687 Dryden *Hind & P.* III. 270 He sheathes his paws, uncurls his angry mane. 1801 Southey *Thalaba* IX. xviii, With tranquil eyes and talons sheathed, The ounce expects his liberty. 1813 Shelley *Q. Mab* VIII. 126 His [the lion's] claws are sheathed.

3. To cover or encase (esp. a person or part of the body) *in* (something, usually protective).

1632 Massinger *City Madam* IV. ii, Thy procurer Shall be sheath'd in Velvet. *a* 1691 Boyle *Hist. Air* (1692) 140 The [petrifying] spring..sheaths everything with stony cases. 1735 Somerville *Chase* II. 453 In meet Array, Sheath'd in refulgent Arms, a noble Band Advance. 1816 Byron *Siege of Corinth* xxiii. 9 Many a bosom, sheathed in brass, Strew'd the earth like broken glass. 1829 Scott *Anne of G.* i, Warriors sheathed in complete steel. 1876 Geo. Eliot *Dan. Der.* lvi, She started impulsively to her full height, sheathed in her white shawl.

transf. and *fig.* 1860 Emerson *Cond. Life, Fate* Wks. (Bohn) II. 311 People seem sheathed in their tough organization. 1885 *Truth* 28 May 850/1 Plumpness sheathes the nerves and gives an impression of good humour.

b. To cover from view. *rare.*

1593 Shaks. *Lucr.* 397 Her eyes like Marigolds had sheath'd their light.

†**c.** To *sheathe up*: to envelop so as to confine or obstruct. *Obs. rare.*

1661 Boyle *Cert. Physiol. Ess.* (1669) 146 Those active parts of a body which are of differing Natures, when they are as it were Sheath'd up, or Wedg'd in amongst others in the texture of a Concrete. 1764 *Museum Rust.* III. xiii. 64 The rich fat wort sheathes up the pores of the hop, and, as it were, embalms the leaves.

4. †**a.** *Med.* To mitigate the acridity or pungency of (a drug) by the use of an emollient vehicle. *Obs.*

1731 Arbuthnot *Aliments* v. (1735) 130 Other Substances ..opposite to..Acrimony which are call'd demulcent or mild, because they blunt or sheath those sharp Salts..such as Pease, Beans [etc.]. 1753 *Chambers' Cycl.* Suppl. s. v. *Wine*, It had a pleasing softness that sheathed the acrimony of the spirit, and covered the bitter taste of the hop. 1811 A. T. Thomson *Lond. Disp.* (1818) 546 Its acrimony requires to be sheathed with some bland powder, as starch.

b. *gen.* To mitigate the painfulness of.

1820 Hazlitt *Lect. Dram. Lit.* 77 The barb of misfortune is sheathed in the mildness of the writer's temperament. 1851 Mrs. Browning *Casa Guidi Wind.* I. 18 The innumerous Sweet songs which for this Italy outrang From older singers' lips, who sang..with pang Sheathed into music, touched the heart of us So finely, that the pity scarcely pained!

5. (Often *sheath.*) **a.** To cover (a ship, a door, roof, etc.) with a sheathing of metal.

1615 R. Cocks *Diary* (Hakl. Soc.) I. 62 We..brought her agrownd before the English howse to sheath her [the ship]. 1627 Capt. Smith *Seaman's Gram.* ii. 13 Barnacles..will eat thorow all the Plankes if she be not sheathed, which is as casing the Hull vnder water with Tar, and Haire, close couered ouer with thin boords fast nailed to the Hull. *a* 1642 Sir W. Monson *Naval Tracts* III. (1704) 346/2 They Sheath Ships with Lead. 1691 T. H[ale] *Acc. New Invent.* p. xxviii, There was no occasion for a good while to sheath any of the Kings Ships. 1763 *Brit. Mag.* IV. 332 His majesty's frigate the Alarm..was sheathed with copper, by way of trial. 1849 Rock *Ch. of Fathers* I. iii. 233 At the more solemn festivals, the high Altar in the richer churches, was sheathed in a gold or silver frontal, studded with precious stones. 1885 Clark Russell *Strange Voy.* I. ii. 21 The ship..had been newly sheathed, and the yellow metal.. gleamed dully, like old gold. 1883 P. H. Hunter *Story Dan.* ix. 161 The exterior of the dome is sheathed with burnished copper. 1909 *Blackw. Mag.* Sept. 346/2 The doors [of the temple] are sheathed in silver.

b. To cover (a tree-trunk) with a '**sheathing**'.

1842 Loudon *Suburban Hort.* 431 Sheathing the stems of standard trees..should not be neglected.

c. To cover a telegraph cable with a protective envelope.

1884 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 17 Apr. 11/2 These wire-sheathing machines..will sheath fifty miles of cables in a day.

d. To place (a photographic plate) in a sheath.

1892 *Photogr. Ann.* II. 263 With regard to sheaths for the plates—these may be used,..but in the course of several years..no plate has ever been sheathed.

6. *Nat. Hist.* To surround with a '**sheath**' or covering.

1664 Power *Exp. Philos.* I. 36 Those black filaments.. which are sheathed in her [the snail's] horns. 1796 Withering *Brit. Plants* (ed. 3) II. 215 Leaves rather longer than the joints of the stem, not at all sheathing it. 1830 Lindley *Nat. Syst. Bot.* 154 Leaves alternate, slightly sheathing at the base. 1870 Hooker *Stud. Flora* 109 Stem..sheathed below by obtuse leafless stipules. 1872 Huxley *Physiol.* I. 10 A mass of red flesh, sheathed in connective tissue. 1882–4 Cooke *Brit. Fresh-w. Algæ* I. 195 A hyaline bristle, which is sheathed at its base.

Sheathe, bad spelling of Scythe.

a 1660 *Contemp. Hist. Irel.* (Ir. Archæol. Soc.) III. 125.

Sheathed (ʃīþd), *a. Nat. Hist.* [f. Sheath[1] + -ed[2].] Having or surrounded by a sheath; put in or capable of being withdrawn into a sheath.

1664 Power *Exp. Philos.* I. 16 Mites in Cheese..are sheath'd and crustaceous Animals (as Scarabees and such like Insects are). 1771 J. R. Forster *Flora Amer. Septentr.* 4 *Panicum clandestin.* Panic grass, sheathed. Pensylva. Kalm. 1796 Withering *Brit. Plants* (ed. 3) I. 81 *Sheathed Fruit-stalk* (spadix), one that is furnished with a sheath. 1835 Kirby *Hab. & Inst. Anim.* I. viii. 238 The sheathed polype.

Comb. 1668 Wilkins *Real Char.* II. v. § 2. 127 Sheathed winged Insects, commonly called Beetles or Scarabs. 1863 Wood *Illustr. Nat. Hist.* III. 460 Coleoptera, a word of Greek origin, signifying sheathed-winged animals.

Sheathed (ʃīðd; *techn.* ʃīþt), *ppl. a.* [f. Sheathe *v.* + -ed[1].]

1. Of a sword, etc.: Put into or encased in a sheath.

1810 Scott *Lady of L.* III. iii, With sheathed broad-sword in his hand. 1825 T. Hook *Sayings* Ser. II. *Passion & Princ.* v. III. 25 A pair of sheathed scissors. 1848 Dickens *Dombey* xlii, Softly laying his velvet hand, as a cat might have laid its sheathed claws, on Mr. Dombey's arm. 1903 Sir A. H. Layard *Autobiog.* I. iii. 144 His silver-sheathed yataghan.

2. Of a ship: Having the bottom covered with sheathing. [Sheathe *v.* 5.]

1889 Welch *Text Bk. Naval Archit.* viii. 105 Passing now to the sheathed ships, the butts of the flat keel plate are double chain riveted.

Sheather[1] (ʃī·þəɹ). Also 4–6 shether, 5 schedare, schethare. [f. Sheath[1] + -er[1].] A sheath-maker.

1379 *Poll-tax W. Riding* in *Yorks. Archæol. Jrnl.* VI. 43 Johannes de Breres, Shether vjd. 1419 *Liber Albus* (Rolls) I. 654 Botelmakers et Shethers jurati ad regulandum Misterum suum. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 444/2 Schedare, or schethare, *vaginarius*. *c* 1515 *Cocke Lorell's B.* 9 Whyte tanners, galyors, and shethers. 1583 *Streat Bk.*, John Cutler, sheather, for riding his mare through the corne, 6d.

Sheather[2] (ʃī·ðəɹ). [f. Sheathe *v.* + -er[1].] One who or that which sheathes.

1761 *Ann. Reg.* IV. *Usef. Proj.* 123 When the salts above described have lost their points, in the absorbing sheather,

Sheathery (ʃī·þəri). [f. SHEATH [1] + -ERY.] Sheaths and similar articles collectively.

1857 *P. O. Directory Yorksh.* 1052 Sheathery Manufacturers.

Sheath-fish [1] (ʃī·þfiʃ), **sheat-fish** (ʃī·t-). Also sheet-. [The earlier form *sheath-fish* is prob. f. SHEATH [1], after the G. *schaid(e, scheid(e* masc. (now *scheiden* masc.; OHG. had *sceida* fem.), which Gesner *De Piscibus* (1558) regarded as cogn. w. *scheide* fem. SHEATH *sb.*, supposing that the fish was named from some resemblance in shape to a cavalry scabbard. The later *sheat-fish* seems to be ad. G. *scheidfisch* (f. *scheid*: see above), though that compound appears in Grimm only with a reference to Frisch (1741). The etymology of G. *scheid(e, scheiden* is unknown.] A large fresh-water fish, *Silurus glanis*, common in the Danube and other rivers of eastern Europe.

a. 1589 RIDER *Bibl. Scholast.* 1723 A sheath fish, or whale of the river, *stella.* 1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* IX. li. I. 266 The male sheath-fish or riuer-whale Silurus. 1815 ANNE PLUMPTRE tr. *Lichtenstein's Trav. S. Africa* II. 343 A species nearly allied to our *silurus glanis*, or sheath-fish, which in the *systema naturæ* is given as an inhabitant of the Nile.

β. 1611 COTGR., *Silure*, the rauening sheat fish, or whall of the riuer. *a* 1672 WILLUGHBY *Hist. Pisc.* (1686) 128 Silurus Rondeletii...The Sheat-fish. 1796 *Phil. Trans.* LXXXVII. 26 At Aleppo, the gall of the sheet fish, Silurus Glanis..was in particular request. 1853 KINGSLEY *Hypatia* x, A mighty sheat-fish smokes upon the festive board. 1881 ELLEN FRewER tr. *Holub's 7 Yrs. S. Africa* II. i. 30, I succeeded in hooking three large sheatfish.

b. In extended use, as a name for the order *Siluridæ* or for a subdivision of it which includes the genus *Silurus*. (See quots.)

a. 1881 GÜNTHER in *Encycl. Brit.* XII. 649/2 The electric sheath-fish of tropical Africa (*Malapterurus*).

β. 1851 GOSSE *Nat. Hist., Fishes* 227 *Siluridæ*. (Sheat-fishes.) 1854 A. ADAMS, etc. *Man. Nat. Hist.* 106 Mailed Sheat-Fishes (Loricariidæ). *Ibid.*, Naked Sheat-Fishes (Pimelodidæ). *Ibid.* 107 True Sheat-Fishes (Siluridæ) [etc.]. 1883 F. DAY *Indian Fish* 31 Of the sheat-fish, or scaleless siluroids, we have twenty-six genera.

† **Sheath-fish** [2]. *Obs.* [f. SHEATH [1] + FISH *sb.*] The razor-fish.

1602 CAREW *Cornwall* I. 32 The Sheath, or Rasor-fish, resembles in length and bignesse a mans finger. 1603 OWEN *Pembrokesh.* (1892) 126 Sheth or haft fishe. 1672 *Phil. Trans.* VII. 5022 A Sheath-fish, which is very plentiful in New-England; a delicate fish, cover'd with a thin shell and of the colour of a Musle. 1681 GREW *Museum* I. § vi. ii. 143 The Sheath-Fish, commonly so called from its similitude to the sheath of a Knife. *Solen. Vnguis.*

† **Sheath-fish** [3]. *Obs.* : see SAITHE.

Sheathing (ʃī·þiŋ, ʃī·ðiŋ), *vbl. sb.* Also 5 **schedynge**, 7 **shething**. [f. SHEATHE *v.* + -ING [1].]

1. a. The action of putting into a sheath.

1499 *Promp. Parv.* 444/2 (Pynson) Schedynge, *vaginatio.* 1596 [see SHEATHE *v.* 1].

b. The action of putting on a protective layer to a ship's bottom; also, †the method or manner in which this is done.

1623 in Foster *Eng. Factories Ind.* (1908) II. 310 Dockes for the sheathinge or carreeninge of theire shipps. *a* 1642 SIR W. MONSON *Naval Tracts* III. (1704) 346/2 Another Sheathing is with double Planks. 1676 J. WOOD *Jrnl.* in *Acc. Sev. Late Voy.* I. (1694) 153 Mr. John Sish took no ordinary Care in Strengthening her, and in her Shething, which was as well performed as in any Ship that ever sailed on the Sea. 1748 *Anson's Voy.* III. vii. 367 Having by that time compleated the new sheathing of the first course..they continued the paying and sheathing the bottom. 1849 LONGF. *Building of Ship* 191 The..seething Caldron, that ..overflowed With the black tar, heated for the sheathing.

2. A protective layer or covering laid on the outside of the bottom of a wooden ship, to protect the planks from the borings of marine animals. Formerly of boards, etc., now usually of thin plates of metal (copper). Also a wooden covering sometimes used to protect the submerged parts of iron ships from corrosion by the water.

1587 in J. S. Corbett *Pap. rel. Sp. War* (1898) 226 Decayed timbers..under the sheathing [*MS.* Shething]. 1633 T. JAMES *Voy.* 32 We saw some of the sheathing swim by vs. 1691 T. H[ALE] *Acc. New Invent.* p. xx, She had her sheathing strip'd at seven Years end to repair the Plank, but not for any defect in the Sheathing it self. 1728 in *6th Rep. Dep. Kpr. Rec.* App. II. 155 A new method for preserving the plank and sheathing of Ships. 1784 J. KING *Cook's 3rd Voy.* VI. v. III. 289 The carpenters..proceeded to rip off the sheathing that had been injured by the ice, from the starboard side. 1849 CUPPLES *Green Hand* IX. (1856) 99 A fathom or two from the bright copper of her sheathing along the water-line. 1886 SIR N. BARNABY in *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 819/1 The plank, or skin, or sheathing of a ship, both external and internal, is of various thicknesses.

b. *gen.* A covering or envelope in which something is encased for protection or ornament; material prepared for use as an envelope or casing. Chiefly in technical applications: e. g. a covering of boards, plates of metal, or other material, fitted to the surface of a wall, roof, or other part of a building, a piece of machinery, or the like.

1859 *Habits of Gd. Society* iii. 132 A loose covering is both more comfortable and more healthy than a tight sheathing of cloth [*i. e.* tight trousers]. 1867 W. H. SMYTH *Coal & Coal-mining* 116 Upon the upper one the plates or segments of tubbing are built up, sheathing of pitch pine, ⅜ or ½ inch thick, being inserted between all the contact surfaces, and the vertical joints broken, as in stone work. 1868 *Art Jrnl.* 1 Feb. 35/2 Mural sheathings imitative of the finest Persian patterns. 1881 RAYMOND *Mining Gloss., Sheathing*, a close partition or covering of planks. 1909 *Chamb. Jrnl.* Oct. 687/2 The sea-cow..is..skinned—for the hack sheathing is thick and hard in texture, rendering it useful for many purposes.

c. Sheathing paper.

1859 *Stationers' Hand-bk.* 81 *Sheathing*, a large thick brown paper, used for ships' bottoms, usually made to order.

3. A banking of loose stones to prevent overflowing of a river. Cf. SHEATH [1] 6; also *camp-sheathing*, var. of CAMPSHEDDING.

1867 F. FRANCIS *Angling* viii. 246 Working his bait.. behind piles, and under the apron or sheathing [of the weir].

4. *attrib.* (sense 2, 2 b), as *sheathing board, copper, felt, lead, paper*; **sheathing-nail** (see quot.).

1628 in Foster *Eng. Factories India* (1909) III. 251 Planck, *sheathinge boards, laths. 1773 *Cook's 1st Voy.* III. iii. in Hawkesw. *Voy.* III. 546 We saw by the light of the moon the sheathing boards from the bottom of the vessel floating away all round her. 1800 *Hull Advertiser* 20 Sept. 2/1 Small cordage, sheathing paper, *sheathing copper, and ships stores. 1840 R. H. DANA *Bef. Mast* xxxii. 124 Sheets of sheathing-copper. 1834-6 P. BARLOW *Manuf.* § 1064 in *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) VIII. 763/1 *Sheathing felt is applied in coppered ships immediately below the copper. 1691 T. H[ALE] *Acc. New Invent.* 83 The Goodness of *Sheathing-Lead to line the Bread-rooms. 1611 COTGR., *Clou d'estoupe*, a speake, or *sheathing nayle; vsed in ships. *c* 1850 *Rudim. Nav.* (Weale) 134 *Sheathing nails* are used to fasten wood sheathing on the ship's bottom, to preserve the plank and prevent the filling nails from tearing it too much. *Sheathing nails*, for nailing copper sheathing, are of metal cast in moulds, about 1¼ inch long. 1794 MORSE *Amer. Geog.* 214 Writing and printing paper, *sheathing and wrapping paper. 1861 J. SPENCE *Amer. Union* v. 182 Paper is under a prohibitory duty of 30 per cent., but sheathing paper pays only 10 per cent.

Sheathing (ʃī·þiŋ), *ppl. a.* [f. SHEATHE *v.* + -ING [2].] That sheathes.

1847 TENNYSON *Princess* v. 39 And transient in a trice From what was left of faded woman-slough To sheathing splendours and the golden scale Of harness. 1908 *Smithsonian Misc. Collect.* LII. 16 A sheathing projection on occiput, and one above opercle.

b. *Bot.*

1778 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 2) II. 1297/1 *Vaginans*, [of a leaf] sheathing, or with its base forming a cylindrical tube investing the stem. 1796 WITHERING *Brit. Plants* (ed. 3) I. 25 This long purplish substance which stands upright within the sheathing conical Calyx. 1847 W. E. STEELE *Field Bot.* 209 The sheathing bases of the leaves. 1861 S. THOMSON *Wild Fl.* I. (ed. 4) 40 The attachment of the leaves of parallel-veined plants is often what is called *sheathing*, as we see in the grasses,..in which the leaf springs from a sheath..which embraces the stem. 1884 BOWER & SCOTT *De Bary's Phaner.* 141 Membranous sheathing layers of a granular substance.

c. *Anat.* (See quot.)

1889 *Century Dict.* s. v. *Canal*, Sheathing canal (*canalis vaginalis*), the communication of the cavity of the tunica vaginalis testis with the general peritoneal cavity of the abdomen.

Sheathless (ʃī·þlĕs), *a.* [f. SHEATH [1] + -LESS.]

1. Of a sword, etc.: Not encased in a sheath.

1717 EUSDEN *Ovid's Met.* IV. *Pyramus & Thisbe* 142 She ..saw his sheathless sword. 1816 BYRON *Parisina* x. 12 A thousand swords had sheathless shone. 1829 SCOTT *Anne of G.* xiv, Francis took up his sheathless sword.

2. *Nat. Hist.* Having no sheath.

1854 WOODWARD *Mollusca* II. 192 Tentacles laminated, non-retractile, sheathless. 1910 D. W. THOMPSON tr. *Aristotle's Hist. Anim.* I. 5 Some are coleopterous or sheath-winged,..others are sheathless.

† **Shea·thy**, *a. Obs. rare.* [f. SHEATH [1] + -Y.] Of the nature of a sheath.

1646 SIR T. BROWNE *Pseud. Ep.* III. xxv. 175 Hee that.. shall with a needle put aside the short and sheathie cases on their [the earwigs'] backe, may extend and draw forth two winges. 1658 ROWLAND *Mouffet's Theat. Ins.* 1017 Under their sheathy wings..lye hid their membranous wings.

Shea-tree: see SHEA.

Sheave (ʃīv), *sb.*[1] Forms: *a.* 4 **schive**, 5 **s(c)hyve**, 6 **shife, shyfe**, 5–6 *Sc.* pl. **schyffis, schiffis**; *β.* 4, 8–9 **sheeve**, 5 **shefe**, 5–6 **sheve**, 6 *Sc.* pl. **s(c)hawis**, 7–8 **shaff**, 8 **shieve, sheff**, 9 **sheaf**, 8– **sheave**. [Cogn. w. OS. *scīva* fem. (glossing *sphera*), MLG., mod.LG., MDu. *schīve* (mod.Du. *schijf*), OHG. *scība*, MHG. *schībe*, mod.G. *scheibe*; also (? from LG.) Icel. *skífa*, Sw. *skifva*, Da. *skive*.

In continental Teut. these words have the senses disk, quoit, wheel, sheave or pulley, pane of glass, flat plate, slice of bread, etc.; their formal equivalent in Eng. is SHIVE (ʃəiv), which has had most of the senses here enumerated. The etymological relation between the present word and *shive* is hard to determine; the most probable view is that *sheave* represents (with vowel-change as in *week, weevil*, etc.) an OE. **scīfe* or **scīfa*, from the weak grade of the root of *scīfe* SHIVE. In some of the **a** forms the quantity of the *i* is doubtful; if it be long, the examples belong strictly to SHIVE *sb.*]

1. = SHIVE *sb.*[1], slice of bread.

c 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xxx. (*Theodera*) 31 For les þane a schefe of brede. *c* 1475 *Pict. Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 772/31, 32 *Hec lesca, Hec colirida*, a schefe of brede. 1544 PHAER *Regim. Life* (1553) F iij b, Take a sheane of bread..toste it, and wete it [etc.]. 1552 HULOET, Cantel or shief of bread, *minutal.* 1586 WARNER *Alb. Eng.* IV. xx. (1592) 85 A Sheene of bread as browne as Nut. 1603 HOLLAND *Plutarch's Mor.* 57 He cald for shieves of bread to eat.

2. A wheel having a groove in the circumference to receive a cord passing over it, a pulley; esp. one of the pulleys connected in a block; *U.S.* also, 'the pulley of a window or door-hanger' (*Funk's Stand. Dict.*). Also, a wheel having a groove in the circumference to enable it to run on a rail or bar.

a. 1336 *Acc. Exch. K. R.* 19/31 m. 4 Schinis et trussis. 1399 in *Fabric Rolls York Minster* (Surtees) 18 Item j par de pulees cum vj shives. 1497 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* I. 358 Tua schyffis with xiij puleis. *a* 1515 *Build. Louth Steeple* in *Archæologia* X. 76 Paid to..John Harrison, smith, for one pully shife of brass, 16*d.*

β. 1338 in Nicolas *Royal Navy* (1847) II. 171 Sheenes. [Other terms cited as occurring are 'swivels', 'hawsers for warping'.] 1485 *Naval Acc. Hen. VII* (1896) 36 Sheves of brasse iiij grete & xviij small...Grete sheves of Iren..j. 1511–12 *Rec. St. Mary at Hill* (1904) 278 Paid for shevys of Brasse to hange þe lampe & þe pascall, the on peyre cost xij d, the oþer peire viij d. 1554–5 in *Extracts Burgh Rec. Edin.* (1871) II. 308 Twa faddome and ane half of cords to fessin the shawis to the rufe of the tolbuith, to rais the greit brandrauth togidder. *Ibid.* 311 Thre schawis of brass to the cran, ilk schewe weyand xx pund wecht. 1664 EVELYN *Sylva* vi. (1679) 42 Ash..serves..for..the best blocks for Pullys and Sheffs, as Seamen name them. 1769 FALCONER *Dict. Marine* (1780), *Sheave*, a solid cylindrical wheel, fixed in a channel, and moveable about an axis,..used to.. increase the mechanical powers applied to remove any body. The sheaves are either fixed in blocks, or in channels cut through the masts, caps, cat-heads, or sides of a ship. 1788 *Trans. Soc. Arts* VI. 207 A rope passing over the shieve of a notch block. 1825 J. NICHOLSON *Oper. Mech.* 425 The manner in which the rope goes round, and grasps the sheeves, and occasions their contrary motion. 1841 R. WILLIS *Princ. Mechanism* § 211 In each mortise is a friction-pully or sheave, having a groove in its circumference round which the string or cord passes. 1859 *Abridgm. Specif. Patents, Electr. & Magn.* 288 Suspension and insulation of telegraph wires. Non-conducting sheaves or rollers are fixed to the posts [etc.]. 1869 RANKINE *Machine & Hand-tools* Pl. O 2, The barrel and the sheave of the lower block have grooves for the chain to work in. 1888 *J.* PATON in *Encycl. Brit.* XXIV. 464/1 This eye or mail is placed in the heddle halfway between an upper and a lower wooden sheaf. 1892 KIPLING *Barrack-room Ballads* 205 And the derricks clack and grate, as the tackle hooks the crate, And the fall-rope whines through the sheave.

b. An eccentric or its disk.

1887 D. A. LOW *Machine Draw.* (1892) 47 The eccentric is a particular form of crank...In the eccentric what corresponds to the crank-pin is called the sheave or pulley.

c. *attrib.*, as *sheave-block, -hole*, etc.

1588 *Churchw. Acc. St. Michael, Oxf.*, Item for makinge a *sheareband [*read* sheaveband] for the seconde bell. 1590 *Ibid.*, Item for peecing the Shereband [*read* sheveband] and stirrops to the same bell. 1844 *Civil Engin. & Arch. Jrnl.* VII. 246/2 Using either a simple sling, or *sheave-blocks, for placing the stones, according to their dimensions and weight. 1894 *Times* 26 Feb. 3/6 A sheaf-block to raise up the chain-block. 1769 FALCONER *Dict. Marine* II. (1780), *Trous d'ecoutes*, the *sheave-holes,..cut obliquely through a ship's side, wherein the main and fore-sheets are reeved. 1899 F. T. BULLEN *Log of Sea-waif* 148 That third sheavehole..is for the skys'le-halliards. 1883 *Fisheries Exhib. Catal.* 206 *Sheave-roller bushing. Lug-roller bushing. Improved lug-roller...Improved trawl roller.

3. A layer of a coiled rope.

1840 F. D. BENNETT *Whaling Voy.* II. 198 It is coiled, continuously, in two tubs, and in neat and compact horizontal layers, or 'sheaves'.

4. 'A sliding scutcheon for covering a keyhole' (Knight *Dict. Mech.* 1875).

Sheave (ʃīv), *sb.*[2] Now only *dial.* Also 6 **sheve.** [Variant of SHIVE *sb.*[2] (ʃiv), with vowel-lengthening: cf. prec. The word corresponds in form and sense to MDu. *scheve* (Du. *scheef*, dial. *scheefl*), G. *schebe*, Da. dial. *skiæv(e.*]

1. A fragment, splinter; a particle of chaff; a bit of fluff sticking up on the surface of cloth, etc.; a particle of any hard substance in wool, etc.

c 1558 BECON *Gov. Virtue* Wks. 1564 I. 272 Lyke an arthen potte whyche..breaketh so sore that a man shall not fynde a shene of it to fetche fyre in. 1696 J. F. *Merch. Wareho. laid open* 8 Hamborogh Dowlas..this last wears well, but with these faults, which they never fail of, it wears with prickles or sheaves and never wears perfectly white.

2. The woody part of flax or hemp.

1797 A. YOUNG *Agric. Suffolk* 121 The offal [after 'breaking'] is called hemp Sheaves, makes good fuel, and sells at two-pence a stone.

Sheave (ʃīv), *v.*[1] [f. SHEAF *sb.*, with regular change of *f* into *v.*] *trans.* To bring together, collect, gather or put up (corn, etc.) into a sheaf or sheaves. Hence **Shea·ving** *vbl. sb.*

1579 [implied in SHEAVED *ppl. a.* 1]. 1598 FLORIO, *Affasciare*,..to sheaue. *a* 1722 LISLE *Husb.* (1757) 180 There is no need to let wheat lie out in gripp before it is sheaved. 1785 W. H. MARSHALL *Midl. Counties* (1790) II. 167 Many oats..have this year been 'sheaved': namely, mown outward, gathered from the swaths, bound, and shucked. 1821 COLERIDGE *Lett.*, etc. (1858) 85 The main portion of my harvest is still on the ground, ripe indeed, and only waiting, a few for the sickle, but a large part only for the sheaving, and carting, and housing. 1830 *Kyle Farm Rep.* 43 in *Libr. Usef. Knowl., Husb.* III, Peas are not sheaved, but left loose, and frequently turned. 1851 MAS. BROWNING *Casa Guidi Wind.* II. 517 While our corn was being sheaved For his own granaries. 1881 DU CHAILLU *Land of Midn. Sun* I. 193 Women and men sheaving the barley. 1893 *Times* 20 May 11/5 Thatching,..fence-building, mowing and sheaving are, we are assured, becoming lost arts.

intr. *c* 1600 DAY *Peregr. Schol.* Wks. (1881) 78, I sawe a little world of people at worke, Some moweinge, some sheaveinge..some shockeinge, some loadeinge.

fig. 1652 Ashmole *Theatr. Chem. Brit.* Proleg. 13 As for the whole Worke it selfe, it is sheav'd up from a few gleanings in part of our English Fields. *a* 1711 Ken *Hymnotheo* Poet. Wks. 1721 III. 105 From ev'ry Star Our Maker chose the brightest Beams by far; Which sheav'd up in one Orb, the Sun produce.

Sheave (ʃīv), *v.*[2] Forms: 7 (-9) **shieve**, 9 **sheave**. [Perh. repr. ME. *schēve*, OE. *scéofan* var. of *scúfan* Shove *v.*] *intr.* or *absol.* To hack a boat, to work the oars backwards.

1611 Cotgr., *Sier en arricre: C'est aller le derriere devant*, to shieue, or fall a-sterne, (a tearme of Nauigation). 1687 Miege *Gt. Fr. Dict.* II, To Shieve, or fall a-stern (a Term of Navigation), *sier.* 1894 R. C. Leslie *Waterbieg.* v. 102 Conant was to take charge of the tiller with one hand and the after-oar in the other, which he used standing in the stern-sheets, and 'sheaving' or shoving with it facing the boat's bow, gondolier fashion. 1895 *Dial. Notes* (Amer. Dial. Soc.) I. 381 (N. Brunswick, etc. word-list) *Sheave*, to bold water with the oar to stop the boat or turn more quickly. (Nfld.) 1911 S. Reynolds in *Blackw. Mag.* Feb. 190/2 One man was sheaving—standing up with bent back and rowing forwards—whilst the other man pulled in the ordinary manner.

Sheave, obs. form of Sheaf *sb.*

Sheaved, *a. rare.* [f. Sheave *sb.*[1] + -ed[2].] Having or containing a (thin, etc.) sheave.

1800 *Naval Chron.* III. 474 Thin sheaved blocks.

Sheaved (ʃīvd), *ppl. a.* [f. Sheave *v.*[1] + -ed[1].] **1.** Of corn, etc., also of arrows: Put up or gathered into a sheaf or sheaves.

1579 Hake *Newes out of Powles* vi. (1872) Eviij, The fertile soyle that foyson bringes of goodly sheaued graine. 1677 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 1260/4 Lost.., A pair of large Silver Candlesticks.., a Crest upon each Candlestick; at one corner, the Flying-Dragon with a sheaved Arrow in his Claw. 1865 Swinburne *Poems & Ball., St. Dorothy* 268 Growth of sheaved wheat. 1892 Kipling *Barrack-room Ballads* 157 Mingled arrows each one sheaved.

†**2.** ? Made of straw. *Obs. rare*—[1].

1597 Shaks. *Lover's Compl.* 31 Her sheu'd hat. [Cf. line 8 Vpon her head a plattid hiue of straw.]

3. 'Finished around the top with a flare, like that of a sheaf' (*Cent. Dict.* 1891).

1867 *Rep. Artisans Paris Univ. Exhib.* II. 134 Time was, when a well sheaved wine glass could be made only in England. *Ibid.*, Wine glasses..with tops as well sheaved as the best work on the English stalls.

Sheavy (ʃī·vi), *a. dial.* In 9 **sheivy**. [f. Sheave *sb.*[2] + -y.] Full of 'sheaves' or 'shivs'. Cf. *shivvy* in the same sense (*Eng. Dial. Dict.*)

1883 R. Haldane *Workshop Rec.* Ser. II. 389/1 (Paper making.) There is a considerable difference in the quality and appearance, the rags being thicker and sheivier as the quality deteriorates.

Sheaw, Shebandar, obs. ff. Show, Shabunder.

Shebang (ʃĭbæ·ŋ). *U.S. slang.* [Of obscure origin.]

1. A hut, shed; one's dwelling, quarters.

1867 W. L. Goss *Soldier's Story* viii. 153 By common consent, if any one had complaints to make, he carried them to the 'shebang' of Big Peter. 1872 'Mark Twain' *Innoc. at Home* ii.10 *Roughing It*, etc. (1882) 270 We've got a shebang fixed up for you to stand behind in No. I's house. 1890 N. P. Langford *Vigilante Days* I. 83 Towards the close of the summer of 1862, the band organized by Plummer [an outlaw] having increased in numbers, he selected two points of rendezvous, as bases for their operations. These were called 'shebangs'.

b. Applied to a vehicle.

1872 'Mark Twain' *Innoc. at Home* i. in *Roughing It*, etc. (1882) 263 You're welcome to ride here as long as you please, but this shebang's chartered. 1899 Binstead *Houndsditch Day by Day* 198 In a four-wheeled fever-box you must take your beaver on your knees or get it hopelessly ruffled against the roof of the old shebang.

2. 'More widely, almost any matter of present concern; thing; business; as, tired of the whole shebang' (*Funk's Stand. Dict.* 1895).

Shebat, variant of Sebat (Hebrew month).

Shebeen (ʃĭbī·n). Also **shebean, shibbeen.** [Orig. Anglo-Irish; of obscure origin.

The ending is Irish *-īn* as in *caubeen, colleen*, etc.; an improbable conjecture is that the word is f. Irish *seapa* ad. Eng. Shop *sb.* In recent Irish dictionaries it is given as Irish, with the spelling *sibín.*]

Chiefly in Ireland and Scotland: A shop or house where excisable liquors are sold without a licence (see quot. 1903); any low wayside public-house.

c 1787 *Kilmainham Minuit* in *Sk. Irel. 60 Yrs. Ago* (1847) 88 With de stuff to a shebeen we hied. 1832 G. Downes *Lett. Cont. Countries* I. 382 The hovel, which proved to be a house of entertainment, such as in Ireland we call a shebeen. 1842 Lover *Handy Andy* xxvi, The money your honour gave me that I spint at the shebeen upon the 'lecthors. 1859 *All Year Round* No. 12. 285 Here we came to a shibbeen, and for the third time the young doctor got down and called for whisky. 1892 *Rev. Reviews* V. 272/1 Twelve hundred shebeens in Cardiff! 1903 *Act 3 Edw. VII*, c. 25 § 107 The word 'shebeen' shall mean and include every house, shop, room, premises or place in which excisable liquors are trafficked in, by retail, without a certificate and excise licence in that behalf.

b. *attrib.*

1798 Jos. Holt *Mem.* (1838) I. 5, I struck off the road to a shebeen house or cabin in which whiskey is sold without a license. 1800 Mar. Edgeworth *Castle Rackrent* Wks. 1848 IV. 53 His Honour..sent for more spirits from a shebean-house [*note*] *Shebean-house*, a hedge alehouse. Shebean properly means weak small-beer, taplash. *c* 1815 *Song*, 'Oh, *St. Patrick was a Gentleman*' v, His mother kept a shebeen shop In the town of Enniskillen. 1852 Mundy *Antipodes* (1857) 29 Every mile or two has some establishment of the kind, ranging between the hotel and the shebeen house.

Hence **Shebee·ner,** one who keeps or frequents a shebeen. **Shebee·ning,** the keeping of a shebeen; the illegal selling of liquor.

1870 *Figaro* 14 Dec. (Farmer), Three extensive captures of shebeeners were made in Glasgow on Sunday. One hundred and twenty persons were found in the dens. 1873 *Scotsman* 15 Feb. (ibid.), Grocers, Shebeeners, and others who sell liquors which are consumed on their Premises, and who hold no Licence to do so. 1887 *Scot. Leader* 15 Dec. 4 'Shebeening' by an Edinburgh Publican. 1906 *Daily Mail* 17 Aug. 3/7 A Sheffield barber was fined..for shebeening.

Shecarry, obs. form of Shikaree.

†**Shechanize,** *v. Obs. rare.* [f. Heb. שָׁכַן *shākan*, to dwell (the root of Shekinah.] *intr.* To dwell as God in a temple.

1681-6 J. Scott *Chr. Life* (1699) V. 225 The Word incarnate, or tabernacled in our flesh, did shechanize, or perform the part of his Father's supreme representative among us full of grace and truth. *Ibid.*, For this is plainly implied in his shechanizing or tabernacling.

Shechinah, variant form of Shekinah.

Sheck, obs. form of Sheikh.

Shecklaton, variant of Ciclatoun *Obs.*

Sheckle: see Shackle, Shekel, Shockle.

Shed (ʃed), *sb.*[1] Forms: 1 (ge)scéad, 1-2 scád, 3 schad, *Orm.* shæd, 4-6 schede, shede, 4-7 sched, 5 sced, schade, 5, 8, 9 *dial.* sheed, 6 schedde, sheyde, 6-7 shead(e, shedde, *Sc.* schad, 7, 9 *dial.* shade, 4- shed. [OE. (*ge*)*scēad*, altered form of (*ge*)*scēdd* neut. :—OTeut. type **(ga)skaiđo-m*, f. root **skaiđ-* to divide: see Shed *v.*, where the phonology is explained. Cf. OHG. *sceit*, (MHG. *scheit*) division. In sense 2 the word may represent the cognate OE. *sc(e)áda* (see Shode) in the altered form *scēada.*]

†**1.** Distinction, discrimination, separation (of one thing from another). *Obs.*

In OE. also in phr. *scād (d)gyldan*, to give account.

c 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* Luke xii. 51 *Separationem*, þæt ȝescead. *c* 1000 *Ags. Gosp.* Matt. xiii. 36 Ælc idel word þe menn specað hi agyldaþ ȝescead [*c* 1160 scad] be þam on domes dæge. *c* 1200 Ormin 6229 Forr ȝunnc birrþ witenn swiþe wel,..þatt uiss bitwenen ȝunnc & hemm Nan shæd i manness kinde. *c* 1330 *Spec. Gy de Warw.* 217 Off god and yuel shed to make. *Ibid.* 721 And shed to make in eueri dede Bitwene sopnesse and falshede. 1575 Gascoigne *Glasse of Govt.* III. vi. Wks. 1910 II. 59 The Shed is great, and greater then the show, Which seemes to be, betweene the good and bad. 1674 Ray *N. C. Words* 40 No *Shed*: No difference between things. 1703 Thoresby in Ray *Philos. Lett.* (1718) 336 'No Sheds', no difference.

† **b.** The faculty of discerning or distinguishing.

c 1000 Ælfric *Hom.* I. 176/24 ȝe habbað ȝescead æȝðer ȝe godes ȝe yfeles. *c* 1200 Ormin 5534 þe fifte ȝife iss shæd & skill I weorelldlike þingess. *a* 1225 *Leg. Kath.* 238 þatt schafte of mon þat he schop & ȝef schad ba of god & of uuel. *a* 1240 *Sawles Warde* in *Cott. Hom.* 255 Warschipe þe haueð wit ant schad bituhhe god and uuel.

2. The parting made in the hair by combing along the top of the head; also, the part of the head thus indicated, the top of the crown. *Obs.* exc. *dial.* Cf. Shode.

13.. *Cursor M.* 18837 (Gött.) In heued he had a sched [*Cott.* a clift) biforn. *c* 1325 *Gloss. W. de Bibbesw.* in *Rel. Ant.* II. 78/1 The shed, *la greve.* *a* 1380 *Virg. Antioch* 291 in Horstm. *Altengl. Leg.* (1878) 30 Set myn hat vppon þyn hed, To hnide þin her and eke þi sched. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 3023 The shede þurghe the shyre here shone as þe lilly. 14.. *Nom.* in Wr.-Wülcker 674/5 *Hoc discrimen*, the schade of the hede. 1513 Douglas *Æneis* II. xi. 7 For lo I the top of litle Ascanius heid,..fro the sched of his croun, Schane all of lycht wnto the grond adoun. 1519 Horman *Vulg.* 25 The shede of the heare goeth vp to the toppe, deuydynge the molde. 1565 Cooper *Thesaurus* s.v. *Diuiduus, Coma diuidua*, heare dinided at the sheade. 1584 Hudson *Du Bartas' Judith* IV. (1608) 55 Her wav'ring haire disparpling flew apart In seemely shed. 1688 Holme *Armoury* II. 464/2 Women wear Hair..in shades, when it lieth plain and streight on each side the forehead. 1880 *Antrim & Down Gloss.*, *Shade*, the parting or division of the hair on one's head.

† **b.** Proverb. *Shame is past the shed of* (*his*) *hair* (or *head*), i. e. (he) has lost all sense of shame.

1382 *Pol. Poems* (Rolls) I. 252 We ben so ful of synne and slouthe, The schame is passed the sched of hede. 1560 Rolland *Seven Sages* 37 Schame is past the sched of thair hair, as weill we knaw. 1691 *Contin. Hist. Relat. Gen. Assembly Scot.* 15 But as the Scots Proverb is, Shame is passed the shed of their hair.

c. A parting made in the wool of sheep in order to grease or anoint the skin.

1523-34 Fitzherb. *Husb.* § 44 Make wyde sheydes in the woll of the shepe, and anoynt them with it. 1641 Best *Farm. Bks.* (Surtees) 69 In greasinge they beginne usually on the belly, and soe goe rownde aboute by sheddes. 1799 J. Robertson *Agric. Perth* 321 Leaving about an inch betwixt every shed of the wool. 1844 H. Stephens *Bk. Farm* III. 1118 Tar-salve..may be..spread aloug the shed, and worked amongst the wool.

† **3.** A piece cut or broken off, a slice, fragment. (Cf. Shide.) Also a clot (of blood). *Obs.* (Chiefly *Sc.* and *north.*)

c 1400 *Anturs of Arth.* xxxix. (Douce MS.), Shaftes in shide wode þei shindre in shedes [*rimes* stedes, ledes, bledis]. 1513 Douglas *Æneis* v. viii. 97 And scheddis of bluid furth spittand throw his lippis [*crassumque cruorem ore iectantem*]. 1739 A. Nicol *Nature without Art* 74 Asunder I shall hack it [a cheese] In Sheeds this day. 1821 Ure *Dict. Chem.* s. v. *Acid* (*Muriatic*), Tinmen's sheds, or old iron, may be employed instead of chalk.

4. *Sc.* 'A portion of land, as distinguished from that which is adjacent' (Jam.); a division of land larger than the 'rig'. ? *Obs.* (Cf. Sheth.)

1473 *Rental Bk. Cupar-Angus* (1879) I. 171 Tha sal pairt the toun in twa, gif it ma be, and gif it ma nocht, it salbe partyt in scheddis. 1588 *Reg. Mag. Sig. Scot.* 790/1 Acram terre arabilis continentem 4 *lie lang-riggis* contigue in uno *lie sched.* 1670 Lamont *Diary* 30 May (Maitland Club) 220 [A great storm of thunder and lightning] att night; it did scorch and spoile some sheads of corne at Lawderdaill.

5. A ridge of high ground dividing two valleys or tracts of lower country; a 'divide'. Cf. Watershed. (The meaning in quot. 1530 is obscure.)

1530 Palsgr. 266/2 Schedde of an hyll, *tertre.* 1876 A. J. Evans *Through Bosnia* i. 25 The Styrian mountains seem to form a shed between the areas of German and Italian influences. 1891 *Century Dict., Shed.* 3. The slope of land or of a hill; as, which way is the *shed*?

Comb. 1850 Ogilvie, *Shed-line*, the summit line of elevated ground; [1888a adds] the line of the watershed.

6. *Weaving.* The opening made between the threads of the warp by the motion of the heddles for the shuttle to pass through.

1792 A. Adam *Rom. Antiq.* (1801) 523 Which, being alternately raised and depressed by the motion of the feet on the Treadles, raises or depresses the warp, and makes the *shed* for transmitting the shuttle with the weft. 1851 *Art Jrnl. Illustr. Catal.* p. vii**/2 The healds..are situated at the left end, for the purpose of effecting the cross shed. 1888 *Encycl. Brit.* XXIV. 464/1 Treadle number two is next depressed and thereby a new shed is formed.

Shed (ʃed), *sb.*[2] Forms: 5-6 **shadde**, 6-7 **shad**, 7 **shedde**, 8 **sheed**, 7-9 *dial.* **shade**, 6- **shed.** [app. var. Shade *sb.*, where cf. the forms OE. *sced*, ME. (Ayenb.) *ssed(e*, 15th c. *shad(de.* The development of the senses explained below was prob. more or less due to association with Shud (now *dial.*, synonymous with this word).]

1. A slight structure built for shelter or storage, or for use as a workshop, either attached as a lean-to to a permanent building or separate; often with open front or sides. The special purpose is indicated by a defining word prefixed, as *cow-, cart-, goat-, tool-shed.*

1481 Caxton *Reynard* v. (Arb.) 10 A yerde..In whiche was a shadde [Du. *een vaste schuere*] where in were six grete dogges. 1502 Arnolde *Chron.* (1811) 72 All thoo in the said cite..that ocupye bouses not inhahited as shoppis celars shaddys. 1557 Tusser *100 Points Husb.* § 88 (1878) 232 For Tumbrels and cartes, haue a shed redy dight. 1599 Nashe *Lenten Stuffe* 51 A Fisherman of Yarmouth..hung the residue [of his draught of herrings]..in the sooty roofe of his shad a drying. 1615 Chapman *Odyss.* IX. 314 Sheds [Gr. σηκοί] stuft with Lambs and Goates, distinctly kept. 1671 Milton *P. R.* II. 72 In such a season born when scarce a Shed Could be obtain'd to shelter him or me From the bleak air. 1701 in *10th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. v. 517 Three small sheds built against the towne wall. 1723 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 6146/8 The Shops and Sheds in and about Lincoln's-Inn. 1731 *N. Riding Rec.* VIII. 193 The building of a sheed in the Castle of York for the High Sheriffe's coach. 1798 *Hull Advertiser* 30 June 1/1 On the north side stands a work-house and a shade. 1799 J. Robertson *Agric. Perth* 223 The milch cows are generally fed in the house or in a shade. 1816 Scott *Old Mort.* xxxiii, They withdrew to the stable, or shed, in order to accommodate their horses. 1870 *Inquiry, Yorksh. Deaf & Dumb* 68 [Employed] in the power-loom shades..as a thrower. 1875 *Encycl. Brit.* I. 7/1 Behind this is a shed..where the cattle are kept before being slaughtered.

b. A similar structure, but large and strongly built; often consisting of a roof supported on columns. Also *Austral.* short for Woolshed (q.v.).

1855 Ogilvie *Suppl.* s. v., Some sheds, as those connected with railway-termini, wharfs, &c., are most substantial structures. 1887 J. C. Harris *Free Joe*, etc. (1888) 254 The passenger-depôt..—it is known as the 'Car-shed' in Atlantese. *c* 1888 Kipling *Among Railway Folk* i. Wks. 1900 XVII. 165 On the fourth [side] it is bounded by what are locally known as the 'sheds'; in other words, the station offices, and workshops of the Company. 1913 *Times* 3 May 8/2 Last night a disastrous fire broke out at the Trafalgar shed of the Midland Railway Company at Bradford.

2. a. *poet.* A hut, cottage, poor dwelling.

1600 Fairfax *Tasso* II. lviii, The first Aletes, borne in lowly shed, Of parents base. 1634 Milton *Comus* 323 Courtesie, Which oft is sooner found in lowly sheds With smoaky rafters, then in tapstry Halls. 1700 Dryden *Baucis & Philemon* 30 At last an hospitable House they found, A homely Shed. 1750 Gray *Elegy* 18 The swallow twitt'ring from the straw-built shed. 1764 Goldsm. *Trav.* 180 He.. Sees no contiguous palace rear its head To shame the meanness of his humble shed. 1783 Crabbe *Village* I. 60 Can poets soothe you, when you pine for bread, By winding myrtles round your ruin'd shed?

b. *gen.* A structure that affords shelter or covering; the hiding-place, lair or nest of an animal.

1616 R. Cocks *Diary* (Hakl. Soc.) I. 122 We had greate canes of the China Capt. to make an arbor or shed for a vyne. *c* 1620 Z. Boyd *Zion's Flowers* (1855) 40, I here doe lye, Without a shed scorch'd with a swelt'ring skye. 1695 Congreve *Love for L.* Epil., For still in every Storm, they all run hither, As to a Shed that shields 'em from the Weather. 1821 Clare *Vill. Minstr.* II. 121 The fields and meadow grass Will gladly hide their [the peewits'] careless shed. *Ibid.* 196 The sconting rabbit seeks her shed.

3. A covering; cf. Shade *sb.* 11. †**a.** ? A lid.

1612 in *Antiquary* (1906) XLII. 29/1 Item in the lofte nexte the gatehouse a Troughe, a Tubbe with a Shed, a boultinge hutche [etc.].

b. In a telegraph-line insulator, a covering in the form of an inverted cup, a 'petticoat'.

1859 *Abridgm. Specif. Patents, Electr. & Magn.* 236 No sheds or bell coverings are applied, but the wire is varnished [etc.]. 1910 *N. Hawkins' Electr. Dict., Shed of Insulator*, the petticoat of a line wire insulator.

4. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *shed-smithy*; *shed-fashion, -wise* advs.; *shed-like* adj.; in sense 'kept, employed, done in a shed', as *shed-cow, -feeding, -man*; **shed roof**, a roof with only one slope (as in a lean-to shed); hence *shed-roofed* adj.

1898 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* June 415 When an outbreak occurs among a herd of *shed-cows. 1807 P. Gass *Jrnl.* 61 The roofs were made *shed-fashion, rising from the inner side. 1856 Morton *Cycl. Agric.* II. 841/1 In some trials of *shed-feeding. 1835 R. Willis *Archit. Mid. Ages* ix. 140 A long, low, *shed-like porch. 1899 Rider Haggard *Farmer's Yr.* 352 The kirk..is a very plain building, white-washed and shed-like in appearance. 1857 *Househ. Words* 27 June 605/1 At large stations they [the porters] form two distinct bodies, called technically yardmen and *shedmen. 1805 R. W. Dickson *Pract. Agric.* I. 61 It is probably the best and cheapest method to make them with *shed-roofs. 1907 M. C. F. Morris *Nunburnholme* 76 The chancel itself had a shed-roof of mean description. 1836 Parker *Gloss. Archit.* (1850) I. 432 The body of a church is span-roofed and its aisles *shed-roofed. 1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* III. iv. vi, There, in their two-hundred and fifty *shed smithies,.. let them forge gun-barrels. 1650 in *Sussex Archæol. Collect.* XXIV. 280 The said cottage and stable is built *Shedwise against the Castle wall of Tymber and Mudd walles.

Shed (ʃed), *sb.*[3] *rare.* [f. Shed *v.*[1]] Something that is or has been shed: e.g. a silkworm's cocoon; a light fall of snow; the cast shell of a crab.

1648 Herrick *Hesper., Fairie Temple* 137 And then he dons the Silk-worms shed (Like a Turks Turbant on his head). 1876 Blackmore *Cripps* vii, A little powdery shed of flakes had come at noon that very day. 1911 Webster, *Shed*..5. That which is or has been shed, as the molted shell of a crab or other crustacean. *Colloq.*

Shed (ʃed), *sb.*[4] *local.* [Cf. Scad[5] and *shad salmon* 'small salmon of from five pounds' to eight pounds' weight' (*Shropshire Word-bk.* 1879).] A young salmon from one to two years old.

1861 *Act* 24 & 25 *Vict.* c. 109 § 4 All migratory fish of the genus salmon, whether known by the names..gravelling, shed, scad,..or by any other local name. 1882 [see Skegger].

†**Shed**, *sb.*[5] *Obs.* Also **shede, sheade.** Variants of Schede, a written paper.

1510 Stanbridge *Vocabula* (W. de W.) Cij b, *Scheda*, a shede. 1590 *Calepini Dict.* (1594) II. 531 *Scheda*..Angl. A sheet or shed of paper. *a* 1593 H. Barrow *Brief Discov.* To Rdr. p. iij, Where such was the rage of the enimie, as he [the author] might not keepe one sheade by him, whiles he was writinge of an other.

Shed, sched, Sc. forms of Shade *sb.*

c 1591 *Rob Stene's Dream* (Maitland Club) 3 A sched, but substance, and no moir. *c* 1730 Ramsay *Vision* xxviii, And all as saft and gay appeird As ane Elysion shed.

Shed (ʃed), *v.*[1] Pa. t. and pa. pple **shed.** Forms: 1 sc(e)ádan, scédan, 2–5 shode(n, -scheode(n, 3 scheade(n; 2–3 *Ormin* shædenn, 2–6 shede(n, 3 ssede, 3–5 schede(n, 4–7, 8–9 *dial.* sheed(e, sched, 5 scheed, 5–6 schedde, 6 *Sc.* schad, scheid, 6–7 shedd(e, 6–8, 9 *dial.* shead, 8 *dial.* shade, 4– shed; 3 *sing. pres. ind.* (occas. contracted forms) 1 -scét, -scát, -sceát, 2 schet, 2–3 shat. *Pa. t.* 1 -scéd, -scéad, 3 sad, 3–6 sched; 1 sc(e)ádde (? scéadde), 2–3 scedde, 2–5 schedde, shadde, 3 scede, chadde, 3–4 ssedde, 3–5 shed(d)e, schadde, 4 scade, 4–5 schad, shad, 5–6 schede, shadd, 6 *Sc.* s(c)hedd, echaid, 6–7 shead, 7 (9 *dial.*) shodd, shod, 4– shed; 1 -sceádade, 4 schedide, 4–5 scheded, 5 schedded, 5–6 scheddit, 9 *dial.* shedded, sheaded. *Pa. pple.* 1 sceáden (? scéaden), 2 -sceden, 3 scheden, scede, 4–5 schede, shede; 3 sced(d, i-sced, sad(d, 3 (*Ormin*), 5 shadd, 4–5 shad (4 yshad), 4 i-schod, y-ssed, 4–5 schad, yshed, yschad, 5 xad; 4–6 sched (3–5 schedd, isched, 4 isedd, yssed, 4–5 shadde, 5–6 shedde, 6 *Sc.* scheid, 4, 6 *Sc.* schedde (4 yschedde), 9 *dial.* shod, shud, 4– shed; 1 ʒesceádad, 5–6 shedded, 6sheeded. [A Com. Tent. verb (wanting in Scandinavian), originally str. (redupl.): OE. *sc(e)ádan, scéadan*, pa. t. *sc(e)ád, scéad*, pa. pple. *sc(e)ádden* (? *scéaden*), corresponds, either directly or with consonant-ablaut, to OFris. *skéda, skétha* wk. (mod.Fris. *skiede, schéde*, NFris. *skér, skial, skias*), OS. *skédan, skéthan*, pa. pple. *giskéthan*, MLG. *schéden, scheiden*, MDu. *schéden, scheiden, schéen, scheien* (mod.Du. *scheiden*, pa. t. *scheidde*, pa. pple. *geschieden*), OHG. *sceidan*, pa. t. *sciad, scied*, pa. pple. *gisceidan* (MHG. *scheiden*, pa. t. *schiet*, pa. pple. *gescheiden*; mod.G. *scheiden*, pa. t. *schied*, pa. pple. *geschieden*), Goth. *skaidan*, pa. pple. *skaidan-s*; the vb. in all these langs. has the sense to separate, divide; the forms represent two distinct types of the Teut. root, **skaiþ-* (: **skiþ-*) and **skaiđ-* (: **skiđ-*); for cognates in Teut. see Sheath *sb.*, Shide *sb.* The pre-Teut. **skeit-* : **skoit-* : **skit-*, from which both the Teut. types descend (with difference due to consonant-ablaut), is not directly represented outside Teut., but is prob. related to the widespread Indogermanic root **sk(h)eid-* : **sk(h)oid-* : **sk(h)id-*, occurring, e.g., in Skr. *čhid-* to split, Lith. *skėdžù* I make thin, separate, divide, *skėda* chip of wood, Gr. σχίζειν to split, σχίζα billet of wood, L. *scindĕre* to cut, cleave.

The original OE. *sc(e)ádan* would normally yield (midland and southern) ME. and mod.E. *shode*, which is occas. found in writings from the 12th to the 15th c. It would appear that by the side of the original form OE. had (presumably in certain districts, but evidence is lacking for localization) an altered form *scéadan*, with change of rising into falling diphthung; from this the modern *shed* (ʃed) descends by a development parallel to that of *bread, dead*, from OE. *bréad, déad*.

The OE. verb retained its strong conjugation in WS., but in Northumbrian occurs only as weak (usually with forms *-scéadade, -scéadad* on the analogy of the *ō* stems; rarely contracted *scéadde*). In early ME. there were forms like *sched* pa. t., *scheden* pa. pple., representing the original strong conjugation; forms like *scheâid*, representing the wk. forms of OE.; and forms like *schédde, schédd*, prob. not repr. ONorthumb. *scéadde*, but new formations due to the analogy of vbs. like *rede* (read), *lede* (lead), etc. The mod. pa. t. and pa. pple. *shed* are prob. to be regarded as representing the last type of conjugation, which was by far the most frequent in ME.]

1. *trans.* To separate, divide. Now only *dial.*, chiefly in farming uses: To separate (lambs) from the ewes, or (calves) from the cows; to separate (cattle, sheep) from the herd or flock. †*To shed the shanks* (Sc.): to set the legs apart.

c 1000 *Sonl's Addr.* 148 (Gr.) Þonne sceadene beoþ þa synfullan & þa soðfæstan on þam mæran dæge. *c* 1200 Ormin 16865, & forrþi wass þatt name hemm [*sc.* the Pharisees] sett, Forr þatt teȝȝ wærenn shadde, Swa summ hemm þuhhte, fra þe follc þurrh haliȝ lif & lare. *c* 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 67 Ure louerd ihesu crist..shoded þe gode fro þe iuele. Et statuet ones a dextris..and shoded þe rihtwise an his rihthalue. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 270 Þe ȝeteward..ouh forto winden hweate, & scheaden þe eilen & tet chef urom þe clene cornes. *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 266 Quan al man-kinde ..Sal ben fro dede to liue broȝt, And seli sad fro ðe forwroȝt. *c* 1315 Shoreham III. 63 Þat doþ þat manye yschoded [*altered to* y-schodred] ben Fram heuene-ryche festes. 1338 R. Brunne *Chron.* (1725) 174 He salle sched vs o sonder, fro Acres salle we go. *Ibid.* 305 Þer scheltron sone was shad [Langt. *sevré*] with Inglis þat were gode. 1390 Gower *Conf.* III. 136 Logique hath eke in his degre Betwen the trouthe and the falshode The pleine wordes forto schode, So that nothing schal go hiside. *a* 1400 *Relig. Pieces* (E.E.T.S.) 61 The sonne to schede þe day fra þe nyght. *c* 1470 Henry *Wallace* v. 77 Wallace mycht nocht a graith straik on him gett: ȝhett schede he thaim, a full royd slope was maid. 1535 Stewart *Cron. Scot.* (Rolls) I. 15 Schulderis wer schorne and sched the bodie fra. 1550 Lyndesay *Sqr. Meldrum* 994 Iudge ȝe gif he hir schankis sned. *c* 1553 in Strype *Eccl. Mem.* (1721) III. App. xi. 28 God..myndeth now to..shede out the Gootes from the Shepe. *c* 1560 A. Scott *Poems, Ballad Want. Wemen* 30 For conȝie ȝe may chawcht hir To sched hir schankis in twane. 1584 B. R. tr. *Herodotus* I. 60 The mighty river Gyndes being in this sort shed and derived into .360. brookes. 1600 Holland *Livy* VI. xxv. 234 In the view and account taken of the captives there were some of them known to be Tusculanes, who were shed apart from the rest. 1677 W. Nicolson in *Trans. Roy. Soc. Lit.* (1870) 318 [Cumberl. and Westm.] *Shed*, to part asunder. 1791 Learmont *Poems* 276 I've lambs to shed, and sheep a clipping too. 1824 Mactaggart *Gallovid. Encycl.* 425 *Shed*, to separate; to separate the calves from the cows, we *shed* them. 1844 H. Stephens *Bk. Farm* II. 87 The sheep selected for market are the best conditioned at the time, and to ascertain this it is necessary to handle the whole lot and shed the fattest from the rest.

absol. 1844 H. Stephens *Bk. Farm* II. 618 Those shepherds who dog, force, and shed much about a march, I consider them as bad herds for their masters as for the neighbouring farmer.

†b. To set apart, draft off *from* a community. *Obs.*

1584 B. R. tr. *Herodotus* I. 54 They ioyned felowship with other their countreymen which before tyme were shed from the city to inhabite that place.

†c. *refl.* To separate oneself, part *from*; to come apart. Also (of troops) to scatter *asunder.*

c 1200 Ormin 3200 Forrþrihht anan he..shadde himm all þweorrt ut fra menn. *c* 1400 *Laud Troy Bk.* 7764 He schet aboute him fer & ner..The Gregeis offte In-sunder hem sheded. *a* 1578 Lindesay (Pitscottie) *Chron. Scot.* (S.T.S.) II. 90 The new wark zeid frome the auld and sched the self.

†d. *intr.* for *refl.* To separate, divide, come apart; to part company; to depart; to part *with* a possession. *Obs.*

c 1000 *Sax. Leechd.* II. 116 Þonne dæȝ & niht scade, drince þonne þone drenc. 1338 R. Brunne *Chron.* (Rolls) 991 Þe Gregeys schadden sone asonder. 13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* A. 411 Þow wost wel when þy perle con schede, I was ful ȝong & tender of age. 1572 Mascall *Plant. & Graff.* 37 Ye shall binde it so, till the fruites or cliftes be couered.. with your sayde hempe, except the oylet and his tayle, the which ye must not couer, for that tayle will shed apart, if the shielde doe take. 1576 Gascoigne *Grief of Joy* IV. iii. Wks. 1910 II. 548 Thou showldest foresee, that fagott sticks do hold, Together fast, and seldome list to shedd. 1585 Jas. I *Ess. Poesie* (Arb.) 45 Such was the loue, and reuerence they her bure, Ilk day whill euen, ay whill they shedd at night. 1603 *Philotus* lxxxix, Be Christ I sall thy nurture nip, Richt scharply or wee sched. 1659 W. Guthrie *Chr. Gt. Interest* II. (1724) 214 If thou hast a Desire after Jesus Christ,..and cannot think of parting with his blessed Company for ever, or, if thou must shed with him, yet dost wish well to him [etc.].

2. *trans.* a. To part, or divide (the hair; also the hair or wool of an animal). Also *refl.* of the person. Now *Sc.* and *dial.*

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 18848 Metli har was on his chin, And als his hefd was schend [*Gött.* sched] in tuin. 1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) V. 369 Þey used to schere of þe heere of hir heed from þe molde to þe nolle, but to fore þey hadde lokkes i-schod [β. ysched; L. *discriminatam*] hongynge doun to þe mouth. 1388 Wyclif *Judith* x. 3 Sche schedide [1382 platte] the heer of hir heed. 1390 Gower *Conf.* I. 101 Bot with no craft of combes brode Thei myhte hire hore lockes schode. *c* 1430 *Pilgr. Lyf Manhode* II. lxxiv. (1869) 103, I loue better..to keembe myn hed, to shode me [Fr. *grauer mon chef*]. 1523–34 Fitzherb. *Husb.* § 42 Than take hym, and shede the woll with thy fyngers, there as the scab is, and with thy fynger laye a lyttell terre thervpon. 1530 Palsgr. 717/1 Shede your heare that hangeth so yvell favouredly aboute your eares. 1548 Patten *Exped. Scot.* C viij h, A fellowe lyke a man..red hedded, curld rounde about & shedded afore. 1607 Topsell *Four-f. Beasts* 411 Make a salue thereof, and with your finger annoint all the sore places, sheading the haire as you go. 1610 Guillim *Heraldry* IV. vii. (1632) 296 The Combe is.. of most vse with women for shedding and trimming their haire and head-tires. 1621 G. Sandys *Ovid's Met.* VI. (1626) 111 Her haire She forthwith sheds. 1822 A. Cunningham *Tradit. Tales, Mother's Dream* (1887) 123 He shed back his long and moistened locks from a burning and bewildered brow. 1832 Motherwell *Poems* 41 Let me shed by your hair. 1844 A. Rodger in *Songs for Nursery* 44 Let me shed your shining hair. 1888 Doughty *Trav. Arabia Deserta* I. 595 He was of goodly great stature, with.. hair shed..and hanging down from the midst in tresses.

intr. for *refl.* 13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* B. 1690 Faxe fyltered ..Þat schad fro his schulderes to his schyre wykes.

b. *Weaving.* To divide (the warp-threads), to make a 'shed' in (a web). Cf. Shed *sb.*[1] 6.

1839 Ure *Dict. Arts* 1285 The weaver..thus sheds the warp, by lifting and depressing each alternate thread. 1863 J. Watson *Weaving* 196 It has been explained how a common Web is shedded, and a few words will show the difference for the shedding in this loom.

†3. To cleave, divide (something) with a knife, weapon, etc. *Obs.*

13.. *K. Alis.* 2772 Ac, ar the gate weore y-loke, Mony ponne was to-broke;..And mony brayn was y-schad. 13.. *Gaw. & Gr. Kn.* 425 Þe scharp of þe schalk..scade hit in twynne. *c* 1470 *Gol. & Gaw.* 604 Ane schene scheild and ane schaft, that scharply was sched.

†b. *transf.* Of birds, fishes: To 'cleave' (the air, the water) in flight or swimming. *Obs.*

c 1480 Henryson *Mor. Fab., Preiching of Swallow* vii, The foullis..Scheddand the air with pennis greit and small. 1599 Alex. Hume *Hymn* ii. 184 The little friand fish in flude, and dentie volatil, Quhilks shedds the waters, & the winds, he traps them at his wil.

†4. To scatter, sprinkle; in later use only, to sow (seed). *Obs.*

c 1000 *Sax. Leechd.* II. 38 Wiþ wyrmum on eaȝum ȝenim beolonan sæd scead on gleda. *c* 1374 Chaucer *Boeth.* I. met. i. (1868) 4 Heeres hore ben schad [orig. *funduntur*] ouertymelyche vpon myne heued. 1382 Wyclif *Gen.* xxxviii. 9 He..shede the seed into the erthe. 1608 Willet *Hexapla Exod.* 535 The seede which was shed the former yeere. 1633 P. Fletcher *Piscs. Eclogues* v. ii, That primrose there Which 'mongst those violets sheds his golden hair, Seems the sunnes little sonne, fixt in his azure spheare. *c* 1770 Hunter in Winter *Syst. Husb.* (1797) 173 The drill plow.. which by..shedding the seed and covering it, leave[s] the land stocked with plants.

fig. 1414 *26 Pol. Poems* (1904) 58 Þan god wil..Drede and stryf among hem shede.

†b. To disperse, scatter; to rout, put to flight.

c 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 672 Þat folc is wide on londe sad. 1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) VII. 493 Þere sche bode here knyȝtes þat were al i-sched. *c* 1480 Henryson *Test. Cress.* (Charteris) 18 The Northin wind had purifyit the Air, And sched the mistie cloudis fra the sky. 1633 P. Fletcher *Purple Isl.* XII. lxv, His tail, whose folds were wont the starres to shed, Now stretcht at length, close to his helly clings.

c. *dial.* To rake out (a fire).

1873 Murdoch *Doric Lyre* 26 (E.D.D.), I had shed my fire An' hame was ettlin' to retire.

d. To throw off, repel (rain, sunlight, etc.). Now chiefly *dial.*

c 1400 *Anturs of Arth.* ii. (Douce MS.), Schurde in a short cloke, þat þe rayne shedes. 1616 Surflet & Markham *Country Farm* II. lxii. 318 Neither must they be made as some are flat at the top, and shallow, but ascending pyramid wise, smaller and smaller till it come to the top, for thereby it..sheddeth off the raine much better. 1778 [W. H. Marshall] *Minutes Agric.* 30 Aug. 1774, The elevation would shed off the rain, and prevent its lodging in the ears. 1818 Scott *Hrt. Midl.* xxviii, But it sheds the sun weel aff. 1885 *Harper's Mag.* Apr. 796/2 As a shaggy dog sheds water from his coat. 1886 C. Scott *Sheep-Farming* 99 The straw has finally to be raked down on the outside, so as to shed rain well.

†e. *refl.* and *intr.* To be dispersed, scatter. *Obs.*

1456 Sir G. Have *Law Arms* (S.T.S.) 61 The bataill of Pompee began to sched and till irk, and toke the flicht. 1535 Stewart *Cron. Scot.* (Rolls) III. 429 Lyke ony scheip tha schudrit all and sched, Quhair euir tha come befoir his face tha fled. 1579 Spenser *Sheph. Cal.* Oct. 35 Sike prayse is smoke, that sheddeth in the skye. 1589 *Pasquil's Ret.* A iiij, The great Empire of..Alexander, like a flame of fire in a henpe of flaxe, when it was at the highest, did shed it selfe suddainlie in the ayre. 1650 Fuller *Pisgah* II. v. xviii. 173 That the Pillar of Smoak which ascended from the sacrifice, curled only upwards in direct wreaths to heaven, without any scattering, or shedding it self abroad.

5. To spill (liquids), let fall (crumbs, etc.) *Obs.* exc. *dial.*

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 344 Of alle kudde & kuðe sunnen, ase of prude..of sum uals word..of schorn leihtre, of scheden crumen oðer ale, oðer leten þinges muwlen oðer rusten.

c 1380 *Sir Ferumb.* 2296 Schad was al þe wyn. **1526** *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 47 The vessell can not holde y^e^ wyne, but anone it breketh, & so shedeth the wyne. **1580** Lyly *Euphues* (Arb.) 455 By carrying water in a siue, not shedding one drop from Tiber to the Temple of Vesta. **16..** *Boy & Maottle* 181 in *Percy Fol. MS.* II. 311 He said, 'there was noe Cuckolde shall drinke of my horne, But he shold itt sheede, either behind or beforne.' **1622** Mabbe tr. *Aleman's Guzman d'Alf.* II. 315 In pulling forth my Handkerchiefe, I had shed all my money. **1785** Trusler *Mod. Times* II. 83 A bag of tea..was burst, and a good deal of the tea shed. **1839** Sterling *Alfred the Harper* xviii. Poems 136 Grim sat the chiefs;..His iron mace was grasped by one, By one his wine was shed. **1847** *Ockley's Hist. Saracens* (ed. 4) 216 *note*, The crafty Harmozanda shed the vase to the ground. **1866** Waugh *Ben an th' Bantam* iv. 73 His jackass..broke her pitcher, an' sheeded th' milk. *Ibid.* 74 Are yo noan beawn to pay for th' milk 'at wur shed, then?

absol. *c* 1430 *Stans Puer* 60 in *Babees Bk.*, Fille not þi spoon lest in þe cariage It scheede bi side.

† b. *intr.* Of a liquid: To spill *over*. *Obs.*

1601 Dolman *La Primaud. Fr. Acad.* III. (1618) 769 If one put neuer so little water into a vessell already brimmefull, the vppermost part thereof will shedde ouer.

6. *trans.* To pour, pour out. (The ordinary rendering of L. *fundere, effundere*, etc.)

† a. Of a personal agent: To pour (water, etc.). Also with *out*. *Obs.*

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 320 'Effunde sicut aquam cor tuum'. 'Sched ut', he seiδ, Ieremie, 'ase water þine heorte'. **1382** Wyclif *Exod.* xxiv. 6 And so Moyses took the half parti of the blood, and putte it into chalices: and that other party he shedde [Vulg. *fudit*] vpon the anteer. **1398** Trevisa *Barth. De P. R.* xix. xxxvi. (1495) 879 Cerusa is gendryd and comyth of vapour of stronge vynegre effusyd and shedde on thynne plates of leed. **1483** Caxton *Golden Leg.* 247/2 He shadde water on his hede and baptysed hym in the name of Jhesu Crist. **1530** Palsgr. 701/2, I shedde out lycoure out of a vessel. **1595** *Locrine* III. Prol. 11 A subtill Adder..Priuily shead his poison through his bones. **1614** Gorges *Lucan* I. 37 Then doth he take a faire large bull..And twixt his hornes pure wine he sheads. **1621** G. Sandys *Ovid's Met.* II. (1626) 42 Banefull poyson; which she sheads Into her bones, and through her liner spreads.

b. Of a vessel, receptacle, a fountain, etc.: To pour forth (its contents).

1430–40 Lydg. *Bochas* VIII. xii[i]. (1494) D j, Which lyke a conducte vpon euery syde Shad out water as any cristall clere. **1668** Culpeper & Cole *Barthol. Anat.* I. xvii. 47 They are..Veins and Arteries..which end at the Heads of the Caruncles, into which they shed their wheyish humor. **1870** Bryant *Iliad* xvi. 4 As when a fountain sheds Dark waters streaming down a precipice.

† c. *refl.* Of a river, etc.: To discharge itself. Also, to overflow *over* its banks. *Obs.*

1555 Watreman *Fardle Facions* I. iii. 34 Gently sheadyng hymself ouer his bancques, he [Nilus] leaueth in the countrie a merueilous fertilitie. **1610** Holland *Camden's Brit.* I. 696 Coc making no long course sheadeth himselfe into Wherf. *c* 1630 Risdon *Surv. Devon* § 28 (1810) 34 The riveret Sid shedding itself into the sea.

† d. *fig.* To 'pour out' (one's heart, feelings, prayers, etc.). *Obs.*

c 1420 *Prymer* (1895) 67 [*Ps.* xlii. 4], I biþoute of þese þingis, & y schedde out in me my soule. **1526** *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 137 Ronne to our lorde, & shede forth your herte before hym. **1596** Dalrymple tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* I. 111 And throuch thair prayers, quhilkes ydeuly w^t^ al diligence thay sched for thair cuntrey, appeir to mitigat the ire of God.

e. To emit, give forth, pour out (spawn, eggs, †seminal fluid, etc.).

c 1386 Chaucer *Pars. T.* 503 Vnkyndely synne by which man or womman shedeth hire nature in manere or place ther as [etc.]. **1398** Trevisa *Barth. De P. R.* xiii. xxvi. (1495) 458 Ryuer fysshe and fresshe of marreys sheden more theyr pesen and ofter than other fysshe. *a* 1450 Myrc 1046 Take also wel in mynde, 3ef þou haue sched þyn owne kynde, Slepynge or wakynge ny3t or day. **1538** Bale *Thre Lawes* II. B vj b, I was with Onan not vnacquaynted, Whan he on the grounde hys increase shed. **1584** R. R. tr. *Herodotus* II. 93 These male fishe as they passe still onwarde shed theyr seede by the way. **1617** Moryson *Itin.* I. 154 There is a Fountaine, or a statua of a woman..and this statua shed water from all the haires of the head. **1630** in Binnell *Descr. Thames* (1758) 66 Roaches do then shed their Spawn. **1697** Dryden *Virg. Georg.* III. 440 From their Groins they shed A slimy Juice, by false Conception bred. **1822–29** *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 3) I. 524 [Polypi] which, if they discharge any thing, shed blood. **1855** Browning *An Epistle* 24, I have shed sweat enough, left flesh and bone On many a flinty furlong of this land. **1864** *Rep. Sea Fisheries Comm.* (1865) II. 1189/1 This was fresh spawn just shed. **1880** *Times* 21 Dec. 6/4 The large number of salmon just ready to shed their eggs.

7. To cause (blood) to flow from the body by cutting or wounding; to let fall (a person's blood) on the ground, etc.

c 1205 Lay. 5187 Heo smiten to-gædere..redde blod scede; rinkas feollen. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 402 Þis blod, for on i-sched upo þe herde two treon, schal makien ou Sarepciens. *c* 1290 *Beket* 2185 in *S. Eng. Leg.* 169 Forto gaderi of þe blode þat i-sched was on þe grounde. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 1129 His blod on erth sced lijs. *Ibid.* 4151 Þat na blod o him be schedd. *c* 1300 *K. Horn* (Laud MS.) 920 Cubert hem broute al honder He schedde of here blode And makede hem al wode. *a* 1325 *MS. Rawl. B.* 520 lf. 50 *Blodwite*, þat is quite of amerciaments for blod isedde. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* i. (*Petrus*) 376 Ger wipe myn blud of 3on stede, quhare I for þe gert it be schede! **1387** Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) I. 429 þe blood reed, þat þe mayde Wynefrede Schadde at þat putte. *c* 1400 Maundev. (1839) xxxi. 307 In that Cytee is no man so hardy, to schede Blode of no man. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 7929 My body hath þou brisit, & my blode shed. *c* 1450 *Cov. Myst.* (Shaks. Soc.) 275 3e xal drynk myn blood with gret devocyon, Wheche xal be xad ffor mannys love. **1526** *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 256 b, After that all his blode was shed. **1705** Addison *Italy* 3 Ulysses here the Blood of Victims shed. **1847** Mrs. Kerr tr. *Ranke's Hist. Servia* 128 Their attendants had already come to blows, and did not separate until blood had been shed.

b. With pregnant sense. (*a*) *To shed the blood of* (another person or persons): to kill in a manner involving effusion of blood; often *loosely*, to kill by violent means (whether blood is literally shed or not). So *to shed blood*: to destroy human life by violent means. *To shed much, little blood*: to destroy many, few lives. (*b*) *To shed* (one's own) *blood*: to undergo wounds or violent death in battle, martyrdom, or the like (*for* some person or cause, one's country, etc.).

(*a*) ? *a* 1100 *Ags. Ps.* xiii. 6 (Spelman) Hrade fot heora to aʒeotenne [*Trin. Coll. MS.* to scedende] blod. *c* 1275 *Passion Our Lord* 346 in *O. E. Misc.* 47 Þe gywes were ful bysie to scheden his blod. *c* 1290 *S. Eng. Leg.* 73 He mid vnrihte hadde i-sched mani ane maunes blod. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 11805 Hu had he hert to sced þair blod þat neuer did til him bot godd? **1340** *Ayenb.* 239 Moche wolk weren ysslaȝe and moche blod þer y-ssed. **1382** Wyclif *Ps.* cv. 38 And thei shadden [1388 schedden] out the innocent blod. **1430–40** Lydg. *Bochas* VIII. x[i]v. (1494) D iij b, And where he rode cristen blode he shadde. **1471** Caxton *Recuyell* (Sommer) 156 Many ther were that her blood was shedde on the lande. **1500–20** Dunbar *Poems* lxii. 43 His saikles blude agane thai sched. *c* 1560 A. Scott *Ps. li.* 58 Lord God, deliuer me, and gyd Frome schedding blude, and homicyd. **1577** Grange *Golden Aphrod.* etc. Q ij, Bloud shall be shedde for bloud, and life shall pay for lyfe. **1596** Dalrymple tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* II. 27 That day in that feild was sched mekle scotis blude. **1697** Dryden *Virg. Past.* VIII. 65 Relentless Love the cruel Mother led The Blood of her unhappy Babes to shed. **1719** De Foe *Crusoe* I. 235 The Thoughts of shedding humane Blood for my Deliverance, were very terrible to me. **1823** Scott *Quentin D.* xxxv, He is a man of holy church—we may not shed his blood. **1838** James *Robber* ii, I will shed no blood, except in our own defence. **1847** C. Bronte *Jane Eyre* vi, They shed blood they had no right to shed.

(*b*) **12..** *Song. Virg.* 15 in *O. E. Misc.* 194 Bi-sek him..þat for ous alle sad is blod. *a* 1250 *Owl & Night.* 1616 For heom ich chadde mi blod. *c* 1315 Shoreham I. 83 To wesschen ous cryst schedde his blod And water out of hys wonde. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xxxvi. (*Baptista*) 1009 Þat haly nowmir to fulfil, þat sched þare blud for cristis sak. **1471** Caxton *Recuyell* (Sommer) 624, I my self haue shedde moche of my blood. **1535** Fisher *Ways Perf. Relig.* Wks. (1876) 385 Men and women for his loue haue shead theyr blood. **1586** T. B. *La Primaud. Fr. Acad.* I. (1594) 103 This monarch [Alexander] sustaining infinite labor, and cheerefully sheading his blood. **1707** Freind *Peterborow's Cond. Sp.* 173 My Subjects are in a disposition to shed the last drop of their Blood for me. **1844** *Mem. Babylonian Princess* II. 63 This spot, where our Saviour shed his blood to save all mankind from everlasting death.

8. To emit and let fall in drops.

a. With *tears* as obj.

c 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 157 Swiche teres scedde M. Magdalene þa heo wosch ure drihtenes fet. **1423** Jas. I. *Kingis Q.* cxvii, And of my cristall teris that bene schede, The hony flouris growen vp and sprede. **1575** Gascoigne *Kenelworth* Wks. 1910 II. 128 Marke what teares they shed. *c* 1610 *Lives of Women Saints* 102/9 Who can recounte what plentie of teares she shodd for her owne sinnes, and the necessities of gods church. **1705** Addison *Italy, Pavia* 37 A Tear that our Saviour shed over Lazarus. **1862** Miss Braddon *Lady Audley* xxxv, He could only shed childish tears of despair and terror. **1908** [Miss E. Fowler] *Betw. Trent & Ancholme* 45 One [child] was sobbing and shedding tears.

slang. **1864** *Hotten's Slang Dict., Shed a tear*, to take a dram or glass of neat spirits...'Now then, old fellow, come and shed a tear!'

† b. *absol.* To shed tears. *Obs.* *rare*—[1].

16.. ? Webster & Rowley *Cure for Cuckold* II. iii. (1661) C 4 b, O Urse, give me leave to shed!

c. With obj. rain, dew, etc.

1590 Spenser *F. Q.* II. iii. 24 And, when she spake, Sweet words like dropping honny she did shed. **1697** Dryden *Virg. Georg.* III. 520 Rising Cynthia sheds her Silver Dews. *c* 1730 Ramsay *Masque* 106 And cease, black clouds, to shed, or wet, or snaw. **1812** J. Wilson *Isle of Palms* III. 293 When evening sheds her dew.

† d. *intr.* Of rain, snow, etc.: To fall. *Obs.*

13.. *Gaw. & Gr. Kn.* 506 Schyre schedez þe rayn in schowrez ful warme. *Ibid.* 956 Hir brest..Schon schyrer þen snawe, þat scheder [*read* schedez] on hillez. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Monk's T.* 843 But swich a reyn doun fro the welkne shadde That slow the fyr. **1616** Surflet & Markham *Country Farm* II. lxii. 319 If anie raine happen to fall thereupon, yet it may by no meanes sinke into the Hine, but rather fall off, and shed vpon the earth.

9. *trans.* To send forth as an emanation.

a. To throw (light) *upon* something. *lit.* and *fig.*

In the figurative use of the phrase *shed* is in our quots. not found before the 19th c.; earlier *throw* or *cast* was used.

c 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 161 Þis edie maiden seinte marie of hire holie licame shedeð þat soðe liht þe lihteð alle brihte þinges on eorðe and ec on henene. **13..** *Cursor M.* 17883 (Göttl.) Þat light es nu apon vs schede þar we sitte in þe schadu of dede. *c* 1402 Lydg. *Compl. Bl. Knt.* 3 And Phebus gan to shede his stremes shene Amid the Bole. **1599** Sir J. Davies *Nosce Teipsum* Ded. iv, In euery place as Cynthia sheds her beames. **1775** R. Chandler *Trav. Asia M.* viii. (1825) I. 30 The stars shone in a clear blue sky, shedding a calm serene light. **1805** Wordsw. *Prelude* xiv. 279 O capacious Soul! Placed on this earth to love and understand, And from thy presence shed the light of love. **1853** Robertson *Serm.* Ser. III. xxi. (1876) 272 He has been shedding a glory round human life. **1853** Kingsley *Hypatia* xix, A lamp of strange form hung from the ceiling, and shed a dim and lurid light. **1860** [see Light *sb.* 6 a]. **1865** Dickens *Mut. Fr.* III. vi, You come like I don't know what ..shedding a halo all around you. **1912** *Times* 19 Oct. 7/3 The statement..sheds little light upon a situation still enveloped in mystery.

† b. With inverted construction: To suffuse *with* light. *Obs.*

1412–20 Lydg. *Troy Bk.* I. 2771 Sche..sawe..þat þe ferþe parte Of þe mone was schad with newe liȝt.

c. To give forth, diffuse (fragrance, sound, heat, etc.); to pour out, impart (influence, blessings, qualities, etc.). Also with advs., *abroad*, †*forth*, †*out*.

a 1325 *Prose Psalter* xliv. 3 Grace is shadde in þy lippes. **1412–20** Lydg. *Troy Bk.* I. 2612 And holsomm bawme is schad among þe grene. *c* 1500 *Melusine* iv. 22 This might not be perfightly knowen, yf thou shadd nat vpon the men somwhat of thy full & deuyne grace. **1525** Tindale *N. T.* Prol., Tyll Christ have..powred into him that selfe good thynge whych he shedeth forth afterwarde on other. **1526** — *Rom.* v. 5 For the love that god hath vnto vs is sheed abrod [Gr. ἐκκέχυται] in oure hertes [so later versions] by the holy gost, which is geven vnto vs. **1535** Coverdale *Acts* x. 45 The gifte of y^e^ holy goost was shed out also vpon the Heythen. **1587** Goloing *De Mornay* Pref. (ad fin.), Now God vouchsafe to shead out his blessing vpon this worke. *Ibid.* iv. 47 The heate which the Sunne sheadeth into vs from aboue. **1642–7** H. More *Song of Soul* III. i. v, Wakend by piercing trump, that farre doth shed Its searching sound. **1709** Steele *Tatler* No. 130 ₱ 11 All the Prosperity and Success which Heaven ever shed on a Mortal. **1716** Gay *Trivia* II. 443 Now, heaven-born Charity! thy blessings shed. **1760–72** H. Brooke *Fool of Qual.* (1808) I. 155 For him the stars shine and shed influences upon earth. **1769** Gray *Ode for Music* 73 Bid it round heaven's altars shed The fragrance of it's blushing head. **1807** Moore *Ir. Melodies*, '*Harp that once*' 2 The harp that once through Tara's halls, The soul of music shed. **1812** Cary *Dante, Parad.* IV. 115 Whose lively words Still shed new heat and vigour through My soul. **1837** Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* III. III. vi, The waving of it shed terror through the souls of men. **1852** Mrs. Stowe *Uncle Tom's C.* xvi, Your piety sheds respectability on us. **1877** R. H. Hutton *Ess.* (ed. 2) I. Pref. 19 An infinite power shed abroad in the world.

absol. **1525** Tindale *N. T.* Prol., Be faith we receave of god, and be love we shed oute agayne.

10. To cast off by natural process.

a. To cast off as exuviæ; to undergo the falling of (hair, etc.).

1510 Stanbridge *Vocabula* (W. de W.) C vj b, *Depennesco*, to multe, or to shede fethers. **1530** Palsgr. 701/2 I shede my heare, my heare falleth. **1594** Marlowe & Nashe *Dido* I. i. 36 Venus Swannes shall shed their siluer downe. **1721** Bradley *Philos. Acc. Wks. Nat.* 91 The Stag and some other sorts of Deer are subject to shedding and renewing their Horns annually. **1732** A. Monro *Anatomy* (ed. 2) 170 Some more of those [teeth]..are shedded. **1818** Scott *Hrt. Midl.* xxxi, A broken and soiled white feather, intersected with one which had been shed from the train of a peacock. **1833** *Hunter's Catal. Physiol. Ser. Comp. Anat. Mus. Coll. Surg.* I. 100 [Elephants] do not shed their teeth as other animals do that have more than one. **1845** Judd *Margaret* II. xi. (1874) 346 When hens are shedding their feathers they don't lay eggs. **1899** *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 537 It is very common for the whole of the nails to be shed in the attack. *Ibid.* 809 The epidermis becoming shed.

transf. and *fig.*

1776 Foote *Capuchin* II. (1778) 116 When the sun and summer of plenty returns, I shall shed my coat like a colt. **1853** Kane *Grinnell Exp.* xvi. (1856) 121 The floes..now shed off dusty wreaths of snow. **1865** Swinburne *Chastelard* v. i. 175 The day comes when a woman sheds her sin As a bird moults. **1910** *Spectator* 20 Aug. 269/1 He sheds his bad reputation as a snake its skin.

b. Of trees, plants: To lose, cast off (leaves, flowers, bark, etc.).

1598 Barnfield *Poems, Compl. Poetrie* xv, The Trees (for sorrowe) shead their fading Leaues. **1667** Milton *P. L.* IX. 893 From his slack hand the Garland wreath'd for Eve Down drop'd, and all the faded Roses shed. **1798** Sophia Lee *Canterb. T., Yng. Lady's T.* II. 295 The myrtles.. [were] shedding their uncherished blossoms over the perishing works of man. **1819** Shelley *Ode to West Wind* 16 Thou on whose stream, mid the steep sky's commotion, Loose clouds like earth's decaying leaves are shed. **1857** Livingstone *Trav.* xxiii. 462 Some of the bushes and trees are green; others are shedding their leaves.

† c. To cause the shedding of (leaves). *Obs.*

1697 Dryden *Virg. Georg.* II. 558 When Storms have shed From Vines, the hairy Honours of their Head.

d. Of plants: To let fall, cast (seed) out of the receptacle.

1523–34 Fitzhera. *Husb.* § 35 In some countreys..they do fan theyr corne, the whiche is..a great saueguarde for shedynge of the corne. **1573** Tusser *Husb.* (1878) 128 Hops dried in loft, aske tendance oft, And shed their seedes, much more than needes. **1720** P. Blair *Bot. Ess.* Pref. 6 The Apices..are ready to shed the Dust when it [the Flower is expanded. **1815** J. Smith *Panorama Sci. & Art* II. 634 As it is apt to shed its seed when ripe, it is advisable to cut it with the dew upon it. **1862** Ansted *Channel Isl.* IV. xx. (ed. 2) 476 Owing to a bad habit of leaving the crops till over-ripe, large quantities are shed on the fields.

e. *colloq.* To drop, let go; to give away (something of no particular value).

1855 Dickens *Dorrit* I. xxi, Whether it had occurred to his good friend, that Society might not unreasonably hope that one so blest in his undertakings,..would shed a little money in the direction of a mission or so to Africa? **1897** Mary Kingsley *W. Africa* 391, I shed a box of lucifer matches on her,..knowing that one of the great charms of a white man to a black is this habit of shedding things.

11. *intr.* for *refl.*

† a. Of the hair: To fall off. *Obs.*

1523–34 Fitzherb. *Husb.* § 110 Myllettes..causeth the heare to sheede. **1530** Palsgr. 701/2 Your heares shede, you

wyll waxe balde. 1607 TOPSELL *Four-f. Beasts* 487 The same also being mingled with a certaine oyle and warmed together, and anointed vpon the head of any one, whose hair doth shed,..doth immediatly helpe and cure the same. 1611 MIDDLETON & DEKKER *Roaring Girl* I 4 b, His haire sheds off. 1644 DIGBY *Nat. Bodies* xxxvii. § 4. 326 We see the haire of women with childe, is apt to shedde. 1755 H. BAKER in *Phil. Trans.* XLIX. I. 22 When I saw this man, in the month of September last, they [wart-like growths] were shedding off in several places.

b. Of grain: To fall from the ear. Also of leaves or flowers: To drop off.

1557 TUSSER *100 Poinls Husb.* § 96 The corne, being ripe doe but shead as it stande. 1584 COGAN *Haven Health* xlix. 57 Artichokes..[are] thought to make euill iuice, especially when the flowers begin to shed. 1606 SHAKS. *Tr. & Cr.* I. iii. 319 The seeded Pride That hath to this maturity blowne vp In ranke Achilles, must or now be cropt, Or shedding breed a Nursery of like euil To ouerbulke vs all. 1681 R. L'ESTRANGE *Tully's Offices* 103 All Disguises pass away, and shed like Flowers. 1707 MORTIMER *Husb.* 355 The broad leaved Lime..bears a very fine broad Leaf, only it is apt to shed too soon. 1760 R. BROWN *Compl. Farmer* II. 81 White oats are apt to shed most as they lie, and black as they stand. 1790 W. H. MARSHALL *Midl. Counties* II. 442 To *Shade*, to shed, as corn. 1844 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* V. I. 284 The wheat..sheds very easily, that is, the corn or grain falls very readily out of the husk.

12. To slope. Now *dial.*

1530 PALSGR. 702/1, I shedde, as an hyll dothe slnpewyse downwardes to the valley...It is a pleasaunt syght to se howe the hylles shedde on eache syde in to the medowes. 1688, 1747 [see SHEDDING *ppl. a.*1 3]. 1826 WILBRAHAM *Chesh. Gloss.* (ed. 2), To *Shead* is also to slope down ground regularly.

13. The verb-stem in combination: †*shed-fork*, app. = pitchfork; †*shed-spade*, ? a dungfork or graip.

1559 *Richmond Wills* (Surtees) 134, ij^o shede forks, ij^o shed spaids. 1706 MRS. CENTLIVRE *Platonick Lady* IV. iv. (1707) 57 All my Rigging hangs as if 'twas shaked on with a Zhed Vork, as the old Zaying is.

Shed (ʃed), *v.*2 [f. SHED *sb.*2 1.] *trans.* †a. To roof over. *Obs.* b. To place in a shed.

1546 WRIOTHESLEY *Chron.* (1875) I. 175 The 15th daie of September the forreine bnchers beganne to keepe their markett in Leeden Hall, which was sheeded rounde aboute for them to stand dry. 1850 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* XI. II. 419, I have left off shedding my own sheep. 1887 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 21 Mar. 2/1 As to hay feeding and shedding during the winter, that is quite impracticable.

Shed (ʃed), *ppl. a.* [pa. pple. of SHED *v.*1]

†1. Separated; ? in several ownership. *Obs.*

1425 in *Rep. MSS. Ld. Middleton* (1911) 107 No man with comyn herd ne with sched herd com on the wold after gresse be mowen to it [be] maked and led away. *Ibid.* 108 Nother comyn herd ne sched herd com' in the qwyte corn feld to the korn [be]lad awey.

2. Fallen; discarded, cast off.

c 1430 *Chev. Assigne* 119 Of sadde lenes of þe wode wrowȝte he hem wedes. 1847 H. MILLER *Test. Rocks* viii. (1857) 318 It is not credible that all the solid shed antlers of such a species of deer could be carried by the same cause to such a distance. 1892 E. REEVES *Homeward Bound* 43 The shed bark hanging over its branches and clinging to its trunk like a sheeted ghost.

3. Of blood, tears (see SHED *v.*1 7, 8). Also *dial.* of liquids: Spilt.

1824 MRS. CAMERON *Pink Tippet* III. 17 'There is no use in crying for shed milk,' answered Betty. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VI. 155 Clots formed in shed blood.

4. (See SHED *v.*1 2 b.)

1839 URE *Dict. Arts* 1285 The weaver..drives the flyshuttle swiftly from one side of the loom to the other, between the shed warp yarns.

†**She·ddable**, *a. Obs. rare*—°. [f. SHED *v.*1 + -ABLE.] That can be shed or poured out.

1570 LEVINS *Manip.* 2/17 Shedable, *fusilis.*

Shedded (ʃe·dėd), *ppl. a.*1 [f. SHED *v.*1 + -ED 1. Cf. SHED *ppl. a.*]

†1. Cleft, divided. *Obs. rare*—1.

c 1550 ROLLAND *Crt. Venus* IV. 612 The scheddit scheilds.

2. Cast off, fallen. *rare*—1.

1818 KEATS *Endymion* IV. 769 Its hazle cirque of shedded leaves.

3. Of hair, wool: Parted, separated, divided.

1844 H. STEPHENS *Bk. Farm* III. 1111 The hath thus made is administered by means of a tin-flask..provided with a long spout, by which to pour it along the shedded wool of the sheep.

Shedded (ʃe·dėd), *ppl. a.*2 [f. SHED *v.*2 + -ED 2.] Placed in a shed.

1850 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* XI. II. 419 The shedded lot [of sheep] did..best in January, and the folded lot in March.

Shedder (ʃe·dəɹ). [f. SHED *v.*1 + -ER 1.]

1. One who sheds, in various senses of the verb.

c 1388 in *Wyclif's Sel. Wks.* III. 474 Leste Crist dampne sowe for traytouris and monqnellers and scheders of his blode. 1555 EDEN *Decades* I. VII. (Arb.) 91 Cruel enemies and sheaders of the Spanyshe bludde. *a* 1625 FLETCHER *Bloody Brother* IV. iii, But your parts in all dues to crying blood For vengeance in the shedder, are much greater. 1712 E. COOKE *Voy. S. Sea* 273 The seventh Inca, whose Name signifies, Shedder of bloody Tears. 1880 MISS BRADDON *Just as I am* xiii, He was never a shedder of blood.

2. *spec.* a. A female fish of the *Salmonidæ* after spawning.

1588 LAMBARDE *Eiren.* IV. iv. 450 If any person..haue taken there any Salmons or Tronts, out of season, that is, being kippers, or shedders. 1848 [see KIPPER *sb.* 1].

b. A name for a crab during the period when it is casting its covering integument or shell.

1872 SCHELE DE VERE *Americanisms* 390.

3. *Comb.* (sense 2), as *shedder-crab, -salmon, trout.*

1860 BARTLETT *Dict. Amer.* (ed. 3), **Shedder-crab*, a crab which has recently cast his shell, also called a Soft Crab. 1884 E. P. ROE *Nat. Ser. Story* v. in *Harper's Mag.* Apr. 733/2, I was still..fishing,..and fastened on my hook a peeled shedder crab. 1558 *Act* 1 *Eliz.* c. 17 § 1 That no person.. shall..take and kyll any..*shedder Salmons, or *shedder Trowtes. 1787 BEST *Angling* (ed. 2) 139 Any kepper or shedder salmon.

Shedding (ʃe·diŋ), *sb.* [f. SHED *sb.*1 + -ING 1.] Sheds collectively; a collection of sheds.

1883 *Times* 26 July 7/5 Shedding of large capacity will be provided. 1889 SKRINE *Mem. E. Thring* 152 These were ..scheming new bonfires. Whose barns or sheddings were safe? 1898 *Field* 14 May 741/1 Long rows of shedding.

Shedding (ʃe·diŋ), *vbl. sb.* Also 7 schiding. [f. SHED *v.*1 + -ING 1.] The action or an act of the verb SHED in various senses.

1. Separation, parting, division. Also *concr.* = SHED *sb.*1 Now only *dial.* Cf. SHEADING.

c 1200 ORMIN 16863 Forr Farisew bitacneþþ nss Shædinng onn Ennglissh spæche. 1303 R. BRUNNE *Handl. Synne* 12418 'Dymynncyon'..ys to mene also anoþer þyng, Of þy synne to make shedyng. *c* 1440 HYLTON *Scala Perf.* (W. de W. 1494) II. xxxvi, And this is the yefte of loue that makyth shedynge atwyx chosen soules & reproued. 1598 FLORIO, *Scriminatura*, the shedding or diuiding of a womans haires of a head. 1611 COTGR. s.v. *Greve*, *La greve des cheveux* (&, *les cheveux departis en greve*), the shedding, or shading of the haire; the parting thereof on the forehead (after the old fashion). 1768 Ross *Helenore* 103 Gin he look'd blyth, the lassie looked mair, For shame was past the shedding o' her hair. 1872 BLACK *Adv. Phaeton* xxix, Then we got out to that 'shedding' of the roads, which marks the junction of the highways coming down from Glasgow and Edinburgh.

Comb. 1609 BIBLE (Douay) *Isa.* iii. 20 Our Lord shal take away..the sheading combes.

b. *dial.* (*concr.* in *pl.*). See quot.

1844 H. STEPHENS *Bk. Farm* II. 39 The lambs, dinmonts, or wethers, that are drafted out of the fat stock, are called the sheddings or tails.

c. *Weaving.* The division of the warp threads in such a manner as to permit of the passage between them of a shuttle containing the weft. Also *attrib.*

1863 J. WATSON *Weaving* 84 The sheding being repeated two times over. 1876 BARLOW *Weaving* 111 Shedding motions may be classed into about six varieties. 1888 *Encycl. Brit.* XXIV. 466/1 The three principal motions, shedding, picking and beating up, are of course the same in both [looms]. *Ibid.*, The treadles called the shedding tappets.

2. Effusion, pouring out; esp. of blood, tears, †secretions.

c 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 65 Ne bringð no synful man quemere loc þenne teares sheding. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 262 Ȝet nabbe ȝe nont wiðstonden norte þet þe schedunge of ower blode. 1560 DAUS tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* 465 b, They could not kepe them from sheding of teares. 1657 W. COLES *Adam in Eden* ii. 5 It helpeth..the shedding of the gall. 1760–72 H. BROOKE *Fool of Qual.* (1809) III. 38 Their persons were rendered sacred..by unction, or the shedding of hallowed oil upon them. 1874 O'SHAUGHNESSY *Music & Moonlight* 200 Base sheddings of base blood.

†b. Infusion, diffusion. *Obs.*

1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* III. ix. (1495) 55 By vertue of spredynge and of shedynge of the spyryte of felynge in to all the synewes, all the makynge of the body is founde able to moeue. *c* 1430 *Pilgr. Lyf Manhode* IV. xix. (1869) 185 In whiche we hadden putte fillinge of þe grete tresores of Paradys, þat was the sweete shedinge of oure grace.

†c. *Shedding of nature*: gonorrhœa. *Obs.*

1584 COGAN *Haven Health* xlii. 52 A verie good medicine for the shedding of nature.

3. Dropping, scattering or letting fall, or parting with something.

1362 LANGL. *P. Pl.* A. VII. 9 Summe schul sowe sakkes for schedyng of Whete. 1523–34 FITZHERB. *Husb.* § 35 [Some] do fan theyr corne, the whiche is..a great sauegnarde for shedynge of the corne. 1600 J. PORY tr. *Leo's Africa* I. 38 Unnaturall shedding of haire. 1732 A. MONRO *Anatomy* (ed. 2) 170 This Shedding of the Teeth is of good Use. 1863 A. EWING in A. J. ROSS *Mem.* (1877) 356 Our life has far more in it than is suggested by the growing and shedding of leaves.

b. *concr.* in *pl.* Shed leaves, etc.

1803 WORDSW. *Poems Imag., Yew-trees* 22 Upon whose grassless floor of red brown hue, By sheddings from the pining umbrage tinged Perennially. 1856 AIRD *Poet. Wks.* 294 She trode the dun-brown sheddings of the pine.

c. The letting fall of seeds.

1721 POPE *Let. to E. Blount* 21 Oct., Old Fletcher of Saltoune said one day to me, '..I am like a Tree without a Prop, and without young Trees of my own shedding, to grow round me, for Company and Defence.'

Shedding (ʃe·diŋ), *ppl. a.* [f. SHED *v.*1 + -ING 2.] That sheds, in various senses of the verb.

1. †a. Of liquids: Self-diffusing. *Obs.*

1587 GOLDING *De Mornay* xv. 272 The bodie is in the Soule, as..a sheading or liquid thing in a thing that is not liquid [orig. *comme..le coulant en ce qui ne coule point*].

b. Dropping or casting leaves or petals.

1687 DRYDEN *Hind & P.* III. 439 The shedding trees began the ground to strow With yellow leaves. 1782 J. SCOTT *Poet. Wks.* 261 And green slopes redden with the shedding rose.

c. (See quot.)

1796 WITHERING *Brit. Plants* (ed. 3) I. 81 Shedding (caducus) continuing but a short time. *Ibid.* 262 Cup 4 leaves, leafits egg-shaped, coloured, shedding.

d. *Shedding tooth*: any of the primary or milk teeth, which fall out and are replaced by the permanent teeth.

1799 HOME in *Phil. Trans.* LXXXIX. 258 A view of the grinding surface of a shedding tooth. 1822–29 *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 3) I. 47 The permanent teeth have separate sockets of their own; and..do not lie immediately under the corresponding shedding teeth. 1833 *Hunter's Catal. Physiol. Ser. Comp. Anat. Mus. Coll. Surg.* I. 100 The shedding tooth falls some time before the succeeding tooth can supply its uses.

e. *fig.* Of divisions of time: Passing.

1816 L. HUNT *Rimini* III. 134 The glass that told the shedding hours.

†2. Dividing, parting, separating. *Obs. rare.*

a 1674 BUNYAN *Reprob. Asserted* i. (1696) 2 These words were shedding words, they sever between Men and Men.

†3. Sloping. *Obs.*

1688 HOLME *Armoury* III. 73/1 A Barn with a sheeding Ridg. 1747 HOOSON *Miner's Dict.* Q 1 b, If a Rock appears to the Day,..where it seems to cut off, and more especially on Sheeding ground.

Shedding, Shede, obs. ff. SHEADING, SHEATH.

Sheder (ʃī·dəɹ). *dial.* Forms: 6–7 shidder, 7 shether, 8 sheeder, 9 sheder. [f. SHE + ? DEER: cf. HEDER.] A female sheep; spec. a lamb from eight or nine months old to her first shearing.

1579 SPENSER *Sheph. Cal.* Sept. 211 For, had his wesand bene a little widder, He would haue denoured both hidder and shidder [*Gloss* He and she. Male and Female]. 1620 T. GRANGER *Div. Logike* 169 As appeares by hether, and shether, *i.* male, and female. 1633 J. FISHER *Fulmus Troes* III. ix. Chorus, Hidder, eke and shidder. 1799 A. YOUNG *Agric. Lincoln.* 325 They are forced to sell their heeders, and joist their sheeders in the spring. 1851 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* XII. II. 341 The 'heder' hogs being grazed on the seeds, and the 'sheders' on grass.

Shee, Sheeah, Sheed(e: see SHE, SHIAH, SHED.

Sheeding, Sheef(fe: see SHEADING, SHEAF *sb.*

Sheeite, Sheek: see SHIITE, SHEIKH.

Sheel (ʃīl), *v.* Now *dial.* Forms: α. 5 schel, 6 scheill, 7 s(c)heele, scheil, 7–9 sheal, 8–9 shiel, 9 sheil, 8– sheel; β. 5 schylle, 6 shyll, 6– shill. [Related to SHALE *sb.*1; the early history is obscure.

The α forms possibly repr. OE. **sciclian* (in *ascylian* 'enucleare'), f. *scealu* SHALE *sb.*1 The β forms, exc. in the northern examples, perh. belong to a distinct though synonymous word, a derivative of SHELL *sb.*]

trans. To shell; to take off the husk or outer covering of. Hence **Sheeled** *ppl. a.*

α. 1473 *Rental Bk. Cupar-Angus* (1879) I. 182 Payand.. ix chalder of vitale of the kyngis met, half beir half meil, the meil twise schelit. 1508, 1583–4 [implied in SHEELING *vbl. sb.*]. 1605 SHAKS. *Lear* I. iv. 219 That's a sheal'd Pescod. 1615 G. SANDYS *Trav.* II. (1637) 116 *Rosetta*..perhaps deriued of *Ros*, which signifieth *Rice*, and so named for the abundance that it vttereth; (they here shealing monethly three hundred quarters). 1612 in *Trans. Cumb. & Westm. Archæol. Soc.* (N. S.) III. (1893) 155 That the Milner..doe neither sheele nor grinde any Skillinge of any Mans dwelling in another Lordshipp. 1681 *Ibid.* 159 Noe Tennant or Farmer ..Shall grinde or Scheele any Wheate, Bigg, Barley, Pease ..att any other Mill. 1709 LADY G. BAILLIE *Househ. Bk.* (S.H.S.) 79, 10 stone twist shield meall. 1765 *Museum Rust.* IV. 457 After sheeling, the seed should be well cleansed from bad seeds. 1801 *Farmer's Mag.* Apr. 214 It was first shealed on the barley mill. 1816 SCOTT *Bl. Dwarf* xvii, We took their swords and pistols as easily as ye wad shiel peacods. *a* 1824 G. BEATTIE *John o' Arnha'* etc. (1826) 83 She mussels sheel'd, an' wan her bread. 1861 SMILES *Engineers* II. 105 Barley was shealed by pounding the grains with water in the hollow of a stone until by that means the husks were rubbed off. 1862 HISLOP *Prov. Scot.* 101 He would need to be twice sheeled and once ground that deals wi' you.

β. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 446/1 Schyllyn owte, of coddys, *exsi(li)quo*. Schyllyn, or schylle notys, *enuclio*. *Ibid.* 446/2 Schyllyn oysterys, and thyngys closyd yn schellys, *excortico*. 1483 *Cath. Angl.* 336/1 Schylled pyse.., *pisc exilique*. 1508 in *Reg. Mag. Sig. Scot.* 1510, 747/1, 4 bollas..albe et bone farrine vulgariter nuncupat. twise schillit mele. *c* 1522 SKELTON *Why nat to Court?* 108 Or pescodes they may shyll. 1702 LADY G. BAILLIE *Househ. Bk.* (S.H.S.) 66 For Shild pies..2 peck out of 5 p. 1703 THORESBY in Ray *Philos. Lett.* (1718) 336 To *Shill*, as Pease to take them out of the Swads. 1799 J. ROBERTSON *Agric. Perth* 163 When the barley is twice shilled, i.e. put twice through the mill, on purpose to take off the rind more compleatly, and then grinded small. 186a C. C. ROBINSON *Dial. Leeds* Gloss. s. v. *Shill*, 'Shillin' peis'; 'shillin' heins'—unshelling peas and beans.

Sheel(l, Sheeld(e: see SHIEL, SHIELD.

Shee·ling, shi·lling, *vbl. sb.* Forms: α. see SHEEL *v.* β. 6 shillinge, 6–7 schilling, 6, 8–9 shilling, 8–9 shillen, 9 shillin. [f. SHEEL *v.* + -ING 1.]

1. The action of SHEEL *v.*

α. 1583–4 *Burgh Rec. Edin.* (1882) IV. 320 That thai diligentlie awaitt vponn the scheilling of the quheitt pertening to the said nichtbouris of the baxteris. 1606 in *Sel. Rec. Kirk Sess.* etc. *Aberd.* (1846) 198 The haill millers..to absteine from millinge, grindinge or scheilinge on the Sabboth day in tymes cumminge. 1801 *Farmer's Mag.* Apr. 214 It [common barley] produced nearly 21 pecks and a half..of common barley-flour,..4 lb. of husks from the shealing, and [etc.]. 1844 H. STEPHENS *Bk. Farm* II. 350 The protuberances of the rootlets and woolly ends should not have been rubbed off by any process, such as sheeling.

β. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 446/2 Schyllynge, of notys. 1906 WOODRUFFE-PEACOCK *Ideal Thoroughbred Stud* 14 'The dry shilling' so prevalent in the spring months, which is so serious a throw-back to both plant and animal growth.

2. The grain removed from the husk, also the husks of oats, wheat, etc.

α. 1597 in *Spalding Club Misc.* (1841) I. 173 And than the

said mylne..grund efter hir nuld forme, and made gude meill and scheiling. 1667 *Rec. Baron Crt. Stitchill* (S.H.S.) 46 It is..ordained that the owner of the corne mak their awn sheilling in all tyme cuming. 1844 J. BALLANTINE *Miller of Deanhaugh* x. 177 Rank an' station! bran an' sheelings! exclaimed the miller. 1902 *Ardrossan Herald* 31 Jan. 2/3 The multure is a quantity of grain, sometimes in kind, as wheat, oats, pease, and sometimes manufactured as flour, meal, sheeling.

β. 1508 DUNBAR *Flyting* 147 Thow and thy quene, as gredy gleddis, ȝe gang With polkis to mylne, and beggis haith meill and schilling. *Ibid.* 243 Chitterlilling, ruch rilling, lik schilling in the milhouse. 1546 *Reg. Mag. Sig. Scot.* 7/2 Cum una firlota de lie thirl beir et una firlota de lie ring schilling. 1690 J. MACKENZIE *Siege London Derry* 30/1 There was Oats, Shilling, and Malt in Town, which could not be used for want of Mills. 1681 O. HEYWOOD *Diaries* (1881) II. 286 A stroke of shilling standing on the table. 1729 P. WALKDEN *Diary* (1866) 85 Sent son Thomas towards Preston with a load of shilling to sell. 1795 *Statist. Acc. Scot.* XV. 117 *Shillen*, i.e. shealing, or hulter corn, is measured by the tacksman of the mill, and is paid, not in shealing, but in meal. 1910 G. HENDERSON *Norse Infl. Celtic Scot.* v. 117 In Lowland Scots *shillin*, unhusked grain.

3. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *sheeling cylinder, groats, machine, time*, etc.; **sheeling-hill**, a hill or eminence where grain was winnowed by the wind, so **sheeling-mound**; **sheeling-seeds**, the husks of corn, esp. oats, also the grain that has been freed from the husk; **sheeling-stone** (see quot. 1880).

1844 H. STEPHENS *Bk. Farm* II. 351 The first process which wheat undergoes in grinding is in being put through the *sheeling cylinder. 1585-6 *Shuttleworths Acc.* (Chetham Soc.) 91 A peke of *shillynge grotes. 1597 in *Spalding Club Misc.* (1841) I. 174 The *schilling hill of the Mylne of Fedderet. 1816 SCOTT *Old Mort.* vii, Instead of..waiting patiently for whatever dispensation of wind Providence was pleased to send upon the sheeling-hill. 1840 J. HODGSON *Hist. Northumbld.* II. III. 118 *note*, A shilling-hill, as a place to deet or winnow the groats of oats from the husks that had been shilled off them, before machinery was invented for the purpose, was not an uncommon appendage to a mill. 1911 E. BEVERIDGE *North Uist* I. 11 At a *shieling-mound close to the southern base of Marrival is Tobar Chuithairidh. 1715 PENNECUIK *Wks.* (1815) 87 (E.D.D.) The husks or *shilling seeds are again separated by the farmers. *a* 1867 W. ANDERSON in *Mod. Sc. Poets* Ser. II. (1881) 238 A cushion stuff't wi' sheelin' seeds. 1563 in *Rates Exeter Canal* in *Archæologia* XXVIIII. 18 For everye boate loadinge with beare, *shillingstones, lyme, wood, cole [etc.] iiij.*d.* 1880 *Antrim & Down Gloss., Shilling stones*, the pair of stones in a corn mill which are used for taking the husks off oats. 1895 SIR H. MAXWELL *Dk. of Britain* xix. 281 It is his custom to go frequently up during the *sheiling-time.

† **Shee·ling**, *ppl. a. Obs. rare*⁻¹. [f. SHEEL *v.* + -ING².] That is in process of peeling off.

1708 tr. *Cowley's Plants* I. C.'s Wks. III. 288 All thy shealing Scabs rub off again.

Sheen (ʃīn), *sb.*¹ Forms: 6 *Sc.* **scheyne**, 6–7 **sheene**, 7– **sheen**. [f. SHEEN *a.*, assumed to be connected with SHINE *v.* (The sb. is virtually a verbal noun to *shine*.) Cf. SHEEN *v.*]

1. Shining, brightness. In recent use chiefly, gleaming, lustre, radiance as of a body reflecting light; a gleam. *rare* before the 19th c.

1602 SHAKS. *Ham.* III. ii. 167 And thirtie dozen Moones with borrowed sheene, About the World haue times twelue thirties been. 1614 GORGES *Lucan* VI. 240 And modest Cynthias siluer hue Vnto a pallid colour grew...As if the earth had bene betweene To barre her of her brothers sheene. 1629 MILTON *Hymn Nativ.* XV, Thron'd in Celestiall sheen. 1634 — *Comus* 893 The azurn sheen Of Turkis blew. *Ibid.* 1003 Far above in spangled sheen Celestial Cupid her fam'd son advanc't. 1768 BEATTIE *Minstr.* I. xxii, The southern Sun diffus'd his dazzling sheene. 1798 COLERIDGE *Anc. Mar.* I. xiv, And through the drifts the snowy clifts Did send a dismal sheen. 1815 BYRON *Destr. Sennacherib* i, The sheen of their spears was like stars on the sea. 1830 TENNYSON *Song*, '*The Lintwhite*' 28 Thy locks are all of sunny sheen. 1881 J. HATTON *New Ceylon* ii. 51 [A pearl] of a peculiarly brilliant sheen. 1879 BLACK *Macleod of D.* I. 178 The beautiful blue sheen on its scales. 1898 ANNIE S. SWAN *Doris Cheyne* II. 30 Her hair..had a sheen like gold upon it. 1906 WILLIAMSON *Lady Betty across Water* 288 The green of the waving trees seemed to be reflected in their complexions in little sheens and shimmers.

b. *transf.* and *fig.*

1828 COLERIDGE *Gard. Boccaccio* 47 And last, a matron now, of sober mien Yet radiant still and with no earthly sheen. 1831 CARLYLE *Sartor Res.* III. iii, Ever in the dullest existence there is a sheen either of Inspiration or of Madness. 1863 W. PHILLIPS *Sp.* vi. 114 No sheen of official position would ever lead us.

c. Gorgeous or bright attire.

[1631 MILTON *Marchioness of Winchester* 73 With thee there clad in radiant sheen, No Marchioness, but now a Queen.] 1802 MRS. RADCLIFFE *Gaston de Blondeville* Posth. Wks. (1826) II. 348 They saw plainly enough knights, esquires and pages..in all their splendour; and lady-aunts and lady-cousins in the galleries, in all their sheen and joyance. 1812 BYRON *Ch. Har.* I. lxxiv, In costly sheen and gaudy cloak array'd. 1898 NEWBOLT *Isl. Race* 94 Stepped she not with a grace entrancing, Slenderly girt in silken sheen?

2. The pupil of the eye. *Sc.* (? *Obs.*)

c 1500 KENNEDY *Passion of Christ* 581 For as I writtin into Doctouris fand, He wes mair tender [into] his body, Than is þe scheyne into a mannis e. 1808 JAMIESON, *Sheen* of the eye, the pupil of the eye.

Sheen (ʃīn), *sb.*² *slang*. [Of obscure origin: cf. SHAN.] Base coin. Also *attrib.* or *adj.*

1864 *Hotten's Slang Dict.* 226 *Sheen*, bad money. 1888 PAYNE *Eavesdropper* II. ii. 80 'Can you smash a thick un for me?' inquired one, handing his friend a sovereign. 'You're sure it ain't sheen?' returned the other, with a diabolical grin. 1890 BARRÈRE & LELAND *Dict. Slang*, *Sheen* (Scotch), bad money. Probably alluding to the 'glitter', or possibly from German *schein*, a bank-bill.

Sheen (ʃīn), *a.* Now *poet.* Forms: 1 *sciene, scéne, scéone, sciene, scýne, scíne*, 2–4 *sseene*, 3 *sceone, sschene*, 3–4 *scen*, (? *schine*), 3–6 *schene*, 3–6, (8–9) *shene*, 4 *schen*, (*sene*), 5 *schesne, sshene*, 6 *shen*, 4–7 *sheene*, 5 *scheene*; 3 *scone, Sc.* 4–6 *scheyne*, 5 *sheyn*, 6 *schein*(*e, schane*; 6– **sheen**. *compar.* 1 *scénra*, 3 *schenre, schennure*, 4 *schenure*. [OE. *sciene* = OFris. *skêne* (mod.Fris. *skjin*), OS. *scôni* (MLG. *schône, schôn*; Sw. *skön*, Da. *skjøn*, prob. from LG.), MDu. *schôn(e* (mod.Du. *schoon*), OHG. *scôni*, earlier *scaoni* (MHG. *schœne, schæn*, mod.G. *schön*), Goth. *skaun-s*:—OTeut. **skauni-*, **skaunjo-* f. root **skau-* to behold: see SHOW *v.*

The Gothic *ibnaskauns* like-formed, *gupaskaunei* likeness of God, suggest that the word may originally have meant 'having (a certain) appearance'. For the development of the eulogistic sense, cf. *sightly, shapely*, L. *forma* form, beauty, *formosus* beautiful.

In English (and app. to some extent in OHG. and OS. where it glosses *lucidus, splendidus* etc.) the sense was influenced by association with the root of SHINE *v.* In early examples it is often difficult to determine whether the sense is merely 'beautiful', or whether there is some added notion of 'shining, bright'.

The form *scone* in Ormin, which implies the pronunciation (skǭnə), is unexplained. The identically written form in Layamon, however, seems to be merely an instance of the practice, common in 12–13th c. texts, of writing *o* for *eo*.]

1. Beautiful. **a.** Of persons (esp. women), their appearance, features, etc.

Beowulf 3017 Mæg̃ð scyne. *a* 900 CYNEWULF *Crist* 1387 Ic ðe swa scienne gesceapen hæfde. *c* 1000 *Genesis* 265 Cwæð, þæt his lic wære leohte & scene. *c* 1200 *Vices & Virtues* 95 Nis ðar non swo god leiȝe se teares: hie makieð scene ansiene. *c* 1205 LAY. 15331, & he haueð to quene mine dohter þa is scone. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 398 And Absalones schene wlite. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 24080 His face þat forwit was sa scene [*v.rr.* schen, shene]. *Ibid.* 28505 Gernand i haf oft ben Desird o þire wymmen scen. *c* 1300 *Sir Orfeo* 356 Al þe utmast wal Was clere and schine [*v.rr.* schone, gan schyne] as cristal. *c* 1350 *Will. Palerne* 3296 So schene he was to se in his semli armes. *c* 1374 CHAUCER *H. Fame* III. 446 Graunte vs, lady shene Eche of vs, of thy grace a bone. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 3070 Shulders full shaply, shenest of hewe, Full plesaund & playn. *a* 1450 *Le Morte Arth.* 2612 The mayde was full shene to shewe. *a* 1536 *Songs, Carols*, etc. (1907) 10 Hayle he thou Mary, maydyn shen. *a* 1586 ? MONTGOMERIE *Banks of Helicon* 6 Declair, ȝe bankis of Helicon,..Gif ony of ȝour Muses all, Or nymphes may he peregall Vnto my lady schein? 1589 GREENE *Menaphon* (Arb.) 43, I saw a little one, A bonny prety one, As bright buxsome and as sheene As was shee. 1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* II. i. 10 Her daintie corse so faire and sheene. 1747 MASON *Musæus* 104 Belinda far surpast my beauties sheen.

† **b.** (*The*) *sheen*: used after a woman's name.

c 1205 LAY. 3098 Þe duc of Cornwaile scal habbe Gornoille & þe Scottene king Regau þat scone [*c* 1275 þe scene]. *c* 1320 *Sir Tristr.* 756 Slawe was rouland þan And ded hlaunche þe schene. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Knt.'s T.* 210 The fresshe Emelye the sheene.

c. Of animals, inanimate objects, places, etc.

c 1000 *Phœnix* 591 Him folgiað fuglas scyne. *c* 1000 *Panther* 19 (Gr.) Deor wundrum scyne. *c* 1205 LAY. 19767 Vt heo drozen sone amppullen scone [*c* 1275 six ampulles] ifulled mid attere weten alre bitterest. 12.. *Moral Ode* 340 (Egerton MS.) in *Lamb. Hom.* 179 Go we þene narewe wei and þene wei grene þer forð-fareð lutel folc ac it is feir and scene. *c* 1275 *Ibid.* 337 (Jesus MS.) in *O. E. Misc.* 70 Go we þene narewe wey þen wey so schene. 13.. *Gosp. Nicod.* 125 (Cott. Galba MS.) Paire armes set on schaftes schene [*Harl. MS.* sene]. *c* 1350 *Will. Palerne* 3411 Many a schene scheld schenered al to peces. *a* 1352 MINOT *Poems* (ed. Hall) xi. 2 In schawes ful schene. *c* 1400 *Sowdone Bab.* 118 Carrikes, Galeis and shippes shene, vij hundred were gadered al in fere. *c* 1400 *Rom. Rose* 3713 By hir atyre so bright and shene, Men might pereeyve..She was not of religioun. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 330 With shotes of shire wode shene to beholde. 1423 JAS. I *Kingis Q.* xcv, His long[e] ȝalow lokkis schene. *c* 1435 *Torr. Portugal* 487 Abowght a facon schene. *c* 1470 HENRY *Wallace* IV. 370 Thar I was horn amang the schawis scheyne. *c* 1470 HARDING *Chron.* CCXLII. App. xxx. iv, Four and twentie myles to Lamarke so shene. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* I. vii. 63 Rowmyng about the large temple schene. 1596 DALRYMPLE tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* I. 17 Amang fair forrests and schawis schene. 1785 BURNS *Vision* I. 67 Down flow'd her robe, a tartan sheen, Till half a leg was scrimply seen. 1873 SYMONDS *Grk. Poets* xi. 374 Narcissus will I twine, and lilies sheen.

† **d.** *absol.* (quasi-*sb.*) A fair one; a beautiful woman. *Obs.*

13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* A. 965 þat schene sayde, þat god wyl schylde, 'þou may not enter with-inne hys tor'. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 8144 Than the bysshop to his barne barely onswart, And shend to þat schene all in short wordes. *c* 1420 *Avow. Arth.* xl, Thay so a schene vndur schild, Come prekand fast aure the filde, On a fayre stede. 1540 PALSGR. *Acolastus* III. v. R iij, A kisse, my lyght .i. my hart of golde, or my bryght and sheene, this is sweter then honye. *a* 1568 *Bannatyne MS.* (Hunter. Club) 627 Beseik that schene with hummill reuerence The to ressaif.

† **e.** In non-material senses: Beautiful, attractive; noble, illustrious; pure, clean (*from* sin). *Obs.*

c 1205 LAY. 24326 To þan..þer com þe king Angel king of Scotlonde mid sceone his folke. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 18535 Þis hight [*i.e.* promise] þat was sa scene [*v.rr.* shene, schene], Suld tid þam thoru a maiden clene. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 600, I will shunt for no shame of my shene fader, Ne no hede to my heale, þat I thee helpe shall. *c* 1430 *Hymns Virg.* (1867) 18 Þi passioun make us briȝt & schene In wil, in worde, in dede & þouȝt! 1460 in *Pol. Rel. & L. Poems* (1866) 254 Fro senene synnes þou make me schene.

2. Bright, shining, resplendent.

In early use this sense may have been merely contextual, the adj. being applied in the sense 'beautiful' to objects (e. g. heavenly bodies, jewels, metals) the beauty of which is dependent on their brightness. In later use, owing to association with SHINE *v.*, SHEEN *sb.*¹, the sense 'shining' is felt as primary.

900 CYNEWULF *Crist* 695 Hwæt sindan þa ȝimmas swa scyne buton god sylfa? *c* 1200 ORMIN 3431 He sette a steorrne upp o þe lifft Full brad, & brihht, & shene. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 362 In þe ariste of domesdeie, hwon ure vlesches schal blikien schenre þen þe sunne. 13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* A. 1145, I loked among his meyny schene. ? *a* 1366 CHAUCER *Rom. Rose* 1512 He thonghte of thilke water shene To drinke and fresshe him wel withalle. 1377 LANGL. *P. Pl.* B. XVIII. 409 'After sharpe showres', quod pees 'moste shene is þe sonne'. *c* 1402 LYDG. *Compl. Bl. Knt.* 3 In May, whan..Phebus gan to schede his stremes schene Amid the Bole. 1412-20 — *Troy Bk.* I. 623 Þe schene sonne. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* XII. iv. 40 O thou brycht son, with thy schene bemis glaid. 1535 STEWART *Cron. Scot.* (Rolls) I. 105 And cled thame all..In silk and syper, and in siluer schene. *a* 1542 WYATT *Compl. Absence His Love* 39 in *Tottel's Misc.* (Arb.) 74 Those shene lightes: that wonted for to clere My darked panges of cloudy thoughts. 1590 SHAKS. *Mids. N.* II. i. 28 By fountaine cleere, or spangled star light sheene. 1591 SPENSER *M. Hubberd* 1066 That he might be seene Of the wilde beasts in his new glory sheene. 1591 R. W[ILMOT] *Tancred & Gism.* III. iii. (1592) D 3, But why doth he that sprung from Iones high head? And Phœbus sister shene, despise thy power? 1607 WALKINGTON *Optic Glass* 147 To see the Sunne and Moone..in their sheene glory. 1633 P. FLETCHER *Purple Isl.* III. vi, Like rubies sheen. 1748 THOMSON *Cast. Indol.* I. iii, Glittering Streamlets..hurled every-where their Waters sheen. 1798 COLERIDGE *Anc. Mar.* V. vi, The upper air burst into life! And a hundred fire-flags sheen, To and fro they were hurried about. 1808 SCOTT *Marm.* V. viii, His vest of changeful satin sheen. 1817 SHELLEY *Marianne's Dr.* 10 The veiny lids, whose fringe is thrown Over thine eyes so dark and sheen. 1838 BARHAM *Ingol. Leg., Witches' Frolic*, And fairer, I ween, The ivy sheen That thy mouldering turret binds, Than the Alderman's house. 1839 LONGF. *Voices of Night, Prelude* i. 5 Where, the long drooping boughs between Shadows dark and sunlight sheen Alternate come and go.

b. Of a day, the sky, etc.

1503 HAWES *Examp. Virt.* xiv. 296 A daye of gladnes bryght and shene. *a* 1510 DOUGLAS *K. Hart* I. 95 Quhilk hes na craft to knaw the wynter weit, Suppois that sommer schane dois thame reskew. 1577-87 HOLINSHED *Hist. Eng.* II. ii. 8/2 Thou that maist passe aloft in airie skies so sheene. 1599 *Warn. Faire Wom.* II. 341 It is my love. O how the dusky night Is hy her coming forth made sheen and bright! 1714 GAY *Sheph. Week, Monday* 3 No chirping lark the welkin sheen invokes. 1839 MRS. BROWNING *Romaunt Page* XXX, 'Look up—there is a small bright cloud..' The page looked up—the cloud was sheen. 1891 F. THOMPSON *Sister-Songs* (1895) 16 There she sat amid her ladies, Where the shade is Sheen as Enna mead ere Hades' Gloom fell thwart Persephone.

† **c.** Bright-coloured. *Obs.*

13.. *Gaw. & Gr. Knt.* 2314 Þe schene blod ouer his schulderes schot to þe erþe. 1603 FLORIO *Montaigne* II. XXXIV. 425 Iulius Cæsar..In his Warres..was accustomed to weare a verie rich garment and of a sheene and garish colour. 1810 SCOTT *Lady of L.* IV. xii, If pall and vair no more I wear, Nor thou the crimson sheen.

† **d.** absol. *The sheen*: the bright weapon; also, the bright sun. *nonce-uses.*

13.. *Gaw. & Gr. Knt.* 2268 þat oþer schalk wyth a schunt þe schene wyth-haldez. 13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* C. 440 For to schylde fro the schene, oþer any schade kest.

e. quasi-*adv.*

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 246 A muchel wind alið mid a lutel rein & te sunne þer efter schineð þe schennure. *c* 1330 R. BRUNNE *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 11251 Cloþes of golde þat schon so schene. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 1649 The windowes..[were] shapyn full shene all of shyre stones. 1446 LYDG. *Nightingale Poems* ii. 194 My Ien blynde, that whylom shoone so sheene. 1835 LYTTON *Rienzi* I. xi, The moonlight stole soft and sheen. 1872 HOLLAND *Marble Prophecy* 31 They flash and shine among the flowers While dripping sheen in golden showers.

Sheen (ʃīn), *v.* Forms: 4 *schen*, 4–6 *s*(*c*)*hene*, 6 **scheine**, *Sc.* **scheyne**, 6– **sheen**. [f. SHEEN *a.*]

1. *intr.* **a.** = SHINE *v. lit.* and *fig.* Now only *Sc.* and *dial.* (in Sc. the ordinary word.)

c 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* V. (*Johannes*) 256 Far palacis þat sal leste enirmare, schenand with gemmys oure-alquhare. *Ibid.* XXV. (*Julian*) 54 Fore he wae þane schenand in til halynes. *c* 1420 *Anturs of Arth.* 329 (Douce MS.) þene vnclosed þe cloudes, þe sone con shene. *c* 1470 HENRY *Wallace* III. 119 The sone was rysyne our landis schenand brycht. 1523 SKELTON *Garl. Laurel* 1358 Luna that so bryght doth shene. *c* 1530 *Crt. of Love* 81 No saphir ind, no rube..There lakked than..That may the castell maken for to shene. *a* 1542 WYATT *Ps.* XXXVII. 97, I have well seene the wycked sheene lyke goolde lustie and grene as Lawrell lasting aye. 1556 *Chron. Grey Friars* (Camden) 69 Abowte Ester was sene..three sonnes shenynge at one tyme in the eyer. 1562 in *Scl. Rec. Kirk Sess.* etc. *Aberd.* (1846) 4 That gud lyfe, conversatioun, and maneris may scheyne. *a* 1565 SIR T. CHALLONER tr. *Boeth.* I. met. iii. 15 All sodeynly the Sonne..sheens the worlde over. 1588 A. KING tr. *Canisius' Catech.* 9 Our lord Iesus thairfor sittis one the rycht hand of the pouer of god,..scheinand brychtlie with maiestie altogither diuin. 1819 GALL *Poems* 126 Thy ee will wake nae mair, That sheened sae fu' o' glee.

b. *poet.* To cast a gleam, glisten.

1812 BYRON *Ch. Har.* I. xvii, This town, That, sheening far, celestial seems to be. 1856 MEREDITH *Shav. Shagpat*

(1887) 1 The illusion of rivers sheening on the sands to travellers gasping with thirst.

2. *trans.* To cast a sheen upon. *rare.*

1901 H. Trench *Deirdre Wed* 31 Who is this woman.. With sun-red hair, entangled as with flight Sheening the knees up to her bosom drawn?

Hence **Shee·ning** *ppl. a.*

c 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* ii. (*Paulus*) 293 At þe 3at now com þai in, petir and paule, in clathis shenand. *c* 1470 Henry *Wallace* viii. 1201 His schenand schoys, that burnyst was full beyn. 1506 *Kal. Sheph.* (Sommer) 146 The iyes that is blacke as lete and in the myddes clere and shenynge. 1878 Hardy *Ret. Native* i. x, A great salt sheening sea bending into the land like a bow.

Sheende, obs. form of Shend *v.*

Sheene, obs. form of Seine *sb.*[1]

1611 Florio, *Riuale*,..a kind of net that reacheth from one side of a riuer to the other called of Fishermen a Sheene-net [1659 Torriano *reads* a Sheere or Shore-net].

Sheenless (ʃī·nlės), *a. rare.* [f. Sheen *sb.*[1] + -less.] Without sheen.

1883 *Brit. Q. Rev.* July 18 The sheenless rays which have lost their power in the struggle through smoke and fumes.

Sheenly (ʃī·nli), *adv. rare.* [f. Sheen *a.*[1] + -ly[2].] Brightly.

1340–70 *Alisaunder* 631 Seuin sterres..Hee showes forthe scheenely shynand bright. 1841 *Tait's Mag.* IX. 719 All sheenly barbed, and gaily garbed, With plume and flashing spear.

Sheeny (ʃī·ni), *sb.*[1] *slang.* Also **shen(e)y, sheeney, -ie.** [Of obscure origin: cf. Russ. ЖИДЪ, Pol., Czech *žid* (pronounced *zid*) a Jew.] A Jew.

1824 in *Spirit Publ. Jrnls.* (1825) 85 Orange Battery among the Sheenes [*? read* Sheenies]. Sketches at Bow-Street.—No. V. 1828 Egan *Boxiana* Ser. II. I. 632 A good day's play among the Sheenies. 1893 Foreman *Trip to Spain* 34 A Portuguese Jew (a 'sheeny', as he is termed by the sailors).

attrib. 1888 Kipling *Soldiers Three, In Matter of a Private*, You lie, you man-sticker. You sneakin' Sheeny butcher, you lie.

Sheeny (ʃī·ni), *sb.*[2] [App. a. F. *chiné* ppl. a., woven of threads of different colours.] In full *Pompadour sheeny*: a silk fabric.

1902 *Bladud* (Bath) 26 Mar. 6/3 A very lovely one [dinner jacket]..was of Pompadour sheeny. *Ibid.* 7/1 Our parasols are to be of sheeny with coloured sticks.

Sheeny (ʃī·ni), *a.* [f. Sheen *a.* + -y.] Covered with sheen, full of sheen; having a bright, shiny surface.

1625 Milton *Death Fair Infant* 48 Or did of late earths Sonnes besiege the wall Of sheenie Heav'n. 1717 Fenton *Odyss.* XI. Poems 103 The sheeny form of Epicaste. 1749 Collins *Ode Superst. Highl.* 153 Wreath'd with sheeny gold. 1825 Scott *Talism.* ii, His sheeny and crescent-formed sabre. 1830 Tennyson *Madeline* ii, The silken sheeny woof. 1852 M. Arnold *Empedocles* II. i, The eagle ..Droops all his sheeny, brown, deep-feather'd neck. 1871 M. Collins *Marq. & Merch.* III. 152 A soft gray sheeny silk. 1893 *Times* 8 July 12/1 A sheeny background of white satin.

Comb. 1897 Sir H. Johnston *Brit. Central Africa* 3 Darters with sheeny plumaged bodies of greenish-black.

b. *transf.* and *fig.*

1834 Disraeli *Rev. Epick* II. ix, So in the night Of ages ..riseth some lofty sage The depth of darkness with his sheeny wit Piercing. 1884 *Harper's Mag.* June 149/1 Its sheeny vanes of rhetoric.

Sheep (ʃīp), *sb.* Forms: α. 1 scéap, scép, scép, 2 sceæp, 2–3 sceap, 2–4 scep, (3 se(e)p, seop), 3–4 scepe, 3–5 (6 in comb.) schep, shep, 3–6 schepe, (4 ssep, schiep), 4–5 scheep, chepe, 4–6 shepe, (5 sheppe, *Sc.* scheipe, 6 sheip(pe, shiepe), 6–7 sheepe, *Sc.* scheip, (7 in comb. shepp), 4–sheep. β. 1 *Northumb.* scíp, 4 schipe, 4–6 schip, 5 schype, 6 shyp(p)e, schyp, shipe, 6–7 shippe, 5, 6–9 *dial.* ship. [OE. (WS.) *scéap*, earlier *scáp*, (Anglian) *scép* str. n. = OFris. *skêp*, *schêp* (NFris. *skêp*, *skêap*, *sjip*, *sjapp*, WFris. *skiep*, EFris. *schâip*), OS. *scâp* (MLG. *schâp*, LG. *schaap*), MDu. *schaep* (Du. *schaap*), OHG. *scâf* (MHG. *schâf*, G. *schaf*) :– OTeut. **skēpo-m* (wanting in Gothic and Scand.).

Outside Teut. no certain affinities are known. The prehistoric pl. **skēpu* normally lost its final vowel in OE., so that nom. and acc. sing. and pl. became identical. (ONorthumbrian, however, had a pl. form *scîpo* beside *scîp*.)

The pronunciation (ʃip) is specially characteristic of midl. (esp. west-midl.) dialects, but is widely current elsewhere in England, exc. in the north-west.]

1. Any animal of the ruminant genus *Ovis* (sometimes horned), closely allied to the goats; esp. of the widely domesticated species *Ovis aries*, of which there are many varieties, and which is reared for its flesh, fleece, and skin.

The male of the sheep is a ram, the female a ewe, the young a lamb. The flesh of the adult sheep is mutton. The fleece yields wool, the skin is made into leather or parchment, and the intestines are used for the strings of musical instruments (see Catgut).

α. *c* 825 *Vesp. Ps.* cxiii. 6 *Velut agniovium*, swe swe lomberu scepa. *c* 897 Ælfred *Gregory's Past. C.* xvii. 122 Dæt sceap ðæt ðær scancforad wæs. *a* 1000 *Colloq. Ælfric* in Wr.-Wülcker 91 On forewerdue morzen ic drife sceap mine to heora læse. *c* 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 37 Det oref þe þis deor wanet bed shep and reðeren, and Get, and swin. *c* 1200 Ormin 12662 Shepess lamb uss 3ifeþþ millc, & flæsh & blod & wulle. *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 940 A net, and a got, and a sep. *c* 1275 *O. E. Misc.* 41 Beo þe seopheorde aquold..þenne scule sone his seop alle beon to-dreued. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 3178 Þe angel..bade him þar biside him tak A scepe [*Fairf.* shepe, *Gött.* schep, *Trin.* sheep] his sacrifice to mak. 1382 Wyclif *Gen.* iv. 2 Abel was a shepherd of sheep. 1390 Gower *Conf.* II. 237 Ther was a Schiep,..The which his flees bar al of gold. 1422 Yonge tr. *Secreta Secret.* lviii. 221 An hare and a sheppe hene ful gastefull. *c* 1449 Pecock *Repr.* II. xiii. 225 Whanne Moyses kepte the schep of Ietro. 1538 Starkey *England* I. iii. 97 Thys inclosyng of pasturys for..schepe. 1577 B. Googe *Heresbach's Husb.* III. (1586) 137 b, The champion countrey, breedeth a large and a great sheepe. 1614 Markham *Cheap Husb.* I. 69 If a sheepe be sound.., his eye will be bright. 1629 Milton *Hymn Nativ.* viii, Perhaps their loves, or els their sheep, Was all that did their silly thoughts so busie keep. 1774 Pennant *Tour Scot. in 1772*, 79 Verdant grass, the sweet food of the sheep. 1830 Tennyson *Ode to Memory* 66 The thick-fleeced sheep from wattled folds. 1859 Allen *Amer. Farm-bk.* 399 The sheep is sometimes employed..at the tread-mill or horizontal wheel, to pump the water, churn the milk, or perform other light domestic work. 1889 A. R. Wallace *Darwinism* 34 Certain mountain varieties of sheep will starve out other mountain varieties.

β. *c* 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* John ii. 14 Behycgendo exin & scipo [*Rushw.* scip] & culufro. *c* 1300 *St. Margarete* 39 Hir norice hir sende ofte adai wiþ hire schip afelde. *c* 1310 *St. Brendan* (Bälz) 136 Þe vairest scep [*v.r.* scip] þat miȝte be. 13.. *Cursor M.* 6156 (Gött.) Left þai nathing þat þar was, Schip, ne kow, or ox, ne as. *c* 1450 *Godstow Reg.* 127 Pastur for xl schip. *Ibid.*, Pastur for a c schype. *c* 1460 *Promp. Parv.* (Winch.) 395 Scabbyd schyppe, *apica*. *a* 1470 Gregory *Chron.* in *Hist. Coll. Cit. Lond.* (Camden) 75 Oxyn, kyne, and shippe. *a* 1578 Lindesay (Pitscottie) *Chron. Scot.* (S.T.S.) II. 266 The cattell and schip pertening to thair enimyes. 1602 *Shuttleworths' Acc.* (Chetham Soc.) 143, iiij wemen for clippinge the shippe xvj[d]. 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* viii, 'What ship was it, Horrocks..?' 'One of the black-faced Scotch, Sir Pitt.'

pl. with -s. 1521 in *Visit. Southwell* (Camden) 119, I will that my sheips be soulde. 1588 Shaks. *L. L. L.* II. i. 219 Two hot Sheepes marie: And wherefore not Ships. 1658 *Topsell's Four-f. Beasts* 504 The skins of other Sheeps [*ed.* 1607 sheep] newly plucked from their backs. 1841 Hartshorne *Salopia Antiqua* s. v. *Ship*, Poor grass when ships cannot grase. 1890 *Glouc. Gloss.*, *Ship*, sheep..Also *pl.* Ships.

b. With qualifying word denoting the species as *African, broad-tailed, Rocky Mountain, wild* (see Argali, Mouffion, Musmon). Also applied to other genera, as †*Indian* or *Peruvian sheep*, the llama or vicuña; †*mountain sheep*, the ibex.

1604 E. G[rimstone] tr. *D'Acosta's Hist. Indies* I. xxi. 70 Indian sheepe, the which..do serve them as Asses to beare their burthens. 1607 Topsell *Four-f. Beasts* 102 An Indian Sheepe, out of the region of Peru. 1688 Holme *Armoury* II. viii. 158/1 The Arabian broad tailed Sheep. 1748 [see Peruvian]. 1759 [see Go-cart 3]. 1804, 1818 [see Rocky *a.*1 1 b]. 1807 P. Gass *Jrnl.* 143 The ibex or mountain sheep. 1858 Baird *Cycl. Nat. Sci.* s. v. *Ovea*, The moufflon, or wild sheep of Sardinia and Corsica, and the argali, or wild sheep of India and Siberia. 1875 *Encycl. Brit.* II. 102/1 The Rocky Mountain sheep or goat (*Haplocerus laniger*),..is closely related to the chamois of Europe. 1879 E. P. Wright *Anim. Life* 161 The Yellow Sheep of Mongolia (*Procapra gutturosa*). 1881 *Scribner's Monthly* May 1/1 The American big horn, or Rocky Mountain sheep (*Ovis montana* Cuv.).

c. *Vegetable sheep*: see quot.

1866 *Treas. Bot.* 959/1 The name of Vegetable sheep (!) is given by the settlers in New Zealand to *R[aoulia] eximia*, because, from its growing in large white tufts on elevated sheep-runs, it may be readily mistaken for the sheep.

2. Similative (often passing into figurative) uses.

a. In allusions to:

(*a*) The sheep's timidity, defencelessness, inoffensiveness, tendency to stray and get lost: chiefly in echoes of biblical passages, and sometimes with allusion to sense 4. (*b*) The fabled assumption by a wolf (or other beast of prey) of the skin of a slaughtered sheep. (*c*) The division into 'sheep' and 'goats' (saved and lost) at the Last Judgement. (*d*) The infection of the whole flock by one sheep. (*e*) The shearing of sheep; with suggestion of 'fleecing' or robbing.

(*a*) *c* 825 *Vesp. Ps.* cxviii. 176 Ic duolude swe swe scep ðæt forweard. *c* 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 121 Vre drihten was iled to sleȝe al swa me dede a scep. *c* 1205 Lay. 1546 Swa þe rimie wulf þan he wule on scheapen [*c* 1275 sceep] scaðe were wrchen. *c* 1275 *Passion our Lord* 5 in *O. E. Misc.* 37 Al volk wes to dreued so schep beoþ in þe wolde. *c* 1330 R. Baunne *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 13897 As þe wolf chaseþ þe schep, He dide þe Romayns by-fore hym lep. 1546 J. Heywood *Prov.* I. viii. (1867) 16 Subtilly lyke a sheepe thought I, I shall Cut my cote after my cloth. 1552 *Bk. Com. Prayer, Matins* Conf., We have erred and strayed from thy wayes, lyke lost shepe. 1568 Grafton *Chron.* II. 737 The Duke..deliuered the Erle to the Ambassadors,..not thinking that he deliuered the shepe to the woolfe. 1644 Symonds *Diary* (Camden) 67 The rout of soldjers of that regiment presst all of a heape like sheep. 1843 H. Bonar *Hymn*, I was a wandering sheep, I did not love the fold. 1850 Dickens *David Copp.* xvi, Outside his own domain, and unprotected, he was a very sheep for the shearers. 1862 F. W. Faber *Hymn*, Souls of men! why will ye scatter like a crowd of frighten'd sheep?

(*b*) *c* 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* Matt. vii. 15 Daðe cymes to Iuh.. in wedum scipa Inna-ueard uutedlice sint uulfes..ferende. 1573 *Tyrie's Refut.* in *Cath. Tractates* 7 Nocht to trow hastelie, that thairhie other thay be lyon or scheip, quhobeit thay weare thair skinnes. 1579 Spenser *Sheph. Cal.* Sept. 157 They [wolves] gang in more secrete wise, And with sheepes clothing doen hem disguise. 1591 Shaks. 1 *Hen. VI*, I. iii. 55 Thou Wolfe in Sheepes array.

(*c*) *c* 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* Matt. xxv. 33 He setteð ða scip ..to suiðrum his. 1340 Hampole *Pr. Consc.* 6136 By þe shepe understand we may þe gude men þat sal be saved þat day. *c* 1380 Wyclif *Sel. Wks.* III. 169 Schepe þat schal be savid schal be on hys riȝt honde. [1810 Coleridge in *Lit. Rem.* (1839) IV. 371 How the Ebenezerites would stare to find the Socinians and themselves in one flock on the sheep-side of the judgment-seat]. 1849 W. J. Irons *Day of Wrath*, With Thy favour'd sheep O place me.

(*d*) *c* 960 Æthelwold *Rule St. Ben.* xxviii. (1885) 53 Gif se ȝetreowleasa ȝewite, he ȝewite, þylæs þe an adlig sceap ealle heorde besmite. *c* 1400 *Rule St. Benet* (Prose) 23 A wicke shep may spille al þe flok. *c* 1450, 1798 [see Scabbed 1 d]. *c* 1530 *Songs, Carols*, etc. (1907) 129 On skabbid shepe infectith all the folde. 1894 [see Scabby 1 b].

(*e*) 1422. Lydg. *Horse, Goose & Sheep* 491 What is the sheepe to blame in your sight Whan she is shoorn? *c* 1500 *God Spede the Plough* 35 Thus be we shepe shorne, we may not chese. 1533 Gau *Richt Vay* (1888) 104 Ye blynd giders and pastors quhilk sekis bot the mylk and ye wow of the scheip. 1611 Shaks. *Wint. T.* IV. iii. 130 If I make not this Cheat bring out another, and the sheerers proue sheepe. 1611 J. Davies *Sco. Folly* 164 Hee is as rich as a new-shorne sheepe. 1806 Scott in *Lockhart* (1837) II. iii. 89, I will not.. be flayed like a sheep for the benefit of some pettifogging lawyer or attorney. 1900 R. H. Savage *Brought to Bay* vi, A couple of California mine manipulators going over to London to shear those fat-witted sheep, the British investors.

b. *Lost sheep*: one who has strayed from the right way. (Cf. 2 a (*a*) and see Lost 2.)

1611 Bible *Jer.* l. 6 My people hath bene lost sheepe. 1633 T. Stafford *Pac. Hib.* I. xviii. 106 These fiue (lost sheepe) the children of perdition,..who lay lurking in desart ..places. 1648 T. Vane (*title*) A Lost Sheep returned home: or, the Motives of the conversion to the Catholike Faith, of Thomas Vane. 1851 Ruskin *Sheepfolds* 12 There are certain signs by which Christ's sheep may be guessed at. Not by their being in any definite Fold—for many are lost sheep at times: but by their sheep-like behaviour. 1871 R. Ellis *Catullus* lxiii. 13 Ye sexless eunuchs,..Lost sheep that err rebellious to the lady Dindymene.

c. *Black sheep*: a bad character. Cf. 3.

Prov. *There is a black sheep in every flock.*

1792 Macklin *Man of World* v. i, O, ye villain! you—you—you are a black sheep; and I'll mark you. 1816 Scott *Old Mort.* xxxv, The curates..know best the black sheep of the flock. 1833 T. Hook *Parson's Dau.* III. iii, To pick out of the whole mass of English clergy one or two, or one or two and twenty black sheep. 1856 Wuyte Melville *Kate Cov.* xiii, Kate, the 'black sheep' of the family.

3. Proverbial phrases.

To lose the sheep for a ha'porth of tar: see Halfpenny-worth b.

1546 J. Heywood *Prov.* II. v. (1867) 58 He loueth well sheeps flesh, that wets his bred in the wul. *c* 1550 *Six Ballads* (Percy Soc.) 4 The black shepe is a perylous beast. *a* 1584 T. Proctor in Farr *S. P. Eliz.* (1845) II. 400 As soone for to be sold To market cums the yonge sheepe as the olde. 1598 Bastard *Chrestoleros* IV. xx. 90 Till now I thought the prouerbe did but iest, Which said a blacke sheepe was a biting beast. 1620, 1748 [see Lamb *sb.* 1 b]. 1859 Lever *Dav. Dunn* xlvii, 'Just as good for a sheep as a lamb', as the proverb says.

b. *To keep sheep by moonlight*: see quot.

1898 A. E. Housman *Shropsh. Lad* ix, [Lads] That shepherded the moonlit sheep A hundred years ago. [*Note*] Hanging in chains was called keeping sheep by moonlight.

c. *To return to our sheep* [after F. *revenons à nos moutons*]: to return to the matter in hand. (Cf. Mutton 7.)

1886 B. Harte *My Otherself* in *Fiddletown*, etc. (1873) 118 Let us go back to our sheep, which are not all black, thank goodness! 1871 *Athenæum* 12 Aug. 199 'Balaustion's Adventure,'—that we may get to our sheep at last,—is the amber in which Mr. Browning has embalmed the 'Alcestis'. 1890 *N. & Q.* Ser. VII. X. 431/2 But to return to my sheep.

4. *fig.* In biblical and religious language, applied (as collective plural) to persons, in expressed or implied correlation with *shepherd*. With varying specific reference: said, e.g., of Israel, the Church, or mankind generally, viewed as under the guidance and protection of God, and as owing obedience to Him; of those who are led by Christ as the Good Shepherd (John x. 1–16); and of those who are under the charge of a spiritual pastor, or who are viewed as needing to be spiritually fed or directed. Hence occas. in *sing.*

c 825 *Vesp. Ps.* lxxviii. 13 We soðlice folc ðin & scep eowdes ðines. *c* 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* John x. 16 Oðro scip ic hafo ða ne sint from ðissum plette. *c* 1000 *Ags. Gosp.* Matt. xv. 24 Ne eom ic aseud buton to þam sceapum þe forwurdon of israhela huse. *c* 1200 Ormin 3760 Forr þatt he wollde sammnenn An flocc off menn till Crisstenndom,..þatt sholldenn wurrþenn hise shep. *c* 1220 *Bestiary* 49 He is hirde, we ben sep. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 27451 Sere biscop, ta god kepe, þe wolf es cummen amang þi scepe. *c* 1380 Wyclif *Wks.* (1880) 32 No curat owiþ to leue his schepe vukept among þe wolues of helle. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Prol.* 508 Wel oghte a preest ensample for to yeue, By his clennesse, how þat his sheepe sholde lyue. *c* 1400 *Rule St. Benet* (Prose) 22 On alle maner sal þabbes entirmete hir Al maner of sentence at muster til hir sep, þat nan be tint. *c* 1560 A. Scott *Poems* (S. T. S.) i. 94 Christis sillie scheip and sobir flok. 1655 Milton *Sonn.* xv. 6 In thy book record their groanes Who were thy Sheep. 1784 Cowper *Task* VI. 891 All pastors are alike To wand'ring sheep, resolv'd to follow none. 1818 Scott *Hrt. Midl.* li, It would ill become me, for the sake of lucre, to leave my sheep in the wilderness. 1850 Browning *Christmas Eve* II. ad. fin., I..found myself..in Zion Chapel Meeting,..Which, calling its flock to their special clover, Found all assembled and one sheep over.

5. A person who is as stupid, timid, or poor-spirited as a sheep.

1542 Udall *Erasm. Apoph.* I. 109 Those persones, who wer sely poore solles..wer euen then..hy a commen prouerbe called sheepes heddes, or sheepe. 1601 Shaks. *Jul. C.* I. iii. 105, I know he would not be a Wolfe, But that he sees the Romans are but Sheepe. 1692 Washington tr. *Milton's Def. People* i. 15 You..That understand so many Languages, turn over so many Volumes, and yet are but a sheep when all

is done. 1840 R. H. Dana *Bef. Mast* xx. (1869) 169 They've got a man for mate of that ship, and not a bloody sheep about decks!

† b. *Sheep* and *shrew* are contrasted as types of wives of opposite characters (see quots.).

1573–80 Tusser *Husb.* (1878) 157 Now be she lambe or be she eaw, Giue me the sheepe, take thou the shreaw. 1575 Gascoigne *Glasse Govt.* iii. Wks. 1910 II. 44 It is an olde saying, one shrew is worth two sheep. 1580 Lyly *Euphues* (Arb.) 472 They noted, that although the virgin were somwhat shrewishe at the first, yet in time she myght become a sheepe. *c* 1645 Howell *Lett.* (1650) I. 110 It is better to marry a Shrew then a Sheep; for though silence be the dumb Orator of beuty,..yet a Phlegmatic dull Wife is fulsom and fastidious. 1661 *Tom Tyler & his Wife* 26 To marrie a sheep, to marrie a shrow.

c. A semi at Aberdeen university.

1865 G. Macdonald *Alec Forbes* xxxiii. II. 5 A certain semi (second-classman, or more popularly sheep).

6. *ellipt.* (For *sheep leather*; cf. *calf, kid.*) Leather made from the skin of the sheep: used in bookbinding.

The term has gone out of use in the bookbinding trade, the material being known under other names, e. g. *roan, basil.*

1705 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 4187/4 Price bound in Sheep 18d. 1727 Swift *Further Acc. E. Curll* Wks. 1755 III. i. 156 As to the report of my poor husband's stealing o' calf, it is really groundless, for he always binds in sheep. 1836 *J. R. Smith's Catal. Bks.* Feb. 9/1 Fernandez's Spanish Grammar, 8vo. sheep, 2s. 1879 *Cassell's Techn. Educ.* IV. 90 Sheep may be had white and of all colours. 1911 *Tregaskis' Catal. Bks.* No. 708. 53 One volume in old sheep, the other in calf.

7. *attrib.* and *Comb.* a. appositive, as *sheep-cattle, -hog.*

1552 Huloet, *Shepe cattell, pecus.* 1596 Mascall *Cattle, Sheep* 205 There be two sortes of Sheepe cattell, the better sort is those of the soft wooll. 1558 in *Archæol. Jrnl.* V. 317, vj *shepe hogges. 1605 *N. Riding Rec.* (1884) I. 14 Four sheep called sheep hogges, value 20*s.* 1793 *Carlop Green* II. vii, Mass John, Like sow, or sheep-hog, fat.

b. = Of, belonging to, produced by, or concerned with sheep, as *sheep-dung, -fair, -fell* (Fell *sb.*[1]), etc.

1649 Blith *Engl. Improver* xx. 121 The most proper soyle for Gardens are your *Sheep-dung, your Hen muck. 1906 C. A. Sherring *West. Tibet* xiv. 276 Cow-dung and sheep-dung fires. 1473 *Cov. Leet Bk.* 386 That no man occupie their *shepe feyre but between the Gosford yate and the White-frere lane. 1822 in Cobbett *Rur. Rides* (1885) I. 150 The 11th of October is the Sheep-fair. *c* 1400 *Laud Troy Bk.* 791 Medee sayde to Iason than: ..'I wolde make the that *schepe-fel Wynne to-morwe with-outen perel'. 1562 in *Cal. Anc. Rec. Dublin* (1891) II. 23 That no bowcher..shall sell any of ther shepfell. 1615 Chapman *Odyss.* xx. 3 Vnder him, an Oxe-hide newly flead; Abone him Sheep fels store. 1398 Trevisa *Barth. De P. R.* xviii. i. (Bodl. MS.), Swyne flesche and *schepe flesche is better rosted þan sode. 1808 in Shirreff *Agric. Shetl. Isl.* (1814) 56 A common shepherd in each parish..would tend..to increase the *sheep flocks. 1801 *Farmer's Mag.* Apr. 282 If population was lessened hy a general introduction of the *sheep-husbandry in the Highlands. 1846 Dickens *Pict. Italy, Genoa* 49 Cocks' combs and *sheep-kidney, chopped up with mutton-chops and liver. 1694 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 3000/4 A pair of *Sheep Leather Breeches. 1886 C. Scott *Sheep-farming* 43 The use of ensilage overcomes many difficulties in *sheep management. 1779 *Mirror* No. 37 A green hill..seamed with a winding *sheep-path. 1857 Hughes *Tom Brown* I. i, The sheep-paths running along their sides like ruled lines. 1858 Simmonds *Dict. Trade, *Sheep-pelts*, the skins of sheep, fresh or salted, intended for leather. 1801 *Farmer's Mag.* Jan. 45 If ever, among the continually changing modes of fashionable follies, *sheep races should happen to become the rage. 1886 C. Scott *Sheep-farming* 283 Whether all the present diversities of the sheep race are descended from one original pair or not. 1782 W. H. Marshall *Norfolk* (1795) II. 320 Cawston *Sheepshow. *Ibid.* 323 The greatest 'sheep-show' in the country. 1799 J. Robertson *Agric. Perth* 309 *Sheep-stocks have been found more profitable than goats. 1523–34 Fitzherb. *Husb.* § 44 Take two pounde of *shepe snet molten. 15.. *Scheip tawcht [see Tallow *sb.* 1 a]. 1772 Graves *Spir. Quix.* (1820) II. 183 Jerry then looked about and found a *sheep-track. 1829 Scott *Anne of G.* xv, A path, or rather a sheep-track. 1660 Sharrock *Vegetables* 92 *Sheep-trotters, and other offal. 1749 Smollett *Gil Blas* I. xv. (1782) I. 84 A huge fricassee of sheep-trotters.

c. = Having to do with the rearing, keeping, or feeding of sheep, for the use of sheep, as *sheep-barn, -boy, -common*, etc.

1868 *Rep. U. S. Comm. Agric.* (1869) 42 The remaining twenty-four..were put in the *sheep-barn. 1842 S. C. Hall *Ireland* II. 81 The *sheep-boy saw him go in. 1859 Meredith *R. Feverel* xix, Pipe, happy sheep-boy, Love! 1707 Mortimer *Husb.* (1721) II. 277 He advised the turning of the Wash of a *Sheep-common to the Roots of the Trees. 1872 *Routledge's Ev. Boy's Ann.* 31/2 Ten thousand acres of first-class *sheep country. 1805 R. W. Dickson *Pract. Agric.* I. 108 The inclosures on *sheep downs. *Ibid.* II. 777 Where the weld does not succeed, a portion of *sheep-feed may be afforded for winter and spring use. 1523–34 Fitzherb. *Husb.* § 18 Thou shalte not nede to bye any hurdels nor *shepe flekes. 1812 Sir J. Sinclair *Syst. Husb. Scot.* I. 39 The field may be effectually subdivided by sheep-flakes, or hurdles. 1805 R. W. Dickson *Pract. Agric.* I. 350 Intended either for a crop of seed, or for *sheep-food. 1560 Becon *Jewel of Joy* Wks. II. fol. xv, What *shepe ground scapeth these Caterpyllers of the commune weale? 1743 *Sel. Trans. Improvers Agric.* 148 The Sheep Ground abounds with many Springs of good Water. 1822–34 *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 4) I. 273 The minute eggs may..exist in the stagnant atmosphere of the sheep-ground. 1830 *Cumbld. Farm Rep.* 55 in *Libr. Usef. Knowl., Husb.* III, Hay, in *sheep-haicks or cribs, is given along with turnips. 1417–18 *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 302 Pro staures emptis pro *shepehekkys apud le Holme. 1856 *Farmer's Mag.* Jan. 28 Lands ..brought into cultivation for the production of *sheep-keep. *a* 1722 Lisle *Husb.* (1757) 339 The *sheep-land at Appleford..is subject to the staggers. 1606 *Nottingham Rec.* IV. 281 To reduce the *shepe markett thither to a place certayne. 1611 Bible *John* v. 2 There is at Hierusalem by the sheep market, a poole. 1523–34 Fitzherb. *Husb.* § 37 That man, that hath the best *shepe pasture for wynter. 1782 Crevecoeur *Lett.* 127 Several hundred of sheep-pasture titles have since been divided on those different tracks. *c* 1830 in *Libr. Usef. Knowl., Husb.* III. i. 22 When the land was in poor sheep-pasture. 1851 Helps *Comp. Solit.* i. 13 The dull *sheep-ponds scattered here and there. 1683 Tryon *Way to Health* 142 The Gospel testifies of a *Sheep-Pool [John v. 2]. 1845 Browning *Flight of Duchess* ii, Where..*sheep-range leads to cattle-tract. 1868 *Rep. U. S. Comm. Agric.* (1869) 150 The land is divided as follows: Tilled land,..roads, pasture, and sheep range. 1600 *Churchw. Acc. Pittington*, etc. (Surtees) 48 For *shepe salve the third of December, iiij d. 1788 W. H. Marshall *Yorksh.* II. 351 *Sheep-salve*, tar-and-grease for dressing sheep with. 1834 *Tait's Mag.* I. 411 A *sheep-station in the interior [of Australia]. 1733 Tull *Horse-hoeing Husb.* x. 103 Five Pound each (which is but a Third of the Weight of the large size of *Sheep-Turneps). 1809 J. Lawrence *Treat. Cattle* 294 To every farm yard ought to be attached a *sheep yard, or home fold, completely fenced in. 1842 Bischoff *Woollen Manuf.* II. 387, I will only add my testimony in favour of sheep-yard dung. 1634 W. Wood *New Eng. Prosp.* (1865) 54 In an ill *sheepe-yeare I have knowne Mutton as deere in Old-England.

d. objective and objective genitive, as *sheep-breeder, -clipper, -grazier, -grazing*, etc.

1841 *Penny Cycl.* XXI. 356/2 This is an important consideration with the *sheep-breeder. 1535 Coverdale 1 *Sam.* xxv. 7, I haue herde saye that thou hast *shepe clyppers. 1875 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* Ser. II. XI. 103 *Sheep-clipping is another part of the piece-work system at Knettishall. 1886 C. Scott *Sheep-farming* 30 The Kentish *sheep-graziers of Romney Marsh. 1795 in J. Robertson *Agric. Perth* (1799) 531 The *sheep-holders were persuaded to make a trial of a larger boned stronger sheep. 1875 Knight *Dict. Mech., Sheep-holder*, a cradle or table to hold a sheep while being shorn. *a* 1722 Lisle *Husb.* (1757) 309 That practice..is common among the *sheep-jobbers. 1688 in *Gentl. Mag.* (1817) LXXXVII. ii. 603 Our *sheep-jobing trade. 1604 Babington *Comf. Notes Exod.* iii. 21 Jethro his *Sheepe-keeper. *a* 1578 Lindesay (Pitscottie) *Chron. Scot.* (S. T. S.) II. 282 Thocht he var nocht leirned..mair nor he that new come fra the *schip keiping. 1819 Rees *Cycl., *Sheep-Lauber*,..the person who has the..management of the ewe-flocks, which are under the state of lambing. *c* 1830 *Glouc. Farm Rep.* 21 in *Libr. Usef. Knowl., Husb.* III, The dung..made in the *sheep-lambing fold. 1560 Becon *Jewel of Joy* Wks. II. fol. xv, Howe do the ryche men, and specially suche as he *shepemongers oppresse the kynges lyege people by deuourynge theyr commune pastures wyth theyr shepe? 1707 J. Shirley *Triumph of Wit* 205 A *Sheep-napper, whose Trade is so deep, If he's caught in the Corn, he's mark'd for a Sheep. 1841 *Penny Cycl.* XXI. 365/1 This is a view of the case which should never be forgotten by the *sheep-owner. 1865 E. Burritt *Walk to Land's End* 112 The largest *sheep-raiser in England. 1832 *Encycl. Amer.* XI. 352 *Sheep-Raising. 1880 *Victorian Rev.* I. 660 Had not the soil been well adapted to sheep-raising of the highest order. 1611 Shaks. *Wint. T.* IV. iv. 805 An old *Sheepe-whistling Rogue. 1681 in *Harl. Misc.* (1744) II. 111 They are no more to be reclaimed than a *Sheep-Worrier. 1873 G. C. Davies *Mount. & Mere* x. 72 A fierce and savage dog, a confirmed sheep-worrier. 1903 R. Bridges *Wintry Delights* 122 That *Sheep-worry of Europe, when pigmy Napoleon enter'd Her sovereign chambers. 1863 W. C. Baldwin *Afr. Hunting* ix. 417 They hang down their heads like dogs convicted of *sheep-worrying.

e. instrumental and adverbial, as *sheep-browsed, sheep-white*, etc.

1870 Morris *Earthly Par.* III. iv. 5 The *sheep-browsed slopes. *a* 1887 Jefferies *Field & Hedgerow* (1889) 331 Up the round hill, *sheep-dotted, was his way. 1808 Batchelor *Agric. Bedford* 450 The other part [*sc.* of a field]..was sown down upon *sheep-fed rye in June. 1812 W. Tennant *Anster F.* III. ii, Kelly-laws *sheep-nibbled top. 1894 Du Maurier *Trilby* II. 147 He went out for a stroll on a *sheep-trimmed down. 1828 Hood *Town & Country* xv, No *sheep-white hill my dwelling flanks.

8. Special comb.: **sheep-back** = *roche moutonnée* (see Moutonnée); † **sheep bar**, a kind of hurdle on which sheep are laid to be clipped; **sheep-bell**, a bell hung on a sheep's neck (see Bell-wether); **sheep-berry**, the North American tree, *Viburnum Lentago*, or its fruit, which is fancied to resemble sheep-droppings; **sheep-book**, a book of accounts in which are entered the particulars relating to flocks of sheep; **sheep-bot (fly)**, the bot-fly *Œstrus ovis*; † **sheep-brand** = Sheep-mark 1; **sheep-bug**, one of the genus *Argas* of mites, infesting sheep; † **sheep-counter**, a counter or token used in counting sheep (cf. Shaks. *Wint. Tale* IV. iii. 38); † **sheep-crook**, a shepherd's crook; **sheep-dip**, (*a*) = Sheep-wash 2; (*b*) a place where sheep are washed; so **sheep-dipping**; **sheep-dog**, (*a*) a dog that tends sheep; *spec.* one or other of the varieties trained for this purpose, as the Scotch collie, and the bob-tailed English sheep-dog; cf. *shepherd's dog*; (*b*) *fig.* a chaperon; **sheep drain**, an open drain cut in grass-land about 18 inches wide by 18 inches deep; † **sheep-drunk** *a.* (see quot. and cf. note s. v. Lion-drunk); **sheep-fag** (see Fag *sb.*[3]); **sheep-farm**, a tract of land devoted to sheep-rearing; so **sheep-farm** *v.*, **sheep-farmer, -farming**; **sheep-fly**, (*a*) = Sheep-tick; (*b*) a fly, *Lucilia sericata*, infesting live sheep; **sheep-fodder plant**, a South African plant, *Pentzia virgata* (Miller *Plant-n.* 1884); **sheep-foil** *Hunting*, a foiling (see Foil *v.*[1] 2) of the track by sheep; † **sheep-furred** *a.*, trimmed with sheep's wool; **sheep gad-fly**, *Œstrus ovis*; † **sheep-garth**, a sheepfold; **sheep-gate**, (*a*) [Gate *sb.*[2] 8] pasturage, or the right of pasturage, for sheep (or a sheep); (*b*) [Gate *sb.*[1]] a gate for the passage of sheep; a hurdle for enclosing sheep; **sheep glue piece** (see quot.); **sheep-heaf**, a sheep-walk; **sheep-herder** *U.S.*, one who herds sheep in large numbers in unfenced country; † **sheep-hound** = *sheep-dog*; **sheep-kill** = *sheep-laurel*; † **sheep-killing pennygrass**, *Hydrocotyle vulgaris*; **sheep-laurel**, a North American shrub, *Kalmia angustifolia*, supposed to be very poisonous to sheep; cf. *lamb-kill*; **sheep-lease** *dial.*, a sheepwalk; **sheep-meat** *Western U.S.*, mutton (Bartlett *Dict. Amer.* 1860); **sheep-money** = *sheep-silver*; **sheep-net**, a net for confining sheep upon turnips; † **sheep-nose-worm**, the larva of the sheep-bot; **sheep-penny** = *sheep-money*; **sheep-pest**, (*a*) a common Australian weed, *Acæna ovina*, the hooked spines of which catch in the wool of sheep (Morris *Austral Eng.* 1898); (*b*) = Sheep-tick (*Syd. Soc. Lex.* 1898); **sheep-plant** = *vegetable sheep* (sense 1 c); **sheep-pock, -pox**, a form of smallpox to which sheep are subject; **sheep-poison**, (*a*) = *sheep-laurel*; (*b*) *Lupinus densiflorus* (Miller *Plant-n.* 1884); **sheep-rack**, (*a*) a rack from which sheep feed; (*b*) a sheep-house; (*c*) the starling; **sheep-rake**, a sheep-walk or sheep-track; **sheep-ree**, a permanent sheepfold; † **sheep-reeve**, a chief shepherd; **sheep-rot**, (*a*) the rot in sheep, caused by the presence of flukes in the liver; (*b*) a name for plants supposed to cause disease in sheep, as butterwort and marsh pennywort; **sheep-run** orig. *Austral.*, = Sheep-walk; **sheep-scab**, a skin-disease of sheep due to an acarus; **sheep-seaweed** (see quot.); **sheep-sick** *a.* (see quot.); **sheep-silver** (see quots.); **sheep-sleight** [Sleight *sb.*[3]] = *sheep-gate* (*a*); **sheep-smearing**, the smearing of sheep with tar to kill vermin; also, a kind of tar used for this purpose; **sheep-sorrel** = *sheep's sorrel* (see 9); † **sheep-stead, -steading** *Sc.*, a sheep-farm; **sheep-stray**, liberty of sheep to graze on a tract of land; **sheep wagtail**, a bird of the genus *Budytes*; † **sheep-ward**, a shepherd; † **sheep-water** = Sheep-wash 2; † **sheep-weald**, sheep-pasture; **sheep-weed**, soapwort, *Saponaria officinalis* (Syd. Soc. Lex.); **sheep-wool** = *sheep's wool* (see 9).

1877 Huxley *Physiogr.* x. 162 The flat-domed hummocks of rock produced in this way are termed *sheep-backs or *roches moutonnées*. 1557 *Richmond Wills* (Surtees) 102, ij. axletrees, withe other *shepe barres and hustlement. 1411 *Nottingham Rec.* II. 86, j. *shepebell, jd. 1794 Mrs. Radcliffe *Myst. Udolpho* xxxiv, The faint tinkling of a sheep-bell, and..the bleat of flocks. 1872 Ellacombe *Bells of Ch.* in *Ch. Bells Devon* ix. 261 [He] was in the habit of tuning, to exact musical scale, the sheep bells of many of his agricultural friends. 1814 Pursh *Flora Amer. Septentr.* II. 709 *Sheep-berry. *Viburnum prunifolium.* 1847 Darlington *Amer. Weeds* (1860) 162 *Viburnum Lentago*...Sweet Viburnum. Sheep-berry. 1831 *Sutherland Farm Rep.* 84 in *Libr. Usef. Knowl., Husb.* III, The waste-books, consisting of a corn-book, cash-book, *sheep-book. 1819 *Sheep bot-fly [see Bot 3]. 1836–9 *Todd's Cyct. Anat.* II. 871/2 In the larva of the sheep-bot..there are thirteen segments. 1862 T. W. Harris *Insects injur. Veget.* (ed. 3) 624 The sheep bot-fly (*Cephalemyia ovis*) lays its eggs in the nostrils of sheep. 1586 Ferne *Blaz. Gentrie* 241 If they be not.. agreeing with the conformity..of Blazon..they may vse them as *sheepbrands. 1647 Trapp *Comm.* 1 *John* ii. 18 Children may be easily cozened, and made to take a *sheep-counter for an angel, because broader and brighter. *c* 1420 ? Lydg. *Assembly of Gods* 327 A *sheep-crook in hys hand he sparyd for no pryde. 1600 Surflet *Country Farm* I. xxv. 158 He must whoop and whistle after them, threatning them with his sheepe-crooke. 1687 Norris *Coll. Misc.* 70 Who shall now the royal sheep-crook hold,.. who now secure the fold? 1865 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* Ser. II. I. 51 An 'extract of tobacco', manufactured..for the making of '*sheep-dips'. 1898 Morris *Austral Eng.* s. v. *Sheep-wash*, The place where the sheep are washed, also called the 'sheep-dip'. 1852 *Trans. Highl. Soc.* 418 *Sheep-dipping apparatus. 1887 J. Coleman *Cattle*, etc. *Gt. Brit.* 281 The value of sheep dipping, both as affecting health, removing vermin, and favouring wool growth. *a* 1774 Tucker *Lt. Nat.* (1777) III. i. 200 The faithful *sheep-dog assists in tending our flocks. 1844 W. C. Spooner *Sheep* 295 The sheep-owner should never keep a savage sheep-dog. 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* xxxvii, A sheep-dog—a companion! Becky Sharp with a companion! 1897 Violet Hunt *Unkist, Unkind* I ix, Philip's sister couldn't manage to get away from Buxton just now, so here I am, without any sheep-dog at all. 1844 H. Stephens *Bk. Farm* I. 497 When the grass is smooth and the soil pretty deep, this is an economical mode of making such drains, which have received the appellation of *sheep drains. 1592 Nashe *P. Penilesse* Wks. (Grosart) II. 82 The fourth [kind of drunkard] is *Sheepe drunke, wise in his own conceipt, when he cannot bring forth a right word. 1789 A. Young in *Encycl. Brit.* (1797) XVII. 348/2 The *hippobosca ovina*, called in Lincolnshire *sheep fagg. 1801 *Farmer's Mag.* Apr. 172 The *sheep-farms in the higher districts. 1861 *Times* 27 Sept., English farmers who come expressly to till and *sheep-farm. 1809 J. Lawrence

Treat. Cattle 314 The least enlightened *sheep farmers of France. *Ibid.*, The various plans of *sheep-farming. 1658 Rowland tr. *Mouffet's Theat. Ins.* I. xi. 934 The Tick or *Sheep-fly. 1902 *Nature* 7 Aug. 352 The life-history of the sheep-fly (*Lucilia sericata*). 1842 Apperley *Life of Sportsman* xiv, For a moment a *sheep-foil now baffles the scent. 1597 Breton *Wit's Trenchmour* (Grosart) 17/1 His *sheepe-furd short gowne. 1802 Bingley *Anim. Zool.* (1813) III. 308 The *sheep gad-fly. 1570 Levins *Manip.* 34/17 V° *Sheepgarth, *ouile*. 1537–8 *Cartul. Abb. de Rievalle* (Surtees) 352 Two messes..with all the *shepe-gates and common of pasture. 1535 Coverdale 2 *Esdr.* [*Neh.*] iii. 1 Eliasib the hye prest..buylded the Shepegate. 1569 T. Wilson *Disc. Usury* (1584) 97 For tillage, [they] vse sheepe-gates, where no men are maintained. 1607 Norden *Surv. Dial.* III. 109 What is a Cowe, Oxe, Horse, or sheepe-gate woorth by the yeere, or by the weeke. *c* 1882 Jos. Lucas *Stud. Nidderdale* iii. 7 'Sheep-gates'..are let..with each farm. 1883 J. V. Stratton *Hops & Hop-pickers* 47 A lodging for hoppers .. constructed by means of sheep-gates thatched with straw. 1858 Simmonds *Dict. Trade*, **Sheep-glue Pieces* and *Fleshings*, cuttings of sheep skins saved for making glue. 1844 *Min. Evid. Sel. Comm. Commons' Inclosure* 26 The want of accurate knowledge as to the right of stinting in the *sheep-heafs. 1872 Schele de Vere *Americanisms* 210 *Sheepherder. 1890 L. C. D'Oyle *Notches* 25 One melting drift has revealed the body of a frozen sheep-herder. 1891 C. Roberts *Adrift Amer.* 244 *Sheep-herding is supposed by those who have never followed it to be an easy, idle, lazy way of procuring a livelihood. 1822 Fletcher *Sea-Voy.* IV. i, They hang their most dejected heads, Like fearful *sheephounds. 1578 Lyte *Dodoens* I. xxv. 38 V° base Almaignes do call it Penninckcruyt: in English *Sheepe killing Pennygrasse. [1597 Gerarde *Herbal* II. cxliii. 424 Water Pennywoort..Sheepes killing Penny-grasse, Penny rot,..White rot.] 1814 Pursh *Flora Amer. Septentr.* I. 296 *Kalmia ovata*..,known by the name of *Sheep Laurel, being considered very poisonous when fed upon by sheep. *a* 1722 Lisle *Husb.* (1757) 324, I am told, that in Dorsetshire the aim of the farmers is, to fold on their *sheep-leases in the middle of July. *a* 1618 Raleigh *Prerog. Parl.* (1628) 55 There was nothing new, neither head money, nor *sheepe money, nor escuage. 1822 Hibbert *Descr. Shetl. Isl.* 321 They pay the ox and sheep money that was granted as a compliment to the Earl of Bothwell. 1794 J. Wilson *Agric. Surv. Renfr.* (1812) 147 (Jam.), [He] has fed annually about 300 or 400 Highland sheep on his turnip fields by using *sheep-nets for folding. 1844 H. Stephens *Bk. Farm* II. 72 Sheep-nets run about 50 yards in length, when set, and weigh about 14 lb. 1753 *Chambers' Cycl.* Suppl., *Sheep-nose-worms..a species of fly-worm, found in the noses of sheep, goats, and stags. 1774 G. Low *Tour Orkney & Shetl.* (1879) 75 [The Schetlanders] tell us they are subjected to..the *Sheep-penny, the tax on Sheep. 1804 *Med. Jrnl.* XII. 461 Whether the cow-pock will preserve sheep from the *sheep-pock is yet undecided. 1846–50 A. Wood *Class-bk. Bot.* 374 *Kalmia angustifolia*. Narrow-leaved Laurel. *Sheep-poison. 1837 *Brit. Husb.* (Libr. Usef. Knowl.) II. 497 The *sheep-pox so closely resembles the scab, that it is not known in this country as a separate disease. 1594 in *Trans. Roy. Hist. Soc.* Ser. III. (1907) I. 266, I suffered..my servant to carrie a *sheeperacke to the pasture on the Sabboth daie. 1600 Surflet *Country Farm* I. xxv. 153 Setting it [*sc.* the sheephouse] round about with mangers or sheepe-racks of a low pitch for to fodder them in. 1832 *Scoreby Farm Rep.* 18 in *Libr. Usef. Knowl., Husb.* III, A salt-trough, and a sheep-rack for hay, should be found with every flock. 1653 *N. Riding Rec.* V. 139 For unjustly takeinge and driving away fiftie sheep of the Common *sheep-rak of Great Crakeall. 1657 *Burton's Diary* (1828) II. 213 It is a very poor country..being only mosses and sheep rakes. 1793 *Carlop Green* (1817) 174 The found o' a *sheep-ree. 1824 [see Ree *sb.*³]. 1894 Crockett *Raiders* xli, To be penned like one of a score of hogs in a granite sheep-ree. 1450 (20 Dec.) Fastolf in *Paston Lett.*, The wrong takyng..my shepe..for declaracioun in whate wyse he dyd it, John Bele my *sheperefe can enforme you best. 1571 Golding *Calvin on Ps.* lii. 1 Doeg, who was the Kinges sheepreeve [1 Sam. xxi. 7]. 1641 J. Dav *Parl. Bees* xi. G 3, Keeper of King Obrons Groves, Sheepreeve of his flocks and Droves. 1552 Huloet, *Shepe rot, *lues ouilis*. 1808 Jamieson, *Sheep-rot*, butterwort or Yorkshire sanicle. 1844 W. C. Spooner *Sheep* 401 We cannot limit the cause of rot to eating the sheep-rot weed. 1897 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* II. 1024 In the sheep *D[istomum] hepaticum* gives rise to the important epizootic known as 'sheep-rot'. 1826 Goldie in Bischoff *Van Diemen's Land* (1832) 157 [The land near Circular Head] is..a good *sheep run. 1862 Colenso *Pentateuch* I. 59 In Australia, some sheep-runs are estimated to carry one sheep to an acre. 1894 *Act* 57 & 58 *Vict.* c. 57 § 59 Foot-and-mouth disease, sheep-pox, *sheep-scab, or swine-fever. 1895 M. C. Potter tr. *Warming's Syst. Bot.* 84 *Rhodymenia palmata*..is also used as food for sheep and hence is termed '*Sheep-seaweed'. 1895 *Leader* 3 Aug. 6/1 (Morris *Austral Eng.*), That certain country in which severe losses have occurred in recent years has been too long carrying sheep, and that the land has become what is termed '*sheep sick'. ?12.. *Reg. Alb. Bur.* (MS.) 53 in Kennett *Cowel's Interpr.*, De *Schepsilver sc. pro vi. ovibus *id.* 1675 Sir W. Jones *Reports* 280 Sheep-silver..is a service now turned into money, which is paid, in respect that anciently the tenants used to wash their lords sheep. 1809 R. Kerr *Agric. Berw.* xv. 414 A yearly allowance in money..from 30*s.* to 40*s.* each, in name of sheep-silver, being a commutation of an ancient permission of keeping a few sheep upon the farm. 1822 Hibbert *Descr. Shetl. Isl.* 198 The compliment of an ox and twelve sheep from every parish had..been granted to the Earl of Bothwell. It was..converted into a perpetual tribute, under the name of ox and sheep silver. *a* 1722 Lisle *Husb.* (1757) 328 If they would..send them abroad for a month..into the vale-lands..and would fold on their *sheep-slates. 1813, 1854 [see Sleight *sb.*³]. 1851 *Dorset Gloss.*, *Sheep-slite*, sheep's pasture or walk. 1824 Mactaggart *Gallovid. Encycl., Rinner*, ..butter melted with tar, for *sheep-smearing. 1837 Lockhart *Scott* I. xi. 408 His hands..bore most legible marks of a recent sheep-smearing. 1884 Sargent *Rep. Forests N. Amer.* 517 Tar, produced by burning the dead wood and most resinous parts of the long-leaved pine in covered kilns, is graded as follows: 'Rope yellow',...—the highest grade..;'Roany', or 'Ship smearing'—the next running of the kiln. 1872 Oliver *Elem. Bot.* II. 225 The diœcious flowers of *Sheep-sorrel (*Rumex Acetosella* and *R. Acetosa*). 1581 *Reg. Mag. Sig. Scot.* (1888) 83/2 Lympottis et lie *Scheipsteidis. 1612 *Ibid.* (1892) 239/2 Lie scheipsteidis, pasturas, predia et privilegia pasturarum. 1566–7 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* I. 501 The twa *scheip stedingis pertening and adjacent thairto. 1891 Atkinson *Moorland Par.* 10 The tenant is privileged to enjoy the liberty of free *sheep-stray. 1869–73 T. R. Jones *Cassell's Bk. Birds* II. 290 The Velvet-headed or *Sheep Wagtail (*Budytes melanocephalus*). 1609 Bible (Douay) 1 *Kings* xvii, Saul knew not David, being perhaps in a *shepwards habite. 1650 Vaughan *Silex Scint.* I. *Mount of Olives* ii, What need The sheep bleat thee a silly Lay, That heard'st both reed And sheepward play? *a* 1722 Lisle *Husb.* (1757) 344 The *sheep-water to kill the scab. 1634 in *Rutland Mag.* (1905) II. 71 For *sheep wealde in fforest of Lee xs. 1851 *Catal. Gt. Exhib.* III. 490/1 Black and blue broad coating, *sheep-wool face, alpaca-wool back. 1883 Adderley *Fisheries Bahamas* 7 The sheep-wool sponge brings quite as high a price in markets as the Turkish variety of same. 1908 *Westm. Gaz.* 30 May 6/3 The strong odour of sheep-wool tells you of the flocks grazing..on its hills and plains.

9. Combinations with *sheep's* or *sheeps'* (often varying with combs. of *sheep*, see 7 and 8), as *sheep's bell, -belly, -dung, -gather* (see Gather *sb.*²), *-pelt, -pluck* (Pluck *sb.*¹ 6), *sleight, -tallow, -trotters*; **sheep's bane**, marsh pennywort, *Hydrocotyle vulgaris*, in the West Indies *H. umbellata*; **sheep's beard**, the genus *Urospermum* (*Arnopogon*); **sheep's bit** (scabious) = *sheep's scabious*; †**sheep's-colour**, the colour of unbleached sheep's wool; †**sheep's course**, a sheep-walk; †**sheep's feet** *Naut.*, a kind of stay; **sheep's fescue** (grass), see Fescue *sb.* 4; **sheep's foot**, (*a*) the foot of a sheep; † (*b*) a kind of claw-hammer; **sheep's gut(s** = Catgut; **sheep's heart**, put symbolically for 'a timid person'; †**sheep's herd** = Shepherd; †**sheep's leather**, leather made from sheep-skin; **sheep's parsley**, ? hedge parsley; †**sheep's pellet**, sheep's dung; †**sheep's russet**, russet such as was worn by shepherds; **sheep's scabious**, *Jasione montana*; †**sheep's silver**, mica; †**sheep's snout**, a variety of apple; **sheep's sorrel**, *Rumex Acetosella*; **sheep's tongue**, (*a*) the tongue of a sheep used for food; (*b*) a kind of bugloss; **sheep's-wool**, (*a*) wool from the fleece of a sheep; (*b*) a West Indian sponge, *Spongia equina*, var. *gossypina*; (*c*) *sheep's-wool fat*, lanoline (*Syd. Soc. Lex.* 1898). For *sheep's louse, sheepsman, sheep's skin, sheep's tick*, see Sheep-louse, etc.

1597 Gerarde *Herbal* II. cxliii. 425 A kinde of Nauelwoort, ..which is called of the husbandman *Sheepeshane. 1861 Mrs. Lankester *Wild Fl.* 61 Marsh Pennywort..known as Pennygrass, White-rot, Fluke-wort, and Sheep's-bane. 1864 Grisebach *Flora W. Ind. Islands* 787. 1829 Loudon *Encycl. Plants* (1836) 666 *Arnopogon*. *Sheep's Beard. 1829 Scott *Anne of G.* xxx, Distant and faint tinkling, less loud than that of a *sheep's bell at a mile's distance. 1688 Holme *Armoury* II. vii. 132/2 *Sheeps Belly, or Intrels, the puddings called strings, or Rope. 1796 Withering *Brit. Plants* II. 248 [Iasione montana] Hairy Sheeps Scabious. ..Scabious *Sheepshit. 1884 W. Miller *Plant-n.* 124/2 Sheep's-bit-Scabious. *Jasione montana.* 1551–2 *Act* 5 & 6 *Edw. VI*, c. 6 § 23 Anye other color..then..watchett *sheepes color lyon color. *a* 1562 G. Cavendish *Wolsey* (1885) 89 The King being in his doublet and hosen only,..all of sheep's colour cloth. 1623 T. Scot *Highways of God* 76 Euery Farme, euery trade, euery *Sheepes-course is his. 1552 Huloet, *Shepes dunge or tyrdles, *rudus*. 1669 Worlidge *Syst. Agric.* 67 Sheeps-dung is very excellent being dissolved wholly..to steep Grain therein. 1530 Palsgr. 266/a *Schepes fete, *pied de mouton*. 1626 Capt. Smith *Accid. Yng. Seamen* 16 Sheeps feet is a stay in setling a top mast, and a guie in staying the tackles when they are charged with goods. 1759 B. Stillingfleet *Misc. Tracts* (1791) 390 Hills where the purple and *sheep's fescue,..and the silver hair grasses abound. 1683 Moxon *Mech. Exerc., Printing* xi. P 20 The *Sheeps-Foot is..of Iron, with a Hammer-head at one end, to drive the Ball-Nails into the Ball-Stocks, and a Claw at the other end, to draw the Ball-Nails out. 1875 Knight *Dict. Mech., Sheep's-foot Trimmer*, a pair of shears or cutting-pinchers to trim the excessive growth of the hoof. 1888 Brannt *Anim. & Veg. Fats* 266 Sheep's-foot oil is obtained ..from the feet of sheep. It resembles neat's-foot oil. 1580 Hollyband *Treas. Fr. Tong, Corde, ou fressure*, a *sheepes gather. 1599 Shaks. *Much Ado* II. iii. 61 Is it not strange that *sheepes guts should hale soules out of mens bodies? 1801 Busby *Dict. Mus.* s.v. *Viol d'amour*, a viol, or violin, furnished with six brass or steel wires, instead of sheep's-gut. 1600 Shaks. *A. Y. L.* III. i. 444 And this way wil I take vpon mee to wash your Liuer as cleane as a sound *sheepes heart. 1818 Scott *Rob Roy* ix, I tell thee, man, fear nothing,...Why, thou sheep's heart, how do ye ken but we may can pick up some speerings of your valise? *c* 1200 Ormin 3595 Daviþþ..þa wass he *shepess hirde. 1474 *Cov. Leet Bk.* 401 No maner of lether but *Shepis lether, Gettes lether. 1596 Shaks. *Tam. Shr.* III. ii. 58 A headstall of sheepes leather. 1896 'J. O. Hobbes' *Herb-Moon* I *Sheep's-parsley—with its long green stems and white delicate flowers. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 445/2 *Schepys pylett.., *molestra*. 1530 Palsgr. 266/2 Schepes pellet or dong, *fient a brebis*. 1647 Trapp *Comm. Heb.* xi. 35 Stretched upon the rack, as a *sheeps-pelt is upon a drum-head. 1611 Cotgr., *Fressure*, ..A *sheepes plucke. 1761 H. Walpole *Let. to G. Montagu* 5 May, As if she had just bought a sheep's-pluck in St. James's market. 1589 R. Harvey *Pl. Percevall* 12, I am no Ape Carrier, I pray you defile not my *sheeps russet Coate, with your dirtie shoes yet.. 1624 Sanderson *Serm.* (1632) 446 All..the richest silkes..are as lawfull for vs, as .. sheepes-russet. 1682 Bunyan *Holy War* 263 They were clothed in sheeps-russet. 1578 Lyte *Dodoens* I. lxxiii. 109 The third [kind of scabious] is called in English *Sheepes Scabious: in French *Scabieuse de brebis*. 1814 Jamieson *Illustr. Northern Antiq.* 401 The walls and roof, which were..incrusted with *sheeps-silver and spar. 1847 Halliwell, **Sheep's-slite*, sheep's pasture, or walk. *Dorset*. 1664 Evelyn *Kal. Hort.* Aug. 72 The Seaming Apple, Cushion Apple,..*Sheeps-snout. 1578 Lyte *Dodoens* v. ix. 558 *Sheepes Sorrel loueth dry soyles. 1597 Gerarde *Herbal* II. lxxx. 320 *Oxalis tenuifolia*, Sheepes Sorrell. 1745 *Season. Advice Prot.* (ed. 2) 18 Nothing now appears but loose Stones and Sheeps Sorrel. 1863 Baring-Gould *Iceland* xi. 242 Among the marshes, I found..both the common and sheep's sorrel (*Rumex acetosa* and *R. acetosella*). *c* 1400 *Schepis talow [see Tallow *sb.* 1 β]. *a* 1425 tr. *Arderne's Fistula* 92 þan ow þou for to putte with þe oile as war þrid parte of schepez talow. *c* 1450 *M. E. Med. Bk.* (Heinrich) 77 Do þer to þe jus of synygrene and shepes tarowe [*read* talowe]. 1552 Huloet, *Shepes tongue herbe, *agniglossa*. 1578 Lyte *Dodoens* I. iii. 7 The fifth [kind of Bugloss] is the wilde Buglosse, or Sheepes tongue. 1641 Murrel *Cookerie* (ed. 5) 23 A made dish of Sheepes tongues. 1858 Simmonds *Dict. Trade* s.v. *Tongue*, Pigs'-tongues, sheep's tongues, calves'-tongues. 1596 Nashe *Saffron Walden* Wks. (Grosart) III. 139 *Sheepes trotters, porknells, and butterd rootes. 1771 Smollett *Humph. Cl.* 10 May (1815) 82 Paunceford once resided in a garret; where he subsisted upon sheep's-trotters and cow-heel. 1888 *Times* (weekly ed.) 11 May 15/1, 3d. worth of sheep's trotters. 1721 Amherst *Terræ Fil.* App. 297 The bodies..wrap'd up..in *sheeps-wool. 1883 Goode *Fish. Industr. U. S. A.* 53 The finest quality of American Sponge is the Sheepswool.

10. Passing into *adj.* **a.** (in early use also *sheep's*; cf. Sheep's eye.) Sheep-like, sheepish.

a 1553 Udall *Royster D.* IV. vi. (1869) 70 Hither will he repaire with a sheepes looke full grim. 1807 Sir R. Wilson 13 May in *Life* (1862) II. 212 With a sheep face and faltering voice.

b. In parasynthetic formations (and their derivatives), chiefly with reference to the timidity or stupidity of the sheep, as *sheep-faced, -headed, -hearted, -spirited, -witted* adjs.; also † *sheep-hued* adj., of the colour of a sheep's fleece.

1583 *Leg. Bp. St. Androis* 1070 in *Satir. Poems Reform.* xlv, A scheip hewit clock to cover his cleathis. 1623 J. Taylor (Water P.) *New Discov.* B 6 b, Those simple Sheepe-headed fooles. 1629 Ford *Lover's Mel.* III. ii, Sheepe-spirited Boy, although he had not married me, He might haue proferd kindnesse in a corner. 1775 Sheridan *Rivals* III. i, A vile sheep-hearted blockhead! 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* xxvii, The most modest, silent, sheep-faced and meek of little men. 1852 C. W. Hoskyns *Talpa* 44 The extraordinary sheep-sightedness of spade-and-mattock-wielding humanity. 1879 F. W. Robinson *Coward Consc.* II. vii, General sheepfacedness ensued. 1889 'Mark Twain' *Yankee Crt. K. Arth.* viii, The sheep-witted earl who could claim long descent from a King's leman.

Sheep, *v. local.* [f. prec. sb.] *trans.* To weed or to dung (land) by pasturing sheep upon it.

1808 Batchelor *Agric. Bedford* 403 Beans..are generally *sheeped*, as it is termed, or weeded by the folding flock. 1856 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* XVII. i. 136 It [a field] had been sheeped all the summer, but not dunged from the fold. 1898 Rider Haggard *Farmer's Yr.* (1899) 101 The best chance of turning it into a really sound pasture is to sheep it heavily.

Shee·p-bi·ter. [Cf. WFris. *skieppebiter* in sense 1.]

1. A dog that bites or worries sheep. (Also *attrib.*) ? *Obs.*

1548 Patten *Exped. Scot.* M viij b, Lyke shepe hyter curres to snach vp and it wear but a sory lambe for their prey. 1575 tr. *Marlorat's Apoc.* 25 Not shepherds, but sheepe-hyters & woolues which spare not the Lords flocke. 1602 Breton *Mother's Blessing* (Grosart) 9/2 No slouen, sluggard, nor sheep-biter dogge. 1664 *Homer A la Mode* 39 Their eares like sheep-biters they hang'd. 1831 Gen. P. Thompson *Exerc.* (1842) I. 418 The public..are running in upon them as at the last hour of a parish sheep-biter.

†**2.** *fig.* **a.** ? A malicious or censorious fellow.

b. A shifty, sneaking, or thievish fellow. (Cf. Sheep-biting *ppl. a.* below.) *Obs.*

1589 [? Nashe] *Almond for Parrat* 17 b, What say you to that zealous sheepebyter of your owne edition in Cambridge. 1601 Shaks. *Twel. N.* II. v. 6 Wouldst thou not be glad to haue the niggardly Rascally sheepe-biter, come by some notable shame? 1656 Heylin *Surv. France* 40, I was fain sometimes to put on a little impudence, that I might avoid the suspicion of a gelding or a sheep-biter. 1692 R. L'Estrange *Fables* cccxxx. 288 There are Political Sheep-biters as well as Pastoral; Betrayers of Publique Trusts, as well as of Private. *a* 1700 B. E. *Dict. Cant. Crew, Sheep-biter*, a poor, sorry, sneaking, ill-lookt Fellow. 1778 Sheridan *Camp* I. i, I'll throttle you, you sheep-biter.

†**3.** A great mutton-eater. *Obs.*

1599 Nashe *Lenten Stuffe* 37 Then the sly sheepe-hiter issued into the midst. 1640 *Wandering Jew* 38 The Character of the Glutton..a tormenter of Poultry,..a terrible Sheep-biter; a horrible Mutton-monger.

†**4.** One who runs after 'mutton'; a woman-hunter, whoremonger. *Obs.*

1611 Chapman *May Day* III. i, I wish all such old sheepe-biters might alwaies dippe their fingers in such sauce to their mutton. 1630 *R. Johnson's Kingd. & Commw.* 56 You shall see an old sheep-biter..with a slavering lip, a bleare-eye.., courting of a comely Lady. 1719 D'Urfey *Pills* II. 345 You that are plying for Sheepbiters here, And hope to sell your Mutton Loyns so dear.

So **Shee·p-bi·ting** *vbl. sb.* (*rare*); †*ppl. a.*, given to biting or worrying sheep; *fig.* thieving, sneaking (in Scott an echo of Shaks.).

1603 Shaks. *Meas. for M.* v. i. 359 Show your sheepe-biting face, and be hang'd an houre. 1620 Middleton *Chaste Maid* II. ii. (1630) 22 Sheepe-hiting Mungrels. 1623 Fletcher *Rule a Wife* v. iv, How like a sheep-biting Rogue taken i'th' manner, And ready for the halter dost

thou look now! 1817 J. Mayer *Sportsmn's Direct.* (ed. 2) 209 To cure a Dog of Sheep-biting. 1821 Scott *Kenilw.* xxix, That pitiful sheep-bitiog visage of thine.

Sheepcot (ʃī·pkɒt). Forms: see Sheep *sb.* and Cot *sb.*[1] = next.

14.. *Nom.* in Wr.-Wülcker 734/1 *Hec barcaria*, i. *ovile*, a schepcott. 1549 *Compl. Scot.* vi. 43 There faldis, scheip cottis and ludgens. 1609 Daniel *Civ. Wars* viii. cii, That Sheep-cot,.. I rather would my Palace wish to bee, Then any roofe, of proudest Maiestie. 1844 H. Stephens *Bk. Farm* II. 61 The utility of sheep-cots on a store-farm. 1872 Jenkinson *Engl. Lake District* 74 A sheepcot at the head of the glen.

Sheepcote (ʃī·pkōut). [f. Sheep *sb.* + Cote *sb.*[1]] A slight building for sheltering sheep; a sheep-house.

1414 *Rolls of Parlt.* IV. 60/2 None housynge left stondynge ther on, but gif it were a Shepecote. 14.. *Tretyce* in *W. of Henley's Husb.* (1890) 48 Make clene your shepcote. *a* 1529 Skelton *Howe the douty Duke of Albany*, etc. 266 As it were a gote In a shepe cote. 1538 Starkey *England* I. iii. 72 Wher hath byn many housys and churchys,..now you schal fynd no thyng hut schypcotys and stabullys. 1669 Worlidge *Syst. Agric.* 201 To pen them up in a Barn or large Sheep-coat. 1785 Burns *Winter Night* v, The blood-stain'd roost, and sheep-cote spoil'd. 1856 J. H. Newman *Verses on Var. Occas.* (1868) 281 The last are first, the first are last,..These from the sheep-cote sternly cast, Those welcomed to the fold.

† Sheeped, *ppl. a. Obs.*—[1] [f. Sheep *sb.* + -ed.] ? Made spiritless as a sheep.

1626 Bp. Hall *Contempl., O. T.* xx. ix. *Hezekiah & Sennach.*, With shame and grief enough, is that sheeped tyrant returned to his Nineveh; having left behind him all the pride..of Assyria, for compost to the Jewish fields.

Sheepfold (ʃī·pfōuld). [f. Sheep + Fold *sb.*[2]]

1. A pen or enclosure for sheep.

[*c* 1000 *Ags. Gosp.* John x. 1 Se þe ne gæð æt þam gete into sceapa falde]. *a* 1430 *Wyclif's Bible, Num.* xxxii. 16 (MS. C.C.C.) Sheep foldis. *c* 1440 *Alphabet of Tales* 130 þer doggis at kepid þer shepefald. 1523-34 Fitzherb. *Husb.* § 18 It is tyme to set out the shepefolde in May. 1611 Bible *Judges* v. 16 Why abodest thou among the sheepefolds, to heare the bleatings of the flocks? 1668 Cowley *Several Disc.* iv. *Hor. Ep.* 52 To pin the sheepfold. 1784 Cowper *Task* I. 290 The sheep-fold here Pours out its fleecy tenants o'er the glebe. 1891 S. C. Scrivener *Our Fields & Cities* 142 Sowing barley on a recently-ploughed sheepfold.

attrib. 1820 Keats *Isabella* xxxviii, A sheep-fold bleat.

b. *fig.*, esp. in a spiritual sense.

1579 W. Wilkinson *Confut. Fam. Love* Ep. Ded. *ij b, Many lying seers,..vnder Lambes skinnes, craftely crept into the sheepfold. 1581 J. Hamilton in *Cath. Tract.* (S.T.S.) 75 The scheipfald of Christ. 1635 A. Stafforn *Fem. Glory* 136 The Prince of all Shepheards whose sheepefold is the world. 1851 Ruskin (*title*) Notes on the construction of Sheepfolds [*i.e.* churches]. 1868 E. Yates *Rock Ahead* II. iv, The man who had dared..to invade the sanctity of her sheepfold and carry off one of her pet lambs.

† 2. A flock of sheep; = Fold *sb.*[2] 1 c. *Obs.*

1590 T. Watson *Eglogue* fin., Poems (Arb.) 175 Lets hence, and shut our sheepfolds in their coat.

Hence **† Sheepfold** *v.*, **† Sheepfolding** *vbl. sb.*

1610 Folkingham *Art of Survey* I. ix. 21 If they be therewithall Sheepe-folded and ground-fedde with ruminant Cattell. *Ibid.* x. 23 The sheepe-folding and foddering.

Sheephead, obs. var. Sheep's-head.

Sheephe(a)rd, obs. var. Shepherd.

Shee·p-hook. Now *rare.* [See Hook *sb.* 6.] A shepherd's crook.

Also *fig.* with reference to a spiritual shepherd; and symbolically (often opposed to *sceptre*) of the shepherd's calling or the office of a bishop.

14.. *Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 562/28 *Agulus*, shephoke. 1523-34 Fitzherb. *Husb.* § 41 A shepeherde shoulde not go without ..his shepe hoke. 1535 Coverdale *Ps.* xxii. 4 Thy staffe & thy shepehoke comforte me. *a* 1586 Sidney *Arcadia* II. (Sommer) 103 Dametas..was teching him how with his sheephooke to catch a wanton Lambe. 1611 Shaks. *Wint. T.* IV. iv. 431 Thou a Scepters heire, That thus affects a sheepe-hooke? 1641 Milton *Reform.* II. 78 The Pastorly Rod, and Sheep-booke of Christ. 1679 *Estnbl. Test.* 16 They who were grown so hardened in Mischief, to attempt ..upon the Scepter, would never..have scrupled at the Sheephook. 1715 Gay *What D'ye Call It* II. viii, Churns, sheep-hooks, seas of milk, and honey mountains. 1828 S. Rogers *Italy* II. *A Char.* 29 Inherit they a sheep-hook or a sceptre. 1858 Simmonds *Dict. Trade, Sheep-hook*, a shepherd's crook for catching sheep by the legs.

Shee·p-house. Now *rare.* [Cf. MDu. *schaep(s)-huus*, OHG. *scâfhûs* (G. *schafhaus*).] A covered pen for the housing of sheep.

[*c* 1000 Ælfric *Gloss.* in Wr.-Wülcker 105/12 *Ouile*, sceapahus.] *c* 1410 *MS. Douce* 335 fo. 72 b, Ony house, that ony beest vseth out or go oute at.., that is to say swynhouse, nethous, shephous. *c* 1425 *Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 670/29 *Hec barcaria*, schepehouse. ? 1545 Brinklow *Compl.* xx. F j b, A shepehouse and .ij. or .iij. shepardes. 1577 B. Googe *Heresbach's Husb.* III. 141, I haue seene some sheep houses so framed, as they haue had theyr gates toward the South, and towarde the Easte. 1614 J. Taylor (Water P.) *Nipping Abuses* F 1, Sheapheard swaines to sheephouse driues their sheep. 1707 Mortimer *Husb.* (1721) I. 100 Where you cannot fold Sheep, to have a Sheep-house to feed them in. 1844 H. Stephens *Bk. Farm* II. 71 The whole have hay.. in the sheep-house, on wet..nights. 1906 *Macm. Mag.* Nov. 63 Och, it's only a wee bit of a sheephouse.

Shee·pified, *pa. pple.* Made sheep-like.

1812 Coleridge *Let. to his Wife* 24 Apr., His legs and hoofs are more than half sheepified.

† Shee·piness. *Obs. rare.* [f. Sheepy *a.* + -ness.] Meanspiritedness.

1663 S. Patrick *Parab. Pilgr.* xi. (1665) 68 Humility then you see is not sheepiness, but loftiness of mind.

Sheepish (ʃī·piʃ), *a.* (*adv.*). Also 3 **shepiss(h)e**, 4 **schep-**, 4–6 **shepishe**, 6 **sheppeshe**, etc. [f. Sheep *sb.* + -ish. Cf. MDu. *schaepsch* (Du. *schaapsch*), G. *schäfisch.*]

1. †a. Of, pertaining to, or concerned with sheep; ovine. *Obs.* **b.** Resembling sheep or their characteristics. Now *rare.*

c 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 37 Sume men..goð eche dai to chirche alse shep to uolde..and beð cleped shepisse men. 1532 More *Confut. Barnes* VIII. Wks. 763/2 For al their shepishe semblaunce outwardly, righte rauenous wolues are they within. 1536 in *Lett. Suppress. Monasteries* (Camden) 114 Soche greate ones..in time paste, like bell-wethers, had led the sheppeshe flockes of England against their prince. *a* 1586 Sidney *Arcadia* I. (Sommer) 1 b, Some [shepherds were] setting a bell for an ensigne of a sheepish squadron. 1611 Stafford *Niobe* II. 218 How to chuse the best tarre: ..how to excell in sheepish surgery. 1847 Helps *Friends in C.* I. ii. 31 It is not a sheepish tendency, but an iodependent resolve growing out of our nature.

† 2. a. Meek, innocent. *Obs.*

c 1200 Ormin 6654 Niss he nobht hinnderrȝæpne prátt..Acc iss shepisshe & bilewhit.

† b. Simple, silly. *Obs.*

c 1380 Wyclif *Wks.* (1880) 212 Queynte sleiȝtis to disceyue schepische men of worldly goodis. 1592 Nashe *P. Penilesse* 19 b, I haue reade ouer thy Sheepish discourse of the Lambe of God and his enemies, and entreated my patience to bee good to thee whilst I read it. 1613 Marston *Insat. C'tess* I. i. 10 Zounds what a sheepish beginning is here?..thou art a simple louer. 1692 Washington tr. *Milton's Def. People* vii. 169 Would not the English do you a kindness in that, you sheepish Fellow, you?

† c. Excessively meek or submissive, fearful or timorous; mean-spirited. *Obs.* exc. as implied in 3.

c 1510 Barclay *Mirr. Gd. Manners* (1570) F v, While thou would bebaue thee demure and pacient, Beware, be not remisse nor sheepish in no wise. 1659 Milton *Free Commw.* 17 Monarchs..whose aim is to make the people, wealthy indeed perhaps and wel-fleec't..but..not only in fleece, but in minde also sheepishest. 1709 Shaftesb. *Charac.* I. 93 We are happily tam'd and render'd thus mild and sheepish. 1711 Addison *Spect.* No. 13 ¶ 3 If the former was too furious, this was too sheepish, for his Part.

3. Bashful or awkward in the presence of others, esp. in society to which one is unaccustomed; embarrassed or out of countenance from an excess of shyness or diffidence.

1693 Locke *Educ.* § 68 Being used constantly to the same Faces, and little Company, will, when he comes abroad, be a sheepish or conceited Creature. 1773 Goldsm. *She Stoops* I. i, Sensible, good-natured; I like all that. But then reserved and sheepish; that's much against him. *a* 1774 Tucker *Lt. Nat.* (1834) II. 124 Bring an unlicked cub into company, and you will find him shy and sheepish;..uneasy in all situations. 1818 Scott *Br. Lamm.* xxix, All the sheepish bashfulness common to those who have lived little in respectable society. 1849 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* iii. I. 369 Sheepish lads from the Universities. 1876 Smiles *Sc. Natur.* ix. (ed. 4) 170 And away she went, leaving Edward looking rather sheepish.

4. quasi-*adv.* and *adv.* = Sheepishly.

1581 Mulcaster *Positions* xxxix. (1888) 187 It maketh him to shepish bashfull. 1784 Cowper *Task* IV. 629 Sheepish he doffs his hat.

Sheepishly (ʃī·piʃli), *adv.* [-ly[2].] In a sheepish manner; †like sheep; †meekly, timorously, or submissively to an excessive degree; with a bashful or embarrassed look or appearance.

1528 More *Dyaloge* IV. Wks. 281/2 We be sure ynough that wolues they be in dede, howe shepishlye soeuer they looke. *a* 1586 Sidney *Arcadia* IV. (1598) 414 When the rest (who as sheepe had but followed their fellowes) so sheepishly had submitted themselues. 1612 W. Martyn *Youths Instr.* 69 Not to bee foolishly desperate, nor sheepishly feareful. 1663 S. Patrick *Parab. Pilgr.* xxxvii. (1665) 497 Those that are sheepishly led whither confident men will have them. 1697 Collier *Ess. Mor. Subj.* II. (1703) 102 Not that men are bound to look as sheepishly as they can, for fear of an imputation. 1714 Pope *Wife of Bath* 183 Billy, my dear, how sheepishly you look. Approach, my spouse, and let me kiss thy cheek. 1830 *Forrester* II. 147 The usual bows were exchanged, stiffly on the part of the peer, and sheepishly by Frederick. 1870 'A. R. Hope' *My Schoolboy Fr.* xii, I hung about him, feeling sheepishly grateful.

Sheepishness (ʃī·piʃnės). [-ness.] † Simplicity, stupidity; †timorousness; excessive bashfulness or diffidence.

1577 Hellowes *Gueuara's Fam. Ep.* 62 To speake something with too much simplicitie..is a sheepishnesse. 1605 Chapman *All Fools* I. ii. 145 Your forged sheepishnes. 1633 G. Herbert *Temple, Ch. Porch* xvi, Thy Gentrie bleats, as if thy native cloth Transfus'd a sheepishnesse into thy storie. 1647 Trapp *Comm. 2 Cor.* xi. 3 Simplicity: the world cals it sillinesse, sheepishnesse. 1712 Steele *Spect.* No. 484 ¶ 5 Under the notion of modesty, men have indulged themselves in a spiritless sheepishness. 1814 Scott *Wav.* xviii, A natural and rustic grace, with nothing of the sheepishness of an ordinary peasant. 1863 Cowden Clarke *Shaks. Char.* vi. 153 He is bashful, even to sheepishness.

Shee·pless, *a.* [-less.] Without sheep.

1868 W. Cory *Lett. & Jrnls.* (1897) 217 The country was full of blossom, bedgeless, sheepless.

Shee·p-like, *a.* and *adv.* [-like.]

A. *adj.* Resembling a sheep or that of a sheep; *esp.* in an unfavourable sense.

1596 Norden *Progr. Piety* (1847) 123 He did foresee hypocrisy Should lurk in godly weed, And wolves in sheep-like tire to lie. *a* 1653 Gouge *Comm. Heb.* iii. 6 Believers are subject to wrongs..for their sheep-like and dove-like disposition. 1851 Ruskin *Sheepfolds* 12 Christ's sheep may be guessed at..by their sheep-like behaviour. 1871 Besant & Rice *Ready-money Mort.* xiii, Men possess largely themselves the sheep-like propensity of following where one leads. 1891 Farrar *Darkn. & Dawn* lx, The youth refused to kill himself with the sheeplike docility of so many of his contemporaries.

B. *adv.* Meekly, submissively, pusillanimously.

1582 Stanyhurst *Æneis* IV. 84 Shal I dy sheepe lyke, not taking kindlye reuengment? 1590 Marlowe *2nd Pt. Tamburl.* IV. ii. 3751 See now ye slaues, my children stoops your pride And leads your glories sheep-like to the sword.

Shee·pling. [-ling.] A young sheep. Also *fig.*

1654 [J. Sparrow] tr. *Behmen's Myst. Magn.* xxviii. § 63 If the sheepling [orig. *Schäfflein*] shall offer to stir, and shew more then a sheepling of Christ. 1859 Sala *Gaslight & D.* xviii, Innocent flocks of more innocent sheeplings.

Shee·p-louse. Also † sheep's louse: see Sheep *sb.* 9. [Cf. G. *schaflaus*, Du. *schaapsluis.*] A louse, *Trichodectes sphærocephalus*, which infests the wool of sheep. Also = Sheep-tick.

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 445/1 Schepys lowce, *pego, askarida.* 1530 Palsgr. 266/2 Schepes louce, *pov de mouton.*

14.. *Nom.* in Wr.-Wülcker 706/29 *Hec ascaridа*, a scheplows. 1523-34 Fitzherb. *Husb.* § 44 Brome salue..shal..kyll the shepe lyce, and it shall not burte the woll. 1688 Holme *Armoury* II. ix. 190/1 Insects..Such as have no Wings, but eight Feet, as..Sheep Louse. 1826 Kirby & Sp. *Entomol.* xxxiv. III. 473 *Melophagus*, the sheep-louse. 1844 H. Stephens *Bk. Farm* II. 152 Both these vermin are destroyed by the same means as the sheep-louse.

Shee·pman. Also 6 **sheepesman**, see Sheep *sb.* 9. [f. Sheep *sb.* + Man *sb.*]

1. † A shepherd (*obs.*); *U.S.* a sheep-breeder or -owner; in Canada, a sheep-tender.

1591 A. Fraunce *C'less Pembr. Iuychurch*, etc. L 3 b, Pan is good to the sheepe, and Pan is good to the sheepesman. 1620 Quarles *Feast of Wormes* (1638) 7 In stead of Staffe, he tooke a Sheepmans weede. 1641 Best *Farm. Bks.* (Surtees) 28 It is an especiall thinge to bee regarded of a sheepman to keepe goode tuppes. 1883 *American* VI. 382 For the small sheepmen, the shepherds, and above all, the herders, it is a terrible life. 1886 C. Scott *Sheep-farming* 165 The sheep-men of Great Britain. 1890 Haydon *Riders of Plains* (1910) 168 This fire is supposed to have been started by sheepmen in the hills.

2. ? A sheepstealer, rogue.

1640 Balfour *Sc. Ball.* 13 What change for valiant Cavilers of old To court with sheep-men, rogues, and swinzeours bold.

Shee·p-mark.

1. The mark used by a sheep-owner to distinguish his sheep, and app. formerly by illiterate persons as a substitute for their signature. Also *fig.*

1534 Cranmer *Let.* in *Misc. Writ.* (Parker Soc.) 291, I have caused one of my secretaries to subscribe for such persons, and made them to write their shepe mark, or some other mark, as they can..scribble. 1632 Brome *North. Lass* II. i, A thumb-Ring with his Grandsirs Sheep-mark, or Grannams butter-print on't. *a* 1644 Quarles *Sheph. Orac.* ii. (1646) 22 Then brand them with a Crosse, Our Masters Sheepmarke. 1653 Baxter *Christ. Concord* 98 Have you forgotten your Masters sheep-mark? 1693 O. Heywood *Best Entail* iv, Children of believers are baptized, ..and thus have God's sheep-mark set upon them betimes. 1875 *Archæol. Cambrensis* Ser. IV. VI. 94 Sheep-Marks. I. *Bwlch plyg* (folded notch).—This is produced by folding a certain part of the ear, and cutting off with the shears the part thus folded. 1887 *Archæologia* L. 373 *note*, When the commons were unenclosed, it was necessary for every one who had a right of pasture to have a sheep-mark that could be easily distinguished from those of his neighbours.

† 2. A marking-tool for sheep. *Obs.*

1580 Tusser *Husb.* (1878) 38 [Husbandlie furniture.] A sheepe marke, a tar kettle.

Shee·p-master. [Cf. G. *schafmeister.*] A sheep-owner.

a 1520 *Vox Populi* 66 in Hazl. *E. P. P.* III. 270 Withe to many shepemasters, That of eraible grounde make pastures. 1611 Bible 2 *Kings* iii. 4 Mesha king of Moab was a sheepemaster. 1651 in *Hartlib's Legacy* (1655) 167 The great Sheep-Masters usually chuse their Sheeps-Walks, or Pastures, on high dry Lands. 1745 *De Foe's Eng. Tradesm.* xxxvii. (1841) II. 91 The sheepmaster shears and sells the fleece. 1837 Youatt *Sheep* 540 Mercurial ointment..in frequent use among sheep-masters as a cure for the scab. 1841 *Penny Cycl.* XXI. 357/1 Since the British sheep-master has begun..to look more to the profit to be derived from the carcase.

† Shee·pness. *Obs.* [-ness.] Pusillanimity.

c 1380 Wyclif *Sel. Wks.* II. 387 Vertues ben transposid to vices; as mekenes is cowardise,..and myldenesse is shepenesse.

Shee·p-pen. [f. Sheep *sb.* + Pen *sb.*[1]; ? partly intended as an analysis of Shippon.] A pen in which to keep sheep.

1649 Blith *Engl. Improver* xxiii. 139 Hay-Stacks, or Sheep-Pens, or places of Shade. *a* 1722 Lisle *Husb.* (1757) 335 Sir Ambrose Philipps's sheep-pen. 1834 Marryat *Peter Simple* vii, I inquired for the butcher, whom I found sitting in the sheep-pen with the sheep. 1841 Browning *Pippa Passes* iii, Many a valley-thief Caught in the sheep-pens.

Sheep-pick: see Sheppeck.

Sheep's eye(s. (Also 7 **sheep-eyes.**) [Cf. WFris. *skiepseach*, Du. *schaapsoog*, G. *schafsauge.*]

1. Phr. **a.** *To cast* (or *throw*) *a sheep's-eye at* or *upon*, now usually *to cast* (occas. *to make*) *sheep's-eyes at*: to look lovingly, amorously, or longingly at.

a 1529 Skelton *Agst. Garnesche* iii. 54 When ye kyst a shepys ie,..[At] mastres Andelby. *a* 1586 Sidney *Arcadia* II. (Sommer) 107 Mopsa throwing a great number of sheeps eyes vpon me. 1614 B. Jonson *Barth. Fair* V. iv, Hero.. seeing Leanders naked legge, and goodly calfe, Cast at him, from the boat, a Sheepes eye, and a halfe. 1726 *Adv. Capt. R. Boyle* 247 Don Manuel cast many a Sheep's Eye at my

Wife, and his good Lady at me. 1731–8 SWIFT *Pol. Conversat.* 30, I have often seen him cast a Sheep's Eye out of a Calf's Head at you. 1809 MALKIN *Gil Blas* I. iv. (Rtldg.) 9, I could not help casting a sheep's eye at the gold and silver plate peeping out of the different cupboards. 1811 COLMAN *Br. Grins* (ed. 5) 57 He, the beast! was casting sheeps-eyes at her, Out of his bullock head. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* xxvii, The horrud old Colonel,..was making sheep's eyes at a half-caste girl there. 1888 BAYCE *Amer. Commw.* I. xix. 262 Local leaders cast sheep's eyes at the seat.

†**b.** *To have a sheep's eye*: (*a*) to be timorous; (*b*) see quot. 1711. *Obs.*

1598 GOSSON *Trumpe. Warre* D 5 b, Espialles were sent out to discouer the land of Promise, some of them hadde a sheepes eye:..Caleb had a Lions eye. [See *Numbers* xiii. 30, 31.] 1711 *Spect.* No. 250 ¶ 5 We say such an one has a Sheep's Eye, not so much to denote the Innocence as the simple Slyness of the Cast.

2. An amorous glance.

1604 W. TEAILO *Fr. Bacon's Proph.* 283 If a couple kindly kisse, The third thinkes somewhat is amisse. Now sheepes-eies are so wntcht, That Lambes can hardly sleepe. 1842 LOVER *Handy Andy* ii, Tom's all ram's horns, and the widow is all sheep's eyes.

So **Shee·p's-eye** *v. trans.*, to cast sheep's eyes at.

1801 COLERIDGE *Let. to R. Southey* 22 July, I should begin to look the damsel Hope full in the face, instead of sheep's-eyeing her.

Sheepshank (ʃī·pʃæŋk), *sb.*

1. The shank or leg of a sheep.

1675 COTTON *Planters Man.* 64 The third way [of making pallisados], which is done with Sheep-shancks fastned in the Walls, is doubtless the best..; but the hones must be set so near together, as [etc.]. In mod. Dicts.

b. *Nae sheepshank* (Sc.): a person or thing of no small importance.

1785 (Apr. 21) BURNS *Ep. to J. Lapraik* xii, The paughty, feudal Thane,..Wha thinks himsel nae sheep-shaok bane, But lordly stalks. *c* 1787 — *Brigs of Ayr* 91, I doubt na, frien', ye'll think ye're nae sheep-shank. 1806 TANNAHILL *Ep. Jas. Buchanan* 11 Mony a puir, doilt, servile bodie Will..think himsel nae sma sheepshank.

2. *Naut.* In full †*sheepshank(s) knot*: A knot cast on a rope for temporarily shortening it without cutting it or unfastening the ends.

Formed by doubling the rope in three parts and taking a hitch over the bight at each end with the other rope (Voyle).

¶ By a printer's or clerical error in Manwayring's *Seaman's Dictionary* (1644), the explanation of *Sheep-shanck* and the heading of the following article *Sheeres* were omitted. Hence Randle Holme *Armoury* III. 166/1 erroneously explains *Sheepshank* as 'two Poles set across where a Block is hung' etc. (= SHEAR *sb.*[1] 4).

1627 CAPT. SMITH *Seaman's Gram.* v. 26 Sheepshanks Knot. The last is the Shepshanke, which is a knot they cast upon a Runner or Tackle when it is too long to take in the goods, and by this knot they can shorten a rope without cutting it. 1769 FALCONER *Dict. Marine* (1780), *Sheep-shank*, a sort of knot or hitch [etc.]. 1788 *Chambers' Cycl.* s. v. *Knot*, The sheep-shank-knot. 1834 MARRYAT *Peter Simple* vi, Pass that brace through the bull's eye, and take the sheepshank out before you come down. 1870 *Routledge's Ev. Boy's Ann.* 246 When both ends of the rope are fast, the 'sheep-shank' or, as it is sometimes called, the dogshank shortening is used.

Hence **Shee·pshank** *v. trans.*, to shorten (a rope) by means of a sheepshank.

1769 FALCONER *Dict. Marine* (1780) s. v., The runner of the tackle is sheep-shanked. 1886 J. M. CAULFEILD *Seamanship Notes* 4 Shorten up buoy-rope..; this is done by sheep-shanking it.

Sheep's head. Also *Sc.* sheep-head. [Cf. Du. *schaapshoofd*, G. *schafshaupt*, also WFris. *skieppekop*, LG. *schaapskopp*, Du. *schaapskop*, G. *schafskopf* = simpleton.]

1. The head of a sheep; the dish consisting of this.

1542 BOORDE *Dyetary* v. (1870) 240 Nowe to sende for breade, and by-and-by to sende for a shepes-heade. ?*a* 1550 *Freiris Berwik* 260 in *Dunbar's Poems* 294 Sowsit nolt fute, and scheipheid. 1771 SMOLLETT *Humph. Cl.* 18 July Let. i. (1815) 257 The servants had been informed..that there was nothing to eat in Scotland but oatmeal and sheep's-heads. *c* 1790 BURNS *Ep. Col. De Peyster* 38 Like a sheep-head on a tangs. 1840 THACKERAY *Barber Cox* Apr., I was..set, as is the custom in our trade, to practise on a sheep's-head.. before I was allowed to venture on the human countenance. *attrib.* 1737 *Ochtertyre House Bk.* (S.H.S.) 102 Sheephead broth. 1817 *Lintoun Green* ix. viii, He'd singed the sheep's heads to the fell, Tæ mak' the sheep-head kale. 1827 SCOTT *Surg. Dau.* v, Sheep-head broth and haggis. 1884 *St. James's Gaz.* 26 Jan. 5/1 Sheep's-hend-pie..and other substantial Scotch dishes.

2. A fool, simpleton. †Also as *adj.*, stupid.

1542 [see SHEEP *sb.* 5]. 1605 CHAPMAN *All Fools* II. i, Kisse her you sheepes-head. 1624 GEE *Foot out of Snare* App. 108, I suppose..[he] hath better deuices then this simple sheepes-head inuention. 1780 *Mirror* No. 98 What a powdered sheep's-head have we got here? 1878 J. PAYNE tr. *Villon's Poems* (1881) 74 My poor orphans..Are grown in age, and wit likewise. No sheepsheads are they.

3. a. A large and much esteemed food fish, *Archosargus* or *Diplodus probatocephalus* (*Sargus ovis*), abundant on the coasts of the United States.

So called from a supposed resemblance of its head to a sheep's.

1676 *Phil. Trans.* XI. 624 In the Rivers are great plenty and variety of delicate Fish; one kind whereof is by the English called a Sheepshead. 1796 T. TWINING *Trav. Amer.* (1894) 156 The Americans..have given the appellation of sheepshead to the most esteemed fish of their coast. 1885 *Harper's Mag.* Jan. 220/2 The sheep's-head and channel bass abounded.

b. A freshwater fish resembling the drumfish, *Haplodinotus grunniens* or *Corvina oscula*, of the Mississippi and the Great Lakes; also locally in N. America applied to various other fishes.

1836 J. RICHARDSON *Fauna Bor.-Amer.* III. 65 *Sciæna* (*Corvina*) *Richardsonii*. The Malasheganè inhabits Lake Huron...It is called 'Sheep's-head' by the Anglo-Canadians. 1888 [see PODGY]. 1897 *Outing* XXX. 435/2 The 'sheeps-head' (freshwater drum), a good-looking, silvery fish.

4. Short for *sheep's-head clock*.

1887 *N. & Q.* Ser. VII. III. 285 The square-faced [clocks] were 'sheep's head', and the round-faced 'wag o' th' wall'.

5. *Comb.*, as **sheep's-head clock**, a clock having the works exposed to view; **sheep's-head fish** = 3 a; **sheep's-head gull**, the great tern; **sheep's-head porgy** (see PORGY); †**sheephead sword**, a basket-hilted sword; so *sheep-head hilt*.

1872 *Routledge's Ev. Boy's Ann.* 9/1 An old Dutch clock, of the kind known as a '*Sheep's-head' clock. 1846 OWEN *Lect. Anat. Vertebrate Anim.* I. *Fishes* 220 The *Sheep's-head Fish (*Sargus*). 1808–13 A. WILSON & BONAPARTE *Amer. Ornith.* (1831) III. 153 The..great tern..by many..is called the *sheep's-head gull. 1707 W. HOPE *Fencing* v. 158 [Swords] with good, closs, or as they are more commonly termed by the Vulgar, Shell or *Sheep-head Hilts. 1817 *Lintoun Green* 12 A *sheephead sword.

Hence **Shee·pshead** *v.*, *U.S.* to fish for sheepshead; **Sheepshea·dism** *nonce-wd.*, the practice of eating sheep's-head.

1841 THACKERAY in *Fraser's Mag.* XXIII. 711 Cannibalism in the South Seas, and sheepsheadism in Scotland.

†**Shee·p-shear,** *sb. Obs.* [Back-formation f. SHEEP-SHEARING. OE. had *scéapscaru* (*scaru* act of shearing: see SHARE *sb.*[3]).] Sheep-shearing.

1616 *Rich Cabinet* 54 So is he, neither at season, sheep-sheere, or haruest, beholding to any man. *a* 1635 T. RANDOLPH *Poems* (1668) 76 To morrow morning..Pan's Cornet's blown, and the great Sheep-shear's kept.

Shee·p-shear, *v. rare.* In 7 -share. [Back-formation f. SHEEP-SHEARING.] **a.** *intr.* To shear sheep. †**b.** *trans.* To 'fleece', swindle.

1618 *Owles Almanacke* 45 A cozoning nip shall sheepshare a cunny of his coyne. 1909 *Essex Rev.* XVIII. 170 My poor old father larned many lads to ship-shear in his day.

Shee·p-shea·rer.

1. One who shears sheep.

1539 BIBLE (Great) *Gen.* xxxviii. 12 Iudas..went vnto hys shepe sherers to Tymnath. 1688 HOLME *Armoury* II. ix. 176/2 Sheep shearers. 1853 MILBURN *Sheep & Shepherding* 39 The obtaining of servants for shepherds and sheep-shearers. 1898 J. A. GIBBS *Cotswold Village* xvii. 387 First of all there was the sower's feast,..then came the sheep-shearer's feast.

b. A machine for shearing sheep.

1908 *Chamb. Encycl.* IX. 380/1.

†**2.** *Cant.* (See quot.) *Obs.*

a 1700 B. E. *Dict. Cant. Crew, Sheep-shearers*, Cheats.

Shee·p-shea·ring, *vbl. sb.*

1. The act or practice of shearing sheep.

1607 TOPSELL *Four-f. Beasts* 623 In auncient times there were great feastes at their sheepe-shearings. 1611 COTGR. s. v. *Brebis*, Sheepe-sheering is not euer in season. *a* 1732 LISLE *Husb.* (1757) 319 Two or three days before my sheep-shearing. 1809 J. LAWRENCE *Treat. Cattle* 312 Sheep shearing is performed twice a year in some..countries. 1829 *Chapters Phys. Sci.* 56 The shears used in sheep-shearing.

†**b.** *fig.* Fleecing. *Obs.*

1632 MASSINGER *Maid of Hon.* I. i, His sheepe sheering, nay shaving to the quicke.

2. The season for shearing sheep.

1688 HOLME *Armoury* II. ix. 176/2 Sheep shearing, is that time wherein the Wooll is cut off them, which..was ever accounted days of Mirth and Feasting. 1771 FOOTE *Maid of B.* III. Wks. 1799 II. 230 *Poul.* That must be a good forty years since. *Flint.* Come sheep-shearing next. 1837 YOUATT *Sheep* ii. 34 The sheep-shearing was the season of peculiar rejoicing.

3. The feast held at the shearing-season.

1611 SHAKS. *Wint. T.* IV. iii. 125, I must go buy Spices for our sheepe-shearing. 1611 *Shuttleworths' Acc.* (Chetham Soc.) 194 Twoe hinder quarters of veale, for provicion against sheepe shearinge. 1655 STANLEY *Hist. Philos.* III. (1687) 108/1, I took a Lute and bid him Sing the Ship-shearing of Simonides. 1797 A. YOUNG in *Autobiogr.* (1898) 276, I went to the Duke of Bedford's sheep-shearing. 1837 *Penny Cycl.* VIII. 223/2 Cumbrian peasantry have various festive meetings, called the kirn, or harvest-home, sheep-shearing, merry nights, and upshots. 1846 BAXTER *Libr. Pract. Agric.* (ed. 4) II. p. xxvii, The sheep-shearing of Woburn or Holkham, in the last century, where nobles, gentlemen, and labourers met together.

4. *attrib.* esp. in *sheep-shearing feast.*

1586 FERNE *Blazon Gentrie* I. 71 If you come, to our sheep-shering veast..yous taste of our cheese cake. 1611 SHAKS. *Wint. T.* IV. iii. 39. 1763 *Museum Rust.* I. 12 It being merry-making time,..like vintage, or sheep-shearing time. 1847 T. MILLER *Pict. Country Life* 58 An old practical farmer, one who..has his sheep-shearing feast and harvest-home. 1886 C. SCOTT *Sheep-farming* 141 A steam sheep-shearing machine.

Shee·p-shears, *pl.* [f. SHEEP + SHEAR[1]. Cf. NFris. *sjappsjur*, MDu. *schaepschare* (Du. *schaapschaar*), G. *schafschere.*] Shears for shearing sheep.

1688 HOLME *Armoury* II. ix. 176/2 Sheep shares, or Wooll shares. 1757 *Phil. Trans.* L. 108 It [lightning] melted an old copper skillet, a pair of sheepshears. 1842 S. C. HALL *Ireland* II. 397 Small shears, like the modern sheep-shears. 1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.* III. 2140 A sheep-shears with a six-fingered comb and a revolving bladed disk.

Comb. 1797 *J. Robinson's Directory of Sheffield* 116 Edge-tool and sheep sheer maker.

Shee·pskin. Also **sheep's skin.** [Cf. NFris. *sjappskænn.*]

1. The skin of a sheep; *esp.* one used as a garment or in the making of a garment.

c 1200 ORMIN 3210 Hiss girrdell wass off shepess skinn. *c* 1440 *Jacob's Well* 214 Þise schepysskynnes wyth whiche I am wryed were scheep þat I took wrongfully of a wydewe. *c* 1440 LYDG. *Hors, Shepe & G.* 365 Ther is also made of sheepis skyn, Pilchis & glovis. *c* 1500 *Cocke Lorelles Bote* 2 A shepes skyne of a wether. 1526 TINDALE *Heb.* xi. 37 Other..walked vppe and doune in shepes skynnes [*Rheims, A. V.* sheep-skinnes]. 1596 NASHE *Saffron Walden* K 1, One time shee slept in a sheepes skinne all night. 1738 *Ochtertyre House Bk.* (S.H.S.) 122 For a sheeps skine for the mill. 0 0 7.

1411 *Nottingham Rec.* II. 86, j. shepskyn, jd. 1470–85 MALORY *Arthur* I. xvii. 62 He was al he furred in black shepe skynnes. 1562–3 *Act* 5 *Eliz.* c. 22 § 1 To..take away the Wooll of any Shepe skinne or Lambe skinne. 1602 SHAKS. *Ham.* v. i. 123 Is not Parchment made of Sheep-skinnes? 1692 *Capt. Smith's Seaman's Gram.* II. iii. 91 Sheepskins to make Spunges. 1788 GIBBON *Decl. & F.* xli. IV. 149 They promiscuously slept on the ground, perhaps on a sheep-skin. 1850 W. IRVING *Mahomet* xviii. (1853) 81 Garb of coarse woollen patched with sheepskin. 1896 BARRIE *Sentim. Tommy* ii, The floor was bare save for a sheepskin beside the bed.

b. in military use.

1802 C. JAMES *Milit. Dict.* s. v. *Skin*, Sheep skins are made use of to cover the mortars or howitzers between firing. 1833 *Reg. Instr. Cavalry* I. 106 Draw back the sheepskin and shabraque. 1871 *Daily News* 7 Sept., The artillery..were the first to lay their sheepskins aside.

2. The skin of sheep used for parchment, for the making of drumheads, in bookbinding, etc.

1340 *Ayenb.* 44 Betere may ech man rede þe ilke zenne, and þe opre ine þe boc of his inwyt þanne ine ane zsepes scinne. *c* 1412 HOCCLEVE *De Reg. Princ.* 1014 We stowpe and stare vp-on þe shepes skyn, And keepe muste our song and wordes in.

1567 *Gude & Godlie B.* (S.T.S.) 176 He had to sell..Remissioun of sinnis, in auld scheip skinnis. 1596 *Raigne K. Edw. III*, II. ii. 50 Poore shipskin, how it braules with him that heateth it! *c* 1613 MIDDLETON *No Wit like Woman's* IV. ii, When did you e'er see a gentleman set his hand to anything, unless it were to a sheep-skin, and receive a hundred pound for his pains? 1771 SMOLLETT *Humph. Cl.* 10 June Let. i, I will find a slip of sheep-skin that will do his business. 1852 DICKENS *Bleak Ho.* xxxii, Where some wise..conveyancer yet toils for the entanglement of real estate in meshes of sheepskin, in the average ratio of about a dozen of sheep to an acre of land. 1870 *Daily News* 9 Sept. 5 The music of the sheepskin and the trumpets.

b. *U.S. slang.* A parchment diploma received on taking a degree; the holder of such a diploma.

1843 R. CARLTON *New Purchase* (Hall *College Words*), This apostle of ourn never rubbed his back agin a college, nor toted about no sheepskins. *Ibid.*, I can say as well as the best on them sheepskins, if you don't get religion..you'll be lost, teetotally. 1887 *Lippincott's Mag.* Aug. 299 He has won his sheep-skin; he has, perchance, gained signal honors in his university course.

3. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *sheepskin-clad, -gatherer.*

c 1645 in *Archæologia* LII. 141 A fell monger or Sheepe skin gatherer. 1879 BROWNING *Ivan* Dram. Idyls 63 About him, watched the work his neighbours sheepskin-clad.

b. *attrib.* passing into *adj.* Made or consisting of sheepskin or parchment; written on parchment.

1602 DEKKER *Satirom.* F 3 b, This ship-skin-cap shall be put off. 1607 MIDDLETON *Fam. Love* III. i, Wolves that in sheep-skin bands Prey on the hearts to join th' unwilling hands. 1624 J. TAYLOR (Water P.) *Pastorall* C 3 b, So doth a sheepe-skin Bond make money breed. 1823 J. BADCOCK *Dom. Amusem.* 83 Purifying crude mercury..by passing it through sheep-skin..leather. 1827 SCOTT *Chron. Canongate* i, A couple of sheep-skin bags, full of parchment and papers. 1833 MARRYAT *Peter Simple* xxxi, To put the sheepskin mat on the stern gratings of my gig. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* I. VII. v, A sheepskin drum! 1850 — *Latter-day Pamph.* vi. 26 A sheepskin Act of Parliament.

Hence **Shee·pskinned** *a.*, clothed in sheepskin (in quot. 1628 with reference to Matt. vii. 15).

1628 PAYNNE *Brief Surv.* 2 That some should..watch against denout and sheepe-skind Wolues. 1879 H. S. EDWARDS *Russ. at Home* I. 202 Their sheep-skinned persons. 1889 'F. ANSTEY' *Pariah* I. i, Whenever one of the fly-horses..shook his long-suffering and sheepskinned head.

Sheep-steal, *v.* [Back-formation f. next.] *intr.* To be a sheep-stealer.

1820 SHELLEY *Hymn Merc.* xlix, Those Who swindle, house-break, sheep-steal, and shop-lift.

Shee·p-stealer. One who steals sheep.

1634 SANDERSON *Serm.* (1674) II. 286 How unequal a thing is it,..that a sacrilegious church-robber should make a mittimus for a poor sheep-stealer? 1778 JOHNSON *Let.* 13 Oct., in *Boswell*, Pray how many sheep-stealers did you convict? 1829 HOGG *Sheph. Cal.* II. x. 325 A notorious sheep-stealer in the county of Mid-Lothian.

So **Shee·p-stealing** *vbl. sb.* and *ppl. a.*

a 1578 LINDESAY (Pitscottie) *Chron. Scot.* (S.T.S.) II. 133 For no scheip steilling nor wrangous geir. 1648 JENKYN *Blind Guide* i. 6 Their trade of Sheep-stealing will..decay. *a* 1704 T. BROWN *Laconics* Wks. 1711 IV. 7 One Sheepstealing Rogue will spoil all the rest. 1824 MISS MITFORD *Village* Ser. I. (1863) 70 We shall be taken up for sheep-stealing presently ourselves.

†**Sheepsy-wolvsy,** *a. Obs.* A nonsense-compound based on LINSEY-WOOLSEY (q.v. 3 b) to suggest 'wolves in sheep's clothing'.

1657 J. WATTS *Scribe, Pharisee*, etc. 252 Linsie woolsie, sheepsie woolvsie prophets.

Shee·p-tick, †**sheep's tick.** [See TICK *sb.*[1] and cf. WFris. *skieppetyk*, G. *schafzeecke, schafstieke.*] A horny, bristly, wingless fly, *Melo-*

phagus ovinus, which infests sheep, embedding its head in the skin and extracting the blood. Also = SHEEP-LOUSE.

c 1425 *Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 642/37 *Hec amittena*, scheptyke. 1598 *Mucedorus* II. iv. 68 *Ama.* The shepheards force would haue saued thousands more. *Clo.* Aye, shipstickes, nothing else. 1668 CHARLETON *Onomast.* 49 *Reduvius*, the Sheeps Teek. 1837 YOUATT *Sheep* 544 The sheep-tick.. propagates with much rapidity, although not to be compared with the sheep-louse. 1844 H. STEPHENS *Bk. Farm* III. 1109 Sheep are affected by a troublesome insect, the keb or ked, or sheep-tick.

Shee·p-walk. A tract of grass-land used for pasturing sheep.

1585 HARRISON *England* II. xix. I. 205/2 Towoes pulled downe for sheepe-walks. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* XI. 431 A field, Part arable and tilth,..the other part sheep-walks and foulds. 1784 COWPER *Task* VI. 111 Sheep-walks populous with bleating lambs. 1810 SCOTT *Lady of L.* II. XXVIII, The dales..Are now one sheep-walk, waste and wide. 1886 C. SCOTT *Sheep-farming* 122 A study of the botany and geology of a sheep-walk is one of the first steps to successful herding.

Hence **Shee·p-walker** *Austral.*, a sheep-master.

1885 *Daily Tel.* 20 Nov. (Cass.), The sheep-walkers of Taranaki will find it to their interest to dispose of their produce by way of Auckland.

Shee·p-wash, *sb.*

1. The washing of sheep before shearing; the place where sheep are washed.

749 in Birch *Cartul. Sax.* (1885) I. 257 Of þam stane on sceapwæscan. 764–75 *Ibid.* 291 Juxta fluvium qui dicitur Stur ad vadum nomine Scepesuuasce. 1640 BRATHWAIT *Two Lancs. Lovers* 19 (Halliw.) A seed-cake at fastens; and a lusty cheese-cake at our sheepe-wash. 1877 *N. W. Linc. Gloss., Sheep-wesh*, a place in a stream or pond where sheep are washed. 1890 *Melbourne Argus* 9 Aug. 4/2 They would start shearing in three weeks. He would..get me booked for a good billet in the sheepwash. 1898 TAASK *Norton-sub-Hamdon* 189 The sheepwash was for the use of all who kept sheep.

2. A preparation used in washing sheep, sheep-dip.

1858 SIMMONDS *Dict. Trade, Sheep-wash*,..a mixture of arsenious acid and soft soap in water, in which sheep are dipped. 1882 D. WOOD *Sheep-dipping* (1885) 16 It has ..been customary to employ tobacco-water as a sheep-wash.

Hence **Shee·pwash** *v.*, **Shee·pwasher, Shee·p-washing** *vbl. sb.* (also *attrib.*).

1891 'R. BOLDREWOOD' *Sydney-side Saxon* X, He can't dig or *sheep-wash or plough there. 1890 — *Col. Reformer* (1891) 122 Men..were employed as *sheepwashers. 1826 J. WILSON *Noct. Ambr.* Wks. 1855 I. 174 The murmurs o' the *sheepwashing Yarrow. 1866 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* Ser. II. II. 371 A sheep-washing day on the Wye. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 929 Workmen exposed to the use of arsenical pigments..as in sheep-washing.

Sheepy (ʃī·pi), *a. rare.* [f. SHEEP + Y[1].] Of, pertaining to, or resembling sheep.

1387–8 T. USK *Test. Love* I. vi. (Skeat) I. 161 It greveth me to remembre these dyvers sentences, in janglinge of these shepy people. *a* 1586 SIDNEY *Ps.* CXLIV. viii, The sheepy prease, The streetes shall scantly hold. 1873 LELAND *Egypt. Sketch-Bk.* 7 The '*La Alláh il Alláh t'*..is of all human sounds the most like bleating. It is sheep-ier than monotonous; it is absolutely mutton-ous. 1891 MEREDITH *One of our Cong.* I. viii. 131 He called the social English the most sheepy of sheep.

Sheer (ʃī·ər), *sb.*[1] *Naut.* Also 7, 9 shear, 8 shere. [f. SHEER *v.*[2]]

1. An abrupt divergence or deviation of a vessel from the line of her course; a swerve.

1670 NARBOROUGH *Jrnl.* in *Acc. Sev. Late Voy.* I. (1694) 61, I was in danger of running the Ship against steep Rocks..she taking a shear with the Tide. 1725 *Phil. Trans.* XXXIII. 425 A Ship before the Wind will deviate from her true Course, sometimes one Way, sometimes another, in her Yaws and Sheers. 1827 J. F. COOPER *Prairie* II. xvi. 254 Just give the boat a sheer towards yonder low, sandy point. 1849 W. S. MAYO *Kaloolah* I. (1850) 14 The steersman was directed to put the helm up, in order to give her a sheer out of the way. 1897 *Times* 25 Feb. 11 The heavy sheers which such a [rudderless] vessel would take in being towed.

b. *Sheer-off*: an act of sheering off (see SHEER *v.*[2] 1).

1808 *Naval Chron.* XX. 450 This caused such great confusion among them that they got their grapplings unhooked, and took a broad sheer-off.

2. An obliqne position given to or taken by a vessel when under way or when riding at single anchor.

To break her sheer: of a vessel, to be forced by change of wind or current out of the position of sheer in which she was placed.

1794 *Rigging & Seamanship* II. 247* To break her sheer. *a* 1797 H. TAYLOR in *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) XVII. 370/2 If laying in the aforesaid position, and she breaks her sheer.. [and] recovers.., let the main-yard be again braced about; but if she comes to a sheer the other way..brace the fore-yard to. 1865 *Cornh. Mag.* Apr. 465 To prevent this, an able master will endeavour to make his vessel 'lie with a sheer'. *Ibid.*, Great care is required in watching the vessel in this position, lest it should fall off or 'break its sheer'. 1867 SMYTH *Sailor's Word-bk.* s.v.

3. *Comb.*: **sheer-boom** *Lumbering*, a boom to catch floating logs and turn them in the desired direction; **sheer-line**, in military bridges, the stretched hawser of a flying bridge along which the boat passes.

1816 H. DOUGLAS *Milit. Bridges* 44 A cable, or sheer line, is stretched across the river. 1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.*, Sheer-boom. 1879 *Lumberman's Gaz.* 1 Oct., A row of piers to which they have attached a sheer-boom 2,500 feet long.

Sheer (ʃī·ər), *sb.*[2] *Naut.* Also 8 shere, 9 shear. [Perh. a use of SHEAR *sb.*[2], or new formation on SHEAR *v.* It is noteworthy that the Fr. synonym is *tonture* (in Fournier *Hydrogr.* ed. 2, 1667), app. identical with *tonture* shearing, clipping.]

1. The fore-and-aft upward curvature or rise of the deck or bulwarks of a vessel; the curve of the upper line of a vessel as shown in vertical section.

Straight or *little sheer*, a hardly noticeable rise at the bow and stern. *Quick, high*, or *great sheer*: a sheer with small radius of curvature.

1691 T. H[ALE] *Acc. New Invent.* 121 The section of..the whole Ship..included between the Plank-sheering, and the Keels, the upper line of which section is called the Sheer of the Ship. 1711 W. SUTHERLAND *Shipbuild. Assist.* 50 The quicker the Sheer is the more it contributes to the strength of the ship. 1779 BARNARD in *Phil. Trans.* LXX. 101, I found her perfectly upright, and her shere (or side appearance) the same as when first built. 1833 T. RICHARDSON *Merc. Mar. Archit.* 1 They likewise should have more sheer in proportion to their length than larger vessels. 1878 W. H. BISHOP *Voy. Paper Canoe* 105 Her great sheer, full bow, and smoothness of hull..kept her from swamping. 1884 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 5 Sept. 2/1 Boats with a high sheer at each end. 1889 WELCH *Text-bk. Naval Archit.* ii. 41 The considerable sheer (or curve upwards) given to their ends.

2. = *sheer-strake* (see 3).

1841 DANA *Seaman's Man.* 123 *Sheer* or *Sheer-strake.* 1889 R. DOWLING *Isle Surrey* II. xii. 235 His heels, driven by the force of the tide on the sheer of the boat.

3. *Comb.*: **sheer-batten**, (*a*) see quot.; (*b*) in ship-building, 'a strip nailed to the ribs to indicate the position of the wales or bends preparatory to those planks being bolted on' (Knight *Dict. Mech.* 1875); **sheer-built** *a.*, built with (little, great, etc.) sheer; **sheer-draught** (**-draft**), the sheer-plan; **sheer-line**, the line of elevation of a ship's deck; **sheer-mould** (see also quot. 1846); **sheer-plan, -rail** (see quots.); **sheer-strake**, the uppermost strake of the side planking or plating of a vessel, also *attrib.*; **sheer-wale** = *sheer-strake.*

1867 SMYTH *Sailor's Word-bk.*, **Sheer-batten*, a batten stretched horizontally along the shrouds, and seized firmly above each of their dead-eyes, serving to prevent the dead-eyes from turning at that part. 1883 JONCAS *Fish. Canada* (Fish. Exhib. Publ.) 11 The boats..are very *sheer built, and the clinker work is usually of cedar. 1769 FALCONER *Dict. Marine* (1780) C 2 b, The whole length of the ship is represented according to a side view, perpendicular to the keel, and is termed the plane of elevation, or *sheer-draught. 1830 MARRYAT *King's Own* xlix, The dimensions..I knew by the sheer-draught. 1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) XVII. 383/2 When it is in its proper position, the line WF will be in the same plane with the *sheer line. 1846 A. YOUNG *Naut. Dict.* 245 *Ram-line*,..a small rope..for forming the sheer of the ship:..adjusted on the ship's side by means of a long thin plank, called the *sheer-mould. 1867 SMYTH *Sailor's Word-bk.*, *Sheer-mould*, synonymous with ram-line. 1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) XVII. 377/2 The **sheer plan* or *draught*, otherwise called the *plan of elevation*, is that section of the ship which is made by a vertical plane passing through the keel. 1898 *Encycl. Sport* II. 575/1 (Yachting) The 'sheer plan' or longitudinal elevation, showing the lines of length from stem to stern, that is to say, the sheer-line, water-lines, line of keel, and lines of height from keel to gunwale. 1769 FALCONER *Dict. Marine* (1780), *Rails*..are likewise nailed upon several planks along the side; one in particular is called the *sheer-rail, which limits the height of the side from the forecastle to the quarter-deck, and runs aft to the stern, and forward to the cat-head. 1846 A. YOUNG *Naut. Dict., Sheer-rails*, a name for the mouldings round a vessel's top sides. 1805 *Shipwright's Vade-M.* 130 **Sheer-strake*. 1874 THEARLE *Naval Archit.* 102 Sheer strakes are the strakes of the plating (generally outer) which are adjacent to the principal decks. 1882 *Daily Tel.* 4 May, A vessel whose sheer-strake plate is half above and half below the line of main-deck beams. 1805 *Shipwright's Vade-M.* 130 **Sheer-wales* or *Middle-wales*, those strakes of thick stuff in the topside of three-decked ships which are wrought between the middle and lower deck ports.

Sheer (ʃī·ər), *a.* and *adv.* Forms: 3 scere, 3, 5 schere, 4 schiere, 6–7 shere, sheere, sheare, (? 6 *Sc.* schare), 7 shier, sheir, 6– sheer. [ME. *schēre* :— ? OE. **scēre* = ON. *skǽr-r* (Sw. *skär*, Da. *skjær*) :—OTeut. type **skairjo-*, related to the synonymous **skīro-*, SHIRE *a.* It is possible that the ME. word is an adoption from ON., the initial (sk) being modified to (ʃ) by the influence of the related native adj.] **A.** *adj.*

†1. Exempt, free (from service or fealty); clear, acquitted (from guilt or crime). *Obs.*

c 1205 LAY. 12752 Heo..habbeð iqueðen us scere nu & auere mare. 14.. T. CHESTRE *Launfal* 429 Fyfty delyverede prysouns, And made ham quyt and schere.

†2. Of the wind: ? Blowing steadily in one direction. (Cf. 9.) *Obs.*

c 1290 *St. Michael* 25 in *S. Eng. Leg.* 300 Nov was þat a wonder Arewe, and wonder wei heo soute..A wonder schere-wynd heo was on.

†3. Of hair: Thin, sparse. *Obs.*

c 1400 MAUNDEV. (1839) xxiii. 252 Alle the Tartarienes han smale Eyen and litille of Berd, and not thikke hered, but schiere.

†4. Of light: Bright, shining. Of water, crystal, etc.: Clear and pure; translucent. *Obs.*

1565 GOLDING *Ovid's Met.* IV. 47 b, The water was so pure and shere a man might well haue seene And numbred all the grauell stones that in the bottome beene. *a* 1568 *Bannatyne MS.* (Hunter. Club) 728 Phebus..Vnto the eist schutand his shaftis schare. 1583 MELBANCKE *Philotimus* Dd iij b, The Chrisolites & gems whereof did geue a sheere and shining light. 1587 GOLDING *De Mornay* XV. 274 The Soule is either a sheere body and of the nature of the Skye [orig. *vn corps luisant et æthere*], ..or els a bodilesse substance. 1600 HOLLAND *Livy* XLIV. XXXIII. 1191 Afterward they began to yeeld sheere and cleere water in great aboundance. 1871 ROSSETTI *My Sister's Sleep* iv, Without, there was a cold moon up, Of winter radiance sheer and thin.

†5. Of an article of food: Thin, not containing much substance. Of an animal: Lean. *Obs.*

1632 *Guillim's Heraldry* III. xxiii. (ed. 2) 241 The Moone is the naturall and secondary cause, that the crabbes of the Sea are either full and plumme, or else sheare and (after a sort) empty. 1735 J. MOORE *Columbarium* 39 The Dutch Tumbler is much of the same make, but larger,..not unlike a very sheer Dragoon. 1755 *Phil. Trans.* XLIX. 342 The skimmed milk is very thin and sheer.

6. Of textile fabrics, etc.: Thin, fine, diaphanous. Now *U.S.* [Cf. G. *schier* sb., 'cobweb lawn'.]

1565 GOLDING *Ovid's Met.* IV. (1567) 49 b, And yet with shere and velume wings [L. *perlucentibus alis*] they houer from the ground. 1641 BEST *Farm. Bks.* (Surtees) 106 Cocke-webbe-lawne, or tiffeny, is the sheirest and cheapest lawne of all. 1706 in Halliwell *Acc. Collect. Bills*, etc. (1852) 31 Shear muslins fit for head dresses and neckcloths. 1727 A. HAMILTON *New Acc. E. Ind.* I. xi. 125 They manufacture..in Calicoes coarse and fine, sheer and close wrought. 1848 BARTLETT *Dict. Amer.*, *Sheer*,..applied..to fabrics of cotton or silk; as, *sheer muslin*; meaning very thin, clear, or transparent. 1904 *Daily Chron.* 22 Apr. 8/1 So fine (the American girl would say 'sheer') is the batiste or lawn used that a slip lining is necessary.

7. Of a material substance: Unmixed or unaccompanied with other matter. Esp. of strong drink: (*a*) Undiluted with water; (*b*) taken alone without solid food.

1596 SHAKS. *Tam. Shr.* Ind. ii. 25 If she say I am not xiiii. d. on the score for sheere Ale. 1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* XXVII. iv. II. 273 Wherof they drinke..the weight of two drams in mead, wine, or sheere water [orig. *aqua pura*]. *c* 1618 FLETCHER *Double Marr.* V, Shall I have no sheere wine then? 1625 MASSINGER *New Way* IV. ii, Thou neuer hadst in thy house to stay mens stomackes A peece of Suffolke cheese, or Gammon of Bacon, Or any esculent,..but sheere drinke only. 1667 *Phil. Trans.* II. 548, 2 or 3 spoonfuls of shier water. 1675 EVELYN *Terra* (1676) 18 Of pure and sheere-Sand, there's white, black, blewish [etc.]. 1755 *Connoisseur* No. 53. 317 She has the gout in her constitution, and whenever she feels a twitch of it, the only thing is sheer Brandy to keep it from her head. 1764 *Museum Rust.* I. 463 Sheer and slight sands. 1802 HEBERDEN *On Gout* in Beddoes *Hygëia* VIII. 154 It has been thought that a large quantity of sheer wine is good for arthritics. 1815 SCOTT *Guy M.* XXXIX, Sheer ale supports him under every thing. 1873 J. GEIKIE *Gt. Ice Age* XI. 141 Nothing save sheer till covers the underlying rocks.

¶ Of steel (? misapprehension of SHEAR-STEEL).

1858 LONGF. *M. Standish* I. 29 This breast-plate..Had it not been of sheer steel, the forgotten bones of Miles Standish Would at this moment be mould.

b. Of an immaterial thing: Taken or existing by itself, ...alone. Now *rare* or *Obs.*

1622 MABBE tr. *Aleman's Guzman d'Alf.* II. 351 When he saw all his former malice could not..doe mee any harme, with sheere money hee went about to purchase out his reuenge vpon mee. *a* 1646 BURROUGHES *Exp. Hosea* I. (1652) 16 That what he shall deliver may be nothing but the word of God in him, sheer word of God, without any mixture of his own. 1836 I. TAYLOR *Phys. Theory Another Life* II. 22 An unembodied spirit, or sheer mind, is *no where*.

8. With a descriptive sb., or one denoting a quality, condition, circumstance, etc.: Neither more nor less than (what is expressed by the sb.); that and nothing else; unmitigated, unqualified; downright, absolute, pure. Cf. MERE *a.* 4.

1583 MELBANCKE *Philotimus* D iij, Which wil be no lesse then sheere beggery. *a* 1680 T. GOODWIN *Expos. Eph.* XXIX. Wks. 1681 I. 388 To go out of himself, and by naked and sheer Faith to go to Jesus Christ alone. 1771 *Junius Lett.* lxiii. 324 Out of sheer love and kindness to Lord Chatham. 1789 MRS. PIOZZI *France & It.* I. 99 *note*, I was always a sheer dunce for my own part. 1837 THIRLWALL *Greece* III. xxiii. 269 The conspirators were not strong enough to carry their point by sheer force. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* II. III. iii, Cazalès..said, in a moment of passion, 'the Patriots were sheer Brigands'. 1856 KANE *Arct. Expl.* I. xxxii. 449 Both Peterson and myself..fell asleep through sheer exhaustion. 1879 S. C. BARTLETT *Egypt to Pal.* vi. 145 The railway was closely skirted on the north by a sheer desert. 1885 *Manch. Exam.* 17 Jan. 5/4 It was a sheer mistake on the part of the driver.

†b. *Sheer wit*: a fashionable term for some particular form of humour. *Obs.*

1672 VILLIERS (Dk. Buckhm.) *Rehearsal* III. i. (Arb.) 67 This Scene will make you die with laughing, if it be well acted: it is a Scene of sheer Wit, without any mixture in the world, I gad. [Cf. 71 *infra* is not this pure Wit?] 1682 SHEFFIELD (Dk. Buckhm.) *Ess. Poetry* 269 That silly thing men call sheer Wit avoid, With which our Age so nauseously is cloy'd. 1738 *Gentl. Mag.* VIII. 206/2 The whole Strength of pretended Patriotism lies in Puns, Sheerwit, and a Horse Laugh.

9. Of a descent or ascent, the face of a wall, cliff, etc.: Continued perpendicularly or very steeply down or up without break or halting-place.

1800 WORDSW. *Hart-Leap Well* 50 And climbing up the hill—(it was at least Four roods of sheer ascent). 1815 SCOTT *Ld. of Isles* III. xvi, This lake,..whose barriers drear Are precipices sharp and sheer. 1874 SYMONDS *Sk. Italy & Greece* (1898) I. ix. 181 A pedestal of rock..surmounted by a sheer cliff. 1877 BLACK *Green Past.* XXXVII. (1878) 298

The great rapids whirling by at our very feet towards the sudden and sheer descent. 1898 RIDER HAGGARD *Dr. Therne* 25 The precipice, which to our left was quite sheer.

b. with *-down* affixed.

1864 CARLYLE *Fredk. Gt.* XVII. v. (1872) VII. 47 It has cut for itself that mountain gullet, or sheerdown chasm.

c. Of a fall or drop: Occurring straight down, happening from top to bottom (of a given height).

1859 HAWTHORNE *Marb. Faun* xviii, Look over the parapet and see what a sheer tumble there might still be for a traitor.

10. Of a blow (or the like): Delivered with full force; (hit or hitting) straight and hard. *poet.*

1865 SWINBURNE *Atalanta* 1295 And charging with sheer tusk he drove, and smote Hyleus. 1876 — *Erechtheus* 450 The lord Whose wheels make lightnings of the foam-flowered sea Here on this rock..one sheer blow Struck.

B. *adv.*

1. Completely, absolutely, altogether, quite. Used chiefly to qualify an adv. or prep., or with vbs. expressing removal, separation, cleavage, etc. (Cf. *right, clean.*)

a 1600 I. T. *Grim the Collier* IV. (1662) 52 A wily Priest ..Intends to bear her shere away from all. 1611 BEAUM. & FL. *Knt. Burn. Pestle* V. i, I..had my feather shot sheere away. 1628 FLETCHER *Span. Cur.* III. i, The prerogative of your crowns will carry the matter, Carry it sheere. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* I. 742 Thrown by angry Jove Sheer o're the Chrystal Battlements. 1706 PHILLIPS (ed. Kersey), *Sheer*, altogether, quite; as This Fancy is Sheer new. 1740 SOMERVILLE *Hobbinol* II. 81 Cautious he crept, and with his crooked Bill Cut sheer the frail Support. 1791 COWPER *Odyss* VII. 113 Sheer from the threshold to the inner house [*ἐς μυχὸν ἐξ οὐδοῦ διαμπερές*]. 1830 GALT *Lawrie T.* III. ix, I ain't a-going to be 'quivocal but to speak sheer to the point. 1852 MRS. STOWE *Uncle Tom's C.* vii, She vaulted sheer over the turbid current. 1854–5 LONGF. *Hiawatha* vii, Down the trunk, from top to bottom, Sheer he cleft the bark asunder. 1863 MRS. OLIPHANT *Salem Chapel* xvi, She went sheer forward when the door was open. 1896 MRS. CAFFYN *Quaker Grandmother* 324 In climbing over a stile, Miriam blundered, and fell sheer into the arms of John.

†**b.** Qualifying a numeral: Fully, no less than.

1642 H. MORE *Song of Soul* II. III. iii. 45 That it must fly six hundred thousand sheere Of Germane miles.

2. Perpendicularly or very steeply up or down; straight up or down without break or halting-place.

1829 SCOTT *Anne of G.* i, A platform of rock..from the farther side of which a precipice sunk sheer down. 1831 CARLYLE *Sart. Res.* I. iii, It rose sheer up above the contiguous roofs. 1872 BLACK *Adv. Phaeton* xxvi, The leaden-coloured lake lying sheer below you. 1875 JOWETT *Plato* (ed. 2) III. 631 A lofty cliff, and goes down sheer into the deep sea. 1892 BIERCE *In the Midst of Life* 16 A stone dropped from its outer edge would have fallen sheer downward one thousand feet.

†**Sheer,** *v.*[1] *Obs.* In 3–4 **schere.** [f. SHEER *a.*; cf. SKERE *v.*, SHIRE *v.*]

1. *trans.* To clear, free, acquit from blame. In quot. *refl.*: cf. SKERE *v.* 2.

c 1250 *Lutel Soth Sermun* 85 (Cott. MS.) in *O. E. Misc.* 190 Euer heo wile hire schere [*Jesus Coll. MS.* skere] ne com hire nomon neh.

2. To make bright or pure.

13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* A. 165 As glysnande golde þat man con schere.

3. *intr.* ? Of water: To run bright and clear.

13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* A. 107, I wan to a water by schore þat scherez.

Sheer (ʃiəɹ), *v.*[2] *Naut.* Forms: 7–8 **shere,** 7 **shear(e, share,** 7– **sheer.** [Perh. a use of SHEAR *v.*; but the development of the sense is obscure.

In MLG. and mod.LG., MHG. and mod.Ger., mod.Du. (but not MDu.) the vb. *scheren* (etymologically identical with SHEAR *v.*) often occurs intr. and refl. with the sense to withdraw, depart, 'be off' (coincident with sense 1 c below). This sense is commonly regarded by lexicographers as developed from the sense 'to divide'. The word in continental Teut. does not seem ever to have been in use as a nautical term, so that the common view that the Eng. vb. is of LG. or Du. origin is not convincing. The correspondence between the senses below and the Ger. and Du. senses above-mentioned is not sufficiently exact to warrant the assumption that the course of development has been parallel.]

1. *intr.* Of a ship: To turn aside, alter its direction, swerve to either side of its course, in obedience to the helm. Chiefly with advs., as *off, out, away.*

To sheer alongside, to, up, to hear up obliquely towards a vessel or other point.

1626 CAPT. SMITH *Accid. Yng. Seamen* 19 Lash fast your graplins and sheare off. 1670 COVEL in *Early Voy. Levant* (Hakl. Soc.) 104 All ships, if friends, when they meet upon the sea, share up to one another. 1687 A. LOVELL tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* I. 284 The others as they sheared by us, saw no Man above Deck. 1697 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 3318/3 They both sheered out a-stern of us. 1707 *Ibid.* No. 4329/5 She ply'd em so warmly, that they were forc'd to sheer off. 1760–72 H. BROOKE *Fool of Qual.* (1809) III. 83 Our guns..obliged two of them to sheer away again. 1834–5 M. SCOTT *Cruise Midge* I. (1836) 6 They sheered-to with an intent to speak him. 1875 BEDFORD *Sailor's Pocket Bk.* vii. (ed. 2) 267 The second boat of each column is to sheer twenty feet out of the wake of her leader. 1890 CLARK RUSSELL *Ocean Trag.* I. ii. 39 The boat then sheered alongside. 1894 *Law Times Rep.* LXXI. 103/1 Suddenly changing her course, and sheering back to the south. 1899 F. T. BULLEN *Log of Seawaif* 218 She sheered in towards us.

b. To swerve to either side irregularly or unsteadily, not in obedience to the helm. Also with *round.*

c 1635 CAPT. N. BOTELER *Dial. Sea Services* (1685) 289 When a Ship in her Sailing is not steddily steered She is said to go Sheering: Also when a Tide-gate runneth very swift, it will cause a Ship to go in and out, and so not straight forward; and this is called Sheering. 1769 (see SHEERING *vbl. sb.* below]. 1820 W. SCORESBY *Acc. Arctic Reg.* II. 474 The Esk..continued sheering from side to side to the utmost extent that the rope, by which she was towed, would allow. 1848 *Notes of Cases* (1849) VI. 7 The brig was sheering, not drudging. 1860 *Merc. Mar. Mag.* VII. 180 The ship then sheered to her starboard anchor.

c. *transf.* and *fig.* Chiefly with *off*: To change one's course; to depart, go away; to go off in a new direction or on the other 'tack'.

In quot. 1865 with irreg. pa.t. *shore* (by confusion with the vb. *shear*).

a 1704 T. BROWN *Volunteer's Sp. to Colonel* Wks. 1711 IV. 227, I resolv'd then to shere into the City, to try what luck I could find there. 1710 *Brit. Apollo* III. No. 14. 2/2 [She] has pickt 15 Guineas out of my Pocket, and shear'd off with it. 1778 [W. H. MARSHALL] *Minutes Agric.* 2 May 1776, Letting the points of the coulters hang two or three inches below the shares, to prevent their sheering from side to side. 1810 *Sporting Mag.* XXXVI. 30 They..were obliged to sheer off the ground. 1883 HOFFMAN *Winter Far West* (1835) I. 167 Wheeling my horse suddenly from the trail towards a thicket of dwarf oaks,..he sheered from the bush, and I was thrown upon the spot. 1865 CARLYLE *Fredk. Gt.* XIX. v. V. 509 His captains lagged or shore off. 1875 WHITNEY *Life Lang.* ix. 165 The history of our English, as compared with the Low-German dialects from which it sheered off in the fifth and sixth centuries. 1876 GREEN *Stray Stud.* 118 An age when the interests of popular liberty and of intellectual freedom had sheered off from the church. 1879 JEFFERIES *Amateur Poacher* xii. (1889) 235 The sheep..now sheered out from the hedge, and allowed me to go by.

2. *trans.* To cause (a vessel) to sheer; to direct (a vessel) obliquely towards a given point. Also with advs., as *off.*

1633 T. JAMES *Voy.* 83 Shering the Ship, night and day,.. amongst the disperst Ice that came athwart of vs. *Ibid.* 94 We..stood all on the decks to watch the Ices, sheering of the Ship (to and againe), to auoyd it. 1669 STURMY *Mariner's Mag.* I. ii. 20 We will sheer off our Ship, and hoise out our Shallop. 1769 FALCONER *Dict. Marine* (1780) s. v. *Anchor* To sheer the ship to her *Anchor*, is to steer the ship's head towards the place where the anchor lies when they are heaving the cable into the ship. 1797 S. JAMES *Narr. Voy.* 130 The helmsman sheered our ship as close..as it was possible to go. 1816 SIR H. DOUGLAS *Milit. Bridges* IV. 98 Let the boat be sheered off from the bank..by a cable. *Ibid.*, Whenever a current is so strong as to render it unsafe to sheer a boat across with cables.

transf. 1880 FITZGERALD *Lett.* (1889) I. 456 Here is a good Warwickshire word—'I sheered my Eyes round the room'. So good that it explains itself.

†**b.** *To sheer home the anchor*: to drag the anchor by swerving. *Obs.*

1644 MANWAYRING *Sea-man's Dict.* s.v. *Shearing*, Where a tide-gate runs very swift, the ship will shere in and out, and so much in some places, that they are faine..to steere her upon the tide, for feare she should shere-home her Anchors (that is, draw them home).

Hence **Shee·ring** *vbl. sb.* and *ppl. a.*

1627 CAPT. SMITH *Seaman's Gram.* xii. 58 Shearing off will teare it in peeces if the rope and anchor hold. 1769 FALCONER *Dict. Marine* (1780), *Sheering*, in navigation, the act of deviating or straying from the line of the course, either to the right or left, so as to form a crooked and irregular path through the water. It is commonly occasioned by the ship's being difficult to steer, but very often from the negligence or incapacity of the helmsman. 1896 KIPLING *Seven Seas* 8 We have strawed our best..To the shark and the sheering gull.

Sheer (ʃiəɹ), *v.*[3] [f. SHEER *sb.*[2]] *trans.* To give (a ship) a particular sheer or rise.

1711 W. SUTHERLAND *Shipbuild. Assist.* 49 The Shaping of any Ship upwards, termed Sheering of her. 1909 *Century Dict.* Suppl., *To sheer up* [*aft* or *forward*], to raise the sheer of a vessel.

Sheer (ʃiəɹ), *v.*[4] *rare.* [f. SHEER *a.*] *intr.* Of a rock-face: To rise or descend vertically or very steeply; in quot. with *up.* Hence **Shee·ring** *ppl. a.*

1851 G. W. CURTIS *Nile Notes* XXVI. 117 Smoothly sheering precipices below gave Hope no ledge to grasp in falling. 1863 BARING-GOULD *Iceland* 134 The rock sheered up some hundred feet above our heads.

Sheer, obs. f. SHIAH. **Sheer(e:** see SHEAR, SHIRE.

Sheeraz, variant of SHIRAZ (wine).

Sheer cloath, erron. form of CERECLOTH.

1711 in Macgill *Old Ross-sh.* (1909) 152.

Sheered (ʃiəɹd), *a. Naut.* [f. SHEER *sb.*[2] + -ED [2].] Of a ship: Built with a (particular kind of) sheer. Usually with defining word as *moon-, straight-sheered.*

1769 FALCONER *Dict. Marine* II. (1780), *Vaisseau qui a le côté foible*, a straight-sheered ship. 1852–63 BURN *Nav. & Milit. Techn. Dict.* (ed. 4) II, Sheered, *tonturé*; moon —, *fort enhuché*; round —, *gondolé, fort tonturé, de côté fort*; straight —, low-built ship, *vaisseau ras*, m.; straight—upper works, *accastillage ras*, m.

Sheeregrasse, obs. form of SHEAR-GRASS.

Sheer-hulk, shear-hulk. [f. *sheer,* SHEAR *sb.*[1] 4 + HULK *sb.*[2] 3.

The etymologically preferable spelling *shear-hulk* is little used. In the popular figurative use of the word, derived from nautical songs, the first element is often misunderstood as *sheer* adj., and the compound written as two words.]

The hulk or body of an old disused ship fitted with shears, etc., for hoistling purposes; also a vessel specially built and fitted with shears.

1768 *Phil. Trans.* LVIII. 139 When the Fame Man of War was driven from her mooring in Hamoaze; together with the sheer-hulk on the rocks. 1799 CAPT. PORTLOCK in *Naval Chron.* III. 71 She had been built for a sheer-hulk. *a* 1843 SOUTHEY *Comm.-pl. Bk.* (1851) IV. 385 The S. Raphael ..being too bad for a sheer-hulk was purchased by Mr. Hawker of Plymouth. 1860 WORCESTER, *Sheer-hulk*..written also *shear-hulk*. 1862 *Catal. Internat. Exhib.* II. XII. 22 Double sheer hulk for raising sunken vessels.

fig. 1790 C. DIBDIN *Song, Poor Tom,* Here, a sheer hulk, lies poor Tom Bowling. 1886 SIR P. WALLIS in Brighton *Life* (1892) 213 Then a young lieutenant, but now a worn-out sheer hulk.

†**Sheering nail,** ? mistake for *sheathing nail.*

1686 PLOT *Staffordsh.* 161 Sheering nailes for ships having broad heads and short shanks.

Sheerly (ʃiəɹli), *adv.* Also 5 *Sc.* **schsirly,** 6 **sheerely.** [f. SHEER *a.* + -LY [2].]

†**1.** Brightly, clearly. *Obs.*

c 1470 *Gol. & Gaw.* 477 With gold and goulis in greyne, Schynand scheirly and scheyne.

2. Completely, entirely, wholly; thoroughly; purely, simply. (Cf. SHEER *adv.*)

1601 *2nd Pt. Return fr. Parnass.* I. iii. 343 This libel of Cambridge..will sell sheerely vnderhand. *c* 1618 FLETCHER *Mad Lover* V, H'as out-done all, Outstript 'em sheerly. 1786 BURNS *Ep. Major Logan* ix, Eve's honie squad, priests wyte them sheerly For our grand fa'. 1810 in Dk. Buckingham *Court & Cab. Geo. III* (1855) IV. 430 The cause of the Ministerial majority is..attributed..sheerly to their having the better of the argument. 1843 *Blackw. Mag.* LIV. 313 A man is neither a brute, nor a god,..but simply and sheerly a Man. 1880 BERTHA THOMAS *Violin-Player* I. i. 11 He sheerly frightened the wits out of her comrade.

3. Sharply; with sharp cleavage or division.

1813 SCOTT *Trierm.* III. xxiii, Through gullet and through spinal bone, The trenchant blade had sheerly gone. 1823 — *Quentin D.* ii, Snares and traps, armed with scythe-blades, which shred off the unwary passenger's limb as sheerly as a hedge-bill lops off a hawthorn-sprig. 1866 W. R. ALGER *Solit. Nat. & Man* II. 70 When he feels the poor atom, self, sheerly contrasted with the vast cold mass of all humanity beside.

4. With vertical or very steep ascent or descent.

1879 STEVENSON *Ess. Trav., Amateur Emigrant* (1905) 23 In the centre the companion ladder plunged down sheerly like an open pit.

Sheerman, obs. form of SHEARMAN.

Shee·rness. *rare.* [f. SHEER *a.* + -NESS.] The quality of being sheer (see the adj.).

1587 GOLDING *De Mornay* iv. 53 Like as the light of the Sunne hath diuers effects through the disposition of mens eyes, and of the sheerenesse of things. 1903 *Edin. Rev.* Oct. 407 There is something of that quality of *sheerness* in this tale of peasant life..which we find in..'A Village Tragedy'...But it is not so grim.

†**Sheer-point.** *Obs. rare.* (Origin and meaning obscure.)

Cf. Lisle's expressions on pp. 433–4: 'a hard thunder-shower, which went to the roots of the corn'; 'a moderate rain.., enough to go to the roots of the corn'; 'one moderate shower..which went not to the roots of the corn'.

a 1722 LISLE *Husb.* (1757) 435 March the 10th, or thereabouts, fell a rain that might possibly go to the sheer-point.

Sheer Thursday. *Obs.* exc. *Hist.* Forms: *α.* 3–6 **schere,** 3–6, 8–9 **shere,** 4 **scer-, scere,** 5 **scher, chere,** 5–6 **sher,** 5, 7 **shear,** 6 **chare,** 7 **sheere,** 5, 9– **sheer.** *β.* 4 **shir,** 4–5 **schire,** 5 **schyre, schyr-, schir-,** 6 **shyre, shire, shier;** 6 *Sc.* **chyris.** *γ.* 5 **schordordai, s(c)hor-,** 5–6 **shore,** 6 **shorpthursday.** Often written as one word. [The *α* and *β* types correspond respectively to the two Scandinavian forms which are directly represented in Eng. by *Skere Thursday* (SKERE *a.* 4) and SKIRE THURSDAY. The two cognate and synonymous adjs. (ON. *skærr* SKERE, SHEER, and *sklrr* SKIRE, SHIRE) appear to have been applied to Maundy Thursday with allusion to the purification of the soul by confession (cf. *Shrove Thursday,* F. *jeudi absolu*), and perh. also to the practice of washing the altars on that day. The *γ* forms are corruptions due to the association with words of somewhat similar sound.

Another name for Maundy Thursday, app. of similar meaning, was Du. *witte Donderdag* ('white Thursday'), recorded from the 13th c.; so G. *weisser Donnerstag.*]

The Thursday in Holy Week, Maundy Thursday.

α. c 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 99 Gif we bien cumen on bicumeliche wise a shereðursdai to absoluciun. *c* 1275 *Passion our Lord* 89 in *O. E. Misc.* 40 At þe schere þursday. *c* 1290 *St. Brendan* 360 in *S. Eng. Leg.* 229 A-schereþores-day [(1310 ed. Bälz) scere þorsday, *v.rr. c* 1300 scerþursday, *c* 1400 scher þursday, 14.. schire þoresday, schordordai, etc.] huy comen þudere in gret trauaile inou3. 1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* IX. xxxi. (1495) 367 The daye of Cene that we calle Sherethursdaye. *c* 1425 *Processional Nuns Chester* (1899) 6 On sherthursday at the washyng of the auters. *c* 1430 LYDG. *Min. Poems* (Percy Soc.) 253 On sheerthursday. *c* 1450 *Mirk's Festial* 125 Scher þursday; for, in old fadrys dayes, men wold þat day make scher hom honest, and dodde hor heddys, and clyp hor herdys, and so make hom onest a3eynes Astyr-day. *Ibid.* 169 Chere þursday. 1534 MORE *Answ. Poysoned Bk.* Pref. B iiij b, Y^e^ maundye of Chryste wyth hys apostles vpon shere thursday. 1621 in *Dewsbury Parish Reg.*, Alice daughter of Willm Speight elder baptised the xxix day being Shear Thursdaye.

β. c 1380 WYCLIF *Sel. Wks.* I. 325 Joon restide on Shu þursdaie in þe soper on Cristis brest. 1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) VII. 435 In Cene þorsday, þat som men clepeþ Schire-þorsday [1432–50 Scherethursday]. *c* 1450 in Aungier *Syon* (1840) 346 A Schirthursday the sustres shal say the seuen psalmes. 1520 *Perth Hammermen Bk.* (1889) 13 For can-

dill upon Chyris Thuirsday in the kirk, iiij d. *c* 1541 in J. Collier *Eccl. Hist.* (1714) II. 197 Shier-Thursday, as we call it. **y.** 1456 *Paston Lett.* I. 389, I wold ye wold take avise and counsel of the Preest that had you so long under hand on Shorthursday. *a* 1490 Botoner *Itin.* (1778) 372 Item quolibet shore-thursday, voluit lavare pedes eorum. 1513 Bradshaw *St. Werburge* I. 2978 Shorpthursday. 1537 Wriothesley *Chron.* (1875) I. 62 The 29 daye of March, beinge Shore Thursdaye.

Sheeshum, variant of Shisham.

Sheet (ʃīt), *sb.*[1] Forms: *a.* 1 scíete, scéte, scýte, scíte, (3 sciet, sced, ssete, 4 schet), 3–6 schete, 4–5 scheete, 4–6 shete, (5 sshete, chete, schet(t, chitte, 6 sheate, shelt(e, schett, *north.* scheit, sheyt(t, shite), 5–8 *north.* sheit, 6–7 sheete, 6–8 *north.* sheitt, 7 sheett, 7–9 *dial.* shit, 6– sheet. [OE. *sciete* wk. fem., Anglian *scéte*, later *scýte*:—prehistoric **skautjōn-*, f. root **skaut-* (: *skeut* : *skut-* : see Shoot *v.*, Shot *sb.*[1]), of which one of the senses was to project.

To the root *skaut-* belong the foll. forms: (1) of the strong declension, OE. *scéat* masc. (which may be partly the source of the mod.Eng. *sheet*) corner, quarter, region, lap, bosom, bay, skirt, cloth, OFris. *skât*, *schât* skirt, lappet (NFris. *skuat*, *skut*, etc. lap, sail-rope), MLG. *schôt*, (M)Du. *schoot* masc. and fem., lap, sail-rope, OHG. (masc., fem., and neut.) *scôz* (MHG. *schôz*, G. *schoss*) skirt, lappet, lap, ON. *skaut* neut., corner of cloth, quarter (of earth, heaven), skirt, bosom, sail-rope (MSw. *skôt* lower corner of a sail, fold in clothing, bosom, lap, Da. *skjød* lap, skirt), Goth. *skaut-s* masc. or *skaut* neut. *κρασπεδον*, hem of a garment; (2) of the weak declension, OE. *scéata* masc. (see Sheet *sb.*[2]), OHG. *scôza* (MHG. *schôze*) fem., (M)LG. *schôte* sail-rope, ON. *skaute* masc., kerchief (Sw. *skôte* bosom, lap, Da. *skjøde* sail-rope).]

1. †**a.** A napkin, cloth, or towel. *Obs.* **b.** A broad piece of linen or cotton stuff, canvas, or the like, for covering, swathing, protecting from injury, etc. (Now felt as a transf. use of 3.) *Obs.*

Also with qualifying word, as *dusting-*, *winnowing-sheet*.

c 725 *Corpus Gloss.* (Hessels) S 57 *Sandalium*, scete, loca. *c* 900 tr. *Bæda's Hist.* III. vii. (1890) 180 Heo..hire feax zerædde, & heo mid scytan [*v.r.* scitan] hisweop. *c* 1000 *Ags. Gosp.* Mark xiv. 51 Sum iungling him fyligde mid anre scytan bewæfed nacod & hi namon hine. *a* 1100 *Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 427/42 *In sabanis*, on scetum. *c* 1250 *Moral Ode* 267 (Egerton MS.) Ne scal þer beo sced [*v.r.* sciet, scete] ne scrud. 1297 R. Glouc. (Rolls) 8962 þis gode mold..gurde aboute hire middel a uair linne ssete & wess þe meseles vet. 1375 Barbour *Bruce* XIII. 236 Schetis that war sum-deill braid Thai festnyt in steid of baneris Apon lang treis. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Sec. Nun's T.* 536 The cristen folk..With sheetes han the blood ful faire yhent. *a* 1400 *Leg. Rood* (1871) 216 Oure lady her hede sche schette in a schete. 1434 *E. E. Wills* (1882) 96, Y bequethe a shete to the..Chirche, to be peynted at the persons coste.., forto hange to-fore ij auteres. *c* 1450 *Mirk's Festial* 219 [He] syȝ an angyl wyth a whyt schete of selke wepe þe sydys of Saynt Laurens. 1523–34 Fitzherb. *Husb.* § 122 Set a stole.. nygh vnto the swarme & lay a clene wasshen shete vpon the stole. 15.. *Wowing of Jok & Jynny* 26 in *Bannatyne MS.* (Hunter. Club) 388 Ane blanket, and ane wecht also, Ane schule, ane scheit, and ane lang flail. 1577 B. Googe *Heresbach's Husb.* I. 40 b, The Wayne or Cart must be lyned with sheetes, lest..the seede fall thorowe. 1649 *Caldwell Papers* (Maitl. Club) I. 102 Ane new sheitt of tyking to ye lard's horss. 1753 *Chambers' Cycl.* Suppl., *Sheet*, in the manege. 1824 Scott *St. Ronan's* xxii, Meddle with your horse-sheets, and leave shawls alone. 1842 Abdy *Water Cure* 61 When the whole skin was thoroughly warm, the sheet was changed for another wet one. 1858 Simmonds *Dict. Trade*, *Sheets*, a name given by railway companies to wagon covers, of oiled canvas, made of different qualities and sizes, from 23 to 42 square yards. 1888 *Mrs. Beeton's Househ. Managem.* § 3279 She should..cover up every article of furniture that is likely to spoil with large dusting-sheets.

b. In phr. referring to performing penance in a sheet (orig. for fornication).

Cf. 1556, 1797 s.v. Penance *sb.* 2, and Sheeten *a.*

1587 Harrison *England* II. xi. 185/1 in *Holinshed*, Harlots and their mates by..dooing of open penance in sheets, in churches and market steeds are..put to rebuke. 1597 *Pilgr. Parnass.* v. 546 An honest man that nere did stande in sheete. 1607 Middleton *Fam. Love* IV. iv, I can describe how often a man may lie with another man's wife before 'a come to the white sheet. 1616 R. C. *Times' Whistle* (1871) 104 The standing in a sheet (A punnishment for thy offence moste meet). 1902 W. J. Ford *Hist. Camb. Univ. C. C.* Pref. 11, I am willing to do penance of sheet and candle if I have wounded any one's feelings.

2. = Winding-sheet (q. v.). Also †*burying-sheet*, †*shrouding-sheet*.

c 1000 Ælfric *Hom.* II. 260 Hi bewundon his lic mid linenre scytan. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 17288+192 Peter come after & in he went..And saȝe þe schetez spred. 13.. *Medit.* 955 Þys body was leyde vpp on a shete. 1450 *Engl. Ch. Furniture* (Peacock 1866) 181 My wreched body to be beryd in a chitte with owte any kiste. 1531 *Rec. St. Mary at Hill* (1904) 42 A beryng shett with a seme. *a* 1568 *Bannatyne MS.* (Hunter. Club) 56 Quhen thay ar prickit in a scheit Than lost is all thair ryaltie. 1592 Shaks. *Rom. & Jul.* v. iii. 97 Tybalt, ly'st thou there in thy bloudy sheet? 1633 Earl Manch. *Al Mondo* 24 Wee come into the world with a sheete about vs, no sooner borne, but going to bee buried. 1721 Kelly *Sc. Prov.* 6 All that you'll get will be a Kist, and a Sheet after all. 1816 C. Wolfe *Burial Sir J. Moore* iii, Not in sheet nor in shroud we bound him.

3. A large oblong piece of linen, cotton (or, formerly, hempen) cloth, used as an article of bedding, one being placed immediately above and one below the person. *The sheets*, the pair of sheets belonging to a bed; *between the sheets* (colloq.), in bed.

c 1250 *Prov. Ælfred* 310 in *O. E. Misc.* 120 Schene vnder schete, and þeyh heo is schendful. *c* 1374 Chaucer *Former Age* 45 No down of fetheres ne no hlecheđ shete Was kyd to hem. 1377 Langl. *P. Pl. B.* XIV. 233 Whan he streyneth hym to streche þe strawe is his schetes. 1424 *E. E. Wills* (1882) 56, I wull he haue..to ilk of þe too beddis too peyre schetys goode. 1462 in Anstey *Munim. Acad.* (Rolls) II. 698 A peyr of schets. 1531 *Rec. St. Mary at Hill* (1904) 42 A payre of shettes of holond. 1611 Shaks. *Cymb.* II. ii. 16 Cytherea, How brauely thou becom'st thy Bed; fresh Lilly, And whiter then the Sheetes. 1622 Beaum. & Fl. *Beggar's Bush* III. iii, To steal from the hedge, hoth the shirt and the sheets. 1711 Addison *Spect.* No. 90 ₱ 7, I was laid very decently between a Pair of Sheets. 1790 Burns *Taylor fell thro' bed* i, The blankets were thin and the sheets they were sma'. 1842 Tennyson *Vision of Sin* 68 Bitter barmaid, waning fast! See that sheets are on my bed. 1865 Mas. Riquell *Max. Drewitt* xxix, When induced to go to bed,..retiring from view between the sheets in his boots, coat, waistcoat, and trousers.

b. *pl.* in phrases with reference to sexual intercourse, e.g. *between the sheets*, *lawful sheets*. Also, with allusion to 'the shaking of the sheets' (see Shaking *vbl. sb.* 1 d), *to dance* (*a dance*) *between a pair of sheets*.

[1599 Shaks. *Much Ado* II. iii. 144 O when she had writ it, & was reading it ouer, she found Benedicke and Beatrice betweene the sheete.] 1604 — *Oth.* II. iii. 29 Happinesse to their Sheetes. 1605 — *Lear* IV. vi. 118 My Daughters got 'tweene the lawfull sheets. 1612 Chapman *Widow's T.* I. ii, *Tom.*..How her honour..entertained him in very familiar manner. *Ars.* Nay more, that he had alreadie possest her sheetes. 1633 Massinger *Guardian* I. i, The delight to meet in the old dance Between a pair of sheets; my Grandame call'd it The peopling of the world. 1683 Tryon *Way to Health* 627 The moderate use of lawful Sheets. *a* 1704 T. Brown *Æsop's State Conform.* Wks. 1711 IV. 120 You and I can never dance betwixt one pair of Sheets. 1719 Young *Revenge* II. i, Must I then..Lead to his nuptial sheets the blushing maid? 1871 R. Ellis *Catullus* lxvii. 30 Truly a noble father..Thus in a son's kind sheets lewdly to puddle.

4. A sail. Chiefly *poet.*

Not a nautical use; prob. originating as a misuse of Sheet *sb.*[2]

1637 Heywood *Pleas. Dial.* 210 A deeper Sea I now perforce must saile, And lay my sheats ope to a freer gale. 1666 Dryden *Ann. Mirab.* lvi, Their folded Sheets dismiss the useless Air. 1712 Parnell *Spect.* No. 501 ₱ 3 The Boat was push'd off, the Sheet was spread. 1725 Pope *Odyss.* II. 465 With speed the mast they rear, with speed unbind The spacious sheet, and stretch it to the wind.

5. An oblong or square piece of paper or parchment, *esp.* for writing or printing; *spec.* one of the pieces of definite size (varying according to the kind) in which paper is made, 24 (formerly also 25) going to a quire. (The 'sheet' of writing-paper is usually once folded, so as to form two 'leaves'.)

See also Broadsheet; also *balance-*, *score-*, *time-sheet*.

1510 Stanbridge *Vocabula* (W. de W.) C ij b, *Philura*, a shete. 1530 Palsgr. 266/2 Shete of paper, *foyllet de papier*. 1538 London in *Lett. Suppr. Monast.* (Camden) 227 A multitude of small bonys [etc.]..wiche wolde occupie iiij. schetes of papyr to make particularly an inventary of every part thereof. ?1545 Brinklow *Compt.* ix. C iij b, For writting one syde of a shete of paper..he will haue ij. grotes. 1613 Tapp *Pathw. Knowl.* 62 A Bale containes Reames 10 Quires 200 Sheets 5000. 1623 J. Taylor (Water P.) *Praise Hemp-seed* 24 Foure and twenty Sheets doe make a Quire. *a* 1700 Evelyn *Diary* 27 Nov. 1655, He told me of an inke that would give a dozen copies, moist sheets of paper being press'd on it. 1743 Johnson *Let. to Mr. Cave* in *Boswell*, I believe I am going to write a long letter, and have therefore taken a whole sheet of paper. 1775 — *Let.* 27 May *ibid.*, I have returned Lord Hailes's entertaining sheets. 1815 Scott *Guy M.* xvi, She..writes six sheets a-week to a female correspondent. 1833 J. Holland *Manuf. Metal* II. 224 The supply of blank paper, laid upon a table, from whence the sheets are drawn..by the boy standing upon the platform. 1857 Hughes *Tom Brown* I. iii, He had..managed to fill two sides of a sheet of letter-paper. 1894 Hall Caine *Manxman* v. vii, Pete went out to buy a sheet of notepaper and an envelope. 1895 *Bookman* Oct. 26/2 Plans..should not be large folded sheets, but single page plans of small districts. *allusively.* 1691 *Comedy, Win Her & Take Her* II. i. 19 She's a sheet of Rivell'd parchment, on which is Imprest a perpetual Almanack.

b. *In sheets*: lying flat or expanded, not folded. 1887 *Cassell's Encycl. Dict.*

c. A piece of paper on which objects are fixed and arranged in order for sale and use.

1706 in Halliwell *Acc. Collect. Bills*, etc. (1852) 28 One sheet of pines 4[d]. *Mod.* Several sheets of botanical specimens.

d. A piece of paper (or card) which is divided by means of perforations or the like into sections which may be torn or cut away as required.

1776 *Pennsylvania Even. Post* 2 Mar. 110/2 A Sheet of Continental Money,..containing sixteen bills, being numbered 38019, and 38032. 1852 *Rep. Sel. Comm. Postage Label Stamps* 94 That a sheet of perforated stamps might be charged a penny more than the unperforated one. 1901 *Whitaker's Alm.* (*Postal Guide*), Uncut sheets of half-penny wrappers, 14 on each sheet.

6. In printing and bookbinding, such a piece of paper printed and folded so as to form pages of a reqnired size (folio, quarto, etc.). Also, a quantity of printed matter equal to that contained in a sheet.

1589 [? Lyly] *Pappe w. Hatchet* B iij, All his works bound close, are at least sixe sheetes in quarto, and he calls them the first tome of his familiar Epistle. 1659 Bp. Walton *Consid. Considered* vi. 92 When the sheet is past the Correctors hand, and is Printed off. 1683 Moxon *Mech. Exerc., Printing* 218 If it be the First Page of the first Sheet of a Book the Signature is A. 1689 *Gazophyl. Angl.* Pref. A 4 Lest the Book should exceed the quantity of Sheets design'd. 1751 *Chambers' Cycl.* Advt. conc. 2nd ed., A considerable part of the copy was prepared, and upwards of twenty sheets actually printed in that method. 1808 Scott *Let. to C. K. Sharpe* 30 Dec. in *Lockhart*, The fee is ten guineas a sheet. 1824 Johnson *Typogr.* II. *2 Two Sheets in Folio, Quired, or lying one in another. 1844 Dickens *Let.* 3 Apr. A Magazine sheet is sixteen pages. 1885 Lock in *Workshop Rec.* Ser. IV. 228/1 By 'binding' a book is meant the arrangement of the 'sheets' composing it..in proper sequence, within a pair of covers.

b. *In sheets*: (of books) not bound.

1693 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 2854/4 Numbers of the Books..have been..stolen out of Thomas Basset's Warehouse.., all in Sheets. 1762 Foote *Orator* II. Wks. 1799 I. 215 Four hundred of News from the invisible world, in sheets.

c. *pl.* With qualifying demonstrative or its equivalent: Pages or leaves of a book; esp. *these sheets*, *the following sheets* = the book now before the reader. Now *rare*.

1591 Sylvester *Du Bartas* I. i. 122 In sacred sheets of either Testament 'Tis hard to find an higher Argument. 1676 W. Allen *Addr. Nonconf.* 114 What is said..by J. O. in some Sheets intituled, Two Questions [etc.]. 1707 Sir W. Hope *New Method Fencing* Ded., Having of late Discovered the Short and Easy Method of Fencing, contained in the following Sheets. 1710 Wheatly *Bk. Com. Prayer* xv. (1729) 540 It is easy for the Readers to turn to and observe them, without my swelling these Sheets with them here. 1829 Scott *Guy M.* Introd., In changing his plan,.. which was done in the course of printing, the early sheets retained the vestiges of the original tenor of the story. 1868 M. Pattison *Academ. Org.* 4 The following sheets assume that the English nation [etc.].

†**d.** A pamphlet. *Obs.*

c 1684 in *Harl. Misc.* (1745) V. 348 It is not my Presumption, in this Sheet, to write the Life of this great Statesman. 1726 *Life W. Penn* in *P.'s Wks.* (1782) I. p. cli, About this time [1702]..he wrote a sheet entitled, 'Considerations upon the Bill against Occasional Conformity.'

e. A newspaper. Now *rare*.

1749 Foote *Knights* I. (? 1780) 6 Quires of news-papers! now, I reckon, you read a matter of eight sheets every day. *a* 1796 Burns *To Mr. Peter Stuart*, Your sheet, man, (Though glad I'm to see't, man,) I get it no' ae day in ten. 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* I, He tried to..read his paper as usual...He chuckled and swore to himself behind the sheet. 1912 *Times* 19 Oct. 5/3 The insinuations of the *Temps* are only taken up by a very few boulevard sheets.

7. A continuous extent or 'sweep' of something conceived as hanging, falling, or moving in a certain direction. **a.** Of light, lightning.

1605 Shaks. *Lear* III. ii. 46 Such sheets of Fire, such bursts of horrid Thunder. 1795 Coleridge *Lines written at Shurton Bars* 58 When a second sheet of light Flashed o'er the blackness of the night. 1847 De Quincey *Sp. Mil. Nun* x. Wks. 1853 III. 21 A broad sheet of lightning, which, through the darkness of evening, revealed the boat. 1857 Hawthorne *Engl. Note-bks.* (1870) II. 268 There was a broad sheet of daylight in the west. 1882 'Ouida' *Maremma* viii, The sky was a sheet of lightning.

b. Of rain, mist, fog.

1697 Dryden *Virg. Georg.* I. 437 Oft whole sheets descend of slucy Rain. *a* 1774 Goldsm. *Surv. Exp. Philos.* (1776) I. 327 A sheet of vapour rising from the sea. 1844 Dickens *Let. to T. Mitton* 5 Nov., The water has been falling down in one continual sheet. 1894 *Yachting* (Badm. Libr.) II. 377 A heavy squall with sheets of rain. 1897 G. Allen *Type-writer Girl* i, As one beholds the Paps of Jura on a day of sea-fog through swaying sheets of white cloud.

transf. 1892 Bierce *In Midst of Life* 89 Our fellows.. sent broad sheets of bullets against the blazing crest of the offending works.

c. In an organ, the current (*of* wind) directed through the wind-way against the upper lip of a pipe.

1881 C. A. Edwards *Organs* xvii. 135 Any movement of the languid would..alter the direction of the sheet of wind.

8. A broad expanse or stretch of something lying out flat, presenting a white or glistening surface, or forming a relatively thin covering or layer.

a. of water. (In quot. 1593 ? *collect.*)

1593 *Wills & Inv. N. C.* (Surtees 1860) 219 Eighte shete of the fishinge water of Southe Yarowe. 1687 A. Lovell tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* II. 83 There you have the Canal and Sheets of Water in the same manner as in the other. *c* 1710 Celia Fiennes *Diary* (1888) 193 A Long as well as Large fountaine or pond w[ch] is Called a sheete of water. 1727–46 Thomson *Summer* 594 An azure sheet it rushes broad. 1784 Cowper *Task* v. 206 The light and smoky mist That in its fall the liquid sheet throws wide. 1845 *Penny Cycl.* Suppl. I. 35/1 The vast plain..during the greater part of the year..is a sheet of water. 1896 M. M'L. Harper *Rambles in Galloway* i. 23 The loch is a lovely sheet of water.

b. of ice, foam.

1694 *Acc. Sev. Late Voy.* II. (1711) 172 If it be calm Weather..they stay in the Sea, and fasten themselves to a sheet of Ice, and so they drive along with the Stream. 1807 Wilkinson in Pike *Sources Mississ.* (1810) II. App. 29 The ice had commenced drifting in large sheets. 1833 Tennyson *Lotos-Eaters* 13 A slumbrous sheet of foam below. 1865 Geikie *Scen. & Geol. Scot.* iv. 78 The interior of that tract of country is covered with one wide sheet of snow and ice. 1867 Augusta Wilson *Vashti* xxvi, The surf was..tossing sheets of foam around the stone piers.

c. of vegetation, flowers.

1791 Burns *Lament Mary Q. Scots* i, Now Nature.. spreads her sheets o' daisies white Out o'er the grassy lea. 1857 Hawthorne *Engl. Note-bks.* (1870) II. 316 Broad sheets of ivy here and there mantle the headlong rock. 1859 Tennyson *Guinev.* 387 Sheets of hyacinth That seem'd the heavens upbreaking thro' the earth.

d. of sediment, gravel, rock, lava, etc.; *spec.* in *Geol.* and *Metal-mining* (see quots.).

1815 Scott *Ld. of Isles* III. xxxii, O'er sheets of granite,

dark and broad,..lay the road. 1818 — *Hrl. Midl.* I, A mountain, whose sides were covered with heather and sheets of loose shingle. 1877 HUXLEY *Physiogr.* 203 Sheets of lava are found in the north-eastern part of Ireland. 1880 D. C. DAVIES *Metallif. Min.* 421 *Sheet* [Australian], a solid body of pure ore filling a crevice. 1897 *Proc. Soc. Antiq.* 17 June 422 A now denuded gravel sheet which once covered the district. 1898 S. H. COX *Prospecting for Min.* 113 Cave Deposits..might be subdivided into chambers or pockets, flats or sheets, and pipe veins. 1905 TARR *New Phys. Geog.* 34 A mass of lava thrust between strata forms an intruded sheet or sill.

e. *Anat.* and *Path.* of tissue.

1872 HUMPHRY *Myology* 30 There are four muscular sheets thus arising placed beneath one another and distinct from each other. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 504 The new epidermis is thrown off..either in sheets or in scales.

9. A relatively thin piece of considerable breadth *of* a malleable, ductile, or pliable substance.

1675 HANNAH WOOLLEY *Gentlew. Comp.* 132 Lay the Meat round the Dish, on a sheet of Paste. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 7 Sept. 1666, Where a sheet of lead covering a great space.. was totally mealted. 1796 *Mrs. Glasse's Cookery* viii. 143 Lay a sheet of puff-paste at the bottom of your dish. 1817 FARADAY *Chem. Manip.* xiv. (1842) 311 A still higher heat may be gained by fanning the upper part of the fire with a sheet of pasteboard. 1856 H. CHANCE in *Jrnl. Soc. Arts* IV. 226/2 (Glassmaking), The sheets, when annealed, are drawn from the kiln. 1893 J. A. HODGES *Elem. Photogr.* xv. 100 A sheet of plate glass. 1904 HOWITT *Native Tribes S. E. Austr.* viii. 462 A sheet of bark is rolled round him.

b. A flat piece of tin, used for baking cakes, etc.

1747 MRS. GLASSE *Cookery* xv. 140 Flower some Sheets of Tin, and drop your Biskets of what Bigness you please. 1769 MRS. RAFFALD *Engl. Housekpr.* (1778) 274 Grease your tin sheets, and drop them [the jumbles] in the shape of a macaroon. 1846 SOYER *Gastron. Regen.* p. xxiii, Baking-sheets of various sizes.

c. Rubber prepared in thin pieces.

1900 BRANNT *India Rubber* ii. 103 The manufacture of fine cut sheet was invented by Charles Macintosh. 1912 *Times* 19 Dec. 16/3 Vallambrosa smoked sheet realized 4s. 7¾d. and first latex crepe 4s. 4½d. per lb.

d. Sheet iron or steel; a length of this.

1884 W. H. GREENWOOD *Steel & Iron* x. 211 It is usual to describe all plates of a thickness below No. 4 B. W. G. (Birmingham Wire Gauge)—238 inch—as 'sheets'. 1897 *Daily News* 12 Apr. 2/5 Sheets of 24 gauge. 1899 *Ibid.* 23 Jan. 8/6 Galvanised corrugated sheets.

10. A more or less extensive piece (of a wall). *rare.* (Cf. F. *pan de mur.*)

1799 *Hull Advertiser* 21 Sept. 4/1 Every shot knocking down whole sheets of a wall.

11. *Geom.* A portion of a surface analogous to the branch of a curve.

1827 H. P. HAMILTON *Anal. Geom.* in *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) I. 730 The conical surface will be composed of two similar portions, one above, and the other below the vertex; each portion is called a sheet. 1859 CAYLEY *Math. Papers* (1891) IV. 117 An algebraic cone consists..of a closed sheet or sheets.

12. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *sheet-cloth, -hem, -leaf, -lettering, -maker, -stealer*; *sheet-like, -white* adjs.

1547 *Test. Ebor.* (Surtees) VI. 256 A *sheite cloithe of my lynne webbe. 1880 *Plain Hints Needlework* 14 The width of a *sheet hem is very different from that on a pocket-handkerchief. 1641 BROME *Jovial Crew* I. Wks. 1873 III. 354 The foul Fiend took him napping with his nose Betwixt the *sheet-leaves of his conjuring Book. 1867 *Ure's Dict. Arts* III. 1044 An expanding comb guides the even and *sheet-like threads on to the weavers' beam. 1883 MOLONEY *W. African Fisheries* 19 (Fish. Exhib. Publ.), A loose sheet-like body-covering wrapper. 1611 COTGR. s. v., *Adventurier, Vn Adventurier vagabond,*..a hedge-creeper, hennekiller, *sheet-stealer. 1891 M. MURIEL DOWIE *Girl in Karp.* 270 The closed door of a *sheet-white cottage.

b. Special comb.: **sheet-calender** (see quot.); **sheet-card**, a kind of card used in cotton manufacture (see quot.); **sheet-cow**, *dial.*, a cow having a broad white band round the body [cf. SHEETED 3]; **sheet-delivery** (see quot.); **sheet-filled** *a.*, having the sails filled out by the wind; **sheet-glass**, (*a*) cylinder glass; also *attrib.*; (*b*) a vessel made of this glass; **sheet-lightning**, lightning in a sheet-like form due to reflection by the clouds; **sheet-pile** (see quot. 1862); hence **sheet-pile** *v. trans.*, to protect with sheet-piles; **sheet-piling**, a continuous wall of sheet-piles; **sheet pointing machine** (see quot.); †**sheet-shaking** *Sc.*, remains of meal, etc. shaken from the bottom of a sheet; cf. *poke-shaking* s. v. POKE *sb.*[1] 7; **sheet-ways**, in single sheets written only on one side; **sheet-wise**, in the form or manner of sheet-work; **sheet-work** (see quot.).

1884 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.* Suppl., **Sheet Calender*, a machine for pressing paper, rubber, etc., into sheets and giving it surface. 1825 J. NICHOLSON *Oper. Mech.* 380 Cards are formed in two ways; the one called *sheet-card, is made about four inches wide, and 18 inches long, or of a length corresponding with the width of the main cylinder, which they have to cover; the other, called fillet-card. 1772 in *Mrs. Delany's Autobiogr.* Ser. II. I. 476 This comes hoping that the *sheet cow will come walking..into the charming domaines of Bulstrode on Wensday next. 1884 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.* Suppl., **Sheet Delivery*, delivering the printed sheet from the form to the fly. 1652 BENLOWES *Theophila* IX. xxxix, The Poet's Pharos be that sets forth sail, While he steers *sheet-fill'd with a holy gale. 1805 *Act* 45 *Geo. III*, c. 30 Sched., All other Window Glass..commonly called..by the Name of Crown Glass, or German *Sheet Glass. 1846 MACCULLOCH *Acc. Brit. Empire* (1854) I. 745 Sheet glass furnaces. 1887 *Month* LXI. 162 The reliquary, consisting of two round sheet glasses. 1829 *Chapters Phys. Sci.* 472 Lightning of this sort, denominated *sheet lightning, is mostly to be seen in the hot sultry evenings of summer or autumn, and is generally unaccompanied with thunder. 1864 TENNYSON *Aylmer's F.* 726 When it seem'd he saw No pale sheet-lightnings from afar, but fork'd Of the near storm. 1841 BREES *Gloss. Civ. Engin.* s. v. *Foundation*, To drive a row of *sheet [*printed* sheep] piles next the foundations of walls adjoining the sea, or rivers. 1862 RANKINE *Man. Civ. Engin.* § 404. 605 Sheet Piles are flat piles, which, being driven successively edge to edge, form a vertical or nearly vertical sheet, for the purpose of preventing the materials of a foundation from spreading. 1842 *Civil Engin. & Arch. Jrnl.* V. 58/2 *Sheet-pile it a short space from the wall of the hole. 1789 W. JESSOP *Rep. Thames & Isis* (1791) 23 With some short *sheet piling underneath it at the foot. 1837 *Civil Engin. & Arch. Jrnl.* I. 12/2 The foot of the river wall will be protected by sheet piling of whole timbers 8 feet long. 1884 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.* Suppl., **Sheet Pointing Machine*, a machine for preparing printing sheets for cutting. 1543 *Extr. Aberd. Reg.* (1844) I. 191 The vittell byaris of the merkat scattis thame grytlie in taking of sampillis, *scheytschakkingis, and sic oder ewill vsit custum. 1561 *Ibid.* 335 Nor na skaiffry, sic as sampill and scheit schakin, to be tane thairof. 1752 J. LOUTHIAN *Form of Process* (ed. 2) 262 That each Sheet of an Extract, written *Sheet-ways, consist of forty nine Lines,..and, if wrote Book-ways, that it consist of two Pages, and of thirty six Lines in each Page. 1888 JACOBI *Printers' Vocab.*, **Sheet work*, applied to works or jobs printed both sides—the reverse of half-sheet or 'work and turn'.

13. quasi-*adj.* a. Rolled out in a sheet; esp. of metals, as *sheet iron* (also freq. attrib.), *lead, steel.*

1582 in Feuillerat *Revels Q. Eliz.* (1908) 358 Sheete lead to make A spowte. 1633 T. JAMES *Voy.* 75 The Carpenters-sheet-lead. 1683 MOXON *Mech. Exerc., Printing* xi. P 21 The Lye-Trough..is Leaded with Sheet-Lead. 1816 J. SMITH *Panorama Sci. & Art* I. 11 Bell-springs are rarely made of any thing else than sheet iron thus managed. 1827 FARADAY *Chem. Manip.* vii. (1842) 209 Sheet caoutchouc, which is about the tenth or twelfth of an inch thick. *Ibid.* iv. 132 A piece of sheet copper. *Ibid.* xxiii. 584 Plates of sheet zinc are often required for the precipitation of metals. 1840 *Civil Engin. & Arch. Jrnl.* III. 290/2 A thin plate of sheet brass. 1842 LOUDON *Suburban Hort.* 323 There are three sizes of the sheet-iron hand-barrow. 1869 MRS. WHITNEY *We Girls* vi, We..sent for the sheet-iron men, and had the stove taken up-stairs. 1869 R. MURRAY *Mar. Engines* 35 Sheet-flue Boilers. 1876 PREECE & SIVEWRIGHT *Telegraphy* 239 The piece of sheet percha that is held in the hand. 1888 RUTLEY *Rock-Forming Min.* 9 A Bunsen's burner..provided with a small chimney of sheet-iron.

b. Hence, pertaining to the manufacture of sheet iron or steel, as *sheet-mill.* Also in objective comb., as *sheet-maker, -worker.*

1884 W. H. GREENWOOD *Steel & Iron* xvi. 334 The sheet mills of Birmingham and of South Wales. 1885 *Daily News* 5 Oct. 2/5 Certain of the sheet makers are declining to accept further orders...Orders in the sheet trade are very irregularly distributed. 1886 *Ibid.* 20 Sept. 2/5 Sheet prices are without change. 1892 *Labour Comm.* Gloss., *Sheet Makers*, manufacturers who work *sheet mills*, as distinguished from plates and strip mills.

c. Of water, etc.: Spread out in a sheet.

1896 *Idler* Mar. 175/1 At this time it was a sheet-calm. A floating soup-plate would not have filled. 1899 W. M. DAVIS *Phys. Geog.* 314 The water finds no channels; it spreads out in a shallow sheet, called a sheetflood, which gains a breadth of a mile or more, but a depth of only one or two feet. 1904 *Mission Field* June 436 The land is sub-irrigated by what is called 'sheetwater'.

d. = Printed on a single sheet or broadside (see sense 5), esp. *sheet-almanac.*

1683 in *Lett. Lit. Men* (Camden) 187, I writ to your Lordship for a dozen of your sheet Almanacks for this yeer. 1767 *Ann. Reg., Hist. Europe* 83 There has been lately published a sheet list of changes, said to have happened during the present reign. 1768 TUCKER *Lt. Nat.* (1834) I. 129 She examines the sheet almanack pasted up behind the door, to see what holiday it might be. 1881 CROWEST *Phases Mus. Eng.* 146 The pricing of Songs and of Sheet-music generally. 1901 D. B. HALL & LD. A. OSBORNE *Sunshine & Surf* ii. 17 We had a big sheet almanac hanging at one end of the cabin.

Sheet (ʃīt), *sb.*[2] Forms: 1 *scéata*, 4 *chete*, 4–6 *s(c)hete*, 5 **shet**, 6 **shit**, *Sc.* **scheit**, 6–7 **sheate**, 6–8 **sheat**, 7– **sheet**. [OE. *scéata* wk. masc., having the meanings of OE. *scéat* (see SHEET *sb.*[1]), also = lower corner of a sail, 'pes veli'; in comb. *scéatline* 'propes' (see Wr.-Wülcker 183/26 and 288/24) = MLG. *schōtline*, in which sense the simple word is recorded from the 14th c. For the cognate forms and their meanings see SHEET *sb.*[1]; cf. SHOOT *sb.*[2]]

1. A rope (or chain) attached to either of the lower corners of a square sail (or the after lower corner of a fore-and-aft sail), and used to extend the sail or to alter its direction. *False sheet*: see quot. 1644 in sense 4.

See also FORE-SHEET 1, *jib-sheet* (JIB *sb.*[1] 3), MAIN-SHEET 1.

1336 *Acc. Exch. K. R.* 19/31 m. 4 In xxx. petris cordis de canabo..produobus schetes inde faciendis. 1352 *Excheq. Acc. Q. R.* 20 no. 27 (P.R.O.) Pro ij. cables novis, ij. chetis, j. hauser et quodam bowelyne. 1373 in Riley *Mem. Lond.* (1868) 370 [One sail with] 2 shettes, 2 thurghwalis. *c* 1460 *Pilgrim's Sea-Voy.* 25 Hale the bowelyne! now, vere the shete! 1486 *Naval Acc. Hen. VII* (1896) 13 A payre of takkes & a payr of shets weying dccxlj lb. 1522 *Lett. & Papers Hen. VIII*, III. ii. 975 Vyere the shit. 1549 *Compl. Scotl.* vi. 40 Hail eftir the foir sail scheit. 1626 CAPT. SMITH *Accid. Yng. Seamen* 15 The boulespret hath no bow lines, and the misen sheats, are called the starne sheats. 1627—*Seaman's Gram.* v. 23 The Sheats..in topsailes..serue to hale them home, that is, to bring the clew close to the yards arme. *a* 1658 CLEVELAND *Wks.* (1687) 293 Vere, vere, more Sheet. 1722 DIAPER tr. *Oppian's Halieut.* I. 367 Let fly the Sheets. 1796 P. HOARE *Song, The Arethusa* 18 Not a sheet, or a Tack, Or a brace did she slack. 1805 E. BERRY 13 Oct. in Nicolas *Disp.* (1846) VII. 118 *note*, The main-top-gallant sheet was carried away. I then let fly the top gallant sheets. 1887 G. B. GOODE, etc. *Fisheries U. S.* v. II. 571 Enough 'sheet' to allow a slow headway. 1891 C. H. PATTERSON *Naut. Dict.* 160 With boom sails sheets are used for controlling the boom.

b. †*Betwixt a pair of sheets* or *both sheets aft*: said of a ship sailing right before the wind.

1627 CAPT. SMITH *Seaman's Gram.* ix. 39 A flowne sheat is when shee goes before the wind, or betwixt a paire of sheats, or all sailes drawing. *Ibid.* 42 Well Master the Channell is broad enough; Yet you cannot steare betwixt a paire of sheats; Those are words of mockery betwixt the Canner and the Stearesman. 1632 LITHGOW *Trav.* VII. 328 Each bulging sayle..begins to swell, betweene two sheetes. 1769 FALCONER *Dict. Marine* (1780), *Both sheets aft* (*entre deux écoutes*, Fr.), the situation of a ship that sails right afore the wind.

2. *Three sheets in the wind*: very drunk.

A sheet in the wind (or *wind's eye*) is used occas. = half drunk.

1821 EGAN *Real Life* I. xviii. 385 Old Wax and Bristles is about three sheets in the wind. 1840 R. H. DANA *Bef. Mast* xx, He..seldom went up to the town without coming down 'three sheets in the wind'. 1862 TROLLOPE *Orley F.* lvii, A thought tipsy—a sheet or so in the wind, as folks say. 1883 STEVENSON *Treas. Isl.* xx, Maybe you think we were all a sheet in the wind's eye.

3. See quots. and FORE-SHEET 2, STERN-SHEET.

1644 MANWAYRING *Seaman's Dict.* 92 Those plancks under water, which come along the Run of the ship, and are closed to the Sterne-post, are called Sheates, and that part within boord, abaft, in the Run of the ship, is called the sterne-sheates. 1857 P. COLQUHOUN *Comp. Oarsman's Guide* 29 The flooring abaft the stateroom [sitter's seat] is called the *after-sheet*, the forward one the *forward-sheet*, and the next to it (if there be two forward), the *waist-sheet*. *Ibid.* 31 Sheets are the boards used fore and aft, as a floor to the boat, in the same way as the burthens amidships. 1891 C. H. PATTERSON *Naut. Dict.* 160 *Sheets*, the spaces in a rowing boat forward and abaft the thwarts, and named respectively *fore-sheets* and *stern-sheets*. 1898 A. ANSTED *Dict. Sea Terms* s. v., *Head-sheets, stern-sheets* (in open boats), the floor-boards covering the space either at the head or the stern of the boat.

4. *attrib.*, as *sheet-bend* (BEND *sb.*[1] 3), *-bitt, -block* (BLOCK *sb.* 5), *-clip, -pendant* (PENDANT *sb.* 7), *-pennant* (PENNANT[1] 1), *-rope, -slip* (see SLIP *sb.*[3] 3 e), *-stopper*: see quots.

1841 R. H. DANA *Seaman's Man.* 56 Take your tack under the yard and bend it by a *sheet-bend to the outer clew. 1867 SMYTH *Sailor's Word-bk., Sheet-bend*, a sort of double hitch, made by passing the end of one rope through the bight of another, round both parts of the other, and under its own part. 1891 C. H. PATTERSON *Naut. Dict.* 160 **Sheet Bitts*, bitts near the mast to which the topsail sheets are belayed. 1644 MANWAYRING *Seaman's Dict.* 92 We use to bind an other roape to the clew of the saile above the *Sheate-block, to succour and ease the Sheate, and that roape we call a false Sheate. 1794 *Rigging & Seamanship* I. 225 Sheet-block straps in the lift with a splice. 1841 R. H. DANA *Seaman's Man.* ix. 47 In which case the heavy tack and sheet-blocks may be unhooked. 1898 A. ANSTED *Dict. Sea Terms*, **Sheet clip* (or **sheet slip*), an instrument, the principal agent in which is a sort of drop pawl, by which sheets may be held, while necessary, and instantly released. 1908 *Paasch's Dict. Naval Terms* 422 **Sheet-pendant*, a strong piece of rope attached by one end to the clew of a stay-sail or jib. 1841 R. H. DANA *Seaman's Man.* ix. 53 Having the *sheet pennant hauled amidships. *a* 1642 SUCKLING *Lett.* (1646) 89 Which, like the pulling of a *sheat-rope at Sea, slackens the sail. 1794 *Rigging & Seamanship* I. 226 Sheet-rope splices into the clue of the sail. *Ibid.* 176 Fore-tack, and *Sheet, Stoppers, are for securing the tacks and sheets, till belayed.

Sheet (ʃīt), *v.*[1] [f. SHEET *sb.*[1]]

1. *trans.* To wrap or fold in or as in a sheet (*lit.* and *fig.*); now *spec.* to cover with a protecting sheet of canvas, tarpaulin, etc.

1621 T. WILLIAMSON tr. *Goulart's Wise Vieillard* 163 You haue in sleepe the image of death, wherein you are sheeted and wrapped vp euery night. 1835 J. P. KENNEDY *Horse-Shoe Robinson* iv, The pale moon that now sheeted with its light her whole figure. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* II. I. xii, Trees there are all sheeted with variegated fire. *Ibid.* III. iv. i, A fair young creature, sheeted in red smock of Murderess. 1857 *Househ. Words* 27 June 605/2 The truck being now sheeted and ticketted. 1860 WHYTE MELVILLE *Mkt. Harb.* iii, [A racehorse] Clothed and hooded, littered to the hocks, and sheeted to the tail.

2. To spread a sheet or layer of some substance upon (a surface); to cover with a sheet (e.g. of snow or ice). (Also with *down, up.*)

1606 SHAKS. *Ant. & Cl.* I. iv. 65 When Snow the Pasture sheets. 1807 J. BARLOW *Columb.* III. 368 The sky-borne waters..Veil the dark deep and sheet the mountain's side. 1863 W. LANCASTER *Praeterita* 85 The amber daffodils, Sheeting the floors of April. 1882 STEVENSON *New Arab. Nts.* II. 106 The flakes were large...The whole city was sheeted up. 1888 — *Black Arrow* IV. i, The snow was falling,..the whole world was blotted out and sheeted down below that silent inundation. 1912 MASEFIELD *Dauber* v. xli, Is it cold? We're sheeted up, I tell you, inches thick.

b. Const. *with* (the substance of which the layer consists).

1801 MOLLARD *Art of Cookery* (1836) 168 Sheet a mould with paste. 1837 W. IRVING *Capt. Bonneville* II. 218 The river was sheeted with ice. 1845 M. PATTISON *Ess.* (1889) I. 17 Its roof was sheeted, like St. Peter's, with copper.

1893 *Times* 14 July 3/1 The country is green as a meadow and sheeted with flowers.

†**3.** To furnish (a bed) with sheets; usually *pass. Obs.*

1714 Mrs. Manley *Adv. Rivella* 119 A Bed nicely sheeted and strow'd with Roses. 1760–72 H. Brooke *Fool of Qual.* (1809) III. 5 A bed ready sheeted and warmed. 1820 in Southey *Wesley* I. 457 One of the maids, who went up to sheet a bed.

†**4.** *pass.* and *intr.* To bed *with*. *Obs.*

1637 Whiting *Albino & Bellama* 72 To be sheeted by Bellama's side. *Ibid.* 90 To sheet with maidens.

5. *intr.* To spread or flow in a sheet.

1847 Le Fanu *T. O'Brien* 324 High sheets the water round him in glittering spray. 1871 G. MacDonald *Wks. of Fancy* II. 203 Cataracts sheet..through the air.

6. *trans. To sheet up* (see quot.).

1883 R. Haldane in *Workshop Receipts* Ser. II. 141/1 To Sheet-up.—To rub dry with sheets.

Sheet (ʃīt), *v.*[2] [f. Sheet *sb.*2] *trans. To sheet home*: to extend the sheets of (the topsails) to the outer extremities of the yards so that the clews are close to the sheet-blocks. Also *absol.* (and in extended sense, see quot. 1867).

1797 S. James *Narr. Voy.* 227 They sheeted home the topsails. 1833 M. Scott *Tom Cringle* xi. (1859) 265 The topsails were let fall and sheeted home. 1837 E. Howard *Old Commodore* iv. Let us shake out our reefs, sheet home, and away. 1867 Smyth *Sailor's Word-bk., Sheet home!*.. Also, when driving anything home, as a blow, &c. 1890 Morris *Glitt. Plain* xix, He stepped the mast and hoisted sail, and sheeted home.

Hence **Shee·ted** *ppl. a.*

1821 Joanna Baillie *Metr. Leg., Wallace* xliii, As sheeted sails, toro by the hlast, Flap round some vessel's rocking mast.

Sheet: see Sheath, Shoot *v.*, Shut.

Sheet-anchor (ʃī·tæ:ŋkəɹ). Forms: *α.* 5 shut(t)e, 6 shut, showte, shoute, shote, 6–7 shoot(e, shot, 7 shott. *β.* 7 sheath, shed, 7 sheate, 7–8 sheat, 9– sheet. [Origin uncertain.

Perhaps f. ME. *shote*, Shot *sb.*2 = cable of two ropes spliced together, hut the difference of form (*shott* and *shute*) in quot. 1497 makes this doubtful. The *α*-forms are parallel with those of Shoot *sb.*2, and the substitution of forms of the synoonymous Sheet *sb.*2 in the 17th c. points to association with that word, hut the connexion in sense is not obvious.

With regard to the generally accepted derivation from Shoot *v.* ('an anchor that is shot out'), the formation would be abnormal, it is not supported by the majority of the *α*-forms, nor is it clear why any anchor in particular should be so designated.]

A large anchor, formerly always the largest of a ship's anchors, used only in an emergency.

α. 1495 *Naval Acc. Hen. VII* (1896) 192 Ankers called Shutte. 1497 *Ibid.* 184 For a Newe Shott of Cables..to the use of the seid Ship for the Shute ankers. 1514 in Oppenheim *Admin. Royal Navy* (1896) I. 378 Ankers called.. Shot ankers j, Caggers j. 1536 *Rem. Sedition* iij, He castethe the shote anker, when he wyll, and not when they bydde hym, that are in his shyp. 1586 J. Davis in Hakluyt *Voy.* (1589) 786 The cable of our shut anker brake. 1633 T. James *Voy.* 38 Our shoote-Anker was downe.

β. 1626 Capt. Smith *Accid. Yng. Seamen* 16 The greatest in euery ship is called the sheat Anchor. *a* 1647 Pette in *Archæologia* XII. 275 We broke our best bower, and were forced to let go our sheet anchor. 1690 C. Nesse *Hist. & Myst. O. & N. Test.* I. 292 His shed-anchor to hold fast his floating ship. 1719 De Foe *Crusoe* I. 10 Our Master order'd out the Sheet Anchor. 1775 *Phil. Trans.* LXVIII. 404 At 4 A.M. found ship drove, veered to a whole cable;..and got sheet anchor overside. 1867 Smyth *Sailor's Word-bk.* s. v., To a sheet anchor a stout hempen cable is generally bent. 1889 *Daily News* 6 Aug. 5/7 The Howe..went gradually to leeward until she brought herself up with her sheet anchor.

b. *fig.* That on which one places one's reliance when everything else has failed.

α. 1524 *St. Papers Hen. VIII* (1836) IV. 228 The next Parlament, which in maner shalhe the shoote anker for thexpedicion of our purpoos. 1532 More *Confut. Tindale* Wks. 498/1 Ye shall se what aunswere he maketh, & what he bringeth for the shote ancre of al his shifte. *a* 1553 Udall *Royster D.* I. i. (Arb.) 11 Of all men he is my chiefe banker Both for meate and money, and my chiefe shoot-anker. 1562 Turner *Of Bathes* 15 Then shall it be high tyme to go to the bathes as to the shot ancre. 1616 Champney *Voc. Bps.* 252 M. Mason cometh now to cast his shott anker, and saith. *a* 1641 Bp. Mountagu *Acts & Mon.* (1642) 62 Wherein yet Christ is the Shoot-anker of salvation.

β. 1658 Gurnall *Chr. in Arm.* verse 14. xviii. § 2 Casting out his sheat anchour [*ed.* 1669 sheath-anchor] of hope. 1676 Molloy *De Jure Marit.* III. vii. (1688) 416 It is Foreign Trade that is the main Sheet-Anchor of us Islanders. 1775 Mme. D'Arblay *Early Diary* 8 May, The great sheet-anchor, upon which we are to depend in our voyage through life. 1838 Lytton *Alice* v. ii, The landed interest..is the great stay of this country—the sheet-anchor I may say. 1870 Miss Bridgman *Robt. Lynne* II. iv. 88 Bertie was.. the sheet-anchor of her life. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VII. 821 Bleeding is our 'sheet anchor' in this disease.

attrib. 1861 Hughes *Tom Brown at Oxf.* xxxv, As soon as he had his old sheet-anchor friend to hold on to.

Sheet-cable. *Naut.* [f. *sheet-* in Sheet-anchor.] The cable belonging to the sheet-anchor.

1611 Cotgr. s. v. *Maistre, Vn maistre cable, ou chable*, a sheat-cable. 1642 H. Bond *Boat Swain's Art* 18 Your sheat Cable is commonly so many halfe inches about as your ship is bredth in feete at the midship Beame. 1742 in Hanway *Trav.* (1762) I. II. xxiii. 100 Cutting the sheet cable at the windlass, with great difficulty we wore the ship. 1800 *Asiat. Ann. Reg.* III. 115/2 The sheet cable parted about half after four o'clock.

Sheeted (ʃī·tėd), *ppl. a.* [f. Sheet *sb.*1 or *v.*1]

1. Wrapped in a sheet, *esp.* a winding-sheet: applied to the dead and ghosts.

1604 Shaks. *Ham.* I. i. 115 (Qo. 2) The sheeted dead Did squeake and gibber in the Roman streets. 1630 H. Lord *Relig. Persees* 50 Shrowded and sheeted carkeyses. 1786 S. Rogers *Ode Superst.* I. ii. 9 The sheeted spectre, rising from the tomb. 1807–8 W. Irving *Salmag.* (1824) 88 Churchyard tales of sheeted ghosts. 1876 Geo. Eliot *Dan. Der.* IV, He saw Gwendolen..pale as one of the sheeted dead.

b. Enveloped in a sheet or sheets for protection against injury, cold, etc.

1766 W. Gordon *Gen. Counting-ho.* 104, 1 sheeted box containing books. 1840 Haliburton *Letter Bag* I. 7 Sheeted, blanketed, and quilted, I remain enveloped in the drapery of my bed. 1884 *Longman's Mag.* Apr. 610 A string of some thirty sheeted horses are walking round and round. 1896 *Idler* Mar. 277 The paltry gas-jets on the stage..were just sufficient to show the sheeted boxes and a few of the front rows of stalls.

2. In the form of a sheet; expanded or spread out like a sheet: chiefly of rain, snow, lightning.

1796 *New Ann. Reg.* 164 Thro' plashy glade Where crackles, at each step, the sheeted ice. 1798 Coleridge *Wand. Cain* Wks. (1907) 345 The sheeted lightning. 1811 Scott *Don Roderick* II. xxxvi, Then sheeted rain burst down. 1847 Longf. *Evang.* I. v. 100 The sheeted smoke with flashes of flame intermingled. 1851 Ht. Martineau *Introd. Hist. Peace* II. i, The two armies lay down amidst the sheeted snow. 1904 R. Bridges *Demeter* 551 The useless poppy in sheeted scarlet.

3. Of cattle: Having a broad band of white round the body. (Cf. *sheet-cow*, Sheet *sb.*1 12 b.)

1834 Youatt *Cattle* (L. U. K.) 28 They are called *sheeted* oxen. The head, the neck, the shoulders, and the hind parts appear as if they were uncovered, while there is a sheet fairly and perfectly thrown over the barrel. 1855 Kingsley *Westw. Ho!* v, That sheeted heifer of Prowse's. 1858 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* XIX. II. 389 In colour usually 'sheeted' black and white.

4. *Printing.* (See quot.)

1888 Jacobi *Printers' Vocab.*, *Sheeted*, this expression is used when heavily printed work has to be placed sheet by sheet between other sheets to prevent off-set of ink.

†**Shee·ten,** *a. Obs.*[−1] [f. Sheet *sb.*1 + -en 4.] Consisting of a sheet (see Sheet *sb.*1 I b).

a 1618 J. Davies *Scourge Paper-persec.* (1624) 11 If.. wanton Rig, or letcher dissolute Doe stand at Pauls-Crosse in a Sheeten Sute.

Shee·ter. [f. Sheet *v.*1 + -er 1.] (See quot.)

1853 Ure *Dict. Arts* II. 985 The machine for forming the wool into sheets of a nearly uniform thickness, technically known as the 'sheeter'.

Sheeter, obs. form of Shooter.

Sheet-fish, variant of Sheath-fish 1.

Sheetful (ʃī·tful). [f. Sheet *sb.*1 + -ful.] As much as a sheet will contain.

1523–34 Fitzherb. *Husb.* § 44 Take a shete ful of brome croppes. 1711 Addison *Spect.* No. 1 P 7, I shall publish a Sheet-full of Thoughts every Morning. 1811 *Examiner* 31 Aug. 545/2 A second writes a long uneasy sheet-full of irony. 1825 J. T. Coleridge in Ld. Coleridge *Story Devonsh. House* (1906) 287 An hour's talk would be of more help to him than a sheetful of writing.

Sheeth(e, obs. forms of Sheath *sb.*

Sheeting (ʃī·tiŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. Sheet *sb.*1 + -ing 1.]

1. Stout cloth of linen or cotton, such as is used for bed linen, etc.

1711 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 4847/3 Irish Sheeting and Ticking. 1796 *Mrs. Glasse's Cookery* xviii. 291 Roll it up tight, bind it round with sheeting, and boil it four hours. 1844 *Ladies' Hand-bk. Haberdashery* 26 Sheeting. This is a strong woven cotton, and is frequently used as a substitute for linen. 1848 Kingsley *'Bad Squire'* xv, By dealing out flannel and sheeting A little below cost price. 1853 Ure *Dict. Arts* I. 770 Sheetings and towellings. 1877 J. W. Hayes *Draper & Haberdasher* (ed. 4) 96 Sheetings are a stout article, made in Wigans, Croydons, and Double Warps from two or three yards wide. 1910 *Encycl. Brit.* VII. 277/1 *Sheeting* has two meanings in the cotton trade: (1) the ordinary bed sheeting, usually a stout cloth of anything from 45 in. to 120 in. wide..; (2) a grey calico, heavier than a shirting..usually 36 in. by 40 yd.

2. A lining or covering of timber or metal, laid on a surface as a protection.

1776 G. Semple *Building in Water* 32 The sheeting nailed on the Piles. 1870 *Milit. Engin.* I. II. 101 The wooden linings are of two descriptions, viz., cases, or frames and sheeting.

b. A layer (of soil or stones).

1891 *Scott. Leader* 6 Nov., Laying down sheetings of stones in certain districts. 1895 *Outing* XXVII. 236/2 Rocks, which, having lost their thin sheeting of soil.

c. A form of batting (Knight *Dict. Mech.*).

(See Batting *vbl. sb.* 2.)

3. The action or process of making (lead) into sheets; the action of covering with sheets or laying in sheets.

1778 *Engl. Gazetteer* s. v. *Mendip*, The lead is..not so proper for sheeting, because, when melted, it runs into knots. 1875 Knight *Dict. Mech., Sheeting*, (*Tobacco*), laying the leaves flat to be piled in books. 1884 *Manch. Exam.* 31 May, 5/1 Clerkage, checking, and weighing, as well as sheeting.

4. *attrib.*, as (sense 2) *sheeting deal, plank*; **sheeting-machine** (see quots.); **sheeting-pile** = *sheet-pile* (see Sheet *sb.*1 13).

1837 J. T. Smith tr. *Vicat's Mortars* 77 *note*, The space on which the foundation is to rest, is first surrounded by sheeting piles. 1838 *Civil Engin. & Arch. Jrnl.* I. 203/1 The 'sheeting' planks, or (in Lancashire phrase) the 'lagging'. 1839 Ure *Dict. Arts* 972 This sheeting deal is always applied in pieces laid endwise. 1875 Knight *Dict. Mech., Sheeting-machine*, a wool-combing machine for bringing the fiber into an even sheet. *Ibid., Sheeting-machine*, a machine for smoothing tobacco-leaves.

Shee·ting, *ppl. a.* [f. Sheet *v.*1 + -ing 2.] Swathing, enfolding.

1592 *Arden of Feversham* 1081 Sheeting darkness overhangs the earth.

Shee·tless, *a.* [f. Sheet *sb.*1] Without sheets.

1756 *Demi-Rep* 26 Where stand the sheetless bed, the broken chair.

Shee·tling. *rare.* [Sheet *sb.*1] A little sheet.

1817 W. Wilberforce in *Life* (1838) IV. 310 You would have received a good long letter instead of this sheetling.

Sheet-shot. *Naut.* [f. *sheet-* in Sheet-anchor + Shot *sb.*] = Sheet-cable. Also *attrib.*

1750 Blanckley *Naval Expos.* s.v. *Cables*, Cables Allowed for Channel Service, are distributed in this Manner, two being spliced together are called the Sheat-shot; three the Best-hower; one the Small-bower, and one Spare. 1847 Muller *Polygl. Naut.* 28 Sheet shot cable.

Sheety (ʃī·ti), *a.* [f. Sheet *sb.*1 + -y 1.] Spreading in a broad sheet: chiefly of a stretch of water.

1748 Collins *Ode to Evening* 29 in Dodsley *Coll.* I. 332. Then lead, calm Vot'ress, where some sheety lake Cheers the lone heath. 1794 Gisborne *Walks in Forest* vi. (1796) 98 Streams..down the hills Spread sheety o'er the slopes. *c* 1816 Fuseli *Lect. on Art* viii. (1848) 511 Oil, which rounds and conglutinates, spreads less than the sheety medium of fresco. *a* 1834 S. T. Coleridge in *Cottle's Early Recoll.* (1837) II. 255 The sheety burst Of lightning o'er the awaken'd midnight clouds.

Sheeve, obs. form of Sheaf, Sheave.

Sheever, obs. form of Shiver.

Sheew, obs. f. Show *v.* **Shef,** obs. pa. t. of Shove *v.*

Shefe, Sheff(e, obs. forms of Sheaf, Sheave.

Sheffield (ʃe·fild), the name of a manufacturing city of Yorkshire, famous for cutlery, used *attrib.* as *Sheffield knife, ware, whittle*; **Sheffield plate,** plate made of copper coated with silver by a special process brought to perfection in Sheffield (but now disused).

c 1386 Chaucer *Reeve's T.* 13 A Sheffield [*v. rr.* scheffeld, sheffeld] thwitel baar he in his hose. 1575 Laneham *Let.* (1871) 38 A payr of capped Sheffeld knivez. 1623 Dekker *Witch of Edmonton* II. ii, The Bridegroom and Bride comes; the new pair of Sheffeild-Knives fitted both to one sheath. 1745 *Life Bampfylde-Moore Carew* 52 Buttons, Knives, Scissars, and other Sheffield Ware. 1821 Scott *Kenilw.* xxvii, But thou art sharper than a Sheffield whittle! 1856 Gore in *Orr's Circ. Sci., Pract. Chem.* 92 Old worn-out articles formed of 'Sheffield plate'. 1878 Dowden *Stud. Lit.* 37 If a song is to be at all a sword, it must be of finer temper than even the finest Sheffield cutlery.

†**b.** Used predicatively as *adj. Obs.*

1599 Nashe *Lenten Stuffe* Wks. 1910 III. 178 Tell me if our English sconses be not right Sheffield or no.

Sheffonier, rare var. Chiffonier, representing the common pronunciation (ʃefənī·əɹ).

1808 Mrs. M. T. Kemble *Day after Wedding* 3 Furnished with Sofa, Footstools, Sheffoniers.

Shefte, obs. f. Shift. **Shefure,** obs. f. Shiver.

Shegger, misprint for Skegger.

1758 Binnell *Descr. Thames* 175 Little Trout, called a Samlet or Shegger-Trout.

Shegh, error for *sege*, Siege *sb.* (q.v. 2 c).

1688 Holme *Armoury* II. xiii. 321/1 A Shegh of Herons.

Shehide, obs. erron. form of Shahi.

Sheick, obs. variant of Saic.

1775 Chandler *Trav. Asia M.* (1825) I. 13 The captain.. made a signal for a scheick or wherry to come along side.

‖ **Sheikh** (ʃēik, ʃīk). Forms: 6 siech, 7 sceich, shech, shich, sheicke, shiek, 7–8 sheck, 8 schec(h, shiech, shaik, sheek, 7–9 sheich, scheik, sheick, 9 schiek, shaikh, shaykh, sheykh, 7– sheik, 8– sheikh; 7 cheq, cheke, 8 check, cheik, chiek, 8–9 cheik; 7–8 xeque. [Arabic شيخ *shaikh* properly 'old man', f. *shākha* to grow or be old. Cf. OF. *esceque, seic*, F. *cheik, scheik*, Sp. *jeque*, Pg. *xeque*.]

1. The chief of an Arab family or tribe; the headman of an Arabian village; an Arab chief; †an Eastern governor, prince, king. Now also used among Arabs as a general title of respect.

1577 *Eden's Hist. Trav.* 331 b, The kyng of Persia is called Siech Ismael, whom the Italians call Gualizador, or Sophi. 1615 W. Beowell tr. *Moham. Impost.* I. § 3 The peace of God..be vpon thee my Sheich. 1671 Charente *Lett. conc. Customs Tafiletta* 5 The cheif of each Tribe, who take upon them the Title of Xeque, which is equivalent to Captain. 1687 A. Lovell tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* II. 160 He sent thither an Arab Scheik with many Arabs. 1727 A. Hamilton *New Acc. E. Ind.* I. iv. 36 He has the Title of Xeriff given him, to distinguish his Eminency from other Sheeks. 1728 Morgan *Algiers* I. iii. 32 One of the Numidian petty Princes, called by Greek Authors Philarchs, and by the Arabs, &c. Sheikhs. 1755 *Gentl. Mag.* XXV. 507 Mutavali, the chiek or governor of Mesched. 1788 *Tully's Narr. Resid. Tripoli* (1817) 175 Shaik Alieff, an Arab chief. 1841 Kinnear *Cairo*, etc. 169 One of the Fellah sheichs. 1882 Farrar *Early Chr.* I. 457 Abraham..left his home in Ur of the Chaldees to wander as a nomad Sheikh. 1908 Mockler-Ferryman *Golden Girdle* iii, I knew that the Jelas tribe still existed, and thongh Sheik Feyzul was dead, his son Faris reigned in his stead. 1908 *Times* 8 July 19/2 As regards the Shaykh's competency as an Arabic scholar, there can be but one opinion.

2. The head of a religious order or community; a great religious doctor or preacher; now *esp.* a saint having a local cultus.

1613 Purchas *Pilgrimage* (1614) 276 A Nation..which he

calleth Hhassissin, which..followed a peculiar Prophet... They called him Sheich [*printed* Hheich] al Hhassissin. 1662 J. Davies tr. *Mandelslo's Trav.* 46 The Devotions.. done at the Sepulchre of Schich Sefi at Ardebit. 1682 Wheler *Journ. Greece* II. 199 A Book..written by a Cheke, or Doctor of Grand Cairo. 1753 R. Clayton *Jrnl. Cairo to Mt. Sinai* 12 Sept. 1722, As we were passing by a mosch, where a certain shiech Salah was buried,..several of our guides..went thither to receive a benediction. *c* 1850 *Arab. Nts.* (Rtldg.) 674 A convent.., the scheik, or superior of which was a friend of the steward. 1869 Tozer *Highl. Turkey* I. 201 A sheikh's tomb with a tiled roof. 1908 S. A. Cook *Relig. Anc. Palestine* vi. 68 Saints and holy sheikhs of the modern shrines.

b. *Sheikh-ul-Islam* (properly *Sheikhu 'l Islam*): the supreme authority in matters relating to religion and sacred law; in Turkey, the mufti. Hence *Sheikh-ul-Islamate.*

1686 tr. *Chardin's Trav. Persia* 261 The Sheikelislam, who is the chief Civil Judge. 1753 Hanway *Trav.* (1762) I. III. li. 231 The kaziæskar is judge of the army, and the sheichulislam is reputed of equal rank with him. 1902 *Daily Chron.* 26 Apr. 5/4 She went to the Sheikh-ul-Islamate. 1906 *Westm. Gaz.* 3 Sept. 3/2 No political act of the Sultan has any validity without the fetwa of the Sheikh-ul-Islam.

3. In India, one of a dissenting sect of Mohammedans; now, a general term for Hindu converts to Islam. (Usually *shekh, shaikh.*)

[1697 Fryer *Acc. E. India & P.* III. i. 93 All Musselmen ..are distinguished, some according to the Consanguinity they claim with Mahomet...A Shiek is a Cousin..at a distance, into which Relation they admit all new Proselytes.] 1883 *Encycl. Brit.* XV. 185/2 (*Madras*) The Shaikhs number 511,112, the Sayyids 89,219, the Pathans 70,943 [etc.]. 1903 *India Census, 1901* I. i. 451 The converts who call themselves Shekh. 1905 Macphail *K. S. Macdonald* xvi. 243 A Bengali Shekh may be almost anything.

Hence **Shei·khdom, -ship,** the status or office of a sheikh; the territory ruled by a sheikh; **shei·khly** *a.*, pertaining to or characteristic of a sheikh.

1845 E. Warburton *Crescent & Cross* II. 254 The Sheikdom is..hereditary in most cases. 1860 Tristram *Gt. Sahara* xiv. 237 The Touareg do not appear to have any subdivided sheikdoms like the Arabs. 1878 *Fraser's Mag.* XVIII. 144 The chief sheikhship is hereditary. 1888 Doughty *Trav. Arabia Des.* I. 98 Of sheykhly blood and noble easy countenance. 1907 Ewing *Arab & Druze* iii. 36 He proved to be the son of the sheikhly ruler of Dama.

Sheil(l, -ing, Sheip, Sheir, Sheire, Sheit: see Shiel, Shieling, Sheep, Sheer, Shire, Sheet.

Shekar, -ee, var. forms of Shikar, Shikaree.

Shekel (ʃe·kĕl). Also 6–7 **shekle, shekell, 7 sheicle, sheckle.** [a. Heb. שֶׁקֶל *sheqel*, f. *shāqal* to weigh. (The word was adopted in the form Sicle through French and Latin.)]

I. a. An ancient unit of weight of the Babylonians, and hence of the Phœnicians, Hebrews, and others, equal to one-sixtieth of a mina (see Mina[1] 1). **b.** A coin of this weight; *esp.* the chief silver coin of the Hebrews.

1560 Bible (Geneva) *Exod.* xxx. 13 This shal euerie man giue, that goeth into the nombre, half a shekel, after the shekel of the Sanctuarie. [*But* 1 *Macc.* xv. 42 sicles.] 1597 Hooker *Eccl. Pol.* v. lxxix. 243 Two thousand and foure hundred shekels of Siluer, an hundred and twentie shekels of Gold, euery shekell waighing halfe an ounce. 1611 Cotgr., *Cicle*, a Sheicle. 1614 Raleigh *Hist. World* II. v. § 2. 297 The waight of gold in the incense-Cups[amounted] to 120 sheckles of Gold. 1647 Greaves *Roman Foot* 76 The Hebrew or Samaritane shekel. 1728 Chambers *Cycl.* s. v., Some are of Opinion, that the Hebrews had two kinds of Shekels. The Common, or Prophane Shekel, call'd Didrachma; and the Shekel of the Sanctuary, which last they will have double the former. 1846 Trench *Mirac.* xxviii. (1862) 376 *note*, Before the Babylonian exile, the shekel was only a certain weight of silver, not a coined money. *attrib.* 1886 Conder *Syrian Stone-Lore* iv. (1896) 152 In the tenth year of Darius, shekel pieces..are mentioned on inscribed tablets. 1899 *Expositor* Nov. 392 When a shekel ingot was first stamped with a mark of quality or value, it was still called a shekel.

2. *fig.* (*pl.*) Coin; money. *colloq.*

[1823 Byron *Age of Bronze* xv, No land of Canaan, full of milk and honey, Nor (save in paper shekels) ready money.] 1883 F. M. Crawford *Dr. Claudius* v, Though he was so rich, he never talked about money except in a vague way as 'lots of shekels', or 'piles of tin'.

Shekel, dial. f. Shackle *sb.*[1]

Shekinah, shechinah (ʃĭkəi·nă). Also 7 **shecinah,** 8 **schecina, -chinah,** 9 **shekina.** [a. late Heb. שְׁכִינָה *shᵉkīnāh*, f. שָׁכַן *shākan* to rest, dwell.] The visible manifestation of the Divine Majesty, esp. when resting between the cherubim over the mercy-seat or in the temple of Solomon; a glory or refulgent light symbolizing the Divine Presence.

In the Targums the word is used as a periphrasis to designate God when He is said to dwell among the cherubim, etc., so as to avoid any approach to anthropomorphic expression.

1663 J. Stillingfleet (*title*) Shecinah: or a Demonstration of the Divine Presence in the places of Religious Worship. 1681–6 J. Scott *Chr. Life* (1747) III. 530 That fiery Shechinah, or visible Glory of the Lord, in which he descended on Mount Sinai. 1708 *Brit. Apollo* No. 101. 1/2 This Light, which in part compos'd the Schechinah is suppos'd to have been Accompanied with a Numerous Retinue of Attending Angels. 1741 Watts *Improv. Mind* (1801) 381 The Schecina, or bright glory, which is a symbol of God's presence. 1833 *Tracts for Times* No. 13. 4 They murmuring and rebelling with the Shechinah before their eyes. 1858 Geo. Eliot *Scenes Cler. Life, Mr. Gilfil* vii, The golden sunlight beamed through the dripping boughs like a Shechinah, or visible divine presence.

b. *transf.* (*spec.* applied to Jesus Christ.)

1682 Hickes (*title*) The Moral Schechinah: Or a Discourse of Gods Glory. *a* 1684 Leighton *Serm.* (1 *Cor.* i. 30) Sel. Wks. 1823 I. 483 The Shechinah, the habitation of the Majesty, is Jesus Christ; there he dwells as between the cherubim over the mercy-seat. 1739 C. Wesley *Hymn*, '*Arise, my Soul, arise*' vi, Our Eyes on Earth survey The Dazling Shechinah! Bright in endless Glory bright Now in Flesh He stoops to dwell. 1834 Disraeli *Rev. Epick* I. xvii. 22 Truth indeed is veiled, But with a Schekinah of dazzling light.

Shekyl, obs. form of Shackle *sb.*[1]

Shekyr, obs. form of Chequer *sb.*[1]

1518 *Cov. Leet Bk.* 653 The bokes of ij leetes euer next afore shall remayn in the counsell howse..on the shekyr.

Shel, obs. form of Shell, Shield.

Shelaly, obs. form of Shillelagh.

Shelboard. *dial.* [? f. Shelf *sb.*[1] + Board *sb.*: cf. Shelving *sb.*] An additional framework fixed to the sides of a cart to increase its capacity.

1569 in T. Phillipps *Wills* (*c* 1830) 84 All my ploughe tymber, and cart tymber, except shelbordes. 1616 Surfl. & Markh. *Country Farm* VII. xvi. 662 All manner of Plow and Cart-timber whatsoeuer, as Beames, Heads, Skeathes, Hales, Spyndles, Shelboords, Cart or Wayne bodies, rings for Wheeles. 1852 C. W. Hoskyns *Talpa* xvi. (1854) 137 A sack or two of Wheat that lay not very safely on the near-side shel'-board.

Shelboard, -brede, obs. ff. Shield-board.

Shelburne (ʃe·lbɵrn). (See quot. 1889.)

1889 Dk. Beaufort *Driving* 385 Those [landaus] with angular lines are known as 'Shelburne' landaus, from the late Earl of Shelburne, who had the first of that pattern built. 1905 Sir W. Gilbey *Mod. Carriages* 45.

Sheld (ʃeld), *a. dial.* Also 6 **schell,** 9 **shell, shelled.** [ad. or cogn. with MDu. *schillede* variegated (oftener in comb., as *rootschillede*), = WFlem. *schilde*, f. *schillen* (in mod.Du. *verschillen*) to make different. The existence of the Eng. word at an earlier date is probably implied in Sheldrake.] Particoloured, pied, piebald.

1507 *Will of Crisall* (Somerset Ho.), ij kyne garle & schell. *a* 1672 [see Sheldon]. 1674 Ray *S. & E. C. Words* 76 *Sheld*, flecked: party-coloured. 1787 W. H. Marshall *Norfolk* (1795) II. 388 *Shelled*, pied; party-coloured. 1823 E. Moor *Suffolk Words* s. v. *Shell*, Shell (or sheld) is pied, of two colours; flecker'd is gay, of more than two. *a* 1825 Forby *Voc. E. Anglia*, *Shelled*, pie-bald.

Sheld, obs. form of Shield.

She·ld-apple, she·ll-apple. *dial.* Also **sheldafle, shillaple,** etc. [Usually taken to be f. Sheld *a.* + Dapple *a.*, but perhaps a metathetic form of **sheldalp*, f. Sheld *a.* + Alp[2] (dial. *alf*), bullfinch.] Applied to two birds remarkable for their variegated plumage.

1. The chaffinch, *Fringilla cœlebs.*

1544 W. Turner *Avium Præcip.* D 6, De Fringilla,.. Anglicè a chaffinche, a sheld appel, a spink. 1611 Cotgr., *Berée*, a spinke, sheldapple, chaffinch. 1802 R. Anderson *Cumbld. Ball.* (1805) 21, I mind, when he cross'd the deep watter, To get me the shilapple'est. 1813 Montagu *Ornith. Dict.* Suppl., Shelly or Shell-apple. 1880 C. H. Poole *Gloss. Staff.*, *Shell* or *Sheld-apple*, the chaffinch.

2. The crossbill, *Loxia curvirostra.*

1666 Merrett *Pinax* 172 *Loxias*, the Shell-Apple. 1668 Charleton *Onomast.* 69 *Loxia*..the Cross-beak, or Shell-aple. 1674 Ray *Engl. Birds* 88. 1768 Pennant *Brit. Zool.* II. 279. 1802 Montagu *Ornith. Dict.*, Shell, or Sheld-apple. Vide Crosshill.

Sheldbreath, -brede, obs. ff. Shield-board.

Sheld-duck, shell-duck (ʃe·ldʊk). Also **shielduck, shield-duck.** [f. Sheldrake, by substitution of *duck* for *drake.*] = Sheldrake.

1707 Mortimer *Husb.* (1721) I. 259 If you would preserve wild Ducks, Teal, Widgeon, Shell-ducks, &c. you should have a place walled in with a Pond in it. 1770 Pennant *Brit. Zool.* IV. 86 Swallow Tailed Shielduck. 1810 Crabbe *Borough* ix, The sleeping shell-ducks at the sound arise. 1852 Maccillivray *Brit. Birds* V. 19 *Tadorna Casarca.* The Ruddy Shielduck. 1908 *Zoologist* Apr. 124 Sheld-Duck seen at Fritton by Mr. Buxton.

So **Sheld-fowl** (also s(c)hell-, shield-), the sheldrake.

?1593 Drayton *Man in Moon* Poems (1619) 480 The greedie Shell-fowle, from whose rape doth flye Th'vnnumbred sholes. 1674 Ray *S. & E.C. Words* 76 *Sheld*..inde Sheldrake & sheld fowle, Suss. 1676 *Phil. Trans.* XI. 626 Cormorants, Brants, Shield-fowl. 1890 Borland *Yarrow* 119 Speckled schell-fowl hovering nigh.

Shelde, obs. f. Shelled *ppl. a.*, Shield, Shoal.

†She·lden. *Obs.* Also **-in.** [app. f. Sheld *a.* (? + Ende).] The golden-eye, *Clangula glaucion.*

a 1672 Willughby *Ornith.* (1678) 28 This was sent us from Cambridge by the title of Shelden, I suppose so denominated from its being particoloured of black and white, that is Sheld. 1674 Dent in *Ray's Philos. Lett.* (1718) 21 Some Water Fowl, *viz.* a Pocker, a Smew, three Sheldins.

Shelder, variant of Shalder *v.*

Shelldrake (ʃe·ldrāk). Forms: 4 **sheldedrake, sslddrake, shelledrake,** 5 **scheldrak,** 5–6 **-drake,** 7–9 **shell(-)drake,** 8 **shel-drake, sheldrach,** 8–9 **shieldrake,** (9 **shield-drake**), 6– **sheldrake.** [prob. f. Sheld *a.* + Drake[2]. A northern form *skeldraik* (see Scaledrake) is recorded from 1600. Connexion with Shield *sb.* is improbable, since 'spot of colour' is not an established sense of this word, as it is of the cognate G. *schild* and ON. *skjǫldr* (cf. *skjǫldóttr* dappled). The commonly cited ON. *skjǫldungr*, occurring in a late alliterative list of bird-names, is not identifiable (the Icel. names of the sheldrake are *brandgás* and *andakóngur*). The form *scheldrack* given by Gesner (Anim. III. 131) is app. from Eng.]

A bird of the genus *Tadorna* of the duck tribe, frequenting sandy coasts in Europe, North Africa, and Asia, and remarkable for its bright and variegated colouring.

† Occas. applied to the North American canvas-back.

c 1325 *Gloss. W. de Bibbesw.* in Wright *Voc.* 164 La herle [*glossed* the selddrake, *v.r.* sheldedrake]. *c* 1340 *Nominale* (Skeat) 802 *Herle*, schelledrake. *c* 1475 *Pict. Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 762/39 *Hic umnis*, a scheldrak. 1530 Palsgr. 266/2 Scheldrake a hyrde. 1621 Burton *Anat. Mel.* I. ii. II. i, All those Teales, Curres, Sheldrakes, and peckled Fowles, which come hether in winter. 1668 Charleton *Onomast.* 96 *Mergus Harle*..the Shell-drake. *a* 1672 Willughby *Ornith.* (1678) 28 The Sheldrake, or Borough-Duck: Tadorna Bellonii. *Ibid.* 364 The Swallow-tail'd Sheldrake of Mr. Johnson. 1782 T. Jefferson *Notes State Virginia* (1787) 118 Sheldrach, or Canvas back. 1821 Scott *Pirate* iv, The shelldrake seems, through the mist, as large as the scart. 1847 Leichhardt *Jrnl.* vii. 217 Charley shot the sheldrake of Port Essington (Tadorna Rajah). 1855 F. O. Morris *Brit. Birds* V. 137 Ruddy Shieldrake...Collared Duck. *Tadorna rutila.* 1870 Gillmore tr. *Figuier's Reptiles & Birds* 229 The Shieldrake is the most remarkable of all the Duck tribe, not only from its size, but from its beauty and the elegant variations of its plumage.

Sheldrun, var. Sheltron I. **Sheldur,** obs. f. Shoulder *sb.* **Shele,** obs. f. Shiel. **Shelela,** obs. f. Shillelagh.

Shelf (ʃelf), *sb.*[1] Pl. **shelves** (ʃelvz). Forms: 5 **schelf(f)e,** 5–7 **shelfe,** 7 **shealfe,** 5– **shelf;** *pl.* 4– **shelves,** (5 **schelves, -ys,** 6 **sylwes**); 5 **schelfes,** 5–7 **shelfes,** 5–8 **shelfs.** [app. ad. (M)LG. *schelf* shelf, set of shelves (whence also the northern Skelf), cogn. w. OE. *scylfe* (of uncertain meaning) ? partition or compartment, MDu. *schelve*, (and mod.Du.) *schelf* stack, rick (of hay, etc.), and OE. *scylf* (also *stán-scylf*) rugged rock, crag, pinnacle; ? f. root *skelf-* to split.]

I. 1. A slab of wood (or other material) fixed in a horizontal position to a wall, or in a frame, to hold books, vessels, ornaments, etc.; one of the transverse boards in a bookcase, cabinet, or the like.

c 1386 Chaucer *Miller's T.* 25 His Augrym stones layen faire a part On shelues [*v.r.* schelfes] couched at his beddes heed. 1422 *Engl. Misc.* (Surtees) 16 Vat the lede pype and the shelfs be the wyfe's of Symond of Stele. 1485 *Rec. St. Mary at Hill* (1904) 28 In the Bottrye iiij schelves. 1505 in *Eng. Gilds* (1870) 327 Yn the spence a tabell planke and ij sylwes. 1566 *Engl. Ch. Furniture* (Peacock 1866) 65 A shelf for to set dishes on. 1615 Chapman *Odyss.* IX. 313 Shelues [ταφσοί] with cheeses heapt. 1719 De Foe *Crusoe* I. 135, I was full two and forty Days making me a Board for a long Shelf. 1727 Swift *Further Acc. E. Curll* Wks. 1755 III. I. 161 Have not I clothed you in double-royal, lodged you handsomely on decent shelves? 1765 J. Brown *Chr. Jrnl.* 252 Here is the famed surgeon's shop: no douht his shelfs are planted with pots, vials, and boxes full of useful medicine. 1842 Tennyson *Talking Oak* 142 She left the novel half-uncut Upon the rosewood shelf. 1856 Delamer *Fl. Gard.* (1861) 4 A dry airy shelf is a good place for keeping them [*sc.* bulbs]. 1898 G. B. Shaw *You never can tell* III. Stage direct., The bamboo tea table, with folding shelves.

b. The gradine of an altar.

1496–7 *Rec. St. Mary at Hill* (1904) 30 A frontell for the schelffe standyng on the alter.

c. *transf.* A shelf with reference to its contents; the contents of a shelf (*esp.* of books).

1732 Berkeley *Alciphr.* II. § 24 You may confute a whole shelf of schoolmen. 1799 *Monthly Rev.* XXX. 287 This performance cannot be placed on the same shelf with that of Barthelemy. 1818 Scott *Hrt. Midl.* xxxi, His works had no place on David Deans's shelf of divinity. 1825 Macaulay *Ess., Milton* (1897) 2 A few more days, and this essay will follow the *Defensio Populi* to the dust and silence of the upper shelf. 1876 Lowell *Ode 4th July* IV. ii, Herein they were great Beyond the incredulous lawgivers of yore, And wiser than the wisdom of the shelf.

d. fig. phrases. *On the shelf*: (*a*) On one side, out of the way, in a position or state of inactivity or uselessness; esp. *to lay* (*put*, etc.) *on the shelf*, also †*to set on shelf.*

1575 Gascoigne *Kenelworth* Wks. 1910 II. 120 Jove in heaven would smile to see Diana set on shelfe. 1815 Wellington in Gurw. *Desp.* (1838) XII. 379 Alava would then be laid upon the shelf, if he had not his situation here to return to. 1816 'Quiz' *Grand Master* VIII. 8 He's ever since been on the shelf. 1831 Croker in *Boswell's Johnson* an. 1740 *note*, His friend General Oglethorpe, who, after acquittal by a court-martial, was (to use a vulgar but expressive phrase) put upon the shelf. 1884 L. J. Jennings *Croker Papers* I. vi. 170 The question of Parliamentary Reform could not be perpetually kept upon the shelf. 1893 Beatrice Harraden *Ships that pass* I. vii, Because your career has been checked, and because you have been put on the shelf.

(*b*) Of women: Without prospects of marrying.

1839 Hood *I'm not a single Man* v, Mamma, who praises her own self, Instead of Jane or Ann, Aud lays 'her girls' upon the shelf. 1847 Halliwell, *On the shelf*, said of ladies when too old to get married. 1893 *Academy* 25 Nov. 460/3 A worn-out flirt who has run through her chances in the matrimonial market and who is..on the shelf.

(*c*) *slang.* In pawn.

1859 *Hotten's Slang Dict.*, *On the shelf*, pawned.

†2. A cupboard or cabinet. *Obs.*

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 445/1 Schelfe, *ejiaster*, *epilocarium*, *armarium*. 1570 LEVINS *Manip.* 58/16 A shelfe, *cortinale*.

3. a. *Printing.* = TILL *sb.*[1] 3.

1706 PHILLIPS (ed. Kersey), *Shelf*,..the Till of a Printing-Press. 1808 STOWER *Printer's Gram.* 328 The Till or Shelf. 1834–6 *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) VIII. 774 The third bar D, called the shelf or till, is intended to guide and keep steady ..the hose, which contains the spindle and screw.

b. *Shipbuilding.* A timber on the inner side of the frame to support the deck-beams.

1834–6 *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) VI. 396/2 Under the beams of the deck, perpendicularly over the bulge-strake, was fixed on its edge a strake of fir along the whole length of the vessel six inches thick, with a score one inch deep for the beams, to which it was bolted, and was called the longitudinal shelf. 1874 THEARLE *Naval Archit.* 35 The several pieces composing the shelf are connected with vertical flat scarphs.

c. The charging-bed of a furnace.

1879 *Spons' Encycl. Manuf.* I. 290 The hopper in which the charge of sulphate, coal, and chalk is contained, is built into the arch over the centre of the 'shelf'.

II. Senses influenced by SHELF *sb.*[2]

4. A ledge, platform, or terrace of land, rock, etc.

1809 J. BARLOW *Columb.* III. 170 Torrents of molten rocks ..Lead o'er the shelves of ice their fiery tide. 1818 SCOTT *Hrt. Midl.* I, A huge fragment of stone, which, having fallen from the cliffs above, had..jammed so as to serve for a sloping roof to the farther part of the broad shelf or platform on which they stood. 1833 LYELL *Princ. Geol.* III. 131 These roads or shelves occur in a valley six or seven miles wide. 1872 BLACK *Adv. Phaeton* xxiv, Scrambling up shelves of loose earth and slate.

b. *Continental shelf*, the relatively shallow belt of sea-bottom bordering a continental mass, the outer edge of which sinks rapidly to the deep ocean-floor.

1892 H. R. MILL *Realm of Nat.* xi. 201 In many cases it is possible that the continental shelf is the end of a low plain submerged by subsidence; in others a low plain may be an upheaved continental shelf. 1905 *Times* 29 Mar. 10/6 The coast platform and Continental shelf lying off the Norwegian coast.

5. *Mining* and *Geol.* Bed-rock: see quots.

1671 *Phil. Trans.* VI. 2096 The uppermost surface of Mineral Veins or hoads..which is termed by the Miners, the Shelf, Fast Countrey or Ground that was never moved in the Flood. 1839 DE LA BECHE *Rep. Geol. Cornwall*, etc. xiii. 398 We find these pebbles at the base of the whole, resting upon the subjacent rock, commonly termed the shelf. 1852 NICOLAV in *Man. Geog. Sci.* I. 420 Low rocks lying horizontally, especially when laminated, are called Shelves. 1880 D. C. DAVIES *Metallif. Min.* 421 *Shelf*, the uppermost broken surface of the rock under driftal matter.

III. 6. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as †*shelf-board*, *-bracket*, *-occupant*, *-press*, *-room*; **shelf-catalogue**, **-list**, a short-title catalogue of the books in a library arranged according to their location on the shelves and consequently according to their class or subject; **shelf-mark** = PRESS-MARK; hence **shelf-mark** *v.*, **shelf-marking**; **shelf-piece** = sense 3 b; **shelf-plate**, an iron shelf below the water-line of an armoured ship to support the armour-plate and its backing.

1548 *MS. Acc. St. John's Hosp., Canterb.*, In the kechynne a *shelf bourde. 1859 F. S. COOPER *Ironmongers' Catal.* 10 *Shelf Brackets. 1882 H. BRADSHAW in *Trans. Libr. Assoc.* (1884) 233 He enters the title briefly in the *shelf-catalogue (or class-catalogue as we call it in Cambridge). 1842 *Row's Hist. Kirk* (Maitl. Cl.) Introd. Notice 56 A very carefully written MS...Old *shelf mark, W, 6, 30. 1889 H. B. WHEATLEY *How to Catalogue* 233 Printed books are moved and change their shelf-marks. 1897 MACAAY in Burnet *Own Time* Pref. 9 Two folio volumes, now *shelf-marked as 'Bodl. Add. D. 18, 19'. 1842 *Row's Hist. Kirk* (Maitl. Cl.) Introd. Notice 59 Another MS...The old *shelf-marking A. 6, 7. 1878 BROWNING *Poets Croisic* I. lvi, That and my other rare *shelf-occupants. 1830 HEDDERWICK *Mar. Archit.* 286 A stringer or *shelf-piece bolted edgeways to the clamp. 1860 H. STUART *Seaman's Catech.* 69 What do the beams rest upon? The shelf pieces, which extend all round the ship. 1869 E. J. REED *Shipbuild.* ii. 20 Armour *shelf-plates like those of the 'Warrior', which are immense angle-irons, in fact. 1898 CROCKETT *Stand. Bearer* v, The little *shelf-press rudely constructed in the wall of four blocks of stone split into faces. 1882 H. BRADSHAW in *Trans. Libr. Assoc.* (1884) 237 They [*sc.* volumes of periodical publications] await better times, when we can afford them proper *shelf-room. 1893 NEWTON *Dict. Birds* s. v. *Kittiwake*, It seems never to breed but on the side of a cliff, and there shelf-room is all it needs.

Shelf (ʃelf), *sb.*[2] [Of obscure origin.

The identity of sense with SHELF[1] (recorded a century earlier) suggests that the two words may be in some way etymologically connected. The unexplained variation between *p* and *f* seems to have a parallel in the OE. *scylf* and *scylp*, both used to gloss *scopulus* and *murex* sharp rock, and in SCALP *sb.*[1] bed of oysters (cf. 2 below), which has the variants *scalfe*, *scalph*. It is not impossible that the word may descend from the OE. *scylf*, *scylp*, in some unrecorded sense. Some of the later uses show influence from SHELF *sb.*[1]]

1. A sandbank in the sea or river rendering the water shallow and dangerous. Also loosely applied to a submerged ledge of rock.

Very common till *c* 1750. See also SHELVE *sb.*[1]

1545 ELYOT *Dict.*, *Syrtes*, quycke sandes or shelfes [*ed.* 1538 shelpes] in the water made by the dryfte of sande or grauell. 1571 *Act* 13 *Eliz.* c. 18 § 5 The Shyriffes..shall.. after that the said newe Cut shalbe made..cause the same.. to be..clensed of all the Shelfes and Shallowes. 1577–87 HOLINSHED *Chron.* III. 1129/1 A place by the sea side, all of hard stone and pibble, called in those parts [*sc.* Suffolk] a shelfe. 1617 MORYSON *Itin.* III. 138 Before the Rode of Margat lie the dangerous shelfes or flats of sand, whereof the greatest is called Goodwin sand. 1651 DAVENANT *Gondibert* Pref. 19 Coasting Mapps, where the Shelves and Rocks are describ'd as well as the safe Channell. 1691 T. H[ALE] *Acc. New Invent.* p. liv, Deepening the River of Thames, and removing Shelfes therein. 1762 FALCONER *Shipwr.* III. 329 A shore where shelves and hidden rocks abound. 1791 *Selby Bridge Act* 3 To remove any shelves, or other obstructions, in the said river. 1802 *Brooke's Gazetteer* (ed. 12) s. v. *Ladoga*, Quicksands, which..cause several shelves which often prove fatal to the flat-bottomed vessels of the Russians. 1878 BROWNING *La Saisiaz* 34 The every way external stream that now through shoal and shelf Floats it onward.

b. *fig.* and in fig. context.

1560 DAUS tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* Pref. 4 b, Whan I somtime doubted, & sticked fast on the rockes & shelves. 1574 HELLOWES *Gueuara's Fam. Ep.* (1577) 186 There is in loue after it is begon, infinite shelues, immeasurable sloughes, daungerous rockes. 1604 EARL STIRLING *Croesus* II. ii, This self-conceit is a most dangerous shelfe. 1612 SIR W. ALEXANDER *Elegie Death Pr. Henrie* 9 Though generall be the losse, one shelfe confounding quyte, The King'schiefe joy, the kingdomes hope, and all the worlds delight. 1616 R. C. *Times' Whistle* (1871) 43 Till i'th'end his pelfe Shipwracks his soule vpon heis rocky shelfe. 1652 BENLOWES *Theoph.* Pref., To divert thee therefore from such Shelves of indiscreet Vice. 1784 COWPER *Tiroc.* 269 Yes—ye are conscious; and on all the shelves Your pupils strike upon, have struck yourselves.

†2. *Shelves of margarites, of oysters.* (Cf. SCALP *sb.*[2])

1590 GREENE *Fr. Bacon* (1630) 2 Her teeth are shelues of precious Margarites, Richly enclosed with ruddie curroll cleues. 1594 — & LODGE *Looking Gl.* I. i. 100 I'll fetch from Albia shelves of margarites. 1594 NASHE *Terrors Nt.* G 2 b, Great glaring eyes that had whole shelues of Kentish oysters in them.

3. *Comb.* †**shelf-spoiled**, rendered dangerous by shoals.

1627 MAY *Lucan*, *Pharsalia* IX. Q 8, A shelfe-spoil'd sea.

Shelf, *sb.*[3] *dial.* (Devon and Cornwall.) Also **shilf.** [? a use of SHELF *sb.*[1] (cf. sense 5).] (See quots.)

[1602–1778: ? Implied in SHELFY *a.*[1]] 1849 *Ecclesiologist* IX. 288 *note*, Shilf means broken slate, in small pieces, such as is used for mending roads in parts of Cornwall. 1891 *Hartland Gloss.*, *Shelf*, soft slaty rock.

Shelf (ʃelf), *v.*[1] *Obs.*—[1] [Origin and meaning obscure; cf. OE. *scelfan* to shake; also next vb. (Perh. an arbitrary formation for rhyme: cf. SHELVE *v.*)] *trans.* ? To ruin.

c 1425 *Cast. Persev.* 1070 in *Macro Plays*, Euery man þou schalt schende & schelfe, & holde no man betyr þanne þi selfe.

†**Shelf,** *v.*[2] *Obs.* [f. SHELF *sb.*[2]] *trans.* To cast on a shelf or sandbank.

1652 BENLOWES *Theoph.* I. lxxx, Such Saints high Tides n'ere ebbe so low, to shelf Them on the Quicksand of their self.

Shelf (ʃelf), *v.*[3] [f. SHELF *sb.*[1]] *trans.* To lay on the shelf, shelve.

1814 SCOTT *Drama* (1874) 225 He is too often retained for the mere purpose of being laid aside, or shelfed, as it is technically called. 1832 GEN. P. THOMPSON *Exerc.* (1842) II. 285 Trills.., and bravuras, will be shelfed with Mandane's hoop and Alexander's wig. 1863 KINGSLEY *Water Babies* vii. 301 Blind brigadiers shelfed as principals of colleges.

Shelfa, variant form of SHILFA.

She·lf-ful. [-FUL.] A quantity sufficient to fill a shelf; the contents of a shelf.

1876 G. O. TREVELYAN *Life & Lett. Macaulay* (1878) II. xii. 267 A shelf-full of Irish novels. 1912 *Blackw. Mag.* May 700/2 The quarrel of Byron with his wife has furnished forth a shelfful of books.

Shelfy (ʃe·lfi), *a.*[1] [f. SHELF *sb.*[2] + -Y. Cf. SHELVY.] Abounding in sandbanks lying near the surface of the water.

1576 SIR H. GILBERT *Disc. Pass. Cataia* vi, Because all Seas..are maintained by the abundance of the water, waxing more shallow and shelfie towards the ende. 1632 LITHGOW *Trav.* III. 99 We had a shelfie shoare. *Ibid.* V. 228 With dreadfull snares Begirded round, in shelfie gulfes of wracke. 1697 DAVDEN *Æneid* V. 1125 A shelfy coast, Long infamous for ships and sailors lost. 1725 POPE *Odyss.* I. 257 Among a savage race, whose shelfy bounds With ceaseless roar the foaming deep surrounds.

Shelfy (ʃe·lfi), *a.*[2] [f. SHELF *sb.*[1] + -Y.] Having ledges or terraces.

1767 FAWKES *Idyll. Theocr.* XXI. 53 Methought I sat upon a shelfy steep. 1887 BLACKMORE *Cripps* XXXVI, A mighty hedge of beetling brows, and over-hanging shagginess, and shelfy curves, and brambly depths.

Shelfy, *a.*[3] *dial.* (Devon and Cornwall.) [f. SHELF *sb.*[3] + -Y.] Full of 'shelf' or slaty rock.

The sense 'full of strata of rock' in Webster 1864, to which Ogilvie 1882 adds 'having rocky ledges cropping up' is based on quot. 1602.

1602 CAREW *Cornwall* 20 The tillable fields are in some places..so shelfie that the Corne hath much adoe to fasten his roote. 1674 FLAVEL *Husb. Spiritualized* vii. 70 Sometimes this plow thin shelfy ground doth turn. 1753 *Chambers' Cycl.* Suppl. s. v. *Sea-sand*, It is sometimes composed of shelly matter alone; but sometimes it is made up partly of this, and partly of broken stones: in this last case it is called shelfy sand. 1778 PAYCE *Min. Cornub.* 74 The Slate, or Shelfy-stone, is always uppermost next the loamy soil.

Sheling, obs. form of SHILLING.

† **Shelisoad.** *Obs.* (See quot.)

c 1630 RISDON *Surv. Devon* (1714) II. 394 Shots and Sheliscads, a Fish not unlike the Trout, and said to be peculiar to Devonshire and Cornwall.

Shell (ʃel), *sb.*[1] Forms: 1 sciell, scel(l, scill, scyll, 4 schele, scell, chelle, s(c)hill, (schyl-), 4–5 schelle, schylle, 4–6 schell, shelle, (schsl-), 4–7 shel, 5 shylle, schull(e, 7 shul, 9 *dial.* shill, shull, 4– shell. [OE. *sciell*, *scill*, Anglian *scell* fem. = WFris. *skyl* peel, rind, egg-shell, NFris. *skel*, *skal* sea-shell, (M)LG. *schelle*, *schille* pod, rind, fish-scale, eggshell, MDu. *schelle*, *schille* shell, pod, bark, rind, pl. scurf (Du. *schel*, *schil*), ON. *skel* sea-shell (Norw. *skjæl*), Goth. *skalja* tile :— OTeut. **skaljō*, f. **skal-*, for other derivatives of which see SCALE *sb.*[1], *sb.*[2], SHALE *sb.*[1] Cf. SKELL, from ON.]

I. The hard outside covering of an animal, a fruit, etc.

1. The calcareous or chitinous outer covering of crustaceans, molluscs, and other invertebrates.

See also COCKLE-SHELL, MUSSEL-SHELL, OYSTER-SHELL, SCALLOP-SHELL.

c 725 *Corpus Gloss.* (Hessels) C 863 *Conca*, musclan scel. *a* 1100 *Aldhelm Gloss.* I. 447 (Napier 13/2) *Conca*, musclan scille. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* XXIX. (*Placidas*) 518 Þet wes lewit hym [*sc.* Job] a schele to schrape his scabbis rycht snel. 1387–8 T. USK *Test. Love* I. iii. (Skeat) I. 78 A muskel, in a blewe shel. *c* 1430 *Two Cookery-bks.* 24 Pyke owt þe Muskele of þe schulle. *c* 1475 *Pict. Voc.* in WR.-Wülcker 765/27 *Hec testa*, a schylle. *c* 1560 A. SCOTT *Poems* (S.T.S.) v. 33 Mussillis in schellis. 1605 SHAKS. *Lear* I. v. 27 Can't tell how an Oyster makes his shell? *a* 1631 DONNE *Poems* (1654) 38 Let others freez with angling reeds, And cut their legs, with shels and weeds. 1709 STEELE *Tatler* No. 112 ₱ 3 They used to gather up Shells on the Sea-Shore. 1709 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 4510/7 About 14000 Oysters in the Shells. *a* 1728 WOODWARD *Nat. Hist. Fossils* II. (1729) I. 24 Two Nautiloides, or Bodies form'd in Shells of the Nautilus. 1833–4 J. PHILLIPS *Geol.* in *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) VI. 684/2 The small bivalve crustaceous shells of cypris. 1834 MCMURTRIE *Cuvier's Anim. Kingd.* 272 All the Brachiopoda are invested with bivalve shells, fixed and immoveable. *Ibid.* 468 The..Sea-Urchins..have the body invested by a shell or calcareous crust. 1870 ROLLESTON *Anim. Life* 47 The thickness of the Gasteropodous shell diminishes from its free rim upwards. 1895 KERNAHAN *God & Ant* Apol. (ed. 4) 10 As the grain of sand, which has found its way into his shell, vexes and irks the oyster.

b. Allusive uses, with reference to:

(*a*) The formation of pearls within the shells of molluscs. (*b*) The association of a shell with persons of classical mythology (e.g. Venus Anadyomene). (*c*) The sound of the sea heard when a round-lipped shell is placed with the mouth to one's ear.

(*a*) 1390 GOWER *Conf.* III. 346 He hath noght elles, No-mor the perles than the schelles. [1447 BOKENHAM *Seyntys* (Roxb.) 2 A margerye perle aftyr the phylosophyr Growyth on a shelle of lytyl pryhs.] 1611 B. JONSON *Catiline* I. i. Chorus, Her Women weare The spoiles of Nations, in an eare, Chang'd for the treasure of a shell. [1813 SCOTT *Trierm.* III. xxvi, See these pearls,..These were tears by Naiads wept..Tritons in the silver shell Treasured them.] 1850 TENNYSON *In Mem.* lii, Thy wealth is gather'd in, When Time hath sunder'd shell from pearl.

(*b*) 1634 MILTON *Comus* 231 Sweet Echo, sweetest Nymph that liv'st unseen Within thy airy shell. 1685 DAVDEN *Albion* I. 8 Venus in her shell. 1823 BYRON *Island* II. vii, A form like Aphrodite's in her shell.

(*c*) 1814 WORDSWORTH *Excurs.* IV. 1141 Even such a shell the universe itself Is to the ear of Faith.

2. A shell of this kind (or a vessel resembling one) used for a specific purpose.

a. = SCALLOP *sb.* 1 c. b. Used as a target. *Sc.*, chiefly with indecent allusion (cf. L. *concha* = cunnus). c. *pl.* Sea-shells used as money. (Cf. *cowry.*) † d. A drinking vessel. e. A mussel-shell containing pigment to be used by mixing with gum. f. = CONCH 3.

a. 1362 LANGLAND *P. Pl. A.* VI. 12 Signes of Synay and Schelles of Galys. 1507 *Pilton Churchw. Acc.* (Som. Rec. Soc.) 64, iij schellys of Seynt Iame.

b. 1497 *Acc. Ld. High. Treas. Scot.* I. 360 Item, to the king, to schut at the schell..xvjd. 1500–20 DUNBAR *Poems* xxxi. 13 He that..schuttis syne at ane vncow schell,..He wirkis sorrow to him sell. 1536 LYNDESAY *Answ. Kingis Flyting* 45 Tholand 30w rin schutand frome schell to schell. *a* 1568 *Bannatyne MS.* (Hunter. Club) 392 Few honour wynnis in to that innys For schutting at the schellis.

c. 1600 J. PORY tr. *Leo's Africa* VII. 288 In matters of smal value they use certaine shels brought hither out of the Kingdome of Persia, fower hundred of which shels are worth a ducate. 1732 LEDIARD *Sethos* II. VII. 65 An office of exchange to receive the shells of foreign savages.

d. 1577 tr. *Bullinger's Decades* II. X. 243 Some menne there are, which..swallowe..deintie hearbe brothes,..not out of a cup, but out of a shell. 1773 BOSWELL *Tour Hebr.* 5 Oct., Whiskey was served round in a shell, according to the ancient Highland custom.

e. 1565 COOPER *Thesaurus* s. v. *Concha*, *Conchæ*, shelles wherin peynters putte theyr colours. 1665 HOOKE *Microgr.* 75 Those several colours they lay on their Shels or Palads. 1666 SPRATTOWE *Wiles of Satan* 12 As a Painter doth his many Colours, that lye..before him in their several Shells. 1895 *Army & Navy Co-op. Soc.* Price List 668 Colours for Illuminating...Tube of Enamel White, Gold Shell, Aluminium Shell.

f. 1634 MILTON *Comus* 873 By scaly Tritons winding shell. [1699 POTTER *Antiq. Greece* III. ix. 86 Shells of Fishes ..which they sounded in the manner of Trumpets.] 1823 BYRON *Island* II. ii, Ere Fiji blew the shell of war.

3. As a rendering of Gr. ὄστρακον, the potsherd or tile used in the OSTRACISM of the ancient Greeks.

The ὄστρακον has been freq. taken by mod. writers for an oyster-shell.

(1538 ELYOT *Dict.*, *Ostracismus*,..whyche exyle was doone by delyuerynge of oyster shelles.] 1565 COOPER *Thesaurus*, *Ostracismus*, a kinde of banishment amonge the Athenians for .x. yeres space, whiche was done by delinerynge of

shelles with the names of the persons condemned wryten in them. 1579–80 North *Plutarch, Aristides* (1595) 353 At a certaine day appointed, euery citizen caried a great snell in his hande, whereupon he wrote the name of him he would haue banished. 1711 Pope *Temple of Fame* 173 He [*sc.* Aristides] whom ungrateful Athens could expell, At all times just, but when he sign'd the Shell. 1770 Langhorne *Plutarch, Nicias* III. 389 The shell was not designed for such wretches as he. 1845 *Encycl. Metrop.* IX. 365/1 If the name of any person was found to be written on six thousand tiles or shells [etc.].

4. *pl.* Burnt limestone before it is slaked. †*In shells*: unslaked.

1743 in R. Maxwell *Sel. Trans. Agric.* 191 Shells will weigh about 25 Stone-weight the Boll. [1793: see Lime *sb.*[1] 5]. 1799 J. Robertson *Agric. Perth* 282 The farmers endeavour to carry it in shells, while the water is dissipated and the lime light. 1812 Sir J. Sinclair *Syst. Husb. Scot.* I. 178 [He] brings his lime from the kiln, lays it in small heaps, about a firlot of shells in each heap. 1884 F. J. Lloyd *Sci. Agric.* 113 The lumps of burnt and unslaked limestone are known as shells.

5. Used as the second element of the name of a particular shellfish, as *acorn-shell, razor-shell*; hence (chiefly *pl.*) = shellfish, in referring to classificatory groups.

1751 *Chambers' Cycl., Balani*...They are commonly called in English, centre-shells. 1840 *Cuvier's Anim. Kingd.* 386 The Balanus or Acorn-Shells. 1858 Baird *Cycl. Nat. Sci.* s.v. *Mollusca*, Conchifera, or ordinary bivalve shells, which breathe by two pairs of gills.

6. The hard outer calcareous envelope of a bird's egg. (†*In the shell*, of an egg, boiled.) Also, the similar integument of the eggs of other creatures. Cf. Egg-shell.

a 900 *O. E. Martyrol.* 18 Mar. 40 Se rodor ymbfehð.. sæ & eorðan, swa seo scell utan ymbfehð þæt æg. 13.. *K. Alis.* 571 An ay he laide, so he fleygh,..That tobrak, Y yow telle: A dragon crep out of the schelle. 1398 Trevisa *Barth. De P. R.* XII. i. (Bodl. MS.), The chikenes comeþ forþe of þe schelle alyue and fulle schape. *c* 1430 *Two Cookery-bks.* 41 Take Eyroun, & blow owt þat ys with-ynne..þan waysshe þe schulle clene. 1599 Sir J. Davies *Nosce Teipsum* 99 When the shell is broke, out comes a chick. 1657 W. Coles *Adam in Eden* xlii, When her food begins once to appear she [the silkworm] comes forth of her shel. 1692 Tryon *Good House-wife* x. 83 Eggs boyled in the Shells. 1719 De Foe *Crusoe* I. 99 The Turtle's Eggs, which I roasted in the Ashes, and eat, as we call it, in the Shell. 1864 *Englishw. in India* 173 Beat the whites of the eggs in a basin...Crush the shells and add them with the wine.

b. *In the shell*: (of an egg or a bird, etc.) unhatched; also *fig.*, in embryo.

1601 Shaks. *Jul. C.* II. i. 34 Thinke him as a Serpents egge,..And kill him in the shell. 1606 — *Tr. & Cr.* I. ii. 148 If you loue an addle egge as well as you loue an idle head, you would eate chickens i' th' shell. 1638 Chillingw. *Relig. Prot.* I. ii. § 101. 91 Some yet are Embrio's, yet hatching, and in the shell; as the Popes infallibility. 1649 Jer. Taylor *Gt. Exemp.* III. Ad Sec. xvi. 179 Corn for ever in the blade, egges alwaies in the shell. *a* 1659 Osborn *Observ. Turks* Wks. (1673) 278 By the heat of Religion many Vertues are hatched, and more Vices stifled in the shell. 1883 S. C. Hall *Retrospect* II. 71 Embryo poets and artists in the shell. 1897 *Advance* (Chicago) 25 Feb. 242/1 As a writer he is full grown..but as an evolutionist he is still in the shell.

c. In fig. phr. referring to emergence into life; *esp.* in *out of one's shell* (with a negative).

1551 T. Wilson *Logic* (1580) 58 b, In this worlde a childe shall scant be out of his shell, but he shall be sure to one, or other. 1593 Nashe *Christ's T.* Wks. 1910 II. 86 My yonng nouice..not yet crept out of the shell. *Ibid.* 122 If at the first peeping out of the shell a young Student sets not a graue face on it. 1599 *Broughton's Lett.* 27 Those tiue.. Archbishop..vnfolded..at Cambridge, before thou wert crept out of thy Alphabeticall shell. 1670 Baxter *Cure Ch. Div.* 4 The pride of those that run with the shell on their head into the Ministry. 1808 Jamieson s.v., *You're scarcely out of the shell yet*; a phrase applied to young persons, to those especially who affect something beyond their years. 1837 Browning *Strafford* II. i, *Puritan.* His fruit shall be a fiery flying serpent. *Fiennes.* 'Shall be'? It chips the shell, man,—peeps abroad.

7. = Nutshell.

c 1330 R. Brunne *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 14683 Luytel notes þey toke, & holede þem, þe kerneles out schoke; þey dide y þe schelles fyr & tunder. 1398 Trevisa *Barth. De P. R.* XVII. cviii. (Bodl. MS.), Aschelle oþer aschale þ[t] waxiþ harder & harder & þer wiin is þe notte curnel. *c* 1400 *Rom. Rose* 7117 As moche as..The sunne sourmounteth the mone, ..And the note kernelle the shelle. 1555 Eden *Decades* (Arb.) 342 The halfe shelles of almonds. *a* 1691 Boyle *Hist. Air* (1692) 178 Almonds of a tender Shell. 1699 Dampier *Voy.* II. I. 152 About 100 Nutmegs, which had the Shells on as they grew on the Trees.

Prov. c 1375 *Cursor M.* 23828 (Fairf.) Þaire speche is nost worþ a shelle [*Cott.* noght a nute-scell]. 1577 Grange *Golden Aphrod.* I iij b, I see the prouerbe is true: who wil the curnell of the nut must breake the shell. 1611 Cotgr. s.v. *Coque, Nulle noix sans coque*, no nut without a shell.

b. *fig.* and in fig. context. (See also Shall *sb.*)

1377 Langl. *P. Pl.* B. XI. 252 After þat hitter barke (be þe shelle aweye), Is a kirnelle of conforte. 1611 Bible *Transl. Pref.* ¶ 5 Translation it is..that breaketh the shell, that we may eat the kernel. 1613 Purchas *Pilgrimage* (1614) 490 All are vaine-glorious, and seeke rather the shell then the kernell, the shew then the substance of holinesse. 1621 Laud *Diary* 3 June, He [the King] was pleased to say, he had given me nothing but [the Deanery of] Gloucester, which he well knew was a shell without a kernel. 1650 Hubbert *Pill Formality* 22 Forms are more contended for, then power,..shel more then kernel.

c. The fibre-covered envelope of a coco-nut.

1638 Sir T. Herbert *Trav.* (ed. 2) 29 The Coco..is cover'd with a thick rynd,..the shell is like the skull of man. 1768 Cocoa nut-shell [see Coco[1] 4 d]. 1838 Mrs. Browning *Rom. Ganges* iv, Of shell of coco carven, Each little boat is made. 1891 Codrington *Melanesians* xvi. 316 The cream squeezed out from grated cocoa-nut was often cooked over the embers in the shells.

8. The outer covering of a seed, etc.; a husk, pod (e. g. *pea-shell*); †rind (of pomegranates, etc.); putamen, pericarp.

1561 Hollybush *Hom. Apoth.* 26 Take the wood of Berberis, fyll the upper shell wyth the leaves from it. 1562 Turner *Herbal* II. (1568) 33 If lentilles be sodden with theyr shelles untaken of. 1607 Topsell *Four-f. Beasts* 389 The powder of vnripe Pomgranat shels. 1611 Cotgr., *Calicules*,.. the rough shells of Chestnuts. 1624 [see Gourd[1] 4]. 1631 Widdowes *Nat. Philos.* 24 It may be softened by quenching in juyce of beane shuls or mallowes. 1657 W. Coles *Adam in Eden* xcix, Within which fruit [gourd], lie.. many seeds, having smooth hard wooddy shells. 1707 Mortimer *Husb.* (1721) II. 144 The Scarlet-Bean which has a red Husk, and is not the best to eat in the Shell, as Kidney-Beans are usually eaten. 1745 Pococke *Descr. East* II. i. 233 They fill the shell [of coloquintida] with milk, and let it stand some time. 1796 Withering *Brit. Plants* (ed. 3) I. 66 *Legumen*, or shell; a seed-vessel of two valves. 1861 Bentley *Man. Bot.* 301 A strong shell surrounding the seed, called the *putamen*. 1887 *Ibid.* (ed. 5) 20 The shell or *pericarp*. 1901 Alldridge *Sherbro* ii. 15 A great deal of shell [on palm kernels], which of course is useless.

9. The hard covering or 'house' of a snail: cf. Snail-shell.

c 1400 Maundev. (Roxb.) xxi. 96 Þer er..so grete snyles þat in þaire schelles three men or foure may be herberd. 1530 Palsgr. 266/2 Schell of a snayle, *cocquille*. 1611 Cotgr., *Caqueroles*, the shels of Snayles, Periwincles, and such like. 1766 [Anstey] *New Bath Guide* vi. (1807) 42 As snug as a hodmandod rides in his shell. 1774 Goldsm. *Nat. Hist.* (1776) VII. 23 In proportion as it grows, the shell encreases in the number of its circles. 1808 *Med. Jrnl.* XIX. 373 The covering or opercle with which they [*sc.* snails] close up their shell in winter.

b. In fig. phrases, referring to avoidance of society or to a forbidding and an uncommunicative manner.

1853 Earl Lytton *Let. to Browning* 26 July, I have long ago crept into my shell for good. 1889 C. F. M. Bell *From Pharaoh to Fellah* xiii. 111 Under the soothing influence of coffee and tobacco, he came out of his shell. 1893 Vizetelly *Glances Back* I. vii. 137 [He] rarely spoke unless personally appealed to, and speedily retired into his shell again.

10. The hard covering of a tortoise or turtle; the material of which this is composed: cf. Tortoiseshell.

1545 Elyot *Dict., Chelonium*, the shell of a torteyse. 1601 Holland *Pliny* VI. xxiv. I. 134 The Chelonophagi, *i.* such as feed upon the flesh of Tortoises, and the shels of them serve for rouses. 1638 Sir T. Herbert *Trav.* (ed. 2) 25 The Sea Tortoise is not much differing from those at land, her house or shell is only flatter. 1726 G. Roberts *Four Yrs. Voy.* 21 They had nothing to pay me for it, but the Turtle, Oil, and Shell which they had made here. 1844 Thirlwall *Greece* VIII. 353 A tortoise, which is safe only so long as it keeps within its shell.

†**b.** *poet.* [after L. *testudo*.] A lyre (in allusion to the legend that the first lyre was a tortoise shell stringed); occas. (cf. Lyre[1] 1 b) put for 'lyric poetry'. *Obs.*

[1687 Dryden *Song St. Cecilia's Day* ii, When Jubal struck the corded Shell.] 1746 Collins *Ode to Pity* vii, Till, Virgin, Thou again delight To hear a British Shell! 1769 Gray *Ode for Music* 23 'Twas Milton struck the deep-toned shell. 1821 Byron *Diary* Wks. (1846) 423/1 My brethren of the shell. 1821 — *Sardanap.* III. i. 66 Hast thou thy shell in order? Sing me a song.

11. The integument of an armadillo, glyptodon, ostracion, etc.; the elytron of an insect; the cast skin of a pupa.

1774 Goldsm. *Nat. Hist.* (1824) II. 112 This animal [*sc.* the armadillo] being covered, like a tortoise, with a shell, or rather a number of shells. 1840 Swainson & Shuckard *Insects* § 70. 81 An immense assemblage of insects, having.. four wings, but of which two are converted into cases or shells (*elytra*). 1852 Dana *Crust.* II. 1370 The two elytra-like prolongations of the shell of the third segment of the body [of the Dinematuræ].

II. A shell-shaped object; something concave or hollow.

12. Applied *gen.* to a hollow spherical, hemispherical, or dome-shaped object.

1599 *Churchw. Acc. Pittington*, etc. (Surtees) 276 Whatsoever shall..misforten about the clock, viz., shelles or nutes or such like thinges. *a* 1700 Evelyn *Diary* 27 Feb. 1644, That [jetto] which rises over the greate shell of lead, from whence it glides silently down a channel. 1753 *De Foe's Tour Gt. Brit.* (ed. 5) I. 157 There rises above the Roof a semicircular Dome, which has two Shells,..the outward Shell is Carpentry, covered with Lead. 1759 H. Walpole *Let. to G. Montagu* 2 June, As they were sitting in the shell on my terrace. 1817 Shelley *Rev. Islam* XII. 4630 The boat was one curved shell of hollow pearl. 1850 B. Taylor *Eldorado* iv. (1862) 34 The whole vast shell of the firmament. 1851 Ruskin *Stones of Venice* I. xi. § 1 An arch..is a curved shell of firm materials, on whose back a burden is to be laid of loose materials.

13. **a.** A scale of a balance. *Sc.*

15.. *Aberd. Reg.* (Jam.), A pair of schellis. 1637 Rutherford *Lett.* (1664) 143 Our Lord (who hath all you the Nobles lying in the shell of his ballance). *c* 1730 Ramsay *Fables, Twa Cats & Cheese* 22 He..ca's for the scales..He puts ilk haff in either shell.

†**b.** The bowl (of a chalice). *Obs.*

1546 *Inv. Ch. Goods* (Surtees) 134 A chalice, the shelle of silver and gilt, waing iiij ounces.

14. The semicircular guard of a sword, often elaborately worked.

1685 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 2050/4 A Rapier Sword, the Hilt of which was made with a whole Shell. 1692 Sir W. Hope *Fencing Master* 3 The Shell is that part of the Hilt next to the Blade. 1707 — *New Meth. Fencing* iv. § 3. 60 The Hilt hath its Pomel, Handle, Shell, and Cross-Barrs. 1748 Smollett *Rod. Rand.* lix, I seized his shell, which was close to my breast, before he could disintangle his point. 1826 Scott *Woodst.* xix, The shell of my rapier struck against his ribs. 1869 Boutell *Arms & Armour* ix. 178 This weapon [the rapier] generally has a kind of small basket or shell.

15. The apsidal end of the school-room at Westminster School, so called from its conch-like shape. Hence, the name of the form (intermediate between the fifth and sixth) which originally tenanted the 'shell' at Westminster School, and *transf.* of forms (intermediate between forms designated by numbers) in other public schools: see quots.

1736 *Gentl. Mag.* VI. 679 /2 Near these [forms] y[e] shell's high concave walls appear. 1750 Chesterf. *Lett.* CCXXVIII, Observe..what the best scholars in the Form immediately above you do, and so on, till you get into the shell yourself. 1825 Southey *Life & Corr.* (1849) I. 151 He was floated up to the Shell, beyond which the tide carried no one. 1857 Hughes *Tom Brown* I. v, The lower fifth, shell, and all the junior forms in order [at Rugby]. 1877 Ld. W. P. Lennox *Celebr. I have known* I. 43 The noise grew louder and louder, until the birch was safely deposited in a small room behind the 'shell',—so the upper end of the room was called from its shape [Westminster]. 1884 Forshall *Westm. Sch.* 3 The Headmaster faced all the boys excepting the tenants of the 'Shell'. 1903 *Blackw. Mag.* June 742/2 The third 'shell', a form within measurable distance of the lowest in the school [Harrow].

16. The bottom part of a turnip remaining after the root has been scooped out by sheep.

1802 Willich *Dom. Encycl.* IV. 60/2 The shells of turnips which have been suffered to lie on the ground for some time. 1886 C. Scott *Sheep-farming* 49 An active man will, with the assistance of a boy or woman at picking shells, manage 600 full-mouthed sheep.

17. The outer ear; = Concha 4 a.

1847 Youatt *Horse* vi. 122 This cartilage, the conch or shell, is attached to the head by ligaments. 1871 Darwin *Desc. Man* I. i. 21 The whole external shell of the ear.

18. *U.S.* A light, narrow, racing-boat.

1873 B. Harte *What B. Harte Saw in Fiddletown*, etc. 98 A shell with its exercising crew. 1894 *Outing* XXIV. 69/2 The first month of rowing in the shell is taken up in coaxing the fractious creature to be steady on its bottom.

b. The floating part of a racing boat; the dug-out portion of a West Indian canoe.

1895 *Westm. Gaz.* 30 Mar. 3/1 After the skin and the ribs, which really constitute the shell of the boat, are finished, we fix the seats and stretchers. 1901 *Daily Tel.* 18 Mar. 7/4 The greater distance between the men necessitated by the slides also involved a longer shell. 1907 C. Hill-Tout *Brit. N. Amer., Far West* vii. 136 The thickness of the shell varies with the size of the vessel, the small [dug-out] canoes being about an inch.

19. Miscellaneous technical uses.

e. g.: in casting, the outer wall of the mould; a pump bucket or clack before it is grathed; a concave grinding tool; a thin film of copper forming the face of an electrotype, which is backed with type-metal; see also quots.

1819 Reveley *Let. to Shelley* 12 Nov., So that the melted metal..may..fill up the..space left between the core and the shell, in order to form the desired cylinders. 1835 Ure *Philos. Manuf.* 168 A fluted cylinder called the roller-bowl, encased at its lower and back part within a segment of a hollow cylinder called the shell. 1839 *Civil Engin. & Arch. Jrnl.* II. 321/1 The shells or buckets are fitted with valves opening upwards. *Ibid.* VII. 370 Two 'shells' are to be provided, or what is technically termed the moulding box. 1860 *Ure's Dict. Arts* II. 699 A concave rough grinding tool of cast iron called a shell. 1875 Knight *Dict. Mech., Shell (Weaving)*, the upper and under shells are the bars of the lay, which are grooved to receive the reed. 1881 Maxwell *Electr. & Magn.* I. 77 An insulated spherical shell concentric with the globe. 1884 Knight *Dict. Mech.* Suppl., *Shell*, a Russian tool for turning insides of hollow projectiles. 1885 Lock in *Workshop Rec.* Ser. IV. 215/1 A substantial electrotype or shell should be obtained in 10–15 hours. 1898 *Syd. Soc. Lex.*, *Shells*, a term for tinted spectacles for protecting the eyes from bright light.

III. An exterior or enclosing cover or case

20. **a.** A covering (of earth, stone, etc.).

1667 Primatt *City & C. Builder* 4 Coal-mines which are covered with a shell of stone about a fathom or more thick. 1692 Bentley *Boyle Lect.* iii. 98 Arched over with an exterior Crust or Shell of Earth.

b. The crust of the earth.

a 1704 Locke *Elem. Nat. Philos.* viii. (1754) 32 Whatever we fetch from under ground is only what is lodg'd in the shell of the earth. 1830 Lyell *Princ. Geol.* I. 35 The separation of the land from the waters, mentioned in Genesis: during which operation some places of the shell of the earth were forced outwards. 1869 Phillips *Vesuv.* xii. 331 The inner as well as the outer surface of the earth's crust or shell must be spheroidal.

21. A case of metal, etc. in which powder and shot is made up, esp. for use as a hand-grenade.

1644 Nye *Gunnery* II. (1647) 73 First of all fill these small shels [*i. e.* granadoes for the hand] with fine Gunpowder. 1669 Sturmy *Mariner's Mag.* v. xiii. 85 To Load them, fill these small Shells with Gun-Powder. [*marg.*] The Shells are made of Glass, or nelld Clay, or Paper. 1692 *Capt. Smith's Seaman's Gram.* II. xvii. 127 How much Powder will fill that Shell? 1769 Falconer *Dict. Marine* (1789) Cc 3 b, The shell is a great hollow ball, filled with powder. 1884 *Milit. Engin.* (ed. 3) I. II. 101 Weight of Shell loaded for service.

b. Hence, an explosive projectile or bomb for use in a cannon or mortar. Also *collect. sing.*

164. *Thomasson Tracts* (Brit. Mus.) CCCCXCII. No. 27. 110 They swear they will never fight more against guns that shoot twice, meaning the two cracks, the mortar and the shell. 1695 LUTTRELL *Brief Rel.* (1857) III. 452, 13 mortars were tryed..and approved of, each of them throwing a shell a mile and half. 1767 T. HUTCHINSON *Hist. Mass.* ii. 181 The bomb-ship..plied the French with her shells. 1806 A. DUNCAN *Nelson* 45 The Thunder..began to throw shells. 1831 SIR J. SINCLAIR *Corr.* II. 391 A single shell bursting, was seen to put an effectual stop to their whole cavalry in a charge. 1854 TENNYSON *Lt. Brigade* iii, Storm'd at with shot and shell.

c. A cartridge case of paper or metal.

1799 G. SMITH *Laboratory* I. 18 Pour it in the paper shells. 1890 LEFFINGWELL *Wild Fowl Shooting* 122 You can get shells at the gunsmith's loaded, or, if you prefer, load them yourself. 1892 GREENER *Breech Loader* 171 In America good paper cases, or 'shells', are dearer than in England.

d. *Pyrotechny.* (See quot.)

1878 T. KENTISH *Pyrotechn. Treas.* 117 Shells are hollow paper globes, fired vertically, from mortars, or iron tubes.

22. A wooden coffin, *esp.* a rough or temporary one. Also a thin coffin of lead or other material to be enclosed in a more substantial one.

1788 *Gentl. Mag.* II. 1045 Great abundance of human bones have been unavoidably dug up, most of which have been put into shells. 1799 SOUTHEY *Engl. Ecl.* Poet. Wks. III. 45 To slave while there is strength, in age the workhouse, A parish shell at last. 1837 RICHARDSON *Brit. Legion* (ed. 2) viii. 212 Their [Spanish criminals] bodies..were then taken down by the executioner.., and placed in shells. 1855 THACKERAY *Newcomes* lv, Look rather at the living audience standing round the shell;—the deep grief on Barnes Newcome's fine countenance. 1858 SIMMONDS *Dict. Trade, Shell*, a rough coffin to be enclosed in another. 1892 *Times* 4 Feb. 12/2 The leaden shell in which the body..is laid was sealed down and this enclosed in a beautiful olivewood coffin.

23. Miscellaneous uses.

a. *Naut.* The outer casing of a pulley-block; a thimble dead-eye block used to join the ends of two ropes. b. See quots. 1802, 1853 and cf. *shell-jacket* (sense 39). c. The outer plating of a boiler. d. *Bridge-building.* (See quot. 1876.)

1769 FALCONER *Dict. Marine* (1789), *Shell of a block*, the outer frame or case, wherein the sheave or wheel is contained. 1794 *Rigging & Seamanship* I. 149 The shell is made of elm or ash. 1802 C. JAMES *Milit. Dict.*, *Shell*, a short jacket without arms, which was worn by light dragoons. 1839 R. S. ROBINSON *Naut. Steam Eng.* 114 The chief parts of a boiler are the shell, the flues, the furnaces and the steam chest. 1841 R. H. DANA *Seaman's Man.* viii. 44 A made block consists of..the shell..; the sheave..; the pin..; and the strap. 1853 STOCQUELER *Milit. Encycl.*, *Shell*, a short jacket without tails. 1876 *Encycl. Brit.* IV. 326 *Concrete in a shell* is a name which might be applied to all the methods of founding a pier which depend on the..property which strong hydraulic concrete possesses of setting into a solid mass under water. The required space is enclosed by a wooden or iron shell. 1888 NARES *Seamanship* (ed. 6) 36 Topmast rigging is sometimes spliced round the shell of the dead eye. 1886 *St. James's Gaz.* 22 Dec. 6/1 He had been measured for..tunics and shells and messing-jackets.

IV. A mere exterior or framework.

24. The external part, exterior, or outward aspect, the externals (of something immaterial).

a 1652 J. SMITH *Sel. Disc.* I. 10 We must not think we have then attained to the right knowledge of truth, when we have broken through the outward shell of words..that house it up. 1662 STILLINGFL. *Orig. Sacræ* II. iv. § 2 It seems somewhat strange that God should take so great care about the shell and outside of his worship. 1707 *Reflex. upon Ridicule* 204 Cullies, that Judge only by the Shell, and Appearance. 1774 *Earnest Addr. Methodists* (ed. 8) 5 The outward form and shell of religion. 1853 KINGSLEY *Hypatia* ii, The old Jewish blood still beat true, under all its affected shell of Neo-Platonist nonchalance. 1875 EARL LYTTON *Lett.* (1906) I. 335 Words are the shells of ideas. 1889 CONAN DOYLE *Micah Clarke* i, Among so many there were some whose piety was a shell for their ambition.

25. An empty or hollow thing; mere externality without substance.

1791 COWPER *Yardley Oak* 123 All the superstructure..a shell Stands now, and semblance only of itself! 1818 CRUISE *Digest* (ed. 2) II. 426 Nothing but the shell of what was intended for the lasting support of a family of honour. 1829 CARLYLE *Misc.* (1857) I. 270 Mere effigies and shells of men. 1846 *New Monthly Mag.* Dec. 410 He piously kissed that shell of a departed being. 1871 SWINBURNE *Songs bef. Sunrise, Halt bef. Rome* 184 How shall the spirit be loyal To the shell of a spiritless thing?

26. a. The outer part of an edifice or fabric, the interior of which has been removed or destroyed.

1657 *Docum. St. Paul's* (Camden) 155 The roofe and floore of the wch howse is fallen downe to the grownd, and lyeth on a heape wthin the shell thereof. 1705 JOS. TAYLOR *Journ. Edenb.* (1903) 65 The Shell of Cliffords Tower which was blown up in 1684. 1771 SMOLLETT *Humph. Cl.* III. 6 Sept., Hard by is the shell of a..Gothick palace. 1865 ALEX. SMITH *Summer in Skye* I. 34 The red shell of Tantallon speaks to you of the might of the Douglases. 1866 YOUNG *Fires* 59 Nothing remained but the red-hot skeleton or shell of the building. 1888 BURGON *Lives 12 Gd. Men* I. ii. 288 [She] built herself a stately mansion which was only reduced to a shell in 1794.

b. The skeleton or carcass of a building or a ship.

1705 ADDISON *Italy, Naples* 202 The Shell of a House, which he had not time to finish. 1761 WESLEY *Jrnl.* 29 July (1827) III. 68, I preached..in the shell of the new house. 1814 T. LANE *Guide Linc. Inn* 82 The shells or walls of the several chambers..are insured from fire by the society. 1825 J. NICHOLSON *Oper. Mech.* 580 When the shell of a building is finished, that is, previous to the floors being laid, or the ceilings lathed. 1886 C. E. PASCOE *Lond. of To-day* xxxii. (ed. 3) 295 The shell of the house, of brick, is old; but stone frontages, enlargements, and decorations, were afterwards made. 1900 G. C. BRODRICK *Mem. & Impr.* 53, I was shown the *Great Britain*, then a mere shell on the stocks, one of the first iron ships ever built.

c. *U.S.* A rough, wooden structure, without decoration or furniture.

1852 MRS. STOWE *Uncle Tom's C.* xxxii. 293 They were mere rude shells, destitute of any species of furniture. 1882 HOWELLS in *Longman's Mag.* I. 48 The edifice was what we call a shell; it was not plastered. 1902 WISTER *Virginian* xiii, It [the eating palace] was a shell of wood, painted with golden emblems.

V. A scale or scale-like object.

27. A scale of a fish or reptile; a hard epidermal excrescence. *rare.*

c 893 ÆLFRED *Oros.* IV. viii. 174 Þonne hie mon sloȝ oþþe sceat, þonne glad hit on þæm scyllum, swelce hit wære smeðe isen. *c* 897 — *Gregory's Past. C.* xlvii. 360 Ælces fisces sciell bið to oðerre gefeged. *c* 1000 ÆLFRIC *Lev.* xi. 9 Ne ete ȝe nanne fisc buton þa þe habbað finnas and scilla. 1582a N. LICHEFIELD tr. *Castanheda's Conq. E. Ind.* I. xl. 94 [Lagartos] their bodies are couered ouer with shels. 1665 HOOKE *Microgr.* 184 The leggs..were all of them cover'd with a strong hairy scale or shel.

28. a. A scale or lamina (of stone, etc.).

13.. *Guy Warw.* xciii. (1891) 454 Nas neuer wepen þat euer was make þat o schel miȝt þerof take, Na more þan of þe flint. 1645 *Docum. St. Paul's* (Camden) 144 Whit marble in block and shels 140 fo[ot]. 1833–4 J. PHILLIPS *Geol. in Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) VI. 592/1 Such flagstones..are much liable to scale off in irregular 'shells'.

† b. A lamina (of bone). *Obs.*

c 1400 *Lanfranc's Cirurg.* 86 Neuere þe lattere kynde wole afterward don awey a schelle of þilke same boon, nouȝt aȝenstondynge þi schaunynge. 1656 RIOGLEV *Pract. Physic* 171 A Contusion when the bone is pressed down; yet so, that it is not broken into many shells.

† **29.** *pl.* Scurf; = SCALE *sb.*[2] 2. *Obs.*

c 1400 *Lanfranc's Cirurg.* 189 Furfurea ben a maner of squamis .i. schellis þat comeþ of brennyng þat is in þe skyn. 1527 ANDREW *Brunswyke's Distyll. Waters* C iv b, The hede often enoynted with the same..withdryveth the shelles from the hede.

30. Any of the thin pieces of metal composing scale-armour; = SCALE *sb.*[2] 7 a.

1585 T. WASHINGTON tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* IV. iii. 115 b, They had..vppon their bodies curates of shelles of diuers colours. 1849 JAS. GRANT *Mem. Sir W. Kirkaldy* ix. 85 They wore the most splendid armour of the age, with surcoats or hoquetons covered with shells of silver gilt.

† **31.** *Cant.* (*pl.*) Money. *Obs.*

1592 GREENE *Conny Catch.* I. C 2 The purse, the Bong, The monie, the Shels. *Ibid.* II. D j b, The farmer..mist his purse, searcht for it, but liuing and shels & all was gone. 1611 MIDDLETON & DEKKER *Roaring Girl* v. i. L j b, 'Tis a question whether there bee any siluer shels amongst them, for all their sattin outsides.

† **32.** *pl.* Fragments. *Obs. rare.*

1560 ROLLAND *Seven Sages* 54 The Falcon..russillit & rang hir bellis, Almaist scho had al schakin þame in schellis.

33. An epanlette; = SCALE *sb.*[2] 9.

1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* xxvii, The Captain, with shells on his frock-coat.

VI. Attributive uses and Combinations.

34. In sense I: a. Simple attrib., as *shell-colour, -covering, -layer*, etc.

1855 SWINBURNE *Chastelard* II. i. 67 Bright pink, the *shell-colour. 1890 *Hardwicke's Sci. Gossip* XXVI. 179/1 The evolution of the shell-colour. 1611 DAVORNE *Christian turn'd Turke* I. ii. C 2 Poore fishers brat, that neuer didst aspire Aboue a musle boate,..That..didst smell Worse then thy *shell commodity at midsummer. 1854 WOODWARD *Mollusca* 318 The external *shell-layer consists of fusiform cells. 1847–9 *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* IV. 562/2 The various examples of *shell-membrane. 1835–6 *Ibid.* I. 548/2 The inner sides of the *shell-muscles. 1883 *Fisheries Exhib. Catal.* 252 *Shell Net. 1886 A. WINCHELL *Geol. Talks* 193 In Lamellibrachs the *shell-outline is not the same on each side of the beak. 1857 J. G. WOOD *Comm. Obj. Seashore* 24 Upon this leathery mantle are placed eight *shell-plates, which overlap each other. 1854 WOODWARD *Mollusca* 287 The *shell-wall is removed by weathering.

b. Objective and objective genitive, as *shell-cleaner, -ealer, -eating, -monger*, etc.

1858 SIMMONDS *Dict. Trade*, **Shell-cleaner*, a person who makes a business of cleansing and scouring shells. 1774 GOLDSM. *Nat. Hist.* (1776) VII. 17 Our most exact and industrious *shell-collectors. 1880 A. R. WALLACE *Isl. Life* v. 77 Such species as are especially *shell-eaters. 1857 LIVINGSTONE *Trav.* xiv. 252 Clouds of a black *shell-eating bird, called linongolo. 1850 *British Museum* (Chambers) 192 *Shell-engraving, however, under the name of *Conchylie*, is now carried on..in Italy. 1748 CHESTERF. *Let. to Son* 6 Dec., The..tribes of insect-mongers, *shell-mongers, and pursuers and driers of butterflies.

c. Parasynthetic, instrumental, etc., as *shell-borne, -burred, -housed, -wrought*, etc. adjs.

1818 KEATS *Endym.* III. 237 O *shell-borne Neptune. 1896 KIPLING *Seven Seas, Deep-Sea Cables*, The great grey level plains of ooze where the *shell-burred cables creep. 1835–6 *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* I. 549/1 The *shell-clad Nautilus. 1883 *Good Words* 113 Gorgeous articles of native dress, feather-tasseled, *shell-fringed, coral-beaded. 1600 J. LANE *Tom Tel-troth* 506 The *shell-housde snaile. 1624 QUARLES *Sion's Elegies* (1717) 395 In roughest tides his *shell-prepared brest Untoucht with danger, finds a haven of rest. 1613–16 W. BROWNE *Brit. Past.* II. i. 3 Now with his hands..The Swaine attempts to get the *shell-strewd shores. 1856 STANLEY *Sinai & Pal.* vi. (1858) 261 The *shell-strewn beach. 1741 BOYSE *Patience* 182 Sweet was each *shell-wrought bowl. 1747 MASON *Ode to Water Nymph* 38 Yon shell-wrought terras.

d. Similative, as *shell-curved, -formed, -red*, etc.; also *shell-like* adj. and adv., *-wise* adv.

1902 LADY DILKE *Fr. Furnit. 18th Cent.* 48 The *shell-curved lines which maintain their decorative value in the Salle à manger. *c* 1800 LEVDEN *Mermaid* liv, The *shell-formed lyres of ocean ring. 1692 RAY *Disc.* 132 There are found not only *shell-like stones, but real shells. 1715 LEONI *Palladio's Archit.* (1742) I. 46 Of the..Rooms..the lesser ones are arch'd shell-like. 1827 HOOD *Bianca's Dream* 242 Her small and shell-like ear. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VI. 917 Shell-like plates of varying size with scalloped margins. 1887 *Daily News* 19 May 5/6 Lined with *shell-pink satin. 1891 'O. THANET' *Otto the Knt.*, etc. 311 Shades of gray and purple and *shell-red. 1835 WILLIS *Pencillings* I. v. 34 The three *shell-shaped squares in the centre of the city. 1552 in Kempe *Losely MSS.* (1836) 88 Makinge the same [feathers] into greate plumes, to stand *shell-wise overthwarte the hed peces of the worthyes of the Greekes.

35. In various senses of branch I, passing into *adj.*

a. Of an animal, fruit, etc.: Having a shell; see also SHELL-FISH, -SNAIL.

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 443/2 Schale notys, and oþer schelle frute. 1728 CHAMBERS *Cycl.* s. v. *Shell-fish*, Bonetus observes, That Shell Animals have no Diversity of Sex. 1839 T. MITCHELL *Frogs of Aristoph.* Introd. p. cxviii, The pots containing the seeds or shell-fruits. 1859–62 SIR J. RICHARDSON, etc. *Mus. Nat. Hist.* (1868) II. 353 The genus *Testacellus* or Shell-slug. 1870 KINGSLEY *At Last* xvii, Their shell-fauna is of a Mexican and Central American type.

b. Of geological formations or deposits: Consisting wholly or largely of (sea)shells (esp. in a triturated or powdery state, *shell-marl, -sand*).

(Cf. *shale marl*, 1682, s. v. MARL *sb.*[1] 1 b.)

1587 MASCALL *Govt. Cattle, Oxen* (1596) 43 The shell stones (that lie in arable landes..) first burnt, and then beaten into fine powder. 1692 A. SYMSON *Descr. Galloway* (1823) 94 As for lime they are supplyed from the Shell-bank of Kirkinner. 1753 *Chambers' Cycl.* Suppl., *Shell-sand*, a name given by the farmers, in some parts of England, to the fragments of shells found on the sea-shores, and ground to a sort of powder, so that they resemble sand. 1759 MILLS tr. *Duhamel's Husb.* I. viii. 29 This author seems never to have seen shell-marle. 1765 J. BARTRAM *Jrnl.* 25 Dec. (1766) 7 This shell-bluff is 300 yards more or less along the river's bank. 1827 G. HIGGINS *Celtic Druids* 138 The coarse shell-limestone, which immediately covers the chalk strata in the neighbourhood of Paris. 1850 ANSTED *Elem. Geol., Min.* etc. Gloss., *Shell marl*, a deposit of clay, peat, and silt, mixed with shells, which collects at the bottom of fresh water lakes. 1850 DANA *Min.* 208 Fire marble or lumachelle is a dark brown shell marble. 1854 A. ADAMS, etc. *Man. Nat. Hist.* 589 Shell-beds are formed of dead and drifted shells, heaped together by tides and currents. 1855 KINGSLEY *Heroes, Perseus* IV, Shell-drifts bleaching in the sunshine.

c. Of an artificial structure, vessel, etc.: Consisting or formed of a shell or shells; made from a shell or shells; ornamented with shells; (of a road, *U.S.*), having a bed or layer of shells.

1627 MAY *Lucan* IX. Q 8 b, Whose shrill shell-trumpett seas and shores doo heare. 1637 NABBES *Microcosmus* IV. F j b, From a rock That weeps a running christall she [*sc.* Temperance] doth fill Her shell cup. 1699 POTTER *Antiq. Greece* III. ix. 87 Triton's Shell-trumpet is famous in Poetical Story. 1753 *Chambers' Cycl.* Suppl. s. v. *Shell*, The effects of this shell-manure. 1756 MRS. CALDERWOOD in *Coltness Collect.* (Maitland Club) 153 The gardens are of great extent, with..shell grottos. 1844 MRS. HOUSTON *Yacht Voy. Texas* II. 17 There are but two drives in the neighbourhood of New Orleans—the old and new 'Shell Roads'...They are ..thickly covered..with small sea shells. 1845 J. COULTER *Adv. in Pacific* xiii. 169 Bone or shell ear-rings. 1851 S. P. WOODWARD *Mollusca* I. 46 The makers of shell-cameos avail themselves of this difference [of colour] to produce white or rose-coloured figures on a dark ground. 1878 B. HARTE *Man on Beach* 55 Two or three highly-colored prints, a shell workbox, a ghastly winter bouquet of skeleton leaves and mosses. 1888 MRS. CUSTER *Tenting on Plains* ix, The shell drive along the ocean. 1904 WINSTON CHURCHILL *Crossing* III. v, A white shell walk divided the garden.

d. Of an implement: Hollow, or having a concave part.

1823 P. NICHOLSON *Pract. Builder* 254 The Taper-shell-bit is used for widening holes. 1823 J. BADCOCK *Dom. Amusem.* 179 The first tool used is an auger; the shell part ..four inches in diameter. 1875 *Carpentry & Join.* 31 For rough work..the shell augur alone is used.

e. Of the shape of a shell; (of material, trimming, etc.) having a shell pattern.

1774 in *Amer. Hist. Rev.* (1899) V. 311 She is drest in a neat shell Callico Gown. 1840 MRS. GAUGAIN *Lady's Assist. Knitting* 142 Shell pattern, or half square for a quilt or counterpane. 1869 MRS. WHITNEY *We Girls* V, Shell-trimmings and flutings. 1882 CAULFEILD & SAWARD *Dict. Needlework* 92 Shell Couching, a Flat Couching, in which the securing stitches are arranged in half curves, and bear some resemblance to the shape of a scallop shell. 1885 W. J. E. CRANE *Bookbinding* xiii. 101 The pattern called large brown French, or shell pattern. 1894 *Daily News* 26 Apr. 9/1 'The shell chair', which is like a scallop shell.

f. Made of tortoise-shell. ? *U.S.*

1858 SIMMONDS *Dict. Trade, Shell-comb*, a lady's comb for the hair, or a toilet comb, made of tortoiseshell. 1884 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.* Suppl., *Shell-piece*, one of the shields of tortoise-shell or horn, used with spring eye-glasses which clasp the nose. 1896 *Harper's Mag.* XCII. 808/1 She replaced the dagger with a shell pin from her own hair.

36. In sense 21: a. Simple attrib., as *shell-fire, fougasse, -gun, -room, -shop*, etc.; b. objective, as *shell-filling*, etc.; c. advb., as *shell-proof -stricken* adjs.

1868 *Rep. to Govt. U.S. Munit. War* 31 The carrier-block moves the *shell-drawer and causes it to draw out the discharged shell from the chamber. 1884 *Milit. Engin.* (ed. 3) I. II. 101 A *shell-filling room. 1858 GREENER *Gunnery* 132 *Shell firing was next tried at a distance of 1,500 yards. 1834 J. S. MACAULAY *Field Fortif.* 207 *Shell Fougasses. 1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.*, **Shell-gage* (*Ordnance*), an instrument for verifying the thickness of hollow projectiles. 1858 GREENER *Gunnery* 135 The accurate and long-range firing of such rifled *shell-guns. 1889 WELCH *Text Bk. Naval Archit.* xii. 132 The *shell hoist..is provided with a cowl.

1864 WEBSTER, *Shell-proof*, capable of resisting bomb shells. 1805 *Shipwright's Vade-M.* 130 *Shell-rooms*, a compartment in a bomb-vessel, fitted up with shelves to receive bomb-shells when charged. 1890 W. J. GORDON *Foundry* 16 The *shell-shop, where they [shells] are taken in and finished. 1901 'LINESMAN' *Words by Eyewitness* iii. (1902) 40 The most *shell-stricken kopje in South Africa. 1891 KIPLING *Light that Failed* ii, A clump of *shell-torn bodies. 1890 W. J. GORDON *Foundry* 29 Now that steel is used instead of iron the *shell-wall is much thinner.

37. In sense 15.

1833 *Quart. Jrnl. Educ.* V. 40 Fifth Form...Shell Form... Sixth Form. 1857 HUGHES *Tom Brown* II. v, It was the prescribed quantity of Homer for a shell lesson. 1867 W. L. COLLINS *Public Sch., Westm.* viii. 178 At the end of this room [the schoolroom] there is a kind of semicircular apse, in which the 'shell' form were formerly taught.

38. In sense 18: Of boats of a light racing form; hence of a race rowed by such boats.

1858 O. W. HOLMES *Aut. Breakf.-t.* vii, A 'skeleton' or 'shell' race-boat. 1873 *Forest & Stream* 25 Sept. 108/1 A new four-oared shell boat. *Ibid.*, A four-oared shell race.

39. Special comb.: **shell-back**, (*a*) *jocular*, a sailor, *esp.* a hardened or experienced one; (*b*) a marine turtle; **shell-bake** *v.*, to overheat an egg that is being incubated so as to kill (the bird); **shell-bearing** *a.*, = CONCHIFEROUS 1 and 2; **shell-blow**, a call blown on a horn made of a large species of shell (e. g. a conch-shell); so **shell-blowing**; †**shell-bread**, a kind of bread or biscuit baked in large mussel-shells; **shell-breaker**, an instrument used in lithotomy; **shell button** (see quots.); †**shell-cap**, ? a lace cap of shell pattern; **shell-fire** *dial.*, phosphorescence or lambent fire seen enveloping or issuing from bodies (see quots.); **shell-flowers**, 'ornaments made with small shells, plain or coloured' (1858 Simmonds *Dict. Trade*); **shell-game** *U.S.*, a sleight-of-hand swindling game in which a small object is concealed nnder a walnut shell or the like, and bets are made as to which shell the object is under; **shell-gland**, (*a*) an excretory organ beneath the shell in the lower crustaceans; (*b*) the shell-secreting gland of a mollusc; **shell-gold** [see sense 2 e], gold for painting or writing, laid in a mussel-shell; **shell-heap**, a mound of domestic remains consisting mainly of refuse shells accumulated by aborigines who snbsisted on shell-fish; **shell-hearing**, in 'psychical research', the induction of hallncinatory voices by listening with the ear to the apertnre of a shell; †**shell-house**, a grotto; **shell-jacket**, an undress tight-fitting military jacket, short in the back; **shell-keep**, a form of Norman keep built on a mound (usually the site of an older fortress); **shell-lime**, lime made by burning sea-shells; **shell-man** *U.S.*, a swindler who plays the shell-game; †**shell-meat**, edible shell-fish; †**shell-mine** (see quot.); **shell-money** = WAMPUM; **shell-mound** = *shell-heap*; †**shell-naked** *a.*, ? as bare as an eggshell; **shell-paste**, thin paste for lining a pie-dish, etc.; **shell-plate**, one of the plates forming the outer shell of a vessel, boiler, etc.; so **shell-plating**; **shell-pump** = *sand-pump* (see SAND *sb.*[2] 10); **shell-roll** (see quot.); **shell-sac** = *shell-gland* (b); **shell-sickness**, a disease in sheep characterized by shell-like thickenings in the intestines; †**shell-silver**, silver for painting, etc. in the same form as shell-gold; **shell-stick**, a stick with a shell on the end used as a weapon by some Australian aborigines; **shell-suit**, a snit of clothes consisting of tight-fitting trousers buttoning on to a tunic; †**shell-tooth**, any of the teeth of a horse which bear the mark; also *adj.* = †**shell-toothed** *a.* (see quots.).

1883 W. CLARK RUSSELL *Jack's Courtship* i, It takes a sailor a long time to..get quit of the bold sheer that earns him the name of *shell-back. 1891–4 STEVENSON in G. Balfour *Life* (1911) 249 The arrival of strange old shell-back guests out of every quarter of the island world. 1905 A. I. SHAND *Days of Past* iii. 38 The shellbacks from the Caribbean Sea or Ascension floating in the tanks. 1817 J. MAYER *Sportman's Direct.* (ed. 2) 54 The silk hens are the best for the act of incubation, the heat of the common hens being apt to *shellbake the birds in the eggs. 1844 *Athenæum* 5 Oct. 902/3 A species of *shell-bearing annelid, the Ditrupa. 1880 A. R. WALLACE *Isl. Life* 168 Shell-bearing gravels. 1828 *Life Planter Jamaica* 50 This mode of working continued till *shell-blow at half past one by the sun-dial. 1861 G. BLYTH *Remin. Miss. Life* ii. 54 At noon or, as it was called, the shellblow time. 1869 *Routledge's Ev. Boy's Ann.* 178 All sounds of *shell-blowing had ceased. 1665 R. MAY *Accomplisht Cook* (ed. 2) 274 To make *Shell Bread. 1830 S. COOPER *Dict. Pract. Surg.* (ed. 6) 815 For small stones..the '*shell-breaker' only is used. 1834–6 BARLOW *Manuf.* in *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) VIII. 608 *Shell buttons are those which consist of a back made of bone without any shank but corded with catgut. 1851–4 *Tomlinson's Cycl. Usef. Arts* (1867) I. 263/1 Buttons in which the convex front is closed in behind with another piece of metal, also convex on the outer surface, but less so than the front. These are called shell buttons. 1794 MRS. PIOZZI *Brit. Synon.* I. 359 She gained about 350l. 'tis said, and laid out two hundred of the money instantly in a *shell-cap. 1770 LANGHORNE *Plutarch* (1879) I. 138 A bright flame was always considered as a fortunate omen, whether it were a real one issuing from an altar, or a seeming one (what we call *shell-fire) from the head of a living person. 1787 GROSE *Prov. Gloss.* Suppl., *Fairy-sparks*, or *Shel-fire*, electric sparks, often seen on clothes at night. Kent. 1847 HALLIWELL, *Shell-fire*, the phosphorescence sometimes exhibited in farm-yards, &c., from decayed straw, &c. or touch-wood. 1738–9 MRS. DELANY *Autobiogr.* (1861) II. 37, I wish you could safely send me the antique shell nosegay; I am going to fill a glass case with *shell-flowers. 1899 *Philistine* IX. 157 All the people who work the filological *shell-game. 1877 HUXLEY *Anat. Inv. Anim.* vi. 268 At the sides of the latter [carapace], two coiled tubes with clear contents, the so-called *shell-glands, are seen. 1883 E. RAY LANKESTER in *Encycl. Brit.* XVI. 639/2 The embryonic shell-sac or shell-gland. 1573 *Art of Limning* fo. iiij, If you will buye at the Potecaries *shell golde or shell silver, with the which (being tempered with gumme water) you may verye well write with a pen. 1675 A. BROWNE *App. Art of Limning* 25 Cover over the Rais'd Work with the finest Shell Gold. 1758 DOSSIE *Handmaid Arts* 391 When the gold powders are used along with paintings in water colours, it is previously formed into shell gold...This shell gold is prepared by tempering the gold powder with very weak gum water. 1815 J. SMITH *Panorama Sci. & Art* II. 803 When great brilliancy is not wanted, shell-gold may be used instead of gold leaf, to gild upon the size. 1882 E. A. BARBER in *Amer. Antiq.* IV. 201 Mr. Tooker informs me further that he has found perfect clay pipes on *shell heaps and on the sites of aboriginal villages. 1893 *Tablet* 22 July 126 Miss X who is understood to be very gifted.. in crystal vision and in *shell-hearing. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 27 Feb. 1644, A grotto, or *shell house. 1756 AMORY *Buncle* (1825) I. 46 The operation required in a shell-house. 1840 E. E. NAPIER *Scenes & Sports For. Lands* II. iv. 114 As travellers, unprovided with our traps, we appeared there in *shell jackets. 1868 *Queen's Regul. Army* § 608 The 'surplus kit'..being carried in the squad bags,..viz.: 1 shell jacket, 1 pair socks, 1 shirt, 1 towell [etc.]. 1868 FREEMAN *Norm. Conq.* (1877) II. 197 The true castle of Montgomery..no square donjon, but a vast *shell-keep on a mighty mound. 1793 SMEATON *Edystone L.* § 189 *Shell Lime, that is, Cockle or other shells burnt. 1875 W. MCILWRAITH *Guide Wigtownshire* 39 The antiquity of this very thick old wall is seen from its stones having been run together with hot shell-lime. 1902 *Daily Chron.* 24 Sept. 5/2 The *shell-man whom she hired was the success of the evening, and gallantly handed back the hills of large denominations which the guests passed over to him in making their bets, 'just for fun.' 1642 FULLER *Holy & Prof. St.* V. xi. 402 Sacraments, like to *shelmeats, may be eaten after fowl hands, without any harm. 1645–52 BOATE *Irel. Nat. Hist.* (1860) 106 The Mine hath the name of.. *Shell-mine for the following reason: for this stuff or Oar being neither loose..as earth.., neither firm..as stone, is of a middle substance..composed of shells or scales. 1851 J. F. W. JOHNSTON *Notes N. Amer.* II. 465 From the purple interior of this shell the *wampum* or *shell-money of the Indians was prepared. 1851 D. WILSON *Preh. Ann.* I. i. (1863) 36 Ancient *shell-mounds, the supposed kitchen refuse of the aborigines. 1865 LUBBOCK *Preh. Times* 185 'Shell-mound' axes. 1879 — *Sci. Lect.* v. 156 The dog is the only domestic animal found in the shell-mounds. 1681 COTTON *Wond. Peak* 33 A Goose..Which out of Peaks-Arse..was seen *Shell-naked sally, rifled of her plume. 1764 ELIZA MOXON *Eng. Housew.* (ed. 9) 86 Make a little *shell-paste, and line your tins. 1869 E. J. REED *Shipbuild.* xix. 422 The sides of the poop and forecastle to be one third lighter than the *shell plates amidships. 1899 *Daily Tel.* 18 Jan. 6/6 Shell-plate boilers improve as time goes on. 1894 W. H. WHITE *Man. Naval Arch.* (ed. 3) 333 Iron or steel ships have comparatively thin *shell-plating stiffened by transverse and longitudinal frames. 1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.*, *Shell-pump*, a tube with a clack-valve at its foot, used for removing the detritus from a bored shaft. 1892 NASMITH *Students' Cotton Spinning* 164 The top rollers are almost universally made for the front line of a drawing frame of the Leigh loose boss type. This is called in America the '*shell roll'. 1883 E. RAY LANKESTER in *Encycl. Brit.* XVI. 639 In very few instances..the primitive *shell-sac is retained and enlarged as the permanent shell-forming area. *c* 1794 in Shirreff *Agric. Shetl. Isl.* (1814) App. 47 The water, or *shell sickness, is a disease peculiar to those sheep who feed on the hilly pastures at a distance from the sea shores. 1573 *Shell-silver [see *shell-gold* above]. 1728 CHAMBERS *Cycl.* s. v. *Silver*, Shell-Silver, is made of the Shreads of Silver Leaves, or of the Leaves themselves: Used in Painting and Silvering certain Works. 1790 J. WHITE *Jrnl. Voy. N. S. Wales* 194 A convict..met a party of the natives..by whom he was beaten, and also slightly wounded with the *shell-stick used in throwing their spears. 1893 VIZETELLY *Glances Back* I. ii. 33 The Clapham pedagogue was a great stickler for corporal punishment in the case of small boys, and to the administration of this the *shell suits then worn lent themselves admirably. 1706 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 4249/4 A very strong well-limb'd Punch, ..6 years old, and *Shell-Tooth. 1826–7 *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) XVIII. 599/2 As in the centre they [*sc.* corner teeth of a horse] are hollowed like a shell, and contain a kind of fleshy substance, called the mark, they are sometimes called shell teeth. 1726 *Dict. Rusticum* (ed. 3) s. v. *Horse's-age*, A horse is said to be *Shell-toothed, when he has long Teeth, and yet black specks in them. 1753 *Chambers' Cycl.* Suppl., *Shell-toothed*,..an appellation given to a horse that from five years old to old age naturally, and without any artifice, bears mark in all his fore teeth, and there still keeps that hollow place with the black mark.

b. In names of animals and plants: **shell-bark**, short for *shell-bark hickory* (occas. *s. walnut*), a North American tree, *Carya* (formerly *Juglans*) *alba*, having a rough shaggy bark consisting of long narrow plates loosely adhering by the middle; also *C. sulcata* (Thick Shell-bark); **shell-binder**, *Terebella conchilega*, the tube of which is composed of sand and fragments of shells; **shell-eater**, an African bird, *Anastomus lamelligerus* (cf. OPEN-BILL); **shell-flower**, *Molucella lævis*, the genus *Chelone*, and some species of *Alpinia*; **shell-fly**, a kind of fly; an angler's artificial fly (see quots.); **shell-grinder**, **shell-ibis** (see quots.); **shell-insect**, (*a*) see quot.; (*b*) a name for crustaceans of the group *Entomostraca*; **shell-lettuce** (see quot.); **shell parrakeet**, the Australian species *Melopsittacus undulatus* (Cassell); †**shell-pear** = AVOCADO; †**shell-toad**, nonce-translation of Du. *schildpad* (see SHELLPAD); **shell-worm**, †(*a*) a kind of shell-fish; (*b*) a tubicolous annelid; (*c*) a mollusc of the family *Dentaliidæ*.

1805 ALEX. WILSON *Foresters* Poems & Lit. Prose (1876) II. 131 In deep glens are groves of *Shellbarks found. 1814 PURSH *Flora Amer. Septentr.* II. 637 *Juglans sulcata*..is called Thick Shell-bark Hickory, Springfield or Glocester Nut. *Ibid.*, *Juglans alba*..is known by the name of Shell-bark Hickory, Shag-bark and Scaly-bark Hickory. 1822 *Hortus Anglicus* II. 489 Shell-bark Walnut Tree. 1884 SARGENT *Rep. Forests N. Amer.* 133 *Carya sulcata*,..Big Shell-bark. Bottom Shell-bark. 1863 WOOD *Nat. Hist.* III. 701 The *Shell-binder is very plentiful on some of our coasts. 1869–73 T. R. JONES *Cassell's Bk. Birds* IV. 75 The African Clapper-bill, or *Shell-eater. 1845–50 MRS. LINCOLN *Lect. Bot.* App. 129 *Molucella lævis*, *shell-flower. 1856 A. GRAY *Man. Bot.* (1860) 285 *Chelone glabra*,..called..Shell-flower, Balmony. 1884 W. MILLER *Plant-n.* 124/2 Shell-flower... Brush. *Alpinia* (*Hellenia*) *cærulea*. Indian. *Alpinia nutans*. 1653 WALTON *Angler* v. 97 There are as many sorts of Flies as there be of Fruits:..as the dun flie,..the *shel flie, the cloudy or blackish flie. 1655 *Ibid* v. (1661) 107 The shell-fly, good in mid July, the body made of greenish wool, lapt about with the herle of a Peacocks tail; and the wings made of the wings of the Buzzard. 1741 *Compl. Fam.-Piece* II. ii. 334 The Shell Fly, termed also the Green Fly. 1829 *Glover's Hist. Derby* I. 177 The following list, which are well known to the expert angler: viz. harm fly,..sand fly, shell fly. 1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XX. 174/1 (*Queensland*), The *shell-grinder, *Cestracion*, is similar to a shark found as fossil in Europe. 1894 NEWTON *Dict. Birds* 655 *note*, Others [*sc.* names given to birds of the genus *Anastomus*].. are Shell-eater, *Shell-Ibis, and Snail-eater. 1899 A. H. EVANS *Birds* IV. 97 *Anastomus* is called the 'Shell-Ibis' from its cleverness in extracting *Unio* and other molluscs from their shells. 1753 *Chambers' Cycl.* Suppl., *Shell-gall-insect*, an insect of the gall-insect class, somewhat resembling those which are called the boat-fashioned ones. ..It has its name of *shell-insect, from the resemblance it bears to a muscle-shell. 1707 MORTIMER *Husb.* (1721) II. 148 The *Shell Lettice, so called from the roundness of its Leaf, almost like a Shell, is the first that will Cabbage at the going out of the Winter; otherwise called Winter Lettice. 1672 W. HUGHES *Amer. Physit.* 41, I never heard it called by any other name than the Spanish Pear, or by some the *Shell-Pear. 1691–6 PLUKENET *Almagestum* Wks. 1769 III. 39 Shell-Pear (i. e.) *Pyrus corticosus & testaceus*. 1570 FOXE *A. & M.* (ed. 2) 2307/2 He was called Shildpad: that is to say, *Sheltode: for that he beyng a short grundy and of litle stature, did ryde commonly with a great broad hat. 1591 PERCIVALL *Sp. Dict.*, *Escaramugos*, a kind of *shell worm breeding on rockes, and on the sides of ships.

Shell (ʃel), *v.* [f. SHELL *sb.* Cf. MLG. *schellen* to peel; also SHALE *v.*, SHEEL *v.*]

1. *trans.* To remove (a seed) from its shell, husk, or pod. Also with *out*.

Shelling peas is put (colloq.) for a type of a simple easy process.

1562 TURNER *Herbal* II. (1568) 33 Thyrtye granes of Lentilles shelled. *a* 1668 DAVENANT *Play House* I. i, What, Shelling of Beans? 'tis a proper work For the Long Vacation. 1725 P. BLAIR *Pharmaco-Bot.* III. 129 Three Bolls of unshell'd or unhusk'd Oats only yield one Boll of what is shell'd or husk'd. 1796 *Mrs. Glasse's Cookery* iii. 32 Shell your pease just before you want them. 1803 M. CUTLER in *Life*, etc. (1888) II. 125 In bad weather, shell out your corn. 1830 MARRYAT *King's Own* xli, I never..shelled a pea in my life. 1840 DICKENS *Old C. Shop* xxii, Shelling peas into a dish. 1860 BARTLETT *Dict. Amer.* (ed. 3), *To Shell corn*, to remove the grains of Indian corn from the cob. 1867 AUGUSTA WILSON *Vashti* v, Engaged in shelling some seed-beans.

b. *Med.* To extrude, expel (a growth).

1876 *Trans. Clinical Soc.* IX. 41 The capsule of the glands was opened, and most of them were shelled out without much difficulty. 1879 *St. George's Hosp. Rep.* IX. 384 An elastic moveable tumour..which was easily shelled after a slight dissection.

c. (See quots.)

1823 CRABB *Technol. Dict.*, *To Shell*, (*Vet.*) is said of a horse that has the teeth completely bare and uncovered, which happens about the fifteenth or sixteenth year. 1886 ELWORTHY *W. Somerset Word-bk.* s. v., Animals and children are always said to shell their teeth—that is, to shed or cast the milk teeth.

d. *intr.* Of grain, seed, etc.: To drop out of the shell or husk.

1828–32 WEBSTER, *Shell*..3. To be disengaged from the husk; as, wheat or rye shells in reaping. 1846 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* VII. i. 71 The oats that shell out on the land at harvest time.

2. *trans.* To remove the shell, husk, etc. of.

1694 MOTTEUX *Rabelais* v. Prol. A 3 They shall shell [orig. *esgoussera*] the Shrub's delicious Fruit, Whose Flow'r they in the Spring so much had fear'd. 1705 in Agnew *Hered. Sheriffs Galloway* (1893) II. xi. 207 That they shell their oats sufficientlie for the first time, and winnow the shelling. 1780 YOUNG *Tour Irel.* I. 139 The oats are dried at home.. they are then sent to a mill to be shelled. 1806 A. HUNTER *Culina* (ed. 3) 228 Some shrimps shelled. 1807 VANCOUVER *Agric. Devon* (1813) 72 Coarse millstones for shelling clover. 1865 TYLOR *Early Hist. Man.* 193 The women who shell almonds in the south of France. 1894 *Century Mag.* XLVII. 851, I remembered that my Lake George neighbors 'shell' out their nuts when they take the 'shucks' off them.

b. To bring forth as from a shell. *rare.*

1890 [Mrs. A. Macleod] *Austral. Girl* xvi, Creatures that are shelled into life in weltering heaps.

3. *intr.* To come away or fall off as a shell, crust, or outer coat; to come *off* in thin pieces, peel or scale *off*.

1676 Wiseman *Chirurg. Treat.* iv. iv. 287 By this very method the rottenness of the Bone soon shell'd off. 1686 tr. *Chardin's Coronat. Solyman* 38 There is nothing..that appears either tarnished or shel'd off [orig. *écaillé*] in any part. 1760 *Phil. Trans.* Ll. 636 It did..damage to the column..by causing its surface to shell off. 1883 R. Haldane in *Workshop Rec.* Ser. II. 254/2 (*Whitewashing*) This [mixture] will not shell off.

4. *trans.* To enclose in, or as in, a shell; to encase. (See Shelled *a.* 1.)

1637 N. Whiting *Albino & Bellama* 9 His body shelled in a Satten skin Of azure dye. *Ibid.* 53 Cupid..disdaines to dwell In loftie pallace, but does shell Himselfe in straw-thatcht roofe. 1649 G. Daniel *Trinarch., Hen. V*, lxxiv, They did returne Vnto the Kiog; who Shells himselfe, to see Wtin himselfe, the Obiect of this Scorne. 1666 [Marvell] *Third Advice to Painter* 18 Even they (though shell'd in trebble Oak) Will prove an Addle-egg with double Voalk. 1685 Cotton tr. *Montaigne* xix. (1869) 68 Shell thee with steel or brass,..Death from the casque will pull thy cautious head. *c* 1822 Beddoes *Poems, Pygmalion* 69 Like a dim mist Shelling a god, it rolled. 1876 Geo. Eliot *Dan. Der.* xviii, Their faces seemed full of speech, as if their minds had been shelled after the manner of horse-chesnuts.

† b. *pass.* (app.) To be fixed close, as a mollusc to its shell.

1649 G. Daniel *Trinarch., Hen. IV*, ccxxvi, A Man soe Shell'd in Blood vnto his Beast.

5. a. To furnish with shells for collecting spat.

1885 *Encycl. Brit.* XVIII. 110 Spawning oysters are frequently put down in the spring, two months before the ground is shelled. 1891 W. K. Brooks *Oyster* 108 Of this vast area a large portion has been cleaned up and shelled.

b. To spread oyster-shells on (ground) as a fertilizer; to make up (a road) with shells; *intr.* to deal in or use oyster-shells.

In U. S. Dicts.

6. To bombard with shells (also *absol.*); to drive *out of* a place by shelling.

1856 W. H. Russell *War* xxiii. 227 The Russians now shell vigorously. 1870 *Standard* 16 Nov., A battery was planted, and the chateau was about to be shelled. 1895 *Times* 4 Feb. 5/1 Every gun in the fort had been silenced, and the Japanese were fairly shelled out of it.

transf. 1897 'H. S. Merriman' *In Kedar's Tents* xx, The other soldier was chasing his opponent up the hill, shelling him, as he rode away, with oaths and stones.

fig. 1827 Scott *Chron. Canongate* i, My quondam doer had ensconced himself chin-deep among legal trenches..but my two protectors shelled him out of his defences. 1834 De Quincey *Autob. Sk.* Wks. 1853 I. 45 From these..he was speedily driveo, or one might say shelled out, by a concerted assault of my sister Mary's.

7. Shell out. *colloq.* (*fig.* from sense 1).

a. *trans.* To disburse, pay up, hand over. Also (rarely) *to shell down*.

1801 Mar. Edgeworth *Moral T., Forester, The Bank-Notes*, One of you..must shell out your corianders [see Coriander 3]. 1815 — *Love & Law* i. i, To shell out for me the price of a daacent horse. 1816 Scott *Bl. Dwarf* vii, The gold is shelled down when ye command, as fast as I have seen the ash-keys fall in a frosty morning. 1819 Moore *Tom Crib's Memor.* (ed. 3) 27 Who knows but, if coax'd, he may shell out the shiners? 1863 in Robson *Bards of Tyne* 299 Shell oot yor goold, my collier lad.

b. *intr.* To pay up.

1821 Egan *Life in London* (1869) x. 265 If you are too scaly to tip for it, I'll shell out and shame you. 1857 Hughes *Tom Brown* I. vi, I've got a tick at Sally's,..but then I hate running it high..towards the end of the half, 'cause one has to shell out for it all directly one comes back. 1889 H. O'Reilly *50 Yrs. on Trail* 254, I had to 'shell out' pretty freely..it cost me 250 dollars.

c. *trans.* To let out, declare. *rare.*

1862 Mrs. H. Wood *Channings* i, Come, Miss Channing, just shell out what you know.

Shell, obs. Anglo-Irish form of Sell *v.*

a 1660 *Contemp. Hist. Iret.* (Ir. Archæol. Soc.) I. 173 A Judas an Apostat merchant shellinge the same for money. *Ibid.* II. 137 To shell the lives of his abetters.

Shellac (ʃĕlæ·k, ʃe·læk). Also 8 **shellack, shel-lack, shell-lake, shell lack,** 8–9 **shell-lac, shell lac.** [transl. F. *laque en écailles* lac (see Lac[1]) in thin plates. (Cf. G. *schalenlack*, beside *schellack* from English.)] Lac melted and run into thin plates.

1713 *Mercator* No. 93/4, 1370 l. Shellack. 1716 *Gt. Brit. Weekly Pacquet* No. 17 Gum Shell Lack, Ditto Seed Lack, Ditto Stick Lack. 1725 De Foe *Voy. round World* (1787) II. 79 Lacks, such as shel-lack, stick lack, &c. 1734–5 *Phil. Trans.* XXXIX, 20 A Cake of Shell-Lake. 1827 Faraday *Chem. Manip.* xvii. (1842) 476 Varnished with a solution of shell lac in strong alcohol. 1873 Spon in *Workshop Rec.* Ser. I. 23/1 Shellac is the only cement used by jewellers for jet articles.

attrib. 1816 J. Smith *Panorama Sci. & Art* II. 792 Shell-lac varnish is rather softer than seed-lac varnish. 1876 *Trans. Clinical Soc.* IX. 12 Carbolised shellac plaster.

Hence **Shellacked** (-aced) *pa. pple.*, coated, varnished, or fastened with shellac; **Shellacking** (-acing), a coating of shellac.

1882 *Harper's Mag.* Oct. 688 The bedrooms are shellacked and some are stained of a deep tint. 1884 F. J. Britten *Watch & Clockm.* 88 A piece of sapphire which is..shellaced to a brass bandle. *Ibid.* 104 It..saves time when used instead of waxing or shellacing. 1902 *Encycl. Brit.* XXXIII. 419 The shellacked cotton, oil, and other materials with which the transformer circuits are insulated.

Shellam, variant of Schelm *Obs.*

c 1619 *Barnavelt* II. i. in Bullen *O. P.* II. 229 The proude Shellams [*printed* Shellains] are paid too well.

Shell-apple, -drake, -duck: see Sheld-apple, Sheldrake, Shelduck.

Shelled (ʃeld), *a.* [f. Shell *sb.* + -ed[2].]

1. Of animals, fruits, etc.: Having a shell.

Shelled insects, the crustacean group *Entomostraca*: cf. *shell-insect* s. v. Shell *sb.* 39 b.

1577 B. Googe *Heresbach's Husb.* II. 102 Those fruites that are shelde, as Nuttes. 1649 Jer. Taylor *Gt. Exemp.* III. Disc. xiv. 29 They are like shelled fish, singing loudest when their house is on fire about their ears. 1730 Southall *Treat. Bugs* 19 A Bugg's Body is shaped and shelled, and the Shell as transparent..as the most beautiful..Turtle. 1752 *Phil. Trans.* XLVII. 510 The juices of shell'd fish. 1812 D'Israeli *Calam. Auth.* (1867) 140 Authors must not be thin-skinned, but shelled like the rhinoceros. 1819 Scott *Leg. Montrose* iv, He's shelled like a partan. 1854 A. Adams, etc. *Man. Nat. Hist.* 370 Shelled-Astaclans (*Epipyxididæ*). 1897 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* II. 1009 The contained eggs, or rather shelled embryos, are minute.

b. With prefixed adj.: Having a shell (of a certain kind).

1611 [see Hard-shelled, Soft-shelled]. 1649 Thick-shell'd (see Thick *a.* 12]. 1762 tr. *Busching's Syst. Geog.* V. 626 The corn here is thinner shelled than that which grows in a fatter soil. 1845 Gosse *Ocean* i. (1849) 58 Some little shelled Mollusk. 1904 P. Fountain *Gt. North-West* xxi. 249 The eggs..are very small and delicate shelled.

2. Of a beach: Covered with shells.

1895 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 1 Feb. 11/2 A generous expanse of shelled and sandy beach.

3. Of ammunition: Contained in shells.

1900 *Daily News* 13 June 7/6 Our artillery now poured in common shelled lyddite.

Shelled (ʃeld), *ppl. a.* [f. Shell *v.* + -ed[1].] Deprived of the shell; from which the shell has been removed or shed. Cf. Sheeled.

1725 P. Blair *Pharmaco-Bot.* III. 129 It is of this shell'd Oats that they make the Grotts. 1821 Scott *Kenilw.* ii, A shelled pea-cod. 1887 *Daily News* 18 July 2/5 Peas..8d to 15 per shelled pint.

Shelled, variant of Sheld *a.*

Sheller (ʃe·ləɹ). [f. Shell *v.* + -er[1].]

1. One who shells peas, etc.; *spec.* one whose occupation it is to open bivalves.

1694 Motteux *Rabelais* v. Prol. A 7, Clever Shellers of Beans. 1832 *Scoreby Farm Rep.* 10 in *Libr. Usef. Knowl., Husb.* III, For these long oats, the 'shellers', who buy the largest quantities to convert into oatmeal, will give as much per stone, as they will for the short ones. 1859 Sala *Tw. round Clock* (1861) 43 Some fastidious persons might perhaps object that the fingers of the shellers [of the peas] are somewhat coarse. 1887 Goode, etc., *Fisheries U. S.* v. II. 593 The clams are thoroughly washed before they are given over to the knives of the 'shellers', or 'openers'.

b. A machine for rasping or rubbing the grain from the cob. 1875 Knight *Dict. Mech.*

2. A contrivance for providing an object with a shell or coating.

1883 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 18 Sept. 12/1 After this it has only to go into the sheller, where it gets its last coat in the shape of a plaster of Paris shell.

She·llery. *nonce-word.* [f. Shell *sb.*[1] + -ery.] A depreciatory name for: A grotto.

1737 in Mrs. Delany *Autobiogr.* (1861) I. 608, I have been to see Lady Walpole's shellery (for *grotto* I will *not* call it).

Shellet, etc.: see Shillet.

Shelleyan (ʃe·li,ăn), *a.* (and *sb.*). Also *rarely* **Shellyan, Shelleian.** [f. the name *Shelley* (see def.) + -an.] Pertaining or relating to, or characteristic of Percy Bysshe Shelley (1792–1822) or his poetry, or the ideas expressed in his works. As *sb.*, an admirer of Shelley.

a 1849 Poe *Marginalia* Wks. 1864 III. 544 The Shellyan abandon and the Tennysonian poetic sense. 1880 Todhunter *Shelley* v. 157 A bit of the Shelleyan philosophy. 1886 *Sat. Rev.* 13 Mar. 374/2 Mr. Wise's reprint of *Adonais* for the Shelley Society is..quite worthy of the attention of Shelleyans. 1886 Dowden *Shelley* I. xii. 523 Why Mary was 'Pecksie' must remain a Shelleyan mystery.

So **She·lleyism,** thought or action characteristic of Shelley; **She·lleyite,** an admirer or follower of Shelley; **Shelleyo·later,** a worshipper of Shelley; so **Shelleyo·latry.**

1822 Lamb *Lett.* (1888) II. 48 To award his Heaven and his Hell in the presumptuous manner he does, was a piece of immodesty as bad as *Shelleyism. 1881 *Athenæum* 5 Mar. 329/1 Another sect of devotees..the *Shelleyites. 1898 W. Graham *Last Links* xiii, The infuriated Shelleyan, or rather let me say *Shelleyolater. 1892 W. Watson in *Bookman* Oct. 23/2 Many a reader, not impeachable on the ground of *Shelleyolatry.

Shell-fish (ʃe·lfiʃ). [OE. *scilfisc* = ON. *skelfiskr.*] Any animal living in water whose outer covering is a shell, whether testaceous, as an oyster, or crustaceous, as a crab.

c 888 Ælfred *Boeth.* xli. § 5 Manize sint cwucera gesceafta unstirende, swa swa nu scylfiscas sint. *c* 1374 Chaucer *Boeth.* II. met. v. (1868) 50 Þe blode of a manar shelfysshe þat men fynden in tyrie, wiþ whiche blode men dejen purper. *Ibid.* v. pr. v. 21 Oystres and muscles and oþer swiche shelle fysshe of þe see. *c* 1380 Wyclif *Sel. Wks.* III. 69 Schel fische and scalid fisch. 14.. *Nom.* in Wr.-Wülcker 705/26 *Hoc conchile*, alle maner schelfyche. 1553 Eden *Treat. Newe Ind.* (Arb.) 22 The shelle fyshe called the Tortoyse of the sea. 1610 Healey *St. Aug. Citie of God* v. vi. 204 Crabs..and all shel-fishes. *a* 1691 Boyle *Hist. Air* (1692) 179 The Clacas, which is absolutely the very best Shell-fish in the World. 1732 Arbuthnot *Rules of Diet* in *Aliments*, etc. 255 Shell-fish are nourishing. 1858 Simmonds *Dict. Trade, Shell-fish*, the term is chiefly applied in commerce to crabs, lobsters, and cray-fish, oysters, mussels, periwinkles, and whelks, in which a large trade is carried on.

Comb. 1837 Thackeray *Professor* Wks. 1899 XIII. 496 The father of Miss Adeliza Grampus was a shell-fishmonger. 1895 J. Lamb *Ann. Ayrshire Parish* i. 21 A happy hunting-ground for shell-fish gatherers.

b. *fig.* of a person.

1809 Malkin *Gil Blas* XII. v. (Rtldg.) 430 Open-mouthed and impenetrable shell-fish.

Hence **She·ll-fi·shery, Shell-fi·shing.**

1885 *Encycl. Brit.* XVIII. 108/1 The cultivation of oysters and other shell-fisheries. 1901 *Westm. Gaz.* 31 Oct. 12/1 The shell-fishing..has been wonderfully successful.

She·llful. *rare.* [f. Shell *sb.* + -ful.] A quantity sufficient to fill a shell; *fig.* a small quantity.

c 1450 *M. E. Med. Bk.* (Heinrich) 66 Þe juce of cynchen þre schelfulle. 1560 Rolland *Seven Sages* 63 Thay will..gar 3ow traistly trow Quhilk is not worth ane schelfull of credence. 1650 Baxter *Saint's R.* I. viii. 135 Onely a shell full of Dust, animated with an invisible rational soul.

Shelliness (ʃe·linės). *rare.* [f. Shelly *a.* + -ness.] a. The condition of being covered with shells. b. Tendency to retire 'into one's shell'.

1866 G. Macdonald *Ann. Q. Neighb.* xvii, All I have to suggest for myself is simply a certain shyness...I daresay, likewise, that the natural shelliness of the English had something to do with it. 1876 *Macm. Mag.* XXXIV. 336 There are limpid pools..where you may wash your feet free from shelliness.

Shelling (ʃe·liŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. Shell *v.* + -ing[1].]

1. The action of Shell *v.*; removal of the shell of peas, nuts, etc. Cf. Sheeling 1.

1725 P. Blair *Pharmaco-Bot.* III. 129 The Pains of husking or shelling of it [*sc.* Naked Oats] (as 'tis usually call'd) in a Water Mill. 1892 *Athenæum* 12 Mar. 338/2 A clandestine shelling of peas.

2. *concr.* Cf. Sheeling 2. a. Husks or chaff.

1598 Florio, *Mondiglia*, cleansings, purifyings, sweepings, parings, shellings. 1629 *Orkney Witch Trial* in *County Folk-Lore* (1903) III. 78 Thair was sevin thrave and ane halff quhairoff he got nothing bot shellings. 1722 P. Blair *Pharmaco-Bot.* III. 131 They winnow or fan off the Husk [of oats], call'd in some Places the Shellings. 1812 *Chron.* in *Ann. Reg.* 151 A quantity of wet shellings of oats had been put on the fire. 1830 *Kyle Farm Rep.* 43 in *Libr. Usef. Knowl., Husb.* III, No oats are sold; they are converted into meal for the sake of getting the dust and shelling. 1851 J. F. W. Johnston *Notes N. Amer.* II. 128 The shellings or outer husk of this grain are sent down the stream by the millers.

b. Grain, etc. from which the husk has been removed.

1705 [see Shell *v.* 2]. 1763 *Chron.* in *Ann. Reg.* 107 Kemp..brought a peck of shelling to the mill to have it ground. 1815 *Pocklington Canal Act* 52 Flour, shelling, and pearl barley. 1858 Simmonds *Dict. Trade, Shelling*, a commercial name for groats, the grain of oats when the shudes are removed.

3. a. Manuring with shells. b, c. (See quots.)

1780 A. Young *Tour Irel.* I. 122 Parts by shelling advanced, from 5s. to 25s. an acre. 1796 — *Ann. Agric.* XXVII. 189 (E.D.S.) The snow lodging among the tops of the wool, and freezing like an incrustation around [the sheep is called] shelling. 1881 Ingersoll *Oyster-Industr.* 248 *Shelling*, the spreading of shells upon the bottom to catch spawn.

4. The firing of shells, bombardment with shells.

1860 W. H. Russell *Diary in India* II. 288 We should knock down a few of these fellows' forts, and give them a good shelling. 1870 *Daily News* 29 Aug. 5 After some two hours' shelling the French fire grew slacker.

5. The collecting of sea-shells.

1861 C. P. Hodgson *Resid. Japan* 35 Captain Page..lent me his gig and crew of seven men for a day's shelling. 1876 Moresby (*title*) New Guinea and Polynesia. Discoveries..in New Guinea,..a Cruise in Polynesia and Visits to the Pearl-Shelling Stations in Torres Straits.

6. (See quot.)

1897 *Encycl. Sport* I. 341/2 *Kicking*, the old term for the custom of guards to ask travellers for a tip or special fee. Also called *Shelling*.

7. *attrib.*, as (= for use in shelling grain) *shelling machine, mill*; (= pertaining to shell-collecting) *shelling craft, ground, industry*; (= consisting of shelled grain, etc., cf. Sheeling) *shelling beans, seeds.*

1795 Phillips *Hist. Inland Nav.* Addenda 47 Wheat, rye, *shelling beans, pease. 1887 Mrs. Daly *Digging & Squatting* 349 Some of the *shelling craft were raising as much as a ton a month. 1896 *Strand Mag.* XII. 356/2 *Shelling ground is usually of coral structure. 1889 H. H. Romilly *Verandah in N. Guinea* x. 225 The *shelling industry has very considerably increased. 1803 M. Cutler in *Life*, etc. (1888) II. 137 Patent for *shelling machine. 1807 Vancouver *Agric. Devon* (1813) 179 There being few *shelling-mills, and little or no oatmeal manufactured in the country. 1842 J. Aiton *Dom. Econ.* (1857) 241 Cover all with six or eight inches of the *shelling-seeds.

She·ll-less, *a.* Also **shelless.** [f. Shell *sb.* + -less.] Without a shell or shells.

1777 G. White *Selborne, Let. to Barrington* 20 May, Myriads of small shell-less snails. 1838 *Penny Cycl.* X. 486/2 In the Frog-tribe the ova..are shelless [*sic*], and generally laid in the water. 1843 *Ibid.* XXVII. 272/2 Shell-less mollusks. 1859–62 Sir J. Richardson, etc. *Mus. Nat. Hist.* (1868) II. 358 *Gymnosomata* (Shell-less Pteropods).

She·ll-out. *Billiards.* [f. phr. *shell out* : see SHELL *v.* 7.] (See quot. 1884.)

1866 'CAPT. CRAWLEY' *Billiard Bk.* xii. 200. 1882 MISS BRADDON *Mt. Royal* x, Jessie joined the revellers at pool or shell-out. 1884 W. COOK *Billiards* 169 Shell out is a game played with the pyramid balls by a number of players. There is a small stake on each ball, and whenever a player pockets a ball he receives one stake from every other player.

† She·llpad. *Obs.* Also 6 schell-, 6–7 shel-, 8 **shellpot.** [f. SHELL *sb.* + PAD *sb.*[1] after (M)LG. *schildpadde*, MDu. *schiltpadde* (Du. *schildpad*), lit. 'shield-toad'.] A tortoise.

1562 WITHALS *Dict.* 9 b/1 A tortes or shell padde, *testudo.* 1570 LEVINS *Manip.* 8/8 A shelpad, *testudo.* 1790 *Massachusetts Spy* 24 June (Thornton *Amer. Gloss.*), A small turtle..known [in Virginia] by the name of shellpot.

Hence † **Shell-paddock** *Sc.*

1565 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* I. 413 Ane penny..havand on the one syde ane palmetre crownit, ane schell padocke crepand up the schank of the samyn. *c* 1600 in Watson *Coll. Sc. Poems* (1709) II. 54 Shell-padock, ill shapen Shit, Kid-bearded jennet, all alike grit. 1673 WODDERBURN *Vocab.* 15 (Jam.) *Testudo*, a shel-paddock.

She·ll-snail. A snail having a shell.

1600 SURFLET *Country Farm* I. xii. 58 A cataplasme.. made of the muscilage of shell snailes. 1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* XXX. xiii. II. 395 Certaine shell-snailes that creepe in troupes together for to devour the young spring and greene leaves of plants. 1691 RAY *S. & E. C. Words* 102 A Hodmandod, a Shell-snail. 1699 JAS. BARRY *Reviving Cordial* (1802) 23 Some speckled shell-snails. 1843 *Zoologist* I. 97 Small spiral-shaped shell-snails. 1890 *Hardwicke's Sci. Gossip* XXVI. 239/1 The big shell snails.. which lurk, during the day, in crevices of the walls.

b. *fig.* A retiring or shy person.

1585 T. WASHINGTON tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* Ep. Ded., What (think we) may be obiected against those shelsnailes?

She·ll-work.

1. Work consisting of an arrangement of shells in patterns for ornamentation; shells lining the walls of an artificial grotto.

1611 COTGR. s.v., *Coquillage*, shell-worke; worke made of, or trimd with, shells. 1675 HANNAH WOOLLEY *Gentlew. Comp.* 10 All works wrought with a Needle, all Transparent works, Shell-work, Moss-work. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 27 Feb. 1644, A large..grotto of shell-worke. 1728 GARDINER *Rapin, Gardens* (ed. 3) III. 131 Some Artists will their grotts..Of Pumice..build; The splendid Roof with shining Shell-work grace. 1773 JOHNSON in *Boswell* (1831) III. 12 She knows French, musick, and drawing, sews neatly, makes shell-work. 1809 MALKIN *Gil Blas* IV. ix. P 5 A rude front built of pebbles and shell-work. 1836 *Penny Cycl.* VI. 432/1 The delicate petals arranged with the most artificial symmetry, so as to resemble curious shell-work. 1891 FARRAR *Darkn. & Dawn* xxvi, A reticulated shellwork of pale blue was fastened by threads of glass to the opalescent vase within.

† 2. Shells adhering to a ship's bottom. *rare.*

1698 FROGER *Voy.* 170 Our Ships being too foul, too full of Herbs and Shell-work, to think of gaining upon Vessels newly careened.

She·lly, *sb. nonce-wd.* [f. SHELL *sb.* + -Y.] A shell.

1611 BEAUM. & FL. *Knt. Burning Pestle* IV. ad. fin., Sluggish snails, that erst were mute, do creep out of their shelies [*rime* bellies].

Shelly (ʃe·li), *a.* [f. SHELL *sb.* + -Y.]

1. Abounding in (sea)shells; of a geological formation, consisting wholly or mainly of shells.

1555 EDEN *Decades* (Arb.) 380 Vpon the coast of Barberie ..there is xv. fadome and good shelly grounde and sande amonge. 1650 S. CLARKE *Eccl. Hist.* I. (1654) 172 Amidst the shelly rocks of the sea. 1662 J. DAVIES tr. *Olearius' Voy. Amb.* 207 We observ'd all along the Caspian Sea, many of these shelly Mountains. 1718 POPE *Odyss.* IV. 555 The shelly shore. 1751 J. BARTRAM *Observ.* 17 The rock consisted of a dark coloured shelly stone. 1766 — *Jrnl.* 1 Jan. 18 Landed at a high shelly bluff. 1824 G. CHALMERS *Caledonia* III. III. iii. 221 Marle of the shelly kind. 1832 DE LA BECHE *Geol. Man.* (ed. 2) 245 A coarse shelly and sandy limestone. 1877 LE CONTE *Elem. Geol.* (1879) 153 Mollusca which..leave their dead shells..and thus form sometimes pure shelly deposits.

2. Consisting of or of the nature of a shell; forming a covering resembling a shell; shell-like.

1592 SHAKS. *Ven. & Ad.* 1034 As the snaile..Shrinks backward in his shellie caue with palne. 1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* XXXII. viii. II. 441 The shellie skin of the sea Vrchin. 1662 *Comenius' Janua Ling. Triling.* 27 The slow-pac'd cockle [snail] carryeth about with it its shelly lodge. 1681 GREW *Museum* I. § ii. i. 18 The fore-part of his Tail is encompass'd with shelly Rings. 1778 MILNE *Bot. Dict.* (ed. 2) 145 The shelly or husky outside incloses a white bitter pulp. 1815 S. BROOKES *Conchol.* 96 A subcylindrical shelly or bony body. 1844 DICKENS *Mart. Chuz.* xxi, The very winkle of your country in his shelly lair. 1872 NICHOLSON *Palæont.* 201 In the typical Terebratulæ, the internal skeleton which supports the arms is a short shelly hoop.

b. Of coal: see quot.

1881 RAYMOND *Mining Gloss.*, *Shelly*, the condition of coal which has been so much faulted and twisted that it is not massive, but easily breaks into conchoidal pieces.

c. *fig.* Hollow-sounding, empty.

1648 SYMMONS *Vind.* 132 What they intend by cajol'd, and whom by cabalistical Adversaries, I stand not to argue, for the words are shelly.

d. Of a thin, bony, and lanky build.

1865 SLEIGH *Derbysh. Gloss.* in *Reliquary* VI. 167 *Shelly*, said of a beast which does not carry flesh. 1884 *Live Stock Jrnl.* 1 Aug. 106/3 Darlington Dog Show...Glendale ..is rather inclined to be shelly, with drooping quarters. 1893 *Kennel Gazette* Aug. 213/2 Her kennel companion.. is too shelly all through.

Comb. 1901 *Scotsman* 12 Nov. 8/3 A man of Mr. Maxwell's build cannot get his arms away so freely as a shelly-built player.

3. Of an animal: Having a shell; shell-.

1593 NASHE *Christ's T.* 71 b, In theyr hollowe Caues.. shelly Snayles shall keepe house. 1611 COTGR., *Nautile*, the shellie Pourcountrell. 1774 GOLDSM. *Nat. Hist.* (1776) VII. 65 Of all animals of the shelly tribe, the Pholades are the most wonderful.

4. Formed of a (sea)shell; consisting of (sea) shells or shell-fish.

1716 GAY *Trivia* III. 186 Be sure observe where brown Ostrea stands, Who boasts her shelly Ware from Wallfleet Sands. 1721 D'URFEY *Ariadne* II. i, And loud with quavering Sounds on shelly Hautboys, Tritons shall sing. 1733 BUDGELL *Bee* IV. 400 A pointed Bulrush ev'ry Heroe bears, And ev'ry Head a Shelly Helmet wears. 1753 *Chambers' Cycl.* Suppl. s. v. *Shells*, The great good these shelly fragments do to the lands they are used on. 1759 GRAINGER *Sulpicia* I. 25 Whatever Gems the swarthy Indians boast, Their shelly Treasures [etc.].

Shelly-coat. *Sc.* Also 8 **shellicoat.** [f. SHELLY *a.* + COAT *sb.*]

1. A water sprite wearing sea-shells which make a clattering noise. Also *attrib.*

1720 PENNECUIK *Streams from Helicon* 65 No Shellicoat Goblin, or Elf on the Green. 1802 SCOTT *Minstrelsy* I. Introd. 84 Shellycoat, a spirit who resides in the waters, and has given his name to many a rock and stone upon the Scotish coast. 1803 ALEX. BOSWELL *Spirit of Tintoc* To Rdr., Nor Kelpy, nor Shellycoat, nor any of the spirits of the deep. *a* 1869 C. SPENCE *From Braes of Carse* (1898) 90 All the sea and river imps With shelly coats and scaly jimps.

2. 'A sheriff's messenger, or bum-bailiff, denominated perhaps from the badges of office on his coat' (Jam.).

a 1774 FERGUSSON *Poems* (1807) 304, I dinna care a single jot; Tho' summon'd by a shelly-coat.

So **Shelly-coated** *a.* (see 1 above).

1725 RAMSAY *Gentle Sheph.* I. i, She fled as frae a shelly-coated cow [= goblin; see Cow *sb.*[2]].

Shelm, variant of SCHELM.

† Shelp[1]. [app. representing OE. *scylp* glossing 'scopulus', 'murex'. Cf. SCALP *sb.*[2]] A sand-bank in a river or the sea; = SHELF *sb.*[2]

1430–31 *Rolls of Parl.* IV. 381/2 Il y ad si graunde noumbre des schelpes deinz le Ryver de Ley. *c* 1500 *Lib. Rub.* fo. 114 b in *Wells MSS.* (Hist. MSS. Comm.) 145 The water was so lowe and so many shelpes and hayes in the ryver. 1535–6 *Act* 27 *Hen. VIII*, c. 18 § 3 Sande gravell or any other rubbysshe..lieng..uppon any Shelppe or Shelppes within the said ryver of Thamyse. 1538 ELYOT *Dict.*, *Syrtes*, quycke sandes or shelpes [1545 shelfes] in the water made by the dryfte of sande or grauel. 1630 *Lex Londinensis* (1680) 210 At Woolwich shelp two [trinckes], and no more;..At Dagnam shelp six.

† Shelp[2]. *Obs.* The ribbon-fish.

1562 WITHALS *Dict.* 8 b/1 A shelpe, *tenia.* 1570 LEVINS *Manip.* 58/34 A shelp, fish, *tenia.*

S'help : = so help (cf. S'ELP).

1904 H. HAWKINS *Remin.* II. xlviii. 76 'S'help me!' said the man..'I'd sooner see the devil.' 1904 E. ROBINS *Magnetic North* vii. 120 A vow that, s'help him, Heaven! it should never happen again.

Shelpit, variant of SHILPIT *a. Sc.*

Shelta (ʃe·ltă). Also shelter. [Of obscure origin: for the forms of the name that are used in the 'language' itself, see quot. 1891.

Prof. Kuno Meyer conjectured (*Jrnl. Gypsy Lore Soc.* II. 259) that the form *sheldrū* represents the Old Irish *bélre* (mod. *béarla*) language, with arbitrary substitution of initial *sh* for *b.*]

A cryptic jargon used by tinkers, composed partly of Irish or Gaelic words, mostly disgnised by inversion or by arbitrary alteration of initial consonants.

1876 in Leland *Gypsies* (1882) 355 Now Romanes is genteel. ..But as for this other jib, its wery hard to talk. It is most all Old Irish, and they calls it Shelter. 1882 LELAND *Ibid.* 354 Shelta, the tinkers' talk. *Ibid.* 360 Our informant could give only a single specimen of the Shelta literature. 1891 SAMPSON in *Jrnl. Gypsy Lore Soc.* II. 206 Like all true citizens of the road, the tinkers protect themselves by the use of a secret language, variously known as Shelta, Sheldrū, Shildru, Shelter, and Shelteroχ, 'Bog Latin', 'Tinkers' Cant', or 'the Ould Thing'.

† She·ltbeam. *Obs.* In 4 scheltbeme. [Partial transl. of MHG. *schaltbaum* (or MLG. *schaldbôm*) pole used as an oar and a rudder, f. *schalten* (MLG. *schalden*) to push, shove + *baum* (see BEAM *sb.*). Cf. SHALTREE.] A pole or beam. Also *attrib.* as *sheltbeam nail.*

1336 in Nicolas *Hist. Navy* (1847) II. 470 Timber called scheltbemes. *Ibid.*, Schelthemnayles. 1366 *Acc. Exch. K.R.* 19/31 m. 1 (P.R.O.), Item in iij lignis vocatis Scheltbemes emptis in grosso de eodem Humfrido viij. s.

Shelter (ʃe·ltəɹ), *sb.* Also 6 **shealter,** 7 **shelture.** [Of obscure origin; possibly f. *sheld* SHIELD *v.* + -TURE in imitation of words like *jointure.*

The common view that the word is an altered form of SHELTRON seems untenable. *Sheltron* became obsolete in the 15th c., and *shelter* has not been found earlier than 1585. Cf., however, the line, addressed to the Virgin Mary, 'Heyle scheltrun schouris to shelde' (SHELTRON 1 *fig.*), which appears to allude to the roof of locked shields implied in the original sense of *sheltron.*]

1. A structure affording protection from rain, wind, or sun; in wider sense, anything serving as a screen or a place of refuge from the weather.

Now often applied to a small slight building (commonly of wood or iron) erected in a park or other public place to serve as a refuge from the weather.

1585 HIGINS *Junius' Nomencl.* 181 *Artegia* [sic]..thatcht sheds or shelters. 1590 GREENE *Never too late* Wks. (Grosart) VIII. 14 A hat of straw like a swaine, Shealter for the sonne and raine. 1610 SHAKS. *Temp.* II. ii. 40 Alas, the storme is come againe: my best way is to creepe vnder his Gaberdine: there is no other shelter hereabout. 1611 COTGR., *Abri*, a couert, shrowd, shelter, or shadie place. *Ibid.*, *Begude*, a Cote, Cottage, thatched shed, or shelter. 1725 DE FOE *Voy. round World* (1840) 333 Their tent was a sufficient shelter from the rain. 1775 JOHNSON *West Isl.* 162 (Ulinish), They were probably the shelters of the keepers. 1825 SCOTT *Talism.* xxviii, A tent, which..differed little from that of the ordinary shelter of the common Curdman or Arab. 1865 Rock-shelter: see ROCK *sb.*[1] 6. 1877 GEIKIE *Christ* xxix. (1879) 341 The people of Tiberias are glad to sleep in shelters of straw or leaves on their roofs, during the hot months. 1881 *Macm. Mag.* XLIII. 388/2 Copies may he seen occasionally in cahmen's shelters. 1894 *Daily News* 25 July 7/5 The erection of band stands, cricket shelters, refreshment houses, park lodges, and seated shelters.

b. Something which affords a refuge from danger, attack, pursuit, or observation; a place of safety; *Mil.* a wall or bank behind which persons can obtain safety from gunshot.

1605 SHAKS. *Lear* I. i. 185 The Gods to their deere shelter take thee Maid. 1606 — *Ant. & Cl.* III. i. 8 Spurre through Media, Mesapotamia, and the shelters, whether The routed flie. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* VI. 843 [They] wish'd the Mountains now might be again Thrown on them as a shelter from his ire. 1724 DE FOE *Mem. Cavalier* (1840) 23 As for the wood, it was a good shelter to save one's life. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* II. II. vi, The Bouillé vanguard..sweeps Mutiny..into shelters and cellars. 1871 FREEMAN *Norm. Conq.* (1876) IV. xviii. 159 She made her way to the old shelter in Flanders, and found a home at Saint Omer. 1906 *Times Hist. War S. Africa* IV. 581 The Colonel had some difficulty in persuading the garrison and townspeople to use the shelters against gun-fire.

c. *transf.* and *fig.*

1588 SHAKS. *Tit. A.* IV. iv. 22 His fained extasies Shall be no shelter to these outrages. 1597 — 2 *Hen. IV*, IV. iv. 42 And thou shalt proue a shelter to thy friends. 1611 BIBLE *Ps.* lxi. 3 For thou hast bene a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy. 1618 *Owles Almanacke* 42 He that roofes not his wife vnder one of your [haberdasher's] shelters on his marriage day, shall he trust vp. *a* 1650 CALDERWOOD *Hist. Ch. Scot.* (1678) 811 The Government of Prelats is a shelter for damnable Sects. 1855 T. T. LYNCH *Lett. to the Scattered* vi. (1872) 84 The storms of the law may drive men to the shelter of the gospel.

d. Protection from the weather; trees, walls, or the like, which afford such protection.

1613 MARKHAM *Eng. Husbandm.* I. Former Pt. ii. A 4, [Choose a situation] inuironed..with rowes of greater timber, ..the shelter will be most excellent to keepe off the bleaknesse of the..tempests in winter. 1664 EVELYN *Kal. Hort.* 59 Covering them [seeds] with sheets and shelter. 1707 MORTIMER *Husb.* (1721) 292, I shall advise the planting of shelter on the West and South West. 1842 LOUDON *Suburban Hort.* 418 The trees..when they grow large..produce an injurious degree of shelter and shade. 1888 *Law Times* LXXXV. 132/2 If the timber adds beauty or shelter to the mansion-house, the tenant for life must leave it intact.

e. A covering to protect an object from injury, 'spec. a box, cage or hut used for the proper exposure of meteorological instruments' (*Funk's Stand. Dict.* 1895).

a 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 4 Nov. 1644, A temporary shelter of boards over the most stupendous..Torso of Amphion and Dirces. 1817 J. MAYER *Sportsman's Direct.* (ed. 2) 175 Cover it [*sc.* a trap] with a thin board that the fowls may not spring it in going to roost, then take the board or shelter away. 1827 FARADAY *Chem. Manip.* xiii. (1842) 299 The pressure of the fuel upon the crucible..may be prevented by hanging a shelter over it.

f. A place of temporary lodging for the homeless poor.

1895 *Brit. Med. Jrnl.* 22 June 1399/2 Philanthropic Shelters. The establishment of shelters for the class of poor wanderers in the metropolis is in itself praiseworthy. *Ibid.*, A Salvation Army shelter.

2. The state of being sheltered; the state of being protected from the elements; security from attack. Chiefly in *to seek, find, take,* etc. *shelter. In, under, shelter. Under the shelter of* = protected by.

1593 SHAKS. *Rich. II*, II. i. 264 We..seeke no shelter to auoid the storme. 1593 — 3 *Hen. VI*, V. ii. 12 The Cedar.. Whose Armes gaue shelter to the Princely Eagle. 1597 BP. HALL *Sat.* II. vii. D 3, Some breer-bush shewing shelter from the showre, Vnto the hopefull sheepe...The ruth-lesse breere..Layes hold vpon the fleece..of the carelesse pray, That thought she in securer shelter lay. 1629 HOLLAND *Amm. Marcell.* XXIV. i. 241 A..tempestuous wind..had.. made such confusion among their places of harbour and shelture. 1653 H. COGAN tr. *Pinto's Trav.* x. 33 Under the shelter of certain packs of Cotton..they one morning assaulted the principal Fortress. 1726 SHELVOCKE *Voy. round World* 68 Where, perhaps, a ship might find good shelter. 1845 DISRAELI *Sybil* IV. vi, Had I needed shelter there was another roof which has long awaited me. 1871 FREEMAN *Norm. Conq.* (1876) IV. xviii. 225 The sons of Harold had ..found shelter with the same prince who had once sheltered their father. 1893 STEVENSON *Catriona* I. i, We took shelter under a pend at the head of a close or alley. 1900 DOYLE *Gt. Boer War* xi. 192 Once more it was shown how weak an arm is artillery against an enemy who lies in shelter.

b. *fig.*

1630 CAPT. SMITH *True Trav.* Ded., The shadow of your most noble vertues..under which I hope to have shelter, against all stormes that dare threaten. 1639 S. DU VERGER tr. *Camus' Admir. Events* 46 The way..to set my conscience at rest, and my honour at shelter. 1693 LOCKE *Educ.* § 200. 257 Thus under the Shelter and Pretence of a Governour, thinking themselves excused from standing upon their own Legs. 1822 LAMB *Elia* Ser. I. *Modern Gallantry*

He [Joseph Paice] took me under his shelter at an early age, and bestowed some pains upon me. 1835 MACAULAY *Ess., Mackintosh* (1854) I. 342/2 The tribunals ought to be sacred places of refuge, where..the innocent of all parties may find shelter. 1866 J. MARTINEAU *Ess.* I. 345 Scientific theology lost the shelter of the mitre.

3. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *shelter barrack, belt* (of trees), *-camp, -house, -shed*; objective, as *shelter-seeker, -seeking* (adj.); **shelter-deck**, in a passenger vessel, a light deck more or less closed at the sides but open at the ends; also *attrib.*, as *shelter-deck vessel*; **shelterman**, an attendant at a (cab) shelter; **shelter-pit** *Mil.* (see quot.); **shelter-tent**, a small ridged tent; a dog-tent; **shelter-tree, -trench** *Mil.* (see quots.).

1906 DK. ARGYLL *Autobiog.* I. vi. 144 A *shelter barrack [for the workmen on Skerryvore Lighthouse] was an absolute necessity. 1868 *Rep. U. S. Commissioner Agric.* (1869) 197 For a *shelter belt..this [*sc.* maple] will be found suitable. 1910 MRS. H. WARD *Canadian Born* 335 Epil., The thin background of a few taller trees,—the 'shelter-belt' of the farm. 1911 *Encycl. Brit.* XXIV. 880/1 The ship is called an awning decked, spar decked, *shelter decked or three decked vessel—according to the details of her construction. 1892 *Daily News* 28 July 6/1 Seated in a small *shelter-house protecting us against the glacier winds. 1899 *Westm. Gaz.* 31 July 2/3 To accommodate these families vestries have established shelter houses. 1906 *Daily Chron.* 30 Jan. 3/5 Cab pensioners and *sheltermen. 1870 *Instr. Milit. Engin.* § 513 It may be necessary [for men skirmishing] to dig small pits, which may be called *shelter pits in contradistinction to the larger pits..called rifle pits. Each shelter pit should be for one man only. 1864 ATKINSON *Stanton Grange* xxiii, A most complete..drenching to both the *shelter-seekers. 1765 GOLDSM. *Trav.* 162 There .. The *shelter-seeking peasant builds his shed. 1861 STEPHENS & BURN *Farm-Buildings* § 1376 We give the plan of a *shelter-shed to be placed at the corner of four fields. 1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.* 2534/1 *Shelter-tent. 1888 *Encycl. Brit.* XXIII. 183/1 But the humblest tent made—the *tente d'abri* or shelter tent of the French army—is also ridged in form. 1884 W. MILLER *Plant-n.* 124/2 *Adenostephanus organensis.* Organ Mountain *Shelter-tree. 1870 *Instr. Milit. Engin.* § 512 Artificial cover..can be best obtained by means of small trenches called *shelter trenches.

Shelter (ʃe·ltəɹ), *v.* [f. prec. sb.]

1. *trans.* To be or provide a shelter for.

a. To screen or protect from rain, wind, cold, the sun, etc. Chiefly of a thing; *rarely* of a personal agent.

1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* II. xii. 30 A still And calmy bay, on th'one side sheltered With the brode shadow of an hoarie hill. 1593 SHAKS. *Rich. II*, III. iv. 50 The Weeds that his broad-spreading Leaues did shelter..Are pull'd vp. 1671 MILTON *P. R.* II. 73 Scarce a Shed Could be obtain'd to shelter him or me From the bleak air. 1707 MORTIMER *Husb.* xvi. 367, I should advise the planting of other Trees round them to shelter them. 1797 HT. LEE *Canterb. T., Frenchm. T.* (1799) I. 244 Sheltering the light with her hand, she descended the..stairs. 1860 TYNDALL *Glac.* I. xvi. 111 A wall of rock..sheltered us from the north wind.

b. To screen from pursuit, attack, blows, etc.

1667 MILTON *P. L.* II. 167 We fled amain, pursu'd..With Heav'ns afflicting Thunder, and besought The Deep to shelter us. *Ibid.* XI. 820 Hee with them of Man and Beast Select for life shall in the Ark be lodg'd, And shelterd round. 1783 WATSON *Philip III*, I. (1839) 51 They were sheltered from the fire of the besiegers, by a dyke. 1862 LD. BROUGHAM *Brit. Const.* xx. 396 Harbours and ports, which may shelter the navy in the operations of war.

c. *fig.* To screen from punishment, censure, etc.

1594 [see SHELTERED *ppl. a.*]. 1648 J. BEAUMONT *Psyche* II. cxlii, Why was not I deform'd, that shelter'd in Sure neglect, I might have scap'd this sin! 1711 PRIOR *Celia to Damon* 10 In vain I strove to..shelter Passion under Friendship's Name. 1818 CRUISE *Digest* (ed. 2) IV. 51 The vendor, who had made use of the act for sheltering fraud. 1818 SHELLEY *Rosalind* 505 Friend, he was sheltered by the grave, And therefore dared to be a liar! 1884 BOSANQUET tr. *Lotze's Metaph.* 444 Many..will make use of his expressions in order to shelter under a great name their favourite doctrine.

d. 'To succour with refuge, to harbour' (J.); to take under one's protection. Of a place: To be a secure home or refuge for.

1663 DRYDEN *Ep. Charleton* 53 These Ruines [Stonehenge] sheltered once His Sacred Head, Then when from Wor'ster's fatal Field He fled. 1814 SCOTT *Wav.* xviii, And do others beside your master shelter him? 1819 SHELLEY *Cenci* I. iii. 105 His children and his wife, whom he is bound To love and shelter. 1825 SCOTT *Betrothed* xxi, Amid the same scenes which had sheltered her infancy and childhood. 1850 TENNYSON *In Mem.* cii. 4 The roofs, that heard our earliest cry, Will shelter one of stranger race. 1868 FREEMAN *Norm. Conq.* (1876) II. vii. 143 The King, instead of bringing them to justice, was sheltering them. 1908 *Blackw. Mag.* July 147/1 When he [Champlain] died in the city which had sheltered him for many years.

†**2.** To ward off. *Obs. rare.*

1621 LADY M. WROTH *Urania* 337 A place, Rockey, and hilley, nothing but Heath, and some small shrubs to shelter rayne, Sunne, or any thing from one.

3. *refl.* To take shelter; to take refuge from pursuit or attack.

1611 COTGR., *se Taudir*, to couer, shrowd, shelter, hide himselfe. 1663 *Act* 15 *Chas. II*, c. 2 Preamb., Great Townes where..such idle and lewd persons doe shelter themselves. *a* 1701 MAUNDRELL *Journ. Jerus.* Ded., To Sir C. Hedges, The only Defence I have, is by sheltring my self in the Crowd.

b. *fig.* Chiefly, to protect oneself from punishment or censure. *To shelter oneself under, behind* — = to use the protection afforded by (what is specified).

1598 SHAKS. *Merry W.* v. v. 24 Let there come a tempest of prouocation, I will shelter mee heere. 1675 *Essex Papers* (1890) I. 295 My Ld Newport shelters himselfe under D. M. interest. 1769 *Junius Lett.* xxxv. (1820) 165 You may shelter yourself under the forms of a parliament. 1825 SCOTT *Betrothed* xix, If it is meant..that I have any purpose of sheltering myself behind the Prelate's authority. 1837 THIRLWALL *Greece* xxxii. IV. 225 They..thought it better to purchase the silence of the informer—unless they could shelter themselves by such an expedient.

4. *intr.* for *refl.* To take shelter; to find a refuge. *lit.* and *fig.*

1602 MARSTON *Antonio's Rev.* II. iii, Pigmie cares Can shelter vnder patience shield. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* XI. 223 Hee alone, To finde where Adam shelterd, took his way. 1680 HICKERINGILL *Meroz* Wks. 1716 I. 244 This objection, under which all..opposition of Authority does lurk and shelter to this day. 1727 [E. DORRINGTON] *Philip Quarll* (1816) 14 A company of buccaniers..shelter here. *a* 1774 GOLDSM. tr. *Scarron's Com. Romance* (1775) II. 124 The humane gentry about the country, who permitted their little troops [*sc.* gypsies] to shelter in the villages. 1855 THACKERAY *Newcomes* II. xix. 192 She fled from him and sheltered with the old woman who's dead. 1882 GEIKIE *Geol. Sk.* 110 We sheltered for a little under the lower basalt. 1899 F. T. BULLEN *Way Navy* 79 She also reported our second-class cruiser..out of action and sheltering—I believe in Killery Bay.

Shelterage (ʃe·ltəɹėdʒ). Also 7 **shaltridge.** [f. SHELTER *sb.* + -AGE.]

†**1.** Sheltering. *Obs. rare*—[1].

1650 T. BAYLY *Herba Parietis* i. 3 Neither was the Contrivement lesse beneficiall, respecting the three walls shaltridge from the foure winds.

2. A place of shelter.

1632 LITHGOW *Trav.* VI. 273 The remanents of that house.. is turned ouer for a shelterage for sheepe. 1836 *Tait's Mag.* III. 447 His household goods were now removed to more auspicious shelterage.

Sheltered (ʃe·ltəɹd), *ppl. a.* [f. SHELTER *v.* + -ED [1].] In the senses of the verb.

1594 SHAKS. *Rich. III*, III. v. 33 Well, well, he was the couertst sheltred Traytor That euer liu'd. 1671 MILTON *P. L.* IV. 406 Whose branching arms..might shield From dews and damps of night his shelter'd head. 1730–46 THOMSON *Autumn* 1049 There let me sit beneath the sheltered slopes. 1851 HELPS *Comp. Solit.* vi. 85 A garden seat in a sheltered nook. 1890 KIPLING *Plain Tales, Thrown away* 14 To rear a boy under what parents call the 'sheltered life system' is..not wise. 1912 *Chamb. Jrnl.* Oct. 742/1 The contrast between the sheltered and the shelterless.

Shelterer (ʃe·ltərəɹ). [f. SHELTER *v.* + -ER [1].]

1. One who takes shelter.

1725 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 6346/4 For Relief of distressed Shelterers in the Mint. 1856 Miss MULOCK *John Halifax* i, Shivering shelterers from the rain.

2. One who shelters another.

1822 BYRON *Werner* III. iv. 79 In leaving thus His shelterer's asylum to the risk Of a discovery. 1865 KINGSLEY *Herew.* xxxii, She..was liable to punishment herself, and they to punishment also, as her shelterers and accomplices.

Sheltering (ʃe·ltəriŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. SHELTER *v.* + -ING [1].] The action of the verb. Also *concr.*, a place of shelter (*rare*).

1674 (*title*) Learn to lye Warm, or, An apology for that Proverb. Tis good sheltring under an old Hedge. 1707 MORTIMER *Husb.* xvi. 367 The sheltring of them with some Litter may do well. 1818 SCOTT *Hrt. Midl.* xlvi, It's better sheltering under an auld hedge than under a new-planted wood. 1901 MEREDITH *Reading of Life* 115 So those numerous tribes from their ships and their shelterings poured forth On that plain of Scamander.

Sheltering (ʃe·ltəriŋ), *ppl. a.* [f. SHELTER *v.* + -ING [2].] That shelters, in the senses of the verb.

1616 T. SCOT *Philomythie* I. (ed. 2) F 6, A ridiculous Mouse For feare of Cats leauing her sheltring house. 1773 [T. DAV] *Dying Negro* 18 And death extends his shelt'ring arms in vain. 1817 SHELLEY *To W. Shelley* 41 Less cruel than the savage sleaves Who hunt us o'er these sheltering waves. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* II. IV. ix, They can..stick their heads ostrich-like into what sheltering Fallacy is nearest. 1890 R. BRIDGES *Shorter Poems* I. 14 'Twas at this sheltering hour he nightly came.

Shelteringly (ʃe·ltəriŋli), *adv.* [-LY [2].] In a sheltering position or manner; so as to shelter.

1848 *Fraser's Mag.* XXXVIII. 311/2 The glen lies before you, with its bosky braes and grassy leas shelteringly. 1886 R. A. KING *Shadowed Life* II. i. 8 With one child in her lap, and her arm shelteringly round another.

Shelterless (ʃe·ltəɹlės), *a.* [f. SHELTER *sb.* + -LESS.]

1. Without a shelter or covering; unprotected from the elements.

1714 ROWE *Jane Shore* v. i, Now sad and shelterless, perhaps, she lyes, Where piercing Winds blow sharp. 1820 SHELLEY *Prometh. Unb.* II. iv. 54 The unseasonable seasons drove..Their shelterless, pale tribes to mountain caves. 1885–94 R. BRIDGES *Eros & Psyche* Aug. iv, Fainting and shelterless Upon the mountain it were death to hide.

2. That affords no shelter; not furnished with a sheltering structure.

1760–72 H. BROOKE *Fool of Qual.* (1809) III. 113 We were compelled to take up with this shelterless hovel. 1814 [see SHADELESS *a.* 1]. 1839 *Penny Cycl.* XIV. 347/2 At the time of the cession..Malta was almost a shelterless rock. 1881 MISS BRADDON *Asphodel* iii, Even Daphne..blinked a little as she crossed the shelterless promenade.

Hence **She·lterlessness.**

c 1878–9 in W. J. Fitz-Patrick *Life T. N. Burke* (1885) II. 298 The houselessness and shelterlessness of our Saviour.

Shelter·y (ʃe·ltəri), *a.* Also 8 **sheltry.** [f. SHELTER *sb.* + -Y.] Affording shelter.

1729 SAVAGE *Wanderer* v. 155 No sheltry Trees invite the Wand'rer's Eye. 1770 G. WHITE *Selborne, To Pennant* 29 Oct., They spend their winters under the warm and sheltery shores of Gibraltar and Barbary. 1826 *Blackw. Mag.* XX. 3 Sheltery groves.

Sheltie, shelty (ʃe·lti). *Sc.* Also 7 *pl.* **shalties**, 8 *pl.* **schelties, sheltys**, 9 *Sc. dial.* **shaltie, -y, shawltie.** [Prob. repr. the Orkney or Caithness pronunciation of ON. *Hjalti* Shetlander.]

1. A Shetland pony; now, any small pony. (In early quots. more fully †*shelty horse.*)

1650 in J. C. Lees *Hist. Inverness* vi. (1897) 73 Montrose sat upon a little shelty horse without a saddle. 1654 BLAEU *Atlas* v. (*Scotia*) 144/1 Sunt & eis Equulei (*Shalties* vulgo vocant) specie quidem contemptibiles, sed ad omnes usus, supra quam credi potest, strenui. *a* 1688 J. WALLACE *Descr. Orkney* (1693) 13 Their Horses are but little, Yet strong.., most of which they get from Zetland, and are called Sheltries. *c* 1730 BURT *Lett. N. Scot.* (1754) II. xvii. 52 Those Sheltys, being never shod. 1742 *De Foe's Tour Gt. Brit.* (ed. 3) IV. 294 [In Shetland] They have Plenty of little Horses, which they call Schelties. 1793 SYME in *Burns' Wks.* (1800) I. 206, I got Burns a grey Highland shelty to ride on. 1828 SCOTT in *Lockhart* (1839) IX. 273 My smart hack has dwindled into a Zetland shelty. 1895 CROCKETT *Men of Moss Hags* xxvi, My Galloway sheltie..took me bravely over the moss-hags.

2. A Shetlander. *nonce-use.*

1888 EDMONDSTON & SAXBY *Home of Naturalist* 180, I make the acquaintance of other Shelties in the same way.

Sheltopusik (ʃe·ltopū·zik). Also **sch-**. [a. Russ. ЖЕЛТОПУЗИКЪ (*zeltopūzik*).] A lizard of the genus *Pseudopus* (*P. pallasii*).

1841 *Penny Cycl.* XXI. 25/2 Scheltopusik or Sheltopusik, the ordinary name for a genus of *Reptiles, Pseudopus* of Merrem. *Ibid.* 72/2 The Scheltopusiks. 1882 GÜNTHER in *Encycl. Brit.* XIV. 735/1 The Glass-Snake (*Pseudopus pallasii*) or *Sheltopusik* (Russ.) is common in Dalmatia, Hungary, southern Russia, and..Central Asia.

†**She·ltron** [1]. *Obs.* Forms: 1 **scyld-, scildtruma, scyl-, sceltruma**, 3 **sceld-trome, -truma, soltrome, -trume**, 4 **schiltron, -trum, -trun, -t(e)roun, (childrome), scheltroun, (cheltroun), s(c)heltrome, -trun, -trum, scheld(es)troms, (schetrome), sheltrone, shil-, shyltroun, shultrom, scholtrom, -trum**, 4–5 **scheltrom, -tron, sheltron, schiltrom**, 5 **sheltroun, shiltron, shildryme, shyltron, sheldrun**, 5–6 **scheltrone**, (5 **cheltrons**, 6 **seltron**), 6 *Hist.* **schiltron.** [OE. *scildtruma*, f. *scield* SHIELD *sb.* + *truma* troop.

The original sense is that of a body of men protected by their shields locked so as to form a roof and wall; = TESTUDO 3 b. Cf. the synonymous or nearly synonymous OE. *scieldburg* (= ON. *skjaldborg*), *scieldhrēoþa, scieldweall.*]

1. A close, compact body of troops; troops drawn up in battle array; a phalanx.

The word became obsolete in the 15th c.; all subsequent examples are echoes from early chronicles.

c 1000 ÆLFRIC *Gram.* xlvii. (Z.) 274 *Subter densa testudine* under ðiccum scyldtruman oððe randbeage. *c* 1000 in Napier *OE. Glosses* i. 2959 *Testudine*, of scyltruman. *c* 1205 LAY. 16371 He oom his eorles..& his holdeste men..& makede his sceld-trume [*c* 1275 one soltrome]. *Ibid.* 27506 Heo comen to þere uerde..& þene sceld-trume [*c* 1275 sultrome] breken. *c* 1325 *Coer de L.* 5577 They made scheltroun and bataylyde. *Ibid.* 5744 He brak asunder the scheltrome. *c* 1330 R. BRUNNE *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 3512 þey bere þe launces vp and doun, On þe manere of a scheltroun [*Petyt MS.* cheltroun]. 1375 BARBOUR *Bruce* XII. 429 For all thair battalis sammyn wer In a schiltrum [*Camb. MS.* childrome]. 1382 WYCLIF *Gen.* xiv. 8 And thei dressiden aȝens hem sheltrun in the wodi valey. 1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) III. 61 þe Romayns wyfes..wente..bytwene þe scheltroms, and cryde pees. 1393 LANGL. *P. Pl.* C. XXI. 294 [They] shete þ out shot ynowh hus shultrom to blende. 1422 YONGE tr. *Secreta Secret.* xxxi. 174 Haniball..ordaynyd his shildrymes, steryn battaill he yane. *c* 1440 *Eng. Cong. Irel.* (Rawl. MS.) 31 Thay brakyn har sheldrun, and wentyn aftyr. *c* 1450 *Merlin* XX. 326 A-gein hem myght endure noon harneys, ne no kynge, ne warde, ne sheltron, were it neuer so clos. *a* 1513 FABYAN *Chron.* VI. CCXVII. (1516) 137/1 (Battle of Hastings.) Than the Seltrons smote togyder with a great noyse and crye, and faught sore. 1530 PALSGR. 266/2 Scheltrone of a batayle. 1577–87 HOLINSHED *Chron.* III. 307/2 The Scots [at Falkirk, 1298] were diuided in foure schiltrons, as they termed them, or as we may saie, round battels.

fig. ?14.. *Salutation Our Lady* 19 in *MS. Cantab. Ff. 2. 38*, fo. 31 b, Heyle, scheltrun schouris to shelde! *c* 1425 *Orolog. Sapient.* ii. in *Anglia* X. 343/39 þe best prevede knihtes sette in þe cheltrone of Criste.

2. *transf.* Applied to a compact body of ships.

c 1400 *Destr. Troy* 3239 The sheltrun togedur, þat fild were with folke.., Sesit vp þere sailes. *Ibid.* 6033.

¶ The word *jeltron, geltron* in the following quot., commonly cited as a form of *sheltron*, is prob. a misprint for **jestron, gestron*: see GESTERON.

† 1510 *Hickscorner* (W. de W.) A ij b, No armure so stronge in no dystresse Habergyon helme ne yet no Ieltron [*ed. Waley* (*a* 1586) geltron].

†**She·ltron** [2]. *Obs. rare*—[1]. In 4 **scheltroun, sheltrom, -trun, shyltroun.** [? A corruption of some form of SCANTILLON.

Perh. only a misreading on the part of a scribe; the word *sheltron* in its proper use occurs in the poem.]

A standard, gauge.

1377 LANGL. *P. Pl.* B. XIV. 81 For-þi mesure we vs wel and make owre faithe owre sheltroun [*v.rr.* as above].

Shelty. *rare*—[2]. [Prob. some error: cf. *shelter, shanty, shieling.*] Used for: A hut, shed.

1834 R. Curzon *Monast. Levant* III. xviii. (1849) 263 We found ourselves at another wretched shelty dignified with the name of khan. 1871 A. R. Wallace *Nat. Select.* vi. (ed. 2) 212 The Highland stone shelty.

Shelty: see Sheltie.

Shelve (ʃelv), *sb.*[1] [A new sing. evolved from *shelves* pl. of Shelf *sb.*[2]] = Shelf *sb.*[2] Also Comb. † *shelveflat.*

1582 Stanyhurst *Æneis* I. (Arb.) 35 Then sootherne swashruter huffling Flundge vs on high shelueflats, to the rocks vs he buffeted after. 1611 Speed *Hist. Gt. Brit.* IX. xxiv. § 210. 861 Guidelesse she droue with the tyde vpon a shelue in the shoare of Callis. 1662 J. Davies tr. *Mandelslo's Trav.* 122 There lies a Shelve a League in length..at the mouth of the Riuer, which at low water holds not above five or six foot water. 1708 *Brit. Apollo* No. 78. 2/1 The Shelve which stop'd up Sandwich Haven. 1831 Scott *Pirate* Introd., The wild cape, or formidable shelve, which requires to be marked by a lighthouse.

fig. 1697 C. Leslie *Snake in Grass* (ed. 2) 120 That desperate Shelve upon which both our Church and State have suffer'd miserable Shipwreck. 1824 Scott *St. Ronan's* xx, This plan was wrecked upon the ordinary shelve, to wit, the difficulty of finding performers.

Shelve (ʃelv), *sb.*[2] [f. Shelve *v.*[1] (sense 1).] A ledge or shelf of rock, or mountain.

a 1701 Maundrell *Journ. Jerus.* 28 Mar. (1703) 76 On the left side of it is shewn the Prophet's Bed, being a shelve on the Rock. 1791 Newte *Tour Eng. & Scot.* 416 We find the valley or shelve, between the third and the highest mountain,..covered with a species of oak. 1808 Forsyth *Beauties Scot.* V. 290 The rapidity and rumbling of the rivers, falling from shelve to shelve. 1814 Scott *Ld. of Isles* III. xvi, Precipices..Yielding no track for goat or deer, Save the black shelves we tread. 1820 Keats *Hyperion* II. 64 Above her, on a crag's uneasy shelve, Upon his elbow rais'd, all prostrate else, Shadow'd Enceladus.

† **Shelve,** *v.*[1] *Obs.*[−1] [perh. an arbitrary alteration of *shelde* Shield *v.* for the sake of rhyme. Cf. Shelf *v.*[1]] *trans.* ? To shield, defend.

c 1425 *Cast. Persev.* 2576 in *Macro Plays* (1904) 154 Whyl he held hym in þis halle, fro dedly synne we did hym schelne [*rhyme-word* delne].

Shelve (ʃelv), *v.*[2] [f. *shelves* pl. of Shelf *sb.*[1]]

† **1.** *intr.* To project like a shelf, overhang. *Obs.*

1591 Shaks. *Two Gent.* III. i. 115 Her chamber is aloft.. And built so sheluing, that one cannot climbe it.

2. *trans.* To provide with shelves, esp. to furnish (a library, etc.) with bookshelves.

1598 in H. Bradshaw *Coll. Papers* 169 Item a studdye desked and shelved rounde. 1727 [E. Dorrington] *Philip Quarll* (1816) 52 His barrack..he shelved round with platted twigs after the manner of his table. 1861 L. L. Noble *After Icebergs* 181 You would be delighted, though, with the little vales, notched and shelved with craggy terraces. 1886 *18th Rep. Dep. Kpr. Rec. Irel.* 9 Six bays have been shelved with galvanized iron, instead of..wooden fittings.

3. To place on a shelf or shelves; *esp.* to place or arrange (books) upon shelves.

1655 Fuller *Cambridge* 79 The..Libraries..are bestowed upon Cambridge, and are beautifully shelved. 1801 W. Taylor in *Monthly Mag.* XI. 648/1 This..long expected work, will of course be shelved with eagerness in the libraries of scholars. 1827 Scott *Jrnl.* 1 July, I employed myself..entering all the books..into a temporary catalogue, so as to have them shelved and marked. 1864 *Reader* 21 May 652/1 To have each book, as it is brought in, registered, shelved, and catalogued.

b. *transf.*

1832 J. H. Newman *Lett.* (1891) I. 288 You knock your head, you bruise your arms, all the while being shelved in a cupboard five feet from the floor. 1847 H. Miller *First Impress. Eng.* iv. 58 We find it [the bone-bed] shelved high, if I may so speak, in the first storey of the [Upper Silurian] system.

4. *fig.* To lay aside as on a shelf, to put away or up as done with. **a.** To remove (a person) from active service. Also *refl.*

1812 *Sporting Mag.* XL. 131 Defeat, which would tend to annihilate their fame, and what is technically termed shelve them. 1838 Lytton *Alice* IX. i, [He] being shelved with a plausible excuse of tender compassion for his infirmities. 1850 Lo. Stanley in *Croker Papers* (1884) 18 Aug., Some of the present Government..will be shelved. 1876 Mrs. Oliphant *Curate in Charge* viii, To shelve himself in an obscure place like Brentburn. 1885 *Manch. Exam.* 11 June 5/1 To be shelved in a safe place is not what Lord R. Churchill wants.

b. To put aside (a question, etc.) from consideration.

1847 *Illustr. Lond. News* 10 July 27/1 In order that the opera should not be shelved. 1855 Dickens *Dorrit* I. x, The Circumlocution Office, being reminded that my lords had arrived at no decision, shelved the business. 1877 E. R. Conder *Bas. Faith* ii. 62 In deliberative assemblies, an expedient is sometimes resorted to for shelving the matter in debate by raising what is termed 'the previous question'. 1890 *Spectator* 29 Mar. 433/2 It was evident..that the more ambitious part of the original programme would be shelved by common consent.

Shelve (ʃelv), *v.*[3] [Of obscure origin: formation from Shelf *sb.*[1] or *sb.*[2] seems unlikely on account of the sense. Cf. WFris. *skelf* adj., somewhat oblique, not quite straight or level.]

1. *intr.* Of a surface: To slope gradually. Also with *away, in, off,* etc.

1614 Gorges *Lucan* III. 106 Whose hollow pent-house shelning steepe Did them from blowes and danger keepe. *Ibid.* VI. 215 That long stretching Malean straine That shelues so farre into the maine. 1657 Austen *Fruit Trees* I. (ed. 2) 129 A loose warme soyle is accompted best if it be shelving upon the sunne. 1726 Shelvocke *Voy. round World* 402 The bank shelves away very fast from the Northern shore. 1756 Mrs. Calderwood in *Coliness Collect.* (Maitland Club) 122 The first [fish-pond]..was made with no great nicety; it shelved in from all sides. 1823 F. Cissold *Ascent Mt. Blanc* II A precipitous declivity, which shelved down, upon our right, in one plane of smooth rock, to the depth of 1000 feet. 1860 tr. *Hartwig's Sea & Wonders* i. 7 The valley of the Atlantic deepens in mid-ocean.., gradually shelving up towards both continents. 1869 Tozer *Highl. Turkey* I. 129 Precipitous banks of wood, which shelved downwards from our feet. 1885–94 R. Bridges *Eros & Psyche* May iii, A little hill, whose base Shelved off into the valley all around.

† **2.** To have an inclined position. *Obs.*

1644 Digby *Nat. Bodies* xix. § 1. 166 If you hold a sticke in running water, sheluing against the streame. 1763 Mills *Pract. Husb.* IV. 351 The shoots [of the vine] should be fastened so as that, when they grow beyond the frame, they may go shelving from it, and not hang by their binding.

3. *trans.* To tilt or tip up (a cart). *dial.*

1587 [implied in Shelver[1] and Shelving *vbl. sb.*[1]]. 1853 W. D. Cooper *Sussex Gloss.* (ed. 2), *Shelve,* to turn manure, &c., from a cart, by raising its front part and causing it to lie obliquely. E[astern]. 1875 W. D. Parish *Sussex Gloss.*

Shelvement (ʃe·lvmĕnt). *dial.* Also **shelment, shilment, -mont.** [f. Shelve *v.*[2] + -ment.] = Shelving *vbl. sb.*[1] 3.

1808 Jamieson, *Shilmonts.* 1844 H. Stephens *Bk. Farm* III. 1088 When the corn is on a level with the frame or shilments of the cart, the sheaves are then laid across the body of the cart in a row along both sides of the frame. *Ibid.* 1172 Three oak standards..tenoned..at top into the top rails, or shelvements.

Shelver[1] (ʃe·lvəɹ). [f. Shelve *v.*[3] + -er[1].]

1. A workman employed to tilt carts.

1587 Fleming *Contn. Holinshed* III. 1544/2 Eight sheluers, which pulled downe the courts as they came to the place where it was needfull to vnlode. *Ibid.* 1545/1 When the taile of the court was turned to the water side, the shelues plucked downe the load.

2. (See quot.)

1891 *Century Dict., Shelver,* a wagon or truck shelving or sloping toward the back.

Shelver[2] (ʃe·lvəɹ). *rare.* [f. Shelve *v.*[2] + -er[1].] One who shelves or puts aside.

1881 *Times* 26 Mar. 13/4 The treaty..was shelved with the avowed intention on the part of the shelvers to get rid of it altogether.

Shelving (ʃe·lviŋ), *vbl. sb.*[1] Also *dial.* (in sense 3) **shilvin, shilbin, selvin, silvin**: see *Eng. Dial. Dict.* [f. Shelve *v.*[2] + -ing[1].]

1. The action of the verb Shelve[2].

1632 in E. B. Jupp *Carpenters' Co.* (1887) 297 The Shelving of all Roomes vnwainscotted and vnpannelled with Seates and bracketts. 1665 Brathwait *Comm. Chaucer* (Chaucer Soc.) 9 From whence he descendeth to the too accurate disposing or shelving of his Books, his Angur stones [etc.]. 1848 *Blackw. Mag.* Sept. 279 Whilst on the subject of shelving, let us remark that the Scottish..Bills have shared a similar fate.

2. Shelves collectively, also material for shelves.

1844 H. Stephens *Bk. Farm* I. 214 The best shelving for a milk-house is marble. 1895 Scully *Kafir Stories* 18 The counter was high..and the shelving, sparsely filled with ..bottles.

3. *pl.* See quot. 1788. Also *rarely* in *sing.*

1641 Best *Farm. Bks.* (Surtees) 16 Lay them in 4 severall rowes, crosse over the shelvinges of the waine. 1788 W. H. Marshall *E. Yorks.* II. 351 *Shelvings,* moveable side-rails of a waggon or cart; put on for a top-load, and taken off for a body-load. 1805 R. W. Dickson *Pract. Agric.* I. 38 By the addition of shelvings..the different crops can be carried with great facility. 1867 *Gainsburgh News* 23 Mar. in *N. W. Linc. Gloss.* s.v. *Sideboard,* 1 waggon with shelvings and sideboards. 1871 W. Alexander *Johnny Gibb* i, Heely, heely, Tam, ye glaiket stirk—ye hinna on the hin' shelvin' o' the cairt.

Shelving (ʃe·lviŋ), *vbl. sb.*[2] [f. Shelve *v.*[3] + -ing[1].]

1. The tilting or tipping up of carts to deposit the load.

1587 Fleming *Contn. Holinshed* III. 1544/2 Eight men called vntingers, to loose and vndoo the tackle of euerie court immediatlie before the vnloding or shelving thereof.

2. The fact or condition of sloping; the degree of sloping; a sloping surface; a shelve.

1687 A. Lovell tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* II. 87 In some places they make a little shelving, that the rain-Water may run off [from the terrace] into wooden Spouts. 1721 Moatimer *Husb.* (ed. 2) II. 192 To be..raised a Foot or more higher than the South-side, that by a little shelving the Cover may the better carry off the Rain. 1853 Th. Ross tr. *Humboldt's Trav.* III. xxix. 170 The great inclination of the shelvings, the smallness of the island,..may be considered as..causes of the want of rivers.

Shelving (ʃe·lviŋ), *ppl. a.* [f. Shelve *v.*[3] + -ing[2].] That shelves or slopes.

1615 G. Sandys *Trav.* III. 192 In the midst of the shelving roofe, another vpright aspireth. 1621 — *Ovid's Met.* IX. (1626) 182 A Lake there is, which shelving margents bound. 1662 Gerbier *Principles* 34 Its usual standing place being so much shelving, accustomes the Horse..to be more light ..in his Gate. 1725 Pope *Odyss.* v. 564 Where to the seas the shelving shore declin'd And form'd a bay. 1762 Colman *Mus. Lady* II. 24 A couple of vile shelving garrets, where I could scarce stand upright. 1788 Gibbon *Decl. & F.* xli. IV. 128 Innumerable arrows glanced without effect from the compact and shelving order of their bucklers. 1839 Dickens *Nich. Nick.* lxii, The room..had a shelving roof; high in one part, and at another descending almost to the floor. 1884 J. Colborne *Hicks Pasha* 51 We descend a shelving gravelly plain into Berber.

b. quasi-*adv.*

1649 Blith *Eng. Improv.* iii. 20 If your Lands lye more shelving or descending towards the River. 1657 S. Purchas *Pol. Flying-Ins.* xvi. 105 Peeces of Wood..set shelving, or leaning towards the North. 1683 Moxon *Mech. Exerc., Printing* iii. 20 The Case standing shelving downwards towards them, the Letters..tend towards the hither side. 1769 Falconer *Dict. Marine* (1776) II. s.v. *Talus, Couper en Talus,* to hew a plank shelving, or with a slanting edge.

Hence **She·lvingly** *adv.*, **She·lvingness.**

1680 H. More *Apocal. Apoc.* iv. 46 One [Beast] appeared just in the midst before the Throne, and the spectacle being exhibited to him shelvingly, another appeared beyond the Throne in the same line. 1727 Boyer *Fr.-Eng. Dict., Penchant,* steepness, declivity, bending, shelvingness, bias.

Shelvy (ʃe·lvi), *a.*[1] [f. Shelve *sb.*[1] + -y.] Of a shore: Having shelves or dangerons sand-banks. † Of a brook: Full of sand-banks.

Perh. used by some writers with sense derived from Shelve *v.*[3]: Sloping down.

1598 Shaks. *Merry W.* III. v. 15, I had beene drown'd, but that the shore was shelvy and shallow. 1609 Armin *Ital. Taylor* C 4 b, Through shelvie Brooks (by sedgy bancks The shallow and the deepe). 1657 R. Ligon *Barbadoes* 26 The Leeward part of the Iland being rather shelvie then rockie, they seldome or never are cast away. 1746 W. Horsley *Fool* (1748) I. 202 The Ship would be certainly wrecked on the shelvy Coast of Holland. 1764 Goldsm. *Trav.* 84 As well..On Idra's cliffs as Arno's shelvy side. 1804 Scott *Bard's Incant.* 8 The waves..dash against the shelvy strand. 1872 Blackie *Lays Highl.* 2 Uncouth people fishing on a shelvy shore. 1885 A. Munro *Siren Casket* 5 He breasts the main And gains, much-spent, a shelvy reef.

Shelvy (ʃe·lvi), *a.*[2] *rare.* [f. Shelve *sb.*[2] + -y.] Projecting like a shelf; overhanging.

1831 Jane Porter *Sir E. Seaward's Narr.* I. 148, I deposited the spade under a shelvy rock. 1862 Borrow *Wild Wales* II. xii. 131 The shelvy side of Snowdon rose above me on the left.

Shelynge, obs. form of Shilling.

† **Shem.** *Obs. rare*[−1]. [Cheshire pronunciation of Seam *sb.*[1]] = Seam *sb.*[1] 6.

1688 Holme *Armoury* III. 92/1 A Shem, is when two edges [of lead] are turned one over the other. *Ibid.* 325/2 By these Pincers two Skirts of Lead are turned one over the other, without cutting or bruising the Lead; this kind of Rolling of Lead one within another, is termed a Shem.

So **She·ming** *a.*, that forms a 'shem'.

1688 Holme *Armoury* III. 326/1 The Sheming Mallet. *Ibid.* 325/2 A Plummers Pincers or Sheming Pincers.

Shemaul, Sheme, obs. ff. Shamal, Seam *sb.*[2]

Shemeful, obs. forms of Shameful.

Shemer, obs. form of Chimere, Shimmer *v.*

Shemerand, obs. var. Shimmering *ppl. a.*

† **Shemewe.** *Obs.* Forms: 6 shamewe, shemew, chemew. [Perh. orig. a misreading of some form of Chimer[1].] = Chimer[1].

1517 in Planche *Cycl. Costume* (1876) I. 450 A 'cote or shamewe'. 1535 *Wardr. Acc. Hen. VIII* in *Archæologia* IX. 245 A shamewe of blacke printed satten. 1548 Hall *Chron., Hen. VIII* (1550) 65 A new fassion garment, called a Shemew, which was in effect a gowne cut in the middle. *Ibid.* 77, I..perceiued thabilliment royall of the Frenche kynge, his garment was a chemew.

Shemite (ʃe·məit), *sb.* and *a.* [f. *Shem* (Heb. שֵׁם, Gr. Σήμ, L. *Sem*), name of the eldest son of Noah (cf. Gen. vi. 10) + -ite.] = Semite *a.* and *sb.*

1659 Gell *Ess. Amend. Eng. Transl. Bible* 103 The fear, faith, hope, love of God, if we be true Shemites, must inform our whole life. 1835 Kirby *Hab. & Inst. Anim.* ii. I. 76 The Shemites in the lapse of ages, passing over to America. 1844 Prichard *Phys. Hist. Man.* (ed. 3) IV. 549 Nations of Shemite origin. 1877 R. S. Poole in *Encycl. Brit.* VII. 722/2 The generous qualities of the Shemite are being perpetually perverted by the inferior impulses of the Nigritian.

Hence **Shemi·tic** *a.* and *sb.* = Semitic *a.* and *sb.* **Shemi·ticize** *v.* = Semiticize *v.* **Shemi·tish** *a.*, having Shemitic characteristics. **She·mitism,** the attributes characteristic of the Shemitic peoples.

1828 Webster Introd. p. xvi/2 The real original sense of this Shemitic verb is to remove. 1845 Kitto *Cycl. Bibl. Lit.* s.v. *Harlot,* By a common association of ideas in the Shemitish dialects. *Ibid.* s.v. *Philistines,* The Shemitics gave place to the Hellenics—a change which dates from the time of Minos. 1850 W. Irving *Mahomet* I. 22 The intellectual attributes of the Shemitic race. 1863 R. S. Poole in *W. Smith's Dict. Bible* III. 1815/2 The Egyptian words occurring in Hebrew are few, and the forms of some of them evidently Shemiticized. 1873 Leland *Egypt. Sketch-Bk.* 251 A true Shemitic mania for making money. 1882–3 Schaff *Encycl. Relig. Knowl.* I. 665 Far outside of Shemitism one finds serpent-worship.

† **Shench,** *sb. Obs.* Forms: 1, 3 scenc, 2–3 scenche, (senche), 3, 5 schench, 4 sscench. [OE. *scenc* masc.:—prehistoric **skankiz*-, related to *scencan* Shench *v.*] A cupful, drink (of liquor). Cf. *noneschenche* Nuncheon.

c 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* Matt. x. 42 Cælc vel scenc [L. *calicem*] wætres caldes. *c* 1000 *Sax. Leechd.* I. 128 Syle drincan on wine, twegan scenceas oððe ðry. *c* 1250 *Moral Ode* 331 (Egerton MS.) Þes worlð us wule for-drenche Mest alle men he ȝuied drinke, of one deofles scenche [*Trin. MS.* of on euele senche]. *c* 1205 Lay. 9692 Þus seide þe Kiag..Þer he sæt mid his scenche An his kine-benche. *Ibid.* 13461 He lette heom bringen schenches of feole cunne drenches. 13.. *Seuyn Sag.* (Weber) 562 He made ther-under a grene bench, And drank ther-under mane a sscench.

† **Shench, shenk,** *v. Obs.* Forms: *α.* 1–2 scencan, scænc(e)an, scencean, 3 scenche, scencohe, (ssenche, 3–4 sencho), 3–5 schenche, 4 shenche; *β.* 2–3 *Orm.* shennkenn, 3 senken, 5 schenkyn. [OE. *scenc(e)an* = OFris. *skenka,*

OS. *skenkian* (MLG. *schenken*, whence ON. *skenkja*, Da. *skænke*, Sw. *skänka*), MDu., mod. Du. *schenken*, OHG. *scenken* (MHG., mod.G. *schenken*) :—OTeut. **skaŋkjan*. Cf. SKINK *v.*

For conjectures as to the ulterior etymology see Kluge and Falk & Torp.]

trans. To pour out (liquor); to give (a person) drink.

a. Beowulf 496 Þeȝn nytte beheold se þe on handa bær hroden ealowæȝe scencte scir wered. *a* 1050 *Lamb. Ps.* xxxv. 9 Hiȝ beoþ ȝedrencte..of burnan þinre wynsumnysse & þu scænest [L. *potabis*] hiȝ. *a* 1050 *Liber Scintill.* xxviii. (1889) 106 Þæt nys coss ræccenn ac scencean [L. *propinare*]. *c* 1205 LAY. 8124 I-scængte mid heore. *Ibid.* 20375 He sæiȝ mid his ȝelpe þenne me him win scencheð. 1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 2526 Þe drinke vor to ssenche [*v.rr.* schenche, swenche]. 13.. *K. Alis.* 7581 (Laud MS.) He was..ysette on heiȝe benche, And wyne & pyement gynneþ shenche. 1390 GOWER *Conf.* I. 263 Envie ..halt taverne forto schenche That drink which makth the herte breune.

β. c 1200 OAMIN 15403, & tu, lef Laferrd Jesu Crist, Ne shennkesst nohht tatt wise. *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 322 He.. senkede hire hure aldre bale. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 445/1 Schenkyn drynke, *propino*.

Hence † **She·nker.**

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 51/1 Bryllare of drynke, or schenkare, (drinkshankere, *P.*), *propinator, propinatrix*.

Shenchipp, obs. form of SHENDSHIP.

† **Shend,** *sb. Obs. rare.* [f. SHEND *v.* Cf. SHOND.] Disgrace, ruin.

c 1400 *Laud Troy Bk.* 7304 We ligge here in stormes and schende. *a* 1450 *Le Morte Arth.* 1664 The squyer than was done to shende. *c* 1450 LOVELICH *Merlin* 284 For jlle werk bryngeth a man to evele ende And jn to synne & synneres schende.

Shend (ʃend), *v.*[1] Now *dial.* and *arch.* Pa. t. and pa. pple. **shent** (ʃent). Forms: 1 (ȝe-) scendan, (ȝesciendan, -scyndan), 2 sceandan, 3 scanden, scenden, sceind, schiende, s(s)ende, (*Ormin*) shennd, 3–5 schend, 3–7 shende, 4 shind, shynde, scheend, scheind, 4–5 schind, schynde, sheende, 4–6 *Sc.* schent, 5 sheynd, (schente, 6–7 shent), 2– shend; 3 *pers. sing. Pres. Ind.* 1 (ȝe-) scent, (sciend, ȝesciend, -scind, seynt), 3–4 schent, 4 shent; *Pa. t.* 1, 3 (ȝe-) scent, scende, sseende, 3–4 schende, 3–5 schente, 3–6 schent, 4 shende, shente, 5 shend, 4–6, 9 shent; 3 (*Ormin*) shendedd; *Pa. pple.* 1 ȝe-scend, -scynd, (-sciend), 3 schent, scent, (*Ormin*) shennd, y-scend, (y-)ssent, 3–5 schente, y-schend, -ssend, 3–7 schent, 4 scheint, (chent), 4–5 y-schent, (-chend), (y-)schende, 5 y-shent(e, (e-chent), schend, scheent, 5–6 shend, 5–7 shente, 3– shent; 1 ȝescended, (-sci(s)nded), 5 shendit, 9 shended. [OE. *sċendan* (also *gesċendan*), corresp. to OLow Frankish *scendian* (MDu., mod.Du. *schenden*), MLG., LG. *schenden*, OHG. *scentan* (MHG., mod.G. *schänden*) :—OTeut. type **skandjan*, f. **skando-* : see SHOND *sb.*

After the 15th c. the word occurs in literary use almost exclusively in the pa. pple. *shent*, and even this form seems already to have been felt as archaic in the latter part of the 16th c. After the pres.-stem had become rare, some writers occas. used *shent* as a present.]

1. *trans.* To put to shame or confusion; to confound, disgrace.

c 825 *Vesp. Ps.* cxviii. 31 Nyl mec ȝescendan [Vulg. *noli me confundere*]. *a* 1050 *Lamb. Ps.* xxiv. 3 Ealle þa.. anhidiaþ þe ne beon ȝescynde. *c* 1205 LAY. 3090 For nauer ich ne wende Þæt þu me woldes þus scanden [1275 sende]. *c* 1275 *XI Pains of Hell* 362 in *O.E. Misc.* 222 Lest ȝe be chamyd and schend. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 16690 'Ihesus nazaren, o Iuus King', þar-on þai wrate,..al for to scend [13.. (Gött.) schind] his state. *c* 1320 *Sir Tristr.* 3289 Þe wraiers þat weren in halle, Schamly were þai schende. 1426 AUDELAY *Poems* 27 Ellys with chenchip and with chame thai wyll be e-chent. 1436 *Libel Eng. Policy* in *Pol. Poems* (Rolls) II. 183 To shende the olde Englisshe fames. *c* 1570 *Satir. Poems Reform.* xiv. 21 Than, Father slaine, Mother was schent. *c* 1586 C'TESS PEMBROKE *Ps.* cxxix. iii, Terror shall your mindes amate, Blush and shame your faces shend. 1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* II. vi. 35 Debatefull strife, and cruell enmitie, The famous name of knighthood fowly shend. 1641 J. TRAPPE *Theol. Theol.* v. 198 This serves deepely to shent and shame us for our first brutish ignorance. 1818 KEATS *Endym.* IV. 599 He'll be shent..When he shall hear the wedding lutes a playing.

† **b.** To put to shame by superiority. *Obs.*

1596 SPENSER *Prothal.* 121 These twaine, that did excell The rest, so far, as Cynthia doth shend The lesser starres.

2. To blame, reproach, reprove; to revile, scold. In later use the passive often = to suffer for one's deeds, be punished (cf. sense 3).

c 897 ÆLFRED *Gregory's Past. C.* xxxi. 207 Done scamleasan mon mæȝ ðy bet ȝebetan ðe hine mon suiður ðreað & sciend [*Cotton MS.* scent]. *c* 1200 OAMIN 1992 Þatt ȝho na were shamedd her, Ne shennd off unnclænnesse. *c* 1230 *Hali Meid.* (Bodley) 454 Chit te & cheoweð þe, & scheomeliche schent te. *c* 1290 *Beket* 975 in *S. Eng. Leg.* 134 'Louerdinges', he seide, 'here ȝe i-seoz hov þis man me schent'. *c* 1394 *P. Pl. Crede* 9 Whan y schal schewen myn schrift schent mote y worþen. *c* 1430 *Hymns Virg.* (1867) 104 Goddis name in ydil take þou not, For if þou do þou schalt be scheent. *c* 1430 *Pilgr. Lyf Manhode* I. cxxxi. (1869) 69, I mihte not endure hem longe swiche without e sheendinge myself. 1523 LD. BERNERS *Froiss.* I. cclxxviii. 416 Sir Robert Canoll gate in the..voyage..aboue the somme of a hundred thousande frankes, wherof afterwarde he was shente. 1543 in Strype *Cranmer* (1694) App. 66 The Councel said.. that the Justices of every shire should be shent, that such things should be. 1548 UDALL *Erasm. Par. Luke* xxii. 35–38 Seyng that Peter was shent because that he drewe his sweorde. 1568 *Jacob & Esau* II. iii, I must in againe, lest perhaps I be shent, For I asked no body licence, when I went. 1600 MARKHAM *Tears of Beloved* (Grosart) 61 This monstrous sinne, for which I thus am shent. 1601 SHAKS. *Twel. N.* IV. ii. 112 Alas sir be patient. What say you sir, I am shent for speaking to you. *a* 1661 FULLER *Worthies, Camb.* (1662) I. 153 Vet was his Loyalty shent, but not sham'd. 1700 DRYDEN *Cock & Fox* 110 Much I fear my Body will be shent. 1742 SHENSTONE *Schoolmistr.* (Imit. Spenser) 18 They ..For unkempt hair, or task unconn'd, are sorely shent. 1855 BROWNING *Master Hugues* x, Masters being lauded and sciolists shent.

· *Proverb.* 13.. *Minor Poems fr. Vernon MS.* 683/12 Hos seiþ þe soþe, he schal be schent. *a* 1400 in *Songs & Poems Costume* (Percy Soc.) 44 Who seyt trowthe is shent. 1493 *Festivall* (W. de W. 1515) 26 Soo he that wyll saye the trouthe he shall be shente.

3. To destroy, ruin, bring to destruction. Also, in milder sense, to injure, damage, spoil.

a 900 CYNEWULF *Christ* 1548 Se deopa seaŏ..mid wita fela..folcum scendeð. *c* 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 39 Her is ane reowlic hone to biddene bute we inwarliche imilcien and forȝeuen þan monne þe us wreðeð and sceandet. *c* 1205 LAY. 25692 Þe scaðe..þa scendeþ [1275 sendes] þas leode. *c* 1300 *Harrow. Hell* (Harl. MS.) 130 Þou shalt neuer out wende monkunne forte shende. *c* 1330 *Arth. & Merl.* 450 Mani hauberk was torent & mani purch þe bodi schent. 1362 LANGL. *P. Pl.* A. Prol. 95 To ben Clerkes of þe kynges Benche þe Cuntre to schende. *c* 1380 *Sir Ferumb.* 523 Þe Sarasyn sayd til him þanne 'Þyn heȝ herte wil þee schynde'. 1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) VII. 347 His navey was nyh [al] adreynt, and his oost i-schend wiþ colde and wiþ honger [L. *fame et frigore contabuit*]. *Ibid.* VIII. 181 [In a hail-storm] men were i-schent [*contriti*], and foules were i-seie flee in þe ayre. *c* 1440 *Gesta Rom.* xxxi. 120 (Harl. MS.) The Oynement, that shendithe the tethe of þe lioune, is almis-dede. 1470–85 MALORY *Arthur* x. xii. 432 They wold not for no good that sire Dagonet were shente, for Kyng Arthur loued hym passynge wel. *a* 1500 *Flower & Leaf* 360 The knightes swelt, for lack of shade ny shent. 1549–62 STEARNHOLD & H. *Ps.* lxxiii. 5 And free from all aduersitie, when other men be shent. 1600 FAIRFAX *Tasso* VI. iv, But we must yeeld, whom hunger soone will shend. 1633 HART *Diet of Diseased* II. v. 163 If Physitians should now imitate the Hippocraticall course of dieting, they should be utterly shent. 1697 DRYDEN *Virg. Georg.* II. 621 Tho' shent their Leaves, and shatter'd are their Arms; Yet Heav'n their various Plants for use designs. 1812 BYRON *Ch. Har.* I. xvii, No personage of high or mean degree Doth care for cleanness of surtout or shirt; Though shent with Egypt's plague. 1906 DOYLE *Sir Nigel* v. 52 My papers have been shended and rended and cast to the wind.

absol. *a* 1568 *Bannatyne MS.* (Hunter. Club) 648 Quhithir scho schent or scho saif, I am hir serwand.

† **b.** To disfigure, spoil; to corrupt, infect; to defile, soil. *Obs.*

a 950 *Durham Ritual* (Surtees) 121/40 Giþyll scendende *aura corrumpens*. 1338 R. BRUNNE *Chron.* (1725) 204 Rise & go þi ways, For þou has wette þi hreke, schent is þi hernays. 1340 *Ayenb.* 148 Vor þe leme uorroted ssolde ssende þe hole. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Pars. T.* 854 Who so toucheth warm pych it shent hise fyngres. 1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) VI. 15 Heraclius deide in þe dropesie, and was i-schend [L. *depravatus*] with þat heresy of þe Iacobytes. *a* 1450 *Knt. de la Tour* (1868) 25 She had her nose croked, the whiche shent and dysfigured her uisage. 1530 PALSGR. 717/2 Syt hence, or you shall shende your clothes. 1876 BLACKIE *Songs of Relig.* 145 So with gore they shent His silvery locks.

c. In *pa. pple.*: Overcome with fatigue; bewildered, stupefied.

c 1400 tr. *Secreta Secret., Gov. Lordsh.* civ. 105 He cryed after him and sayde, 'abide me, I am negh shent of goynge.' 1828 CARLYLE *Goethe's Helena* Misc. 1840 I. 229 Boots not; for amaze hath shent me. 1905 *Outlook* 11 Feb. 194/2, I stood utterly shent and powerless.

† **4.** To discomfit (in battle or dispute). *Obs.*

In ME. confession was often said to 'shend' the devil.

c 893 ÆLFRED *Oros.* II. x. § 1 Xersis wæs þa æt twam cirrum on ðæm londe swa ȝescend [*bis victus in terra*]. *a* 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 21 Þu scalt gan to scrifte and pinian þine licome þe hit þe maked don, and scenden þene deofel. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 298 Schrift schent þene deouel & hacked of his heaued, & to-dreaued his ferde. 1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 4666 Hengist þoru wan þis lond verst was yssent. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xxxii. (*Justin*) 241, & þan ware þai fullely schent, & fore rednes fra hyre went. *c* 1385 CHAUCER *L. G. W.* 652 Tyl at the laste..Antonye is schent & put hym to the flyght. *c* 1480 HENRYSON *Mor. Fab.* ix. 2191 The foxe, quhen that he saw the wolf was schent, Said to him self, 'thir hering salbe myne.' 1643 WITHER *Campo-Musæ* 5 He that armes himselfe to this intent Shall ne're be shamed, though he may be shent. 1829 SOUTHEY *All for Love* IX. xxiii, The Deed is null,..A wicked instrument,..Not to be pleaded in the Courts..Sir Fiend, thy cause is shent!

† **5.** *intr.* = 'to be shent'. *Obs.*

a 1366 CHAUCER *Rom. Rose* 1400 And ful of grene leues sytte That sonne myght there none discende Lest the tender grasses shende. *c* 1425 *Cast. Persev.* 283 in *Macro Plays* 85 For schame I stonde & schende. *c* 1560 A. SCOTT *Poems* (S.T.S.) XXXIII. 11 Quhen body, honor, and substance schentis, And saule in perrell.

† **6.** In the *Destruction of Troy* the phrase *to shend of* is app. equivalent to the transitive uses, to dishonour, to destroy, injure. *Obs.*

c 1400 *Destr. Troy* 2544 For to shunt vs of shame, shend of our foos. *Ibid.* 5249 He shot thurgh the sheltrons & shent of hor knightes. *Ibid.* 13699 Þen Orestes..schamyt with þe schalke, that schent of his wife, And so dernely hym did dere & dispit.

† **Shend,** *v.*[2] *Obs.* [App. a corruption of SHIELD *v.*, arising from confusion with prec. or association with FEND *v.* or DEFEND *v.*] *trans.* To shield, defend. Also *absol.*, *God shend* = 'God shield'.

1530 PALSGR. 717/2, I shall shende hym agaynst all men so longe as I lyve. *Ibid.*, I shende, I forbyd. This verbe they use onely in the potencial,..'Saye you so Marye God shende'. 1549–62 STEARNHOLD & H. *Ps.* cxix. 76 So from all ill me shend. *a* 1597 PEELE *David & Bethsabe* (1599) D iij b, Let Dauids Harpe..sing his praise that shendeth Dauids fame. 1598 BP. HALL *Sat.* v. iii. 73 Vpreare A brazen wall to shend thy land from feare. 1602 R. T. *Five Godlie Serm.* 23 To defend and shend them against all adversaries whatsoeuer. 1614 W. BROWNE *Sheph. Pipe* i. B 2 b, These my harmlesse flocke of sheepe. And through all the day I tend them, And from Wolues & Foxes shend them. 1625 LISLE *Du Bartas* 132 Thou op'nest wide thy lap to shend thy sonne from harm.

† **She·nded,** *ppl. a. Obs.* [f. SHEND *v.*[1] + -ED[1]. Cf. SHENT *ppl. a.*] Ruined, injured.

13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* C. 246 Of þat schended schyp men schowned hym sone.

† **She·ndful,** *a. Obs.* Forms: 3–4 schendful, 3–5 schenful, 4 schende-, schent-, schind-, shynful, schentful(e, ssendvol, 4–5 shenful, 5 schent-, schendfol, send-, shendvol, 5–6 shendful, 6 shendefull. [f. SHEND *v.*[1] + -FUL.] Infamous, disgraceful.

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 200 Þe uormest is Cheaste, oðer Strif, þe oðer is Wodschipe, þe þridde is Schenful [*v.r.* schendful] Upbrud. *c* 1305 *St. Kenelm* 366 in *E. E. P.* (1862) 57 Bote hire ending schindful were. *c* 1366 CHAUCER *Rom. Rose* 259 (MS.) If she se any grete lynage Be brought to nought in shynful wise. *c* 1380 *Sir Ferumb.* 1973 Þys day ne wol y on myn halle drynke whit wyn ne red, Til y [haue] seen þe glotouns alle on schentfule deþe be ded. *c* 1425 *Seven Sag.* (P.) 3401 Thou schalt dye on schentfol deth. 1566 DRANT *Horace, Sat.* VI. D v b, That shendful shame through worde or fame did never me oppresse.

† **She·ndfully,** *adv. Obs.* [f. SHENDFUL *a.* + -LY[2].] Ignominiously, disgracefully, infamously.

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 316 Spec hire scheome schendfuliche. 1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 6343 Þus senduolliche he him slou. 1362 LANGL. *P. Pl.* A. III. 261 God sende to seye þat [Saul] schulde dye, And al his seed for þat Sunne schendfulliche ende. 1480 CAXTON *Chron. Eng.* xcii. e 6 b, Edelf..bethought howe that he myȝt..marie hir to a knaue of his kychen.. and to hym he thought hir shendfully haue maried for to haue had hir land afterward. *a* 1513 FABYAN *Chron.* v. lxxix. (1533) 32 The enymyes of the lande were shendfully chasyd and vtterly confounded.

† **She·ndfulness.** *Obs. rare*[—1]. [f. SHENDFUL *a.* + -NESS.] Vileness.

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 322 Ich chulle..trussen al þi schendfulnesse o þine owune necke.

† **She·nding,** *vbl. sb. Obs.* [-ING[1].] The action of SHEND *v.*[1]; confusion, disgrace.

a 1220 *Bestiary* 441 Deuel geld swilk billing wið same and wið sending. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 2266 For-þi þat tour hatt babilone, þat schending es wit-outen soyne. *c* 1400 *Laud Troy Bk.* 9954 Suche maystry, That the schal lede..In foule schendyng, Al thi lyff to thyn endyng. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 445/1 Schendynge, or hlamynge, *culpacio*...Schendynge, or fulle vndoynge, *confusio*. *c* 1520 NISBET *Epist. Ald Test.* xxxix, Thi pepile ar in schenting to almen [Vulg. *in opprobrium sunt omnibus*] he our cumpas.

† **She·ndlac.** *Obs. rare.* In 3 schendlac. [f. SHEND *v.*[1]: see -LAIK.] Disgrace, infamy.

a 1225 *Leg. Kath.* 1285 ȝef fifti wimmen..hefden mid wordes ower an awarpen, nere hit schendlac inoh..to alle þæt ȝelpeð of lare? *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 188 Þencheð euer inwardliche up o Godes þinen,—..uor his þrelles, þolien swuche schendlakes & hokeres.

† **She·ndly,** *a. Obs. rare*[—1]. In 3 sindlice. [Alteration of SHONDLY by association with the vb. SHEND.] Disgraceful, infamous.

c 1275 LAY. 2274 Ne sal þe no man silde fram sindlice deaþe.

† **She·ndness.** *Obs.* Forms: *α.* 1 ȝescendnys(s, ȝesceandnys, ȝescyndnys, 3 schend-, ssendnesse, 4 schindnisse, schen(d)nes, (shens); *β.* 4 schindisse, -esse. [OE. *ȝescendnyss*, f. *ȝescend*, pa. pple. of *sċendan* SHEND *v.*[1]: see -NESS.] The condition of being 'shent'; disgrace, ruin.

α. c 1000 ÆLFRIC *Hom.* (Th.) II. 66 Done deofol þe ða synfullan..ȝelæt to ȝescyndnysse. Babilonia seo Chaldeisca burh, is ȝereht 'ȝescyndnys'. *c* 1000 *Ags. Ps.* (Spelm.) xxxiv. 30 Syn ȝescrydde mid ȝescendnysse [L. *confusione*]. *c* 1275 *Passion our Lord* 275 in *O. E. Misc.* 45 Muchele schendnesse hi duden vre dryhte. 1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 7030 Astrangled he was riȝt þer & deide atte borde al stif wiþ ssendnesse ynou. *c* 1380 *Sir Ferumb.* 2175 He put himseluen on a cas whar-for agat a schour, þat turnd him..to schennes & dolour. 1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) V. 245 Þis man was i-bore to schame and schendnes of nacions.

β. c 1300 *Beket* (Percy Soc.) 66 To bring al the land to schindisse and holi churche to spille. *c* 1300 *St. Margarete* 103 Chus weþer þu wold mid schindisse to deþe beon ihroȝt. *c* 1305 *St. Kenelm* 363 in *E. E. P.* (1862) 57 Þis liþere quene deide siþþe in schindisse ynouȝ.

† **She·ndship.** *Obs.* Forms: 4–5 s(c)hend-, s(o)hent-, (5 scend-); 4–5 s(c)hen-, sen- (4 scen, schin-); see also -SHIP. [ME. *schendschipe*, f. *schend*, pa. pple. of *schende* SHEND *v.*[1] + -SHIP.] Disgrace, ignominy; an instance of this. Also, something that is a cause of disgrace.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 17470 Bot wat yll þar-wit quat þai wan Scencip and scam o mani man. *Ibid.* 18172 Wi quat ert þou þat es sa wight Vr scenscep for to scau to dright? 1303 R. BRUNNE *Handl. Synne* 8250 Þat name Ys our shenshyp and oure shame. 13.. *Guy Warw.* (A.) 3294 Aod now he me wil sle wiþ schenschipe. 1340 HAMPOLE *Pr. Consc.* 7877 Bot now will I specialy shew yhow mare Of seven maners of blysses þare, And of seven schenschepes in helle alle-swa. *c* 1350 *Will. Palerne* 556 Þat were a schamly schenchip to

schende me euer. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* l. (*Katerine*) 306 & at scho mycht sic defence ma þat it war senschepe till hir fa. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Pars. T.* 199 To muchel am I peyned for the thynges that I neuere deserued, and to muche defouled for shendshipe that man is worthy to haue. *c* 1425 *Eng. Conq. Irel.* xlv. 114 To-day he wold do the wyrshype, to-morow he wold the reue to do shendshype [*c* 1440 shenshipp]. 1426 AUDELAY *Poems* 5 He wold here selle that he had boȝt, And schenschypus here that he hath soȝt. *c* 1450 *St. Cuthbert* (Surtees) 4486 For thing þat meke men oft amendes, God to schrewes to senschipe sends. 1470–85 MALORY *Arthur* XII. xiii. 609 God saue yow this day from senshyp and shame. 1493 *Dives & Pauper* (W. de W.) IV. i. 161/1 His childern sholde be shame & shenshyp to hym.

b. = SHAME *sb. rare*$^{-1}$.

1382 WYCLIF *Lev.* xx. 11 He that slepith with his stepdam, and opneth the shenship [Vulg. *ignominiam*] of his fader, thurȝ deth dien thei bothe.

† **She·ndshipful,** *a. Obs. rare.* [f. SHENDSHIP + -FUL.] Disgraceful, ignominious.

1382 WYCLIF 2 *Chron.* xxiv. 24 In to Joas also thei enhaunten schenschipful domys.

Hence † **She·ndshipfully** *adv.* [-LY 2.]

1388 WYCLIF *Ps.* lxxxviii. 52 Whiche thin enemyes, Lord, diden schenschipfuli, for thei dispisiden the chaungyng of thi crist.

Shene, *v. Obs. rare.* Forms: 1 scēnan, 3 scænen, scenen, scænen; see also TO-SHENE *v.* [OE. *scēnan*:—prehist. **skainjan.*

Possibly due to an erroneous analysis of *tōscēnan* (TO-SHENE *v.*):—**tus-kainjan* causative of **tus-kinan* [MHG. *zer-, zekinan*) to hurst asunder.]

trans. To break.

c 1000 ÆLFRIC *Hom.* II. 260 Þa comon ðā cempan,..and sona ðæra sceaðena sceancan tobrǽcon. ..Hi gemetton Crist middanearde deadne, and his halzan sceancan scænan ne dorston. *c* 1205 LAY. 5186 Bordes þer scænden. *Ibid.* 19554 Helmes þer scenden. *Ibid.* 26807 Sceldes scenen. *Ibid.* 28552 Sceldes gonnen scanen.

Shene, obs. rare pa. pple. of SEE *v.*, SHOW *v.*

Shene, var. SHEEN *a.*; obs. form of SHEEN *v.*

Shengle, -yll, obs. forms of SHINGLE *sb.*

Shenkbeer (ʃe·nkbī·ər). *U.S.* [a. G. *schenkbier* draught beer, f. *schenken* to pour, fill (SHENCH *v.*) + *bier* BEER.] A very weak and insipid beer.

1872 SCHELE DE VERE *Americanisms* 142 *Shenkbeer*, the *Schenkbier* of Germany, is so called because it has to be put on draught (*schenken*) as soon as it is made, for fear of turning sour if not immediately consumed.

Shenshep(e, -ip(e, etc.: see SHENDSHIP.

† **Shent,** *sb. Sc. Obs. rare.* In 4–5 schent. [var. of SHEND *sb.*] Disgrace.

c 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* I. (*Petrus*) 535 Sic schent and schame at hart had he. *c* 1470 *Gol. & Gaw.* 1077 The sege that schrenkis for na schame, the schent might hym schend.

† **Shent,** *a. Obs. rare*$^{-1}$. [Of obscure origin.] Free, exempt.

c 1400 *Destr. Troy* 8119 Þi worship is went & wastid for euer, Of shame & shenship shent bes þou neuer.

Shent (ʃent), *ppl. a.* Now *arch.* Also 5 schent. [pa. pple. of SHEND *v.*1] Disgraced, lost, ruined; stupefied.

c 1400 *Destr. Troy* 10348 And shamfully a shent mon he shope to the dethe. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 445/1 Schent, or blamyd, *culpatus, vituperatus.* Schent, ful lost, *confusus, destructus.* 1570 LEVINS *Manip.* 66/21 Shent, *perditus.* 1632 LITHGOW *Trav.* II. 44 Arcadia poore and shent. *a* 1850 ROSSETTI *Dante & Circle* I. (1874) 91 Till, starting up in wild bewilderment, I do become so shent That I go forth, lest folk misdoubt of it.

† **Shent,** *v. Obs.* [Of obscure origin: cf. SHUNT *v.* and SHEND *v.*] *intr.* To hesitate.

c 1400 *Destr. Troy* 481 As maner is of maydons..: Shentyng for shame to shew furth þere ernd.

Shent, obs. form of SHEND *v.*

She-oak. *Austral.* Forms: *a.* 8– she-oak, 9 sheoak; *β.* 9 shea-oak; *γ.* qnasi-native name 9 sheac(k, shia(o)k, sheak. [See SHE 10 e; cf. *he-oak*, HE 8 b.

There is no foundation for the allegation that the word is a corruption of a native Australian or Tasmanian name. Another assertion, that it is a corruption of the name of an American tree, is also baseless.]

1. A tree of the genus *Casuarina.*

a. 1792 G. THOMPSON *Slavery & Famine* (1794) 18 There are two kinds of oak, called the he and the she oak, but not to be compared with English oak. 1818 OXLEY *Jrnl. Two Exped. N. S. Wales* (1820) 292 That species of casuarina called the beef wood (or she oak) was also seen to-day for the first time. 1875 *Zoologist* Ser. II. X. 4619 Sandal wood, mulga, she oak, all are devoured with apparent relish. 1891 E. KINGLAKE *Australian at Home* 123 Its banks fringed with the dark sheoak and the bending willow.

β. 1842 [see γ]. 1902 'BESSIE MARCHANT' (Mrs. J. A. Comfort) *Brave Little Cousin* xxiv. 187 Under the shelter of a great Shea oak.

γ. [1835 J. ROSS *Hobart-town Almanack* 75 *Casuarina torulosa*? She-oak. *C. stricta*? He-oak. *C. tenuissima*? Marsh-oak. The name of the first of these is said to be a corruption of Sheac, the name of an American tree, producing the beef wood, like our She-oak. 1842 *Western Australia* v. 80 The Shea-oak (a corruption of sheak, the native name for this, or a similar tree, in Van Diemen's Land) is used chiefly for shingles.] 1852 S. SIDNEY *Three Colonies of Australia* xxiv. 347 The lowlands..present a dull scene, sprinkled with funereal shiak or 'she-oak trees'. 1857 W. HOWITT *Tallangetta* I. i. 24 Trees of a peculiar character—the Casuarinas or Shiacks. 1860 G. T. LLOYD *33 Yrs. Tasmania* iii. 32 The 'Sheac' (perverted into she oak) or beef-wood tree, is very abundant. 1891 [see b].

b. *attrib.*

1852 She-oak tree [see above]. 1874 WALCH *Adamanta* I. ii. 16 She-oak Shavings. *a* 1880 D. S. STEWART in Fison & Howitt *Kamilaroi* 168 Sheoak trees. 1891 F. ADAMS *John Webb's End* 223 A few stunted sheak trees.

2. Slang name for colonial beer.

1888 *Cassell's Picturesque Australia* (1890) III. 83 Their drivers had completed their regulation half-score of 'long-sleevers' of 'she-oak'. 1893 J. A. BARRY *Steve Brown's Bunyip* 282 Hastily finishing his pint of 'sheoak'.

‖ **Sheol** (ʃī·ɒl, ʃī·ɒl). [Heb. שְׁאוֹל, *shᵉ'ōl.*] The underworld; the abode of the dead or departed spirits, conceived by the Hebrews as a subterranean region clothed in thick darkness, return from which is impossible. (Very common in the Revised Version of the O.T., where in the A.V. it was translated 'hell', 'grave', or 'pit'.)

¶ In recent slang sometimes jocularly substituted for 'hell'.

1599 *Broughton's Let.* xiii. 45 *Sheol*, at the best, either is not Heauen,..or else there is a third place besides Heauen and Hell called *Sheol* for the Saints to rest in. 1642 *Of Article of Creed 'Christ descended to Hades'* 2 Christs soule did *descendere ad Inferos*, or goe to Sheol or Hades. 1822 R. SCOTT *Script. Claims of Devil* 499 We cannot.. interpret the term Sheol, as referring to a Hell of eternal torments. 1873 F. C. COOK in *Speaker's Comm.* IV. 63/1 Nor is the state of the just in Sheol ever represented as one of suffering. 1890 J. FYFE (*title*) The Hereafter: Sheol, Hades, and Hell.

attrib. 1910 J. OAR in *Expositor* Nov. 398 Ghostly survival in some Sheol-like condition of semi-existence.

Shep (ʃep). *Obs.* exc. *dial.* Also 4–5 schep, chep. [Short for SHEPHERD.

It is commonly supposed that this word occurs in the second line of *Piers Plowman*, 'I shope me into shroudes as I a *sheep* were'. The author's meaning, however, seems to be that the assumption of a hermit's dress by one who was 'unholy of works' was a disguising of himself 'in sheep's clothing'. The sense 'shepherd' seems to be irrelevant; moreover, even if it be intended here, the word with the long vowel indicated by the MS. readings cannot well be of identical formation with the *shep* of the examples below.]

A shepherd.

c 1381 *Slaughter Abp. Sudbury* in *Pol. Poems* (Rolls) I. 230 Jak Chep [*v. r.* Schep], Tronche, Jon Wrau, Thom Myllere..Isti ductores in plebe fuere priores. 14.. LYDG. *Chorl & Bird* xlviii. in Ashmole *Theatr. Chem. Brit.* (1652) 223 A Chepys Croke to the ys hetter than a Launce. 1877 *N. W. Linc. Gloss., Shep*, a shepherd. 'Cook was shep to Mr. Sorsby then, but he's left now'. 1899 H. D. RAWNSLEY *Life & Nat. Engl. Lakes* 171 Waiting for the late arrival of this or that 'shep', with his contribution of strayed sheep from the fold.

Shep, obs. form of SHEEP, SHIP.

Shepard(e, obs. forms of SHEPHERD.

Shepe, obs. f. SHEEP, SHIP; var. SHIPE *sb. Obs.*

Shepen(e, obs. forms of SHIPPON.

Shepherd (ʃe·pəɪd), *sb.* Forms: *a.* 1 scéaphirde, scéap-, scéphyrde, 2–3 (*Ormin*) shephirde, 3 seopheorde, 4 schepeherde, shepehurde, 4–5 sheepherde, scheephirde, 5 shepehirde, (sheepperde), 5–6 schepehirde, 6 scheephird, shepeheard, *Sc.* scheipherde, -hird, sheephirde, 7 sheep(e)heard, sheepherd, (8 sheaperd). *β.* 4–5 schipherd, 5 schiphirde, 6 schiphird(e, shiphearde; 4 schipard(e, 5 schippart, 7 shippard. *γ.* 3–6 schepherde, 4 shephurde, 4–6 shepherde, 5 s(o)hepherde, schepphirde, schephord, chepherd, 6 schephird(e, 7 sheppherd; 3 ssepurde, 3–5 scheperd, 4–5 scheperde, -ard(e, 4–6 shep(p)arde, shepperde, 5 sheppard, 5–7 sheperd, 6 shepperd, 6–8 shepard; 5 schepheerde, 6 schepheird, 6–7 shepheard(e, 7 sheppheard; 5 schepeerde; 6– shepherd. [OE. *scēaphirde*: see SHEEP and HERD *sb.*2 Cf. MLG., MDu. *schāphirde* (mod. Du. has *schaapherder*), MHG. *schâfhirte*, mod.G. dial. *schafhirt.*

The shortened vowel of the first syllable is normal in compounds.]

1. A man who guards, tends, and herds a flock of sheep (grazing at large); usually one so employed for hire; or one of a pastoral people who herds (his own) sheep, goats, etc.

a 1023 WULFSTAN *Hom.* lv. (1883) 288 Swa swa sceaphyrde tosceat sceap fram gatum. *c* 1200 ORMIN 3587 Crist iss all se Davipp wass Shephirde, & king, & kemmpe. *c* 1275 *Passion our Lord* 133 in *O. E. Misc.* 41 Beo þe seopheorde aquold and of lyue bireued þenne scule sone his seop alle beon todreued. 1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 7210 Ssepurdes hii beþ lupere vor hii ne witeþ noȝt Her ssep fram þe wolues. 1315 SHOREHAM *5 Joys of Virg.* 135 Out com an aungel wyþ great leem In-to þe feld of bedleem, Amonges þe schepherden, Te telle þat cryst was y-bore. *c* 1450 *Mirk's Festial* 22 þay..speken godely and louyngly to pore schephordes þat kepten hor schepe yn þe contre by. 1459 *Inventory* in *Paston Lett.* I. 479 Inprimis, j. clothe of arras, clyped the Schipherds clothe. *Ibid.* 482 Item, j. clothe of arras, of the Schipherds. 1489 CAXTON *Faytes of A.* I. i. 5 The good sheppard exposeth his lyf for his sheep. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* VIII. Prol. 46 Sum schippart slayis the lordis sheip, and sais he is a sant. 1540–1 ELYOT *Image Gov.* 30 Rude sheepeheardes olde and decrepite. 1599 DALLAM in *Early Voy. Levant* (Hakl. Soc.) 87 A foreste-like Cuntrie, wheare we saw nether towne nor villidge, but somtime a shipheardes Hoote. 1606 *Sir G. Goosecappe* v. i. in Bullen *Old Pl.* (1884) III. 77 If the sunne of thy beauty doe not white me like a shippards holland, I am a Iewe to my Creator. 1657 *Penit. Conf.* ix. 283 The next denomination is of a sheepherd and flock. 1815 ELPHINSTONE *Acc. Caubul* (1842) II. 97 The greater part of the tribe is composed of shepherds. 1891 *Spectator* 28 Feb., Every one hastened to turn shepherd, and cultivate wool and mutton.

b. Applied to the rustic personages of pastoral poetry. Hence, in poetry more or less adopting the pastoral convention, formerly often used to designate the writer and his friends or fellow-poets.

1591 SPENSER *Daphn.* 526 And ye faire Damsels, Shepheards deire delights, That with your loues do their rude hearts possesse. *a* 1599 ? RALEIGH in *Pass. Pilgr.* xix. *Love's Answ.*, If that the World and Loue were young, And truth in euery shepheards toung. 1600 SHAKS. *A. Y. L.* III. v. 82 Dead Shepheard, now I find thy saw of might. *a* 1763 SHENSTONE *Elegies* xviii. 2 Near Avon's bank,..A tuneful shepherd [*note*, Mr. Somerville] charm'd the list'ning wave.

† **c.** = SHEPHERDESS. *Obs. rare.*

1588 GREENE *Pandosto* Wks. (Grosart) IV. 274 The maide with the garland on her heade was Fawnia, the faire shepheard.

d. A representation (in china, etc.) of a youthful shepherd; cf. SHEPHERDESS.

1866 *Cornh. Mag.* Sept. 358 Like a Dresden shepherd and shepherdess.

e. Fr. Hist. *The Shepherds* [= Fr. *les Pastoureaux*]: the name applied to those who took part in the peasant insurrections of 1251 ff. and 1320.

1759 *Universal Hist., Mod.* XIII. 308 The irruption of a band of enthusiastick shepherds, who pretended to work miracles. [*note*] The origin of these shepherds is variously related. 1845 *Encycl. Metrop.* XI. 710/1 *marg.*, [1251] The Crusade of Shepherds. 1874 G. W. COX *Crusades* xv. 215 The outbreak of the Pastoureaux, or Shepherds (so called from their supposed simplicity),..took place.. while Louis IX. was a captive in Egypt.

2. *fig.* **a.** A spiritual guardian or pastor of a 'flock'; = PASTOR *sb.* 2.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 28278 Quare i was scheperd hade sauls to kepe To reckelesly i geit my schepe. 1382 WYCLIF *Ephes.* iv. 11 He ȝaf summe sotheli apostlis,..othere forsoth schepherdis [so Tindale and Coverdale; 1611 pastors] and techeris. *a* 1536 *Songs, Carols*, etc. (1907) 81 The cheff sheperd in this world þat ys, Shuld be the pope. 1588 *Marprel. Epist.* (Arb.) 7 Appointed to be pastors and shepheards to feed others. 1693 PRIOR *To Dr. Sherlock* 68 'Midst thy own Flock, great Shepherd, be receiv'd. 1812 CARY *Dante, Parad.* XXI. 121 Modern Shepherds need Those who on either hand may prop and lead them.

¶ In comic fiction, represented as an official title of the 'pastor' or 'minister' of a sect.

1837 DICKENS *Pickw.* xxii, 'The kiss of peace', says the shepherd; and then he kissed the women all round. 1889 GAETTON *Memory's Harkback* 52 Then the shepherd read, and supposed that he was explaining a portion of Scripture.

b. In Biblical use, applied to God in relation to Israel or the Church; also to Christ (esp. with reference to John x. 12).

1382 WYCLIF *John* x. 12, I am a good schepherde; a good schepherde ȝyueth his soule, that is, his lyf, for his scheep. 1535 COVERDALE *Ps.* lxxix. 1 Heare o thou shepherde of Israel, thou y^{t} ledest Iacob like a flocke of shepe. 1655 EVELYN *Let. to Jer. Taylor* 18 Mar., The shepheards are smitten, and the sheepe must of necessity be scattered, unless the greate Shepheard of Soules oppose. 1738 WESLEY *Ps.* LXXX. i, Shepherd of Souls, the Great, the Good. 1820 SCOTT *Monast.* XXXVII, I have not given to the wolf any of the stray lambs whom the Great Shepherd of souls had intrusted to my charge.

c. Applied to temporal rulers. Cf. Gr. ποιμὴν λαῶν (Homer) 'shepherd of the peoples', and similar uses in the Old Testament.

1577 B. GOOGE *Heresbach's Husb.* III. (1586) 113 b, Poets.. oftentimes call kings and princes by the names of shepheardes, and feeders of the people. Yea the Lorde of the whole worlde doth call himselfe a shephearde. 1780 J. BROWN *Lett. Toleration* i. (1803) 23 Political shepherds ought never to overdrive their flocks. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* I. I. i, The shepherd of the people has..been put to bed in his own Château of Versailles.

3. (With initial capital.) = SHEPHERD KING 1.

1813 PRITCHARD *Phys. Hist. Man* viii. § 2. 428 Manetho reckons eighteen years between Sethosis and the exit of the Shepherds from Egypt. The dynasty of Shepherds consists of six monarchs. 1860 R. S. POOLE in *W. Smith's Dict. Bible* I. 509/2 (*Egypt*) There can be no question that he [Pharaoh of Joseph's time] was, if the dates be correct, a Shepherd of the xvth dynasty.

4. *Austral.* A miner who holds a claim but does not work it.

1864 J. ROGERS *New Rush* II. 30 Shame, vagrant shepherds! cast your coat of sloth; other miners..have ris'n to rule the State, and so may you. 1888. *Argus* in E. E. Morris *Austral Eng.* s. v., Dr. Quick retorted with a declaration that the Grand Junction Company were all 'shepherds', and that 'shepherds' are the worse of the two classes.

† **5.** The shepherd-spider. *Obs. rare.*

1608 TOPSELL *Serpents* 271 This kind of Spyder..delighting in the company of Sheepe: and for this cause I take it, that we Englishmen do call her a Shepheard. 1658 ROWLAND tr. *Mouffet's Theat. Ins.* 944 These are called in English *Shepherds*, in Latine *Opiliones*, because they are most often seen where sheep use to feed. 1686 PLOT *Staffordsh.* 238 Those long-legged ones [spiders] we call Shepherds, which never spin any thred.

6. *attrib.* and *Comb.* **a.** Simple attrib., as (appositive) *shepherd-band, -boy, folk, -girl, -poet*, etc.; (pertaining to a shepherd or shepherds) *shepherd-care, haunt, life, staff*, etc.

1902 L. HOUSMAN *Bethlehem* 53 Back to their folds have gone the *shepherd-band. 1802 WORDSW. *To Young Lady* 7 There, healthy as a *shepherd boy. 1819 SCOTT *Ivanhoe* xxxi, As a shepherd boy flourishes his light crook. 1845

G. MURRAY *Islaford* 17 How lamb-like in his *shepherd-care he was. 1900 H. SUTCLIFFE *Shameless Wayne* xix. (1905) 241 Loose-limbed *shepherd folk. 1757 COLLINS *Or. Eclogues* I. 56 Here make thy court amidst our rural scene, And *shepherd-girls shall own thee for their queen. 1600 FAIRFAX *Tasso* VII. v, Swaines and *shepherd groomes. 1807 WORDSW. *White Doe* I. 11 What sprinklings of blithe company! Of lasses and of shepherd grooms. 1860 PUSEY *Min. Proph.* 154 The Prophet's first thought..was towards his own *shepherd-haunts. 1508 KENNEDIE *Flyting w. Dunbar* 254 Put I nocht sylence to the, *schiphird knaif. 1833 TENNYSON *May Queen* I. vii, The *shepherd lads on every side 'ill come from far away. 1591 SPENSER *Daphn.* 316 But now ye *Shepheard lasses, who shall lead Your wandring troupes, or sing your virelayes? 1860 PUSEY *Min. Proph.* 150 The *shepherd-life of Amos. 1807 WORDSW. *Song at Feast of Brougham Castle* 107 The *Shepherd-lord was honoured more and more. 1825 J. WILSON *Poems* II. 310 Quietly slumber *shepherd-men In the silence of some inland glen. 1633 P. FLETCHER *Purple Isl.* XI. xliii, In vain the keeper calls his *shepherd peers. 1835 WORDSW. *Extemp. Effus. Death J. Hogg* 12 And death upon the braes of Yarrow Has closed the *Shepherd-poet's eyes. *a* 1352 MINOT *Poems* (ed. Hall) ix. 20 None letes him þe way to wende whore he will: Bot with *schipherd staues fand he his fill. 14.. *Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 564/9 *Angivs*, a shepardstaf. 1867 HAWKER *Pr. Wks.* (1893) 110 A damsel in the bloom of youth stood leaning on her shepherd-staff. 1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* III. vi. 15 The gentle *shepheard swaynes. 1775 MICKLE *Camoens' Lusiad* IV. 163 To the Massylian *shepherd-tents she flies. 1798 SOTHEBY tr. *Wieland's Oberon* (1826) I. 43 Our knight opprest Begs from some *shepherd-wife her simple fare.

b. *Egypt. Hist.* [sense 3], as *Shepherd-invasion, -period, -prince*, etc.; see also SHEPHERD KING.

1854 W. OSBURN *Mon. Hist. Egypt* II. v. 208 The Shepherd invasion. *Ibid.* 209 When Amosis first attacked the Shepherd kingdom. 1860 R. S. POOLE in *W. Smith's Dict. Bible* I. 509/1 (*Egypt*) The period of Egyptian history to which the Shepherd-invasion should be assigned is a point of dispute. 1863 *Ibid.* III. s. v. *Zoan*, Remains of the Shepherd-period. 1877 J. E. CARPENTER *Tiele's Hist. Relig.* 53 The Arab Shepherd-Princes (the Hyksos).

c. Similative, as *shepherd-hearted*; also *shepherd-like* adj. and adv.

1853 T. T. LYNCH *Self-Improv.* ii. 31 A *shepherd-hearted and royal youth like David. 1591 SPENSER *Ruins of Rome* 251 Peters successor..Who, *shepheardlike,..doth shew, that all things turne to their first being. 1851 MRS. BROWNING *Casa Guidi Wind.* II. 520 Showing now defiled His hireling hands, a better help's achieved Than if they blessed us shepherd-like and mild.

d. Special comb.: **shepherd-bird** = PASTOR *sb.* 4; **shepherd-check** = *shepherd's check*; **shepherd-dog** = shepherd's dog (see 7 b); † **shepherd fly** (see quot.); **shepherd land**, *Sc.* (see quot.); **shepherd spider**, the harvest-spider (also *shepherd's*: see 7 b); † **shepherd silver**, ? a tax paid for the keeping of shepherds; **shepherd tartan** = *shepherd's tartan*.

1869 T. R. JONES *Cassell's Bk. of Birds* I. 227 The Rose Starling, or *Shepherd-bird (*Pastor roseus*). 1862 *Catal. Internat. Exhib., Brit.* II. No. 3980, Cloakings, coatings, livery Valencias, *shepherd checks, trouserings, &c. *c* 1425 *Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 699/17 *Hic aggregarius*, a *scheperd dog. 1846 E. J. LEWIS *Youatt's Dog* iii. (1858) 105 The descendants of the Spanish shepherd dog, so highly prized in protecting the Merino flocks from the wolves. 1664 POWER *Exp. Philos.* I. 6 The *Shepherd-flye or Spinster-flye, which Muffet calls *Opilionum Muscam.* 1892 C. PATRICK *Mediæval Scot.* ii. 20 'Shepherd land' seems to have been generally hill pasturage, to which the sheep were sent at suitable seasons. *a* 1377 *Abingdon Rolls* (Camden) 40 Item pro hidagio xijd. Item pro *schepersulfer ijd. q^a. 1665 HOOKE *Microgr.* 198 The Carter, *Shepherd Spider, or long-legg'd spider. 1854 A. ADAMS, etc. *Man. Nat. Hist.* 278 Shepherd-Spiders (*Phalangidæ*). 1865 D. C. BOYD in Blaikie *Livingstone* xviii. (1881) 362 He wore..*shepherd-tartan trousers.

7. Combinations with *shepherd's* (sometimes varying with combs. of *shepherd*, see 6). a. Obvious combs. denoting a thing such as is used by or is characteristic of shepherds, as *shepherd's crook, horn, life, staff*, etc.

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 445/1 Schepeerdys croke, *pedum. Ibid.*, Scheperdys logge, or cory, *magalis, mapale.* 1530 PALSGR. 266/2 Schepherdes bagge, *pannetiere. Ibid.*, Schepherdes staffe, *houlette.* 1538 ELYOT *Dict., Bardocucullum*, a thrummed hatte, or a shepardes cloke. 1600 SHAKS. *A. Y. L.* III. ii. 11 And how like you this shepherds life M^r Touchstone? 1688 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 2383/4 Lost...Three Mares, one black,..a Shepherds-hook on the near Hip behind. 1797 MRS. RADCLIFFE *Italian* xiii, Is not that a shepherd's horn sounding at a distance?

b. Special comb.: **shepherd's calendar**, a calendar containing weather predictions and seasonable instructions for the use of shepherds (app. proverbially referred to as an unreliable source of information); hence adopted as the title of certain pastoral poems; **shepherd's chess**, a game, perh. nine-men's morris; **shepherd's club**, two varieties of moth (see quot.); **shepherd's companion** (see quots.); **shepherd's crown** = SHEPHERD'S PURSE 2; **shepherd's dog**, a large variety of dog employed by shepherds to control and protect flocks of sheep (cf. *sheep-dog*); † **shepherd's fly** = *shepherd-fly* (6 d); † **shepherd's harp** (see quot.); † **shepherd's hour**, the lover's opportunity (tr. F. *l'heure du berger*); **shepherd's knot** (see quot.); **shepherd's lamp** *dial.*, the evening star; † **shepherd's mastle** = *shepherd's dog*; **shepherd's pie**, a pie consisting of chopped meat and potatoes, covered with a crust of mashed potatoes browned; **shepherd's pipe** (see quot. 1881); † **shepherd's spider** = *shepherd-spider* (6 d).

1506 *Kal. Shepherdes* (Sommer) 8 These be the contentis of this present Boke of the *Shepeherdes kalender. 1565 JEWEL *Repl. Harding* XVI. vi. 552 His Reader woulde also longe to know..in what Chronicle..thei were recorded. Otherwise he wil suspecte, M. Hardinge founde it in the Shepeherdes Calendare. 1579 SPENSER (*title*) The Shepheardes Calender. 1869 BLACKMORE *Lorna D.* XXXVII, They were.. playing at push-pin, or *shepherd's chess, or basset; or some trivial game of that sort. 1832 J. RENNIE *Butterfl. & Moths* 90 The *Shepherd's Club (*Cucullia Thapsiphaga..*) appears in June. *Ibid.* 100 The Shepherd's Club (*Euclidia glyphica*). 1844 LEICHHARDT *Jrnl.* iii. (1847) 80 We also observed..the *shepherd's companion, or fan-tailed fly-catcher (Rhipidura). 1890 *Hardwicke's Sci. Gossip* XXVI. 11/1 The Shepherd's Companion is a curious little bird, which much resembles a wagtail in its habits. 1893 *Wilts. Gloss.*, **Shepherds'-crown*, fossil Echini [see also SHEPHERD'S PURSE 2]. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 445/1 *Scheperdys dogge, *gregarius*. 1840 BLAINE *Encycl. Rural Sports* § 1415 The shepherd's dog. 1688 HOLME *Armoury* II. ix. 190/2 *Shepherds fly. *Ibid.* III. xvi. (Roxb.) 76/2 An Instrument of Musick, termed a *shepards harpe; it is no other then a Board cut Bevile on both sides, with wyer or bowell strings fastned there on with pins and pegs. 1690 DRYDEN *Amphitryon* IV. *Pastoral Dial.*, Fair Iris and her swain Were in a shady Bow'r, Where Thyrsis long in vain Had sought the *shepherd's hour. 1844 H. STEPHENS *Bk. Farm* II. 33 These ropes are wound round the stakes [of a net enclosing sheep] by a peculiar sort of knot called the '*shepherd's knot'. 1827 CLARE *Sheph. Cal.* 111 The *Shepherd's Lamp, which even children know. 1577 B. GOOGE *Heresbach's Husb.* III. 154 b, *marg.*, The *shepheardes Mastie. 1896 *Daily News* 30 Nov. 8/5 *Shepherd's pie. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 445/1 *Scheperdys pype, *barbita*. 1881 W. H. STONE in Grove *Dict. Mus.* III. 486 Shepherd's Pipe, a name given to the pastoral oboe or musette. 1688 HOLME *Armoury* II. x. 215/2 The long legged Spider of the Garden, or Field,..is called the *Shephards-Spider, becanse they are generally in the grounds where sheepe pasture.

c. In certain names of textile fabrics: **shepherd's check, plaid, tartan**, a woollen cloth with a black-and-white check pattern; † **shepherd's cloth, velvet** = FEARNOUGHT; † **shepherd's grey**, grey cloth worn by shepherds.

c 1640 A. TOWNSHEND *Poems & Masks* (1912) 27 And cast thy purple roabes away, To take a scrippand sheaphercls grey. 1791 E. NAIRNE *Poems* 76 A bran new coat Of shepherd's velvet. 1794 *Sporting Mag.* III. 193 The wadding..is made of the cloth called fear-naught or shepherd's cloth. 1834 DICKENS *Sk. Boz, Boarding Ho.* ii, He wore shepherd's-plaid inexpressibles. 1885 'MRS. ALEXANDER' *Valerie's Fate* i, A large soft shawl of shepherd's plaid. 1896 'L. KEITH' *Indian Uncle* xvi. 253 Let himself be instantly 'happet' in the sheriff's shepherd-check plaid. 1897 *Westm. Gaz.* 25 Feb. 4/2 Shepherd's check tartan. *Ibid.*, These shepherd's check gowns.

d. In the names of plants, chiefly *dial.*: † **shepherd's bag** = SHEPHERD'S PURSE 1; **shepherd's beard** = *sheep's beard* s.v. SHEEP *sb.* 9; **shepherd's bedstraw**, *Asperula cynanchica* (Britten & Holland 1886); † **shepherd's bodkin** (see quot.); **shepherd's calendar**, the scarlet pimpernel; **shepherd's clock**, (*a*) = prec.; (*b*) the goatsbeard, *Tragopogon pratensis* (B. & H.); **shepherd's club**, the common mullein, *Verbascum Thapsus*; **shepherd's comb**, *Scandix Pecten* (B. & H.); **shepherd's cress**, the dwarf cruciferons plant, *Teesdalia nudicaulis*; **shepherd's delight, dial, glass**, the scarlet pimpernel, *Anagallis arvensis*; **shepherd's gourd**, the common mullein; **shepherd's hour-glass**, the yellow pimpernel, *Lysimachia nemorum*; **shepherd's joy** (see quot.); **shepherd's knot** = TORMENTIL; **shepherd's myrtle**, *Ruscus aculeatus*; **shepherd's needle**, † (*a*) *Geranium*, (*b*) *Scandix Pecten*; **shepherd's pedler, pouch** = SHEPHERD'S PURSE 1; **shepherd's rod**, *Dipsacus pilosus*; **shepherd's root** = TORMENTIL (B. & H.); **shepherd's rose**, ? some species of rose growing in hedges; **shepherd's scrip** = SHEPHERD'S PURSE 1; **shepherd's staff**, (*a*) = *shepherd's rod*; (*b*) the common mullein; **shepherd's sun-dial** = *shepherd's dial* above; **shepherd's thyme**, (*a*) the wild thyme, *Thymus Serpyllum*; (*b*) the chalk milkwort; **shepherd's warning, watch**, the scarlet pimpernel (B. & H.); **shepherd's weatherglass**, (*a*) the scarlet pimpernel; (*b*) *Stellaria Holostea* (B. & H.).

1548 TURNER *Names of Herbs* (E.D.S.) 83 Bursa pastoris is also called in englishe of many Bursa pastoris and of other *Shepherdes bag or Shepherdes purse. 1840 PAXTON *Bot. Dict.*, *Shepherd's Beard, see *Arnopogon*. 1706 PHILLIPS (ed. Kersey), **Shepherds-Bodkin*, a sort of Herb. 1832 MRS. BRAY *Tamar & Tavy* xviii. (1836) I. 318 We have.. the *shepherd's calendar, and the one o'clock, the very dial of poetry. 1878 SUSAN PHILLIPS *On Seaboard* 86 We..Read the '*shepherd's clock'. 1790 ALEX. WILSON *Morning* Poet. Wks. (?1846) 3 *Shepherds clubs hang nodding o'er the steep. *Ibid. Monkey & Bee* 41 O'ertopt with stately shepherds clubs. *c* 1710 PETIVER *Cat. Ray's Eng. Herbal* Tab. 50 *Shepherd's-cress. 1863 *Sowerby's Eng. Bot.* (ed. 3) I. 209 *Teesdalia nudicaulis*..Shepherd's Cress. 1865 *Cornh. Mag.* July 34 The scarlet pimpernel, from its susceptibility to the changes of the weather, is his [the peasant's] '*shepherd's dial'. 1886 BRITTEN & HOLLAND *Dict. Plant-n.*, *Shepherd's glass. *Anagallis arvensis*. 1896 *Garden Work* 4 Mar. 112/1 A young man..called the plant Verbascum Thapsus '*Shepherd's Gourd'. 1909 *Essex Rev.* XVIII. 77 The *Shepherd's Hour-glass. 1884 W. MILLER *Plant-n.* 124/2 *Shepherd's-joy, Australian. The genus *Geitonoplesium*. *Ibid.* 125/1 *Shepherd's-knot. *Tormentilla officinalis*. *c* 1840 W. A. BROMFIELD *Flora Vectensis* (1856) 508 *Shepherd's Myrtle. 1562 BULLEIN *Bulwarke, Bk. Simples* (1579) 42 b, What is the vertue of *Geranium*, called *Sheepherdes needell? 1597 GERARDE *Herbal* II. cccc. 884 *Pecten Veneris, siue Scandix*. Shepheards Needle, or Venus combe. 1805 R. W. DICKSON *Pract. Agric.* I. 564 The *scandix pecten veneris* of botanists, and what is often known to agricultors by the names of Shepherd's needle, Beggar's needle, &c. 1811 T. DAVIS *Agric. Wilts* 267 *Crowpeck*, Shepherd's purse, or *shepherd's pedler. 1568 TURNER *Herbal* III. 14 Bursa pastoris is called in some places of England *shepherdes pouche. 1633 T. JOHNSON *Gerarde's Herbal* II. 1168 *Dipsacus minor, sive Virga pastoris*. *Shepheards-rod. 1735 KEOGH *Bot. Univ. Hibern.* 122 Wild Teasel, great Shepherds Rod, venus Bason, or carde Thistle. 1796 WITHERING *Brit. Plants* (ed. 3) II. 182 Shepherd's Rod. Shepherd's Staff. Small Teasel. 1817–8 COBBETT *Resid. Amer.* (1822) 43 No *shepherd's rose, no honeysuckle, none of that endless variety of beauties that decorate the hedges and the meadows in England. 1578 *Shepherds scrip [see SHEPHERD'S PURSE 1]. 1760 J. LEE *Introd. Bot.* App. 327 *Shepherd's Staff, *Dipsacus*. 1882 *Trans. Cumb. Assoc. Lit. & Sci.* VII. 142 *Verbascum thapsus*:..the 'Shepherd's Staff' of the rustic population. 1823 MOOR *Suffolk Words*, *Shepherd's Sun-dial. 1857 MISS PRATT *Flower. Pl.* IV. 168 *Thymus Serpyllum*.. *Shepherd's Thyme. 1878 HARDY *Ret. Native* VI. ii. (1890) 395 On the green turf and shepherd's-thyme. 1893 *Wilts. Gloss.*, Shepherds'-Thyme, *Polygala calcarea*,..chalk Milkwort. 1827 CLARE *Sheph. Cal.* 47 Pimpernel, dreading nights and showers, Oft call'd 'the *Shepherd's Weather-glass'. 1872 CHR. ROSSETTI *Sing Song* 86 Scarlet shepherd's-weatherglass Spreads wide open at her feet.

Hence (*nonce-wds.*) **She·pherddom**, the state of shepherds; **She·pherdhood** (in quot.), the personality of a shepherd.

1905 *Edin. Rev.* Apr. 319 The attributes of shepherddom, milk-jar, crook, pipes [etc.]. 1596 W. SMITH *Chloris* (1877) 30 But that it pleased thy graue shepherdhood The Patron of my maiden verse to bee.

Shepherd (ʃe·pəɹd), *v.* [f. SHEPHERD *sb.*]

1. *trans.* To tend, guard and watch (sheep) as a shepherd. Also rarely to keep or breed (sheep).

1790 [implied in SHEPHERDING *vbl. sb.*]. 1862 RUSKIN *Unto this Last* 43 He must..shepherd his own flocks. 1881 *Cheq. Career* 36 In Australia, sheep..are shepherded and yarded every night. 1885–94 R. BRIDGES *Eros & Psyche* Apr. xiii, Talos..who shepherded the sea-goats on the coast. *absol.* 18.. *Househ. Words* XXXV. 11 (Flügel) When he used to go shepherding with me on his rough pony. 1884 *Kendal Mercury* 26 Sept. 2/6 Two farmers..were out shepherding, when they were overtaken by an awful storm. 1887 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 26 Oct. 3/1 The Virgin is said to have appeared to two children..who were shepherding up there in the mountains.

2. *transf.* and *fig.* To tend, watch over, or guide as a shepherd does his sheep.

1820 SHELLEY *Arethusa* 6 Arethusa arose From her couch of snows..Shepherding her bright fountains. *a* 1851 *Edin. Rev.* in *Arch. Stud. new. Spr.* VIII. 276 Shepherding a lady. 1862 H. H. DIXON *Scott & Sebright* (1895) 380 He would put out twenty couple of puppies for him, and go round twice a week to shepherd them. 1868 LOWELL *Dara* 19 So Dara shepherded a province wide, Nor in his viceroy's sceptre took more pride Than in his crook before. 1885 M. ARNOLD *Poor Matthias*, French canary-merchant old Shepherding his flock of gold In a low dim-lighted pen. 1898 G. B. SHAW *You never can tell* II. Stage Dir., The waiter shepherds his assistants along with him into the hotel by the kitchen entrance.

3. *Austral.* To watch over or guard (a mining claim) by working on it superficially (esp. by digging small pits) so as to retain legal rights.

1861 T. M'COMBIE *Australian Sk.* 135 Few of their claims, however, are actually 'bottomed', for the owners merely watch their more active contemporaries. *Footnote*, This is termed 'shepherding' a claim. 1880 D. C. DAVIES *Metallif. Min.* 421 *Shepherding*, Aus., keeping possession of a mining claim by doing the least quantity of work on it allowed by law.

intr. 1863 *Once a Week* VIII. 507 (Farmer), Having sunk their holes, each about a foot, and placed in them a pick or shovel as a sign of ownership, they devoted themselves to the laborious occupation of shepherding.

4. *colloq.* or *slang.* To watch over, to follow closely and watchfully; chiefly *slang*, see quot. 1890; also *Austral. slang*, to follow a person so as to get something out of him or to cheat him.

1885 *Times* 13 Apr. 5/3 Admiral Dowell is reported to be closely shepherding the Russian vessels in these seas. 1890 BARRÈRE & LELAND *Dict. Slang* s.v., Adversaries opposite each other at football are said to *shepherd* or watch each other. A man may *shepherd* a rich uncle or rich heiress, a detective *shepherds* a criminal whom he suspects of planning a felony. A man *shepherds* one of his own side at football by keeping off adversaries while he is running or kicking. 1893 KIPLING *Many Invent., Lost Legion*, You must know that all along the north-west frontier of India there is spread a force of some thirty thousand foot and horse, whose duty it is to quietly and unostentatiously shepherd the tribes in front of them. 1899 SHEARMAN, etc. *Football* 313 Off goes the ball again; a player seizes it, bouncing it as he goes, 'shepherded' along the way by his friends. 1905 *Sat. Rev.* 10 June 761 He..should have shepherded at an earlier date the Russian fleet out of French waters.

b. *Mil. slang.* To force (a body of the enemy) into an unfavourable position.

1900 *Daily Tel.* 2 Apr. (Ware *Passing Engl.*), Cronje was shepherded with his army into the bed of the Modder by a turning movement.

Hence **She·pherded** *ppl. a.*, protected, guarded.

1884 RUSKIN *Fors Clav.* xcvi. 306 To be kept from its evil in shepherded peace.

Shepherdess (ʃe·pədɛ̀s). Also 6 *erron.* **shepheardize.** [f. SHEPHERD *sb.* + -ESS.] A female shepherd; a woman or girl who tends sheep; also *fig.* Also in pastoral poetry (see SHEPHERD 1 b).

1387–8 T. USK *Test. Love* I. ii. (Skeat) I. 86 For me liste.. of al myne a Shepherdesse to be cleped. 1590 GREENE *Never too late* II. Wks. (Grosart) VIII. 216 Consider with your selfe faire Shepheardize, that poore men feele paine as well as Princes. 1591–5 SPENSER *Astrophel* 212 The gentlest shepheardesse that liues this day. 1648 HERRICK *Hesper., Mrs. Eliz. Wheeler*, Tell me, said I, in deep distresse, Where I may find my Shepardesse. 1758 JOHNSON *Idler* No. 71 ¶ 13 He ..wondered that he had not seen the shepherdesses dancing. 1859 TENNYSON *Merlin & V.* 608 Percivale..Then paced for coolness in the chapel-yard; Where one of Satan's shepherdesses caught And meant to stamp him with her master's mark. 1885 RUSKIN *Pleas. Eng.* 137 St. Margaret of Antioch was a shepherdess. 1902 MRS. A. MEYNELL *Later Poems* 9 She walks..A shepherdess of sheep.

b. A representation (in painting, etc.; esp. china or earthenware) of a shepherdess.

1771 H. WALPOLE *Vertue's Anecd. Paint.* (1782) IV. 73 Watteau's shepherdesses, nay, his very sheep, are coquet. 1807 W. IRVING *Salmag.* (1824) 91 Little lacquered earthen shepherdesses. 1870 DICKENS *E. Drood* vi, Her dress is as the dress of a china shepherdess: so dainty in its colours.

c. *attrib.* and *Comb.*

1862 *Catal. Internat. Exhib., Brit.* II. No. 4115, Woollen shawls and cloakings, in clan, shepherdess, and fancy patterns. 1867 MISS BROUGHTON *Cometh Up* xxvi, Her little wild rose-wreathed shepherdess hat.

Shepherding (ʃe·pədiŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. SHEPHERD *v.* + -ING 1.] The action of tending or guiding (sheep) as a shepherd; an instance of this.

1790 W. H. MARSHALL *Midl. Counties* I. 446 In the shepherding of sheep, in this country, a few circumstances may be mentioned with propriety. 1866 CARLYLE in Froude *Remin.* (1881) II. 143 The rustic natives..and their shepherdings, huntings (brock and fox) and solitary fishings. 1892 LD. LYTTON *King Poppy* xi. 309 For all His shepherdings were ended. 1905 SIR A. LYALL *Life Dufferin* I. ii. 23 Under Cookesley's shepherding the flock might stray at will.

† **She·pherdish,** *a. Obs.* [f. SHEPHERD *sb.* + -ISH.] Pertaining to or like shepherds; pastoral.

a 1586 SIDNEY *Arcadia* I. (Sommer) 10 b, He would also haue drawne her eldest sister..in her shepheardish attire. *Ibid.* 36 The courte could not be visited, prohibited to all men, but to certaine sheapheardish people. 1618 BOLTON *Florus* I. xxii. (1636) 64 That wildnesse which they retained of their shepheardish originall breathed forth somewhat still. 1800 G. CHALMERS *Life A. Ramsay* Wks. 1851 I. 30 A propitious moment for shepherdish poetry.

Shepherdize (ʃe·pədaiz), *v. rare.* [f. SHEPHERD *sb.* + -IZE.] *intr.* To act the part of the shepherd (or shepherdess); to pretend to lead the pastoral life.

1654 GAYTON *Pleas. Notes* II. vi. 60 Though this life of Shepheardizing be out of fashion. 1773 H. WALPOLE *Let. to C'tess Upper Ossory* 11 June, In the midst of this new prospect must I keep up the tone of the world, go shepherdizing with Maccarnnies, sit up at loo with my Lady Hertford [etc.]. 1822 *Examiner* 233/1 Sir W—m C—rt—s, despising the citizens, retreated into the forest, to shepherdize. 1846 *Blackw. Mag.* LIX. 313 [They] sit alone, knit, shepherdise, and stare.

b. *trans.* To tend or guide as a shepherd.

1899 S. LAW WILSON *Theol. Mod. Lit.* 140 The mass of mankind are not just so many sheep which will tamely submit to be shepherdised by him, and coerced into the way chalked out for their feet.

Shepherd king.

1. *pl.* [transl. of Gr. *Βασιλεῖς ποιμένες*, Manetho's rendering of the Egyptian designation which he transliterates as *Ὑκσως* (Hyksōs).

The name has not been found in the monuments, but modern scholars give the probable Egyptian form as *ḥiq-Shaâsu*, king of the Bedouins or robbers, Manetho's rendering being due to a mistake.]

The designation of a succession of kings of Egypt (forming the 15th and 16th dynasties of Manetho), belonging to some foreign people, the ethnic affinities of which are still undetermined. (By historians often called *Hyksos.*)

1587 GOLDING *De Mornay* xxvi. 465 Manethon the Historiographer of Egipt setteth vs downe their originall, and their comming downe into Egipt, terming them in his language, Shepherd-kings. 1821 LAMA *Elia, Old & New Schoolm.*, I make the wildest conjectures concerning Egypt, and her shepherd kings. 1874 BIRCH *1st & 2nd Egypt. Rooms Brit. Mus.* 7 The monuments of the Shepherd kings.

2. *gen.* A king who is a shepherd. (In various nonce-uses: see quots.)

1727–46 THOMSON *Summer* 402 One, chief, in gracious dignity enthron'd, Shines o'er the rest, the pastoral queen, and rays Her smiles, sweet-beaming, on her shepherd king. *a* 1835 MRS. HEMANS *He Walked with God*, A shepherd-king on Eastern plains. 1856 READE *Never too late* xxxvii, Nomades, shepherd-kings—fellows with a thousand head of horned cattle, and sheep like white pebbles by the sea.

Shepherdless (ʃe·pədlɛs), *a.* [-LESS.] Without a shepherd; having no shepherds.

1648 HEXHAM II, *Herderloose schapen*, Sheepheardlesse, or sheepe without a Sheep-heard. 1778 [W. H. MARSHALL] *Minutes Agric., Digest* 101 He..found a straggling, shepherdless Flock in his own or his neighbour's fields. 1906 G. G. COULTON *St. Francis to Dante* 329 But in fact they [the Middle Ages] felt themselves as shepherdless as we.

† **She·pherdling.** *poet. Obs.* [f. SHEPHERD *sb.* + -LING.] A young or little shepherd.

1598 SYLVESTER *Du Bartas* II. i. IV. *Handy-crafts* 666 Another valiant Shepheardling [i.e. David], That for a Canon takes his silly sling. 1648 HERRICK *Hesper., To his Muse*, There on a Hillock thou may'st sing Unto a handsome Shephardling, Or to a Girle (that keeps the Neat).

Shepherdly (ʃe·pədli), *a.* Now *rare.* [f. SHEPHERD *sb.* + -LY 1.] Pertaining to or befitting a shepherd (*lit.* and *fig.*); that has the characteristics of a shepherd; †that is a shepherd.

1559 [P. H. PHAYER] *Bk. Presidentes* 5 b, And with a shepherdly reward wytsaue ye hym to fauour. *Ibid.* 6 Other thinges..which to your shepherdly office in this behalf belong. 1579 TWYNE *Phis. agst. Fortune* II. v. 167 a, That shepheardlie founder of the citie of Rome. 1656 W. DU GARD tr. *Comenius' Gate Lat. Unl.* § 340. 95 In some places the shepherdly multitude do also carry about their cottages in waines. 1702 C. MATHER *Magn. Chr.* v. iii. (1852) 277 To leave their off-spring under the shepherdly government of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1877 S. A. TIPPLE *Echoes of Spoken Words* 22 The truly high position..is that which enables us to minister richly to our fellows, to shield them, guide them, relieve them and be shepherdly toward them. 1884 J. PARKER *Apost. Life* III. 46 A man with a great shepherdly heart.

† b. Pastoral, rural, rustic. *Obs.*

1579 TWYNE *Phis. agst. Fortune* II. cxiv. 304 This is not only a poetical, but also a shepheardly speech. 1589 PUTTENHAM *Eng. Poesie* I. xi. (Arb.) 41 Their poems were named Eglogues or shepheardly talke. 1656 *Artif. Handsom.* 20 The primitive plainness and shepherdly simplicity of those times. 1743 H. WALPOLE *Let. to Mann* 14 Apr., I hate the country: I am past the shepherdly age of groves and streams.

She·pherdry. *rare.* [f. SHEPHERD *sb.* + -RY.] The business of a shepherd. Cf. SHEPHERDY.

1594 R. ASHLEY tr. *Loys le Roy* 28 Pasturage, grasing, and shepheardrie, were before husbandrie and tillage.

b. The affairs of 'the Order of Ancient Shepherds', a benefit society. (After FORESTRY.)

1900 *Dundee Advert.* 19 July 5 Shepherdry.—At the usual fortnightly meeting of the Maisondien Lodge of Ancient Shepherds..the balance-sheet..was submitted.

She·pherdship. *rare.* [f. SHEPHERD *sb.* + -SHIP.] The office or position of a shepherd.

1548 UDALL *Erasm. Par. Luke* xxiv. 25-29. 90 His shepherdship leat an other bodye take. 1605 SYLVESTER *Du Bartas* II. iii. III. *Law* 233 While he [Moses] past his sacred Prentiship (In wildernesse) of th' Hebrews Shepheardship. 1874 ABP. BENSON in A. C. Benson *Life* (1899) I. 388 It's the Buckles that ruin the Colonial Church...Men taking Shepherdships for Buckles and Loops.

Shepherd's purse. [Cf. med.L. *bursa pastoris*, F. *bourse-à-pasteur, bourse-de-berger*, G. *hirtentasche*, Du. *herdertasch.*]

1. A common cruciferous weed, *Capsella Bursa-pastoris*, bearing pouch-like pods.

a 1400–50 *Stockh. Med. MS.* 172 Shepherdys purs. [*a* 1500 *Gl. Sloane* in *Sax. Leechd.* III. 331 Herdys purse.] *c* 1550 LLOYD *Treas. Health* G vij b, Hold thy handful of sheparders [*sic*] purse. 1578 LYTE *Dodoens* I. lv. 81 *Bursa pastoris* ..[is called] in English Shepherds purse, Scrippe, or Pouche. 1597 GERARDE *Herbal* II. xxii. 215 Shepheardes purse staieth bleeding in any part of the bodie. 1657 W. COLES *Adam in Eden* xxxv. 71 In English it is called Shepheards purse or Scrip, from the likenesse the Seed hath with that kind of leatherne bag, wherein Shepherds carry their Victualls into the field. *c* 1710 PETIVER *Cat. Ray's Eng. Herbal* Tab. 49 Ragged Sheaperds-purse. 1882 G. ALLEN *Colour of Flowers* I. 15 The petals of shepherd's-purse (*Capsella bursa-pastoris*) have been observed antheriferous.

2. *dial.* The fossil echinus found in the chalk.

1893 *Surrey Gloss.*, *Shepherd's crown* or *Shepherd's purse*, the fossil Echinus, from the chalk. 1900 A. HARSTON *Let. to Editor*, 'Shepherd's Purse', the common name in some parts of the Country (e. g. Kent) for the Fossil Sea Urchins found in the Chalk formation.

† **She·pherdy.** *Obs. rare.* [f. SHEPHERD *sb.* + -Y.] The profession, practice, or occupation of a shepherd. Cf. SHEPHERDRY.

a 1622 AINSWORTH *Annot. Pentat.* Gen. iv. 2 (1639) 21 Abel in shepherdy, as in sacrificing and martyrdome, was a figure of Christ. 1659 GELL *Amendm. Bible* 733 He had his rise, unto the Kingdom, even from keeping sheep, which yet was a kinde of introduction unto a like shepherdie. 1680 J. WOODE (*title*), Shepherdy Spiritualiz'd: or, the improvement of a Shepherd's Life to Soul-advantage. 1702 C. MATHER *Magn. Chr.* II. App. (1852) 221 On the one side of David's coin were to be seen his old pouch and crook, the instrument of shepherdy.

Shepman, Shepne, obs. ff. SHIPMAN, SHIPPON.

Shepp, Sheppard(e, obs. ff. SHIP, SHEPHERD.

Sheppeck, -ick (ʃe·pək). *dial.* Also 7 **sheppik, -ick, sheep-pick,** 9 **shuppick, -u(c)k, schoppek.** [? For **sheaf-pick*, f. SHEAF *sb.* + PICK *sb.*1 4. Cf. WFlem. *schoofvorke.*] A pitchfork.

1602 *Inv.* in *Collect. Archæol.* (1863) II. 102 One save, twoe shepplkes [etc.]. *Ibid.* 104 One sheppick and other od stuffe. *Ibid.* 106 One bill, one spade, and two sheppickes. 1676 *Acc. Exam. Joan Perry* 10 Some..met him..with a Sheep-pick in his hand. 1851 *Glouc. Gloss., Sheppeck*, a fork for lifting hay. *Ibid., Shuppick*, a hay-fork.

† **She·ppend.** *Obs.* Forms: 1 **scippend, scieppend, sceppend, scæpend,** 1–2 **scyppend, sceoppend,** 2 **sceoppind, sceappind, scuppend,** 2–3 **she-, shu-, suppende, shippend,** 3 **seppande, schuppent, -inde, suppen, suppinde.** [OE. *scieppend*, related to *scieppende*, pa. pple. of *scieppan* to create: see SHAPE *v.*

Hence AF. *sepande*, used by Marie de France as a fem. with the sense 'puissance surhumaine, créateur' (Godefr.).] The Creator.

Beowulf 106 Siþðan him scyppend forscrifen hæfde. *a* 1175 *Cott. Hom.* 219 Hare sceappinde. *Ibid.*, [Lucifer] cweð an his herto þat he wolde and eaðe niihte hien his sceoppende ȝelic. *c* 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 17 Ic bileue on god, þene almihti fader, suppende and wealdende of heuene and of eorð. *Ibid.* 133 Ure helend is sheppende and wealdende of alle shafte. *c* 1220 *Bestiary* 456 Seftes sop ure seppande, sene is on werlde. *a* 1225 *Leg. Kath.* 366 Heo buheð to him as schafte to his schuppent. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 260 Þe heouenliche schuppinde. *c* 1275 *Sinners Beware* 20 in *O. E. Misc.* 72 If we vre suppen herve. [*Ibid.* MS. Digby 86 in Horstmann *Altengl. Leg.* 505 suppinde.]

† **She·pper.** *Obs.* Forms: 2–4 **schuppare,** 3 **sshipper,** 4 **shuppare, schepere, ssep(p)ere, shepper.** [Early ME. *schuppare* (ü), *shepper*, f. *schuppen, sheppen* to create, SHAPE *v.*: see -ER 1. Cf. OHG. *skephari* (MHG. *schephære*, mod.G. *schöpfer*), (M)LG., (M)Du. *schepper.*] = prec. Also (*rarely*) one who has control *over.*

a 1175 *Colt. Hom.* 217 Ich bileue on god feder al-mihti, schuppare of heouene and of eorðe. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 138 Hire schuppare. *a* 1300 in *Rel. Ant.* I. 57, I bileve in God fadir almichty, sshipper of hevene and of eorþe. 1340 *Ayenb.* 7 To servi þine ssepere. 13.. *Pol. Rel. & L. Poems* (1903) 256 Þis time man is mad kniȝth And shuppare oner alle þinge. 1377 LANGL. *P. Pl.* B. XVII. 167 So is þe fader a ful god formeour and shepper.

Shepperd(e, obs. forms of SHEPHERD *sb.*

Sheppey. *rare*—1. (? quasi-*arch.*) [Perh. some error: cf. SHIPPEN.] A shed for sheep.

1869 BLACKMORE *Lorna Doone* xlii, I went straight home to the upper sheppey, and set them [the sheep] inside.

Sheppyng, obs. form of SHIPPING *sb.*

Shepstare (ʃe·pstɛi). *dial.* Also 6, 9 **sheep-stare,** 7, 9 **shepster,** 9 **shepstey, shepsterd, -ert, shipster, chepster, -stow.** [f. SHEEP + STARE *sb.*1] The name is said to refer to the bird's habit of perching on the backs of sheep to feed on the ticks.] The starling.

1563 GOOGE *Eglogs* vi. (Arb.) 54 Sometime I wold betraye the Byrds, that lyght on lymed tree, Especially in Shepstare tyme, when thicke in flockes they flye. 1584 COGAN *Haven Health* clxiii. 135 The Stare or Shepstare. 1660 W. BLUNDELL *Cavalier's Note Bk.* (1880) 296 Observe a flock of stares (or shepsters) when they are ready to lodge themselves in a dovecote. 1681 CHETHAM *Angler's Vade-m.* xxxiv. § 14 (1689) 190 Wings of shepstares, stares or starlings. 1802 MONTAGU *Ornith. Dict.* s. v. *Stare*, In the north of England it is called Chepster, or Chep-Starling. 1848 *Zoologist* VI. 2290 The starling [is called in Yorkshire] a 'shepstey' or 'shepster'. 1864 J. C. ATKINSON *Stanton Grange* 225 A pair of shepstares. 1884 A. DOHERTY *Nathan Barlow* 32 The youngling chepstows creaking in the eaves. 1887 E. F. BYRNE *Heir without Heritage* I. viii. 136 They took wing like a flock of shepsters from a field.

Shepster. *Obs.* exc. *dial.* Also 4 **shappester, shuppester, shippestere, schipster,** 5 **shipster, shyppestere,** *pl.* **shappystrys,** 6 **schepstarre** (9 *dial.* **shapster**). [ME. *shepster* (? OE. **scieppestre* wk. fem.) fem. agent-noun to *shippen* (OE. *scieppan*) SHAPE *v.*]

1. A female cutter-out of material; a dressmaker.

1377 LANGL. *P. Pl.* B. XIII. 331 Auenge me fele tymes other frete my-selue Wyth-inne, as a shepster shere. 1380 *Poll Tax* in Rogers *Oxf. City Docum.* (1891) 13 De Alicia la Shuppester xij*d.* *Ibid.*, De Johanna Shippestere xij*d.* 1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) VII. 269 A schipster [*muliercula*] of þat citee. 14.. *Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 616/42 *Tonstrix*, a Shyppestere. *c* 1515 *Cocke Lorell's B.* 5 Gogle eyed tomson shepster of lyn. 1517–18 in *Archæologia* XLVII. 311 To dyuerse shepsters for makyng of iij smockes for the seid quene. 1530 PALSGR. 266/2 Schepstarre, *lingiere. Ibid.*, Sheres for shepsters, *forces.* 1538 ELYOT *Dict.*, *Sarcinatrix*, a shepster, or seamester. 1855 ROBINSON *Whitby Gloss.* 167 *Shapster*,..a cutter out of apparel. A dress-maker.

† 2. A female 'shaper' of destinies. *Obs. rare.*

14.. *Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 573/34–5 *Cloto*, on of thre shapsisterys *vel* shappystrys (*vel* an^e destynyes).

Shepward: see *Sheep-ward* s. v. SHEEP *sb.* 8.

Shepyng, Sher: see SHIPPING *sb.*, SHIRE.

Sherad, obs. form of SHRADDHA.

Sheradom, obs. Sc. f. SHERIFFDOM.

Sheraff(e, obs. forms of SHROFF.

‖ **Sheranino.** *Obs. rare*—1. A kind of wine.

1632 LITHGOW *Trav.* I. 15 The..wine that is drunke in Rome, is..Albano, Muscatello, Sheranino.

‖ **Sherant.** *Obs. rare.* Also **sherrant.** [Prob. identical with SCHERAND.] A kind of wine.

1622 J. TAYLOR (Water-P.) *Farew. Tower-Bottles* A 4 b, With Hollocke, Sherant, Malliga, Canara, I stuft your sides vp with a sursarara. 1623 — *Praise Hemp-seed* 6 No Gascoyne, Orleance, or the Chrystall Sherrant, Nor Rhenish, from the Rheine would be apparant.

Sherardia. [Mod.L., named by Dillenius 1719 after W. *Sherard* (1659–1728), an English botanist.] A genus of gamopetalous rubiaceous plants, comprising one species, *S. arvensis*, the field-madder; a plant of this genus.

1785 MARTYN *Rousseau's Bot.* XV. (1794) 164 Sherardia and Woodroof have funnel-shaped corollas.

Sherardize (ʃe·rărdaiz), *v.* [From the name of *Sherard* Cowper-Coles.] *trans.* To coat (iron articles) with zinc by a particular process.

1904 *Athenæum* 21 May 658/3 At Burlington House last Friday week..Mr. Sherard Cowper-Coles..explained..the process which is to be commercially applied under the name of 'Sherardizing'. 1909 in *Century Dict. Suppl.*

Sherash, obs. form of SHIRAZ (wine).

Sheraton (ʃe·rătən), *a.* [f. the name of Thomas

Sheraton (1751–1806), a furniture maker and designer.] Designating a severe style of furniture developed in England towards the end of the 18th cent., chiefly by Thomas Sheraton. Also *absol.*

1883 *Mag. of Art* VI. 190 A Sheraton knife-box. *Ibid.* 192 A Sheraton sideboard. 1887 BLACK *Sabina Zembra* I. iii. 33 Sheraton chairs. 1900 'SARAH GRAND' *Babs* xiii, The lovely Chippendale and Sheraton with which it was furnished.

Sheraz, obs. form of SHIRAZ (wine).

‖ **Sherbaff.** *Obs.* Also 7 **serebaffe, seribaff, serebast,** 8 **sherbaffe, sherbassee.** [Prob. Persian, f. شير *shīr* lion (used to denote excellence of quality) + باف *bāf* stem of *bāftan* to weave. Cf. BAFT.] A kind of silk of Persia. Also *sherbaff silk.*

1619 in Foster *Eng. Factories India* 63 Serebaffes. 1624 *Ibid.* 11 Seribaffs. 1629 *Ibid.* 350 Serebasts. 1708 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 4472/4 At the Marine Coffee-house .. will be expos'd to Sale..9 Bales Sherbaffe Silk. 1721 C. KING *Brit. Merch.* I. 157 They cannot purchase less..than 22 great Pounds of Sherbassee (or Persia fine Raw Silk). 1753 HANWAY *Trav.* (1762) I. v. lxiii. 289 The first is called Sherbaff, or weavers silk, because the weavers..are supposed to use the best they can procure. *Ibid.* lxix. 314 In regard to the Sherbaff silk, which was bought..in Ghilan,..it was found to be two shillings in a pound better than the Persian Sherbaff imported from Turkey.

Sherbet (ʃə·ɪbĕt). Also 7 **zer-, cer-, sar-, serbet, servet, shurbet, shirbet(t, sherbett(e, -bert, -becke, -pet,** 9 **sherbat, sharbut.** [a. Turkish and Persian شربت *sherbet*, a. Arab. شربة *sharba*h, f. شرب *shariba* to drink. Cf. SORBET.]

1. a. A cooling drink of the East, made of fruit juice and water sweetened, often cooled with snow. **b.** An European imitation of this; now esp. an effervescing drink made of sherbet powder (see 2).

1603 KNOLLES *Hist. Turkes* (1621) 833 The guests..dranke ..water prepared with sugar, which kind of drink they call Zerbet. *Ibid.* 1203 A beverage, which they call Cerbet, made of the juice of lymons water and sugar. 1615 G. SANDYS *Trav.* 1. 12 Not much inferiour in relish to the costly Shurbets of Constantinople. *Ibid.* 65 Yet have they sundry sherbets..some made of sugar and lemons, some of violets, and the like. 1626 BACON *Sylva* § 705 They haue in Turkey and the East, certaine Confections which they call Seruetts. 1630 CAPT. SMITH *Trav. & Adv.* xiii. 25 [The Turks'] best drink is Coffa..and Sherbecke which is only honey and water. 1632 LITHGOW *Trav.* IV. 151 Their common drinke is Sherpet. 1668 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 222/1 The Grand Seignior..had sent his Mother a Sherbette. 1675 COVEL in *Early Voy. Levant* (Hakl. Soc.) 239 We..were severall times treated with sherbert of lemmons. 1685 tr. *Gracian's Courtier's Man.* 189 More precious than Chocolate, Coffee or Sarbet. 1753 HANWAY *Trav.* (1762) I. III. xxxiii. 151 There were..plates of comfits, several china basons of sherbets. 1813 BYRON *Bride Abydos* II. viii, A cup too on the board was set That did not seem to hold sherbet. 1817 MOORE *Lalla R., Fire-worshippers* III, The violet sherbets were hastily handed round. *a* 1845 BARHAM *Ingol. Leg., Ld. of Thoulouse,* To bring in sherbet, ginger-pop, lemonade. 1845 COOLEY *Cycl. Pract. Receipts* (ed. 2) 550 *Lemonade.* Syn. Lèmon Sherbet, King's Cup. *Ibid.,* Orangeade or Orange Sherbet, for Icing, is made in the same way from oranges. 1845 BREGION & MILLER *Pract. Cook* 336 Indian Sharbut. 1866 LIVINGSTONE in Blaikie *Life* xviii. (1881) 368 After coffee and sherbet we came away.

fig. 1728 VANBR. & CIBBER *Provok'd Husb.* III. i, A smart Repartee, with a Zest of Recrimination at the Head of it, makes the prettiest Sherbet!

2. In full *sherbet powder*: A preparation of bicarbonate of soda, tartaric acid, sugar, etc., variously flavoured, for making an effervescing drink.

1856 COOLEY *Cycl. Pract. Receipts* (ed. 3) 1066 *Powders* (Sherbet). These are made of the same materials as *lemonade powders*, the flavouring ingredient being varied to suit the particular case. 1895 *Stores' Price List*, Sherbet. Per doz. 1 lb. tins, 7/2. 1905 *Macm. Mag.* Dec. 83 The tin of pink sherbet.

3. *transf.* **a.** A variously flavoured water-ice (*Cent. Dict.* 1891 : and in later Dicts.). **b.** *slang.* (See quot.)

1890 BARRÈRE & LELAND *Dict. Slang, Sherbet* (popular), a glass of any warm alcoholic liquor, as grog, &c. A misapplication.

4. *attrib.*

1615 SANDYS *Trav.* 1. 74 Cookes, sherbet-men (who make the foresaid beurage). 1675 COVEL in *Early Voy. Levant* (Hakl. Soc.) 263 Your little sherbert cups and coffee dishes are made often times of the same earth. 1896 *Godey's Mag.* Apr. 446/1 Exquisite little sherbet doilies.

Sherd : see SHARD *sb.*1

†**Sherdoon.** Anglicized spelling of *chardoon*, CARDOON β.

1661 RABISHA *Cookery Dissected* 4 To pickle stalks of Thessell or Sherdowns. *Ibid.* 143 To make a Sherdoon Pye in the Spring...Put in your Sherdoons [etc.].

†**Shere.** *Coining. Obs.* Also 6 **shiare,** 7 **sheere.** [Prob. a use of SHEAR *sb.*2] = REMEDY *sb.* 4 ; TOLERANCE 4 a.

1566 *Acc. Exch. K. R.*, Bundle 305 No. 18 (7) Sylner of xj.oz. ij.d. wt fyne marked wt the portculles 1lb. wt founde at the sheare .lx.s...At the assaye Standerd, viz. xj.oz. ij.d. wt fyne. 1617 MORYSON *Itin.* 1. 280 The Mint-Master gave account before the Queene's Examiners for the money they coyned, as well by the tale (or number of the pieces) as by the sheere. For the coyning of gold, a certaine proportion of some eight graines in the ounce, was allowed to the Mint-Master in this account by the sheere. 1883 *Encycl. Brit.* XVI. 482/1 The deviation from the standard weight [of coins] permitted by law, now called the 'remedy', and anciently called the 'shere'. *Ibid. note*, Two notable instances are recorded of the use that has been made at various times of the shere, or remedy, as a means of profit.

Shere, obs. form of SHEAR, SHEER, SHIRE.

‖ **Shereef** (ʃərī·f). Forms : 6 **sherife, xarifo, xerifo, serif(f)o,** 7 **seriph, -iff, zeriff(e, xeriff(e, ceriffe, sheriffe, shreeve,** 7–8 **sharif, scherif,** 7, 9 **sherif(f,** 7–9 **cheriff,** 8 **shirreff, -eef, cherif(fe, cheref, shariff, xarif,** 9 **sherriff(e, -eef, sharife,** 9– **shareef** ; *pl.* 9 **shorfa.** [Arab. شريف *sharīf* noble, glorious, f. *sharafa* to be exalted.]

1. A descendant of Mohammed through his daughter Fatima. In some of the early quots. taken *spec.* for a Mohammedan priest.

1599 HAKLUYT *Voy.* II. II. 104 Wee..tooke a Pangaia of the Moores, which had a priest of theirs in it, which in their language they call a Sherife. 1600 PORY tr. *Leo's Africa* II. 50 A Seriffo or Mahumetan priest. 1687 A. LOVELL tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* I. 30 As for the Kindred of Mahomet, whom they call Scherifs, they wear a green Turban. 1704 PITTS *Relig. & Mann. Mohammetans* vii. 90 The Sultaun of Mecca..is a Shirreeff, *i.e.* one of the Race of Mohammet. 1753 HANWAY *Trav.* (1762) II. IV. ii. 102 *note*, The Cheriffs, successors of Mahommed. 1839 *Penny Cycl.* XV. 309/2 Among them are many sherifs, or pretended descendants of Mohammed. 1860 G. BENNETT *Gatherings Naturalist Austral.* 443 The mosque of El Haibee..contains the tomb of the founder, and from his being a sherriff, is covered with a green silk pall.

2. Hence used as the title of certain Arab princes.

a. The sovereign of Morocco ; also, the ruler of any of the districts of Morocco.

1600 PORY tr. *Leo's Africa* To Rdr. 4 The *Xarifo* [*marg.* Or Xerifo, or Serifo] otherwise called the *Miramonin*, or the king of Maroco Sus and Fez. *Ibid.* II. 81, I my selfe was present at this faire in the companie of my Lord the Seriffo for the space of fifteene daies. *a* 1618 RALEIGH *War* F iiij, The Seriph in Barbarie. 1632 LITHGOW *Trav.* VIII. 367 Their chiefe Seriff, or Vicegerent, being sent from Morocco. *c* 1685 DK. OF BUCKINGHAM *Conf.* Wks. 1705 II. 36 Sultans of Babylon, Caliphs of Ægypt,..and Xeriffs of Morocco. 1753 *Chambers' Cycl.* Suppl., *Cheref*, a title assumed by the emperors of Morocco. 1892 *Blackw. Mag.* Sept. 420/1 The shorfa, or shereefs, had been content to live a pastoral life amongst their flocks and herds...Probably simplicity was the principal feature of the early Shorfa of Wazan.

b. The ruler of various other places ; esp. the chief magistrate, or local governor of Mecca.

1603 KNOLLES *Hist. Turks* (1638) 5 And with him [the Sultan] sent the Seriph, a man of great place among the Mahumetans, his Embassador vnto the Emperour. 1622 H. CROSBY *Jrnl.* 10 Mar. in Foster *Eng. Factories Ind.* (1908) II. 2 [At Mohilla] the shreeve that was with him had some of the spice and the chinna trenchers. The King and the shreeve and the Kings two sonns stayed. 1625 PURCHAS *Pilgrims* I. III. xi. 257 The Sheriffe of Mecca. *Ibid.* IV. xvi. 539 Euery night at Sun-set they stand or kneele all towards the Sunne and pray, the Xeriff [of Socatra] throwing water on their heads. 1631 R. H. *Arraignm. Whole Creature* xvii. 300 Others, keeping up their Wives ; jayled, and coofined to their Prison, as the Zeriffes of Persia, that none see them. 1694 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 2997/2 The Ceriffe, or King of Mecca, ..had revolted against the Ottoman Government. 1704 PITTS *Relig. & Mann. Mohammetans* vii. 91 The Sultan Shirreef of Mecca. 1734 SALE *Koran* Prelim. Disc. § I. 4 The prince or Sharif has a garden well planted at his castle of Marbaa. 1776 ADAM SMITH *W. N.* V. I. II. P 7 The authority of an Arabian scherif is very great ; that of a Tartar khan altogether despotical. 1805 *Amer. St. Papers* (1832) II. 723 This morning came in two deserters from the enemy's camp, both Levant Turks,..a chonx and a cheriff, corresponding with the rank of aid-de-camp and ensign [Tripoli]. 1848 CHAZON. *Mouast. Levant* I. iii. (1897) 22 On entering the tent we found the Cadi ; the son of the sheriff of Mecca. 1900 *Q. Rev.* Oct. 348 With the overshadowing Turkish Sultans a dynasty of Shareefs could not well be on amicable terms.

‖ **Sheree·fa.** Also **sherifa, shareefa.** [Arab. شريفة *sharīfa*h, fem. of *sharīf*, see prec.] The wife of a Moroccan Shereef.

1906 *Westm. Gaz.* 21 Sept. 2/1 [Morocco] The Sherifa is an Englishwoman. 1911 (*title*) My Life Story. By Emily, Shareefa of Wazan.

Shereefee, variant of SHERIFI.

Shereefian (ʃərī·fiăn), *a.* [f. SHEREEF + -IAN.] Of or pertaining to the Shereef of Morocco.

1887 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 10 Oct. 1/2 Sultan Muley Hassan.. came to the Shereefian throne fourteen years ago. 1890 *Athenæum* 3 May 560/1 Montefiore made his way to Morocco, and obtained from the Sheriffian Sultan the release of the prisoners. 1900 *Q. Rev.* Oct. 354 The Shareefian dynasty.

Sheref, -efe, -eff, obs. forms of SHERIFF.

Shereful, variant of CHEREFUL *a. Obs.*

c 1475 *Partenay* 829 My ryght doubted and shereful lady.

Sheregrig. ? *Obs.* [repr. African pronunciation of Arab. شرقراق *shiriqrāq.*] A green woodpecker or similar bird of Abyssinia.

1790 BRUCE *Abyssinia* V. 182 Sheregrig. This bird is one of those called Rollier in French. 1790 WOLCOT (P. Pindar) *Compl. Epist. to Bruce* 363 Weasels and polecats, sheregrigs, carrion-crows.

Sheren, Shere(y)ve, obs. ff. SHARN, SHERIFF.

Sherge, obs. form of CIERGE.

a 1400 *Hom. in Vernon MS.* xii. in *Archiv Stud. neu. Spr.* LVII. 256/1 Hou vr lady gaf a good wyf a sherge.

Sherie, obs. form of SHERRY.

Sherif: see SHEREEF, SHERIFI.

Sherifalty : see SHERIFFALTY.

Sheriff (ʃe·rif). Forms : *α.* 1 **scírgeréfa,** 2 **scyrreve,** *pl.* **scirerevan, sirrefan,** 2–3 **scirreve, syrreve,** 3 **schyrreve,** 3–5 **schir(r)eve,** 3–5, (7) **shireve,** 4–5 **schyreve, shirreve, shyr(r)eve, schirrive, schyrryve,** (5 *pl.* **shirris**), 6 **shyreeve.** *β.* 3 **s(s)erreve,** 3–5 **scherreve,** 4 **sschereve, shereyve,** 4–5 **schereve, sher(r)eve,** 5 **s(c)heryve, sherreive, shurreve,** 7 **shearive,** 7–8 **sherive.** *γ.* 3–6 **schirref(f,** 4–5 **schirrif, schyr(r)eff,** 4–6 **shiref, shyref,** 4–7 **schiref(f,** 5 **schyriffe, shyryf(e, -yffe, shi-, shyrryf, shiriff, -efe, shirrieffe,** *Sc.* **schirrayf,** 5–6 **schir(r)effe, shirref, -if, -ef(f)e,** 6 **schyrriff(e, shyreff(e, shir-, shyreyffe, shirief(f)e, shyrryf(e, -efe,** *Sc.* **syreff,** 6–7 **shireff(e, shirif(e, -iffe, shirreff,** 7 **shierife, shirriff.** *δ.* 4–5 **scherref, sherref, -if, -yf,** *Sc.* **serefe,** 4–6 **sherreff,** 4–7 **sheref(f, -if,** 5 **sherefe,** 5–6 **schereff(e, -yf(e, sherief(e, -yf(e,** 5–7 **sherife, scheref, shereffe,** 6 **scherif, s(c)heryffe, sherrife,** 6–7 **sheriffe, sherriff(e,** 7– **sheriff.** *ε.* 4–5 **schreve,** 5 **sherve, schryve,** 5–6 **shryve, shreve,** 6 **schreyve,** 6–7 **shrive,** 7–8 **shreeve,** 5–9 **shrieve** ; *ζ.* 5 **shirffe,** 5–6 **shreffe, scref(f)e, shryef,** 5–7 **shrief(e,** 6 **s(c)hrefe, shreef, shreyfe, shryffe,** 6–7 **shrife,** 7 **shrieff, sh'riff,** 8 **shreif.** *η. Sc.* 4–5 **schyrray,** 5 **schirrawe, schirra, schirraye, schyrray,** pl. **schirrais,** 8–9 **sherra,** 9 **shirra, sherry.** [OE. *scírgeréfa*, f. *scír* SHIRE + *geréfa* REEVE. The etymological form *shire-reeve* (q.v. under SHIRE) has occasionally been used by legal antiquaries from the 16th c. downwards.

As the OE. *scír* had, in addition to its specific sense, the general sense of 'district under a person's administration, province', *scírgeréfa* had also a wider meaning, e.g. when the bishop is called 'Christ's *scírgerefa*'. (Cf. sense 3 below.)]

1. a. *England* (and *Wales*). In England before the Norman Conquest, the *scírgeréfa* (also called *scírman*) was a high officer, the representative of the royal authority in a shire, who presided in the shire-moot, and was responsible for the administration of the royal demesne and the execution of the law. After the Conquest, the office of sheriff was continued, that title being retained in English documents, while in Latin and French the usual term was *vice-comes, viscounte*, which had been applied to similar functionaries in Normandy.

The functions of the sheriffs of counties have been greatly restricted by successive changes. At the present time the sheriff (more fully called *high sheriff*), appointed for one year by royal patent, is nominally responsible for the keeping of prisoners in safe custody, preparing the panel of jurors for assizes, the execution of writs and of the sentence of death. In addition to these duties, which are discharged by the under-sheriff, the high sheriff acts as presiding officer at parliamentary elections for the county, and is required to attend (with the ceremonial state demanded by custom) on the judges at assizes.

Those boroughs and cities that are counties of themselves, and also the city of Oxford, have a sheriff (or in some instances two) chosen annually by the corporation ; the office is now mainly honorary, the specific duties attached to it varying in different towns. The City of London elects annually two sheriffs, who are also Sheriffs of Middlesex.

In some counties the office of sheriff was formerly hereditary. The last surviving instance of this was in Westmorland ; the hereditary shrievalty of that county was abolished in 1850 by the Act 13 & 14 Vict. c. 30.

α. c 1034 in Kemble *Cod. Dipl.* IV. 54 An scirzemot sæt æt Ægelnoðes stane...Ðær wæs Bryning scirzereſa. *a* 1154 *O. E. Chron.* (Laud MS.) an. 963, Ic zife þone tun..swa frenlice þæt ne king ne biscop ne eorl ne sc[y]rreue ne haue þær nane hæse. *c* 1155 in *Anglia* VII. 220 Ealle mine eorlas & ealle mine scirereuan. ? *a* 1200 in Kemble *Cod. Dipl.* IV. 192 Eadward king gret..all mine hened men and mine þeznes and mine sirrefan. *c* 1200 *Orat Ode* 50 in *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 221 Ne mai hit us binime no king ne no syrreue [*other MSS.* scirreue, schirreue, serreue]. *a* 1325 *MS. Rawl. B. 520* lf. 52 b, þe king hath igraunted to his poeple þat heo habben election of hoere schirreue þere ase schirreue nis noȝt þoru feo. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Prol.* 359 A shirreue hadde he been and [a] Countour. *c* 1460 *Brut* 522 þe yong men of þe mercerie ..held þe Mair & Shyreves stil in Chepe. 1588 FRAUNCE *Lawiers Log.* I. xii. 52 Shyreeve. 1629 COKE *On Litt.* 168 Shireue.

β. 1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 11061 A freinss knist was at gloucetre þe sserreue þoru þe king. *c* 1380 WYCLIF *Sel. Wks.* III. 215 Justicis and schereves and stiwardis and bailifis. 1433 *Rolls of Parlt.* IV. 447/1 Retourned by the Shereve of the Shire. *c* 1450 *Mirk's Festial* 38 Gylbert, þat was scheryue of London. 1493–4 *Rec. St. Mary at Hill* (1904) 204 Item, payd to þe mayre and to þe ij sheryves. 1619 in *Lismore Papers* Ser. II. (1887) II. 219 Paid the Shearives of Bristoll for the Costome dew to them. 1687

in *Magd. Coll. & Jas. II* (O.H.S., 102 Whether the Bp. of Oxford was to be put in the presidents Office and yᵗ being a Freehold by any but the sherive.

γ. 1375, *c* 1425 [see b]. *c* 1400 *Brut* 218 Sir Symond Ward ..þat þo was shirryf of 3ork. 1415 in *York Myst.* Introd. p. xxxiv, Ye Mair and ye shirefs of yis Citee. *c* 1450 *Godstow Reg.* 654 The shyryf of Oxenford-shyre. 1551 *Coventry Leet Bk.* 797 The Shireyffes of the Citie for the tyme beinge. 1559 *Mirr. Mag., Northumb.* xviii, The shirif therof, Rafe Rekesby. 1593 Norden *Spec. Brit., Cornw.* (1728) 29 Shirereue, vulgerly the Shiriffe. 1614 Selden *Titles Hon.* 226 Shirifes.

δ. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xl. (*Ninian*) 965 Syne come þe serefe to the ton, &, to hald þe law, set done. *c* 1400 *Gamelyn* 602 (Sloane MS.), Here cometh the Sherryf [*Petw.* sheref] and wil haue oure heedes. 1522 *Coventry Leet Bk.* 680 All Comeners within this Cytte vndur the degre of a Scheryffe. 1554 Yaxlev in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. III. III. 314 Her Maiestie hath addressed forth her lettres to the Sherieſes of the Sheres. 1676 in *Hatton Corr.* (Camden) 132 Saterday last wase yᵉ day for choosing sheriſs in yᵉ city and in yᵉ Hall. *a* 1700 Evelyn *Diary* an. 1634, My Father was appointed Sheriff for Surrey and Sussex before they were disjoyned. 1710 J. Harris *Lex. Techn.* II, *Sheriue* or *Sheriff*. 1765 Blackstone *Comm.* I. 178 The county court is a court held every month or oftener by the sheriff. 1769 *Junius' Lett.* xi, (1788) 71 It is admitted, that the sheriffs obeyed the laws, and performed their duty [in returning Mr. Wilkes]. 1788 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) II. 209/2 An order was issued..to the sherives of most of the English counties. 1835 *App. Munic. Corpor. Rep.* II. 1165 (Bristol), The two Sheriffs are elected by the common council..for a year. *Ibid.* IV. 2460 (Norwich), Two Sheriffs are chosen yearly; one, who is called the Court Sheriff, by the mayor, sheriffs, and aldermen; and the other by the freemen. 1846 M'Culloch *Acc. Brit. Empire* (1854) II. 129 Petitions from the city of Londou..are brought at once to the bar of the House by the sheriffs. 1871 W. M. Fawcett *Law Landlord & Tenant* 182 The sheriff must first levy for the rent and then for the execution. 1882 *Act* 45 & 46 *Vict.* c. 50 § 170 The council of every borough being a county of itself, and of the city of Oxford, shall on the ninth of November in every year appoint a fit person to execute the office of sheriff.

ε. 1399 Langl. *Rich. Redeles* IV. 28 And sente side sondis to schreuys aboute, To chese swiche cheualleris as þe charge wold. 1461 *Paston Lett.* II. 28 The Shreve ys in a dought whedyr he shall make a newe eleccion of knyghts of the shyre. 1463 in *Somerset Med. Wills* (1901) 107 That thoo which were wrongfully hurt when I was Sherve may be recompensid. 1538 in *Lett. Suppress. Monasteries* (Camden) 195 Sir John Russell, schreyve of Wisitor schere. 1559 *Mirr. Mag., Jack Cade* xv, James Cromer shrive of Kent. 1605 *Lond. Prodigal* III. ii. 122 Shreeue, take your prisoner. [1651 Cleveland *Poems* 14 Like Alderman, or Monster-Sheriffs, With Canvas backs, and velvet sleeves.] 1682 Oldham *Imit. 3rd Sat. Juvenal* Poems (1684) 192 For Shrieve how oft he has been known to fine. 1748 Richardson *Clarissa* (1811) III. xliii. 252 After condemnation..all will be the king's or the shreeve's. 1796 J. Anstey *Pleader's Guide* (1803) 62 But let the Plaintiff, ere he sue In debt or case for money due, Swear to the sum, the writ indorse, And let the Shrieve said writ enforce.

ζ. *c* 1470 Harding *Chron.* ccv. vii, In Yorkeshyre so the Rokeby with them mette, Shrief of the shyre. 1481 *Coventry Leet Bk.* 495 To þe Maire & shirffes. 1518 *Star Chamber Cases* (Selden Soc.) II. 142 William Dale one of the Shreffes of the Towne of Bristowe. *a* 1548 Hall *Chron., Hen. VIII* 61 b, The Mayre and Shrifes were there present. 1618 J. Taylor (Water P.) *Pennyless Pilgr.* C 3, Thus I..Was giu'n from Mayor to Shriefe, from Shriefe to laylor. 1691 *New Disc. Old Intreague* xxviii, Nor Shrieffs, nor Mayor, nor Common Halls excus'd. 1771 Foote *Maid of Bath* I. (1778) 19 The suit his honour made up twenty years ago comes next Lent, when he was shreif for the county.

b. *Scotland.* In early times (from the 12th c.) a high officer of a county with functions more or less analogous to those of the English sheriff of the same period, together with a civil and criminal jurisdiction of very wide extent. The office was commonly held by a noble, and was often hereditary; its judicial duties were performed by the *sheriff-depute*, who was necessarily a lawyer. The act 20 Geo. II. c. 43 (1747) abolished heritable sheriffships, and in consequence of its provisions the office of sheriff, in the older sense, practically became extinct. The title of sheriff is now given to the sheriff-depute, who is the chief local judge in a Scottish county, and popularly to the sheriff-substitute, who usually hears cases in the first instance, subject to an appeal to the sheriff-depute. Both offices are now held for life, and the appointment rests with the crown

1375 Barbour *Bruce* I. 190 Schyrreffys and bailȝheys maid he then. *c* 1425 Wyntoun *Cron.* VIII. xxvi. 4110 Schirrayf [*v.r.* Schirref] of Bute and of Cowalle. *Ibid.* 4389 Schir Gotheray þe Rose was..schirrawe of Ayr. *c* 1470 Henry *Wallace* VI. 791 Schirrais he maid that cruell was to ken. *Ibid.* XI. 1391 A schyrray gart this clerk son fra him pass. *a* 1567 Mure *Ho. Rowallane* 249 The Schereffe of Aire. 1712 Fountainhall *Decisions* (1761) II. 739 The brewers in and about Edinburgh, conceiving that the Sheriffs of Mid-Lothian had struck the fiars of victual too high. 1816 Scott *Antiq.* xx, The shirra sent for his clerk. 1818 — *Rob Roy* xxix, I desire to be carried before some civil magistrate,..the sherra or the judge of the bounds. 1870 W. R. Greg *Polit. Problems* 114 The then Sheriff of Lanarkshire.

c. *Ireland.* A high officer in an Irish county, whose status and functions are now closely similar to those of the English high sheriff. There are also sheriffs in certain Irish cities and boroughs: cf. a.

1542 *Ir. Act* 34 *Hen. VIII*, c. 1 (1621) 238 The said Sherife of the said Shire [of Meath] for the time being. 1612 Sir J. Davies *Why Ireland*, etc. 140 In each of these Counties Palatines, there were two Sheriffes:..As in Meth we find a Sheriffe of the Liberty, and a Sheriffe of the Crosse: And so in Vlster, & so in wexford. 1675 *Essex Papers* (Camden) I. 309 All is forfited and taken up by the Shiriffe or Senescall. *a* 1687 Petty *Polit. Anat.* (1691) 36 The Sheriffs of Counties, and of Cities and Counties in Ireland are 40. *Ibid.* 41 [see *sheriff's peer* in 4]. 1817 *Act* 57 *Geo. III*, c. 68 Whereas it is expedient that the laws relating to Sheriffs in Ireland should be amended.

d. *U.S.* (See quot. 1828–32.)

1662 *Laws of Virginia* xliv. 26 The Sheriffs of James-City..shall be left to the Governour's free choice. 1788 *Massachusetts Spy* 8 May 3/3 The Mayor, the Sheriff, and some other persons interfered and rescued them, by lodging them in gaol. 1828–32 Webster s. v., The sherif, by himself or his deputies, executes civil and criminal process throughout the county, has charge of the jail and prisoners, attends courts and keeps the peace. *a* 1842 in *Dickens' Amer. Notes* xvii. (1868) 141 A man was suspected, and the Sheriff most probably has possession of him by this time. 1876 'Mark Twain' *Tom Sawyer* xi, The Sheriff was confident that he [the murderer] would be captured before night. *Ibid.* xxiv, Then the judge arrived, and the sheriff proclaimed the opening of the court.

2. With defining word, as *deputy sheriff*, *under-sheriff*, *vice-sheriff*; *high sheriff*, the sheriff (in England and Wales, and in some Irish cities) as distinguished from a deputy or subordinate.

1450 *Paston Lett.* I. 125 The shreve of Kent..sent his under shreve to the juges to wete what to doo. *a* 1455 *Lett. Marg. Anjou & Bp. Beckington* (Camden) 158 Th' occupacion of under shereive in the countie of Midd. *a* 1500 *Gest of Robyn Hode* xv. in Child *Ballads* III. 57 The hye sherif of Notyingham. 1532 More *Epitaph* Wks. 1421/1 Thomas More..being one of the vnder shrieſes of London. 1559 Aylmer *Harborowe* L ij, Then must the hyghe Shrife be his frende. 1622 F. Markham *Bk. War* III. vii. 106 The proverbe is, Twise an Under Sherife, euer a knaue. *a* 1674 Clarendon *Hist. Reb.* IX. § 9 Colonel Long, the high shrief of the county. 1716 *Act* 3 *Geo. I*, c. 15 § 10 It shall not be lawful..for any Person..to buy, sell, let, or take to Farm, the Office of Under-sheriff, Deputy-sheriff,..or any other Office..pertaining to the Office of High-sheriff of any County or Shire. 1830 *Rep. Sel. Comm. Office High Sheriff* 3 High Sheriffs are nominated by The King in Council, who, with His own hand, according to ancient custom, pricks the person appointed. *Ibid.* 5 The appointment of competent persons as permanent Under Sheriffs, throughout the several counties of England and Wales. 1835 *Tomlins' Law Dict.* (ed. 4) s. v., The under-sheriff usually performs all the duties of the office, a very few only excepted, where the personal presence of the high-sheriff is necessary. 1874 Stubbs *Const. Hist.* (1896) III. xx. 435 In 1319 Matthew of Crauthorn, who had been elected..to be Knight of the shire for Devon, petitioned the council against the undue return made by the vice-sheriff, who had substituted another name.

b. Scotland. *Sheriff depute, substitute*: see 1 b. *Sheriff major, principal*: designations formerly given to the sheriff (in the original sense) to distinguish him from the sheriff depute; in mod. use, the sheriff-depute is sometimes called *sheriff-principal* in contradistinction to the sheriff-substitute. †*Sheriff wardator*: see Wardator.

†*Sheriff in that part*: a person appointed to supply the place of the sheriff for executing process.

1446 *Registr. Aberdon.* (Maitland Club) I. 244 Sir Alexander of Forbes..scheref depute of Aberdene. 1473 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* I. 45 To Adam Bachillur, passande with the Kingis lettres, xvᵗᵒ Octobris, as schiref in that part for the inbringing of Schire William of Rendis gudis. 1489 *Ibid.* 109 The Schirra deput and bailȝeis of Hadington. 1501 *Ibid.* II. 115 Lord Erskin, schiref principale of Selkyrk. 1532 *Ibid.* VI. 116 The Sheriffis Deputis of Edinburgh. *a* 1578 Lindesay (Pitscottie) *Chron. Scot.* (S.T.S.) I. 45 Conflict betwix The Sherrife of Perth and Johne Gormak the Shireff maior. 1597 in *Spalding Club Misc.* (1841) I. 176 Mr. Thomas Leslye, syreff deput of Abirdeue. 1671 *Aberdeen Reg.* (1872) IV. 276 Tuo of the baillies..to goe to the Earle Marshell, shirreff-principal. 1752 J. Louthian *Form of Process* (ed. 2) 249 The said Lords Reverse the foresaid Sentence of the said Sheriff-substitute. 1815 Scott *Guy M.* x, The Sheriff-depute of the county arrived at Ellangowan next morning at day-break. *Ibid.* xii, A very decent man, sir; the Sheriff-substitute of the county. 1834 *Tait's Mag.* I. 442/2, 30 Sheriff-Deputeships, varying from £300 to £800 a-year. 48 Sheriff-Substituteships in the gift of the Sheriffs-depute..varying from £150 to £600. 1866 *Cornh. Mag.* Aug. 247 There are two orders of sheriffs—the sheriff-substitutes, who reside each in the locality to which he has been appointed, and the sheriff-deputes (or 'sheriffs' simply), who hold courts at intervals. 1894 *Act* 57 & 58 *Vict.* c. 40 § 7 The expression 'Sheriff' shall not include Sheriff Substitute.

†3. *transf.* Applied to officers (in foreign countries) with functions analogous to those of the sheriff; a governor of a district or city. *Obs.*

a 1225 *St. Marher.* 2 Olibrius hehte schirreue of þat lond. *c* 1290 *St. Leonard* 103 in *S. Eng. Leg.* 459 þe scherreue of leouns feteres made stronge. *c* 1300 *Havelok* 2286 In al Denemark ne was no knith, Ne conestable, ne shireue,.. Þat he ne com biforn sire Ubbe. 13.. *Seuyn Sag.* (W.) 2564 Hit was a knight, a riche scherreue. 1535 Coverdale 2 *Kings* xxiii. 8 Iosua yᵉ shreue of the cite. 1535 — 1 *Esdr.* iv. 47 Then Darius..wrote a letter vnto all the debytes and shreues. 1545 Jove *Exp. Dan.* ii. C viij b, Daniel and hys felowes were sought of Arioch the shryue to be slayne. 1562 Turner *Herbal* II. 51 There was a certayn sheriff in Egypt which tooke ij. naughty murtheryng robbers [etc.].

4. *Comb.*: **sheriff's clerk**, *Sc.* **sheriff clerk**, the clerk of the sheriff's court; hence *sheriffclerkship*; **sheriff's court**, *Sc.* **sheriff court**, a court in which the sheriff or his deputy administers justice; **sheriff fee** *Sc.*, a payment due to the sheriff; **sheriff fiars** *pl. Sc.* (see Fiars); †**sheriff('s geld** (*gild*, *yeld*), the payment made by the sheriff for the 'ferm' (Farm *sb.* 3) of his shire; †**sheriff('s gloves** *Sc.*, a perquisite of the sheriff levied at a fair; †**sheriff('s house**, ? the official residence of a sheriff (or of a similar official in foreign countries); **sheriff('s mair** *Sc.* [Mayor 3] = *sheriff's officer*; †**sheriff-man** *Dublin* = *sheriff's peer*; †**sheriff's man** = *sheriff's officer*; also *Shropshire dial.* the goldfinch (see quot. 1796); **sheriff's officer** (*Sc.* also *sheriff officer*), an official employed to execute the sheriff's writs, to distrain and arrest, etc.; †**sheriff's peer**, one of a class of members of the corporation of Dublin (before 1840) ranking next to the aldermen, and including all ex-sheriffs; †**sheriff roll** *Sc.*, the roll on which the proceedings of the sheriff's court were recorded; †**sheriff silver** = *sheriff geld*; **sheriff('s tourn** (*turn*, *tourney*); see Tourn, Tourney *sb.*[2]

1377 Langl. *P. Pl.* B. IV. 168 A *schireues clerke. 1564 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* I. 274 James Makbrok of Campsy, allegit heretabill Sherefclerk of the said Sherefdome. 1679 *Acts of Sederunt* (1790) 144 All Shirriff-clarks to bring in their registers of hornings to be marked by the clark of register. 1875 *Encycl. Brit.* III. 290/1 The counted and rejected papers..are..transmitted by the returning officer to the clerk of the Crown in Chancery in England, or the sheriff-clerk in Scotland. 1564 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* I. 274 The office of *Sherefclerkschip of the said Sherifdome. *Ibid.* 275 To deliver to the said James Drummond the *Sherefcourt bukis. 1752 J. Louthian *Form of Process* (ed. 2) App. 264 That no Person shall be obliged to appear before the Sheriff-court, unless he be cited upon a proper Summons. 1835 *Tomlins' Law Dict.* (ed. 4) s. v. *London*, The Sheriffs' Court, holden before their steward or judge. 1603 *Reg. Mag. Sig. Scot.* 515/1 With all uther custumes, *schireff feis, dewteis and exactiones in and about the said burgh. 1765–8 Erskine *Inst. Law Scot.* I. iv. § 38 Sheriffs were also intitled to the twentieth part of the sums contained in every decree, in name of sheriff-fee. 1689 in *Acts Parl. Scot.* (1875) XII. 55/2 þt the pryce of victwall payable furth of the shyre of fyfe to the Exchequer for cropt 1688 be payed conforme to the present *shirref fiars of the said shyre. 1301 *Yorksh. Inquisitions* (Yks. Rec. Soc.) III. 145 Rendering annually to the said heiress for Castelward and *Schirefgeld 6*d*. 1376 *Rolls of Parlt.* II. 348/2 Une Rente q'est appelle Shereveyeld q amounte a xiiiiℓi. xixs. id. par an, provenantz des ditz deux Rapes. 1385 *Ibid.* III. 211/2 Shereves-yeld. 1543 *Mem. Fountains* (Surtees) 407 Paid to the exchetor..for the Sherisgylde, ijs. 1528 *Burgh Rec. Edin.* (1871) 3 That na *shereff gluiffes be tayne..fra na maner of persoun fra this present fair. 1603 *Reg. Mag. Sig. Scot.* 514/1 Lie schireff-gluiffis. 1641 *Feebles Burgh Rec.* (1872) 104 Thrie frie faires..togidder with the sheref fie, sherefſis glowes, tolles [etc.]. *a* 1505 *Chron. Lond.* (1905) 262 Sir William Capell, after his prisonment in the Countour, and *Shryvishouse was..commaundid to the Tower. 1583 Stocker *Civ. Warres Lowe C.* IV. 6 b, In witnesse whereof, the saied Deputies to this present Treatie haue sette to their handes, in the Sheriefhouse of Gant. 1812 W. Tennant *Anster F.* II. xxxiii, Sheriffs learn'd, and unlearn'd *Sheriff-mairs, and messengers-at-arms. *c* 1400 *Gamelyn* 583 It ben the *schirreſes men, that hider ben i-come. *a* 1500 *Gest of Robyn Hode* cliii, in Child *Ballads* III. 63 Now is Litell John the sherifes man. 1605 Camden *Rem., Wise Sp.* 226 When he [Sir T. More] was to mount the scaffold, hee saide to one of the Shiriffes men, I pray thee helpe mee vp, as for comming downe I take no care. 1667 Dryden *Epil. Tempest* 13 He sends me only like a Shriffs man here To let you know the Malefactor's neer. 1796 Rev. F. Leighton *MS. Let. J. Boucher* 10 May, I am promised some gleanings of Shropshire words. As to *Sheriff's man* for Goldfinch..the Corbets..were often Sheriffs of the County; their livery was black and yellow, the colour of the goldfinch's penfeathers. 1841 Hartshorne *Salopia Ant.* 562 *Sheriff's Man*, the seven coloured linnet, *Carduelis* of Linnæus. 1879 Miss Jackson *Shropshire Word-bk., Sheriff's-man*, the Goldfinch. 1703 Fountainhall *Decisions* (1761) II. 196 Here the *sheriff-officers were only brought *pro more*. 1818 Scott *Hrt. Midl.* xiii, The warrant's awa to Liberton wi' twa sheriff officers seeking ye. 1837 Dickens *Pickw.* xl, Giving Mr. Pickwick a friendly tap on the shoulder, the sheriff's officer (for such he was) threw his card on the counterpane. 1843 Bethune *Sc. Fireside Stor.* 70 The sheriff's-officers proceeded to take him into custody. *a* 1687 Petty *Polit. Anat.* (1691) 41 There are in the City of Dublin a Lord-Mayor, 2 Sheriffs, 24 Aldermen, 48 Sheriffs Peers, and 96 of the Common-Council. 1534 in *Exch. Rolls Scot.* XVI. 584 Quhilk charter is registrat on the bak of *schiref roll of this instant yer. 1324 in *Registr. Monast. de Winchelcumba* (1892) 351 Faciendo insuper annis singulis *Schirreveselver et alia servicia forinseca. 1432 *Rolls of Parlt.* IV. 403/2 Defautes for noun comyng unto ye *Shirrefs tourn. 1451 *Ibid.* V. 217/2 Sheref Tournes. 1536 in *Hexham Priory* (Surtees) App. p. cxxxix, The sade Sir Ingram..as shiref of Northumbeland..kept shiref-turnes at Alnwik. 1648 in J. R. Boyle *Hedon* (1895) App. 47 To the Sherifturne Jurie o 4 8.

b. In trivial and slang phrases: †**sheriff's basket, tub**, a basket or tub placed outside a prison to receive charitable doles for the prisoners; †**sheriff's posts**, two painted posts, set up at the sheriff's door, to which proclamations were affixed (cf. Post *sb.*[1] 2 b). (See also later quots.)

1599 B. Jonson *Ev. Man out of Hum.* III. iii. (1600) K j b, How long should I be ere I should put off To the Lord Chancelors tombe, or the Shriues posts? 1600 Nashe *Summers Last Will* 1678 Wks. 1905 III. 286 That's as plentifull almes for the plague as the sheriffes tub to them of Newgate. 1632 Massinger *City Madam* I. i. (1658) 5 Did our charitie redeem thee out of prison,..When the Sheriffs basket, and his broken meat Were your Festivall exceedings? 17.. in Grose *Olio* (1792) 232 Dancing on nothing at the Sheriff's ball. *Foot-note*, Sheriff's ball, an

execution. 1785 GROSE *Dict. Vulgar T., Sheriff's Bracelets*, handcuffs. *Ibid., Sheriff's Hotel*, a prison. *Ibid., Sheriff's Picture Frame*, the gallows.

Sheriff: see SHEREEF, SHERIFI.

Sheriffalty (ʃe·rifălti). Also 6 **shirevalty, sheryaltie, 7 sheralltie, sherivalty, -ifalty, shirevealty, shirifalty.** [f. SHERIFF + -AL + -TY, after words like *royalty*.] = SHRIEVALTY.

1518 *Star Chamber Cases* (Selden Soc.) II. 162 The seid Office of Sheryaltie. 1611 SPEED *Theat. Gt. Brit.* xx[i]x. 57/2 The Office of Execution and custody of this County [Huntingdoo] is the Sheralfty [?*read* Sherfalty], of old inheritable. 1617 *Shuttleworths' Acc.* (Chetham Soc.) 227 The patent of my Mr⁹ office of y⁸ sheralltie. 1648 *Persecutio Undecima* 57 Alderman Pennington [chosen] for his knowne zeale by his keeping a fasting Sabboth throughout his Shirifalty. 1682 *Enq. Elect. Sheriffs* 29 The Sherifalty of London. *Ibid.* 41 Sherivalty. 1753 RICHARDSON *Grandison* (1781) I. viii. 35 Sir Rowland Meredith, knighted in his Sheriffalty. 1870 FOSS *Biog. Dict. Judges of Eng.* 54 The Michaelmas solemnities of the sheriffalty of London.

fig. 1865 BUSHNELL *Vicar. Sacrif.* III. v. 269 Sending out the rugged sheriffalty of law and penal enforcement.

Sheriffdom (ʃe·rifdəm). Forms: see SHERIFF; also *Sc.* 4 **shera-**, 5 **sera-, schirra-, schirre-, serraf-**, 6 **syrefdom**(e. [-DOM.]

1. A district or territory under the jurisdiction of a sheriff. *Sc.*

1385 in *3rd Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* 410/1 In the sheradom of Perth. 1453 *Dunfermline Reg.* (Bannatyne Club) 340 Landis..lyand in þe Regalite of Dunfermlyn and the serraf-dome of fyff. 1457 in *Acts Parl. Scot.* (1875) XII. 25/1 Quhilke assise [was]..chosin he þar avise of foure seradomes. 1549 *Compl. Scot.* xii. 103 In the schirefdome of gallona. 1662 *Acts of Sederunt* (1790) 84 Lands lyeing in several shirriffdoms. 1769 *De Foe's Tour Gt. Brit.* (ed. 7) IV. 296 The Isle of Arran, which with Bute makes up one Sheriffdom. 1854 *Act* 17 & 18 *Vict.* c. 91 § 37 The sheriff of the sheriffdom in which the offence shall have been committed. 1854 H. MILLER *Sch. & Schm.* (1858) 52 The Hill.. had borne the gallows of the sheriffdom on its crest. 1894 *Times* 19 Dec. 8/2 To officiate also as Sheriff-Substitute of the Sheriffdom of Argyll.

transf. 1762 tr. *Busching's Syst. Geog.* V. 270 The sheriffdom of Altorf.

2. The office of sheriff.

1596 DALRYMPLE tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* I. 127 This office na vthirwyse dependes than of heritage quhairthronch vnto thame selfes thay ascriue schirrefdomes. 1610 HOLLAND *Camden's Brit.* I. 578 This Sherifedome was..translated hereditarily into the family of the Beauchamps. 1628 WITHER *Brit. Rememb.* IV. 552 A Couple..that had the Sheriffedome Of London that sad yeare. 1806 SCOTT *Let. to Ellis* 25 Jan. in *Lockhart* xv, The situation is..£800 a-year, besides being consistent with holding my sheriffdom. 1819 *Monthly Mag.* XLVIII. 5 It was thus that the hereditary sheriffdom of the county of Westmoreland came to the family of Tufton. 1877 Miss YONGE *Cameos* II. iii. 31 David bestowed on him the government of the castle, and the sheriffdom of Teviotdale. 1885 H. B. WHEATLEY in *Antiquary* Feb. 48/1 He was afterwards deprived of his sheriffdom and of his aldermanic gown.

3. *jocularly.* The realm or order of sheriffs.

1904 Sir H. HAWKINS *Remin.* II. xliii. 47 All the pomp and splendour, in fact, that Sheriffdom was capable of.

Sheriffe, obs. f. SHEREEF, SHERIFF, SHROFF.

†Sheˑriffess. *Obs. rare.* [-ESS.] A woman who held the office of sheriff (when hereditary).

c 1659 *Inscr. Barden Tower* in *Howitt's Vis. Remark. Places* (1840) 217 Ladie Anne Clifford..High Sheriffesse by inheritance of the Countie of Westmerland. *a* 1661 FULLER *Worthies, Westmerld.* (1662) III. 141, I find Elizabeth the Widdow of Thomas Lord Clifford,..Sheriffess (as I may say) in the sixteenth of Richard the second, till the last of K. Henry the fourth. 1819 *Monthly Mag.* XLVIII. 5 Sir Roger de Clifford was killed in battle..about the year 1280. After his death, his widow sat in person, as sheriffess of the county of Westmoreland,..with the judges.

†Sheˑriffhood. *Obs.* Forms: see SHERIFF. [*-hode*, -HOOD.] The office of sheriff.

c 1450 *Godstow Reg.* 70 In-to witnes of þis þinge þe seele of þe foreseid shrenehode was put þer-to. *a* 1470 GREGORY *Chron.* in *Hist. Coll. Cit. Lond.* (Camden) 77 He [Edw. II] grauntyd that sherevehodys sholde goo to ferme for CCC li be yere. 1502 ARNOLDE *Chron.* B iv b, [Charter of London 1384.] We haue graunted..to the Citezens of London the Shorefhode [*read* Sherefhode] of London and of Middelsex. 1556 *Chron. Grey Friars* (Camden) 14 John Briane was drowned in hys shrefehode. 1629 in *Crt. & Times Chas. I* (1848) II. 11 Here Sir Walter Long was brought this day into the Star Chamber, for having at the last election which was made for the parliament left the sheriffhood, which was then in his hands, to become a burgess of the said parliament.

Sheriffian, variant of SHEREEFIAN.

Sheˑriffing, *vbl. sb.* [-ING 1.] The holding of the office of sheriff, and discharge of its duties.

1682 T. FLATMAN *Heraclitus Ridens* No. 66 (1713) II. 163 The several Plots and Projects of Exclusion, Association, Sheriffing, Feasting, &c. 1896 *Harper's Mag.* Apr. 812/2 'You may think this here sheriffing is mighty funny,' he confided one day to a friend, 'but you ought to try it once, and see the dishonest whelps you have to deal with.'

Sheˑriffry. *rare.* [-RY.] = SHRIEVALTY.

1610 in *Cal. St. Pap., Irel.* 1608-10, 413 [He..had the] shrifery [of the county bestowed upon him]. 1836 GALT in *Tait's Mag.* III. 511 After my sheriffry.

Sheˑriffship. [-SHIP.] The office of sheriff.

1473-4 *Acc. L.d. High Treas. Scot.* I. 46 The office of schirefship of Striueling. *a* 1578 LINDESAY (Pitscottie) *Chron. Scot.* (S.T.S.) II. 184 My lord lyndesay tuik possessioun of the Schereffschip of fyffe. 1649 ? EVELYN in *E.'s Diary*, etc. (1852) III. 42 The Scots..have..taken away the hereditary shrieſships from the nobility. 1747 *Act* 20 *Geo. II*, c. 43 § 1 All Sheriffships and Deputy Sheriffships of Districts, being Parts only of Shires. 1884 *Manch. Exam.* 17 Nov. 5/3 It will be exceedingly hard if Mr. M. should be compelled to choose between his fat sheriffship and his political ambition. 1893 AGNEW *Hered. Sheriffs of Galloway* II. 120 The sheriff..was ordered to grant deputations of sheriffship to Grierson of Lagg, Claverhouse, and Earlshall, as his colleagues.

†Sheriff's tooth. *Obs.* Forms: 3 **schirrefstuthe, 4 shirrevestothe, 5 sheriffs-tooth,** (8 **sheriff-tooth**). [Cf. phrase 'for one's own tooth' in TOOTH *sb.* 3.] An annual impost (complained of in 1327-77 by Derbyshire tenants as a wrongful exaction) levied by the sheriff on each bovate of land within his county.

1298 *Yorksh. Inquisitions* (Yks. Rec. Soc.) III. 84, *2s.* for Waytemete and Schirrefstuthe. 1327-77 *Rolls of Parlt.* II. 401/2 Une torcenouse prise q'est chescun an leve sur eux par Baillifs le Roy q'il appelent Shirrevestothe, c'est assavoir de chescune bove de terre sys deners. 1402 in Leycester *Hist. Antiq.* (1673) 207, & *reddendo per annum de Stothe, alias dictum* Sheriffs-Tooth, *septem Denarios.* 1701 *Cowel's Interpr.* (ed. Kennett) s. v., *Per Sherif-tooth* seems a tenure by the service or duty of providing Entertainment for the Sheriff at his County Turns or Courts.

Sheriffwick (ʃe·rifwik). Forms: see SHERIFF and -WICK; also 6 **shyrrywyke, 7 shirrewicke.**

1. The office of sheriff.

1451 *Rolls of Parlt.* V. 225/1 The offices and occupations of Mairalte, Shirrefwyke, Chamberleynship. 1520 *Coventry Leet Bk.* 667 Touchyng the office of Shyrrywyke of the Citie. 1542-3 *Act* 34 & 35 *Hen. VIII*, c. 26 § 22 Theyre saide office of Shiriefewike. 1601 MUNDAY *Downf. Earl Huntington* II. C 1 b, Master Warman, here's your Patent seald, For the high Sheriffewick of Notingham. 1604 in Kempe *Losely MSS.* (1836) 221 There is £500 more unpaide, which they lye in wayte untill I be oute of the Shirrewicke to have of me. *c* 1640 J. SMYTH *Lives Berkeleys* (1883) II. 224 Thomas was..discharged of his Shreevewick of Glocester⁰. 1642 C. VERNON *Consid. Exch.* 26 Extraordinary services done by Sheriffes in the time of their Sheriffwicke. 1884 *Law List* 1299 *note*, The Sheriffwick of London is in the Corporation of London.

2. The district over which a sheriff has jurisdiction.

1535 *Act* 27 *Hen. VIII*, c. 26 § 18 Every misruled and suspecte personne within thir Shireffwik. 1810 BENTHAM *Packing* (1821) 217 Within the Sheriffwick of the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex. 1894 R. S. FERGUSON *Hist. Westmorland* 95 The bailiwick of Westmorland in the sheriffwick or shrievalty, of the whole county of Westmorland.

‖ Sherifi (ʃərī·fi). Forms: 7 **shariffe, scherifi, sherif, 7, 9 scherif, 8 sher(r)iff.** Also (in Dicts.) 9 **shereefee.** [Arab. شريفي *sharīfy* (Dozy), f. *sharīf* (see SHEREEF). Cf. SERAPH 2, SERAPHIN.] A gold coin formerly current in the Levant of the value of 9*s.* 4*d.*

1615 G. SANDYS *Trav.* II. 108 Three millions of Shariffes. 1647 GREAVES *Roman Foot* 121 The Turkish sultani, or Ægyptian sherif. 1687 A. LOVELL tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* I. 262 The Turkish Chequin, which they call Scherif, is worth seventy Maidins, and the Venetian, seventy five. 1696 tr. *Du Mont's Voy. Levant* xix. (1705) 240 His Ransom..was fix'd at 100 Turkish Pieces of Gold, commonly call'd Scherifi, worth 2½ Piasters each. 1785 *Arab. Nts.* II. 203 The necklace was valued at two thousand sherriffs. 1802 *Arab. Nts.* (1815) II. 63, I paid only two scherifs a month for the use of it.

Sherish, obs. form of CHERISH *v.*

1436 *Libel Eng. Policy* in *Pol. Poems* (1859) II. 188.

‖ Sheristadar (ʃeriːstădāˑr). *Anglo-Ind.* Also 9 **serrishtehdar, ser-, sherishtadar.** [Urdū (a. Pers.) سرشتہ دار *sarishte dār*, f. *sarishte* (properly *sar-rishta*) office, employment + *dār* holder, possessor.] The head clerk or registrar of an Indian court of justice: see quot. 1872.

1775 in *Min. Evid. Trial W. Hastings* (1788) I. 1033 The Sheristadars have delivered me an Account. 1834 [PRINSEP] *Baboo* I. vii. 110 (Stanf.) The Serishtadar commenced business by informing me that this wretch was a Goreyt. 1872 E. BRADDON *Life in India* vii. 284 The sherishtadar cross-examined witnesses, droned out the proceedings when they were recorded, prompted the decision, and placed the completed case before the judge for signature. 1909 *Ch. Miss. Rev.* Sept. 515 It is not the Englishman who really governs India, but the Brahman sheristadar or deputy collector and the large army of Brahman officials.

Sherivalty: see SHERIFFALTY.

Sherive, Sherk, obs. ff. SHERIFF, SHIRK.

Sherl, obs. form of SCHORL.

1777 FORSTER *Voy. round World* II. v. II. 26 The rocks.. contained volcanic productions, or different kinds of lava, some of which are full of white and greenish sherls.

Sherman, Shern(e, obs. ff. SHEARMAN, SHARN.

Sheroot, obs. form of CHEROOT.

1824 SCOTT *St. Ronan's* xv. (end), I will light my sheroot.

Sherp, obs. and dial. form of SHARP *v.*

†Sherpe. *Obs. rare*⁻¹. Also 5 **shyrpe.** [a. OF. *escherpe*, var. of *escrepe* SCRIP *sb.*1] = SCRIP *sb.*1

1426 LYDG. *De Guil. Pilgr.* 5372 Thys bred, pylgrymes euerychod,..In ther sherpe they shold yt bere. *Ibid.* 6220 Shyrpe.

Sherpet, Sherrafe, obs. ff. SHERBET, SHROFF.

Sherrant, variant of SHERANT *Obs.*

Sherref(f, **-eive, -eve, -if**(f, etc.: see SHERIFF.

Sherriff(e, variant ff. of SHEREEF, SHERIFI.

Sherris (ʃe·ris). *arch.* Also 6–8 **sherries,** 7 **ceres.** [a. Sp. (*vino de*) *Xeres* wine of Xeres (see SHERRY *sb.*1). The Sp. *x*, now coincident in sound with *j* (= χ), was formerly pronounced (ʃ).

The name of the town appears in the 17th c. as *Sherries*: e. g. 1626 R. PEEKE (*title*) Three to One: Being an English Spanish Combat, performed..at Sherries in Spain.]

= SHERRY *sb.*1 1.

(1540-1 *Will of R. Sowethewarke* (Somerset Ho.), Twenty buttes of sakes of Sherries.] 1597 SHAKS. 2 *Hen. IV*, IV. iii. 111 The second propertie of your excellent Sherris, is, the warming of the Blood:..the Sherris warmes it, and makes it course from the inwards, to the parts extremes. 1876 BROWNING *At the 'Mermaid'* ii, The sherris mantling Still about each mouth. 1884 BLACK *Jud. Shakespeare* xxiv, Lord, Jack, what a sherris that was!

b. *attrib.* and *Comb.*: **sherris-sack**, 'sack' imported from Xeres: see SACK *sb.*3 1 b.

1876 BROWNING *At the 'Mermaid'* xviii, Back then to our *sherris-brewage! 1597 *Sherris sack [see SACK *sb.*3 1 b]. 1607 MARKHAM *Caval.* VII. (1617) 36 A pinte of very good Ceres sacke. 1777 W. DALRYMPLE *Trav. Sp. & Port.* clxviii, Xeres..is famous for..what we call, *sherries wine.

Sherrivalleys, variant of SHERRYVALLIES.

Sherrug, obs. form of SHEAR-HOG.

Sherry (ʃe·ri), *sb.*1 Also 7 **shirry, zerry, shery, sherie,** 8 **sherree.** [A sing. form evolved from SHERRIS, mistaken for a plural.]

1. Originally, the still white wine made near Xeres (now *Jerez de la Frontera*, a town in Andalusia, near Cadiz); in modern use, extended to a class of Spanish white wines of similar character, and (usually with prefixed word, as *Californian, Cape sherry*) to wines made elsewhere in imitation of Spanish sherry. Also, a wine of this kind.

1608 MIDDLETON *Mad World* v. H 1, Some Shirry for my Lords players there. 1614 B. JONSON *Barth. Fair* v. iv, *Cok.* Sack? you said but e'en now it should be Sherry. *Pup. Io.* Why so it is; sherry, sherry, sherry. 1617 *Shuttleworths' Acc.* (Chetham Soc.) 224 One other rundlett of shery. *c* 1645 HOWELL *Lett.* (1688) II. 350 Those kinds that our Merchants carry over, are those onely that grow upon the Sea-side as Malagas, Sheries, Tents. 1662 CHARLETON *Myst. Vintners* (1675) 203 They sell decayed Xeres, vulgarly Sherry, for Lusenna wine. 1682 WHELER *Journ. Greece* I. 35 Excellent Wines, especially red Muscatels (which we call Luke Sherry). *a* 1715 BURNET *Own Time* (1766) II. 221 He drunk a little tea and some sherry. 1726 G. ROBERTS *Four Yrs. Voy.* 331 Some Sherree. 1835 DICKENS *Sk. Boz, Public Dinners*, Waiters..are placing decanters of sherrry down the tables. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* XXXVIII, Most celebrated growths of ports, sherries, and claret wines. 1854 MRS. GASKELL *North & S.* XXXV, Some rare old sherry. 1897 'MERRIMAN' *In Kedar's Tents* xiii. 145 The Colonel had an English friend who spoke so—one engaged in the sherry in Xeres.

fig. 1619 *Pasquils Palinodia* title-p., A pleasant pynte of Poeticall Sherry.

b. In the names of mixed drinks, *sherry-and-seltzer, sherry-and-bitters.*

1881 H. SMART *Race for Wife* I, Men are congregating about the refreshment buffet for another sherry-and-seltzer. 1884 MRS. C. PRAED *Zéro* iii, Will you come in and have a sherry and bitters.

2. 'A small wine-glass of the size and form commonly used for sherry and similar wines' (*Cent. Dict.* 1891).

3. *attrib.* and *Comb.* a. simple *attrib.*, as *sherry-bottle, -butt, -case, -glass, sherry-wine*, also *sherry-wine colour*; *sherry-drinker, -grower.*

1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* XXV, The *sherry-bottle. 1888 *Sat. Rev.* 9 June 688/1 The juice as it runs out is caught and transferred to tubs, sherry hogsheads and *sherry butts. 1853 R. S. SURTEES *Sponge's Sp. Tour* (1893) 27 With a formidable-looking *sherry-case, in the shape of a horn, at his saddle. 1887 J. R. P. BERKELEY in Knapp *Geo. Borrow* (1899) II. 101 Among his peculiarities was his dislike.. of *Sherry drinkers. 1879 MRS. A. E. JAMES *Ind. Housch. Managem.* 26 There was only one *sherry-glass broken. 1900 SPIELMANN *Ruskin* 17 Peter Domecq, the great *sherry-grower of Xerez. 1785 BENTHAM *Mem. & Corr.* Wks. 1843 X. 160 Good *Sherry-wine. 1832 MARRYAT *N. Forster* xxxiv, You may have seen the Xerez or sherry wine. 1889 *Anthony's Photogr. Bull.* II. 124 Light sherry-wine color.

b. With reference to colour.

1856 H. H. DIXON *Post & Paddock* 301 Mr. Stirling Craufurd's *sherry-bay horse, The Shaver. 1871 GARROD *Mat. Med.* (ed. 3) 147 A vinous liquid, having a golden *sherry colour. 1878 ABNEY *Photogr.* xiii. 90 Enough to give a sherry colour to the collodion. 1875 HUXLEY & MARTIN *Pract. Biol.* App. (1877) 270 A dark *sherry-coloured solution. 1894 *Season* X. 47/2 Flecked with sherry and rose-coloured strands. 1898 P. MANSON *Trop. Diseases* ii. 65 From dark brown to *sherry-red. 1813 *Ann. Reg., Chron.* 102 Boots with *sherry-yellow-tassels.

c. In names of drinks: **sherry-negus**, see NEGUS 2; **†sherry sack**, see SACK *sb.*3 1 b, cf. SHERRIS; also *fig.* See also SHERRY-COBBLER.

1619 *Pasquils Palinodia* A 3, My Muse..weares a Corslet of old Sherry Sacke. 1677 LADY HATTON in *Hatton Corr.* (Camden) 148 All the sherie sack. 1907 *Daily Chron.* 21 Nov. 3/3 Who drank sherry-negus.

†Sheˑrry, *sb.*2 *slang.* In quot. **shirry.** [Cf. SHERRY *v.*1] A scurry.

1821 HAGGART *Life* 37 The shirry became general—I was run to my full speed.

†Sheˑrry, *a. Obs. rare*⁻¹. [f. SHERRY *sb.*1] Under the influence of sherry; drunk.

1770 *Gentl. Mag.* XL. 559/1 To express the Condition of an Honest Fellow, and no Flincher, under the Effects of good Fellowship, it is said that he is..Sherry.

She·rry, *v.*[1] *dial.* Also 9 shirry. [Perh. a variant of SHEER *v.*] *intr.* To scurry, to run away; retreat hastily. Also with *off.*

1788 GROSE *Dict. Vulgar T.* (ed. 2), *To Sherry*, to run away: sherry off. 1821 HAGGART *Life* 36 He went into an entry, as I shirry'd past him. 1866 BROGDEN *Prov. Words Lincolnsh.* 180 You've been long enough, sherry. *c* 1874 R. E. LEADER in *Sheffield Gloss.* (1890) s. v., Now, my lad, sherry. 1877 *Holderness Gloss., Sherry-off*, to run off, or retreat hastily.

She·rry, *v.*[2] *nonce-wd.* [f. SHERRY *sb.*[1]] *trans.* To supply with sherry, to give sherry to.

1909 'Q.' (Quiller-Couch) *True Tilda* xxi. 294 Nursed by a careful butler..a single bottle will sherry twelve guests.

She·rry-cobbler. *colloq.* [f. SHERRY *sb.*[1]] A cobbler made with sherry. See COBBLER 3.

1809 [see COBBLER 3]. 1842 DICKENS *Amer. Notes* ix, The bowls of mint-julep and sherry-cobbler. 1855 HALIBURTON *Nat. & Hum. Nat.* II. 312 He suck in his drink like sherry-cobbler through a straw. 1888 'OUIDA' *Under Two Flags* (1890) 82 He paused to listen till he let the ice in his sherry-cobbler melt away.

Sherryvallies (ʃerivæ·liz), *sb. pl. U.S.* Also 9 shorrevals, sherrivalleys. [The proximate history is obscure, but the word must be an adoption of some one of the many forms of a widely diffused word of oriental origin, signifying a kind of trousers: cf. Arab. سروال *sirwāl*, now commonly شروال *sharwāl* (pl. *sarāwīl*, *sharāwīl*), whence Sp. *zaragüelles* pl., Pg. *ceroulas* pl.), Russian шараварыі *sharavary*, Polish *szarawary*, Gr. σαράβαρα, late and med.L. *sarabara*, *saraballa*, *sarabala*, *saravara*, etc. (see Du Cange), Syriac ܣܪܒܠܐ *sharbālā*; the ultimate source is by some scholars supposed to be the Persian *shalwār* (see SHULWAR) of the same meaning. The Biblical Aramaic סרבלין *sarbālīn* pl., which in Dan. iii. 21, 27 is rendered by the like-sounding words in Syr., Gr., and Latin, has been regarded as identical (Eng. Bible 1611 'coats', *margin* 'mantles', 1884 Revised 'hosen'), but this is very doubtful.

Our first quot. might suggest Polish as the probable proximate source for the U. S. word. Gen. C. Lee had been aide-de-camp to the king of Poland.]

(See quot. 1848.)

1778 GEN. C. LEE *Let.* 20 Dec. in *Mem.* (1792) 430 If you find them to be green breeches patched with leather, and not actually legitimate sherry vallies, such as his Majesty of Poland wears,..I will submit in silence to all the scurrility which [etc.] 1825 *Springfield Tailor's advt.* in Alice M. Earle *Costume Colon. Times* (1894) 217 Shorrevals and Overalls And Pantaloons he'll make. 1833 C. F. HOFFMAN *Winter in Far West* (1835) I. 105 Raising his blue cotton frock to thrust his hand into the fob of his sherrivalleys. 1848 BARTLETT *Dict. Amer., Sherrivallies*, pantaloons made of thick velvet or leather, buttoned on the outside of each leg, and generally worn over other pantaloons. They are now chiefly worn by teamsters. Many years ago, when ..journeys were made on horseback, *sherrivallies* were indispensable to the traveller.

Shert, obs. form of SHORT *adv.*

Shert(e, sherth, obs. forms of SHIRT *sb.*

Sherve, obs. form of SHERIFF.

Sherville, obs. form of CHERVIL.

1689 in *Thanes of Cawdor* (Spalding Club) 353, 4 drop sherville.

Shervon, obs. f. *shriven*, pa. pple. of SHRIVE *v.*

‖ **She·rwal.** *rare.* [Arab. شروال *sharwāl*: see SHERRYVALLIES.] A kind of loose trousers worn in various Asiatic countries.

1844 tr. *Maria T. Asmar's Mem. Babyl. Princess* I. 44 My sherwals, or trowsers, were of crimson silk. *Ibid.* II. 148 Arraying myself in..a sadrieh, or jacket, of golden tissue, rose-coloured sherwals, a turban [etc.].

†**She·rwood.** *Obs.* Also 6 shirwood. [Perh. from the proper name *Sherwood* in the Robin Hood ballads, taken as a poetic synonym for *greenwood.*] A grove; also, greenwood.

1562 PHAER *Æneid* VIII. Y iij b, The shirwood great [L. *lucum ingentem*], where sault defence, and free resort, Duke Romulus vptooke. 1632 LOVEDAY tr. *Calprenede's Cassandra* I. 167 He saw on his right hand near the river side a grove of Sherwood.

Sheshum, variant of SHISHAM.

Shet, dial. var. SHEAT *sb.*[1] (young hog); obs. f. SHEET *sb.*[2], SHUT; obs. pa. t. of SHOOT.

Shete, obs. form of SHEET, SHOOT, SHUT.

Sheter, obs. form of SHOOTER.

Sheth (ʃeþ). *dial.* and *techn.* Forms: 5 scheth, (9 sheath), 8– sheth. [Cogn. w. WFlem. *schet, schelte* rail, bar of a gate, palisade, etc.; f. the Tent. root **skaiþ-* to divide, split: see SHED *v.*, SHEATH. Cf. also WFlem. *schee* cross-bar, rung of a ladder, one of the laths forming the bottom of a wheelbarrow, etc. See also SHEATH[2].

The etymological sense would be split piece of wood (cf. the cognate SHIDE). The OE. form cannot be inferred from the data, but may possibly be represented by ONorth. *sceaþa*, *sceapa* (if the vowel in that word be long), which occurs in the Lindisfarne and Rushworth Gospels John xx. 25 in the sense of nail, and as the second element of *hornsceaþ.* 'pinnaculum (templi)' in Matt. iv. 5 (Lind.); a MDu. *schede* fem., metal pin or peg, appears to correspond to this.]

1. A bar or lath, esp. one of a number placed alongside each other so as to form a framework. *spec.* in various applications.

a. One of the bars or 'ribs' forming the framework for the bottom or sides of a wagon, railway-coach, etc.

1496 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* I. 281 Item..to Will Walkar of Leith, for xxiiij schort treis to be schethis to the cartis,..xxiiij s. 1764 J. BUDDLE in *B. Martin's Gen. Mag.* June 285 The body of the waggon is in form of an inverted prismoid..having strong pieces of oak or ash wood at the bottom called Soals, at the corners and sides called Sheths. 1838 N. WOOD *Railroads* (ed. 3) 208 Upright sheths are placed upon the side frames, and cross sheths as shown in the figures. 1851 GREENWELL *Coal-trade Terms, Northumb. & Durh.* 47 *Sheths*, the ribs of a chaldron waggon. 1894 *Northumbld. Gloss.* s. v., 'Waggon sheth', the group of ribs forming the framework. 'Tram sheth', the cross ties in a tram which connect the soles or main framework.

b. In a ladder: Each of 'the broader steps, introdnced at intervals, between the rungs, to bind the structure together' (*Northumbld. Gloss.* 1894).

c. In a harrow: see quot. 1894. Also *collect.*

1788 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) I. 276/1 The bulls are connected by four sheths. 1894 *Northumbld. Gloss.* s. v., 'Harrow sheth', the cross bars of a harrow, intersecting the 'bulls' or longitudinal bars.

2. 'A group of parallel rows which stand at right angles to similar and adjoining or intersecting rows' (*Northumbld. Gloss.* 1894).

a. *Agriculture.* (See quot. 1894.)

1431 *Munim. de Melros* (Bannatyne Club) 524 Sexten akris of land togithir lyand in þe samyn scheth of land west fra þe said saynte mary rig. 1829 BROCKETT *N. C. Gloss.* (ed. 2), *Sheth*, a portion of a field, which is divided so as to drain off the water by the direction of the ploughings, called *sheths*; i. e. a separated part. 1894 *Northumbld. Gloss.* s. v., In the unenclosed town fields a group of parallel strips of ploughed land, which adjoined a similar group lying at right angles, formed a *sheth.*

b. *Mining.* (See quots.)

1812 J. HODGSON in Raine *Mem.* (1857) I. 95 Till it [the air] traversed the newly-formed sheth or set of workings. 1860 *Eng. & Foreign Mining Gloss.* (ed. 2) *Newcastle* 63 *Sheth of bords*, a district of workings. 1894 *Northumbld. Gloss.* s. v., 'Sheth of boards', a group of cross workings in a coal pit...When a panel or division of a colliery is referred to, the group of parallel excavations which have been driven at right angles to the cleavage of the coal (the boards) are spoken of as a 'sheth of boards'.

attrib. 1812 J. HODGSON in Raine *Mem.* (1857) I. 95 The walls which have stoppings in them are called sheth-walls, and those which are open loose-walls. 1816 J. H. H. HOLMES *Coal Mines Durh. & Northumb.* 247 Sheth, Sheth-door, Sheth-stoppings &c.—different means used for regulating the passage of the air through the boards, headways, &c.

Sheth(e, Shether: see SHEATH, SHEDER.

Shethite, variant of SETHITE.

Shetland (ʃe·tlănd). [The name of a group of islands to the north-north-east of the mainland of Scotland.] Used *attrib.* (quasi-*adj.*).

a. *Shetland pony, horse,* etc. = SHELTIE 1.

1801 J. ANDERSON *Recreat. Agric.* IV. Index, Shetland pony. 1807 J. HALL *Trav. Scot.* II. 531 The Shetland horses are well known. 1830 LE KEUX *Illustr. Nat. Hist.* I. 34 The Shetland ponies are exceedingly diminutive. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* xxxvii, On this little black Shetland pigmy young Rawdon's great father was pleased to mount the boy.

absol. 1857 HUGHES *Tom Brown* I. ii, Tom rode his little Shetland into the cottage.

b. As the designation of a breed of sheep.

1794 *Statist. Acc. Scot.* XI. 39 The Cheviot sheep are very well made. By crossing the breed of them with the Shetland,..both the quality of the wool and of the mutton will be improved. 1796 *Ibid.* XVII. 586 Neither the Spanish nor the Shetland sheep has, as yet, been found to thrive here. 1830 LE KEUX *Illustr. Nat. Hist.* I. 139 Shetland Sheep. This breed was formerly a native of the higher parts of Aberdeenshire.

c. Applied to a variety of wool, spun in the Shetland Isles, hence to things made of this wool.

1790 (*title*) Report of the Committee of the Highland Society of Scotland, to whom the subject of Shetland Wool was referred. 1856 MRS. PULLAN *Lady's Dict. Needlework* 48 Wools...Shetland. A very fine wool, used for veils, scarfs, shawls, &c. 1856 MORTON *Cycl. Agric.* II. 833/1 Genuine Shetland hose. 1882 CAULFEILD & SAWARD *Dict. Needlework* 446 Shetland Point Lace..is a Needlemade lace, composed of Shetland wool..of sufficiently coarse texture to form babies' shawls [etc.]. 1906 E. V. LUCAS *Listener's Lure* 183 Get a Shetland shawl for Mrs. Ring.

Hence **Shetla·ndio** *a.*, pertaining to Shetland.

1882 K. BLIND in *Gentl. Mag.* Mar. 353 (art.) New finds in Shetlandic and Welsh. *Ibid.* 356 This Shetlandic word.

She·tlander (ʃe·tlăndəɹ), [f. *Shetland* (see prec.) + -ER[1].]

1. An inhabitant of the Shetland Isles.

1807 J. HALL *Trav. Scot.* II. 616 All the labour of the poor Shetlander is under the controul of the landholder. 1882 MISS GORDON-CUMMING in *19th Cent.* Apr. 573 The Shetlanders have a..singularly descriptive word to express it.

2. A Shetland pony.

1875 S. SIDNEY *Bk. Horse* iv. 85 The best Shetlanders come from Unst. 1885 *Mem. D. King* ii. 11 His uncle gave him a pony—a small jet black Shetlander.

Shetle, obs. variant of SHITTLE *a.*

Shett(e, obs. ff. SHEET *sb.*[1], SHOOT *v.*, SHUT *v.*

Shettle, obs. form of SHITTLE *a.*, SHUTTLE.

Shetton, Shetyll, obs. ff. SHITTEN, SHUTTLE.

Sheu, obs. pa. t. of SHOW *v.*

Sheue, obs. form of SHOW *v.*

Sheugh (ʃuχ), *sb. Sc.* and *north.* Forms: *a.* 6 sewch, seuche, 6–7, 9 seuch, 8– seugh; *β.* 7 shouch, 8–9 shough, (9 shooch, shaugh, shuch, shugh, see *Eng. Dial. Dict.*), 9 sheuch, 8– shsugh. [Northern variant of SOUGH *sb.*[2]]

1. A furrow, trench, ditch, drain, etc.

a. 1501 DOUGLAS *Pal. Hon.* III. iv, Ane terribill sewch birnand in flammis reid,..All full of brintstane, pick, and hulling leid. 1513 — *Æneis* v. xii. 168 Eneas with a plench The cetie circulit, and merkit he a seuch. 1520 NISBET *Matt.* xv. 14 Gif a blindman leid a blindman, bathe falle dovn into the seucht. 16.. N. BURNE *Leader-Haughs* x. in Ramsay *Tea-Table Misc.* (1762) II. 181 O'er duh and dyke, o'er seugh and syke. 1818 HOGG *Brownie* II. *Woolgatherer* 147 A deep dry seuch at the back of the garden. 1829 BROCKETT *N. C. Gloss.* (ed. 2), *Seugh*, a wet ditch;.. any watery or boggy place—a *sough.*

β. 1665 J. FRASER *Chron. Frasers* (S.H.S.) 164 Riding down the narrow shouch of Corbet Bray. *a* 1779 D. GRAHAM *Jockey & Maggy's Crtshp.* III. Writ. 1883 II. 24 West the hags, an' o'er by Whitehill shough. 1786 BURNS *Twa Dogs* 30 He was a gash an' faithfu' tyke, As ever lap a sheugh or dyke. 1816 SCOTT *Antiq.* xliv, And a' the bonny engines, and wheels, and the coves, and sheughs, doun at Glenwithershins yonder, what's to come o' them? 1830 W. CARLETON *Traits Ir. Peas.* (1843) I. 62 Sometimes one in crossing a stile or ditch would drop into the shough. 1894 T. WATSON *Kirkintilloch* 199 Huge open gutters or 'sheuchs' on either side of the street, received all the sewage.

2. A furrow made for the temporary reception of plants: see SHEUGH *v.* 2.

1844 H. STEPHENS *Bk. Farm* I. 373 The plants are taken from the *sheughs* when wanted.

Sheugh (ʃuχ), *v. Sc.* and *north.* Forms: *a.* seuch, sewch (in pr. pple. sewchquhand), 7 seugh; *β.* 8–9 shugh, 9 shough, 9– sheuch, 8– sheugh. [f. SHEUGH *sb.*]

1. *trans.* To plough, make furrows in (also *fig.*); to dig *up*; (see also quot. 1882).

1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* v. iii. 76 Thai seuch the fludis. *Ibid.* 102 Now glyde thai baith togiddir furth in front, Sewchquhand salt fame with thair lang kelis blont. 1606 BIRNIE *Kirk-Buriall* (1833) 31 With shod-shooles to seugh up the sanctuary ground. *a* 1878 H. AINSLIE *Pilgr. Land Burns*, etc. (1892) 334 They're..sheughin' hill an' howe. 1882 JAMIESON, *To Sheuch, Shugh*, to make a ditch or drain; also, to work in a ditch or peat-pit, as *to sheugh peats*, i. e., to cut them from the *sheuch* or pit, West of S[cotland].

2. To lay plants temporarily in the earth in order to keep them fresh; also *to sheugh in.*

17.. *Jacobite Song, Wee German Lairdie* i, He was delving in his kail-yairdie: Sheughing kail an' laying leeks. 1842 LOUDON *Suburban Hort.* 703 In the nurseries, we have great experience of lifting and shoughing immense quantities of deciduous plants. 1844 H. STEPHENS *Bk. Farm* I. 373 The bundles..should be immediately loosened out on their arrival from the nursery, and *sheughed in*, that is, spread out upright in trenches..and dry earth well heaped against them. 1894 *Northumbld. Gloss., Sheugh*, to 'lay'..trees or plants temporarily in a hastily dug hole.

b. *transf.* To cover slightly, bury.

1742 R. FORBES *Ajax* (1755) 3 Ajax..fase targe was shught In seven fald o' hide. 1832–53 D. WEBSTER in *Whistle-Binkie* Ser. II. 101 The bodies in Mauchlin Wish Meg in her kist, an' as deep sheugh'd as Lauchlan. *a* 1880 in Sir W. Fraser *Red Bk. Menteith* I. 403 His followers daurna tak his body so far east as Dundurn..so they just shoughed it at the point of Coilmore, whence it was exhumed and placed afterwards in the old chapel.

Sheuk, obs. Sc. f. *shook* pa. t. of SHAKE *v.*

‖ **Sheva** (ʃəvā·). [a. Rabbinic Heb. שְׁוָא *shewā'*, app. an arbitrary alteration of שָׁוְא *shāw'*, emptiness, vanity. (In German books spelt *schwa.*)]

1. *Hebrew Grammar.* a. The sign ◌ְ placed under a consonant letter to express (what Jewish grammarians regard as) the absence of a following vowel sound. In certain positions the sheva (called *quiescent sheva*) has really no sound; but in others it is sounded as the neutral vowel (ə) or (ɐ), and is then called *movable* (or *vocal*) *sheva.* *Compound sheva*: any of the signs ◌ֱ, ◌ֲ, ◌ֳ, which represent the neutral vowel with a colouring of *ĕ*, *ă*, *ŏ* respectively. b. The sound of 'movable sheva'.

1827 S. LEE *Hebr. Gram.* 19 On *Sheva* and its Substitutes. 1837 G. PHILLIPS *Syriac Gram.* 3 When no vowel is expressed, then as in the Hebrew, a Sheva..will be implied and read accordingly. 1853 J. R. WOLF *Pract. Hebr. Gram.* 10 Hence, when Sheva is placed under such a consonant at the beginning of a syllable, it is sounded like a short *e*, and is called movable Sheva. *Ibid.*, When two Shevas stand in the middle of a word, the first is a resting, and the second a movable.

2. *Phonetics.* The neutral vowel-sound; *esp.* in comparative grammar, the obscure vowel resulting (in primitive Indogermanic) from an original *ă*, *ĕ*, or *ŏ*, by loss of accent.

1888 J. B. BURY in *Class. Rev.* Oct. 251/2 The *π* by labiation for *q*, and the second *ă* a sheva. [1895 P. GILES *Compar. Philol.* 134 Indo-G. ə 'schwa' or the neutral vowel.]

Sheve, obs. form of SHEAF *sb.*, SHEAVE *sb.*

She·vel, *a. Sc.* In 6 schewill. [Related to SHEVEL *v.*] Distorted, twisted. Also Comb. *shevel-gabbit, -mouthed* adjs., having a wry mouth.

1508 DUNBAR *Tua Mariit Wemen* 106 He schowis on me his schewill mouth, and schedis my lippis. *c* 1785 *J. Thompson's Man* 14 Chandler-chafted, sheavel-gabbed,

left-handed. 1866 W. Gregor *Banffsh. Gloss.*, *Shaivle-moot*, having the mouth distorted.

Shevel (ʃe·v'l), *v. Sc.* and *north.* Also 8 **sheavle**, 9 **shavel**, **shaivle**, **sheevil**, **sheule**. (See *Eng. Dial. Dict.*) [App. cogn. w. Shayle *v.*; a variant common in Sc. dialects is *showl*, *shool*.] *trans.* and *intr.* To distort, or become distorted. Hence *sheveling-gabbit* adj. = *shevel-gabbit* (see prec.); *sheveling-heeled* adj., (of a shoe) having a twisted or downtrodden heel.

1725 Ramsay *Gentle Sheph.* iv. i, Ye shevelling-gabbit brock! *a* 1779 D. Graham *Jockey & Maggy's Courtship* vi. Writ. 1883 II. 43 An' how think ye the like o' me can wak straight wi' sic auld shevelin heel'd shune as mine. *a* 1779 — *John Cheap* i. Ibid. II. 92 The deil's on the tap o' the mou', sheavling his mouth at me. 1808 Jamieson, *To Shevel*, to distort... *To shevel*, to walk in an unsteady and oblique way. 1823 Galt *Gilhaize* iii, That auld shavling-gabbit hielander. 1869 J. P. Morais *Furness Gloss.*, *Sheule*, to walk with a shuffling gait.

Shevelled (ʃe·vĕld), *ppl. a. rare* and *arch.* Also 7 **sheualed**, **shieveld**. [Aphetic form of Disbevelled *ppl. a.*] Dishevelled. Also *transf.*

1613 *Uncasing of Machiav.* 22 While the poore man.. May..wipe his blubbered cheeks with sheualed heares. 1633 T. Adams *Exp. 2 Pet.* ii. 5. 592 A shieveld threed is hardly got thorow the needles-eye. 1877 Blackmore *Erema* I. xviii. 219 He bowed his tall white head into my shevelled hair. 1886 — *Springhaven* (1887) I. x. 81 Sandhills shevelled with long rush disarm the western fury.

Shever(e, obs. forms of Shiver.

† **She·veret.** *Sc. Obs.* [Origin and meaning obscure: cf. Cheverel.] Some material used for curtains.

1716 Lady G. Baillie *Househ. Bk.* (S.H.S.) 45 For 3 yd. yellow sheveret for a curtine to the Coach o. 9. o.

Shevys (= *sheuys*), obs. pl. Shoe *sb.*

Shew, Sc. f. Sew *v.*[1]; var. Sew *v.*[2] *Obs.*

Shew, variant of Show *sb.* and *v.*

† **Shewage.** *Obs. rare.* [f. *shew*, Show *v.* + -age.] An etymologizing alteration of Scavage *sb.*, due to the lawyers of the 15–16th c.

1500 in *Star Chamber Cases* (Selden Soc.) I. 73 All maner of toll & Shewage oderwise called Skawage amonges oder thynges. 1503–4 *Act* 19 *Hen. VII*, c. 8 Dyvers Meires ..have..taken of theym a certeyn Costome called Skavage, oderwyse called Shewage. 1641 *Termes de la Ley* (1659) 245 b, Scauage or shewage. 1800 [see Scavage *sb.* 1].

Shewbread (ʃōu·bred). *Jewish Antiq.* Also 6 **schew-**, **shewe-** (9 *Dicts.* **show-**); see also Bread. [f. *shew*, Show *sb.*, after G. *schaubrot* (Luther); the compound seems correctly to represent the sense of the Heb. לחם פנים *le·χem pānī·m*, LXX ἄρτοι ἐνώπιοι, Vulg. *panes propositionis*.] The twelve loaves that were placed every Sabbath 'before the Lord' on a table beside the altar of incense, and at the end of the week were eaten by the priests alone.

In 16th c. writers sometimes in pl., after the LXX and the Vulgate; the Geneva Bible (1557) has *shewe loues*.

1530 Tindale *Exod.* xxv. 30 Thou shalt sett apon the table shewbred before me allwaye. 1535 Coverdale *Matt.* xii. 4 Haue ye not red..How he [David]..ate the shew breds. 1563 Winjet *Bk. Quest.* lvi. Wks. (S.T.S.) I. 111 Achimelech wold nocht geue the schewbreid to Dauid. 1648 Herrick *Hesper.*, *Temple* 69 Upon this fetuous board doth stand Something for shew-bread. 1686 Horneck *Crucif. Jesus* vii. 117 The Shew-bread was to be before the Lord continually. In the original it is called The Bread of Faces. The mystery of it was, to shew, that Christ was to be the great Mediator, who should be always in the presence of God, behold his face [etc.]. 1855 Pusey *Doctr. Real Presence* (Note S) 413 [tr. St. Ephrem.] The shewbread figures the mystery of our sacrifices which are offered through Christ by the Ministers of the Church.

attrib. 1611 Bible 2 *Chron.* xxix. 18 We haue cleansed ..the shew-bread table.

Shewe, aphetic form of Eschew.

1502 *Ord. Crysten Men* (W. de W. 1506) I. iii. 34 He ought. to put out of us all euyl thoughtes and enyll operacyons to shewe all occasyon the whiche myght stere us unto yll. 1548 H. Hart (*title*), A goodly new short Treatyse instructing euery Parson howe they shulde trade theyr Lynes in y• Imytacyon of Vertu, and the shewyng of Vice.

Shewe, obs. form of Show; ? obs. form of Sue *v.*

Shew·el. *Obs.* exc. *dial.* Forms: *a.* 3 **schawles**, 8(c)**heules**, **shueles**, 5 **shewelys**; *β.* 3, 7 **sewell**, 6 **aewelle**, **sewel**, **shewelle**, 9 **shewell**, 7–9 **shewel**. Also Sewin 2. [Early ME. *scheules*, perh. repr. OE. **scīewels* = MLG. *schûwelse*, MHG. *schûsel* (mod.G. *schĕusal*), a derivative of the vb. which appears as OHG. *sciuhen* (MHG. *schiuhen*, *schiuwen*, mod.G. *scheuen*) to scare. Cf. Shy *v.*] A scarecrow. Also *Hunting*, something hung up or set up to keep a deer from entering a particular place, or from going in a particular direction. Also *fig.*

c 1250 *Owl & Night.* 1648 Þu seist þat gromes þe i-foð.. an summe of þe schawles [*v.r.* scheules] makeþ. *Ibid.* 1128 Ac þu art shueles [*v.r.* sheules] supe god. 1286 in *Select Pleas Forest* (Selden Soc.) 130 Intrare warennum cum rethibus et sewell' et capere volatilia. 1426 Lydg. *De Guil. Pilgr.* 13889 A shewelys enarmyd in the ffeld..Wych ys but A ded ffygure. 1535 Layton in *Lett. Suppress. Monast.* (Camden) 71 Getheryng up part of the saide bowke leiffes ..therwith to make him sewelles or blawnsherres to kepe the dere within the woode, therby to have the better cry with his howndes. 1576 Turberv. *Venerie* xxxvii. 98 Any thing that is hung vp, is called a Sewel. And those are vsed most commonly to amaze a Deare, and to make him refuse to passe wher they are hanged vp. *a* 1586 Sidney *Arcadia* III. x. P 4 So are these hugbeares of opinions brought by great Clearkes into the world, to serve as shewelles to keepe them from those faults, whereto [etc.]. 1616 Bullokar *Eng. Expos.*, *Sewell*, a Paper, clout, or any thing hanged vp to keep a Deere from entring into a place. 1661 Feltham *Resolves* II. lxv. 325 He knows both with what baites to incite them, and with what shewels to drive into the Net and Toyle. 1688 Holme *Armoury* II. 187/1 Bleinchers, and Sewels, are papers and stick laid cross a Fox-hole, to fear him and make him believe some Gin is set there. 1888 *Berks. Gloss.*, *Shewell*, a scarecrow.

Hence **Shewelling** *sb.*, setting up shewels.

1576 Turberv. *Venerie*, Terms 242 When they hang vppe any paper, clout, or other marke, then it is to be called Sewelling. 1627 J. Taylor (Water-P.) *Arnado* D 2, Dewclawes and Dowlcets, drawing the Couerte, Blemishes, Sewelling, Auant-laye, Allaye, Relaye [etc.]. 1688 Holme *Armoury* II. 188/2 Sewels or S[e]welling, is the setting up of clouts or papers, or the like, for marks, and to fear Deer away from a place. 1902 *Gamekeeper* Dec. 65/1 Sewelling in a piece of cord with rags and feathers fixed at every six inches..at a reasonable distance in front of the guns will ensure good flying birds.

Shewemaker, obs. form of Shoemaker.

Shewer(e, obs. f. Sewer *sb.* 2, 3; Shower.

Shewet, obs. form of Suet.

Shewid, obs. pa. t. of Shove *v.*

Shewin, Shewmake: see Sewin 1, Sumach.

Shewre, obs. form of Shower *sb.*

Shewt: see Shoot *sb.*[3]

Shewtage: see Shootage *Obs.*

Shewter, Sheyde, obs. ff. Suitor, Shed *sb.*[1]

Sheykh, Sheyld: see Sheikh, Shiel.

Sheynd, Sheyt(t, obs. ff. Shend, Sheet *sb.*[1]

Shiaok, variant form of She-oak.

‖**Shiah** (ʃī·ă). Forms: *a.* 7 **Seaw**, **Chias**, 8 **Schia(h**, **Shiyah**, 9 **Shiya**, **Shya**, 8–9 **Shia**, 9 **She(e)ah**, **Sheer**, 8– **Shiah**; *β.* 7 **Schiai**, 7–8 **Shii**, 8 **Shiay**. [Arab. شيعة *shīʿa*[h] sect, f. root *shāʿa*, in the third conjugation to follow.

The *β* forms, strictly speaking, represent a distinct word, Arab. شيعي *shiyaʿīy* a member of the Shiah sect, a Shiite.]

1. a. Properly (but in Eng. somewhat rarely) used as a collective name for that one of the two great Mohammedan sects (chiefly represented by the Persians) which differs from the Sunnites or orthodox Mohammedans chiefly in maintaining that Ali (Mohammed's cousin and son-in-law) was the true successor of the prophet, the three first caliphs of the Sunnites being regarded as usurpers.

b. Commonly, an adherent of this sect, a Shiite.

1626 Method in Purchas *Pilgrimage* (ed. 4) 995 He is by Religion a Mahumetan, discended from Persian Ancestors, and retayneth their opinions, which differing in many points from the Turkes, are distinguished in their Sects by tearmes of *Seaw* and *Sunnee*. 1668 Rycaut *Pres. St. Ottoman Emp.* II. xi. 127 The Shii are opposed by the Subjects of the whole Ottoman Empire, as the most heretical of any of the rest. 1687 A. Lovell tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* II. 107 The Persians call themselves Schiai, because they think it enough to follow the commands of their Law. 1753 Hanway *Trav.* (1762) II. iv. ii. 106 The sect of Schias includes the Persians and some princes of the Indies, who are followers of Ali, who are also distinguished by the name of Adeliah. 1759 *Universal Hist.*, *Mod.* VI. 34 The two chief sects, named *Sunni* and *Shiay*, into which the Mohammedans are divided. 1798 G. Forster *Journ. Bengal to Eng.* II. 129 In contradistinction to the Soonis, who in their prayers cross their hands on the lower part of the breast, the Schiahs drop their arms in straight lines. 1815 Elphinstone *Acc. Caubul* (1842) I. 269 The Sheeahs are more discountenanced than any other religious sect. 1827 Buckingham *Trav. Mesopot.* II. 483 The mosque of the Imam Hossein, so highly revereneed by the Shiahs. 1830 Mevrick *Ant. Arms & Armour* II. Pl. 141 He was a Sheer, a religious sect violently opposed to the Sunis. 1874 H. H. Cole *Catal. Ind. Art S. Kens. Mus.* App. 305 The earth is held in superstitious veneration by the Muhammadans, especially the 'Sheahs'. 1883 *Encycl. Brit.* XVI. 593/1 The Shi'a were divided into several sects.

2. *attrib.* and *adj.*

1698 Fryer *Acc. E. India & P.* I. iv. 29 His Substitute here is a Chias Moor. 1841 Elphinstone *Hist. India* VII. iv. II. 159 The enthusiasm of the nation for the Shia religion. 1903 Sir A. H. Lavard *Autobiog.* I. viii. 337 Being of the Shiah sect of Islam.

Shibboleth (ʃi·bŏleþ). Forms: 4 **s(h)ebolech**, 6, 7 **schiboleth**, 7 **schibboleth**, 7–9 **shiboleth**, 7– **shibboleth**. [a. Heb. שִׁבֹּלֶת *shibbō·leth*; in the Vulgate transliterated *sciboleth*.

The word occurs with the senses 'ear of corn' and 'stream in flood'; in the passage now referred to the LXX and Vulgate give the former rendering; mod. commentators prefer the latter, on the ground that on this view the selection of the word is naturally accounted for, as the slaughter took place 'at the fords of Jordan'. Cf. Sibboleth *v.*]

1. The Hebrew word used by Jephthah as a test-word by which to distinguish the fleeing Ephraimites (who could not pronounce the *sh*) from his own men the Gileadites (Judges xii. 4–6).

1382 Wyclif *Judges* xii. 6 Thei askiden hym, Seye thanne Sebolech [1535 Coverdale Schiboleth, 1611 Shibboleth],.. the which answerde, Shebolech [1388 Thebolech, 1535 Siboleth, 1611 Sibboleth]. 1671 Milton *Samson* 289 In that sore battel when so many dy'd Without Reprieve adjudg'd to death, For want of well pronouncing Shibboleth. 1844 Elphinstone *Hist. India* II. 73 As some endeavoured to conceal their character, recourse was had to a test like the Jewish Shiboleth.

2. *transf.* **a.** A word or sound which a person is unable to pronounce correctly; a word used as a test for detecting foreigners, or persons from another district, by their pronunciation.

1658 Clevelano *Rustick Rampant* 36 They had a Shibboleth to discover them, he who pronounced *Brot* and *Cawse* for *Bread* and *Cheese* had his head lopt off. 1660 Fuller *Mixt Contempl.* xxxviii. 62 It [the word *trespasses*] is a shiboleth to a child's tongue, wherein there is a confluence of hard consonants together. *a* 1661 — *Worthies*, *Essex* (1662) I. 335, *R.* was Shiboleth unto him, which he could not easily pronounce. 1827 Scott *Two Drovers* i, In attempting to teach his companion to utter, with true precision, the shibboleth *Lhu*, which is the Gaelic for a calf. 1863 Hawthorne *Our Old Home*, *Consular Exper.* I. 44 The best shibboleth I ever hit upon lay in the pronunciation of the word 'been'. 1873 Earle *Philol. Eng. Tongue* § 138 (ed. 2) 139 The TH with its twofold value is one of the most characteristic features of our language, and more than any other the Shibboleth of foreigners.

b. A peculiarity of pronunciation or accent indicative of a person's origin.

1663 [J. Heath] *Flagellum or O. Cromwell* 123 There were slain [at Worcester] in Field and in Town,..and in pursuit some 3000, and some 8000. taken prisoners in several places, most of the English escaping by their Shiboleth. 1701 De Foe *Trueborn Engl.* I. 136 The Customs, Sirnames, Languages, and Manners, Of all these Nations..Whose Relicks..ha' left a Shiboleth upon our Tongue; By which ..you may distinguish Your Roman-Saxon-Danish-Norman English. 1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) XIII. 112/1 The commonalty [of Northumberland] are..remarkably distinguished by a kind of *shibboleth* or *whurle*, being a particular way of pronouncing the letter *R*.

c. *loosely.* A custom, habit, mode of dress, or the like, which distinguishes a particular class or set of persons.

1806 A. Hunter *Culina* (ed. 2) 192 Custard and apple-pie is the Shibboleth by which an Alderman may be known. 1837 Howitt *Rur. Life* I. iv. (1862) 40 The sportsman's shooting-dress is a shibboleth, which introduces him alike to his superiors, to his fellows, and his inferiors. 1885 Dodge *Patroclus & Penelope* 10 The newly fledged equestrian who makes them [the English hunting-rig and crop] his shibboleth, and who discards as 'bad form' any deviation upon the road from what is eminently in place after hounds. 1902 Gosse in *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 10) XXXIII. 819/2 *Joseph and his Brethren* became a kind of shibboleth—a rite of initiation into the true poetic culture.

3. *fig.* A catchword or formula adopted by a party or sect, by which their adherents or followers may be discerned, or those not their followers may be excluded.

1638 E. Norice *New Gospel* 3 His followers sequestring themselves to such as were their own way,..gave themselves to mirth and jollity,..as if it were the only Shibboleth whereby to be discerned from the miserable Legalists that held mourning and sorrow for sinne. 1687 Dryden *Hind & P.* IV. 1076 For them..Their Foes a deadly Shibboleth devise: By which unrighteously it was decreed, That none to Trust, or Profit should succeed, Who would not swallow first a poysonous wicked Weed. 1771 Wesley *Serm.* xliv. Wks. 1829 VI. 63 But here is the shibboleth: Is man by nature filled with all manner of evil?..Allow this, and you are so far a Christian. Deny it, and you are but a Heathen still. 1784 Cowper *Let. to Newton* 21 Feb., The mere shibboleth of a party. 1809 Scott *Fam. Lett.* (1894) I. v. 146 Knaves and fools invent catch-words and shibboleths to keep them ['honest' persons] from coming to a just understanding. 1862 J. Skelton *Nugæ Crit.* ix. 424 The age.. strives to emancipate itself from the fetters of party shibboleths. 1874 H. R. Reynolds *John Bapt.* vi. § 3. 394 Christians were ready to insist upon the insensate Shibboleth, 'Except ye be circumcised..ye cannot be saved'.

b. The mode of speech distinctive of a profession, class, etc.

1829 Southey *Sir T. More* (1831) II. 231 She has assumed the garb and even the shibboleth of the sect. 1849 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* iii. I. 400 To that sanctimonious jargon, which was his shibboleth, was opposed another jargon not less absurd. 1884 *Graphic* 25 Oct. 437/3 Not given to talk stable, as is too often the case with racing men, but putting off the shibboleth of the turf with his race-glasses.

Shibol, obs. form of Chibol.

1546–7 *Cal. Anc. Rec. Dublin* (1889) 416 No persons hensforthe shall syll..shibols, by Sainct Michels churche.

Shibouk, variant of Chibouk.

1843 R. J. Graves *Syst. Clin. Med.* xxiv. 303, I soon found the absurdity of asking an Oriental to abandon his shibouk.

Shicer (ʃəi·səɹ). Also **schicer**, **shiser**. [a. G. *scheisser* 'cacator, peditor'; hence = 1 below.]

1. *slang.* A worthless person. Also *Austral.* (? transf. from 2) a welsher, defaulter.

1859 *Hotten's Slang Dict.* 227 *Shicer*, a mean man, a humbug—a person who is either worthless, or will not work. 1887 'Hopeful' *Taken in* 135 [New Zealand] If a man isn't 'up to the mark', he is called 'a regular shicer'. 1896 in E. E. Morris *Austral Eng.* s. v., Don't take his bet, he's a regular shicer. 1906 Olive C. Malvery *Soul Market* xvii. 290 A racecourse swindler or welsher is spoken of as a 'shiser'.

2. *Austral.* An unproductive claim or mine.

1855 *Argus* (Melbourne) 19 Jan. 6/1, 220 feet digging is no plaything just now, with the prospect of a schicer at such depths. 1859 K. Cornwallis *New World* I. 219 We bought a hole..which those who originally sunk it had determined upon abandoning as a shicer. 1890 'R. Boldrewood'

Miner's Right xxxiv, The shaft..was an old shicer and pretty deep.

Shickle, altered f. SHITTLE *a. Obs.*, unstable.

Shick-shack (ʃi·kˌʃæk). *dial.* Also **shic(k)-sack, shitsack, shig-shag, sic-sac, shuck-shack, shiff-shack**, etc. (See *Eng. Dial. Dict.*) [Perh. a corruption of *shitsack*, an 'opprobrious appellation by which the Nonconformists were vulgarly distinguished' (Granger *Biogr. Hist. Eng.* 1769, II. 224 and index).] App. originally used as a term of abuse for persons who were found not wearing the customary oak-apple or sprig of oak on the morning of Royal-oak day (29 May) which is hence called *Shick-shack Day*. In some places *shick-shack* appears to have become a name for the oak-apple or sprig of oak itself.

[1834 G. ROBERTS *Hist. & Antiq. Lyme Regis* 257 The boys continue to gild their oak apples and apply an opprobrious name to those who have not an oak leaf displayed, or wear it after twelve o'clock.] 1847 HALLIWELL, *Shick-shack-day*, a term for the 29th of May, or Royal Oak Day. *Surrey. Ibid., Shitsac*, an oak-apple. *Wilts.* 1855 *N. & Q.* Ser. I. XII. 100 *Shig-shag Day*. The working men of Basingstoke, and other towns in Hampshire, arise early on May 29, to gather slips of oak with the galls on: these they put in their hats, or anywhere about their persons...After breakfast these men go round to such houses for beer, &c. Should they not receive anything, the following verses should be said: 'Shig-shag, penny a rag (Bang his head in Crommell's bag), All up in a bundle.' 1891 *Church Times* 13 Feb. 150/2 (E.D.D.) Anybody not decorated was bonnetted, or pinched, and called a 'Shuck-shack'. 1892 Miss YONGE *Old Woman's Outlook* May 105 The 29th...is called in Hampshire and Sussex, Shik Shak Day. 1896 DITCHFIELD *Old Eng. Customs* 120 In Wilts it is known as Shitsack or Shick-sack Day, when the children carry shitsack, or sprigs of young oak.

† Shidder. *Obs. rare.*

1737 HOPPUS *Salmon's Country Build. Estim.* (ed. 2) 104 The general Sorts [of nails] are..Shidder Hobbs, Thick Hobbs, Clasp Hobbs.

Shidder, obs. form of SHEDER.

Shide (ʃəid), *sb. Obs.* exc. *dial.* Forms: 1–3 scid, 3 sid, 4 szhide, (chide), 4–6 schide, schyde, 5 schyd(d, (schudde, chyde), 5–6 shyde, shyyd, 6 shyd, (shede), 6, 7 shid, 4– shide. [OE. *scīd* (? neut.) = OFris. *skīd*, mod. Flem. dial. *schijd*, OHG. *scīt* neut. (MHG. *schīt*, mod.G. *scheit*), ON. *skīð* neut. (Norw. *ski*: see SKI):—OTeut. **skīđo-m*, f. root **skīđ-* to divide: see SHED *v.*] A piece of wood split off from timber, esp. such a piece used in building a fire, a block, billet; a board, plank, beam. As a quantity: Half a cubic foot of timber (see quot. for *shide measure* in b).

c 725 *Corpus Gloss.* 1817 *Scindulis*: scidum. *c* 825 *Epinal Gloss.* 943. *c* 875 *Erfurt Gloss.* 943. *c* 1050 *Ags. Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 266/33 *Incipit de Igne...Scindula*, scid. *c* 1300 *Havelok* 917 Ful wel kan ich clenen shides. 13.. *K. Alis.* 6421 Mouth they haveth gret, and wide, And a tonge as a schyde. *c* 1325 *Gloss. W. de Bibbesw.* in Wright *Voc.* 170 Les hasteles [*glossed* the chides, szhides] fetez alumer. 1362 LANGL. *P. Pl.* A. x. 160 And com to Noe Anon And bad him not lette Swipe to schapen A schup of schides and Bordes. *c* 1425 WYNTOUN *Orig. Cron.* III. v. 776 A hale fyre off gret schyddys. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 446/1 Schyyd, or astelle (*v.rr.* schyd of a astel, schyde wode), *ieda*. 1446 *Churchw. Acc. Yatton* (Somerset Rec. Soc.) 86 To I. Parker vor goyng to Thurbbewyll to helpe hewwe the schudde. *Ibid.* 88 Vor vyllyng of a chyde. 1470–73 in *Rec. Andover* 16 Paid for caryng a shide xij[d]. *c* 1511 *Regul. Northumbld. Housek.* (1770) 72 The shedes to be maid of the said Hardwode to be in leinth a Yerde and in thikenes a Spanne. 1533 HEN. VIII in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. I. II. 31 Item, every mornyng at our Woodeyarde, foure tall shyds and twoo fagotts. 1561 S. WYTHENS tr. *Calvin's Treat. Relics* C ij, And in som places ther are good great shydes [of the Cross]. 1657 LIGON *Barbadoes* (1673) 56 If the fire-man throw great shides of wood in the mouths of the Furnaces. 1677 PLOT *Oxfordsh.* 262 Cutting every shid of tall wood four foot long beside the kerf, and the billet three foot four inches. 1703 T. N. *City & C. Purchaser* 241 *Shides*. The same as *Shingles*. 1793 *Jrnls. Ho. Comm.* 28 Mar. 516/2 A Quantity of Pollard Trees sufficient to make 1,200 Shides of Cleft Wood, containing Half a Foot each.

b. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *shide-wood, -yard*; **shide-measure** (see quot.); **shide-wall**, a rampart composed of piles.

1600 HOPTON *Bacutum Geod.* VI. XXXVII. 213 *Shide measure sheweth how many shides of timber is contained in each foote of length: for...a shide of timber is halfe a foote of timber. *c* 1000 ÆLFRIC *Gloss.* in Wr.-Wülcker 146/28 *Uallum*, *scid wealles eorðbyri. *c* 1205 LAY. 10354 Þe vfenen he makede scid wal. *c* 1420 *Anturs of Arth.* XXXIX, Schaftis in *shide wode thay shindre in schides. *c* 1450 *Godstow Reg.* (1911) 422 The which lieth in *shideyerd in Oxenford.

† Shide, *v. Obs. rare.* Pa. pple. 4 **ischyt.** [f. SHIDE *sb.*] *trans.* To cleave, split.

c 1315 SHOREHAM (E.E.T.S.) iv. 178 Þys manere senne nys nauȝt ones, Ac hys ischyt in þry, In þouȝt, in speche, in dede amys. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* VI. iii. 48 With wegis schidit gan the birkis sound.

† Shi·der, *v. Obs. rare*[−1]. [f. SHIDE *sb.*] *trans.* To shatter, spliater.

a 1529 SKELTON *Vppon Deedmans Hed* 13 With synnews wyderyd, With booys shyderyd.

Shie, Shiech, obs. ff. SHY *a.* and *v.*, SHEIKH.

Shiel (ʃil). *Sc.* and *north.* Forms: α. 3 sciale, shale, 4–6 schele, 5–6 scheill, 5, 7 schell(e, 6 shele, shile, 7 sheale, sheel(l, 7–9 sheal, 9 shill, (scheul, schule), 8– shiel; β. 6–7 scheild, 7 sheyld, sheald, 8–9 shield. [Northern ME. *shāle, schēle*, of obscure origin.

Prob. connected in some way with the synonymous ON. *skāle* wk. masc. (whence SCALE *sb.*[4]). The formal equivalent of this in ONorthumbrian would be **scēla* (= WS. **scēala*), which would yield ME. *schēle* and the later forms. The 13th c. form *shāle* may be an adoption of the ON. form with substitution of initial (ʃ) for (sk), or it may be an alteration of the native word through association with the ON. form.

The β forms arose from confusion with SHIELD *sb.*)

1. A temporary building, usually of boards; a shepherd's summer hut; a shanty, shed, SHIELING.

The 'shiels' in quot. 1291 are those from which the town of Shields is named. The place is called 'the shiles by Tinmouth castle' in Bulleyn *Bk. Simples* (1562) 75 b.

α. 1291 in W. S. Gibson *Tynemouth Priory* (1846) II. App. 68 Non fuerunt ibi nisi tres sciales tantum. *Ibid.* 70 Ante prædictum tempus..non fuerunt ibi nisi prædict' tres shales. *a* 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 4049 Þar þai schewid him in schurrys to schellis & to canes. 1533 BELLENDEN *Livy* III. ix. (S.T.S.) I. 282 To bring his govne fra þe somer schele quhare he duelt. *Ibid.* v. i. II. 142 To mak wynter schelis to defend þame fra wynter stormys. 1562 in *Reg. Mag. Sig. Scot.* 1585, 257/1 To big scheillis and lawis on the hauchis of the saidis landis..for resaweing of the fisch. 1637–50 ROW *Hist. Kirk* (Wodrow Soc.) 433 What to doe have the ministring spirits of the Lord with things done in such a contemptible and stinking sheell? *a* 1722 in *W. Macfarlane's Geogr. Collect.* (S.H.S.) II. 36 They..ther live grassing their cattle in litle houses which they build upon ther coming and throwes doun when they come away called sheels. *a* 1756 COLLINS *Ode Superst. Highl.* 48 Whether sitting in the shepherds shiel, Thou hear'st some sounding tale of war's alarms. 1845 *New Statist. Acc. Scot.* II. *Berwick* 159 An alarm is instantly given to the men at the shiel or house where the fishermen lodge.

β. 1688 HOLME *Armoury* II. 36/2 Coats, Sheapards Shealds, or Hovells. 1726 P. WALKER *Life Peden* (1827) 63 He preached in a Shield or Sheep-house, in a desert Place. 1823 J. HODGSON in Raine *Mem.* (1858) II. 9 The floors of a great many shields or circular huts; which had been in it, were rudely paved. 1857 *Act* 20 & 21 *Vict.* c. cxlviii. § 47 To remove from every Fishery, Fishing Shield, and Fishing Ground..all Boats, Oars [etc.].

2. A small house, cottage, hovel.

1338 *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 201 Item, idem Elem. [osinarius] adquisivit illam schele in Rokehop que aliquando fuit Roberti de Brandon pro 8 *li.* 1557 *Burgh Rec. Peebles* (1872) 239 Takkand to erd our scheillis and housis. 1605 CAMDEN *Rem., Surnames* 102 Sheal, a cottage or shelter. 1616 *Aberdeen Reg.* (1848) II. 339 And the third voult to be bot ane schell athort the haill hous for the jaylouris duelling. 1728 RAMSAY *Robt., Richy, & Sandy* 127 Come to my shiel, there let's forget our care. 1792 BURNS *Song, Bess & Spinning Wheel* 23 The craik amang the clover hay, The paitrick whirrin' o'er the ley, The swallow jinkin' round my shiel, Amuse me at my spinning-wheel. 1838 J. HODGSON in Raine *Mem.* (1858) II. 379 In the churches they were better sheltered than in their own shiels. 1884 Q. VICTORIA *More Leaves* 62 We stopped at a very picturesque place, surrounded by woods and hills and little shiels.

transf. *c* 1470 HENRYSON *Mor. Fab.* II. (*Town & C. Mouse*) vi, It was ane sober wane..Ane sillie scheill vnder ane steidfast stane.

† 3. A piece of pasture ground having a shepherd's hut upon it; a summer pasturage. *Obs.*

1532 LD. DACRE in *St. Papers Hen. VIII* (1836) IV. 608 The common brute and voice was to have made a roode upon the Debatable grounde and Liddisdale men, nowe being at the sheles frome their winter houses. 1620 *Reg. Mag. Sig. Scot.* 781/2 Lie insches et shealis super dicta aqua. 1715 PENNECUIK *Tweeddale* 18 Then follows a little Shiel called the Frosthol. 1762 BP. FORBES *Jrnl.* (1886) 144 This place, called the Sheals of Dalquhirn, belongs to Macpherson of Breakachie. 1843 HARDY in *Proc. Berw. Nat. Club* II. 59 *note*, A *shiel* or *shieling* is a shepherd's summer hut, as well as a summer pasturage for flocks. 1857 JEFFREY *Roxburgh.* I. 269 The schules or scheuls, afterwards written Shiels were applied to describe mountain pasture with the huts of the herdsmen.

† 4. *Comb.*: **shiel-house** = sense 2; **shiel-town** = sense 3.

1606 *Reg. Mag. Sig. Scot.* 627/1 Lie scheiltonnes. 1623 *Ibid.* 151/1 Lie scheildhous. 1804 *Anderson's Cumbld. Ball.* 80 She lives in a shill-house, burns dried sticks, And there has dealins wi' the de'il.

Shield (ʃild), *sb.* Forms: 1 scild, scyld, sceld, 3–4 s(s)eld, 3–5 sheld, (cheld), 3–6 scheld, 4 sceild, scheeld, (cheeld, schuld), 4–5 scelde, schild(e, schylde, shilde, 4–6 s(c)helde, sheeld, 4, 6 schield, (childe), 4–8 scheild, 5 scheelde, scheyld, shyld, (shulde), 5–6 shild, shylde, sheelde, 6 shielde, 7 sheild, 6– shield. [Com. Teut.: OE. (**scield*) *sceld* masc. = OFris. *skeld, schild*, OS. *scild* (MLG. *schild* masc., neut.), MDu. *schilt, schild-* masc. (mod.Du. *schild* neut.), OHG. *scild* masc. (MHG. *schilt, schild-* masc., G. *schild* masc., neut.), ON. *skjǫld-r* (Sw. *sköld*, Da. *skjold*), Goth. *skildu-s*:—OTeut. **skeldu-z*.]

I. 1. In ancient and mediæval warfare, and still in that of uncivilized peoples, an article of defensive armour carried in the hand or attached by a strap to the left arm of a soldier, as a protection from the weapons of the enemy. Sometimes applied *spec.* to an article of this kind larger than the BUCKLER, which was usually carried in the hand, and smaller than the PAVIS, which was held by an attendant in front of a knight or archer.

Shields have been made of various materials, as metal, wood, wickerwork covered with skins or leather, etc. The form has varied greatly in different periods and countries; the principal types are (1) the circular shield, usually convex in front, with a boss in the centre; (2) the oblong shield, either flat, or, more commonly, having the form of a portion of a cylinder; and (3) the shield with curved sides tapering to a point at the lower end, which was the prevailing form in Europe during the Middle Ages.

In the Middle Ages the 'armorial bearings' of a knight were depicted on his shield, and decorated shields, made for display and not for warlike use, were often hung on walls in churches or other buildings as a memorial of a knight or noble. Hence sense 3.

Beowulf 325 Setton sæmeþe side scyldas,..wiþ þæs recedes weal. *c* 825 *Vesp. Psalter* lxxv. 4 Der ȝebrec hornas boȝan sceld sweord & ȝefeht. 1205 LAY. 23777 Ane scelde gode [1275 sceald]. *Ibid.* 4212 Heo nomen þa seeldes. *a* 1250 *Owl & Night.* 1713 For mony mon myd speres orde haueþ lutle strengþe & mid his schelde [*Cott.* chelde], Ah [etc.]. 1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 3840 Ȝif he nadde wiþ þe sseld somdel þe dunt yhent Siker he im adde aslawe. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 2497 On helme and sceild [*v.rr.* shilde, schild, sheeld]. 13.. *K. Alis.* 693 (Laud MS.) An horne in þe forehede amydward þat wolde perce a shelde hard. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Knt.'s T.* 1264 And somme woln haue a Pruce sheeld or a targe. 1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) IV. 97 Scipio sigh ones a childe gayliche arrayed, and seide, 'I wondre nouȝt þat he arrayeþ well his childe [L. *scutum*], for [etc.].' *c* 1418 in *Pol. Poems* (Rolls) II. 244 Hem nedethe nether spere ne shulde. *c* 1420 *Avow. Arth.* xxiv, Take thi schild and thi spere. 1508 DUNBAR *Golden Targe* 151 Than come, Resonn, with schelde of gold so clere. *c* 1550 N. SMYTH tr. *Herodian* II. 22 Lyftynge theyr shyldes and Targettes ouer theyr heades. 1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* I. viii. 5 His mightie sheld Vpon his manly arme. 16.. *Funeral in Popish Times* in *Q. Eliz. Acad.* 34 The helme, Childe [*elsewhere* shild], sword, the Cote of Armes, to bee layd vppon y[e] bere in dew order. 1699 TEMPLE *Introd. Hist. Eng.* Wks. 1720 II. 531 Their common Arms were small Shields, but very large Swords. 1774 GOLDSM. *Nat. Hist.* (1776) IV. 331 Its skin is thick, and covered with brown hair, and the natives make shields of it. 1867 *Rep. Paris Univ. Exhib.* (1868) II. 489 Two shields, one in iron and one in steel, are the most remarkable of their works.

† b. *Phr. Under shield*: in battle or combat. *With spear and shield*: in battle array; by force of arms. *Obs.*

a 1300 *K. Horn* 53 Hy smyten vnder schelde [*Laud* selde, *Harl.* shelde]. *c* 1330 *Arth. & Merl.* 3096, vi hundred knistes ..þat wele couþe juste in feld wiþ stef launce vnder scheld. *a* 1352 MINOT *Poems* (ed. Hall) iv. 50 Our King and his men held þe felde Stalworthy, with spere and schelde. *c* 1440 *Partonope* 2951 Partonope thatt day vnder hys schelde [*v.r.* sheelde] xx bethen he hathe slayn yn the fylde. 1508 DUNBAR *Poems* liv, Quhni for hir saik, with speir and scheld, Preiffis maist mychtelye in the feld. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* VIII. viii. 111 Of Hetruria the ostis vnder scheld Wyth that word stoppit in the samin feild. 1596 DALRYMPLE tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* II. 129 Baith pairties..cum to Dunfreis, thair tha dinyde it with speir and scheild. 1829 SCOTT *Anne of G.* XXXV, They met, as was the phrase of the time, 'manful under shield'. *Ibid.* XXXVI, We hear no malice for what is done in fair fight under shield.

c. In allusion to the custom of suspending a warrior's shield as a memorial of him.

1817 COLERIDGE *Destiny of Nations* 9 Seize, then, my soul! from Freedom's trophied dome The Harp which hangeth high between the Shields Of Brutus and Leonidas!

2. *transf.* and *fig.* Something serving as a defence against attack or injury. Often in echoes of Biblical language referring to metaphorical armour, as *Ephes.* vi. 16.

c 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 193 Habbeð..hope to helme, and soðe lnne to shelde, and godes word to swerde. *c* 1220 *Bestiary* 161 Þis neddre siðen he nede sal, makeð seld of his bodi and silðeð his heued. *a* 1225 *Ancren R.* 52 Heo to þe ȝunge ȝiueð vnel uorbisne, & scheld to werien ham mide. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 9972 It [a castle]..standes vs for sceild and targe. 1340 *Ayenb.* 1 Ich bidde þe hit [þin holy blod] by my sseld auoreye þe wycked uend. 1450–1530 *Myrr. our Ladye* 132 For hys passyon is suffycyent shylde to vs. 1567 *Gude & Godlie B.* 107 His trew promeis is thy scheild. *a* 1586 SIDNEY *Arcadia* II. (Sommer) 102 b, What shield [shall I find] against the violent passions of Gynecia? 1771 *Junius Lett.* lix. 305 The favour of his country constitutes the shield which defends him. 1839 FR. A. KEMBLE *Resid. Georgia* (1863) 69 Again the watery shield was interposed. 1853 KANE *Grinnell Exp.* ii. (1856) 20 Strips of heavy sheet-iron..as a shield against the cutting action of the new ice. 1856 EMERSON *Eng. Traits* XV. *The 'Times'*, No dignity or wealth is a shield from its assault.

b. Applied (as a Biblical Hebraism: see, e.g. Ps. xxxiii. 20, lxxxiv. 11) to a personal defender or protector (esp. to God).

971 *Blickl. Hom.* 29 Þe englas beoþ aa halgum mannum on fultume swa swa scyld. *a* 1000 *Phœnix* 463 Þam biþ dryhten scyld. *c* 1275 *Five Joys Virg.* 13 in *O. E. Misc.* 87 Beo vre scheld from vre iro. *c* 1374 CHAUCER *Troilus* II. 532 Thow be my sheld for þy benignite. *c* 1380 WYCLIF *Wks.* (1880) 155 Þus lordis ben made schildis of synne for a litel money or worldly seruyce of wickid curatis. 1535 LYNDESAY *Satyre* 3 His Sone, our Saniour, scheild in necessitie. 1738 WESLEY *Psalms & Hymns, Ps.* iii, But Thou art a Shield for me. *a* 1833 SIR R. GRANT *Hymn, 'O worship the King'*, Our shield and defender, The Ancient of days.

† c. Government, sway (of a country). *Obs.*

1338 R. BRUNNE *Chron.* (1725) 8 Þe lond lese þe armes, changed is þe scheld. *Ibid.* 69 Harald, þorgh comon assent, Was corouned nobly, & for kyng þei him helde, Bot þe duke of Normundie to William felle þe schelde.

† d. Shelter, protection (in physical sense). *Obs.*

1615 BRATHWAIT *Strappado* 202 Where being benighted, [he] tooke no other shield, To lodge him and his ware then th'open field. 1618 CHAPMAN *Hesiod's Georg.* II. 331 But then, betake thee, to the shade that lies, In shield of Rocks.

3. *Her.* = ESCUTCHEON.

Shield-of-arms: an escutcheon with armorial bearings. *Shield of pretence* = *Escutcheon of pretence* (ESCUTCHEON 1 c), cf. INESCUTCHEON.

c 1320 *Sir Beues* (A) 1322 Tirri on Beues be-held And se3 þe boiste wiþ a scheld. *c* 1325 *Gloss. W. de Bibbesw.* in Wright *Voc.* 153 L'eskou de gules [*glossed* a reed cheeld]ad porté. 1531 *Rec. St. Mary at Hill* (1905) 48 Item, a lyttell shelde of golde Innamyled with whyt and grene. 1540 *Reg. Mag. Sig. Scot.* 463 Concessit dicto W. et heredibus tallie unum duplex lie tressour auri in eorum lie schield circa eorum arma. *a* 1552 LELAND *Collect.* (1715) I. 234 Syr Maurice bare in a Grene Shild thre Bores of Golde. 1562 LEGH *Armory* 38 b, The fift [worthy] was Iudas Machabeus, whose Shielde was Or, ii. Rauens in Pale proper... The viii. was Charlemaine, & he bare the Ierusalem Shielde, Impaled with the imperiall Cote. 1707 HEARNE *Collect.* 5 July (O.H.S.) II. 24 Persons regard Dr. Woodward's Shield as 'a banter'. 1835 *Penny Cycl.* IV. 110/1 Our author's [Beaumont's] shield..may be seen in any *Baronetage*. 1864 BOUTELL *Her. Hist. & Pop.* i (ed. 3) 4 Such is the origin of Shields-of-Arms. 1868 CUSSANS *Handbk. Her.* iv. (1893) 69 The Inescutcheon, or Shield of Pretence, is [etc.]. 1905 C. DAVENPORT *Jewellery* viii. 142 The three legs in the shield-of-arms of the Isle of Man.

4. An ornamental piece of plate (more or less in the form of a shield) offered for competition in an athletic or other contest.

1868 *Wimbledon Annual* 23 The 'Elcho' Challenge Shield. 1898 *Field* 23 Apr. 625/3 It has now been decided that the clubs shall jointly hold the shield during the ensuing twelve months.

II. A protective covering or shelter.

5. Applied to certain parts of animal bodies. [= G. *schild*, shield of a boar, a tortoise, etc.]

a. The thick, tongh skin upon the sides and flanks of the boar; *spec.* an article of food (in full, *shield of brawn*), made by placing a piece of this skin round the inside of a cylindrical mould and filling up with meat, and cooking until soft and tender. (Cf. BRAWN *sb.* 3.)

[1337 *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 32 Festum Sci. Cuthberti in Sept., In 2 scutis de Braune pro festo empt. a diversis.] 13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* B. 58 Wyth scheldez of wylde swyn. *c* 1400 *Master of Game* (MS. Digby 182) v, Þei haue herd skynne and stronge flessh; and specially vpon þe shoulder, þat is called þe shelde. 1486 *Bk. St. Albans*, *Hunting* f ii b, The sheldys on the sholderis: therof shall .ii. be. *a* 1552 LELAND *Collect.* (1715) I. 231 By eating of a sheelde of a wilde bore he got an appetite. 1625 MASSINGER *New Way* iv. i, Did you not deuoure this morning, A shield of Brawne, and a barrell of Colchester oysters? 1641 MURREL *Cookerie* (ed. 5) 5 A Shield or Collar of Brawne. 1705 *Poor Robin* Observ. Feb., They then look like a Shield of Brawn at Shrovetide out of Date. 1819 SCOTT *Ivanhoe* vii, Wamba..opposed to the beard of the Jew a shield of brawn, which he plucked from beneath his cloak. 1861 T. L. PEACOCK *Gryll Grange* xxxii, You will always find a piece of cold roast beef and a tankard of good ale; and just now a shield of brawn.

allusive uses. 1607 *Lingua* II. i. C 4, If they would vse no other Bucklers in warre, but sheilds of Brawne. 1610 GUILLIM *Heraldry* III. xiv. 135 The shield of a Boare.. is a good Buckler against that cruell Enemy called Hunger.

b. *Zool.* A protective plate covering a part; a scute, a carapace, a plastron, or the like.

1704 *Phil. Trans.* XXVI. 1627 These were the Shields of the Cochineel Flies. 1774 GOLDSM. *Nat. Hist.* (1776) VII. 352 The shield of the breast [of the mole-cricket] is of a firm texture. 1828 STARK *Elem. Nat. Hist.* II. 65 Shell a conical shield, with the summit inclined. 1857 AGASSIZ *Contrib. Nat. Hist. U. S.* I. 255 [In Turtles] The dorsal shield, usually called by the French name 'carapace', is connected by a bridge with another shield, commonly called 'plastron'. 1861 P. P. CARPENTER in *Rep. Smithsonian Instit.* 1860, 234 *Pleurobranchus* has a thin, flat horny shield. 1880 HUXLEY *Crayfish* i. 24 The great shield or carapace is very easily separated from the thorax and abdomen.

†6. The seat of a privy; hence, a privy. *Sc. Obs.* [Cf., for the sense, F. *garde-robe*.]

1535 STEWART *Cron. Scot.* (Rolls) II. 658 This fals tratour wnder the schield wes set, Quhilk to his cuming tuke gude tent and cuir, With ane lang speit..Amang the bowellis vpwart in the breist Straik him to deid. 1552 ABP. HAMILTON *Catech.* (1884) 65 Quhen he passit to the scheild to purge his wame. 1566 *Burgh Rec. Edin.* (1875) III. 222 That all personis that hes scheildis clenge the samin or euer thai he full, sua that thai brek nocht furth and rin in the streit. 1582 *Ibid.* (1882) IV. 259 Middingis, scheildes, furrouris [etc.].

7. A framework erected for the protection of workmen engaged in boring or tunnelling and pushed forward as the work progresses; also, a watertight case used in submarine tunnelling to keep back quicksands and inrushes of water.

1837 HEBERT *Engin. & Mech. Encycl.* II. 805 The work [Thames tunnel] was commenced in 1825...To give security to the men in excavating, Mr. Brunel invented a cast-iron shield or frame...This shield [etc.] 1838 *Civ. Engin. & Arch. Jrnl.* I. 290/1 Two rows of close whole timber piles should be driven..with space sufficient for the shield to travel. 1895 *Daily News* 5 June 7/3 A circular shield with a cutting edge is driven by sheer hydraulic pushing through the soil.

8. A protective device attached to a field-gun in order to shelter the gunners from rifle-fire.

1898 E. S. MAY *Field Artillery* 313 Personally I do not believe in shields; if really bullet proof, they are so heavy as to hamper mobility. *Ibid.*, Even without shields men working quick-firing guns would be slightly less exposed than they are at present.

9. The lower front part of a ploughshare.

1844 H. STEPHENS *Bk. Farm* I. 415 The share proper, consisting of the shield, terminating in the point *e*, and of.. the feather or cutter. 1875 in KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.*

III. Applied to things shaped like a shield.

†10. Used to render OF. *escu* as the name of a coin: see ÉCU. Cf. SCUTE *sb.* 1. *Obs. rare.*

c 1386 CHAUCER *Prol.* 278 Wel koude he in eschaunge sheeldes selle. 1599 TUYNNE *Animadv.* (1875) 45 The florens in Chaucers tyme..was of the valewe of thre shillinges, foure pence..or at the leaste, of two shillinges tenne pence farthinge..some of them beinge called 'florens de scuto', or of the valewe of the 'shelde', or frenche crowne.

11. *Horticulture.* = ESCUTCHEON 3 d, SCUTCHEON *sb.*[1] 4 c.

1572 MASCALL *Plant. & Graff.* 22 All other maner of trees aforesayde, doe take verye well to be graffed wyth Cyons, and also in the shielde. 1606 RAM *Little Dodeon* D 8, To graffe in the Shield, is to be done in Iune or Iuly, with the rynde. 1707 MORTIMER *Husb.* (1721) II. 262 Sharpen that end of the Bark below the Bud, like a Shield or Escutcheon. 1842 LOUDON *Suburban Hort.* 306 The shield being inserted in the usual manner, another with an orifice in it, to admit the bud of the first, is laid over it.

12. *Bot.* a. (See quot. 1806.)

1796 WITHERING *Brit. Plants* (ed. 3) IV. 75 [A Lichen found] about the bodies of old oak..trees near Holsworthy, Devonshire, abundantly with innumerable shields. 1806 TURTON tr. *Linn. Nat. Syst.* VII. Expl. Terms, *Shield*, the saucer-like fructification of lichens. 1862 *Chamb. Encycl.* III. 352/1 The species of the genus *Lecanora* are crustaceous lichens, with a flat uniform thallus, and unstalked shields.

b. (See quot.)

1840 PAXTON *Bot. Dict.*, *Shield*, a broad table-like process in the flowers of *Stapelia*.

c. One of the cells forming the covering to the male organs of *Characeæ*.

1875 BENNETT & DYER *Sachs' Bot.* 284 Each of these cells forms a segment of the shell of the ball, and they are hence called Shields.

13. *Embryology.* (See quot.)

1913 J. W. JENKINSON *Vertebrate Embryology* 135 There is distinguishable in the blastoderm at the close of segmentation a circular or oval area placed excentrically towards the posterior end; this area is the embryonic shield.

†14. ? A sheet of ice. *Obs.*

1624 *Maldon* (Essex) *Court Deeds* Bundle 108 *fol.* 9 Payd to Willyam Brand and Symon Crauford for breaking the sheilds of ice in the ryver..this last winter.

15. a. A keyhole plate. ? *Obs.* [= G. *schild*.] Cf. ESCUTCHEON 3 c, SCUTCHEON *sb.*[1] 4 e.

1649 *Caldwell Papers* (Maitland Club) I. 103 For ane lock and sheild to ye new chalmer dore of Cauldwell 3 2 0.

b. *Cutlery.* A small metal (usually 'German silver') plate fixed on the handle of a penknife or pocket-knife, for ornament or to be engraved with the owner's name.

1876 CALLIS *Cutlery* (Brit. Manuf. Industr.) 163 About 1730 engraving of the shields and bolsters of pen and pocket knives..was commenced.

c. (See quot.)

1870 C. C. BLACK tr. *Demmin's Weapons of War* 369 The flat piece of metal which is sometimes affixed to the bottom of the hilt is called a shield.

16. *gen.* A flat or slightly convex surface more or less resembling a shield in shape.

1849 RUSKIN *Seven Lamps* ii. § 21. 53 The shield of stone which, usually supported by a central pillar, occupied the head of early windows. 1873 MISS THACKERAY *Old Kensington* xii. 100 A faded Italian shield of looking-glass.

17. A fancy breed of pigeons, of various colours.

1868 TEGETMEIER *Pigeons* xxi. 174 The Shields are so termed from bearing on their wings a coloured mark like a shield, on a white ground. 1874–6 *Fulton's Bk. Pigeons* 352 Shields. The colours of these are Black, Red, Yellow, Blue, and Silver. They are invariably plain-headed birds.

IV. Combinations.

18. Obvious combinations: a. simple attributive, as *shield-boss*; denoting a person armed with or carrying a shield, as *shield-boy*, *-man*.

1910 G. HENDERSON *Norse Infl. Celtic Scot.* ii. 42 Sword-axe, *shield-boss and cauldron. 1607 MIDDLETON *Five Gallants* iv. viii. 306 Torch-bearers and *shield-boys. 1892 RIDER HAGGARD *Nada* xxv. 210 Close up, *shield-men—close up!

b. objective, as *shield-maker*; *shield-bearing*, *-losing* adjs.; also *shield-breaking* adj. and sb.

1824 SYMMONS tr. *Æschylus' Agamem.* 64 Many proud *shield-bearing men. 1867 TENNYSON *Passing of Arthur* 109 *Shield-breakings, and the clash of brands. 1870 BRYANT *Iliad* xxi. 485 Shield-breaking Mars began the assault. 1848 B. D. WALSH *Aristoph. Clouds* i. iv, When they saw the *shield-losing Cleónymus. 14.. *Nom.* in Wr.-Wülcker 686/19 *Hic scutarius*, a *scheldmaker. 1908 RIDER HAGGARD *Ghost Kings* xviii. 260, I have sold the hides to the shield-makers.

c. similative, as *shield-form*, *-formed*, *-like*, *-shaped* adjs.; parasynthetic, as *shield-backed*, *-gilled*, *-headed* adjs.

1895 COMSTOCK *Study Insects* 115 The *Shield-backed Grasshoppers. *Ibid.* 146 The Shield-backed Bugs. 1784 tr. *Spallanzani's Diss. Nat. Hist.* II. 275 The pumpion with *shield-form fruit. 1835 *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) XXIII. 640/2 Of the three [laminae] between the eyes, the central is shield-form. 1822 J. PARKINSON *Outl. Oryctol.* 108 *Clipeus*. Round, *shield-formed...*Scutum. Angular or ovate shield-formed. 1835 *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) XXIII. 640/1 The central lamina of the three between the edges shield-formed and acuminate. 1861 P. P. CARPENTER in *Rep. Smithsonian Instit. 1860*, 211 Order *Scutibranchiata*. (*Shield-gilled Crawlers). 1854 A. ADAMS, etc. *Man. Nat. Hist.* 307 *Shield-headed Fish-Parasites (*Peltocephala*). 1552 UDALL tr. *Geminus' Anat.* C j, The patyll or the knę bone, called of some men the *shyldelyke bone. 1877 HUXLEY *Anat. Inv. Anim.* v. 227 Flat shield-like processes. 1601 WEEVER *Mirr. Martyrs* C 8 b, If euer *sheild-shapt Comet was portent Of Criticke day, foule and pernitious. 1839 LINDLEY *Introd. Bot.* III. (ed. 3) 448 Shield-shaped (*clypeatus*). 1857 A. GRAY *First Less. Bot.* (1866) Gloss.

19. Special comb.: **shield-arm**, the left arm (cf. *shield-hand*); †**shield-bone**, a shoulder-blade; **shield-bud**, a bud and a portion of the bark surrounding it used in grafting; hence **shield-budding**, the operation of grafting such a bud; **shield-cartilage**, **-gristle** = THYROID 1 a; **shield-cell** *Bot.*, one of the component cells of the reproductive organ in *Characeæ*; **shield-guard**, a form of trigger-guard used by some continental manufacturers of shot guns and rifles; **shield-hand**, an alleged ancient designation for the left hand (cf. *shield-arm*); **shield-hedge** = *shield-wall*; †**shield-knave** (= G. *schildknabe*) = SHIELD-BEARER; **shield-leaved** *a.* (*rare*), having peltate leaves; **shield-lion** *nonce-wd.*, a lion emblazoned upon a heraldic shield; **shield-maid**, **-maiden** = SHIELD-MAY; **shield-money** = SCUTAGE; **shield-pin**, a safety-pin; **shield-plate** *Zool.*, ? = SCUTE *sb.* 4; **shield-ring** = *shield-wall*; **shield-ship** (see quot.); **shield-wall** *arch.* [OE. *scildweall*], the interlocked shields of a body of men fighting on foot; †**shield-work**, embroidery in the form of shields.

1640 tr. *Verdere's Rom. of Rom.* III. xv. 58 A great gash in his *sheild arm. *c* 1600 *Leg. Guy Warw.* xxiv, One of his *sheeld-bones to this day Hangs in the citye of Coventrye. 1891 L. H. BAILEY *Nursery-bk.* (1896) 95 This [style of budding] is known as shield-budding...A *shield-bud is shown natural size. 1842 LOUDON *Suburban Hort.* 301 All the different modes of budding may be reduced to two:—*shield-budding..and flute-budding. 1881 BEHNKE *Mechanism Human Voice* (ed. 2) 51 *Shield (Thyroid) Cartilage. 1881 BENTLEY *Man. Bot.* (ed. 5) 391 The *globule*..consists of eight valves, or, as they have been termed, *shield-cells. 1615 CROOKE *Body of Man* 636 The first is called in Greeke θυροειδὴς the *Shield-Gristle. 1892 GREENER *Breech-Loader* 84 The *shield-guard, or horn before guard. 1891 SIR D. WILSON *Right Hand* 202 The recognition of the *shield-hand..has already been referred to as one familiar to the ancient Greek and Roman. 1892 RIDER HAGGARD *Nada* xxv. 210 Straight at the *shield-hedge drove Umslopogaas. 1627 HAKEWILL *Apol.* (1630) 165 *Shieldknave or armour bearer to Charles the Great. 1860 RUSKIN *Mod. Paint.* V. VI. iii. 11 An outer spray of any *shield-leaved tree. 1872 TENNYSON *Gareth* 1186 Sir Lancelot, having swum the river-loops—His blue *shield-lions cover'd—softly drew Behind the twain. 1851 THORPE *North. Mythol.* I. 156 The Valkyriur..are also called..Skialdmeyiar (*shield-maids). 1889 R. B. ANDERSON tr. *Rydberg's Teut. Myth.* 192 Shield-maids (amazons) occupy the position which in the original was held by giantesses. 1849 KEMBLE *Sax. Eng.* I. xii. I. 402 The Anglosaxon belief in the *Shield-maidens. 1870 MORRIS *Story of Volsungs* ix, A great company of shield-maidens. 1877 GREEN *Hist. Eng. People* I. 164 To commute their service for sums payable to the royal treasury under the name of 'scutage' or *shield-money. 1883 H. P. SPOFFORD in *Harper's Mag.* Mar. 576/2 They are.. *shield-pins, and couldn't prick her if they tried. 1855 GOSSE *Mar. Zool.* I. 99 Cephalana. Segments equally provided with appendages; no *shield-plates. 1892 RIDER HAGGARD *Nada* xxv. 210 The *shield-ring wheels in upon itself. 1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.*, **Shield-ship*, one carrying movable shields to protect the heavy guns except at the moment of firing. *Beowulf* 2118 Þonne strǽla storm, strengum gebǽded, scoc ofer *scildweall. 1880 TENNYSON *Brunanburh* i, He with his brother..Brake the shield-wall. *a* 1661 HOLYDAY *Juvenal* (1673) 22 His gown is all *Shield-work on azure [L. *cærulea indutus scutulata*].

b. In book-names (chiefly translations from mod. Latin) of animals, birds and insects, with reference to shield-like markings, or to the shield-like character or form of the scute or carapace.

1854 A. ADAMS, etc. *Man. Nat. Hist.* 371 *Shield-Animalcules (Aspidiscidæ). 1847 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* VIII. 410 *Cassida nebulosa*. The Clouded *Shield-Beetle. 1854 A. ADAMS, etc. *Man. Nat. Hist.* 196 Shield-Beetles (Cossyphidæ). 1882 *Cassell's Nat. Hist.* VI. 104 Scutata, or *Shield Bugs. 1839 URE *Dict. Arts* 303 Cochineal..was proved by the observations of Lewenhoeck to be..the female of that species of *shield-louse, or coccus, discovered in Mexico, so long ago as 1518. 1855 J. E. GRAY (*title*) Catalogue of the *Shield Reptiles in..the British Museum. 1850 A. WHITE *List Specim. Crustacea Brit. Mus.* 84 *Apus cancriformis*. *Shield-Shrimp. 1870 NICHOLSON *Man. Zool.* xxxiv. (1875) 253 The *Shield-slaters (*Cassidina*). 1863 WOOD *Illustr. Nat. Hist.* III. 70 The Philippine *Shield-tail (*Uropeltis Philippinus*). 1854 A. ADAMS, etc. *Man. Nat. Hist.* 331 *Shield-Urchins (*Scutellidæ*). 1896 tr. *Boas' Text-bk. Zool.* 138 Shield-urchins or *Clypeastridæ*.

c. In book-names of plants, as shield-fern, various forms of the genus *Aspidium*; **shield-flower**, any plant of the genus *Aspidistra*.

1814 PURSH *Flora Amer. Septentr.* II. 709 *Shield-fern. *Aspidium*. 1817 PORTON *Brit. Plants* II. 506 *Aspidium filix mas*. Common Hedge Shield-fern. *Ibid.* 508 *Aspidium Thelypteris*. Marsh Shield-fern. *Ibid.*, *Aspidium Oreopteris*. Heath Shield-fern. 1889 *Hardwicke's Sci. Gossip* XXV. 46/2 Male shield fern. 1884 W. MILLER *Plant-n.* 125/1 *Shield-flower. The genus *Aspidistra*.

Shield (ʃild), *v.* Forms: 1–2 scildan, (ȝescildan), 1 sceldan, sceoldan, scyldan, (2 sculdan), 3 scilden, shildenn, sschild, ssilde, (schuld), 3–4 shild, sschilde, 3–5 silde, schild(e, scheld, (ssulde), 3–6 shelde, 4 ssylde, sceild, 4–5 scild, shilde, schylde, s(c)held(e, (schulde), 4–6 shylde, 5 sheelde, (scholde), 5–6 scheild, 6 sheild, shielde, 7 sheeld, 6– shield. [OE.

scildan, gescildan, f. *scild* SHIELD *sb.* Cf. G. *schilden*, ON. *skjalda*, to provide with a shield.]

1. *trans.* To protect (a person or object) by the interposition of some means of defence; to afford shelter to; to protect (an accused person, etc.) by authority or influence. Const. *from*, †*of*, also (OE. and early ME.) †*with*.

Often used in precatory formulas: cf. 5.

Beowulf 1658 Ætrihte wæs guð getwæfed, nymðe mec god scylde. *c* 825 *Vesp. Ps.* xc. 14 Ic..gescildu hine [Vulg. *protegam eum*]. *c* 1000 *Sax. Leechd.* II. 238 Scilde hine wiþ cyle. *c* 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 53 Þe feder and þe sune and þe halie gast iscilde us þer wið and wið alle sunnen. *c* 1200 *Vices & Virtues* (1888) 23 Ðe ðie muȝen scilden fram ðese ȝewerȝede gaste(s). 12.. *Moral Ode* 299 (Egerton MS.) Sculde him elc man þe wile he mai, of þos helle þine. *c* 1290 *St. Brandan* 559 in *S. Eng. Leg.* 235 Seint Brendan seide, þoruȝ godes grace we schullen schilde þe. *c* 1330 R. BRUNNE *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 7355 Mercurius, þat vs saues & schildes, Haþ vs brought vnto þys yldes. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Sir Thopas* 197 God shilde his cors fro shonde. *c* 1403 CLANVOWE *Cuckow & Night.* 259 And shilde us fro the Cukkow and his lore. 1565 J. PHILLIP *Patient Grissell* 1638 (Malone Soc.) Besechinge God to sheild thee from all in conuenience. 1575 GASCOIGNE *Glasse Govt.* I. v. Wks. 1910 II. 26 So must the father shylde His youthfull Sonnes, that they be not beguylde, By wicked world. 1582 STANYHURST *Æneis* II. (Arb.) 63 Thow shalt bee shielded with my protection alway. 1605 CHAPMAN, etc. *Eastward Hoe* I. A 2 b, And as for my rising by other mens fall; God shield me. 1697 DRYDEN *Virg. Past.* IX. 34 If the kinder Pow'rs Preserve our Plains, and shield the Mantuan Tow'rs. 1797 COLERIDGE *Christabel* 254 O shield her! shield sweet Christabel! 1812 J. WILSON *Isle of Palms* III. 140 For there was a power in the gracious skies To shield their saints from ill. 1861 O. W. HOLMES *Agnes* v. 10 The love that won her girlish charms Must shield her matron fame. 1891 *Photogr. Ann.* II. 406 The sky shade attached, to shield the lens from the sun's rays.

2. *absol.* To offer a defence, to act as a shield.

c 888 ÆLFRED *Boeth.* xviii. § 4 Ac siððan he his hispinge ȝehered hæfde, þa scylde he ongean swiðe unȝeþyldelice. 13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* C. 440 Þer he busked hym a bour, þe best þat he myȝt..For to schylde fro the schene, oþer any schade kest. 1822 BYRON *Juan* VIII. cvi, The truly brave, When they behold the brave oppress'd with odds, Are touched with a desire to shield and save. 1849 ROBERTSON *Serm.* Ser. I. xxi. (1866) 348 A desire to shield from pain.

†**3.** To arm with a shield. *Obs.*

c 1205 LAY. 4727 Brenne wes swiðe wrað & bannede is ferde scheldede his scalken. 1470–85 MALORY *Arthur* VIII. xxxix. 333 Whan sir Tristram was..wel shelded and swerded. 1667 DENHAM *Direct. Painter* II. ii. 126 But neither riding Pegasus for speed, Nor with the Gorgon shielded at his need. *fig.* 1576 GASCOIGNE *Droome of Doomesday, Let. Bittern. Death* Wks. 1910 II. 440 Armed with Fayth, shylded with Hope, strengthned with Charitie.

†**4.** To ward off, to keep away. (With material or immaterial object.) Also with *off*. *Obs.*

a 1400 *Leg. Rood* viii. 259 God schop me a scheld, schame to schilde. 1596 SPENSER *State Irel.* Wks. (Globe) 631/1 They brought with them theyr usuall weedes, fitt to sheild the cold. 1657 W. RAND tr. *Gassendi's Life Peiresc* II. 253 Whose favours Peireskius made use of only in deprecating and shielding of, the dangers and discommodities of his friends. 1771 GOLDSM. *Hist. Eng.* II. 259 He saw only one method of shielding off the miseries that threatened the state. 1788 *Massachusetts Spy* 23 Oct. 2/1 The reason why the poison did not prove fatal,..is supposed to be owing to her being bit through the cloth, which shielded much of the poison from her hand. 1822 'B. CORNWALL' *Poet. Wks., Lysander & Ione* i, As though A spirit of goodness peep'd from out the earth To shield decay.

†**5.** In deprecatory phr. *God shield*, usually with a clause or sentence as direct object, rarely with addition of an indirect object; also *absol.* as an exclamation: = God forbid. *Obs.*

1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 1347 Þat he in þine bendes come god it ssilde me. 13.. *Gaw. & Gr. Kn.* 1776 'God schylde', quod þe schalk, 'þat schal not be-falle!' *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Merch. T.* 20 God shilde that it sholde so bifalle. *a* 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 3521 Bot me to do slike a dede, driȝtin it schilde! 1579 SPENSER *Sheph. Cal.* July 9 Ah God shield, man, that I should clime. 1589 *Almond for Parrat* E 3, Bishops were the smallest hugs that were aimed at in this extraordinary heneuolence, God shield the court haue escapt their collections. 1602 WARNER *Alb. Eng.* XII. lxxi. (1612) 296 No Clarke will so expound that Text, God shield they should, say I. 1674 BLOUNT *Glossogr.* (ed. 4).

Shie·ld-bea·rer. An attendant who carries the shield of a warrior.

1603 HOLLAND *Plutarch's Mor.* 427 His [Epaminondas'] esquire or shield-bearer had received a good peice of money for the ransome of a prisoner. 1761 *London & Environs* I. 45 Chaucer..was employed as a shield-bearer to the King. 1852 GROTE *Greece* II. lxxx. X. 479 He first inquired whether his shield was safe and his shield-bearer answering in the affirmative produced it before his eyes. 1875 MORRIS *Æneids* II. 477 Now shield-bearer Automedon and all the Scyrian host Closed on the walls.

fig. 1893 GOLDW. SMITH *United States* 165 Jefferson's successor was his shield-bearer, Madison.

b. (See quot.)

1911 *Century Dict. Suppl., Shield-bearer*, any one of the small elachistid moths of the genus *Coptodisca* (formerly *Aspidisca*), as the resplendent shield-bearer.

Shi·eld-board. *Obs.* exc. *dial.* Forms: 4 **cheld-brede, scheldbrede,** 6 **shel(d)brede, (sheldbredth),** 7 **shelboard,** 7– **shield-board,** (9 *dial.* **shell-board**). [f. SHIELD *sb.* + BRED *sb.*, afterwards replaced by the cogn. and synon. BOARD *sb.* (Cf. SHILBOARD.) (MHG. had *schiltbret* for wooden shield.)]

1. The mould-board of a plough.

c 1325 *Gloss. W. de Bibbesw.* in Wright *Voc.* 169 L'eschuchoun [*glossed* the cheld-brede, *v.r.* (Rel. Ant.) *sheldebred*]. *c* 1340 *Nominale* (Skeat) 856 *Vomer et escochoun* Schare and scheldbrede. 1523–34 FITZHERB. *Husb.* § 2 In Kente they haue other maner of plowes,..some wyll tourne the sheldbredth at euery landes ende, and plowe all one waye. 1613 MARKHAM *Eng. Husbandman* I. Introd. B 3 b, The eighth part is called the shelboard. 1652 BLITHE *Engl. Improv. Impr.* (1653) 190 And the Shield-board, some call Breast-board, or Earth-board, or Furrow-board, I shall retaine the Shield board. 1725 *Bradley's Fam. Dict.* s. v. *Plough*, The names of the particular parts of a plough are these..Breast board, throw board, Shield board &c.

2. *Antiq.* A wooden shield.

1872 *Archæol. Cant.* VIII. 223 Piles of shieldboards were found lying one above another..; bundles of arrows [etc.].

Shielded (ʃī·ldėd), *ppl. a.* [f. SHIELD *sb.* and *v.* + -ED.]

1. Bearing a shield.

971 *Blickl. Hom.* 221 Tweȝen englas .. ȝesceldode and ȝesperode. 1382 WYCLIF *Ezek.* xxxviii. 5 Men..alle sheeldid and helmyd. 1870 BRYANT *Iliad* VIII. 269 Crowded close with steeds and shielded men. *a* 1875 R. S. HAWKER in Byles *Life* (1905) 136 The charm'd and shielded Men.

transf. 1830 TENNYSON *Grass-hopper* Poems 109 Clap thy shielded sides and carol. 1883 R. W. DIXON *Mano* I. v. 12 And through the seas the hidden isles they hunt In shielded vessels.

b. *Nat. Hist.* In names of various animals characterized by a hard shield-like carapace or scute.

1662 *Comenius' Janua Ling. Triling.* 42 The shielded tortoise. 1854 A. ADAMS, etc. *Man. Nat. Hist.* 244 Shielded-Bugs (Scutelleridæ). *Ibid.* 266 Shielded-Centipedes (Cermatiidæ). *Ibid.* 289 Shielded-Crabs (Dorippidæ). 1855 J. E. GRAY *Catal. Shield Reptiles Brit. Mus.* Introd., Shielded Reptiles (*Cataphracta*).

2. Furnished or hung with shields.

1805 SCOTT *Hellvellyn* 27 With scutcheons of silver the coffin is shielded. 1876 MORRIS *Sigurd* III. (1910) 274 And thence forth to..the high-built shielded hale. 1892 BROOKE *E. E. Lit.* iv. 113 The shielded hall of Valhalla.

¶ **3.** ? Emblazoned. *nonce-use.*

1820 KEATS *Eve St. Agnes* xxiv, And in the midst..A shielded scutcheon blush'd with blood of queens and kings.

4. *techn.* Protected by a 'shield'.

1855 *Orr's Circ. Sci., Inorg. Nat.* 247 With regard to the relative value of the different safety lamps that have been introduced, the shielded Davy may be said still to keep its place. 1884 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 3 Oct. 12/1 Extremely fast ships,..mounting shielded guns of very great power.

Shielder (ʃī·ldəɹ). [f. SHIELD *v.* + -ER[1].] One who shields or protects another.

a 1300 *E. E. Psalter* xxx. 5 Þou salt lede me fra þat snare whilk þai Hid to me, for schilder artou ai. 1902 S. SMITH *Life Work* xiii. 134 He was..a shielder of criminal anarchy.

Shielding (ʃī·ldiŋ), *vbl. sb.* [-ING[1].] The action of the verb SHIELD; an instance of this.

1581 A. HALL *Iliad* I. 3 Wherehy [Phœbus] appeasd, some shielding we may haue. 1846 DICKENS *Pict. Italy, Milan* 133 A reforming Pope would need a little shielding, even now. 1883 *Athenæum* 27 Oct. 535/1 The most practical authority on military iron shielding in the United Kingdom. *Comb.* 1875 MORRIS *Æneids* XII. 491 Æneas stayed, and gathered him behind his shielding-gear.

Shielding (ʃī·ldiŋ), *ppl. a.* [f. SHIELD *v.* + -ING[2].] That shields or protects.

1851 G. W. CURTIS *Nile Notes* xxii. 103 In the tropics, the great tree is a great god. Far outspreading shielding arms, he folds his worshippers from the burning sun. 1878 B. TAYLOR *Deukalion* I. ii. 23 And crept for shelter to my shielding arms.

Shieldless (ʃī·ldlės), *a.* [-LESS.] Having no shield, unprotected by a shield.

a 1400 *Octovian* 1131 Now hy beþ scheldles boþ tweyn Þese champyouns. 1796 SOUTHEY *Joan of Arc* X. 576 The Frenchman's battle-axe Drove unresisted thro the shieldless mail. 1887 SWINBURNE *Locrine* III. ii. 108 A thing like thee..Would cast a shieldless soldier forth to death.

Shi·eldling. *nonce-wd.* [f. SHIELD *v.* + -LING[1].] A protected person.

1885 MEREDITH *Diana* II. xiii. 325 A young actress, like Miss Courtney—Mrs. Warwick's latest shieldling.

Shieldmay (ʃī·ldmē). *Teut. Myth.* [f. SHIELD *sb.*[1] + MAY *sb.*[1], after ON. *skjaldmær.*] A maiden warrior, an Amazon. (By some Eng. writers used as equivalent to VALKYRIE.)

1849 KEMBLE *Sax. Eng.* I. xii. I. 393 The Wælcyrian or Shieldmays were the choosers of the slain. 1870 MORRIS *Story of Volsungs* xxiv, Brynhild answered, '..I am a shield-may, and wear helm on head even as the kings of war'.

Shieldrake, obs. form of SHELDRAKE.

†**Shie·ldy,** *a. Obs. rare*[−1]. [f. SHIELD *sb.* + -Y.] Having the form of 'shields' or scales: transl. of mod. L. *scutellaris*.

1681 GREW *Museum* II. § iii. iv. 236 The Shieldy Tree Mosse. *Muscus arboreus scutellaris.*

Shieling, shealing (ʃī·liŋ). *Sc.* Forms: 6 **schæling, schealling, schilling, (scheilding),** 6–7 **scheilling,** 6, 9 **scheeling,** 7 **schel(l)ing,** 7–8 **shealling,** 8 **sheelin,** 9 **sheeling, sheilin(g, shielin, shilling,** 7– **shealing,** 8– **shieling.** [f. SHIEL + -ING[1].

In the vernacular form the word has not been found earlier than the latter half of the 16th c.; but 13th c. documents show a latinized *scalinga*, which represents either this word (cf. *schale* early var. of SHIEL) or an etymologically equivaleot **skáling* (f. SCALE *sb.*[4], ON. *skála*).

1225 *Registrum Monast. Passelet* (Maitland Club) 212 Cum libertate siccandi retia sua et faciendi domos et scalingas piscatoribus suis. *c* 1230–68 *Cockersand Chartul.* (Chetham Soc.) I. 259 Versus aquilonem infra scalingam quæ fuit Candelani et scalingam quam Ricardus..tenuit.]

1. A piece of pasture to which cattle may be driven for grazing.

1568 in *Reg. Mag. Sig. Scot.* 1575, 628/1 Lie schaelingis, in baroniis de Drumcardny et Bewfort. 1590 *Reg. Mag. Sig. Scot.* 611/1 Cum communi pasturagio lie scheilding infra lie Glen de Glengorf. 1594 *Ibid.* 48/1 Lie outseattis et scheallingis. 1596 *Ibid.* 132/1 Cum communiae et communi pastura ac lie schilling in Glenalmond consueta. 1602 *Ibid.* 481/1 Cum ..lacubus, lie scheillingis, montibus [etc.]. 1711 in *Nairne Peerage Evid.* (1874) 138 Shellings grasings woods pasturages. 1806 *Gazetteer Scot.* (ed. 2) 288 The parish..has been twice inundated by water-spouts, one of which carried off a whole shealing or grazing, with the family and cattle. 1843 HARDY in *Proc. Berw. Nat. Club* II. 59 *note*, A shiel or shieling is..a summer pasturage for flocks. 1884 Q. VICTORIA *More Leaves* 62 Opposite to this, on a place called Ruidh Reinnich, or the 'ferny shieling', a fire was kindled.

2. A hut of rough construction erected on or near such a piece of pasture: = SHIEL *sb.* 1.

a 1585 POLWART *Flyting w. Montgomerie* (Tullib.) 201 In stoir of lambes and lang taillit wedders..In scheilling, tyit fast in tedderis. 1610 HOLLAND *Camden's Brit.* (1637) 806 Little cottages here and there, which they call Sheales or Shealings. 1673 *Rec. Dingwall Presbyt.* (S.H.S.) 330 [The] Popishe Dishaunters were not cited in reguard that they were dwelling at their sheallings, and therefore [etc.]. 1771 PENNANT *Tour Scot.* I. (1774) 109 We refreshed ourselves with some goats' whey, at a Sheelin. 1791 BOSWELL *Johnson* an. 1773 (1831) II. 373 Little summer huts, called shielings. *c* 1810 TANNAHILL *Poems* (1846) 100 So merrily we'll sing, As the storm rattles o'er us, 'Till the dear sheeling ring Wi' the light lilting chorus. 1815 SCOTT *Guy M.* viii, Ye may stahle your stirks in the shealings at Dernecleugh. 1819 — *Leg. Montrose* xviii, Montrose..was laid down to sleep in a miserable shieling. 1860 G. H. KINGSLEY in Galton *Vac. Tourists* (1861) 163 The lassies used to live in sheilings. 1873 BLACK *Pr. Thule* xxiv. 405 Lonely sheilings perched far up on the hills. 1895 CROCKETT *Men of Moss-Hags* xlii. 298 It seemed a hundred miles to the shieling on the hill.

3. *attrib.*

1607 *Reg. Mag. Sig. Scot.* 710/1 Scheilinge-plaices. 1639 *Ibid.* 322/1 Sitting or eating of the scheilling grasse. 1849 WHITTIER *Kathleen* 19 And nightly round the shealing-fires Of her the gleeman sung. 1884 *Spectator* 17 May 642 The shealing feast is a very simple one, each housewife producing a cheese of last year's produce. 1901 *Scotsman* 12 Nov. 8/2 Little has been recorded of shieling life in historical books.

Shier, variant of SHYER.

Shier, Shiere, obs. ff. SHEER *a.*, SHIRE *sb.*

Shierifewike, obs. form of SHERIFFWICK.

Shieve, obs. form of SHEAVE *sb.*[1], SHIVE.

Shife, Shifer, obs. ff. SHEAVE *sb.*[1], SHIVER.

†**Shiffer.** *Obs.* [ad. G. †*schiffer*, now *schiefer* slate. Cf. SHIVER *sb.*[1] 3.] Slate.

1683 PETTUS *Fleta Minor* II. i. 100 The fair Gold that is found..in..a Blew shiffer [orig. Ger. *Schiffer*] streamy and yellow iron.

Shiffer, obs. form of SHIVER.

Shiffle-shuffle. *rare.* [Formed by reduplication from SHUFFLE. Cf. SHILLY-SHALLY.] An attempted shuffle or evasion.

a 1871 DE MORGAN *Budget Parad.* (1872) 271 Two or three additional shiffle-shuffles towards defence of saying the Athanasian curse in church and unsaying it out of church, are hardly noticed.

Shifle, obs. form of SHUFFLE *v.*

Shift (ʃift), *sb.* Forms: 3 **scift,** 4–5 (6–7 *Sc.*) **schift,** 5–6 **shyft,** 5–7 **shifte,** 6 **shyfte, schyfte (schiffte, sheft,** *Sc.* **scheift),** 6– **shift.** [ME. *schift*, related to SHIFT *v.* Cf. ON. *skipti* neut., division, exchange (see SKIFT *sb.*[1]), MSw. *skipt* fem., division of property, *skipte* neut. (? and fem.) division, portion, change (mod.Sw. *skift* neut., spell of work, relay of workmen, *skifte* neut., division of property, change, rotation of crops, spell of work, relay of workmen), NFris. *skeft* division, stratum, *skaft* one of successive parties of workmen.

Many of these senses belong also to MHG., MLG. *schichte*, mod.G. *schicht* division of property, stratum, layer, one of several sets of persons or things, period of working time (in mining), one of several successive parties of miners working together for a fixed period of hours. It seems probable that the Ger. word is identical with the Eng. and Scandinavian words, the substitution of (χt) for (ft) being found in other words introduced into standard German from LG. (cf. e. g. G. *sacht* = Eng. *soft*).]

I. †**1.** A movement to do something, a beginning. [The form *seift*, however, may possibly represent SKIFT *sb.*[1], which is recorded from *c* 1400.]

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 10480 And þus to prai sco gaf a scift.

†**b.** *At one shift*: at one time. *Obs.* [Cf. Icel. *eitt skipti* once (Vigf.).]

c 1325 *Metr. Hom.* 26 The faurtend day at a schift Sal bathe brin bathe erthe and lift.

II. †**2.** A share, a portion assigned on division. *Obs.* [Cf. MSw. *skipt*, G. *schicht* (Law) 'divisio bonorum'.]

1461 in 10*th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. v. 301 The mesuring of salte and corne that sholde long to the shifte of the communes. 1574 *Ibid.* 334 The Maior hath but an Aldermans shift saving onely of every shippe of wyne. 1627 *MS. Acc. St. John's Hosp., Canterb.*, Pittance to help make vpp on of our Shiftes of monye xij d.

III. 3. An expedient, an ingenious device for effecting some purpose.

1530 PALSGR. 267/1 Schyfte chevesaunce, *cheuesance.* 1559

Mirr. Mag., Cambridge iv, I sought a shift their tenures to vndo. 1595 SHAKS. *John* IV. iii. 7 Ile finde a thousand shifts to get away. 1624 QUARLES *Sion's Sonn.* viii. 5 My Dove, whom daily dangers teach new shifts. 1711 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 44 ¶ 8 The innumerable Shifts that small Wits put in practice to raise a Laugh. 1725 DE FOE *Eng. Tradesm.* (1732) I. iii. 28 The brickmakers all about London do mix sea-coal-ashes..with their clay..and by that shift save eight chaldron of coals out of eleven. 1842 J. AITON *Dom. Econ.* (1857) 118 A single man..can at any time try all the shifts, from taking land down to breaking stones within the high walls of the county jail. 1878 BOSW. SMITH *Carthage* xix. 373 Other anecdotes illustrate the thousand shifts and devices of which Hannibal was a master.

b. Available means of effecting an end. Often in phrase (*to have*) *no other shift*. *Obs.* exc. *dial.*

1523 BERNERS *Froiss.* I. cccxxiv. 293 We knowe all the shyfte in the countre [*nous scauons tous les refuges*] and so do nat they. *c* 1600 ? MONTGOMERIE *Banks Helicon* 105, I have no schift bot to resing All power into hir handis. 1606 G. W[DODCOCKE] *Iustine* XIII. 60 Which pretense when Eumenes had espied, he had no other shift, but to try the matter against the traitor by the sword. 1639 DU VERGER tr. *Camus' Admir. Events* 74 This old man having no more shift to veile what he had hitherto endeavoured to conceale, declared unto his children that she was his wife.

†**c.** An entertaining or humorous device; a jest. *Obs.*

1575 GASCOIGNE *Kenelw. Castle* II. iv. Wks. 1910 II. 117 Delight, and pleasures gallant shifts Haue fed your minde with many a Princely sport. 1579 LYLY *Euphues, Anat. W.* 82 Me thinkes that you smile at some pleasaunt shift. 1626 (*title*) The first and best parts of Scoggin's Iests: full of witty Mirth and pleasant Shifts.

d. Faculty of contrivance, resourcefulness. *rare.* Cf. SHIFTLESS.

1542 UDALL *Erasm. Apoph.* 106 And in Menander also.. the housbandes reuile their wiues, calling theim, bliteas, of so small shifte or helpe, that thei wer as good to haue wiues of beetes. 1731–8 SWIFT *Pol. Conversat.* 92 Hang them, say I, that has no Shift. 1865 CARLYLE *Fredk. Gt.* XV. v. (1872) VI. 19 Friedrich's budget is a sore problem upon him; needing endless shift and ingenuity.

†**e.** Manner of livelihood. *To make an honest shift*, to gain one's living honestly. *Sc. Obs.*

1572 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* II. 133 Except thay have of thair awin, or sum honest and lauchfull schift quhairupoun to leif. 1596 DALRYMPLE tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* I. 116 The 3ounigest ar put to sum honest schift. 1798 D. CRAWFORD *Poems* 57 (E.D.D.) Will ye compare me to a rogue, I always mak ane honest shift.

4. A fraudulent or evasive device, a stratagem; a piece of sophistry, an evasion, subterfuge.

1545 *Act* 37 *Hen. VIII*, c. 9 § 1 Concerninge Usury shiftes corrupt hargaynes and chevysaunces. 1561 T. NORTON *Calvin's Inst.* I. 24 If the Papistes haue any shame, let them no more vse this shift [Fr. *qu'ils n'vsent plus d'oresenauant de ces subterfuges*] to say that images are lay mennes bokes. *c* 1596 *Sir T. More* (Malone Soc.) 757, I conceiue your Lordship, and haue learnde your shift so well, that I must needes be apprehensiue. 1606 SHAKS. *Ant. & Cl.* III. xi. 63 Now I must..dodge And palter in the shifts of lownes, who With halfe the bulke o' th' world plaid as I pleas'd, Making, and marring Fortunes. 1635 R. N. tr. *Camden's Hist. Eliz.* II. 133 This the Queene of Scots delegates rejected as a frivolous shift. 1681 *Triat of S. Colledge* 104 He is a man lives by his Shifts. 1722 WOLLASTON *Relig. Nat.* ix. 207 How many subsist upon begging, borrowing, and other shifts. 1790 BEATSON *Nav. & Mil. Mem.* I. 37 A nobleman, who was not to be put off with ministerial shifts. 1822 HAZLITT *Table-t.* Ser. II. xii. (1869) 253 Their whole life is a succession of shifts, excuses, and expedients. 1870 BRYANT *Iliad* VIII. 116 Ulysses, man of subtle shifts,..whither dost thou flee?

†**b.** *alliterative phrases. Obs.*

1598 BARCKLEY *Felic. Man* (1631) 111 Those goods that are gotten by shift, are for the most part lost with shame. 1600 A. BOURCHER in R. Edwards *Parad. Dainty Dev.* C iv b, Got with shifts are spent with shame. 1601 MUNDAY *Downf. Earl Huntington* II. D 3 b, You..as yee liu'd by shifts, shall die with shame.

5. An expedient necessitated by stress of circumstances; a forced measure.

1647 CLARENDON *Hist. Reb.* II. § 102 Cottington..being Chancellor of the Exchequer..had his hand in many hard shifts for money. 1651 HOBBES *Leviath.* II. xxix. 168 Such dammage, or shifts, are all Common-wealths forced to. 1751 JOHNSON *Rambler* No. 141 ¶ 9 It were endless to recount the shifts to which I have been reduced. 1796 MORSE *Amer. Geog.* II. 20 Being reduced to very extraordinary shifts for supplying the place of bread. 1823 SCOTT *Peveril* xlv, Many of them had shared the wants, and shifts, and frolics of his exile. 1858 J. G. HOLLAND *Titcomb's Lett.* i. 17 That pride of personal independence..that resorts to desperate shifts rather than incur an obligation.

†**b.** *For* (*a*) *shift*: as a makeshift; for want of something better. *Obs.*

1523 HEN. VIII in *St. Papers* (1836) IV. 47 We suppose that many of your souldeours shalbe founden hable to stande in stede of gunners, metely well for a shyfte. 1599 SHAKS. *Much Ado* II. iii. 80 Ha, no, no faith, thou singst well enough for a shift. 1683 in *Phil. Trans.* (1693) XVII. 629 For a shift, common or Sterling Silver will serve the turn.

c. *By the shift*: by way of makeshift; 'at a pinch' (*Eng. Dial. Dict.*). So *on a shift*. Now *dial.*

1665 PEPYS *Diary* 16 Nov., I..had a good bedd by the shift, of Wyndham's. 1842 J. AITON *Dom. Econ.* (1857) 127 Dinners made up on a shift of bread and cheese, and the like, are always the most expensive. 1897 *Leeds Mercury Suppl.* 29 May (E.D.D.), Ah can eyt a pund bi t'shift.

d. *One's* (or *the*) *last* (or †*utter*) *shift*: the last resource. *To be at* (†*under*) *one's last shift*(*s*: to be at the last extremity, in the greatest difficulty; so to *put, drive, reduce*, etc. *to the last shifts.*

a 1604 HANMER *Chron. Irel.* (1633) 109 You see me..now extremely driven to my utter shifts. 1638 *Hamilton Papers* (Camden) 15 The consideration of thes dangers, and not beeing abill longer to satisfie them with words draufe me to my last shifts. 1733 W. ELLIS *Chiltern & Vale Farm.* 276 Whoever makes use of Chalk for a Dressing, I think, is under the last Shift. 1796 NELSON 18 July in Nicolas *Disp.* (1845) II. 216 They are at their last shifts.

e. *To put* or *drive* (*one*) *to one's shifts*, *to put* or *drive to a* (or †*the*) *shift* or *shifts* (often with adj. as *hard, miserable*, etc.): to bring to extremity. †*To leave* (a person) *to his shifts*: to leave him to help himself.

1553 BRENDE *Q. Curtius* I. B iv b, He was driuen to so narrowe shifte, that to furnishe hym selfe of money, he became a Pyrat. 1581 W. S. *Compend.* 15 You draue him to his shiftes. 1589 R. ROBINSON *Golden Mirr.* (1851) 18 Except that Tullie were thy name, Thy pen were put to shiftes. 1617 MORYSON *Itin.* I. 195 These knightes..were much driuen to their shiftes, to get money for that journey. 1636 EARL MANCHESTER *Contempl. Mortis* 91 Weake faith lookes for means, and is put to shifts when she sees them fail. 1663 COWLEY *Ess., Of Solitude* ¶ 3 (1906) 393 It is a deplorable condition, this, and drives a man sometimes to pittiful shifts in seeking how to avoid Himself. 1683 KENNETT tr. *Erasmus on Folly* 125 They are reduc'd to hard shifts, must grapple with poverty [etc.]. 1700 S. L. tr. *Fryke's Voy. E. Ind.* 328 He knew this to be the Elephant, that had put him so hard to his shifts. *a* 1715 BURNET *Own Time* II. (1897) I. 403 Many..who were put to hard shifts to live. 1725 DE FOE *Voy. round World* (1840) 72 The gunner being thus driven to his shifts, made down to the shore. 1775 SHERIDAN *Rivals* V. i, The dear delicious shifts I used to be put to, to gain half a minute's conversation. 1784 BAGE *Barham Downs* I. 173 Two or three bad harvests, a murrain, or a blight, for example might put you sadly to your shifts. 1842 G. S. FABER *Prov. Lett.* (1844) I. 110 When gentlemen resort to such arguments, it shows that they must be sorely put to their shifts. 1849 *Ainsworth's Mag.* XVI. 524 A man likely to be put to the shift in these days would be a fool indeed to marry without it [money]. 1856 MACAULAY *Biog., Goldsm.* (1860) 60 He was still often reduced to pitiable shifts. 1885 'MRS. ALEXANDER' *At Bay* I, He was put to strange shifts to make out a living.

6. *To make* (*a*) *shift.*

a. To make efforts, bestir oneself, try all means. Now *dial.* Also † *to make busy, good, hard shift.*

c 1460 *Towneley Myst.* xiii. 285 Bot yit I must make better shyft, And it be right. *c* 1535 LD. J. BUTLER in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. II. II. 51 But God willing I woll make bessye shifte to send the said mony in haste unto him. 1570–6 LAMBARDE *Peramb. Kent* 291 They made eache man the best shift for himselfe, that they could. 1600 HOLLAND *Livy* II. x. 50 Euerie man made shift for himselfe. 1675 HOBBES *Odyssey* XVII. 411 And to come hither thence, I made hard shift. 1859 GEO. ELIOT *Adam Bede* ii, I'd make a shift, and fend indoor and out, to give you more liberty. 1882 STEVENSON *Mem. & Portr.* xi. (1887) 175 What they have endured unbroken, we also..will make a shift to bear.

b. To attain one's end by contrivance or effort; to succeed; to manage *to do* something. †*To make shift of*: to manage to secure (some result).

1504 *Plumpton Corr.* (Camden) 184, I have sent it you with John Walker at this tyme; the which I shall shew you how I mayd schift of, at your comminge. 1594 KYD *Cornelia* I. 87 A Ship vnrig'd Can make no shift to combat with the Sea. 1611 MIDDLETON & DEKKER *Roaring Girl* F 1, If I could meete my enemies one hy one thus, I might make pretty shift with 'em in time. 1698 FRYER *Acc. E. India & P.* ix. 128 The Horse..made the best shift of all. 1895 'Q.' (Quiller-Couch) *Wandering Heath* 8 He made shift pretty well till he got to Lowland, and then had to drop upon his hands and knees and crawl.

c. To succeed with difficulty, to manage with effort *to do* something. So †*to make a hard shift.*

1538 in *Lett. Suppress. Monasteries* (Camden) 194 Thei war not abill to make schiffte to paye for my costis. 1627–8 LAUD *Diary* 5 Feb.–17 Mar., I made a shift to go and christen my Lord Duke's son. 1639 FULLER *Holy War* IV. iii. (1640) 171 Sixty yeares almost did the Latines make a hard shift to hold Constantinople. *a* 1674 CLARENDON *Hist. Reb.* XI. § 104 Most of the Foot made a shift to conceal themselves. 1711 BUDGELL *Spect.* No. 77 ¶ 5, I..can make a shift to command my Attention at a Puppet-Show or an Opera. 1752 FIELDING *Amelia* IV. ii, Booth made a shift to support his lovely burden. 1832 HT. MARTINEAU *Ireland* I. 13 Every year less and less came up, and that which did make a shift to grow yielded less and less meal. 1847 CHARL. BRONTE *Jane Eyre* XI, When she first came here she could speak no English; now she can make shift to talk it a little.

d. To do one's best *with* (inferior means), to be content *with*, put up *with.*

1577 B. GOOGE *Heresbach's Husb.* I. 32 The bread is very drye..but the common people remediyng that with Larde or Oyle, doo make a shift with it as wel as they can. 1629 B. JONSON *New Inn* II. i, Thou must make shift with it; pride feels no pain. 1687 A. LOVELL tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* I. 33 When they have no Spoons, they make an easie shift without them. 1680 MOXON *Mech. Exerc.* xi. 202 Turners seldom use them, but make shift with either of the other [tools]. 1733 SWIFT *Let. to Mrs. Cæsar* 30 July, I cannot make shift nor bear fatigue as I used to do. 1770 LUCKOMBE *Hist. Printing* 319 The Press-Stone should be marble, though sometimes Master Printers make shift with purbeck. 1842 J. H. NEWMAN *Paroch. Serm.* V. 71 Act then as persons who are in a dwelling not their own;..who accordingly, make shift and put up with any thing that comes to hand. 1885 *Bookseller* July 650/2 We cannot afford to employ.. efficient assistants but have to make shift with cheap labour.

IV. Change, substitution, succession.

†**7.** Change or substitution of one thing for another of the same kind. *Obs.*

1580 TUSSER *Husb.* (1878) 86 Poore cattle craue some shift to haue. 1625 WOTTON *Let. to N. Pey* in L. P. Smith *Life & Lett.* (1907) II. 288 My going to Oxford was not merely for shift of air.

†**8.** A plurality of things of the same kind that are or may be used successively. *Obs.*

1562 BULLEIN *Bulwarke, Bk. Simples* (1579) 30 Let bothe Pease and Beanes hee..tenderly sodden in shifte of waters, before you doe eate theim. 1567–9 JEWEL *Def. Apol.* (1611) 633 It is fit for a Pope to haue shift of mindes. 1592 GREENE *Groatsw. Wit* (1874) 25 He had shift of lodgings, where in euery place his Hostesse writ vp the wofull remembrance of him. 1599 B. JONSON *Ev. Man out of Hum.* II. vi, He hath shift of names, sir: some call him Apple John and some Signior Whiffe. 1611 *Second Maiden's Tragedy* 936 (Malone Soc.) She has her shifte of frendes.

†**b.** A set or suit (of sails, scenes). *Obs.*

1592 in Hakluyt *Voy.* (1600) III. 845 Being prouided onely of one shift of sailes all worne. 1626 CAPT. SMITH *Accid. Yng. Seamen* 17 A shift of sayles. 1754 A. DRUMMOND *Trav.* I. 15 They had three or four shifts of very good scenes.

9. Change (of clothing); *concr.* one of several suits of clothing, or of several garments of the same kind belonging to one person. *Obs.* exc. *dial.*

c 1570 W. WAGER *The Longer thou livest* 1104 (Brandl) Of rayment he shall haue shiftes twentie. 1600 G. BEST in Hakluyt *Voy.* III. 83 Hee that had fiue or sixe shifts of apparell had scarce one drie thread to his backe. 1657 R. LIGON *Barbadoes* 13 Some passengers of the Ship, who had no great store of linnen for shift, desired leave to go ashoare. 1833 *Sel. Comm. Cinque-port Pilots* 11 The men have not a shift of clothes. 1879 MISS JACKSON *Shropsh. Word-bk.* 1886 *S. W. Linc. Gloss.*

†**b.** A player's dressing-room in a theatre.

1667 PEPYS *Diary* 5 Oct., She took us up..to the women's shift, where Nell was dressing herself. *a* 1704 T. BROWN *Amusem. Ser. & Com., Play-Ho.* Wks. 1709 III. i. 42 If She goes to her Shift, 'tis Ten to One but he follows her.

10. A body-garment of linen, cotton, or the like; in early use applied indifferently to men's and women's underclothing; subsequently, a woman's 'smock' or chemise. Now *rare.*

In the 17th c. *smock* began to be displaced by *shift* as a more 'delicate' expression; in the 19th c. the latter has, from the same motive, given place to *chemise.*

1598 B. JONSON *Ev. Man in Hum.* I. i, I haue knowne some of them, that haue..at length bene glad for a shift (though no cleane shift) to lye a whole winter in halfe a sheete. 1648 WINYARD *Midsummer-Moon* 4 Is the University Pim'd, and therefore must change shifts, or are men turnd out..for being scabby? 1691 *D'Emilianne's Frauds Rom. Monks* 96 They are stript stark Naked in another [room], without suffering them so much as to keep on their Shifts. 1712 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 367 ¶ 5 A Lady's Shift may be metamorphosed into Billet-doux. 1756 FRANCES BROOKE *Old Maid* No. 34. 204 But remember that Julia and Rosara..fail not to bring with them checqu'd shifts to appear in at church. 1828 MISS MITFORD *Village* III. 114 Work was lost—even the new shifts of the Vicar's lady. 1853 KINGSLEY *Hypatia* x, A..negress dressed in true negro fashion, in a snow-white cotton shift, a scarlet cotton petticoat, and a bright yellow turban. 1890 SWINBURNE *Stud. Prose & Poetry* (1894) 216 A handsome girl, who was swimming, clothed with a white shift and a short petticoat.

11. Each of the successive crops in a course of rotation.

1715 PENNECUIK *Wks.* (1815) 92 (E.D.D.) The adoption in this country of the common course of four shifts, before pasture. 1787 W. H. MARSHALL *Norfolk* (1795) I. 131 An East Norfolk farmer divides his farm into what he calls 'six shifts', to receive his principal crops in rotation. 1812 SIR J. SINCLAIR *Syst. Husb. Scot.* I. Add. 19 By the frequent ploughings given to the turnip break or shift, the land is made perfectly clean. 1880 CHARL. M. MASON *Forty Shires* 222 Sometimes a four-shift, sometimes a five-shift rotation is employed.

12. A relay or change of workmen or †of horses.

1708 J. C. *Compleat Collier* (1845) 33 [The] Pit will require..4 shifts of Horses..and indeed you shou'd have a spare Shift, or two Horses more ready. 1812 J. HODGSON in Raine *Mem.* (1857) I. 97 Two shifts or sets of men were constantly employed. 1879 *Print. Trades Jrnl.* XXIX. 9 Working day and night with separate shifts of workmen. 1884 *Manch. Exam.* 22 Feb. 5/2 He would have in all mines which are worked on the double-shift system a fresh examination of the workings..before the second shift goes down. 1912 *Sphere* 28 Dec. 326/1 The night shifts receive so much higher pay for their labour.

b. The length of time during which such a set of men work.

1809 T. DONALDSON *Poems* 132 Like miners, faith, we'll try a shift, An' work by turns. 1825 J. NICHOLSON *Oper. Mech.* 329 It is usual..to divide the men into two classes, one class to relieve the other every 12 hours: these periods are called shifts. 1851 GREENWELL *Coal-trade Terms, Northumb. & Durh.* 47 The payment for off-hand work, .., is 3s. per shift of 8 hours. 1862 SMILES *Engineers* III. 25 They worked together for about two years, by twelve-hour shifts. 1913 *Times* 14 May 8/1 An eight hours day, with a standard rate of 5s. a shift.

transf. 1860 SMILES *Self Help* I. 17 These men..have often, during the busy season of Parliament, worked 'double shift', almost day and night.

c. A quantity (of ore) removed at a time.

1839 URE *Dict. Arts* 752 The richness of the ore varies from 2 to 20 hings of galena per shift of ore; the shift corresponding to 8 waggons load.

13. A change (of wind).

1594 BLUNDEVIL *Exerc.* VII. xxxi. (1636) 702 At every shift of winde. 1669 STURMY *Mariner's Mag.* IV. ii. 144 Well experienced in Judgment, in estimating the Ship's Way in her Course upon every shift of Wind. 1782 *Ann. Reg.* 91 The season was far advanced for military operations, the shift of the monsoon being at hand. 1820 SCORESBY *Acc. Arctic Reg.* I. 288 The Dundee of London..was suddenly stopped by a shift of wind. 1876 R. H. SCOTT *Weather Charts* 72 In every case it will be seen that

the shift from 1 to 3 is *veering*, and from 1′ to 3′ is *backing*, whatever the first direction of the wind may have been.

V. Change of position, removal.

14. A shifting, removal; a change of position or attitude; *dial.* a change of residence or employment.

1831 A. Sedgwick in *Trans. Geol. Soc.* (1836) Ser. II. IV. 53 If there be any shift of position among the mineral masses in their strike across the valley, it must be of comparatively small extent. 1858 Glenny *Everyday Bk.* 233/2 Examine every plant as it comes in, to see if the drainage be clear, and whether it wants a shift. 1867 Swinburne *Ess. & Stud.* (1875) 150 A suffering which runs always in one groove, without relief or shift. 1871 Carlyle in Mrs. Carlyle *Lett.* III. 194 A small furnished house should be rented, and a shift made thither.

b. in immaterial sense, e.g. a shifting or transfer of responsibility, etc.

1826 E. Irving *Babylon* v. II. 31 There can be no shift in policy or in power, much less a revolution in them,..without a terrible struggle. 1844 *Min. Evid. Sel. Comm. Commons' Inclosure* 27 Many of these commonable meadows have their own peculiar customs as to the shift of the severalty ownership. 1875 Whitney *Life Lang.* iv. 54 There has been no general shift of the place of the accent as compared with Latin.

15. *Mus.* In violin-playing, a change of the position of the hand on the finger-board.

When the first or ordinary position is quitted, the player is said to be 'on the shift'; the second position is called the 'half shift', the third the 'whole shift', and the fourth the 'double shift'. (Grove *Dict. Mus.* s. v.)

1771 Burney tr. *Tartini* in G. Hart *Violin* (1875) 342 The taking a Violin part..and playing it upon the half-shift, that is, with the first finger upon G on the first string, and constantly keeping upon this shift. 1824 Scott *Redgauntlet* Let. x, I..skipped with flying fingers, like Timotheus, from shift to shift. 1884 Hoe *Dict. Fiddle.*

16. *Ship-building.* (See quots.)

1805 *Shipwright's Vade-M.* 131 *Shift*, a term applied to disposing the butts of the planks, &c. so that they may over launch each other without reducing the length...The planks of the bottom, in British-built ships of war, have a six-feet shift with three planks between each butt...In the bottoms of merchant ships they have a six-feet shift with only two planks between each butt. *Ibid.* 234 The scarphs give shift to the scarphs of the keel and fasten thereto with treenails. *c* 1840 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 7) XX. 275/2 *Shift.* This, in its general sense, refers to a certain arrangement among the component parts of a ship. Thus we speak of a shift of plank, a shift of dead-wood, meaning thereby the disposition of the buts of the timber or plank, both with respect to strength and economy. In a more limited sense, 'shift' means the distance apart of two neighbouring buts or scarphs. *c* 1850 *Rudim. Navig.* (Weale) 154 *String*, one or two planks.., giving shift to the scarphs of the sheer-strake. 1867 Smyth *Sailor's Word-bk.* 1889 Welch *Text Bk. Naval Archit.* viii. 103 The proper shift of the butts [of the plates] is a question of importance.

17. *Mining.* A slight 'fault' or dislocation in a seam or stratum.

1802 Playfair *Hutton. Theory* 48 Of this nature are the slips or shifts, that so often perplex the miner in his subterraneous journey. 1830 Carlyle *Richter again* Misc. 1840 II. 324 What miners call a shift or trouble occurred in it. 1830 Lyell *Princ. Geol.* I. 418 Along the line of this shift, or 'fault' as it would be termed technically by miners, the walls were found to adhere firmly to each other. 1909 *Q. Rev.* Apr. 490 The shift or throw as in the Irwell Valley fault near Manchester.

VI. 18. *attrib.* and *Comb.*: *shift-boss, -man, -work* (sense 12); *shift-sleeve* (sense 10); †*shift-got* adj. (sense 4); *shiftmaker* (sense 6).

1877 Raymond *Statist. Mines & Mining* 166 Foremen, per day..*Shift-bosses, per day. 1881 — *Mining Gloss.*, *Shift-boss*, the foreman in charge of a shift of men. 1598 Bp. Hall *Sat.* IV. v. 39 The ding-thrift heyre, his *shift-got summe mispent, Comes drouping like a pennylesse penitent. 1836 E. Howard *R. Reefer* Iv, The shifts we were obliged to have recourse to were..amusing, to all but the *shiftmakers. 1880 *Daily News* 10 Sept. 6/1 A survivor (..a *shiftman) gives the following narrative. 1894 *Northumbld. Gloss.*, *Shifter, Shift-man*, a man who prepares the working places at night in a colliery for the men who come in at next shift. *a* 1700 Evelyn *Diary* June 1645, Their sleeves are made exceeding wide, under which their *shift sleeves as wide. 1711 Budgell *Spect.* No. 175 ¶ 2 She came in Shift-Sleeves, and dress'd at the Window. 1708 J. C. *Compleat Collier* (1845) 36 It is most usual to agree with your Hewers of Coals or Miners, by the Score of Corves,..and not by the Day, or *Shift Work. 1888 W. E. Nicholson *Gloss. Terms Coal Trade Northumbld. & Durh.* (E.D.D.).

Shift (ʃift), *v.* Forms: 1 sciftan, scyftan, 2 scyfton, 4 schiften, scift, schifte, schyft, schefte, 4–6 schyfte, schift, 4–7 shifte, 5 scifte, schyftyn, 5–6 shyfte, 6 shyft, schyffte, 4– shift. *Pa. t.* 1 scifte, 1–2 scyfte, 3 shiftede, 4 schift, 4–5 shifte, 5 schifte, shift, chefte, 6 shyfted, 6– shifted. *Pa. pple.* 1 scift, 2 scyft, 2–3 iscift, 3 scift, 4 ischyft, shift, scheft, schifted, 4–5 schift, 5 schufte, shyfte, scyfftyd, schiffted, 6 scheftyd, shyfted, -yd, 6– shifted. [OE. *sciftan* wk. vb. corresponds to OFris. *skifta* to determine (WFris. *skifte, skiftsje* to separate, NFris. *skeft* to divide, change), MLG., LG., Du. *schiften* to divide, separate, MHG. (MG.) *schihten* (mod.G. *schichten*) to divide, classify, arrange in order, ON. *skipta* (whence Skift *v.*[1]) to share, divide, change (Sw., Norw. *skifta*, Da. *skifte*) :— OTeut. **skiftjan*, f. Teut. root **skip-* in ON. *skipa* to arrange, assign, etc.]

I. To put in order, arrange.

†**1.** *trans.* To appoint, ordain, arrange, assign, dispose in order. *Obs.*

c 1000 *Secular Laws Edgar* § 7 (Liebermann) 204/3 Scifte [*v.rr.* sceawie, sceapize] man of ðam ȝemote ða ðe him toridan. *a* 1023 Wulfstan *Hom.* xxxvii. (1883) 176 Moyses ..be godes ægenum dihte rihte lage scyfte. *a* 1122 *O. E. Chron.* (Laud MS.) an. 1046, Þa scyfte man Harold [*read* Beorn] eorl up þæs cynges scipe þe Harold eorl ær steorde. *c* 1200 Ormin 470 Forr prestess þanne & dæcness ec shifftedenn hemm bitwenenn Whillc here shollde serrfenn firrst. 13.. *K. Alis.* 6714 (Laud MS.), Þe messagers aȝein he shiftes. *c* 1386 Chaucer *and Nun's T.* 278 Witnes Tyburces and Valerians shrifte, To whiche god of his bountee wolde shifte Corones two of floures. 1390 Gower *Conf.* I. 323 For thou henymst me thilke yifte, Which lith noght in thi miht to schifte. *a* 1400 *Morte Arth.* 2456 Thane the schalkes scharpelye scheftys theire horsez. *c* 1400 *Laud Troy Bk.* 8715 And thus haue thei her armes schifted, Ther baneres are wel hye lyfted.

2. To apportion, distribute; to separate into shares, divide; *rarely* to divide or partition *off from*.

c 1000 *Secular Laws Cnut* § 78 (Liebermann) 364/3 For þa yrfenuman to lande & to æhtan, & scyftan hit swiðe rihte. *a* 1175 *Cott. Hom.* 237 Ac ȝief ȝe habbeð understande þat we ȝiu er sede eter gate me his scyft and þer me hi to ȝesceodeð. *c* 1200 *Vices & Virt.* 37 Si recte offers, et non recte diuidis, peccasti, 'ȝif ðu right offrest and noht riht ne scifst, ðu senesest mare ðan ðu god do'. *c* 1315 Shoreham iv. 178 Þys manere senne nys nauȝt ones, Ac hys ischyf[f]t in þry. *c* 1330 *Arth. & Merl.* 1482 A gret schode Of grauel & erþe al so, þat hem hadde schifted ato. 1390 Gower *Conf.* III. 294 Al freliche of his oghne yifte His whete, among hem forto schifte. *c* 1425 *Cast. Persev.* 108 in *Macro Plays* 80 To putte his good in gouernaunce..he wolde þat it were scyfftyd a-mongis his ny kynne. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 446/1 Schyftyn, or partyn, or delyn, *divido, partior.* 1483 in *10th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. v. 317 To take..the same hervest corne so boght and to shyfte ond distribute it upon the commynes. 1529 S. Fish *Suppl. Beggars* (Arb.) 5 Nowe let vs then compare the nombre of this vnkind idell sort vnto the nombre of the laye people and we shall se whether it be indifferently shifted or not that they shuld haue half. 1570–6 Lambarde *Peramb. Kent* (1826) 477 They of this our Kentish countrie, do yet call their partition of lande (shifting) even by the very same woord that the lawe of Canutus many yeeres since termed it. 1703 Neve *City & C. Purchaser* 229 A little square corner of a Room, shifted off from the rest of the Room by the Wainscot. 1735–6 Pegge *Kenticisms.*

absol. c 1330 *Arth. & Merl.* 2194 King Ban hadde..þe cite of Beuoit & Bohort hadde þe cite of Gaines..& þus þai hadde schift atvo.

†**3.** *To shift one's hand, one's words*: to act or speak in a particular manner. Also *refl. Obs.*

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 23390 Als suith mai þou cum þider, Al at þi wil or elles quider, Nu at þe erth nu at þe lift, Or hu sumeuer þou will þe scift. *Ibid.* 23703 And þus-gat sal he schift his hand, þe werld [*read with Gött. MS.* lauerd] þat es ai lastand. 1377 Langl. *P. Pl.* B. xx. 166 And elde hent good hope and hastilich he shifte [*v.r.* chifte] hym. 1390 Gower *Conf.* III. 136 And loke wel that he ne schifte Hise wordes to no wicked use. 14.. *Sir Beues* (M.) 502 And he sye, it was no better paye, But shifte hym in the beste way. 1574 W. Bourne *Regiment Sea* (1577) Introd. 7 b, And to haue capacitie howe for to handle or shift himselfe in foule weather or stormes.

†**4.** *intr.* To manage matters; to deal, bargain, make arrangements *with*; to make provision *for*. *To let* (persons) *shift* [= F. *laisser faire*]: to let (them) take their own course, not to interfere. *Obs.*

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 4440 He ferd ai wit so mikel thrift þat al was don als he wald scift. *c* 1400 *Sowdone Bab.* 2704 With these meyne moste we shifte, To haue parte of here vitailes her. *c* 1489 Caxton *Sonnes of Aymon* x. 274, I holpe theym not nor I was not agenst theym but wythdrewe me aside & lete the other shyfte (Fr. *laissay faire les autres*) wyth theym and I stode styll. *Ibid.* xii. 301 Lete theym shyfte [Fr. *laissez les faire*] hardely, they two togyder. *Ibid.* xix. 403 Let hym shyfte with the kynge as he wyl. 1490 — *Eneydos* xxxix. 129 He lete theym shyfte, & fought tyll that the euyn departed theym. 1513 More *Rich. III* (1883) 39 And shyfte whoso would with thys busynes afterwarde: for he neuer entended more to moue her in that matter. 1529 Rastell *Pastyme* (1811) 271 Because they lacked money, they shyfted with the staple of Caleys for .xviii. thousande pounde. 1549 Cheke *Hurt Sedit.* (1641) 42 Caterpillers destroy the fruit, an hurtfull thing and well shifted for, by a diligent overseer.

† **b.** ? To bestir oneself. *Obs.*

a 1400 *Morte Arth.* 3847 And so they schyfte and schove, be schotte to the erthe. *c* 1475 *Partenay* 2792 So he shifte And smote here And ther so faste, That the yren dore persed at the laste.

† **c.** *To shift in the world*, also quasi-trans. *to shift the world*: to face the chances of life. *Obs.*

1536 Lady Rocheford in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. I. II. 68 And I not assuryd of no more..then one hundreth Marke; whyche ys veary hard for me to schyffte the worldd wythall. 1555 W. Watreman *Fardle Facions* I. i. 24 They ware banysshed that enhabitaunce of pleasure [Paradise] and driuen to shift the world. 1576 Fleming *Panopl. Epist.* 386 Chaunge this your perillous purpose, and determine otherwise to shifte in the worlde.

5. To manage to effect one's purposes, or to make a living, by one's own devices; to succeed, get on (well or ill). *Obs.* exc. *dial.*

c 1532 Du Wes *Introd. Fr.* in Palsgr. 940 To shyfte, *cheuir.* 1562 Bp. Pilkington *Abdias* Pref. Aa iv b, Many fishes be raueners, yet the yong fish encreases: the Hawkes be gredy yet shifts the littell hyrds. 1568 C. W[atson] *Polybius* 61 The inhabitants hauing repaired their walles, shifted well wyth this their lingering off. 1591 Spenser *M. Hubberd* 660 So well they shifted, that the Ape anon Himselfe had cloathed like a Gentleman. 1620 Middleton *Chaste Mayd* II. 24 She that hath wit, may shift any-where. *c* 1650 *Don Bellianis* 226 Here we can do no otherwise, replied he, but in the city we may better shift. 1719 De Foe *Crusoe* I. (Globe) 281, I had some Inclination to give them their lives, if they thought they could shift on Shore. 1775 Johnson *West. Isl., Coriatachan* 118 The rider then dismounts and all shift as they can.

quasi-*trans.* 1836 Carlyle *Let.* 16 May in *Atlantic Monthly* (1898) Sept. 295, I have no doubt Robert will shift his way with all dexterity..thro' that Cotton Babylon.

b. 'To act or live though with difficulty' (J.); to manage *with* something inferior or *without* something desirable; to make shift.

1673 Temple *Adv. Trade Irel.* Wks. 1720 I. 116 Common Garrans shift upon Grass the Year round. 1723 De Foe *Col. Jack* (1840) 128 The first [hard work] I had been an utter stranger to, the last [hard fare] I could shift well enough with. 1793 Smeaton *Edystone L.* Introd. 6 After the public had shifted with having the fire below for the term of ten years. 1815 Jane Austen *Emma* viii, She is left in Mrs. Goddard's hands to shift as she can. 1865 *Cornh. Mag.* Oct. 513 Might not the colonists shift for the present with the southern island? 1900 *Pilot* 7 July 16/2 Congregations were deprived of their pastors, and had to shift as they best could without them.

6. To employ shifts or evasions; to practise or use indirect methods; to practise or live by fraud, or temporary expedients.

1579 Lyly *Euphues* (Arb.) 35 If I be in Crete, I can lye, if in Greece I can shift, if in Italy I can court it. 1586 A. Day *Eng. Secretary* II. (1625) 20 There be those that will iustifie that by such meanes y^u doe shift now and then very cunningly. 1615 J. Taylor (Water P.) *Revenge* Wks. 1630 II. 144/1 To Sharke or Shift, or Cony-catch for mony. 1634 Levett *Ordering of Bees* 42 They are composed for the most part of yong Bees, who know not how to shift and rob as the old ones do. 1706 Phillips (ed. Kersey), To *Shift*,.. to double or dodge, as wild Beasts do when hunted. 1808 Scott *Marm.* II. xxix, To Whitby's convent fled the maid, The hated match to shun. 'Ho! shifts she thus?' King Henry cried.

7. *To shift for oneself*: to provide for one's own safety, interests, or livelihood (implying either absence of aid, or, sometimes, want of concern for others); to depend on one's own efforts.

a 1513 Fabyan *Chron.* v. cxxviii. (1811) 110 The firste was of laufull age, soo that he myght helpe & shyfte for hym selfe. 1529 *Star Chamber Cases* (Selden Soc.) II. 183 He putt the poore man in jepardy of his lyff yff he had nott shyftyd the better for hym self. 1593 *Tell-troth's N. Y. Gift* (1876) 6 The birdes bringe upp the yong untill they can shift for themselves. 1643 Baker *Chron., Rich. III*, 131 His complices shifted for themselves. 1709 Swift *Advancem. Relig.* 32 As if the Physicians should..leave their Patients to shift for themselves. 1808 Scott in *Lockhart* (1837) I. i. 5 This occasioned a quarrel between him and his father, who left him to shift for himself. 1877 Froude *Short Stud.* (1883) IV. I. x. 123 All..forsook him to shift for themselves.

b. *transf.* of inanimate or immaterial things.

1689 Popple tr. *Locke's 1st Let.* L.'s Wks. 1727 II. 248 For the Truth certainly would do well enough, if she were once left to shift for herself. 1788 Franklin *Autobiog.* Wks. 1840 I. 210, I concluded to let my papers shift for themselves. 1859 Jephson *Brittany* ii. 16 (Sewage) deposited on the pavement, where it is left to shift for itself.

c. *To shift for one's own safety*, etc.

1511 *Guylforde's Pilgr.* (Camden) 60 Euery man to shyfte for his escape as Almyghty God wolde yeue theym grace. 1634 Sir T. Herbert *Trav.* 12 Our Fleet lay a hull..each shifting for its owne safetie. 1858 Froude *Hist. Eng.* IV. xviii. 17 They were obliged to shift as they could for their own security.

II. To change.

8. *trans.* To change, to replace by another of the kind. With plural object: To quit one and take another of (the things indicated). *Obs.* exc. (somewhat *arch.*) with obj. a quality or appearance, as *to shift shapes*.

c 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 1732 Ten siðes ðus binnen .vi. ȝer, Shiftede iacob hirdenesse her. 1545 *Act* 37 *Hen. VIII* c. 9, § 5 The wares..so bargayned, solde, eschaunged or shifted. 1618 Chapman *Hesiod's Georg.* II. 517 The shamelesse Man shifts friends still with his place. 1667 Pepys *Diary* 3 Oct., There staid..till he shifted his horses. 1697 Dryden *Virg. Georg.* IV. 639 Having shifted ev'ry Form to scape, Convinc'd of Conquest, he resum'd his Shape. 1760 T. Hutchinson *Hist. Mass.* ii. 212 How many times did..the clergy ..change or shift their opinions? 1864 Tennyson *Voyage* v, The peaky islet shifted shapes.

b. *Cookery.* To change (the water in which something is steeped). Also, to change the water for, to transfer to another water. Now *rare* or *Obs.*

1675 Hannah Woolley *Gentlew. Comp.* 125 Then steep the [Calves-]Head in fair water warm five hours, in that time shift it twice or thrice. 1747 Mrs. Glasse *Cookery* xi. 122 Shift the Water two or three times. 1769 Mrs. Raffald *Eng. Housekpr.* (1778) 169 Shift the peel into clean water twice in the boiling.

† **c.** Phrases. *To shift a mind*: to change one's mind. *To shift hands*: = 'to change hands'; also, to change one's ground in argument. *Obs.*

1611 Middleton & Dekker *Roaring Girl* E 1, But sleepe vpon this once more sir, you may chance shift a minde to morrow. *c* 1680 Beveridge *Serm.* (1729) II. 85 His affections all shifting hands as it were, and changing objects with one another. 1692 Washington tr. *Milton's Def. People* Pref. 14 Crafty Turn-coat! Are you not asham'd to shift hands thus in things that are Sacred? 1699 Bentley *Phalaris* 296 This being the Point he promised to prove, he presently shifts hands, and changes the Question.

† **d.** To change (places). Also *intr.* to change places *with*. *Obs.*

1691 Ray *Creation* I. (1704) 150 That they should thus shift places, is very convenient for them. 1785 Burns *Ep. J.*

Lapraik 21 Apr. xiii, Wi' cits nor lairds I wadna shift, In a their pride!

†**e.** *Shipbuilding.* (*a*) To replace (old timbers, etc.) with new. (*b*) [? From SHIFT *sb.* 16.] To adjust the 'shift' of (planks, etc.) in building a vessel.

1691 T. H[ALE] *Acc. New Invent.* 76 She shifted none of her said Rudder-Irons. 1711 W. SUTHERLAND *Shipbuild. Assist.* 47 A Ship's Bottom..wherein are shewed the Shifting, Scarfing or Over-launching the Planks. 1793 SMEATON *Edystone L.* § 85 *note*, The term shifting a timber in Shipwrightry signifies in general the substitution of a piece of new timber in the place of a piece of old. 1805 *Shipwright's Vade-M.* 201 The Wales must be wrought of such lengths, and the butts shifted, so as to give the strongest shift to the ports and each other. 1852 FINCHAM *Ship Building* II. (ed. 3) 39 The butts are properly placed, or what is technically called properly shifted, when they are suitably disposed in relation to the ports and to each other.

f. *intr.* To undergo transmutation; to change.

1605 B. JONSON *Volpone* I. ii, But I come not here, to discourse of that matter,..Or his telling how Elements shift. 1878 B. TAYLOR *Deukalion* I. ii. 24 Let Proteus shift in ocean From shape to shape that eludes.

9. *trans.* To change (one's own or another's clothing). Now chiefly *dial.* Also *fig.*

c 1400 *Rule of St. Benet* (Prose) 36 Tuinne paire clapis sal ilkain haue for to scifte and for to waisse; yef þai haue mare, it sal be scorn. 1530 PALSGR. 703/1 I shyfte garmentes, *je change*. 1602 MARSTON *Ant. & Mel.* II. Wks. 1856 I. 26 Would'st thou have us sluts, and never shift the vestur of our thoughts? 1605 B. JONSON *Volpone* I. ii, But I Would aske, how of late, thou hast suffered translation, And shifted thy coat, in these dayes of Reformation? 1723 DE FOE *Col. Jack* (1840) 82, I went immediately to shift my clothes. 1844-48 W. BARNES *Poems Rural Life* 185 Poll an' Nan runn'd off up stairs, To shift ther dings.

†**b.** To change (a person's) clothes; to dress in fresh underclothing. *Obs.*

a 1548 HALL *Chron., Rich. III*, 26 They bothe discended to the highe altare aod were shifted from their robes. 1579-80 NORTH *Plutarch, Marcus Cato* (1595) 382 His wife did vnswadell the young boy to wash and shift him. 1613 PURCHAS *Pilgrimage* (1614) 611 Neyther may she speake, but by those *Magitæ* is shifted and gallantly adorned. 1754-64 SMELLIE *Midwif.* I. 204 She must then be shifted with a clean, warm, balf shift, linen-skirt and bed-gown.

c. *refl.* To change one's clothing; to put on fresh clothing, esp. undergarments. *Obs.* exc. *dial.* † Formerly const. *into, out of, from*, etc. (clothes).

1530 PALSGR. 703/1 In the sommer season I love to shyfte me often. *a* 1548 HALL *Chron., Hen. VIII*, 64 He shifted hymself into a robe of a Cardinall. 1558 in Kempe *Losely MSS.* (1836) 185 He hath not left hym a shert there to shyft hym with all. 1622 in Foster *Eng. Factories India* (1908) II. 125 Nott leavinge one ragge to shift us. 1719 DE FOE *Crusoe* I. 53, I was wet, had no Cloaths to shift me. 1839 *Heref. Gloss.* s. v., A man who changes his clothes is said 'to shift himself'.

d. *intr.* for *refl.* † Const. *into.*

1605 SHAKS. *Lear* v. iii. 186 [It] taught me to shift Into a madmans rags. 1728 YOUNG *Love of Fame* VI. 42 She begs you just would turn you, while she shifts. 1834 M. SCOTT *Cruise Midge* XX. (1836) II. 304 We..shifted, breakfasted, and.. returned to Ballywindle. 1891 C. ROBERTS *Adrift Amer.* 30 After getting shifted I turned in and was soon asleep.

10. *trans.* To change (the scene): see SCENE 4.

1599, 1611 [see SCENE 4]. 1692 *Scarronides* II. Pref. 3 The Scenes in our publick Theatres are not shifted so often as our thoughts. 1742 YOUNG *Nt. Th.* III. 363 'Tis time, high time, to shift this dismal scene. *a* 1859 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* XXIII. (1861) V. 117 The scene of the negociation was again changed. Having been shifted from France to England, it was shifted from England to Holland.

b. *intr.* Of a scene: To change. Const. *to.*

1828 SCOTT *F. M. Perth* I, Gazing on the scene before me as if I had been afraid it would shift like those in a theatre before [etc.]. 1861 PALEY *Æschylus, Eumen.* (ed. 2) Introd., The scene shifts to the latter place.

†**11.** *trans.* To cause (a set of workmen) to change places with another set. Also said of a gang of workmen: To replace (another gang or set) as a relief; also *intr.* for *refl.*

1673 *Haddock Corr.* 28 in *Camden Miscell.* VIII, I went on bord the R. Charles to shift the men. 1791 SMEATON *Edystone L.* § 123 The companies at this time shifted there. *Ibid.* § 232 Jessop and company went out to shift Richardson.

III. To change the place of, to remove.

* *transitive uses.*

12. To transfer from one place to another; to remove; to alter the position of. Const. *from, out of, to*; also often with adv. or advb. phrase.

a. with obj. a person. † Also *refl.* to withdraw.

c 1375 *Cursor M.* 24807 (Fairf.) Vn-til ship sone was he shift. *c* 1430 *Syr Gener.* (Roxb.) 9822 And thus this goode knight thei shift Euen to the Citie of Damas. 1575 GASCOIGNE *Hemetes the Heremyte* Wks. 1910 II. 482 Being shifted from y^e^ sighte of y^t^ I sought above all thinges in the world. 1825 T. HOOK *Sayings* Ser. II. *Passion & Princ.* vi. III. 53 He was shifted to a more commodious apartment.

refl. 1555 J. PROCTOR *Wyat's Rebell.* 39 [They] consideringe..their chiefe strength thus tourned vppon them, ..shifted them selues awaye. 1643 BAKER *Chron., Eliz.* 107 He came all in a sweat to the Sheriff Smith's house, who shifteth himself forth at a back door.

b. With obj. a material thing. In *Gardening*, to transplant.

c 1425 *Cast. Persev.* 2850 in *Macro Plays* 162, I may not onys myn hod up schyfte. 1523-34 FITZHERB. *Husb.* § 141 Howe he wolde haue..his cattel shifted out of one pasture into an other. 1588 *Churchw. Acc. Fittington* (Surtees) 27 Item given for bread & drinke when the fonte was shifted, xvj d. 1593 SHAKS. *Rom. & Jul.* I. v. 2 *Ser.* Where's Potpan, that he helpes not to take away? He shift a Trencher? he scrape a Trencher? 1680 SIR C. LYTTELTON in *Hatton Corr.* (Camden) 232 Tother day, in shifting of a cabinet. 1771 SMOLLETT *Humph. Cl.* 1 July (1815) 214 He re-ascends into the apartment by the steps, which had been shifted for that purpose. 1830 GALT *Lawrie T.* II. iii, He showed me how to shift the plants. 1878 HUXLEY *Physiogr.* 209 It is the land and not the sea that has shifted its level. 1879 FROUDE *Cæsar* XXII. 386 Cæsar had shifted his camp continually.

c. With immaterial object. Often with reference to a metaphorical burden: To transfer (blame, responsibility, etc.) *from* (a person, oneself) *to* or *upon* another.

a 1572 KNOX *Hist. Ref.* Wks. 1846 I. 196 This answer gave he, as mycht appear, to schift ower the argument upon the Freare, as that he did. 1647 CLARENDON *Hist. Reb.* II. § 54 Every man shifting the fault from himself. 1774 SIR J. REYNOLDS *Disc. R. A.* 10 Dec. (1778) 204 The name of Genius then shifted its application. 1867 FREEMAN *Norm. Conq.* (1877) I. vi. 498 A feeling of this inconsistency led several later writers to shift the story to a later time. 1869 TOZER *Highl. Turkey* II. 252 The license which is admitted in shifting the accent for purposes of scansion and rhyme. 1885 DUNCKLEY in *Manch. Weekly Times* 7 Feb. 5/5 The burden of taxation has been shifted from articles of necessary consumption to luxuries.

†**d.** To palm off (something) *on* a person; to get rid of by handing *over* (something undesirable) *to* another. *Obs.*

1634 CANNE *Necess. Separ.* (1849) 289 Some merchants who..will show the buyer a little that is good, and by this means cunningly shift all the rest upon him. 1659 *Clarke Papers* (Camden) IV. 290 The proclamation declaring M. Gen. Egerton, &c., rebells and traytours came..to a petty constable of this towne, who shifted it over to another well-affected constable.

13. *Naut.* **a.** To change or alter the position of (a sail, spar, the helm, etc.).

1667 MILTON *P. L.* IX. 515 As when a Ship..where the Wind Veres oft, as oft so steers, and shifts her Saile. 1669 STURMY *Mariner's Mag.* I. ii. 18 Shift the Mizen tack, hawl bout fore Bowline. 1795 NELSON 13 Mar. in Nicolas *Disp.* (1845) II. 14 Employed shifting our topsails and splicing our rigging. 1825 H. B. GASCOIGNE *Path to Naval Fame* 50 The angl'd Jib with speed they hoist away, Then Shift the Helm to make her cast right way. 1846 A. YOUNG *Naut. Dict.* 150 *Shift the Helm!* to put it from starboard to port, or the reverse.

†**b.** To record the variations of (the tide), the positions of the sun and moon. *Obs.*

a 1592 LODGE & GREENE *Looking Gl.* (1598) E 1 b, Lets see the proudest scholler stir his course Or shift his tides as Silly sailers do. 1594 J. DAVIS *Seamans Secr.* (1607) 11 The necessary instrument for the yong practising seamans use, named an Horizontall tyde Table, whereby he may shift his Sun and Moone (as they terme it).

c. Of a ship or a navigator: To undergo displacement of (cargo or ballast).

1854 G. B. RICHARDSON *Univ. Code* V. (ed. 12) 803, I have shifted my ballast. 1880 *Times* 17 Dec. 5/6 The Isabel,.. laden with oats, arrived..with cargo shifted.

14. To alter the direction of.

1698 FRYER *Acc. E. India & P.* 3 He not being so often called upon to shift his Course, or hand his Sails. 1781 COWPER *Table T.* 387 Th' inestimable estimate of Brown Rose like a paper-kite, and charm'd the town; But measures, plann'd and executed well, Shifted the wind that rais'd it, and it fell. 1871 B. TAYLOR *Faust* (1875) II. II. iii. 149 As when the winds are shifted Shine snowy sails.

15. To change or alter (one's or its position, place); to change (one's lodging, abode, etc.). † Phrase, *to shift place(s.*

In early examples really a contextual application of sense 8.

1563-83 FOXE *A. & M.* 54/2 Many times he [Origen] was compelled to shift places and houses. 1587 HARRISON *England* II. xix. 205/2 They must needs shift soile, and seeke vnto other countries. 1595 DANIEL *Civ. Wars* I. lxix, Happy confiners you of other landes That shift your soile and oft scape tyrants hands. 1667 PEPYS *Diary* 6 May, At his coming to town again, [he] had shifted his lodgings. 1697 DRYDEN *Virg. Georg.* III. 133 The fiery Courser, when he hears from far..the Shouts of War, Shifts Place. 1774 GOLDSM. *Nat. Hist.* (1776) V. 268 As quails and wood-cocks shift their habitations in winter, so also does the cuckoo. 1860 TYNDALL *Glac.* I. ii. 18 Advancing and retreating as the spray shifted its position.

16. To get (a person) out of the way. In early use chiefly with *away* (see also 12 a). In later use without adv.: To get rid of (an enemy or rival). Now *slang* or *colloq.*, to dislodge (a body of the enemy); (of a horse) to throw (the rider); also *euphemistically*, to 'put out of the way', murder.

1604 SHAKS. *Oth.* IV. i. 79 Whil'st you were heere, o're-whelmed with your griefe..Cassio came hither. I shifted him away. 1615 R. COCKS *Diary* (Hakl. Soc.) I. 19 He will be shifted out of his government or kingdom. 1703 DR. QUEENSB. in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. II. IV. 238 In a short time the Duke of Queensberry was to be shifted out, so as he was to be sole Secretary. 1891 C. ROBERTS *Adrift Amer.* 180 Although the wicked little beast did his utmost to shift me, I managed to frustrate his efforts. 1898 *Daily News* 29 Sept. 3/2 [The enemy] were four to our one, but we shifted them. *Ibid.* 10 Oct. 5/1 That would-be criminals ..do sometimes cast about for safe means of 'shifting' inconvenient relatives, or enemies, there is, we fear, little doubt.

b. *colloq.* or *slang.* To 'put away', 'dispose of', consume (a quantity of food or drink).

1896 P. A. GRAHAM *Red Scaur* XVII. 263 Did you ever see her..shiftin' a curran' dumplin'? 1907 H. WYNDHAM *Flare of Footlights* XXII, Lord, but he can shift his liquor!

†**17.** To avoid, elude, escape. *Obs.*

1595 DANIEL *Civ. Wars* III. lxxvii, He..now strikes againe, Then nimbly shiftes a thrust, then lendes a wound. 1667 J. GUTHRIE in *Union Mag.* Oct. (1902) 463 It [a cross] is an affliction man cannot shift except he shift duty. 1678 BUNYAN *Pilgr.* I. (1875) 70 These Beasts range in the night for their prey, and if they should meet with me in the dark, how should I shift them! 1724 A. SHIELDS *Life Renwick* (1827) 60 Whereby they were..convinced of the Evil of these Courses they had taken, to shift and shun Suffering. 1816 SCOTT *Old Mort.* XXXVIII, 'Hush! hush!' said Jenny, whose interest lay particularly in shifting further enquiry.

†**b.** To decline, shirk (a duty). *Obs.*

c 1611 CHAPMAN *Iliad* XII. 233 This motion, Glaucus shifted not, but (without words) obeyd.

†**c.** To pass, get through (a period of time; to 'kill' time. Also, to put off, defer. Chiefly *Sc. Obs.*

c 1562 E. UNDERHILL in *Narr. Reform.* (Camden) 149 Ther was..no better place to shifte the Easter tyme in then quene Maryes courte. 1721 RAMSAY *Lucky Spence* 5 When she now faun, That death nae langer wad be shifted, She thus began. 1730 T. BOSTON *View this & other World* (1799) 389 It will be dear-bought ease that is got by shifting to make ready. *Ibid.* 390 These thoughts are shifted, till they force in themselves by death at the door. *a* 1732 — *Acc. My Life* (1908) 81 It was suggested..that Langton minded to shift it till Michaelmas was past. 1766 A. NICOL *Poems* 1 (E.D.D.) Cast wholly on the care of Heav'n I shifted time, toss'd by hard fortune, Till I was near the age of fourteen.

†**d.** To quit or leave (a place). *Obs. rare.*

a 1642 SUCKLING *Goblins* I. Wks. 1874 II. 11 Shift, shift the place, the wood is dangerous: As you love safety, follow me. 1822 SCOTT *Peveril* VIII, They say he goes to shift the country.

†**18.** To rid *of.* Often *refl.* and *passive.*

1567 DRANT *Horace, Ep.* I. xiii. E iij, If that my booke be burthenouse shift the of it be tyme. *c* 1610 SIR J. MELVIL *Mem.* (1735) 346, I did what I could to be shifted of the said Commission. 1613 BEAUM. & FL. *Hon. Man's Fort.* IV. i, Shift your house, Lady of 'em, for I know 'em, They come to steal Napkins, and your Spoons. 1657 C. HOOLE *Corderius's School-Colloq.* (1688) 102 He says that he by God's blessing, is now quite shift of his fever.

19. Shift off. †**a.** To put off, remove (a covering, a garment); *fig.* to remove from oneself or another (a burden). *Obs.*

1567 FENTON *Trag. Disc.* Ded. (1898) I. 3 Old, not in yeares, wich the most parte cold be content to shyfte of and forgo. 1635 J. HAYWARD tr. *Biondi's Banish'd Virg.* 157 Deadora..hastily shifted off her gowne. 1673 R. LEIGH *Transp. Reh.* 61 The bishop..would haue declin'd the office, and shifted it off to one of his chaplains. 1786-1805 TOOKE *Purley* Introd. 6 To take upon my shoulders a burthen which you seem desirous to shift off upon me.

†**b.** *colloq.* To get rid of the effects of (drink).

1660 PEPYS *Diary* 17 Aug., I saw Mr. Creed show many of the strangest emotions to shift off his drink I ever saw in my life.

c. To evade, turn aside (an argument); to evade fulfilment of (a duty, a promise).

1577 tr. *Bullinger's Decades* II. iii. 133 Let vs not lye, nor goe about with subtiltie to shifte off the othe that once we haue made. 1674 HICKMAN *Quinquart. Hist.* (ed. 2) 39 The calling of a Councel had been shifted off by Leo the X. *a* 1768 SECKER *Serm.* (1770) I. iii. 59 Many of them..shift off the Subject, as well and as soon as they can. 1774 REID *Aristotle's Logic* IV. § 7 Conceiving that he intended to shift off his second payment.

d. To put (a person) off with an excuse or a subterfuge; to get rid of (a person).

c 1585 *Faire Em* II. iii, Here commeth Valiagford; Shift him off now, as thou hast done the other. 1607 *Lingua* I. vii. B 3 b, Where shall I run? how shall I shift him of? 1748 [? NOBLE] *Voy. E. Indies* (1762) 31 The poor planter..was shifted off with a trifling answer. 1779 JOHNSON *Lives Poets, Denham* P 42 Now and then the reader is shifted off with what he can get.

** *intransitive uses.*

20. To move from one place to another; esp. to change one's lodging.

1530 PALSGR. 703/1 You can never thrive, you use to shift so often. 1576 FLEMING tr. *Caius' Dogges* I. (1880) 6 To and fro runne they, from place to place shift they, vntil they haue attained to that plot of grounde where they passed ouer. 1577-87 HOLINSHED *Chron.* III. 1149/1 After thnt he shifted to one James Mower a shipmaster, who dwelt at Milton shore. 1711 SWIFT *Jrnl. Stella* 4 July, Her life passes with boarding in some country town as cheap as she can, and when she runs out, shifting to some cheaper place. 1851 CARLYLE *Sterling* I. iii, On the 20th of March 1815, the family had to shift.

21. To move about, to move from one position to another, to move slightly. Also with *advs.*

1595 *Saviolo's Practise* I. E 2, But when the scholler shall giue the mandritta, the maister must shifte a little with his bodye. 1692 R. L'ESTRANGE *Fables* lxviii. 67 A Natural Levity that puts us upon Shifting and Changing. 1815 J. SMITH *Panorama Sci. & Art* I. 598 The nodes shift backwards about 19½° in the ecliptic every year. 1833 TENNYSON *Goose* vii, She shifted in her elbow-chair. 1878 HUXLEY *Physiogr.* 180 Its [the sea's] level is constantly shifting up and down.

b. of immaterial things.

1602 WARNER *Alb. Eng.* IX. liii. (1612) 234 Our Thoughts be shifting to and fro. 1744 ARMSTRONG *Art Pres. Health* II. 244 Happiness..that from stage to stage Invites us still, but shifts as we pursue.

c. *Naut.* Of cargo, ballast: To move from its proper position, so as to disturb the equilibrium of the vessel.

1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) XVII. 377/1 They would have little or no occasion for ballast, and if any was used, could incur less danger from its shifting. 1912 *Times* 19 Dec. 20/5 There is always the risk that a grain cargo may shift.

d. Of the wind: To change its direction. Const. *to.*

c 1645 HOWELL *Lett.* (1892) II. 659 The wind..begins to

sift [*sic*] already. 1687 A. Lovell tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* I. 14 The wind..shifted to and agen from East to North. 1825 T. Hook *Sayings* Ser. II. *Passion & Princ.* xiii. III. 311 The wind shifted a point or two to the northward of east. 1885 *Manch. Exam.* 10 Sept. 5/5 The wind has shifted round to due west.

e. In playing the violin or other instrument of the viol class, to move the left hand from one position to another on the neck of the instrument.

1891 Latarche *Violin Student's Man.* 7 Shifting...To shift from the fifth to the higher positions, before moving the hand, throw back the thumb until the neck rests on the first joint.

22. To move away, withdraw, depart; esp. to slip off unobserved. Now only with *away*.

1590 Shaks. *Com. Err.* v. 168 Oh Mistris, Mistris, shift and saue your selfe. 1593 — *Lucr.* 1104 No obiect but her passions strength renewes: And as one shiftes another straight insewes. 1623 Bingham *Xenophon* 72 He shifted away by night, leauing his sonne behinde him. 1629 R. L'Estrange *Josephus, Life* (1733) 808 He put himself into a Disguise..and so shifted away till he came to a certain Village of his own. 1862 Miss Braddon *Lady Audley* xxii, The eyes that had been looking at his shifted away as he spoke.

b. *Law.* Of an estate: To pass *away* from one owner to another.

1844 J. Williams *Real Prop.* (1877) 292 The lands will shift away from him, and vest in the person next entitled in remainder.

Shiftable (ʃi·ftăb'l), *a.* [f. Shift *v.* + -able.]

1. Capable of being shifted, removable.

1742 Bailey (ed. 10), cites *Shaks.* [erroneously]. 1903 J. C. Smith in *R. Wallace; Life & Last Leaves* 121 To him Gladstone's 'well of truth' seemed to have many shiftable bottoms.

2. Able to shift for himself. ? *nonce-use.*

1861 W. B. Brooke *Out with Garibaldi* xvi. 292 The old soldiers..smoking their pipes quietly, or..helping their less shiftable comrades.

Shifted (ʃi·ftĕd), *ppl. a.* [f. Shift *v.* + -ed 1.] In senses of the verb. †Of a snake: That has changed its skin. Of a ship's ballast or cargo (see quot. 1760).

1595 Shaks. *John* IV. ii. 23 Like a shifted winde vnto a saile, It makes the course of thoughts to fetch about. 1648 Herrick *Hesper., Oberon's Palace* 67 The roome is hung with the blew skin Of shifted snake. 1700 Dryden *Ovid's Pythag. Philos.* 389 All Things are alter'd, nothing is destroy'd, The shifted Scene, for some new Show employ'd. 1760 Falconer *Dict. Marine* (1780), *Shifted*, the state of a ship's ballast or cargo when it is shaken from one side to the other. 1897 F. Thompson *New Poems* 132 Even with the shifted Poise and footing of my thought.

Shiften (ʃi·ftən), *v. Obs.* exc. *dial.* (*E. Anglian*). [f. Shift *v.* + -en 5.] *trans.* To remove (a thing) from one place to another; to change (one's clothes or garments). Also in knitting (see quot. *a* 1825).

1544 Phaer *Pestilence* (1553) N viij, It is good for him to shiften his bedde out of one chamber into another. *a* 1825 Forby *Voc. E. Anglia, Shiften.* 1. To change linen. 2. To shift stitches from one pin to another in knitting.

Hence **Shi·ftening** *vbl. sb.*, a change of linen.

1676 in G. N. Godwin *Bits about Bergholt* (1874) 115 Linnen to make shiftnings for the poor. 1692 *Ibid.*, That the shiftnings be cut out at Mr. Robert Woodgate's. *a* 1825 Forby *Voc. E. Anglia* II. 297 A poor woman begs of the overseer, to give her boy, who is going out to service 'only a shiftening, two of each sort, one on and one off'.

Shifter (ʃi·ftəɹ). [f. Shift *v.* + -er 1.]

1. One who shifts something (in any sense of the vb.); *spec.* a scene-shifter.

1571 *Act* 13 *Eliz.* c. 8 § 4 All..other Doynges whatsoever for Gayne..whereuppon is not reserved..to the Lender Contracter Shyfter Forbearer or Deliverer above the Summe of Tenne Poundes for the Loane or Forbearinge of a Hundred Poundes for one yere. 1599 B. Jonson *Cynthia's Rev.* II. iii, He is no great shifter; once a yeare his Apparel is ready to renolt. 1680 *Reflections on late Libel on Curse-ye-Meroz* 28 The Author had (in all probability) been Lecturer there at this day, (for he is no Starter, nor Shifter, nor Swapper of Livings). 1711 Addison *Spect.* No. 42 P 3 Two or three shifters of scenes, with the two candle-snuffers, make up a compleat body of Guards upon the English stage. 1761 Churchill *Rosciad* 206 Then came drun, trumpet, hautboy, fiddle, flute, Next, snuffer, sweeper, shifter, soldier, mute. 1887 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 26 Oct. 6/1 The cords..by which the scenes were raised and lowered were so crossed and entangled that the shifters could not find those belonging to [etc.].

†2. *Shifter away*: one who elndes, or sets aside.

1555 Ridley in Foxe *A. & M.* (1583) 1451/1 This is a grenous contumely, that you call me a shifter away of the Scriptures, and of the Doctours.

†3. One who resorts to petty shifts or tricks, or who practises artifice; an idle, thriftless fellow; a trickster, cozener, etc. Also with *for*. *Obs.*

c 1562 E. Underhill in *Narr. Reform.* (Camden) 158 Another spitefull enemy att Stepeney, callede Banbery, a shifter, a dycer, a hore-hunter. 1581 Awdelay *Frat. Vacab.* (1869) 3 The company of Cousoners and Shifters. 1584 G. Whetstone *Mirr. Mag. Cities* 26 These expert Shifters, by falce Dice, slipperie castynge, or some other nice Sleight: ..wyll make their Purses as emptie of Money, as the Catte the Mouses headde of Braynes. 1612 Brinsley *Lud. Lit.* iv. 40 The great abuse by som shifters, who go vnder the name of Scriuenders. 1670 Milton *Hist. Brit.* III. 130 In worldly matters, practis'd and cunning Shifters.

punningly. (Cf. 1.) 1619 Fletcher *Bloody Bro.* IV. ii, They have so little [clothes] As well may free them from the name of shifters.

b. One who uses evasive reasoning.

1567–9 Jewel *Def. Apol.* II. v. (1611) 141 It were hard to say, that Christ, his Apostles, the Prophets and holy Fathers were shifters, and Heretikes. 1648 Jenkyn *Blind Guide* iii. 36 Poore shifter!..it seemes the novice hath..driven you to another shift. 1899 *Westm. Gaz.* 23 Dec. 3/2 Shiftings and wrigglings which have made the shifters and wrigglers contemptible in the eyes of all sensible people.

†4. *Naut.* (See quots.) *Obs.*

1704 J. Harris *Lex. Techn.* I, *Shifters*, certain Men aboard a Man of War who are employed by the Cooks to shift or change the Water in which the Flesh or Fish is put and laid for some time, in order to fit it for the Kettle. 1750 Blanckley *Nav. Expositor.* 1751 Smollett *Per. Pic.* ii, I have..served all offices on board from cook's shifter to the command of a vessel. 1769 Falconer *Dict. Marine* (1780), *Shifter*, a person appointed to assist the ship's cook, particularly in..steeping, and shifting the salt provisions.

5. *Mining.* (See quots. 1894, 1906.)

1830 T. Wilson *Pitman's Pay* (1843) 57 Aw gat at furst a shifter's place, And then a deputy was myed. 1880 *Leeds Mercury* 16 Sept. 8 William Hartley, a master shifter said that he worked in No. 2 Hutton or Harvey seam. 1894 *Northumbld. Gloss., Shifter, Shift-man*, a man who prepares the working places at night in a colliery for the men who come in at next shift...*Shifters* work by the day or shift, as distinct from hewers, who work by the ton or yard. 1906 *Daily News* 17 Oct. 7/1 A shifter..is a man whose chief duties are to keep the tunnels clear of falls of coal, and to shore up unsafe places.

6. *Mech.* A contrivance used for shifting. In many applications, e.g. a kind of clutch serving to transfer a belt from one pulley to another; also (see quot. 1875).

1869 Rankine *Machine & Hand-tools* Pl. I 5, This shaft actuates a vertical rock shaft,..imparting the required motion to the belt shifter on the top of the machine. 1875 Knight *Dict. Mech., Shifter* (knitting-machine), one of the beardless needles..which..operate to disengage the outer loops of the course and put them on the next inner or the next outer needles for narrowing or widening.

Shiftful (ʃi·ftfŭl), *a. rare.* [f. Shift *sb.* + -ful.] Full of shifts or devices.

1615 Sylvester *Batt. Vvry* 333 The most he fears, is least Some's shift-full feare,..finde out..Som Flat, som Foord,.. To passe the Eure. 1881 Gardiner *Introd. Eng. Hist.* I. iii. 44 If William had not had something more than mere shiftful contrivance in reserve. 1887 Fowler *Princ. Morals* 219 The general admiration for the wily and shiftful Odysseus.

Hence **Shi·ftfulness.**

1865 Kingsley *Herew.* I, That hero of 'Arrah', who proved, by his valour, pertinacity, and shiftfulness, not unworthy of his great ancestor Hereward.

Shiftily (ʃi·ftili), *adv.* [f. Shifty *a.* + -ly 2.] In a shifty manner.

1878 P. Bayne *Purit. Rev.* ii. 49 Williams had intrigued boldly and shiftily. 1887 R. W. Dixon *Lyrical Poems* 22 When the cloud grows luminous and shiftily riven.

Shiftiness (ʃi·ftinĕs). [f. Shifty *a.* + -ness.] The character or quality of being shifty in any sense.

1839 Carlyle *Chartism* v. 135 Shiftiness..is a kind of thing that fancies itself..to be talent. 1893 *Times* 11 May 9/4 The shiftiness of the present Government.

Shifting (ʃi·ftiŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. Shift *v.* + -ing 1. Cf. ON. *skipting* division, change.]

†1. Used for: A 'course' of the Jewish priesthood. *Obs.*

c 1200 Ormin 467 He wass i þatt shifftinng sett þatt nemmnedd wass Abya [cf. Vulgate: *de vice Abia*].

2. The action of the verb Shift in various senses.

a. Changing, moving.

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 446/1 Schyftynge, or chaungynge, *mutacio, commutacio, permutacio.* Schyftynge, or removynge, *amocio.* 1579 Spenser *Sheph. Cal.* Dec. 116, I..woont to frame my pype, Vnto the shifting of the shepheards foote. 1611 Hoabes tr. *Thucyd.* (1822) 8 After the Trojan war the Grecians continued still their shiftings and transplantations. 1691 T. H[ale] *Acc. New Invent.* p. lxii, The strange shifting of Tides in this River. 1711 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 4819/2 The sudden..Shiftings of the Weather. 1780 Burke *Sp. Bristol* Wks. III. 374 Of no use but to indicate the shiftings of every fashionable gale. 1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* II. I. ii, As in some sudden shifting of the Earth's axis. 1885 Baggallay in *Law Rep.* 29 Chanc. Div. 439 The shifting of the capital of Italy from Florence to Rome. 1901 'Linesman' *Words by Eyewitness* vii. (1902) 155 With their sidelong glances and uneasy shiftings.

with adverbs.

1562 [Bp. Cooper] *Answ. Def. Truth* iii. 18 b, It weare but the shiftinge backe of one winge of the battayle. 1575–85 Abp. Sandys *Serm.* xii. 197 Delatories and shiftings off weare out many a iust cause. 1834–6 P. Barlow *Manuf.* in *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) VIII. 736/1 The shifting back of the heddles.

b. The action or practice of devising expedients, or of using evasions; a device, expedient; an evasion, shift. Often in *pl.* ? *Obs.* or *dial.*

1559 Bercher *Nobil. Women* (Roxb. 1904) 124/2 Ye cannot, for all your shyftinge, denye but man hath the better case. 1616 *Rich Cabinet* 137 b, Shifting is a very poore and troublesome trade, if a man haue no other meanes, to get his lining. 1691 Hartcliffe *Virtues* 177 Men of brave Spirits ..have made no scruple to vse these shiftings to save themselves or their Friends.

c. *Boxing* and *Fencing.* (See quots.)

c 1800 *Mod. Art Boxing* 31 *Shifting*, running from your adversary whenever he attempts to hit you, or to come near you, or when you have struck him. 1821 Egan *Boxiana* (1830) I. 98 Tom, finding he was over-matched, was obliged ..to have recourse to shifting to prevent his being beat straight forward. 1828 *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) XIX. 85/1 (Fencing), *Caveating, changing, Disengaging*, or *Shifting*, slipping off your adversary's blade to the opposite side, when you feel him endeavouring to *Bind* your own.

d. *Ship-building*: (see quots.). Cf. Shift *v.* 8 e and *sb.* 16.

1805 *Shipwright's Vade-M.* 131 *Shifting*, the art of setting off the length of the planks of the bottom, topside, &c. that the butts may over-run each other, in order to make a good shift. Replacing old stuff with new is also called *shifting*. 1830 Hedderwick *Mar. Archit.* 272 The first futtock requires to be very long, to make a proper shifting past the floor-head, and extend down to the side of the keel.

†3. *concr.* A change of clothes. *Obs. rare*—1.

1631 Gouge *God's Arrows* III. § 88. 349 Plagues oft arise ..from noisome savours, from want of cleane shiftings, from unwholsome food.

4. *Comb.*: **shifting-boards** (see quot. 1846); †**shifting day**, the day for changing one's clothes or undergarments; **shifting-movement** *Organ-building* (see quot.); †**shifting-room**, an actor's dressing-room.

1846 A. Young *Naut. Dict.*, **Shifting-boards*, one or more wooden partitions put up fore-and-aft in a vessel's hold..for the purpose of preventing the shifting of a cargo. 1697 Vanbrugh *Relapse* III. iii, And if it was not *shifting Day, let her put on a clean Tucker, quick! 1876 Hiles *Catech. Organ* viii. (1878) 56 A *shifting-movement is an old contrivance for shutting off the loud stops [of an organ] by means of a pedal: it..is now superseded by the composition pedals. 1740 Ciaber *Apol.* (1756) I. 272, I haul'd him by the sleeve into my *shifting-room.

Shifting (ʃi·ftiŋ), *ppl. a.* [f. Shift *v.* + -ing 2.]

1. That shifts or changes position or direction.

1479 *Office Mayor Bristol* in *Eng. Gilds* (1870) 425 The shyftyng daies of the woke, specially the Wensdaies and Satirdaies, the Maire hath be vsid to walke in the morenynges to the Brewers howses. 1644 Milton *Divorce* (ed. 2) To Parl. A 4 b, Let him bethink him withall how he will soder up the shifting flaws of his ungirt permissions, his venial and unvenial dispences. 1735 Somerville *Chase* IV. 70 Nor less the shifting Cur avoid, that breaks Illusive from the Pack. 1791 Burke *Let. Memb. Nat. Assembly* Wks. VI. 12 The shifting tides of fear and hope. 1814 Scott *Diary* 31 July in *Lockhart* (1837) III. iv. 140 A whole parish was swallowed up by the shifting sands. 1859 Gen. P. Thompson *Audi Alt.* II. App. 99 In a shifting gale the seaman will do many things, which are the last he would have done an hour before. 1871 Freeman *Hist. Ess.* Ser. I. viii. 239 The shifting relations between France and Normandy during the tenth and eleventh centuries.

b. Special collocations: **shifting backstays, ballast** (see quots.); **shifting bar** *Printing*, 'a cross-bar removably dovetailed into a *chase*' (Knight *Dict. Mech.* 1875); **shifting centre** = Metacentre; **shifting use** *Law*, a use properly created for the benefit of one person, but so as to pass from him upon a specified contingency and vest wholly or in part in another.

1867 Smyth *Sailor's Word-bk.*, **Shifting backstays*,..those which can be changed from one side of a shift to the other, as the occasion demands. 1785 Grose *Dict. Vulgar T.*, **Shifting Ballast*, a term used by sailors, to signify soldiers, passengers, or any landsmen on board. 1867 Smyth *Sailor's Word-bk., Shifting ballast*, pigs of iron, bags of sand, &c., used for ballast, and capable of being moved to trim the vessel. Also, a term applied to messengers, soldiers, and live-stock. 1794 *Shifting-centre [see Metacentre]. 1846 A. Young *Naut. Dict.* 211 *Meta-centre*, sometimes called the *Shifting Centre*. 1765 Blackstone *Comm.* II. 335 This is sometimes called a secondary, sometimes a *shifting, use. 1844 J. Williams *Real Prop.* (1877) 293 The establishment of shifting and contingent uses occasioned great difficulties to the early lawyers.

2. That uses shifts, tricks, deceit, expedients, subterfuges, or evasions.

1581 A. Hall *Iliad* I. 7 Among the Kings a coward vile, a slouthful shifting Oxe. 1587 Harrison *England* II. xi. 186/1 Yoong shifting gentlemen, which oftentimes doo beare more port than they are able to mainteine. 1659 Milton *Civil Power in Eccl. Causes* 54 Opposing truth to error, no unequal match; truth the strong to error the weak though slie and shifting. 1737 *Gentl. Mag.* VII. 570/1 Nor winged flight, nor shifting wiles, Con'd save 'em from his deadly toils. 1795 Windham *Sp.* 5 Jan. (1812) I. 261 What course of candour and fair reasoning is a match for this shifting subtlety?

Hence **Shi·ftingly** *adv.*, **Shi·ftingness.**

1573 Tusser *Husb.* (1878) 17 To hate to liue in infamie, through craft, and liuing shiftingly. 1613 Sir E. Hoby *Counter-sn. Ishmael Rabshacheh* 14 Thus doth he..thinke shiftingly to hide that, which he dares not doctrinally defend. 1624 Gataker *Transubst.* 109 And this is..when they speake mystically or shiftingly, as hee speaketh. 1866 *Spectator* 8 Dec. 1353 The wonderful variety and shiftingness of the grounds taken by their advocates.

Shiftless (ʃi·ftlĕs), *a.* [f. Shift *sb.* + -less.]

†1. Helpless for self-defence; void of cunning or artifice. *Obs.*

1562 Bp. Pilkington *Abdias* Pref. Aa iv b, Wylde beastes be cruel, yet god defends the shiftles sheepe. 1577 Kendall *Flowers of Epigr., Trifles* 24 b, I neuer would haue thought The selie simple shiftlesse Bee could haue suche mischief wrought. 1616 R. Hill *Pathw. Prayer, Direct. to live well* 65 Because of my selfe I am shiftlesse to auoid them [occasions of sinne]. 1698 Fryer *Acc. E. India & P.* 122 A Sea-Tortoise..being taken and turned on its back is shiftless.

2. Lacking in resource; incapable of shifting for oneself; hence, lazy, inefficient.

1584 in Neal *Hist. Purit.* (1732) I. 407 Having been either popish Priests or shiftless men, thrust in upon the Ministry. *a* 1697 Aubrey *Lives, Wenceslaus Hollar* (1813) II. 402 He was a very friendly good-natured man as could be, but shiftlesse as to the world, and dyed not rich. *a* 1691 Wood *Fasti Oxon.* I. 871 Joh. Pell..was a shiftless man as to worldly affairs. 17.. Eliz. Carter *Lett.* (1808) 118, I hope this shiftless friend of mine was not the very thief that stole

your Tasso. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* I. VII. iv, Poor M. de Gouvion is shiftless in this extremity. 1865 DICKENS *Mut. Fr.* III. x, Mr. Wrayburn..all idle and shiftless, stood by her bench looking on. 1891 HARDY *Tess* iii, Going to hunt up her shiftless husband at the inn.

b. Of actions: Indicating shiftlessness; ineffective, futile.

1613 PURCHAS *Pilgrimage* I. vi. (1614) 33 Forcing him to his manifold shifts, and shiftlesse remouings. 1678 GALE *Crt. Gentiles* IV. III. iii. 65 How poor and shiftlesse this shift is we have already demonstrated. *a* 1862 THOREAU *Yankee in Canada* ii. (1866) 27 This looked very shiftless, especially in a country abounding in water-power.

†3. Not shifted or changed; unvarying. *Obs.*

1606 WARNER *Alb. Eng.* XIV. xci. (1612) 370 When Canons, Rubrick, Liturgie, and Discipline throughout One shiftlesse Practise had, not to Indifferencie a flout.

4. Without a shift or shirt. *rare.*

1680 OTWAY *Marius* II. ii, He threaten'd me to banish me his house, Naked and shiftless to the world. 1856 MERIVALE *Rom. Emp.* XXXVIII. (1865) IV. 336 Actaeon, who had startled the shiftless Diana.

Hence **Shi·ftlessly** *adv.*, **Shi·ftlessness.**

1681 FLAVEL *Righteous Man's Ref.* 265 The misery and shiftlessness of their condition. 1837 EMERSON *Address, Amer. Schol.* Wks. (Bohn) II. 183 In the long period of his [the scholar's] preparation, he must betray often an ignorance and shiftlessness in popular arts. 1847 WEBSTER, *Shiftlessly.* 1888 BRYCE *Amer. Commw.* III. CXII. 608 The larger cities ..where recent emigrants, with the shiftlessness of Europe still clinging round them, are huddled together in squalor.

Shiftning, var. SHIFTENING *vbl. sb.*

Shifty (ʃi·fti), *a.* [f. SHIFT *sb.* + -Y.]

1. Full of shifts or expedients; well able to shift for oneself.

1570 LEVINS *Manip.* 111/21 Shifty, *astutus, prouidus.* 1854 EMERSON *Lett. & Soc. Aims, Resources* Wks. (Bohn) III. 197 What a plastic little creature he [man] is! so shifty, so adaptive! 1859 KINGSLEY *Water-supply Lond.* Misc. II. 218 The canny, shifty, far-seeing Scot, with that mingled daring and caution of his. 1888 BLACK *In Far Lochaber* xxiii, She was in many ways a shifty and business-like young person, who had early acquired a sense of responsibility.

†b. Of a device: Effective, serviceable. *Obs.*

1585 GREENE *Planetom.* Wks. (Grosart) V. 119 Seeing his troubled minde coulde finde out no shiftie deuise.

2. Fond of indirect or dishonest methods; addicted to evasion or artifice; not straightforward, not to be depended on.

1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* I. IV. iv, A Stanislas Maillard,.. one of the shiftiest of men. 1841 KINNEAR *Cairo*, etc. 305 A most shifty old fox he [*sc.* Mehemet Ali] is. 1879 FARRAR *St. Paul* (1883) 554 Their Jewish teachers said that Paul was shifty and complaisant.

b. Of a person's attributes, actions, etc.

1864 THACKERAY *D. Duval* ii. (1869) 10 A handsome, tall, sallow-faced man, with a shifty eye. 1865 DICKENS *Mut. Fr.* II. vi, I scorn your shifty evasions. 1884 *American* VII. 213 His political methods have been shifty and not straightforward.

3. Changeable or changeful; wavering. *rare.*

1882 H. S. HOLLAND *Logic & Life* (1885) 294 Principles grow vague, and shifty, and indecisive. 1884 *Manch. Guard.* 22 Sept. 5/4 People of fashion and taste..are so shifty that they do not know their own minds from day to day. 1904 R. BRIDGES *Demeter* 630 Until his shifty mind Became to pity inclined.

4. Changing or shifting in position. *rare.*

1884 LADY BRASSEY in *Good Words* Mar. 165/1 The wind was shifty, though light and fair. 1891 MEREDITH *One of our Conq.* XXVIII, A South-easterly wind blew the waters to shifty gold-leaf prints of brilliance under the sun.

Shig (ʃig), *v. Obs.* exc. *dial. rare.* In 5 **schyg(ge.** [App. related to SHOG *v.*, with difference of vowel symbolic of lighter movement.]

†1. *intr.* To jig, trot. *Obs.*

a 1400 *Sir Degrev.* 345 He come schygynge ayene.

2. *trans.* To shake.

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 446/1 Schygge clothys or oþer thyngys, *excucio. Ibid.*, Schyggynge, *excussio.* 1893 *Broad Norfolk* (ed. Cozens-Hardy) 27 *Shug* (also *Shig*), shake.

‖ **Shigram** (ʃi·grăm). *Bombay.* [Derived from Hindī *ṣīghr* (Skr. *ṣīghra*) quick.] A kind of hack gharry, or palankin-carringe.

1841 H. MILLER in W. W. Peyton *Life* iv. (1883) 57. 1852 *Life in Bombay* 36 The humble shigram, a strange clumsy-looking article, which bears a striking family-likeness to an English bathing-machine. 1878 G. SMITH *Life J. Wilson* vi. (1879) 105.

Shig-shag, variant of SHICK-SHACK.

Shiism (ʃī·iz'm). [f. *Shi-* in SHIAH or SHIITE + -ISM.] The doctrines or principles of the Shiahs. 1883 *Encycl. Brit.* XVI. 592/2.

Shiite (ʃī·ait). Also 8 **Sciaite,** 9 **Sheeite.** [f. *shi-* in SHIAH + -ITE. (The 18th c. form *Sciaite* seems to be f. Arab. شيعي *shiyaʿīy* a Shiite).] A member of the Shiah sect. Also *attrib.* or *adj.*

1728 CHAMBERS *Cycl.* s. v. *Sonna*, There are also Sectaries among the Mahometans, called *Sciaites*, who reject the Traditions of the *Sonnites.* 1759 *Universal Hist., Mod.* II. 42 The Sonnites make use of the word *Shiites*, or *Shii*, and apply it to their adversaries, as a term of reproach. 1812 T. MOORE *Intercepted Lett.* vi. 24 You know our Sunnites, hateful dogs! Whom every pious Shiite flogs Or longs to flog. 1817 C. MILLS *Muhammedanism* 369 Down to the fifteenth century, the Persians fluctuated between the Sonnite and Shiite sects. 1825 HEBER *Jrnl.* 25 Feb., A furious attack on the Sheeite heresy from the pulpit. 1911 *19th Cent.* Mar. 517 A province which then and for centuries afterward was a stronghold of Yemenite or Shiite.

Hence **Shii·tic** *a.*, of or pertaining to the Shiites.

1884 H. ETHÉ in *Encycl. Brit.* XVII. 238/1 Purely Shi'itic or Isma'ilitic ideas.

Shikar (ʃikā·r), *sb. Anglo-Ind.* Also 7 **sikar,** 8 **shekar.** [Urdū (from Persian) شكار *shikār.*] Hunting; sport (shooting and hunting); game.

a 1613 W. FINCH in Purchas *Pilgrims* (1625) I. 430 Whatsoeuer is taken in this inclosure, is called the Kings Sikar or game, whether men or beasts. 1800 WELLINGTON *Let. to T. Munro* 2 Mar. in Gurwood *Disp.* (1834) I. 42 These [horsemen] divided into two or three small parties..would give a proper shekar; and I strongly advise you not to let the Marhatta boundary stop you in the pursuit of your game when you shall once have started it. 1872 'ALIPH CHEEM' (Veldham) *Lays of Ind* (1876) 181 They talked.. Of divers local matters, acting, racing, and shikar. 1886 KIPLING *Departm. Ditties*, etc. *To Unknown Goddess* 2 A victim of crafty and cautious shikar.

b. *attrib.* and *Comb.*

1872 E. BRADDON *Life India* v. 181 He is free to spend his days in the saddle or on the shikar ground. 1883 LD. SALTOUN *Scraps* II. 175 A pair of light cord or dungaree breeches, and long yellow sambur-skin boots, complete the shikar costume. *Ibid.* 241 Followed by my shikar-cart. 1896 MRS. B. M. CROKER *Village T.* 4 About a dozen shikar parties have been got up for his destruction. *Ibid.* 72 You may have the shikar camel.

Shikar (ʃikā·r), *v.* [f. prec.]

a. *intr.* To hunt animals for sport.

1872 'ALIPH CHEEM' (Veldham) *Lays of Ind* (1876) 155 You may divert your mind with much shikarring. 1905 GLASFURD *Rifle in Ind. Jungle* 344 The more or less hilly country in which the writer has shikar'd.

b. *trans.* To hunt (an animal). Also *transf.*

1882 FLOYER *Unexpl. Baluchistan* 58 My camel was very 'musty', and I involuntarily 'shikarred' three unfortunate individuals whom we met on the road, to their great terror. 1883 *Chamb. Jrnl.* 22 Dec. 808/2 A pretty green lizard used to come every forenoon, shikarring ants and other insects.

Shikaree (ʃikā·rī). *Anglo-Ind.* Also **shecarrie, shikkaree, -ie, shikarry, -i(e, shikari(e, shickaree, shekary, shekarree, -y.** [Urdū (from Pers.) شكاری *shikāri*, f. *shikār*: see SHIKAR *sb.*]

A hunter or sportsman. a. 'A native expert, who either brings in game on his own account, or accompanies European sportsmen as guide or aid' (Yule).

1827 D. JOHNSON *Ind. Field Sports* 25 Shecarries are generally Hindoos of a low cast. 1832 MUNDY *Pen & Pencil Sk.* I. 119 We got information from some shikkaree (native hunters). 1867 A. L. ADAMS *Wand. Naturalist India* 233 My servants and shickaree were employed in stretching bear-skins. 1885 G. S. FORBES *Wild Life in Canara* 101 The shikari and I entered the jungle in pursuit.

b. Applied to a European sportsman.

1860 (*title*), The Spear and the Rifle; or, Recollections of Sport in India. By an Old Shekarree [H. A. Leveson]. 1892 H. M. CHICHESTER in *Dict. Nat. Biog.* XXIX. 116/1 His [Jacob's] prowess as a shikarry is perpetuated in native verse. 1907 J. H. PATTERSON *Man-Eaters of Tsavo* App. I. 330 The whole country abounds in game, and there cannot be lack of sport and trophies for the keen shikari.

c. *attrib.* and *Comb.*

1887 FIFE-COOKSON *Tiger Shooting* 17 A native merchant in Dehra had a good shikarie or hunting-elephant. 1900 *Absent-minded War* 168 There is a colour known to Indian sportsmen as shikarri mixture, a sort of greenish-grey, which is practically invisible in the jungle or when working among trees.

‖ **Shikho,** *v.* Also **shekho, shiko.** [f. prec.] *intr.* To assume the posture of 'shikho'.

1858 YULE *Narr. Mission to Ava* iv. 82 They..dropt on their knees and *shikhoed* towards the palace. 1882 'SHWAY YOE' *Burman* II. 206 Another ceremony is that of shekhoing to the spire, the external emblem of the throne. 1890 *Times* 21 Jan. 4/3 The Burmese merely shikoed, by placing their hands on their foreheads and bending forward.

Shikkaree, -ie, -y, variant forms of SHIKAREE.

‖ **Shikra** (ʃi·krā). Also **shikrah.** [Urdū (from Pers.) شكره *shikra.*] A small Indian hawk, *Astur badius*, sometimes used in falconry.

1839 JERDON in *Madras Jrnl. Lit. & Sci.* X. 83 *Accipiter dukhunensis*, Sykes..*Chiquera* or *Shikra* H.; the male *chipka.*—Common sparrow-hawk. *Ibid.*, The Shikra is very commonly reclaimed. 1852 R. F. BURTON *Falconry Valley Indus* ii. 15 The Shikrah and her tiercel the Chipak are our common English sparrow-hawks. 1899 A. H. EVANS *Birds* iv. 157 *Astur badius*, the Shikra,..is blue-grey [etc.].

Shilala, variant of SHILLELAGH.

†**Shi·lboard.** *Obs.* In 5 s(c)hilbord. [The first element is doubtful; cf. SHIELDBOARD.] Meaning uncertain: the conjecture in quot. 1837 seems unlikely, as a plural would be expected. Also in Comb. *shilboard-clog.*

1450–1 *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 241 Rob. Sawer pro sarracione 1 shilbordclogge et aliarum bordarum pro molendino de Milneburne. 1476–7 in *Finchale Priory Acc.* (Surtees) p. cccxxxvij, Et sarratoribus pro le shilbord molendini de Coxhowe..xiij^{s}. iiij^{d}. 1477–8 *Ibid.* p. cccxl, Et sarratoribus pro le schilbord et in aliis necessariis x^{s}. [1837 G. JACKSON *Ibid.* Gloss., Shilboards are the boards or external radii fixed to the rim of an undershot water wheel. 1901 *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) Gloss., *Shilbordclogge*... Perhaps a shilboard clog is a log of wood suitable for sawing up into shilboards.]

Shild(e, obs. forms of SHIELD.

Shildre, shildur, obs. forms of SHOULDER *sb.*

†**Shi·ldy,** *a. Obs.* Forms: 1 **scyldiġ,** 2 **sceldiġ, sculdiġ, sculdi,** 3 **schuldi,** (in comb.) **-shildiġ.** [OE. *scyldig* = OFris. *skeldech, -ich* (WFris. *skildich*, NFris. *skiljeg*), MDu. *sculdech* (Du. *schuldig*), OS. *skuldig* (MLG. *schuldich*), OHG. *skuldig, -ic* (MHG. *schuldic, -ig*, etc., G. *schuldig*), ON. *skyldug-r, skuldug-r* (Norw. *skuldug*, Sw., Da. *skyldig*), f. OTeut. **skuldi-, skuldō* fem. debt, guilt, represented by OE. *scyld*, OS. *sculd*, Du. *schuld*, OHG. *sculd, sculda* (MHG. *schult, schulde*, mod.G. *schuld*), ON. *skuld*: f. root **skal-*: **skul-* to owe: see SHALL *v.*] Guilty.

Beowulf 1683 Morðres scyldiġ. *c* 1000 ÆLFRIC in *Lamb. Hom.* 301 Se biþ eall swa scyldiġ [*c* 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 113 sculdiġ] se þe yfel ȝeþafaþ swa swa þe ðe hyt deð. [*c* 1200 ORMIN 18317 A mann Dæþshildiġ unnderr sinne.] *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 206 Gulche hit ut ine schrifte, nterliche, ase heo hit dude, þeo þet iveleð hire schuldi. *a* 1225 *Leg. Kath.* 2296 Þah þu beo schuldi þe ane of alle clane.

Shilela, -agh, -ah, var. ff. SHILLELAGH.

Shilfa (ʃi·lfa). *Sc.* Also 7 **shoulfall,** 9 **shelfa, shilfy,** etc. [Etymology unknown.] The chaffinch.

1684 SIBBALD *Scotia Illustr.* II. II. 18 Fringilla, nostratibus *Snowfleck & Shoulfall.* 1792 in *Rutherfurd's Border Almanac 1878* 35 A shilfa's (or chaffinch) nest. 1884 W. C. SMITH *Kildrostan* 47 The shelfa's short bright note.

Shill (ʃil), *a.* and *adv. Obs.* exc. *dial.* Forms: 1 **scyl,** 3 **sille,** 3–5 **schille, schulle,** 4–5 **shyl, shille, schyll(e, shylle, shulle,** 4–6 **schil(l,** 5–6 **shyll, shil,** 4–7 **shill.** [ME. *schille* (2 syll.), app. repr. OE. **scielle*, a parallel form of **sciell* (late WS. *scyl*, occurring only once); corresp. to MHG. *schel, schelle* sonorous, quick in movement, luminous, early mod.Du. *schelle* (now *schel*) shrill, ON. *skjall-r* sonorous, resonnding; f. OTeut. **skell-*: see SHILL *v.*[1]]

A. *adj.* Sonorous, resonant, shrill.

a 1000 *Riming Poem* 27 (Gr.) Scyl wæs hearpe, hlude hlynede. *c* 1220 *Bestiary* 572 Mirie ȝe singeð ðis mere, and haueð manie stefnes, manie and sille. *a* 1250 *Owl & Night.* 142 Heo song so lude & so scharpe, Ryht so me grulde schille harpe. *c* 1330 *Arth. & Merl.* 6069 A schille horn þai gun blawe. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Nun Pr. T.* 575 Certes, he lakke Straw, and his meynee Ne made neuere shoutes half so shille. 1486 *Bk. St. Albans* d iij, That thay [the hawk's bells] be sonowre and well sowndyng and shil. 1508 DUNBAR *Tua Mariit Wemen* 516 Berdis schoutit in schaw, with thair schill notis. 1597 MONTGOMERIE *Cherrie & Slae* 46 So schill in sorrowe was hir sang, That throwe hir voce the roches rang. 1598 MERES *Pallad. Tam.* 276 As our breath doth make a shiller sound being sent through the narrow channell of a Trumpet then if it be diffused abroad into the open aire. 1885 W. H. SMITH *Walks in Weardale* (ed. 2) 165 *Shill*, shrill. 1892 M. C. F. MORRIS *Yorks. Folk-Talk* 367 *Shill, Shilly* adj. This word is commonly applied to a high wind...Its meaning..is clearly 'noisy', 'shrill'.

B. *adv.* Sonorously, resonantly, shrilly.

a 1250 *Owl & Night.* 1656 Heo..song so schille & so brihte, þat fur & neor me hit i-herde. *a* 1300 *Leg. Gregory* 879 Þe winde blewe schille and loude. 1393 LANGL. *P. Pl.* C. VII. 46 Prout of my faire fetours and for ich songe shulle. *a* 1400 *St. Alexius* (Laud 622) 561 Þonder dyned shille. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 446/1 Schylle, and scharpe, *acute, aspere, sonore.* 1570 *Satir. Poems Reform.* xiv. 2 Ane ȝoung King I hard schoutand schill. 1670 NARBOROUGH *Jrnl.* in *Acc. Sev. Late Voy.* I. (1694) 64 The Men..speak ratling in the Throat, and gross; the Women shiller and lower. 1781 BURNS *My Nanie, O* ii, The westlin wind blaws loud an' shill.

Hence **Shi·lly** *adv.*, **Shi·llness.**

a 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 929 Þen schrikis schilli [*Dublin* shilly] all þe schalkis. 1486 *Bk. St. Albans* d iij, Thay [Dutch bells] be..sonowre of Ryngyng in shilnes. 1538 ELYOT *Dict., Sonoritas*, a shyllenesse, or lowdenesse.

Shill, *v.*[1] *Obs.* exc. *dial.* Forms: 1 **scyllan,** 3–4 **schill(e, shille,** 4 **schull(e,** 9 **shill.** [OE. **sciellan* (late WS. *scyllan*), prob. a str. vb. = OHG. *scellan* to resound (MHG. *schellen*; mod.G. only in pa. pple. *verschollen* having ceased to resound, hence forgotten), ON. *skjalla* to rattle, f. OTeut. **skell-* (: **skall-* : **skull-*), whence OHG. *scella* fem. (mod.G. *schelle*) bell, OHG. *scal* masc. (mod.G. *schall*) loud sound; see also SHILL *a.*] *intr.* To resound; to sound loudly.

c 1000 in Wr.-Wülcker 215/15 *Crepitat, i. resonat*, scylþ, þoruuth eche toune Horn him shilleþ soune. 13.. *Guy Warw.* 7286 He grad & ȝelled swiþe loude, þat it schilled into þe cloude. *c* 1380 *Sir Ferumb.* 631 Hure strokes fulle so styþ & sare þay schulde so doþ þe þonder. 1898 BLAKEBOROUGH *Wit, Char.*, etc. *N. Riding* 443 *Shill* v...3. [Of the wind] To make a noise something between a howl and a whistle.

Hence **Shi·lling** *ppl. a.*

a 1225 *St. Marher.* 19 'Cum', quoð þe culure wiþ schillinde stefne. 1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) VII. 331 He..despisede þe smokynge and schillynge speche of mysbyleved men. *c* 1400 *Sege Jerus.* (E.E.T.S.) 528 A schillande schout.

Shill (ʃil), *v.*[2] Now *dial.* Forms: 1 **scylian,** 4 **schille,** 5 **schyllyn,** 7 **shel,** 7–9 **sheal, shill.** [OE. *scylian*, **scielian*, ad. or cogn. w. ON. *skilja*, whence SKILL *v.*

App. distinct from *shill* v. to shell, husk: see SHEEL *v.*]

†1. *trans.* To separate. *Obs.*

1049 *O. E. Chron.* (MS. C) On þyson ylcan ȝeare Eadwerd cing scylode .ix. scypa of male. *c* 1325 *Metr. Hom.* 152 Our king, That wic men fra god sal schille. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 446/1 Schyllyn owte, or cullyn owte fro sundyr, *segrego*. 1641 BEST *Farm. Bks.* (Surtees) 20 If there bee any sheepe that beginne to ragge..yow are to make the sheapheard shill them out. 1788 W. H. MARSHALL *Yorksh.* II. Gloss. s. v., To sever sheep is to shill them. 1790 GROSE *Prov. Gloss.* (ed. 2).

2. To curdle (milk). Also *intr.*, to become curdled.

1691 RAY *N. C. Words* s. v., To *Sheal* Milk is to curdle it, to separate the parts of it. 1695 KENNETT *Par. Antiq.* Gloss. s. v. *Helowe-wall*, In the North to *shel* or *sheal* milk is to curdle it. 1788 W. H. MARSHALL *Yorksh.* II. Gloss. s. v., Turning a small quantity of milk into curds and whey is called shilling it. 1855 *Whitby Gloss., To Sheal or Shill*, to sour milk for curds by the usual process. 1876 *Mid-Yorksh. Gloss., Shill*, v. a. and v. n. to curdle; to scum.

Shill, Sc. and north. variant of CHILL *a.*

1599 A. HUME *Hymnes* ii. 108 The shill and freesing frosts. 1876 *Mid-Yorksh. Gloss., Shill*, a weather term—sharply cold.

Shillat, variant of SHILLET.

Shillelagh (ʃilē·lă, -ā·li). Forms: (7 Shelela), 8 shelaly, shillaley, 8–9 shillela, 6 shilala, shillala(h, shilela(h, -elagh, shillely, -aly, shillealah, 8– shillelah, 9– shillelagh. [The name of a barony and village in Co. Wicklow.] An Irish cudgel of blackthorn or oak.

[1677 YARRANTON *Eng. Improv.* 39 The River Slane..with that noble great and good Wood called Shelela. 1773 *Batchelor* No. 27 (ed. 2) 183 Shillela's knotted cudgels fail.] 1772 *Town & Country Mag.* 36 'By Jes-s, and that's mine!' exclaim'd I, grasping my shelaly. 1785 GROSE *Dict. Vulgar T., Shillaley*, an oaken sapling, or cudgel, (Irish) from a wood of that name famous for its oaks. *c* 1800 ? LYSAGHT *Song*, '*The Sprig of Shillelah*', With his sprig of Shillelah and shamrock so green! 1827 SIR J. BARRINGTON *Pers. Sketches* I. 74 He bore a shillelagh, the growth of his own estate. 1834 LOVER *Leg. & Stor. Irel.* Ser. II. 297 He bowlted into the cabin wid a murtherin' shillely in his fist. 1862 BORROW *Wales* II. ix. 91 His hat in one hand and his shillealah in the other.

Shi·llet. *s. w. dial.* Also shillot, -at, shillett, shellet, -at, shilt. [Perh. f. SHEEL *v.*; the word may go back to an OE. **scielet*.] = SHALE *sb.*[2] Also *attrib.*

1777 in *Eng. Dial. Dict.*, Shellet. 1813 VANCOUVER *Agric. Devon* 11 Here the soil is of a good depth upon the shillot. 1841 *Civil Eng. & Arch. Jrnl.* IV. 359/2 The earthy slates ..were interspersed with blue shillat slates. 1859 MURCHISON *Siluria* xiii. (ed. 3) 344 The shillat of Cornwall. 1875 WHYTE MELVILLE *Katerfelto* xxiii, Shilt and shingle glitter on the bare tops above. 1886 *W. Somerset Word-bk., Shillet*,..the disintegrated top layer of the Devonian clay slate so common in West Somerset and North Devon. 1892 H. HUTCHINSON *Fairway Isl.* 20 He..gathered from the road a handful of loose shillett.

Hence **Shi·llety** *a.* (also *shillotty*, *shellety*, etc.), consisting of shillet.

1813 VANCOUVER *Agric. Devon* 24 A tender loam of a dark grey cast on a shillotty understratum. 1830 JAS. SAVAGE *Hist. Carhampton* 209 The soil is..a white rag, or as it is here called, a *shellety* soil. 1887 J. W. FORTESCUE *Staghunting Exmoor* 181 Our hind has taken advantage of the shillety ground to double about a good deal.

Shillibeer (ʃi·libī·ər). Also shellibere, -beere. [Named after George *Shillibeer*, coach-proprietor (1797–1866).] **a.** A name given to the omnibus for some time after its introduction into London by Shillibeer in 1829. **b.** A vehicle containing a mourning-carriage and hearse combined, patented by Shillibeer.

c 1835 *Song* in *Ludgate* (1897) Feb. 445 You can come to no harm in the safe Shillibeer. 1865 *Chamb. Encycl.* VII. 72/2 (s. v. *Omnibus*) Shillibeer's conveyances, which for some time afterwards were known as *shillibeers* (an epithet still in common use in New York), were of larger size than the French ones, carrying 22 passengers inside, and were drawn by three horses abreast. 1894 *Hereford Times* 28 July 5/3 Washington Cars and Shelliberes for Undertakers.

Shilling (ʃi·liŋ). Forms: 1 scilling, scylling, (-inge), 3 ssillinge, 3–6 schillinge, 4 ssyllyng, 4–5 schillyng(e, schelyng(e, shulleng(e, schullyng(e, 4–6 schiling, shill-, shyllyng(e, -inge, silling, 4–7 schilling, 5 schyllynge, shylynge, schilenge, silyn, 5–6 sheling, -yng(e, shellyng(e, 6 scheling(e, schillengge, shealinge, shyllyn, syllyng, 4– shilling. [Common Teut.: OE. *scilling* masc. = OFris. *skilling*, *skilleng*, *schilling*, MDu. *schellingh* (Du. *schelling*), OS. *scilling* (MLG. *schillink*, *schildink*, mod.LG. *schillink*, *schilling*), OHG. *scilling*, *skillink*, *schilling* (MHG., G. *schilling*), ON. *skilling-r* (Icel. also *skildingr*, Sw., Da. *skilling*), Goth. *skilliggs*:—OTent. **skillingo-z*. Adopted in OSlav. as *skúlęzĭ*, in Sp., Pr., Fr. as *escalin* (13th c. F. *eskallin*, mod.F. also *schelling*), It. *scellino*.

The Tent. word is referred by some etymologists to the root **skel-* to resound, ring (see SHILL *a.* and *v.*[1]). Others assign it to the root **skel-* to divide (whence SKILL *v.*, SHALE *sb.*, SHELL *sb.*, etc.); some have conjectured that the word originally denoted one of the segments of fixed weight into which an armlet of gold or silver was divided, so that they might be detached for use as money. In the bilingual documents of the 6th century, Goth. *skilliggs* corresponds to the L. SOLIDUS; in mediæval Germany the Teut. and the Latin word were commonly used to render each other, but in England the correspondence appears to have been only occasionally recognized until Norman times.

The value of the 'shilling' in continental Teut. countries has varied greatly; its relation to the penny and the pound has also varied, though a widely accepted scale was 1 pound or *libra* = 20 shillings or *solidi* = 240 pennies or *denarii*. See SCHELLING, SCHILLING, SKILLING[2].]

1. An English money of account, since the Norman Conquest of the value of 12 pence or $\frac{1}{20}$ of a pound sterling. Abbreviated s. (= L. *solidus*: see SOLIDUS[1]), formerly also sh., shil.; otherwise denoted by the sign /- after the numeral.

Before the Norman Conquest the value of the shilling varied in different times and places. It was 5 pence in Wessex and 4 pence in Mercia; the shilling of 12 pence mentioned in two passages *c* 1000 may refer to the continental *solidus*.

c 900 *Laws of Ine* § 2 (Liebermann) 90 Cild binnan ðritegum nihta sie ȝefulwad. Ȝif hit swa ne sie, xxx scill. ȝebete. *c* 1000 ÆLFRIC *Gram.* I. (Z.) 296 Fif penezas ȝemaciað ænne scylling. 1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 7870 To eche chirche of þe lond vif ssillinges me ber. 1377 LANGL. *P. Pl.* B. XII. 146 If any frere were founde þere Ich ȝif þe fyue shillynges. *c* 1440 *Gesta Rom.* xi. 34 That euery man þat were blinde, shuld hane an C[s]. *c* 1483 CAXTON *Dialogues* 3/8 For to lerne rekene By poundes, by shelynges, by pens. 1556 in W. Kelly *Notices Illustr. Drama* (1865) 194 For ix yards of Clothe at fure shyllyns the yarde for the Weyts gownes xxxvj[s]. 1613 TAPP *Pathw. Knowl.* 21 Then 3. shillings from 20. shil. leanes 17. shillings. 1663 PEPYS *Diary* 27 May, Afterwards to ninepins, where I won a shilling. 1856 *Frnl. Soc. Arts* IV. 361/1 This would be all very well were he to get a shilling's worth for a shilling. 1881 CROWEST *Phases Mus. Eng.* 148 One tradesman could well afford to sell at one penny or so less in the shilling.

b. In Scotland, Ireland, America, etc.

Through gradual debasement of the coinage the shilling Scots, by the 17th c., was worth only 1d. English.

1462 *Cal. Anc. Rec. Dublin* (1889) 313 They to les a honderyt schelynges. 1488–91 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* I. 167 Hary nobillis gevin for thretty tua schillingis the pece. 1543 *Cal. Anc. Rec. Dublin* (1889) 413 To the Kepere of the Tolsell cloke of Dublin [thirty] five sillings. 1550 *Registr. Aberdon.* (Maitland Club) I. 450 Payand heirfor 3eirlie allevin schelingis aucht penneis. 1712 *Mus. Thoresby.* (1713) 389 The Proportion betwixt the English and Scotch Pennies, Shillings and Pounds, was then (10 Eliz.) just as one to six, but before he [James I] came into England, it was just doubled; so that the English Penny was exactly the Scotch Shilling, our Twentypence their Pound. 1891 *Century Dict.* s. v., Reckoning by the shilling is still not uncommon in some parts of the United States, especially in rural New England.

c. *A shilling great, a shilling of groats*: see GREAT *a.* 8 e, GROAT 1.

1593 in *Extracts Rec. Convent. Burghs Scot.* (1870) I. 408 Tuentie schillingis greitt ilk barrell beir.

d. unchanged in plural. (Now *vulgar.*)

a 1300 *Floriz & Bl.* 126 (Camb. MS.) And for his nigtes gestinge He ȝaf his oste an hundred schillinge. *c* 1325 *Metr. Hom.* 141 The beggar..sald this corn igain him 10, And toc thar for fif schilling. 14.. *Emare* 524 She ȝaf hym for þat tydynge A robe and fowrty shylynge. 1521–2 *Stirling Burgh Rec.* (1887) I. 15 To gife four schilling yeirly..to the dekin of the maltmen. 1752 J. LOUTHIAN *Form of Process* (ed. 2) 263 Item, for each Mile..there shall be paid to him a further Sum of six Shilling.

e. Used in emphatic or rhetorical statements, where one wishes to be understood as deliberately reckoning or accounting for every item, however small, of a given sum or expense.

1737 *Gentl. Mag.* VII. 657/1 This exclusive Privilege cannot be taken from either of them, till every Shilling due to them by the Publick be paid off. 1782 MISS BURNEY *Cecilia* IV. i, He protested..he would pay away every shilling he was worth, rather than witness such injustice. 1815 WELLINGTON in Gurw. *Disp.* (1838) XII. 453, I will not engage to pay one shilling more than the expenses really incurred by Hanover. 1865 TROLLOPE *Belton Est.* i. 9 Every shilling spent in the house did its full twelve pennies' worth of work.

2. A silver coin of the value of 12 pence. First issued by Henry VII, in 1503.

a 1513 FABYAN *Chron.* VII. (1533) 233 In the forenamed parlyament (of 1504) was ordeyned a new coyne of syluer, as grotes, half grotes, & shyllynges with half faces. 1549 LATIMER *1st Serm. bef. Edw. VI* (Arb.) 35 We hane nowe a prety litle shilling, in dede a very pretye one. 1639 O. WOOD *Alph. Bk. Secrets* 39 Take so much of this as will lie on a shilling in Anniseed-water fasting. 1678 BUTLER *Hud.* III. i. 688 Still Amorous, and fond, and Billing, Like Philip and Mary on a Shilling. 1799 *Med. Jrnl.* I. 144 One quarter of a grain was sufficient to produce a good blister as large as a shilling. 1857 HUGHES *Tom Brown* I. ii, Two new shillings in his breeches-pockets.

b. With defining word indicating a particular coinage.

1699 NICOLSON *Eng. Hist. Libr.* III. 313 Elizabeth..cans'd indeed some Irish Shillings (call'd Harpers..) to be made of a baser kind than the English, so that they usually pass'd for Ninepence here. 1712 *Mus. Thoresby.* (1713) 365 The Portcluse Shilling (see PORTCULLIS *sb.* 3 b). 1715 S. SEWALL *Diary* 12 Sept. (1882) III. 56 Gave Mr. Short's daughter a New-England Shilling. 1764 *Mus. Thoresby.* 13 [Lot] 201. Lord Baltimore's Shilling (a Proof Six-pence in Copper) and 3 New England Shillings. 1860 BARTLETT *Dict. Amer.* (ed. 3), *Shilling*, the name given in the State of New York, to the Spanish real; in the neighbouring States it is frequently called a York shilling.

c. *Half-shilling, quarter-shilling*, Tudor coins of the value of 6d. and 3d. respectively.

1561 *Procl. Base Moneys* 15 Nov., There shalbe immediatly coyned in fine sterlyng moneys, halfe shyllynges of six pence, quarter shyllynges of three pence the peece, and a halfe peece thereof called three halfpence. 1695 LOWNDES *Ess. Amend. Silver Coins* 50 Half-shillings, Groats, Quarter-Shillings, Half-Groats.

d. *Little shilling*, Cobbett's name for a proposed silver shilling of considerably reduced intrinsic value. Hence used by Macaulay in reference to a similar proposal in 1695.

1826 COBBETT *Weekly Reg.* 7 Oct. 94/2 This city [Worcester], or this neighbourhood, at least, being the birthplace of what I have called, the 'Little-Shilling Project', and Messrs. Atwood and Spooner being the originators of the project. 1855 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* xxi. IV. 640 Montague, after defeating..those who were for the little shilling.

†**3. a.** Used, after L. *solidus*, as a denomination of weight = $\frac{1}{20}$ of a pound. (Cf. SOLID *sb.*[2]) **b.** *Sc.* The weight of twelve silver pennies. *Obs.*

c 1000 *Sax. Leechd.* I. 240 Ȝenim of ðysse wyrte petroseline swyþe smæl dust, anes scillinges ȝewihte. *a* 1400 in *Sc. Acts Parl.* (1844) I. 673 þe pund in King Dauidis dayis weyit xxv. schillingis. Now þe pund aw to wey in silner xxvi schillingis and iij sterling penijs. 1543 tr. *Stat. Bread & Ale* 51 *Hen. III*, § 1 When a quarter of wheate is solde for .xii.d. then wastell bread of a ferthynge shall way .vi. li. and .xvi. s. [orig. *sex libras et sexdecim solidos*]. 1596 *Recorde's Ground of Arts* 319 Therefore here by a shilling you must vnderstand $\frac{1}{20}$ of a pound weight.

†**4.** Used to render or represent the names of various foreign moneys. *Obs.*

Double shilling, a Dutch florin or guilder.

c 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* Matt. xxvi. 15 Da ȝesetton him ðrittih scillinga [Vulg. *triginta argenteos*]. *Ibid.* Luke xv. 9 Forðon ic fand þæt scilling [Vulg. *dragmam*] ðæt ic forleas. *c* 1000 ÆLFRIC *Exod.* xxi. 32 Selle þam hlaforde þritiȝ scillinga seolfres [Vulg. *triginta siclos argenti domino dabit*]. *c* 1050 in Wr.-Wülcker 460/17 *Obelus*, scilling. *c* 1050 *Suppl. Ælfric's Gloss.* ibid. 183/21 *Nuntisma*, scylling. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 398 Two hundred sicles [*v.r.* schillinges] of seolure. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 6722 Thritti schiling o siluer again Sal man gine þe lord to mend [Exod. xxi. 32]. 1744 M. BISHOP *Life & Adv.* 140 Each [of the officers] gave me a double Shilling. 1753 [see SCHILLING]. 1776 ADAM SMITH *W. N.* I. iv. I. 32 The French sou or shilling appears upon different occasions to have contained five, twelve, twenty, forty, and forty-eight pennies.

5. In various proverbial expressions (see quots.).

1546 J. HEYWOOD *Prov.* II. v. (1867) 54 He maketh his marts with marchantis likely, To bryng a shillyng to .ix. pens quickely. [Cf. NOALE *sb.*[1] 2 b.] 1677 W. HUGHES *Man of Sin* I. vii. 32 Thus the Cardinal only changeth the Popes shilling into Twelve-pence. 1824 SCOTT *Redgauntlet* ch. x, He will come back again, like the ill shilling—he is not the sort of gear that tynes. 1826 — *Woodstock* x, Hark ye, good fellow,..I will bestow on thee a shilling wet and a shilling dry if thou wilt go back with me.

b. *To cut off with a shilling*: see CUT *v.* 55 i.

1700 FARQUHAR *Constant Couple* IV. iii. 43 When I die, I'll leave him the Fee-Simple of a Rope and a Shilling. 1762 COLMAN *Mus. Lady* II. 27 I'll disinherit him—I won't leave him a groat—I'll cut him off with a shilling.

c. *To take the shilling, the King's* or (in the reign of Victoria) *Queen's shilling*: to enlist as a soldier by accepting a shilling from a recruiting officer (a practice now disused).

1707 HEARNE *Collect.* 27 Mar. (O.H.S.) II. 2 He did take a shilling, but not with any intent of listing. 1852 THACKERAY *Esmond* III. v, One fellow was jilted by his mistress, and took the shilling in despair. 1886 FARJEON *Three Times Tried* I, I took the Queen's shilling, and became a soldier. 1901 *Scotsman* 4 Mar. 8/1 A contingent of Volunteer Engineers was sworn in for service in South Africa. Each man was presented..with the King's shilling.

†**d.** (See quot.) *Obs.*

1802 JAMES *Milit. Dict.*, The *Shillings*. A phrase in familiar use among army brokers, to express a certain profit or per centage which they gain in the sale, purchase, and exchange of commissions.

6. *attrib.*, with the sense 'of the price or value of a shilling', 'for which a shilling is charged or is due', as *shilling gallery, ordinary, places, points* (in a game, hence *shilling whist*, etc.), *seats*; **shilling dreadful** or **shocker**, a short sensational novel, published at a shilling.

1885 *Athenæum* 14 Nov. 638/1 Mr. R. L. Stevenson is writing another '*shilling dreadful'. 1824 SCOTT *Redgauntlet* Let. iii, I heard my varlet of a guide as loud with his blackguard jokes in the kitchen, as a footman in the *shilling gallery. 1780 *Mirror* No. 91 Their former dinners with him at a *shilling ordinary. 1857 A. MAYHEW *Paved with Gold* III. xi, The *shilling places were packed in half an hour. 1854 GUNNING *Remin. Camb.* I. 22 We played *shilling points, and occasionally half-a-crown was betted on the rubber. 1886 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 20 July 6/2 Given plenty of sensational incident and a certain coherency of plot, and you have all that is necessary to make a '*shilling shocker'. 1893 VIZETELLY *Glances back* I. v. 117 No shilling shockers..to amuse us..during our uncomfortable journey. 1760 MURPHY *Way to keep Him* I. (end), Nobody plays *shilling-whist now.

7. With prefixed numerals, forming adjectives of price or value. Also in phrases denoting rate of payment (as 'a shilling an hour'), used *attrib.*

In the attributive use the 's' of the plural is regularly dropped; for a contrary instance see quot. 1683.

a 1578 LINDESAY (Pitscottie) *Chron. Scot.* (S.T.S.) II. 198 The xxx schiling peice. 1653 *Ordin. Contin. Excise* 17 Mar. 107 For every Barrel of six shilling Beer or Ale. 1683 TRYON *Way to Health* xiii. 340 Let your Drink at Meals be no stronger than nine shillings Beer. 1695 CONGREVE *Love for L.* II. i, A fellow that has but a groat in his pocket, may have a stomach capable of a ten-shilling ordinary. 1828 SCOTT *F. M. Perth, Chron. Canong.* Introd., Prepared and sold..in five shilling and ten shilling bottles. 1853 *Punch* XXIV. 129/1 It did one good to hear him wither a 'super's his manner of rolling his words at the poor trembling

shilling-a-night wretch. 1866 E. YATES *Land at Last* I. x. 193 A model..one of the usual shilling-an-hour victims.

Shillingless (ʃi·lɪŋlĕs), *a.* [-LESS.] Not having a shilling; being without (even) a shilling.

1797 COLERIDGE *Lett. to Estlin* 41 (*Philobiblon Soc. Misc.* XV), At present I am almost shillingless. 1855 HAWTHORNE *Eng. Note-bks.* (1870) I. 342 He told us that the bill was not yet due...As I was almost shillingless, Mr. — now offered to cash it for me.

Shillingsworth (ʃi·lɪŋzwəɹþ). Formerly **shillingworth.** [WORTH *sb.* The form *shillingworth* (cf. *pennyworth*) is now rare. In the current form the *s* is the sign of the possessive (whether sing. or pl.).] An amount or quantity which is or may be bought for a shilling; as much as is worth a shilling or a (specified) number of shillings.

a 1325 *MS. Rawl. B.* 520 lf. 31 b, Þat non ne sal ben i don ..in to ani Iurees Þat hath lasse Þan a Hundred sillingworth of londe. 14.. *Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 612/37 *Solidatus*, a shyllyngworth. *c* 1450 *Godstow Reg.* 87/26, iiij. shillyngworth of Cakys [*quattuor solidatas artocoporum*]. *Ibid.* 158, ij. shelynge worthe of rent..yerly to be payde att whytsontyde. 1473–4 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* I. 2 Item componit..for the resignacione of a hundreth schilling worth of land callit the Stanly. 1675 TRAHERNE *Chr. Ethics* 528 For a shilling-worth of service a shilling-worth of gratitude is naturally paid. 1857 W. SMITH *Thorndale* IV. ii. 267 My Silver Shilling represents..all possible shillingworths of everything on earth.

1840 COL. HAWKER *Diary* (1893) II. 175 A few shillings-worth of damage to gear, etc. 1905 *Athenæum* 8 Apr. 432/3 'School-room Humour'..is a capital shillingsworth.

Shilloo (ʃilū·). *Anglo-Irish.* A loud shouting or outcry. Hence **Shilloo·ing** *vbl. sb.*

1842 LOVER *Handy Andy* ix, 'What are you shouting there for?' said the traveller; 'cawn't you wing'. 'Oh, they understand the *shilloo* as well, sir'. *Ibid.* xxxvi, There was a regular shilloo in the house when the thing was found out. 1845 MRS. S. C. HALL *Whiteboy* xi. 91 They'll keep such a shillooing through the country about it.

Shillot, variant of SHILLET.

Shilly (ʃi·li). *north.* Also **shillow, shilla, ahelly, shulla,** etc. [? Connected with SHILLET.

Manx has *shillee* 'a mass or assemblage of thin slate, or bits of thin stone' (Cregean), 'a gravelly beach' (Kelly); but the word may be an importation from dialectal English.] Gravel, shingle; (with *pl.*) a pebble, small stone.

1675 in Picton *L'pool Munic. Rec.* (1883) I. 307 Every shipp which shall discharge any shilly or stone ballast southwards of the shilly path in this river shall forfeit ten shillings. 1837 THORNBER *Hist. Blackpool* 246 A beach of 'shingle or shulla', the principal portion of which falls from the cliffs. 1869 *Lonsdale Gloss., Shilla*, the loose stones on the sea-beach, the stony sea-beach. 1873 T. E. BROWN *Betsy Lee* 24 A stream ran..down the glen, And soaked through the shilly, and out to the bay. 1878 *Cumberld. Gloss., Shillies, Shilla, Shellies*, shore-gravel. 1901 THEODORA W. WILSON *T'Bacca Queen* xxviii. 261 She turned from the lamp-lighted road on to the wide strand of shillow.

Shilly-shally (ʃi·lɪʃæli), *adv. phr., a., sb.* [At first written *shill I, shall I*, altered form of *shall I, shall I*: see SHALL *v.* B. 7 a (*d*). For the vowel-alteration cf. *dilly-dally, wishy-washy.*]

A. *To stand shill I, shall I*: to vacillate, to be irresolute or undecided. Also *to go shill-I shall-I, to stand at shilly-shally.*

1700 CONGREVE *Way of World* III. xv. 47, I don't stand shill I, shall I, then; if I say't, I'll do't. 1703 STEELE *Tender Husb.* III. (1705) 34 I'm for marrying her at once—Why should I stand shilly-shally, like a Country Bumpkin? 1709 W. KING *Eagle & Robin* 92 Bob did not shill-I shall-I go, Nor said one word of friend or foe; But flirting at him made a blow. 1823 DE QUINCEY *Fatal Marksman* Wks. 1859 XII. 199, I see no good that comes of standing shilly-shally. 1847 LYTTON *Lucretia* II. ii, Don't stand there shilly-shally. 1873 BROWNING *Red Cott. Nt.-cap* 232 The simpleton who stands..At shilly-shally, may he knock or no At his own door.

B. *adj.* Vacillating, irresolute, undecided.

1734 CHESTERF. in *Lett. C'tess Suffolk* (1824) II. 95 We were mighty prudent and shilly shally whether to stay or go. 1743 MRS. DELANY *Autobiog. & Corr.* (1861) II. 208, I am shilly-shally about it in my own mind. 1792a JEFFERSON *Writ.* (1830) IV. 470, I had heard him say that this constitution was a shilly-shally thing, of mere milk and water, which would not last. 1869 TROLLOPE *He knew*, etc. lxv. (1878) 363 I'm not going to be stopped by any shilly-shally nonsense. 1886 GOSCHEN in A. D. Elliot *Life* (1911) II. 9 If Gladstone is very shilly shally about the Legislative Union.

C. *sb.* **1.** Vacillation, irresolution.

1755 J. SHEBBEARE *Lydia* (1769) I. 355 Mr. Muckworm.. conceived marriages should be driven like bargains without shilly shally. 1847 DE QUINCEY *Sp. Mil. Nun* v. Wks. 1854 III. 10 She lost not one of her forty-five minutes in picking and choosing. No shilly-shally in Kate. 1876 GEO. ELIOT *Dan. Der.* III. xxv. 212 What I wished to point out to you was, that there can be no shilly-shally now.

2. A vacillating, irresolute person. *rare.*

1834 LANDOR *Exam. Shakesp.* Wks. 1853 II. 271/1 Among the girls in the country there are many such shilly-shallys, who give themselves sore eyes and sharp eye-water. 1883 SAINTSBURY *Dryden's Wks.* VI. 401 The queen [in *The Spanish Friar*] being both bloodthirsty and inconsequent, and Torrismond a vacillating shilly-shally.

Shi·lly-sha·lly, *v.* [f. prec. adv. phr.]

1. *intr.* To vacillate, be irresolute or undecided.

1782 MISS BURNEY *Cecilia* IX. iii, So I suppose he'll shilly-shally till somebody else will cry snap, and take her. 1842 THACKERAY *Miss Tickletoby's Lect.* ix, This Bruce had been for a long time shilly-shallying as to the side he should take. 1879 FARRAR *St. Paul* I. 441 To shilly-shally on the matter, to act in one way today and in a different way tomorrow.

2. *trans.* To show indecision in one's dealings with. ? *nonce-use.*

1864 BP. WILBERFORCE in R. G. Wilberforce *Life* (1882) III. 152 If you go mystifying and shillyshallying them [*sc.* nonconformists].

¶ Occas. analysed into two verbs, 'shilly' and 'shally': see quots.

1836 T. HOOK *G. Gurney* II. 203 It would be all idleness to go on shillying-shallying with her. 1891 *Daily News* 3 June 2/2 Sir William made the statement..that L. had shillied and shallied, and had then said 'I saw something'.

Hence **Shi·lly-sha·llying** *vbl. sb.* and *ppl. a.*

1842 THACKERAY *Fitz-Boodle's Profess.* i, There shall be no shilly-shallying work here. 1843 — *Bluebeard's Ghost* in *Fraser's Mag.* Oct. 424/2 Make up your mind what you will ask him, for ghosts will stand no shilly-shallying. 1883 HOWELLS *Woman's Reason* I. 120 If it hadn't been for my wretched shilly-shallying ways, I shouldn't have to write to him at all.

Shi·lly-sha·llyer. [f. prec. vb. + -ER1.] One who shilly-shallies.

1832 J. WILSON *Noctes Ambr.* in *Blackw. Mag.* Apr. 697 Silly shallow shilly-shallyers. 1835 SOUTHEY *Doctor* CV. (1848) 243 He was no shillishallier. 1848 THACKERAY *Contrib. 'Punch'* Wks. 1886 XXIV. 187 Shilly-shallyers are cowards.

Shilment, -mont: see SHELVEMENT.

Shilpit (ʃi·lpit), *a. Sc.* Also **shilpet, shelpit.** [Etymology unknown; cf. SHIRPIT.

Sc. dialects have also *shilpy* in the same sense, and *shilp* 'a pale sickly girl' (*Eng. Dial. Dict.*).]

1. Of persons: Pale and sickly-looking; weak, feeble, puny.

1813 PICKEN *Poems* I. 79 (E.D.D.) There Care nae shilpit face can shaw. 1818 MISS FERRIER *Marriage* xxiv, The Laird, as he peered at her over his spectacles, pronounced her to be but a shilpit thing. 1820 BYRON *Let. to Murray* 23 Apr., Abstemiousness has made my brain but a shilpit concern for a Scotch sitting 'inter pocula'. 1896 CROCKETT *Grey Man* xxxiv. 230 My puir bit shilpit lassie.

2. Of liquor: Insipid, weak, thin.

1814 SCOTT *Wav.* xi, He pronounced the claret *shilpit*, and demanded brandy with great vociferation. 1824 — *Redgauntlet* ch. xx, Sherry's but shilpit drink.

3. (See quot.)

1856 J. C. MORTON *Cycl. Agric.* II. 725 *Shilpit* (Scot.), applied to ill-filled ears of corn.

Shilt, var. SHILLET. **Shily,** obs. var. SHYLY.

Shim (ʃim), *sb.*1 Also 7 **shimm(e.** [Represents formally OE. *scima* shadow, gloom.

Cognate forms are OS. *scimo* shade, WFris. *skim*, NFris. *skemm*, MLG. *schême* shade, twilight, ghost, MDu. *schem, schim, schême* shade, shadow, ghost, shimmer, shine (Du. *schim* shadow, phantom), MHG. *scheme* ghost (G. *schemen*), ON. *skime* or *skti̇me* gleam, *skti̇ma* glimmer; also OE. *scima* brightness, light, OS., OHG. *scîmo*, Goth. *skeima*; f. Teut. root *skī-*, for which see SHINE *v.*]

1. A streak of white on a horse's face. *dial.*

Cf. SHIMMED.

1639 T. DE GRAY *Compl. Horsem.* 23 Some commend the shimme or rase downe the face. 1688 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 2459/4 A bright Chesnut Gelding,..a Shim [*printed* Shein] down his Face. 1705 *Ibid.* 4131/4 A Ring of white round each Ear, and a Shim down her Face. 1784 CULLUM *Hist. Hawsted* iii. 173.

2. A faint or transient appearance; a glimpse.

a 1800 PEGGE *Suppl. Grose's Prov. Gloss., Shim*, appearance, West. A transient view or first sight. 1853 W. D. COOPER *Gloss. Prov. Sussex* 73, I can't be sure it was a partridge, but I saw the shim of something going over the hedge.

Shim (ʃim), *sb.*2 *local.* Also 8 **sheim.** [Origin unascertained. It is doubtful whether all the following senses belong to one word.]

1. A piece of iron attached to an agricultural implement for scraping the surface of the soil.

1723 LEWIS *Hist. Tenet* 9 The furrows..being either howed with a large how, or cleared of weeds and rubbish by what they call a *Shim*. This is a flat piece of Iron, fixed at the end of a slight little plough beam drawn by one horse, and so made that it may be raised up or let down, as occasion serves. [1736 (ed. 2) 13 *reads*, A Shim or Brake-plough. This is a Piece of Iron, at the Bottom of two Cheeks with Holes in them, which are put thro' a Frame of Timber drawn with one Horse, and with Iron Pins is let up or down as there is Occasion.] 1808 BATCHELOR *Agric. Bedford* 178 A shim, or scraper, might be inserted in the harrow-frame, for cutting thistles and other weeds.

2. In full *shim-plough*: A kind of horse-hoe or shallow plough, used in Kent and elsewhere, for hoeing up weeds between rows of beans, hops, etc.

[1736: see sense 1.] 1736 PEGGE *Kenticisms* (E.D.S.), *Shim*, an horse-how. 1750 W. ELLIS *Mod. Husb.* III. i. 56 (E.D.S.), The sheim or prong-plough. 1754 POCOCKE *Trav.* (Camden) II. 88 [In the Isle of Thanet] They have a particular way of cleaning the ground sown with beans, with a machine call'd a shim, with irons at such a distance, that two go between the rows, and turn up the earth on each side against the beans. 1792 *Trans. Soc. Arts* (ed. 2) III. 33 Horse-hoed the intervals with a Berkshire shim, which cuts the surface, but turns no furrow. 1805 R. W. DICKSON *Pract. Agric.* II. 880 In the drill-sown lucern some recommend..the passing of a small shim between them. 1892 *Auctioneer's Catal. Farm Sale near Minster, Kent*, 148 Pop shim, 149 Iron single shim, 150 5 furrow corn shim.

3. A Dutch hoe.

1833 *Ridgemont Farm Rep.* 133 in *Husb.* (L.U.K.) III, The Dutch hoe, called in Holderness the 'shim'.

¶ **4.** Used by confusion for SKIM *sb.* (2 b).

So *shim-coulter plough* in some Dicts.

1805 R. W. DICKSON *Pract. Agric.* I. 470 When the land is of a stiff and lumpy..nature, it may..be necessary to have recourse to *shims*, in order to break down and separate the particles. 1834 *Brit. Husb.* (L.U.K.) I. 348 The shim, or skim, has also been affixed as an additional coulter..to a plough much in use in Oxfordshire. 1837 *Ibid.* II. 18 The skim-plough—or shim, as it is in some places called.

5. A thin slip, usually of metal, used to fill up a space between parts subject to wear, to align or adjust the level of rails, etc.

1864 in WEBSTER. 1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech., Shim..* (*Stone-working*). One of the plates in a jumper-hole to fill out a portion of the thickness not occupied by the wedges or feathers. 1885 WADDELL *Syst. Railroad Bridges Japan* 56 There are two different floor systems..: in the first of these the lower lateral rods pass through the wooden shims. 1887 J. ROSE *Key to Engines* 101 A Liner, Fit-Strip, Distance-Piece, or Shim..is a strip of metal placed between the joint faces of the brasses to hold them the proper distance apart.

6. *U.S.* An imperfect shingle of irregular thickness; also, an imperfect bucket-stave.

In recent U.S. Dicts.

† Shim, *a. Obs.* In 4 schym. [Related to OE. *scima, scíma*: see SHIM *sb.*1] Bright.

Cf. (Chesh., Shropsh.) *shim-white*, a clear bright white.

13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* A. 1077 Aboute Þat water arn tres ful schym, Þat twelue frytez of lyf con bere ful sone.

† Shim, *v.*1 *Obs.* [OE. *scímian*, ? also *scimian*, related to *scima* (see SHIM *sb.*1): cf. OHG. *scîman*, MHG. *schimmen.*] *intr.* To shine.

c 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* Luke xvii. 24 Scimande of heofnum, *coruscans de sub cælo*. *c* 1000 ÆLFRIC *Gram.* xxiv. (Z.) 138 *Mico*, ic scimige [*v.r.* scine]. *a* 1225 *Juliana* 55 (Bodl. MS.), Schiminde [*Royal MS.* schininde] hire nebscheaft schene as Þe sunne. *a* 1225 *St. Marher.* 19 Wiþ schimmende ant scharp sweord. *Ibid.* 44 Hire foster modres schep, Þe schimede ant schan. *a* 1240 [see SHIMMER *v.*1].

Shim, *v.*2 [f. SHIM *sb.*2]

1. a. *intr.* To use the shim for hoeing.

1792, etc. [see SHIMMING]. 1793 *Trans. Soc. Arts* (ed. 2) IV. 62 The last week in April, shimmed over the surface.

b. *trans.* To hoe (crops) with a shim.

1797 A. YOUNG *Agric. Suffolk* 59 The Kentish method of shimming the stubbles of beans..is unknown in Suffolk. 1799 — *Agric. Linc.* 128 He..shims them with the expanding horse-hoe. 1833 *Ridgemont Farm Rep.* 138 in *Husb.* (L.U.K.) III, When the land is in good order, an able workman will shim nearly six roods a day.

2. 'To wedge up or fill out to a fair surface by inserting a thin wedge or piece of material' (*Century Dict.*). Cf. SHIMMER *sb.*1 and SHIMMING.

Shimiana, variant of SHAMIANA(H.

† Shimmed, *a. Obs.* In 5 schymmid. [app. f. SHIM *sb.*1 + -ED2.] Dapple-grey.

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 446/2 Schymmid, as hors, *scutilatus*.

Shimmer (ʃi·məɹ), *sb.*1 [f. SHIMMER *v.*1 Cf. LG. *schemmer*, NFris. *skimer*, G. *schimmer*, Sw. *skimmer.*] A shimmering light or glow; a subdued tremulous light.

1821 SCOTT *Kenilw.* vi, Two silver lamps, fed with perfumed oil, diffused..a trembling twilight-seeming shimmer through the quiet apartment. 1847 C. BRONTE *Jane Eyre* xxv, The strange, wraith-like apparel..which, at this evening hour..gave out..a most ghostly shimmer through the shadow of my apartment. 1863 MISS BRADDON *Eleanor's Vict.* i, The first shimmer of the moonlight was silvery on the water. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 590 The papules ..having a wax-like shimmer.

transf. and *fig.* 1851 CARLYLE *Sterling* II. iii, A kind of childlike half-embarrassed shimmer of expression, on his fine vivid countenance. 1854 EMERSON *Lett. & Soc. Aims, Poet. & Imag.*, One man sees a spark or shimmer of the truth.

Shimmer (ʃi·məɹ), *sb.*2 *U.S.* [f. SHIM *v.*2 + -ER.] **a.** A workman who inserts shims in cabinet work, etc. **b.** = SHIM *sb.*2 5. (In recent U.S. Dicts.)

Shimmer (ʃi·məɹ), *v.*1 Forms: 1 scymrian, 3 schimere, 4 schymere, 4–5 s(c)hemere, 6 shy-, shimer, 6– shimmer. [late OE. *scymrian* = WFris. *skimerje*, NFris. *skimere* to shimmer, (M)LG., (M)Du. *schêmeren* to be shaded or shadowy, to glimmer, glitter, G. *schimmern*, Sw. *skimra*; related to SHIM *v.*1 Cf. the northern SKIMMER.] *intr.* To shine with a tremulous or flickering light; to gleam faintly. In early use also, to shine brightly, glisten.

a 1100 *Chrodegang's Rule* 41 in Napier *Contrib. OE. Lexic.* (1906) 16 Soðlice Þa se dægredleoma beorhte scymrode, Þa Drihten..of helle aras. *c* 1230 [see SHIMMERING *ppl. a.*]. *a* 1240 *Sawles Warde* in *O. E. Hom.* I. 257 Al Þat hus schineð ant schimmeð [*v.r.* schimereð] of his leome. 13.. *Gaw. & Gr. Knt.* 772 Hit [a castle] schemered & schon þurȝ þe schyre oker. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 4974 Frut..Þat shemert as shire as any shene stonys. 1567 MAPLET *Gr. Forest* 5 b, The Chrusopasse is a Stone of Ethiope, which in the day light shimmereth not. 1582 STANYHURST *Æneis* IV. 82 Thee next day foloing lustring Aurora lay shymring, Her saffrond mattresse leauing to her bedfelo Tithon. 1623, 1655 [see SHIMMERING *vbl. sb.* and *ppl. a.*].

1805 SCOTT *Last Minstr.* I. xvii, Twinkling faint, and distant far, Shimmers through mist each planet star. 1860 THACKERAY *Lovel* iv, Often your figure shimmers through my dreams. 1871 GREEN *Let. to W. B. Dawkins* 29 Jan., Blue sea.. shimmering with colour. 1874 SYMONDS *Sk. Italy & Greece* (1898) I. xiii. 254 Distant islands shimmering in sun-litten haze. 1877 STOPFORD BROOKE *Fight of Faith* xxiv. 394 The [frozen] ponds..shimmer dark like polished steel.

Shi·mmer, *v.*2 [f. SHIMMER *sb.*2] = SHIM *v.*2 2.

1908 J. B. DAVIDSON & CHASE *Farm Mach.* 71 (Century Dict. Suppl.), A remedy for this [poor fitting of share and moldboard] is procured by shimmering the share up or down with small pieces of paste-board.

Shi·mmering, *vbl. sb.* [f. SHIMMER *v.*[1] + -ING[1]. Cf. (M)LG. *schêmering*, MHG. *schemerung* twilight, G. *schimmerung* coruscation.] The action of the vb. SHIMMER.

c 1386 CHAUCER *Reeve's T.* 377 A litel shymeryng [*v.r.* schemeryng] of a light. 1623 BP. HALL *Gt. Impostor* Wks. (1625) 503 The..blinde man that thought he now saw a shimmering of the Sunne-beames. 1853 KANE *Grinnell Exp.* ix. (1856) 64 Looking toward the shore, I observed a sort of shimmering, as of the heated air above a stove. 1868 HELPS *Realmah* iii, Kissed into ripples by the shimmering of moonlight. 1883 W. S. DUGDALE *Dante's Purg.* I. 9, I discerned the shimmering of the sea.

fig. 1880 TODHUNTER *Shelley* vii. 199 It is a weak shimmering of forced fun.

Shi·mmering, *ppl. a.* That shimmers.

c 1000 *Gl. Prud.* in *Germania* (N.S.) XI. 401/10 Scymriendes wæles, *cerulei gurgitis*. *c* 1230 *Hali Meid.* 31 Þat eadi trume of schimerinde meidenes. 13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* A. 80 Wyth schymeryng schene ful schrylle þay schynde. *a* 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 1544 Shemerand shaftis of the shire son. *c* 1440 *York Myst.* I. 69 My schewyng es schemerande and schynande. 1557 PHAER *Æneid* VI. Q 4 In shimring shadowe darck and thinne. 1593 G. HARVEY *Pierce's Super.* 219 If some little shimering light appeare at a little creuise. 1655 GURNALL *Chr. in Arm.* I. 224 There is some shimmering light in all. 1840 ELIZA COOK *Poems* 151 The towering hill, the shimmering rill. 1874 SYMONDS *Sk. Italy & Greece* (1898) I. vii. 124 The plain..basking in the hazy shimmering heat. 1881 *Macm. Mag.* XLIII. 345 The soft brilliancy of her toilet had the look of shimmering plumage.

fig. 1880 E. WHITE *Cert. Relig.* 34 The vague and shimmering atmosphere of local and chronological detail.

Shimmery (ʃi·məri), *a.*[1] [f. SHIMMER *v.* + -Y[1]. Cf. G. *schimmerig*, WFris. *skimerich*.] Giving out a shimmering light.

1883 *Harper's Mag.* May 904/2 Some wondrous shimmery cream of brocaded satin. 1890 J. HATTON *By Order of Czar* III. v, The city in the lagoons, with..her shimmery waters.

fig. 1893 *Athenæum* 9 Dec. 803/2 'Claudea's Island' has pretty, shimmery touches, natural and human.

Shi·mmery, *a.*[2] 'Shaky.' Also **Shimmery-whimmery** *a.*

1859 MRS. STOWE *Minister's Wooing* xxx, 'How is Mrs. Marvyn?'..'Kinder thin and shimmery, but she is about.' 1894 FENN *Real Gold* xii, Didn't you ever have a set to at school..?..And didn't you feel shimmery-whimmery before you began?

Shi·mming, *vbl. sb.* [f. SHIM *v.*[2] + -ING[1].]

1. Hoeing with a shim.

1792 *Trans. Soc. Arts* (ed. 2) III. 33 The middle of August, repeated the shimming. 1833 *Ridgemont Farm Rep.* 141 in *Husb.* (L.U.K.) III, This 'shimming' is..repeated when the beans have advanced to six inches in height. 1848 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* IX. II. 557 Horse-hoeing, or what is locally called..'shiming'.

2. The insertion of shims; also, a shim, or shims collectively.

1884 *Car-Builder's Dict.* (Century Dict.), Shimming has been used in fitting on car-wheels when the wheel-seat of the axle was a little too small.

Shimmy (ʃi·mi). Also **shimmey.** *dial.* and *U.S.* corruption of CHEMISE.

1839 *Heref. Gloss.*, *Shimmy*, shift; now used by cottagers. 1856 H. H. DIXON *Post & Paddock* x. 176 Two shirts and a 'shimmy' is about the regulation package for a man and his wife.

Shi·mper, *v. local.* [app. corrupt f. SHIMMER *v.* with intrusive *p* (**shimpre*).] = SHIMMER *v.*

1674 RAY *S. & E. C. Words*, To *Shimper*, to shimmer or shine. *Suss.* Dial. 1703 *Art's Improvem.* I. 8 They..stick it full of small pieces of broken Glass, which..adds a Luster to it, Shimpering against the Sun-Beams. 1836 W. D. COOPER *Gloss. Prov. Sussex* s. v., How the carriage-wheels shimper in the sun.

Shi·m-sham. *Obs.* exc. *dial.* Reduplication of SHAM *sb.* and *a.* (Cf. FLIM-FLAM.)

1797 MRS. A. M. BENNETT *Beggar Girl* (1813) I. 22 To make a parcel of shim-sham ghosts and coffins, and such like blasphemies. 1798 *Geraldina* I. 224 We were served upon plate: none of your shim-shams,..but the real thing. 1823 *Spirit Publ. Jrnls.* 523 His Majesty's real birthday, and none of your George and the Dragon shim shams.

Shin (ʃin), *sb.* Forms: 1 **scinu**, 2 **scine, scyne**, 3–4 **s(c)hine**, 4–5 **s(c)hyne**, 5 **schene**, 5–6 **schin, schyn(ne, shyn(ne**, 6 **shinne**, 7 **shinn**, 6– **shin.** [OE. *scinu* str. fem. = WFris. *skine*, NFris. *skenn*, (M)LG., MDu. *schêne* (Dn. *scheen*), OHG. *scina, scena, sciena* shin, needle (MHG. *schin(ne*, G. *schiene* thin wooden or metal plate); MSw. *skena* shin, Sw. *skena* shin, Da. *skinne* splint, tire, rail, are from LG. or HG. The fundamental meaning appears to be 'thin or narrow piece'; OE. *scía* shin and MHG. *schîe* hedge-stake are app. related.]

1. The front part of the human leg between the knee and the ankle; the front or sharp edge of the shank-bone.

Occas. used of analogous parts of birds and insects.

a 1000 *Ags. Gloss.* in Wr.-Wülcker 216/3 *Cruscula*, scinu. *a* 1100 *Ags. Voc.* Ibid. 307/27 *Tibia*, scyne, oððe scinban. *a* 1250 *Owl & Night.* 1060 Þu were ynume in one grune, Al hit abouhte þine schine [*Cott.* shipe]. *c* 1300 *E. E. Psalter* cxlvi. 10 Ne in schines of man queming bes him tille. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Kn.'s T.* 421 The pure fettres of his shynes grete [*v.rr.* schenys, schinnes]. *c* 1450 LOVELICH *Merlin* 2102 Thanne lefte He vpe His staf Anon and overthwert the Schenys smot him. *c* 1470 HENRYSON *Mor. Fab.* XIII. (*Frog & Mouse*) XXV, This litill mous, heir knit thus be the schin. *a* 1529 SKELTON *E. Rummyng* 494 She.. bad broked her shyn At the threshold comyng in. 1600 ROWLANDS *Letting Humours Blood* iv. 64 To trie it out at foot-ball by the shinnes. 1658–9 *Burton's Diary* (1828) IV. 10 A Spanish Don that burnt his shins by the fire. 1714 LADY M. W. MONTAGU *Lett.* LXXXV. 140 In..a great crowd ..people..disregard a little kick of the Shins. 1834 MARRYAT *Peter Simple* XXXI, O'Brien, who knew the tender part of a black, saluted Apollo with a kick on the shins. 1871 MEREDITH *Harry Richmond* XV, In mounting [the path] the knees and shins bore the brunt of it.

b. The lower part of a leg (of beef), the meat of which is lean and streaked.

1736 BAILEY *Dict. Domest.* s. v. *Beef*, Take a leg or shin of Beef, strip off the skin and fat. 1872 *Daily News* 5 Sept., An old English proverb says..'Of all joints commend me to the shin of beef, which contains marrow for the master, meat for the mistress, gristle for the servants, and bone for the dog'.

2. In fig. phr.: **a.** referring to striking a person over the shins (cf. *a rap over the knuckles*) or wounding his shins.

1546 J. HEYWOOD *Prov.* I. x. (1867) 20 Prinie nyps or casts ouertwart the shyns. 1589 ? NASHE *Pasqvill & Marforius* B 4, To come ouer our shinnes with the same rebuke that hee gane to Phillip. 1590 — *1st Pt. Pasquil's Apol.* C 2, A wipe ouer the shiunes of the Non Residents. 1598 B. JONSON *Ev. Man in Hum.* I. ii. (1601) 47 It is able to breake the shinnes of any old mans patience in the world. 1651 HOWELL *Venice* 199 He is ready..to throw the Catt at her shinns, to pick a quarrell. [1795 BURKE *Regic. Peace* iv. Wks. 1812 V. 26 The Author..ought not to have left us in the dark upon that subject, to break our shins over his hints and insinuations.] 1821 LAMB *Elia* I. *All Fools' Day*, Remove those logical forms..that no gentleman break the tender shins of his apprehension stumbliog across them. 1884 *St. James's Gaz.* 25 Apr. 7/1 Rubbing down everybody's shins with a brickbat.

† **b.** *To cut off by the shins*, to leave not a leg to stand on, undermine. *Obs.*

1592 *Arden of Feversham* D [II. ii. 769], Cut him off by the shinnes, with a frowning looke of your crabed countenance. 1594 NASHE *Unfort. Trav.* H 1, Post-hast letters came to him..to return as speedily as he could possible..wherby his fame was quit cut off by the shins.

c. † *To cross shins*: see CROSS *v.* 5. *To set out the shin* (Sc.), to walk proudly. *To graze the shins of*, to come very near to.

1592 NASHE *Strange Newes* M 1, I will crosse shinnes with him though euerie sentence of his were a thousande tunnes of discourses. 1645 [see CROSS *v.* 5]. 1719 RAMSAY *2nd Answ. to Hamilton* ix, Set out the burnt side of your shin, For pride in poets is nae sin. 1786 BURNS *On Dining with Lord Daer* iii, But wi' a Lord!—stand out my shin! A Lord—a Peer—an Earl's son! 1847 DE QUINCEY *Joan of Arc* Wks. 1854 III. 227 The mob of spectators might raise a scruple whether our friend the jackdaw upon the throne, and the dauphin himself, were not grazing the shins of treason.

d. *To break shins* (slang): to borrow money.

[1591 G. FLETCHER *Russe Commw.* 45 Whereupon he praued or beat out of their shinnes 7000. rubbels for a mulct. 1606 DEKKER *Seven Sins* I. (Arb.) 17 The Russians haue an excellent custome: they beate them on the shinnes, that haue mony, and will not pay their debts.]

a 1700 B. E. *Dict. Cant. Crew*, *Breaking Shins*, borrowing of Money. 1864 *Hotten's Slang Dict.* 227. 1872 SCHELE DE VERE *Americanisms* 632 In financial slang, Americans use the verb *to shin* simply, where the English use *to break shins*, to denote a desperate effort to procure money in an emergency by running about to friends and acquaintances.

3. The sharp slope of a hill. *Sc.*

1817 *Edin. Mag.* Oct. 84 Sometimes on the shin, and sometimes in the hollow, of a hill. 1864 CARLYLE *Fredk. Gt.* XV. V. IV. 76 They have climbed the eastern shin of the Harz Range, where the Harz is capable of wheel-carriages.

4. Used, after G. *schiene*, for an iron plate or band.

1747 HOOSON *Miner's Dict.* K 2, The Hack is not made straight but bending a little on either end from the Eye, upon that side the Haum is put in on, yet not too much into the Shins. 1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.*, *Shin*,..a fish-plate.

5. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *shin-boot, -cover, -guard, -pad, -pride, -ridge*; † **shin-barker**, a little dog that barks at one's shins; **shin-leaf**, the North American ericaceous plant *Pyrola elliptica* (also *P. rotundifolia*); **shin-oak**, applied to dwarf varieties of oak which form thick low-growing underwood, e. g. *Quercus chinquapin*; **shin-plaster** *U.S.*, (*a*) a square piece of paper saturated with vinegar, etc., used as a plaster for sore legs; (*b*) a piece of paper money, esp. one of a low denomination, depreciated in value, or not sufficiently secured; also *attrib.*; **shin-rapper**, one who disables horses by striking the splint-bone; **shin-scraper**, (*a*) see quot. 1869; (*b*) a contemptuous name for a climber; **shin wood**, the Ground Hemlock, *Taxus canadensis* (see quot.).

1645 MILTON *Colast.* 26 Infested, sometimes at his face, with dorrs and horsflies, sometimes beneath, with bauling whippets, and *shin-barkers. 1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.*, **Shin-boot*,..a horse boot having a long leather shield to protect the shin of a horse. 1845 *Kitto's Cycl. Bibl. Lit.* (1849) I. 228/1 They [*sc.* greaves] consisted of a pair of *shin-covers of brass. 1903 *Daily Chron.* 3 Feb. 3/4 Legs cased in *shin-guards. 1845–50 MRS. LINCOLN *Lect. Bot.* App. 151 *Pyrola..rotundifolia* (*shin-leaf, pear-leaf wintergreen). 1856 A. GRAY *Man. Bot.* 260. 1884 *Encyc. Brit.* XVII. 693/2 *Quercus Chinquapin* or *prinoides*, a dwarf variety,..forms dense miniature thickets..; the tree is called by the hunters of the plains the '*shin-oak'. 1895 *Outing* XXVII. 251/2 Neither *shin-pads nor canvas jackets were worn. 1824 *Microscope* (Albany) 15 May (Thornton *Amer. Gloss.*), We advise our friends to exchange their '*shin plasters' for 'solid charms' as soon as may be. 1843 MARRYAT *M. Violet* XXVIII, I had taken the precaution in Louisiana of getting rid of my shin-plasters for hard specie. 1878 *N. Amer. Rev.* CXXVI. 170 The 'more money' that is cried for, silver or shinplaster, is not the needed thing. 1613 SYLVESTER *Lachr. Lachr.* B 4, Stript..Of guiddie-Gaudes,..Of Face-pride, Case-pride, *Shin-pride, Shoo-pride. 1885 *Daily Tel.* 30 Sept. (Cassell), Every great stable in England had the fear of the poisoner, the *shin-rapper, and the nobbler constantly in view. 1889 *Ld. A. Campbell's Celtic Trad.* 87 The sharp *shin-ridge of the greaves. 1869 J. GREENWOOD *Seven Curses Lond.* vi. 87 The treadmill, *shin scraper (arising, it may be assumed, on account of the operator's liability, if he is not careful, to get his shins scraped by the ever-revolving wheel). 1895 *Westm. Gaz.* 11 Oct. 3/1 Although he may be described as a 'shin-scraper', he does not forget that he is first of all a mountaineer. 1778 CARVER *Trav. N. Amer.* 505 *Shin Wood. This extraordinary shrub..runs near the ground for six or eight feet, and then takes root again;..this proves very troublesome to the hasty traveller, by striking against his shins, and entangling his legs.

Shin (ʃin), *v.* [f. SHIN *sb.*]

1. *intr.* (orig. *Naut.*) To climb by using the arms and legs without the help of steps, irons, etc.

1829 MARRYAT *F. Mildmay* iv, I myself saw him 'shinning' up by the topsail-tie. 1840 R. H. DANA *Bef. Mast* xxxi, We had to..shin up and down single ropes caked with ice. 1857 HUGHES *Tom Brown* I. ix, Nothing for it but the tree; so Tom laid his bones to it, shinning up as fast as he could. 1888 STEVENSON *Black Arrow* I. iii, As he shinned vigorously down the trunk.

b. *trans.* To climb up.

1891 in *Century Dict.* 1907 *Westm. Gaz.* 8 Apr. 8/1 [He] reached the roof by shinning a water-pipe.

2. *U.S.* To 'use one's legs'; to move quickly; to run *round*.

1845 *N. Y. Com. Adv.* 13 Dec. (Bartlett 1860), The Senator was shinning around, to get gold for the rascally bank-rags which he was obliged to take. 1864 ATKINSON *Stanton Grange* 267 And then didn't I shin it along the bridge, pretty speedily! 1865 SALA *Diary in Amer.* II. 414, I guess you'll walk down town and show me the stores. I'm tired of shinning around alone. 1887 CONAN DOYLE *Study in Scarlet* II. iii, I guess we had best shin out of Utah.

3. To kick (a person) on the shins.

a 1845 BARHAM *Ingol. Leg.* Ser. III. *House-warming*, There's a *pirouette*!..A ring!—give him room or he'll 'shin' you—stand clear! 1846 *Vale Banger* 10 Nov. (Hall *College Words*), We have been shinned, smoked, ducked. 1864 [HEMYNG] *Eton School Days* xiii, He could not go out of his tutor's..without some one..'shinning' him if he passed near enough.

4. *U.S.* To borrow money.

Cf. *break shins*, s.v. SHIN sb. 2 d.

1855 OGILVIE *Suppl.*, *Shin*, to borrow money. (American cant term.) 1872 [see SHIN *sb.* 2 d].

Shin, obs. Sc. pl. of SHOE.

† **Shinbawde.** *Obs.* In 5 **schynbawde, -bauds, -balde.** [The first element is app. SHIN *sb.*, the second is obscure.] A greave (leg-armour).

? *a* 1400 *Morte Arth.* 3847 The schadande blode..schewede one his schynbawde, þat was schire burneste! *c* 1400 *Anturs of Arth.* 395 His schene schynbandes [*read* -bawdes], *v.r.* -bawdes], þat sharp were to shrede. 1423 *Test. Ebor.* (Surtees) III. 73 Uno pare de schynbaldes, aliter vamplattes, pro tebiis virorum.

Shinbin (ʃi·nbin). Also **-been, -ban, -beam.** [Burmese *shin-byin*, f. *shin* to put together side by side + *pyin* plank.] In the teak trade, a thick plank split from a green tree. Cf. SHINLOG[2].

1791 *Madras Courier* 10 Nov. (V.), Duggis. Shinbeens. Coma planks. 1821 H. Cox *Jrnl. Resid. Burmhan Emp.* 425 Shinban planks.

Shin-bone (ʃi·nbōun). Forms: see SHIN *sb.*; also **3 skin-, 4 chine-, shzin-.** [OE. *scinbán* = NFris. *skenbiin, skennbian* (cf. WFris. *skynbonke*), MLG. *schênebein*, MDu. *schênebeen* (Du. *scheenbeen*), MHG. *schinebein* (G. *schienbein*); (Sw. *skenben*, Da. *skinneben*, from LG.): see SHIN *sb.* and BONE *sb.*[1]] The bone of the shin; the tibia.

c 1000 ÆLFRIC *Gloss.* in Wr.-Wülcker 160/19 *Tibiae*, scina *uel* scinban. *c* 1220 *Bestiary* 359 Oc leizeð his skinbon on oðres lendbon. *c* 1325 *Gloss. W. de Bibbesw.* in Wright *Voc.* 148 Mes war le chanel [*glossed* the chine-bon, *Camb. MS.* shzin-bon] de blessure. *c* 1400 *Lanfranc's Cirurg.* 47 In þe boon of þe thie & schene boonys. 1527 ANDREW *Brunswyke's Distyll. Waters* L ij b, It is good for olde sores on the legges upon the shynne bones. 1597 A. M. tr. *Guilleneau's Fr. Chirurg.* 34/1 At three sundry times he tooke away allmost the whole shinne bone. 1650 BULWER *Anthropomet.* xxi. 231 The shin-bone exposed to all encounters, without any defence at all. 1713 CHESELDEN *Anat.* I. v. (1726) 40 The shin-bone is in its middle almost triangular. 1834 MARRYAT *Peter Simple* ix, The great lion was growling and snarling over the shin-bone of an ox, cracking it like a nut. 1862 CALVERLEY *Verses & Transl.* (1894) 86 He barked his shinbone.

Shincke, Anglo-Irish form of SINK.

a 1660 *Contemp. Hist. Irel.* (Ir. Archæol. Soc.) II. 193 The foresaide Conaght armie..must now shincke or swime.

Shind, obs. form of SHEND *v.*

† **Shi·nder,** *v. Obs.* In 4 **schyndere,** s(c)**hindre.** [? Echoic. Cf. FLINDERS.] *trans.* and *intr.* To shiver or shatter in pieces.

13.. *Gaw. & Gr. Knt.* 424 Þe scharp of þe schalk schyndered þe bones. *Ibid.* 1594 Þe mon..Hit hym vp to þe hult, þat þe hert schyndered. *a* 1375 *Joseph Arim.* 513 Mony swouȝninge lay þorw schindringe of scharpe. *c* 1400 *Anturs of Arth.* 501 Shaftes in shide wode þei shindre in shedes [*v.r.* þay schenerede in schides].

Shi·ndig. *U. S.* (See quots.)

1859 BARTLETT *Dict. Amer.*, *Shin-Dig*, a blow on the shins. Southern. 1892 *Kentucky Words* in *Amer. Dial.*

Notes I. 231 *Shindig*, a dance or party. 1899 *Westm. Gaz.* 31 Oct. 8/3 The natives..in a number of instances have danced a kind of 'shindig' as soon as released from torture.

Shindle (ʃi·nd'l), *sb.* [local variant of SHINGLE *sb.*[1] Cf. G. *schindel.*]

1. A wooden roofing-tile.

1585 HIGINS *Junius' Nomencl.* 211/1 *Scandulæ*,..oke laths: slates or shindles of wood. 1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* XVI. x. I. 461 The bourds or shindles of the wild Oke...The shindles are most easily rent or cloven out of all those trees which yeeld Rosin,..the housen in Rome were no otherwise covered over head but with shindles, untill the warre with K. Pyrrhus. 1617 MINSHEU *Ductor*, A *Shindle*, Vid. a Shingle. 1728 *Brice's Weekly Jrnl.* 28 June 4 A..Brick House, cover'd with Shindles. 1872 SCHELE DE VERE *Americanisms* 542 In Pennsylvania the word [*shingle*] is often pronounced *Shindle*, partly, no doubt, under the influence of the numerous Germans in that State.

2. A splint.

1598 FLORIO, *Stecchette*,..shindles or boordes laid about broken legs or armes.

3. In full *shindle-stone*: Thin stone from which slates are cut.

1669 *Phil. Trans.* IV. 1009 Take the thin cleft stone, slat or shindle. 1725 *Brice's Weekly Jrnl.* 15 Oct. 4 A Parcel of Slate (or Shindle-Stones) for tyling or healing of Houses. 1847 in HALLIWELL. 1882 JAGO *Gloss.*, *Shell-stone*, a slate stone. In Devon, shindle-stone.

†**Shi·ndle**, *v. Obs. rare*[−1]. In 3 schindle. Origin and precise meaning unknown.

a 1125 *Ancr. R.* 186 Nis þet child fulitowen þet schrepeð [*v.rr.* schindleð, scratteð] agean, & hit upon þe 3erde?

Shindy (ʃi·ndi). [? Alteration of SHINTY.]

1. = SHINTY 1. *local.*

1846 *Local Act 9 Vict.* c. 29 § 41 In case any Person or Persons shall on Shrove Tuesday..play at..Shindy, Football, or any other Game. 1860 BARTLETT *Dict. Amer.* (ed. 3), *Shindy*,..The proper and more usual name is Bandy. 1882 *Lancs. Gloss.*

2. A spree, merrymaking. Also, 'a kind of dance among seamen' (Smyth *Sailor's Word-bk.* 1867). *slang.*

1821 EGAN *Life in London* x. (1869) 248 The Jack Tar is quite pleased with his night's cruise, and is continually singing out, 'What a prime Shindy, my Messmates.' 1848 in Col. Hawker *Diary* (1893) II. 286 All in commotion with the expected grand 'shindy' on Monday. 1866 BALLANTYNE *Shifting Winds* XXV, I want a dance at a wedding, or a shindy of some sort, before setting sail.

3. A row, commotion, 'shine'. Phr. *to cut shindies* (U.S.), *to kick up a shindy.*

a 1845 BARHAM *Ingol. Leg.* Ser. III. *Hermann*, He..Joins ..in kicking up all sorts of shindies and bobberies. 1850 'DOW JR.' *Serm.* (Bartlett 1859), You..are..poor, and, therefore, ought to be careful how you cut shindies under the broadsword of justice. 1850 SMEDLEY *F. Fairlegh* i, A chair being the favourite projectile in the event of a shindy. 1882 B. M. CROKER *Proper Pride* I. ix. 189 He and his wife have had no end of a shindy. 1889 [see KICK *v.*[1] 9 a]. 1910 MEREDITH in *Fortn. Rev.* June 1055 Irishmen ..never satisfied, thirsting for a shindy.

4. A liking, fancy. (Cf. SHINE *sb.*[2] 4.)

1855 HALIBURTON *Nat. & Hum. Nat.* xii, They all wondered how..Paddy had taken such a shindy to me.

Shine (ʃoin), *sb.*[1] [f. SHINE *v.* Cf. SHEEN *sb.*[1] WGer. had a synonymous form derived from the vb.: OS., OHG. *scîn* (Du. *schijn*, MHG. *schîn*, mod.G. *schein*); also OE. *scîn* spectre (if the vowel be long).]

1. Brightness or radiance shed by a luminary or an illuminant.

a 1529 SKELTON *P. Sparowe* 1174 Lyke Phebus beames shyne. 1535 COVERDALE *Ecclus.* xlii. 16 The sonne ouerloketh all thinges with his shine. *c* 1590 GREENE *Fr. Bacon* I. i, When heauens bright shine is shadowed with a fogge. 1629 MILTON *Hymn Nativ.* xxii, And mooned Ashtaroth..Now sits not girt with Tapers holy shine. 1683 TRYON *Way to Health* 73 This Fire..sends forth a bright shine and wholsom smell. 1716–8 LADY M. W. MONTAGU *Lett.* II. xliii. 14 Sitting..with the windows open, enjoying the warm shine of the sun. 1844 BROWNING *Colombe's Birthday* IV, Day by day, while shimmering grows shine. 1868 MORRIS *Earthly Par.* (1870) I. II. 460 Their red torches' shine. 1878 HARDY *Ret. Native* v. vii, [Her] bedroom was lighted up, and it was the shine from her window which had lighted the pole.

†**b.** A beam or ray; a halo. *Obs.*

1581 J. BELL *Haddon's Answ. Osor.* 483 b, You may putt all your winninges in your eyes, and see never a shine the lesse. 1599 B. JONSON *Cynthia's Rev.* v. ii. Masque i, Her deuice within a Ring of clouds, a Heart with shine about it. 1610 G. FLETCHER *Christ's Tri.* iii, The under Corylets did catch the shines, To guild their leaves. 1654 OWEN *Saints' Persev.* i. 5 Such shines of Gods countenance upon them.

2. Lustre or sheen of an object reflecting light, as metal, water, silk. †*Of shine*: lustrous, glistening.

1599 B. JONSON *Cynthia's Rev.* v. v. (1601) L 3 b, Though we haue now put on no tyre of shine But mortall eyes vndazled may endure. 1648 HERRICK *Hesper.*, *Oberon's Palace* 22 He, and They Led by the shine of Snails. 1667 *Decay Chr. Piety* v. § 29 Dazled with the glittering shine of Gold. 1696 TRYON *Misc.* i. 7 This Spirit..loseth its pure Colour, or bright native Shine. 1813 BYRON *Corsair* I. ii, They..to each his blade assign, And careless eye the blood that dims its shine. 1869 'LEWIS CARROLL' *Phantasmagoria* 92 For it [the hat] had lost its shape and shine, And it had cost him four-and-nine. 1898 MEREDITH *Odes Fr. Hist.* 6 The lurid shine Of seas in the night-wind's whirl.

b. Coupled with *shade* (cf. SHINE *v.* 1 c).

1838 MRS. BROWNING *Seraphim* II, Death upon his face Is rather shine than shade. 1863 'C. BEDE' *Tour in Tartanland* 179 The mountain is..broken up into shine and shade.

c. *Painting* and *Photogr.* Shininess; a shiny patch.

1880 *Athenæum* 28 Feb. 287/2 [The 'spirit fresco' process] being free from shine, is admirably adapted for mural work on a large scale, which should be seen at any angle. 1889 *Anthony's Photogr. Bull.* II. 37 [The daguerreotype] was full of shines. 1901 E. A. PRATT *Notable Masters of Men* 82 Without shine gold paint was of no value.

d. The polish given to a pair of boots by a bootblack; *transf.* a job of boot-blacking.

1871 *News* (Galveston) 4 May (Schele de Vere), As I left the cars, an imp with smutty face, Said: Shine? 1872 LOWELL *Milton* Writ. 1890 IV. 103 If Mr. Masson never heard a shoeblack in the street say, 'Shall I give you a shine, sir?' his experience has been singular. 1894 *Advance* (Chicago) 27 Dec. 456/1 A little boot-black, who..shivered in the March wind and waited for shines.

e. The pupil of the eye. *dial.* (Cf. SHEEN *sb.*[1] 2.)

1713 *Guardian* No. 58 ₱ 6 A Gallon of my October will do thee more good than all thou canst get by fine Sights at London, which I'll engage thou mayest put in the Shine of thine Eye. 1868 ATKINSON *Cleveland Gloss.*

3. Sunshine, *esp.* as opposed to *rain*; hence, fine weather. Also, moonlight.

1622 WITHER *Philarete* N 3, Or shine, or raine, or Blow, I, my Resolutions know. 1693 LOCKE *Educ.* § 9 Heat and Cold, Shine and Rain. 1797 COLERIDGE *Christabel* I. II. 65 Ever and aye, by shine and shower. 1849 BULWER *Caxtons* x. iv, A ceremony which, every night, shine or dark, he insisted upon punctiliously performing. 1888 HENLEY *Bk. Verses* 113 Come storm, come shine, whatever befall. 1896 A. E. HOUSMAN *Shropshire Lad* lv, And the youth at morning shine Makes the vow he will not keep.

4. *fig.* Brilliance, radiance, splendour, lustre. †Also [after G. *schein*], a specious appearance, a 'show'.

1530 *Proper Dyaloge* in Roy *Rede me*, etc. (Arb.) 131 Vyce cloked vnder shyne of vertuousnes. 1535 COVERDALE *Col.* ii. 23 Which thinges haue a shyne [Luther, *schein*; 1611 shew] of wyszdome. 1586 FERNE *Blaz. Gentrie* 15 The bright shine, and worthines of his auncestors. *a* 1634? CHAPMAN *Rev. Hon.* II. i, The glorious shine of your illustrious vertues. 1734 POPE *Ess. Man* IV. 9 Fair op'ning to some court's propitious shine. *a* 1774 GOLDSM. *Hist. Greece* I. 380 The delusive shine of a lively and pompous eloquence. 1867 LOWELL *Fitz Adam's Story* 342 No other face had such a wholesome shine. 1878 BROWNING *Poets Croisic* 53 To bask ..in shine which kings and queens And baby-dauphins shed.

†**b.** Sunniness of disposition. *Obs. rare.*

1710 STEELE *Spect.* No. 75 ₱ 4 What can make a Man so much in constant Good-humour and Shine, as we call it?

c. A brilliant display, a 'dash'. Phr. *to cut* (*make*) *a shine.*

1819 *Metropolis* II. 165 His name was well calculated to cut a shine. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* II. I. xii, To celebrate the nuptials with due shine and demonstration. 1847 ROBB *Squatter Life* (Bartlett 1860), To make a shine with Sally, I took her a new parasol.

d. Colloq. phr. *To take the shine out of* (less freq. *from*, U.S. *off*): to deprive (a person or thing) of his or its brilliance or pre-eminence; to outshine, surpass.

1819 MOORE *Tom Crib* (ed. 3) 34 Shewing such a fist of mutton As..Would take the shine from Speaker Sutton. 1824 LANDOR *Imag. Conv., Southey & Porson* Wks. 1853 I. 73/1, I am inclined to take the shine out of him for it. 1827 DE QUINCEY *Murder* Wks. 1854 IV. 33 The baker jumped up with surprising agility,..but the shine was now taken out of him. 1833 [SEBA SMITH] *Lett. J. Downing* iii. (1835) 43, I am only sorry I didn't bring Seth Sprague along with me, with his pitch-pipe, jest to take the shine off of them 'ere singers. 1842 LOVER *Handy Andy* xxi, The cares of the world..takes the shine out of us.

Shine (ʃoin), *sb.*[2] [perh. uses of prec. sb., but the senses are curiously parallel to those of SHINDY.]

1. A party, convivial gathering; usually *tea-shine*, a 'tea-fight'. *dial.*

1838 MRS. CARLYLE *Lett.* I. 98 Two tea-shines went off with éclat. 1882 *Jamieson's Sc. Dict.*, *Shine*,..in a good sense the term is generally applied to a social gathering, especially when of a convivial kind, as a wedding..or a merry-making, which is called a grand or great shine.

2. A disturbance, row, fuss. *colloq.*

1832–53 *Whistle-binkie* Ser. III. 53 Siccan shines were there, Siccan noisy peltin'. 1849 CUPPLES *Green Hand* xi, Sich a shine and a nitty as I kicks up. 1852 DICKENS *Bleak House* lvii, There'd be a pretty shine made if I was to go a wisitin them. 1889 'R. BOLDREWOOD' *Robbery under Arms* vi, What's one horse to make such a shine about?

3. *pl.* Capers, tricks. *U.S.* Cf. SHINE *sb.*[1] 4 c.

1830 N. DANA *Mariner's Sk.* 34 (Thornton *Amer. Gloss.*), Has your skipper begun to cut any shines yet? 1852 MRS. STOWE *Uncle Tom's C.* iv, 'I'll boun you pulled 'em out, some o' your shines,' said Aunt Chloe.

4. *To take a shine to* (U.S.): to take a fancy for.

1848 LOWELL *Biglow P.* Ser. I. *A Letter*, My gracious! it's a scorpion thet's took a shine to play with't. 1908 W. CHURCHILL *Mr. Crewe's Career* x, He took a shine to you that night you saw him.

†**Shine,** *a. poet. Obs.* [alteration of SHEEN *a.* by assimilation to SHINE *v.*] Shining, bright.

a 1593 MARLOWE *Ovid's Elegies* I. i. 34 Elegian Muse.. Girt my shine browe [Ovid *flaventia tempora*] with Seabanke Mirtle praise. 1596 SPENSER *F. Q.* IV. iii. 3 These warlike Champions all in armour shine, Assembled were in field. 1603 FLORIO *Montaigne* II. xii. 259 *Stellisque micantibus Æthera fixum*..the skies with shine-starres fixt to be.

Shine (ʃoin), *v.* Pa. t. and pa. pple. **shone** (ʃon). Forms: *Inf.* and *Present stem.* 1 scinan, scýnan, 2–3 scine(n, 2–4 schine(n, 3–5 scyne, 3–6 schine, 3–8 schyne, (3 sine, 4 schijne, ssine, ssyne, shyyne, 5 schone (?), 6 shynne), 4–6 shyne, 3– shine. *Pa. t.* 1 scán, sceán (*pl.* scinon), 2–3 sc(e)an, 3–5 schon, 4–5 shoon, s(c)hoen, 4–6 schone, (3 scæn, s(c)on, shan, 4 schoon, 4, 7 shon, 6 shoone), 5– shone; *north.* 4 sca(i)n, schan, 4–5 shane, 4–6 schane, 5 chane; *weak* 4 scynde, schyn(e)de, shynede, schinede, 4–6 shyned, 5 schynyd, -it, 6 schynet, schynnit, 6 schyned, 6–7 shinde, 6–8 shin'd, 7 shind, 6– (now chiefly *dial.* and *arch.*) shined. *Pa. pple.* 3 sinen; 4–6 shyned, 7 shin'd, 7–8 shined; 8 shon, 6– shone. [Com. Teut. str. vb.: OE. *scînan* (pa. t. *scán*, *scinon*, pa. pple. **scinen*) = OFris. *skîna* (WFris. *skine*, NFris. *skiin*), OS. *skînan* (MLG., LG., MDu. *schînen*, Du. *schijnen*), OHG. *scînan* (MHG. *scînen*, *schînen*, G. *scheinen* to shine, to seem, appear), ON. *skîna* (Sw. *skina*), Goth. *skeinan*:—OTeut. **skînan*, f. root *skî* by means of the present-stem formative *n*, which was carried through into the past tense and pa. pple.

Affinities outside Teutonic are Skr. *châyâ* shade, shimmer, mod.Pers. *sâya*, Gr. σκιά, OSlav. *sěn*[ь], Albanian *hē* shade; for the sense cf. SHIM *sb.*[1] and *v.*[1], SHIMMER *v.*

The regular str. pa. pple. is rare in Eng., being unrecorded in OE. and appearing only once in ME. *sinen*; it was superseded by the weak form *shined*, which was in common use *c* 1300–1800; this was supplanted by the form of the str. pa. t., which first appears as pa. pple. in the second half of the 16th c. (Weak forms are found in some of the continental langs., e. g. (pa. t.) late WFris. *schynd*, MLG. *schynede*, OHG. *scînta*, early mod.G. *schein(e)te.*)]

1. *intr.* Of a heavenly body or an object that is alight: To shed beams of bright light; to give out light so as to illuminate; to be radiant. Also with *forth*, *out.*

c 725 *Corpus Gloss.* (Hessels) A 801 *Ardebat*, scaan. *c* 888 ÆLFRED *Boeth.* ix, þonne seo sunne ou hadrum heofone beorhtost scineð, þonne aþeostriað ealle steorran. *c* 1000 ÆLFRIC *Gen.* i. 15 Hiȝ scinon on þære heofenan fæstnysse and alihton þa eorðan. *a* 1122 *O. E. Chron.* (Laud MS.) an. 678, Her ateowede cometa se steorra..& scan .iii. monðas ælce morȝen swilce sunnebeam. *a* 1200 *Moral Ode* 275 Neure sunne þer ne scinð. *c* 1220 *Bestiary* 19 in *O. E. Misc.*, Ne stireð he nout of slepe Til ðe sunne haueð sinen. *c* 1290 *St. Bridget* 41 in *S. Eng. Leg.* 193 Þe sonne schon In at one hole. 1390 GOWER *Conf.* I. 323 Hove out of mi Sonne, And let it schyne into mi Tonne. *Ibid.* II. 120 The nyht was derk, ther schon no Mone. *c* 1440 *Alphabet of Tales* 513/5 So he wolde sytt all day to þe son shane on his face agayn. 1500–20 DUNBAR *Poems* XXXV. 1 Lucina schynnyng in silence of the nicht. 1566 GASCOIGNE *Jocasta* II. i, The aultars where the sacred flames haue shone. 1590 SHAKS. *Mids. N.* v. i. 272 Well shone Moone. 1620 T. GRANGER *Div. Logike* 29 It is day: because the Sun shineth above the horizon. 1703 ROWE *Ulysses* I. i, What Sun has shon that has not seen your Insolence. 1704 PRIOR *Celia to Damon* 20 Fires Eternal on Her Altars shine. 1735 JOHNSON *Lobo's Abyssinia*, Descr. iv. 64 When the Storm is over, the Sun Shines out as before. 1815 SCOTT *Guy M.* XXVII, It must surely have been a light in the hut of a forester, for it shone too steadily to be the glimmer of an *ignis fatuus.* 1860 TYNDALL *Glac.* I. XVIII. 133 The fog became thin, and the sun shone through it.

weak pa. t. c 1305 *Pop. Treat. Sci.* (1841) 133/66 The sonne..that..Maketh hire [the moon] so schyne aboute as heo schynde in crestal. *c* 1385 CHAUCER *L. G. W.* 2194 No man she saw & 3it shynede the mone. *c* 1450 tr. *De Imitatione* III. lv. 131 Whan þy lanterne shyned upon his hede. *a* 1578 LINDESAY (Pitscottie) *Chron. Scot.* (S.T.S.) I. 229 The sone..schynnit bright wpoun the saillis. 1645 SYMONDS *Diary* (Camden) 243 This night I saw a rainbow..at five in the morning, and the moone shined bright. 1776 CHANDLER *Trav. Greece* XLV. 201 The moon shined bright.

b. Of the day: To be sunny or bright; also, to dawn. Chiefly *poet.*

1382 WYCLIF *Matt.* XXVIII. 1 In the euenyng of the saboth, ..that schyneth [Vulg. *lucescit*] in the firste day of the woke. 1567 *Gude & Godlie B.* (S.T.S.) 95 As the goldin morning schynis bricht. *a* 1578 LINDESAY (Pitscottie) *Chron. Scot.* (S.T.S.) I. 397 Quhilk at last the daylyght begane to schyne. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* VII. 108 We can..dismiss thee ere the Morning shine. 1742 GRAY *West* 1 In vain to me the smileing Mornings shine.

c. impers. *It shines*: it is sunny.

c 1400 *Beryn* 1317 Thow tokist noon hede whils it shoon hoot. 1577 TUSSER *Husb.* (1878) 43 At noone if it bloweth, at night if it shine. 1622 J. TAYLOR (Water P.) *Watercormorant* A 4, According to his mood it raines or shines. 1853 HAWTHORNE *Engl. Note-bks.* (1883) I. 436 By and by the sun shone out, and it has continued to shine and shade every ten minutes ever since.

d. *To shine upon*: to look favourably upon, be favourable to, said of a star, or (in biblical language) of the face of God. *arch.*

1535 COVERDALE *Num.* vi. 25 The Lorde make his face to shyne vpon the. 1568 GRAFTON *Chron.* II. 707 Notwithstanding, that fortune shone on hym in obteyning the victorie agaynst the Erle of Warwike. 1591 SHAKS. 1 *Hen. VI*, I. ii. 75 Heauen and our Lady gracious hath it pleas'd To shine on my contemptible estate. 1617 MORYSON *Itin.* II. 51 The Lord Mountjoy, like a good Planet, with a fortunate aspect began to shine thereon. 1648 CROMWELL *Let. to R. Hammond* 25 Nov., We are sure, the good-will of Him who dwelt in the Bush has shined upon us. 1791 BURNS *Lament Mary Q. of Scots* vi, May kinder stars Upon thy fortune shine!

2. Of a metallic, polished, smooth, or glossy object: To be bright or resplendent; to gleam, glisten, or glitter with reflected light.

c 897 ÆLFRED *Gregory's Past. C.* xiv. 88 Swæ swæ on ðæm mæssehrægle scinð [*Hatton MS.* sciend] ongemang oðrum bleom ðæt twyðrawene twin. *a* 1000 *Cædmon's Exod.* 125 (Gr.) Sceaan scir werod, scyldas lixton. *c* 1205 LAY. 27361 Sceldes hlikien burnen scinen. *a* 1225 *Juliana* 54 (Royal MS.) Hire nebscheft schininde [*Bodl. MS.* schiminde]

al as schene as þe sunne. *c* 1230 *Hali Meid.* 11 Nis hit nower neh gold al þat ter schineð. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 8484 Stedfast stode þe marbel stan, On-ferr þe golden letters scan. 1338 R. Brunne *Chron.* (1725) I. 148 Of gold schone his coroun. 13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* A. 80 Wyth schymeryng schene ful schrylle þay schynde. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Prol.* 198 His heed was balled, þat shoon as any glas. *c* 1470 *Gol. & Gaw.* 20 Thair baneris schane with the sone, of siluer and sabill. 1526 Tindale *Luke* ix. 29 His garment was whyte, and shoone. 1577 T. Kendall *Flowers of Epigr.* 73 His tongue did lispe, his visage shinde. 1588 Shaks. *L. L. L.* IV. iii. 246 O 'tis the Sunne that maketh all things shine. 1667 Milton *P. L.* III. 508 Thick with sparkling orient Gemmes The Portal shon. 1751 Lavington *Enthus. Meth. & Papists* III. (1754) 78 The whole House shined. 1808 Scott *Marm.* VI. Introd. 53 The huge hall-table's oaken face, Scrubb'd till it shone. 1860 Tyndall *Glac.* II. i. 237 A rook's feather may be made to shine with magnificent iridescences. 1888 Henley *Bk. Verses* 118 Clear shine the hills.

indirect passive. 1737 Whiston *Josephus, Hist.* IV. x. § 1 When they saw the riches of Rome..and found themselves shone round about..with silver and gold.

b. To be bright *with*.

1606 Shaks. *Ant. & Cl.* I. iii. 45 Our Italy, Shines o're with ciuill Swords. 1733 *Revol. Politicks* V. 37 The Streets in the Evening every where shined very gloriously with Bonefires. 1883 R. W. Dixon *Mano* II. ii. 68 The altar shone With gold and silver.

3. To be radiant or brilliant with high colouring, rich array, or the like; to be effulgent with splendour or beauty; to make a brave show. Now *rare*.

971 *Blickl. Hom.* 7 Seo hwitnes þære lilian scineþ on þe. *c* 1375 *Cursor M.* 23696 (Fairf.) Maui flouris..uener-mare þe colour tine bot as paradis salle þai shine. *a* 1400 *Pistill of Susan* 106 (MS. I.) Þe chaumpet, þe cheuerell, þat schon opon heyght. *c* 1450 *Mirk's Festial* 132 Þes two woymen þat schynen passyng all oþyr, wer two comyn woymen. 1513 Douglas *Æneis* I. vi. 163 Her nek schane like unto the roise in May. 1577 T. Kendall *Flowers of Epigr.* 84 b, In all thy body bewty shines, thy forhed shineth fair. *a* 1639 Carew *To A. L.* 64 When a fair lady's face is pined, And yellow spread where red once shined. 1781 Cowper *Truth* 70 [The pheasant] retreats..To the close copse..And shines without desiring to be seen. 1823 Scott *Quentin D.* xxxii, We are somewhat shorn of our train, .. but you, cousin, must shine out for us both. 1833 Tennyson *Œnone* 176 Her light foot Shone rosy-white. 1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* I. I. ii, Some centennial Cactus-flower, which after a century of waiting shines out for hours! 1878 Susan Phillips *On Seaboard* 199 In the golden meadows, where the cowslip and crowsfoot shone.

4. In various fig. applications (cf. 5 and 6), with retention of literal phraseology.

c 1000 *Ags. Gosp.* Matt. xiii. 43 Þonne scinað ða rihtwisan swa swa sunne on hyra fæder rice. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 246, & te soðe sunne, þet is Jesu Crist, schineð þerefter schennure to þe soule. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 12574 Þe clernes self o godds light Schau on him. 1382 Wyclif *Matt.* v. 16 So shyyne 3oure liȝt before men, that thei see 3oure good werkis. *c* 1400 *Rom. Rose* 5357 Whan Richesse shyneth bright, Love recovereth ageyn his light. *c* 1450 Capgrave *Life St. Gilbert* xv, Ther schone, or ellis schyned, in þe soule of þese women a fayr beute of precious perles, of swech goostly richesse. 1526 Tindale 2 *Cor.* iv. 6 It is god.. which hath shyned in oure hertes, for to geve the light of knowledge off the glorious god. 1535 Coverdale *Isa.* ix. 2 As for them that dwel in the londe of the shadowe of death, vpon them shal the light shyne. 1594 Marlowe & Nashe *Dido* II. i. 481 In whose stern faces shin'd the quenchles fire. 1611 Shaks. *Cymb.* v. v. 476 The Radiant Cymbeline, Which shines heere in the West. 1654–66 Earl Orrery *Parthen.* (1676) 212 A Virtue, greater than euer yet had shin'd on earth. 1700 Dryden *Fables* Pref. C 2, Chaucer ..is a rough Diamond, and must first be polish'd e'er he shines. 1773 R. Lowth *Serm. Rom. xii. 11* p. 6 Their Learning..was such as could only have shined in dark times. 1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* I. II. viii, For we shall still find Hope shining..as a mild heavenly light it shone; as a red conflagration it shines. 1849 T. Woolner *My Beautiful Lady* xii, How beautiful she is! A glorious gem She shines above the summer diadem Of flowers!

5. Of persons: To be conspicuous or brilliant in ability, character, achievement, or position; to be eminent or distinguished, to excel.

c 900 tr. *Bæda's Hist.* I. xii. (1890) 44 Se nama ðære Romaniscan þeode, se ðe mid swa lange scean & bryhte. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xxvii. (*Machor*) 318 A man that schane of halynes. *c* 1400 *Apol. Loll.* 43 If we schyn in þeis vertues. 1474 Caxton *Chesse* II. v. (1883) 69 Hit was better and more noble thynge to shyne in good maners than in vayssell. 1560 Daus tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* 202 To shyne before theyr flock with honest examples of lyfe. 1647 Clarendon *Hist. Reb.* I. § 131 He shined in the House of Peers. 1710 Steele *Tatler* No. 244 P 1 An Ambition to excel, or, as the Term is, to shine, in Company. 1747 H. Walpole *Let. to Mann* 3 July, We shine at sea; two-and-forty sail of the Domingo fleet have fallen into our hands. 1805 T. Harral *Scenes of Life* I. 113 That cause in which British valour had so often shined triumphant. 1818 Byron *Juan* I. xxiii, If there's anything in which I shine, 'Tis in arranging all my friends' affairs. 1836 Thirlwall *Greece* xvii. III. 2 He..never shone as an orator. 1859 *Habits of Gd. Society* xiv. 349 The people who were stupidest before, suddenly shine out quite brilliantly. 1889 *Harper's Mag.* Mar. 561/1 There was..a special reason which made me resolved to shine at this ball at whatever cost.

6. Of something immaterial: To appear with conspicuous clearness; to be brilliantly evident or visible; to stand out clearly.

c 1340 Hampole *Prose Treat.* 12 In þis gyfte schynes contemplacyone. 1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) IV. 449 A noble soule schoon by virtues in þat litel body. 1456 Sir G. Haye *Law Arms* (S.T.S.) 6 His grete beautee schynit aa before all otheris. 1471 Caxton *Recuyell* (Sommer) 247 Alle good manyeres began to growe and shyne in hym. *a* 1586 Sidney *Arcadia* II. (Sommer) 127 b, Then shined foorth indeede all loue amoug them. 1594 Hooker *Eccl. Pol.* III. xi. § 9 The wisedom of God, which shineth in the bewtifull varietie of all things. 1632 Massinger *Maid of Hon.* IV. iv, The reuereuce and Majesty of Iuno Shinde in her lookes. 1667 Milton *P. L.* II. 304 Princely counsel in his face yet shon. 1725 Pope *Odyss.* XIV. 204 In all the youth his father's image shin'd. 1853 C. Bronte *Villette* xx, What fun shone in his eyes as he recalled some of her fine speeches! 1888 'J. S. Winter' *Bootle's Childr.* vi, How the aged look faded off her worn face, and the sweet prettiness of former days began to shine out again.

b. To be clearly evident *through* an outward appearance.

1590 Shaks. *Two Gent.* II. i. 40 These follies are within you, and shine through you like the water in an Vrinall. 1605 — *Macb.* III. i. 128 Your Spirits shine through you. 1628 Feltham *Resolves* II. [I.] xlvii. 138 To see the Countenance, (through which perhaps there shiu'd a louely Maiesty..). 1858 Hawthorne *Fr. & It. Note-bks.* II. 31 The babe Jesus in her arm, with his Father shining through him. 1859 Tennyson *Marr. Geraint* 545 Yniol's rusted arms Were on his princely person, but thro' these Prince-like his bearing shone.

†**7.** *To shine through*: to be transparent. *Obs.*

1675 Alsop *Anti-Sozzo* III. ii. 207 This [reasoning] is very thin Stuff; it shines through.

8. *trans.* To shed light upon, illuminate. *rare.*

1398 Trevisa *Barth. De P. R.* VIII. xvii. (1495) 325 The mone is alway halfe shyned of the sonne. *a* 1700 Ken *Hymnotheo* Poet. Wks. III. 355 God shines his Sou, the Son God's shine reflects.

9. To cause (light) to shine, emit (rays). Also *fig.*

1588 Greene *Perimedes* H 2 b, Her eyes shines fauour, courtesie, and grace. 1590 — *Never too late* (1600) E 3, Eyes that lighten and doe shine, Beames of lone that are diuine. 1647 Saltmarsh *Spark. Glory* 118 God..shines forth his wisdom..upon the world. 1661 Feltham *Resolves* II. xvi. 211 If it be but by reflection only, the beams are reverberated bright, as is the Sun that shines them. 1852 Thackeray *Esmond* II. vii, She approached, shining smiles upon Esmond.

b. To show the light of (a lantern).

1895 P. H. Emerson *Birds, etc. Norfolk Broadland* xxxvi. 103 The sparrow-catcher comes of a night and shines his bright lantern, and the foolish birds fly at it like moths at a candle.

10. a. *To shine down*: to surpass in brilliance.

1613 Shaks. *Hen. VIII*, I. i. 20 The French..like Heathen Gods Shoue downe the English. 1866 'Annie Thomas' *Walter Goring* xxxvii, 'Take it, Walter', she continued, 'give it to her; tell her she shines me down.'

b. To drive *away* by shining.

1884 Tennyson *Becket* III. i, Not The sun himself..Could shine away the darkness of that gap.

11. To cause to shine, put a polish on; *U.S.* (inflected *shined*) to black (boots).

1613 R. C. *Table Alph.* (ed. 3), *Varnish*, shiue, set a glosse vpon. 1871 Calverley *Arab* 27 And thou hiutest withal that thou fain would'st shine..these bulgy old boots of mine. 1871 O. W. Holmes *Poet Breakf.-t.* xii, I wonder if they would find the seven-branched golden candlestick. ..I should like to..shine it up (excuse my colloquialisms). 1872 B. Harte *Heiress of Red Dog* (1879) 188 Shine your boots, sir? 1891 Gunter *Miss Dividends* ix, While his large boots have been very brightly shined by the boot-black.

12. *U.S.* (*Hunting.*) To throw the light of a lantern, etc. on (the eyes of an animal); to locate the position of (an animal) in this way.

1845 [W. T. Thompson] *Chron. Pineville* 169 (Bartlett *Dict. Amer.* 1860) You see the way we does to shine the deer's eyes is this—we holds the pan of fire so, on the left shoulder, and carries the gun at a trail in the right hand. 1872 Schele de Vere *Americanisms* 541 Daniel Boone, while fire-hunting, shined a pair of mild blue eyes which struck him as not belonging to the game he was seeking. 1910 Roosevelt *Afr. Game Trails* x. 226 We had discovered that the way to get this..nocturnal animal was by 'shining' it with a lantern at night.

Shi·neless, *a.* [f. Shine *sb.*[1] + -less.] Without brightness.

1882 G. Macdonald *Princess & Curdie* iii, A dull, shineless twilight filled the place.

Shiner (ʃəi·nəɹ). [f. Shine *v.* + -er [1].]

1. An object that shines.

1398 Trevisa *Barth. De P. R.* VIII. xvi. (1495) 322 The soune is..shyner of heuen [L. *fulgor olympi*]. 1633 G. Herbert *Temple, Christmas* 29 Till I finde a sunne Shall stay, till we have done; A willing shiner. 1655 Vaughan *Silex Scint.* III. *Thalia Rediv.* 239 O blessed shiner, tell me whither Thou wilt be gone when night comes hither! 1765 J. Brown *Chr. Jrnl.* 140 Where will you glow-worms of carnal diversions,..you shiners in the dark, be? 1844 Willis *Lady Jane* I. 326, I cannot shine—but I can see a star—Are there not worshippers as well as shiners? 1859 F. Mahony *Rel. Fr. Prout* 403 A small twinkling shiner ..in the wide canopy of heaven.

b. *pl.* Some Russian instrument of torture.

1630 [F. Constable] *Pathomachia* III. iv. 29 Vnlesse thou confesse, the Russian Shiners, the Scottish Bootes,..and Peare of Confession shall torment thee.

c. *pl.* Coin, money, *esp.* sovereigns or guineas; occas. *sing.*, a silver or gold coin. *slang.*

1760 Foote *Minor* II. Wks. 1799 I. 251 To let a lord of lands want shiners; 'tis a shame. 1806 Surr *Winter in Lond.* II. 63 So I shows him a shiner. 1838 Dickens *O. Twist* xix, Is it worth fifty shiners extra, if it's safely done from the outside? 1851 Mayne Reid *Scalp Hunters* ix, I will bring you a mule-load of Mexican shiners. 1887 Hayter *My Christmas Adv.* 9 Within my purse and pocket scarce a shiner.

d. A mirror; *spec.* one used by cheaters at cards. *slang.*

1812 J. H. Vaux *Flash Dict.*, *Shiner*, a looking-glass. 1819 *Sporting Mag.* (N. S.) IV. 230 He then asked me if I had bought shiners? which means glasses. 1909 *Tit-Bits* 14 Aug. 515/2 The 'shiner' is carried separately in the pocket until needed, while the gambler smokes the pipe.

e. *colloq.* A silk hat.

1867 F. Francis *Bk. Angling* vi. 154 A tall black hat, or one of the genus termed 'shiner'.

2. One who shines: **a.** One who excels or is eminent.

1810 *Splendid Follies* III. 106 He was never formed for a shiner through life. 1847 Halliwell, *Shiner*, a clever fellow. *North.*

b. *pl.* A nickname for the Northumberland Fusiliers, formerly the 5th Foot.

1891 *Dict. Nat. Biog.* XXV. 3/1 The 5th was..popularly known as the 'Shiners', from its smart appearance and attention to parade details.

c. A bootblack.

1912 *19th Cent.* Nov. 1018 An occasional white face may be seen even among the noisy shiner boys, and the little white shiner works continuously.

3. Applied to various small silvery fishes; the young of the mackerel; *U.S.* any of various small freshwater fishes, chiefly cyprinoids as the dace.

Golden shiner, a fish of the genus *Nemotigonus*.

1836 Yarrell *Brit. Fishes* I. 124 The young Mackerel, which are called Shiners, are from four to six inches long by the end of August. 1836 J. Richardson *Fauna Bor.-Amer.* III. 122 *Cyprinus* (*Leuciscus*) *chrysoleucas*...New York Shiner. 1839 Kirtland in *Bost. Jrnl. Nat. Hist.* III. 339 *Luxilus elongatus*...The Red-bellied Shiner. *Ibid.* 341 *L. dissimilis*...The Spotted Shiner. 1844 O. W. Holmes *Lines Berksh. Jubilee* 46 Oh, what are the prizes we perish to win To the first little 'shiner' we caught with a pin. 1888 Goode *Amer. Fishes* 99 The 'Sailor's Choice'..bears several other names..as the 'Porgy' and 'Shiner'. 1893 *Outing* XXII. 89/2 A golden shiner about five inches in length.

b. = Silver-fish **2.** (In mod. Dicts.)

†**Shi·neness.** *Obs. north.* In 1 scinisse, 4 schinnes. [f. Shine *v.* + -ness.] Light, brightness.

c 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* Mark xiii. 24 Ðe mona ne seleð scinisse his [*splendorem suum*]. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 23688 Þat scene schinnes [*Gött.* þe schene schining] o cristal.

Shineness, variant spelling of Shyness.

Shingle (ʃi·ŋg'l), *sb.*[1] Forms: 3 scincle, 3–6 shyngle, 4 schingel, schingle, schyngil, scingle, shyngel, -yl, singel, 4–6 schyngle, shingell, 5 chyngle, chyngyl, 5–6 schyngyl(l, shingil(l, shyngul(l, 6 s(c)hengle, shengyll, shyngyll(e, syngle, 6–7 single, 7 shingelle, 4– shingle. [ME. *scincle, shyngle*, app. representing (? through an AF. modification) L. *scindula*, later form of *scandula*, commonly held to be due to the influence of Gr. σχινδαλμός.

L. *scindula* is represented in Germanic by OHG. *scindala, scintila*, MHG. *schintel*, (also mod.) *schindel*, MLG. *schindele*, MDu. *schindel*: cf. Shindle. L. *scandula* passed into Romanic as F. *échandole*, It. *scandola*.]

1. A thin piece of wood having parallel sides and one end thicker than the other, used as a house-tile.

c 1200 *Vices & Virtues* 95 Ðe faste hope..is rof and wrikð alle ðe hire bieð beneðen mid ðe scincles of holie þohtes. *c* 1305 *Land Cokaygne* 57 in *E. E. P.* (1862) 157 Þe scingles alle Of cherche cloister boure and halle. 1335–6 in Bayley *Tower Lond.* (1821) App. I. p. ij, Item in defectibus aulæ domini regis in coopertura, shyngles, coquinæ, pistrinæ. 1398 Trevisa *Barth. De P. R.* XVII. clxviii. (Bodl. MS.), The laþþe..is nailed þwarteouer to þe rafters and theron hougeþ sclattes, tile, and schingels. 14.. *Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 610/13 *Scindula*, a shyngul. 1510 Stanbridge *Vocabula* (W. de W.) B iv b, *Scandula*, a shyngylles [*sic*]. 1577 B. Googe *Heresbach's Husb.* II. (1586) 106 Shingles.. are to be cutte betwixte midde Winter, and the beginning of the Westerne Windes. 1591 Percivall *Sp. Dict.*, *Ripia*, a lath, a single. 1669 Worlidge *Syst. Agric.* 214 Shingles are to be preferred before Thatch. 1785 *Gentl. Mag.* LV. II. 49 The houses are almost all of wood, covered with the same; the roof with shingles. 1817–8 Cobbett *Year's Resid. Amer.* (1822) 317 Your house..covered with cedar shingles. 1886 Ruskin *Præterita* I. 299 The Jura cottage..is covered with thin slit fine shingles.

(*b*) *collect. sing.*

c 1330 *Arth. & Merl.* 5874 Arthour smot on hem, saunfaile, So on þe singel doþe þe haile. *c* 1340 *Nominale* (Skeat) 481 *Couert one tiel ou cene*, Hilde with tile or with schyngle. *c* 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* I. lxxv, Heled weel with shyngul, tile, or broom. 1552 in *Archæol. Cant.* (1872) VIII. 128 For makyng vj thowsen of schyngle & iiij honder xxix s. 1557 in *Shropsh. Par. Docum.* (1903) 58 Re'd of mr Vicar for olde Shengle vi[d]. 1575 *Ibid.* 65 For ou thowsand of shyngle xviii[s]. 1871 Yeats *Techn. Hist. Comm.* 132 Their roofs of shingle or of thatch. 1899 Baring-Gould *Vicar of Morwenstow* ix, The roof was covered with oak shingle.

b. fig. phr. (orig. Australian colloq.). *A shingle short*: 'a tile loose': said of one who is mentally deficient.

1852 Mundy *Antipodes* III. i. 17 Let no man having, in colonian phrase, 'a shiugle short' try this country. 1885 Mrs. C. Praed *Head Stat.* xviii. II. 6 I've been given to understand that poets are usually a shiugle short.

c. *gen.* A piece of board. (Cf. *shingle-board.*)

1825 Scott *Betrothed* ii, A long low hall, built of rough wood lined with shingles. 1825 J. Neal *Bro. Jonathan* III. 150 A piece of shingle, which he was pretending to whittle, after the fashion of your 'nait'ral boru' Yankee. 1844 *Cath. Weekly Instr.* 114 The hut was low, built of shingles. 1894 Miss E. L. Banks *Campaigns Curios.* 143, I had neglected to provide myself with a shingle, with small holes, in which to place my flowers, to make them stand upright.

d. *U.S.* A small sign-board.

1847 J. M. Field *Drama in Pokerville* (Bartlett 1860), The 'No Admittance!' which frowned from a shingle over the door. 1865 Holland *Plain Talk* iv. 131 When a boy changes his roundabout for a coat, he is ready to 'stick out his shingles'. 1879 Tourgee *Fool's Err.* i. 10 He studied law ..and hung out his shingle.

2. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *shingle-laden, -laying, -maker, -wise*; †**shingle-board** = sense 1, 1 c; **shingle-nail**, a nail used in fixing shingles in building; **shingle-oak**, (*a*) the laurel oak, *Quercus imbricaria*; (*b*) the she-oak; **shingle-weaver, -wood** (see quots.).

Several other compounds are given in Knight's *Dict. Mech.* and the recent U. S. dicts.

c 1300 in *Black Bk. Admiralty* (Rolls) II. 192 Menn bord qe lem appele baryl bord ou *shyngel-bord. 1589 Hakluyt *Voy.* 286 The roofes..are couered with shingle boordes. 1637 Heywood *Royall Ship* 13 Lined with shingle-boards, or wainscot-plankes. 1881 *Chicago Times* 14 May, The vessel is *shingle-laden. 1866 Rogers *Agric. & Prices* I. xv. 279 *Shingle-laying is sometimes paid by the thousand. 1792 in E. G. Ingham *Sierra Leone* iii. (1894) 46 Bakers, 4...*Shingle Maker, 1. 1836 Haliburton *Clockm.* Ser. 1. iii, A shingle-maker's shed. 1303–4 *Acc. Chamberl. Chester* (1910) 42 Bord-nail, *schingelneil, latnail. 1554 in *Shropsh. Par. Docum.* (1903) 55 Half a m of syngle nayle. 1867 Lowell *Fitz Adam's Story* 417 He had been known to cut a fig in two And change a board-nail for a shingle-nail. 1886 Morse *Jap. Homes* 79 Bamboo pins..are used as shingle-nails. 1818 T. Nuttall *Genera N. Amer. Plants* II. 214 *Quercus imbricaria* (*Shingle Oak). 1889 Maiden *Native Plants Austral.* 15 *Casuarina stricta*,..'Shingle Oak', 'Coast She-oak'. 1860 Bartlett *Dict. Amer.* (ed. 3), **Shingle-weaver*, a workman who dresses shingles. 1872 Coues *N. Amer. Birds* 46 Scales..apt to be imbricated, or fixed *shingle-wise. 1864 Grisebach *Flora W. Ind. Islands* 787 *Shingle-wood: *Nectandra leucantha.*

b. passing into *adj.* = (*a*) consisting of, covered or built with, shingles, as *shingle house, roof*; (*b*) used in making shingles, as *shingle machine.*

1810 W. Irving *Life & Lett.* (1864) I. 245 More pleasing in the sight of Heaven..than building a dozen shingle church steeples. 1819–20 — *Leg. Sleepy Hollow* Sk.-Bk. (1821) 299 The money invested in..shingle palaces in the wilderness. 1848–54 Webster, *Shingle-roofed*, having a roof covered with shingles. *a* 1850 Mrs. Browning *Runaway Slave* xi, When the shingle-roof rang sharp with the rains. 1858 Simmonds *Dict. Trade, Shingle-machine*, an American machine for riving, shaving, and jointing shingles, which is capable of making 30,000 per day. *Ibid., Shingle-mill*, a saw-mill for cutting planks or logs into shingles. 1868 *Rep. U. S. Comm. Agric.* (1869) 56 Board and shingle sugar-houses. 1899 Baring-Gould *Vicar of Morwenstow* ix, A shingle roof he would have or none at all.

Shingle (ʃiŋg'l), *sb.*2 Forms: *α.* 6– **chingle**, 6–7 *Sc.* **chyngill**. *β.* 6– **shingle**. [Of obscure origin; the forms with *ch-*, which are somewhat the earlier and are mainly Sc. and East Anglian, suggest an echoic origin (cf. *chink*). The change of *ch-* to *sh-* is paralleled in the history of Shiver *v.*2 The relation of this word to Norw. *singl* coarse sand, small stones, NFris. *singel* (large) gravel, is not clear.]

1. Small roundish stones; loose, waterworn pebbles such as are found collected upon the sea-shore. *a. collect. sing.*

α. 1598 Hakluyt *Voy.* I. 556 Chingle and great stones being skorched in that fiery gulfe. 1603 *Reg. Mag. Sig. Scot.* 517/2 Arenam et lie chyngill et lapides super ripas dicte aque. 1611 in *Extracts Rec. Convent. Burghs Scot.* (1870) II. 327 To cans the fyscher boits to be ballastet.. with chyngill onlie, and nocht with staynes. 1633 J. Done tr. *Aristeas' Hist. Septuagint* 51 In the Superficies..was represented..the Flood Meander, ..in the Channell of which, one might see a Splendor of Precious Stones, representing his rowling waues, which Chingle was of Carbuncles [etc.]. 1787 W. H. Marshall *Provinc. Norfolk* (E.D.S.), *Chingle*, gravel, free from dirt. 1798 *Statist. Acc. Scot.* XX. 27 The surface is not above a foot or 18 inches from the chingle. 1807 Headrick *Arran* 232 This stratum is not visible on the sea beach, being probably covered with chingle or stones.

β. 1676 *Phil. Trans.* XI. 627 The shores..are for the most part sandy, but only in some points there is some shingle cast up. 1717 S. Sewall *Diary* 28 Sept., Not to fetch any more Shingle from the point, to mend the Cansey. 1778 *Eng. Gazetteer* (ed. 2), Ramsey, in the Isle of Man,.. standing upon a beach of loose sand, or shingle. 1833 Lyell *Princ. Geol.* III. 271 A violent and transient rush of waters which tore up the soil to a great depth, excavated valleys, gave rise to immense beds of shingle. 1867 'Ouida' *Cecil Castlemaine*, etc. 239 In dashed the bay through the park-gates, sending the shingle flying up in small simoons. 1882 Geikie *Text-bk. Geol.* II. II. § 6. 155 In shingle the stones are coarser, ranging up to blocks as big as a man's head or larger. 1894 Crockett *Raiders* 116 The swell broke upon a beach of shingle and sand.

b. *collect. pl.* (Locally the name of a pebbly beach or bank; cf. quot. 1577 in 2 *β.*)

1574 W. Bourne *Regim. Sea* xxii. 60 At the comming from Portland you shall haue .35. fadoms, and small shingles. *a* 1608 Dee *Relat. Spirits* I. (1659) 115 The shingles, through the which the Spring runs. 1706 Phillips (ed. Kersey), *Shingles*,..the Name of a Shelf, or Sand-bank in the Sea, about the Isle of Wight. 1803 Southey in *Ann. Rev.* I. 9 A neck of land chiefly composed of sand, shingles and drift wood. 1818 Scott *Rob Roy* xviii, The way..was a happy interchange of bog and shingles. 1842 Sedgwick in *Hudson's Guide Lakes* (1843) 188 The overlying..beds of limestone are..separated from the..beds of slate, by masses of conglomerate or cemented shingles. 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* xxv, Just as the nymph..stepped out of the little caravan on to the shingles. 1862 Ansted *Channel Isl.* I. iv. 79 The shingles here do not afford a landing-place.

2. A beach or other tract covered with loose roundish pebbles.

α. 1513 Douglas *Æneis* x. vi. 34 In the schald scho stoppis, and dyd stand Apon a dry chyngill or bed of sand. *a* 1825 Forby *Voc. E. Anglia, Chingly*, abounding in small stones, etc., commonly applied to a newly repaired road. The loose pebbly beach is called the chingle or shingle.

β. 1577 Harrison *England* I. ix. 22 b, in *Holinshed*, We meete with y^e^ fal of a water neere to S. Catherins chapple as we sailed by y^e^ Shingle. 1674 N. Fairfax *Bulk & Selv.* 200 A world of Sea-stones on the shingle. 1822 T. Mitchell *Com. Aristoph.* II. 182 He has robb'd the sea-shore, And has hived such a store As would give a large shingle its coating. 1856 Emerson *Eng. Traits, Ability* Wks. (Bohn) II. 34 The enchantments of barren shingle and rough weather.

3. *attrib.*, as *shingle-ballast, bank, beach, -bed, -stone, track, trap*; *shingle-covered, -formed* adjs.; **shingle-tramper** (see quot.).

1801 *Naval Chron.* V. 270 The many instances of injury arising from the use of *shingle ballast. 1888 F. Cowper *Cædwalla* i. 15 The scrub on the top of the *shingle bank. 1834 Marryat *Peter Simple* xxvi, Oh! with what joy did I first put my foot on the *shingle beach at Sallyport. 1881 *Rep. Geol. Explor. New Zealand* 123 The Dart flows along a wide *shingle-bed. 1875 W. McIlwraith *Guide Wigtownshire* 51 A narrow, *shingle-covered opening in the cliffs. 1897 Mary Kingsley *W. Africa* 116 Masses of *shingle-formed conglomerate. 1614 T. Gentleman *England's Way* 25 Their haven [*viz.* Southwold, Suffolk] is..stopped vp with Beach and *Chingle-stone. 1863 Lyell *Antiq. Man* 31 One of the round shingle stones. 1886 Kendall *Poems* 201 He camps by the side of a *shingle track. 1867 Smyth *Sailor's Word-bk.*, **Shingle-tramper*, a coast-guard man. 1839 *Civil Eng. & Arch. Jrnl.* II. 85/2 Shingle has a decided tendency to drive eastward, and convert harbours lying in its course into what have been designated '*shingle traps'.

Shingle, *sb.*3 Erron. f. Single *sb.* 1 b.

1660 Howell *Parly of Beasts* 51 That lovely white Hinde (though she hath som black spots about her shingle)..she was once a Woman. 1661 Morgan *Sph. Gentry* I. vi. 81 [The tail] of the Hart is the Tail, and the Ro-buck or Deer the Shingle. 1688 Holme *Armoury* II. vii. 133/1.

Shingle (ʃiŋg'l), *v.*1 [f. Shingle *sb.*1]

1. *trans.* To cover, roof (a house, etc.) with shingles.

1562 Withals *Dict.* 42 b/2 *Scandulo*, to shyngle. 1577 V. Leigh *Surv.* I ij, Whether..slated, shingled, or thatched. 1638 Bp. Mountagu *Art. Eng. Visit.* A 2, Is your Church leaded, tiled, slated, shingled, thatched with straw or reede. 1796 J. Adams *Diary* 27 July, I rode up to the barn, which Mr. Pratt has almost shingled. 1833 [Seba Smith] *Lett. J. Downing* xxi. (1835) 124 He'll new shingle our old barn for nothin. 1865 'Artemus Ward' *Trav.* II. xii, When the Lion House was ready to be shingled.

transf. 1885 *Harper's Mag.* Mar. 533/1 The..walls and ..roof are shingled with slate. 1891 *Century Mag.* Nov. 61 We constructed a low châlet..; shingling it with swamp grass.

2. *U.S.* a. To cut (hair), properly so as to give the effect of overlapping shingles, by exposing the ends of hair all over the head; also *absol.*

1857 Holland *Bay Path* 232 (Thornton *Amer. Gloss.*), I'm great on cutting hair. I don't suppose there's anybody in the settlement can shingle like me...By the way, don't you want your hair cut? I don't know how I'm going to get along, unless you do have it jest shingled. 1864 R. F. Burton in *Anthropol. Rev.* II. 51 To 'shingle off' their hair as closely as possible. 1909 Kate Wiggin *Susanna & Sue* xii, It's kind of pityish to have your hair shingled.

b. To cover like a shingled roof.

1858 O. W. Holmes *Aut. Breakf.-t.* 11 A somewhat more than middle-aged female, with a parchment forehead and a dry little 'frisette' shingling it.

c. (See quot.)

1860 Bartlett *Dict. Amer.* (ed. 3), *To shingle*, to chastise. A shingle applied *a posteriori* is a favorite New England mode of correcting a child.

Shingle, *v.*2 *Iron-manuf.* [ad. F. *cingler*, ad. G. *zängeln*, f. *zange* tongs, pincers.] *trans.* To subject (the puddled ball) to pressure and blows from a hammer so as to expel impurities.

1674, etc. [see Shingling *vbl. sb.*2]. 1784 in *Abridgm. Specif., Iron & Steel* (1858) 13 Shingling, welding, and manufacturing iron and steel into barrs, plates, rods, and otherwise. *Ibid.* 365 The slabe, having been shingled..to the sizes of the grooves in my rollers. 1825 J. Nicholson *Oper. Mech.* 768 These loops are..brought to a white or welding heat, and then shingled into half-blooms or slabes. 1861 Fairbairn *Iron* 105 The old method of shingling the puddle balls..was to reduce them to shape by a heavy hammer called the forge-hammer or helve.

†**Shingle**, *v.*3 [? f. Cingle, girdle, with assimilation to Shingles.] *trans.* To girdle *round.*

1621 T. Williamson tr. *Goulart's Wise Vieillard* 35 Till the gout is in their knees, or the dropsie doth painefully shingle them round.

Shingled (ʃiŋg'ld), *ppl. a.*1 [f. Shingle *sb.*1 or *v.*1 + -ed.]

1. Covered or tiled with shingles; in first quot., ? having the outer timbers overlapping like tiles, clinker-built.

1362 Langl. *P. Pl.* A. x. 170 Eihte soules And of vche beest A Conple, þat in þe schynglede schup schullen ben I-saued. 1577 V. Leigh *Surv.* I ij, Buildinges..whether.. Tyled, slated, shingled, or thatched. 1818 J. Hassell *Rides & Walks* II. 107 The church has a shingled tower. 1881 *19th Cent.* Aug. 306 The prevalence of shingled spires in the wooded districts. 1885 C. F. Holder *Marvels Anim. Life* 216 To capture the rain-water from the shingled roof.

2. Arranged tile-wise, imbricated.

1884 Coues *N. Amer. Birds* 94 Individual feathers of the notæum..smoothly shingled or imbricated.

Shi·ngled, *ppl. a.*2 [f. Shingle *sb.*2 + -ed 2.] Covered with or consisting of shingle or rounded pebbles.

1802 Bloomfield *Rural Tales* 53 May your days Glide on, as glides the Stream that never stays; Bright as whose shingled bed..May all your..Virtues shine! 1888 Henley *Bk. Verses* 156 The shingled shore.

Shi·ngled, *ppl. a.*3 See Shingle *v.*2

1884 W. H. Greenwood *Steel & Iron* xvi. 305 The shingled blooms will not be uniformly homogeneous if they are produced from different-sized puddled balls.

Shi·ngler1. [f. Shingle *sb.*1 or *v.*1 + -er 1.] One who shingles houses, etc.; also *U.S.* 'one who or a machine which cuts and prepares shingles' (Ogilvie 1882).

1445 in *5th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* 528/1 Paid 2 shyngelers and a boy, mending the old rofe of the church 20*d.* 1554 in *Shropsh. Par. Docum.* (1903) 55 Paid to the syngler & his man ii^s^ vii^d^. 1562 *Act* 5 *Eliz.* c. 4 § 23 Any Persone using or exercising Tharte or Occupation of a..Thatcher or Shingler. 1688 Holme *Armoury* III. ix. 394/2 There is four sorts of Trades, that formerly used to cover Houses,..*viz.* the Plumer, with Lead;..the Shingler with clift Wood [etc.]. 1865 P. B. St. John *Snow Ship* ix, Nothing is more necessary to a backwoods-man than to be a good shingler—that is to know how to select the right tree and how to cut it. 1886 Morse *Jap. Homes* 79 The shingler takes a mouthful of these pegs.

Shi·ngler2. *Iron-manuf.* [f. Shingle *v.*2 + -er 1.] One who or a machine which shingles puddled iron.

1832 Ht. Martineau *Hill & Valley* iv, The shingler who hammers the balls of metals into an oblong form. 1864 Webster, *Shingler*,..a machine for shingling puddled iron, or making it into blooms. 1875 Knight *Dict. Mech.*, *Shingler*, an eccentric..roller revolving within a concave and pressing the dross out of the loop. 1881 Greener *Gun* 221 The puddler takes the bloom with a pair of tongs, runs with it to the tilt hammer and hands it over to the shingler.

Shingles (ʃiŋg'lz), *sb. pl.* Also 4 **schingles**, 5 **cingules, sengles**, 5–6 **shyngles**, 6 **chingles**. [Representing med.L. *cingulus* (MS. gloss in Du Cange), var. of *cingulum* girdle, used to render Gr. *ζώνη* or *ζωστήρ* in the medical sense.] An eruptive disease (*Herpes zoster*) often extending round the middle of the body like a girdle (whence the name); usually accompanied by violent neuralgic pain.

1398 Trevisa *Barth. De P. R.* xvii. xciii. (Tollem. MS.), Agens icchynge and scabbes wett and drye and agens schingles [*Bodley MS.* cingules, *ed.* 1495 shyngles]. *c* 1450 *M. E. Med. Bk.* (Heinrich) 78 Ther ys an euel, þat men callen þe sengles. 1527 Andrew *Brunswyke's Distyll. Waters* G ij, The onnatural hete named shyngles on the bodye. 1546 Phaer *Bk. Childr.* Bh viij b, Our Englysshe women call it the fyre of Saynt Anthonye, or chingles. 1614 W. B. *Philos. Banquet* (ed. 2) 86 The oyle of Nuttes..helpes the shingles. 1712 Swift *Jrnl. to Stella* 10 May, The doctors said that they never saw anything so odd of the kind; they were not properly shingles, but *herpes miliaris*, and twenty other hard names. 1782 W. Heberden *Comm.* xxiii. (1806) 126 The herpes, or shingles..consists of a heap of watery bladders. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 618 On hearing that it is the 'shingles' and that it is not catching.

b. A similar disease in horses.

1639 T. de Gray *Compl. Horsem.* 74 This disease is also called by some the shingles in a horse. 1725 *Bradley's Fam. Dict.*, St. Anthony's Fire, a Disease Horses are subject to,.. call'd by some the Shingles.

Shi·ngling, *vbl. sb.*1 [f. Shingle *v.*1 + -ing 1.] Tiling with shingles or cutting shingles. Also *attrib.*, as *shingling-hatchet*, etc.

1703 T. N. *City & C. Purchaser* 243 *Shingling*, the laying on of Shingles. 1859 F. S. Cooper *Ironmongers' Catal.* 157 Shingling Hatchets. 1864 Lowell *Fireside Trav.* 32 An Indian tomahawk, which had too much the peaceful look of a shingling-hatchet. 1875 Knight *Dict. Mech.*, *Shingling-bracket*, a device to enable a carpenter to stand on a roof while nailing on shingles. *Ibid.*, *Shingling-gage*,..for adjusting shingles in the proper position for nailing. 1910 Lady D. Nevill *Under Five Reigns* iv, Shingling is a craft quite distinct from ordinary builder's or carpenter's work.

b. Arrangement in overlapping layers.

1903 *U. S. Geol. Surv.* Prof. Paper 13. 48 In numerous sections of these deposits the shingling of the gravels is well marked.

Shi·ngling, *vbl. sb.*2 *Iron-manuf.* [f. Shingle *v.*2 + -ing 1.] The action of Shingle *v.*2

1674 Ray *Coll. Words* 128 This Loop they take out with their shingling tongs, and beat it with Iron sledges..that so it may..be in a capacity to be carried under the hammer. Under which they then removing it,..beat it with the hammer very gently, which forces cinder and dross out of the matter, afterwards..they beat it thicker and stronger till they bring it to a Bloom...This operation they call shingling the Loop. 1840 *Civil Eng. & Arch. Jrnl.* III. 298/1 The roasting, smelting, refining, puddling, shingling, balling, and drawing-out. 1881 Greener *Gun* 222 The loss in the puddling is about 15 per cent., in the shingling and rolling about 14 per cent.

attrib. 1674 [see above]. 1839 Ure *Dict. Arts* 706 The shingling mill..consists of two sets of grooved cylinders. 1857 G. Wilkie *Iron Manuf.* 108 A 60-horse engine will drive a shingling-hammer [etc.]. 1873 *Iron* 5 Apr. 356/1 The shingling-forge, fitted with a 5-ton wrought iron helve.

Shi·ngling, *ppl. a.* [f. Shingle *v.*1 + -ing 2.] Used advb.: In a tile-wise arrangement.

1840 R. H. Dana *Bef. Mast* xxix, As to whether the hides should be stowed '*shingling*' or '*back-to-back and flipper-to-flipper*'.

Shingly (ʃiŋgli), *a.*1 [f. Shingle *sb.*1 + -y.] Covered with shingles or wooden tiles.

1857 Whittier *Last Walk in Autumn* xxi, The..shingly town-house, where The freeman's vote for Freedom falls.

Shingly (ʃi·ŋgli), *a.*[2] Also *Sc.* 8 **chinlie, chingily,** 9 **chingly**; 9 **shingley.** [f. SHINGLE *sb.*[2] + -Y.] Consisting of or covered with shingle; of the nature of shingle.

a. 1775 L. SHAW *Hist. Moray* 78 The hard chinlie beach. 1797 *Statist. Acc. Scotl.* XIX. 5 In several parts it [*sc.* the soil] is gravellish or sandy, or chingily. 1807 HEADRICK *Arran* 281 For slight, sandy, or chingly soils.

β. 1789 *Phil. Trans.* LXXX. 91, I landed, within the sound, on a white shingly beach, the stones of which are all chert. 1802 W. FORSYTH *Fruit Trees* xxiii. (1824) 343 Shingly and gravelly soils. 1810 SCOTT *Lady of L.* III. vii, Benharrow's shingly side. 1843 *Chamb. Jrnl.* 45/3 As they stood upon the shingley beach to see him start. 1869 TOZER *Highl. Turkey* I. 291 The broad shingly bed of a river. 1870 HAWTHORNE *Engl. Note-bks.* (1879) I. 211 Covered with gray shingly stones.

Shinily (ʃəi·nili), *adv.* [f. SHINY + -LY[2].] With a shiny surface or appearance. So **Shi·niness,** shiny condition.

1872 RUSKIN *Engle's N.* § 154 What sort of shininess there is on the end of a terrier's nose. 1874 *Contemp. Rev.* Oct. 760 The utmost shininess that can be got out of it will not replace one-tenth part of the light. 1894 A. MORRISON *Mean Streets* 138 His short hair clung shinily about his bullet head.

Shining (ʃəi·niŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. SHINE *v.* + -ING[1].] The action of the verb SHINE; emission or shedding of light; gleaming, beaming.

a 1300 *E. E. Psalter* cix. 3 In schinenges of haliyhes bright [Vulg. *in splendoribus sanctorum*]. 13.. *K. Alis.* 641 (Bodl. MS.) Þe erþe shook, þe see bycom grene, þe sonne wiþdrou3 shynyng shene. 13.. *Curior M.* 23688 (Gött.) Þe schene schining of cristal. 1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* VIII. xli. (Tollem. MS.), Schinynge is out spryngynge and stremynge oute of þe substaunce of ly3te. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 919 For chynyng of the chene stone he shont with his hede. *c* 1460 *Towneley Myst.* xxvi. 117 The moyn and starnes of shynyng blan. *a* 1586 SIDNEY *Arcadia* III. (Sommer) 265 b, He..might spie sometimes..the shining of armour, like flashing of lightning. 1613 PURCHAS *Pilgrimage* (1614) 560 Grashoppers doe..come in such quantitie that they intercept the shining of the Sunne like a Cloud. 1725 RAMSAY *Gentle Sheph.* III. iii, I've seen with shining fair the morning rise. 1852 THACKERAY *Esmond* I. v, Harry could see the shining of a steel breastplate he had on. 1852 M. ARNOLD *Self-Depend.* vi, With joy the stars perform their shining. 1905 F. YOUNG *Sands of Pleasure* II. viii, The cold, alert shining of her eyes.

b. *transf.* and *fig.*

c 1374 CHAUCER *Boeth.* III. pr. ii. (1868) 67 Vif that dignitees lesen hir shyninge by chaunginge of tymes. 1430–40 LYDG. *Bochas* I. vii. (1544) 10 b, Whan his shining was waxt vp to y^e ful After the chaunge of fortunes lawe His glorye gan discrecen. *a* 1586 SIDNEY *Arcadia* II. (Sommer) 127 Men of vertue suppressed, lest their shining should discouer the others filthines. *Ibid.* III. 249 Our trust is that you yet will not denie the shining of your eies vpon vs. 1656 *Artif. Handsom.* 129 All their Oratorious polishings and shinings are but false beames. 1715 DE FOE *Fam. Instruct.* I. i. (1841) II. 5 We are but as dark as we were before; for we were none of us the better for all your hypocritical shining. *a* 1778 TOPLADY in *Bk. Praise* (1866) 446 The shinings of His grace Soften my passage through the wilderness.

attrib. 1748 RICHARDSON *Clarissa* (1768) IV. 64 The time of Adversity is your Shining-time.

Shining (ʃəi·niŋ), *ppl. a.* [f. SHINE *v.* + -ING[2].]

1. That shines; luminous, lustrous, gleaming, beaming; also, of bright or brilliant aspect or exterior; resplendent in dress or equipment.

a 900 *O. E. Martyrol.* 22 Nov. 208 Þa stod se engel biz hyre myd scynendum fyðerum. *c* 1050 *Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 431/23 *Limpidis,* scinendum. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 224 'Demonium meridianum', þet is, hriht schininde deouel. *c* 1275 *Serving Christ* 18 in *O. E. Misc.* 91 In schynynde wede. 1382 WYCLIF *Lam.* iv. 7 Whitere is Nazareis than snoȝ, shynendere [1388 schynyngere] than mylc. *c* 1475 *Rauf Coilȝear* 559 Bot I the knew, that is sa schyoand. 1533 BELLENDEN *Livy* II. xxi. (S.T.S.) I. 215 Þai war iiȝe and vj knichtis in schynyng armoure. 1552 ABP. HAMILTON *Catech.* (1884) 40 The cleir schenand sonne. 1565 J. PHILLIP *Patient Grissell* 702, I nether haue faire Helins shape, nor comly shioinge hew. 1626 BACON *Sylva* § 352 Shining woods, being laid in a Dry Roome,..lose their Shining. 1664 SIR R. HOWARD & DRYDEN *Ind. Queen* II. i, Showres sometimes fall upon a shining day. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* VII. 401 Fish ..with thir Finns & shining Scales. 1719 DE FOE *Crusoe* II. (Globe) 559 Tiles..of a deep shining Black. 1776 GIBBON *Decl. & F.* xiii. I. 377 A bag of shining leather filled with pearls. 1825 T. HOOK *Sayings* Ser. II. *Passion & Princ.* x. III. 183 A bright shining house-maid. 1845 KITTO *Cycl. Bibl. Lit.* s. v. *Egypt,* The climate is..exceedingly hot; the atmosphere clear and shining. 1852 THACKERAY *Esmond* I. ix, On a shining chestnut horse. *Ibid.* II. iii, That busy, shining scene of the Thames swarming with boats and barges. 1860 TYNDALL *Glac.* I. ii. 21 All covered with shining snow.

b. as an epithet of coin. † *Shining clay,* gold.

1668 HOPKINS *Van. World* Wks. (1710) 5 What are Gold and Silver, but diversified Earth, hard and shining Clay? 1677 HORNECK *Gt. Law Consid.* v. (1704) 306 The tears I shed, for being deprived of a little shining clay. 1746 FRANCIS tr. *Hor., Sat.* II. iii. 203 From out his Bags he pours the shining Store.

c. *Nat. Hist.,* etc. (See quots.)

1792 WITHERING *Brit. Plants* (ed. 2) III. 399 Pileus brown, shining, glutinous. 1793 MARTYN *Lang. Bot., Lucidum folium*..Bright, shining. 1839 LINDLEY *Introd. Bot.* III. (ed. 3) 471 Shining (*nitidus*); having a smooth, even, polished surface; as many leaves. 1850 ANSTED *Elem. Geol., Min.* etc. § 310 The degrees of intensity [*sc.* of lustre] are denominated as follows:—..*Shining,* when an image is produced, but not a well-defined image. Ex., Calcareous spar, Celestine. 1871 W. A. LEIGHTON *Lichen-flora* 109 Lobes ascending, glabrous and shining.

d. Hence as specific name of animals and plants (rendering L. *lucidus, lucens, splendidus,* etc.).

1626 BACON *Sylva* § 475 The Shining Willow, which they call Swallow-Taile. 1771 J. R. FORSTER *Flora Amer. Septentr.* 7 Potamogeton lucens. Pondweed, shining. 1783 LATHAM *Gen. Synopsis Birds* III. 56 Shining Thrush, *Turdus nitens.* 1784 CULLUM *Hist. Hawsted* App. 232 Shining Dove's-foot cranesbill (*Geranium lucidum*) in hedges. 1809 SHAW *Gen. Zool.* VII. 232 Coppery-green shining Crow. 1865 *Intell. Obs.* VII. 102 The male Satin or Shining Bower Bird.

2. Phr. a. *Shining light* (after John v. 35): a person conspicuous for some excellence.

1526 [see LIGHT *sb.* 5 a]. 1563 WINJET tr. *Vincent. Lirin.* ix. Wks. (S.T.S.) II. 27 That schyning licht of al the sanctis, ..maist blissit Cypriane. *a* 1796 BURNS *Holy Willie's Prayer* ii, A burnin' an' a shinin' light To a' this place! 1869 TROLLOPE *He knew,* etc. xviii. (1878) 100 Her aunt was regarded as a shining light by very many good people in the county. 1887 *Field* 19 Nov. 790/1 In the opening part of the game, Stadden, Robertshaw, and Brooke had been the shining lights.

b. *To improve the shining hour* (after Watts, see quot. 1720): to make good use of time.

1720 WATTS *Div. Songs* xx, How doth the little busy bee improve each shining hour! 1866 'ANNIE THOMAS' *Walter Goring* ii, Though he had been seeming to improve the shining hours very much to his own satisfaction.

3. With reference to intellectual or moral qualities: Eminent, distinguished, brilliant. Now *rare.*

c 900 tr. *Bæda's Hist.* III. xix. (1890) 210 Se wæs in wordum & dædum beorht & scinende. *c* 1400 tr. *Secreta Secret., Gov. Lordsh.* xxxvii. 69 Þe vertu of þy shynynge lyf shal be..gladyd þerby. *c* 1410 HOCCLEVE *Mother of God* 101 Seint Ion Shynynge apostle & euangelist. 1513 *Life Hen. V* (1911) 7 The life and shyninge Acts of this most victorious Kinge. 1593 G. HARVEY *Pierce's Super.* 173 The siluer streaming fountaines of flowingest witt, and shiningest Art. *c* 1665 MRS. HUTCHINSON *Mem. Col. Hutchinson* (1846) 31 Nor was his soul less shining in honour than in lone. 1702 ADDISON *Dial. Medals* i. 11 One that endeavoured rather to be agreeable, than shining in conversation. 1711 — *Spect.* No. 73 ¶ 4 Men of the greatest and the most shining Parts. 1761 HUME *Hist. Eng.* II. xxix. 154 Charles duke of Bourbon..was a prince of the most shining merit. 1781 COWPER *Retirem.* 560 Anticipated rents, and bills unpaid, Force many a shining youth into the shade. 1818 SCOTT *Hrt. Midl.* xxxvii, [His] most shining quality was courage in the field of battle. 1881 M. RALEIGH *Alex. Raleigh* i. 7 [He] was regarded as a boy of good but not shining ability.

4. Of looks: Radiant, beaming.

1821 LAMB *Elia* I. *My relations,* A..shining sanguine face. 1852 THACKERAY *Esmond* I. xiii, Greeting him with one of her shining looks.

5. *Comb.*

1802 SHAW *Gen. Zool.* III. 464 Shining-black Snake. 1822 *Hortus Anglicus* II. 120 Shining-leaved Fig Wort. 1895 K. MEYER *Voy. Bran* I. 71 A red-eared shining-white cow.

Shi·ningly, *adv.* [f. prec. + -LY[2].] In a shining manner; with a shining appearance; brightly, brilliantly.

1382 WYCLIF *Luke* xvi. 19 Sum man was rich,..and he eet ech day schynyngli [L. *splendide*]. *c* 1440 *Gesta Rom.* lxvi. 305 (Harl. MS.), Þe myȝty men and riche men of þis wordle, þat hath golde, and goodis shynyngly. 1556 J. HEYWOOD *Spider & F.* xlii. 17 The show..Upon the ten flies parte showth more shininglie Then on the one spiders side. 1611 SPEED *Hist. Gt. Brit.* IX. xx. § 5 Let vs now behold his vertues as they are shiningly deduced into action. 1612 R. SHELDON *Serm. St. Martin's* 15 A God, shiningly appearing in Christ. 1824 GALT *Rothelan* I. II. iv. 181 His eye, which was ever shiningly intellectual. 1836 *Tait's Mag.* III. 447 The silver spoons and forks were laid shiningly side by side in a varnished press. 1859 SALA *Tw. round Clock* (1861) 163 Her ladyship's own private bank is in a shiningly aristocratic street. 1891 'L. KEITH' *Lost Illus.* II. xix. 208 Shiningly, spotlessly, insolently new.

So **Shi·ningness,** brightness, brilliance.

1703 *Phil. Trans.* XXV. 1538 The shiningness being wholly occasioned by the reflexion of the Light from the polisht sides. 1752 'SIR H. BEAUMONT' *Crito* 41 *note,* The Epithets *marmoreus, eburneus,* and *candidus,* are all applied..to the Shiningness here spoken of. 1837 *New Monthly Mag.* XLIX. 24 Albeit swaying so our thoughts In shiningness and motion.

Shinlog (ʃi·nlɒg), *sb.*[1] *Brickmaking.* (See quot. 1703.) Hence **Shinlog** *v.,* to close (the mouth of a kiln) with shinlog.

1703 T. N. *City & C. Purchaser* 48 They damm up the Mouth of the Kiln..with their Shinlog, as they call it (which is pieces of Bricks piled upon each other, with wet Brick Earth, instead of Mortar). This Shinlog they make so high, that there is but just room above it to thrust in a Faggot. *Ibid.,* The Mouth being thus Shinlog'd, they proceed to put in Faggots. 1825 J. NICHOLSON *Oper. Mech.* 534.

† **Shi·nlog,** *sb.*[2] *Obs.* [app. f. *shin* in SHINBIN (cf. the form *shinbeam*) + LOG *sb.*[1]] = SHINBIN.

1842 *Penny Cycl.* XXIV. 141/2 Pieces called 'shin-logs', and admirably adapted for ship-timbers.

Shinner (ʃi·nəɹ). [f. SHIN *sb.* or *v.* + -ER[1].]

† **1.** A stocking. *Obs. rare*—[o].

1585 HIGINS *Junius' Nomencl.* 167/1 *Caliga,*..an hose, a nether stocke, a shinner.

2. A blow or kick on the shin. *dial.*

1835 MARRYAT *Olla Podr., Moonshine,* I'll give you a *shinner* on your lower limb. 1869 *Lonsdale Gloss.*

3. *U.S.* 'One who borrows money by the practice of shinning' (Bartlett).

1840 in Schele de Vere *Americanisms* (1872) 305 Coxcombs and dandies, loafers and nibblers, Shavers and shinners.

4. *U.S.* One who 'shins round'; an active person.

1838 J. C. NEAL in Schele de Vere *Americanisms* (1872) 305 'Shin it, good man!' ejaculated a good-natured urchin, 'shin it as well as you know how!' The qualification was a good one, Berry not being well calculated for a shinner of the first class.

Shi·nning, *vbl. sb.* [f. SHIN *v.* + -ING[1].]

1. *Football.* The act of kicking an opponent on the shin.

1873 *Gentl. Mag.* Apr. 388 Mauling, hacking, kicking, shinning, collaring—such are among the terms and rules of the [Rugby] game. 1899 SHEARMAN, etc. *Football* 70 All charging is fair, but no..shinning or back shinning either of the ball or players is allowed.

2. *U.S.* (See quot. 1864.)

1864 WEBSTER, *Shinning,* a running about borrowing money temporarily to meet pressing demands. 1872 SCHELE DE VERE *Americanisms* 306 This process of *shinning* is resorted to whenever the merchant or banker is *short.*

Shinny (ʃi·ni), *sb.* Also **shinney, shinnie.** [? f. the cry used in the game *shin ye, shin you* (also *shin your side*), of obscure origin; cf. *hummie,* a dial. name for shinty, and the cry *hun you, shin you* (Sheffield Gloss.); see also SHINTY. Other dial. names of the game are *shinnins, shinnock, shinnup*; also *shinder* vb.] A (north-country and American) game similar to hockey, played with a ball and sticks curved at one end; also, the stick and the ball used in this game.

1672 in Maidment *Bk. Scotish Pasquils* (1868) 181 He..did transub Himself to ball, the Parliament to club, Which will him holl when right teased at ane blow, Or els Sir Patrick will he the shinnie goe. 1794 *Gentl. Mag.* Mar. 216 *Shinney,* a stick rounding at one end, to strike a small wooden ball with. 1810 *Ann. Reg.* 532 Contending parties, in the northern counties of England, exert themselves to drive the shinney to its goal. 1860 J. F. CAMPBELL *Tales W. Highl.* (1890) I. 102 He..gets him to make an iron shinny. 1893 LELAND *Mem.* I. 52 The nose of the [sturgeon] fish..being greatly coveted by us small boys wherewith to make a ball for 'shinny'.

attrib. 1794 *Gentl. Mag.* Mar. 216 *Shinney-hall,* a game so called. 1825 R. CHAMBERS *Trad. Edin.* II. 78 A group of little pensioners, who regularly annoyed him for a shinny ball, or some such article. 1856 KANE *Arctic Expl.* II. xxi. 206 Each of them had a walrus-rib for a..shinny-stick.

Shinny (ʃi·ni), *v. U.S.* [f. SHIN *sb.*] *intr.* To shin *up* a tree.

1888 T. STEVENS *Around the World* 307 The trees..are..swarming with monkeys...Shinnying up the toddy-palms.

Shinto (ʃi·nto). Also **Sin-to, Sintu, -oo.** [Japanese, f. Chinese *shin tao* way of the gods.]

1. The native religious system of Japan, the central belief of which is that the mikado is the direct descendant of the sun-goddess and that implicit obedience is due to him.

1727 tr. *Kæmpfer's Hist. Japan* I. 203 Sinto..is the Idol-worship, as of old established in the Country. 1829 *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) XX. 474/2 The first..Faith of the Japanese, is that of the *Sin-to.* 1875 *N. Amer. Rev.* CXX. 282 The abolition of Buddhism and the establishment of pure Shinto. 1906 *Athenæum* 19 May 602/3 Of pure Shinto ancestor-worship was no part, while phallism in a very pronounced form was intimately associated with it.

b. *attrib.*

1727 tr. *Kæmpfer's Hist. Japan* I. 207 The whole System of the Sintos Divinity. *Ibid.,* The Sintosju or adherents of the Sintos Religion. 1829 *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) XX. 475/2 The Sin-syu, or maintainers of the Sin-to creed. 1880 E. J. REED *Japan* I. 47 The worship of the Shinto gods. 1888 L. OLIPHANT *Epis. in Adv.* 222 Two Buddhist or Sintoo shrines, perched upon pinnacles of rock.

c. *adj.* = SHINTOISTIC.

1904 SLADEN *Playing the Game* I. xii, The idea of the Kami..was Shinto rather than Buddhistic.

2. An adherent of Shinto beliefs.

1829 *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) XX. 477/1 The Gods worshipped by the Sin-tos are principally..departed Spirits deified. 187– RIPLEY & DANA *Amer. Cycl.* IX. 537 (Cass.) The Shintos believe in a past life, and they live in fear and reverence of the spirits of the dead.

Hence **Shi·nto,ism** = SHINTO 1; **Shi·nto,ist** = SHINTO 2; **Shinto,i·stic** *a.,* belonging to or characteristic of Shinto; **Shi·nto,ize** *v., trans.,* to render Shintoistic.

1727 tr. *Kæmpfer's Hist. Japan* I. 226 Orthodox Sintoists go in Pilgrimage to Isje once a year. 1857 R. TOMES *Amer. in Japan* xiv. 337 The prevailing religions of the Japanese are Buddhism and Sintooism. 1863 *Chamb. Encycl.* V. 686/1 The minor deities of Sintuism are very numerous. 1875 *N. Amer. Rev.* CXX. 296 Buddhism..and the bakufu were, in the eyes of a Shintoist, all one and the same. 1889 E. ARNOLD *Seas & Lands* xiv. (1895) 218 Pure Shintoism does not admit of any external decoration or images. 1893 in Barrows *World's Parl. Relig.* I. 453 A pilgrimage to various..Shintoistic and Buddhistic temples. 1895 GRIFFIS *Relig. Japan* vii. 212 Is Japanese Buddhism really Shintoized Buddhism, or Buddhaized Shinto?

Shinty (ʃi·nti). Also **shintie.** [Formation obscure; ? for *shin t'ye,* cf. *shin ye* (see SHINNY).]

1. = SHINNY.

1771 PENNANT *Tour Scot.* 167 The shinty, or the striking a ball of wood or of hair. 1793 *Statist. Acc. Scot.* V. 72 On holidays, all the males of a district..met to play at football, but oftener at shinty. 1808 JAMIESON, *Shinty,* the club used in playing [shinty]. 1876 J. GRANT *Burgh Sch. Scot.* II. v. 180 The rough but manly old game of 'shinty' has not yet quite fallen into desuetude. 1882 *Jamieson's Sc. Dict.; Shinty,* the ball or knot of wood is called Shintie.

attrib. 1863 N. MACLEOD *Remin. Highl. Par.* iii, Few games..demand more physical exertion than a good shinty match. 1865 *Morning Star* 1 Feb., Past your ear whizzes a shinty ball.

2. = SHINDY 3.

1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* liv, There's a regular shinty

in the house; and everything nt sixes and sevens. The landlord's come in and took possession.

Shiny (ʃəi·ni), *a.* Also 6 **shynie**, 6, 9 **shiney**. [f. SHINE *sb.*[1] + -Y.] Full of light or brightness; luminous; having a bright or glistening surface.

1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* III. vi. 6 Vpon a Sommers shynie day. 1596 — *Hymn Heav. Beauty* 51 Affixe thine eye On that bright shynie round still moving Masse. 1606 SHAKS. *Ant. & Cl.* IV. ix. 3 The night Is shiny. 1699 POMFRET *Dies Novis.* 50 Ere ruin blasted from the shiny sky. 1760–72 H. BROOKE *Fool of Qual.* (1809) IV. 126 The evening being calm and shiny. 1846 LANDOR *Exam. Shaks.* Wks. 1853 II. 298/1 Sir Silas looked red and shiny as a ripe strawberry on a Sinttherfield tile. 1868 WHYTE MELVILLE *White Rose* xlv, Umbrella, shiny boots, tall hat, go-to-meeting coat. 1874 RUSKIN *Fors Clav.* xlvi. 229 The fattest, shiniest, spottiest trout I ever saw. 1881 C. WHITEHEAD *Hops* 52 The lower sides of the leaves are whitish and shiny.

b. *fig.* Beaming, radiant.

1876 GEO. ELIOT *Dan. Der.* xlvi, He looked round with shiny gladness.

c. *Comb.* (parasynthetic).

1882 *Daily News* 7 Jan. 5/4 The shiny-hatted and seal-skin-clad rabble. 1898 R. KEARTON *Wild Life at Home* 23 Slugs..thin little black shiny-skinned..ones.

d. *adv.*

1596 SPENSER *F. Q.* IV. vi. 20 Goldsmithes cunning could not vnderstand To frame such subtile wire, so shinie cleare. 1903 CONRAD & HUEFFER *Romance* v. ii, His yellow jaws as shiny-shaven as of old.

B. *sb.* A shiny or bright object.

The shiny (slang), money.

1856 READE *Never too Late* i, We'll soon fill both pockets with the shiney in California. 1889 CONAN DOYLE *Micah Clarke* 235 The silk and lace are done in these squares covered over with sacking—a thousand of Mechlin to a hundred of the shiny [i.e. the silk].

Ship (ʃip), *sb.*[1] Forms: 1–5 **scip**, (1, 4 **scipp**, 1–3 **scyp**, 3 **sip**), 3–4 **schup**, **ssip**, 3–7 **schip**, 4–5 **s(c)hyp**, **shipp**, **schype**, **schippe**, (4 **schypp**, **shup**, **scipps**, **shyppe**, **schepe**, 5 **chip(pe**, **schyppe**, **shep**), 4–6 **schipp**, 4–7 **shippe**, 5–6 **shyppe**, **s(c)hipe**, **shype**, **shepe**, 5–7 **shipp**, (6 **sheppe**, *Sc.* **scheip(e)**, 4– **ship**. [Com.Teut.: OE. *scip* str. neut. = OFris. *skip*, *schip* (NFris. *skapp*, *skep*, WFris. *skip*), OS. *skip*, MLG. *schip*, *schêp* (LG. *schipp*), MDu. *sc(h)ip*, *sc(h)eep*, Du. *schip* (oblique *scheepe*, comb. *scheeps-* beside *schip-*), WFlem. *scheep*, OHG. *scif*, *skef* (MHG. *schif*, *schef*, G. *schiff*), ON. *skip* (Sw. *skepp*, Da. *skib*), Goth. *skip*; the ultimate etymology is uncertain.. The Germanic word appears in Romanic as F. *esquif*, It. *schifo*, etc., see SKIFF *sb.*[1]]

1. A large sea-going vessel (opposed to a *boat*); *spec.* (in modern times) a vessel having a bowsprit and three masts, each of which consists of a lower, top, and topgallant mast.

In OE. used also for small craft, as ON. *skip*.

c 725 *Corpus Gloss.* (Hessels) S 188 *Scaphum*, scip. *c* 888 ÆLFRED *Boeth.* xxxviii. § 1 Da se Aulixes..to þam ʒefiohte for, þa hæfde he sume hundred scipa. *c* 1050 *O. E. Chron.* (MS. C) an. 1048, Eadward cining & þa eorlas foran æfter þam ut mid heora scypun. *c* 1200 *Vices & Virtues* 45 Hlesteð hwat ðe hlauerd seið, ðe ðat scip auh, to ðe stieresmannen. *a* 1225 *Juliana* (Royal MS.) 32/12 Þu leddest israeles folc þurh þe reade sea buten schip druifot. *c* 1250 *Kent. Serm.* in *O. E. Misc.* 32 And so hi were in þo ssipe so a-ros a great tempeste of winde. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 13280 Petre and andreu..Wit a word þai left þair scipps tuin [*Gött.* schippis]. 1362 LANGL. *P. Pl.* A. x. 160 A schup of schides and Bordes. *c* 1374 CHAUCER *Former Age* 21 No ship yit karf the wawes grene and blewe. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* vii. (*Jacobus Minor*) 370 Quhat schepe þat brokine ware a-pone þat coste. *c* 1400 *Three Kings Cologne* (1886) 84 þat þey had suffrid hem priuelich to passe ouer þe see in her scheppys. *c* 1485 *Digby Myst.* (1882) III. 1423 Master of þe shepe, a word with the. 1541 *Test. Ebor.* (Surtees) VI. 149, I give to Mathue Wilson my shipe called Marie Janies. *a* 1578 LINDESAY (Pitscottie) *Chron. Scot.* (S.T.S.) I. 355 The skiper of the scheipe. 1596 SHAKS. *Merch. V.* I. iii. 182 My Shippes come home a month before the daie. 1671 MILTON *Samson* 714 A stately Ship Of Tarsus, bound for th' Isles Of Javan or Gadier. 1706 E. WARD *Wooden World Diss.* (1708) 84 There's near as much Stuff drops from his [a sea-cook's] Carcass every Day as would tallow the Ship's Bottom. 1707 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 4380/3 One of the Rocks not being a Ships length to Leeward of her. 1798 COLERIDGE *Anc. Mar.* I. vi, The ship was cheer'd, the harbour clear'd. 1873 LONGF. *Wayside Inn* III. *Elizabeth* iv, Ships that pass in the night, and speak each other in passing. 1889 WELCH *Naval Archit.* viii. 102 The bottom and side plating of all ships is arranged in longitudinal layers or strakes. 1911 *Encycl. Brit.* XXIV. 878/2 Ships with four and five masts were employed by several countries during the 19th century.

¶ Ships are now personified as feminine, but usage has varied (see the following quots.).

The use of the masc. pron. in the 17th and 18th cent. was prob. suggested by the application of *man* to a ship in *Dutchman*, *merchantman*, *man-of-war*. In instances before *c* 1650 *his* may mean 'its'.

1375, etc. (see SHE 2). *c* 1426 *Poem on Agincourt* in Hazl. *E. P. P.* (1866) II. 97 Euery shyp wayed his anker.., They hoysed theyr sayles sayled a lofte. 1588 KYD *Househ. Phil.* Wks. (1901) 278 In a shyppe the Rudder ought to be no lesse then may suffise to direct hys course. 1611 SHAKS. *Wint. T.* III. iii. 93 The Shippe boaring the Moone with her maine Mast. [1622 *Recov. Exchange* in Arb. *Eng. Garner* IV. 595 'A sail!' 'a sail!': which, at last, was discovered to be another Man of War of Turks. For he made towards us. 1627 CAPT. SMITH *Sea Gram.* xiii. 59 A saile, how beares she or stands shee, to wind-ward or lee-ward, set him by the Compasse; he stands right ahead, or on the weather-Bow, or lee-Bow.] 1635 HAKEWILL *Apol.* (ed. 3) Argt., As a Ship which..cannot move beyond the length of his Cable. 1676 STREVNSHAM MASTER *Diaries* (1911) II. 93 Wee mett a great Dutch ship neare Nassapore point. He wore a Flagg. 1784 *New Spect.* XIII. 2/1 The last [ship was] drowned and swallowed up, within sight of his own shore.

b. Without article, chiefly in dependence on a prep. Also *to take ship* (see TAKE *v.* 24 c).

c 900 tr. *Bæda's Hist.* IV. i. (1890) 256 Swa eode he in scip & ferde to Breotone. *a* 1122 *O.E. Chron.* (Laud MS.) an. 1046, Hi..wurpon hine on þone hat..& reowan to scipe. *c* 1205 LAY. 1098 Brutus nom Ignogen & into scipe [*c* 1275 to sipe] lædde. 1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 1464 Þe emperour higan to fle mid is folc atte laste To scipes. *c* 1350 *Will. Palerne* 5088 Partenedon passed to schepe & his puple after. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Miller's T.* 354 Er þat he myghte brynge his wyf to shipe. 1474 CAXTON *Chesse* II. iv. (1883) 45 Guion fledd also in to affricque by shipp. 1568 GRAFTON *Chron.* II. 29 He..went to Ship, setting aside all perils. 1597 HOOKER *Eccl. Pol.* v. lxvii. (1611) 358 Finding him againe as soone as themselues by shippe were arrined on the contrary side. 1888 [see EX 2]. 1912 *Times* 19 Dec. 20/3 Oats..American white, ex ship, 18s. 4½d.

c. In legal enactments often with greatly extended application, as in the following quot.:

1870 *Act* 33 & 34 *Vict.* c. 90 § 30 'Ship' shall include any description of boat, vessel, floating battery, or floating craft; also any description of hoat, vessel, or other craft or battery, made to move either on the surface of or under water, or sometimes on the surface of and sometimes under water.

d. In rowing parlance, applied to the racing eight-oar boat; also used playfnlly of other craft.

1878 STEVENSON *Inland Voy.* 14 The bargee is on shipboard —he is master in his own ship—he can land whenever he will. 1888 WOODGATE *Boating* 147 She..was once specially borrowed by Corpus (Oxon) during the summer eights, and was said by that crew to be a vast improvement on their own ship. 1896 ASHBY-STERRY *Tale of Thames* v, Here they leave their ship and quietly stroll up to the New Inn. 1901 *Daily News* 1 Apr. 5/7 The..steadiness of their ship.. helped the Oxford men very much.

e. *fig.* Applied to the state.

1675 *Machiavelli's Prince* ix. Wks. 212 But when times are tempestuous, and the ship of the State has need of the help..of the Subject. 1894 GLADSTONE *Odes of Horace* III. viii. 26 Though the State-ship somewhat heave. 1913 *19th Cent.* Feb. 305 The Ship of the State of China is still labouring in a storm-swept ocean.

2. With qualifying word or phrase indicating the kind or use:

King's ship (now Hist.), one of the fleet of ships provided and maintained out of the royal revenue; a ship of the royal navy; later, a ship-of-war equipped at the public expense (opp. to *privateer*); so †**ship-royal**. †**Great ship**, a ship-of-war.

For *flagship*, *hospital-ship*, *ice-ship*, *line-of-battle ship*, *long ship*, *merchant ship*, *post-ship*, *private ship*, *slave-ship*, *steamship*, *store-ship*, *troop-ship*, *warship*, etc. see the first elements; for *ship of burden*, *of countenance*, *of the line*, *of post*, *of state*, see these sbs.; also SHIP-OF-WAR.

[1350 in Rymer *Fœdera* (1825) III. i. 195 Johannes Wille, magister navis regis vocatæ La Plente.]

a 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 65 Gales & grete schipis full of grym wapens. 1450 LOMNER *Let. to J. Paston* 5 May, Vn the syght of all his men he was drawyn ought of the grete shippe. 1485–7 *Naval Acc. Hen. VII* (1896) 36 The Kings ship cald the Grace dieu. 1495 *Ibid.* 161 The costes of Kepyng the Kynges Ship Ryall called the Soueraigne. 1512 in Rymer *Fœdera* (1712) XIII. 328/2 All Prisoners, beyng Chieftens ..and one Shippe Royall being of the Portage of Two Hundred Tonnes or above..Reserved to our said Soveraign Lord. 1568 GRAFTON *Chron.* II. 688 The Easterlynges.. approched the Englishe ship as nere as their great shippes could come at the lowe water. 1660 FULLER *Mixt Contempl.* II. 31, I never did read..that ever Queen Elizabeth had any Ship-Royal, which..carried the Memorial of any particular Conquest she got. 1690 C. NESSE *Hist. & Myst. O. & N. Test.* I. 116 The Church here is a mighty Queen, a ship-royal. 1697 DAMPIER *Voy.* I. 50 There escaped but one Kings-ship, and one Privateer. *Ibid.* 357 Captain Swan had his men as much under command as if he had been in a Kings Ship. 1758 J. BLAKE *Mar. Syst.* 45 The commander of the king's ship is obliged to make up his loss by pressing hands from the merchant ships. 1824 HOLT *Shipping & Navig. Laws* (ed. 2) Introd. 36 Foreign seamen, who shall have served in time of war three years on board a king's ship.

3. In fig. and allnsive phrases, *esp.* where *ship* typifies the fortunes or affairs of a person, etc. or the person himself in regard to them.

To be in the same ship, cf. BOAT *sb.* 1 d; *to give up the ship*, *to burn one's ships*, see BURN *v.* 9 c. *When one's ship comes home* (or *in*), when one comes into one's fortune.

1500–20 DUNBAR *Poems* ix. 165 Thow mak my schip in blissit port to arryif, That sailis heir in stormis violent. *a* 1548 HALL *Chron.*, *Hen. VII*, 27 Douhting not to bring his ship to the porte desired. 1643 PRYNNE *Sov. Power Parl.* App. 209 Those who are conversant in the same danger, are said to be in the same Ship. 1680 *Debates Parl.* (1681) 117 Is not all England in danger to be lost? Let us secure the Ship, before we dispose of the Cabbins. 1816 JEFFERSON *Writ.* (1899) X. 4 My exhortation would rather be 'not to give up the ship'. 1820 SHELLEY *Œd. Tyr.* i. 245, I drove her—afar!..From city to city, abandoned of pity, A ship without needle or star. 1851 MAYHEW *Lond. Labour* I. 175 One [customer] always says he'll give me a ton of taties when his ship comes home. 1855 THACKERAY *Newcomes* lxv, That Mr. Ratray who has just come out of the ship, and brought a hundred thousand pounds with him. 1880 CAELE *Grandissimes* liii, Nobody ever gives up the ship in parlour or veranda debate. 1886 D. C. MURRAY *Cynic Fortune* xii, The wealthy relative..proposed to supply him with an income of a hundred pounds per annum until the major's next expected ship should come in. 1898 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* V. 816 It is well in the case of a new patient at any rate to postpone a final diagnosis till the ship is in calmer waters.

1900 MAHAN *War S. Africa* v, Not the courage that throws away the scabbard, much less that which burns its ships.

4. *transf.* Applied to various objects that are, or are conceived to be, navigated.

†**a.** Noah's ark. **b.** as in *airship* = dirigible balloon. **c.** *Ship of the desert*, *desert-ship*: the camel. **d.** *Ship of Guinea* = *Guinea ship* (b) s. v. GUINEA 1.

[*a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 9674 Noe..in þat scip allan was in.] 1422 YONGE tr. *Secreta Secret.* xxxvii. 193 In Noe's ship he and his wif, har thre sonys and har wiffis sawid were. *c* 1485 *Digby Myst.* (1882) III. 1351 In þe shep of noee. 1526 R. WHYTFORD *Martilege* 12 b, Saynt Noe that made the shyppe. 1579 T. STEVENS in Hakluyt *Voy.* (1599) II. ii. 99 A thing swimming vpon the water like a cocks combe (which they call a ship of Guinea). [1615 G. SANDYS *Trav.* 138 Camels. These are the ships of Arabia, their seas are the deserts.] 1823 [see DESERT *sb.*[2] 1]. 1824 [see DESERT *sb.*[2] 5]. 1878 BOSW. SMITH *Carthage* xxi. 439 Those ships of the desert, the long line of his camels.

5. A vessel, utensil, ornament, etc. shaped like a ship. Also (in first quot.), the noble coined under Edward III, which bore the image of a ship.

c 1410 HOCCLEVE *Min. Poems* xvii. 29, vj^e shippes grete, To yeue vs han yee grauntid & behight. 1490 CAXTON *Eneydos* v. 22 Cymphes..ben in maner of lityl bokettis, or lytyl shippes, of a strange stone. 1525 in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. I. I. 271 A ship of silver for the almes disshe. 1575–6 *New Yrs. Gifts* in Nichols *Progr. Eliz.* (1823) II. 1 A juell of golde, being a shippe, set with a table dyamonde of fyve sparcks of dyamondes.

b. An incense boat. Now *Hist.*

1422 *Rec. St. Mary at Hill* (1904) 14 Also iij sensers of siluer & gilt Also ij sheppis of seluere. 1472 in Swayne *Churchw. Acc. Sarum* (1896) 5 A ship of silver in passel gilt without spone. 1546 S. FISH *Supplic. Poore Commons* 75 Torches, tapurs, shepe, sensoures. 1593 *Rites of Durham* (Surtees) 8 Two Shipps of silver, parcell gilt, for principall dayes. 1843 PUGIN *Apol. Rev. Chr. Arch.* 51 b, Two thuribles, with a ship for incense. 1898 J. WICKHAM LEGG in *Yorksh. Archæol. Jrnl.* XV. 132 *note*, A censer with coals, a ship with incense, and a spoon.

† **c.** The nave (see NAVE *sb.*[2]) of a church. *rare.*

1613 tr. *Mexio's Treas. Anc. & Mod. T.* 713/1 One of his Prophets made a conuocation..of all the people, in the great Shippe of the great Church.

d. *Saltmaking.* The vessel into which the brine runs from the pits.

1669 *Phil. Trans.* IV. 1065 They fill their Panns again with new Brine out of the Ship, (so they call a great Cistern by their Panns sides, into which their Brine runs through the Woodden Gutters from the Pump, that stands in the Pitt). 1674 RAY *Coll. Words* 175. 1753 *Chambers' Cycl.* Suppl.

e. *Astron.* The Argo Navis, a southern constellation extending between Canis major and Centaurus from the equator nearly to the pole.

1599 T. HILL *Sch. Skil* 23 The image named the Ship, hath 45. stars. 1822 BARLOW in *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) III. 508/1 [The milky way] traverses the constellations Cassiopeia,..Canis Major, and the Ship. 1868 LOCKYER *Guillemin's Heavens* (ed. 3) 334.

† **6.** A shipful, shipload. *Obs.*

1455–6 *Cal. Anc. Rec. Dublin* (1889) 290 A shype of iryn that come yn befor Michalmas. *c* 1595 CAREW *Excell. Eng. Tongue* in G. G. Smith *Eliz. Crit. Ess.* (1904) II. 292 When wee would be rid of one, wee vse to saye..by circumlocution ..another in your steede, a shipp of salte for you.

7. A ship's company or crew.

1338 R. BRUNNE *Chron.* (1810) 170 Do dight & mak 30w bone, þe schip ere Sarazins alle. 1648 *Hamilton Papers* (Camden) 222 The twelue schipps that haue declared for the King doeth much startill ther former inclinations. 1748 *Anson's Voy.* II. iv. 157 It was not the most eligible place for a ship to refresh at.

b. *Old ship*, a jocnlar address to a sailor.

1849 CUPPLES *Green Hand* i, 'Come, old ship, give us a yarn!' said the younger forecastle-men to an old one. *Ibid* vi, 'What's the odds, Harry, old ship?' said Tom.

8. *attrib.* and *Comb.*

a. Simple attrib. = of or for, pertaining to, or concerning a ship or ships, used or fitted for use on board ship, as *ship-accounts*, *-beak*, *-bell*, *-canal*, *-captain*, †*-dock*, †*-gun*, *life*, etc. (Cf. the compounds with *ship's*, 9 c.)

1815 SCOTT *Guy M.* xliii, *Ship-accounts and other papers. 1613 T. GODWIN *Rom. Antiq.* (1614) 9 Those *ship beakes called in Latine *Rostra*. 1871 LONGF. *Wayside Inn* II. *Musician's T.* IV. iv, When the dismal *ship-bell tolled. 1688 HOLME *Armoury* III. xv. (Roxb.) 35 The *ship bow or loofe. 1847 *Niles' Reg.* 13 Nov. 165/2 A *ship canal wide and deep enough to float a first-rate man-of-war. 1858 SIMMONDS *Dict. Trade*, **Ship-captain*, the master and commander of a merchant-vessel. 1865 W. G. PALGRAVE *Arabia* II. 195 We fell in with a ship-captain. 1887 J. BALL *Natur. S. Amer.* 356 The passengers..were resting in their *ship-chairs. 1847 *Niles' Reg.* 2 Oct. 70/2 To construct a *ship channel, so to speak, to the St. Lawrence. 1676 MARVELL *Mr. Smirke* 15, I suspected..that the Animadverter had been some *Ship-Chaplain. 1699 DAMPIER *Voy.* II. iii. 68 The Planters..were certain of a Hurricane, and warned the *Ship-Commanders to provide for it. 1585 HIGINS *Junius' Nomencl.* 398/1 *Nauale*, a *shipdocke, which is a place where ships are builded and repaired. 1659 KILBURNE *Kent* 73 [Deptford] famous for the Shipdock, Storehouse and Corporation there for the Navy. 1552 HULOET, *Shyp drudge,..*Misonauta*. *c* 1000 *Gl. Prud.* in *Germania* (N.S.) XI. 389/42 *Bellum classicum*, *scypʒefæoht. 1647 HEXHAM I, A ship-fight, *een schip-vecht*. 1408 tr. *Vegetius' De Re Milit.* (MS. Digby 233) lf. 226/1 *Schipfiʒttynge asketh to haue a loft see & nouʒt rowe see. 1720 DE FOE *Capt. Singleton* xvii. (1840) 289 The *ship firing is not at him. 1715 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 5374/2 They placed two *Ship-Guns on the Bridge. 1799 *Hull Advertiser* 7 Sept. 4/3 The thirty two pounder ship-gun. 1644 MANWAYRING *Seaman's*

Dict. 14 *Bracketts.* Are certaine little peeces..which belong to the supporting of galleries, or *ship-heads. 1904 SLADEN *Playing the Game* II. ii, A pair of handcuffs and a pair of *ship-irons. 1867 SMYTH *Sailor's Word-bk.*, **Ship-language*, the shibboleth of nautic diction, as *tau'sle*, *fok'sle*, for top-sail, forecastle. 1849 CUPPLES *Green Hand* ix, It's nouther *ship-law nor shore-law..as houlds good on a bloody dazart! 1873 *Routledge's Young Gentl. Mag.* 162 Familiar with *ship life. 1485 in 10th *Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. v. 291 The *shippe lofe which is made of clane whete as it cometh from the shefe. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 1 Nov. 1660, A curious *ship modell. 1655 MABQ. WORCESTER *Cent. Inv.* (1663) 42 A Harquebuss, a Crock, or *Ship-musquet. 1526 *Grete Herball* cccxliii. (1529) T iij, Pytche is of dyuers sortes for there is *shyppe pytche and pytche liquide or thynoe, or tarre. *c* 1550 LLOYD *Treas. Health* B 5 Let Shyp Pytche Be dyssolued one whole nyghte in stronge Vyneger. 1610 HOLLAND *Camden's Brit.* I. 17 As it were *ship-planks caught vp from a shipwracke. 1712 J. JAMES tr. *Le Blond's Gardening* 206 Ship-Plank of two or three Inches thick. 1857 PERLEY *Hand-bk. N. Brunswick* 11 For ship-planks and ship-timber. 1625 K. LONG tr. *Barclay's Argenis* II. x. 94 The very Mariners..tooke heart to snatch vp the *Ship-poles, and to make resistance. 1661 GODOLPHIN *View Admir. Jurisd.* Introd. a 6 He may not sail with other *Ship-provisions then what is good and wholesome. 1847 W. C. L. MARTIN *Ox* 47/2 A..breed of cattle..fed in Basse-Bretagne chiefly for ship-provisions. 1834–6 BARLOW in *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) VIII. 285/2 A good *ship pump. 1720 POPE *Iliad* XXIII. *Notes* end, The Naval-Course, or *Ship-Race. 1661 GODOLPHIN *View Admir. Jurisd.* 48 Invoyces, Bills of Lading, *Ship-Roll, with other Instruments and ship-papers. 1698 *Act* 10 *Will. III*, c. 14 § 1 For building..or repairing of Stages *Shiprooms Trainfats. 1780 JEFFERSON *Writ.* (1853) I. 275 Great numbers of negroes..were left, either for the want of ship-room or through choice. 1841 DANA *Seaman's Man.* III. iii. 212 The contract of passengers with the master is not for mere ship-room..on board. *c* 1000 ÆLFRIC *Gloss.* in Wr.-Wülcker 167/10 *Rudentes*, *sciprapas. 1675 HOBBES *Odyss.* (1677) 258 [He] shut the utter-gate, And with a ship-rope that lay by it ties. 1688 HOLME *Armoury* III. xv. (Roxb.) 48 Other Ship ropes not vsed..about the masts. 1585 JAS. VI *Ess. Poesie* (Arb.) 39 Since that only wind my *shipsailles blew. 1610 HOLLAND *Camden's Brit.* I. 263 The weaving of.. Ship-sailes. 1439 in *Archæologia* (1827) XXI. 37 Men of arms, feyghtyng upon the *shippe syde. 1611 SHAKS. *Wint. T.* III. iii. 112, I would you had beene by the ship side, to haue help'd her. 1719 DE FOE *Crusoe* I. (Globe) 11 Near the Ship Side. 1887 MORRIS *Odyss.* X. 172, I cast him adown by the ship-side. 1485 *Naval Acc. Hen. VII* (1896) 74 *Ship spayres..iiij. *c* 1300 *K. Horn* 1412 (Laud MS.) He comen out of *scyp sterne. 1688 HOLME *Armoury* III. xv. (Roxb.) 27 The Boat rope, is that by which the boat is towed or tyed to the ship stern. 1661 GODOLPHIN *View Admir. Jurisd.* 47 Embexilments of *ship-tackle or furniture. 1647 HEXHAM I, *Ship-tackling, *scheeps-koorden.* 1688 HOLME *Armoury* III. xv. (Roxb.) 32 Two necessary Instruments used much about the ship tacklings. 1836 E. HOWARD *R. Reefer* lvi, It was pronounced, for *ship-tailoring, excellent. 1717 *Petiveriana* III. 202 Ring-Oak or White-iron ..is esteemed the best for *Ship-use. 1611 CHAPMAN *Iliad* XIII. 370 An Oake, a Poplar, or a Pine, Hewne downe for *shipwood.

b. With reference to the Scandinavian custom of burying a ship in a grave-mound.

1847 in Madden *Shrines & Sepulchres* (1851) I. 334 Boats, and even large ships, being drawn on shore and turned keel uppermost, the bodies of the slain deposited under them, and stones and earth superimposed, thus forming what may appropriately be termed ship barrows. 1866 G. STEPHENS *Runic Mon.* I. 196 Mighty Mounds, olden Stone-rings, Ship-settings,..Grave-cumbels. 1889 DU CHAILLU *Viking Age* I. 335 *note*, Other ship-graves, such as that of Tune, Borre, &c., have been found with skeletons of horses. 1899 H. M. CHADWICK *Cult of Othin* 43 The ship-funeral..seems to be a distinctively Scandinavian custom.

c. objective and objective genitive, as *ship-bearing*, *-launch*, *-maker*, etc.

1596 WARNER *Alb. Eng.* XII. lxxvii. 312 Washt with the once *ship-bearing Ley. 1755 MAGENS *Insurances* II. 255 Brokers and *Ship-clearers, who would have Goods insured. 1663 MARQ. WORCESTER *Cent. Inv.* Index E j b, A *Ship-destroying Engine. 1907 F. T. BULLEN *Advance Austral.* xix, It was a fine piece of *ship-handling. 1832 [MRS. TRAILL] *Backwoods of Canada* iv. (1836) 52 At Brockville we arrived..in time to enjoy..a *ship-launch. 1552a HULOET, *Ship letter to hyre, *nauicularius.* 1483 *Cath. Angl.* 337/1 A *Schyppe maker, *barcarius.* 1858 SIMMONDS *Dict. Trade*, **Ship-modeller*,..one who lays down the proposed lines of a vessel. 1762–71 H. WALPOLE *Vertue's Anecd. Paint.* (1786) III. 101 Simon de Vlieger, an admired *ship-painter. 1839 URE *Dict. Arts* 253 James Brown, *ship-rigger. 1892 STEVENSON & L. OSBOURNE *Wrecker* 8 Smuggling, *ship-scuttling, barratry, piracy. 1655 DAVENPORT *K. John & Matilda* v. i, From mine eyes, *ship-sincking Cataracts, Whold [*sic*] clouds of waters,..Shall fall into the Sea of my affliction. 1858 SIMMONDS *Dict. Trade*, **Ship-surveyor*, an examiner of the condition, fittings, and sea-worthiness of ships. 1806 WOLCOT (P. Pindar) *Tristia* Wks. 1812 V. 299 Ship-brokers, or Ship-breakers, or *Ship-swabbers. 1570–6 LAMBARDE *Peramb. Kent* 86 A most dreadfull gulfe, and *shippe swalower.

d. adverbial, esp. instrumental, as *ship-beset*, *-borne*, *-dotted*, *-forsaken*, *-laden* adjs.; similative, as *ship-fashion* adv., *ship-like* adj.

1870 MORRIS *Earthly Par.* III. iv. 95 A yellow strand and *ship-beset green sea. *a* 1835 MOTHERWELL *Poet. Wks.* (1847) 5 The *ship-borne warriors of the North. 1889 HISSEY *Tour Phaeton* 216 The far-reaching, *ship-dotted sea beyond. 1771 *Encycl. Brit.* III. 585/1 Pinks sail with three masts, *ship-fashion. 1821 SCOTT *Kenilw.* XXXII, The chief table was adorned by a salt ship-fashion, made of mother-of-pearl. 1735 THOMSON *Liberty* I. 282 The *Ship-forsaken Bay. 1857 DUFFERIN *Lett. High Lat.* (ed. 3) 6 The yellow, rushing, *ship-laden river. 1842 FABER *Styrian Lake* 239 The *shiplike clouds, which overwhelm The azure sky. 1855 LYNCH *Rivulet* XXIV. ii, With a steady will unswerving, Ship-like may we onward press. 1864 tr. *Vambéry's Trav. Central Asia* 198 The camels, the shiplike movements of which I had formerly so much dreaded.

9. Special comb.: **†ship-agent**, a shipping agent; **†ship-bearer**, one who carries an incense-boat; **†ship-beer** [cf. MDu. *schipbier*, G. *schiffsbier*], beer made for consumption on board ship; **ship('s) biscuit**, hard biscuit prepared for use on board ship, hard-tack; formerly called **ship('s) bread**; **†ship-bridge**, a pontoon bridge; **ship-broker**, a mercantile agent who transacts the business of a ship when it is in port, or is engaged in buying and selling ships, or in procuring insurance on them; **ship-brokerage**, the business performed by a ship-broker; **†ship-burden**, a ship-load; **ship-carver**, **-caulker** (see quots.); **†ship-chest**, **-coffer**, a chest used on board ship; **ship('s) company**, the crew of a ship; **ship-contractor**, **-deliverer** (see quots.); **†ship-fare**, (*a*) travelling by ship; (*b*) = *ship-hire*; **†ship-ferd**, a navy; **ship-fever**, a form of typhus fever, called also *gaol fever* and *hospital fever*; **ship float**, (*a*) a lighter; (*b*) the splashers of a paddle-wheel (Knight *Dict. Mech.* 1875); **†ship-fountain** (see quot.); **† ship-fraught**, **-freight** (see FRAUGHT *sb.* 1, FREIGHT *sb.* 1) = *ship-hire*; **† ship-governor** = SHIPMASTER; **†ship-gume** = SHIPMAN; **ship-hearth** (see quot.); **†ship-hire** [cf. MDu. *schiphure*], the passage money for a sea-voyage; **ship-holder** = SHIP-OWNER (Webster 1828–32); **†ship-hook**, ? a grappling iron; **ship-joiner** (see quot. 1858); **ship-keeper**, a man who takes care of a ship when the crew is absent from it; **ship-ladder**, a ladder used in boarding or leaving a ship; also, a kind of embroidery stitch; **ship-lap**, a form of joint in carpentry made by halving (see quots. and HALVING *vbl. sb.*[1] 2 and cf. *half-lap* and *lap-joint* s. v. LAP *sb.*[3] 2 b and 6); so **ship-lapping** (also *attrib.*), and hence **ship-lap** *v.*, to furnish with joints of this kind; **ship-letter**, a letter carried by a private vessel and not by the ordinary mail boat; **†ship-lord** = SHIP-OWNER; **ship-mark**, a postmark on a letter carried by a mail ship; **ship-mate**, one who serves with another in the same ship; hence **shipmatish** *a.*; **†ship news**, (*a*) news conveyed by ship; (*b*) shipping news; **ship-papers**, now usually **ship's papers**, the documents (passport, muster-roll, charter-party, log-book, etc.) with which a ship is required by law to be provided; **ship-pendulum**, a pendulum with a graduated arc, used in the navy to ascertain the 'heel' of a vessel (Knight *Dict. Mech.*); **ship-plate**, an inferior grade of wrought iron plate; **†ship-privateer**, a privateer commanded by a captain (cf. *ship-sloop*); **†ship-rae** *Sc.* [see RA and cf. MDu. *schipra*], a sailyard; **ship-railway**, (*a*) an inclined railway running into the water over which a ship may be drawn out on land for repairs, etc.; (*b*) a railway for transporting ships overland; **†ship-rede** *Sc.* [see REID 1], a roadstead; **†ship ren**, a ship's course; **ship-rigged** *a.*, carrying square sails on all three masts; **†ship-road**, (*a*) a sea-voyage; (*b*) a roadstead; **†ship-scot** = SHIP-MONEY; **ship-scraper**, (*a*) see quot. 1875; (*b*) one whose occupation it is to scrape the keels and decks of ships; an instrument used for this purpose; **†ship sloop**, a sloop of war commanded by a captain, and therefore having the rating of a ship; **ship('s) smith** (see quot. 1858); **ship-spy**, a telescope used on the coast (Halliwell 1847); **ship('s) stores**, provisions and supplies for use on board ship; **ship-stuff**, (*a*) inferior wheat flour; (*b*) material for the woodwork of a ship; **ship('s) time**, the local mean time of the meridian where the ship is; **†ship-tire**, a head-dress shaped like a ship or having a ship-like ornament; **†ship('s) toll**, passage money, fare for a voyage; **†ship-war**, naval warfare; **shipway**, (*a*) a way or bed on which ships are built or laid for examination; (*b*) a ship-canal; **ship-work**, work at a ship or on board ship; **ship-building**, naval construction; **ship-worker**, one who employs labourers to unload ships; **† ship-writ**, a writ for ship-money.

1813 *Examiner* 8 Feb. 86/1 O. R. Read and Co...*ship-agents. *c* 1450 in Aungier *Syon* (1840) 337 In festys clepyd *Maius duplex* ther schal be two sensours at euensonge and matyns, and a *schypberer. 1706 E. WARD *Wooden World Diss.* (1708) 85 If ever he [a sea-cook] prays, it's in a Morning fasting, and that is to some Tag-rag, to fetch him a little *Ship-Beer. 1799 *Hull Advertiser* 6 Apr. 1/1 The business of a *ship-biscuit baker. 1823 ADAM CLARKE in *Life* (1840) xi. 407 Always carry with you some hard or ship biscuit. 1893 FORBES-MITCHELL *Remin. Gt. Mutiny* 27 Twelve ordinary-sized ship's biscuits. 1598 FLORIO, *Pane biscotto*, bisket bread, *ship-bread. 1748 *Anson's Voy.* III. ii. 310 No ship's bread was expended. 1856 KANE *Arctic Expl.* II. xvi. 163 The ship-bread was powdered by beating it with a capstan-bar. 1663 *Brief Acc. Turks Late Exped.* 11 The River had torn their *Ship-bridges. 1816 *Sporting Mag.* XLVII. 254 Mr. Wild, a *ship broker in the City. 1834 MCCULLOCH *Dict. Comm.* (ed. 2) 188 A ship broker is not within the various acts for the regulation and admission of brokers. 1886 *Daily Tel.* 11 Sept. (Cass.), The question of *ship-brokerage in France had formed the subject of frequent representations to the French government. 1646 J. HALL *Upon King's Gt. Porter* 22 Wee'l weigh thee by *Ship-burdens not hy th' stone. 1858 SIMMONDS *Dict. Trade*, **Ship-carver*, one who carves figure-heads, and the work on the stern. *Ibid.*, **Ship-caulker*, one whose business it is to stop, with oakum and pitch, the seams of ships' sides and decks. 1494 in *Somerset Med. Wills* (1901) 322, I bequeith to my cousyn William Hill my best bras pott a *ship chest and ij mesers of Ode. 1529 *Reg. Mag. Sig. Scot.* 178 A schip kist 20d. 1534 in *Archæol. Cant.* VII. 285, j olde shyppe cheste without locke. 1557 *Will* in Cullum *Hist. Hawsted* (1784) 126 One great *shipp cofer. 1644 MANWAYRING *Seaman's Dict.* 2 When Ships meet,..they use to demand how they doe all fore and aft, the reason whereof is, for that the whole *Ships company is devided. 1661 in *Godolphin's View Admir. Jurisd.* App. 174 In the sight and presence of the Ship-Company. 1706 E. WARD *Wooden World Diss.* (1708) 56 To purchase Wine Abroad for the Service of the Ship's Company. 1867 SMYTH *Sailor's Word-bk.*, **Ship-contractor*, the charterer or freighter of a vessel. 1858 SIMMONDS *Dict. Trade*, **Ship-deliverer*, a person who contracts to unload a ship. *c* 1320 *Sir Tristr.* 926 Blipe was his hosking, And fair was his *schip fare. 1375 BARBOUR *Bruce* III. 686 Till our-saile thaim in-to schipfair. *Ibid.* 692 Ankyrs, rapys..And all that nedyt to schipfar. 1648 HEXHAM II, *Schip-laon*,..ship-hire, Ship-fraught, or Ship-fare. 1661 in *Godolphin's View Admir. Jurisd.* App. 176 The Master..ought to shew them [the company] their Ship-fare, which he may weigh out to each of them. *a* 1122 *O. E. Chron.* (Laud MS.) an. 999, Pæt man sceolde mid *scipfyrde & eac mid landfyrde him onȝean faran. *c* 1205 LAY. 2156 Humber king & al his fleote & his muchele scip ferde. 1758 J. BLAKE *Mar. Syst.* 49 One man labouring under what is called the **Ship Fever*, or the *Goal Distemper*. 1868 *Chamb. Encycl.* X. 721/1 Fleeing in despair, emigrants carried the germs of disease with them; and the so-called ship-fever which followed destroyed its thousands. 1626 *Reg. Mag. Sig. Scot.* 355/2 Instrumentum quo aqua salsa dulcis effecta est, quod πηγοναυτικον vulgo **schip-fontane* appellatum est. *c* 1375 *Schip fraucht [see FRAUGHT *sb.* 1]. 1648 [see *ship-fare* above]. 1552 *Ship freight [see *ship-hire* below]. 1526 TINDALE *Rev.* xviii. 17 Every *shippe governer, and all they that occupied shippes. *c* 1205 LAY. 4560 Godlac sloh þa *scip-gumen [*c* 1275 sipmen]. 1858 SIMMONDS *Dict. Trade*, **Ship-hearth Maker*, a manufacturer of the cooking galleys or stoves used on shipboard. 13.. *Metr. Hom.* (Vernon MS.) in *Archiv Stud. neu. Spr.* LVII. 265 For his *schip huyre his wyf he heolde. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 446/2 Schyphyre, *ñaulum*. 1552 HULOET, Ship hire or freight, *naulum*. 1648 [see *ship-fare* above]. 1633 SIR J. BURROUGHS *Sov. Brit. Seas* (1651) 114 With certaine *ship-hookes and other like Instruments [etc.]. 1858 SIMMONDS *Dict. Trade*, **Ship-joiner*,..a mechanic who does the neat or fine woodwork in ships and buildings, and is therefore distinguished from the shipwright and carpenter. 1897 *Daily News* 29 Mar. 7/3 The strike of the ship joiners of the River Thames. *c* 1517 in *Archæologia* XLVII. 310 Wages of *Shippekepers in the Thames. 1618 in J. Charnock *Hist. Mar. Arch.* (1801) II. 237 The rigging at the setting forth may hee performed hy the ordinary shipp-keepers. 1840 R. H. DANA *Bef. Mast* XXXVI, Not a soul was left on board the good ship Alert but the old ship-keeper. *c* 1050 *Suppl. Ælfric's Gloss.* in Wr.-Wülcker 182/10 *Ponsis*, *sciphlædder. 1611 COTGR., *Transpontin*, a ship-ladder. *c* 1635 CAPT. N. BOTELER *Dial. Sea Services* (1685). 1882 CAULFEILD & SAWARD *Dict. Needlework* 187 To work Jacob or Ship Ladder. 1854 MISS A. E. BAKER *Gloss. Northants.*, **Ship-lap*, a carpenter's term for a mode of uniting the end of one piece of wood to the side of another, at right angles, hy a bevil-shaped bearing on the upper edge. 1887 *Home Missionary* (N.Y.) Mar. 432 It [our home] is '*ship-lapped' and partially plastered. 1879 *Cassell's Techn. Educ.* IV. 278/1 The simplest joint is that known as *ship-lapping, in which each end is cut down through half its thickness, and the cut met by a cross-cut, and the piece removed. 1882 CHRISTY *Joints made by Builders* 103 Ship Lapping Joint. *c* 1675 in J. W. Hyde *Post in Grant* (1894) 326 *Ship letter. 1817 SELWYN *Law Nisi Prius* (ed. 4) II. 963 A letter..with the English ship-letter post-mark. 1829 *Parl. Papers* XI. 288 Ship-letter office. 1834 *Ibid.* XLIX. 501 Above 1200 ship-letter mails are forwarded via Liverpool in the course of a year. 1849 CUPPLES *Green Hand* xxxii, My mother handed Jane a ship-letter. *c* 1050 *Suppl. Ælfric's Gloss.* in Wr.-Wülcker 181/21 *Nauclerus*, *sciphlaford. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 447/1 Schyplord,.. *navarchus*. 1801 S. & HT. LEE *Cant. T.* IV. 456 The letter had no *ship-mark: I examined that of the post; it was from Hull. 1748 *Anson's Voy.* III. iii. 329 Our Commander and *Shipmates. 1840 R. H. DANA *Bef. Mast* xiii, A handsome, hearty fellow, and a good shipmate. 1883 STEVENSON *Treas. Isl.* ii, 'You know an old shipmate, Bill, surely', said the stranger. 1893 W. CLARK RUSSELL *Emigr. Ship* II. 84, 'I respect your *shipmatish views', said I. 1712 LUTTRELL *Brief Rel.* (1857) VI. 723 This being only *ship news, little credit is given theretoo. 1761 *Lond. Chron.* July 2–4, 14/2 Ship News. Falmouth, June 29. Wind N. arrived the King George packet-boat, Bown, from Lisbon. 1661 GODOLPHIN *View Admir. Jurisd.* Introd. a 6 He may not carry counterfeit Cocquets or other Fictitious and Colourable *Ship-papers to involve the Goods of the Innocent with the Nocent. 1753 *Scots Mag.* Mar. 126/2 The ship-papers and depositions. 1853 MAUDE & POLLOCK *Law Merch. Shipping* iii. 63 The master is the proper person to have the custody of the ship's papers. 1873 R. WILSON *Steam Boilers* 32 The badly refined, coarse, brittle and uncertain material sometimes sold as *ship plate. 1881 *Instr. Census Clerks* (1885) 93 Ship Plate Maker. 1799 *Naval Chron.* I. 529 A *ship privateer named La Zele, mounting 16 guns and 69 men. 1805 NELSON 23 July in Nicolas *Disp.* (1846) VI. 486 A Ship-Privateer of twenty-two Guns. 1595 DUNCAN *App. Etym.* (E.D.S.), *Antenna*, a *ship-rae. 1881 *Chicago Times* 12 Mar., *The Times* does not undertake to say that the *ship-railway scheme is impracticable. 1891 *19th Cent.* Mar. 386 No ship railway is at present in opera-

tion. 1596 DALRYMPLE tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* I. 127 Quha is ouir Haevinis and *schipredes thay cal Admiral. 1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 341 So þat toward þe west þe *ssiprene [*v.r.* schipreone] drou. 1844 *Civil Engin. & Arch. Jrnl.* VII. 189/2 The vessel was *ship-rigged. *a* 1400 *New Test.* (Paues) *Acts* xxvii. 10, I see þat wiþ iniurye ande myche harme..higynnes oure *schiprode to be. 1610 HOLLAND *Camden's Brit.* I. 422 To assume unto it the name of a ship-Rode, or Haven. 1640 [H. PARKER] *Case of Shipmony* 2 To introduce the legality of the *Ship-scot, such a prerogative hath been maintained, as destroyes all other Law. 1643 *Oath of Pacification* 8 The Kingdome groaned .. under the oppression of the Shipscot. 1884 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.* Suppl., **Ship Scraper*, a triangular or square piece of steel, handled, and with sharpened edges for scraping the keels and decks of vessels. 1890 *Daily News* 12 June 6/1 The United Shipscrapers' Protection League. 1867 SMYTH *Sailor's Word-bk.*, **Ship-sloop*, commanders were appointed to 24-gun sloops, but when the same sloops were commanded by captains, they were rated ships. 1858 SIMMONDS *Dict. Trade*, **Ship's-smith*, an iron worker who fits the metal work, bolts, &c. in ships. 1897 *Daily News* 19 Feb. 2/2 All the shipsmiths on the north-east coast. 1798 *28th Rep. Sel. Comm. Finance* (1803) XIII. 356 Draught Carts for conveying old *Ship's Stores. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* lvii, Disposing of a great quantity of ship stores, claret, preserved meats, and great casks packed with soda-water. 1793 WASHINGTON *Lett.* Writ. 1891 XII. 382 The middlings and *ship stuff may be sold to answer the money calls which you will have upon you. 1884 SARGENT *Rep. Forests N. Amer.* 511 Saw oak for shipstuff. 1891 PATTERSON *Naut. Dict.* 303 **Ship Time*, the solar time at the place of the ship—12 o'clock (noon) being made known by eight bells when the sun crosses the meridian. 1598 SHAKS. *Merry W.* III. iii. 60 The right arched-beauty of the brow, that becomes the *Ship-tyre..or any Tire of Venetian admittance. *c* 1050 *Suppl. Ælfric's Gloss.* in Wr.-Wülcker 182/13 *Naulum*, *sciptol. *c* 1475 *Pict. Voc.* ibid. 805/4 *Hoc naulum*, a schyppes tolle. 1648 HEXHAM II, *Schip-tol*, Ship-toll, or Custome. 1408 tr. *Vegetius' De Re Milit.* (MS. Digby 233) lf. 223/2 Þe lawes or hestes of *schep werre. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 447/1 Schyppe werre, *naumachia*. 1834 *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) VI. 343 *note*, Constructing buildings for the accommodation of officers of the yards, in storehouses,..and *shipways. 1840 *Hull Docks Comm.* 189 Shipways, a platform of stone-work in the bed of the river, for the purpose of laying the ships on to examine their bottoms. 1884 *Manch. Exam.* 15 Aug. 4/8 The construction of a ship-way from Manchester to the sea. 1408-9 tr. *Vegetius' De Re Milit.* (MS. Digby 233) lf. 224/1 To hewe tymbre as grete bemes for *schip werk. 1503 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* II. 283 He gaif to Schir Alexander Makison, to furnis the schip werk, xx li. 1616 in *Compt bk. D. Wedderburne* (S.H.S.) 280, 12 peaceis oak for ship wark. 1904 *Daily Chron.* 9 June 3/4 He might be able to write a good text-book on ship-work. 1881 *Instr. Census Clerks* (1885) 36 Dock Service:..*Shipworker. 1891 *Daily News* 9 Feb. 3/2 The shipworkers and quay foremen. 1640 *Act* 16 *Chas. I*, c. 14 § 1 Diverse Writs..commonly called *Shipwrits for the charging of the Ports Townes..of this Realme respectively to provide and furnish certain Ships for his Majesties Service. 1654 H. L'ESTRANGE *Chas. I* (1655) 140 The Shipwrits having been issued out August the 11. 1635. *a* 1754 CARTE *Hist. Eng.* IV. 253 The council who had..just before the relation issued ship-writs to the inland.

b. In the names of animals: **ship-borer** = *shipworm*; †**ship-halter**, the sucking-fish = REMORA 1; so **ship-holder**; †**ship-nut** (see quot.); **ship-rat**, a variety of rat found on board ship; **ship-stayer**, a fish of the family *Echeneididæ*; **shipworm**, any of the worm-shaped mollusks of the genus *Teredo* and allied genera, esp. *T. navalis*.

1668 CHARLETON *Onomast.* 125 *Remora*..the Remora, or *Ship-halter. 1860 WRAXALL *Life in Sea* v. 111 Many fabulous stories have been told of the small '*Ship-holder', a sucking-fish often met with in the Mediterranean. 1729 DAMPIER *Voy.* III. 1. 420 **Ship-Nuts*. Are hard Shells, which commonly adhere to Ships like the Barnacles. 1860 WYNTER *Cur. Civilis.* 132 The *ship-rat must not be confounded with the water rat, which is an entirely different species. 1890 STEVENSON in G. Balfour *Life* (1911) 222 The ship-rats which infest the shores and invade the houses. 1778 DA COSTA *Brit. Conchol.* 21 S[erpula] Teredo. The *Ship Worm. 1783 JUSTAMOND tr. *Raynal's Hist. Indies* VI. 149 The ship-worm is more apt to injure the vessel in this place than in other parts. 1879 E. P. WRIGHT *Anim. Life* 562 *Teredidæ*, or Ship-worms.

c. Combinations with *ship's* (many of which have alternative forms in 8 a; see also 9), as *ship's anchor, apparel, †castle, cook, log, pump, timepiece*; **ship's articles**, the terms according to which seamen take service on board ship; **ship's cousin**, app. humorously modelled on *ship's husband*; **ship's days**, the days allowed for loading and unloading a ship (*Funk's Stand. Dict.* 1895); **ship's husband** (see HUSBAND *sb.* 4 b); **ship's protest** (see PROTEST *sb.* 3); **ship's registry** (see quot.); **ship's time**, the local mean time of the meridian where the ship is.

1647 HEXHAM I, A ships anker, *Een schips anker*. 1755 MAGENS *Insurances* II. 278 The *Ship's Apparel, as Boats, Anchors, Sails, Cordage. 1858 SIMMONDS *Dict. Trade*, **Ship's Articles*. 1875 KAY *Shipmasters & Seamen* IX. xvii. 704 Which by the special terms of his ship's articles was to cause a forfeiture of wages. 1858 SIMMONDS *Dict. Trade*, **Ship's-block Maker*, a manufacturer of large blocks for ship's use. 1706 E. WARD *Wooden World Diss.* (1708) 19 These [*sc.* a captain's servants], tho' just pick'd off from a Taylor's Shop-board, are rated able on his *Ship's Books. 1638 JUNIUS *Paint. Ancients* 155 The *ships-castle behinde was most commonly adorned with the picture of one or other God. 1834 *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) VI. 344 *Ship's Corporal. ..*Ship's Cook. 1840 R. H. DANA *Bef. Mast* viii, However useful and active you may be, you are but a mongrel,—a sort of afterguard and '*ship's cousin'. 1706 E. WARD *Wooden World Diss.* (1708) 13 The wretched *Ship's Crew ..get scarce the very Husk, whilst he (the captain) runs away with the Flower of the Cargo. *Ibid.* 73 He cannot but pity the Surgeon's Simplicity, for calling himself the *Ship's Doctor, when all the World knows, that none but the Carpenter looks to her Wounds. 1841 *Penny Cycl.* XXI. 405/1 Parts of *ship's furniture. 1835 *Tomlins' Law-Dict.* s. v. *Ship's Papers*, The Log Book, or *Ship's Journal. 1881 *Instr. Census Clerks* (1885) 47 *Ship's Log Maker. 1886 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 29 Jan. 5/2 That comparatively small but highly important section of our sailors generally described as '*ships' officers'. 1846 A. YOUNG *Naut. Dict.* 194 *Ship's protest, which should be compared with the log-book, and certified by the agent. 1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.*, **Ship's Pump*, a suction-pump for freeing a ship's hold from water. 1644 MANWAYRING *Seaman's Dict.* 100 The standing part of the sheate, is that part which is made fast, by a clinch into a ring of the *ships-quarter. 1867 SMYTH *Sailor's Word-bk.*, **Ship's registry and certificate*, an official record of a ship's size, the bills of lading, ownership, &c. *Ibid.*, **Ship's steward*, the person who manages the victualling or mess departments. In the navy, paymaster's steward. 1884 F. J. BRITTEN *Watch & Clockm.* 240 A *Ship's Time-piece has usually a lever escapement. 1891 PATTERSON *Naut. Dict.* 384 **Ship's Writer*,..is a first class petty officer, and his duty is to keep the names and rates of the ship's company. *Ibid.* 356 *Equipment Yeoman*, formerly called *ship's yeoman.

Ship, *sb.*2 *Printing.* A colloquial abbreviation of COMPANIONSHIP 3.

1875 SOUTHWARD *Dict. Typogr.* 18 The best 'ship' is kept going with work from the others, rather than be suffered to stand still. 1882 — *Pract. Printing* (1884) 221 The chief of the companionship or 'ship'..receives the copies from the overseer.

Ship (ʃip), *v.* Forms: 1 **scipian, scypian**, 3-5 **schype**, (3 **ssipe**), 4-5 **schipe, schepe**, 4-6 **schippe, schyppe**, 4-7 **ship, shipe, shyppe**, (5 **shipp**), 6-7 **schip**, 6- **ship**. [late OE. *scipian*, f. *scip* SHIP *sb.*1; cf. MLG. *schêpen*, (M)Du. *schepen*, MHG., G. *schiffen*, ON. *skipa*. In the later senses a new formation directly f. SHIP *sb.*1]

†**1.** *pass.* To be furnished with a ship or ships.

c 900 *O. E. Chron.* (Parker MS.) an. 893, Se micla here..wurdon ȝescipode. 1594 KYD *Cornelia* v. 298 Seeing himselfe at anchor, slightly shipt, Besieg'd, betraide by winde. 1604 SHAKS. *Oth.* II. i. 47 *Mon.* Is he well ship'd? *Cassio.* His Barke is stoutly Timber'd. 1647 HEXHAM I, Shiped, *Gescheept.*

†**b.** *refl.* To provide oneself with a ship. *Obs.*—1

1627 CAPT. SMITH *Sea Gram.* xii. 55 Euery horseman cannot mount himself alike, neither euery Seaman ship himselfe as he would.

†**2.** To equip or launch (a vessel). *Obs.*

Cf. 1224-5 *Foreign Acc., L. T. R.* No. 1 Municione et Schippatione nauium et galiarum.

1052 *O. E. Chron.* (MS. C), Þa let Eadward cyng scypian .xl. snacca. *c* 1500 *Melusine* 118 He..made fourthwith a galyotte to be shipped redy. *Ibid.* 268 Go make a galyot to be shipped redy with ten oores.

3. To put or take (persons or things) on board ship; to cause (a person) to embark; to place (goods) in a ship for transportation.

13.. *K. Alis.* 6062 He schipeth heom in schipes cayvars, In dromondes, and in lumbars. 1425 *Rolls of Parlt.* IV. 276/1 The said Merchantz Englissh, that shippen, or shall shippe any Merchandise. 1465 *Paston Lett.* Suppl. 93 To remember that Guton malt must be shipped at Blakeney. 1513 PACE in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. III. I. 179 An armey..whiche he affirmith to be nowe schippidde redy to passe the see. 1517 TORKINGTON *Pilgr.* (1884) 69 We shippyd our horses at Caleys. 1582 STANYHURST *Æneis* I. 11 Pigmalions riches was shipt. 1640 YORKE *Union Hon.* 100 King Henry the fifth, was shipping his men for France. 1689 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 2486/3 The Lord Hewit's Regiment of Horse will be shipped to morrow. 1748 *Anson's Voy.* II. xiii. 271 He was shipped on board a vessel bound to Old Spain. 1818 SCOTT *Let.* in *Lockhart* (1837) IV. 216, I rather fear that a quantity of game which was shipped awhile ago at Inverness for the Doctor, never reached him. 1866 CRUMP *Banking* vi. 139 Upon a cargo being shipped, bills of lading..are filled up with the name of the shipper. 1885 *Act* 48 & 49 *Vict.* c. 41 § 17 Any harbour or any works in or at which vessels can..ship or unship goods or passengers.

fig. 1602 MARSTON *Ant. & Mel.* I. Wks. 1856 I. 16 After long travaile through the Asiao maine, I shipt my hopefull thoughts for Brittany.

absol. 1479 *Cely Papers* (Camden) 18, I wyll nat schepe tyll I have my money hom in lecters of payment. 1482 *Ibid.* 104 Syr thay hawbe begwn to schype at London. 1530 PALSGR. 703/2 We can nat go hence yet, we have nat all shypped.

b. said of the ship.

1800 COLQUHOUN *Comm. Thames* xiii. 374 All vessels sball ship or take in all their cargoes..below the Canal at Blackwall. 1882 'OUIDA' *Maremma* ii, A little vessel was shipping grain.

†**4. a.** *pass.* Of a person: To have gone on board, to be embarked. *Obs.*

c 1300 *Prose Life St. Brandan* (Percy) 37 Whan they were all shypped, sodeynly this yonge man vanysshed away. *c* 1400 *Laud Troy Bk.* 387 Thei are schepped now eche a wyght. *a* 1450 LOVELICH *Grail* lvi. 114 Thike same Nybt ..that In to the See I-scheped they were. 1591 SHAKS. *Two Gent.* I. i. 73 Twenty to one then, he is ship'd already. *a* 1592 GREENE *Jas. IV*, I. i, My royal father is both shipp'd and gone. 1617 MORYSON *Itin.* II. 203 We heard that all the Spaniards..were shipped. 1621 G. SANDYS *Ovid's Met.* VI. (1626) 120 As soone as shipt; as soone as actiue ores Had mou'd the surges.

Proverb.

1570-6 LAMBARDE *Peramb. Kent* 209 Least otherwise the Reader..might be shipped in the boate of this errour. 1575-85 ABP. SANDYS *Serm.* xix. 334 This is the way wherein Christ must bee followed by as manie as desire to be shipped with him, to bee of the number of his people. 1720 DE FOE *Capt. Singleton* (1906) 8 He that is shipped with the devil must sail with the devil.

b. *refl.* To go on board ship, embark. Also with *off* (cf. 7 b). *Obs.* or *arch.*

c 1400 *Destr. Troy* 1783 Antenor..Shippit hym full shortly & his shene folke. 1600 R. CARA tr. *Mahumetan Hist.* 62 b, Who..was commaunded to ship himselfe againe in a barque that was prepared. 1607 SHARPHAM *Fleire* II. (1610) E 1, Ile send you to Graues-end, Ile see you in the Tilt-boate, When you are there, ship your selues. *a* 1647 PETTE in *Archæologia* XII. 219, I was constrained to ship myself to sea upon a desperate voyage. 1719 DE FOE *Crusoe* II. (Globe) 505 They shipp'd themselves to serve in the Ship. 1761 HUME *Hist. Eng.* III. lii. 129 The Puritans, restrained in England, shipped themselves off for America. 1831 SCOTT *Cast. Dang.* xx, It was thought that the waves had swallowed them when they shipped themselves from the west.

5. *intr.* To go on board ship, embark. Now *rare*.

a 1122 *O. E. Chron.* (Laud MS.) an. 1091 Se eorl..on Wiht scipode & into Normandiȝ for. *c* 1290 *S. Eng. Leg.* 467/179 Huy schypeden in þe salte se. *c* 1300 *K. Horn* 1013 (Laud MS.) Þe page was blybe And schepede wel swybe. 1375 BARBOUR *Bruce* III. 575 Then schippyt thai, for-owtyn mar. *c* 1400 MAUNDEV. (Roxb.) viii. 28 Per er many hauens for to schippe at. *c* 1468 in *Archæologia* (1846) XXXI. 327 The Fryedaye next after the Nativite of Sainct John Baptist, she shippid at Margate. 1517 TORKINGTON *Pilgr.* (1884) 1, I shipped at Rye, in Sussex. 1596 DALRYMPLE tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* II. 378 Quhen at Leith tha had shipit in. 1599 DEKKER *Shoemakers Hol.* (1610) B 2 Tis bis highnesse will, That presently your cosen shippe for France With all his powers. 1690 *Lond. Gaz.* 2551/3 The 400 Horse..and many Foot..marched to Highlake, where, it's believed, they are Shipping this day. 1891 *Spectator* 17 Jan., People wishing to get from London to New York..ship at Liverpool.

†**6.** To go by ship *to*, *into*, or *from* a place. *Obs.*

13.. *Metr. Hom.* in *Archiv Stud. neu. Spr.* LVII. 265 Faste he drouh toward þe se For schipen he wolde to oþur þede. 1382 WYCLIF *Acts* xx. 6 We schipiden aftir dayes of therf loones fro Philippis. *c* 1400 *Rowland & O.* 742 þay Schipped ouer at Vertely In to þe landes of lumbardy. 1477 EARL RIVERS (Caxton) *Dictes* I, I determyned me to take that voyage and shipped from Southampton. 1535 COVERDALE *Matt.* xiv. 34 They shipped ouer, & came in to the londe of Genazereth. 1603 KNOLLES *Hist. Turks* (1638) 247 The Emperour, speedily shipped ouer into Asia. 1654 GATAKER *Disc. Apol.* 79 [They] have slipt away and shipt hence.

†**b.** To sail *about*. *Obs.*

1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) VII. 95 He badde schipped aboute Est Engelonde [*circumnavigata Estanglia*]. *c* 1450 *Mirk's Festial* 260 As I was schyppyng yn þe see, I come to an yle.

7. *trans.* To send or transport by ship. †*To ship out*: to export.

1436 *Libel Eng. Policy* in *Pol. Poems* (Rolls) II. 160 Saffron, quiksilver, .. Is into Flaundres shypped fulle craftylye. 1495 *Halyburton's Ledger* (1867) 12 Bocht in Handwarp and schepit in the Cristoffir of the Fer. 1503-4 *Act* 19 *Hen. VII*, c. 27 § 1 Wolle felles..to be shipped owte of the seid Realme to the seid Staple at Cales. 1602 SHAKS. *Ham.* IV. i. 30 The Sun no sooner shall the Mountaines touch, But we will ship him hence. 1656 TUCKER *Rep. Revenues Scot.* (Bannatyne Club) 26 South Barwick, where the Scots and English both did usually shippe out Skyns, Hides, Wooll. 1719 DE FOE *Crusoe* I. (Globe) 39 One half of the Prodnce being to himself, and the other to be shipp'd to England. 1725 POPE *Odyss.* XV. 419 Rude pirates seized, and shipped thee o'er the main. 1826 DISRAELI *Viv. Grey* II. i, The third [son] was a Roué, and was shipped to the Colonies. 1861 GOSCHEN *For. Exch.* 127 To ship the silver to England. 1892 KIPLING *Barrack-room Ballads* 53 Ship me somewheres east of Suez. 1912 *Times* 19 Dec. 15/4 Goods shipped in the mail vessels.

b. *esp.* with *off*.

1669 STURMY *Mariner's Mag., Penalties & Forfeitures*, If any Wharfinger..shall..Ship off..any Wares..at any unlawful time. 1706 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 4239/1 They Shipt off 900 of their sick and wounded Men. 1778 *Eng. Gazetteer* (ed. 2) s. v., The inhabitants ship off yearly..seven or eight thousand chaldrons of coal. 1855 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* xviii. IV. 195 He would himself send the recusant to prison, or ship him off for Flanders. 1878 BOSW. SMITH *Carthage* 38 Till their numbers became excessive and these were shipped off by the prudence of their rulers to found colonies.

c. *transf.* To transport (goods) by rail or other means of conveyance. *U.S.*

1881 *Chicago Times* 17 June, To ship their freight by rail. 1885 *Harper's Mag.* Apr. 663/2 We..shipped our..collection of luggage to the botel.

d. *fig.* To send *off*, send packing, get rid of, dismiss, expel.

1588 SHAKS. *Tit. A.* I. i. 206 Andronicus, would thou were shipt to hell. 1826 in A. J. C. Hare *Gurneys of Earlham* (1895) II. 31 After a good deal of bustle, all were shipped off, except Aunt Cunningham. 1857 TROLLOPE *Three Clerks* xviii, Old Foolscap says he'll ship me the next time I'm absent half-an-hour without leave.

8. Of a vessel: To take in (water) over the side; to be submerged or flooded with (water) by waves breaking over it; esp. *to ship a sea*. Said also of the occupants of the vessel.

1698 FRYER *Acc. E. India & P.* 13 In this Encounter we shipped many a perilous Sea. 1719 DE FOE *Crusoe* I. (Globe) 9 Our Ship rid Forecastle in, shipp'd several Seas. *a* 1734 NORTH *Life Dudley North* (1744) 15 We shipt Seas over our Poop. 1748 *Anson's Voy.* III. v. 342 Baling out the water which she accidentally ships. 1853 KANE *Grinnell Exp.* xx. (1856) 153 Driving before the wind, shipping seas at every roll. 1883 STEVENSON *Treas. Isl.* xvii, The rowing ceased, ..and all was so nicely contrived that we did not ship a drop.

9. To take or draw (an object) into the ship or boat to which it belongs. Also with *up*.

1630 in Binnell *Descr. Thames* (1758) 65 No Fisherman.. shall at any Time hereafter ship their Draw-Nets (called Shipping a-stern) into their Boats, before such Time as they have laid forth all their whole Net. 1894 *Outing* XXIV. 257/2 As we shipped up our rod the natives began to assemble. 1898 W. W. Jacobs *Sea Urchins* (1906) 213 The visitors went ashore, the gangway was shipped, and..the *Curlew* drifted slowly away from the quay.

b. To lift (an oar or scull) out of its rowlock, and (now, in sculling) to bring it into the boat (cf. Boat *v.* 1 and Unship *v.*). (See also quot. 1898.) Also *absol.* as a command = 'ship oars!'

For another sense of 'ship oars' see 10.

1700 Dryden *Ceyx & Alc.* 92 The Sailors ship their Oars, and cease to row. 1725 Pope *Odyss.* II. 470 And now they ship their oars, and crown with wine The holy goblet to the powers divine. 1857 P. Colquhoun *Comp.* 'Oarsman's Guide' 32 To *ship* the oar or scull is to jerk it out of the row-lock, and to *boat* it, to bring it on board. 1861 Hughes *Tom Brown at Oxf.* ii, The stranger came to the bank, shipped his sculls, and jumped out. 1894 Crockett *Raiders* 14, I shipped the oars and lay back thinking. 1896 Ashby-Sterry *Tale of Thames* xxi, 'Easy all!' says Auntie, following the command by 'Ship!' 1898 *Encycl. Sport* II. 297/2 (Rowing) *Ship*, to lift the handle of the oar when the blade is on the water, and then to allow it to float, with the motion of the boat, alongside.

10. orig. and esp. *Naut.* To put (an object) in position for performing its proper function; *spec.* to fix (an oar) in the rowlock, in readiness to row; hence, to put in position for any purpose.

1616 Chapman *Mutæus* 352 His faire Limbes of his weede, he strip't: Which, at his head, with both hands bound, he shipt. 17.. *Greenland Voy.* iii. in *Coll. Old Ballads* (1738) III. 173 Each Man ship his Oar, and leave nothing on Shoar That is needful the Voy'ge to advance. 1769 Falconer *Dict. Marine* (1780) s. v., To ship the oars, *i.e.* to fix them in their row-locks. To ship the swivel-guns, is to fix them in their sockets. 1798 in Nicolas *Disp.* (1845) III. 53 He had a new rudder made upon his own deck, which was immediately shipped. 1833 Sturt *Exped. S. Austral.* II. 166 Seven or eight [natives]..crept into the reeds, with their spears shipped to throw at us. 1834 L. Ritchie *Wand. Seine* 33 Shipping a single oar in the stern, [he] began to scull out with all his might. 1837 Marryat *Snarleyyow* xlvii, The skylight was shipped on again. 1845 J. Coulter *Adv. in Pacific* vii. 71 Which mast and sail are..never shipped until required. 1859 F. A. Griffiths *Artil. Man.* (1862) 195 No. 3..ships and unships the handspike. 1867 Smyth *Sailor's Word-bk.* s. v., Ship capstan-bars. 1881 *Daily Tel.* 28 Jan., A hole big enough to ship the mainmast in.

b. *intr.* (for *pass.*). To admit of being placed in position; to have a certain position in a contrivance.

1844 H. Stephens *Bk. Farm* III. 1169 The top-sides.. which are fitted to ship and unship as occasion may require.

11. To put on (clothing, etc.); also, to shoulder (a burden).

1829 Maw *Jrnl. Pass. Pacific* 16 Their regard for new and gay shoes, of which they 'ship' a new pair every Sunday morning. 1831 Trelawny *Adv. Younger Son* lxiv, He ..took off his white jacket, and shipped a blue one. 1834 Marryat *Peter Simple* xli, I had shipped the swab...I'm lieutenant. 1910 *Blackw. Mag.* Dec. 758/2 The bearers fitted their shoulders under the straps and shipped their burden.

12. *trans.* To engage for service on a ship.

1643 *Decl. Commons* (*Reb. Ireland*) 50 He..was shipped ..to serve in the said Frigot. 1699 Dampier *Voy.* II. i. 150, I was Shipt Mate of the Sloop that came from Malacca with us. 1719 De Foe *Crusoe* i. (Globe) 15 It was my great Misfortune, that in all these Adventures I did not ship my self as a Sailor. 1840 R. H. Dana *Bef. Mast* xiv, Instead of shipping some hands to make our work easier.

b. *intr.* To engage to serve on a ship.

1829 Marryat *F. Mildmay* xxi, We never ask questions when a seaman ships for us. 1845 J. Coulter *Adv. in Pacific* xi. 145 One of the Spaniards shipped on board as an ordinary seaman. 1891 Kipling *City Dreadf. Nt.* 27 As soon as the money's gone they'll ship, but not before.

Ship, shipple, var. ff. Chip *sb.*2, share-beam.

1607 J. Carpenter *Plaine Mans Plough* 115 Next to the Share, is the Shippe. *Ibid.*, The Ship is not only that peece which holdeth the Share, but is placed beneath next the earth.

-ship *suffix* (Forms: 1 **-skiepe, -scipe, -scype,** *Anglian* **-scip, -sciop,** 2 **-scep,** 3 **-sip(e,** 3–4 **-scip(e,** 3–5 **-schipe,** 4 **-schupe,** 4–5 **-schippe, -shipe, -schyp, -schepe, -shep(e, -chipe, -chepe,** 4–6 **-schip, -shyp, -shippe,** 5 **-schuppe, -schepe, -chyp, -chep,** 5–6 **-shyppe,** 5–7 **-shipp,** 4– **-ship**), in OE. **-sciepe, -skiepe* (rare), *-scipe, -scype*, Anglian *-scip*, (occas. *-sciop*) str. masc. = OFris. *-skipi, -skip, -schip* (WFris. *-skip, -schip*, NFris. *-skep, -skap*), OS. *-scepi, -scipi*, MLG., MDu. *-sc(h)ip, -sc(h)êpe, -sc(h)eep, -sc(h)êp*, WFlem. *-schip, -schepe* :—OTeut. **skapi-z*, f. *skap-* to create, ordain, appoint (see Shape *v.*). The *i* of the stem-syllable of OE. *-scipe* and the corresponding continental forms is apparently due to secondary influence of the umlaut, the change being probably favoured by the lack of stress. The related **skapo-z* masc., **skapō* fem., and **skapti-z* Shaft *sb.*1, meaning 'creation, creature, constitution, condition', were used in Germanic as the second element of compounds and as such assumed the function and meaning of a suffix equivalent to **skapi-z*; these forms are represented by OS. *-skap* (MDu., Du. *-schap*), OHG. *-scaf* fem., later *-scaft* (MHG., G. *-schaft*), ON. *-skapr* (Da. *-skab*, Sw. *-skap*), and perhaps by OE. *-sceap* in *landsceap* country, region.

The abnormal forms of the suffix in Sc. *housyskap, -skep, -skip* (see Housewifeship) may have a LG. or Du. origin.

In certain uses the suffix lends itself more or less freely to the formation of nonce-words; selected instances of these are given below under the divisions to which they belong.

1. Added to adjs. and pa. pples. to denote the state or condition of being so-and-so. Such compounds were numerous in OE., and many survived (or were re-coined) in ME., but few have a history extending beyond the 15th century; e.g. OE. *drodscipe* briskness, *dolscipe* folly, *druncenscipe* Drunkenship, Drunkship (ME.), *glædscipe* Gladship, *gódscipe* Goodship, *láþscipe* hardship, *prútscipe* pride, Shendship (ME.), *snelscipe* boldness, Wildship (ME.), *wódscipe* madness. The only survivals of this formation now in common use are Hardship (first in Ancren Riwle), and Worship (OE. *weorþscipe*).

2. Added to sbs. to denote the state or condition of being what is expressed by the sb., e.g. OE. *féondscipe* hostility, Fiendship, *fréondscipe* Friendship, *þegnscipe* Thegnship (cf. Thaneship); *authorship, fellowship, †knightship, partnership, sonship, suretyship.*

1674 N. Fairfax *Bulk & Selv.* 89 Supposing that by Almighty power their Sunship and Moonship might be kept by them, without worldship. *a* 1828 *Bentham's Fragm. Govt.* Hist. Pref., Wks. 1843 I. 241 To assume and keep up the tone of juvenility and tyro-ship.

b. By extension, compounds of this kind, when the sb. is the designation of a class of human being, assume the sense of the qualities or character associated with, or the skill or power of accomplishment of, the person denoted by the sb.; e.g. OE. *eorlscipe* manliness, *hlâfdscipe* domination, supremacy, Lordship, *mannscipe* humanity; *craftsmanship, horsemanship, housewifeship, kingship, soldiership, workmanship.*

1858 Carlyle *Fredk. Gt.* III. x. (1872) I. 198 His wars against the Turks, and his other Hectorships, I will forget. 1879 Morley *Burke* vii. 142 The ideas of adventurership.

3. Added to sbs. designating an official or person of rank to denote the office, position, dignity, or rank of the person designated, as OE. *gerêfscipe* Reeveship; *ambassadorship, captainship, chaplainship, clerkship, headship, laureateship, professorship, sheriffship, stewardship.* In the case of *fellowship, scholarship, postmastership* and the like, the compound has come to connote not only the office or position itself but the emoluments, etc., pertaining to it.

1485 *Rolls of Parlt.* VI. 368/2 The Offices of Walstatship of Wydygada. 1568 Grafton *Chron.* II. 350 John Fortham Bishop of Durham was discharged of the Treasorer-ship. 1625 in *Bucclench MSS.* (Hist. MSS. Comm.) I. 262 By virtue of his Cust[os] Rotulorum-ship. 1885 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 9 Apr. 5 There are now four A.R.A. ships vacant. 1895 *Harper's Mag.* Apr. 718/2 The positions they fill are the 'judgeship', the 'searchership', the 'spankership', and general 'juryship'.

b. With poss. pron. prefixed, the compounds *ladyship, lordship, worship*, have passed into honorific designations of the persons who are entitled to the style of 'Lady', 'Lord', 'the Worshipful'. Hence the suffix has been freely employed to form mock titles or humorous styles of address, in which *-ship* is added to the ordinary designation of the person (or animal) or to a word expressing a quality which it is desired to emphasize for the nonce; this use has been extended even to adjs.(e.g. *his uglyship*) and adj. phr.(e.g. *his beyond-sea-ship*).

1573–80 G. Harvey *Letter-bk.* (Camden) 94 Wich I knowe not howe your soverainetyeservantshipp would take. 1611 Beaum. & Fl. *Philaster* IV, I never lov'd his beyond-sea-ship. 1615 W. Hull *Mirr. Maj.* Ep. Ded., One of their Holiships. 1682 Shadwell *Lanc. Witches* I. 2, I will..teach your Master of Artship. 1747 W. Horsley *Fool* (1748) II. 165 Thus his Grandship open'd. 1767 *Woman of Fashion* I. 143 What a Chace has her Goddessship led me! 1807 Moore *Mem.* (1853) I. 229, I am beginning to talk too sentimentally for your wag-ship. 1827 Fonblanque *Eng. under* 7 *Administr.* (1837) I. 89 *Non constat*, as the lawyers say, that the voyagers venerated his monkeyship. 1829 T. C. Croker *Leg. Lakes* I. 230 Down he and the marchioness walk to the kitchen, and her marchionesship sets herself by the fireside. 1834 M. Scott *Cruise Midge* xxi, 'Take that, your owlship', and I made a blow at him with the but-end. 1865 *Public Opinion* 21 Jan. 77/1, I have seen Dyticus rush upon a full-grown smooth newt, and no twistings and writhings of his eftship was of any avail. 1873 *Forest & Stream* I. 148/2 His Uglyship [viz. an alligator], all mouth and squirming tail. 1880 Miss Mulock *Poems, Dead Czar* 42 You..may parade Your maggotship throughout the wondering world.

4. Added to sbs. to denote a state of life, occupation, or behaviour, relating to or connected with what is denoted by the sb., e.g. OE. *blorscipe* feast (lit. 'beer-ship'), *byrdscipe* child-bearing, *werscipe* married state. Compounds of this kind are rare in the later periods; Courtship (first in Shaks.) is the chief instance; Countryship, if it is not merely a shortening of *countrymanship*, may belong here.

5. Added to sbs. forming compounds having a collective sense. These were numerous in OE., e.g. *burgscipe* municipality, *folcscipe* nation, *gildscipe* guild, *þegnscipe* body of retainers, *þeodscipe* people, *wæterscipe* piece of water. Township (OE. *túnscipe* the inhabitants of a *tún*) is the one survival from the OE. period; the sense 'domain of...' which appears in Lordship 2 is not of frequent occurrence.

The following is a nonce-formation after *township*:—

1768 *Phil. Trans.* LX. 445, I took a jaunt to the Hottentots crawl-ships [= kraal-ships].

Shipboard (ʃi·pbō·ɹd). Also 3 scipes, 5 shippus bord. [f. Ship *sb.*1 + Board *sb.*

Cf. WFris. *skipsboard*, MLG. *schêpesbord*, MDu. *schipbort, sceeps-, scipsbort* (Du. *scheepsboord*), G. *schiff(s)bord*, ON. *skip(s)borð* (Sw. *skeppsbord*, Da. *skibsbord*).]

† 1. The side of a ship (see Board *sb.* 12); chiefly in phr.: *within shipboard* = on board ship; *over (the) shipboard* = Overboard *adv.*; *to* or *from shipboard* = on to or off a ship. *Obs.*

c 1200 *Vices & Virtues* 43 Alle ðe wið-innen scipes borde wuniȝeð. *c* 1205 Lay. 1518 Ne cume ȝe neauer wid vten scipes bord. *a* 1300 *K. Horn* 113 Þe children hi broȝte to stronde..In to schupes borde. ? *a* 1400 *Morte Arth.* 1699 With-in chippe-burdez. *c* 1430 *Syr Gener.* 364 He..bad here lodesman at a word Should cast hem ouer the ship bord. *c* 1440 *Bone Flor.* 1796, I schall hyt hynge on a knagg, At the schypp borde ende. 1470–85 Malory *Arthur* IV. vi. 125 An C torches sette vpon alle the sydes of the shyp bordes. 1494 *Act* 11 *Hen. VII*, c. 4 Any Person selling or buying by Water-measure within the Ship-board. 1498 in J. Bulloch *Pynours* (1887) 56 Borne..fra the Schipburd at the Key to ony part of this burghe. 1550 Lyndesay *Sqr. Meldrum* 174 And euerie man to shipburd drew. 1586 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* Ser. I. IV. 123 Thay have ressavit within schipburde a grite quantite of victuallis. 1590 Shaks. *Com. Err.* v. i. 408 Shall I fetch your stuffe from shipbord? 1596 Warner *Alb. Eng.* XII. lxxii. 299 In saying which came Stafford in, and wils them to dispatch To ship-board. 1650 T. Froysell *Gale of Opport.* (1652) 31 The Marriners they cast him over Ship-board. 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* lvii, His new patient, who had been consigned to shipboard by the Madras practitioner with very small hopes indeed.

b. *On shipboard*: on board ship. (See Board *sb.* 14.) Also **†** *a shipboard* (frequent *c* 1620–1720).

c 1470 Henry *Wallace* X. 856 A cruell cowntyr thar was on schipburd seyn. 1556 Robinson tr. *More's Utopia* (Arb.) 165 By reason of cold taken, I thinke, a shippeborde. 1568 Grafton *Chron.* II. 686 Commaunding his men to go on shipborde. 1600 Hakluyt *Voy.* III. 440 We..brought them a shippehoord. 1660–1 Pepys *Diary* 14 Feb., The first time I ever carried my wife a-ship-board. 1758 J. Blake *Mar. Syst.* 18 A Liberty Ticket,..allowing him to follow his occupation unmolested, either on shore or on ship-board. 1848 Dickens *Dombey* lx, Being then on shipboard, bound for Bengal. 1888 R. Garnett *Life of Emerson* ii. 43 They were fellow passengers on ship-board back to Charleston.

c. Similarly *of shipboard.*

1841 Lever *O'Malley* XXXVI. 198 The escape from the durance vile of shipboard. 1853 Kane *Grinnell Exp.* xxii. (1856) 173 The life of shipboard.

d. *By shipboard*: by ship. *rare.*

1842 *P. Parley's Ann.* III. 250 My grandfather had a dog which he brought by ship-board to London.

† 2. A plank of a ship. *Obs.*

1352 *Exch. Acc. Q. R.* bundle 20 no. 27 (P.R.O.), Bordis magnis et spissis vocatis 'shippebord' emptis pro confeccione navis predicte. 1483 *Cath. Angl.* 337/1 A Schyppe burde, *asser.* 1486 *Naval Acc. Hen. VII* (1896) 15, vij Shipbordes..spent..in repayring..of the Cokke of the same Ship. 1560 Bible (Geneva) *Ezek.* xxvii. 5 Thei haue made all thy ship bordes of fyrre trees of Shenir.

3. *attrib.*

1857 Dufferin *Lett. High Lat.* (ed. 3) 147 The innocuous cates which generally compose ship-board rations. 1880 *Plain Hints Needlework* 123 To make mops for shipboard cleaning. 1890 W. Clark Russell *Marr. Sea* x, What will she have to say to a shipboard wedding?

Ship-boat. ? *Obs.* Now (7–) ship's boat. [See Boat *sb.*

Cf. MLG. *schêpesbôt*, Du. *scheepsboot* (whence G. *schiff(s)-boot*), ON. *skipsbátr* (Sw. *skeppsbåt*, Da. *skibsbaad*).]

The boat carried or towed by a ship.

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 446/2 Schyppe bot.., *barca.* 1509 Hawes *Past. Pleas.* XXXVI. (1555) 189 When that they were come to us almoste, From their shyppe boate curiously counterfayte. 1555 Eden *Decades* (Arb.) 111 The greatest vessels..conueighed al theyr vytailes..to lande with theyr shippe boates. 1644 Manwayring *Seaman's Dict.* 10 The Boate belonging to a Ship, is either called the Ships-boate, or the Long-boate. 1681 *Lond. Gaz.* 1666/3 Some Ship-boats have been staved and sunk.

Ship-bote, -boot. *pseudo-arch.* [See Boot *sb.*1, Bote.] Repair of ships.

1664 Evelyn *Sylva* 103 We have seen how for House-boot, and Ship-boot, Plow-boot, Hey-boot and Fire-boot, the Planting, and Propogation of Timber and Forest-trees is requisite.

Ship-boy. Also ship's boy. A boy who serves on board ship.

1552 Huloet, Shyp boye, *Misonauta.* 1595 Shaks. *John* IV. iii. 4 This Ship-boyes semblance hath disguis'd me quite. 1634 Sir T. Herbert *Trav.* 5 The aduentrous ship-boyes were in perill of those Sharkes. 1661 in *Godolphin's View Admir. Jurisd.* App. 168 The Master ought to set him on shore,..and..to spare him one of the Ship-boyes to look to him. 1839 S. Rogers *Voy. Columbus* Poems 38 The very ship-boy on the dizzy mast Half breathed his orisons. 1867 Smyth *Sailor's Word-bk.*, *Ship-boy*, boys apprenticed to

learn their sea-duties, but generally appointed as servants. 1883 Stevenson *Treas. Isl.* ix, 'Here, you ship's boy', he cried, 'out o' that!'

Ship-breaker (ʃi·pbrēkəɹ). [See Breaker 1 1.] A person who buys old vessels to break them up for sale.

1819 *P. O. Lond. Directory* 84 Cristall, Joseph, Sail-maker, Ship-breaker, and Dealer in Ship-Stores. 1840 Dickens *Old C. Shop* iv, On Quilp's Wharf, Daniel Quilp was a ship-breaker. 1888 *Dict. Nat. Biogr.* XIII. 101/2 A ship-breaker, having yards at Rotherhithe, Penzance, and Fowey.

Shi·pbrea·king, *vbl. sb.* [See Breaking *vbl. sb.* in sense 1 formed after Shipbreche (cf. MLG., MDu. *schipbrekinge*).]

†1. = Shipbreche. *Obs.*

13.. [see Ship-breching]. 1398 Trevisa *Barth. De P. R.* xiii. xxi. (Bodl. MS.), 3if schippes falleþ þerein in anye wise, he scapeþ not þe perille of schiphrekinge. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 446/2 Schyppbrekynge, *naufragium.* 1493 *Festivall* (W. de W. 1515) 9 b, Saynt poule sayth I haue been..thre tymes in shyppe brekynge.

2. The breaking up of old ships; the occupation of a ship-breaker. Also *attrib.*

1897 *Daily News* 13 May 3/3 The Shipbreaking Company (Limited), of London, has recently purchased from the Admiralty the iron corvette Euryalus [etc.].

3. The crime of breaking into a ship for the purpose of committing a felony.

1901 *Scotsman* 7 Jan. 9/7 Shipbreaking at Aberdeen—.. seat..to prison..for breaking into the steam line fishing boat.

†Shipbreche. *Obs.* Also 1 -bryce, 4 -bruche, -burch. [f. Ship *sb.*1 + Breach, Bruche. Cf. WFris. *skipbrek*, MLG. *schipbroke*, MDu. *schipbroke*, *-breuke* (Du. *-breuk*), MHG., G. *schiffbruch.*] Shipwreck.

In late OE. recorded only in the sense 'right to claim what is cast up on the shore in a shipwreck'.

a 1067 *Charter* in Kemble *Cod. Dipl.* (1846) IV. 208 Ic habbe geȝeofen Criste and sancte Marie..forestall and hamsocne, griðbryce and sciphryce, and ða sæ upwarp..æt Bramcæstre and æt Ringstyde. ?*a* 1100 *Charter* in Dugdale *Monast.* (1655) I. 237/2 Mundbriche, feardwite,..infongenthef, syphriche, tol, & tem. 1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) II. 369 Schipmen þat seilled in þe see in to shipbruche. *Ibid.*, And þerfore me seide þat þey brouȝte hem to shipbreche. 1398 — *Barth. De P. R.* xii. xii. (Bodl. MS.), Schipmen trowiþ þat it bodeþ goode ȝif þei mete swannes in perile of schipburch [*ed.* 1495 shippe breche]. *c* 1440 *Gesta Rom.* xiv. 48 Penaunce is þe secunde table aftir Shipbreche.

So **†Ship-breching** (in quot. **-breging,** cf. *bryg* s.v. Breach *sb.*), **†Ship-break** (in quot. **-brek**).

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 20973 Scipbreging [*Göttʼ.* Schip-breking] he suffurd thrise. 1520 Nisbet *N. T.* 2 Cor. xi. 25 Thrijse I was at schiphrek [*Wyclif* shipbreche].

Ship-broken (ʃi·pbrōuk'n), *pa. pple.* and *ppl. a.* Chiefly *Sc.*; now *rare.* Also 5 **-broke.** [f. Ship *sb*1 + Broken, after Shipbreche. Cf. MDu. *schipbroken.*] Shipwrecked; broken or destitute through shipwreck.

13.. *Metr. Hom.* in *Archiv Stud. neu. Spr.* LVII. 314 A pore schip broken marinere. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* ii. (*Paulus*) 924 Thriis schipe-brokine in þe se. 1474 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* I. 72 To iiij pure Franche men.., schiphrokia men,..iij li. 1513 Douglas *Æneis* III. viii. 92 Scillacium quhar schip brokin mony be. 1602 in *Extr. Rec. Convent. Burghs Scot.* (1870) II. 139 Giff ony skipper be schiphrokin. 1623 in *Harl. Misc.* (1809) III. 462 He died ship-broken upon the sea-coast of Ireland. 1661 in *Godolphin's View Admir. Jurisd.* App. 183 The Lord of that place..ought to be aiding..to the said distressed Merchants..in saving their Ship-broken-goods. 1878 Hall Caine *Deemster* xxxix, Six or seven poor ship-broken men. ..In the middle of the night they had come ashore on a raft.

Shi·pbuilder. One whose occupation is to design and construct ships; a naval architect.

a 1700 Evelyn *Diary* 10 Aug. 1662, He is esteem'd for the most skilfull ship-builder in the world. 1736 *Gentl. Mag.* VI. 733/1 It will be very hard to prove, that the first Ship-Builders had ever seen that Ark to take a Patern from it. 1855 Kingsley *Westw. Ho!* xi, The best shipbuilders from Hull to Cadiz. 1864 *Morn. Star* 12 Jan., The shipbuilders of this country for above a century have built ships for almost every nation on the earth.

Shi·pbuilding, *vbl. sb.* The business or art of building ships; naval architecture.

1717 W. Sutherland (*title*) Britain's Glory, or, Shipbuilding unveil'd. 1777 Robertson *Hist. Amer.* (1783) I. 101 The art of ship-building in the fifteenth century was extremely rude. 1855 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* xix. IV. 510 His own yacht, the Peregrine, renowned as the masterpiece of shipbuilding.

attrib. 1846 (*title*) The present Ship-buildiag Controversy. 1875 Knight *Dict. Mech., Shipbuilding-dock*, a chamber with a floor and walls of stone masonry, having an opening toward the adjoining harbor, which can be closed when required. 1876 Fawcett *Pol. Econ.* (ed. 5) IV. vii. 627 The decline of the ship-building trade on the Thames. 1883 *Queen's Printers Aids Bible* 52/2 Cypress, a good shipbuilding timber.

Shi·p-ca·rpenter. Also **ship's.** A carpenter employed in the building or repairing of ships.

1495 *Act* 11 *Hen. VII*, c. 22 § 1 An other Ship Carpynter called an Hewer by the day iiij*d.* with mete and drinke. *a* 1583 in Halliwell *Rara Math.* (1841) 33 A litle Boke of Statick. Whiche Booke..hath..helpped the capacityes, bothe of some sea men, and allso shipp carpenters. 1664 Evelyn *Sylva* xxi. 57 There is a way which some Ship-Carpenters in those Countries have us'd to bring their Tar into Pitch for any sudden use. 1748 *Anson's Voy.* II. vi. 200 A ship-carpenter in the yard at Portsmouth. 1798 *31st Rep. Sel. Comm. Finance* App. (1803) XIII. 494 Masters, Boatswains, &c...Ships Carpenters..Sailmakers. 1809 W. Irving *Knickerb.* (1861) 41 A most gallant vessel..made by the ablest ship-carpenters of Amsterdam. 1840 R. H. Dana *Bef. Mast* iii, A ship-carpenter is kept constantly at work during good weather, on board vessels which are in..perfect sea order. 1862 D. Wilson *Preh. Man* vi, The ancient tools of the prehistoric ship-carpenter.

Hence **Shi·p-ca·rpentry,** the business, practice, or art of a ship-carpenter; also, the work turned out by him.

1691 T. H[ale] *Acc. New Invent.* 127 Ship-Carpentry..is the Art..of composing a Ship, not out of one but several thousand pieces of Wood and Iron. 1862 D. Wilson *Preh. Man* vi, The ancient alluvium of the river Clyde has supplied an unusually rich store of illustrations of primitive ship-carpentry. 1868 Browning *Ring & Bk.* VIII. 251 You take ship-carpentry for pilotage.

Shi·p-cha·ndler. [See Chandler 3 b.] A dealer who supplies ships with necessary stores.

1642 *Two Orders Lds. & Comm.* 3 Dec. 4 Any Merchants, Ship-chandlers, Grocers. 1755 Magens *Insurances* II. 121 The Ship-Carpenters, Ship-Chandlers, and others that have worked at the Ships, or have delivered any Necessaries, Materials or Rigging, for the Use of them. 1858 *Merc. Mar. Mag.* V. 336 Two charts..can..be purchased at any Ship-chandler's.

Hence **Shi·p-cha·ndlery,** the business of, or goods dealt in by a ship-chandler; also *attrib.*

1663 Pepys *Diary* 12 Dec., One Abrahall, who strikes in for the serving of the King with ship-chandlery ware. 1798 *31st Rep. Sel. Comm. Finance* App. (1803) XIII. 493/1 Junk, old Rope, old Iron, Canvas, and other species of old Ship Chandlery Wares. 1849 Freese *Comm. Class-bk.* 14 Trade in Naval Stores and Ship Chandlery. 1900 *Engineering Mag.* XIX. 666 A..ship-chandlery store.

Shi·p-craft. [See Craft *sb.* 6. In late OE. *scipcræft* is recorded in the sense of 'strength in ships'.] The art of navigation or of ship-construction.

1387–8 T. Usk *Test. Love* I. iii. (Skeat) I. 46 Er I was war, I neyghed to a see-banke; and for ferde of the beestes 'shipcraft' I cryde. 1398 Trevisa *Barth. De P. R.* viii. xxxiv. (Tollem. MS.), Men þat seyleþ and haueþ schipcrafte [*scientiam navalem habentium*]. 1408–9 tr. *Vegetius' De Re Milit.* (MS. Digby 233) lf. 224/2 þer nys non gretter peril in schipcraft þanne whenne þe grene tymbre makeþ þe schip to grenne & to gape. *c* 1440 *York Myst.* viii. 67 Of shippe-craft can I right noght, Of ther makyng haue I no merke.

1838 *Fraser's Mag.* XVII. 164 Laertes is a man who finds himself in a storm without knowledge of shipcraft. *a* 1890 R. W. Church *Oxf. Movement* iii. (1891) 36 He..took interest in the niceties of seamanship and shipcraft.

†Shipe, *sb. Obs.* Forms: 1 **scipe,** 4 **ssepe, shepe, shipe.** [OE. *scipe* str. masc. :—prehistoric **skipi-z*, app. something allotted (cf. ON. *skipa* to arrange, ordain, appoint).

The OE. sense of 'dignity, condition' did not survive.]

1. Wages; reward.

c 1000 Ælfric *Gloss.* in Wr.-Wülcker 114/34 *Stipendium*, scipe, *uel* higleofa. 1340 *Ayenb.* 33 Huo þe serueþ and naȝt uol-seruep his ssepe he lyest. *Ibid.* 146 Alle we abydeþ onlepi ssepe þet is þe blisse wiþ-oute ende. *c* 1374 Chaucer *Anel. & Arc.* 193 Leste that he were proude sheo held him lowe; þus seruеþe he withouten mete or shepe [*v.rr.* shep, sheepe]. *c* 1386 — *Pars. T.* 568 In withholdynge..of the shepe, or the hyre or of the wages of seruauntz.

2. *At one shipe*: at one and the same time.

13.. *K. Alis.* 3577 (Laud MS.), Þe water quyklich hij passe At on shepe, more & lesse.

Hence **†Shipe** *v.*, to reward, pay wages to; **†Shiping,** wages, remuneration.

c 1205 Lay. 13656 Ne mihte ic of þan kinge habben scipinge. *Ibid.* 20012 He heom wolde..scipien heom mid londe mid seoluere & mid golde. 1297 R. Glouc. (Rolls) 11145 Þe stalwardeste men þat me fond to him vaste he drou & of porchas of neiȝebores ssipede hom wel inou.

Shipentine (ʃi·pĕntīn). [f. Ship *sb.*1 after Barquentine.] A four-masted vessel, having three square-rigged masts (like a ship) with an additional fore-and-aft rigged mast.

1895 *Even. Post* (N.Y.) 20 July 8 The New York *Marine Journal* suggested the name 'shipentine', on the principle that a barkentine has yards only on the foremast, similar to a brigantine, etc. This term was promptly endorsed by the Liverpool *Journal of Commerce.* 1911 *Encycl. Brit.* XXIV. 878/2 The shipentine clipper 'Great Republic', built in 1853, is noteworthy as being the first ship fitted with double topsails.

Shipful (ʃi·pful), †occas. with pl. *ships full.* Also 3 **scipful, sipfol, ssipuol,** 6 *Sc.* **schippill.** [See -ful.] As much or as many as a ship will hold.

c 1205 Lay. 23694 Don he hit nolde for a scip ful [*c* 1275 sipfol) of golde. 1297 R. Glouc. (Rolls) 917 He mette in þe se þritti ssipuol [*v.r.* schipes fol] of men. *c* 1400 *Laud Troy Bk.* 507 Ther was not a schip-ful of men. 1511 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* IV. 306 Ane schippill of tymmer. 1515 *Sel. Cases Star Chamb.* (Selden Soc.) II. 97 If thai had bought a shippful Irne. 1527 Tindale *Par. Wicked Mammon* Wks. (1573) 62 A C. ton of holy water, a shipfull of pardones. 1535 Coverdale *Deut.* xxviii. 68 The Lorde shal brynge the agayne in to Egipte by shippe fulles. 1611 Cotgr., *Vne Navée de*, a ship full of. [1663 Gerbier *Counsel* 109 Where ships full of lading, may be had besides large Timber.] 1852 H. Newland *Lect. Tractar.* 151 When the people of Ireland by shipfulls go to America. 1856 E. A. Bond *Russia 16th Cent.* (Hakl. Soc.) Introd. 5 Arthur Edwards set out from Varoslav with a shipful of goods in July 1568. 1910 D. Hay Fleming *Reform. Scot.* xii. 466 A shipful of the tempest-tossed and starving Spaniards.

Shipless (ʃi·plĕs), *a.* [f. Ship *sb.* + -less.]

1. Unoccupied by ships.

1719 in Maidment *Scot. Ballads* (1868) I. 25 The Widowit Dame..May lang luke oure the schipless Seis Befoir her mate appears. 1786 S. Rogers *Ode Superst.* I. iii, The shipless main. 1835 *Fraser's Mag.* XI. 45 Its deserted Exchange, its idle quays, and shipless harbour. 1892 Ld. Lytton *King Poppy* I. 79 Safe over shipless seas.

2. Possessing no ships; deprived of one's ship or ships.

1808 Moore *Sceptic* vi, Let shipless Danes and whining Yankees dwell On naval rights, with Grotius and Vattel. 1819 Byron *Ode on Venice* ii, The dashing of the spring-tide foam, That drives the sailor shipless to his home. 1904 *Pilot* 9 Apr. 324/1 The wounded and shipless crews of the *Variag* and the *Korietz.*

Hence **Shi·plessly** *adv.*, without the aid of a ship.

1865 S. Evans *Br. Fabian's MS.* 118 Forth to the green-sodded Wilds of Ierne Shiplessly, steedlessly Takes he his journey.

Shiplet (ʃi·plĕt). [f. Ship *sb.* + -let.] A small ship.

a 1552 Leland *Itin.* (1768) II. 112 An Havenet, or Pere, whither Shippelettes sumtime resorte for socour. *Ibid.* (1769) III. 71 There was hegon a fair Pere for Socour of Shippelettes at this Bereword.

So **Shi·pling** [see -ling].

1866 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 5 Sept. 3 A shipling which has, or is said to have, crossed the Atlantic.

Shi·p-load. A load (of persons or things) carried or capable of being carried by a ship.

1706 E. Ward *Wooden World Diss.* (1708) 85 He had rather have one Bottle of Brandy, than a Ship-Load of Stamford-Air at any Time. 1732 Berkeley *Alciphr.* II. § 22 Half a dozen Shipload of Minute Philosophers might easily be spared upon so good a design. 1799 Nelson 27 Sept. in Nicolas *Disp.* (1845) IV. 31 He will endeavour to send to me two or three ship-loads of corn. 1875 Robertson *Hist. Chr. Ch.* III. 35 He redeemed whole shiploads of captives—Romans, Gauls, Britons, Moors, and especially Saxons from Germany. 1910 D. Hay Fleming *Reform. Scot.* x. 316 Printed books were sent abroad in shiploads.

So **† Ship-lading, †-loading.**

1615 G. Sandys *Trav.* 274 The Emperour Constantine is said to have transported certaine ship-ladings of this sand unto Constantinople. 1641 Hakewill *Lib. Subj.* 15 A duty given..upon every shiploading of Wine brought into the kingdom by English Merchants. 1642 *Decl. Lds. & Comm.* 7 Jan. 3 Every ship-lading of Coles exported thence for the use of the City of London. 1719 De Foe *Crusoe* I. (Globe) 50 A Ship-Loading of Gold.

Shipman (ʃi·pmæn). Pl. **-men.** [f. Ship *sb.* + Man *sb.*1

OE. *scipman* = OFris. *skipman*, MLG., MDu. *schipman*, MHG. *schif-, schefman* (G. *schiffmann*, also *schiffs-*), ON. *skipamaðr.*]

1. A seaman or sailor. Now somewhat *arch.*

c 900 tr. *Bæda's Hist.* III. xiii. (1890) 200 Þa ongunnon þa nedlingas & þa scipmen þa oncras upp teon. 1052 *O. E. Chron.* (MS. C), Se cyng hæfde eac mycele landfyrde on his healfe to eacan his scypmannum. 1122 *Ibid.* (Laud MS.), Þær æfter wæron seole scipmen on sæ & on wæter. *c* 1275 Lay. 1335 Brutus iheorde segge of his sipmannen of þan vuele ginne þat cuþe þe mereminne. 1377 Langl. *P. Pl. B.* xv. 354 Shipmen and shepherdes þat with shipp & shepe wenten. 1406 Hoccleve *La Male Regle* 238 So inly mirie syngith shee [the mermaid], þat the shipman ther-with fallith a sleepe. 1497 *Naval Acc. Hen. VII* (1896) 236, xviij shipmen as laborers laboryng..abought..the Kynges dokke. 1563 *Homilies* II. *Agst. Idolatry* III. 004 Our Ladye, to whom shypmen synge *Aue maris stella.* 1606 Shaks. *Tr. & Cr.* v. ii. 172 The dreadfull spout, Which Shipmen doe the Hurricano call. 1623 R. Carpenter *Consc. Christian* 65 A most ridiculous folly, like to the Shipmans continuall labouring at the pumpe, without any care to mend the leake. 1737 Whiston *Josephus, Antiq.* XVI. ii. § 2 He was seen sailing by the shipmen most unexpectedly. 1791 Nairne *Poems* 82 But when the shipmen's boist'rous noise Jan heard, He cried, 'Dant gu no furder—I'm afeard'. 1876 Lowell *Ode 4th July* IV. ii, They steered by stars the elder shipmen knew.

fig. 1564 *Brief Exam.* ***iij b, The wyse shipmen of our Churche haue spyed the rockes.

2. A master mariner; the master of a ship; a skipper. Also, a pilot.

c 1386 Chaucer *Prol.* 390 A Shipman was ther, wonynge fer by weste. 1449 *Rolls of Parlt.* IV. 359/2 No oyer shippman yat is bothe Possessour and Maister of any Shippe. *c* 1485 *Digby Myst.* (1882) III. 1395 Shep-man [*log.*] stryke! skryke! lett fall an ankyr to growndl! *a* 1661 Holyday *Juvenal* (1673) 234/1 The Ship-man, or Pilot, that brings the Ship into harbour. 1912 Masefield *Widow in Bye St.* II. xxxix, The wise shipman puts his ship about Seeing the gathering of those waters wan.

3. *attrib.*: †*shipman-craft* = Shipcraft; **†shipman-star,** the pole-star.

1398 Trevisa *Barth. De P. R.* XI. iii. (Bodl. MS.), Vnder þe sterre þat hatte polus articus schyppman sterre. 1418 *26 Pol. Poems* xiv. 43 Þe wyseman his sone forbed..shipman craft.

b. Possessive combinations: **†shipman's card,** the mariner's compass; also, a map of the sea; **†shipman's hose** (or **breeks**), a sailor's wide trousers; often *fig.* a statement of wide application that can be turned to fit any case; **†shipman's-stone,** the loadstone.

c 1400 Maundev. (1839) xiv. 161 The Ademand, that is the Schipmannes Ston, that drawethe the Nedle to him. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 447/1 Schypmannys stone, *calamita.* 1530 Palsgr. 267/1 Shypmans carde, *carte.* 1540 W. G. *Ansm. Smyth* vii, Although a shypmans hose wyll serue all sortes of legges Yet Christes holy scrypture wyll serue no rotten dregges. 1555 Eden *Decades* (Arb.) 134 Manye of those mappes which are commonly cauled the shipmans cardes, or cardes of the sea. 1562 Winȝet *Cert. Tractates* Wks. (S.T.S.) I. 52 Forgeing thair sermonis for the plesuir of euery auditour, efter the fassoun of schipmenis breiks, mete for euery leg. 1583 Stubbes *Anat. Abus.* II. 79 They make the lawes (as it were) shipmens hoosen,..taraing and wresting them

at their pleasure. 1592 NASHE *Strange Newes* L 3 The fourth letter of our Orators..is a shipmans hose that will serue any man as well as Green or mee. 1605 SHAKS. *Mach.* I. iii. 17 All the Quarters that they [*sc.* the winds] know, I'th' Ship-mans Card. ¶1809 MALKIN *Gil Blas* XI. xiv. (Rtldg.) 421 Shafts of malicious wit..were let fly from all the quarters in the shipman's card.]

Hence **Shi·pmanship**, the art of navigation.

1838 DE QUINCEY in *Tait's Mag.* V. 159 He was respected equally for his seamanship and his shipmanship.

Shipmast (ʃi·pmɑst). Also **ship's mast.** [f. SHIP *sb.*[1] + MAST *sb.*[1]] The mast of a ship.

1611 ROWLANDS *Four Knaues* (Percy Soc.) 30 Name any weapon..May-pole, or ship-mast, for to run a tilt. 1612 SELDEN in *Drayton's Poly-olb.* To Rdr. A 2 b, I beleeue much in them as I do the finding of Hiero's Shipmast in our Mountaines. 1796 H. HUNTER tr. *St. Pierre's Study Nat.* I. 244 The Dutch have made many a vain attempt to make the fir grow at the Cape of Good Hope, in order to find a supply of ships-masts. 1842 F. W. FABER *Styrian Lake* 307 The dark sky amid the shipmasts winking.

b. *attrib.*

1495 *Naval Acc. Hen. VII* (1896) 158 Parelles to a shippes-mast sayle. 1820 KEATS *Isabella* xvii, The hawks of ship-mast forests. 1837 BROWNING *Forest Thought* i, The builder gazes wistfully Such noble ship-mast wood to see. 1879 — *Ivan* Dram. Idyls 63 The carpenter, employed On a huge shipmast trunk.

Shi·pmaster. [f. SHIP *sb.*[1] + MASTER *sb.* Cf. MLG. *schifmêster*, MHG., G. *schiffmeister.*]

1. The master, captain, or commander of a ship; formerly also, a pilot, steersman.

c 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xxix. (*Placidas*) 368 Ay wes þe schipmaster gowand a-pon þe laydy brycht of ble. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 447/1 Schypmayster, *nauclerus*. *c* 1440 *Jacob's Well* 246 As þe schypmayster redyly sterith þe schyp whan he seeth nede. 1519 HORMAN *Vulg.* 272 The shypmaister pursued vs with a great meyny of shypmen. 1550 COVERDALE *Spir. Perle* vii. (1588) 80 When a great tempest ariseth in the sea, then doth it appeare whether the shipmaster be cunning in ruling the sterne or no. 1577 T. KENOALL *Flowers of Epigr.* 85 b, An Epitaphe, of an excellent Shipmaster, or Pilote. 1642 VICARS *God in Mount* 76 The stout-hearted and well-minded Ship-masters and Marriners. 1737 *Gentl. Mag.* VII. 24/2 His Ship-Masters had much more need of..some Knowledge of the Stars..than the Greeks. 1838 BELL *Dict. Law Scot.* 634 The shipmaster of a British ship must be a British subject. 1878 CUYLER *Pointed Papers* 240 In Great Britain no shipmaster is permitted to use an anchor which has not been tested and stamped with a government mark.

2. A man who owns the ship which he commands.

1562 *Act* 5 *Eliz.* c. 5 § 6 Bottoms wherof..Straungers borne then bee Owners Shipmasters or Parte Owners. 1896 *Peterson Mag.* (N.S.) VI. 296/2 Rising to the command of a ship and a ship-master in his adopted city. 1909 GWATKIN *Early Ch. Hist.* II. 60 Marcion of Sinope..was a well-to-do shipmaster.

Hence † **Shi·pma·stery**, the art of navigation.

1593 R. HARVEY *Philad.* 5 Who were long enough after Noahs Arke..to haue some anncestors in shipmastry and many fellowes.

Shipment (ʃi·pmĕnt). [f. SHIP *v.* + -MENT.]

1. The act of shipping (goods or commodities) for transportation.

1802 ABBOTT *Law Merch. Ships* III. vii. 225 In this country it is not unusual to pay for goods shipped for the East or West Indies, at the time of the shipment. 1833 HT. MARTINEAU *Demerara* xii, I wish you could once witness a shipment for Liberia. 1848 DICKENS *Dombey* vi, Where's that young spark of Dombey's who's been watching the shipment of them goods? 1880 C. R. MARKHAM *Peruv. Bark* 371 The road..winding..past numerous coffee plantations to their port of shipment at Mangalor.

2. That which is shipped; a consignment of goods for transportation.

1861 MAY *Const. Hist.* (1863) II. xvii. 559 A drawback was given them of the whole English duty, on shipments to the American plantations. 1872 RAYMOND *Statist. Mines & Mining* 11 Though the shipments are as yet small, they bid fair to improve rapidly. 1900 *Jrnl. Soc. Dyers* XVI. 6 Shipments are also sent to Europe and to the United States.

3. *attrib.* and *Comb.* (esp. in *Commerce* = intended for shipment).

1887 *Daily News* 15 Oct. 2/4 Shipment jute is easier. 1895 *Ibid.* 3 Oct. 3/3 The floating and forward shipment market. 1897 P. WARUNG *Tales Old Regime* 54 After a seven-days' tramp on the chain from an assize-town to the shipment port.

Ship-money. Now *Hist.* An ancient tax levied in time of war on the ports and maritime towns, cities, and counties of England to provide ships for the king's service. It was revived by Charles I (with an extended application to inland counties), but was finally abolished by statute in 1640.

1636 PRYNNE *Rem. agst. Shipmoney* 1 We most humbly represent to Your Excellent Majesty, that this Tax of Shipmoney, is directly contrary to the..Lawes and Liberties of this Your Realme of England. 1640 [H. PARKER] (*title*) The case of Shipmony briefly discoursed, according to the Grounds of Law, Policy, and Conscience. And most hvmbly presented to the Censure and Correction of the High Court of Parliament, Nov. 3, 1640. 1661 COWLEY *Cromwell* Wks. 1710 II. 661 This was done by those Men, who a few Years before had..openly oppos'd the King's regular and formal way of proceeding in the Trial of a little Ship-Mony. 1779 JOHNSON *L. P., Waller* (1868) 99 Waller..was considered ..as a man sufficiently trusty and acrimonious to be employed in managing the prosecution of Judge Crawley, for his opinion in favour of ship-money. 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* I. 90 Former princes..had raised ship-money only along the coasts: it was now exacted from the inland shires.

1870 T. ROGERS *Hist. Glean.* II. 105 The first writs for ship-money were issued in October of the same year [1634].

attrib. 1860 FORSTER *Gr. Remonstr.* 196 The great ship-money lawyer [Mr. Holborne]. 1863 H. COX *Instit.* III. ii. 602 Under ship-money writs..John Hampden was assessed twenty shillings towards providing a ship for his county.

Shi·p-of-wa·r. ? Now *rare.* A ship equipped for warfare; a man-of-war, warship.

1479 *Cely Papers* (Camden) 19, I here saye ther schall goe schepys of war to the see. 1568 GRAFTON *Chron.* II. 610 He was encountered with a shippe of warre, appertayning to the Duke of Excester. 1644 MANWAYRING *Seaman's Dict.* 65 A Ship of War (which is called a man of War among Sea-men). 1706 E. WARD *Wooden World Diss.* 107 Our Ships of War are undisputably the best in the World. 1769 FALCONER *Dict. Marine* (1780) s. v. *Ship*, Ships of war are properly equipped with artillery [etc.]. 1800 CHARNOCK *Mar. Archit.* I. Pref. xcv, The custom..of appointing land officers..to the command of ships of war. 1876 BANCROFT *Hist. U. S.* II. xxxiv. 363 A larger ship-of-war from that station joined the expedition.

attrib. 1863 P. BARRY *Dockyard Econ.* 4 The thought of permanent ship-of-war construction in the private shipyards was seriously in contemplation.

Shi·p-ow·ner. One who owns, or has a share in, a ship or ships.

1530 PALSGR. 267/1 Schypowner, *patron dune nauiere.* 1817 W. SELWYN *Law Nisi Prius* (ed. 4) II. 912 A ship-owner having chartered his ship to J. S. insured the ship and freight with different sets of underwriters. 1861 M. PATTISON *Ess.* (1889) I. 42 As soon as the French trade was again opened, it fell naturally into the hands of English ship-owners. 1872 YEATS *Growth Comm.* 55 Ship-owners and merchants, who had their offices and factories along the whole coasts of the Black Sea and the Mediterranean.

Hence **Shi·pow·nering** *vbl. sb.*; **Shi·p-ow·ning** *vbl. sb.* and *ppl. a.*

1883 *Manch. Exam.* 19 Dec. 5/2 A practice of insuring with a view to wreck would not pay the shipowning community. 1889 STEVENSON *Let. to S. Colvin* Oct., The ship-ownering has rather petered out. 1912 *Times* 19 Oct. 18/6 In shipowning it is quite impossible to stand still.

Shi·ppable, *a. rare*–° [f. SHIP *v.* + -ABLE.] Navigable.

1483 *Cath. Angl.* 337/1 Schypabylle, *nauiga(bi)lis.*

Shi·ppage. *rare.* [f. SHIP *v.* + -AGE.] Shipping, shipment.

1611 in *Essex Rev.* (1906) XV. 154 The Inhabitants..are muche Imployed in Shippage and Navigation. 1754 H. WALPOLE *Lett.* (1845) III. 82 The cutting and shippage would be articles of some little consequence!

Shippe, obs. form of SHEEP, SHIP.

Shippen, variant of SHIPPON.

Shipper (ʃi·pəɹ). Also 5 **scheper.** [late OE. *scipere* (= MLG., MDu. *schipper*, MHG., G. *schiffer*, ON. *skipari*), f. SHIP *sb.*[1] + -ER[1]. In sense 2, representing MLG., MDu. *schipper* (see SKIPPER *sb.*[2]). In sense 3, f. SHIP *v.* + -ER[1].]

† 1. A seaman. *Obs.*

c 1100 *O. E. Chron.* (MS. D) an. 1075, Se cynge Malcolm..hine & ealle his scyperan mid mycclan weorðscipe of his gryðe alædde. *a* 1122 *Ibid.* (Laud MS.) an. 1046, His sciperes ȝefengon hine & wurpon hine on þone hat. 1553 BALE *Vocacyon* Pref. 6 As great dyspycyons were among the Iewes at Rome concerning Paule, so were there afterwarde amonge the shyppers in our returne to their shippe concerning vs. 1728 CHAMBERS *Cycl.*, *Shipper*, or *Scipper*, a Dutch Term, signifying the Master of a Ship. We also use the word for any common Seamen.

† 2. A skipper. *Obs.*

1496 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* I. 300 Dauid Gourlay, schippare of the bark callit the Mary. 1499 *Halyburton's Ledger* (1867) 181 Paid to Rowll the scheper for 2 pety quatris of salt. 1564 *Brief Exam.* ***iij b, A wyse shipper ..wyll not come nygh rockes and flattes. 1581 MARBECK *Bk. Notes* 1118 Yet deserueth not the Maior more grace for gouerning the citie then the Shipper for ruling the Ship. 1603–4 *Act* 1 *Jas. I*, c. 32 Of which payment the Master Owner and Shipper payinge the same. 1605 VERSTEGAN *Dec. Intell.* iv. (1628) 109 Old shippers of the Netherlands. 1634 BRERETON *Trav.* (Chetham Soc.) 60, I agreed this day with Willm. Wrigtington, the Hull shipper, to carry all my goods to Hull.

3. One who ships goods for transportation. Also with prefixed sb., as *wine-shipper.*

1755 MAGENS *Insurances* II. 129 Unless the Names of the Shipper [etc.] are expressed in the Policy. 1789 JEFFERSON *Writ.* (1859) II. 567, I would advise our shippers of oil always to get the certificate of the French consul. 1840 R. H. DANA *Bef. Mast* ii, He..had been in a shipper's counting-room in Boston. 1880 *Times* 26 July 9/5 Shippers of cargo.

b. *U.S.* One who transports goods by rail or other means of conveyance.

1903 H. C. EMERY in *Camb. Mod. Hist.* VII. 706 In the scramble for business the stronger shippers were favoured at the expense of the weaker.

c. A commodity that is shipped or is suitable for shipping; *spec.* (see quot. 1910).

1883 KILLEBREW in *Rep. 10th Census U. S.* III. iii. 19 Export Tobacco...English shippers consist of leaf and strips. 1884 *Harper's Mag.* July 297/2 We reach..the..pen, where may be gathered one hundred head of choice 'shippers' [*sc.* cattle]. 1910 *Encycl. Brit.* IV. 522/2 *Shippers*, sound, hard-burnt bricks of imperfect shape, obtain their name from being much used as ballast for ships.

4. *Mech.* A device for shifting a belt from one pulley to another. Also *attrib.*

1869 RANKINE *Machine & Hand-tools* Pl. Q 1, This shaft carries a pair of driving pulleys, and is provided with a belt shipper. 1882 *Harper's Mag.* Nov. 889/1 The elevator was operated by means of a lever within the car...The lever took the place of the modern hand rope (or shipper rope).

Shipping (ʃi·piŋ), *vbl. sb.* Also 3 **scipping**, 4–6 **schipp-**, **schypp-**, 5–6 **shypping**, **shepping**, (4 **schepynge**, **schippyne**, 5 **schuppynge**, **schipin**, **schypyng**, 7 **shiping**). [f. SHIP *v.* + -ING[1]. Cf. MLG. *schêpinge* sea voyage, fleet.]

1. A ship or ships for the use of accommodation of a person or a thing.

a. in phrases: † *To do, dight, put to shipping*, to put on board; *to take* (*one's*) *shipping* (now *arch.*), to embark; occas. pregnantly, to go abroad; also *to deliver to shipping* (? U.S.).

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 24815 Elsis to scipping son him did. *c* 1375 *Ibid.* 24828 (Fairf.) Þai dijt him to shipping sone. ?*a* 1400 *Arthur* 339 Eche man hath take his schuppynge. *c* 1440 *Generydes* 4186 Anone thei putt ther horses to shippyng. 1471 CAXTON *Recuyell* (Sommer) I. 153 Another partye peryshyd by swerd and that other toke shyppyng. 1535 BOORDE *Let.* in *Introd. Knowl.* (1870) 56, I was in cathalonya when þe emprowre tok sheppyng in-to barbary. *c* 1643 LD. HERBERT *Autobiog.* (1824) 104 My Lord Chandos and myself resolved to take Shipping for the Low Countries. 1691 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 2647/4 'Tis believed he will take Shipping. 1726 SWIFT *Gulliver* II. i, I..took shipping in the Downs on the 20th day of June, 1702. 1771 GOLDSM. *Hist. Eng.* I. 285 Taking shipping for Italy, he was once more wrecked. 1852 THACKERAY *Esmond* II. v, The troops all took shipping. 1856 OLMSTED *Slave States* 48 It is delivered to shipping at Richmond, at fifteen cents a bushel.

† b. In general use (sometimes passing into abstract sense = accommodation on board ship, provision of a ship or ships); also *pl.* ships.

13.. *Cursor M.* 24807 (Gött.) Sone it was his schipping tift wid presand. 13.. *K. Alis.* 900 Gold and seolver, and othir thynges, They trussed to heore schepynges. 1375 BARBOUR *Bruce* III. 400 He gat schippyne gud plente. *c* 1400 MAUNDEV. (Roxb.) xx. 92 Bot for he..myght get schipping na ferrere, he turned agayne as he come. 14.. *Beues* 2669 Let vs haue shyppynge to, And we shal to that yle go. *c* 1450 *St. Cuthbert* (Surtees) 772 Bot gif he had shippyng wroght Whilk as nane wer sene beforne. *c* 1468 in *Archæologia* (1846) XXXI. 327 It plesid the kinge to follow aftir hir, and to see her shippinges. 1576 GASCOIGNE *Philomene* xxxiv, But..Their shipping is preparde. 1579 in *10th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. v. 428 He would so bring the one halfe quarter or therd parte in any suche shipp or shippinges coming to Galway. 1620 R. COCKS *Diary* (Hakl. Soc.) II. 119 Yt was agreed Mr. Ed. Sayer shall goe merchant in the shipp *Bull*, and Robt. Hawley and Ric. King..to goe in other shipping. 1641 BEST *Farm. Bks.* (Surtees) 100 This wheate is carryed by shippinge to Newe-Castle. 1819 SCOTT *Ivanhoe* xxxiv, I will..seize on shipping, and embark for Flanders. 1829 — *Anne of G.* xxviii, I will take care that Blackburn and his cousin-archers have no assistance of shipping from Flanders.

2. Ships collectively; the body of ships that belong to a person's or country's fleet, that frequent a particular port or harbour, or that are used for a certain purpose.

1591 Q. ELIZ. *Procl.* 16 Sept., No Corne nor other Victuall, nor any Ordonance, nor furniture for shipping. *c* 1595 CAPT. WYATT *R. Dudley's Voy. W. Ind.* (Hakl. Soc.) 4 Five of the Queenes shippinge. 1601 HAKLUYT tr. *Galvano's Discov.* 90 From thence vpwards in small shipping he went along the coast of the Abassins and Ethiopia. 1602 CAREW *Cornwall* 27 b, Cornewall is stored with many sorts of shipping. 1669 STURMY *Mariner's Mag.*, *Penalties & Forfeitures* 1 Goods Imported..in Forreign Shipping. *a* 1687 PETTY *Pol. Arith.* (1691) 99 There are employed in the Guinny and American Trade, above forty thousand Tun of Shipping *per annum*. 1725 DE FOE *Voy. round World* (1840) 63 A river very commodious for shipping. 1840 R. H. DANA *Bef. Mast* xxix, He..ventured down toward the shipping, to see if the vessel had sailed. 1846 MCCULLOCH *Acc. Brit. Empire* (1854) I. 373 Cork Harbour and Bantry Bay are among the finest asylums for shipping in the world. 1897 HENTY *On Irrawaddy* viii, The British sick were sent away in the shipping to Mergy.

† 3. Navigation. *Obs.*

a 1400 *New Test.* (Panes) Acts xxvii. 9 Whanne..was no forþer siker schippynge ande saylynge. 1581 A. HALL *Iliad* II. 37 They little renke for marine worke, and small for shipping care. 1647 N. BACON *Disc. Gov. Eng.* I. iv. (1739) 9 Ireland was nigh, but we find nothing concerning their interest in shipping. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 4 Feb. 1685, A lover of the sea, and skilfull in shipping.

† b. A voyage, a sailing. *Obs.*

God send you good shipping! was used proverbially in the 16th and 17th c. as a wish for success in any venture.

1483 CAXTON *Gold. Leg.* 183/2 He made a shyppyng into grete brytnygne. *c* 1580 JEFFERIE *Bugbears* IV. ii, God send you good shipping. 1594 NASHE *Unfort. Trav.* B 4, Gone he is; God send him good shipping to Wapping. 1596 SHAKS. *Tam. Shr.* V. i. 43. 1633 T. STAFFORD *Pac. Hib.* II. xxiii. 246 If his said men be sent in two shippings, then he shall goe in the last. 1668 DRYDEN *Even. Love* V. i, My master's in; heavens send him good shipping with his lie. 1688 *Col. Rec. Pennsylv.* I. 236 He believed he should receive his answer by y^e^ first Shipping hether out of England.

4. The action of putting persons or things on board ship or transporting them by ship.

1483 *Cely Papers* (Camden) 144 Item Syr understond that schyppyng ys begon at London. 1499 *Halyburton's Ledger* (1867) 161 Paid for the schipin of my Lordis stan in Brugis ..24s. 1532 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* VI. 156 For pynour fee and schipping of the wyne, aill, and gunnis xij d. 1576 FLEMING *Panopl. Epist.* 385 Of the paine in shipping, of the care in conueying your wares..home to your owne house. 1669 STURMY *Mariner's Mag.*, *Penalties & Forfeitures* 3 Goods are forfeited for Undue Shipping or Landing. 1748 *Anson's Voy.* III. x. 410 A licence for the shipping of his stores and provisions. 1821 J. SMYTH *Pract. Customs* 278 Unless the Wine be imported..directly from..the usual port or place of its first shipping. 1884 *Leeds Mercury* 15 Nov. 6/5 The shipping of her *récidivistes* to penal settlements.

† 5. A ship's company. *Obs. rare.*

14.. *Beues* 4286 He toke his leve at the kyng And at all his seli shyppyng.

6. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *shipping-centre, -clerk, -crane, -interest, -place, -point, -port, -trade, -yard.*

1898 *Jrnl. Sch. Geog.* (U.S.) Oct. 300 *Shipping centers on navigable rivers. 1858 Simmonds *Dict. Trade*, *Shipping-clerk*, a merchant's clerk who attends to the shipment of goods. 1497 *Naval Acc. Hen. VII* (1896) 104 *Shipping crane with a Reysing gynne. 1824 Holt *Shipping & Navig. Laws* (ed. 2) Introd. 24 This statute has conferred a most solid benefit upon the *shipping interest. 1766 Stork *Acc. E. Florida* 63 To carry it [*viz.* sugar]..a considerable distance to the *shipping-places. 1874 Raymond *Statist. Mines & Mining* 309 The town of Labran is the *shipping-point of the Cañon City coal. 1843 Bethune *Sc. Peas. Fireside* 114 One of the *shipping ports on the west coast of Scotland. 1691 T. H[ale] *Acc. New Invent.* 128 The.. Advance of the *Shipping Trade. 1878 Stevenson *Inland Voy.* 4 A noisy *shipping yard.

b. Special comb.: **shipping-agent**, a licensed agent who transacts a ship's business for the owner; **shipping-articles** = *ship's articles* (see Ship *sb.* 10 c); **shipping-bill**, a bill of lading; **shipping-broker** = *ship-broker* (see Ship *sb.* 10); **shipping-master**, an official who superintends the signing-on and discharging of seamen; † **shipping-money** = Ship-money; **shipping-note**, a note containing particulars of goods for shipment (Simmonds *Dict. Trade* 1858); **shipping-office**, (*a*) an office where seamen sign on for a voyage; (*b*) 'an office where a shipping-agent receives goods for shipment' (Funk's Standard Dict.); **shipping-order** (see quot.); **shipping ore**, ore suitable for being shipped; **shipping-papers** = *ship's papers*; **shipping tobacco**, tobacco grown for export.

1844 Dickens *Mart. Chuz.* xiii, Various *shipping-agents in the city. 1840 R. H. Dana *Bef. Mast* xxix, He went to a shipping-office, where the *shipping articles of the California were open. 1833 *Act* 3 & 4 *Will. IV*, c. 52 § 71 The Person clearing such Goods for Shipment..shall..deliver a *Shipping Bill. 1861 Dickens *Gt. Expect.* xxxvii, A worthy young merchant or *shipping-broker. 1840 R. H. Dana *Bef. Mast* xxix, He was told by the *shipping-master that she was bound to California. 1853 Maude & Pollock *Law Merch. Shipping* iv. 92 Shipping offices, superintended by persons called shipping masters. 1640 in *3rd Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. 3/2 The *shipping mony may be putt vigorously vppon collection. 1840 *Shipping-office [see *shipping articles* above]. 1844 Francis *Dict. Trade*, etc., **Shipping Order*, is a written mandate directed by a merchant to his lighterman, ordering him to receive and put on board a certain ship the goods specified in the order. 1877 Raymond *Statist. Mines & Mining* 242 The ore-vein yields a large portion of '*shipping' or first-class ore. 1840 R. H. Dana *Bef. Mast* xxix, The *shipping-papers of the *Pilgrim*, from which my name had never been erased. 1883 Killebrew in *Rep. 10th Census U. S.* III. iii. 194 Dark *Shipping tobacco is generally raised on rich lots.

† **Shi·ppish,** *a. Obs. rare*—°. [f. Ship *sb.* + -ish.] Nautical.

1530 Palsgr. 323/2 Shyppisshe belongyng to a shypman, *nautique.*

Shippon, -en (ʃi·pən). Now *dial.* Forms: 1 scypen, scipen, sc(i)epen, 4 shep(e)ne, s(c)hipne, schepon, 5 shepen, shipun, schepyn, -one, schyppune, 6 shyppen, 9 shippin, -on, shuppen, -on, 6– shippen. [OE. *scypen* fem.:—OTeut. **skupinī*, f. *skup-*: see Shop *sb.* and -en.2] A cattle-shed, a cowhouse.

In quot. 1401 misused, from association with *sheep*.

c 900 tr. *Bæda's Hist.* I. i. (1890) 28 Þær nænig mann for wintres cyle on sumera heȝ ne maweþ, ne scypene his neatum ne timbreþ. *a* 1100 *Gerefa* in *Anglia* IX. 261 Scipena behweorfan and hlosan eac swa. 13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* B. 1076 Was never so blysful a bour as was a bos þenne Ne no schroude hous so schene as a schepon þare. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Knt.'s T.* 1142 The shepne brennynge with the blake smoke. 1401 *Pol. Poems* (Rolls) II. 76 3it makist thou to thi sheep a shepen, and to thi hors a stable. *c* 1425 *Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 670/26 *Hoc boster*, schyppune. 1570 Levins *Manip.* 61/17 A shyppen, *bouile.* 1634 Brereton *Trav.* (Chetham Soc.) 23 Here is a dainty fine shippen..and hay overhead. *c* 1746 J. Collier (Tim Bobbin) *View Lanc. Dial.* Wks. (1775) 41, I gan o glent into th' Shipp'n. 1857 Waugh *Lanc. Life* 193 When he had to go into the 'shippon' early on a winter's morning. 1859 Dickens *Haunted House* vii. 44 Atkinson and me will take t'other chap..to th' shippon, and it 'll he one piece o' work for to mind them, and the cow. 1881 G. Macdonald *Mary Marston* xv, The muffled low of a cow from a shippen. 1890 *Westmld. Gaz.* 8 Nov. 4/2 Small Residence and Pleasure Farm..consisting of convenient House, with Stable and Shippon.

attrib. 1788 *New Lond. Mag.* 553 Some men who forced the Shippon door by means of iron-crows. 1863 Mrs. Gaskell *Sylvia's Lovers* xv, The..shippen door..stood open.

Shippound (ʃi·pˌpaund). Also 6 **schip pund**, 8 **schippound**, **scheppund**, 9 **shippund**. [ad. MLG. *schippunt* (see also Skippound) or MDu. *schippond*; whence ON. *skippund*, G. *schiffpfund*, etc.] A unit of weight used in the Baltic trade, varying from 300 to 400 pounds; = 20 lispounds.

1545 *Rates of Customs* d vj, In Spruce lande..xx. lispoundes facit a shyp pounde. 1560 *Stirling Burgh Rec.* (1887) I. 75 For half schip pund irn. 1615 in *Compt bk. D. Wedderburne* (S.H.S.) 263, 6 schip pund gaid Irone. 1654 Whitelocke *Jrnl. Swed. Amb.* (1772) II. 120, 200 shippownd of copper to be brought from the mines to Stockholme. 1753 Hanway *Trav.* (1762) I. II. xi. 51 The quantity of the hemp is generally about forty thousand schippounds. 1796 Morse *Amer. Geog.* II. 49 The furnaces and forges [in Sweden] produce yearly 400000 scheppund. 1858 Homans *Cycl. Comm.* 423 The commercial weights [of Copenhagen] are, 16 pounds = 1 lispound; 20 lispound = 1 shippound. 1872 Yeats *Growth Comm.* 306, 19,000 ship pounds of iron exported from Gothenburg.

Shippy (ʃi·pi), *a. rare.* [f. Ship *sb.*1 + -y.] † Suitable for ships (*obs.*); characteristic of ships.

1632 Vicars tr. *Virgil* I. 16 Some shippy havens contrive. 1898 *Century Mag.* Feb. 531/2 The sour, shippy..odor that hung about the steerages.

Ship-shape (ʃi·pʃēp), *a.* (*adv.*). Also 7 **-shapen**. [f. Ship *sb.*1 + Shapen (which was later reduced to *shape*).] Arranged properly, as things on board ship should be; trim, orderly: orig. *Naut.* but freq. in gen. use. Sometimes passing into *adv.*, in a seamanlike manner, in trim fashion.

1644 Manwayring *Seaman's Dict.* 81 It [*sc.* the rake] being of no use for the Ship, but only for to make her Ship shapen, as they call it. *Ibid.* 113 *Wale-reared*, that is, when a ship is built right up, after she comes to her bearing, this is unsightly, and (as they terme it) not shlp shapen. 1769 Falconer *Dict. Marine* (1789) *Ship Shape*,..in the manner of an expert sailor; as, the mast is not rigged ship-shape; trim your sails ship-shape. 1823 J. F. Cooper *Pioneers* xxiv, It would have been more ship-shape to lower the bight of a rope. 1839 *Nautical Mag.* 165 Neither ship-shape nor Bristol fashion. 1840 R. H. Dana *Bef. Mast* xxii, There was no foolish gilding and gingerbread work,.. but everything was 'ship-shape'. 1850 H. Bridge *Pers. Recoll. N. Hawthorne* (1893) 122 We..have done a great deal towards making the establishment 'ship-shape' and comfortable. 1864 Tennyson *En. Ard.* 220 Look to the babes, and till I come again, Keep everything shipshape, for I must go. 1889 H. O'Reilly *50 Yrs. on Trail* 249 In a week..we got shipshape and business commenced.

b. in attributive position.

1847 De Quincey *Sp. Mil. Num* Wks. 1862 III. 72 She.. did it herself in a 'ship-shape', orthodox manner. 1848 Dickens *Dombey* iv, The shop..seemed almost to become a snug sea-going ship-shape concern. 1855 Browning *Bp. Blougram's Apol.* Poet. Wks. 1863 I. 379 Neat ship-shape fixings and contrivances.

So **Shi·p-shaped, Shi·p-sha·pely** *adjs.*

1842 W. Irving *Let. to Mrs. Grinnell* 30 Sept., Tell him not to cast all his bread upon the water in the shape of ships, however shipshaped they may be. 1843 Mrs. Romer *Rhone* II. 305 A well-appointed yacht, where everything was shipshapely. 1889 Welch *Text Bk. Naval Archit.* i. 8 To get the volume of displacement of a ship-shaped vessel when floating at a given water line.

Shi·p-ti·mber. Timber for shipbuilding.

1398 Trevisa *Barth. De P. R.* xvii. iv. (1495) 606 And of fer is good shyptymbre made. 1408–9 tr. *Vegetius' De Re Milit.* (MS. Digby 233) lf. 224/1 Loke þat schip tymbre haue þe double tyme to drye. 1503 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* II. 282 To the sawaris of the schip tymir. 1625 K. Long tr. *Barclay's Argenis* v. ii. 332 The place being a vast Countrey, and without ship-timber. 1664 in Marshall *Edwinstow Reg.* (1891) 39 Hodgshon..was killed in the wood..with a peece of shipptimber. 1785 Phillips *Treat. Inland Nav.* 17 Decrease of ship-timber..is a very alarming circumstance to a people whose riches and power depend so greatly upon navigation. 1847 Smeaton *Builder's Man.* 43 The larch..makes excellent ship-timber. 1878 Browning *Two Poets of Croisic* I. v, Our log is old ship-timber.

attrib. 1854 *Zoologist* XII. 4177 In a ship-timber yard, where he had a yacht building.

Shipton moth. A noctuid moth, *Euclidea mi.*

1832 J. Rennie *Butterfl. & Moths* Index.

Shipun, obs. form of Shippon

Shi·pwards, *adv. rare.* [See -ward.] To or towards the ship.

[*c* 1400 *Beryn* 1999 He set hym in ful purpose to his Shippis ward. 1587 Turberv. *Trag. Tales* 87 b, To the shipwarde on they went.]

1845 E. Warburton *Crescent & Cross* I. 28 Conversing with some of the natives as I rode shipwards.

Shipwreck (ʃi·prek), *sb.* Also 2–3 wrec(h, 5–6 -wrak, 6 -wre(a)ke, 6–7 -wra(c)ke, 6–8 -wrack, 7 -rack; 6 **shipswrack.** [f. Ship *sb.*1 + Wreck *sb.*

For the form *shiprack* (cf. also 1671 in Shipwrecking *ppl. a.*) see Rack *sb.*5].

1. What is cast up from a wreck; the remains of a wrecked vessel; wreckage. In later use chiefly *fig.*

? *a* 1100 *Charter* in Dugdale *Monast.* (1655) I. 237/1 Cum omni maris projectu, quod nos Anglicè Shipwrec appellamus. *Ibid.* 237/2 Quæcunque maris procellosis tempestatibus in aquam, vel in terram eorum ejecta fuerint, quod Anglicè Shipwrech promulgatum est onomate. 1248 *Libertates Regni Majoricar.* (Du Cange s.v. *Naufragium*), Navim fractam, quæ ad littus a mari ejicitur, quod Angli Shipwrech vocant, id est, wreccum de navibus. 1593 Nashe *Christ's T.* D 2 b, The Sea-monsters,..whom they haue subornedand inspyred to lye in wayte for Shipswrack. 1649 Milton *Eikon.* ii. 25 Gentlemen indeed;..the spawn and shiprack of Taverns and Dicing Houses. 1667 Davenant & Dryden *Tempest* II, Heav'n will drive the Shipwracks ashore to make us all rich. 1685 Dryden *Alb. & Alb.* Pref., Postscr., By gathering up the shipwrecks of the Athenian and Roman theatres.

2. Destruction or loss of a ship by its being sunk or broken up by the violence of the sea, or by its striking or stranding upon a rock or shoal. † *To make shipwreck* (cf. L. *naufragium facere*, F. *faire naufrage*): see Make *v.*1 64.

c 1450 *Mirk's Festial* 70, I haue..þryse ben yn schipwrak on þe see. 1526 Tindale 2 *Cor.* xi. 25, I suffred thryse shipwracke. 1565 Cooper *Thesaurus* s. v. *Naufragium*, *Pati naufragium*, to haue shipwrecke. 1599 Hakluyt *Voy.* II. i. 144 If by any casualtie their shippes shall bee driuen on shoare in perill of shipwracke. 1621 Burton *Anat. Mel.* I. iv. I. i. 277 A ship that is voide of a Pilot, must needs impinge vpon the next rock or sands, and suffer shipwrack. 1694 E. Phillips tr. *Milton's Lett. State* 72 Such Ships and Goods as shall be cast ashore by Shipwrack. *c* 1720 Swift *Hist. Eng.* an. 1135, Having..very narrowly escaped shipwreck in his passage from Normandy into England. 1882 *Encycl. Brit.* XIV. 572/1 The wants of sailors and others saved from shipwreck.

attrib. and *Comb.* 1611 Cotgr., *Naufragieux*,..shipwrack-bringing. 1864 Browning *James Lee's Wife* II. i, Is all our fire of Shipwreck wood?

b. An instance of this.

a 1548 Hall *Chron., Hen. VIII*, 125 Where you say that you haue found landes I say those landes found you by shipwrekes of the sea. 1565 Cooper *Thesaurus*, *Naufragus*, he that is scaped after a shippewreake. 1633 G. Herbert *Temple, Ch. Porch* viii, All in a shipwrack shift their severall way. 1692 L'Estrange *Fables* ccccl xxvi. 449 In the Hurry of the Shipwreck,..Simonides was the only Man that appear'd Unconcern'd. 1854 Tennyson *En. Ard.* 15 A rough sailor's lad Made orphan by a winter shipwreck. 1891 Farrar *Darkness & Dawn* lx, When some of his precious effects had been lost in a shipwreck, he told his friends that the fishes would bring them back to him.

† c. *transf.* of drowning. *Obs.*

1680 Morden *Geog. Rect., Turkey* (1685) 354 Icaria.. remarkable for the Shipwrack of Icarus.

3. *fig.* Destruction, total loss or ruin: often with literal phraseology retained. † *To make shipwreck*: to come to destruction.

1526 Tindale *1 Tim.* i. 19 Havynge fayth and good conscience, which some have put awaye from them, and as concernynge fayth have made shipwracke. 1549 Latimer *2nd Serm. bef. Edw. VI* (Arb.) 47 After so manifold..shyp wrackes of religion,..wheras the ambitious..prelates.. ruleth the sterne [etc.]. 1566 T. Stapleton *Ret. Untr. Jewel* iv. 144 A generall shipwrake of the Popes uniuersall power. 1591 Shaks. *1 Hen. VI*, v. v. 8 So am I driuen by breath of her Renowne, Either to suffer Shipwracke, or arriue Where I may haue fruition of her Loue. 1620 Granger *Div. Logike* 41 This shipwracke, which Adam brought vpon himselfe, and chiefly his posterity. 1641 Quarles *Enchir.* II. xxxii. (1654) I 2, Let the Shipwrack of his Understanding be a Sea-mark to thy Passion. 1655 Jer. Taylor *Guide Devot.* (1719) 120 The only Plank left me in the Shipwrack of my Soul. 1719 De Foe *Crusoe* II. (Globe) 503 The Shipwreck of our Fortunes. 1850 W. Irving *Mahomet* II. xi. 102 The..ability with which..he.. preserved the scarcely launched empire of Islam from perfect shipwreck. 1891 Farrar *Darkness & Dawn* xxii, Agrippina was..maddened by the shipwreck of her ambition. 1892 *Speaker* 3 Sept. 289/1 Boys with an unsullied heart, and bright wits like his, have come miserably to shipwreck before now.

4. *To make shipwreck of* (arch.):

a. To suffer the loss of.

To make shipwreck of a good conscience (with allusion to 1 Tim. i. 19, see quot. 1526 in sense 3) was formerly freq.

1588 J. Udall *Demonstr. Discipline* (Arb.) 4 He shalbe molested, till..by your tyrannous dealing, hee haue made shipwrack of a good conscience. 1590 Spenser *F. Q.* II. xii. 7 Such..Did..make shipwracke violent, Both of their life, and fame. 1631 Sanderson *Serm.* (1674) II. 14 When we have made shipwrack of our Consciences, we fall into the hands of God. 1683 Kennett tr. *Erasm. on Folly* 60 They have thrown away their whole Estate, and made shipwrack of all they have. 1784 Cowper *Task* III. 58 Forsaking thee, what shipwreck have we made Of honour, dignity, and fair renown! 1799 Han. More *Fem. Educ.* (ed. 4) I. 14 In the company of certain women of good fashion and no ill fame, he makes shipwreck of his religion. *c* 1800 H. K. White *Rem.* (1837) 348 Lest I should make shipwreck of my hope. 1875 Whitney *Life Lang.* xiv. 284 He who..leaves this force out of account, cannot but make utter shipwreck of his whole linguistic philosophy.

b. To bring to destruction or total ruin.

1577–87 Harrison *England* I. II. vi. 166 It was not long yer open shipwracke was made of this religious observation. 1825 Scott *Talism.* viii, Worthy were I to die like a dog, did I proceed rashly..and make shipwreck of the weal of Christendom.

Shi·pwreck, *a. rare.* = Shipwrecked.

The phr. *to go shipwreck* is probably modelled on *to go bankrupt.*

1573 *Satir. Poems Reform.* xli. 144 3e wer bot schipwrak but reskew. 1598 Marlowe *Hero & Leander* 164 The shipwracke treasure. 1603 Florio *Montaigne* II. xii. 262 Like a shipwracke ship-boy cast from Sease. 1912 D. Crawford *Thinking Black* I. 5 All their colonies have gone shipwreck.

Shi·pwreck (ʃi·prek), *v.* [f. Shipwreck *sb.*]

1. *trans.* To cause (a person) to suffer shipwreck; chiefly *pass.* to suffer shipwreck; also, to cause the loss of (goods) by shipwreck.

1589 Greene *Menaphon* (1616) 15 Samela is shipwracked. 1613–16 W. Browne *Brit. Past.* II. i. 3 Rockes that vnder water hidden lay, To shipwracke passengers. 1624 Sanderson *Serm.* (1674) I. 224 Such a storme..bath..shipwrack'd our wares. 1643 Sir T. Browne *Relig. Med.* 137, I have been shipwrackt, yet am not enemy with the Sea or Winds. 1703 Rowe *Ulysses* III. i, Shipwrack'd I floated on a driving Mast. 1725 Shelvocke *Voy. round World* 367 Those.. thus voluntarily shipwrecked themselves rather than fall into our hands. 1823 Wordsw. *Misc. P., To Lady Fleming* 69 Compared With him who..shipwrecked, kindles on the coast False fires, that others may be lost.

b. To wreck (a vessel). Now *rare.*

1624 Heywood *Gunaik.* VIII. 400 It is written of him.. that..he would..by his Inchantments raise stormes to shipwrecke the vessells of his enemies. 1647 Cowley *Mistr., Resolved to be beloved* iv, Then may my Vessel torn and shipwrackt be, If it put forth again to Sea. 1671 Milton *Samson* 198, I..Who like a foolish Pilot have shipwrack't, My Vessel trusted to me from above? 1725 De Foe *Voy round World* II. 164 Our little Float was shipwreck'd.

c. *transf.* and *fig.*

1599 Sir J. Davies *Hymns Astrea* xxii, No doubt our State will Ship-wrackt be. 1613 Shaks. *Hen. VIII*, III. i. 149 Where are now your Fortunes? Shipwrack'd vpon a

Kingdome, where..no Kindred weepe for me? 1631 SANDERSON *Serm.* (1674) II. 14 When our good names are shipwrackt. 1667 *Decay Chr. Piety* xi. § 8 To shipwrack the faith of these weak unstable souls. 1721 AMHERST *Terræ Fil.* xxxi. 167 Men, who have ship-wreck'd their fortunes as well as their reputations upon this rock. 1820 SHELLEY *Witch Atl.* liv, Those wandering isles of aëry dew, Which highest shoals of mountain shipwreck not. 1829 SCOTT *Anne of G.* xiii, The peace which the excellent man desires for the land of his fathers will be shipwrecked. 1875 JOWETT *Plato* (ed. 2) I. 313 The next definition..is shipwrecked on a refined distinction between the state and the act.

2. *intr.* To suffer shipwreck. Also *fig. Obs.* or *arch.*

1607 CHAPMAN *Bussy d'Ambois* I. i, Wee shall shipwracke in our safest Port. *c* 1622 *Interpreter* in Arber *Engl. Garner* VI. 234 A Puritan is he, which grieves to think Religion should in France shipwreck and sink. 1649 JER. TAYLOR *Gt. Exemp.* II. Disc. ix. § 34 Like the Apostles in a storme, we should awaken Christ and call to him for aide, least we shipwrack in so violent passions. 1822 SCOTT *Nigel* xiii, Your fortunes shall not shipwreck upon the same coast. 1880 DISRAELI *Endym.* lxv, All the married heiresses I have known have shipwrecked.

Shipwrecked (ʃi·prekt), *ppl. a.* [f. SHIPWRECK *v.* + -ED 1.] Having suffered shipwreck; destroyed or lost by shipwreck.

1590 SHAKS. *Com. Err.* I. i. 115 Another ship..Gaue healthfull welcome to their ship-wrackt guests. *a* 1593 MARLOWE *Edw. II*, I. iv, Unless the sea cast up his shipwrack'd body. 1662 DRYDEN *Astræa Redux* 124 His shipwracked vessel. 1702 ROWE *Tamerl.* I. i, Th'approaching Storm may cast thy Shipwreck'd Wealth Back to thy Arms. 1794 MRS. RADCLIFFE *Myst. Udolpho* xv, Soothing the shipwreck'd sailor's heart. 1855 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* xix. IV. 321 A Diving Company which undertook to bring up precious effects from shipwrecked vessels. 1856 LEVER *Martins of Cro' M.* xix, A shipwrecked crew reduced to quarter-rations. 1882 *Encycl. Brit.* XIV. 573 The heroic and dangerous work of saving the shipwrecked.

b. *fig.*

1596 NASHE *Saffron Walden* F 2, Hauing found, by much shipwrackt experience, that no worke of his..would passe. 1643 DIGBY *Observ. upon Relig. Med.* (1909) 10 The losse of Liues shipwracked Decads. 1652 HEYLIN *Cosmogr.* III. 45 That lost and shipwracked Kingdome. *a* 1703 PRIOR *Song, In vain You tell*, Thrown again upon the Coast, Where first my Shipwrackt Heart was lost. 1742 WESLEY *'O Love, I languish'* ii, Haven to take the shipwrecked in, My everlasting rest from sin! 1751 EARL ORRERY *Rem. Swift* (1752) 68 The small remains of the shipwreckt fortune. 1862 DICKENS *Let.* 7 Oct., Through those two harbours of a shipwrecked heart, I..believe..you will..find a peaceful resting-place.

Shipwrecking (ʃi·prekiŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. SHIPWRECK *v.* + -ING 1.] A shipwreck.

1753 TORRIANO *Gangr. Sore Throat* 2 Voyagers..who having happily escaped many Shipwreckings [etc.].

Shipwrecking (ʃi·prekiŋ), *ppl. a.* [f. SHIPWRECK *v.* + -ING 2.] Causing shipwreck.

1605 SHAKS. *Macb.* I. ii. 26 Shipwracking Stormes, and direfull Thunders. 1671 F. PHILLIPS *Reg. Necess.* 141 Some Ship-racking rock. *a* 1700 KEN *Hymnotheo* Poet. Wks. III. 134 Sailers frighted by Shipwrecking Wind. 1865 SWINBURNE *Atalanta* 814 Shipwrecking reefs.

Shi·pwrecky, *a. rare. colloq.* 'Shaky', weak.

1857 HUGHES *Tom Brown* II. v, Feeblish, not to say shipwrecky, about the knees.

Shipwright (ʃi·prait). Forms: see SHIP *sb.*1 + WRIGHT *sb.*

1. A man employed in the construction of ships. The Company of Shipwrights was incorporated in 1605.

c 1000 ÆLFRIC *Gloss.* in Wr.-Wülcker 112/5 *Nauicularius*, scipwyrhta. 1297 *Coram Rege Roll* m. 23 b, (1898) 149 Thomam le Shipwright. 13.. *K. Alis.* 3665 Hit denned, so ryght, As on nayl doth theo schipwryght. 1474-5 *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 645 Thome Witwang, Shipwright, cum 2 famulis operantibus circa reparacionem medietatis de le Ferybote de Billyngham. 1500-20 DUNBAR *Poems* lxiii. 14 Schipwrichtis hewand vpone the strand. 1550 J. COKE *Eng. & Fr. Heralds* § 156 As touchyng shypwryghtes, there be as good in England as in any other realme. 1656 STANLEY *Hist. Philos.* v. vi. (1687) 184 To make a Helm, is the office of a Shipwright, but to use it rightly of a Pilot. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 13 June 1680, Old Mr. Shish, master shipwright of his Majesty's Yard here [Deptford]. 1725 W. HALFPENNY *Sound Building* 12 To draw a Shipwright's Arch. 1790 COWPER *Odyss.* IX. 451 As when a shipwright with his wimble bores Tough oaken timber. 1848 LYTTON *Harold* I. i, The hammer of the shipwright shaping strong ribs for the horses of the sea. 1877 MISS A. B. EDWARDS *Up Nile* iv. 90 The ship-wrights are busy on new boats.

2. (See quot.)

1883 DAY *Fishes Gl. Brit.* 306 Spotted ones [*sc.* lings] are taken off Mevagissey and termed shipwrights, having a resemblance to the spilt pitch on the clothes of these mechanics.

Hence **Shi·pwrighting, Shi·pwrightry,** the art or occupation of a shipwright; shipwright's work.

1711 W. SUTHERLAND *Shipbuild. Assist.* 22, I was concern'd that Shipwrightry should be utterly neglected. 1793 SMEATON *Edystone L.* § 50 The whole of the building was.. a piece of Shipwrightry. 1894 A. MORRISON *Mean Streets* 158 Carpentering, ship-wrighting, and engine-fitting.

Shipyard (ʃi·pyārd). [f. SHIP *sb.*1 + YARD.] A large enclosure, adjoining the sea or a river, in which ships are built or repaired.

a 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 17 Sept. 1685, After he had view'd the new fortifications and ship-yard. 1766 ENTICK *London* IV. 439 Blackwall is noted..for a considerable ship-yard. 1863 P. BARRY *Dockyard Econ.* 76 The antiquated labour system of the wooden era would not transplant nor take root in the iron shipyards. 1890 W. J. GORDON *Foundry* 56 The Clyde..is a river of ship-yards.

Shir, obs. form of SIR, SHIRE *sb.* and *a.*

‖ **Shiraz** (ʃiəræz). Forms: 7 **Sheraz, Shyraz, -as, Sherash, Schiras,** (**Scherah**), 8–9 **Schiraz,** 9 **Sheeraz, Shiraz.** The name of a city in Persia (formerly the capital); used *attrib.* a. as the designation of a wine made in the district; also *absol.* = Shiraz wine. b. as the designation of a kind of tobacco. c. in *Shiraz lamb*, the trade name of a quality of lamb fur obtained from Persia (1910 W. S. Parker in *Encycl. Brit.* art. *Furs*).

a. 1634 SIR T. HERBERT *Trav.* 65 The name of Sheraz Wine is famous farre and neere. 1638 *Ibid.* 78, 20 Camels load of Shyraz [1677 Shyras] wine. 1837 LOCKHART *Scott* IV. v. 162 An Oriental friend having sent him a butt of sheeraz [etc.]. 1904 T. WRIGHT *Life E. FitzGerald* I. 217 He liked to sit in the Major's snug parlour and talk, over a glass of Shiraz wine, about India.

b. 1861 BENTLEY *Man. Bot.* 601 The principal kinds of Tobacco are the American,..the Shiraz or Persian [etc.].

Shirbet(t, obs. forms of SHERBET.

Shire (ʃəi·ə), *sb.* Forms: 1–3 **scír,** (1 **sciir, scýr, -scíre,** 2 **-sir,** ? **scur,** 3 **ssire**), 3–7 **schire,** 4–7 **schyre,** (5 **schere, -shir, shyr, sher, chyer**), 5–6 **schyr,** (5–7 **sheere**), 5–9 **shyre,** (6 **schier, schyir, scyre, shyere, sheyre,** 6–7 **sh(i)ere, shyer, sheire,** 7, 9 *dial.* **sheer**), 4– **shire.** [OE. *scír* str. fem. = OHG. *scîra* care, official charge (only in two glosses, *scirono* negotiorum, *scira habat* procurat).

The OTeut. form may have been either **skīrō* or **skīzō*. It has been suggested that **skīzō* may represent a pre-Teut. **skeisnā-*, related to OItalic **koisā-* in L. *cūra* care (:—*coira*), Pælignian *coisatens* 'curaverunt'.

The OE. word occurs once (*a* 1030) with wk. declension, in the compound *gerefsciran* 'villicationis' (*Rule St. Benet* ed. Logeman, p. 107).]

†**1.** (*OE.* only.) Official charge; administrative office (e.g. that of a steward, bishop, governor etc.).

c 725 *Corpus Gloss.* 692 *Dispensatio*, scir. *Ibid.* 1625 *Procuratio*, sciir. *c* 893 ÆLFRED *Oros.* VI. xxxi. 286 Þæt him leofre wæs se cristendom to beganne þonne his scira to habbanne. *a* 1100 *Gerefa* in *Anglia* IX. 259 Hede se ðe scire healde þæt he friðige and forðige ælce be ðam ðe hit selest sy.

†**2.** A province or district under the rule of a governor; the see of a bishop, the province of an archbishop, or the like; in wider sense, a country, region, district. *Obs.*

In the later examples *transf.* from sense 3.

c 893 ÆLFRED *Oros.* I. i. 19 Ohthere sæde þæt sio scir hatte Halgoland þe he on bude. 11.. *Fragm. Ælfric's Gloss.* (1838) 3 *Provincia vel pagus*, scur. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 334 And hu biseinte Sodome & Gomorre,..& alle þe nomecuðe buruhwes, al ane muchele schire, adun into helle grunde. 1338 R. BRUNNE *Chron.* (1725) 299 The bisshop of Canterbire þerof payed was he, For him and alle his schire [Langtoft: *pur ly et sa province*] þis gift gaf fulle fre. *a* 1400 *Octovian* 227 The folk þo com fram eche a schyre Ryȝt ynto Rome. *c* 1440 *Chester Plays* (E.E.T.S.) 386 Goe, echon, to dyvers contray, and preach to Shyre and Citty The fayth. *c* 1470 HENRY *Wallace* VIII. 946 All Mydlame land thai brynt wp in a fyr, Brak parkis doun, distroyit all the schyr. 1574 tr. *Marlorat's Apocalips* 19 Thyatira..is a Citie of Lydia which is a shyre of Asia the lesse. 1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* I. xi. 14 As two broad Beacons, set in open fields, Send forth their flames farre off to euery shyre. 1615 WITHER *Sheph. Hunt.* V. G 2 b, Art not thou hee, that hut this other yeere Scard'st all the Wolues and Foxes in the sheere? 1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* V. xxix. I. 107 A third Seignorie or Shire there is that goeth to Apamia. 1824 W. TAYLOR in *Monthly Mag.* LVII. 407 The dame..Was in all Britany the fairest woman, Though 'tis a shire renown'd for handsome ladies.

3. *spec.* In Old English times, an administrative district, consisting of a number of smaller districts ('hundreds' or 'wapentakes'), united for purposes of local government, and ruled jointly by an ealdorman and a sheriff, who presided in the SHIRE-MOOT. Under Norman rule, the division of England into shires was continued, the AF. *counté*, Anglo-Latin *comitatus*, being adopted as the equivalent of the English term. At the present day *shire* is rare in official use, but is current as a literary synonym for *county* (chiefly restricted to those counties that have names ending in *-shire*). The counties of Wales, and most of those of Scotland, have *-shire* as the ending of their name, but the word is now rarely employed in speaking of them. The counties of Ireland were often called shires in the 16–17th c., but the use is now obsolete.

England. ?*a* 1000 *Laws Æthelstan, Lond.* x. (Liebermann) 181 Dæt ælc ȝerefa name þæt wedd on his ȝenre scire. *c* 1290 *St. Kenelm* 23 in *S. Eng. Leg.* 346 Þe schire of gloucestre. 1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 62 Vine & britti ssiren hii made in engelonde. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Friar's T.* 103 If that thee happe to comen to oure shire Al shal he thyn right as thou wolt desire. 1414 *Rolls of Parlt.* IV. 57/1 In the shyre of Cambrigge. 1430 *Cov. Leet-bk.* 129, xls. to the collectours of the shire in money and in Costes. 1473 WARKW. *Chron.* (Camden) 8 Thei gadred alle the comons of the schyre. 1549 CHEKE *Hurt Sedit.* (1641) 32 How many suffer injurie, when one hundred of a Shiere is spoiled? 1598 STOW *Surv. Lond.* 305 Then harde by the Barre is one other lane called Shyre lane, because it deuideth the Citie from the Shire. 1599 DEKKER *Shoemakers Holiday* I. (1610) B 1 b, Those companies Mustred in London, and the shires about. 1764 *Oxf. Sausage* 41 The next we heard that in a neighb'ring Shire, That Day to Church he lead a blushing Bride.

1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* ii. I. 189 The cry of agricultural distress rose from every shire in the kingdom. 1855 HAWTHORNE *Eng. Note-bks.* (1870) I. 279 Lancaster..with taller houses than in the middle shires of England. 1896 A. E. HOUSMAN *Shropshire Lad* xxxvii, As through the wild green hills of Wyre The train ran, changing sky and shire.

Scotland. 1529 *Stirling Burgh Rec.* (1887) I. 37 Na flescher within burgh, na within the schier, that bringis ony flecht to the said burgh to sell [etc.]. 1570 *Satir. Poems Reform.* xiii. 99 Ȝe wer ay callit for ȝour tyrannie Strypis of the Schyre. *a* 1670 SPALDING *Troub. Chas. I* (Bannatyne Club) II. 247 The schires of Kincardin, Elgyne and Forres.

Ireland. *c* 1535 FINGLAS *Breviat* in W. Harris *Hibernica* (1757) 46 The Gentles of the Shires of Myeth and Duhlyn. 1542 *Ir. Act* 34 *Hen. VIII*, c. 1 (1621) 238 Forasmuch as the Shire of Methe is great and large in circuit..The said Sherife of the said Shire for the time being. 1600 in *10th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. v. 458 The counties and shyers of the province. 1612 SIR J. DAVIES *Why Ireland*, etc. 256 Next, in reducing the vnreformed partes of Vlster into seauen shires; namely Ardmagh, Monahan, Tirone, Coleraine, Deuegall [*sic*], Fermannagh and Cauan. 1626 [SIR E. CECIL] *Perrot's Govt. Irel.* 41 The Counties thus made in Vlster, were these, Ardmagh, Monahan, Tyrone [etc.]... These circuites thus deuided and setled into Shieres, the Deputy..appointed..Iustices of the Peace.

b. Put for: The inhabitants of the shire.

a 1122 *O. E. Chron.* (Laud MS.) an. 1010, Ne furðon nan scir nolde oðre ȝelæstan æt nyxtan. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* xi, You have more brains than half the shire.

† **c.** A shire-court. (Cf. SHIRE-MOTE.) *Obs.*

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 308 Hit nis nout ine Godes kurt ase hit is iðe schire. 1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 11068 Ac sir willam ssire huld in a monenday. *c* 1400 *Gamelyn* 715 Gamelyn came redy to þe next shire. *c* 1450 *Godstow Reg.* 169 He made þys relese & quite clayme in þe shyre of wynchestur. 1461 *Paston Lett.* II. 37, I wold a new dede and letter of atorne were mad owth,..and that the ded bere date nowh, and that it be selid at the next shire. 1502 ARNOLDE *Chron.* P iij, [tr. Gt. Charter] No shire from hensforth shalbe holden in our reame but from moneth to moneth.

† **d.** *To be quit from shire and hundred*: to be exempted from taxation levied by the shire and hundred. *Obs.*

1293 *Rolls of Parlt.* I. 115/1 Sint liberi et quieti ab omni Scotto, Geldo et de..Tallag', Lestagiis, Stallagiis, Schiris, Hundr' Warda, Wardepeny, Hauerpeny, Hundredespeny, *c* 1450 *Godstow Reg.* 670 And [that their] fre tenauntis ought ther to be quyet fro shire and hundred.

† **e.** *Proverb.* (See HUNDRED 5 c.) *Obs.*

† **4.** A city or town with its liberties to which has been granted a jurisdiction independent of that of the historical shire in which it is situated. *Obs.*

Since the 16th c. the term has been superseded by COUNTY 2 b. Cf. *Corporate county*, CORPORATE *ppl. a.* B. 4.

1433 *Rolls of Parlt.* IV. 425/2 In every Citee or Burgh in this your seide Roialme..beyng a Shire incorporate 1485 in *Cov. Leet Bk.* 524 Henry by the grace of God Kyng of Englond and of Fraunce and lord of Irland to oure trusty and wel-beloned the Maire and Justices of our peas within the shire of oure Citie of Couentre..greting.

5. As the terminal element in names of counties (as Berkshire, Derbyshire) and of certain other districts (as Hallamshire, Bedlingtonshire, Islandshire, Norhamshire, Hexhamshire) which have from early times been regarded as separate unities. Pronounced (-ʃə1); in dialects often (-ʃiə1).

a 1122 *O. E. Chron.* (Laud MS.) an. 1064, Mid Snotingham scire & Deorhi scire & Lincolna scire. *c* 1155 *Newminster Cartul.* (Surtees) 45 Bellingtonesir. 1362 LANGL. *P. Pl.* A. II. 77 Bette þe Budul of Bokynghames schire. *c* 1450 *Godstow Reg.* 637 To here & to ende diuerse transgressions harmis greuis & excessis in wilton sher. 1463-4 *Rolls of Parlt.* V. 503/1 The growyng of the Shires called Alderton Shire, and Richemond Shire, oonly except. 1610 HOLLAND *Camden's Brit.* (1637) 261 The whole shire is expressly named Hanscyre. 1711 STEELE *Spect.* No. 2 ¶ 1 The first of our Society is a Gentleman of Worcestershire. 1893-4 *Northumberld. Gloss.* s. v., Norhamshire, Islandshire, and Bedlingtonshire, are detached portions of the patrimony of Saint Cuthbert.

6. The Shires. a. A term applied to other parts of England by the inhabitants of East Anglia, Kent, Sussex, Essex, and Surrey; also *gen.* applied to those counties the names of which end in *-shire.*

Usually pronounced (ʃiə1z), being a re-stressed form of the unstressed ending (-ʃiə1).

1796 PEGGE *Anonym.* (1809) 160 The Inhabitants of Kent, to express a person's coming from a great distance..will say, he comes a great way off, out of the shires. *a* 1825 FORBY *Voc. E. Anglia, Sheres*, pl., a general name for all the counties in England, but Norfolk, Suffolk, and Essex. 1865 W. WHITE *East. Eng.* II. 204 Which do ye like best, master. Essex or the sheres? 1909 A. MORRISON *Green Ginger* 154 'It do seem to me', he said, 'as you'd do better in the shires; I count you make a poor trade in Essex'.

b. *Foxhunting.* As the name of a hunting 'country': see quot. 1910.

1860 WHYTE MELVILLE *Mkt. Harb.* v. 51 'Excuse me, sir; take the liberty of asking whereabouts you generally hunt'. 'Hunt?' repeated the customer. 'Oh! Leicestershire—Northamptonshire—all about there'...A cloud gathered on the foreman's brow. 'The Shires!' he rejoined, with a perplexed air; 'that increases our difficulties very much indeed'. 1887 *Field* 12 Nov. 731/2 The fleetest pack [of hounds] in all the Shires. 1910 A. E. T. WATSON in *Encycl. Brit.* XIII. 948/2 The 'Shires' is a recognized term, but is nevertheless somewhat vague. The three counties included in the expression are Leicestershire, Rutlandshire and Northamptonshire. Several packs which hunt within these limits are not supposed, however, to belong to the 'Shires', whereas a district of the Belvoir country is in Lincolnshire, and to hunt with the Belvoir is certainly understood to be hunting in the 'Shires'.

7. Short for SHIRE HORSE.

1877 W. GILBEY in *Field* 24 Feb. 225/1 A discussion arose as to the best agricultural stallion to select for use in the district—a 'Clydesdale' or a 'Shire'. 1901 *Q. Rev.* Jan. 7 The Shire, as a distinct breed was not in existence.

8. *attrib.* and *Comb.* as *shire-administration, -system*; (sense 6) *shire-bred, -fattened* adjs.; (sense 7) *shire-breed, -class.*

1874 STUBBS *Const. Hist.* I. vi. 160 A uniform *shire-administration. 1881 *Daily News* 24 Feb. 3/1 In the hope of stimulating the production of *shire-bred horses. 1877 *Field* 17 Mar. 323/2 Good English mares of the '*shire' breed. 1886 P. ROBINSON *Teetotum Trees* 18 Our own *shire-fattened kine. 1874 STUBBS *Const. Hist.* I. v. 117 The general institution of a *shire-system for all England.

b. Special comb.: **shire-bishop** (*OE.* and *Hist.*), the bishop of a shire; **shire-borough** (see sense 4); †**shire-clerk** (see quot. 1706); †**shire-court** = COUNTY-COURT 1; †**shire-day**, the day upon which a meeting of the shire was appointed to be held; **shire-hall**, †**-house** = *county-hall*, COUNTY 8 b; **shire-jury** *Hist.*, the members of a shire-court; †**shire-knight**, = *knight of the shire*, KNIGHT *sb.* 4 c; **shire-member**, a representative of a shire in Parliament; **shire-oak**, an oak tree marking the boundary of a shire or a meeting place for a shire-court; **shire-reeve**, etymologizing form of SHERIFF; **shire-stone**, a stone serving as a boundary-mark of a shire (also in *three-, four-shire-stone*); **shire-town**, the chief town of a shire, a *county-town*, see COUNTY[1] 8 b; also *transf.*; †**shire-wyte**, ? a tax paid to a Sheriff for holding a shire-court. Also SHIRE-GROUND, SHIRE HORSE, SHIRE-LAND, SHIREMAN, SHIRE-MOOT, SHIREWICK.

a 1023 *Wulfstan* xxxvi. (1883) 173 Bete þæt, swa se *scir-bisceop and eal sciriwitan..deman. 1880 W. H. JONES *Dioc. Hist. Salisb.* 51 We must therefore suppose that occasionally shire-bishops may have been appointed. 1898 F. W. MAITLAND *Township & Borough* 10 One ancient *shire-borough, I mean Nottingham. 1495 *Act* 11 *Hen. VII*, c. 15 § 1 Shirefs Undershirefs *Shire Clerkis or any other officers. 1706 PHILLIPS (ed. Kersey), *Shire-Clerk*, an Under-Sheriff; sometimes it is taken for a Clerk in the County-Court, or Deputy to the Under-Sheriff. 1376 *Rolls of Parlt.* II. 348/2 Une novele Court appelle *Shire-court a Arundell. 1503–4 *Act* 19 *Hen. VII*, c. 24 The Shyre Courte for that Shyre shalbe holden & kepte one tyme at Chichestre aforseid, and the next tyme at the borowe of Lewes. 1542–3 *Act* 34 & 35 *Hen. VIII*, c. 26 § 58 The Countie or Shyre Courte of the Countie of Radnor. 1482 CAXTON *Policron.* VIII. xxi. in *Higden* (Rolls) VIII. 565 Also at Bedford on a *shyreday were eyghten men murthred withoute stroke by fallynge doune of a steyr. 1796 MRS. INCHBALD *Nature & Art* xl. (1820) 135 The prisoners are demanded at the *shire-hall. 1881 *Instr. Census Clerks* (1885) 30 Shire Hall Keeper. 1759 B. MARTIN *Nat. Hist. Eng.* II. 53 The Guild-hall, the Wool-hall, and the *Shire-house. 1822 *Edin. Rev.* XXXVI. 330 The *Shire-jury was considered as constituting the 'County'. or County Court. 1399 LANGL. *Rich. Redeles* iv. 32 And whanne it drowe to þe day of þe dede-doynge, þat souereynes were semblid and þe *schire-kɒyʒtis,..þey begynne to declare þe cause of her comynge. 1910 W. L. MATHIESON *Awak. Scot.* i. 8 *Shire members and burgh members had united to form a House of Commons. 1778 *Eng. Gazetteer* (ed. 2) s. v. *Worksop*, Certain oaks, called *Shire-Oaks. 1879 GREEN *Readings Eng. Hist.* xxiii. 115 During the last half-hour the suiters had been gathering round the shire-oak. 14.. *Langland's P. Pl.* C. iv. 78 Boþe *shire-reues and sergauntes. 1570–6 LAMBARDE *Peramb. Kent* 350 Our Magistrat nowe called a Sherif, or (to speake more truely, Shyrereue). 1765 BLACKSTONE *Comm.* Introd. § 4 I. 112 The sheriff, shrieve, or shire-reeve. 1863 H. Cox *Instit.* III. ix. 726 These reeves received in counties the appellation of shire-reeves. 1536 in *Laing Charters* (1899) 108 Fra the said croce lineallie east..to the *schearstane; fra the scheirsteane lineallie eist [etc.]. 1677 PLOT *Oxfordsh.* Map, Four shire stone..three shire stones. 1778 *Eng. Gazetteer* (ed. 2) s. v. *Morton in the Marsh*, About one mile from hence, are the 4 shire-stones. 1825 *Gentl. Mag.* June 516 Upon Wreynose Hill are placed the Shire-stones. 1459 *Rolls of Parlt.* V. 368/1 Make open Proclamation in the *Shire Toune of the same Shire or Shires. 1526 TINDALE *Luke* ii. 3 Every man went in to his awne shyre toune, there to be taxed. 1610 HOLLAND *Camden's Brit.* (1637) 396 Then Ouse saluteth Buckingham the Shire Towne. 1708 J. CHAMBERLAYNE *St. Gt. Brit.* I. i. iii. 10 The Shire-Town is Derby. 1857 PEARLEY *Hand-bk. N. Brunswick* 55 The shire town is Richibucto. 1425 in Kennett *Par. Antiq.* (1695) 573 *Et in solutis pro quadam pensione vocata* *Schire-wyte *annuatim* iv. *sol.*

Shire (ʃəiəɹ), *a. Obs.* exc. *dial.* Forms: 1 **scír**, 3 **scir**, **sir**, 3–4 **shir**, 3–5 **schir**, 4 **scire**, **scirre**, **schirre**, (**schyire**), 4–5 **schyr**, 4–6 **schire**, **schyre**, 4–8 **shyre**, 4–9 **shire**. [Com. Teut.: OE. *scír* = OFris. *skíre*, OS. *skîr*, *skîri* (MLG. *schîre*; hence MHG. *schîre*, *schîr*, mod.G. *schier*), ON. *skir-r* clear, bright, pure (Sw. *skir*), *skýrir* manifest, Goth. *skeir-s* clear:—OTeut. **skīro-*, **skīrjo-*, f. root **skī-* to shine: see SHINE *v.* (Related by ablant to SHEER *a.* See also SKIRE, SKERE *adjs.*)] **A.** *adj.*

†1. Bright, shining. *Obs.*

In OE. also *fig.* illustrious, noble. In ME. allit. verse sometimes a vague epithet of praise (= beautiful, fine, 'sheen').

Beowulf 979 Dær abidan sceal maga mane fah miclan domes, hu him scir metod scrifan wille. *a* 1000 *Boeth. Metr.* xxx. 9 Þeah hio [the sun] sie scir & beorht. *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 3848 Longe abuten munt seyr folȝede hem ðat skie scir. *a* 1300 *Havelok* 588 She saw þer-inne a liih ful shir. 13.. *Gaw. & Gr. Knt.* 317 Þe blod schot for scham in-to his shyre face & lere. *a* 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 2454 Schalkis scott in-to shipis all in shire mailes. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 2373 In a shadow of shene tres & of shyre floures. *c* 1470 *Gol. & Gaw.* 537 To se that his schire weid be sicker of assay.

†2. Of liquids, crystal, etc.: Clear, translucent.

a 900 CYNEWULF *Christ* 1282 Swa þæt scire glæs þæt mon yþæst mæȝ eall þurh-wlitan. *c* 1000 ÆLFRIC *Gloss.* in Wr.-Wülcker 163/33 *Limpidus*, scir. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 9936 Midward þe heist ture..springes of scire water o welle. 1340 HAMPOLE *Pr. Consc.* 6934 Als fyssches lyfes in water schyre. *a* 1400 *Stockh. Med. MS.* i. 119 in *Anglia* XVIII. 298 Hony, good & schyre. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 447/1 Schyre, as water and oþer lycure, *perspicuus, clarus*. *a* 1450 *Ratis Raving* i. 1492 Scho berys with hire lycor schyr That slokins syne as vatter fyre. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* III. viii. 48 The sesonable air pipis vp fair and schire. 1776 HERD *Sc. Songs* (ed. 2) II. Gloss. s. v., We call..clear liquor shire.

†3. Pure, unmixed. *Obs.*

Beowulf 496 Þeȝn..se þe on handa bær hroden ealowæge, scencte scir wered. *c* 888 ÆLFRED *Boeth.* xv, Nalles scir win hi ne druncan. *c* 1200 ORMIN 15383 Forr siþþen iss all þeȝre spell Shir atter & shir galle Till alle þa þatt herrcnenn itt. *a* 1340 HAMPOLE *Cant.* Psalter 516 Þat þa drynke þe shyrest blode of grape [*sanguinem uvae meracissimum*]. *a* 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 113 He shapis him of shire wax litill schipis many.

†4. Morally or spiritually clean; pure. *Obs.*

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 1 Þeos riwle is cherite of schir heorte & cleane inwit. *Ibid.* 246 O muchel is..þe mihte of schir & of clene bone. *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 518 Metodius, ali martyr, Adde in his herte sigh[ð]e sir. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 26200 Scrift sal mak þi saul scirre. *a* 1400 *Rel. Pieces fr. Thornton MS.* 56 When Goddis seruandes hase depely thoghte with schire herte on Gode.

5. Complete, perfect, utter; = SHEER *a.* 8. Also (with a negative), mere, bare.

a 1225 *Leg. Kath.* 1286 Nere hit schendlac inoh, & schir scheome, to alle þæt ȝelpeð of lare? *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 3580 He..dede ðat calf melten in fir, And stired it al to dust sir. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* VIII. Prol. 78 This cuntre is full of Caynis kyne, And sic schyr schrewis. *c* 1520 SKELTON *E. Rummyng* 466 They be wretchockes thou hast brought, They are shyre shakyng nought! 1540 PALSGR. *Acolastus* II. iii. Lj, I wyll not gyue the sole .i. pure or shyre hope, but the thing. 1674 N. FAIRFAX *Bulk & Selv.* 69 As if the outside of the earth were a shire flat or level. 1710 RUDDIMAN *Gloss. Douglas' Æneis* s. v. *Schire*, Scot. we say, *a skire fool, a skire knave*, i. e. purus putus nebulo. *c* 1730 RAMSAY *Grub Street nae Satire* 3 He's naething but a shire daft lick. 1836 M. MACKINTOSH *Cottager's Daughter* 59 He was a shire and worthless smaik.

b. (See quot.)

1825 JAMIESON Suppl., *Shire, Skyre*, adj. Used in the sense of strait, or S. *scrimp*; as, *shire measure*, that sort of measurement which allows not a hair-breadth beyond what mere justice demands, Teviotdale.

6. Thin; tenuous, not dense; sparse, scanty. Of beer: Weak, 'small'.

1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* XIX. cxxxi. (1495) 940 The more sadde a body is the more heuy it is; and the more shyre and thynne the more lyght it is founde. *c* 1400 MAUNDEV. (Roxb.) xxii. 101 Þe men of þat land has schyre [*Cotton text* (1839) 207 thynne] berdes with few hares in þam. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* IV. v. 188 He vanist far away.. in the schyre air [*in tenuem..auram*]. 1530 PALSGR. 323/2 Shyre nat thycke, *delie*. 1547 SALESBURY *Dict. Eng. & Welsh, Teneu*, Thynne, shyre. 1599 ALEX. HUME *Hymnes* iv. 14 My haires are schyre and gray. 1721 RAMSAY *To Earl Dalhousie* 34 He had rather live on cakes, And shyrest swats. 1776 HERD *Sc. Songs* (ed. 2) II. Gloss. s.v., We call thin cloth..shire. 1879 MISS JACKSON *Shropsh. Word-bk., Shire*, thin; scanty: said of crops.

†**Shire**, *v.*[1] *Obs.* Forms: 1 **scíran**, **scýran**, 3 **sciren**, **schire**, **shire**, **sire**. [OE. *scíran* = MLG., mod. LG. *schiren* to make clear, clarify (whence G. dial. *schieren*), ON. *skíra* to purify, clear (from a charge), Goth. *gaskeirjan* to interpret, f. OTeut. **skīro-*: see SHIRE *a.*]

1. *trans.* To declare, make known; to tell, utter.

Beowulf 1939 Þæt hit sceadenmæl scyran moste, cwealm-bealu cyðan. *c* 897 ÆLFRED *Gregory's Past. C.* xxviii. 198 Ac ȝif hie ðonne eallunga forberan ne mæȝen..ðæt hie hit ne sciren. *c* 1205 LAY. 16822 Nes þer nan swa hæh mon þat durste word sciren. *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 2036 Đe wite is hise, ðe right is hire, God al-miȝtin ðe soðe shire. [*a* 1250 *Owl & Night.* 1532 Wan he comeþ ham eft to his wiue, ne dar heo noȝt a word i-schire.]

2. To enlighten, purify (the mind or heart).

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 384 Luue, þet schireð & brihteð þe heorte. *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 327 For is fruit sired mannes mood, To witen boðen iwel and good.

Shire (ʃəiəɹ), *v.*[2] [f. SHIRE *sb.*] *trans.* To divide (a country) into shires.

1810 W. DAVIES *Agric. N. Wales* i. 2 It (North Wales) was shired by Henry the Eighth into six counties. 1867 *Cal. St. Papers, Irel.* 1574–85, 170 The Brenny and Annaly shired. 1885 BAGWELL *Irel. under Tudors* I. 60 Ulster and Connaught were not shired. 1904 *Edin. Rev.* July 215 When..he [Davies] effected the final shiring of Ulster.

†**Shire**, *adv. Obs.* [OE. *scíre*, f. SHIRE *a.*]

1. Brightly; clearly.

a 1000 *Andreas* 835 Oð þæt dryhten forlet dæȝcandelle scire scinan. *a* 1300 *Havelok* 916 [Ich kan] kindlen ful wel a fyr, And maken it to brennan shir. 13.. *Gaw. & Gr. Knt.* 956 Hir brest & hir bryȝt þrote bare displayed, Schon schyrer þen snawe. *c* 1470 *Gol. & Gaw.* 610 The sone in the sky wes schynyng so schir. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* II. v. 14 Quhen the taknyng or the bail of fire Rais fro the kingis schip, wpbirnyng schire.

2. With main force, mightily; sheer or straight *down*.

a 900 CYNEWULF *Christ* 1141 Scire burstan muras and stanas. *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 3045 O morȝen, al swilc time al sir, Thunder, and hail, and leuenes fir, Cam wel vnghere. 13.. *Gaw. & Gr. Knt.* 506 Schyre schedez þe rayn in schowrez ful warme. 1508 DUNBAR *Tua Mariit Wemen* 22 Kemmit was thair cleir hair, and curiouslie sched Attour thair schulderis doun schyre, schyning full bricht.

Shire, obs. form of SIRE *sb.*

Shire clothe, obs. form of CERECLOTH.

c 1450 *Brut* II. 430 Thanne was his body enbawmyd..and closid in shire clothe.

Shiref(e, obs. forms of SHERIFF.

Shi're-ground. *Hist.* Country divided into shires; a tract of country subject to the control of the authorities of a shire.

1535–6 *Act* 27 *Hen. VIII*, c. 26 § 24 The said liberties shall continue and be used in every Lordshipp parcell of the said Duchie [of Lancaster] within the Dominion..of Wales, as the liberties of the said Duchie be used in Shire grounde and not Countie Palantyne within this Realme of England. 1536 BP. ROLAND LEE *Let. to Cromwell* in Strype *Eccl. Mem.* I. App. lxxvii. 183 The Proclamations as yet for the Shire grounds be not come: wherby Justice cannot be ministred in Wales. 1556 *Ir. Act* 3 & 4 *Ph. & Mary* c. 3 (1621) 251 Within sundry Townes, villages and other waste grounds of this Realme, being no shire grounds. 1586 J. HOOKER *Hist. Irel.* 181/1 in *Holinshed*, Sir JOHN PEROT..first thought it best to bring the whole land into shire grounds, whereby the laws of England might haue a through course and passage. 1603 OWEN *Pembrokeshire* ii. (1892) 31 And so he continued Earle vntill the xxvijth yeere of his Raigne that Wales was reduced to sheere ground. 1612 SIR J. DAVIES *Why Ireland*, etc. 247 All this while, the Prouinces of Conaght and Vlster..were not reduced to Shire-Ground. 1846 MITCHEL *Aodh O'Neill* 226 On O'Neill's part the conditions were that he should..suffer his country to become 'shire-ground', and admit the functionaries of English government.

Shire horse. Also **shires horse.** [See quot. 1888; cf. SHIRE *sb.*] A horse of a heavy powerful breed, used for draught, chiefly bred in the midland counties of England. Also known as the Old English Black Horse.

1875 S. SIDNEY *Bk. Horse* xii. 268 The Shire Horse. 1877 *Field* 14 Apr. 447/3 The Shires or Old English Cart Horse. *Ibid.*, Influential breeders of the Shire horse should combine together and [etc.]. [1888 SIR W. GILBEY *Great Horse* (1899) 52 Arthur Young, in the latter part of the last century, ..mentions only two varieties of Cart Horse as deserving attention, namely, the Large Black Old English Horse, 'the produce principally of the Shire counties in the heart of England and the Sorrel-coloured Suffolk Punch'.] 1891 *Spectator* 7 Mar. 340/1 The show of 'Shire horses', as the old breed of the English cart-horse is now generally called. *attrib.* 1877 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* 532 Those confined to the 'Shire' horse classes. 1887 *Leamington Spa Courier* 30 Apr. 1/6, 8 grand Shire Horse Colts and Fillies.

Shire-land. *rare.* [SHIRE *sb.*] **a.** = SHIRE-GROUND. **b.** *transf.* (*? nonce-use.*) A land under regular administration.

1852 MUNDY *Antipodes* (1857) 19 Lands beyond the shire-land of New South Wales. 1910 *19th Cent.* Mar. 428 Queen Elizabeth turned the country into shireland.

†**Shi'rely**, *adv. Obs.* [f. SHIRE *a.* + -LY[2]. Cf. SHEERLY.] Brightly, clearly; purely.

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 154 Ase ofte ase heo wolden þencchen schirliche of God, ant makien clene bonen. 13.. *Gaw. & Gr. Knt.* 1880 Þere he schrof hym schyrly, & schewed his mysdedez. *c* 1470 *Gol. & Gaw.* 22 Of siluer and saphir schirly thai schane.

Shi'reman. *Obs.* exc. *dial.* (in sense 2). [OE. *scírman, scíreman*: see SHIRE *sb.*, and MAN.]

1. *Old Eng. Law.* A sheriff. (Erroneously explained by Lambarde as = *ealdorman*).

In OE. the word had also the sense of 'holder of official charge', 'bailiff', 'steward' (rendering L. *præpositus*, etc.).

c 1020 in Kemble *Cod. Dipl.* IV. 9/29 Æðelwine scirman. 1570–6 LAMBARDE *Peramb. Kent* 343 Oure Elders before the conquest, had their trialles for title of land, and other controuersies in each shire, before a Judge, then called Alderman, or Shyreman.

2. An inhabitant of the 'shires' (see SHIRE *sb.* 6).

a 1825 FORBY *Voc. E. Anglia* II. 296 Aye, I knew he must be a *shere-man* by his tongue. 1874 *Q. Rev.* Oct. 494 To this day also, an East Anglian talks, not without a shade of contempt, of an inhabitant of another county as a *sheeres* man. 1909 A. MORRISON *Green Ginger* 155 [Essex speaker] 'But a shire man allus was a fool'.

Shi're-moot. *Hist.* [f. SHIRE *sb.* + MOOT *sb.*[1]; after OE. *scírgemót.*] The judicial assembly of the shire in Old English times.

[*a* 1036 in Thorpe *Diplom. Angl.* (1865) 336 Her swutelaþ on ðissum gewrite þæt an scirȝemot sæt æt Ægelnoðes stane be Cnutes dæȝe cinges.] 1614 SELDEN *Titles Hon.* 225 Amongst Knouts Collections, one is, that twise in the yeer, the Scyreȝemot, i. the Shiremote (that which is now called the Shirifes Turne) should be held, and that in it should sit the Bishop of the Diocesse, and the Ealdorman. 1839 KEIGHTLEY *Hist. Eng.* I. 78 The Shire-mote or County Court met twice a year. 1890 HOSMER *Ags. Freedom* 82 The time was coming when the broad suffrage of the shire-moots was also to be greatly curtailed.

†**Shi'reness.** *Obs.* [f. SHIRE *a.* + -NESS.]

1. Clearness, pureness.

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 386 Schirnesse of heorte is Godes luue one. *a* 1300 *E. E. Psalter* cxviii. 130 Schirenes of þi speches lightes wit [*Declaratio sermonum tuorum illuminat*]. *a* 1340 HAMPOLE *Psalter* vi. 2 Sorow for his synn has reft him þe shyrnes of..fleschly lust, as druuynge does watere.

2. Thinness, tenuity.

1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* XIX. cxxxi. (1495) 940 Also for shyrenesse of partyes in thynne matere ben many poores. 1530 PALSGR. 267/1 Shyrenesse thynnesse, *delievre*.

Shirevalty, obs. form of SHRIEVALTY.

Shireve, obs. form of SHERIFF.

†Shi·rewick. *Obs.* [f. SHIRE *sb.* + -WICK.] = SHERIFFWICK.

1460 *Rolls of Parlt.* V. 382/2 Every Shirref, with the power and myght of his Shirwyk. *a* 1513 FABYAN *Chron.* VII. 327 In this xi. yere of this Kynge Henry, the shyre-wyke of Londoo & of Myddlesex were lettyn to ferme. 1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* III. v. 1. 57 The Shire-wick called Prefecture Claudia, or Foro Clodij. *Ibid.* v. xxix. 107 The free citie Alabanda, whereof that shierewicke or jurisdiction tooke name.

Shirgian, Shirif(e : see SURGEON, SHERIFF.

†Shirk, *sb.*[1] *Obs.* Also 7 **shirke, sherk, shurk.** [Perh. a. G. *schurke* (earlier *schork, schurk*) : see SHARK *sb.*[2]] A needy, disreputable parasite; one who makes a living by sponging on others, cheating at play, swindling, or the like; a sharper. = SHARK *sb.*[2] 1.

1639 [J. TAYLOR (Water P.)] *Divers Crabtree Lect.* 164 You are an Asse, a Shirke, a Rooke. 1667–8 PEPYS *Diary* 8 Mar., He is a shirke, who owns his owing me 10*l.* for his lady two or three years ago, and yet cannot provide to pay me. 1681 HICKERINGILL *Char. Sham Plotter* 2/1 When Shoals of these Shirks, these Tories and Sham-Plotters appear bare-fac't in any Land or Nation, they are as Fatal ..as Sword-Fishes, Sharks, and Whales, when thrown up in the Thames. *a* 1700 B. E. *Dict. Cant. Crew, Shurk,* a Sharper. 1710 *Medley* No. 12 Some..may be reckon'd tame Creatures, such as are those Shirks that ply about Great Tables. 1730 BAILEY (fol.), *Shirk,* a sharping Fellow that lies upon the Catch, as the Shark-fish.

Shirk (ʃɔ̄ɹk), *sb.*[2] [f. SHIRK *v.*]

1. One who shirks (work, obligations).

1818 *Blackw. Mag.* III. 402 He..Reviled the Dutchers as Poltroons and shirks. 1883 JESSOPP *Arcady* iv, The shambling and scrofulous shirk whom you may find any night soaking at the pothouse.

2. An act or the practice of shirking. *rare.*

1877 FURNIVALL *Leopold Shaks.* Introd. 85 We saw the many shirks from doing his duty of which Hamlet was guilty. 1897 *Daily News* 3 June 5/7 Leisure—and shirk—have been the characteristics of the proceedings of this remarkable body.

†Shirk, *sb.*[2] *Obs. rare*[−1]. [Prob. a. Ger. dial. *schirk* (in Nemnich 1793).] The sturgeon.

1705 HICKERINGILL *Priest-cr.* II. ii. 27 For a Whale's Throat is narrower to my knowledge then a Fish (called a Shirk) but of two Yards long.

Shirk (ʃɔ̄ɹk), *v.* Also 7 **sherke, shurk, shirke,** 7–8 **sherk.** [Belongs to SHIRK *sb.*[1]; see SHARK *v.* 1.]

†1. *intr.* To practise fraud or trickery, esp. instead of working as a means of living; to prey or sponge upon others; *rarely* to pilfer (*from* another). *Obs.* Cf. SHARK *v.*[1] 1 b.

1633 MARMION *Fine Comp.* IV. i. G 3 b, Thou shalt follow the Court like a Baboone, when a thousand proper fellowes shall sherke for their ordinary. [1638: see SHIRKING *vbl. sb.*] 1640 HARBOTTLE GRIMSTONE *Sp. Ho. Comm.* 18 Dec., He [*sc.* Abp. Laud] might have spent his time much better ..than thus sherking and raking in the Tobacco Shops. 1655 tr. *Sorel's Com. Hist. Francion* III. 74 How well he could practice the Lawes of pilfering, by sherking on his Disciples [orig. Fr. *friponant tur ses disciples*], to feast his friends. 1699 E. S—CY *Country Gentl. Vade M.* 77, I utterly lose my Pitty, when I see one of these Wretches shirking about in Rags. 1709 W. REEVES tr. *Apol. Justin Martyr, Tertullian, & Min. Felix* (1716) I. 4 The Platonist Amelius,..upon reading the first Verses of his [S. John's] Gospel, cry'd out, *Per Jovem Barbarus iste cum Platone nostro sentit,* By Jove this Barbarian has been shirking from our Master Plato. 1850 C. MATHEWS *Moneypenny* xviii, He saves him from a house a-fire, and..he sends him off next morning to shirk for himself.

†b. *trans.* To obtain by cunning or by sponging. Also *to shirk up. Obs.* Cf. SHARK *v.*[1] 2.

1634 BP. RAINBOWE *Labour* 39 You that never heard the call of any Vocation..; that shirke living from others, but time from yourselves. 1672 EACHARD *Hobbs' St. Nat. Consid.* 34 Small matter that was shirk'd up in France from some of Cartes's acquaintance, and spoyled in the telling.

2. *intr.* To go evasively or slyly; to slink, to sneak *away, out,* etc. **†***rarely* said of things.

1681 *Trial of S. Colledge* 25 *Mr. Dugd.*..You said Rowley was gone, the Rogue was afraid of himself, he was shirked away. 1806 J. BERESFORD *Miseries Hum. Life* (1826) IX. xl, Trying often to harpoon a floating pat of hutter, which, as often, slips aside, or ducks and shirks under your knife. 1818 G. COLMAN *Two Parsons* Poet. Vagaries (ed. 3) 154 Polyglot Behind the bed-curtain had got, Shirking, and dodging From his Co-Partner. 1850 THACKERAY *Pendennis* lxi, He and his comrades had been obliged to shirk on board at night, to escape from their wives. 1867 MISS BROUGHTON *Cometh Up* xxxiii, Sometimes..I managed to shirk out by myself..and dawdle..about the park. 1874 BARING-GOULD *Yorksh. Oddities* I. 236, I..came shirking round towards t'back door i't' yard.

†b. To withdraw or draw *back* through lack of courage *from* one's word or *from* an engagement.

1778 CRISP *Let. to Miss Burney* 8 Dec., Don't imagine.. that I am retracting or shirking back from what I have said above. 1820 BYRON *Let.* 7 Sept. in Moore *Life* (1839) 453/2 One of the cities shirked from the league.

3. *trans.* To evade (a person, his conversation, acquaintance, etc.); to avoid meeting, to dodge, 'give the slip' to. Now *rare* or *Obs.*

1787 MME. D'ARBLAY *Diary* June (1842) III. 378 They have all a really most undue dislike of her, and shirk her conversation, and fly to one another, to discourse on hunting and horses. 1800 MISS EDGEWORTH *Belinda* xvii, To punish her for shirking me, by the Lord, I'd [etc.]. 1815 *Zeluca* I. 393 See, see—he's going to shirk Lady Kitty—he pretends he don't see her coming up. 1837 HT. MARTINEAU *Soc. Amer.* II. 121 Nor would I..throw the slightest obstacle in the way of the escape of any one of the slaves who may be about to shirk their masters. 1851 MAYHEW *Lond. Labour* I. 384/2 Us sailor chaps sometimes shirks the Custom-house lubbers, sharp as they are.

b. At Eton: To avoid meeting (a master, a sixth-form boy) when out of bounds. Also *absol.*

1821 R. DURNFORD *Rashleigh Letter-bag* vi, in *Etonian* (1823) III. 182, I..began to consider..if I could have offended him by not shirking him out of bounds. 1869 BLAKE-HUMFREY *Eton Boating Bk.* Introd. 1 The necessity of all but the Sixth Form being obliged to shirk the Masters, and of all the Lower Boys having to shirk the Sixth Form. 1910 GOLOW. SMITH *Remin.* iii. 38 If you met a master outside the nominal bounds you had to 'shirk', that is, to make a show of keeping out of sight.

4. To evade (one's duty, work, obligations, etc.).

1785 GROSE *Dict. Vulgar T., Sherk,* to sherk, to evade; to sherk one's duty. 1835 MARRYAT *J. Faithful* xxxviii, Father says we may, if we do our duty, and I don't mean to shirk mine. 1842 MIALL in *Nonconf.* II. 377 They usually shirk the subject. 1861 GEO. ELIOT *Silas M.* ix, Let him.. shirk the resolute honest work that brings wages, and he will presently find himself [etc.]. 1880 L. STEPHEN *Pope* v. 126 This trick..was intended..to shirk responsibility.

b. *U.S.* To shift (responsibility, etc.) *on to* or *upon* (another person). Also with *off.*

1845 LOWELL *Let. to C. F. Briggs* 21 Aug., Lett. 1894 I. 111, I would almost give half the rest of my life if I might shirk off upon somebody else all that is generally considered the pleasant result of a literary reputation. 1863 W. PHILLIPS *Sp.* xvi. 368 Having shirked it on to the North.

c. *absol.* To practise evasion of work, one's duties, responsibilities, etc.

1853 THACKERAY *Eng. Hum.* iii. (1900) 518 He was shirking at the tavern. 1865 J. G. HOLLAND *Plain Talk* iv. 119 The disposition to shirk seems to be constitutional with the human race. 1886 W. H. LONG *Dict. I. Wight Dial.,* 'He's hen and shirked off wi'out dooen his work'. 'He's too windy by half, and he's sure to shirk out on't somehow or nother'.

Hence **Shi·rking** *vbl. sb.* and *ppl. a.* Also **Shi·rker,** one who shirks (duty, work, etc.).

1634 BP. RAINBOWE *Labour* (1635) 40 Let this shirking generation he cast out. 1638 HOLLAND *1st Disc. Navy* (1896) 54 'Twere safer..to give them a certain competent fee, than by an uncertain reward to expose them to shirking [*Penn MS.* sharking]. 1668 ROLLE *Abridgment* 53 You are a sherking Attorney. 1736 *Disc. Witchcraft* 42 These kind of shirking People, a Generation of impudent Liars. 1799 GEO. [IV] in *Paget Papers* (1896) I. 150, I can safely swear I never flinched one [glass],..& you well know I am not even upon indifferent occasions a Shirker. 1862 *Rep. Publ. Schools Comm.* (1864) III. 283 (Eton) Have you any opinion as to the system of shirking? 1877 FREEMAN *Norm. Conq.* (ed. 3) I. App. 621 Against plain facts and probabilities we have nothing to set except the shirkings and twistings of Dudo's rhetoric. 1883 STEVENSON *Treas. Isl.* I. v, 'Search him, some of you shirking lubbers', he cried. 1884 *Macm. Mag.* Nov. 4/1 Lord Malmeshury..was no shirker of work. 1899 SHEARMAN, etc. *Football* 242 Any shirking..must be suppressed at once.

Shirky (ʃɔ̄·ɹki), *a. rare.* [f. SHIRK *v.* + -Y[1].] Characterized by or given to shirking.

1847 HALLIWELL B. v. *Shirk, Shirky,* deceitful. *South.* 1897 [see SCUFFLE *v.*[1] 6]. 1897 *Daily News* 3 June 5/7 Leisure—and shirk—have been the characteristics of the proceedings..and leisurely—and..shirky—they will continue.

†Shirl, *sb. Obs. rare*[−1]. [f. SHIRL *a.*; cf. SKIRL *sb.*] A shrill cry.

1598 Q. ELIZ. tr. *Plutarch* iii. 21 Lest stranger..shirles might heare that maiden gaue for Skourge.

Shirl (ʃɔ̄ɹl), *a.* and *adv. Obs.* exc. *dial.* Forms: 4 **schirlle,** 5–6 **schyrle,** 6 **shirle, shyrle,** (*compar.* **shirler,** *superl.* **shirllest**), 6, 9 *dial.* **shirl.** [Metathetic form of SHRILL *a.*] **A.** *adj.*

1. = SHRILL *a. Obs.* exc. *dial.*

1418–20 J. PAGE *Siege of Rouen* in *Hist. Coll. Citizen Lond.* (Camden) 45 With that they cryde alle 'Nowe welle', Al so schyrle as any belle. 1530 PALSGR. 726/1, I sownde schyrle, as a mannes or womannes voice that crieth lowd, *je clicque.* *c* 1567 ABP. PARKER *Ps.* F iij b, Of which instruments some as the harpe were lowde and shirle. 1594 PLAT *Jewell-ho.* I. 14 This salt giveth sound.., and without the sounde no mettall will ring in his shirle voyce. 1828 [CARR] *Craven Gloss.* s. v. Her shirl voice rings i my ears. 1869 *Lonsdale Gloss., Shirl,* shrill.

†2. Of the hair: Rough. *Obs. rare.*

1567 GOLDING *Ovid's Met.* VIII. 995 Hir heare was harsh and shirle [*Hirtus erat crinis*]. *Ibid.* XV. 235 With shirle thinne heare as whyght as snowe.

†B. *adv.* Shrilly. *Obs.*

a 1300 *Leg. Gregory* 415 Rede and sing schirlle. 1583 GOLDING *Calvin on Deut.* viii. 45/2 Gods voyce ought to sounde shirler noweadayes in the Gospell, than it did in the Lawe.

Shirl (ʃɔ̄ɹl), *v.*[1] Now *dial.* Also 7 **shurl,** 9 **sherl.** [app. an extended form of SHEAR *v.*: see -LE 3.] *trans.* To trim with shears, *spec.* (see quot. 1802–19). Hence **Shi·rling** *vbl. sb.* Also **Shirl** *sb.*, a trimming.

1688 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 2323/4 Stolen..a bright bay Gelding.., his mane shirled half way. 1688 HOLME *Armoury* II. 252/2 Shurling of a Cock, is to trim the ends of his band, or neck feathers. 1775 J. WATSON *Hist. Halifax* 546 [Vocab.] *Shirl,* to cut with shears. 1802–19 REES *Cycl., Sherling,* or *Shirling Lambs,* in Rural Economy, the practice of cutting or shearing the short woolly coats or coverings of these young animals in the summer season. 1828 [CARR] *Craven Gloss.* s. v., 'To shirl a fleece of wool', to cut off the clotted ends before it be teazed or carded. 1869 *Lonsdale Gloss., Shirlin's,* the fleeces of lambs. 1897 *Leeds Merc. Suppl.* 22 May (E.D.D.), Ah doan't want pollin' cloise; Ah nobbut want shirlin. *Ibid.,* Ah've nobbut hed a shirl this time.

Shirl (ʃɔ̄ɹl), *v.*[2] *north.* In 8 **shurl.** [App. formed (with frequentative suffix : see -LE 3) on a vb. corresponding to G. dial. *schurren, schorren,* to slide on the ice.] *intr.* To slide (see also quot. 1826). Hence **Shi·rling** *vbl. sb.* Also **Shi·rler,** one who 'shirls'; **Shirl** *sb.*, a slide.

1790 GROSE *Prov. Gloss.* (ed. 2), *Shurl,* to shurl, to slide, as upon ice. North. 1826 SOUTHEY *Let.* 25 Jan.; Lett. 1856 III. 525 My girls are good shirlers...Shirling is neither sliding nor skating, but a sort of intermediate motion, performed in the common clogs of this country [Cumberland]. 1898 *Lakeland Words* in *Penrith Observer* 17 May (E.D.D.), Ther's a grand shirl on t' pond.

Shirl, obs. form of SCHORL.

1776 G. EDWARDS *Elem. Fossilogy* 109 Basaltes, or shirl, or cockle. 1789 T. WILLIAMS *Min. Kingd.* II. 178 Shirl is a hard and heavy substance, of a shining jet black.

Shirlcock (ʃə·ɹlkɒk). *dial.* Also **shelcock, shircock, shrillcock.** [f. SHIRL *a.* + COCK *sb.*] The Missel Thrush, *Turdus viscivorus.*

a 1790 PEGGE *Derbicisms, Shirl cock,* a thrush. 1859 W. DICKINSON *Cumberld. Gloss., Shellcock,*..the missel thrush. 1869 *Lonsdale Gloss., Shircock,* the missel-thrush. 1882 W. DICKINSON *Remin. W. Cumbld.* 21 (Cumbld. Gloss.), I heard a shelcock sing about nine o'clock.

Shirley. *Obs.* or *spurious.* [Cf. G. *schirley,* given by Nemnich as a name for the bird *Tanagra militaris.*] An alleged name for 'a bird by some called the greater bullfinch' (W.).

1796 NEMNICH *Polygl. Lex., Eng.* 891/1 *Shirley,* Tanagra. 1828–32 WEBSTER (citing '*Dict.*'). Hence in many later Dicts.

†Shi·rling, *a. Obs. rare*[−1]. [f. SHIRL *a.* + -ING[2]. Cf. SKIRLING *ppl. a.*] Shrill-sounding.

1592 WYRLEY *Armorie, Ld. Chandos* 97 There cals A shirling horne, with sharp sownd eccoing.

†Shirlly, *adv. Obs.* Also 5 **shyrly,** 6 **shirlely.** [f. SHIRL *a.* + -LY[2].] Shrilly.

1470–85 MALORY *Arthur* XVIII. xix. 759 Then she shryked shyrly and felle doune in a swoune. 1565 GOLDING *Ovid's Met.* IV. (1567) 49 b, Bewailing their despight By chirping shirlly to themselues. 1583 — *Calvin on Dent.,* To Cath. Ch. P iiij b, Albeeit that..the praises of God do ring shirlely to mens vnderstanding in the psalms and songs.

Shirmer (ʃə·ɹmə). *local.* (See quots.)

1823 T. BOND *E. & W. Looe* 77 The pilchards are seen.. playing on the surface of the water, and thereby rendering the spot of a darker colour...Such fish, so appearing, are called Shirmers. 1847 *Zoologist* V. 1645 As the summer advances, the stragglers [*sc.* pilchards] associate into small companies; these again unite into larger ones called 'shirmers'.

Shirp, *v. Sc.* [Perh. a use of *shirp* SHARP *v.*] *intr.* To wither, shrink, shrivel. Also with *away.*

1639 MURE *Ps.* cxxix, Be they As grasse vpon the howsses' top, Ere shott which shirps away. *c* 1680 M'WARD *Earnest Contendings for Faith* 146 (Jam.), Even professors sat-up, shirped away, and cryned into a shadow.

Hence **Shirpit** *a.*, 'pinched', wasted, shrivelled. [Cf. SHILPIT *a.*]

1821 GALT *Ann. Parish* xlvii, His nose was shirpit and sharp. 1896 H. JOHNSTON *Dr. Congallon's Legacy* i. 13 Yon shirpet body, the factor.

Shirp, obs. form of CHIRP *v.*

Shirr (ʃɔ̄ɹ), *sb. U.S.* Also **shir** (*Dicts.*). [Of obscure origin.]

1. Elastic webbing; also, the elastic thread used in its composition.

1858 SIMMONDS *Dict. Trade, Shirr,* an insertion of elastic cord between two pieces of cloth. 1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech., Rubber-cutting Machine,*..for making threads of caoutchouc for shirrs. *Shirr,* (Fabric), an elastic cord inserted in cloth or between two pieces.

2. Gathered trimming, gathering. *Shirr-string* = shirring string.

1891 in *Century Dict.* 1895 SARAH M. H. GARDNER *Quaker Idyls* i, The stiff bonnets were relieved by silk shirrs of brown or gray. 1902 *Delineator* Dec. 623 A shirr-string, run through an underfacing, provides the means of closing.

Shirr (ʃɔ̄ɹ), *v. U.S.* Also **shir** (in Dicts.). [? Back-formation from SHIRRED *a.*]

1. *trans.* To gather or draw up (textile material) by means of parallel threads. = GAUGE *v.*[1] 8.

1892 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 22 Sept. 1/3 A beautiful gown..of prelate purple velvet made in the loose blouse fashion, shirred into a yoke of gold and gem embroidery. 1896 *Godey's Mag.* Feb. 223/2 Pretty shades may be made by simply taking a piece of crêpe paper..and shirring it several times, leaving sufficient at the top to form a full ruffle.

2. *Cookery.* 'To poach (eggs) in cream instead of water' (*Cent. Dict.* 1891).

Shirred (ʃɔ̄ɹd), *a. U.S.* [f. SHIRR *sb.* + -ED 2.]

1. Having elastic threads woven into the texture.

1847 WEBSTER, *Shirred,* a term applied to articles having lines or cords inserted between two pieces of cloth, as the lines of India rubber in shirred suspenders. 1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech., Shirred Goods,* (Fabric), goods with elastic cords (shirrs) interwoven in suspenders, garters, etc. 1882 [see SHIRRING *vbl. sb.*].

2. Gathered; ornamented by or with SHIRRING.

1860 SUSAN WARNER *Say & Seal* lxxii, A simply plain shirred spring bonnet of blue and white silk. 1900 ELIZ. L. BANKS in *19th Cent.* XLVIII. 791 A perfectly-fitting gown ..with..ruffles and finely-shirred lace. 1907 KATE D. WIGGIN *Old Peabody Pew* v. 114 Dark-haired Nancy under the shadow of her shirred muslin hat.

3. *Cookery.* (See quot. 1892.)

1883 SALA *Amer. Revis.* I. xxii. 302 'That woman's shirred eggs and sugar-cured ham should immortalise her', the

sleeping-car 'Cap'n' gravely remarked. 1892 *Garrett's Encycl. Cookery* I. 566/2 *Shirred Eggs.*—Butter the inside of a deep plate, break into it as many Eggs as will cover the bottom, shake a little pepper and salt over them, place bits of butter all over, put them into a moderately hot oven.

Shirrel (ʃɪ·rəl). *Sc.* (Common in the 16th c.) Forms: 6 scherald, -et(t, -att, -ard, cheritt, scheirritt, 8 shirrel, 9 shirrot, shurral. [In 16th c. *scherald*, ? f. *scher-* SHEAR *v.*, to cut. (The final *-ld* developed divergently into *l* and *t*.)] A turf.

1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* VIII. iii. 190 And he hym self the Troiane men fut het On sonkis of gresy scheraldis hes doun set. 1554-5 *Burgh Rec. Edin.* (1871) II. 360 Item, for scheratts and devatts ix^{s}. *a* 1578 LINDESAY (Pitscottie) *Chron. Scot.* (S.T.S.) I. 336 The fluir laid witht greine cherittis [*v.r.* scheirrittis]. 1597 in *Spalding Club Misc.* (1841) I. 143 Thow..keist a grene truff or scherard, and laid the new calfit calff theirvpon. 1755 R. FORBES *Ajax, Jrnl. to Portsmouth* 29 Our..coach-man turned o'er our gallant cart amon a heap o' shirrels, an' peat-mow. *Ibid.* 50 *Shirrels*, turf. 1808 JAMIESON, *Shirrot*, a turf or divot, Banffs. 1826 D. ANDERSON *Poems* (ed. 2) 9 (E.D.D.) Hardly a shurral Even to rest a fire.

Shirring (ʃə·rɪŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. SHIRR *v.* (? and *sb.*) + -ING [1].] The action of SHIRR *v.*; also *concr.* (see quots.).

1882 CAULFEILD & SAWARD *Dict. Needlework* 220 Ganging, which, following an objectionable Americanism, is also known as 'shirring', is pulled nearly tight from row to row of the runnings [etc.]. *Ibid.* 447 Shirrings are close Runnings, or cords inserted between two pieces of cloth, as the lines of indiarubber in Shirred Braces or Garters, or the drawing and puckering up any material. 1908 ELIZ. ROBINS *Come & Find Me* v, Miss Mar must have her things made plainer. No puffing, no shirring.

b. Comb.: **shirring string** (see quot.).

1891 *Century Dict.*, *Shirring string*, a string or cord passed between the two thicknesses of a double shirred fabric, so as to make the small gathers closer or looser at pleasure.

Shirrot, variant of SHIRREL.

Shirrow, *north.* form of SHREW (mouse).

Shirry (ʃəri), *a.* [f. SHIRR *sb.* + -Y.] Shirred, puckered.

1904 *Elect. World & Engin.* 20 Feb. 374 (*Cent. Dict.* Suppl.) The blow of the lay becomes uneven..and 'shirry' cloth is the result.

Shirry, obs. f. SHERRY *sb.*[1], var. SHERRY *sb.*[2] and *v.*[1]

Shirt (ʃɜ·t), *sb.* Forms: 1 scyrte, 3 s(c)hurte, (schuyrte, scurte, sœrte), 4 schirte, sserte, 4-5 schert(e, schorte, 4-6 sherte, 5 schyrt, 5-6 shyrt(e, shurt(e, shirte, shorte, (5 shyrth, 6 shertt, sherth), 6- shirt. [OE. *scyrte* wk. fem. corresponds formally to MDn. *schorte* (mod.Du. *schort* fem.) apron, MLG., LG. *schört(e, schört, schorte* apron (locally also thin gown worn by women), G. *schürze* fem. apron (not found before late 17th c.), ON. *skyrta* shirt (Sw. *skjorta*, Da. *skjortè* shirt; from the ON., with unexplained difference of sense, is Eng. SKIRT *sb.*):—OTeut. type **skurtjōn-*, prob. f. **skurto-* SHORT *a.*, the various senses which the sb. has in the Teut. languages being probably diverse applications of the original sense 'short garment'. A cognate form **skurto-z* is represented by MHG., mod.G. *schurz* masc., apron.]

1. An undergarment for the upper part of the body, made of linen, calico, flannel, silk, or other washable material. Originally always worn next to the skin (cf. 2 e); now sometimes an undershirt or 'vest' is worn beneath it. Formerly a garment common to both sexes (cf. CHEMISE), but now an article of male attire with long sleeves (often terminating in wristbands or cuffs). Also, an infant's undergarment with short body and sleeves.

The meaning of the word in OE. is obscure, as the only instance of its occurrence is a gloss in which the meaning of the Latin word was probably not understood.

Boiled shirt (U.S.), a white linen shirt as distinguished from a coloured or flannel shirt. *Coloured shirt*, one made of a coloured material, as distinguished from a *white shirt*. *Day shirt*, a more emphatic name for the shirt worn during the day time as distinguished from a NIGHT-SHIRT. †*Historical shirt*, 'one adorned with worked or woven figures' (Fairholt). *Illustrated shirt*, jocularly used for coloured shirt. Also HAIR-SHIRT, HALF-SHIRT.

[*a* 1000 *Boulogne Glosses* 143 in *Germania* (N. S.) XI. 393 Scyrte *prætexta*, tunecan *togæ*.] *c* 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 139 He turnde ut of þe burh into wilderne..and ches..stine here to shurte and gret sac to curtle. *c* 1205 LAY. 23761 Warp he an his rugge..ænne cheisil scurte [*c* 1275 seorte] & ænne pallene curtel. 1340 *Ayenb.* 191 He yaf ofte his kertel and his sserte to þe poure uor god. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Pars. T.* P 197 Where been thanne the gaye Robes and the smale shetes and the softe shertes? *c* 1460 J. RUSSELL *Bk. Nurture* 871 Se that youre souerayne haue clene shurt & breche. 1480 CAXTON *Chron. Eng.* I. (1520) 7 b/1 Hercules..was betrayed by a sherte that Deyanira his wyfe sent hym empoysoned. 1509-10 *Act* 1 *Hen. VIII*, c. 14 § 1 And that no manne undre the degree of a Knyght were any garded or pynshed Sherte. 1530 PALSGR. 267/1 Shirt for a man, *chemise*. 1602 SHAKS. *Ham.* II. i. 81 Pale as his shirt, his knees knocking each other,..he comes before me. 1625 FLETCHER *Cust. Country* ii. i, Having a Mistris, sure you should not be Without a neate historicall shirt. 1705 ADDISON *Italy* 5 (*Monaco*), We here saw several Persons, that in the midst of December had nothing over their Shoulders but their Shirts. 1776 ADAM SMITH *W. N.* v. ii. II. 483 A creditable day-labourer would be ashamed to appear in public without a linen shirt. 1799 H. MITCHELL *Scotticisms* 77 A *shirt* is a man's under garment; a *shift* is a woman's. Many of the Scotch use *shirt* for both. 1851 MAYHEW *Lond. Labour* I. 51/2 Coloured, or 'illustrated shirts', as they are called, are especially objected to by the men [costermongers]. 1854 MCCLURE *Rocky Mts.* 412 (Farmer) In order to attend the Governor's reception I borrowed a boiled shirt. 1859 DICKENS *Mut. Fr.* II. i, Bradley Headstone in his..decent white shirt..looked a thoroughly decent young man. 1896 A. E. HOUSMAN *Shropshire Lad* lxii, They shook, they stared as white's their shirt.

¶ *Shirt of fire* (poet.): the *tunica molesta* (Juvenal *Sat.* viii. 235), a tunic 'smeared with inflammable materials' (Seneca *Ep.* xiv. 5) in which persons condemned to death by burning were enveloped.

1852 ALEX. SMITH *Life Drama* ii. 225 Like a pale martyr in his shirt of fire.

b. *Bloody shirt*: a blood-stained shirt exhibited as a symbol of murder or outrage. Also *fig.*

a 1586 SIDNEY *Arcadia* I. vi. (Sommer) 25 b, People.. having no banners, but bloudie shirtes hanged vpon long staues. 1788 GIBBON *Decl. & F.* I. V. 266 The bloody shirt of the martyr was exposed in the mosch of Damascus. 1840 [L. CASS] *France* 44 (Cent.), [Foucher adds] It is by spreading out the miseries of the workmen, the bloody shirt of some victim,..that the people are excited to take arms. 1888 *New York Weekly Times* 21 Mar. (Farmer), It is reprehensible..for the Bourbons of the South to continue to play on the colour line—the Southern bloody shirt.

c. *Shirt of hair*: = HAIR-SHIRT.

1430-40 LYDG. *Bochas* IX. ix. 24 b, Shortes of heer were also layde asyde. *a* 1550 *Image Ipocr.* iv. 222 in *Skelton's Wks.* (1843) II. 441/2 Some were shurtes of heres. 1781 COWPER *Truth* 81 In shirt of hair and weeds of canvass dress'd,.. See the sage hermit.

d. *Shirt of mail* [= F. *chemise de maille*].

1522 in *10th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. v. 400 No kynde of armor, as shorte of mayll. 1592 STOW *Ann.* 1086, 400 harquebuts in shirts of maile with morins. 1611 COTGR., *Jacquemard*, a coat, or shirt of maile. 1864 SKEAT tr. *Uhland's Poems* 356 How shall a maid's weak hand avail To make thee, my father, a shirt of mail?

e. With qualifying word indicating a garment for a specific purpose.

1756-7 *Keysler's Trav.* (1760) IV. 183 For once bathing one pays six *creutzers*, and five more for the use of a bathing shirt. 1895 *Stores' Price List*, Gentlemen's Lawn Tennis and Cricketing Shirts...Cotton Football Shirts.

f. Short for NIGHT-SHIRT.

1843 ABDY *Water Cure* 140 Shirts and sheets, colder than any unfrozen water can be, are safely worn and lain in by many persons, who, during a hard frost, neither warm their beds nor their shirts.

g. Applied to a loose garment resembling a shirt.

1553 EDEN *Treat. New Ind.* (Arb.) 22 Some [inhabitants of Bornei] weare shertes of gossampine cotton, some beastes skinnes. 1841 ELPHINSTONE *India* I. 313 *note*, The women wear a shirt like that of the men, but much longer. [*Footnote*] They call this shirt Cameess. 1848 CURZON *Monast. Levant* I. ii. (1897) 15 The boat returned with the local authorities, two old villagers, in long blue shirts.

2. Phrases. a. †*Into*, †*unto*, *to one's* (or *the*) *shirt*, so as to leave only one's shirt as a covering.

c 1290 *Sta, Crux* 489 in *S. Eng. Leg.* 15 His clopes he caste of euer-ech-on A-non to is schurte and to is briech. *c* 1374 CHAUCER *Troylus* III. 1099 And of he rente vn-to his bare schirte. *c* 1450 *Mirk's Festial* 251 Þen þys Emperoure.. dyspoylnt hym to his schorte. 1585 T. WASHINGTON tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* I. xx. 25 b, The prease was so greate..some of them..were stripped intoo their shyrtes. 1687 A. LOVELL tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* I. 226 [They] were all stript to the shirt as soon as they had been taken. 1692 R. L'ESTRANGE *Fables* CXXVII. 118 A Prodigal Young Fellow that had sold his Cloths to his very Shirt.

b. *In one's shirt*: in one's night attire; without one's outer garments; without one's coat and waistcoat.

c 1374 CHAUCER *Troylus* IV. 96 Save of a doghtir þat y left alas Slepyng..Alas y ne had her broght in her shert. 1470-85 MALORY *Arthur* X. xxiv. 452 And there with al sir Lamorak lepte out of the bedde in his sherte. 1548 HALL *Chron., Hen. VIII*, 63 Then came in the poore younglinges..bounde in ropes..one after another in their shertes, & euery one a halter about his neck. 1588 SHAKS. *L. L. L.* V. ii. 704. 1593 — 2 *Hen. VI*, IV. vii. 57. 1592 *Soliman & Perseda* I. iii, Where in a shirt, but with my single Rapier, I combated a Romane. 1615 KYD *Sp. Trag.* III. xii, Bring me foorth in my shirt, and my gowne vnder myne arme. 1744 LOVE *Cricket* 4 The robust Cricketer, plays in his Shirt. 1818 SCOTT *Hrt. Midl.* ii, The officer..escaped out of his bedroom window, and fled in his shirt. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* II. iv. iv, General Dumouriez..finds the street covered with 'four or five thousand citizens in their shirts'.

†c. *Since, ere*, etc. *shapen was my shirt*: since or before I was born, esp. with reference to something 'shapen' or decreed before one's birth.

c 1385 CHAUCER *L. G. W.* 2629 Syn fyrst that day that shapyn was myn sherte..So ny myn herte never thing me come As thou. *c* 1386 — *Knt.'s T.* 1566 That shapen was my deeth erst than my sherte. *c* 1402 LYDG. *Compl. Bl. Knt.* 489 Or I was born, my destenye was sponne By Parcas sustren..; For they my deth shopen or my sherte. *a* 1542 WYATT *Lover renounces* 2 Alas..the carefull chaunce, shapen afore my shert.

d. (To have) *not a shirt*, more emphatically (to have, be worth) *not a shirt to one's back*: no goods or possessions, not even the necessaries of life. (To give away) *the shirt off one's back*: all one's possessions.

c 1386 CHAUCER *Wife's T.* 1186, I holde hym riche al hadde he nat a sherte. 1665 BRATHWAIT *Comment Two Tales* (1901) 91 Admit he be not worth a Shirt to his back, he has Wealth enough, who holds himself content. 1771 SMOLLETT *Humph. Cl., To Mrs. Gwyllim* 28 Apr. (1815) 51 He would give away the shirt off his back. 1781 GIBBON *Decl. & F.* (1787) III. xxxi. 202 *note*, Augustus had neither glass to his windows, nor a shirt to his back.

†e. *One's shirt*: used as a type of what is nearest to one's person. *Not to tell one's shirt*: to keep a matter strictly secret. *Near is my shirt but nearer is my skin*: a proverb meaning that one's own interests come before those of one's nearest friends. *Obs.*

1548 HALL *Chron.*, 3 *Hen. IV*, 20 The kyng began..to muse on this request, and not without a cause, for in dede it touched him as nere as his sherte, as you well may perceiue by the Genealogy. 1579 G. HARVEY *Letter-bk.* (Camden) 67 To have every on in continuall ielouzye, lest he sitt over neere there schirtes or have familiar insighte in ther commendable and discommendable qualityes. 1586 EARL LEICESTER *Let. to Walsingham* 7 June in *Corr.* (Camden) 291, I will warrant him hanged..but you must not tell your shirt of this yet. 1596 LODGE *Marg. Amer.* 103 My shirt is neare me, my lord, but my skin is nearest. 1625 T. GODWIN *Rom. Antiq.* 155 Close sitteth my shirt, but closer sitteth my skinne. 1654 *Clarke Papers* (Camden) III. 12 The designe is secrett, knowne to the designer onely, whoe saith if hee thought his shirt knew it hee would burne it.

f. slang. *To bet one's shirt, to put one's shirt on* (a horse) = to bet all one's money on. *To get* (a person's) *shirt out*, to cause him to lose his temper.

1859 *Hotten's Slang Dict.* s. v. *Shirty*, When one person makes another in an ill humour he is said to have 'got his shirt out'. 1892 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 30 Mar. 6/2 Bet thee my shirt Aunty Jane wins. 1897 BARRÈRE & LELAND *Dict. Slang* s. v., To put one's shirt on a horse.

3. A woman's blouse or loosely-fitting dress-body with a collar, front and cuffs, somewhat resembling a man's shirt; = *shirt-blouse* in 5 c.

1896 *Westm. Gaz.* 9 Apr. 3/1 There is no need for a shirt to be hard and unfeminine because it is called a shirt. 1913 *Daily Graphic* 24 Mar. 13/2 If a more dressy morning shirt is desired, the chiffon moiré is the favoured fabric.

b. *Habit-shirt*, a kind of chemisette: see HABIT *sb.* 12.

1834: see HABIT *sb.* 12. 1844: see CHEMISETTE 2. 1912 ELIN. GLYN *Halcyone* ii. 16 Miss Roberta..had her thin bones covered with a habit shirt of tulle.

4. *transf.* An inner casing or covering. †a. = AMNION (*obs.*). b. *Comm.* and *Techn.* (See quots.) [Cf. F. *chemise.*]

1611 COTGR., *Agneliere*, th' inmost of the three membranes which enwrap a wombe-lodged infant; called by some Midwiues..the childs shirt. 1640 in *Court Min. E. India Co.* 12 Aug. (1909) 75 That the Company is much prejudiced by allowing sugars to be 'tared in the gunny' instead of the buyers taking them 'in their shirts'. 1812 J. SMYTH *Pract. Customs* (1821) 211 The Messina package, which consists of three thicknesses, has its lining, or shirt, covered with a smooth oil cloth. 1868 JOYNSON *Metals* 16 The internal lining or shirt of the furnace. 1883 W. M. WILLIAMS in *Knowledge* 25 May 308/2 The fuel should be placed between these [iron bars], and thus form an upright cylindrical ring or shirt of fire, inclosed outside by the bricks.

5. *attrib.* and *Comb.*: a. simple attrib., as *shirt-breast, -collar* (hence *-collared* adj.), *-cuff, -tail, -wrist*; *shirt-like* adj. b. objective, as *shirt-ironer, -kniller, -maker, -washer*; *shirt-making.*

1847 LYTTON *Lucretia* I. i, The diamond in his *shirt-breast. 1557 SEAGER *Sch. Virtue* 85 in *Babees Bk.*, Thy *shyrte coler fast to thy necke knyt. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* iv, 'Pooh, pooh, Miss Sharp,' said he, pulling up his shirt-collars. 1895 DU MAURIER *Trilby* VI. 280 *Shirt-collared within an inch of their lives. 1853 WHYTE MELVILLE *Digby Grand* XXIII, Enormous *shirt-cuffs..called attention to the hands. 1891 *Daily News* 30 Nov. 7/1 An action brought by a *shirt-ironer. 1893 *Laundry Managem.* (ed. 2) 80 Some of the shirt ironers [*sc.* machines] have..a good-sized iron, heated by steam or gas. 1881 *Instr. Census Clerks* (1885) 75 Hosiery Manufacture..*Shirt Knitter. 1858 SIMMONDS *Dict. Trade*, **Shirt-maker*; a sempstress; a tradesman who employs females to make shirts. 1886 C. E. PASCOE *Lond. of To-day* XLI. (ed. 3) 355 Hosiers, glovers, and shirt-makers. 1897 *19th Cent.* Aug. 203 Londonderry..[with] its *shirt-making industry. 1873 LELAND *Egypt. Sketch-bk.* 47 Rushing madly about, their blue-and-white *shirt-tails waving in the wind. 1902 *Daily Chron.* 24 July 9/4 Laundry.—A good *shirt washer wanted. 1909 *Ibid.* 23 Jan. 8/3 Rotary Shirt Washer (Good secondhand, brass cylinder), wanted. 1815 LD. BROUGHTON (J. C. Hobhouse) *Recoll. Long Life* (1901) I. 268 He had long white *shirt-wrists.

c. Special comb.: **shirt-band** = BAND *sb.*[2] 4, also *dial.* the wrist-band of a shirt; **shirt-blouse, -bodice** = sense 3 above; **shirt-bosom** (now *U.S.*) = *shirt-front*; **shirt-button**, a small-sized button of mother of pearl or the like pierced with thread holes, used as a fastening for shirts; **shirt-buttons** (see quot. 1880); **shirt case**, a travelling case for shirts; **shirt cloth**, †(*a*) ? a piece of cloth for a shirt; (*b*) (see quot. 1910); **shirt-cutter**, one who cuts out shirts for the trade; **shirt-dresser** (see quot.); so **shirt-dressing** (in quot. *attrib.*); **shirt frame** *U.S.* (see quot.); **shirt-frill**, a frill formerly worn on the front and wrist-bands of a shirt; **shirt front** = FRONT *sb.* 9 d; also *transf.* a white patch on the chest (of a dog); **shirt gills** *jocular*, the projecting ends of a stand-up collar; **shirt gown** *Sc. dial.*, a bodice; **shirt-jacket**, a loose-fitting linen

jacket; **shirt-lap**, the tail of a shirt (*obs.* exc. *dial.*); **shirt-man**, a name applied to an American colonial rifleman in the war of Independence (see quot. 1788); **shirt-pin**, an ornamental pin used to fasten the shirt at the throat; **shirt ruffle** = *shirt-frill*; **shirt stud**, a stud for fastening a shirt; **shirt-stud-abscess** (see quot. 1898); **shirt-studded** *a.*, wearing (showy) shirt studs; **shirt-waist** *U.S.*, a shirt-blonse. Also SHIRT SLEEVE.

1532–3 *Act* 24 *Hen. VIII*, c. 13 § 1 That no servyngman ..shall weare any shirte or *shirte bande..made or wrought with Silke Golde or Silver. 1659 *Knaresb. Wills* (Surtees) II. 236, 1 shirt, 1 shirtband. 1907 EDITH RICKERT *Golden Hawk* xx. 160 A gush of..milk..trickling in warm currents between his neck and his shirt-band. 1905 *Daily Chron.* 19 May 8/1 Each girl makes..a *shirt-blouse. 1907 E. M. SELLAR *Recoll. & Inspr.* xii. 161 From Brussels I brought home for the little girls red and blue *shirt-bodices and skirts. 1856 MISS WARNER *Hills Shatemuc* xiii, If *shirt-bosoms gave out, the boys buttoned their coats over them. 1858 SIMMONDS *Dict. Trade* s.v. *Shirt-front*, A dickey, or loose shirt bosom. 1889 GUNTER *That Frenchman* xvi. 204 The champagne..is shaken..over his diamonds on his shirt-bosom. 1851 MAYHEW *Lond. Labour* I. 437 *Shirt Buttons ..are disposed of in great quantities in the streets. 1880 *Monthly Packet* N. S. XXX. 409 Local names of plants... *Stellaria Holostea*—*Shirt-buttons, West Kent. 1895 *Stores' Price List*, *Shirt Case to hold 18 Shirts. 1540 *Test. Ebor.* VI. 118 To Thomas Dransfelde a *shirte eloithe, to John Coupe a shert clothe. 1910 *Encycl. Brit.* VII. 277/1 *Shirt-cloth* is the term more commonly applied to what is actually used in the manufacture of shirts. 1881 *Instr. Census Clerks* (1888) 75 *Shirt-cutter. 1909 *Daily News* 7 Jan. 7/1, I was a shirt-cutter by trade. 1867 SIMMONDS *Dict. Trade* (1892) Suppl., **Shirt Dresser*, a laundress who washes and prepares shirts for wear. 1884 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.* Suppl., **Shirt Frame*, a Guernsey, or shirt knitting machine. 1824 Miss MITFORD *Village* Ser. I. 211 A laundress..unrivalled in flounces and *shirt-frills. 1838 LYTTON *Alice* II. ii, His black coat, neatly relieved..by a white under-waistcoat, and a *shirt-front admirably plaited. 1873 *All Year Round* 28 June 203/1 But why is a shirt-front popularly called a dickey? 1893 *Kennel Gaz.* Aug. XIV. 213/3 A liver bitch with a large shirt front. 1839 FR. A. KEMBLE *Resid. in Georgia* (1863) 58 One young man..came to pay his respects to me in..*shirt gills which absolutely ingulfed his black visage. 1889 A. J. ELLIS *E. E. Pronunc.* V. 725 A brave *shirt-gown. 1879 MRS. F. D. BRIDGES *Jrnl. Lady's Trav. round World* 20 Dec. (1883) 231 'Mynheer van Dunk'..appeared on deck..in 'pyjamas'..; a loose white *shirt-jacket..completed his costume. 13.. *K. Horn* (Hart. MS.) 1209 His *shurte lappe he gan take & wypede a wey þe foule blake. 1856 GEO. ELIOT *Scenes Cler. Life* ii, Tell the most impassioned orator, suddenly, that his wig is awry, or his shirt-lap hanging out,..and you would infallibly dry up the spring of his eloquence. 1775 *Pennsylv. Gaz.* 16 Aug. 2/3 The damn'd *shirtmen, as they are emphatically called by some of his [the loyal governor's] minions. 1788 W. GORDON *Hist. Independ. U. S.* II. 112 Colonel Woodford had not more than 300 shirtmen (as they call the riflemen, on account of their being dressed in their hunting shirts). 1825 T. HOOK *Sayings* Ser. II. *Passion & Princ.* xiv. III. 344 Presenting him with a *shirt-pin, made of jewellers' gold-wire. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* xiii, He was attracted by a handsome shirt-pin in a jeweller's window. 1892 A. E. LEE *Hist. Columbus* (Ohio) I. 735 Kneebreeches were abandoned, and the *shirtruffles were reduced. 1851 MAYHEW *Lond. Labour* I. 334/2 In some windows..shawl-pins, *shirt-studs, necklaces. 1898 *Syd. Soc. Lex.*, **Shirt-stud abscess*, form of abscess having a superficial cavity connected with a deeper one by a sinus. 1855 J. R. LEIFCHILD *Cornwall* 265 Noisy, blustering, *shirt-studded fellows. 1897 KIPLING *Capt. Courr.* x. 236 The summer-boarder girls in pink and blue *shirt-waists.

Shirt (ʃɜ̄t), *v.* [f. SHIRT *sb.*]

1. *trans.* To clothe with or as with a shirt.

1601 STOW *Ann.* 1291 Friers Capuchins..girt with hempen cordes, shirted with haire-cloth, and bare footed. 1638 SIR T. HERBERT *Trav.* (ed. 2) 329 The better sort..shirt their coleblack skins with a pure white cloth. 1691 DRYDEN *K. Arthur* II. i, Souls, as but this Morn' Were cloath'd with Flesh,..But naked now, or shirted but with Air. 1808 W. WILSON *Dissenting Churches* II. 581 One day shirting himself, he thoughtlessly put his studs between his lips. 1871 B. TAYLOR *Faust* II. iii. (1875) II. 106 Quite naked most, a few are only shirted.

2. (See quot.)

1862 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* XXIII. 315 'To shirt' hay—that is, to wrap up an inferior quality in prime hay—is such a common practice in the neighbourhood of Paris.

Hence **Shi·rted** *ppl. a.*

1693 *d'Emilianne's Hist. Monast. Orders* vii. 34 The Congregation of St. John of Lateran..have a kind of a Surplice..having the form of a Shirt, for which they are now commonly called in Italy Shirted Fathers, or Fathers of the Shirt. 1880 MEREDITH *Tragic Com.* (1881) 178 Were we to hear all the roarings of the shirted Heracles.

Shirtee (ʃɜ̄tī). *U.S.* [f. SHIRT *sb.* + -EE.] A shirt-front; a 'dickey'.

1818 *Lancaster* (Pa.) *Jrnl.* 5 Aug. (Thornton *Amer. Gloss.*), A shirt, if you can afford it. But if you can't, then a shirtee, with pretty broad ruffles.

Shirting (ʃɜ̄·tiŋ). [f. SHIRT *sb.* + -ING 1.] Material for shirts; *spec.* a kind of piece-goods of stout cotton cloth suitable for shirts but also used for other garments.

1604 DEKKER *Honest Whore* IV. iii. (1635) H, *Cand.* Looke you, here's choice Cambrickes. *Cram.* No sir, some shirting. 1733 P. LINDSAY *Interest Scot.* 128 The Use of Indian Cotton-cloth has been often attempted for Shirting, but to no Purpose. 1792 *Descr. Kentucky* 49 White and checked shirtings. *a* 1879 GEO. ELIOT *Leaves fr. Notebk.* Ess. (1884) 357 His morbid passion for Manchester shirtings. 1882 CAULFEILD & SAWARD *Dict. Needlework* 447/2 *Shirtings*, these are otherwise called Fancy Cotton Shirtings... Dresses are sometimes made of the same..cloth, which has been sized and glazed...Women's cuffs and collars are made largely in these Shirting-cloths. 1910 *Encycl. Brit.* VII. 277/1 *Shirting*..has long since ceased to refer exclusively to shirt cloths...Grey and white shirtings are exported to all the prineipal Eastern markets.

attrib. 1882 Shirting cloth [see above]. 1910 *Encycl. Brit.* VII. 277/1 The export shirting trade.

b. The material of which a shirt is made. *rare.*

1872 GEO. ELIOT *Middlem*, xlvi, A troop of..hatless boys with their galligaskins much worn and seant shirting to hang out.

Shirtless (ʃɜ̄·tlĕs), *a.* [f. SHIRT *sb.* + -LESS.] Without a shirt.

a 1613 OVERBURY *Wife*, etc. (1616) G 6, A shirtlesse fellow with a Cudgell vnder his arme. 1728 POPE *Dunciad* III. 116 Grave Mummers! sleeveless some, and shirtless others. 1830 LAMB *Let. to Wordsw.* Lett. 1837 II. 260, I would live in London shirtless, bookless.

transf. 1874 HARDY *Far fr. Mad. Crowd* xxii, Away the simple [shorn] dam leaps, panting, over the board into the shirtless flock outside.

Hence **Shi·rtlessness.**

1829 *Westm. Rev.* X. 371 A timely recollection of the saying might have rescued Augustus from the ridicule of shirtlessness.

Shirt-sleeve. A sleeve of a shirt. Chiefly *pl.* Phr. *in one's shirt-sleeves*, with one's coat off.

c 1566 *Merie Tales of Skelton* xi. in *S.'s Wks.* (1843) I. p. lxv, The hostler was in hys ierkyn, and hys shirte sleues wer aboue his elbowes. 1618 PEACHAM *Gentl. Exerc.* viii. 27 [Bathers depicted as] surprized by the enemy, where you might see one putting his head into his shirt sleeue for hast. 1757 *Phil. Trans.* L. 108 His shirt-sleeve, and the upper part of his waistcoat, were reduced to tinder. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* III. iv. viii, In their shirt-sleeves, coat flung loosely round the neck. 1859 GEO. ELIOT *Adam Bede* iv, He.. threw off his jacket, and began to roll up his shirt-sleeves again. 1878 EMERSON *Misc. Papers, Fort. Republic* Wks. (Bohn) III. 394 Here is the human race poured out over the continent;..all mankind in its shirt-sleeves.

attrib. 1864 SALA in *Daily Tel.* 27 Sept., The people are going to elect shirt-sleeve aldermen that work all day. 1908 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 20 Apr. 2/2 The Congressmen have a preference for what they picturesquely describe as 'Shirt-sleeve Ambassadors'—men who they think will labour for their country's interests and scorn social fascinations.

Hence **Shirt-sleeved** *a.*

1869 LOWELL *Poems, Cathedral* 600 This brown-fisted rough, this shirt-sleeved Cid. 1889 D. C. MURRAY *Daug. Catspaw* 30 Esden, sitting shirtsleeved in his apartments.

Shirty (ʃə·ɹti), *a. slang.* Also **shirtey.** [f. SHIRT *sb.* (2 f) + -Y.] Ill-tempered. Hence **Shi·rtiness.**

1859 *Hotten's Slang Dict., Shirty*, ill tempered or cross. 1861 MAYHEW *Lond. Labour* III. 137 They knocked his back as they went over, and he got shirtey. Then came a row. 1892 *Punch* 20 Feb. 88/2 No end of a shirty letter from the Governor. 1899 *Daily News* 12 Jan. 5/1 With both peoples [French and German]..the whole duty of man includes the duty of getting 'shirty' on the slightest provocation. Till they recognize that 'shirtiness' itself is the real enemy of self-respect, they must infallibly go on boring holes in one another in this fatuous way.

Shish (ʃiʃ), *int.* Also **schisch.** Onomatopoeic representation of a prolonged or reiterated hissing sound. Hence also *sb.* and *vb.* Cf. SH *int.*

1881 MRS. RIDDELL *Alaric Spencely* II. 166 Which startled the wild fowl in Abbey Marsh, and caused them..to rend the silence of the night with the schisch and schurr of their wings. 1904 'E. NESBIT' *Phœnix & Carpet* xi. 211 Most of the people [in the theatre] hissed, or said 'Shish!' 1908 *Daily Chron.* 3 June 1/6 [He] was washing himself..and 'shishing' as he rubbed himself like an ostler with a horse.

‖ Shisham (ʃiʃām). Also **shishim, sheeshum.** Hindī *çiçam*, cogn. w. Skr. *çiṅçapā* of the same meaning.] = SISSOO.

1849 *Dry Leaves* 96, I found it was shisham, a wood of the most valuable kind. 1909 *Blackw. Mag.* Sept. 307/1 The wide avenue of the *jhil* road, with its shade of noble *shishams*. 1910 *Ibid.* Aug. 224/2 The 'sheeshum' (*Dalbergia sissoo*) affording excellent timber.

Shism, obs. form of SCHISM.

Shist, Shistose, Shistus: see SCH-.

Shit (ʃit), **shite** (ʃəit), *sb.* Not now in decent use. Forms: 1 **scitte,** 3 **schit,** 4 **schyt,** 6 *Sc.* **schit, s(c)heitt(e,** 6– **shit, shite.** [f. root of next. There are prob. two or three different formations: OE. **scite* dung (= MLG. *schite*), *scitte* diarrhœa; also mod.E. dial. *shite* f. the vb. (cf. ON. *skit-r*, MLG. *schit*).]

1. Excrement from the bowels, dung.

a 1585 POLWART *Flyting w. Montgomerie* 733 Fond flytter, shit shytter. *a* 1732 LD. BINNING *Jolly Hawk* viii. in *North Country Garland* (1824) 52 His s..te it stinks o' ling!

b. A contemptuous epithet applied to a person.

1508 KENNEDIE *Flyting w. Dunbar* 496 [Thou art] A schit, but wit. *a* 1605 MONTGOMERIE *Flyting w. Polwart* 85 Wanshapen shit. *Ibid.* 365. 1886 *W. Somerset Wordbk., Shit*, a term of contempt. (Very com.) He's a regular shit. Applied to men only. 1889 *N. W. Linc. Gloss.*

†**2.** Diarrhœa, esp. in cattle. *Obs.*

Cf. the mod. dial. *shoot* with the same meaning (but not etymologically connected).

c 1000 *Sax. Leechd.* II. 226 Wiþ þon þe men mete untela melte & ȝecirre on yfele wætan & scittan. *a* 1118 FLORENCE OF WORC. *Chron. ex Chronicis* an. 987 (Thorpe 1848) 148 Lues animalium, quæ Anglice Scitta vocatur, Latine autem fluxus interaneorum dici potest. [Copied by Higden *Polychron.* (Rolls) VII. 50 (with spelling *shitta*). Hence:] 1387 TREVISA *ibid.* 51 And bestes [had] þe schyt.

3. Comb.: **shit-house,** a privy; † **shit-word,** abuse.

1795 in G. MacGregor *Coll. Writings of Graham* (1883) II. 247 For honour of the Scots, we have his [Wallace's] effigy in the *shite-houses to this very day. *a* 1250 *Owl & Night.* 286 ȝif ich mid chauling..Hom schende & mid fule worde So herdes doþ oþer mid *schit worde.

Shit (ʃit), **shite** (ʃəit), *v.* Not now in decent use. Forms: 4 **schite, schete,** 5 **schyte, -yte,** 4–6 **shyte,** 6 **shyt,** 4– **shite,** 7– **shit**; *Pa. t.* 4 **schoot, schote, shyt,** 5 **shote,** 9 **shit**; *Pa. pple.* 1 **-sciten,** 4 **i-schete, schetun,** 4–8 **shitten,** 9 **shit.** [The form *shite* represents OE. **scītan*, pa. t. **scāt*, pa. pple. *-sciten* (in *be-sciten*), corresponding to OFris. **skīta* (NFris. *skītj*, pa. t. *skād*, pa. pple. *skedden*), MLG. *schīten*, Dn. *schijten*, OHG. *scīȝan* (MHG. *schīȝen*, mod.G. *scheissen*), ON. *skīta* (MSw. *skīta*, Da. *skide*), f. OTeut. root **skīt-*. The now more common form *shit* is influenced by the pa. pple. or the related sb.]

1. *intr.* To void excrement.

c 1308 in *Rel. Ant.* II. 176 Hail be ȝe, skinners, with ȝure drenche kive,..Whan that hit thonnerith, ȝe mote ther in schite. 1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) IV. 329 þey wolde.. make hem a pitte..whan þey wolde schite..; and whanne þey badde i-schete þey wolde fille þe pitte aȝen. *c* 1400 *Lanfranc's Cirurg.* 12 If he may not schite oones a day, helpe him þerto..with clisterie. *c* 1425 *Castle Persev.* 1969 in *Macro Plays* 136 Þei schul schytyn for fere. 1484 CAXTON *Fables of Æsop* V. xv, The wulf..shote thryes by the waye for the grete fere that he had. 1538 BALE *Three Laws* IV. E v b, Whan ye haue hym in hys graue, Stampe hym downe tyll be sbyte. ?1677 VILLIERS (Dk. Buckhm.) *Instalment* Wks. 1705 II. 88 You're such a scurvy..Knight, That when you speak a Man won'd swear you S—te. *c* 1720 GIBSON *Farrier's Guide* II. xlvii. (1738) 159, I have known a hide-bound Horse shit often, and his excrement soft. 1787 BURNS *Death & Dr. Hornbook* xix, Just sh— in a kail-blade, and send it.

2. *trans.* To void as excrement. *lit.* and *fig.*

13.. *K. Alis.* 5670 The addres shiteth preciouse stones. 1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) V. 152 [He] sched out his bowels and his lyf wiþ þe dritt þat he schoot [*v.r.* schote]. 1393 LANGL. *P. Pl.* C. x. 264 þe wolf shiteþ woolle:..lupus lanam cacat. *c* 1450 *Mankind* 561 in *Macro Plays* 21 *Tityuillus*. Mankynde was besy in hys prayere..; I haue sent hym forth to schyte lesynges. 1484 CAXTON *Fables of Æsop* X. xv, I dyde shyte thre grete toordes. 1527 L. ANDREW *Brunswyke's Distill. Waters* C iv b, An ounce for them that spetteth blode, pysseth blode, or shyteth blode. 1659 N. R. *Prov., Eng. Fr.* etc. 68 It is not all butter that the cow shites. 1691 MRS. D'ANVERS *Academia* 5 But that the Devil shites Disasters. *c* 1730 *Round abt. Coal-Fire* 17 He was taken with a sharp griping Pain, which made him sh—t Pins and Needles as he thought.

3. To defile with excrement.

1877 *N. W. Linc. Gloss., Shit your breetches*, common redshank; *Totanus calidris*. So called from the cry it makes.

4. Comb.: **shit-abed,** †(*a*) a term of abuse; (*b*) *dial.* a name for the dandelion (E.D.D.); **shit-breech,** an epithet of abuse applied to a person, also *attrib.*; hence *shit-breeched* adj.; **shit-fire,** a contemptuous epithet applied to a hot-tempered person; † **shite-rags, -sticks** (see quot. 1659); † **shit-sack,** an opprobrious name applied to non-conformists (see SHICK-SHACK).

1690 *Pagan Prince* x. 29 But the Arragonian Bakers.. also gave them ill Language, calling them Tooth-Gapers, Sherks, *Shittabeds, Slubber-degullions, [etc.]. 1648 HEXHAM II, *Een Schijt-broeck*, a *Shit-brich. 1675 COTTON *Scoffer Scoft* 92 A Scurvy shit-breech Lad. *Ibid.* 130 Nay even me dost [thou] so enflame Who (Shit-breech) thy own Mother am. 1680 AUBREY in *Lett. Eminent Persons* (1813) III. 383 He..did call the neoteriques s..t-breeches. 1664 COTTON *Scarron.* I. 97 But with a Bow the *Shit-breech'd elfe [Cupid] Would shoot like Robin-Hood himself. 1598 FLORIO, *Cacafuoco*, a hot violent fellow, a *shite-fire. 1659 TORRIANO, *Caca-fuoco*, a shite-fire, by Met. a hot-spur, a rash-headed fellow. 1704 E. WARD *Helter Skelter* 7, I say, Sir, you're a meer Shite-fire. 1598 FLORIO, *Cacastraccie*, a *shite-rags, an idle, lazie, loobie fellow. 1659 TORRIANO, *Caca-sodo, Caca-stecchi, Caca-stracci* [etc.], ..a shite-sticks, a shite-rags, that is to say, a miserable pinch-pennie. 1769 J. GRANGER *Biog. Hist. Eng.* Index, *Sh—t Sacks; the occasion of that appellation. 1785 GROSE *Dict. Vulgar T., S—t sack*, a dastardly fellow. 1598 FLORIO, *Cacastecchi*, a hard chuffe, a *shite-sticks.

Hence **Shi·tting, shiting** *vbl. sb.* (also *attrib.*) and *ppl. a.* Also **Shi·ttar, shiter.**

1386 *Will R. Huberd* (Somerset Ho.), Meliorem patellam meam vocatum schetyngpanne. 1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* VII. lxix. (1495) 288 That the matere..may be ladde oute..by spewing other by shityngе, other by swete. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 447/1 Schytynge, *stercoriacio*. Schyytynge, or kukkynge vesselle, ..*lassarium*. *a* 1585 [see SHIT *sb.* 1]. 1648 HEXHAM II, *Een Schijter*,..a Shiter. 1663 WOOD *Life* June (O.H.S.) I. 477 Sir Charles Sedley being fined 500 *li.* he made answer, that he thought he was the first man that paid for shiting. *a* 1704 T. BROWN *Lett. fr. Dead* II. (1707) 68 Knocking a shiting Porter down..backwards into his own Surreverence.

Shit: see SHEET *sb.*[1] and *sb.*[2], SHUT.

Shitan, Shite, obs. ff. SHAITAN, SHEET.

Shitepoke (ʃəi·tpōuk). *U.S.* [f. *shite,* SHIT *v.* + POKE *sb.*] The small green heron of North America, *Butorides virescens.*

c 1850 'DOW JR.' in Jerdan *Yankee Hum.* (1853) 48 Seagulls, shitepokes, eranes.

† **Shiterow.** *Obs.* In 4 **schiterow,** 9 *dial.* **shederow.** [f. SHITE *v.*; cf. prec. The latter part may be a corrupt form of HERON.] The heron.

P In the Sc. Acts of James VI the word occurs (in a list of game birds prob. repeated from some older enactment)

under various corrupt forms as *schidderems, schilderncs, schiwerines.*

13.. *Nominale* (Skeat) 824 *Un beuee de herouns* A hep of schiterowys. *a* 1827 J. Poole *Gloss. Forth & Bargy, Wexford* (1867) 67 *Shederow*, the heron: a thin weakly person.

‖ **Shittah** (ʃi·tă). *rare*—[1]. [Heb. שִׁטָּה *shiṭṭāh*. The *ṭṭ* is for prehistoric *nt*; cf. Arab. *sant*, OEgyptian *sont*, acacia.]

Shittah tree: a tree belonging to some species of Acacia, from which Shittim wood was obtained.

1611 Bible *Isa.* xli. 19, I will plant in the wildernes the Cedar, the Shittah tree [1884 (*Revised*) acacia tree].

Shitte, Shittell, obs. ff. Shut, Shuttle.

Shitten (ʃi·t'n), *a.* [pa. pple. of Shit *v.*] Defiled with excrement.

c 1386 Chaucer *Prol.* 504 And shame it is, if a prest take keepe A shiten [*v.rr.* schetyn, schiten] shepherde and a clene sheepe. 1557 *Welth & Helth* B iij b, I ran my way and let hym syt Smoke and shitten arse together. 1575 *Gamm. Gurton* II. ii. 1 Fy, shytten knaue! and out vpon thee! 1694 Motteux *Rabelais* v. xv. (1737) 58 A shitten Clout. 1738 Swift *Pol. Conversat.* Wks. VI. 276 Why, Miss, you shine this Morning like a sh— Barn-Door. ? 1750 *Birth*, etc. *John Franks* 18 He came crying into the parlour in his shitten condition,..complaining..that he had beshit himself, and Mary Dover would not clean him.

Comb. *a* 1500 *Chester Plays, Innocents* 157 A vyllany it were, I-wisse for my fellow and me, to slay a shitten-arsed shrew. 1694 Motteux *Rabelais* IV. ix. 36 A little shitten-ars'd Girl.

b. *transf.* and *fig.* Disgusting, contemptible.

1546 Bale *Eng. Votaries* I. (1550) 48 b, As though to be a kynge were a farre vyler..offyce, than to be a pylde shytten nonne. 1592a Nashe *Strange News* H 2, Thou grosse shifter for shitten tapsterly iests. 1616 B. Jonson *Epigr.* cxxxiii. *On Famous Voy.*, And all his followers, that..in so shitten sort, so long had vs'd him. 1656 *Choyce Drollery* 34 'Twas shitten luck to perish so. 1702 *Mouse grown a Rat* 24 You and I are in a shitten Condition.

Hence † **Shi·ttenly** *adv.*

1598 Florio, *Cacatamente*,..shittenly.

Shittim (ʃi·tim). Forms: *a.* 4 **sychym, sichym, sechym,** 5 **cetyne,** 6 **sethin, (seathin),** 6–7 **sethim,** 7 *Dicts.* **setim, sittim.** *β.* **shittim.** [a Heb. שִׁטִּים *shiṭṭīm*, pl. of *shiṭṭāh*: see Shittah. The *α* forms are from the L. *setim* (Vulg.), appearing in many corrupt forms in the MSS.]

1. (More fully *Shittim wood.*) The wood of the shittah-tree, acacia wood.

Sometimes erroneously used for Shittah *tree.*

α. 1382 Wyclif *Exod.* xxv. 5 And trees of Sychym [1388 Sechym]. 1398 Trevisa *Barth. De P. R.* xvii. cl. (1495) 704 Sechym is a name..of a tree that is lyke to white thorne in leuys. 1481 Caxton *Reynard* xxxii. (Arb.) 84 The tree in whiche this glas stode..was named cetyne hit sholde endure euer er it wold rote. 1588 Greene *Alcida* (1617) G 2 b, The Sethim wood wil neuer be eaten with wormes. 1616 Bullokar *Eng. Expos.*, *Sethim*, a kinde of tree like a white Thorne. 1656 Blount *Glossogr.*, *Sethim* or *Setim. Sittim. attrib.* 1592 Lodge *Euphues* B j b, Her tongue of a Sethin leafe, that neuer wagges but with a Southeast winde. 1592 Greene *Philomela* (1615) F 3, As if he had..eaten of the seathin roote, that maketh a man to be as cruell in heart, as it is hard in the rynde. 1594 — *Friar Bacon* III. i, In Frigats bottomd with rich Sethin planks.

β. 1611 Bible *Exod.* xxv. 5 And shittim wood. 1635–56 Cowley *Davideis* II. 330 Near this Halls end a Shittim Tahle stood. 1856 Stanley *Sinai & Pal.* i. 68 The shittim-wood of the Tabernacle. 1862 — *Jew. Ch.* (1877) I. vii. 141 The Ark was of shittim, or acacia.

2. *U.S.* (See quots.)

1884 Sargent *Rep. Forests N. Amer.* 41 *Rhamnus Purshiana*,..Shittim wood. *Ibid.* 102 *Bumelia lanuginosa*,.. Shittim wood.

† **Shi·ttle,** *a. Obs.* Forms: 5 **schytylle, -ttyl, schityl,** 6 **shyttell, -ttle,** 6–7 **shittle, shet(t)le, shuttle,** 7 **shickle.** [App. repr. an OE. **scytel*:—prehist. **skutil*, f. **skut-* wk. grade of the root of Shoot *v.*] **a.** Of persons and their faculties: Inconstant, variable, wavering; fickle, flighty.

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 444/2 Schey, or skey, as hors, or stygtyl (*S.* schyttyl, *P.* styrtyll). Schytylle, styrtyl, or hasty (*K.* schityl, on stahyl), *preceps.* 1530 Palsgr. 323/2 Shyttell nat constant, *variable.* 1563 *Mirr. Mag., Collingbourne* iii, We passe not what the people saye or thynke, Theyr shyttle hate maketh none but cowardes shrinke. 1576 Newton *Lemnie's Complex.* II. ii. 97 All which do signify a shuttle waueryng nature, & a mynde subiect to great mutability and vnconstancy. 1583 Golding *Calvin on Deut.* cviii. 662 But our wits are so shettle that we be stil hearkening after this and that. 1589 Nashe *Pasquil's Ret.* D iiij, A lyer must haue no shetle memory. 1603 H. Crosse *Vertues Commw.* (1878) 61 There be some that haue such wandring wittes and shittle heads, that neuer rest till they haue assaied all meanes. 1610 R. Tofte *Honours Acad.* To Rdr. ¶ 5 Who knowes not when ought well is, or amis, Of shallowe shickle Braine, a token is. 1617 Morvson *Itin.* III. i. i. 6 The dull hrain, the shickle memory. 1638 Heywood *Wise Wom.* III. i, To have my shittle-wits runne a wooll-gathering already? 1650 H. More *Observ.* 79 Did your Sculler, or shittle Skull ever arrive at that Rock of Crystall you boast of?

b. Of things: Shaky, unstable.

1601 Holland *Pliny* xviii. xiv. I. 571 The stalke is very shittle in mowing, and therefore flyeth from the edge of the syth. *a* 1623 W. Pemble *Salomon's Recant.* (1627) 5 The Waters, a shuttle and running substance.

c. Comb.: **shittle-brained, -headed, -witted** *adjs.*

1681 W. Robertson *Phraseol. Gen.* (1693) 277 A light or *shuttle-brained fellow. 1580 Hollyband *Treas. Fr. Tong, Volage*, a *shittle headed fellow, an inconstant man. 1583 Golding *Calvin on Deut.* xxiii. 137 If wee goe this way to worke..we shall not be so shettleheaded as wee bee. 1607 Middleton *Five Gallants* IV. vii. G 3, Was euer mistris so plaugd with a shetle-headed seruant. 1448 Marg. Paston in *P. Lett.* I. 69, I am aferd that Jon of Sparham is so *schyttyl wyttyd, that he wyl sett hys gode to morgage. 1577 tr. *Bullinger's Decades* III. v. 330 They therfore are very fooles..or to vse a more gentle terme, they are shuttle witted. 1613 Tapp *Pathw. Knowl.* 36 See how shittle witted I am, for..I had forgotten it till now.

Hence † **Shi·ttleness.**

1530 Palsgr. 267/1 Shyttelnesse, *uariableté.* 1573 Baret *Alv.* S 321 The vaine Shittlenesse of an vnconstant head. 1647 Hexham I, Shittlenesse, *ongestadigheyt.*

Shittle, -cock: see Shuttle, -cock.

Shivaism, -ite, var. ff. Sivaism, Sivaite.

Shivaree (ʃivărī·), *sb. U.S.* Also **shiveree.** Corrupt form of Charivari.

1881 'Mark Twain' *Tramp Abroad* xxxii, She turned on all the horrors of the 'Battle of Prague', that venerable shivaree, and waded chin-deep in the blood of the slain. 1883 *Cassell's Sat. Jrnl.* I. 76 It was a shiveree—that is, the kind of serenade they give to a newly-married couple.

Hence **Shivaree** *v. trans.*, to greet or serenade with a 'shivaree'.

1879 G. W. Cable *Old Creole Days* (1883) 132 'What is it you call this thing where an old man marries a young girl, and you come out with horns and—' '*Charivari?*' asked the Creoles. 'Yes, that's it. Why don't you shivaree him?' 1910 *Guide* July 139/1 A crowd of the more riff-raff and ignorant foreigners..started out to 'shivaree' (mob and din to madness) the dreaded old man.

Shive (ʃəiv), *sb.*[1] Chiefly *dial.* Forms: 3 **schive, 4–6 shyve, 5 schyfe, schyve, 4– shive.** [ME. *schīve* (? repr. OE. **scīfe* wk. fem.) = OFris. *skîve* (only in *knê-skîve* knee-cap) OS. *sciva* (glossing *sphera*), MLG., MDn. *schîve* (mod.Du. *schijf*) fem., OHG. *scība* (MHG. *schîbe*, mod.G. *scheibe*); also (prob. from LG.) Sw. *skifva*, Da. *skive*, Icel. *skîfa.* The senses in mod. continental Teut. are quoit, disk, knee-cap, pulley, window-pane, slice of bread, etc. Cf. the str. vb. MHG. *schîben* (early mod.G. *scheiben*) to roll, to spin on an axis; but this is prob. f. the sb. The weak grade **skib-* of the root is represented by Sheave *sb.*[1]

Affinities outside Teut. are uncertain. The Gr. σκοῖπος (Hesych.) is often cited as cognate, but the alleged sense 'potter's wheel' is a mistake; the gloss appears to mean 'the projecting part of the beams supporting roof-tiles'.]

1. A slice (of bread; rarely of other edible).

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 416 Gif heo mei sparien eni poure schreaden [MS. T. schiue], sende ham al derneliche ut of hire woanes. *c* 1330 *Spec. Gy de Warewyke* 970 Bring me wid þe a shiue bred! *c* 1440 *Alphabet of Tales* 525 þe preste bad hym cut shyvis of bread and fyll a kyste þerwith and lokk it. 1562 Turner *Herbal* II. 23 The rootes [of Iris]..are cut in litle shiues or cakes. 1581 Dearicke *Image Irel.* II. F ij, And with the same [stabbers] thei slashe me out, good God what preatie shiues. Not shiues of bread I meane..But gobbes of fleshe. 1607 T. D[ekker ?] & Wilkins *Jests* 12 Michaelmas tearme you know is like a great houshold loafe, you may cut out a good many shiues, and yet feede vpon it well too. 1703 Thoresby in Ray *Philos. Lett.* (1718) 336 A Shive of Bread, cut off the Loaf. 1825 *Blackw. Mag.* XVIII. 155 A mere wafer of fatless ham, between the finest shives of bread. 1851–61 Mayhew *Lond. Labour* II. 227 Thick 'shives' of bread.

† **2.** The knee-cap, patella. *Obs.*

1597 A. M. tr. *Guillemeau's Fr. Chirurg.* 12/3 The shive of the knee, Lat. *Patella.*

† **3.** A pane of glass. [? After LG. *schîve.*] *Obs.*

1527 Andrew *Brunswyke's Distyll. Waters* B j, The great rounde shyves of Venys glas.

4. A thin flat cork for stopping a wide-mouthed bottle; also a thin bung for a cask.

1869 W. Molyneux *Burton-on-Trent* 247 [The cask] is then closed with a wooden 'shieve' or bung. 1876 *Encycl. Brit.* IV. 275/2 Ales intended to be stored some months should have a porous vent peg placed in the shive.

attrib. 1901 *Daily Chron.* 3 Dec. 10/6 Advt., Shive Turner wanted by a leading London brewery.

† **5.** A piece (of wood) split off, a billet. [? Confused with Shide or Shiver.] *Obs.*

1661 Boyle *Scept. Chym.* VI. 401 The shavings..differing from those shives or thin and flexible pieces of wood that are obtain'd by Borers. 1786 Cowper *Odyss.* XIV. 518 Then lifting a huge shive [Gr. σχίζῃ δρυός] that lay beside The fire, he smote the boar, and dead he fell.

Shive (ʃiv), *sb.*[2] *Obs. exc. dial.* Also 9 **shiv.** See also Sheave *sb.*[2] [= WFlem. *schif* (for other cognates see Sheave *sb.*[2]), f. Teut. root **skīf-* to split, whence Shiver *sb.*[1]] A particle of husk; a splinter; a piece of thread or fluff on the surface of cloth, etc.; *pl.* the refnse of hemp or flax.

1483 *Cath. Angl.* 337/2 Schyfes (*A.* schyffes) of lyne, *stupa, napta.* 1601 Holland *Pliny* XIX. I. 4 What shall bee done with all the hard refuse [of the Flax], the long buns of the stalkes, the short shuds or shives. 1672 Hoole *Comenius' Visible World* lix. 121 Where the Shives [*cortices*] fall down, then they are heckled with an Iron Heckle. 1695 Woodward *Nat. Hist. Earth* II. (1723) 81 The Shiv's or Chaff of the *Juli* of Trees and Shrubs. 1855 *Whitby Gloss.*, *Shivs*, husks of grain and such like particles.

† **Shive,** *v.*[1] *Obs.* [f. Shive *sb.*[1] Cf. ON. *skîfa.*] *trans.* To cut (bread) into slices.

1570 Levins *Manip.* 152/39 To shiue, *dissecare.* 1629 Gaule *Holy Madn.* 343 He shiues out his Bread by weight or measure.

† **Shive,** *v.*[2] *Obs.*—[0] [f. Shive *sb.*[2]] *trans.* To 'break' (hemp, flax).

1483 *Cath. Angl.* 337/2 To schyfe, *extupare.*

Shive, variant of Chive *sb.*[2] *Obs.*

1599 A. M. tr. *Gabelhouer's Bk. Physicke* 58/2 Heerof thou shalt alwayes after meales eate a discided shive of Fennelle. 1639 O. Wood *Alph. Bk. Secrets* 92 Adding.. three shives of Saffron undried.

Shiver (ʃi·vəɹ), *sb.*[1] Forms: 3 **scifre, scivre,** 4 **schivere,** 4–6 **shyver,** 5 **schyver(e, schevyre, schyvyr,** 5–6 **shever,** 6 **shyvere, shiever,** 6– **shiver.** [Early ME. *scifre*, cogn. w. OHG. *scivero* wk. masc., splinter (MHG. *schiver(e, schever(e* splinter, mod.G. *schiefer* slate, short for *schieferstein*), f. Teut. root **skīf-* to split, whence Sheave *sb.*[2], Shive *sb.*[2]]

1. A fragment, chip, splinter. Now *rare* exc. in phrases: see b.

c 1205 Lay. 27784 Sceld nȝein scelden sciuren þer wundeo. *c* 1400 *Ywaine & Gaw.* 3234 It was na wapen that man might welde Might get a shever out of thair shelde. 1525 Berners *Froiss.* II. lxxviii. 234 Syr Raynolde du Roy brake his spere in iiii. peces, and y^e^ sheuers flewe a grete hyght into y^e^ ayre. 1576 Newton *Lemnie's Complex.* I. vii. 53 A splint or shyuer of a broken speare. 1723 *Present St. Russia* I. 119 They use no Candles, but long Shivers of Wood. 1810 Scott *Lady of L.* III. iv, A heap of withered boughs was piled, Of juniper and rowan wild, Mingled with shivers from the oak. 1885 Tennyson *Balin* 108 Thorns of the crown and shivers of the cross.

fig. 1649 Jer. Taylor *Gt. Exemp.* III. Ad. Sect. 16. 180 The Church gathering up..the shivers of the broken heart may reunite them.

b. Phrases. *In shivers*, broken, in small fragments (so *to break, burst*, etc. *in* or *into shivers*); (*all*) *to shivers*, into small fragments; †*to go shivers*, to be shattered to pieces.

c 1205 Lay. 4537 Scip ærne to-ȝen scip þa hit al to-wonde to scifren. 13.. *Guy Warw.* 7213 Wiþ þe spere he him smot smertliche..þat alto schiueres it to-fleye. 1470–85 Malory *Arthur* II. v. 82 The Irysshe knyght smote Balyn on the sheld that alle wente sheuers of his spere. 1589 Greene *Tullies Love* Wks. (Grosart) VII. 109 The boult rebounded and brake into a thousand shiuers. 1626 Bacon *Sylva* § 10 If you strike or pierce a Solid Body, that is brittle,..it breaketh not onely, wher the immediate force is; but breaketh all about into shiuers. 1769 Gray *Let. to Wharton* 18 Oct., The rocks at top deep-cloven perpendicularly, by the rains, hanging loose and nodding forwards, seem just starting from their base in shivers. 1823 Scoresby *Jrnl.* 443 The other ship..endeavouring to set his main-top-sail, it blew to shivers. 1883 Ld. R. Gower *Remin.* II. xxix. 303 The thunder crashed and tore itself into shivers overhead.

fig. 1658 Cleveland *Rust. Ramp.* 2 And had not Providence held back the hand, the blow had faln, the Government had broke into shivers then. 1852 H. Rogers *Ecl. Faith* (1853) 135 Yet this faculty uniformly yields—goes into shivers in the encounter!

c. *spec.* A flake or splinter of stone (e.g. one knocked off in stone-dressing). Now *Sc.* and *dial.*

1600 Surflet *Country Farm* III. xlvi. 517 Put in the clefts some shiuers of hard stone. 1708 J. C. *Compleat Collier* (1845) 22 The Shivers or Splints of the Whin or hard Stone. 1861 Stephens & Burn *Farm-Buildings* 243 A ditcher's shovel is also useful to him in putting the shivers of the stones together into heaps.

† **2.** ? A loose fibre or filament in undressed hemp. *Obs.* Cf. Shive *sb.*[2]

1440 *Wyclif's Bible, Josh.* ii. 6 [Forsothe sche made the men to stie in to the soler of hir hows, and hilide hem with stobil] or schyueres [of flex, that was there]. 1615 Markham *Eng. Housew.* iii. 97 You shall beate out all the loose buns and shiuers that hang in the Hempe or Flaxe. 1794 *Rigging & Seamanship* I. 56 *Shivers*, the foul particles taken from the hemp when hatchelling.

3. Any kind of stone of a slaty or schistous character. [Perh. a. G. *schiefer*; cf. Shiffer.]

1729 Woodward *Attempt Nat. Hist. Fossils* I. I. 18 Shiver, of a dark Ash-Colour, near Black. 1789 J. Williams *Min. Kingd.* II. 10 Some varieties of the schists or shivers are of the same colour and quality as the slates. 1829 *Glover's Hist. Derby* I. 46 Shale or shiver..A black laminated clay, much indurated. 1881 Raymond *Mining Gloss.*, *Shiver.* 1. Shale; a hard argillaceous bed. 2. See *Sheave.*

attrib. 1804 Jameson *Syst. Min.* I. 9 Slate spar, or shiver spar. [Ger.] Schieferspath.

Shiver (ʃi·vəɹ), *sb.*[2] Forms: 4 **schivere, shyvere, schever,** 4–5 **schiver, schevere,** 5 **schevyr, schevre, schyver(e, shefure,** 5–6 **shyver,** 5–8 **shever,** 6 **shiffer,** 7 **shivar, shivor,** 7–9 **sheever,** 6– **shiver.** [ME. *schivere*, f. Teut. root **skīb-* of Sheave *sb.*[1], Shive *sb.*[1]]

† **1.** = Shive *sb.*[1] 1. *Obs.*

13.. *Sir Beues* (A) 1826 Now ich wolde ȝeue hit [i.e. Arondel] kof For a schiuer of a lof! *c* 1386 Chaucer *Sompn. T.* 132 'Now dame' quod he,..'Haue I nat of a capon but the lyuere And of youre softe breed nat but a shyuere'. *c* 1430 *Two Cookery-bks.* 40 Whan it is cold, larde it, & schere on schevres. 1525 *Test. Ebor.* (Surtees) V. 209 An halpeny white loffe and a shiffer of chese. 1656 W. Du Gard tr. *Comenius' Gate Lat. Unl.* 269 Rolls of bread taken out of the basket, or shivers cut out of the loaf. *a* 1721 Prior *Erle Robert's Mice* 50 Therein eke may Both be fed With Shiver of the Wheaten Bread. 1753 *Phil. Trans.* XLVIII. 87 [It] left large spots..on that side whence the shivers were taken off.

b. *fig.* and in fig. context.

1594 O. B. *Quest. Profit. Concern.* 4 b, The Moncks and Abbots of my knowledge, cut large shivers of the loafe for which they neuer sweate, to make themselues strong in the peoples favour and opinion. 1655 Fuller *Ch. Hist.* III. 55 His [*sc.* the Pope's] intolerable extortions; which, how great soever, were but a large shiver of that loaf, which he had given into the Kings hand.

2. A pulley: = Sheave *sb.*[1] 2.

1485 *Cely Papers* (Camden) 176 For brassyn schyver for the schype, xxiiij d. 1495 *Naval Acc. Hen. VII* (1896) 192 Snache poleyes with oon shever of brasse to y^e^ same. 1514 in Oppenheim *Adm. Royal Navy* (1896) I. 373 Ramehedes with ij shevers of Brasse. 1578 *Nottingham Rec.* IV. 52 An ironmonger of smale made wares, *videlicet*, of nayles, horse shues, slyppes, shyuers, spade shoes [etc.]. 1615 R. Cocks *Diary* (Hakl. Soc.) I. 94 To have had his advice about bras shivers. 1800 *Trans. Soc. Arts* XVIII. 232 The pulleys, or shivers. *c*1850 *Rudim. Navig.* (Weale) 147 Shivers to stand nearly athwartships.

†3. The breastplate of a plough. *Obs.*

1652 W. Blith *Eng. Improver Improved* II. xxviii. (1653) 192 [Parts of a Plough.] 1. The Share, 2 the Coulter, 3 the Shield or Breast-plate (as some call them) Shivers. *Ibid.* 194 A Shiver [*printed* Shiner] or Breast-plate.

Shiver (ʃi·vəɹ), *sb.*[3] [f. Shiver *v.*[2]]

1. An act or a condition of shivering; a quivering or trembling, esp. of the body under the influence of cold, emotion, etc. Phrase, *(all) in a shiver.*

1727 [E. Dorrington] *Philip Quarll* 163 High Mountains of Ice, which echo'd with Shivers. 1835 *Comic Almanack* Jan. (1870) 4 When you first go to bathe, gentle Sir, in a river, If you dip in one foot, it will give you a shiver. 1852 Mrs. Stowe *Uncle Tom's C.* viii, You are cold, and all in a shiver. 1863 Mrs. Oliphant *Salem Chapel* x. 161 Shivers of restrained emotion ran through the astonished audience. 1876 Hardy *Ethelberta* xliv, She closed her eyes in a white shiver.

b. *transf.* and *fig.*

1860 Motley *Nethert.* ii. I. 31 Germany was in a shiver at every breeze from East and West. 1876 Geo. Eliot *Dan. Der.* xxxix, With a sort of mental shiver.

2. (*The*) *shivers*: an attack of shivering; often spec. the ague.

1861 Dickens *Gt. Expect.* iii, I'll beat the shivers so far, I'll bet you. 1882 Miss Braddon *Mt. Royal* xxx, I only know that I get the shivers every time I sit in your drawing-room. 1888 *Century Mag.* May 28/2 It gives me the cold shivers when I think what might have become of me. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 658 The beginning [of hydroa gestationis] is sometimes marked by shivers, illness and fever.

Shiver (ʃi·vəɹ), *v.*[1] Forms: *α.* 3 **shivre**, 4 **schiver(e**, 4–5 **schyver**, 5 **shifer**, 4–6 **shyver**, **shiever**, 6– **shiver**; *β.* 4–5 **schever**, 5 **schevere**, **scheffer**, (**chever**), 4–6 **shever**, 7 **shevire**, **shaver**. [f. Shiver *sb.*[1] Cf. MDu. *scheveren*, MHG. *schiveren* (G. *schiefern*).]

1. *trans.* To break or split into small fragments or splinters.

*α. c*1200 [see To-shiver *v.*]. *c*1350 *Will. Palerne* 3411 Mani a spere spacli on peces were to-broke, & many a schene scheld scheuered al to peces. *c*1400 *Ywaine & Gaw.* 3539 Thair sheldes war shiferd and helms rifen. 1530 Palsgr. 704/1, I whyl shyver this blocke into small chyppes. *c*1586 C'tess Pembroke *Ps.* lxxvi. i, Their bow, and shaft, and shield, and sword he shivered. 1621 G. Sandys *Ovid's Met.* iii. (1632) 82 What would haue..shiuered towres, doth giue no wound at all. 1711 Steele *Spect.* No. 32 ¶ 2 How many impartial Looking-Glasses had been censured and calumniated, nay, and sometimes shivered into ten thousand Splinters. 1815 J. Smith *Panorama Sci. & Art* II. 227 The glass, under this management, is generally shivered into small pieces. 1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* I. vii. vii, Or rusty firelocks belch after him, shivering asunder his—hat. 1843 — *Past. & Pr.* iv. iv. 369 Ye have shivered mountains asunder. 1876 *Jrnl. Franklin Inst.* Jan. 30 The mail cars were completely crushed and shivered.

*β. a*1400 *Morte Arth.* 1813 Schotte thorowe the schiltrouns, and scheverede launcez. *a*1548 Hall *Chron., Hen. VI*, 105 b, The sonne of the Master gonner..fired the gonne, whiche brake & shevered y^e^ yron barres of the grate. 1598 *Mucedorus* Induct. 22 Ile thunder musicke shall appale the nimphes, And make them sheuer their clattering strings. 1688 R. Holme *Armoury* III. xvii. (Roxb.) 113/2 A Lance broken, or shavered in the middle.

b. *fig.* and in fig. context. Also with *out*.

*a*1593 Marlowe tr. *Lucan* I. 85 O Roome thy selfe art cause of all these euils, Thy selfe thus shiuered out to three mens shares. 1631 Lenton *Charact.* C 4 b, Diseases at last dry vp her marrow, and rottennesse so shiuers her, that shee drops asunder on a sudden, and wretchedly dyes without pitty. 1639 Fuller *Holy War* IV. viii. (1640) 181 He found the Christians there shivered into severall factions. 1871 Freeman *Hist. Ess.* Ser. I. vii. 197 At last the might and the hopes of Charles were shivered beneath the halbert of the free Switzer.

c. *Shiver my timbers*: a mock oath attributed in comic fiction to sailors.

1835 Marryat *J. Faithful* ix, I won't thrash you Tom. Shiver my timbers if I do.

2. *intr.* To fly in pieces; to split.

*α. c*1330 R. Brunne *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 13829 Þeir schaftes schiuered, & fleye in feld. *c*1386 Chaucer *Knt.'s T.* 1747 Ther shyueren shaftes vpon sheeldes thikke. *c*1430 *Chev. Assigne* 315 Þe speres..shyuereden to peces. 1581 J. Bell *Haddon's Answ. Osor.* 34 b., Will at lenth bryng all his other buildyng to ruine, and cause it to shiever in peeces to the grounde. 1605 Shaks. *Lear* IV. vi. 51 Had'st thou beene ought But Gozemore, Feathers, Ayre, (So many fathome downe precipitating) Thoud'st shiuer'd like an egge. 1768 Gray *Fatal Sisters* vi, Ere the ruddy sun be set Pikes must shiver, javelins sing. 1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* I. vii. x, The panels shivering in, like potsherds. 1879 Froude *Cæsar* xxvi. 460 As he crossed the hall, his statue fell, and shivered on the stones.

*β. c*1402 Lydg. *Compl. Blk. Knt.* 46 So loude songe that al the wode ronge, Lyke as hyt sholde sheuer in pesis smale. 1523 Berners *Froiss.* I. ccxix. 282 The two knyghtes mette rudely togeyder, soo that their speares sheuered all to peaces.

fig. 1638 Mayne *Lucian* (1664) 2 Since my works are as frail, and brittle as their pots, and are ready to shiver and break, upon the least dash of a stone. 1645 Milton *Colast.* 10 His eighth Argument shivers in the uttering.

†b. To send *down* (débris) by crumbling. *Obs.*

1759 B. Martin *Nat. Hist. Eng.* II. 235 This Hill is almost perpetually shivering down Earth and great Stones.

3. *intr.* Of stone: To split along the natural line of cleavage. [? After G. *schiefern.*]

1728 Chambers *Cycl.* s. v. *Vein*, Veins, in stones, are often a defect, proceeding usually from an inequality..which makes the stone crack, and shiver in those parts. 1826 W. A. Miles *Deverel Barrow*, etc. 51 Its [*i. e.* Kimmeridge coal money's] great tendency to destructibility and of shivering laminally, would be a bar to its ever having been a coinage intended to pass from hand to hand.

Shiver (ʃi·vəɹ), *v.*[2] Forms: *α.* 3–4 **chivere**, **chievere**, 5–6 **chyver**, **chever**; *β.* 5–6 **shyver**, **shever**, 6 **shiever**, 8 **schiver**, 6– **shiver**. [Early ME. *chivere*, of obscure etymology.

It may be doubtfully suggested that the word may originally have had reference to the chattering of the teeth from cold (cf. *to chevere with the chin*, quot. *c*1475 below), and that (with the app. synonymous Chivel *v.*) it is connected with early ME. *cheovele*, *chefle* to wag the jaws, chatter (see Chavel *v.*), f. OE. *ceaf* jaw (see Jowl). The ending *-el* may have been assimilated to the suffix -er[3], common in verbs expressing tremulous movement; cf. however MHG. *kiver* (G. *kiefer*) beside *kivel* jaw. The change of *ch* to *sh* may have been due to the frequent association with *shake*.]

1. *intr.* To tremble, shake, quiver; esp. to tremble with cold or fear.

*α. c*1250 *Death* 142 in *O. E. Misc.* 176 For ich schal bernen in fur, and chiuerin in ise. 1390 Gower *Conf.* III. 9 Thanne comth the blanche fievere With chele and makth me so to chievere. *a*1400 *Leg. Rood* (1871) 144 Þe temple walles gan chiuere and schake, Veiles in þe temple a-two þei sponne. *c*1475 *Rauf Coilzear* 96 My Gaist and I baith cheueris with the chin, So fell ane wedder feld I neuer. 1530 Palsgr. 483/2, I chever, as one dothe that is in an axes whan the colde cometh on hym.

*β. c*1402 Lydg. *Compl. Blk. Knt.* 230 With hote and colde my acces ys so meynt, That now I shyuer for defaute of hete. *c*1489 Caxton *Sonnes of Aymon* x. 259 All his body shevered all sodenly for grete ioye. 1562 A. Brooke *Romeus & Iuliet* 370 And now for feare she sheuereth, and now for loue she burnes. 1667 Milton *P. L.* x. 1003 Why stand we longer shivering under feares That show no end but Death? 1749 Smollett *Gil Blas* VII. i. (1782) III. 7 He drew his long rapier, which made me shiver. 1833 Ht. Martineau *Charmed Sea* i. 3 The pines are stooping and shivering on all the hills around. 1866 Geo. Eliot *Felix Holt* I. i. 44 Under the cold weight of these thoughts Mrs. Transome shivered. 1878 Susan Phillips *On Seaboard* 185 Where the sea-pinks grow, And the dry rushes shiver in the sand.

b. *fig.* or in fig. context.

1649 Milton *Tenure Kings* 4 [They] begin to swerve and almost shiver at the majesty and grandeur of som noble deed, as if they were newly enter'd into a great sin. 1878 J. S. Campion *On Frontier* (ed. 2) 27 The air shivered with noise; the earth trembled under our feet.

2. *trans.* (causative.) †a. To give a sensation of chill to, to cause (a person or object) to shiver.

*c*1200 [see Shivering *ppl. a.*[2] 1]. 1797–1805 S. & Ht. Lee *Canterb. T., Old Woman's T.* I. 354 A waking dream of horrors, not unlike that which had disturbed his sleep, seemed to shiver his senses.

b. †To cause (one's jaws) to tremble (*obs.*); to pour out or give forth with a trembling motion.

*a*1693 *Urquhart's Rabelais* III. xx. 167 Diddering and shivering his Chaps, as Apes use to do. 1821 Clare *Vill. Minstr.* II. 167 Where tiny blossoms with a purple bell Shiver their beauties to the autumn-gale. *a*1861 T. Woolner *My Beautiful Lady, Storm* ii, Quiet are the birds In ghostly trees that shiver not a sound.

3. *Naut.* a. *intr.* Of a sail: To flutter or shake (in the wind).

1769 Falconer *Dict. Marine* (1780) s. v. *Tack*, The head-sails are immediately made to shiver in the wind. 1809 Byron *Bards & Rev.* liii, The sail..is shivering in the gale. 1891 *Patterson's Naut. Dict.* I. s. v., A vessel's sails are said to shiver when she is luffed so close that the wind is spilled out of them.

b. *trans.* To cause (a sail) to flutter or shake in the wind, to bring a sail edge-on to the wind.

1769 Falconer *Dict. Marine* II. (1780), *Déventer les voiles*, to shiver the sails, or brace them so as to shiver in the wind. 1875 Beford *Sailor's Pocket-bk.* iii. (ed. 2) 59 Shiver the mizen topsail or brail up the spanker.

4. To quiver, to tremble with a shrinking movement.

*c*1869 Adm. Paget *Autobiog.* (1896) 221 The gory head of a Greek just decapitated, the trunk still shivering. 1905 *Brit. Med. Jrnl.* 27 May 1147 Time and again, I have seen the skin 'shiver' at the touch of the knife.

Shi·vered, *a. rare*—[1]. [f. Shiver *sb.*[2] + -ed[2].] Fitted with a shiver or pulley (of a specified size or kind).

1775 Falck *Day's Diving Vessel* 27 A single eight-inch shivered block was bound in a strong iron strop.

Shivered (ʃi·vəɹd), *ppl. a.* [f. Shiver *v.*[1] + -ed[1].] Broken, shattered.

*a*1542 Wyatt *Poems*, '*The furious gun*', The furyous gonne..cracketh in sonder: and in the ayer doeth rore the shevered peces. 1621 G. Sandys *Ovid's Met.* v. (1626) 90 And through his flesh the shiuered bones arise. *c*1764 Gray *Welsh Fragm., Conan* 8 As the thunder's fiery stroke, Glancing on the shiver'd oak. 1815 Scott *Ld. of Isles* III. xii, Where Coolin stoops him to the west, They saw upon his shiver'd crest The sun's arising gleam. 1897 F. Thompson *New Poems* 221 Like shivered mooolight on long waters.

Shivereens (ʃivərī·nz), *sb. pl. dial.* [f. Shiver *sb.*[1], after Smithereens.] Fragments, small pieces.

1855 *Sheffield Ann.* 6 (E.D.D.) Nock it ta shivereens. 1893 Crockett *Stickit Min.* 191 Kelly could 'lick him into shivereens'.

Shiverer[1] (ʃi·vərəɹ). [f. Shiver *v.*[1] + -er[1].] One who breaks (something) into small pieces.

1834 *Tait's Mag.* I. 311 Chosen ground for the shiverers of lances and the lovers of courtly splendour.

Shiverer[2] (ʃi·vərəɹ). [f. Shiver *v.*[2] + -er[1].] One who trembles or shakes.

1883 Meredith *Poems of Joy of Earth* 103 Ere you follow nature's lead, Of her powers in you have heed; Else a shiverer you will find You have challenged humankind.

b. *dial.* (See quots.)

1888 *Sheffield Gloss.*, *Shiverer*, a horse which has a lameness in the loins. 1899 *Daily News* 13 Apr. 3/5 Another horse was sold..it fell down in the street the first time it was harnessed, and was proved to be a 'ronrer and a shiverer' of long standing.

Shi·verine. *Sc. Obs.* Also 6 **schiverone**, **shivering**, 6–7 **schiverene**. [? Some kind of derivative of F. *chèvre* goat.] a. ? A goat-skin. b. *pl.* ? Goatskin or kid gloves (? or breeches).

15.. *Customs* in *Balfour's Practicks* (1754) 87 For ane hundreth lamb skinnis, I. d. For ane hundreth schiveronis, iiij d. 1598 in Beck *Gloves* (1883) 151 For each doan shewing [? *read* shivering] shewed with silk, six shillings; each dozen shivering shewed with threed, five shillings. 1663 in *Maitland Club Misc.* (1840) II. 502 For a paire of shiverines to my Lord and drink money to the boy. 1664 *Ibid.* 508 A pair of schiverines.

Shi·vering, *vbl. sb.*[1] [f. Shiver *v.*[1] + -ing[1].]

1. The action or an act of Shiver *v.*[1]

*c*1400 *Sege Jerusalem* (E.E.T.S.) 31/548 For schyueryng of sche[l]des, & schynyng of helmes. *a*1548 Hall *Chron., Hen. VIII*, 146 b, By chaunce of shiueryng of the spere. 1625 Bacon *Ess., Viciss. Things* (Arb.) 574 Vpon the Breaking and Shiuering of a great State and Empire, you may be sure to haue Warres. 1647 Hexham I, A shivering, or a rieving, *Een klievinge*, *ofte een scheuringe.*

2. A fragment, splinter. *rare.*

1599 Hakluyt *Voy.* II. I. 270 In stead of Occam they vse the shiuerings of the barke of the sayd trees.

Shivering (ʃi·vəriŋ), *vbl. sb.*[2] [f. Shiver *v.*[2] + -ing[1].] The action or an act of Shiver *v.*[2]

1398 Trevisa *Barth. De P. R.* VII. xxxix. (1495) 253 A feuer Terciane greuyth euery daye fyrste wyth sheueringe and thenne wyth heete. *c*1440 *Promp. Parv.* 75/1 Chymerynge or chyuerynge, or dyderynge, *frigntus*. 1597 A. M. tr. *Guillemeau's Fr. Chirurg.* 17/3 Ther is a chillnes and shiveringe therwith associated. 1681 Belon *New Myst. Phys.* Introd. 1 A Tertian that comes with a cold Shivering. 1741 Wesley *Jrnl.* 25 Oct., About two in the afternoon just as I was set down to dioner, a shivering came upon me, and a little pain in my back. 1873 *Lancet* 27 Dec. 900/1 Every day she had shiverings, which came on after 4 o'clock P.M.

b. *Comb.*, as *shivering attack; fit.*

1816 Scott *Bl. Dwarf* vii, The poor goat stretched out her limbs with the twitches and shivering fit of the last agony. *a*1859 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* xxv. V. 305 Headaches and shivering fits returned on him almost daily. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 169 The patient frequently feels cold all over, and may have a sharp shivering attack.

Shivering (ʃi·vəriŋ), *ppl. a.*[1] [f. Shiver *v.*[1] + -ing[2].] That shivers (in various senses of the verb); shattering, breaking, splintering.

*a*1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 789 Sone in scheuerand schidis schaftis ere brosten. *c*1470 Henry *Wallace* VIII. 771 Our schefferand harnes schot the blud so scheyn. 1775 Mickle tr. *Camoens' Lusiad* IX. 115 The shivering trumpets tear the still-voiced air. 1824 G. Chalmers *Caledonia* III. III. i. 221 The soft shivering argillaceous stone which easily yields to the weather.

Hence **Shi·veringly** *adv.*[1] *rare*—[1].

1631 Gouge *God's Arrows* IV. *Extent of God's Provid.* § 15. 400 The maine Summier of the other floore that fell was much stronger...Yet that also failed.., and that more shiveringly, and with a longer rent..then the other.

Shivering (ʃi·vəriŋ), *ppl. a.*[2] [f. Shiver *v.*[2] + -ing[2].]

1. That causes to shiver with cold, chilly.

*c*1200 *Vices & Virtues* 63 And ðu, earme saule, on ðe wallende hrene of ðe hote fiere, and eft, embehwile, on ðe chiuerinde chele. 1786 *Har'st Rig* xc, Cold shiv'ring blasts do not dismay The Celtic race. 1830 G. Colman *Random Rec.* xii. II. 63 My companion's lower habiliments appear'd somewhat shivering for the season. 1894 Blackmore *Perlycross* 238 It was truly a shivering and a shuddering night.

2. Trembling with cold, fear, etc.

1577 Grange *Golden Aphrod.* I iv b, The crampe ouertooke hir feeling, hyr sheuering nayles started. 1697 Dryden *Virg. Georg.* III. 488 Their Camelots..shield the shiv'ring Mariner from Cold. 1754 Gray *Poesy* 57 To chear the shiv'ring Natives dull abode. 1806 Surr *Winter in Lond.* III. 71 The shivering wretch turned up a narrow court in Holborn. 1891 Farrar *Darkn. & Dawn* I, The shivering throngs whom the flames had driven from their homes.

jocularly. 1822 Lamb *Elia* Ser. II. *Det. Thoughts on Bks.*, A tithe of that good leather would comfortably re-clothe my shivering folios.

b. of feelings, and the like.

1562 A. Brooke *Romeus & Iuliet* 907 Of shyuering care and dred I haue felt many a fit. 1632 J. Hayward tr. *Biondi's Eromena* 23 Awaking with a shivering feare, caused by his imagination and passion. 1747 Mallet *Amyntor & Theodora* III. 420 Thro shivering joy and doubt. 1898 Meredith *Odes, Napoleon* xiii, His nature with her shivering faith ran yoked.

c. *Shivering-Jemmy* (see quot.). Also a dial. name for *Briza media*, also known as *shivering-grass* (Britten and Holland).

1864 *Hotten's Slang Dict., Shivering-Jemmy*, the name given by street folk to any cadger who exposes himself half naked, on a cold day to obtain alms.

3. Of things: Trembling, shaking, fluttering.

1762–9 Falconer *Shipwr.* II. 151 The shivering sails descend; the yards are square. 1849 Noad *Electricity* 290 Large extraordinary movements of the needle, in which it traverses frequently, with a shivering motion, an arc of several degrees on both sides of its usual position. 1865

SWINBURNE *Chastelard* III. i. 103 Shivering soft eyelashes. 1870 O'SHAUGHNESSY *Epic of Women* 57 The swaying pine and shivering fir.

b. Of sound: Tremulous.

16.. tr. *Strada* in Flavel *Husb. Spirit.* (1669) 236 And closing up his layes, Like a full Quire, a shivering consort playes. 1891 *Spectator* 23 Mar., That wants nothing but the shivering music to make a grand sensation on any boards.

Hence **Shi·veringly** *adv.*[2]

1825 MRS. HEMANS *Forest Sanctuary* xlvi, Some like the leaf swept shiveringly along. 1856 *Chamb. Jrnl.* VI. 349 'Ah', he continued shiveringly, 'how very cold it is!' 1889 GUNTER *That Frenchman* xx. 266 Vassilissa enters timidly, and gazes shiveringly at the head of secret police.

Shivery (ʃi·vəri), *a.*[1] [f. SHIVER *sb.*[1] + -Y [1].] Apt to split into flakes, brittle, flaky.

Shivery salt: ?a salt exhibiting a laminal texture.

1683 PETTUS *Fleta Min.* I. 87 Cause a small Ballance to be forged out of the blade of an old Sword, that it may have ..nothing ruff or shivery [orig. Ger. *schifferig*]..on it. 1748 BROWNRIGG *Art of Making Salt* 72 In making a kind of salt called shivery salt they use yet more gentle fires. 1794 SCHMEISSER *Syst. Min.* I. 145 Its texture is rather shivery or fibrous. 1797 ROBISON in *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) XVI. 280/2 Shivery angular stones of the size of an egg. 1858 GEIKIE *Story Boulder* x. 198 This rock is worthless as a source of lime, nor from its irregular laminations and shivery structure has it much value in any other way.

Shivery (ʃi·vəri), *a.*[2] [f. SHIVER *v.*[2] + -Y.]

1. Characterized by a shaking, quivering motion, or appearance of motion.

1747 MALLET *Amyntor & Theodora* III. 532 His frame with shivery horror shook. 1817 KEATINGE *Trav.* I. 59 The shivery appearance his engravings convey, totally misrepresents the features of this extraordinary mass. 1852 MRS. STOWE *Uncle Tom's C.* xiv, The shivery canes, and the tall, dark cypress, hung with wreaths of dark, funereal moss, glow in the golden ray.

2. Inclined to shiver.

1837 MARRYAT *Dog-Fiend* xliii, I'm all wet and shivery. 1898 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* V. 826 She turns a little shivery and pale, at times even ashy.

3. Causing a shivering feeling, chilly.

1839 HOOD *Ode for Ninth Nov.* 15 Was there no better day To fix on, than November Ninth so shivery? 1905 J. B. FIRTH *Highw. Derbysh.* iii. 44 It was a shivery place and gave her headaches.

Shivey (ʃi·vi), *a. dial.* Also shivvy (*Eng. Dial. Dict.*) and SHEAVY. [f. SHIVE *sb.*[2] + -Y [1].] (See quot.)

1884 W. S. B. MCLAREN *Spinning* (ed. 2) 189 In the wool-sorting a good deal can be done, but when wool is full of burrs, seeds, etc., and is what is generally called 'shivey', sorting and shaking can do little.

Shloke, variant of SLOKE [2].

1881 E. ARNOLD *Indian Poetry* 2 Dhoyi holds the listener still With his shlokes of subtle skill.

Sho: see SHE, SHOE, SHOO *int.*[1] and [2].

Shoad, shode (ʃōud). *local.* Forms: 7–9 shod, (8 shoald), 7– shoad, 8– shods; also 7 shadd, 7–8 shade. [Prob. a derivative of OE. *scádan* to divide, separate: see SHED *v.* Cf. SHODE. The genuineness of the forms *shadd, shade* is doubtful.] Loose fragments of tin, lead, or copper ore mixed with earth, lying on or near the surface and indicating the proximity of a lode. Also (with pl.) one of these fragments.

1602 CAREW *Cornwall* I. 8 b, They discouer these workes, by certaine Tynne-stones, lying on the face of the ground, which they terme *Shoad.* 1670 PETTUS *Fodinæ Reg.* 3 They [Metals] are discovered to us..by Moles which cast up their shade or glittering earth. *Ibid.* 79 [Quotes (from Holland's *Camden*) the passage of Carew given above (quot. 1602), but with *shadd* substituted for *shoad*]. 1674 RAY *Coll. Words, Preparing of Tin* 120 The Tinners find the Mine by the Shoad (or as they call it Squad) which is loose stones of Tin mixed with the Earth. 1681 GREW *Musæum* III. § i. v. 306 A Shod. *Spuma Lupi.* The forerunner of the Load or Mother of the Tin-Ore. 1778 W. PRYCE *Min. Cornub.* 126 Copper and Lead Shodes are very seldom met with. 1789 J. WILLIAMS *Min. Kingd.* I. 406 The shoad of lead is always either coated or tarnished. 1809 A. HENRY *Trav.* 230 Examining the shods, or loose stones, in search of minerals. 1855 J. R. LEIFCHILD *Cornwall* 200 This stream-tin is..met with..in separate stones called *shodes.*

b. *attrib.*, as *shade earth, shoad-ore, -stone.*

1735 *Dict. Polygraph.* s. v. *China,* To Gild China. You must first grind some *shade-earth on a marble, with linseed-oil,..with which trace out your figures. 1789 J. WILLIAMS *Min. Kingd.* I. 362 There is a very material difference between float and *shoad ore, although they are both found upon the surface of the rock. Shoad ore..is always found in loose masses of all sizes, either in or under the upper soil. *a* 1728 WOODWARD *Fossils* I. (1729) I. 202 A *Shoad-stone, found near the Surface of the Earth...*Cornwall.*

Hence **Shoa·der** (see quot. 1882). **Shoa·ding,** the process of searching for shoad-ore by digging small pits (hence *shoading-heap, -pit*).

1778 W. PRYCE *Min. Cornub.* 124 Another and very ancient method of discovering Tin Lodes, is by what we call Shodeing, that is, tracing them home by loose Stones, fragments, or Shodes. 1880 *W. Cornw. Gloss., Shoading-heaps,* heaps from pits sunk in search of veins of metal. 1882 JAGO *Anc. Lang. & Dial. Cornwall* 263 *Shoaders,* miners engaged in shoading. *Ibid., Shoading pits,* pits dug in the search for a lode. 1893 *Northumbld. Gloss.* s. v., To 'go a shoading' is to go prospecting for shoad-ore.

Shoal (ʃōul), *sb.*[1] Forms: *α.* 4–5 shelde. *β.* (Chiefly *Sc.*) 4–6 schald, 5 schauld, 6 schalde, shaulde, (9 *dial.* shall, shad); 6 *pl.* shawllys. *γ.* 5–7 sholde, 6–7 shold, should(e, 7 showld, shoald, (9 *dial.* shod, shoad). *δ.* 6 shol, shoel(l, 6–7 shole, 7 shoule, (schoole), 7–8 shoale, 7– shoal. [Absolute use of SHOAL *a.*] A place where the water is of little depth; a shallow; a sand-bank or bar.

α. 13.. *Coer de L.* 2054 The mariners unneth it withhelde, That shyppe left in the shelde.

β. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xvii. (*Martha*) 113 Quhare þe body lay, to ryvine al castine one a schald. *c* 1470 HENRY *Wallace* x. 44 Bot ix or x he kest a gait befor, Langis the schauld, maid it bath dep and schor. 1529 RASTELL *Pastyme* Prol. (1811) 5 The passage [is] so straȳte and daungerous that they must nedis come thorow many straytis and shawlys. 1583 *Leg. Bp. St. Androis* 161 in *Satir. Poems Reform.* xlv, His schip come never on the schalde, But stak still on the ancker halde. *c* 1585 in *Early Naval Ballads* (Percy Soc.) 16 When shauldes and sandie bankes apears What pillot can direct his course?

γ. 1414 *26 Vol. Poems* xiii. 146 On see, on lond, on sholde, and depe. 1555 PHAER *Æneid* I. A ij b, And three the Easterne winde also..Out of the deepe into the sholdes and quicksands made to sinke. 1594 BLUNDEVIL *Exerc., Plancius' Map* (1597) 277 Deapthes, sands, showlds and rockes. 1633 T. JAMES *Voy.* 24 This was nothing but shoalds to the land. 1669 STURMY *Mariner's Mag.* IV. i. 137 Knowledge of Depths and Shoulds.

δ. 1555 EDEN *Decades, 2nd Voy. Guiana* 351 The sholes of the ryuer cauled Rio Grande. 1582 N. LICHEFIELD *Castanheda's Conq. E. Ind.* 24 b, She strake upon a shoel. 1589 BIGGES *Summarie Drake's W. Ind. Voy.* 47 The shols appearing daungerous. 1624 CAPT. SMITH *Virginia* VI. 215 A long and dangerous shoule of rocks and sand. 1634 SIR T. HERBERT *Trav.* 21 We were cast vpon the shoales or flats of Mozambique. 1697 DAYDEN *Æneid* v. 285 Wedg'd in the Rocky Sholes, and sticking fast. 1769 BANCROFT *Guiana* 357 On the east side is a sandy shoal. 1853 SIR H. DOUGLAS *Milit. Bridges* (ed. 3) 169 Among the shoals and eddies with which the Sutlej abounds. 1871 TYNDALL *Fragm. Sci.* (1879) I. vi. 200 There is a dangerous shoal in the harbour.

b. *fig.*

1605 SHAKS. *Macb.* I. vii. 6 Vpon this Banke and Schoole of time. 1613 — *Hen. VIII,* III. ii. 437 Wolsey, that once ..sounded all the Depths, and Shoales of Honor. 1815 BYRON *Stanzas for Music,* '*There's not a joy*' 6 Then the few whose spirits float above the wreck of happiness Are driven o'er the shoals of guilt or ocean of excess.

c. *attrib.*, as *shoal-bank, -ground, -rock*; **shoal-mark,** a buoy or other mark set to indicate a shoal.

1712 W. ROGERS *Voy. round World* 51 There are..some Shoal-Banks between them, but no Shoal-Ground before we come to this Cove. 1883 'MARK TWAIN' *Life Mississippi* xi. 112 He..then began to work her warily into the next system of shoal marks.

Shoal (ʃōul), *sb.*[2] Forms: 6-7 shoale, 6-8 shole, 7 shoole, showl, 9 shool, 7– shoal. [Late 16th c. *shole*; the earlier history is uncertain. The word is etymologically identical with OE. *scolu* str. fem., troop, division of an army = OS. *scola* multitude (MLG. *schole*), MDu. *schole* multitude, flock, shoal of fishes (Du. *school*, WFris. *skoal*, NFris. *skŏl*, shoal of fishes) :—OTeut. type **skulō*, f. **skul-* wk. grade of **skel-* to divide (whence SHALE *sb.*, SHELL *sb.*, SKILL *sb.* and *v.*, etc.).

It is possible that the OE. word may have had the sense of shoal of fishes, and in this sense may have continued in nautical use ever since, though unrecorded in ME. and early mod.E. The simpler hypothesis is that the 16th c. *shole* was a re-adoption of the Du. form (see above) which in the 14–15th c. had been taken into English as *scole* (see SCHOOL *sb.*[2]). The initial (ʃ) may be an English sound-substitution for the Du. (sχ), or it may come from one of the Flemish dialects in which *sch* is pronounced (ʃ).]

1. A large number of fish, porpoises, seals, whales, etc. swimming together; = SCHOOL *sb.*[2] 1. Phr. *in a shoal, in* or *by shoals.*

1579 [see 3]. 1601 R. JOHNSON *Kingd. & Commw.* 69 Sholes of fish frisking and playing. 1653 MILTON *Ps.* viii. 22 Fish that through the wet Sea-paths in shoals do slide. 1774 PENNANT *Tour Scot. in 1772,* 333 Herrings offer themselves in shoals. 1835 MARRYAT *J. Faithful* viii, The shoals of seals would follow the ship if you whistled. 1836 *Uncle Philip's Convers. Whale Fishery* 286 The ship..came upon a large shoal of whales. 1899 BARING-GOULD *Bk. West* II. *Cornw.* xix. 314 As the season advances the shool, or shoal, comes nearer the shore. 1905 D. SMITH *Days of His Flesh* I. 515 Supposing..that the stranger had skill in fisher-craft and had perhaps observed indications of a shoal, they obeyed.

b. Hence occas. used of a number of aquatic animals or floating objects.

1593 NASHE *Christ's T.* 31 b, The waters..bare the whole shole of them [*sc.* dead carcasses] before them. 1660 BOYLE *New Exp. Phys. Mech.* xxiv. 190 The bubbles ascended in this Liquor, as it were in sholes. 1692 R. L'ESTRANGE *Fables* xxvii. 26 A Whole Shoal of Frogs. 1839 THIRLWALL *Greece* I. VI. 198 A shoal of boats now came off from the harbours filled with people. 1840 *Ibid.* VII. 219 The scaly monsters of the Nile..flocked in shoals to the place.

† **2.** A flock of birds. *Obs.*

1579–80 NORTH *Plutarch, Cicero* (1595) 935 From thence there came a great shole of crowes. 1584 R. SCOT *Discov. Witchcr.* XIII. XXX. (1886) 278 To make a shoale of goslings drawe a timber log. 1659 HAMMOND *On Ps.* cvi. 15 He sent them whole sholes of quails. 1801 HUNTINGTON *God Guard. Poor* 98 Like a shoal of eagles.

3. *transf.* **a.** A large number of persons thronging together or classed together; a troop, crowd.

1579 SPENSER *Sheph. Cal.* May 20, I sawe a shole of shepheardes outgoe. 1579 E. K. *Gloss,* ibid., A shole, a multitude taken of fishe, wherof some going in great companies, are sayde to swimme in a shole. *c* 1610 G. HERBERT *Sonn. to his Mother,* Wherewith whole showls of martyrs once did burn. 1625 BACON *Ess., Viciss. Things* (Arb.) 574 When there be great Shoales of People, which goe on to populate. 1749 SMOLLETT *Gil Blas* VII. viii. (1782) III. 67 The actors and actresses..poured upon me in shoals. 1791 BOSWELL *Johnson* an. 1763, The shoals of Scotchmen who flocked about him. 1848 DICKENS *Dombey* ix, I see people going up and down the street in shoals all day. 1876 TREVELYAN *Macaulay* II. viii. 91 The adherents of the Government..who sate for the counties were turned out by shoals. 1901 *Scotsman* 6 Apr. 9/7 A shoal of injured people were brought for treatment to the Royal Infirmary.

b. A large number (of inanimate things).

1639 FULLER *Holy War* v. x. (1640) 246 Infinite are the sholes of miracles done by Christs Crosse in Jerusalem. 1688 *Clear Proof Certainty Protest. Faith* 7 We may expect Shoals of Texts. 1858 CARLYLE *Fredk. Gt.* I. v. (1872) I. 42 Never-ending shoals of small troubles. 1891 'J. S. WINTER' *Lumley* xii, Notes and telegrams, which came in by shoals from morning till night. 1900 *Jrnl. Soc. Dyers* XVI. 12 A shoal of novelties in machinery.

4. *Comb.*: **shoal-cod** (see quot.; cf. *school-cod*); **shoal-net,** a net for catching seals; **shoal-wise** *adv.*, in shoals or crowds.

1836 J. RICHARDSON *Fauna Bor.-Amer.* III. 241 *Gadus arenosus,* Shoal-cod, Smith. 1792 G. CARTWRIGHT *Jrnl. Labrador* I. 181 The sealers put out two more shoal-nets, and another stopper. 18.. BLACKIE (Ogilvie 1882), When he goes abroad, as he does now shoalwise, John Bull finds a great host of innkeepers, etc.

† **Shoal,** *sb.*[3] *Obs.* [a. Du. *schol* in the same sense (earlier also clod, lump of metal) = MLG. *scholle, schulle* clod, sod, OHG. *scolla* fem., *scollo* masc. (MHG., mod.G. *scholle*) clod, mass of ice; perh. f. root **skul-*: see SHOAL *sb.*[2]] A mass of floating ice; an iceberg or floe.

1648 HEXHAM II, *Een Schoole van ys,* a Shoole of yce. 1713 *Cal. Treas. Papers* 537 The great shoals of ice that came down in the winter often damaged it [Berwick bridge]. 1760 *Ann. Reg.* III. 67/1 Near 100 sail have been drove from their anchors and moorings by the shoals of ice.

Shoal (ʃōul), *a.* (and *adv.*) Forms: *α.* 1 (in proper names) sceald, 4 schealde, 5 scheld(e. *β.* (Chiefly *Sc.*) 5–7 schald, 5 schalde, shald, schawlde, schaulds, 6 schauld, 7 shalde (9 *dial.* shald, etc.); 5 schawd, 6 schaud (9 *dial.* shawd, shoad, etc.); 6 schaule, 8 (and 9 *dial.*) shaul, shawl. *γ.* 4 schoold, schoolt, 5 schold(e, scold, 5–7 shold(e, shoald, 7 should. *δ.* 6–7 shoale, showle, 6–8 shole, 7 shoule, 7– shoal. [OE. *sceald*:—prehistoric **skalda-*; a parallel formation, differing only in the suffix, appears to be the synonymous SHALLOW *a.* :—OE. **scealu* :—**skalwa-*. The import and affinities of the base **skal-* of these formations are not easy to determine; possibly it may be 'thin layer' as in OTeut. **skalō* SHALE *sb.*; this supposition would fairly well account for the sense of the English adjs.

Some etymologists have compared G. *schal* insipid, vapid (of liquors; hence *fig.* of discourse, thoughts, etc.); but the sense has little real affinity. The LG. *schal* (Fris. *skol*) shows remarkable identity in sound and meaning with the Eng. adj. (*schol water* shallow water, *schol plögen* to plow shallow), but its etymology is dubious.]

1. Of water, etc.: Not deep; = SHALLOW *a.*[1] 1.

839 in Birch *Cartul. Saxon.* I. 593 Æt Scealdan fleote. *c* 1440 *Jacob's Well* 65 ȝif þi scope of penaunce be to scheld, it takyth no water of sorwe.

β. 1375 BARBOUR *Bruce* IX. 354 He spyit, and slely gert assay Quhar of the dik the schawdest [*v. r.* shaldest] was. *c* 1425 WYNTOUN *Cron.* VII. v. 769 Than Trent and Temys war sa schawlde [*v.rr.* schaulde, schald]. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* v. xi. 56 Sa huge wilsum rolkis and schald [*Camb. MS.* schaud] sandis. *Ibid.* VII. xiii. 57 Inhabitand the schauld flude Vulturnus. 1577–95 *Descr. Isles Scot.* in Skene *Celtic Scot.* (1880) III. App. 429 Thair is na great waters nor rivers in this Ile [of Lewis], but small schaule burnis. 1597 MONTGOMERIE *Cherrie & Slae* 1544 The watter allso is sae schald We sall it pass, evin as we wald. 1606 BIRNIE *Kirk-Buriall* (1833) 28 Which the Lord has set on the shalde shoare, lyke beakens to warne. 1736 RAMSAY *Prov.* xxxi. (1750) 84 Shawl waters make maist din.

γ. 1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) III. 131 He wolde make þat greet ryuer so schalowe [*v. rr.* schoolt, schoold] þat þe water schulde nouȝt reche to women kneen. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 447/2 Schold, or schalowe, noȝte depe, as water or oþer lyke, *bassa.* *c* 1460 *Ibid.* (Winch.) 165 Flew, or scold..*bassus.* *a* 1554 SIR H. WILLOUGHBY in Hakluyt *Voy.* (1589) 269 After that we sounded againe, and found but 7 fadome, so shoalder and shoalder water. 1556 J. HEYWOOD *Spider & Fly* xxxi, Holes, sides and toppes, brode, narrow, depe and shalde. 1633 T. JAMES *Voy.* 23 The shouldest water..was 7. fad[omes].

δ. *a* 1554 SIR H. WILLOUGHBY in Hakluyt *Voy.* (1589) 269 The boat could not come to land the water was so shoale. 1589 IVES *Fortif.* 35 The ditches are narrow and showle. *a* 1599 SPENSER *F. Q.* VII. vi. 40 This Molanna, were she not so shole. 1624 CAPT. SMITH *Virginia* I. 2 The second of July they fell with the coast of Florida in shoale water. 1666 PEPYS *Diary* 15 Aug., Our shipps running all a-ground, it being so shoal water. 1719 DE FOE *Crusoe* I. 50 What the Shore was, whether Rock or Sand, whether Steep or Shoal we knew not. 1748 *Earthquake Peru* I. 23 Having fourteen Fathom Water in the sholest Part. 1840 *Evid. Hull Docks Comm.* 113, Q. What has been the effect of that extension upon the mud? A. It is much shoaler than it was before. 1858 MAURY *Phys. Geog. Sea* vii. § 430 In the Straits..the depth across the shoalest section is not more than one hundred and sixty fathoms. 1894 *Law Times Rep.* LXXI. 103/2 The available waterway of the cut is..greatly reduced in width by shoal water on the north.

b. The phr. *shoal water* used attrib.

1874 J. W. LONG *Amer. Wild-fowl* Introd. 15, I shall..separate them into..deep-water and shoal-water varieties.

1888 CLODD *Story Creation* iv. 34 The fossils are shown to resemble present shoal water deposits.

2. *fig.* Of intellect, etc. (Cf. SHALLOW *a.*[1] 6.)

1728 RAMSAY *Gen. Mistake* 65 The sumphish mob of penetration shawl. 1785 BURNS *Twa Herds* x, There's Duncan, deep, and Peebles, shaul, But chiefly thou, apostle Auld, We trust in thee.

Comb. 1844 LOWELL *Columbus* 264 One day more These muttering shoalbrains leave the helm to me.

† **3.** *Naut.* Of a sail or a bonnet: Narrow, not wide. *Obs. rare*—[1].

1688 HOLME *Armoury* III. xv. (Roxb.) 44/2 The Main saile showler, is the main saile made narrower or skant. *Ibid.* 45/1 A showler or shoule Bonnett, is to haue it shallow, or narrow.

4. *adv.* [ME. *schealde.*] To or at a slight depth. Also *fig.*

c 1315 SHOREHAM *Poems* III. 116 Ac many men desceyued hys...And weyneþ þat he be out of peryl, Oþer ine senne so schealde, þat hym ne doutep of no breche Of godes hestes healde. 1817–8 COBBETT *Resid. U.S.* (1822) 150, I went very shoal with the plough, because deep ploughing would have turned up the sods.

Hence † **Scheldhed** [-HEAD], shallowness.

c 1440 *Jacob's Well* 168 A skete also, sumdel in þe heuyd, is raysed & reryd on bothe sydes; for ellys it myȝt noȝt receyvin but lytel wose, for scheldehed, for to castyn it out.

Shoal, *v.*[1] *Obs.* exc. *dial.* Forms: 6 shole, shool(e, shoule, 6–7 shoal(e, 7 sholl. [Of obscure origin.

Formally, it could represent an OE. **scālian* equivalent to ON. **skeila* suggested as a possible origin for SKAIL *v.*]

† **1.** *trans.* To separate. Usually with *out.*

1571 GOLDING *Calvin on Ps.* lxviii. 26. 254 The hypocrites ..should bee sholed from the good and holy ones. 1574 tr. *Marlorat's Apocalips* 43 In this exhortation John treateth of the difference between the good and the bad, and of the sholing of the one from the other by the rigor of Justice. 1581 LAMBARDE *Eiren.* I. v. (1602) 23 Labouriog..to increase their iurisdictions, & to shoale out themselues from the ordinarie gouernment. 1583 GOLDING *Calvin on Deut.* xxvii. 164 In that he hath so shooled vs out from among the vnbeleeuers. 1642 D. ROGERS *Naaman* 358 With such caution and encouragement as shall both sholl out the dogs, and welcome the children, whose bread it is. 1647 TRAPP *Comm.* Rev. ii. 24 Here Christ comes with his fan, shedding and shoaling out his own from others.

2. To divide into classes. ? *Obs.*

1805 *Ann. Reg.* 62 One of the reforms..was that of shoaling or classing the workmen...As to the practice of shoaling the shipwrights, as it had proved so advantageous in the merchants' yards, there was reason to conclude that it would prove equally so in those of his majesty.

3. *dial.* (See quot.)

1887 *Kent. Gloss., Shoal-in,* to pick sides at cricket or any game.

Shoal (ʃōul), *v.*[2] Forms: 6 shald, should, 7 showlde, shoald, shold, showl(e, 7, 9 *dial.* shool, 8 shole, shaul, 7–shoal. [f. SHOAL *a.*]

I. *intr.*

1. Of water, a watercourse, harbour, sonnding, etc.: To become shallow or more shallow.

1574 [implied in SHOALING *vbl. sb.* 2]. 1584–5 *Act* 27 *Eliz.* c. 21 The Haven of Orforde..is greatelie shoulded and decaied. 1633 T. JAMES *Voy.* 19 Now the water begins to showlde. 1779 FORREST *Voy. N. Guinea* 178 It shoals suddenly from ten to two fathoms. 1841 W. A. BROOKS *Treat. Navig. Rivers* 57 The soundings shoal gradually also up the Rio de la Plata. 1883 *Science* I. 368/1 The sea..had so far shoaled as to bring up the land within 65 feet of its present level. 1897 H. NEWBOLT *Admirals All* 6 He anchored them fast where the Texel shoaled.

b. With *out*: To become gradually more shallow until no water is to be seen.

1889 *Universal Rev.* Nov. 428 The limpid reedy thoroughfares shoal out To glinting silt-beds where the minnows lie. 1894 *Law Times Rep.* LXXI. 102/2 The water of the cut..gradually shoals out until it reaches a mud bank.

† **2.** ? To slant, slope. *Obs.* Cf. SHORE *v.*[1] 3.

1621 MARKHAM *Hungers Prev.* 18 Then for the vpper side of the Net, you shall place it slantwise shoaling against the water. *Ibid.* 21 They [the sticks] shall be prickt a little shoaling or slantwise.

II. *trans.*

3. *Naut.* To find (one's soundings) gradually more shallow; to pass from a greater into a less depth of (water), as shown by sounding.

1670 NARBOROUGH *Jrnl.* in *Acc. Sev. Late Voy.* I. (1694) 60 As I shoaled my soundings I had 22, and 18, and 16.. Fathoms. 1731 CAPT. W. WAIGLESWORTH *MS. Log-bk. of the 'Lyell'* 3 Jan., When we sholed the Water as per Logg. 1748 *Anson's Voy.* I. vi. 60 We..kept shoaling our water, till at length we came into twelve fathom. 1839 *Nautical Mag.* 237 The lead should be kept constantly going, and the Ship tacked to the eastward as soon as the water is shoaled to 22 or 20 fathoms. 1852 CONYBEARE & HOWSON *St. Paul* II. xxiii. (1862) 356 The alarm of the sailors was great when they perceived how rapidly they were shoaling the water.

b. *absol.* Of a ship: To come into shallow water. *rare.*

1898 HARDY *Wessex Poems* 100 He gained the beach, where Yeomen,..With Regulars in thousands, were enmassed to meet the Foeman Whose fleet had not yet shoaled.

4. To cause (a piece of water) to become shallow; also, to obstruct by shoals.

1864 G. P. MARSH *Man & Nat.* 430 The maritime approaches to river harbors frequented by the ships of Phenicia ..are shoaled to a considerable distance out to sea. 1865 J. H. INGRAHAM *Pillar of Fire* III. xii, He pursued with the idea that the sea had been shoaled by the wind.

† **5.** To drive (a plough) less deeply in the soil.

1670 EVELYN in *Phil. Trans.* V. 1061 According to this proportion the husbandman must govern himself deepning or showling the Plough, as the condition of the land shall require.

6. *Otter-hunting.* (See quot.)

1897 *Encycl. Sport* I. 583/2 *Shoal,* verb, to drive the otter down to the shallows.

Hence **Shoaled** *ppl. a.* (see quot. 1867). **Shoa·ling** *ppl. a.,* growing shallow.

1859 TENNYSON *Enid* 1536 Where like a shoaling sea the lovely blue Play'd into green. 1867 SMYTH *Sailor's Word-bk., Shoaled-harbour,* that which is secured from the violence of the sea, by banks, bars, or shoals to seaward. 1892 STEVENSON *Vailima Lett.* xix. 181 The four..set off in the boat across that rapidly shoaling bay of the lagoon.

Shoal (ʃōul), *v.*[3] Also 7 shoole, shoal. [f. SHOAL *sb.*[2] Cf. Fris. *skoalje,* Du. *scholen.*]

1. *intr.* Of fish: To collect or swim together in a shoal or shoals.

1610 HOLLAND *Camden's Brit.* I. 718 About Midsommer they [*sc.* herrings] shoole out of the deepe and vast Northensea to the coasts of Scotland. *c* 1611 CHAPMAN *Iliad* XXI. 191 The waue-sprung entrailes, about which, Fausens, and other fish, Did shole. 1774 GOLDSM. *Nat. Hist.* (1776) VI. 279 Gesner even asserts..that he has seen them [*sc.* sturgeon] shoal together, at the notes of a trumpet. 1901 S. GWYNN *Mater Severa, Queen's Chron.* 28 The mackerel shoaling in each bay.

2. *transf.* Of persons, birds, things: To crowd together, assemble in swarms. Also with advs., as *together, in, up.*

a 1618 RALEIGH *Maxims* (1642) 21 Men of the same quality, tongue and condition, doe easily shole, and combioe themselves together. 1638 WOTTON *Let. to Sir E. Bacon* 5 Dec. in *Reliq.* (1672) 472 Whereupon the Women..do flock to St. Maries in such troops..that the Masters of Art have no room to sit; so as the Vice-Chancellor and Heads of Houses were in deliberation to repress their shoaling thither. 1647 PAGITT *Heresiogr.* (ed. 4) B iij b, You have power to keep these Hereticks..from..sholing together to infect one another. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* x. 288. 1817 T. L. PEACOCK *Melincourt* XXX, The distracted multitude, who were shoaling in from all quarters. 1825 J. NEAL *Bro. Jonathan* III. 399 About him, on every side, were the white winged waterfowl..shoaling up in the van of the sea breeze. 1863 *Reader* 12 Sept. 284/1 In England there are none of those pamphlets and mediocre romances which shoal in France.

Hence **Shoa·ling** *vbl. sb.*

1799 W. TOOKE *View Russian Emp.* III. 148 When the shoaling of the beluga has ceased. 1884 *Publ. Opinion* 12 Sept. 330/1 When this has happened during a great shoaling, the herrings have in subsequent years refused to pass over the spot.

† **Shoal,** *v.*[4] *dial. Obs.* [Of obscure origin: cf. SHALDER *v.*] *intr.* Of soil: ? To crumble, become disintegrated.

1733 W. ELLIS *Chiltern & Vale Farm.* 237 These stiff, cold Grounds, being of the most surly Nature, will not shoal, shatter nor crumble. 1750 — *Mod. Husb.* V. iii. 7 (E.D.D.) The top of this land will shoal and run into a fine hollowness, even by very small frosts.

† **Shoa·len,** *v. Obs. Naut.* [f. SHOAL *a.* + -EN 5.] *trans.* = SHOAL *v.*[2] 4.

1731 CAPT. W. WAIGLESWORTH *MS. Log-bk. of the 'Lyell'* 2 Jan., When we sholened the water at 1, 2 and 3 this morning I judge wee were off of Fire Island. 1867 SMYTH *Sailor's Word-bk.* s. v. *Shoal,* A vessel is said to shoalen, or shoal her water, when she comes from a greater into a less depth.

Shoaler (ʃōu·lər). ? *U.S.* [f. SHOAL *sb.*[1] + -ER 1.] (See quot.)

1891 *Century Dict., Shoaler,* a sailor in the coast-trade; a coaster: in distinction from one who makes voyages to foreign ports. *Shoaler-draft,* light draft: used with reference to vessels.

Shoa·liness. *rare*—[1]. [f. SHOALY *a.* + -NESS.] The state of being shoaly.

1670 *Acc. Sev. Late Voy.* I. (1694) 122 He could not get higher with the Boat, by reason of the..shoaliness in the Water. 1727 BAILEY vol. II, *Sholiness,* Fulness of Flats in the Sea, &c. 1755 JOHNSON, *Shoaliness,* shallowness; frequency of shallow places. [Hence in mod. Dicts.]

Shoaling (ʃōu·liŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. SHOAL *v.*[2] + -ING [1].]

1. The process of becoming shallow or more shallow; an instance of this.

1633 T. JAMES *Voy.* 30 The shoalding of the Western shoare. 1832 LYELL *Princ. Geol.* II. 276 The shoaling continued until the river water prevailed. 1886 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 9 Dec. 1/1 As the shipowner is precluded from delivering his cargo by a blockade or a sudden shoaling up of the port of discharge.

2. *concr.* A place where the water becomes shallow.

1574 W. BOURNE *Regiment for Sea* xxii. (1577) 61 Some bandes or daungers there be hauing fayre or good soundings or shaldings, that they may borrow of & on at their pleasure. 1644 MANWAYRING *Sea-mans Dict.* 94 When they say there is very good showleing, it is meant that the water doth grow shallower, by degrees, and not suddenly. 1689 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 2456/4 All the Sands, Shoalings, and Depths of Water, upon the said Coasts. 1887 HALL CAINE *Deemster* xxvi. 167 The ground swell among the shoalings before the storm comes to shore.

3. *Sc.* Spearing fish in shallow water.

1792 *Statist. Acc. Scot.* II. 15 This [*sc.* spearing fish] is also called shauling; as it is generally practised, when the tide is almost spent, and the waters turned shallow.

Shoalness (ʃōu·lnės). For forms see SHOAL *a.* [-NESS.] Shallowness (of water).

1552 HULOET, Shallownes or sholenes in water, *uadum.* 1588 HICKOCK tr. *C. Frederick's Voy.* 4 b, No great ships come thether, by reason of the sholdnes of the water thereabouts. *c* 1685 [see INTERCURRENT *a.* 1 a]. *c* 1725 *Torrington Mem.* (Camden) 104 In regard of the shoalness of the coast in that bay. 1862 DUPONT *Desp.* 4 Mar. in *Times* 27 Mar., The difficulties arising from the indirectness of the channel and from the shoalness of the bar.

Shoaly (ʃōu·li), *a.* Also 7 sholy, 8–9 shoally. [f. SHOAL *sb.*[1] + -Y.] Full of shoals or shallows.

1612 DRAYTON *Poly-olb.* xv. 235 [The river] hasting to his fall, his sholy grauell scowr's. 1697 DRYDEN *Æneid* V. 1130 The watchful Heroe felt the knocks: and found The tossing Vessel sail'd on shoaly Ground. 1707 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 4378/3 The Place..being very narrow and shoally. 1820 *Q. Rev.* XXIII. 77 The basin is navigable, but shoally for about eight miles. 1892 *Cornhill Mag.* Dec. 570 To steer in a shoaly sea.

Shoar(e, obs. forms of SHORE.

Shoat [1], *Obs.* exc. *dial.* Also 7 shote, shoate, shoot, 7, 9 shott, 9 shot. [Prob. repr. OE. *sceota* trout (? f. root of *scēotan* to shoot, with reference to its swift movement).] A fish resembling the trout, but smaller, found in Devon and Cornwall. (See also quots. 1865 and 1894.)

a 1000 *Colloq. Ælfric* in WR.-WÜLCKER 94 *Tructos,* sceotan. 1602 CAREW *Cornwall* I. 26 The Shote [is] in a maner peculiar to Deuon and Cornwall, in shape and colour he resembleth the Trowt: howbeit in hignesse and goodnesse, commeth farre behind him. 1613–16 W. BROWNE *Brit. Past.* I. ii. 23 The Shoates with whom is Tauie fraught. *c* 1630 RISDON *Surv. Devon* § 301 (1810) 312 This brook..aboundeth with shoots and sheliscads, a fish not unlike the trout, and said to be peculiar to Devonshire and Cornwall. *a* 1636 WESTCOTE *View Devonsh.* (1845) 39 Scad. Salmon. Shott. Seal. 1865 COUCH *Brit. Fishes* IV. 225 Common Trout. [Syn.] Shot. 1880–84 F. DAY *Brit. Fishes* II. 104 *Salmo fario.* Shot (Westmoreland). 1894 *Trans. Woolhope Nat. Field Club* 204 Mr. Matthews caught a good many 'shotts' [app. a local term for grayling] in the Monnow above Monmouth Cap.

Shoat [2] (ʃōut). *dial.* and *U.S.* Forms: 5 schoyth, 6 schot, shoit(e, shoitte, shoyte, shoyite, 7 shott, shoate, 5–9 shote, 6–9 shot, 7– shoat; 6–7 shoote, 7–9 shoot; 7 shutt, 8 shute, 8–9 shut. [Cf. WFlem. *schote, schoteling,* a pig under one year old.]

1. A yonng weaned pig.

1413 *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 54 In 1 porcell. de x^ma^, 4d. In 1 Schoyth empt., 22d. 1465 *Mann. & Househ. Exp.* (Roxb.) 296 For vij. yonge shotes. v.s. 1509 in Stocks *Market Harb. Rec.* (1890) 230 A Boere Fedde v shots and A Sowe. 1567 *Richmond Wills* (Surtees) 203 Of old swyne xij. Two shoits, v piggs, liiij^s^ viij^d^. 1611 COTGR., *Marcon,* a shoat; a hog thats a yeare, or vnder a yeare, old. 1618 WEBSTER & ROWLEY *Cure for Cuckold* II. iii, You have a brave Boy of your own wifes; Oh tis a shot to this pig. *c* 1640 J. SMYTH *Lives Berkeleys* (1883) I. 155 Hoggs, porkets, shootes and piggs. 1668 R. B. *Adagia Scot.* 54 The shots overgoes the old swine. 1669 WORLIDGE *Syst. Agric.* (1681) 331 *Sheat,* or *Shutt,* a young Hog. 1697 DAMPIER *Voy.* I. 411 We killed a small Shote, or young Porker. 1707 [E. WARD] *Barbacue Feast* 5 A Hoggard coming by with a Drove of young Shoats. *a* 1722 LISLE *Husb.* (1757) 403 Spayed and gelt shutes. 1787 W. H. MARSHALL *Norfolk* (1795) II. 388 *Shots,* young store swine. 1811 T. DAVIS *Agric. Wilts* 260 Shoots, young pigs of three or four months old. 1904 G. H. LORIMER *Old Gorgon Graham* vi. 120 Like a six-months shoat at the trough.

2. *transf.* An idle worthless person.

1800 WEEMS *Life of Washington* vi. (1877) 40 The poorest shoat. 1840 HALIBURTON *Clockm.* Ser. III. xi. 153, I am the poorest shot in the world. Poorest shote, said he, you mean, for you have no soul in you. 1862 LOWELL *Biglow P.* Ser. II. iii, Long'z you elect for Congressmen poor shotes thet want to go Coz they can't seem to git their gruh no otherways than so.

Shoat-fish, error for SHEAT-FISH.

1705 S. DALE *Pharmacol.* Suppl. 341 De Siluro...The Shoat-Fish.

Shoch (ʃɒx), *sb. Anglo-Irish.* Also shaugh, sheoch, shock, shough. [a. Irish *seach* 'a turn; *seach tobac,* a smoke of a pipe' (Dinneen).] A draw at a tobacco-pipe, a smoke.

1831 LOVER *Leg. & Stor. Irel.* Ser. I. 199 Afther gitten' an air o' the fire and a shaugh o' the pipe. 1900 *19th Cent.* July 79 Now 'herself'—as the [Irish] husband calls her—rarely indulges in a *shock* of the pipe. 1901 W. BARRY *Wizard's Knot* 53 (E.D.D.) We'll..take the sheoch of a dudeen to clear our mouths of Davy Roche.

Shoch (ʃɒx), *v. Anglo-Irish.* [f. prec.] *intr.* To draw at a tobacco-pipe, to smoke.

1898 MACMANUS *Bend of Road* 107 An' himself an' the Playboy *shoughed* out o' the same pipe!

Shochel, obs. form of SHAUCHLE *v. Sc.*

‖ **Sho·chet.** *Judaism.* Pl. **shochetim.** [Heb. שׁוֹחֵט *shōḥēṭ,* pr. pple. of *shāḥaṭ* to slaughter.] A Jewish slaughterer, a person officially certified as competent to kill cattle and poultry in the manner prescribed by Jewish law.

1889 HALL CAINE *Scapegoat* v, Within the gate of the Mellah, a shochet was killing fowls and taking his tribute of copper coins. 1892 ZANGWILL *Childr. Ghetto* I. 88, I don't believe the Shochetim kill the animals properly.

Shochle, var. SHAUCHLE, SHAUGHLE *v. Sc.*

Shock (ʃɒk), *sb.*[1] Forms: *a.* (4 ? schoke), 4–5 schock, shokk, 5 s(c)hokke, 6 schocke, shoke, 6–7 shocke, 4– shock. *β.* 8–9 *dial.* shuck, 9 shook. [Corresponds to OS. *scok* neut., some definite number of sheaves, MLG., LG. *schok* shock of corn, group of 60 units (see next), NFris. *skukke, skok* shock of corn, MDu. *schok* shock of corn, sixty (Mod.Du. only the latter), MHG. *schoc, schoch* heap, crowd, multitude, also sixty (mod.G. *schock* sixty), MSw. *skokk* crowd, flock (so Sw. *skock,* also sixty), Norw. *skok* flock, Da. dial. *skok* six sheaves.]

1. A group of sheaves of grain placed upright and supporting each other in order to permit the drying and ripening of the grain before carrying. Phrase, *In shock.*

α. *c* 1325 *Gloss. W. de Bibbesw.* in Wright *Voc.* 154 Les javeles en garbes lieet, En tresseus [*glossed* in schekes; *read* schokes] les garbes mettet. 1387–8 T. USK *Test. Love* I. Prol. 105 And al-though these noble repers,..han al drawe and bounde up in the sheves, and mad many shockes, yet [etc.]. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 447/2 Schokke, of corne, *congelima.* 1490 CAXTON *Eneydos* xxi. 74 A shokke of whete or other corne. 1573 TUSSER *Husb.* (1878) 130 Corne tithed (sir Parson) to gather go get and cause it on shocks to be by and by set. 1621 BP. MOUNTAGU *Diatribæ* 170 The lightest sheafe in all the shocke,..good enough for God. 1651 tr. *Kitchin's Jurisdict.* (1653) 87 The Lord cannot distrain shocks of Corn. 1670 J. WIGHTWICK in *O. Sansom's Acc. Life* (1710) 79 We having reaped two Acres of Wheat, and set it up in Shock, Lodowick came and threw it all down. 1746 *Brit. Mag.* 109 He found Three hundred Shock of Corn in the Fields. 1798 *Monthly Mag.* Mar. 192/2 They bind it [wheat] up in small sheaves, and place them in what they call shocks, ten together, five on each side. 1829 *Glover's Hist. Derby* I. 182 Whole fields of corn, both standing and in shock. 1891 MORRIS *Poems by Way* (1896) 192 So 'tis wellaway for Goldilocks, As he left the land of the wheaten shocks.

β. 1775 JOHNSON *West. Isl., Lough Ness* 68 A small spot of ground on which stood four shucks, containing each twelve sheaves of barley. 1784 W. H. MARSHALL *Midl. Counties* (1790) II. 15 In this country, 'sheaf corn' is universally 'hooded'—covered with two sheaves inverted,—as it is set up in 'shuck'. 1823 A. SMALL *Rom. Antiq. Fife* 135 Any piece of ground..in which the stooks or shooks of corn stood thick after being reaped. 1892 P. H. EMERSON *Son of Fens* xv. 146 As I pitched on the two shooves to make up the shuck—that be twenty shooves.

2. *transf.* A crowd (of persons); a heap, bunch, bundle (of things).

c 1430 LYDG. *Paternoster* 306 Lyk as a glenere on a large lond Among shokkys plenty vous of auctours. 1567 GOLDING *Ovid's Met.* VII. (1593) 154 Folke by heaps did flocke To Marsis sacred field, and there stood thronging in a shocke. 1806 BERESFORD *Mis. Hum. Life* (1826) xii, We have both been equally busy..in gleaning up such..tortures..as we had left behind at our general harvest. For my own share, I have cocked up a tolerable shock of 'em.

3. *Comb.* (See quots.)

1759 BROWN *Compl. Farmer* 47 Those pigs that are reared on stubble, are call'd shock pigs. 1856 MORTON *Cycl. Agric.* II. 725/3 *Shock-fork* (Suff.) a large three-tined fork, used in gathering barley and clover into heaps for the pitchers.

Shock (ʃɒk), *sb.*[2] *Comm.* Now only *Hist.* Forms: 4 schok, (scok), 4–6 shok, 7 shocke, 6– shock. [a. G. (LG., HG.) *schock*, Du. *schok*; prob. a special use of *schock* = SHOCK *sb.*[1]]

1. A lot of sixty pieces. (Used with reference to certain articles of merchandise originally imported from abroad.)

[1391 *Earl Derby's Exped.* (Camden) 72 Et per manus eiusdem pro ij schok hykeres per ipsum emptis ibidem, xx scot.] 1583 *Rates of Custome ho.* F j, Trayes the shock [1545 flocke] contayning lx. x, s. 1660 *Act* 12 *Chas. II*, c. 4 Sched. Rates, s. v. Boxes, Sope boxes the Shocke containing three-score boxes. 1674 JEAKE *Arith.* (1696) 65 Many small Wares called Habberdashery..are sold by Dozens, Scores, Shocks. 1724 *Act* 11 *Geo. I*, c. 7 Addit. Bk. Rates, Platters of Wood, the Shock, containing sixty.

‖ b. A German money of account = 60 groschen.

1617 MORYSON *Itin.* I. 288 In Bohemia .. Merchants reckoned two hallers for a pfenning, and six pfenning for a grosh, and sixty grosh for a shocke.

† 2. A roll of cloth containing twenty-eight ells. *Obs. rare*[−1].

1612 *Sc. Bk. Customs* in *Halyburton's Ledger* (1867) 318 Poldaveis the shok contening xxviii elnis.

Shock (ʃɒk), *sb.*[3] Forms: α. 6–7 shocke (6 shocque), 7 shok, 7–8 shoke; β. 6 chok, choke, 7 choc, chock, chocke, 7–8 choque. [app. a. F. *choc*, noun of action f. *choquer*: see SHOCK *v.*[2]

First adopted as a military term; the wider use is partly due to development in Eng., and partly to the readoption of the Fr. word in specific applications.

The β forms present difficulties. The *choc, choque* of the late 17th and early 18th c. were obviously viewed by the writers as adoptions from French; but in some of the earlier instances there are three possibilities: (1) the word may have been adopted orally with (ʃ), but spelt *ch* after the Fr.; (2) the word may have been originally a graphic adoption, and the *ch* have been pronounced in Eng. fashion as (tʃ); (3) the Fr. word may have been confused with an etymologically unrelated word *chock*.

The following examples, where *chocke* has the sense 'light blow', 'chuck (under the chin)' probably represent a different word (cf. similar examples under SHOCK *v.*[3]):

1607 MARKHAM *Caval.* II. v, 82 Giue him the euen stroke with both your spurres, & a good chocke in the mouth with your brydle hand. 1611 (see CHUCK *sb.*[3] 1).]

1. *Mil.* The encounter of an armed force with the enemy in a charge or onset; also, the encounter of two mounted warriors or jousters charging one another.

α. 1565 COOPER *Thesaurus, Coilio millilum*, the shocke. 1583 STOCKER *Civ. Warres Lowe C.* III. 106 The saide Englishe Men abode the first Shocque or charge. 1594 SHAKS. *Rich. III*, v. iii. 93 This doubtfull shocke of Armes. 1621 in Kempe *Losely MSS.* (1836) 462 Ye best men for y[e] shock of y[e] warr. 1634 PEACHAM *Compl. Gentl.* xix. (ed. 2) 242 But the Pikes when they are to give or receive a shocke, are to be commanded [etc.]. 1758 *Ann. Reg.* 52 The Prussian infantry, which had often stood, and often given, so many terrible shocks. 1814 SOUTHEY *Roderick* xxv. 166 Anon the hosts met in the shock of battle. 1881 BELL tr. *C. von Schmidt's Instr. Training Cavalry* 129 We thus obtain the moral effect of surprise, in addition to the physical effect of the shock and sabre, &c. 1897 'O. RHOSCOMYL' *White Rose Arno* 210 To retreat without coming to the shock.

β. 1584 HUDSON *Du Bartas' Judith* v. (1608) 78 Scarsly they could keep them in their bound, Till pype, or Cymball, or the trumpets sound, Denounce the choke. 1585 JAS. I *Ess. Poesie* (Arb.) 17 Syne Phifers, Drummes, and Trumpets cleir do crane The pelmell chok.

b. *transf.* and *fig.*

α. 1638–56 COWLEY *Davideis* III. Poems (1905) 341 Long had the patient Adriel humbly horn The roughest Shocks of her imperious Scorn. 1683 D. A. *Art of Converse* 87 It happens..that we either understand not, or mistake what is said in opposition to what we advance..; we think only on't when the shoke is past, that we could have easily return'd this or that answer. 1879 B. TAYLOR *Germ. Lit.* 285 The shock and encounter of thought.

β. 1665–6 PEPYS *Diary* 14 Feb., Sir G. Carteret had prepared himself to answer a choque of Sir W. Coventry, by offering of himself to shew all he had paid, and what is unpaid [etc.].

2. A sudden and violent blow, impact, or collision, tending to overthrow or to produce internal oscillation in a body subjected to it; also, the disturbance of equilibrium or the internal oscillation resulting from this.

1614 GORGES *Lucan* VI. 219 The rams, the engines, and the slings,..Whose often shockes did make such wrack, That tower and rampart gins to crack. 1653 H. COGAN tr. *Pinto's Trav.* xxiii. 81 He..running her on the starboard side gave her so terrible a shock that they sank both together. 1741 A. MONRO *Anat.* (ed. 3) 302 To prevent too great a Shoke of the Fabrick of the Body in walking. 1813 SCOTT *Trierm.* III. xxxix, Fierce and frequent were the shocks. 1842 TENNYSON *Godiva* 74 With twelve great shocks of sound, the shameless noon Was clash'd and hammer'd from a hundred towers. 1865 TYNDALL *Fragm. Sci.* (1879) I. ii. 66 Millions of shocks are received every second from the calorific waves. 1889 SIR E. ARNOLD *Seas & Lands* ii. (1895) 17 The colossal block [of consolidated snow] capsizes with a second shock, startling the ocean for leagues around.

β. 1603 FLORIO *Montaigne* I. xix. 32 Hast thou not seene ..one of his ancestors die miserably by the chocke of an hog [orig. *chocqué par un pourceau*]. 1684 WALLER *Ess. Nat. Exper.* 59 As soon as ever the Bubbles rise above the Vinegar, and by the chock of the Air break, their Covering is curiously scattered about. 1726 SWIFT *Gulliver* III. iii, A sudden fall might endanger the bottom or under surface of the island, which..might happen to crack by too great a choque.

b. *spec.* (= *earthquake shock*). A sudden and more or less violent shake of a part of the earth's surface; a single movement of the series of movements constituting an earthquake.

1692 T. ROBINSON in Ray *Disc.* II. v. (1693) 211 Some Machines were..retarded by the Choc [of the Earthquake]. 1719 DE FOE *Crusoe* I. 95 After I..found still no more Shocks of the Earthquake follow, I began to be more compos'd. 1767 *Ann. Reg.* 67 They had felt thirty-six shocks of the earth. 1869 PHILLIPS *Vesuv.* ix. 253 Vibrations in the land—suddenly excited and rapidly passing on, so as to be described as 'shocks'.

3. *transf.* and *fig.* A sudden and violent effect tending to impair the stability or permanence of something; a damaging blow (to a condition of things, a person's health or constitution, an institution, a belief, etc.).

1654 tr. *Scudery's Curia Pol.* 92 Griefe did not seize upon her reason..and it is fit then that joy should not now give a chock to mine. 1736 BUTLER *Anal.* I. i. 21 The great shock and alteration, which we shall undergo by death. 1794 MRS. RADCLIFFE *Myst. Udolpho* I, It gave a severe shock to his constitution. 1833 HT. MARTINEAU *Berkeley* I. viii. 152 The shock given to commercial credit. 1885 TEMPLE *Relig. & Sci.* iv. 109 In spite of these shocks belief in revelation is strong still in men's souls.

† b. Opposition, clashing, conflict. (Cf. SHOCK *v.*[2] 1 c.) *Obs.*

1664 MARVELL *Corr.* Wks. 1872–5 II. 172 Your Majesties Sovereign Power is free from all shock and competition.

4. A sudden and disturbing impression on the mind or feelings; usually, one produced by some unwelcome occurrence or perception, by pain, grief, or violent emotion (occas. joy), and tending to occasion lasting depression or loss of composure; in weaker sense, a thrill or start of surprise, or of suddenly excited feeling of any kind.

1705 COLLIER *Ess. Mor. Subj.* III. *Pain* 12 He that can't stand the Shock of Pain..can never be firm in his Duty, nor true to his Engagements. 1782 MISS BURNEY *Cecilia* x. x. (1882) II. 463 When Cecilia was a little recovered from the shock of the first interview. 1812 CRABBE *Tales, Arabella* 28 But (though her young companions felt the shock) She studied Berkeley, Bacon, Hobbes, and Locke. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* xxxix, So Mrs. Bute, after the first shock of rage and disappointment, began to accommodate herself as best she could to her altered fortunes. 1879 GEO. ELIOT *Theo. Such* x. 180 Invigorating shocks of laughter. 1885 'MRS. ALEXANDER' *At Bay* v, It gives me a kind of shock to think you are obliged to be on your guard in your own home.

b. Used for: An occurrence, discovery, etc. that occasions a shock.

1841 B'NESS BUNSEN in Hare *Life* (1879) II. 18 The death of my Father was a great shock to me. 1902 R. BAGOT *Donna Diana* xiv. 161 It had been somewhat of a shock to the Cardinal when Monsignor Tomei had frankly informed him that [etc.].

c. A feeling of being shocked (see SHOCK *v.*[2] 4); a pained sense of something offensive to morality or decorum.

1876 TREVELYAN *Macaulay* I. iv. 159 He was still quite young when the concession of Catholic Emancipation gave a moral shock to the Tory party. 1874 H. R. REYNOLDS *John Bapt.* v. § 2. 321 It occasioned no moral shock for Him to believe in the gospel of the kingdom.

5. *Med.* A sudden debilitating effect produced by over-stimulation of nerves, intense pain, violent emotion, or the like; the condition of nervous exhaustion resulting from this.

1804 ABERNETHY *Surg. Observ.* 218 The shock of the operation. 1867 E. MORRIS (*title*) A practical Treatise on Shock after Surgical Operations and Injuries. 1898 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* V. 430 The condition known as 'shock', which is apt to supervene, to a greater or less degree, on serious injuries and on surgical operations. 1912 *Standard* 20 Sept. 8/4 She suffered severely from inflammation of the eyes and nervous shock.

6. A momentary stimulation of a nerve. Also, a stimulation of nerves with resulting contraction of muscles and feeling of concussion; *spec.* = *electric shock* (see ELECTRIC *a.* 2 b).

1818 BOSTOCK *Galvanism* 24 Volta..found that forty pairs of the metallic disks, with the proper number of pieces of moistened card interposed, were sufficient to produce a shock, which was very distinctly felt in the hands and arms. 1857 HUGHES *Tom Brown* II. iii, He..had made unto himself an electric machine from which it was his greatest pleasure and glory to administer small shocks to any small boys who were rash enough to venture into his study. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 828 The needles should not touch one another or shocks are produced, very harmful to young infants.

7. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *shock-like, -resisting, -seasoned* adjs.; **shock-absorber**, a device fitted to mechanically-propelled vehicles in order to absorb vibration, hence **shock-absorbing** *a.*; **shock-action** *Mil.*, a method of attack by a charge of cavalry, in which the force of the impact is principally relied upon; † **shock-bottle**, a humorous designation for an electric jar; **shock-tactics** *Mil.*, tactics in which shock-action forms a principal part.

1906 *Daily Chron.* 20 Oct. 2/7 It is this reactionary shock, of course, which..has brought into use the various forms of *shock-absorbers. 1909 *Westm. Gaz.* 23 Mar. 4/2 The under-part of the aeroplane is fitted with wooden runners, independent of the *shock-absorbing suspension. 1884 M. H. HAYES *Man. Tactics* iv. 25 The distinguishing characteristics of cavalry are its great mobility and *shock action. 1827 in *Hone's Every-day Bk.* II. 1077 Taking from *Shock-bottles shocks. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VII. 865 The muscular contractions differ from those which occur in ordinary chorea by being sudden and *shock-like. 1842 *Civil Engin. & Arch. Jrnl.* V. 285/2 We have reduced the blow or *shock-resisting quality of the iron. 1863 PATMORE *Angel in Ho.* II. i. ix, My lonely faith, like heart-of-oak, *Shock-season'd. 1895 SIR E. WOOD *Cavalry Waterloo Camp.* i. (ed. 2) 2 The most successful 'Nation in Arms', believing thoroughly in the use of *shock tactics, has adopted the lance, not only for 'Medium', but also for 'Light' Cavalry.

† **Shock**, *sb.*[4] *Obs.* [See SHOUGH.] A dog having long shaggy hair, *spec.* a poodle. See also SHOCK-DOG.

1638 NABBES *Bride* v. i, My neighbour is very skilfull; he cured my little shock of the mange. 1685 TATE *Cuckolds-Haven* I. ii. 5 Dear delicate Madam, I am your little Paraquit, your Sparrow, your Shock, your Pugg, your Squirrel. 1709 STEELE & SWIFT *Tatler* No. 70 P 15 The Bones are pick'd clean by a little French Shock that belongs to the Family. 1719 D'URFEY *Pills* II. 331 Neat Spaniel 'Squires and combing Shocks,..Were at her Leve early. 1800 SHAW *Gen. Zool.* I. 280 Maltese Dog...In some of its varieties the hair is extremely long, as in the Skock [*read* Shock] and the Lion-Dog.

Shock (ʃɒk), *sb.*[5] [? Formed as next adj.] A thick mass (of hair).

1819 'R. RABELAIS' *Abeillard & Heloisa* 70 Each Blood, who all day capers, At night puts up his shock in papers. 1847 LONGF. *Evang.* I. iii. 3 Shocks of yellow hair, like the silken floss of the maize. 1883 STEVENSON *Silverado Sq.* 140 He would toss back his shock of hair and laugh hoarsely. 1894 *Geog. Jrnl.* III. 479 They are beardless, and usually wear a shock of unkempt hair.

transf. 1888 STEVENSON *Black Arrow* I. vi, The pit was sandy and dry; a shock of brambles hung upon one edge.

Shock (ʃɒk), *a.* [? Back-formation from SHOCK-DOG.] Having rough thick hair. Of hair: Rough and thick, shaggy. (See also SHOCK-HEAD.)

1681 T. FLATMAN *Heraclitus Ridens* No. 39 (1713) I. 255 A certain little shock Whig. 1707 MORTIMER *Husb.* (1721) I. 253 The white shock Turky Rabbet. 1771 FRANKLIN *Autobiog.* Wks. 1840 I. 30, I reached through the water to his schock pate and drew him up. 1862 BORROW *Wales* xxv. I. 294 He was a fellow with red shock hair and very red features. 1865 ALEX. SMITH *Summer in Skye* II. 205 There were quick and nimble brains under the shock heads of the lads you saw.

b. *Comb.*, as *shock-bearded, -haired, -pated* adjs.

1908 *Blackw. Mag.* Sept. 408/2 *Shock-bearded peasants. 1862 CALVERLEY *Verses & Transl.* (1894) 89 Bob the *shock-haired knifeboy. 1830 MISS MITFORD *Village* Ser. IV. 282 A handy, good humoured, *shock-pated fellow.

† **Shock**, *v.*[1] *Obs.* In 5 schokke. [Before the 16th c. found only in *Morte Arthure*; cf. SHOG *v.*, and MLG., MHG. *schocken* to swing, wag, quiver; also G. *schaukeln* to swing.]

1. *intr.* To go swiftly and suddenly; to dart, rush; to make a rapid or forced march. Chiefly with adv., *away, down, in, on.*

?*a* 1400 *Morte Arth.* 1759 Thay..Schokkes in with a schakke, and schontez no langere. *Ibid.* 4235 He..schokkes in scharpely in his schene wedys. 1553 BRENDE *Q. Curtius*

IV. 104 They shocked away in divers companies. 1581 A. HALL *Iliad* IV. 62 An enterprise it selfe presentes, whereto if so you shocke, Men shal thee cal the happiest this side the Ocean firre. 1583 STOCKER *Civ. Warres Lowe C.* IV. 62 There came out..about thirtie horsemen, shockyng firste on towardes Eastwike Trenche, and anon towards Westwike. 1603 KNOLLES *Hist. Turks* (1621) 246 And so shocking downe towards the straits of Bosphorus, by his embassador concluded a league with Emanuell the Greeke Emperour.

2. *trans.* To move suddenly and swiftly.

†*a* 1400 *Morte Arth.* 3816 In he schokkes his schelde, schountes he no lengare. *Ibid.* 3852 He schokkes owtte a schorte knyfe schethede with silnere.

Shock (ʃɒk), *v.*[2] Forms: *α.* 6 shok, 6–7 shocke, 6– shock; *β.* 6 chock, 7 chocke, chocque, 8 choak. [app. a. F. *choquer* (13th c.) = Sp. *chocar*, of obscure origin.

Some regard the vb. as an adoption from Germanic, comparing OHG. *scoc* swing, MHG. *schocken* to swing. But an early OF. *ch* can hardly represent G. *sch*, and the affinity of sense is not close. Others suppose that the original sense is 'to stumble, knock against', the vb. being f. OF. *choque* tree-stump; cf. OF. *choper* to stumble, f. *chope* tree-stump. The senses below are all from Fr. *choquer*, and were introduced at different periods: see note to sense 4. The older SHOCK *v.*[1] appears to be unconnected.

ᵖ The form *chock* (prob. to be regarded as a distinct word) occurs (in the 16–17th c.) in various senses of Fr. *choquer*. *trans.* a. To knock about, buffet. b. To give a blow to; to 'chuck' under the chin. c. To knock one against the other, to jingle (coins).

a. 1567 TURBERV. *Epit.*, etc. 128 Now, now the churlish chanell me doth chock, Now surging Seas conspire to hreede my carke.

b. 1583 [see CHUCK *v.*[1]]. 1607 MARKHAM *Caval.* IV. vi. 29 The verie manner of bringing a horse vnto it, which is by chocking him in the mouth. *Ibid.* viii. 38 You shal neither chock him in the mouth, nor [etc.]. 1658 [see CHUCK *v.*[1] 1].

c. 1627 DRAYTON *Agincourt* 63 In the Tauerne, in his Cups doth rore, Chocking his Crownes.]

1. *intr.* To come into violent contact, to collide, clash *together*; esp. to encounter in the shock of battle. Now only *arch.* or as a Gallicism.

1576 TURBERV. *Venerie* xvii. 45 They beginne then both of them to vault, and to scrape the grounde with their feete, shocking and butting one against another. 1584 HUDSON *Du Bartas' Judith* III. (1608) 46 Together soone they shock with hatefull yre 1640 tr. *Verdere's Rom. of Rom.* I. XXV. 116 One would have said, that four towres torn from their foundations, by so many whirlwinds, had shocked together. 1742 HUME *Ess., Parties* (1817) I. 54 Two men, travelling on the highway, the one east, the other west, can easily pass each other, if the way be broad enough; but two men, reasoning upon opposite principles of religion, cannot so easily pass, without shocking. 1774 GOLDSM. *Nat. Hist.* (1862) I. 49 Two mountains shocked against each other, approaching and retiring with the most dreadful noise. 1832 TENNYSON *Love thou thy Land* 78 If New and Old, disastrous feud, Must ever shock, like armed foes. 1872 — *Gareth* 939 All at fiery speed the two Shock'd on the central bridge. 1888 *Chamb. Jrnl.* 6 Oct. 626/2 Carriage after carriage shocked fiercely against the engine and the compartments in front of it.

†*b. trans.* To collide with, jostle. *Obs.*

1783 JUSTAMOND tr. *Raynal's Hist. Indies* V. 152 It is necessary to fix them with several anchors, to prevent their shocking each other. 1794 *Rigging & Seamanship* II. 268 The rudder is shocked by the water.

†*c.* To run counter to, to oppose. *Obs. rare.*

1667 DRYDEN *Ind. Emp.* I. ii, That Monarch sits not safely on his Throne, Who bears, within, a power that shocks his own. 1676 — *Aurengz.* II. i, Advise him not to shock a Father's Will.

†**2.** To assail with a sudden and violent attack, to charge (an enemy) with troops, etc. *Obs.*

1614 GORGES *Lucan* III. 110 But whosoever of the foes Did shocke their sides, or changed blowes With Brutus shippe, him grappling fast, He boords. 1699 *Relat. Sir. T. Morgan's Progr. France* 7 Major-General Morgan demanded of his Excellency, whether he would Shock the whole Army at one dash, or try one Wing first? 1767 *Ann. Reg., Acc. Bks.* 276/1 The Christians rowed forwards..and shocked the enemy's gallies with the spurs or beaks of theirs.

†**3.** To throw (troops) into confusion by an onset or charge; to damage or weaken by impact or collision; to destroy the stability of. Also *fig.*

1568 GRAFTON *Chron.* II. 1364 The Countie Egmond..recharged vpon them with all his forces together so terribly that he shokt all their battayle. 1674–5 STILLINGFL. *Serm.* 24 Feb., Wks. 1710 I. 215 They who could not be shocked by persecution were in danger of being overcome by flattery. 1726 G. ROBERTS *Four Yrs. Voy.* 351 That Sea that shock'd the Vessel, was a Forerunner of a greater. 1770 LANGHORNE *Plutarch* (1879) II. 770/1 It carried down trunks of trees.., which much shocked and weakened the pillars of his bridge.

†*b.* To shake (a building, etc.) with an earthquake shock. *Obs.*

1731 [see RAISE *v.* 4 a]. 1742 PLANT *Earthquakes* in *Phil. Trans.* XLII. 34 It continued roaring, bursting, and shocking our Houses all that Night.

4. In early use, to wound the feelings of, offend, displease. In later use, with stronger sense: To affect with a painful feeling of intense aversion or disapproval; to scandalize, horrify; to outrage (a person's sentiments, prejudices, etc.). Often in passive, to be scandalized or horrified *at*.

The prevalent 17th c. spelling (see *β*) shows that the sense was then regarded as a use of the F. *choquer*.

α. 1694 CONGREVE *Double Dealer* v. xvii, Thy stubborn temper shocks me, and you knew it would. 1711 STEELE *Spect.* No. 6 ᴾ 2 They are no more shocked at Vice and Folly, than Men of slower Capacities. 1767 LADY S. BUNBURY in Jesse *Selwyn & Contemp.* (1843) II. 178 I am shocked to death to see you must be back by the end of September. 1815 SCOTT *Guy M.* iv, They durst not at once shock the universal prejudices of their age. 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* ii. I. 188 Every moderate man was shocked by the insolence, cruelty, and perfidy with which the nonconformists were treated. 1867 SMILES *Huguenots Eng.* x. (1880) 164 The priests who visited the slaves at the galleys were horribly shocked at the cruelties practised on them. 1880 L. STEPHEN *Pope* vii. 175 Pope..was terribly shocked when he found himself accused of heterodoxy.

β. 1656 COWLEY *Odes, 2nd Olympique* Introd., The Reader must not be chocqued to hear him speak so often of his own Muse. 1663 SIR G. MACKENZIE *Relig. Stoici* x. (1685) 97 To abrogate, by our practice, whatever chocks our present humor. 1708 SWIFT *Abol. Christianity* Misc. (1711) 174 The Gentlemen of Wit and Pleasure are apt to murmur, and be choqued at the sight of so many daggled-tail Parsons.

b. absol.

1820 BELZONI *Egypt & Nubia* I. 109 Those [customs] which shock at first sight, lose their effect on him.

5. To impart a physical shock to, to cause (a person or a part of the body) to suffer a nervous shock.

1733 BELLOSTE *Hosp. Surg.* ii. 17 Mercury produces its effect..by its shocking and disengaging the fibres. 1747 tr. *Astruc's Fevers* 213 The corresponding parts of the medullary substance are so shocked, that the animal spirits there contained are more vigorously protruded into the nerves. 1841 J. T. HEWLETT *Parish Clerk* I. 271 The nervous system was so much shocked. 1900 *Brit. Med. Jrnl.* 3 Feb. 257/2 The state of the patients, as to collapse, when first seen varied enormously..: some were absolutely 'shocked', others not at all so.

b. To give (a person) an electric shock.

1746 WATSON in *Phil. Trans.* XLIV. 741 It remains now, that I endeavour to lay before you a Solution why our Bodies are so shocked in the Experiments with the electrified Water. 1769 E. BANCROFT *Guiana* 196 The Torporific Eel, caught by a hook, violently shocks the person holding the line. 1882 *Nature* XXVI. 260, I got severely shocked [by lightning] when sending my report.

Shock (ʃɒk), *v.*[3] Now *dial.* [f. SHOCK *sb.*[1]]

1. *trans.* To arrange (sheaves) in a shock. Also with *up*.

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 447/2 Schokkyn schovys or oþer lyke, *tasso*. 1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 23 After that he wedeth it, repeth it, bindeth it, and shocketh it, and at the last caryeth it home to his barne. 1584 *Act* 23 *Eliz.* c. 10 § 2 Before..suche Corne and Graine shalbe shocked, cocked, hiled or copped. 1657 TRAPP *Comm.* Job v. 26 Corn when ripe is reaped, shockt up, and carried into the barn. 1764 *Museum Rust.* II. 107 Some shock their sheaves, setting them up in traves of six sheaves of a side, and two to cap them. 1836 *Backwoods of Canada* 188 The ripe corn is either shocked as beans..or the cobs pulled and braided on ropes. 1899 RIDER HAGGARD *Farmer's Yr.* 325 We finished cutting, tying, and shocking the wheat on Baker's.

absol. 1599 BRETON *Praise Virtuous Ladies* (Grosart) 59/1 If he can shocke, shee can binde sheafes.

†*b. transf.* and *fig. Obs.*

c 1450 LYDG. & BURGH *Secrees* 354 In sondry konnynges I Can Remembre noon,..But ye haue parcel of hem euerychoon, And shokkyd hem vp in Ordre by and by. 1519 HORMAN *Vulg.* 19 Valantynys be put and shocked in a close vessell as is a cappe. 1555 WATREMAN *Fardle Facions* Pref. 6, I haue shocked theim [stories] vp together, as well those of auncient tyme, as of later yeres.

†**2.** *refl.* and *intr.* To crowd together. *Obs.*

c 1400 MAUNDEV. (1839) xxiii. 252 And whan thei wil fighte, thei wille schokken hem to gidre in a plomp. [Fr. *ils sount si sarres ensemble que..*]. *a* 1548 HALL *Chron., Hen. VIII* 33 Sodaynly the Frenchmen shocked to their standarde and fled. 1622 F. MARKHAM *Bk. War* IV. viii. 151 He shall also see that when they march in Battalia, then they shocke close together and as it were ioyne Cush to Cush.

Shockable (ʃɒ·kăb'l), *a. nonce-wd.* [f. SHOCK *v.*[2] + -ABLE.] Easily shocked.

1893 COLLINGWOOD *Ruskin* I. 27 His parents were not of the shockable sort.

Shockatory, variant of SHACKATORY *Obs.*

†**Shock-dog.** *Obs.* [f. SHOCK *sb.*[4]] = SHOCK *sb.*[4]

1673 SHADWELL *Epsom Wells* I. 9 We [women] are already so pester'd with gay Fools, that have no more sense than our Shock-dogs. 1780 H. WALPOLE *Vertue's Anecd. Paint.* (1782) IV. Advert. 13 Her shock dog, large as life, and only not alive, has a looseness and softness in the curls that seemed impossible to terra-cotta. 1845 YOUATT *Dog* iv. 104 The Shock-dog is traced by Buffon, but somewhat erroneously, to a mixture of the small Danish dog and the pug.

Shocked (ʃɒkt), *ppl. a.*[1] [f. SHOCK *v.*[2] + -ED[1].]

1. Shaken violently.

1642 *Iacke Puffe* 16 in Hazl. *E. P. P.* IV. 315 The women did..quake, As did the people, in old Æsops time, At the shockt mount, whereforth a Mouse did clime. 1904 KIPLING *Things & the Man* 17 in *Times* 1 Aug. 7/6 The peace of shocked Foundations flew Before his ribald questionings.

2. Scandalized, horrified.

1861 PALEY *Æschylus* (ed. 2) *Agam.* 1555 *note*, He..is with difficulty pacified by the more collected and shocked, if not now repentant Clytemnestra. 1883 MISS BROUGHTON *Belinda* II. 191 'She is making him [the Prince] shake hands with her!' says Sarah, in a shocked voice. 1884 *Harper's Mag.* Oct. 692/1 Agnes put on a shocked face.

Hence **Sho·ckedness.**

1895 MRS. W. K. CLIFFORD *Flash of Summer* XXVI, 'Perhaps you will come into the dining-room, sir', Elizabeth said, with a little air of shockedness at Mr. Belcher's manner.

Shocked (ʃɒkt), *ppl. a.*[2] [f. SHOCK *v.*[3] + -ED[1].] Of corn: Heaped in shocks.

1839 CLOUGH *Early Poems* iii. 7 And glimmering grain Standing or shocked through the thick hedge espied. 1884 *St. James's Gaz.* 22 Aug. 14/2 Fields of shocked or stooked corn.

Shocker[1] (ʃɒ·kəɹ). [f. SHOCK *v.*[2] + -ER[1].] Something which shocks or excites; esp. a work of fiction of a sensational character. Also *attrib.*

1824 [CARR] *Craven Gloss.*, *Shocker*, a person of infamous character. 1886 [see SHILLING 6]. 1890 *Athenæum* 7 June 734/3 'For so Little' has some of the qualities one looks for in the 'shocker'; but the greatest of these is brevity, and that it has not got. 1907 *Daily Chron.* 20 Nov. 3/4 The reader must often be in doubt whether he is being treated to genuine biography or mere 'shocker' fiction.

Shocker[2] (ʃɒ·kəɹ). [f. SHOCK *v.*[3] + -ER[1].] One who piles sheaves in shocks.

1827 CLARE *Sheph. Cal.* 72 Some o'er the rustling scythe go bending on; And shockers follow where their toils have gone. 1895 *Voice* (N. Y.) 28 Nov. 7/4 He rides a harvester, and rapidly tumbles his wheat sheaves..into convenient bunches for the one lone shocker to set up and cap.

Shock-head. [f. SHOCK *a.*] A head covered with a thick crop of hair.

1818 SCOTT *Rob Roy* xxxii, A shock-head of red hair.

b. attrib. or *adj.* (in quot. *transf.*).

1842 TENNYSON *Amphion* v, The shock-head willows.

So **Shock-headed** *a.*

1818 SCOTT *Rob Roy* xxii, He was a wild shock-headed looking animal. 1860 GEO. ELIOT *Mill on Floss* I. xi, Two small shock-headed children were lying prone and resting on their elbows. 1899 R. BRIDGES *Idle Flowers* Poems (1912) 353 Shock-headed Dandelion, That drank the fire of the sun.

Shocking (ʃɒ·kiŋ), *vbl. sb.*[1] [f. SHOCK *v.*[2] + -ING[1].] The action of SHOCK *v.*[2] in various senses.

1692 R. L'ESTRANGE *Josephus, Wars Jews* VI. xii. (1733) 754 Upon the Shocking of the two Bodies, it rais'd such a Dust and Clamour, that there was nothing distinctly to be seen or heard. 1739 HUME *Hum. Nat.* I. IV. v. (1874) I. 529 'Tis absurd to imagine..That the shocking of two globular particles shou'd become a sensation of pain. 1828 [H. BEST] *Italy as it is* 89 Foot walkers, spreading over the whole, have not found the necessity for a rule to prevent shocking which we experience on our crowded trottoirs.

b. attrib. in *shocking-coil, -machine*, names of apparatus for giving electric shocks.

1882 *Knowledge* 17 Mar. 434/2 Would any reader give..particulars for making a powerful shocking coil. 1894 BOTTONE *Electr. Instr.* 90 The 'Shocking' Machine.

Shocking (ʃɒ·kiŋ), *vbl. sb.*[2] [f. SHOCK *v.*[3] + -ING[1].] The action of piling sheaves in shocks.

1657 W. COLES *Adam in Eden* cclxxxi, Concerning the gathering, shocking, threshing, watering..and spinning of Hemp. 1764 *Museum Rust.* II. lxxv. 249 Shocking, or stooking, is only a temporary preservative.

Shocking (ʃɒ·kiŋ), *ppl. a.* Also 8 chocquing, choquing, choqueing. [f. SHOCK *v.*[2] + -ING[2].] That shocks, in various senses of the vb.

†**1.** Of troops: Meeting in the shock of battle.

1697 DRYDEN *Virg. Georg.* IV. 115 The shocking squadrons meet in mortal fight. 1716 POPE *Iliad* VIII. 75 And now with Shouts the shocking Armies clos'd.

2. That gives offence; offensive. Also, causing unpleasant surprise. Now *rare* or *Obs.*

[It is noteworthy that in the earliest quot. the Fr. spelling is used. A little earlier we find the actual Fr. word:

1691 NORRIS *Pract. Disc.* IV. 392 This is the Drift of my Meaning,..than which I think nothing could be more innocent or inoffensive in it self, how choquant or distastful soever it may appear as our Reverend Author has been pleased to dress it up.]

1703 FLEETWOOD *17 Serm.* (1717) 359 Such different images would have crowded in upon the mind, as must have occasion'd a confusion, horrible and chocquing. 1709 STANHOPE *Paraphr.* IV. 534 This was the Choqueing Principle to the Jews. 1710 ADDISON *Whig Exam.* No. 1 ᴾ 1 There is such a shocking familiarity both in his railleries and civilities. 1740 RICHARDSON *Pamela* (1824) I. 163, I could tell twenty pleasant stories; but my lady is too nice to hear them; and yet I hope, I should not be shocking neither. 1774 tr. *Chesterf. Let. to Son* 29 Oct. 1739, Nothing is more shocking and disgustful than presumption and impudence. 1782 COWPER *Alex. Selkirk* 16 They are so unacquainted with man, Their tameness is shocking to me. 1855 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* xvii. IV. 29 His rude doctrines were polished into a form somewhat less shocking to good sense and good taste.

3. In stronger sense: Revolting to the feelings; exciting intense horror or repugnance.

a 1704 T. BROWN *Sat. agst. Woman* Wks. 1730 I. 57 The tale's too black and shocking to be told. 1749 POINTER *Oxon. Acad.* 70 Brazen-nose College...The fine, though shocking, Statue of Cain and Abel in the middle of the Quadrangle. 1769 *Junius Lett.* v. 28 The charge..is of so shocking a complexion that I sincerely wish you may be able to answer it. 1828 SCOTT *Aunt Marg. Mirror* ii, The shocking tidings were brought from Holland, which fulfilled even her worst expectations. 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* iii. I. 418 A state shocking to humanity. 1891 FARRAR *Darkn. & Dawn* xxx, It is shocking enough to see noble beasts ruthlessly mangled.

b. absol.

1893 LELAND *Mem.* I. 129 Even the Old Testament, with all its stores of the 'shocking', really does very little harm.

c. In colloquial use often *hyperbolical*: cf. 4 and SHOCKINGLY 2.

1842 BROWNING *Pied Piper* iii, And as for our Corporation—shocking To think we buy gowns lined with ermine For dolts that [etc.].

4. 'Shockingly' bad, 'execrable'.

1798 FORESTER in *Puget Papers* (1896) I. 115 Shocking Weather since you left. 1824 W. C. TAYLOR *Anc. Hist.* xvii. § 2 (ed. 3) 496 His [Vespasian's] first care was to restore the discipline of the army, which he found in a shocking state of demoralization. 1872 BLACK *Adv. Phaeton* vii, The shocking way those boys spell.

b. quasi-*adv.* = SHOCKINGLY. *vulgar.*

1832 SURTEES *Jorrocks's Jaunts* (1838) 36 *fool-note*, 'Vot

n shocking bad hat!'—the slang cockney phrase of 1831. 1833 [S. Smith] *Lett. J. Downing* xvii. (1835) 102 As soon as I saw what a shocking big place New York was. 1857 Hughes *Tom Brown* I. i, A shocking bad road.

Shockingly (ʃǫ'kiŋli), *adv.* [f. Shocking *ppl. a.* + -ly².] In a shocking manner or degree.

1. So as to shock the feelings; revoltingly.

1741 Richardson *Pamela* IV. 106 There is not one Character in it, but what is shockingly immoral. 1816 J. Scott *Vis. Paris* (ed. 2) Pref. 68 We are shockingly treated by the Prussians. 1858 *Housek. Words* 28 Aug. 241/1 A shockingly rude article.

2. *colloq.* Often, in depreciatory sentences, without any special reference to the sensibilities, equivalent to 'very', 'extremely'.

1777 Miss Burney *Early Diary, Let.* 27 Mar., Dr. Johnson..is shockingly near-sighted. 1782 — *Cecilia* I. iv, To be sure she's shockingly dear, that I must own. 1840 Haliburton *Letter Bag* iv. 57, I feel so shockingly nervous. 1901 W. R. H. Trowbridge *Lett. her Mother to Eliz.* xiii. 61 Two rather pretty, but shockingly badly-dressed girls.

b. = *Shockingly ill*; 'abominably'. † *To look shockingly*: to appear to be much out of health.

1768 Goldsm. *Good-n. Man* 1, You look most shockingly today, my dear friend. 1772 *Ann. Reg.* 59/2, I could perceive that his eyes looked quite shockingly. 1825 T. Hook *Sayings* Ser. II. *Doubts & F.* vii. II. 218 How shockingly he looks. 1881 W. G. Marshall *Through Amer.* i. 47 Many of the principal streets are shockingly paved.

3. So as to cause a shock of surprise.

1883 Stevenson *Treas. Isl.* iv, This sudden noise startled us shockingly.

Shockingness (ʃǫ'kiŋnės). [f. Shocking *ppl. a.* + -ness.] The quality or condition of being shocking; † repulsiveness.

1753 Richardson *Grandison* I. xix. 128 It softened the shockingness of his expression. 1885 *American* IX. 215 The shockingness of intrusion at such a time. 1900 Miss Broughton *Foes in Law* xx, The phrase strikes her as crude, even to shockingness.

Shockle (ʃǫ'k'l). *Sc.* and *north.* Now *rare.* Forms: 6 **schokle**, (7 **sheckle**), 9 **schochle, shoggle.** [Shortened from *ice-shockle*, Icicle.] A lump of ice; an icicle.

1596 Dalrymple tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* I. 46 First in thay ryde into this riuer..to thow the pypes and schokles of yce, frosin vpon thame. 1639 Sir R. Gordon *Hist. Earld. Sutherl.* (1813) 208 The ground wes ful of ronns, or sheckles of yce. *a* 1859 Watt in *Mod. Scott. Poets* Ser. II. 54 The shochles, like crystal, hing clear frae the rocks. 1871 Waddell *Ps.* lxxviii. 47 He dang doun their plane trees wi shoggles o' ice.

† **Sho·cky**, *a. Obs. rare*⁻¹. [f. Shock *a.* + -y.] Having a thick head of hair.

1698 Tyson *Opossum* in *Phil. Trans.* XX. 114 Nierembergius, in his Figure..represents him as Shocky, and, as it were, with Curly Hair.

Shod (ʃǫd), *sb. Sc.* and *north.* [f. Shod *ppl. a.*]

1. A plate of iron fastened upon the heel of a shoe to protect it from wear; a heel-tip; more fully *heel-shod.*

c 1840 in A. Trotter *E. Galloway Sk.* (1901) 102/1 There's a' things in the Jangle Box, Brass, airn, and tin, and shods o' shoon. 1912 A. McCormick *Words from Wild Wood* viii. 128 He had never seen heel shods like them.

2. A skid in the form of a shoe; = Shoe *sb.* 5 f.

1893 Crockett *Stickit Minister* 198 The great iron curved shods which the lorrymen used to stop their coal waggons on the steep streets.

Shod (ʃǫd), *ppl. a.* For forms see the vb. See also Shoed. [pa. pple. of Shoe *v.*]

1. Wearing shoes. Chiefly with qualifying adv., *well, neatly*, etc. Also Dry-shod, High-shod, Slipshod *adjs.*

1382 Wyclif *Isa.* xi. 15 So that thei passe thurȝ hym shod men [1388 schood men]. *c* 1384 Chaucer *H. Fame* I. 98 Dreme he barefote, dreme he shod [*Caxton, Thynne* shood]. *c* 1400 *Rom. Rose* 7463 And alle freres, shodde and bare. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 447/2 Schod, as men, *calceatus.* Schod, as hors, *ferratus.* 1537 in Brand *Hist. Newcastle* (1789) I. 129 *note*, The Blake-Friers otherwise called the Shode Freers. 1782 Cowper *Gilpin* 82 But, finding soon a smoother road Beneath his well-shod feet. 1840 Dickens *Old C. Shop* v, A pair of very imperfectly shod feet. 1888 'J. S. Winter' *Bootle's Childr.* i, Neatly shod feet.

2. Of things: Furnished with a shoe of metal, etc.; tipped, edged, or sheathed with metal. † *Shod shovel*: see Shovel *sb.*

1565 Cooper *Thesaurus* s. v. *Aeratus, Pila ærata*, shadde [*sic*] or poynted with brasse. 1578 *Knaresb. Wills* (Surtees) I. 134 A shod dunge forke. 1903 Kipling *Five Nations* 39 Where a man may bask and dream To the click of shod canoe-poles.

b. Of cart wheels: Furnished with tires. Hence of a cart: Having 'shod' wheels.

1481 *City Letter Bk. L.* 163 b, No shod cart laden be suffred to passe over the said Brigge. 1535 in *Archæol. Cant.* VII. 304, j pece of shoyd whelys, the other onshoyd. 1563 *Bottesford Manor Rec.* in *N.W. Linc. Gloss.*, A shod-wayne or carte. 1631 Weever *Anc. Funeral Mon.* 516 Diuers great Nailes of Iron were there found, such as are vsed in the wheeles of shod carts. 1728 *Act* 1 *Geo. II*, Stat. II. c. 22 § 3 The Duty..on Shod Carts, payable to the said City [of Edinburgh]. 1831 J. Holland *Manuf. Metal* I. 157 Wheels, considerably increased in breadth on their shod surface,..are not uncommon.

Shod: see Shud *dial.*, shed.

Shodden (ʃǫ'd'n), *a. rare.* [Badly f. Shod *ppl. a.*, on the supposed analogy of *sod, sodden, trod, trodden*, etc.] = Shod *ppl. a.*

The form also occurs for the pa. pple.: see Shoe *v.*

1844 R. M. Milnes *Palm Leaves* 20 The floor..unstained by touch of shodden feet. 1859 H. Kingsley *G. Hamlyn* xix, 'Black fellow', I said to myself; but no, those were shodden feet that swept along so wearily.

Shodder, obs. form of Shudder *v.*

Shoddy (ʃǫdi), *sb.* [Of obscure origin.

It is possible that sense 4 may be the original meaning; if so, the word may be a derivative of Shoad *sb.*]

1. Woollen yarn obtained by tearing to shreds refuse woollen rags, which, with the addition of some new wool, is made into a kind of cloth (see 2).

1832 [see *shoddy-grinder* in 5]. 1836 G. Head *Home Tour* 146 The 'shoddy' as it is called may be, as occasion requires mixed with new wool in any proportion. 1844 G. Dodd *Textile Manuf.* iv. 138 Shoddy, or woollen rags torn up fibre from fibre. 1851 Mayhew *Lond. Labour* II. 30/1 To this stuff [*sc.* cotton rags ground up] the name of 'shoddy' is given, but the real and orthodox 'shoddy' is a production of the woollen districts. 1881 *Leicestersh. Gloss., Shoddy*, waste from worsted spinning mills. 1904 *Tailor & Cutter* 4 Aug. 480/1 Shoddy: The fibres of wool of the softer makes of old cloth after it has been torn to pieces.

b. *Yorksh. dial.* (See quot.)

1857 C. B. Robinson *Best's Farm. Bks.* (Surtees) 183 Gloss., *Scudde*, 95. The dirt and grease from a fleece when washed, called in the factories 'mounts'; the entire substance that falls on the floor being called 'shoddy' or 'food', and being sold at a high rate for top-dressing grass land.

2. A cloth composed of shoddy wool (see 1); more fully *shoddy cloth.* (See quot. 1911.)

1847 McCulloch *Brit. Empire* (ed. 3) I. 661 Formerly, shoddy cloth was used only for padding and such like purposes; but now flushings, druggets,..&c., are either wholly or partly made of shoddy. 1865 J. G. Holland *Plain Talk* iv. 128 He clothed our troops with shoddy. 1884 McLaren *Spinning* (ed. 2) 187 Shoddy is the worked-up waste of soft woollen goods which have not been milled and felted. 1903 *Times* 12 Mar. 11/3 Berlin Textiles... Shoddies have been active and strong. 1911 *Encycl. Brit.* XXIV. 992/2 The term 'shoddy' is sometimes applied to all fabrics made of such remanufactured materials,..but strictly it should be confined to a cloth produced from fabrics originally made from English and the longer cross-bred wools. ..Upon the whole the 'cheap and nasty' idea usually associated with the term 'shoddy'..is quite a mistake. Some most excellent cloths are produced.

3. *transf.* and *fig.* Worthless material made to look like what is of superior quality; what is worthless and pretentious in art, manufactures, ideas, etc.; the class of persons characterized by the endeavour to pass for something superior to what they really are, with respect to wealth, birth, culture, or refinement. Also (*U.S.*), a 'shoddy' person (see Shoddy *a.* 1).

1862 Lowell *Biglow P.* Ser. II. vi, 'You think thet's ellerkence,—I call it shoddy, A thing,' sez I, 'wun't cover soul nor body, I like the plain all-wool o' common-sense.' 1864 Sala in *Daily Tel.* 10 June, Shoddy wears its sapphire, or its diamond, or its signet ring outside its glove. 1873 L. Stephen *Free Thinking* v. 156 He calmly retailed his lengths of theological shoddy,—old fragments of decaying systems woven into a web of the usual polish and flimsiness. 1879 Geo. Eliot *Theo. Such* xi. 195 A syntactical shoddy of the cheapest sort. 1904 *Boston* (Mass.) *Sunday Her.* 29 June 8/5 They like the old families best, the families that have always had money and servants...To use the language of the girls themselves, they have 'no use for the shoddies'.

4. *dial.* a. 'The smaller stones at a quarry' (*Antrim & Down Gloss.*, 1880); also *pl.* stones of this kind. b. Inferior coal (*Eng. Dial. Dict.*).

1893 *Building News* 10 Feb. 195 [The house] is built of shoddies quarried from the hill behind.

5. attrib. and Comb., as *shoddy dust, flock, merchant, metropolis, mill, trade*; *shoddy-wards* adv.; objective, as *shoddy dealer, grinder, manufacturer*; *shoddy-making* adj.; instrumental, as *shoddy-robed* adj.; **shoddy fever** (see quot. 1851); **shoddy-hole**, a place in which rubbish is deposited, a dust-hole; also *fig.*

1857 *P. O. Directory Yorksh.* 1053 *Shoddy Dealers... *Shoddy Merchants. 1860 Piesse *Lab. Chem. Wonders* 31 You who breathe *shoddy dust. 1851 Mayhew *Lond. Labour* II. 31/2 The disease popularly known as '*shoddy fever'..is a species of bronchitis, caused by the irritating effect of the..dust. 1862 *Catal. Internat. Exhib., Brit.* II. No. 4040, *Shoddy flocks. 1832 Thackrah *Effects of Arts*, etc. *on Health* (ed. 2) 67 *Shoddy-grinders..are persons employed..in picking and tearing woollen rags, and afterwards manufacturing them, with the addition of new wool..into yarn. 1845 Disraeli *Sybil* iv. iv, It's a pretty go this, that I should be toiling in a *shoddy-hole to pay the taxes for a gentleman what..stretches his legs on a Turkey carpet. 1895 M. Mather *Lanc. Idylls* III. iii. 150 But durnd yo' think, doctor, that..we's be turnin' th' Church into a shoddy hoile? 1851 Mayhew *Lond. Labour* II. 30/2 The stuff which even the *shoddy-making devil rejects, is packed off to the agricultural districts for use as manure. *Ibid.*, The *shoddy manufacturer. 1868 *Q. Rev.* Apr. 338 Batley and its neighbourhood, in Yorkshire, the great *Shoddy metropolis. 1837 McCulloch *Brit. Empire* II. 51 In the neighbourhood of Batley and Dewsbury are..*shoddy mills. 1886 Pollock *Oxf. Lect.* etc. iv. (1890) 107 You will refuse to fall down and worship the *shoddy-robed goddess Banausia. 1847 McCulloch *Brit. Empire* (ed. 3) I. 661 Dewsbury is at the head of what is called the *shoddy trade. *a* 1882 A. Trollope *Autobiogr.* (1883) II. 210 Their [*sc.* Carlyle and Ruskin's] lamentations ..over a world which is supposed to have gone altogether *shoddy-wards.

Hence **Sho·ddy** *v. trans.*, to convert into shoddy. **Sho·ddydom**, the shoddy class. **Sho·ddyism**, pretentious vulgarity of style. **Sho·ddyite**, one who deals in shoddy; also, one of the shoddy class.

1851 Mayhew *Lond. Labour* II. 33 While woollen and even cotton goods can be 'shoddied'..no use is made of the refuse of silk...There is little doubt that silk, like cotton, could be shoddied. 1865 *Daily Tel.* 18 Apr. 5 This..will bring about a genuine prosperity, not the fictitious glare of contractors and shoddyites. 1868 M. H. Smith *Sunshine & Shad. N. York* 61 A marble palace that would make all Shoddydom red with envy. 1877 D. M. Wallace *Russia* (ed. 2) I. 269 The Russian merchant's love of ostentation is ..something entirely different from English snobbery and American shoddyism. 1883 *Harper's Mag.* Nov. 820/2 Unfortunately no part of the world..is absolutely free from the shoddyite, the cockney, and the snob.

Shoddy (ʃǫdi), *a.* [altrib. use of Shoddy *sb.* 3.]

1. Of a person: That pretends to a superiority to which he has no just claim; said esp. of those who claim, on the ground of wealth, a social station or a degree of influence to which they are not entitled by character or breeding.

In the U.S. the word seems to have been first used with reference to those who made fortunes by army contracts at the time of the Civil War, it being alleged that the clothing supplied by the contractors consisted largely of shoddy.

1862 *Cong. Globe* 3164/1 (Thornton *Amer. Gloss.*) The anxiety of the 'shoddy' politicians to assail that address. 1863 *Boston* (Mass.) *Sunday Her.* 15 Feb. 2/3 There are shoddy lawyers, shoddy doctors,..shoddy husbands and shoddy wives, and, worse than all, there are shoddy newspapers whose especial business it is to puff up all the shoddy in the world and endeavor to make the people believe that it is the genuine article. 1865 *Reader* 8 July 36 Those who have become rich by swindling the United States Government during the Civil War compose the 'shoddy' aristocracy. 1896 How & Leigh *Hist. Rome* 434 That shoddy saviour of society, called L. Cornelius Cinna.

2. Of a thing: Having a delusive appearance of superior quality.

1882 *Daily Tel.* 27 Nov. 5 A fleet of ships, shoddier by a hundredfold than the shoddiest of those now afloat. 1891 S. C. Scrivener *Our Fields & Cities* 16 When they built the shoddy cottages away down the hill—mere traps to catch rent.

3. Of, pertaining to or dealing in shoddy goods.

1864 Sala in *Daily Tel.* 26 Feb., Some shoddy upholsterer has here evidently had *carte blanche*, and the result is.. gaudy ugliness. 1874 Coues *Birds N. W.* 197 Felting.. made by some shoddy contractor for the supply of army clothing. 1895 Barrett *Surrey* viii. 194 Nor is the furniture unworthy of the room...There is no shoddy antique about this.

Hence **Sho·ddily** *adv.*, **Sho·ddiness.**

1886 J. R. Rees *Divers. Book-worm* 122 We began by talking of the 'shoddiness' of the age. 1899 E. Callow *Old Lond. Taverns* I. 59 The foundations were so shoddily constructed that to prevent its falling down, it had to be pulled down.

† **Shode.** *Obs.* Forms: 1 **scáda**, 4 **schod(e, schood**, 4– **shode.** [OE. *scáda* wk. masc. :—prehistoric **skaidan-*, f. Teut. root **skaiđ-* to divide: see Shed *v.* From the same root (or the parallel form **skaiþ-*) are MDu. *scheide* (mod.Du. *schei*), OS. *scêthlo*, MDu. *scheidel* (mod.Du. *scheel*), OHG. *sceibila* (mod.G. *scheitel*) crown of the head.]

1. The crown of the head; the parting of the hair. Cf. Shed *sb.*¹ 2.

c 1000 *Ags. Ps.* lxvii. 21 Feaxes scadan [L. *verticem capilli*]. 13.. *Guy Warw.* 7229, & smot him in þe heued schod. *c* 1325 *Glouc. W. de Bibbesw.* in Wright *Voc.* 144 La greve de moun cheef [*glossed* the schod of my eved]. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Knt.'s T.* 1149 The nayl ydryuen in the shode [*v.rr.* schod, schood, schode] a nyght. 14.. *Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 578/40 *Discrimen*, þe shode of the hed.

2. A dividing ridge.

c 1330 *Arth. & Merl.* 1480 To stones þicke þai founde.. Hem bitven a gret schode. Of grauel & erþe al so, þat hem hadde schifted ato.

Shode, variant of Shoad.

Shoder (ʃōu'dəɹ). *Gold-beating.* [ad. F. *chauderet, chaudret.*] The packet of skins into which the gold taken from the 'cutch' is placed and beaten out before its final beating in the 'mould'. Hence **Sho'dering** *vbl. sb.*, in *shodering-hammer.*

1763 W. Lewis *Commerc. Philosophico-Techn.* 47 Three hammers are employed..: the first, called the cutch hammer..: the second, called the shodering hammer..: the third, called the gold hammer, or finishing hammer. 1851–4 *Tomlinson's Cycl. Useful Arts* (1867) I. 793/2 These [pieces of gold] are put between the leaves of another tool, called a shoder, made of gold-beater's skin. 1911 *Encycl. Brit.* XII. 202/1 Each leaf is then..cut into four pieces, and put between the skins of a shoder..containing about 720 skins.

Shoder, obs. form of Shoulder, Shudder.

† **Sho·ding**, *vbl. sb. Obs.* In 5 **schodynge.** [repr. OE. *sc(e)ádung*: see Shedding *vbl. sb.*] Separation; parting of the hair.

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 447/2 Schodynge, or departynge, *separacio, divisio.* Schodynge, of the heede.., *discrimen.*

Shodur, obs. form of Shudder *v.*

Shoe (ʃū), *sb.* Pl. **shoes** (ʃūz); *dial., poet.*, and *arch.* **shoon** (ʃūn). Forms: *sing.* 1 **scōh, scó, sceó**, 2 **sceoh**, 2–6 **sho**, 3 **sco**, 4 **sso**, 3–6 **scho**, 4–6 **schoo**, 4–7 **shoo**, (4 **show**), 6 **showe, shue**, (**shough**), 6–7 **shew**, 6–8 **shooe**, 6– **shoe.** *pl. a.* 1 **scós**, 1–2 **sceós**, 4–7 **shoos**, 4 **schos**, 5 **schoz, sohoys, schoez, schewis**, 5–6 **shoys, shewes, show(e)s, showys, shooys, shues, shuse, shuez**, 6–8 **shooes**, 4– **shoes**, *β.* 3–5 **schon**, 3–6 **schone**,

(3 scheon, son, sson), 4-7 shon(e, 4-6 schoon(e, 4-8 shoone, (4 *Sc.* schoyne, 5 shoyn, *Sc.* schoune), 5-6 shoen, 6 schoun(e, (*Sc.* schwyne), 6-8 shune, shooen, (7 *Sc.* shin), 4- shoon. [Com. Teut. : OE. *scóh* masc. = OFris. *scō* (NFris. *skog, skuch*, WFris. *skoech*), OS. *scôh* (MLG. *scô*, LG. *schô*), MDu. *scoe* (mod.Du. *schoen*), OHG. *scuoh, scuah* (MHG. *schuoch, schuo*, mod.G. *schuh*), ON. *skó-r* (Sw., Da. *sko*), Goth. *skōh-s* :—OTeut. **skōho-z* or *skōhwo-z*.

Some scholars refer the word to the root **skōhw-* : **skēw-* to walk (Goth. *skēwjan* to take a walk, ON. *skéva* to stride. Others, on account of the alternation of vowel in ON. *skór* pl. *skúar*, assume a pre-Teut. **skōuko-s*, f. **skeu-* to cover.

In OE. the collective *gescý* was often used for the plural.]

1. An outer covering for the human foot, normally made of leather (but often of other materials) and consisting of a more or less stiff sole and a lighter upper part. Chiefly in more specific sense, distinguished from *boot*.

The original distinction was that the *boot* covered a part or the whole of the leg together with the foot, while the *shoe* covered the foot only. In the U. S. *boot* is still commonly applied only to an article of footgear reaching at least to the middle of the calf, one which ends at or below the ankle or just above it being called a *shoe*. In modern British use, the term *boot* is extended to include what were formerly called 'half-boots' or 'high shoes', i. e. 'shoes' (in the older sense) which cover the whole foot including the ankle; hence *shoe* is taken to mean specifically a 'low shoe', which leaves part of the foot covered only by the stocking; a shoe in this sense may either be fastened with laces, buttons, or the like, or (as in 'dancing shoes') it may differ from a slipper only in being suited for more ceremonious wear.

sing. c 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* John i. 27 Dæs ic ne am wyrðe þætte ic undoe his ðuong scoes. *c* 1050 *Ags. Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 283 *Calcarium*, scoh. *c* 1200 Ormin 10438 Annd tiss dæþshildiz mann..Wass uss..3a þurrh þe sho 3a þurrh þe þwang bitacnedd. *c* 1250 *Long Life* 29 in *O. E. Misc.* 156 Ac deþ luteþ in his scho, Him stilliche to for-do. 1340 *Ayenb.* 220 Zuiche fourme ase þe sso takþ ate ginnynge: he halt euremor ine þet stat. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 447/2 Schoo, mannys fote hyllynge, *sotularis, calceus*. Schoo, for buschopys, *sandalium*. 1449 Pecock *Repr.* II. xiv. 231 If he haue on him his scho, his slyue, his coot. 1535 Fisher *Serm.* Wks. (1876) 402 If you be ashamed for a foule myrie shoo, and not of a foule stincking soule. 1697 Potter *Antiq. Greece* I. iv. (1715) 18 A kind of Shooe that fitted both Feet. 1864 Pusey *Lect. Daniel* (1876) 314 [The custom] of giving the shoe in witness of a covenant.

pl. c 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* Matt. x. 10 *Calciamenta*, scoea [*c* 975 *Rushw.* scoas, *c* 1000 ȝe-scy]. *c* 1050 *Byrhtferth's Handboc* in *Anglia* (1885) VIII. 322/19, & habbaþ eowre scos oo eowrum fotum. *c* 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 37 Do.. wreocche men sceos and claðes. 12.. *Prayer to our Lady* 42 in *O. E. Misc.* 193 Inne wel sittende schon. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 362 Two þongede scheon. *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 2781 Moyses, moyses, do of ðin son. ? *a* 1366 Chaucer *Rom. Rose* 843 And shod he was with greet maistrye, With shoon decoped, and with laas. 1377 Langl. *P. Pl.* B. xx. 218 Pronde prestes come with hym..In paltokes & pyked shoes. *c* 1470 Henry *Wallace* VIII. 1201 Wallace can him aray, In his armour,..His schenand schoys, that burnyst was full beyn. 1508 Fisher 7 *Penit. Ps.* xxxviii. Wks. (1876) 79 The hunter therfore wyll laye a payre of shoon in his waye, and whan he perceyueth the hunter doyuge on his shoos he wyll doo the same. 1577 Kendall *Flowers of Epigr.* 4 b, With patche on patche like loutishe loh, he cobled oft his shues. 1602 Shaks. *Ham.* III. ii. 288 With two Prouinciall Roses on my rac'd Shooes. *Ibid.* IV. v. 26 By his Cockle hat and staffe, and his Sandal shoone. 1634 Milton *Comus* 635 The dull swayn Treads on it daily with his clouted shoon. 1688 Holme *Armoury* III. 14/2 Laced shooes, have the over Leathers and edges of the Shooe laced in orderly courses. 1712 Addison *Spect.* No. 317 ¶ 4 Put on my double-soaled Shoes. 1786 Burns *To J. Smith* ii, Ye've cost me twenty pair o' shoon Just gaun to see you. 1818 Scott *Rob Roy* ix, Our immortal deliverer from papists and pretenders, and wooden shoes and warming pans. 1911 *Encycl. Brit.* XXVII. 1058/1 In the 11th century the use of liturgical shoes and stockings was reserved for cardinals and bishops.

b. Explicitly distinguished from *boot*.

c 1400 *Rom. Rose* 2264 Of shoon and botes, newe and faire Loke at the leest thon have a paire. 1521 *Stirling Burgh Rec.* (1887) I. 13 Ane pair of buttis and ane pair of schoun. 1617 Moryson *Itin.* III. 165 They..delight to have their boots and shoos shine with blacking stuffe. 1823 Scott *Quentin D.* Introd., His sedulous attachment to shoes and stockings, in contempt of half-boots and pantaloons. 1847 J. S. Hall *Bk. Feet* (ed. 2) 138 Shoes are now very little worn: boots of some kind or other being the general wear.

c. *High shoes*, boots with high uppers. Hence, one who wears high shoes : see High-shoe.

1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) V. 369 þey usede hize schone unto þe kne, i-slitte to fore [L. *calcei usque ad poplites fissi*], and i-laced wiþ þwonges. *c* 1400 *Rom. Rose* 7260 But Beggers with..high shoos knoopped with dagges,..Or bootes revellyng as a gype. 1553 Latimer *Serm. Lincolnsh.* iii. (1562) 82 When a man shall goe to battaile..for the nether parte he hathe high shoen. 1597 Shaks. *2 Hen. IV*, I. ii. 44 The horson smooth-pates doe now weare nothing but high shoes. 1603 [see High-shoe 1].

d. as the lowest portion of one's attire.

1616 B. Jonson *Ev. Man in Hum.* II. i, Whilst they.. mocke me all ouer, From my flat cap, vnto my shining shooes.

Proverbial phrase. 1887 Mrs. Oliphant *Son of Father* xiv. 242 [She] felt..her heart sink to her shoes.

e. *Shoes of swiftness*: the magic shoes of the giant in the tale of Jack the Giant-killer: occas. used allusively.

1787 *Hist. Jack & Giants* 12 Jack soon put on his coat of darkness, with his shoes of swiftness. 1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* I. v. v, Surely also Punishment, this day, hitches.. after Crime, with frightful shoes-of-swiftness!

2. Phrases and figurative uses.

a. *Old shoe*: a type of something discarded as worn out, useless or worthless. Also, *To cast, fling*, etc. *an old shoe after* (a person): *lit.* as a means of bringing good luck (e. g. at a wedding); also *fig.* to wish (a person) good luck. †*Go meddle with* (*thy*) *old shoes* : mind your own business.

c 1386 Chaucer *Wife's Prol.* 708 The clerk whan he is old and may noght do Of Venus werkes worth his olde sho. 1538 Bale *Thre Lawes* 1670 What is that to the? go meddle thee with olde shone! 1546 J. Heywood *Prov.* I. ix. (1562) C, Nowe for good lucke, caste an olde shoe after mee. 1679 *Hist. Jetzer* 25 Thou Traytor..meddle with thy Old shooes! ..Go about thy business, Goodman Fool! 1663 Killigrew *Parv. Wedding* IV. vii, *Parv.* I, with all my heart, there's an old shooe after you. 1842 Tennyson *Will Waterproof* 216 And wheresoe'er thou move, good luck Shall fling her old shoe after.

b. *Another pair of shoes* (predicatively): quite a different matter or state of things.

1861 Dickens *Gt. Expect.* xl, We'll show 'em another pair of shoes than that, Pip; won't us? 1865 [see Pair *sb.*1 1 b]. 1895 Mrs. Croker *Village Tales* (1896) 10 'Ah! and you'll find a tiger is quite another pair of shoes', I assured him impressively.

c. *In one's shoes, without shoes*, as a condition of measurement of stature. *In their shoes*: (of soldiers) fully equipped.

For *to shake in one's shoes*, see Shake *v.* 4.

1724 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 6308/3 John Cockran,..5 Foot 10 Inches one quarter without Shooes. 1815 Wellington in Gurw. *Desp.* (1838) XII. 323 We are getting on in strength, I have now 60,000 men in their shoes. 1859 Meredith *R. Feverel* xlii, 'You're afraid of ghosts'. 'Belike I am when they're six foot two in their shoes'.

d. *To die in one's shoes*: to meet with a violent death, esp. to be hanged. Also allusively.

1694 Motteux *Rabelais* IV. xlv. 174 Whoever refus'd to do this, should presently swing for't, and die in his Shoes. 1712 [see Die *v.*1 3]. 1837 Barham *Ingol. Leg.* Ser. I. *Execution*, All come to see a man 'die in his shoes!'

e. *Over* (*the*) *shoes*: deeply immersed or sunk (*in* something). *lit.* and *fig.* See also Over *prep.* 3 and Over-shoe. Similarly *up to the shoes.*

Over shoes, over boots: see Boot *sb.*3 1 b.

1518 *Star Chamber Cases* (Selden Soc.) II. 137 They.. thrust the same Antony ouer the showys in the myre. 1590 Greene *Menaphon* (Arb.) 45 The countrey maides themselues fel in loue with this fair Nimph, and could not blame Menaphon for being ouer the shooes with such a beautifull creature. 1590 Shaks. *Mids. N.* III. ii. 48. 1594 — *Rich. III*, v. iii. 326. 1600 Abp. Abbot *Jonah* xxvi. 541 Being in vp to the shooes he will on to the shoulders. 1601 [? Marston] *Jack Drums Entert.* I. B 2, *Enter Flawne. Kathe.* It seemes he can scarce carry himselfe. *Drum.* Hee's ouer the shooes, yet heele hold out water, for I haue liquor'd him soundly. 1615 V. Alsop *Anti-sozzo* iii. 124, I find our Author over the shooes in Love.

f. *To know best where one's shoe pinches* : see Pinch *v.* 1 b. Also in many other similar phrases.

c 1386 Chaucer *Merch. T.* 309 But I woot best where wryngeth me my sho. — *Wife's Prol.* 492 He sat ful ofte and song Whan þat his shoo full bitterly hym wrong. 1500–20 Dunbar *Poems* xc. 54 Thow knawis best quhair bindis the thi scho. 1639 [J. Taylor (Water P.)] *Divers Crabtree Lect.* 96 No man can tell where his shooe wrings him, but hee that weares it. 1749 Smollett *Gil Blas* VIII. vi. (1782) III. 161 He defrayed the expence of every body; so that there I did not feel where the shoe pinched. 1890 W. E. Norris *Misadventure* xlviii, Only after the deed has been done does the shoe really begin to pinch.

g. *To put the shoe on the right foot*: to put the blame on the real offender. (In mod. Dicts.)

h. *To kiss* (a person's) *shoe* (in token of servility or abject submission).

c 1395 *Plowman's Tale* lii. in *Pol. Poems* (Rolls) I. 317 A king shall kneele and kisse his show. 1599 Shaks. *Hen. V*, IV. i. 47 *Pist.* The King's a Bawcock..: I kisse his durtie shooe. 1819 Shelley *Peter Bell* VII. vii, There was a bow of sleek devotion..; each motion Seemed a Lord's shoe to kiss.

†**i.** *To win one's shoes* (*on* or *upon* an adversary): to achieve renown by a victory. Cf. *to win one's spurs*. Common in the 15th century.

a 1400 *Sir Perc.* 1595 Ther salle other dedis he done, And thou salle wynne thi schone Appone the sowdane. ? *c* 1475 *Sqr. lowe Degre* 174 And other dedes of armes to done, Through whiche ye may wynne your shone.

j. *To waste one's shoes* : to wear out one's shoes to no purpose.

1509 Barclay *Shyp of Folys* (1570) 85 Another on his fiste a Spurbawke..and so, wasting his shone, Before the aulters he to and fro doth wander.

k. *To be in* (anolher person's) *shoes* : to be in his position or place. Chiefly in negative form = in his unenviable condition or plight. *To place* (a person) *in the shoes of* (another person): to give (him) the position vacated by (another). *To step into the shoes of* (another person): to occupy the position vacated by him. *To wait for dead men's shoes*: to wait for the death of a person with the expectancy of succeeding to his possessions or office.

1546 J. Heywood *Prov.* I. xi. (1867) 37 Who waitth for dead men shoen, shall go long barefoote. 1609 *Old Meg of Herefordsh.* (1816) 12 It were no hoping after dead mens shooes, for both vpper-leather and soles would bee worne out to nothing. 1767 Bedingfield in *Lett. Lit. Men* (Camden) 404, I would rather chuse to stand in his Sardinian Majesty's shoes than his; who [etc.]. 1776 *Pennsylvania Even. Post* 29 June 325/2 Volunteers, with the rank of officers (who are impatiently waiting at 'the pool' for the death and old shoes of commissioned officers). 1777 J. Adams in *Fam. Lett.* (1876) 304, I judge, I should put more to risk if I were in his shoes. 1822 Scott *Nigel* x, But then, in order to secure the lender, he must come in the shoes of the creditor to whom he advances payment. 'Come in his shoes!' replied the Earl. ..'It is a law phrase, my lord'..said Heriot. 1842 Sir H. Taylor *Edwin the Fair* III. viii, Them that were placed by Edred in the shoes Of Seculars that by Edred were expulsed. 1860 Reade *Cloister & H.* I, Cornelis..stuck to the hearth, waiting for dead men's shoes. 1864 Trollope *Small Ho. at Allington* xxviii, I must he the first to congratulate you on the acquisition of my old shoes. 1880 J. Payn *Confid. Agent* III. 130, I wish I was in your shoes. 1908 *Times* 21 July 3/1 The respondents were interested in the success of Mme. Bovet..but that could never put them in her shoes in vindicating her rights against wrongdoers.

†**l.** *To tread* (*her*) *shoe awry* (rarely *amiss*) : to make a lapse from virtue. *Obs.*

c 1422 Hoccleve *Minor P.* xxiv. 66 No womman..But swich oon as hath trode hir shoo amis. 1560 Daus tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* 187 Where the king had maried her for a mayde, he founde that she had troden her showe awrye. 1693 *Urquhart's Rabelais* III. xxviii. 241 His Wife did tread her Shooe awry. 1828 [Carr] *Craven Gloss.* (ed. 2) s. v. *Shoe*, 'To tread one's shoes straight', to behave with propriety, to be circumspect in our conduct.

m. Proverbial phrases.

1546 J. Heywood *Prov.* II. v. (1562) G iiij, Folke say of olde, the shoe will holde with the sole. 1591 Lambarde *Archeion* (1635) 78 To apply one generall Law to all particular cases, were to make all shooes by one last. 1622 Mabbe tr. *Aleman's Guzman d'Alf.* II. 163 As arrant a villaine, as euer trode vpon a shooe of leather. *a* 1700 B. E. *Dict. Cant. Crew, One Shoe will not fit all Feet*, Men are not all of a Size, nor all Conveniences of a Last. 1752 Foote *Taste* I. (1781) 9 Twenty as fine Babes as ever trod in Shoe of Leather. 1825 Brockett *N. C. Gloss.* s. v. *Old-Shoe*, As easy as an old shoe. 1887 *S. Chesh. Gloss.* s. v. *Shoe*, 'Too big for one's shoon', used of a person whose notions are too high for his station, a conceited person.

3. in the names of plants (see quots.).

a 1825 Forby *Voc. E. Anglia*, *Shoes and stockings*, the variety of primrose and polyanthus which has one flower sheathed within another. 1838 W. Hollowav *Dict. Provinc.*, *Shoes and stockings*, [also] a wild flower of the cypripedium genus. 1878 Baitten & Holland *Plant-n.* s. v. *Boots*, Boots and Shoes (1) *Lotus corniculatus*, L.—*Suss.* (2) *Aquilegia vulgaris*, L.— Corn. 1882a Friend *Devonsh. Plant-n.*, Boots and shoes,..(2) *Cypripedium Calceolus*, L., often called 'Lady's-slipper'. 1893 *Kep. Provinc.* (E.D.D.), On seeing the *Linaria vulgaris* in blossom [she], Cornish by birth,..replied, 'We always call it "Shoes and Stockings"'.

4. A plate of metal, usually iron, nailed to the under-side of the hoof of a horse as a protection from injury : = Horseshoe 1. Also occas. a similar plate nailed to the hoof of an ox or some other animal.

1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) VII. 127 He made..þe mule ..to be schodde uppon wiþ gold, forbedyng al his men þat when þe schone fel awey þat non schulde gadre þaym up. 1430–40 Lydg. *Bochas* VII. v. (1554) 169 b, This Nero..Made his mules be shod with siluer shone. 1523–34 Fitzherb. *Husb.* § 6 Oxen..haue no shoes, as horses haue. *Ibid.* § 114 Lyttel stones, that goth in betwene the shough and the herte of the fote. 1540 *Coventry Leet-bk.* 745 [That] no Smyth withiu this Cetie shoo no horse with forest shoyes. *a* 1674 Clarendon *Hist. Reb.* XIII. § 101 [The smith observed] that he was sure that his four shoes had been made in four several counties. *a* 1720 W. Gibson *Diet of Horses* viii. (1726) 135 Their Shooes should never be suffer'd to wear too smooth. 1818 Scott *Br. Lamm.* xxx, You can never ride beyond the village but your horse will cast a shoe. 1828 [Carr] *Craven Gloss.* (ed. 2) s. v. *Shoon*, 'To addle his shoon', is when a horse rolls on his back from one side to the other. 1844 H. Stephens *Bk. Farm* II. 697 The first shoes of a young horse should be light, with no heels.

b. See quot. (Cf. Horseshoe 1 b.)

1801 Strutt *Sports & Past.* II. ii. § 9. 60 Formerly..the rustics not having..quoits to play with, used horse-shoes and in many places the quoit itself..is called a shoe.

5. Something resembling a shoe (sense 1 or 4) in shape, position, or function.

†**a.** The iron blade or an iron cutting edge fastened upon the wooden blade (of a spade or shovel). *Obs.* †**b.** The piston (of a pump). *Obs. rare.* **c.** A metal rim, ferrule, casing or sheath, esp. for the end of a pile, pole, rod, or the like. **d.** The receptacle beneath the hopper of a mill. **e.** The short section which turns out the water at the foot of a water pipe. **f.** A kind of drag or skid for a wheel of a vehicle; also the concave part of a brake, which acts upon the wheel (more fully *brake shoe*). **g.** A strip of iron, steel, etc. fastened upon that part of a vehicle, machine, etc. which is liable to be worn out by friction. **h.** A socket for the reception of a bolt, pin, or the like. **i.** *Naut.* (See quot. 1769). **j.** A block, plate, etc. which serves as a socket or bearing for the foot of a pole, the legs of sheers, etc. to prevent slipping or sinking. **k.** An iron plate shaped to receive the end of one or more pieces of timber in roof-construction. **l.** (See quot. 1881.) **m.** That part of the breech which carries the breech block in a converted rifle. **n.** (See quot.) **o.** *Electr. traction.* A block attached to an electric car in such a position that it slides upon a conductor-wire or rail and collects the current for its propulsion. **p.** An ingot of precious metal, somewhat in the form of a Chinese shoe, but more like a boat, formerly current in the trade of the far East and still current in silver in China.

a. *c* 1440 *Jacob's Well* xxx. 193, I lykenyd satysfaccyoun to a schouele...I telde 3ou þat þe scho of þe schouell was almes-dede. 1578 (see Shiver *sb.*2 2). 1688 Holme *Armoury* II. 331/1 He beareth Vert, a Spade Iron, Argent (some call it a shooe for a Spade). *Ibid.* III. 393/1 The Bottom, or Shooe of a Trenching Spade. It is all Iron and put on the Staffe..with a..Socket.

b. 1576 *Churchw. Acc. St. Michael, Oxford* (MS.), Item payd to William Williams for a showe for the plumpe xvij^{d}.

1593 *Ibid.*, It'm payd to Oven for settinge a shooe & a staff in ye plompe xxij^{d}. 1599 *Acc. Balliol Coll., Oxford* (MS.), Imprimis, a shooe for the plumpe, xvi^{d}.

c. 1495 Pyles shone [see PILE *sb.*^{1} 5 d]. 1580 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* III. 320 The quhelis garnesit with schone and two virollis only. 1791 SMEATON *Edystone Lighths.* § 81, I had a wooden measuring rod..this was shod with a rounded end or shoe of iron. 1837 *Civ. Engin. & Arch. Jrnl.* I. 33/1 All the piles are to be shod with proper wrought-iron shoes. 1857 P. COLQUHOUN *Comp. Oarsman's Guide* 30 The boat-hook consists in the staff and shoe.

d. 1688 HOLME *Armoury* III. 340/2 The parts of a Wind-Mill...The Shoo or Shough, the Corn by its shaking drops down into the Mill. 1839 URE *Dict. Arts* 749 Below the hopper there is a small bucket called a shoe, into which the ore is shaken down.

e. 1769 *Phil. Trans.* LIX. 166 The bottoms of these pipes ..terminate with a shoe of lead. 1899 *Daily News* 10 Oct. 6/6 Water-pipes with heads and shoes.

f. 1837 HEBERT *Engin. & Mech. Encycl.* II. 377 The shoe or skid ought to be somewhat broader than the tire of the wheels. 1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech., Shoe*, that part of a carbrake which is brought in contact with the wheel in the act of stopping a train. 1910 HOBART *Dict. Electr. Engin., Brake shoe*, a cast-iron or wooden block which is pressed against the rim of a car wheel, or against the track rails..to retard the motion of the car.

g. 1837 HEBERT *Engin. & Mech. Encycl.* II. 805 Each division [of Brunel's tunnelling shield] was supported by two strong cast-iron plates, called shoes, and which rest upon gravel at the base. 1855 in *Harper's Mag.* (1884) Jan. 232/2 Her bow was raised out of the water three or four feet, her shoe taken off her keel, and her keel itself cut through. 1879 *Encycl. Brit.* IX. 246/2 The lower part of the trawl-head..is straight and flat...It is called the 'shoe', and is the part which slides over the ground.

h. 1858 *Skyring's Builders' Prices* 9 Shutter shoes with screws. 1878 DIXON KEMP *Yacht & Boat Sailing* 368 *Shoe* or *Shod*, iron plates rivetted to the ends of wire rigging to receive shackle bolts.

i. 1750 BLANCKLEY *Naval Expos.*, Shoe for an Anchor is made of a Piece of Baulk,..one End cut with a Hole for the Bill...and the other with a triangular Notch to receive the Stock. 1769 FALCONER *Dict. Marine* (1789), *Shoe of the anchor*, a small block of wood..having a small hole, sufficient to contain the point of the anchor-fluke...It is used to prevent the anchor from tearing..the planks..when ascending or descending. 1867 in SMYTH *Sailor's Word-bk.*

j. 1843 *Rep. Brit. Assoc.* 112 The frames stand upon legs resting upon capacious shoes. 1882 NARES *Seamanship* (ed. 6) 62 A shoe is a piece of wood about four feet long, two feet wide, and nine inches thick, with a hole in the centre for the sheer to step in. 1894 *Times* 26 Feb. 3/6 There were no 'shoes' to prevent poles from slipping.

k. 1842 *Civ. Engin. & Arch. Jrnl.* V. 242/2 The principals [rafters] are fitted into cast iron shoes resting on the walls. 1879 *Cassell's Techn. Educ.* I. 156 The straining pieces [of a truss]..at their lower end..are fitted with a wrought iron shoe. *Ibid.*, A cast-iron double shoe, or housing for the reception of the upper ends of the principals.

l. 1874 RAYMOND *6th Rep. Mines* 410 Every casting, such as a shoe or die, in the battery is full of flaws. 1881 — *Mining Gloss., Shoe.* A piece of iron or steel, attached to the bottom of a *stamp* or *muller*, for grinding ore. The shoe can be replaced when worn out.

m. 1866 *Cornh. Mag.* Sept. 348 It is now found more convenient to make the whole of the breech arrangement separately, and this 'shoe' is screwed into the back end of the barrel. 1881 GREENER *Gun* (1888) 141 The shoe of the breech carries within it the cylinder or breech-piece. *Ibid.* 142 An iron frame or shoe is screwed on to the barrel. The breech block is placed in this shoe.

n. 1883 GRESLEY *Gloss. Coal-mining, Shoes*, steel or iron guides fixed to the ends and sides of cages, to fit and run upon the conductors. 1894 *Northumbld. Gloss.*

o. 1891 *Times* 28 Sept. 13/6 The pulley has been abandoned in America as being inferior to the trolley or sliding shoe.

p. 1702 in J. T. Wheeler *Madras in Olden Time* (1861) I. 397 One Hundred shoes of gold, or so many thousand Pagodas or Rupees. 1711 C. LOCKYER *Trade in India* v. 132 Gold-makers..cast all the Gold, that comes through their Hands, into Shoos of about 10 Tale weight, 12 oz. 2 dwt. 4 gr. 1911 *Contemp. Rev.* Nov. 705 A Chinese high official said..'I cannot obtain an audience at Court unless I send a number of 'shoes' of silver..to an Imperial Prince'.

6. *attrib.* and *Comb.* a. simple attrib., as (sense 1) *shoe-box*, *-clasp*, *heel*, †*-knot*, †*market* (Sc.), *ribbon*, *-rose* (ROSE *sb.* 15), *-shop*, *-sole*, *-store* (U.S.), *-strap*, *-thread*, *-tip*, *-top*, *-trade*; also in the names of shoemakers' tools, as *shoe nippers*, *pincers*, *pliers*; (sense 5) *shoe-piece*, *-seat*.

1860 EMERSON *Cond. Life* viii. Wks. (Bohn) II. 439, I cry you mercy, good *shoe-box. 1897 *Westm. Gaz.* 16 Feb. 12/1, I gathered a bunch large enough to nearly fill an ordinary shoe-box. 1797 *J. Robinson's Directory of Sheffield* 52 *Shoe-clasp, and seal maker. 1716 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 5466/4 A middle sized Man.., Lame of his Left Leg, his Left Foot *Shoe-heel half a Quarter of a Yard high. 1766 *Compl. Farmer* s. v. *Shoeing* 6 U 4/2 Strong shoe-heels are an ease to the weak heels, and fetlocks of horses. 1777 SHERIDAN *Trip to Scarboro* IV. i, That which they call pin-money, is to buy everything.., down to their very *shoe-knots. 1867 SMYTH *Sailor's Word-bk.*, **Shoe-piece*, a board placed under the heel of a spar or other weighty mass, to save the deck. In some cases intended to slip with it. 1756–7 tr. *Keysler's Trav.* lxxxii. (1760) IV. 186 His *shoe ribbons are also embroidered. 1796 JANE AUSTEN *Pride & Prej.* xvii, The very *shoe-roses for Netherfield were got by proxy. 1844 *Civ. Engin. & Arch. Jrnl.* VII. 112/1 The '*shoe seat' or base of the frame is more deeply imbedded in the wood than is usual. 1824 MISS MITFORD *Village* Ser. I. 8 The fair nymph of the *shoe-shop. 1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) IV. 395 Nero..usede *scha soles of silver. 1862 LOWELL *Biglow P.* Ser. II. Introd. *The Courtin'*, For she felt sartinsure he'd come Down to her very shoe-sole. 1813 *Boston* (Mass.) *Rec.* (1908) XXXVIII. 84 The old Town house adjoining his *shoe store. 1775 ASH, **Shoestrap*, a shoe string.

1573 TUSSER *Husb.* (1878) 123 Vse ton for thy spinning, leaue Mihel the tother, for *shoo thred. 1609 B. JONSON *Silent Wom.* IV. ii, She has a peruke, that's like a pound of hempe, made vp in shoo-thrids. 1858 SIMMONDS *Dict. Trade, Shoe-thread Maker.* 1897 FLANDRAU *Harvard Episodes* 64 From the bit of white ribbon twisted through her hair.. to the non-committal exposure of *shoe-tip. 1689 *Rector's Bk., Clayworth* (1910) 89 Y^{e} 27th o' March was a snow to y^{e} *shooe-tops. 1850 OGILVIE, **Shoe-trade*, the trade of making boots and shoes.

b. Objective and obj. genitive, as *shoe-clouter* (Sc.), *-factor*, *-rivetter*, *-stitcher*, *-vamper*, *-wearer*, *-worker*; *shoe-soling*, *-wearing*; also *shoe-embossing*, *-eyleting*, *-pegging*, *-sewing* (machines): see Knight *Dict. Mech.* 1875–84.

1581 N. BURNE *Disput.* 188 Quhais fals prophetes ar maid of Tinklaris, *schoclouttaris [etc.]. 1858 SIMMONDS *Dict. Trade*, **Shoe-factor*, a wholesale dealer in shoes. 1887 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 19 Nov. 6/2 Boot and *shoe rivetters and finishers. 1842 A. RALEIGH *Rec. Life* iii. (1881) 19, I have had to pay a good deal in books, *shoe-soling, medicine, etc. 1891 S. C. SCRIVENER *Our Fields & Cities* iii. 26 Further, over the Huntingdonshire ground, where the *shoe-stitchers have extended. 1838 DICKENS *O. Twist* xxvi, Here, the clothesman, the *shoe-vamper, and the rag-merchant, display their goods. 1657 J. WATTS *Scribe & Let. Answ.* Ep. Rdr. A 3 b, Thou Histiæus wast the Shoemaker, but Aristagoras was the *Shoewearer. 1902 *Munsey's Mag.* XXIV. 854/2 After a year of constant *shoe wearing, the gravel hurt her feet. 1888 *Philadelphia Ledger* 23 Nov. (Cent.), The *shoe-workers' strike and lock-out.

c. Special comb.: **shoe-beak**, **-bill** = *shoe-bird*; **shoe-bill**, a kind of nail used in shoemaking; **shoe-binder** (see quot. 1858); so *shoe-bindery*, *binding*; **shoe-bird**, a bird, *Balæniceps rex*, found in Central Africa; **shoe-block** (see quot.); **shoe-board**, (*a*) a shoe-cleaner's bench; (*b*) a pedal of a silk-winding machine; **shoe-boy**, a shoeblack; **shoe-brush**, a brush for cleaning and polishing shoes; **shoe buckle**, a fastening for a shoe, in the form of a buckle, also an ornamental buckle worn on the front of a shoe; **shoe-butt**, thick leather (see BUTT *sb.*^{11}) for making the soles of shoes; **shoe-case**, a saddle case in which one or more spare horseshoes are carried; **shoe-cleaner** = SHOE-BLACK; so **shoe-cleaning** *sb.* and *a.*; †**shoe clout**, a cloth for wiping shoes; **shoe-finder** *U.S.*, one who deals in shoemakers' tools and appliances; **shoe findings** *pl.*, tools and material for shoe-making; **shoe-flower** *Anglo-Indian*, the flower of the *Hibiscus Rosasinensis* (Yule); **shoe hairs** *pl.*, prepared bristles for shoemakers' use; **shoe-hammer**, a shoemakers' hammer with a broad convex face and wide thin peen; **shoe-hand**, a shoemaking operative; **shoe-knife**, a shoemakers' knife; **shoe-lace**, a lace used to fasten a shoe by passing it in and out through eyelet-holes; **shoe-last** = LAST *sb.*^{1} 2; **shoe-latch**, **-latchet** = LATCHET 1 c; **shoe-licker** *fig.*, an abject sycophant or toady; **shoe-lift** = SHOE-HORN *sb.* 1; **shoe-lifter** = prec.; hence *shoe-lifter-like* adj.; **shoeman**, (*a*) see quot. 1841; (*b*) one who makes or deals in shoes; **shoe mercer**, one who deals in shoe mercery; **shoemercery**, laces, buttons, and other small wares of a boot and shoe dealer; **shoe-nail**, a nail used in fastening on the soles of shoes, also a projecting nail put in the soles of shoes to prevent slipping; **shoe-pack** *U.S.*, a shoe of tanned leather made without a separate sole after the manner of a moccasin; **shoe peg** = PEG *sb.*^{1} 2 d; **shoe pin** = prec.; **shoe-plate** (see quot.); †**shoe-pride**, ostentatious foot-wear (*nonce-use*); **shoe-rag** = *shoe-clout*; **shoe-scraper** = SCRAPER 5; **shoesmith**, a shoeing-smith (*obs.* or *arch.*); **shoe-stirrup**, a stirrup shaped like a shoe (*Cent. Dict.* 1891); **shoe-stone** (see quot.); **shoe-stretcher** (see quot. 1875); **shoe-string**, a string or tie used to fasten or lace a shoe; †**shoe-thong**, a leathern shoe-latchet; **shoe-tie** = *shoe-string*; **shoe-tree** = *boot-tree* (see BOOT *sb.*^{3} 8); †**shoe-turner**, the workman who 'turns' or cuts to shape the soles of shoes; **shoe-valve** (see quot.); **shoeward** *adv.*, towards the shoe; *adj.* directed towards the shoe; **shoe whang** *dial.* = *shoe-thong*; **shoe-wiper**, a servant who cleans shoes. Also SHOE-BLACK, SHOE-HORN, SHOE LEATHER.

1869–73 T. R. JONES *Cassell's Bk. Birds* IV. 59 The Whale-headed Stork, or *Shoe-beak (*Balæniceps rex*). 1874 tr. *Brehm's Bird-Life* 191 *Balæniceps Rex*, the Boot-bill, or *Shoe-bill, as the Arab tribes of East Soudan call it. 1881 *Instr. Census Clerks* (1885) 91 Nail manufacture... Shoe Bill, Cutter. 1809 *Longworth's New York Directory* 227 *Shoebinder. 1858 SIMMONDS *Dict. Trade, Shoe-binder*, a female who attaches the leather or ribbon binding to a shoe. 1848 in *Amer. Industrial Soc.* (1910) VIII. 200 *Shoe-bindery. 1835 DICKENS *Sk. Boz, Charac.* iv, Miss Evans.. had adopted in early life the useful pursuit of *shoe-binding. 1861 PETHERICK *Egypt*, etc. 475 Six *shoe-birds, so called by the Arabs, or royal balaeniceps. 1794 *Rigging & Seamanship* I. 156 **Shoe-blocks* are two single blocks, cut in a solid piece, transversely to each other. 1845 *Glance at Interior of China* (Shanghae) 82 A couple of grooves, on which the *shoe-board is to rest. 1857 HUGHES *Tom Brown* II. ix, Tom..sat down on the shoe-board, while the old man told his tale. 1724 SWIFT *Drapier's Lett.* vii. Wks. 1755 V. II. 137 If I employ a *shoe-boy, is it in view to his advantage, or to my own convenience? 1820 HOGG in *Blackw. Mag.* VI. 392 He makes your homebred coxcomb look a shoeboy. 1775 *Phil. Trans.* LXVII. 12 This was done..with water and a stiff *shoe-brush. 1482 in *York Myst.* Introd. 40 [Those that] maketh flisshe-hukes or *shobakilles. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* xxxix, A large pair of paste shoe-buckles. 1858 SIMMONDS *Dict. Trade*, **Shoe-butts*, stout leather suited for soles. 1854 R. S. SURTEES *Handley Cross* xxxii, A sandwich-case for one side, and a *shoe-case for t'other. 1725 DE FOE ['A. Moreton'] *Every-Body's Business* title-p., A Proposal..for clearing the Streets of those Vermin call'd *Shoe-Cleaners. 1716 GAY *Trivia* Index, *Shoe-cleaning Boys. 1821 SCOTT *Kenilw.* xxii, That very cloak-brushing, shoe-cleaning fellow..my lord's lackey. *c* 1425 ? LYDG. *Assembly of Gods* 1274 Syr ye do me wrong..to put thys creature..to be her vnderlowte, As hit were a castaway or a *shoo clowte. 1702 C. MATHER *Magn. Chr.* III. iv. vii. (1852) 613 Some greasy dish-clout, or some dirty shoe-clout. 1909 *Boston* (Mass.) *Transcript* 19 July 14/5 The National Leather and *Shoe Finders' Association. 1836 in *Amer. Industrial Soc.* VI. 37 *Shoe findings. 1834 G. BENNETT *Wanderings* II. 203 The Malays use the flowers of this shrub for cleansing shoes...This is probably the cause of its being called the *shoe-flower. 1859 F. S. COOPER *Ironmongers' Catal.* 160 *Shoe Hairs...Shoe Knives. 1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.*, **Shoe-hammer*. 1859 *Shoe-knife [see *shoe hairs* above]. 1647 HEXHAM I, A *shoe-lace, *een schoe-lint, ofte schoe-riem. *Ibid.*, A *shoe-last, *een schoe-leest.* 1832 BABBAGE *Econ. Manuf.* xi. (ed. 3) 102 An instrument..proposed for the purpose of making shoe-lasts. 1884 ANNIE S. SWAN *Carlowrie* i. 19 She was neat and smart, down to the very *shoe-latch. 1526 TINDALE *Mark* i. 7 Whos *shue latchett I am not worthy to stoupe doune and vnlose. 1535 COVERDALE *Gen.* xiv. 27 A shue lachet. 1611 BIBLE *Ibid.* 1826 COBBETT *Rur. Rides* (1885) II. 192, I challenge all his *shoe-lickers, all the base worshippers of twenty thousand acres, to show me [etc.]. 1862 *Catal. Internat. Exhib.* II. xxvii. 55 This goloshis put on without the aid of a *shoe-lift. 1846 W. KING in *Ann. & Mag. Nat. Hist.* XVIII. 86 In this species [of *Terebratula*] the candyle plates are attached to a process, which, to use a homely comparison, resembles a *shoe-lifter. 1850 — *Permian Fossils* 136 The shoe-lifter-like process. 1841 *Penny Cycl.* XXI. 410/2 [Shoemaker's workmen:] The *shoeman or maker of the sole part of the shoe. 1899 HOWELLS *Ragged Lady* 59 The shoeman, turning with a pair of high-heeled bronze slippers in his hand from the wagon. 1881 *Instr. Census Clerks* (1885) 76 *Shoe Mercer, Shoe Mercery Manufacturer. 1862a *Catal. Internat. Exhib.* II. xxvii. 48 Elastic webs, and *shoe mercery. *c* 725 *Corpus Gloss.* (Hessels) C 480 *Clausus caligaris* *scohnegl. 1860 WORCESTER, *Shoe-nail*, a nail used in making shoes. 1860 TYNDALL *Glac.* I. iii. 28 My guide first tried the slope alone; biting the ice with his shoe-nails. 1824 J. HALL *Sketches* (1835) I. 75 Gentlemen dressed in *shoepacks, mocassons, leather breeches [etc.]. 1854 GRACE GREENWOOD *Haps & Mishaps* 13 The Yankee having whittled a large lot of unsaleable *shoe-pegs into melon seeds. 1723 MANDEVILLE *Fable of Bees* (ed. 2) 275 A Cobler,..if he runs of Errands when he has no work, or makes but *Shoepins,..he deserves the Name of Industrious. 1904 A. C. HOLMS *Pract. Shipbuild.* I. viii. § 75. 79 In coasting vessels..the bottom of the keel gradually wears away...It is remedied by fitting *shoe plates, *i. e.* U-shaped plates embracing the keel. 1613 SYLVESTER *Lachr. Lachr.* B 4, Strip from Top to Toe, Of guiddie-Gaudes,..Of Face-pride,..*Shoo-pride. 1594 NASHE *Unfort. Trav.* K 1, Taffatie..which serueth him..for a *shoo-rag. 1842 LOUDON *Suburban Hort.* 169 Portable *shoe-scrapers of cast-iron. 1625 *Nottingham Rec.* V. 103 Wee present Francis Levys, laborer, for vsinge the trade of a *shoesmithe..and nott being Apprentice. 1896 A. AUSTIN *England's Darling* II. iii, Woodcraft and masonry, Shoesmith or wheelwright, all are one to him. 1858 SIMMONDS *Dict. Trade*, **Shoe-stones*, sharpening or setting-stones..for the use of shoemakers, book-binders,..&c. 1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.*, **Shoe-stretcher*, an expansible last for distending shoes. 1616 R. COCKS *Diary* (Hakl. Soc.) I. 157 A peare silk garters, with gould fring, and *shewstring same. 1755 SMOLLETT *Quix.* I. IV. iii. (1803) II. 40 She is not worthy to tie her majesty's shoe-strings. 1599 B. JONSON *Ev. Man out of Hum.* Induct. (1600) B, But that a Rooke in wearing..A yarde of *shooe-tie, [etc.]..should affect a Humor, O, 'tis more than most rediculous. [1603 SHAKS. *Meas. for M.* IV. iii. 18 Then haue we heere..braue Mr Shootie the great Traueller.] 1611 — *Wint. T.* IV. iv. 611 Glaue, Shooe-tye, Bracelet. 1851 HAWTHORNE *Twice-told T.* I. ii. 29 [She] blushes from topknot to shoetie, one universal scarlet. 1862 *Catal. Internat. Exhib.* II. xxvii. 56 Boot and *shoe trees. 1486 *Bk. St. Albans* f. vii, A Plocke of *Shoturneris. 1858 *Skyring's Builders' Prices* 100 Long Spindle, or *Shoe Valves. 1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech., Shoe-valve*, a valve at the foot of a pump-stock, or at the bottom of a reservoir. 1607 MARKHAM *Caval.* VI. 60 Assoone as any naile is driuen in, you shall turne the point backe againe, downe to the *shooeward. 1852 *Meanderings of Mem.* I. 163 He looked submission with a shoeward eye. 1691 NICHOLSON *Gloss. Northanhymbr.* in Ray *Coll.* 148 *Shoe-whang, *corrigia.* 1894 *Northumbld. Gloss., Shoe-whang, shough-whaing*, a boot lace, a shoe tie. Usually called a whang or whaing simply. 1706 E. WARD *Wooden World Diss.* (1708) 19 Every Thing at free Cost, from a Steward, down to a *Shoe-Wiper.

Shoe (ʃū), *v.* Pa. t. and Pa. pple. **shod** (ʃǫd), *rarely* **shoed** (ʃūd). Forms: *Inf.* 1 scōzan, scōzean, sceōzan, scōsn, sceōn, soeōian, 3 scheo, 3, 6 sho, 4 schoye, 4–7 shoo, 5 scho, 5–6 show, (5 schoyn), 6–7 shooe, shoue, (6 shu, schoe, schue, sue, sew), 6– shoe. *Pa. t.* 1 scōde, 3 scoide, soide, 4 schodde, 9 shoed, 6– shod. *Pa. pple.* 1 (ȝe)scōd, (ȝe)sceōd, 3 sood, sod, i-schud, isood, 4 ischood, 3–4 i-schod, 3–6 schod, 4–6 shodd(e, (4–5 shood, schood), 5 y-shood, y-schod, schodde, 5–6 shode, 6

shoode, showed, shoyd, 7 shoad, shoud, 7–9 shoed, (7, 9 *erron.* shodden), 4– shod. [OE. *scógan*, corresp. to MLG. *schoigen, schoien, schoen*, Du. *schoeien*, OHG. *scuohôn, scuohan* (MHG. *schuohen, schuon*, mod.G. *schuhen*), ON. *skúa* (MSw. *skoa*, Sw., Da. *sko*):—OTeut. **skōhōjan*, f. **skōho-* Shoe *sb.*

The doubling of the *d* and the consequent shortening of the vowel in ME. *schodde* pa. t., *schodd* pa. pple. (whence the mod. *shod* pa. t. and pa. pple.) are anomalous. (An OE. example occurs in Wulfstan *Hom.* p. 173, Unsceoddum fotum.) Cf. MSw. *skodde* pa. t., and Sw. *skodd* pa. pple. The case is parallel to that of *fledde, fledd* from Flee *v.* (where Sw. also has the corresponding gemination).

1. *trans.* To put shoes on (one's feet); to put on (one's) shoes; to clothe or protect the feet with shoes; to provide (a person, oneself) with boots or shoes.

c 897 Ælfred *Gregory's Past. C.* v. 44 Sceoȝeað eowre fett. *c* 1000 Ælfric *Gram.* xxvi. (Z.) 158 *Calceo* vel *calcio* ic scoże me. *c* 1000 — *Hom.* (Th.) II. 382 Se engel cwæð, Begyrd þe, and sceo þe, and fyliȝ me. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 16 Þer efter schеoinde ou & cloðinde, siggeð Pater Noster & Credo. *a* 1300 *Havelok* 1138, I ne may hire fede, ne cloþe, ne sho. *c* 1366 Chaucer *Rom. Rose* 842 And shod he was.. With shoon decoped, and with laas. 1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) I. 411 They..gooþ i-hosed and i-schod. 1398 — *Barth. De P. R.* xviii. xcvi. (1495) 842 Ofte apes shoo themself wyth shoon that hunters leue in certen places slyly. 1530 Palsgr. 704/1, I shoo one, I put shoes upon his fete. 1599 Thynne *Animadv.* 13 [Chaucer's name] signyfyinge one who shueth or hooseth a manne. 1794 C. Pigot *Female Jockey Club* 195 Goverоment..cannot spare wherewithall to keep the poor fellows feet properly shoed. 1846 Mrs. Kirkland *West. Clearings* 10 The shoemaker..travels from house to house, shoeing the family. 1855 Longf. *Hiawatha* xv. 24 Shod with snow-shoes..Forth to hunt ..went Chibiabos. 1910 *Nation* 30 July 644/1 Women never learned to shoe themselves till they took to playing outdoor games with men.

Proverbial. 1546 J. Heywood *Prov.* I. xi. (1867) 32 But who is wurs shod, than the shoemakers wyfe. 1581 Pettie tr. *Guazzo's Civ. Conv.* I. (1586) 20 He ought to stop his eares..and to walke amongst them (as the saying is) shood amongest the thornes.

2. To provide (a horse, etc.) with a shoe or shoes. †Also with *up*. *Shod all round*: completely shod.

c 1205 Lay. 22291 Heo wipeden hors leoue..heo sceren heo scoiden [*c* 1275 and soide hire stedes]. 1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) IV. 395 He..schodde his mules wiþ silver. 1435 *Coventry Leet-bk.* 185 The smythes..shall..show straungers horsies as-well on Sondais as on othur weke-days,..apon the payn of xld. 1523–34 Fitzherb. *Husb.* § 142 Gyue thy horse meate, se he be showed well. 1605 Shaks. *Lear* IV. vi. 188 It were a delicate stratagem to shoo A Troope of Horse with Felt. 1639 T. de Gray *Compt. Horsem.* 290 You may shooe him up, but drive no naile at that place. *a* 1648 Ld. Herbert *Autobiog.* (1886) 205 He staid in the highway..until my horse was shoed. 1776 *Pennsylvania Even. Post* 27 June 320/2 A Bay Mare,..a natural trotter, shod all round, remarkably bad to shoe behind. 1870 Thornbury *Tour rd. Eng.* II. xxiii. 139 The forge of the blacksmith who shoed Tyrrell's horse. 1889 F. E. Gretton *Memory's Harkback* 149 He shod her all round, and she never kicked once.

fig. 1731–8 Swift *Pol. Convers.* i. 95 *Lady Smart.* This is his Fourth Wife; then he has been shod round. 1788 Grose *Dict. Vulg. T.* (ed. 2) s. v. *Shod*, A parson who attends a funeral is said to be shod all round, when he receives a hat-band, gloves, and scarf.

b. Phrases. *To shoe the goose, gosling*: see those words; similarly *to shoe the gander*, †*the daw*. Also, † *To shoe the goose* (slang): to get drunk. *To shoe the wild mare*: see Mare I 2 b.

1566 Drant *Horace, Sat.* I. ix. E iij, All the reaste mighte blow their nayles, or go to shough the dawe. 1594 Nashe *Unfort. Trav.* C 2 b, Galen might goe shooe the Gander for any good he could doo. 1611 Coigr. s. v. *Bertrand, Deschausser Bertrand*, to be drunke,..to whip the cat, shoo the goose.

3. To protect (the point, edge or face of a thing, esp. something made of timber) with a plate, rim, ferrule or sheath of metal, etc.

c 1205 Lay. 7831, & þa Bruttes..nomen longen ræftres.. mid stronge irene heo weoren i-scod. 1496 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* I. 290 Item, for..irne to Johne Lam, to scho the quhelis..xxvjs. 1531 *Lett. & Papers Hen. VIII*, V. 183 To John Locker for sewing mouldes with ireon for the brykmakers. 1565 Cooper *Thesaurus, Aries*,..a great peece of timber shodde with brasse, in facion like a rammes heade. 1585 T. Washington tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* IV. xiii. 126 b, Bootes..shodde vnderneath with yron. 1601 *Shuttleworths' Acc.* (Chetham Soc.) 134, ij speades shoud with iren, ij*s*. 1618 in Charnock *Mar. Archit.* (1801) II. 205 Shovells steele shodden. 1789 Burns *Capt. Grose's Peregr.* vii, A broom-stick o' the Witch of Endor, Weel shod wi' brass. 1823 P. Nicholson *Pract. Build.* 303 The ends of the piles are cased or shoed with pointed iron. 1829 *Chapters Phys. Sci.* 138 In the processes of hooping barrels, and shoeing wheels. 1869 Rankine *Machine & Hand-tools* Pl. P 21 These bars ..are shod at their lower cutting ends with serrated or notched steel faces for chipping the stone. 1911 *Act 1 & 2 Geo. V*, c. 45 § 2 (4) The driving wheels of a locomotive.. shod with diagonal crossbars of not less than three inches in width.

b. Naut. *To shoe the anchor*: (see quot. 1644).

1644 Manwayring *Sea-mans Dict.* 3 The ground may be soft and ozie; In such places we use to shooe the Anchor, that is, to put boords to the flooke..and make it much broader. 1769 Falconer *Dict. Marine* (1789). 1867 in Smyth *Sailor's Word-bk.*

4. *transf.* To cover or protect as with a shoe or shoes.

1639 Fuller *Holy War* IV. xiii. (1640) 191 The shores there being not shod against the sea with huge high rocks. 1807 *Prize Ess. & Trans. Highl. Soc.* III. 448 The surface turfs are carefully laid aside, and after the peats are taken out, these turfs are brought back..and placed upon the part that was made bare. This operation is called shoeing the moss. 1837 Longf. *Frithiof's Homestead* 24 On a bear skin (the skin it was coal-black, Scarlet red was the throat, but the paws were shodden with silver), Thorsten sat.

Shoe, obs. form of Show *sb.* and *v.*, Sow *v.*

Shoeblack (ʃū·blæk). [f. Shoe *sb.* + Black *v.*] One who cleans boots and shoes for a livelihood.

1778 Foote *Trip to Calais* I. (1778) 21 As I live, a couple of shoe-blacks. 1831 Carlyle *Sart. Res.* II. ix, Will the whole Finance Ministers..of modern Europe undertake to make one Shoeblack happy?

attrib. 1862 G. H. Townsend *Man. of Dates* s. v. *Shoe-blacks*, The existing ragged school shoeblack brigade was founded in 1851.

b. *Shoe-black Plant* = *shoe-flower* (Shoe *sb.* 6 c).

1858 Simmonds *Dict. Trade, Shoe-black*,.. a name in Jamaica for the *Hibiscus rosa sinensis*. 1866 *Treas. Bot.* I. 589/1 *Hibiscus Rosa sinensis*...These flowers..are used ..in Java for blacking shoes, whence the plant is frequently called the Shoe-black Plant.

So † **Shoe-blacker,** a shoeblack. **Shoe-blacking,** (*a*) = Blacking *vbl. sb.* 3 b; (*b*) the blacking and polishing of shoes.

1755 Johnson *Dict., Japanner..a.* A shoeblacker. 1843 M. A. Richardson *Local Hist. Table Bk., Hist.* II. Index, Shoe blacker. 1890 L. C. D'Ovle *Notches* 13 They were.. the only persons possessed of shoe-blacking. 1902 Alice Terton *Lights & Shadows in Hosp.* x. 166 His interest in the shoe-blacking soon waned.

Shoed (ʃūd), *ppl. a.* [f. Shoe *sb.* or *v.* + -ed.] Furnished or protected with a shoe or shoes; shod.

See also Slip-shoed *a.* and *high-shoed* var. of High-shod.

1601 *Will of W. Snawdon of Winterton, Lincs.*, One shoed weane with the furniture belonging to it. 1612 *Inv.* in *Antiquary* (1906) Jan. 28 A shoed shovel, a shoed spade. 1902 *Edin. Evening News* 14 July 2 [He] kicked her with his shoed feet.

Shoef, obs. pa. t. of Shave *v.*

Shoe-goose: see Syagush.

Shoe-horn (ʃū·hɔ̄ɪn), *sb.* In 5, 6 *Sc.* schone-, shone-, ? -schune.

1. A curved instrument of horn, metal, etc. used to facilitate the slipping of one's heel into a shoe by placing it between shoe and heel; a shoeing-horn.

1589 *Burgh Rec. Edin.* (1882) IV. 540 Ane schone horne 30d. 1612 *Sc. Bk. Rates* in *Halyburton's Ledger* (1867) 315 Shone hornes the dozen vis. 1874 Burnand *My time* xxiv. 213 Giving his back the graceful outward bend of a shoe-horn.

2. *fig.* = Shoeing-horn 2.

1630 Bp. G. Græme *Let.* in *Miscellany S. H. S.* (1904) II. 255 Sone, cum not in such termis, for..I fear that if more be offered it will be takin. be warie, ye he no schurehorne [? *read* schunehorne]. 1869 *Lousdale Gloss., Shoe-horn*, a puffer at an auction. 1894 *Northumberld. Gloss., Shoe-horn*, a helper on. One employed to bid for the sellers at sales.

3. = Shoeing-horn 3.

1864 Atkinson *Prov. Names Birds, Shoe-horn.* Avocet —*Recurvirostra avocetta.* 1895 P. H. Emerson *Birds Norfolk Broadland* [xxxvi. 281 And you know 'tis an avocet, or 'shoe-horn', as the old Broadsmen call him.

Shoe·horn, *v.*

†**1.** *trans.* To cuckold. (Cf. Horn *v.* 2.) *Obs.*—1

c 1650 Braithwait *Barnabees Jrnl.* II. xvi. H 6, Venus swore it, She'd shooe-horn her Vulcans forehead.

2. To put or thrust (a thing) *upon* (a person) or (a person) *into* (a position) by means of an 'instrument' or 'tool' for the purpose.

1859 W. Chadwick *Life De Foe* v. 292 A penny trash, shoe-horned upon the public for buyers, by the addition of the Shortest Way with Daniel De Foe. 1901 *North Western Daily Mail* (Barrow) 6 Mar., A non-expert..who is shoehorned into a position like that of the War Secretary.

3. *intr.* To act as a 'shoe-horn' at a sale. *dial.* (Cf. Shoe-horn *sb.* 2.) 1904 *Eng. Dial. Dict.*

Shoeing (ʃū·iŋ), *vbl. sb.* Forms: 4–6 shoyng(e, (4 ssoinge), 4–7 shoing, 5 schoynge, schoing, 5–6 scho(w)yng, 6 showing, showyng(e, shouing, (schevyng, 7 schewing), 6–8 shooing, 7– shoeing. [f. Shoe *v.* + -ing 1.]

1. The action of Shoe *v.*; the action of putting shoes on a person or animal, or of furnishing a pile, wheel, etc. with a shoe.

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 447/2 Schoynge, of menn, *calceacio.* Schoynge, of hors, *ferracio.* 1458 *Nottingham Rec.* II. 366 For vj. powls schoyng and þe powls ijs. 1515 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* V. 32 Item..for..the schoyng of gun cartis..iij li. xs. 1523–34 Fitzherb. *Husb.* § 109 Enterfyre is a sorance, and cometh of yll shoynge. 1657 W. Coles *Adam in Eden* cxii, Laid or bound to a Horses foot that is grievously pricked with shooing. 1707 Fleetwood *Chron. Prec.* v. 149 For Hay, Oats, Litter and Shooing. 1840 Thackeray *Catherine* vii, My horse wants shoeing. 1883 'Annie Thomas' *Mod. Housewife* 67 The only broad rule that can be laid down for the successful shoeing of children is [etc.].

2. *concr.* **a.** Shoes collectively.

a 1340 Hampole *Psalter* cvii. 10 In til ydumy i sall streke my shoynge. 1382 Wyclif *Exod.* iii. 5 But lowse thou thi shoyng [*v. r.* schone] fro thi feyt. *c* 1450 *Godstow Reg.* 394 And..the forsaid hugh shold fynde the forsaid Anneys..in vitaile clothyng and shoyng. 1480 Caxton *Chron. Eng.* ccxxvi. 233 They were more lyche to tormentours and deuels in hir clothyng and shoyng. 1483 *Cath. Angl.* 337/2 A schoynge, *ferramentum. Ibid.*, Schoynge of a byschope (*v.r.* schon of a bischoppe), *sandalia.* 1530 Palsgr. 267/1 Schowyng of an horse, *ferrure.*

b. The protective casing or covering with which a thing is shod.

1805 R. W. Dickson *Pract. Agric.* I. 378 A strong lever, shod with iron, and having the iron shoeing bent a little upwards. 1806 Morison *Decis.* XXXIII. 14296 The shoeing or causewaying in the river..must be taken away. 1870 *2nd Rep. Dep. Kpr. Irel.* 20 The sides of the tray are fitted with a light shoeing of wood. 1892 R. C. Leslie *Sea-Boat* 162 *Shooing*, an iron band to protect the keel.

3. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *shoeing forge, -hammer, -shed, -stool, -trade*; **shoeing smith,** a smith who shoes horses.

1889 *Harper's Mag.* June 13/2 Outside the town you find the *shoeing forges. 1753 *Chambers' Cyc.* Suppl., **Shoeing-hammer.* 1833 Loudon *Encycl. Archit.* § 418 The *shoeing-shed ought to have rings in the walls for the..halters of the horses being shod, to be fastened to. 1809 *Sporting Mag.* XXXIII. 41 Mr. Goodwin, *shoeing-smith. 1861 Dickens *Gt. Expect.* I. ix. 146 'Should you, Pip?' said Joe, drawing his *shoeing-stool near the forge. 1865 H. Kingsley *Hillyars* I. ii. 11 His business was..what we call a good *shoeing trade, principally with the omnibus horses.

Shoe·ing-horn. [Shoeing *vbl. sb.*]

1. = Shoe-horn *sb.* 1.

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 447/2 Schoynge horne, *parcopollex.* 1523–34 Fitzherb. *Husb.* § 142 Shoyng horne, boget, and shoes. 1614 B. Jonson *Barth. Fair* II. ii, Oyly as the Kings constables Lampe and shining as his Shooing-horne. 1713 Swift *Elegy Death Partridge* Misc. (1727) 100 The Horned Moon, which heretofore Upon their Shoes the Romans wore..And whence we claim our Shoeing-Horns. 1825 T. Hook *Sayings* Ser. II. *Man of Many Fr.* I. 250 A pair of pumps into which, with the assistance of..a shoeing-horn, the old gentleman had compressed his proper proportions. 1855 Dickens *Dorrit* xxii, A little instrument like a shoeing horn for serving it [snuff] out.

attrib. 1623 Fletcher *Rule a Wife* IV. i, Here's a shooing-horn Chain gilt over.

Proverbial. 1508 Stanbridge *Vulgaria* (W. de W.) B v, His nose is lyke a shoynge horne. 1659 Howell *Lex., Prov.* 4/1 Every one cannot have a nose like a shooing-horn.

2. *fig.* **a.** An appetizer for food or drink.

1536 *Remedy for Sedition* 19 b, We haue to many sawces, to many showying hornes to drawe in meate. 1575 *Gammer Gurton* I. i, I..caught a slyp of bacon..Which..Shall serue for a shoinghorne to draw on two pots of ale. 1622 Mabbe tr. *Aleman's Guzman d'Alf.* II. 275 The hungry sauour of our porrige was a shooing-horne to draw downe the hardnesse of our bread. 1737 Ozell *Rabelais* I. 152 *note*, Thus we say, a Red Herring is a shoing-horn to a Pot of Ale. 1815 Scott *Guy M.* xxiv, This [conversation] served as a 'shoeing-horn' to draw on another cup of ale.

b. Something serving to facilitate a transaction, to bring on a condition, or to procure acceptance for something else.

1584 D. Fenner *Def. Ministers* (1587) 71 This was nothing but a shoing-horne, to pull on a page or two more. 1621 Burton *Anat. Mel.* I. ii. II. vi. 115 Voluntary solitarinesse ..gently brings on as a Siren, a shooing-horne, or some Sphinx to this irrevocable gulfe [Melancholy]. 1759 Franklin *Ess.* Wks. 1840 III. 198 It appeared..that a treaty and a purchase went on together, that the former was a shoeing-horn for the latter. 1819 Scott *Leg. Montrose* v, A long story, my lord,..is..the best shoeing-horn for drawing on a sound sleep. 1864 Sir T. Seaton *From Cadet to Colonel* xvii. 358 An occupation that was a certain shoeing horn for cholera.

attrib. a 1704 T. Brown *Walk round London, Tavern* Wks. 1709 III. iii. 6 As soon as that [his money] begins to fail, then her Shooing-horn Looks and Freedoms, are turn'd into moody Pouts.

c. A person used as a tool by another; esp. one who is employed as a decoy.

1602 *Narcissus* 441 O, that same youthe's the scummer of all skorne, Of surquedry the very shooing horne. 1606 Shaks. *Tr. & Cr.* v. i. 61. 1692 Wood *Ath. Oxon.* II. 494 Oliver had made him..his shooing horn, merely to serve his turn. 1712 Addison *Spect.* No. 536 ₱ 5 Most of our fine young Ladies..retain in their Service..supernumerary and insignificant Fellows, which they..commonly call *Shoeing-Horns.* These are..designed..when a good Offer comes, to whet and spur him up to the Point. 1864 Carlyle *Fredk. Gt.* xvi. vii. IV. 335 D'Arnaud—once Friedrich's shoeing-horn and 'rising-sun' for Voltaire's behoof.

†**3.** The Avocet: = Shoe-horn *sb.* 3. *Obs.*

1668 Sir T. Browne *Let.* Wks. 1836 I. 400 A shoeing-horn or barker, from the figure of the bill and barking note.

†**4.** A cuckold's horn: see Horn *sb.* 7. In quot. *attrib.* (Cf. Shoe-horn *v.* 1.)

1663 Killigrew *Pars. Wedding* v. iv, Fine y' faith, none but the small Levites brow to plant your shooing-horn-seed in? How now?

Hence † **Shoe·ing-horn** *v.* = Shoe-horn *v.* 2.

1658–9 *Burton's Diary* (1828) IV. 77 This House does not intend to trepan, or shoeing-horn, any body.

Shoe·kin. *nonce-wd.* [-kin.] A small shoe.

1844 Thackeray *Contrib. Punch, Wand. Fat Contrib.* ii. Wks. 1898 VI. 60 A Belgic child..in little wooden shoekins.

Shoel, obs. form of Shoal *sb.*1

Shoe-leather. Leather for the making of shoes; the leather of which (one's) shoes are made.

1660 Boyle *Spring of Air* 13 A sucker,..upon which is nail'd a good thick piece of tan'd shoe Leather. 1818 Lady Morgan *Autobiog.* (1859) 119 As good a lad as ever stepped in shoe-leather. 1828–32 Webster, *Shoe-leather*, leather for shoes. 1889 Jessopp *Coming of Friars* ii. 89 The poor man's loaf was..as tough as his shoe-leather.

b. pnt for the wear of shoes in walking.

1576 Fleming *Panopl. Epist.* 319 He counteth me..such a one as is altogether unworthy of a litle shoe leather, when he is sent for. 1675 V. Alsop *Anti-sozzo* iii. 114 No need to look out, if they had sufficient at Home, they might save Shooe-leather. 1874 Ruskin *Fors Clav.* IV. xliv. 166 He walked to Ulverstone; spent nothing but shoe-leather on the road.

Shoeless (ʃūˑlĕs), *a.* [f. SHOE *sb.* + -LESS.] Without shoes.

1627 DRAYTON *Agincourt* 59 A shoolesse Souldier there a man might meete. 1825 LAMB *Elia* Ser. II. *Barbara S—*, And then came staring upon her the figures of her little stockingless and shoeless sisters. 1875 JOWETT *Plato* (ed. 2) I. 134 He found that the other animals were suitably furnished, but that man alone was naked and shoeless.

Hence **Shoeˑlessness.**

1843 [G. P. R. JAMES] *Commissioner* XXXVI. 220 She had found her shoelessness not very pleasant.

Shoemack, -make, obs. forms of SUMACH.

Shoemaker (ʃūˑmēˑkəɹ). Forms: see SHOE *sb.* and MAKER; also 6 *north.* **shounemaker** (from the *plural*).

1. One whose trade it is to make shoes.

1381 *Rolls of Parlt.* III. 112/2 Johannes Stotesbury, Childeshomakere. *c* 1440 *Alphabet of Tales* 164 A philosophur.. þat boght a payr of shone on a tyme of a sho-maker. 1519 *Presentm. Juries* in *Surtees Misc.* (1890) 32 That the shounemaker sewe well thayre shown. 1621 in Kempe *Losely MSS.* (1836) 430 To yᵉ shoo maker for boots and shooes..4ˡⁱ. 3*s.* 1824 MISS MITFORD *Village* Ser. I. 5 Our shoemaker..employs three journeymen. 1865 DICKENS *Mut. Fr.* I. vii, His expression and stoop are like those of a shoemaker.

b. in Latin proverb (cf. LAST *sb.*¹ 2 c.).

1587 GOLDING *De Mornay* (1592) 155 The Shoomaker ought not to presume aboue the Pantofle. 1768–74 TUCKER *Lt. Nat.* (1834) II. 173 Carrying the shoe-maker beyond his last, and encroaching upon the province of divines.

2. a. In the names of various fishes.

[1688 HOLME *Armoury* II. 377/2 Table, Shoomaker fish 15 16. *Ibid.* II. xv. 350 The Hollanders call it [the Tench] a Schoemaker]. 1836 J. RICHARDSON *Fauna Bor.-Amer.* III. 120 *Cyprinus* (*Catastomus*) *nigricans.* (Le Sueur.)..This species is..an inhabitant of Lake Erie, where it is known to the fishermen by the names of 'Shoemaker', and 'Black Sucker'. 1884 GOODE *Nat. Hist. Aquatic Anim.* 326 The Threadfish, *Blepharis crinitus*.., also known as the 'Shoemaker-fish'. *Ibid.* 332 The Runner, *Elagatis pinnulatus*.., known..at Pensacola as..'Shoemaker', is ..abundant on the..coasts of Florida. 1891 *Century Dict.* s.v. *Coral*, Coral shoemaker, a fish of the family *Teuthididæ* and genus *Teuthis* or *Acanthurus*, living in the coral reefs of the Seychelles. 1904 *Eng. Dial. Dict.*, *Shoemaker*, the lesser weever, *Trachinus vipera*; also in comb. *Master shoemaker.*

b. A name for the bird *Skua antarcticus.*

1867 SMYTH *Sailor's Word-bk.*, *Egmont*, or *Port Egmont Fowls*, the large Antarctic gulls with dark-brown plumage, called *shoemakers.*

3. *Comb.* † **shoemaker-loo** *U.S.*, some game at cards.

1813 R. B. THOMAS *Farmer's Alm.* (Boston, U. S.) Dec. in Kittredge *Old Farmer & Almanack* (1904) 95 Tom Teazer, well known at the grog shops for a dabster at shoemaker loo.

b. Combinations of possessive, as *shoemaker's craft*, but chiefly in the names of tools and appliances, as *shoemaker's awl*, *black* (BLACK *sb.* 1 b), *end* (END *sb.* 6 c), *hammer*, *knife*, *nippers*, *paste*, *rasp*, *thread*, *wax*; also **shoemaker's bark-tree** (see quot.); **shoemaker's holiday**, † (*a*) see quot. 1607; also applied to Monday (see Dekker *Shoemaker's Holiday* III. i); (*b*) used jocularly (after the title of Dekker's play, *a* 1600) for a day's holiday or 'outing' in the country; **shoemaker's spasm**, a synonym given to tetany because of the liability of shoemakers to be affected by it; † **shoe-maker's stocks** *slang*, shoes which pinch the feet.

1647 HEXHAM I, A *shoe-makers aule. 1874 *Treas. Bot.* Suppl., *Shoemaker's bark-tree, a Montserrat name for *Byrsonima spicata.* 1563 HYLL *Art Garden.* (1593) 91 The seedes..being mixed with *shomakers blacke, doth take away warts. 1530 PALSGR. 267/1 *Shoomakers crafte, *cordovanerie.* 1540 *Maldon* (Essex) *Liber B.* 158 Idem Andreas in arte sive occupacione de shomakerscrafte bene et fideliter serviret dictum Cornelium. 1598– *Shoemaker's end [see END *sb.* 6 c]. 1895 P. N. HASLUCK *Boot Making* 18 A *shoemaker's hammer, knife, nippers, glazing iron, and rasp. *Ibid.* 27 *Shoemaker's Rasp. 1607 *Christmas Prince* III. (1816) 47 *Tuesday* [loq.]..Bouzer I am not, but mild, sober Tuesday..if I light not on St. Hewsday. *Footnote.* The *Shoemakers holy-day. 1768 GOLDSM. in *European Mag.* (1793) Sept. 172/1 And now my dear boy, if you are not better engaged, I should be glad to enjoy a Shoe-maker's holiday with you. 1822 SCOTT *Let.* 23 June in *Lockhart* (1837) V. 189 Castle Street is bad enough, even with the privilege of a hop-step-and-jump to Abbotsford, by way of shoemakers' holiday. 1647 HEXHAM I, A *shoe-makers knife. 1842 DICKENS *Amer. Notes* vii, [He] would have gladly stabbed me with his shoemaker's knife. 1688 HOLME *Armoury* III. 349/2 These..*Shoomakers Nippers..having a sharp point in the end of one [shank]; and a slit in the other, to strain up a Tack. 1866 *Athenæum* Feb. 243/3 The paste to be used for all prints..should be *shoemakers' paste. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* (1910) VIII. 578 Of 399 cases [of Tetany]..174 occurred in shoemakers ('*shoemaker's spasm'). *a* 1700 B. E. *Dict. Cant. Crew*, **Shoemakers-stocks*, pincht with strait Shoes. 1607 TOPSELL *Four-f. Beasts* 420 Fasten on each side of the hole, two ends of *Shoomakers thread. 1603 DEKKER *Wonderf. Yr.* Wks. (Grosart) I. 132 *Shooemakers waxe being laide to a byle. 1885 LENO *Boot & Shoemaking* 221 Shoemakers' Wax..is composed generally of..pitch and resin, with 10 per cent. of tallow.

Hence **Shoeˑmakeress,** a female shoemaker.

Shoeˑmakerish *a.*, resembling that of a shoemaker.

1860 *All Year Round* Sept. 523/2 They all bought their shoes of a woman who was called Mother Rousselle...The shoemakeress [etc.]. 1866 HOWELLS *Venetian Life* xiv. 204 With bead-black eyes and of a shoemakerish presence.

Shoemaking (ʃūˑmēˑkiŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. SHOE *sb.* + MAKING *vbl. sb.*] The making of shoes.

1611 COTGR., *Cordouannerie*, Shoo-making. 1859 DICKENS *T. Two Cities* I. vi, The white head that bent low over the shoemaking. 1910 MRS. H. M. TIRARD *Bk. of Dead* I. 18 All the trades are also represented, shoe-making, boat-building, pottery-making [etc.].

Shoer (ʃūˑəɹ). Forms: 1 *scóere*, *scóshere*, 5 **schoer**, 6 **shooer**, 9– **shoer.** [OE. *scóere*: see SHOE *v.* and -ER¹.] One who shoes. In OE. a shoemaker; later usually, one who shoes horses, etc.

c 725 *Corpus Gloss.* (Hessels) S 696, *Sutrinator*, scoere. *a* 900 *Leiden Gloss.* 122 in *O. E. Texts* 115 *Sutrinator*, scoehere. 1483 *Cath. Angl.* 337/2 A Schoer, *ferrarius.* 1562 J. HEYWOOD *Prov. & Epigr.* (1867) 159 We should haue as many goose shooers as geese. 1861 OLMSTED *Journ. Cotton Kingdom* I. 111 He tells Prior that if he can find a first rate shoer..not to lose him. 1902 *19th Cent.* Aug. 313 The mystic shoer Wayland Smith.

Shoerl, variant of SCHORL.

1789 *Phil. Trans.* LXXX. 81 Indurated clay and shoerl.

Shofar, variant of SHOPHAR.

Shof(e, shoff(e, obs. forms of SHOVE *v.*

Shoffle, Shofful, obs. ff. SHUFFLE, SHOVEL.

Shoful (ʃōˑful). *slang.* Also **showfull, shouful, schofell, shofle, schoful.** [a. G. *schofel* worthless stuff, rubbish (primarily Yiddish, and thence adopted in London slang, thongh it has long been in ordinary German use), subst. use of G. *schofel* base, mean, worthless, repr. the German-Jewish pronunciation of Heb. שָׁפֵל *shāphēl* low.]

1. Counterfeit money. Also *attrib.* or *adj.*, counterfeit. *Comb.* **shoful-man, -pitcher,** one who passes counterfeit coin; so *shoful-pitching.*

1851 MAYHEW *Lond. Labour* I. 24/1 [Costermonger's slang] Showfulls, Bad money. 1856 — *Gt. World London* 47 The '*shoful-men', or those who plunder by counterfeits; as coiners and forgers of checks, and notes, and wills. 1859 *Hotten's Slang Dict.*, **Showfull-pitcher*, a passer of counterfeit money. 1860 *Ibid.* (ed. 2), **Showfull-pullel*, a 'gay' woman. 1863 W. B. JERROLD *Signals of Distress* 106 The passers of base coin, shofulmen,..will be sensibly strengthened. 1891 CAREW *Autobiog. Gypsy* 417 Got down and heaved the sack-ful o' shoful into the water.

2. A hansom cab. Also (rarely) *shoful-cab.*

[Possibly a distinct word; the explanation in quot. 1851 does not seem altogether certain.]

1851–61 MAYHEW *Lond. Labour* II. 488/2, I don't think those 'shofuls' (Hansoms) should be allowed. *Ibid.* III. 351/1 Hansom's..are always called 'showfulls' by the cabmen. 'Showfull', in slang, means counterfeit, and the 'showfull' cabs are an infringement on Hansom's patent. 1854 *Household Words* VIII. 76 A hackney cab is a shoful. 1862 *Offic. Catal. Internat. Exhib.* I. No. 1444 Original builders of the shofle or gentleman's Hansom. *Ibid.* No. 1367 New brougham 'shofle'. 1869 *St. James' Mag.* III. 285 There ought to be other conveyances beyond the 'Growler and Shofle'.

3. A low-class tavern. ? *rare.*

1851 MAYHEW *Lond. Labour* I. 259/1 'A rackety place, sir,..one of the showfuls; a dicky one; a free-and-easy'.

Shog (ʃɒg), *sb.* Now only *dial.* and *arch.* Forms: 6 **schogg,** 7–8 **shogg,** 7– **shog.** [f. SHOG *v.*]

† **1.** A shaking condition. *Obs. rare.*

1596 DALRYMPLE tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* II. 141 Gif thir tua landis he ma vanquis, Scotland, he thinkis, will be in a schogg. 1689 N. LEE *Princess of Cleve* IV. iii, I feel a gorgeing pain..A shog of Blood and Spirits.

2. A shake, jerk.

1611 COTGR., *Bransle*,..a shake, shog, or shocke. 1669 STURMY *Mariner's Mag.* v. xii. 68 Thrust in the Ladle, being full, give it a shog, then strike off the heaped Powder. 1709 STEELE *Tatler* No. 39 ₱ 2 My learned friend assured me further, that the earth had lately received a shogg from a comet. 1724 HEARNE *Collect.* (O.H.S.) VIII. 280 He warned her to hold by the ropes..that so she might not fall, if there happened any greater shog than ordinary.

transf. 1728 RAMSAY *Fox & Rat* 20 Thus then, great King, hast by thy conqu'ring Paw, Gi'en Earth a Shog, and made thy Will a Law. 1785 BURNS *Address to Deil* xvi, Ye cam to Paradise incog,..An' gied the infant world a shog. 1888 STEVENSON *Black Arrow* Prol. 11 This will be a rare shog to poor Sir Oliver; he will turn paper-colour.

3. A shogging gait. Cf. SHOG *v.* 3.

1885 DODGE *Patroclus & Penelope* 25 In early days, horses were mainly ridden on a canter or a gallop. If perchance a trot, it was a mere shog.

Shog (ʃɒg), *v.* Now chiefly *dial.* Forms: 4–7 **shogge,** (5 **shogke**), 5–6 **schog(ge,** 6 **shugge,** (**shougge**), 7–8 **shogg,** 8 **shogue,** (**shug**), 5– **shog.** [ME. *shogge*, prob. related to OHG. *scoc* (pl. *scocga*) oscillation, swinging, a swing, MHG. *schock*, *schocke* swing, see-saw, MDu., Du. *schok* shake, jolt, MLG., MDu., MHG. *schocker* to swing, oscillate, shake. The word was doubtless felt as phonetically symbolic of the character of the movement denoted; cf. JOG *v.* See also SHOCK *v.*¹]

1. *trans.* To shake or roll (something heavy) from side to side; to rock (a cradle); to shake, agitate (a liqnid or the vessel containing it); to jolt or jar (some one or something).

1388 WYCLIF *Matt.* xiv. 24 The boot..was schoggid with wawis [Vulg. *jactabatur fluctibus*]. *c* 1420 *Chron. Vilod.* 3015 þey houe, þey drawe, þey shogkeden hit [*sc.* the shrine] also. *c* 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* XI. 322 Of wynys soure is taught to make swete Wit barly floure...And oon doth dregge of swete wyn therto; Of gliricide [*read* glicride] a part he hath infuse Al drie, & longe yshogged it wol vse [L. *utuntur, cum diu vasorum commotione miscuerint*]. *c* 1550 *Droichis Part of Play* 38 in *Dunbar's Poems* 315 He, quhen he dansit, the warld wald schog. 1625 PURCHAS *Pilgrims* II. 1659 Now their [children's] Couch hangs in the Aire, within little Beds of coard, or little Chaires, where they shogge and rocke them. 1665 HOOKE *Microgr.* 31 If care be taken that the tube in erecting be not shogged. 1787 W. H. MARSHALL *Norfolk* (1795) II. 388 To *Shug*, to shake; as hay, &c.

† **b.** To shake (a person) in order to cause pain or annoyance, or to rouse from sleep; to jog (a person) in order to attract attention. Also rarely *to shog upon* in the same sense. *Obs.*

c 1440 *York Myst.* XL. 100 They schogged hym and schotte hym his lymes all in sondir. *c* 1495 *Epitaffe*, etc. in *Skelton's Wks.* (1843) II. 389, I shogged him, I shaked him. 1530 PALSGR. 705/1 Shougge nat so upon him to wake hym out of his slepe. *Ibid.* 706/1 Shugge. 1534 MORE *Comf. agst. Trib.* II. Wks. 1189/2 Rudely and boystuously shogge hym & wake him. *c* 1613 MIDDLETON *No Wit like Woman's* II. ii. 107 *Philip.* May I crave one word, madam? [*stage-direction.*] Shogs his Mother. 1651 H. MORE *Enthus. Tri.* (1656) M 2, You onely mutter against the present disturbance, as one shogged while he dreams upon his pillow.

† **c.** *fig.* To 'shake' mentally; to upset, discompose; to irritate, annoy. *Obs.*

1639 CADE *Serm.* 50 The deadly arrow sticks in his flesh, and shogs and galls him. 1688 PENTON *Guardian's Instruct.* (1897) 47 His Brains have become so shogged, he cannot think in a fortnight. 1701 STEELE *Chr. Hero* (1711) 16 Cæsar..a little shogg'd with reiterated ill Omens.

2. † **a.** *refl.* (obs.) and **b.** *intr.* To jerk or jolt; to shake to and fro, to rock; † to be shaky or insecurely fixed, to get shaken *out.*

a. *a* 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 5018 Þan schogs hire þe sondtree & schoke hire schire lenes.

b. *c* 1450 *Mirk's Festial* 174 As he hyet on his way..þe box schoget out of his bosome. 15.. in Boys *Sandwich* (1792) 365 For amendyng of a chalys foote yᵗ schoggyd ij d. 1609 HOLLAND *Amm. Marcell.* XVI. x. 63 Neither was he seene so much as to give a nod with his head, when the wheele shogged. 1658 ROWLAND tr. *Moufet's Theat. Insects* 900 Let there be two handfuls distance between every Hive, that one shogging or shaking, the next may stand unmoved. 1841 R. CHAMBERS *Pop. Rhymes Scot.* (1870) 337 Big it [the castle] in a bog Where 'twill neither shake nor shog.

† **c.** *intr.* Of troops: To waver, become unsteady.

1642–4 VICARS *God in Mount* 147 All the enemies Horse began to shogge a little.

3. To walk, ride or move with a succession of bnmps or jerks; to jog along. Now usnally, to advance at a steady easy pace, to travel steadily on.

c 1400 *Destr. Troy* 11089 Restorit full stithly opon strong wise, Shot into sheltrons sheggond full þicke. 15.. *Scot. Field* 94 in *Chetham Soc. Misc.* II, Shott into a sure shipp, and shoggeth over the water, Into Scotland. 1530 PALSGR. 704/1 The carte shogged so faste that I went ever I shulde have fallen downe. 1719 RAMSAY *Ep. Hamilton* Answ. iii. 20 Be blythe, and let the Warld e'en shog, as it thinks fit. 1857 KINGSLEY *Two V. Ago* XXVIII, They shog on side by side. 1893 J. A. BARRY *Steve Brown's Bunyip* 12 Shogging steadily on..I at length reached the creek.

b. To go away, begone. Also with *off.* · *Obs.* exc. *dial.* (see *Eng. Dial. Dict.*).

1599 SHAKS. *Hen. V*, II. i. 47 Will you shogge off? *Ibid.* II. iii. 48 Shall wee shogg? *a* 1625 FLETCHER *Coxcomb* II. i, Come, prethee let's shogg off, and browze an hour or two.

† **4.** Of troops: To move gradnally to one side. Also *trans.* of a commander, to canse (troops) to move gradnally to one side. *Obs.*

1650 CROMWELL *Let.* 4 Sept. in *Carlyle* (1845) II. 45 The Enemy drew down to the right wing..; shogging also their foot and train much to the right. 1654–66 EARL ORRERY *Parthen.* (1676) 691, I gave strict order to all my Army to shog still toward the right hand.

Hence **Shoˑgged** *ppl. a.*

1594 R. CAREW *Tasso* (1881) 73 Nor shogged earth so euer bideth throwes, When bigge in wombe she doth the vapours close.

Shogging (ʃɒˑgiŋ), *vbl. sb.* [-ING¹.] The action of SHOG *v.*; a shaking, jolting, jerking, etc.

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 447/2 Schoggynge,..*agitacio.* 1563–83 FOXE *A. & M.* 1492/1 Rogers..being found a slepe, scarse with much shogging could be awaked. 1600 HOLLAND *Livy* XXVII. xxix. 650 Scarce able to endure the shogging and shaking of the horselitter. 1725 *Bradley's Family Dict.* s.v. *Shoeing*, So as the Heads of the Nails may enter in, and fill the same, appearing somewhat above the Shoe, and then they will stand sure without shogging, and endure Danger.

b. *spec.* in *Lace manuf.* (See quots.)

1839 URE *Dict. Arts* 732 One of these two combs, in the double bolt machine, has an occasional lateral movement called shogging. 1878 A. BARLOW *Hist. Weaving* 336 This motion of the comb-bar is technically called 'shogging', and by its means the diagonal arrangement is given to the threads. *Ibid.* 362 The 'shogging' motion of the combs.

Shoˑgging, *ppl. a.* [-ING².] That shogs.

1581 STUDLEY tr. *Seneca's Hippol.* 61 The shogging carte made crake with swagging sway. *a* 1800 PEGGE *Suppl. Grose* s.v. *Shog*, A shogging horse. *a* 1881 J. CRAIG in *Mod. Scott. Poets* Ser. II. 123 The mavis will sing to me,.. Aff the shoggin' boughs o' the sauchen tree. 1897 'O. RHOSCOMYL' *White Rose Arno* 272 A sort of shogging amble.

Shoggle (ʃɒˑgˈl), *v.* Chiefly *dial.* Also 8 **schogle,** 9 **shoogle, shogle, shuggle.** [Frequentative f. SHOG *v.*: see -LE. Cf. G. *schockeln*, *schuckeln* to shake, jostle, walk unsteadily.]

1. *trans.* To shake, to canse to move; to shake (something or somebody) *off.*

1577 GOOGE *Heresbach's Husb.* IV. 159 b, You must in

no wise shake them, or shoggle them..; by shaking of the egges, the Chickins haue been hatched lame. 1822 Galt *Sir A. Wylie* xxxiv, If, by ony mischance, she had been shoggled aff [the coach] whar would I hae been then? *a* 1844 W. Miller in Whitelaw *Bk. Scott. Song* 6/2 Stravagin' wuns begin To shoggle and shake the window-brods. 1855 Robinson *Whitby Gloss.*, To *Shoggle*, to joggle.

2. *intr.* To shake; to swing about, to dangle; to shake or settle *down*.

c 1730 Ramsay *Vision* v, A braid-sword schogled at his thee. 1896 Crockett *Cleg Kelly* xxix, I'll juist lock them in and they'll [soon] hae shuggled doon as quaite as a session.

3. To walk unsteadily.

1884 *Reports Provinc.* (E.D.D.), The old cat was shuggling about in the hole. 1896 B. Mitford *Sign of Spider* xxvii. 268 It stood for a moment in rigid immobility, then..it shoggled over the ridge. *Ibid.* 274 The fearful Thing.. shoggled away in the direction whence it had come.

Sho·ggy, *a.* [f. Shog *sb.* + -y.] Shaky, insecure.

1866 D. Mitchell *Hist. Montrose* 22 Sandy Fullerton.. ascended to the narrow shoggy scaffold at the top of the spire.

‖ Shogun (ʃōu·gun). Forms: 7 **shongo**, 8–9 **seogun**, (9 **djogoun**), **s(h)iogoon**, **sjogun**, 9 **ziogoon**, 9– **shogun**. [Jap. *shōgun*, short for *sei-i-tai shōgun*, 'barbarian-subduing great general', bestowed on the first holder of the office in 1192. *Shōgun* is a Japanese sound-substitution for Chinese *chiang chiin* (*chiang* to lead, *chiin* army).] The hereditary commander-in-chief of the Japanese army, until 1867 the virtual ruler of Japan. Also called Tycoon.

By successive usurpations of power, the Shogun or Tycoon had become the real ruler of Japan, though nominally the subject of the Mikado, and acting in his name. This state of things was misunderstood by Europeans, and it was erroneously supposed that there were two emperors in Japan, the Mikado (who was the object of a loyalty of the nature of religious devotion) being called 'the spiritual emperor', and the Shogun 'the temporal emperor'. In 1867, with the abolition of the feudal system, the Mikado assumed the actual sovereignty, and the reign of the Shoguns came to an end.

1615 R. Cocks *Diary* (Hakl. Soc.) I. 5 His wife is sent back to her father Shongo Samme, King of Edo and to succeed in the Empire. 1727 Scheuchzer tr. *Kæmpfer's Japan* App. I. 65 It was thought expedient, that the Seogun, or Crown-General, should be sent against them at the head of the imperial army. 1863 Alcock *Capital of Tycoon* II. 233 The Seogun, or Dai-Seogun. 1875 *N. Amer. Rev.* CXX. 281 The fall of the shogun's (tycoon's) government. 1879 Audsley & Bowes *Keramic Art Japan* I. Pref., The difficulty which modern writers have found in deciding upon the correct mode of spelling the single word Shôgun; in the Japanese Government Reports we find it written Shogun; Mr. F. Ottwell Adams..writes it..Shôgun; Mr. Dickson, Shiogoon; Mr. Mossman, Siogoon; Mr. Mitford, Shogun; Dr. Siebold, Sjôgun; and Mr. Satow..Shôgun.

b. *attrib.* as designating fashions or art belonging to the Japanese feudal period.

1889 Sir E. Arnold *Seas & Lands* xiv. (1895) 226 A seated figure, which might have been taken at first for the chief triumph of the Shogun carvers' work. 1904 D. Sladen *Playing the Game* I. vi, Tied in the elegant and fantastic Shogun knots which are the formal way of fastening up presents in Dai Nippon.

Hence **Sho·gunal** *a.*, pertaining to a shogun, the shoguns, or the shogunate; **Sho·gunate**, the office or dignity of a shogun or the shoguns; **Sho·gunite** (*rare*), a partisan of the shogunate; **Sho·gunship** = *Shogunate*.

1841 *Mann. & Cust. Japanese* 357 The Annals begin to tell..of rival heirs contending for the ziogoonship. 1873 Mossman *New Japan* 333 The despotic rule of the Mikados before the Siogoonate was established. 1883 E. M. Thompson *R. Cocks' Diary* (Hakl. Soc.) I. 5 *note*, Iyéyasu held the Shogunate only two years. 1890 Sir E. Arnold *Seas & Lands* xxii. (1895) 364 The rebels, or Shogunites, were defeated. 1899 C. J. Holmes *Hokusai* 14 His artistic reputation had even spread to the Shogunal court.

Shoir, obs. form of Shore *sb.* and *v.*

Shoit(e, shoitte, obs. forms of Shoat.[2]

Shok, obs. f. Shock *sb.*; obs. pa. t. of Shake *v.*

Shoke, obs. f. Shock; obs. pa. t. of Shake *v.*

Shokinge, obs. pres. pple. of Suck *v.*

Shokk(e, obs. forms of Shock *sb.*

‖ Shola[1] (ʃōu·lă). [Hindī *sholā* (*çolā*) = Bengalī *solā*.] = Sola[1].

1836 Fanny Parks *Wand. Pilgr.* (1850) II. 100 Each float was formed of eight pieces of sholā...When this light and spongy pith is wetted, it can be cut into thin layers, which, pasted together, are formed into hats. 1884 *Sunday at Home* June 373/2, I cannot but grieve to see the graceful ahola disappearing fast before the planter's axe.

attrib. 1876 J. H. Balfour in *Encycl. Brit.* IV. 100/2 Æschynomene aspera (Shola plant, the Rice-paper plant of India). 1887 Bentley *Man. Bot.* (ed. 5) 726 They are not so durable as the Sola or Shola hats of Calcutta.

‖ Shola[2] (ʃōu·lă). Also **sholah**. [Tamil *çolāi*.] A thicket or jungle, in Southern India.

1862 Markham *Trav. Peru & India* xxiii. 38 A wooded ravine or *shola*. *Ibid.* 383 There are many *sholas* which will be found equally well adapted for the growth of the hardier chinchonas. 1863 Sir V. Brooke in O. L. Stephen *Mem.* (1894) 109 She [the tigress] got weaker and weaker, let go the boar, and slunk off to the *sholah*.

Sholdarry, variant of Shooldarry.

Shold(e, obs. forms of Shoal.

Sholder(e, **sholdre**, obs. forms of Shoulder.

Shole (ʃōul). *Naut.* [Of obscure origin. Cf. Shoe *sb.* 5 j.] (See quots.)

1711 W. Sutherland *Shipbuild. Assist.* 26 The Transoms ought to be level, but especially the Wing Transom, securing all very well with Shores, which ought to be plac'd on Timber Foundations, called Sholes. 1805 *Shipwright's Vade-M.* 131 *Sholes*, pieces of oak or plank, placed under the soles of the standards; or under the keels of the shores, in docks or slips where there are no groundways, to enable them to sustain the weight required without sinking.

Shole, obs. form of Shoal, Shovel.

Sholt. *Obs.* exc. *dial.* Also 6 **shault**, 9 **shoult** (*E. Angl. Gloss.*, 1895). A cur.

1587 Harrison *England* III. vii. 231/2 in *Holinshed*, Besides these also we haue sholts or curs dailie brought out of Iseland. 1592 Greene *Conny-catch.* Wks. (Grosart) XI. 65 The Boy..neuer saw a Dog nor Bitch, but a little prickeard Shault, that kept the Mil doore. *a* 1825 Forby *Voc. E. Anglia*, *Sholt*, a cur.

Sholve, obs. var. Shovel *sb.*

Shomach, -acke, obs. forms of Sumach.

Shomaker(e, obs. forms of Shoemaker.

† Shome. *Obs. rare.* In 4 schome. ? Some kind of adornment for horses. Hence (?) Schom *v. trans.*, to adorn with this.

a 1310 in Wright *Pol. Songs* (Camden) 239 Non beth capel-claweres With shome to-shrude; Hue boskeþ huem with botouns, Ase hit were a brude. 1500–20 Dunbar *Poems* lxi. 3 Quhy sould not palfrayis thane be prowd, Quhen gillettis wilbe schomd and schroud.

Shome, obs. form of Shame *sb.*

Shon, obs. form of Shun.

† Shond, *sb.*[1] *Obs.* Forms: 1 **sceand, sceond, scond**, 1–2 **scand**, 2–3 *Ormin* **shande**, 3 **scond(e, sond(e, ssonde**, 3–5 **schonde**, 4 **schounde, schond**, 4–5 **shonde**, (5 **shont**). [Com. Teut.: OE. *scand*, *scond* fem. corresponds to OFris. *skonde*, (M)Du., (M)LG. *schande*, OHG. *scanta* (MHG., mod.G. *schande*), Goth. *skanda*:—OTeut. **skandō*, f. **skando-* ashamed (OHG. *scant*, OE. as subst. masc. *scand*: see next):—**skamdo-* pa. pple. of **skam-*: see Shame *sb.*] Shame, disgrace, infamy, ignominy; scandal. *To do* (some one) *shond*, to treat with indignity; *to bring*, *make to shond*, to disgrace, ruin.

a 900 Cynewulf *Crist* 1274 Þonne is him oþer earfeþu swa some scyldgum to sconde. *c* 1100 *O. E. Chron.* (MS. D.) an. 1076, Sume ȝe tawod to scande. *c* 1200 Ormin 11956 Forr þatt wass..Hiss aȝhenn shame & shande. *c* 1205 Lay. 7032 Þe ȝunge wifmen & þe ælde he makeden to sconde. *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 2714 Ðat ðhuȝte moyses michel sond. 1297 R. Glouc. (Rolls) 1493 To spousy þe emperours doȝter hit nere him no ssonde. *c* 1315 Shoreham 7 *Deadly Sins* 45 Wyth schame and eke wyth schounde. *c* 1384 Chaucer *H. Fame* 88 And shelde hem fro ponerte and shonde. *c* 1400 *St. Alexius* 80 (Laud 463) Þou most þole shame & shonde, al for my sake. *c* 1450 Lovelich *Grail* xiv. 28 With his Ax he wrowhte hem Mochel schonde.

† Shond, *sb.*[2] *Obs.* Forms: 1 **sceand, scond**, 3 **sconde**. [OE. *scand*, *scond*: see prec.] An infamous person, a deceiver, charlatan, recreant.

c 725 *Corpus Gloss.* (Hessels) S 165 *Scurra*, scond. *c* 1000 Ælfric *Saints* xvii. 159 Ac þyllice sceandas sceolan siðian to helle. *c* 1205 Lay. 23668 Beon he in ælche londe iqueðe for ane sconde.

† Shond, *v. Obs. rare.* [f. Shond *sb.*[1] Cf. Shend *v.*] *trans.* To harm, injure.

1338 R. Brunne *Chron.* (1725) 226 Þe Sarazins do grete wreche, þe Cristen for to schond. *c* 1450 Lovelich *Grail* xiii. 886 For Erthly Man was non leveng In londe That so moche he hated, ne wolde schonde.

† Sho·ndful, *a. Obs.* [OE. *sceandfull*, f. OE. *sceand* Shond *sb.*[1] + -ful.] Shameful, disgraceful; infamous. Hence **† Sho·ndfully** *adv.*

a 900 *O. E. Martyrol.* 29 Aug. 156 He [John Baptist] wæs heafde becorfen for scandfulra wifa bene, and for..scondfulles ȝeþeorscypes hleahtre. *c* 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 31 Þis him wule þunche swiðe strong and swiðe scondful þet he [etc.]. *c* 1330 *Arth. & Merl.* 9198 Better is to sterne worþschipliche þan long to linen schandfulliche.

† Sho·ndly, *a. Obs.* Forms: see Shond *sb.*[1] Also 2 **sandlice**. [OE. *sceandlic*: see Shond *sb.*[1] and -ly[1].] Shameful, disgraceful, vile.

888 Ælfred *Boeth.* xiv. § 3 Ȝif hit ær scandlic wæs, ne bið hit no ðy fæzerre. *a* 1175 *Cott. Hom.* 239 Wat sceol se wrecce don þe hufon iseȝð his hlaford..him selfe bi sandlice senne beswapen. *c* 1205 Lay. 2274 Ne scal þe nan man scilden wið scondliche deaðe. *c* 1330 *Arth. & Merl.* 4276 We no haue pouer Arthour oȝen..No for Merlin,..Þat can so michel schandliche werk.

Shone, pa. t. and pa. pple. of Shine *v.*

Shone, obs. pl. of Shoe; obs. f. Shun *v.*

Shoneen (ʃōunī·n). *Anglo-Irish.* Also **shauneen**. [f. mod. Irish *Seón*, ad. Eng. *John* + *-ín* diminutive suffix.] (See quot. 1910.)

c 1840 Keegan *Leg. & Poems* (1907) 67 The likes of him, a bandy-legged shoneen. 1889 *Times* 30 Jan. 6/5, I hope to hear of ye shooting Hubert Davis..the shauneen of a landlord. 1909 *Ibid.* 21 Jan. 6/6 What difference did it make whether a man got a 'shoneen' education in Belfast or in Oxford so long as he was not educated an Irishman. 1910 P. W. Joyce *English as we Speak it in Irel.* 321 *Shoneen*, a *gentleman* in a small way: a would-be gentleman who puts on superior airs. Always used contemptuously.

† Shongable. *Obs. rare.* [f. *shon* pl. of Shoe *sb.* + *-gable* in imitation of older compounds: see Gavel *sb.*] A tax on the making of (a particular kind of) shoes.

a 1400 in *Eng. Gilds* 359 Euerych sowtere þt makeþ shon of newe roþes leþer, shal hote..twey pans, in name of shongable.

Shonie, obs. form of Shun *v.*

† Shonk, *v. Sc. Obs. rare.* In 5 schonk. [Of obscure origin.] a. *trans.* To shatter. b. *intr.* To burst forth. Hence **† Sho·nkand** *ppl. a.* (*Sc.*)

c 1470 *Gol. & Gaw.* 619 Thair speris in splendris sprent, On scheldis schonkit and schent. *c* 1470 Henry *Wallace* III. 147 The shafft to schonkit off the fruschand tre. *Ibid.* 156 Vpon the flouris schot the schonkan blude.

Shonke, Shonne, obs. ff. Shank, Shun.

Shont(t, obs. forms of Shunt *v.*

Shoo (ʃū), *v.* Forms: 7 **shough**, 8–9 **shue**, 9 **schue, sheugh**, 8– **shoo**. [f. Shoo *int.*[1] Cf. It. *scioiare* (Florio).]

1. *trans.* To scare or drive away (fowls, etc.) by calling out 'shoo'. Also with *away*, *from*, *off*, *out* (*of*).

1622 Bæton *Strange News* (Grosart) 12/2 With that the Cock-master came in..and shought away the Hen. *c* 1798 T. Brown *Awd Daisy* 40 Ah waved my hat an' shoo'd 'em all away. 1819 W. Tennant *Papistry Storm'd* iii. (1827) 106 Think alswa How to rehut and schue awa Thir damnit faes. 1872 'Susan Coolidge' *What Katy did* viii, 'Shue'-ing away the other children. 1912 Chesterton *Manalive* 161 'Get inside! get inside!' cried Moon hilariously, with the air of one shooing a company of cats.

2. *intr.* To cry out 'shoo' in order to frighten or drive away fowls, etc. Const. *at.*

c 1746 J. Collier (Tim Bobbin) *View Lanc. Dial.* (1806) 22 Still they kept shuing. 1881 Mrs. Molesworth *Adv. Herr Baby* 120 It was very funny to see the way the little footman went 'shoo-ing' at the poor cat.

3. To hasten away, as after being 'shooed at'.

1851 Sternberg *Northampt. Gloss.* 95 Lady lock, lady lock! shoo all the way home. *a* 1869 C. Spence *Fr. Braes of Carse* (1898) 192 The fairies..heat the beldames blank and hollow, And sent them sheughing down the Ballo'. 1882 P. Robinson *Under the Sun* III. v. 213 If the domestic says *shoo* to her [the cat] she shoos at once.

Hence **Shoo·er**, in comb. *bird-shooer*.

1849 Halliwell *Pop. Rhymes* 179 This is the universal bird-shooer's song in the midland counties.

Shoo (ʃū), *int.*[1] Forms: 5 **schowe, ssou**, 7 **shooe, shooh, shue, shoogh**, 7–8 **shough**, 9 **shu(h, shue, sho** (etc.: see Eng. Dial. Dict.), 9– **shoo**. [An instinctive exclamation; cf. LG. *schu*, MHG. *schu*, *schuo* (mod.G. *schu*), F. *shou*, It. *scioia*.] An exclamation used to frighten or drive away poultry, birds, or other intruders. Also *shoohoo*. Also as *sb.*

1483 *Cath. Angl.* 338/1 Schowe ssou, *jnterieccio est.* 1611 Florio, *Scioiare*, to cry shooe shooe, as women do to their hens. 1623 Fletcher & Rowley *Maid in Mill* v. i, Shough, shough, up to your coop, Pea-Hen. 1639 J. Clarke *Paræmiologia* 145 He cannot say shooh to a goose. 1675 Hobbes *Odyss.* xv. 139 An eagle..seis'd a great white tame goose grazing near: The standers-by shouted and cri'd, Shue! shue! But yet away the eagle bore him clear. 1681 Otway *Soldier's Fort.* IV. (1683) 49 Shoogh, shoogh, get you into a corner when I bid you, shoogh, shoogh, shoogh, what there already? 1822 T. Mitchell *Aristoph., Wasps* I. ii. II. 191 Shuh! shuh! foolish bird, must I stone 'ee? 1829 J. Hunter *Hallamsh. Gloss.*, *Shoo*, the interjection used in frighting away birds from their prey. 1852 Dickens *Bleak Ho.* xxxix, Shoohoo! Get out, you goblin! 1891 J. L. Kipling *Beast & Man India* ii. 44 The servant shows the master a fowl standing on one leg. The master crows sho! and the fowl runs away with two. 1894 Crockett *Raiders* xxxvii. 311 An owl flew hy..and I heard him say, 'Shoo, you beast!' 1896 Jane Barlow *Mrs. Martin's Comp.* 41 A..burly man, who says 'shoo-shoo' to a..cluster of tiny yellow ducks.

Shoo (ʃū, ʃu), **sho** (ʃō), *int.*[2] *dial.* and *U.S.* Also **shuh, shah**. [Instinctive: cf. prec.] An exclamation indicating impatient or contemptuous rejection of a statement. Cf. Pshaw.

1845 S. Judd *Margaret* I. xi, 'Sho! it's humans you are speaking of', replied Nimrod. 1856 P. Thompson *Hist. Boston* 722 *Shoo* or *Shah*. Pshaw! a peevish reply. 1883 J. C. Harris in *Century Mag.* May 139/2 Shoo! won't my ole 'oman holler! 1900 Weyman *Sophia* xiv, 'Sho!' Lady Betty cried contemptuously.

Shoo, obs. form of She, Shoe, Show *v.*

Shooba, shoobe, variant forms of Shuba.

Shooch, dial. variant of Sheugh *sb.*

Shood, shude (ʃud). *dial.* Also 7 **shud**, 9 **shewd**. [Prob. cogn. w. MLG. *schode*, MHG. *schôte*, mod.G. *schote* husk, pod of peas or beans, f. **skeu-* to cover; the OE. form may have been **scéod* (*sceōd*) corresponding formally to ON. *skjóð* fem., skin bag.] The husk of oats after threshing. Usually in *pl.* Also † = Shive *sb.*[2]

1601 Holland *Pliny* XIX. i. II. 4 But what shall bee done with all the hard refuse [from the flax],..the short shuds or shives that are either driven from the rest in the knocking, or parted in the hetchelling. 1691 Ray *N. C. Words* (ed. 2) 62 *Shoods*, Oat-hulls; *Darbish*. 1829 J. Hunter *Hallamsh. Gloss.*, *Shewds*, the outer coat of oats, sometimes called *shiffs*. 1879 Miss Jackson *Shropsh. Word-bk.*, *Shoods*, husks of oats,—'this wutmil's full o' shoods'. 1886 *Cheshire Gloss.*, *Shudes*, husks of oats, sifted from the meal. Bacon is often stowed away in a chest amongst shoods.

Shood, Shooe, obs. ff. Shod *a.*, Shoe.

Shoof(e, obs. pa. t. of Shave *v.*, Shove *v.*

Shooffell, shoof(f)le, obs. ff. Shuffle *v.*

Shook (ʃuk), *sb.* Now chiefly *U.S.* [? f. Shook *ppl. a.* Cf. Shaken *cask*.] 'A set of staves and headings sufficient for one hogshead, barrel, or the

like, prepared for use and bound up in a compact form for convenience of transport. Boards for boxes prepared or fitted for use and packed in the same way bear the same name' (*Cent. Dict.* 1891).

[1768, 1794: see SHOOK *ppl. a.*] 1796 MORSE *Amer. Geog.* (ed. 3) I. 250 [Exports of U.S.] Shooks. 1860 *Merc. Mar. Mag.* VII. 120 Shooks are free of duty. 1894 *Times* 16 Aug. 6/5 Casks and barrels, empty, sugar-box shooks and packing boxes and packing box shooks, of wood.

b. 'Furniture made in parts and not set up, but shipped in packs' (Knight *Dict. Mech.* 1875).

Hence **Shook** *v. trans.*, to pack in shooks.

1847 in WEBSTER; and in later Dicts.

Shook (ʃuk), *ppl. a.* In educated use only *arch.* [pa. pple. of SHAKE *v.*] = SHAKEN *ppl. a.*

1695 BLACKMORE *Pr. Arthur* III. (1696) 68 And the shook Spheares, with loud Hosannahs ring. 1768 *Massach. Gaz.* in Thornton *Amer. Gloss.* s.v., A few large shook hogsheads. 1794 MORSE *Amer. Geog.* (ed. 2) 206 [Exports of U.S.] Wood..Shingles, Shook Casks, Casks, Laths. 1897 F. THOMPSON *New Poems* 25 Reversing the shook banners of their song.

Shool (ʃūl), *v. dial.* and *slang.* Also 8–9 **shule**, 9 **shoal**. [Of obscure origin; hardly identical with *shool* var. of SHOVEL *v.* In Ireland it seems to have been associated with Irish *siubhail* to go, travel; *shooler* (see below) seems to correspond to Irish *siubhlach* vagrant.] *intr.* To go about begging; to sponge, to acquire some advantage by insidious means; also to skulk.

1736 J. LEWIS *Isle of Tenet* (ed. 2) 38 *Shooling*, begging, to go a Shooling. 1748 SMOLLETT *Rod. Random* xli, When they found my hold unstowed, they went all hands to shooling and begging. 1785 GROSE *Dict. Vulgar T.*, *Shoole*, to go skulking about. 1842 LOVER *Handy Andy* xxxiv, 'Throth, you do me wrong', said the beggar, 'if you think I came shooling'. *a* 1876 M. & FR. COLLINS *Village Comedy* (1878) I. xxii. 297 As we watch these daring damsels starting to 'shool', we cannot help wishing them some lively adventures. 1899 'MARTELLO TOWER' *At School & Sea* 73 Hullo, Dil, at it again, shooling (that is, getting things) on the youngsters.

b. *trans.* To impose on (a person).

1745 *Life Bampfylde-Moore Carew* 158 One Day he met with an English Doctor, whom he shuled as a cast-away Seaman.

c. To carry as a pretence.

1820 CLARE *Rural Life* (ed. 3) 125 Who takes delight To shool her knitting out at night.

Hence **Shoo·ler**, one who 'shools'.

1830 CARLETON *Traits Irish Peas.* (1843) I. 62 What tribes of beggars and shulers. 1856 P. THOMPSON *Hist. Boston* 722 *Shooler*, one who intrudes upon his neighbour, and forces an invitation to dinner, &c.

Shool, obs. and dial. form of SHOVEL.

‖ **Shooldarry** (ʃūldæ·ri). *Ind.* Also **shoaldarree, sholdarry.** [Urdū چھولداری *chholdārī*, of obscure origin.] 'A small tent with steep sloping roof, two poles and a ridge-piece, and with very low side walls' (Yule).

1808 ELPHINSTONE in Colebrooke *Life* (1884) I. 182, I have now a shoaldarree for myself, and a long paul for my people. 1902 T. W. WEBBER *Forests Upper India* v. 46 The baggage coosisted of a small sholdarry tent, 6 feet square.

Shoole, obs. form of SHOAL *sb.*

Shoomack, -ak(e, obs. forms of SUMACH.

Shoon, pl. f. SHOE; obs. pa. t. of SHINE *v.*

Shoone, obs. f. pa. t. of SHINE *v.*

Shoop (ʃūp). *north.* Forms: 5 **schowpe**, 8–9 **shoup, showp**, 9– **shoop**. See also CHOOP. [The forms *shoop, choop* perh. represent aberrant pronunciations of ON. **hjúpa* (MSw. *hiupa*, Norw. dial. *hjupa*, Da. *hybe*) = OE. *héope* HIP *sb.*[2]]

The fruit of the rose; = HIP *sb.*[2]

1483 *Cath. Angl.* 338/1 A schowpe, *cornum*. A schowpe tre, *cornus*. 1721 *MS. Cook Book* in *Girl's Own Paper* (1886) VII. 729 How to Candy Shoups. 1781 J. HUTTON *Tour to Caves* (ed. 2) 95 *Shoup*, an hep. 1804 *Europ. Mag.* XLV. 326/2 [Shaped] like a hip or a shoup on a rose-tree. 1878 *Cumberld. Gloss.*, *Choop*, *Shoop*, the fruit of the wild rose.

Shoop, obs. pa. t. of SHAPE *v.*

Shoope, Shoore, obs. ff. SHOP *sb.*, SHORE.

Shoot (ʃūt), *sb.*[1] Forms: 6 s(o)hute, 6 schote, 5 schoyt, 6 shote, 6 showt, 6–7 shoote, 7 shout, 5– **shoot**. [f. SHOOT *v.*

In early examples it is sometimes difficult to distinguish this word from certain other derivatives of the same root. In the early 16th c. the spellings *shote* and *shootle* are both ambiguous, so that only the shade of meaning can determine whether the word is *shoot* (rhyming with *root*) f. the pres.-stem of the vb., or the older SHOTE (rhyming with *throat*). The 16th c. examples of the spelling *s(c)hute* belong to the present word, but down to the 14th c. this spelling (with *u* = *ū*) represents the OE. *scyte*: see SHUTE *sb.*]

1. An act of shooting (with fire-arms, a bow, etc.); a discharge of arrows, bullets, etc.: = SHOT *sb.* Now only *arch.*

1534 MORE *Comf. agst. Trib.* I. Wks. 1157/2 This marke ..we shal nowe meate for the shoote and consider..how farre of your arrowes are from the prik. 1545 ASCHAM *Toxoph.* I. (Arb.) 89 The strongest men, do not drawe alwayes the strongest shoote. *Ibid.* II. 107 For in a rayne and at no marke, a man may shote a faire shoote. 1546 *Plumpton Corr.* (Camden) 250 Tomorrow..I must..ride to Tankerslay.. & mete my Lord of Shrewsburry, who will be thear tomorrow by ij of the clock, & se a showt at a stage [= stag]. 1565 COOPER *Thesaurus* s.v. *Conficere*, He killed twelue at xii. shootes. 1583 MELBANCKE *Philotimus* R iv b, O that I might haue a shoote at one of the Deares in his Parke. 1629 WADSWORTH *Pilgr.* iv. 35 In 12 shootes more they strooke downe our maine Mast. 1676 SHOTTEREL & DURFEY *Archerie reviv'd* 78 If in measuring a Shoot, the Mark be stirred out of its place, he loseth the Shoot that removed it. 1692 R. L'ESTRANGE *Fables* lxvi. 65 As a Country Fellow was making a Shoot at a Pigeon. 1775 *Pennsylvania Even. Post* 30 Nov. 551/1 The riflemen..declare that they can hit a man every shoot if within two hundred and fifty yards. 1801 T. ROBERTS *Engl. Bowman* 293 A *Shoot*, an arrow shot. 1888 STEVENSON *Black Arrow* Prol. 8 How many a rogue would give his two crop ears to have a shoot at either of us! *Ibid.* v. vi. 306, I have two score men at my whistle, and with one shoot of arrows I could answer for you all.

fig. 1590 *Cobler of Canterb.* 2 All men..saide, that he [Chaucer] shot a shoote which many haue aimed at but neuer reacht to. 1682 DAVDEN & LEE *Dk. Guise* I. i, *Pol.* But one prime Article of our holy League, Is to preserve the King, his Power and Person. *Cur.* That must be said, you know, for Decency; A pretty Blind to make the Shoot secure.

† **b.** Range, distance or reach of a shot; shooting distance. *Obs.*

1530 SIR D. LYNDESAY *Test. Papyngo* 941 They haue ane Bombard..Within quhose schote there dar no Enimeis Approche thare place. 1545 ASCHAM *Toxoph.* I. (Arb.) 33 There was nothing within his retche and shote. 1613 BEAUM. & FL. *Hon. Man's Fort.* IV. ii, Hence, and take the wings of thy black Infamy, to carry thee beyond the shoot of looks, Or sound of curses. 1641 EARL MONM. tr. *Biondi's Civil Warres* IV. 64 Chartier brings the two Armies face to face within the shoote of a Culverin. 1676 *Acc. Exam. Joan Perry* 3 He went again with him about a Bows shoot into the Fields. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* Apr. 1646, Nor could we any where see above a pistol shoote before us. 1719 DE FOE *Crusoe* I. (Globe) 236 So that I might come within shoot of them before I should be discover'd.

† **c.** Weapons for shooting, firearms. *Obs.*

1469 *Paston Lett.* III. 372 That, with ther gret multitude of gaines [sic], with other shoot and ordynaunce, ther shall no man dar appere in the place.

† **d.** A charge (of powder). *Obs.*

1645 SYMONDS *Diary* (Camden) 276 Their ammunition was so spent that the enemy gave the soldjer many shootes of powder to make the conditions good.

e. A game-shooting expedition; the result of such an expedition.

1852 VISCOUNTESS CANNING in Hare *Story Two Noble Lives* (1893) I. 360 The Prince is much pleased with his shoot this year. One day he killed five stags. 1877 'WILDFOWLER' *Shooting Trips* Ser. II. II. 99 We should arrive at Ford in time for a stroll and a 'shoot' along the river Arun. 1895 SIR W. W. HUNTER *Old Missionary* iii. 59 Their return ..was celebrated by a big shoot in the jungle.

f. A shooting party.

1885 *Field* 4 Apr. 446/1 At a big shoot in Warwickshire. 1894 'J. S. WINTER' *Red Coats* 69 Miss Dawson..gave big dinners and big shoots.

g. The right to shoot game in a given area; also the area itself.

1861 MRS. JENKIN *Who Breaks Pays* II. 93, I hear Sir Frederick a taken the shoot hisself, and bought Bill Fordham's black hunter. 1892 GREENER *Breech-Loader* 221 The sportsman whose shoot is small and the game..scarce and wild, will be unable to practise driving to any advantage. 1900 *Field* 29 Sept. Advt. p. vi/2 Wanted, a good rough shoot, commencing season 1901–1902, on Lease; plenty of rabbits essential; 2000 to 5000 acres.

h. A shooting match or contest; a round of shots in such a contest.

1892 GREENER *Breech-Loader* 102 Some men who attend second-rate pigeon shoots and do not take their own guns. 1892 *Times* 23 July 6/1 Volunteer Aggregate...One shoot at 200, one at 500, and three at 600 yards. Seven shots at each. 1894 *Daily News* 12 June 8/6 The full scores of the first 'shoot' for places in the 'English Twenty' at Bisley.

2. The action of shooting, sprouting, or growing; the amount of growth (also *concr.* the new wood, etc. produced) in a certain period. Also † the mounting or rising (of the sap).

1572 MASCALL *Plant. & Graff.* (1592) 9 For to set the Pine tree, ye must set or plant them of Nuts, in March, or about the shoote of the sappe. 1661 BOYLE *Certain Physiol. Ess.* (1669) 92 Others content themselves to chuse a hazel rod (which some will have to be all of the same years shoot). 1664 EVELYN *Kal. Hort.* Jan. (1679) 8 Cut off all the shoot of August, unless the nakedness of the place incline you to spare it. 1733 W. ELLIS *Chiltern & Vale Farm.* 266 The Clover makes a quick Shoot, and will get a large second Head. 1832 *Boston Herald* 8 May 3/5 The shoot of Spring grass is also unusually late, and slow in vegetation. 1896 *Daily News* 19 Sept. 2/5 The crops presented at harvest what to agriculturists is known as 'two shoots', i. e., a crop composed of ripe and also unripe grain.

b. A young branch which shoots out from the main stock of a tree, plant, etc.

a 1450 *Fysshynge w. Angle* (1883) 8 Take a feyr schoyt of blake thorne. 1578 LYTE *Dodoens* I. liv. 80 This plante [*Linaria*] hath diuers small shutes or scourges bearing small narrow leaues. 1634 MILTON *Comus* 296, I saw them under a green mantling vine..Plucking ripe clusters from the tender shoots. 1720 P. BLAIR *Bot. Ess.* i. 10 If it be put into a Pot, and all its Stolones or Shoots be taken off. 1796 WITHERING *Brit. Plants* (ed. 3) I. 81 Shoot (*surculus*) the branch of a Moss. 1812 *New Bot. Gard.* I. 6 The French in Canada eat the tender shoots in spring as Asparagus. 1842 LOUDON *Suburban Hort.* 497 Cut smooth the lower end of the shoot or cutting, and stick it into fine leaf or other rich mould about an inch deep. 1863 GEO. ELIOT *Romola* viii, The fresh shoots among the darker green of the oak. 1909 J. G. FRAZER *Psyche's Task* iv. 38 The shoots of the sweet potato had flowered and withered long ago.

c. *fig.* An offshoot; a growth or sprout from a main stock.

c 1610 *Women Saints* 71 Kinesburge and Kineswide were daughters to Penda, a Pagan thoughe king of Mercia, holie shootes of a dead stocke or truncke. 1749 SMOLLETT *Gil Blas* XII. v. (1782) IV. 237 His excellency..immediately sent for his equivocal heir, and new shoot from the trunk of the Guzmans. 1833 LONGF. *Outre-Mer, Sexagenarian*, Monsieur d'Argentville was a shoot from a wealthy family of Nantes. 1882 CHILD *Eng. & Sc. Pop. Ball.* I. 51/1 The ballad we are dealing with is a wild shoot from the story of Judith and Holofernes. 1899 J. MATHEW *Eagle Hawk & Crow* ii. 9 Upon the aboriginal Australian stock there was grafted a strong Malayo-Dravidian shoot.

d. *transf.*

1611 SHAKS. *Wint. T.* I. ii. 128 Thou want'st a rough pash & the shoots that I haue To be full, like me. 1671 GREW *Anat. Pl.* I. iv. (1682) 28 Those Fibrous Shoots which run along the Pith in the Root. 1822–29 *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 3) I. 531 It is better..to distinguish by the phrase polypous tumours, caruncles, or shoots, such adscititious productions as may have a resemblance to them [i. e. to nasal polypi] in other organs. 1847 PRESCOTT *Peru* III. i. (1862) II. 14 Ridges of barren land, that seemed like shoots of the adjacent Andes. 1851 S. P. WOODWARD *Mollusca* I. 18 The oyster continues enlarging his shell by annual 'shoots' for four or five years. 1861 *The Oyster* 35 These [overlapping plates forming an oyster-shell] are technically termed 'shoots', and each of them marks a year's growth.

e. Applied to the forms of crystals? likened to those of a plant. Cf. SHOOT *v.*

a 1728 WOODWARD *Nat. Hist. Fossils* I. (1729) I. 158 Spar of a yellow Hue, shot into numerous trigonal pointed Shoots of various Sizes. *Ibid.*, Hexangular Sprigs or Shoots of Crystal of various Sizes. 1748 *Phil. Trans.* XLV. 364 He tried Alum, which fully answered everything he proposed; for it restored the Salt to its natural cubical Shoot.

3. A motion or movement (of a thing) as though shooting or being shot in a particular direction; also the space or distance covered by such a motion or by a push. *spec.* (see quot. 1903).

c 1596 *Sir T. More* IV. iii. 20 Thence some slight shoote Being carried by the wanes, our boate stood still Iust opposite the Tower. *a* 1658 LOVELACE *The Falcon* x, The Falcon charges at first view With her brigade of Talons; through Whose Shoots, the wary Heron beat, With a well counterwheel'd retreat. 1863 HAWTHORNE *Old Home, Up Thames* II. 130 [The journey by river is] far preferable to the brief, yet tiresome shoot along the railway track. 1869 'WAT. BRADWOOD' *The O. V. H.* XXX, They have nearly completed the shoot to the Middlesex shore [in the University boat-race]. 1881 MACDONALD *Mary Marston* II. xiii. 223 Into those eyes she would call up her soul and there make it sit, flashing light, in gleams and sparkles, shoots and coruscations. 1894 *Times* 25 June 7/2 Both [yachts] had a long shoot up in the eye of the wind. 1903 EDWARDS-MOSS in A. E. T. Watson *Eng. Sport* 178 In order then to give the same shoot (*i. e.* pace between the strokes) when the oars are coming forward for the next stroke, there must be greatly increased power put into each stroke.

b. Of an immaterial thing: A sudden advance.

1752 JOHNSON *Rambler* No. 200 ₱ 4, I felt at his sudden shoot of success an honest and disinterested joy. 1752 HUME *Ess. & Treat.* (1777) I. 125 The sciences..were enabled to make..considerable shoots. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* I. VII. i, Many things too, especially all diseased things, grow by shoots and fits. 1839 HALLAM *Lit. Europe* II. iv. § 16 We find it near the end of Elizabeth's reign, when our literature made its first strong shoot.

c. A sharp short twinge (of pain).

1756 FOOTE *Engl. fr. Paris* II. Wks. 1799 I. 122, I burn, I burn—Ah, there's a shoot. 1822–29 *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 3) IV. 320 The lancinating shoots darted both downward ..and upward. 1892 SWINBURNE *Sisters* II. i. 36, I thought, Between the shoots and swoonings, off and on, How hard it was. 1899 J. HUTCHINSON in *Arch. Surg.* X. 126 The shoots of pain were like those of an electric discharge.

† **d.** = THRUST *sb.* 3 (*a*). *Obs.*

1772 C. HUTTON *Bridges* 58 The weight of the pier ought ..to..exceed in effect the shoot of the arch. 1823 P. NICHOLSON *Pract. Build.* 340.

e. A detachment and falling away or tumbling down (as of part of a cliff); a landslip.

1820 SCORESBY *Acc. Arctic Reg.* I. 104 Various heaps of broken ice denoted recent shoots of the seaward edge [*sc.* of an iceberg]. 1889 W. RYE *Cromer* 68 In 1832, there was so heavy a shoot of the cliff..that [etc.].

4. *Weaving.* One movement or throw of the shuttle between the threads of the warp; the length of thread thus placed; also, the weft.

1717 PARNELL *Homer's Battle of Frogs & Mice* II. 114 Along the Loom the purple Warp I spread, Cast the light Shoot, and crost the silver Thread. 1731 MORTIMER in *Phil. Trans.* XXXVII. 107 Wherefore they fasten a Loop or *Potlart* to as many of these simple Chords as there are Threads of the Warp to be pull'd up at every Shoot, or every Throw of the Shuttle; by which means the Shoot shews itself on the right Side, where the Warp is pulled up. 1736 *Act 9 Geo. II*, c. 37 § 7 The Shoot Yarn..shall be.. close struck with four Shoots of treble Threads at the Distance of every two Feet. 1810 J. T. in *Risdon's Surv. Devon* Introd. p. XXV, The other yarn, of a softer twist, is called the abb or shoot. 1831 G. R. PORTER *Silk Manuf.* 231 The commoner sorts of ribands, are composed altogether, both warp and shoot, of Bengal silk. 1840 *Civil Engin. & Arch. Jrnl.* III. 139/2 An improved method of preparing shoot or weft to be used in weaving woollen cloth. 1844 G. DODD *Textile Manuf.* vi. 201 Plain silks, as well as most woven fabrics, consist of threads crossing each other at right angles; the 'long-threads' being technically called the warp, and the 'cross-threads' the shoot or weft. 1888 J. PATON in *Encycl. Brit.* XXIV. 464/1 A new shed is formed, the last made pick or shoot being enwrapped between the intersecting warp sheds.

5. A heavy and sudden rush of water down a steep channel; a place in a river where this occurs, a rapid. (Confused with CHUTE I; cf. SHUTE.)

a 1613 Dennis *Secrets Angling* II. xxvi, At the Tayles, of Mills and Arches small, Whereas the shoote is swift. 1725 De Foe *Voy. round World* (1840) 287 Gulleys..where.. great shoots of water had been used to run. 1792 G. Cartwright *Jrnl. Labrador* I. Gloss. p. xiv, *Shoot in a River*, a place where the stream, being confined by rocks which appear above water, is shot through the aperture with great force. 1818 Scott *Hrt. Midl.* I, A single shoot carried a considerable stream over the face of a black rock. 1869 Blackmore *Lorna D.* xlv, The 'shoot' as we called our little runnel of everlasting water, never known to freeze before. 1870 D. Macrae *Amer. at Home* xli. II. 161 At these points it [the Mississippi] sooner or later makes a new channel for itself across the neck of land. This is called a shoot.

b. An artificial channel for conveying water by gravity to a low level; or for the escape of overflow water from a reservoir, etc.; also for forcing water into a railway engine in rapid motion.

1707 Mortimer *Husb.* (1721) II. 82 By maintaining of the leaden Shoot. 1765 Tucker *Lt. Nat.* (1834) I. 32 The miller of an overshot mill..has shoots lying over every one of his wheels, stopped by flash-boards at their upper ends, against which the water lies bearing, always ready to drive the wheels whenever it can find a passage. 1813 Vancouver *Agric. Devon* 320 Immediately below the weir, there is an outlet regulated by another flood-hatch, and conducted through a shoot, formed of oak-plank, from the leat. 1833 Loudon *Encycl. Archit.* § 85 To paint the whole of the external wood-work, and the gutters, and shoots (spouts). 1843 *Civil Engin. & Arch. Jrnl.* VI. 90/1 A form of gully hole and shoot, constructed with radiated bricks, the shoot being half a brick in substance. 1865 *Morn. Star* 5 Apr., To make provision for draining the water from the surface, and having shoots on each side to carry it off. 1875 W. D. Parish *Sussex Gloss.*, *Shoot*, a gutter round a roof for shooting off the water.

†c. ? The flow of water (from a hill). *Obs.*

1799 A. Young *Agric. Lincoln.* 275 The catch-water drain runs all winter, taking the shoot from an extensive range of hills, and bringing in floods much of the finer and richer particles.

6. a. A sloping channel or conduit for letting down coal, ore, wheat, etc. into a lower receptacle.

1844 H. Stephens *Bk. Farm* II. 137 It is always desirable that the frame below should contain a *shoot* formed of light boarding, that will receive the broken cake from the rollers. 1862 *Chamb. Jrnl.* Apr. 216 [Mining] The shoots are iron gratings or screens, placed at a considerable incline, and as the coal runs down, the dust falls through on to heaps below. 1869 Rankine *Machine & Hand-tools* Pl. P 20, The bullet, now finished, is delivered through a shoot into a wooden box. 1884 Sir R. Couch in *Law Rep.* 9 App. Cases 426 The *Westport*..made fast to the coalstaiths..with the forehatch under No. 1 shoot. 1899 Baring-Gould *Bk. West* II. xviii. 290 Above the door is a shoot for melted lead.

b. *U.S.* 'A passage-way on the side of a steep hill or mountain down which wood and timber are thrown or slid' (Bartlett 1848). Also Shute *sb.*

1881 [see Chute 2].

c. *U.S.* 'An enclosed steep passageway for animals to pass, as from one corral to another or to railway-cars' (*Funk's Stand. Dict.* 1895).

1880 *Harper's Monthly* Jan. 203 (Funk) There were.. three corrals connected by 'shoots' or narrow passages.

d. A place where rubbish may be 'shot'; = Tip *sb.*[6] 4 b.

1851 Mayhew *Lond. Labour* II. 286/2 Each particular district appears to have its own special 'shoot' for rubbish. 1894 *Daily News* 27 Dec. 5/3 It [the dust] is taken to 'shoots' on vacant land.

7. *Mining.* A considerable and somewhat regular body or mass of ore in a vein, usually elongated and vertical or inclined in position. Also 'a vein branching at a small angle from and reentering a main vein' (*Funk's Stand. Dict.* 1895).

1850 Ansted *Elem. Geol., Min.* etc. Gloss., *Shoot* (in mining), a vein parallel [? *error.*] to the stratification. 1880 H. R. Nicholls in *Victorian Rev.* I. 657 Gold is not distributed uniformly through the quartz, but exists in 'shoots' and bands. 1890 *Goldfields of Victoria* 14 As a rule, as soon as the shoot of stone carrying gold runs out, the reef is abandoned. 1894 A. Robertson *Nuggets* 31 The rich shoot of gold he had come upon.

8. *The whole* (*entire*) *shoot*: the entire lot. *To go the whole shoot*: to risk all. *slang* and *colloq.*

1884 *Longman's Mag.* Feb. 382 The Colonel responded by declaring his intention of paying for the whole shoot. 1896 *Pall Mall Mag.* Nov. 380, I interviewed the entire shoot. They were all strangers to me. 1899 E. Phillpotts *Human Boy* 197 To mothers he never talked about 'pupils'; but called the whole shoot of us 'his lads'.

9. *dial.* A cross-bar connecting the parts of an old-fashioned plough; = Sheath 2.

1733 Tull *Horse-Hoeing Husb.* xxii. 351 My Plow..being composed of four rough Pieces of Planks..held together by three shoots, or Pieces of Wood. 1811 T. Davis *Agric. Wilts.* 263 Parts of a Plough... Fore-shoot, backward-shoot, two pieces of wood immediately behind the coulter.

10. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *shoot-bud*, †*-graft* (in quot. *fig.*), *-structure*; *shoot-producing* adj.; **shoot-board** = *shooting-board* (Knight *Dict. Mech.* 1875); †**shoot-serpent** = Dart *sb.* 4; **shoot-thread** (see quot. and sense 4); †**shoot-tobacco** (see quot.); **shoot-trough**, a trough placed under a 'shoot' (sense 5 b); †**shoot-yarn** = *shoot-thread*.

1786 Abercrombie *Gard. Assist.* 142 To disbud or rub off the useless *shoot-buds of the year, now fast advancing. 1610 Holland *Camden's Brit.* I. 109 From hence it is, that the *shoot-grifts of iniquitie..sprout and put forth in our soile. 1909 *Contemp. Rev.* Apr. 446 Analogous to the case of the *shoot-producing plant is that of certain ascidians. 1731 Medley *Kolben's Cape Good Hope* II. 163 The Eye-Serpent..is likewise call'd the Dart- or *Shoot-Serpent, on Account of her darting her self very swiftly either at or from an Enemy. 1906 *5th Rep. Carnegie Trust Scot.* 18 William Macrae..—Correlation of *shoot-structure and root-structure in plants with relation to their environmental conditions. 1844 G. Dodd *Textile Manuf.* vi. 203 A *shoot-thread is thrown over the pile threads, and also over one-half of the warp-threads. 1666 J. Davies tr. *Rochefort's Caribby Isles* 191 It is called by some *Shoot-Tobacco, or Sucker-Tobacco, or Tobacco of the second cutting or growth. 1831 in Mrs. Bray *Descr. Tamar & Tavy* (1836) I. vii. 119 It is now used..as a *shoot-trough, in which they wash potatoes, &c. 1736 *Act* 9 *Geo. II*, c. 37 § 7 The Wharp and *Shoot Yarn.

†**Shoot,** *sb.*[2] *Naut. Obs.* Also 5 shutt, 6 shute, shoutt. [a. (M)LG. *schôte* or (M)Dn. *schoot* (see Sheet *sb.*[1], etym. note), whence WFris. *skoat*, G. *schote*, Sw. *skot*, also AF. *escote* (whence 14th c. Eng. Scote *sb.*[1]), MF. *ecoucte* (mod.F. *écoute*, dial. *escôte*), †*scot(t)e* (Cotgr.), It. *scotta*, Sp., Pg. *escota*.] = Sheet *sb.*[2]

1495 *Naval Acc. Hen. VII* (1896) 188 Mayne shuttes olde and ffeble..ij. 1514 in Oppenheim *Admin. Royal Navy* (1896) I. 375 Shutes with iiij shevers of Brasse. 1531 in J. Strutt *Mann. & Cust. Eng.* (1776) III. 53 A bonnet haulf worren, with shoutts, tacks, and bollyngs;..two top sayll shoutts;..foer sayll shoutts. 1582 Lichefield tr. *Castanheda's Conq. E. Ind.* I. xxviii. 71 Other belying the shootes both great and small. 1633 T. James *Voy.* 30 We ouerlooked our Tacks and Shoots, with other Riggings of stresse.

Shoot, *sb.*[3] Forms: 6, (8–9) shewt, 8 shut, 9 shoote, shute, 9– shoot. [app. a special use of Shoot *sb.*[1]] A species of colic or diarrhœa in cattle.

1587 Mascall *Bk. Cattell* I. (1596) 44 To helpe the shewt of blond in cattell. The shewt of blond commonly is, to those beastes which haue bin enil kept. 1725 *Bradley's Fam. Dict.*, Shewt of Blood. *c* 1800 J. Cundall *Sch. Arts* 34 For Shut, or Flux in Calves. *Ibid.* 35 For a gut foundered, or Shut in Cows. 1834 Youatt *Cattle* 356 A disease of this character [*i. e.* of inflammatory fever], but known by a number of strange yet not inexpressive terms, is occasionally prevalent, and exceedingly fatal among cattle in every district. It is termed black-quarter, quarter evil, joint murrain, blood-striking, shewt of blood, &c. 1839 *Compl. Grazier* (ed. 7) VI. ii. 309 The Shoote or Dysentery in calves. 1886 *Cheshire Gloss.*, *Shute*, .. diarrhœa in cattle.

Shoot (ʃūt), *v.* Pa. t. and pa. pple. **shot** (ʃɒt). Forms: Present-stem. *α.* 1 scéote, 2–3 sceote, 3 sceate, 3–4 scheote, 3–5 schete, shete, 3 sceete, 4 scete, 5 scheete, 4–5 sheete. *β.* 4–6 schote, shote, 4 schut(o, 4–6 schut, 5 schwt (*Sc.*), shutte, 6 shutt, 6–7 shut, 6–8 shute, 4 schout, 6–7 shoute, 6 *Sc.* schuit(e, shuit, schoit, 6–7 shoote. *γ.* [1–3 scotie, 3 scote,] 3–6 schott, 4 schot, 6 shot. *3rd sing. pres.* (contracted forms) 1 scíet, scíat, scýt(t, 3 scheot, 4 schut, schit, 4–5 schet. *Pa. t. a. sing.* 1 scéat, scét, scét, 3 sceat, scæt, scheat, sset, set, 3–5 schet, 4–5 scheet, 4 sest, 5 shate; *plur.* 1–2 scuton, 1 sceoton, 3 scuten, soten, 3–4 schoten, 3–5 shoten, 4–5 shotten, 4 schotten, 5 shotyn, shottyn, -on. *β.* 4–6 shotte, 4–5 schott, 5 schoote, shote, 7 shotted, 6 (9 *rare*) shooted, 4–6 schot, 4– shot. *Pa. pple. α.* 1 (ge)scoten, 3 (i-)scote(n, (hi-sote, i-soote, i-ssote), 3–4 i-schote, y-schote, 4 (y-)schoten, 4–5 (y-)shoten, -in, -on, 5 schottyn, 6–9 shotten, 7 shoote, 5 y-schott(e, y-schot, 4–shot. *β.* 5 *rare* schett. [A Com. Teut. strong verb: OE. *scéotan* (*scéat, scuton, scoten*) corresponds to OFris. *skiata* (WFris. *sjitte*, EFris. *sjôt, schjôte*, NFris. *sjit, skjit*, etc.), OS. (Gallée), OLowFrankish *skietan* (L.G., Du. *schieten*), OHG. *sciozzan* (MHG. *schiezen*, mod.G. *schiessen*), ON. *skjóta* (Sw. *skjuta*, Da. *skyde*), f. OTeut. **skeut-* : **skaut-* : *skut-*, for other derivatives of which see Sheet *sb.*[1] and *sb.*[2], Shot *sb.*, Shut *v.* The affinities outside Teut. are doubtful.

The form-history in Eng. is to some extent parallel with that of Choose *v.*, the only other surviving verb which has the series *éo, æ* (*éa*), *u, o* preceded by a palatal consonant.

In the present-stem, the forms *shete, sheete*, etc., directly representing the OE. *scéot-*, became obsolete in the 15th c. (cf. *chese*, which survived into the 16th c.). The spelling *s(c)hote*, which, like the corresponding *chose*, occurs first in the 14th c., is phonetically ambiguous, and possibly represents two distinct formations: (1) ME. *shôte* with close *o*, the antecedent of the mod. *shoot*, and prob. descending from an OE. pronunciation with altered diphthongal stress, *sceôt-, sc*ᵉ*ôt-*; and (2) ME. *shŏte* with open *o* (the mod.Eng. form of which, if it had survived, would have been **shote* or **shoat*), descending from OE. *scotian* to shoot (chiefly, with arrows), a weak verb f. the ablaut-form *scot-* of the root (cf. *scot* Shot *sb.*, *scota* shooter, archer). The form *s(c)hute*, prob. representing a pronunciation (ʃūt) or (ʃiwt), earlier perhaps (ʃût), is in chronology parallel with *chuse*; the vowel was probably in some dialects the regular phonetic descendant of OE. *éo* or *eô* when preceded by (ʃ). It is noteworthy that Ben Jonson (*Gram.* xviii) says that to pronounce *cheuse, shewt*, 'is Scottish-like'.

The OE. pa. t. *scéat* is normally represented by the 15th c. form *scheet*; the contemporary forms *schet, shate* (14th c. *ssat*) perh. had the vowel-shortening which is common before a final dental. The modern form *shot* is of uncertain and probably mixed origin. It may partly represent the 14th c. weak form *schotte*, which itself admits of a twofold explanation, as it may have been evolved from the originally strong pl. *schotten* (repr. OE. *scuton*), or it may descend from OE. *scotode*, pa. t. of *scotian*. The ME. *schôt* (spelt *schote* in the 15th c.), with which cf. *chose*, pa. t. of *choose*, may descend from OE. *sceât*, and by vowel-shortening may be one of the sources of the modern form. Further, the influence of the pa. pple. may, as in many other vbs., have affected the form of the pa. t.

The pa. pple. *shotten* normally represents OE. *scoten* (for the short vowel cf. *gotten*); *shot* is prob. a shortening of this, though it may also be partly a weak form as in the pa. t. Rare weak forms are *schett* (15th c.) from pres.-stem *schete*, and *shooted* (16th c.).]

I. To go swiftly and suddenly.

1. *intr.* Of an inanimate thing (or of a living being moving involuntarily): To go or pass with a sudden swift movement through space; to rush, be precipitated; to fly as an arrow from a bow. Also with adv. expressing direction of movement, as *up, down, forward*, etc.

a 1000 *Ælfred's Blooms* in *Shrine* (1864) 201 þonne þa wolcnan sceotað betweon hyre [the sun] & þe. *c* 1000 Ælfric *Deut.* ix. 21 On ða burnan ðe of ðam munt scytt [Vulg. *qui de monte descendit*]. *a* 1225 *Juliana* 71 [The boiling pitch] smat up aʒein þeo þe iʒarket hit hefden & for schaldede of ham as hit up scheat. *c* 1290 *St. Michael* 529 in *S. Eng. Leg.* 314 Liʒtingue..scheot þorn3 þe cloude. *c* 1305 *Pilate* 255 in *E. E. P.* (1862) 118 And as arewe schet of a hwe þat bodie [*i. e.* of Pilate] schet þerinne. Þe roche schet to-gadere anon þo þat bodie was wiþ-inne. *c* 1330 *Arth. & Merl.* 9159 Also þicke þe arwe schoten, In sonne bem so doþ þe moten. 1338 R. Brunne *Chron.* (1725) 170 Þe galeie þer þorght [*i.e.* through the enemy's ship] schete, &..þe schip þat was so grete, it dronkled in þe flode. 15.. *Scot. Field* 206 in *Chetham Soc. Misc.* II, The sonne shott up full sone, and shone over the hilles. 1569 T. Preston *Cambises* 1166 As I on horse back up did leap, my sword from scabard shot. 1602 Marston *Ant. & Mel.* I. Wks. 1856 I. 16 Keen lightning shot Through the black bowels of the quaking ayre. 1632 G. Fletcher *Christ's Vict.* I. i, And how the rising Morne, That shot from heav'n, did hacke to heaven retourne. 1727–46 Thomson *Summer* 1700 The lambent lightnings shoot Across the sky. 1829 *Chapters Phys. Sci.* xvii. 201 The water will shoot forwards within it. 1848 Aytoun *Lays Scott. Cavaliers* (1849) 77 Thicker, thicker grew the swarm, And sharper shot the rain. 1860 Tyndall *Glac.* I. ii. 12 The heavier masses..shoot forward like descending rockets. 1863 Baring-Gould *Iceland* 113 The Buthera shoots over a rock in a pretty cascade. 1864 Tennyson *A Dedication* 4 As the rapid of life Shoots to the fall. 1889 Conan Doyle *Micah Clarke* 82 The weary creature stumbled, and the rider came perilously near to shooting over its head. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VI. 244 The blood at once shoots in from the arteries with great rapidity and distends the vessels.

b. Of a 'star' or meteor: To dart across the sky. Cf. Shooting star.

c 1290 *St. Michael* 517 in *S. Eng. Leg.* 314 Ase ʒe mowe.. I-seo a wonder siʒte, Scheote as þei it a steorre were hi þe lofte an heiʒ. 1590 Shaks. *Mids. N.* II. i. 153 Certaine starres shot madly from their Spheares, To heare the Sea maids musicke. 1609 B. Jonson *Masq. Queens* Wks. 1616 I. 954 Neuer a starre yet shot? 1630 Dekker *2nd Pt. Hon. Wh.* II. i, A Starre may shoote, not fall. 1712 Pope *Rape of Lock* II. 82 The stars that shoot athwart the night. 1810 Southey *Kehama* XII. vii, Gone like..A star that shoots and falls, and then is seen no more.

c. Of light, etc.: To be emitted in rays, to dart. Also with advs., as *out, up*. Of a glance: To dart.

1693 Dryden *Juvenal* Ded. (1726) p. v, I was as soon sensible as any Man of that Light, when it was but just shooting out, and beginning to travel upwards to the Meridian. 1810 Scott *Lady of L.* IV. xviii, There shot no glance from Ellen's eye To give her steadfast speech the lie. 1815 Scott *Talism.* xxii, When the very first level ray shot glimmering in dew along the surface of the desert. 1815 — *Betrothed* xvi, A gleam of anger shot along his features. 1845 Gosse *Ocean* iv. (1849) 175 Not a cloud tempers the fierce burning rays of the sun, which shoot directly on our heads. 1853 Kane *Grinnell Exp.* xv. (1856) 111 From these, acicular rays shoot out in every direction. 1860 Tyndall *Glac.* I. xx. 137 [The sun's] rays,..shot more and more deeply into the valley. 1908 R. Bagot *A. Cuthbert* iii. 27 From the north-eastern horizon broad streams of light were shooting up into the centre of the heavens.

d. *fig.* Of thoughts, etc.: To pass suddenly *into, across*, etc. a person's mind.

1542 Udall *Erasm. Apoph.* 307 He could none other but folowe every soodain guerie or pangue that shotte in his braine. 1791 Mrs. Radcliffe *Rom. Forest* V, A thousand apprehensions shot athwart her busy thought. 1826 Scott *Woodst.* xvii, It shot..across my mind, that [etc.]. 1832 L. Hunt *Sir R. Esher* (1850) 400 It shot across me..that I was doing the very thing I described him as wishing not to be done. 1842 Lover *Handy Andy* xxxvii, 'Am I to see nothing but the evidences of death's doing this night?' was the mental question which shot through Edward's overwrought brain. 1870 E. Peacock *Ralf Skirl.* II. 236 A ray of light had shot into his mind.

†e. Of fluids, tears, blood, etc.: To issue suddenly, stream out. *Obs.*

c 1470 Henry *Wallace* III. 156 The Scottis..With swerdis schar throuch habergeons full gude, Vpon the flouris schot [*ed.* 1570 schot out] the schonkan blude, Fra hors and men throw harnes burnyst heyne. *c* 1470 *Gol. & Gaw.* 639 Schire teris schot fra schalkis. *Ibid.* 690 Fra schalkis schot schire blude our scheildis so schene.

f. Of a person's feet: To slip suddenly. Now only with phrase or adv.

c 1430 *Syr Tryam.* 1547 Hys fote schett and he felle downe.

1889 GRETTON *Memory's Harkback* 153 At a specially slippery place all my mare's feet shot from under her.

g. Of a wall, cliff, etc. : To fall precipitately.

1589 IVE *Pract. Fortif.* 21 But the discommoditie a wall receiueth of that so greate scarpe, is, that oft times through the great waight of the top, it looseth it foote and shooteth. 1754 T. GARDNER *Hist. Dunwich* 93 The Serges playing against the Foot, easily undermines the Cliff, which shoots in abundance.

h. *Naut.* Of ballast: = SHIFT *v.* 21 c.

1678 PHILLIPS (ed. 4) s.v., The ballast is said to shoot, when it runs from one side of the Ship to the other. 1711 *Milit. & Sea Dict.* (ed. 4), The Ballast shoots: That is, runs over from one Side to the other; for which Reason all kind of Grain is dangerous Lading, as being apt to shoot. 1867 SMYTH *Sailor's Word-bk.* s.v., The ballast shoots on one side.

i. Of a ball: To move with accelerated speed after its first impingement; esp. in *Cricket*. Of a bowled ball: To move rapidly close to the ground after pitching.

1833 NYREN *Yng. Cricketer's Tutor* 29 When you see the ball shoot, play the bat back as near to the wicket as possible. 1851 LILLYWHITE *Guide Cricketers* 15 Try every manœuvre to make the ball twist and shoot after it touches the ground. 1873 BENNETT & CAVENDISH *Billiards* 371 The effect of which [' side '] is to make it shoot..as soon as it touches the cushion. 1888 A. G. STEEL *Cricket* (Badm. Libr.) 184 The ball which, after the pitch, never rises, but shoots along the surface of the ground..is commonly called a 'shooter'. 1901 R. H. LYTTELTON *Cricket & Golf* 31 A ball pitching on that spot would sometimes shoot, sometimes hang.

j. *To shoot on*: in immaterial sense, to make rapid progress.

1871 GREEN *Lett.* (1901) 281 My physical strength has shot on wonderfully.

2. Of a person or living thing: To pass swiftly and suddenly from one place to another; to precipitate oneself, rush, dart. Also with advs., esp. *out*.

c 1000 *Ags. Gosp.* John xxi. 7 Petrus..scet [Vulg. *misit se*] innan sæ. 1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 7455 His folc quicliche to þe bataile sscet [*v.rr.* schet, schette]. 13.. *Coer de L.* 7025 Kyng Richard..gan to crye: 'Turne arere Every man with his banere!' And many thousand before hym schete, With swerdes and with launses grete. 1375 BARBOUR *Bruce* IX. 387 Arayit weill in all his geir, [he] Schot in the dik. *Ibid.* XI. 596 For sum vald schut out of thar rout. *c* 1380 *Sir Ferumb.* 3962 Wyþ is riȝt hond þan blessede he hym, And þoȝ þe ryuere were styf & grym, Wyþ boþe hors in a schet. *a* 1400 *Sir Beues* (Sutherl. MS.) 2388 Insian into þe caue gan shete. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 5933 He.. Shot thurgh the sheltrons, shent of þe pepull. 14.. *Sir Beues* (Camb. MS.) 1811 Beues smot is hors, þat he can shete In to þe se. *c* 1430 *Syr Gener.* (Roxb.) 4598 Into the thikkest anoon he shet Ful redilie with his swerd draw To make wey for his felow. *c* 1470 HENRY *Wallace* IV. 552 Rycht stark he was, and in to souir ger, Bauldly he schott amang thai men of wer. 1615 MARKHAM *Pleas. Princ.* ii. (1635) 11 This Corke..will float till the hooke be fastned, and that the Fish beginneth to shut away with the bayte. 1666 DRYDEN *Ann. Mirab.* cviii, She [the eagle] stops, and listens, and shoots forth again. 1712 STEELE *Spect.* No. 498 ¶ 3 A lively young fellow in a fustian jacket shot by me. 1748 RICHARDSON *Clarissa* VI. 258 She shot to the stairs-head to receive him. 1823 SCOTT *Quentin D.* XX, The Scot shot back to the castle with the speed of the wind. 1840 DICKENS *Old C. Shop* XIV, Animated with a ray of hope, the child shot on before her grandfather. 1853 WHYTE MELVILLE *Digby Grand* XVI, Captain Black judiciously lets him out for a few strides, and shoots forward some five or six lengths in front of his companions. 1871 L. STEPHEN *Playgr. Eur.* v. (1894) 114 We shot out of the long tunnel.. and descended into the valley. 1877 MARY M. GRANT *Sun-Maid* ii, Finally they shot round a sharp corner.

† b. To rush *on* or *upon* (with intent to attack or devour). *Obs.*

a 1300 *Havelok* 1838 þey drowen ut swerdes, ful god won, And shoten on him, so don on here Dogges, þat wolden him to-tere. *Ibid.* 2431 The Kinges men hwan he þat sawe, Scuten on hem, heye and lowe, And enerilk fot of hem slowe. *c* 1330 *Arth. & Merl.* 3868 Þer miȝt men se þe baners roten, þe stedes forþ wel ȝern schoten. 1338 R. BRUNNE *Chron.* (1725) 94 Opon þe rode he schete. 1375 BARBOUR *Bruce* VII. 390 He suld schute on hym sodanly.

c. To slide *down* a slope at full speed.

1738 GRAY *Tasso* 19 Swift shoots the Village-maid in rustic play..adown the shining way. 1860 TYNDALL *Glac.* I. XXVII. 216 Once, while shooting down a slope, he incautiously allowed a foot to get entangled.

3. Of a vessel (hence of its commander or crew): To move swiftly in a certain direction. *To shoot to*: to 'shoot' into the desired position. (Cf. sense 12 b.)

c 1400 *Destr. Troy* 6033 Thaire shippis in sheltrons shotton to lond. 1579 T. STEVENS in Hakluyt *Voy.* (1589) 161 Our Pilot..thinking himselfe to haue wind at will, shot so nigh the land, that [etc.]. 1670 NARBOROUGH *Jrnl.* in *Acc. Sev. Late Voy.* I. 23, I concluded we had shot past Port Desier Harbour in the Fog. 1716 GAY *Trivia* II. 167 She downward glides, Lights in Fleet-ditch, and shoots beneath the tides. 1815 SCOTT *Guy M.* v, She fired three guns as a salute..and then shot away rapidly before the wind. 1849 M. ARNOLD *Mod. Sappho* 34 'Tis..the boat, shooting round by the trees! 1850 SCORESBY *Cheever's Whalem. Adv.* xii. (1859) 178 We shot past him like a meteor. 1856 MISS WARNER *Hills Shatemuc* viii, Again clearing the rocks the little boat..shot off down the stream. 1887 GOODE, etc. *Fish. Industr. U. S.* IV. 132 When speaking another vessel it is customary to pass by her stern and shoot to alongside of her.

b. *To shoot ahead*: of a vessel, to increase speed suddenly, so as to pass accompanying or competing vessels; hence *fig.* Also, to be carried forward by momentum.

1669 STURMY *Mariner's Mag.* I. ii. 20 Brace too the Foretop-sail, that we may not shoot ahead. 1840 DICKENS *Sk. Yng. Couples* 29 We were suffered to shoot a-head, while the second boat followed ingloriously in our wake. 1867 SMYTH *Sailor's Word-bk.* s.v., A ship shoots ahead in stays.

4. *trans.* With obj. denoting what is passed through, over, or under by 'shooting': (*a*) To pass quickly under (a bridge) in a boat; (*b*) to descend (a rapid or cataract) swiftly in a boat or other vessel; so *to shoot a river*; (*c*) to 'coast' down (a hill) in cycling; (*d*) *nonce-use*, to pass swiftly over (a distance).

(*a*) 1570 FOXE *A. & M.* (ed. 2) 2290/1 They could not shoote the Bridge. 1617 MORYSON *Itin.* I. 74 Having shot two or three small bridges..we came to the Village Lizzafusina. 1679 ALSOP *Melius Inq.* II. i. 179 To withdraw from Apparent Duty for fear of uncertain Danger is but like his, that would not shoot the Bridge, because it might fall on's Head. 1729 FIELDING *Author's Farce* III, When one day, among other frolics, our ship's-crew shooting the bridge, the boat overset. 1835 MARRYAT *J. Faithful* VI, In half an hour I had shot Putney Bridge. 1877 FOLEY *Rec. Eng. Province S. J.* I. 496 *note*, This was the old London Bridge...It was always a dangerous thing to 'shoot' the arches when it was running.

transf. 1706 E. WARD *Hud. Rediv.* I. IV. 3, I shot the Porch that bears the Name of good king Lud.

(*b*) 1613 R. HARCOURT *Voy. Guiana* 49 Wee turned downe the riuer, shooting the ouerfalles with more celerity then when wee came vp. 1686 GOAD *Celest. Bodies* II. i. 141 The Boat..sometimes shoots the Cataract. 1703 *La Hontan's Voy. N. Amer.* I. 143 Another River..has six or seven Water-falls that we commonly shoot. 1776 C. CARROLL in Kate Rowland *Life* (1898) I. 393 All our batteaux which shoot the rapids and go down the Sorel to Chamblay. 1829 SOUTHEY *Sir T. More* II. 18 It must have been a grand sight to have seen them shoot the falls! 1861 HUGHES *Tom Brown at Oxf.* ii, There were probably not three men..who would have dared to shoot the lasher in a skiff in its then state. 1872 SCHELE DE VERE *Americanisms* 104 The..voyageurs..prefer..shooting a river, that is to say, dashing over the rapids in the swift current. 1877 BLACK *Green Past.* XXXIV, You would have fancied that Bell had..spent her life in shooting rapids.

fig. 1842 DE QUINCEY *Cicero* Wks. 1858 VII. 226 A man might shoot a whole series of divorces, still refunding the last dowry, but still replacing it with a better.

(*c*) 1878 *Athletic World* 3 May 57/2 Mr. Godlee..having ..taken a header while shooting a hill with legs over the handles [of his cycle].

(*d*) 1898 MEREDITH *Odes Fr. Hist.* 26 Who..Spurred a blood-mare immeasurably fleet To shoot the transient leagues in a passing wink.

b. *Naut.* To succeed in sailing through (a dangerous strait, passage, gulf, etc.). Hence *to shoot the gulf* (fig.): proverbially for any daring enterprise. (See GULF *sb.* 2 c.)

The fig. phrase appears to have originally had reference to sense 1 of GULF *sb.*, but prob. was often associated rather with sense 2 or 4.

1622 R. HAWKINS *Voy. S. Sea* xli. 95 Sir Francis Drake told me, that having shott the Straites, a storme tooke him first at North-west. 1628 GAULE *Pract. Theories* (1629) 319 So neither will I feare to shoot that great Gulfe. *c* 1645 (see GULF *sb.* 2 c]. 1682 WHELER *Journ. Greece* I. 28 We stood out to Sea, that we might shoot the Gulph of Londrin. 1687 A. LOVELL tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* II. 173 Ships sometimes shoot that passage. 1751 R. PALTOCK *P. Wilkins* XI. (1884) I. 107, I never had one hour's rest together since I shot the gulf till this. 1773 *Cook's 1st Voy.* III. v. in Hawkesw. *Voy.* III. 606 While we were shooting this gulph, our soundings were from thirty to seven fathom.

† c. *To shoot the pit*: of a fighting cock, to rush out of the cockpit from cowardice. Often *fig. Obs.*

1675 [see PIT *sb.*[1] 5]. 1681 T. FLATMAN *Heraclitus Ridens* No. 31 (1713) I. 204 Two or three more such stroaks will make them shoot the Pit. *a* 1734 NORTH *Exam.* II. v. ¶ 19 (1740) 327 Which made the whole Party shoot the Pit and retire, as not caring to be pointed at with ill-favoured Reflections.

d. *To shoot the moon*: to remove household goods by night in order to avoid seizure for rent. (Cf. the older phrase in SHOVE *v.* 10 c.)

1836 *Comic Almanack* Sept. (1870) 63 And lack-a-day! here's Quarter Day; It always comes too soon; So we by night must take our flight, For we must shoot the moon! 1844 ALB. SMITH *Mr. Ledbury* iii, Gradually moving all his things away, and shooting the moon to a friend's lodging. 1882 BESANT *All Sorts* iv, I let his houses...I warned him when shooting of moons seemed likely.

e. *Racing.* To dash past (a competitor). *To be shot on the post*: see quot. 1897.

1868 *Field* 11 July 29/2 Cannon..just managed, after a fine specimen of riding between the two, to shoot Fordham by a head. 1897 *Encycl. Sport* I. 62/1 (Athletics) A man is said to be 'shot on the post' when a competitor just dashes by him as he eases for the finish, or falls from exhaustion.

5. *intr.* Of a pain: To pass in a sudden paroxysm along the nerves; to dart. Hence of a part of the body, a wound, etc.: To have darting pains.

a 1000 [see SHOOTING *ppl. a.* 3]. 1602 MARSTON *Antonio's Rev.* IV. i, I should want sense to feele The stings of anguish shoot through every vaine. 1633 G. HERBERT *Temple, Misery* viii, These preachers make His head to shoot and ake. 1667 DRYDEN & DAVENANT *Tempest* V. ii, Alas! I feel the cold air come to me; My wound shoots worse than ever. 1718 POPE *Iliad* XVI. 638 Pierc'd with Pain, That thrills my Arm and shoots thro' ev'ry Vein. 1818–20 E. THOMPSON *Nosologia* (ed. 3) 198 Pain in the region of the kidnies, often shooting along the course of the ureter. 1875 W. S. GILBERT *Tom Cobb* II, *O'Fi.* Ye wouldn't have a major-general with corns that couldn't shoot? 1895 R. W. CHAMBERS *King in Yellow* (1909) 148 Then again something struck my ankle, and a sharp pain shot through me. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VI. 742 The pain may dart and shoot.

b. *fig.*

1611 *2nd Maiden's Trag.* (Malone Soc.) 860 His very name shootes like a feaver throughe me. 1786 BURNS *Vision* II. XVI, When youthful Love, warm-blushing, strong, Keen-shivering shot thy nerves along. 1848 DICKENS *Dombey* I, A pang of hopeless love visibly shooting through him, and flashing out in his face. 1869 LECKY *Europ. Mor.* I. iii. 492 One brief spasm [of persecution] indeed..shot through the long afflicted Church of Asia Minor. 1895 R. W. CHAMBERS *King in Yellow* (1909) 238 A pang of homesickness shot through him.

6. Of a plant, bud, etc.: To emerge from the soil (also with *up*) or from the stem, etc.; to sprout, grow.

1483 *Cath. Angl.* 338/2 To Schute as corne dose [*v.r.* Schott os corne dose], *spicare*. 1523–34 FITZHERB. *Husb.* § 21 Let hym beware, that he trede not to moche vppon the corne, and specyallye after it is shotte. 1583 MELBANCKE *Philotimus* F ij b, The greene blade that shooteth too earely is soone bitt with a black frost. 1695 J. EDWARDS *Perfect. Script.* 60 Others imagin'd they shooted out of trees. 1678 MOXON *Mech. Exerc.* vi. 108 The Bough or Branch that shoots out of the Trunk of a Tree. 1732 POPE *Ess. Man* I. 7 A Wild, where weeds and flow'rs promiscuous shoot. 1779 *Mirror* No. 61 There they [plants] have room to shoot out at will. 1830 *Kyle Farm Rep.* 39 in *Libr. Usef. Knowl., Husb.* III, Rib grass..puts out its foliage very early.., and as it is always shot before they can be admitted to pasture, it is rather injurious. 1834 YOUATT *Cattle* 566 Fungus shooted up. 1847 W. C. L. MARTIN *Ox* 40/2 When the spring grass is beginning to shoot luxuriantly. 1866 SHUCKARD *Brit. Bees* 223 A thick and prodigious quantity of the common mustard plant shot up.

b. *fig.*

1596 SPENSER *F. Q.* IV. xi. 26 That faire City, wherein make abode So many learned impes, that shoote abrode, And with their braunches spred all Britany. 1663 PATRICK *Parab. Pilgr.* xii. (1687) 74 All these grow upon this single root, or rather are but Love shooting forth in divers shapes. 1728–46 THOMSON *Spring* 1149 Delightful task! to rear the tender thought, To teach the young idea how to shoot. 1751 JOHNSON *Rambler* No. 166 ¶ 12 When we find worth faintly shooting in the shades of obscurity, we may let in light and sunshine upon it. 1768 TUCKER *Lt. Nat.* (1834) II. 281 Charity, though shooting most vigorously from rational self-love, yet, when perfectly formed, has no tincture remaining of the parent root. 1825 LAMB *Elia* Ser. II. *Superann. Man* (end), They tell me, a certain *cum dignitate* air, which has been buried so long with my other good parts, has begun to shoot forth in my person.

c. Of parts of animal bodies, teeth, hair, morbid growths.

1607 TOPSELL *Four-f. Beasts* 403 The rift being closed in the top, draw him [the horse] betwixt the haire and the hoouе with a hot yron ouerthwart that place, to the intent that the hoone may shoote al whole downeward. 1739 S. SHARP *Oper. Surg.* Introd. 31 When the Surface of the Ulcer begins to yield thick Matter, and little Granulations of red Flesh shoot up. 1753 J. BARTLET *Gentl. Farriery* XXV. 226 This last, applied early, will prevent a fungus, or proud flesh, from shooting out. 1796 MORSE *Amer. Geog.* I. 206 Sea Cow tusks, which shoot from the upper jaw. 1799 UNDERWOOD *Dis. Childhood* (ed. 4) I. 189 From..the very first shooting of the teeth within the jaw. 1826 S. COOPER *First Lines Surg.* (ed. 5) 326 The hairs fall off, and when they grow again, they shoot in a wrong direction.

7. To put forth buds or shoots, as a plant; to germinate. † Formerly often with advs., *forth, out* (const. *with, into*); also *transf.* of an animal, to put out limbs.

c 1560 A. SCOTT *Poems* (S.T.S.) XXXV. 11 He sall haiff brute, as tre on rute Endlang the rever plantit; To burge and schute, and sall gif frutt In tyme, as God hes grantit. 1607 WALKINGTON *Opt. Glass* 10 They neither shotte out right, nor hardly have any blowne blossoms. 1611 BIBLE *Luke* XXI. 30 Behold the figge tree, and all the trees, When they now shoot foorth, [etc.]. 1627 HAKEWILL *Apol.* (1630) 303 When it sprang up *Proserpina, Nodolus* when it shut into a blade. 1697 DRYDEN *Virg. Georg.* IV. 439 Shooting out with Legs, and imp'd with Wings, The Grubs proceed to Bees with pointed Stings. 1710 W. KING *Heathen Gods* xiii. (1722) 53 The Cypress Tree..when cut down, never shoots again. 1713 ADDISON *Guardian* No. 156 ¶ 6 The Corn that is laid up by Ants would shoot under Ground, if those Insects did not take care to prevent it. 1756–7 tr. *Keysler's Trav.* (1760) IV. 447 It is the property both of the walnut and olive-tree, that after a severe frost they shoot out with fresh vigour. 1773 *Phil. Trans.* LXIII. 398 As I could not directly contrive a total section of this large species [of Sea-Anemone], I tried it upon the young ones; and these shooted out again after the operation. 1786 ABERCROMBIE *Gard. Assist.* 212 Always cut close, not leaving any stump to shoot again. *c* 1792 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) IX. 744/1 Plants stript of any of their leaves, cannot shoot vigorously. 1877 JEFFERIES *Gamekeeper at H.* vi. (1890) 145 For although furze and fern soon shoot again, yet animal life is not so quickly repaired. 1908 [MISS E. FOWLER] *Betw. Trent & Ancholme* 362 They shoot, and bud, and their tendrils and branches reach far around.

b. *transf.*

1711 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 16 ¶ 2 The young People of both Sexes are so wonderfully apt to shoot out into long Swords, sweeping Trains, bushy Head-dresses. 1791 H. WALPOLE *Let. to Miss Mary Berry* 8 June, Bath shoots out into new crescents, circuses, squares every year.

8. To increase rapidly in growth (sometimes, with inclusion of sense 6, to sprout and grow rapidly); to advance to maturity. Now only with *up* or equivalent adv. or phrase: To grow quickly tall, 'spring up' to a height (said of plants, young persons, buildings, etc.; also of immaterial things).

1538 AUDLEY in *Lett. Supp. Monast.* (Camden) 246 He [the

infant prince] shotyth owt in length. 1577 Grange *Golden Aphrod.* L iij, Intermingled with alt kinde of sweete and fragrant floures, the growth whereof shotte vp in heigth aboue the lower grasse..two foote. 1607 Chapman *Bussy d'Ambois* III. i, Great D'Ambois (Fortunes proud mushrome shot vp in a night). 1621 Fletcher *Wild Goose Chase* I. iii, I am none of those that, when they shoot to ripeness, Do what they can to break the boughs they grew on. 1626 Bacon *Sylva* § 653 Such Trees..are (commonly) Trees that shoot vp much. 1654 J. Sheffield *Rising Sun* 259 As there is in all dying or departed persons a great shooting in their stature observed; so is there in the soul much more. The least Infant shoots in the instant of Dissolution to that perfect knowledge of God. 1711 Addison *Spect.* No. 98 P 1 About ten Years ago it [ladies' head-dress] shot up to a very great Height. 1721 Amherst *Terræ Fil.* No. 11 (1754) 51 The sumptuous edifices which of late years have shot up in Oxford. 1750 Johnson *Rambler* No. 55 P 11 Having, she said, never seen any body shoot up so much at my age. 1812 *Ann. Reg., Gen. Hist.* 109/2 They ought not to tax Ireland as this country—she was shooting, and, if not oppressed, would come to maturity. 1818 Miss Fershea *Marriage* II. iii, A perfect dwarf..till she took a shooting...But she'll shoot no more. 1828 Scott *F. M. Perth* xxxiii, I have often ..seen a raw young fellow, shoot up after his first fight, from a dwarf into a giant-queller. 1861 M. Pattison *Ess.* (1889) I. 39 Our commercial relations with the Baltic cities..soon shot up into one of our leading national objects. 1863 Miss Braddon *Lady Audley* xv, Four or five bare and over-grown poplars, that had shot up too rapidly for their strength. 1880 Mrs. Riddell *Myst. Palace Gard.* ix, She had shot up into a woman all in a minute. 1905 L. Whibley *Companion to Grk. Studies* ii. § 2. 70 Tragedy had not yet passed its prime when the old comedy shot up to maturity.

b. conjugated with *to be*. Also in pa. pple., (*well*) *shot in years* (rare), advanced in life.

1530 Palsgr. 705/1 Se howe this corne is shotte up within this senyght. 1549 Coverdale, etc. *Erasm. Par. Heb.* xi. 24–26 After he was shotte vp towardes mannes state. 1596 Spenser *F. Q.* v. vi. 19 Well shot in yeares he seem'd, *c* 1610 *Women Saints* 80 This happie branch of that vertuous stemme being shott vp beyond infancie, began to attempt workes of maturitie. 1799 Ht. Lee *Canterb. T., Poet's T.* (ed. 2) I. 48 Little Henry was now shot up beyond his years. 1886 Burton *Arab. Nts.* (abr. ed.) I. 176 The Wazir of Bassorah, a man shot in years.

† **c.** *To shoot up* (with complement): To become by sudden growth. *Obs.*

1697 Dryden *Cleomenes* I. i. 4 Let me but live to shadow this young Plant, From Blites and Storms; He'll soon shoot up a Heroe.

9. Of a solution: To produce crystals. Also said of the crystals. Of a salt: To crystallize from solution or evaporation. [So G. *schiessen.*]

? *a* 1626 Meverel in *Bacon's Physiol. Rem.* Baconiana (1679) 126 If the Menstruum be overcharged,..the Metals will shoot into certain Crystals. 1666 Boyle *Orig. Formes & Qual.* Wks. 1772 III. 54 The exact and curious figures, in which vitriol and other salts are wont to shoot. 1670 W. Clarke *Nat. Hist. Nitre* 7 Nitre shoots long in Needles, but Salt shoots in tesseras, or squares. *a* 1697 Aubrey *Surrey* (1718) IV. 57 There is also here a Boyling-House, where the Salt-Petre is made, and shoots. 1732 *Hist. Litteraria* IV. 35 This Solution, when rich, shoots into a Vitriol by standing. 1789 A. Crawford in *Med. Commun.* II. 355 A solution of the..salt shoots by evaporation into thin octagonal plates. 1807 T. Thomson *Chem.* (ed. 3) II. 272 Crystals again shoot as the solution cools.

b. *trans.* To form (crystals); of a solution, to deposit in the form of crystals. Also *refl.* and *pass.*, to crystallize; in wider sense, of a substance, to assume some definite form by internal movement.

1662 Merrett tr. *Neri's Art of Glass* I. 5 Till you see it thicken, and shoot its salt. 1688 Clayton in *Phil. Trans.* XVII. 795 Parts of natural Rock shot in those Figures. 1695 Woodward *Nat. Hist. Earth* IV. 172 Tis usual to meet with the very same Metall or Mineral, naturally shot into quite different Figures. 1719 Hauksbee *Phys.-Mech. Exper.* (ed. 2) Suppl. 258 The various Forms the new made Ice had shot it self into. 1732 *Hist. Litteraria* IV. 23 It shoots a Tartar by standing. It has a vinous Taste.

10. *intr.* To project, jut out; to extend in a particular direction. Often with advs., esp. *out.* † Of a road (OE.): To go in a particular direction.

c 1000 Ælfric *Gen.* xxiv. 62 Eode Isaac on þam wege, þe scytt to þam pytte. 1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) I. 305 þe ilond Corsica is cornered wiþ many forlondes schetynge [*Caxton* stretchyng] in to the see. 1584 B. R. tr. *Herodotus* I. 56 b, The partition of the walles made by the intercourse of y^e^ riuer, shootes vppon the bankes on eyther syde. 1607 *B. N. C. Documents* (MS.) Bundle A 3. f. 19, 3 half acres of Errable land..shouting South and North. 1610 Holland *Camden's Brit.* (1637) 183 That Region [Cornwall]..shooteth out farthest into the West. *Ibid.* 542 The shore shutteth forth with a mighty swelling bent into the German Sea. 1679 in J. C. Blomfield *Hexford* (1892) 85 A land by Oxford way side shooting north and south. 1684 T. Burnet *Theory Earth* I. ix. 110 The Promontories and Capes shoot into the Sea. 1688 Bunyan *Heavenly Footman* (1886) 155 Though the way to heaven be but one, yet there are many crooked lanes and by-paths shoot down upon it, as I may say. 1700 J. Brome *Trav. Eng.* 245 From hence the Shore, after several crooked flexures, shooteth forth into the Sea. 1705 Addison *Italy, Tirol* 532 This long Valley of the Tirol lyes enclos'd on all Sides by the Alps, tho' its Dominions shoot out into several Branches that lye among the Breaks and Hollows of the Mountains. 1726 in W. Wing *Ann. Steeple Aston* (1875) 54 And one other land shooting into Oxford way. 1759 in *Q. Jrnl. Economics* (1907) Nov. 79 Where the furlong shoots up the brook to be mownded by the two outside hides. 1815 Elphinstone *Acc. Caubul* (1842) I. 137 The next branch.. shoots out from the south-eastern side of Suffaid Coh. 1831 Scott *Ct. Robt.* xxviii, Where the private gardens..shot down upon and were bounded by the glassy waters. 1847 W. C. L. Martin *Ox* 58/1 The horns..first sweeping outwards and downwards, shot forward at the points.

b. With *up* or equivalent phrase: To extend vertically upwards; to tower, 'rise' into the air.

1648 Hexham II. s. v. *Schieten, In de locht Schieten,* To Shoote up into the Aire or Sky. 1726 Swift *Gulliver* III. iii, One even regular plate of adamant, shooting up to the height of about two hundred yards. 1757 W. Wilkie *Epigoniad* VII. 213 A promontory..Whose rocky brow..Shoots high into the air. 1810 Scott *Lady of L.* I. xi, Many a rocky pyramid, Shooting abruptly from the dell. 1851 Mayne Reid *Scalp Hunters* XXXV, Mountains, whose tops shot heavenward in fantastic forms and groupings. 1871 L. Stephen *Playgr. Eur.* iii. (1894) 79 We could see..the sharp pyramid of the Finsteraarhorn shooting upwards. 1878 Smiles *Robt. Dick* i. 3 It shoots up into a tall rocky point.

II. To send forth, esp. swiftly or by sudden impulse.

Some of the senses under this head are in modern use often coloured by the specific sense 21.

11. *trans.* To throw suddenly or with violence. Also with advs., *out, down,* etc. *Obs.* exc. as *transf.* from sense 21.

c 1075 *O. E. Chron.* (Cott. MS.) an. 1040, He let dragan up þære deadan Harald & hine on sen sceotan. *c* 1205 Lay. 5081 He sceat [*c* 1275 caste] his riche sceld feor ut in þene feld. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 21043 þat Imperur wend [Joha] to mat In a tun was welland hat Fild of oyle he did him schott, But noþer him harmd, hefd ne fott. *a* 1340 Hampole *Ps.* cxxxv. 15 And he shot out pharao and his vertu in the reed see. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xxvii. (*Machor*) 981 Suddanly þai ware all deide, & schot in till gong stinkand. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 1408 þe Grekes..Shottyn into shippes all þe shene godis. *c* 1450 Metham *Wks.* (E.E.T.S.) 37/993 The sperehed lefft in hys brayn, And so schet hym ouer his hors on the pleyne Dede. 1533 Bellenden *Livy* v. xxiii. (S.T.S.) II. 225 The gaule be his pride & Insolence schot in his swerde in þe leif of þe ballance. 1600 *Reg. Privy Counc. Scot.* VI. 129 [They] maist dispitfullie expellit and schoit him oute of the said kirkyaird be the schoulderis. 1600 *Gowrie's Conspiracy* C 1 b, He tooke the said Maister Alexander by the shoulders, and shotte him down the staire; who was no sooner shotte out at the doore, but [etc.]. 1700 Dryden *Ovid's Met.* I. 930 The liquid Air his moving Pinions wound, And, in the moment, shoot him on the ground. 1835 Dickens *Sk. Boz, Making a Nt. of it,* [They] found themselves shot with astonishing swiftness into the road [out of the theatre]. 1858 R. S. Surtees *Ask Mamma* xxvi. 107 A more fractious horse..had finally shot him over his head.

b. To empty out (gold, grain, earth, etc.) by overturning or tilting the receptacle; to dump (rubbish); to send (goods, débris, etc.) down an inclined plane or 'shoot'. Also, to discharge the contents of, empty (a sack) by overturning. Often with adv., as *down, out.*

a 1400 *Sir Perc.* 2114 Percevelle..schott owte alle the golde. *c* 1412 Hoccleve *De Reg. Princ.* 4248 What doth þan þis fel man & right prudent, But out þis golde on a tippet hath shotte, That in þe bagges lefte þere no grotte. 1592 Greene *Conny Catch.* 22 There at the back gate [he] causeth him to vnloade, and, as they say, shoot the coles down. 1604 N. F. *Fruiterers Secrets* 13 Also haue a care, that they be poured nr shot downe very gently, laying euery sort by themselues. *Ibid.* 18 Haue a great care also in shooting or pouring them out. 1712 Addison *Spect.* No. 511 P 3 Upon opening the Sack, a little old Woman popped her Head out of it; at which the Adventurer was in so great a Rage, that he was going to shoot her out into the River. 1765 *Museum Rust.* IV. 210 If the farmer has sold, so as to deliver soon, he shoots not the sacks. 1821 *Acc. Peculations Coal Trade* 11 He found the men shooting his coals in their master's warehouse. 1865 Dickens *Mut. Fr.* I. iv, A tract of suburban Sahara, where..carpets were beat, rubbish was shot,..and dust was heaped by contractors. 1876 J. Fergusson *Hist. Ind. Archit.* IV. ii. 338 To chip away 50,000 yards of rock, and shoot it to spoil (to borrow a railway term) down a hill-side. 1885 *Law Times* 16 May LXXIX. 46/2 Bales were shot from the top to the bottom floors by means of zigzag inclined planes. 1892 *Labour Commission* Gloss. *s. v.,* The flour is emptied down the shoot through the floor [of the flour loft]..into the troughs in which the dough is made. This operation is universally termed shooting flour.

transf. (*jocular.*) 1860 W. H. Russell *Diary India* I. 135 After a..tedious journey..the train shot us out amid a heap of cinders, and a wooden station at its terminus.

† **c.** To throw or pull *down,* overthrow. *Obs.*

c 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xxi. (*Clement*) 254, & quhene he wend scho wod had bene, he schot hyre to þe erde in tene. *c* 1470 Henry *Wallace* II. 126 Atour the dike thai 3eid on athir side, Schott doun the wall. 1513 Douglas *Æneis* XII. v. 154 Sum schot doun wyth thar hand The altaris markyt for the sacryfys.

d. *refl.* To throw or precipitate oneself; to rush. Also † *fig.* Now *rare.*

1587 Holinshed *Chron.* (ed. 2) III. 1259/2 A monstrous fish or whale of the sea did shoot himselfe on shore. 1641 Milton *Reform.* II. 73 Hee that flying from degenerate and traditionall corruption, feares to shoot himselfe too far into the meeting imbraces of a Divinely warranted Reformation, had better not have run at all. 1679 A. Lovell *Indic. Univ.* 28 A Serpent that casts and shoots himself on passengers. 1697 Dryden *Virg. Georg.* Ded. P 2, I have laugh'd sometimes..when I have reflected on those Men, who from time to time have shot themselves into the World. 1700 S. L. tr. *Fryke's Voy. E. Ind.* 316 The Man shoots himself up to fetch breath. 1705 Beverley *Hist. Virginia* II. v. (1722) 133 The poor Fish is no sooner loosed from the Hawk's Talons, but the Eagle shoots himself, with wonderful Swiftness, after it, and catches it in the Air. 1705 Addison *Italy, Pesaro* 158 This is the Gulf thro' which Virgil's Alecto shoots her self into Hell. 1889 Baden-Powell *Pigsticking* 114 When the pig 'shoots' himself (as only a pig can do) over a mud wall, she follows.

e. To throw (rain, or running water) *from, off* (the surface); also with *off,* † *down* advs.

1573 Tusser *Husb.* (1878) 111 Where houses be reeded.. The iuster ye driue it, the smoother and plaine, more hand-some ye make it to shut off the raine. 1650 Fuller *Pisgah* IV. iv. 68 The latter [Badgers-skins] no doubt had the fur upon them, the lubricity of the hair thereof being excellent gutters and spouts to shoot down the rain thereby. 1719 De Foe *Crusoe* I. (Globe) 136 A great Cap for my Head, with the Hair on the Outside to shoot off the Rain. 1764 *Museum Rust.* III. 334 As it [straw used in thatching] is not bruised by the flail, it shoots off the wet better. 1814 T. Haynes *Treat. Strawberry,* etc. (ed. 2) 100 Then reduce the embankment..by throwing away the earth, the more readily to shoot off all wet. 1855 Kingsley *Westw. Ho!* xxv, 'The Lord has stood by me' panted he, as he shot the water from his ears. 1881 Christy *Joints used by Builders* 76 It is..important that the pitch should not be so steep as to shoot off heavy rain with too much velocity for the gutters to properly discharge.

† **f.** *To shoot forth, out, away*: to drive out or away, to banish, expel. (Chiefly *Sc.* and *north.*)

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 13658 Wit þis þai scott him als a dog Right vte o þair synagog. 13.. *K. Alis.* 5968 Thou shalt there fynde kynges felouns,..That in Babiloyne made the toure,..That fele mylen in heighttе stood, And thorough Goddes wreche shoten away, Into that vile countreye. *c* 1400 Maundev. (Roxb.) vi. 19 He take þe citee of Acoun and schotte oute of it all þe Cristen men þat ware þerin. *c* 1400 *Privity of the Passion* in *Hampole's Wks.* (Horstm.) I. 214 And here was it þat þey schot hym forthe so felly & so cruelly and spytte in his face, and garte hym hye so fast. *a* 1500 *Battle of Otterburn* xxxii. in Child *Ballads* III. 297/1 He lyghted dowyn vpon his foote, And schoote hys horsse clene awaye. 1533 Bellenden *Livy* II. vi. (S.T.S.) I. 148 He commandit ane large nowmer of bestial to be schot furth on þe nixt day at porte aquillye. *Ibid.* IV. xx. II. 125 3it he wan þe castell at þe first assalt, and schot furth all þame þat war funding þareintill. 1535 Coverdale *Ps.* xlii[i]. 2 Why hast thou shot me from the? 1562 Winjet *Cert. Tractates* i. Wks. (S.T.S.) I. 8 Or of the schuiting of honeste men fra thair native rowmes. 1581 *Satir. Poems Reform.* xliii. 97 Sicklyk was Sipio saiklesly schot furth. 1596 Dalrymple tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* I. ii. 144 He repudiat, forsuke, and frome him, as vnworthie, schott [Lat. *repudiavit*] her [his wife] away. 1605 B. Jonson *Volpone* I. v, Now, is he gone; we had no other meanes, To shoote him hence, but this.

g. To separate (the worst animals) from a drove or flock. Cf. Shot *sb.*3

1824 Mactaggart *Gallovid. Encycl.* 1828 [Carr] *Craven Gloss., Shoot* v. 2 To draw the worst cattle out of a drove. 'I'll gee ye ten apiece for thur hundreds yows, an you'l let me shoot ten'.

h. To put hurriedly and carelessly.

1833 Ht. Martineau *Loom & Lugger* I. iii. 27 He rose from his knee and shot his instrument into its case. 1844 Ala. Smith *Adv. Mr. Ledbury* vii, The dirty cups and saucers were shot away into the drawers, and the table turned outside the door.

† **i.** *To shoot* (something) *on fire*: to cause to burst into flame. *Obs.*

c 1400 *Destr. Troy* 9509 The shippes on a sheue fyre shot þai belyue, That the low vp lightly launchit aboute.

12. To launch (a vessel); to cast forth or let down (an anchor); to lower and place in position. (a fishing net). Also *absol.*

1375 Barboua *Bruce* IV. 629 Than in schort tym men mycht thaim se Schute all thair galais to the se. *a* 1529 Skelton *Col. Cloute* 1257 Shote anker, and lye at rode, And sayle not farre abrode, Tyll the cost be clere. 1552 in *Select Pleas Admiralty* (Selden Soc.) II. 21 That no person nor persons from hensfurthe doo shote any wyddenett within x fathom of his next felowe by estimacon in the day tyme... Thesterly man to begynne first and so every man to shote in order. 1583 *Reg. Mag. Sig. Scot.* 225/2 To haill, schutt, peill and draw nettis on all pairtis usit and wont within the said boundis. 1600 Holland *Livy* XXVIII. xlv. 706 The ships were finished, rigged, armed, and furnished with all things, and shot into the water. 1630 in Binnell *Descr. Thames* (1758) 65 No fisherman..shall shute any Draw-Net, Cord-Net, or other Net or Engine..after Holyrood Day is past. 1776 *Act* 16 *Geo. III,* c. 36 § 3 Unless the Boat..do in the mean Time shoot or cast out into the Water her..Seyne Net. 1873 *Act* 36 & 37 *Vict.* c. 71 § 14 Any person who shall shoot or work any seine or draft net for salmon in a river across the whole width. 1894 Hall Caine *Manxman* v. iii. 286 The nets were shot over the starboard quarter.

b. To cause (a vessel) to move forward suddenly or swiftly. *To shoot* (a vessel) *to*: to bring it by 'shooting' to a required position. † *To be shot*: of a vessel, to have advanced (a certain distance or to a certain point). Cf. sense 3.

1408 tr. *Vegetius' De Re Milit.* (MS. Digby 233) lf. 226/2 þei scheten here schippes to gedre & casteth out planckes or brygges..& fi3tteþ hand at hand. 1555 Eden *Decades* (Arb.) 382 When yow reken yowre selfe as farre shotte as cape de las Palmas. 1574 W. Bourne *Regim. Sea* xxii. (1577) 60 You..shall be well shotte towardes the banke of Silley. 1588 Fenner in *Defeat Sp. Armada* (Navy Rec. Soc.) I. 242 Being shot some ten leagues off South and by West of Ushaut. 1793 Smeaton *Edystone L.* § 137 A north-west wind would shoot the sloop clear of the house reef. 1794 *Rigging & Seamanship* II. 316 Her sails tend to shoot her a-head. 1849 W. S. Mayo *Kaloolah* vi. (1850) 50 With a sweep of his paddle he turned the bow of his boat from us, and with a few vigorous strokes shot it ahead. 1887 Goode, etc. *Fish. Industr. U. S.* IV. 132 Shooting to. This evolution is peculiar to fore and aft rigged vessels... To shoot a schooner to, it is only necessary, when sailing by the wind, to put the wheel part way down, and as she comes head to wind to keep her in that position by the management of the helm until her headway is stopped.

13. To push or slide (a bar or bolt of a door or the like) into or out of its fastenings. Also to force (a lock).

c 1000 *Gosp. Nicodemus* xxvii. 15 in Thwaites *Heptat.*

(1698), Beluca þ ða..ærenan gatu & toforan ou sceotaþ þa ysenan scyttelsas. 1573 *Satir. Poems Reform.* xxxix. 209 Thay schot na keyis to brek the coffiris than, Ane day of blythnes for the men of weir. *a* 1617 Bayne *On Eph.* (1658) 104, I have Power to shoot the bolt and lock it. 1637 Rutherford *Lett.* (1664) 343, I know now..how to shut the lock & unbolt my welbeloved's door. 1696 Cibber *Love's last Shift* III, If you have lost it [the key] we must shoot the lock, I think. 1797 Mas. Radcliffe *Italian* xii, I fear we are betrayed; the second lock is shot. 1833 Marryat *P. Simple* ix, One of the midshipmen shot the bolt of the door. 1886 J. Paton in *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 144/2 Safe bolts are shot not by the key, as in an ordinary lock, but by the door handle. 1894 A. Robertson *Nuggets* 92 Annie ran to the stable, shot the wooden bolt, and went in.

b. *intr.* To slide *into* its fastenings; to admit of being shot.

1886 J. Paton in *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 144/2 The frame.. into which the bolts shoot is made of great strength. *Ibid.*, In all Chubb's safes bolts shoot both to front and back.

14. *trans.* a. *Weaving.* To pass (the shuttle, the weft) between the threads of the warp. Also in figurative context.

1603 Holland *Plutarch's Mor.* 337, I suppose that a weaver will say that his worke is to make a web,..and not to ..lay his warpe, shoot ouse, or (etc.). 1612 Beaum. & Fl. *Coxcomb* v. i, An honest Weaver, and as good a work-man as ere shot shuttle. 1839 Hallam *Lit. Eur.* IV. v. § 46 Lines of consummate excellence are frequently shot, like threads of gold, through the web. 1849 Robertson *Serm.* Ser. I. xxi. (1866) 351 The woof of life is dark..but..shot through a web of brightness. 1888 J. Paton in *Encycl. Brit.* XXIV. 464/1 A clear way is thus provided for picking or shooting the shuttle. 1895 R. W. Frazer *Silent Gods* (1896) 58 The weaver still sang as he quickly shot the shuttle with the weft through the warp.

b. To variegate by admixture of different coloured threads in the woof. Hence, in wider sense, to variegate (an expanse of colour) by interspersing streaks or flecks of some other colour.

1532–3 *Act* 24 *Hen. VIII*, c. 2 The same wollen clothes [shall)..be perfectly boyled grayned or maddered vppon the wodde and shotte, with good and sufficient corke or orchall. 1566 *Churchw. Acc. St. Dunstan's Canterb.* in *Archæol. Cant.* XVII. 120 One coverlyt shot wyth blew and red. 1684 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 1944/4 A Petticoat of Musk coloured Silk, shot with Silver on the right side. 1751 Johnson *Rambler* No. 115 P 8 Carnation shot with white. 1856 H. H. Dixon *Post & Paddock* xiii. (1860) 272 Mundig's stock are nearly all chesnuts, many of them shot with white hairs. 1860 Sala *Baddington Peerage* I. i. 26 His stiff, black hair a little shot with gray. 1863 B. Taylor *H. Thurston* xv. 192 The canes of maize shot the brown fields with points of shining green. 1882 *Garden* 7 Oct. 312/2 Of older flowers we have..Burgundy, rich dark puce, shot and suffused with light purple [etc.]. 1895 *Jrnl. R. Inst. Brit. Architects* 14 Mar. 347 The Saviour was dressed in a purple tunic shot with gold. *fig.* 1850 *Fraser's Mag.* Sept. 244/2 Vague theory shot with technicalities. 1874 L. Stephen *Hours in Libr.* (1892) II. iv. 109 The texture of Disraeli's writings is..ingeniously shot with irony.

15. To send out, dispatch (persons). Now *dial.* (see *Eng. Dial. Dict.*). Also *to shoot* (a person) *about*: to hurry (him) from place to place.

1542 Becon *Pathw. Prayer* xxix. M vij, Therfore sayth Christ, praye vnto the Lorde of y^e^ Heruest, that he may shote forth workemen into his Heruest. 1895 Mrs. B. M. Croker *Village Tales* 71 You, as an officer's wife..are shot about from Colombo to Peshawar.

16. To emit swiftly and forcibly (rays, flames, etc.).

c 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* x. (*Mathou*) 157 Twa dragonyse, þat awful ware one to luke,..& blessis of fyre with bryntstane at nese and mowthe þai schote owte. 1596 Dalrymple tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* II. viii. 90 A maruellous gret Comet, quhilk toward the South schot fyrie stremes terrabilie. 1690 T. Burnet *Theory Earth* III. xii. 105 At the first opening of the Heavens, the brightness of his Person will scatter the dark Clouds, and shoot streams of light throughout all the Air. 1712–14 Pope *Rape of Lock* I. 13 Sol thro' white curtains shot a tim'rous ray. 1727–46 Thomson *Summer* 1371 The sun has lost his rage: his downward orb shoots nothing now but animating warmth And vital lustre. 1792 S. Rogers *Pleas. Mem.* II. (1801) 55 A cool, sequester'd grot, From its rich roof a sparry lustre shot. 1812 Cary *Dante, Parad.* III. 22 My sweet guide, who, smiling shot forth beams From her celestial eyes. 1823 Scott *Quentin D.* iv, His keen eyes ..shot forth occasionally a quick and vivid ray. 1833 N. Arnott *Physics* (ed. 5) II. 187 A ray..shot from *a* to the point *c*, in the surface of a piece of glass *g h*, would reach directly across to *o* and *b*. 1839 J. Sterling *Sexton's Dau.* I. xxxii, As if it were the cloven sky..Shot out its glory suddenly.

b. To put forth, utter (words, sounds); chiefly with adv., *out*, *forth*. Now only as *transf.* from sense 21.

a 1225 *Leg. Kath.* 812 Scheoteð forð sum word, & let us onswerien. *a* 1250 *Owl & Night.* 23 (Jesus MS.), Bet þuhte þe drem þat he were Of harpe & pipe þan he nere, Bet þuhte þat heo were i-shote Of harpe & pipe þan of þrote. *c* 1470 Henryson *Mor. Fab.* v. (*Parl. Beasts*) viii, He..Schot out his voce, full schill, and gaif a schout. 1546 J. Heywood *Prov.* II. iii. (1867) 48 But shoote out some woordes, if she be to whot. 1601 Marston *Ant. & Mel.* II. D 2 b, I would shoot some speach forth, to strike the time, With pleasing touch of amorous complement. 1657 J. Smith *Myst. Rhet.* 143 *Acclamo* to cry out or shoot forth the voice. 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* lx, Even Dobbin would shoot out a sudden peal [of laughter] at the boy's mimicry. 1848 Dickens *Dombey* iii, Shooting out whatever she had to say in one sentence, and in one breath, if possible. 1886 Stevenson *Kidnapped* iii, From time to time..he shot out one of his questions.

c. To cause (a pain, an emotion, etc.) to pass rapidly *through*.

1842 Tennyson *Godiva* 58 Her palfrey's footfall shot Light horrors thro' her pulses. 1852 Mrs. Stowe *Uncle Tom's C.* xxxiii, This question shot a gleam of joy and triumph through Tom's soul.

17. To thrust (one's hand, a limb, a weapon, etc.) *into* something. Also to thrust *out*, *forth*, *up*, etc.

c 1205 Lay. 1876 Heo scuten [*c* 1275 soten] heora sconken [in wrestling]. 1375 Barbour *Bruce* III. 117 With that ane othir gan him ta Be the lege, and his hand gan schute Betuix the sterap and his fute. 1533 Bellenden *Livy* II. vi. (S.T.S.) I. 151 He schot his hand in þe fire. 1567 *Satir. Poems Reform.* iii. 81 Unles ȝe now sharplie shuit out ȝour handis. 1596 Dalrymple tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* II. ix. 186 Ilk schuteng his rapper in vtheris bellie. 1648 Winyard *Midsummer-Moon* 1 His head is shot up, as if it would only converse with the Prince oth'aire. *c* 1730 Ramsay *Boy & Pig* 4 A greedy Callan..Shot his wee nive into the pot. 1774 Goldsm. *Nat. Hist.* (1776) VIII. 174 They will be found to shoot forth their arms in every direction. *c* 1850 *Croodin Doo* in Chambers *Pop. Rhymes Scot.* (1870) 53 O it shot out its feet and died.

b. *To shoot out*: To protrude (the tongue, the lips), usually as an expression of mockery.

1535 Coverdale *Ps.* xxii. 7 They shute out their lippes. 1688 Boyle *Final Causes* ii. 69 The camelion..was to take his prey, by shooting out his tongue at the flies he was to live upon. 1840 Macaulay *Ess., Ranke* (1851) II. 146 A sect laughing at the Scriptures, shooting out the tongue at the sacraments. 1857 Livingstone *Trav.* i. 18 Away she would go with her lips shot out. 1865 Swinburne *Chastelard* II. i. 56 As at my Lord the Jews shot out their tongues. 1893 Stevenson *Catriona* i. 12, 'I thought ye had been a lad of some kind o' sense', he began, shooting out his lips.

c. *To shoot one's eyes*: to gaze eagerly. *rare.*

1602 Marston *Antonio's Rev.* IV. i, I should not shoote mine eyes into the earth, Poring for mischiefe.

d. *To shoot one's linen* (colloq.): to pull one's shirt cuffs out so that they project beyond the cuffs of one's coat.

1878 Yates in *World* 16 Jan. (Farmer), Adjust your curls, your linen shoot, your coat wide open fling. 1887 *Poor Nellie* (1888) 104 He 'shot his linen' in style. 1889 'J. S. Winter' *Harvest* 168 Major Pottinger..shot his linen till the bystanders..wondered if it was a new kind of conjuring entertainment.

†18. To eject from the body. a. To eject (venom). Also of a spider: To eject (its thread).

c 1400 Maundev. (Roxb.) xxxi. 143 Þai er euermare gapand, redy for to schote þaire venym. 1775 G. White *Selborne*, *To Barrington* 8 June, Every day in fine weather..do I see those spiders shooting out their webs and mounting aloft. *Ibid.*, Those filmy threads, when first shot, might be entangled in the rising dew.

b. To discharge (excreta); also (see quot. 1688). Also *to shoot one's belly*, *bowels*. *Obs.*

1594 Nashe *Unfort. Trav.* Wks. (Grosart) V. 160 So swelled Zadoch [with rage] and was readie to burst out of his skinne, and shoote his bowels like chaine-shot full at Zacharies face for bringing him suche balefull tidings. 1634–5 Brereton *Trav.* (Chetham Soc.) 179 My mare chanced to eat some green corn, which did occasion her to shoot her belly, and scour intolerably. 1688 R. Holme *Armoury* II. 252/1 Terms in feeding cocks..Shuting the Body, is to purge it from its groser dung. 1737 Bracken *Farriery Impr.* (1757) II. 84 It is a Sign, if he shoot off his Food very fast, that he gets too little Corn.

c. *absol.* To have a looseness in the bowels.

1641 Best *Farm. Bks.* (Surtees) 5 A weake lambe..will shoot and scowre allmost for the space of two dayes.

d. *trans.* Of a fish: To discharge (spawn). Also *absol.* (Cf. Shot *ppl. a.* 1, Shotten 3.)

1609 Holland *Amm. Marcell.* 201 Fishes flocke..to this nooke of the Ocean, to breed and shut their spawne. 1884 Goode *Nat. Hist. Aquatic Anim.* 409 The Sea-Bass, when they come into the pounds in the spring, are full of spawn, ready to shoot.

19. Of a plant: To put forth (buds, leaves, branches, etc.). Chiefly with *forth* or *out*. Also *fig.*

1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 109 To shote forth y^e^ braunches of murmure, grudge [etc.]. 1535 Coverdale *Luke* xxi. 30 Whan they now shute forth their buddes. 1611 Bible *Mark* iv. 32 It..shooteth out great branches. 1657 W. Coles *Adam in Eden* cx, Colts-foot shooteth up a slender stalk, with small yellowish Flowers. 1663 Patrick *Parab. Pilgrim* xxix. (1687) 349 Rosemary and Sweet-Brier,..which shoot flowers, and dart forth Musk. 1719 London & Wise *Compl. Gard.* 143 When a fine Fruit Branch shoots many others. *a* 1766 *Complete Farmer* s. v. *Turnep* 7 P 2/1 Apt to make the wheat shoot fresh ears. 1853 M. Arnold *Scholar Gipsy* i, Nor let..the cropp'd grasses shoot another head. 1908 [Miss E. Fowler] *Betw. Trent & Ancholme* 20 The largest round Lavender bush, soon to shoot forth buds and blossoms generously.

b. *transf.* Chiefly of an animal, etc.: To put forth (limbs, etc.); also *fig.* of immaterial things. *To shoot the red*: of a turkey-cock (see Red *sb.*1 1 d).

1596 Dalrymple tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* I. iv. 238 Quhen this Pelagian hæresie..appeired to schute out the hornes ay wyder and wyder. 1739 S. Sharp *Oper. Surg.* Introd. 31 The callous Edges softening, will, without any great Assistance, shoot out a Cicatrix. 1865 *Englishm. Mag.* Feb. 155 He throbs and tingles as the new wings shoot their feathers. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 875 These..masses of epithelium ..do not shoot downwards the root-like processes so characteristic of epithelioma of the malignant type.

c. To cause to grow or 'shoot'; to make to spring *up*. *rare.*

1610 Fletcher *Faithf. Sheph.* II. i, All the verdant grass The spring shot up, stands yet unbruised here Of any foot. 1821 Clare *Vill. Minstr.* II. 107 The Power..Who rules the year, and shoots the spindling grain.

20. With reference to stationary position: To throw out as a projection or protuberance; *refl.* to stand out, protuberate in a particular direction. †Also in passive, to appear as if thrust down.

13.. *K. Alis.* 5953 He ne had noither nekke, ne throte, His heued was in his body y-shote. 1533 Bellenden *Livy* I. xvii. (S.T.S.) I. 97 Throw quhilk þe wallis war schot out with mare magnificent boundis þan afore. 1603 Owen *Pembrokeshire* i. (1891) 5 Carmarthenshere that waye shooteinge it selfe on the Northeast. 1635 Person *Varieties* i. 19 Where the mouth of a large valley endeth at the Sea.. shooting as it were it selfe forth into the said Sea..there it should be more shallow. 1784 Cowper *To Mem. Halibut* 17 Where Hibernia shoots Her wondrous causeway far into the main.

III. To send missiles from an engine.

(A Com. Tent. specialization of branch II.)

21. *trans.* To send forth, let fly (arrows, bolts, etc.) from a bow or other engine, or (bullets or shot) from a firearm. Const. *at*, †*against*, †*to*.

a 900 *O. E. Martyrol.* 15 Nov. 206 Hiȝ sceoton hyra strælas on twa healfa tosomne. *c* 1205 Lay. 6487 Þa his flæn weoren iscoten þæ iwærd his boȝe to-broken. *c* 1330 *Arth. & Merl.* 317 Þer was mani arwe yschote. 1338 R. Baunne *Chron.* (1725) 178 Oft tille our Inglis men was schewed a mervaile grete, A darte was schot to þem, bot non wist who it schete. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Pars. T.* P 500 If a man, by caas or aventure, shete an arwe or caste a stoon with which he sleeth a man, he is homicyde. *c* 1450 *Merlin* xi. 167 Than he shette a-nothir bolte, and slowgh a malarde. 1471 Caxton *Recuyell* (Sommer) 94 Tho was drawen & shotte many an arowe. 1549 *Compl. Scot.* xv. 131 Sikiyik ane preist of turque callit deruis schot ane bolt befoir the port of tempil contrar basit. *c* 1643 Ld. Herbert *Autobiog.* (1824) 6 The principal outlaw shot an arrow against my grandfather. 1756–7 tr. *Keysler's Trav.* (1760) III. 396 A third [cannon ball]..said to have been shot into the wall at the siege of Padua. 1769 Pennant *Tour Scot.* (1774) 101 Elf-shots..are supposed to be weapons shot by fairies at cattle. 1819 Scott *Ivanhoe* xxxi, The Templar's retreat was rendered perilous by the numbers of arrows shot off at him and his party.

b. *fig.* and in fig. context. *To have shot one's bolt*: to have done all that one can do. Proverb, *A fool's bolt is soon shot*: see Bolt *sb.*1 1.

a 1100 *Prudentius* in *Zeitschr. f. deutsches Alterthum* (1876) VIII. 38 Da wæpna..ðe þæt yrre sceet [*miserat*]. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 60 Erest heo [lechery] scheot þe earewen of þe liht eien, þet fleoð lichtliche uorð, ase earewe þet is iviðered, & stikeð iðe heorte. *Ibid.* 62 Sikerliche vre vo, þe weorreur of helle, he scheot..mo cwarreaus to one ancre þen to seouene & seouenti lefdies iðe worlde. *c* 1400 *Rom. Rose* 1800 The thridde arowe he [the God of Love] gan to shete, ..Into myn herte he did avale. 1586 Stanyhurst *Descr. Irel.* i. 11 in *Holinshed*, But if I may craue your patience till time you see me shoot my bolt. 1621 T. Williamson tr. *Goulart's Wise Vieillard* 89 Many others haue shot forth the like bolts and censures, whereof this is the totall summe and substance. 1652 Benlowes *Theophila* IX. iii. 127 Hope be thy Bowe, thy Hand Love, Faith the Shaft; Let Hope shoot Faith to God with Loves strong Draft. 1852 *Househ. Words* V. 577 [The winds] never cease to shoot at us their arrows barbed with the poison of rheum. 1901 *Daily Express* 28 Feb. 4/5 The home players had shot their bolt, and in thirty minutes the Birmingham team added two goals.

c. With cognate object, *to shoot a shot* (or †*a shoot*). Now *rare.*

1297 R. Glouc. (Rolls) 11103 An carpenter þat hii sede þat sset þe ssute [*MS. Add.* þane schote] hii nome. *c* 1400 *Pilgr. Sowle* (Caxton) IV. xxix. (1859) 61 But, soothly, they sheten neuer shotte. 1545 Ascham *Toxoph.* II. (Arb.) 107 For in a rayne and at no marke, a man may shote a faire shoote. 1590 Barwick *Disc. Weapons* 17 *marg.*, The archer dooth require more time then dooth the firy weapon to shoot the first shoot. 1633 T. Stafford *Pac. Hib.* II. xiii. 208 All this while the Enemy shot not a shot. 1642–4 Vicars *God in Mount* 193 They forced all the Musketeers..to..shroud themselves within their pikes, not daring to shoot a shoot. 1816 Scott *Old Mort.* xxxii, May the hand be withered that shot the shot!

†d. To hurl or throw (a spear, etc.). *Obs.*

a 1100 *Prudentius* in *Zeitschr. f. deutsches Alterthum* (1876) VIII. 38 Þæt yrre scyt his spere ouȝean þæt ȝeðyld. *c* 1205 Lay. 5690 And þa oðere hem scuten [*c* 1275 sote] to scærpe gares. 1393 Langl. *P. Pl.* C. xxi. 50 '*Aue, rabbi*', quaþ þat ribaud and reodes shotte at hus eyen. 1585 T. Washington tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* I. viii. 8 Their weapons are three dartes or long Iauelins, whyche they..doe shoote and throw with wonderfull dexteritie.

e. *transf.* To discharge, send forth like an arrow or a shot. Also *fig.* with obj. a glance, question, etc.

1612 Drayton *Poly-olb.* II. 69 When sharp Winter shoots her sleet and hardned hail. 1622 Massinger & Dekker *Virg. Martyr* IV. i, Doe thine eyes shoote daggers at that man That brings thee health? 1642 Fuller *Holy & Prof. St.* V. i. 358 She hurts most with those glances which are shot from a down-cast eye. *a* 1700 Evelyn *Diary* 2 Oct. 1658, A porcupine, of that kind that shoots its quills. 1816 Scott *Old Mort.* xxxiii, The sullen and indignant glances which they shot at them. 1881 *Scribner's Monthly* XXI. 268/2 She shot the question at him with a force which took away his breath. 1889 Conan Doyle *Micah Clarke* 229 A wild race of fishermen..who..shot some rough West-country jest at me as I passed.

22. *absol.* and *intr.* To send forth missiles from a bow, firearm, or similar engine. †Also with *forth*.

993 *Battle of Maldon* 270 Hwilon he on bord sceat, hwilon beorn tæsde. *c* 1205 Lay. 12574, & Bruttes weoren igærede & þene wal weoreden; heo scuten in, heo scuten ut, scalkes þer feollen. 1297 R. Glouc. (Rolls) 11218 Hii mette wiþ þis burgeis & bigonne to ssete vaste I wounded þer was manion. *c* 1330 R. Brunne *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 858 An herde of hertes soue þey met, Al a triste to schete, Brutus was set. 1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) I. 91 Þey techiþ besiliche here children to ride and to schete. *c* 1400 tr. *Secreta Secret., Gov. Lordsh.* cxi. 111 Ordeyne þy wenges, on þe right syde of hem þat stryken and assayllen, and of þe left syde hem þat shoten. *c* 1422 Lydg. *Serpent of Division* (1911) 59 And somme with firye dartes and scharpe hokid arwis schetynge in þe eire. 1471 Caxton *Recuyell* (Sommer) 66 Than the archers of kynge saturne began to drawe & shote. 1569 T. Preston *Cambises* 879 [Venus to Cupid] Shoot forth, my son; now is the time that thou must wound his hart. 1595 Shaks.

John v. vi. 2 Whose there?..speake quickly, or I shoote. 1668 R. Steele *Husb. Calling* ix. (1672) 223 If a man stand on a tower and shoot downward, he that stands at the bottom of it and shoots upward, may fly above him. *a* 1700 Evelyn *Diary* 15 Oct. 1650, Sir Tho. Osborn..and Lord Stanhop shot for a wager of 5 Louis. 1753 Jago *Elegy on Blackbird* in *Adventurer* No. 37 O! had he chose some other game, Or shot as he had used to do! 1899 T. M. Ellis *Three Cat's-eye Rings* 123 They turned round to shoot, and a bullet from one of their muskets shrieked past Clayside's ear. 1907 Galsworthy *Country Ho.* I. i. 2 Foxleigh; he's no good... But can't he shoot just! That's why they ask him.

b. *intr.* To engage in archery (in mod. use occas. in rifle-practice, etc.) as a sport or contest. † *To shoot compass*: see Compass *adv.* 3 b. *Obs.*

c 1205 Lay. 24698 Summe heo gunnen lepen summe heo gunnen sceoten [*c* 1275 sceate] summe heo wræstleden. *c* 1412 Hoccleve *De Reg. Princ.* 651 No more I hadde set þerby or roght, A wif or mayde or nune to deffoule, Than scheete, or pleyen at þe bal or boule. 1589 *Hay any Work* A iij b, When the wether is foule, that men cannot go abroad to boules, or to shoote. 1801 T. Roberts *Engl. Bowman* 193 To shoot down the butts, to begin at the furthest, and end at the shortest butt.

c. *Well shot!* an applauding exclamation when a shooter hits the mark. Also *fig.*

1640 Sir E. Dering *Carmelite* (1641) 41 Your promise is of thoughts within, and your proof still of things done without. Well shot. Go to your Book again and study the point better. 1655 Fuller *Ch. Hist.* VII. i. 425 One day being shooting at Butts,..He hit the very mark. The Duke of Northumberland, being present,..Well shot my Liege, quoth he.

d. Constructions. (*a*) *To shoot at* († also *after, against, on, unto, to*) the mark or object aimed at. *To shoot at rovers*: see Rover[1] 1.

c 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 474 Lamech..wurð bisne, and haued a man ðat ledde him..To scheten after ðe wilde der. *c* 1290 *St. Sebastian* 47 in *S. Eng. Leg.* 179 [The emperor] let archers to him scheote: ase it were to one marke. 1340 *Ayenb.* 45 An archer uor þet he hedde ylore ate geme: nom his boze and ssat an he3 aye god. *c* 1400 *Laud Troy-bk.* 7779 To schote at him so was he prest. *c* 1450 *Mirk's Festial* 64 But euer deþe sewyth hym wyth his bow drawen and an arow þeryn redy to choton at hym. 1471 Caxton *Recuyell* (Sommer) 147 He entryd among tharchers of the troians that shotte thikke on hym. 1496 [see Prop *sb.*[1] 2 b]. 1497 [see Shell *sb.*[1] 2 b]. 1538 Starkey *England* I. iv. 105 Euer as a marke to schote vnto. 1576 Gascoigne *Spoyle of Antwerp* Wks. 1910 II. App. 591 They of the Towne did not shote at the prince of Orenges Shippes. 1611 Bible *Gen.* xlix. 23 The archers haue sorely grieued him, and shot at him. 1673 [R. Leigh] *Transp. Reh.* 97 They fought for his crown when they shot at his person. *a* 1715 Burnet *Own Time* (1724) I. 242 Van Gheudt..shot against Bruntisland without doing any mischief. 1774 Goldsm. *Nat. Hist.* (1776) VI. 96 They have stood to be shot at in flocks, without offering to move. 1816 Scott *Bl. Dwarf* ii, Willie of Winton whom you shot at? 1908 E. M. Gordon *Indian Folk Tales* ix. (1909) 85 A young man..asked me to shoot at an owl.

(*b*) *To shoot with* (also †*in*) a bow, gun, etc.; also rarely *with* an arrow.

[*c* 1205 Lay. 16555 Nu ich hine [Hengest] 3iue þe..& þet þine hired-childeren..scotien mid heore flan & his cun sceenden anon.] 1297 R. Glouc. (Rolls) 7735 He wolde ..ssete [*v.rr.* schute, schete] also mid bowe & arblaste. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 445/2 Schetyn yn a bowe (*v.r.* shotyn with bowes) *sagitto.* 1530 Palsgr. 704/2, I shote in any bowe, crosse bowe, or longe bowe. 1546 J. Heywood *Prov.* II. vi. (1867) 61 But many a man speaketh of Robyn hood, That neuer shot in his bowe. 1610 Holland *Camden's Brit.* (1637) 633 Sirnamed Strongbow, because hee shot in a bow of exceeding great bent. 1644 Nye *Gunnery* (1647) 35 It is as easie to shoot in a great Gun as in a Musket. *c* 1665 Mrs. Hutchinson *Mem. Col. Hutchinson* (1846) 22 He shot excellently in bows and guns, and much used them for his exercise. *a* 1700 Evelyn *Diary* Sept. 1646, Here I first saw huge balistæ or crosse-bows shot in.

(*c*) *To shoot at* († *to*, etc.) an object *with* a bow, gun, etc.; also *with* an arrow.

971 *Blickl. Hom.* 199 Þa ȝenam he his boxan..& ða mid ȝeættredum stræle ongan sceotan wiþ þæs þe he ȝeseah þæt hryþer standan. *c* 1290 *St. Cristopher* 204 in *S. Eng. Leg.* 277 With bouwe and Areblast þare schoter to him four hondret knyȝtes and mo. *c* 1440 *Gesta Rom.* II. xix. 335 (Addit. MS.) The knyght..shotte to [*Cambr. MS.* shot at] hym with an arowe, and slough hym. 1613 Purchas *Pilgrimage* (1614) 740 They shoot at the Fish with their darts. 1873 B. Harte *What B. Harte Saw in Fiddletown*, etc. 100 There was a mark at which a few credulous people shot with a toy rifle.

(*d*) With adv. or phrase, *To shoot beside, far from, near the mark*; *to shoot short, straight*, etc. Often *fig.*

1471 Caxton *Recuyell* (Sommer) 256 Hercules and many other shotte at most strayt and next the marke. 1545 Ascham *Toxoph.* I. (Arb.) 101 But to shoote wyde and far of the marke is a thynge possyble. 1546 J. Heywood *Prov.* I. vi. (1867) 12 Ye mary (quoth he) nowe ye shoote nie the pricke. 1577 Harrison *England* III. i. [II. vi.] 95 b in *Holinshed*, Wherein they [*sc.* foreign writers] haue shot so farre wyde as the quantity of ground was betweene themselues and their marke. 1585 Q. Eliz. *Let. to Jas. VI* (Camden) 17 Who seaketh two stringes to one bowe, he [*printed* the] may shute strong, but neuer strait. 1658 Gurnall *Chr. in Arm.* verse 15. iii. 335 Man he lets flie against God (though against his will he shoots short) whole vollies of sinnes and impieties. *a* 1704 T. Brown *Ess. on Women* Wks. 1711 IV. 155 But alas! how far do you shoot from the mark? [in answer to a question]. 1862 'F. G. Trafford' *City & Suburb* iii. (1869) 22 He had shot wonderfully near the truth.

e. quasi-*trans. To shoot a match*: to engage in a shooting-match. Also *to shoot off a tie*: to decide a tie in a shooting-match by a supplementary contest.

1840 Blaine *Encycl. Rur. Sports* § 2763 Captain R. and Mr. S. then shot the tie off. *Ibid.*, Two matches were then shot by Capt. Ross and Mr. Osbaldeston. 1859 'Stonehenge' *Shot-gun* ii. 7 Lord Huntingfield,..and Mr. Bateson having repeatedly shot matches at Hornsey Wood House. 1861 *Temple Bar* III. 266 This target was chosen for shooting off the ties at the long distances.

f. *transf. intr.* To take a snapshot with a camera. Also *trans.* to take a snapshot of.

1890 *Anthony's Photogr. Bull.* III. 3 Beside him is another sort of shutter operator with an ordinary camera and fairly good shutter...Does he shoot when his companion did? 1892 *Photogr. Am.* II. 51 We at first tried the other method, namely, looking at the object and shooting at the critical moment. 1896 *Punch* 30 May 264/2, I even bless the Kodak now With which, dear Nell, you 'shot' me.

23. *fig.* and in figurative context.

a. With reference to metaphorical arrows or darts, e. g. of love, temptation, affliction.

a 1000 *Minds of Men* 35 He..hyzegar leteð, scurum sceoteþ. *c* 1300 Ormin 3839, & 3iff he [the devil] seoþ þe mann forr-dredd, He wile himm skerren mare, & ræfenn himm his rihhte witt, & shetenn inn hiss heorrte. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Pars. T.* ¶ 714 An ydel man is lyk to a place that hath no walles; deneles may entre on euery syde and sheten at hym at discouert, by temptacion on euery syde. *c* 1400 *Rom. Rose* 1777 And whanne that love gan ayghe me nere, He..shette at me with all his myght. 1895 R. W. Chambers *King in Yellow* (1909) 255, I think..that he [Cupid] does shoot fairly—yes, and even gives one warning.

† b. *To shoot at*: to assail with censure or contempt. *Obs.*

c 1586 C'tess Pembroke *Ps.* LII. vi, The just shall.. shoote at thee With scornfull glances. *c* 1640 H. Bell *Luther's Collog. Mens.* (1652) 113 The Turks and Jews do acknowledg God the Father, but it is the Son that they shoot at. 1643 Baker *Chron., Eliz.* 57 The Queen conceiving, that through the sides of the Prelates, she her self was shot at, suppressed them what she could. *c* 1660 South *Serm.* (1715) I. 28 If it is a Pleasure to be envyed and shot at, to be maligned standing,..then it is a Pleasure to be great.

c. *To shoot at* (with express or implied reference to a metaphorical mark or target): (*a*) to aim at, to seek to have or accomplish; to aspire to, strive after (now *arch.*); † (*b*) to 'drive at', mean, to have reference to; † (*c*) to aim at imitating, follow the example of.

(*a*) *c* 1407–10 Hoccleve *Min. Poems* (1892) 58 But myn herte is euere bent To sheete at yow good wil in soothfastnesse. 1528 Tindale *Par. Mammon* 30 The same is blynde and wotteth not what he dothe: erreth and shoteth at a wronge marke. *a* 1568 Ascham *Scholem.* II. (Arb.) 127 Thou, that shotest at perfection in the Latin tong, think not thy selfe wiser than Tullie was. 1635 R. N. tr. *Camden's Hist. Eliz.* III. 266 The Queene of Scots..easily understood that her destruction was shot at by this Association. 1647 Trapp *Mellif. Theol.* 652 Their evil dissembled ambitious desires plainly declared..that they both shot at one and the same mark. 1888 Stevenson *Black Arrow* III. iii. 163, I shoot at no advantage to myself.

(*b*) 1577 tr. *Bullinger's Decades* I. ix. (1592) 84 For to this ende shoote all the exhortations of the Prophets and Apostles. 1583 Baaington *Commandm.* viii. (1590) 331 An equalitie of commodities present is plainely shot at in this law. *Ibid.* 347, I might recite the lawes of God,..which directly shoote at the shame of this sinne. 1629 H. Burton *Truth's Tri.* 307 The maine thing Vega shootes at in this chapter.

(*c*) 1515 *St. Papers Hen. VIII*, II. 15 Bycause the Deputye useyth the said wrongfull extortion, all the noble folke of the lande shotes at hym, folowyth his wayes in that behalf, asmuche as in them is.

† d. To have an aim or reference (*beyond* something mentioned). *Obs.*

1680 H. More *Apocal. Apoc.* 66 This part of the Vision therefore shoots beyond the Pergamenian and Thyatirian Interval of the church, and begins with the Sardian.

† e. *To shoot over*: to overshoot the mark. *Obs.*

1605 Bacon *Adv. Learn.* II. xxiii. § 20. 96 b, And certaynelye, it is an errour frequent, for men to shoot ouer, and to suppose deeper ends, and more compasse reaches then are.

† f. in certain proverbial phrases. *Obs.*

1530 Palsgr. 704/2, I shote at all adventures, or at the unhappyest, *Je tire a la volle.* 1577 *F. de L'isle's Legendarie* G iij b, Now in making warre against the Protestants, they shotte sundry wayes with owne selfe arrowe. 1624 Massinger *Renegado* v. iii, Neither can I Be wonne to thinke, but if I should attempt it, I shoote against the Moone.

g. *U. S.* slang. *To shoot off one's mouth*: to talk indiscreetly or abusively.

1890 N. P. Langford *Vigilante Days* I. 295 Why, you fool; there you go, shooting off your mouth to me the first thing. Didn't I caution you not to tell any one? 1896 S. Crane *Maggie* xi. 86 Youse fellers er lookin' fer a scrap, an' its like yeh'll fin' one if yeh keeps on shootin' off yer mout's.

24. Of a bow, engine, or firearm: a. *trans.* To send forth (a missile).

? *a* 1366 Chaucer *Rom. Rose* 989 That bowe semede wel to shete These arowis fyve. 1547 in *Archæologia* LI. 262 Brode fawcons shotinge iij shotte. 1679 Blount *Anc. Tenures* 3 *Catapulta*, was an ancient warlike Engine to shoot Darts.

b. *intr.* To send forth missiles; to 'carry' a certain distance. Also, of a gun, to be discharged, go off (e. g. in a salute).

a 1575 Gascoigne *Posies, Weedes* Wks. 1907 I. 374 A peece which shot so well, so gently and so streight. *a* 1578 Lindesay (Pitscottie) *Chron. Scot.* (S.T.S.) II. 124 Quhan thir proclematiounis war endit..than the trumpattis and schalmes blew and so did the arteil3erie schuit and bellis rang. 1598 Shaks. *Merry W.* III. ii. 34 This boy will carrie a letter twentie mile as easie, as a Canon will shoot point-blanke twelue score. 1655 Marq. Worcester *Cent. Invent.* § 67 To make Guns shoot. 1669 Sturmy *Mariner's Mag.* V. xii. 68 The Piece directed by her Metal, will shoot about twice as far as when..set by a Dispert. 1846 Greener *Sci. Gunnery* 406 We have seen American rifle-barrels, which were far from the straight..yet they shot well.

25. *trans.* To discharge (a bow, catapult, etc.), to fire (a gun or other firearm); also with *off, out.* Const. *at*, † *against*, etc. *spec.* in gun-making (see quot. 1886).

1482 *Cely Papers* (Camden) 113 All the gonnes yn the colle warkys and nbowte the marttes were schett for joye. *c* 1500 *Melusine* xxi. 116 Oure galeyes..bygan of al partes to shutte theire gonnes. 1506 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* III. 203 To the pynouris of Leith quhilk carying the irn gun to the sandis to schut hir thair before the King. 1530 Palsgr. 704/2 They have shotte fourscore peces agaynst this towre in lesse than halfe an houre. 1557 *Peebles Burgh Rec.* (1872) 240 The counsall ordanis gif thair cum ony sodane fray to the toun..to James Frank to schoit ane goone. 1619 W. Phillip tr. *Schouten's Wonderf. Voy.* 11 We shot two peeces, an houre betweene each shot, to call her. *c* 1643 Ld. Herbert *Autobiog.* (1824) 69 Then you may shoot off a Pistol in the Stable. 1826 Scott *Woodst.* xvii, The malignants shooting their wall-pieces at us. 1833 [Seba Smith] *Lett. J. Downing* iii. (1835) 42 Says he, 'Can you shoot a rifle, Major?' 'Pretty considerable,' says I. 1886 Walsingham & Payne-Gallwey *Shooting* I. 71 The gun is now stocked and screwed, and then in the rough state is sent to the ground to be shot and regulated. *Ibid.* 75 A high-class gunmaker will spend days in shooting a gun in order to get its pattern and force up to the mark he considers requisite to make it a perfect weapon.

transf. 1681 Dryden *Span. Friar* v. ii, But man..should make Examples; Which like a Warning-piece must be shot off, To fright the rest from Crimes.

26. To propel (a marble, pellet, etc.) as from the thumb and forefinger.

1820 W. Irving *Sketch Bk.* (1821) I. 47 Rip Van Winkle.. taught them to fly kites and shoot marbles. 1857 Hughes *Tom Brown* I. v, Some of whom were..shooting pellets, or digging their forks through the tablecloth.

27. *Football.* To kick (the ball) at goal. In *Hockey* and *Lacrosse*: to hit or drive (the ball) at goal. Also with *goal* as object.

1882 *Daily News* 4 Mar., The last-named shot it [the football] between the posts. 1885 *Field* 24 Jan. 108/2 On restarting Marlow again shot the ball through the posts.

b. *intr.* To kick or drive the ball at goal. Also in *Croquet*, to aim *at* a ball from a long distance.

1874 J. D. Heath *Croquet-player* 65 But Yellow is confident of hitting, so he shoots at Blue, and roquets him. 1890 *Field* 1 Nov. 671/2 Hewitt soon after had a chance to equalise but shot over. 1900 H. C. Needham *Croquet* 50 When thinking of taking a bisque, instead of shooting hard, shoot so as to hit, if possible,..but to lie quite handy if you miss. 1901 *Daily Express* 18 Mar. 8/1 Both sides being too excited to shoot straight.

IV. To assail, wound, or kill with a shot.

28. *trans.* To wound or kill with a missile from a bow or firearm (in early use, occas. with a spear or javelin). Const. *with.* † Also, to assail with arrows or gunshot: = *to shoot at* (see 22 d).

The simple verb is now often used where formerly the fuller expression 'to shoot dead' or 'to death' would have been preferred (see b); e. g. with reference to the infliction of death as a penalty.

c 893 Ælfred *Oros.* IV. vi. § 7 Ac þonne hie [the serpent] mon slo3 oþþe sceat. 993 *Battle of Maldon* 143 Ða he oþerne ofstlice sceat. *c* 1205 Lay. 313 He wende to sceoten [*c* 1275 sceote] þat hea der. *a* 1250 *Owl & Night.* 1121 If þu art i-worpe oþer i-scote [*Cott. MS.* i-shote], þenne þu myht erest to note. 1297 R. Glouc. (Rolls) 242 As he wolde ssete [*v.r.* scheten] an hert al a3en is wille, To deþe he sset [*v.r.* scheet] his owe fader. 13.. *K. Alis.* 6345 They buth archeris with the beste, And scheoteth [*Laud MS.* shoten] theo gryp in his neste. *a* 1340 Hampole *Ps.* x. 2 That thai shote in myrke the right of hert. *a* 1400 *Sir Perc.* 213 He wolde schote with his spere Bestes and other gere. *c* 1460 *Frere & Boye* 84 in Ritson *Anc. Pop. Poetry* 38 Than sayd the boye..It is best that I haue a bowe, Byrdes for to shete. 1561 S. Wythers tr. *Calvin's Treat. Relics* H j, But they muste also make reliques of the arrowes wher with he was shotten. 1617 Moryson *Itin.* II. 49 My Lord himselfe had his horse shot under him. 1650 Cromwell *Let.* 25 Sept. in *Carlyle*, They have done us no harm, except one soldier shot (but not to the danger of his life). 1678 Sir G. Mackenzie *Crim. Laws Scot.* I. xix. § 15. 208 It should be unlawful to kill or shoot them, as it is to shoot or hunt other wild beasts. 1709 Lawson *Voy. Carolina* 151 The bald, or white Faces are a good Fowl. They cannot dive and are easily shotten. 1765 Ld. Holland in Jesse *Selwyn & Contemp.* (1843) I. 382 But there is no use in the D. of Bolton's shooting himself. 1807 J. Hall *Trav. Scot.* II. 425 A variety of other beautiful birds which we shot with water, not to spoil their plumage. 1809–10 Coleridge *Friend* (1865) 211 Do you hesitate to shoot a mad dog? 1838 *Murray's Handbk. N. Germ.* 482/1 The duke was inhumanly shot, 6 days after. 1842 Tennyson *Audley Court* 40 Oh! who would fight and march and countermarch, Be shot for sixpence in a battle-field. 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* xlv, Mr. James, the Colonel, and Horn, the keeper, went and shot pheasants. 1873 *Chamb. Jrnl.* 20 Dec. 802/2 A man who was shot on leaving a ballroom told me that he could not guess who was his assailant. 1896 A. E. Housman *Shropshire Lad* lvi, Fly I would, for who would not? 'Tis sure no pleasure to be shot.

b. Amplified with *dead* or *to death* added.

c 1205 Lay. 254 For his ahne sune seoþen hine sceat [*c* 1275 set] to deaþe. *c* 1290 *St. Christopher* 203 in *S. Eng. Leg.* 277 To a piler he let him binde faste and knyȝtes a-bonte him go, For-to scheoten him to deþe with Mani a kene flo. *a* 1578 Lindesay (Pitscottie) *Chron. Scot.* (S.T.S.) I. 3 Sum Invyand vthir with maist crewell feid with sword and dag to schut him to the deid. 1617 Moryson *Itin.* II. 37 Condemning to beeshot to death an Irish Lieutenant. 1697 Dampier *Voy.* I. 2 We gave out, that if any man faultred in the Journey over Land he must expect to be shot to death.

1719 Ozell tr. *Misson's Mem. & Observ.* 226 Deserters are shot to Death. 1836 J. Richardson *Jrnl. Brit. Legion* IV. 116 A priest..was publicly shot to death without the walls of that city. 1863 W. C. Baldwin *Afr. Hunting* viii. 317, I shot him dead in two bullets. 1863 Twistleton in W. Smith *Dict. Bible* III. s. v. *Zidon*, He betrayed into the king's power one hundred of the most distinguished citizens of Sidon, who were all shot to death with javelins.

c. To hit or wound with a shot *in* (or †*into*) or *through* a part of the body.

1297 R. Glouc. (Rolls) 7483 Þe ssetare donward al nor noȝt vaste slowe to gronde So þat harald þoru þen eie issote [*v.r.* shotte] was deþes wounde. 14.. in *Hist. Coll. Cit. Lond.* (Camden) 58 At the Castelle Gaylerde in Normandy he was schottyn thorowe the hedde. *c* 1440 *Gesta Rom.* I. i. 3 (Harl. MS.) He hath y-schotte him selfe in þe lungen, and lyeth ded. 1596 Dalrymple tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* I. iv. 250 The king passing furth to do his eise..in the heid he is schott. 1647 Clarendon *Hist. Reb.* VII. § 80 Hambden.. being shot into the shoulder with a brace of hullets. 1649 Hevlin *Relat. & Observ.* II. 255 A party of Horse..shot an old Woman into the head. 1761 Hume *Hist. Eng.* lxi. III. 323 Tromp..was shot through the heart with a musket ball. 1771 Golosm. *Hist. Eng.* I. 133 Harold..was shot into the brains by an arrow. 1816 Tuckey *Narr. Exped. R. Zaire* iv. (1818) 141 He had been taken..by a slave catcher, who had shot him in the neck with a ball.

d. *To shoot flying*: to shoot (birds) on the wing. Now usually *absol.*, as denoting a sportsmanlike accomplishment.

1698 Fryer *Acc. E. Ind. & P.* 291 Flocks of Water Fowl, which the Persians are skill'd..to shoot flying. 1707 Farquhar *Recruiting Officer* I. ii, I can do every thing with my father, but drink and shoot flying. 1852 Thackeray *Esmond* I. xi, He had learned to ride, and to drink, and to shoot flying.

†e. To hit (a thing) with shot. *Obs.*

1662 J. Davies tr. *Olearius' Voy. Ambass.* 218 He also, with a Fire-lock, shot an Apple, which he had caus'd to be cast into the Air.

29. *intr.* To engage in or practise the sport of killing game with a gun (formerly with a bow or the like).

a 1300 *K. Horn* 939 Til o dai þat he ferde To wude for to schete. 1687 A. Lovell tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* I. 13 This Island, as all the rest of the Archipelago, being full of Game, we went a shore to shoot. 1766 Earl March in Jesse *Selwyn & Contemp.* (1843) II. 82 Cadogan and Thomond are gone into the country to shoot. 1820 J. W. Croker *Diary* 27 Jan. in *C. Papers* (1884) I. 156 Huskisson, Peel and I were to have gone to-day to shoot at Sudbourne with Lord Yarmouth. 1862 *Lillywhite's Cricket Scores & Biogr.* I. 303 He also shot with a license for fifty years, which can be recorded of few sportsmen. 1908 R. Bagot *A. Cuthbert* xviii. 225, I have read of your English country life—and of how the women ride and shoot.

30. *trans.* With advs. and advb. phrases.

a. With *away*, *off*, *out*: To remove or separate from its place or environment by shooting; to carry away, destroy, or break off by a shot. Also to *shoot to pieces*.

1340–70 *Alisaunder* 277 A schaft with a scharp hed shet oute his yie. 1615 R. Cocks *Diary* (Hakl. Soc.) I. 63 A Duch marener..had his hand shott offe and his face all batterd. 1632 Lithgow *Trav.* II. 62 We shot away their middle mast. 1706 E. Ward *Wooden World Diss.* (1708) 73 He will..fix ye a Couple of new [Ship's] Knees, when the old ones are shot to the Devil. 1849 W. S. Mayo *Kaloolah* vii. (1850) 65 People had been shot all to pieces and survived. 1859 C. Knight *Pop. Hist. Eng.* V. xx. 309 His..equerry had his head shot off by a cannon ball. 1901 D. B. Hall & Ld. A. Osborne *Sunshine & Surf* v. 55 The man-of-war fired fifteen shots before they shot away the flagstaff.

b. *To shoot* (a person, thing) *through*: to pierce with a shot. *To shoot..through and through*: to riddle with shot; also †*fig.* to overwhelm with exactions.

1535 Coverdale *Exod.* xix. 13 There shal no hande touch it, but he shall either be stoned, or shot thorow. 1599 Hakluyt *Voy.* II. II. 106 We..at last shooting her maine-yard through, she came to an anker and yeelded. *c* 1643 Ld. Herbert *Autobiog.* (1824) 19 The English shot her [the Spanish ship] through and through so often that she run herself aground. 1690 Wood *Life* 31 Dec. (O.H.S.) III. 348 Complayning..against the salaries and pensions paid to great persons, officers, etc. who pay no taxes,..while the country is shot thro and thro.

c. *To shoot* (a person) *down*: to kill by a shot. (Usually with suggestion of merciless cruelty or determination.)

1845 J. Coulter *Adv. in Pacific* xiii. 175, I have witnessed several of their battles, and it appears to be the first object to shoot down, or otherwise kill a man. 1897 Sir G. T. Goldie in *Times* 23 Jan. 13/1 It is more humane to shoot down promptly a few running carriers than to sacrifice the lives of some 2,000 men of a column.

d. Naut. *To be shot by the board*: of masts, etc. (see quot. 1706). *To be shot between wind and water*: of a vessel, to receive a shot causing a dangerous leak; also *slang* (see quot. *a* 1700).

1613 Beaum. & Fl. *Philaster* IV. i. (1620) 40 The wench has shot him betweene wind and water, and I hope sprung a lake. 1623 Massinger *Dk. Milan* III. ii, A she Dunckerke, that was shot before Betweene winde and weather. 1655 Marq. Worcester *Cent. Invent.* § 12 A Ship not possible to be sunk though shot an hundred times betwixt wind and water by Cannon. 1692 *Capt. Smith's Seaman's Gram.* I. xvi. 82 If a Ship lose her Masts in Fight, we say, *her Masts were shot by the Board*. *a* 1700 B. E. *Dict. Cant. Crew*, *Shot 'twixt Wind and Water* Clapt, or Pxt. 1706 Phillips (ed. Kersey), *Shot by the Board*, a Sea-Phrase, us'd when a Mast or Yard is broken by the Enemies Shot, in a Fight.

31. slang or vulgar. *I'll be shot* (occas. shortened to *shot I*) *if —*: used as a strong expression of denial or refusal. Similarly, *I'll see you shot first*.

1826 Buckstone *Luke the Labourer* III. i, *Bob.* He, he, he! I'll be shot if Lunnun temptation be onything to this. 1852 Dickens *Bleak Ho.* vii, I'll be shot if it ain't very curious how well I know that picture! 1860 F. W. Robinson *Grandmother's Money* II. iii, Shot, if I have not forgotten him too. 1894 'J. S. Winter' *Red Coats* 56 Then..let me tell you straight, I'll just see you shot first.

32. Transferred uses. a. To injure or kill by witchcraft. (Cf. Elf-shoot *v.*)

c 1000 *Sax. Leechd.* III. 54 Gif ðu wære on fell scoten oððe wære on flæsc scoten, oððe wære on blod scoten, oððe wære on lið scoten. 1790 Burns *Tam o' Shanter* 167 For mony a beast to dead she shot.

b. *fig.* Of Cupid, love, etc.

1471 Caxton *Recuyell* (Sommer) 621 Than was Achilles shoten with the darte of loue. 1852 Thackeray *Esmond* II. x, One poor gentleman, who had been shot by her young eyes two years before. 1885–94 R. Bridges *Eros & Psyche* Feb. xxvii, Whom gently Eros shooteth.

c. *To shoot the sun*: see quot.

1867 Smyth *Sailor's Word-bk.*, *Shoot the sun*, *To*, to take its meridional altitude; literally aiming at the reflected sun through the telescope of the instrument.

d. slang. *To shoot the cat*: To vomit. *Shot in the neck* (U.S.): drunk. *To shoot one's grandmother* (U.S.): see quot. 1855.

1785 Grose *Dict. Vulgar T.*, *Shoot the Cat*, to vomit from excess of liquor, called also catting. 1855 Haliburton *Nature & Hum. Nat.* xxii. II. 297 You showed her she had shot her grandmother. *Footnote.* Shooting one's granny, or grandmother, means fancying you have discovered what was well known before. 1855 *Brooklyn Jrnl.* 18 Apr. (Bartlett 1860), Mr. Schumacher defended his client by observing that some of the prisoner s attorneys got as often 'shot in the neck', as the Under-Sheriff in the head.

33. *intr. To shoot over* or *to* (a dog), to train by use on a shooting expedition. *To shoot over* (a cover, a tract of country), to kill game upon.

1868 *Field* 4 July 22/1 For Sale, a Brace of..Spaniels..; they..have been thoroughly broken and shot to by an experienced breaker. 1888 *Century Mag.* Mar. 671/2 This holiday he was about to spend in shooting over his two handsome young setters. 1894 *Times* (weekly ed.) 19 Jan. 58/1 During his stay the Belvoir covers were shot over.

b. *trans.* To go over (a piece of country) shooting game. *To shoot one's way*: to shoot game as one goes along. *To be shot out*: of a district, to have its supply of game exhausted through overshooting.

1833 T. Hook *Parson's Dau.* II. vi, As the [shooting-] party at Colonel Bradfield's were shooting their way home. 1857 G. A. Lawrence *Guy Livingstone* vi, We shoot an outlying cover after luncheon. 1865 Ld. Malmesbury *Mem.* (1884) II. 333 We shot the park, and the Miss Jolliffes accompanied us. 1900 Isabel Savory *Sportsw. India* 234 Gaggai was a sportsman's paradise, but it has been shot out. 1903 Sir M. G. Gerard *Leaves fr. Diaries* V. 107, I shot my way through the Bheel country, from Ahmedabad..to Mhow.

34. *Mining.* To blast.

1830–60 *Eng. & For. Mining Gloss.* 23 (Cornwall terms). *c* 1870 *Scribner's Mag.* III. 576 (Cent.), They [explosives] are used in the petroleum industry to shoot the wells, so as to remove the paraffine which prevents the flow of oil. 1872 J. H. Collins *Mining & Quarrying* 112 *Shutting* or *Shooting*, blasting.

V. Senses of uncertain position.

†**35.** a. In OE.: To refer (a case) *to* a person or court; also *absol.* b. In early ME.: To trust, to submit oneself *to* a person's mercy. *Obs.*

a 1000 in Thorpe *Dipl. Angl. Sax.* (1865) 288 Ða nolde he, butan hit man sceote to scirezemote. *c* 1000 Ælfric *Hom.* (Th.) II. 306 Ðus wrat Hieronimus..ȝif hwa elles secge, we sceotað to him. *c* 1205 Lay. 977 ȝif we sceoteð to heora mæðe þat bið ure imone deað.

†**36.** *trans.* (or const. *dative*). To fall to the lot of. *Obs.*

c 1200 Ormin 19952 Forrþi þatt he Ne wollde nohht forrbuȝhenn To seggenn soþ biforr þe king, þohh þatt himm shollde shetenn To þolenn forr hiss soþe word Full grimme dæþess pine.

†**37.** To avoid, escape. *Sc. Obs.*

1543 Sadleyr in *St. Papers Hen. VIII*, V. 321 The misdemeanour and evill behaviour of the Wardens of Scotland on the Borders towardes thobservation of the peax, with their delayes of redresse, shoting their dayes of meating, and continuall rodes and forreys made into England. 1685 Peden *Let.* in P. Walker *Life* (1827) 98, I am confident, the safest Way to shoot the Shower, is, to hold out of God's Gate, and to keep within his Doors, until the Violence of the Storm begin to ebb.

b. *dial.* In passive, to be rid *of*. Cf. Shut *v.* 11.

1802 R. Anderson *Cumbld. Ball.* (*c* 1850) 47 He'd gi'e aw his gear to get shot o' the gout. 1818 Scott *Br. Lamm.* xxxii, Are you not glad to be fairly shot of him! 1837 Carlyle in Froude *Life Lond.* (1884) I. 95 One infallible truth, precious for us all, is that I am shot of it [a book just finished], and you are shot of it. 1866 *Morn. Star* 22 Dec. 3, I thought, when I came out, I would do this [murder], and so get shot of my life. 1891 Hardy *Tess* x, 'Jump up behind me', he whispered, 'and we'll get shot of the screaming cats in a jiffy!'

38. To splice (a rope); to mend (a bar); † to fit (boards) *together* by a mortise or the like (*obs.*); to weld (metals). *Obs.* exc. *dial.*

Cf. Shut *v.* 6. In this use the vbs. *shut* and *shoot* seem to have been more or less confused.

1499 *Church-w. Acc.*, *Yatton* (Somerset Rec. Soc.) 124 To Antony for schothyng the clapyr xiij^{d}. 1545 *Luton Trinity Guild* (1906) 232 For shotynge of the tapers of the awtere ageynst relyk Sonday [o o] a. 1548 *Ludlow Church-w. Acc.* (Camden) 33 For shottynge the belle rope ij tymes iiij d. 1569 *Ibid.* 134 For shutting and mending of the clapper of the santes bell, iiij d. 1573–4 in *Fabric Rolls York Minster* (Surtees) 116 For shootinge and mendinge certeyne barres to the glasse wyndowes, 4 d. 1608 Willet *Hexapla Exod.* 605 These regals serued to shoot the boords together. *Ibid.*, One boord should have been shot within another. 1888 *Sheffield Gloss.*, *Shoot*, to weld a piece of iron to the blade of a table knife. 1892 [see Shooting *vbl. sb.* 6].

39. *Carpentry* and *Joinery.* To plane accurately (the edge of a board), esp. with the aid of a shooting-board.

1667 Primatt *City & C. Builder* 61 For plaining the boards, and shooting them for a Square, two shillings. 1678 Moxon *Mech. Exerc.* iv. 59 Two Pieces of Wood are Shut (that is Plained)...They are Shut or Pared..so exactly straight, that when they are set upon one another, light shall not be discern'd betwixt them. 1793 Smeaton *Edystone L.* § 146 Slips of deal board..shot straight upon the edges by a plane. 1846 Holtzapffel *Turning* II. 502 In squaring or shooting the edges of boards, the shooting board..is very much used. 1881 Young *Every Man his own Mechanic* § 384. 167 The Amateur unless he has a trying-plane will use his jack-plane for shooting the edges of boards.

VI. 40. The verb stem in combination: **shoot-hole**, a hole through which to shoot; **shoot-rail** (see quot.); †**shoot-serpent** (see quot.). Also **shoot-off**, the subsequent competition between tied contestants in a shooting-match.

1850 R. G. Cumming *Hunter's Life S. Afr.* (1902) 36/2 Having constructed a *shoot-hole..I took up my position for the night. 1856 P. Thompson *Hist. Boston* 722 *Shottles*, *shoot-rails. Rails easily removed in a fence, to make an entrance into an inclosure, and then *shot* (thrust) back again into their places. 1731 Medley *Kolben's Cape G. Hope* II. 163 She is likewise call'd the Dart- or *Shoot-serpent, on account of her darting herself very swiftly either at or from an enemy. 1892 W. W. Greener *Breech-Loader* 250 The tie was immediately shot off at 25 birds each, Captain Brewer killing all his birds while Mr. Fulford scored 24, leaving Mr. Brewer..the winner of the *shoot-off by a single bird. 1900 *Westm. Gaz.* 16 July 6/3 Three competitors tie with 34..the shoot-off takes place to-morrow.

Shoot, obs. f. Sheet *sb.*, Shout, Shut.

Shoot, variant of Shoat[1] and 2.

Shootable (ʃūˑtăbˈl), *a.* [f. Shoot *v.* + -able.] That may be shot; suitable for shooting.

1852 M. W. Savage *R. Medlicott* IV. iv, I rode everything rideable, shot everything shootable. 1908 *Blackw. Mag.* July 108/2 The binoculars disclosed the three to be 'shootable' beasts.

Shootable, vulgar pronunciation of Suitable.

1831 Miss Ferrier *Destiny* xlviii, The lady's fortune is *shootable*; indeed, I may say, pretty handsome.

†**Shoo·tage.** *Obs. rare*[1]. In 6 shewtage. [f. Shoot *v.* + -age.] The art of shooting.

1546–7 in Leland *Collect.* (1774) IV. 320 Take Bow and Shaft in Hand, learn Shewtage to frame.

Shoot-an(c)ker, obs. forms of Sheet-anchor.

Shoote, obs. form of Shout *sb.*

Shooted (ʃūˑtĕd), *a.* [f. Shoot *sb.*[1] + -ed[2].] Of a building: Supplied with 'shoots' or spouts.

1853 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* XIV. II. 408 The farm buildings ..are shooted to carry off the drip.

Shootee (ʃūˑtī). [f. Shoot *v.* + -ee.] The person shot, or shot at.

1837 *New Monthly Mag.* LI. 205 The shooter very commonly expresses much regret to the shootee. 1867 Hales *Introd. to Rob. Hood Ball.* in *Percy Folio MS.* I. 9 He [Robin Hood] is as regularly represented as a shooter as St. Sebastian in the old pictures is as a shootee.

Shooter (ʃūˑtəɹ). Forms: *a.* 3 ssetare, 4 ssyetere, schetor, scheotere, sheeter, shetere, 5 schetare, scheter(e, sheter; *β.* 4 schot(t)er, 4–6 shoter, 5–6 schuter, *Sc.* schutar, 6 shewter, *Sc.* schuiter, schutur, 7 shootter, 6– shooter. [f. Shoot *v.* + -er[1].]

I. One who shoots.

1. One who shoots with a bow or with firearms; in early use, an archer; now chiefly applied to a sportsman who shoots game.

a. 1297 R. Glouc. (Rolls) 7482 Þe ssetare [*v.rr.* ssetares, schetors, scheoteres, scheters, scheteres] donward al nor noȝt vaste slowe to gronde. 1382 Wyclif 2 *Kings* xi. 24 And the sheeters dresseden dartis to thi servauntis fro the wal above. *c* 1400 *Promp. Parv.* 445/2 Schetare, or archare, *sagittarius*. 1450 *Gesta Rom.* I. 3 Whenne he sawe the sheter drawe his bowe.

β. a 1300 *Cursor M.* 3607 Þou ert schotter wit þe beist, Bath in feild and in forest. 1398 Trevisa *Barth. De P. R.* v. vi. (1495) 111 Shoters close the one eye for to shote the more euyn. 1471 Caxton *Recuyell* (Sommer) II. 506 The whiche was..the best shoter and drawer of a bowe. 1499 *Exch. Rolls Scot.* XI. 394 Gif thare be..within..forestis.. schutaris. 1540 Palsgr. *Acolastus* L iii. G j h, As the archer or shoter in a crossebow directeth his eie towardes his marke. 1598–99 *Aberd. Acc.* in *Spalding Club Miscell.* V. 71 Appoyntit for calling and accusing of schuturis with gwnnis. 1611 Bible 1 *Sam.* xxxi. 3 The archers (*marg.* shooters, men with bows) hit him. 1634 Sir T. Herbert *Trav.* 101 He sends a shooter or footman to him. 1676 Shotterel & Durfey *Archerie revivd* 10 Mark what Grace Sits in each line of every Shooters Face. 1778 Johnson in *Boswell* 9 Apr., Where there are many shooters, some will hit. 1821 *Examiner* 105/1 A vigorous shooter of woodcocks. 1842 Lacy *Mod. Shooter* 113 Some shooters nearly always, others but seldom, kill their game in style. 1865

'CUTHBERT BEDE' *Rook's Garden*, etc. 232 The heads of the slaughtered sparrows would have to be produced..to the secretary, who would note their number, and record it against the name of the shooter. 1908 B. MALLET *Life Earl Northbrook* 276 Joining the shooters at lunch.

†b. *transf.* (appositively). *Obs.*

c 1381 CHAUCER *Parl. Foules* 180 The saylynge fyr, the cipresse deth to pleyne, The shetere (*v.rr.* sheter, shoter, scheter] Ew, the Asp for shaftys pleyne.

†c. The constellation Sagittarius. *Obs.*

1386 *Almanack* 1 The Schoter es þe principal howce of Saturne. 1601 WEEVER *Mirr. Mart.* C ij b, Then From Scorpio, Saturne to the Shooter's straide.

†d. The guard of a coach. *Obs.*

The 'guard', as the name implies, was originally armed for the protection of the passengers: see GUARD *sb.* 7 b.

1840 THACKERAY *Shabby-genteel Story* i, A nod for the 'shooter' or guard, and a bow for the dragsman. 1897 *Encycl. Sport.* I. 342/1 (Driving), *Shooter*, a name given to coach guards in the olden time.

2. The man who 'shoots' a seine-net.

1855 LEIFCHILD *Cornwall* 13 The men who cast this net are termed the 'shooters'.

II. Something that shoots or is used for shooting.

†**3.** A bolt. *Obs. rare*—[1].

1632 SHERWOOD, The shooter of a locke, *verrouil.* 1681 W. ROBERTSON *Phraseol. Gen.* 1123 The shooter of a lock; *obex seræ versatilis.*

†**4.** A shooting star. *Obs.*

1633 HERBERT *Temple, Artillerie* iii, I have also starres and shooters too.

5. With qualifying adj.: A plant that shoots (vigorously, etc.).

1731 MILLER *Gard. Dict.* s.v. *Espalier*, For vigorous Shooters, twenty Feet are little enough. *c* 1791 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) VIII. 32/2 Robust but moderate shooters.

6. 'A board placed between cheeses under a press' (*Eng. Dial. Dict.*). Also, in a cider press, a board laid flat on the top of the pile of must.

1586 *Shuttleworths' Acc.* (Chetham Soc.) 29 Fiyffe cheffates [*read* chesfats = *cheese-vats*]..and one shewter vj[s] viij[d]. 1833 LOUDON *Encycl. Archit.* § 1316 (Cider-press), A square board, termed a shooter.

7. A contrivance for shooting or discharging the contents of sacks.

1880 J. W. HILL *Guide Agric. Implements* 469 An efficient Sack Lifter, Loader, Unloader, and Shooter.

8. a. With qualifying word: A gun, pistol, etc. that shoots (well or ill). Cf. SIX-SHOOTER. **b.** *colloq.* or *slang.* A shooting instrument, a gun or pistol, *esp.* a revolver.

1811 Col. HAWKER *Diary* (1893) I. 64 The barrel was a bad and weak shooter. 1840 R. H. DANA *Bef. Mast* iv, We got our shooters in order. 1877 BLACK *Green Past.* xiii, Then Jack drew his shooter out and shot Billy Bill through the head.

9. *Cricket.* (See quot. 1897.)

1856 HUGHES *Tom Brown* II. viii, The Captain stumped the next man off a leg-shooter. 1884 *Q. Rev.* Oct. 469 Lumpy's favourite achievement was to bowl 'shooters'. 1897 *Encycl. Sport* I. 246/2 (Cricket) *Shooter*, a ball which on touching the ground keeps very close to the turf, often with an increase of pace.

Shootherly, obs. form of SOUTHERLY.

Shooting (ʃūˑtiŋ), *vbl. sb.* Forms: see the vb. [ME. *scheotunge*, later *schoting*, f. *scheote*, *schote* SHOOT *v.* + -ING[1]. OE. had *scotung*, f. *scotian* to shoot: see etymological note under SHOOT *v.*] The action of SHOOT *v.*

1. The action or practice of discharging missiles from a bow or gun.

[*c* 1000 ÆLFRIC *Saint's Lives* xxxii. 180 Þa wunda þe þa wælhreowan hæþenan mid ȝelomum scotungum on his lice macodon.] *a* 1125 *Ancr. R.* 60 Also ase men weorreð mid þreo kunne wepnen, mid scheotunge, mid speres ord, & mid sweordes egge (etc.]. *a* 1352 MINOT *Poems* (ed. Hall) v. 49 It semid with þaire schoting als it war snaw. *c* 1450 LOVELICH *Merlin* 11564 These kynges hadden beholden ful wel the schetyng of this cherl Every del. 1549 LATIMER *6th Serm. bef. Edw. VI* (Arb.) 161 The arte of shutynge hath ben in tymes past much estemed in this realme. 1572 *Nottingham Rec.* IV. 141 Matches of showttyng. 1601 R. JOHNSON *Kingd. & Commw.* (1603) 89 Shoting in peeces, crosbowes, longbowes &c. 1692 LUTTRELL *Brief Rel.* (1857) II. 526 Moch shooting with cannon and musquet was heard. 1727 [E. DORRINGTON] *Philip Quarll* (1816) 57 He daily practised shooting at a mark. 1880 MAITLAND *Gunmaking* in *Encycl. Brit.* XI. 294/1 When this [windage] is considerable, it is a principal cause of error in shooting.

†**b.** Discharge (of a bow), firing (of a gun).

1426 LYDG. *De Guil. Pilgr.* 12071 Yiff I koude wysly provyde..Fro shetyng off croos bowes. 1530 LYNDESAY *Test. Papyngo* 439 Throuch reakles schuttyng of one gret cannoun. 1625 *Peebles Charters*, etc. (1872) 414 Gewine to John Frank for schiwting of the tua goineis in the steippell. 1637–50 ROW *Hist. Kirk* (Wodrow Soc.) 363 Shooting of canons.

c. The sport of killing game with the gun.

1642 FULLER *Holy & Prof. State* III. xiii. 185 Shooting..provides food when men are hungry. 1740 GRAY *Let. to Mother* 2 Apr., The two boys..go a-shooting almost every day. 1823 SYD. SMITH *Game Laws* Wks. 1859 II. 28/2 There are certainly many valuable men brought into the country by a love of shooting. 1823 BYRON *Juan* XIII. xlviii, But there's no shooting (save grouse) till September. 1833 T. HOOK *Parson's Dau.* II. ii, The Squire was invited to a day's shooting at Colonel Bradfield's. 1903 MCNEILL *Egregious English* xix. 174 Grouse-shooting, pheasant-shooting, pigeon-shooting, and even rabbit-shooting. 1908 R. BAGOT *A. Cuthbert* i. 3 Every November the coverts at Cuthbertsheugh afforded four days' shooting.

¶ *Shooting flying*: used as noun of action to the vbl. phrase to *shoot flying* (28 d). ? *Obs.*

1727 MARKLAND (*title*) Pteryplegia: or, the Art of Shooting Flying. 1766 PAGE (*title*) The Art of Shooting Flying. 1814 DODSON *Kunopædia* title-p., With Instructions for attaining the Art of Shooting Flying.

d. An exclusive right to shoot game on a particular estate or tract of country. Hence also, a tract of country on which a person has such an exclusive right. Often *collective plural.*

1848 CLOUGH *Bothie* I. 64 Hither from lodge and bothie in all the adjoining shootings. 1854 *Act* 17 & 18 *Vict.* c. 91 § 42 The expression 'lands and heritages' shall..include..shootings, and deer forests, where such shootings or deer forests are actually let. 1879 *Daily News* 12 Aug. 5/1 The southern shootings are reported to be very poorly stocked with birds. 1884 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 12 Aug. 4/1 The man who takes a shooting with the intent of enjoying sport upon it until he is snowed off the premises. 1896 EARL SELBOANE *Memor.* I. xv. 236 He rented, for two or three years, the shooting of Mixbury.

2. The feeling of a sudden pain; a thrill or dart of pain.

1528 PAYNELL *Salerne's Reg.* E j, Mylke..doth mitigate the shotynge or prickynge of the longes. 1640 HABINGTON *Castara* (Arb.) 107 The shootings of a wounded conscience. *c* 1702 in *Cath. Rec. Soc. Publ.* IX. 375 It seemed to her she felt..most violent shewtings in her back. 1710 *True Acc. Tom Whigg* 1. (ed. 2) 12 The shooting of my Corn. 1758 J. S. *Le Dran's Observ. Surg.* (1771) 152 He felt frequent Throbbings or Shootings in the Tumour. 1818 *Art Pres. Feet* 27 Some, on the approach of rain, experience what is called a shooting of the corns. 1825 SCOTT *Betrothed* xxx, I was but grieved with the shooting of an old wound.

3. Sprouting, beginning to grow (of plants, also of the teeth, etc.); sudden or rapid growth. Also *shooting up.*

1579 W. WILKINSON *Confut. Fam. Love* Ep. Ded. *ij b, To shew that shootyngs vp and encrease of God's Church beyng but from a feeble and weake begynnyng [etc.]. 1615 CROOKE *Body of Man* 344 The shooting of Stagges hornes which euery yeare fall and grow againe. 1765 *Museum Rust.* IV. 227 Hot manures..will bring on a speedy shooting. 1799 UNDERWOOD *Dis. Child.* II. 121 The shooting up of a soft fungus. 1801 *Med. Jrnl.* V. 569 That is what they call the shooting of the teeth. 1901 'ZACK' *Dunstable Weir* 23 What wi' the shooting o' the crops, and birds calling one to t'other, there was a wonderful lot of nature about.

b. *concr.* A shoot or collection of shoots.

1653 BELLINGHAM *Plat's Gard. Eden* 66 [Carrots.] You must pare off the shooting at the upper end of the root and then lay them in sand. 1790 A. WILSON *Poems & Lit. Prose* (1876) II. 254 Beneath an old hedging for shelter he crawled And clung by a shooting of birch. 1886 W. J. TUCKER *E. Europe* 100 A wild undergrowth of rank weeds and acacia-shootings.

4. The sending out of shoots or spicules in crystallization.

1665 HOOKE *Microgr.* 92 The shootings of Ice on the top of Water. *a* 1728 WOODWARD *Nat. Hist. Fossils* I. (1729) I. 114 Of the Stellar Shootings upon the Surface of the Regulus of Antimony. 1788 BLAGDEN in *Phil. Trans.* LXXVIII. 134 The shooting of the ice. 1855 KINGSLEY *Glaucus* (1878) 35 The shooting of salts intermixed with mineral particles.

5. *Football.* The kicking the ball at a goal.

1885 *Field* 31 Jan. 135/2 Any shooting that the centres attempted was very defective. 1901 *Daily Express* 18 Mar. 8/1 The football was..except for poor shooting most enjoyable.

6. In various senses of the verb.

1464 *Nottingham Rec.* II. 374 For shotyng of the same spyndelle. 1603 *Reg. Mag. Sig. Scot.* 530/1 Cum..privilegio lie haling, schutting, landing, peilling, drawing of nettis, (etc.]. 1609 HOLLAND *Amm. Marcell.* 21 b, The shooting of London bridge at an ebbe or low water. *Ibid.* 166 The shooting of starres. 1694 *Marten's Voy. Spitzbergen* in *Acc. Sev. Late Voy.* II. 120 Some are propagated by the shooting of their Row. 1711 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 7 ¶ 2, I have known the shooting of a Star spoil a Night's Rest. 1821 *Acc. Peculations Coal Trade* 17 Wall's-end coals, 475... free of expence, except the trifling expence for metage and shooting. 1825 J. NICHOLSON *Oper. Mech.* 586 The operation of making the edge of a board straight is called shooting. 1846 DICKENS *Pict. Italy, Rome* 173 Now and then, a swift shooting across some doorway or balcony, of a straggling stranger in a fancy dress. 1888 *Encycl. Brit.* XXIV. 464/1 The 'picking' or shooting of the weft. 1892 *Labour Commission* Gloss., *Shooting*, the operation of emptying the sacks of coal into the consumer's cellars or stores. *Ibid.*, *Shooting*, the process by which the iron which is to form the 'bolster' and 'tang' in a genuine hand-forged table blade is welded to the steel of the blade.

7. *Shooting forth*: **a.** an outburst; †**b.** *concr.* a projection, prominence.

1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* I. xxii. I. 88 The shooting forth of the Promontorie aforesaid some have reported to be 60 miles, others 90. 1722 QUINCY *Lex. Phys.-Med.* (ed. 2) 16 *Ancon*, is the top of the Elbow, or the backward and greater Shooting-forth of the *Ulna*. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* I. VII. i, The first grand fit and shooting forth of sansculottism.

8. *attrib.* and *Comb.* **a.** Simple attrib., as (sense 1 c) *shooting-party, -season*; (sense 1 d) *shooting-place, -tenant.* Also designating clothing worn or equipment used by a person engaged in shooting, as *shooting-boot, -canoe, -coat, -gear, -horse, -jacket, -stocking, -suit.*

1855 'C. IDLE' *Hints Shooting & Fishing* 34 To return from this digression on *shooting boots. 1842 LACY *Mod. Shooter* 443 Going afloat in a *shooting-canoe for the first time. 1840 *John Bull* 3 Oct. 469/2 Advt., A superb Collection of *Shooting Coats. 1884 J. HATTON in *Harper's Mag.* Feb. 337/1 An old velvet shooting coat. 1555 in *Richmond Wills* (Surtees) 106, I beqweth unto John Cawrew..all my husband's *shotyng gere. 1850 R. G. CUMMING *Hunter's Life S. Afr.* (1902) 14 These drove their *shooting-horses loose behind the waggon. 1893 F. C. SELOUS *Trav. S. E. Africa* 16 A splendid shooting horse. 1831 Col. HAWKER *Diary* (1893) II. 28, I slipped on my *shooting jacket. 1776 EARL CARLISLE in Jesse *Selwyn & Contemp.* (1844) III. 154, I was only absent two days from home on a *shooting-party. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* lxii, There were shooting-parties and battues. 1819 SCOTT *Let.* in *Lockhart* (1837) IV. ix. 308 He really thought of getting some *shooting-place in Scotland. 1818 — *Hrt. Midl.* xlviii, To spend the *shooting-season in Scotland. 1891 *Daily News* 9 Apr. 2/2 That objectionable person, the *shooting tenant.

b. Special comb.: **shooting-block, -board**, an appliance to facilitate the accurate planing of the edge of a board or stereotype plate, consisting of a board or block, upon which the material is laid, furnished with a rebate to guide the plane; **shooting box**, a small country house in or adjacent to a shooting locality used as a residence while shooting; **shooting-fish** = ARCHER 5; **shooting-gallery**, a long room, or a booth at a fair, fitted with a target and other appliances for the practice of shooting; **shooting-glove** *Archery*, a glove worn to protect the hand in drawing a bow; **shooting-ground**, (*a*) = sense 1 d; (*b*) that part of a gun-factory where rifles, etc. are tested; (*c*) a place where rubbish is shot; **shooting-hole**, a pit made by a sportsman for purposes of concealment; **shooting-iron**, a fire-arm, esp. a revolver; **shooting-lodge** = *shooting-box*; **shooting-match**, a competition testing skill in shooting; **shooting-plane**, a plane used with a shooting-board for squaring or bevelling the edges of stuff (Knight *Mech. Dict.* 1875); **shooting-range**, a place used for the practice of shooting, having the various ranges or distances marked off between the respective firing points and the targets; **shooting-stick** *Printing*, a piece of hard wood or metal which is struck by a mallet to loosen or tighten the quoins in a chase; **shooting-tool** *Mining*, a tool or implement used in blasting.

1812 P. NICHOLSON *Mech. Exerc., Joinery* § 63 The *Shooting Block is two boards fixed together, the sides of which are lapped upon each other, so as to form a rebate for the purpose of making a short joint. 1885 LOCK *Workshop Rec.* Ser. IV. 217/1 (Electrotyping) A shooting-block must be made. 1846 HOLTZAPFFEL *Turning* II. 502 In squaring or shooting the edges of boards, the *shooting board..is very much used. 1812 SIR R. T. WILSON *Priv. Diary* (1861) I. 42 Rode to La Favorita, the king's private *shooting-box, about three miles from Palermo. 1837 LOCKHART *Scott* IV. xi. 350 John Ballantyne, who had at this time a shooting or hunting-box a few miles off in the vale of the Leader. 1802 BINGLEY *Anim. Biog.* (1813) III. 34 The Beaked Chætodon or *Shooting-fish. 1836 DICKENS *Sk. Boz, Gt. Winglebury Duel*, The Pall-mall *shooting-gallery. 1897 CROCKETT *Sir Toady Lion* xix. 151 The Aunt-Sallies, the shooting-galleries, and the miscellaneous side-shows (at the fair]. 1545 ASCHAM *Toxoph.* II. (Arb.) 107 Bracer, *shotyng-gloue, stryng, bowe & shafte. 1801 T. ROBERTS *Engl. Bowman* 294 *Shooting-glove*, a glove used on the *shaft-hand* in drawing the String. 1859–61 RAMSAY *Reminisc.* vi. (1870) 187 A young Englishman had taken a Scottish *shooting-ground. 1868 *Rep. to Govt. U.S. Munitions War* 37 The shooting-grounds of the Woolwich Arsenal. 1884 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 24 May 11/1 Australia has been for too many years already the shooting ground of Europe's rubbish. 1850 R. G. CUMMING *Hunter's Life S. Afr.* (1902) 21 At night I took up a position in an old *shooting-hole beside the vley. 1793–9 J. GERROND *Advertisement* v. Wks. (1815) 109 Dear brother sportsmen, crack the springs Of these things I call *shooting-irons. 1891 E. PEACOCK *N. Brendon* I. 149, I shall keep this shooting-iron tonight. 1859 Q. VICTORIA *Leaves Jrnl. Highl.* (1868) 127 Inchrory (a *shooting-lodge of Lord H. Bentinck's). 1750 *Acts Assembly Pennsylv.* (1762) II. 33 Horse-races, *Shooting-matches, or other idle Sports. 1908 J. WELLS *Stewart of Lovedale* vi. 41 One of his amusements was to practise at the *shooting-range. 1683 MOXON *Mech. Exerc., Printing* IX. § 2 The *Shooting-stick must be made of Box. 1882 SOUTHWARD *Pract. Printing* (1884) 68 The shooting-stick..transmits the pressure from the mallet to the quoin. 1855 LEIFCHILD *Cornwall* 112 The blasting or *shooting tools of the miner.

Shooting (ʃūˑtiŋ), *ppl. a.* [f. SHOOT *v.* + -ING[2].] That shoots.

1. Moving swiftly, darting.

1535 COVERDALE *Isa.* XXX. 6 The waye that is ful of parell and trouble, because of the lyon and lyones, of the Cockatrice and shutynge dragon. *c* 1710 J. HUGHES *Ode to Creator* iv, The shooting flame obeys th' eternal will, Launch'd from his hand. 1798 WORDSW. *Poems Imag.*, '*Five years have past*' 118, I..read..My former pleasures in the shooting lights Of thy wild eyes. 1887 MEREDITH *Ballads & P.* 151 A pool of scum for shooting flies.

2. Sprouting, growing.

1702 POPE *Dryope* 47 The shooting leaves are seen to rise And shade her. 1798 W. LESLIE *Surv. Moray* iii. 278 A luxuriantly shooting grove of different species of trees.

3. Of pain: Sharp and sudden, darting, lancinating. Also of a diseased part, a corn, etc. (see SHOOT *v.* 5).

c 1000 *Sax. Leechd.* II. 324 Wiþ sceotendum wenne. 1710 SWIFT *Tatler* No. 238 ¶ 3 A coming Show'r your shooting Corns presage. 1752 BERKELEY *Tar-water* Wks. III. 497 The shooting pains that precede a cancer. 1898 P. MANSON *Trop. Dis.* xxiii. 354 Among the sympathetic pains (in liver abscess] may be mentioned shooting pains radiating over the chest. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 618 Pain is usually present from the first, it is shooting in character.

4. *Cricket.* (See SHOOT *v.* 1 i.)

1833 NYREN *Yng. Cricketer's Tutor* 72 Bowling a wicket down with a shooting ball.

5. Addicted to the sport of shooting.

1891 L. B. WALFORD *Mischief of Monica* xiv, She was expecting guests from the North, 'shooting men'.

Shooting star. [SHOOTING *ppl. a.*; cf. G. *schiessender stern.*]

1. A meteor resembling a star, that darts across the sky. (Cf. FALLING STAR.)

1593 SHAKS. *Rich. II*, II. iv. 19. 1607 *Lingua* II. vi, The shooting Starres Which in an eye-bright euening seem'd to fall. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* IV. 557 Thither came Uriel, gliding ..swift as a shooting Starr In Autumn thwarts the night. 1857 *Rep. Brit. Assoc.* I. 152 This instance, the rare one of an *ascending* shooting star. 1872 PROCTOR *Ess. Astron.* xi. 151 The November shooting-stars.

attrib. 1886 BALL *Story of Heavens* xviii. (1897) 378 The periodic shooting star shower known as the Leonids.

2. *U.S.* A Western name for the American Cowslip, *Dodecatheon Meadia.*

1856 A. GRAY *Man. Bot.* 272 *Dodecatheon Meadia*...In the West called Shooting-Star. 1882 *Garden* 13 May 324/2, I send you..two varieties of Dodecatheon. These 'Shooting Stars', as they are called, are very effective.

Shootist (ʃū'tist). *slang.* [f. SHOOT *v.* + -IST.] One who shoots game, or who competes in a shooting-match; one skilled in shooting. Chiefly *jocular* or *disparaging.*

1872 SCHELE DE VERE *Americanisms* 657 The man whose rifle brought down the largest amount of game became known as a famous shootist. 1899 F. V. KIRBY *Sport E. C. Africa* iv. 47 Unfortunately it would not be the shootist and his party who would suffer.

Shoo·tlet. [f. SHOOT *sb.* + -LET.] A small shoot.

1889 *Sunday Mag.* Mar. 208/1 We see the field that was all black or brown become green with little shootlets coming up.

† **Shoo·tress.** *Obs. rare*—1. [f. SHOOTER + -ESS.] A female shooter. 1600 FAIRFAX *Tasso* XI. xli.

Shoove, obs. pa. t. of SHAVE *v.*; obs. f. SHOVE.

Shoovelle, Shoowre, obs. ff. SHOVEL, SOUR.

Shop (ʃɒp), *sb.* Forms: 1 sceoppa, 3 ssoppe, 4–5 schopp, 4–6 schop(p)e, shope, 4–7 shoppe, 5–6 schop, 5–8 shopp, 6 schoop, shoope, 5– shop; *Sc.* and *north.* 5 shapp, 5–6 chope, 6 choipp, 8 shap, 9 chop. [ME. (*c* 1300) *schoppe* (*ssoppe*):—OE. *sceoppa* wk. masc., occurring only in *Ags. Gosp.* Luke xxi. 1 as rendering of *gazophylacium* treasury (of the temple):—prehist.**skuppan-*, cogn. w. OE. *scypen* SHIPPON (:—**skuppinjō*) and OHG. *scopf* masc., porch, vestibule (MHG. *schopf* str. masc., *schopfe* wk. masc., early and dial. mod.G. *schopf* porch, lean-to building, cart-shed, barn, etc.), MLG. *schoppe, schuppe* fem., also *schoppen, schuppen* masc. (adopted in mod.G.) shed. The Teut. word was adopted into OF. as *eschoppe, escope* (mod.F. *échoppe*), a lean-to booth, cobbler's stall.]

1. A house or building where goods are made or prepared for sale and sold.

1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 11222 Þe bowiares ssoppe hii breke & þe bowes nome echon. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Cook's T.* 52 He [a prentice] loued bet the Tauerne than the shoppe. 1420 *Cov. Leet-bk.* 21 William Oteley, wich kept a cart & horses for clensyng of the stretys, shuld haue quarterly of euery hall dorre jd., & euery schop oh. 1554 *Edin. Burgh Rec.* (1871) II. 288 The cordineris choippis. 1592 *Arden of Feversham* II. i. 23 You are a gouldsmith and haue a lytle plate in your shoppe. 1600 J. PORY tr. *Leo's Africa* II. 315 Among the artizans whosoever is the first inventour of any new and ingenious devise is..carried..as it were in triumph from shop to shop. 1752 HUME *Ess. & Treat.* (1777) I. 318 One man erects a shop, to which all the workmen and all the customers repair. 1859 FITZGERALD *Omar* lix, One Evening..In that old Potter's Shop I stood alone.

† **b.** *Banker's shop*: a bank. (Originally, the shop of a goldsmith or other tradesman who practised banking.) *Obs.*

1752 HUME *Ess. & Treat.* (1777) I. 371 It would be..imprudent to give a prodigal son a credit in every banker's shop in London. 1796 [see BANKER[2] 1 c].

2. A building or room set apart for the sale of merchandize. *To keep shop*: to exercise the calling of a shopkeeper; also *occas.* to take charge of a shop in the shopkeeper's absence. *Shop!* an exclamation used to summon an attendant or shopkeeper.

1362 LANGL. *P. Pl. A.* II. 189 Marchaundes..Bi-souȝten him in heore schoppes to sullen heore ware. 1435 *Nottingham Rec.* II. 362 A nother comon graund with a draper chope on it. *c* 1440 *Alphabet of Tales* 108 A yong man..went vnto a fayre; and when he had..seue many shappis & mekull chafir to sell, at þe laste he come vnto a shop þer ane old man [st]ude. 1515 *Star Chamber Cases* (Selden Soc.) II. 96 Thewe..bought..all maner of merchandise..and kept ane oppin Schoopp for Retaillling of the same. 1560–70 J. DAVIS in *Narr. Reform.* (Camden) 63, I have kept the at the gramer skoole a great while, and am minded to have you to keepe the shopp. 1605 CHAPMAN, etc. *Eastw. Hoe* I. A 2 b, Keepe thy shoppe, and thy shoppe will keepe thee. 1682 DRYDEN *Medal* 192 Their Shops are Dens, the Buyer is their Prey. 1712 J. MORTON *Nat. Hist. Northampt.* 405 That Spungy Ball..call'd..in the Shops *Bedeguar.* 1770 LUCKOMBE *Hist. Printing* 61 He first kept shop at the sign of our Lady of Piety. 1809 KENDALL *Trav.* I. xii. 136 There are one or two other bookseller's shops..where books at least are sold. 1848 DICKENS *Dombey* xxiii, Rob was despatched for a coach, the visitors keeping shop meanwhile. 1898 *Punch* 4 June 255/2 Millionaire (who has been shown into fashionable Artist's studio, and has been kept waiting a few minutes). 'Shop!'

b. *transf.* and *fig.*

1450–1530 *Myrr. Our Lady* 139 Saynte Ambrose sayeth, that this psalme ys..a shoppe full of spyces of the holy gooste. 1600 S. NICHOLSON *Acolastus* (1876) 63 The shop where Nature gets her art to showe, Where crimson Roses, sleepe in beds of snowe. 1630 R. JOHNSON *Kingd. & Commw.* 94 Our England is the very shop of the World, and Magazine of Natures dainties. 1677 GILPIN *Dæmonol.* III. i. 6 Temptation is the Shop of Experience.

c. The contents of a shop. In quot. *humorously.*

1906 CHARL. MANSFIELD *Girl & Gods* xix, A fat Jewess with a jeweller's shop on her fingers.

d. Used to express the status or characteristics of a retail tradesman. (Cf. 8 b.)

1848 CLOUGH *Amours de Voy.* I. 125 Middle-class people ..not wholly Pure of the taint of the shop.

3. A building or room set apart and fitted up for the carrying on of some particular kind of handiwork or mechanical industry; a workshop. Now often, a building or room in a factory, appropriated to some particular department or stage of the work carried on there. *The shops*: the workshops of a factory, as distinguished from the counting-house, offices, etc.

14.. *Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 599/10 *Operarium*, a shoppe or a werkehous. 1587 HIGINS *Mirr. Mag., Author's Induct.* iii, I gate mee strayght the Printers shops unto. 1647 A. ROSS *Mystag. Poet.* xviii. (1675) 415 [Vulcanus] his shop was in Lemnos, where..he makes Jupiter's thunder. 1728 RAMSAY *Robt., Richy & Sandy* 68 He bad them..pap Their crazy heads into Tam Tinman's shap. 1869 KOHN *Iron & Steel Manuf.* 23 Extensive engineering and repairing shops are added to these works. *c* 1888 KIPLING *Among Railway Folk* ii. Wks. 1900 XVII. 177 Four-and-twenty engines in every stage of decomposition stand in one huge shop.

b. spec. *Shop of frames, looms*: a building or apartment fitted with frames or looms and rented by workers in the weaving industries.

1843 *Penny Cycl.* XXVII. 281/1 Other persons are renters of what is termed a 'shop of frames', containing eight or ten frames. 1844 G. DODD *Textile Manuf.* iv. 142 There are in various parts of the town [Paisley] 'shops' of looms.

† **c.** *fig.* (Chiefly after L. *officina.*) A place where something is produced or elaborated, or where some operation is performed. Often said of the heart, liver, or other internal bodily organs.

1545 RAYNALD *Byrth Mankynde* I. ix. (1552) 14 b, The lyuer (which is the bloud shop, wher the bloud is engendred). 1579 G. HARVEY *Letter-bk.* (Camden) 83 The very worlde itselfe..was predestinate to be a schoolehowse and shopp of all villanyes. 1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* II. i. 43 Then gan softly feele Her feeble pulse,..Which when he felt to moue, he hoped faire To call backe life to her forsaken shop. 1668 CULPEPER & COLE *Barthol. Anat., Man.* II. v. 320 That the fore-parts, the shops of generation..might be neer the great Artery. 1737 WHISTON *Josephus, Hist.* IV. iii. § 7 The sanctuary was now become..a shop of tyranny.

4. *collog.* or *slang.* A place of business; the place where one's ordinary occupation is carried on. Also used jocularly for 'place'. *The Shop* (Army slang): the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich.

1841 THACKERAY *Gt. Hoggarty Diamond* ii, At the shop, as we called it (it wasn't a shop, but as splendid an office as any in Cornhill) he was always talking about Vestris and Miss Tree. 1848 — *Van. Fair* xxxiv, Senior Wrangler, indeed; that's at the other shop. 1899 KIPLING *Stalky* 199 They're goin' up for Sandhurst, or the Shop, in less than a year.

b. *Stage slang.* An engagement, a 'berth'.

1888 J. K. JEROME *On Stage* x. 91 Being just before Christmas, which is the busiest period of the theatrical year, there was no difficulty in getting another shop. 1892 *Cassell's Sat. Jrnl.* 28 Sept. 27/2 In the long summer months,..the artiste is frequently out of a 'shop', as he terms his engagement.

5. Matters pertaining to one's trade or profession; discourse on matters of this kind, esp. as introduced unseasonably into general conversation; chiefly in phrase *to talk shop* (see TALK *v.* 7).

a 1814 *Last Act* I. iii. in *New Brit. Theatre* II. 379 Come, Tom, no shop now. 1856 KINGSLEY *Let.* May (D.), Three hours useless (I fear) speechifying and shop. 1902 *Brit. Med. Jrnl.* 12 Apr. 924 Nurses are given to talking 'shop'.., and the gruesomeness of their 'shop' makes it and them a terror to their friends.

6. *slang.* † **a.** A prison. *Obs.* **b.** The mouth. Hence phr. *Shut your shop*: be silent, hold your tongue.

a. *a* 1700 B. E. *Dict. Cant. Crew, Shop*, a prison.

b. 1858 J. HARTLEY *Budget* 32 (E.D.D.), Th' maister oppened sich a shop 'at aw thowt th' top ov his heead had come off.

7. *Stock Exchange.* The inside influences affecting or controlling a company by the exercise of special knowledge; also a name for the South African gold market.

1889 *Rialto* 23 May (Farmer), The latest name for the South African gold market is the Shop. 1906 *Westm. Gaz.* 24 Nov. 15/1 The account..has not been barren of business in a good many of the departments of the House, although a good deal was of the speculative kind, engineered by the 'shops'.

8. *Phrases.* **a.** With sbs.: *Shop and job* (attrib.): ? formed by an association of permanent and temporary workers. *Shop to shop*: carried on from shop to shop in succession.

1891 *Daily News* 24 Nov. 3/3 A specially summoned 'shop and job' delegate meeting of carpenters and joiners was held last night. 1898 *Westm. Gaz.* 28 Apr. 10/1 A general inquiry and shop-to-shop visit.

b. With verbs. † *To break up shop*: to become bankrupt. *To set up shop*: to start a business. *To shut up shop*: to close business premises; hence, to withdraw from or bring to a close any business. *To smell of the shop*: (*a*) to indicate the spirit characteristic of a shopkeeper; (*b*) of remarks or expressions, to savour unduly of the speaker's profession or calling. † *To stick to the shop*: to continue a business (in quot. with ref. to sense 4). *To come to the right* (or *wrong*) *shop*: to apply to the right (or wrong) person in order to obtain something.

c 1570 *Wyfe in Morrelles Skin* 596 in Hazl. *E. E. P.* IV. 204 He set vp his shop with haberdash ware. 1599 DEKKER *Shoemakers Holiday* v. ii. (1610) I 4, We may shut vp our shops, and make holiday. 1650 VAUGHAN *Silex Scint., Faith* 19 Stars shut up shop, mists pack away, And the Moon mourns. 1659 N. R. *Prov., Eng. Fr.* etc. 58 He that hath not his Craft let him shut up shop. 1712 ARBUTHNOT *John Bull* II. iv, And to have these Usurers transact my Debts at Coffee-Houses, and Ale-Houses, as if I were going to break-up Shop. 1826 J. BANNISTER *Let.* in *Sotheran's Catal.* No. 12 (1899) 1, I shall 'stick to the shop' till I quit the stage of life. 1831 MRS. SHERWOOD *Henry Milner* III. xvi. 320 Provided such double dealings did not smell too much of the shop, or indicate too much of the spirit of the common tradesman. 1837 DICKENS *Sk. Boz, Drunkard's Death*, And what does he want?..money? meat? drink? He's come to the wrong shop for that, if he does. 1838 — *Nich. Nick.* iv, They have come to the right shop for morals. 1860 GEN. P. THOMPSON *Audi Alt.* III. 95 The Royal Society might as well be invited to shut up shop, because Newton made huge discoveries. 1880 PAYN *Confid. Agent* II. 207 To use a vulgar image, it smells of the shop.

c. Adverbial phr. *All over the shop*: scattered about the place, spread out in every direction; following an erratic and undefined course.

1886 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 29 July 1/2 Formerly, the authorities associated with our fisheries were 'all over the shop', if a vulgarism of the day be permissible. 1893 KIPLING *Many Invent.* 109 To go sailing all over the shop never knowing where they'd fetch the land.

9. *attrib.* and *Comb.* **a.** Simple attributive with various notions. (*a*) Forming a part or an adjunct of a shop, as *shop-door, -front, -shutter,* † *-stall, -till* (also attrib. in fig. sense). (*b*) Used in a shop, as *shop-coat, -ledger,* † *-thread,* † *-tool.* (*c*) Sold or kept in a shop († sometimes = 'officinal'), as *shop-goods,* † *preparation, wares.* (*d*) Performed or carried on in a shop; belonging to or connected with a shop; as † *shop-business, -club,* † *-craft,* † *-shift.* (*e*) Of persons: Belonging to a shop; employed in or about a shop; as *shop-boy, -folk, -girl,* † *-maid, -mate,* † *-merchant, -people, -wife, -woman.*

1834 HT. MARTINEAU *Farrers* iii. 39 Sam the *shop-boy. 1767 S. PATERSON *Another Trav.* II. 157 No further *shop-business could be transacted that day. 1902 *Act* 2 *Edw. VII*, c. 21 title, An Act to prohibit compulsory Membership of Unregistered *Shop Clubs or Thrift Funds. 1852 DICKENS *Bleak Ho.* x, He stands at his door in his gray *shop-coat. 1691 *Siege & Surrender of Mons* III. iii. 25 O Priest-Craft, *Shop-Craft! how do ye Effeminate The Mind of Man. 1477–9 *Rec. St. Mary at Hill* 85 For a key to William Blases *shoppe door. 1823 J. BADCOCK *Dom. Amusem.* 176 Persons who have..taken the oxalic acid, under the appalling mistake of *shopfolk serving it for Epsom salts. 1838 DICKENS *O. Twist* v, A great many of the tenements had *shop-fronts. 1873 BROWNING *Red. Cott. Nt.-cap* 2 Bound for some shop-front in the Place Vendôme. 1824 W. IRVING *Tales Trav.* II. vii. (1848) 152 A hint to all haberdashers who have pretty daughters for *shop-girls. 1686 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 2147/4 Remnants of Cloth and Serges, seeming to be *Shop-Goods. 1782 MISS BURNEY *Cecilia* IX. i. (1882) II. 281 They know no more of reasoning and arguing than they do of a *shop ledger. 1659 BROME *Eng. Moor* III. iii, The streight spiny *Shop-maid of St. Martins. 1851 MAYHEW *Lond. Labour* I. 343/1 Two of my *shopmates were boys. 1619 PURCHAS *Microcosmus* lv. 521 The Haberdasher of Hats (the *Shop-Merchant). 1854 MRS. GASKELL *North & South* xi, The pretence that makes the vulgarity of *shop-people. 1723 P. BLAIR *Pharmaco-Bot.* I. 12 Lavender Cotton is but seldom us'd in *Shop-Preparations. 1616 B. JONSON *Devil an Ass* III. v. 4 There's a *shop-shift! plague on 'hem. 1851 THACKERAY *Eng. Hum.* v. (1853) 257 'Milksop!' roars Harry Fielding, clattering at the timid *shop-shutters. 1876 *Remin. Old Draper* 6, I used to take down the shop shutters and put them up at night. 1614 RALEIGH *Hist. World.* v. i. § 1. 312 The things performed ..by our common English Souldier, leauied in haste, from following the Cart, or sitting on the *shop-stall. 1635 *Roxb. Ball.* (1890) VII. 141 Nay, if a Shoomaker me wed, his *Shop-Thread I can spin. 1835 DICKENS *Sk. Boz, Priv. Theatres*, The sums extracted from the *shop-till. 1599 DEKKER *Shoemakers Holiday* III. i. (1610) D 2 b, Master, ile stay no longer, heres a vennentorie of my *shop tooles. 1661 *Knaresb. Wills* (Surtees) II. 249 All my shopp tooles and instruments belonging to my trade. 1877 RUSKIN *St. Mark's Rest* I. § 12 These mighty gaseous illuminations by which Venice provides for your seeing her *shop-wares by night. 1863 J. THOMSON *Poems, Polish Insurgent* viii, These rich *shopwives who stare. 1753 *World* No. 4. 20 She enquired of the *shop-woman if she knew the gentleman. 1861 *Sat. Rev.* 30 Nov. 556 Plain men are quite right to do all they can for ragged boys and young shopwomen.

b. Objective and obj. genitive, as *shop-holder, -shutting*; locative, as *shop-bought* adj.

1894 BOTTONE *Electr. Instr.* 26 In *shop-bought instruments glass handles are generally seen. 14.. *Mercers' Oath*

in Blades *Caxton* (1882) 146 Vnto suche tyme as that ye have ben..for *shopholder amaytted sworn and entred. 1880 A. McKay *Hist. Kilmarnock* (ed. 4) 247 He was a friend to the system of early *shop-shutting.

c. Special comb.: **shop-bill** = *shop-card*; **shop-book**, a shopkeeper's or mechanic's account book; *spec.* (U.S.) see quot. 1856; **shop-breaker**, a burglar who breaks into a shop; **shop-breaking**, the offence committed by a shop-breaker; †**shop-bulk** [BULK *sb.*2], a shop-front; **shop-card**, a written or printed advertisement of the contents of a shop; †**shop-cloth**, a cloth laid upon the boards of a butcher's stall; †**shop-conscience**, a venal conscience; †**shop-divine** *nonce-wd.*, a divine who keeps a stock of approved spiritual medicines; †**shop dust**, the refuse of a shop; †**shop-fellow**, an intimate; †**shop-light**, ? a fan-light, a window giving entrance to light from the top of a room or building; **shop-like** *a.*, †(*a*) venal, meretricious; (*b*) resembling a shop; **shop-list** = *shop-card*; †**shop-magistral** = *shop-medicine*; **shop-mark**, a private mark placed by a dealer upon his goods; †**shop-medicine**, an officinal medicine; †**shop-note**, a credit note exchangeable for goods at a shop; †**shop-pad** [PAD *sb.*2 3], a thief who steals from a shop; †**shop-price**, a wage paid to a permanently engaged worker in a factory or workshop; †**shop-purger**, see *shop-medicine*; †**shop-rid** *a.* [after *bed-rid*], worn out by lying in a shop; †**shop-slop**, used contemptuously for *shop-medicine*; **shop-soiled** *a.*, depreciated in value and appearance by being exposed for sale in a shop; **shop-talk**, see sense 5; **shop-thief**, † (*a*) a dealer who carries on his business dishonestly; (*b*) a thief who steals from a shop; **shop-ticket** = *shop-note*; **shop-walker**, an assistant exercising general supervision over a department of a shop; an attendant who directs customers to that part of the premises where the goods they wish to inspect or purchase are to be found; **shop-worn** *a.* = *shop-soiled*, also *fig.* See also SHOP-BOARD, etc.

1780 *Mirror* No. 89 Much of the employment a shopkeeper gets, is owing to the attraction of a happy-fancied sign, advertisement, or *shop-bill. 1890 *N. & Q.* Ser. VII. IX. 432 The late Mr. Anderson..had collected a great number of engraved shop-bills as specimens of the engraver's art. 1609–10 *Act 7 Jas. I*, c. 12 § 1 No Tradesman..shall.. be allowed..to give his *Shoppbooke in Evidence in any Accion for any Money due for Wares [etc.]. 1798 HUTTON *Course Math.* (1807) II. 251 My plumber has set me up a cistern, and his shop-book being burnt, he has no means of bringing in the charge. 1856 BOUVIER *Amer. Law Dict.* (ed. 6), *Shop Book*, a book in which a merchant, mechanic, or other person, makes original entries of goods sold or work done. 1585 HIGINS *Junius' Nomencl.* 424 *Directarii* ..night-theeues: *shopbreakers: robbers by night. 1907 *Daily Chron.* 29 Nov. 5/5 They found wounds upon his body corresponding with the blows delivered upon the shop breaker. 1906 *Ibid.* 23 Jan. 6/a A charge of *shop-breaking. 1586 LUPTON *1000 Notable Things* (1675) 288 Dr. Butler..went close to the *shopbulks to keep himself drie. *a* 1843 SOUTHEY *Comm.-pl. Bk.* (1851) IV. 258/1 A song or sonnet on an upholsterer's *shop card. 1501 *Maldon* (Essex) *Court-Rolls* Bundle 60 No. 4 b, Attachiatus est per xiiii pecias beff et mete precii xvii *d.* et 1 *shopcloth in custodia servientis. 1683 DRYDEN *Dk. Guise* I. i, *Shop-Consciences, of Proof against an Oath. 1672 MARVELL *Reh. Transp.* II. (1673) 22 Some doubt there is that his *Shop-Divines have not the right Composition of that Medicine. 1592 NASHE *P. Penilesse* A 4 b, Greedinesse..busies himselfe..in syuing of Muck-hills and *shop-dust. 1579 NORTHBROOKE *Dicing* To Rdr. A 4, A good companion and a *shopfellowe. 1631 A. TOWNSHEND *Alb. Tri.* Poems & Masks (1912) 65 Is not your studdy backward? with a *shop-light in it, where one can see nothing but the skye? 1636 B. JONSON *Discov.* (1640) 92 Some love any Strumpet (be shee never so *shop-like, or meritorious) in good clothes. 1849 ROCK *Ch. Fathers* I. 222 A church is built N. and S. merely for the sake of showing itself well, shoplike, from the street. 1780 *Mirror* No. 89, I..am resolved to bestow more than common pains in furnishing out as elegant a *shop-list as possible. 1665 NEDHAM *Med. Medicinæ* 312 Treacle-water, a few Syrups, and 1 or 2 *Shop-Magistrals. 1592 *Act* 35 *Eliz.* c. 10 § 1 That eche Weaver should weave his *Shopmarke in eche Dozen. 1801 MAR. EDGEWORTH *Pop. Tales, Contrast* Tales 1832 V. 120 His sisters unpacked them..to set shop-marks upon each article. 1756 LAW *Lett. Important Subj.* 170 If your physician be for your purpose, he will not load you with *shop-medicines. 1740 W. DOUGLASS *Disc.* 23 The Shopkeepers giving a great Advance in Consideration of a very long Credit, and to be drawn out in *Shop Notes. 1705 DUNTON *Life & Errors* (1818) I. vii. 261, I verily think, without restitution, such *shop-pads cannot be saved. 1838 in *Rep. Comm. Hand-loom Weavers* IV. (1840) 334 The few under-journeymen who..receive from them the full *shop-price for their labour. 1665 NEDHAM *Med. Medicinæ* 89 Nor is it thus only with the *Shop-purgers, but even by the ordinary Diet-Drinks used in Families. *c* 1610 BEAUM. & FL. *Philaster* V. i, May their false lights..discover presses, holes, stains, and oldness in their Stuffs, and make them *shop-rid. 1706 BAYNARD *Cold Baths* IL 267 Swallowing Bolus upon Bolus, together with a Scavengers Cart full of all their other *Shop-slops. 1898 *Cycling* 11 In the fall of the year '*shop-soiled' machines are often to be bought for a couple of pounds or so less than at the beginning of the season. 1881 *Scribner's Monthly* XXII. 864/2 The continual *shop-talk of three passengers opposite. 1692 T. WATSON *Body Divin.* 377 The *Shop-Thief, he steals in selling [etc.]. 1913 *Everyman* 21 Feb. 582/2 The spies and detectives..watch not only for the shop-thief but seek to catch the poor assistant tripping. 1867 *Rep. Paris Univ. Exhib.* (1868) VI. 272 Are there any sources of profit besides the annual dividend? e. g. by *shop tickets or other advantages of a similar kind. 1861 SALA *Dutch Pict.* xv. 235 A sort of *shop-walker, whose duty it was to pace the galleries. 1896 WELLS *Wheels of Chance* ii. 13 The shop-walker brings up parallel to the counter, 1901 *N. Amer. Rev.* Feb. 168 One can get *shop-worn kings for less. 1909 VACHELL *Paladin* 112 Peace with honour..has become slightly shop-worn.

Shop (ʃɒp), *v.* [f. SHOP *sb.*]

1. *trans.* To shut up (a person), to imprison. Of an informer, evidence, etc.: To cause to be imprisoned, to 'get (a person) into trouble'. Also with *up*. Now only *slang* or *dial.*

1583 STOCKER *Civ. Warres Lowe C.* IV. 52 b, [They] onely shopped vp some of the Catholikes within their owne house. 1678 [? WINSTANLEY] *Four for a Penny* 8 A main part of his Office [a bum-bailiff's] is to swear and bluster at their trembling Prisoners, and cry, Confound us, why do we wait? Let's Shop him! 1701 SEDLEY *Grumbler* III. i, He talks like a fool, and was presently shopp'd up. 1771 SMOLLETT *Humph. Cl.* 11 June (1815) 182 He did not at all doubt but that they would find matter enough to shop the evidence himself before the next jail-delivery. 1838 DICKENS *O. Twist* xvi, It was Bartlemy time when I was shopped. 1899 *Tit-Bits* 20 May 150/1 [He] volunteered for a fiver to 'shop' his pals. *refl.* 1548 PATTEN *Exped. Scot.* B viij, Thei had likewise shopt vp themselfes in y^e^ highest of their house.

†**2.** To instal in a shop as a merchant. *nonce-use.*

1652 BENLOWES *Theoph.* x. xx, Where Prideis coacht, Fraud shopt and Taverns drown the Soul.

3. To bring or take (an article) to a shop; to expose for sale in a shop.

1688 HOLME *Armoury* III. iii. 102/2 Shop the Candles, is to hang them by pounds, dozens, two or three on the two ends of a strong staff, and so a Man..brings them to the place where they are to be. 1727 A. HAMILTON *New Acc. E. Ind.* I. xviii. 206 When our Goods are in a Readiness, we send them to the accustomed Place to be shopt. 1890 *Charity Organis. Rev.* Jan. 14, I ask my man whether he will have.. 2s., when he 'shops' the boots [etc.].

4. *intr.* To visit a shop or shops for the purpose of making purchases, or examining the contents.

1764 ZEAL *Seasonable Alarm London* 13 *note*, Ladies are said to go a Shoping, when, in the Forenoon, sick of themselves, they order the Coach, and driving from Shop to Shop [etc.]. 1799 *Monthly Rev.* XXX. 265 Venus and all the little loves, A shopping went for ring and gloves. 1845 DISRAELI *Sybil* VI. iv, I thought Joan was going with you, and that you would be shopping. 1886 C. E. PASCOE *Lond. To-day* xxxii. (ed. 3) 290 Shopping, or making pretence to shop.

5. *trans.* To give (a person) a situation, to give (a person) work.

1855 [BURN] *Autobiog. Beggar-boy* 119, I travelled 1400 miles upon this occasion ere I could obtain work. At last I got shopped in Sherborne, in Dorsetshire. 1867 *All Year Round* 13 July 56/1 There are many men who would regard themselves as ingrates, were they not to celebrate their being 'shopped', after having been out of collar, by a 'spree'.

Shop, obs. form of CHOP *v.*[1]

1591 R. BRUCE *Serm. Edin.* I. B 5, There are verie few that haue their heart free when the Lord shoppeth.

Sho·p-board. [f. SHOP *sb.* + BOARD *sb.*[1]]

1. A counter or table upon which a tradesman's business is transacted or upon which his goods are exposed for sale.

1524–5 *Rec. St. Mary at Hill* 328 Paid for a shopp borde in partriches shopp in Estchepe, vj s viij d. 1602 *2nd Pt. Return fr. Parnass.* I. iii. 345 When all these bookes of Exhortations and Catechismes, lie moulding on thy shop-board. 1705 DUNTON *Life & Errors* (1818) I. vi. 72 He may starve behind his Shop-board, for want of subsistence. 1861 SALA *Dutch Pict.* xxi. 233 On every merchant's shopboard similar heaps..are tumbling out of similar sacks.

2. A table or raised platform upon which tailors sit when sewing.

1589 *Pappe w. Hatchet* in *Lyly's Wks.* (1902) III. 412 One seeing all sortes of his shreddes, would thinke he had robd a taylors shop boord. 1599 DEKKER *Shoemaker's Holiday* IV. ii. (1610) G 1 b, Enter Hodge at his shop boord, Rafe, Firke, Hans, and a boy at worke. 1762 FOOTE *Orators* II. (1780) 46 One day as I was sitting cross-legged on my shop-board,..I felt the spirit within me moving. 1837 HAWTHORNE *Twice-told T., Toll-gatherer's Day*, A dashingly dressed gentleman..from a tailor's shop-board.

3. *attrib.*

a 1658 CLEVELAND *Puritan* iii, With Shop-board Breeding and Intrusion.

Shopful (ʃɒ·pful). [See -FUL.] As much or as many as a shop will hold.

1638 BAKER tr. *Balzac's Lett.* (vol. III) 231, I could wish you would bring me a shopfull. 1901 *Spectator* 12 Oct. 510/2 Ooe 'shopful' of customers may complete their purchases..before another is admitted.

‖ **Shophar** (ʃōʊ·fär). *Jewish ritual.* Also **shofar.** [Heb. שׁוֹפָר *shōphār.*] An ancient Hebrew musical instrument usually made of a curved ram's horn, still used in Jewish religious services.

1864 ENGEL *Mus. Anc. Nat.* 292 The Shophar is..the only Hebrew instrument which has been preserved to the present day in the religious services of the Jews. 1887 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 5 May 11/1 The trumpet—or shophar, as it is technically called—is used in the Jewish ritual on certain festivals 'to call the hearers to repentance'. 1892 ZANGWILL *Childr. Ghetto* I. vii, The minister refused to blow the Shofar three minutes too early.

Sho·pkeeper. [f. SHOP *sb.* + KEEPER.]

1. One who carries on business in a shop.

1530 PALSGR. 267/1 Schoppe kepar. 1626 B. JONSON *Staple of News* I. iii. 44, I say 'tis nobly done, to cherish Shopkeepers, And pay their Bills, without examining thus. 1768 TUCKER *Lt. Nat.* (1834) II. 142 A shopkeeper will never thrive who despises small profits. 1817 J. SCOTT *Paris Revis.* 3 An elderly London shop-keeper.

b. *A nation of shop-keepers*: applied disparagingly to a nation whose chief interest and concern lies in commerce (now often, to England).

Cf. quots. 1766, 1769 s.v. SHOPKEEPING *a.*

1776 ADAM SMITH *W. N.* IV. vii. (1828) III. 41 To found a great empire for the sole purpose of raising up a people of customers, may at first sight appear a project fit only for a nation of shopkeepers.

c. *attrib.*

1776 ADAM SMITH *W. N.* IV. vii. (1828) III. 43 A clause in the famous act of navigation established this truly shopkeeper proposal into a law.

2. *slang.* An article that has remained long in the shop unsold.

1649 G. DANIEL *Trinarch., Hen. V*, cccviii, Blunt Reason, as an vseless Toole they give; Old Shopkeeper, with rusted Conscience! 1764 *Low Life* 76 Petty Booksellers..looking out their imperfect and antient Shopkeepers, that they may expose them to Sale.

Hence **Sho·pkeeperess** *nonce-wd.*, a female shopkeeper. **Sho·pkeeperish** *a.*, having the natnre of a shopkeeper. **Sho·pkeeperism**, the characteristics of shopkeepers as a class. **Sho·pkeepery**, the body of shopkeepers.

1828 MISS MITFORD *Village* III. 55 The whole farmerage and shopkeepery of the place. 1843 CARLYLE *Jrnl.* in Froude *Life Lond.* (1884) I. 331 The boundless element of twaddle, dilettantism, shopkeeperism. 1858 *Chamb. Jrnl.* X. 261 No tight, prim, pale, eager shopkeeperesses. 1858 CLOUGH *Poems*, etc. (1869) I. 120 Extremely shopkeeperish and merchantish.

Sho·pkeeping, *sb.* The keeping of a shop, the business of a shopkeeper.

1631 T. POWELL *Tom of All Trades* 32 Little Skill, Art or Mystery, shall a man learne in Shop-keeping. 1753 *Scots Mag.* Aug. 374/2 If naturalized foreigners should set up shopkeeping. 1847 GROTE *Greece* II. xxxii. IV. 268 He advised Cyrus..to enforce upon them..habits of playing on the harp and shopkeeping. 1912 *19th Cent.* Jan. 61 His Majesty will make his rule in India a real government and not shop-keeping on the largest scale.

Sho·pkeeping, *a.* [f. SHOP *sb.* + *keeping* pr. pple. of KEEP *v.*] Having the characteristics of a shop-keeper; pertaining to a shopkeeper's business.

1622 ROWLANDS *Good N. & Bad N.* 7 Her worship highly scorn'd shop-keeping trade. 1766 J. TUCKER *Four Tracts* III. (1774) 132 A Shop-keeper will never get the more Custom by beating his Customers: and what is true of a Shopkeeper, is true of a Shop-keepiog Nation. 1769 FRANKLIN *Let.* 27 Apr., Wks. 1838 VII. 441 This handicraft, shopkeeping state will, for its own sake, learn to behave more civilly to its customers. 1865 *Sat. Rev.* 7 Oct. 461/2 Nothing less suited than they are to the shopkeeping mind can be imagined.

Sho·pless, *a.* [-LESS.] Destitute of shops.

1888 DRUMMOND *Trop. Africa* 5 This shopless..land.

Sho·plet. [-LET.] A little shop.

1872 S. BUTLER *Erewhon* vii. 54 Even on this ledge of human society there was a stunted growth of shoplets.

†**Shop-lift,** *sb. Obs.* [f. SHOP *sb.* + LIFT *sb.*[2] (sense 6).] = SHOPLIFTER.

1673 R. HEAD *Canting Acad.* 106 *Of the Shop lift.* She is commonly well clad. *Ibid.* 191 The tenth is a Shoplift that carries a Bob, When he ranges the City the Shops for to rob. 1692 *Scarronides* II. 1 How Grecian Shop-lifts.. Brake open honest Trojans doors. 1762 BRIDGES *Hom. Trav.* I. (1797) 297 Thus shoplifts see their brothers taken.

Sho·plifter. [f. SHOP *sb.* + LIFTER.] A person who steals from a shop, a shop-thief.

1680 [KIRKMAN] *Eng. Rogue* IV. xvii. 232 Towards Night these Houses are throng'd with People of all sorts..Shoplifters, Foilers, Bulkers. 1770 BARETTI *Jrnl. Lond. to Genoa* II. xxxiv. 2 A shop-lifter was once hang'd in England. 1881 A. LANG *Library* 47 The papers call lady shoplifters 'Kleptomaniacs'.

Sho·plifting, *vbl. sb.* [f. SHOP *sb.* + LIFTING *vbl. sb.*] The action of stealing from a shop.

1698 *Act* 10 *Will. III*, c. 12 Preamble, The Crime of stealing Goods privately out of Shops and Warehouses, commonly called Shop-lifting. 1850 HT. MARTINEAU *Hist. Peace* (1877) III. 136 A lady was convicted for shop-lifting.

Shopman (ʃɒ·pmăn). [f. SHOP *sb.* + MAN *sb.*]

1. The owner of a shop. Now *rare.*

1591 in W. M. Williams *Ann. Founders' Co.* (1867) 74 Leaden Waits ar and have been used time out of mynd by all Shoppmen and Sellers of smaller Wares. 1860 RUSKIN *Unto this Last* IV. § 76 *note*, He [the consumer] pays, probably, an intermediate ship-owner, velvet merchant, and shopman. 1888 MEREDITH *Stave of Roving Tim* vi, The shopman piles a heap While I perhaps am fasting.

2. An assistant in a shop.

1758 JOHNSON *Idler* No. 15 ¶ 2 My wife, though she could be of as much use as a shopman to me, if she would put her hand to it, is now only in my way. 1828 *Ann. Reg.* 370/2 William Noble, shopman with Mr. Rymer, Portsburgh, knew the prisoner Burke. 1892 [W. H. WHITE] *Mark Rutherford's Deliv.* (ed. 5) 175 A shopman was at the counter. *Comb.* 1826 MISS MITFORD *Village* II. 193 Home I returned,..laden..with huge packages,..papered and packthreaded in shopmanlike style.

Shopocracy (ʃɒpɒ·krăsi). [f. SHOP *sb.*: see -CRACY.] Shopkeepers as a class aspiring to social importance; a wealthy or influential body of shopkeepers. So **Shopocrat** (ʃɒ·pōkræt) [-CRAT], a member of the shopocracy; also *attrib.*

1832 *Poor Man's Guardian* 9 June 419 'The Shopocracy' in the neighbourhood..were somewhat alarmed. *Ibid.* 29 Dec. 658/2 A shopocrat Parliament. 1841 *Blackw. Mag.*

L. 63 We have left behind the regions of the great merchants, and of the shopocrats. 1881 (see TERRITORIALISM 1).

Shopper (ʃɑ·pəɹ). [f. SHOP *v.* + -ER 1.] One who frequents a shop or shops for the purpose of inspecting or buying goods.

1862 *Guardian* 3 Sept. 847/2 It [Paris] is a city not only of pleasure seekers, but of keen and indefatigable shoppers. 1910 ANNIE THORNTON *Leaves Afghan Scrapbk.* 170 This was [Queen] Ulya Hazrat's messenger and chief shopper.

Shoppin, obs. f. CHOPINE.

1663 GERBIER *Counsel* 31 Some Venetian Ladies, must have their Shoppins to stand on.

Shoppiness (ʃɑ·pinės). [f. SHOPPY *a.* + -NESS.]

1. Tendency to talk 'shop'.

1865 *Cornh. Mag.* XI. 492 The followers of literature should be less tainted with the vice of 'shoppiness' than the members of any other profession.

2. Abundance of shops.

1881 MISS BRADDON *Asphodel* xvi. 180 So delighted with Torquay, in its increased towniness and shoppiness.

Shopping (ʃɑ·piŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. SHOP *v.* + -ING 1.] The action of visiting a shop or shops for the purpose of making purchases or of examining the goods exposed for sale.

1764, 1799 (see SHOP *v.* 5). 1782 CHARL. BURNEY in *Mme. D'Arblay's Early Diary* (1889) II. 300 They spent at one shopping £20 in Gauzes two or three years ago! 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* xii, The delightful round of visits and shopping which forms the amusement, or the profession as you may call it, of the rich London lady. 1872 HOWELLS *Wedd. Journ.* (1892) 311 They also had done a little shopping. *attrib.* 1878 *Masque of Poets* 249 She dressed herself to start upon a fashionable shopping-tour. 1885 RUSKIN *Præterita* I. vi. 184 He [the courier] invariably attended the ladies in their shopping expeditions.

Shoppish (ʃɑ·piʃ), *a.* [SHOP *sb.* + -ISH.] Characteristic of persons connected with a shop; also = SHOPPY *a.* 1.

1815 *Sporting Mag.* XLVI. 122 To use a shoppish simile. 1860 *Leader* 25 July, This piece of revenge was about as shoppish an act as ever any shopkeeper..could be capable of.

Hence **Sho·ppishness,** professionalism.

1882 *Fraser's Mag.* XXV. 533 His profession stamped upon every movement, yet without the least nautical assumption or 'shoppishness'.

Sho·ppism. *nonce-wd.* [f. SHOP *sb.* + -ISM.] 'Shoppy' talk and behaviour; professionalism.

1872 J. H. NEWMAN in W. Ward *Life* (1912) II. 387, I have a great dislike of this shoppism personally.

Shoppy (ʃɑ·pi), *a.* [f. SHOP *sb.* + -Y 1.]

1. Of the nature of 'shop' or professional concerns or conversation.

1840 HALIBURTON *Letter Bag* i. 4 Still my attentinn was riveted (I fear that word is shoppy). 1900 *Macm. Mag.* Jan. 222 A novel of clerical life written by a clergyman is apt to be what is vulgarly called shoppy.

2. Characterized by having a number of shops, forming a centre for business.

1851 MAYHEW *Lond. Labour* I. 292/1 Thoroughfares which are well-frequented, but which..are not so 'shoppy' as others. 1892 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 6 Oct. 1/2 The innumerable shades of colour in all the drapers' windows make the 'shoppy' part of town more fascinating than usual.

3. Belonging to retail trade.

1854 MRS. GASKELL *North & South* ii, I don't like shoppy people. 1890 HATTON *By order of Czar* (1891) 388 Critics in the press..who characterize both his manner and his work [paintings] as commercial and shoppy.

Shop-window.

1. A window of a shop, in which goods are displayed for sale.

*c*1447–8 *Shillingford Lett.* (Camden) 85 Yn the whiche walle buth diverse shoppez wyndowes of olde tyme hadde. 1531–2 *Rec. St. Mary at Hill* 359 For xvj staples to the shope windowes ij s viij d. 1632 in E. B. Jupp *Carpenters' Co.* (1887) 296 All Sorts of Shopp Windows that are made for ornament or beautie. 1798 JANE AUSTEN *Northang. Abb.* vi, I saw the prettiest hat you can imagine, in a shop-window. 1863 J. MACGREGOR in Lady Fr. Balfour *Life* (1912) 132 As plainly as you see those men in some shop-windows in Glasgow go through the mysteries of hat-making.

b. *transf.* In the phrases: *To open* or *shut (one's) shop-window,* to begin or close the business of the day; also, to begin or give up business.

1477 in *Eng. Gilds* (1870) 304 Whereupon fell and folowed greate trobles and enemitie: for some were disfraunchised, some imprysoned, some theire shop windows shutt downe. 1529 *Barber-Surg. Draft Rules* § 13 in *Vicary's Anat.* (1888) 254 That no persone..presume to opyn his Shoppe wyndowes before he hath presented hymself to & before the Maysters or Gouerners of the sayde Mystere for the tyme beyng. 1646–7 *Nottingham Rec.* V. 248 The shopp windowes of all persons that trade in this Towne whoe are not sworn burgesses shalbee forthwith shutt vpp. 1661 HICKERINGILL *Jamaica* 80 It never makes him sell his land, nor shut Shop-windows up.

2. *transf.* and *fig.* A display of anything, resembling the display of goods by a tradesman, intended to catch the attention.

1905 *Times Lit. Suppl.* 31 Mar., This..may surprise some who have seen the shop-window of American education, and have not looked behind it.

†Sho·rage. *Obs.* Also (in Dicts.) **shoreage.** [f. SHORE *sb.*1 + -AGE. (Perh. formed by Cotgrave as a rendering of *rivage.*)] (See quot. 1611.)

1611 COTGR. s. v. *Droict, Droict de Rivage,* Shorage, or Boatage; the Custome, or Toll for wine, or other wares, put vpon, or brought from, the water, by boats. 1706 PHILLIPS (ed. Kersey), *Shorage,* a Duty paid for Goods brought on Shore. [So in later Dicts.]

Shorde, obs. form of SWORD.

Shore (ʃōəɹ), *sb.*1 Forms: 4–7 **schore,** 5 **schor,** 5–7 *Sc.* **schoir,** 6 **shawre,** *Sc.* **schoyr,** 6–7 **shoare,** *Sc.* **shoir,** 6–8 **shoar,** (7 **shoore**), 5– **shore.** [ME. *schore* a. or cogn. w. MLG. *schore, schare* shore, late MDu. *schore, schor,* also *schaer* shore, sea-marsh, mod.Du. *schoor* masc., *schor, schorre* fem., land washed by the sea, sea-marsh.

Prob. f. the root of SHEAR *v.,* but the etymological notion is not easy to determine; it may perh. be 'division' (between land and water). The OE. *scoren clif* 'shorn cliff', precipice, commonly cited as illustrative of the etymology, seems hardly relevant, as the LG. and Du. equivalents of *shore* are applied only to low-lying shores.]

1. The land bordering on the sea or a large lake or river. Often in a restricted sense more or less coinciding with the legal definition (see b).

13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* A. 230 On wyþer half water com doun þe schore. 13.. *Gaw. & Gr. Knt.* 2083 Brokez byled, & breke, bi bonkkez aboute, Schyre schaterande on schorez. *c*1470 HENRY *Wallace* x. 797 Thai saylyt furth by part off Ingland schor. *c* 1489 CAXTON *Blanchardyn* xxvi. 97 Where as the sayd mast and Blanchardyn vpon it was cast of the wawes vnto the shores. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* VII. iii. 7 At the schoyr, wndir a gresy bank, Thair navy can thai ankir fast and hank. 1582 N. T. (Rhem.) *Acts* xxvii. 39 They spied a certaine creeke that had a shore [Vulg. *litus*]. 1591 SPENSER *Vis. Worlds Vanitie* 29 Beside the fruitfull shore of muddie Nile. *c* 1600 SHAKS. *Sonn.* lx. 1 Like as the waues towards the pibled shore. 1601 — *Jul. C.* I. ii. 101 The troubled Tyber chafing with her Shores. 1670 MILTON *Hist. Eng.* VI. 272 Canute..caus'd his Royal Seat to be set on the shoar, while the Tide was coming in. 1703 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 3955/4 A Piece of Ground of about 40 Acres in Fulham Parish, and lies upon a clean Gravelly Shore. 1797–1805 S. & HT. LEE *Canterb. T.* I. 349 The sharp promontories and rocky shores of Greece. 1821 SCOTT *Pirate* xxv, As he entered the little bay, on the shore and almost on the beach of which the ruins are situated. 1856 EMERSON *Eng. Traits* ii. Wks. (Bohn) II. 14 There lay the green shore of Ireland, like some coast of plenty. 1876 *Nature* 7 Dec. 128/1 On the Swiss shore of the Rhine.

b. In *Law* usually defined as the tract lying between ordinary high and low water mark. But see quots.

1622 CALLIS *Stat. Sewers* (1647) 221, I then landed at the shore, which in definition containeth those grounds which extend from the lowest Ebb to the highest Flood. *a* 1676 HALE *De Jure Maris* I. iv. (1787) 12 The shore is that ground that is between the ordinary high-water and low-water mark. This doth *primâ facie* and of common right belong to the king. *Ibid.* I. vi. 25 There seem to be three sorts of shoars, or *littora marina,* according to the various tides, viz. (1st.) The high spring tides...(2d.) The spring tides...(3d.) Ordinary tides or nepe tides. 1856 BOUVIER *Amer. Law Dict.* (ed. 6) s. v., Land on the side of the sea, a lake, or a river, is called the shore. Strictly speaking, however, when the water does not ebb and flow, in a river, there is no shore.

c. In vague or rhetorical use (*sing.* or *pl.*): A sea-coast or the country which it bounds.

1611 SHAKS. *Wint. T.* v. i. 164 My best Traine I haue from your Sicilian Shores dismiss'd. 1691 TATE & *Petty's Pol. Anat.* Ded., Ynu have since accompanied our Royal Master to other Shores. 1796 MORSE *Amer. Univ. Geog.* II. 546 Their religion seems to forbid them [*sc.* Hindoos] to quit their own shores. 1820 BYRON *Juan* III. lxxxvi. ii, The Scian and the Teian muse,..Have found the fame your shores refuse. 1871 R. ELLIS *Catullus* lxviii. 97 Now on a distant shore, no kind mortality near him.

d. *transf.* and *fig.*

1599 SHAKS. *Hen. V,* IV. i. 282 The Tyde of Pompe, That beates vpon the high shore of this World. 1603 — *Meas. for M.* III. ii. 266, I haue labour'd for the poore Gentleman, to the extremest shore of my modestie. *a* 1639 WOTTON *Surv. Educ.* Introd. *Relig.* (1651) 317 But before I launch from the shoars, let me resolve a main question which may be cast in my way. 1742 BLAIR *Grave* 709 Thrice welcome Death! That..lands us safe On the long-wish'd for Shore. 1814 WORDSW. *Excurs.* VII. 28 Deposited upon the silent shore Of memory. 1871 MORLEY *Voltaire* (1886) 10 The full flood on which the race is borne to new shores.

†e. *Common shore*: app. = 'shore' simply. (Cf. SHORE *sb.*4) *Obs.*

a 1568 ASCHAM *Scholem.* II. (Arb.) 152 As one caried in a small low vessell him selfe verie nie the common shore, not much vnlike the fisher men of Rye [etc.].

f. *dial.* The edge of a ditch.

1602 *Peramb. Great Park of Fastern* in *Wilts. Gloss.,* A Mearstone lyinge within the Shoore of the Dyche. 1879 JEFFERIES *Amateur Poacher* (1903) 235 A large hawthorne bush growing on the 'shore' of the ditch.

2. In prepositional phrases without article, as *on shore,* on the shore, ashore, on land (indicating either position or direction); *in shore,* near or nearer to the shore (from the water).

In the first quot. *upon shore* seems to be used for 'on the ground'.

13.. *Gaw. & Gr. Knt.* 2332 The haþel heldet hym fro, & on his ax rested, Sette þe schaft vpon schore, & to þe scharp lened. 1585 T. WASHINGTON tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* I. ii, [We] returned on shore certaine vnfit eaters. 1590 SHAKS. *Com. Err.* III. ii. 153 If the winde blow any way from shore. 1599 — *Much Ado* II. iii. 66 One foote in Sea, and one on shore. 1611 BIBLE *Matt.* xiii. 48 Which, when it was full, they drew to shore. — *Acts.* xxvii. 40 They..made toward shore. 1719 DE FOE *Crusoe* I. (Globe) 23 Resolving to swim on Shore as soon as it was dark. 1835 SIR J. ROSS *Narr. 2nd Voy.* xi. 173 Part of the crew was sent on shore for exercise. 1836 MARRYAT *Midsh. Easy* xxxviii, Steer in shore of them.

3. *Sc.* A part of the sea-shore built up as a place for lading and landing; a landing-place.

1512 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* IV. 292 Item, to the said James, for kepin of the schoir of Dunde in the custumez, v li. 1603 *Stirling Burgh Rec.* (1887) I. 104 The grete decay of thair shoir and heavin upon the watter of Forthe. 1603 *Reg. Mag. Sig. Scot.* 515/1 Radum et stationem de Leyth, cum propugnaculis (the peiris, schoiris and bulwarkis) ejusdem. 1747 in *Nairne Peerage Evid.* (1874) 151 The..peir and shore of Leith. 1836 *Brit. Cycl., Nat. Hist.* II. 737/2 Any one who chose to go to the shore, meaning thereby the harbour of Crail.

b. *local.* A place at the side of a river built for a special purpose (see quot.).

1649 W. G. *Surv. Newcastle* 28 There is many Ballist shoares made below the water, on both sides of the river. *Ibid.* 29 Below East is many shores built for casting of Ballist out of Ships.

4. = *Shore wainscot*: see 5 b.

1832 J. RENNIE *Butterfl. & Moths* 87 The Shore (*Leucania littoralis,* Stephens) appears on the sea coast.

5. *attrib.* and *Comb.,* as *shore-cliff, -fishing, -ice, -sands, -water*; **shore-anchor** (see quot.); **shore-boat,** a small boat plying near the shore, or between the shore and large vessels farther out; †**shore-creeper,** one who sails close in to shore; **shore-due** *Sc.,* a toll paid for making use of a 'shore' or port; a harbour-dne; **shore-end,** †(*a*) the end of a 'shore' or landing-place; (*b*) that end of a rope, net, etc., which is on the shore or nearest the shore; **shore-fast** *Naut.* (see quot.); **shore-fowler, -fowling** = *shore-shooter, -shooting*; **shore-grape** = SEA-GRAPE 4; **shore-grass,** a grass, or grass-like plant, growing on the shore; *spec.* = *shore-weed*; **shore-gun,** a gun for shore-shooting; **shore-gunner, -gunning** = *shore-shooter, -shooting*; **shore-land,** land bordering on a shore; **shore-levy** *Sc.,* a duty on ships entering a harbour; **shore-line,** (*a*) the line where shore and water meet; (*b*) = *shore-rope*; †**shore-mail** *Sc.* = *shore-due* (see MAIL *sb.*2); **shore-master** *Sc.,* a harbour-master; **shore-oil,** the finest kind of cod-liver oil (see quot.); **shore-popper,** used contemptuously for *shore-shooter*; **shore-reef** = *fringing reef*: see FRINGING *ppl. a.*; **shore-rope,** a rope connecting a net with the shore; **shore-shooter,** one who shoots birds on the shore; **shore-shooting,** the sport of shooting birds on the shore (as distinguished from punt-shooting); †**shore-silver** *Sc.* = *shore-due*; **shore-weed,** a weed growing on the shore; spec. *Littorella lacustris*; **shore-whaling,** whale-fishing near the shore in open boats.

1867 SMYTH *Sailor's Word-bk.,* **Shore-anchor,* that which lies between the shore and the ship when moored. 1829 MARRYAT *F. Mildmay* xi, No *shore-boat was near. 1886 STEVENSON *Treas. Isl.* ix, The last man or two came aff in a shore-boat. 1838 LONGF. *Beowulf's Exped. Heorl* 67 So that the sailors The land saw, The *shore-cliffs [*Beowulf* 222 brimclifu] shining. 1859 TENNYSON *Enid* 1013 The long shore-cliff's windy walls. 1599 NASHE *Lenten Stuffe* 29 Discrediting our countrymen for *shorecreepers, like these Colchester oystermen. 1692 in *Extracts Rec. Convent. Burghs Scot.* (1880) IV. 565 *Shoar dewes at Leith 7,700 marks. 1577–87 HOLINSHED *Chron.* III. 1224/1 At the blacke *shore end, before the said flond, no bote could passe further than the shore end. 1865 BERTRAM *Harvest of Sea* 160 The shore-end [of the cord] is generally anchored to a stone. 1900 *Law Rep.* App. Cases 415 At the point where the water is shallow, the shore-end of the net is generally a good way out, perhaps 300 to 400 yards. 1867 SMYTH *Sailor's Word-bk.,* **Shore-fast,* a hawser carried out to secure a vessel to a quay, mole, or anchor buried on shore. 1865 WILCOCKS *Sea-Fisherman* 20 *Shore Fishing.—Fishing from shore with rod and line from the following spots. 1882 PAYNE-GALLWEY *Fowler in Irel.* 348 *Shore-fowlers. 1841 J. T. HEWLETT *Parish Clerk* I. 263 They had gone down to *shore-fowling the night before. 1871 KINGSLEY *At Last* xi, The *Shore-grapes with their green hunches of fruit. 1863 PATON *Plant-n.,* **Shore-grass,* or Shore-weed. 1893 *Scribner's Mag.* June 796/1 Covered with the long pendent shore-grass. 1841 J. T. HEWLETT *Parish Clerk* I. 262 He should go and get Davy's *shore-gun. 1859 FOLKARD *Wild-Fowler* liv. 285 Punters have, generally, a great antipathy to *shore-gunners. *Ibid.* 287 He intended having a night's punting at Ted's expense, by way of change from *shore-gunning. 1856 KANE *Arctic Explor.* I. vi. 56 The absence of *shore or land ice to the south in Baffin's Bay. 1807 J. BARLOW *Columbiad* II. 178 Migrant tribes these fruitful *shorelands hail. 1862 R. H. STORY *Life R. Story* iii. 61 The hill lying behind the level shorelands of Rosneath. 1593 in *Extracts Rec. Convent. Burghs Scot.* (1870) I. 406 The..supplicatioun ..for licence to haue ane impoist and *schoir leiwe within thair harbery..of all schippis arryueand to and fra the samyn. 1852 HENFREY *Veget. Europe* 187 The *shore-line along the edge of the hilly ridges. 1866 LOWELL *Seward-Johnson Reaction* Writ. 1890 V. 299 The levels and shore-lines of politics are no more stationary than those of continents. 1900 *Law Rep.* App. Cas. 409 When the coble has paid out the net in the usual way, it curves down the stream, and the Bermoney boat begins to haul down the shore-line. The man moves the boat down hand over hand. In that way the shore-rope is taken down. 1603 *Stirling Burgh Rec.* (1887) I. 104 Tun penneis of *schoir maill [to be paid]. 1619 in *Compt Bk. D. Wedderburne,* etc. (S.H.S.) 302 Androw painter *schoir maister. 1833 CUNNINGHAM *Lives Painters* VI. 21 David Allan..was born ..at Alloa,..where his father held the situation of shore-master. 1875 H. C. WOOD *Therap.* (1879) 407 In the manufacture of the so-called *shore oil, the only variety usually employed in medicine, the fish caught near land are brought at once to the shore, and the nil is obtained from the fresh livers. 1826 COL. HAWKER *Diary* (1893) I. 291 Spoiled by

some rascally *shore popper. 1886 Payne-Gallwey *Shooting* (Badm. Libr.) II. 225 A shore-shooter—or 'shore-popper', as he is rather contemptuously called by the punter. 1842 Darwin *Coral Reefs* iii. 51 Fringing reefs, or, as they have been called by some voyagers, *shore reefs. 1900 *Shore-rope (see *shore-line*). 1626 Bacon *Sylva* § 613 The Ancients report of a Tree, by the Persian Sea, vpon the *Shore-Sands, which is nourished with the Salt-Water. 1880 'Wildfowler' *Mod. Wildfowling* 422 It must not be imagined that the *shore shooter bags only shore birds. 1876 — *Shooting & Fishing Trips* II. 259 *Shore-shooting, Fresh-water Angling, and Sea-fishing near Yarmouth. 1589 in *Extracts Rec. Convent. Burghs Scot.* (1870) I. 299 Sic dewty of *schoir syluer sall..be vplifted att thair particular poirttis of sic gudes as salbe..transported furth thairof. 1856 Kane *Arctic Explor.* II. xiii. 134 They are still found in groups..disporting in the leads and *shore-water. 1796 Withering *Brit. Plants* (ed. 3) II. 195 *Littorella*..Plantain *Shoreweed. 1871 R. Ellis *Catullus* lxiv. 60 From amid shore-weeds [*ex alga*]. 1852 Mundy *Antipodes* 104 What is called *shore-whaling, in contradistinction to deep sea-fishing.

b. with names of animals: **shore-beetle**, a beetle of the family *Pimeliidæ*; **shore-bird**, a bird that frequents the sea-shore or estuaries; *spec.* the sand-martin, *Cotile riparia*; **shore-crab**, the common small crab, *Carcinus mænas*; **shore finch** (see quot.); **shore-fish**, a general name for fish whose habitat is near the shore; **shore-hopper, -jumper**, a small crustacean of the genus *Orchestia*; **shore lark**, *Otocorys* (formerly *Alauda*) *alpestris*; **shore pipit**, the rock pipit, *Anthus obscurus*; **shore sandpiper**, the ruff, *Machetes pugnax*; **shore snipe**, (*a*) the common sandpiper, *Totanus hypoleucus* (Swainson *Names of Birds*); (*b*) *U.S.* the grey plover, *Squatarola helvetica*; **shore swallow**, the sand-martin, *Cotile riparia*; **shore wainscot**, a night-moth, *Leucania littoralis*, found among sandhills.

1854 A. Adams, etc. *Man. Nat. Hist.* 195 Burrowing *Shore-Beetles (Pimeliidæ). *a* 1672 Willughby *Ornith.* (1676) 156 *Hirundo riparia* Aldrov. The Sand-Martin or *Shore-bird. 1888 [see *shore-snipe*]. 1850 A. White *List Specim. Crustacea Brit. Mus.* 12 *Carcinus Mænas*. Common *Shore-Crab. 1869–73 T. R. Jones *Cassell's Bk. Birds* I. 184 The *Shore Finches (*Ammodromus*) are likewise included in the family of Bunting Finches. 1802 Bingley *Anim. Biog.* (1805) II. 249 [The raven] eats *shore-fish, and shell-fish. 1880 Günther *Study of Fishes* xix. 260 The Shore-fishes of the extremity of Africa. 1863 Wood *Illustr. Nat. Hist.* III. 623 The *Shore-hopper (*Orchestia littorea*) is also plentiful on sandy coasts. 1850 A. White *List Specim. Crustacea Brit. Mus.* 48 *Orchestia littorea*. The common *Shore-Jumper. 1771 J. R. Forstea *Catal. Anim. N. Amer.* 12 *Shore Lark. *Alauda alpestris*. 1893 Newton *Dict. Birds* 512 The Shore-Lark is in Europe a native of only the extreme north. 1839 Macgillivray *Brit. Birds* II. 194 *Anthus aquaticus*. The *Shore Pipit. 1785 Pennant *Arctic Zool.* II. 481 *Shore Sandpiper. *Tringa Littorea*. 1888 Trumbull *Names of Birds* 191 *note*, The term 'shore-birds' ..means such species as the curlews, plovers, sandpipers, &c.' ..On Long Island, and in its vicinity, 'bay snipe' and '*shore snipe'. 1869–73 T. R. Jones *Cassell's Bk. Birds* II. 111 The Mountain or *Shore Swallows (*Cotyle*). 1869 E. Newman *Brit. Moths* 263 The *Shore Wainscot (*Leucania littoralis*).

†Shore, *sb.*[2] *Sc. Obs.* Forms: 4–5 schor, schoyr(e, schoire, 4–6 schore, schoir, (7 showre). [Related to Shore *v.*[2]] Menace, threatening.

c 1375 Barbour *Bruce* vi. 621 The fif..Com vith gret schoyr and mannasyng. *c* 1470 Henryson *Mor. Fab.* xii. *Wolf & Lamb* vi, Swa thy father before Held me at bait, baith with boist and schore. 1513 Douglas *Æneis* xl Prol. 105 Stand at defens, and schrenk nocht for a schore. 1535 Stewart *Cron. Scot.* (Rolls) II. 10 This Victoryn thame manassit with grit schoir. 1567 *Gude & Godlie B.* (S.T.S.) 60 For weill, for wo, for boist, or zit for schoir, Quhair I am set, I sall lufe euer moir. *c* 1650 *Eger & Grime* in *Percy Fol. MS.* (1867) I. 375 Alas, he may make great boast and showre.

Shore (ʃōəɹ), *sb.*[3] Forms: 5–6 schore, 6–7 shoare, 7–9 shoar, 9 *dial.* shoor, 5– shore. [Late ME. *schore*, a. or cogn. w. MLG., MDu. *schōre*, *schāre* (Du. *schoor* masc.) prop, stay; cf. ON. *skorða* (Norw. *skorda*, *skor*) of the same meaning. The ulterior etymology is obscure.]

1. A piece of timber or iron set obliquely against the side of a building, of a ship in dock, etc., as a support when it is in danger of falling or when undergoing alteration or repair; a prop or strut.

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 448/1 Schore, undur settynge of a thynge þat wolde falle,..*suppositorium*. *c* 1450 *Brut* 577 And after, vndermynet þe walles and þe toures, and sette shores vndernethe, And after, sette þe same shores on fyre, and brent hem. 1496 *Naval Acc. Hen. VII* (1896) 175 Certayn shorys occupied abought the shoryng of the Soueraigne leing in the dokke. 1587 Fleming *Contn. Holinshed* III. 1545/2 They were faine to susteine the tide thereof with shores. *a* 1647 Petie in *Archæologia* XII. 242 To take the dimensions of the ship, to deface the works by striking aside the shores. 1719 De Foe *Crusoe* I. (Globe) 75, I..got two Shores or Posts, pitch'd upright to the Top. 1748 *Anson's Voy.* III. v. 341 The mast itself is supported by the shore and by the shrowd. 1823 P. Nicholson *Pract. Builder* 593 *Shoar*, an oblique prop, acting as a brace upon the side of a building. 1848 Arnould *Mar. Insur.* III. ii. II. 798 The tide..knocked away the shores which supported the ship. 1882 C. H. Stock *Shoring & Underpinning* 3 The ordinary use of raking shores.

b. *fig.* (Now *rare*; common in the 16th c.)

1534 Jove (*title*) The subuersion of Moris false foundation; wher vpon he sweteth to set faste and shoue vnder his shamles shoris, to vnderproppe the popis chirche. 1580 Fulke *Dang. Rock* v. 214 Peter the Apostle is a rocke and a shoare of the Churche. 1603 Knolles *Hist. Turks* (1621) 1127 The true shoares of the unstable wheele of fortune. 1831 Carlyle *Sart. Res.* III. i, He too stands on the adamantine basis of his Manhood, casting aside all props and shoars.

2. A prop or stake used for various purposes.

1601 Holland *Pliny* xvii. xxii. I. 530 As touching props and shores to support vines, the best..are those of the Oke or Olive tree. 1672 Hoole *Comenius' Vis. World* liii. 109 The Hunter hunteth wild-beasts, whilest he besetteth a Wood with Toyls, stretched out upon Shoars. 1808 Jamieson, *Shore*, the prop or support used in constructing *flakes* for inclosing cattle. 1847 Halliwell, *Shoars*, stakes set at a distance to shoar or bear up toils or nets in hunting. *Ibid.*, *Shore*, a post used with hurdles in folding sheep. *Dorset.*

†3. A slope. *Obs. rare.*

1546 J. Heywood *Prov.* II. ii. (1867) 47 Ye leane (quoth he) to the wrong shore. 1681 Cotton *Wond. Peak* 61 Where once again the Roof does sloping rise In a steep craggy, and a lubrick shoar.

4. *attrib.*

1867 Smyth *Sailor's Word-bk.*, *Shore-cleats*, heavy cleats bolted on to the sides of vessels to support the shore-head, and sustain the ship upright.

Shore (ʃōəɹ), *sb.*[4] Also 7 shower, shoare, 7–8 shoar. [Usually regarded as a variant of Sewer *sb.*[1], but probably a use of Shore *sb.*[1]; 'the common shore' being originally the 'no-man's-land' by the water-side, where filth was allowed to be deposited for the tide to wash away. Cf. the use of *common shore* in Shore *sb.*[1] 1 e; also Shore *sb.*[1] 3 b.] = Sewer *sb.*[1] 2. Orig. in *common shore* = common sewer; see Sewer *sb.*[1] 2.

1598 Florio, *Fogna*,..a common shore iakes or sinke. 1608 Shaks. *Per.* IV. vi. 186 Emptie olde receptacles, or common-shores of filthe. 1612 Daborne *Christian turn'd Turke* F 4 b, Here's a vault leads to the common shower. *a* 1667 Skinner *Etymol. Ling. Angl.* (1671) s. v., The common Shore, *corruptum pro* common Sewer. 1687 Dryden *Hind & P.* II. 558 Our sayling Ships like common shoars we use. 1705 Addison *Italy* (1733) 196, I need not mention the old common-shore of Rome. 1708 *Brit. Apollo* No. 25. 3/2 The Shores..stink..When foul Weather does come. 1792 A. Young *Trav. France* 262 What, in point of beauty, has London to do with the Thames..any more than with Fleet-ditch, buried as it is, a common shore? 1818 *Blackw. Mag.* May 202/1 Her Luckenbooths now choak the common shore. 1884 *Irish Times* 28 Nov., The fox..was..dug out..seventeen yards from the mouth of the shore.

b. *transf.* and *fig.*

a 1642 Gataker *Bale* in Fuller *Abel Rediv.* (1867) II. 260 Lo, here the man that stirred Rome's common shore. 1692 South 12 *Serm.* (1697) I. 512 The Ungratefull person is a Monster which is all Throat and Belly; a kind of thoroughfare, or common-shore, for the good things of the world to pass into. 1705 Hickeringill *Priest-cr.* II. v. 51 After the Pope had call'd her all to naught..the common shore of all Wickedness, and the sink of Perdition. 1733 Cheyne *Eng. Malady* II. vii. § 2 (1734) 186 Carries it into the Guts (the common Shore, to be thence carry'd out of the Habit).

c. *attrib.*, as *shore-man*, *-worker*.

1851 Mayhew *Lond. Labour* II. 150/2 The persons who are in the habit of searching the sewers, call themselves 'shore-men' or 'shore-workers'. *Ibid.* 151/2 The shore-workers, when about to enter the sewers, provide themselves..with a canvas apron [etc.].

†Shore, *a.* Chiefly *Sc. Obs.* Also 4, 5 schore, 6 schoir. [Possibly repr. OE. *scoren* (pa. pple. of *sceran* Shear *v.*) in *scoren clif* precipice. More prob. a derivative from the same root, corresp. to Du. *schor* (WFris. *skor*, *skoar*, NFris. *schōr*, *skor*) harsh, rough, steep; cf. also OHG. *scorro* (MHG. *schorre*) rugged rock.] Steep, precipitous; rugged.

1375 Barbour *Bruce* x. 22 A schoir crag, hye ande hydwouss. 14.. *Sailing Directions* (Hakl. Soc. 1889) 16 The groundes on the southir side lyen ferr oute, and arne shore too, for ye may come no nere them than vii fadome. 1513 Douglas *Æneis* I. iv. 15 In ane braid sownd..Flowis the schoir deip. *a* 1585 Montgomerie *Cherrie & Slae* 314 The craig was high and schoir.

Shore (ʃōəɹ), *v.*[1] Also 4 ssore, schore, 7 shoar(e. [f. Shore *sb.*[3] (which, however, is not recorded so early). Cf. (MLG., (M)Du. *schoren.*)]

1. *trans.* To prop, support with a prop. Also (now *rarely*) *fig.* Often with *up*.

1340 *Ayenb.* 207 Holy bene is wel mi3[t]vol avoreye God, vor hi is yssored mid uour þinges ase mid uour posstes. [1393 Langl. *P. Pl. C.* xix. 47 Ne were hit vnder-shored certes hit sholde nat stande.] 1534 Berners *Gold. Bk. M. Aurel.* (1546) Cc vij b, If that the house begin to falle, shore and staie it not with pieces of sclender tymbre. *a* 1548 Hall *Chron., Hen. VII*, 34 b, The Easterlynges..so strongly shored and fortefied them selves that they could not prevayle. 1581 Mulcaster *Positions* xxxvii. (1887) 142 Learning hath some strength to shore vp the person. 1633 P. Fletcher *Purple Isl.* xi. xxxi, As when a hunted Stag, now welnigh tir'd, Shor'd by an oak, 'gins with his head to play. 1663 Gerbier *Counsel* 29 To shoare the middle part of the head of the Windowes. 1680 C. Nesse *Church Hist.* 340 Christ might stand upon his own legs onely, and not be any longer shored up by the Baptist. 1773 Berridge *Wks.* (1864) 78 The second..would fall to pieces, unless shored up by sincere obedience. 1792 G. Cartwright *Jrnl. Labrador* I. Gloss. p. xiv, *Shore up a Boat.* When a boat is placed upon the blocks, and set upright, several shores are placed on each side; to prevent its falling either to one side or the other. 1841 *Peter Parley's Ann.* II. 48 He would have..shored up the sea-wall as usual. 1884 Stevenson *Across the Plains* (1892) 135 The old inn, long shored and trussed and buttressed.

†2. To lift up, raise (the eyes). *Obs.*

1579 Fulke *Heskins' Parl.* 128 Wee may well bid him shore vp his eyes, & see. 1607 Middleton *Fam. Love* III. iii, Shore up your eyes, and lead the way to the goodliest people that ever turned up the white o' th' eye. 1617 Collins *Def. Bp. Ely* II. x. 421 Therfore shore vp your eyes, good Mr. Adioynder.

†3. *intr.* To lean, slope, shelve. *Obs.*

1521 Fisher *Serm. agst. Luther* Wks. 1876 323 The sonne [in winter] shooreth so lowe by the grounde that his bemes thanne sklaunteth vpon the grounde. 1555 Watreman *Fardle Facions* I. iii. 34 Afrike..is shorter than Europe, but broader toward the Occean, where it riseth into mounteigne. And shoryng toward the Weste, by litle and litle waxeth more streighte. 1610 Markham *Masterp.* II. xlix. 293 The horse will..stand shoaring or leaning alwaies on that side that he is hurt. 1611 Speed *Theat. Gt. Brit.* II. xiii. 121 That side of the Country vpward, that lieth shoaring vnto the top. 1621 Markham *Hungert Prevent.* 224 These Lime-roddes must hee prickt sloapewise and crosse, shoaring alongst the ground.

Shore, *v.*[2] *Sc.* and *north.* Forms: 4–6 schoir, 5–6 schore, 6– shore. [Belongs to Shore *sb.*[2]; of obscure origin; perh. cogn. w. Shore *a.*]

1. *trans.* To threaten. Also *absol.* or *intr.* to use threatenings.

c 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xlii. (*Agatha*) 58 Syne vthir tyme þai wald hir schore vith visage bald. *c* 1400 *Apol. Loll.* 85 His forbeding to worschip hem is opunly found: & many veniaunces are schorid to her worschipars. *c* 1475 *Rauf Coilyear* 733 Than the Coilyear quoke..Quhen he hard the suith say how he the king schord. *a* 1500–20 Dunbar *Poems* xiv. 36 This to correct, thay schoir with mony crakkis. 1516 *Caldwell Papers* (Maitland Club) I. 53 Ye and your foresaidis..come furth..and wth greit manissing wordis, schoiring [*printed* schowing] ye said Johne and his servand ..for to slay them perforce. 1597 Montgomerie *Misc. Poems* xv. 65 Thy absence also shores To cut my breath. 1638 R. Baillie *Lett. & Jrnls.* (Bannatyne Club) I. 51 The wives railed, and shord him with stones, and were some of them punished. *Ibid.* 76 A number of women waits on, and did shoare him with stroakes. ?1721 Ramsay *Robt. Richy, & Sandy* 134 Yon sooty Cloud shores Rain. 1786 Burns *To Gavin Hamilton* 3 May, Ye'll catechise him every quirk, An' shore him weel wi' hell. 1891 'H. Haliburton' *Ochil Idylls* 66 The freits that were begun To shore us ill.

2. To offer. (Cf. similar dialectal use of *threaten*: see *Eng. Dial. Dict.*)

1787 Burns *Petition Bruar Water* 22 A panegyric rhyme, ..Even as I was he shor'd me. 1832–53 *Whistle-binkie* Ser. III. 21 A compliment kindly and decently shored.

†Shore, *v.*[3] *Obs.* [App. a variant of Scour *v.*[2] If the source of *scour* be MDu. or MLG. *schūren*, the variation in the initial may be due to dialectal difference of pronunciation of the continental word. For the vowel cf. the form *score* under Scour *v.*[2]]

trans. To scour or cleanse by rubbing.

c 1460 *Promp. Parv.* (Winch.) 192 Glacyng, or shoryng of harneys, *pernitidacio*. 1531 *Luton Trinity Guild* (1906) 201 Payde to Edwarde Treket for shorynge of the candylstykes. 1564 in *Brit. Mag.* (1834) VI. 148 It'm pd for shoreinge the egoll, vj[d].

Shore (ʃōəɹ), *v.*[4] [f. Shore *sb.*[1]]

1. *intr.* To go ashore. Of a vessel: To run aground.

a 1600 Jane in Hakluyt *Voy.* III. 848 The ship..shot past that rocke, where wee thought shee would have shored. 1645 Rutherford *Tryal & Tri. Faith* (1845) 43 They think they are sailing to heaven, and know nothing till they shore, sleeping in the land of death.

2. *trans.* To put ashore; to land (passengers or goods); to beach, run aground (a vessel).

1611 Snaks. *Wint. T.* IV. iv. 869, I will bring these two Moales, these blind-ones, aboord him, if he thinke it fit to shoare them againe..let him [etc.]. 1611 Chapman *Odyss.* XVI. 98 Set him where his heart would haue bene shor'd. 1859 Sala *Tw. round Clock* (1861) 18 Two pence per draft is paid for shoreing or landing the fish from the vessels. 1899 J. Spence *Shetland Folk-Lore* 126 The boat was temporarily shored on the beach.

3. To border as a shore, be the shore of.

1832 J. Bree *St. Herbert's Isle* 2 A little garden..Just shored the river in its broomy pride. 1865 Masson *Rec. Brit. Philos.* iv. 273 Clearing..the whole periodicity of its materialistic horror..its dread of being shored by a Nothingness.

4. *intr.* To sail *along* (a coast).

1632 Lithgow *Trav.* VII. 334 Shoaring along for foure hundred miles, the higher and lower Calabrian Coast,..we landed at Naples. 1725 De For *Voy. round World* (1840) 169 They had been *shoring*, as they called it, that is to say, coasting along the shore, to see if they could find anything worth their labour.

†b. *trans.* To pass by the side of (a hill). *Obs.*

1592 Wyrley *Armorie, Capital de Buz* 124 Shoring a hill, we plainly do appear By a little wood, and to our enimies neere.

Shore, obs. f. Shower *sb.*; pa. t. of Shear *v.*

Shored (ʃōəɹd), *ppl. a.*[1] *Sc.* [f. Shore *v.*[2] + -ed [1].] Threatened.

1668 R. B. *Adagia Scot.* 7 A shored Tree stands long. 1818 Scott *Rob Roy* xxix, Shored folk live lang.

Shored (ʃōəɹd), *ppl. a.*[2] [f. Shore *v.*[1] + -ed [1].] Propped up, supported by shores.

1563 *Mirr. Mag., Dk. Somerset* xv, Shored houses can not long continue. *a* 1600 *Battle of Flodden* 510 Saint Andrew with his shored cross.

Shorefhode, obs. form of Sheriffhood.

Sho're-going, *vbl. sb.* Going ashore (from the sea); living on shore. (Cf. Sea-going.)

1900 *Daily News* 13 June 8/4 Everything was ready for shore-going when it was discovered there were no boats.

attrib. 1895 *Times* 19 July 11/2 The half-rater in yachting should exactly fill the position which the gun, the rod,

and the hunter hold in shore-going sport. 1898 KIPLING *Fleet in Being* v. 53 When you sit on a man's bunk..with ..the shore-going walking sticks slung up overhead.

Sho're-going, *a.* Going, living, etc., on shore. (Opposed to *sea-going*.)

1833 DARWIN in *Life & Lett.* (1887) I. 248 This is a curious life for a regular shore-going person such as myself. 1860 *All Year Round* No. 67. 404 A shot came in and took off the truck (or, as a shore-going person would say, 'the wheel'). **Shoreless** (ʃōə·rles), *a.* [f. SHORE *sb.*[1] + -LESS.] Having no shore. **a.** Of a sea, or what is compared to a sea: Boundless.

1628 FELTHAM *Resolves* I. v. 10 One will haue him one that liues religiously, and will not reuell it in a shorelesse excesse. 1643 HERLE *Answ. to Ferne* 21 We shall be no longer lost upon that shorelesse Sea. 1764 GAAINGER *Sugar Cane* II. 275 Can she unappall'd,..The shoreless deluge stem? 1789 E. DARWIN *Bot. Gard.* II. (1791) 53 So on the shoreless air the intrepid Gaul Launch'd the vast concave of his buoyant ball. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* I. v. vi, The crowd seems shoreless. 1863 I. WILLIAMS *Baptistery* I. Imag. i. (1874) 10 An atom in the shoreless infinite. 1891 KIPLING *Light that Failed* xi. (1900) 189 He was adrift on the shoreless tides of delirium.

b. *nonce-uses.* Of a vessel: Having no shore in sight. Of a coastline, etc.: Having no low ground adjacent to the sea; precipitous.

a 1848 O. W. HOLMES *Parting Word* 6 Ere this shining day grow dark, Skies shall gird my shoreless bark. 1869 TOZER *Highl. Turkey* II. 9 The shoreless cliffs of Ossa. 1892 LORD LYTTON *King Poppy* iii. 306 A shoreless, steep, surf-beaten island rose.

Shoreman (ʃōə·rmæn). Also *U.S.* (sense 2) **shoresman.** [f. SHORE *sb.*[1] + MAN *sb.*]

1. A dweller on the seashore.

1643 TRAPP *Comm. Gen.* xlix. 13 Shore-men are said to be *horridi, immanes*. 1783 *Ann. Reg.* 120 A little army was formed..composed of 80 American rangers,..of 500 shore-men, white and negroes, and 600 Musquito Indians. 1839 *Times* 2 Sept. 4/1 The enthusiasm of the Kentish shoremen spread rapidly into the adjacent districts.

2. One who is employed on shore in the business of a fishery: see quot. 1883.

See also quot. 1690; but it is doubtful whether the explanation there given is correct.

1690 CHILD *Disc. Trade* (1698) 227 There being employed in that Trade two hundred and fifty Ships, which might carry about ten thousand seamen, fishermen and shoremen, as they usually call the younger persons, who were never before at Sea. 1761 *Ann. Reg., Chron.* 188/2 Who are the chief people among the fishermen and shoremen, being the catchers and curers of fish. 1792 G. CARTWRIGHT *Jrnl. Labrador* I. Gloss. p. xiv, *Shoremen*, the people who are employed on shore, to head, split, and salt the codfish. 1872 TALMAGE *Serm.* 56 Some plain shoresman in rough fishing smack .. brings them ashore in safety. 1883 G. B. GOODE *Fish. Indust. U. S.* 22 (Fish. Exh. Publ.) To the class of 'shoresmen' belong (1) the capitalists who furnish supplies and apparatus for the use of the active fishermen; (2) the shopkeepers from whom they purchase provisions and clothing; and (3) the skilled labourers who manufacture for them articles of apparel [etc.].

3. One who makes his living by shooting on the shore; a shore-gunner.

1882 PAYNE-GALLWEY *Fowler in Irel.* 348 Once offend the shoremen,..and your sport is spoilt in that locality for years to come.

4. A landsman.

1888 STEVENSON *Black Arrow* III. iv, We are not like shore-men, we old, tough tarry-Johns!

Shore-man: see SHORE *sb.*[4] c.

Shoren, obs. form of SHORN.

Shorer (ʃōə·rəɹ). Also 4–5 **shorier, shoryere.** [f. SHORE *v.*[1] + -ER[1].] A thing (rarely a person) that shores up; a shore, prop. Now only with *up*.

1387–8 T. USK *Test. Love* II. vii. in *Chaucer's Wks.* (1532) 342 b, But if the shorers ben wel grounded, the helpes shullen slyden and suffre the charge to fal. 1393 LANGL. *P. Pl.* C. XIX. 20 Hit hadde shoriers to shoue hit vp, þre shides of o lengþe. 1532 MORE *Confut. Tindale* Wks. 473/2 Nowe thys shorer is so surely sette, that it is shortlye blowen downe quite, if a man saye no more but what than. *a* 1680 T. GOODWIN *Unreg. Man's Guill.* v. iii. Wks. 1692 III. 207 God is the foundation, and prop, and shoarer up of all being in the World. 1855 BAILEY *Mystic* 113 Mõooi, stretched Full length, gigantic shorer up of earth.

Shore-side. The edge of the shore; the part either of the land or sea adjacent to the shore.

1571 in *Reg. Mag. Sig. Scot.* 1580, 11/1 Apud lie Schoirsyid de Almond. 1590 WEBBE *Trav.* (Arb.) 33 Fishes.. swimming neere the shore side. 1605 BACON *Adv. Learn.* I. viii. § 5 It is a view of delight to stand or walke on the shoare side and to see a Shippe tossed with tempest upon the sea. 1653 WALTON *Angler* I. vii[i]. 155 And if you would have this ledger bait to keep at a fixt place, undisturbed by wind or other accidents, which may drive it to the shoare side [etc.]. 1667 in *Extr. St. Papers rel. Friends* Ser. III. (1912) 270 Shee..left her 4 small Chilldren weeping on the shoare side. 1869 LYNCH *Ch. & St.* 19 When a larger company was gathered by the hillside, or the shoreside, there was a Church. 1885 PATER *Marius* vi. I. 112 Every one walked down to the shore-side to witness the freighting and launching of the vessel.

attrib. 1883 STEVENSON *Treas. Isl.* xiii, The bow [of the boat] had struck among the shore-side trees.

Shore Thursday, obs. f. SHEER THURSDAY.

Shoreward (ʃōə·rwǒɹd), *adv.* and *a.* [f. SHORE *sb.*[1] + -WARD.]

A. 1. *advb. phrase. To (the) shoreward*: in the direction of the shore. † *From the shoreward*: from the direction of the shore.

1582 N. LICHEFIELD tr. *Castanheda's Cong. E. Ind.* I. vii. 18 b, He retourned to shore ward againe, carrieng with him the Pilot of Monsambicke. 1592 in Hakluyt *Voy.* (1600) III. 845 But missing him towards night, we stood to the shoareward. 1632 J. HAYWARD tr. *Biondi's Eromena* II The Galley slaues being eased by a little gale that blew from the shoreward. 1633 T. JAMES *Voy.* 49 We..put an Anker to shoareward. 1692 in *Capt. Smith's Seaman's Gram.* I. xvi. 80 Her head [lies] to the shoreward. 1887 BOWEN *Æneid* I. 87 Huge waves under them roll to the shoreward.

2. *adv.* In the direction of or towards the shore.

a 1692 FLAVEL *Sea-Deliv.* Wks. 1716 II. 195 The Danger being equal on every Side, whether we stood Seaward, or Shoreward. 1762 FALCONER *Shipwr.* II. 736 That bids us ..shoreward steer. 1833 TENNYSON *Lotos-Eaters* 2 This mounting wave will roll us shoreward soon. 1901 E. PHILLPOTTS *Striking Hours* 259 Shoreward the crag was connected with..the cliffs by a narrow razor-edge of stone.

B. *adj.* Situated or directed towards the shore.

1804 GRAHAME *Sabbath* 519 Sweet sounds Came slowly floating on the shoreward wave. 1862 MEREDITH *Mod. Love, Cassandra* iv, The deep's long shoreward roll. 1883 STEVENSON *Treas. Isl.* xix, The rear, or shoreward side, of the stockade.

Sho'rewards, *adv.* = SHOREWARD 2 *adv.*

1837 MACDOUGALL tr. *Graah's E. Coast Greenland* 114 There is a considerable suction, so to say, of this current shorewards. 1849 M. ARNOLD *Forsaken Merman* 4 Now the great winds shorewards blow. 1889 C. EDWARDES *Sardinia* 349 It tends shorewards.

Shorfa, Arabic plural of SHEREEF.

Shorfftyd, obs. form of SHROVETIDE.

Shorge, Shorier, obs. ff. SCOURGE *v.*, SHORER.

Shoring (ʃōə·riŋ), *vbl. sb.*[1] [f. SHORE *v.*[1] + -ING.]

1. a. The action or an act of propping up or supporting. Also *shoring up*. **b.** *concr.* The shores or props with which a building, vessel, etc. is held up.

1496 *Naval Acc. Hen. VII* (1896) 175 The shoryng of the Soueraigne leing in the dokke. 1603 KNOLLES *Hist. Turks* (1638) 324 Things ready to fall, need shoaring. *a* 1639 WOTTON *Surv. Educ.* Reliq. (1651) 316 Where young tender trees..would yet little want any after-underproppings and shoarings. 1688 HOLME *Armoury* III. xxi. (Roxb.) 254/1 He beareth Or, a plaine wall..with a Tower vpon it Battled, with chambers conioyned therevnto, after the maner of shourings. 1768–74 TUCKER *Lt. Nat.* (1834) II. 417 These our discerning artificer considers as shorings to sustain the upper story. 1828 *Examiner* 129/1 The Church wanted shoring up. 1832 *John Bull* 13 Feb. 56/1 The shoring up of the south-west wall of St. Alban's Abbey is being proceeded with. 1878 F. S. WILLIAMS *Midl. Railw.* 357 The miners are protected by immensely strong shorings. 1882 C. H. STOCK (*title*) A treatise on Shoring and Underpinning.

† **2.** A slope. *Obs.*

1567 GOLDING *Ovid's Met.* VIII. (1593) 187 And orderly he knits A rowe of feathers one by one..That on the shoring of a hill a man would think them growe. 1603 T. M. *True Narr. Entert. Jas. I*, D 1, A pleasant Castle..stands on the shoring of a hill.

Sho'ring, *vbl. sb.*[2] *Sc.* [f. SHORE *v.*[2] + -ING[1].] Threatening.

1573 TVRIE *Refut.* To Rdr. (beg.), All the writtinges of those quha defendes ane euill caus..vsis to be stufit..with schoring and hedinfull saingis. 1582 in Calderwood *Hist. Kirk* (Wodrow Soc.) III. 670 As the vaine and bloodie minassing, and shoring of his counsels in France and England did oft times testifie.

Shoring (ʃōə·riŋ), *vbl. sb.*[3] [f. SHORE *v.*[4] + -ING[1].] (See quot.)

1742 *De Foe's Tour Gt. Brit.* (ed. 3) I. 353 Several Mornings after it had blown something hard in the Night, the Sands were covered with Country People, running to and fro to see if the Sea had cast up anything of value. This the Seamen call *going a shoring*; and it seems they often find good Purchase.

Sho'ring, *ppl. a.*[1] [f. SHORE *v.*[1] + -ING[2].]

1. Propping, supporting.

1622 BACON *Hen. VII*, 145 There was also made a shoaring or underpropping Act for the Benevolence.

2. Sloping. Also quasi-*adv.*, awry.

a 1502 in *Arnolde's Chron.* (1811) 189 And than set your turfe or your erthe ayen the fyre, and set it shoring ayen the fyre. 1567 GOLDING *Ovid's Met.* VI. (1593) 140 The river..In very deepe and shoring banks to seaward runnes apace Through Phrygia. 1594 BLUNDEVIL *Exerc.* VIII. *Terms Cosmogr.* (1597) 364 b, The Zodiake is a great, broade, and slope, or shoring Circle, carrying the 12 signes. 1607 MARKHAM *Caval.* IV. 37 This plate must from the very toe of the shoe forward, rise a little shoaring from the ground. *a* 1825 FORBY *Voc. E. Anglia, Shoring*, awry; aslant. From the oblique or slanting position of a shore or huttress.

Hence **Sho'ringness,** slantingness.

1567 GOLDING *Ovid's Met.* VIII. (1593) 202 A tilesherd made it even And tooke away the shoringnesse.

† **Sho'ring,** *ppl. a.*[2] *Obs.* [f. SHORE *v.*[2] + -ING[2].] Threatening.

1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* VIII. iv. 13 First, do behald 3one schorand hewchis brow, Quhair all 3one craggy rochis hingis now.

Shoring (ʃōə·riŋ), *ppl. a.*[3] [f. SHORE *v.*[4] + -ING[2].] Forming a shore.

1581 A. HALL *Iliad* IV. 72 Like as the waues within the sea,..Forst by some flaw, yeelds whushing noise and shoring banks do sweepe.

† **Sho'rling.** *Obs.* Forms: 5–6 **shorlyng,** *Sc.* **schorling,** 6–7 *Sc.* **schoirling, scorling,** 6 **shorelinge, -lynge,** 9 **shortling,** 6–9 **shorling.** [f. *shor-*, SHORN *ppl. a.* + -LING.]

1. The skin of a sheep that has been recently shorn; the wool taken from such a skin.

1429 *Rolls of Parlt.* IV. 352/1 Wolle icalled Lambeswolle, shorlyng and scaldyng. 1435 *Exch. Rolls Scot.* IV. 604 De custuma 1155 pellium qui dicuntur schorlingis. 1503–4 *Act 19 Hen. VII*, c. 27 § 1 Ther wolles and wolle felles and felles called Shorlyng and Morlyng. 1603 *Reg. Mag. Sig. Scot.* 515/1 All custumes paying of salt and schoirlingis, skaddyngis [etc.]. 1660 *Act 12 Chas. II*, c. 32 § 1 Any Woollfells Mortlings or Shorlings. 1688, 1833 [see MORLING].

b. (See quot.) *rare*—°.

1753 *Chambers' Cycl.* Suppl. s. v., In some parts of England, they understand by a shorling, a sheep whose fleece is shorn off.

2. A tonsured person, a shaveling. Also *attrib.*

1538 BALE *Thre Lawes* v. F iv b, And now I perseuer, amonge y^e^ ranke rable of papystes Teachyng ther shorlynges, to playe the Antichrystes. *c* 1550 COVERDALE *Exhort. Cross* vi. 82 That is the prerogatyue of the pryestes and shauen shorelynges. 1560 BECON *Catech.* v. Wks. I. 454 b, Swarmes of smeared, spyrituall shorlyng Sorcerers.

Shorn (ʃōəɹn), *ppl. a.* Forms: see the verb. [Pa. pple. of SHEAR *v.*]

1. Shaven, tonsured.

c 1050 *Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 507/34 *Rassis* [*read* rasis], scorenum. 1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* v. lxvi. (1495) 183 Heer shorne is callyd Cesaries, heer vnkytte is callyd Coma in Grewe. 1530 *Compend. Treat.* in Roy *Rede me* (Arb.) 170 Many a shoren crowne. 1600 J. LANE *Tom Tel-troth* 114 Bald pate Priests and shoren Friars. 1798 D. COLLINS *Acc. N. S. Wales* I. 583 With..scars upon their shorn heads.

absol. 1565 CALFHILL *Answ. Martiall* iv. 111 Therefore ye doe wrong to your shorne and annoynted, to forbyd them mariage.

† **2.** Of gold: Newly cut, so as to have a bright surface. *Obs.*

13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* A. 213 As schorne golde schyr her fax þenne schon.

3. Of corn: Cut with a sickle. Of grass: Cut close.

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 448/1 Schoryn, or repyd, *messus*. 1523–34 FITZHERB. *Husb.* § 26 And also it [mown corn] wyll not kepe nor saue it selfe frome rayne or yll wether, whan it standeth in the couer, as the shorne corne wyll do. 1735 SOMERVILLE *Chase* III. 102 Smooth as Swallows skim The new-shorn Mead, and far more swift we fly. 1819 SCOTT *Ivanhoe* xxxix, They are trampled down like the shorn grass. 1885 PATER *Marius* x. I. 172 There was still a glow along the road through the shorn cornfields.

4. Of sheep, etc.: Having undergone shearing.

c 1515 *Cocke Lorell's B.* 1 The nexte that came was a coryar..As tyche as a newe shorne shepe. 1602 *2nd Pt. Return fr. Parnass.* IV. ii. (1886) 132 And hauing lost their fleeces, [they] liue afterward like poore shorne sheepe. 1768 [see TEMPER *v.* 2]. 1913 *Times* 13 Sept. 18/6 While shorn skins and lambs are quoted ½d. higher.

5. *Sc.* † **a.** Carved (*obs.*). **b.** Chopped up.

1547 *Reg. Mag. Sig. Scot.* 20 *note*, Ane Scottis comptar of aik, schorne werk, with the furmis of the samyn. 1597 in *Spalding Club Misc.* (1841) I. 115 Thow gawe him ane drink, mixt with certaine shorne herbis. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* III. VII. vi, Plates containing each three grilled herrings, sprinkled with shorn onions. 1842 J. AITON *Dom. Econ.* (1857) 265 Hard eggs, chopped fine with crumbs of bread, or shorn nettles and oatmeal.

6. Lessened in extent, deprived of splendour, etc.: see SHEAR *v.* 4.

1853 M. ARNOLD *Sohrab & Rustum* 894 For many a league The shorn and parcell'd Oxus strains along Through beds of sand and matted rushy isles. 1868 LOWELL *Pict. Appledore* vi, The great shorn sun as you see it now, Across eight miles of undulant gold That widens landward. 1902 *Daily Chron.* 28 July 5/1 Lord Lister has spoken with confidence of the King's ability to go through the shorn ceremonial at the end of next week.

Shorn, variant of SHARN.

† **Shorned,** erroneous form of SHORN *ppl. a.*

1600 BRETON *Pasquils Foolscap* (Grosart) 20/1 She that is neither noble, faire, nor wise, Nor scarce so rich as a newe shornèd Eawe.

Shorpthursday, obs. f. SHEER THURSDAY.

Short (ʃɔɹt), *a.* *sb.* and *adv.* Forms: 1–3 **sceort,** (1 *compar.* **scyrtra,** *superl.* **scyrtest,** scortost), 1–5 **scort,** 3 **shorrt, scheort,** (**sort**), 3–4 **ssort,** 3–8 **schort,** (4 **scharth, chort**), 4–5 **s(c)hert,** 4–6 **shortt, schorte,** 4–7 **shorte,** (5 **schorthe, sorte**), 5–6 **schortt,** 3– **short.** [OE. *sc(e)ort* = OHG. *scurz*:—OTeut. type **skurto-* (compar. **skurtizon-*, OE. *scyrtra*), whence Du. *schorten*, ON. *skorta* to lack; for other derivatives see SHIRT, SKIRT *sbs.*

The Teut. adj. is commonly regarded as a popular L. **excurtus* (f. L. *ex-* + *curtus*). On this view it would be parallel in origin with the synonymous OFris., OS. *kurt*, Du. *kort*, OHG. (MHG., mod.G.) *kurz*, a WGer. adoption of L. *curtus*. The Rom. langs., however, afford no evidence of a popular Latin **excurtus*, and it is unlikely that such a form existed. It is possible that Teut. **skurto-* may be an altered adoption of L. *curtus*, with prefixed *s* either due to some Teut. analogy or attracted from the ending of a preceding word in some Latin context. Some scholars, however, regard **skurto-* as a native Teut. word, f. a root **skert-* (supposed to be evidenced in MHG. *scherze, scherzel* small piece):—pre-Teut. **skerd-*, an extension of **sker-* to cut (see SHEAR *v.*).]

I. With reference to spatial measurement.

1. Having small longitudinal extent; measuring little along its greatest dimension, or from end to end. Opposed to *long*.

c 888 ÆLFRED *Boeth.* XXXIX. § 3 Forþy hi habbaþ swa sceortne ymbhwyrft [etc.]. *c* 1000 *Sax. Leechd.* III. 252 Se winterlica mona..hæfð scyrtran sceade þonne seo sunne. 1154 *O. E. Chron.* (Laud MS.) an. 1137, An cæste þat was scort & nareu. *c* 1205 LAY. 28624 Þat wes an sceort bat liðen. *c* 1290 *S. Eng. Leg.* 9/284 Þo was it bi a fote to

schort. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Knt.'s T.* 1686 No man ther fore ..No maner shot polax ne short[e] knyf In to the lystes sende. 1390 GOWER *Conf.* I. 99 Hire Necke is schort. *c* 1475 *Rauf Coilzear* 864 Ilk ane schort knyfe braidit out sone. 1545 ASCHAM *Toxoph.* I. (Arb.) 28 The corne commeth thinne vp: the eare is short, the grayne is small. 1577 B. GOOGE *Heresbach's Husb.* I. 45 b, Some do vse short Sythes. 1596 DALRYMPLE tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* I. 19 Thay beir verie schorte tailis, als schorte as the tail of ane hyne. 1735 JOHNSON *Lobo's Abyssinia, Voy.* ii. 11 Surrounded by his Courtiers who had each a Stick in his Hand, which is longer or shorter, according to the quality of the Person admitted into the King's Presence. 1796 WITHERING *Brit. Plants* (ed. 3) I. 81 Short (abbreviatus), a cup is said to be short, when it is shorter than the tube of the blossom. 1840 LARDNER *Geom.* 146, PF must be the shortest line which can be drawn from the point P to the line AB. 1871 FARJEON *Joshua Marvel* xlii. III. 263 George Marvel ..having by this time got used to the short clays..had just declared that he enjoyed a short pipe as well as a long one. 1895 A. J. C. HARE *Gurneys of Earlham* I. i. 7 A short staircase leading to an ante room.

b. of grass, wool, hair, down, etc.

1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* XVII. lxxvi. (1495) 650 Herbes of mountaynes and of hye places ben thynner and shorter than herbes of valeyes and of meedys. 1523–34 FITZHERB. *Husb.* § 25 Shorte hey, and leye-hey is good for shepe. 1607 TOPSELL *Four-f. Beasts* 603 The salt and short pasture. 1620 *Westward for Smelts* (Percy Soc.) 55 She felt by the short haire on his head, that it was the priest. 1796 WITHERING *Brit. Plants* (ed. 3) I. 95 The pyramidal Seed, crowned by the short down. 1823 IRBY & MANGLES *Trav.* viii. (1844) 149/2 The short woolly hair of the Africans. 1859 *Habits of Gd. Society* i. 114 Nothing..makes the face look so unlovely as a chin covered with short stubble. 1870 YEATS *Nat. Hist. Comm.* II. (1872) 200 The long silk staple of Georgia, and the short cottons of Egypt.

c. of a garment.

c 1386 CHAUCER *Prol.* 93 Short was his gowne with sleues longe and wyde. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 448/1 Schort or stukkyd garment, *nepticula*. *a* 1548 HALL *Chron., Hen. VIII*, 7 A certayne number of gentelmen..apparayled all in one sewte of shorte garmentes. 1607 [see PARED *ppl. a.*]. 1821 SCOTT *Kenilw.* xxvi, A close jerkin of scarlet velvet, looped with gold, with short breeches of the same. 1859 *Habits of Gd. Society* iv. 168 Tight dresses and short waists. 1892 W. S. GILBERT *Foggerty's Fairy* 225, I see no reason why a governess in a vicarage should not wear short petticoats if she has good legs. 1893 LELAND *Mem.* I. 92, I was sixteen years of age and six feet high before I was allowed to leave off short jackets.

d. Const. *in*: Having a specified part short.

1800 *Med. Jrnl.* III. 425 Not peculiarly short in the neck. 1837 DICKENS *Pickw.* ii, 'Rather short in the waist, an't it,' said the stranger. 1841 THACKERAY *Gt. Hoggarty Diamond* v, But my coat was..very high in the waist and short in the sleeves.

e. Of distance: Not great. Of a journey, flight, etc., Extending over a short distance. †Hence of a passenger, a train: Travelling a short distance.

1597 HOOKER *Eccl. Pol.* v. lxvii. § 10 The way which they take to the same Inne is somewhat more short but no whit more certaine. 1604 E. G[RIMSTONE] *D'Acosta's Hist. Indies* IV. xxxv. 305 Birdes..whose flight is shorte. 1697 DRYDEN *Virg. Georg.* IV. 283 Nor dare they stray,..Nor Forrage far, but short Excursions make. 1774 GOLDSM. *Nat. Hist.* (1776) IV. 171 Their blood, without entering their lungs, takes a shorter passage through the very partition of the heart. 1785 TRUSLER *Mod. Times* I. 30 'Tis true we get a shilling or two occasionally, by a short passenger, or for the carriage of a parcel that is not booked. 1844 *Civil Engin. & Arch. Jrnl.* VII. 288/1 To what are called short passengers, this delay is a most serious inconvenience. 1858 *Rep. Sel. Comm. Rlwy. Accid.* 72 First of all, there are short trains. 1886 C. E. PASCOE *Lond. To-day* xx. (ed. 3) 201 A shorter and more economical trip would be to take the train at King's Cross for Muswell Hill. 1889 *Infantry Drill* 217 Firing distances with the rifle may be classified as follows:—Up to 400 yards, 'Short Distances'; From 400 to 800 yards, 'Medium Distances'; [etc.].

† f. *Short weapon*: ? a weapon for hand-to-hand fighting (or perh. a sword, dagger, etc. as opposed to a lance or pike). Also a soldier bearing such a weapon. *Obs.*

1600 DYMMOK *Ireland* (1843) 32 The forelorn hope consisting of 40 shott and 20 shorte weapons. 1821 SCOTT *Kenilw.* xvi, Retainers or followers, armed with short, or with long weapons.

g. *fig.* In Biblical expressions, said of a person's 'hand' or 'arm', implying inadequacy or limited range of power.

1549 *Compl. Scot.* ix. 75 Behold, the hand of the lorde is na scheortar nor it vas. [1593 SHAKS. 2 *Hen. VI*. I. ii. 12 Put forth thy hand, reach at the glorious Gold. What, is't too short? Ile lengthen it with mine.] 1611 BIBLE *Num.* xi. 23 And the Lord said vnto Moses, Is the Lords hand waxed short? 1656 BP. HALL *Solil.* 28 If thou hast given me but a private and short hand, yet give a large and public heart. 1705 STANHOPE *Paraphr.* I. 10 They whose Hands are shortest, may yet have Hearts as large as the greatest Monarch upon Earth.

h. Of action, vision, etc.: Reaching but a little way. (See SHORT SIGHT.) Hence *fig.* of mental powers, ideas, etc.: Contracted in range.

c 1386 CHAUCER *Prol.* 746 My wit is short ye may wel vnderstonde. 1665 BOYLE *Occas. Refl.* IV. vi. (1848) 207 How short and dim a knowledge must they have of him, that have no other than these Corporal Instructers. 1702 ROWE *Ambit. Step-Mother* I. i. 174 Their own short understandings reach No farther than the present. 1714 YOUNG *Force of Relig.* I. 225 Oh! mortals, short of sight. 1736 BUTLER *Anal.* Diss. II. 319 Our short Views. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* II. III. ii, Cradled in hope and short vision.

i. As complement. *To cut, trim*, etc. *short*: to make short by cutting, trimming, etc.

This use is difficult to distinguish from the advb. use in *to cut short* (= F. *couper court*): see C. 9.

1545 ASCHAM *Toxoph.* II. (Arb.) 109 The fingers [of a shooting glove] muste be cut short. 1840 DICKENS *Old C. Shop* iii, Hair..cut short and straight upon his temples.

2. Of persons: Low in stature: opposed to *tall*. Phr. † *Shorter by the head*: beheaded.

Short by the knees (nonce-use): said of a person kneeling. *a* 900 WÆRFERTH *Gregory's Dial.* 46 Swa sceort man & swa unfæger on ansyne. 1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 8532 Yor he was somdel ssort he clupede him courtehese. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Wife's Prol.* 624, I..euere folwed myn appetit Al were he short or long or blak or whit. 1483 *Cath. Angl.* 337/2 Schorthe, *argutus, vt corporis arguti surgit pigmeus*. *a* 1548 HALL *Chron., Hen. IV*, 14 The Duke of Exceter..was..there made shorter by the hed. 1713 ROWE *Jane Shore* I. i. 5 Her brother Rivers Ere this lies shorter by the head at Pomfret. 1746 FRANCIS tr. *Horace, Epist.* I. xii. 38 Short by the Knees [*L. genibus minor*] the haughty Parthian kneels. 1891 FARRAR *Darkn. & Dawn* xliii, A man..somewhat short of stature.

absol. 1377 LANGL. *P. Pl.* B. XIV. 243 Lonely layke was it neuere bitwene þe longe and þe shorte.

† b. *rarely* of a hill. *Obs.*

1596 DALRYMPLE tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* I. 43 This is the last and hindmest hil in Scotland, and thairfor the schortest.

3. *Short dung, manure, muck*: manure containing short straw and in an advanced state of fermentation. (Cf. branch IV.)

1618 W. LAWSON *New Orch. & Gard.* ii. (1623) 3 Good short, hot, and tender mucke. 1778 W. MARSHALL *Minutes Agric.* Observ. 111 The ordinary distinction of Long-Dung and Short or Spit-Dung, have likewise been observed. 1812 SIR J. SINCLAIR *Syst. Husb. Scot.* I. 109 In situations, where much alluvial compost, or short town manure, can be procured. 1830 *Cumb. Farm Rep.* 58 in *Lib. Usef. Knowl., Husb.* III, Short dung is unquestionably most suitable for turnips. 1884 L. F. ALLEN *New Amer. Farm Bk.* 70 The comparative advantages of long and short manure (the fermented and unfermented).

4. Of the sea, etc.: Having short waves; choppy.

1834 H. MILLER *Scenes & Leg.* XXVIII. (1857) 420 The sea rose tremendously—at once short, high, and irregular. 1838 FITZGERALD *Let. to Barton* Apr., *Lett.* (1889) I. 42 One labours through it [a book] as vessels do through what is called a short sea. 1903 KIPLING *Five Nations* 40 Do you know the shallow Baltic where the seas are steep and short, Where the bluff, lee-boarded fishing-luggers ride?

II. With reference to duration or serial extent.

5. Of a period of time, of a process, state or action considered as extending over a period of time: Having little extent in duration, lasting but little time, brief. Also said of duration. *At short intervals*: at times separated by brief intervals.

c 888 ÆLFRED *Boeth.* iv, Þu þe ðam winterdagum selest scorte tida & þæs sumeres dahum langran. *c* 1055 *Byrhtferth's Handboc* in *Anglia* VIII. 306 Forþam he [*sc.* February] ys scyrtest ealra monða. *c* 1200 *Vices & Virtues* 9 Al swo we forlieseð ðis scorte lif ðurh unhersumness. *c* 1380 WYCLIF *Wks.* (1880) 38 Men be nowe of lesse wittis & schortere tyme & feblere of complexion. *c* 1381 CHAUCER *Parl. Foules* 1 The lyf so short, the craft so long to lerne. 14.. in *Rel. Ant.* I. 318 The xij day of December ys the shortest day of the yere. *c* 1450 HOLLAND *Howlat* 112 That ȝe wald cry apon Crist,..To schape me a schand bird in a schort space. 1539 CROMWELL in Merriman *Life & Lett.* (1902) II. 213 The kinges maiestes will is that ye shal make the shortiest abode there ye can. 1588 SHAKS. *L. L. L.* I. i. 181 Three yeeres is but short. 1684 NORRIS *Poems* 21 Like Angels visits, short and bright. 1696 WHISTON *Theory Earth* II. (1722) 209, I shall shew..that the Antediluvian Year was shorter than the present Year. 1742 BLAIR *Grave* 589 Its Visits Like those of Angels short, and far between. 1751 JORTIN *Serm.* (1771) I. ii. 17 The death of Isaac would be only a short sleep. 1771 SMOLLETT *Humph. Cl.* 3 Oct. (1806) VI. 341 The short intervals betwixt every heave he employed in crying for mercy. 1807 *Med. Jrnl.* XVII. 143 The fever is of shorter duration. 1842 MRS. KIRKLAND *Forest Life* II. 19 The short remainder of his stay at Mr. Hay's, saw him eat his meals like a Trappist. 1859 *Habits of Gd. Society* xiv. 348 Ices handed at short intervals throughout the evening. 1885 'MRS. ALEXANDER' *At Bay* vii, Is it possible that on so short an acquaintance you were so severely hit? 1895 *Law Times* XCIX. 499/2 Days are considerably shorter at this time of year [Oct.].

b. Occas. applied to conditions, qualities, etc. not usually described in terms of duration: Not lasting a long time, soon over, short-lived. Somewhat *arch.*

971 *Blickl. Hom.* v. 65 Cuþlice þæt wuldor þysses middangeardes is sceort & ȝewitende. *c* 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 19 And mid his shorte deaðe he lesde hem ut of eche deaðe. 1340 *Ayenb.* 81 Uayrhede..is þing uals ssort and ydel. 1570 T. NORTON *Nowell's Catech.* 17 Doest thou say, that vnaduised and sodeine desires, and short thoughtes that come vpon the very godly are sinnes? 1620 GRANGER *Div. Logike* 107 A short inclination, setling, or apt entrance to an habite. 1697 DRYDEN *Virg. Georg.* III. 474 Where basking in the Sun-shine they may lye, And the short Remnants of his Heat enjoy. 1768 STERNE *Sent. Journ.* (1778) I. 52 (*Remise Door*) The triumphs of a true feminine heart are short upon these discomfitures. 1787 'G. GAMBADO' *Acad. Horsem.* (1809) 34 Your attachment to your horse may be as short as you please.

c. *To make short work of* (occas. *with*): to deal summarily with, to dispose of quickly.

1577 GRANGE *Golden Aphrod.* I ij b, He desirous to make shorte worke thereof, sayd. 1686 W. HOPKINS tr. *Ratramnus* Dissert. v. (1688) 84, I might make short work of it, by alledging all those Authors who [etc.]. 1728 CIBBER & VANBR. *Prov. Husb.* IV. i. 63 This was making short Work on't. 1834 *Tracts for Times* No. 22. 12 When they made such short work with the Prayer-Book. 1885 CLODD *Myths* I. vii. 123 Criticism has made short work of the romancing chronicles which so long did duty for sober history.

† d. Qualifying *days* as collect. pl. = time. Also *short days* used advb. for 'in a short time'. *Sc.*

1533 BELLENDEN *Livy* I. vi. (S.T.S.) I. 37 Schort dayis following king Tacius past to lavyne. *a* 1578 LINDESAY (Pitscottie) *Chron. Scot.* (S.T.S.) II. 87 They war beguild withtin schort dayis.

e. *Short prescription* (Law): a prescription established by a short period of user.

1838 W. BELL *Dict. Law Scot.* 770 The object of the shorter prescriptions, in truth, is, generally speaking, to protect parties against the consequences of negligence in the preservation of vouchers. 1911 *Encycl. Brit.* XXII. 297/2 There are certain short prescriptions recognized by Scots law—corresponding to the limitations of English law... There are also other shorter prescriptions limiting rights of action in different matters.

f. Qualifying a sb. denoting a period of time, to indicate a pleased or regretful sense of its brevity. (Cf. 15 b.)

1715 POPE *Iliad* II. 357 One short month. 1807 CRABBE *Par. Reg.* III. 953 A few short years,..A few, still seeming shorter, and we hear [etc.]. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* II. v. i, Seven short weeks of quiet. 1855 TENNYSON *Maud* II. IV. iii, Ah Christ, that it were possible For one short hour to see The souls we loved.

g. *Short while*, used advb. (now only preceded by *a*) with the sense 'during a short time'. (In OE. as adverbial genitive.)

c 897 ÆLFRED *Gregory's Past. C.* XXXVI. 255 Ðæt wæs to suiðe scortre hwile. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 6683 Scort quile or lang. 1340 HAMPOLE *Pr. Consc.* 632 Whether he lyf lang or short while. 1635 J. HAYWARD tr. *Biondi's Banish'd Virg.* 161 The King (after having jeasted a short while with some of the Ladies). 1613 DRUMM. OF HAWTH. *Tears Death Mœliades* 9 O short-while-lasting Ioy! Of Earth-borne Man. 1828 SCOTT *Aunt Marg. Mirror* Introd., The adventurous spirit of times short while since passed.

† h. *To make (it) short*: to lose no time, hasten.

1490 CAXTON *Eneydos* XX. 73 Hie the, and make it shorte, mounte vpon the see, and tarye no lenger. 1523 BERNERS *Froiss.* I. XXV. 15/2 Within a certayn day lymitted, to auoyde out of his countrey the erle of Artoyse, & to make shorte.

i. Of a person's memory: Not long retaining anything.

1340 HAMPOLE *Pr. Consc.* 774 His mynde es short when he oght thynkes. 1607 CHAPMAN *Bussy d'Ambois* I. i. 209 You call'd me lately D'Ambois; has your Worship So short a head? 1731–8 SWIFT *Pol. Conversat.* Introd. 32 Whose Memories may be too short. 1839 HALIBURTON *Letter Bag* Ded. (1840) p. vii, Great men are apt to have short memories.

6. Of an appointed date in the future: Allowing but a short time, early, near at hand. Chiefly in phrases *a short day* (Law), (a bill) *at short date* or *sight* (Comm.).

? *a* 1400 *Arthur* 213 Þu schalt be tawȝt at a schort day for to make suche aray. *c* 1450 in Kingsford *Chron. Lond.* (1905) 217 þe day þt' þei askyd was to shorte. 1472–3 *Rolls of Parlt.* VI. 51/2 A corpus cum causa, retournable..at a certeyn short day to come. 1523 BERNERS *Froiss.* I. CXV. 136 They wolde fayne haue had a short day, but it wolde not be. 1682 SCARLETT *Exchanges* 42 If the Bill be at short sight. 1683 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 1864/8 As soon as the whole Sum is paid in, a short day will be appointed,..for the drawing thereof. *a* 1715 BURNET *Own Time* (1724) I. 441 They were bound..to commit the person so impeached, and then give a short day for his trial. 1747 RICHARDSON *Clarissa* (1811) I. 311 You must not wonder that a short day is intended. 1912 *Times* 19 Dec. 19/4 Exchange on London, sight..Do., 60 days' sight..Do., Berlin, short sight.

b. Of notice: Given not long beforehand.

1811 *Regul. & Orders Army* 23 Prepared..on the shortest notice. 1850 KINGSLEY *Cheap Clothes* 6 So that an order may be executed 'at the shortest possible notice', if requisite.

† c. Phrase. *At short hand*: for immediate needs only. *Obs.*

1825 T. JEFFERSON *Autobiog.* Wks. 1859 I. 28 What matters it whether a landlord, employing ten laborers on his farm, gives them annually as much money as will buy them the necessaries of life, or gives them those necessaries at short hand?

† 7. Quick, speedy, immediate. *Obs.*

1480 *Coventry Leet Bk.* 436 Yf the shorter remedy be not had therin, be liklihode it woll growe to gret Inconvenience. 1535 HARVEL in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. II. II. 75, I thinke to go shortely to Anc[h]. but I wil made shorte retorne by Godds grace. *a* 1578 LINDESAY (Pitscottie) *Chron. Scot.* (S.T.S.) I. 62 This sudand accis to heigh felicietie sould haue ane schort decay. 1596 SPENSER *State Irel.* Wks. (Globe) 663/2 The shorte decaye of that governement. 1780 BURKE *Corr.* (1844) II. 364 There is no short remedy for our disease.

8. Of a speech, sentence, book, word, etc.: Having a small extent from beginning to end; brief. Phrase, *to make a long story short*. † *In short words*: in few words, briefly.

c 1000 ÆLFRIC *Saints' Lives* I. xv. 140 We hit sæcgað eow on þa scortostan wisan. 1340 *Ayenb.* 98 Þe bezechinge þet he ous made of his uayre yblessede mouþe uayre guode ssorte an cleniynde. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* ii. (*Paulus*) 8 Hillarius, In schorth spech sayand þus [etc.]. *c* 1380 WYCLIF *Sel. Wks.* III. 221 Jesus Crist made it [the Paternoster], and comaundid it in schorte wordis. 1390 GOWER *Conf.* I. 190 And forto make schorte tales, Ther cam [etc.]. 1411 *26 Pol. Poems* 40 At a sarmon wil bid n frere Make it short, or ellys be stylle. 1484 CAXTON *Fables of Alfonce* viii, Thre fables wel shorte. 1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 7 A shorte recapitulacion. 1575 GASCOIGNE *Glasse of Govt.* II. v. Wks. 1910 II. 40 Short tale to make, I [etc.]. 1577 B. GOOGE *Heresbach's Husb.* III. 156 Fit names for Dogges. Their names that you geue them, must be short. 1651 HOBBES *Leviath.* II. XXX. 182 When I consider how short were the Lawes of antient times. 1687 A. LOVELL tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* I. Pref. a 2 b, They are only not so full as they would have been, had the Author liued to decipher

the Short Notes. 1747 in *Nairne Peerage Evid.* (1874) 150 A full double of the said summons with a short copy on the foot thereof. 1750 GRAY *Elegy* 32 The short and simple annals of the poor. 1815 SCOTT *Guy M.* ii, A short rent-roll. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* xii, Osborne's were short and soldier-like letters. 1891 OLVER & O'REILLY *Imperial Tariff* 262 When it is complete he makes a short copy. 1905 R. BAGOT *Passport* ii. 8 To make a long story short, certain loans [etc.]. 1908 [MISS E. FOWLER] *Betw. Trent & Ancholme* 275 Important letters or short notes.

b. *Short story*: a prose work of fiction, differing from a novel by being shorter and less elaborate; a novelette. Also *attrib.*

1898 *Daily News* 13 Oct. 6/2 Any really good short story writer.

c. Phrase. *Short and sweet*: brief and pleasant; now usually more or less ironically, of an expression that is brief and severe or decisive, or that is excessively or unusually brief.

1539 TAVERNER *Erasm. Prov.* (1552) 68 The Englysh prouerbe is thus pronounced. Short and swete. 1589 PUTTENHAM *Eng. Poesie* III. xxiii. (Arb.) 272 Great princes..who haue little spare leisure to hearken, would haue speeches vsed to them such as be short and sweete. 1624 HEYWOOD *Captives* III. i. in Bullen *Old Plays* IV. 153 'Tis short and sweete, wryte this in your own hand. 1694 MOTTEUX *Rabelais* IV. xlix, Short and sweet, I pray you. 1809 MALKIN *Gil Blas* VII. viii, After a conversation short and sweet, I left the steward.

†d. ellipt. *To make short*: to cut one's speech short. Also as inf. phrase: 'to make a long story short'; to be brief. Const. *of. Obs.*

1556 in W. H. Turner *Select. Rec. Oxford* (1880) 246 Whereby the lord Williams cried, Make short, make short. 1585 T. WASHINGTON tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* I. viii. 9 And to make shorte,..this tower was made..for the garding and keeping of the fountayne. 1600 LYLY *Love's Metam.* IV. ii. 9 (Bond), To make short, a good wind caused him to goe I know not whither. *a* 1687 PETTY *Pol. Arith.* viii. (1691) 109 To make short of this matter. 1679 MOXON *Mech. Exerc.* viii. 142 But to make short of this Argument. 1738 *Gentl. Mag.* VIII. 640/1 To make short of my Story: In order [etc.]. 1823 *New Monthly Mag.* IX. 200/1 To make short of the story, Celso..is put in possession.

e. Of a speaker: Brief, occupying little time. Now *rare*.

1515 DK. SUFFOLK in Mrs. M. A. E. Wood *Lett. Ladies* (1846) I. 201 The queen was in hand with me the first day [after], and said she must be short with me, and shew to me her pleasure and mind. 1631 *Star Chamber Cases* (Camden) 30 My Lords,..I shall be shorte. 1713 ADDISON *Trial Count Tariff* 7 Goodman Fact was very Short but Pithy. 1783 BURKE *Sp. Fox's E. Ind. Bill* Wks. 1842 I. 292, I will endeavour to be a little shorter upon the countries immediately under this charter-government. 1839 LANE *Arab. Nts.* I. 81 Be short in thy words. 1840 DICKENS *Old C. Shop* lxvi, To be short with you, then, it leads me to this. If the truth has come out [etc.].

9. Of style of writing or speaking, hence of a writer or speaker: Concise.

1487 CAXTON *Bk. Gd. Manners* IV. vii. (W. de W. *c* 1515) Kj, The langage of a mayde oughte to be prudent attempred and ryght shorte without habondaunce of wordes. 1530 PALSGR. 323/2 Shorte compendyouse, *compendieux. Ibid.*, Shorte in communycacions, *succint. c* 1532 DU WES *Introd. Fr.* in *Palsgr.* 898 In all workes one ought to be shorte. 1815 SCOTT *Guy M.* xxxv, Let me pray you to be short and explicit in what you have to say.

†b. *To be short* (inf. phrase) = 'in short'.

1544 BETHAM *Precepts War* Ep. Ded. A vij, But nowe to be shorte, I take them beste englysshe men, which folowe Chaucer, and other olde wryters. 1611 BIBLE *Transl. Pref.* 2 To be short,..what thanks had he? 1784 P. WRIGHT *New Bk. Martyrs* 806/1 To be short, he has left the character, amongst his neighbours, of an honest man.

10. Of utterances (occasionally of gestures, etc.): Rudely, angrily, or sternly brief or curt. Of persons (chiefly predicative): Rudely or angrily curt in expression; returning short answers; snappish (const. *with* a person).

1390 GOWER *Conf.* I. 308 Sche no merci on me leith Bot schorte wordes to me seith [etc.]. 1480 *Coventry Leet Bk.* 446 They gyven hem schort langage. *a* 1586 SIDNEY *Arcadia* II. (Sommer) 102 Sorie for his short answere. 1588 SHAKS. *Tit. A.* I. i. 409 You are very short with vs, But if we liue, weele be as sharpe with you. 1591 LYLY *Endim.* III. i. 8 What make you Tellus to bee so short? 1686 tr. *Chardin's Trav. Persia* 33 No other answer but only a short *yes.* 1706 ESTCOURT *Fair Example* v. i. 56 *Flora.* She gave me a thousand short Words whilst I dress'd her this Morning, nothing wou'd please her. *a* 1726 VANBRUGH *Journ. Lond.* IV. i. 45 You are very short, Sir. 1855 DICKENS *Dorrit* I. xix, To-night he was quite—quite short with me. 1894 SIR J. ASTLEY *Fifty Yrs. Life* I. 32, I got a trifle short with him.

†b. Not 'long-suffering'; prompt to condemn. *Obs. rare*—1. 1483 [see LONG *a.* 11 c].

c. Hasty in temper, easily provoked, irascible. Said also of the temper.

1599 HAKLUYT *Voy.* II. i. 73 But the deuill..had so blinded the eyes of his thought, that..at euery purpose that was spoken afore him, hee was short and might not dissemble. 1637 RUTHERFORD *Lett.* (1664) 225 If Christ had..been as wilfull and short as I was, my faith had gone over the brae and broken it's neck. 1818 SCOTT *Hrt. Midl.* v, A wee bit short in the temper. 1885 *Manch. Exam.* 6 Mar. 5/3 Prince Bismarck's short temper.

11. Of breath, breathing: Coming in hurried gasps, impeded. Of a cough: Abrupt, checked; recurring abruptly at frequent intervals, dry, fast. Of a pulse: Making short beats, quick.

a 1400–50 *Stockh. Med. MS.* 34 For schort onde. 1591 DELONEY *Maiden's Choice* 8 Wks. (1912) 363 Ages breath is short. 1748 RICHARDSON *Clarissa* VII. 208 Her breath being very short, she desired another pillow. 1799 HT. LEE *Canterb. T., Poet's T.* (ed. 2) I. 185 The short and sudden cough..instantly recalled his reason. 1820 KEATS *Eve St. Agnes* viii, Anxious her lips, her breathing quick and short. 1822–29 *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 3) I. 614 *Dyspnœa chronica.* Short breath. [1843 GRAVES *Syst. Clin. Med.* xiv. 173 The pulse ..changed its character from a short and small to a full soft stroke.] 1845 BUDD *Dis. Liver* 316 A short dry cough. 1870 DICKENS *E. Drood* ii, Mr. Jasper's breathing was so remarkably short. 1898 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* V. 929 In regurgitation, on the contrary [we have] a short pulse not slowed.

12. Of a series or succession: Of small extent, having few members or terms. ? *Obs.*

1681 DRYDEN *Abs. & Achit.* 817 In this short File Barzillai first appears. 1788 PRIESTLEY *Lect. Hist.* II. vi. 55 Out of a short collection of medals, he has given us an entire chronicle of the kings of Syria. 1825 C. M. WESTMACOTT *Eng. Spy* I. 9 A short edition.

b. *Short hour*: an hour indicated by a few strokes of the clock. (Cf. *small.*)

1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* I. II. i, The short hours of night. 1861 HUGHES *Tom Brown at Oxf.* xxxvi, Soda-water and brandy, and cigars, into the short hours. 1865 KINGSLEY *Hereward* xxvi, The monks of Peterborough prayed in the minster till the long hours passed into the short.

c. *A short purse*: a purse soon exhausted; scanty resources. So *a short kennel*: a small pack of hounds.

a 1548 HALL *Chron., Hen. VI*, 148 Kyng Reyner..for al his long stile had to short a purse, to sende his doughter honorably to the kyng her spouse. 1827 *Sporting Mag.* XXI. 142 All gentlemen who have but a short kennel should look to the sort of hound they are to keep. 1835 T. MITCHELL *Acharn. of Aristoph.* 46 *note*, A man with a long pedigree, and a very short purse.

13. *Phonetics* and *Prosody.* Applied to a vowel (less frequently to a consonant) when its utterance has the less of the two measures of duration recognized in the ordinary classification of speech-sounds. Also, in *Prosody*, of a syllable: Belonging to that one of the two classes which is supposed to be distinguished from the other by occupying a shorter time in utterance. *Short* † *accent, mark*: the mark (˘) placed over a vowel letter to indicate short quantity.

For various inaccurate uses see LONG *a.* 13 a.

c 1000 ÆLFRIC *Gram.* ix. (Z.) 32 Seo forme ȝeendung is on scortne *a.* 1412–20 LYDG. *Troy-bk.* II. 184, I toke non hede nouþer of schort nor long, But to þe trouþe, and lefte coryouste Boþe of makyng and of metre be. 1573 BARET *Alv.* To Rdr., The last sillable saue one is short. 1585 JAS. I *Ess. Poesie* Pref. (Arb.) 55 Abone the heid of the shorte fute, I haue put this mark *u. c* 1620 HUME *Brit. Tongue* I. ii. § 17 If this argument reached as wel to i short as i lang. 1704 J. HARRIS *Lex. Techn.* I, *Short-Accent*, in Grammar, shews that the time of Pronounciation ought to be short, and is marked thus (˘). 1770 LUCKOMBE *Hist. Printing* 252 Vowels with the marks of Short and Long over them. 1827 TATE *Grk. Metres* in *Theat. Greeks* (ed. 2) 443 Which do not permit the short vowel precedent to form a short syllable. 1845 *Proc. Philol. Soc.* II. 138 The short *u* continues to represent the Gothic *u.* 1861 PALEY *Æschylus* (ed. 2) 7 *agst. Thebes* 488 *note*, The vowel is properly long, but made short by position.

14. colloq. a. *Something short*: undiluted spirits. Perh. originally from having a short name: e. g. 'brandy', not 'brandy and water'.

[1823: see B 4 f.] 1837 DICKENS *Pickw.* xlvi, If you'll order the waiter to deliver him anything short. 1844 HOOD *Anacreontic* iv, A drop of summut short. 1898 W. W. JACOBS *Sea Urchins, Money-changers* (1906) 224 I've got a bundle o' cigars an' a drop o' something short in my pocket.

b. *Comm.* (See quot.)

1841 G. ROBERTS *Terms Trade & Comm.* 43 Short; an expression of bankers when a cheque is cashed, not in small notes or gold, but by a short or ready method of giving one or more large notes. 1860 *Hotten's Slang Dict.* s. v., Upon presenting a cheque, the clerk asks, 'how will you take it?' *i.e.* in gold or in notes? Should it be desired to receive it in as small a compass as possible, the answer is, 'short'.

III. Not reaching to some standard.

15. Of things: Not coming up to some standard of measure or amount; inadequate in quantity. *Short measure, weight*: defective quantity by measure or weight; also, a measuring rod, vessel, etc., or a scale-weight, which defrauds the purchaser. *Short commons*: see COMMONS; so *short allowance, rations*, etc.

1390 GOWER *Conf.* II. 59 It were a schort beyete To winne chaf and lese whete. *c* 1430 *Freemasonry* 192 Suche a mon, throȝe rechelaschepe, My3th do the craft schert worschepe. 1596 RALEIGH *Discov. Guiana* 47 We made but a short breakfast aboord the Galley in the morning. *c* 1610 *Women Saints* 80 Short and simple food. 1615 G. SANDYS *Trav.* 12 Some cottons here grow; but short in worth to those of Smyrna. 1663 GREENHALGH in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. III. IV. 282 Many short meals. 1668 in *10th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. v. 72 We conceive the said certifycate to be short and expect that the same in that point be supplied. 1681 FLAVEL *Meth. Grace* xi. 242 The Law accepts no short payment. 1705 STANHOPE *Paraphr.* II. 273 Report is seldom short on the Reflecting Part. 1745 P. THOMAS *Voy. S. Seas* 3 We went to short Allowance of all Species. 1748 *Anson's Voy.* II. xi. 257 Our water being now very short. 1753 *Scots Mag.* Feb. 98/1 The money..was short by 3d. 1789 BENTHAM *Princ. Legisl.* xi. § 24 You have detected a baker in selling short weight. 1820 SOUTHEY *Wesley* I. 227 They had been long upon short allowance. 1831 *Lincoln Herald* 16 Dec. 2/2 There was a very short attendance. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* I. VII. iv, A Baker who has been seized with short weights. 1871 *Routledge's Ev. Boy's Ann.* 301 An excellent method of securing a prisoner when cord is short. 1901 'L. MALET' *Sir R. Calmady* VI. vii, He's certain to take them home short money.

b. Qualifying a sb. denoting a period of time, distance, number, quantity, etc., to indicate an extent less than that expressed by the sb.

1702 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 3773/2 Within a short Mile. 1841 BORROW *Bible in Spain* xxiv, A short league distant. 1913 *Times* 9 Aug. 19/2 Short tons.

c. Qualifying a noun of action. *Short delivery, shipment* (Comm.): delivery or shipment of goods less in quantity than agreed on or invoiced.

1884 *Weekly Notes* 9 Feb. 32/1 There was a counter claim for short delivery and defective packing. 1891 OLVER & O'REILLY *Imperial Tariff* 267 A certificate of short shipment from the searcher. 1901 *Scotsman* 13 Mar. 10/7 Loss ..sustained..in consequence of short delivery of a contract for coal.

d. Said of a book which has been cut down or cropped in the binding. (Cf. TALL *a.* 7 b.)

1864 *Reader* No. 88. 304/3 The folio..is quite perfect, but 'short'.

16. Of a throw, a missile, etc.: Travelling too short a distance, not reaching the mark. Chiefly in *Archery* and *Bowls*: see quots. 1801, 1897. In *Cricket*: see 26 d.

1545 ASCHAM *Toxoph.* I. (Arb.) 36 Escheweing shorte, or gone, or eithersyde wide. 1659 N. R. *Prov., Eng. Fr.*, etc. 90 Short shooting loseth the game. 1801 T. ROBERTS *Engl. Bowman* 294 *Short arrow*, an arrow which falls short of the mark. 1897 *Encycl. Sport* I. 129/2 (Bowls) *Short bowl*, one that does not reach the jack.

17. *Short of* or †*from* (in predicative use, also qualifying a preceding sb. or neuter indefinite pronoun): Not fully attaining or amounting to (some condition or degree); not equalling (some other person or thing); inferior to; less than (a specified number or quantity). Also, †inadequate to, not fully worthy of (*obs.*). Often with limiting adv. (*far, little, much, nothing*, etc.) or an expression of number or quantity used advb., indicating the extent of the deficiency.

In mod. use, the original adjectival character of *short* in this application is much obscured, *short of* tending to be felt as a preposition. Occasionally the word governed by *of* is an adj. (e. g. in quot. 1837); cf. the similar use of (*little, nothing*) *less than.*

1560 GRESHAM in Burgon *Life* (1839) I. 322 If it is discovered, there is nothing short of death with the searcher, and with him who enters it at the custom-house. 1579 FULKE *Heskins's Parl.* 125 A long saying.., but not so long in wordes, as short of his purpose. 1581 J. BELL *Haddon's Answ. Osor.* 494 b, Hauing regard rather to make manifest ..how much you were short yet of a true and perfect knowledge in the true doctrine of Divinitye. *a* 1586 SIDNEY *Arcadia* II. (Sommer) 172 b, Those immoderate praises, which the foolish Louer thinkes short of his Mistres, though they reach farre beyond the heauens. 1634 SIR T. HERBERT *Trav.* 48 [Gombroon] was a dozen yeares agoe, so short from the title of a Citie, that it could not boast of twelue houses. 1665 J. SERGEANT *Sure Footing* 163 Let my Reader ..see how far they are short from..even an Attempt of Evidence. 1693 C. MATHER *Wonders Invisible World* (1862) 16 It will be a thing little short of Miracle. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* Apr. 1646, Cheese little short of the best Parmeggiano. 1747 RICHARDSON *Clarissa* (1811) I. 47 Disgust little short of affrightment. 1748 *Anson's Voy.* II. xii. 265 The Spaniards were not much short of two hundred. 1762 KAMES *Elem. Crit.* i. (1774) I. 30 Words are so far short of the eye in liveliness of impression. 1780 WARNER in Jesse *Selwyn & Contemp.* (1844) IV. 398 Phil. has been unlucky at Sudbury, as he was one short of Marriot. *a* 1792 SIR J. REYNOLDS in Malone *Wks.* (1797) I. p. xxxi, A refined taste, which could not acquiesce in any thing short of a high degree of excellence. 1801 *Farmer's Mag.* Jan. 81 A crop, one fourth short of an average. 1806 J. BERESFORD *Miseries Hum. Life* vi. (ed. 3) 102 Nothing short of a full gallop will save your time. 1818 BYRON *Juan* I. lxii, Ladies..Prefer a spouse whose age is short of thirty. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* I. VI. iv, And such a Constitution, little short of miraculous. 1862 STANLEY *Jew. Ch.* (1877) I. xiv. 280 It could be compared to nothing short of the day when Israel passed through the desert. 1879 MCCARTHY *Own Times* xxix. II. 401 He had everything short of genius. 1880 *Encycl. Brit.* XIII. 194/1 Short of war, certain preliminary measures of hostility are recognized. 1892 *Law Times' Rep.* LXVII. 199/2 Nothing short of that will do.

b. In expressions like *little, nothing short of*, the adj. is occas. used *absol.*

1838 F. A. P[ALEY] tr. *Schömann's Assemb. Athen.* Introd. 7 The archons were invested with little short of kingly power. 1879 B. TAYLOR *Germ. Lit.* 53 The colossal affectation of his career seems to us little short of idiocy. *Mod.* Little short of £1000 will be required.

18. In predicative use, chiefly of persons: a. Defaulting in payments.

1586 A. DAY *Eng. Secretorie* II. (1625) 7 Divers summes wherein you were short in reckoning. 1864 *Hotten's Slang Dict.* s. v., A conductor of an omnibus, or any other servant is said, to be short when he does not give all the money he receives to his master.

†b. Lacking in performance. Of an author: Defective in information. *Obs.*

a 1697 SOUTH *Serm.* III. 306 Very large in Pretence and Promise, but short in Performance. 1653 RAMESEY *Astrol. Restored* To Rdr. 25, I have endeavoured to compare one Author with another..and where one hath been short, I have inlarged with another. 1662 PEPYS *Diary* 20 June, I do perceive that I am very short in my business by not knowing many times the geographical part of my business.

†c. Below the truth in one's estimate or calculation. *Obs.*

1669 STURMY *Mariner's Mag.* IV. xvii. 203 In two Voyages I differ but two Leagues, and that I was short.

d. Having an insufficient supply of money, food, or something else implied by the context; *spec.* not

having the means to meet one's engagements. *To go short*: to suffer privation, have less than enough.

1762–71 H. Walpole *Vertue's Anecd. Paint.* (1786) III. 65, I am so short in cash, that I am not able to pay my workmen. 1830 Galt *Laurie T.* II. ii, I have to settle for my coffee spec., and may be short. 1840 Dickens *Old C. Shop* lxiv, 'They kept me very short,' said the small servant. '..So I used to come out at night..and feel about in the dark for bits of biscuit.' 1872 Schele de Vere *Americanisms* 306 *Short*, that is, in want of the necessary means to comply with his obligations. 1894 G. W. Appleton *Co-Respondent* I. 106 I'm always short..Would a loan of 100l. be of any service to you? 1895 *Cornh. Mag.* Dec. 603 'So you goes short, Sarann?' 'I be used to 't', said Mrs. Bradley. 1901 *Essex Herald* 9 Apr. 5/5 Please cash the orders I enclose: ..don't go short when you want any.

e. *Short of*: having an insufficient quantity of. Also, not possessing, lacking (something necessary or desirable); in want of (something to complete the desired number).

1697 Dryden *Virg. Georg.* III. 679 Their defenceless Limbs the Brambles tear; Short of their Wool, and naked from the Sheer. 1700 Farquhar *Constant Couple* II. v, I am very short of Mony at present. 1721 Amherst *Terræ Fil.* No. 33. 176 Young men, having been kept short of money at school. 1794 Nelson 8 July in Nicolas *Disp.* (1844) I. 425 They will, from using as many again as is necessary, be soon short of that article, which probably cannot be supplied them. 1855 Dickens *Dorrit* I. xxv, Allow me to take your hat—we are rather short of pegs. 1866 Crump *Banking* xi. 246 As it gives rise to the opinion that he is short of funds. 1897 Flor. Marryat *Blood of Vampire* xii, No one in this 'ouse is kept short of food. 1905 Elin. Glyn *Viciss. Evangeline* 93 He might be useful to us, if we are short of a gun. 1908 *Westmorld. Gaz.* 21 Nov. 3/2 They were short of bailiffs.

f. Preceded by a sb. or an expression of quantity, indicating what is lacking of the required number or amount.

1893 E. F. Benson *Six Common Things* 217 We are a lady short. Shall I tell her to come down to dinner? *Mod.* The clerk was two pounds short in his cash.

19. *To run short.* a. Of persons, etc.: To become short *of*, 'run out' *of* (something). Also without const.

1752 in *Scots Mag.* (1753) Sept. 452/1 Being run short of money. 1809 *Naval Chron.* XXII. 189 In consequence of running short of water. 1884 C. Reade in *Harper's Mag.* Sept. 603/1 I've purchased this cutlery in case she may run short. 1890 S. Lane-Poole *Barbary Corsairs* I. vii. 81 Coron was running short of supplies.

b. Of supplies: To become or prove insufficient in quantity; to become exhausted.

1850 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* XI. I. 143 Turnips sometimes run short. 1894 Wolseley *Marlborough* II. 99 There was a great dearth of arms..and the supply in the Tower soon ran short.

transf. 1890 Iza D. Hardy *New Othello* III. vi. 131 The time was running very short.

IV. Not tenacious in substance, friable, brittle.

[Prob. connected with branch I through the notion 'having little length of fibre': cf. sense 3.]

20. Of edible substances: Friable, easily crumbled. Phrase, *To eat short*: to break up or crumble in the mouth. a. of crust, pastry, etc. Cf. Shortbread, Shortcake.

c 1430 *Two Cookery Bks.* 52 þan take warme Berme, & putte al þes to-gederys, & bete hem togederys with þin hond tyl it be schort & þikke y-now. 1594 *Good Huswife's Handmaid* 17 b, To make short paste in Lent. 1700 Congreve *Way of World* III. xv. 46 You may be as short as a Shrewsbury Cake, if you please. 1747 Mrs. Glasse *Art of Cookery* iv. 60 Make a short Crust, roll it thick. 1888 Edmondston & Saxby *Home Nat.* 99 A thick cake, which may be made of either flour or oatmeal, and may be rendered 'short' by the use of fat.

b. of fruit, meat, etc.

1648 Gage *West Ind.* 143 This is the Venison of America, whereof I have sometimes eaten, and found it white and short. 1655 Mouffet & Bennet *Health's Improv.* xix. 186 Salmons are of a fatty, tender, short and sweet flesh. 1699 Evelyn *Acetaria* 57 The bigger Roots..should..eat short and quick. 1706 London & Wise *Retir'd Gard.* I. i. vii. 35 Its Pulp eats short, and its Juice is sugar'd. 1856 *Orr's Circ. Sci., Pract. Chem.* 337 Vinegar makes the meat short, short meat being easy of digestion.

21. *gen.* Wanting in tenacity; friable, brittle. Phrase, *to work short*: to break or crumble when being worked. Of metals: cf. Cold-short, Red-short.

1607 Markham *Caval.* I. (1617) 57 Lest..it burne and drie vp their hoofes, making them short and brittle. 1682 Grew *Anat. Plants, Anat. Roots* 86 All Piths and more simple Parenchyma's, break short. 1725 *Bradley's Fam. Dict.* s. v. *Corn-land*, Some mix it [dung] with Sand, which causes it to work short. 1766 *Compl. Farmer* s. v. *Mould* 5 P 4/1 And this will be the better yet, if it..does not stick obstinately, but is short, tolerably light, breaking into small clods. 1800 tr. *Lagrange's Chem.* II. 139 Bismuth..renders gold short and brittle. 1839 Ure *Dict. Arts* 300 Pure clay ..affords a very short paste. 1859 *Stationers' Hand-bk.* (ed. 2) 105 *Short*, the technical term for the absence of strength in paper. 1883 Gresley *Gloss. Coal-mining* s.v., Coal is 'short' when of a very friable or tender nature.

†22. Of liquids: Not viscous. (Cf. Long *a.* 4.)

1618 Peacham *Gentl. Exerc.* I. xxii. (1634) 69 Let it be thoroughly dry, then take the glaire of egges, and straine it as short as water.

V. In Combination.

23. In concord with sbs., forming combinations used attributively or quasi-adj., as *short-arm*, *-distance*, *-hay*, *-hole*, *-leaf*, *-notice*, *-range*, *-stroke*, *-term*, *-time*, *-water*.

1902 *Daily Chron.* 3 May 8/6 As if he were going to do a *short-arm balance on the parallel bars. 1908 *Installation News* II. 45/2 Used for concealed work, in conjunction with a screwed shortarm bend or tee. 1898 *Daily News* 15 July 5/1 These *short-distance races are ruinous in their effect upon the breed of horses. 1843 A. R. Wallace in *Life* (1905) I. xiv. 208 The '*short-hay meadows', as they are called [in South Wales]. 1901 *Scotsman* 8 Mar. 6/6 A *short-hole golf course in the park. 1911 *Encycl. Brit.* XXVII. 634/2 *Short-leaf pine. 1853 R. S. Surtees *Sponge's Sp. Tour* xvii. (1893) 88 We are rather badly off for neighbours just here—at least for *short-notice neighbours. 1869 Lowell *Let.* 16 July in Ogden *Life E. L. Godkin* (1907) II. 84 'Tis an honest old-fashioned piece of straight-forward *short-range notions and carries an ounce ball. 1900 *Daily News* 23 May 5/6 A desperate short-range fight followed. 1838 *Civil Engin. & Arch. Jrnl.* I. 394/2 The *short stroke engines are propelling the boats.. faster than long stroke ones. 1901 *Scotsman* 3 Apr. 10/1 Mr. Gage has bought in New York 2,000,000 dols. worth of *short term bonds for the Sinking Fund. 1901 *Westm. Gaz.* 25 July 2/1 In the matter of remission of sentence the short-term prisoner has now been raised to an equality with the convict. 1877 Spurgeon *Serm.* XXIII. 130 In the army they have *short-time soldiers and long-time soldiers. 1898 *Daily News* 26 July 5/7 It was too large for such a short-time contract. 1791 R. Mylne *2nd Rep. Thames* 20 In *short-water Time, or dry Seasons.

24. Parasynthetic derivatives in -ED[2], unlimited in number, as *short-armed*, *-billed*, *-bodied*, etc.

1606 Snaks. *Tr. & Cr.* II. iii. 15 *Short-arm'd ignorance. 1649 G. Daniel *Trinarch., Hen. V*, ccxviii, Now a nearer Thirst Rages, and Short-arm'd Struggles makes 'em feel't. 1833 Nyren *Yng. Cricketer's Tutor* (1902) 35 This is a puzzler to a short-armed batsman. 1847–9 *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* IV. 20/2 The *Hydra viridis* or short-armed polype. 1832 J. Rennie *Butterfl. & Moths* 159 The *Shurt-barred White (*Ditula scriptana*).. The Short-barred Grey (*D. semifasciana*). 1752 J. Hill *Hist. Anim.* 148 The *short-beaked Purpura. 1891 Moullin *Surg.* 1248 An instrument shaped like a short-beaked lithotrite. 1835–6 Owen in *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* I. 292/1 The *shorter-billed birds. 1872 Coues *N. Amer. Birds* 88 Short-billed Marsh Wren. 1677 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 1257/4 A brown bay Gelding,..strong made, *short bodied. 1877 Huxley *Anat. Inv. Anim.* vi. 366 In the short-bodied *Læmodipoda*. 1858 Hawthorne *Fr. & It. Note-bks.* (1872) I. 22 *Short-breasted coats. 1819 Samouelle *Entomol. Compend.* 425 *Botys cucullatalis*. The *Short-cloaked Moth. 1751 G. Edwards *Birds* IV. 248 The *Short-eared Bat. 1833 Jardine *Humming-B.* 50 The short-eared owl. 1820 Scott *Monast.* Answ. Introd. Ep., The *short-faced president of the Spectator's Club. 1859 Darwin *Orig. Spec.* i. (1872) 15 Compare the English carrier Pigeon and the short-faced tumbler. 1622 T. Stoughton *Chr. Sacrif.* xii. 169 Of such *short haired Gentlewomen I find not one example either in Scripture or elsewhere. 1698 *Phil. Trans.* XX. 330 Carinated, short-hair'd stiff Pods. 1906 Olive C. Malvery *Soul Market* viii. 140 A thick-set, short-haired man. 1715 Ramsay *Christ's Kirk Gr.* II. xii, A *short-hought man. 1598 Shaks. *Ven. & Ad.* 295 This Horse..Round hooft, *short iointed, fetlocks shag, and long. 1846 J. Baxter *Libr. Pract. Agric.* I. 260 Cuttings are taken from the most fruitful, well-ripened, short-jointed boughs in autumn. 1884 Sargent *Rep. Forests N. Amer.* 200 *Short-leaved pine. 1597 Shaks. *2 Hen. IV.* v. i. 28 A couple of *short-legg'd Hennes. 1886 Dufferin in Lyall *Life* (1905) II. 114 Our poor little short-legged Goorkhas. 1647 C. Harvey *Schola Cordis* x. 52 The *short-lin'd circumference Of that three-corner'd figure. 1768 Sterne *Sent. Journ.* (1778) I. 66 (*Remise Door*), She walk'd..with the slow, *short-measur'd step of thoughtfulness. 1663 Boyle *Usef. Exp. Nat. Philos.* I. ii. 42 Having with the same liquor filled other small crystalline viols, though *short-necked. 1845 Youatt *Dog* ii. 33 In the act of seizing the hare the short-necked dog may lose the centre of gravity and fall. 1849 D. Campbell *Inorg. Chem.* 286 The sulphide is introduced into a short-necked Florence flask. 1693 Tate *Dryden's Juvenal* II. (1697) 38 In vain, O Rome! thou dost thy Conquest boast Beyond the Orcades *short-nighted Coast. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 59/2 Cammyd, or *schort nosyd, *timus*. *a* 1652 Brome *Queen & Concubine* II. iv. (1659) 31 Short-nos'd Dogs. 1681 Grew *Musæum* I. § vi. i. 128 The Short-Nos'd Snail. 1839 T. Beale *Nat. Hist. Sperm Whale* Introd. (ed. 2) 7 A row of widely separated, *short-pointed, conical teeth. 1687 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 2287/8 A bright bay, thick *short quartered. 1807 W. Irving *Salmag.* (1824) 193 A pair of short-quartered high-heeled shoes. 1862 *Rem. Golf* 15 The Putter..is a *short-shafted, stiff club, with a large flattish head, and square face. 1681 Grew *Musæum* I. § vii. ii. 169 The *Short-Shell'd Beetle. 1647 Ward *Simple Cobler* 24 To borrow a little of their [women's] loose-tongue Liberty, and mispend a word or two upon their long-wasted, but *short-skirted patience. 1901 C. Holland *Mousmé* 40 My shortskirted, somewhat tomboy niece. *a* 1661 Holyday *Juvenal* (1673) 157 When Rome was burn'd By *short-slop'd Gauls and the Senonian brood. 1575 Turberv. *Venerie* vi. 14 The head..is more to be esteemed when it is long than when it is *short snowted. 1815 Kirby & Sp. *Entomol.* vi. (1818) I. 177 A short-snouted weevil. 1896 H. Woodward *Guide Fossil Reptiles Brit. Mus.* 6 The Crocodiles..are divided into a *brevirostrine*, or short-snouted section [etc.]. 1800 Shaw *Gen. Zool.* II. 7 *Short-spined Porcupine. 1836 Yarrell *Brit. Fishes* I. 60 Short-spined Cottus. 1682 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 1768/4 A *short statured Man,..broke into a House near Basingstoke. 1840 Dickens *Old C. Shop* xlvi, Travellers jogging past on little *short-stepped horses. 1694 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 2946/4 Flat hoofed, very *short strunted. 1874 Lubbock *Wild Flowers* ii. 34 A *short-styled plant. 1684 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 1910/4 A Dun coloured Mare..*short tailed. 1774 Goldsm. *Nat. Hist.* (1776) IV. 75 The short tailed field mouse. 1848 Gould *Birds Austral.* VII. Pl. 39 Short-tailed Albatros. 1900 H. Lawson *On Track* 139, I was very *short-tempered. 1598 Marston *Sco. Villanie* I. ii, A *short term'd tenancie. 1680 Otway *C. Marius* v. ii, The short-term'd Life Of one old Man. 1837 Gould *Birds Europe* IV. Pl. 256 *Short-toed Ptarmigan. 1869–73 T. R. Jones *Cassell's Bk. Birds* I. 198 The Short-toed Lark. 1611 Cotgr. s. v. *Autour*, A *short-winged hanke. 1668 Charleton *Onomast.* 63 The short-winged Eagle. 1687 Dryden *Hind & P.* III. 473 In fine, short-wing'd, unfit himself to fly, His fear foretold foul weather in the sky. 1828 Sir J. S. Searight *Hawking* (1828) 46 A short-winged hawk. 1869–73 T. R. Jones *Cassell's Bk. Birds* III. 287 Short-winged Cursorial Birds. 1653 R. Sanders *Physiogn.* 41 The *Short wristed, cut, and dissected, signifies Weakness of Body and Minde.

25. Combinations with participles in which *short* is used as a complement, as *short-bitten*, *-cropped*, *-drawn*, *-growing*, etc.

a 1586 Sidney *Arcadia* I. Ecl. (1598) 84 *Short-bitten grasse. 1884 Birch *Kouyunjik Gallery Brit. Mus.* 89 The horse has a *short-cropped mane. 1680 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 1561/4 A Sorrel Mare..her Foretop cut off, and *short Dock'd. 1816 Scott *Old Mort.* xxxviii, She could discover by his *short-drawn sobs that it was a paroxysm of mental agony. 1889 *Hardwicke's Sci. Gossip* XXV. 195/1 The Morello and many *short-growing varieties of similar habit. 1794 *Rigging & Seamanship* 56 **Short-laid*, implies *short-twisted. 1869 Tozer *Highl. Turkey* I. 212 Men with tails..are always *short-made and broad-shouldered. 1677 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 1170/4 A *short-truss'd Nag.

26. Special collocations and combinations: **short bath** *Dyeing* (see quot.); †**short-board** (see Board *sb.* 15); **short-cloak**, a cloak coming down only to the elbows; **short-cross** (*a*) *Printing*, 'the shortest and also the broadest bar that divides a chase into quarters' (Savage *Dict. Printing*, 1841); (*b*) *Numism.*, a cross with arms extending only to the inner circle of the coin; also *attrib.*; **short end** (*a*) *pl.* odds and ends (cf. End *sb.* 6 c); (*b*) see quot. 1844; †**short-ended** *a. Sc.*, [f. *end* var. of Ande breath] short-winded; **short-eyed** *a.*, short-sighted (in quot. *fig.*); **short-frock**, a short garment usually worn in childhood, hence *fig.* in *pl.* habits, etc. associated with childhood; **short gown**, a dress with a very short skirt, worn by women engaged in house-work; also †a night-gown worn by a person of rank; also *attrib.*; **short-grass**, grass grown and trimmed as a lawn; **short-hairs** pl. *U.S. slang*, a name given to a branch of the Democratic Party in the Western States who show discontent with the administration; **short-head** *Anthropology*, a brachycephalic person; **short-headed** *a.*, having a short head, *spec.* in *Anthropology*, brachycephalic; hence *short-headedness*; **short heeled** *a.*, having a short heel; *fig.* wanton; hence **short-heels**, a wanton person; **short-line** *Rackets* (see quot.); **short linsseed** ? a trade name for a kind of linseed-meal; **short-long** (*a*) *Med.* a technical name for a variety of Cardamom; (*b*) an iambic verse (*nonce-use*); **short-lunged** *a.* = Short-winded; in quot. *fig.*; **short measure**, an arrangement of the keyboard of a spinet in which advantage is taken of the 'short octave'; **short metre**, a form of stanza used in hymn-writing, consisting of four lines of which the first, second, and fourth are of six syllables and the third of eight, usually expressed by the symbol S.M.; also *vulgarly* as *adv. phr.* quickly, soon; **short octave** *Mus.* (see quot.); **Short Parliament**, the Parliament which sat from 13 April to 5 May, 1640; **short-pipe**, ? a kind of musket with a short barrel; **short-rest** *Billiards* = Jigger *sb.*[1] 5 g; **short rib**, (*a*) a popular name for any of the lower ribs which do not attach to the sternum; also a piece of butcher's meat, esp. of pork, containing one or more of such ribs; (*b*) *Printing*, = Cramp-iron 3; †**short sail** (see quot.); **short-service**, military service limited to a prescribed short period; also *attrib.*; †**short shouldered** *a.*, thick-set; **short-silk**, cotton having a short staple; †**short speaking**, brevity in speech, 'brachylogy'; **short-spirited** *a.*, lacking forbearance or perseverance; **short-splice** (see quots.); **short-staff**, a short cudgel, also a contest between two persons armed with such cudgels; **short staple** *a.*, having a short fibre, a commercial term applied to cotton of an inferior grade, also known as 'upland cotton'; also *absol.*; **short-stapled** *a.*, having a short staple (= prec. adj.; said also of wool); **short stay** *a. Naut.*, in phr. *short stay apeek* (see quot. 1867); **short stepper**, a horse equally lame in all its legs; † **Short-thigh** *Hist.* = Curt-hose; †**short-thinker**, a person whose thought does not carry him far into a subject; **short-timer**, a child who is allowed to attend school for less than the full number of hours daily (cf. *half-timer*); **short title**, the abbreviated title by which an Act of Parliament is officially designated; **short turn** *a.*, (of a wagon) constructed so as to turn easily in a short space; **short-waisted** *a.* (of a person or a garment) short in the waist; also †*fig.*; **short-warp** (see quot.); †**shortwindiness** = Short-windedness; **short-wise** *adv.*, in the shortest direction; **short-witted** *a.*, lacking intelligence.

1921 *Encycl. Brit.* VIII. 753/1 '*Short bath', *i. e.* a bath containing a minimum amount of dye liquor. 1644 MANWAYRING *Seaman's Dict.* 13 A *short-boord, is when you stand-off but little. 1772–84 [see BOARD *sb.* 15]. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* I. IV. iv, 'In his rustic farmer-clothes'; which he will wear always; careless of *short-cloaks and costumes. 1683 MOXON *Mech. Exerc., Printing* IX. § 6. 35 [The Chase] hath two Crosses belongiog to it, viz., a *Short-Cross..and a Long-Cross. 1870 HENFREY *Eng. Coins* II. 23 Not many years ago there was much discussion whether these 'short-cross pennies', as they were called, belonged to the last coinage of Henry II, or the first issue of Henry III. 1904 STAINER *Oxf. Silver Pennies* (O.H.S.) 55 Short cross voided, each limb terminating in incurved segment of a circle. 1560 DAUS tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* 252 Certen ryche men..had packed up theyr *short eodes, & were gonne out of the Citie. 1635 in Foster *Crt. Min. E. Ind. Comp.* (1907) 95 What Gosnell may have brought home in 'sbort eods' he knows not. 1844 H. STEPHENS *Bk. Farm* II. 489 Lengthening the plough-chains by short-ends, that is, short pieces of chain, which are hooked in a similar manner. 1595 DUNCAN *App. Etym.* (E.D.S.), *Anhelus*, pursie, or *short-ended. 1721 SOUTHERNE *Loyal Brother* I. i, No, no, Arbanes, no; thou'rt *short-ey'd here. 1900 G. SWIFT *Somerley* 37 The literary *short-frocks of Jules Verne and Henty. 1473 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* I. 13, j¼ elne of blac to lyne a *schort gowne to the King. 1489 *Ibid.* 135 For xj elne of rede dammysk to lyne a lang gowne and the schorte gowne..xxij li. 15.. *Christ's Kirk* 34 in *Bannatyne MS.* (Hunter. Club) 283 Sa schamefully his schort goun set him. 1818 SCOTT *Hrt. Midl.* x, Her brown russet short-gown set off a shape, which time, perhaps, might be expected to render too robust. 1851 [see *long-short*, LONG *a.* 18]. 1861 J. BROWN *Horæ Subs.* Ser. II. 132 Her bright young careless face, her tidy shortgown, and her dark eyes. 1826 COBBETT *Rural Rides* (1885) II. 52 *Short-grass very neatly kept. 1886 *Chicago Tribune* in Barrère & Leland *Slang* (1890) s.v., They did not resign, as had been hoped by the *short-hairs. 1888 BRYCE *Amer. Commw.* II. App. 642 Dudes and roughs, civil service reformers aod office-holding bosses, short-hairs and college presidents. 1894 STEAD *If Christ came to Chicago* 36 Mayor Hopkins was elected by the silkstockings on the one hand aod the shorthairs on the other. 1892 *Athenæum* 3 Dec. 781/3 The long-headed race kept up a desultory warfare with the *short-heads for many years. 1802 SHAW *Gen. Zool.* III. 170 *Short-headed Toad. 1854 A. AOAMS, etc. *Man. Nat. Hist.* 68 Short-headed Serpents. 1863 LYELL *Antiq. Man* 26 It exhibits..a type..which is intermediate between the long-headed aod short-headed form. 1883 *Academy* 17 Mar. 190/1 That Turanian admixture is the cause of relative *short-headedoess must for the nonce be relegated to the background. 1591 ?NASHE *Wond. Strange Prognost.* B 1 b, Some shalbe so *short heeld & so quesie stomackt, that [etc.]. 1600 SURFLET *Country Farm* II. xlix. 332 This kind of meate [apples of love] is good for such men as are inclyned to dallie with..short heeld huswines. 1785 GROSE *Dict. Vulgar T., Short heeled Wench*, a girl apt to fall on her back. 1839 MACGILLIVRAY *Brit. Birds* II. 188 Short-heeled Field Lark. 1599 PORTER *Angry Wom. Abington* (Percy Soc.) 35 Mistresse flurt, yon [sic] foule strumpet, Light a loue, *shorte heeles! 1898 *Encycl. Sport* II. 244/2 (Rackets) **Short-line*, the line on the floor at the distance of about 39 feet from the front wall and parallel to it. 1726 *Act* 13 *Geo. I*, c. 26 § 2 Any Lintseed commonly called or known by the Name of *Short Lintseed. 1871 GARROO *Mat. Med.* (ed. 3) 333 Cardamoms are distinguished according to their lengths by the respective names of shorts, *short-longs, and longs. *a* 1881 O. W. HOLMES *Old Vol. Life* ix, The first two in iambics, or short-longs. *a* 1687 'AUSON' *On Elegy to Cleveland* 4 in *C.'s Wks.* 279 Elegiacks..too *short-lung'd to parallel thy Fame. 1911 *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 562/1 Three and two-third octaves, E to C—which by the '*short measure' would be four octaves, C to C. 1728 *Short metre [see COMMON *a.* 19 b]. 1848 LOWELL *Biglow P.* Ser. I. ii, Ef it woro't fer wakio' snakes, I'd home agin short meter. 1801 BUSAV *Dict. Mus.*, **Short-Octaves*. An appellation given to some of the lower octaves of an organ, because from the omission of some of the intermediate notes, the extreme keys lie nearer to each other than those of the full octaves. 1653 CROMWELL *Sp.* 4 July in *Carlyle* (1845) II. 188 The state of affairs as they were before the *Short, that is the last, Parliament. 1884 GARDINER *Hist. Eng.* IX. xci. 117 The Short Parliament..had sat for three weeks. 1844 *Queen's Regul. Army* 99 For *short-pipe 3*d*. 1910 *Encycl. Brit.* III. 935/2 The '*short rest' (or 'jigger'). 1592 TIMME *Ten Eng. Lepers* K 3 b, Joab..stabbed him under the *short ribbes, and killed him. 1769 E. BANCROFT *Guiana* 242 A little below the short ribs. 1912 *Standard* 20 Sept. 8/7 Bacoo, Short Rib Sides. 1710 J. HARRIS *Lex. Techn.* II, **Short Sails*, in a Man of War, are the same with the Fighting-sails, and are the Fore-sail, Main-sail, and Fore-topsail. 1897 *Daily News* 9 Feb. 6/3 A sufficient *short-service home army, and a really effective reserve force. 1905 ARNOLD-FORSTER in *Parl. Deb.* 29 Mar. 1582 If we were allowed to take the Militia and make them the short-service Army. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Prol.* 549 He was *short sholdred, brood, a thikke knarre. 1870 YEATS *Nat. Hist. Comm.* II. (1872) 200 Cottons may be divided into the long silk and *short silk. *Ibid.*, The United States generally furnish the short silks in the greatest quantity. 14.. *Voc.* in WR.-WÜLCKER 568/35 *Braciologia*, a *shortspekynge. 1647 TRAPP *Comm. Epist., Marrow Gd. Authors* 672 If God should be as *short spirited, what would soon become of all? 1673 JANEWAY *Heav. Earth* (1847) 149 God is not like short-spirited man. 1769 FALCONER *Dict. Marine* (1789) N n 1, The *short-splice is made by untwisting the ends of two ropes, or the two ends of one rope, and, having placed each of the straods of one..in the interval between two strands of the other, to draw them close together; and then interweave the strands of one into the alternate strands of the other. 1775 SHERIDAN *Rivals* IV. i, A bout at boxing, quarter-staff, or *short-staff. 1858 HOMANS *Cycl. Comm.* s. v. *Cotton* 437/2 The 'Georgian', or '*short-staple', is [believed to be] the sea-island [variety of cotton] carried into the interior. *Ibid.* 438/1 The short staple cotton is more or less cultivated all the way from the southern borders of Virginia, to the southwestern streams of the Mississippi. 1834 MCCULLOCH *Dict. Comm.* s. v. *Cotton* (ed. 2) 436 [Cottons] are usually classed under the denominations of long and *short stapled. 1835 URE *Philos. Manuf.* 126 Short-stapled, or cloth-wool, is valued by the fineness.. and whiteness of its fibres. 1837 MARRYAT *Snarleyyow* ix, *Short stay apeak was the anchor. 1867 SMYTH *Sailor's Word-bk.* s. v. *Apeek*. A ship drawn directly over the anchor is *apeek*: when the fore-stay and cable form a line, it is *short stay apeek*; when in a hoe with the mainstay, *long stay apeek*. 1836 HEAD *Home Tour* 101, I perceived him to be what is technically called 'a *short stepper'. 1596 DRAYTON (*title*) The Tragicall Legend of Robert Duke of Normandye surnamed *Short Thighe. 1721 SHAFTESB. *Charac.* III. 302 They..being necessitated thus to become *Short-thinkers, are contented to go no further than they are led by those to whom..they apply themselves for Cure and Comfort. 1883 MRS. A. E. BARR in *Chr. Union* 22 Nov., A '*short-timer' is a child who works half the day at the mill. 1869 *Act* 32 *& 33 *Vict.* c. 42 § 1 *marg.*, *Short-title. This Act may be cited..as The Irish Church Act, 1869. 1892 *Act* 55 *Vict.* c. 10 § 2 The Short Titles Act, 1892. 1686 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 2188/4 Lost.., a *short turn Waggon. 1590 SIR J. SMYTH *Disc. Weapons* 46 Collars, light and *short wasted cuirasses and backes. 1592 NASHE *Strange Newes* M 1 b, This thy short-wasted Pamphlet. 1756 C. SMART tr. *Horace, Sat.* I. ii. (1826) II. 21 But..she is low-hipped, short-waisted [L. *brevi latere*], with a long nose, and a splay-foot. 1851 H. MELVILLE *Whale* lx, The *short-warp—the rope which is immediately connected with the harpoon. 1545 RAYNALD *Byrth Mankynde* 116 The cough: and distillation of the heade: *short wyndynesse [etc.]. 1562 TURNER *Baths* 8 b, They are good..for shortwindines. 1865 *Daily Tel.* 22 Aug. 6/5 The bullocks' half of the square ..is divided *shortwise, by the wooden barriers to which I have alluded. 1477 NORTON *Ordin. Alch.* vi. in Ashm. 93 All *short-witted Men and mutable. *a* 1656 HALES *Golden Rem.* (1688) 255 Piety doth not require at our hands, that we should be either short-witted or beggerly. 1809–10 COLERIDGE *Friend* (1865) 9 The more pitiable asthma of a short-witted intellect.

b. In names of animals, as **short bill**, a Brazilian bird, *Phibalura flavirostris*; **short diodon**, a species of sunfish, *Cephalus brevis*; **short-hair**, one of a breed of short-haired cats; also *attrib.*; **short-head**, a name given by sailors to the young of the whale; **short-sheep**, a name given to a short-woolled sheep of the black-faced Scotch variety; **short-tail**, (*a*) a bird of the genus *Pitta*; (*b*) a name given to a small family of snakes, *Tortricidæ*, found in India and America; **short-wing**, a diving bird of the group *Brachypteri*.

1820–1 SWAINSON *Zool. Illustr.* I. Pl. 31 *Phibalura cristata*. Crested *Shortbill. 1776 PENNANT *Brit. Zool.* III. 115 *Short Diodon... Sun-fish, from Loo. 1903 *Ladies' Field* 7 Nov. 347/1 Woodkirk Prince was pronounced the best *short-hair in the [cat] show. 1903 F. SIMPSON *Bk. Cat* vii. 99 The ranks of *short-hair breeders. 1725 DUDLEY *Whales* in *Phil. Trans.* XXXIII. 257 At a Year old, when they are called *Short heads, they are very fat. 1805 FORSYTH *Beauties Scotl.* II. 155 The black-faced sheep are short-legged, [etc.]. Hence they are often called *short sheep, in contradiction to the Cheviot, which are much longer bodied. 1816 SCOTT *Bl. Dwarf* i, 'Aweel, aweel, maister,' said the attendant, 'short sheep had short rents, I'm thinking. 1792 tr. *Buffon's Nat. Hist. Birds* III. 373 The *Short Tail. 1879 E. P. WRIGHT *Anim. Life* 395 The Short-tails are a small family [*Tortricidæ*], the species of which are about six in number. 1839 JERDON in *Madras Jrnl. Lit. & Sci.* X. 250 Black-headed *short wing. 1865 T. R. JONES *Anim. Creation* 459 The Short-wings (*Brachypteres*) exhibit considerable relationship with the Water-hens.

c. In names of plants or vegetable products, as **†short-neck**, a variety of pear having a rounded form; **† short-shank**, **† -start**, a variety of apple having a short stalk (so *short-started* adj.); **short-top**, a kind of radish; also *attrib.*; (so *short-topped* adj.).

1707 MORTIMER *Husb.* (1721) II. 295 The Rosewater Pear, the *Shortneck, so called from the shortness of its Form and Tail. 1611 COTGR. s. v. *Cour-pendu, Pomme de cour-pendu*, the *short-start, or *short-shanke; (an excellent apple). 1707 MORTIMER *Husb.* (1721) II. 294 The Short-start, the Chesnut Apple, aod the Great Belly are in many Places Apples of esteem. 1600 SURFLET *Country Farm* I. xii. 56 After the head beginneth to be ill, to eate one or two *short started apples, or some bitter almonds. 1786 ABERCROMBIE *Gard. Assist.* Dec. 335 Radishes.—sow a few early *short-tops. *Ibid.* Jan. 6 Radishes—sow early short-top kinds on warm borders, in open weather. 1842 LOUDON *Suburban Hort.* 653 The *short-topped scarlet [radish] is the best for a cottage garden.

d. In Cricket: **short ball**, a ball which pitches short of a length (see LENGTH *sb.* 10); **short hit**, a ball which when hit does not travel far from the wicket; **short leg** (see LEG *sb.* 6 c); **short notch** = *short run* (*b*); **short pitch**, the pitch of a short ball (q. v.); **short run** (*a*) a run made when the ball does not travel far enough to give time for an easy run; (*b*) a run which does not count by reason of a batsman not having technically completed the run; **short runner**, one skilled in making short runs (sense *a*); **short slip** (see SLIP *sb.*3 14). In Base-ball: **short fielder**, **short stop** (see quots.).

1911 *Encycl. Sport.* (Cricket) I. 495/2 **Short ball*, a ball which pitches too far from the batsman to be a good length. 1874 H. CHADWICK *Base Ball Man.* 27 The *Short Fielders. In the present position of the game there is but one '*short-stop', and he stands to the left of the in-field between the second and third base positions. Ultimately however, a 'right-short' will be introduced. 1833 NYREN *Young Cricketer's Tutor* (1902) 76–7 John Small..was the best *short-runner of his day, and indeed I believe him to have been the first who turoed the *short hits to account. His decision was as prompt as his eye was accurate in calculating a short run. 1774 *Laws of Cricket* in Lillywhite *Scores & Biogr.* (1862) I. 17 If the strikers run a *short notch, the Umpire must call No Notch. 1877 Box *Eng. Game Cricket* 457 **Short Pitch*, in this the ball has a greater parabola than the half volley. 1830 *Laws of Cricket* in Nyren *Young Cricketer's Tutor* (1902) 23 If the striker run a *short run, the umpire must call 'One short'. 1874 *Short-stop [see *short-fielder*]. 1875 *Encycl. Brit.* III. 406/2 Latterly [at Base-ball], an additional man has been introduced as right *short-stop. *Ibid.* 407/2 The catcher, pitcher, first and third basemen, and short-stop comprise the in-field; the remainder the out-field.

e. *Comm.*, as **short bill**, a bill having less than ten days to run; **short-exchange**, exchange having a short time (commonly thirty days or less) to run; also the rate for collecting short bills; **short-loan**, a loan repayable at an early date; **short-money**, money to borrow or to lend upon short-time loans; **short-paper**, short bills; **short-payment**, payment at any early date after the completion of a transaction; **short price**, a low price (in *Betting*, low odds).

1808 SCOTT *Let.* in *Lockhart* (1837) II. v. 175, I will get him a *short bill for the copy-money the moment Constable returns. 1861 GOSCHEN *For. Exch.* 86 The discount, which has to be deducted from the long bill before it can become equally available with the short bill. 1912 *Times* 19 Dec. 16/4 The Bank of England, which did a fairly large business in short bills at the official minimum. 1866 CRUMP *Banking* vii. 154 Between Paris and London the *short exchange is the most prominent. 1865 *Standard* 2 Sept. 2/1 The terms for *short loans in the early part of the day were 2½ to 3. *Ibid.*, A variety of parcels of *short money afloat. 1899 *Truth* 23 Feb. 477/2 Short money is quoted at from 1¾ to 2 per cent. 1912 *Times* 19 Dec. 19/5 Sterling exchange has ruled strong for *short paper at 20 to 35 points advance in posted rates. 1884 *Times* (weekly ed.) 10 Oct. 13/2 Corn for long payments; bread for *short payments. 1638 COTTON *Tower Rec.* 15 Security of payment at a long day and a *short price. 1856 H. H. DIXON *Post & Paddock* viii. 126 He was a fine large horse..and was purchased as a yearling, for a short price. 1885 *Field* 7 Feb. 157/2 Although quoted at so short a price, Mineral Water [a greyhound] has not been backed by his owner.

B. Quasi-*sb.* and *sb.*

I. The neuter adj. used *absol.*

1. With prepositions, forming adverbial phrases.

a. *In short* (also Sc. †*at short*): briefly, concisely. From the 18th c. onwards used only as parenthetical phrase, introducing or accompanying a summary statement of what has been previously said. † *In short and plain*: briefly and plainly.

c 1386 CHAUCER *Clerk's T.* 521 He tolde him point for point, in short and playn. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* XI. x. 79 Thus said he, and with sic wordis at schort Mesapus to the fycht he did exhort. 1556 LAUDER *Tractate* 266 Att schorte, ȝe daylie do aduert To serue ȝour God with faithfull hert. 1575 BADGER in *Gascoigne's Kenelworth Castle* Wks. 1910 II. 93 Though haste say on, let sute obtaine some stay... While that in short my state I doe display. 1660 BARROW *Euclid* Pref. (1714) 2, I shall here explain it to you in short. 1665 BOYLE *Occas. Reft.* v. i, Upon philosophical Disquisitions or Experiments, or (in short) upon some such other thing as seems extrinsecal to the Doctrine that is accordiog to Godliness. 1666 C'TESS OF WARWICK *Diary* 19 Aug., I overslept myself in the morning, and was fain only in short to recommend myself to God for that day. 1690 W. WALKER *Idiomat. Anglo-Lat.* 423, I shall oot think much to tell you in short what I think. 1748 CHESTERF. *Let. to Son* 17 May, And, in short, [they] put themselves in every attitude but the right. 1833 HT. MARTINEAU *Fr. Wines & Pol.* iv. 61 These were, in short, the Orleans mob. 1846 DICKENS *Cricket on Hearth* ii, The Blind Girl..never knew that Tackleton was Tackleton, in short. 1847 C. BRONTË *Jane Eyre* xi, Nothing in short was wanting to complete the beau ideal of domestic comfort. 1907 J. A. HODGES *Elem. Photogr.* (ed. 6) 13 In short, my object is to instruct those who desire to become photographers.

† **b.** *In short* (? also Sc. *at short*): in a short time, quickly. *Obs.* (The Sc. example may belong to a.)

1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* II. xli. 82 Quheo na hoipe of reskew at schort is, My purpose I left, obeyand destanye. *Ibid.* III. ix. 36 Gif that I perishe it is ȝit sum confort That I of mennis bandis deis at schort. *c* 1550 ROLLAND *Crt. Venus* III. 584 His kin and freindis, and Father but mercie Was put at schort till exterminioun. 1560 — *Seven Sages* 12 And sa at schort the barne delyuerit he. 1599 SIR J. HARINGTON *Nugæ Ant.* (1804) I. 276 For want of th' artillerie, whiche coulde not arrive in shorte, the same beinge onlie drawen by the force of meone.

c. *For short*: as an abbreviation.

a 1845 BARHAM *Ingol. Leg., Blasphemer's Warning*, Father Dick—so they called him for short. 1870 J. WHITE *Sk. America* 284 He's Attorney-general for Colorado, and we call him 'general' for short. 1896 MRS. HUNGERFORD *Lonely Girl* i, Carrig Castle—The Castle, as it is called 'for short' by the peasantry.

2. *The short*: the total, the result, upshot; a brief summing up of something which has been previously explained in full. Now only *dial.* (Cf. *the long and the short*, LONG *sb.* 3). † *Short is*: 'to speak briefly', 'the short of the matter is'.

a 1586 *Answ. to Cartwright* 2 This is the short of M. Harrisons longer discourse. 1607 S. COLLINS *Serm.* (1608) 181 The short of it is, my deere brethren, though the Papists bee troublesome, yet the Puritans must not looke to goe vncontrolled. 1649 G. DANIEL *Trinarch., Hen. IV*, cccxliii, Short is: the Sheriffe of Yorkeshire by his Power Attach't the Earle if it may be exprest Soe, to his Office. 1674 *Govt. Tongue* viii. 147 The short is, wherever this game is plaied there is alwaies a fool in the case. 1694 NORRIS *Refl. Locke's*

Hum. Understd., etc. 51 The short of Mr. Locke's reasoning in that part is this (which follows). *a* 1761 Law *Comf. Weary Pilgrim* (1809) 75 The short is this: the kingdom of self is the fall of man. 1777 Wesley *Wks.* (1872) XI. 398 The short of the matter is this. 1804 M. Cutler in *Life*, etc. (1888) II. 162 This is the short of the story. 1874 L. Caaa *Jud. Gwynne* I. v. 165 The short on it's this.

3. Phr. *To draw short and long*: to draw lots by means of straws, etc. of different lengths.

1870 Morris *Earthly Par.* III. 287 We shared the spoil by drawing short and long.

II. *sb.*

4. Something that is short.

†a. *Mus.* A short note. *Short and long* (see quot. 1597). *Obs.*

1591 Cockaine *Treat. Hunting* (Roxb.) D 3 b, To blow to seeke. Two windes: The first a long and a short, the second a long. *Ibid.* D 4 b, One short conteineth three quauers. 1597 Morley *Introd. Mus.* 78 The first is called short and long, when we make one note alone and then two of the same kinde bound togither, and then another alone.

†b. *Dancing.* A short step. *Obs.*

a 1652 Brome *City Wit* IV. i, Your traverses, Slidings, ..Closings, Openings, Shorts, Turns, Pacings, Gracings.

c. *Prosody.* A short syllable. *Longs and shorts*: see Long *sb.* 5.

a 1795 S. Bishop *Poet. Wks.* (1796) II. 194 With longs and with shorts all our heads are so full. 1837 C. P. Brown *Sanscrit Prosody* 3 A foot of four shorts.

d. ? The narrow part (of a boat).

1800 *Hull Advertiser* 15 Nov. 4/3, I..tied them round the short of the boat.

e. *Electr.* = Short circuit. (Cf. Short *v.*2).

1906 *Daily News* 27 Jan. 7/5 In technical language, there was a 'short'. 1909 *Installation News* III. 80/1 Strange to say, it is a very rare thing for a dead short to occur on a good earthed pipe system.

f. Neat spirits: = 'something short' (see A. 14 a).

1823 *Grose's Dict. Vulgar T.* (ed. Egan), *Short*, a dram unlengthened by water. 'I'll take a drop of short'. 1851 Mayhew *Lond. Labour* I. 52 Saveloys, with a pint of beer, or a glass of 'short' (neat gin) is with them another common week-day dinner. 1898 Henley *Lond. Types, Bus-driver*, He arrogates a special taste in short.

g. A contraction of a name. ? *nonce-use.*

1885 *Athenæum* 31 Oct. 567/3 'Nuttie' may be a local contraction for 'Ursula', though we should hardly have supposed that the name was common enough..to have its own 'short'.

5. *Comm.* A broker who sells more stock than he has in his hands at the time of sale, intending to take advantage of a possible drop in prices to obtain the remainder.

1881 *Chicago Times* 4 June, The May deal in white mixed [corn] is not yet settled, the shorts refusing to pay the closing price. 1891 *Boston* (Mass.) *Jrnl.* 27 Nov. 6/4 Some outside short was badly rattled. 1913 *Daily Mail* 31 Mar. 3/5 A sharp 'squeeze' of shorts in March contracts by spot houses.

6. In various uses of the *pl.*

a. A mixture of the bran and coarse part of meal.

1765 *Museum Rust.* IV. 402 Neither grains (drains), peas, barley, gurgins (shorts),..grew thereon. 1793 Washington *Let.* Writ. 1891 XII. 389 Now, if the midlings, ship stuff, shorts and bran does not amount to this difference, all short of it is loss. 1856 P. Thompson *Hist. Boston* 722 *Shorts*, the finer sort of bran left in coarse flour. 1868 *Rep. U. S. Commissioner Agric.* (1869) 439 Poor pastures, poor meadows, hay, and a few shorts or cob-meal.

b. *Rope-making.* 'The toppings and tailings of hemp, which are dressed for bolt-ropes [etc.]... The term is also employed to denote the distinction between the long hemp, used in making staple-ropes and inferior hemp' (Crabb *Technol. Dict.* 1823).

c 1790 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) VI. 175/1 A large machine for spinning shorts or backens into candlewicks.

c. Short whist. (See Whist *sb.*)

1825 T. Hook *Sayings* Ser. II. *Man of Many Fr.* II. 9 It was suggested that a rubber of shorts would be extremely seasonable. *a* 1874 *Pop. Author's Miseries* in *Casq. Lit.* V. 109/2 My father-in-law abhors me because I play shorts.

d. Knee-breeches, small-clothes. *Rowing shorts*: short drawers worn by oarsmen; similarly *football shorts.*

1826 Disraeli *Viv. Grey* I. iii. 7 Another..wanted to act the ghost, which he proposed doing in white shorts and a nightcap. 1837 Dickens *Pickw.* xlvii, The gentleman who condescended to appear in plush shorts and cottons for a quarterly stipend. 1859 *Habits of Gd. Society* iii. 150 You may dress like a bargee, in shorts and grey stockings. 1865 P'cess. Alice *Mem.* 7 June (1884) 100 Uncle Louis received us in shorts! 1913 *Blackw. Mag.* Apr. 520, I..stood outside in football 'shorts', nailed boots and sweater.

e. Short clothes.

1836 Marryat *Midsh. Easy* iii, Six months passed in these innocent amusements, and then he [the baby] was put into shorts.

f. Cuttings of tobacco.

1840 Marryat *Poor Jack* xv, Two penn'orth of pigtail and a paper of shorts. 1883 Dodge in *Rep. 10th Census U. S.* III. iv. 27 When a manufacturer desires to sell his shorts, clippings, [etc.]..to another manufacturer, he is required to apply to the collector..stating..the kind and quality of tobacco he wishes to sell.

g. What is 'short' or lacking. (*a*) *Printing.* 'The copies that have been or should be reprinted to make full a deficient edition' (*Cent. Dict.*). (*b*) That amount of stock which a broker who 'sells short' needs to cover his deficiency. (*c*) *Mining.* (See quot. 1886.)

1886 Barrowman *Sc. Mining Terms* 60 *Shorts*, term applied to the amount that the sum of Lordships in one year is under the minimum or fixed rent payable. 1901 *Munsey's Mag.* XXV. 433 He could easily take in his shorts at seventy-five.

C. *adv.*

1. Of a manner of speaking: Briefly, concisely, curtly. Now *rare* in educated prose use.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 8347 Bot elles scilwisli and scort he tald þat him lai apon hert. *c* 1374 Chaucer *Troylus* IV. 890 This, shorte and pleyne, þeffect of my message. 1575 Gascoigne *Kenelworth Castle* I. i. Wks. 1910 II. 108 Then Engistes lande as Chronicles do write Now England short, a land of worthy fame. 1610 Holland *Camden's Brit.* (1637) 277 Bistleham, now called short, Bisham. 1681 R. L'Estrange *Tully's Offices* 96 Now to speak short and plain. *a* 1715 Burnet *Own Time* (1724) I. 328 He spoke short, but with life. 1729 G. Adams tr. *Sophocles, Oedip. Colon.* II. ii. II. 121 How short and seasonable thou speakest this? 1859 Tennyson *Elaine* 882 Then if the maiden..spoke, he answer'd not, Or short or coldly.

†2. *To set short by, to tell short of*: to hold in low estimation. *Obs.*

1377 (see Set *v.* 91 e]. 1399 Langl. *Rich. Redeles* III. 194 For wolde they..dryve out the dagges and all the Duche cotis, And sette hem a-side, and scorte of hem telle.

3. a. For a brief while. *Obs.* in the positive.

1611 Mure *Misc. Poems* i. 54 Lyk to a blooming meadow, Quhose pryd doth schort remaine. *c* 1730 Ramsay *Wyfe of Auchtermuchty* i, But schort the storm wald let him stay. 1875 *Ure's Dict. Arts* III. 307 Resinous woods, like the pine, last much shorter than the oak.

†b. In a brief space of time, soon. *Obs.*

1556 Lauder *Tractate* 30 Thir kyngs yai ar bot kyngs of bane; And schort wyl heir yare tyme be gane. 1590 *Satir. Poems Reform.* xix. 47 With schot of gunne yai murdreist him fra hand, Schort ouer twa yeiris quhen he had rung in deid. 1643 *Orkney Witch Trial* in *Abbotsford Club Miscell.* I. 178 And shortefter, the said Annabell Murray contractit ane lingring disease.

4. In various uses relating to size or distance: With short garments, appendages, etc.; to a short distance.

1706 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 4212/4 When he trots out he overslips, and is shod short before for it. 1847 *Infantry Man.* (1854) 8 On the words Step Short,..each recruit will step as far as the ball of his toe, and no farther. *c* 1850 *Rudim. Navig.* (Weale) 153 The..bolts are driven short. 1887 Gunter *Mr. Barnes* xi. 76 A plain, round-faced girl..big enough to be sixteen, and dressed short enough to be eleven.

b. *To break, snap* (etc.) *short* (*off*): to break straight across, so as to leave nothing beyond the plane of fracture; to break *off* close to the point of attachment.

1679 Moxon *Mech. Exerc.* vii. 124 It may cut or brake it short asunder. 1709 Steele *Tatler* No. 48 P 2, I..pretended that I had broken my Wooden-Leg..but I snap'd it short off on purpose. 1745 P. Thomas *Jrnl. Anson's Voy.* 145 The Gloucester's..Fore-top-mast broke short. 1790 Burke *Fr. Rev.* Wks. 1808 V. 401 This weapon will snap short. 1850 Scoresby *Cheever's Whalem. Adv.* xii. (1859) 178 His first effort broke it short at the lock. 1863 W. C. Baldwin *Afr. Hunting* vi. 212 He broke almost every tooth short off upon this chain, in his furious efforts to bite it through. 1865 Milton & Cheadle *N.-W. Passage by Land* ii. (1867) 31 We..saw..great trees blown down, or trunks snapped short off. 1898 *Blackw. Mag.* Jan. 17 Her wheel stood in the corner with the thread snapped short in the heck.

5. Abruptly, suddenly: esp. in phrase *to turn short* (*round*).

1579 Gosson *Sch. Abuse* (Arb.) 24 Dogs..drinke running [in the Nile] lest they bee snapte short for a pray too Crocodiles. *c* 1643 Ld. Herbert *Autobiog.* (1824) 83 Finding that I had almost overtook him, he turned short. 1666 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 55/4 The wind coming short upon them off of Scheveling, they were forced to put back. 1707 Mortimer *Husb.* (1721) I. 360 Such Waggons as seldom have occasion to turn short, as Carriers Waggons, and such like. 1815 Scott *Guy M.* xli, Bertram turned short round upon Glossin at the distance of two yards only. 1841 Dickens *Barn. Rudge* xl, 'You catch me up so very short.' 'You will be caught up much shorter, my good friend—infinitely shorter—one of these days.' 1888 Bugon *Lives 12 Gd. Men* I. iv. 434 After a considerable pause, the Provost turned short round.

b. *To take* (a person) *short.* (*a*) To take by surprise, at a disadvantage; to come suddenly upon. *rarely* with *up.* Often *Naut.* of wind or bad weather.

1553 T. Wilson *Rhet.* (1560) 100 He spent once a groate at good ale, being forced through companie, and taken short at his worde. 1584 B. R. tr. *Herodotus* II. 77 b, They were suddenly surprised and taken short by a company of little dwarfes. 1609 Bible (Douay) *2 Macc.* viii. 26 But they returned being taken short with the time. 1691 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 2674/4 The Wind taking them short..they came to an Anchor in Torbay. 1760 C. Johnston *Chrysal* II. i. ii. 10 [He] was taken short after dinner, and died in his chair! 1818 Cobbett *Pol. Reg.* XXXIII. 302 Our Prince Regent has his chaplains..amounting to several scores in number; so that he can never be at a loss. He can never be taken short. 1823 *New Monthly Mag.* IX. 113/1 They may have been taken short by the climate before reaching the Pacific. 1837 Dickens *Pickw.* lii, I was took up very short by this, Samivel. 1890 *Funk's Stand. Dict.* s.v., *To be taken short* (colloq.), to be pressed with the need of evacuation of feces.

(*b*) To interrupt with a reply; not to allow to complete his speech or offer explanations. Often with *up.*

1565 Jewel *Repl. Harding* (1611) 228 If M. Harding had not taken S. Ambrose vp so short, by the words that immediately follow, he might well haue knowen his meaning. 1586 Stanyhurst *Descr. Irel.* ii. 17 in *Holinshed*, Sir, you take me verie short. *a* 1647 Petre in *Archæologia* XII. 257 His majesty, taking it ill that my lord should [etc.]..took him short with a sharp reprehension. 1711 Addison *Spect.* No. 34 P 3 Sir Andrew Freeport took him up short. 1815 Scott *Guy M.* xxxv, But, my dear sir, you take me so very short. 1865 Dickens *Mut. Fr.* IV. xiii, 'But bless ye, my beauty!' cried Mrs. Boffin, taking him up short at this point.

†6. At close quarters, closely, tightly. *To fight short*: to engage in a hand to hand struggle. *To ride short*: to ride with a tight rein. *Obs.*

a 1530 J. Heywood *Play of Wether* (Brandl) 487 Byr lady these knauys muste be tyed shorter. 1600 Holland *Livy* VII. x. 255 A light footman's shield he takes unto him, and a Spanish blade by his side, as being more handsome to fight short and close. 1689 T. R. *View Govt. Europe* 54 They undertook likewise to loosen his power, or tye it up short. *a* 1700 Evelyn *Diary* 24 Jan. 1682, They [Moors] rid very short, and could stand upright at full speede.

†b. *To hold* or *keep* (a person) *short* [= F. *tenir court*]: to press (him) hard in a contest; to keep rigidly confined or under strict discipline; to keep *from* something; in later use, to keep (a horse) tightly reined in. *Obs.*

c 1425 ? Lydg. *Assembly of Gods* 1307 'Kepe hym short', he seyde, 'tyll hys lust be spent.' 1470–85 Malory *Arthur* IX. xxx. 385 And euer sir Bleoberys was passynge hesy vpon syre Tristram. 1530 Palsgr. 597/2 Lette men holde hym very shorte. ..If youth be nat kepte shorte it wyll be marred anone. 1565 Cooper *Thesaurus, Cohibeo*..to keepe shorte. 1568 Grafton *Chron.* II. 12 The king helde them so short, that in processe of tyme they were faine to yelde. 1581 Pettie *Guazzo's Civ. Convers.* (1586) 131 b, They perswade themselues, that if they doe not keepe them [their wives] short, they keep them not as they ought to doe. 1600 Surflet *Country Farm* Table, Girles must be kept short. 1632 Bp. Hall *Hard Texts* Luke vi. 25 The time shall come wherein ye shall bee held short of all worldly comforts. 1674 Flavel *Husb. Spirit.* iii. 216 Oxen for use are daily yoaked and kept short, whilst those that are designed for the shambles are let loose to feed at pleasure. 1792 Osbaldistone *Brit. Sportsm.* 416 When your horse attempts to be vicious..hold him very short.

7. On the hither side of the point aimed at or contemplated. Also, †lagging behind, in the rear (*of*). Const. *of.* † *To lie short*: to pass the night at a place short of one's journey's end.

c 1588 in *Defeat Sp. Armada* (Navy Rec. Soc.) I. 13 The next morning..there was a great galleon of the Spaniards short of her company to the southwards. 1634 Sir T. Herbert *Trav.* 67 Three miles short of the great Citie. 1644 Symonds *Diary* (Camden) 49 The foot army lay short of the hill all night. 1669 Sturmy *Mariner's Mag.* I. ii. 14 Coming to the same Point and Degree where she [the moon] was in Conjunction with the Sun last, she is short of the Sun. 1676 Marvell *Mr. Smirke* 24 Another Exposer.. would rather have turn'd out of the Road, and lay'd short all night somewhere by the way. 1684 Norris *Poems* 35 I'm flush'd with silent joy, and smile to see The Shafts of Fortune still drop short of me. 1698 Fryer *Acc. E. India & P.* 130 He met me..in a Garden short of the Town. 1726 Shelvocke *Voy. round World* 21 He came to an anchor short of us. 1751 Eliza Haywood *Betsy Thoughtless* IV. 309 He had lain the night before eight miles short of Sir Ralph's seat. 1816 *Sporting Mag.* XLVIII. 180 Ford frequently hit short. 1862 *Chamb. Encycl.* III. 320/1 Misconception of this may lead to overthrowing the ball, or throwing it short. 1855 Kingsley *Westw. Ho!* xiv, There's not such a piece in London;..nor short of Calicut, where it came from. 1888 *Daily News* 7 Sept. 5/2 The trout has 'risen short'.

b. *To fall short* (*of*): see Fall *v.* 96, 97. Hence *falling short*, a failure in attainment, a deficiency.

a 1680 T. Goodwin *Govt. Ch. Christ* VI. xii. Wks. 1697 IV. iv. 402 His Disciples..had..great fallings short. 1856 Mrs. Browning *Aur. Leigh* IX. Poet. Wks. (1904) 539/1 Shine out for two, Aurora, and fulfil My falling-short that must be!

c. *To stop short of*: not to go the length of (some extreme action).

1818 Scott *Rob Roy* xii, I had but just stopped short of insulting the beautiful..being by whom it was proffered. 1865 Dickens *Mut. Fr.* I. vii, But stop short of any compunction for the people who would lose the same.

8. To come short. †a. To arrive too late. *To come short of*: to arrive too late for, or later than.

1569 W. Forrest *Joseph* I. in *Grisild the Second* (Roxb.) 167 To aske their [*sc.* Gower and Chaucer's] counsaylles I came all to shorte. 1597 Morley *Introd. Mus.* 116 Remembring that this morning..I hied me out thinking that if I had staied for you, I should haue come short. 1646 Suckling *Aglaura* V. i, After't, like a man that's come too short o' th' ship And's left behind upon the land. 1688 Holme *Armoury* III. 177/1 If any [Monk] come short to Prayers or his Meat, he is to stand apart by himself.

†b. To be 'taken short', be taken by surprise.

c 1611 Chapman *Iliad* V. 553 Lions..Rush out, and prey on sheepe, Steeres, Oxen; and destroy mens stals, so long that they come short, And by the Owners steele are slaine.

c. To be imperfect or inadequate.

1579 W. Wilkinson *Confut. Fam. Love* B ii b, They will all comme to short in their reconing. 1589 Puttenham *Engl. Poesie* III. ix. (Arb.) 169, I consider..how short the Latines come to expresse manie of the Greeke originals. 1601 Shaks. *All's Well* V. iii. 176 Your reputation comes too short for my daughter, you are no husband for her. 1605 Bacon *Adv. Learn.* I. iv. § 12. 23 In arts Mechanicall, the first deuiser coms shortest, and time addeth and perfecteth. 1677 Milton *P. L.* VIII. 414 To attaine The highth and depth of thy Eternal wayes All human thoughts come short, Supream of things. 1690 Locke *Hum. Understd.* II. xi. § 11 A faculty which we see Beasts come short in. 1881 Jowett *Thucyd.* I. 121 Even those who come short in other ways may justly plead the valour with which they have fought for their country.

d. *To come short of*: (*a*) to fail to reach (a standard); not to equal *in* some quality; to be

something less than, not to amount to; † (*b*) not to extend to (a place) (*obs.*); † (*c*) to fail to get; also, to lose. (*obs.*)

1570 Dee *Math. Pref.* 2 Surmountyng the imperfection of coniecture..; and commyng short of high intellectuall conception. 1587 Harrison *England* II. i. 139/1 in *Holinshed*, Some bishops, &c. in our time doo come short of the ancient gluttonie & prodigaltie of their predecessors. 1611 Bible *Rom.* iii. 23 For all haue sinned, and come short [Gr. ὑστεροῦνται, *Revised Version* fall short] of the glory of God. 1623 Lisle *Ælfric on O. & N. T.* To Rdr. 33 Giotto came far short of Dominico. 1638 Junius *Paint. Ancients* 30 Whatsoever beareth the similitude of any other thing, must of necessitie come short of the thing it doth resemble. 1681 W. Robertson *Phraseol. Gen.* 346 He comes short of none for bravery. 1696 Whiston *Theory Earth* II. (1722) 181 I cannot well perceive how this Proposition comes short of Physical Demonstration. 1745 Pascoe *Jrnl.* 196 The Chinese come far short of us in the Magnificence of their Houses. 1889 Swinburne *Study B. Jonson* i. 6 [They] came short of the triumph which might have been theirs.

(*b*) 1615 G. Sandys *Trav.* 217 The higher mountaines now commiog short of the sea, do leaue a narrow lenel between.

(*c*) 1632 Lithgow *Trav.* ix. 420 Who Religiously feast upon the Corps of their aged Parents..for indeed the Wormes come short among the dead Tartars of their foode. 1690 W. Walker *Idiomat. Anglo-Lat.* 412 My Master is like to come short of his wife.

†**e.** *To come short home*: to return from an expedition in reduced numbers or with loss of men. Hence, to be missing on the return of an expedition; to fail to return. *Obs.*

In the first quot. perh. = to reach home too late; cf. a.

a 1548 Hall *Chron., Hen. VI*, 175 b, The erle of Warwicke had come to short home, to tel these tidynges if the duke of Excester..might haue had his awne will. 1577 *F. de L'isle's Legendarie* G iv, Fine of them came short home, and the most doulte of all remained behinde. 1677 W. Hubbard *Narrative* (1865) II. 93 Many of the young Men ..did, Sundry of them, come short Home. 1713 Warder *True Amazons* 54 And will venture in, tho' they come short home. 1721 De Foe *Mem. Cavalier* (1840) 189 He had not always..success in these enterprises; for sometimes we came short home.

9. To cut short [= F. *couper court* (where *court* is uninflected as adv.); cf. A. 1. i]: to put a sudden end to (a person's life or career, a course of events, an action, speech, etc.). Hence, to stop (a person) abruptly in a course of action or speech; to interrupt and not allow to proceed. Also *rarely* †to disappoint (a person) *of* something.

1593 Shaks. 2 *Hen. VI*, iv. iv. 12 Rather then bloody Warre shall cut them short. 1647 Ward *Simple Cobler* 15 The Rule..cuts the work short and sharpe. 1706 A. Bedford *Temple Mus.* viii. 163 The Chanters did Cut their Notes Short. 1712 Steele *Spect.* No. 534 P 1, I love to ask Questions when I fall into such Conversation; but I am cut short with something or other about my bright Eyes. 1732 Berkeley *Alciphr.* v. § 7 Wks. 1871 II. 179 To cut this matter short, I shall borrow an allusion to physic. 1760–72 H. Brooke *Fool of Qual.* (1809) I. 48 We may cut them short of their desires. 1780 *Mirror* No. 88 It would be a pity to cut short a boy of my genius. 1818 Byron *Juan* I. clxiii, Wise Antonia cut him short. 1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* I. i. i, A malady which threatened to cut short his days. 1840 Dickens *Old C. Shop* lix, An exclamation..cut the lawyer short. 1886 Baring-Gould *Court Royal* II. xxx. 78 The young man cut her short with—'You may go'. 1891 E. Peacock *N. Brendon* I. 114 His reverie was cut short by the castle clock striking a quarter to five.

10. *To breathe short*: to take short breaths.

1826 Disraeli *Viv. Grey* III. iv, She looked pale and breathed short.

11. *To sell short*: to effect a sale of stock or goods which the seller does not at the time possess, but hopes to buy at a lower price before the time fixed for delivery.

1881 *Daily News* 1 Mar. 5/1 A speculator will sell bacon 'short'. 1883 *Century Mag.* July 329/1 When crude oil ..goes down to fifty cents, times are hard, and nobody wears a cheerful face save the speculators who have sold 'short'.

12. *Comb.*, with pples., as *short-breathing*, *-fetched*, *-lasting*, *-living* adjs.; with agent-n., as *short-liver*; also **short-manned**, insufficiently manned; **short-running**, (*a*) *Coursing*, of a hound or hare, running with short strides, slow in pace; (*b*) making short runs; **short-set**, of short build, stumpy; **short-shipped**, lacking from an intended shipment; **short-spoken**, laconic in speech; **short-weighting**, giving short weight; **short-working**, *Coursing*, of a greyhound = *short-running* (*a*).

1701 Rowe *Ambit. Step-mother* III. i, *Short breathing sighs heav'd in my panting breast. 1612 Drayton *Poly-olb.* I. 493 Their *short-fetcht troubled breath a hollow noise doth make. *c* 1400 *Rom. Rose* 3283 The loye it is so *short-lasting. *a* 1683 Oldham *Charac. Old P[riest]* Rem. (1684) 125 Par and John of the Times were *short-Livers to him. 1637 Rutherford *Lett.* (1664) 372 Ye know this world is but a shadow, a *short-living creature, under the law of time. 1830 Marryat *King's Own* xxxii, Captain M— did not like to have the frigate *short manned. 1855 Leifchild *Cornwall* 6 The people patronised the vans to such an extent that *short-running coaches were few. 1853 'Stonehenge' *Greyhound* ix. 194 A good Wiltshire *short-running dog. *Ibid.* x. 211 A short-running, yet strong hare. 1883 *Good Cheer* 36, I remembered a *short-set young chap. 1891 Oliver & O'Reilly *Imperial Tariff* 306 The requirement for the return of *short shipped goods into bond. 1865 Kingsley *Herew.* xxxii, *Short-spoken, hard-headed, hard-swearing warriors. 1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* I. vii. iv, The official persons have to smuggle forth the *short-weighing Baker by back doors. 1853 'Stonehenge' *Greyhound* ix. 198 A dog got by a racing sire out of a little *short-working dam.

†Short, *v.*[1] *Obs.* Forms: 1 sceortian, 1–2 scortian, 2–5 scort, 4–6 schort(e, 5 schortyn, shorte, shortt, scorte, (sorth), 4–7 short. [OE. *sc(e)ortian* to grow short, f. *sc(e)ort* Short *a.* Cf. Du. *schorten*, ON. *skorta* to be lacking. In the trans. sense OE. had the cognate (*ge*)*scyrtan.*]

1. *intr.* To grow short or shorter.

c 1000 *Sax. Leechd.* III. 250, & se dæg bonne sceortað, oð þæt seo sunne cymð eft suð to þam winterlican sunnstede. 1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) II. 185 In his elde þe stature howeþ..þe breþ schorteþ. *a* 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 3298 Loke to þine ende, For die þe bose, quen all is done & ay þi day scortis. *c* 1450 *Brut* II. ccxxxviii. 334 Wherefor.. his lyff shorted þe sonner. 1500–20 Dunbar *Poems* lxix. 46 3it, quhone the nycht begynnis to schort, It dois my spreit sum part confort. 15.. *Pol. Rel. & L. Poems* (1866) 44 So schortithe my brethe.

2. *trans.* To make short or shorter; to shorten.

a. To shorten the duration of (a person's life, a period of time, a condition); *occas.* to bring nearer (an appointed date). Also, *to short* (a person) *of* (life, suffering).

c 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 25 Þeune cumeð..þe deofel..and him scorteð his dazes. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 22214 For his derlinges..vr lauerd sal do scort þe dais, for if þe dais ne scorted were unnethes suld ani flexs be fere. 1338 R. Brunne *Chron.* (1725) 49 Þorgh Edrike's conseile, scho [quene Emme] scorted his life. 1340–70 *Alex. & Dind.* 401 We ne liȝthe noht our lif wiþ no luthur dede, Where-fore we scholde with schame be schorted of daies. *c* 1350 *Will. Palerne* 1549 Þow hast lengþed my lif & my langour schortet. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Pars. T.* 653 Wherfore swich sorwe shorteth ful ofte the lif of man. 1387–8 T. Usk *Test. Love* III. iv. (Skeat) 119 Than saye I that no man may shorte ne lengthe the day ordayned of his dying. 1422 Yonge tr. *Secreta Secret.* ix. 139 The foly company of women destrueth the body, sorthyth the lyuedayes [etc.]. *c* 1440 *Jacob's Well* 174 Þi sorwe may be so gret & so parfyȝt, þat it schal don awey synne, & schortyn þe peyne, as it dyde þe theef on þe crosse. *a* 1500 *Abraham* 309 in *Brome Bk.* 63 Fader, I prey 3ow hartely, schorte me of my woo. *a* 1533 Berners *Huon* xxi. 60 To sende me in to strange countres to thentent to short my dayes. *c* 1590 Greene *Fr. Bacon* III. i. 1026 Then, Edward, short my life and end her lones. 1599 Shaks., etc. *Pass. Pilgr.* xv, Short, night, to-night, and length thyself to-morrow. *a* 1615 Montgomerie *Sonn.* iii. 14 Sen conscience, love, and cheritie all laiks, Lord, short the season, for the chosens saiks.

b. To shorten (a discussion, narration, process, etc.); to curtail by omissions, abbreviate; to make an abridgement of (a literary work).

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 22305 The Iuus sal scort þam þair consail. *a* 1390 *Prol. Job* in *Wyclif's Bible* II. 670 Seuene hundrid almest or eiȝte hundrid vers failen; with the whiche the boc shortid..sheweth openli to the rederes his foule defaute. *c* 1400 Maundev. (Roxb.) xxii. 103 Many oþer merualles..at þis tyme I speke noȝt of, by cause of schortyng of my buke. 1450–1530 *Myrr. Our Lady* 17 And therfor yt ys not semely that they [words & notes] shulde be shorted. 1483 Caxton *Gold. Leg., Justyn*, The which hystorye saint Justyn abreuyd or shorted. 1529 More *Dyalogt* IV. Wks. 287/2 If I hadde seen so muche before, it had been likely to haue shorted much part of our long communicacion. 1570 *Satir. Poems Reform.* xii. 147, I flait not to offend 3ow In sempill veirs, this Schedull that I send 3ow.; Beseikand 3ow to schort it gif 3e may.

c. To reduce the length of (a material object, a journey); to cut short. *To short* (a person) *by the head* or *knees*: to decapitate or cut off the legs (cf. Short *a.* 2, Shorten *v.* 1 d).

1398 Trevisa *Barth. De P. R.* v. xxiv. (Bodl. MS.), þe tunge is so schorted þat vnneþe it is idrawe oute or neuer. 1412–20 Lydg. *Troy Bk.* III. 3017 With a stroke he rofe his nose a-two, And shortid it by þe haluendel. 1470–85 Malory *Arthur* v. viii. 173 He shorted hym and smote of bothe his legges by the knees. *a* 1500 *Nutbrowne Maid* xx. in *Arnolde's Chron.* (1502) 76 b, To short my here, a bowe to here. 1523 Berners *Froiss.* I. cclxxxv. 426 Howbeit, their way was shorted, for..the frenchmen and they met togyder sodenly. 1545 Ascham *Toxoph.* II. (Arb.) 117 With shorting and pikynge your bowes..[you] can neuer haue done vntyll they be starke nought. *a* 1548 Hall *Chron., Edw. IV* (1550) 3 His body was shorted, by the length of his hed. *fig.* *c* 1550 Bale *K. Johan* 227, I se now they be at to mych lyberte; we wyll short ther hornys.

3. To make to appear short, to beguile (the time, the way) with sport or stories. Hence *refl.* To amuse oneself (*Sc.*). (Cf. Shurt *v.*)

c 1400 [see Shorting *vbl. sb.*]. *c* 1450 Metham *Wks.* (E.E.T.S.) 14/406 And thus with myry songys and talys, day be day, They schortyd the tyme with myrtht and with play. 1513 Douglas *Æneis* VI. x. 37 Thai fall to wersling on the goldin sand, Assaying honest gemmis thaim to schort. *Ibid.* VIII. v. 75 With sindry sermondis schortis he the way. 1528 Lyndesay *Dreme* 75 3it fure I furth..Towarte the see, to schorte me on the sandis. 1530 Tindale *Gen.* To Rdr., As the maner is to prolonge the tale to shorte the tyme with all.

4. To cause to go short *of*.

1620 J. Taylor (Water-P.) *Praise Hemp-seed* (1623) 5 The Draper of his wealth would much be shorted.

5. To make of no effect. *nonce-use.* Cf. Shorten *v.* 3 b.

1611 Shaks. *Cymb.* I. vi. 200, I shall short my word By length'ning my returne.

6. *intr.* To come short in one's reckoning.

a 1641 Bp. Mountagu *Acts & Mon.* (1642) 141 Three years, which indeed should be five, or he shorts in his account.

7. *Naut.* = Shorten *v.* 5 b. *absol.*

c 1557 S. Burrough in Hakluyt *Voy.* (1599) I. 277 For as we shorted vpon y^e^ said warpe the anker came home.

Short, *v.*[2] *trans.* and *intr.* = Short-circuit *v.* (Cf. Short *sb.* 4 e.)

1907 *Daily Chron.* 27 July 9/2 The coil went wrong, and the accumulators 'shorted' internally. 1907 *Motor Boat* 4 July 440/2 The battery must be disconnected and the magneto 'shorted'.

Shortage (ʃɔ·ɹtĕdʒ). Orig. *U.S.* [f. Short *sb.* + -age.] Deficiency in quantity; the amount by which a sum of money, a supply of goods, or the like, is deficient. Also *attrib.*

1868 *Amer. Newsp.* Apr. The 'shortage war' [at Chicago] between the shippers of grain and the skippers who carry it, is practically over. 1873 *Wisconsin Rep.* XXIX, The plaintiff must recover damages for any shortage. 1898 Rider Haggard *Dr. Therne* 184 When there was any shortage of the party funds..I posed as the friend round the corner. 1901 *Scotsman* 9 Apr. 5/3 The actual shortage was £545,000.

Sho·rt-bread. [Short *a.* 20 a.] An article of food, in the form of flat (usually round) cakes, the essential ingredients of which are flour, butter, sugar, mixed in such proportions as to make the cake 'short' when baked.

1801 *Farmer's Mag.* Apr. 217 It can be used for biscuit, buns, and particularly for short-bread. 1853 Mrs. Carlyle *Lett.* II. 226A decanter of wine..and a plateful of shortbread. 1891 Barrie *Little Minister* (1892) 201 Two of those pans, that could be broken in the hands to-day like shortbread.

Short-breathed (ʃɔ·ɹtˌbre·þt), *a.* [f. Short *a.* + Breath *sb.* + -ed[2].] Short of breath; suffering from difficulty of breathing, dyspnœic.

1470–85 Malory *Arthur* VIII. xxxix. 333 Sir Lamorak was so sore brysed and shorte brethed that he tracyd and trauercyd somwhat ahak. 1620 Venner *Via Recta* vi. (1650) 100 It is very profitable for such as be asthmaticke or short-breathed. 1753 J. Bartlet *Gentl. Farriery* ix. (1754) 89 The horse..turns short-breathed with the least exercise. 1805 J. Whitaker in *Polwhele's Tradit.* (1826) II. 551 The air of London..is so loaded with sulphur..as to be almost pestilential to a short-breathed man. 1809 Malkin *Gil Blas* x. iii. (Rtldg.) 343 The deuce and all I stammered out my secretary, short-breathed with sudden admiration. 1911 *Blackw. Mag.* Sept. 306/2 Being short-breathed and unable to go up even a gentle hill without panting and puffing.

b. *fig.* (Cf. Short-winded.)

1845 Mrs. Browning *Lett.* (1899) I. 255 One should not be grateful for kindness only while it lasts: that would be short-breathed gratitude.

Sho·rt-cake. [Short *a.* 20 a.] A cake made short or crisp with butter or lard.

The specific application varies according to locality; in some English districts the word means a cake of shorthread; elsewhere in England, and in the U.S., it is applied to a rich tea-cake, and to a cake of pastry enclosing a layer of fruit.

1594 *Good Huswife's Handmaid* 52 To make short Cakes. [1598 Shaks. *Merry W.* I. i. 211 Booke of Riddles? why did you not lend it to Alice Short-cake vpon Allhallowmas last.] 1804 R. Anderson *Cumbld. Ball.* (1850) 90 There wur snaps, yell, nuts, gingerbread, shwort-keakes, and brandy. 1820 Irving *Leg. Sleepy Hollow* Sketch Bk. (1821) II. 286 Sweet cakes and short cakes. 1826 Mrs. Dods *Cook & Housew. Man.* 316 Derby Short-Cakes. 1829 *Frugal Housew.* 61. 1884 'E. Garrett' *At Any Cost* iii. 51 She had scarcely realized that there were so many jam-pots and tea-boxes and short-cakes to be seen together anywhere in the wide world. 1902 *Strand Mag.* Jan. 69/2 We are promised to-day a Strawberry Shortcake.

Short circuit, *sb. Electr.* A circuit made through a small resistance, esp. one that acts as a shunt to a circuit of comparatively large resistance.

1876 Preece & Sivewright *Telegraphy* 37 A cell is said to be on 'short circuit' when the plates are directly connected by means of a conductor. 1893 Sloane *Electr. Dict., Short Circuit*, a connection between two parts of a circuit, which connection is of low resistance compared to the intercepted portion. 1900 Hobart *Dict. Electr. Engin.* I. 98/2 A short circuit occurs when connection takes place, generally through a fault, between two conductors..When the short circuit is one of extremely low resistance it is known as a dead short circuit.

Short-circuit, *v.* [f. prec. sb.]

1. *Electr.* (*trans.*) **a.** To connect by a short circuit; to establish a short circuit in (an electric system).

1873 F. Jenkin *Electr. & Magn.* xiii. § 15. 203 If any two coils touch or are connected through the silk, they are, in technical language, said to be short-circuited. 1886 Cumming *Electricity treated experimentally* 236 We find on short-circuiting the battery a deflection of 73°. 1893 Sloane *Electr. Dict.*, To short circuit a lamp. 1896 Foster & Atkinson *Electr. & Magnetism* § 345. 420 When the plug is placed at O, the galvanometer is 'short-circuited'.

b. Of a conducting body: To be traversed by (a current) by way of short circuit. Also *refl.* of a current: To make a short circuit.

1882 *Nature* 16 Nov. 59/1 If one of the machines drops in speed the currents from the other machines short-circuit themselves through the/one. 1884 P. Higgs *Magneto- & Dynamo-Electric Mach.* 172 Care should be taken that these bed-plates do not short-circuit the magnetic lines of force from pole to pole of the field-magnets. 1908 *Athenæum* 28 Mar. 392/1 The patient..can be brought back to life, even after having 'short-circuited' a current of 2,000 volts.

c. To cut off the current from (part of an apparatus) by establishing a short circuit.

1882 *Nature* 27 July 289/2 Moreover, we doubt whether 'the happy idea of *filling up* the space between the lead plates used by Planté with red lead', would by any means produce the result of 'vastly increasing the usefulness' of

that excellent apparatus: it would rather destroy it by short-circuiting it.

fig. 1899 *Educat. Rev.* Dec. 475 The omnibus-institutions are to short-circuit the college.

2. *Surg.* To form a direct communication between two portions of an intestine above and below an obstruction; to make a direct passage from (an organ) *into* some other part when the normal passage is obstructed; to avoid (an obstruction) or establish (circulation) by this means.

1897 *Brit. Med. Jrnl.* 13 Mar. 645 As an alternative the gall-bladder may be shurt-circuited into the intestine. 1905 ROLLESTON *Dis. Liver* 259 The portal circulation through the liver is short-circuited. 1901 *Brit. Med. Jrnl.* 2 Feb. 261 Wherever adhesions are very extensive and likely to recur it is better to short-circuit the obstruction.

Short cloth. A kind of cotton cloth or calico manufactured in short pieces. Also a length or piece of such cloth.

1545 [see LONG CLOTH]. 1641 HAKEWILL *Libertie Subj.* 93 The custom upon a short cloth was fourteene-pence, and ..a sack of Wool did commonly make foure short clothes. 1753 HANWAY *Trav.* (1762) I. v. lxxi. 322 Cloth exported to Turkey the five preceding years..short cloths.

Short-coat, *sb.* [In sense 1, f. SHORT *a.* + COAT *sb.*; in sense 2 derived from SHORT-COAT *v.*]

1. A person wearing a short coat. Also *attrib.* in †**short-coat vicarage** (meaning obscure).

1649 BLITHE *Eng. Improv.* xii. 68 Where those great Impropriations are that devoure all the Profits, and have all to a short-coat Vicaridge. 1847 DISRAELI *Tancred* II. x, There was a strong feeling against the shortcoats [*i. e.* 'two tall footmen in short coats'].

2. *pl.* The garments in which an infant is clothed when the long clothes are laid aside.

Short-coat, *v.* [f. SHORT *adv.* + COAT *v.* Cf. quot. 1650 under COAT *v.* 1.]

trans. To dress (an infant) in short clothes.

1799 UNDERWOOD *Dis. Childhood* (ed. 4) III. 107 It will be adviseable, in order to inure infants to the air, that they be short-coated as early as the season of the year will permit. 1888 MAJOR BRADSHAW *Ind. Outfits* 32 It is best to short-coat babies in the Plains, after the first month. 1897 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* III. 746 Infants when first short-coated often suffer in this way [from chill].

b. *fig.* in *passive.* To emerge from babyhood.

1890 *Athenæum* 22 Feb. 238/1 The North-West Territories are waiting to be shortcoated.

Hence **Short-coating** *vbl. sb.* used *collect.* for the various articles required when a child is short-coated. 1895 *Stores Price List.*

Short-coated, *a.* [f. SHORT *a.* + COAT *sb.* + -ED 2].

a. Wearing a short coat. b. Of animals: Having a short coat as opposed to 'shaggy'.

1813 MOORE *Post Bag* vi. 12, I [*sc.* a Turk in London] saunter on—the admiration Of this short-coated population. 1890 *Daily News* 10 Dec. 2/3 One of Mr. Smith's short-coated prize-winners.

Sho·rt-comer. One who comes short of duty.

1865 W. G. PALGRAVE *Arabia* I. 410 The undevout short-comer is quickened into new fervour. 1868 H. LAW *Beacons* (1869) 131 As sanctified, they are miserable shortcomers.

Sho·rtcoming, *vbl. sb.* [f. phrase *to come short*: see SHORT *adv.* 8 c, d.

In 1847 censured by De Quincey as a Scotticism (*Protestantism* Wks. 1858 VIII. 89).]

The condition or fact of coming short; an instance of this. a. Failure to come up to a standard of excellence or to fulfil a duty; a defect. (Chiefly in *plural*). b. Failure to reach the required or expected amount, a deficiency.

c 1680 M'WARD *Contendings* (1723) 222 (Jam.), A just sensibleness..of our unworthy shortcomings. 1801 *Farmer's Mag.* Nov. 441 A short-coming of the proprietor's rent. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* III. vi. vi, He sounded..the note of Jacobinism, to hide past shortcomings. 1845 GLADSTONE *Glean.* (1879) II. 10 He had no eye for our faults and short-comings. 1848 DICKENS *Dombey* lviii, There were no short-comings anywhere, in anything but money. 1860 — *Lett.* (1880) II. 113 The shortcomings of representative government. 1885 SWINBURNE *Victor Hugo* vi. (1886) 84 Such..short-comings as will probably be detected in a work which at least lays no claim to completeness. 1889 *Standard* 17 Apr., How can this shortcoming be made good? 1898 L. STEPHEN *Stud. Biogr.* I. iv. 106 A confession of shortcoming.

So **Sho·rtcoming** *a.*, defective.

1889 BRYDALL *Art in Scot.* xii. 246 His works are carefully finished and drawn, but rather shortcoming in colour.

Short copy, *v. nonce-wd.* [f. *short copy*, SHORT *a.* 8.] *trans.* To make a short copy of.

1891 OLVER & O'REILLY *Imperial Tariff* 262 The landing books should be sent in..short copied as far as possible.

Short cut, *sb.*[1] [CUT *sb.*[2] 15.]

†**1.** A short passage or journey. Also *fig.* *Obs.*

a 1568 ASCHAM *Scholem.* II. (Arb.) 151 In the short cut of a priuate letter..small shew of difference can appeare. 1579 LYLY *Euphues* (Arb.) 198 If the winde sende him a short cut you shall in the second part heare what newes he bringeth. 1631 MAY tr. *Barclay's Mirr. Mindes* I. 270 From thence is but a short cut to Swethland. 1673 *S' too him Bayes* 25 Both sayls and reason insufficient for so short a cut.

2. A path or a course taken between two places which is shorter than the ordinary road. Now often hyphened. (In early use almost exclusively *shorter* or *shortest cut.*)

1618 BOLTON *Florus* (1636) 169 Out-stripping the Enemy by shortest cuts [L. *occupatis compendiis*]. 1643 TRAPP *Comm. Gen.* xxxiv. 21 They should take a shorter cut to Dan and Bethel. *a* 1774 GOLDSM. *Surv. Exp. Philos.* (1776) II. 279 [A ray of light] takes a shorter cut in passing through diamond than glass. 1796 MME. D'ARBLAY *Camilla* I. 309 The baronet..declared that if there was a short cut, they should not part company, for he could walk it himself. 1820 KEATS *Cap & Bells* xxiii, He 'knew the city', as we say, of yore, And for short cuts and turns, was nobody knew more. 1889 *Spectator* 14 Dec. 837 Those for making ocean short-cuts behind the backs of peninsulas and angles of land. 1890 'R. BOLDREWOOD' *Col. Reformer* (1891) 126 By-tracks and short cuts, by..which the road was materially shortened.

b. *fig.* A compendious method of attaining some object.

1589 MARLOWE *Faustus* 287 Therefore the shortest cut for coniuring Is stoutly to abiure the Trinitie. 1637 RUTHERFORD *Lett.* (1862) I. 208 He is the short cut (as we used to say) and the nearest way to an outgate of all your burdens. 1790 BURKE *Fr. Rev.* 246 The degenerate fondness for tricking short-cuts, and little fallacious facilities, that has in so many parts of the world created governments with arbitrary powers. 1807 SOUTHEY *Espriella's Lett.* III. 314 In England they..have made many short cuts to philosophy for the accommodation of ladies and gentlemen. 1873 SPENCER *Study Sociol.* (1882) 402 Between infancy and maturity there is no shortcut by which there may be avoided the tedious process of growth and development. 1891 KIPLING *Light that Failed* vii. (1900) 115 What will you give me if I tell you a sure short-cut to everything you want.

c. *attrib.*

1885 *Daily Tel.* 10 Sept. (Cass.), Men who have been to the University..have been known before now to take the short-cut road to their meaning which swearing unhappily supplies. 1903 *Critic* XLIII. 382/2 To make war the short-cut solution of the existing difficulties.

Short cut, *a.* and *sb.*[2] [CUT *pa. pple.*]

A. *adj.* Cut to a short length. (See SHORT *a.* I. i.)

1596 NASHE *Saffron Walden* Ep. Ded. B 1, Content..to trauerse the subtile distinctions twixt short cut and long taile. 1786 *Jackson's Oxf. Jrnl.* 8 July 2/3 A grey Poney, with a short cut Tail, broken winded. 1873 SPON *Workshop Rec.* Ser. I. 83/2 The curls or knots [should be] formed by turning a short-cut hair pencil.

B. *sb.* (*ellipt.*)

1. A kind of tobacco.

1789 G. PARKER *Life's Painter* (*c* 1800) 140 Part swig'd barley swipes, As short-cut they were smoaking. 1839 'J. FUMB' *Paper on Tobacco* 119 About forty years ago short cut was the favourite with those for whom the common shag was too strong.

2. A ham that is cut short or round.

1906 *Times* 2 June 12/6 A parcel of hams, 'short-cuts' called in the trade.

Short-da·ted, *a.* [f. SHORT *a.* + DATE *sb.* + -ED 2].

†**1.** Lasting a short time. *Obs.*

1632 BP. H. KING *Poems, Elegy on Gust. Adolphus* (1843) 69 Who, clos'd in thy cold lead, Dost from thy self a mournful lecture read Of Mans short-dated glory. 1637 RUTHERFORD *Lett.* (1664) 253 Clipped and short-dated crosses.

2. Of bills, notes of hand, etc.: Falling due at an early date.

1815 SCOTT *Guy M.* v, Duncan Robb, the grocer at Kipplestringan, who has aye a sum to make up, and either wants ready money, or a short-dated bill. 1900 *Westm. Gaz.* 3 Jan. 9/1 It was thought the Government might have allotted shorter-dated paper now, seeing the unpropitious rates.

†**Sho·rted,** *a. Obs. rare.* [f. SHORT *v.* + -ED 1.] Shortened, cut short.

1483 *Cath. Angl.* 338/1 Schortyd, *correptus, breuiatus.* 1769 GOLDSM. *Hist. Rome* (1786) I. 208 The Roman General ..marched directly by the shorted road.

Shorten (ʃɔ·ɹt'n), *v.* [f. SHORT *a.* + -EN 5.]

1. *trans.* To make shorter, to diminish the length of, to abridge, curtail.

a. With reference to duration.

To shorten (a person's) *life*: in early use sometimes †to kill.

1513 MORE *Rich. III* (1883) 6 The king his brother (whose life hee loked that euil dyete shoulde shorten). 1614 SIR H. SPELMAN *Law Terms* xvii. (1684) 44 Trinity-Term was altred and shortned by the Statute of 32 Hen. 8 chap. 21. 1697 DRYDEN *Virg. Georg.* I. 420 When Autumn weighs The Year, and adds to Nights, and shortens Days. 1733 DUCHESS QUEENSBERRY *Let. to Swift* 21 Feb., As you cannot lengthen your friend's days, I must beg you, in your own words, not to shorten your own. 1824 Miss L. M. HAWKINS *Annaline* II. 79 [They] could not make any excuse for shortening their stay at the castle. 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* v. I. 665 She calmly disposed the straw about her in such a manner as to shorten her sufferings. 1885 *Spectator* 25 July 978/2 We may blame him for shortening a valuable life by inflicting needless hardships upon himself.

b. To make to appear shorter; to beguile (time, a journey, etc.) by conversation or pastime.

1579 MONTGOMERIE *Misc. P.* xlviii. 216 With *Pro* and *Contra*, so shortnit we the way. 1663 PATRICK *Parable Pilgrim* xxviii. (1687) 323 In such delightful and useful talk as this they beguiled the time, and shortned the length of the ways. 1733 FIELDING *Quix. Eng.* I. vii, When a lover suffers his mistress to come first to the place of appointment, he cannot blame any innocent amusement with which she would shorten his absence. 1829 SCOTT *Anne of G.* xii, The tale, which had shortened the way in so interesting a manner. 1867 *All Year Round* 13 July 56/2 Narrations of adventures met with on previous tramps..serve to shorten the road.

c. With reference to compositions, speeches, discussions, etc.

1530 PALSGR. 704/2 Shorten your mater, for it is to longe for this audyence. 1672–5 COMBER *Comp. Temple* (1702) 35 But (as is done in our Common Prayer) he shortned it because of his weakness. 1709 STEELE *Tatler* No. 107 ₱ 7 To shorten my Story, she was married to another. 1850 W. R. WILLIAMS *Relig. Progr.* iii. (1854) 50 The Jesuits ..who lengthened the creed and shortened the commandments. 1912 J. M. THOMSON *Reg. Mag. Sig. Scot.* 1306–1424, Pref. 8 The custom grew up of shortening it [a list of witnesses] to *ut in aliis cartis* [etc.].

d. With reference to linear measurement. †*To shorten up*: to contract, draw together.

† *To shorten by the head*': to behead (cf. SHORT *a.* 2, SHORT *v.* 2 c).

1530 PALSGR. 704/2 A tall man may shorten hym selfe so moche that he shall nat seme so hye as a childe. 1555 EDEN *Decades* (Arb.) 273 They had shortened the course of the landes he had discouered. 1568 GRAFTON *Chron.* II. 662 There his body was shortned, by the length of his hed. 1610 SHAKS. *Temp.* IV. i. 260 Goe, charge my Goblins that they..shorten vp their sinewes With aged Cramps. 1791 G. WALLIS *Motherby's Med. Dict.* (ed. 3) s. v. *Musculus*, A muscle..can contract itself so as to be shortened one third. 1798 SOPHIA LEE *Canterb. T., Yng. Lady's T.* II. 106 The tour..they must now necessarily shorten. 1860 TYNDALL *Glac.* I. xvi. 107 This we crossed in order to shorten our way. 1883 *Manch. Guard.* 15 Oct. 5/7 To shorten the course of the river from London Bridge to Gravesend by 2½ miles. 1912 T. D. ATKINSON *Cathedr.* 179 Shortening the total length of the church by about 37 feet.

e. *fig.* In Biblical phrase, *To shorten the arm* or *hand of*: to limit the power of.

1535 COVERDALE *Num.* xi. 23 The Lorde sayde vnto Moses: Is the Lordes hande shortened then? 1583 STUBBES *Anat. Abus.* II. (1882) 97 Doe they thinke that his arme is shortened, or his power weakened? 1645 HARWOOD *Loyal Subj. Retiring-room* 28 Why should we think his hand will be shortned towards any of us? 1647 TRAPP *Comm. Rev.* xx. 3 God will shorten your hand of cruelty. 1833 LYTE *Hymn*, *'When at thy Footstool,'* Thine arm can never shorten'd be.

f. To diminish in working length; to tighten (a rein), in quot. *fig.*; to hold (a weapon) nearer to the middle, in order to deal a more effective blow or thrust.

1597 HOOKER *Eccl. Pol.* v. xliii. § 4 They shorten somewhat the reynes of their censure. 1821 SCOTT *Kenilw.* iv, He closed with him, shortening his own sword at the same time, with the purpose of despatching him. 1857 HUGHES *Tom Brown* I. ix, Shortening the rod in his hand, and preparing for battle. 1888 F. HUME *Mme. Midas* I. xii. 84 Villiers..shortened his stick to give her a blow on the head. 1898 *Encycl. Sport* II. 298/1 (Rowing) *Shorten oars*, to draw the handle of the oar in-board, in order to avoid an obstacle in the river, or to pass through a narrow place such as a lock.

g. With reference to phonetic quantity.

1589 PUTTENHAM *Eng. Poesie* II. xii[i]. (Arb.) 131 He that first shortned *ea*, in this word *cano*, and made long *tro*, in *troia*, and *o*, in *oris*, might haue aswell done the contrary. 1861 PALEY *Aeschylus* (ed. 2) *Eumen.* 996 *note*, Homer shortens the *a* in *δαΐδος*. 1871 ROBY *Lat. Gram.* I. II. xviii. § 583 The imperative-forms in Plautus and Terence often shortened the final vowel.

†h. To diminish in number or quantity. *Obs.*

1598 DALLINGTON *Method Trav.* L 2 b, The Nobilitie of France is exceedingly shortned in number. 1611 *Second Maiden's Tragedy* 2385 (Malone Soc.) Thy glories shalbe shortend.

i. *Hort.* To cut back in pruning. Also *to shorten in, back.*

1706 LONDON & WISE *Retir'd Gard.* I. II. ii. 110 We..only shorten the young shoots. 1842 LOUDON *Suburban Hort.* 457 The short lateral shoots, which are shortened in at the winter pruning to two or three buds. *Ibid.* 475 The shoots on the upper or farther extended branches may be shortened back to half or one-third of their lengths.

j. To clip (coin).

1857 BORROW *Rom. Rye* xli, My grandfather..sometimes shortened money, and at other times passed off what had been shortened by other gentry.

2. *intr.* To grow shorter. a. To diminish in length (either of duration or measurement).

1568 GRAFTON *Chron.* II. 369 Thus euer the time passed, and the dayes shortened. 1663 GERBIER *Counsel* 36 The third story of Columns would shorten so much. 1676 MARVELL *Mr. Smirke* 21, I am glad to see my labour shorten. 1821 LAMB *Elia* Ser. I. *New Yr.'s Eve*, In proportion as the years both lessen and shorten, I set more count upon their periods. 1850 MISS WARNER *Wide Wide World* xxxvi, Ellen's face shortened considerably. 1899 E. E. HALE *Lowell & Friends* ii. 17 As the days shortened, morning prayers came later.

†b. To become less diffuse. *Obs. rare*[−1].

1727 WODROW *Corr.* (1843) III. 299 After this interruption, Mr Grant shortened.

†c. Of the breath: To become shorter.

1765 J. BROWN *Chr. Jrnl.* 78 My breath shortens; my pulse beats high.

d. Of a price, odds: To be lowered or lessened.

1884 H. SMART *Post to Finish* xliv, The odds shortened rapidly. Still the fielders continued to lay the lessening price. 1891 N. GOULD *Double Event* xl. 302 The horse's price shortened. 1913 *Engl. Rev.* May 301 To use the book-maker's parlance, the prices shorten somewhat.

3. *trans.* †a. To hold in check, restrain. *Obs.*

1596 SPENSER *State Irel.* Wks. (Globe) 663/2 They should not be able once to styrre or murmure, but that it shoulde be knowen, and they shortened according to theyr demerites. 1700 DRYDEN *Fables* Ded. B 2 b, Here, where the Subject is so fruitful..I am shorten'd by my Chain.

†b. To render (an intention) ineffectual. (Cf. SHORT *v.* 5.) *Obs.*

1605 SHAKS. *Lear* IV. vii. 9 Yet to be knowne shortens my made intent.

c. To keep from the attainment *of.*

1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* I. III. vii, Whereon the Parlement, shortened of its prey, would look with yellow despair. 1850 BLACKIE *Æschylus* I. 234 Of thy due honours shortened.

†**4.** To cause to go short, to supply insufficiently. Const. *of*, *in*. *Obs.*

1599 *Life Sir T. More* in Wordsw. *Eccl. Biog.* (1853) II. 51 So shortened of money..he was rid of many occasions that hinder good proceedings. 1621 R. Cocks *Diary* (Hakl. Soc.) II. 149, I knew they had..shortned thenglish in all they demanded, contrary to the kinges promis.

5. *Naut.* **a.** *To shorten sail(s)*: to take in some of the sails of a vessel in order to slacken speed.

1627 Capt. Smith *Seaman's Gram.* ix. 44 As you approach the shore, shorten your sailes. 1748 *Anson's Voy.* I. iv. 35 We shortned sail for her to come up with us. 1805 Nelson in Nicolas *Disp.* (1846) VII. 107 The Ships of the Fleet are directed, particularly in the night, to shorten sail. 1884 *Times* (weekly ed.) 25 Feb. 15/3 Sail is being shortened all round.

transf. 1824 Scott *St. Ronan's* xxx, 'You are a gay old gentleman!' said Jekyl, relaxing his pace; 'and if we must be fellow-travellers..I must even shorten sail for you.'

b. *To shorten in*: to heave in (the cable) so that a shorter length remains overboard. Also *absol.*

1854 G. B. Richardson *Univ. Code* v. (ed. 12) 1284 Shorten in cable. *Ibid.* 4981 Shorten in tow-lines. 1867 Smyth *Sailor's Word-bk.* s.v., *Shorten in*, when alluding to the anchor, by heaving in cable.

6. To make 'short' or friable. Also (of manure) *intr.* for *refl.*

1733 W. Ellis *Chiltern & Vale Farm.* 24 The Chalk or Sand will shorten and crumble the Clay before the Plough. *Ibid.* 30 They as carefully take care to clamp up their Yard Dungs..in order to rot and shorten against the next Wheat or Barly Season. 1883 *Harper's Mag.* Apr. 659/1 The crust being shortened with..suet.

7. To put (a child) into short clothes.

1871 *Punch* 9 Dec. 240/1 An authentic fragment of the blue sash he wore the day he was shortened. 1897 Hall Caine *Christian* I. i. 6 At the end of the first year she wrote: 'I have shortened our darling'.

Hence **Sho·rtened**, **Sho·rtening** *ppl. adjs.*

c 1000 *Sax. Leechd.* III. 252 Se sceortiȝenda dæȝ hæfð liðran ȝewederu þonne se langienda dæȝ. 1597 A. M. tr. *Guillemeau's Fr. Chirurg.* 57/3 The dissease of a shortened tunge. 1621 G. Sandys *Ovid's Met.* IX. (1626) 194 Her shortning curles scarce hang beneath her eares. 1645 Milton *Passion* i, In Wintry solstice like the shorn'd light Soon swallow'd up in dark and long out-living night. 1700 Dryden *Pal. & Arc.* III. 509 That none shall dare With shortned Sword to stab in closer War. 1785 Burns *Cotter's Sat. Nt.* ii, The short'ning winter-day is near a close. 1805–17 R. Jameson *Char. Min.* (ed. 3) 199 Shortened heavy-spar. 1825 Scott *Talism.* xxii, His red and inflamed eye, his heated hand, and his shortened respiration. 1857 Kingsley *Two Y. Ago* ii, Ships..driving fast to the eastward with shortened sail. 1874 Gladstone *Corr. Ch. & Relig.* (1910) I. 397 The Bills for Clerical Subscription..and the Shortened Services. 1887 Ruskin *Præterita* II. 263 In the shortening days of 1845. 1913 Chesterton *Victorian Age* 30 Tom Moore,..a shortened shadow of Lord Byron.

Sho·rtener. [-er 1.] One who or something which shortens (in various senses of the vb.).

1565 J. Phillip *Patient Grissell* 715 (Malone Soc.) Oh dyrfull daye, oh haples hap, oh shortner of my yeares. *a* 1636 G. Williams *Best Relig.* viii. 183 Sin is an epitomizer or shortner of every thing. *c* 1710 Swift *Inq. Behav. Queen's Last Ministry* ii, The gout, which is not usually reckoned a shortener of life. 1878 Spurgeon *Treas. Dav.* Ps. cix. 8. V. 183 Sin the great shortener of human life.

Shortening (ʃō·ɹt'niŋ), *vbl. sb.* [-ing 1.]

1. The action or an act of the verb Shorten.

a 1542 Wyatt *Poems, Epitaph Sir T. Gravener* 12 No sickness could him from it let; Which was the shortening of his days. 1603 Knolles *Hist. Turks* (1638) 160 Hee should never seeke to attempt any thing to the shortning or hurt of his Grandfathers life or empire. 1796 C. Marshall *Garden.* xii. (1813) 149 The rule for shortening is this: Consider the strength of the tree [etc.]. 1868 *Rep. U. S. Commissioner Agric.* (1869) 249 As in the case of shortening back to induce the growth of fruit spurs in the apple tree. 1886 Magee in *Contemp. Rev.* Jan. 15 Oaths of allegiance, supremacy and abjuration have shrunk, after many lengthenings and shortenings, into the brief and simple form [etc.].

2. *concr.* (See quot. 1823.)

1823 Moor *Suffolk Words, Shortning*, suet or butter, in cake, crust, or bread. 1854 Seba Smith *Way down East* 333 We have n't got a bit of shortnin' in the house. 1883 *Cassell's Fam. Mag.* Nov. 758/2 The very reason for boiling the 'shortening' with water is that by liquefying the fat a minimum quantity of water can be used.

Shorter (ʃō·ɹtəɹ). *slang.* [f. Short *v.* + -er 1.] A clipper of coin.

1857 Borrow *Rom. Rye* xli, My grandfather was a shorter, and my father was a smasher. 1864 *Hotten's Slang Dict.* s.v., From a crown piece a shorter could gain 5*d.*

† **Sho·rtestness.** *Obs. rare*⁻¹. [f. *shortest*, superl. of Short *a.* + -ness.] Minimal length.

1674 N. Fairfax *Bulk & Selv.* 32 And though a point be the least of boak, and a nowt the shortest of time, yet they may speak everlastingness and allfillingness..for all their shortestness and leastness, as well as the longest or the biggest.

Sho·rt-fall. [From the phrase *to fall short*: see Fall *v.* 96.] A falling short; the amount by which a supply falls short, shortage, deficiency.

1895 *Johannesburg Standard* 23 Nov. 5/2 The best that could be expected this year from the harvest was an eight months' crop, and the shortfall would be some million-and-a-half bags of grain. 1906 *Macm. Mag.* Aug. 793 From the very beginning the shortfall in the labour-supply had been the principal factor in the slow development of these colonies.

† **Sho·rtford.** *Law. Obs.* [Appears in med.L. and AF. documents as *sortfort, shortford, shartfort, shatford, schotford*; of obscure origin.

It is noteworthy that in the *Statutum de Gaveleto in London* (prob. 13th c.) a tenement forfeited to the lord 'for default of service' is said to be designated by a term which appears under the various forms *forshard, forshot, forthot, forsshott* (the early printed edd. have *forschoc, forchoc, forschoke*): see *Stat. of the Realm* (Record ed.) I. 222 and *Liber Albus* (Rolls) I. 63, 469. Some of these forms look like transpositions of the syllables of *shortford, shartfort*, etc.; but it is possible that they arose from progressive corruption of AF. *forclot* = *forclos* pa. pple. of *forclore* to Foreclose.]

An ancient process by which the lord could obtain possession of a tenement when the tenant had failed to render the services due, and there were no effects on which a distraint could be levied.

1291 in G. Oliver *Hist. Exeter* (1861) 309 Adjudicatum est ei sortfort. 1335 in Izacke *Antiq. Exeter* (1677) 48 Adjudicatum fuit Decano & Capitulo beati Petri Exoniensis quoddam Tenementum scituatum in vico Australi Civitatis Exoniensis secundum Consuetudinem Civitatis prædictæ & dicitur Shortford. 1419 *Liber Albus* (Rolls) I. 186 Solonc le jugement appelle 'Shartfort' [*v.r.* Shatford (*Cowel's Law Dict.* 1727)] par custome de la cite suisdite. ? *a* 1500 in G. Oliver *Hist. Exeter* (1861) 309 *note*, Schotford, quod gallicè dicitur forclot. 1701 *Cowel's Interpreter* (ed. Kennett) s.v. [cites Izacke].

Short-grained, *a.* [f. Short *a.*; cf. Grained *ppl. a.*²] Of wood: Having a short fibre rendering it liable to snap easily. Hence *transf.* of a bone.

1670–1 Narborough *Jrnl.* in *Acc. Sev. Late Voy.* I. (1694) 107 White Cedar and such like Wood..are very heavy and short-grained, and will break short. 1776 G. Semple *Building in Water* 86 Bog Oak Timber is..dozed and short grained. 1835–6 *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* I. 441/1 The presence of..phosphate of lime rendered the bone short-grained.

Shorthand (ʃō·ɹthænd). Also **short hand** (*rare*), **short-hand.** [f. Short *a.* + Hand *sb.*] A method of speedy writing by means of the substitution of contractions or arbitrary signs or symbols for letters, words, etc., brachygraphy, stenography.

1636 *Jeffrey Hudson's New Yeeres Gift* title-p., With a Letter as it was penned in short-hand. 1639 Mayne *City Match* I. iii, Shall I not learn Arithmetic too, sir, and Short-hand. 1724 R. Falconer *Voy.* (1769) 98 His Journals were mostly taken in Short-Hand. 1864 *Soc. Sci. Rev.* 220 A species of shorthand was practised in the time of Cicero. 1909 *Athenæum* 13 Mar. 1/3 The training includes Indexing, Shorthand, Type-writing, Stenotypy.

b. *transf.* and *fig.*

1697 Collier *Ess. Mor. Subj.* II. (1709) 126 Tis the Shorthand of the mind and crowds a great deal into a little space. 1801 Busby *Dict. Mus.* p. xxxii, These abbreviations form a musical Brachygraphy, or Short Hand. 1827 Hare *Guesses* Ser. I. (1873) 4 To address the prejudices of our hearers is to argue with them in short-hand. 1894 H. Drummond *Ascent of Man* 232 To save time the objects were drawn in shorthand—a couple of dashes for the limbs and one across, as in the Chinese for man. 1897 Kipling *Capt. Courr.* v. 124 The *We're Here* rang her bell thrice, using sea shorthand.

c. *attrib.* as in *shorthand clerk, minute, note, report, reporter, teacher, writer, writing*; † **short-hand-man,** a shorthand writer.

1647 J. Birkenhead *Assembly-Man* (1662–3) 17, I admire the *Short-hand-men, who have the patience to write from his Mouth. 1682 Owtram *Serm.* A 2 b, They were taken from the author by a Short-hand-man. 1822–29 *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 3) I. 420 Copying my *short-hand minutes of medical lectures. 1709 *Female Tatler* No. 4/2, I took *Short-hand-Notes. 1831 D. E. Williams *Sir T. Lawrence* I. 401 The following is the *short-hand report of his evidence. 1887 Lo. Rosebery in *Standard* 27 Sept. 2/4 The first authorised *shorthand reporter in a Court of Law. *a* 1704 T. Brown *Laconics* Wks. 1711 IV. 12 'Tis wisely done..of a *Short-hand teacher [to live next door] to a Meeting-house. *a* 1734 North *Exam.* III. viii. § 76 (1740) 642 The Party Men attended with their *Short-hand Writers at their Elbows, to take what might incautelously..slip from the Months of the Judges, for Matter of Accusation. 1904 Spencer *Autobiog.* II. 292 The amanuensis was a short-hand-writer. 1641 Wilkins *Mercury* xii. (1707) 52 This *Short-hand Writing is now so ordinary in Practice [etc.]. 1747 Richardson *Clarissa* I. xii. 68 He is a complete master of shorthand writing.

d. quasi-*adj.* Of the nature of shorthand; compendious.

1822 W. Irving *Braceb. Hall* (1823) II. 26 Every new short-hand mode of doing things. 1844 De Quincey *Logic Pol. Econ.* Pref. 8 A short-hand expression for the relation between the quantity offered for sale, and the quantity demanded. 1887 Saintsbury *Hist. Elizab. Lit.* vii. (1890) 275 The recourse to dumb show..looks like a kind of short-hand indication of scenes that might have been worked out.

Hence † **Sho·rt-handed,** *a.*¹ competent to write shorthand; **Sho·rthander,** a writer of shorthand, a stenographer.

a 1658 Cleveland *Count. Com. Man* Poems (1677) 99 A new blew stockin'd Justice..with a short-handed Clerk, tack'd to the Rear of him to carry the Knapsack of his Understanding. 1738 Thyer *Byrom's Rem.* (1856) II. i. 198 We arrive at Hartley's where we accidentally find a party of shorthanders. 1898 L. Stephen *Stud. Biogr.* I. iii. 86 The meetings of the shorthanders naturally took place at taverns.

Short-handed, *a.*²

† **1.** ? Niggardly, mean; inefficient, ineffective.

1622 Mabbe tr. *Aleman's Guzman d'Alf.* II. 228 My Hostesse was not short, either handed, or witted. 1643 Tuckney *Balm of Gilead* 10 Our thoughts and hopes are too short sighted and handed to reach to all that salvation.

2. Lacking a full complement of 'hands', undermanned, understaffed.

1794 Nelson 29 July in Nicolas *Disp.* (1845) I. 461 He would be satisfied with an indifferent Carpenter, but he could not with propriety go to sea without one: that he would not ask for any one in lieu of the other, but he was very short-handed. 1802 C. James *Milit. Dict.* s.v. *Gun*, Ships that go to sea short-handed. 1897 Mary Kingsley *W. Africa* 202, I think the Ogowé Protestant mission sadly short-handed. 1912 Trevelyan *Geo. III & Fox* I. v. 143 Ships..in far superior condition to his own short-handed and woefully provided vessels.

Hence **Shortha·ndedness.**

1886 *Sat. Rev.* 6 Feb. 173 The combination [of offices] now, had Mr. Gladstone repeated it, would rather be forced on him by shorthandedness than taken of free-will.

† **Sho·rthead.** *Obs. rare*⁻¹. In 4 **ssorthede.** [f. Short *a.* + -head.] Shortness, brevity.

1340 *Ayenb.* 99 Þis bene paseþ alle oþre ine þri þinges, ine dignete, in ssorthede, an ine guodnesse.

Shorthorn (ʃō·ɹt,hɔ̄ɹn). [f. Short *a.* + Horn *sb.*] One of a breed of cattle having short horns, originally bred in the north-eastern counties of England and now widely distributed over Great Britain and exported to other countries.

[1826 Southey *Vind. Eccl. Angl.* 376 A Sockburn Shorthorns from Grassy-hook which should put the best bull of Basan out of the field.] 1847 W. C. L. Martin *Ox* 61/2 They have succumbed before the superiority of the shorthorns. 1911 B. Holland *Life Duke Devonshire* I. ix. 213 A famous breed of shorthorns.

b. *attrib.*

1862 Burton *Bk. Hunter* I. 24 The pedigrees and physical characteristics recorded in stud-books and short-horn books. 1877 *Field* 17 Feb. 191/2 A society similar to the Shorthorn Society. 1909 *Carlisle Jrnl.* 27 Apr. 3/4 The splendid selection of shorthorn stirks.

Sho·rt-horned, *a.* Having short horns.

1707 Mortimer *Husb.* (1721) I. 227 The long-legg'd, short-horn'd Cow of the Dutch-breed. 1854 A. Adams, etc. *Man. Nat. Hist.* 254 Short-horned Flies.

Short-hose. **a.** A kind of stocking reaching only a short distance up the leg. † **b.** Used as a rendering of Curthose. *Obs.*

a 1513 Fabyan *Chron.* VII. ccxxii. 245 Robert, the eldest sone of Kynge Wyllyam, the whiche was surnamed Curthose, or Shorthose. 1530 Palsgr. 267/1 Schorte hose, *chausse courte.* 1880 J. Hay *Pike Co. Ballads* 61 Women that shorthose wore.

Shorthursday, obs. form of Sheer Thursday.

Sho·rting, *vbl. sb.* [f. Short *v.* + -ing 1.] The action of the vb. Short in various senses.

a 1390 tr. *St. Jerome's Prol. Jer.* in *Wyclif's Bible* (1850) III. 342 But more riȝt it were, to the shorting of euel, to putte mesure to the wodnesse of them bi my silence. *c* 1400 *Beryn* 209 That enery man shuld, by the wey, with a tale glade Al the hole company in shorting of þe wey. 1490 *Act 7 Hen. VII*, c. 1 § 1 If any Captain..give not them their full Wages without shorting as he shall receive of the King.

Shortish (ʃō·ɹtiʃ), *a.* [f. Short *a.* + -ish.] Rather short. Also in comb.

1800 Shaw *Gen. Zool.* I. 24 Shortish-tailed brown Baboon. 1817 J. Scott *Paris Revisit.* (ed. 4) 253 He was a stout, shortish, compactly-made fellow. 1835 Hood *Poetry, Prose, & Worse* xxxvi, To tenants but shortish at present, When Michaelmas comes with its day. 1871 W. A. Leighton *Lichen-Flora* 146 Laciniæ shortish. 1882 Blackmore *Christowell* xxii, A shortish old man with hedger's gloves on.

Short-lived (ʃō·ɹt,ləivd; the stress is variable), *a.* Also **-lif'd.** [f. Short *a.* + *live*, Life + -ed 2. Often apprehended as f. *lived* pa. pple. of Live *v.* (cf. *smooth-spoken*) and pronounced (-livd).]

1. Having a short life.

1588 Shaks. *L. L. L.* II. i. 54 Such short liu'd wits do wither as they grow. *c* 1608 B. Jonson *Hymenæi* Wks. (1616) 911 So short-liu'd are the bodies of all things, in comparison of their soules. 1645 Quarles *Sol. Recant.* ii. 3 The short lif'd days of flesh and blood. 1707 *Curios. Husb. & Gard.* 336 The Plants indeed were short-liv'd, and continued no longer than the Heat of the Vessels lasted. 1842 Loudon *Suburban Hort.* 591 The peach being a short-lived tree. 1871 Napheys *Prev. & Cure Dis.* I. vi. 168 Gymnasts are short lived. 1875 E. White *Life in Christ* I. i. (1878) 13 The million species of organisms of which he [man] is the short-lived lord.

2. *transf.* Lasting only a short time, brief, ephemeral.

1588 Shaks. *L. L. L.* IV. i. 15 O short liu'd pride. 1645 Waller *Poems, To Amoret* 60 Then smile on me, and I will prove Wonder is shorter liv'd then Love. 1711 Addison *Spect.* No. 256 P 5 Admiration is a very short-liv'd Passion. 1848 Dickens *Dombey* liii, I was made a short-lived toy, and flung aside more cruelly and carelessly than even such things are. 1888 Burgon *Lives 12 Gd. Men* II. v. 18 He afforded a short-lived triumph to the enemies of Religion.

b. *Metallurgy.*

1884 Lock *Workshop Rec.* Ser. III. 22/1 Sulphur..makes molteo iron 'short-lived'.

Hence **Shortli·vedness,** brief duration.

1817 Bentham *Parl. Reform* Introd. 69 In proportion to the short-livedness of the power, diminishes, both to purchasers, and thence to sellers, the venal value of it. 1875 Stubbs *Const. Hist.* I. i. 6 The shortlivedness of their organisations.

† **Short livy,** *a. Obs. rare*⁻¹. In 3 sort leui (? error for *-liui*). [f. Short + Life *sb.* + -y. Cf. OE. *langlíf* long-lived.] Short-lived.

c 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 712 Aram bi-gat loth, and sarray, And melcham, and was sort leui In lond caldea.

† **Sho·rtly,** *a. Obs. rare.* [f. Short *a.* + -ly 1.] Brief, not long (in time).

a 1050 *Liber Scintill.* lxxx. (1889) 214 Se apostol sæde þæt soþlice þæt on andwerdum sceortlic oþþe hwilendlic [L. *momentaneum*] ys. *a* 1340 Hampole *Psalter* i. 2 His wil is in godis lawe..and þat will is noght ydell na shortly. *a* 1513 Fabyan *Chron.* VII. 664 When both hoosts were met within shortly space, such offers of a pease were proferid

by the Frenshe Kynge, that fynally both prynces agreed vpon a pease.

Shortly (ʃɔ̄·ɪtli), *adv.* [f. SHORT *a.* + -LY 2.]

1. Briefly, concisely, in few words.

c 893 ÆLFRED *Oros.* I. i. § 5 Scortlice ic hæbbe nu ȝesæd ymb þa þrie dælas ealles þises middanȝeardes. *c* 1200 ORMIN 12788 Ta seȝȝde Filippe Shorrtlike till Natanaæl; Cum nu þe sellf, & loke. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 8520 For he þat mikel has for to tell þe scortliker he aght to spell. 1340 *Ayenb.* 252 Peruore ich paci þe ssortlaker. 1390 GOWER *Conf.* I. 99 And schortly to descrive hire al, Sche hath no lith withoute a lak. 1472 *Paston Lett.* III. 71 He can telle yow more shortlyer then I shuld wryte. 1581 W. CHARKE in *Confer.* IV. (1584) E e j, Answere shortly. 1624 BEDELL *Lett.* x. 136 It would require a iust volume to shew it, though but shortly. *a* 1676 HALE *Prim. Orig. Man.* I. i. 1 The instances thereof,..shall be only these two, which I shall but shortly touch. 1805 *East's Rep.* V. 254 The Attorney General was heard shortly in reply. 1886 *Act* 49 *Vict.* c. 22. § 4 (1) (a), An advertisement describing shortly the object for which the land is proposed to be taken.

†**b.** In short, 'to speak briefly'. Also more fully, *shortly* (*the sooth*) *to say, to say shortly*, etc.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 22203 Scortli to sai. 1303 R. BRUNNE *Handl. Synne* 6007 And, shortly, ȝow for to telle, þys lady wulde nat hem selle. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Prol.* 30 And shortly ..I was of hir felaweship anon. *c* 1400 *Beryn* 836 And for to seye shortlych, in Room was noon hym lych. 1483 CAXTON *G. de la Tour* g v b, And shortly to say he lost alle that he had. 1535 COVERDALE *Eccl.* ii. 8 (Shortly) I was greater in more worshipe, then all my predecessours in Ierusalem. 1641 'SMECTYMNUUS' *Vind. Answ.* § 14. 175 Shortly, resolve us but this one thing.

c. Abruptly, curtly, sharply.

c 1815 JANE AUSTEN *Persuasion* iv, 'I think very differently', answered Elizabeth, shortly. 1857 HUGHES *Tom Brown* I. viii, 'I won't sell a bit of him', answered Tom, shortly. 1872 H. KINGSLEY *Hornby Mills* I. 26, I am not the only person who ought to be taken up shortly. 1885 'MRS. ALEXANDER' *At Bay* iii, I wish I hadn't been obliged to send that cad Vincent to the right-about so shortly.

2. In a short time; not long after the present or the point reached in a narration; soon. †In early use also: With little delay, speedily, quickly: often in *compar.* or *superl.*

a 1050 *Lamb. Ps.* xxxvi. 10 & is nu ȝyt vel scortlice vel lytel fæc & ne hyð se synfulla. *a* 1100 *Gloss.* in *Haupt's Zeitschrift* IX. 527 *Maturius*, scortlicor. *a* 1300 *Leg. Rood* (1871) 38 Þo þe giwes i-somned were hi [hadde] schor[t]liche gret fere. 13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* B. 519 For-þy schal I neuer schende so schortly at ones. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Kn.'s T.* 519 And shortly turned was al vp so doun Bothe habit and eek disposicioun Of hym this woful louere daun Arcite. 1483 *Cely Papers* (Camden) 138 Ze schall be payd be Easter and schorttlyer. 1512 *Act* 4 *Hen. VIII*, c. 1. § 1 Grete multitude of people can not shortly resort to put theym of at theire landyng. 1523 BERNERS *Froiss.* I. ccxxxviii. 344 The shortlyer yᵗ ye do it, the gretter thanke we shall gyue you. 1568 GRAFTON *Chron.* II. 600 The drawe Bridge could not be shortly drawen vp. 1596 SHAKS. *Merch. V.* III. v. 31, I shall grow iealous of you shortly Lancelet, if you thus get my wife into corners? 1632 LITHGOW *Trav.* x. 448 A French ship..shortly bound for Alexandria. 1798 SOPHIA LEE *Canterb. T., Yng. Lady's T.* II. 84 [They] only invited her from knowing the consequence she would shortly have a right to. 1836 *J. R. Smith's Catal. Bks.* Feb. 32 Shortly will be published, in one vol. 8vo..Bibliotheca Cantiana. 1861 M. PATTISON *Ess.* (1889) I. 34 Very shortly a treaty is on foot for a matrimonial alliance between the houses of Plantagenet and Hapsburg. 1871 BLACKIE *Four Phases Morals* i. 14 Socrates.., after saying a prayer to the sun, shortly retired.

†**b.** quasi-sb. *Odd shortly* = 'Odd-come-shortly': see ODD *Comb.* 2.

1681 T. FLATMAN *Heraclitus Ridens* No. 26. 2/2 We'l give him as good as he brings one of these odd-shortlies, I warrant him.

3. At a short time *after, before,* †*syne.*

1548 HALL *Chron., Hen. VIII*, 158 And so ye viscount Rochforth retorned into England, and so did the bishop of Bathe shortly after. 1593 *Knaresb. Wills* (Surtees) I. 198 Shortlie after my deathe. *c* 1643 LD. HERBERT *Autobiog.* (1824) 145 And so returning shortly after to his Excellency [I] related to him the success of my journey. 1752 *Scotland's Glory* 19 Some hundred of our ministers They shortly syne silenced. 1832 W. PALMER *Orig. Liturg.* I. 29 Shortly before, probably about the end of the fourth century, Jerome ..said [etc.]. 1886 C. E. PASCOE *Lond. To-day* xviii. (ed. 3) 162 On a given morning..shortly after noon. 1902 R. BAGOT *Donna Diana* xxviii. 353 Perhaps you will..ask him to meet us here shortly before four o'clock.

4. For a short time. *rare.*

1809 CAMPBELL *Gertrude* II. vii, And see thee once again whom I too shortly saw! 1815 SCOTT *Guy M.* xxvi, He's been but shortly in office. 1836 E. HOWARD *R. Reefer* xxi, A lady whom she knew but shortly.

5. In a small compass.

1567 *Satir. Poems Reform.* iii. 30 Dartis about him swyftlie could he fling, And rin ane rais and shortlie turne ane steid. 1833 DARWIN *Jrnl.* 15 Oct., It has the power of turning very shortly in the air.

6. At a short distance. *rare.*

1908 *Blackw. Mag.* Aug. 205 Shortly south of Donabyn the river Irrawaddy dissolves its main stream.

7. *Comb.* Qualifying an adj. with the sense 'having little length'. (Chiefly in *Botany.*)

1840 PAXTON *Bot. Dict., Shortly-acuminated,..Shortly-bifid, Shortly-two-cleft.* 1875 BENNETT & DYER *Sachs' Bot.* II. v. 558 More often the cotyledons remain thin like shortly stalked foliage-leaves of simple form.

Shortness (ʃɔ̄·ɪtnĕs). [f. SHORT *a.* + -NESS.]

1. The quality or fact of being short in duration, linear magnitude, serial extent, etc.; absence of length, brevity.

c 1000 ÆLFRIC *Gram.* xliv. (Z.) 266 Maneȝa synd ȝyt *Conjunctiones*, þe we ne maȝon nu secȝan on ðissere sceorpnysse. *c* 1380 WYCLIF *Wks.* (1880) 44 Wiþ schortnesse of sermon. 1496–7 *Act* 12 *Hen. VII*, c. 2 The seid Statutes for shortnes of tyme syn the making of theym..as yet may not be perfitely knowen. 1588 SHAKS. *L. L. L.* III. i. 378 Such as the shortnesse of the time can shape. 1660 HEYLIN *Hist. Ref., Mary* (1849) II. 222 [Mary's reign] was only commendable in the brevity or shortness of it. 1774 GOLDSM. *Nat. Hist.* (1776) VI. 47 The shortness of the legs in the web-footed kinds. 1782 MISS BURNEY *Cecilia* II. vi, The shortness of our acquaintance. 1841 LATHAM *Eng. Lang.* II. vii. 136 The comparative shortness of Vowel *u*. 1885 *Law Times* LXXVIII. 295/2 The shortness of the title might not have been a sufficient objection.

†**b.** Brevity or conciseness in speech or writing.

c 1450 in Aungier *Syon* (1840) 297 Withe a quyet schortenes, they schal say that is to be seyde. 1576 FLEMING *Panopl. Epist.* 104 Therfore must I vse so much the more shortnesse at this present. 1596 SHAKS. *Tam. Shrew* IV. iv. 39 Your plainnesse and your shortnesse please me well.

c. *For shortness*: for the sake of brevity, to save time or distance. Now *rare.* †Also *for the sake of, because of shortness*, etc.

c 1450 *St. Cuthbert* (Surtees) 93, I leeue þe proloug for shortnes. 1599 HAKLUYT *Voy.* II. i. 84 And many other were wounded, whose names be not rehearsed here, because of shortnesse. 1710 in *Nairne Peerage Evid.* (1874) 153 Under the reservations provisions and declarations above exprest (which are here holden as sett down for shortnes sake). 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* II. iv. vii, Taking side-roads, for shortness, for safety.

†**d.** (*a*) A short period (of time). (*b*) Short stature. *Obs.*

1596 SHAKS. 1 *Hen. IV.* v. ii. 83 The time of life is short; To spend that shortnesse basely were too long. 1650 *Don Bellianis* x. 56 Don Bellianis, whose shortnesse reached not to the others middle. 1684 *Contempl. St. Man* I. ii. (1699) 12 Most of those things..even during the shortness of Time which they last, have a thousand changes.

2. Defective reach (of vision, memory, etc.).

1635 R. N. tr. *Camden's Hist. Eliz.* IV. 586 The Queene made answer with shortnesse of minde. 1661 COWLEY *Cromwell* Ess. etc. (1906) 361 A little mistake of the shortness of his sight. 1704 SWIFT *T. Tub* iii. 74 Yet has the unhappy shortness of my Memory led me into an Error. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* III. iii. iv, Their fatal shortness of vision. 1904 H. PAUL *Hist. Mod. Eng.* II. ix. 192 The extreme shortness of his sight would have interfered with his efficiency as a soldier.

†**3.** Defectiveness, imperfection; *pl.* defects, shortcomings. *Obs.*

1644 DIGBY *Nat. Bodies* 346 Since his raigne was but at the beginning of sciences, he could not chose but haue some defects and shortenesses. 1662 STILLINGFL. *Orig. Sacræ* I. i. § 9. 10 Which..through the shortness of their own reason doth appear to them to be so. 1736 BUTLER *Anal.* II. iii. Wks. 1874 I. 181 The shortness of our faculties.

4. *Shortness of breath*: a dyspnœic condition, breathlessness.

1577 GOOGE *Heresbach's Husb.* IV. (1586) 190 The water thereof distilled and drunke..helpeth the cough, and shortnesse of breath. 1898 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* V. 350 The dyspnœa of pleurisy without liquid effusion is chiefly shortness of breath.

5. The condition of being 'short *of*' something; deficiency, want (esp. of money, food, etc.); also, scantiness (of a supply, a crop, †a meal).

1669 WOODHEAD *St. Teresa* II. 265 The meanness, and shortness of their Dinner. 1763 SCROFTON *Indostan* I. (1770) 20 The poor and middling sort are only curbed by the shortness of their finances. 1831 SIR J. SINCLAIR *Corr.* II. 28 The shortness of the crop, will assist in reducing the price of lands still lower. 1838 *Civil Engin. & Arch. Jrnl.* I. 174/2 The shortness of water in the boiler had the effect of over-heating the plates. 1882 MRS. J. H. RIDDELL *Prince's Garden-Party* 205 There was no shortness of money.

6. The quality of being 'short' in texture or substance; friability, brittleness.

1655 MOUFET & BENNET *Health's Improv.* (1746) 272 The Head of the Carp, the Tail of a Pike, and the Belly of a Bream are most esteemed, for their Tenderness, Shortness, and well relishing. 1758 REID tr. *Macquer's Chem.* I. 363 The brittleness and shortness of Pig-iron. 1861 W. FAIRBAIRN *Iron* 175 Metallic manganese has been used by Mr. Mushet to correct red shortness or cold shortness in steel.

Short sight. [SHORT *a.* 1 h.] The defect of sight by which only near objects are seen distinctly; myopia.

1822–29 *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 3) IV. 211 *Paropsis propinqua.* Short sight. 1879 HARLAN *Eyesight* vi. 79 Dr. Cohn, of Breslau,..found the percentage of short-sight increasing from year to year.

b. *fig.*

a 1888 H. D. RAWNSLEY in W. Knight *Shairp & Friends* 384 Invective against the modern shortsight of commercial utilitarianism.

Short-sighted, *a.* [Cf. prec. and SIGHTED *a.*]

1. Having short sight; having the focus of the eyes at less than the normal distance; unable to distinguish objects clearly at a distance; myopic.

a 1649 DRUMM. OF HAWTH. *Jas. V* Wks. (1711) 105 The other, who was short-sighted, had broken his ponderous sword. 1710 BERKELEY *Princ. Hum. Knowl.* § 5 Wks. 1871 I. 139 He who is short-sighted will be obliged to draw the object nearer. 1856 *N. Brit. Rev.* XXVI. 165 Two lenses of this kind, one for cylindrical and short-sighted eyes..and another for long-sighted eyes. 1875 JOWETT *Plato* (ed. 2) III. 238 A short-sighted person had been requested by some one to read small letters.

b. *absol.*

1856 *N. Brit. Rev.* XXVI. 181 The observations which we have made on spectacles for longsight, are, generally speaking, applicable to the shortsighted.

2. *fig.* Lacking in foresight or in extent of intellectual outlook.

1622 MABBE tr. *Aleman's Guzman d'Alf.* I. 216 Those that are yong, are very short-sighted in your choyser sort of things. 1740 J. CLARKE *Educ. Youth* (ed. 3) 198 The giddy short-sighted Minds of young Men. 1830 D'ISRAELI *Chas. I*, III. 8 So short-sighted are politicians in power. 1902 R. BAGOT *Donna Diana* xxx. 396 He..cursed himself for a short-sighted fool.

absol. 1648 DENHAM *Cato Major* iv. (1669) 50 The foolish and short-sighted die with fear, That they go no where, or they know not where. 1837 HT. MARTINEAU *Soc. Amer.* II. 107 The march of circumstance has become too obvious to escape the attention of the most short-sighted.

3. Characterized by or proceeding from want of foresight or limited mental vision.

1736 *Gentl. Mag.* VI. 314/2 [Discoverers] whose Geography was so weak, and so short-sighted, that [etc.]. 1858 FROUDE *Hist. Eng.* III. xiii. 92 The laws which we call shortsighted, against engrossers of grain. 1864 KINGSLEY *Roman & T.* I. (1875) 10 A shortsighted and suicidal policy. 1891 *Speaker* 11 July 36/1 The pitiable display of short-sighted greed over the Factory Bill.

Hence **Short-si'ghtedly,** *adv.*; **Short-si'ghtedness** *lit.* and *fig.*

1670 COTTON *Espernon* II. vii. 320 The short-sightedness of humane Wisdom. 1715 *Pope's Iliad* Notes IV. 503 The divine Boldnesses which in their very Nature provoke Ignorance and Short-sightedness to shew themselves. 1853 'C. BEDE' *Verd. Green* I. xii, Verdant..was short-sightedly peering at the celebrated 'Charles the First' of Vandyck. 1884 R. W. CHURCH *Bacon* iii. 63 The apparent shortsightedness of the policy. 1887 MOLONEY *Forestry W. Afr.* 55 Rash and short-sightedly premature gatherings of crop.

Short-sword. *Obs.* exc. *Hist.* A sword with a short blade.

c 1470 *Gol. & Gaw.* 706 Schort suerdis of scheith smertly thay dreuch. 1865 INGRAHAM *Pillar of Fire* I. xviii. (1872) 295 A thousand men in iron helmets, round shields, and heavy short-swords. 1881 J. TAYLOR *Sc. Covenanters* 81 The old-fashioned Scottish short-sword.

Shortsyne, *adv. Sc.* [f. SHORT *adv.* + SYNE *adv.*] A short while ago, lately.

1768 ROSS *Helenore* 62 Shortsyn unto our glen, Seeking a hershipp came yon unko' men. 1832 RODGER *Poems* (1838) 298 She promis'd shortsyne she would soon be my ain.

Short-tongued, *a.* Having a short tongue; hence (now *dial.*) inarticulate, stammering, lisping. Also *occas.* taciturn, unready in speech.

c 1575 GELSON in *Durham Depos.* (Surtees) 289 The said Sir Richard..wilbe some tyme mery and light with drink, and short tonged, but nott dronken. 1865 DICKENS *Mut. Fr.* II. v, If I am a short-tongued fellow. 1874 LUBBOCK *Wild Flowers* iii. 68 The honey which is accessible even to beetles, and short-tongued flies.

Short-winded, *a.* [f. SHORT *a.* + WIND *sb.* + -ED 1.] Short of breath; suffering from or liable to difficulty of breathing; that soon becomes out of breath with any exertion.

c 1450 *Merlin* xv. 245 And whan thei saugh the saisnes well chased and short wynded, thei lete renne at hem. *c* 1593 JANE in Hakluyt *Voy.* (1600) III. 852 Captaine Cotton and my selfe swolne and short winded. 1656 RIDGLEY *Pract. Physick* 81 Forestus often prescribeth to short-winded people in a Consumption. 1793 T. BEDDOES *Obesity* 101 Short-winded persons are very often corpulent. 1840 DICKENS *Barn. Rudge* li, The short-winded locksmith had no chance against a man of Sim's youth and spare figure. 1891 C. ROBERTS *Adrift Amer.* 166, I was wretchedly weak and short-winded, only being able to walk a few yards at a time.

b. *fig.*

1596 SHAKS. 1 *Hen. IV*, I. i. 3 Finde we a time for frighted Peace to pant, And breath shortwinded accents of new broils To be commenc'd in Stronds a-farre remote. 1656 TRAPP *Comm. 2 Cor.* viii. 11 Their shortwinded wishes. 1688 BUNYAN *Heav. Footman* (1886) 165 They went to the work at first pretty willingly, but they were very short-winded, they were quickly out of breath, and in their hearts they turned back again into Egypt.

Hence **Short-wi'ndedness,** a state or condition of being short-winded, dyspnœa.

1614 T. ADAMS *Divells Banket* vi. 303 Balme taken fasting ..is very good against short-windednesse. 1753 TORRIANO *Non-Naturals* 52 It begets..pulmonary Humours, (especially Short-windedness,) and Death.

Short wool.

1. Wool having a short staple or fibre.

1728 CHAMBERS *Cycl.* s. v. *Woollen Manufactory*, A Pack, or 240 Pounds Weight of short Wool. 1841 *Penny Cycl.* XXI. 358/2 In 1828 the number of packs of short wool had diminished to 2800. 1912 *Times* 19 Dec. 20/3 The finer varieties of short wools.

2. (Hyphened.) A sheep producing such a wool.

1837 VOUATT *Sheep* ix. 351 A few of the short-wools were left. 1844 W. C. SPOONER *Sheep* 72 [The South Down breed] ranks with the Leicester—the former first among the short-wools.

3. *attrib.*

1824 BANKS in Bischoff *Woollen Manuf.* (1842) II. 55 Any drawback so obtained must operate as a bounty to the English short-wool grower. 1841 *Penny Cycl.* XXI. 358/1 Various breeds of short-wool sheep still prevail on the hills of Devonshire and Cornwall.

Hence **Short-woolled** *a.*

1787 *Young's Ann. Agric.* VIII. 199 The South Downs.. are, for that point, the best short-woolled sheep which I know in England. 1841 *Penny Cycl.* XXI. 359/2 One other breed of short-woolled sheep must be mentioned.

†**Short-writing.** *Obs.* = SHORTHAND.

1620 W. FOLKINGHAM *Brachigr.* To Rdr. A 4, Applying my Letters to those formes of Short-writing, which intimate

regionarie Vowels by contiguitie of Consonants. 1650 SHELTON (*title*) Zeiglographia or A New art of Short-writing never before published. 1691 WOOD *Ath. Oxon.* I. 269 His most dextrous and incomparable faculty in short-writing. 1715 S. LANE (*title*) The Art of Short Writing made lineal and legible as the Common long Hand.

†Sho·ry, *a. Obs. rare*$^{-1}$. [f. SHORE *sb.*^{1} + -Y^{1}.] Of or pertaining to a shore.

1684 T. BURNET *Theory Earth* I. 89 At the same time were made the shory rocks and mountains which are the bars and boundaries of the sea.

Shot (ʃɒt), *sb.*^{1} Forms: 1 sc(e)ot, ȝesc(e)ot, 2, 4–7 schot, 3 scott, 4–7 schott, shotte, (5 shet), 5–6 schotte, 5–7, (8) shott, (6 shutt, 6–7 shote), 5– shot. [OE. *sc(e)ot, gesc(e)ot* neut. (the prefix, as usual in sbs., fell away—in this instance not surviving beyond OE.—so that the forms with and without prefix fell together) = OFris. *skot* neut., OS. *-scot* in *sîlscot* 'balista', MLG. *scot, gescot*, OHG. *scoȝ* neut. (MHG. *schoȝ* masc., mod.G. *schoss* masc.), also *giscoȝ* neut. (MHG. *geschoȝ*, mod.G. *geschoss*), ON. *skot* neut. :—OTeut. **skuto-*, **gaskuto-m*, f. root **skūt-*: see SHOOT *v.*]

I. The action of shooting.

1. A rapid movement or motion; †a rush, dash or onset. *rare.*

a 1000 *Menologium* 272 Leax sceal on wæle mid sceate scriðan. 1375 BARBOUR *Bruce* XII. 77 A gret schot till thame can thai mak. 1859 MEREDITH *R. Feverel* xxiii, 'You needn't to ask, sir—ye know', said the farmer, with a side shot of his head.

b. A sudden sharp pain; also *dial.* 'a sudden attack of illness or disease'. *rare.*

a 1400–50 *Stockh. Med. MS.* 101 For þe schottes & þe prikkynges in sydes. 1527 ANDREW *Brunswyke's Distyll. Waters* C v, The hede enoynted with the same water..with-dryveth the payne and shotte in the hede comynge of hete. 1899 *Cumberld. Gloss.*, *Shot*, ..a sudden attack of illness or disease...A shot of rheumatics.

c. A rush (of colour) over a person's face, etc. ? *nonce-use.*

1895 MEREDITH *Amazing Marr.* I. xi. 123 A shot of colour swept over Henrietta.

†d. A rush of water. *Obs.*

c 1400 *Destr. Troy* 3300 And þou drunkyn hade dewly as mony du sopis, As shottes of shire water has shot fro þin ene. 1673 RAY *Journ. Low C.* 8 In process of time..all the Hills and Mountains..would by Floods and Shots of Rain be quite washed away.

e. A sheet (of ice). *Obs.* exc. *dial.*

a 1650 CALDERWOOD *Hist. Kirk* (1843) II. 248 The rain falling freered so vehementlie, that the ground was like a shott of yce.

2. A discharge, flux or issue. (Cf. SHOOT *sb.*^{3})

c 1500 *Rowlis Cursing* 67 in Laing *Anc. Poet. Scot.*, The kanker and the kattair, And never to be but schot of blude. 1841 DICK *Man. Vet. Science* (1862) 148 Cattle and sheep..after indulging..in luxuriant pastures, take what is called a Shot of Blood. 1844 H. STEPHENS *Bk. Farm* II. 226 There is a complaint called a *shot of grease*, arising from a different cause from the common grease.

3. *Fisheries.* **a.** The spread or cast of a net; the throw and haul-in of a fishing-net.

1859 ATKINSON *Walks & Talks* (1892) 322 A second shot of the net produced eleven more [mullet]. 1864 *Rep. Sea Fisheries Comm.* (1865) II. 1188/1, I believe I got the second shot of trawled fish that was ever fished in this country. 1873 *Act* 36 & 37 *Vict.* c. 71 § 14 Within 100 yards from the nearest point in the line of shot of any other seine or draft net worked in like manner.

b. *Sc.* A place where nets are shot. *Obs.* exc. *Hist.*

1452 in *Reg. Monast. Passelet* (Maitld. Club) 250 Tertiam partem totius piscarie de le Crukytshot. 1584 *Reg. Mag. Sig. Scot.* 354/1 Beginnand at the schott of the fisching callit the Hoilschott. 1882 J. F. S. GORDON *Hist. Moray* III. 228 The proprietor of the Friars' Shott salmon fishings.

4. The shooting of a bolt.

1905 'H. HALIBURTON' *Excursions* i. 5 The shot of the lock caught the ear of Beenie.

5. A passage of the shuttle across the web; *concr.* 'one thread of each colour or kind of yarn' (*Eng. Dial. Dict.*).

1834–6 P. BARLOW *Manuf.* in *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) VIII. 739/1 If a shot of blue and a shot of white be thrown alternately, a corresponding check will be produced. 1864 T. BRUCE in *Poets of Ayrshire* (1910) 232 Sad and slow the shots he threw And slow he trod the treddles.

b. (See quot.)

1875 F. J. BIRD *Dyer's Hand-bk.* 90 When satins..or silks of any kind are found to contain shots—that is, warp and weft of different qualities—they must be prepared as follows.

6. The course of a plough.

1843 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* IV. i. 34 It is usual to cut the drains directly across the shot, as we term the course of the plough.

7. The action of shooting with the bow, catapult, or firearms; the mechanical discharge of arrows or other projectiles as a means of attack; shots or discharges of missiles collectively. Now only *arch.* †Const. *of* (bows, guns, etc., also arrows or other projectiles).

c 1386 CHAUCER *Nun's Pr. T.* 529 Whan thy worthy kyng Richard was slayn With shot. *c* 1471 *Arriv. K. Edw. IV*, (Camden) 29 Sore annoyed..as well with gonnes-shott, as with shot of arrows. 1568 GRAFTON *Chron.* II. 279 The shot of the Scottes endured but a short space: But the shot of the Englishmen was long and fierce. 1639 DRUMM. OF HAWTH. *Consid. to Parlt.* Wks. (1711) 185 By shot of pistols. 1759 HUME *Hist. Eng., Tudor* I. 87 Their admiral lost an eye by the shot of an arrow. 1819 SCOTT *Ivanhoe* xxiv, At which a few archers might be stationed for defending the turret, and flanking with their shot the wall of the castle on that side. 1855 KINGSLEY *Westw. Ho!* vii, Which bark ..was taken without shot or slaughter.

fig. 1377 LANGL. *P. Pl.* B. xx. 224 And so seide sexty of þe same contreye, And shoten aȝein with shotte many a shef of othes. 1567 TURBERV. *Epit.* etc. 12 The surest shielde Against the dreadfull shot of wordes that thousandes had beguilde. 1662 HERBERT *Body of Div.* II. 29 We cannot be at peace with God, and therefore lie ever open to the shot of general dangers. 1718 T. GORDON *Cordial Low Spirits* 27, I must be obliged to stand the shot of his noise and nastiness for perhaps an hour or two together.

b. An act of shooting, an individual discharge of a bow, gun, etc. Phrases, *to fire*, also (now *arch.*) *to make, shoot a shot* (see SHOOT *v.* 21 c).

To fire a shot is used also in senses 13, 14 b, and 17.

c 1000 in Napier *O. E. Glosses* (1900) 214 *Iactibus..uacuis*, mid idelum ȝescotum. *c* 1435 in Kingsford *Chron. Lond.* (1905) 96 In this same yere..was slayn sir Thomas Movntagu ..thruh a shotte off a gonne. 1585 T. WASHINGTON tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* II. i. 31 b, Notwithstanding wee had giuen them a shot of assurance, [they] began to prepare themselues to the fight, thinking we had bin Coursaries. 1629 *Capt. Smith's Trav. & Adv.* iii. 5 She stood to her defence, and made shot for shot. 1721 DE FOE *Mem. Cavalier* (1840) 130 Several regiments..never..fired a shot. 1818 SCOTT *Hrt. Midl.* lii, They heard a shot. *c* 1850 *Arab. Nts.* (Rtldg.) 693 Prince Houssain..took his bow and made the first shot.

fig. 1576 LAMBARDE *Peramb. Kent* (1826) 416 He had directed his shot at the crowne of England.

†c. uninflected plural (with numeral). *Obs.*

1642–4 VICARS *God in Mount* 193 After many shot of Cannon, which did very little hurt among us.

d. Phrases. (*a*) *A shot between wind and water*, also *slang* (cf. SHOOT *v.* 30 d). (*b*) colloq. *Like a shot*: at once, with rapidity. Also, without hesitation, most willingly. (*c*) colloq. *A shot in the eye*: an ill turn.

(*a*) 1695 CONGREVE *Love for L.* III. xv. Ballad, And then he let fly at her, A shot 'twixt wind and water, That won this Fair Maids Heart. 1706 E. WARD *Wooden World Diss.* vii. (1708) 62 Sometimes his Captain, being disabl'd by some unlucky Shot 'twixt Wind and Water, repairs to him for a Refitment.

(*b*) 1809 MALKIN *Gil Blas* v. i. P 6, I went off like a shot, in the direction of our inn. 1843 DICKENS *Chr. Carol* v. 156 The boy was off like a shot. 1894 W. E. NORRIS *St. Ann's* I. 72 If I could hear of any chance of employment elsewhere, I'd take it like a shot.

(*c*) 1897 *Pearson's Mag.* Sept. 254/1 He thought he saw the means of getting square with the millionaire who had done him such an unscrupulous 'shot in the eye'.

e. *transf.* (*a*) Naut. *slang.* A meridional altitude taken (cf. SHOOT *v.* 32 c). (*b*) A snapshot (cf. SHOOT *v.* 22 f).

1867 SMYTH *Sailor's Word-bk.* s. v. *Shoot the sun*, 'Have you obtained a shot?' applied to altitudes of the meridian, as for time, lunar distances, &c. 1889 *Brit. Jrnl. Photogr.* XXXVI. 605/2, I developed some instantaneous shots. 1895 *Outing* XXVI. 33/2, I must have a camera shot at this.

f. *Mining.* An explosion of a blasting charge. Cf. 17.

1881 RAYMOND *Gloss. Mining* s. v. *Shoot*, A *shot* is a single operation of *blasting*. 1900 *Daily News* 25 July 2/1 Every shot is improving the appearance of the ore chute.

8. The range of a shot, or distance to which a shot will go. *In, within, out of shot*: in, within, out of shooting distance. † *To have open shot*: to have unobstructed range of shooting.

1455 [see FLIGHT-SHOT 1.] *c* 1489 CAXTON *Sonnes of Aymon* vii. 180, I bode behynde well the shotte of a bow. 1513 [see *Arrow-shot* s. v. ARROW *sb.* IV. 2]. 1513 *Life Hen. V*, (1911) 111 They of the Towne had from euery place open shott wth there gonns into the hoast. 1635 *Long Meg of Westminster* xii. (1816) 21 While the Dolphins army lay in view..there was a French-man that sundry times would as on a brauery come within shot and tosse his Pike, and so goe his way. 1670 NARBOROUGH *Jrnl.* in *Acc. Sev. Late Voy.* I. (1694) 3 The Ships ride in shot of Ordnance of the City. 1719 DE FOE *Crusoe* I. (Globe) 237 And that then I should be within half Shot of them. 1882 PAYNE-GALLWEY *Fowler Irel.* 431 To find..that the pole has slipped just as you are getting well in shot, is no joke.

b. *transf.* Range or reach of anything likened to a shot. (Cf. EARSHOT.)

1602 SHAKS. *Ham.* I. iii. 35 Keepe within the reare of your Affection; Out of the shot and danger of Desire. 1611 BIBLE *Transl. Pref.* P 1 A man would thinke that Ciuilitie, holesome Lawes..should be as safe as a Sanctuary, and out of shot [*marg.* ἔξω βέλους], as they say, that no man would lift vp the heele..against the motioners of them. 1822 SHELLEY *Chas. I*, iv. 15 Beyond the shot of tyranny.

c. *To run into shot*: Of a sporting dog: to run into the line of fire.

1884 T. SPEEDY *Sport Highl.* iii. 25 The faults..of being gun shy, springing their game, running into shot [etc.].

9. An attempt to hit with a projectile discharged from a gun. Phrase, *to exchange shots*: said with reference to a skirmish or a duel.

1653 HANE *Jrnl.* (1896) 2 Wee made all the resistance wee could, changing some shotts with him for the space of halfe an houre. 1669 STURMY *Mariner's Mag.* v. xii. 46 A good Shot may be made out of a bad Piece. 1817 J. MAYER *Sportsman's Direct.* (ed. 2) 25 You will be able to take shots at them, before they reach the high slope. 1820 *John Bull* 17 Dec. 5/2 A duel was fought on Saturday..when some shots were exchanged. 1847 MARRYAT *Childr. N. Forest* V It was a good shot that you made. 1898 *Field* 2 Apr. 509/3 Seeing a large buck..I sat down, prepared to have a long shot at him. 1908 R. BAGOT *A. Cuthbert* xxix. 377 Six rabbits in six shots with my pea-rifle.

b. *fig.* A remark aimed at some one, esp. in order to wound. Sometimes with mixture of sense 14 b.

1841 THACKERAY *Gt. Hoggarty Diam.* ix, The shot told. Your aunt bounced up at once, and in ten minutes more was in my carriage, on our way back to London. 1878 B. HARTE *Man on Beach* 27 This last shot was from the gentle Maria, who bit her lips as it glanced from the immovable man.

†c. *fig.* (A person's) *great shot*: chief aim. *Sc.*

1644 R. BAILLIE *Lett. & Jrnls.* (1841) II. 230 The great shott of Cromwell and Vane is to have a libertie for all religions. *a* 1658 DURHAM *Comm. Rev.* iv. iii. (1660) 281 The Lords great shot in all this is to get praise to Himself.

d. Phrases: *Not... by a long shot*: Hopelessly out of reckoning. *A long shot*: a bold attempt or large undertaking.

1888 EGGLESTON *Graysons* i. 12 He didn' wear uz good close in them days 's 'e does now, by a long shot. 1897 A. R. MARSHALL *Pomes* 27 (Farmer) So Zippy went in for a long shot.

10. A random guess attempting to 'hit' the right answer. *To make a shot*: to attempt an answer by guessing.

1840 J. T. J. HEWLETT *P. Priggins* xvii, After waiting for a little while [in construing], Ninny..made a shot, and went so near the mark, that [etc.]. 1847 ALB. SMITH *Chr. Tadpole* Prelude, 'Do you want a bed here to-night, Sir?' asked the waiter..making a shot at the sex of the blue serge bundle. 1887 *Times* (weekly ed.) 19 Aug. 4/3, I do not believe that yesterday when she was supposed to be doing 15 knots she was really running more than 13. This, however, is only a shot.

b. An attempt or try.

1756 W. DODD *Fasting* (ed. 2) 30 The random shots of second causes. 1878 E. FITZGERALD *Lett.* (1889) I. 422, I cannot understand why I have not yet taken to Hawthorne, ..I will have another Shot. 1912 *Throne* 7 Aug. 227/1 Pinks is going to have a shot at the Wingfield Sculls.

11. An aim or stroke, esp. in a game, as tennis, golf, billiards, etc.

1868 *Field* 8 Aug. 106/3 (Croquet) Mr. Whitmore distinguished himself by his long shots, one of which came off at thirty-six yards. 1902 W. W. JACOBS *Lady of Barge* 83 Wilfred Carr..taking a cue from the rack, bent over the board and practiced one or two favourite shots.

b. A throw of a ball, stone, or other thing aimed with the hand.

1852 THACKERAY *Esmond* I. iv, Fling another shot [*i. e.* potato] at that carriage..and by the Lord I'll send my rapier through you! 1868 'S. DARYL' *Quoits & Bowls* 54 (Bowls) The game is thirty shots—ten Guarding, ten Riding, ten Drawing.

c. In *Football, Hockey, Lacrosse*: an attempt to drive the ball into goal.

1868 *Field* 28 Nov. 446/2 Several well intended, though badly misjudged, shots were fired at the School goal. 1912 *Oxford Mag.* 14 Nov. 75/1 Essex reduced the lead by means of a good shot from the inside left.

d. In *Boat-racing*: an attempt to 'bump' the boat in front. (Cf. BUMP *sb.*^{1} 2 and *v.*^{1} 3.)

1868 *Field* 28 Nov. 445/2 Owing to his pulling his wrong scull, he managed to miss his shot at him, and Lowe went away easily. 1890 *Eng. Illustr. Mag.* Apr. 501 Ah! they have made a shot in the Gut and missed.

e. In *Curling*: (see quots. 1835, 1897).

a 1772 GRAEME in Anderson *Poets* XI. 447 (Jam.) Of many a bonspeel gain'd, Against opposing parishes; and shots, To human likelihood secure, yet stormed. 1835 H. HAREWOOD *Dict. Sports* s. v. *Curling*, When the stones on both sides have been all played, the one nearest the tee counts one; and if the second, third, fourth, &c. belong to the same side, all these count so many shots. 1897 *Encycl. Sport* I. 264/2 (Curling), *Shot*, (1) the unit of scoring, each stone nearer to the tee than any opponent counting one. (2) The delivery of a stone.

†12. A result of shooting. **a.** A wound or pain in the body caused by witchcraft. (Cf. SHOOT *v.* 32 a, and ELF-SHOT.) **b.** A gunshot wound. *Obs.*

1597 in *Spalding Club Misc.* (1841) I. 131 Thow said..thow suld put ane schot in his syde, within xlviij houris, that suld do him gryter harme nor that schot did the;..immediatly thairefter, he contractis sic ane deidlie seiknes, be ane schot in his syde vnder his oxtar. 1599 A. M. tr. *Gabelhouer's Bk. Physicke* 329/1 Squirte beerof into the shot,..and thrust into the wounde a peece of Larde of a reasonable longitude.

II. That which is discharged in shooting.

†13. That which is discharged from a bow, an arrow or arrows; also in early use stone or other projectiles thrown by a catapult, or other engine; ammunition for such an engine. *Obs.*

c 893 ÆLFRED *Oros.* III. ix. § 15 Þær forweard micel Alexandres heres for ȝeætredum ȝescotum. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 10036 þe berbikans seuen þat es a-bute..wel tas kepe to þat castell, For aro, scott, and for quarel. 1387 TREVISA tr. *Higden* (Rolls) III. 239 þe sonne is derked wiþ þe arwes and schot of Perses. 1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* VIII. xiv. I. 199 Arrowes, quarrels, stones, bullets, and such like shot. 1664 BUTLER *Hud.* II. ii. 856 The Law of Arms doth bar The use of venom'd shot in War.

†b. *fig.*

c 897 ÆLFRED *Gregory's Past. C.* lvi. 431 Ða diȝlan ȝescotu [*jacula*] ðæs sweocolan feondes. *c* 1374 CHAUCER *Troylus* II. 58 Pandarus,..Felte eek his part of loves shottes kene. *c* 1460 SIR R. ROS *La Belle Dame* 145 And of his eyen the shot I knew anon Which federed was with right humble requestes. *c* 1586 C'TESS PEMBROKE *Ps.* LXIX. iv, The shott of piercing spight Bent at thee, on me doth light.

14. Projectiles (esp. balls or bullets, as distin-

guished from explosive 'shells') designed to be discharged from a firearm or cannon by the force of an explosive. Often with qualifying word as *bar-*, *chain-*, *grape-shot*, etc. See the first words. *Hollow shot*: 'empty shells, with metal screw plugs, sometimes used in the navy' (Brande & Cox *Dict. Sci.* 1866 s. v.).

1474 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* I. 69 To bring again.. artilzery, powder, schot and sic thing. 1513 *Life Henry V*, (1911) 80 Masons to hewe stones for shott to breake walls. *Ibid.* 111 Then the Frenchmen, perceauinge there shott to be spent in vaine, imagined a newe manner of shott instead of stones; they shott great peeces of steele fire-hott. 1669 Sturmy *Mariner's Mag.* v. xiii. 84 The Shot of great Mortar-Pieces are..one tenth part lower than the Bore. 1704 *Milit. Dict.* (ed. 2), *Shot*, all sorts of Bullets for whatsoever Fire-arms, from the Cannon to the Pistol. Those for Cannon are of Iron, those for Musket, Carabine, and Pistol, of Lead. 1854 Tennyson *Lt. Brigade* v, Storm'd at with shot and shell. 1862 *Catal. Internat. Exhib.* II. xi. 23 Hollow shot are treated in a similar manner and then filled in the same manner as the ordinary spherical shells.

b. A cannon-ball. Also (with numerals) as *collect. sing.* or uninflected plural.

(*Not*) *a shot in the locker*: see Locker *sb.*[1] 5 b.

1622 R. Hawkins *Voy. S. Sea* xvii. 39 Not to suffer.. Pitch to be heate in the Ship, except it be with a shott heate in the fire, which cannot breed daunger. 1669 Stuamy *Mariner's Mag.* v. xii. 48 Diameter of the Shot 3⅜, weight of the Shot 4 pound 12 ounces. 1770 G. Farmer *Let.* 22 Sept. in *Ann. Reg.* (1772) 232/2 The Spanish frigate fired two shot, which dropt to leeward of the Favourite.

c. Hence, an iron globe like a cannon ball, used in the sport of 'putting the shot' (or 'weight'): see Put *v.*[1] 2. Also *occas.* the sport of putting the shot.

1881 *Cassell's Bk. Sports* (1886) 114 Putting the Weight. Sixteen pounds is the full-size shot for this feat. 1895 Manson *Sporting Dict., Putting the Shot.* 1895 *Outing* XXVI. 460/2 The list of events will include..high jump, broad jump, shot and hammer.

d. *Small shot*: †(*a*) musket bullets, in distinction from cannon-balls (*obs.*); (*b*) small pellets of lead (= sense 15), as distinguished from bullets. † *Great shot*: cannon-balls; also occas. bullets as distinguished from 'small shot' (*b*).

1593 G. Harvey *Pierce's Super.* 12 This Termagant.. fighteth not with..the small shott of contention, but with the maine ordinaunce of fury. 1632 Lithgow *Trav.* II. 61 A long and doubtfull fight, both with great and small shot. 1727 Boyer *Dict. Royal* II, s. v. *Shot*, Small shot, used to shoot with a Birding-piece. 1727 A. Hamilton *New Acc. E. Ind.* II. xli. 106 We gave them a Volley of great Shot in return of their Volley of small. 1803 Scott *Let.* in *Lockhart* (1837) I. xi. 390 A volley of small shot fired through the window.

attrib. 1834-6 P. Barlow *Manuf.* § 961 in *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) VIII. 677/2 Small Shot Manufacture.

15. Lead in small pellets, of which a quantity is used for a single charge of a sporting gun. Also (less frequently), a single pellet, a shot-corn (plural *shot*, esp. with numerals; sometimes *shots*).

Shot is assorted by sizes distinguished by numbers (usually 1 to 10 or 12), or by letters (as *BB* called *double-B*), or by specific names (as *swan-shot*, etc.).

1770 *Phil. Trans.* LX. 185, I would not recommend shooting them..with shot smaller than common partridge shot, or No. 5. 1827 Faraday *Chem. Manip.* ii. (1842) 40 Besides sheet lead, shot of different sizes are often used for this purpose. 1833 J. Rennie *Alph. Angl.* 126 A strong silk-worm gut, with 2 shot or two on it. 1884 Lock *Workshop Rec.* Ser. III. 361/2 The manufacture of shot is almost universally conducted in tall brick towers with iron frames. 1895 R. W. Chambers *King in Yellow* (1909) 265 He ornamented each line with four split shot, a small hook, and a brilliant quill float.

b. Used by horse-copers as a dose to give a horse a temporary appearance of sound-windedness.

1857 Dickens *Dorrit* xii, Taking into account the shot he [a gelding] had been made to swallow for the improvement of his form.

c. *transf.* in *Indian shot*, the plant *Canna indica* (see Indian *a.* 4). Also *Plantain, Flowering shot* applied to the same or other species of the genus.

1760 J. Lee *Introd. Bot.* App. 327 Shot, Plaintain, *Canna.* 1884 W. Miller *Plant-n.* 47/2 Flowering Shot. The genus *Canna. Ibid.* 67/2 Indian Shot. The genus *Canna.*

†16. A charge (of powder); also a charge (of small shot) for discharge from a gun. *Obs.*

1708 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 4479/5 The Garrison is to march out ..with loaded Arms,..and are to have 12 Shots of Powder and Ball each. 1752 Maccoll in *Scots Mag.* (1753) Aug. 401/1 There was a shot of drops in it [the gun].

17. *Mining.* The charge of powder sufficient for a blast in a mine (esp. a coal-mine); also the bored hole into which the charge is put.

1851 Greenwell *Coal-trade Terms, Northumb. & Durh.* 47 *Shot.*—The cartridge or portion of gunpowder used in blasting...A pound of gunpowder will make five 6-inch shots. 1874 Dufferin in Lyall *Life* (1906) I. vii. 245 They had bored with a steam drill..some fifty or sixty 'Shots', as they are technically termed, i. e. deep holes in the rock, which are then filled with gunpowder and exploded. 1886 [see *shot-firer* in 30].

†18. A bolt or bar for securing a door, etc. (Cf. Shoot *v.* 13.) *Obs.*

c 1430 *Syr Gener.* (Roxb.) 196 The shottes of the gates opened she, And sett open the gates wide. 1595 in *Scott. Hist. Rev.* (1913) X. 302 Closit wit ane key be ane shott.

19. = Whale-shot (spermaceti). In recent Dicts. [Spermaceti was supposed to be the spawn of the whale. Cf. Shoot *v.* 18 d.]

III. That which shoots.

†20. Weapons for shooting; firearms. *Obs.*

1579 *Proclam. agst. Dagges* etc. 26 July, The common carying of Dagges, Pistolles and such other short pieces of shot. 1596 Danett tr. *Comines* Supply iii. (1614) 229 The people had planted shot against the castell. 1727 Boyer *Dict. Royal* II. s. v. *Shot*, Great and small Shot (great Guns and Muskets), *le Canon* & *la Mousquetterie.*

†b. A shooting weapon, a cannon or musket.

a 1578 Lindesay (Pitscottie) *Chron. Scot.* (S.T.S.) I. 251, iij[c] schott of small artaillzie. *Ibid.* II. 185 Quhilk schip.. had xx gret brassin schottis in hir. 1599 Minsheu *Span. Dict.*, What armes serue you with, a pike or shot? *con pica, o arcabúz.*

†21. a. *collect. sing.* Soldiers armed with muskets or other firearms (rarely with bows). *Small shot*: troops furnished with small arms as distinguished from artillerymen. *Obs.*

1572 Walsingham in D. Digges *Complete Ambass.* (1655) 314 To send under..the Marquis de Maine 1000 shot,..who shal land at a place called Aier. 1590 Sir W. Williams *Brief Disc. War* 46 To prooue Bow-men the worst shot vsed in these daies. 1617 Moryson *Itin.* II. 118 His Lordship..had lodged in a trench some foure hundred shot, charging them not to shoot till the rebels approached neere. 1706 Phillips (ed. Kersey) s.v. *Tower*, Hollow Tower.. where the Small-Shot are plac'd that they may not be too much expos'd to the Enemies View.

†b. A soldier armed with a firearm. *Obs. rare.*

1597 Shaks. 2 *Hen. IV*, III. ii. 294. 1598 Barret *Theor. Warres* III. ii. 71 Hee is but a foolish shot, that shooteth at ..light skirmishers. 1611 Cotgr., *Harquebusier*, an Arquebusier, or small shot.

22. One who shoots; an expert in shooting. Often with qualifying adj., *good, bad shot. Dead shot*: see Dead *a.* 31 b.

1780 *Mirror* No. 69 As I am a good shot, I spend great part of my time in shooting. 1823 Cobbett *Rur. Rides* (1885) I. 367 A professed shot is, almost always, a very disagreeable brother sportsman. 1826 Disraeli *V. Grey* II. ix, No, I am no shot. 1882 Sir R. Temple in *Proc. R. Geog. Soc.* N. S. IV. 460 He was taught to be a splendid shot with the gun and with the bow.

transf. 1897 *Encycl. Sport* I. 420/2 (Assoc. Football) Half-backs should be good shots at goal, for they frequently have chances of scoring.

b. *Queer shot* (dial.): an 'odd customer'.

1900 'Sarah Grand' *Babs* xl, 'You're a queer shot, Tinney,' she remarked.

IV. Payment, share. [Cf. OE. *scéotan* (= Shoot *v.*) to pay, contribute.]

23. The charge, reckoning, amount due or to be paid, esp. at a tavern or for entertainment; a or one's share in such payment. Now only *colloq. To stand shot* [perh. with allusion to sense 7], to meet the expenses, pay the bill (for all).

c 1475 *Songs & Carols* (Percy Soc.) 94 On cast down her schott and went her wey. Gossip, quod Elenore, what dyd she paye? Not but a peny. 1617 Moryson *Itin.* III. 84 The shot demanded must be paid without expostulation. 1732 *Tricks of Town* 3, I could stand it no longer, but paid my Shot.. and came away. 1821 Scott *Kenilw.* xix, Are you to stand shot to all this good liquor? 1891 Mrs. Riddell *Mad Tour* 107, I was to make enough to..'pay my own shot'.

b. *transf.* and *fig.* Also in fig. context.

a 1533 Bernbrs *Gold. Bk. M. Aurel.* (1546) A a viij b, She ..wil not be paied, but with the shotte of our lyfe. 1612 Day *Festivals* ii. (1615) 50 Our Saviour hath paid al the shot. 1677 W. Hubbard *Narrative* II. 26 The Indians invited themselves to breakfast with him, making the poor Fellow pay the shot..with the loss of his life.

†c. *To have free shot*: to have gratuitous entertainment. *Obs. rare.*

1585 T. Washington tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* III. xviii. 104 [They] go roging alone..following the bathes, tauernes and assemblies, for to haue free shot and cheare.

†d. A levy or contribution of so much a head from the members of a company for some common purpose. Also, a banquet to which each guest contributes his share (tr. Gr. ἔρανος). *Obs.*

1519 Horman *Vulgaria* 283 Let vs gether or make a schotte or a stake for the mynstrels rewarde or wagis. 1615 Chapman *Odyss.* XI. 545 As when you see At any rich mans nuptials, shot, or feast, About his kitchin, white-tooth'd swine lie drest.

†e. *The whole shot*: the 'sum and substance'.

1628 T. Spencer *Logick* 151 These words..doe containe the whole shot, or generall summe that ariseth from all the precepts, belonging to this part of Logicke. 1642 Fuller *Holy & Prof. St.* III. xx. 208 Ancient Fathers made the Creed *symbolum*, the shot and totall summe of Faith.

†f. A supply or amount of drink. *Obs.*

1676 O. Heywood *Diaries* (1882) I. 339 A company of fellows would needs drink 2*d* a peece..their vain way of drinking shots. 1691 Meeke *Diary* 23 Jan. (1874) 34 About noon we returned, had a shot of ale at Slathwaite.

†24. *Shot and lot* = *scot and lot*: see Scot *sb.*[2] 4.

1100 *Charter Hen. I* in *Liber Albus* (Rolls) 128 Item, quod cives Londoniarum sint quieti de Schot et Loth, et de Danegelde. 1459 *Cal. Anc. Rec. Dublin* (1889) 301 They schall ber lot and schot with the citte to all maner workys. 1668 in Jeake *Chart. Cinque Ports* (1728) 168 Rationabil. & ratabil. taxationes, scott. shott. & lott. tallag. & rationabil. taxationes communiter vocat. common fines.

V. Senses of doubtful position.

25. A division of land.

a 1490 Botoner *Itin.* (1778) 152 Englysh stonys et le rok vocat. Trogy, anglice le shotes. 1523 Fitzherb. *Surv.* 40 b, This medowe lyeth in dyuers shotes of length somtyme in two shotes of length somtyme in one & somtyme in thre.

1743 R. Maxwell *Sel. Trans. Agric. Scot.* 32 The Infield is divided into three Shots or Parts, much about eighteen Acres in all. *a* 1805 A. Carlyle *Autobiog.* iii. (1860) 138 That part of it [the plain] which belonged to Preston estate was divided into three shots, as they were called, or rigg lengths, the under shot, the middle, and the upper. 1822 Scott *Pirate* xxx, He claps down an enclosure in the middle of my hit shot of corn. 1854 J. M. Kemble *Surrey Provinc.* in *Trans. Philol. Soc.* 84 *Shot*, a portion of land..'Will you let the upper shot be laid up for hay?' 1887 S. H. A. Hervey *Wedmore Chron.* I. 181 (E.D.D.) [Somerset] Each of these fields was divided into shots or furlongs. 1907 *Times* 15 June 24/2 Nineteen Plots or 'Shots' of Freehold and copyhold land..in Bearfield and Hamfield.

26. *Shetland.* (Also *shott.*) A compartment in the stern of a boat (see quots.).

1834 G. & P. Anderson *Guide Highl.* 709 Another extricates the fish from the hooks, and throws them in a place near the stern, named the shot. 1899 J. Spence *Shetl. Folk-Lore* 127 The old *haf* boat..was divided into six compartments, viz., fore-head,..shott [etc.]...The shott..formed a sort of hold in which the fish were carried.

27. = Shot-window. *Sc.* ? *Obs.*

1513 Douglas *Æneis* VII. Prol. 138 The schot [cf. *shot wyndo* above, line 129] I clossit and drew inwort in hy. 1638 R. Baillie *Lett. & Jrnls.* (1841) I. 91 Some out of shotts cryed rebels on the readers. 1722 Wodrow *Hist. Suff. Ch. Scot.* III. vii. II. 286 With Windows called Shots, or Shutters of Timber, and a few Inches of Glass above them.

28. A corpse disinterred by body-snatchers.

App. from the expression 'a good shot for the doctors'.

1828 *Ann. Reg.* 377/2 Burke..asked witness to go down to his house, to see the shot he had got to take to the doctor's...Understood by the word shot that he was going to murder the woman. *Ibid.* 380/1 M'Dougal came and said to witness, there was a shot in the house. She did not say what she meant by a shot. 1867 *All Year Round* 16 Mar. 285/1 Burke..told him he had got an old woman off the street, who would be a good shot for the doctors (that was the phrase of these men for a person they had fixed on to murder). 1882 Sala *Amer. Revis.* (1885) 206 Servants..who, for the consideration of so many dollars per 'shot', or human body, undertake to supply subjects for dissection to the anatomical schools throughout the States.

VI. *attrib.* and *Comb.*

29. simple attributive, as *shot-belt* (also *attrib.*), so *shot-belted* adj., *-box*, *-cartridge*, *-gauge*, *-like* adj., *-mould*, *-proof* adj., *-range*, *-wound*, etc.; objective, as *shot-casting*, *-firer*, *-firing*, *-sorter*; instrumental, as *shot-shivered*, *-swept* adjs.

1805 *Times* in *Spirit Publ. Jrnls.* (1806) IX. 310 *Shot-belts, pouches, powder-flasks [etc.]. 1823 Syd. Smith *Game Laws* Wks. 1859 II. 301/1 A feeling not only among Reviewers, who never see nor eat game, but among the double-barrelled, *shot-belted members of the House of Commons. 1829 Marryat *F. Mildmay* viii, Sitting on a *shot-box. 1875 Knight *Dict. Mech.*, **Shot-cartridge*, a round of ammunition for a shot-gun. 1907 J. H. Patterson *Man-Eaters of Tsavo* App. I. 319, 500 12-bore shot cartridges of, say, the 6 and 8 sizes. 1835 Ure *Philos. Manuf.* 59 Granulating and *shot casting. 1886 J. Barrowman *Sc. Mining Terms* 60 **Shot firer*, the person appointed to fire shots in fiery workings. 1841 Totten (Webster 1847) *Shot-gauge. 1805 *Shipwright's Vade-M.* 131 **Shot-lockers*, or *Garlands*, apartments built up in the hold to contain the shot. 1842–63 Buan *Nav. & Mil. Techn. Dict.* I, *Coquille à boulets*, *shot-mould consisting of two cubes of iron with a hemisphere hollowed in each. 1859 F. S. Cooper *Ironmongers' Catal.* 38 Bullet and Shot Moulds. 1599 B. Jonson *Cynthia's Rev.* v. x, Aretes fauour makes any one *shot-proofe against thee, Cvpid. 1863 Trevelyan *Compet. Wallah* (1866) 84 A shot-proof screen of boards. 1862 *Catal. Internat. Exhib.* II. xii. 17 *Shot proofing for ships and batteries. 1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* I. VII. vii, Were it not well to draw back out of *shot-range? 1636 Prynne *Rem. agst. Shipmoney* 10 To provide fourty, five and fourty, and fifty *shot round of powder and bullets, for every peece in the Ships set out. 1806 J. Grahame *Birds Scot.* 76 Then..flies To some *shot-shivered branch. 1842–63 Burn *Nav. & Mil. Techn. Dict.* I. s.v. *Coup*, [*Coup de feu*] shot, *shot-wound. 1854 Dk. Newcastle in J. Martineau *Life* (1908) 161 Sir George Brown's horse received no less than six shot-wounds.

30. Special comb.: **shot-borer**, a beetle, *Xyleborus dispar*, which bores small round holes in the bark of trees; **shot bort** (see quot.); **shot-corn**, a small shot, a grain of shot; **shot-drill**, an obsolete form of military punishment in which the soldier punished had to carry a cannon-ball; †**shot-flagon** *dial.* (see quot.); **shot-glass** [see 5] *Weaving*, a cloth-prover (Ogilvie, 1882); **shot-lighter**, the man who fires the 'shot' in a mine; **shot-mark** †(*a*) a mark to aim or shoot at, (*b*) a mark made by a shot; **shot-metal** (see quot. 1875); **shot-pepper**, (see quots.); **shot-plug**, a tapered cone of wood to stop a shot-hole in a vessel's side, to prevent leakage (Smyth *Sailor's Word-bk.* 1867); †**shot-pot**, ? = *shot-flagon*; **shot-prop** [? after Du. *geschutprop* = G. *schusspropfen*: cf. Prop *sb.*[2]] = *shot-plug* (Knight *Dict. Mech.* 1875); **shot-putter**, one who puts the shot in athletic sports, so *shot-putting*; **shot-rack** (see quot. 1867); †**shot-shark**, a tavern waiter; **shot soup** (see quot. 1847); **shot-tower**, a tall round tower in which small shot are made by dropping molten lead from the top into water; †**shot-whaip** *Sc.*, a variety of curlew; See also Shot-board, -bush, -clog, etc.

1890 Miss E. A. Ormerod *Injur. Insects* (ed. 2) 331, I found that the cause of the injury was the '*Shot-borer' Beetle. *Ibid.* 334 The Shot-borer frequents stumps or fallen

trees. 1910 *Encycl. Brit.* IV. 276/2 The typical bort occurs in small spherical masses... These masses..are often called '*shot bort' or 'round bort'. *c* 1792 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) X. 39/1 A middling sized *shot-corn. 1794–6 E. Darwin *Zoon.* (1801) II. 62 As large as shot-corns. 1869 E. A. Parkes *Pract. Hygiene* (ed. 3) 385 The *shot-drill which military prisoners perform. 1691 Ray *N. C. Words* (ed. 2) 62 The **Shot-flagon* or *Come again*; which the Host gives to his guests of [*read* if] they drink above a Shilling, *Darbish.* 1881 *Instr. Census Clerks* (1885) 84 Miners...*Shot-lighter. 1897 *L'pool Courier* 10 Mar. 3/8 A colliery shotlighter,..was summoned by his employers. 1610 Healey *St. Aug. Citie of God* VIII. viii. 309 They beleeued that his [*sc.* man's] cheefe good must..therein subsist; as the finall end standing as the *shot-marke of all their actions. 1828 *Trial W. Dyon at York Assizes* 9 There were two shot marks on the left side. 1875 Knight *Dict. Mech.*, **Shot-metal*, an alloy of lead, 56 parts; arsenic, 1. Used for making bird-shot. 1890 *Century Dict.* s. v. *Pepper*, **shot-pepper*, the heavier kinds of Sumatra pepper. 1898 Senn *Culin. Encycl.* 86 *Shot Pepper.* This is mignonette pepper, which is made from white peppercorns. It is broken into grains or granulated about the size of mignonette seed. 1829 *Shot-plug [see Shot-hole 1]. 1664 Cotton *Scarron.* IV. 111 Straight to the Wharff repairs the hot-shot, Without once calling for his *shot-pot. 1882 *Tales Mod. Oxford* 99 Lord, the *shot-putter. 1894 *Outing* XXIV. 444/2 *Shot-putting had been his favourite game. 1834 Marryat *P. Simple* xi. I did contrive to crawl up the ladder to the main deck, where I sat down on the *shot-racks. 1867 Smyth *Sailor's Word-bk., Shot-racks*, wooden frames fixed at convenient distances to contain shot. There are also, of recent introduction, iron rods so fitted as to confine the shot. 1599 B. Jonson *Ev. Man out of Hum.* v. iv, Holla: where be these *shot-sharkes? 1847 H. Melville *Omoo* iii, What English seamen call '*shot soup'—great round peas, polishing themselves like pebbles by rolling about in tepid water. 1835 Ure *Philos. Manuf.* 59 A shower of drops, which congeal in the course of their descent from the top of the *shot-towers into the water-cistern. 1639 Sir R. Gordon *Gen. Hist. Earld. Sutherld.* (1813) 3 Routs, whaips, *shot-whaips, woodcok, larkes, [etc.].

† Shot, *sb.*[2] *Naut. Obs.* Forms: 4 shote, 5 shott, 7– shot. [Of uncertain origin; perh. a use of prec.; see Shoot *v.* 38. But cf. Scote *sb.*] Two cables spliced together.

1316 *Exch. Acc. Army* Bundle 15 No. 3 Vna cabula vocata shote. 1497 *Naval Acc. Hen. VII* (1896) 184 A shott of Newe Cables *a* 1625 *Nomencl. Navalis* (Harl. MS. 2301) 72 Shot of Cabell. Two Cabells spliced together make a Shot. *a* 1642 Sir W. Monson *Naval Tracts* III. (1704) 375/2 Never Ships..were better fitted with Ground Tackle, or whole Shots of Cables. 1750, 1847 [see Sheet-shot].

Shot, *sb.*[3] Also shott. [subst. use of Shot *ppl. a.* (Cf. Shoot *v.* 11 g.)] An ill-grown ewe; a refuse animal left after the best of the flock or herd have been selected.

1796 *Statist. Acc. Scot.* XVIII. 569 A few of the worst ewes called shotts, are likewise sold every year about Martinmas. 1865 A. Smith *Summer in Skye* II. 140 The inferior qualities [of ewes]—shots, as they are technically called—occupied a place by themselves.

attrib. 1878 *Cumberld. Gloss., Shot sheep or cattle. Shots*, the refuse; the leavings; the worst. 1886 C. Scott *Sheep-farming* 109, 62 Shot ewe and wedder lambs at 5/-.

Shot (ʃɒt), *sb.*[4] [Shot *ppl. a.*, used ellipt.] A 'shot' silken or other fabric.

1883 *Daily News* 10 Oct. 7/5 The new Tissu for Costumes, 'Poil de Bison', in broché, in stripe, and in shot, all made to match. 1893 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 9 Jan. 2/1 Shots and stripes will be in fashion.

Shot (ʃɒt), *v.* [f. Shot *sb.*[1]]

† 1. *intr.* ? To participate or consort *with. Obs.*

a 1250 *Prov. Alfred* 411 in *O. E. Misc.* 126 Ne gabbe þu ne schotte ne chid þu wyth none sotte.

2. *trans.* To load (a fire-arm) with shot.

1681 R. Knox *Hist. Ceylon* 119 His order to me was, to see the top Chains put upon the Cables, and the Guns shotted. 1781 in Nicolas *Disp. Nelson* (1846) VII. Add. p. iii, Firing twenty-six nine-pounders, and one eighteen-pounder, shotted at her. 1863 W. Phillips *Sp.* vi. 106 The guns are shotted to their lips.

b. *transf.* and *fig.*

1822 Scott *Pirate* xxxiv, It was the gracious custom of this commander to mix his words and oaths in nearly equal proportions, which he was wont to call *shotting* his discourse. 1861 L. L. Noble *Icebergs* 163 A pudding of rice well shotted with raisins. 1884 Sharman *Hist. Swearing* i. 20 Their every word was shotted with an oath.

3. To weight by attaching a shot or shots, so as to cause to sink in water.

1857 W. Smith *Thorndale* III. iv. 230 With this in my pocket, I was shotted for a sailor's grave. 1910 *Spectator* 23 Apr. 664 The line is shotted carefully so as to sink the bait to the right depth.

4. To supply with shot.

1886 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 21 Aug. 2/2 This other fleet—how differently armed, how differently shotted.

5. To wound or hit with shot.

1855 Bailey *Mystic* 75 Who..fell Shotted with three times Cæsar's trickling wounds.

6. a. *slang.* To give (a horse) a dose of small shot so as to make it appear sound-winded. (Cf. Shot *sb.*[1] 15 b.)

1890 Barrère & Leland *Dict. Slang* s. v. 1902 Farmer & Henley *Slang.*

b. To clean (bottles) by partially filling with shot and shaking. 1895 in *Funk's Stand. Dict.*

7. To variegate in weaving.

1847 Talfourd *Vacation Rambles* I. 218 It was shotted, like wavy silk, with the pale violet crocus.

Shot (ʃɒt), *ppl. a.* [pa. pple. of Shoot *v.*[1]]

1. Of a fish: having discharged its spawn. (Cf. Shotten *ppl. a.* 3.)

1414 in Riley *Mem. Lond.* (1868) 599 [All manner of fish called] shotfisshe [taken in the Thames]. 1618 Braithwaite *Rem. Death* E 7 b, Darted. He runnes as swift as euer ran. Shot-herring made. 1865 J. Sleigh *Derbysh. Gloss.* (E.D.D.), As lean as a shot-herring.

2. Of a stalk, blade, etc.: that has grown or sprouted. *Shot-blade*, that part of the corn-stalk which encloses the ear.

1629 Z. Boyd *Last Battell* 726 (Jam.), The sunne..maketh..the cornes to come vp at the first with small green points, and after that to shoote vp to the shot bled, and after that to come to the seede. 1799 J. Robertson *Agric. Perth* 196 Weeds are taken from the oats and barley when they are in the shot blade. 1830 *Kyle Farm Rep.* 38 in *Libr. Usef. Knowl., Husb.* III. The only grass sown in this district is perennial rye grass, the very worst for pasture, as cattle reject its shot stalks.

3. Of a bullet, arrow, etc.: that is discharged. Also of a bolt: that has been pushed into or out of the lock.

1863 *Leisure Hour* Jan. 2 The rusty sockets of a shot-bolt. 1908 *Edin. Rev.* Oct. 364 The spiral ascent, the shot-arrow precipitation earthwards.

4. Hit, wounded or killed by a projectile discharged from a gun or bow.

1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* I. VII. x, Other women lift the corpse of shot Jerôme. 1881 Tyndall *Floating Matter in Air* 103 A shot hare will remain soft and limp for a day.

5. Of a textile fabric: Woven with warp-threads of one colour and weft-threads of another, so that the fabric (usually silk) changes in tint when viewed from different points. Also, applied to mixed fabrics (esp. of cotton and silk), dyed by a process which produces a variegated effect similar to that of 'shot silk'.

1763 Churchill *Ghost* IV. 847 A slight shot silk. 1843 *Penny Cycl.* XXVII. 177/2 This produces the peculiar effect called shot patterns. 1847 C. Brontë *Jane Eyre* I. vii. 117 A spread of shot orange and purple pelisses. 1870 Rock *Text. Fabr.* Introd. i. 91 Shot, or, as they were then called, changeable silks, were fashionable in England during the sixteenth century. 1882 *Artist* 1 Feb. 55/1 Shot velvets are being worn for visiting dresses.

b. *Shot-silk*: used *attrib.* or *adj.* = made of or resembling shot silk.

1850 Thackeray *Pendennis* lxv, Feathers, and flowers, and trinkets, and a shot-silk dress, and a wonderful mantle. 1882 *Garden* 7 Jan. 7/2 The whole forming one of the finest 'shot silk' bed arrangements that can be conceived.

c. Of a colour, etc.: Changeable, variable, resembling that of 'shot silk'.

1824 Herer *Jrnl.* 31 July, An ape..covered with long silky hair generally of a rusty lead colour, but on his breast a fine shot blue. 1877 Huxley *Anat. Inv. Anim.* viii. 519 The peculiar play of 'shot' colours, which pass like blushes over their [*sc.* Cephalopoda] surface, in the living state.

6. Of copper: Short for *bean-* or *feather-shot.*

1877 Gee *Silversmith's Handbk.* 68 We have recommended the employment of shot copper [cf. p. 44 bean-shot] in the manufacture of silver alloys.

7. Of metal: Welded. (Cf. Shoot *v.* 38, Shut *v.* 6.)

1810 *Table Blade Forger's Statem.* (Sheffield Gloss. 1888) Shot chicken carvers. 1833 J. Holland *Manuf. Metal* II. 38 Shot scissors;—consisting of steel blades, and iron shank and bows.

8. Comb: **shot-brae,** -**heuch** († *pl.* -*houis*), *Sc.* a landslip. See also Shot-fare, Shot-net, Shot star.

1574 *Cal. Laing Charters* (1899) 225 Fra the said stane downe throuch the schothouis direct north to the burne of Awchlansky. 1822 *Blackw. Mag.* Feb. 181/1 With every here and there the recent scar of some extensive 'shot brae', or 'avalanche', which had rushed into the flood below. 1825 Jamieson Suppl., *Shot-heuch.*

Shot, variant of Shoat[1] and 2.

Shot-anchor, obs. form of Sheet-anchor.

† Shot·board. *Obs.* In 4 schote bord, 7 shot-boord. [? Cf. Du. *schot* partition.] ? A board of wainscot.

1310 in Riley *Mem. Lond.* (1868) 75 [Four] schotebordes [value 8d.]. 1633 T. James *Voy.* 70, I made a shot-boord to be naild on it: and to be made as tight as might be.

Shot-bush, *U.S.* [Shot *sb.*[1]; 'from its shot-like fruit' (*Cent. Dict.*).] A name for two species of *Aralia*: the small prickly tree Hercules' club, *A. spinosa*, and the Wild Sarsaparilla, *A. nudicaulis.*

1845-50 Mrs. Lincoln *Lect. Bot.* App. 75/2 *Aralia.. spinosa* (shot-bush, angelica tree). 1872 Schele de Vere *Americanisms* 414 In the South the *Tear-Coat* (Aralia spinosa), also humorously called *Shot-Bush*, rises almost to the dignity of a tree, its prickles being quite formidable to the hunting-shirts and Indian blankets.

† Shot-clog. *Obs. rare.* [f. Shot *sb.*[1] + Clog *sb.* Cf. Shot-log.] An unwelcome companion tolerated because he pays the shot for the rest.

1599 B. Jonson *Ev. Man out of Hum.* v. vi, If you be out [of humour] keepe your distance, and bee not made a Shot-clog no more. 1601 — *Poetaster* I. ii. 1626 — *Staple of N.* IV. i. 47.

† Shote. *Obs.* Also 4–6 schote. [ME. *schote*, in the 14th c. disyllabic and rhymed with words with long open *o*, seems to point to an OE. **scotu*, **scote*, or **scota*, cognate and synonymous with *scot* Shot *sb.*[1] In some or all of the later instances, the word may be a mere graphic or dialectal variant of Shoot *sb.*[1] or Shot *sb.*[1]]

1. A rush or rapid motion.

c 1330 R. Brunne *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 1738 Al holyke com ber flote In Dertemuthe, at o schote. *Ibid.* 15700 Cadwalyn was ofte on flote Wyþ many fair[e] schip on schote, & wel þe wynd gan hym dryue.

2. The action or an act of shooting with a bow, gun, etc., also the missiles discharged. Cf. Shot *sb.*[1]

Phrase, *all at one shote*, in a volley, all at once.

c 1330 R. Brunne *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 861 Wyþ þat schote his flader he slow *c* 1400 *Land Troy-bk.* 7722 Al was of man bothe nese & throte, And fyngres als for his schote. *c* 1425 *Cast. Persev.* 1957 in *Macro Plays* 135 Schete we all at a schote. 1481–90 *Howard Househ. Bks.* (Roxb.) 273 Perrin hath a cest ful of schote for crosbowes. 1541 *Act* 33 *Hen. VIII*, c. 6 No person..shall..shote..with any handgunne.. vpon peine for forfaite for euery such shote .x. li. 1596 Dalrymple tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* v. (S.T.S.) I. 297 Sche subtilie, to flie the schotis of that Ingine, slipis intil a nuik neir by.

3. A crick in the neck, ? a spasm of pain.

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 448/1 Schote, or crykke, *tetanus.*

Shote, variant of Shoat[1], [2].

Shoter, obs. form of Shooter, Shudder *v.*

Sho·t-fare. *dial.* Also 8 shotver. [Contracted from *shotnet fare*: see Shot-net.] A mackerel-fishing expedition (also *attrib.*); the mackerel season.

1736 Pegge *Kenticisms* (E.D.S.), *Shotver men*, the mackarel fishers at Dover. *a* 1798 Pennant *Journ. I. of Wight* (1801) I. 137 The Shotfare season, or time of catching mackrel. 1887 *Kent. Gloss., Shot-fare*, the mackerel season, which is the first of the two seasons of the home fishery.

Shot-free, *a.* [f. Shot *sb.*[1] (senses 7 and 23) + Free *a.* Cf. M.Du. *schotvrī* = sense 2 below; mod.Du. *schotvrij*, G. *schussfrei* = sense 1.]

† 1. Safe from shot, shot-proof. *Obs.*

a 1586 Montgomerie *Misc. Poems* xl. 19 Last, Reson rais, ay shotfrie vnder sheeld. 1591 Sylvester *Du Bartas* I. vi. 184 What shot-free Corslet,..'Gainst th'angry Aspick could assure them safety? *a* 1661 Fuller *Worthies, Wilts* (1662) III. 157 Such Officers being commonly shot-free by their place, as not exposed to danger. 1778 *Arminian Mag.* I. 198 A receipt to make us shot-free, sword and pistol proof.

b. *fig.*

1602 B. Jonson *Poetaster* Apol. Dial. 25 Whilst I, at whom they shot, sit here shot-free, And as vn-hurt of enuy, as vnhit. 1736 J. Serces *Popery an Enemy to Script.* 96 As long as our Adversaries level no other Arrows at our Heads we are Shot-free. 1820 W. Tooke *Lucian* I. 317 Why are the Muses invulnerable to you and shot-free?

2. Free from payment of 'shot'; hence also, unpunished; = Scot-free. Now *rare.*

1596 Shaks. 1 *Hen. IV*, v. iii. 30 Though I could scape shot-free at London, I fear the shot heere: here's no scoring, but vpon the pate. 1598 R. Bernard tr. *Terence, Phormio* II. i, To come shot free [L. *asymbolum venire*] anointed and washed from the bathes. 1620 J. Taylor (Water-P.) *Praise Hemp-seed* (1623) 32 Bread, Beere, and Oysters is their meat, Which freely, friendly, shot-free all doe eat. 1736 Ainsworth *Lal. Dict.* 1, Shot free (unpunished) *impune.* 1892 H. V. Mills *Lake Country Romances* 169 Thou shalt not go shot-free this time.

† b. Of a meal: at which no payment is made.

1697 Potter *Antiq. Greece* IV. xi. (1715) 288 A shot-free Banquet, or a Marriage-Feast, Not such as is by Contribution made.

Shot-garland.

† 1. *Naut.* (See quot.) *Obs.*

1769 Falconer *Dict. Marine* (1780) s. v. *Garland, Shot-Garland*,..a piece of timber nailed horizontally along the ship's side from one gun-port to another, and used to contain the round-shot ready for charging the great guns in battle. For this purpose it is furnished with several semi-globular cavities, corresponding to the size of the cannon-balls which it is employed to contain.

2. 'In land-batteries, an iron or wooden stand on which shot and shell are piled in order to preserve them from deterioration' (*Cent. Dict.* 1891).

Shot-gun, sho·tgun. Originally *U.S.*

A smooth-bore gun (fowling-piece) used for firing small-shot, as distinguished from a rifle for firing a bullet.

1828 J. Hall *Lett. fr. West* 86 Luck's like a shot-gun, mighty uncertain. 1835 W. Irving *Tour Prairies* xi. 86 The lads of the West holding 'shot-guns', as they call them, in great contempt, thinking..the rifle the only fire-arm worthy of a hunter. 1892 Greener *Breech-Loader* 220 The sportsmanlike use of the shot-gun.

b. *attrib.* as *shotgun barrel*; also **shotgun prescription** *Medical slang*, a prescription containing a great number of drugs of various properties.

1892 Greener *Breech-Loader* 8 The strain to which a *shot-gun barrel is ordinarily subjected. 1891 *Century Dict.*, *Shotgun prescription. 1898 *Syd. Soc. Lex.* 1913 *Times* 13 Aug. 4/4 The old 'shotgun' prescriptions so justly condemned by modern physicians.

Shot-hole. [Shot *sb.*[1]]

1. A hole made by the passage of a shot.

1801 Nelson 22 Apr. in Nicolas *Disp.* (1846) VII. p. ccvii, The Infordestein..was desired to be sunk, which she soon was as no person stopped her shot-holes. 1907 J. H. Patterson *Man-Eaters of Tsavo* v. 55 They had..induced one of their fellow workmen to make a few holes like shot holes in their backs.

b. *transf.* 'A hole made in wood by a boring insect' (Webster 1911).

2. *arch.* A small hole in a fortified wall through which to shoot. (Often in Scott.)

1818 Scott *Br. Lamm.* x, A small projecting window, or shot-hole, through which, in former days, the warders were wont to reconnoitre those who presented themselves before the gates. 1845 Stocqueler *Handbk. Brit. India* (1854) 236 The whole having, in addition to shot-holes, embrasures, &c., an abundance of glazed windows.

3. *Mining.* A hole bored in the rock in which to insert a blasting-charge.

1875 J. H. COLLINS *Metal Mining* 58 Boring machines.. for the purpose of boring these 'shot-holes'.

Shotil, obs. form of SHUTTLE.

Sho·tless (ʃǫ·tlĕs), *a. rare.* [f. SHOT *sb.*1 + -LESS.] Without shot.

1798 BLOOMFIELD *Farmer's Boy, Autumn* 197 Exert thy voice, and wield thy shotless gun.

† **Shot-log.** *Obs. rare*—1. = SHOT-CLOG.

1618 FIELD *Amends for Ladies* III. iv, For the reckoning there's some of their cloakes: I will be no shot-log to such.

Sho·tman, sho·tsman. [f. SHOT *sb.*1]

1. A shooter.

1897 *Westm. Gaz.* 21 Aug. 1/3 No, 'tain't shotsmen; 'tis a nasty hedge-creeper of a devil, with nets and ferrets. 1900 MORLEY *Cromwell* II. i. 117 The shotmen, the musketeers, and harquebusiers.

2. *Mining.* (See quot. 1905.)

1905 *Daily News* 29 July 5/2 The shotman, whose special duty is to charge the shot-hole ready for firing. 1908 *Daily Chron.* 15 Jan. 6/7 A shotsman's assistant at the Llanbradach Colliery.

Shot-net. *dial.* [SHOT *ppl. a.* + NET *sb.*] A mackerel net. Also *attrib.* † **shotnet-fare** (see quots.).

1320 in Rogers *Agric. & Prices* (1866) I. xxiv. 611 [180 fathoms of] shotnet. 1419 *Liber Albus* (Rolls) I. 577 Shotnet, Shof-net, et Kydels, sount defenduz. 1736 PEGGE *Kenticisms* (E. D. S.) *Shotver-men*, the mackarel fishers at Dover. Their nets are called *shot-nets*.

attrib. 1580 in *Sussex Archæol. Collect.* (1849) II. 43 [The fishermen proceeded to set down their ancient fishing customs under certain heads, called fares,..such as those used in] Tucknett Fare, Shotnett Fare, [etc.].

Shot-pouch.

1. A sportsman's ponch or bag, usually of leather, for carrying shot.

1732 *Inventory Sir R. Sutton's Goods* 6 Two Powder Flasks and four Shot-Pouches. 1842 LACY *Mod. Shooter* 89, I have already expressed my dislike of shot-belts; the fact is, I prefer shot-pouches.

2. *Local U.S.* The ruddy duck, *Erismatura rubida*: so called in allusion to the quantity of shot often required to kill it.

† **Sho·tship.** *Obs. rare*—1. [f. SHOT *sb.*1 + -SHIP.] A party or assembly paying 'shot' or pecuniary contribution or reckoning.

a 1300 *Havelok* 2099 Betere is i go miself, and se: Hweþer he sitten nou, and wesseylen, Or of ani shotshipe to-deyle.

Shotsman: see SHOTMAN.

Shot star. [f. SHOT *ppl. a.*]

1. A shooting star.

1633 T. BANCROFT *Gluttons Fever* C 1, (Like a shot starre,) from prides high turrets throwne To Stygian deepes. 1818 KEATS *Endym.* III. 597 As shot stars fall, She fled ere I could groan for mercy.

2. The alga *Nostoc commune*, vulgarly supposed to be of meteoric origin.

1811 MCSKIMIN *Hist. Carrickfergus* 202 Common Heron.. is believed to disgorge that gelatinous substance called *Shot-star*.

‖ **Shott** (ʃǫt). Also shot, chott. [NAfrican Arab. شط *shaṭṭ* 'lac salé' (Belkassem *Dict. Arabe-fr.*).] A shallow brackish lake or marsh in Northern Africa, usually dry in the summer and covered with saline deposits.

1878 A. K. JOHNSTON *Africa* ii. 20 A long series of brackish lakes, here called *Sebkha* or *Shott*.

Shott, variant of SHOAT[1] and 2.

Shotte, obs. form of SHOT.

Shotted (ʃǫ·tĕd), *ppl. a.* [f. SHOT *v.* and *sb.*1 + -ED.]

1. Loaded with shot or ball as well as powder.

1800 COLQUHOUN *Comm. Thames* xii. 346 The firing of shotted guns. 1884 *Law Times* LXXVIII. 2/1 Substituting a shotted for a blank cartridge.

2. Weighted with 'shot'; having a shot attached; chiefly of a fishing-line or net, and of a corpse for burial at sea.

1850 TENNYSON *In Mem.* VI. iv, His [the sailor's] heavy-shotted hammock-shroud Drops in his vast and wandering grave. 1866 DICKENS, etc. *Mugby Junction, No. 5 Branch Line*, The serge cap and shotted chain of any galley-slave. 1889 *Century Dict.* s. v. *Line, Shotted line*, a fishing-line to which split shot are attached as sinkers. Shotted casting-lines are also used in special cases for fly-fishing.

3. Of metal: (see quot. 1796).

1796 PEARSON in *Phil. Trans.* LXXXVI. 422 *note*, By shotted copper is meant copper which has been poured when melted into cold water, by which it is divided into small globular pieces and grains. 1859 BESSEMER in *Min. Proceed. Inst. Civil Engin.* XVIII. 532 To pour the fluid steel into water and afterwards to remelt the shotted metal in a crucible.

Shotten (ʃǫ·t'n), *ppl. a.* [pa. pple. of SHOOT *v.* Cf. SHOT *ppl. a.*]

† 1. a. Of an arrow: Shot from a bow. *Obs.*

a 1225 *Juliana* 73, & tet beali blencte & breid him azeinwart bihinden hare schuldren as for a schoten [*vr.* ischoten] arewe.

† b. Of a wound: Produced by gunshot. *Obs.*

1597 A. M. tr. *Guillemeau's Fr. Chirurg.* 6/2 Commonlye, shotten woundes doe not enter right, or liniallye, into the bodye, but turninge.

† 2. Of tin: ? = SHOTTED 3. *Obs.*

1414 *Rolls of Parlt.* IV. 56/1 Diverses autres Marchantz ..achatent et envoyent Estayn foundus, appelle Shotentyn. 1429 *Ibid.* 359/1 No manere Wolle.., Lede, ne Tynne, hoole ne shoten.

† b. ? Crystallized. (Cf. SHOOT *v.*)

1766 BORLASE in *Phil. Trans.* LVI. 38 The granulated surface, and shotten edge, of the metal, pronounce it..to be native tin.

3. Of a fish (esp. a herring): That has spawned. [Cf. Du. *schoten haringh* (1661 in Boekenoogen *Zaansch Volkstaal* s.v. *Ropziek*).]

1451 in T. Gardner *Hist. Dunwich* (1754) 148 Rec. of Thomas Comber 2500 full Heryns 200 schotyn. 1593 G. HARVEY *Pierce's Super.* 74 His conceit [was] as lank as a shotten herring. 1596 *Nottingham Rec.* IV. 243 Prysez of Herynges Whyte ful v. for ijd.; shutten iij. for jd. *c* 1682 J. COLLINS *Salt & Fishery* 154 The Shoal begins to be lean, shotten, and sick. 1863 *Rep. Sea Fisheries Comm.* (1865) II. 419/1 We have caught shotten fish one night, and the next they have been full of spawn. 1864 J. M. MITCHELL *Herring* 114 Full herrings..and..empty or shotten herrings.

b. *transf.* and *fig.* In *shotten herring*, applied to a person who is exhausted by sickness or destitute of strength or resources (*arch.*) Hence *gen.*, † Thin, emaciated; worthless, good-for-nothing.

1596 SHAKS. *1 Hen. IV* II. iv. 143 If manhood, good manhood be not forgot vpon the face of the earth, then am I a shotten Herring. 1617 *Let.* 31 Jan. in *India Office Rec.* (MS.) O. C. No. 442 [The factories] ad to their rotten and shotten [goods] and demynish (or take away) such as is vendable. 1618 FLETCHER *Women Pleas'd* II. iv, What Penurio, My shotten friend, what winde blew you? 1662 R. MATHEW *Unl. Alch.* 14 He looked shotten and wan, as one that had been sick. 1826 CORBETT *Rur. Rides* (1885) II. 2 Come and look at this poor, shotten-herring of a creature.

4. Blood-shot. quasi-*arch.* (Cf. BLOOD-SHOTTEN.)

c 1460 *Compl. Criste* 402 in *Pol. Rel. & L. Poems* (1903) 218 They [my eyes] been shotyn [*earlier text* blood-schoten] with ffleschely luste. 1858 KINGSLEY *Real King* 36 His eyne were shotten, as red as blood.

5. *dial.* Of milk: Sour, curdled.

a 1667 SKINNER *Etymol. Ling. Angl.* (1671), Shotten milk, *nobis Lac vetustate Coagulatum.* 1886 *S. W. Linc. Gloss., Shotten-milk*, milk turned sour and curdled...Still understood here, but almost out of use.

Hence † **Shottenly** *adv.*

1661 K. W. *Conf. Charac., Covetous Usurer* (1860) 73 But as shottenly as he looks, he's a notable crafty fox in his way.

† **Sho·tter**[1]. *Obs. rare.* [f. SHOT *sb.*1 + -ER.1]

1. A missile weapon.

1585 JAS. I *Ess. Poesie* viii. (Arb.) 68 A shaft, a shotter, that our harts hes slane.

2. A large sea-fishing boat.

1580 in *Sussex Archæol. Collect.* (1849) II. 44 [Shotnett fare is applied to larger vessels] called shotters of diverse burthens between six and twenty-six tonn, going to sea from Aprill to June for macrell.

‖ **Shotter**[2] (ʃǫ·təɹ). *Geol.* [ad. G. *schotter.*] Pebbles and sand deposited in layers by a river.

1912 SOLLAS *Anc. Hunters* i. 19 To these deposits the Germans give the name of shotter (schotter), a term we shall find it convenient to adopt. The shotter have evidently been deposited by swiftly running water. *Ibid.* 20 A sheet of shotter, over a hundred feet in thickness.

† **Sho·tterel.** *Obs. rare.* Also 6 shotrel. [Of obscure origin: cf. SHOAT and *cockerel, pickerel* etc.] A young pike of the first year.

1566 GASCOIGNE *Supposes* II. iv, As though sixe mouthes.. hee not sufficient to eate an harlotrie shotterell, a penniewarth of cheese, and halfe a score spurlings. *c* 1620 LAWSON *Dennis' Secrets of Angling* (1885) 49 The Shotrell, 1 year, Pickerel, 2 year, Pike, 3 year, Luce, 4 year, are one.

Shottle, variant of SHUTTLE *sb.*4

Shotty (ʃǫ·ti), *a.* [f. SHOT *sb.*1 + -Y.] Resembling shot or pellets of lead; hard and round.

1875 *Ure's Dict. Arts* III. 285 Weathered barley has a dull and often a dirty appearance, quite distinct from the bright shotty character of good samples. 1876 BRISTOWE *Th. & Pract. Med.* (1878) 248 These [points] soon increase in size, ultimately perhaps attaining the bulk of peas, and feeling hard and shotty between the fingers. 1880 *Tea Advt.*, This tea..is brisk,..shotty in leaf, and heavy.

Shot-window. Now only *Sc.* [Prob. f. SHOT *sb.*1] The precise sense of the first element is difficult to determine. Some have thought that the word originally meant a window for shooting from; but there is no trace of this in the examples. Cf. MDu. *schotdore* sliding door, *schotpoorte* portcullis.] A window that can be opened and shut by turning on its hinges, like a door or shutter, a casement; a shutter with a few panes of glass at the top. (Cf. quot. 1722 s.v. SHOT *sb.*1 28.)

In quot. 1836 app. used for *outshot window.*

c 1386 CHAUCER *Miller's T.* 172 He..dressed hym vp by a shotwyndowe That was vp on the Carpenteris wal. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* VII. Prol. 129 Ane schot wyndo vnschet a lytill on char. 15.. *Adam Bel* 85 in Hazl. *E. E. P.* II. 142 Alyce opened a shot wyndow, And loked all a bout. 1821 SCOTT *Kenilw.* xxiv, She hath jumped out of the shot-window of old Gaffer Thackham's grange. 1836 J. STRUTHERS *Dychmont* Poet. Wks. (1850) II. 64 Its braw shot window, where to th' e'e Shines Snuff, Tobacco, and Bohea.

Shou (ʃū). [Alleged Tibetan *çu* stag; according to Jäschke *Tibetan-Eng. Dict.* known only from 'Cnnningham and other English authorities', and probably a blunder due to mishearing of *çaba.*] A Tibetan species of deer, *Cervus affinis.*

1850 HODGSON in *Jrnl. Asiatic Soc. Beng.* XIX. 466 On the Shou or Tibetan Stag. 1910 LYDEKKER *Deer* in *Encycl. Brit.* VII. 923/1 Another Asiatic species is the great shou (*Cervus affinis*) of the Chumbi Valley.

Shou, dial. form of SHE.

Shouful, variant of SHOFUL.

† **Shough.** *Obs.* Also 6 shaugh, 7 showgh, shogh(e. [Perh. the same word as SHOCK *sb.*; but the relation between the two forms is obscure.] A kind of lap-dog, said to have been originally brought from Iceland.

1599 NASHE *Lenten Stuffe* 29 They are for Vltima Thule the north seas or Island, and thence yerke ouer..a trundletaile tike or shaugh or two. 1605 SHAKS. *Macb.* III. i. 94 Spaniels, Curres, Showghes. *a* 1630 J. TAYLOR (Water-P.) *Dog of War* B 1 b, No Mungrell Cur or Shogh. 1688 HOLME *Armoury* II. 285/2 An Island Dog,..curled and rough all over...These Curs are much set by with Ladys, who..trim of all the hair of their hinder parts...Some call them Shoughs.

Shough, var. SHEUGH; obs. form of SHOO *int.*

† **Shou·ghtering,** *vbl. sb. Obs. rare.*—1 [Of obscure origin; perh. an error for **ploughtering* (see FLICHTER, FLAUCHTER *vbs.*)] Flapping or agitation of the wings.

c 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* I. 628 A shoughturyng [*Colchester MS.* shuddering], a flusshyng, & a fray He [*sc.* the peacock] maketh then.

Should (ʃud), *sb. nonce-wd.* An utterance of the word *should.* Also, what 'should be'.

1604 SHAKS. *Ham.* IV. vii. 123 (Qo. 2) And then this should is like a spend thrifts sigh, That hurts by easing. 1854 EMERSON *Lett. & Soc. Aims* Wks. (Bohn) III. 151 All writings must be in a degree exoteric, written to a human *should* or *would*, instead of to the fatal *is.*

Should, pa. t. of SHALL *v.*; obs. f. SHOAL.

Shouldarye, obs. form of SUDARY.

Should-be (ʃu·dbi), *sb.* and *a. nonce-wora.*

a. *sb.* What should be. b. *adj.* That should be.

1790 ANNA SEWARD *Lett.* (1811) III. 35 What says Prior, when he describes the should-be of artists' conduct to each other! 1887 *19th Cent.* Aug. 210 His should-be helpmate.

Shoulde, obs. form of SHOAL *sb.*1

Shoulder (ʃōu·ldəɹ), *sb.* Forms: 1 sculdur, sculdor, sculder, scyldur, 3 sculder, (solder), scholdur, 3–4 shuldre, 3–5 schuldre, 3–6 scholder, 4–5 schuldur, -dyr, 3–8 sholder, 4–6 s(c)hulder, schuldir, schuldere, sholdre, 4 s(c)holdere, (soldre), 5 schuldire, -dyre, s(c)hildur, shuldur, shuder, (6 shoder, schodyr, showlder, *Sc.* schowder, 7 souldiour, *Sc.* sulder, shuldeir), 8–9 *Sc.* shouther, 6– shoulder. *Plural.* α. 1 sculdru, -o, -a, (*north.* dat. scyldrum), 3 shulldre (Ormin), 4 shuldre; β. sculderen, schuldren, ssoldren, 3–5 scholdren, shuldren, 6 shouldren; γ. 3 sculdres, 3–5 shuldres; 4 shuldris (chuldris, schylderez, *Sc.* schuldrys), 4–5 schuldris, shulderis, scholdres, 4–6 schulderis, sholdres, schulder(e)s, 5–6 schuldiris, 5 s(o)hildres, soldrys, 6 schouldiris, *Sc.* schildris; also 5– as sing. + -s. [OE. *sculdor* masc. corresponds (exc. in declension and gender, app. evidenced only in one passage) to OFris. *skulder, skolder* (WFris. *skouder*, Hindelopen *skoalder*, NFris. *skoller*), MLG. *schulder*, MDu. *schouder*(*e* masc. (mod.Du. *schouder* fem.), OHG. *scultarra, scultirra* fem. (MHG., mod.G. *schulter* fem.); not found in ON.; the MSw., Sw. *skuldra* fem., Da. *skulder*, are prob. early adoptions from LG. As the OE. pl. *sculdru* is anomalous for a masculine sb., it has been suggested that it may represent a dual. The ONorthumbrian *scyldr-* seems to represent the WGer. **skuldrja* fem. which is indicated by the OHG. forms.

The affinities of the WGer. word are disputed; see Heyne in Grimm *Deutsches Wb.* s. v. Some scholars (e. g. Kluge, Brugmann) hold that **skuldr-* is a dissimilated form of **skurdr-*, related by ablaut to **skard-* in OHG. *scarti* shoulder.]

1. Each of the two corresponding portions (right and left) of the human body, including the upper joint of the arm with its integuments and the portion of the trunk between this and the base of the neck; esp. the curved upper surface of this; in *pl.* often including the part of the back between the two. In quadrupeds, the upper part of the forelimb and the adjacent part of the back.

a 700 *Epinal Gloss.* 963 *Scapula*, sculdur. 971 *Blickl. Hom.* 127 Is þonne on westan medmycel duru þæt mannes heafod ze þa sculdro magan in. *c* 1000 *Sax. Leechd.* II. 198 & nf þære stowe ofer ealle þa sidan astihð..oþ ðone swiþran sculdor þæt sar. *c* 1200 ORMIN 4776 All samenn, brest..& shulldre, & bacc, & side. 1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 7449 Hon longe ssolle hor luþer hened aboue hor ssoldren be. 1375 BARBOUR *Bruce* I. 386 Bot off lymmys he wes weill maid, With hanys gret & schuldrys hraid. 1423 JAS. I *Kingis Q.* xcvi, Venus..that had A mantill cast ouer hir schuldris quhite. 1523-34 FITZHERB. *Husb.* § 57 If thou shalte bye fatte oxen..se that they be soft..behynde the shulder, and vpon the hindermost rybbe. 1576 TURBERV. *Venerie* lviii. 161 You shall know him [a male hare] if you marke his shoulders well before he ryse, for they are redder than a female Hares be. 1596 NASHE *Saffron Walden* P 3, I, euen from a childe..replide Scarlet, and made a mouth at him ouer his shoulder. 1611 BIBLE 1 *Sam.* xvii. 6 And he had ..a target of brasse between his shoulders. 1722 RAMSAY *Three Bonnets* II. 16 That braw blue stringing That's at your houghs and shuthers hinging. 1753 *Chambers' Cycl.* Suppl. s.v. *Horse*, The part from the withers to the top joint

of the thigh, is called the shoulder. 1774 FOOTE *Cozeners* II. (1778) 37 Shoulders back, Toby; and chest a little more out! 1832 TENNYSON *Œnone* 58 A leopard skin Droop'd from his shoulder. 1845 BUDD *Dis. Liver* 84 A gnawing, aching pain, about the top of the shoulder. 1897 *Encycl. Sport* I. 329/2 (Dogs) *Shoulder*, the top of the shoulder blade, the point from which the height of a dog is measured.

b. In fishes (*sing.* and *pl.*), the upper part of the trunk, adjoining the head.

Cod's head and shoulders: see COD'S HEAD 2.

1820 *Q. Rev.* May 277 Here's a cod's head and shoulders With soles for upholders. 1839–47 R. JONES *Pisces* in *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* III. 958/1 The anterior extremity or pectoral fin comprehends the shoulder, which is an osseous semicircle composed of many bones, suspended at the upper part to the cranium or spine. 1859 *Habits Gd. Society* v. 222 The shoulder is the best part [of a fish], and should be first helped.

c. The upper part of the wing or wing-case of a bird, beetle, butterfly, etc. adjoining the point of articulation; of a bird, *spec.* the carpal joint.

1735 J. MOORE *Columbarium* 49 The Chain does not come down so low to the Shoulders of the Wings. 1753 *Chambers' Cycl.* Suppl. s. v. *Scarabæus*, The reddish beetle with two spots on the shoulders. 1832 T. BROWN *Bk. Butterflies & M.* (1834) I. 174 The upper wings [of the butterfly] are.. marked with two acute triangular patches of crimson on the shoulders. 1899 D. SHARP *Insects* II. vi. 316 In some Sphingidae there is the unusual condition of a highly-developed shoulder coexisting with a perfect frenulum and retinaculum.

d. = SHOULDER-JOINT *lit.* and *fig.*; chiefly in *to put one's shoulder out.*

1611 COTGR., *Espauler*, to burst a shoulder, to put a shoulder out of ioynt. 1847 HALLIWELL s. v., A young lady who has unfortunately listened to the persuasions of the other sex, is said to have a slip of the shoulder. 1886 *Cheshire Gloss.* s. v. *Shoother*, 'To put one's shoulder out' is an idiom meaning to take offence.

2. Phrases. †**a.** *To be more, lower by the shoulders*: to be head and shoulders taller or shorter in stature. *Obs.* (Cf. HEAD *sb.* 47.)

a 1300 *Havelok* 982 Þan was haueIok bi þe shuldren more Þan þe meste þat þer kam. 1470 *Paston Lett.* II. 394 He is .. lower then my lytell Tom by the schorderys [*sic*].

b. *Over the shoulder*, †*over* (*the*) *shoulders*: †(*a*) indicating that what is said is meant ironically for the reverse; 'over the left'; (*b*) said of a remark aimed indirectly at some one.

(*a*) 1596 NASHE *Saffron Walden* O 2 b, By these complots .. Wolfe could not choose but bee a huge gainer, a hundred marke at least ouer the shoulder. 1611 COTGR. s. v. *Espaule, Par dessus l'espaule*, ouer the shoulder, .. and hence; *Riche, ou vertueux, par dessus l'espaule*; (signifies) a verie begger, or, an arrant knane. 1631 R. H. *Arraignm. Whole Creature* x. § 1. 74 They prove not bread unto them, as they thonght, but Huskes which they thought not: they gaine over shoulders by them, when all their Cards are cast. 1675 V. ALSOP *Anti-Sozzo* iii. 194, I think our Anthor has either lost money by his Discourse, or got it over the shoulders.

(*b*) 1847 HELPS *Friends in C.* I. vii. 105 That which may be called criticism over the shoulder.

c. *To put an old head on young shoulders*; to make a young person as staid or experienced as an elderly one; similarly *to have an old head on young shoulders*. *To have a head upon one's shoulders*: to have good sense.

1824 SCOTT *St. Ronan's* i, 'They were daft callants,' she said, '.. ye could not put an auld head upon young shonthers.' 1837 MARRYAT *Perc. Keene* xix, You appear to have an old head upon very young shoulders. 1883 STEVENSON *Treas. Isl.* xxxii, 'Well, that's so,' he said. 'You've a head upon your shoulders, John, and no mistake.'

d. *Shoulder to shoulder*: lit. of soldiers, so as to shoulder one another, in close conflict; also, in rank, in close formation; hence *fig.* of persons, with united effort, with mutual co-operation and support.

a 1586 SIDNEY *Arcadia* III. (Sommer) 293 So as both the horses & men met shoulder to shoulder. 1625 MARKHAM *Souldiers Accid.* 5 A Ranke .. is a Row of men placed Pouldron to Pouldron, or Shoulder to Shoulder. *a* 1627 HAYWARD *Edw. VI* (1630) 32 The Scots .. cloased and in a manner locked themselues together, shoulder to shoulder. 1889 JESSOPP *Coming of Friars* iii. 118 We are .. strongest when we are labouring shoulder to shoulder for some common object. 1894 DONOVAN *With Wilson in Matabeleland* 301 That band of heroes who died shoulder to shoulder.

e. *Horsemanship.* (Cavalry.) *Shoulder forward! Right* (or *left*) *shoulders* (*in*)*!* orders given for a rider to 'bend' his horse so that he moves obliquely to the right or left for alteration of position or direction in marching; also, the performance of this order.

1796 *Instr. & Regul. Cavalry* (1813) 136 The officer .. gives a word, *Shoulder* (the outward one) *forward!* on which the man next to himself gradually turns his horse so as to arrive in the new line perfectly square in his own person. 1833 *Ibid.* I. 80 When he is properly bent in 'Shoulder-in,' his whole body from head to tail is curved, and he will move in two lines parallel to the sides of the manege. 1844 *Ibid.* 18 Bending Lesson. The Ride being in file ..' Right Shoulder in.' The horses' heads to be brought into the school with the (inward) or right rein [etc.]. *Ibid.* 107 When the change [of direction] is to be made to the Pivot hand, the Leader of the Head of the Column .. will give the word 'Right (or Left) shoulders'.

f. (*Straight*) *from the shoulder*: (of a blow) with the fist brought to the shoulder and then swiftly sent forward; (of pulling or other movements) with the arm kept straight, not 'from the elbow'.

1856 READE *Never too late* xv, No! give me a chap that hits out straight from the shoulder. 1859 *Lillywhite's Guide to Cricketers* (ed. 12) 17 Wriggling and twisting your body instead of letting your arms go from the shoulder. 1864 *Bohn's Handbk. Games* 516 The stroke should be made freely from the shoulder, and not in a cramped manner from the elbow.

g. *To rub shoulders with*: see RUB *v.* 5 b.

3. As the part of the body on which burdens are carried; also, as the seat of muscular strength employed in carrying, pushing, etc.

c 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* Luke xv. 5, & miððy ȝemoetað hia on-settað on sceyldrum his ȝefeande. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 12033 Wit scholdur gaf he him a scou. 1600 J. POAY tr. *Leo's Africa* IX. 343 The shee apes carrie their whelpes vpon their shoulders. 1697 DRYDEN *Virg. Georg.* III. 800 He Yokes himself, and .. With his own Shoulders draws the Waggon's Weight. 1697 — *Æneid* II. 659 Then all their Shoulders ply, 'Till from the Posts the brazen Hinges fly. 1842 TENNYSON *Morte d'Arth.* 164 Make broad thy shoulders to receive my weight, And bear me to the margin.

b. *transf.* Of things quasi-personified.

1602 SHAKS. *Ham.* I. iii. 56 Aboord, aboord for shame, The winde sits in the shoulder of your saile. 1849 LONGF. *By Seaside, Lightho.* xi, And steadily against its solid form Press the great shoulders of the hurricane. 1901 H. TAENCH *Deirdre Wed* 33 So a swimmer is uplifted Horsed on a streaming shoulder of the Sea.

c. *fig.* and in fig. context.

c 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* Matt. xxiii. 4 Hia ȝebindas untedlice byrðenna hefiȝa .. & settas in sceyldrum *vel* bæccum monna. 1382 WYCLIF *Isa.* x. 27 And it shal be in that dai, shal be don awey his berthene fro thi shulder. 1533 TINDALE *Supper of the Lord* B vij, Syr ye .. hane taken to great a burden vpon your weke shoulders. 1593 SHAKS. 3 *Hen. VI*, II. vi. 100 *Ed.* Enen as thou wilt sweet Warwicke, let it bee: For in thy shoulder do I builde my Seate. 1671 MILTON *P. R.* II. 462 A Crown .. Brings .. sleepless nights To him .. When on his shoulders each mans burden lies. 1775 EARL CARLISLE in Jesse *Selwyn & Contemp.* (1844) III. 133 Thus this affair is off my shoulders for a little time. 1841 THACKERAY *Gt. Hoggarty Diam.* x, All the debts are put upon my shoulders, on account of my known wealth. 1860–70 STUBBS *Lect. Europ. Hist.* I. viii (1904) 97 Charles .. was desirous .. to rid his own shoulders of the pressure of imperial business.

†**d.** Phrases (all *Obs.*). *To go to shoulder with*: to set about pushing. *To lend a shoulder, to put under one's shoulder*: to help to lift or carry something. *To set shoulder against, to set one's shoulder against*: to oppose strongly or forcibly. *Narrow in the shoulders*: incapable of bearing ridicule.

1551 ROBINSON tr. *More's Utopia* (1895) 10 An other is so narrow in [ed. 2, betwene] the sholders, that he can beare no iestes nor tawntes. 1577 tr. *Bullinger's Decades* IV. viii. (1592) 725 That the doctrine of godlinesse should be spred thoroughout the whole worlde, .. mangre the might of the whole worlde, setting shoulder against the same all in vaine. 1583 GOLDING *Calvin on Deut.* xvi. 94 That hee .. shoulde not forbeare .. to put vnder his shoulder (as they say) to beare a peece of the burthen. *c* 1630 RISDON *Surv. Devon* § 330 (1810) 341 All such whose wives have the sovereignty, should go to shoulder with that stone. 1647 SANDERSON *Serm.* (1674) II. 200 It may be .. they will .. lend a shoulder, yea, and sweat, to lift us up yet higher. *a* 1663 *Ibid.* 306 Though all the powers in earth and hell should .. set to all their shoulders and strength against it.

e. *To put* (occas. *lay*, *set*) *one's shoulder to the wheel*: (literally) so as to extricate the vehicle from the mire; hence *fig.* to set to work vigorously. So also *to put, set one's shoulder to* (work, a task) etc.

1678 MARVELL *Growth Popery* 39 If it had hitherto seemed to go up-hill, there was a greater cause to put the whole shoulder to it. 1692 R. L'ESTRANGE *Fables* ccxlvi. 213 Lay your Shoulder to the Wheel, and Prick your Oxen. 1792 MME. D'ARBLAY *Diary* June, We must all put our shoulders to the work. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* III. ii. v, They .. instead of pushing on all shoulders at the wheel, will stand idle there.

f. *To open the shoulders*: to give free play to the muscles of the shoulders in making a stroke; to 'let out'.

1882 [see OPEN *v.* 3]. 1892 E. V. LUCAS *Songs of Bat* 7 But the batsman knows a finer joy When he opens his shoulders and drives!

4. The fore-leg and adjacent parts cut from the carcass of a deer, sheep or other animal; a joint consisting of this prepared for the table.

c 1320 *Sir Tristr.* 497 Þe forster for his riȝtes Þe left schulder [of a hart] ȝaf he. 1382 WYCLIF *Exod.* xxix. 27 And thou shalt halwe .. the shuldre that thow senerdist fro the wether. 1428–9 *Rec. St. Mary at Hill* (1905) 71 Also payd for .. a sholdere & a brist of moton iiij d ob. 1583–4 *Shuttleworths' Acc.* (Chetham Soc.) 19 Vnto a mane wch bronghte a shoulder of a stagge frome Lyme xij d. 1641 MURREL *Cookerie* (ed. 5) 6 A Shoulder of Mutton with Olives and Capers. 1731–8 SWIFT *Pol. Conversat.* 122 I'll help myself to a Slice of this Shoulder of Veal. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* vi, The knife-boy was caught stealing a cold shoulder of mutton. 1913 *Times* 13 Sept. 18/6 Bacon continued fair. .. Shoulders were sparingly offered at full prices.

b. *Cold shoulder*: see COLD SHOULDER *sb.* and *v.*

c. *Shoulder of mutton*, used

†(*a*) proverbially. *As good, wholesome*, etc. as a *shoulder of mutton to a sick horse*: no good at all. *One shoulder of mutton draws down another*: eating induces eating. *A shoulder of mutton for a sheep's head*: something of worth *for* a substitute of comparatively little value. *Obs.*

1546 J. HEYWOOD *Prov.* (1867) 70 Thou art .. As holsome a morsell for my comely cors As a shoulder of mutton for a sicke hors. 1687 MIEGE *Gt. Fr. Dict.* II. s. v. *Shoulder*, One Shoulder of Mutton draws down another, (Prov.) *en mangeant l'Appetit vient.* 1700 T. BROWN *Amusem. Ser. & Com., Marriage* Wks. 1709 III. i. 66 As two Shoulders of Mutton drive down one another, so two powerful Griefs destroy one another. 1725 BAILEY tr. *Colloq. Erasmus* (1878) I. 228 Ho! I find I was ont in my Notion; to leave a Shoulder of Mutton for a Sheep's Head [orig. *Hem! pro thesauro carbones*].

(*b*) *attrib.* with similative notion. *Shoulder of mutton fist*: a large, heavy, fleshy fist; hence *shoulder-of-mutton fisted* adj. *Shoulder of mutton sail*: a triangular sail attached to a mast; hence *shoulder of mutton rig.*

1694 MOTTEUX tr. *Rabelais* IV. xv. 64 The crippled Bum had struck him such a horrid thump with his Shoulder-of-Mutton-Fist. 1719 DE FOE *Crusoe* I. (Globe) 232, I .. made a Three-corner'd vgly Thing, like what we call in England, a Shoulder of Mutton Sail, to go with a Boom at Bottom. 1831 TAELAWNY *Adv. Younger Son* III. 228 What sailors call, a shoulder-of-mutton rig, the larger part .. being in the body of the boat. 1900 F. T. BULLEN *With Christ at Sea* x. 194 A great raw-boned, shoulder-of-mutton fisted fellow.

5. That part of a garment which covers the wearer's shoulder.

1473–4 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* I. 25 Item .. iij quarteris of blac for the Kingis gowne schulderis. 1696–7 *Act* 8 & 9 *Will. III*, c. 30 § 2 Upon the Shoulder of the right Sleeve of the uppermost Garment. 1855 LADY E. FINCH *Sampler* (ed. 2) 103 Gather the shoulders and the back.

b. *Leather trade.* The portion of a hide between the butt and the cheeks. Also, see quot. 1858.

1858 SIMMONDS *Dict. Trade, Shoulders*, a name in the leather trade for tanned or curried hides and kips, as well as for English and foreign offal. 1885 H. R. PROCTER *Text-bk. Tanning* viii. 155 A piece called a 'middle' is sometimes taken between the butt and the shoulder.

6. A projection or protuberance resembling the human shoulder in shape, position or function; that part of a thing where it widens or swells out to greater bulk from what may be viewed as its head or neck.

1545 ASCHAM *Toxoph.* II. (Arb.) 137, I call that the shoulder in a heade [of an arrow] whyche a mans finger shall feele afore it come to the poynte. 1587 MASCALL *Govt. Cattle* (1596) 157 A nayle well made should hane no shoulder at all, but still lesser and lesser toward the poynt. 1680 MOXON *Mech. Exerc.* xi. 197 The Rowler must also be so long between its Shoulders, that it may conveniently contain so many Diameters of String as shall be necessary. 1794 *Rigging & Seamanship* I. 157 The pin .. with a shoulder on the upper side. 1839 F. A. GRIFFITHS *Artil. Man.* 39 [Plate] Shoulder of the Trunnion. 1857 BIRCH *Anc. Pottery* (1858) II. 79 The neck [of the amphora] is not cylindrical, but slopes upon the shoulders. 1873 BENNETT & CAVENDISH *Billiards* 339 To make the hazard, play at the shoulder of the pocket. 1910 R. P. SPIERS in *Encycl. Brit.* VIII. 420 The lintel of the Greek doorway projected on either side beyond the dressings, constituting what are known as the shoulders or knees.

b. A sudden inward curvature in the outline of something, from which it tapers to a point.

1618 W. LAWSON *New Orch. & Garden* x. (1623) 27 The Graft is .. with a sharpe knife fitted in the knot .. with shoulders an inch downeward, and so put into the stock. 1688 HOLME *Armoury* III. xv. (Roxb.) 20/2 The end [of a pen] in which the slit is, is called the cheeks; and the shoulders is the highest cut. 1834 D. LOW *Elem. Pract. Agric.* iv. 150 [In ploughing] it is important that the ridge be formed with a uniform curvature, so that it shall not have what is technically termed a shoulder, or hollow part on each side of the crown. 1873 TRISTRAM *Moab* i. 3 Skirting the coast of the Dead Sea till they passed the shoulder of the Peninsula of the Lisan.

c. A rebate which serves as an abutment; a projection which serves as a support.

1669 STURMY *Mariner's Mag.* v. xiii. 83 Then turn a Foot thereto with a Shoulder to put the Trunk upon. 1799 J. ROBERTSON *Agric. Perth* 272 The middle space is cut down .. and well cleaned out, so that it has .. six inches of firm ground for shoulders on each side. On these shoulders or abutments sods .. are laid. 1812 P. NICHOLSON *Mech. Exerc.* 172 To form the tenon; cut the shoulders in with the drawing knife. 1857 COLQUHOUN *Comp. Oarsman's Guide* 30 Those timbers which come up to strengthen the row-locks are called shoulders.

d. *Fortif.* = EPAULE.

1672 A. TACQUETT *Milit. Archit.* iv. 7 The Bulwork will be very much straitned .. and the Angle of the shoulders made so much the less.

e. The flat surface below the letter, etc. on the shank of a type.

1683 MOXON *Mech. Exerc., Printing* 369 Beard of a Letter, is the outer angle of the Square Shoulder of the Shank. 1882 SOUTHWARD *Pract. Printing* (1884) 12 Certain small capital letters .. have nicks at the back of the stem near the shoulder.

f. The projection between the blade and the tang (of a knife, chisel, etc.) which abuts on the handle.

1683 MOXON *Mech. Exerc., Printing* xxi. P 4 A short piece of a Knife broken off about two Inches from the Sholder. 1810 C. JAMES *Milit. Dict.* (ed. 3), *Shoulder*, the upper part of the blade of a sword is so called. 1884 R. F. BURTON *Bk. Sword* 124 The tang, .. the thin spike which projects from the shoulders or thickening of the blade.

†**g.** Each of the two stones adjacent to the key-stone of an arch. *Obs.*

a 1734 NORTH *Life Dudley North* (1744) 198 To secure a Compass Arch, it was necessary by weight, or some other Means, to keep down the Shoulders, which, rising, let the Crown, or Key, fall in.

h. A comparatively gentle slope on the side of a hill and near the top.

1817 *Blackw. Mag.* Oct. 84/2 Millar..brought his drove over the shoulder of Wallace's hill. 1885-94 R. BRIDGES *Eros & Psyche* June xii, The road, Which from the mountain shoulder o'er the plain Led to the city.

i. *pl.* The broadest part (of a bunch of grapes).

1838 *Penny Cycl.* XI. 357/1 A bunch [of grapes]..upwards of 21 inches in length, and 19 inches across the shoulders.

7. An arched piece of wood or metal, or a frame of metal rods, placed under the shoulders of a coat or cloak to be hung up in a wardrobe, a shop-window, etc.

1899 *Westm. Gaz.* 31 July 1/3 Clothes hung about on wooden 'shoulders'. 1903 *Daily Chron.* 23 Nov. 4/4 A 'shoulder', the technical term for the wooden frame upon which ladies' mantles are hung by linen-drapers.

8. Short for *shoulder-moth* (see 9 c).

1803 HAWORTH *Lepidoptera Brit.* 226 *Noctua plecta* (the flame Shoulder).

9. *Combinations.*

a. simple attrib., 'pertaining to the shoulder' as *shoulder band, brooch, -fin, garment, hackle, plaid*; with the meaning 'having a shoulder' (sense 6), as *shoulder-block, bolt, screw, spike.*

1688 HOLME *Armoury* III. 97/2 [Seamsters terms] *Shoulder Band. 1794 *Rigging & Seamanship* I. 156 *Shoulder-block is a large single block, left nearly square at the lower end, or arse of the block. *Ibid.*, Mast-making Plate, *Shoulder bolt. 1902 *Cassell's Encycl. Dict.* Suppl., **Shoulder brooch*, the large brooch worn in the Highland costume, fastening the plaid on the left shoulder. 1681 GREW *Museum* I. § v. i. 97 The Scate, or Angel-Fish. His *Shoulder-Fins ..expanded. 1608 WILLET *Hexapla Exod.* 651 The ephod or *shoulder garment. 1867 F. FRANCIS *Angling* x. 299 [In a salmon fly]..*g.* the *shoulder hackle. 1831 J. LOGAN *Scott. Gaël* I. 246 The *shoulder plaid is worn by the present Highlanders chiefly for ornament. 1747 *Gentl. Mag.* 223 The bar..must be fixt to the plate..by a *shoulder screw, allowing a little play between.

b. Objective, as *shoulder cutting*; *shoulder-shrugging* adj.; locative, as *shoulder galled* adj.

1883 GRESLEY *Gloss. Coal-mining*, **Shoulder Cutting* (South Staffordshire), cutting the sides of the upper lift of a working place in a Thick-coal colliery next the rib, preparatory to falling the coal. 1694 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 3010/4 A strong grey Gelding..*Shoulder-gal'd. 1840 THACKERAY *Crui-kshank* Wks. 1900 XIII. 293 A villainous race of *shoulder-shrugging mortals are his Frenchmen indeed.

c. Special comb.: **shoulder angle** *Fortif.* (see quot.); **shoulder belt** = BANDOLEER; **shoulder-brace** (see quot.); **shoulder-butt**, a pistol butt shaped for firing from the shoulder; **shoulder cap** (*a*) *Antiq.* a piece of armour covering the point of the shoulder (= EPAULET 3); (*b*) *Surg.* see quot. 1895; **shoulder-clapper**, an officer charged with the arrest of an offender, a bailiff, sheriff's officer; so *shoulder-clapped, -clapping* adjs.; **shoulder-cover** *Ent.* = PATAGIUM c (*Cent. Dict.* 1891); †**shoulder-dash**, a sharper's trick of throwing his liquor over his shoulder instead of drinking it; **shoulder-girdle** *Anat.* (see GIRDLE *sb.*[1] 4); **shoulder-grafting** (see quot. 1842); **shoulder gun**, a gun which is fired from the shoulder, as distinguished from a stancheon or punt gun; †**shoulder-head** = SHOULDER STRAP 1; **shoulder-height** *adv.*, as high as one's shoulder; **shoulder-high** *adv.* = prec.; *adj.*, that is up to one's shoulder in height; **shoulder-hitter** *colloq. U.S.*, one who hits from the shoulder; hence a pugilist, a bully, rough; †**shoulder-knife**, a huntsman's knife used to take out the shoulder in cutting up a deer; **shoulder-lappet** *Ent.* (see quot.); †**shoulderlin**, *lit.* shoulder-linen, i.e. shoulder-piece (of the ephod); **shoulder-lyar** *Sc.*, a piece cut from the upper part of the fore-leg of a carcass of beef; **shoulder moth**, a collectors' name for certain moths of the family *Noctuidæ* (Cent. Dict.); **shoulder net**, a fishing-net with a long pole which slides over the shoulder of the user; **shoulder note** *Typogr.*, a marginal note inserted at the top corner of a page; **shoulder-pegged** *a.* (see quot.); †**shoulder pight** *a.* = *shoulder pitched*; †**shoulder-pinched**, †**pinching** (see quots.); †**shoulder pit** [after *arm-pit*], the hollow under the shoulder of a sheep; †**shoulder pitch** = ACROMION; †**shoulder pitched** *pa. pple.* and *ppl. a.*, (of animals) having the shoulder dislocated; **shoulder plate** = SHOULDER PIECE 1; †**shoulder point**, (*a*) the point of the shoulder; (*b*) a shoulder-knot (= AGLET 2 c); **shoulder-pole**, a pole, each end of which rests upon a carrier's shoulder, the load being slung from the centre; **shoulder-rest**, a rest for a rifle in experimental firing; †**shoulder-shake** *v. trans.*, to shake the shoulders of; **shoulder-shaken** *a.* (of a beast) strained in the shoulder; **shoulder shield**, a shield-shaped piece of armour used to protect the shoulder; **shoulder-shot** *sb.*, a shot fired into the shoulder (of an animal); **shoulder-shot, -shotten** *adjs.*, (of an animal) having a strained or dislocated shoulder (*arch.*); **shoulder sling** *dial.*, a yoke for carrying (milk) pails; **shoulder slip**, a strain or dislocation of the shoulder-joint; hence *shoulder slipped a.*; †**shoulder-splate, †-splating** *sbs.* = *shoulder-slip*; †**shoulder-splate, †splated, -splayed** *adjs.*, = *shoulder-shotten* adj.; †**shoulder-stick**, a coach passenger carried by the method called 'shouldering' (see SHOULDER *v.* 14); **shoulder-striker** *U.S.* = *shoulder-hitter*; **shoulder-stripe**, a collectors' name for a variety of moth; **shoulder-stripe, -striped** *adjs.*, having a stripe of colour on the shoulder (indicating a species of moth); **shoulder-tap**, the action (of a bailiff) of tapping a person on the shoulder; hence *shoulder-tapping*; **shoulder-tippet** *Ent.* = PATAGIUM c (*Cent. Dict.*); †**shoulder-torn** *a.* = *shoulder-shotten*; **shoulder-tuft** *Ent.* = *shoulder-lappet*; **shoulder-wedge** *Building* (see quot.); **shoulder-work**, carrying of burdens; also, continuously hard work; **shoulder-wrench** (see quot. 1898); **shoulder-yoke**, a yoke for carrying pails. Also SHOULDER-BLADE, -BONE, -JOINT, -KNOT, -PIECE, -STRAP.

1835 *Penny Cycl.* IV. 16/2 The angles formed by the faces and flanks which are denominated **shoulder angles*. 1668 PEPYS *Diary* 17 May, Up, and put on my new stuff-suit, with a *shoulder-belt according to the new fashion. 1856 KANE *Arct. Expl.* I. viii. 85 Our track-lines and shoulder-belts replaced the warps. 1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.*, **Shoulder-brace* (Surgical), an appliance for treating round shoulders or unconfirmed curvatures of the spine. 1810 *Sporting Mag.* XXXVI. 273 A rifle pistol..furnished with a pistol *shoulder-but. 1830 SKELTON *Arms & Armour* I. Pl. xxii, Fig. 3. The gorget with *shoulder caps. 1895 *Arnold's Catal. Surgical Instrum.* 777 Shoulder Cap, moulded leather for the after treatment of dislocation. 1590 SHAKS. *Com. Err.* IV. ii. 37 He's in Tartar limbo..: A back friend, a *shoulder-clapper [hath him]. 1621 J. TAYLOR (Water-P.) *Praise Beggery* B 2, He's free from *shoulder-clapping Sergeants clawes. 1796 GROSE *Dict. Vulgar T.* (ed. 3), **Shoulder Clapper*, a bailiff, or member of the catch club. **Shoulder-clapped*; arrested. 1711 PUCKLE *Club* 19 These brethren in iniquity using finger-shade, mouth-spirt, or *shoulder-dash, drank little 'till the company were mellow. 1868 W. K. PARKER (*title*), A Monograph on the structure and development of the *shoulder-girdle and sternum in the Vertebrata. 1669 WORLIDGE *Syst. Agric.* 108 The third way..that is made use of..is *shoulder or Whip-grafting. 1842 LOUDON *Suburban Hort.* 291 Sometimes also the scion is prepared with a shoulder..and this mode is called shoulder-grafting. 1824 COL. HAWKER *Instr. Young Sportsm.* 298 *Shoulder duck-guns. 1842 LACY *Mod. Shooter* 103 A thin coat of olive oil is the best external application for a shoulder-gun. 1688 *Shoulder-head [see SHOULDER-STRAP 1]. 1825 SCOTT *Betrothed* xxiii, Many a fair knight would leap *shoulder-height for leave to look on you as free as the brook may! 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* I. III. v, No crowds now to carry you, *shoulder-high, to the immortal gods. 1897 MARY KINGSLEY *W. Africa* vi. 119 As I walk on through the now shoulder-high grass. 1856 J. HOLBROOK *Mail Bags* 27 *Shoulder-hitter, who strikes from the shoulder, ruffian. 1864 LOWELL *Rebell.* Writ. 1890 V. 126 We remember our own roughs and shoulder-hitters at the beginning of the war. 1576 TURBERV. *Venerie* xlii. (1908) 129 This beyng done, he shall first take out the right shoulder [of the deer] with his *shoulder knyfe. *Ibid.* xliii. 135. 1899 D. SHARP *Insects* II. vi. 312 These appendages [the tegulae] are frequently erroneously called patagia, but have also been called scapulae,.. and shoulder-tufts, or *shoulder-lappets. *c* 1200 ORMIN 954 Off þatt preostess *shulldrelin, & off hiss breostlin bape. 1844 H. STEPHENS *Bk. Farm* (1855) II. 693/1 The *shoulder-lyar is a coarse piece, and fit only for boiling fresh to make into broth or beef-tea. 1793 *Statist. Acc. Scot.* IX. 322 Salmon, grilse and sea trouts, are caught in the night time, by what they term the fishing with the *shoulder-nets. 1882 J. SOUTHWARD *Pract. Printing* (1884) 248 *Shoulder notes are placed at the top of a page. 1909 P. VIVIAN *Campion's Wks.* 373 The custom is fully explained in a shoulder-note. 1753 *Chambers' Cycl.* Suppl., *Shoulder-pegged horses, called in French *chevillées*, are such as have their shoulders gourdy, stiff, and almost without motion. 1565-6 BLUNDEVIL *Horsemanship* IV. cxiii. (1580) 52 Of the *shoulder pight. That is when the shoulder point or pitch of the shoulder is displaced. 1728 BAILEY *Dict.* (ed. 4), **Shoulder Pincht*, a Disease in Horses. 1810 C. JAMES *Milit. Dict.* (ed. 3), **Shoulder-pinching*, a misfortune which befals a horse by labouring or straining when too young. 1607 TOPSELL *Four-f. Beasts* 650 The greasie wooll which groweth in the *shoulder pits of sheepe. 1585 HIGINS *Junius' Nomencl.* 36/1 *Acromium*, .. the *shoulder pitch or point. 1695 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 3081/4 One of her Coach Geldings..hath been *shoulder Pitch'd. 1846 FAIRHOLT *Costume* Gloss., *Epauliere, epaullets*, *shoulder-plates. 1847 LEITCH tr. *C. O. Müller's Anc. Art* § 257. 238 The splendid shoulder-plates of a suit of armour. 1510 STANBRIDGE *Vocabula* (W. de W.) A iij, *Hec scapula*, the *sholder poynt. *a* 1625 FLETCHER *Nice Valour* III. i, [He] has hir'd meer rogues..To beat the Soldier..for wearing Shoulder-points, With longer taggs than his. 1740 SOMERVILLE *Hobbinol* I. 316 Then with quick Wheel oblique, his Shoulder-point Beneath his Breast he fix'd. 1910 D'A. W. THOMPSON tr. *Aristotle's Hist. Anim.* I. 12 The part to the back of the neck is the epomis, or 'shoulder-point'. 1888 *Century Mag.* Nov. 35/1 A couple of fettered convicts carrying water in a large wooden bucket slung between them on a *shoulder-pole. 1868 *Rep. Munitions War* 44 That two rifles at a time should be shot for accuracy from two *shoulder-rests, one on the right, the other on the left of the shooting-stand. 1649 CLEVELAND *Chron. Decoll. Car.* iii, Charles our dread Sovereign's murdered!—tremble and View what Convulsions *shoulder-shake this Land. 1844 H. STEPHENS *Bk. Farm* II. 158 When the roads become very hard, they [beasts] are apt to become *shoulder-shaken. 1824 MEYRICK *Ant. Armour* I. Introd. p. xvi, Their [*sc.* the retiarii's] left arms were protected by padded linen.. out of which issued a *shoulder-shield high enough to guard the face. 1830 SKELTON *Arms & Armour* I. Pl. ix, Fig. 6. The shoulder shield which rendered unnecessary a grande-garde on the breast plate. 1900 POLLOK & THOM *Sports Burma* vi. 212, I gave this [bison] the *shoulder-shot with the remaining barrel of my rifle. 1600 SURFLET *Country Farm* I. xxiii. 126 Oxen..being either *shoulder-shot [orig. F. *espaulez*] or brused, ..are fatted. 1596 SHAKS. *Tam. Shr.* III. ii. 56 His horse hip'd..and *shoulder-shotten. 1894 K. GRAHAME *Pagan P.* 108 He [a horse] seems sorely shrunk and shoulder-shotten. 1813 Sr. J. PRIEST *Agric. Bucks* 297 in Marshall *Rev. Rep. Board Agric.* (1814) IV. 545 [The milk is] carried home in pails hanging upon a wooden *shoulder sling (as it is called). 1729 SWIFT *Direct. Serv.* V. (1745) 71 The Horse will probably take so much Care of him self, as to come off with only a Strain or a *Shoulder-slip. 1898 *Syd. Soc. Lex.* 1695 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 3100/4 Lost.., a black Nag above 13 hands,.. lately *shoulder slip'd. 1872 TENNYSON *Gareth & Lyn.* 740 They shock'd, and Kay Fell shoulder slipt. 1621 J. TAYLOR (Water-P.) *Motto* A 4 b, The necke-cricke, spauins, *shoulder-splat, and aches. *c* 1720 W. GIBSON *Farrier's Guide* II. lxvii. (1738) 222 It is called a Shoulder Splait. 1639 T. DE GRAV *Compl. Horsem.* 309 If your horse be *shoulder splat. 1725 *Bradley's Fam. Dict., Soldiers Ointment*, an Ointment..for a Horse that is *Shoulder Splaited. 1708 KERSEY *Dict.*, **Shoulder-splaiting*. 1882 OGILVIE, **Shoulder-splayed*. 1828 *Sporting Mag.* XXI. 324 'Why do they call the opposition [coach] the Regulator?' asked Joe Walton's *shoulder-stick one day. 1860 O. W. HOLMES *Prof. Breakf.-t.* ix, No '*shoulder-striker' hits out straighter than a child with its logic. 1819 SAMOUELLE *Entomol. Compend.* 251 Genus *Leucania*... Sp. 1. *Phalæna comma* (*shoulder stripe wainscot). 1869 E. NEWMAN *Brit. Moths* 165 The *Shoulder Stripe (*Anticlea badiata*). *Ibid.* 264 The *Shoulder-striped Wainscot (*Leucania Comma*). 1881 BESANT & RICE *Chapl. Fleet* II. i, There was no street..where I did not fear..the unfriendly *shoulder-tap of a bailiff. 1842 LOVER *Handy Andy* xlv, If I could get on the press I'd quit the *shoulder-tapping profession. 1610 MARKHAM *Masterp.* II. lix. 311 Of splaying the shoulder, or of *shoulder torne. 1899 *Shoulder-tuft [see *shoulder-lappet*]. 1887 *Dict. Archit.* (Arch. Publ. Soc.), **Shoulder wedge*..the block of wood secured to the upper side of the principal rafter of a roof truss, to sustain the purlin. 1660 SOUTH *Serm.* (1727) IV. 61 It is observed of the Levites, though much of their Ministry was only *Shoulder-work, that they had yet a very considerable Time for Preparation. 1886 *Cheshire Gloss., Shoother-wark* (shoulder-work), any work that is continuously hard. 1708 KERSEY *Dict.*, **Shoulder-wrench*, a Strain in a Horse's Shoulder. 1898 *Syd. Soc. Lex.*, *Shoulder wrench*, a wrench, sprain, or dislocation of the shoulder. 1862 J. SAUNDERS *Abel Drake's Wife* X, He..adjusted the *shoulder-yoke, hooked on the pails, and rose.

Shoulder (ʃōu·ldəɹ), *v.* Forms: see the sb. [f. SHOULDER *sb.* Cf. Du. *schouderen*, LG. *schuldern*, G. *schultern* (dial. *schullern*).]

1. *trans.* To push against (a person or thing) with the shoulder; (of a crowd) to push shoulder against shoulder; hence, to push roughly, unceremoniously, or insolently; to thrust aside with the shoulder; to hustle, jostle. Now *rare* or *Obs.* exc. as in b.

c 1300 *Havelok* 1056 Þe chaunpiouns..Shuldreden he ilc oþer, and lowen. *c* 1375 *Cursor M.* 12034 (Fairf.) Wiþ þat þer come a childe in hy and shulderred ihesu with grete enuy. *c* 1450 in Aungier *Syon* (1840) 259 If any schulder pusche or threten to smyte another. 1523 BERNERS *Froiss.* I. cccxlii. 537 And in the passyng by, Bernarde sholdred sir Langurantes horse in suche wyse, that the lorde fell out of the sadell. *c* 1590 *Faire Em* II. ii. 35 *Sir Rob.* Lord Marques, you offerd me disgrace to shoulder me. 1621 QUARLES *Argalus & P.* (1678) 115 So that both men and horse, Shouldring each other, with a double force Fell to the ground. 1713 ROWE *Jane Shore* V. i, Around her, numberless, the rabble flowed, Shouldering each other, crowding for a view. 1802 BLOOMFIELD *Rural Tales* 5 You shoulder'd me; then laugh'd to see Me and my Gotch spin down the Hill.

fig. 1549 LATIMER *2nd Serm. bef. Edw. VI*, C iiij, Thys byshoppe was a great man borne, and dyd beare suche a stroke, that he was able to shoulder the Lord Protectour. 1606 J. CARPENTER *Solomon's Solace* xv. 64 Albeit the king hath been sometimes resisted and shouldered by Adoniah.

b. With adv. or advb. phrase expressing the result of the action.

c 1375 *Cursor M.* 13741 (Fairf.) Ne wiste þai neuer quat to say ilkan shuldered oþer a-way. 1573 G. HARVEY *Letter Bk.* (Camden) 50 Momus him self wil sooner be shouldrid out of heaven. 1607 MARKHAM *Caval.* viii. 48 Now for the rules of foule play [in horse-racing], as..the striking your adversaries horse thwart the face.., the shouldring him vp into vneuen pathes..whereby you may indanger to ouerthrowe him. 1624 T. SCOTT *Belg. Souldier* 31 They haue.. by maine force shouldred open the Castillian gates. 1815 SCOTT *Guy M.* xxxvi, The stranger..divided the press, shouldering from him..both drunk and sober passengers. 1835 L. HUNT *Town* iii. (1848) 160 Here at all events he [Dr. Johnson] walked and talked and shouldered wondering porters out of the way. 1846 DICKENS *Pict. Italy, Rome* 171 Ecclesiastics..having their humility gratified to the utmost, by being shouldered about. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* vi, 'Be off, you fools!' said this gentleman—shouldering off a great number of the crowd. 1850 KINGSLEY *Alton Locke* xxviii, He skipped up by the speaker's side, and gently shouldered him down. 1887 SHEARMAN *Athletics & Football* 349 Trying to shoulder him round and send him staggering off the ball. 1889 F. E. GRETTON *Memory's Harkback* 278 A French Marshal met an English Colonel in the street, and shouldered him off the causeway.

fig. 1579 W. WILKINSON *Confut. Fam. Love* 6 b, For all his..shouldring out the sonne of God. 1617 tr. *M. A. de Dominis on Rom. xiii. 12, 15*, I conceiue not to what purpose Aristotle..troubled naturall Philosophie, by Shouldring in after Matter and Forme, Priuation for a third principle of naturall bodies. 1638 MEDE *Rem. Pass. Apocal.* iii. Wks. (1672) 586 A Probability stands in place of a Demonstration, till a greater Probability can be brought to shoulder it out. 1784 COWPER *Task* VI. 839 Custom and prejudice..That govern all things here, should'ring aside The meek and modest truth. 1880 MCCARTHY *Own Times* III. xxxii. 56 The..Briton began to monopolise the officers' posts every-

where. The natives were shouldered out of the high positions.

c. To 'rub shoulders' with, mix with. *rare.*

1851 Mayne Reid *Scalp Hunters* lvii, I had shouldered society .. enough to render me slightly sceptical of its sincerity.

2. *transf.* of inanimate things.

1590 Spenser *F. Q.* I. xi. 21 The rolling billowes beate the ragged shore, As they the earth would shoulder from her seat. 1603 Drayton *Bar. Wars* VI. xxiv, Like to some low Brooke..By waste of Waters that is ouer-flow'd, Is sated, till it shouldreth downe the Mound. 1625 N. Carpenter *Geog.* I. ii. (1635) 23 The Water being the most ponderous and waighty,..shoulders out the Aire. 1630 *R. Johnson's Kingd. & Commw.* 494 Shouldering all the Northerne shore of the Caspian, it runneth along..by the high looking walls of China. 1644 Digby *Nat. Bodies* xix. § 9. 175 The latter graines were shouldered of by others that already besieged the superficies. 1796 *Hist. Ned Evans* I. 220 Neither could he conceal his indignation at the vile watch-house shouldering King William's statue. 1817 Coleridge *Biog. Lit.* (Bohn) 15 Walls of rock..shouldering back the billows. 1866 Alger *Solit. Nat. & Man* I. 19 From the equator to the poles the waves shoulder their fellows. 1867 Smyth *Sailor's Word-bk.* s. v., When a seaman..gives his ship too little cable to ride by, she may be thrown across tide, lift or shoulder her anchor, and drift off.

3. Of troops: To push, force, drive back (an opposing force); to manœuvre or turn.

1581 Styward *Martial Discipl.* I. 21 This battaile [*i. e.* disposition of troops] is of great force to shoulder and beate downe the enimie. 1887 *Athenæum* 24 Sept. 398/3 Thus rendering it possible two days later to shoulder the French off the direct road to Berlin.

4. *absol.* and *intr.* To push with the shoulder; to use the shoulders (in a struggle or contest). Const. *against, at.* Also *to shoulder it.*

a 1440 *Found. St. Barth. Hosp.* II. Prol. (1886) 77 And menne presydde hydder thykly for variawnte causys, and shuldrid to gider. *a* 1568 Ascham *Scholem.* II. (Arb.) 128 And soch runners, as commonlie, they shoue and sholder to stand formost. 1688 Bunyan *Jerus. Sinner Saved* (1886) 82 They shoulder and crowd, and say, Pray give way,.. wherefore up and shoulder it, man; say: Stand away, devil. 1818 Scott *Rob Roy* v, All tramped, kicked, plunged, shouldered, and jostled. 1894 Blackmore *Perlycross* 403 Some working at his legs, and some shouldering at his loins. *fig.* 1579 Tomson *Calvin's Serm. Tim.* 76/1 It is a sinne ..for a mortall man to..shoulder against God, and fight against his glorie. 1603 Knolles *Hist. Turks* (1621) 409 Not contented with such possessions..hee began to shoulder for more roome.

b. To make one's way by pushing with the shoulders; more fully *to shoulder one's way*; also *refl.* With various prepositions and advs. Also *transf.* and *fig.*

1581 J. Bell *Haddon's Answ. Osor.* 383 b, [He] lyke a false Prophet shouldreth forewardes. 1615 T. Adams *Black Devil* 27 Hee [Satan] shoulders to the barre, and pops in a forged evidence. 1720 Amherst *Epist.* 9 On me they never cast an Eye, But take their Snuff and shoulder by. *c* 1800 H. K. White *Rem.* (1837) 375 The design of shouldering himself into notice. 1835 W. Irving *Tour Prairies* xxix, As the ground was level, they [buffaloes] shouldered along with great speed. 1842 Tennyson *Audley Court* 8 Then we shoulder'd thro' the swarm. 1879 L. Stephen *Hours in Libr.* III. 323 The Englishman..goes on trampling upon acuter sensibilities, but somehow shouldering his way successfully through the troubles of the universe. 1893 Kipling *Many Invent.* 12 A couple of junks came shouldering through from the north.

c. To 'rub shoulders', stand shoulder to shoulder *with.* ? *Obs.*

1692 Dryden *Don Sebast.* IV. i, What, shall the people know their godlike prince Headed a rabble, and profaned his person, Shoulder'd with filth?

†5. Of a hare: To crouch in her form. *Obs.*

c 1486 *Bk. St. Albans* f vij b, An haare in her forme shulderyng or leenyng.

†6. a. *trans.* To put (soldiers) shoulder to shoulder in close rank. Also *transf.* Also with *up.* b. *intr.* To stand shoulder to shoulder. *Obs.*

1591 Spenser *Ruins of Rome* 213 Like as ye see the wrathfull Sea from farre, In a great mountaine heap't..Eftsoones of thousand billowes shouldred narre. 1598 Barret *Theor. Warres* III. i. 40 The which [files] being shouldred vp close together. 1603 Knolles *Hist. Turks* (1621) 200 The Christians..shouldering close together in their charge, would be like a rock of yron. 1604 Drayton *Moyses* III. 61 Which by the stroke of that commaunding wand, Shoulder the rough seas forcibly together. 1781 Cowper *Table-t.* 137 If guards, mechanically form'd in ranks,..Should'ring, and standing as if struck to stone.

7. *trans.* To support with, bear up or carry on the shoulder or shoulders; to take or place on one's shoulder to be carried.

1611 Cotgr., *Espauler*,..to shoulder; to support with, or beare on the shoulders. 1698 Fryer *Acc. E. India & P.* 180 They cut a whole Tree down, and..shoulder'd it with great Clamours. 1845 Coulter *Adv. in Pacific* viii. 93, I determined..to shoulder my gun, and walk right round the island. 1851 W. W. Collins *Rambles beyond Railways* vii. (1852) 122 We shouldered our knapsacks, and started for the Lizard. 1865 R. S. Hawker in *All Year Round* XIII. 154/2 The people..gathered up fragments of the wreck for fuel, and shouldered them away. 1883 Stevenson *Treas. Isl.* xxxii, Hearing no further sound, they shouldered the tools and set forth again.

b. *fig.* †To forward; to help or push on; to prop *up*; to second (*obs.*). Also to take upon oneself as a burden (expense, responsibility, etc.).

1582 Stanyhurst *Æneis* II. (Arb.) 49 Thee Greeks assurraunce in Pallas whoalye remayned And with her assistaunce theyre wars were shouldered always. 1586 J. Hooker *Hist. Irel.* 98/1 in *Holinshed*, She began to incline to hir wooer his request, to the end hir nephue should haue beene the better by his countenance shouldered. 1614 Raleigh *Hist. World* v. iii. § 15 II. 511 The yong Nephew..regarded only..the much monie that his grand-father had laied out in vaine, to shoulder vp a falling house. 1685 Cotton *Montaigne's Ess.* I. x. xli. 501 The greatest of Scipio's acts were in part due to Lelius, whose constant practice it was to advance and shoulder [orig. F. *seconder*] Scipio's grandeur and renown. 1900 *Westm. Gaz.* 13 Nov. 2/2 The local Progressives are public-spirited enough to shoulder the expense.

†c. *transf.* Of a thing: To prop up. *fig.* Of the terms of an argument: To back up. *Obs.*

1674 N. Fairfax *Bulk & Selv.* 99 And though the 'may be' in the Argument came starveling alone without any thing of proof to back it, yet the 'may not be' in the Answer shall be thus shoulder'd up. 1675 Cotton *Planters Man.* 16 It is good also to shoulder or clod up the Tree for three foot about, and some four foot high.

8. *Mil.* To place (a weapon, etc.) upon the shoulder. Also *absol.* †Also in *passive* of a soldier: To have his musket shouldered.

To shoulder one's or *a rifle* etc., is often used for: to join the ranks, to enlist as a soldier.

1595 Sir J. Smythe *Instr. Milit.* 5 They are then to say to the first ranke: Shoulder your piques and march; which is as much to say: Lay your piques vpon your right shoulders and march. 1625 Markham *Souldiers Accid.* 24 Shoulder your Musquet, and carry your Rest in the right hand. 1635 W. Barriffe *Milit. Discipline* i. (1639) 4 Thus being armed, with Muskets shouldered, some account their Postures to begin from this place. *Ibid.* 5 Thus having charged some men will shoulder and so front thence make ready. 1672 Venn *Milit. Observ.* 37 The Musquetteer being shouldered Command..Unshoulder your Musquet, and Poyse. 1770 Goldsm. *Des. Vill.* 158 The broken soldier..shoulder'd his crutch. 1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* II. I. xi, They have shouldered, soldier-wise, their shovels and picks. 1847 *Infantry Man.* (1854) 40 *a*, Wait for the word of command of the officer to shoulder. 1859 Jephson *Brittany* xiv. 234 Many a poor gentleman finds himself obliged to shoulder a musket.

b. *To shoulder arms* (esp. *imper.* as a word of command): to hold one's rifle in a nearly vertical position, the barrel resting against the shoulder and the butt in the hollow of the hand; hence *at shoulder arms*, at the position directed by this word of command.

1844 *Queen's Regul. Army* 260 Shoulder Arms. 1847 *Infantry Man.* (1854) 30 Serjeants..will remain steady at *Shoulder Arms.* 1853 Whyte Melville *Digby Grand* vii, The brigade 'shoulder arms' preparatory to receiving..the time-honoured hero who is to inspect them.

†9. To cut up the carcass of (a lamb, kid, etc.). Cf. *shoulder-knife* (Shoulder *sb.* 8 c). *Obs. rare.*

c 1486 *Bk. St. Albans* f vij b, [Termys..of breekyng or dressyng of dyverse beestis..] a Lambe shulderide, a Kidde shulderide.

b. (See quot. 1844 in Shouldering *vbl. sb.* 1).

†10. *pa. pple.* Strained or dislocated at the shoulder. *Obs.* [? after F. *épaulé.*]

1565–6 Blundevil *Horsemanship* IV. iii. (1580) 2 b, As when a Horse is shouldered by meanes of some outward cause, or his backe galled with the saddle.

11. To furnish (a thing) with a shoulder; to cut shoulders or a shoulder on; to fit *into* with a shoulder. Also with *down, up.*

1438 [see Shouldering *vbl. sb.* 1]. 1733 Tull *Horse-Hoeing Husb.* xxiii. 355 The Tenon is also shoulder'd on each side. *a* 1734 North *Life Dudley North* (1744) 198 At Powis House .. they shouldered and keyed the Portico Arches with Pieces of Stone. 1778 [W. H. Marshall] *Minutes Agric.* 9 May 1776, I shouldered the spikes,..leaving a small triangular shoulder at each angle of the square stump. 1879 *Cassell's Techn. Educ.* IV. 206/1 The spokes are then shouldered down slightly taper-wise. 1884 R. F. Burton *Bk. Sword* 142 The Sword should be tightly mounted and well shouldered-up before and behind. 1901 *J. Black's Carp. & Builder, Scaffolding* 35 The staves must now be fitted..by shouldering them at the marks made.

b. *Slating.* (See quot.)

1833 Loudon *Encycl. Archit.* § 1122 The roofs to be covered with the best dark blue slate.., to be well shouldered in haired lime (the upper part of each row bedded in lime).

12. *intr.* Of inanimate things: To form a shoulder, project as a shoulder, or spread out into a shoulder; also with *up.*

1611 Cotgr. s. v. *Espaulette, Maçonnerie à espaulettes*,.. walls..left..shouldering, bearing, or standing out in one place more then in another. 1677 Moxon *Mech. Exerc.* I. 5 Because the Chaps [of the Square Nos'd Hand-Vice] do not stand shouldering in the way. 1858 Hawthorne *Fr. & It. Note-bks.* (1871) I. 46 Farther off we could see blue hills, shouldering high above the intermediate ones. 1870 *Daily News* 12 Nov., The hill shoulders up very steeply for three-fourths its height.

13. *trans.* (*Horticulture.*) To tie out the 'shoulders' of (bunches of grapes).

1842 Loudon *Suburban Hort.* 461 Finished shouldering the Hamburgh, and thinning the Sweetwater and St. Peter's (neither of the two latter wants shouldering much).

14. *slang.* (See quots.)

1823 'Jon Bee' *Slang* s. v. *Shouldering*, Among stage-coachmen, to shoulder, is to take up passengers on own account, without consulting the proprietors. 1865 *Hotten's Slang Dict.* (ed. 2), *Shoulder*, when a servant embezzles his master's money, he is said to shoulder his employer.

Shoulder-blade. [Cf. MLG. *schulderblat*, Du. *schouderblad*, MHG. *schulterblat* (mod. G. *-blatt*).] Each of the two flat triangular bones articulated with the humerus, and lying over the ribs in the upper part of the back in all mammals; the scapula.

a 1300 *Havelok* 2644 Bi þe shu[l]dre-blade þe sharpe swerd let [he] wade, þorw the brest unto þe herte. *c* 1470 Henry *Wallace* v. 823 Baith cannell bayne and schuldir blaid in twa, Throuch the myd cost, the gud suerd gert he ga. 1572–3 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* I. 205 Stevin Urde..straik the said Jonet upoun hir schulder blaid with the kavill of ane mylne. 1611 Shaks. *Wint. T.* IV. iii. 77 Oh good sir, softly, good sir: I feare (sir) my shoulder blade is out. 1763 'Theophilus Insulanus' *Second Sight* 77 There is another kind of divination, by looking in the shoulder-blade of a sheep, goat, &c. as in a book. 1840 Carlyle *Heroes* ii. 101 Mahomet's followers found the Koran..as it had been written down at first promulgation; much of it, they say, on shoulder-blades of mutton. 1875 Sir W. Turner in *Encycl. Brit.* I. 826/2 The Scapula, or Shoulder Blade..lies at the upper and back part of the wall of the chest, reaching from the second to the seventh rib.

b. *transf.*

1608 Topsell *Serpents* 65 [Bees] haue 4 wings..growing to their shoulder-blades. 1826 Kirby & Sp. *Entomol.* III. xxxv. 662, I propose calling these pieces by names, appropriated to the arm in the higher vertebrate animals: thus ..I call the whole fore-leg the *brachium* or arm, and..the trochanter [becomes] the *scapula* or shoulder-blade.

Shoulder-bone. = Shoulder-blade.

c 1320 *Sir Beues* 4217 His riȝt arm & is scholder bon He made fle to gronde anon. *c* 1325 *Gloss. W. de Bibbesw.* in Wright *Voc.* 146 Les espaules ount blasouns [*glossed* chuldel-bones; *v.rr.* the soldre-bon, scholder-bon]. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Pard. Prol.* 22 Thanne haue [I] in laton a sholder boon Which that was of an hooly Iewes sheepe. *c* 1460 *Towneley Myst.* xxiii. 260 Godys son..hase not where apon his hede to rest Bot on his shuder bone. 1548–77 Vicary *Anat.* vii. (1888) 48 In the shoulder there be two bones,..the Shoulder bone, and the Cannel bone. 1691 R. Kirk *Secret Commw.* i. (1815) 17 The minor Seers prognosticat many future Events,..from the Shoulder-bone of a Sheep. 1858 W. Ellis *Madagascar* v. 125 The sides..were edged..with the shoulder-bones of oxen stuck in the ground, the broad part upwards.

Shouldered (ʃōu·ldəɹd), *ppl. a.* [f. Shoulder *sb.* and *v.* + -ed.]

1. Having shoulders; furnished with shoulders. Chiefly with qualifying adv. or advb. phrase. Also Round-shouldered.

13.. *K. Alis.* 4968 Another folk there is biside:..Ben y-shuldred as an fysshe, And clawed after hound, i-wisse. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Prol.* 551 He was short sholdred, brood, a thikke knarre. *c* 1430 *Pilgr. Lyf Manhode* I. cxxxiv. (1869) 70 It is nouht for that thou ne art sholdred ynowh, and boned. *c* 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* IV. 701 Take oxon yonge ..Yshildred wide is good. *a* 1533 [see Crooked *a.* 5]. 1591 [see Broad D. 1]. 1697 [see High *a.* 22 b]. 1740 in *Scott. Hist. Rev.* (1905) Apr. 303 [Recruits] must be straight, well limbd and shouldered. 1860 Ruskin *Mod. Paint.* V. IX. iii. 220 Thighed and shouldered like the billows.

2. Having a shoulder or projection; made with a shoulder or with shoulders.

1671 Phillips (ed. 3), *Shouldred-head* (a term in Archery) the best made Heads of an Arrow..being..made with shoulders. 1750 Blanckley *Nav. Expos.* 81 That shouldered Part of all Masts over which the Shrouds are put. 1805 R. W. Dickson *Pract. Agric.* I. Plate xlviii, Fig. 1. Represents a shouldered turf-drain. 1847 Mrs. J. W. Loudon *Amateur Gard. Cal.* (1857) 152 When the upper branches of the bunch [of grapes] are large, and almost as strong as the main stem, it is said to be shouldered. 1861 P. P. Carpenter in *Rep. Smithsonian Instit.* 1860, 214 In *Gibbula*.. the whirls are shouldered, and the pillar-lip is plain. 1862 *Catal. Internat. Exhib., Brit.* II. No. 5169 Cardboard pill boxes;..plain and shouldered. 1882 Christy *Joints* 103 Shouldered Joint occurs between two timbers when one is strengthened by being shouldered or thickened out to reinforce its abutting..powers.

b. Arch. *Shouldered arch*: a form of head for an opening (not properly an arch) somewhat resembling the outline of a man's shoulders and part of the neck.

1853 *Turner's Dom. Archit.* (ed. Parker) II. vi. 230 Several of the smaller doorways [of Bolton Castle] have the 'shouldered arches' of the Carnarvon form. *Note.* This name has been proposed by the duchess of Northumberland for this peculiar form...It is commonly called the square-headed trefoil arch. 1866 Parker *Gloss. Archit.* 20.

3. Placed and carried at, on or over the shoulder; spec. *Mil.* (see Shoulder *v.* 7), *To stand shouldered*: to stand with shouldered arms.

1760 *Cautions & Adv. Officers of Army* 173 Be sure to make your Men march with shouldered Arms. 1811 *Regul. Army* 13 The Officer is..to make his Men stand shouldered. 1844 *Queen's Regul. Army* 30 Their own Guards are to turn out with shouldered Arms, once a Day.

†**Shou·lderer.** *Obs.* [-er 1.] One who shoulders.

1500–20 Dunbar *Poems* lxiii. 49 Bot..on ȝour hienes follows eik..Schulderaris, and schowaris, that..can non vthir craft nor curis Bot to mak thrang, Schir, in ȝour duris.

Shouldering (ʃōu·ldəriŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. Shoulder *v.* + -ing 1.]

1. The action of the verb; an instance of this.

1438 in Willis & Clark *Cambridge* (1886) I. 11 Schuldering de le gystes. 1590 Spenser *F. Q.* II. vii. 47 Some thought to raise themselves to high degree..by close shouldring; some by flatteree. 1844 H. Stephens *Bk. Farm* II. 239 Care being taken that the point of the knife does not.. go between the shoulder-blade and the ribs. This error.. in slaughtering pigs..is called shouldering. 1856 Kane *Arctic Expl.* I. xvii. 208 There may have been something of discourtesy in the occasional shoulderings and hustlings. 1897 *Encycl. Sport* I. 342/1 (Driving) *Shouldering*, of the horse, pushing sideways upon pole or partner.

b. Amount of 'shoulder' or projection.

1683 Moxon *Mech. Exerc., Printing* xiii. P 4 The..Face thus finished, he considers what Sholdering the Shank of the Punch makes now with the Face, round about the Letter.

2. *concr.* Something which projects or supports as a shoulder. †Also = EPAULEMENT.

1388 WYCLIF 1 *Kings* vii. 30 And bi foure partis weren as litle schuldryngis [Vulg. *humeruli*] vndir the waischyng vessel,..*Margin*, Schuldryngis; that is, schort pileris to susteyne the waschyng vessel. 1545 ASCHAM *Toxoph.* II. (Arb.) 149 Therfore to drawe easely and vniformely..vntil you come to the rig or shouldring of ye head [of the shaft], is best. 1669 WORLIDGE *Syst. Agric.* 108 Cut the Graff.. with a shouldring but not deep. 1704 J. HARRIS *Lex. Techn.* I, *Shouldring*, in Fortification, is a Retrenchment opposed to the Enemies, or a Work cast up for a Defence on ooe side. 1886 *Encycl. Brit.* XX. 583/1 When there is not a kerb there should be a 'shouldering' of sods..to keep the road materials in place.

3. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as **shouldering file**, a kind of file for shaping a shoulder; †**shouldering piece**, a corbel or a buttress.

1585 HIGINS *Junius' Nomencl.* 210 *Mutuli*..Corbeaux, modillons, peeces of timber in building called braggers, or shouldering peeces. 1611 COTGR., *Espaulette*,..a buttresse, shore post, or shouldering peece. 1846 HOLTZAPFFEL *Turning* II. 825 French pivot and shouldering files which are small, stout, and have safe-edges.

Shouldering (ʃōu·ldəriŋ), *ppl. a.* [f. SHOULDER *v.* + -ING².] That shoulders.

1535 STEWART *Cron. Scot.* II. 335 Thair raiss greit murmour..With sic ane schout, and sic ane schouder and [? *read* schouderand] schow, That euirilk one that tyme 3eid other throw. [1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* II. xii. 23 Spring-headed Hydraes, and sea-shouldring Whales.] 1747 COLLINS *Ode to Liberty* iii. 16 This pillar'd earth..was push'd aside, And down the shoul'dring billows born. 1824 W. IRVING *Tales Trav.* II. 233 The current is violently compressed between shouldering promontories. 1846 H. G. ROBINSON *Odes of Horace* II. xiii, The shouldering crowd.

Shoulder-joint. The joint of the shoulder; the articulation by which the arm or foreleg is connected with the trunk.

1726 POPE *Odyss.* XIX. 520 Ulysses..Soon..the wound repay'd; To the right shoulder-joint the spear apply'd. 1875 SIR W. TURNER in *Encycl. Brit.* I. 838/2 The Shoulder Joint is a ball-and-socket joint, the ball being the head of the humerus, the socket the glenoid fossa of the scapula.

Shoulder-knot.

1. A knot of ribbon or lace, sometimes enriched with jewels, worn on the shoulder by men of fashion in the 17th and 18th c.; also a knot, formerly of ribbons of the family colours, now of lace, worn on the shoulder by some livery servants; a knot or bow of ribbon worn at the shoulder by a woman or child; also *Mil.* = AOLET 2 c.

1676 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 1075/4 Went away from his Master ..in a cloth Snte..his Shoulder-knot and Hatband of Twelve-penny broad Ribon figured. 1700 FARQUHAR *Const. Couple* I. i. 7 *Clinch*...Sir, (to Wildair) I admire the mode of your Shoulder-knot. 1704 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 3998/4 A light-grey Cloth Livery lined with yellow, a yellow Shoulder-knot. 1781 COWPER *Table-T.* 44 Better..Then grace the bony phantom..With the king's shoulder-knot and gay cockade. 1861 *Ladies' Gaz. Fashion* July 6/1 Three-quarter length sleeves, with ribbon shoulder-knots. 1862 *Macm. Mag.* May 17, I have seen..an officer with his shoulder-knots sewed on to a common plain frock-coat.

2. *attrib.*

1772 FORSTER *Hudson's Bay Birds* in *Phil. Trans.* LXII. 393 Shoulder-knot Grons. 1819 STEPHENS in *Shaw's Gen. Zool.* XI. 300 Shoulder-knot Heathcock. (*Bonasa Umbellus.*) 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* xiv, The Park Lane shoulder-knot aristocracy.

Hence **Shoulder-knotted** *a.*

1818 G. COLMAN *Two Parsons* Poet. Vagaries (ed. 3) 144 A shoulder-knotted Puppy..let him in. 1831 CARLYLE *Misc. Ess., Schiller* 1840 III. 4 Such valets as are too genuine, as are shoulder-knotted..in soul as well as in body.

Shoulder-piece.

1. a. *Antiq.* A piece of armour covering the shoulder.

1580 HOLLYBAND *Treas. Fr. Tong., La haute piece*, the shoulder peece of an harneis. 1611 COTGR., *Espauliere*, a showlder peece; the peece of armour, or apparell that serues for the shoulder. 1869 BOUTELL *Arms & Armour*, iv. 58 The shoulder-pieces [of the Roman cuirass] formed of four plates..pass over the shoulders like straps.

transf. 1681 GREW *Museum* I. § ii. i. 20 The Weesle-headed Armadillo..His Shoulder-piece consisteth of several Ranks or Rows of such like square pieces.

b. A piece or each of the pieces of material composing the shoulders of a garment.

1611 BIBLE *Exod.* xxviii. 7 It shall haue the two shoulder pieces thereof, ioyned at the two edges thereof. 1632 MASSINGER *Fatal Dowry* IV. i, With a haire breadth's errour, ther's a shoulder piece cut [of a new suit of clothes]. 1861 *Engl. Wom. Dom. Mag.* III. 117 It was made with shoulder-pieces cut out in the shape of a pelerine...The shoulder-pieces were trimmed with brown ribbon.

†2. = BUST *sb.*¹ 1. *Obs. rare*⁻¹.

1692 WOOD *Ath. Oxon.* II. 262 Before this play is a shoulder-piece of the author standing on a pedestall.

3. The piece forming the shoulder (of a tool, etc.).

1811 *Self Instructor* 28 The cheek or shoulder-piece [of a pen]. 1904 WINDLE *Rem. Prehist. Age* xi. 285 By the extension of the pin-trough, which is bent backwards towards the shoulder-piece.

b. A piece of the fore-hock (of bacon).

1888 *Leeds Mercury* 18 Feb. 5 Beautiful bread, and a large thick piece of shoulder-piece in addition to real coffee.

Shoulder-strap.

1. Each of the two short straps which go over the shoulders, connecting and supporting the fore and back parts of a garment.

1688 HOLME *Armoury* III. 94/1 In a Woman's Gown..The Shoulder heads, or Shoulder straps; are two peeces that come over the Sholders. 1727 BOYER *Fr. Dict.* s. v. *Epaulette, Shoulder Strap*, a part of a Bodice or Stays. 1808 *Lady's Econ. Assist.* 23 Men's Shirts..Cut off ten inches and a half for the six pair of shoulder-straps. 1855 LADY E. FINCH *Sampler* (ed. 2) 95 Tack the shoulder-straps upon the shift.

b. *Antiq.* Each of the straps connecting the front and back parts of body armour.

1830 SKELTON *Arms & Armour* I. Pl. xxxix, Fig. 2. The back-plate with its shoulder straps guarded with steel. 1900 A. S. MURRAY *Catal. Sculpt. Parthen. in Brit. Mus.* 91 He wears a cuirass, of which the shoulder straps terminate in panther's heads.

2. Each of the narrow straps fastened upon the shoulders of a military tunic; esp. an ornamental strap distinguishing the corps and grade of an officer.

1840 *Addenda Gen. Regul. Army* 1 Approved Patterns of the Shoulder Straps, for the Staff Serjeants of Infantry..have been sealed. 1861 O. W. HOLMES *Sweet Little Man* 12 You with the waist made for sword-belts and sashes, Where are your shoulder-straps, sweet little man? 1864 *Regul. Dress Officers of Army* 45 First Life Guards...Aiguillette and Shoulder-Strap of twisted gold cord, with gilt engraved tags, worn on the right shoulder; a gold twist cord strap similar to that of the aiguillette worn on the left shoulder. 1895 R. W. CHAMBERS *King in Yellow* 49 He rattled on.., calling my attention to his captain's shoulder-straps, and the triple gold arabesque on his sleeve.

3. A strap to go over one shoulder across the body and under the other arm as a support for some article to be carried.

1870 W. M. BAKER *New Timothy* 203 (Cent.) He then mends the shoulder-strap of his powder-horn and ponches.

Shou·lderwise, *adv.* [See -WISE.] So as to form a shoulder.

1618 W. LAWSON *New Orch. & Garden* x. (1623) 29 And first of incising, which is the cutting of the barke..of a tree ..shoulderwise with two gashes.

Shoule, obs. form of SHOAL.

Shouler, -erd: see SHOVELLER, SHOVELARD.

Shoulfall, obs. form of SHILFA.

Shoull, obs. f. SHOVEL. **Shoult,** var. SHOLT.

Shount, obs. f. SHUNT *v.*, to avoid, escape.

Shoup, var. SHOOP. **Shour(e,** obs. ff. SHOWER.

Shou·piltin. *Shetland.* ? *Obs.* Also 9 **shoupeltin, shoopiltee, -ie.** [Derivative of ON. **sjó-piltr*, f. *sjó-r* sea + *pilt-r* boy.] (See quots.)

1711 SIR R. SIBBALD *Descr. Orknay & Zetland* 9 Sometimes they catch with their Nets and Hooks Tritons, they call them *Shoupiltins* and Mermaids. 1821 SCOTT *Pirate* xvi, The Tritons..called by Zetlanders of that time, Shoupeltins, were represented by young men grotesquely habited. 1822 S. HIBBERT *Descr. Shetl. Isl.* 526 In Shetland, the same deity [Neptune], the Shoopiltee, assumes the form of a beautiful shelty, inviting some one to mount him, when he immediately runs into the sea and drowns his rider.

Shout (ʃaut), *sb.*¹ *Obs.* exc. *dial.* (Lincs.): see *Eng. Dial. Dict.* Forms: 4 s(c)houte, 4–5 **showte**, 4–5, 9 **shute**, 4, 9 **shout**; 7 **scuyt, scutte.** [ME. *schoute, shute*, prob. a. MDu. *schûte*: see SCHUIT, SCOUT *sb.*³] A flat-bottomed boat.

13.. *Coer de L.* 4785 Berges, schontes, crayeres fele, That were chargyd with al weel. 14.. *Piers of Fullham* in Hartshorne *Metr. Tales* (1829) 120 Com there nat dayly out off flaunders Off flat elys full many a showte? 1464 *Rolls of Parl.* V. 569/2 Trowes, Botes, Cobles and Shutes. 1842 LACY *Mod. Shooter* 365 The Lynn and Boston gunboat, or shout.

Comb. 1395 *Acc. Manor Savoy* in *Archæologia* XXIV. 304 [Paid to divers mariners, called] shoutemen.

Shout (ʃaut), *sb.*² Forms: 4 **schoute**, 4–6 **shoute, schowte**, 4–7 **showt(e, schout**, 6 **schowt**, 7 **shoot(e**, 6– **shout.** [This and the related SHOUT *v.* first appear in the 14th c. The sb. corresponds formally to ON. *skúta, skúte*, a taunt: see SCOUT *v.*³; derivation from the root of SHOOT *v.* is probable.]

1. A loud, vehement cry expressing joy, grief or pain, fear, triumph, warning, encouragement, etc.; a loud cry to attract attention at a distance; a tumultuous uproar by a large body of people.

1375 BARBOUR *Bruce* VI. 158 With that all haill a schout thai [geve]. *c* 1450 *Merlin* xiv. 223 Than a-roos the showte and the noyse of the saisnes. *c* 1513 MORE *Rich. III.* Wks. 66/2 With this there was a great shout, crying kyng Richarde kyng Rychard. 1594 SHAKS. *Rich. III.* III. vii. 39 This generall applause, and chearefull showt, Argues your wisdome, and your loue to Richard. 1616 J. LANE *Contn. Sqr.'s T.* XI. 195 So great weare th' peoples shootes, y^t thearth it startes. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* I. 542 A shout that tore Hells Concave. 1737 WHISTON *Josephus, Antiq.* VI. ix. § 5 The intire army of the Hebrews made a shout, and rushed upon them. 1809 MALKIN *Gil Blas* x. viii. (Rtldg.) 358 An involuntary shout of laughter. 1871 L. STEPHEN *Playgr. Eur.* (1894) vi. 143 We heard a faint shout.

†b. *Shout and hoyes* (= OYEZ), *shout and cry* = HUE AND CRY. *Sc. Obs.*

1609 SKENE *Reg. Maj.* IV. xv. 69 b, Gif ane man steilles cattell, or anie moueable gudes, and the shout and cry of neighbours follow him [etc.]. 1609 *Ibid.* tr. *2 Stat. Robt. I*, xx. 32 b, They sall raise the schont, and hoyes vpon him. *Ibid.*, The Lord of the land or the creditour with schout, and hoyes, may follow him.

c. *transf.* Applied to any loud noise or cry forcing itself upon the attention.

In quot. 1660 'shout' may be a misspelling of SHOOT *sb.*

1503 DUNBAR *Thistle & Rose* 183 All the birdis song with sic a schout, That I annone awoik. *c* 1560 A. SCOTT *Poems* (S.T.S.) ii. 45 Trumpettis and schalmis w^t a schowt Playid or the rink began. 1660 PEPYS *Diary* 9 Apr. Great was the shout of guns from the castles and ships. 1802 WORDSW. *Cuckoo* ii, Thy twofold shout I hear. 1855 R. S. HAWKER in C. E. Byles *Life* (1905) 257 The shout of the trumpet.

2. *Colonial slang.* A call to a waiter to replenish the glasses of a company; hence, a turn in paying for a round of drinks. Also, a free drink given to all present by one of the company; a drinking party.

To go on the shout: to drink immoderately. *To stand (a) shout*: to stand treat all round.

1863 H. SIMCOX *Outward Bound* (1864) 81 Many a 'shout' they're treated to. 1887 'HOPEFUL' *Taken in* 135 [New Zealand] There is a great deal of standing 'shout' in the Colonies. 1892 KIPLING *Barrack-room Ballads, Yng. Brit. Soldier*, Don't go on the shout.

†3. *Comb.*: **shoutcry**, a loud, piercing shout.

1582 STANYHURST *Æneis* I. (Arb.) 28 Soom mayden coompany..Rearing with shoutcry soom boare.

Shout (ʃaut), *v.* Forms: 4 **schoute**, 4–6 **schowt, shoute, showte**, 4–8 **schout**, 5 (**schuct**), **schowte**, 6–7 **showt**, 4– **shout**; 4–5 **shote**, 7, 9 (*dial.*) **shoot.** [See SHOUT *sb.*²]

1. *intr.* To utter a loud call, to make a loud outcry expressive of joy, exultation, etc. or to raise an alarm, to incite to action, etc.

13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* A. 877 Nanbeles þa3 hit schowted scharpe & ledden loude al-þa3 hit were A note ful nwe I herde hem warpe. *c* 1385 CHAUCER *L. G. W.* 635 And in the se it happede hem to mete—Vp goth the trompe—& for to schoute & schete. 1470–85 MALORY *Arthur* v. viii. 173 The batails approached and shoue and showted on bothe sydes. 1597 SHAKS. 2 *Hen. IV*, IV. ii. 87 The word of Peace is render'd: hearke how they showt. 1611 BIBLE *Job* xxxviii. 7 When the morning starres sang together, and all the sonnes of God shonted for ioy. 1687 LOVELL tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* I. 236 The People..all shouted, and wished him a thousand Blessings. 1726 SWIFT *Gulliver* III. i. 181, I called and shouted with the utmost strength of my voice. 1821 SHELLEY *Hellas* 931 Shout in the jubilee of death! 1863 GEO. ELIOT *Romola* II. i, He..shouted in her ear.

b. *To shout at*, †*on* (a person): to assail with shouts, *esp.* of derision or anger.

c 1384 CHAUCER *H. F.* 1808 That euery wight gan on hem shout. 1617 MORYSON *Itin.* I. 57 The common people, as if they had never seene a stranger before shouted at mee after a barbarous fashion. *c* 1730 RAMSAY *Wyfe of Auchtermuchty* xv, On hir to cry, on hir to schont. *c* 1850 *Arab. Nts.* (Rtldg.) 576 They ran and collected round him, hooting and shouting at him.

†c. To vote by acclamation *for* (a candidate for Parliament). (Cf. SHOUTING *vbl. sb.* 1 c.) *Obs.*

1679 O. HEYWOOD *Diaries* (1881) II. 104 Rode to York.. found them shonting for knights of the Shire.

†d. Said of animals making loud cries. *Obs.*

c 1435 *Torr. Portugal* 570 Me thynkythe, I here my dragon schowt. *a* 1568 *Bannatyne MS.* (Hunter. Club) 661 The mirthfull maveiss mirriest Schill schowttit throw the schawis.

e. Of a place: To resound with shouts. Of an inanimate thing: To make a loud uproar. *rare.*

1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* VIII. v. 67 Euery schaw Schouttis agane of thair clamour and dyn. 1871 MACDUFF *Mem. Patmos* xx. 275 The valleys shouting with summer joy. 1880 HOWELLS *Undisc. Country* x. 139 The fire shonted and roared within.

f. quasi-*trans.* (*refl.*) with complement.

1898 'MERRIMAN' *Roden's Corner* ii. 14 He waved his silk hat and shouted himself hoarse.

g. *U.S. slang.* Of things: To be unmistakably significant. Also in phrase *Now you're shouting* = 'now you are speaking to the purpose'.

1892 HOWELLS *Mercy* 420 Northwick said simply, 'Yes, I will go with you.' 'Well, now you're shouting,' said Pinney. 1892 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 25 July 3/1 Figures which, to use an Americanism, fairly 'shont'.

h. *Indirect passive.*

1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* I. v. ii, Necker, for not being at the *Séance*, shall be shouted for.

2. *trans.* To utter (something) with a loud voice.

1500–20 DUNBAR *Poems* XXVI. 112 Be he the correnoch had done schout. 1607 SHAKS. *Cor.* I. i. 218 They threw their caps As they would hang them on the hornes a'th Moone, Shooting their Emulation. 1718 ROWE tr. *Lucan* I. 250 He..lov'd to hear the Vulgar shont his Name. 1872 MORLEY *Voltaire* I. 8 Industriously shonting the cry of a church, the more effectually to reduce the faith to a vague futility.

b. With clause or quoted words as object.

c 1374 CHAUCER *Troylus* II. 614 With that gan al here meyne for to shoute 'A go we se, cast vp þe yates wyde'. 1595 SHAKS. *John* v. ii. 103 Haue I not heard these Islanders shont out *Viue le Roy*. 1760–72 H. BROOKE *Fool of Qual.* (1809) IV. 97, I heard a voice, at my side, shout out, in once-loved accents, O, my dearest mamma. 1887 HALL CAINE *Son of Hagar* II. i, 'A canny morning, Mr. Christian', he shouted.

†3. a. To insult with a clamorous outcry; = *to shout at* (see 1 b). b. To welcome with shouts, acclaim. *Obs.*

1375 BARBOUR *Bruce* IX. 366 Thai schowtit hym and scornyng maid. *c* 1560 A. SCOTT *Poems* (S.T.S.) ii. 122 This still for hargan Sym ahyddis, And schowttit Will to schame. 1706 I. WATTS *Horæ Lyr.* (1743) 76 While our Hosannas all along the Passage Shout the Redeemer. 1784 COWPER *Task* VI. 698 The statesman of the day..comes. Some shont him, and some hang upon his car.

4. *dial.* a. To call, summon (a person). b. To publish the banns of marriage of (persons): = CRY *v.* 5 d. c. To call *in* (assistance), †d. *To shout*

(a person) *up, out of bed*: to 'call' (a person) in the morning, to awaken (some one) from sleep by calling loudly. *Obs.* e. To urge *on* (an animal) to the attack by a vehement outcry.

1797 T. Wright *Autobiog.* (1864) 189 We therefore shouted the landlord out of bed. 1812 *Ann. Reg., Chron.* 38 After a while, the servant girl, Hannah Evans, came up to him to shout him up. 1864 Carlyle *Fredk. Gt.* II. xii. I. 121 He stood obstinate siege from the Kaiser's people.., shouted-in Denmark to help. 1888 Mrs. Ridoell *Nun's Curse* I. vi. 106 He broke into a great laugh, and shouted the dogs on to her. 1895 *Longman's Mag.* Aug. 394 To goo an' get the lass shouted afore thou knowed if hoo were willin' to wed thee or not. *Mod.* (N.E. Derbyshire) I've got to go home; my mother's shouting me.

5. *Australian slang.* a. *intr.* To stand drinks, to treat a crowd of persons to refreshments.

1859 H. Kingsley *G. Hamlyn* xxxi, So I shouted for him and he for me. 1896 Kipling *Seven Seas, Lost Legion* iii, We've shouted on seven-ounce nuggets.

b. *trans.* To call for (refreshments, drinks, etc.) in order to treat the bystanders.

1867 A. L. Gordon *Sea-spray, Credat Judæus* 139 You may 'shout' some cheroots, if you like. 1881 *A Chequered Career* 205 He then 'shouted' champagne, and assumed the most pompous airs.

Hence **Shou·ted** *ppl. a.*

1870 Morris *Earthly Par.* IV. 280 The gates swung backward at his shouted word. 1906 Belloc *Hills & Sea* 113 We heard..the shouted order to mount.

†**Shou·ter**[1]. *Obs. rare.* [f. Shout *sb.*[1] + -er[1].] The master of a 'shout' or flat boat.

c 1325 in Grose *Antiq. Repert.* (1808) II. 407 Pour les Gages de ses vij Shouters.

Shouter[2] (ʃau·tər). [f. Shout *v.* + -er[1].] 1. One who shouts or cries out loudly; one who acclaims or applauds.

1692 Dryden *Cleomenes* I. i, A peal of loud applause rang out, And thin'ed the Air, till even the Birds fell down Upon the Shouters Heads. 1820 Mme. D'Arblay *Let.* 15 Aug., The heroine passed..surrounded with shouters and vociferous admirers. 1908 *Academy* 13 June 878/1 The English labourers in the Papal vineyard..are silent, prayerful persons rather than shouters or sensation-mongers.

2. A name applied to some Methodist congregations in the north of Ireland who used to leap and shout in their ecstasies. (Cf. Hampson *Mem. Wesley*, 1791, II. 75.)

1820 Polwhele *Lavington's Enthus. Methodists* Introd. p. cxii, Of a similar description with the Welsh Jumpers were the Irish Shouters.

3. *Australian.* One who stands drinks.

1885 Sladen *In Cornwall*, etc. 156 (*title*) The sigh of the shouter.

Shouther, variant of Shoulder.

Shouting (ʃau·tiŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. Shout *v.* + -ing[1].] The action of the vb. Shout.

1. Loud crying, uproar, clamour; vociferous applause, acclamation; an instance of this.

c 1386 Chaucer *Knt.'s T.* 2095 Ne how the grekes..Tries riden al the place aboute..with a loud shoutynge. 1535 Coverdale *Job* xxxix. 25 Yͤ noyse, the captaynes and the shoutinge. 1828 Egan *Boxiana* IV. 174 Cy..fell on him so heavily that the shoutings were—'He cannot come again.' 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* xliii, Dobbin..kept up a great shouting.

† b. Applied to the song of birds. *Obs.*

1508 Dunbar *Gold. Targe* 26 The skyes rang for schoutyng of the larkis.

† c. An election carried out by acclamation.

[1660 Milton *Free Commw.* Wks. 1851 V. 438 Not committing all to the noise and shouting of a rude Multitude, but permitting only those of them who are rightly qualifi'd, to nominate as many as they will.] 1679 O. Heywood *Diaries* (1881) II. 139 Captain Pockly fell ill at the shouting at York.

d. Phr. *It is all over but the shouting*: said when the result of a contest appears certain.

1842 Appearley *Life Sportsman* xvi. 332 It's all over but shouting..Antonio's as dead as a hammer.

2. Standing drinks, treating.

1883 *Longman's Mag.* June 180 *Shouting*, a colonial expression for standing treat to strangers, is a common form of hospitality.

Shouting (ʃau·tiŋ), *ppl. a.* [f. Shout *v.* + -ing[2].] That shouts.

1600 Sir W. Cornwallis *Ess.* II. xxx. (1632) 48 Patrone of the vulgar whose..showting allowance hath such an operation with mans frailtie. 1716 Pope *Iliad* v. 627 And now the god..Produced Æneas to the shouting train. 1849 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* v. I. 576 The hedges were lined with shouting spectators. 1892 Kipling *Barrack-room Ballads, L'Envoi* ix, Where..the shouting seas drive by.

Hence **Shou·tingly** *adv.*, vociferously.

1827 Poe *Tamerlane* 220 The dwindled hills, whence.. Gush'd shoutingly a thousand rills. 1866 *Athenæum* 3 Nov. 562/3 He seems to lift his voice shoutingly.

Shove (ʃəv), *sb.*[1] Forms: *a. north.* 3 scou, 4 chou, 5–6 schow; *β.* 5 shoffe, 6 shuffe, 6– shove. [f. Shove *v.*]

1. An act of shoving; a strong thrust or push to move a body away from the agent.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 12033 Wit scholdur gaf he him a scou [*Göt.* chou]. *c* 1475 *Rauf Coilȝear* 698 As he gat ben throw He gat mony greit schow. 1581 A. Hall *Iliad* II. 21 They labor stil with heaue and shoue. 1762 in T. Mortimer *Ev. Man own Broker* (ed. 5) 93 *note*, An united shove commences, by which others, as well as I, have measured their length in a very dirty place.. 1812 H. & J. Smith *Rej. Addr.* II. xi, But Mr. Thing-um bob, the prompter man, Gave with his hand my chaise a shove. 1871 Meredith *H. Richmond* v, Mr. Rippenger added a spurning shove on my shoulder to his recommendation.

b. *fig.* In various uses: An impulse given to make a person or thing move or act more quickly; a 'push' or exertion of influence to get a person through a difficulty or further him in his career; in schoolboy phrase, a hint or prompting to one who is backward with an answer.

1724 Calamy *Howe's Wks.* I. Life 7 Sir, said he [Fuller to Howe],..I am a pretty corpulent Man, and I am to go thro a Passage that is very strait, I beg you would be so kind as to give me a shove, and help me thro. 1784 Cowper *Task* IV. 210 With all the tricks That idleness has ever yet contriv'd..To..give time a shove. 1857 Hughes *Tom Brown* I. viii, Whose parsing and construing resisted the most well-meant shoves. 1873 Miss Broughton *Nancy* vi, It would be such a fine thing for all the family: I could give all the boys such a shove.

† 2. An onset, attack. *Obs.*

c 1450 *Merlin* xiv. 219 Thei threwe down CCC at the firste shoffe in theire comynge. *c* 1470 Henryson *Mor. Fab.* IX. (*Wolf & Fox*) iv, Thow can..mak ane suddane schow vpoun ane scheip.

† 3. Phr. *All at a shove*: by a single act. *Obs.*

1555 Watreman *Fardle Facions* I. v. 51 Their maner of ordres, is not to make seuerally, for euery Goddesse and God, a seuerall priest, but al at a shuffe, in generall for all.

4. *slang.* a. *A shove in the mouth*: a drink. b. *The shove*: dismissal from employment.

1821 Egan *Life in London* x. (1870) 265, I vished to be a little nutty upon Dirty Suke..so I gov'd her 'a shove in the mouth'. 1899 R. Whiteing *5 John St.* x, Did you get the shove to-day? *Ibid.* xxi, If it warn't ready, he give the shove to the 'ole shoot.

5. *Canadian.* A forward movement of packed and piled ice in a thawing river.

1865 [see *Ice-shove*, Ice *sb.* 7 a]. 1890 *Montreal Witness* 19 Mar. 8/2 The shove may be expected every day.

Shove (ʃəv), *sb.*[2] [app. a corruption of *shiv*, Shive *sb.*[2], perh. assimilated to prec.] The woody core of flax or hemp. Also, a fragment of the stems of flax or hemp broken off when 'scutching'. Cf. Sheave *sb.*[2], Shive *sb.*[2], Show *sb.*[2]

1688 Holme *Armoury* III. 285/2 Both Flax and Hemp are first broken from the strong Stalks into large Shoves or Shivers. 1780 Young *Tour Irel.* I. 164 They scutch it to separate the heart or the shoves from the rest. 1855 Royle *Fibrous Pl. India* 129 A layer of wood-like matter, which in some plants is called boon, or shove. 1910 *Encycl. Brit.* X. 486/1 When it is found that the fibre [of flax] separates readily from the woody 'shove' or core.

Shove (ʃəv), *v.* Pa. t. and pa. pple. shoved (ʃəvd). Forms: see below. [A Com. Teut. (originally strong) verb: OE. *scúfan* (*sceáf, scufon, scofen*) corresponds to OFris. *skûva* (NFris. *skiiiw, skōw*, WFris. *skouwe*), MDu. *schûven* (mod.Du. *schuiven*), MLG. *schûven* (mod.LG. *schuven*), OHG. *sciuban* (MHG., mod.G. *schieben*, early mod.G. also *schauben*), Goth. (*af*)*skiuban*; also with weak conjugation, ON. *skúfa*, more commonly *skýfa*; f. OTeut. root **skeuð-* : *skauð-* : *skuð-*. As there are traces of a variant with *f* instead of *ð* (see Shovel *sb.*), the pre-Teut. form is prob. **skeup-*.

The Gothic and HG. forms have the normal grade (*eu*) of the present-stem; the other forms have an 'aorist-present' with *ū* as the root-vowel. The occasional OE. *scéofan* is generally regarded not as a descendant of OTeut. **skeuð-*, but as a late WS. phonetic development from *scúfan*; another possibility is that it resulted from the analogy of other verbs of the same conjugation; that it had a falling diphthong seems clear from its representation in later Eng. The phonetic development, OE. *scúfan*, mod.E. *shove* (ʃəv) may be compared with OE. *dúfe*, mod.E. *dove* (dəv). In Sc. and north. dial. the OE. word regularly became in the 14–16th c. *showe*, and should be represented in mod.Sc. by *shoo* (cf. Sc. 14–16th c. *dowe*, mod. *doo*, dove), but this has not survived (unless it be in Shue to swing), being superseded by the Eng. *shove*.]

A. Illustration of Forms.

1. *Pres.-stem.* *a.* 1 sc(e)úfan (3 *sing. pres. ind.* scúfeð, -ið, scýfð, scifð, scyft), 3 sc(h)uven, (shufe), 3–4 schouve, (4 schowf, s(c)howve, schowe, shouwe), 4–5 schove, (5 showe, schowwyn, xowyn, schoffe, 5–7 shuff, 6 schow, sowe, 7 shoove), 5– shove; *β.* 1 scéofan, 3 seve, 4 scheve, 5 schyve; see also Sheave *v.*[2]

a. *a* 900 Scufan [see B. 1]. *c* 1000 Ælfric *Gram.* xxiv. (Z.) 137 *Præcipito* ic sceufe. *c* 1205 Scunen [see B. 2.]. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 314 Schuneð hit ut. *a* 1300 *E. E. Psalter* lxi. 5 Mi worth þai thoght to schoune awai. *c* 1320 *Beues* 2592 Whan þe beschop him scholde in schoue. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Reeve's T.* 58 Leueful is with force force of showue. *c* 1403 Shove [see B. 7]. *c* 1440 *York Myst.* xxxvi. 297 In Jesu side schoffe it þis tyde. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 105/1 Showen [*later v.rr.* xowyn, shoue], *impello*. 1449 *Rolls of Parlt.* V. 152/1 Hevyng and shuffyng of her Chaffare out and home. 1508 Dunbar *Tua Mariit Wemen* 106 He schowis on me his schewill mouth. 1653 Holcroft *Procopius, Goth. Wars* III. x. 93 To shoove it down.

β. *c* 1000 Ælfric *Gram.* xxviii (Z.) 171 *Trudo*, ic sceofe. *c* 1275 [see B 3 b]. *c* 1320 [see B. 7]. *c* 1440 *Wyclif's Bible, Judges* xvi. 19 To caste [*MS.* I., schyue] hym awei.

2. *Pa. t.* a. 1*st* and 3*rd sing.* *a.* 1 scéaf, (3 scæf, sef, 3–4 schef, 4 shyf, scef), shoofe, shoif, s(c)hofe, shoff, schove, 4–5 s(c)hof, shoof, 5 shoef, shoove, (sheef, 6 schew); *β.* *weak* 4 shufte, schuft, schovede, 5 showved, showvyt, schufte, shofed, showed, 6 shoffed, 5– shoved.

993 *Batt. Maldon* (Gr.) 136 He sceaf þa mid þam scylde. *c* 1205 Lay. 9366 He þa scipen vt scæf [*c* 1275 sef]. *c* 1275 [see B. 1 c]. *c* 1290 *St. Brendan* 412 in *S. Eng. Leg.* 231 After heore schip so swyþe he schef [*v.rr.* scef, schof, showved]. *c* 1300 *Havelok* 871 Hauelok shof dun nyne or ten. *c* 1350 *Will. Palerne* 3290 & schuft his scheld on is schulder. *c* 1381 Chaucer *Parl. Foules* 154 Til African my gyde Me hente and shofe [*v.rr.* shof, shoff, schofe, shoofe, shoif] yn at the gatys wyde. *c* 1400 *Sowdone Bab.* 1578 Floripe..shofed hire oute in to the flode. *c* 1440 *Alphabet of Tales* 144 He showed hym oute att þe dure. 1470–85 Malory *Arthur* XIII. ix. 624 Syr Bagdemagus..sheef hym thoron the ryght sholder. 1481 Caxton *Reynard* xxxiii. (Arb.) 95 How I shoef and stack. *a* 1578 Lindesay (Pitscottie) *Chron. Scot.* (S.T.S.) I. 67/31 The hischope..schew out his toung.

b. *plur.* *a.* 1 scufun, sceufon, 1–2 scufon, -sceofon, 2–3 scufen, 3 scuven, (soven), ssove, 3–4 schoven, 4 shoven, schowen; etc. *β.* *weak* (see *sing.*).

Beowulf 215 [see B. 3 b]. *Ibid.* 3131 [see B. 2 b]. *c* 1000 *Ags. Gosp.* Luke iv. 29 Hiȝ arison & scufon [1160 *Hatton Gosp.* scufen] hine of ðære ceastre. *c* 1205 Lay. 7859 Heo scunen [*c* 1275 souen] ut heore lof. *Ibid.* 20925 He scufen [*c* 1225 souen] from þan stronde scipen. 1297 R. Glouc. (Rolls) 3103 Hii..uaste ssone [*v.r.* schofe] & drowe.

3. *Pa. pple.* *a.* 1 sc(e)ofen, -scoben, *Nŏrth.* -scyfen, 2 i-scoven, 3 i-schuven, 4 schoven, 4–5 y-)s(c)hove, 4– shoven; *β.* *weak* 4 s(c)hufle, schowved, 5 shuftyd, schowid, 5–6 shuffed, 7 shooved, 6 shoved.

a. *Beowulf* 918 (Gr.) Ða wæs morgenleoht scofen and scynded. *c* 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 129 Heo weren iscouen. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 316 Hit is..iðe schrifte ischuuen ut. *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 107 Watres ben her ðer-under suuen. *c* 1385 Chaucer *L. G. W.* 726 Thus by report was hir name I-shoue [*v.rr.* y-shove, yshoue, y-schoue, shoue]. 1390 Gower *Conf.* III. 202 He..Was schoven out of his empire. 1470–85 Malory *Arthur* XVII. vii. 699 The shyp was anone shoven in the see. 1764 *Oxf. Sausage* 197 Here..The mouldy old Crust, Of Nell Batchelor lately was shoven. 1829 Landor *Imag. Conv., Wallace & Edw. I*, Wks. 1853 I. 450/1 To be thrust and shoven.

β. 13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* B. 44 He schulde be..harde þer-oute schowued. 1398 Trevisa *Barth. De P. R.* VIII. xliii. (Tollemache MS.) A lyȝt beme is broke oþer schufte [1582 shuft] aside. *a* 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 4759 He wald haue schowid on þat schene. *c* 1450 tr. *De Imitatione* III. xliv. 115 Þei ben shuftyd [*v.r.* shuffed] from oon to a noþer. 1529 More *Dyalogue* III. Wks. 1226/1 They shal bee pushed and shoued in by vyolence.

B. Signification. (Generally equivalent to *thrust, push*; but now less dignified in use, often suggesting some notion of rough, careless, or hasty action.)

1. *trans.* To thrust away with violence; to precipitate; to 'cast' (into prison, etc.). *Obs.* exc. *arch.*

Beowulf 3131 Dracan ec scufun, wyrm ofer weallclif. *a* 900 Cynewulf *Elene* 692 (Gr.) Scufau scyldiȝne..in dryȝne seað. *c* 1050 *Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 471/8 *Precipitate*, scufað. 13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* B. 1029 If any schalke to be schent wer schowued þer-inne. *c* 1380 *Sir Ferumb.* 1369 By þe legges lifte he þe schrewe þan & schef hur out ech del. 1529 More *Dyalogue* III. Wks. 1226/1 He that gathereth treasures shall be shoued into the gryunes of death. *a* 1568 *Bannatyne MS.* (Hunter. Clnb) 210 Suthle he will ye schow Vnto the grund. 1844 Hood *Forge* II. xii, All at once he is seized and shoven..Headlong into the blazing oven.

† b. *To shove out*: to force oneself to utter.

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 314 Al so schal þe þet schriueð him, efter þe greate, schunen ut þet smele.

† c. To thrust (a weapon, etc.) *into* or *through* a body. *Obs.*

c 1275 *Passion our Lord* 499 in *O. E. Misc.* 51 He schef hit myd strenkþe þat to his heorte hit com. 1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) III. 451 He wrapped a cloþ aboute his hond, and schove it in [to] þe leon his mowþe. *c* 1440 *Alphabet of Tales* 288 He drew his knyfe & shewid it in his throte & kyllid hym. *a* 1586 Sidney *Astr. & Stella* xiii. (1591) A 4 b, In verde fieldes, Mars beares a golden Speare, Which through a bleeding heart, his point did shoue. 1589 Warner *Alb. Eng.*, Addit. to 2nd Bk. 166 Then Æneas..shoffed his Sworde through his [*sc.* Turnus'] Breaste.

† d. To reject, banish; to eject from an office or dignity, from a society, etc. *Obs.*

c 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 53 He erneð here, þat ure louerd ihesu crist him shendeð and wile shufe fro him a domes dai. *a* 1300 *E. E. Psalter* cxviii. 10 Fra þine bodes schoune [Vulg. *repellas*] noght me. 13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* B. 1740 þe medes schal be maysteres here, & þou of menske schowued. *c* 1412 Hoccleve *De Reg. Princ.* 4940 Chesith eke gode men; and awey shoue The wykked. *c* 1421 *26 Pol. Poems* 111 From worldis worschipe y am shoue. 1657 J. Watts *Scribe, Pharisee*, etc. I. 177 So some hasty man would be heaving and shoving out the wicked from the godly.

† e. To impart, communicate. ? *nonce-use.*

c 1626 W. Bosworth *Arčad. & Sepha* I. 544 Her lips that oft did shove Life to the hearts of those that saw them move.

2. To move (a heavy or resisting object) forward by the application of muscular strength from behind; to push along with effort.

c 1205 Lay. 17396 Ȝe mote..scnuen & hebben mid hæȝere strenðe treon græte & longe. *c* 1290 *St. Edward* 167 in *S. Eng. Leg.* 51 Huy schouen it [*sc.* a horse] faste forthþe-ward aod drowen. 1440 Capgrave *Life St. Kath* V. 1846 Take to thin behoue Thyng that this bocher may not hale ne shoue, Take þou my soule. 1481 Caxton *Reynard* xii. (Arb.) 26 He shoof the table from hym. 1760 R. Brown *Compl. Farmer* II, The breast-plough, which a man shoves before him. 1873 Black *Pr. Thule* xxiv. 404 He was the

first to shove the gangway on to the vessel. 1887 MORRIS *Odyss.* XI. 596 With hands and feet for ever against the stone did he [Sisyphus] strain Up o'er the bent to shove it.

fig. 1858 HAWTHORNE *Fr. & It. Note-bks.* (1872) I. 300 Their events seem to come in great masses, shoved along by the agency of many persons.

b. To force (a person, etc.) onwards by pushing. Also, to cause to fall *over* (a cliff, etc.) or *out of* (a place) by a push.

1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) VI. 89 Hunulphus..bete hym with his feest, and schuft [*v.rr.* schufte, schyf] hym, and putte hym forþ þoruȝ þe myddel of þe citee anon to þe walles. 1481 CAXTON *Reynard* xii. (Arb.) 27, I..shooue him forth so ferre that he fylle doun vpon the floer. 1579 *Rastell's Expos. Terms Laws* s. v. *Manumission*, The Lorde..therewith shewed [*edd.* 1592 ff. shoued] him forward out of his hands [= *& oue ceo il luy mise auant hors de ses maines*]. 1780 *Ann. Reg.* 196 Mr. Gough, turned round, and shoved Atkins over the bannister. 1809 MALKIN *Gil Blas* XI. x. (Rtldg.) 412, I should stand a very good chance of being shoved by the shoulders out of doors. 1865 KINGSLEY *Herew.* iii, My master shoved the fellow over after he had stabbed him.

c. To throw *down* with a push.

13.. *K. Alis.* (W.) 4250 He schof him quycly adoun. 1390 GOWER *Conf.* I. 165 Part of the bank he schof doun riht. 1681 R. KNOX *Hist. Relat. Ceylon* 22 It is their constant practice to shove down with their heads great Trees.

†**d.** Of winds or other natural forces: To drive, propel, impel. *Obs.*

c 1374 CHAUCER *Boeth.* II. pr. i. (1868) 32 Þou shalt be shouen not þider þat þou woldest: but whider þat þe wynde shoueþ þe. *c* 1386 — *Frankl. T.* 553 He knew ful wel how fer Alnath was shoue [*v.rr.* schoue, y-schoue, yshoue] Fro the heed of thilke fixe Aries abouue. 14.. tr. *Higden* App. (Rolls) VII. 525 There come a whirlewynde.. and schuſte in the body anone to the ynner wal of the chirche. 1614 GORGES *Lucan* II. 66 Like as when whistling Southerne winde ..Shooning the seas before his blast. 1705 ADDISON *Italy, Pesaro* 168 [tr. Claudian], The Seas..shove the loaden Vessels into Port.

†**e.** *fig.* To bring into prominence. Also, to impel, urge *forward* in a course of action. *Obs.*

c 1385 CHAUCER *L. G. W.* 1381 If that I live, thy name shal be shove In English, that thy sleighte shal be knowe! 1572 tr. *Buchanan's Detect. Mary Q. Scots* G ij, Causis..sic as are able to shooue forwart and to push hedlang a hart for outrage nat able to gouerne it selfe.

f. To urge (a horse) to a leap.

1869 'WAT. BRADWOOD' *The O. V. H.* xii, He shoved his horse at the rail.

3. *spec.* To propel (a boat or other vessel) either by pushing at the stern or with a pole worked from the inside. Also *absol.*

1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* VI. v. 15 Hymself the cobil did with his bolm furth schow. 1649 OGILBY *Æneis* V. (1684) 222 Old Portunus with his mighty Hand Shov'd him along. 1726 SWIFT *Gulliver* I. viii, The seamen towed, and I shoved. 1802–19 REES *Cycl.* XXXII, *Set*, a term used for a pole or shaft, used to shove boats along a canal, &c. 1837 MARRYAT *Snarleyyow* ix, I shoved on shore.

b. With *out*, *off*, or const. *from*. (*a*) *trans.* To launch (a boat) by means of a steady push applied at the stern. (*b*) *absol.* To push one's vessel away from the bank. Also *transf.* of the boat.

(*a*) *Beowulf* 215 (Gr.) Guman ut scufon..wudu bundenne. *a* 1122 *O. E. Chron.* (Laud MS.) an. 1048, & ȝewende þa Godwine eorl & Swezen eorl to Bosenham & scufon ut heora scipu. *c* 1205 LAY. 21590 Heo wenden þa scipen stronge to sculuen [*read* scuuen; *c* 1275 seue] from þan londe. 1660 F. BROOKE tr. *Le Blanc's Trav.* 287 As we endeavoured with strength to shove her off, the vessel overturned. 1839 MARRYAT *Phant. Ship* xvii, The boats were shoved off.

(*b*) 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* V. iv. 95 He and he Inforcis of to schowin the schip to saif. 1600 HOLLAND *Livy* XLI. iii. 1098 Others shove off from the wharfe. 1834 MARRYAT *P. Simple* xvi, The boat was not ordered to shove off. 1858 LONGF. *M. Standish* v. 103 Into the boat he sprang, and in haste shoved off to his vessel.

4. Without the notion of difficulty. To push (something) so as to make it slide along a surface or in a groove or channel; also to move *up* or *down* by pushing.

1633 P. FLETCHER *Purple Isl.* v. xxvi, Six bands are set to stirre the moving tower: The first the proud band call'd, that lifts it higher; The next the humble band, that shoves it lower. 1725 T. THOMAS in *Portland Papers* (Hist. MSS. Comm.) VI. 123 The bread..was shoved along the table on platters. 1770 LUCKOMBE *Hist. Printing* 357 Lest when he Runs in his Second Pull, the Face of the Plattin rub upon the Tympan, and shoves the sheet upon the Face of the Letter. *c* 1826 LAMB *Elia* Ser. II. *Wedding*, He did not once shove up his borrowed locks. 1830 HERSCHEL *Study Nat. Phil.* II. vii. (1851) 193 A sheet of blank paper is placed upon a frame and shoved forwards. 1902 VIOLET JACOB *Sheep-Stealers* xv, He shoved the paper away impatiently.

†**b.** To put surreptitiously or improperly: const. *in*, *on*, *under*, *out of*. *Obs.*

c 1374 CHAUCER *Troylus* III. 1026 Folk now..wolde a bushel venym al excusen For þat o greyn of loue is on it shoue. 1412–20 LYDG. *Troy Bk.* 2876 Doubilnes so slily was in schoue, As þouȝ he hadde sothly ben allied With trewe menyng. 1534 JOVE *Subv. More's False Found.* title-p., He sweteth to set faste and shoue vnder his shameles shoris, to vnderproppe the popis chirche. 1612 T. TAYLOR *Comm. Titus* i. 6 (1619) 93 He setteth himselfe in all ages to shove in, and hold in the Ministerie such persons as are too base for the dunghil. 1642 MILTON *Apol. Smect.* Wks. 1851 III. 295 Which conceit of the man cleanly shoves the King out of the Parlament. 1773 J. BERRIDGE *Wks.* (1864) 74 To shorten man's duty..by shoving a commandment out of Moses's tables.

c. (Chiefly *colloq.*) To put or thrust (carelessly or hastily) into a place or receptacle; also to thrust *aside*, *away*.

1827 SCOTT *Surg. Dau.* iv, Dick Middlemas, on his appearance, shoved into his bosom a small packet. 1861 HUGHES *Tom Brown at Oxf.* iv, All the characteristics are shoved away into the background. *a* 1864 HAWTHORNE *Sept. Felton* (1879) 78 My meditations are perhaps of a little too much importance to be shoved aside. 1911 MARETT *Anthropol.* vi. 156 You need never allow yourselves to be shoved away into such an inhospitable region.

d. To push *out of* a position, *away*, by gradual encroachment.

1629 *Leather: a Discourse* 11 As darknesse shoues away Light. 1768–74 TUCKER *Lt. Nat.* (1834) II. 645 Whoever hears this reflection in mind will not..be so apt..to complain of seeing the rising generation grow up to shove them out of the world. 1789 T. WILLIAMS *Min. Kingd.* I. 271 The gash vein..is frequently crossed and intersected by whin dykes or bars of hard stone, which generally shoves it a little to one side, off the true line of bearing. 1814 D'ISRAELI *Quarrels Auth.* (1867) 538 The wit gradually shoved the antiquary off the end of the bench. 1860 MAURY *Phys. Geog.* (Low) xvi. § 711 The land-wind..shoves away the calms which preceded it from the hills to the coast. 1870 MOZLEY *Univ. Serm.* iii. (1877) 54 The most visibly flourishing and busy department shoves the others out of sight.

5. *absol.* and *intr.* To push, to apply force against an object in order to move it from its position.

a 900 *O. E. Martyrol.* 13 Dec. 218 Sume scufon, sume tugon..and seo godes fæmne hwæðre stod. *c* 1290 *St. Lucy* 109 in *S. Eng. Leg.* 104 Huy schoue and drowe al þat huy miȝhte ake huy ne miȝhten hire anne fote i-winne. 13.. *K. Alis.* (W.) 5889 The kynges oost..broughtten gynnes to the walle, Houen, shouen, and drowen alle. ? *c* 1366 CHAUCER *Rom. Rose* 534 Ful long I shof, and knokkide eke,..Til that dore of thilk entre A mayden curteys openyde me. *c* 1425 *Sev. Sages* (P.) 1411 At hys dore he wolde inne, And hit was stoken with a pyne. He schof ther-onne. *c* 1450 *Merlin* xiii. 199 He hitte Agrauayn with his spere so sore that it preced two folde thurgh his haubreke, and therto he shof ther-on so harde that Agravayn fill to the erthe.

b. *To shove at*: to push against (an object) in order to displace or overthrow; †*fig.* to apply one's energies to (a task); also, to make an attack on, try to overthrow (a person). (Also in *indirect passive.*) † *To shove at the cart* (fig.): to lend a helping hand (also *ironical*).

1421–2 HOCCLEVE *Dialog* 617 Now, good freend shoue at the cart, I yow preye. 1471 *Paston Lett.* III. 15 Iff ye be cleer owt off Doctor Aleyn danger, kepe yow ther, and her affter ye maye schoffe as well at hys carte. 1542 PAGET in *St. Papers Hen. VIII*, VIII. 705 Lay your heddes all three to gidre, and shove at the treatye, that it may take effect. 1577 STANYHURST *Descr. Irel.* vi. 22/2 in *Holinshed*, This Erle now liuyng, as hys Auncesters before hym, haue beene shrewdly shooued at by his euill willers, saying that [etc.]. 1607 TOURNEUR *Rev. Trag.* I. i, Tis a maruaile thourt not turnd out yet! *Hip.* Faith I haue been shoud at. 1639 AINSWORTH *Ps.* lxii. 4 Ye shall be a bowed wall, as a fence that is shooved at.

†**c.** of inanimate agencies. *Obs.*

c 1400 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) App. A. 14 Whar so hit bifalleþ þat þe erþe is so fast þat þe wynd ne passez he schonueþ & þrast þat al þe erþe quakiȝeþ.

†**6.** *intr.* To push one's way forward or onward, to press on. Chiefly with adv., *on*, *along*, etc. *Obs.*

c 888 ÆLFRED *Boeth.* Met. xiii. (1098) 298 Swa deð eac sio sunne þonne hio on sige weorþeð..merecondel scyfð on ofdæle. *c* 1374 CHAUCER *Troylus* III. 487 He shof ay on, he to and fro was sent. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 11804 An Erne..Braid vp the bowels, & bere hom away, And showvet to the shippes of the shene grekes. 1520–30 CORNYSH in *Anglia* XII. 238 The dere shoffe on the mede. 1563 GOOGE *Eglogs*, etc. (Arb.) 121 They..forwarde shoue. 1581 A. HALL *Iliad* IX. 152 To supper let vs get vs nowe, sith night so farre on shoues. 1721 DUDLEY in *Phil. Trans.* XXXI. 167 A Moose..shoves along side-ways.

†**b.** To make an attack with violence, to make a charge or onset. *Obs.*

13.. *Gaw. & Gr. Knt.* 1454 Schalkez to schote at hym schowen to þenne. 1415 HOCCLEVE *To Knts. Garter* 36 In honour of his name Shoue on & putte his foos to the outraunce! 1470–85 MALORY *Arthur* V. viii. 173 Thenne the batails approuched and shoue and showted on bothe sydes.

†**c.** *To shove down*: to fall with force. *Obs.*

13.. *Gaw. & Gr. Knt.* 2083 Schyre schaterande on schorez, þer þay doun schowued.

†**d.** *To shove and heave*: to move tumultuously.

The vbs. were commonly coupled also in other uses: see, e. g., quot. *c* 1205 in 2, 13.. in 5, 1449 in A. 1 a; and cf. quot. 1581 under SHOVE *sb.*[1] 1 and quot. 1568 under SHOVING *vbl. sb.*

1638 W. LISLE *Heliodorus* VII. 101 Diuers passions in her shoue and heaue. 1680 OTWAY *Orphan* III. i, Thy little breasts, with soft compassion swelled, Shove up and down, and heave like dying birds.

e. *transf.* To protrude, project. *rare.*

1849 CUPPLES *Green Hand* XVI. (1856) 157 The huge sharp green notched aloe-leaves and fern shoving here and there out of it [the water].

7. To push about or jostle in a crowd; to make one's way by jostling or elbowing.

c 1290 *Beket* 2217 in *S. Eng. Leg.* 170 Faste heo [wormes] schouen and cropen al-so ase ametene al a-boute. *c* 1320 *Sir Beues* 1407 So fast hii gonne aboute him scheue, As dou ben aboute þe heue. 13.. *Gaw. & Gr. Knt.* 2161 Thenne gyrdez he to Gryngolet, & gederez þe rake, Schowuez in bi a schore, at a schaze syde. *c* 1403 LYDG. *Temple Glas* 534 Gret pres of folk,..To croude and shove—the tempil was so ful. 1530 PALSGR. 705/1 It is no good maner to shove in a dores a this facyon. 1633 P. FLETCHER *Purple Isl.* v. xxxvi, An hundred shapes that through flit ayers stray, Shove boldly in. 1714 LADY M. W. MONTAGU *Let. to W. Montagu* 24 Sept., There's a little door to get in, and a great crowd without, shoving and thrusting who shall be foremost. 1849 CUPPLES *Green Hand* xiii. (1856) 127 Her want of actual headway making the Indiaman sag dead away to leeward, as she shoved into the force of the sea-stream. · 1897 MRS. E. L. VOYNICH *Gadfly* (1904) 60/2 The crowd of holiday masqueraders, laughing and shoving.

b. *refl.* With adv. or phrase: To make one's way by shoving.

c 1489 CAXTON *Sonnes of Aymon* xxiv. 515 Reynaude..shoved himself among the thickest. 1671 tr. *Marten's Voy. Spitzbergen* in *Acc. Sev. Late Voy.* II. (1694) 105 They shove themselves along just like an Eel. 1842 LOVER *Handy Andy* viii, Biddy..had shoved herself well before the door.

8. *trans.* To push (a person) with one's body or elbows; to knock against, jostle.

1530 PALSGR. 705/1, I shove one, I pusshe hym, *je pousse.* I pray the, shove nat whyle I am writyng. 1667 PEPYS *Diary* 15 Sept., I did step back, and clap my breech to our pew-door, that she might be forced to shove me to come in. 1805 MAR. EDGEWORTH *Mme. de Fleury* i, I shoved Victoire, and she pushed at me again. 1853 KINGSLEY *Hypatia* iii, Laughing and shoving each other about.

†**9.** To prop *up*. *Obs. rare*—[1]. (The reading is doubtful.)

1393 LANGL. *P. Pl.* C. XIX. 20 Hit hadde shoriers to shoue [MS. I. schyuyn; MS. T. schyue; MS. G. schule] hit vp.

10. *slang.* **a.** To pass (counterfeit money); also *to shove* (*the*) *queer.* †**b.** *To shove the tumbler* (see quot. *a* 1700). †**c.** *To shove the moon* (see quot. 1809). **d.** *intr.* (*U.S.*) To set out for home.

a 1700 B. E. *Dict. Cant. Crew*, *Shove the Tumbler*, to be Whipt at the Cart's Tail. 1809 G. ANDREWES *Dict. Slang*, *Shoving the moon*, to steal your goods away without paying the rent. 1859 MATSELL *Rogue's Lex.* 79 *Shove queer*, pass counterfeit money. 1885 LELAND *Brand-new Ballads* (ed. 2) 35 The one [note] I shoved was never worth a continental dam.

11. *intr.* (*Canadian.*) Of river-ice: To move forward so as to become more compact. Cf. SHOVE *sb.*[1] 5.

1878 BOYD in *Bartlett's Dict. Amer.*, When the St. Lawrence at Montreal has frozen over, it is not safe to cross it until the ice has shoved.

12. *Comb.*: **shove-halfpenny** *slang*, a gambling game similar to shovel-board; †**shove-pike** [PIKE *sb.*[6]], ? a weapon used in fighting at close quarters; †**shove-up** *a.* in *shove-up sockct*, a contrivance forming part of a candlestick and designed to allow a candle to be burnt out to the end.

1841 *Punch* 27 Nov. 232/2 The favourite game of *shove-halfpenny was kept up till a late hour. 1894 SIR J. ASTLEY *50 Yrs. Life* I. 50 The aristocratic and bewitching game of shove-halfpenny. 1763 FOOTE *Mayor of Garrat* I. Wks. 1799 I. 167 We could get you a *shove-pike. 1751 RICHARDSON in Mrs. Barbauld *Corr.* (1804) VI. 118 Her farthing candle blinking in its *shove-up socket.

Shove, dial. form of SHEAF *sb.*; obs. pa. t. of SHAVE *v.*

†**Shove-board.** *Obs. rare.* [f. SHOVE (after next) + BOARD *sb.*] = SHOVEL-BOARD.

1522 in F. A. Inderwick *Cal. Inner Temple Rec.* (1896) I. 63 [None of the society shall play at the game called] Shoffe boorde [or] slypgrote. 1532 *Ibid.* 100 Shobebord [? *read* shovebord]. 1616 T. SCOT *Philomythie* I. (ed. 2) M 1 b, Their idle houres..They spend at shoue-boord. 1623 in Simpkinson *Washingtons* (1860) App. p. xlvii, To Hartopp 3 daies making the new shove bord table 00 02 06.

Shove-groat. *Obs.* exc. *Hist.* [f. stem of SHOVE *v.* + GROAT *sb.*] = SHOVEL-BOARD. (Cf. SLIDEGROAT, SLIP-*groat.*)

1488 in W. Kelly *Notices illustr. Drama* (1865) 181 [All persons were forbidden to play at]..checker-in-the-mire, or shove grote. 1541–2 *Act* 33 *Hen. VIII*, c. 9 § 1 Slydethrifte otherwise called shovegrote. *c* 1640 J. SMYTH *Lives Berkeleys* (1883–5) II. 363 The hours..spent..at bowles tenis Cockpit Shufgrote cards and dice. 1801 STRUTT *Sports & Past.* IV. i. § 19. 225. 1855 KINGSLEY *Westw. Ho!* ii, Playing at shove-groat with Spanish doubloons.

b. *attrib.*, as *shove-groat table*; **shove-groat shilling**, a shilling used in the game.

1597 SHAKS. 2 *Hen. IV*, II. iv. 206 Quoit him downe (Bardolph) like a shoue-groat shilling. 1598 B. JONSON *Ev. Man in Hum.* III. ii. [v], [They] made it runne as smooth of the toung, as a shoue-groat shilling. 1628 WITHER *Brit. Rememb.* 210 A Shove-groat table.

Hence **Sho·vegroating**, playing at shove-groat. 1602 HAKEWILL *Van. Eye* XXIX. (1615) 140 Bouling, shooting, coiting, shoufgrating, and the like.

Shovel (ʃʊ·v'l), *sb.* Forms: *a.* 1 scofl, -scobl, 3 ssofle, 3–5 schovele, 4–5 schovel, 5 schofylle, schovyl(le, schowulle, -elle, shofful, showele, shovele, shoville, 5–6 schovell, shovill, 5–7 shovell, 6 schovyll, shoffell, choffell, shoovell, shovull, shovelle, showel, 6–7 showell, 7–8 shufle, 5– shovel; *β.* chiefly *north.* 3–6 schole, 4, 6 schule, 5 schoyll, schwll, 5–6 schowle, sholl, 5–6, 9 (*dial.*) shole, 5–7 schuill, 6 showll, schull, shoull, showle, 6–7 s(c)hoole, shoule, 6–9 shule, 8 shull, 8–9 (*dial.*) shool, shoo, 9 shoul, showl, shul; *γ.* 1 ? scolf, 6 chollve, 6, 9 (*dial.*) sholve. [OE. *scofl* fem. corresponds to NFris. *skofel* digging shovel, MLG., LG. *schuffel*, shovel, weeding hoe, MDu. *schofel*, *schoffel* shovel (mod.Du. *schoffel* weeding hoe, whence SCUFFLE *sb.*); the MSw. *skofl*, *skofwel* (Sw. *skofvel*), Da. *skovl*, Norw. *skufl*, are prob. from LG.; parallel forms with long root-vowel are OHG. *scûvala* fem. (MHG. *schûvel*, mod.G. *schaufel*)

shovel, early mod.Dn. *schuivel*, dial. *schoefel* shovel; the OTeut. type **skūflō* is app. f. the root **skūf-*, **skŭd-* of SHOVE *v.*]

1. A spade-like implement, consisting of a broad blade of metal or other material (more or less hollow and often with upturned sides), attached to a handle and used for raising and removing quantities of earth, grain, coal or other loose material. (In some dialects the word is applied to a spade.)

Baker's shovel = PEEL *sb.*2 2; *Coal-shovel*, see COAL *sb.*1 15; *Malt-shovel*, see MALT *sb.* 4 b; *Paring-shovel*, see PARING *vbl. sb.* 4; also FIRE-SHOVEL.

a. c 725 *Corpus Gloss.* 2051 *Trulla*: cruce, turl, scofl. *Ibid.* 2081 *Vatilla*: isern-scobl. *c* 825 *Epinal Gloss.* 1022 *Trulla*: scofl. *a* 1100 *Gerefa* in *Anglia* IX. 263 He sceal habban spade, scofle, wadspitel [etc.]. 1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 2197 Vor ȝe beþ men bet iteiȝt to ssofle [*v.rr.* schouele, shouell] & to spade..þan [etc.]. 1377 LANGL. *P. Pl.* B. VI. 192 An heep of heremites..wenten as werkemen with spades and with schoueles. *c* 1440 *Jacob's Well* 189 A schouyl hath iij. thynges; a scho, an heued, & an handyl. 1531 *Rec. St. Mary at Hill* 37 A lityll fyer choffell. 1602 SHAKS. *Ham.* V. i. 110 Why doe's he suffer this rude knaue now to knocke him about the Sconce with a dirty Shouell. 1718 HICKES & NELSON *Kettlewell* I. xv. 107 The Apprentice-Boys would soon knock them on the Head with their paring Shovels. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* xiii, The cashier (whose benevolent occupation it is to..dispense sovereigns out of a copper shovel). 1906 PETRIE *Relig. Anc. Egypt* xiii. 84 The winnowing shovels and rakes stuck upright.

β. a 1300 *Holy Rood* 42 (Ashm. MS.) Þo nome hi spade and schole. *c* 1340 *Nominale* (Skeat) 519 *Trobile beche furche fymere* Schole spade mouke-forke. 1453–4 *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 150, ij sholez ferro ligat. 1545 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* VIII. 360 For ane dousan of schulis, xs. 1612 *Sc. Bk. Rates* in *Halyburton's Ledger* (1867) 326 Schooles vngarnished the hundreth xli. 1785 BURNS *Ep. to J. Lapraik* xi, What sairs your grammars? Ye'd better taen up spades and shools. 1823 SCOTT *Quentin D.* xxxi, A beard like a baker's shool. 1894 CROCKETT *Raiders* xv. 137 We made a grave..and I went for spades and shools.

γ. c 875 *Erfurt Gloss.* 1022 *Trulla*: scolf. 1504–5 *Rec. St. Mary at Hill* (1905) 255 Payde for a chollve [*cf.* sholve *ibid.* 381] to pare the Chyrche iiij d. 1573 TUSSER *Husb.* (1878) 35 A..wheelebarrow, sholue and a spade. 1583 *Wills & Inv. N. C.* (Surtees 1860) 78, j grape, and sholve, iij spades, and iiij irrone forkes 4s. 1858 SPURDENS *Suppl. to Forby, Sholve*, a shovel.

b. In fig. context.

c 1440 *Jacob's Well* 199 A skeet of contrycyoun, wyth a scauell of confessioun, wyth a schouyl of satysfaccyoun. *Ibid.* 203 þe schouyl, I telde ȝou, was satysfaccyoun, þe scho þer-of is almes-dede, þe heuyd is preyere, þe handyll is restitucyoun.

†c. *Shod-shovel*: a shovel of wood edged or tipped with metal. *Obs.*

1465 in *Finchale Priory Acc.* (Surtees) p. ccxcix, j schoyd schoyll. 1526–7 *Rec. St. Mary at Hill* 339 For a Shod-shovill for the Church iiijd. 1606 BIRNIE *Kirk Buriall* (1833) 31 With shod-shooles to seugh up the sanctuary-ground.

d. Occas. used for: A shovelful.

1881 C. WHITENEAD *Hops* 8 The plant centres being covered with a few shovels of earth.

e. *Phr. To be put to bed with a shovel*: to be buried (Grose *Dict. Vulgar Tongue*, 1785).

f. *transf.* The cue used in the game of SHOVEL-BOARD (sense 2).

2. ? = SHOVELLER 2.

1580 HOLLYBAND *Treas. Fr. Tong, Pale* or *cuellier*, a bird called shouell.

3. The flat portion of the horn of a moose-deer.

1908 *Blackw. Mag.* Aug. 230/1 The hrows were very good indeed, and the shovels cupped and broad.

4. = SHOVEL HAT.

1841 J. B. MOZLEY *Let.* in Purcell *Life Manning* (1895) I. 194 The straight-cut coat and the gentlest shovel. 1854 THACKERAY *Newcomes* xxv, She managed the hat shop... My uncle the Bishop had his shovels there.

5. A person using a shovel.

1834–7 J. S. MACAULAY *Field Fortif.* (1851) 54 Four shovels are placed on the berm,..and the remaining 4 shovels and rammers on the parapet. *c* 1890 *Engineer* LXVII. 344 (Cent.) In the early days after the Crimean War, the engineers in the Navy..were technically known as shovels.

6. *Mil.* A contrivance fitted to a field-gun to act as a brake to lessen the recoil.

1899 *Daily News* 8 Mar. 4/3 They intend that a 'shovel' shall be fixed to our field guns...This 'shovel', or break, was described to me by several officers.

7. *attrib.* and *Comb.* a. simple attrib., as *shovel hilt*, †*iron*; similative, as *shovel-beaked*, *-beard*, *-bladed*, *-ended*, *-footed*, *-handed*, *-headed*, *-mouthed*, *-shaped* adjs.; objective, as †*shovel-cheaper*, *-maker*.

1896 *Roy. Nat. Hist.* (ed. Lydekker) V. 516 *marg.* *Shovel-Beaked Sturgeons. 1864 SALA in *Daily Tel.* 26 Feb., Those bushy locks, that *shovel beard. 1901 *Ibid.* 18 Mar. 7/4 An Eton crew..with *shovel-bladed oars. *c* 1515 *Cocke Lorell's B.* 11 *Schouyll chepers. 1841 PUGIN *Pres. St. Eccles. Archit.* (1843) 7 A *shovel-ended stole. ?*a* 1400 *Morte Arth.* 1098 *Schovelle-fotede was þat schalke. 1860 EMERSON *Cond. of Life* vii. *Consid.* Wks. (Bohn) II. 414 No *shovel-handed, narrow-brained, gin-drinking million stockingers. 1859 R. F. BURTON *Centr. Afr.* in *Jrnl. Geog. Soc.* XXIX. 161 Their huge *shovel-headed spears. 1888 BURT *Stand. Timber Meas.* 279 *Shovel Hilts. 1395 *Cartular. Abb. de Whiteby* (Surtees) 606 Pro ij *schole iryn, ij d. 1638 *Canterb. Marriage Licences* (*M.S.*), Elias Tonge of Charing, *shouell-maker. 1763 *Ann. Reg., Chron.* 106/2 A *Shovel-mouthed or cow-bellied shark. 1879 E. O'DONOVAN *Merv Oasis* (1882) I. 314 Queer long *shovel-shaped oars.

b. Special comb.: **shovel-bill** = SHOVELLER 2; **shovel-cultivator** *U.S.* = *shovel-plough*; †**shovel dog-fish** ? = *shovel-fish*; **shovel-duck** *dial.* = SHOVELLER 2; **shovel-fish**, a fish of the genus *Scaphirhynchus*, esp. *S. platyrhynchus*; †**shovel-groat** = SHOVE-GROAT; **shovel head**, (*a*) = *shovel-fish*; (*b*) the bonnet-headed shark, *Reniceps tiburo* (also *attrib.*); **shovel-man**, a labourer who uses a shovel; **shovel-nose**, a nose having the shape of and fulfilling the functions of a shovel, also *attrib.* in the names of certain animals and fishes having this characteristic; hence *shovel-nosed* adj., also *transf.*; **shovel-penny** = SHOVEL-BOARD; **shovel-plough**, an implement for clearing corn-land of weeds; **shovel-stirrup**, a stirrup with a broad rest for the foot, extending behind the heel; **shovel-sturgeon** = *shovel-fish*; **shovel-tree** (see quot.); †**shovel-wood** = *shovel-tree*.

1864 ATKINSON *Prov. Names of Birds*, *Shovel-bill.. *Anas clypeata*. 1868 *Rep. U. S. Commissioner Agric.* (1869) 236 They are sometimes very expeditiously covered..with the mold-board or the *shovel cultivator. 1664 HUBERT *Catal. Rarities* 13 A *Shovell Dogge fish. 1893 in Cozens-Hardy *Broad Norfolk* 47 *Shovel Duck. 1863 WOOD *Illustr. Nat. Hist.* III. 200 The two smaller figures represent the *Shovel-fish, so called from the curious form of its head. 1825 JAMIESON s. v., *Slide-thrift*. A species of draughts in which the winner is the one who first gets his men off the board; also called *Shovel-groat. 1881 *Cassell's Nat. Hist.* V. 45 The second genus called the *Shovel-head (*Scaphirhynchus*), is represented by a single species. 1882 JORDAN & GILBERT *Synopsis Fishes N. Amer.* 25 Shovel-head Shark. 1559 in Boys *Hist. Sandwich* (1792) 738 Every spade and *shovell man muste have..iii laborers with wheale barrowes. 1898 H. KIRKE *25 Yrs. Brit. Guiana* iii. 37 The late Mr. W. R. once described him as 'a good shovel man spoiled'. 1709 LAWSON *Voy. Carolina* 153 One being called a Bottle-Nosed Whale, the other a *Shovel-Nose. 1768 SOLANDER in *Ann. Reg.* (1769) *Chron.* App. 188/2 Shovel nose sharks. 1882 JORDAN & GILBERT *Synopsis Fishes N. Amer.* 88 Shovel-nose Sturgeon. 1885 C. F. HOLDER *Marvels Anim. Life* 180 The shark..running its shovel nose into the sand. 1707 FUNNELL *Voy.* v. 120 The *Shovel-nos'd-Shark. 1837 J. F. COOPER *England* (ed. 2) I. 185 A shovel-nosed hat and a wig. 1887 *Cassell's Encycl. Dict.*, *Shovel-penny. 1801 *Farmer's Mag.* Apr. 209 An implement for cleaning corn land is also used, called the *shovel plough. 1812 SIR J. SINCLAIR *Syst. Husb. Scot.* I. 96 Cast-metal rollers, and scrapers, or shovel-ploughs. 1883 V. STUART *Egypt* 33 Most of the party were mounted on horses with carpet housings and *shovel stirrups. *a* 1894 LAVARD *Autobiog.* (1903) II. 34 Heavy shovel stirrups which served for spurs. 1875 E. D. COPE *N. Amer. Batrachia & Rept.* 87 The *shovel-sturgeon (*Scaphirhynchops*). 1887 DARLINGTON *Folk Speech S. Chesh.*, **Shovel-tree*, the handle of a spade. *c* 1615 *MS. Acc. St. John's Hosp., Canterb.*, Payd for a *shoufell wood v d and setting of it ane [sic] viij d.

Shovel (ʃʊ·v'l), *v.*1 Forms: see the sb. Also 9 (*dial.*) **shulve**. [f. SHOVEL *sb.* Cf. MLG. *schuffelen*, MHG. *schûfeln*, *schûfeln* (mod.G. *schaufeln*), Sw. *skofla*, Da. *skovle*, Norw. *skufla*, *skovla*.]

1. *trans.* To take up and remove with a shovel. Chiefly with adv. or advb. phrase. Also *fig.*

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 448/2 Schovelyn, wythe a schowelle, *tribulo*. *c* 1440 *Jacob's Well* 193, I lykened satysfaccyoun to a schouele to schouell out wyth þe crommys of þe wose of dedly synne. 1590 in Harwood *Lichfield* (1806) 527 Payd..for shollynge snowe off the Churche. 1626 A. SPEED *Adam out of Eden* xiv. (1659) 107 Shovelling the Corn from the sides of the roomes. 1791 *Gentl. Mag.* 24/2 The men that shovel the dirt out of the road. 1816 SCOTT *Antig.* xxv, Tak the shule a bit, and shule out the loose earth. 1891 SMILES *J. Murray* I. vii. 141 The labourers were at work shovelling away the snow.

†b. *To shovel down*: to destroy by shovelling away. *Obs.*

1563 WINȜET *Cert. Tractates* Wks. (S.T.S.) II. 5 To schuil doun thir wallis to the ground.

c. *transf.* (With adv.) To remove as rubbish; to move about roughly and without consideration.

1816 SCOTT *Antiq.* xxv, I haena lived sae lang in the warld neither, to be shuled out o't that gate. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* I. II. i, In such sort are poor mortals swept and shovelled to and fro. 1863 HAWTHORNE *Old Home, Recoll. Gifted Woman* I. 184 A great amount of ruhbish, which any competent editor would have shovelled out of the way.

2. To excavate, dig up (the ground, etc.), dig (a hole, etc.) with a shovel.

c 1470 HENRYSON *Mor. Fab.* VIII. (*Preach. Swallow*) xxxii, In the snaw he schuillit hes ane plane. *a* 1785 *Ulysses' Answ. Ajax* in *Poems Buchan Dial.* 37 The gutter's sheeled. 1857 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* XVIII. I. 105 A man will 'shool' about one-eighth of an acre per diem.

3. To throw (quantities of some material) *into* a receptacle, to cast (earth, dust, etc.) *on* or *upon* something or somebody.

1611 SHAKS. *Wint. T.* IV. iv. 469 Some Hangman must.. lay me Where no Priest shouels-in dust. *c* 1800 '*Broom blooms bonnie*' x. in Child *Ballads* I. 184/2 It was nae wonder his heart was saiz, When he shooled the mools on her yellow hair. 1869 E. A. PARKES *Pract. Hygiene* (ed. 3) 98 The powder is shovelled into sacks. 1913 *Blackw. Mag.* Sept. 356/2 One of them..was shovelling tipsy cake into his ample mouth.

fig. 1749 FIELDING *Tom Jones* x. iii, Partridge likewise shovelled in his share of calumny. 1864 BURTON *Scot Abr.* 269 Thousands..unshipped on the desert shore, shovelled as it were, into a straoge land.

4. To gather (something) *up* in quantities as with a shovel.

1685 PENN *Further Acc. Pennsylv.* 9 Herring..swarm in such shoales..in little Creeks, they almost shovel them up in their tubs. 1713 DERHAM *Phys.-Theol.* IV. xi. Note *n* (1727) 187, I have seen..Ducks shovel them up as they swim along the Waters. 1879 *Daily News* 22 Mar. 6/2 Storekeepers..are simply shovelling up money.

5. *intr.* To use a shovel.

1685 TRAVESTIN *Acc. Siege of Newheusel* 30 No one offered to put out the fire, till the Duke of Lorrain came and began himself to shovel upon it. 1864 CARLYLE *Fredk. Gt.* XV. ii. V. 280 In relays, 3,000 of the Militia-men dig and shovel night and day.

transf. 1815 SCOTT *Guy M.* xlvi, Is that all? thought Sampson, resuming his spoon, and shovelling away manfully. 1882 PAYNE-GALLWEY *Fowler in Irel.* 39 You can discern ..the rippling bills as they shovel greedily along the ooze.

6. *trans.* To turn (something) over with a shovel.

1775 W. WILLIAMSON *Trials at York* 29/2, I shoveled it [the earth] over, and threw it into that corner. 1868 *Rep. U. S. Commissioner Agric.* (1869) 425 The salt and lime were..mixed about three months before use and afterward shoveled over several times.

7. *To shovel out*: to distribute in shovelfuls. *fig.*

1858 CARLYLE *Fredk. Gt.* V. iii. (1865) II. 85 George I shovelling out his English subsidies as usual.

8. *trans.* and *intr.* To intrude. *Obs.* exc. *dial.*

1540 PALSGR. *Acolastus* II. iii. L iij b, I wyll sowe me in i. I wyll thrust me in, or schole in [orig. *a tergo me hinc inseram*]. 1861 C. C. ROBINSON *Dial. Leeds* 403 He'll shool in onnywhear, whear ther's owt to be gotten. 1876 *Mid. Yorks. Gloss., Shool*, v.a. and slightly as a v.n. to intrude. *Shovel* is also in occasional *active* use with this meaning.

Shovel (ʃʊ·v'l), *v.*2 Now *rare*. Also 5 **schovel**, 9 *dial.* **shool**, **shulve**. [app. a frequentative f. SHOVE *v.* Cf. SHUFFLE *v.* In mod. use app. associated with SHOVEL *v.*1] *intr.* To make movements *with* the feet, without raising them from the ground; to walk languidly or lazily. (Cf. SHUFFLE *v.* 1.)

c 1430 *Wyclif's Bible* Joh xi. 10 (MS. S.) Shoueling forth [*v. rr.* stumblynge, hirtynge, Vulg. *offendens*] with his feet. *c* 1450 in Aungier *Syon* (1840) 381 They schal euer haue warnes..that they schouel not withe ther fete up on the pament, wherby the reder may the wers be herde. 1549 LATIMER *6th Serm. bef. Edw. VI* (Arh.) 169 They hard hym quietly, with out any shouelynge of their feet or walkynge vp and downe. 1674 N. FAIRFAX *Bulk & Selv.* 29 When I walk, that assignable ..part of my soul, which was in my leg, comes shoveling after me. 1824 CARLYLE in Froude *Life* (1882) I. 222 In walking he does not tread, but shovel and slide. *a* 1825 FORBY *Voc. E. Anglia, Shool, Shulve*, to saunter, with such extreme laziness, as if the saunterer did not mean to walk, but to shovel up the dust with his feet.

†**Sho·velard.** *Obs.* Forms: *α.* 5 **schovelerd**, **schevelard**, 6 s(c)hovelarde, 6–7 **shovelard**; *β.* 5 **scholard**, 6 **sholard**, 7 **shoulerd**. [f. SHOVEL *sb.* + -ARD; ? after MALLARD, POPARD; cf. the form *poplerd* = POPELER.] The SPOONBILL, *Platalea leucorodia*. (Cf. SHOVELLER.)

α. c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 448/1 Schovelerd, or popler, byrd. 1533–4 *Act* 25 *Hen. VIII*, c. 11 § 4 For every egge of every byttour heroune or shovelard eight pence. 1646 SIR T. BROWNE *Pseud. Ep.* VII. xiv. 368 So have Cranes, Hernes, Storks, and Shovelards long necks.

β. c 1460 *Promp. Parv.* (Winch.) 400 Scholarde, or poplerd, hryd: *populus*. *c* 1512 *Regul. Northumberld. Househ.* (1770) 106 Item Sholardes to he hadde for my Lordes owne Mees. 1626 BRETON *Fantasticks* (Grosart) 10/2 The yong Herne and the Shoulerd are now fat for the great Feast.

Shovel-board (ʃʊ·v'l,bōəɹd), **shu·ffleboard.** Forms: *α.* 6 **shovillabourde**, **shovelahorde**, 7 **shovell a board**, **shouleabord**e, **shovelabord**, **showlibord**, **shovellabord**. *β.* 6–7 **shovelboord**, 7 **shovell-boord**, **sholven borde**, **shovell board**, 7– **shovel-board**; *γ.* 6 **shofflo-**, **shoofle-**, 7 **shufle-**, 8 **shuffell-**. [The earliest form *shovill-*, *shovelabourd*, is an unexplained alteration of SHOVE-BOARD. There does not seem to be any connexion with *shovel* or *shuffle*.]

1. A game in which a coin or other disk is driven by a blow with the hand along a highly polished board, floor, or table (sometimes ten yards or more long) marked with transverse lines. The game is out of use in England, but is still played (with some modifications of form) in the U. S. Cf. SLIDE-GROAT, SHOVE-GROAT, SHOVE-BOARD.

The modern game as played in the U.S. is always called *shuffleboard*; in historical references to the older game the usual form is *shovel-board*.

α. 1532 *Privy Purse Exp. Hen. VIII* (1827) 188 Paied to my lord Wylliam for that he wanne of the kinges grace at shovillaborde ix li. 1575 in W. H. Turner *Select. Rec. Oxford* (1880) 364 All unlawfull games, as..tables, bowlls, shovelaborde. 1656 in *Verney Mem.* (1907) II. 40 That you ..keep showlibord playing..on sondaies contrary to order. 1688 *Nottingham Rec.* V. 352 Wee present William Finn for keeping men plaing att shouell-abord in his seller.

β. 1613 BEAUM. & FL. *Cupid's Rev.* III. i, How haue you sped heere at home at shouelboord? 1672 SHADWELL *Miser* III. i. Wks. 1720 III. 47 He has already lost his Edward Shillings that he kept for Shovel-board. 1708 J. CHAMBERLAYNE *St. Gt. Brit.* I. III. vii. (1710) 205 The Citizens and Peasants have..Cricket, Skittles, or Nine-Pins, Shovel-board, [etc.]. 1873 BENNETT & 'CAVENDISH' *Billiards* 3 Before the introduction of Billiards the fashionable game on a board was shovel-board.

γ. 1577–86 STANYHURST *Chron. Irel., Hen. VIII*, 86/2 in *Holinshed*, Plaieng at slidegrote or shooſleboord. 1736 CARTE *Ormonde* II. 178 The Marquis chose to sit up all

night at shuffleboard with four Suffolk malsters. 1884 *Harper's Mag.* Jan. 235/2 Checkers and shuffle-board were in requisition.

† b. = *shovel-board shilling*. *Obs.*

1598 Shaks. *Merry W.* I. i. 159 Seauen groates in mill-sixpences, and two Edward Shouelboords [Qo. 1602, Two faire shouell boord shillings].

c. The table upon which the game was played.

1603 *Inv.* in Gage *Hengrave* (1822) 22 Itm, one long table for a sholven borde. *a* 1660 *Prince d'Amour*, etc. 163 A new shuel board whereon never stood food. 1666 Wood *Life*, etc. (O.H.S.) II. 96 Dice, cards, sketells, shuffle-boards, billiard tables. 1724 J. Macky *Journ. Eng. & Scot.* II. iii. 40 [In] the Hall..is a Marble Shuffleboard. 1843 Lytton *Last Bar.* II. iii, He was laughing loud with a knot of young men by the shovel-board.

2. *transf.* A game played on shipboard by pushing wooden or iron disks with a cue (called a *shovel*) so that they may rest on one of nine squares of a diagram chalked on the deck.

1877 Black *Green Past.* xxviii. 224 There were rope quoits got out too; and the more energetic shovel-board. 1886 R. C. Leslie *Sea-painter's Log.* vi. 115 The long afternoon game of shuffle-board was interrupted by a break, in that clear sea-line to windward.

3. *attrib.* and *Comb.* as † *shovel-board piece*, † *play*, † *room*, † *table*; † **shovel-board shilling**, a shilling (sometimes of Edw. VI; see 1 b) used in the game of shovel-board.

1622 Mabbe tr. *Aleman's Guzman d'Alf.* II. 145 He might ..strike me, like a *shovell-boord peece (being now a ledger) into the box. 1679 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 1435/4 Six or eight Shovel board peices of Silver. 1691 Wood *Ath. Oxon.* I. 19 The game called *Shovel-board play. 1631 *Minute-bk. Archd. Essex* 16 June, Others of the companye..ran into the *shovell board roome. 1653 Rowe *Tragi-Comœdia* * 3 b, A Shufle-board-roome. 1602 *Shovel board shilling [see 1 b]. 1611 Middleton & Dekker *Roaring Girl* K 2, Away slid I my man, like a shouell-board shilling. 1634 in Simpkinson *Washingtons* (1860) App. p. lxvii, Mending the covers of the *shovleaborde Table. 1686 Plot *Staffordsh.* ix. 383 The Shuffle-board table tho' ten yards, 1 foot, and an inch long is made up of about 260 pieces. 1719 D'Urfey *Pills* III. 273 A new Shuffle-board-table. 1738 Earl of Oxford in *Portland Papers* (Hist. MSS. Comm.) VI. 176 A fine table of white marble of a great length, made use of for a shovel board table.

Shovelful (ʃʊ·v'lful). Also **-full.** [f. Shovel *sb.* + -ful.] A quantity that fills a shovel; as much as a shovel can hold or take up at one time.

1533 J. Heywood *Johan* (1903) 654 This shovyll full of colys. 1658 Earl Monm. tr. *Paruta's Wars Cyprus* 117 One shufle-full of earth. 1711 Addison *Spect.* No. 26 P 3, I entertain'd my self with the digging of a Grave; and saw in every shovelful of it that was thrown up, the Fragment of a Bone or Skull. 1856 Miss Yonge *Daisy Chain* I. viii, He stood over her, counted her shovelsfull of tea, and watched the water into the tea-pot. 1894 Sir J. Astley *50 Yrs. Life* I. 100 Shovelsful of sand and sawdust.

fig. 1622 Mabbe tr. *Aleman's Guzman d'Alf.* II. 256 Throwing out lies and scandals by shouell-fuls. 1858 Carlyle *Fredk. Gt.* VII. iii. (1865) II. 263 Riddling or screening certain cartloads of heavy old German printed rubbish..we obtain the following shovelful of authentic particulars.

Shovel hat.

A stiff broad-brimmed hat, turned up at the sides and projecting with a shovel-like curve in front and behind, worn by some ecclesiastics.

1829 Carlyle in Froude *Life* (1882) II. 73 Does not the very sight of a shovel-hat in some degree indispose me to the wearer thereof? 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* xxxii, If he could have got a shovel-hat he would have worn it. 1871 *Fair France* ii. 58 The priest..in shovel hat and cassock appeared a pleasant gentleman enough. 1889 W. S. Gilbert *Gondoliers* II. 35 And Bishops in their shovel hats Were plentiful as tabby cats.

b. *transf.* A wearer of such a hat.

1859 Lever *Dav. Dunn* lxvii, A regular don amongst the shovel-hats.

Hence **Shovel-ha'tted** *a.*, wearing a shovel hat; *transf.* of or pertaining to the ideas or opinions of a wearer of a shovel hat.

1832 Carlyle *Misc., Boswell* (1857) III. 50 A cleanly, Shovel-hatted look. 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* xi, A tall, stately, jolly, shovel-hatted man.

Shoveller[1] (ʃʊ·v'lə1). Forms: *α.* 5 **schoveler**, 9 **shoveller** (*U.S.* **shoveler**); *β.* 9 **shooler.** [f. Shovel *v.* + -er[1].] One who shovels.

a. c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 448/2 Schoveler..*tribularius*. 1833 Ht. Martineau *Charmed Sea* iv. 60 She..stood dripping with her load in the presence of the shoveller. 1884 *Milit. Engin.* I. II. 27 It is advisable to provide one shoveller to each two diggers in the third relief.

β. 1857 *Trnl. R. Agric. Soc.* XVIII. I. 105 The labourer with the spade—or 'shooler', as he is called—commences his work by throwing out a furrow.

Shoveller[2] (ʃʊ·v'lə1). Forms: *α.* 5 **shovelere, schoveler**, 6 **schofler, shovelor**, (**shoovelar**), 6–7 **shovelar**, 7 **shovler**, 7–8 **shuffler**, 6– **shoveler, shoveller**; *β.* 7 **shouler.** [Alteration of Shovelard, with substitution of -er[1] for -ard. Cf. G. † *schufler* (1582 in Gesner-Heusslin), *schaufler* (Nemnich).]

† 1. = Shovelard.

a. c 1460 J. Russell *Bk. Nurture* 541 Also for bustard betowre & shovelere, gamelyn is in sesoun. *a* 1529 Skelton *P. Sparowe* 408 The shouelar with his brode bek. 1577 V. Leigh *Surveying* D j b, The like Rente, maie be and in some Mannours, is of Herneshawes, Shouelors, &c. 1603 G. Owen *Pembrokeshire* (1892) 131 The Shovler. 1612 Peacham *Genll. Exerc.* I. xvi. (1634) 54 Waterfowle, as the Mallard, Shoveller, Sheldrake. 1668 Charleton *Onomast.* 103 *Ardea Alba*..the white, and spoon-bill'd Heron, or Shoveler. 1796 Stedman *Surinam* II. xxviii. 343 The shoveler, or spoon-bill (which has some affinity to the cranes) is about the size of a goose.

β. 1622 Drayton *Poly-olb.* xxv. 353 The Shouler which so shakes the ayre with saily wings.

b. ¶ Erroneously applied to the Pelican.

1552 Cooper *Elyot's Dict., Pelicanus*, a byrde called a pelicane, or shouelar.

2. 'From the latter half of the 17th century' (Newton *Dict. Birds* 841) applied to the Spoon-bill Duck, *Spatula* (or *Rhynchaspis*) *clypeata*, a bird with a broad shovel-like beak. Also *shoveller duck*.

1674 Ray *Coll. Words, Water Fowl* 96 The Shoveler: *Anas platyrynchos, sive clypeata. a* 1700 B. E. *Dict. Cant. Crew, Shuffler*, a Bird like, but not so big as a Duck, having a broader Bill. 1732 Mortimer in *Phil. Trans.* XXXVII. 449 The Blue-wing'd Shoveler. 1768 Pennant *Brit. Zool.* (ed. 4) II. 467 Red Breasted Shoveler. 1838 J. J. Audubon *Ornith. Biogr.* IV. 241 Shoveller Duck. *Anas clypeata*, Linn. 1859 Darwin *Orig. Species* vii. (1873) 184 The beak is thus very inferior as a sifter to that of the shoveller. 1878 *Proc. U.S. Nat. Museum* I. 446 *Spatula clypeata* (Linn.). Shoveller; Spoon-bill Duck.

3. *Her.* A representation of a 'shoveller'.

[1572 Bossewell *Armorie* III. 25 Beareth to hys creste a shouelard Argente (*misprinted* a shouelar d'Argente).] 1780 Edmondson *Heraldry* II. Gloss., *Shoveller*, a species of water-fowl, somewhat like the duck.

† **Sho·veller**[3]. *Obs. rare*—[1]. [f. Shovel *sb.* + -er[1].] ? The Shovel-head Shark.

1664 Hubert *Catal. Rarities* 13 Whole Fishes. A Shoveller or Blew Sharke.

Shovelling (ʃʊ·v'liŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. Shovel *v.*[1] + -ing[1].]

1. The action or an act of Shovel *v.*

a. c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 448/2 Schovelynge, *tribulatus*. 1827 Stuart *Planter's Guide* (1828) 192 Two spits deep, with two intermediate shovellings. *a* 1832 S. Warren *Diary Physic.* xvi, Shovelling *in* was surprisingly easier than shovelling *out*!

2. Something which is shovelled up. Usually *pl.*

a. 1653 Blithe *Eng. Improv. Impr.* (ed. 3) 145 The shovelling of Streets and Vards, and Highwaies..is very good both, of it self, and compounded with other Soyl, Manure, Mud, or Straw. 1733 W. Ellis *Chiltern & Vale Farm.* 277 Parings of Turf, or Shovelings of Highways may be mix'd with Lime and Chalk. 1805 R. W. Dickson *Pract. Agric.* I. 129 The shovelings from the ditches in road sides.

β. 1523–34 Fitzherb. *Husb.* § 17 And if it [the dung] be medled with erthe, as sholynges and suche other, it wyll laste the longer.

Shove-net (ʃʊ·vnet). Forms: 5 **schofnet**(t, **shofnet**, 6 **shovenette, shuffnet**, 7– **shove-net.** [f. Shove *v.* + Net *sb.*] A fishing-net with a broad month expanded by means of a frame, worked by pushing along the bed of a river, etc., or through shallow sea-water.

1418 *Court Roll Gt. Waltham Manor*, Piscavit sine licencia cum diversis instrumentis videlicet spertes, lammes, et schofnetts et pisces cepit. 1419 *Liber Albus* (Rolls) I. 577 Shotnet, Shofnet, et Kydels, sount defenduz. 1464 *Maldon* (Essex) *Court-Rolls* Bundle 40 No. 7 Debet sibi xviii d. pro rethe vocato a schofnet. 1523 Fitzherb. *Surv.* 10 b, The lordes tenantes haue lybertie hy custome to fysshe with shouenettes. 1539 in *Archæologia* XLIII. 212, iiij potyngers; and j shuffnet. 1611 Cotgr., *Sauve*, a shoue-net to fish withall. 1742 *De Foe's Tour Gt. Brit.* (ed. 3) I. 327 They throw in a Net on a Hoop at the end of a Pole, the Pole going cross the Hoop, which, in some Places, they call a Shove Net. 1841 J. T. Hewlett *Parish Clerk* I. 27 The use of the shove-net to entrap the prawns and shrimps. 1874 Holdsworth *Deep-Sea Fishing* 218 Shrimps are fished for with the common hand or 'shove'-net.

attrib. 1861 Hughes *Tom Brown at Oxf.* xxxvi, 'Tis only our shove-net traps as I wur a-telling you of.

Shover (ʃʊ·vəɹ). [f. Shove *v.* + -er[1].] One who or something which shoves, in senses of the vb.

1500–20 Dunbar *Poems* lxiii. 49 Schulderaris, and schowaris Ihat hes no schame. 1893 *Cycl. Rev. Current Hist.* III. 287 A difference between the lumber shovers and the lumbermen. *Ibid.*, The lockout of the shovers continued. 1901 *Daily Chron.* 12 Dec. 6/3 The Cambridge forwards were 'shovers' and nothing else.

Comb. 1876 *Life Cheap Jack* (ed. Hindley) 232 A pair of the best brass candlesticks, with a patent shover-up and a good pusher-down.

b. *slang.* One who passes base coin.

1889 *Harper's Weekly* 21 Sept. 768/1 Eight persons, mostly 'shovers' or passers, were arrested in Russo's gang.

Shoveshim (ʃʊ·vʃim). *local.* [f. Shove *v.* + Shim *sb.*[2]] (See quot.)

1846 *Trnl. R. Agric. Soc.* VII. II. 591 The peas are cut by Dutch hoes or shoveshims.

Shoville, obs. form of Shovel *sb.*

Shoving (ʃʊ·viŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. Shove *v.* + -ing[1].] The action or an act of Shove *v.*

1297 R. Glouc. (Rolls) 4313 Per was pultinge & ssouinge [*v.rr.* ssouyng, schuning, schowynge, schowyng]. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Manciple's Prol.* 53 Ther was greet shovving bothe to and fro To lifte him up. 1489 Caxton *Faytes of A.* I. ix. 23 The strengthe of shouing is at the lifte syde of men. 1568 Grafton *Chron.* II. 382 There was great heauing and shouyng, and many people vp. 1609 Holland *Amm. Marcell.* III Antoninus..set his course against our State and Common-wealth, not (as they say) with spret nor oare, with shooving, or haling. 1766 Goldsm. *Vic. W.* ix, However, after a little shoving and dragging, they at last went merrily on. 1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* II. III. v, Accelerated by ignominious shovings from sentry after sentry. 1875 Bedford *Sailor's Pocket Bk.* vi. (ed. 2) 214 In shoving off, when the ship is not head to wind, pull well clear of her before making sail. 1889 H. Vassall *Rugby Football* 31 Turning now to the other great branch of forward play, namely, scrummage work, it must not for a moment be supposed that shoving is all that is wanted.

Show (ʃōu), *sb.*[1] Forms: 3 (in comb.) **shæw-**, 4 **sceu**, 4–5 **schewe**, 4–6 *north.* **schawe**, 6 **sheaw, sheow, shoe, shue**, *Sc.* **schaw**, s(c)hau, 6–7 **shewe, showe**, 7 **sho**, *Sc.* **schew, shaw**, 6–9 **shew**, 6– **show.** [f. Show *v.*: cf. MLG. MDu. *schowwe* fem. (mod.Dn. *schouw*), OHG. *scou* fem. (MHG. *schou, schow(e* fem. and masc., mod.G. *schau* fem.) looking at, inspection.]

1. The action or an act of exhibiting to view or notice. Now *rare*, exc. in specific use or phrase (see 1 c, 1 d, 1 k).

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 28616 Lele script agh be thre-fald, Wit reuth of hert, wit sceu to preist, Betyng of sin be thrid ber neist. *c* 1320 *Sir Tristr.* 2253 Tristrem hir bar bat tide And on be quen fel he Next her naked side, bat mani man miȝt y se San schewe. 1399 Langl. *Rich. Redeles* IV. 56 Some had..schewed ffor be shire and here schew lost. 1530 Palsgr. 267/1 Shewe of a thyng to sale, *lustre*. 1568 Grafton *Chron.* II. 763 The Dukes themselues entended for the shewe of their diligence, to be the first that should attend that day vpon the kinges highnesse. 1582 N. Lichefield tr. *Castanheda's Conq. E. Ind.* I. ii. 7 Ye next day then following (upon shew of himselfe to them) there came about the number of fifteene of his Countrey men. 1598 Stow *Surv. Lond.* 349 Two publique houses for the acting and shewe of Comedies, Tragedies, and Histories. 1600 Surflet *Country Farm* I. ii. 2 A briefe show of that which shall more largely be described in that which followeth. 1712 Addison *Spect.* No. 412 P 3 We are indeed so often.. tired out with so many repeated Shows of the same Things, that whatever is new or uncommon contributes a little to vary human Life.

† b. The fact of being presented to view or displayed. *At the first show*: at first sight. *Obs.*

1555 Eden *Decades* (Arb.) 364 Fyrst bryngynge it [gold] furth to the open shewe. 1563 Googe *Eglogs, To W. Louelace* (Arb.) 24 The grosenes of my Style: whiche thus commytted to the gasynge shewe of euery eye shuld forth with disclose ye manifest foly of the Writer. 1565 T. Stapleton *Fortr. Faith* 58 God hath placed his church in the sight and shew of the worlde. 1574 A. L. *Calvin's 4 Serm.* I, These things at the first shew seeme very straunge.

c. A demonstration or display of military strength or of intention to take severe measnres. † Also *transf.* a manifestation of divine power. Chiefly in phr. to *make a show*.

a 1548 Hall *Chron., Hen. VIII*, 24 All the countrey of Arthois and Picardie, fortified their holdes and made shewes as the Englishe army passed, but thei durst not once assaile them. *c* 1586 C'tess Pembroke *Ps.* cxxxv. iv, Ægipts first borne in one night [God] overthrew: And yet not so his dreadfull showes he ceas'd, But did them still in Ægipts mid'st renew. 1726 Shelvocke *Voy. round World* 412 They made no manner of show of their arms to us. 1853 Dickens *Child's Hist.* xx. II. 115 [Henry IV.] began his reign by making a strong show against the followers of Wickliffe. *Ibid.* xxii. 169 Jack Cade..having made a show of his forces there.

d. Phr. † *To set in show, set to show*: to exhibit to view, display (*obs.*). *On show* (formerly † *in show*, † *upon a* or *the show*): in process of being shown or exhibited; on view.

a 1533 Berners *Gold. Bk. M. Aurel.* (1546) G ij, To sell suche marchaundyse, sette it not in so yll a shewe. 1576 Gascoigne *Steel Glas* (Arb.) 69 These things (my Lord) my glasse now sets to shew. *c* 1590 Marlowe *Jew of Malta* II. ii. 748 On this condition shall thy Turkes be sold. Goe Officers and set them straight in shew. 1595 A. Day *Engl. Secretorie* Ded. A 2, In signification of the will I haue to do vnto your Lordship any acceptable seruice, [I have] no other matter in shew, then a fresh renouation of the selfe same title hy a second presentment. 1681 Dryden *Abs. & Achit.* I. 688 His joy conceal'd, he sets himself to show. 1711 Addison *Spect.* No. 255 P 8 His Actions..lose their Lustre when they are drawn at large, and set to show by his own Hand. 1737 Bracken *Farriery Impr.* (1757) II. 34 They generally buy Horses when upon a Shew (as it is called) in the Dealer's Hand, which is the Way to be deceived. *Ibid.* 35 As to his Spirit which appears upon the Shew, it is all forced. 1890 *Spectator* 22 Nov. 733/2 We proceed to look at the tables and chairs and other things on show.

† e. *To make* or *give show of*: to manifest, display, indicate. *Obs.*

1596 Danett tr. *Comines* (1614) 222, I haue seene his pourtraiture..the lineaments whereof made shew of an excellent wit. 1607 Topsell *Four-f. Beasts* 152 The good and aproued hounds..when they haue found the Hare, make shew therof to the hunter. 1642 H. More *Song of Soul* I. I. xx, Those parts the eye is near give not the shew Of any colour. 1697 Dampier *Voy.* I. 288 Shaking their Lances at us, [they] made all the shew of hatred that they could invent.

† f. *In show of*: by way of indicating or expressing, in token of. *Obs.*

1653 H. Cogan tr. *Pinto's Trav.* xix. 68 Vailing their two top sails in shew of obedience.

g. *To give* (*one*) *a show of*: to let (one) see (and partake of). *Sc.*

1788 Picken *Pooms* 58 Come tak' a seat, an' gies a shaw O' your snuff-horn.

h. *Show of hands*: the holding up the hand above the head, as a means by which the members of an assembly indicate their vote or judgement upon a proposition.

1789 Scott in J. Haggard *Rep. Consist. Crt.* (1822) I. 13 It often happens that on a shew of hands, the person has the majority, who on a poll is lost in a minority. 1837

DICKENS *Pickw.* xiii, There was a show of hands; the Mayor decided in favour of the honourable Samuel Slumkey ..Horatio Fizkin, Esquire..demanded a poll. 1912 *Times* 19 Dec. 18/5 At each of the meetings the scheme appeared to be approved on a show of hands.

2. The external aspect (of a person or thing). Now *rhet.* or *poet.* in this gen. sense.

1555 WATREMAN *Fardle Facions* I. iv. 39 Dyuers peoples.. monstruous and of hugly shewe. 1566 DRANT *Hor. Sat.* II. vii, I ij b, His master, goes in sage attyre: that geues a sober shue. 1594 WILLOBIE *Avisa* xlvii. (Grosart) 96 Say, 'twas her wit & modest shoe, That made you like and loue her so. 1602 SHAKS. *Ham.* I. ii. 85 But I haue that Within, which passeth show; These, but the Trappings, and the Suites of woe. 1611 BIBLE *Isa.* iii. 9 The shew of their countenance doeth witnesse against them. *a* 1781 WATSON *Philip III*, III. (1793) I. 296 Under the simple show..of a citizen, he concealed all the qualities of a hero. 1799 WORDSW. *Poems Sentim., Poet's Epit.* 45 The outward shows of sky and earth, Of hill and valley, he has viewed. 1840 CARLYLE *Heroes* iii. (1841) 136 Men worship the shows of great men; the most disbelieve that there is any reality of great men to worship.

b. *In show*, in appearance. Often with the idea that the reality behind is different (cf. 6, 7): In appearance only, ostensibly, seemingly. Also (rarely) *with show*.

a 1586 SIDNEY *Arcadia* I. ii. § 7 While hee was speaking, there came a boy in shew like a Merchants prentice. 1597 HOOKER *Eccl. Pol.* v. xlviii. § 10 Otherwise they are but in shew opposite and not in truth. 1597 GERARDE *Herbal* I. xxxv. 48 The small Flower de-luce of Dalmatia is in shew like to the precedent. 1614 GORGES *Lucan* v. 187 With shew the Vrne the lots decides. 1647 N. BACON *Disc. Govt. Eng.* I. lviii. (1739) 108 The place of the Chief Justice was in shew but one Office. 1732 LEDIARD *Sethos* II. x. 365 She had let the council of state..subsist in shew. 1817 JAS. MILL *Brit. India* III. vi. i. 51 To have two governing bodies; the one real, the other only in show. 1871 FREEMAN *Norm. Conq.* xvii. (1876) IV. 54 The King by the edge of the sword changed himself in all outward show into a King according to the laws of England.

†**c.** *To the show*: to ontward view or appearance, as far as appearance goes. *Obs.*

1556 ROBINSON *More's Utopia* I. (Arb.) 44 This iustice is more beautiful in apperaunce, and more florishynge to the shewe, then either iuste or profitable. 1609 BIBLE (DOUAY) *Isa.* vi. 13 She..shal be to the shew [Vulg. *in ostensionem*] as a terebinth, and as an oke.

d. *To have* (†*bear*, †*carry*) *a* (or *the*) *show of*: to wear the appearance of; to appear to be, appear to partake of; to look like, resemble. *arch.* or *Obs.*

1581 CAMPION in *Confer.* III. (1584) T iij, He gaue them that which had the name of wine, and had the shewe of it, but..was not in deede wine. 1581 *Act* 23 *Eliz.* c. 9 § 2 Which Coulers..carrye a shewe of a good true and perfitte couler of woaded and mathered Blacke. 1611 BIBLE *Col.* ii. 23 Which things haue in deed a shew of wisedome. 1613 DAY *Festivals* v. (1615) 124 Even of those that beare the shew of the purest Professors amongst us. 1625 BACON *Ess., Simulation* (Arb.) 510 Simulation and Dissimulation, commonly carry with them a Shew of Fearfulnesse.

†**e.** *For show*: to save appearances, 'for the look of the thing'. *Obs.*

a 1700 DRYDEN *Cymon & Iph.* 637 The Kindred of the Slain forgive the Deed; But a short Exile must for Show precede. *a* 1715 BURNET *Own Time* (1897) I. ix. 398 They were not to be surprised, if the Danes seemed at first to talk high: that was to be done for shew: but they would grow calmer when they should engage.

f. *Theol.* and *Philos.* Used occas. as an equivalent for 'accident', 'phenomenon', 'species'.

1560 JEWEL *Serm. at Paul's Cross* C viij, The accidents of the bread, (that is to say) the whitenes or roundenes, or other sutch outward fourmes or shewes of breade, as he seeth with his eye. 1678 CUDWORTH *Intell. Syst.* I. i. § 5. 7 Intentional Species or Shews, propagated from the Objects to our Senses.

3. With qualifying word: A (fine, striking, etc.) appearance; an appearance which makes a strong impression on the beholder. Usu. in phr. *to make* (†*bear*, †*yield*) *a* (fine, etc.) *show*. Also without qualification, a fine or striking appearance, imposing display.

c 1550–80 *Robin Consc.* in Hazl. *E. P. P.* III. 239 Bvt and I line another yeer, I will haue a better showe; I will not goe thvs slvttishly, I trowe. 1598 BABINGTON *Notes Gen.* vii. 32 b, About the beginning of May, when all things flourished and yeelded show. 1610 HOLLAND *Camden's Brit.* (1637) 277 Windesore beareth a goodly shew. 1686 tr. *Chardin's Trav. Persia* 263 And all to make a shew and dazle the world. 1743 J. MORRIS *Serm.* ii. 34 They rather affected to exercise those gifts, which make a great shew. 1840 THACKERAY *Barber Cox* July, Their names made a famous show in the bills. 1881 WESTCOTT & HORT *Grk. N. T.* I. 548 After Eusebius they [i. e. Western quotations] make no show in Greek theology. 1905 R. BAGOT *Passport* xxi. 205 The furniture..made a sorry show of comfort in the huge rooms.

†**b.** *To have some show*: to present a specious or plansible appearance; to have weight with, or commend itself to, others; also, to appear likely, 'promise' (*to* do something). *Obs.*

1560 DAUS tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* xi. 151 b, At the fyrst, he covered his myndе craftely, that his writte myght have some shewe [*ut aliquam haberet speciem diplomatis*]. 1574 WHITGIFT *Def. Answ.* III. ii. 143 The places of the 44. of Ezechiel haue some shew in them. 1606 KNOLLES tr. *Bodin's Commw.* I. v. 34 These arguments haue some good show to proue that seruitude is naturall, profitable, and honest.

c. (Now only *U.S.* and *Austral.*) An opportunity for displaying or exerting oneself; a chance, 'opening'. Phr. *to give* (a person) *a show*; *to have* or *stand a* (or *no*) *show*. Const. *for*, *to* (do something).

Continuity of the mod. use with that in quot. 1579 is hardly possible, but the notion seems to be closely similar.

1579 LYLY *Euphues* (Arb.) 41 Education can haue no shewe, where the excellençye of Nature doth beare sway. *Ibid.* 62 Where loue beareth sway, friendship can haue no shewe. 1884 *Lisbon* (Dakota) *Star* 22 Aug., He stood no show of securing the nomination for the legislature. 1888 *Boston* (Mass.) *Jrnl.* 10 Dec. 2/3 Must we found an O'Brien dynasty to convince outsiders that men of Celtic blood have a fair show in Boston? 1890 'R. BOLDREWOOD' *Col. Reformer* (1891) 183 As he's a gentleman, he's bound to give you a show. 1891 N. GOULD *Double Event* 70 He thought Caloola had a big show for the Sydney Derby.

d. *dial.* Applied to the display made by an animal when at its best; e. g. the plumage of a cock-bird at pairing-time, the udder of a cow.

1886 NEWTON in *Encycl. Brit.* XXI. 54/2 (*Ruff*), The cock-bird, when out of his nuptial attire, or, to use the fenman's expression, when he has not 'his show on'. 1886 *Sale-catalogue* in *W. Somerset Word-bk.* s.v., Grand heifer, splendid show.

4. In generalized sense: Ostentatious display.

1713 ADDISON *Trial Count Tariff* 14 The Court..upon Examination found him a True Spaniard: Nothing but Show and Beggary. 1817 MAR. EDGEWORTH *Ormond* i, Sir Ulick..loved shew and company. 1859 *Habits Gd. Society* v. 233 Yet it [the zither] is not calculated for large concerts: we English must have noise and show.

†**b.** *Of show*: suited for display; fine, splendid.

1573–80 TN. M. *To Rdr.* xi. in *Baret's Alv.* A vj/2 These floures of shewe..Are here in Hiue. *a* 1668 LASSELS *Voy Italy* (1698) II. 119 They shewed me..curious saddles, harness, liveries of show embroidered with gold and silver. 1789 MRS. PIOZZI *Journ. France* II. 169 Wealth diffused makes all men comfortable, and leaves no man splendid... Objects of show are therefore unfrequent in England.

c. *For show*: for the sake of mere appearance or display, as opposed to utility.

a 1700 EVELYN *Diary* Aug. 1641 (Haarlem), A faire payre of organs, which I could not find they made use of in divine service,..but only for shewe. 1849 DR. RUTLAND in *Croker Papers* (1884) III. 195, I apprehend that for night use they [the pillows] were large, and were replaced by small ones for show during the day. 1886 RUSKIN *Præterita* I. vi. 184 My father..never would have paid the cost of an extra horse for show.

5. An appearance or display (*of* something, a quality, activity, sentiment, etc.) to which there is at least some degree of reality to correspond. Chiefly in negative contexts or with a limiting word (*some*, *some little*).

1581 LAMBARDE *Eiren.* I. v. (1602) 26 It hath some shew of question. 1604 E. G[RIMSTONE] *D'Acosta's Hist. Indies* v. xxvii. 408 In other things their customes and ceremonies have some shew of reason. 1668 DRYDEN *Secret Love* Pref. a 1 b, If this with any shew of reason may be defended. 1841 THACKERAY *Gt. Hoggarty Diam.* xii, Whereupon, that gentleman, with some little show of alarm, told her that [etc.]. 1872 BLACK *Adv. Phaeton* xviii. 244 When she is in the house, I am treated with some show of attention.

b. An indication, sign or token *of* something; a trace or vestige *of*. Now only in negative contexts.

1563 *Homilies* II. *Inform.* II. Vvv j, Yet let vs not be scorners..for that is the vttermost token & shewe of a reprobate. 1600 HAKLUYT *Voy.* III. 394 Here are many mountaines that beare shewes of mettals, but they went not to see them. 1604 E. G[RIMSTONE] tr. *Acosta's Hist. Indies* I. xxv. 79 These markes and shewes of a deluge. 1611 SPEED *Hist. Gt. Brit.* IX. xv. (1623) 810 Vexation of mind and distemperature of body carried apparant shewes in his face. 1718 HICKES & NELSON *Kettlewell* I. i. 2 It fell into Decay, and now hath no Shew of its ancient Grandeur. 1821 SCOTT *Kenilw.* xvi, No show or sign of greeting passed between the Earls.

c. *U.S.* and *Austral.* An indication of the presence of metal in a mining ground, of oil in a well, etc.

[1600: cf. 5 b]. 1870 CONE & JOHNS *Petrolia* 144 (Cent.) The depth to which a well is drilled is..regulated..sometimes by the show, as it is called, of the oil in the well. 1876–7 VENNOR in *Geol. Survey of Canada* 304 The best *shows* of the mineral [apatite] occur on the first part of lot nineteen.

d. An appearance or 'promise' *of* or *for* something that is to come. *Obs.* exc. *dial.*

1648 GAGE *West Ind.* 90 The Indians comforted us with the shews of fair weather. 1768 *Ann. Reg., Hist. Europe* 133/1 The season seems critical and the shew for plenty not yet to be relied upon. 1886 *W. Somerset Word-bk.* s. v., There's a fine *show* for apples—*i. e.* prospect or appearance of a crop.

6. An unreal or illusory appearance (*of* something); an appearance with little or no reality behind it.

1547 *Homilies* I. *Good Wks.* I. C ij b, They be but shadowes & shewes of liuely and good thynges, & not good and liuely thynges in deede. 1639 N. N. tr. *Du Bosq's Compl. Woman* I. 8 There is a shew onely of good in these kinde of Pamphlets. 1700 ROWE *Amb. Step-Mother* I. i. 215 Disdain those shews of Danger. 1873 SYMONDS *Grk. Poets* vii. 227 True: for it gives a show of seeming health; And shows are good, although there be no substance.

b. In generalized sense: Empty appearance without reality.

1583 MELBANCKE *Philotimus* C j b, They scatter the meate they haue in their mouthes, while they scratch for the shadowe which deludes them with shew. 1856 MISS YONGE *Daisy Chain* xiv. 139 'Ah!' she thought, 'if he knew how ill I behaved! It is all show and hollowness with me'.

7. An appearance (*of* some quality, feeling, activity, etc.) assumed with more or less intention to deceive; a feigned or misleading appearance; a simulation or pretence. Also, a half-hearted or inchoate attempt or 'offer' (*of* doing something). Formerly often *pl.*

c 1526 TINDALE *Introd. Ep. Rom.* a iij, Though their be.. never so glorious an outewarde shewe and apperance off honeste lyvynge. 1596 DRAYTON *Leg. Robt. Norm.* 473 To cloath Treason in a vertuous show. 1611 BIBLE *Luke* xx. 47 Which deuoure widowes houses, and for a shew [προφάσει] make long prayers. 1725 POPE *Odyss.* IV. 966 Ill suits it with your shews of duteous zeal, From me the purpos'd voyage to conceal. 1827 SCOTT *Highl. Widow* v, Whether he purposed by a show of resistance, to provoke them to kill him on the spot. 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* ii. I. 267 [They] were heard, if not with approbation, yet with the show of acquiescence. 1867 FREEMAN *Norm. Conq.* (1876) I. vi. 449 His refusal was cloked under a show of feudal loyalty. 1885 *L'pool Daily Post* 7 May 5/3 It was instructive to witness Mr. John Hughes rise, and with great show of indignation, gibe at his leader.

b. *To make* (*a*) *show*, to assume an appearance which is more or less deceptive; to make a pretence or feint, pretend. Const. *of*, †*for*, †*to* with inf.; †also with *as though*, *as if* and clause. Also, to make a half-hearted beginning or attempt at doing something; const. *of* with n. of action.

1559 FECKNAM in Strype *Ann. Ref.* (1709) I. II. App. ix. 25 Every Booke made a shewe to be set furthe accordinge to the syncere Word of God. 1568 GRAFTON *Chron.* II. 340 Such as were wicked and maliciously mynded, would not depart, but made a shewe as though they would do somewhat. 1611 BIBLE *Gal.* vi. 12 As many as desire to make a faire shew in the flesh. 1635 R. N. tr. *Camden's Hist. Eliz.* III. 268 Whatsoever he revealed, the Queene made shew as if she understood it all before. 1640 tr. *Verdere's Rom. of Rom.* II. I. 195 Trasiclea..peradventure is not so much displeased, as she makes shew for. 1653 H. COGAN tr. *Pinto's Trav.* x. 30 They made shew as though they would be gone. 1653 HOLCROFT *Procopius, Pers. Wars* I. 3 The Ephthalites made shew to be much affraid. *a* 1674 CLARENDON *Hist. Reb.* XI. § 98 They made great shows of being mutually glad to see each other. 1819 SCOTT *Leg. Montrose* xv, The Lowland cavalry made a show of charging. 1863 DICKENS *Let. W. Collins* 24 Sept. in *Pall Mall Gaz.* (1891) 23 Oct. 3/1 Two little men, who did nothing, made a show of doing it all.

c. *By show of*, *under a show of*: under pretence or pretext of, by alleging as a pretext or authority.

1625 BACON *Ess., Judicature* P 1 And by Shew of [*ed.* 1612 by colour of] Antiquitie, to introduce Nouelties. 1681 W. ROBERTSON *Phraseol. Gen.* 1119/2 Under a shew of friendship, *per simulationem amicitiæ*.

II. *concr.* Something shown or presented to view.

8. A person or thing exhibited or gazed at as an object of admiration, curiosity, mockery, or the like. *To make a show of*, to exhibit to public view; to expose to public contempt.

1535 COVERDALE *Col.* ii. 15 And hath spoyled rule and power, and hath made a shewe of them openly. 1560 DAUS tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* x. 136 b, The kyng and his two fellowes were caried hither and thither vnto Prynces, for a shewe and mockery. 1605 SHAKS. *Mach.* v. viii. 24 Then yeeld thee Coward, And liue to be the shew, and gaze o' th' time. 1618 BOLTON *Florus* III. iii. (1636) 170 Theutobocchus, ..being apprehended..was single an whole shew himselfe. 1791 'G. GAMBADO' *Ann. Horsem.* x. (1809) 109, I could have sold my horse for a hundred guineas, as a show. 1810 CRABBE *Borough* ii. 97 That marble arch, our sexton's favourite show. 1818 BYRON *Ch. Har.* IV. xviii, [Venice] Perchance even dearer in her day of woe, Than when she was a boast, a marvel, and a show. 1842 *Murray's Hand-bk. N. Italy* 17/2 The *Armeria Regia*..is considered as one of the principal *shows* of Turin.

b. Something mechanically contrived or put together as an object for exhibition or display.

1587 MASCALL *Cattle, Sheep* (1596) 236 Others set vp shewes of dead Dogges heades, which is to feare any wilde beast in comming to the folde. 1590 E. WEBBE *Trav.* (Arb.) 29 In which shew or Arke there was thirteene thousand seuerall peeces of fire worke.

c. *transf.* A person whose appearance is likely to attract notice for its oddity, etc.; a 'sight'; an object of contemptuous pity.

1700 T. BROWN *Amusem. Ser. & Com., Lond.* 28 That Wheezing Sickly Shew..is the Devil's Broker. 1749 JOHNSON *Van. Hum. Wishes* 318 And Swift expires a Driv'ler and a Show.

†**9.** Something put forward or exhibited as a specimen or sample. *Obs.*

1572 N. LICHEFIELD tr. *Castanheda's Conq. E. Ind.* I. xxix. 72 b, With this Caruel he sent a man of that Countrey for a shew, by what kinde of people the same was inhabited. 1639 S. DU VERGER tr. *Camus' Admir. Events* A iiij, This booke is so little, that it is but a shew, which breeds a wish for an ampler piece.

10. *gen.* A sight, spectacle. Usually with qualifying word.

1577 HANMER *Ane. Eccl. Hist., Euagrius Schol.* II. xiii. 437 This lamentable destruction reached..from Constantines market vnto the market of Taurus, a pitiefull shewe and dredfull to behold. 1639 ROUSE *Heav. Univ.* iii. (1702) 24 So neither are they presented to us as bare sights, Shews, and Spectacles. 1673–4 GREW *Anat. Plants* III. ii. (1682) 127 In the Leaves of Pine, they [the Pores] are likewise through a Glass a very Elegant Show. 1712 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 412 P 6 We no where meet with a more glorious or pleasing Show in Nature than what appears in the Heavens at the rising and setting of the Sun. 1806 WOROSW. *Addr. Child* 27 That one upright twig..Studded with apples, a beautiful show! 1908 [MISS E. FOWLER] *Betw. Trent & Ancholme* 28 The golden Alyssum grows, a beautiful show in the spring.

b. *dial.* A picture or print in a book.

a 1837 Mrs. Palmer *Dial. Devon. Dial.* I. (1839) 1, I.. was looking to zee if there be any shows [*footn.* prints or pictures] in en. 1901 F. E. Taylor *Folk-Sp. S. Lancs.* (E.D.D.), Aw loike a book wi' plenty o' shows in it.

11. A phantasmal appearance; an apparition.

1611 Shaks. *Cymb.* v. v. 428 As I slept, me thought Great Iupiter vpon his Eagle back'd Appear'd to me, with other sprightly shewes Of mine owne Kindred. 1645 Ussher *Body Div.* 117 What mean you by Visions? Their appearing..to the mind and inward senses, either in the night by dreams..or in the day by some strange shows, as they did to the Prophets. *a* 1700 Dryden *Flower & Leaf* 481 What you saw, was all a Fairy Show.

12. A display on a large scale of objects for public inspection; esp. a temporary exhibition in a particular place and under special regulations of objects (e. g. flowers, cattle, motor-cars) arranged so as to facilitate inspection, comparison or purchase.

1837 Youatt *Sheep* 317 From the 1st to the 8th of June the members shall not show their rams, except to one another. They shall begin their general show on the 8th of June. 1840 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* I. p. lviii, The show of live-stock [at the Oxford Meeting] was numerous. 1864 *Field* 2 July 8/2 Show of Horses at the Agricultural Hall, Islington. *Ibid.* 71/3 The aristocratic shows of the Royal Horticultural Society. 1913 *Illustr. Lond. News* 22 Feb. 260/1 In previous years the Aero Show..has utterly failed to attract the general public.

b. A display *of* objects casually brought or found together.

1695 Woodward *Nat. Hist. Earth* VI. (1723) 295 July, and August..exhibit a still different Shew of Vegetables. 1885 *Field* 7 Feb. 147/3 The chief feature of the day was the fine show of foxes at Gumley.

13. A spectacle elaborately prepared or arranged in order to entertain a number of spectators; a pageant, masque, procession, or similar display on a large scale.

Often used, esp. in *pl.*, for the displays of the theatre and circus in ancient Rome (*spectacula, ludi*). Not applied to a regular dramatic performance (but see 15, and cf. Dumb show). For *Lord Mayor's Show* see Lord Mayor 1.

1561 [see Dumb show]. 1575 Laneham *Let.* (1871) 1 Too bee prezent at any sheaw or spectacl. 1588 Shaks. *L. L. L.* v. i. 118 The King would haue mee present the Princesse.. with some delightfull ostentation, or show, or pageant. 1629 Hobbes *Thucyd.* II. 90 All the dedicated vessels belonging to the Shewes and Games. 1770 Langhorne *Plutarch, Sylla* (1879) I. 515/1 A few months after, he presented the people with a shew of gladiators. 1797 Burke *Regic. Peace* iii. Wks. VIII. 393 It is a shew, and a spectacle, not a play, that is exhibited. 1849 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* iv. I. 474 It is surely the height of absurdity to shut out the populace from a show of which the main object is to make an impression on the populace. 1911 T. S. Holmes *Orig. Chr. Ch. Gaul* ii. 43 It was the last day of the shows.

b. In generalized sense: Pageantry.

1913 *Stage Year Bk.* 9 Without stage show Shakespeare would not be so popular.

14. In more trivial use: An exhibition of strange objects, wild beasts, dancers, acrobats, etc., held usually in a booth or portable building, with a small charge for admission. (A number of these are often set up side by side at a fair, or within the enclosure of a large 'exhibition'. Cf. Side-show.)

Often with defining word: cf. Peep-show, Puppet-show, Raree-show.

1760–72 H. Brooke *Fool of Qual.* (1792) IV. 198 All were obliged to pay treble prices, on account of the unprecedented novelty of the shew [a lion and dog in one cage]. 1825 Hone *Every-Day Bk.* I. 1175 Atkin's Menagerie..one of the largest shows in the fair. *Ibid.* 1185 Another penny show: 'The Wonderful Children on the Tight Rope, and Dancing Horse'. 1835 Dickens *Sk. Boz, Greenwich Fair,* The travelling menageries, or to speak more intelligibly, the 'Wild-beast shows'. 1855 Barnum *Life* x. (Low) 252 We concluded to take a tour through the 'penny shows', the vans of which lined one side of the [race-]course. 1862 'Artemus Ward' *Hit Bk.* (1865) Note before title-p., At the Door of the Tent. Ladies and Gentlemen, the Show is about to commence. 1886 *W. Somerset Word-bk., Show,* an exhibition of any kind; a performance, whether circus, wild-beast show, wax-work, or theatricals.

b. The booth or building (with its contents).

1840 Dickens *Old C. Shop* xix, At his heels went Thomas Codlin, bearing the show as usual. *Ibid.,* Short was.. knocking the characters in the fury of the combat against the sides of the show. 1874 T. Frost *Old Showmen* 22 The practice of displaying in front of the shows large pictures of the wonderful feats, or curious natural objects, to be seen within.

15. Applied *colloq.* or *jocularly* to any kind of public display; e. g. an exhibition of pictures, a dramatic performance in a theatre, a fashionable ceremony or gathering, a speech-making, etc.

1863 Sala in *Temple Bar* VIII. 278 It has been my vocation to see shows. First nights of new pieces; private views of picture exhibitions;..royal marriages and funerals;.. layings of first stones; openings of railways. 1886 *Stage Gossip* 69 The theatre itself is invariably in slang parlance, alluded to as the 'show'. 1907 H. Wyndham *Flare of Footlights* viii, 'I hate matinées', exclaimed Miss Asherton. 'Giving two shows in one day quite tires me out'.

16. *slang* (*fig.* use of senses 14, 15). A matter or affair, a 'concern'. Also, a body or collection of persons. *To boss* or *run the show*: to assume chief management or control. *To give the show away*: to blab; to betray the deficiencies, pretentiousness, etc. of an affair in which a number of persons are concerned.

1889 *Daily News* 9 Feb. 6/1 The U.B. endeavoured..to control the funds and operations of the League—to 'boss the show', as Sir Charles suggested, making use of a familiar American expression. 1898 Davitt *Life & Progr. Australia* I. iv. 15 Compared with the working and machinery at 'Bayley's Reward' [a mine] the Lord Fingall concern appeared a very small show. 1899 Delannoy *Nineteen Thous. Pounds* xxx, I didn't want to give the show away. 1901 *Essex Weekly Herald* 8 Mar. 3/3, I do not wish to be tried by this court, because I have never had any pity from this show.

III. Technical uses.

17. *Med.* A sanguino-serous discharge from the vagina prior to labour. Also, the first appearance of a menstrual flow. (*Syd. Soc. Lex.*)

1753 R. Russell *Diss. Sea Water* 385, I was called to a young Lady, who had a Shew of the Menses at twelve Years old. 1822–29 *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 3) V. 40 The mucous fluid, secreted in the beginning of labour..and hence vulgarly denominated show, or appearance. 1893 *Brit. Med. Jrnl.* 30 Sept. 55 A lady aged 42 had never seen any vaginal 'show' for thirteen years.

18. *Piquet.* (See quot. 1889.)

1744 Hoyle *Piquet* i. 6 But if on the contrary you are to be younger-hand, and are eighty-six to fifty or sixty, never regard the losing two or three Points for the gaining of one, because that Point brings you within your Shew. 1889 H. Jones ('Cavendish') *Piquet* (ed. 6) 132 The *Show,* elder hand (when small cards are counted in play), is twenty-eight; younger hand is fourteen. That is, it is about an even chance the elder hand will score twenty-eight or more, and that the younger hand will score fourteen or more.

19. *Mining.* A lambent blue flame appearing above the ordinary flame of a candle or lamp when fire-damp is present.

1851 Greenwell *Coal-trade Terms, Northumb. & Durh.* s. v. 1872 J. H. Collins *Mining & Quarrying* 112.

IV. *attrib.* and *Comb.*

20. Simple attrib. (= of or belonging to a show or exhibition), as *show-bench, -keeper, -line, -world.*

1715 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 5329/3 Shew-keepers of Wild Beasts. 1865 'C. Bede' *Rook's Yard.* 190 Much the same sort of thing existed in the Show world. 1888 *Times* 10 Oct. 5/5 Barnaby [a bloodhound] is better known on the show benches. 1901 *Munsey's Mag.* XXIV. 567/1 Have you been in the show-line ever since you left home.

21. *attrib.* or quasi-*adj.* a. In sense 'characterized by show or display', 'fitted for display or striking effect', 'that is made a show or exhibition of', 'chosen or put forward as a choice or effective specimen'. Of animals and plants: Bred or grown for display or for 'points'.

1573 G. Harvey *Letter-bk.* (Camden) 48 As he is marvelously given to be popular for a show matter. 1614 B. Jonson *Barth. Fair* III. ii, A delicate show-pig. 1809 Malkin *Gil Blas* v. i. P 1 There is a show article or two for public exhibition. 1819 Keats *Otho* I. ii. 167 For, without thee, this day I might have been A show-monster about the streets of Prague. 1826 Macaulay in Trevelyan *Life* (1880) I. 148 He [Sydney Smith] is not one of those show-talkers who reserve all their good things for special occasions. 1831 Trelawny *Adv. Younger Son* I. 131 My horse and I became a shew-lion to the sober natives. 1849 *Bentley's Misc.* Dec. 583 The *Flâneur* gazed for the first time upon this famed show-stream of the Continent. 1861 Hughes *Tom Brown at Oxf.* i, This quadrangle is the show part of the college. 1862 [F. W. Robinson] *Owen* II. iv, Owen was the show-boy now when visitors came. 1885 [W. H. White] *Mark Rutherford's Deliv.* i. (1892) 14 They evidently considered the prayer merely as an elocutionary show-piece. 1886 S. Scott *Sheep-farming* 163 So long as the show sheep pay their own way they do very well. 1901 *Edin. Rev.* Oct. 433 That tendency to display, fostered by the vanity of parents, which is the hall-mark of what has been, in late years, designated the show-child.

b. In sense 'merely spectacular', 'existing only in appearance', 'pretended', 'unreal'.

a 1734 North *Life Dudley North* (1744) 65 *marg.* He had a Shew-Audience before the Grand Signor. 1819 Shelley *Lett.* Pr. Wks. 1888 II. 285 Hobhouse, Eustace, and Forsyth, will tell all the shew-knowledge about it. 1856 Miss Yonge *Daisy Chain* I. ix, It would be hollow, show-goodness.

22. Special comb.: **show-bill,** a bill or placard announcing a show, public sale, etc.; **show-board,** a sign-board; **show-bottle,** a large glass bottle containing coloured liquid, to make a show in a druggist's window; so **show-carboy; show-card,** a card containing a tradesman's advertisement of goods, etc.; also, a card on which patterns are exhibited in a shop; **show-cart,** a cart forming part of a travelling menagerie, etc.; **show-case,** a glass case for exhibiting delicate or valuable articles in a shop or museum; † **show-cloth,** a cloth hung up in front of a booth and painted with a highly-coloured representation of the show within; † **show-ern** [OE. *ærn* place, house], a show-house (an interpretation of 'Ephratah' in Micah v. 2); † **show-fellow,** a strolling player; **show-folk,** showmen and others connected with a show; † **show-hall,** a theatre; **show-shop,** (*a*) a contemptuous term for a show or exhibition; (*b*) a shop in which an attractive display is made, esp. of cheap goods; † **show-stone,** a crystal used as a magic mirror for gazing in; **Show-Sunday,** (*a*) the Sunday before the Oxford Commemoration, on the evening of which a kind of University parade used to be held in the Broad Walk of Christ Church; (*b*) among artists, the Sunday before 'sending-in day'; † **show-token,** a sign, portent; † **show-trade,** a trade in cheap and showy goods; **show-window** *U.S.,* a shop-window in which goods are displayed; **show-woman,** a woman who conducts a show (cf. Showman), or who is employed to display goods, etc.; † **show-worthy** *a.,* ? deserving of display, fine or splendid in appearance; **show-yard,** an enclosure in which live stock, machinery, and other large objects are exhibited; also *attrib.* See also Show-box, -glass, -house, Showman, Show-place, -room.

1801 Strutt *Sports & Past.* III. vi. § 23 The following *show-bill [announcing an exhibition of sword-play]. 1837 Hawthorne *Twice-told T.* (1851) I. xvi. 248 The immense showhill of a wandering caravan. 1806 *Sporting Mag.* XXVII. 42 Lines painted on a *shewboard lately put up in Barrack-street in the city of Norwich. 1862 *Catal. Internat. Exhib., Brit.* II. No. 5263 Show-boards of all kinds. 1848 *Mech. Mag.* May 454/2 Improvements in..*show-cards. 1862 *Catal. Internat. Exhib., Brit.* II. No. 5289 Samples of coloured labels, show cards, &c. 1817 Coleridge *Biog. Lit.* xxiii. (1907) II. 181 Polito's (late Pidcock's) *show-carts. 1879 *Print. Trades Jrnl.* XXVIII. 12 Put up in inexpensive little *show-cases. 1758 H. Walpole *Let. to G. Montagu* 24 Oct., I am a little sorry that my preface, like the *show-cloth to a sight, entertained you more than the bears that it invited you in to see. 1825 Hone *Every-Day Bk.* I. 1172, I..examined the promising show-cloths and inscriptions on each show. *c* 1200 Ormin 7025 Effrata hitacneþþ uss *Shæwerrne onn Ennglissh spæche. 1756 *Life E. T. Bates* 38 Intimate with a vagabond *Shew-fellow. 1819 F. Moore (*title*) The Age of Intellect, or, clerical *Showfolk and wonderful Layfolk. 1856 R. W. Procter *Barber's Shop* xviii. (1883) 177 Barnum, whose book of confessions is sufficient to make one doubt the veracity of all show-folk. 1562 Turner *Herbal* II. 51 The theues war brought into the great theatre or *shewhall agayn. 1818 Cobbett *Pol. Reg.* XXXIII. 431 How the fellow's *show-shop would be crowded! 1848 Kingsley *Alton Locke* x, The public ran daily more and more to the cheap show-shops. 1850 Bigsby *Shoe & Canoe* I. 109 Some of the show-shops [of Montreal] rival those of London in their plate-glass windows. *a* 1608 Dee *Relat. Spir.* I. (1659) 6, I had..set the *shew-stone with the mystery in it on the Table. 1693 I. Mather *Cases Consc.* 66 How often have they..been known..to shew in a Glass or in a Shew-stone persons absent? 1854 'C. Bede' *Verdant Green* II. xii, In the evening they attended the customary '*Show Sunday' promenade in Christ Church Broad Walk. 1886 C. E. Pascoe *Lond. To-day* xiv. (ed. 3) 128 'Show-Sunday' is the day on which artists who exhibit, or hope to exhibit, at the Royal Academy and elsewhere, receive their friends and friends' friends at their studios. 1535 Coverdale *Ezek.* xii. 6 I haue made the a *shewtoken vnto the house of Israel. 1597 J. Payne *Royal Exch.* Pref. 7 Beinge suche a shew token to patrons of benefices. 1848 Kingsley *Alton Locke* x, Our young employer intended to enlarge his establishment, for the purpose of commencing business in the '*show-trade'. 1880 Cable *Grandissimes* xlviii, A nameless fellow in the throng..dropped two bricks through the glass of the *show-window. 1905 Whitman in *Westm. Gaz.* 16 Oct. 4/2 Dr. Japp's intellectual stock-in-trade would have gone far to fill up the mental show-window of half a dozen 'popular' reputations. 1825 T. Hook *Sayings* Ser. II. *Man of Many Fr.* I. 181 Look at..my Lady Frances, a *shew-woman—like Madam Catharina, with watchwork under her hoop! 1825 Hone *Every-day Bk.* I. 1194 It [the head] looked sufficiently terrific, when the lady show-woman put the candle in at the neck. 1898 *Daily News* 7 May 8/4 The beautiful girls who are secured as show-women by the West-end shops. 1542 Udall *Erasm. Apoph.* 283 b *marg.,* What triumphe is honourable and *shewe woorthie. 1840 *John Bull* 19 July 346/2 Nearly 1,500 l., it is said, were taken at the *Show-yard in the course of the day. 1847 *Illustr. Lond. News* 10 July 27/2 The Race-course, which is set apart as a show-yard for the exhibition of prize-cattle. 1877 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* 533 His handsome chestnut colt ..seems to have a deal of Showyard mettle in him.

Show, *sb.*[2] *Sc.* and *dial.* Also **shoe, shough, shove,** etc. (see *Eng. Dial. Dict.*). [var. of Shove *sb.*[2]] = Shove *sb.*[2]

1765 *Museum Rust.* IV. 459 When the flax is sufficiently watered, it feels soft to the grip, and the harle parts easily with the boon or show. 1827 Stewart *Planter's G.* (1828) 494 'Shows', as the refuse of a Flaxmill is usually called, in this part of the kingdom. 1900 *Scotsman* 23 Oct. (E.D.D.), The shows being now removed, the heckling process followed.

Show (ʃōu), *v.* Pa. t. **showed** (ʃōud). Pa. pple. **shown** (ʃōun). Forms: *α.* 1 scéawian, 2–3 sceawen, sheawen, 2–4 sewe(n, 2–6 shewen, 3 scæwen, scewen, sæawen, schæuwen, (*imp.* schæu), *Ormin* shæwenn, 3–4 schæwe(n, schæwi, -y, scewi, sæwe, -i, -y, sceu, (cheu), 3–5 scheu, sheu(e, 3–6 schew(e, (3–5 -en, 4–5 -yn), 3–8 shewe, 4 sschewe, sæwe, -y, scewe, (*imp.* scheuȝ), 5 sheew, 6 shæaw, sew(e, 4– shew. *β.* Chiefly *northern* and *Sc.* 2–4 scawe(n, 3–4 scau, scawin, shauwe, 3–6 scaw, shawe, schaw(e, (3–5 -in), 3–7 schau, (3–4 -en, 7 schaue), 5–6 saw(e (?), 5–7 shau, 3– shaw. *γ.* 3 seowen, showen, ssow, 3–4 schowi, 4–6 schow(e, 5 schou- 5, 7 scho, 5–7 showe, 6 sho(e, shæowe, 6, 9 *dial.* shoo, 5– show. *Pa. t. α.* In regular forms 1 scéawede, -ode, etc.; 3– shewed, 5– showed; also 2 sceaude, 2–3 sheude, 3–4 schued, 6 schuyd, shoyd. *β.* Strong forms *Sc.* 4–6 scheu, schew(e, 6 shæu, shewe, 6– (also *Eng. dial.*) shew (ʃū). *Pa. pple.*

α. In regular forms 1 ȝesceáwod, etc.; 4- shewed, 5- showed; also 5 shued, -yd. β. Strong forms 3 *Ormin* shawenn, 3–4 schaun, scaun, scawin, 4–6 shawen, -in, 5–6 schau-, schawen, -in, -yn, 6 shaune, s(c)hawne, (*erron.* schaw); 4–5 shene (?), 5–6 s(c)hewin, 6–7 shewen, 7- shewn; 6 schowin, shoun, 6–7 showen, showne, 7 schowne, 7- shown. [A common WGer. weak verb: OE. *scéawian* = OFris. *skawia, skowia, schoia, skua* (WFris. *skoaije, skôgje, skouje*), OS. *skawon* (MLG. *schowen*), MDu. *scauwen, schauwen* (mod.Da. *schouwen*), OHG. *scauwôn, scouwôn* (MHG. *schouwen, schawen*, mod.G. *schauen*):—WGer. **skauwôjan*, f. OTeut. **skau-* to see, look, whence Goth. *skaun-s* beautiful (see SHEEN *a.*); other alleged cognates in Gothic are spurious. In all the continental WGer. langs., as in OE., the verb means 'to look at'; the sudden change in Eng. (*c* 1200) from this to the causative sense 'to cause to see, exhibit, manifest', is difficult to account for. (The existence of the causative sense in OE. is not really proved by the rare *ðre gesceáwian* to show mercy, *grið scéawian* to grant a safe-conduct, as these uses may be explained as developed from the sense 'to look out, provide'.) From early ME. the verb has had a strong conjugation (after KNOW *v.*, etc.) by the side of the original weak conjugation; in the pa. t. this survives only in dialects; but for the pa. pple. *shown* is now the usual form; the older *showed* is still sometimes used in the perfect tenses active (chiefly with material object), but in the passive it is obs. exc. as a deliberate archaism. The spelling *shew*, prevalent in the 18th c. and not uncommon in the first half of the 19th c., is now obs. exc. in legal documents. It represents the obsolete pronunciation (indicated by rhymes like *view, true* down to *c* 1700) normally descending from the OE. *scéaw-* with falling diphthong. The present pronunciation, to which the present spelling corresponds, represents an OE. (? dialectal) *sceáw-* with a rising diphthong.

The O Teut. root **skau-* represents an Indogermanic **skou-* found in Gr. θυο-σκό(ϝ)ος 'one who attends to sacrifices', a priest; cognates without the initial *s* are Skr. *kavi* wise man, Gr. κοεῖν to feel, observe, L. *cavēre* to take precautions.]

†**I.** **1.** *trans.* To look at, gaze upon, behold, view; to inspect, review; to reconnoitre, spy (a land, etc.); to look at mentally, consider, examine; to 'see', read, find (in a book). *Obs.*

Also (OE.) to look with favour upon, have respect to.

Beowulf 132 Syðþan hie þæs laðan last sceawedon. *c* 1000 *Ags. Gosp.* Luke xii. 27 Sceawiaþ þa lilian hu hi wexað. *O. E. Chron.* an. 1086, Se cyng ferde to Winceastre & sceawode þæt madme hus. *c* 1200 ORMIN 7032, & sen & shæwenn þurrh innsihht..All þatt tatt erþliȝ mann maȝȝ sen þurrh clennsedd sawless eȝhe. *c* 1205 LAY. 4815 He scawede þa wuodes & þa wildernes. *c* 1300 *Havelok* 2136 Þe knithes þouth of hem god gamen, Hem forto shewe, and loken to.

†**b.** *intr.* To look or gaze *upon*. *Obs.*

c 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 2661 Quiles he seweden him up-on.

†**c.** (*For*) *to show* used epexegetically after an adj. = to look upon, to behold, to see. *Obs.*

a 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 601 Þe fax on his faire hede was ferly to schawe. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 1550 Þat were shene for to shew & of shap noble.

II. To cause or allow to be seen or looked at.

* Uses implying intentional action.

2. *trans.* To bring forward or display (an object) in order that it may be looked at; to expose or exhibit to view. Const. *to* or dative of person.

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 292 Hold hit [*sc.* the cross] up ayean þe ueonde and schean hit him witterliche. *c* 1275 *Passion of our Lord* 610 in *O. E. Misc.* 54 He schewede heom his honde and so he dude his fet. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 19889 And quen þis wessel thris was scaun, Again it was til heuen draun. *a* 1400 *Minor Poems fr. Vernon MS.* 491 Whon he was schewed to þe siht. 1563–83 FOXE *A. & M.* 1398/2 Sir John..sheweth the people the empty chalice. 1656 COWLEY *Mistress, Gazers* i, To shew such stores, and nothing grant, Is to enrage and vex my want. 1774 GOLDSM. *Nat. Hist.* (1776) V. 210 A partridge is shewn him, and he is then ordered to lie down. 1833 T. HOOK *Parson's Dau.* III. xii, Show me your tongue—let me feel your pulse. 1888 'J. S. WINTER' *Bootle's Childr.* i, Taking the pups indoors..to show little missie.

†**b.** With advs. *To show forth*: to put forth or bring out to be seen. *To show up*: to hold up to view. *Obs.*

c 1320 *Sir Tristr.* 3097 Þi finger forþ þou schawe. *a* 1533 BERNERS *Huon* lx. 209, I pray you shewe hym forth that ye speke of. 1563–83 FOXE *A. & M.* 1938/2 Thirdly, that the Priest sheweth vp an Idoll at masse.

c. *refl.* To present oneself to a person or persons in order to be looked at. (Cf. sense 10.)

c 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 71 *Ite et ostendite uos sacerdotibus*..goð and sheweð ȝiu ȝinwer prest. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 250 Efter his ariste, þo he com & scheawede him. 1340 *Ayenb.* 13 He aros uram dyaþe to liue and sseawede him to his deciples. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 29 Aug. 1695, The King went a progresse into the North, to shew himselfe to the people against the elections. 1760–2 GOLDSM. *Cit. W.* v, Yesterday the new king shewed himself to his subjects.

d. With complement (rarely †acc. and inf.): To display in a (specified) condition or with a (specified) appearance. Also *refl.* †Also, to cause to appear or look (such and such).

c 1275 *Serving Christ* 13 in *O. E. Misc.* 91 I-seon vre louerd crist..Showen his wunden so hlodi to-bleden. 13.. *Seuyn Sag.* (W.) 833 And sschewede his child hol and sound. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xxxvii. (*Vincencius*) 73 Þai schew þaim fere starkare & glad, þane quhen to presone he þaim had. 1483 CAXTON *G. de la Tour* (1906) 167 One ought not to coynte her body for to shewe it small and better shapen. 1584 R. SCOT *Discov. Witches.* XIII. xxxiii. (1886) 282 Then ..he would shew you everie leafe to he painted with birds. 1882 *Century Mag.* I. 589 She showed herself much more lavishly..bugled and bangled than the Americans.

e. To hold up or place (a light) where it can be seen (as a signal, to point out the way in the dark, etc.). Also *fig.*

13.. *Cursor M.* 18196 (Gött.) And þu þaim scheus sua selcuth light? *a* 1533 BERNERS *Huon* lxi. 212, I pray you.. make no fyer, nor shewe no lyght. 1567 *Gude & Godlie B.* (S.T.S.) 173 Schawand till vs thy perfite lycht. 1831 SCOTT *Ct. Robt.* xxiii, The Prince of Otranto had orders to show certain lights..so as to indicate danger. 1838 DICKENS *O. Twist* xliv, 'Light him down' said Sikes,..'show him a light'. 1895 *Law Times Rep.* LXXIII. 623/1 Neither did Judges..stand by the line and show a light, as it was his duty to do.

f. To exhibit (a sign, token). *lit.* and *fig.* Hence, in Biblical language, to exhibit (a 'sign' or marvel), to work (a miracle); but cf. sense 3. †Also, to make (a dream or vision) appear to a person.

c 1200 ORMIN 15586 Whatt takenn shæwesst tu till uss þatt dost tuss þise dedess? [Cf. John ii. 18]. *a* 1225 *Leg. Kath.* 1573 Þe cwen..cleopede to hire Porphire,..& seide him a sweuen þet hire wes ischawet. *c* 1330 R. BRUNNE *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 1349 On fele maners scho scheweid hem syngne. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 11791 Two meruellis on mold maynly were shewid. *a* 1533 BERNERS *Huon* lxxxi. 246, I haue sayd nothynge but he shal shew tokens that my sayenge is trewe. 1526 TINDALE *Mark* xiii. 22 For falce christes shall aryse..And shall shewe [δώσουσι] myracles and wonders. 1526 — *Acts* vii. 36 Shewynge [ποιήσας] wonders and signes in Egipte. 1535 COVERDALE *Neh.* ix. 10 And hast..shewed tokens and wonders [1611 And shewedst signes and wonders] vpon Pharao.

g. To display (goods, wares, for sale or in an exhibition).

1340 *Ayenb.* 44 Þe vifte manere is, oþer þing zelle þanne me heþ y-sseawed heuore. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 1581 There were stallis hy the strete..Werkmen into won, and þaire wares shewe. 1517 *Star Chamber Cases* (Selden Soc.) II. 120 For his licens there to shewe his seid heryng & sparlyng to sell. 1884 *Stationers' & Booksellers' Jrnl.* 3/1 A goodly quantity of soft and silky curl-papers, neatly shown. *Mod. Advt.*, Messrs. A. B. are showing to-day a large stock of new fancy goods.

h. To display, hang out, unfurl (a banner, ensign, etc.) †Also with *out, up.*

c 1470 *Gol. & Gaw.* 474 Ilka souerane his ensenye shewin has thair. 1596 DALRYMPLE tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* II. 108 The kings hluddie sark vp tha schawe for thair ansinȝie. 1604 SHAKS. *Oth.* I. i. 157, I must show out a Flag and signe of Loue. 1698 FRYER *Acc. E. India & P.* 36 The Colours the Fort shewed us, was St. George's Flag. 1815 SCOTT *Guy M.* x, The chase then shewed Hamburgh colours, and returned the fire.

i. To exhibit (a spectacle, some interesting object) for the amusement of the public; to make a show of; †Also (cf. sense 3), to perform (a stage-play, tricks, etc.).

? *a* 1500 *Mankind* 78 in *Macro Plays* 4 Xall I breke my neke to schow yow sporte? 1574 in Feuillerat *Revels Q. Eliz.* (1908) 238 My Lord Chamberlens players did show the history Phedrastus. 1575 GASCOIGNE *Kenelworth Castle* Wks. 1910 II. 95 At which time there wer fireworks shewed upon the water. 1619 in W. Kelly *Notices illustr. Drama* (1865) 254 Item, given to the Playors that shewed Etalion Motion x*s*. 1662 J. DAVIES tr. *Olearius' Voy. Ambass.* 392 This Calenter..diverted us in our way, by..shewing tricks with a half-pike. 1701 EVELYN *Diary* Apr., A Dutch boy.. was carried about by his parents to shewe. 1726 SWIFT *Gulliver* II. ii, I was shown ten times a-day, to the wonder and satisfaction of all people. 1840 DICKENS *Old C. Shop* xvi, 'Good!' said the old man, venturing to touch one of the puppets,..'Are you going to shew 'em to-night?' 1862 'ARTEMUS WARD' *His Bk.* (1865) 28, I showed my show in Uticky.

j. To exhibit threateningly. Hence *jocularly*, to make the slightest possible application of.

1833 *Reg. Instr. Cavalry* I. 75 Great care must be taken not to [press the horse too suddenly up to the snaffle by showing the whip. 1839 HOOD *Lost Heir* 67 As for hair, tho' it's red it's the most nicest hair when I've time to just show it the comb.

k. *To show one's hand*: to display one's cards face upwards; *fig.* to allow one's plans or intentions to be known.

1879 MEREDITH *Egoist* XXXVI, Her intrepid lead had shown her hand to the colonel. 1887 RIDER HAGGARD *Jess* xiii, What are you driving at, Frank Muller? You don't show me your hand like this for nothing. 1895 *Bookman* Oct. 23/1 He was perilously near showing his whole hand to the other side.

†**3.** To perform openly (a deed, feat, exploit); to put in overt act (something declared or purposed).

1382 WYCLIF *John* x. 32, I haue schewid to ȝou manye goode werkis of my fadir. 1474 CAXTON *Chesse* IV. viii. (1883) 184 That thou darst not doo and shewe that thou saist. 1477 EARL RIVERS (Caxton) *Dictes* 22 If thou wylt correcte eny man shewe it not by vyolence. 1581 A. HALL *Iliad* v. 91 Wherefore some worthy deede of Armes, it you behooues to shoe. 1737 WHISTON *Josephus, Hist.* I. iv. § 5 Alexander's mercenaries shewed the greatest exploits, both in soul and body.

4. To produce or submit for inspection (something in one's possession). **a.** To produce (a legal document, etc.) for official inspection; to exhibit (something) in proof that one possesses it.

a 1325 *MS. Rawl.* B. 520 lf. 64 Þe desturbour sal aperen bi fore Justises ant sewen his chartre. 1426 *Cov. Leet Bk.* 106, I never relesed ne made dede except oon shued afore all the seyd wurthy men. 1509 *Star Chamber Cases* (Selden Soc.) I. 199 They desire that the seid abbot may schow his charterys & Evidence. 1617 MORYSON *Itin.* I. 68 Wee rode a mile..to the village Treviso, where the Dutchmen shewed a pasport. 1662 in *Extr. St. Papers rel. Friends* (1911) Ser. II. 145 Hugh Tickell hauing the letter shown beleines it to be the hand of John Dixon. 1866 *Chamb. Encycl.* VIII. 91/1 (*Railways*) A call by the guard to 'shew tickets' previous to starting.

b. *To have* (something) *to show for* (one's labour, expenditure, etc.): to be able to exhibit as a result.

1727 GAY *Begg. Op.* I. vii, I have this watch and other visible marks of his favour to show for it. 1826 SCOTT *Jrnl.* 6 Sept., Here is a fine spate of work—a day diddled away, and nothing to show for it.

†**c.** To produce for inspection with a view to military service; to muster. In *Cock-fighting*, to make an array of (cocks) on either side. *Obs.*

1655 FULLER *Ch. Hist.* VIII. 39 The Queen priviledged them from shewing their Horses with the Laytie; yet so as they should muster them up for the defence of the Land under Captains of their own choosing. 1716 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 5436/4 There will..be 31 Cocks shewed of a side. 1730 CHENY *Hist. List Horse-matches*, etc. 167 Mr. Ruston fought Mr. Newton showing 21 Cocks aside for a Guineas a Battle.

d. *fig.* (Often of things quasi-personified). To (be able to) present to (physical or mental) view.

1611 *Second Maiden's Tragedy* 623 (Malone Soc.) The only enemye that my life can showe me. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 21 Nov. 1679, Such an hospitable costume and splendid magistrature dos no city in the world shew. 1705 ADDISON *Italy, Monaco* 13 Perhaps there is no House in Europe that can show a longer Line of Heroes. 1802 WORDSW. *Misc. Sonn., Composed upon Westm. Bridge*, Earth has not anything to show more fair. 1805–6 CARY *Dante's Inf.* XXIX. 119 Sure not France herself Can show a tribe so frivolous and vain. 1886 C. E. PASCOE *Lond. Today* xxxi. (ed. 3) 288 White's can show a record of more than a century.

e. *To show up*: To hand up (a school-exercise, etc.) for inspection by a teacher or examiner.

1803 *Pic Nic* No. 14 (1806) II. 247 Shewing up our exercises to the Assistant of the form. 1912 MARG. F. MOORE *Two Sel. Bibliogr.* Pref. 16 Students are encouraged to show up exercises in the transcription and extension of facsimiles.

†**5.** To bring or put forward for some purpose or use; to present (an object) *to* a person in order that he may take it or use it. *To show water*: to produce a fee. *Obs.*

a 1300 *K. Horn* 1461 Harpe he gan schewe. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 12405 To me þon scan þar-of þe tan ende for to draw And þou þe toþur. *a* 1375 *Joseph Arim.* 587 Schenȝ me myn hache, and I schal note hit to-day. *c* 1450 *Mirk's Festial* 90 Þen sayde Crist: 'Schew me þy hond'; and toke hur hond, and put hit ynto hys syde. 1632 MASSINGER *Maid of Honour* I. i, If you have a suite, shew water, I am blinde else.

†**b.** To fire (a broadside). Const. *to. Obs.*

1624 MASSINGER *Renegado* v. viii, As a farewell they shewed a broad side to vs.

†**c.** Naut. *To show canvas*: to spread sail *to* the wind.

1874 BEDFORD *Sailor's Pocket Bk.* iv. 57. 12 [denotes] Hurricane To which she could show No canvas.

6. To let (a person) read or examine (a book, writing); to bring (it) to his notice.

1677 H. SAVILE in *12th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. v. 43 The Grantham verses you sent me I shewd Sir Robert Carr, and asked him if he made them. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* xlv, I showed Lord Steyne your pamphlet on Malt. 1855 BROWNING *Gramm. Funeral* 48 'What's in the scroll', quoth he, 'thou keepest furled? Shew me their shaping, Theirs, who most studied man, the bard and sage.

7. To represent in sculpture or graphic art.

1660 BLOOME *Archit.* C j, 10 parts, shewed on the right side. 1700 T. BROWN *Amusem. Ser. & Com.* 105 This Picture does not shew them to Advantage. 1854 in *Orr's Circ. Sci., Org. Nat.* I. 254 The saltatorial modification of the..skeleton is here shewn in that of *..Macropus elegans.* 1904 R. C. JEBB *Bacchylides* (Proc. Brit. Acad.) 6 Here is the ship..but the painter could not also show us Minos throwing the ring, or Theseus diving. 1905 L. WHIBLEY *Companion Grk. Studies* iv. § 3. 247 The western frieze shows the horsemen preparing.

8. To display deliberately or ostentatiously in order to attract notice or win admiration.

1509 BARCLAY *Shyp of Folys* (1874) I. 221 Or to be sene, and to showe his gardyd cote. 1693 *Humours Town* 114 A Throng of Fools, of both Sexes, walking up and down to shew their new Cloaths. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* xliii, She curled her hair and showed her shoulders at him, as much as to say, Did ye ever see such jet ringlets and such a complexion? 1853 KINGSLEY *Hypatia* v, Taking care to show the most lovely white heel and ankle.

b. *To show off*: to display ostentatiously.

1820 W. IRVING *Sketch Bk., Christmas Day*, He turned over the leaves..with something of a flourish; possibly to show off an enormous seal-ring. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* I, To show off before them his new wealth and splendour. 1879 M. PATTISON *Milton* 192 An opportunity for an author to show off his powers of writing.

** Uses in which the being seen is an unintended or incidental result.

9. To allow (a part of the body) to be seen.

a. *To show one's head, face,* etc.: to allow oneself to be seen, make an appearance. Also jocularly *to show one's nose.*

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 90 Scheau þi neh to me. *a* 1225 *Leg. Kath.* 915 He..schawde us his nebscheft & weolc..bimong worldliche men. 1500–20 DUNBAR *Poems* xxxiii. 2 As 3ung Awrora..In orient schew hir visage paile. 1551 T. WILSON *Logic* (1580) 49 This maane..durst not once for his life shewe his hedde. 1635 *Long Meg of Westminster* xviii. (1816) 30 He was ashamed to shew his face in the streetes. 1648 J. BEAUMONT *Psyche* VI. clx, No Weed presum'd to shew its roitish face On this fair stage. 1746 FRANCIS tr. *Hor., Sat.* II. vii. 18 Where a clean slave would blush to show his face. 1841 THACKERAY *Gt. Hoggarty Diam.* x, My aunt had so frightened him, that he never once showed his nose in the place all the time we lived there. 1843 CARLYLE *Past & Pr.* II. x, Jew and Christian creditors, pouncing on him..wherever he showed face. 1888 'J. S. WINTER' *Bootle's Childr.* vii, Let him show his ugly mug anywhere hereabouts, and I'll grease all the steps that he may break 'is neck.

† **b.** To display (a countenance, looks, etc.) of a specified sort. *To show a red pair of cheeks*: to blush. *To show tears*: to weep. *Obs.*

c 1450 *St. Cuthbert* (Surtees) 2098 In what disees þat he war stadd He shewed ay countenance gladd. *c* 1470 HENRY *Wallace* VI. 57 Fortoune him schawit hyr fygowrt doubill face. 1542 UDALL *Erasm. Apoph.* 249 Cæsar shewed a redde paire of chekes. 1553 T. WILSON *Rhet.* (1580) 17 Fewe.. spake of these two gentlemen, but thei shewed teares. 1585 T. WASHINGTON tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* I. vii, I nlwaies shewed an assured countenance. 1590 GREENE *Never too late* II. (1600) O 3, She shewes thee kinde lookes.

c. *To show* (a person) *one's heels, a clean* or *fair pair of heels*: to flee (from him). (Cf. F. *montrer les talons.*) Also *transf.* of a ship. Similarly † *to show* (a person) *the back,* etc.

To show (one) *the cold shoulder*: see COLD SHOULDER *sb.*

a 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 928 Philip..Braidis on his blonke toward þe burge & þaim þe bak shewis. 1523 [see HEEL *sb.*[1] 3 c]. 1546 J. HEYWOOD *Prov.* II. vii. (1867) 64 Except hir maide shewe a fayre paire of heeles. 1595 *Hasleton's Trav.* in Arb. *Garner* VIII. 394 Shewing them a clean pair of heels, [I] took my way over the mountains. 1675 *Machiavelli's Prince* (1883) 256 He should..show them a light pair of heels. 1863 SPEKE *Source Nile* xii. 334 Her majesty.. rose from her seat, and showing her broad stern to the company, walked straight away. 1887 FLOR. MARRYAT *Driven to Bay* xi, She..would have held her own with most ships, and shown her heels to not a few.

d. *To show the cloven foot* (*hoof*): to betray something diabolic or sinister in one's character or motives.

1841 THACKERAY *Gt. Hoggarty Diam.* x, It was especially about my wife's fortune that Mr. B. showed his cloven foot. 1885 [see HOOF *sb.* 1 b]. 1896 *Pall Mall Mag.* Mar. 399 Mrs. Mac showed me the cloven foot just now.

e. *To show foot*: ? to get ready *for. U.S.*

1825 J. NEAL *Bro. Jonathan* I. 269 Carter..began to 'show foot' for another, and more active demonstration.

10. *refl.* To appear, make an appearance, allow oneself to be seen. Cf. 2 c.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 17039 Þar scheud he him for mighti godd. *a* 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 3429 Bathe Besan & Anabras.. baldly þam shawis. † *a* 1550 *Freiris of Berwik* 529 in *Dunbar's Poems* 302 And vnto ws thow schaw the oppinlie. 1589 BIGGES *Summarie Drake's W. Ind. Voy.* 37 Our men.. seeing no man of the Spaniards to shew them selues, aboorded the Spanish barkes. 1824 MISS L. M. HAWKINS *Mem.* II. 197 *note,* The Sovereign of Great Britain has only to show himself to be adored. 1859 TENNYSON *Enid* 240 They.. climb'd upon a fair and even ridge, And show'd themselves against the sky.

b. Of a thing: To be or become visible.

1578 LYTE *Dodoens* II. xl. 198 The flowers of these strange plantes doo shewe them selues commonly in June. 1856 MISS WARNER *Hills Shatemuc* iv, Here and there..the lighter green of an oak showed itself.

11. a. Of plants, the seasons, etc.: To bring forth to view, display (fruit, flower, etc.).

c 1330 *Arth. & Merl.* 1711 Floures schewen her borioun. *Ibid.* 8657 Mirie is June, þat scheweþ flour. 1820 *Trans. Hortic. Soc.* (1822) IV. 393 The suckers of inferior strength will not shew fruit in the same season. 1842 LOUDON *Suburban Hort.* 674 As soon as the plants have shown the third leaf.

b. Of animals or plants: To display (their colours, beauties, etc.).

1667 MILTON *P. L.* VII. 406 Part..sporting with quick glance Show to the Sun their wav'd coats dropt with Gold. 1742 GRAY *Spring* 29 Some shew their gayly-gilded trim Quick-glancing to the sun. 1788 PICKEN *Poems* 55 How fine to range owre meadows wide, Whan flowers their charms are shawan!

c. Of a luminous body: To display (its light).

14.. LYDG. in *Pol. Rel. & L. Poems* (1903) 73 Charbuncles, rubeys..Shew in derknes lyght. 1544 BETHAM *Precepts War* I. cci. I vij h, The lyghte, and also..the false vmhrage whych the Moone doth shewe fourthe. 1752 YOUNG *Brothers* I. i, Like a bold star, that shews its fires by day. 1818 SCOTT *Br. Lamm.* XXXV. The sun..showed its broad disk above the eastern sea.

12. Of a thing: To be the means of displaying, revealing to sight, or allowing to be seen; to serve to exhibit or indicate.

1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* X. iv. (1495) 375 In shewynge of himself fyre sheweth other thynges that ben presente. 1614 GORGES *Lucan* IX. 386 Thy sight the Northstarre vndergoes, And Vrsa Maior to thee showes. 1790 BURNS *Tam o' Shanter* 126 Coffins stood round, like open presses, That shaw'd the dead in their last dresses. 1859 *Habits Gd. Society* iv. 169 Very short petticoats, only not showing the knees. 1897 MAX PEMBERTON *Queen of Jesters* iii. 104 For one short instant a window showed him the city.

b. *To show off, out*: to display in relief or by contrast; to set off, enhance in appearance. *rare.*

c 1380 WYCLIF *Wks.* (1880) 470 For, as þei seyen, þer staat wolde perische but 3if siche richesse shewide it out. 1611 SHAKS. *Wint. T.* v. iii. 21, I like your silence, it the more shewes-off Your wonder. 1874 H. H. COLE *Catal. Ind. Art S. Kens. Mus.* 230 The very roughness of the embroidery.. shows out the intention of the design.

c. To be in such a state or position as to allow (something) to be seen. *To show up* (rare): to expose (something underneath). *To show daylight*: to have holes or openings through which light can be seen.

1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* xx, His coat..was white at the seams, and his buttons showed the copper. 1850 *Habits Gd. Society* v. 199 The man who 'shows daylight' between himself and his saddle is a bad rider. 1871 *Chamb. Jrnl.* 28 Jan. 49 While it [the material] is equally suitable for tropical wear, it does not show the traces of soil so soon. 1874 H. H. COLE *Catal. Ind. Art S. Kens. Mus.* App. 289 Then cutting out certain parts of the pattern which showed up the copper as a ground. *Mod.* This colour shows the dirt more than the other.

13. To have visibly (some external feature or mark); to have (a part of itself) in a position exposed to view.

a 1585 POLWART *Flyting w. Montgomerie* 570 His shaven shoulders shawes the marks, no dout, Of teugh tarladders. 1611 COTGR., *Perpins*..stones made iust as thicke as a wall, and shewing their smoothed ends on either side thereof. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* Sept. 1646, The Alps..shewing their aspiring tops. 1822 J. PARKINSON *Outl. Oryctol.* 227 This shell, though round, shows five angles. 1883 BESANT *Captains' Room* ii, Her planks show signs of age. 1890 *Goldfields of Victoria* 18 This run of stone..shows payable gold. 1907 J. A. HODGES *Elem. Photogr.* (ed. 6) 101 Sometimes bromide prints..show stains.

b. Of a list, record, a recording instrument: To be found on inspection to indicate.

1866 LIVINGSTONE *Last Jrnls.* (1874) I. 162 The barometers had shown no difference of level from about 1800 feet above the sea. 1883 *Stubbs' Merc. Gaz.* 8 Nov. 982/2 Grey shirtings show a falling-off of over 90,000 yards. 1910 'MARK RUTHERFORD' *Pages fr. Jrnl.* (ed. 2) 329 His watch showed 7.30 p.m. *Mod.* The thermometer showed ten degrees below zero.

III. To guide another person's sight to (an object).

14. To enable a person to discover or identify (a visible object) by pointing to it, or by conducting him to a place where it can be seen. Also, to direct a person's observation to the various parts or features of (a country, town, building, or any complex object). † *To show with one's finger* (= L. *monstrare digito*): to point to.

c 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 41 Seodðan he him sceaude an ouen on burninde fure. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 12979 Þat warlau..har him forth..Apon þe heist fell he faand, And þare he scaud him þe land. 1340–70 *Alex. & Dind.* 59 Þanne þei caire wiþ þe king hur cauus to schewe. 1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) V. 289 His buriel is 3it i-schewed in þe est side of Kent. *c* 1450 *Merlin* XXI. 371 Nascien..seide '..lo, hym yonde..', and shewde hym with his fynger. 1456 SIR G. HAYE *Law Arms* (S.T.S.) 10 Quhen he schewe with his fyngir the sone of God in figure of a lambe. 1569 UNDERDOWNE *Heliodorus* VII. 94 b, Therefore folowe this woman (shewing them Cibele). 1582 N. LICHEFIELD tr. *Castanheda's Cong. E. Ind.* I. vii. 18 b, The Pilot..did then foorthwith shew them the water. 1596 SHAKS. *Merch. V*, IV. ii. 11, I pray you shew my youth old Shylockes house. 1632 LITHGOW *Trav.* I. 24 They shew me the Crub or Stall where he was borne. 1705 ADDISON *Italy, Brescia* 60 A Stranger is always shown the Tomb of Pope Lucius. *a* 1734 R. NORTH *Autobiog.* Lives 1890 III. 171 I walked them all over the house to shew the rooms and buildings. 1781 COWPER *Hope* 221 Conscience.. Shows, with a pointing finger..A pale procession of past sinful joys. 1814 SCOTT *Diary* 19 Aug. in *Lockhart* (1837) III. vi. 217 Mr. Anderson showed me the spot where the Norwegian monarch, Haco, moored his fleet. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* xxxix, I can show you her room, Mum, and the press in the housekeeper's room.

b. *fig.*

1818 SCOTT *Br. Lamm.* ii, The adage 'Shew me the man, and I will shew you the law', became as prevalent as it was scandalous. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* XXVIII, Show me a cavalry chief like him now that Murat is gone. *a* 1869 M. ARNOLD *Urania* v, Yet show her once, ye heavenly Powers, One of some worthier race than ours!

c. With mixture of sense (cf. 22 c): To point out or indicate a place *where* (etc.).

c 1450 *Merlin* XXI. 371 We praye yow that ye will vs shewen where he is that we may hym knowen. 1742 GRAY *Eton* 58 Ah, shew them where in ambush stand To seize their prey the murth'rous hand! 1877 TALMAGE *Serm.* 337 God shows them where to fall.

15. *To show* (one) *the way*: to guide a person in a required direction, by leading or accompanying him, or by giving him instructions; also *fig.* In *Racing* and *Hunting,* to lead; *to show the way from,* to draw away from, get before (in a race).

1530 PALSGR. 703/1, I shewe him the way. 1796 MME. D'ARBLAY *Camilla* IV. 285 'O never mind shewing me the way'..and [he] sallied into the apartment. 1863 W. C. BALDWIN *Afr. Hunting* vi. 195 The captain..would send no one with us to show the road. 1869 M. ARNOLD *Culture & Anarchy* 192 So, too, one who wants to be a painter or a poet cannot help loving and admiring the great painters or poets who have gone before him and shown him the way. 1871 LEGRAND *Camb. Freshm.* 251 No time was lost about the start; Mr. Pokyr, Mr. Fitzfoodel, and several other high-flyers showing the way, which at first lay through a grass field. 1887 *Daily News* 1 Dec. 2/4 Merry Maiden, at a good pace, showed the way from Ballot Box and Great Paul. 1891 'J. S. WINTER' *Lumley* xii, Shaw me the way upstairs.

b. *To show* (one) *the door*: to order (a person) to leave the room or house; to turn out of doors.

1778 MISS BURNEY *Evelina* xxi, I shall make bold to show you the door. 1809 MALKIN *Gil Blas* I. v. (Rtldg.) 12 Don Rodrigo..showed the goddess of my devotions the outside of the door. 1866 W. COLLINS *Armadale* v. iii, In your place, I should have shown him the door.

16. (With inverted const.) To guide or conduct (a person) *to, into* a particular place, room in a house, etc., *over* or *through* the rooms of a house.

a 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 4049 And þar þai schewid him in schurrys, to schellis & to caues. 1594 NASHE *Unfort. Trav.* Wks. 1904 II. 309 Go, maid, shewe him to the farther chamber. 1596 SHAKS. *Merch. V*, IV. ii. 19 Come good sir, will you shew me to this house. 1748 SMOLLETT *Rod. Rand.* li. (1760) II. 139 The grim janitor..shewed me into a parlour. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* ii, You may be sure that she showed Rebecca over every room of the house. 1891 E. PEACOCK *N. Brendon* I. 287 She was shown into Mr. Stutting's private room. 1891 'J. S. WINTER' *Lumley* xiii, So as to be ready when Mrs. Hope should require showing to her carriage.

b. *To show up, upstairs*: to conduct (a person) upstairs. *To show out*: to take (a person) to the exit door; to turn out of doors. *To show in*: to bring (a person) into a house or room. *To show round*: to show (a person) over a place, show the 'sights'.

1693 CONGREVE *Old Bach.* II. iv, *Aram.* [to *Footman*] Be ready to shew 'em up. 1777 SHERIDAN *Sch. Scand.* IV. ii, Oh, gentlemen, I beg pardon for not showing you out. 1843 MRS. CARLYLE *Lett.* I. 274 As there was no fire in the room below, they had to be shown up to the library. 1874 ALDRICH *Prudence Palfrey* XV. 287 Wants to see me?..Show him in, Fanny. *a* 1885 'H. CONWAY' *Living or Dead* xi, Now, sir, listen before I ring for you to be shown out. 1896 KIPLING *Seven Seas* 42 *M'Andrews' Hymn,* I showed him round last week.

IV. To exhibit or manifest by outward signs.

17. To exhibit, allow to be seen (some inward quality, feeling, condition, etc.) by one's outward appearance; occas. said of the appearance. Also with obj. clause. Also *to show a sign* or *signs* (*of, that*..).

c 1275 *Passion of our Lord* 618 in *O. E. Misc.* 54 Vre louerd nom and et þer-of to-uore heom euervychone, And sewede þat he wes a-ryse myd fleysse and myd bone. 1597 MONTGOMERIE *Cherrie & Slae* 265 My hew so furth schew so The dolour of my woundis. 1697 DRYDEN *Virg. Georg.* III. 119 The Colt that for a Stallion is design'd, By sure Presages shows his generous Kind. 1831 SCOTT *Cast. Dang.* XX, Douglas and De Walton..began to show some signs that their human bodies were feeling the effect of the dreadful exertion. 1863 GEO. ELIOT *Romola* X, He showed all the outward signs of a mind at ease. 1884 W. BLACK *Jud. Shakespeare* XXXIV, On the awakening she might show that the crisis was over.

18. To display (a quality, condition, feeling, etc.) by one's action or behaviour; to give proof of possessing. Also *to show a sign* or *signs* (*of*).

c 1200 *Vices & Virtues* 49 Þurh his mannisnesse, and ðurh ðare michele eadmodnesse ðe he mid hire sceawede. 1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 9318 Vor vre prowesse we mote nede ssewe to day ywis. 1375 BARBOUR *Bruce* II. 367 The Bruyss folk full hardely Schawyt thar gret chewalry. *c* 1550 LYNDESAY *Tragedie* 80, I schew my Lordlye Lyberalitie, In Banketting, playng at cartis, and Dyse. 1575 GASCOIGNE *Philomene* 85 She shewed great skil, for tunes of unisone. *c* 1643 LD. HERBERT *Autobiog.* (1824) 60 A man's Wit is best shewed in his Answer. 1675 COVEL in *Early Voy. Levant* (Hakl. Soc.) 216 There was..a middle-sized squad fellow, who shew a vast strength in tossing about weights. 1751 JORTIN *Serm.* (1771) I. i. 6 Every behaviour which shews inhumanity. 1857 BUCKLE *Civiliz.* I. xi. 642 In the preliminary work of accumulating the facts, great energy was shown. 1886 C. E. PASCOE *Lond. To-day* xl. (ed. 3) 337 A lady's maid will frequently show far better taste than her mistress. 1887 *Field* 5 Nov. 718/3 Rogers..showed a great turn of speed.

† **b.** with *forth. Obs.*

c 1400 *Sowdone Bab.* 424 Shewe forth here nowe your crafte. 1565 J. PHILLIPS *Patient Grissell* 138 (Malone Soc.) Now Polliticke perswasion shoe forth thy skyll.

c. With object-clause: To make it plain in regard to oneself (*that*).

a 1225 *Leg. Kath.* 1036 In þis an þing he schawde..þet he wes soð godd. *c* 1380 WYCLIF *Sel. Wks.* III. 311 To.. schewe in dede þat þei seken more profit and savynge of Cristene soulis þanne here owene wynnynge or worschipe. *a* 1600 MONTGOMERIE *Misc. P.* XXXIV. 6 Becaus no signe is shaune That ze held me zour aune. 1706 E. WARD *Wooden World Diss.* (1708) 26 He would..shew he had one Ounce better Blood than his Leader. 1766 PITT *Sp.* in Walpole *Mem. Geo. III* (1845) II. 267, I have done all in my power to shew I hate distinctions. *Mod.* In both transactions he showed he was no fool.

† **d.** To make a fictitious show of. *Obs.*

c 1200 ORMIN 393 Forþi þatt te33 forr idell 3ellp..Shæwenn hiforenn oþre menn Godnesse & rihhtwisnesse. 1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 6294 He..asailede edmond vaste Mid al þe strengþe þat he miȝte & ssewede more þer to.

19. *refl.* **a.** With compl. (adj. or sb., also with *for* prefixed) or inf.: To exhibit oneself in a (specified) light or character; to manifest or exemplify a (specified) quality, etc., in one's behaviour.

c 1200 ORMIN 16520, 16522 FORT GODD himm shæwebþ towarrd te A33 o þatt illke wise, þatt tu þe shæwesst towarrd himm I þohht, i word, i dede. *a* 1548 HALL *Chron.*;

Hen. VIII, 161 Shewe your selfe an aide, a defendour of the Church, and god shall reward you. *c* 1590 MARLOWE *Jew of Malta* II. iii. 797 Now will I shew my selfe to haue more of the Serpeot Then the Doue. 1615 R. COCKS *Diary* (Hakl. Soc.) I. 31 He shewed hym selfe a fermer frend to Zanzaber..then to me. *a* 1657 SIR J. BALFOUR *Ann. Scot.* Hist. Wks. 1825 II. 170 By this acte of his he shew himselue to be a stoute souldier, rather then a wysse generall. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* III. IV. vii, Anxious to show himself Patriot. 1873 BLACK *Pr. Thule* xix. 302 He had shown himself..inconsiderate to the verge of cruelty. 1888 'J. S. WINTER' *Bootle's Childr.* xi, Mrs. Halliday had shown herself to possess a dainty taste.

† b. To profess (truly or falsely) to be... *Obs.*

c 1200 *Vices & Virtues* 15 Oðer ic habbe ibien ðanne ic habbe me i-sceawed. *c* 1450 *Mirk's Festial* 194 Al þay þat schoth hom holy to man syght, forto be praysyd of hom. 1484 CAXTON *Fables of Æsop* III. ii, Enery body oughte to shewe hym self suche as he is.

c. Of a quality, condition, etc. To manifest itself; to become evident by signs or tokens.

1340 *Ayenb.* 21 Þis zenne him sseaweþ ine uele maneres. *a* 1768 SECKER *Serm.* ix. (1770) I. 214 To hinder any other Distemper..from shewing itself by its common Effects. 1831 SCOTT *Ct. Robt.* ix, The same bold and arrogant disposition showed itself in occasional quarrels with their unwilling hosts. 1864 BAYCE *Holy Rom. Emp.* xv. (1875) 242 The tendency was one which shewed itself in various.. directions.

20. To display (kindness, mercy, courtesy, malice, neglect, etc.) *to* a person by one's acts or behaviour; to accord or grant (favour, honour, grace; a courtesy, † pleasure, etc.). Const. *to, towards* († *till*, † *on*) or dative.

[*a* 1000 *Cædmon's Gen.* 1581 Þær he freondlice on his ægenum fæder are ne wolde ȝesceawian.] *c* 1200 ORMIN 1041 *Propitiari*, Þatt maȝȝ onn Ennglissh nemmnedd ben Millcenn, & shæwenn are. *c* 1275 *Orison of our Lord* 52 in *O. E. Misc.* 140 Þe muchel þolehurne[sse]..Þat þu schawedest mon-kunne. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 14303 Mikel lune he hir scend þar. *c* 1330 *Spec. Gy de Warw.* 263 Merci nele he shewe non. *c* 1460 FORTESCUE *Abs. & Lim. Mon.* v. (1885) 119 To shew rigoure þer as fauour awght to be shewid. 1526 TINDALE *Acts* xxiv. 27 Felix willynge to shewe the Iewes a pleasure. 1535 COVERDALE *Ecclus.* x. 10 And though the phisician shewe his helpe neuer so longe. 1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* I. iv. 15 But to Duess' each one himselfe did paine All kindnesse and faire courtesie to shew [*rimes with* crew, knew]. 1653 HOLCROFT *Procopius, Pers. Wars* I. 5 That onely is pure gratitude, which is shewen to the dead. 1667 PEPYS *Diary* 9 Oct., He is troubled that my wife shows my sister no countenance. 1772 JOHNSON 21 Mar. in *Boswell*, Else we should have shewn his lady more civilities. 1799 NELSON 23 Sept. in Nicolas *Disp.* VII. p. cxcii, I feel much for the neglect showed him. 1870 ROGERS *Hist. Gleanings* Ser. II. 20 The king shows favour to the Lollards.

† b. Similarly, *to show* (one) *a sign, token, semblance of.* Also, *to show the fruits of. Obs.*

a 1450 *Knt. de la Tour* 76 She shewed hym..signes and semblanntz of fals loue. 1565 J. PHILLIP *Patient Grissell* 273 (Malone Soc.) Shewyng to you the fruites of true obedience.

† c. *occas.* To inflict (shame, a judgement).

1508 KENNEDIE *Flyting w. Dunbar* 311 And gar me schaw thy aotecessouris schame. *a* 1700 DRYDEN *Life Lucian* (1711) 16 To deter others from Satyrizing the new Dogma's of Christianity by the Judgment shown on Lucian.

† d. To set or offer (an example) in one's own person. Also of a thing. *Obs.*

1340 HAMPOLE *Pr. Consc.* 1027 Yhit þe bodys of þe world in þair kynde, Shewes us forbisens to haf in mynde, How we suld serve God in our kynde here, Als þai do þar. 1405 *Bidding Prayer* in *Lay Folks Mass Bk.* 64 So for to reuel the popil, and swilk ensaumpil for to tak or schew thaim. 1484 CAXTON *Fables of Avian* iii, He that wylle teche other ought to shewe good ensample.

† **21.** To put forth, exert (one's power, strength). Also of things. Const *on, against. Obs.*

1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* XI. ii. (1495) 385 Whan the wynde fyndyth obstacle and lette thenne he shownyth his myghte the stronger. 1456 SIR G. HAVE *Law Arms* (S.T.S.) 47 The Romaynis..schew sik power agaynis thame that thai slewe thair king. 1575 GASCOIGNE *Kenelworth Castle* Wks. 1910 II. 106 Syr Bruse shewing a great power vpon the land. *c* 1595 CAPT. WYATT *R. Dudley's Voy. W. Ind.* (Hakl. Soc.) 14 That night the winde began to shew his force on us, drivinge us back againe to Palma.

b. To offer, attempt (resistance). *To show fight*: to display pugnacity or readiness to fight. (Properly of animals.)

1634 SIR T. HERBERT *Trav.* 185 The Ionas men..without cause beat the miserable Blacks that shewed no resistance. 1827 COL. HAWKER *Diary* (1893) I. 315 The..birds sbowed such fight against the dogs. 1863 [see FIGHT *sb.* 4]. 1907 J. H. PATTERSON *Man-Eaters of Tsavo* xvii. 189 The second rhino..showed considerable fight as we attempted to approach its fallen comrade.

V. To make known by statement or argument.

22. To point out, reveal, make known; to make evident or clear, explain, expound. In ME. to confess (one's sins). Also with *forth, out.*

c 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 73 And for þat gult he solde his sunnes at srifte sheawen. *c* 1200 ORMIN 1114, & nu icc wile shæwenn ȝuw All þatt whatt itt bitacneþþ. *c* 1230 *Hali Meid.* 3 (Titus MS.) As þu scheawest forð al þat god þuncheð, & helest al þat bitter bale þat ter lið under. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 6662 A tabernacle all for to dight, Þarof he sceud þam be slight. *Ibid.* 27493 [To] sceu his sinnes vte. 14.. *Tundale's Vis.* 212 (Wagner) Thy wykked thoughtes in thy breste Woldest þon never schewe to þe preste. 1500–20 DUNBAR *Poems* xc. 32 Gif thow can nocht schaw furth thi synnes perqueir. 1601 SHAKS. *All's Well* IV. i. 93 O let me liue, And all the secrets of our campe Ile shew. 1666 C'TESS OF WARWICK *Diary* 28 Aug., When I had showed before God all my trouble. 1725 POPE *Odyss.* x. 363 The sovereign plant he drew,..And shew'd its nature, and its wond'rous pow'r. 1772 J. H. MOORE *Pract. Navig.* (1794) 116 All traverses are worked in the manner shown above. 1832 W. PALMER *Orig. Liturg.* I. 141 No material difference can be shewn between them. 1861 PALEY *Æschylus* (ed. 2) *Pers.* 706 *note*, To show the syntax more clearly, Ἱέρσαις ὡς θεὸς has been marked off by commas.

indirect passive. 1651 HOBBES *Leviath.* II. xxx. 179 It is necessary they be shewed the evill consequences of false Judgment. 1779–81 JOHNSON *L. P., Gray* ¶ 4 In a short time many were content to be shown beauties which they could not see.

b. said of a thing.

c 1200 ORMIN 6645 Affterr þatt uss Latin boc þurrh haliȝ lare shæweþþ. 13.. *Cursor M.* 1162 (Gött.) Caym san his sinne was knaued, And þat þe erde had it schanede. 1375 BARBOUR *Bruce* I. 566 The endentur till him gaf he, That soune schawyt the iniquite. 1542 UDALL *Erasm. Apoph.* 223 b, The same beeyng unfolded & spred abrode shewed some high mysticall mater. *a* 1586 *Satir. Poems Reform.* xxxvii. 6 The snythe sall schaw it selffe out to þair schame. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 27 June 1653, Monsieur Roupel sent me a small phial of his *aurum potabile*, with a letter shewing the way of administering it. *Ibid.* 20 May 1688, The consequences of which a little time will shew. 1875 JOWETT *Plato* (ed. 2) V. 15 Words are aggregated in a manner which fails to show their relation to one another.

c. With a relative pron. or adv. and clause. (Often with indirect obj. of the person informed.) Said also of a thing.

c 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 49 Nu we sculen heow sceawen hwilc hit is heom for to heren [etc.]. *a* 1225 *Leg. Kath.* 2121 Ich schal schawin hu mi sweord bite i þi swire. *c* 1290 *S. Eng. Leg.* 32/104 To tweie Monekus at Ierusalem him-sulf he cam bi nihte And schewede heom ȝware is heued lay. 1340 HAMPOLE *Pr. Consc.* 6437 Bot first I wille shew whare es helle. 1382 WYCLIF *Acts* ix. 16, I schal schewe to him, how manye thingis it bihoueth him for to suffre for my name. 1471 CAXTON *Recuyell* (Sommer) 296 The seconde booke, where shall be shewyd how troye was reedyfyed. 1697 J. LEWIS *Mem. Dk. Glocester* (1789) 38 He was then very busy shewing how he would have me build a ship. 1736 BUTLER *Anal.* I. i. Wks. 1874 I. 30 Reason does not at all shew us, in what state death naturally leaves us. 1779 *Mirror* No. 1 (1787) I. 4 Time alone can show whether I be qualified for the task I have undertaken. 1839 THACKERAY *Fatal Boots* Jan., The following letter from mamma to a friend..will pretty well show you what a poor foolish creature she was. 1848 — *Van. Fair* vi, Suppose we had shown how Lord Joseph Sedley fell in love.

d. With indirect obj.: To inform, instruct, teach (a person) *how to* or † *to* (do something). Also with ellipsis of the inf.

1567 *Gude & Godlie B.* (S.T.S.) 61 Thow lytill bill,..Thow schaw thame till Beleue in Christ. 1607 SHAKS. *Timon* III. iv. 17 Ile shew you how t'obserue a strange euent. *c* 1643 LD. HERBERT *Autobiog.* (1824) 42 Those parts of Logic which..show men to distinguish betwixt truth and falsehood. 1697 J. LEWIS *Mem. Dk. Glocester* (1789) 78 She asked who shewed him? he said, Lewis. The princess ordered Mrs. Wanley to tell me not to shew him any more, as she intended to have him taught regularly.

† e. To teach (a lesson). [Cf. F. *montrer.*]

13.. *Cursor M.* 6861 (Gött.) Swilk was þe lessun and þe lare..Þat vr lauerd scheud to moysen. 1377 LANGL. *P. Pl.* B. x. 36 Litel is he loued þat suche a lessoun scheweth. 1576 GASCOIGNE *Droomme of Doomes Day* Wks. 1910 II. 226 One night sheweth and teacheth carefulnesse to another.

† f. *To show one's mind*: to reveal one's thought or intention; to express one's opinion or judgement. Also with *forth. Obs.*

c 1520 SKELTON *Magnyf.* 1646 To shewe you my mynde I wolde haue the lesse fere. 1562 TURNER *Herbal* II. (1568) 54 Now will I shew yow my mynde whych of all these myntes semeth unto me to be it. 1565 J. PHILLIP *Patient Grissell* 75 (Malone Soc.) Speake on my knightly knightes, eche one shewe forth your mind. 1611 BIBLE *Lev.* xxiv. 12 That the minde of the Lord might bee shewed them.

23. To communicate, announce, declare, narrate, state, tell (a fact, story, news, etc.); to describe, give an account of. † Also with *forth.* Now *arch.*

a 1300 *Ten Commandm.* 15 in *E. E. P.* (1862) 16 God commandid to ysay..hou he ssold þe folke tech and to ssow ham god-is defens:..of þe .x. commandemens. *c* 1325 *Metr. Hom.* 30 That he suld schew him openly..Of his felaw state snm tithand. *c* 1330 *Arth. & Merl.* 7615 Lete we hem now at þis segeing & schewe werres & wo. 1450–1530 *Myrr. our Ladye* 81 And my mouthe shall shew thy praysynge. 1456 SIR G. HAVE *Law Arms* (S.T.S.) 11 He send his Apostlis..to ger schawe the cristyn faith. 1530 PALSGR. 717/2, I shewe tydinges, or a message, *je annonce.* 1535 COVERDALE *Judg.* xiv. 13 Shewe forth hy ryddle, let vs heare it. 1549 *Bk. Com. Prayer, Mattins*, My mouthe shall shewe forth thy prayse. 1637 RUTHERFORD *Lett.* (1664) 224, I know ye desire news from my prison & I shall shew you news. 1657 AUSTEN *Fruit Trees* I. 86 Having shewed some profitable Instructions. 1723 RAMSAY *Fair Assembly* ix, These modest maids inspire the muse In flowing strains to shaw Their beauties. 1883 R. W. DIXON *Mano* I. viii. 21 For friendship's sake I may not all declare, Nor more than fits the story shall be shown.

† b. with *that* or *as* and clause, or with complement. Also said of a book, writing, etc. *Obs.*

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 699 Als scheus þe bok. *a* 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 608 And he wald-eȝed was, as þe writt schewys. *c* 1440 *Jacob's Well* 14 We denounce & schewe acursyd..þat is to say, we schewe hem dampnyd..And we schewe hem to be takyn to þe powere of sathan. *c* 1505 in *Surtees Misc.* (1890) 31 He schewyd hus that he had spokyn wt John Cauthorn. 1529 MORE *Dyalogue* III. Wks. 223/2 Frere Hierom..came to hym..shewing him that he wold cast of his abite. 1632 LITHGOW *Trav.* III. 83 Iohn Smith..shewing me that all the Officers..were in searching..for me.

c. To set forth, allege (in a legal document). Often in petitionary formulae.

1425 *Munim. de Melros* (Bannatyne Club) 544 Schawand and pretendand þair rychtis and clamys on ilke syde. 1425 *Rolls of Parlt.* IV 289/1 Shewyn and besechyn full benignely, your trew humble Liegies the Comens of this present Parlement. 1480 *Cov. Leet Bk.* 443 These ben the compleyntes of the Iniuries & wronges don to Tho. Deram, ..shewed & delinered be this present bill vnto Will. Shore, Mair of Couentre. 1531 *Star Chamber Cases* (Selden Soc.) II. 184 Most humbly Shewen and Complayn vnto your good lordship your daily Oratours. 1683 *Col. Rec. Pennsylv.* I. 64 The Peticion was read shewing that the Mr. of said ship deney'd to pay them their wages. 1709 STEELE *Tatler* No. 118 ¶ 10 The humble petition of Penelope Prim, widow, Sheweth, That your petitioner was bred a clear-starcher and Sempstress.

d. To state, allege, plead (a cause, reason, etc.). Now chiefly in *Law*: see CAUSE *sb.* 3 b.

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 112 Þe reisuns hwui beoð her efter suteliche ischeawede. 1340 HAMPOLE *Pr. Consc.* 1052 Þan wil I after shew..Skille why men a man world calles. *c* 1374 CHAUCER *Boeth.* IV. pr. ii. (1868) 114, I shal shewe þe more þikke and continnel resonns. 1535 COVERDALE *Josh.* xx. 4 He..shal..shewe his cause before the Elders of the cite. 1568 GRAFTON *Chron.* II. 707 Shee declared and shewed the cause, why she could not come to them in tyme. 1597 MONTGOMERIE *Cherrie & Slae* 1045 Hope and Curage did.. Schaw skild and pithie resonns quhy That Danger lap the dyke. 1635 GILL *Sacr. Philos.* 223 Thus have I very briefly showen not many reasons, but rather how many reasons may be showen for this Christian assertion.

† e. *To show law*: to plead (*for* a suitor). *Obs.*

1362 LANGL. *P. Pl.* A. VIII. 53 He þat..speke þ for þe pore ..Coueiteþ not his goodes, Bote for vr lordes loue lawe for him scheweþ. 1377 *Ibid.* B. II. 134 Ledeth hire to londoun, þere lawe is yshewed.

† f. *absol.* To tell, declare, expound; to speak as a representative *for*; to speak, tell, give an account *of.* With indirect obj.: To inform or apprise *of. Obs.*

c 1130 *Hali Meid.* 13 Þis mihte is þat an þat i þis deadlich lif scheaweð in hire estat of þe blisse undeadlich i þat eadi lond. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 119, I sal yow schew..Bre[fl]i of aibere testament. 1362 LANGL. *P. Pl.* A. iv. 145 Þe kyng.. rehersede þat Reson hedde Rihtfoliche I-schewet. 1399 — *Rich. Redeles* IV. 30 To chese..cheualleris..To schewe ffor þe schire in company with þe grete. *c* 1400 *Rule St. Benet* (Verse) 205 Of swilk sufferance god schewes til vs In his godspel. *c* 1470 HENRY *Wallace* III. 319 He schew thaim of hys deide. *c* 1500 *Melusine* 295 And shortly to shewe, he came & recountred hys brother. 1585 T. WASHINGTON tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* I. xvii. 19 [He] was sent to shewe the Bascha of our comming.

† **24.** To decree, award, assign (*to* a person) in a legal or formal manner; to fix or appoint authoritatively; to declare, make an award (*that*). In later use *Sc. Obs.*

a 1122 *O. E. Chron.* (Laud MS.) an. 1048, Þa..sceawede him mann .v. nihta grið ut of lande to farenne. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 26196 On seke man egh na scrift be laid, Bot þus gat o þe preist be said, sli scrift sceuid þan sal þon drine if þou war couerd to line. 1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) VII. 125 Þis William often tymes fan3t wiþ þe kyng of Fraunce, nevere sodenly,..but þe day of batayle i-schewed and assigned byfore. 1524 *Registr. Aberdon.* (Maitland Club) I. 390 This court wardis and schawis for law that [etc.]. 1540 *Aberd. Reg.* (1844) I. 171 The court wardis and schawis for law, and it wes gewine for dome, that [etc.].

25. To prove, demonstrate (a fact, statement) by argument, reasoning, allegation of evidence or instances, experiment, etc.

c 1330 *Spec. Gy de Warw.* 399 Þat is preued and ishewed. 1390 GOWER *Conf.* I. 264 And that..I schal be reson prove and schewe. 1560 DAUS tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* Pref. 4 Unlesse they could first shewe his errours, he coulde not chaunge his opinion. 1626 W. SCLATER *Expos. 2 Thess.* (1629) 200 It sufficeth to shew inualidity of the inference. 1793 BEDDOES *Math. Evid.* 105 What is shewn to us by anatomy, we are just as sure of, as of that which is shewn to us by geometry. 1880 DRIVER *Hebr. Tenses* App. III. (ed. 2) 260 This can be shewn inferentially from Hebrew itself.

b. With *that* and clause (or *as* ..).

c 1200 ORMIN Pref. 30 Jesuss iss Amminadab, Swa summ icc hafe schæwedd. 1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 6975 God aþ vaire issewed þat we gultelese beþ. *c* 1450 *Mirk's Festial* 40 But forto schew þat God suffrede hym specyaly, þus ensampull I tell. 1584 *Leycesters Commw.* (1641) 64 Every falling out must haye an attonement againe..as I have shewed before. 1651 HOBBES *Leviath.* II. xxiv. 127 As hath been already shewn. 1765 BLACKSTONE *Comm.* I. viii. 303 Sir Edward Coke hath clearly shewn, that [etc.]. 1861 PALEY *Æschylus* (ed. 2) *Supplices* 836 *note*, As Wilkinson shows from Aelian. 1875 JOWETT *Plato* (ed. 2) IV. 238 Many arguments are used to show, that motion is the source of life. 1893 W. B. SMITH *Introd. Mod. Geom.* 120 Show that tangents from two points on a centre ray form a kite.

c. With complementary obj.: To prove, make out (a person or thing) to be (something). Also with accus. and inf.

1563 WINȝET *Wks.* (S.T.S.) II. 5 Gif the trew citienaris.. war reconncelit..be sik meanis as we schen Nehemias to hef bene. 1883 R. W. DIXON *Mano* I. xv. 48 But here to my intent it is not main In that concern to show him right or wrong. 1893 W. B. SMITH *Introd. Mod. Geom.* 262 The student may easily show it to be a rectangle.

26. Of a thing: To be a proof, evidence, sign or indication of.

c 1330 *Arth. & Merl.* 1575 We seiȝen..her aboue Ouer ons a sky houe, þat ons schewed þe bitate Ofswiche a þing on erþe late. *c* 1380 WYCLIF *Sel. Wks.* III. 175 Her workes schewes þis wel, howevere þei speke by syde. *c* 1430 *Pilgr. Lyf Manhode* II. cxlviii. (1869) 135 Bi which disioynct is ysawed þe onhede of bretherhed. 1596 SHAKS. 1 *Hen. IV*, III. i. 181 You must needes learne, Lorde, to amend this fault: Though sometimes it shew Greatnesse, Courage, Blood. 1673 O.

WALKER *Educ.* (1677) 97 Huffing, and swaggering..commonly shews want of spirit. 1750 GRAY *Long Story* 138 Her air and all her manners shew it. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* lvii, Having undergone such a process of blood-letting and calomel as showed the strength of his original constitution. 1859 *Habits Gd. Society* xi. 314 Nothing showing worse taste than to load your plate. 1884 *Q. Rev.* Jan. 215 Misprints, showing..carelessness on the part of the corrector.

b. Const. clause with *that*, *as*, etc.

a 1225 *Leg. Kath.* 450 Ah þi schene nebscheft & ti semliche schape schaweð wel þet tu art freo monne foster. 1338 R. BRUNNE *Chron.* (1725) 70 Þat þe lond is þin, þi helm schewes it þe. *c* 1380 WYCLIF *Wks.* (1880) 145 As here wickid lif scewiþ. *a* 1704 T. BROWN *Misc., Match for Devil* Wks. 1711 IV. 147 His Habit, Cane, and formal Face, Shew'd he was of Geneva Race. 1847 HELPS *Friends in C.* I. vi. 98 All of it only goes to show how little we know of each other. 1861 PALEY *Æschylus* (ed. 2) *Agam.* 1261 *note*, 'Go on faring as you now fare', viz. prosperously, as the context shows. 1868 LOCKYER *Elem. Astron.* vi. (1879) 234 That nebulæ are masses of glowing gas is shown by the fact that their light consists merely of a few bright lines.

c. Const. obj. with compl., or accus. and inf.

1560 *Ovid's Narcissus* D j, For who dothe count [*printed* couet] him selfe of wyser skole Then dedes him showe, doth proue him selfe a fole. 1751 LABELYE *Westm. Bridge* 77 Considerable Openings in the Joints shewed those Arches in some Danger. 1828 DUPPA *Trav. Italy*, etc. 114 The walls of the city are now sufficiently entire to shew their extent to have been about three miles. 1871 MEREDITH *H. Richmond* xlvi, Their maxims show them to direct all their acuteness upon obtaining quality for their money.

27. Show up. a. In school language: To report (a scholar) for punishment.

1845 *College & T. B. Life at Westm.* 25 Oct., I went into School not having done my Verses... I was therefore *Shown-up*, and..pleaded my first fault.

b. To disgrace or discredit by a thorough exposure; to exhibit as an impostor or an imposture; to expose (a person's faults, ignorance, misdeeds, etc.).

1826 *Blackw. Mag.* Aug. 325/2 A long article in the Quarterly Theological Review has fairly *shown up* the Yankee divine. 1829 *Examiner* 476/1 He threatened to 'show up' my brother in the *Age*. 1865 MILL *Exam. Hamilton* 478 That mathematical mysticism, so mercilessly shown up by Berkeley. 1884 *St. James's Gaz.* 17 Oct. 3/1 The unpleasing process of 'showing-up' an unscrupulous adversary.

VI. *intr.* To be seen, be visible, appear.

28. To be or become visible; to make an appearance. Said of persons and things.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 17288+254 Þis was þe first time þat iesus,..Schewed til anyman after his vp-risyng. 1393 LANGL. *P. Pl.* C. XI. 159 Þe sonne som tyme for cloudes May nat shyne ne shewe on shawes on erthe. 1399 — *Rich. Redeles* II. 52 Þanne comeþ..Anoþer proud partriche..and houeth þe eyren..and ffostrith and ffodith, tille ffedris schewe. *c* 1400 MAUNDEV. (1839) iv. 23 Sche lyeth in an olde Castelle..and schewethe twyes or thryes in the 3eer. *c* 1450 *Merlin* iii. 56 Than shewde the signe in the ayre that Merlin hadde seide. 1470–85 MALORY *Arthur* XVI. ii. 666 They sawe an hand sheuyng vnto the elbowe. 1573–80 TUSSER *Husb.* (1878) 92 Rowle after a deaw, when barlie doth sheaw. 1599 T. M[OUFET] *Silkwormes* 50 Til you can attaine wherwith to feed your guests when first they shew, Haste not their hatching. 1607 SHAKS. *Timon* I. i. 23 The fire i' th Flint Shewes not, till it be strooke. 1862 AUSTED *Channel Isl.* I. iv. (ed. 2) 61 One of the most dangerous rocks..only shows within two hours of low water. 1887 A. E. HOUSMAN *Shropshire Lad* i, It dawns in Asia, tombstones show, And Shropshire names are read. 1891 'J. S. WINTER' *Lumley* vi, Where the lily-buds were just beginning to show. 1892 BIERCE *In Midst of Life* 97 He showed against the sky, he and his horse, sharply defined..as an equestrian statue.

b. Of a thing: To be seen (*through*, *over*, *under*, etc.) something that partly covers or conceals it. Also, to be visible as a fault or defect.

1842 BROWNING *Soliloquy Sp. Cloister* iv, Can't I see his dead eye glow..That is, if he 'd let it show! 1844 MRS. BROWNING *Lost Bower* xii, Few and broken paths showed through it. 1852 MRS. STOWE *Uncle Tom's C.* xxvi, Take care, don't spoil the looks of it! cut underneath, where it won't show. 1886 *Manch. Exam.* 13 Jan. 3/2 Were the paper a little better it would be perfect. As it is the type shows through the page. 1908 R. BAGOT *A. Cuthbert* v. 39 The walls and towers of Warkworth, barely showing above the woods surrounding them. 1907 J. A. HODGES *Elem. Photogr.* (ed. 6) 88 Markings..which would show in the prints.

c. of immaterial things.

1390 GOWER *Conf.* I. 31 Wherof the sothe schewe may, At Rome ferst if we beginne. *Ibid.* 308 Hate is a wraththe noght schewende. 1542 UDALL *Erasm. Apoph.* 29 The disposicion of a manne dooeth not shewe so clere in his face. 1585 T. WASHINGTON tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* IV. xxxvi. 158 b, True religion..began to shew and take root. 1886 STEVENSON *Kidnapped* ix, It was plain he meant more by the words than showed upon the face of them.

†d. *impers.* = (it) is seen or shown, appears, is plain. *Obs.*

c 1386 CHAUCER *Pars. T.* P 331 As sheweth here by the naddre. 1390 GOWER *Conf.* I. 63 It scheweth ek how he can werche Among tho wyde furred hodes. *c* 1391 CHAUCER *Astrol.* II. § 32 As shewith by the canoun of thi kalender. 1509 BARCLAY *Shyp of Folys* (1874) I. 35 Unstable is your mynde: that shewes by your garment. 1556 *Chron. Grey Friars* (Camden) 78 As it shalle shoo after. 1570 *Satir. Poems Reform.* xiii. 101 As schawis weill be 3our Genalogie.

e. *To show forth*: to come forth to view. *To show ahead*: to take a position ahead (in a race).

1375 BARBOUR *Bruce* IV. 121 The pomp of pryde ay furth shawis. 1500 *Ortus Vocab.*, *Compareo*, to shewe forth. 1884 *Cambr. Rev.* 10 Dec. 132 At the start, Bristowe's crew at once shewed ahead by about three feet.

29. To appear in public, make a display in public. In mod. use chiefly *colloq.* (cf. b): To appear in company or society; to make an appearance in an assembly, among guests, etc.

1625 B. JONSON *Staple of N.* Prol. for Stage 14 To know How many Coaches in Hide-parke did show last spring. 1671 in *12th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. v. 22 All the troopes are to show in Hide Parke beefore the Prince of Orange. 1825 C. M. WESTMACOTT *Engl. Spy* I. 215 He *shows* in Park. 1833 T. HOOK *Parson's Dau.* III. x, The breakfast party did not assemble till noon, and then Lady Catherine did not 'show'. 1848 THACKERAY *Bk. Snobs* vii, Marian has a hump-back and doesn't show. 1858 TROLLOPE *Dr. Thorne* II. v. 91 He'll be in presently. I believe he never shews till just before dinner. 1889 H. F. WOOD *Englishm. Rue Cain* ix, I'll show against him for any object of value. Sing? What do you think of this note..? 1898 JEAN A. OWEN *Hawaii* iii. 65 If the king was in the cabin of a vessel no subject might show on deck.

b. *Pugilism.* To enter the ring as a combatant.

1813 *Sporting Mag.* XLI. 99 He *showed* with seeming reluctance about an hour after the appointed time. 1818 *Ibid.* (N. S.) II. 279 Johnson..first *showed* and threw his hat in the ring. 1828 EGAN *Boxiana* IV. 169 Turner..was far more likely to make his *exit*, than ever be made able to *show* again in the Prize Ring.

c. *colloq.* To exhibit oneself for money.

1898 *Daily News* 2 Apr. 6/1 He got a living by 'showing' in the various public-houses in the neighbourhood at entertainments got up for his benefit.

d. *Comm.* Of a commodity: To appear or be prominent in the market.

1913 *Times* 11 Dec. 10/2 In insurance phraseology, 'a good deal of radium has lately been showing.'

30. With complement (*adj.* or †*sb.*): To look, seem, appear. *arch.*

1340 *Ayenb.* 44 Huanne þo þet zelleþ bye wyzte purchaceþ and makeþ zuo moche þet þet þing þet me ssel weye sseweþ more heuy. 1399 LANGL. *Rich. Redeles* III. 368 Þe sonne þat so brizte schewed. *c* 1430 LYDG. *Minor Poems* (Percy Soc.) 22 All is not golde that outward shewith bright. 1479 *Paston Lett.* III. 267 That my Lord of Ely is and shal be bettyr lord to me then he hathe shewyd as yet. 1513 *Act 5 Hen. VIII*, c. 4. § 1 If the same Worsted..taketh any Wet, incontinent it will shew spotty and foul. 1572 in Bercher *Nobility Wom.* (1904) 31 Hitherto he hath shewid an Obstinate and a Fole. 1592 TIMME *Ten. Eng. Leperi* E 3 A Woolfe in a sheepes skinne sheweth a dead sheepe. 1635 PAGITT *Christianogr.* I. ii. (1636) 82 The Pope to make his Jurisdiction to shew greater then it is, giveth many titles. 1671 tr. *Marten's Voy. Spitzbergen* in *Acc. Sev. Late Voy.* II. (1694) 19 These Snow-Mountains show very strange to those that never saw them before. 1726 LEONI *Alberti's Archit.* II. 17 b, Lead..shews very handsome, and is not very expensive. 1747 DR. HOADLY *Suspicious Husb.* II. iv, Why, how dull and phlegmatick do you shew to me now? 1812 *Examiner* 11 May 292/1 Poor..soils..show..very thin. 1863 COWDEN CLARKE *Shaks. Char.* iv. 101 How daintily epicurean the fellow shows. 1893 *Oxford Mag.* 1 Nov. 40/2 The wood when cut showed sound as a bell.

b. With adv. or advb. phrase: To present an appearance (specified by the adv.); to make a (good, bad, etc.) show or display.

c 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* XXXVI. (*Baptista*) 645 Lowing in-to kine wel scheuis, þat is enhornit with gud thewis. 1602 MARSTON *Ant. & Mel.* II. Wks. 1856 I. 27 They showe as well as if they were new. 1631 MASSINGER *Emperor East* V. iii, The falling out, and in, Betweene the husband and the wife showes rarely. 1632 SIR T. HAWKINS tr. *Mathieu's Unhappy Prosp.* 243 Great wealth shews ill without honours. 1764 REID *Inquiry* I. § 6 Wks. I. 103/1 It [a puppet] shews tolerably by candle light. 1802 MAR. EDGEWORTH *Moral T., Forester* viii, The lady-patronesses..contenting themselves with seeing the charity-children *show well* in procession to Church. 1823 SCOTT *Quentin D.* xi, Her imperfect and unequal gait, which shewed to peculiar disadvantage as she traversed this long gallery. 1851 J. H. NEWMAN *Catholics in Eng.* 19 Here, again, things would show very differently, if Catholics had the painting. 1877 FROUDE *Short Stud.* (1883) IV. I. iv. 48 Becket never showed to more advantage than in moments of personal danger. 1912 *Times* 19 Dec. 13/5 He [a prize dog] moved and showed well and deserved his honours.

c. To look *like*. *arch.*

1578 LYTE *Dodoens* IV. lii. 510 A white substance or pith, the whiche being drawen out, sheweth like long, white.. threds. 1605 SHAKS. *Lear* I. iv. 265 This our Court infected with their manners Shewes like a riotous Inne. 1697 DRYDEN *Virg. Georg.* IV. 805 Like a large Cluster of black Grapes they show. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 14 July 1675, Holmby House, which being demolish'd in the late civil warrs, shews like a Roman ruine. 1877 BLACKIE *Wise Men Greece* 137 We shall show like an army of crows marching against eagles.

†d. With *to* and inf.: To appear or seem (to be, to do something); to affect, profess, pretend; to be seen evidently (to be or do). *Obs.*

c 1386 CHAUCER *Melib.* P 2386 Whan he sheweth to doon a thyng openly and werketh priuely the contrarie. 1402 *Friar Daw Topias* in *Pol. Poems* (Rolls) II. 109 And 3it 3our sect susteynes wommen to seie massis, shewyng to trete a sacrament as preestes that thei were. 1575 GASCOIGNE *Hemetes* Wks. 1910 II. 481 Wth all semblaunt that mighte be, he shewed to sett by her but litle. *c* 1580 SIDNEY *Ps.* IX. xi, Then the Lord in judgment showes to raign. 1588 PARKE tr. *Mendoza's Hist. China* 334 There are many mountaines which shewe to haue mettals. 1632 BP. HALL *Hard Texts, Matt.* xii. 33 Be good, and shew to be such by the fruits which ye beare. 1653 H. COGAN *Scarlet Gown* 60 The Pope..received him very graciously, and shewed to be glad of his recovered liberty.

†e. With *as though*, *as if*: To have an appearance which suggests that —. *Obs.*

1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 78 Pretendynge and shewynge outwardly as though it were of very mekenes. 1582 N. LICHEFIELD tr. *Castanheda's Conq. E. Ind.* I. vii. 18 b, Skirmishing with their dartes, and showing as though they..wold defende the water. 1657 EARL MONM. tr. *Paruta's Pol. Disc.* 102 The Romans..in all their actions shewed as if they desired nothing but glory. 1670-1 NARBOROUGH *Jrnl.* in *Acc. Sev. Late Voy.* I. (1694) 67 The Wood shews in many places as if there were Plantations. *c* 1710 CELIA FIENNES *Diary* (1888) 214 It makes all the houses shew as if they were cover'd with snow. 1725 POPE *Shaks. Wks.* I. Pref. 12 Which shows as if the friendship had continued thro' life.

31. *To show for* —. †a. To claim to be, have, or do (something). *Obs.* b. To give promise of, portend, 'look like'. *dial.*

a. 1577 tr. *Bullinger's Decades* III. v. (1592) 330 Let this labour of mine not seeme to any man to bee..lesse profitable than it sheweth for. 1628 FELTHAM *Resolves* I. xxvi. 83 Hee would make vs beleeue, Divinity is much short of what it shewes for. 1680 FILMER *Patriarcha* ii. § 3. 36 As this Argument comes not home to our Point, so it is not able to prove that Title which it shews for.

b. 1778 [W. H. MARSHALL] *Minutes Agric.* 2 Oct. 1776, The other evening shewed for rain. 1876 *Surrey Gloss.*, *Show for*, to look like; e. g. 'It shows for rain uncommon'. 1886 *W. Somerset Word-bk.* s.v., The wind's up again, and I sim do show vor fine weather.

†**32. Show away** = *show off* (33 a). *Obs.*

1759 GOLDSM. *Bee* No. 1 P 14 The French player..begins to show away by talking nonsense. 1760–72 H. BROOKE *Fool of Qual.* (1809) III. 38 He paraded and shewed away, at a vast rate, concerning the divinely inherent right of monarchs. 1770 C. JENNER *Placid Man* III. ix, Lord B. shewed away in all his glory.

33. Show off. a. To act or talk for show; to make a deliberate or ostentatious display of one's abilities or accomplishments. *colloq.*

a 1793 G. WHITE *Nat. Cal., Observ. Birds* (1795) 79 A fern-owl this evening..showed off in a very unusual..manner. 1815 LADY GRANVILLE *Lett.* (1894) I. 69 She puts me in mind of Miss Berry when she is showing off. 1894 D. C. MURRAY *Making Novelist* 201 He was tempted to swagger and 'show off' as children say.

b. *Pugilism.* ? To begin the attack, start a round.

1812 *Sporting Mag.* XL. 66 His antagonist shewed off at his head. 1821 EGAN *Boxiana* (1830) I. 261 Dan *showed off* in good style..and finished the round by knocking down his opponent.

34. Show out. a. ? To become visible, emerge from obscurity or concealment; *fig.* to exhibit one's true character.

1846 DE QUINCEY *Syst. Heavens* Wks. 1862 III. 179 Description of the nebula in Orion as forced to show out by Lord Rosse. 1859 — *Mackintosh* Wks. XIII. 75 Rarely has a false idea been more suddenly caused to founder and show out. 1888 'R. BOLDREWOOD' *Robbery under Arms* vi, The horse held up his head and snorted as he came abreast of us, and we showed out.

b. *U.S.* = *show off* (33 a).

1889 MARY E. WILKINS *Far-away Melody*, etc. (1890) 258 See that old lady trailing her best black silk by...Ain't it ridiculous how she keeps on showing out?

35. Show up. a. To appear conspicuously or in relief.

1883 *Truth* 31 May 768/2 A brocade on which..yellow marguerites..showed up upon a ground of scarlet. 1891 BAX *Outlooks fr. New Standpoint* iii. 171 Most persons are afraid of something, but they, at times, show up brave on the background of persons who are afraid of something else.

b. To become prominent, to catch the eye.

1885 *Field* 31 Jan. 135/2 Some scrummaging took place at the half way till Ekin showed up with a good run, which brought the play to the North lines.

c. *colloq.* To put in an appearance; to be present or 'turn up' (at an appointed time or place).

1888 *Lisbon* (Dakota) *Star* 3 Feb. 4/1 Will Worden is expected to show up next week. 1890 'R. BOLDREWOOD' *Col. Reformer* (1891) 167 Paul did not show up at the office next day. *c* 1895 *Thompson St. Poker Club* 131 The regular members showed up, however, in force.

VII. The verb-stem in combinations.

†**36. Show-away** *a.* (Cf. 32.) Given to display, ostentatious.

1775 S. J. PRATT *Liberal Opin.* liii. (1783) II. 137 Those shew-away fellows are mere pick-pockets. 1795 HAN. MORE *Sheph. Salisb. Pl.* I. Wks. 1834 I. 265 A plain frugal man, who..was remarked to give away more than any of his show-away neighbours.

37. Show-down. In *Card-playing*, the act of laying down one's cards with their faces up; also, the name of a game similar to poker; *fig.* an open disclosure of plans, means, etc. Chiefly *U.S.*

1898 W. C. MORROW *Ape, Idiot*, etc. 159 Never disclose your hand except on a showdown. 1902 WISTER *Virginian* xvi, Whatever hand he's been holdin' up, this is the showdown. 1908 *Westm. Gaz.* 1 Feb. 14/1 It is usual to have a 'show down' unless at least a three by tricks declaration has been arrived at. 1909 *E. Suffolk Gaz.* 12 Jan. 7/5 When it comes to an academic show-down, we'll make some of those rivals of ours sit up.

38. Show-off. a. (Cf. 8 b.) A display, exhibition or exposure *of* (something).

1776 S. J. PRATT *Pupil of Pleas.* II. 14 He allots to each of us such a share of fortune in our own hands as is sufficient to the display and shew-off of the natural disposition. 1783 — *Liberal Opin.* (ed. 3) Pref. 20 It appears to have been.. the..effort of the author..to display the..inconsistencies of human opinion respecting Happiness; and, (after this shew off of folly, delusion, and absurdity) [etc.].

b. *Pugilism.* (Cf. 33 b.) A public display.

1828 EGAN *Boxiana* IV. 168 We believe it was the first *show*-off of the latter with the *mufflers*.

c. (Cf. 33 a.) An imposing or specious display; an opportunity for display. Also, in generalized sense, display, showiness.

1856 Miss Yonge *Daisy Chain* II. i, A bazaar—a field for her trumpery, and a show-off for all the young ladies. 1856 Lever *Martins of Cro' M.* xxvi, In all the glitter and show off of fashionable acquirement poor Molly is the inferior. 1893 W. Walker *Three Churchmen* 173 He considered it an unreality and too much of a show-off. 1896 Baden-Powell *Matabele Campaign* xviii. 136 Our Colonial expansion...is not undertaken with any idea of show-off.

d. *attrib.* or *adj.* Given to display.

1837 [Miss Maitland] *Lett. fr. Madras* (1843) 154 He was a conceited, show-off sort of person.

39. Show-up. (Cf. 27 b.) The act of 'showing up' or exposing to ridicule, censure, or the like.

1830 'Jon Bee' *Ess. Foote* p. lxxvii, (Cent.) Treading closely on the heels of a threatened show up. 1840 *Fraser's Mag.* XXII. 372 We cannot muster up impudence enough to continue our show-up of Wightwick's naughtiness. 1854 *Ibid.* L. 253 Mr. Disraeli was to make a show-up of Mr. Gladstone's finance.

Showable (ʃōʊ·ăb'l), *a.* Also shew-. [f. Show *v.* + -able.]

†1. Demonstrative, able to prove. *Obs. rare*—1.

c 1400 tr. *Secreta Secret., Gov. Lordsh.* 96 And þanne comes to him a strengh shewable, or Philosophable, þat byholdys shappys vndirstandable. *Ibid.* 103 þat he be knowynge...in arsmetyk, þat is ful soth and shewable.

2. Demonstrable, provable. *rare*—1.

1617 Hieron *Penance for Sin* iv. Wks. 1619 II. 103 This ..is shewable by Scripture.

3. That can be shown or presented to view.

1823 Lamb *Let. to J. H. Payne* 23 Jan., Mary..says you must write more *showable* letters about those matters. 1838 P'cess Elizabeth *Lett.* (1898) 347, I have so bad a swelled face I am not shewable.

Showance (ʃōʊ·ăns). *rare.* [f. Show *sb.* + -ance.] Showing, display, appearance.

1898 Hardy *Wessex Poems* 3 Sole the showance those of my onward earth-track—never transcended. 1908 — *Dynasts* VII. ix. 346 My only course To make good showance to posterity Was to implant my line upon the throne.

Show-box. [Show *sb.*[1]] A box in which objects of curiosity are exhibited; esp. a box containing a peep-show.

1748 Lady Luxborough *Let. to Shenstone* 28 Apr. (1775) 19 But were you to present me with the Views of the Leasowes, I own I should not put them into my show-box without pain. 1779 Warner in Jesse *Selwyn & Contemp.* (1844) IV. 312 A Savoyard with a show-box. 1842 Hawthorne *Twice-t. T.* Ser. II. *Seven Vagabonds* (1883) 125 Rescuing the showbox of such a couple from a mob of great double-fisted countrymen.

fig. 1789 Burns *Fragm. inscribed to C. J. Fox* 23 Mankind are his show box.

Showe, obs. form of Shoe, Shove *v.*

Showel(l, obs. forms of Shovel.

Shower (ʃaʊəɹ, ʃaʊ·əɹ), *sb.*[1] Forms: 1 scúr, sceór, scyur, 3 sur, shur, 3, 5 scur, 3–4 schur, 3–7 showre, 4 shor, 4–6 schour, 4–7 schoure, shour(e, 5 *pl.* scoures, shure, shwre, schowr, 5–6 schowre, 5–7 shewer, 6 schower, schouer, 6–7 shewre, 7 showr, shore, 5– shower. [OE. *scúr* str. masc. (also once *scúran* wk. pl.) corresponds to OS. *skûr* masc., OFris. *skûr* fit of illness (NFris. *skŷr* shower, caprice), MDu. *schuur* (mod.Du. *schoer* with dialectal vowel), OHG. *scûr* (MHG. *schûr*, mod.G. *schauer*), OTeut. **skūro-z*; also ON. *skúr* fem. (but in early texts sometimes masc.), Goth. *skūra* fem. storm :—**skūrō*. The suggested affinities are uncertain: see Uhlenbeck and Falk and Torp.]

1. A fall of rain, of short duration and (usually) comparatively light. Also, a similar fall of sleet or hail, rarely of snow. See also Hail-*shower*, Rain-shower, Snow-*shower*.

In various dialects the word may be applied to a continuous fall of rain lasting for many hours.

c 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* xii. 54 Scyur [*Rushw.* scur] cymeð. *a* 1000 *Andreas* 512 (Gr.) Þonne sceor cymeð. *a* 1000 *Lambeth Psalter* lxxvii. 44 Heora scuras [*imbres eorum*]. *c* 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 175 Storm...werpeð þat water upward and arereð shures fele. *c* 1374 Chaucer *Troylus* iv. 751 The teres from hir eyen two Doun fille, as shour in Aperill. *c* 1407 Lydg. *Reason & Sens.* 6310 Holsom as the Aprile shour Fallyng on the erbes newe. 14.. *Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 588/48 *Imber*, a shure. *c* 1550 Cheke *Matt.* vii. 25 Y^eer fell a greet schower. 1576 Gascoigne *Droome of Doomes day* Wks. 1910 II. 248 The Lord God rayned from the Lorde, (even from him selfe) not shewers nor dewe, but fyre and brimstone. 1618 J. Taylor (Water-P.) *Pennyless Pilgr.* C 2 b, All the day long it rayned out one showre. *a* 1700 Evelyn *Diary* 21 May 1645, After a showre has fall'n. 1759 Johnson *Idler* No. 49 ¶ 5 A shower beating against his windows. 1817 G. Rose *Diaries* (1860) I. 42, I was overtaken by a shower. 1907 W. Ewing *Arab & Druze* v. 63 A light shower drifted down the valley.

fig. *c* 1580 Sidney *Ps.* vii. i, O, save me from this persecutions show'r. 1663 Patrick *Parab. Pilgrim* xxx. (1687) 351 It pleased God so to order it, that this cloud [of indisposition] was cast about him without any showre. 1868 Morris *Earthly Par.* Prol. (1890) 19/2 We..knew the lot of all men should be ours, A chequered day of sunshine and of showers.

b. Followed by qualification *of rain, of hail*, etc.

a 1300 *Floriz. & Bl.* 272 He..gan Blauncheflur bimene Wiþ teres rive as a scur of rene. *c* 1320 *Sir Tristr.* 1937 Of snowe was fallen aschour. 1570 *Satir. Poems Reform.* xv. 15 With schouris Of hailstaines, snaw, and sleit! *c* 1620 A. Hume *Brit. Tongue* 10 A shour of hael. 1678 Wood *Life* (O.H.S.) II. 412 A vast shore of raine. 1807 P. Gass *Jrnl.* 181 Some showers of snow fell in the course of the day. 1825 T. Hook *Sayings* Ser. II. *Passion & Princ.* ix. III. 153 Strong gusts of wind, accompanied by fleeting showers of rain.

c. In extended use: A copious downfall of anything coming or supposed to come from the clouds or sky; in recent use often of meteors.

13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* B. 227 So fro heuen to helle þat hatel schor laste. 1562 Legh *Armorie* (1591) 16 b, Son of the high Ioue hegotten vppon Danae shadowed in the golden shower. 1643 Baker *Chron., Hen. II*, 79 A showre of Blood Rained in the Isle of Wight two houres together. 1829 *Chapters Phys. Sci.* 433 The sky was overcast at mid-day with clouds of ashes, the showers of which covered every thing to the depth of several inches. 1835, 1856 Meteoric showers [see Meteoric *a.* 3]. 1878 Huxley *Physiogr.* 189 The solid materials are shot forth into the air and fall in showers around the mouth of the orifice.

2. *transf.* A copious fall or discharge of water or other liquid in drops. Often of tears; hence *poet.* a shower of *grief, sorrow*, etc. † *To make showers*: to weep.

a 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 2048 Sike scoures were of blude..þat foles ferd in þe flosches to þe feterlakis. 1638 Heywood *Wise Wom.* iv. ii. G 2, Shall I the shower of all my griefe at once Power out before you? 1663 Patrick *Parab. Pilgrim* xxvii. (1687) 302 It was not possible so to repress them [tears], but that all concluded in a plentiful showre. 1818 Shelley *Rosal.* 1271 Rosalind..wept A shower of burning tears, which fell upon His face. 1846 Mrs. Kirkland *West. Clearings* 25 This brought only another shower of tears. 1859 R. Hunt *Guide Mus. Pract. Geol.* (ed. 2) 233 This is effected by passing showers of water through the flue by which the [lead] fumes escape. 1874 Crookes *Dyeing & Calico-Printing* 655 Stuffs, previous to finishing, are moistened with an extremely fine shower, produced by allowing water to descend through a sieve of silk.

b. *poet.* Of light, sound, etc.

1781 Cowper *Retirem.* 350 The stars that, sprinkled o'er the vault of night, Seem drops descending in a show'r of light. 1820 Shelley *To Maria Gisborne* 70 When from the moist moon rains The inmost shower of its white fire. 1840 R. S. Hawker *Cornish Ballads*, etc. (1908) 73 What showers of gold the sunbeams rain!

c. Short for Shower-bath.

1889 Gunter *That Frenchman* iii. 24 You forgot to put the ice in the shower, François; it is hardly bracing enough.

d. *Pyrotechny.* A device for producing a shower of small slow-burning 'stars', which fall from a rocket.

1839 [see Golden *a.* 10]. 1866 *Chamb. Encycl.* VIII. 35/2 Yellow stars and yellow showers are made of nitre [etc.].

3. *fig.* A copious or liberal supply bestowed.

13.. *K. Horn* 334 (Harl.) Shame þe mote by shoure ant euel hap to vnderfonge. *c* 1460 *Play of Sacrament* 664 in *Non-Cycle Mystery Plays* 78 Of thy gret mercy lett vs receyue þe showre. 1616 Breton *Invect. agst. Treason* (Grosart) 3/2 Our gratious King, on whome y^e King of Grace, hath rayn'd a shewre of his æternall graces. 1748 Gray *Alliance* 18 Light golden Showers of Plenty o'er the Land. 1751 *Affect. Narr. of Wager* 39 The Sailors,.. poured upon them a very plenteous Shower of hard Names and Execrations. 1803 Wordsw. *To Highland Girl*, Sweet Highland Girl, a very shower Of beauty is thy earthly dower! 1817 Jas. Mill *Brit. India* vi. i. III. 21 The revennes, from which so many showers of emolument fell. 1888 Burgon *Lives 12 Gd. Men* I. iv. 405 Hawkins's election ..was the signal for a shower of interesting letters of hearty congratulation.

4. A copious fall or flight of solid objects, esp. of missiles. Also of blows.

a 1000 *Judith* 221 (Gr.) Hie ða fromlice leton forð fleoȝan flana scuras. *a* 1000 *Elene* 117. 1375 Barbour *Bruce* xiii. 43 The arrowis als so thik thai flaw,..That thai ane hydwiss schour can ma. · 1508 Dunbar *Golden Targe* 195 The schour of arowis rappit on as rayn. 1570–6 Lambarde *Peramb. Kent* 291 They..made it raine suche a shoure of clubbes and coulestaues vpon the Monks Copes, cowles, & Crownes, that [etc.]. 1687 A. Lovell tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* I. 283 We could hear showers of Bullets batter against the Ships sides. 1736 Gray *Statius* i. 18 Batter Cadmus' walls with stony showers. 1827 Faraday *Chem. Manip.* vi. (1842) 184 The breaking of the bubbles will throw up a shower of particles. 1849 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* vi. II. 115 They were received with a shower of stones. 1852 Mrs. Stowe *Uncle Tom's C.* xxxiii, A shower of blows. 1877 Mary M. Grant *Sun-Maid* viii, And the leaves were falling in a crimson and russet shower all over the ground.

†5. A conflict, combat, battle, assault, attack; Also, an attack of pain; a pang, throe. *Obs.*

Very common in ME.

c 1220 *Bestiary* 281 We sulen hunger hauen and harde sures. *c* 1330 R. Braunne *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 6820 þer myghte men se on boþe partys A scharp schour by-twyxten enemys. *c* 1412 Hoccleve *De Reg. Princ.* 3939 In bataile ..Hym lenere is to suffre dethes schour, Than cowardly and schamefully flee. *c* 1420 ? Lydg. *Assembly of Gods* 732 For he was lyke to endure that day A gret mortall shoure ..With Yyce. *a* 1513 Fabyan *Chron.* vii. (1811) 399 The Englisshmen susteyned many harde showres in Gascoyne & Guyan. *c* 1570 *Satir. Poems Reform.* (S.T.S.) 117 3e, hardest..To him has felt of deith the schouris. 1637 Rutherford *Lett.* (1664) 257 It cost Christ and all his followers sharp showers and hot sweats, ere they won to the top of the mountain.

†b. *spec.* in *pl.* Labour-pains. *Obs.*

14.. *Athelston* 636 (Znpitza) Harde schourys þenne took her stronge Boþe in bak and eek in wombe. *a* 1598 Rollock *Lect. Passion* xx. Wks. 1844 II. 230 It shall come upon them suddenly, even as the showres and dolor come on a woman who is travailing in birth. *a* 1800 *Fair Janet & Sweet Will.* iii. in Child *Ballads* II. 105/1 Till sharp, sharp showers fair Janet took, She grew sick and like to die.

6. *attrib.* and *Comb.*: *shower-cloak, -like, -producing, -proof*, †*-raised, -shedding*, †*-swelled* adjs.; **shower-bouquet**, 'a large bouquet from which many small bouquets depend by ribbons of various lengths' (Webster 1911); **shower-cloud**, a cumulo-nimbus clond (see quot. 1910). See also Shower-bath.

1892 *Star* 25 Feb. 1/7 They carried *shower bouquets composed entirely of lilies of the valley. 1893 *Daily News* 29 June 6/1 Her grey *shower-cloak hid her dress. 1886 A. W. Clayden in *Q. Jrnl. R. Meteorol. Soc.* Apr. 102 On the Thickness of *Shower Clouds. 1910 — in *Encycl. Brit.* VI. 559/1 *Cumulo-nimbus* (Cu.-N.), The Thunder-cloud; Shower-cloud—Heavy masses of clouds, rising in the form of mountains, turrets, or anvils, generally having a sheet or screen of fibrous appearance above (false cirrus) and underneath a mass of cloud similar to nimbus. 1893 *Times* 8 May 10/5 Weather dull and *shower like. 1895 *Stores Price List*, *Shower proof cloaks. 1621 G. Sandys *Ovid's Met.* vii. (1626) 136 Men, if Fame say true, Here at the first from *shower-raysed mushrumps grew. 1800 Hurdis *Fav. Village* 122 The cloud immense, whose *shower-shedding folds Have all day dwelt upon a deluged world. 1627 May *Lucan* I. (1631) 8 The streame *showre-swell'd The marches ore.

Shower (ʃaʊəɹ, ʃaʊ·əɹ), *sb.*[2] Forms: 1 scéawere, scéawre, (scéware), 2 scawere, 3 scheauware, 3–4 shewere, 4 *Kent.* sseawere, 4–5 schewer(e, 5– schewar, schoer, scewre, 6 *Sc.* scheware, (schawar), 4–9 shewer, 6– shower. [OE. *scéawere*, agent noun from *scéawian* to Show; cf. OHG. *scauwâri* (MHG. *schouwære*, mod.G. *schauer*) looker, spectator, watchman, etc. In later times formed afresh on Show *v.* + -er[1].]

†1. One who looks out, observes, or inspects; an observer; a scout or spy; a watchman. *OE.*

Beowulf 253 Lease sceaweras. *c* 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 117 Episcopus is grekisc noma..and is on englisc scawere.

†2. A mirror. *Obs.*

c 1000 *Homily* in Napier *Contrib. OE. Lexicogr.* 55 Nu we men geseoð swylce þurh sceawere & on rædelse [= 1 *Cor.* xiii. 12]. *c* 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 29 Þe wimman bihalt hire sheawere and cumeð hire shadewe þaronne. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 92 Ȝe schulen, ase ine scheauware, iseon ure Lefdi mid hire meidenes. 13.. *Poem Times Edw. II*, xvi. (Percy Soc.) 8 He putteth in hys pawtener A kerchyf and a comb, A shewer, and a coyf.

3. One who shows, points out, or exhibits.

13.. *K. Alis.* 18 For Caton seith, thes gode techere 'Other monis lif is owre schewere [*Laud. MS.* shewer, Lat. *magistra*]. *c* 1400 *Apol. Loll.* (Camden) 60 Noyþer þe deposing of þe witnes, nor þe sentens ȝeuing of þe juge,.. makiþ not man synful, ne worþi to be dead; syn þei are but schewars & witnessars. *c* 1450 *Mirk's Festial* 187 God toke hom to hym yn ensampull to al oþer, and made hom as a schoer to al oþer synfull. 1484 *Certificate* in *Surtees Misc.* (1890) 41 Where trewth is..set oparte froym the scewres of right. 1511–2 *Act* 3 *Hen. VIII*, c. 10. § 1 The oder halfe to the taker fynder or shewer of the same. 1586 J. Melvill in *Calderwood's Hist. Kirk* (1843) IV. 522 The rebooker and shower thee of thy vice. 1680 H. More *Apocal. Apoc.* 333 It is the Angel that is the shower of the whole scene of this vision. 1810 Lamb *Let. to Hazlitt* 9 Aug., Perhaps they [*sc.* the pictures] are shown separately to put another fee into the shower's pocket. 1859 Boyd *Recreat. Country Parson* ii. 61 In compassion for human weakness, the Great Director and Shower of events practises the Art of Putting Things. 1868 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* Ser. II. IV. ii. 283 The breeders of Herefords have always been keen showers. 1899 *Daily News* 11 Apr. 6/3 Deceased ..was for some time a shower in the State apartments [at Windsor Castle].

b. *Scots Law.* One of the two men who are appointed by the court to accompany the jurors or viewers when a view of the property which the cause relates to is allowed.

1838 W. Bell *Dict. Law Scot.* s. v. *Viewer*, The premises are pointed out to them by two persons, named by the Court, usually on the joint suggestion of the parties, and technically called shewers.

c. With *off.*

1823 Cobbett *Rur. Rides* (1885) I. 384 Mr. Buxton figured here, also Lord Suffield, who appear to have been the two principal actors, or showers-off.

†4. Something which shows; an indicator; an indicative symptom (of a disease). *Obs.*

1377 Langl. *P. Pl.* B. xii. 153 (Rawl. MS.), It [the star] schon to [þe] schepherdes a schewer [1393 C. xv. 96 shewere] of blisse. 1532 More *Confut. Tindale* Wks. 383/2 He meaneth y^t..ye sacrament is no cause thereof..nor instrument therin, but only a bare signyfier and a shewer therof. 1561 Eden tr. *Cortes' Art Navig.* III. xi. 78 In the ioynte of the two halfe cyrcles..muste be a poynte (called the Index or shewer) whiche shall shewe..the degrees that the pole is raysed abone the Horizon. 1572 J. Jones *Bathes of Bathes Ayde* Ep. Ded. 3 Withall the signes shewers of the state of the sicke and whole. 1668 Culpeper & Cole *Barthol. Anat.* IV. i. 160 The second [finger] is cal'd Index and Demonstrator, the shewer, or pointer.

5. An animal that 'shows' well or otherwise, that makes a (good or bad) display of its qualities.

1893 *Kennel Gaz.* Aug. 215/2 An indifferent shower. *Ibid.* 217/3 He is a smart shower, and a well-made dog.

Shower (ʃaʊəɹ, ʃaʊ·əɹ), *v.* Also 6 shoure, shewre, 6–7 showr(e, 7 shou'r. [f. Shower *sb.*[1]]

1. *intr.* To rain in a shower, or in showers. †Also with *out*. Chiefly *impers.*; occas. said †of a cloud.

1573 Tusser *Husb.* (1878) 30 If great she [the moon] appereth, it showreth out, If small she appereth, it signifieth

drout. 1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* II. viii. 48 The cloudes..fiercely then begin to shoure. 1687 A. LOVELL tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* II. 193 It continued showring by intervals, with great Thunder-Claps, till half an hour after six. 1891 STEVENSON *Vailima Lett.* (1895) 75 It showered all afternoon and poured heavy and loud all night.

2. To fall down in a shower or showers, or as a shower of rain. **a.** Of water (esp. tears), or other material things. Often with *down*, *on*, etc.

1582 STANYHURST *Æneis* IV. (Arb.) 108 At my tears showring dyd he sigh? dyd he winck with his eyelyd? 1601 WEEVER *Mirr. Mart.* E iiij, Teares from her eies did shower. 1683 *Apol. Prot. France* ii. 12 Instead of having the Heavenly Mannah shower down at the Doors of their Tabernacles. 1717 BERKELEY *Vesuvius* in *Phil. Trans.* XXX. 711 Ashes continually shower'd on us all the way from the Sea-Coast. 1830 TENNYSON *Sea-Fairies* 10 Down shower the gambolling waterfalls From wandering over the lea. 1890 W. J. GORDON *Foundry* 155 The sparks showering off as if from a catherine-wheel. 1910 J. AITKEN in *Encycl. Brit.* VIII. 714/2 These [dust particles] when showering down as rain tend to wash the others out of the atmosphere.

b. *fig.* Of immaterial things.

1596 SHAKS. 1 *Hen. IV*, v. i. 47 It rain'd downe Fortune showring on your head. 1633 BROME *North. Lass* v. ii. K 3, Sir, all the accumulations of honour showre downe vpon you. 1732 BERKELEY *Serm. to S. P. G.* Wks. III. 249 The Divine grace will no longer shower down on our obdurate hearts. 1821 J. W. CROKER *Diary* (1884) 4 Aug., Visits and invitations shower upon one. 1912 *Standard* 20 Sept. 7/6 Thousands of congratulatory messages have showered upon the happy pair from all parts of the world.

3. *trans.* To pour down or discharge in a shower or showers; to send down or pour out in abundance and rapidly. Often with *down*, † *out*, etc.

1582 STANYHURST *Æneis* II. (Arb.) 52, I..salt tears dolfulye showred. 1594 DANIEL *Cleopatra* I. ii. 73 And vp they heise the swounding body there Of pale Antonius showring out his blood. 1635 A. STAFFORD *Fem. Glory* (1869) 147 Presume not thou to number what her eyes Showre forth in tears. 1665 SIR T. HERBERT *Trav.* (1677) 43 The Clowds shower there continually an insalubrious moisture. 1788 GIBBON *Decl. & F.* I. V. 198 A miraculous flight of birds, who showered down stones on the heads of the infidels. 1807 J. HALL *Trav. Scot.* II. 458 They would have hissed him, and showered rotten eggs at his head. 1832 TENNYSON *Godiva* 42 She shook her head and shower'd the rippled ringlets to her knee. 1860 TYNDALL *Glac.* I. x. 65 The clouds ..showered their liquid spheres down upon us. 1869 TOZER *Highl. Turkey* II. 331 Sugar-plums..are showered..by friends over the bride. 1878 SUSAN PHILLIPS *On Seaboard* 109 Does the crab-tree shower down Perfumed snow for treading?

b. *fig.* With immaterial obj: To bestow lavishly.

c 1586 C'TESS PEMBROKE *Ps.* CXXXIV, All blessing you accompany, From him in plenty showered. 1613 SHAKS. *Hen. VIII*, I. iv. 63, I showre a welcome on yee: welcome all. 1741 WATTS *Improv. Mind* I. v. (1801) 56 Let not little critics..shower down their ill-nature upon him. 1838 THIRLWALL *Greece* xl. V. 124 The royal bounty was largely showered upon him. 1889 GODKIN in Ogden *Life* (1907) II. 156 They all showered invitations upon me which, alas! I cannot accept.

† **c.** *absol.* To weep; to shed tears. Also to bestow gifts in abundance. *Obs. rare.*

1592 SNAKS. *Rom. & Jul.* III. v. 131 What still in teares? Euermore showring..? 1667 MILTON *P. L.* v. 637 Th' all bounteous King, who showrd With copious hand.

4. To water with or as with a shower; to wet copiously with rain or with water in drops or spray; *transf.* to cover or strew as with rain. also *fig.*

1667 MILTON *P. L.* IV. 152 When God hath showrd the earth. *Ibid.* XI. 879 Or serve they as a flourie verge to binde The fluid skirts of that same watrie Cloud, Least it again dissolve and showr the Earth? 1819 KEATS *Otho* v. v. 89 Ladies..bright In silks, with spangles shower'd. 1891 *Century Dict.* s. v., To shower plants from a watering-pot; to shower one's head in bathing; to shower a convict as a punishment. 1895 R. W. CHAMBERS *King in Yellow* (1909) 128 The gorse scraped against my leggings..showering the brown earth with blossoms. 1900 A. BLACK *Even. & Morn.* iii. 60 In the midst of our hot and dusty world this garden stands and heaven itself showers it and fans it.

Hence **Showered** *ppl. a.*

1848 W. R. WILLIAMS *Lord's Prayer* iv. (1854) 251 Stephen praying for his murderers amid the showered stones that fall and bruise him.

Shower, obs. variant of SEWER *sb.*[2]

Shower-bath. A bath in which water from above is poured in a shower upon the person. Also an apparatus for producing a bath of this kind.

Also *U.S.* a form of punishment for convicts.

1803 *Med. Jrnl.* IX. 209 A slight delirium..subsided immediately on the use of the shower bath. 1815 tr. *Duc de Levis' Eng. 19 Cent.* I. 211 They have invented a machine ..which is now very much in use; it is called a shower-bath. It is like a sentry-box. 1853 A. R. WALLACE *Amazon & Rio Negro* 30 In the morning, after a refreshing shower-bath under the mill-feeder, we shouldered our guns [etc.]. 1859 F. S. COOPER *Ironmongers' Catal.* 3 Hand Shower Baths. 1868 B. J. LOSSING *Hudson* 303 Severe punishments are becoming more and more rare, and the terrible Shower Bath..is now seldom used. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 380 Shower baths in the young, when they can be borne, are most efficacious.

b. *transf.* and *fig.*

1824 SCOTT *St. Ronan's* IV, He was soused with a deluge of water..[A threat] induced him to retreat in all haste from the repetition of this shower-bath. 1889 SWINBURNE *Study B. Jonson* 25 The character of Captain Pantilius Tucca, which seems to have brought down on its creator such a boiling shower-bath or torrent of professional indignation.

Showerer (ʃau·rəɹ). [f. SHOWER *v.* + -ER [1].] One who showers or pours down abundantly.

1882 G. RAWLINSON *Relig. Anc. World* IV. 129 Indra..is ..'the showerer of benefits'.

Showerful (ʃau·əɹfŭl), *a. nonce-wd.* [f. SHOWER *sb.*[1] + -FUL.] Abounding in showers.

1872 TENNYSON *Gareth & Lynette* 2 Gareth, in a showerful spring Stared at the spate.

Showeriness (ʃau·rinės). *rare.* [f. SHOWERY *a.* + -NESS.] The state of being showery.

1855 HAWTHORNE *Eng. Note-bks.* (1870) I. 388 After a slight showeriness. 1890 *Blackw. Mag.* CXLVIII. 361/1 A suspicion of April showeriness.

Showering (ʃau·riŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. SHOWER *v.* + -ING [1].] The action of SHOWER *v.*; also *concr.*, that which is showered.

1592 WYRLEY *Armorie, Ld. Chandos* vii, Led onward with hope of long assurance We neuer thinke of fortunes frowning, But high honors plant as if perdurance had promised continuall showring. 1653 RUTHERFORD *Lett.* (1836) II. 282 The dewings and showerings of Him that every moment watereth his vineyard. 1862 MEREDITH *Shemselnihar* Poet. Wks. (1912) 171 Like a rose by the fountain whose showering we hear.

Show·ering, *ppl. a.* [f. SHOWER *v.* + -ING [2].]

1. That sends down in or as in showers.

1609 C. BUTLER *Fem. Mon.* (1634) 60 *note*, Xantippe, that thundring shouring Queen of shrews. *c* 1620 Z. BOYD *Zion's Flowers* (1855) 12 With sad showring eyes, Cry to thy God. 1669 WORLIDGE *Syst. Agric.* 166 If the Spring be mild, calm, and showring, then is it good for Swarms. 1892 W. WATSON *Poems* Prel. 5 Not mine the rich and showering hand, that strews The facile largess of a stintless Muse.

2. That falls in or as in a shower or showers.

1622 J. TAYLOR (Water-P.) *Farew. Tower-Bottles* A 4 b, When showring hayleshot..Nor blustering Gusts..Could holde me backe. 1817 SHELLEY *Marianne's Dream* xiv, She Was borne towards the showering flame By the wild waves heaped tumultuously. 1818 BYRON *Juan* I. cxxiv, Sweet is the vintnge, when the showering grapes In Bacchanal profusion reel to earth. 1860 PATMORE *Faithf. for Ever* I. vii, For all the showering tears that soak This paper.

Hence † **Show·eringly** *adv.*

1621 LADY M. WROTH *Urania* 362 A Fountaine..out of which..the water came so..showringly,..as [etc.].

Show·erless, *a. rare.* [f. SHOWER *sb.*[1] + -LESS.] Without a shower or showers.

1744 ARMSTRONG *Art Preserv. Health* I. 257 Scarce in a showerless day the heavens indulge Our melting clime. 1801 COLERIDGE *Lett., To Southey* (1895) 357, I will be Supreme Bey of that showerless district.

Showery (ʃau·ri), *a.* [f. SHOWER *sb.*[1] + -Y.]

1. Raining in showers; abounding with or characterized by frequent showers of rain.

1591 PERCIVALL *Sp. Dict.*, *Lloviznar*, to drizle, to be showry. 1626 BACON *Sylva* § 548 In a Showry Season. 1652 HEVLYN *Cosmogr.* IV. 138 The Aire hereof is very shewery. 1773 COOK *2nd Voy.* II. xi. (1777) I. 317 On the 23d showery weather. 1854 HAWTHORNE *Eng. Note-bks.* (1870) I. 140 It continued showery all day. 1885 H. FINCH-HATTON *Advance Australia!* 173 The weather..had been, as they say in the west of Scotland, 'showery and rain atween whiles'.

b. *fig.* Tearful.

1847 TENNYSON *Princess* Concl. 33 She fixt A showery glance upon her aunt.

2. Causing or producing showers; bringing showers. Said of a cloud, wind, constellation, etc.

1697 DRYDEN *Æneid* IX. 909 Like the Storm that flies From Westward, when the Show'ry Kids arise. 1858 HAWTHORNE *Fr. & It. Note-bks.* II. 200 The showery clouds that haunt a hill-country. 1871 R. ELLIS *Catullus* XXVI. 2 'Tis not showery south, nor airy wester.

3. Pertaining to, produced by or resembling a shower or showers.

1667 MILTON *P. L.* VI. 759 Inlaid with pure Amber, and colours of the showrie Arch. 1729 SAVAGE *Wanderer* II. 70 Bright It collects the Beams, which, trembling All, Back from the God, a show'ry Radiance, fall. 1791 COWPER *Iliad* IV. 509 The waves..scatter far the show'ry spray. 1833 TENNYSON *Lotos-Eaters* 17 Dew'd with showery drops, Upclomb the shadowy pine above the woven copse. 1853 O. W. HOLMES *Poem Amer. Med. Assoc.* 78 The selfsame founts her chalice fill With showery sunlight running over.

4. Falling in showers.

1841–6 LONGF. *Rain in Summer* ix, Aquarius old..Scattering every where The showery rain.

Showful, variant of SHOFUL *slang.*

† **Show·fully,** *adv. Obs.*[−1] [f. SHOW *sb.*[1] + -FUL + -LY [2].] Gaudily, showily.

1613 CHAPMAN *Maske Inns Court* A 3, All showfully garnisht with seueral-hewd fethers.

Show·-glass. [SHOW *sb.*[1]]

1. A glass case for exhibiting valuable or delicate goods.

1709 *Loud. Gaz.* No. 4574/4 Elizabeth Mechin..did..feloniously break open several Locks of Drawers, Press-show-Glasses, and other places. 1733 *Read's Wkly. Jrnl.* 24 Nov. 3/2 Some Rogues carry'd away a Shew-Glass from the Shop of..a Goldsmith.., with Plate to the Value of 25*l.* 1854 *Zoologist* XII. 4189 Confectioners' show-glasses. 1862 *Catal. Internat. Exhib.* II. x. 13 They are especially adapted for show-glasses..where safety and protection from dust are essential.

2. A glass in which something is seen; a mirror; a magic mirror.

1855 in OGILVIE Suppl. 1891 in *Century Dict.*

Show house. [SHOW *sb.*[1]]

† **1.** A shop or other building in which wares are displayed. *Obs.*

1527 in *Chron. Calais* (Camden) 107 All persons having shewehouses or packhouses. *c* 1600 in *Trans. Roy. Hist. Soc.* (1902) XVI. 35 No..Merchant Adventurer..shall..keepe open shoppe or shewhouse.

2. A house conspicuous and celebrated for architectural beauty, splendid furniture, or the like; esp. one over which the public are at certain times admitted to be shown.

1806 J. BERESFORD *Miseries Hum. Life* VI. xxviii, In seeing what is called a 'Shew-house',—keeping pace, whether you will or not, through all the rooms, with another party. 1880 MISS BRADDON *Just as I am* ii, Fairview was not a grand house, or a show house.

Showily (ʃōu·ili), *adv.* [f. SHOWY *a.* + -LY [2].] In a showy manner; with display.

1789 MRS. PIOZZI *Journ. France* I. 286 Trapped showily in various colours. 1825 SCOTT *Betrothed* xviii, His garments, of various colours, and showily disposed, were none of the newest. 1870 'OUIDA' *Held in Bondage* 22 Wild young Cantabs, mounted showily from livery-stables.

Showiness (ʃōu·inės). [f. SHOWY *a.* + -NESS.] The quality of being showy.

1813 *Examiner* 18 Jan. 35/2 The sheviness of their [the soldier's] profession. 1816 COLERIDGE *Statesm. Man.* App. 31 Which gave a sickly and hectic sheviness to the latter half of the last century. 1869 SPURGEON *Treas. Dav.* Ps. xvi. Introd. I. 240 There is much showiness, and may be some solidity in the suggestions.

Showing (ʃōu·iŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. SHOW *v.* + -ING [1]; in OE. *sċēawung*, *sċēawing*.]

1. The action of displaying, exhibiting, manifesting, etc.; the fact of being displayed, etc.; with *pl.*, an instance of this.

c 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* Mark xii. 40 Under sceawung longes ȝebeddes [*sub obtentu prolixae orationis*]. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 26110 Scrift es opin scheuing o breist Laufulli mad be-for þe preist. *c* 1325 *Metr. Hom.* 29 Of this openlic schauing Hauis Godd schawed many taking. 1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 25 By the ostencyon or shewynge of grace. 1568 GRAFTON *Chron.* II. 225 There were great embracynges and shewynges of frendship on both sydes. 1709 HEARNE *Collect.* 13 Mar. (O.H.S.) II. 176 Mr. Lhuyd..made what he could by Shewing. 1765 *Treat. Dom. Pigeons* II When you observe the hen to sweep her tail to the cock..which is termed shewing. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* III. I. vii, In one of those wheelings and showings of new front.

b. with adv., as *showing off.*

1874 GARROD in *Proc. Zool. Soc.* 471 On the 'showing-off' of the Australian Bustard.

† **c.** *To make showing of*: to exhibit, display, reveal; to tell of, describe, relate. *Obs.*

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 22298 Þar sal he..sceuing make of his maistris. *c* 1330 *Arth. & Merl.* 7626 Of whom y made bifore scheweing. 1477 *Cov. Leet Bk.* 422 To make a clere shewing of the same before certen oure..Counsellours.

† **2.** A sight, spectacle. *Obs.*

971 *Blickl. Hom.* 187 Neron..bead þæt eall þæt folc come to þisse sceawunga. *c* 1450 *Brut* 426 The meyre and aldremen..lete..make many diuerse shewyngis and sightis.

3. *Old English Law.* A duty or toll payable for the right of displaying goods for sale; = L. *ostensio.*

In spurious charters of Edward the Confessor and William I; see Kemble *Cod. Dipl.* IV. 213, 215, Thorpe *Diplom.* 359, 411.

? 1121 *Charter Hen. I* in *New Palæogr. Soc.* I. (1903) pl. 20(1) Cum saca et soca..et miskenninge et sceawinge. 12.. *Annales de Burton* in *Ann. Monast.* (Rolls) I. 247 Liberi sint ab omni scoto et geldo..et stallagio, schewinge, mischenninge. 1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) II. 95 Schewynge, settynge forþ of marchaundise.

4. Manner of putting a case: in phrases *on this showing* (= if the facts be as thns represented), *on one's own showing*, etc.

[1408 tr. *Vegetius De re milit.* (MS. Digby 233) lf. 183 b/2 After wyse mennys schewyng.] 1857 MILL *Pol. Econ.* III. xii. § 7 (ed. 4) II. 70 On this showing, the notes at least of private banks are not money. 1868 FREEMAN *Norm. Conq.* II. x. 502 The revolt could not be justified on any showing. 1869 LATHAM, S.v., This is proved even by your own showing. 1883 *Manch. Guard.* 17 Oct. 5/2 The step which the United Kingdom Alliance wants Parliament to take is on their own showing a momentous one.

5. A statement or presentation of figures, accounts, or the like. Chiefly *U.S.*

1868 *Rep. U. S. Commissioner Agric.* (1869) 51 This is a very meager showing, but an export of ten times the amount would be worse. 1877 RAYMOND *Statist. Mines & Mining* 453 We have been unable to obtain any data that justifies a showing so favorable. 1902 *Westm. Gaz.* 31 July 9/1 On the whole it is not at all a bad 'showing', and shareholders need not fidget.

6. *U.S.* An appearance or display of a specified kind. Phrases *to make a* (good or bad) *showing.*

1890 in Leffingwell *Upland Shooting* 459 [The greyhounds] made a very sorry showing in the public contests. 1901 *N. Amer. Rev.* Feb. 240 Like all officers, I was intensely interested in the showing made by the different forces.

7. Outward appearance. † *Fair showing*, fair appearance or seeming; persuasiveness (of speech).

1340 *Ayenb.* 36 Huanne þet hi [corn and vines] byeþ of uaire ssewynge. *c* 1400 *Rom. Rose* 4041 Than, al abawid in shewing, Anoon spak Dreed. *c* 1412 LYDG. *Reas. & Sens.* 3917 [Apples] Delytable in shewyng, But wonder bitter in tastyng. 1470–85 MALORY *Arthur* XVIII. ii. 728 The quene outward made no maner of sorowe in shewynge. 1903 R. KIPLING *Five Nations* I Who hath desired..His Sea in no showing the same—his Sea and the same 'neath each showing.

† **8.** Something that is shown or appears; a manifestation, revelation (*of*); a sign or token; a dream or vision. *Book of showing(s*: the Apocalypse.

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 268 Ase lease swefnes, & false scheauwinges. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 10707 Þat he þam suld sli sceuing scau, þat þai moght wit sum taknyng knan Quat þai suld do. *Ibid.* 21039 Þe bok o scheuing þer he wrat. ? *a* 1400 *Morte Arth.* 3401 Thow has a schewynge, sir kynge, take

kepe 3if the lyke! 1450–1530 *Myrr. Our Ladye* 16 With meruaylous tokens and shewynges. *c* 1485 *Digby Myst.* III. 1621 A mervelows shewyng In my slep I had.

† b. An appearance or indication *of* (something). *c* 1491 *Chast. Goddes Chyld.* (Caxton) 50 Whether there be in hym ony sheweng of vainglory.

Show·ing, *ppl. a.* [f. SHOW *v.* + -ING 2.]

1. That displays, exhibits, indicates, etc.

† *Showing finger,* the forefinger or index.

c 1425 tr. *Arderne's Treat. Fistula,* etc. 22 þan at first putte the leche þe schewyng fynger of his left hande..in-to þe lure of þe pacient. 1522 VAUS *Rudimenta* B 6 b (Jam.) *Indicatiuo modo,* schawand mode. 1551 T. WILSON *Logic* (1580) 27 b, The first called a demonstratiue, or shewyng reduction [=*reductio ostensiva*], is made by conuersion of the Propositions. 1568 GRAFTON *Chron.* II. 125 It is written at the length, and in most shewyng maner, to their honour and worship.

† 2. That appears; seeming; evident. *Obs.*

c 1374 CHAUCER *Boeth.* IV. pr i. (1868) 109 Þe þinges þat þou hast seid me hider to ben to me so clere and so shewyng [*patuerunt*]..þat þei ne mowe nat ben ouercomen. 1579 J. STUBBES *Gaping Gulf* A 2, Deceiued by theyr lusts to embrace a shewing and false good.

3. *Hort.* Of fruit: Beginning to appear. 1794 MᶜPHAIL *Treat. Cucumber* 155, I..picked off several of the shewing and set fruit where they were too thick.

† **Show·ish,** *a. Obs.* (Very common in the 18th c.) [f. SHOW *sb.*¹ + -ISH.] = SHOWY *a.*

1675 J. DANCER *Agrippa* Ded. A ij b, This Play in it self is not at all calculated to the humour of the present times ..: nor is it (to speak Modishly) showish enough. 1710 T. FULLER *Pharm. Extemp.* 393 This Age produces a set of idle shallow shewish Men. 1747 CHESTERF. *Let. to Son* 3 Apr., A showish binding attracts the eyes. *a* 1768 SECKER *Serm.* (1770) II. 52 The outward Act being a Matter of great Form and Punctuality..they easily persuaded themselves..that a scrupulous Performance of such troublesome and shewish Duties would certainly be sufficient.

Showitt, obs. form of SUET.

Showl, showld(e, obs. forms of SHOAL.

Showle, obs. form of SHOAL, SHOVEL.

Show·ler. [Of obscure origin.] A local name for the DACE.

1681 CHETHAM *Angler's Vade-m.* XX. § 1 (1689) 136 The Dace or Dare in some Places called a showler. 1816 BAINBRIDGE *Fly Fisher's Guide* 91 The Dace, Dare, or as it is sometimes called the Showler.

Showll, obs. form of SHOVEL.

Showman (ʃō·ᵘmăn). [SHOW *sb.*¹]

1. One who exhibits a show; the proprietor of a show. *a* 1734 NORTH *Life Ld. Keeper Guilford* (1742) 280 An enormous Rhinoceros, to be sold to Shew-men for Profit. 1787 M. CUTLER in *Life,* etc. (1888) I. 309 There are constant exhibitions from rope-dancers, mountebanks, jugglers, and show-men. 1833 LONGF. *Outre-Mer* Pr. Wks. 1886 I. 129 Staring in stupid wonder at the miracles of a showman's box. 1840 DICKENS *Old C. Shop* xvi, Itinerant showmen—exhibitors of the freaks of Punch.

b. *gen.* and *transf.*

1774 COOK *2nd Voy.* II. xii. (1777) I. 324 He was conducted all over the ship...On this occasion Otoo was the principal shew-man. 1861 *Sat. Rev.* 30 Nov. 568 The showmen who hurry the..parties of visitors round the eastern chapels.

c. *allrib.*

1880 W. CORY *Lett. & Jrnls.* (1897) 455 The garrulity and the showman proclamations of Thackeray and Trollope. 1899 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 11 Oct. 4/3 The shares of the 'showman' class exhibited their true nature.

† 2. (See quot.) *Obs.*

1797 *Times* 23 Nov. in Ashton *Old Times* (1885) 336 It was the custom of Publicans, when they want to let their houses, to get a number of people together, whom they treat with beer. They call them show-men, and this is done for the purpose of deceiving the persons who come to view their house, and to make them suppose it has good custom.

Hence **Show·manism, Show·manry, Show·manship** (*nonce-wds.*).

1859 SALA *Gas-light & D.* xvi. 178 One touch of showmanship makes the whole world kin. 1886 *Sat. Rev.* 15 May 675/2 Charles Lamb would have delighted in one of their effects as he delighted in the showmanry of Elliston. 1886 PETRIE *Tanis* II. *Nebesheh* (1888) Pref. 6 To reject anything [from a museum] because it is not popularly attractive is a concession to mere showmanism.

Shown (ʃōun), *ppl. a.* [pa. pple. of SHOW *v.*] Exhibited, presented to view, etc.

1892 GREENER *Breech-loader* 135 The pattern is the *shown* shooting of a gun, the only visible proof of a gun's powers. 1897 F. THOMPSON *New Poems* 37 Hidden stars by the shown stars' wings.

Show'-place. [Cf. G. *schauplatz* = sense 1.]

† 1. A place for public shows or spectacles; a theatre. (Used to render *θέατρον, circus,* etc.)

1579–80 NORTH *Plutarch, Antonius* (1595) 994 He assembled all the people in the shew place, where young men doe exercise themselues. 1603 HOLLAND *Plutarch's Mor.* 96 Whither men flocke to heare, as at the Theaters and shew places. 1647 R. STAPYLTON *Juvenal* (1670) 49 Circus, the great show-place neer mount Aventine.

2. A place (e.g. a large mansion or estate) which is regularly exhibited to visitors; a place much visited for its beauty, antiquities, or the like.

1817 MAR. EDGEWORTH *Harrington* vi, Mamma..generally leaves her at the Priory, to take care of all the old trumpery, and show the place—you know it's a *show place.* 1853 'C. BEDE' *Verdant Green* I. v, They soon found a guide, one of those wonderful people to which show-places give birth. 1888 PAVN *Myst. Mirbridge* xvii, 'A show-place'—as country mansions important enough for exhibition are called. 1893 MATHESON *About Holland* 44 Flushing is not a show place by any means.

Showrde, obs. form of SWORD.

Showroom (ʃōu·ᵘrūm). [f. SHOW *sb.*¹]

1. A room used for the display of goods or merchandise.

1616 R. COCKS *Diary* 2 Jan. (Hakl. Soc.) 95 To keepe the shopp or shew rowme. 1617 *Ibid.* 23 July 283 We delivered divers sortes merchandiz to Jno. Japon to sell in the shopp or shew roome over the way. 1839 DICKENS *Nich. Nick.* x, Madame Mantalini's showrooms were on the first floor. 1879 F. W. ROBINSON *Coward Conse.* II. xxi, From the busy workshops into the great show-room.

fig. 1829 CARLYLE *Misc., Voltaire* (1840) II. 163 Voltaire's knowledge is not a mere show-room of curiosities, but truly a museum for purposes of teaching. 1833 H. COLERIDGE *Biogr. Bor.* Introd. 6 It..is deposited in the shew-room of the memory.

† 2. A room in which a show is exhibited. *Obs.*

c 1714 ARBUTHNOT etc. *Mem. M. Scribl.* I. xiv. (1741) 51 The Dwarf who kept the gates of the Show-room.

3. *pl.* The rooms in a large mansion which are regularly shown to visitors.

1863 HAWTHORNE *Our Old Home, Near Oxford* II. 12 We were guided through the show-rooms [at Blenheim] by a very civil person.

Showse, obs. variant of CHOUSE *sb.*

Showt(e, obs. forms of SHOUT.

Showve, obs. form of SHOVE *v.*

Showy (ʃōu·i), *a.* [f. SHOW *sb.*¹ + -Y. Cf. the earlier SHOWISH *a.*] Characterized by show.

a. Of visible objects: Presenting an imposing or striking appearance; making a good display.

1712 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 434 ¶ 6 The Men would make a Present of every thing that was Rich and Showy to the Women whom they most admired. 1746 W. THOMPSON *R. N. Adv.* (1757) 40 They do not always Weigh six Hundred Weight,..tho' large shewy Oxen. 1777 MISS BURNEY *Early Diary* (1889) II. 168 A very showy striped pink and white Manchester. 1779 G. KEATE *Sketches Nat.* (ed. 2) I. 8 Rather a showy than a pretty woman. 1826 P. POUNDEN *France & Italy* 186 Hung with chintz of a shewy pattern. 1832 BABBAGE *Econ. Manuf.* XV. (ed. 3) 139 Inferior but showy watches are made at a cheap rate. 1839 THACKERAY *Fatal Boots* Oct., A showy black-haired woman with one eye. 1882 *Garden* 15 July 41/1 One of the showiest of hardy border flowers. 1893 F. T. RICHARDS in Traill *Social Eng.* I. 23 Showy market places, and fine houses.

b. Of immaterial things, qualities, etc.: Brilliant, striking, 'effective'. Of persons: Displaying brilliant talents, etc.

1728 MORGAN *Algiers* I. List Subscribers (*ad fin.*), Had I been fond of borrowed Plumes this List had been considerably more Showy than it is. 1782 MISS BURNEY *Cecilia* II. vi, Forming friendships with every shewy adventurer that comes in your way. 1824 SCOTT *St. Ronan's* V, His manners, without being showy, were gentleman-like and pleasing. 1836 J. H. NEWMAN *Par. Serm.* XXXII. (ed. 2) II. 448 The showy talents, in which the present age prides itself. 1872 BAGEHOT *Physics & Pol.* II. (1876) 44 The progress of the military art is the most conspicuous, I was about to say the most *showy,* fact in human history. 1912 *Eng. Hist. Rev.* Oct. 817 Dr. McGiffert is..inclined to let generalities—more or less showy—do duty for concrete statements of fact.

c. *Nat. Hist.* In names of plants and birds.

1817 *Shaw's Gen. Zool.* X. 466 Showy Tanager (*Tanagra ornata*). 1880 BESSEY *Bot.* 460 *Lilium speciosum,* the Showy Lily, from Japan. 1890 *Century Dict.* s. v. *Orchis,* The common American species is *O[rchis] spectabilis,* the showy orchis.

d. Comb.: *showy-dressed, -looking.*

1788 MRS. HUGHES *Henry & Isab.* III. 80 A tall, plain, showy dressed, affected woman. 1821 HAZLITT *Table-t., Living to one's-self* (1869) 125 A showy-looking girl.

Showyll, obs. form of SHOVEL.

Showyng(e, obs. forms of SHOEING *vbl. sb.*

‖ **Shoya** (ʃōu·yă). = SOY¹, SOYA.

1883 N. OKOSHI *Fisheries Japan* (Fish. Exhib.) 24 The sauce known here under the name of Japanese shoya, properly called shoyu.

Shoy-hoy, shoyhoy (ʃoi,hoi). [Imitative of the cry used for scaring birds.] One who scares away birds from a sown field. Also *transf.*

1819 COBBETT *Weekly Pol. Reg.* 14 Aug. 22 These bird-scarers, or, as we call them in Hampshire, *Shoy-hoys. Ibid.* 23 Look at the conduct of these shoy-hoys during this present session...The shoy-hoy Chamberlaine from Southampton; the shoy-hoy Palmer...the two shoy-hoys from Nottingham. 1835 *Fraser's Mag.* XII. 211 Waithman the pride of the senate became Waithman the empty shoyhoy; Hunt the patriot degenerated into Hunt the greatest of liars.

Shoy-hoy. App. jocularly used for HOY *sb.*¹

1840 HOOD *Up Rhine* 17 In the old shoy-hoy times I was once at sea three days and two nights between London and Ramsgate, now a certain passage of a few hours.

† **Shoyn(e.** *Obs. rare.* [Of obscure origin; perh. some error.] (See quot.)

1527 ANDREW *Brunswyke's Distyll. Waters* I v b, Water of Cardes..is good agaynste the sore named the shoyne. *Ibid.* K ii b, Clothes wet in the same water and layd vpon the shoyne..is very good for the shoyn which commeth with hote brenyng blaynes.

‖ **Shrab** (ʃrǭb). *Anglo-Indian.* Also [7 **sharab, scherab**], 9 **shraub.** [Urdū a. (through Persian) Arab. شراب *sharāb* wine or any beverage, f. شرب *shariba* to drink. Cf. SHERBET, SHRUB *sb.*²] Wine, spirits, or a drink prepared with them.

[1662 J. DAVIES tr. *Mandelslo's Trav.* 6 To treat his friends with Schiras Sharab. 1662 — tr. *Olearius' Voy. Amb.* 175 A Bottle of Scherab or Persian Wine.] 1867 SMYTH *Sailor's Word-bk., Shrab,* a vile drugged drink prepared for seamen who frequent the filthy purlieus of Calcutta. 1886 YULE & BURNELL *Hobson-Jobson* s. v. *Sherbet,* Portshraub, Sherry-shraub, Lall-shraub, Brandy-shraub, Beer-shraub. 1888 *Nature* 19 July 269, I take brandy shrab, and get drunk like you.

Shradd, obs. form of SHRED *sb.*

‖ **Shraddha, sraddha** (ʃrā·dă, sr-). Also 8 **sherad,** 9 **shraad,** s(h)radh, s(h)radha. [Skr. *çrāddha* (whence Hindī *çrāddh,* Urdū *shrāddh, srāddh*), f. *çraddhā* faith, trust.] A Hindu ceremony in honour and for the benefit of a deceased relative, at which water and food are offered; the offerings thus made.

1787 in Seton-Karr *Select. Calcutta Gaz.* (1864) I. 209 Nemoo Mullick, the rich Banker, is said to have spent lately three lacks of Rupees in the sherad or funeral ceremonies at his mother's death. 1832 H. H. WILSON in *Asiatic Res.* XVII. 276 *Srāddhas,* obsequial ceremonies at stated periods. 1845 STOCQUELER *Handbk. Brit. India* (1854) 215 He..performs the obsequies, or *shraad,* of his deceased ancestors. 1887 W. J. WILKINS *Mod. Hinduism* 463 At Shrādhas, Manu and other writers distinctly enjoin eating of flesh.

Shraep, obs. variant of SHRAPE *sb.*

Shraf, obs. pa. t. SHRIVE *v.*

Shraff, Shraffage, obs. var. SHROFF, SHROFFAGE.

Shraftyde, obs. form of SHROVETIDE.

Shrag (ʃræg), *sb. Obs.* exc. *dial.* Also 5 **schragge,** 6–7 **shragge.** [A parallel form to SCRAG *sb.*² (see SCR-). Cf. SHRIO, SHROG.]

† 1. A rag, tatter. *Obs.*

? *a* 1400 [see SHRED *sb.* 3].

2. A twig; a branch lopped off; also, *occas.* a bush or low tree. *dial.*

1552 HULOET, Shragge of trees, *sarmenta.* 1605 VERSTEGAN *Dec. Intell.* ix. 285 A kynd of breach or valey down a slope from the syde of a hill, where comonly shragges and trees do grow. 1642 D. ROGERS *Naaman* 23 Absolon is snatcht up by his long head locks, by a shrag of an oake. *Ibid.* 185 If they lose their hooke upon a shrag of triall and temptation. 1823 E. MOOR *Suffolk Words, Shrags,* the ends of sticks—of the bircben twigs in a broom; or of whins or furze...The clippings of live fences.

Shrag (ʃræg), *v.* Also 5 **schragge, schregge,** 6 **shragge,** 9 **shreg.** [f. SHRAG *sb.*] *trans.* To lop, trim, prune.

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 448/2 Schredyn, or schragge trees, *sarculo.* 1552 HULOET, Twygges or boughes of trees cut of, or shragged, *sarmenta. Ibid.,* Shragge vnder so that the sunne maye come to the ground, *subluco.* 1647 HEXHAM I, To Shrag, *lubben ofte snijden.* 1847 HALLIWELL, *Shreg,* to lop trees, *Somerset.*

Hence † **Shra·gger,** a trimmer or pruner of trees; **Shra·gging** *vbl. sb.,* that which is lopped off (also *attrib.*).

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 449/1 Schreggare, *sarculator. Ibid.,* Schreggynge, *idem quod* schredynge [*putamen*]. *c* 1460 *Ibid.* (Winch. MS.) 401 Schraggyng, *idem quod* schreggyng. 1900 *Oxf. Times* 1 Dec. 2/3, 1,500 shragging fagots.

Shrager: see SAGGAR.

† **Shragged,** *a. Obs.* In 4 **shragid.** [f. SHRAG *sb.* + -ED².] Having ragged or jagged edges.

13.. *MS. Arundel Coll. Arms* 27 f. 130, A red hod on hir heved, shragid al of shridis.

Shram (ʃræm), *v. dial.* Also **shramp, shramb.** [A parallel form to SCRAM *v.* (see SCR-). Cf. SHRIM, SHRIMPED.] *trans.* To benumb or paralyse with cold. Chiefly *pass.*

1787 GROSE *Prov. Gloss., Shram'd,* chilled. I am shram'd to death, I am dead with cold. W. 1865 *Daily Tel.* 15 Nov. 5/2 Being 'shrammed with cold', as they say in Wiltshire. 1873 *Gentl. Mag.* X. 326 A bitter..wind..'shramming' the loungers in Palace Yard. 1892 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 22 Nov. 6/3 In the open yard amidst all the fog, where he should have been 'shramped' with cold. 1898 HARDY *Wessex Poems* 207 Half shrammed to death.

Hence **Shrammed** *ppl. a.,* numbed.

1874 LADY HERBERT *Hübner's Ramble* III. ii. (1878) 473 The sun has been pleased to unstiffen our shrammed bodies.

Shrame, variant of SHREAM *v. Obs.*

† **Shrank,** *a. Obs.* [Related to SHRINK *v.*] Of seed: Parched, shrivelled. Hence † **Shra·nkness.**

1651 in *Hartlib's Legacy* (1658) 93 Then the Grain is purest and the perfectest, without Smut, Mildew, Shrankness, or other imperfections. 1686 PLOT *Staffordsh.* ix. 347 That [seed] which is thin and shrank (as they [Staffordshire people] call it).

Shrape, *sb. Obs.* or *dial.* Also 6 **shraep,** 6–**shrap.** [A parallel form to SCRAPE *sb.*² (see SCR-).]

1. A bait of chaff or seed laid for birds; the place where such bait is laid. Hence *gen.* a snare.

1532–3 *Act 24 Hen. VIII,* c. 10 § 2 A Shrape made with Chaffe or other thing. 1592 NASHE *P. Penilesse* 8 Casting foorth silken shraps to catch Woodcocks. 1594 PLAT *Jewell-ho.* III. 55 After you haue procured the pigeons to haunt a place, by making of a shrap. 1618 S. WARD *Jethro's Just. Peace* 48 The Diuell as well as the Briber laieth his hookes in this shrap. 1624 BEDELL *Lett.* iii. 59 The most chaffie shrap that euer was set before the eyes of winged Fowle. 1669 WORLIDGE *Syst. Agric.* 197 They [sparrows] being so easily induced to come to a Shrape or Place baited for them. 1817 J. MAYER *Sportsman's Direct.* (ed. 2) 160 To trap a fox in cover, make a shrape with some free moulds where the hares' paths meet. 1895 *E. Angl. Gloss., Shrap or Scrap,* a bait of chaff laid in the winter season to attract sparrows, &c., which are then netted with a contrivance called a 'shrap net'.

† 2. ? The enclosure in a cockpit, within which the cocks fight.

1575 CHURCHYARD *Chippes* I. 99 Loe heer how soen, the strong becoms full weak And out of shraep, fly cocks and so crie creak. 1599 — *Fort. Farewel* A 2 A crauen cock.. Will run about, the shraep and dāer not stand, When cocks of gaem, comes in to giue a bloe.

† **Shrape,** *v. Obs.* Forms: 1 scrapian, 3 schreape, 3–4 schrape, 4–6 shrape. [OE. *scrapian* (see SCRAPE *v.*).] *trans.* and *intr.* To scratch, scrape (*lit.* and *fig.*).

c 1000 in *Techmer's Internat. Zeitschrift* (1885) II. 124 ðyf þu æzera beþurfe, þonne scrapa þu mid þinum fingre up on þinne wynstran þuman. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 116 Heo schulden schreapien euericne deie þe eorðe up of hore putte þer heo schulden rotien ine. *Ibid.* 82 (MS. C.), Þeose beoð all ischrapede ut of ancre riule þæt swich fulðe spit ut. 13.. [see SHAB *sb.* 1]. 1362 LANGL. *P. Pl.* A. v. 215 Þenne was he a-schomed..and schraped his eren. *c* 1380 WYCLIF *Serm.* Sel. Wks. II. 27 Take ȝe out litil foxis þat schrapen doun þe vines. *c* 1430 LYDG. *Min. Poems* (Percy Soc.) 184 Herly in the morowe to shrapyn in the vale, To fynde my dyner amonge the wormes smale. 1509 BARCLAY *Shyp of Folys* 24 Youth brought vp in lewdnes and in syn Shall skant it shrape so clene out of his mynde.

Shrapnel (ſræ·pnĕl), *sb.* Also *erron.* -ell. [f. the name of Gen. H. *Shrapnel*, who invented this shell during the Peninsular War.] A hollow projectile containing bullets and a small bursting charge, which, when fired by the time fuse, bursts the shell and scatters the bullets in a shower.

The term *Shrapnel shell* was adopted officially (instead of *spherical case shot*) in accordance with the Report of a Select Committee at Woolwich dated 11 June, 1852.

(*a*) *Shrapnel's* or *Shrapnel shell, shot.*

1806 Capt. J. F. OGILVIE in Shrapnel *Petit. Ho. Lords* 14 The excellent effect of your Spherical Case (Shrapnel Shells). 1807 Sir R. WILSON in *Life* (1862) II. 148 If we had only some of Shrapnell's shot. 1812 LIEUT. BOUCHER in Shrapnel *Petit. Ho. Lords* 10 The French complained much of the 'Shrapnel Case Shot'. 1870 *Daily News* 31 Aug. 2 The new Indian gun..throwing a nine-pound shrapnel shell. 1890 *Nature* 4 Sept., The efficiency of a projected shrapnel shell is materially altered by an increase in the velocity.

(*b*) *Shrapnel* (chiefly collect. sing.).

1812 LIEUT. H. HOUGH *Diary* 27 June (MS.), Our batteries cracking shrapnells over their ears. 1858 MAJ. SINGLETON in Shrapnel *Petit. Ho. Lords* 21, I ordered Shrapnel to be fired, which did great execution. 1877 *Field Exerc. Infantry* 384 A slight earthen parapet is sufficient to protect men from the effects of Shrapnel.

attrib. and *Comb.* 1854 F. A. GRIFFITHS *Artil. Man.* (ed. 6) 82 The Shrapnell fuze. 1909 DEHAN *Doþ Doctor* xxx, A dusty stretch of shrapnel-raked ground.

Hence (*rare*) **Shra·pnel** *v.*, to shell with shrapnel; **Shra·pnelize** *v.* (*transf.*).

1837 T. HOOK in *New Monthly Mag.* L. 156 They were sweeping up the mud, and spooning it into a cart with an almost inevitable certainty of Shrapnelizing the 'passing villagers'. 1901 *Westm. Gaz.* 2 Dec. 7/1 Our guns shrapnelled their advance.

Shrave (ſrēv). *local.* (See quots.) Hence **Shrav(e)y** *a.*

1793 A. YOUNG *Agric. Sussex* 12 This land is provincially called Shravey, stoney, or gravelly. 1850 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* XI. I. 81 Shravy land, flinty and gravelly. 1858 *Ibid.* XIX. I. 187 The subsoil varies from a stiff yellow clay to what is called shrave, which consists of innumerable fragments of flaky pieces of mixed clay and sand.

Shra·vel. *local.* Small refuse wood or faggots.

1732 in Cullum *Hist. Hawsted* (1784) 216 [In 1732 the tenant was allowed] shravel wood.

Shread head. *Archit.* [Cf. next.] = JERKIN-HEAD. 1842 GWILT *Archit.* Gloss. 1032.

Shrea·dings, *sb. pl. Building.* ? *Obs.* Also 8 (*rare*) **shreedings,** 9 **shredding.** = FURRING 3 b.

1668 LEYBOURN *Platform for Purchasers* 133 Furrings or Shreadings [of a roof]. 1679 MOXON *Mech. Exerc.* ix. 172 *Shreadings*,..the lower end of the Principal Rafters markt *rr* are called *Shreadings*, or *Furrings*. 1812 P. NICHOLSON *Mech. Exerc.* 88. 1842 GWILT *Archit.* Gloss., Shreddings or Furrings. 1850 PARKES *Gloss. Archit., Furrings*, or *Shreadings*, short pieces attached to the feet of the rafters of a roof, making a small angle outwards and downwards, for the purpose of carrying the eaves beyond the line of the wall.

† **Shreake.** *Obs.* Of obscure meaning and origin. Perh. a misprint; cf. *streak* dial., strip.

164. HERRICK *Oberon's Palace* 57 Ribands, and then some silken shreakes The virgins lost att barlye breakes.

Shreak, obs. variant of SHRIEK.

† **Shream,** *v. Obs. rare.* Forms: 3 schreamen, 6 shrame, 7 shream(e. [A parallel form to SCREAM *v.*] *intr.* To scream. Hence † **Shrea·mer,** a screamer; **Shrea·ming** *ppl. a.*

c 1230 *Hali Meid.* 52 Þet wif..þe iheręð, hwen ha kimeð in, hire bearn schreamen [*v. r.* screamen]. 1561 DAUS tr. *Bullinger on Apoc.* (1573) 204 b, Clamorous cryers, shrekers, shramers, or yellers. 1565 GOLDING *Ovid's Met.* IV. (1593) 91 They heard about them round Of tubbish timbrels perfectly a hoarse and jarring sound, With shraming shalms and gingling bels. 1567 *Ibid.* VIII. 184 She shraming cried out aloud. 1681 HICKERINGILL *Sin Man-catching* I. 16 The little Peacocks shreame [*ed.* 2 shream] out and yawle amain.

Shreawd, obs. form of SHREWD.

Shred (ſred), *sb.* Forms: 1 scréade, *pl.* scréada, -an, 3 schreade, shrade, 3–6 shrede, 4–5 schrede, 6 shredd, shradde, 6–7 shredde, 7, 9 shreed, 7–9 shread, (9 shrid), 6– shred. [OE. **scréad* str. fem. (pl. *scréada*), *scréade* wk. fem. = OFris. *sc(h)rêd* hair-cutting, clipping of coin, MLG. *schrôt, schrât* neut., cut, cut-off piece, width of linen, also *schrôde, schrâde* wk. masc. (LG. *schraad*), MDu. *schrôde* fem. (WFlem. *schroode, schroo* fem., Du. *schroot* neut., from G.), OHG. *scrôt* str. masc. (MHG. *schrôt*; G. *schrot* neut., in dial. masc.), f. OTeut. **skrauđ-* (: *skreuđ-, skrūđ-*, to cut, for other derivatives of which see SHROUD, SHRIDE *v.*[1]). Cf. SCREED *sb.*

The OTeut. **skreuđ-* is commonly viewed as an extended form of **skreu-*, which is itself an extension of **sker-*: see SHEAR *v.*]

1. A fragment cut or broken off; a strip; a scrap. In late use apprehended as transf. from sense 3.

c 1000 ÆLFRIC *Gloss.* in Wr.-Wülcker 151/20 *Praesegmina, praecisiones*, screadan. *Ibid.* 164/6 *Sceda*, screade. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 416 Ȝif heo mei sparien eni poure schreadeo [*MS. C* schraden, *T* schiue], sende ham al derneliche ut of hire woanes. *c* 1300 *Havelok* 99 Hauede he non so god brede, Ne on his bord non so god shrede. Þat he ne wolde þorwit fede Poure. *c* 1330 *Arth. & Merl.* 1540 Þe white [dragon] brent þan rede, Þat of him nas founden a schrede, Bot dust. *c* 1400 *Laud Troy Bk.* 4455 Thei hadde ben hewen euery a schrede. 1564–78 BULLEIN *Dial. agst. Pest.* (1888) 102 There is a fletyng Island...Sume saied it was a shred of the bankes of Paradise. *a* 1701 MAUNDRELL *Journ. Jerus.* (1732) 106 A small shred of ground twelve yards long, and one broad. 1860 THACKERAY *Lovel* iii, He munched a shred of toast. 1860 PUSEY *Min. Proph.* 65 One of those little shreds which float in countless numbers on the surface of the water. 1863 KINGLAKE *Crimea* (1876) I. x. 140 It would be well to set apart one small shred of ground.

b. = SHERD. *rare.*

1613–6 W. BROWNE *Brit. Past.* II. i. (1625) 17 Carrying my pot as Maids vse on their heads, I fell with it, and broke it all to shreads. 1865 KINGSLEY *Herew.* xxx, He..sorted his pots, kept the whole ones, threw the shreds at the rabbits.

2. In OE., *pl.* Parings (of fruit, etc.); in mod. use, a narrow strip (of peel, vegetable, root, etc.) shaved so thin that it curls.

c 1000 ÆLFRIC *Gloss.* in Wr.-Wülcker 118/1 *Quisquiliæ*, æppelscreada, *uel* cornæsceda. 1741 *Compl. Fam.-Piece* I. ii. 119 Put shreds of Lemon-peel into some of the Glasses. 1840 THACKERAY *Shabby-genteel Story* iii, Three shreds of celery in a glass. 1842 LOUDON *Suburban Hort.* 307 The part of the stock which projects over the ring of the bark is next split into shreds. 1846 J. BAXTER *Libr. Pract. Agric.* I. 469 The root [horse-radish] scraped into shreds is the well-known accompaniment of 'the roast beef of Old England'.

† **b.** *pl.* Parings of leather or parchment. *Obs.*

1551–2 *Act* 5 & 6 *Edw. VI*, c. 15 § 3 Everie Girdler..maye ..sell their Neckes Wombes and Shreddes of tanned Leather, to anye person. 1553 *Inv. Ch. Goods* (1885) 19 Pd. for a bag of glover's shreds xij d. 1687 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 2240/2 Glovers Clippings, Parchment Shreds.

3. A fragment or strip of textile material cut or torn off; one or more fibres torn from a piece of cloth; a small piece of cloth, a fragment of clothing; *pl.* scanty or ragged garments.

? *a* 1400 *Morte Arth.* 3473 Manye schredys and schragges at his skyrttes hynnges. *c* 1400 *26 Pol. Poems* 2 God wole haue rekenyng,..Of men and cloth, the leste shrede. *c* 1430 *Syr Gener.* (Roxb.) 6118 Generides than cut his shirt..And with the shredes hem he bond. *c* 1450 *Pol. Rel. & L. Poems* 137 Nakede with outen clath or schrede. 1589 NASHE *Martin's Months minde* 45 The shreddes that fall into the Tailors hell, neuer come backe to couer your backe. 1615 G. SANDYS *Trav.* 56 Some of them going almost starke naked: others clothed in shreds of severall colours. 1661 BOYLE *Style Script.* (1675) 72 A fair suit of Arras, of which ..a shread may assure you of the fineness of the colours, and richness of the stuff. 1735 BERKELEY *Querist* § 505 The very shreds shorn from woollen cloth. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* xvii, They have hung a shred of carpet out of an upstairs window. 1850 MRS. JAMESON *Leg. Monast. Ord.* 324 Her clothes became ragged, and she mended them with shreds of any colour. 1881 O'SHAUGHNESSY *Christ will Return, Songs of Worker* 23 Clothed withal In shreds, the greatest beggar, yea in all The world.

b. *pl.* Strips of cloth used for nailing up plants or fruit trees.

1796 C. MARSHALL *Gardening* xii. (1798) 136 The proper use of nails and shreds is necessary to the beauty of the tree. 1840 DICKENS *Old C. Shop* xli, The old gentleman handed up the nails and shreds of cloth as he wanted them. 1842 LOUDON *Suburban Hort.* 353 Shreds will last two or three years.

c. *Of shreds* (*and patches*): made up of rags or scraps. Hence used *allusively.*

1602 SHAKS. *Ham.* III. iv. 102 A King of shreds and patches [*1st Qo.* A king of clowts, of very shreads]. 1649 G. DANIEL *Trinarch., Rich. II*, xxxiii, Led by a Rascall, made of shreds. 1827 CARLYLE *Misc., Richter* (1869) 4 That this thing of shreds and patches has been vamped together for sale only. 1885 W. S. GILBERT *Mikado* I, A wand'ring minstrel I, a thing of shreds and patches.

† **d.** A cant term for a tailor. *Obs.*

1599 B. JONSON *Cynthia's Rev.* v. iv. Wks. (1616) 246 You slaue, you lift, you shreds. 1632 MASSINGER & FIELD *Fatal Dowry* III. i, That poore shred Can bring more to the making vp of a man. *a* 1700 B. E. *Dict. Cant. Crew, Shred*, a Tailer.

e. *transf.* (of cloud, mist, etc.).

1834 M. SCOTT *Cruise Midge* xxiii, These fibres, or shreds of clouds. 1877 BLACK *Green Past.* xxxiv, The windy shreds of cloud. 1912 *Engl. Rev.* Nov. 514 Some shreds [of mist] are caught among the topmost trees.

f. (See quot. 1898.)

1846 G. E. DAY tr. *Simon's Anim. Chem.* II. 2 Membranous shreds are sometimes observed [in the saliva]. 1897 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* III. 923 Loose motions containing much mucus or 'shreds' or 'casts', or even blood. 1898 *Syd. Soc. Lex., Shreds*, patches of filmy material passed with the fæcal discharges in some cases of enteritis and diarrhœa.

4. A length or end of gold or silver thread or lace. *arch.*

a 1450 *Le Morte Arth.* 2359 Launcelot and the quene were cledde In Robes of A Riche wede, Off Samyte white, with syluer shredde. 1583 STUBBES *Anat. Abus.* II. 39 Neuer so litle scraps or shreds or short ends of lace. 1765 GOLDSM. *Double Transform.* 36 Half the charms that decked her face Arose from powder, shreds, or lace. 1845 JAMES *Arrah Neil* ii, His doublet..displayed a great number of ornamented buttons, and shreds of gold lace.

5. Phr. *In, into shreds*: in or into small fragments. *To tear to shreds* (also, *shred by shred*): to rend into small pieces; *fig.* to destroy, annihilate.

c 1400 *Melayne* 1093 Hawberkes sone in schredis were schorne. 1762 FALCONER *Shipwr.* II. 98 'Brail up the mizen quick!' the Master cries: 'Mann the clue-garnetts, let the main-sheet fly!' In thousand shiv'ring shreds it rends on high! 1813 SCOTT *Rokeby* VI. xvii, 'Give Oswald's letter.'—Bertram read, And tore it fiercely, shred by shred. 1819 KEATS *Why did I laugh to-night?* 12 Yet would I..the world's gaudy ensigns see in shreds. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* I. VI. iii, A Townhall torn to shreds. 1855 BROWNING *Fra Lippo* 61 Into shreds it went, Curtain and counterpane and coverlet. 1878 LECKY *Eng. in 18th C.* I. I. 25 Lewis tore to shreds the treaty he had signed. 1903 TALLENTYRE *Voltaire* xxxix. II. 217 It tore Vernet's reputation to shreds.

6. A fragment, small piece, little bit, scrap (of something immaterial).

c 1400 *Brut* cxcvii, Allas! Holonde me haþ bitraiede I Ay is in þe rede [? = red-haired man] of somme euel shrede. *a* 1529 SKELTON *Sp. Parrot* 94 Suche shredis of sentence, strowed in the shop Of auncyent Aristippus. 1593 G. HARVEY *Pierce's Super.* Wks. (Grosart) II. 115 The dregges of common scurrilitie, the shreds of the theater. 1607 SHAKS. *Cor.* I. i. 212 They said they were an hungry, sigh'd forth Prouerbes..: With these shreds They vented their Complainings. 1642 MILTON *Apol. Smect.* 18 This was a shred in his common place-book. 1645 G. DANIEL *Poems* Wks. (Grosart) II. 39 A despis'd Shred of mankind. 1742 R. BLAIR *Grave* 225 As if a slave was not a shred of nature. 1768 TUCKER *Lt. Nat.* (1834) I. 504 It is a shred torn off from the substance. 1834 H. MILLER *Scenes & Leg.* viii. (1857) 105 Shreds of heretic sermons would be whispered over their ale. 1868 NETTLESHIP *Ess. Browning* iv. 113, I must preserve a shred of independence in my inner self. 1885 *Times* (weekly ed.) 9 Oct. 2/2 Not a shred or shadow of truth.

† **7.** A twig. (Cf. SHRED *v.* 2.) *Obs.*

15.. *Guye of Gisborne* I. in Furniv. *Percy Folio* II. 227 When shales beeene [*sic*] sheene, and shradds full fayre, and leeues both Large and longe. 1599 T. M[OUFET] *Silkwormes* 72 To view vppon one birchen shredde Some hundred Clewes to hang like clustred peares.

Shred (ſred), *v.* Forms: 1 scréadian, 3 scradien, *Ormin* shrædenn, 3–5 schrede, 4–5 schredde, 4–6 shrede, 5 schred, 6 shreade, shrid, 6–8 shread, 6– shred. *Pa. t.* 4 s(c)hredde, schradde, 4–5 shradde, 5 schrede, 6 shrede, 9 shredded. *Pa. pple.* 1 ȝescréadod, 4 schrede, schradde, 5 yshrad, yschredyd, schrad, 5–6 shredd(e, 6–8 shreaded, shread, 6– shredded, 4– shred. [OE. *scréadian* wk. vb. = OFris. **skrêda* (whence *skrêdere* clipper of coin). The other WGer. langs. have a redupl. str. vb. (later partly conjugated weak) of the same meaning: MLG. *schrôden, schrâden*, MDu. *schrôden* (mod.Du. *schrooien, schroeien*, W.Flem. *schrooden*), OHG. *scrôtan* (MHG. *schrôten*, G. *schroten*); f. OTeut. **skrauđ-*: see SHRED *sb.*]

† **1.** *trans.* To rid (a tree, vine, vineyard) of superfluous growth; to prune. *Obs.*

c 1000 ÆLFRIC *Hom.* (Th.) II. 74 Ȝif se wingeard..ne bið onriht ȝescreadod. 1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* IX. XXX. (Bodl. MS.), In lente vynes and oþer treen beþ ikutte & pared, and ischred of superfluitees. *c* 1440 *Jacob's Well* 26 Alle paryschenys þat..schredyn, or croppyn, ony treen in cherche-ȝerde. 1523–34 FITZHERB. *Husb.* 42 b, If yᵉ haue any trees to shrede loppe or croppe for the fyre wode. *Ibid.* 43 It is the comun vse to begynne at the toppe of yᵉ tree whan he shall be shred or cropped. 1570 GOLDING *Justin* XLIII. 175 They lerned to shred their vynes. 1620 J. WILKINSON *Courts Leet* 119 Trees and hedges which hang over the kings high waies must be cut and shredded. 1707 MORTIMER *Husb.* (1721) II. 73 As for Timber-Trees, it is best not to head them at all, but to shred them up to one single Bough. 1762 in *Jrnls. Ho. Comm.* 13 Feb. 1792, 254/1 The Shreddings of all such Trees [that]..have heretofore been used to be lopped, cut, or shred.

absol. 1571 JEWEL *On 1 Thess.* (1611) 72 To plant, to weed, to graffe, to shrid.

† **b.** *fig.* To strip (a person) *of* his wealth or some possession; to fleece. (Cf. SHREDDED b.) *Obs.*

1548 PATTEN *Exped. Scot.* F ij, A good fellowe,..that hath cum to a dycyng boord..and hath soon bene shred of al that euer he brought. 1579 HAKE *Newes out of Powles* ii. (1872) B vij, To shred him cleane from all his wealth. 1643 TRAPP *Comm. Gen.* xviii. 19 He that hid his talent, was soon shred of it.

† **2.** To lop *off* (branches), esp. in pruning. In first quot. *fig. Obs.*

c 1000 ÆLFRIC *Hom.* (Th.) II. 74 Buton ðā lareowas screadian symle ða leahtras þurh heora lare awęg, ne bið þæt læwede folc wæstmbære. 1390 GOWER *Conf.* I. 138 Hew doun this tree..And let of schreden every braunche. 1540 ELYOT *Image Gov.* (1556) 127 Yf the boughes be rotten or seare, the owner will shredde theim. 1568 WITHALS *Dict.* (1644) 124 The superfluous and wast sprigs of Vines, beeing cut and shreaded off. 1633 BP. HALL *Occas. Medit.* §116 If thou shouldest deale with me as I deserue, thou shouldst not only shred my boughs, but cut downe my stocke. 1662 *Comenius' Janua Ling. Triling.* 76 He loppeth (shreddeth) off the suckers. 1707 MORTIMER *Husb.* (1721) II. 32 Though they will grow amongst other Wood provided you shred up the side Boughs. 1725 *Bradley's Fam. Dict.* s.v. *Wal-*

nut-Tree, You must by no means, in the Removal of them cut the Head, only shred up the side Branches.

† b. To cut or strip *off*; to cut (a piece) *from* or *out of*. *Obs.*

1580 T. M. *Baret's Alv.* To Rdr. A vj/2 And there with floures he stuffeth first his Hiue, From which he Honie from the best hath shred. 1583 Melbancke *Philotimus* F j b, Too much drought doth shred the leaues. 1591-5 Bryskett *Thestylis* 75 in Spenser *Astrophel*, Purple flowre, Which languisheth being shred hy culter as it past. 1614 Gorges *Lucan* II. 52 One pares his eares from off his head, Another doth his nostrels shred. *Ibid.* III. 111 This maister with his brasse-beake head, Out of a Roman ship had shred A mighty planke. 1649 G. Daniel *Trinarch., Hen. IV*, v, Th' vnguided Rage Of an Insultinge Conquerour, who shreds Maiesty like the mounting Poppie-Heads. 1823 Scott *Quentin D.* ii, Traps, armed with scythe-blades, which shred off the unwary passenger's limb.

fig. 1581 Mulcaster *Positions* xxxvii. (1887) 148 The retained [religion] must pitch the defence of her truth, in some paucity of choice: seeing the liuinges are shred, which should serue the great number. 1596 Nashe *Saffron Walden* S 2 b, I know what you are about to saye, but Ile shred you off three leaues at one blowe.

c. To cut off (a lock of hair).

1808 Scott *Marmion* III. xvii, They durst not, for their island, shred One golden ringlet from her head. 1856-9 *Novels & Tales fr. Household Wds.* (Tauchn.) I. 339 (Flügel) Where [a haircutter] had once shred their locks.

† 3. To pare, peel. *Obs.*

c 1000 Ælfric *Hom.* (Th.) I. 88 Þa het he him his seax aræcan to screadigenne ænne æppel. *c* 1200 Ormin 8118 He badd himm brinngenn ænne cnif An appell forr to shrædenn. 1639 O. Wood *Alph. Bk. Phys. Secrets* 197 Then shred off the inner bark of a white Bullas tree.

† b. *transf.* To cut away a part of, cut down, shave away. *Obs.*

c 1205 Lay. 5866 Kerneð eowre spere longe, & makiet heom scorte..scradieð eower sceldes al of þe smal enden.

4. To cut into shreds or small thin strips or slices; esp. in *Cookery*, so that the shreds curl.

c 1386 Chaucer *Clerk's T.* 227 Wortes or othere herbes.. The whiche she shredde and seeth. 1388 Wyclif 2 *Kings* iv. 39 He gaderide therof gourdis of the feeld..and schredde in to the pot of potage. *c* 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* VIII. 139 A pound and vncis sixe ysshrad be do. 1584 Cogan *Haven Health* l. (1636) 64 Take vnset Leekes..shread them small and distill them. 1648 Gage *West Ind.* vi. 19 Had they beene but that night with the Indians, doubtlesse they had beene shred for their Suppers. 1656 Marnetté *Perf. Cook* 115 Grate or shred fat Bacon or lard with a grater or knife. *a* 1756 Eliza Haywood *New Present* (1771) 197 Shred very fine a pound of suet. 1836 Marryat *Japhet* x, We were employed by Fleta in shredding vegetables. 1884 F. Boyle *Borderland* 371, I shredded some Spanish moss, bound up his wounds,..and set out for home. 1908 *Motor Boat* 5 Mar. 133/2 To shred up some best yellow soap and dissolve it in water.

b. To cut or tear (textile stuff) into shreds or narrow strips; to reduce to shreds; also, to tear (paper, etc.) into shreds.

1613 J. May *Decl. Estate Clothing* v. 24 The vse of short thrums is likewise so ordered, that they take and shred into short length, and then lay it in steepe. 1810 in Risdon *Surv. Devon* p. xxiii, The..Serges are shredded or cut up into small pieces. 1890 Hosie *Three Yrs. W. China* 19 There is an entire absence of machinery for washing and shredding rags. 1906 Conan Doyle *Sir Nigel* v, With his own hands he had shredded those august documents.

† 5. To cut or hack in pieces; to cut *down*. *Obs.*

c 1275 *Sinners Beware* 328 in *O. E. Misc.* 83 Þe feondes heom forþ ledeþ Boþe lychom and sanle And beteþ heom and schredeþ. *?a* 1400 *Morte Arth.* 2688 Thoffe my schouldire be schrede. *a* 1440 *Sir Degrev.* 293 Schyre scheldus they schrede. *a* 1450 *Le Morte Arth.* 2563 Than shall we oute vppon them Ryde And shredde them downe as shepe in folde. *a* 1548 Hall *Chron., Hen. V*, 59 b, The capitaines of Roan..cut doune trees, shrede the bushes, destroyed the vines. 1627 Drayton *Agincourt* 30 Another wafts his Blade about his head, And shewes them how their hamstrings he will shread. 1633 B. Jonson *Tale of Tub* IV. iii, This sword shall shred thee as small unto the grave, As minced meat for a pye.

6. To divide *into* small portions.

1660 T. Lye in J. Nichols *Morn. Exerc.* (1845) V. 285, I shall not stand to shred the words into any unneccessary parts. 1674 N. Fairfax *Bulk & Selv.* 145 Indivisibles, such as can't be shread. 1859 Dickens *T. Two Cities* I. v, Hunger was shred into atomies in every farthing porringer of husky chips of potato.

b. *intr.* To be reduced to shreds; to become divided or scattered into small portions.

1646 J. Hall *Poems* I. 21 May these Roses here To palenesse shred, And Lilies stand disguised in new Red. 1889 'Mark Twain' *Yankee at Crt. K. Arthur* xliii, At last it [smoke] began to shred away lazily. 1891 Conan Doyle *White Company* x, The forest began to shred out into scattered belts of trees.

7. *trans.* To cut in two, sever, as with scissors: chiefly with reference to severing the thread of life. Now *rare*.

1565 J. Phillip *Patient Grissell* 1887 Possesse thou myne while death denide, & shred my File in twain. 1575 Gascoigne *Posies, Dan Barth.* Wks. 1907 I. 118 O sheare that shreadst the seemerent sheete of shame. 1596 Spenser *F. Q.* IV. ii. 52 When ye shred with fatall knife His line. 1614 Gorges *Lucan* I. 4 When..Atrops knife Shall shred in twaine thy time of life.

b. To divide into two parts, cleave.

1765 *Museum Rust.* III. lxxxix. 371 [The shepherd] must shred or open the wool. 1881 *Daily Tel.* 28 Jan., To see the beautiful hull shredding the water.

Shred (ʃred), *ppl. a.* [pa. pple. of prec.]

1. = next.

1665 Hooke *Microgr.* 147 The stinging of shred Horshair. 1764 Eliza Moxon *Eng. Housew.* (ed. 9) 173 Put to 'em a little shred lemon-peel. 1806 A. Hunter *Culina* (ed. 3) 85 As much..shred onion, as will lie upon a quarter guinea. 1897 Mary Kingsley *W. Africa* 470 Shred-up palm-leaves.

† 2. Pruned. *Obs.*

c 1648-50 Brathwait *Barnabees Jrnl.* IV. (1818) 155 Sweet briers, shred vines, privet bushes.

Shredded (ʃre·dėd), *ppl. a.* [pa. pple. of Shred *v.*] Divided, cut, or torn into shreds.

Shredded wheat: the grain of wheat cut by machinery into long filaments.

1577 Hanmer *Anc. Eccl. Hist.* IX. viii. 178 Others gnawing the small shreded tops of greene grasse..vsed them for foode. 1656 Marnetté *Perf. Cook* 241 Adde your shredded herbs thereunto. 1662 J. Davies tr. *Olearius' Voy. Amb.* 305 The ordinary Forrage for Horses is..Rice mixt with shredded Straw. 1713 C'tess Winchelsea *Misc. Poems* 249 Ye shredded clouds that fall in Snow. 1864 R. A. Arnold *Cotton Famine* 514 The bleached waste of flax, or of shredded cotton-goods. 1891 Mrs. Marshall *Cookery Bk.* s. v., Blanched and shredded pistachio nuts. 1911 Galsworthy *Patrician* II. iv. 199 A grape fruit, which, with a shredded wheat biscuit, constituted her first meal.

† b. Stripped of one's wealth, fleeced. *Obs.*

1596 Nashe *Saffron Walden* 38 Like a swearing shredded gamester, that looseth at one set all that euer he is worth.

† **Shre·dden,** *a. Obs. rare.* [f. Shred *sb.* + -en [4].] Made of shreds; patchwork.

1581 J. Bell *Haddon's Answ. Osor.* 433 b, I do shuffle together a number of raggs of auncient writers scraped together, to make upp a poore shredden coverlett, to cover the nakednes of their Idolatry.

Shredder (ʃre·dəɹ). [f. Shred *v.* + -er [1].] Cf. OFris. *skrêdere* clipper of coin, MLG. *schrôder, schrâder* (LG. *schröder*) pruner, etc., also tailor (whence Da. *skræder*, Sw. *skräddare*), MHG. *schrôtære* (mod.G. *schröter*) now chiefly in sense 'stag-beetle'.]

† 1. A lopper or pruner of trees. *Obs.*

1589 Fleming *Virg. Ecl.* i. *note* i, The lopper or shredder of trees. 1631 Anchoran *Comenius' Gate Tongues* 69 A lopper or shredder seates and putteth young graffs, sciences, shootes and twigges to a seed plot.

† 2. One who utters 'scraps'. *Obs.*

1592 Nashe *Strange Newes* K 1 b, The short shredder out of sandy sentences without lime.

3. An instrument for shredding; † a pruning-knife; a machine for reducing a substance to shreds.

1572 in *Midland Counties Hist. Coll.* II. 363 Item two billes & a shredder iiij[d]. 1887 *American* XIV. 24 The use of a shredder for reducing the canes to a pulp.

† 4. A front tooth, an incisor. *Obs.*

1650 Bulwer *Anthropomet.* 138 The Fore-teeth or Shredders. 1683 Snape *Anat. Horse* v. vi. (1686) 210 The *Incisores*, Cutters or Shredders.

Shredding (ʃre·diŋ), *vbl. sb.* Also 5 s(c)hredyng(e, 6-9 shridding, 7 shreading. [OE. *scrêadung*: see Shred *v.* and -ing [1].]

† 1. Pruning or lopping of trees. *Obs.*

c 1000 Ælfric *Gloss.* in Wr.-Wülcker 149/11 *Putatio*, screadung. *c* 1380 Wyclif *Sel. Wks.* III. 264 Scredynge of trees. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 448/2 Schredynge, of trees and oþer lyke, *sarmentacio, sarculacio*. 1486 *Nottingham Rec.* III. 255 Felling and shredyng of wode. 1567 in F. J. Baigent *Crondal Records* (1891) 172 In shreddinge of busshes, heathe or fearne. 1601 Holland *Pliny* XVII. xxiii. I. 538 In lopping and shredding of trees. 1664 Evelyn *Sylva* 114 It may take root, and hasten..to a sudden Tree; especially, if seasonable shreading be appli'd.

2. *concr.* a. A fragment; a shred. Now *rare*.

c 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* Matt. xiv. 20 Tuoelf ceawlas vel foðer screadunga fullo, *duodecim cophinos fragmentorum plenos*. 1594 Hooker *Eccl. Pol.* v. xxvii. (1611) 241 It [the Common Prayer] hath a number of short cuts or shreddings which may bee better called wishes then prayers. 1672 Eachard *Let. to B. D.* (1705) 15, I knew of no better instance to represent the vanity of such kind of idle shreddings. 1821 Clare *Vill. Minstr.* II. 112 The cloak and hat..worn to shreddings. 1853 Ruskin *Stones Venice* III. iii. 136 An artistical pottage composed of nymphs, cupids, and satyrs, with shreddings of heads, and paws of..beasts, and nondescript vegetables. 1867 Morris *Jason* VII. 183 She..cast therein Shreddings of many herbs.

† b. *pl.* or *collect. sing.* Prunings or loppings (of trees). *Obs.*

1398 Trevisa *Barth. De P. R.* XVII. cii. (1495) 667 The Arabees makith fyre of shredynge of the mirtus tree. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 449/1 Schredynge, or schrub.., *putamen*. 1529 in J. H. Glover *Kingsthorpiana* (1883) 70 Almaner of laufull loppe and schreddyng of trees. 1553 *Respublica* 102 The windefalles, the shriddinges, the flycinges. 1649 in T. West *Antiq. Furness* (1774) 178 Any shredings, lops, crops, under woods, and other woods. 1762 in *Jrnls. Ho. Comm.* 13 Feb. 1792, 255/1 A competent Quantity of Browsing of the Shredding of the Trees.

† 3. ? Trimming with shreds of gold lace. *Obs.*

1766 Goldsm. *Vic. W.* iv, I do not know whether such flouncing and shredding is becoming even in the rich.

4. *attrib.*, as *shredding-hook, -knife, -scythe*.

c 1000 Ælfric *Gloss.* in Wr.-Wülcker 106/15 *Surculus*, winzeardes screadungisen. 1548 Udall *Erasm. Par. John* xv. 97 An unprofitable braunche, when it is cut of with a shreadyng hooke. 1577 Grange *Golden Aphrod.*, etc. S iij b, Come Atropos therefore in haste On me to vse thy shredding knyfe. 1586 in Farr *S. P. Eliz.* (1845) I. 209 Time attendes with shredding sithe for all. 1615 Markham *Engl. Housew.* II. 40 Take a good quantity of blaunch't Almonds, and with your shredding knife cut them grosly. 1890 *Glouc. Gloss., Shriddin' Bill or Hook*, a tool used for cutting out grass, briars, etc., from a ditch.

Shredding (ʃre·diŋ), *ppl. a.* [f. Shred *v.* + -ing [2].] Breaking up into shreds.

1904 Dowden *Browning* 304 These change like the shifting and shredding clouds before our eyes.

Shreddings, variant of Shreadings.

Shreddy (ʃre·di), *a.* [f. Shred *sb.* + -y [1].] Consisting of or resembling shreds; hanging in shreds, ragged.

1835-6 *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* I. 61/2 An ash-coloured, fetid, semifluid pulp, mixed with shreddy filaments. 1855 *Chamb. Jrnl.* III. 49 His vest..sombre-hued and shreddy with long service. 1897 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* IV. 142 [The hepatic substance] is found projecting in shreddy masses into the pus.

Shredless (ʃre·dlės), *a.* [-less.] Of which not a shred remains.

1816 Byron *Ch. Har.* III. xlvii, Those [Banners] which waved are shredless dust ere now.

Shredlet (ʃre·dlėt). [-let.] A small shred.

1840 *Tait's Mag.* VII. 183 We'll 'bide by its tatter'd shredlets, While leaf or breath remains.

† **Shre·dling.** *Obs. rare*[−1]. In 7 shread-. [-ling.] A minute portion.

1674 N. Fairfax *Bulk & Selv.* 105 That puzling Question, Whether a bulky Being be made up of a throng of cleaveless shreadlings?

Shred-pie. *Hist.* Also shrid-. [prob. f. Shred *ppl. a.* (cf. Minced-pie).] A mince-pie.

1580 Tusser *Husb.* xxxi. iii, Shred pies of the best,..and turkey well drest. 1652 S. Sheppard *Epigr.* 121 Christmasse Day. No matter for Plomb-porridge, or Shrid-pies. 1655 Fuller *Ch. Hist.* IV. 182 How King Henry the sixth ..sent this Arch-Bishop, for a New-years-gift, a shred-pie indeed, as containing pieces of cloath and stuff, of several sorts and colours, in jeer. 1834 Southey *Doctor* viii, A shred pie, which is a coarse north country edition of the pie abhorred by puritans. 1884 Besant *Dorothy Forster* xiii, The tables were covered with Yule-cakes..not to speak of goose-pies, shrid or mince pies.

Shreechowl : see Shritch-owl.

Shreed, Shreek, obs. ff. Shred *sb.*, Shriek.

Shreevalty, obs. f. Shrievalty. **Shreeve,** obs. f. Sheriff, Shrive *v.* **Shref,** obs. pa. t. Shrive *v.* **Shrefe,** obs. f. Sheriff.

† **Shreitch.** *Obs. rare.* [?Representing dialectally OE *scrîc, scrêc* 'turdus': see Shrike *sb.*[2]] The missel-thrush, Shrite.

Cf. the local names *holm-screech, screech-thrush, shrike-cock*.

1668 Charleton *Onomast.* 83 *Turdus Viscivorus*..the Misletoe-Thrush, or Shreitch.

Shreitch : see Shritch. **Shreive,** obs. f. Sheriff. **Shrelle,** obs. f. Shrill *v.*

† **Shrench,** *v.*[1] *Obs.* Also 2-3 screnche, 3 schrenche, *Ormin* scr-, skrennkenn, 4 chrenche. [OE. *screncan* = (M)LG. *schrenken* to place crosswise, MDu. *schrencken* to ensnare, hinder, deceive, OHG. *screnchan, screnken* to lay crosswise, deceive (MHG. *schrenken*, G. *schränken*) :— prehistoric **skrayŋkjan*.

From the root *skrayŋ-* oblique, awry, are also MLG. *schrank* nent., barrier, hedge, OHG., MHG. *schranc* masc., bar, barrier, limit, enclosed space, deception, also MHG. *schranke* fem., G. *schrank, schranke*; MLG. *schränken* to shamble, stutter, MDu. *schranken* to sit cross-legged, waver, totter, OHG. *scranchôn*, MHG. *schranken* to be crossed, waver, stagger.]

trans. To put a stumbling-block in the way of; to overthrow; to entrap; to deceive.

c 897 Ælfred *Gregory's Past. C.* ix. 59 Healden hie ðæt hie ..ða ne screncen ða ðe gað on ryhtne weg toweard ðæs heofonrices. *Ibid.* lix. 453 Ne screnc ðu ðone blindan. *c* 1000 *Ags. Ps.* (Splm.) xvii. 41 Þu ȝescrenctyst on arisende on me, *supplantasti insurgentes in me*. *c* 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 209 Ute we..bidden god þat he us..shilde þer-wið þat he us ne shrenche. *c* 1200 Ormin 2618 Þe deofell, þatt..staandeþþ inn To scrennkenn ure sawless. *Ibid.* 11467 Þatt te deofell næfre Ne blinneþþ off to skrennkenn þa Þatt haffdenn himm forrworrpenn. *a* 1225 *Leg. Kath.* 1189 He bicherde þene feont, & schrenchte þen alde deouel. *a* 1225 *Juliana* 34 Þat weneð me to schrenchen ant schunchen of þe weie. 13.. in *Archiv Stud. neu. Spr.* LXXXII. 348 He hatied wommen..he seyde hit weren paunceris [*read* paunteris] mannus soule to chrenche.

† **Shrench,** *v.*[2] *Obs.* [OE. *screncan*, causative of *scrincan* to Shrink.] *trans.* To cause to shrink or shrivel with heat.

c 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* Matt. xiii. 6 Weron ȝescrencde, *aruerunt*. *c* 1290 *S. Eng. Leg.* 316/589 Men I-seoth ofte liȝtingue brenne hous and schrenche. 13.. in *Archiv Stud. neu. Spr.* LXXXII. 342 Brondis me dedin to his sydus bis fel for to schrenche.

Shren(c)k, obs. form of Shrink *v.* **Shrene,** obs. form of Shrine *sb.*

† **Shrepe,** *v. Obs.* [app. repr. OE. *screpan* str. vb. : see Screpe *v.*] *intr.* To scratch.

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 186 And nis þet child fulitowen þet schrepeð [*v.rr.* schindleð, scratteð] aȝean, & bit upon þe ȝerde?

Shreud(e, obs. f. Shrewd. **Shrevalty, Shreve,** obs. ff. Shrievalty, Sheriff.

Shrew (ʃrū), *sb.*[1] Forms : *α.* 1 screuua, screauua, scraeua, 6 shreaw, 6-7 shrewe, 6- shrew. *β.* 6 shrowe, schro, 8 shrow. *γ.* 6 shyrewe, 9 *diat.* shirrow, sheroo, shorrow. [OE. *scréawa, scréwa*, not found elsewhere in Teut.

Some scholars refer the word to the OTeut. **skreu-* to cut (see Shred *sb.*), comparing, for the sense, MHG. *schermûs* 'sorex', 'glio', 'talpa' (mod.G. *schermaus* mole, also a kind of mouse), OE. *scirfemûs* 'sorex' (related to *sceorfan* to cut). See, however, Shrew *sb.*[2] With the *β* forms cf. *strow* Strew *v.* It is possible that in the *γ* forms there may

be some mixture of the (? synonymous) OE. *scirfe(mús)*: cf. the dial. *sarrow* = SERVE *v.*

The absence of evidence for the word between the OE. period and the 16th century is remarkable; its place may have been supplied locally in ME. by *erdshrew* (i. e. earth-shrew), though this, with its apparent corruptions *hard-shrew*, HARDISHREW, *harvest-shrew*, *nossro*, *nursrow* (with prefixed N 3), is not recorded before the 17th century.]

1. Any of the small insectivorous mammals, belonging to the genus *Sorex* or the family *Soricidæ*, much resembling mice but having a long sharp snout; a SHREW-MOUSE.

The common European shrew is *Sorex vulgaris*. For *elephant, house, jumping, marsh, mole, musk, otter, pygmy, rat-tailed, river, tree, water shrew*, see the qualifying words; also HARDISHREW. The shrew was popularly held to be venomous and otherwise injurious; cf. *shrew ash, -bitten, -run* below.

c 725 *Corpus Gloss.* M 336 *Musiranus*, screauua. *c* 825 *Epinal Gloss.* 549 *Musiranus*, screuua. *a* 900 *Leiden Gloss.* 226 *Musiranus*, scraeua. 1538 ELYOT *Dict.*, *Scytala*, a lytel beaste callyd a shyrewe. 1545 *Ibid.*, *Mus Araneus*, a kynde of myse called a shrew, whyche yf it goo ouer a beastes backe, he shall be lame in the cbyne. 1551 TURNER *Herbal* 169 The poyson of..the feld mouse called a shrew. 1578 LYTE *Dodoens* 622 The poison of the Scorpion and Shrowe and such like venemous beastes. 1595 DUNCAN *App. Etym.* (E. D. S.), *Sorex*, a rotton, a schro. 1600 SURFLET *Country Farm* I. xxviii. 195 The shrew by her biting of the horse maketh him oftentimes to die. 1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) XVII. 610 The tucan, or Mexican shrew. 1813 J. C. PRICHARD *Phys. Hist. Man* iii. 92 The proper Shrews, of which there are ten species. 1825 JAMIESON *Dict.* Suppl., *Shirrow*,..the shrew, Roxb. 1859 DARWIN *Orig. Spec.* xiii. 414 The external similarity of a mouse to a shrew. 1904 J. G. MILLAIS *Mammals Gt. Brit.* I. 145 In still summer evenings, when lying in the woods waiting for rabbits to come out, I occasionally catch a momentary glimpse, of the restless, excitable Common Shrew.

Proverb. 1562 J. HEYWOOD *Prov. & Epigr.* (1867) 41 When all shrews haue dind, Chaunge from foule weather to faire is oft enclind. 1674 N. FAIRFAX *Bulk & Selv.* 73 It does likely hold up, as we say, by that time the Shrews have dined. 1849 *Literary Gaz.* Apr. 266 It will be fair weather when the shrews have dined.

2. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *shrew-bitten, -like*; **shrew-afflicted** = *shrew-struck*; **shrew-ash** (see quot. 1776); **shrew-mole**, a mole of either of the genera *Scalops* and *Scapanus*; **shrew-run**, paralysed (as was supposed) as the result of being overrun by a shrew-mouse; so † **shrew-running** (see quot.); **shrew-stroke**, the fact or condition of being shrew-struck; **shrew-struck** = *shrew-run*.

1841 *Penny Cycl.* XXII. 263 If a person or animal, thus *shrew-afflicted, was passed through the arch of a bramble [etc.]. 1776 G. WHITE *Selborne, To Barrington*, 8 Jan., A *shrew-ash is an ash whose twigs or branches, when gently applied to the limbs of cattle, will immediately relieve the pains which a beast suffers from the running of a shrew-mouse over the part affected...A shrew-ash was made thus:—Into the body of the tree a deep hole was bored with an auger, and a poor devoted shrew-mouse was thrust in alive, and plugged in, no doubt, with several quaint incantations. *a* 1845 MRS. BRAY *Warleigh* xiii, So long as I hold in my hand this wand of shrew ash there is nothing to fear. You are safe from the spirit in this chamber. 1614 MARKHAM *Cheap Husb., Bull*, etc. xxxix. 61 Of being shrew runne, or *shrew bitten. A Shrew Mouse..is a venemous thing [etc.]. 1898 *Guide Mammalia Brit. Mus.* 108 The *shrew-like *Tarsipes*. '1823 GODMAN *Amer. Nat. Hist.* (1836) I. 61 The *shrew-mole is found abundantly in North America, from Canada to Virginia. 1607 MARKHAM *Caval.* VII. 80 If your horse be *shrew-runne, you shall looke for a briere which growes at both endes, and draw your horse thorow it and he will be well. *c* 1720 W. GIBSON *Farrier's Guide* II. xvi. (1722) 61 Many of the Country People..when they see a Horse or a Bullock have his Limbs suddenly taken from him,..believe him to be either Planet-struck or Shrow-run. 1726 *Dict. Rusticum, Planet-Struck*, or **Shrew-Running*; (in Horses) is a deprivation of Feeling or Motion. 1872 *Routledge's Ev. Boy's Ann.* 131 The curative power which alone could heal the *Shrew-stroke lay in the branches of a Shrew-ash. 1850 KINGSLEY *Alton Locke* xxi, When my vather's cows was *shrew-struck, she made un be draed under a brimble as growed togetber at the both ends.

Shrew (ʃrū), *sb.*[2] and *a.* Forms: *α.* 3–4 **screwe, ssrowe, shreu,** (4 **schreawe, srewe**), 4–6 **shrewe, schrew,** (6 **shreaw, 7 shreue**), 4– **shrew.** *β.* 4 *Sc.* **schraw,** 6 **shrowe, shroe, srow,** 6–7 **shrow.** *γ.* 4 **sherewe, s(s)cherewe.** [Generally held to be a figurative use of SHREW *sb.*[1], the transference of meaning being acconnted for by the superstitions as to the malignant influence of the animal: see e.g. quot. 1545 under SHREW *sb.*[1] 1. This appears possible; on the other hand, SHREW *sb.*[1] may be a specific application of this word in the sense 'malignant being'; cf. MHG. *schröuwel* devil.]

† **1.** A wicked, evil-disposed, or malignant man; a mischievous or vexatious person; a rascal, villain.

Sometimes emphasized by *cursed, false*.

c 1250 *Owl & Night.* 287 Ne lust me wit þe screwen chide. *c* 1290 *Beket* 1917 in *S. Eng. Leg.* 161 þe foure þat mest schrewes weren bipoȝten hem of guyle. 1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 3020 þe ssrewen dude seþþe to þis lond suiþe moche wo. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 14825 þan come þai to þe pharisseus, Of all þai war þe maister schreus. 1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) IV. 321 That schrewe Pilatus. 1390 GOWER *Conf.* I. 353 For o schrewe which he spareth A thousand goode men he grieveth. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 12547 All a company is cumbrit for a cursed shrewe. *c* 1400 *Gamelyn* 230 While þou were a ȝong boy a mocbe schrew þou were. *c* 1400 *St. Alexius* (Laud MS.) 572 For þat tyme were þe folk of Rome þe mest shrewen of cristendome. 1461 *Paston Lett.* II. 4 These fals shrewes that are of an oppynion contrary to the Kyng. *a* 1529 SKELTON *Bouge of Court* 525 Who deleth with shrewes hath nede to loke aboute. 1563 *Homilies* II. *Serm. Regat. Wk.* II. Qqqqj, Now are they taken from me by euil chaunces, and false shrewes, by naughty wretches. 1587 HARRISON *England* II. xvi. in *Holinshed* I. 199/2 These are some of the policies of such shrewes or close booted gentlemen. 1609 DEKKER *Ravens Almt.* Wks. 1873 IV. 264 Such as were shrewes to their wiues. *a* 1650 *Merline* 1571 in Furniv. *Percy Folio* I. 471 Then said Merlyn thoe, 'hee was a shrew that told you soe'.

β. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xl. (*Ninian*) 459 Al þai schrawis euire-ilkane. *c* 1570 *Pride & Lowl.* (1841) 36 To trye a true friend from a shrow. *a* 1650 *Merline* 1221 in Furniv. *Percy Folio* I. 460 Thou cursed srow, thou goe vs froe!

γ. 13.. *Beues* (A.) 1211 Hii lowe, þe scherewes, þat him gan wreie. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Melib.* ¶ 232 Dauid seith blisful is that man þat hath nat folwed the conseilyng of sherewes.

† **b.** Applied to the Devil. *Obs.*

[*c* 1315 SHOREHAM VII. 470 þaȝ god soffrede such a schreawe Al for to spylle.] 1362 LANGL. *P. Pl.* A. x. 209 þei don vuele and þe deuel plesen, And aftur heore deþ day schul dwelle wiþ þe schrewe. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Can. Yeom. T.* 364 Though þat the feend noght in oure sighte hym shewe I trowe he with vs be þat ilke shrewe. 15.. *New Notbroune Mayd* 13 in Hazl. *E.P. P.* III. 2 Yet yf that shrewe To hym pursue That clepyd is Sathan.

† **c.** Applied to a malignant planet. *Obs.*

c 1391 CHAUCER *Astrol.* II. § 4 þat he be nat retrograd ne combust, ne ioigned with no shrewe in the same signe.

† **d.** Used as a term of abuse: Wretch, villain.

1362 LANGL. *P. Pl.* A. VII. 143 To Pers þe plouh Mon one profrede his gloue,..And bad go pisse him with his plouh, pillede screwe [*v.rr.* s(c)hrewe]! *c* 1460 *Towneley Myst.* xiii. 221 Shrew, Iape! Thus late as thou goys, what wyll men suppos? 1508 DUNBAR *Tua Mariit Wemen* 110 That auld schrew, schame him betide!

e. *pseudo-arch.* In a weakened use, to express playful reprobation.

1888 STEVENSON *Black Arrow* I. i, Take me this old shrew softly to the nearest elm, and hang him tenderly by the neck. *Ibid.*, Our poor shrew of a parson is, by some mad soul, accused of slaying him.

† **2.** A thing of evil nature or influence; something tronblesome or vexatious. *Obs.*

c 1315 SHOREHAM IV. 207 And ase god dyȝt þeawes In alle gode men, þe feend a-rayeþ þe schreawes In wykken þer a-ȝen. *c* 1450 *Godstow Reg.* 629 That this his yifte shold not fro that tyme be reuoked by ony machynacion or shrew. *c* 1450 *Merlin* 568 Than seide Dodinell the sauage that it were a shrewe to go, for in this foreste is noon rescettes. *a* 1500 *Brome Bk.* (1886) 12 Take iij schrewys. [A wasþe, a wesill, a woman.] 1535 COVERDALE *Ecclus.* XXXI. 12 Remembre, that an euell eye is a shrew. 1581 MULCASTER *Positions* XXXVII. (1888) 166 If to great a multitude making to great a state do not proue a shrew, then am I deceyued. 1620 T. GRANGER *Div. Logike* 223 Enmitie, hatred, and ill will is a shrew.

3. A person, *esp.* (now only) a woman given to railing or scolding or other perverse or maliguant behaviour; freq. a scolding or turbulent wife.

For the proverbial collocation of *sheep* and *shrew* see SHEEP *sb.* 5 b.

a. 13.. *Minor Poems fr. Vernon MS.* 547/380 He þat his tonge con not holde, In cumpaygnye a schrewe is tolde. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Merch. T.* Epil. 10 But of hir tonge a lobbyng shrewe is she. *c* 1400 *Beryn* 1282 For now, I am in certen, I have a Stepmodir: They been shrewis som. *a* 1450 MYRC 59 Wymmenes speche that ben schrewes, Turne ofte a-way gode thewes. 1508 DUNBAR *Tua Mariit Wemen* 251, I schaw ȝow, Sisteris in schrift, I wes a schrew euir. 1546 J. HEYWOOD *Prov.* II. vi. (1867) 61 Euery man can rule a shrewe, saue he that bath her. 1589 PUTTENHAM *Eng. Poesie* III. xxiv. (Arb.) 299 To be a shrewe in the kitchin, a saint in the Church. 1609 C. BUTLER *Fem. Mon.* I. (1623) C j, They [bees] are like vnto incorrigible shrews: there is no dealing with them but by patience. *a* 1720 SEWEL *Hist. Quakers* (1795) I. III. 200 His wife who was a wicked shrew. 1820 W. IRVING *Sketch Bk.* I. 59 Those men are most ..conciliating abroad, who are under the discipline of shrews at home. 1839 — *Wolfert's Roost* (1855) 183 He brought home with him a wife, who seemed to be a shrew, and to have the upper hand of him.

β. 1581 A. HALL *Iliad* I. 12 Iuno Dame that shrowe. 1584 PEELE *Arraignm. Paris* IV. iii, *Vul.* A harletrie I warrant her. *Bac.* a peeuish eluish shroe [*rime* so]. 1596 SHAKS. *Tam. Shr.* V. ii. 193 Now goe thy wayes, thou hast tam'd a curst Shrow. 1603 FLORIO *Montaigne* III. x. (1632) 575 Happy be..[that] Pan and old Sylvan knowes, And all the sister shrowes. 1608 [TOFTE] *Ariosto's Sat.* IV. (1611) 51 Silence cuts a shrow worse then a sword. 1659 *Lady Alimony* V. iii. K j, He that will practise the art of swinging in a Halter, either to please or cross a Shrows humour. *fig.* 1731–8 SWIFT *Pol. Conversat.* 83 Marriage is honourable, but House-keeping is a Shrew. 1742 YOUNG *Nt. Th.* III. 356 To love, and hate, The same vain world; to censure, and espouse, This painted shrew of life.

† **b.** *jocularly* for: A wife. *Obs. rare.*

a 1626 BRETON *Post with Packet of mad Letters* (Grosart) 40/1 With commendations to your kind Son, your selfe, and your good Shrew.

4. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *shrew-tamer, -wife*; † **shrew-shake**(n *a.* ? cured of shrewishness.

c 1530 *Songs, Carols*, etc. (E.E.T.S.) 110 þe wyff was summ-what shrew shake. 1551 T. WILSON *Logic* O vj b, To be obedient, to be shrewshaken, to bring vp her children well [etc.]. 1808 MRS. M. T. KEMBLE *Day after Wedding* 8 Accomplish that, and I'll acknowledge you the Prince of Shrew-tamers. 1911 *Chamb. Jrnl.* Dec. 774/2 The snappish utterances of his shrew-wife.

B. *adj.* = SHREWD (in various senses); wicked, evil-disposed; bad; shrewish, ill-tempered.

1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 2091, & so þei ssrewe robeours abbe hor wille. *Ibid.* 6718 A ssrewe & luþer dom. *c* 1305 *St. Kenelm* 202 in *E. E. P.* (1862) 53 þis quene..schrewe leuedi bicom ynou3. 13.. *Beues* (A.) 398 Go hom, truant!.. Scherewe houre sone. *c* 1481 CAXTON *Dialogues* 44/27 Pieryne his doughter Is the shrewest [F. *la pieure*] ghyrle That I knowe on this side the see. 1638 R. BAILLIE *Lett. & Jrnls.* (1841) I. 76 He of Liberton does us a very shreue turne.

† **Shrew,** *v. Obs.* Forms: *α.* 4–6 **shrewe, schrew**(e, 7 **'sherew, 5– shrew.** *β.* 4 **schrowe,** 6 **shrow,** *Sc.* **schir**(r)**o,** 6–7 *Sc.* **schro.** [app. f. SHREW *sb.*[2], q. v.; cf. BESHREW *v.*]

1. *trans.* To curse; = BESHREW 3. Chiefly in imprecations *I shrew...* (occas. with *I* omitted).

α. *c* 1386 CHAUCER *Nun Pr. T.* 606, I shrewe vs bothe two And first I shrewe my self bothe blood and bones If thou bigyle me. *c* 1386 — *Somon. T.* 519 O vile proude cherl I shrewe his face. 1393 LANGL. *P. Pl.* C. VII. 75, [I] Venged me fele tymes..and shrewede myn emcristyne. *c* 1403 CLANVOWE *Cuckow & Night.* 250, I shrewe al hem that been of love untrewe. *c* 1460 *Towneley Myst.* ii. 341 Here will I lig thise fourty dayes And I shrew hym that me fyrst rayse. *a* 1553 UDALL *Royster D.* I. iii. (Arb.) 21, I shrew them that say nay, and that shall not be I. *a* 1568 *Bannatyne MS.* (Hunter. Club) 269, I wait nocht gif thir lawis be gud, I schrew thame first thame fand. 1611 SHAKS. *Wint. T.* I. ii. 281 'Shrew my heart. 1611 — *Cymb.* II. iii. 147.

β. 1338 R. BRUNNE *Chron.* (1810) 236, I schrowe alle þer maners, þat lufes þer partie. *a* 1529 SKELTON *Agst. Garnesche* iv. 127 To know thy selfe yf thow lake grace, Lerne or be lewde, I shrow thy face. *a* 1568 *Bannatyne MS.* (Hunter. Club) 377 Ye hurt me now, schirro your fais. 15.. *Wowing of Jok & Jynny* 15 in *Ibid.* 388, I schro the, lyar, full leis me yow. 1668 R. B. *Adagia Scot.* 48 Shro the ghuest the house is the war of.

2. To deprave; = BESHREW 1. *rare*—[0].

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 449/1 Schrewyn, *pravo*.

3. To treat shrewishly; to scold. *rare.*

a 1687 COTTON *Joys of Marriage* 31 If too wary, then she'll shrew thee. 1883 MISS BRADDON *Golden Calf* xx, She shrewed me so abominably..that my pride was roused.

† **Shrew'ard.** *Obs.* Also 3 **ssreward,** 4 **schrew-, -art, scherewarde.** [f. SHREW + -ARD.] A scoundrel.

1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 5441 Vor pur hate aȝen is broþer held as a ssreward. *a* 1325 *Names of Hare* in *Rel. Ant.* I. 134 The fusttart, the pollart, His hei nome is srewart. 1338 R. BRUNNE *Chron.* (1810) 262 In Wales is a schreward to werre risen on.

Shrewd (ʃrūd), *a.* Forms: *α.* 4–5 **schrewid**(e, **shrewid, schrewd**(e, 4–6 **schrewed**(e, 4–7 **shrewed**(e, **shrewde, shreude,** 5–6 **schrewyd,** (4 **schreuyt,** 6 **shreawd, schrewit**), 5–8 **shreud,** 6–8 **shrew'd,** 5– **shrewd.** *β.* 5 **schrod,** 5–6 **schrode,** 5–7 **shrode,** 6 **schroyd,** 6–7 **shroud, shrowd**(e, **shrow'd, shroad,** 9 *dial.* **srode.** *γ.* 4 **scherewed,** 5 **sherewd.** [ME. *schrewed-e*, etc., prob. orig. f. SHREW *sb.*[2] (? or *sb.*[1]) + -ED.[2] Cf. *crabbed, dogged, wicked* (all early ME.); the two former suggest the possibility that the animal (*sb.*[1]) is alluded to. This formation coincided with the pa. pple. of SHREW *v.*, which may be the source of some of the senses; cf. the similar use of *cursed.*]

1. Of persons, their qualities, actions, etc.: Depraved, wicked; evil-disposed, malignant. Passing into a weaker sense: Malicious, mischievous. *dial.*

α. 1303 R. BRUNNE *Handl. Synne* 4904 Ryche men haue shrewed sonys,—Shrewys yn dede and yn sawe. 13.. *Lay Folks Catech.* (MS. L) 139 Envye to oure neyȝbore with oþer schrewde castys. *c* 1380 WYCLIF *Sel. Wks.* II. 349 Sclaundris and oþir sbrewid wordis. *c* 1400 *Beryn* 1079 Fawnus..Was set oppon a purpose to make his sone leue All his shrewde tacchis. *c* 1450 *St. Cuthbert* (Surtees) 7330 þe schrewed sonn of þe fende. *Ibid.* 7742 A schrewyd counsaile toke þai þan. 1470–85 MALORY *Arthur* IX. xviii. 366 Whan he dyd ony shrewd dede they wold bete hym with roddes. 1483 CAXTON *Gold. Leg.* 35/1 Thenemye the fende with his angellis cursed and shrewd. *c* 1490 — *Rule St. Benet* 122 Kepe euer your tongue from euyll and shrewde langage, & speke lytyll & well. 1548 CRANMER *Catech.* 165 Our owne euyl workes and shrewed wylles. 1570 *Satir. Poems Reform.* xviii. 62 Schrewit is that seruice ȝe haif schawin to ȝour King. 1590 SHAKS. *Mids. N.* II. i. 33 That shrew'd and knauish spirit Cal'd Robin Good-fellow. 1612 DAY *Festivals* ii. (1615) 29 How do they pule & cry? nay, how wil they shew a shrewd stomach or ever they can go or speake? 1634 MILTON *Comus* 846 All urchin blasts, and ill luck signes That the shrewd medling Elfe delights to make. 1879 MISS JACKSON *Shropsh. Word-bk., Shrewd* (s'roa'd), .. (shr'oa'd), .. badly-disposed; wicked; vicious. 'E's gwun a despert srōde lad.'

β. 1547 BOORDE *Brev. Health* cccxxix, Beware of anger, for it is a shrode hert that maketh al the body fare the worse. 1606 DEKKER *Seuen Deadly Sinnes* iii. Wks. (Grosart) II. 48 Drunkards, Ynthriftes and shrode Husbonds.

γ. 13.. *Beues* (A.) 4498 þar was a Lombard in þe toun, þat was scherewed & feloun. 14.. *Chaucer's H. Fame* 275 (Caxton), Ther may be vnder goodlyhede Couerd many a sherewd vyce.

† **b.** Of children: Naughty. *Obs.*

[1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 91 b, These ben called ..capytall vyces, bycause other shrewde children ryseth of them.] *a* 1548 HALL *Chron., Hen. IV*, 9 Experience teacheth, that..of a shreude boye, proveth a good man. 1584 COGAN *Haven Health* cii. 89, I haue knowen..many a shreude boye for the desire of Apples, to haue broken into other folkes orchardes. 1588 SHAKS. *L. L. L.* V. ii. 12 He [Cupid] hath beene fiue thousand yeeres a Boy. *Kath.* I and a shrewd vnhappy gallowes too. 1645 BP. HALL *Treat. Content.* 77 The best of us are but shrewd children.

† **c.** Of animals: Of evil disposition, bad-tempered; vicious, fierce; = CURSED 4 b. *Obs.*

1509 WATSON *Ship of Fools* vi. (1517) B vij, Oftentymes a mylde bytche bryngeth forth shrewed whelpes. ? *a* 1533 FAITH *Another Bk. agst. Rastell* (1829) 242 And may be

likened to a shrewd cow, which, when she hath given a large mess of milk, turneth it down with her heel. 1546 Heywood *Prov.* I. x. (1867) 22 God sendth the shrewd coow short hornes. 1547–50 Bauldwin *Mor. Philos.* IV. Q iv, As to a shrewde horse belongeth a sharpe brydle: so oughte a shrewde wyfe to be sharpely handeled. 1607 Markham *Caval.* II. 96 The practice of some Horse-men..to tie a shrewd Cat to a Poale, with her heade and feete at libertie, and so thrusting it vnder the horses bellye,..to make her..clawe him. 1630 Drayton *Noah's Flood* 319 [They] together sat By the shrewd Muncky, Babian, and the Ape.

†2. Of material things (*esp.* animals): Mischievous, hurtful; dangerous, injurious. *Obs.*

c 1380 *Sir Ferumb.* 4431 An Axe had he þan an honde, A shrewedere wepene for to fonde Was nenere non yfounde. 1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) I. 335 Wel schrewed inys [*mures nocentissimos*]. 1398 — *Barth. De P. R.* V. xxviii. (Bodl. MS.), Blaynes..comeþ of schrewed and corrupt humours. 1399 Langl. *Rich. Redeles* III. 20 Þorn busschis and bromes þis beste..Secheth and sercheth þo schrewed wormes. *c* 1400 Maundev. (1839) v. 46 Egipt is a strong Contree: for it hathe manye schrewede Havenes, because of the grete Roches. *c* 1450 *Robyn & Gandeleyn* vi. (Child *Ball.*), There cam a schrewde arwe out of þe west. 1493 Festyvall 31 b, They wyll slee theym with a shrewed knyfe. That is with the enyll and cursed tonge. 1593 Shaks. *Rich. II*, III. ii. 59 To lift shrewd Steele against our Golden Crowne. 1607–12 Bacon *Ess., Of Wisdome for a Mans selfe* (Arb.) 182 An Ant..is a shrewd thing, in an Orchard, or a garden. 1621 Donne *Serm.* xv. (1640) 148 The Buls of Babylon, the shrewdest Buls of all, in temporall, in spirituall persecutions.

†3. Of things (chiefly immaterial): Of evil nature, character, or influence; ill-conditioned, bad, vile. *Obs.*

1382 Wyclif *Luke* iii. 5 Schrewide thingis [*prava*] schulen be in to dressid thingis. 1387–8 T. Usk *Test. Love* II. vi. (Skeat) I. 72 Right so he is a shrewe, on whom shrende thinges and badde han most werchinge. *c* 1400 *Beryn* 2613 They have a custom, a shrewid for the nonys, Yf [etc.]. *c* 1470 Henry *Wallace* II. 94 At thi shrewed ws thow wenys me to leid. 1513 Douglas *Æneis* II. viii. 57 The eddir, with schrewit herbis fed. 1519 *Interl. Four Elem.* (ed. Pollard) 438 Though he loke never so well, I promyse you he hath a shrewde smell. *c* 1535 *Frere & Boy* 283 The good wyffe sayd, wer hast thou be? In schrewyd plas as thynkys me. 1644 Milton *Areop.* 16 There are shrewd books, with dangerous Frontispices set to sale. 1678 in *Lauderdale Papers* (1885) III. 140 His Majtie did highly signify his displeasnre against Sir William Lowther...The shrend effects whereof he has since tasted.

†b. Of reputation, opinion, meaning: Evil, bad, unfavourable. *Obs.*

c 1384 Chaucer *H. Fame* 1619, Y graunte yow That ye shal haue a shrewde fame And wikkyd loos. 1527 in Froude *Hist. Eng.* (1881) I. 523 *note*, Some of them, as Master Dean hath known a long time, hath had a shrewd name. 1565 Cooper *Thesaurus* s. v. *Commode*, To he ill reported of: to haue a shrewde name. 1598 Shaks. *Merry W.* II. ii. 232 Shee enlargeth her mirth so farre, that there is shrewd construction made of her. 1621 T. Williamson tr. *Goulart's Wise Vieillard* 82 Many men..giue good things a shrewd vnhappie, and wrong name. 1664 H. More *Apology* 491 That spirit is not of God, but in some shrewd sense or other is the spirit of Antichrist.

†c. Poor, unsatisfactory. *Obs.*

α. 1426 Lydg. *De Guil. Pilgr.* 21126 Thow hast..Mad a shrewde marchanndyse. 1470–85 Malory *Arthur* IX. xxiv. 375 There is shrewde herberowe,..lodge where ye will, for I will not lodge there. 1525 Ld. Berners *Froiss.* II. viii. 17 They will make a shrewde marchaundyce for vs. ? 1537 *Thersytes* 146 (Pollard) He that shonld medle with me shall have shrewde rest! 1565 Cooper *Thesaurus*, *Coenare malum*..., to suppe with sorow and shrewde rest. α 1586 Sidney *Arcadia* I. (Sommer) 26 b, The Helots..would haue ginen a shrewd welcome to the [invading] Arcadians.

β. 1593 *Tell-Troth's N. Y. Gift* (1876) 8 You might haue tooke better heede, and It was your owne fault, are two shrode plasters for a greene wound. 1616 *Marlowe's Faustus* (ed. Brooke) 990 By Lady sir, you haue had a shroud iourney of it.

†d. In bad physical condition (the precise meaning varying with the application); in bad order; ugly; tough. *Obs.*

c 1430 *Pilgr. Lyf Manhode* II. cxxvi. (1869) 123, I can with good vynture enoynte a shrewede wheel that cryeth. 1526 Skelton *Magnyf.* (E. E. T. S.) 1155 With a shrewde face *vilis imago*. 1571 Golding *Calvin on Ps.* xviii. 26 A shrewd knot must haue a shrewd wedge [*malo nodo quærendum esse malum cuneum*]. 1593 *Tell-Troth's N. Y. Gift* (1876) 34 The young tree will stoup, when the old shrewd cannot bend.

†4. Of events, affairs, conditions: Fraught or attended with evil or misfortune; having injurious or dangerous consequences; vexatious, irksome, hard; (of a task) difficult, dangerous. *Obs.*

α. 1508 Stanbridge *Vulgaria* (W. de W.) B vj, It is shrewed to lape with naked swerdes. 1513 Douglas *Æneis* v. ix. 64 The feirfull spa men therof pronosticate Schrewit chancis to betyde. 1532 Frith *Judgm. upon Tracy* Wks. (1572) 79 Those holy fathers were in shrend cause, which continning in long pennrie, scant lefte at theyr departing, a halfe pennie. 1563–83 Foxe *A. & M.* 1936/2, I aduise thee beware of the fire, it is a shrewd matter to burne. 1595 Shaks. *John* v. v. 14 Ah fowle, shrew'd newes. 1613 Purchas *Pilgrimage* (1614) 711 Strangers hane more shrewd entertainment, and scarsely in twentie daies..can shake off this Shaker [agne]. 1623 Middleton *More Dissemblers* III. ii, By'r Lady a shrewd business, and a dangerous. 1627 Donne *Serm.* xxii. (1640) 222 The King, that comes after a good Predecessour, hath a shrewd burthen upon him. 1632 Rowley *New Wonder* III. i. E 3, Sir, 'tis a shrewd taske. 1821 Joanna Baillie *Metr. Leg., Lady G. B.* liv, The times are shrewd, my treasures spent.

β. 1482 *Cely Papers* (Camden) 108 Wee fere here that ther well be schrode passage to thys Balling martt. 1536 *St. Papers Hen. VIII*, II. 355, I promes you I am in a schroyd case, oneles the Kinges highe Majestie..do see redresse in snche causes. 1538 Starkey *England* I. iii. 79 Yf the yeomanry of Englond were not, in tyme of warre we schold be in schrode case. 1573 G. Harvey *Letter-bk.* (Camden) 11 This singulariti in philosophi is like to grow to a shrode matter.

5. *Shrewd turn*: a. a mischievous or malicious act (*arch.*); †b. a piece of misfortune, an accident (*obs.*).

1464 *Paston Lett.* 29 Feh., He wold do Debenham a shrewd turne and he cond. 1530 Palsgr. 712/2, I provoke ..him to do a shrende tourne. 1565 Cooper *Thesaurus* s. v. *Fero, Infortunium ferre*,..to haue a shrewde turne. 1593 *Passionate Morrice* (1876) 76 As a dogge doth that is crept into a hole, hauing done a shronde turne. 1612 Brinsley *Lud. Lit.* 9 They are..sent to the schoole to keepe them.. from danger, and shrewd turnes. 1642 D. Rogers *Naaman* 282 The nurses eie attends the feeble infant, for feare of shrewd turnes. 1660 Jer. Taylor *Duct. Dubit.* II. i. rule 5 § 3 They can doe a good turne or a shrewd. 1702 *Engl. Theophrastus* 204 No enemy is so despicable but some time or other he may do a body a shrewd turn. 1724 De Foe *Mem. Cavalier* (1840) 211 That town owed us a shrewd turn for having handled them coarsely.

6. As an intensive, qualifying a word denoting something in itself bad, irksome, or undesirable: Grievous, serious, 'sore'.

†a. of injury, loss, disease, etc. *Obs.*

α. 1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) VI. 357 Þe evel þat hatte ficus, þat is a schrewed evel. 1461 *Paston Lett.* II. 4 Ther was shrewd rewle toward in this cuntre. 1542 Udall *Erasm. Apoph.* I. 132 b, He gane a shrewd checke to yᵉ vnmeasnrable praiser. 1592 *Soliman & P.* 426 A shrewd losse, by my faith, sir. 1593 Shaks. 2 *Hen. VI*, II. iii. 41 Humfrey, Duke of Gloster, scarce himselfe, That beares so shrewd a mayme. 1606 Chapman *Gent. Usher* II. i. 25, I have been hanted..with a shrewd fever. 1609 G. Archer in Purchas *Pilgrims* (1625) IV. 1734 Some three or foure dayes after her, came in the Swallow,..and had a shrewd leake. 1626 B. Jonson *Staple of News* I. Interm. 73 O, but the poore man had got a shrewd mischance, one day. 1658 A. Fox *Wurtz' Surg.* III. x. 248 A Wound closed up, where a piece of the vein is yet unhealed,..will cause shrewd Imposthumes. 1713 C'tess Winchelsea *Misc. Poems* 180 Meeting with a shrew'd mischance. 1819 Scott *Ivanhoe* xxxi, That is a shrewd loss.

β. 1482 *Cely Papers* (Camden) 112 Hytt woll be a shrode losse. 1610 Holland *Camden's Brit.* 441 With shrowde fines eftsoones redonbled, if not answered. 1612 N. Field *Woman is a Weathercock* II. i, *Mrs. Wag*...Hanlke, hauke. [Coughs and spits.] *Page*. Shee has a shrowde reach, I see that. 1623 Bradford *Plymouth Plant.* (1856) 150 His father suffered a shrowd check.

†b. of temptation. *Obs.*

1601 *Death Rob. Earl Hunt.* IV. ii. in Hazl. *Dodsley* VIII. 297, I know thou shalt be offer'd wealth, Which is a shrewd enticement in sad want. 1650 Fuller *Pisgah* III. II. xii. 437 A shrond bait to tempt his hungry souldiers to sacrileclge. 1696 Whiston *Theory Earth* 61 They were under a shrewd Temptation of thinking very meanly of the Bible it self.

†c. Qualifying an agent-noun. *Obs.*

1576 Fleming *Panopl. Epist.* 171 *marg.*, Timorousnesse a shrewd hinderer of enterprises. 1591 Shaks. 1 *Hen. VI*, I. ii. 123 These women are shrewd tempters with their tongnes.

¶d. 'Hard to beat', formidable. *rare*—¹.

1851 Borrow *Lavengro* xii, I was now a shrewd walker, thanks to constant practice.

†e. As a vague intensive. *Obs.*

α 1643 W. Cartwright *Ordinary* IV. i, *Caster*. He threw twice twelve. *Credulous*. By'r lady, a shrewd many!

†7. Of persons and their actions: Severe, harsh, stern. *Obs.*

1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) I. 379 Oure men beeþ schrewed and angry inow to hem self, but in Goddes seruanntes þey leye neuere no hond. *c* 1470 Henry *Wallace* IX. 1424 The captane than a schrewed answer him gaiff. α 1586 Sidney *Arcadia* II. xvi, She being sharp-set vpon the fulfilling of a shrewde office in over-looking Philoclea. 1600 Holland *Livy* XXVII. xxxiv. 654 The hard and shrewd dealings of a mans countrie. 1654 Bramhall *Just Vind.* vi. 133 The Bishop..gave him..such a shrew'd remembrance, partly with words, and partly with his crosier staffe.

8. Severe, sharp, hard. a. Of a blow, wound. *arch.*

1481 Caxton *Reynard* (Arb.) 27 They..gauen hym many a shrewde stroke. *a* 1500 *Brut* 593 This shal be þe shrewdest bofet þat ener thow yovyst. 1596 Lodge *Wit's Misery* (1879) 92 Hee [the devil] will giue a shroud wound with his tongue. 1597 Shaks. 2 *Hen. IV*, II. iv. 228 Me thought hee made a shrewd thrust at yonr Belly. 1647 Clarendon *Hist. Reb.* I. 39 Many..were drowned, or forced on shore with shrewd hurts, and bruises. *a* 1713 Ellwood *Hist. Life* (1714) 237 He struck her with the Stick, a shrewd Blow over the Breast. 1872 Morley *Voltaire* (1886) 9/1 The shrewd thrusts, the flashing fire, with which the hated Voltaire pushed on his work of 'crushing the Infamous'. 1885 V. L. Cameron *Across Africa* xvi. (ed. 2) 224 One or two got some shrewd knocks.

†b. Of conflict or effort. *Obs.*

1576 Fleming *Panopl. Epist.* 43 To abide other bitter brnntes and shrewde skirmishes of adnersitie. 1630 *R. Johnson's Kingd. & Commw.* 111 Foure thousand men would have made a shrewd adventure to have taken his Indies from him. 1682 Bunyan *Holy War* (1905) 412 Many a shrewd brush did some of the Townsmen meet with from them. 1698 Fryer *Acc. E. India & P.* 21 They adventure with better force, and in shrewder Battels.

9. Sharp, piercing, keen. a. Of a weapon or the like; also of pain. *arch.* (After Shaks.: see quot. 1593 in 2.)

1842 Tennyson *St. Sim. Styl.* 195 A sting of shrewdest pain Ran shrivelling thro' me. 1871 R. Ellis *Catullus* lxxxiii. 5 A shrewder stimulus arms her, Anger. 1878 Browning *Poets Croisic* 107 Sharpest shrewdest steel that ever stabbed To death Imposture.

b. Of the air, wind, weather.

1642 D. Rogers *Naaman* 96 There comes a shrewd right winde, and gets into the hollow of the tree. 1784 Cowper *Task* III. 581 All plants..that can endure The winter's frown, if screen'd from his shrewd bite. 1824 W. Irving *T. Trav.* I. 23 The night was shrewd and windy. 1849 Rossetti *Ruggiero & Angelica* 9 The sky is harsh, and the sea shrewd and salt. 1864 Lowell *Fireside Trav.* 337 That shrewd Yorkshire atmosphere. 1894 Crockett *Raiders* xviii, The air was shrewd as it breathed from the north.

advb. 1603 Shaks. *Ham.* (Qo.) 400 The ayre bites shrewd [Qo. 1604 shroudly]; it is an eager and An nipping winde.

c. Of sound: Harsh. *rare.*

1876 Swinburne *Erechtheus* 10 The song-notes of our fear, Shrewd notes and shrill, not clear or joyful-sounding.

†10. Of a sign, token, etc.: Of ill omen, ominous; hence, strongly indicative (of something unfavourable).

1577 B. Googe *Heresbach's Husb.* IV. (1586) 177 Be sure to marke them well..whether they go all out or no: for if they doe, it is a shrewde signe they will away. 1619 T. Taylor *Titus* ii. 8 Bitternesse [is] a shrewd signe of a bad cause. 1630 Donne *Serm.* xiii. (1640) 135 If our own heart..condemne us, this is shrewd evidence, saies S. Iohn. 1691 Norris *Pract. Disc.* 186 'Tis a shrewd Symptom of an ill habit of Body. 1692 Bp. Patrick *Answ. Touchstone* 262 We hear not a word of Fathers to countenance this Doctrine, which is a shrow'd sign it is so far from being Ancient, that they speak directly against it. 1732 Berkeley *Alciphr.* VI. § 17 When a man is against reason, it is a shrewd sign reason is against him.

†b. Of probability, etc. *Obs.*

1542 Udall *Erasm. Apoph.* I. 149 A good plain maner of knowelage geuyng it was & a shrewd likelyhood. 1619 Sclater *Expos.* 1 *Thess.* v. 554 To array our selues..aboue our Calling [is] no lesse then Pride; at least a shrewd species and appearance of it. 1709 Shaftesb. *Moralists* II. 52 If Pain be Ill..we have..a shrewd Chance on the ill side, but none at all on the better.

11. Of a piece of evidence: Hard to get over, 'awkward', damaging. *arch.*

1606 Holland *Sueton.* Annot. 4 If his Questour or Treasurer had beene condemned, it would haue beene a shrewde precedent for his conviction also in the same cause. 1633 Laud in *Strafford Lett.* (1739) I. 213, I am afraid that many of them will be found Guilty: You give me one shrewd Instance in the Bishop of Waterford. 1692 *Vindiciæ Carol.* ii. 31 The pinching Article against him [Strafford] was the Twenty third...A shrewd Article no doubt, and sufficiently evidences their Crime. 1849 H. Miller *Foot pr. Creator* xv. 310 A shrewd fact, which they who expect most from the future of this world would do well to consider.

†12. Given to railing or scolding; shrewish. *Obs.*

α. 1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) III. 285 Tweie schrewed [*ligitiosissimas*] wifes þat wolde alway chide and stryve. 1483 Caxton *G. de la Tour* D vij b, The tale and matere of the enylle and shrewde wynes. 1550 Coverdale *Spir. Perle* xv, His [Socrates'] curst and shrewd wife. 1599 Shaks. *Much Ado* II. i. 20 Thou wilt nener get thee a husband, if thou be so shrewd of thy tongue. 1605 Camden *Rem.* (1623) 250 Somewhat shrewd to her Seruants. α 1661 Fuller *Worthies, Shropsh.* (1662) 2 The Poets faining Juno, chaste and thrifty, qualities which commonly attend a shrewd natnre.

β. α 1500 *Brome Bk.* 11 The properte of a schrod qwen ys to have hyr wyll. ? *c* 1530 in *Pol. Rel. & Love Poems*, etc. (1903) 58 Thowe shalte bettyr chastise a shrode wyfe with myrthe, then with strokes or smytyng. 1596 Shaks. *Tam. Shr.* I. ii. 70 As old as Sibell, and as curst and shrow'd As Socrates Zentippe.

†b. Of words, language: Scolding, railing, abusive. *Obs.*

1538 Cromwell in Merriman *Life & Lett.* (1902) II. 128 If ye had..sowght fully to instructe me in the matier, then thus to desire to conquer me by shrowde wordes. 1565 Cooper *Thesaurus* s. v. *Confero, Maledicta in aliquem*, to rayle at one; to geue shrewde woordes. 1606 Holland *Sueton.* 191 She had reviled him & given him shrewd words. 1632 Lithgow *Trav.* X. 488 With shrew'd Acerbious speech, you Anathematize. α 1661 Fuller *Worthies, London* (1662) 197 Shrewd words are sometimes improved into smart blows betwixt them.

13. In early use: †Cunning, artful (*obs.*). Now only in favourable sense: Clever or keen-witted in practical affairs; astute or sagacious in action or speech. (The chief current sense.)

α. 1520 *Calisto & Melib.* in Hazl. *Dodsley* I. 60 Seeming to be sheep, and serpently shrewd. 1589 Puttenham *Engl. Poesie* III. xxi. (Arb.) 257 Least with their shrewd wits, when they were maried they might become a little too phantasticall wiues. 1638 Junius *Paint. Ancients* 47 By acting sharpe old men, shrewd servants,..and all such parts as did reqnire some noise and stirre. α 1700 Evelyn *Diary* 15 June 1675, His lady had ben very handsome, and seem'd a shrewd understanding woman. 1706 Stanhope *Paraphr.* III. 331 The Men of the World are abundantly more shrewd in the Business of it, than even Good Men are in the Management of their great and eternal Concern. 1807–8 W. Irving *Salmag.* (1824) 228 A shrewd old gentleman, who stood listening by with a mischievously equivocal look. 1867 Smiles *Huguenots Eng.* ii. (1880) 25 Palissy was..by nature a shrewd observer and an independent thinker. 1880 L. Stephen *Pope* iv. 102 A woman of shrewd intellect and masculine character. 1884 Tennyson *Falc.* I. i. 468 Lady, I find you a shrewd bargainer.

absol. 1867 Lowell *Fitz Adam's Story* 360 Hard-headed and soft-hearted, you'd scarce meet A kinder mixture of the shrewd and sweet.

β. 1594 Nashe *Unfort. Trav.* B 4 b, They told the King he was a foole, and that some shrowd head had knavishly wrought on him. 1605 Chapman *All Fools* IV. i. H 2, *Rinal.* Y'aue gotten a learned Notarie Signior Cornelio. *Corn.* Hees a shroad fellow indeed. 1606 Shaks. *Tr. & Cr.* I. ii. 206 He has a shrow'd wit.

b. Of action, speech: †Cunning, artful (*obs.*); characterized by penetration or practical sagacity.

1589? Nashe *Pasquill & Marforius* B 1, Whereuppon they

presume to make a shrewde scruple of their obedience. 1649 MILTON *Eikon.* xxvi. 502 The shrewdest and the cunningest obloquie that can be thrown upon thir actions. 1761 HUME *Hist. Eng.* II. xxvii. 120 Empson made a shrewd apology for himself. 1781 COWPER *Table-T.* 205 The cause..may yet elude Conjecture and remark, however shrewd. 1824 W. IRVING *T. Trav.* II. 259 An eminent man, who had waxed wealthy by driving shrewd bargains with the Indians. 1882 J. H. BLUNT *Ref. Ch. Eng.* II. 113 Taking shrewd advantage of the Lord Chancellor's unlucky mistake. 1884 R. W. CHURCH *Bacon* iii. 59 He liked to observe, to generalise in shrewd and sometimes cynical epigrams.

c. Of the face or look.

1816 SCOTT *Antiq.* i, A shrewd and penetrating eye. 1877 MRS. FORRESTER *Mignon* i, Fred Conyngham..has a plain, shrewd face. 1877 BLACK *Green Past.* iii, The shaggy, dark brown eyebrows gave shadow and intensity to the shrewd and piercing grey eyes.

14. Of a suspicion or guess: Coming 'dangerously' near to the truth of the matter. (? Partly arising from sense 10.)

1588 J. HARVEY *Disc. Probl.* 127, I denie not but the wisest ..politiques may..giue a shrewd gesse, and go neare the marke. 1599 *Warn. Faire Women* II. 1025 Should you be guilty of this fact, As this your flight hath given shrewde suspition. 1604 SHAKS. *Oth.* III. iii. 429 'Tis a shrew'd doubt, though it be but a Dreame. 1653 H. MORE *Antid. Ath.* III. xii. § 3 It is a shrewd presumption that he doth lie with them indeed. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* li, I have a shrewd idea that it is a humbug.

15. *Comb.*, as *shrewd-headed*, †-*hearted*, *-looking*, *-pated*, *-tongued*, †-*wit*, *-working* adjs.

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 449/1 Schrewyd hertyd, *pravicors.* 1582 STANYHURST *Æneis* II. (Arb.) 47 The priest Calchas was broght hy the shrewdwyt Vlisses. 1607 HIERON *Wks.* I. 197 A shrewd-tongued woman. 1628 FORD *Lover's Mel.* IV. ii, A shrewd-braine Whorson; there's pith In his vntoward plainenesse. 1629 MAXWELL tr. *Herodian* (1635) 199 A notable shrewd-pated Fellow. 1827 LYTTON *Pelham* xvi, She was a pretty, fair, shrewd-looking person. 1865 KINGSLEY *Herew.* ix, The..shrewdest-headed..Berserker in the North Seas.

Shrewd, obs. form of SHROUD *v.*

†Shrew·dhead. *Obs.* [f. SHREWD + -HEAD.] Wickedness, depravity.

13.. *Guy Warw.* (1891) 510 For his scherewdhed sir Berard þemperour haþ made him his steward. *c* 1315 SHOREHAM VII. 574 Ry3t deuelen so for screawed-hede Euer mo forse scholle brede. 14.. *R. Glouc. Chron.* 5676 (MS. γ), His schrewedhede [see quot. 1297 s. v. SNREWHEAD].

Shrewdish (ʃrū·diʃ), *a.* [f. SHREWD + -ISH.] Somewhat or fairly shrewd.

1823 *Spirit Publ. Jrnls.* 485 We have a shrewdish suspicion. 1872 'ALIPH CHEEM' (Yeldham) *Lays of Ind* (1876) 33 Lieutenant Rudge was a shrewdish lad, Not easy to be cajoled. 1873 C. M. DAVIES *Unorth. Lond.* (1876) 162 Some shrewdish forecasting of events.

Shrewdly (ʃrū·dli), *adv.* Forms: see SHREWD *a.*; also 6 **scrodely**, 6–7 **shrodly.** [f. SHREWD *a.* + -LY 2.]

†1. Evilly, ill; wickedly; maliciously. *Obs.*

13.. *Pol. Songs* (Camden) 326 He bithenketh him hu he may shrewedelichest worche. *c* 1380 *Sir Ferumb.* 2860 Alle wiþ herte gerte, & shrewed-liche þai dede hym kulle. 1382 WYCLIF *Isa.* i. 16 Resteth to do shreudely, lerneth to do wel. *c* 1450 *Godstow Reg.* 324 He was ful ignorant wilfulli & shrewdeli. *c* 1450 *Merlin* xx. 313 To dye as cowardes shrewdely oon with-oute a-nother. 1543 SKELTON *Garl. Laurel* 620 Fals flaterers that..speke fayre before the and shrewdly behynde. · 1532 MORE *Confut. Tindale* Wks. 528/2 They may seme repentauot openlye, and yet thinke in their heartes ful shrewdly.

†2. Of wounding, hurting, cutting: Sharply, severely. Often in fig. context. *Obs.*

c 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xlviii. (*Juliana*) 80 Quhene we do nocht all his wil, he gerris dynge ws schreuytly. *c* 1440 *Alphabet of Tales* 431 He..was shrewidlie wowndid with waspis & fleis. 1576 GASCOIGNE *Steel Glas* Wks. 1910 II. 147 My battred braynes, (which now be shrewdly hrusde. 1600 HOLLAND *Livy* VI. 224 Deepe debts are sharpe goads, and prick shreawdly. 1602 SHAKS. *Ham.* I. iv. 1 The Ayre bites shrewdly: is it very cold? 1606 — *Tr. & Cr.* II. iii. 228, I see my reputation is at stake. My fame is shrowdly gored. 1613 W. B. tr. *Michaelis' Hist. Magic.* 337 A stone..fell vpon his head, and did shrewdly cut him. 1658 A. FOX *Wurtz' Surg.* III. ix. 244 A Gentleman had a fall with his horse, was shrewdly bruised on his left side. 1699 DAMPIER *Voy.* II. ii. 99, I knew one shrewdly gor'd by a Bull.

†3. Sharply, severely, harshly. *Obs.* a. Of speech.

c 1386 CHAUCER *Sompn. T.* 530 Lo yet how shrewedly Vn-to my confessour to day he spak. *c* 1412 HOCCLEVE *De Reg. Princ.* 3514 A man..to Iulius Cesar ones Crabbidly seid, and schrewdly [etc.]. 1483 CAXTON *Gold. Leg.* 134/3 The mynysters answerden thou spakest shrewdly to ye wymen. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* VII. vii. 134 Oft and richt schrewitly wald scho clepe and cry. 1593 NASHE *Christ's T.* To Rdr., This word Mummianiz'd in the beginning of my first Epistle is shrewdly called in question. *a* 1661 FULLER *Worthies, Somerset* (1662) 16 Sir Roger..urged it [falsehood] shrewdly against the Person, who in that place, first revived the Aspersion.

b. Of treatment.

c 1489 CAXTON *Sonnes of Aymon* x. 257 He was a ferde lest he sholde be yet more shreudely handlyd. 1589 GREENE *Tullies Loue* Wks. (Grosart) VII. 203 If I write sharpely, blame me not that am vsed so shrowdlie. 1601 DENT *Pathw. Heaven* 244 Some of Godschildren..are shrewdly handled.. and brought very low, euen vnto deaths doore. 1697 POTTER *Antiq. Greece* I. ix. (1715) 46 Being of Opinion, that he had been shrewdly handled by the Divine Vengeance.

†4. Badly, ill, poorly. *Obs.*

c 1430 *Pilgr. Lyf Manhode* II. xviii. (1869) 82 Thei..passen the gospel that j haue herd seyd in oure toun, and keepen it shrewedeliche. 1523 SKELTON *Garl. Laurel* 1210 Shroudly it doth accorde, To pyke out'honesty of suche a potshorde.

1541 *St. Papers Hen. VIII*, I. 658 Ordre must be taken in tyme for the payment of the workmen, or elles they shal worke but shrewdly.

5. Qualifying a word or phrase expressive of a painful or adverse condition, menacing or disquieting action, violent or oppressive treatment; passing into a mere intensive: Grievously, intensely, seriously.

a. 1551 ROBINSON tr. *More's Utopia* II. viii. (1895) 245 Most florishing and wealthie peoples beyng some of them shrewedely shaken. *a* 1553 UDALL *Royster D.* IV. iv, Then Truepenny's fire-fork will him shrewdly fray. 1601 SHAKS. *All's Well* III. v. 91 He's shrewdly vext at something. *c* 1610 *Women Saints* 57 A greate number of birds alighting in her fields of corne, and denouring it shrewdlie. 1651 HEYLIN *Cosmogr.* I. F 2 A Famine, which shrewdly raged among the Commons. 1661 BOYLE *Style Script.* (1675) 220 To be shrewdly tempted to be a partial relator of them. 1687 *Good Advice* 43 Shrewdly against the will of the high Church-men. 1687 DRYDEN *Hind & P.* III. 133 Yet seem'd she not to winch, though shrewdly pain'd. 1710 SHAFTESB. *Soliloquy* III. § 2. 146 Shrewdly disappointed. 1848 C. C. CLIFFORD *Aristophanes, Frogs* 4 My shoulder acheth shrewdly. 1856 BOKER *Anne Boleyn* I. i, We shall be shrewdly cuffed. 1863 WHYTE-MELVILLE *Gladiators* xliv, The attack of yesterday..must have shaken them shrewdly. *8. c* 1533 SIR W. FITZWILLIAM in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. III. II. 284 Which happenyng shulde shrowdly discomfort her. 1596 NASHE *Saffron Walden* O 4 b, I haue brought him lowe, and shrowdly broken him. 1599 SHAKS. *Hen. V*, III. vii. 163 These English are shrowdly out of Beefe. *c* 1600 DAY *Begg. Bednall Gr.* IV. ii. (1881) 83 He's shrowdly frighted by this violence. 162*a* in Foster *Eng. Factories Ind.* (1908) II. 57 Hee threatned us shrodly. 1633 T. JAMES *Voy.* 78 The Ice did driue against the Ship, and shake her shrowdly. 1650 FULLER *Pisgah* II. 56 Shroudly shrubbing their branches. 1673 MARVELL *Reh. Transp.* II. 73 Otherwise he would be shrowdly disappointed.

†b. Intensely, immensely. *Obs.*

1663 KILLIGREW *Parson's Wedding* IV. i, I like her shrewdly; I hate a wench that is all whore and no company.

6. See SHREWD *a.* 14 and 10 b.

a. qualifying *suspect, suspicious, guess, fear, mistrust.*

1559 *Mirr. Mag., Warwick* vi, This made the French king shrewdly to suspecte. 1576 FLEMING *Panopl. Epist.* 273, I mistrust yᵉ present case of Democritus so shrewdly. 1588 J. UDALL *Diotrephes* (Arb.) 22 He gesseth shrewdlie.. our intent. 166*a* STILLINGFL. *Orig. Sacræ* I. v. § 1 Which may make it shrewdly suspitious that their intent is only to impose on our understandings. 1674 N. FAIRFAX *Bulk & Selv.* 73 'Tis shrewdly to be mistrusted, that something a great deal further off..has some kind of tamperings here. 1757 CHESTERF. *Lett.* cccxxiii, I shrewdly suspect that his Royal Highness has been the dupe of that sentiment. 1813 SCOTT *Rokeby* VI. x, 'Tis shrewdly guess'd That Redmond rules the damsel's breast. 1847 C. BRONTE *Jane Eyre* xiii, She coined pretexts to go downstairs, in order, as I shrewdly suspected, to visit the library.

†b. qualifying *probable. Obs.*

1659 H. MORE *Immort. Soul* II. i. 20 It is shreudly probable, that fluid perceptive Matter will not fail to find the colours tinctured from one another. 1664 POWER *Exp. Philos.* I. 72 Is it not shrewdly probable, that..Colours are nothing else but a various modification of this motion?

7. With keen insight or perception; with shrewd intelligence or discrimination; astutely, sagaciously.

1599 SHAKS. *Much Ado* II. i. 84 Cosin you apprehend passing shrewdly. 1719 WATERLAND *Vind. Christ's Div.* xxi. 310 The..Author observes, very shrowdly, that..it is to Him a Mystery. 1782 J. BROWN *Nat. & Rev. Relig.* I. ii. 35 The Spartans held theft to be innocent, if it was but shrewdly committed. 1825 SCOTT *Talism.* ix, 'Shrewdly replied', said the monarch. *a* 1859 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* xxiii. V. 110 He shrewdly propounded a dilemma which silenced Pomponne and Torcy. 1870 E. PEACOCK *Ralf Shirl.* II. 258 Shrewdly he kept the secret to himself.

b. Cleverly, skilfully. *rare.*

1851 T. T. LYNCH *Lett. to Scattered* (1872) 194 Many a rough stone..will take a fine polish,..if it be shrewdly cut and carefully rubbed.

Shrewdness (ʃrū·dnės). Forms: see SHREWD *a.*; also 5 **schredenes.** [f. SHREWD *a.* + -NESS.]

†1. Wickedness, depravity; evil disposition, ill nature; malignity; maliciousness. *Obs.*

c 1315 SHOREHAM VII. 376 He [*sc.* Lucifer] hys heaued of schrewednesse, As god hys cheaf of alle godnesse. *c* 1384 CHAUCER *H. Fame* 1853 As gret a fame han shrewes..for shrewdenesse, As good folke han for godenesse. 1422 YONGE tr. *Secreta Secret.* xl. 199 He passet in shrewetnesse and malice al the Paganesse and mysbelewynge men. *c* 1450 *Godstow Reg.* 646 That hys graunt shold not by ony shrewdnes be destroyde, he confirmyd hyt with hys seele. 1484 CAXTON *Fables of Auian* vi, The shrewdness and malyce of the dogge. 1533 MORE *Apol.* xxxvi. Wks. 902/2, I purpose to purchace suche a proteccion for them, that I wyl leaue my selfe lesse then the fourth part, euen of shrewdnes rather then euer I wyl pay them. 1535 *Goodly Primer, Prime & Hours* Ps. cxxv, Them that swerve from the right way unto shrewdness. 1540 HYADE tr. *Vives' Instr. Chr. Wom.* (1541) 79 If the housbande were yll, yet oughtest thou to suffer hym, nor stryue with him by shrewdenes.

†b. An instance of this. *Obs.*

c 1374 CHAUCER *Boeth.* IV. pr. iv. (1868) 124 Þat þei (shrewes) ben constreyned hy þre vnselynesses þat wolen and mowen and performen felonyes and shrewednesses. *c* 1386 — *Pars. T.* 442 In hire houses been iniquitees and shrewednesses. *a* 1533 LD. BERNERS *Gold Bk. M. Aurel.* (1546) D, The shrewdenes and cruelties, that Domician did to the virgins Vestales.

†c. Naughtiness, mischievousness. *Obs.*

1567–9 HARDING in Jewel *Def. Apol.* (1611) 344 They..be subiect to all shrewdnesse of the boies of the streets, who vse commonly to mocke and reuile them. 1613 BAINSLEY *Lud. Lit.* 9 If they bee apt much before fiue yeeres of age, to learne shrewdnesse.

†d. A pretended term for a 'company' of apes.

c 1452 *Termys of venery, &c.* (Egerton MS. 1995) in J. Hodgkin *Proper Terms* (1909) 52 A Schrewdenys of Apys. 1486 *Bk. St. Albans* f vi b, A Shrewdenes of Apis. [Hence in various later works.]

2. Sagacity or keenness of mental perception or discrimination; astuteness in practical affairs.

1606 SHAKS. *Ant. & Cl.* II. ii. 69 Her Garboiles..Made out of her impatience: which not wanted Shrodenesse of policie to. 1676 RAY *Corr.* (1848) 126 Shrewdness in inventing and discovering, is a particular gift of God. 1770 LANGHORNE *Plutarch, Agis* P 10 With his shrewdness and capacity he had a proper mixture of spirit. 1816 SCOTT *Bl. Dwarf* iv, Some..requested advice upon other matters, which he delivered with an oracular shrewdness. 1864 TENNYSON *En. Ard.* 250 Not being bred To barter, nor compensating the want by shrewdness. 1878 GLADSTONE *Prim. Homer* 120 Natural shrewdness was the guide of the people in the business of exchanges.

†Shrew·dom. *Obs.* [f. SHREW *sb.*² + -DOM.] Wickedness.

13.. *Pol. Songs* (Camden) 340 That shrewedom that regneth in the lond.

†Shrew·dship. *Obs.* [f. SHREWD *a.* + -SHIP.] = prec.

13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* B. 580 Þat schamez for no schrewedschyp schent mot he worthe! *c* 1425 *Seven Sages* (P.) 1737 [Scho] hythout hire al by the way Vppon a schrewydschyp or tway.

†Shrew·head. *Obs.* In 3–4 **schrewe-, esrew-, schreuhede, schr-, esrewede.** [f. SHREW *sb.*² + -HEAD.] = prec.

c 1290 *St. Lawrence* 4 in *S. Eng. Leg.* 340 Decius þe Aumperour..And is Iustise Valerian þat to alle schrewehede drow3. 1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 5676 Þut for alle ssrewede [*v.rr.* schrewede, schrewehede, schrewedhede]..is soule com in to blis. *c* 1315 SHOREHAM VII. 638 [He] dede hym in an addre wede, þat best was of mest schreuhede.

Shrewing (ʃrū·iŋ), *vbl. sb. rare*⁻¹. [f. SHREW *sb.*² + -ING 1.] ? A scolding.

1847 MRS. CARLYLE *Lett.* II. 1 If I had waited patiently.. I might have spared you a shrewing.

†Shrew·ing, *ppl. a. Obs. rare*⁻¹. In 4 **shrewende.** Used to render L. *refrenantem.*

1382 WYCLIF *Isa.* ix. 14 The Lord shal scatere fro Irael the hed and the tail, the inbowende and the shrewende [? *error for* þeschewende (ESCNEW *v.*); 1388 bischrewynge].

Shrewish (ʃrū·iʃ), *a.* [f. SHREW *sb.*² + -ISH.]

†1. Wicked, ill-disposed, malignant. *Obs.*

c 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* iv. (*Jacobus*) 262 Þat name [*sc. lupa*] gaynyt hyr til, for scho wes schrewis, felonn & Il. 1481 CAXTON *Myrr.* I. xiv. d j b, That one shal happen to be wyse and discrete & that other folissh or shrewyssh. 1481 — *Reynard* (Arb.) 23 Thowgh my eme were twyes so bad and shrewessh.

2. Of a woman: Pertaining to or resembling a shrew; having the character or disposition of a shrew; given to or characterized by scolding.

1565 J. PHILLIP *Patient Grissell* 1619 Therbe a nomber liuinge that Grissills haue to name, But yet very shrewishe by naturall dispocisyon. 1577 GRANGE *Golden Aphrod.* etc. R iij, A shrewishe tongue. 1599 NASHE *Lenten Stuffe* G 4, Shee was a shrewish snappish hawd, that wold bite off a mans nose with an answere. 1603 DEKKER *Batch. Banquet* iv. Wks. (Grosart) I. 195 Not caring to prouide ought for his supper, but contrariwise taunts him with sharp and shrewish speeches. 1641 J. JACKSON *True Evang. T.* III. 225 The Mistris is a good Huswife, but of shrewish condition. 1818 SCOTT *Hrt. Midl.* x, 'Good woman', said the magistrate to this shrewish supplicant,—'tell us what it is you want, and do not interrupt the court.' 1824 W. IRVING *T. Trav.* II. 42 My wife became more and more shrewish and tormenting the more I wanted comfort. 1840 DICKENS *Barn. Rudge* vii, Slender and shrewish,..and though not absolutely ill-looking, of a sharp and acid visage. 1891 *Athenæum* 3 Oct. 447/3 Her vigorous, if somewhat shrewish dismissal of the Council's envoys.

b. In wider sense: Ill-natured, ill-tempered; of a sharp or cross-grained nature.

1596 NASHE *Saffron Walden* E 3, *Scelarata sinapis*, shrewish snappish mustard, as Plautus calls it.

1816 SCOTT *Antiq.* xix, He threw his coral and bells at my head for refusing him a bit of sugar—and you have too much sense to mind such a shrewish boy. 1824 MISS MITFORD *Village* Ser. I. (1863) 194 His little dog Viper,..sleek, sharp, and shrewish. 1888 STEVENSON *Black Arrow* I. i, Y'are the shrewishest old dolt in Tunstall Forest.

transf. 1863 R. F. BURTON *W. Africa* I. 1 The shrewish gusts tore to pieces the very strongest showers. 1882 HOWELLS in *Longman's Mag.* I. 43 It was a shrewish afternoon late in April...The season was very dry.

Hence **Shrew·ishly** *adv.*, **Shrew·ishness.**

1590 SHAKS. *Mids. N.* III. ii. 301, I was neuer curst; I haue no gift at all in shrewishnesse. 1602 — *Twel. N.* I. v. 170 He is verie well-fauour'd, and he speakes verie shrewishly. *a* 1661 FULLER *Worthies, Shropsh.* (1662) 2 How much shrewishness may be allowed in a Wife? 1826 MISS MITFORD *Village* Ser. II. (1863) 268 Elvira we chose for her especial gift in scolding, her natural shrewishness. 1855 MOTLEY *Dutch Rep.* VI. i. (1866) 779 These and similar sins of omission and commission were sharply and shrewishly set forth in the Queen's epistle. 1884 H. S. WILSON *Stud. Hist.* 169 The hair red, the face rather pointedly oval, with an expression of some shrewishness.

Shrewly (ʃrū·li), *adv.* [f. SHREW *a.* + -LY 2.] = SHREWDLY (for which, in some instances, it may be a misprint).

a 1529 SKELTON *Sp. Parrot* 439 Ryn God, rynne Devyll! yet the date of ower Lord And the date of the Devyll dothe shrewlye accord. *a* 1652 BROME *Queenes Exch.* II. i, Your Lady wants The furious sharpnesse of the nose, which here

My Queen has very shrewly. 1677 W. Hughes *Man of Sin* III. iii. 83 One is shrewly out, but neither was Pope: therefore both fallible. 1706-7 North *Let. Mrs. Foley* 13 Jan. in *Lives* (1890) III. App. 256, I am both inclined and shrewly solicited, which is a civil word for commanded, by one of no small authority here [*viz.* his wife]. 1858 *Times* 30 Mar. 6/1 The north wind which whistles shrewly at night.

Shrewmouse (ʃrūˑmaus). (Also with hyphen and as two words.) Pl. **-mice**. Also 6–7 **shroue-**, 8–9 **shrove-**. [f. Shrew *sb.*[1] + Mouse *sb.*] Any of the small insectivores of the genus *Sorex* or family *Soricidæ*; = Shrew *sb.*[1]

1572 Huloet, Shrewmous, *mus araneus, Mus cæcus.* 1587 Mascall *Govt. Cattle, Oxen* (1596) 74 The shrouemouse is an ill beast, and doth trouble and hurt mens cattell. 1607 Topsell *Four-f. Beasts* 535 This Shrew mouse is a little and light creature, which like a Spider climeth vp vpon any small threed, or vpon the edge of a sword. *Ibid.* 536 The places where the Shrew-mice hanteth. 1614 Markham *Cheap Husb., Bull*, etc. xxxix. 61 A Shrew Mouse, which is a Mouse with short vneven legges, and a long head, like a Swines, is a venemous thing. 1768 Pennant *Brit. Zool.* I. 113 The shrew mouse inhabits old walls, heaps of stones, or holes in the earth. 1835 Browning *Paracelsus* v. 433 Strangling rushes,..Where the shrew-mouse with pale throat Burrows. 1849 [Dinsdale] *Teesdale Gloss., Shrove-mouse*, the field mouse. 1872 Calverley *Sad Mem.* 7 The shrewmouse eyes me shudderingly, then flees;..why was I born a cat?

† Shrewˑness. *Obs. rare.* [f. Shrew *a.* + -ness.] Wickedness.

c 1425 *Seven Sages* (P.) 1739 And anoon in the stude A grent schrewnes he dude.

Shrewsbury (ʃrūˑzˌ, ʃrōuˑzbəri). The name of the county town of Shropshire, used as the specific appellation of articles manufactured there. *Shrewsbury cake*: a flat ronnd crisp biscuit-like cake. *Shrewsbury simnel*: see Simnel 1 b.

1728 E. Smith *Compl. Housew.* 129 To make Shrewsbury-Cakes. 1831 *Lincoln Herald* 7 Oct. 4/4 Gingerbread buttons and Shrewsbury cakes. 1840 Barham *Ingol. Leg.* Ser. II. *Bloudie Jacke* xxxii, She has given him..a Shrewsbury cake, Of Pailin's own make. 1844 *Ladies' Hand-bk. Haberdashery* 45 White or broad Reel-thread, Scotch Thread, Shrewsbury Thread. 1883 C. S. Burne *Shropsh. Folk-L.* 325 'Shrewsbury Simnels'..are eaten by many who do not heed the pious habit of 'mothering' which they were intended to celebrate.

Shrewyd, obs. form of Shrewd.

Shriche, variant of Shritch.

Shrick(e)-owle: see Shriek-owl.

Shrid, obs. form of Shred.

† Shride, *v.*[1] *Obs.* Forms: 1 **scrýdan, scridan, scrédan,** 2–3 **scrude(n,** 3 **shridenn, screde(n, side(n,** 3–4 **s(c)hrude(n,** 4 **schride, scruyde, schrede, ssrede, shride;** *3rd sing. pres. ind.* (contracted) 1 **scrýt(t,** 2 **scred,** 3 **shrut.** *Pa. t.* 1 **scrýdde,** 2 **scridde, scredde,** 3 **schrudde, srid, sredde,** 4 **shrudde, schredde, schred(e, schridde.** *Pa. pple.* 2 **ȝescrid,** 2–3 **iscrud,** 3 **ischrud, shrid(d,** 3–4 **schred,** 4 **ischrid, yshred, yssred, shred, shrud.** [OE. *scrýdan* = ON. *skrýða*:—OTeut. **skrūdjan*, f. *skrūd-* (see Shroud *sb.*[1]).]

1. *trans.* To clothe, provide with clothes.

971 *Blickl. Hom.* xviii. 213 He wolde..earme frefran..& nacode scrydan. *c* 1000 *Ags. Gosp.* Matt. xxv. 36 Ic wæs nacud & ge me scryddon [*c* 1160 *Hatton Gosp.* scredden]. *a* 1175 *Cott. Hom.* 225 Hi were mid þon fellen ȝescridde. *Ibid.* 233 He us fett and scred. *c* 1200 Ormin 137 Shridd wiþþ haliȝ shrud ȝede he till Godess allterr. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 66 Monie cumeð to ou ischrud mid lombes fleose, & beoð wode wulues. *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 379 Ðor-wið he ben nu boðen srid. 13.. *K. Alis.* 6803 (Bodl. MS.), In a lyouns skyn he was yshred. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Clerk's T.* 322 Þis mayde bright of hew Fro foot to heed þay schredde han al newe. *c* 1400 *St. Alexius* 565 (Laud 463) Þat liche þei let wake & shride, wiþ pal & wiþ oþer pride.

refl. *c* 1000 Ælfric *Deut.* xxii, 5 Ne scride nan wif hiȝ mid wæpmannes reafe ne wæpman mid wifmannes reafe. *c* 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 193 Mid þos wapnes dauid shrude him. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 302 Þis was bitocned þuruh þet ludit schrudde hire mid helidawene weaden. *a* 1300 *K. Horn* 840 Cutberd ros of bedde Wiþ armes he him schredde. 1340 *Ayenb.* 258 Þe queade riche þet auo ofte ham ssredeþ. *a* 1400 *Launfal* 416 Launfal yn purpure gan hym schrede.

b. *transf.* and *fig.*

c 1000 *Ags. Gosp.* Luke xii. 28 Ðyf god scrytt [*c* 1160 *Hatton* scrit] þæt hiȝ..sceal mycele ma god scryt eow. *c* 1200 Ormin 3673 He þat all þiss middellærd Onn alle wise shridebþ. *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 23 Til god srid him in manliched. *Ibid.* 1878 Salamon findin is [*viz.* idols and gold rings] sal, And his temple sriden wið-al. 13.. in *Pol. Rel. & L. Poems* (1903) 269 Wite blisse in heuene I schal þe scruyde.

2. ? To ward off.

c 1400 *Anturs of Arth.* 20 (Thornton MS.) Schruedede in a schorte cloke, þat the rayne schrydes.

Hence **† Shriˑding** *vbl. sb.*

1340 *Ayenb.* 258 O moche is he fol..þet of his ssredinge is proud. *Ibid.*, Þe ssredinge of his bodye.

† Shride, *v.*[2] *Obs.* Also 4–5 **schride, schryde.** [? repr. OE. **scrýdan* (:—**scrúdjan*), f. **scrúd* Shroud *sb.*[3]] *trans.* To lop or prune (trees). Chiefly in *vbl. sb.*, *concr.* = prunings, loppings. Cf. Shroud *v.*[2]

1388 Wyclif *Song of Sol.* ii. 12 Flouris apperiden in oure lond, the tyme of schridyng is comun. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 242/1 Hooke to hewe wode, or schrydynge. 1450 *Yatton Churchw. Acc.* (Som. Rec. Soc.) 90 Schrydyng of treyes yn church hay j[d]. 1457 *Ibid.* 99 To the chorchemen for schryde wode yn the chorchehay, j[d]. 1553 Becon *Reliques of Rome* (1563) 248 *b*, [Gifts] of shriding of trees, and of al manner of vnderwoode. 1825 Jennings *Obs. Dial. W. Eng., Shride*, to cut off wood from the sides of trees; to cut off wood from trees generally.

† Shridels. *Obs.* In 4 **schrydeles.** [app. f. Shride *v.*[2] + -els. Cf. MLG. *schratele* piece cut off, LG. *schradels, schrodels* bruised corn for cattle, G. *schrotel* shreds, parings.] Loppings of trees.

1399–1400 in Worth *Tavistock Par. Rec.* (1887) 5 [Bought] de la schrydeles [to the said timber belonging ij[s]].

Shrief(e, shrieff, obs. forms of Sheriff.

Shriek (ʃrīk), *sb.* Also 6–7 **shreek(e, shreik,** (6 *Sc.* **shraich,** 7 **schrick,** 7 **shrieck, shrieke,** 8 **shreak**). [f. Shriek *v.* Parallel to Screak *sb.*; cf. Shrike *sb.*] An act of shrieking; a shrill, piercing, or wild cry expressive of terror or pain. Also, an utterance of loud high-pitched laughter.

1590 Spenser *F. Q.* I. vi. 6 The pitteous maiden..Does throw out thrilling shriekes, and shrieking cryes. 1594 Kyd *Cornelia* 144 Whose mournfull cryes and shreekes to heaven ascend. 1632 Milton *L'Allegro* 4 In Stygian Cave forlorn 'Mongst horrid shapes, and shreiks, and sights unholy. 1642 Fuller *Holy & Prof. St.* IV. xviii. 332 They..lift up a panick schrick which pierced the skies. 1757 Grav *Bard* 55 The shrieks of death, thro' Berkley's roofs that ring, Shrieks of an agonizing King! 1812 Byron *Ch. Har.* II. lxxii, The shrieks of the conquer'd, the conqueror's yell. 1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* I. II. iv, One shriek of indignation and astonishment. 1892 *Photogr. Ann.* II. 513 It will prove a great attraction and provoke shrieks of laughter.

b. Applied to the wild cry of birds, etc.

1765 J. Brown *Chr. Jrnl.* (1792) 301 The shrieks of the owl. 1813 Shelley *Q. Mab* VIII. 97 The sea-bird's harrowing shriek. 1864 Tennyson *En. Ard.* 579 The myriad shriek of wheeling ocean-fowl.

c. The loud high-pitched piercing sound produced by an instrument of music, the whistle of a locomotive, etc.

1599 Alex. Hume *Hymns & Sacred Songs* 59 The shraichs of deadly clarions. 1847 *Literary Gaz.* 28 Aug. 631/1 An apparatus to produce..a scale or gamut of whistle shrieks. 1853 Kane *Grinnell Exp.* xxix. (1856) 244 The low whine which the ice gives out when we cut it at right angles with a sharp knife, rising sometimes into a shriek. 1865 Swinburne *Chastelard* III. i. 98 The shriek of slipping swords. 1882 O. W. Holmes *In Twilight* 35 A locomotive's shriek.

d. *fig.* A hysterical exclamation.

c 1853 Kingsley *Misc.* I. 47 One of the stock-charges.. at which all biographers..break into virtuous shrieks of 'flattery', 'meanness',..and so forth.

e. *colloq.* A note of exclamation (!).

1864 Alford *Queen's Eng.* § 128. 93 A note of admiration consists..of a point with an upright line suspended over it. ..These shrieks, as they have been called, are scattered up and down the page by the compositors without mercy.

Shriek (ʃrīk), *v.* Also 6 **shreak, shreke** (*pa. t.* **shrekt**), 6–7 **schrick, shrieke, shreek(e,** 7 **schreek, shrsik,** 8 **schriek.** [Parallel to Screak *v.*; cf. Shrike *v.*]

1. *intr.* To utter a loud sharp shrill cry. a. of a human being in pain or terror; also, said of loud high-pitched laughter.

1577 T. Kendall *Flowers of Epigr., Trifles* 31 b, The Prince, the peeres, the people shreke, in Death to see thee sleepe. 1601 Shaks. *Jul. C.* II. ii. 24 Ghosts did shrieke and squeale about the streets. 1671 Milton *P. R.* IV. 423 Infernal Ghosts, and Hellish Furies,..some howl'd, some yell'd, some shriek'd. 1681 Dryden *Span. Friar* IV. i, *Gom.* Why did you shriek out, Gentlewoman? *Elvi.* 'Twas for Joy at your Return. 1798 Coleridge *Anc. Mar.* VII. xi, The Pilot shrieked And fell down in a fit. 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* xxix, Mrs. Major O'D., taking the compliment to herself, returned the salute with a gracious smile, which sent that unfortunate Dobbin shrieking out of the box again. 1891 Kipling *Light that Failed* x, She used to shriek with rage when Dick stared at her between half-closed eyes.

b. of the characteristic cry of certain animals, *spec.* of the badger in rutting-time (cf. Shrike *v.*).

1567 Maplet *Gr. Forest* 94 A certaine Shrickowle or Owlet which when she crieth, she shricketh. 1593 Shaks. *Lucr.* 307 Night wandring weezels shreek to see him there. 1593 — 3 *Hen. VI*, v. vi. 44 The Owle shriek'd at thy birth. *a* 1700 B. E. *Dict. Cant. Crew, Shriketh*, the Noise a Badger makes at Rutting Time. 1807 Crabbe *Par. Rég.* III. 242 The bat shrill shrieking woo'd his flickering mate. 1830 Tennyson *Mariana* 64 The mouse Behind the mouldering wainscot shriek'd.

c. of inanimate things.

1596 Spenser *F. Q.* VI. viii. 46 Then gan the bagpypes and the hornes to..shrieke aloud. 1840 Dickens *Old C. Shop* xlv, [Engines] shrieking in their rapid whirl..as though in torment unendurable. 1848 *New Monthly Mag.* LXXXIII. 472 The whistle shrieked, and Pemberton was whirled rapidly along the rail. 1860 Ruskin *Mod. Painters* V. VI. 82 The winter wind, which shrieks through the bare branches. 1879 *Organ Voicing* 18 The upper notes of..all mutation stops, have..a tendency to shriek.

d. *fig.*

1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* II. III. vii, Moralities not a few must shriek condemnatory over this Mirabeau. 1847 Emerson *Repr. Men, Montaigne* Wks. (Bohn) I. 344 Montaigne ..never shrieks, or protests, or prays.

2. *trans.* To utter (a shriek); to utter (words) with a shriek or shrieks.

1592 Shaks. *Ven. & Ad.* 531 The owle (nights herald) shreeks, tis verie late. 1597 — *Lover's Compl.* 18 Often reading what contents it bears; As often shrieking undistinguish'd woe. 1603 Drayton *Bar. Wars* V. xli, Berckley, ..Let thy faire buildings shreeke a deadly sound. 1725 Pope *Odyss.* III. 321 Nor earth had hid his carcase from the skies, Nor Grecian virgins shriek'd his obsequies. 1828 Scott *F. M. Perth* XXVII, The coronach was again..shrieked, as the body was carried into the interior of the church. 1864 Tennyson *En. Ard.* 33 Then would Philip..Shriek out 'I hate you, Enoch'. 1885 W. S. Gilbert *Mikado* II. Trio, O never shall I Forget the cry Or the shriek that shrieked he.

3. To bring (oneself) into a certain condition by shrieking.

1642 Denham *Sophy* I. ii, In a dreadful dream I saw my Lord so near destruction,..Then shriekt my self awake. 1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* I. VI. i, Much less shalt shriek thyself hoarse, cursing it. 1893 *Nat. Observer* 29 Apr. 593/2 Liberals shrieked themselves hoarse with impious horror.

Shrieˑker (ʃrīˑkəɹ). Also 8 **schrieker.** [f. Shriek *v.* + -er[1].] One who shrieks or utters a shriek.

1708 Ozell tr. *Boileau's Lutrin* 42 Fruitful of evil Fate the Schrieker cries. 1819 Crabbe *T. of Hall* VII. 141 The shriekers lack a friend. 1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* III. I. vii, To seize the first shriekers and ring-leaders. 1882 *American* V. 135 The 'revenue only' shriekers.

b. The black-tailed godwit, *Limosa limosa.*

1855 F. O. Morris *Brit. Birds* IV. 233.

Shrieˑkery. *nonce-wd.* [f. Shriek *v.* + -ery.] Shrieking, shrieking noise.

1865 Carlyle *Fredk. Gt.* XXI. iv. VI. 491 Mendacious shriekeries from an ill-informed Public. 1866 — *Remin.* (1881) II. 289 As I journeyed and tumbled along amid the shriekeries and miseries.

Shrieˑkily, *adv.* [f. Shrieky + -ly[2].] In shrieky tones. So **Shrieˑkiness.**

1881 *Sci. Amer.* XLIV. 288 The *Western Rural*..demands as shrikily the overturning of the patent system. 1881 *Scribner's Mag.* XXII. 150 He had become a common scold;..gone all to shriekiness and dyspepsia.

Shrieking (ʃrīˑkiŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. Shriek *v.* + -ing[1].] The action of the verb Shriek.

1601 B. Jonson *Poetaster* v. ii, The nymphs, with shreekings, doe the region fill. *a* 1700 Evelyn *Diary* 3 Sept. 1666, The shreiking of women and children. 1845 J. H. Newman in W. Ward *Life* (1912) I. 105 The shrieking and screaming of the keyhole and casements. 1901 W. R. H. Trowbridge *Lett. her Mother to Eliz.* xxi. 100 Mrs. Dorking said she stuffed her handkerchief into her mouth to keep from shrieking.

Shrieking (ʃrīˑkiŋ), *ppl. a.* [f. Shriek *v.* + -ing[2].] That shrieks or utters shrieks; accompanied by shrieks.

a 1586 Sidney *Arcadia* I. Ecl. i. (1633) 93 Out shreaking Pipe, made of some witched tree. 1590 [see Shriek *sb.* 1]. 1596 Drayton *Mortimeriados* N 2, The vgly shreeking Owles. 1604 — *Moyses* III. 81 The shrill screame the shrieking people gaue. *a* 1649 Drumm. of Hawth. *St. Peter* 9 Wks. (S.T.S.) II. 214 The shrieking Bird that courtes the Night. 1810 Scott *Lady of L.* III. x, A sharp and shrieking echo. 1855 Tennyson *Maud* I. VI. viii, The shrieking rush of the wainscot mouse. 1892 *Speaker* 3 Sept. 289/2 The high road, with its shrieking steam-tram.

Hence **Shrieˑkingly** *adv.*, with a shriek or shrieks.

1641 Brathwait *Engl. Gentlew.* 278 The needy cry, and shreekingly complaine unto us. 1877 Browning *Agamemnon* 29 The old men..Shriekingly wail the death-doom of their dearest. 1888 Meredith *Poet. Wks.* (1912) 367 Shriekingly the timber cracks.

† Shriek-owl. *Obs.* Also 6 **schrick-,** 7 **scrick-,** 7 **shreike-.** [f. Shriek *v.* + Owl *sb.* Cf. Screech-owl, Shritch-owl.] The screech-owl.

1567 [see Shriek *v.* 1 b]. 1591 Spenser *Teares Muses* 283 Fowle Goblins and Shriekowles, With fearfull howling do all places fill. 1616 T. Scot *Philomythie* II. B 4 b, The Raueo and Shreikeowle there did build their neasts. 1623 Wodroephe *Marrow Fr. Tongue* 399/2 Wee are with Men our Brothers, and not with Stockes, Wood, Wolues and Scrick-Ooles. *a* 1764 Lloyd *Progr. Envy* Poet. Wks. 1774 I. 145 Shriek-owls and ravens, whose fell croaking bodes Approaching death to miserable wight. 1913 Sir R. Ross in *Engl. Rev.* Sept. 168 No sound; Save haply the shriek-owl cryes. *attrib.* 1748 Richardson *Clarissa* VI. 383 Thou liftest up thy shriek-owl note.

Shrieky (ʃrīˑki), *a.* [f. Shriek *sb.* or *v.* + -y.] Characterized by a shriek or shrieks; of a loud sharp shrill pitch; *fig.* hysterical.

1858 Clough *Poems*, etc. (1869) I. 132 The four days of June I dare say you have heard spoken of in a somewhat shrieky account. 1864 Carlyle *Fredk. Gt.* XVI. vii. IV. 355 Be judicial,..not shrieky, mobbish, and flying off into the Infinite! 1871 — in Mrs. Carlyle *Lett.* II. 328 Reciting or reading in a high shrieky tone.

Shrieval (ʃrīˑvăl), *a.* [f. *shrieve*, obs. var. Sheriff + -al.] Of or belonging to a sheriff.

1681 Dryden *Abs. & Achit.* I. 618 Chaste were his Cellars; and his Shrieval Board The Grossness of a City Feast abhor'd. *a* 1734 North *Life Dudley North* (1744) 157 When all the Forms of this shrieval Instalment were over. 1837 Lockhart *Scott* (1839) II. 181 The Lord Lieutenant of Selkirkshire complained of Scott's military zeal as interfering sometimes with the discharge of his shrieval functions. 1884 *Manch. Exam.* 9 Feb. 5/3 The City Remembrancer has always by no means an easy task in inducing members to accept the shrieval hospitality.

Hence **Shrieˑvaldom, Shrieˑvalry** = next.

1679 in *Spirit of Popery* 72 When the Ancient Nobility.. cannot enjoy their Royalties, their Shrievaldoms, and their Stewardaries. *a* 1715 Burnet *Own Time* (1724) I. 592 During his Shrievalry in London.

Shrievalty (ʃrīˑvălti). Also 6 **shreav-, shreev-,** (**shrevaltry**), 6–7 **shrev-,** 7 **shrief(f)-, shriv-, shreiv-.** [f. *shrieve* (see prec.) + *-alty*, representing OF. *-alte* (F. *-auté*):—L. *-ālitātem*, as in *admirally, principalty.*] The office or dignity of sheriff; a sheriff's jurisdiction or term of office.

1502 Arnolde *Chron.* (1811) p. xlii, This yere Robert

Johnnson was dismissyd of his shreualtee. 1596 *Sir T. More* (Malone Soc.) Add. ii. 165 Shall we heare shreef moor speake. *Doll.* Letts heare him a keepes a plentyfull shrevaltry. 1633 Heywood *Engl. Trav.* iv. i, In time Sir, you may keepe your Shreualtie; And I be one oth' Seriants. 1663 Pepys *Diary* 28 Sept., Sir R. Ford beginning his shrievalty to-day. *c* 1683 T. Hunt *Def. Charter Lond.* 38 The Shriefalties had not been before granted in Fee. 1692 Luttrell *Brief Rel.* (1857) II. 590 Sir Thomas Cook has laid by 10,000*l.* to spend in his shreivalty. 1771 *Junius Lett.* I. 259 Your next appearance in office is marked with his election to the shrievalty. 1870 Lowell *Among my Bks.* Ser. II. (1873) 52 The shrievalty of the county of Cork. 1887 *Law Rep.* Weekly Notes 215/2 The vacancy of the shrievalty by reason of the decease of the sheriff.

attrib. 1810 Bentham *Packing* (1821) 124 In the shrievalty year 1807–8.

Shrieve: see Sheriff, Shrive.

Shrife, obs. form of Shrive *v.*

Shrift (ʃrift), *sb.* Now *arch.* or *Hist.* Forms: 1–5 **scrift**, 2–5 **scrifte**, 3–6 **schrift**, (2 **scrifft**, 3 **srift**, **shrifft**, **scryf** ?, 4 **shreft**, **shruft**, **ssrifþe**, **ssryft(e**, **ssrifte**, 4–5 **serif** ?, 5 **scheryft**), 4–5 **schrifte**, **shryfte**, **schryft(e**, 4–6 **shryft**, **shrifte**, 3– **shrift**. [OE. *scrift* m., corresp. to OFris. *skrift* m. and f., MDu. *schrift* (*schricht*) f. and n., (Du. *schrift*), OHG. *scrift* f. (MHG., G. *schrift*), ON. *skript*, *skrift* f. (Sw., Da. *skrift*), vbl. n. f. Shrive *v.*

The meanings 'penance', 'confession' are confined to English and Scandinavian, arising app. from an original meaning of 'prescribed penalty'. The other languages have only the senses 'writing', 'graphic art', 'scripture', 'written character'.]

†**1.** Penance imposed by the priest after confession; chiefly in phr. as *to take, nim shrift*; *to do shrift*; *to give shrift. Obs.*

c 1030 *Laws Cnut* II. lxviii. (Liebermann) 354 Æȝþer man sceal ȝe on godcundan scriftan ȝe on woruldcundan doman þas þinge tosceadan. *c* 1030–50 *Eccl. Compensations* iii, Twa pund to bote mid godcundan scrifte. *c* 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 17 Þet þu scalt gan to bote and niman scrift þer of al swa þe proest þe techet. *Ibid.* 9 ȝif hwa is swa sunful.. þet nulle for his ouermoð..his scrift ihalden. *c* 1200 *Vices & Virtues* 19 Wandeð to me,..and nemeð and doð scrift. *c* 1200 Ormin 9262 To wurrþenn fullhtneedd att hiss hannd, & forr to takenn shriffte. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 9090 Sin i haf serued to haue þe scam, Gis me mi scrift. *Ibid.* 26194 On seke man agh na scrift be laid. *Ibid.* 28300, I brake my scrifte vmquile mai falle. *c* 1400 *Rule St. Benet* (prose) 21 Lauerd giue vs sua vre scrifte at do, þat we may hys rengne cum to. *a* 1425 *Cursor M.* 23297 (Trin.) For þei wolde no shrifte take And at her ende ameodes make.

2. The imposition of penance implying absolution, *shrift* came to be apprehended in certain contexts as = absolution.

a 900 *Poenitentiale Ecgberti* I. iii. in Thorpe *Anc. Laws* (1840) II. 172 Ȝif he ȝewitnysse hæfð..þæt he scriftes ȝyrnde & husles. *c* 1030–60 *Laws Northumb. Priests* viii, Ȝif preost fulluhtes oððe scriftes forwyrne. 1297 R. Glouc. (Rolls) 8661 He..deide wiþoute speche Wiþoute ssrift & hosel. *c* 1300 *Havelok* 1829 [Havelok] smot him sone ageyn the brest, That hauede he neuere schrifte of prest. *c* 1400 *Rule St. Benet* (prose) 6 Scrif sal he do on þaim, þare sinnis for to les. 1603 Shaks. *Meas. for M.* IV. ii. 223, I will giue him a present shrift, and aduise him for a better place. 1628 Wither *Brit. Rememb.* II. 1684, I leave it to the shrift Of their owne consciences. 1635 Quarles *Embl.* III. x. 161, I need no other shrift Than mine owne conscience. 1828 Scott *F. M. Perth* iii, Father Francis the Dominican, from whom she had her shrift to-day. 1867 *Month* VI. 21 When the words of shrift had been uttered.

†**3.** A confessor. *Obs.*

c 897 Ælfred *Gregory's Past. C.* xvi. 105 He ðonne ondette ælce costunge þe him on becume ðæm mode his scriftes beforan ðæm temple. *a* 900 Cynewulf *Crist* 1307 Ne mæȝ þurh þæt flæsc se scrift ȝeseon on þære sawle. *c* 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 19 Þu scalt hit ibeten al swa þin scrifte þe tachet. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 418 Ne mid breres ne ne biblodge hire salf wiðuten schriftes leaue. 1638 *New Litany* in *Bk. Sc. Pasquils* (1868) 57 From bussie Bishops without orders, As master shrifts in ther borders [etc.]. [1860 Hook *Lives Abps.* I. vii. 407 If a man will..confess his sins to the shrift.]

4. *To go, come to shrift*: to resort to confession, seek the ministry of a priest in the sacrament of penance. Also † *to seek to shrift.*

1008 *Laws Æthelred* V. xxii, ȝyme his Cristendomes ȝeorne & ȝewunize ȝelomlice to scrifte. *a* 1023 Wulfstan *Hom.* xxxix. (1883) 181 Ga man to scrifte. *c* 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 25 Ic wulle gan to scrifte for scome alswa doð oðer men. *c* 1250 *Kent. Serm.* in *O. E. Misc.* 32 Comeþ to scrifte, forleted yure sennen, and þer of bieþ a-soiled. *c* 1315 Shoreham I. 948 Wanne he ne may to schryfte come. *c* 1400 *Rule St. Benet* (verse) 988 To be swift Eftir our sin to seke to schrift. 1583 Fulke *Def. Tr. Script.* vi. 192 To make the ignorant beleeue that the people went to auricular shrift. 1590 *Tarlton's Newes Purgatory* 13 The next time Lisetta came to shrift, after she had made her confession, and had receiued absolution. 1592 Shaks. *Rom. & Jul.* II. iv. 192 Bid her deuise some meanes to come to shrift this afternoone. 1630 Dekker *2nd Pt. Honest Wh.* I. i. K 4, Let the Gentlewoman alone, she'a going to shrift. *a* 1680 Butler *Rem.* (1759) I. 259 In the Church of Rome to go to Shrift Is but to put the Soul on a clean Shift. 1880 T. E. Webb *Goethe's Faust* III. vii, [He] goes To shrift with nothing to disclose.

5. Confession to a priest; auricular confession; also, the sacrament of penance.

More explicitly, † *shrift of mouth.*

c 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 11 Muchel is us þenne neod..sod scrift. *c* 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 73 Drede letteð þe mannes shrifte. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 25749 He..mak to preist his costes cuth, Wit reuth of hert and scrifte o mouth. *Ibid.* 27444 It es als vnder sel o scrift him sceud al to consail. 1340 *Ayenb.* 14 Cristninge, confermynge, þe sacrement of þe wyefde, ordre, spoushod, þe holy ssrifte, and the laste anoylinge. *c* 1369 Chaucer *Dethe Blaunche* 1114 Me thynketh ye haue suche a chaunce As shryfte wythoute repentaunce. *c* 1450 *Mirk's Festial* 279 Apon scheryft wyth mowthe and satysfaceyon yn dede. 1528 Tindale *Obed. Chr. Man* 96 b, Shrifte in the eare is verely a worke of sathan. 1567 Allen *Def. Priesthood* 215 Priuate shrifte, which they call nowe auricular confession. 1603 Drayton *Heroic. Ep.* III. 92 As I should joy t'ahsolve thee after Shrift. 1652 Gataker *Antinom.* 40 Some Popish Priest, pressing men to shrift. 1662 Petty *Taxes* 6 When every particular sheep was..drest and shorn three or four times per annum by Shrift. 1849 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* I. I. 54 Shrift was no part of her system. Yet she gently iovited the dying penitent to confess his sins to a divine.

b. Phrases.

† (*a*) *Under* or *in shrift*: in a state of penitence.

c 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 7 Ȝef we beod under sod scrifte. *c* 1200 Ormin 10473, & tær [uss clennseþþ] þatt fir ȝiff þatt we rihht Her endenn unnderr shriffte. *c* 1205 Lay. 18435 Ælc mon forð rihte dude hine vnder scrifte. *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 422 An hundred ȝer after is dead Adam fro eue in srifte ahead. *c* 1400 *Rule St. Benet* (prose) 4 Þat here liuis in clene scrift ..þai sall haue part wid him.

† (*b*) *At, in shrift*: at, in confession.

c 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 27 Hwet wule mon et scrifte bute he wulle forleten his misdede? *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 46 Scheaweð ofte ine scrifte ower ȝemeleaste her abuten. *c* 1330 *Spec. Gy de Warewyke* 796 Þat þu hit nilt in shrifte seie. *c* 1450 *Mirour Saluacioun* (Roxb.) 58 When we in shrift reherce oure synnes. 1579 Lyly *Euphues* 28 Dost thou not laugh Linia, to see my ghostly father keepe me heere so long at shrifte? *c* 1592 Marlowe *Jew of Malta* III. ad fin., 'Twas told me in shrift, Thou know'st 'tis death and if it be reueal'd. *a* 1625 Fletcher *Love's Pilgr.* I. ii, I have called my conscience to confession, And every sillable that might offend I have had in shrift. 1793 *Minstrel* II. 144 Crimes so enormous that they dared not confess them in shrift.

† (*c*) *transf.*

1596 Warner *Alb. Eng.* XII. lxix. (1602) 291 Let this be spoken in Shrift, so was it spoke to me.

† (*d*) *Shrift's even*: Shrove Tuesday.

15.. *Colkelbie Sow* 943 in *Bannatyne MS.* (Hunter. Club) 1048 At schriftis evin sum wes so battalouss That [etc.].

6. An instance of this; a confession on a particular occasion.

Phr. *to make one's shrift, to hear a shrift.*

c 1275 *Passion our Lord* 549 in *O. E. Misc.* 52 Þat we mote at vre scrift þane veond schende. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 27490 Ar he [a priest] ga to scriftes here þat he may þus first his praier. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* iii. (*De Sancto Andrea*) 896 Til hym þi schrift þu ma I *c* 1385 Chaucer *L. G. W.* 745 With a sown as softe as ony shryfte. 1534 More *Comf. agst. Trib.* II. Wks. 1183/2 When it came to the penance geuing, the Foxe found yᵗ the most weighty synne in all hys shryft was glotony. 1622 Wotton in *Reliq.* (1672) 314 He took occasion at the next shrift, to confer certain doubts with his Confessor. 1828 Scott *F. M. Perth* ii, For the purpose of making their several shrifts in the confessionals. 1839 J. P. Kennedy *Rob of Bowl* xxxiii, In this temper he had made his shrift, and abjured the lawless life..into which his passions had plunged him. 1865 Kingsley *Herew.* iii, He said..that..your shrift should be as short and as clean as David's.

†**b.** A thing confessed. *Obs. rare.*

1596 Warner *Alb. Eng.* XII. lxix. (1602) 292 Blab'd be our Shrifts to women, of simplicitie, or spight.

†**c.** A place of confession, confessional. *rare.*

1604 Shaks. *Oth.* III. iii. 24 My Lord shall neuer rest...His Bed shall seeme a Schoole, his Boord a Shrift.

7. In a wider sense: Confession (*of* sin or wrong); admission (*of* guilt); revelation (*of* something private or secret).

a 1340 Hampole *Psalter* vii. 18 Þis shrift is noght of synne, bot of rightwisnes of god. 1390 Gower *Conf.* II. 173 Upon the schrifte of thi matiere. 1508 Dunbar *Tua Mariit Wemen* 251, I schaw ȝow, Sisteris in schrift, I wes a schrew euir. 1598 B. Jonson *Ev. Man in Hum.* I. i, Ile studie.. To call my sonne vnto a happier shrift. 1633 Ford *'Tis Pity* III. F 3, His Vnkle..Will hinder all, and call his Couze to shrift. 1668 R. L'Estrange *Vis. Quev.* (1708) 133 If this Gallant were taken to shrift. 1678 — *Seneca's Mor.* I. To Rdr., etc. 39 Then do I Recollect all that I have said, or done that day, and take my self to shrift. *Ibid.* II. vi. 80 Our Vices will abate of themselves, if they be brought every day to the Shrift. 1865 S. Evans *Br. Fabian's MS.* 88 A dread Grew up between them such as those may tell Who have made shrift of love.

†**8.** Rendering *confessio* of the Vulgate: Acknowledgement of the power and glory of God. *Obs.*

a 1300 *E. E. Psalter* xli. 5 In steuen of gladschip and ofe schrifte. *c* 1380 Wyclif *Sel. Wks.* III. 71 Þis song of þes children, where we maken an opin schrift þat God is passingli blessid. 1382 — 3 *Esdras* ix. 8 And now ȝiueth shrifte, and gret doing to the Lord God of oure fadris. *a* 1400 *Prymer* (1891) 23 Entrith his ȝatis in schrift.

9. *Short shrift*: orig. a brief space of time allowed for a criminal to make his confession before execution; hence, a brief respite; *to give short shrift to*, to make short work of.

[1594 Shaks. *Rich. III*, III. iv. 97 Make a short Shrift, he longs to see your Head.] 1814 Scott *Ld. of Isles* v. xxxii, Short were his shrift in that debate...If Lorn encounter'd Bruce! 1823 — *Quentin D.* viii, They are like to meet short shrift and a tight cord. 1879 W. H. Dixon *Windsor* II. xxxi. 315 Short trial, shorter shrift, had been given to the chief criminals. 1887 *Times* 15 Feb. 4/3 Every argumeot..tells with still greater force against the present measure, and it is to be hoped that the House of Commons will give it short shrift to-night. 1889 Jessopp *Coming of Friars* ii. 82 If he were brought to his trial he would have a short shrift and no favour.

10. *attrib.*: † **shrift child**, one who goes to confession to a certain priest, a penitent; **shrift-district** *Hist.* = *shrift-shire*; † **Shrift Monday** = *Shrove Monday*; **shrift-shire** *Hist.* [representing OE. *scriftscir*], the district in which a priest exercised his functions; † **shrift-silver**, a fee paid on receiving priestly absolution; **shrift-time** *pseudo-arch.*, Lent; † **Shrift Tuesday** = *Shrove Tuesday.*

1577 tr. *Bullinger's Decades* 580 By those confessions the confessours coulde cunningly..robbe theyr *shrift-children ..of theyr substaunce. 1625 tr. *Gonsalvius' Sp. Inquis.* 125 That anie other ghostly Father had dealt in anie such like sort with anie of his shrift children. 1872 E. W. Robertson *Hist. Ess.* 196 The secular priest..was not expelled from his '*shrift-district'. 1587 in *Cath. Rec. Soc. Publ.* V. 133, I came on *Shrift Munday last to Mr. Pawlet of Heryote. 1838 Soames *Anglo-Saxon Ch.* (ed. 2) 262 *note*, Right is it that no priest do any of those things that belong to another, either to his minster, or in his *shrift-shire. 1844 Lingard *Anglo-Saxon Ch.* (1858) I. iv. 144 *note* 2, These districts allotted to priests were called priestshires, shriftshires, and kirkshires. 1402 *Reply of Friar Daw Topias* in *Pol. Poems* (Rolls) II. 46 Thi paroche preest, Jacke,..that nyl not.. assoilen hem of her synne withouten *schrift silver. 1853 Rock *Ch. of Fathers* III. II. xii. 223 All through *shrift-time or Lent. 1542 *Will of J. Dowdynge of Cannington* (MS.), On *Shryfte Twesdaye.

Shrift, *v. rare.* [f. prec.] *trans.* To shrive.

1611 Coryat *Crudities* 33, I saw a gray Frier shrift a faire Gentlewoman, which I..mention because it was the first shrifting that euer I saw. *a* 1683 Oldham *Wks.* (1686) 129 Thus I have made my shrifted Muse confess. 1699 R. L'Estrange *Fables* II. vii, A New-marry'd Couple had a Toy took them in their Heads,..to Shrift one another before they came together. 1849 Rock *Ch. of Fathers* II. vii. 461 The soul might wing its flight for its doom before God, shrifted, assoiled, aneled, and houseled.

Shrift-father. *Obs.* exc. *arch.* Also 4 **schrefvader**, 5 **schryffader**. [f. Shrift *sb.* + Father *sb.* (sense 6 a). Cf. ON. *skriptafaðer.*] A confessor.

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 316 Inouh hit is to siggen so þet þe schrift feder witterliche understonde hwat tu wulle menen. 1340 *Ayenb.* 38 Hi ssollen do be þe rede of holy cherche oþer be hire ssrifte-uaderes. 1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) VI. 457 Kyng Edredus..sente to his schriftfader [*MS.* y schrefvader] Donstan. *c* 1430 *Pol. Rel. & L. Poems* (1903) 229 To do such penaunce..As þi schrift-fadir þee councellis. *a* 1450 Myrc 233 How and where he doth þat synne, To hys schryfader he mote þat mynne. 1533 Gau *Richt Vay* (1888) 3 Quhou thay sal rekkine al thair sinnis to thair schrift fader. 1600 Fairfax *Tasso* XI. ix, In close and priuate cell, Where (hut shrift fathers) neuer mankinde treades. 1853 Rock *Ch. of Fathers* III. II. xi. 19 The penitential, a book which only shrift-fathers..might read. 1882 F. J. Child *Ballads* I. 26/1 Louise ther tries her shrift-father.

† **Shrift·fness.** *Obs. rare*—⁰. [f. Shrift *sb.* + -ness.] Confession.

c 1460 *Promp. Parv.* 401/1 (Winch. MS.) Schryftnesse, *confessio.*

Shrig (ʃrig), *v. dial.* [Cf. Shrag.] *trans.* To lop off (branches), strip off (leaves); to strip (a tree, root, etc.) of its branches or foliage; *fig.* to strip (a person) *of* his possessions.

1601 Holland *Pliny* XVII. xii. I. 514 If the braunches thereof, or of any tree within-forth be shrigged. *Ibid.* XIX. vi. II. 21 Having their uppermost leaves lightly shrigged off. *Ibid.* XXVII. vi. 275 The same root..staieth a laske, in case it be first shrigged from the hairie strings thereof. 1609 — *Amm. Marcell.* XIX. x. 137 If all men were shrigged of their goods. 1873 W. P. Williams & W. A. Jones *Gloss. Prov. Som., Shrig*, to shroud or trim a tree.

† **Shright,** *sb. Obs.* [Corresponding to Scright = OFris. *skrichte*, MLG. *schricht(e*; but perhaps (in the 16th c.) suggested by some passage like the following, where *forshright* = wearied with shrieking:—

c 1374 Chaucer *Troylus* IV. 1147 (Harl. MS.), With brokyn vois al hois [*v. r.* hors] for shright [*v. r.* forshright] Criseyde To Troilus thise ilke wordes seyde].

Shrieking; a shriek.

1556 Phaer *Æneid* IV. K j, And mountaynes hie they fill with shright. 1590 Spenser *F. Q.* II. vii. 57 With their pitteous cryes, and yelling shrights. 1596 *Ibid.* VI. iv. 2 Drawne with that Ladies loud and piteous shright.

† **Shright,** *v. Obs.* [Either f. prec., or the pa. t. of Shritch taken as inf.] To shriek.

a 1542 Wyatt in *Tottel's Misc.* (Arb.) 38 And ye so ready sighes, to make me shright, Then are ye slacke, when that ye should outstart.

Shrike, *sb.*[1] *Obs.* or *dial.* [f. Shrike *v.* Cf. Scrike *sb.*] = Shriek *sb.* (In first quot., a shrill note.)

c 1400 *Destr. Troy* 346 Small briddes..With shrikes full shrille in the shire bowes. *c* 1450 *Merlin* I. 15 Whi made the childe this shrike? wilt thow slen it? *a* 1547 Surrey *Æneid* II. (1557) C j b, The palace within confounded was.. with ruful shrikes and cryes. 1592 Shaks. *Rom. & Jul.* IV. iii. 47 Loathsome smels, And shrikes like Mandrakes torne out of the earth. 1613 Heywood *Silver Age* II. i, Acrisius heares their clamours and their shrikes [*rhyme* strikes]. 1651 Jer. Taylor *Serm. for Year* II. ix. 109 The air became full of shrikes of the desolate mothers of Bethlehem for their dying Babes.

Shrike (ʃroik), *sb.*[2] Also 6–7 **shreek(e**. [app. representing OE. *scrîle*, *scrée* (glossing L. 'turdus'), which was perhaps used generally for birds having shrill cries; *shrike* and *shrike-cock* are dial. names for the missel-thrush. Cf. Shreitch, Shrite.

ON. *sölskrikja*, which has been compared, means 'snow-bunting', not 'shrike'.]

Any of the birds of the numerous species of the

family *Laniidæ*, characterized by a strong hooked and toothed beak; the majority of them are insectivorous, but several species, as the (Great or European) Grey Shrike, *Lanius excubitor*, prey upon mice and small birds; = BUTCHER-BIRD. b. Applied to similar birds of other families (e.g. *Prionopidæ*), e.g. CUCKOO, DRONGO, SWALLOW *s.*

Red-back(ed Shrike, *Lanius collurio.*

1544 TURNER *Avium Præcip.* F 8, De Mollicipite..Anglicè a shrike, a nyn murder. 1598 FLORIO, *Gazza sparuiera*, a kind of lanaret hauke called a shreeke, or nine murther. 1678 RAY *Willughby's Ornith.* 87 Of the Europæan Rapacious birds it is the least...In English it is called a Shrike. 1776 PENNANT *Brit. Zool.* II. 604 The Flusher, or red back Shrike, and the great Shrike, breeds with us. 1851 F. O. MORRIS *Brit. Birds* I. 229 Great Shrike. [Syn.] Grey Shrike. Great Grey Shrike. Ash-coloured Shrike. Greater Butcher bird. Murdering Pie. Shrike. Shreek. 1855 TENNYSON *Maud* I. IV. iv, The Mayfly is torn by the swallow, the sparrow spear'd by the shrike. 1860 G. BENNETT *Gatherings Natur. Austral.* 283 The Australian Shrike or Butcher-bird, also called Rain-bird by the colonists (*Vanga destructor*). 1883 *Cassell's Nat. Hist.* IV. 29 The Helmeted Wood Shrikes (*Prionops*).

Shrike, *v. Obs.* exc. *dial.* Also 4–5 **schrike, schryke,** 4–6 **shryke.** [Parallel to SCRIKE *v.* (see SCR-); perhaps representing an OE. **scrícan* (cf. SHRIKE *sb.*[2]) = Norw. *skrika*, Da. *skrige*.] = SHRIEK *v.* †Of birds: To pipe.

c 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 181 Elch wimman..þan hie beð mid childe bistonden..shrikeð and reuliche biginneð. *c* 1300 *Pol. Songs* (Camden) 158 Heo biginneth to shryke, ant scremeth anon. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 12973 Shene briddes in shawes shriked full lowde. 1471 CAXTON *Recuyell* (Sommer) II. 485 The ladies..shryked and cryed dolorously. 1530 PALSGR. 705/2 She shriked so loude that a man myght her her tenne houses of. 1576 TURBERV. *Venerie* 238 [At rutting time] a Badgerd shriketh. 1593 SHAKS. *Rich II*, III. iii. 283 Night-Owls shrike. 1629 GAULE *Holy Madn.* 283 To shrinke and shrike, at euery push and pricke. 1676 HOBBES *Iliad* XXI. 15 Grievous 'twas to hear them groan and shrike. 1828 CARR *Craven Gloss.* 1895 *Lakeland Gloss.*

Hence † **Shri·king** *vbl. sb.* and *ppl. a.*

c 1374 CHAUCER *Troylus* V. 382 As Rauenes qualm or shrykyng [*v.r.* schrychynge] of þese owlys. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 449/1 Schrykynge. 1530 PALSGR. 267/2 Schrikyng or roring out, *escry.* 1579 E. K. *Gloss. to Spenser's Sheph. Cal.* May 54 Piteous outcryes, and dreadfull shriking. 1583 BABINGTON *Commandm.* 14 Christ..dooth crie vppon vs with shriking sounde. 1648 GAGE *West Ind.* 89 Judging every cry, every howling & shriking as an alarm to my death. 1650 HOWELL *Giraffi's Rev. Naples* I. 70 Shrikings, and howlings, with horrid curses.

Shrikelet (ʃrəi·klĕt). [f. SHRIKE *sb.*[2] + -LET.] A bird of the genus *Vireolanius.*

1866 P. L. SCLATER & SALVIN *Exotic Ornith.* 13 *Vireolanius melitophrys* (Honey-browed Shrikelet).

Shrill (ʃril), *sb.* [f. SHRILL *v.* Cf. SHIRL *sb.*] A shrill sound, cry, whistle, etc.

1591 SPENSER *Ruins of Time* 581, I heard a voyce, which loudly to me called, That with the sudden shrill I was appalled. 1833 BREWSTER *Nat. Magic* viii. 179 The wiry shrill of the Jew's harp. 1893 *Month* Sept. 19 The ceaseless shrill of the Cicala. 1904 MACHAUGHTAN *Gift* I. vi, The Gillie-Callum ended with a final shrill of the pipes.

b. Comb.: **shrill-vein** = *shrilling-organ.*

1880 SWINTON *Insect Variety* 163 In *Odontura Fischeri* ..the shrill-vein [is] simply bowed instead of S-shaped.

Shrill (ʃril), *a.* and *adv.* Also 4 **shrille,** 4–5 **schrylle,** 5 **shrille, shrylle, scrylle,** 6 **shrycll,** *superl.* **shrilst,** 6–7 **shril,** 7 **schril.** (See also SHIRL *a.*) [ME. *shrille*, related to LG. *schrell* of sharp tone or taste, G. *schrill* (late 18th cent.). Cf. SHRILL *v.*] A. *adj.*

1. Of voice, sound: Of a sharp high-pitched piercing tone.

c 1386 CHAUCER *Nun Pr. T.* 575 (Hengwrt MS.), Ne made he neuere showtes half so shrille [*MSS. Ellesm. & Lansd.* s(c)hill(e) When þat they wolden any flemyng kille. *c* 1400 [see SHRIKE *sb.*[1]]. 1545 ASCHAM *Toxoph.* (1904) 15 All voyces, great and small, base & shril, weke or softe. 1596 SHAKS. *Tam. Shr.* Ind. ii. 48 Thy hounds shall..fetch shrill echoes from the hollow earth. 1661 LOVELL *Hist. Anim. & Min.* Isagoge, That [*sc.* the noise] of the bee is humming, but it's shrill in the grassehopper. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* V. 7 The shrill Matin Song Of Birds. 1742 COLLINS *Ecl.* IV. 72 Loud along the vale was heard A shriller shriek. 1860 TYNDALL *Glac.* II. i. 229 The shrill chirruping of innumerable insects. 1885 'MRS. ALEXANDER' *At Bay* I, A sweet, slightly shrill soprano.

2. Emitting or producing a sound of this kind: of persons or animals, their throats, etc.

1508 STANBRIDGE *Vulgaria* (W. de W.) B v b, My brest is shryll. *Vox mea est sonora.* 1601 SHAKS. *Jul. C.* I. ii. 16, I heare a Tongue shriller then all the Musicke Cry, Cæsar. 1605 *1st Pt. Jeronimo* III. i, Weele be as shrill as you: strike a larum, drum. 1738 WESLEY *Ps.* cxlvii. x, Let the shrill Birds his Honours raise. 1784 COWPER *Task* IV. 569 The first larum of the cock's shrill throat. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* III. I. vii, Shrill women cry shame on us. 1866 *Mysteries of Isis* 207 Churl and noble, fair lady and shrill fish-wife. 1901 *Macm. Mag.* Apr. 447/1 One of his colleagues became shrill on the subject.

b. of an instrument or other inanimate object.

1567 R. EDWARDS *Damon & Pithias* (1571) B ij b, Whose vertue, the shrill trump of fame so farre hath blowne. 1603 E. FAIRFAX *Ecl.* iv, Ambling along the meads and rivers shrill. 1604 SHAKS. *Oth.* III. iii. 351 Farewell the neighing Steed, and the shrill Trumpe. 1704 POPE *Windsor Forest* 96 Wind the shrill horn. 1819 SCOTT *Ivanhoe* XXX, The blast of a shrill bugle. 1835 MARRYAT *Jacob Faithful* XXXVIII, The shrill whistles of the boatswain and his mates piping all hands to unmoor.

3. Characterized or accompanied by sharp high-pitched sounds.

1725 POPE *Odyss.* IV. 1013 Shrill ecstasies of joy. 1812 BYRON *Ch. Har.* I. xiii. iv, Let winds be shrill, let waves roll high. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* III. III. vi, A shrill scene, but a brief one. 1844 KINGLAKE *Eothen* i, In a shrill and busy hotel. 1865 DICKENS *Mut. Fr.* I. vi, The night was black and shrill. 1893 PATER *Plato* 209 A single day of somewhat shrill gaiety, between two days of significant mourning.

4. In various transf. applications: Keen; sharp; pungent; poignant.

1608 TOPSELL *Serpents* 57 A shrill and quicke sence of hearing. 1650 VAUGHAN *Silex Scint.* Admission, How shrill are silent tears! 1864 TENNYSON *Voyage* 12 The Lady's-head upon the prow Caught the shrill salt. 1904 M. HEWLETT *Queen's Quair* I. viii, The Court went thither [*i. e.* to St. Andrews] with various great affairs in train, whose conduct throve in that shrill air.

5. *Comb.*, as *shrill-accented, -mouthed, -toned, -tongued, -voiced* adjs.; †**shrill-bated,** with a shrill sound as of voices in strife; †**shrill-breasted,** †**-gorged,** shrill-voiced, shrill-throated.

1896 KIPLING *Seven Seas* 162 Inopportune, *shrill-accented, The acrid Asiatic mirth. 1582 STANYHURST *Æneis* I. 13 Gates with the metal dooe creake in *shrilhated harshing. 1594 NASHE *Unfort. Trav.* H 2 b, As many sortes of *shrill breasted birdes as the Summer hath allowed for singing men in hir siluane chappels. 1855 TENNYSON *Maud* I. I. iv, The *shrill-edged shriek of a mother. 1605 SHAKS. *Lear* IV. vi. 58 The *shrill-gorg'd Larke. 1658 ROWLAND tr. *Moufet's Theat. Ins.* 953 It maketh a *shril-like noise as the other kindes of Gnats do. 1621 QUARLES *Argalus & P.* (1678) 84 The *shrill-mouth'd Musick. 1813 WALKER *Poems* 90 (Jod.) Thro' night's dim arch the *shrillton'd Ezzan rings. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* liv, The shrill-toned bell of the..clock. 1592 SHAKS. *Ven. & Ad.* 849 Like *shrill-tongu'd Tapsters answering euerie call. 1743 BLAIR *Grave* 532 The shrill-tongu'd Shrew. 1879 MORLEY *Burke* viii. 176 The eager, bustling, shrill-tongued crowd of the Voltairean age. *a* 1649 DRUMM. OF HAWTH. *Poems* Wks. (1711) 37 The gawdy hunts-man winds his *shrill-tun'd horn. 1593 SHAKS. *Rich. II*, v. iii. 75 What *shrill-voic'd Suppliant, makes this eager cry? 1628 R. H. *Owen's Epigrams* IV. No. 156. 33 The World's so full of shrill-voyc'd iangling. 1728–46 THOMSON *Spring* 590 The lark, Shrill-voiced and loud. 1895 MRS. WILSON *5 Yrs. India* 271 'My husband' is the shrill-voiced reply.

B. *adv.*

1. With a shrill voice or tone; shrilly. Now *rare.*

13.. *Coer de L.* 3999 For scorne he gan to lawghe schrylle. *a* 1450 *Le Morte Arth.* 1376 'Mercy!' she cryed loude and shrylle. *c* 1515 *Cocke Lorell's B.* 14 The bote swayne blewe his whystell full shryll. 1592 KYD *Murther I. Brewen* Wks. (1901) 287 The blood of the iust Abel cried most shrill in the eares of the righteous God. 1632 MILTON *L'Allegro* 56 Through the high wood echoing shrill. 1742 COLLINS *Ecl.* II. 10 Shrill roar'd the winds. 1821 SCOTT *Kenilw.* XXV, Men laughed loud, and maidens giggled shrill. 1829 — *Anne of G.* xii, I promise you the wind blew shrill.

b. Qualifying a ppl. adj. used attrib. (often hyphened).

1562 J. HEYWOOD *Prov.* (1867) 152 A shryll whystlyng wenche. 1599 SHAKS. *Hen. V*, III. iii. 35 Your shrill-shriking Daughters. 1602 — *Ham.* I. i. 151 The Cocke..with his lofty and shrill-sounding [Qo. 1603 shrill crowing] Throate. 1652 BENLOWES *Theoph.* I. lxii, Shall Larks with shrill-chirpt Mattens rouze from Bed..Sols orient Head? 1867 MORRIS *Jason* II. 298 While the harp-string and shrill-piping reed Still sounded. 1878 *Masque of Poets* 105 The shrill-blown trumpets.

†2. Clearly, brightly. *Obs.*

13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* A. 80 Wyth schymerynge schene ful schrylle þay schynde.

Shrill (ʃril), *v.* Also 4 **schrille,** 4–6 **shrille,** 5 **shrelle, [skrille],** 6–7 **shril.** [f. SHRILL *a.* Cf. G. *schrillen.*]

1. *intr.* Of a voice, cry: To sound shrilly. Hence of noises, the wind, or the like, or a place echoing with sound.

13.. *K. Alis.* 777 Bulsifal neied so loude, That hit schrillith into the cloude! 1582 STANYHURST *Æneis* II. 35 The inner lodgins dyd shrille with clamorus howting. 1591 SPENSER *Virg. Gnat* 518 Their mightie strokes so shrild, As the great clap of thunder. 1647 H. MORE *Song of Soul* II. App. iii, Its tearing noise so terribly did shrill, That it the heavens did shake. 1782 MICKLE *Proph. Q. Emma* iv, When the female scream ascended, Shrilling o'er the crowded lawn. 1811 SCOTT *Don Roderick* II. xix, First shrill'd an unrepeated female shriek! 1842 TENNYSON *Morte d'Arth.* 201 A wind, that shrills All night in a waste land. 1884 L. WALLACE *Ben-Hur* IV. iv. 166 His voice shrilled with passion.

2. To speak, cry, or sing with a shrill voice; to make a shrill noise.

a. Of persons or animals.

[*c* 1400 *Anturs of Arth.* xlviii, Þene his lemmane one loft skrilles and skrikes.] *c* 1440 *Floriz & Bl.* (MS. T) 756 Þe mayde, al for drede, Bygan to shrelle [*earlier MSS.* crie, schrichen] and to grede. 1595 SPENSER *Epithal.* 82 The Ouzell shrills, the Ruddock warbles soft. 1598 FLORIO, *Querulare*..to shril, to..chirp. 1639 H. AINSWORTH *Annot. Ps.* v. 12 To showt, shrill, or cry aloud for sorrow. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* III. II. vi. (1872) 81 The Tribune drones, ..the whole Hall shrilling up round it into pretty frequent wrath and provocation. 1896 A. AUSTIN *England's Darling* I. ii, The misselthrush That shrilled so gleefully.

b. Of an instrument of music, whistle, etc.

1579 SPENSER *Sheph. Cal.* Nov. 71 Breake we our pypes, that shrild as lowde as Larke. 1590 — *F. Q.* II. iii. 20 A horne, that shrilled cleare Throughout the wood. 1710 PHILIPS *Pastorals* iv. 56 Thro' all the Wood his Pipe is heard to shrill. 1842 TENNYSON *Sir Galahad* 5 The shattering trumpet shrilleth high. 1879 E. GOSSE *New Poems* 100 The first sharp snow is shrilling through the trees. 1903 KIPLING *5 Nations* 114 The whistle shrills to the picket.

3. *trans.* To utter, give forth (a sound, cry, words) in shrill tones; to exclaim or proclaim with a shrill voice.

1595 SPENSER *Epithal.* 129 Harke, how the Minstrels gin to shrill aloud Their merry Musick. 1606 SHAKS. *Tr. & Cr.* v. iii. 84 Harke..How poore Andromache shrils her dolour forth. 1613 HEYWOOD *Silver Age* III. i, Through all th' Abysse, I haue shril'd thy daughters losse. 1613 — *Brazen Age* II. ii, What better can describe his shape and terror Then all the pittious clamours shrild through Greece? 1801 *Lusignan* I. 173 The terror of the feathered tribe, shrilled in the omens of an approaching tempest. 1817 COLERIDGE *Biog. Lit.* XXI. (1882) 205 Gnats, beetles, wasps,..may shrill their tiny pipes..unchastised and unnoticed. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* I. V. ii, 'Messieurs', shrills de Brézé. 1904 M. HEWLETT *Queen's Quair* I. vii, Lethington likened her to Diana on Taygetus shrilling havoc.

4. To render shrill. *rare*—[1].

1772 FOOTE *Nabob* Prol. Wks. 1799 II. 285 If age contracts my muscles, shrills my tone.

5. To summon with a shrill sound. *rare*—[1].

1859 MASSON *Brit. Novelists* iii. 204 The pihroch shrills them to the work they do.

Shrilled (ʃrild), *ppl. a. rare.* [f. SHRILL *v.* and *a.* + -ED.] a. Sounded shrilly. b. Made shrill.

?1598 MARLOWE *Ovid's Elegies* II. vi. 6 For long shrild trumpets let your notes resound. 1880 L. WALLACE *Ben-Hur* 446 Look at my wrinkled face..listen to my shrilled voice.

Shri·lling, *vbl. sb.* [f. SHRILL *v.* + -ING [1].] The utterance of shrill sounds, shrill crying, whistling, chirping, etc.

1639 H. AINSWORTH *Annot. Ps.* xlvii. 2 Shout triumphantly to God with voice of shrilling. 1777 MOUNTAIN *Poet. Reveries* (ed. 2) 27 Th' excursive shrillings of some Eunuch's throat. 1778 G. WHITE *Selborne* xlvi. (1789) 252 The shrilling of the field-cricket. 1887 D. C. MURRAY & HERMAN *Trav. Returns* xvii. 254 The maidens..fled..with clamorous shrillings. 1892 TENNYSON *Death of Œnone* 21 A wailing cry..Thin as the batlike shrillings of the Dead. 1901 W. CLARK RUSSELL *Ship's Adv.* v, The shrilling of the fife.

b. *Comb.* **shrilling-organ,** the sound-producing organ of a male cicada (Webster Suppl. 1902).

Shri·lling, *ppl. a.* [f. SHRILL *v.* + -ING [2].] Uttering or producing shrill sounds; sounding shrill, stridulous.

1566 ADLINGTON *Apuleius* XXII. 46 Shrilling Zephyrus. 1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* I. v. 6 A shrilling trompett. *Ibid.* III. viii. 29 With shrilling shriekes. 1633 P. FLETCHER *Pisc. Ecl.* I. ii, The lads, Whose shrilling pipe, or voice the sea-born maiden glads. 1714 GAY *Sheph. Week* Friday 102 Shrilling crickets in the chimney cried. 1766 GOLDSM. *Vic. W.* xxii, No sounds were heard but of the shrilling cock, and the deep-mouthed watch-dog. 1808 SCOTT *Marm.* IV. XXVI, The horses' tramp and tingling clank,..And charger's shrilling neigh. 1875 JOWETT *Plato* (ed. 2) III. 259 The soul with shrilling cry, passed like smoke beneath the earth. 1908 *Academy* 23 May 809/1 The thorn-bushes began to rustle before a shrilling wind.

Shrillish (ʃri·lij), *a.* [f. SHRILL *a.* + -ISH.] Somewhat shrill.

1583 BABINGTON *Commandm.* 141 Crie rather vp to heauen with shrillish shrike. 1587 M. GROVE *Pelops & Hippod.* (1878) 68 With shrillish notes I would ne stay nor stent of warbuling. 1863 READE in *All Year Round* 12 Dec. 163 'Come in', said a shrillish voice. 1886 MRS. C. PRAED *Miss Jacobsen* vii, Miss Croyle's shrillish tones crossed the lawn.

Shri·llness. [f. SHRILL *a.* + -NESS.] The quality or condition of being shrill.

1581 PETTIE tr. *Guazzo's Civ. Conv.* II. (1586) 58 b, Those of Piemount, who with the shrilnesse of their wordes goe thorow ones eares. 1664 H. MORE *Myst. Iniq.* 239 The shrilness and asperity of the noise they make. 1709 *Tatler* No. 157 P 6 The Shrilness and Sharpness of the Sound. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* III. II. vi, This shrillness getting ever shriller. 1856 KANE *Arctic Expl.* I. vii. 69 'Twang, twang!' came a second report. I knew it was the whale-line by the shrillness of the sing. 1903 MORLEY *Gladstone* VI. v. II. 339 Cardwell adding with a certain shrillness that [etc.].

Shrilly (ʃri·li), *a.* Chiefly *poet.* [f. SHRILL *a.* + -Y.] = SHRILL *a.*

1594 R. C[AREW] *Tasso* (1881) 93 So spake he, and with him his fellowes all, Concording iangle in a shrilly sound. 1776 MICKLE tr. *Camoens' Lusiad* 126 The trumpet's shrilly clangor sounds alarms. 1826 HOOD *Mermaid of Margate* XXVII, The wild bird about him flew, With a shrilly scream. 1847 BRONTË *Jane Eyre* XX, A sharp, a shrilly sound that ran from end to end of Thornfield-Hall. 1887 MORRIS *Odyss.* XII. 408 There came upon us at last The shrilly west loud piping with the rush of a mighty blast.

Shrilly (ʃri·li), *adv.* [f. SHRILL *a.* + -LY [2].] With a shrill sound or utterance; in shrill tones.

1582 STANYHURST *Æneis* II. 23 Thee vauts haulf shrillye rebounded With clush clash huzing. 1587 TURBERV. *Trag. Tales* 17 A dolefull noyse, Of one that in the groue full shrilly cryde. 1607 SHAKS. *Timon* IV. iii. 155 That he may neuer more..sound his Quillets shrilly. 1642 H. MORE *Song of Soul* II. ii. III. xl, Mount up aloft, my Muse, and now more shrilly sing. 1799 COLERIDGE *Lines in Concert-Room* vi, The gust pelting on the out-house shed Makes the cock shrilly in the rainstorm crow. 1818 KEATS *Teignmouth* ii, The pipes go shrilly, the libation flows. 1910 *Edin. Rev.* Jan. 103 His enemies were shrilly protesting.

Shrim (ʃrim), *v.* Now *dial.* [OE. *scrimman* (only once); cf. SHRAM, SCRIMP *a.* and *v.*] *intr.* and *pass.* To shrink or shrivel; now chiefly in *pa. pple.*, chilled, benumbed.

c 1000 *Sax. Leechd.* II. 6 Gif monnes fót to hommum scrimme & scrince. 1846 [W. SANDYS] *Spec. Cornish Dial.* 18 He squinnied, tell I were nigh shrimmed with his look. 1847 HALLIWELL, *Shrimmed*, chilled. Corn. 1890 *Glouc.*

Gloss., *Shrim* or *Srim*, to shiver; shrink or shrivel up with cold or fright; also of shrinkage in cooking.

Shrimp (ʃrimp). Forms: 4–5 **schrympe**, 4–6 **schrimpe**, **shrympe**, 4–7 **shrimpe**, 5 **schrymp**, **scrymppe**, **srympe**, **shyrympe**, 6 **schriemp**, 6– **shrimp**. [Prob. cogn. w. MHG. (MG.) *schrimpen* str. vb., to shrink up: see SCRIMP *a.* and *v.*; cf. also prec.

Sense 2 is prob. directly from the etymological sense 'shrunken creature', but is now felt as *transf.* from 1.]

1. Any of the slender, long-tailed, long-legged (chiefly marine) crustaceans of the genus *Crangon* and allied genera, closely related to the prawns; esp. *C. vulgaris*, the common shrimp, which inhabits the sand on the coasts of Great Britain and is a common article of food.

Also, in a wider sense, applied to various similar crustaceans, as the families *Mysidæ* and *Gammaridæ*; see *brine*, *fairy*, *opossum shrimp*, etc.

1327 *Wardrobe Acc. 20 Edw. II*, 31/18 Shrimpis, 3d. *c* 1430 *Two Cookery-bks.* 42 Take þe Luce, an þe Perche, & þe Schrympe, & sepe hem. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 449/1 Schrymp, fysche, *stingus*. *c* 1450 *Brut* 447 Grete Scrymppys. *c* 1460 J. RUSSELL *Bk. Nurture* 646 in *Babees Bk.*, Shrympes welle pyked þe scales awey ye cast. 1553 BELON *De Aquatilibus* 273 Anglorum..pisces ex Tamesi & aliis Britanniæ fluminibus..Roches, Daces, Tenche, Ruff, Schriemp, Prans. 1622 DRAYTON *Poly-olb.* XXV. 190 The Periwincle, Prawne, the Cockle, and the Shrimpe, For wanton womens tasts, or for weake stomacks bought. 1674 FLATMAN *Belly God* 97 An ore-charg'd Stomack roasted shrimps will ease. 1770 PITTMAN *Europ. Settlem.* 5 Shrimps are found in the Mississippi as far as Natches. 1802 BINGLEY *Zool.* (1813) III. 389 The Shrimp is much smaller than the Prawn, and is by no means so much esteemed as food. 1848 DICKENS *Dombey* vi, She partook of shrimps and porter. 1890 *Hardwicke's Sci. Gossip* XXVI. 280/1 The phantom shrimp (*Caprella linearis*) of S. Australia.

collect. sing. 1867 AUGUSTA WILSON *Vashti* viii, The boy ..whose sublimest idea of heaven consists in the hope that its blessed sea of glass is brimming with golden shrimp.

†**b.** Applied to a scaly monster. *Obs.*

? *a* 1400 *Morte Arth.* 767 His scoulders ware schalyde alle in clene sylnere, Schreede ouer alle the schrympe with schrinkande poyntez.

2. A diminutive or puny person (*rarely* thing). Chiefly *contemptuous*.

c 1386 CHAUCER *Monk's Prol.* 67 We borel men been shrympes. 1581 J. BELL *Haddon's Answ. Osor.* 384 b, He would have been a notorious Goliath over these little moathes, and simple shrimpes. 1582 STANYHURST *Æneis* III. 61 On a suddeyn we behold a windbeaten hard shrimp, With lanck wan visadge. 1588 SHAKS. *L. L. L.* V. ii. 594 When he [*sc.* Hercules] was a babe, a childe, a shrimpe, Thus did he strangle Serpents. 1602 *Narcissus* (1893) 167 Thou art my mother, I thy sonne, thy shrimpe. 1615 *Exchange Ware Second Hand* (ed. 2) C 1 b, Alas poore shrimpe, thou art nothing in my hands. 1768 TUCKER *Lt. Nat.* II. 142, I wondered how such a shrimp as you could drag about such a great carcass as mine. 1840 BARHAM *Ingol. Leg.* Ser. II. *Aunt Fanny*, And all for a 'Shrimp' not as high as my hat—A little contemptible 'Shaver' like that!! 1863 HAWTHORNE *Our Old Home*, *Near Oxford* II. 35 Poor little shrimp that he was [*sc.* Pope]. 1905 ELINOR GLYN *Viciss. Evangeline* 85 He did look such a teeny shrimp climbing after me!

fig. 1634 S. R[OWLEY] *Noble Soldier* III. ii, The small ones [*sc.* poets] are but shrimpes of Poesie.

b. *A shrimp of a*: a diminutive, a very minute or tiny...

a 1774 TUCKER *Lt. Nat.* (1834) II. 574 By continual ruminating upon this shrimp of a possibility. 1834 MARRYAT *Peter Simple* xxiv, If it bears me, it will not condescend to bend at your shrimp of a carcass. 1884 'H. COLLINGWOOD' *Under Meteor Flag* 258 A little shrimp of a fellow named Fisher.

3. *attrib.* and *Comb.*

1611 COTGR., *Escruoëlle*, a little Shrimp-resembling worme. 1736 BAILEY *Dict. Domest.*, A Shrimp Pye. 1747 MRS. GLASSE *Cookery* 61 To make Shrimp Sauce. 1758 JOHNSON *Idler* No. 33 P 7 The shrimp-sauce not so good as Mr. H. ..and I used to eat. 1762–71 H. WALPOLE *Vertue's Anecd. Paint.* (1786) IV. 191 The Shrimp-girl, a head, by Bartolozzi. 1791 HUNDESFORD *Salmag.* 111 Shrimpscalders and bugkillers, taylors and tylers. 1828 DAVY *Salmonia* 62 Small shrimp-like aurelia. 1855 DICKENS *Dorrit* I. xiii, A butter-boat of shrimp sauce. 1883 [see SHRIMPING *attrib.*]. 1888 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 20 Sept. 11/2 She was dressed in a shrimp pink. 1888 GOODE *Amer. Fishes* 192 They are sometimes taken by hook and line, with shrimp-bait.

b. shrimp-fixer, **-louse** (see quot. 1850); **shrimp-hearted** *a.*, pusillanimous.

1796 MRS. M. ROBINSON *Angelina* II. 187 You shrimp-hearted lubber. 1850 A. WHITE *List Specim. Crustacea Brit. Mus.* 81 *Ione thoracicus*. Mud shrimp-louse. *Ibid.* 82 *Bopyrus squillarum*. Shrimp-fixer.

Shrimped (ʃrimpt), *pa. pple.* Now *dial.* [f. **shrimp*, parallel form to SCRIMP *a.* or *v.* + -ED.] Shrivelled, withered, shrunk; huddled *up* with cold.

1638 ROUS *Diary* (Camden) 85 His hands were both shrimped and lame. 1670 EACHARD *Cont. Clergy* 36 Such things as these go for Wit so long as they continue in Latin; but what dismally shrimp'd things would they appear, if turn'd into English. 1837 MRS. PALMER *Devon. Dial.* L 19 Seeing Batt a shrimp'd up, her nadded and mean'd to en, that a shud come hy the vire.

Shrimper (ʃri·mpəɹ). [f. SHRIMP + -ER 1.] One who catches shrimps; also, a vessel engaged in shrimping.

1851 W. COLLINS *Rambles bey. Railways* ii. (1852) 14 We ..found ourselves in a small room, filled with shrimpers, sailors. 1864 *Daily Tel.* 11 Aug., A shrimper stranded. 1872 CALVERLEY *Fly Leaves* (1884) 34 Has she wedded some gigantic shrimper, That sweet mite with whom I loved to play? 1879 *Encycl. Brit.* IX. 265/1 Leigh is the headquarters of the Thames shrimpers.

†**Shri·mpet.** *Obs.* [f. SHRIMP + -ET.] (See quot.)

1688 HOLME *Armoury* II. xiv. 344/2 A Sea Prane, or Sea Shrimpet, or Shrimplet. It is somthing bigger then those of the river or fresh waters.

Shri·mping, *gerund* and *vbl. sb.* [f. SHRIMP + -ING 1.] Catching shrimps.

1848 MAUNDER *Treas. Nat. Hist.* 617 Shrimp-catching, or Shrimping, as it is termed. 1862 ANSTED *Channel Isl.* I. vi. 128 Shrimping is carried on by many of the women. 1876 'OUIDA' *Winter City* iii, The women..who go shrimping or oyster-hunting on fashionable sea-shores.

attrib. 1883 *Fisheries Exhib. Catal.* 14 Model Shrimping Boat, showing how four shrimp nets are worked. 1886 FENN *Master Cerem.* xxi, Fisherman Dick did his work with a shrimping net.

Shrimpish (ʃri·mpiʃ), *a.* [f. SHRIMP + -ISH.] Diminutive, puny, insignificant.

1549 CHALONER *Erasmus on Folly* D iv, What will suche shrimpysshe bodies dooe..whan it cometh to handstrokes? 1567 GOLDING *Ovid's Met.* XIII. (1575) 161 b, Those same shrimpish armes of his. 1655–87 H. MORE *App. Antid.* vi. 330 How shrimpish he is and unfit to fill this place. 1664 *Comenius' Janua Ling.* 278 Slender, shrimpish, lean. 1881 MRS. C. PRAED *Policy & P.* II. ix. 145 A shrimpish sprig of nobility.

Hence **Shri·mpishness**, insignificance.

1651 H. MOAE *Enthus. Tri.*, etc. (1656) 255 The shrimpishnesse of the second part of Eugenius his Answer.

Shri·mplet. [-LET.] A little shrimp.

1688 [see SHRIMPET]. 1834 *Jaunt in Junk* xv. 252 Some annoyiogly nimble shrimplet.

Shrimpy (ʃri·mpi), *a.* [f. SHRIMP + -Y.] Abounding in shrimps.

1859 SALA *Tw. round Clock* (1861) 58 Margate the shrimpy, Ramsgate the asinine, Canterbury the ecclesiastical. 1875 MISS BAADDON *Hostages Fort.* III. ii. 42 Margate's crowded jetty or Pegwell's shrimpy bay.

Shrinal (ʃrəi·năl), *a.* [f. next + -AL.] Containing or forming a shrine.

1884 *N. & Q.* 29 Mar. 251/1 The four daughters..of whom one has left her name, St. Sidwell, in a shrinal church on the blood-stained spot.

Shrine (ʃrəin), *sb.* Forms: 1–2 **scrin**, **scryn**, 3 **s(c)hrin**, **ssrin**, **ssryn**, 4–5 **shryn**, 4–6 **schrine**, **schryne**, 4–7 **shryne**, 5 **schryn**, **schrene**, **shreene**, 6– **shrine**. [OE. *scrîn* str. n., corresp. to OFris. *skrîn* (WFris. *skryn* chest, *skrine* coffin), MLG. *schrîn*, MDu. and WFlem. *schrîne* f., Du. *schrijn* n., OHG. *scrîni*, *scrîne* n. (MHG. *schrîn* n. and m., G. *schrein* m.), ON. *skrîn* n. (Sw., Da. *skrin*); ad. L. *scrînium* case or chest for books or papers.

Unexplained variants with *e* occur in OFris. *skrên*, MLG., MDu. *schrein*, LG. *tchrên*, WFlem. *schrêne*.

L. *scrînium* is represented in Romanic by OF. *escrin* (see SCRINE), F. *écrin*, Pr. *escrin*, It. *scrigno*, Sp., Pg. *escrinio*, and in OSl. *skriniya*, *skrina*, Lith. *skrine*, Russ. *skrin*.]

†**1.** A box, coffer; a cabinet, chest. (Cf. SCRINE.)

In OE. and ME. applied to the ark of the covenant.

c 1000 ÆLFRIC *Josh.* iii. 8 Þa sacerdas, þa þe þæt scrin [Vulg. *arcam*] berað. *c* 1000 *Ags. Gosp.* John xii. 6 Forþam þe he wæs þeof & hæfde scrin [Vulg. *loculos*]. *c* 1150 *Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 546/29 *Archa*, scrin. 1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) III. 109 Þe schryne of þe testament [*arcam testamenti*]. 1398 — *Barth. de P. R.* XIII. ix. (Tollem. MS.), Þe schryne of oure lorde [*ed.* 1582, the Arke]. 1516 *Burgh Rec. Edin.* (1869) I. 161 Item, in the compertas of Craufurdis ane standand bed, and ane schryne. 1560 *Stirling Burgh Rec.* (1887) I. 75 Ane schryne hut the lid. 1658 PHILLIPS, *Shrine*, a chest or cabinet.

2. The box, casket, or other repository in which the relics of a saint are preserved. Also, a tomb-like erection of rich workmanship, enclosing the relics of a saint.

c 1000 ÆLFRIC *Saints' Lives* xi. 275 Þa gebrohte se hisceop ealle þa halgan han on gelimplicum scrynum. *c* 1000 — *Hom.* (Th.) II. 426 Þa wolde se casere wyrcan him eallum gyldene scryn. *a* 1122 *O. E. Chron.* (Laud MS.) an. 1070 Hi namen þære twa gildene scrines & .ix. seolferne. *c* 1290 *S. Eng. Leg.* 37/125 Þulke daye is bodi was in-to schrine i-bore. 1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 9851 Þulke 3er al so Seint egwine at euesham in ssrine was verst ido. 1362 LANGL. *P. Pl. A.* VI. 48, I nolde fonge a ferþing for seynt Thomas schrine. *a* 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 5592 Of schene schemerand gold as it a schrine ware. *c* 1420 *Chron. Vilod.* 4265 Byfore hurre shrene mekeliche he knelede doune. *c* 1450 CAPGRAVE *Life St. Gilbert* XXXVIII, Þe schrine..is..born a-boute on þe schulderis of princes and lordis. 1551 SIR J. WILLIAMS *Accompte* (Abbotsf. Club) 1 The defacinge and takinge downe of shrynes. 1593 SHAKS. 2 *Hen. VI*, II. i. 63 A blinde man at Saint Alhones Shrine,..hath receiu'd his sight. *a* 1638 MEDE *Wks.* (1672) 677 The Miracles at the Shrines and Sepulchres of the holy Martyrs. 1788 GIBBON *Decl. & F.* xlv. IV. 455 The shrines of the apostles were guarded by miracles and invisible terrors. 1834 L. RITCHIE *Wand. by Seine* 217 The exhibition of the relics took place..and as each shrine was elevated, every knee touched the earth. 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* i. I. 24 It was a national as well as a religious feeling that drew great multitudes to the shrine of Becket.

Prov. phr. c 1374 CHAUCER *Troylus* v. 553 Fare-wel shryne of whom þe seynt is oute.

b. In extended application: A receptacle containing an object of religious veneration; occas. a niche for sacred images.

1526 TINDALE *Acts* xix. 24 A goldsmyth, which made silver schrynes [Gr. ναούς, Vulg. *ædes*; *Wyclif* housis] for Diana. 1756–7 tr. *Keysler's Trav.* (1760) III. 58 On certain days of the year this crucifix is..exposed to public view;..seven persons having in their custody as many different keys of the shrine in which it is kept. 1797 MRS. RADCLIFFE *Italian* vi, She passed several shrines and images half hid among the shrubs and the cliffs. 1894 J. T. FOWLER *Adamnan* Introd. 43 The bell of any famous saint..was enclosed in a shrine, made in its own form.

†**c.** *fig.* An object of veneration. *Obs.*

c 1400 *Beryn* 1114 So excellent of hewte, þat she myȝt be shryne To all othir vymmen.

d. The part of a church in which a shrine stands. Cf. FERETORY 3.

1833 RAINE *Brief Acc. Durham Cath.* 50 Let us now enter the shrine. 1850 *Parker's Gloss. Terms Archit.* I. 427 Modern writers often erroneously apply the word shrine to the chapel or church in which the real shrine is deposited.

3. A case or casket for a dead body; also, a tomb or cenotaph of an elaborate kind.

c 1385 CHAUCER *L. G. W.* 672 Sche..made hire subtyl werkemen make a schryne Of alle the rubyis & the stonis fyne..that sche coude espie. 1613 PURCHAS *Pilgr.* (1614) 660 They cast their dead into the Riuer, others reserued them at home in glasse shrines. 1613 R. C. *Table Alph.*, *Shrine*, a remembrance for the dead. 1720 POPE *Epit. Harcourt* 1 To this sad shrine, whoe'er thou art! draw near. 1824 W. FOWLER *List Subj. Engravings*, The Percy Shrine (Beverley). 1829 SCOTT *Old Mort.* Introd., This peculiar shrine of the Whig martyrs is very much honoured by their descendants.

4. *transf.* That which encloses, enshrines, or screens, or in which something dwells.

a 1400 CHAUCER *To Rosemounde* 1 Madame, ye ben of al beaute shryne As fer as cercled is the mapamonde. *a* 1586 SIDNEY *Arcadia* II. iv. (1912) 172 You living powres enclosed in stately shrine Of growing trees. *a* 1649 DRUMM. OF HAWTH. *Hist. Jas. III*, Wks. (1711) 60 Favourites are shrines to shadow princes from their people. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* VII. 360 Of Light by farr the greater part he [*sc.* God] took, Transplanted from her [*sc.* moon's] cloudie Shrine, and plac'd In the Suns Orb. 1813 BYRON *Giaour* 106 Clime of the unforgotten brave!..Shrine of the mighty! 1874 O'SHAUGHNESSY *Music & Moonlight* 127 The heart was a shrine For that memory to dwell in divine.

†**b.** Used for: An enclosing membrane. *Obs.*

1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* V. XXXVI. (Bodl. MS.), Aboute þe herte is a manere cloþing þat hatte thes schryne and þe coofer of þe herte.

5. A place where worship is offered or devotions are paid to a saint or deity; a temple, church.

1629 MILTON *Hymn Nativ.* xix, Apollo from his shrine Can no more divine. 1697 DAYDEN *Virg. Past.* VII. 43 This tusky Boar Young Mycon offers, Delia, to thy Shrine. 1698 FRYER *Acc. E. India & P.* 78 Seva Gi was departed thence to Purtaabgur, to visit the Shrine of Bowany. 1738 GRAY *Propertius* I. 2 Before the Goddess' shrine we too, love's vot'ries, bend. 1841 ELPHINSTONE *Hist. India* I. 163 The pilgrims [distinguished] by hearing some symbol of the god to whose shrine they are going. 1880 L. OLIPHANT *Land of Gilead* iii. 80 In the East it is a common thing for the same shrine to serve the purpose of many succeeding religions. 1891 FARRAR *Darkn. & Dawn* i, Behind this temple was the shrine of Vesta. 1905 BYLES *Life R. S. Hawker* V. 42 The position of the Church, like that of all ancient Shrines in England, was chosen and fixed on certain principles.

¶**b.** In the following quots. commonly explained as 'an image (of a saint or god)'. The passages seem, however, to be merely somewhat strained figurative applications of sense 5. Cf. 2 c.

1593 SHAKS. *Lucr.* 194 Offer pure incense to so pure a shrine. 1596 — *Merch. V.* II. vii. 40 From the foure corners of the earth they come To kisse this shrine, this mortall breathing Saint. 1611 — *Cymb.* V. v. 164 For Feature, laming The Shrine of Venus, or straight-pight Minerua.

c. *fig.* in contexts referring to the veneration or idolizing of some person or thing.

1575 GASCOIGNE *Kenelworth* Wks. 1910 II. 109 It can not be that such a Saint to see Can long in shrine her seemely selfe so shroude. 1595 *Caxton's Blanchardyn* liv. 210 The neighboring Princes, which long had bent their deuotions to the sweet Saint which kept her shrine in Tormaday. 1605 B. JONSON *Volpone* I. i, Good morning to the day; and, next, my gold: Open the shrine, that I may see my saint. 1690 TEMPLE *Ess.* II. *Poetry* I, The Two common Shrines, to which most Men offer up the Application of their Thoughts and their Lives, are Profit and Pleasure. 1712–14 POPE *Rape Lock* IV. 105 Honour forbid! at whose unrivall'd shrine Ease, pleasure, virtue, all our sex resign. 1750 GRAY *Elegy* 71 To..heap the Shrine of Luxury and Pride With incense kindled at the Muse's flame. 1808 W. WILSON *Hist. Diss. Ch.* II. 57 He was too conscientious to sacrifice his principles at the shrine of worldly advantage or emolument. 1853 'DOW JR.' in Jerdan *Yankee Humour* 88 Ye grey-haired worshippers at the shrine of Mammon! 1904 PAUL *Mod. Eng.* I. Introd. 13 He [*sc.* Mill] kept the lamp burning in the Benthamite shrine.

6. *attrib.* and *Comb.*

1582 STANYHURST *Æneis* I. 13 Hee throngs in shryne clowd (*infert se sæptus nebula*). *Ibid.* IV. 67 The slip Ascanius (for sainct thee shrinecase adoring) Shee cols for the father. *a* 1661 HOLYDAY *Juvenal* (1673) 240 If these [*e.g.* crowns) Be wanting, a less Shrine-robber will seize On a gilt Hercules his thigh. 1869 BROWNING *Ring & Bk.* XI. 572 'Such was its virtue!' twangs the Sacristan, Holding the shrine-box up. 1876 J. S. BREWER *Engl. Studies* (1881) 107 The exquisite tracery of their screens and shrine-work.

Shrine (ʃrəin), *v.* Forms: 3 **ssryne**, **ssrine**, 3–4 **schrine**, 4–5 **schryne**, 4–6 **shryne**, 7 **chrine**, 6– **shrine**. [f. prec.]

1. *trans.* To enclose (relics) in a shrine; to provide (a saint or deity) with a shrine or sanctuary. Now *rare*.

c 1290 *Beket* 376 in *S. Eng. Leg.* 117 In þulke 3ere seint thomas schrinede seint edward At westmunstre. *Ibid.* 175/2406 Seint thomas..onder eorþe he lay, Are þat he I-schrined were, wel mani a long day. *c* 1386 CHAUCER

Pard. T. 627, I wolde I hadde thy coillons in myn hond In stide of Relikes... They shul be shryned in an hogges toord. *c* 1440 *Alphabet of Tales* 69 þe fame þerof come vnto þe monasterie þer Saynt Austyn was shrynyd. 1526 R. WHYTFORD *Martiloge* 49 Theyr two bodyes were ioyned hothe togyder, & so shryned at rome by myracle. 1550 BALE *Engl. Votaryes* II. L ij b, Saint Wyllyam of Norwyche, a martyr, whych was ther shryned in Christes church abbeye. 1635 PAGITT *Christianogr.* III. (1636) 93 To take up the body of Edith..and to shrine it. 1702 POPE *Dryope* 87 Believe a Goddess shrin'd in ev'ry tree. 1803 SOUTHEY *Queen Orraca* 60 Our brother Pedro brings them here, In Coimbra to be shrined.

†b. phr. *To shrine* (a person) *for a saint*: to venerate or proclaim him as a saint. Also *fig.*

1530 TINDALE *Pract. Prelates* C vij, Shryninge them alwaye for sayntes which purchased them prenileges or fought for their libertyes. 1592 LYLY *Endym.* v. iii, You must nowe tell who Eumenides shrineth for his Saint. 1599 SANDYS *Europæ Spec.* (1632) 27 Setting forth Lady Ignorance for a great Sainct..and shrining her unto them for the true mother of Devotion.

†c. To canonize (*fig.*). *Obs.*

a 1400 CHAUCER *Agst. Women Unconst.* 15 Ye might be shryned, for your brotelnesse, Bet than Dalyda, Creseide, or Candace. 1878 W. C. SMITH *Hilda among Broken Gods* II. 177 What, if heaven should be wroth at my shrining and sainting a man, Sinful and mortal as I?

†d. To set up as a sacred offering. *Obs.*

c 1612 CHAPMAN *Iliad* X. ad fin., Poore Dolons spoiles Vlysses had; who shrin'd them on his sterne.

†2. To entomb. *Obs.*

1567 R. EDWARDS *Damon & Pithias* (1571) D j b, Shrine me in clay aliue, some good man stop mine eye. 1567–8 *Gismond of Salerne* v. iii. 40 (Cunliffe), And in one tombe our bodies bothe to shrine. 1570–1 in *B. L. Ball. & Broadsides* (1867) 35 The Nortons' bones should be so shrynd That now hanges wauering in the wynd. 1610 HOLLAND *Camden's Brit.* I. 703 His ashes..were carried to Rome and shrined there in the monument of the Antonines.

3. To enclose, envelop, engird, as a shrine or sanctuary does the body or the image of a saint.

1577 GRANGE *Golden Aphrod.* F iv, Ye Muses nine With grace deuine My wittes to shrine Gine not consent. 1582 STANYHURST *Æneis* Ded. A ij, Thee pyth, that is shrind vp wythin thee barck and bodye of so exquisit..a discourse. 1597–8 BP. HALL *Sat., Defiance to Envie* 21 Nor earthen pot wont secret death to shrine. 1648 CRASHAW *Delights of Muses* Wks. (1904) 140 So sweet the Temple was that shrin'd The Sacred sweetnesse of his mind. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* VI. 672 Th' Almightie Father where he sits Shrin'd in his Sanctuarie of Heav'n secure. 1728 POPE *Dunc.* III. 263 Booth in his cloudy tabernacle shrin'd [as Harlequin]. 1820 KEATS *Lamia* II. 190 Thus loaded with a feast the tables stood, Each shrining in the midst the image of a God. *a* 1851 MOIR *Poems* (1852) II. 363 A patch of sky..shrining a star Magnificent. 1871 R. ELLIS *Catullus* lxiv. 286 Tempe, shrined around in shadowy woods o'erhanging. 1871 ROSSETTI *Poems, Portrait* iii, In painting her I shrined her face Mid mystic trees.

b. To enclose, shut *up* (an object) in a case; †hence, to treasure.

1586 A. DAY *Engl. Secretorie* II. (1625) 82 What auaileth it to shrine so much this vaine beautie, which..is euery day in danger? 1662 HIBBERT *Body of Div.* I. 115 A liveless peece of earth [*viz.* money] is his master, yea his God, which he shrines up in his chest. 1886 CONDER *Syrian Stone-Lore* iv. (1896) 166 The oldest [copy of the Pentateuch], shrined in its silver case and bound in green.

†c. To enfold, embrace. *Obs. rare.*

1605 CHAPMAN *All Fooles* III. 17 Ist possible that I..Should shrine within mine armes so bright a goddesse?

†d. *refl.* To conceal oneself. *Obs. rare.*

1570 T. PRESTON in *Old Ballads* (Percy Soc.) 71 Loth was I [a fly] to go out, And shrind my selfe under a brome.

†e. ? To cover with rich ornament. *Obs. rare.*

1582 STANYHURST *Æneis*, etc. 95 An armoure..With gould ritchlye shrined [Aen. VIII. 436 *arma..auroque polibant*].

†f. To bury (a sword) in a person's body.

1614 GORGES *Lucan* VII. 276 If any should his kinsman finde, And in his breast his sword hath shrin'd.

4. To enshrine in one's heart or thoughts.

1579 LYLY *Euphues* 32, I haue shrined thee in my heart for a trustie friende. 1587 TURBERV. *Trag. Tales* 15 b, The idoll that was shrinde within his brest. *c* 1590 GREENE *Fr. Bacon* vi. (1630) C 4 Loue..straight dined into my heart, And there did shrine the Idea of your selfe. 1607 B. BARNES *Divils Charter* III. ii. F 1 He that aliue was shrined in my brest, Now dead liues yet intombed in my thoughts. 1817 SHELLEY *Rev. Islam* I. xxiv, When that majestic theme Shrined in her heart found utterance. 1822 HAZLITT *Table-t.* I. iv. 88 The man of real genius..has the feeling of truth already shrined in his own breast. 1863 MRS. GASKELL *Sylvia's Lovers* xi, It was waste of time and life to keep her shrined in the dearest sanctuary of his being.

†5. *refl.* and *intr.* To dwell as in a shrine; to be 'tabernacled'. *Obs.*

c 1400 *Langland's P. Pl.* A. I. 162 (Univ. Coll. MS.), Chastite wiþonten cbarite wurþ schryned in helle. 1592 KYD *Sp. Trag.* III. vi, The soule, that shoulde be shrinde in heauen. 1602 *Thomas Ld. Cromwell* v. v, My soule is shrinde with heauens celestiall couer. 1614 GORGES *Lucan* IX. 387 Fild with grace diuine, That in his secret soule did shrine [*tacita quem mente gerebat*].

Shrined (ʃrəind), *a.* [f. SHRINE *sb.* + -ED².]

1. Containing a shrine or shrines.

1589 FLEMING *Virg. Georg.* IV. 76 Reare vp..foure altars ..Neere to the shrined temples of the goddesses.

2. Contained in a shrine.

1849 ROCK *Ch. of Fathers* II. 395 He swore upon the shrined relics of their common patron saint.

Shri·neless, *a.* [-LESS.] Having no shrine.

1892 MEREDITH *Poet. Wks.* (1912) 382 Showing her shrineless, not a temple, bare. 1898 A. AUSTIN *Lamia's Winter-Quarters* 55 And through your shrineless pilgrimage you make Unending moan.

Shri·nelet. [-LET.] A little shrine.

1884 M. M. MACMILLAN *Lett.* (1893) 102 The panels of St. Laurence's Vatican shrinelet.

Shri·ning, *vbl. sb.* [f. SHRINE *v.* + -ING¹.] Enclosing in or as in a shrine; enshrining, encasing.

1574 tr. *Josselin's Life* 70 *Abp.* To Rdr. E 2 b, Their deathes, entermentes, entombinges, translations, and shryninges. 1581 MULCASTER *Positions* XXXVIII. (1888) 181 If she be an honest woman..were she not worth the wishing, and worthy the shryning? 1622 WITHER *Philarete* F 4 b, Tis found, that costly shrining Did but hinder tothers shining.

Shri·ning, *ppl. a.* [f. SHRINE *v.* + -ING².] Embracing, enveloping.

1826 A. A. WATTS *Love's Wealth* I, Whilst my shrining arms enfold, love,..a prize like thee.

Shrink, *sb.* [f. SHRINK *v.*] An act of shrinking, flinching, cowering, etc.; †a shrug.

1590 SIR J. SMYTHE *Disc. Weapons* 23 b, After the first shrinck at the entring of the bullett. 1594 DANIEL *Cleopatra* (Bang) 1729 Not a yeilding shrinke, or touch of feare Consents now to bewray least sence of paine. *c* 1645 HOWELL *Let. to Capt. T. P.* 1 Aug. 1622, He [the Spaniard] never speaks of her [Queen Elizabeth] but he fetcheth a shrink in the shoulder. 1702 C. MATHER *Magn. Chr.* III. Introd. 11, I saw a visible shrink in all Orders of Men among us, from that Greatness..which was in the first Grain, that our God brought from Three sifted Kingdoms, into this Land. *a* 1728 WOODWARD *Nat. Hist. Fossils* (1729) I. I. 230 A Shrink, or Contraction, in the Body since 'twas first form'd. 1832 L. HUNT *Poems* 179, I..almost wish with sudden shrink, That I had less to praise. 1880 L. WALLACE *Ben-Hur* 178 The shiver and shrink with which the sitter caught sight of him.

Shrink (ʃriŋk), *v.* Pa. t. **shrank** (ʃræŋk), pa. pple. **shrunk** (ʃrəŋk). Forms: 1 **scrincan**, 2–3 **scrinke**(n, 3–5 **schrinke**, 4–6 **schrynke**, **shrynke**, 5–6 **s**(**c**)**hrynk**, **schrenk**(e, (4 **scrynke**, **schryngke**, **scherenke**, **shrynge**, 6 **shren**(**c**)**k**(**e**, **shryng**, **shrinck**, **schrink**, **scrincke**), 6–7 **shrinke**, 6– **shrink**. *Pa. t.* 1 **scranc** (*pl.* **scruncon**), 4 **schrank**, 5 **schranke**, 6–7 **shranke**, 7– **shrank**; 4 **schronk**, 5–7 **shronke**, 6 **shroncke**, **shroonke**, **shrounke**, 6–7 **shronk**, **shrun**(**c**)**ke**, 7– **shrunk**; *wk.* 6 *Sc.* **schrinket**, **-it**, 6– (now *dial.*) **shrinked**. *Pa. pple.* 1 (ȝe)**scruncen**, (**-scrungen**), 2 **scrunken**, 4 **schrunken**, 4–5 **shronken**, 7 **shruncken**, 6– **shrunken**; 5–6 **shronke**, 6 **shroonke**, **shruncke**, 6–7 **shroncke**, **shrunke**, 6– **shrunk**; *wk.* 6 *Sc.* **schrenkit**. [OE. *scrincan* (pa. t. *scranc*, *scruncon*, pa. pple. *gescruncen*) = MDu. *schrinken* (only in Kilian as obs. Flem.; ?from Eng.), Sw. *skrynka* to wrinkle (MSw. *skrunkin* pa. pple. shrivelled, wrinkled), Norw. *skrekka*, *skrøkka* (pa. t. *skrakk*, *skrokk*, pa. pple. *skrokken*, *skrokket*). The causative is SHRENCH *v.*]

The pa. t. originally had vowel change *I shrank, we shrunke*(*n*, but, as early as the 14th c., the properly plural form is found with a singular subject, and *shronk*, *shrunk* becomes frequent in the 15th c.; *shrunk* is the normal pa. t. in the 18th c., and still survives. The pa. pple. *shrunken* is now rarely employed in conjugation with the vb. 'to have'; see also SHRUNK, SHAUNKEN.]

I. Intransitive senses.

†1. To wither or shrivel through withdrawal of vital fluid or failure of strength. *Obs.*

[*c* 893 ÆLFRED *Oros.* III. ix. § 3 Þa for þæm ciele him gescruncan ealle þa ædra.] *c* 1000 *Sax. Leechd.* I. 204 Hy [male and female pennyroyal] blowaþ ðonne nealice oþre wyrta scrincaþ & weorniað. *Ibid.* III. 48 Seonuwa fortoȝene & ða tan scrinceð up. 1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) III. 411 Panne his senewes goone to schrynke [*MS.* y schryngke]. 1471 CAXTON *Recuyell* (Sommer) II. 497 His synewis shronke and withdrewe them. 1540 PALSGR. *Acolastus* II. i. H ij, My chekes that hanged syde downe, do shrynke awaye. 1573–80 TUSSER *Husb.* (1878) 40 Fruit gathred too timely.. wil shrink. 1611 BIBLE *Gen.* XXXII. 32 The children of Israel eate not of the sinewe which shranke.

†b. To pine away. *Obs. rare.*

c 1205 LAY. 2278 Þer fore þu scalt scrinkin [*c* 1275 deȝe]. *a* 1586 SIDNEY *Ps.* XL. vii, Though I in want be shrinking, Yet God on me is thinking.

2. To become reduced in size, volume, or extent; *esp.* to contract through heat, cold, or moisture. Also with *up*, *away*.

c 1275 *Sinners Beware* 245 in *O. E. Misc.* 80 Heo schule in helle Euer schrinke and swelle. *c* 1449 PECOCK *Repr.* III. xi. 347 If..the lethir..were of such kinde that it wolde daili schrinke. 1530 PALSGR. 705/2 If these bordes shrinke, all my purpose is marred. 1616 R. COCKS *Diary* (Hakl. Soc.) I. 143 The grownd on the W. side our new gadong did shrink with the extreme rayne. 1666 DRYDEN *Ann. Mirab.* CCLXVI, We.. shrink like parchment in consuming flame. 1684 T. BURNET *Th. Earth* I. II. 19 After these waters had rag'd for some time on the Earth, they began to lessen and shrink. 1742 tr. *Heister's Surg.* (1768) II. 10 Those [polypuses] which are recent will sometimes shrink and disappear by repeated Punctuation. 1816 J. SMITH *Panorama Sci. & Art* II. 337 The pyrometric pieces of clay..the more they are heated, the more they shrink in all their dimensions. 1856 STANLEY *Sinai & Pal.* VI. (1858) 270 The modern town has very much shrunk within its ancient limits. 1877 HUXLEY *Physiogr.* 151 When a body of water is cooled, it shrinks in bulk. 1887 HALL CAINE *Deemster* XI, Sometime a house had stood there, but..it had shrunken in some settlement of the ground.

b. Of a textile fabric: To contract when wetted. Phr. *To shrink in the wetting* (chiefly pass.): app. orig. said proverbially of cloth manufactured in some northern counties; hence allusively and fig. of anything that is damaged or depreciated in value.

1483 *Act 1 Rich. III*, c. 8 *Preamble*, Whiche Clothes so shorn er they be wett..most of werrey necessite shrynk. 1511–2 *Act 3 Hen. VIII*, c. 6 § 1 Cloth..which when it shalbe full wette shall shrynke more than oon yerd in all the lenght. 1540 PALSGR. *Acolastus* IV. vi. U iv, It is peryshed .i. it is shrunk in the wetynge. 1577–87 HARRISON *England* II. v. 158 in *Holinshed*, Their..ambitious titles are now decaied and worthilie shroonke in the wettiog. 1583 MELBANCKE *Philotimus* R iij b, To perswade you not to shrinke in the wetting, but like a Kentish cloth..stande inniolated. 1592 NASHE *Strange Newes* D 1 Three of his sonnes universally ridiculousliе reputed of...The fourth is shrunke in the wetting, or else the Print shoulde haue heard of him. 1616 R. C. *Times' Whistle* (1871) 63 The first is merry drunk,..although his braines be somewhat shrunk I' th' wetting. 1653 R. CARPENTER (*title*), The Anabaptist washt and washt, and shrunk in the washing. 1682 N. O. *Boileau's Lutrin* III. 28 'Tis York-shire Cloath, you know, that shrinks i' th' wetting! 1727 BOYER *Dict. Royal* s. v., A Stuff that shrinks. 1879 *Encycl. Brit.* IX. 292/1 Patent flannel, which does not shrink in washing.

3. To draw the limbs together, bring the body into a small compass; to cower, huddle *together*; (of the body) to contract as with pain or cold; (of a plant) to shrivel or curl *up* under a blasting or withering influence.

c 1000 ÆLFRIC *Hom.* II. 436 Þa wearð se cyning [*viz.* Belshazzar] to ðan swiðe afyrht, þæt he eal scranc. *c* 1300 *Pol. Songs* (Camden) 158 Heo cometh by modered ase a mor-hen, Ant scrynketh for shome. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 449/1 Schrynkyn, *rigeo*. 1530 PALSGR. 705/2 Be nat a frayde, I shall shrinke so lowe that he shall nat spye me. *c* 1572 GASCOIGNE *Hearbes* Wks. 1869 I. 382 The tender plant..In winter shrinks and shrowdes from euery blast. 1592 BRETON *Pilgr. Parad.* xiv, An vnwildy trunke..With weight whereof, their shoulders often shruncke [*printed* thruncke]. 1600 SHAKS. *A. Y. L.* II. i. 9 Till I shrinke with cold. 1601 W. LEIGH *Soules Solace* (1617) 18 At last shrinking downe againe, he [the sick man] gaue a sigh. 1621 G. SANDYS *Ovid's Met.* II. (1626) 29 Distressed Atlas shoulders shrinke with payne. 1680 *Revenge* IV. ad. fin., I'll make him shrink with fear, ere I have done. 1782 COWPER *Poet, Oyster, & Sens. Plant* 35 When I bend, retire, and shrink. 1819 SCOTT *Ivanhoe* XXXIII, Isaac shrunk together, and was silent. 1841 T. R. JONES *Anim. Kingd.* (1871) 115 If..any point of its surface be rudely touched, the whole animal does not immediately shrink. 1847 TENNYSON *Princess* V. 444 Her small goodman Shrinks in his arm-chair. 1892 KIPLING *Light that Failed* xiv, Bessie remained in his arms shrinking.

4. In immaterial sense: To be contracted or reduced in extent; to be drawn together *into* certain limits.

c 1449 PECOCK *Repr.* III. xi. 347 Bicause that thilk lijflode wolde continueli schrinke. 1566 GASCOIGNE *Jocasta* II. i, When disdayne is shrunke or sette asyde. 1601 SHAKS. *Jul. C.* III. i. 150 Are all thy Conquests, Glories, Triumphes, Spoiles, Shrunke to this little Measure? 1667 DRYDEN *Maiden Queen* I. ii, When, after all his Eagerness of two Minutes before, he shrinks into a faint Kiss, and a cold Compliment. 1671 MILTON *P. R.* II. 223 All her Plumes Fall flat and shrink into a trivial toy. 1742 BLAIR *Grave* 728 Each Earth-born Joy grows vile, or disappears, Shrunk to a Thing of Nought. 1796 BURKE *Regic. Peace* I, To make England, inclined to shrink into her narrow self, the arbitress of Europe. 1856 KINGSLEY *Misc.* (1859) II. 36 How the poor soul would shrink back into nothing before that lion eye. 1911 T. S. HOLMES *Chr. Ch. Gaul* III. 66 This influence increased as the extent of the imperial authority in Gaul steadily shrank.

†b. To fail. *Obs. rare.*

1608 WOTTON in *Cal. St. Papers, Irel.* 655 He has done well to bring her to Rome, in case all other means should shrink.

5. To move *backward*, retire, or retreat *into* a cavity, shelter, or place of refuge; to draw oneself or itself *in*. In first quot. app. †to sink deep.

13.. *Gaw. & Gr. Knt.* 2313 Þe scharp schrank to þe flesche þurȝ þe schyre grece. 1426 LYDG. *Pilgr.* 1837 Lych hornys of a lytell snayl, Wych..for a lytel strawh wyl shrynke. 1513 MORE *Rich. III* (1883) 48 Another let flee at the lorde Standley, which shronke at the stroke.. as shortely as he shranke yet ranne the blood aboute hys eares. 1521 FISHER *Serm. agst. Luther* II. Wks. (1876) 323 The trees whan they be wydred and theyr lenes shaken from them and all the moystour shronke in to the rote. 1570–6 LAMBARDE *Peramb. Kent* (1826) 325 This done our Lady shranke againe into her shrine. 1606 MARSTON *Parasit.* IV. G 4 b, Her sometimes enuious lips, now shrink in, and giue her nose and her chin leaue to kisse each other. 1613 PURCHAS *Pilgrimage* (1614) 710 A twigge..growing vp to a yong tree: which when they offered to pinck vp, it shrunke downe into the ground. 1627 W. HAWKINS *Apollo Shroving* III. i. 37 Shrinke in while I buckle it, that you may bee gaunt and fine in the wast. 1697 DRYDEN *Virg. Georg.* II. 682 Teach me..Why flowing Tides prevail upon the Main, And in what dark Recess they shrink again. 1794 MRS. RADCLIFFE *Myst. Udolpho* I, Till I shrink into my cell again for terror of the sound. 1826 S. COOPER *First Lines Surg.* (ed. 5) 330 The eye then shrinks into the orbit. 1830 TENNYSON *Poet's Mind* 37 It [a fountain] would shrink to the earth if you came in.

fig. 1861 READE *Cloister & H.* LXXVII, Jorian from that moment shrunk in and became impenetrable as a hedgehog.

†b. To fall or come away *from*. *Obs.*

1688 HOLME *Armoury* III. 355/2 The side of a Timber House shrunk from its Mortesses.

6. To withdraw *from* a place or position, esp. in a secret or furtive manner; to turn *aside*, *away*, *back*, etc. furtively or nimbly; to slip or slink *away*. Now *rare*.

14.. *Sir Beues* (Sutherld. MS.) 1857 Fro þe ȝates he wyl not shrynke, Tyl he haue both mete and drynke. 1530 PALSGR.

705/2 He craked afore we came hyther that he wolde do marvaylles, but nowe he is shronke asyde no man can tell whyther. 1582 *N. T.* (Rhem.) John v. 13 Iesvs shronke aside from the multitude. 1587 Underdowne tr. *Heliodorus* (1895) 202 When shee had thus done, shee woulde have shrunke away. 1603 Knolles *Hist. Turkes* 1038 The Hungarians were almost all shrunk home. 1605 Chapman *All Fooles* I. i, *Gost.* Who was that Shrunke at my entry here? ..*Rym.* He shrunke not, sir, his busines call'd him hence. 1660 F. Brooke tr. *Le Blanc's Trav.* 255 They took it, and shrunk away so in the throng, I could never hear more of it. 1825 Scott *Betrothed* ii, He shrunk from the hall to the seclusion of his own convent. 1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* I. vii. v, Mayor Bailly..gladly shrinks within doors. 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* xlvii, After she had borne a couple of sons, [she] shrank away into a life of devout seclusion.

† b. *To shrink out of the collar*: to back out, esp. of an enterprise. *Obs.*

1636 Braithwait *Rom. Emp.* 383 Some powerfull Protestant commanders..who shrunk out of the coller of obedience. 1667 Pepys *Diary* 7 May, Sir W. Pen, like a false rogue, shrinking out of the collar,..so that the whole odium must fall on me.

† c. *Naut.* Of the wind: ? To blow fitfully or in gusts. *Obs.*

1627 Capt. Smith *Sea Gram.* ix. 39 The wind shrinkes, that is, when you must take in the Spretsaile, and get the tacks aboord. 1698 Fryer *Acc. E. India & P.* 10 The Winds shrank upon us from off the Coast of Ginea. 1706 E. Ward *Wooden World Diss.* (1708) 21 When the Gale of Good Fortune shrinks he alters his course. 1712 E. Cooke *Voy. S. Sea* 36 The Wind shrinking, and blowing off the Island in Squals.

7. To draw *back* or give way so as to avoid physical contact or conflict; to recoil through physical weakness or lack of courage or with abhorrence *from*.

1513 Douglas *Æneis* x. viii. 115 Pallas, nocht schrynkand for the mortale dynt. *a* 1548 Hall *Chron., Hen. VIII* (1550) 160 Notwithstandyng that the Romaynes shot great ordinaunces,..yet the Imperiall persones neuer shranke, but manly entered the Bulwarke. 1656 *Burton's Diary* (1828) I. 265 He put out his tongue very willingly, but shrinked a little when the iron came upon his forehead. 1670 Milton *Hist. Eng.* v. 237 It is shamefull for a King to boast at Table, and shrink in fight. 1770 Goldsm. *Des. Vill.* 49 Shrinking from the spoiler's hand, Far, far away, thy children leave the land. 1794 Mary Wollstonecr. *View Fr. Rev.* I. 133 Is it then surprising, that a very desirable woman, with a sanguine constitution, should shrink abhorrent from his embraces? 1809 W. Irving *Knickerb.* VI. viii, Wherever he went, the enemy shrank before him. 1821 Scott *Kenilw.* iv, She shrunk back from his grasp. 1862 Calverley *Verses & Transl.* (1894) 64 Streets, which foot of traveller shrinks from, As on hot plates shrinks the bear. 1892 Gardiner *Student's Hist. Eng.* 14 The soldiers were terrified and shrunk back.

† b. To give way; to collapse. *Obs.*

1590 Spenser *F. Q.* III. xii. 10 He..nicely trode, as thornes lay in his way, Or that the flore to shrinke he did auyse; And on a broken reed he still did stay His feeble steps, which shrunke, when hard theron he lay. 1607 Shaks. *Cor.* v. iv. 20 The ground shrinkes before his Treading. *c* 1610 *Women Saints* 194 Reason being conquered by the excesse of sorrowe shruncke. 1616 R. Cocks *Diary* (Hakl. Soc.) I. 128 Our new wall..shronk soe it was this day.. puld downe.

8. To refuse or hesitate to act in the face of anything irksome, grievous, horrible, or distasteful; to recoil mentally or morally.

c 1470 *Gol. & Gaw.* 1077 The sege that schrenkis for na schame, the schent might hym schend. 1500–20 Dunbar *Poems* xxvii. 29 The telȝouris hairt a littill schrenkit. 1535 Coverdale *Ps.* cxii. 8 His herte is stablished, he wil not shrencke. 1576 Gascoigne *Grief of Joy* Ded., I will then shrinke for no paynes untill I have..touched all the common places of mans perylous pleasures. *a* 1628 Preston *New Covt.* (1634) 300 A man perhaps will beare many things for Religion, but if it come to death, there he shrinkes. 1784 Cowper *Task* VI. 513 Fancy shrinks..at the thought Of such a gulph as he design'd his grave. 1821 Shelley *Adonais* liii, Why linger, why turn back, why shrink, my Heart? 1868 J. H. Blunt *Ref. Ch. Eng.* I. 515 There was much which might make good men shrink and hesitate.

b. freq. const. *from* (often governing a gerund).

1565 J. Phillip *Patient Grissell* 859 No Tarquins knight, ne Appian now, shall cause mee shrinke from dutie due. *a* 1578 Lindesay (Pitscottie) *Chron. Scot.* (S.T.S.) I. 311/30 To cause him sueare or schrink fre ony pairt of his faithf in Christ Jessus. 1741–2 Gray *Agrip.* 48 Then was the time To shrink from danger. 1813 *Sk. Char.* (ed. 2) i, I am convinced there are many, who would shrink from coming out in the manner you have described. 1818 Scott *Hrt. Midl.* Prol., Who hath cumbered the world with his devices, but shrunken from the responsibility thereof. 1869 Freeman *Norm. Conq.* (1875) III. 115 There was no sacrifice from which French policy so instinctively shrank. 1891 E. Peacock *N. Brendon* I. 285 Opinions, which he never shrunk from expressing. 1912 *Times* 19 Oct. 7/4 The policy of exclusion from which the Board of Agriculture has shrunk.

c. const. *at*.

1576 Gascoigne *Droome Doomesday* Wks. 1910 II. 431 If thou perceyve any man to shrynke at death when it commeth. *a* 1625 Fletcher *Hum. Lieut.* I. i, I have seen him do such things, belief would shrink at. 1732 Pope *Ess. Man* II. 229 What happier natures shrink at with affright. 1780 *Mirror* No. 72 That delicacy which made him..shrink at the idea of asking a pecuniary favour. 1831 Scott *Cast. Dang.* xiv, The abbot would not shrink at inflicting upon me the death due to an apostate nun. 1839 Hood *John Day* xiv, At last he made a vow To break his being's link; For he was so reduced in size At nothing he could shrink.

d. const. inf.

1544 Betham *Precepts War* II. lxxiii. L viij b, For the encrease of his renowme, they wyll not shrynke: to bestowe and spende theyr lyfe. 1549 Coverdale, etc. *Erasm. Par.* 1 *Cor.* 43 Nor shrynke ye to take paynes. 1602 Heywood *Wom. Killed w. Kindn.* v. i, He would not shrinke to spend a thousand pound, To giue the Mountfords name so deepe a wound. 1869 F. W. Newman *Misc.* 107 Novelists do not shrink to tell the form of a hero or heroine's features. 1878 Browning *La Saisiaz* 23 Would I shrink to learn my life-time's limit—days, weeks, months or years?

† 9. To be a deserter or rebel; to fall *away from* duty or allegiance, or *from* a person. *Obs.*

1553 T. Wilson *Rhet.* (1580) 62 Your Sister would not dooe her duetie, but shranke awaie. 1560 Daus tr. *Sleidane's Comm.* 123 They can not forsake nor shrynke from the true doctrine. *Ibid.* 276 b, Whan he was gone, the fellowes of that conspiracie, shranke away immediatly. 1577 Hanmer *Anc. Eccl. Hist.* 118 Such as shrinked were to be vpholden and cured. 1594 Shaks. *Rich. III*, v. iii. 222 Ile play the Ease-dropper, To heare if any meane to shrinke from me.

II. Transitive (mainly causative) senses.

10. To cause to contract or be reduced in size, volume, or extent; to cause to contract by moisture, heat, or cold; to cause (a limb, sinew, plant) to wither or (the skin) to wrinkle. Also with *up*.

1398 Trevisa *Barth. De P. R.* xv. cxxxv. (1495) 538 An herbe namyd Apium risus: that drawe and shrynke jawes of men. *a* 1425 tr. *Arderne's Treat. Fistula*, etc. 62 Ellez walld þai schrenk þe stomake. *a* 1530 J. Heywood *Wether* 978 (Brandl), I loue no launders that shrynke my gere in wettynge. 1593 Shaks. 3 *Hen. VI*, III. ii. 156 To shrinke mine Arme vp like a wither'd Shrub. 1611 Beaum. & Fl. *Knt. Burning Pestle* III. 12 Let them..Start at a shadow, and shrink up their blond. 1637 Milton *Lycidas* 133 Return Alphens, the dread voice is past, That shrunk thy streams. 1646 Crashaw *Sospetto d'Herode* xxii, That the Great Angell-blinding light should shrinke His blaze, to shine in a poore Shepherds eye. 1679 Moxon *Mech. Exerc.* ix. 155 If the Rain wet them, instead of shrinking them, it will swell them. 1680 C. Nesse *Ch. Hist.* 172 God shrank his sinews, and makes him stand like an antick statue. 1712–14 Pope *Rape Lock* II. 132 Alum styptics with contracting pow'r Shrink his thin essence like a rivel'd flow'r. 1832 Tennyson *Mariana in South* v, The steady glare Shrank one sick olive sere and small. 1866 Redgrave *Cent. Painters* II. 602 The moisture of the paste shrinks the spot of canvas to which it is applied. 1875 F. T. Buckland *Log-bk.* 57 A human head which has by some process or other been shrunk to about the size of a large orange.

b. *spec.* To treat (a textile material) with water so that it may not shrink after it is made up.

1856 [see Shrinking *vbl. sb.* 2 b]. 1883 'Sylvia' *Lady's Guide Dressmaking* 122 Braid is the best trimming for.. frocks. It should always be 'shrunk' before being put on the dress.

c. *Mech.* To cause (a piece, e. g. the tire of a wheel, the jacket of a cannon) to be fixed tightly *on* (*to*) another (which it is intended to fit) by heating it, slipping it into place when sufficiently expanded, and then rapidly cooling it. Also with *on* (adv.) and occas. *absol.*

1839 *Civil Engin. & Arch. Jrnl.* II. 449/1 To make the wheel in the usual way and then shrink the railway tire.. upon it. 1861 Russell in *Times* 26 Oct., A simple..piece of artillery, with a thick iron band shrunk on over the breach. 1889 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 25 June 2/1 Krupp began with solid guns and found himself obliged to come to the English system of building up guns by the shrinking on of hoops. At the present time France, Germany, Italy, and Russia shrink as we do.

d. *transf.* To reduce in number. *rare.*

1832 Goodridge *Voy. S. Seas* 65 We endeavoured to shrink them [*sc.* mice] by destroying immense quantities.

11. To draw (the body, the limbs, oneself) into a smaller compass.

c 1374 Chaucer *Boeth.* I. pr. i. (1868) 5 Sche constreynede and schronk hir seluen lyche to þe comune mesure of men. 1606 Sylvester *Du Bartas* II. iv. *Tropheis* 1081 Her Alabastrine well-shapt Limbs-shee shrinks. 1649 Davenant *Love & Hon.* II. ii, The chaste Indian plant, That shrinks and curles his bashfull leaves at the Approach of man. 1705 Collier *Ess. Mor. Subj.* I. (1709) 100 A modest Man, if he was somewhat Taller than his Neighbours, would chuse to shrink himself into the Dimensions of the Company. 1712 Addison *Spect.* No. 303 ₱ 13 The Multitude and Rabble of Spirits immediately shrunk themselves into a small Compass. 1875 Morris *Æneid* XII. 861 Her body huge she shrank.

12. In immaterial sense: To reduce to smaller limits or compass.

1628 Feltham *Resolves* II. vii. 16 'Tis the sawcie seruant, that causes the Lord to shrinke his descending fauours. 1645 Milton *Tetrach.* Wks. 1851 IV. 176 That were a phrase to shrink the glorious omnipresence of God speaking, into a kind of circumscriptive absence. 1812 Cary *Dante, Purg.* IX. 44 Thy strength Shrink not, but rise dilated. 1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* VIII. ii, Logical cobwebbery shrinks itself together. 1891 J. Martineau *Ess. & Addr.* IV. Pref., If to the dwarfed and altered thought I had tried to shrink the grand old language.

† 13. To cause to withdraw or disappear; to draw *in* (the horns, the claws); also with *back*, *up*. Hence in allusive phr. signifying withdrawal from a position of prominence, from an undertaking, etc.

c 1374 Chaucer *Troylus* I. 300 And þough he erst hadde poured vp and doun, He was þo glad his hornes yn to shrynke. 1412–20 Lydg. *Chron. Troy* I. 2199 Cometh Schame anoon..And causeth Loue hornys for to schrynke. 1594 Kyd *Cornelia* III. i, The cheerefull Cock..Doth sing to see how Cynthia shrinks her horne. 1596 *Edw. III*, I. i. 138, I will make you shrinke your snailie hornes! 1608 D. T[uvill] *Ess. Pol. & Mor.* 57 b, The Lyon is a Lyon, though he shrink vp his clawes. 1629 Milton *Hymn Nativ.* xxii, The Libyc Hammon shrinks his horn. 1642 D. Rogers *Naaman* 24 My wretched..soule may provoke thee to shrinke in thy graces. 1642–4 Vicars *God in Mount* 76 The rest (who more wisely shrunk in their heads, and recanted their former oversight). 1681 Dryden *Span. Friar* III. ii, The Devil..puts out his Horns to doe a mischief, and then shrinks 'em back for safety, like a Snail into her shell. 1713 Young *Last Day* II. 301 To make the Sun shrink in his beam.

14. To draw (the head, the band, etc.) *aside*, *back*, or *away* in a furtive, ashamed, or retiring manner. Now *rare*.

c 1489 Caxton *Sonnes of Aymon* x. 257 Whan bayard sawe Mawgis, he began to shrynke his eeres [orig. *etreindre les oreilles*]. 1575 Gascoigne *Flowers* Wks. 1907 I. 65 To sitte a side and shrinke His harbraind head with out dame dainties dore. 1581 Pettie tr. *Guazzo's Civ. Conv.* III. (1586) 166 b, He had shrunke his head out of the coller of those insupportable paines. 1613–16 W. Browne *Brit. Past.* II. iii. ad fin., The Riuer..Shrunke his graue head, beneath his siluer waues. 1615 Chapman *Odyss.* XX. 455 Thus snatcht he..a Neats foot, And threw it at Vlysses: who, his head Shrunke quietly aside. *c* 1620 Fletcher, etc. *Lover's Progr.* I. i, We made them shun us, And shrink their rugged heads. 1880 Meredith *Tragic Com.* (1881) 64 She shrank her hand back.

† b. *To shrink in the neck*: to flinch, recoil.

1581 Pettie tr. *Guazzo's Civ. Conv.* III. (1586) 124 One of them asked him what she was: who poore man shrinking in his neck, said he knew her not. 1705 Collier *Ess. Mor. Subj.* III. 13 When did they refuse to lay their Throat fair, or shrink in their Neck at the dispatching blow?

† c. = Shrug *v.* *To shrink up* (occas. *in*) *one's shoulders*: to shrug one's shoulders; *fig.* (with *at*) to regard with displeasure, aversion, or indifference.

1605 Wotton in *Life & Lett.* (1907) I. 336 They shrink up the shoulder, as if it were a greater matter than we are aware of. *c* 1645 Howell *Lett.* (1754) 115 Among others that shrink in the Shoulders at it. 1676 *Packet Adv. Mem Shaftesb.* 76 If ye talk of State-Commodities, they shrink the shoulder, and say nothing. 1719 De Foe *Crusoe* II. (Globe) 543 He shrunk up his Shoulders at it. 1720 — *Capt. Singleton* iv. (1840) 61 They shrunk up their shoulders, as Frenchmen do.

† 15. To shun, avoid. *Obs.*

1513 Douglas *Æneis* VIII. Prol. 61 The schipman schrenkis the schour, and settis to schore. 1582 Stanyhurst *Æneis* II. 34 In this last hyckring I shrunck no danger or hazard. 1609 Holland *Amm. Marcell.* 392 Gratianus..as yet but a stripling..shrunke not five souldiors. 1688 Holme *Armoury* III. xvii. (Roxb.) 118/2 A man resolued to abide the utmost hazard of Battle, and not to shrink his aduersary.

† b. *To shrink collar*: = 6 b. *Obs. rare.*

1579–80 North *Plutarch* (1595) 907 He began..to rowse himselfe, and to lift vp his head: but he shrunke choller againe soone after.

† 16. To quit. *Obs. rare.*

1594 Lyly *Mother Bombie* IV. ii, Thou knowest wee are towne borne children, and wil not shrinke the citie.

17. *Comb.* **shrink-ring**, a ring of metal that is shrunk on; a ring in a structure that bears the strain of expansion and shrinkage.

1902–3 *Jrnl. Inst. Electr. Engin.* XXXII. 419 Well-made shrink-ring jointed cast-steel flywheels. *Ibid.* 410 To cast the boss in sections and have two very heavy shrink rings round the boss.

Shri·nkable, *a.* [f. prec. + -able.] Capable of being shrunk, liable to shrink.

1891 in *Cent. Dict.*

Shrinkage (ſri·ŋkėdʒ). [f. Shrink *v.* + -age.]

1. The act or fact of shrinking; reduction in the size or volume of a substance or material due to contraction such as is caused by heat, cold, or wet.

1800 Colquhoun *Comm. Thames* II. 76 Deficiencies of goods far beyond what can arise from natural waste or shrinkage. 1852 *Nicholson's Encycl. Archit.* I. 74 All timber is liable to shrinkage by the evaporation of the moisture which is always present. 1853 Lyell *Princ. Geol.* II. xiv. (ed. 9) I. 327 The mud..solidifies, and becomes traversed by cracks, caused by shrinkage. 1884 *Contemp. Rev.* July 62 The shrinkage of the lakes has permitted systematic excavations to be made in their former beds. 1889 Rider Haggard *Cleopatra* Introd., Notwithstanding..the shrinkage of the flesh, I think the face was one of the most imposing and beautiful that I ever saw.

2. The amount of such contraction or loss in bulk, volume, or measurement.

1862 *Catal. Internat. Exhib.* II. x. 27 Various specimens of clays..made up into squares to show their relative shrinkages. 1875 Knight *Dict. Mech.* 2169/1 Brass contracts rather more [than cast iron], 3/16 inch shrinkage to the foot being allowed. 1884 *Sci. Amer.* Suppl. XVIII. 7197 All substances that tend to decrease the refractory character of the basic brick increase their shrinkage.

b. *Gun-making.* In shrinking on hoops or tubes, the difference between the inner diameter of the outer cylinder and the outer diameter of the inner cylinder.

1891 in *Cent. Dict.* 1894 *Times* 31 Aug. 6/1 The complicated calculations connected with the 'shrinkage' and tensions of the various parts of built-up guns.

3. Of immaterial things: Diminution or reduction in quantity, amount, or size; depreciation or decrease in value; the amount of such diminution.

1879 H. James jun. *Hawthorne* 129 The shrinkage and extinction of a family. 1879 *Standard* 21 May 2/1 The failure is attributed to bad debts, shrinkage in the value of goods, and the withdrawal of capital. 1880 Jefferies *Hodge* II. 266 There has been proceeding a general shrinkage, as it were, of speculative investment. 1891 *Times* 9 Oct. 9/6 The total shrinkage was £40,000.

4. *attrib.*: **shrinkage-crack** *Geol.*, a crack formed on the surface of a bed of rock and due to shrinkage caused by exposure to sun and air;

shrinkage fit, a fit made by shrinking one cylindrical piece on to another; **shrinkage rule** = *contraction rule* (see CONTRACTION 9).

1867 MURCHISON *Siluria* xviii. 437 In the Gaspé sandstones casts of shrinkage-cracks are very common. 1872 *Q. Jrnl. Geol. Soc.* XXIX. 59 These nodules..are highly mineralized; for they exhibit wide shrinkage-cracks.

Shrinker (ʃrĭ·ŋkəɹ). [f. SHRINK *v.* + -ER 1.] One who shrinks or recoils from the truth, from duty, danger, or the like; in the 16th cent. one who shrinks *from* the faith of the Gospel or its obligations. (Cf. SHRINKING *ppl. a.* 2 a.)

1554 KNOX *Godly Let.* C viij, Too fearfull shrinkers from the truthe, for feare of worldly trohle. 1563–83 FOXE *A. & M.* 2103/2 Richard Denton, a shrinker from the Gospell. 1564 *Brief Exam.* ******ij, Yon shal not neede to terme your betters..to be enemies or shrinkers. 1575–85 ABP. SANDYS *Serm.* xiv. 239 Another is a shrinker, another halfe a papist. 1611 COTGR., *Tergiversateur*, a flincher, shrinker, starter. *c* 1635 *Roxb. Ball.* (1887) VI. 433 We are no cowardly shrinkers, but English-men true bred. 1719 D'URFEY *Pills* V. 62 A good Ale drinker; He never was a Shrinker.

Shri·nking, *vbl. sb.* [f. SHRINK *v.* + -ING 1.]

1. Contraction and reduction in size or volume through the action of heat, cold, or moisture; the drawing *up* or withering (of sinews, etc.).

1398 TREVISA *Barth. de P. R.* v. xii. (Tollem. MS.), By reuelynge and scherenkynge..of þe synew of felynge. *Ibid.* xviii. xxxix. (1495) 801 Shryngynge of synewes. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 449/1 Schrynkynge, *rigiditas*. 1670 BOYLE in *Phil. Trans.* V. 2046 The Bladder, whose regular Intumescencies and shrinkings sufficiently manifested, that the vessel..did not leak. 1671 WOODHEAD *St. Teresa* I. xxxiii. 231 That shrinking-up of all my sinnews. 1679 ALSOP *Melius Inq.* Introd. 22 We must allow for shrinking in the Silk-grograin Phrase of Rhetoricians. 1707 MORTIMER *Husb.* 110 Except what it [corn] loseth in the first Year's shrinking, and loss of Weight. 1816 J. SMITH *Panorama Sci. & Art* II. 324 The regular shrinking of clay by heat. 1822–34 *Good's Study Med.* (ed. 4) I. 635 Coldness and shrinking of the extremities. 1860 TYNDALL *Glac.* II. viii. 264 Successive shrinkings [of a glacier]..have occurred at intervals of centuries.

b. (See SHRINK *v.* 10 b.)

1856 MISS WARNER *Hills Shatemuc* xii, They [socks] wouldn't want shrinking.

2. Physical, mental, or moral recoiling *from* a burden, danger, etc.

1580 HOLLYBAND *Treas. Fr. Tong, Affaissement*..a shrinking vnder a great hurthen. 1611 COTGR., *Tergiversation*,.. a flinching..or shrinking backe. 1663 J. SPENCER *Prodigies* (1665) 234 A kind of prodigious shrinking of the Eye of Heaven from the view of so black a wickedness. 1782 COWPER *Poet.* etc. 66 His censure reach'd them as he dealt it, And each by shrinking show'd he felt it. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* lxv, [She] never mentioned her name but with a shrinking and terror. 1854 H. MILLER *Sch. & Schm.* (1858) 509 Not without some craven shrinkings. 1882 J. H. BLUNT *Ref. Ch. Eng.* II. 137 There was no shrinking here from a full declaration of the Royal Supremacy.

attrib. 1891 FARRAR *Darkn. & Dawn* xxvii, One shrinking motion, one stifled scream.

†3. Shrugging (of the shonlders). *Obs.*

1638 JUNIUS *Paint. Ancients* 293 The shrinking up of the shoulders..is a gestnre belonging to a base, servile, and craftie knave.

4. Estrangement. (Cf. next 2 a.)

1842 MANNING *Serm.* i. (1848) 13 The sins of the heathen world..began in a shrinking of the heart from God.

Shri·nking, *ppl. a.* [-ING 2.]

1. That shrinks, contracts, is reduced in size or volume, or is withered or shrivelled. Also *fig.*

?*a* 1400 *Morte Arth.* 1857 Schalkes they schotte thrnghe schrenkande maylez. 1583 *Burgh Rec. Edin.* (1882) IV. 277 Yorkschyre clayth, cairsayes, and all sort of schrynking clayth. 1631 ANCHORAN *Comenius' Gate Tongues* 31 *Pandus Asellus*..The shrinking or crooked little asse. 1805 CARY *Dante, Inf.* xxv. 57 Thus up the shrinking paper, ere it burns, A brown tint glides. 1883 *Daily News* 3 Oct. 2/5 Reports of shrinking prices in China.

2. †a. Rebelling (against God); backsliding.

1535 COVERDALE *Isa.* xxx. 1 Wo be to those shrenkinge children..which seke councel, bnt not at me. 1535 — *Jer.* ix. 2 They be all aduontrers and a shrenckinge sorte. *Ibid.* xxxi. 22 How longe wilt thon go astraie, o thon shrenkinge [1560 *Geneva* rebellious] donghter? 1564 *Brief Exam.* ** iiij b, The shrinking & refusing Ministers of London. [1565 J. HALL *Crt. Vertue* 63 Adulterers because they be And eke a shrynkyng sorte.]

b. Recoiling physically, mentally, or morally from what is difficult or distasteful; retiring.

1742 C. WESLEY *Hymn*, '*Come, O thou Traveller unknown*', What though my shrinking flesh complain. 1810 SOUTHEY *Kehama* XIV. xiv, The flames, which..seem'd to dart Their hungry tongues toward their shrinking prey. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* lxvi, She..made a shrinking, but amicable, salntation to Major Dobbin. 1875 MANNING *Miss. Holy Ghost* x. 263 If the will be soft, shrinking, inconstant, and cowardly. 1891 MEREDITH *One of our Conq.* xxx, Her mother's shrinking distaste from any such hectic themes as this.

†c. *Shrinking shrub*: the sensitive plant.

1640 PARKINSON *Theat. Bot.* 1618, *Stirpanimans seu Frutex impatiens*, The shrinking shrnbbe. 1659 R. LOVELL *Herbal* 524 Shrinking shrub, *Herba impatiens*.

†3. Shivering, shuddering. *Obs.*

1611 SHAKS. *Cymb.* IV. iv. 30 The shrinking Slaues of Winter.

Hence **Shri·nkingly** *adv.*, in a shrinking manner, with a shrinking look, in a manner expressive of nnwillingness, dislike, shyness, etc.; **Shri·nkingness** (*rare*).

1817 MOORE *Lalla Rookh, Veiled Prophet* II. 235 Her left hand, as shrinkingly she stood, Held a small lute. 1835 J. P. KENNEDY *Horseshoe Robinson* liii. (1860) 549 That feminine reserve and shrinkingness which we are wont to praise. 1851 G. W. CUETIS *Nile Notes* xxxv. 176 There was no light..except what curious daylight stole shrinkingly in at the low door. 1858 DICKENS *Lett.* (1880) II. 47 When I peep shrinkingly from my study-windows. 1884 *Liverpool Merc.* 18 Feb. 5/2 Lord Salisbury and Sir Stafford Northcote appeal shrinkingly and indirectly for the reversion of the trust.

†**Shri·nkling**, *vbl. sb. Obs.* In 6 -eling. [Cf. Sw. *skrynkla* to wrinkle, shrivel.] Contraction or drawing *together* (of the body).

1545 RAYNOLD *Byrth Mankynde* 94 Yf she be..taken among in the laboryng with connulsyon or shrinkeling together.

†**Shrip**, *sb. Obs.* Forms: 3–4 **schrippe**, 4 **shrippe**, 5 **s(c)hryppe**; **sherpe**, **shyrpe**. [Parallel form to SCRIP *sb.*1; but the existence of the two forms is difficult to account for. Cf., however, Merovingian L. *schirpa, scirpa*, and *schrippa*, beside *scrippum*, OF. *escherpe, eschirpe*.] = SCRIP *sb.*1

c 1290 *S. Eng. Leg.* 41/259 A coppe of seluer stilleliche þis lnþere Man gan bringue And dude in heore schrippe softeliche. 1362 LANGL. *P. Pl. A.* VI. 26 Sauh I nener Palmere with pyk ne with schrippe [*v.r.* scrip] Snch a seint seche bote now in þis place. *c* 1384 CHAUCER *H. Fame* 2123 (Fairf.), Pilgrimes With shrippes bret ful of lesenges. *a* 1400 *Octouian* 1357 Pyk and palm, schryppe and slaueyn He dyghte hym as palmer, qneynt of gyn. 1426 LYDG. *De Guil. Pilgr.* 6220 Towchyng shyrpe & bordoun. 1568 TURNER *Herbal* III. 14 A shepehardes pouch or shrippe.

Shrip (ʃrip), *v.* Now *dial.* Also **shirp**. [App. f. root **skrep-*: see SCREPE, SCRAPE, SHRAPE *vbs.* Cf. OE. (*ge*)*sceorpan* str. vb., to shave, shred (whence perh. the form *shirp*); also G. *schripfen, schrepfen, schrupfen*, dial. to cut off the tips of a growing plant.] *trans.* To shave, shred; to clip, lop, prune, trim.

1609 C. BUTLER *Fem. Mon.* K 5 b, Put a brimstone-match in the one end beeing slit, and the other end beeing shript sticke into the side of the hoale. 1664 EVELYN *Sylva* 20 Being snffered to dry in the Snn npon the Branches, and the spray shrip'd off abont the decrease in August. *Ibid.* 103 Brushwood which is shripped off from the branches of Copsewood. *Ibid.* (1776) 155 Such as they reserve for spears in Spain, they keep shriped np close to the stem. 1881 *Isle of Wight Gloss., Shrip*, to clip a hedge, or cut hair close. 1893 *Wilts. Gloss., Shirp*, or *Shrip*, (1) 'to shirp off', to shred or cut off a little of anything; (2) 'to shrip up', to shrond up the lower boughs of roadside trees, to cut off the side twigs of a hedge or bush.

Hence **Shripping** *vbl. sb.*

1634 WITHER *Embl.* IV. ix, I have seene such twiggs, afford them shade, By whom they were the meanest shrippings made, Of all the Wood. 1910 *Spectator* 16 Apr. 619/1 His [*sc.* a hedger's] work in some shires is known as 'shripping'.

†**Shritch**, *sb. Obs.* Forms: *a.* 5 **shryche, schryche**, 6 **shrich(e**, 7 **schriche**. *β.* 7 **shreech, shreitch**. [f. SHRITCH *v.*; cf. SCRITCH, SCREECH *sbs.*]

1. A screech, shriek.

a. 1470–85 MALORY *Arthur* XVIII. xii. 745 Sir Lanayn..gaf a grete shryche and a merneillous gryfely grone. *a* 1586 SIDNEY *Arcadia* (1622) 383 Giuing a pitifull but sweet shrich. 1622 MABBE tr. *Aleman's Guzman d'Alf.* I. 145 Letting the light fall out of her hand for feare, shee gaue withall a great schriche. 1650 HOWELL *Giraffi's Rev. Naples* I. 30 With howlings and nnnsuall schriches.

β. 1596 SPENSER *F. Q.* VI. iv. 18 Whose eares those shrieches shrill..did thrill. 1650 S. SHEPPARD *Candido* 21 With a lond shreitch she leaped out of the bed 165*a*–62 HEVLIN *Cosmogr.* III. (1673) 104/2 With their fearful shrecches affrighting Passengers.

2. = SHRITCH-OWL.

c 1475 *Pict. Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 763/3 *Hic strix*, a schryche.

Shritch, *v. Obs.* or *dial.* Forms: 3 **schirche**, 4 **schriche, schryche**, 6 **shrych**e, **shri(t)ch**, 6, 9 **schrich**. *Pa. t.* and *pa. pple.* 4 **schirȝt-e, shirt**, 4–5 **s(o)hriȝt-e, s(c)hright-e, s(c)hriht-e, -y-, sright-e**; 4 **schrichid**, 5 **shrych**ed. [Parallel form to SCRITCH *v.*]

1. *intr.* To shriek, screech.

a 1250 *Owl & Night.* 223 Þu schirchest & ȝollest to þine fere. 13.. *K. Alis.* 5738 By Porus conseil hogges hy took, And beten hem so they shrighte. *c* 1330 *Arth. & Merl.* 4739 Þe folk schirsten [*read* schirsten] so heiȝe & londe þat it schilled in to þe cloude. *Ibid.* 6403 Þe paiens schirt & made dol. *c* 1374 CHAUCER *Troylus* v. 320 The owle..Hath after me shright [*v.rr.* schriht, sright, shryght] alle þis nyghtes two. *c* 1386 — *Nun Pr. T.* 580 (Camb. MS.), And ther-with all thei schrichid & schoutid. 1470–85 MALORY *Arthur* XXI. v. 850 The qneues and ladyes wepte and shryched that hit was pyte to here. 1557 *Tottel's Misc.* (Arb.) 238 And to the Gods and to the skies they shright. *a* 1575 GASCOIGNE *Posies, Flowers* 58, I..schrich to ease my morning minde. 1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* III. viii. 32 Downe in her lap she hid her face, and londly shright. 1841 HARTSHORNE *Salopia Antiqua* 564 Schriching as soon as ivir yo touchen him.

2. *trans.* To utter with shrieking.

1534 MORE *Comf. agst. Trib.* III. Wks. 1261/1 That hideous howling that those hel houndes shold shryche.

Hence † **Shritching** *vbl. sb.* and *ppl. a.*

c 1374 CHAUCER *Troylus* v. 382 As rauenes qualm or schrychynge of thise owlis. 1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* VII. xxxvii. (1495) 436 Ulula is a foule that hathe that name of shrichynge and cryeng. 1576 GASCOIGNE *Philomene* 22 The Throstle she, which makes the wood to ring With shryching lowde.

†**Shritch-owl**. *Obs.* 6 **shryche-, shritch-, shriech-, schreech-**, 6–7 **shriche-**, 7 **shreech**, 8 **schrich-**. [f. SHRITCH *v.* + OWL *sb.* Cf. SCRITCH-OWL.] = SHRIEK-OWL.

1538 ELYOT *Dict., Striges*, shryche oules. *a* 1586 SIDNEY *Arcadia* II. (1605) 157 Casting forth as pitifull cries as any shrich-owle. 1595 SPENSER *Epithal.* 345 Let not the shriech Oule, nor the Storke be heard. 1596 SHAKS. 3 *Hen. VI*, II. vi. 56 That fatall Schreechowle. 1603 DRAYTON *Bar. Wars* v. xlii. 112 Vnder his eaue th buzzing shreechowle sings. 1761 ELIZ. CARTER in *Mem.* (1808) I. 230 We wanted..to have the ground planted with yew and cypress,..and restore the schrich owls and ravens.

†**Shrite**. *Obs.* Also 7 **shreight**. [Of obscure origin: cf. SHREITCH and SHRIKE *sb.*2 (*dial.* = missel-thrnsh).] The missel-thrush.

1668 WILKINS *Real Char.* II. v. § 3. 149 Missle-Bird, Shreight. 1678 RAY *Willughby's Ornith.* 187 The Misselbird or Shrite; Turdus viscivorus major. [1802 MONTAGU *Ornith. Dict.* 1839 MACGILLIVRAY *Brit. Birds* II. 114.]

Shrivalty, obs. form of SHRIEVALTY.

Shrive, *sb. rare.* [f. next.] Used for SHRIFT *sb.* 9.

1867 'OUIDA' *Idalia* viii, When they met again, he swore it should be for shorter shrive and deadlier work.

Shrive (ʃrəiv), *v. arch.* Pa. t. **shrove** (ʃrōʊv), Pa. pple. **shriven** (ʃri·v'n). Forms: 1 **scrifan**, 2–6 **scrive**, (3 **ssriwe**), 3–4 **ssrive**, **-y-**, **screve**, **sc(h)rif**, 3–6 **schrive**, **-y-**, 4 **shrif(e**, **shryf(f)e**, **schreve**, 4–5 **schryf**, 4–6 **shryve**, (5 **schrywe**, **shrevy**, 6 **schriffe**, *Sc.* **schryif**, **schirryve**, 6, 8–9 *pseudo-arch.* **shrieve**, 7 **shreeve**), 4– **shrive**. Pa. t. 1 **-scráf**, 3–4 **ssrof**, 4–5 **schro(o)f**, (4 **shroof**, **schroff**, **shref** (?), 5 **shroff**, **shrofe**, **shroef**, **scherof**, **shrow**), 4– **shrove**; *north.* 3–4 **scraf**, 4 **s(c)hraf**, 4–5 **schrafe**, 5 **shraiff**, **shrafe**, **shrave**, 6 **schrave**; *wk.* 4–5 **s(c)hryved**, 7–9 **shrived**. *Pa. pple.* 1 **ȝescrifen**, 2 **iscrifen**, 3 **ischrive(n**, 3–4 **i-**, **ys(s)rive**, 4–5 **i-**, **ys(c)hryve(n**; 3 **shrifen**, 3–4 **scriven**, 4 **schrive(n**, **scryven**, **-wen**, **schrif(f)yne**, **schryfyne**, 4–5 **shrive**, **schreve**, **-yn**, 4–6 **s(c)hryve**, **-en**, (5 **schrifen**, **schryvin**, **shrivin**, **shrevyn**, **schrywe**, **screffe**), 5–6 **shreve(n**, (6 **schreven**, **-in**, **shereven**, **shervon**, **shryff**); *wk.* 6 **shriev'd**, **shriv'd**, 9 **shrived**. [Com. Tent. (wanting in Gothic): OE. *scrífan* (*-scráf, scrifon, ge-scrifen*), to allot, assign, decree, adjudge, impose as a sentence, impose penance, regard, care for, corresp. to OFris. *scrîva* (*skref, skreven*), to write, impose penance (WFris. *skriuwe, skreau, skreaun*, NFris. *skriiw, skreew, skrewen*, EFris. *schriuwe* to write), OS. *skrîban* to write, (M)LG. *schrîven, schreev, schrêven*, MDn. *schrîven, screef, ghescrêven* to write, paint, describe (Du. *schrijven, schreef, geschreven*), OHG. *scrîban*, MHG. *scrîben, schreip, geschriben* to write, draw, paint, describe, appoint, prescribe (G. *schreiben, schrieb, geschrieben*), ON. and Icel. (weak and with short *i*) *skrifa, -aða, -aðr* to paint, write, MSw. *skriva, -adhe, -adhu*, (strong) *skref, skrivin*, Sw. *skrifva, skref, skrifven*, Da. *skrive, skrev, skreven* (locally also weak); ad. L. *scrîbere* to write.]

1. *trans.* In OE. (const. dat.) To impose penance upon (a person); hence, to administer absolution to; to hear the confession of.

a 776 *Poenit. Ecgberti* II. xvi. in Thorpe *Anc. Laws* (1840) II. 188 Ne hire nan preost scrifan ne mot ær heo þone sinscipe forlæte. *a* 975 *Canons of Edgar* lxv. ibid. 258 We lærað þæt ælc preosta scrife & dædbote tæce þam þe him andette. 1027–34 *Laws Cnut* II. lxviii. § 1 A man sceal þam unstrangan mea..liþelicor deman & scrifon þonne þam strangan. *c* 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 25 ȝif ic forlete þe preost walde eskien on ester dei hwa me scriue. *c* 1200 ORMIN 15253 Þatt lærede genge, þatt iss ȝnw sett anfenn..To spellenn ȝnw off Crisstenndom, To shrifenn ȝnw & huslenn. *c* 1205 LAY. 18392 Ælc mon scrinen oðer swulc hit weoren his broðer. 138. *Pol. Poems* (Rolls) I. 265 Be war that no frer ham shryfe. 1470–85 MALORY *Arth.* XXI. x. 855 He.. prayed the bysshop to shryue hym and assoyle hym. 1579 HAKE *Newes out of Powles* iii. (1872) C vij, Wyse man you are no douht..the Vicar of saint Fooles Go shrine you. 1633 FORD *'Tis Pity* II. E, Giue me leaue To shriue her; lest shee should dye vn-ahsoln'd. 1798 COLERIDGE *Anc. Mar.* VII. xiv, O shrieve me, shrieve me, holy man! 1808 SCOTT *Marm.* I. xxi, He shall shrieve penitent no more. 1841 JAMES *Corse de Leon* ii, 'I will go with you..to shrive the dying', said the priest. 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* iv. I. 436 He found that none of her chaplains knew English or French enough to shrive the king. 1889 JESSOPP *Coming of Friars* v. 219 There was none to shrive them.

const. *of* (the sin).

c 1205 LAY. 32074 He þe scal scriuen of þine weorld lifen þat þine sunen alle scullen þe from falle. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 23151 Vnnethes sal man find an in lede þat wel will scrine þam o þis sake. 1525 *St. Papers Hen. VIII* (1836) IV. 419 To schriffe or absolve yaim of thaire synnys.

b. with extended application.

1607 T. D[EKKER ?] & WILKINS *Jests* 18 Three waiting gentlewomen sitting vp late one euening began to shrine one another, and to know what manner of Loners each other had. 1829 POE *Tamerlane* Poems (1859) 206 Earth may shrive me of the sin Unearthly pride hath revelled in. 1881 O'SHAUGHNESSY *Songs of Worker* 17 To tell the folk of love, of love to ease The burdens of their labour and their heart, Of love to shrive them of their sin. 1912 *Engl. Rev.* Dec. 144 Europe has become for the first time a Christian civilisation, shriven at last by the nnChristian materialism of Bismarckian blood and iron.

c. *absol.* or *intr.* To perform the office of a confessor; to exercise the ministry of absolution; to hear confessions. *rare.*

c 1000–50 *De Off. Episc.* xi, Ofer ealle þa scire þe he on scrife. 1377 Langl. *P. Pl.* B. xx. 302 Conscience called a leche þat coude wel shryue. *c*1440 *Promp. Parv.* 449/1 Schryvyn, or here schryftys, *audire confessiones.* 1579 Spenser *Sheph. Cal.* Aug. 55 A holly eue..When holly fathers wont to shrieue. 1855 Macaulay *Hist. Eng.* xvii. IV. 90 Priests were praying, preaching, shriving, holding up the host and the cup.

2. *pass.* To 'take shrift' (see Shrift *sb.* 1); to be confessed; to make one's confession and receive absolution and penance. Const. †*of*, *by*, †*at*, †*with*, or †*to* the confessor.

c 1000 Ælfric *Saints' Lives* xii. 291 Eow ȝebyrað þæt ge beon ȝescrifene on ðissere wucan oððe huru on ðære oðre. *c* 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 27 ȝif he bið wel iscrifen and godfurht. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 332 Ase ofte ase ich am ischriuen euer me þuncheð me unschriuen. *a* 1300 *Vox & Wolf* 176 in Hazl. *E. P. P.* I. 64 Were thou i-sriue, And sunnen henedest al forsake. *c* 1300 *Havelok* 2489 Hwan..he was wit þe prestes shriue. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* iii. (*De Sancto Andrea*) 898 To na man will I schriffyne be bot anerly to ȝow. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Sompn. T.* 387, I haue be shryuen [*v.rr.* schryue, schreue] this day at my curat. *a* 1400 *Leg. Rood* 195 Wat man..For his sinnus sori and schereuen be. *c* 1425 *Cast. Persev.* 550 in *Macro Plays* 93 Þanne schal he deye, & not be schrywe. *c* 1440 *Pol. Rel. & L. Poems* 159 *note*, Yff thowe be screffe. 1470–85 Malory *Arth.* Table of Contents 26 How he was shryuen to an heremyte. *c* 1530 Ld. Doaset in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. III. II. 148 It were petie he shuld be hanged tyll he had ben well shereven. 1555 Machyn *Diary* (Camden) 94 To be shryff and fast iij dȝys in on wyke. *c* 1570 *Durham Depositions* (Surtees) 160 Elizabeth Watson..hard no preiching, nor was shervon. 1570–6 Lambarde *Peramb. Kent* (1826) 209 You ought first to bee shriven of one of the Monkes. 1575 *Gammer Gurton* v. ii, Since Diccon hath confession made & is so cleane shreue. 1592 Shaks. *Rom. & Jul.* II. iv. 194 She shall at Frier Lawrence Cell Be shriu'd and married. 1596 Drayton *Legends* iv. 861 So he were shriev'd, what need he care a pin? 1848 Lytton *Harold* i, He died but shriven and absolved. 1882 'Ouida' *Maremma* i, Straightway would he go to the church and be shriven.

const. *of*, rarely *from* (the sin).

c 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 59 We agen alle to ben shrifene of ure synnes her we biginnen to fasten. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 26401 O þaa Sinnes þou was of scriuen a. *c* 1400 *St. Alexius* (Laud 622) 338 Euery soneday houseled he was, And shryuen also of vche trespas. 1481 Caxton *Reynard* xii. (Arb.) 25 Yf I were shryuen of my synnes, my soule shold be the clerer. 1821 Joanna Baillie *Metr. Leg., Columbus* iii, Souls..from trespass shriven.

3. *refl.* To make one's confession, go to confession, confess.

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 68 Sum uniseli, hwon heo seide þet heo schrof hire, haueð ischriuen hire al to wundre. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 26398 Þan behouis him screue him halli. 1390 Gower *Conf.* I. 61 Tell forth my Sone, and schrif the clene. *c* 1400 Maundev. (Roxb.) xiii. 59 Þai say Godd had neuer þat a mun schuld schryfe him till anoþer man. *a* 1450 *Knt. de la Tour* (1868) 13 And so she shroue her and was sethe of holy lyff. 1530 Palsgr. 706/1, I wyll shrive me this lente at the Augustyne fryres, for there is pardon. 1533 Gau *Richt Vay* To Rdr. 3 Quhow men and vemen sal scriue thayme and quhou thay sal rekkine al thair sinnis to thair schrift fader. 1577 Vautrouillier *Luther on Ep. Gal.* 237, I was wont to shriue my selfe with great deuotion. 1641 Prynne *Antipathie* 40 King Iohn..was poysoned..by a Monke of that House; who went to the Abbot and shrived himselfe. 1859 Tennyson *Elaine* 1094 Bid call the ghostly man Hither, and let me shrive me clean, and die.

const. *of* (the sin).

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 266 Schrif þe þerof to morwen. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 26408 Þof þou scraf þe o þi dede. *c* 1386 Chaucer *Pars. T.* P 106 Priuee synnes of whiche they shryue hem priuely. *c* 1440 *Jacob's Well* 178 Þe chanoun..schroof hym to þe bysschop of þat synne. 1456 Sir G. Haye *Law Arms* (S.T.S.) 16 The veniall synnis that commounly men schryvis thame of here.

†b. with extended application. Also const. *of* (Sc.): To renounce. *Obs.*

c 1374 Chaucer *Troylus* II. 440 Here I me shryue and seye That wikkedly ye don vs boþe deye. 1500–20 Dunbar *Poems* ix. 9 To The, my sweit Saluiour, I me schirryve. *Ibid.* 137, I schryve me of all cursit cumpany. *a* 1529 Skelton *Bouge of Court* 215 To you oonly, me thynke, I durste shryue me For now am I..dysposed To shewe you thynges that may not be disclosed. *a* 1568 *Bannatyne MS.* (Hunter. Club) 92 Ryse with thi ransoner fro deid, And the of all thy synnys schryfe. 1625 Gill *Sacr. Philos.* i. 4 [Zeus] that shreeves himselfe to his wife Iuno for all his slipperie prancks.

4. *intr.* To confess one's sins, go to confession.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 26600 And for þe scam man thinc scriuand, It sal for part o penance stand. 1390 Gower *Conf.* I. 317 We ben sett to schryve of love. *c* 1425 *Eng. Cong. Irel.* 130 The wolf spake to hym, and shrone [*c* 1440 *Rawl. MS.* confeste hyr] to þe preste. *c* 1450 *St. Cuthbert* (Surtees) 162/5 He wald..of his synnes to him schryue þat he synned in all his lyue. *c* 1532 Du Wes *Introd. Fr.* in *Palsgr.* 1069 The preest [in the mass]..fyrst shrivyng to us. 1802 Scott *Gray Brother* xxx, And who art thou, thou Gray Brother, That I should shrive to thee? 1832 Hawker *Cornish Ball.* (1908) 19 'Tis not to pray—'tis not to shrive—Therefore, what does she there? 1844 Mrs. Browning *Brown Rosary* I. x, A nun..Who mocked at the priest when he called her to shrive.

†b. Rendering L. *confiteri* of the Vulgate: To ascribe praise and glory *to* God. *Obs.*

a 1300 *E. E. Psalter* vii. 18, I sal schrive to Laverd after his rightwisnes. *a* 1325 *Prose Psalter* xxix. 4 Syngeþ to our Lord..and shryueþ to þe mynde of his holinesse. *a* 1340 Hampole *Psalter* vi. 5 He is noght..in hell wha sall shrife til þe. *a* 1400 *Prymer* (1891) 71, I schal schryue to thee lord in al myn herte.

†5. *trans.* To confess (sins). *Obs.*

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 27105 To preist his sinnes scriue. *c* 1380 Wyclif *Wks.* (1880) 330 [Ps. xxxii. 6], I seide, i shulde shryue my synnes aȝens me to þee, lord. *c* 1450 *St. Cuthbert* (Surtees) 70/1 And all þe case to him he shraue.

†b. *transf.* To reveal, disclose. *Obs.*

c 1374 Chaucer *Troylus* II. 579 Now haue I plat to yow myn herte schryuen. *a* 1500 *Chaucer's Dreme* 2026 C.'s Wks. (1598) 365 b, Al my secre to you I plaine, and shriue. 1818 Keats *Isabella* viii, I cannot live Another night, and not my passion shrive.

6. To forgive, pardon (a sin). *rare.*

The first quot. is doubtful.

1303 R. Brunne *Handl. Synne* 588 ȝyf þou trowyst synne shal be forȝene without repentaunce & shryue [*v.r.* repente here & he clene schreuyn]. 1837 Hood *Desert-Born* 126 'Nay then', cried I—(heav'n shrive the lie!) 'to tell the secret truth.'

†7. a. To question, examine (a person). *Obs.*

1592 Nashe *P. Penilesse* G 2, Beleeue me, thou shriuest me very neere in this latter demaund. 1596 Spenser *F. Q.* IV. xii. 26 She gan him soft to shrieue. 1610 G. Fletcher *Christ's Vict. Earth* xxxvii, Gently our Saviour shee began to shrive, Whither he wear the Sonne of God, or no.

†b. ? To inquire into (a matter). *Obs.*

1651 Cleveland *Poems* 37 Shrive but their Titles, and their money poize, A laird & twenty pound pronounc'd with noise, When construed, but for a plain Yeoman go, And a good sober two-pence.

8. a. To relieve (one) *of* a burden; †to rob.

1604 Dekker *Honest Wh.* Wks. 1873 II. 169, I am here for shriuing those two fooles of their sinfull packe. 1899 R. Bridges *Poems, Fair Brass* 21 A..tomb: Such as to look on shrives The heart of half its care.

b. To remove, lift (a burden) *from. rare.*

[1641 Milton *Animadv.* Wks. 1851 III. 236 To shreeve the purses of unconfessing and unmortify'd sinners]. 1812 Byron *Ch. Har.* II. lxxviii, To shrive from man his weight of mortal sin.

†9. *pass.* ? To be bound in an obligation. *Obs.*

1338 R. Brunne *Chron.* (1725) 138 The barons & þe clergie in on wer alle schrynen, Vnto kyng Henrie ageyn William suld be gynen.

†10. *trans.* To reconcile (a person) *to* a course of action. *Obs.*

1587 Fleming *Contn. Holinshed* III. 1325/2 To reconcile, shriue, & win hir maiesties subiects to their diuelish intent. 1594 Nashe *Terrors Nt.* D 1 Much wonder I how treason and murder dispense with the darknes of the night, how they can shriue themselues to it.

†11. Const. gen. in OE., *of* in ME.: To reck of, care for. *Obs.*

c 897 Ælfred *Gregory's Past. C.* xliv. 322 Ne he ne scrife ðæs hlisan buton hu he ryhtost wyrce. *Ibid.* lv, Hi ne scrifon hwæðer hit wære ðe dæȝ ðe niht ðonne ðonne hi syngodon. *a* 1000 *Boeth. Metr.* x. 29 Deað þæs ne scrifeð. 13.. *K. Alis.* 3884 (Bodl. MS.), Alisaunder nouȝth of hym schroof [*Linc. Inn MS.* gaf] Ac perciens to fore hym droof.

Shrive, obs. form of Sheriff.

Shri·vel, *sb.* Also 6 shrevel. [f. Shrivel *v.*] Something shrivelled up; †*pl.* wrinkles in the skin; a shrivelled skin; a contracted word.

1547 Boorde *Brev. Health* II. lviii. (1557) C j, Rvge is the latin woorde. In Englishe it is named shrenels whiche is a runninge together of the skyn in a mans face and necke. 1835 *Blackw. Mag.* XXXVIII. 153 We caught an eel, which we skinned, and wore the shrivel for many a day round our ankle. 1873 F. Hall *Mod. Engl.* 163 Nor is any regard for rule or regularity to be seen..in our decurtate *cab*, *cent*, *chap*..or in such shrivels as *aid*, *alms*.

Shrivel (ʃri·v'l), *v.* Also 7 shriule. [Origin unknown. (Cf. Sw. dial. *skryvla* to wrinkle.)]

1. *intr.* To become contracted and wrinkled or curled up, as from great heat or cold. Also with *up*, *away*.

1612 T. Taylor *Comm. Titus* ii. 13 That shortly the heauens themselues shall shriule away like a scrowle. 1706 Phillips (ed. Kersey), To *Shrivel*, to Wrinkle, to run up in Wrinkles or Scrolls. 1707 Mortimer *Husb.* (1721) II. 312 When the Stalks begin to shrivel at the part next the Branch. 1796 Withering *Brit. Plants* (ed. 3) IV. 171 This elegant little Agaric is seldom found in full perfection, as it soon shrivels and loses its brilliant colours. 1805 Scott *Last Minstr.* VI. xxxi, When, shriveling like a parched scroll, The flaming heavens together roll. 1842 Loudon *Suburban Hort.* 585 The incipient bunches twist and shrivel up just before coming into bloom. 1843 R. J. Graves *Syst. Clin. Med.* 392 Two..ulcers which speedily scabbed, shrunk and shrivelled away. 1882 Vines tr. *Sachs' Bot.* 457 It forms a papilla..at the apex which shrivels when the spore ripens. *pass.* 1588 Greene *Perimedes* 11 Hir face shrinueled, and parched with the Sunne. 1604 N. F. *Fruiterers Secrets* 27 When Pippins, and other long lasting fruite, begin to be shrieled. 1798 Ferriar *Illustr. Sterne* iv. 110 That his nose might be shrivelled with cold. 1825 T. Hook *Sayings* Ser. II. *Passion & Princ.* v, The lamb was shrivelled up to a cinder. 1885 Cloon *Myths & Dr.* I. iii. 22 So scorched was it..that it was shrivelled to the smallest of creatures.

b. *transf.* and *fig.* To be reduced to an inanimate or inefficient condition; (of a person) to shrink physically or mentally.

1680 H. More *Apocal. Apoc.* 60 This Pagan Hierarchy shrivelled up with all the false Deities, and Priests therein. 1818 Scott *Br. Lamm.* xx, I swore that my rage and revenge should pursue his enemies, until they shrivelled before me like that scorched-up symbol of annihilation. 1835 Lytton *Rienzi* v. v, I felt his soul shrivel at my gaze. 1875 Farrar *Silence & Voices* ii. 37 All life shrivelled into a miserable 'if' and an empty 'might have been'. 1887 Jessopp *Arcady* iii. 70 Undeveloped faculties that shrivel for want of using.

2. *trans.* To cause to be contracted or shrunk into wrinkles. Often with *up*.

1608 Shaks. *Per.* II. iv. 9 A fire from heaven came and shrivell'd up Their bodies. 1682 Grew *Anat. Pl.* 10 Lest its new access into the Ayr, should shrivel it. 1751 Smollett *Per. Pickle* cv, Crabtree shrivelling up his face like an autumn leaf. 1782 A. Monro *Compar. Anat.* (ed. 3) 5 This ..covers the trunk, serving to shrivel the skin, in order to drive off insects. 1856 Mrs. Stowe *Dred* xxxiv, That fearful collapse, which..shrivels the most healthy countenance..to the shrunken..image of decrepit old age. 1877 Thomson *Voy. Challenger* I. i. 17 In the tropics a saturated solution is much too strong, and shrivels up delicate tissues.

b. *transf.* and *fig.* To reduce to inanition, helplessness, or ineffectualness.

1663 Bp. Patrick *Parab. Pilgr.* viii. (1687) 30 This is ever the fruit of hard and penurious thoughts of God, that they shrivel up mens hearts too. 1683 Howe *Union Prot.* Wks. 1862 IV. 266 The want of such a diffusive love shuts up and shrivels the destitute parts. 1824–9 Landor *Imag. Conv.* Wks. 1846 I. 63 Milton..shrivelled up the lips of his revilers by the austerity of his scorn. 1844 Dickens *Chimes* iii, Wither me and shrivel me, and free me from the dreadful thoughts that tempt me in my youth! 1859 *Habits Gd. Society* ix. 284 How the very thought must have shrivelled her up. 1901 *Scotsman* 12 Mar. 7/4 A passage which the House listened to very closely, fully realising how it finally shrivelled up malignant gossip.

Shri·veldy, *a.* [f. Shrivelled + -y.] Withered.

1840 Mrs. Trollope *M. Armstrong* iii, A poor rickety, shriveldy sort of a child.

†**Shri·veling.** *Obs. rare.* [f. Shrive *v.* + -ling.] Contemptuous term for: One under spiritual direction.

1603 Harsnet *Pop. Impost.* 104 He comforts his holy shriuelings, his ghostly good children, telling them..[etc.].

Shrivelled (ʃri·v'ld), *ppl. a.* Also 6 shryveled, 7–8 shrivel'd, 7– (now *U.S.*) shriveled. [f. Shrivel *v.* + -ed 1.] Drawn together or contracted so as to have or form wrinkles and to appear as if dried up.

1565 Stapleton tr. *Bede's Hist. Ch. Eng.* 173 The vayne and soyle of that grounde is not shryueled nor fleaten, but grene and full of grasse. 1633 G. Herbert *Temple, Flower* ii, Who would have thought my shrivel'd heart Could have recover'd greenesse? 1665 Sir T. Herbert *Trav.* (1677) 26 The Mannatee..her face is like a shriveled Buffolo or Cow. 1697 Dryden *Virg. Georg.* I. 158 When..shrivell'd Herbs on with'ring Stems decay. 1726 Pope *Odyss.* xix. 83 These lean shrivelled limbs unnerved with age. 1770 *Phil. Trans.* LX. 304 A poor shriveled-up..carcase of a bird. 1816 Scott *Old Mort.* xxxix, Pushing him back from her with her trembling hand and shrivelled arm. 1830 M. Donovan *Dom. Econ.* I. 91 Malt that is shrivelled is not of the best quality. 1882 W. Ballantine *Exper.* vi. 63, I never saw him without thinking of a shrivelled crab apple.

b. Of persons whose skin is wrinkled or whose limbs are withered or 'dried up'.

1605 B. Jonson *Volpone* II. i, Your shrivell'd sallad-eating artizans. 1824 W. Irving *T. Trav.* II. 114 A shrivelled old lady, with a face of parchment. 1846 Mrs. Gore *Engl. Char.* (1852) 100 The name of French Cook conveys to the popular mind the image of a lean and shrivelled individual in a white nightcap and apron. 1877 Tennyson *Harold* III. i, I, old shrivell'd Stigand.

c. *transf.* and *fig.* Contracted, reduced to small proportions.

1628 Donne *Serm.* (1660) III. iii. 37 That shiver'd, and shrivel'd, and ravel'd, and ruin'd soule. 1685 *Reflect. on Baxter* 11 Such a shriveled account as R. B. gives of this Chapter. 1883 S. C. Hall *Retrospect* II. 115 A repulsive countenance..indicative of a naturally shrivelled heart and contracted soul.

d. *Comb.*

1850 R. G. Cumming *Hunter's Life S. Afr.* vii. 147 An extremely ancient and shrivelled-looking Bushman. 1859 Boyd *Recreat. Country Parson* Ser. I. viii. 303 Some utilitarian old hunks, sharp-nosed, shrivelled-faced.

Shrivelling (ʃri·v'liŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. Shrivel *v.* + -ing 1.] The action of the verb Shrivel.

a 1631 Donne *Serm.* (1649) II. xv. 126 A shriveling of my flesh with superstitious and meritorious fastings. 1667 *Phil. Trans.* II. 454 Some shriveling of the outward skin of the Bark. 1842 Loudon *Suburban Hort.* 441 Ventilation by continual currents of air..acts in the same way as light, in producing shrivelling. 1883 *Sunday Mag.* July 435/2 The shrivelling of the Eastern Roman empire. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VIII. 600 If the sclerotic shrivelling be well-marked.

Shri·velling, *ppl. a.* [f. Shrivel *v.* + -ing 2.] That shrivels; *Bot.* = Marcescent.

1776 Withering *Bot. Arrangem. Veget.* 258 Stitchwort. ..Petals..flat; oblong; shrivelling. 1816 A. Boswell *Sheldon Haughs* (1830) 167 Stealin change o' shriv'lin time Had quench'd the vigour o' his prime. 1849 De Quincey *Engl. Mail Coach* Wks. 1854 IV. 345 Like a shrivelling scroll from before the wrath of fire! 1873 Miss Broughton *Nancy* I. 33 Oh, spring! spring! with all your searching east winds, with your late shrivelling frost.

Shriven (ʃri·v'n), *ppl. a.* [pa. pple. of Shrive *v.*] Confessed, absolved.

1846 Dickens *Pict. Italy*, *Ital. Dream*, I had my foot upon the spot, where..the shriven prisoner was strangled. 1896 A. Austin *England's Darling* II. iii, As every shriven soul must answer Him Whose Sceptre doth not pass.

Shriver (ʃrəi·vəɹ). [f. Shrive *v.* + -er 1.] One who shrives, a confessor.

1340 *Ayenb.* 140 Þe ssrifte ssel by yhol, na3t todeld ine vele ssriveres. 1393 Langl. *P. Pl.* C. i. 64 Holy churche & charite choppe a-doun swich shryuers. 1483 *Cath. Angl.* 338/2 A schryfer, *confessor*. 1593 Shaks. 3 *Hen. VI*, III. ii. 108 When hee was made a Shriuer, 'twas for shift. 1637 N. Whiting *Albino & Bellama* 83 The shreevers to their Lords returne with smiles. 1661 K. W. *Conf. Char., Temporizer* (1860) 51 Turne shrivers in nunneries.

Shri·ving, *vbl. sb.* [f. SHRIVE *v.* + -ING 1.] The action of the verb SHRIVE, shrift: a. Confession; b. the hearing of confessions.

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 268 Lease swefues, & false scheauwinges [*MS. T* schriuinges]. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 26101 To quam we sal vr scriuing mak. *c* 1400 *Rom. Rose* 6448 Who so hath in his felyng The consequence of such shryuyng. 1591 SPENSER *M. Hubberd* 543 Better a short tale, than a bad long shriuing. 1664 H. MORE *Myst. Iniq.* xxi. 81 Those that hy this Shriving of persons know much of their Interest or disinterest. 1694 MOTTEUX *Rabelais* IV. xlix. 192 As for shriving,..there can be no great harm in't. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* III. IV. i, To the Priest they send her she gives thanks; but needs not any shriving. 1875 J. C. COX *Churches Derbysh.* I. 171 After shriving had gone out of fashion the ringing of the bell [on Shrove Tuesday] was continued.

c. *attrib.* as *shriving time*; † **shriving cloth,** sackcloth worn by penitents; † **shriving pew, seat,** stool, a confessional.

1487–8 *Rec. St. Mary at Hill* (1904) 130 For naylles for þe schryvyng peawe. 1505 in H. J. Feasey *Holy Wk. Cerem.* (1897) 97 vj yernes perteynyng to the shryvyng stole for Lenton. 1534 *Engl. Ch. Furniture* (1866) 204 An altar cloth made of shryvynge clothes. 1545 *Churchw. Acc. St. Dunstan's, Canterb.* (MS.) For meudyng of ye Chyrche and makyng of ye schrewyng sett xiiijd. 1589–90 in J. C. Cox *Churchw. Acc.* (1913) 193 Payd for mendinge of a pewe called the shrivinge pewe 1s. 1602 SHAKS. *Ham.* v. ii. 47 He should the bearers put to sodaine death, Not shriuing time allowed.

Shroad, obs. f. SHREWD. **Shrob(be,** obs. ff. SHRUB. **Shrode,** obs. f. SHREWD, SHROUD. **Shroe,** obs. f. SHREW *sb.*

Shroff (ʃrɒf), *sb.* Also 7 **sheroff, -affe, -iffe, sharoffe, sherrafe, shraff, shrofe,** 7–8 **sheraff.** [Anglo-Indian corruption of SARAF.] A banker or money-changer in the East; in the Far East, a native expert employed to detect bad coin.

1618 in Foster *Engl. Factories Ind.* (1906) 8 The sheraffs are poore and begerly. 1621 *Ibid.* 265 Wee cannot put of oure ryalls but as that onely sharoffe please to take them. *Ibid.* 352 Shrofes. 1625 PURCHAS *Pilgrims* II. 1431 Twelve Sheriffes that is men to buy and sell Pearles, Diamonds, and other pretious Stones, and to exchange Gold and Silver. 1698 FRYER *Acc. E. India & P.* 52 Amongst whom were Shroffs, or Money-changers. 1776 *Trial of Nundocomar* 22/2 It is the custom of Shroffs to get the body of the bond wrote by their Gomastahs, and they sign it with their own hands. 1816 'QUIZ' *Grand Master* II. 18 The breakfast soon dispatch'd, they're off, To borrow money from a shroff. 1888 KIPLING *Departm. Ditties* (ed. 3) 81 Deeply indebted to the village shroff. 1904 *North-China Herald* 27 May 1121/3 A shroff employed by Messrs. Musterberg & Co.

attrib. 1882 '*Fan Kwae*' *at Canton* 58, I have heard of as much as fifty taels (about $70) being paid to an important Shroff-shop for such a transaction.

Hence **Shroff** *v. trans.*, to examine (coin) in order to separate the genuine from the base; also *absol.*; whence **Shroffing** *vbl. sb.* and *ppl. a.*; *shroffing school,* a school in which the art of detecting false coin is taught.

1757 CLIVE in Beveridge *Hist. India* (1862) I. 592 [In vain did Clive represent that] the money could not be divided till it was shroffed. 1860 T. L. PEACOCK *Gryll Grange* xviii, Two stock-jobbing Jews, and a shroffing Parsee. 1878 H. A. GILES *Gloss. Ref.* 129 (Yule) Shroffing schools are common in Canton, where teachers of the art keep bad dollars for the purpose of exercising their pupils. 1882 '*Fan Kwae*' *at Canton* 55 The process of shroffing which it [money] underwent before being deposited in the treasury. 1906 *Sat. Rev.* 14 Apr. 451/1 The potential revenues of China are immense, but they are 'shroffed'..by every hand through which they pass.

Shroffage (ʃrɒ·fĕdʒ). Also 7 **shraffage, sherofferage.** [f. prec. + -AGE. Cf. 16th cent. It. *xarafaggio,* Sp. *cerafagio.*] The commission charged for shroffing coin.

1629 in Foster *Engl. Factories India* (1909) III. 354 Shraffage is halfe a riall per every thousand rialls. 1676 STREYNSHAM MASTER *Diaries* (1911) I. 394 The Councell doe know that there is a Sherofferage..allowed in all these parts. 1766 T. BROOKS *Coins E. Indies* 49 Brokerage 1½ per Cent. Shroffage 1 per Thousand. 1817 *By-Laws Levant Co.* 24 Commission and shroffage on cash remitted from one part of the dominions of the Grand Signior to another..1 per cent.

Shroffe, obs. variant of SHRUFF 2.

Shroftide, Shroft Tuesday, obs. ff. SHROVETIDE, SHROVE TUESDAY.

Shrog. *north. dial.* [Parallel to SCROG; see SCR-.] A bush; also *pl.* underwood.

c 1460 *Towneley Myst.* xiii. 455, I haue soght with my dogys All horbery shrogys. 15. *Robyn Hood & Guy of Gisborne* 113 They cutt them down two summer shroggs, That grew both under a breere. 1601 MUNDAY *Downf. Earl Huntingdon* III. ii. E 4 b, From Barnsdale shrogs, to Nothinghams red cliffes. 1703 THOAESBY in Ray *Philos. Lett.* (1718) 336 *Shrogs,* a company of Bushes, of Hazel, Thorns, briers. 1824 [CARR] *Craven Gloss., Shrogs,* bushes or underwood.

Shroge, obs. form of SHRUG.

Shropshire (ʃrɒ·pʃəɹ). The name (in OE. *Scrobscír, Scrobbesbyrigscír*) of a west-midland county of England, used as the distinguishing epithet of things coming from or associated with the county, as *Shropshire cheese, damson, pie.*

1577 B. GOOGE *Heresbach's Husb.* III. (1586) 147 b, In England, the best Cheese is the Chesshyre, and the Shropshyre, then the Banbury Cheese. 1747 MRS. GLASSE *Cookery* 73 A Shropshire Pye. 1837 *Penny Cycl.* VIII. 298/2 (*Damson*) Much the finest variety..is that called the Shropshire damson.

b. (*a*) An old breed of horned sheep peculiar to Shropshire; (*b*) a modern breed of black-faced hornless sheep obtained by crossing with the Southdown. Also, an old breed of long-horn cattle, and of swine.

1768 A. YOUNG *Tour Southern Counties* (1769) 139 That fine breed of hogs which at Barnet market are called the Shropshires. 1803 PLYMLEY *Agric. Shropsh.* 241 The old Shropshire ox was remarkable for a large dewlap. *Ibid.* 260 The old Shropshire sheep..have black or mottled faces and legs. 1841 *Penny Cycl.* XXI. 358/2 Varieties of the short or middle-woolled breeds of sheep, and among them were the old Shropshires. 1886 C. SCOTT *Sheep-Farming* 12 For quality of mutton, the Shropshire, by universal opinion, comes next to the Southdown.

Shroub, obs. form of SHRUB.

Shroud (ʃraud), *sb.*1 Forms: 1–3 **scrud,** (1 scruud, 3 srud, srut), 3–4 **schrud,** 3–6 **shrud,** 4–5 **schrowde,** 4–6 **schroud(e,** 4–7 **shroude,** (4 **sroud, shrout(e,** 5 **shrude, shrowed,** 6 **schrowd, shrow'd, shrowdde,** 7 **sroude),** 5–7 **shrowde,** 5–9 **shrowd,** 4– **shroud.** [OE. *scrúd* str. neut. = ON. *skrúð* neut. (also *skrúða* wk. masc.), fittings, furniture, ornament, also, some kind of textile fabric (Norw. *skrud* ornament, attire, MSw. *skrudper* masc., state clothing, ornaments, Sw. *skrud* masc., attire); f. OTeut. **skrūd-,* long-wk.-grade of **skreud-* to cut (see SHRED *sb.*).]

† **1.** A garment; an article of clothing; *sing.* and *pl.* (one's) clothes, clothing, habiliments. *Obs.*

c 1000 ÆLFRIC *Gloss.* in Wr.-Wülcker 151/6 *Habitus,* scruud. *c* 1000 — *Gen.* xlv. 22 And [he] sealde hira ælcum twa scrud. *c* 1200 ORMIN 137 All ane shridd wiþþ haliȝ shrud ȝede he till Godess allterr. *c* 1205 LAY. 5362 Þeos eorles heom gerden mid godliche scruden [*c* 1275 scrude]. *a* 1225 *St. Marher.* 19 Feirlec ant streucðe heoð his schrudes. 13..*E. E. Allit. P.* B. 47 Þus schal he be schent for his schrowde feble. 1362 LANGL. *P. Pl.* A. Prol. 2, I schop me in-to a schroud [B. in shroudes] A scheep as I were. *c* 1440 *York Myst.* xxix. 364 Lo, here a shrowde for a shrewe. *c* 1470 *Gol. & Gaw.* 599 Schaip the evin to the schalk, in thi schroud schene. 1508 DUNBAR *Tua mariit wemen* 252, I wes schene in my schrowd. 1535 STEWART *Cron. Scot.* II. 34 Thair semelie schroud likeas siluer scheue. 1594 MARLOWE & NASHE *Dido* III. iii, My princely robes..are layd aside, Whose glittering pompe Dianas shrowdes supplies. 1638 G. SANDYS *Paraphr. Job* xxxviii, Swadled, as new-borne, in sable shrouds.

† b. In generalized use: Clothing, vesture.

a 1122 *O. E. Chron.* (Laud MS.) an. 1070 Swa manega gersumas on sceat & on scrud [etc.]. *c* 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 63 Gif.. to þe flesce scrud and clað. *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 176 Al erue ..ðe sulde him her,..to fode, and srud, to helpen ðe lif. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 3250 Bath gold and stan for maiden scrude.

† c. *transf.* and *fig.*, esp. the 'vesture' in which the world or the things of nature are 'clothed'; also, the 'veil' of the flesh. *Obs.*

c 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 79 Ho hine bireueden of þere muchele mihte þet crist him hafde iȝefen of al þer orþe scrude, of þe uisces iþe wetere and fuȝeles iþe lufte. *c* 1200 *Vices & Virtues* 95 Wel him ðe..haſð ðat faire scrud of charite all besett mid ȝimstanes of gode werkes. *c* 1200 ORMIN 17591 & tohh iss þe33re babre [*sc.* man and the world] shrud þurrh Cossmos wel bitacnedd. *a* 1225 *Leg. Kath.* 914 Þus he schrudde & hudde him,..mid ure fleschliche schrud. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 9380 Til alkin thing he gafe, þair kind scrud al for to haue. ?*a* 1366 CHAUCER *Rom. Rose* 64 And then bicometh the ground so proud That it wol have a newe shroud.

† d. Plumage. *Obs.*

a 1400 *Pistill of Susan* 85 Per schene briddes in schawe schewen heore schroude. *c* 1450 HOLLAND *Howlat* 914 So fair is my fetherem I haf no falowe; My schrowde and my schere weid schir to be schawin.

2. The white cloth or sheet in which a corpse is laid out for burial; a winding-sheet.

1570 LEVINS *Manip.* 217/2 A shroude, *amiculum funerale.* 1588 SHAKS. *L. L. L.* v. ii. 479 Die when you will, a smocke shall be your shrowd. 1611 CORVAT *Crudities* 71 The shroud wherin our Sauiours blessed body was wrapped. 1649 DAVENANT *Love & Hon.* III. iii, Let her make love to a sexton, and steale shrowds. 1702 STEELE *Funeral* I. i, I carried home to your house the shroud the gentleman was buried in last night. 1790 COWPER *Stanzas for Year 1790,* 16 Soon the grave must be your home, And your only suit a shroud. 1847 PRESCOTT *Peru* (1850) II. 287 His remains, rolled in their bloody shroud. 1848 LYTTON *Harold* II. iii, If England needs defenders when I and Godwin are in our shrouds.

¶ By association with the black of mourning, *shroud* has received the epithet *sable.*

1637 MILTON *Lycidas* 22 And as he passes turn, And bid fair peace be to my sable shrowd. 1724 D. MALLET *Witch & Marg.* ii, Clay-cold was her lilly hand, That held her sable shroud. 1805 SCOTT *Last Minstr.* VI. xxiii, Each Baron, for a sable shroud, Sheath'd in his iron panoply. 1887 W. S. GILBERT *Ruddigore* II, Inky clouds, Like fuueral shrouds.

b. In fig., allusive, and symbolic uses.

1742 YOUNG *Nt. Th.* IV. 809 How swift the shuttle flies, that weaves thy shroud! 1820 SHELLEY *Autumn* 4 The Year On the earth her death-bed, in a shroud of leaves dead, Is lying. *c* 1860 BRYANT *New & Old* ii. Poet. Wks. (1891) 283 These gay idlers, the butterflies, Broke, to-day, from their winter shroud. 1865 RUSKIN *Sesame* ii. § 92, I do not wonder at the sensualist's life, with the shroud wrapped about his feet. 1869 J. H. NEWMAN in W. Ward *Life* (1912) II. 281 Dress me up, and you will soon have to make my shrowd.

c. *dial.* The charred sooty piece at the top of a burning wick which requires snuffing. (Supposed to betoken a death.)

1877 *Manley & Corringham Gloss.* 1894 H. NISBET *Bush Girl's Rom.* 142 The guttering..candles..melted from their blackened..wicks, all unheeded and shroud-environed.

† **3.** A place or dwelling which affords shelter; a retreat; a shelter, esp. one of a slight or temporary kind, as a tent or shed. *Obs.*

c 1380 *Sir Ferumb.* 2416 Þe þef..fond hure þer..liggyng vnder shroute. *Ibid.* 3358 Ameral atte is soper he of-say sittynge vnder shrout. *c* 1450 LYDG. *Life Our Lady* lxvii. (1484) k iij b, [The sun] To shewe his light in euery shroude & shade. 1552 B. GILPIN *Serm. bef. Edw. VI* (1630) 33 As for turning poore men out of their holdes, they take for no offence ..They turne them out of their shrouds as mice. 1576 GASCOIGNE *Philomene* xlix, Unto a selly shrowde A sheepcote closely builte Amid the woodds. 1577–87 HARRISON *England* II. xix. 205 in *Holinshed,* Our countrie conuerted..into the walks and shrowds of wild beasts. 1616 R. C. *Times' Whistle* (1871) 151 Then shall we see Christ comming in the cloudes, When some will wish whole mountaines were their shroudes. 1634 MILTON *Comus* 147 Run to your shrouds, within these Brakes and Trees. 1656–7 *Burton's Diary* (1828) I. 364 When men pull down their houses that are ruinous, they try awhile by setting up shrowds, but finding them drop in, they build their houses again.

4. *pl.* (rarely *sing.*) A crypt, vault; esp. applied to the Chapel of St. Faith in St. Paul's Cathedral. (Cf. CROWD *sb.*2) Now *Hist.*

1550 LEVER (*title*), A fruitfull Sermon made in Poules churche at London in the Shroudes. 1552 ELYOT *Dict., Apogæum,* a shrowdes or lyke buildinge vnder the grownde. 1599 HAKLUYT *Voy.* II. i. 153 A church vnder the ground, like to the shrouds in Pauls. 1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* XXVIII. ix. II. 321 Shee goeth downe into the vault or shrouds out of which she delivereth her prophesies. 1611 COTGR., *Apogée,* a shrowd, or deune vnder th' earth. 1790 PENNANT *London* (1793) 392 The preacher [at Paul's Cross] went, in very bad weather, to a place called the Shrowds. 1868 MILMAN *St. Paul's* VII. 164 According to some accounts the Shrouds were in the triforium of the church.

† **5.** Shadow, shade; *fig.* protection. *Obs.*

a 1586 SIDNEY *Ps.* XCI. ii, Soft hiv'd with wing and plume Thou in his shrowd shalt ly. 1588 KYD *Housek. Phil.* Wks. (1901) 248 To retyre them from the heate..vnder the shade of a Tree, or shroude of a Church. 1606 SHAKS. *Ant. & Cl.* III. xiii. 71 To heare from me you had left Anthony, And put your selfe vnder his shrowd, the vniuersal Landlord.

† b. The branches of a tree, considered as affording shade. *Obs.* (Cf. SHROUD *sb.*3)

1597 DRAYTON *Heroic. Ep.* 49 Where like a mounting Cedar he should beare His plumed top, aloft into the ayre; And let these shrubs sit vnderneath his shrowdes. 1611 BIBLE *Ezek.* xxxi. 3 The Assyrian was a Cedar in Lebanon with faire branches, and with a shadowing shrowd. [So 1884 Revised.]

6. A thing serving as a covering or protection; a defence; a covering, screen, veil, 'cloak', disguise. Now somewhat *rhetorical.*

1558 G. CAVENDISH *Poems* (1825) II. 171, I shall set my shrowd for my defence, Under the mantell of well wyllyng audyence. 1587 A. DAY *Daphnis & Chloe* (1890) 3 The greatest forwardness craueth a shrowd, and the meanest matter cannot be without defence. 1605 B. JONSON *Volpone* v. ii, Jove..Could not inuent, t' himselfe, a shroud more subtile, To passe Acrisivs guardes. 1621 G. SANDYS *Ovid's Metam.* v. (1632) 186 Sol, obscur'd in shrowds Of exhalations. 1651 CLEVELAND *Poems* 33 Thus Israel-like, he travells with a cloud, Both as a conduct to, and a shroud. 1697 POTTER *Antiq. Greece* III. x. (1715) 94 Their Tops were covered with raw Hides, and other Shrowds, to preserve them from Fire-balls and missive Weapons. 1699 POMFRET *Dies Noviss.* 103 Swath'd in substantial shrowds of night, The sick'ning sun shall from the world retire. 1808 SCOTT *Marm.* VI. xxvi, At length the freshening western blast Aside the shroud of battle cast. 1814 — *Ld. Isles* I. Introd., Beneath a shroud of russet dropp'd with gold Tweed and his tributaries mingle still. 1850 KINGSLEY *Alton Locke* xxvi, A grey shroud of rain sweeping up from the westward. 1867 'OUIDA' *Cecil Castlemaine* 6 The thickest shroud of the ivy.

7. Technical senses.

† a. In a windmill, a protective addition to horizontal sails. b. Either of the two annular plates at the periphery of a water-wheel, forming the ends of the buckets. c. A rim or flange cast on the ends of the teeth of a gear-wheel.

1576 *Reg. Mag. Sig. Scot. 1580–93* (1888) 101/1 Sustentando dictum molendinum in omnibus necessariis, preter in new schrouddis to be mylne aves. 1629 ROUS *Diary* (Camden) 41 Her [*sc.* a crow's] nest was layd betweene the shrowdes in the toppe saile [of a windmill]. 1660 R. D'ACRES *Elem. Water-drawing* 9 Some of these [horizontal sails of a mill] are made to go with shrouds or shelters, others without. *Ibid.,* Though the shrouds may keep blustring winds away, yet neither it, nor any thing else can keep the Air away. 1759 *Phil. Trans.* LI. 126 This wheel was two inches in the shroud or depth of the bucket. 1797 J. CURR *Coal Viewer* 31 [Specification for] jinneys for conveying the corves..1 Shroud for the middle, 2¾ [inches] by 1, and 1 ditto for the Brake. 1884 F. J. BRITTEN *Watch & Clockm.* 291 The space occupied by the shrouds precludes their use in watches, but in the going parts of clocks they answer well.

8. *attrib.* and *Comb.* in sense 2, as *shroud-cloth, -rags*; *shroud-bound, -like* adj. and adv., *-maker, -manufacturer*; **shroud-brass,** a memorial brass in which the deceased is represented in his shroud; **shroud-plate** = 7 b.

1865 NEALE *Hymns Parad.* 24 *Shroud-bound, tomb-held,..Thou canst raise me. 1890 *Daily News* 21 Oct. 5/2 Perhaps, a more truly morbid and abominable effigy never disgraced the walls of a place of worship than the *shroud brass. 1912 J. S. M. WARD *Brasses* 82 Skeletons. These are not so common as shroud brasses. *a* 1847 ELIZA COOK *To Mem. Burns* 1, Thy 'magic mantle's' glowing sheen, Burst through thy *shroud-cloth ere 'twas seen. 1697 DRYDEN *Virg. Georg.* I. 25 Thou, whose Hands the *Shrowd-like Cypress rear. 1835 LYTTON *Rienzi* X. v, In her shroud-like garments and attenuated frame, she seemed..as a spectre. 1913 *Engl. Rev.* May 244 The Vicar, his surplice

clinging shroudlike to his lank figure. 1890 SIMMONDS *Dict. Trade* Suppl., **Shroud Manufacturer*, a maker of grave clothes for a corpse. 1844 H. STEPHENS *Bk. Farm* II. 326 On the inside of the *shroud-plates are formed the grooves for securing the ends of the huckets. *a* 1847 ELIZA COOK *Dust* iii, He sorts the *shroud-rags, he heaps gray bones.

Shroud (ʃraud), *sb.*2 Forms: 5 shrowthe-s, shrode-s, srowde, 5–7 shrowde-s, 6 schroude-s, shrowed(e)-s, shrowes (?), 6–7 shroude-s, 6–8 shrowd-s, 7 shreed-s, 7– shroud-s. [Prob. a use of SHROUD *sb.*1; cf. the mod. naut. phrase 'to *clothe* the mast with the shrouds'; a mast or spar without its rigging is said to be 'naked'. The sense of 'shrouds of a ship' attributed to ON. *skrúð* and to Norw. *skrud* is not authenticated.

'Remembering that in the 15th c. the headropes (or shrouds) were very numerous, the appropriateness of the term shroud seems obvious' (L. G. Carr Laughton).]

1. A set of ropes, usually in pairs, leading from the head of a mast and serving to relieve the latter of lateral strain; they form part of the standing rigging of a ship.

a. *pl.* (See also *fore-shrouds* FORE- 3 d, *main-shrouds* MAIN *a.* 10, *mizen-shrouds* MIZEN 3; for an extended use see BENTINCK-, BOWSPRIT-, BUMKIN-, FUTTOCK- *shrouds*.)

1458 in *Archæologia* XXIX. 328 The mast hathe a welle good stay, W^t shrowthes sure. *c* 1485 *Digby Myst.* (1882) III. 1720 In-to þe shrowdes I woll me hye. *c* 1500 *Cocke Lorelles B.* 12 Some one the shrowedes dyde clyme. 1531 in J. Strutt *Mann. & Cust. Eng.* (1776) III. 53 Item 9 shrowds and a backe staye on either syd. 1589 in Hakluyt *Voy.* 282 Another walkes vpon the hatches, another climbes the shrowes. 1642 D. ROGERS *Naaman* 496 As in a ship each boy hath his taske, some to row..others to climb the shreeds. 1666 DRYDEN *Ann. Mirab.* cxlviii, To try new Shrouds one mounts into the wind, And one, below, their Ease or Stiffoess notes. 1726 SHELVOCKE *Voy. round World* 436 They seem to have but little regard to the support of their masts, to which their stays and shrouds hold no proportion. 1840 R. H. DANA *Bef. Mast* xxiii, In an instant every one sprung into the rigging, up the shrouds, and out on the yards. 1883 *Chamb. Jrnl.* 141 A heavy sea boarded the ship, dashing us into the mizen rigging, where we grasped the shrouds, and were saved.

b. *collect. sing.*

1465 *Mann. & Housch. Exp.* (Roxb.) 200 Payd be my mastyr for ropes for hyr srowde, ij.li. 1588 in *Harl. Misc.* (Malh.) II. 45 He shall shew lights, one in the poop, and another two shrowed high. 1691 T. H[ALE] *Acc. New Invent.* 126 Fitting of the Shrowd so as to make way for the gibbing of the Yards. 1814 SCOTT *Ld. Isles* III. xxiii, The favouring breeze, when loud It pipes upon the galley's shroud.

c. *sing.* Any one of such ropes.

1748 *Anson's Voy.* III. v. 341 The mast itself is supported.. by the shrowd..and by two stays. 1762 FALCONER *Shipwr.* II. 236 Secure your lines! grasp every man a shroud! 1851 H. MELVILLE *Whale* ix. 50 Stumbling to the deck [he] grasps a shroud to look out upon the sea. 1882 NARES *Seamanship* (ed. 6) 48 Each..bowsprit shroud [is] secured to its collar.

d. *fig.*

1595 SHAKS. *John* v. vii. 53 All the shrowds wherewith my life should saile, Are turned to one thred. 1602 MARSTON *Antonio's Rev.* II. ii, Readie to discharge Their pretious shot into the shrouds of heaven. 1667 DENHAM *Direct. Painter* II. 70 He quickly taught, pours in continual Clouds Of chain'd Dilemma's through our sinew'd Shrouds.

2. (See quot.)

1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.*, *Shroud*, the chains by which the smoke-stack is braced, in steamers.

3. *attrib.* and *Comb.* **shroud-bridle** (see quot.); **shroud hawser**, a shroud-laid rope; **shroud-knot**, a knot used in repairing a parted shroud; **shroud-laid** *a.*, applied to rope composed of four (formerly sometimes three) strands laid right-handed with a heart; **shroud-plate** (see quot.); **shroud-stopper**, a rope connecting parts of a shroud below or above a damaged part (1867 Smyth *Sailor's Word-bk.*); **shroud-tackle, -truck** (see quots.).

1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.*, **Shroud-bridle*, a kind of crow-foot fastened to the shrouds, to hold sheets, braces, etc. 1744 J. PHILIPS *Jrnl. Exped. Anson* 150 We receiv'd.. a thirteen Inch Cable and a *shroud Hawser. *c* 1860 H. STUART *Seaman's Catech.* 30 How do you make a *shroud-knot? 1860 *All Year Round* No. 66. 382 'Which knot?' asked Toby. 'Single or double wall, single or double diamond, Matthew Walker, spritsail-sheet, stopper, or shroud?' 1800 *Naval Chron.* III. 474 Three strond *shroud-laid rope. 1825 BUDGE *Miner's Guide* 98 The term 'shroud-laid' is used to distinguish a rope of three strands or parts from another of nine strands, which is termed 'cable-laid'. 1875 BEDFORD *Sailor's Pocket Bk.* x. (ed. 2) 360 Shroud-laid rope 4 strands and a heart Right-handed. 1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.*, **Shroud-plate*, 1. *a.* An iron plate fixed to a ship's side for the attachment of the shrouds. *b.* A ring surrounding a mast and to which the futtock-shrouds are secured. 1769 FALCONER *Dict. Marine* (1789), *Couladoux*, *shroud-tackles, which are used in the gallies..in the Mediterranean, in the place of dead-eyes and laniards. 1867 SMYTH *Sailor's Word-bk.*, **Shroud-trucks*. 1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.*, *Shroud-truck*, ..a wooden thimble secured to the shrouds and acting as a fair-leader for the running-rigging.

Shroud (ʃraud), *sb.*3 Now *dial.* [Formally identical with SHROUD *sb.*1, but with sense independently derived from the sense 'to cut' of the root. Cf. SHRED *sb.*] **a.** *collect. sing.* and *pl.* Loppings of a tree, branches or twigs cut off. **b.** (chiefly *pl.*) A branch or bough.

1475–6 in Swayne *Sarum Churchw. Acc.* (1896) 361 Of William Pole for the shrowde of the same elme, viijd. 1538 ELYOT *Dict.*, *Sarmenta*, twigges or shroude of trees cut of. 1555 EDEN *Decades* (Arb.) 73 Shrouddes of younge vines. *c* 1640 J. SMYTH *Lives Berkeleys* (1883) I. 114 Tythes for beech wood, loppes, shrowds, willowes. 1669 WORLIDGE *Syst. Agric.* (1681) 15 Aquatick Trees, whose shrowds shall exceed in value the Grass they injure. 1862 LOWELL *Biglow P.* Ser. II. vi. 93 In ellum-shrouds the flashin' hangbird clings.

Shroud (ʃraud), *v.*1 Forms: 3–4 scrude, 4 schroude, schruden, 4–5 shrude, 4–6 shroude, 5 shrowden, schrowude, 5–6 schroude, 6–7 shrowd(e, 7 shrow'd, shreud, shrewd, 6– shroud. *Pa. t.* 6–7 shrowded, 6– shrouded; *contr.* 3–4 scrud, 4 schrud, shroude, scrowd. *Pa. pple.* 3–4 scruded, 5 schruedede, 5 i-shrowdyd, schrouded, y-shrouded, 6–7 shrowded, 7 schroudit, 4– shrouded; *contr.* 3–4 scrud, 4–6 schroud, 5 schroude, 6 schroud, shrowed, 7 shroud. [f. SHROUD *sb.*1 Cf. SHRIDE *v.*1]

†**1.** *trans.* To clothe. *Obs.*

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 10448 Anna, leuedi,..scrud þe fair and mend þi chere! *Ibid.* 16346 Iesus thoght ful mikel scam quen he sua scruded was. *c* 1400 *Anturs of Arth.* 20 (Thornton MS.) Schruedede in a schorte cloke. *c* 1407 LYDG. *Reson & Sens.* 353 A mantel large hir self to shroude. *c* 1450 HOLLAND *Howlat* 84 Myterit..Schroude in his schene weid.

†**b.** *transf.* To adorn, deck. *Obs.*

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 8322 It sal be precius and prude, þe were he sal sua semele scrude. *Ibid.* 23404 He þat wroght al thing in lede And scrud þam alle in þair fairhede. ?*a* 1366 CHAUCER *Rom. Rose* 55 Ther is neither husk nor hay In May, that it nil shrouded been. 1500–20 DUNBAR *Poems* lxi. 3 Quhen gilletis wilbe schomd and schroud, That ridden ar baith with lord and lawd?

2. To give shelter or housing to; to shelter. *arch.* Now only with admixture of 5 or 6.

c 1450 LYDG. *Life Our Lady* xviii. (1484) cvj, Quod gabriel within thy blessyd syde The holy ghoost shal I shrowdyd be. 1579 SPENSER *Sheph. Cal.* Apr. 32 The whiles our flockes doe graze about in sight, And we close shrowded in thys shade alone. 1582 STANYHURST *Æneis* IV. 80 Fayre fowls ..shrowded in hard bed Of thorny thickets. 1603 KNOLLES *Hist. Turks* (1621) 83 Thrust out of all they had,..not knowing where to shroud their heads. 1614 RALEIGH *Hist. World* I. iv. 68 One of these trees considered with all his young ones may (indeede) shrowde foure hundred or foure thousand horsemen. 1671 MILTON *P. R.* IV. 419 Ill wast thou shrouded then, O patient Son of God. 1859 C. BARKER *Assoc. Princ.* i. 13 Some quiet cell, where they might shroud their grey hairs. 1860 FARRAR *Orig. Lang.* i. 17 The joyous birds, shrouded in cheerful shade.

†**b.** *refl.* To take shelter. *Obs.*

1553 T. WILSON *Rhet.* Pref. A iij b, Having neither house to shroude them in, nor attyre to clothe their backes. 1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* I. i. 6 Angry Ioue an hideous storme of raine Did poure into his Lemans lap..And this faire couple eke to shroud themselues were fain. 1620–55 I. JONES *Stone-Heng* (1725) 8 Some..made themselves places of Lome and Twigs.., to creep into, and shroud themselves in. 1642–4 VICARS *God in Mount* 193 They forced all the Musketeers ..to run in and shroud themselves within their pikes. 1653 H. COGAN tr. *Pinto's Trav.* xvii. 60 They came into the Port to shrewd themselves from the storm as others did.

c. *intr.* To seek shelter or retirement; to take shelter or refuge. *arch.*

1579 SPENSER *Sheph. Cal.* Feb. 122 In his small bushes vsed to shrowde The sweete Nightingale. 1610 SHAKS. *Temp.* II. ii. 42, I will here shrowd till the dregges of the storme be past. 1634 MILTON *Comus* 316 If your stray attendance be yet lodg'd Or shroud within these limits. 1648 J. RAYMOND *It Merc. Ital.* Pref. 1 A weather beaten Traveller needs no such Umbrilla as a Patron to shroud under. *c* 1746 COLLINS *Ode to Fear* 48 Wilt thou shroud in haunted cell, Where gloomy Rape and Murder dwell? 1793–4 WORDSW. *Guilt & Sorrow* xx, One who, forced from storms to shroud, Felt the loose walls of this decayed Retreat Rock. 1818 KEATS *Endym.* IV. 190 What enamour'd bride Cheated by shadowy wooer from the clouds, But hides and shrouds Beneath dark palm-trees by a river side?

†**d.** *intr.* and *pass.* To be huddled *up* or *together*.

1530 PALSGR. 702/1 Se howe yonder kyne shrowde to gyther for colde. 1553 T. WILSON *Rhet.* 64 b, Beastes and birdes without reason loue one another, thei shroude, and thei flocke together. 1623 J. TAYLOR (Water P.) *World runnes on Wheeles* Wks. (1630) II. 242 Peoples guts like to be crushed out being crowded and shrowded vp against stalls.

3. To cover so as to protect; to screen from injury or attack; to afford protection to. ? *Obs.*

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 9902 Þis castel..o luue and grace..wit kirnels es vm-sett ful well, scrud on ilk side wit sele. *c* 1475 *Rauf Coilyear* 459 Trewlie that tenefull was trimland than, Semelie schapin and schroud in that Scheild schene. *c* 1580 in *Archæologia* XI. 224 Vnder the protection of y^e peere.. whereby thay are shrowed from the radge of the sea. *c* 1582 *Ibid.* 227 No shelues of beache haue euer growne or remayned longer then they haue byn shrowded and protected by the peer. 1587 FLEMING *Contn. Holinshed* III. 1309/1 Whom he would in no wise shrowd or haue in his house and companie. 1618 LATHAM *Falconry* II. (1633) 84 Shee will grow so farre in loue..with you..and account her selfe safely shrowded when she hath your companie. 1674 N. FAIRFAX *Bulk & Selv.* 40 The main Castleward to shrowd these weaklings from blows and qualmes. 1810 SCOTT *Lady of L.* II. xiii, From ire Of Scotland's king who shrouds my sire.

†**b.** *refl.* To protect oneself, seek protection. *Obs.*

14.. LYDG. *Beware of Doubleness* 72 They have no better proteccioun But shroude hem under doublenesse. 1575 tr. *Marlorat's Apoc.* 49 The sayde lawlesse libertie of whore-hunting..shrouded it selfe vnder the bond of brotherly loue. 1615 W. LAWSON *Country Housew. Garden* (1626) A 2, I could..so shroud my selfe from scandall vnder your honourable fauour. 1692 T. WATSON *Body Divin.* 376 The Thief that shrowds himself under Law. 1698 FRYER *Acc. E. India & P.* 2 A great many [Ships] that had shrowded themselves under our Protection..

†**4.** To conceal in a secret place or in a secret manner. Often *refl.*, to retire to a hiding-place; *pass.* to be in hiding. *Obs.*

c 1402 LYDG. *Compl. Bl. Knt.* 147, I..gan..Among the busshes me prively to shroude. 1560 BECON *New Catech.* Wks. (1564) 389 Shal any man be able to shroude himselfe in such a corner, that I can not espye him? 1563–70 FOXE *A. & M.* (ed. 2) 2125/2 [She] shrouded her selfe in a low ditch with nettles. 1588 SHAKS. *L. L. L.* IV. iii. 137, I haue beene closely shrowded in this bush, And markt you both. 1603 — *Ham.* (1st Qo.) 1452 [III. iv. 2] I'll shrowde my selfe behinde the Arras. 1612 WEBSTER *White Devil* I. ii. 40 Shrowd you within this closet, good my lord. 1641–2 CHAS. I *Wks.* (1662) I. 395, I am come to demand such Prisoners ..and do believe they are shrowded in the City.

†**b.** *intr.* To be concealed, lie hid. *Obs.*

c 1450 LYDG. *Life Our Lady* xlviii. (1484) g vi, The septer of whom..shal..neuer cese ne in couert shroude. 1576 GASCOIGNE *Philomene* vi, How covertly doth sorow shrowde, In trymmest worldely toys. 1649 LOVELACE *Lucasta, Amyntor's Grove*, Or have you seene the Lightning shrowd, And straight breake through th'opposing cloud? 1662 R. MATHEW *Unl. Alch.* 65 Many..shroud under a cloak of Religion.

5. To hide from view, as by a veil, darkness, cloud; to cover so as to conceal; to screen, veil.

1426 LYDG. *De Guil. Pilgr.* 22288 The tother party, wonder myrk, Schrouded with a cloude dyrk. 1503 HAWES *Examp. Virtue* IX. 162 Lycyna eke dyd her shrowde Vnder a blacke and mysty clowde. 1607 *Merry Devil Edmonton* II. iii. 77 That disguise will hardly shrowd my woe. 1624 CAPT. SMITH *Virginia* II. 32 Thus shrowding his body in the skinne hy stalking he approacheth the Deere. 1697 DRYDEN *Virg. Georg.* I. 444 The Father of the Gods his Glory shrouds, Involv'd in Tempests, and a Night of Clouds. 1797 MRS. RADCLIFFE *Italian* I, A monk whose face was shrouded by his cowl. 1820 W. IRVING *Sketch Bk.* II. 59 A thin transparent vapour..threatening gradually to shroud the landscape. 1827 LYTTON *Pelham* vi, I was shrouded at that moment from his sight by one of the yew trees. 1902 BUCHAN *Watcher by Threshold* 288 The hills, shrouded in grey mist. 1912 *Stage Year Bk.* 27 They performed in evening dress, but were shrouded in sombre cloaks and masks.

6. In immaterial sense: To screen from observation; to envelop or wrap *up*, as in obscurity or mystery; to veil under an appearance or 'show': sometimes with implication of disguise or concealment for an evil purpose.

1412–20 LYDG. *Chron. Troy* I. 2262 Whiche in þe ende, to her confusioun, Can vnder sugre schrowden her poysoun. 1509 HAWES *Past. Pleas.* II. (1555) 40 The poetes..underneth the trouth doth so shroude, Both good an yll. 1579 GOSSON *Sch. Abuse* Ep. Ded. (Arb.) 16 The shorteste Pamphlette may shrowde matter. *c* 1585 *Faire Em* II. ii. 91 Is this William the Conqueror, shrouded vnder the name of sir Robert of Windsor? 1634 W. TIRWHYT tr. *Balzac's Lett.* 340, I honour vertue..under what shape soever it is shrowded. 1642 H. MORE *Song of Soul* II. iii. II. xlii, Nor doth the soul that in this flesh doth croud Her self rely on that thick vapour where she's shroud. 1726 POPE *Odyss.* XIX. 343 Irresolute of soul, his state to shrowd In dark disguise. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* II. v. v, The Queen, shrouded in deepest mystery. 1838 PRESCOTT *Ferd. & Is.* VII. (1846) I. 328 Its proceedings were impenetrably shrouded from the public eye. 1855 — *Philip II* II. xii. I. 288 We find her communications..frequently shrouded in cipher. 1867 FREEMAN *Norm. Conq.* (1877) I. 64 The whole of the short reign of Eadwig is shrouded in mystery. 1874 GREEN *Short Hist.* vi. § 3. 286 His indolence and gaiety were mere veils beneath which Edward shrouded a profound political ability.

b. *refl.*

a 1569 KINGESMYLL *Confl. Satan* (1578) 12 He shrowdeth himselfe under the robe of trueth. 1576 GASCOIGNE *Grief of Joy* IV. xi. Wks. 1910 II. 550, I graunt that pastyme ys the lowly porte, Wherein mans mynde, maie shrewd itself full oft. 1606 BRYSKETT *Civ. Life* 84 If it happen that any abuse do grow and shrowd it selfe vnder the name of a custome. 1650 FULLER *Pisgah* IV. ii. 21 The remains of that nation, which escaped that dismall overthrow, shrowded themselves under the names of some neighbouring people. 1791 BURKE *App. Whigs* Wks. 1842 I. 518 Mr. Burke, instead of shrowding himself in exploded ignorance [etc.). 1823 SCOTT *Quentin D.* xii, Courage occasionally shrouds itself under the show of modest timidity. 1882 W. BALLANTINE *Exper.* xxiv. 233 He shrouded himself with a solemn air as if he was thinking profoundly. 1889 H. F. WOOD *Englishman Rue Cain* xi, When I see some fellow shrouding himself in studied silence.

7. To put a shroud on (a corpse), lay in a shroud; hence, to prepare for burial, bury.

1577 T. KENDALL *Flowers of Epigr.* 77 This cuttes, his graue must cost a groate, to shrowde his carrin corse. 1604 SHAKS. *Oth.* IV. iii. 24 If I do die before, prythee shrow'd me In one of these same Sheetes. 1610 *Women Saints* 24 That I may for pouertie he shrowded in a sheete of an other bodies. 1681 *Disc. Tanger* 24 The Earl commanded the two dead Bodies..to be decently washt, and shrouded. 1718 G. SEWELL *Proclam. Cupid* 8 He has been shrowded—full three hundred Years. 1812 H. & J. SMITH *Horace in London* 129 Chaunt, widow'd muse, my dying speech, And shroud my ashes in the abbey. 1856 GROTE *Greece* II. xcvi. XII. 453 He..caused his dead body to be honorably shrouded and transmitted into Macedonia for burial. 1858 R. S. HAWKER in *Life* (1905) 307 The..place wherein I have laid out and shrouded and coffined now four and twenty dead Sailors.

†**8.** To include, embrace. *Obs. rare.*

1593 NASHE *Christ's T.* T 4 b, Vnder Gluttony, I shrowde not onely excesse in meate, but in drinke also.

9. *Mech.* To furnish (the sail of a windmill, a water-wheel) with shrouds.

1660 L. D'ACRES *Elem. Water-drawing* 9 The other sort of Horizontal sailes with shrouds, move more quietly, but with no worthy strength, though the one half be shrouded

never so wel. 1834-6 Barlow in *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) VIII. 88/2 The sides [of a breast wheel] are also sometimes close shrouded, or closed in on the sides to retain the Water, and it thus becomes a sort of bucket wheel. 1869 Rankine *Machine & Hand-tools* Pl. J 3 The crank plate .. being shrouded to a certain extent around the periphery.

Shroud (ʃraud), *v.*[2] *local.* Also 6–7 **shrowd(e, shrood.** [f. Shroud *sb.*[3] Cf. Shride *v.*[2]] *trans.* To lop (a tree or its branches); also with *off*; occas. *absol.*

1577–87 Harrison *England* II. xxii. 212 in *Holinshed*, To shrowd, staie vpright, and cherish the same [trees] in the blustering winters weather. 1581 J. Bell *Haddon's Answ. Osor.* 493 [One] who..may pare away all rotten and vnsauory subtilties, .. may shrowde of all vnprofitable and withered superfluities and reduplications. 1582 *B. N. C. Docum.* (Marston R.[2]), The Queen may shrood or lop anie tree or trees. 1662 Herne in *Collect.* (O. H. S.) I. 246 All such pollards the tenants..shrowd when they make their hedges. 1764 *Museum Rust.* II. liii. 149, I..requested him either to cut down the elms, or permit me to shrowd them. 1861 Hughes *Tom Brown at Oxf.* xxxv, By the time the tree was felled and shrouded, Tom was in a convalescent state. 1887 Harov *Woodlanders* xiii, I'll climb up this afternoon and shroud off the lower boughs. *c* 1890 Morris in Mackail *Life* (1899) I. 7 The said hornbeams were all pollards, being shrouded every four or six years.

Shroud, obs. form of Shrewd.

Shroudage (ʃrau·dėdʒ). *poet.* [f. Shroud *sb.*[2] + -age.] The shrouds (of a ship).

1893 F. Thompson *Poems* 72 Its vaporous shroudage drenched with icy rain. 1901 H. Trench *Deirdre Wed*, etc. 101 He, acquainted well with every tone Of madness whining in his shroudage slender.

Shrou·ded, *ppl. a.* [f. Shroud *v.*[1] + -ed[1].] Concealed, veiled; sheltered; enveloped in a shroud.

1600 Nashe *Summers Last Will* G 2 Cunning shrowded rogues. 1708 *Phil. Trans.* XXVI. 79 The Pholad, or Shrouded Shell. 1821 Joanna Baillie *Metr. Leg., Lady Griseld Baillie* xli, Joy appears with shrouded head. 1821 Lamb *Elia* I. *Old Benchers Inner T.*, That goodly pile.. confronting..the lighter, older, more fantastically shrouded one. 1840 Carlyle *Heroes* vi, Brave old Samuel Johnson, in his shrouded-up existence. 1870 Disraeli *Lothair* lxi. One of them pressed her finger to her shrouded lips. 1888 Meredith *Hymn to Colour* v, Shall man..learn the secret of the shrouded death, By lifting up the lid of a white eye?

b. *Mech.* (See quot.)

1875 Knight *Dict. Mech., Shrouded gear*, ..cog-gear in which the cogs are protected by a flange coming out even with the face of the wheel, so that the interdental spaces are in effect mortises in the face of the wheel.

Shrou·der. *rare*—[1]. [f. Shroud *v.*[1] + -er[1].] One who shrouds or covers up.

a 1591 H. Smith *Serm.* (1675) 244 Noah..is made naked with sin, to shew that sin is no shrouder, but a stripper.

Shrou·ding, *vbl. sb.* [f. Shroud *v.*[1] + -ing[1].]

1. †Clothing (*obs.*); covering with a shroud or screen; protection, concealment; laying in a shrond.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 27930 Fole contenance and ful scruding. 1615 W. Lawson *Country Housew. Garden* (1626) 13 Stonewals..are the best..for fencing, lasting, and shrouding of your yong trees. *a* 1617 Hieron *Wks.* II. 260 Shelter and shrowding from such mischiefs as the life of man is subiect to. 1674 N. Fairfax *Bulk & Selv.* Ep. Ded., A..Cedar.. within the bosom of whose shrowdings I must be cloakt from wind and weather. 1856 Ld. Cockburn *Mem.* (1874) iii. 152 Gillespie's Hospital for the shrouding of aged indigence. 1858 R. S. Hawker in *Life* (1905) 308 The shrouding and placing in his house of wood.

2. *Mech.* The shrouds of a water-wheel forming an annular rim at the ends of the buckets.

1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) XVIII. 903/2 The ring of board ..making the ends of the buckets is called the shrouding.. and *QP* is called the depth of shrouding. 1834–6 Barlow in *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) VIII. 88/2 In some cases the shrouding is omitted, in which case great accuracy is requisite in forming the race and hanging the wheel. 1850 Weale *Dict. Terms Archit.* 514 A water-wheel..consists of..shaft, arms, buckets, and shrouding. 1875 J. H. Collins *Metal Mining* 96 The wheel..having 10 wrought-iron arms ..rivetted or bolted to the centre, and to the shrouding.

3. *attrib.* †**shrouding board,** ? a protecting board; †**shrouding place,** a hiding-place; so †*shrouding corner*; **shrouding-plate** = *shroud-plate* Shroud *sb.*[1] 8; †**shrouding sheet,** a winding sheet.

1679–80 in Swayne *Churchw. Acc. Sarum* (1896) 343 A stay and a *shrowding board, 1s. 1610 Holland *Camden's Brit.* I. 224 This Isle afforded him a very fit *shrowding corner. 1571 Golding *Calvin on Ps.* xi. 1 For all his seeking of *shrowding places everywhere, yet he could nowhere fynd any courtesie. 1611 Florio, *Velabro*, a booth or shrouding place. 1639 H. Ainsworth *Annot. Ps.* lxi. 4 A safe hope] or shrowding place, where hee hoped for, and had found safe shelter. 1844 H. Stephens *Bk. Farm* II. 326 The *shrouding plates are bolted upon the buckets and soling. 1576 Curtevs *Two Serm.* A vj, The rich men of this world shall..carry away with them nothing but a *shrowding sheet. 1576 Newton *Lemnie's Complex.* (1633) 242 Lapped in their shrowding sheets, and tyed after the manner of dead Corses. 1610 Holland *Camden's Brit.* I. 569 Enwrapped in an Ox-hide for a shrouding sheet. 1699 Ld. Tabbut in Pepys *Diary* (1870) 688 If they see a man with a shrouding-sheet in the apparition.

Shrou·ding, *vbl. sb.*[2] [f. Shroud *v.*[2]] Lopping of trees; *pl.* loppings.

1725 *Bradley's Fam. Dict., Shrouding*, the Lopping of Trees. 1764 *Museum Rust.* II. liii. 150 Green shrowdings of trees.

Shrou·ding, *vbl. sb.*[3] [f. Shroud *sb.*[2] + -ing[1].] The shrouds of a ship.

1890 R. Bridges *Passer-by* iii, Aslant with trim tackle and shrouding.

Shrou·ding, *ppl. a.* [f. Shroud *v.*[1] + -ing[2].] That shrouds, veils, covers, or conceals.

1623 Markham *Country Housew. Gard.* III. v. (1665) 76 They both require a strong and shrowding fence. 1826 Miss Mitford *Village* II. 214 Madame la duchesse, in her hideous shrouding cap. 1863 I. Williams *Baptistery* xxii. (1874) 67 Here, from the terrors of the grave, The new-born Church..Issued, as from a shrouding cave. 1883 Dixon *Mano* II. iv. 77 She..Back to her horse withdrew for shrouding gown. 1888 E. Gerard *Land beyond Forest* xiii, A carved oak chair heavily wreathed in shrouding cobwebs.

Shrou·dless, *a.* [f. Shroud *sb.*[1] + -less.]

1. Without a shroud or winding-sheet.

1758 Dodsley *Melpomene* xi, A mangled corse .. lies shroudless, unentomb'd. 1821 Scott *Pirate* xvi, Tolling shroudless seamen's knell. *a* 1848 O. W. Holmes *Lexington* 52 Shroudless and tombless they sunk to their rest.

2. Unshrouded, unobscured.

1841 C. Swain *Mind* IV. xxxv, Above, the stars in shroudless beauty shine.

Shroudly, obs. form of Shrewdly.

Shroudy (ʃrau·di), *a. rare.* [f. Shroud *sb.*[1] + -y.] Affording shelter.

1634 Milton *Comus* 315 (MS. Trin. Coll.), If yo[r] stray attendance he yet lodg'd w[th]in these shroudie limits.

Shrove, *sb. Obs.* exc. *dial.* [Short for Shrove-tide or Shrove Tuesday.] Shrovetide, or the merrymaking connected therewith.

1579 in Feuillerat *Revels Q. Eliz.* (1908) 327 During Christmas..& Shrove. 1621 Brathwait *Nat. Embassie*, etc. 178 In their wakes, shrones, wassel-cups, or tides. 1913 *19th Cent.* July 133 Nora was to marry Tom Mahony next Shrove.

b. *Comb.*: **shrove-cake,** a small cake made to give children who go shroving (Halliwell, 1847); †**shrove-cock** = *shroving-cock* (see Shroving *vbl. sb.* b); †**shrove-prentice,** one of 'a set of ruffianly fellows, who took upon them at Shrovetide the name of London Prentices, and in that character invaded houses of ill-fame' (Halliwell).

1638 Davenant *Madagascar*, etc. 29 More cruell than Shrove-Prentices, when they (Drunk in a Brothell House) are bid to pay. 1659 *Lady Alimony* v. ii. 14, O ye pittiful Simpletons, who spend your days in throwing Cudgels at Jack a Lents or Shrove-Cocks.

Shrove, *v. Obs.* exc. *dial.* [f. *shrove-* in Shrove-tide.] *intr.* To keep Shrove-tide; to make merry. Often in (*to go*) *a-shroving* (locally applied to the practice of going round singing for money on Shrove Tuesday).

1586 J. Hooker *Hist. Irel.* in *Holinshed* II. 99/1 He trauelled to Rome a shrouing, of set purpose to be merrie. 1596 Nashe *Saffron Walden* P 2 b, To certefie him that verie shortly hee would send him a couple of Hennes to Shrone with. 1611 Florio, *Berlingaccione*, one that loueth to shrone euer and make good cheere. 1620 in *Crt. & Times Jas. I* (1849) II. 198 Those ladies have invited them to a masque..so that on Thursday next, the king, prince, and all the court go thither a shroving. *a* 1625 Fletcher *Noble Gent.* III. ii, To see him stated thus, as though he went A shroving through the City. *c* 1645 Howell *Lett.* IV. vii. (1892) II. 571 Hans Boobikin, a rich Boor's Son, whom his Father had sent abroad a Fryaring, that is, shroving in our Language. [See also Shroving *vbl. sb.*]

†**Shro·veday.** *Obs. rare*—[0]. In 5 **shrof-.** [See Shrovetide.] Shrove Tuesday.

14.. *Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 571/3 *Carnipriuium*, shrofday.

Shrove Monday. ? *Obs.* Also 6 **shroff.** [See Shrove-tide.] The Monday before Shrove Tuesday.

c 1450 *Bale's Chron.* 195 in *Six Town Chron.* (1911) 121 The monday clept shrovemonday folewyng the xxi day of ffeverer. 1523 R. Hilles in *Songs, Carols*, etc. (1907) p. xiv, The sh[r]off monday þat was the VIII day of februari. 1589 in Hakluyt *Voy.* 231, I Departed out of London..vpon Shroue munday 1583. 1671 in *12th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. v. 22 Here is no newes but that the grand ballett is not to be danced till Shrove-Munday. 1709 *Rider's British Merlin*, Fair on Shrovemonday at Newcastle under Line. 1837 *Penny Cycl.* VIII. 32/1 Principal fairs held in Cornwall:—..Liskeard, Shrove Monday [etc.].

Shrove-mouse, obs. form of Shrew-mouse.

†**Shrove Sunday.** *Obs.* Also 5–6 **shrof(f, -ffe,** 6 **shroft, shrofe.** [See Shrove-tide.] The Sunday in Shrove-tide, Quinquagesima Sunday.

1463 *Maldon, Essex Crt. Rolls* Bundle 38 No. 2 Dominica vocata Shrofsunday. *a* 1500 *Gough Chron.* in *Six Town Chron.* (1911) 164 On Shrofe Sonday the kyng hadd pur-posed to have goone Northward. 1556 *Chron. Grey Friars* (Camden) 96 The xxiij. of February [1555] was Shroft sonday. 1570 in D. Digges *Complete Ambass.* (1655) 51 Mr. Norris is arrived here yesterday, being Shrove-sunday. 1612 Selden *Illustr. Drayton's Poly-olb.* xi. 207 That the Clergy should fast from Quinquagesima (that is, Shrove-sunday) to Easter. *a* 1662 Heylin *Laud* I. (1668) 66 Laud preaching on Shrove-Sunday, Anno 1614. 1843 Keith *Treat. Globes* 183 Shrove Sunday or Quinquagesima Sunday is 7 weeks Before Easter.

†**Shrove Thursday.** *Obs. rare.* App. erron. for Sheer Thursday = Maundy Thursday.

1518–19 *Rec. St. Mary at Hill* (1904) 301 Paid for watur on shrofthursday & on Estur Even for þe fount..j[d]. 1530 Palsgr. 267/2 Schrove thursday, *jeuuedy absolu* [on pp. 266/2, 811/2 glossed correctly 'Sherethursday'].

Shro·ve-tide. Also 5 **schrof-, -ffe-, shorff-,** 5–6 **shrof(f)-,** 6 *north.* **s(c)hraf-,** 6–7 **shros-** (?); 6 **shrosty** (?), **shrovety.** [Of obscure origin.

The first element is undoubtedly related to Shrive and refers to the custom of being shriven in preparation for Lent.

An OE. **scráf* shriving, confession, f. *scrifan* to Shrive, would account phonologically for *shrove-*, but, if the form actually existed, the absence of evidence for this group of words until the 15th c. is remarkable. (Other early names for the season were Fastens-een, Fast-gong, Fastingong.)]

The period comprising Quinquagesima Sunday and the two following days, 'Shrove' Monday and Tuesday.

c 1425 *Orolog. Sapient.* vii. in *Anglia* X. 386/39 Þe sondaye In Quinquagesime, with þe tweyne dayes folowynge, þat is clepyd Schroftyde. *c* 1512 *Regul. Northumbld. Househ.* (1770) 377 From Alhallowtid to Shraftide. 1544 *Star Chamber Cases* (Selden Soc.) II. 250 Frome all halouday vntyll Shrostyde. 1597 Shaks. *2 Hen. IV*, v. iii. 38 'Tis merry in Hall, when Beards wagge all; And welcome merry Shronetide. *c* 1618 Moryson *Itin.* IV. 488 Paying their tribute to the Pope at Shrostyde, when they are allowed to shewe publike games. 1670 Lassels *Voy. Italy* I. 214 Having spunn out thus the time till near Carnavale or shroftide. 1795 Southey *Joan of Arc* X. 434 He could sing Carols for Shrove-tide, or for Candlemas. 1853 Rock *Ch. Fathers* III. ii. 61 Shrove-tide, or the week before Lent.

1544 in *Sel. Cases Crt. Requests* (Selden Soc.) 96 The tenauntes..shall befor Shrosty next..pay the rerages of the same. 1573 in Feuillerat *Revels Q. Eliz.* (1908) 212 To know..his pleasure for preparacions to be made against Shrovety.

b. *fig.* A time of merriment.

1840 Longf. *Span. Stud.* III. i, Enjoy the merry shrove-tide of thy youth!

c. *attrib.*, as *Shrovetide even, -fool*; †**Shrove-tide cock,** a cock tied up and pelted with sticks on Shrove Tuesday; †**Shrovetide hen,** a hen sent as a present on Shrove Tuesday.

1598 Bp. Hall *Sat.* IV. v, A Shroftide Hen, Which bought to giue, he takes to sell agen. *c* 1640 H. Bell *Luther's Colloq. Mens.* (1652) 283 The world cannot live without such Vizards and Shrovetide-Fools. 1700 Dryden *Fables, Cock & Fox* 106 Never was Shrovetide-Cock in such a Fear. 1768 Trusler *Hogarth Moralized* 180 Throwing at a cock, the universal shrove-tide amusement. 1789 Wolcott (P. Pindar) *Subj. for Painters* 7 Martyr beat like Shrovetide cocks with bats. 1820 Scott *Monast.* xxxiv, As surely.. as ever cock fought on Shrove-tide-even.

Shrove Tuesday. Also 5 **chrofte-,** 5–6 **shrof-,** 6 **shroff-, shroft-, shraf-.** [See prec.] The Tuesday immediately preceding Ash Wednesday; often called *pancake day.*

a 1500 *Gough Chron.* in *Six Town Chron.* (1911) 159 On Chroftetewesday the Erle of Warwikk come from Caleis w[t] a faire felloshipp. 1599 Nashe *Lenten Stuffe* E 4 They would..stand crosse-gag'd with knives in their mouthes from one Shroft-tuisday to another. 1620 J. Taylor (Water P.) *Wks.* (1630) I. 115/2 By the vnmanerly maners of Shrone-Tuesday Constables are baffled, Bawds are bang'd, Punckes are pillag'd. *c* 1640 [Shirley] *Capt. Underwit* IV. ii. in Bullen *O. Pl.* (1883) II. 381 Tis Shrovetuesday and the prentices are pulling downe Covent Garden. 1764 *Oxf. Sausage* 22 Let glad Shrove-Tuesday bring the Pancake thin. 1817 Byron *Beppo* i, Some weeks before Shrove Tuesday comes about, The people take their fill of recreation. 1911 MacCulloch *Relig. Anc. Celts* xiv, A cock or hen was ceremonially killed and eaten on Shrove Tuesday.

b. *allusively.* A time of merriment.

1609 B. Jonson *Silent Wom.* III. i, Neuer a time, that the ..collegiates come to the house, but you make it a shrone-tuesday! 1621 J. Taylor (Water P.) *Praise Beggery* D 2, May euery day of the yeare be a Shronetuesday.

c. *attrib.*, as *Shrove Tuesday night, pancake*; †**Shrove Tuesday cock** = *Shrovetide cock.*

1615 T. Herbert *News Islington* (Halliw. 1848) 21 As flat as a Shrove-Tuesday pancake. *a* 1625 Fletcher *Nice Valour* III. iii, Never was Shrove-tuesday Bird So cudgell'd. 1634 T. Carew (*title*) Coelum Britannicum. A masque..on Shrove-Tuesday night. 1697 R. Pierce *Bath Mem.* Pref. 6 [He] does..set up a Shrove-Tuesday Cock, for every one to throwat. 1848 Whately *Let.* in *Life* (1866) II. 135, I should reply, I will not set up any proposal like a Shrove-Tuesday cock for you to pelt at.

Shro·ving, *vbl. sb. Obs.* exc. *dial.* [f. *shrove-* in Shrove-tide; cf. Shrove *sb.* and *v.*] The keeping of Shrove-tide; the merrymaking characteristic of this season; festive rejoicing; carnival.

1580 Tusser *Husb.* (1878) 180 At Shrøftide to shroning, go thresh the fat hen. 1599 Dekker *Shoomakers Hol.* V. v. (1610) K 4 A day of shroning which I promist to al the mery prentises of London. 1617 Moryson *Itin.* III. 173, I have seene Curtizans..in time of shroving, apparrelled like men, in carnation or light coloured doublets and breeches. *a* 1656 Hales *Gold. Rem.* III. (1673) 4 What else..was the whole life of this miserable man here, but in a manner a perpetual Shroving? 1855 *N. & Q.* Ser. I. XI. 239 [In the Isle of Wight] Shroving, shroving, I am come to shroving.

b. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *shroving day, dish, time, ware, week*; **shroving cock, hen** = *Shrove-tide cock, hen.*

1537 tr. *Latimer's Serm. bef. Convoc. Clergy* Cij, They..liue euery day as though al their life were a shrouynge tyme. 1593 G. Harvey *Pierce's Super.* Wks. (Grosart) II. 115 His shrouing ware [is] but lenten stuff. 1603 Florio *Montaigne* III. xiii. 656, I..keepe my shroving dayes vpon fish dayes; and my feasts vpon fasting-dayes. 1611 in *Songs Lond. Prentices* (Percy Soc.) 152, I will lay my lips to a fat shroving hen That none of these will 'er be had againe. 1612 in *Crt. & Times Jas. I* (1848) I. 235 The king came to town, and tarried here all that Shroving week. 1621 Quarles *Argalus & P.* Introd., That he may stand like a Jack a Lent, or a Shroving Cock, for Everyone to spend a Cudgel at. 1625 B. Jonson *Staple of N.* Induct., His sweating put me in mind of a good Shrouing dish..a stew'd Poet! 1660 Milton *Free Commw.* Wks. 1851 V. 421 Before so long a Lent of Servitude, they may permit us a little Shroving-time first.

1692 R. L'Estrange *Fables* cccxcviii. 372 The Cudgelling of Shroving-Cocks is a Barbarous custom.

Shrow, obs. form of Shrew.

Shro·wardly, *adv. nonce-wd.* [? f. *shrow*, Shrew *sb.*2 after *frowardly*.] = Shrewdly.

1689 Etheredge *Love in Tub* I. ii, Now haue I..wounded her reputation shrowardly.

Shrowd(e, obs. forms of Shrewd, Shroud.

Shrub (ʃrʊb), *sb.*[1] Forms: 2–7 **shrubbe**, 4–6 **s(c)hrobbe**, 6 **shroub**, **shrewb**, 6–7 **shrubb**, 7 **shrob**, 6– **shrub**. [App. repr. OE. *scrybb* fem. (occurring only once) presumed to mean 'shrubbery, underwood'. There may have been a parallel form **scrubb* without umlaut. (Scrub *sb.*[1] is a parallel form.)

The following forms seem to be all related to the Eng. word and their meanings point to a general sense of 'rough plant or bush': NFris. *skrobb* the broom plant, underwood, brushwood, WFlem. *schrobbe* climbing wild pea or vetch, Norw. *skrubba* dwarf cornel, Da. dial. *skrub* brushwood.]

1. A woody plant smaller than a tree; *spec.* in *Bot.* a perennial plant having several woody stems growing from the same root.

972 in Birch *Cartul. Sax.* (1893) III. 603 Of þare stan stræte andlang sorybbe [*Note*, 'or *scrybbe*, the MS. indistinct'] þæt hit cymð to Acantune. 11.. *Ibid.* I. 58 Fram Winebrigtih westrigte to one weie þet geþ to Winchestre þat is ihoten shrubbeshedde bitwiene þe shrubbes and Winebrigt.

1387 Trevisa *Higden* (Rolls) II. 61 Schroysbury..hatte Schroisbury of schrobbes and fruyt þat grewe somtyme on þat hille. 1393 Langl. *P. Pl.* C. I. 2 Y shop me into shrobbis [*v. r.* schrubbes] as y a shepherde were. 1398 Trevisa *Barth. De P. R.* xvii. ci. (1495) 666 Mirtus is a lytyll tree as it were a shrubbe. 1530 Palsgr. 267/2 Schrobbe a bussbe, *arbrisseau*. 1553 Eden *Treat. Newe Ind.* (Arb.) 18 This tree (or rather shrubbe) is deuided into many braunches. 1610 Holland *Camden's Brit.* (1637) 595 A very thicket of shrobs upon an hill. *a* 1700 Evelyn *Diary* 30 Sept. 1644 Rosemary, lavender, lentiscs, and the like sweet shrubes. 1791 W. Gilpin *Forest Scenery* I. 98 The holly can hardly be called a tree, tho it is a large shrub. 1802 Wordsw. *Farewell* 11 The flowering shrubs that deck our humble door. 1870 Yeats *Nat. Hist. Comm.* 197 The cotton shrub is cultivated in Iodia. 1870 Hooker *Stud. Flora* 342 Salix herbacea..The smallest British shrub.

transf. 1653 R. Sanders *Physiogn.* 144 On thy thigbs, Though meagre, ugly shrubs of hair arise.

b. *fig.* and in proverbial use.

1592 *Soliman & Pers.* v. iii, The shrub is safe when the Cedar shaketh. 1604 T. Wright *Passions* iv. ii. § 1. 127 These men questionlesse haue some little shrubs of pride and vanitie. 1646 G. Daniel *Poems* Wks. (Grosart) I. 213, I was Shap't Only to flutter in the lower Shrubbs Of Earthborne follies. 1672 Sir T. Browne *Let. Friend* § 37 They who thus timely descend into themselves, cultivating the good seeds which nature hath set in them..become not shrubs but cedars in their generations.

†**2.** A twig, sprig, sprout. *Obs.*

c 1530 Tindale *Jonas* Prol. B viij b, It greneth thyne hert for the losse of a vile shrobbe or spraye. 1585 Fetherstone tr. *Calvin on Acts* vii. 30 The thicker the bush is, and the more store of shrubbes it hath. *a* 1592 Greene *Jas. IV*, (1861) 206 The rose although in thorny shrubs she spreads, Is still the rose. 1647 Hexham I, Full of shrubs, *vol spruyten*.

†**3.** A mean, inferior, insignificant person; = Scrub *sb.*[1] 5. *Obs.*

1566 Drant *Sat.* I. x. E vj b, Suche carelesse, brainlesse, senslesse shrubbs. 1656 S. Winter *Serm.* 93 God's..ey and his heart was towards them..though poor shrubs praying in the temple. 1683 Bunyan *Greatn. Soul* (1691) 131 The Gyants in grace, as well as the weak and shrubs. 1690 C. Nesse *Hist. & Myst. O. & N. Test.* I. 200 The poor shrub had sped so well in prayer.

4. *attrib.* and *Comb.*

1567 Maplet *Gr. Forest* 44 Fumitorie..is a bushie or shrublike Herbe. 1582 Stanyhurst *Æneis* III. 61 Aparrayld In shrub weeds thorny [*consertum tegimen spinis*]. *c* 1710 Celia Fiennes *Diary* (1888) 220 Ye squares are full of gooseberry and Shrub-trees. 1786 Abercrombie *Gard. Assist.* 317 In most of the tree and shrub kinds. 1796 Withering *Brit. Plants* (ed. 3) II. 448 Stems rather shrub-like. *a* 1817 T. Dwight *Trav. New Eng.*, etc. (1821) II. 457 Currants, gooseberries, and other kinds of shrub fruit. 1841 Browning *Pippa* Introd. 46 All the while thy rain Beats fiercest on her shrub-house window-pane. 1870 C. Kingsley *At Last* xi, The welcome shade of low shrub-fringed cliffs. 1897 Mary Kingsley *W. Africa* 52 A dry land shrub-belt.

b. *spec.* applied to shrubby plants and to other natural objects resembling shrubs, as *shrub coral*, *worm*; also **shrub cotton**, a variety of the cotton plant intermediate between the herbaceous and the arborescent; †**shrub-mallow**, marsh mallow, *Althæa*; †**shrub-nightshade**, woody nightshade, *Solanum Dulcamara*; **shrub oak**, = *scrub-oak*, Scrub *sb.*[1] 6 c; †**shrub pea**, the shrubby pea of the Barbadoes; **shrub-shilling**, a variety of the pine-tree shilling (see Pine-tree b) of Massachusetts (*Cent. Dict.*); **shrub-snail**, a European snail, *Helix arbustorum*; **shrub trefoil**, **yellow-root** (see Trefoil, Yellowroot).

1640 Parkinson *Theat. Bot.* 857 *Shrub spotted Arsmart of Virginia. 1681 Grew *Museum* III. § I. iii. 275 The *Shrub-Coral *Corallium fruticosum*. 1858 Homans *Cycl. Comm.* 434/1 The pod of the *shrub cotton differs from that of the herb in being egg-shaped. 1640 Parkinson *Theat. Bot.* 298 *Shrub Mallow with a white or purple flower. 1664 *Shrub nightshade [see Nightshade[1] 2]. 1688 Holme *Armoury* II. iv. 75/2 The Shrub Night-shade, hath a dark brown stock and branches, the flowers like the common Night-shade, in one white, in another blew. 1753 Hanway *Trav.* (1762) I. vii. lxxxix. 408 Passing through..several forests of *shrub oaks. 1784 J. Belknap *Tour White Mts.* (1876) 18 Among the brakes and wind-falls and shrub oaks on the pitch pine plain adjoining the Pond. 1868 Lossing *Hudson* 213 Making our way..through gorges filled with shrub-oaks. 1691–6 Plukenet *Almagestum* Wks. 1769 III. 291 Phaseolus Barbadensis fruticosus Septennii durationis. The Seven Years Pea, and The *Shrub Pea. 1861 Hulme tr. *Moquin-Tandon* II. III. 175 The Helix..Arbustorum, Linn., or *shrub snail. 1668 Charleton *Onomast.* 55 *Fruticarii*..*Shrub-worms.

Shrub (ʃrʊb), *sb.*[2] [Variant of Shrab, or metathetic ad. Arab. شرب *shurb* drink, draught.]

1. A prepared drink made with the juice of orange or lemon (or other acid fruit), sugar, and rum (or other spirit).

Often *rum-shrub*; also with other qualifying words indicating the ingredient which takes the place of the rum in drinks prepared in this way to which the name 'shrub' is extended.

1747 *Gentl. Mag.* 468 A mixture of lemon juice and rum (shrub as they call it) may be carried in any quantity, as it will keep a long time. 1762 *Chron.* in *Ann. Reg.* 118 Three seamen dropt down with fatigue and thirst, though wine, rum, and shrub were given them alternately. 1764 Eliza Moxon *Eng. Housew.* (ed. 9) 145 To make Orange Shrub. 1808 *Sporting Mag.* XXX. 99, 38 gallons of rum shrub. 1835 Dickens *Sk. Boz, Miss Evans*, Miss Ivins's friend's young man would have the ladies go into the Crown, to taste some shrub. 1863 Trevelyan *Compet. Wallah* (1866) 138 Beer-shrub, brandy-shrub, sherry-shrub, Simkin-shrub, tea-shrub. 1888 Besant *Fifty Yrs. Ago* xi, Is there any living man who now calls for shrub?

2. *U.S.* A cordial or syrup made from the juice of the raspberry, with vinegar and sugar.

1860 O. W. Holmes *Elsie V.* vii, Mr. Peckham, would you be so polite as to pass me a glass of srub? Silas Peckham..took from the table a small glass cup, containing a fluid reddish in hue and subacid in taste. 1884 C. D. Warner *Their Pilgr.* xi, Sipping their raspberry shrub in a retired corner of the bar-room.

Shrub (ʃrʊb), *v.* [Of mixed origin: partly parallel form to Scrub *v.*, partly f. Shrub *sb.* With sense 4 cf. MDu. *schrobben* to scratch or root in the ground.]

†**1.** *trans.* = Scrub *v.*[1] 1. *Obs.*

13.. *K. Alis.* (Laud MS.) 4310 Þe knaues graiþen her hors & shrubben.

†**2.** *intr.* To rub or scratch the body; to fidget.

c 1460 J. Russell *Bk. Nurture* 300 With youre body be not shrubbynge. 1594 Nashe *Unfort. Trav.* L 1, As how? as how? sayde Zadoch, shrugging and shrubbing.

†**3.** *trans.* To scratch. *Obs.*

1657 W. Coles *Adam in Eden* lvii, Asses love to..shrub their backs with its prickles [the rest-harrow].

†**4.** *trans.* To grub up (bushes); to rid (ground) of shrubs or stumps. *Obs.*

1553 *Short Catech.* in J. Randolph *Enchir. Theol.* (1792) I. 68 The husbandemen that fyrst vse to shrubbe and roote out the thornes..oute of their ley land. 1573 Baret *Alv.* G 573 To Grub, to shrubbe, or rid from bushes or trees. 1611 Cotgr., *Desfricher*, to grub, shrub, rid the ground from rootes.

†**5.** To lop (a tree, its branches); also *fig.* *Obs.*

1573 A. Anderson *Expos. Benedictus* 64 The Papistes.. though they be well shrubbed, and shred, yet they begin euen nowe before the springe, to budde. 1611 Speed *Hist. Gt. Brit.* IX. xxiii. 81 These accusations, were rather to shrub off his faire top. 1650 Fuller *Pisgah* II. i. 56 Shroudly shrubbing their branches, God rent them up by the roots. 1682 Grew *Anat. Plants* Introd. 3 Trunks, some being more Entire, others Branched, others Shrub'd.

†**6.** To cudgel. *Obs.*

1599 Greene *Pinner of Wakefield* v. i, Were not for shame, I would shrub your shoulders well. 1706 Phillips (ed. Kersey), To *Shrub one*, to cudgel or bang him soundly.

7. *pass.* To be planted with shrubs.

1886 R. F. Burton *Arab. Nts.* (abr. ed.) I. 140 A running stream whose banks were shrubbed with bushes of rose and jasmine. 1891 'Annie Thomas' *That Affair* II. ix. 144 A secluded spot, well treed and shrubbed in.

Hence **Shrubbing** *vbl. sb.*

1611 Cotgr., *Defrichage*, the shrubbing, or grubbing vp of yong wood. 1654 Gayton *Pleas. Notes* III. v. 92 Sancho imputes all his shrubbings to his Masters perjuries.

Shrubbage (ʃrʊ·bĕdʒ). Also 8 **shrubidge**. [f. Shrub *sb.*[1] + -age.] Shrubbery.

1713 *Rolls Crt. Attachm. Walth. For.* (1873) I. 6 To fell the two Shrubidges cont. ab'. 90 acres lyeing in Layton Walk. 1893 J. W. Barry *Studies Corsica* 234 This evergreen shrubbage.

Shrubbed (ʃrʊbd), *a.* [f. Shrub *sb.* or *v.* + -ed.]

†**1.** Stunted; = Scrubbed *a.* 1; also, shrubby.

1539 *Cockersand Chartul.* (Chetham Soc.) 1204 There be ..CC sbrubbed Okes & Asshes cropped & shredd. 1589 Warner *Alb. Eng.*, *Æneidos* 150 b, Neere at hand were growing diuers shrubbed Trees. 1597 Gerarde *Herbal* II. cccxxxviii. 788 *Althæa frutex Clusii*. Shrubbed Mallowe. 1599 Minsheu s. v. *Coral*, It groweth in the sea like a shrubbed stump. 1681 R. Knox *Hist. Rel. Ceylon* IV. x. 165 The Woods in all these Northern Parts are short and shrubbed.

2. Planted with shrubs.

1895 *Daily News* 16 Feb. 6/4 A path..with shrubbed borders on each side.

Shrubberied (ʃrʊ·bərid), *a.* [f. Shrubbery + -ed.] Planted or bordered with shrubbery.

1856 Hawthorne *Engl. Note-bks.* II. 53 The shrubberied paths. 1885 *Harper's Mag.* Mar. 520/2 Miniature parks,.. flowered, shrubberied, and statued.

Shrubbery (ʃrʊ·bəri). [f. Shrub *sb.*[1] + -ery.]

1. A plantation of shrubs; a plot planted with shrubs.

1748 Lady Luxborough *Let. to Shenstone* 16 Oct., Nature has been so remarkably kind this last Autumn to adorn my Shrubbery with the flowers that usually blow at Whitsuntide. 1791 Newte *Tour Eng. & Scot.* 139 A beautiful shrubbery of birch, oak, and alders. 1841 B. Hall *Patchwork* I. x. 158 The house and terrace were sheltered by a thick shrubbery. 1877 Black *Green Past.* ii, She passed through some dense shrubberies..until she came to an open space at the edge of a wood.

attrib. 1786 Abercrombie *Gard. Assist.* 56 Grass lawns, gravel walks, shrubbery compartments. 1895 Scully *Kafir Stories* 58 [He] walked quickly down the shrubbery path.

2. Shrubs collectively or in a mass.

1777 G. Forster *Voy. round World* I. 64 Several species of lizards, land-tortoises, and serpents frequent the dry shrubbery. 1837 Ht. Martineau *Soc. Amer.* 15 Birch and ash grew around the bases of the pillars, and shrubbery tufted the sides. 1883 *Harper's Mag.* Jan. 199 The light-toned masses of maple, alder, and small shrubbery along the water-side.

Shru·bbiness. [f. Shrubby + -ness.] The state of being like a shrub or planted with shrubs.

1727 Bailey vol. II, *Shrubbiness*, Fulness of Shrubs. 1851 *Beck's Florist* 122 It is evident that no advance towards shrubbiness can be attained by crossing the present Florists' varieties [of Calceolarias] amongst themselves.

Shru·bbish, *a.* [f. Shrub *sb.*[1] + -ish.] Like a shrub.

1656 W. Du Gard tr. *Comenius' Gate Lat. Unl.* 33 Those fenny ones are of a Shrubbish nature, as the Rush. 1694 Westmacott *Script. Herb.* 152 The wild [pomegranates] are a shrubbish low tree.

†**Shru·bble.** *Obs. rare*[−1]. [f. Shrub *sb.*[1] + -le.] A little sprout or spray.

1674 N. Fairfax *Bulk & Selv.* 128 The seed heaves up from a sprouting or shrubble to the scantling of height.. that nature has cut out for it.

Shrubby (ʃrʊ·bi), *a.* [f. Shrub *sb.*[1] + -y.]

1. Having the habit, growth, or size of a shrub; *spec.* having perennial woody stems rising from the root. In early use freq. applied to trees of stunted growth (cf. Scrubby *a.*[1] 1).

1581 Marbeck *Bk. Notes* 734 Mirrhe is a little shrubby tree. 1597 Bacon *Coulers Gd. & Euill* Ess. (Arb.) 148 The sbootes or vnderwood that grow neare a great..tree, is the most pyned and shrubbie wood of the field. 1630 Capt. Smith *Advts. Planters New Eng.* 22 Three or foure short shrubby old Cedars. 1679 Evelyn *Sylva* (ed. 3) 2 These [trees] we shall divide into the Greater and more Ceduous, Fruticant, and Shrubby. 1707 Mortimer *Husb.* (1721) I. 66 Plants appearing Withered or Blasted, Shrubby and Curled, are the effects of immoderate Wet or Heat, and Cold interchangably. 1773 *Hist. Brit. Dom. Amer.* II. v. § 2. 290 The timber is too small, shrubby, and gnarly. 1808 Pike *Sources Mississ.* (1810) III. App. 22 On all the small streams there are shrubby cotton-trees. 1884 Bower & Scott *De Bary's Phaner.* 593 The thick masses of wood of shrubby and tree-like Chenopodiaceæ.

b. In specific names of plants, often rendering L. *fruticosus*.

1597 Gerarde *Herbal* III. xiv. 1129 *Polemonium siue Trifolium fruticans*. Sbrubbie Trefoile. 1640 Parkinson *Theat. Bot.* 1677 The shrubby wild Bay of Candy. 1775 *Phil. Trans.* LXVI. 15 *note*, The *brassica sylvestris*, or shrubby cabbage. 1857 Thoreau *Maine W.* ii. (1869) 98 Shrubby-willows or sallows. 1862 Johns *Brit. Birds* 426 The *Suæda fruticosa*, Shrubby Sea Blite, of botanists. 1884 W. Miller *Plant-n.* 57/2 Shrubby Grass. The genus *Thamnochortus*.

†**c.** Of persons: Stunted, undersized. *Obs.*

1603 Owen *Pembrokeshire* v. (1891) 41 This kinde of people I finde to be..shorte of growth, broade, and shrubbye.

2. Of the nature of or consisting of shrubs.

1540 *Mem. Fountains* (Surtees Soc.) 343 A close of pasture with myche shrubby wood therein. 1633 T. Stafford *Pac. Hib.* I. iii. (1821) 43 A lowe shrubbie boggie wood. 1681 R. Knox *Hist. Rel. Ceylon* IV. x. 165 The Woods began to be very full of Thorns, and shrubby Bushes. 1708 J. Phillips *Cyder* I. 8 The goats their shrubby browze gnaw pendent. 1816 Scott *Old Mort.* xvi, Troopers..posted behind the cover of he shrubby copses of alders. 1869 A. R. Wallace *Malay Archip.* vii. (1874) 115 The undergrowth consisting of fine herbaceous plants, tree-ferns, and shrubby vegetation.

3. Covered, planted, or overgrown with shrubs.

1598 Yong *Diana* 441 The beauties of the shrubby hils. 1609 Holland *Amm. Marcell.* 135 Through blind wayes in forrests and shrubbie places. 1634 Milton *Comus* 306 Due west it rises from this shrubby point. 1717 Berkeley *Jrnl. Tour Italy* Wks. 1871 IV. 546 A stony, rocky, shrubby tract. 1814 Brackenridge *Jrnl.* in *Views Louisiana* 227, I..wandered several miles through shrubby hills. 1865 W. G. Palgrave *Arabia* I. 218 We stopped near noon in a little shrubby plain.

4. Characteristic of a shrub or its habit.

1776 Withering *Bot. Arrangem. Veget.* 804 *Shrubby*, somewhat woody, as the stems of the Rose. 1816 *Encycl. Perth.* V. 639/1 It rises with a shrubby stalk 8 or 9 feet high. 1870 Hooker *Stud. Flora* 203 Tanacetum..Herbs often shrubby below. 1882 *Garden* 11 Mar. 161/1 The foliage, which is produced on a strong, round, shrubby stem, is very dark green.

Shrubless (ʃrʊ·blĕs), *a.* [f. Shrub *sb.*[1] + -less.] Without shrubs.

1816 Byron *Pris. Chillon* ix, Shrubless crags. 1862 Mrs. Speid *Last Yrs. India* 34 Aden—shrubless, flowerless, dusky, grim, and scorious.

Shru·blet. [-let.] A small shrub.

1886 *Offic. Handbk. Cape G. Hope* 303 Shrublets of 1 to 2 feet. 1897 Bryce *Impr. S. Africa* 10 A country..covered.. with grass or shrublets fit for cattle. 1900 B. D. Jackson *Gloss. Bot. Terms*, *Shrublet*, an undershrub.

So **Shru·bling** [-ling].

1854 *Tait's Mag.* XXI. 456 The spring..bedecks the poorest shrubling.

Shruff[1] (ʃrʊf). *Obs.* exc. *dial.* [Parallel to SCRUFF *sb.*[1]] Refuse, esp. for burning; light refuse wood, cinders, etc. used for fuel.

1399 LANGL. *Rich. Redeles* II. 154 Thus baterid þis bred on busshes aboute, And gaderid gomes on grene þer as þe walkyd, þat all þe schroff and schroup sondrid ffrom oþer. 1592 GREENE *Conny Catch.* 24 Store of shruff dust and small cole. 1674 N. FAIRFAX *Bulk & Selv.* 151 The shruff, moss and hair that the nest was thwackt together of. *a* 1800 PEGGE *Suppl. Glose, Shruff*, light rubbish wood, a perquisite to hedgers. Norf. and Suff. 1893 ZINCKE *Wherstead* 100 'Shruff' for the dry wood in the hedges.

Shruff.[2] ? *Obs.* Also 6 **shroffe**, 7 **shroof.** [? ad. G. *schroff* fragment of mineral (Jacobsson in Grimm).] Old brass (or copper). Also *attrib.* in *shruff brass, metal.*

1541–2 *Act 33 Hen. VIII*, c. 7 § 1 It was enacted, that noe person..shoulde..carrye..any Brasse Copper..Gunemettall ne Shroffe Metal into anye parte..beyonde the Sea. *a* 1618 *Rates Marchandizes* G 2, Shruffe or old Brasse. 1693 *Phil. Trans.* XVII. 736 Brass Shruff serves instead of so much Copper. 1700 *Ibid.* XXII. 475 Brass-Shruff..is a collection of pieces of old Brass, which is usually procured in small parcels. 172. in Beawes *Lex. Mercat.* (1752) 678 Battery and Brass Shruff. 1787 *Jackson's Oxford Jrnl.* 7 Apr. 3/3 The following sorts of Copper, viz. Tile, Shruff, Shot,..[etc.]. 1825 J. NICHOLSON *Oper. Mech.* 709, 8 oz. of shruff brass.

Shrug (ʃrʊg), *sb.* Also 7 **shrugg.** [f. SHRUG *v.*]

†**1. a.** A tug, pull. **b.** A shake (of the hand). The first quot. is obscure.

c 1460 *Play Sacram.* 597 Here master master ware how ye tugg The devylle I trowe wᵗ in shrugge for yt gooth rebylle rable. *c* 1620 Z. BOYD *Zion's Flowers* (1855) 12 Unto this fellowe..I'le goe, And with my haud will give a shrug or two. 1742 H. WALPOLE *Let. to Mann* 7 July, All the effect this notable speech had was to frighten my uncle, and make him give two or three shrugs extraordinary to his breeches.

2. A raising and contraction of the shoulders to express dislike, disdain, indifference, or the like.

1594 NASHE *Unfort. Trav.* 69 It is growen to a common prouerbe, Ile giue him the Neapolitan shrug, when one intends to play the villaine, and make no boast of it. 1596 SHAKS. *Merch. V.* I. iii. 110 Still haue I borne it with a patient shrug. 1617 MORYSON *Itin.* II. 167 To these exceptions hee answered with a Spanish shrug of the shouldier. 1619 FLETCHER *Mons. Thomas* I. ii, Sirrah, no more of your French shrugs I advise you. 1711 STEELE *Spect.* No. 75 P 6 He contradicts with a Shrug, and confutes with a certain sufficiency. 1775 MME. D'ARBLAY *Early Diary* 3 Apr. He is a lively man, full of chat, and foreign shrugs and gestures. 1831 SCOTT *Ct. Robt.* iii, A scarce visible shrug of apology. 1860 TYNDALL *Glac.* I. xxiv. 170 The Guide Chef ..met me with a polite sympathetic shrug. 1872 DARWIN *Emotions* xi. 267 He ordered a Bengalee to climb a lofty tree; but the man, with a shrug of his shoulders, and a lateral shake of his head, said he could not. 1886 T. FROST *Remin. Country Journalist* 99, I passed on, with a smile and a shrug.

†**3.** A shifting or hitching of the body, a fidgety movement (cf. SHRUG *v.* 5). *Obs.*

1626 W. HAWKINS *Apollo Shroving* 72 There is a drowsie shrugge..This shrugge is commonly performed with displaying out the armes, and yawning with the mouth. *Ibid.* The Misers shrugge, the winter shrugge, the drowsie shrugge, the lousie shrugge.

†**4.** A shiver, shudder. *Obs. rare.*

1713 WODROW *Corr.* (1842) I. 448 The Lord Advocate died ..without any shruggs of death.

Shrug (ʃrʊg), *v.* Forms: 5 **schrugge, shrukke**, 5–7 **shrugge**, 6 **shroge, shruck**, 8 **shrugg**, 6– **shrug.** [Of obscure origin.

Sw. dial. *skrukka, skrugge* to crouch, sit doubled up, Da. *skrukke, skrugge* to duck with the head, to walk with a stoop, are probably unconnected.]

1. *intr.* To shiver; to shudder for cold or fear. Now *rare* or *Obs.*

c 1400 [see SHRUGGING *vbl. sb.*]. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 449/1 Schruggyn [*Winch. MS.* shruggon], *frigulo.* 1549 COVERDALE, etc. *Erasm. Par. 1 Peter* iv. 11 b, As often as we loke backe at them, we shrugge for feare to remembre suche fylthynes of lyfe. 1580 BLUNDEVILE *Horsemanship, Horse's Dis.* lxxxiv. 35 He will be chill, and shrug for cold. 1609 DEKKER *Gull's Horn-bk.* v. 27 The French Lacquey, and Irish Footeboy, shrugging at the doores. 1642 D. ROGERS *Naaman* 580 To shrugge in cold weather, and to wish a fire. *a* 1677 MANTON *Serm.* Ps. cxix. 136 He that shrugs when he sees a snake creep upon another. 1702 S. PARKER tr. *Cicero's De Finibus* II. 130 It makes me shrugg when I call to mind the Agonies which he suffer'd.

2. To raise (and contract) the shoulders, esp. as an expression of disdain, indifference, disclaiming responsibility, etc.; in early use also, †to cringe.

c 1450 in Aungier *Syon* (1840) 299 They schal not..caste oute ther armes or handes, nor schrugge withe the scholders. 1577–87 HOLINSHED *Chron.* III. 1154/2 If they did either frowne or shrug at him. 1607 SHAKS. *Cor.* I. ix. 4 Where great Patricians shall attend, and shrug, I'th'end admire. 1610 — *Temp.* I. ii. 367 Hag-seed, hence:..shrug'st thou (Malice)? 1680 DRYDEN *Kind Kpr.* I. i. 11 Here will you take me at my word? *Wood* (*Shrugging up*) *Troppo poco, troppoco.* 1788 MME. D'ARBLAY *Diary* 10 Jan., I was quite shocked for her, and could only shrug in dismay. 1818 SCOTT *Rob Roy* xxxiii, Ewan..shrugged, as one who would express by that sign that what he was doing was none of his own choice. 1859 MEREDITH *R. Feverel* xliv, Adrian,..rose and accompanied him out of the room, shrugging. 1880 CABLE *Grandissimes* xiv, The quadroon shrugged.

3. *trans.* To raise and contract (the shoulders) in this way. Formerly often with *up.*

1547 BOORDE *Introd. Knowl.* 187 Yf he cast hys head at the one syde, and do shroge vp hys shoulders. 1594 NASHE *Unfort. Trav.* B 2 b, The action that he vsed, of shrucking vp his shoulders,..and biting the lip. 1596 — *Saffron Walden* G 2, If..I had not seene him shrug his shoulders, and talk of going to the Bathe. 1603 DEKKER *Wond. Yeare* Wks. (Grosart) I. 137 Shrugging his shoulders together. 1712 STEELE *Spect.* No. 264 P 2 He..shrugs his shoulder when you talk of Securities. 1805 WORDSW. *Waggoner* I. 66 He shrugs his shoulders, shakes his head. 1835–6 *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* I. 359 The triangular space between the deltoid and pectoral may be seen even in the living person when the shoulders are shrugged up. 1876 GREEN *Stray Studies* 48 The Italian shrugs his shoulders and submits in a humorous way.

4. *nonce-uses.* **a.** To bring by shrugging (*into*..).

1766 GOLDSM. *Vic. W.* xviii, It is not the composition of the piece, but the number of starts and attitudes that may be introduced into it that elicits applause. I have known a piece with not one jest in the whole shrugged into popularity.

b. To express by means of a shrug.

1897 'A. HOPE' *Phroso* i, He..shrugged a tolerant 'As you will', with eloquent shoulders.

†**5.** *intr.* (and *refl.*) To move the body from side to side as with uneasiness, or as a gesture of joy or self-satisfaction; to fidget about. *Obs.*

c 1460 [see SHRUGGING *vbl. sb.* 2]. 1567 HARMAN *Caveat* (1869) 71 The good man of the house shrodge [? *read* shrogde] hym for loye, thinking to hym selfe, I wyll make some pastyme with you anone. 1601 [? MARSTON] *Jack Drums Entert.* III. D 4 b, Mounsieurs Goat drunke, and he shrugges, and skrubbes, and hees it for a wench. *a* 1631 DONNE *Sat.* I. 74 He..grins, smacks, shrugs, and such an itch endures, As prentises, or schoole-boyes which doe know Of some gay sport abroad, yet dare not goe. 1638 DEKKER etc. *Witch of Edmonton* IV. ii. stage dir., Enter Dog, shrugging as it were for joy, and dances. 1651 H. MORE *Second Lash* in *Enthus. Tri.*, etc. (1656) M 2 b, That Book..I intended onely for a stumble to wake you (that you might shrugg and rub your eyes, and see in what a naked condition you are). 1652 *Roxb. Ball.* (1891) VII. 479 The Louse gave a tug, that made the Taylor shrug.

6. *refl.* and *intr.* To draw oneself together, 'curl' oneself up; to shrink. ? *Obs.*

1603 FLORIO tr. *Montaigne* III. ix. 588 Let mee shrowd and shrugge my selfe into my shell, as a tortoise. 1616 B. JONSON *Devil an Ass* I. iv. 80 stage dir., Hee shrugs himselfe vp in the cloake. 1725 N. ROBINSON *Th. Physick* 39 How Plants, when they first begin to bud, will shrug and contract the little Stem. 1845 S. JUDD *Margaret* I. xvii, Robin, the bird, ..shrugs and folds itself into its feathers.

†**7.** *intr.* To shrink back or away, cower; occas. const. inf., to hesitate to do something. *Obs.*

1576 GASCOIGNE *Grief of Joy* II. Iv, That from the sonne we shrug into the shade And drowping sitt. 1589 FLEMING *Virg. Georg.* I. 7 But that thou dost refuse and shrug to know such slender cares. 1642 D. ROGERS *Naaman* 385 Let us not..shrug at the difficulty. 1675 BROOKS *Golden Key* Wks. 1867 V. 191 Will you shrug, and shrink, and faint, and fret when you are reproached for his name?

†**8.** *trans.* To contract or jerk uneasily. *Obs.*

1678 BUTLER *Hud.* III. i. 173 He shrugg'd his sturdy Back, As if he felt his Shoulders ake.

9. To jerk, pull or tug *up. U.S.*

1807 J. BARLOW *Columb.* III. 441 Zamor, the chieftain of the Tiger-band,..Shrugg'd up his brinded spoils above the rest. 1889 MARY E. WILKINS *Far-away Melody* etc. (1891) 29 She lay quietly, her shawl shrugged up over her face.

Hence **Shrugged** (ʃrʊgd) *ppl. a.*

1850 ROBERTSON *Serm.* Ser. III. i. (1857) 4 An arched eyebrow, a shrugged shoulder.

Shru·gging, *vbl. sb.* [f. SHRUG *v.* + -ING[1].]

†**1.** Shivering. *Obs.*

c 1400 *Lanfranc's Cirurg.* 120 A scharp feuere fallip, þe which arrigor [=a rigor], þat is to seie a cold schurgynge [? *read* schrugynge], goip tofore. *a* 1586 SIDNEY *Arcadia* II. (1912) 217 The touch of the cold water made a prettie kinde of shrugging come over her bodie. 1678 R. L'ESTRANGE *Seneca's Mor., Anger* ii. (1696) 352 A kind of Horror, and Shrugging upon the Sprinkling of Cold Water.

2. Raising and contracting the shoulders.

c 1460 RUSSELL *Bk. Nurture* 287 Nor pikynge, nor trifelynge, DE shrukkynge as þau3 ye wold sawe. *a* 1693 *Urqu. hart's Rabelais* III. xvii. 141 The..shrugging of her hulchy Shoulders. 1693 EVELYN *De La Quint. Compl. Gard.* I. 136 The shrugging up of the Shoulders.

†**3.** Shrinking, hesitation. *Obs.*

1617 HIEAON *Wks.* II. 351 There is with many a kind of shrugging at this dutie.

Shru·gging, *ppl. a.* [f. SHRUG *v.* + -ING[2].]

†**1.** Shivering, shuddering. *Obs.*

a 1586 SIDNEY *Arcadia* II. (Sommer) 178 b, With a shrugging kinde of tremor in all her principall partes.

†**2.** ? Causing shivers, chilling. *Obs.*

1598 DRAYTON *Heroic. Ep.* 88 The shrugging ayre about thy Temples hurles.

†**3.** Cringing. *Obs.*

1629 EARLE *Microcosm.* (Arb.) 88 Hee begs too, onely not in the downeright for Gods sake, but with a shrugging God blesse you.

4. That shrugs, or is accompanied by a shrug of the shoulders.

1814 L. HUNT *Sonn.* Poems (1860) 233 The rambler..Feels ..in his shrugging neck the resolute blast. 1859 MEREDITH *R. Feverel* xxxvi, Adrian ventured a shrugging protest in her behalf. 1910 *Contemp. Rev.* Mar. 336 Her hunched and shrugging shoulder-blades.

Hence **Shru·ggingly** *adv.*, with a shrug.

1589 PUTTENHAM *Engl. Poesie* I. viii. (Arb.) 36 The third me thinks shruggingly saith, I kept not to sit sleeping with my Poesie till a Queene came and kissed me. 1901 *Daily Express* 18 Mar. 4/4 Students of international politics.. shruggingly express the opinion that Morocco will drift along.

Shru·ggish, *a.* [f. SHRUG *v.* + -ISH.] Inclined to shrug the shoulders; contemptuous.

1877 G. MACDONALD *Marq. Lossie* lxxii, A conventional visitor was certain to feel very shruggish at first sight of the terms on which the marquis was with 'persons of that sort'.

Shrukke, obs. form of SHRUG.

Shrunk (ʃrʊŋk), *ppl. a.* [pa. pple. of SHRINK *v.*]

1. Contracted or reduced in size; drawn together into a smaller compass; †reduced in power, means, or the like. Also with *together, up, away.*

a. in predicative use.

1530 PALSGR. 705/2 My leather purse is shronke. 1540 — *Acolastus* II. i. H ij, My bely or panche is all wasted quyte vp or shronke to gether. 1592 KYD *Murther I. Brewen* Wks. (1901) 291 Vomiting till his intrailes were all shrunke and broken. 1607 SHAKS. *Timon* III. ii. 68 Timon is shrunke indeede. 1663 STAPYLTON *Slighted Maid* Prol., Men are shrunk in Brain as well as Stature. 1675 EVELYN *Terra* (1676) 68 Sedums..when to all appearance shrunk and shrivel'd up. 1823 SCOTT *Quentin D.* xxviii, My dominions ..are somewhat shrunk in compass. 1827 — *Chron. Canongate* iii, The wood paneling was shrunk and warped. 1845 BUDD *Dis. Liver* 245 The brain..is generally somewhat shrunk.

b. in attributive use. Now somewhat *rare.*

1592 SHAKS. *Rom. & Jul.* IV. i. 104 In this borrowed likenesse of shrunke death Thou shalt continue two and forty houres. 1593 — *Lucr.* 1455 Her blew bloud chang'd to blacke in euerie vaine, Wanting the spring, that those shrunke pipes had fed. 1600 — *A. Y. L.* II. vii. 161 His shrunke shanke. 1609 B. JONSON *Masque* Wks. (1616) 955 As low as lies Old shrunk-vp Chaos. 1631 MASSINGER *Believe as You List* IV. iv, To stretch my shruncke up sinnewes at an ore. 1675 HANNAH WOOLLEY *Gentlew. Comp.* 185 The withered or shrunk Barberries. 1784 COWPER *Task* I. 392 The flaccid, shrunk, And wither'd muscle. 1835 *Court Mag.* VI. 71/2 She was of shrunk growth, if not positively deformed. 1849 CUPPLES *Green Hand* xv. (1856) 149 Till his shrunk face was as quiet on the pillow as if he'd been really at home the first night after a voyage. 1907 G. F. SCOTT ELLIOT *Rom. Plant Life* xv. 196 The 'shrunk' or folded condition of the leaflets.

2. Of cloth: That has been subjected to the process of 'shrinking'.

1895 *Stores Price List*, White Flannels...Cream Tennis, Twill (Shrunk).

3. Fitted *on* by the process of shrinking.

1908 *Westm. Gaz.* 18 Aug. 4/2 Eight cylinders, arranged V-fashion, with shrunk-on brass water-jackets.

Shrunken (ʃrʊ·ŋk'n), *ppl. a.* [pa. pple. of SHRINK *v.*] = SHRUNK *ppl. a.* 1.

a. in predicative use.

c 950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* Luke vi. 6 Hond his ðiu suiðra ȝescruncan *manus eius dextra arida.* 1390 GOWER *Conf.* I. 98 Hire Lippes schrunken ben for age. 1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* XVII. xxiii. (1495) 617 Synewes that ben shronken wyth the Crampe. 1471 CAXTON *Recuyell* (Sommer) I. 43 This dede man of whom the skyn was scorched, the flessh rosted, the senewes shronken. 1582 BENTLEY *Mon. Matrones* iii. 290 My bones are so bruised, my sinewes are so shrunken. 1873 MISS BRADDON *Lucius Davoren* i, Very shrunken are the stores which Lucius Davoren guards. 1876 BRISTOWE *Theory & Pract. Med.* (1878) 785 The liver shrunken and indurated. 1877 BLACK *Green Past.* xxx, The mamma was shrunken and shrivelled.

b. in attributive use.

c 1400 *Ragman Roll* ix. in Wright *Anecd. Lit.* 84 Your shrunkyn lyppis and your gowuldyn tethe. 1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* I. ix. 20 The..shrunken synewes of her chosen knight. 1625 BACON *Ess., Truth* (Arb.) 500 If there were taken out of Mens Mindes, Vaine Opinions, Flatteriog Hopes..it would leaue the Mindes, of a Number of Men, poore shrunken Things. *Ibid., Boldness* 519 That puts his Face, into a most Shruncken, and woodden Posture. 1795 SOUTHEY *Joan of Arc* II. 210 Pale and shrunken cheeks. 1855 DICKENS *Dorrit* I. v, The baking-dish was served up..on a shrunken cloth at an end of the dining-table. 1860 *W. Smith's Dict. Bible* I. s.v. *Antioch*, Modern Antakia is a shrunken and miserable place. 1860 GEO. ELIOT *Mill on Fl.* II. iv, He had rather a shrunken appearance. 1879 — *Theo. Such* xvi. 281 The shrunken meaning that popular or polite speech assigns to 'morality'.

Shryffe, Shryve, obs. ff. SHERIFF, SHRIVE.

Shshsh. An extended SH!

Hence **Shshshing** *vbl. sb.*

1848 [see SH]. 1873 H. E. P. SPOFFORD *Pilot's Wife* in *Casquet Lit.* IV. 13/2 She and the nurse made such a racket between them, with their shshshing and trotting and patting and stirring and tipping.

Shu, variant of SHE, SHOO.

‖ **Shuba** (ʃū·bă). Also **shooba**; anglicized **shube** (6 **shoube**, 6–7 **shub**, 8 **shoobe**, 9 **schub, shoub**). [Russian шу́ба.] A fur gown or great-coat. †Also, a piece of fur.

1591 HORSEY *Trav.* (Hakl. Soc.) 234 Two shubs or gowns of white armmens. 1598 HAKLUYT *Voy.* I. 54 Their shoubes or gownes are hayrie on the outside, and open behinde, with tailes hanging downe to their hammes. 1656 *Act Commw.* c. 20 Rates (1658) 466 Furs called..Calaber, Shubs of Calaber, the piece or Shub 02 00 00. 1753 HANWAY *Trav.* (1762) I. VI. lxxxiii. 380 A full great coat lined with fur [*Note*, The Russians call it a shoobe.] 1814 LADY LYTTELTON in *Corr.* (1912) 181 Dress, a quadruple shawl and fur shuba over it. 1825 VISCT. STRATFORD DE REDCLIFFE in *Life* (1888) I. 358 A panoply of bearskin, a *schub* of grand dimensions. 1849 MRS. ATKINSON *Tartar Steppes* viii. (1863) 177 During the greatest heat they wore horse-skin shubes. 1904 WHISHAW *Tiger of Muscovy* xxviii, Amy stood dressed in her fur shooba.

Shubrach, variant of SHABRACQUE.

Shuch: see SHEUGH, SUCH.

Shuck, *sb.*[1] *Obs.* exc. *dial.* Forms: 1 **scucca, sceocca**, 3 **s(c)ucke, schucke, shuke.** [OE. *scucca*, perhaps f. root *skuh-* to terrify (cf. SHY).]

†**1.** A devil, fiend. *Obs.*

Beowulf 939 (Gr.) Þæt hie wideferhð leoda landgeweorc

laþum beweredon scuccum and scinnum. *c* 888 Ælfred *Boeth.* xxxix. § 6 Ða wyrd he þonne wyrcð..ðurh þara scuccena mislice lotwrencas. *c* 1000 *Ags. Gosp.* Matt. iv. 10 Ða cwæð se hælend to him, gang þu sceocca on-bæc. *c* 1205 Lay. 6838 Swa vuele he luuede his lif þat þe scucke hine i-fenge. *a* 1225 *Juliana* 56 Ant tu þat schucke art schucken [*v.r.* shuken] herien ant heien. *c* 1230 *Hali Meid.* 59 þen laðe vnwiht, þe hellene schucke.

2. *dial.* A spectre hound.

1850 *N. & Q.* Ser. I. I. 468 Shuck the Dog-fiend. This phantom I have heard many persons in East Norfolk.. describe as having seen as a black shaggy dog, with fiery eyes. 1893 *Daily News* 28 Sept. 4/7 Mr. F. A. Paley was not uneducated..yet he saw Shuck!

Shuck (ʃʊk), *sb.*[2] Chiefly *dial.* and *U.S.* Also **ahock.** [Origin unknown.]

1. A husk, pod, or shell; *esp.* the outer covering or strippings of Indian corn, chestnuts, hickory nuts, etc. See Corn-shuck.

1674 Ray *S. & E.C. Words* 77 A *Shuck*: an husk or shell; as Bean-shucks, Bean-shells, per Anagramatismum *τοῦ Husk* forte. 1741 *Compl. Fam.-Piece* I. i. 21 The Shucks of Almonds dried and beaten to Powder. 1811 *Mass. Spy* 12 June 4/3 The straw and the shucks, after the stacks are in, will bestow a cover on them impenetrable to drought. 1847 Als. Smith *Chr. Tadpole* vii, Looking about as digestible as ..a chesnut shuck. 1872 Schele de Vere *Americanisms* 45 Shucks are very much prized at the South as fodder for cattle. 1892 Kipling & Balestier *Naulahka* 55 Ill-fitting as the shuck on a dried cob.

b. A fruit skin.

1872 Browning *Ring & Bk.* VII. 840 Three hundred thousand bees and wasps Found her [*sc.* a fig] out, feasted on her to the shuck.

c. The shell of an oyster or clam.

1881 Ingersoll *Oyster-Industry* 248.

d. The shell-like covering of some larvæ.

1886 *Field* 23 Jan. 104/1 To secure the swiftly darting larvæ..before emerging from the 'shuck'.

2. As a type of something valueless.

a. *gen.* **b.** in negative phr., esp. in *not worth shucks* = good for nothing. **c.** A mean or contemptible person. **d.** (See quot.)

a 1851 Mayne Reid *Scalp Hunters* III. iii. 36 They'd whip us to shucks on the parairer [= prairie]. 1859 Beecher *Life Thoughts* Ser. II. 120 They [*sc.* infidels] shake and rend His truths until they think that they have destroyed them, but they have only cleared them of the shuck. 1890 *Nature* 20 Feb. 376 That record—a mere dry shuck, emptied of nearly all that makes natural history delightful. 1897 *Century Mag.* Aug. 591 That's the biggest shuck and the littlest nubbin I ever did see.

b. 1847 Robb *Squatter Life* 135 He ain't wuth shucks, and ef you don't lick him fur his onmannerly note, you ain't wuth shucks, nuther. 1868 *All Year Round* 10 Oct. 431 As for your being a furrener, it don't matter shucks. 1897 *Outing* XXX. 174/2 We couldn't parly-voo worth shucks. 1910 Churchill *Mod. Chron.* III. x, It don't amount to shucks, as we used to say in Missouri.

c. 1862 Lowell *Biglow P.* Ser. II. iii. 206 Fer such mean shucks ez creditors are all on Lincoln's side. 1887 *Kentish Gloss.*, A regular old shuck.

d. 1872 Schele de Vere *Americanisms* 47 During the Civil War,..the original Blue Backs of the Confederacy.. soon became known as Shucks, a name sufficiently significant of their evil repute as a circulating medium.

3. *pl.* as an interj. of contempt or indifference.

1885 'M. Twain' in *Century Mag.* Feb. 557/2 'We can spare it'. 'Oh, shucks, yes, we can spare it'. 1906 Gunter *Prince in Garret* ix. 220 'Shucks, I know girls better than you do', was the ex-schoolmistress's reply.

4. *attrib.* and *Comb.*

1835 J. P. Kennedy *Horse-Shoe Robinson* xl, A shuck-bed was spread for the lady. 1860 *Knickerbocker Mag.* June 613 We..enjoyed in common our shuck-mattress and scanty quilts. 1885 'M. Twain' in *Century Mag.* Feb. 547/2 There's always cobs around about in a shuck tick, and they poke into you. 1887 Eggleston *Graysons* ix, There were some shuck-bottom chairs, and a splint-bottom rocking-chair. 1888 *Ibid.* xxxi, He drew up another shuck-bottomed chair.

Shuck, *v.*[1] [Of obscure origin. Cf. the dial. *shuck*, to shiver, also to shirk (work).] *intr.* To shrink, draw back, hesitate.

1620 Jer. Dyke *Sel. Serm.* (1640) 351 It was Gods price then; and they shukt not at it. *Ibid.*, Those be the shuckings of earthly hearts. 1643 Trapp *Comm. Gen.* xvii. 26 To shew his prompt and present obedience, without shucking and hucking, without delays and consults. 1684 Bunyan *Seas. Counsel* To Rdr. A 6 Those bitter pills, at which we so whinch and shuck. *a* 1688 — *Saints' Knowl.* Wks. 1853 II. 11 Usually in these (afflictions), though they make us shuck whenever they come upon us, blessing coucheth.

Shuck, *v.*[2] *U.S.* Also **ahock.** [f. Shuck *sb.*[2]]

1. *trans.* To remove the shucks from (corn, etc.).

1819 W. Faux *Mem. Days* (1823) 211 My host had a large party..assembled to effect a corn shucking, something like an English hawkey, or harvest home. Corn shucking means plucking the ears of Indian corn from the stalk. 1881 Ingersoll *Oyster-Industry* (Fish. Industr. U.S.) 248 *Shock*, to open or 'shuck' clams or oysters. 1887 Goode, etc. *Fish. Industr. U.S.* V. II. 553 The average price paid for shucking raw oysters is 15 cents a gallon. 1888 Eggleston *Graysons* xxx, To shuck out..eight or ten ears of corn.

2. *transf.* and *fig.* **a.** To remove, throw or strip *off*, get rid of.

1848 Major Jones *Sk. Travel* 178 After shuckin out the passengers and baggage,..they tuck us down a steep hill to the steambote. 1856 *Yale Lit. Mag.* XXI. 144 The cussed fever and ague had jist shucked his meat clean off. *a* 1860 A. B. Longstreet *Southern Sk.* 31 (Bartlett), He'd shuck off his coat to fight. 1892 *Century Mag.* Nov. 62 They have never shucked their boyhood.

b. *refl.* and *intr.* To slip *out of* one's clothes; to strip oneself.

1848 Major Jones *Sk. Travel* 117, I shucked out of my old clothes. 1897 R. M. Johnston *Old Times* in *Middle Georgia* 37 Sam..shucked hisself out his workin'-clothes.

Hence **Shucked** *ppl. a.*; **Shu·cker,** one who shucks oysters or clams; **Shu·cking** *vbl. sb.* (see sense 1 above).

1886 *Appleton's Ann. Cycl.* 524/2 To fix the standard of measurement of shucked oysters in the State. 1887 Goode, etc. *Fish. Industr. U.S.* V. II. 553 Estimating the average amount made by the shuckers at $6 a week.

Shuck, dial. form of Shock *sb.*[1]

Shucker, obs. form of Sucker.

†Shu·ckle, *v. Obs.* [app. by-form of Chuckle *v.*] *intr.* To chuckle; also, to cluck.

1598 Florio, *Colleppolarsi d'allegrezza*, to shuckle, to chuck or rouze ones selfe to gladnes and mirth. 1684 Otway *Atheist* V. 63 Would but my little Partridge call, methinks I could so shuckle, and run, and Bill, and clap my Wings about her. Hah!

Shud. *Obs.* exc. *dial.* (E. Angl., Yorks., Derbs., Heref.) Also 5 **schudde,** 9 **shod.** [Late ME. *schudde*, of obscure origin.

A Teut. root **skeud-*: **skaud-*: **skud-* with the sense 'to cover' seems to be evidenced by LG. *schode*, G. *schote* pod, Eng. dial. Shood, ON. *skauðir* pl. (Norw. *skaul*), MLG. *schôde*, horse's sheath, ON. *skjóða* bag, purse, and perh. MLG., MDu. *beskudden* to protect.]

A shed.

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 449/1 Schudde, hovel, or swyne kote, or howse of sympyl hyllynge to kepe yn beestys, *catabulum*. 1657 Reeve *God's Plea* 175 Let not..the thatched shuds be neater built then your tiled houses. 1688 *Holmesfield Crt. Rolls* in Addy *Sheff. Gloss.* s.v., A shud near to the said barn. 1787 W. H. Marshall *Norfolk* (1795) II. 388 *Shud*, shed. *a* 1825 Forby *Voc. E. Anglia*, *Shod*, *Shud*, a shed.

Shud, obs. form of Shood, husk of oats.

Shudder (ʃʊ·dəɹ), *sb.* [f. Shudder *v.*]

1. An act of shuddering; a convulsive tremor of the body occasioned by fear, repugnance, or chill.

Phr. *To give one the shudders.*

1607 Shaks. *Timon* IV. iii. 137, I know you'l sweare, terribly sweare Into strong shudders, and to heauenly Agues Th' immortall Gods that heare you.

1824 Miss Ferrier *Inher.* vi, An aguish shudder. 1841 Dallas *Past. Superint.* 212 [She] said..before I spoke of the Communion, that seeing it last Sunday, 'gave her the shudders'. 1851 Longf. *Golden Leg.* iv. *Neighboring Nunnery*, Through all my limbs a shudder ran. 1872 Darwin *Emotions* xii. 302 The first sensation of fear, or the imagination of something dreadful, commonly excites a shudder. 1908 *Sat. Rev.* 13 June 750/2 They solemnly adjure the author not to waste..talent..on giving us the shudders.

2. A tremulous or vibratory movement; a quiver.

1865 Swinburne *Chastelard* I. i. 15 The soft and rapid shudder of her breath In talking.

Shudder (ʃʊ·dəɹ), *v.* Forms: 4 **ahodder,** 5 **shodur, shuder, shoter, shadyr** (?), 5–6 **shoder,** 6– **shudder.** [ME. *shod(d)re*, cognate with MLG. *schôderen*, also *schaderen* (LG. *schuddern*, whence mod.G. *schaudern*), MDu. *schûderen*, frequentative formation (see -er[6]) on the root *skŭd-* to shake.

To this root belong also (1) MLG., LG. *schudden* (whence app. MSw., Sw. *skudda*, and NFris. *skorre* for **skodde*), (2) OFris. *schedda* (WFris. *skodzje*, NFris. *skôddi*), OHG. *scuttan, scut(t)en* (MHG. *schût(t)en*, G. *schütten*, whence mod.G. frequent. *schüttern*), (3) LG. *schuddeln*, OHG. *scutilôn* (MHG. *schüteln*, G. *schütteln*), (4) OHG. *scutisôn* to shudder, *scutisôd* 'trepidatio'.]

1. *intr.* To have a convulsive tremor of the body caused by fear, abhorrence, or cold; hence, to tremble with horror or dread.

a 1310 in Wright *Lyric P.* xxxix. 110 For doute leste he valle he shoddreth ant shereth. *c* 1450 *Cov. Myst.* (Shaks. Soc.) 158 We xulde shadyr for no shoure. *c* 1460 *Towneley Myst.* xxx. 98, I shoterd and shoke I herd sich a rerd. *a* 1529 Skelton *Col. Cloute* 68 Thus eche of other blother The tone agayng the tother: Alas, they make me shoder! 1593 Drayton *Ecl.* x. 4 The poore Heards..Shuddred with keennes of the winters cold, 1602 Marston *Antonio's Rev.* II. iii, Thou wrapt in furres, beaking thy lymbs 'fore fiers Forbidst the frozen Zone to shudder. *a* 1700 Dryden *Theod. & Hon.* 312 With Horror shuddring, on a heap they run. 1788 Mme. D'Arblay *Diary* 13 Feb., I shuddered, and drew involuntarily back, when..I saw Mr. Burke. 1814 Scott *Ld. of Isles* III. xxxi, He..mark'd him shudder at the sword. 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* xxxix, Only two or three domestics shuddered in the bleak old servants' hall. 1871 L. Stephen *Playgr. Eur.* (1894) ii. 42 The masses of ice and snow..make him openly shudder. 1885 'Mrs. Alexandra' *At Bay* ii, I have seen you look surprised when I have started and shuddered at trifles.

b. *transf.*

1769 *Junius Lett.* xxix. 132 There are still some facts in store at which human nature would shudder. 1833 T. Hook *Parson's Dau.* III. ii, Her gentle heart, shuddering as it did with horror at his premeditated cruelty. 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* x, My mind shudders when I think of her awful, awful situation.

c. With *away*, *up*: To shrink *from.*

1668 Dryden *Maiden Q.* v. i, As children..First try the water with their tender feet; Then, shuddering up with cold, step back again. 1853 Mrs. Gaskell *Ruth* xviii, She shuddered up from contemplating it. 1855 — *North & S.* xxv, She shuddered away from the threat of his enduring love. 1893 Mary E. Manh *In Summer Shade* x, Mentally shuddering away from the picture he had called up.

d. const. inf.

1742 Young *Nt. Th.* IV. 249 A midnight, nature shudder'd to behold. 1777 Toplady *Hymn*, '*Deathless Principle*' v, Shudder not to pass the stream. 1861 Meredith *Phantasy* xxix. Poet. Wks. (1912) 116 Already I shuddered to feel the wave, As I kept sinking slowly.

2. *nonce-uses.* **a.** To go *out* with a shudder.

1852 Thackeray *Esmond* III. xiii, The roses had shuddered out of her cheeks.

b. *trans.* To shake *off* with a shudder.

1827 Hood *Hero & Leander* cv, Lo! how she shudders off the headed wave.

3. *intr.* To move tremulously, vibrate, quiver.

1849 Cupples *Green Hand* xiv, Still catching the fierce rush of the gale..which steadied her though she shuddered to it. 1856 Mrs. Browning *Aur. Leigh* III. 276 My pulse Would shudder along the purple-veined wrist Like a shot bird. 1869 Farrar *Families of Speech* i. 25 The full dawn of which the earliest beams had shuddered through the darkness some years before.

4. *trans.* To cause to shudder. *nonce-use.*

c 1801–3 W. Blake *Auguries Innoc.* 8 A robin redbreast in a cage Puts all Heaven in a rage. A dove-house fill'd with doves and pigeons Shudders Hell thro' all its regions.

†5. *intr.* and *trans.* To scatter. *Obs.*

c 1400 *Destr. Troy* IV. 1335 All shodurt as shepe, shont of his way. *Ibid.* 3706 The shippis with shire wynd shodert in twyn. *Ibid.* 6581 He..Shent of þo shalkes, shudrit hom itwyn.

Shu·dderful, *a.* [f. Shudder *sb.* + -ful.] Causing shudders. Hence **Shu·dderfully** *adv.*

1872 Stevenson *Lett.* (1911) I. 44 She cries out—O so shudderfully. 1901 *League Jrnl.* 16 July 465 A sharp and shudderful contrast.

Shu·ddering, *vbl. sb.* [f. Shudder *v.* + -ing[1].] The action of the verb Shudder.

c 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* I. xc, A shuddering [*v.r.* shoughturyng] a flusshing, & affray He [*sc.* the peacock] maketh thenne. 1565 Golding *Ovid's Met.* IV. A ij b, A shuddryng throughe her stracke. 1737 *Gentl. Mag.* VII. 630/1 With universal shudd'ring, and dismay. 1796 Morse *Amer. Geog.* I. 288 They have intervals of shuddering, as if they were in a strong fit of the ague. 1812 Mme. D'Arblay *Diary* (1876) IV. 205 The..event..I never even yet recollect without an inward shuddering. 1888 *Athenæum* 20 Oct. 516/1 Strong shudderings and revulsions.

Shu·ddering, *ppl. a.* [f. Shudder *v.* + -ing[2].]

1. That shudders; trembling with cold, fear, or abhorrence; quivering, vibrating.

1596 Shaks. *Merch. V.* III. ii. 110 And shuddring feare, and greene-eyed iealousie. 1602 Marston *Ant. & Mel.* III. Wks. 1856 I. 30 The shuddering morne that flakes, With silver tinctur, the east vierge of heaven. 1742 W. Collins *Ode Fear* 53 With shudd'ring meek submitted thought. 1764 Goldsm. *Trav.* 65 The shudd'ring tenant of the frigid zone. 1855 Tennyson *Maud* II. iv. vii, In the shuddering dawn. 1872 O. W. Holmes *Poet Breakf.-t.* V, The massive turret shudders with the shuddering rocks on which it rests. 1891 Farrar *Darkn. & Dawn* xxviii, A light laugh woke a shuddering echo along the fretted roof.

2. Characterized or accompanied by shuddering.

1586 Warner *Alb. Eng.* I. vi. (1589) 20 Saue howlings out and shuddering feare came nought to eare or sight. 1794 Mrs. Radcliffe *Myst. Udolpho* xxvi, Pointing with a shuddering emotion to Annette. 1797 — *Italian* ii, A shuddering presentiment. 1863 Geo. Eliot *Romola* I. iii, I have a shuddering sense of what there is inside. 1882 *Sat. Rev.* 6 May 567/1 To leave on the hearer an impression of shuddering disgust. 1893 W. H. Hudson *Idle Days Patag.* i. 2 Strange grating and grinding noises, and shuddering motions of the ship.

b. Causing one to shudder. *rare.*

1848 Lady Lyttelton in *Corr.* (1912) 384 The notion of his being actually put to death..is shuddering!

Shu·dderingly, *adv.* [f. prec. + -ly[2].] In a shuddering manner; with a shudder or shudders.

1592 Nashe *Strange Newes* F 3 The..Mariner, that talks quakingly and shudderingly of a storme that hee hath newly toyld through. 1797 Mrs. Radcliffe *Italian* vii, Vivaldi shudderingly turned to look on it again. 1823 Miss Edgeworth in *Scott's Fam. Lett.* (1894) II. 179 *note*, The touch of insanity in the brother's character in the last shudderingly fine scene. 1846 Trench *Mirac.* xxix. (1862) 414 She would most shudderingly contemplate that beloved form made a spectacle to strangers.

Shu·ddersome, *a.* [f. Shudder + -some.] Causing a shudder.

1893 *Strand Mag.* VI. 694 Below the nose a pale, ghastly, half-open mouth. It was shuddersome. 1893 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 23 Dec. 11/2 There is something ghastly, something shuddersome about the little piece.

Shu·ddery, *a.* [f. Shudder + -y.] Characterized by or causing shuddering; 'creepy'.

1863 R. S. Hawker in *Life* (1905) 450 My health is shuddery—nine-tenths mental too. 1880 *World* 9 June, Wilkie Collins grows..more spectral and shuddery.

Hence **Shu·dderiness.**

1874 R. H. Hutton *Crit. Contemp. Th.* (1894) I. 68 The dreary hopelessness and shudderiness,..if I may coin a word, of the mood depicted.

Shuddery, Shudra: see Sudra, an Indian caste. **Shude:** see Shood. **Shuder,** var. Sudder.

Shue, shoo, *v. Sc.* [See Shove *v.*, etym. note.] *intr.* To swing, play at see-saw. Hence **Shue** *sb.*, a swing, see-saw. Cf. Shuggie-shue.

1808 in Jamieson. 1890, etc. (see Eng. Dial. Dict.).

Shue, obs. f. Shoo, Sue *v.* **Shuf,** obs. f. Shove *v.* **Shufe,** obs. pa. t. of Shave *v.*

Shuff (ʃʊf), *sb.* An inferior class of brick.

1843 *Civil Engin. & Arch. Jrnl.* VI. 349/2 The principal varieties of bricks were called 'malm paviors', 'stocks', 'grizzles', 'places', and 'shuffs'. 1843 *Mech. Mag.* XXXIX. 192 The shuffs were sold for an inferior price governed by their quality, as they were frequently quite rotten.

Shuff, *a. dial.* (see Eng. Dial. Dict.). [dial. var. of SHY *a.*] Shy.

1688 BUNYAN *Christ as Adv.* Wks. 1852 I. 173, I am dull and stupid that way; will not Christ be shuff and shy with me because of this?

Shuff, obs. form of SHOVE *v.*

Shuffle (ʃʊ·f'l), *sb.* [f. SHUFFLE *v.*]

† **1.** A shifting from one place to another; an interchange of positions. *Obs.*

1674 N. FAIRFAX *Bulk & Selv.* 100 The very life and soul of motion is shuffle or sawing. 1692 BENTLEY *Boyle Lect.* i. 27 The unguided agitation and rude shuffles of Matter.

2. A tricky exchange or alternation (of arguments, expedients, etc.).

1641 MILTON *Animadv.* Wks. 1851 III. 185 With a slye shuffle of counterfeit principles chopping and changing till he haue glean'd all the good ones of their minds. 1860 SMILES *Self Help* viii. 215 Life becomes a mere shuffle of expedients.

3. An evasive trick, evasion, subterfuge.

1628 FELTHAM *Resolves* II. ii. 4 All the vnwelcome Shuffles that the poore rude World puts on him. 1653 H. MORE *Antid. Ath.* III. iv. § 5 A man that is unwilling to admit of anything supernatural would please himself with this general shuffle and put-off. 1690 C. NESSE *Hist. & Myst. O. & N. Test.* I. 46 Adam's first reason or shuffle was that he heard Gods voice. 1737 WATERLAND *Eucharist* 85 Socinus's pretended Reasons .. were mere shuffle and pretence. 1842 G. S. FABER *Prov. Lett.* (1844) II. 316 So as to leave no room for shuffle or evasion. 1861 S. BROOKS *Silver Cord* xli. (1865) 225 That seems a shuffle. You can say where the documents are, if you please to do so. 1893 M. PEMBERTON *Iron Pirate* 201 You'll answer it now, yes or no, plain word and no shuffle.

4. Movement of the feet along the ground without lifting them; a gait characterized by such movement.

1847 L. HUNT *Men, Women, & Bks.* I. iv. 62 The bear.. dancing him from side to side in its heavy shuffle. 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* v. I. 533 His gait distinguished from that of other men by a peculiar shuffle. 1862 *Lillywhite's Cricket Scores & Biogr.* I. 436 In delivering the ball he neither ran nor walked up to the crease, but advanced with a sort of 'shuffle'. 1886 G. R. SIMS *Ring o' Bells*, etc. 10 The shuffle of little tired feet along the passage.

5. A dance of a rude kind, in which the feet are shuffled along the floor. *Double shuffle*: one in which two movements of the same kind are made by each foot alternately.

1659 H. MORE *Immort. Soul* II. xviii. 321 The rude shuffles and dancings of the Cretick Corybantes. 1837 MARRYAT *Snarleyyow* x, He would warm himself with the double-shuffle. 1840 R. H. DANA *Bef. Mast* xxiii, They all turned-to and had a regular sailor's shuffle till eight bells. 1842 DICKENS *Amer. Notes* vi, Single shuffle, double shuffle, cut and cross-cut. 1894 E. SCOTT *Dancing* 84 The hornpipe step, familiarly known as the double-shuffle.

6. The act of shuffling playing-cards; also *ellipt.* (a player's) turn to shuffle.

1651 HOBBES *Leviath.* I. xi. 48 Nor any such hope to mend an ill game, as by causing a new shuffle. 1728 SWIFT *Jrnl. Mod. Lady* Wks. 1755 III. II. 195 The deal, the shuffle, and the cut. 1894 MRS. F. ELLIOT *Roman Gossip* v. 162 The next shuffle of the cards finds him leading a hermit's life. 1894 MASKELYNE *Sharps & Flats* 140 To allow a certain number of cards to remain undisturbed is a comparatively simple matter in any shuffle.

Shuffle (ʃʊ·f'l), *v.* Forms: 6 **shoofle, shooffell, shuffil, -ell, shoffle,** 6–7 **shuffel,** 6–8 **shufle,** 7 **shoffel,** 6– **shuffle.** [Early modern Eng.; 16th c. *shoofle, shoffle, shufle,* etc., ad. or cogn. w. LG. *schüffeln,* also *schuffeln* to walk clumsily or with dragging feet, mix (corn), shuffle (cards), deal dishonestly, play unfairly; frequent. f. Teut. root **skuf-* (*skub-*) to SHOVE. (Cf. SCUFFLE and SHOVEL *v.*²)]

1. *intr.* To move the feet along the ground without lifting them, so as to make a scraping noise; to walk with such a motion of the feet; to go with clumsy steps or a shambling gait. Also said of the feet. Often with advs.

1598 MARSTON *Sco. Villanie* B 4 b, Both of them goe a good seemely pace, not stumbling, shuffling. 1627 DRAYTON *Agincourt* 59 Another, his [arms] had shackled by the feete; Who like a Cripple shuffled on the ground. 1719 DE FOE *Crusoe* I. (Globe) 300 The Bear..shuffling along at a strange Rate. 1778 MISS BURNEY *Evelina* xviii. (1791) II. 104 He came shuffling into the room with his boots on. 1810 CRABBE *Borough* xiii, An old brown pony..Who shuffled onward, and from side to side. 1818 SCOTT *Br. Lamm.* x, In making his bow, one foot shuffled forward..the other backward. 1827 — *Jrnl.* 5 Jan., I can now shuffle about and help myself to what I want. 1852 THACKERAY *Esmond* I. Introd., Shuffling backwards out of doors in the presence of the sovereign. 1902 R. BAGOT *Donna Diana* v. 43 The electric bell..rang...The servants shuffled to their feet and went to answer it.

transf. 1576 R. PETERSON *Galateo* (1892) 80 If a man or woman should..shuffle backwarde vpon their taile. 1845 GOSSE *Ocean* ii. (1849) 81 [Plaice] reside wholly upon the bottom [of the sea], shuffling along by waving their flattened bodies, fringed with dorsal and anal fins. 1874 WOOD *Nat. Hist.* 7 The creature shuffles along..by help of its arms.

b. To move restlessly or fidget in one's seat.

1881 *Durham Univ. Jrnl.* 17 Dec. 133 They shuffle on their seats and become impatient. 1895 'MERIMAN' *Grey Lady* II. ii, Captain Bontnor shuffled in his seat and likewise in his speech.

c. *trans.* To move (the feet) along the ground or floor without raising them.

1576 R. PETERSON *Galateo* (1892) 17 Some men vse to.. playe the dromme with their fingers, or shoofle their feete. 1819 KEATS *Lamia* I. 356 Men, women, rich and poor.. Shuffled their sandals o'er the pavement white. 1833 HT. MARTINEAU *Briery Creek* v. 114 Two or three boys and girls shuffled their feet on the matting.

d. To perform (a dance or a dance-step) with a shuffle. Also *absol.* or *intr.*

1818 SCOTT *Br. Lamm.* xiii, Bruin..rose up upon his hind-legs, and instantly began to shuffle a saraband. 1833 [SEBA SMITH] *Lett. J. Downing* iii. (1835) 38 'Change partners, and shuffle the next'; and so they chang'd, and shuffled and changed. 1872 'ALIPH CHEEM' *Lays of Ind* (1876) 5 Girls..who shuffled and beat A strange time with their feet.

2. To manipulate (the cards in a pack) so as to change their relative position, with the object of preventing the players from knowing the order in which the cards lie. Formerly freq. in allusive use, *to shuffle the cards* = to manipulate matters.

1570 LEVINS *Manip.* 184/17 To shuffle cardes, *confundere.* 1577 *F. de Lisle's Legendarie* G viij b, Al was but a new practise whereby to shuffle the cardes as we say, and so to heape one discord vpon another. 1591 FLORIO *2nd Fruites* 69 Goe to, shooffell the cardes verie well. 1596 NASHE *Saffron Walden* M 3 They fell to dansing..; in a trice so they shuffled the cards of purpose..that..he must tread the measures about with the foulest..fury that might be. 1638 BURTON *Anat. Mel.* (ed. 5) III. iii. I. ii, They turned up trumpe, before the Cards were shufled. 1643 *Plain English* 17 [They] had shuffled their cards so cunningly as to be out of the reach of law. 1709 STEELE *Tatler* No. 50 P 11 He is now shuffling the Cards, and dealing to Timothy. 1717 PRIOR *Alma* II. 235 We sure in vain the cards condemn: Ourselves both cut and shuffled them. 1784 COWPER *Task* I. 474 To deal and shuffle, to divide and sort, Her mingled suits and sequences. 1829 LYTTON *Devereux* I. iv, Let us see if, at sixteen, we cannot shuffle cards, and play tricks with the gamester of thirty. 1894 MASKELYNE *Sharps & Flats* 139 The cards are..in their original positions, although they appear to have been perfectly shuffled.

b. *absol.* or *intr.*, freq. allusively, esp. in phr. *shuffle and cut.*

1589 [? LYLY] *Pappe w. Hatchet* C iiij (1844) 27 Weele make you deale, shuffle as well as you can we meane to cut it. 1592 MARLOWE *Mass. Paris* I. ii, Since thou hast all the Cardes within thy hands To shuffle or cut, take this as surest thing: That..thou deale thy selfe a King. 1602 HEYWOOD *Woman killed w. Kindn.* III. ii, Shuffle, He cut; would I had neuer dealt. 1680 COTTON *Compl. Gamester* (ed. 2) 58 The Dealer shuffles, and the other cuts. 1694 CONGREVE *Double Dealer* II. i, Since we have shuffled and cut, let's e'en turn up trump now. 1706 E. WARD *Wooden World Diss.* (1708) 93 He..shuffles and cuts with every one who has to do with him. 1748 WALPOLE *Let. to Mann* 26 Dec., A little astonished at seeing the Count shuffle with the faces of the cards upwards. 1810 CRABBE *Borough* x, They draw, they sit, they shuffle, cut and deal. 1862 'CAVENDISH' *Whist* (1879) 6 The dealer has always the right to shuffle last. 1864 KNIGHT *Passages Work. Life* I. iii. 167 The princes..bt the faro-table of Vienna shuffled and cut for the destinies of the world.

Proverb. 1620 SHELTON *Quix.* III. xxiii. 160 O Cousin, I say, Patience and Shuffle. *a* 1839 PRAED *Poems* (1864) II. 141 And cut the fiercest quarrels short With—'Patience, gentlemen—and shuffle!'

c. *trans.* To produce or put *in* (a card or a certain succession of cards) in shuffling. Chiefly *fig.*

1583 MELBANCKE *Philotimus* F ij b, The fault..was..in her mother, which in shuffling the cards shufled in a knaue too many. 1594 ? GREENE *Selimus* Wks. (Grosart) XIV. 251 Vnlesse I shuffle out my selfe a king. 1648 *Hunting of Fox* 40 Your creatures were shuffled among all the knaves in the packe. 1654 WHITLOCK *Zootomia* 425 Shuffling and cutting ones selfe a Fortune in this scambling World. *Mod.* I will try and shuffle myself a good hand this time.

3. To push along, about, or together in a disorderly mass or heap, or in a manner suggesting the shuffling of feet.

1567 HARMAN *Caveat* xxiv, He shuffels vp a quayntitye of strawe..into some pretye carner of the barne where she maye conuenientlye lye. 1577–87 HOLINSHED *Chron.* III. 1065/1 They..strewed againe the rushes that were shuffled with strugling. 1616 *Rich Cabinet* A a 2 To beginne another discourse when a man is telling a story..is as if you should shuffle stones against him which goeth [=walks]. 1695 WOODWARD *Nat. Hist. Earth* VI. (1723) 279 The Sea, by this Access and Recess, shuffling the empty Shells. 1725 P. BLAIR *Pharmaco-Bot.* III. 133 They Wash Cloaths, shuffling, shifting of it. 1875 SOUTHWARD *Dict. Typogr.* 63 He then lets the further side rest upon the table, and shuffles the sheets gradually away from him.

4. To put or throw *together* in one mass indiscriminately, incongruously, or without order; to huddle or jumble together.

1570 LEVINS *Manip.* 127/45 To Shuffil, *confundere.* 1609 HOLLAND *Amm. Marcell.* 327 The enemies rankes were broken, and for feare so shufled together, that [etc.]. 1629 H. BUATON *Babel no Bethel* I Comparing my arguments to scroles shufled together in a lottery pott. 1662 J. DAVIES tr. *Mandelslo's Trav.* 268 They..eat upon the ground, sometimes shuffling flesh, and fish, and fruits together all into the same dish. 1685 SOUTH *Serm.* Prov. xvi. 33 (1727) I. 297 When Lots are shuffled in a Lap, Urn, or Pitcher. 1806–7 J. BERESFORD *Miseries Hum. Life* (1826) xx. 260 Your shoes shuffled by a rascally servant into the general heap. 1883 V. STUART *Egypt* 66 The..granite blocks are.. mingled together and piled on one another..as if shuffled by some giant. 1899 J. G. FRAZER *Orig. Totemism* ii, The various clans..do not live isolated from each other, but are shuffled up together within a narrow area.

b. With immaterial obj.

1634 HEYWOOD *Lanc. Witches* III. Wks. 1874 IV. 211 Was there ever such a medley of mirth, madnesse, and drunkennesse, shuffled together? 1647 COWLEY *Mistr., Distance* iv, Hearts by Love, strangely shuffled are, That there can never meet a Pare! 1699 BENTLEY *Phal.* 272 Eusebius's Histories are so shuffled and interpolated, and so disjointed from his Tables. *a* 1732 ATTERBURY (J.), He has shuffled the two ends of the sentence together. 1823 LAMB *Elia* II. *Rejoicings New Year,* Good Days, bad Days so shuffled together. 1830 MACAULAY *Misc. Writ.* (1860) II. 20 Let us now shuffle the censuses of England and France together.

c. To mingle or join indiscriminately *with* or *among* others.

1593 KYD *Let. Sir J. Puckering* Wks. (1901) p. cviii, Some fragments of a disputation..affirmd by Marlowe to be his, and shufled wth some of myne. 1648 WINYARD *Mids.-Moon* 2 Shuffle him with the rest oth' visitors. 1662 J. DAVIES tr. *Olearius' Voy. Ambass.* (1669) 282 With so little observance or order, that..the servants were shuffled in among their Masters. 1713 *Guardian* No. 108. 104, I..should not have minded them had they been still shuffled among the crowd. 1742 YOUNG *Nt. Th.* VII. 708 The pang of seeing worth.. soon shuffled in the dark With ev'ry vice.

5. To bring *in* in a deceitful, tricky, or surreptitious manner; to smuggle (a thing) *in* or *into* (something else); to thrust *in* somehow or other.

1565 JEWEL *Replie Harding* (1611) 201 Quite alteriog the words that hee found, and shuffling in, and interlacing other words of his owne. 1593 *Tell-Troth's N. Y. Gift* (1876) 10 The wicked..labour..to shuffle in suspition amongst those that are free from thought thereof. 1610 T. ROBINSON *Justif. Separat.* Wks. 1851 II. 490 A bundle of corn shuffled into a field of weeds..cannot make the field a corn-field. 1622 PEACHAM *Compl. Gentl.* xiii. 150 Coates [of arms] sometimes are by stealth purchased, shuffled into Records and Monuments, by Painters. 1736 WATTS *Logic* III. iv. § 3 Nor..cheat your Understanding by changing the Question, or shuffling in any thing else in its Room. 1759 ROBERTSON *Hist. Scot.* II. 35 He acknowledged that he had shuffled in this letter among other papers which he laid before the king to be signed.

† **b.** To remove, put *aside* or *away* in a hurried, secret, or underhand manner. *Obs.*

1598 SNAKS. *Merry W.* IV. vi. 29 Her Mother..hath appointed That he shall likewise shuffle her away. 1646 R. BAILLIE *Anabaptism* (1647) Ep., Then was it good time for them to come in play, and..to shuffle all others, who had managed the Game whilst it was hazardous. 1649 *Bounds & Bonds Obed.* 40 We know..how Joseph was shuffled away by his owne friends and kindred. 1666 in *10th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. v. 18 A maid servant, who..was on a sudden shuffled out of the said house. *a* 1754 FIELDING *Univ. Gallant* II. i, It seems, he is not proper company for me, or you would not have shuffled him away yesterday.

c. To bring, put, or thrust *into* or *out of* a position or condition in a haphazard, underhand, or shirking manner, or by rough-and-ready means.

1628 SHIRLEY *Witty Fair One* V. i, A spruce Captain, newly crept out of a Gentleman Vsher, and shufled into a Buffe Iurkin with gold Lace. 1654 BRAMHALL *Just Vind.* v. (1661) 95 By Slight of hand..to shuffle this Canon out of the Acts of the Councel. 1692 BENTLEY *Boyle Lect.* v. 4 That all the Bodies of the first Animals and Plants were shuffled into their several Forms..fortuitously. 1729 LADY FANSHAWE *Mem.* 267 Thus was he shuffled into your father's Employment. 1810 W. WILSON *Hist. Diss. Ch.* III. 83 Nothing can shuffle out the covenant of grace, but a secret conversing with a covenant of works. 1826 SCOTT *Jrnl.* 27 Oct., Calais..might..have been shuffled out of our hands during the Civil wars. 1844 KINGLAKE *Eothen* viii. (1847) 92 She shuffled away the subject of poor dear Somersetshire, and bounded onward into loftier spheres of thought. 1860 TRENCH *Serm.* xxi. 247 He that shuns and shirks the task of his life, shuffles it from him. *c* 1860 M. ARNOLD *Mixed Ess., Democracy* (1879) 43 To treat them as if they had been shuffled into their places by a lucky accident.

d. *To shuffle off*: to get rid of or evade (something difficult, arduous, or irksome) in a perfunctory or unsatisfactory manner; to dispose of evasively; to shirk (a duty or obligation).

In mod. use freq. in echoes of Shaks. *Ham.* III. i. 67.

1601 SHAKS. *Twel. N.* III. iii. 16 And euer oft good turnes, Are shuffel'd off with such vncurrant pay. 1602 — *Ham.* III. i. 67 When we have shuffled'd [*sic*] off this mortall coile. 1642 D. ROGERS *Naaman* 38 Men shuffle them [*sc.* judgements] off thus. 1653 H. MORE *Antid. Ath.* I. iv. § 4 Though he would shuffle off the trouble of apprehending an Infinite Deity. 1784 SIR J. REYNOLDS *Disc.* xii. (1876) 42 To evade and shuffle off real labour. 1807–8 W. IRVING *Salmag.* 375 With the full expectation of shuffling off the remnant of existence, after the excellent fashion of that merry Grecian, who died laughing. 1861 THACKERAY *Four Georges* II. (1876) 46 [They] are obliged for propriety's sake to shuffle off the anxious inquiries of the public. 1863 LYTTON *Caxtoniana* xxii. II. 70 In reality he shuffles off duty. 1890 SAINTSBURY *Ess. Engl. Lit.* 272 A mania which some of his admirers have..endeavoured to shuffle off.

† **e.** *To shuffle up*: to manage in secret; to hush up. *Obs.*

1588 LAMBARDE *Eiren.* IV. xvi. 581 If it be pronounced at the Bench openly..and not shuffled vp in a chamber.. secretly. 1605–24 BRETON *I pray you be not angry* (Grosart) 6/2 The matter cleanly shuffled vp, and shee with sorrow rather to confesse it in secret. 1608 WILLET *Hexapla Exod.* 551 The Spanish Inquisition, which is shuffled vp in corners.

6. *intr.* and *refl.* To get *in, into* or *out of* a position or condition, by some means or other, in an underhand, shifty, or evasive manner.

1565 HARDING *Answ. Jewel* 375 b, In regard of the Rome they haue shuffled them selues into. 1579–80 NORTH *Plutarch* (1595) 511 Sylla valiantly following on his victory, shuffled in [to the City] among them as they fled. 1780 COWPER *Lett.* 4 Mar., We were concerned at your account of Robert, and have little doubt but he will shuffle himself out of his place. 1826 MOTLEY *Corr.* (1889) I. 6, I might enter Sophomore,..but if I should manage to shuffle in I should always be the worst in my class. 1851 HELPS *Comp. Solit.* iv. (1874) 48 He would have contrived to shuffle awkwardly out of wealth and dignities. 1887 *Westm. Rev.* June 281 He shuffles out of the consequences by vague..charges of undue influence.

b. *To shuffle* † *over, through*: to perform hurriedly or perfunctorily, get through somehow.

1656 BAXTER *Ref. Pastor* Pref. b, If there should be any found..that will shuffle over the work. 1681 FLAVEL *Meth. Grace* xxiv. 418 Dost thou shuffle over thy duties as an interruption to thy business and pleasures? 1820 W. IRVING *Sketch Bk.* I. 219 The service..was shuffled through.. coldly and unfeelingly. 1820 J. W. CROKER in *C. Papers* 20 Dec., If we had but a spokesman or two we should shuffle through the session. 1860 GEO. ELIOT *Mill on Fl.* II. iv, Tom was gradually allowed to shuffle through his lessons with less vigour.

†c. To make scrambling efforts, scuffle. *Obs.*

1609 DANIEL *Civ. Wars* VIII. xcix, Shuffling for your roomes Of ease or honor. 1611 SHAKS. *Cymb.* V. v. 105 Your life, good Master, Must shuffle for it selfe. *a* 1625 FLETCHER *Night-Walker* I, He that shall sit down frighted with that foolery Is not worth pity, let me alone to shuffle.

7. To act in a shifting or evasive manner; to shift one's ground in argument, etc.; to make use of deceitful pretences or shifty answers.

1598 SHAKS. *Merry W.* II. ii. 25, I..am faine to shuffle: to hedge, and to lurch. 1652-62 HEYLIN *Cosmogr.* III. (1682) 5 So shuffling with the Macedonian and Syrian Kings, that betwixt both they still preserved their own estates. 1668 O. SANSOM in *Acc. Life* (1710) 60 When you should have produced it [a money-account], you shuffled, and shifted it off; pretending a Mistake. 1706 HEARNE *Collect.* (O.H.S.) I. 222 Mr. Milles did not frankly own it, but seem'd to shuffle about it. 1815 *Sporting Mag.* XLVI. 165 To him they shuffled in the same manner, and gave him the like false description of themselves. 1856 FROUDE *Hist. Eng.* I. 125 He said and unsaid, sighed, sobbed, beat his breast, shuffled, implored, threatened.

b. So *to shuffle up and down.*

1633 AMES *Fresh Suit* II. 80 Those that are devoted to the Ceremonies may shufle up and downe, first to order, and when they are beaten thence, to Decencie. *c* 1645 HOWELL *Lett.* 5 June 1635, The Bishop of Halverstadt and Count Mansfelt shuffled up and down a good while. [1871 JOWETT *Plato* I. 96 He shuffles up and down [στρέφεται ἄνω καὶ κάτω] in order to conceal the difficulty into which he has got himself.]

†**8.** *trans.* To manipulate unfairly. *Obs.*

1589 [? LYLY] *Pappe w. Hatchet* (1844) 32 With their wresting and shuffling holie Writ. 1593 BILSON *Govt. Christ's Ch.* 209 If I shuffle any writers wordes, or dazel the Readers eies. 1641 in 'Smectymnuus' *Vind. Answ.* Pref. a 2 b, This Authour is misalledged...This Councell shuffled up with little fidelitie.

†b. *To shuffle up*: to get or put together hastily or in a perfunctory manner; to patch up. *Obs.*

1532 MORE *Confut. Tindale* Wks. 357/1 Yet haue I not so slightly sene vnto mine own, nor shoffled it vp so hasteli,.. but that [etc.]. 1589 NASHE *Anat. Absurd.* B 4 b, Some stitcher..hath shuffled or slubberd vp a few ragged Rimes. 1607 DEKKER *Westw. Hoe* Wks. 1873 III. 295 Like Country Atturnies, wee are to shuffle vp many matters in a forenoone. 1643 BAKER *Chron., Hen. VII*, (1653) 355 To shuffle up a Summary proceeding by examination, without tryall of Jury. 1659 *Lady Alimony* II. iii, A mad match soon shuffled up!

†c. To treat (a matter) in an equivocal fashion.

1637 GILLESPIE *Eng. Pop. Cerem.* III. iv. 59 He shuffeleth the point deceitfully. 1726 WODROW *Corr.* (1843) III. 251 The Moderator shuffled the matter.

9. In immaterial sense: To put (a thing) *off from* one *to* another, or *upon* a person.

1622 SIR J. DAVIES *Why Ireland*, etc. 168 Their possessions ..being shuffled and changed, and remoued so often from one to another. 1642 R. CARPENTER *Experience* IV. v. 144 Looke how they shuffle the matter, and give it from one hand to another amongst themselves. 1692 R. L'ESTRANGE *Fables* CCXXXIII. 203 If any thing Hits, we take it to our Selves, if it Miscarries, we shuffle it off to our Neighbours. 1745 *De Foe's Engl. Tradesm.* II. (1841) I. 18 The warehouse-man shuffles them back upon the clothier to lie for his account. 1875 MCLAREN *Serm.* Ser. II. vii. 125 Is he trying to shuffle off guilt from his own shoulders? 1879 FROUDE *Cæsar* xiii. 189 Those who most agreed in what he had done, were not ashamed to shuffle off upon him their responsibilities. 1882 *Mrs. Raven's Temptation* I. 281 I'll shuffle him off upon the governor.

†b. To put (a person) *off* (*with* an excuse, a makeshift). *Obs.*

1659 D. PELL *Impr. Sea* 574 Will any Land-lord bear with his Tennant that shuffels him off from year to year? 1662 J. DAVIES tr. *Olearius' Voy. Ambass.* (1669) 287 Those whom the king had sent to him would not be shuffled off with that answer. 1690 C. NESSE *Hist. & Myst. O. & N. Test.* I. 77 It cannot consist with a gracious heart to shuffle off the great God with slight services.

†c. To cheat (a person) *out of* a thing. *Obs.*

1627 in *Lismore Papers* Ser. II. (1888) III. 150 He would spend his whole estate before he should be shuffled out of his landes. 1660 PEPYS *Diary* 4 July, I..had great fears that they will shuffle me out of them [*sc.* houses].

10. *trans.* To shift from one place to another; to move *about* this way and that.

† *Shuffle the slipper*, the game of hunt-the-slipper.

1694 *Phil. Trans.* XVIII. 92 Several Houses now standing were shuffled and moved some Yards from their places. 1697 DRYDEN *Æneid* XI. 1166 Apollo..granting half his pray'r, Shuffled in winds the rest, and toss'd in empty air. 1760-72 H. BROOKE *Fool of Qual.* (1809) I. 16 Our hero was beaten..at draw-glove and shuffle the slipper. 1781 COWPER *Truth* 320 Yon cottager, who weaves at her own door..Shuffling her threads about the live-long day.

†b. *intr.* To shift *about* hesitatingly. *Obs.*

c 1645 HOWELL *Lett.* 28 Nov. 1635, The French shuffle yet well enough upon the Frontiers of Germany and Lorrain. 1697 DAMPIER *Voy.* (1729) I. 79 The Wind would shuffle about to the Southward again, and fall flat calm.

†c. To pass *into* a succession of conditions. *Obs.*

1635 SHIRLEY *Traitor* II. D 4 b, The Elements Shuffle into innumerable changes.

11. To put (a thing) *into* a receptacle, put or take (a thing) *on, off*, etc. in a clumsy or fumbling manner.

1694 tr. *Marten's Voy. Spitzbergen* in *Acc. Sev. Late Voy.* II. 161 By it stands a Boy that shuffles the Fat by degrees into a Bag. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* III. VI. ii, His shoulders shuffle the loose coat off them. 1839 JAMES *Louis XIV*, II. 62 The secretary shuffled the papers hastily under the table cover. 1847 DISRAELI *Tancred* III. ii, He shuffled off his slippers at the threshold. 1865 DICKENS *Mut. Fr.* III. iii, When he has shuffled his clothes on. 1869 TROLLOPE *He knew*, etc. lvii. (1878) 319 She could only shuffle her letter back into her pocket.

b. *intr.* To get *into* an article of clothing in a clumsy or fumbling manner.

1865 KINGSLEY *Herew.* xli, Ailward shuffled into his harness. 1883 V. STUART *Egypt* 112 The inhabitants.. shuffled into their slippers.

c. To fumble. *rare.*

1812 *Examiner* 30 Nov. 767/2 Collingbourn observed the prisoner busily shuffling about his pockets.

12. *Comb.*: **shuffle-breeches** (meaning obscure); **shuffle-cap**, 'a play at which money is shaken in a hat' (J.); **shuffle-wing**, the hedge-sparrow, *Accentor modularis.*

1822 COBBETT *Cottage Econ.* (1823) § 107 The old *shuffle-breeches band of the Quarterly Review. 1712 ARBUTHNOT *John Bull* II. iii, He lost his Money at Chuck-Farthing, *Shuffle-Cap, and All-Fours. 1759 STERNE *Tr. Shandy* I. x, Even chuck-farthing and shuffle-cap themselves stood gaping till he [the village parson] had got out of sight. 1829 J. L. KNAPP *Jrnl. Natur.* 151 The hedge sparrow, or *shufflewing.

Shuffle-board: see SHOVEL-BOARD.

Shu·ffled, *ppl. a.* [f. SHUFFLE *v.* + -ED 1.] Huddled up, jumbled together.

1685 DAVDEN *Alb. & Alb.* II, In shuffled Heaps they hither tend. *a* 1683 OLDHAM *Wks.* (1686) 71 No shuffled Atoms did the well built work compose.

Shuffler (ʃʊ·fləɹ). [f. SHUFFLE *v.* + -ER 1.]

†1. One who mixes up or jumbles. *Obs.*

1611 COTGR., *Brouillcur*, a..disorderly shuffler, or mingler of things together.

2. One who acts in a shifty or evasive manner; a slippery, shifty person. In first quot. *transf.*

1621 BP. MOUNTAGU *Diatribæ* 321 If it be..that this first Tithe is euery where stiled by the name of Tithes payed at Ierusalem: your second Tithe, for ought I see, may goe stand by for a shuffler, or it must bee confounded with the first. 1629 H. BURTON *Truth's Tri.* 46 See this crafty shuffler how hee can packe this close. 1723 WATERLAND *2nd Vind. Christ's Div.* 157 Unless He were the greatest Prevaricator and Shuffler imaginable. 1836 LYTTON *Athens* (1837) II. 520 Sophocles in private life was a profligate, and in public life a shuffler, and a trimmer. 1883 *Manch. Exam.* 26 Nov. 5/2 If [he] is not the meanest and most pitiful shuffler who ever stood on a platform.

†**3.** *Cant.* ? A drinker. *Obs.*

1642 *Tom Nash his Ghost* title-p., To the three scurvy Fellowes of the upstart Family of the Snufflers, Rufflers and Shufflers. 1652 BRATHWAIT *Barnabies Summons*, For all Malaga men, called Vintners, Sack-drawers..Tub-Taysters Snuffers, Rufflers,..Shufflers,..Suck-spigots, Spewterers.

4. One who shuffles cards.

1894 MASKELYNE *Sharps & Flats* 154 If the sharp is a fine shuffler.

Shu·ffling, *vbl. sb.* [f. SHUFFLE *v.* + -ING 1.]

1. The action of moving the feet along the ground without lifting them; the dragging and scraping of feet over a surface.

Double-shuffling: the performance of a double shuffle.

1608 DEKKER *Dead Tearme* Wks. (Grosart) IV. 51 What shuffling, what shouldering, what Justling. 1859 DICKENS *Haunted House* VIII. 48 There ensued such toe-and-heeling, and buckle-covering, and double-shuffling. 1869 'LEWIS CARROLL' *Phantasmagoria* 99 Old shufflings on the sanded floor. 1873 MISS BROUGHTON *Nancy* II, A noise of shuffling and scrambling to their feet on the part of the congregation.

2. The re-arrangement of the cards in a pack.

1579 NORTHBROOKE *Dicing* (1843) 142 They haue such sleightes in sorting and shuffling of the cardes. 1591 FLORIO *2nd Fruites* 69 What a shoofling doo you keepe with those cardes? 1659 H. NEVILE (*title*), Shuffling, Cutting, and Dealing, in a Game at Pickquet. 1796 BURKE *Regic. Peace* iv, The cutting and shuffling of Cards. 1840 HOOD *Miss Kilmansegg* 2002 The rattling of dice and the shuffling of cards. 1856 LT. COL. B** *Whist player* (1858) 18 In shuffling, the cards must be above and free from the table.

fig. a 1652 J. SMITH *Sel. Disc.* IV. 89 That all the shuffling and cutting of atoms could produce such a divine piece of wisdom as this is.

3. The shifting of a thing about or from one place to another; change of the position (of things) with reference to each other; mixing or jumbling *together*.

1602 SHAKS. *Ham.* IV. vii. 135 So that with ease, Or with a little shuffling, you may choose A Sword vnbaited. 1661 BOYLE *Scept. Chym.* II. 162 A new shufling and Disposition of the Component Particles of a body. 1691 RAY *Creation* (1714) 37 The fortuitous shuffling together of its component Materials. 1692 R. L'ESTRANGE *Fables* xli. 43 This Shuffling of the Bat in the Paw of the Weazle. 1890 *Hardwicke's Sci. Gossip* XXVI. 143/2 After some sidling of the head and shuffling of the wings. 1891 *Athenæum* 8 Aug. 189/3 'Charybdis', the title-piece..seems as if it might have come to its pre-eminence merely by a chance shuffling of the leaves.

b. *Printing.* (See quot.)

1841 SAVAGE *Dict. Printing, Shuffling.* This is..part of the process of Knocking-up, when the paper is laid in heaps, after having been taken down from the poles, to make it lie even at the edges.

4. Shifty or evasive dealing or conduct; †*occas.* evasion (*of* something).

1579 W. WILKINSON *Confut. Fam. Love* 4 Herein you do but rayse dust with your shufflyng. 1602 SHAKS. *Ham.* III. iii. 61 There is no shuffling, there the Action lyes In his true Nature. 1646 J. HALL *Horæ Vac.* 113 There is rather a shuffling of approaching dangers, then preventing them from afarre. *a* 1716 SOUTH *Serm.* (1744) II. 112 The ambiguity and shuffling of a partial historian. 1823 LAMB *Elia* II. *Poor Relations*, The truth must out without shuffling. 1842 MIALL *Nonconf.* II. 1 That species of shuffling, which goes by the name of expediency. 1884 *Truth* 13 Mar. 375/2 All the rest is shuffling and subterfuge.

Shu·ffling, *ppl. a.* [f. SHUFFLE *v.* + -ING 1.]

1. That shuffles in walking; that drags the feet over the ground without lifting them. Hence, of a walk, pace, gait: Consisting of or characterized by a shuffle.

1596 SHAKS. 1 *Hen. IV*, III. i. 135 The forc't gate of a shuffling Nagge. 1609 *Old Meg of Herefordsh.* (1816) 1 The courts of kings for stately measures:..the country for shufling dances. 1697 COLLIER *Ess. Mor. Subj.* II. (1703) 45 The hurry of the pursuit will make but a shuffling pace. 1727 SOMERVILE *Happy Disapp.* 57 He knew him by his shuffling pace. 1815 ELPHINSTONE *Acc. Caubul* Introd. (1842) I. 9 A kind of shuffling trot. 1848 DICKENS *Dombey* ii, He was a strong..round-shouldered, shuffling, shaggy fellow. 1889 JESSOPP *Coming of Friars* ii. 57 A ragged, shuffling tramp on the road.

2. Of persons: Given to shifty or evasive action or behaviour.

1616 R. COCKS *Diary* (Hakl. Soc.) I. 94 A shuffling fello, not worthy water for his hier. 1674 *Essex Papers* (1890) I. 182, I find them very backward & shufling in all their Paym^ts. 1715 ADDISON *Tryal Count Tariff*, The Court found him a false, shuffling, prevaricating rascal. 1833 HT. MARTINEAU *Manch. Strike* I. 12 The mean-spirited, shuffling knave. 1878 LECKY *Eng. in 18th Cent.* II. viii. 439 So timid in danger, and so shuffling in difficulty.

b. Of action, conduct, speech: Evasive, shifty.

1644 PAYNNE & WALKER *Fiennes' Trial* 29 Colonell Fiennes.., said in a shuffling manner, I confess he was a Governour *de facto*, but not *de jure*. 1660 H. MORE *Myst. Godl.* V. xvii. 203 They held the Creed in the plain literal sense thereof without any shuffling Allegories. 1712 ARBUTHNOT *John Bull* III. x, Though he durst not directly break his appointment, he made many a shuffling excuse. 1787 JEFFERSON *Writ.* (1859) II. 171 The shuffling conduct of Barrois. 1831 SCOTT *Ct. Robt.* XXI, The wily, ambidexter, shuffling policy of the Emperor. 1851 THACKERAY *Eng. Hum.* III. (1876) 246 Dick made a shuffling excuse that he could not see her.

3. That shuffles cards.

1777 [T. SWIFT] *Gamblers* 11 Great Father of the Shuffling Crew! [*margin* Mr. Hoyle].

Shu·fflingly, *adv.* [f. prec. + -LY 2.] With a shuffling gait; in a shuffling or evasive manner.

1657 J. SERGEANT *Schism Dispach't* 110 How shufflingly the Doctor behaves himself. 1681 DRYDEN *Span. Friar* I. i, Perhaps I may go shufflingly at first; for I was never before walk'd in Trammels. 1865 DICKENS *Mut. Fr.* I. XVI, The honest man had shufflingly declined. 1879 MEREDITH *Egoist* XXXIII, Vernon..apologized to him shufflingly.

Shuffy (ʃʊ·fi), *a.* [f. SHUFF + -Y.] Of bricks: Friable from being badly burnt.

1850 DOBSON *Bricks & Tiles* 38 Shuffs. These are unsound and shuffy—that is, full of shakes. 1873 ROBERTSON *Engin. Notes* 33 If the intensity of the heat is intermittent the bricks will be shuffy like piecrust.

†**Shug**, *v. Obs. rare*$^{-1}$. [If not some error, perh. a forced use of *shug* SHOG *v.*] *intr.* ? To force one's way, shove *in.*

1638 DEKKER, etc. *Witch of Edmonton* V. i. (1658) 56, I am for greatness now..; There I'll shug in, and get a noble countenance; Serve some Briarean Footcloth-strider.

Shug, variant of SHOO *v.*

Shu·ggie-shue, *sb. Sc., Ir.* and *north.* Also 7, 9 **shoggie-shou, -show**, 9 **shuggy shoe, -shew, -shoo, -shaw.** [Cf. SHOG *v.* and SHUE *sb.* and *v.*] The pastime of swinging; a swing (esp. at a fair), hence *jocularly* the gallows; also a see-saw. Hence **Shuggy-shue** *v. intr.* to sway about. (See *Eng. Dial. Dict.*)

1653 URQUHART *Rabelais* I. xxii. 96 There he played..at swaggie, waggie or shoggieshou [F. *a la braudelle*]. 1836 W. CARLETON *Fardorougha* xvi, You'd a' got a touch of the *Shuggy Shoe. Note* Gallows.

Shuggle, Shugh, var. ff. SHOGGLE, SHEUGH.

†**Shugh.** *int. rare*$^{-1}$. [Cf. SHOO *int.*^{2}] Used as an exclamation of impatience.

1640 BROME *Antipodes* V. v, *Joy.* Shugh, give me leave. *Byb. I* must take charge I see o' th' dagger againe.

Shuin, obs. variant of SEWIN 1.

1655 MOUFET & BENNET *Health's Improv.* 187 *Shuins*, seem unto me a kind of Salmon.

Shuite, obs. form of SUIT.

Shulder, -dre, -dur, obs. forms of SHOULDER.

Shule: see SHOOL *v.*, SHOVEL.

Shulleng(e, obs. forms of SHILLING.

Shu·llock. *Obs.* exc. *dial.* In 7 **schullock**, 9 *dial.* **shollock, shullok.** [Of obscure origin: cf. dial. *shallock, shollock* vb., to idle about, to slouch.] Used as a term of contempt.

a 1603 T. CARTWAIGHT *Confut. Rhem. N. T.* (1618) 642 M. Calvins great skill..could not without blushing be lacked of such schullockes and skipjackes as you be. 1841 R. W. HAMILTON *Nugæ Lit.* 359 *Shollock.* A very dirty fellow,—bad in look as shabby in appearance.

‖ **Shulwar** (ʃʊlwā·r). Also **shulwaur**. [Pers. شلوار *shalwār*. Cf. SHERRYVALLY, SHERWAL.] *pl.* Persian loose trousers.

1828 J. B. FRASER *Kuzzilbash* I. xv. 200 His huge shulwars, or riding trowsers..fell in folds over the large red leather boots. 1840 — *Koordistan* II. v. 118 The Sheikh's cloaks and shulwârs.

Shumac, Shuman: see SUMACH, SHAMAN.

Shumerian, variant of SUMERIAN.

Shumsheer, variant of SHAMSHEER.

Shun (ʃʊn), *sb. rare*⁻¹. [f. the verb.] The action of shunning; in phr. *upon the shun*.

1822 SCOTT *Peveril* Pref. Let., Our friend is so much upon the shun..that it must be no light temptation which will withdraw him from his incognito.

Shun (ʃʊn). *v.* Pa. t. and pa. pple. **shunned** (ʃʊnd). Forms: α. 1 scunian, 3 scunien, schunien, shunen(n, sconien, sonen, sunen, schunen, 3–4 schonen, schonie, 4 shonie, -ye, schonne, schwne, 4–5 shonen, shone, schone, 4–6 shonne, 4–7 shunne, 5–6 shon (6 schune, shonn), 6– shun; *irreg. pa. t.* 7 (once) shan. β. 1 -sceonian (in compounds), *north.* (3i)scynia, 3 sceonie, 4 shine, shenye, 5 *pa. t.* shynte. [OE. *scunian* (chiefly in compounds, *á-*, *onscunian*), a wk. verb not found in the other Teut. langs. Of obscure origin.

If the primary sense was 'to hide oneself (from)', the vb. might be a derivative from the Teut. and Indogermanic root **skeu-* to cover, hide.

The β forms are prob. due to the effect of the palatal *sc* on the following vowel.]

†**1.** *trans.* To abhor, detest, loathe. *Obs.*

1023 in Thorpe *Dipl. Angl. Sax.* (1865) 318 Of eallan ðan mannan ðe ðær ȝehænde beoð mid ane mode wurð he ȝescunned. *a* 1200 *Vices & Virtues* 7 Þat ȝie hatien and scunien, ouer alle þing, ðes awerȝhede senne. *c* 1200 ORMIN 2550 Drihhtin shunebþ alle þa þatt unnclænnesse follȝhenn. *c* 1205 LAY. 14869–72 Mi uader..scunede [*c* 1275 sonede] þene cristindom & þa hæðene laȝen luuede..þa we sculleð sceonien [*c* 1275 hatie]. *a* 1250 *Owl & Night.* 229 For vych þing þat schonyeþ riht, hit luuyeþ þuster & hateþ lyht. *Ibid.* 792 Vor myne crafte men me luuyeþ Vor þine strengþe men þe schunyeþ.

†**2.** To seek safety by concealment or flight from (an enemy, his pursuit, etc.) *Obs.*

a 950 *Guthlac* xix. (Gonser) 159/7 And hine Ceolred se kyniȝ hider and þider wide aflymde, an he his ehtnysse and his hatunge fleah and scunode. 1607 SHAKS. *Cor.* I. vi. 44 The Mouse ne're shunn'd the Cat, as they did budge From Rascals worse then they. 1638 W. LISLE *Heliodorus* II. 36 A liuing Greeke from dead Ægyptian ran, And long time that, which could not hurt him, shun.

†**b.** To evade, elude (a blow, missile). *Obs.*

a 1586 SIDNEY *Arcadia* III. (Sommer) 317 b, But Amphialus seeing the blow comming, shunned it with nimble turning his horse aside. 1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* II. v. 4 [He] lightly shunned it [the stroke]. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* II. 810, I forewarn thee, shun His deadly arrow.

3. To avoid (in mod. prose use always to avoid persistently or habitually) from repugnance, fear, or caution; to keep away from (a person or his society, a place, etc.); to avoid encountering or exposing oneself to (dangers, conditions), using or having to do with (a thing); to eschew, abstain carefully from (an action, an indulgence, etc.).

a. with obj. a person, his company, etc.

c 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 79 Al se hwat se he forgulte wes al [animals] hit him ulel [? *read* uleh] and scunede. *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 1864 Ðat folkes kin god bad him sunen.. 13.. *K. Alis.* 6157 (Laud MS.), Aqueyntaunce of alle men hij shoneþ. 1377 LANGL. *P. Pl.* B. XI. 427 Euery man hym shonyeth. 1393 *Ibid.* C. XIV. 245 Ech man shoneþ hus companye. *a* 1450 LOVELICH *Grail* lv. 76 The kyng was A lepre..and so Oríble..that Eche Man schoned his Compenye. 1590 SHAKS. *Mids. N.* II. i. 142 If you will patiently dance in our Round,..goe with vs; If not, shun me and I will spare your haunts. 1607 ROWLANDS *Famous Hist.* 13 Society he shuns, and keeps alone. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* IV. 319 So passd they naked on, nor shund the sight Of God or Angel. 1784 COWPER *Task* III. 88 Then he that sharp'd..Was mark'd and shunn'd as odious. *Ibid.* VI. 307 The tim'rous hare.. Scarce shuns me. 1865 DICKENS *Mut. Fr.* III. viii, So..shunning human approach, this troublesome old woman hid herself. 1880 DIXON *Windsor* III. xxiv. 238 The nobler class of Catholics shunned him.

b. with obj. a thing, a place, external conditions or circumstances, dangers, an enemy, etc.

c 1200 ORMIN 9395 3iff þatt tin eȝhe iss ali unnhal..Itt shuneþþ..Þe sunness brihhte leome. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 86 Vor 3if heo hit [hore fulðe] stunken, ham wolde..speowen hit ut þer, and schunien hit þer efter. *a* 1250 *Owl & Night.* 590 (Jesus MS.) Þar to þu draust..& oþer clene stude þu schunest. 1382 WYCLIF *Lev.* xi. 11 Ȝe shulen not eete the flesh of hem, and the faln to deeth ȝe shulen shonne [1388 eschewe]. *c* 1420 *Chron. Vilod.* 1548 Bot euery mon may well knowe & wyte What he was, by-cause þat he shynte & dred þe cresse. 1577 GOOGE tr. *Heresbach's Husb.* I. 18 Yf..you finde it sweete, it is a signe of riche grounde..yf it be saltishe, it is to be shunned. 1591 SHAKS. *Two Gent.* I. iii. 78 Thus haue I shund the fire, for feare of burning. 1611 BIBLE *Transl. Pref.* ¶ 9 Neither is it the true man that shunneth the light, but the malefactour. 1697 DRYDEN *Æneid* Ded. (e), I have shun'd the *Cæsura* as much as possibly I cou'd. For wherever that is us'd it gives a roughness to the Verse. 1710–11 ATTERBURY *Serm.* (1734) III. 93 It is not supposed, that we should have Power always to Resist, unless we before-hand do what is in our Power to Shun Temptation. 1717 PRIOR *Alma* I. 482 He hates the fight, and shuns the foe. 1781 COWPER *Charity* 239 Thy lips have..Taught me what path to shun and what pursue. 1847 TENNYSON *Princess* Prol. 38 O noble heart who..Nor bent, nor broke, nor shunn'd a soldier's death. 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* v. I. 616 They rode on all day, shunning towns and villages. 1865 LIVINGSTONE *Zambesi* x. 204 A strange superstition makes them shun this sacred place.

absol. 1818 SHELLEY *Lines Euganean Hills* 23 The dreamer..Longing with divided will, But no power to seek or shun.

c. with obj. a mode of action, expression, or behaviour, an occupation, employment, subject of conversation, a mental condition or the like (often expressed by inf. or gerund).

c 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 111 Þet clene wif scunað ȝitsunge. *c* 1200 ORMIN 4502 Itt niss nohht lihht To betenn hefiȝ sinne, & forþi birrþ þe shunenn a33 To fallenn ohht tærinne. *c* 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 13 Þe man þe hit meðeð riht þe suneð aleð gestninge and idel wil. 1340–70 *Alex. & Dind.* 449 Wiþ us schineþ euery schalk in schippus for to saile. 1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) III. 459 We schoueþ and forsakeþ foule slewþe and leccherie. *a* 1400 *New Test.* (Paues) *Tit.* iii. 9 Bote scheoye þou questyones of foly. *c* 1449 PECOCK *Repr.* II. xiii. 227 The vce of thilk thing is to be shoned, eschewid, and avoidid. 1544 BETHAM *Precepts War* I. cxl. G vij b, Commaunde your souldyours, that they shunne to spoyle and robbe temples. 1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* I. x. 60 Thenceforth the suit of earthly conquest shonne. 1617 MORYSON *Itin.* I. 16, I ever shunned to goe twice one way. 1697 DRYDEN *Virg. Past.* IX. 21 Had not Phœbus warn'd me..To shun debate, Menalcas had been slain. 1742 BERKELEY *Let.* Wks. 1871 IV. 282, I would say, shun late hours. 1845 M. PATTISON *Ess.* (1889) I. 19 The thorny subject which they were delicately shunning in their conversation. 1847 TENNYSON *Princess* III. 205 We touch on our dead self, nor shun to do it. 1868 NETTLESHIP *Ess. Browning* i. 40 The majority of those who are growing old..shun looking back at all.

absol. 1377 LANGL. *P. Pl.* B. v. 169 Amonge monkes I miȝt be ac many tyme I shonye.

d. *transf.* and *fig.* Said *poet.* of things.

13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* B. 1101 So clene was his hondelyng vche ordure hit schonied. 1610 SHAKS. *Temp.* IV. i. 116 Scarcity and want shall shun you. 1701 ADDISON *Let. fr. Italy* 56 See how the golden groves around me smile, That shun the coast of Britain's stormy Isle. 1813 SHELLEY *Q. Mab* IV. 101 The meteor-happiness, that shuns his grasp.

4. To escape (a threatened evil, an unwelcome task). Now *rare* or *Obs.*

c 1275 *Moral Ode* 159 in *O. E. Misc.* 63 Eure he wolde..in godnesse wunye Wiþ þat he myhte helle fur euer fleon and schonye. 1413–46 HOCCLEVE *Minor P.* I. 193 How may we two, the deeth eschue or shone? 1593 SHAKS. 3 *Hen. VI*, II. iii. 13 They follow vs with Wings, And weake we are, and cannot shun pursuite. 1614 GORGES *Lucan* VII. 295 That thus repulst thou shunst the griefe To see the slaughtred heapes that lye? 1667 MILTON *P. L.* X. 1062 [He will] teach us further by what means to shun Th' inclement Seasons, Rain, Ice, Hail and Snow. 1784 JOHNSON in *Boswell* (1904) II. 537 If a man were to go by chance at the same time with Burke under a shed, to shun a shower. 1870 BRYANT *Iliad* I. VI. 207 No man of woman born Coward or brave, can shun his destiny.

†**b.** To prevent the occurrence of (an action, event), to guard against (some inconvenience). *Obs.*

1338 R. BRUNNE *Chron.* (1725) 111 Bot Henry Dauid sonne, ..Contek for to schonne, to Stenen mad feaute. 1613 LADY E. CAREW *Mariam* I. i, For hee by barring me from libertie, To shunne my ranging, taught me first to range. 1697 DRYDEN *Virg. Georg.* III. 245 To shun this Ill, the cunning Leach ordains..To feed the Females, e'er the Sun arise. 1796 JEFFERSON *Writ.* (1859) IV. 154, I devoutly wish you may be able to shun for us this war. 1798 BLOOMFIELD *Farmer's Boy, Spring* 159 Prowling Reynard..To shun whose thefts was Giles's evening care.

†**5.** *intr.* To shrink with dread; to be afraid. *Obs.*

a 1000 *Durham Ritual* 32/5 Giscynia, *metuere.* *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 15173 Þe fleche was dutand for to dei,..It was ful scouand for þe sare. *a* 1325 *Maudelein* 24 in Horstm. *Altengl. Leg.* (1878) 163 For euer he schoneþ þat haþ misgilt. *c* 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* iv. (*Jacobus*) 164 Þe hukis all he brocht..and prayt him to bryne þam sone. 'Na', said he, 'for þat I schone þe rek of þame suld noyus be'. *c* 1440 *York Myst.* x. 244 It is goddis will, it sall be myne, Agaynste his saande sall I neuer schone.

†**6.** To shrink back physically; to move or go aside (so as to escape or evade some person or thing); to fly (from an enemy, etc.); also with *aside, away*. *Obs.*

c 1330 R. BRUNNE *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 14128 Þey couþe nought fighte, ne to-gydere wone, Ne at tyme staude ne schone. *a* 1375 *Joseph Arim.* 496 Betere hit were douhtilyche to diȝen on or oune, þen wiþ schendschupe to schone and vs a-bak drawe. ?*a* 1400 *Morte Arth.* 314 Ne no more schoune fore þe swape of theire scharpe swerddes. 14.. *Sir Beues* (O) 3591 Fro his stroke away they dyd shone. 1530 PALSGR. 704/1 And I had nat shonned asyde, he had hyt me in the eye. 1577 *Test. 12 Patriarchs* (1706) 152 If ye be good doers, both unclean spirits shall flee from you, and shrewd beasts shall shun for fear of you. *a* 1586 SIDNEY *Arcadia* III. (Sommer) 269 He shunned as much as he could, keeping onely his place for feare of punishment. *a* 1600 *Flodden Field* xli. in Child *Ballads* III. 357/1 Doubtlesse while your liues wold last you wold never shun beside the plaine.

fig. 1572 J. JONES *Bathes of Bathes Ayde* II. 18 b, The salte taste is that, which..byteth the tonge...The bitter taste is that, which seemeth to shunne away from the tongue.

†**b.** To keep away, refrain *from*. *Obs.*

1382 WYCLIF *Ecclus.* iv. 23 Sone, waite tyme, and shone awei fro euel [Vulg. *devita a malo*]. 1578 HUNNIS in *Parad. Dainty Devises* 24 To shonn, from bralls, debate and strife.

7. *trans.* To screen, hide. Now only *dial.*

1627 C. MACGEOGHEGAN tr. *Ann. Clonmacnoise* 12 Fintan ..shunned himself from the violence thereof [i. e. of the flood] in a caue. *Ibid.* 13 All the foule..gathered themselves there to shunn themselves. 1890 *Glouc. Gloss., Shun*, to screen, e. g., a shrub planted to hide back premises.

8. *dial.* To shove, push. [Perh. another word.] Cf. SHUNT *v.* 3.

1674 RAY *S. & E. C. Words* 76 To *Shun*: to shove. Suss. 1851 *N. & Q.* Ser. I. III. 205/1 In an assault case at Reigate, I heard the complainant say of a man who had hustled him, 'He kept shunning me along: sometimes he shunt me on the road'. 1875 W. D. PARISH *Sussex Gloss.* s. v. *Shun*, He shunned me off the pavement. 1876 *Surrey Gloss.*, s. v., They havn't made the hole large enough to get a stick in to shun the dung back.

9. *Comb.* †**shun-field**, one who shuns the battle-field; **shun-pike** *U.S.* (see quot. 1911); †**shun-thank**, one who grudges thanks.

1593 *Passionate Morrice* 81 But were not they shonne-thanks they would speake better of Houesties sonne. 1675 HOBBES *Odyss.* XIV. 199 My vertue won her, I no shun-field [ϕυγοπτόλεμος] was. 1862 LOWELL *Biglow P.* Ser. II. ii. 22 Ef your soul Don't sneak thru shun-pikes so 's to save the toll. 1911 *Encycl. Brit.* XXVI. 1053/1 A shunpike, or road constructed to facilitate evasion of tolls on a turnpike road, may be closed by injunction.

†**Shunch**, *v. Obs. rare.* In 3 schunchen. [Of obscure origin; ? related to SHUN *v.*] *trans.* To terrify, frighten (away or from the way). Cf. ASHUNCH.

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 312 Auh we schuncheð [*v.rr.* schutten, schuchteð] hine ueor awei hwou we doð deadliche sunne. *a* 1225 *Juliana* 34 To drif drihtin þen deouel..þat wendeð me to schrenchen and schunchen of þe weie.

Shund, variant of SCHYND.

Shunless (ʃʊ·nlĕs), *a.* [f. SHUN *v.* + -LESS.] That cannot be shunned or avoided.

1607 SHAKS. *Cor.* II. ii. 116 Alone he entred The mortall Gate of th' Citie, which he painted With shunlesse destinie. 1897 F. THOMPSON *New Poems* 139 This to the shunless fardel of the world Nerves my uncurvèd back.

Shunnable (ʃʊ·năbl), *a.* [f. SHUN *v.* + -ABLE.] That may be shunned.

1570 LEVINS *Manip.* 3/6 Shunnable, *deuitabilis.* 1824 C. WELLS *Joseph & Brethren* I. v. 77 You're shunable.

Shunned (ʃʊnd), *ppl. a.* [f. SHUN *v.* + -ED 1.] Avoided.

1591 SPENSER *Virg. Gnat* 364 Shun'd destruction doth destruction render. 1878 C. STANFORD *Symb. Christ* viii. 221 The lowly, the lost, the shunned, the shelterless.

Shunner (ʃʊ·nəɹ). [f. SHUN *v.* + -ER 1.] One who shuns.

1806 W. TAYLOR in *Ann. Rev.* IV. 565 The shunner of battles. 1862 LYTTON *Str. Story* I. 348 So gay and boon a companion, yet a shunner of wine.

Shunning (ʃʊ·nĭŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. SHUN *v.* + -ING 1.] The action of SHUN *v.*

1546 COVERDALE, etc. *Erasm. Par. Rom.* x. 1–4 The shonnyng of dead carkasses. 1693 DRYDEN *Juvenal* Introd. 80 Juvenal..tyes himself..to the shuning of Moral Evil.

Shunning (ʃʊ·nĭŋ), *ppl. a.* [f. SHUN *v.* + -ING 2.] That shuns.

1583 MELBANCKE *Philotimus* D d iv, O Tantal, that indenorest to drinke the shuning water.

Shunt (ʃʊnt), *sb.* [f. SHUNT *v.*]

1. An act of shunting. †**a.** An act of drawing back. *Obs. rare*⁻¹.

13.. *Gaw. & Gr. Knt.* 2268 Þat oþer schalk wyth a schunt þe schene wyth-haldez.

b. In Railway use and *transf.* from this: see SHUNT *v.* 4, 5.

1884 H. SMART *Post to Finish* xlvi, Damme if ever they persuade me into doing another 'shunt'. 1886 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 31 Dec. 1/1 The shunt from the German to the Austrian alliance was due to the desire..to support the Prince of Battenberg in his struggle against Russia. 1898 H. G. WELLS *Certain Pers. Matters* 132 All primitive men and most animals swear. It is an emotional shunt.

2. *Electr.* A derived circuit introduced to diminish the current flowing through the main circuit; esp. a resistance coil connected in parallel with a dynamo, etc.; more fully *shunt circuit, coil. In shunt*: connected so as to form a multiple current.

1863 R. S. CULLEY *Pract. Telegr.* 99 The 'shunt' system can be applied with advantage. The shunt is a wire connecting the two ends of the galvanometer coil. 1885 P. HIGGS *Magn. Dyn. Electr. Mech.* 101 Dynamo-machines..with the main circuit, or 'series' electro-magnet coils wound on the same arm or limb of the electro-magnet, as contains the 'shunt' coils. *Ibid.* 225 The total resistance of a circuit from which shunt-circuits are taken is less than its own resistance. 1893 SLOANE *Electr. Dict.* s. v. *Shunt Winding*, A dynamo or motor is shunt-wound when the field magnet winding is in shunt or in parallel with the winding of the armature.

b. *Telegr.* A device for diverting the current from one line to another; a switch; also *attrib.*

1878 EDISON in *N. Amer. Rev.* CXXVI. 536 To keep wires in proper repair, and give, by switch or shunt arrangement, prompt attention to subscriber No. 923 in New York.

3. *Railways.* A switch.

1842 *Civil Engin. & Arch. Jrnl.* V. 85/2 The sub-contractor..had to..lay down the temporary road, including turn-outs, shunts, crossings, etc.

4. *Ordnance.* Short for *shunt rifled gun*, also a curve in the rifling of a shunt rifled gun (see 5 b).

1864 *Daily Tel.* 4 May, The breech-loader had the shortest range,..the Armstrong shunt came next. 1866 *Chamb. Encycl.* VIII. 698/2 [The grooves] run together for a short distance, until a shunt narrows the whole groove.

5. *attrib.* and *Comb.* **a.** (in sense 2), as *shunt terminal, winding*, etc.; **shunt box** (see quot.

1893); **shunt dynamo**, a shunt-wound (q. v.) dynamo; **shunt running** (see qnot.); **shunt-wound** *a.*, having the shunt circuit wound in parallel with the main circuit.

1878 *Telegr. Jrnl.* 15 Sept. 375/1 A new galvanometer *shunt box. 1893 Sloane *Electr. Dict.*, *Shunt Box*, a resistance box designed for use as a galvanometer shunt. The box contains a series of resistance coils which can be plugged in or out as required. 1881 *Nature* XXIV. 533 A generator of electricity of the kind now known as the *shunt dynamo. 1911 Hoaart *Dict. Electr. Engin.* s. v., In energy meters.. furnished with a friction compensation for the low loads there is a tendency of the meter to work with no current in the circuit to which it is connected... This is referred to as "*shunt runniog". 1895 *Pract. Electr. Engin.* I. 10 *Shunt-winding means that one branch of the circuit ooly encircles the cores. 1883 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 14 Sept. 4/1 The conductor is connected..to a single *shunt-wound dynamo machine.

b. shunt line, road, a railway siding; also **shunt-rifling**, a method of rifling cannon so that the projectile undergoes a shunt or lateral change of position in the process of loading; so *shunt (rifled) gun, shunt shot, shunt system.*

1864 *Daily Tel.* 18 May, It was found necessary to re-vent the *shunt gun. 1904 *Westm. Gaz.* 10 May 9/2 If the Reading line were clear it would be impossible for the No. 18 *shunt line to be clear also. 1866 *Even. Standard* 13 July 7 The 600-pounder Elswick *shunt-rifled gun. 1868 *Rep. Munitions of War* 146 The *shunt rifling was evidently devised for the better centering of the shot. 1864 *Daily Tel.* 18 May, Conditions detrimental to the proper flight of the *Shuot shot. 1866 *Chamb. Encycl.* VIII. 698/2 Sir William Armstrong devised the "*shunt" system.

Shunt (ʃʌnt), *v.* Forms: 3–4 **schunt**, 4 **shont**, 5 **e(c)hount, shontt**, 5– **shunt**. *Pa. t.* 4 **schunt**, 5 **shont, schounte**; **schontid**, 6– **shunted**. [Of obscure origin.

The ME. senses coincide with certain senses of Shun *v.*, to which, indeed, some of the above-cited forms of the pa. t. may in certain instances possibly belong. It seems not impossible that this vb. may be a derivative of Shun *v.*]

†**1.** *intr.* To start or go aside (so as to avoid some person or thing); to shy; to shrink or steal away; to hang back. *Obs.*

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 242 (MS. T) Ne beo nawt þe skerre hors iliche þæt schuntes [*v.r.* hlencheð uor one scheadewe upo þe heie hroggel. 13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* B. 605 Io þe hyze hete.. He was schunt to þe schadow vnder schyre leuez. 13.. *Gaw. & Gr. Kn't.* 1902 He [the fox attacked with the sword] schunt for þe scharp. *Ibid.* 2280 Quod G:, 'I schunt onez, & so wyl I no more. ?*a* 1400 *Morte Arth.* 1055 Thane he dressede one his schelde, schuntes no lengere. *a* 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 180 Sen it is sett to be soo & slipe it ne may, Ne schewid to be na noþire schap, ne we to schount nouthire. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 600, I will shunt for no shame of my shene fader. *Ibid.* 10998 Ne shamys you not shalkes to shunt of þe fild. *c* 1440 *York Myst.* xlvi. 59 Þei schonta for no schoutis his schappe for to schende it, þei rasid hym on rode. 15.. *Song of John Nobody* viii. in Strype *Cranmer* (1694) II. 139 Then I drew me down into a dale, wheras the dumb deer Did shiver for a shower, but I shunted from a freyke.

†**b.** To start, move suddenly. *Obs. rare.*

a 1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 580 In þe same tyme he seuyrd fra þi wambe, þe erd & all þe elementis so egirly schontid. 14.. *Tretyce* in *W. of Henley's Husb.* (1890) 47 Yeff your land ly in marres..& it be ereyd to depe at þe secund falowe..Your plooghe shall com to no harde grounde but go schoutyng [*? read* schonting] all in myrre. 1775 Ash, *Shunt* (*v. int. a local word*), to give a sudden start.

†**2.** *trans.* To elude (a blow, etc.); also, to turn aside (shame) from (a person). *Obs.*

c 1400 *Rowland & O.* 1334 Hade he nott schounte his stroke thore, For sothe he hade bene slayne. *c* 1400 *Destr. Troy* 2544 Let hym tegh to þe tempull..And let other men ..For to shunt vs of shame, shend of our foos. *c* 1460 *Towneley Myst.* xxix. 361 Mi flesh it quakys as lefe on lynde, to shontt the showres sharper then thorne.

3. To shove or push aside or out of the way. Also *intr.* of a thing, to move from its proper position, to give way. Chiefly *dial.*

1706 Phillips (ed. Kersey), To *Shunt*, a Country-Word for to shove. 1775 Ash, *Shunt* (*v. t., a local word*), to shove, to push. *Shunting* (*p. a., a local word, from* shunt), giving a sudden start; shoving, pushing with a sudden motion. 1850 S. Bamford *Dial. S. Lanc.* Gloss., *Shunt*, to give way; to move from a place. 1852 *N. & Q.* Ser. I. V. 450/1 In the North of England..speaking of a thing, a wall or foundation, which has moved from its position, we should say, 'it has shunted'; or of a thing which requires moving, 'Shunt it a little that way', 'Shunt it at the other end'. 1863 Sir R. Alcock *Capital of Tycoon* I. xiii. 268 After being punted a mile over the shallows, and another mile shunted or sleighed over the mud!

4. To move (a train or some portion of it) from the main line to a side-track or from one line of rails to another; also to move *back*.

1849 Alb. Smith *Pottleton Legacy* xxxiv. 410 As the men came up to 'shunt' it [the horse-box]. 1849–50 *Weale's Dict. Terms* s. v., When an engine, carriage, or train is moved off the main line to a siding, it is then said to be 'shunted'. 1852 F. S. Williams *Our Iron Roads* App. 384 [A] porter.., while holding the points to shunt a train, had his ankle injured. 1881 *Times* 19 Jan. 10/2 The train was accordingly shunted on to the up line and proceeded back to town. 1907 J. H. Patterson *Man-Eaters of Tsavo* i. 14 The train was shunted back to where the ostrich had fallen.

absol. 1852 F. S. Williams *Our Iron Roads* App. 378 Passenger train came into collision with an engine which was shunting.

b. *fig.* To push aside or out of the way; to side-track; also, to get rid of.

1858 *Sat. Rev.* 13 Mar. 261/2 Practically, General Peel is not shunted, but shelved. 1869 'Wat. Bradwood' *The O. V. H.* xix, Which [horse] had we best shunt?..one's as good as the other to win, but the price makes all the difference. 1887 Lowell *Old Eng. Dramatists* (1892) 3 Since then,..my mind has been shunted off upon the track of other duties. 1904 May Sinclair *Divine Fire* 255 That two hundred ought to be three thousand, and if it isn't paid I shall have to shunt the business.

5. *intr.* To move off the main line; to move from one line of rails to another.

1851 *N. & Q.* Ser. I. III. 204/2 At a certain station the parliamentary 'shunts' to let the Express pass. 1883 *Harper's Mag.* Mar. 537/1 There we would wait, and back and shunt and change.

b. *transf.* and *fig.* To move out of the way.

The dial. (Lancs., etc.) use='to go away, be off' may be in part a direct development from seose I.

1869 'Wat. Bradwood' *The O. V. H.* xix, It's no use at all for us two to run against each other, that's flat; our horse shall shunt for your'n, if your'n won't for ours. 1892 G. R. Lowndes *Camping Sk.* 26 Let's shunt from here.

6. *Electr.* To divert (a portion of an electric current) by means of a shunt (see Shunt *sb.* 2); also, to divert current from (a galvanometer).

1873 F. Jenrin *Electr. & Magn.* xvi. § 3 (1881) 235 If a galvanometer with the resistance G be shunted by a shunt of the resistance *S*, the resistance of the shunted galvanometer will be [etc.]. 1878 *Telegr. Jrnl.* 15 Sept. 376/1 The necessary portion of the current is shunted off from the galvanometer. 1911 Hoaart *Dict. Electr. Engin.* II. 617/1 A winding which shunts or by-passes a portion of the main supply.

7. To turn (the shot) in a shunt rifled gun by means of a shunt or curve in the rifling (see Shunt *sb.* 4, 5 b).

1866 *Chamb. Encycl.* VIII. 698/2 When the groove becomes narrowed..the shot is shunted over to the left.

8. *Stock Exchange.* (See qnot.)

1908 *Times* 22 Jan., Forbidding them to shunt, according to the definition of shunting which seems to be generally received—namely, dealing between markets by London and provincial firms on joint account, and with a division of profits and losses.

Shu'nted, *ppl. a.* [f. Shunt *v.* and *sb.* + -ed.]

1. In senses of the verb.

1896 *Godey's Mag.* Feb. 199/2 The shunted hero was.. heir to a considerable fortune.

2. *Electr.* Provided with a shunt.

1873 [see Shunt *v.* 6]. 1911 Hoaart *Dict. Electr. Engin.* II. 344/2 Shuoted Meter, an electricity meter provided with a low-resistance shunt [etc.].

Shunter (ʃʌ'ntəɹ). [f. Shunt *v.* + -er 1.]

1. A railwayman employed to shunt trains. Also, a mechanical device to facilitate shunting.

1852 F. S. Williams *Our Iron Roads* App. 381 William Lear, shunter, foot crushed. 1876 *L'pool Daily Post* 3 Oct. 5/1 One of the last new things in mechanical inventions is a railway shunter. It is a wooden lever [etc.].

2. *Stock Exchange.* (See quot.)

1888 *Glasgow Even. Times* 24 Aug. 3/6 A 'shunter' is.. a broker who buys or sells a stock in one market in the belief that he will be able immediately to cover the transaction in another at a profit.

Hence **Shu'ntership.**

1894 Blatchford *Merrie Eng.* xix. 149 Promotion to a head shuntership..should be counted as high enough ambition.

Shunting (ʃʌ'ntiŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. Shunt *v.* + -ing 1.] The action of the verb.

1775 Ash, Suppl., *Shunting*, the act of giving a sudden start. 1858 Simmonds *Dict. Trade, Shunting*, moving a train into a siding, or on to another line of rails. 1861 *Sat. Rev.* 7 Sept. 239 At every station there is a multiplication of points, shunting, and signals.

attrib. 1885 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 14 Apr. 6/1 The company intend to construct on this a shunting yard.

Shuppare, Shuppend: see Shepper, -end.

Shurbet, Shure, Shurk, Shurl: see Sherbet, Shower, Shirk, Shirl.

†**Shurn,** *v. Obs. rare.* In 4–5 **schurn**, 5 **schorne, 6 shurne**, 7 **sherne**. [Altered form of Scurn *v.*] *trans.* To avoid, shun.

a 1300–1400 *Cursor M.* 19446 (Gött.) He sau him croised þat ilke turn þat he for stan[n]g suld noght schurn. *Ibid.* 20960. *Ibid.* 23338. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 448/1 Schornyn, or a-chewyn, *vito*. 1538 Bale *Thre Lawes* II. B ij, I wyll non of the trulye, But shurne thy cumpanye, As I wolde the denyll of helle. *Ibid.* B v b, If ye wyll shurne the head ake. 1546 — *Eng. Votaries* I. (1560) 63 b, The strete..hathe euer sence bene shurned in al general processyons.

Shurn(e, Shurral, var. ff. Sharn, Shirrel.

†**Shurt,** *v. Obs.* Forms: 3, 6 (*Sc.*) **schurt**, 3 **schirt**, ? 5–6 **shurt**. [repr. OE. (*ge*)*scyrtan* to shorten:—prehistoric **skurtjan* f. **skurt-* Short *a.* For the development of sense cf. Short *v.* 3 and ON. *skemta* to amuse, f. *skamm-r* short.] *intr.* To amuse oneself, to pass the time. Also *refl.* Hence †**Shurting** *vbl. sb.*, amusement, pastime.

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 422 Auh talkeð mid ouer meidenes and mid þeaufule talen schurteð ou to-gederes. *a* 1300 *Cursor M.* 8240 All frutes he plantede in þat place, For his schirting and his solace. 1513 Douglas *Æneis* v. Prol. 7 Ȝoung folk thaim schurtis with gam, solace and play. 15.. *Turn. Tottenham* 11 (1631) B, It befell in Tottenham on a deare day, There was made a shurting hy the high-way.

†**Shu'rvy,** *a. Obs.* [f. **shurf* (:—OE. *sceorf*: see Scurf *sb.*) + -y.] ? Scurfy.

a 1529 Skelton *Agst. Garnesche* 132 Your skyn scabbyd and scuruy, Tawny, tannyd, and shuruy.

Shut (ʃʌt), *sb.* Forms: *α.* 7–8 **shutt**, 8 **shoot**, 7– **shut**; *β.* 5 **schett.** [f. Shut *v.*]

1. Something which shuts off or closes up.

†**a.** A locking-bar or bolt. *Obs.*

c 1460 *Promp. Parv.* (Winch.) 315 On-doyng, or onpynynge schettis or sperellys, *appariclo*. 1611 Speed *Hist. Gt. Brit.* IX. xxi. § 67 With what key K. Henry opened the golden shut of the Popes Consistory for his free accesse, ..I cannot say. 1662 *Comenius' Janua Ling. Triling.* 100 As you come to the gate on both the sides are the posts; and in one of them the hinges..but in the other are the shuts (shutting bars) [L. *claustra*]. 1845 Disraeli *Sybil* III. iv, He knocked the corner of a lock into my head twice, once with a bolt and once with a shut; you know what that is; the thing what runs into the staple.

b. A shutter for a window. Now *dial.* (See *Eng. Dial. Dict.*)

1611 Cotgr., *Volet*..also a shut, or woodden window to shut ouer a glasse one. 1655 tr. *Sorel's Com. Hist. Francion* III. 67 A small window, which never had a shut [orig. *volet*]. 1690 W. Walker *Idiomat. Anglo-Lat.* 414 Open the shut.

c. *gen.* A hinged or sliding door or plate for closing an aperture; †a valve. Also in *Mining*: see qnot. 1886.

1651 *Life Sarpi* (1676) 18 Those inward shuts or folds that are within the Veins. 1688 Holme *Armoury* III. xvii. (Roxb.) 105/2 A Morion..with a shut to secure the face. 1691 Ray *Creation* II. (1704) 304 Therefore were there no Shuts or Stopples made for the Ears. 1715 Desaguliers *Fires Improv.* 121 You may have two Shuts if you will, made..to shut up, or open both Holes. 1844 H. Stephens *Bk. Farm* II. 267 A small sliding shut should be made in the partition. 1886 Barrowmah *Sc. Mining Terms* 60 *Shuts*, movable or hinged supports for the cage at a pithead.

†**2.** An enclosure; a stew for fish. *Obs.*

1605 Camden *Rem., Surnames* 102 Shot or Shvt, A Keepe [Munster]. 1662 *Comenius' Janua Ling. Triling.* 85 Then part of the fish he sells, part he shuts up in his shuts.

3. The action, time, or place of shutting. Chiefly *poet.*, the close (of day), the closing in (of evening).

1667 Milton *P. L.* IX. 278 As in a shady nook I stood behind, Just then returned at shut of evening flowers. 1690 Dryden *Amphit.* II. i, I have been in an Ague fit, ever since shut of Evening. 1742 Blair *Grave* 764 At the Shut of Ev'n, the weary Bird Leaves the wide Air. 1819 Keats *Hyperion* II. 36 When the chill rain begins at shut of eve. 1869 Whittier *Norembega* 19 At shut of day a Christian knight Upon his henchman leaned. 1899 Meredith *Cageing Ares* Poet. Wks. (1912) 522 Whereof they won, From hourly wrestlings up to shut of lids, Her ready secret.

4. A join, mend, splice; a weld, the line of junction of two pieces of welded metal. *Cold shut*, an imperfect weld due to chill; an imperfection in a casting, caused by the flow of liquid metal on a chilled surface.

1781 Peray *Daggenh. Breach* 60 To joint close into the Grooves..and make an effectual Shut like one entire Sheet of Timber. 1831 J. Holland *Manuf. Metal* I. 114 The entire length and shape were produced without a shut. 1877 W. Richards *Manuf. Coal Gas* 217 The castings must be free from any imperfections, such as honeycombs, 'cold shuts', cracks, or flaws.

5. *dial.* A riddance; esp. in phr. *a good shut.* (Cf. Shut *v.* 11 and Shuttance.)

Shut (ʃʌt), *v.* Pa. t. and pa. pple. **shut.** Forms: *Pres. stem α.* 1 **scyttan**, 3–4 **schutte**, 4–5 **s(o)hitte**, 4–6 **shutte**, 5–6 **shytt(e, shyt**, (also 9 *dial.*) **shit**, (5 **schytte**, 6 **schut, shute, shot**), 7 **shutt**, 6– **shut**; *β.* 4 **ssette**, (3 *sing. pres. ind.* 4 **sset**, *imper.* 3 **scete**, 4 **ssete**), 4–5 **schette**, 4–6 **shette**, (6 *Sc.* **schet**), 5–6, 9 *dial.* **shet**; *γ.* 4–5 **schete**, 4–6 **shete**, 6 **sheet**. *Pa. t. α.* 1 **-scytte**, 4–5 **schutte, s(o)hitte**, (4 **shutte**, 4, 6 **shytt**, 5 **shyt, s(c)hytte**, 6 **shutt**), 5– **shut**; *β.* 3–6 **shette**, 4–5 **schette**, 5 **schet(t, shet**; *γ.* 4 **schittide**, 5 **shytted**, 9 *dial.* **shutted**. *Pa. pple. α.* 2 **-scutted**, 4–5 **shyt**, 5–6 **shutte**, (4 **schit(t, schytte**, 5 **-yschntte, shytte, shit(t)e**, 6 **shyt(t, shitt**), 5–6 **shutte**, (also 9 *dial.*) **shit**, 6–7 **shutt**, 5– **shut**; *β.* 4–5 **ischet**, (4 **ys(o)het, yscheot, ysset, ischette, schet(t)**, 4–6 **shette, schet**, (also 9 *dial.*) **shet**, 5–6 **shett**; *γ.* 6 **sheet**; *δ.* 5 **schowt** (?), 6 **shott**, 6, 9 *dial.* **shot**; *ε.* 7– (now *dial.* and *arch.*) **shutten.** [OE. *scyttan* (more freq. in the compound *forscyttan* Forshut) :—prehistoric **skuttjan*, f. **skut-* wk. grade of the root of Shoot *v.* Cf. OFris. *schelta* (WFris. *skette, sketsje*), (M)LG., (M)Dn. *schulten* to shut, shut up, obstruct. (The formal coincidence of the MHG. and mod.G. *schützen* to protect is prob. accidental.)

The normal representation of OE. *scyttan* would be *shit*; down to the 16th c. this was the prevailing form, though the Kentish *shette* (used by Chaucer and Gower) was also very common. The mod. form appears to have been originally West Midland.]

I. The simple verb.

†**1.** *trans.* To put (a lock, bar, bolt, etc.) in position so as to fasten a door, etc. *Obs.* (Cf. Shoot *v.* 13.)

c 1000 Ælfric *Gram.* xxxvii. (Z.) 220 *Sero* (*seras*) ic scytte sum loc oððe hæpsiȝe. *c* 1370 *Gregorius* (Horstm.) 669 þe Fisschere on his feire feet þe lok schutte ful faste i wis. 1426 Lydg. *De Guil. Pilgr.* 3084 Tvnshetten & to shette ageyn Lokkys echon. 1633 Rutherford *Lett.* III. (1675) 193, I have gotten now, honour to my Lord, the gate to open the store, and shut the bar of his door.

†2. To fasten (a door or aperture) with a lock or bar. *Obs.*

c 1320 *Sir Beues* 3031 A..schette þe dore wiþ þe keie. *c* 1400 *Gamelyn* 292 And thaone was it y-schet faste with a pin. 1474 Caxton *Chesse* III. viii. (1883) 149 The cheste that was shette wyth iii lockis. 1509 in Willis & Clark *Cambridge* (1886) I. 477 A stronge Chest..having iiij lockes and iiij keyes to shete and open the same. 1686 tr. *Chardin's Trav. Persia* 74 The Door is shut with a piece of Felt. 1825 Scott *Betrothed* xxi, By keeping doors shut.

absol. 1637 Milton *Lycidas* 111 Two massy keys he bore of metals twain (The golden opes, the iron shuts amain).

3. To bring (a door, gate, window, lid, etc.) into the position in which it closes the aperture. *To shut fast*: to shut so that it cannot easily be opened.

As words like *door, gate*, etc. usually admit of being used for the aperture together with that which closes it, this sense passes into sense 7.

c 1200 *Vices & Virtues* 143 Ga into þine bedde..and scete ðe dure. 13.. *K. Alis.* 5821 (W.) The men of that cite.. ronnen to her gates fast, And hem shetten wel on hast. *Ibid.* 6185 In the water is heore gates;..Whan hit is flod, y-schedt [*Laud* yshet] they beoth. *?a* 1366 Chaucer *Rom. Rose* 529, I sood a wiket smal So shet that I ne mighte in goon. *c* 1369 — *Dethe Blaunche* 335 My wyndowes were shette [*v.rr.* shet, shyt] echon. *c* 1380 Wyclif *Wks.* (1880) 67 þer nys noon þat shittiþ frely þe doris of þe temple. *c* 1412 Hoccleve *De Reg. Princ.* 1094 Though his dore be noght shit. *c* 1440 *Generydes* 5773 The gates ar all shett of that Citee. 1483 *Cely Papers* (Camden) 141 They schytte the gattes. 1521 *Cov. Leet-bk.* 669 The gates of the Citee shal-be shot euery nyght at viij of the clok. 1526 Tindale *Luke* xi. 7 Nowe is the dore shett. *a* 1539 in *Archæologia* XLVII. 52 That doore..contynually to stand shitt the tymes of dyvyne sernice. 1577 Googe tr. *Heresbach's Husb.* III. 119 b, The windowes..being kept shut in winter. 1629 Maxwell tr. *Herodian* (1635) 53 The Citizens..shut their doores. 1647 Trapp *Comm., Heb.* iv. 1 When the gate is shut. 1667 Milton *P. L.* VIII. 240 Fast we found, fast shut The dismal Gates, and barricado'd strong. 1737 *Gentl. Mag.* VII. 608/2 The Gate used to be kept shut. 1829 Scott *Anne of G.* xxxiv, He would not even condescend to shut his gates. 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* liv, The publican shutting his shutters. 1895 P. Hemingway *Out of Egypt* I. iii. 26 Every house had its green blinds closely shut.

absol. 1388 Wyclif *Isa.* xxii. 22 He schal opene, and noon schal be that schal schitte. 1825 T. Hook *Sayings* Ser. II. *Suthert.* I. 110 The servants by their pointed civilities, their zealous activity in opening and shutting,..declared the joyous moment at hand.

b. const. *against*, †*to* (or dative), *upon* (a person, etc., to prevent his ingress or exit, or access to him).

1340 *Ayenb.* 210 Huanne þou sselt bidde god..ine þine herte, ssete þe dore ope þe. *c* 1450 *Knt. de la Tour* 145 They fonde the gatis shette and closed ayenst hem. 1518 *Star Chamber Cases* (Selden Soc.) II. 132 Wyllyam..shytt the doore to hym. 1633 T. Adams *Exp. 2 Pet.* ii. 5. 580 The Lord..himselfe shut the doore of the Arke upon Noah. 1737 *Gentl. Mag.* VII. 467/1 He finds the Gates shut against him. 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* lxvi, She walked out of the room with a most majestic air, and shut her own door briskly on herself. 1876 Besant & Rice *Golden Butterfly* Prol. ii, Adam was not more destitute when the garden-gates were shut on him.

c. *transf.* and *fig.* (and in figurative context).

1340 *Ayenb.* 189 To þe fole maydenes..god ham ssette þe gate of þe sposayles. 1534 More *Comf. agst. Trib.* III. Wks. 1246/2 We shal not fayle..to haue a doore shet vpon vs where we haue none shette on vs now. 1750 Gray *Elegy* 68 And shut the gates of mercy on mankind. 1770 Burke *Pres. Discont.* 51 Resistance to power, has shut the door of the House of Commons to one man. 1850 Tennyson *In Mem.* xliv, Before God shut the doorways of his head. 1861 Palev *Æschylus* (ed. 2) *Agam.* 1302 *note*, Men are never satiated with prosperity, and never shut their doors against it.

d. *intr.* for *refl.* Of a door, etc.: To close of its own accord, or by some unseen agency. Also, to admit of being shut, or of being shut in a specified manner.

1470–85 Malory *Arthur* XIII. iii. 615 Alle the dores & wyndowes of the palays shut by them self. 1648 Hexham II, *Een Schuyf-venster*, A Drawing-windowe that opens and shutts. 1687 Lovell tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* I. 199 The Door ..shuts with a strong Bar behind it. 1825 Scott *Talism.* iv, The last chorister had no sooner crossed the threshold of the door, than it shut with a loud sound. 1871 R. Ellis *Catullus* lxvii. 40 [Addressing the door] Hung to the beam, you shut mutely or open again.

4. *trans.* To close (something) by bringing together the outward covering parts.

a. To close (one's eyes). Also *fig.*, esp. in *to shut one's eyes to, against, on*; to ignore, refuse to recognize or consider.

c 1366 Chaucer *Rom. Rose* 296 She..shette hir eien for disdeyn. 1421–5 Hoccleve *Lerne to Die* 872 They close & shitte the yen of hir mynde. 1575 Tubberv. *Faulconrie* 292 The hawke will sniffe often and shet her eyes towards night. 1661 Boyle *Style Script.* (1675) 52 The plaiaest rustics, if they will not wilfully shut their eyes, may, by the benefit of its light, direct their steps. *a* 1711 Norris *Pract. Disc.* (1716) II. ii. 35, I cannot shut my Eyes against Manifest Truth. 1732 Berkeley *Alciphr.* vii. § 9 Wks. 1871 II. 303 Shut your eyes to assist your meditation. 1854 Kingsley *Lett.* (1878) I. 415 That man is to be pitied who can shut his eyes to facts. 1907 J. H. Patterson *Man-Eaters of Tsavo* x. 115 He levelled his revolver at the dead leopard, and shutting his eyes tightly, fired four shots in rapid succession.

b. (*a.*) *To shut* (one's) *mouth*: chiefly in pregnant sense, to cease from speaking, to hold one's tongue. So in mod. slang, *to shut* (one's) *head, face*. (*b*) *To shut* (another's) *mouth*: to render unable to speak, reply, find fault, disclose secrets, etc.; occas. to prevent (an animal) from devouring.

1340 *Ayenb.* 179 Þe dyenel þet him zet beuore þe ssame him nor to ssette þane mouþ. 1535 Coverdale *Isa.* lii. 15, & yᵉ kinges shal shut their mouthes before him. 1535 — *Dan.* vi. 22 My God hath sent his angel, which hath shut the lyons mouthes. 1809 Malkin *Gil Blas* x. xi. (Rtldg.) 377 If, on his return, his father ventured to remonstrate.. Gaspard shut his mouth at once, with an impertinent answer. 1876 'Mark Twain' *Tom Sawyer* xviii, Shut your heads and let Tom go on!

5. To close by folding up or bringing together of parts (e. g. a book, †a letter, a clasp-knife, one's hand); to bring (†one's arms) together.

?a 1366 Chaucer *Rom. Rose* 1082 Aboute hir nekke of gentil entaile Was shet the riche chevesaile. *c* 1374 — *Troylus* II. 1226 She shette it [*viz.* a letter]. 1412–20 Lydg. *Chron. Troy* III. 58 A paunce of plate, whiche of þe silf behinde Was schet and clos. 1423 Jas. I *Kingis Q.* viii, My huke I schet. *c* 1489 Caxton *Sonnes of Aymon* xiv. 335 Whan Rypus sawe that Rychard was confessed, he..made hym mounte vpon the ladder, & dyd shit the cheyn wherat he shold hang. 1576 Gascoigne *Steel Glas* Epil., I shut my glasse, before you gasde your fill. 1585 T. Washington tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* II. vii. 37 b, A yeallow Cypresse wrought vpon goldfolie, which they shut and knit fast behind their coyfe. 1614 Gorges *Lucan* II. 44 And then her armes she spreads and shuts. 1815 Scott *Guy M.* xlix, The disappointed Dominie shut his ponderous tome. 1863 G. Macdonald *Dav. Elginbrod* II. iii, She..shut the piano. 1886 Walsingham & Payne-Gallwey *Shooting* I. 175 Loaders ..should be made to learn..in shutting the gun always to raise the stock to the barrels. 1894 Baring-Gould *Kitty Alone* II. 162 He shut his knife. 1905 Elinor Glyn *Viciss. Evangeline* 233, I can't shut the clasp of my journal.

fig. 1722 *Lond. Jrnl.* 23 June 3/2 On Friday last were shut the Transfer Books of the South-Sea Company. *a* 1754 [see Shutting *vbl. sb.* 1].

b. *intr.* for *refl.* Also with sense †to become optically continuous, to leave no visible gap.

1582 Watson *Passionate Cent.* ix. (Arb.) 45 So shuts or sprouts my ioy as doth this flow're. 1668 Dryden *Even. Love* IV. (1671) 56 *Stage direct.*, The Scene Shuts. 1670 Narborough *Jrnl.* in *Acc. Sev. Late Voy.* I. (1694) 72 The South-Land..shuts against the North-Land to a Man's sight. *Ibid.* 75 At Cape Qoad the Lands shut one with the other, as if there were no farther passage. 1723 P. Blair *Pharmaco-Bot.* I. 45 It's Flower opens in the Forenoon, from eight till towards Noon, and then it shuts. 1878 Joaquin Miller *Songs of Italy* 126 Earth and the sky and the sky and the sea, Seem shutting together as a book that is read.

†c. *fig.* (*trans.*) To close (one's life). *Obs.*

1390 Gower *Conf.* I. 253 The vicair general..His laste day..Hath schet as to the worldes ye.

d. *pass.* and *intr.* Of the day: To close in. Of winter: To set in, become settled.

1814 Scott *Lord of Isles* III. xx, The shades come down— the day is shut. 1854 Lowell *Indian-Summer Rev.* xxii, Ere Winter wholly shuts.

6. *trans.* To weld. (Cf. Shoot *v.* 38, Shut *sb.* 4.)

1490–1555 [see Shutting *vbl. sb.* 1 b]. 1604 *Churchw. Acc. St. Michael's Oxf.* (MS.), For shuttinge the Irons of the pumpe. 1844 *Mech. Mag.* XL. 176 The best method of shutting cast-steel. 1886 in *W. Somerset Word-bk.*

7. To close (an aperture) by placing something upon it or by drawing something across it; to stop up (a road) with obstacles or barriers.

1362 Langl. *P. Pl.* A. vi. 92 To wynne vp þe wiket-3at þat þe wey schutte. *c* 1440 *Gesta Rom.* xciii. 423 (Add. MS.) The way to helle is shitte to hire. *c* 1450 *Cov. Myst.* (1841) 228 With this ston this grave we shytte. 1585 T. Washington tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* IV. xv. 130 Strong men.. kept the postes and passages so shutte, that they kept away the corne and victuals from all Italie. 1604 E. G[rimstone] *D'Acosta's Hist. Indies* IV. viii. 229 They then invented the *Soccabous*.., the which they shut with doores. 1735 Johnson *Lobo's Abyssinia* Descr. xv. 143 They would..for ever shut the Passage into Abyssinia. 1852 Conybeare & Howson *St. Paul* (1859) II. 459 After that time..the sea was shut; and the winter had been a stormy one. 1869 Freeman *Norm. Conq.* (1876) IV. xvii. 31 Not a road was shut against him. 1911 *Daily Graphic* 2 Dec. 4/3 Every exit was barred, every passage shut with a human barricade.

8. To prevent access to or egress from (a place, building, etc.) by closing the doors or apertures. Now *rare* (superseded by *shut up*: see 19 e) exc. in *to shut a shop*.

1340 *Ayenb.* 154 Þanne is þe castel ziker and ysset. 1382 Wyclif *Acts* v. 23 We founden the prisoun schit with al diligence. 1471 Caxton *Recuyell* (Sommer) 574 The Troians shytted her Cyte. 1526 Tindale *Luke* iv. 25 In the dayes off Helyas, when hevyn was shet thre yeres and syxe monethes. 1592 Shaks. *Rom. & Jul.* v. i. 56 Being holy day, the beggers shop is shut. 1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* II. v. viii, This latter [the Feuillant Club] she..has the satisfaction to see shut. 1848 Dickens *Dombey* xxiii, Rob the Grinder made his own bed, preparatory to shutting the shop. 1886 C. E. Pascoe *Lond. To-day* xxxviii. (ed. 3) 324 Bank-Holiday with the shops of London shut.

b. *intr.* for *refl.*

1801 *Med. Jrnl.* V. 160 The Post-office is just going to shut.

†c. fig. (*trans.*) *To shut* (a person's) *heart*: to render him incapable of showing feeling. Also *intr.* for *refl.* of the heart. *Obs.*

c 1374 Chaucer *Troylus* III. 1086 Ther-with þe sorwe so his herte shette That from his eighen fil þere not a tere. 1390 Gower *Conf.* I. 328 Sche mihte noght a word on hih Speke oute, for hire herte schette.

d. *To shut one's purse*, etc. †*from*, *against*: to refuse help to.

c 1380 Wyclif *Wks.* (1880) 272 3if ony man see his broþer haue nede & schitte his purs & mercy fro hym. 1576 Gascoigne *Droome Doomes Day* Wks. 1910 II. 380 Whose table is not shut from any poore or needy. 1780 *Mirror* No. 102 Men whose purses are shut against their friends.

9. To enclose, secure, or confine (a person or thing) *in* or *within* a place, building, or receptacle; to put *in* a place and shut the door. Also *refl.* Also occas. const. with other preps., *under, between*, etc.; rarely without const. (Cf. *shut in* 15.)

13.. *Seuyn Sag.* (W.) 2455 Th'emperour him ladde..Into his chaumbre..And whanne thai were therinne i-schet. 13.. *Guy Warw.* (1891) 418 Gij in to his chaumber gan to gon, & schett him þer in anon. 13.. *E. E. Allit. P.* C. 452 Al schet in a schaze. *c* 1374 Chaucer *Troylus* III. 726 Whan Dane here seluen shette Vnder þe bark. 1388 Wyclif *Luke* iii. 20 Eroude tetrark..schitte Joon in prisoun. *c* 1450 *Knt. de la Tour* xxiv. 34 Thei..shette hym in a chambre. 1471 Caxton *Recuyell* (Sommer) 494 She had shytte hit in one of her coffres. 1483 — *Golden Leg., St. Barbara* (Kelmscott) 1050 Hir fader took her by the heer and drewe hir doun fro the montayn and shytte her faste in pryson. 1556 *Aurelio & Isab.* (1608) A iij, There then being the lady by the ordinaunce of her father shutte. 1561 T. Hoby tr. *Castiglione's Courtyer* IV. (1577) T iv, He slept shut into a chest. 1575 Gascoigne *Fruites of Warre* cl. Wks. 1907 I. 171 Herewith we had..Nor meale, nor malt, nor meane ..To get such geare if once we should be shut. 1697 Dryden *Virg., Georg.* IV. 240 The rest, in Cells apart, the liquid Nectar shut. 1729 G. Adams tr. *Sophocles, Antig.* III. v. II. 52 *note*, He was shut into a den, and so starved to Death. 1865 Ruskin *Sesame* ii. § 91 You shut yourselves within your park walls and garden gates. 1894 R. Bridges *Shorter Poems* v. xi. 19 We laughed and sang at nightfall, shut By the fireside glow. 1898 'Merriman' *Roden's Corner* viii. 87 It was Von Holzen's habit to shut himself within his cottage for days together.

b. *transf.* and *fig.* Of immaterial things.

c 1374 Chaucer *Boeth.* V. pr. v. (1868) 170 It is raþer þe simplicite of þe sonereyn science þat nis nat enclosed nor yshet wiþinne no boundes. *c* 1384 — *H. Fame* 524 O thought that wrote al that I mette And in the tresorye hyt shette Of my brayn! *a* 1542 Wyatt *Poems* '*The knot which first*' 39 My deadly grief, and pains so strong Which in my heart be firmly shytt.

†10. a. To bar or exclude (a person) *from* some possession or enjoyment; to restrain *from* doing something. *Obs.*

c 1400 *Pilgr. Sowle* (Caxton) I. xxxi. (1859) 35 To exclude hym and schytte hym fro this deute. *c* 1412 Hoccleve *De Reg. Princ.* 2567 Leste our Lord God hym from his grace schitte. 1579 Gosson *Sch. Abuse* (Arb.) 30 If men for good exercise, and women for theyr credite, be shut from Theaters, whom shall we suffer to goe thither? 1653 Holcroft *Procopius, Goth. Wars* I. 25 The Romans made use of those mills, but for want of water were shut from their Baths. 1719 Young *Busiris* IV. i, We can no more than shut him from escape, Till further force arrive.

†b. To separate (one thing) *from* another; to cut off from view. *Obs.*

1697 Dryden *Virg., Ecl.* vi. 54 The tender Soil then stiffning by degrees, Shut from the bounded Earth, the bounding Seas. 1807 J. Barlow *Columb.* I. 36 Whose hovering sheets, along the welkin driven,..shut the eye from heaven. 1831 *Society* I. 14 A turn in the road shut them from his sight.

11. †To set (a person) free *from*, relieve *of* (something troublesome). *Obs.* exc. in passive (*dial.* and *colloq.*) *to be, get shut of, to shut one's hands of*: to be rid of, free from.

?a 1500 *Chester Pl.* (1847) II. 31 Though he have healed thee, Shute from us shall he not be. *Ibid.* 33 To shutte hym of his dangere. 1575–6 *Durham Depos.* (Surtees) 312 This examinate promised..that he wold marye the said Grace..so that he might be shutt of the promises he hadd maid to one Marian Raic. 1596 Nashe *Saffron Walden* To Rdr. D 3, Doo what I can, I shall not be shut of him. 1621 Cade *Serm.* 45 He cannot be quiet till hee bee shut of it [his divell]. 1692 *Scarronides* II. Pref. 2 After his Taylor and Valet have shut their hands of him. 1737 Whiston *Josephus, Antiq.* XIV. i. § 3 His own life would be in danger, unless he..got shut of Aristobulus. 1827 J. F. Cooper *Prairie* xii, Happy will it prove for the boy if he is well shut of them. 1890 'R. Boldrewood' *Col. Reformer* (1891) 223 Types which all cattleholders agree in desiring to 'get shut of'. 1892 Stevenson & Osbourne *Wrecker* xxii, Your family pays money to be shut of you.

b. *dial.* To get rid of, make away with (money).

1797 T. Wright *Autobiog.* (1864) 254 For fear I should shut it [the money]. 1824 [Cara] *Craven Gloss., Shut*, to spend. 'It'll shut a seet o' brass.' 1872 *Hartley's Yorkshire Ditties* Ser. II. 11 An' aw shan't ha' to come home and tell My old lass, ha' aw've shut all mi brass.

II. Combined with advs.

†12. **Shut about.** *trans.* To close on all sides. *Obs. rare*⁻¹.

13.. *Bonaventura's Medit.* 989 Þey shette hyt [the sepulchre] a boute with a grete stone.

13. **Shut down.** a. *intr.* To be closed with a lid; to come close down like a lid. Of fog, night: To come down and blot out the view.

1807 Southey *Espriella's Lett.* I. 161 The whole shuts down a-top, and closes in front, like a cabinet. 1891 E. Roper *By Track & Trail* i. 12 The fog shut down on us once more. 1897 'O. Rhoscomyl' *White Rose Arno* 140 The night shut down. 1900 *Blackw. Mag.* Mar. 385/2 The forest shuts down upon the edge of the running water.

b. *trans.* To close by lowering, etc.

1794 McPhail *Treat. Cucumber* 91 The lights of the cucumber bed were kept close shut down day and night. 1836 O. W. Holmes *Music-grinders* 72 Then..shut the window down. 1842 Loudon *Suburban Hort.* 499 The lights may be shut down.

c. To close (a manufactory). *absol.* To stop working.

1877 Raymond *Statist. Mines & Mining* 226 The hands

..forced the superintendent to shut down. 1880 *Paper & Printing Trades Jrnl.* XXX. 6 Most of the paper-mills that were shut-down..are being started anew. 1912 KEITH *Human Body* xv. 241 When men and women lead sedentary and quiet lives their lungs are partly shut down.

† **14. Shut forth.** *trans.* To push (a person) out, to extrude, expel. *Obs.*

1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* XI. xvii. 43 The sonnys furthschet [L. *exclusit*], that pety was to seyn, Befor thair wepand wofull faderis eyn. 1564 ANNE LADY BACON tr. *Jewel's Apol.* II. ii. (1859) 21 There is now no nation which may truly complain that they be shut forth [*se exclusam esse*].

15. Shut in. a. *trans.* To prevent access to or confine (a person or thing) by shutting a door, etc. or closing a receptacle. Also *refl.*

c 1425 *Cursor M.* 17670 (Laud MS.) Ye shytte me in oon a friday At Euyn-tide in-to þat stede. 1471 CAXTON *Recuyell* (Sommer) 163 The fayr danes whom the kynge acrysius holdeth fast shytte in wyth oute any rayson. 1530 PALSGR. 704/1 You have shytte in the dogge. 1614 GORGES *Lucan* III. 100, I needs must scorne this double flout, To shut me in, or shut me out. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 19 Aug. 1654, These men went in with axes and hammers, and shut themselves in. *Ibid.* 18 Jan. 1671, I found him shut in. 1841 W. SPALDING *Italy & It. Isl.* III. 170 The present walls, with their eleven gates, shutting in the whole population, were built about 1557. 1842 LOUDON *Suburban Hort.* 518 A row of trusses of straw is laid side by side over the whole, to shut in the steam. 1847 C. BRONTË *Jane Eyre* XXVI, I shut myself in.

b. To enclose with a barrier, hem in.

1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P. R.* v. xiv. (1495) 120 Mala (in Grewe) is the lewre and in the face lewres shyttyth in eyther side of the nose. 1816 TUCKEY *Narr. Exped. R. Zaire* vi. (1818) 212 Both ends of the reach being shut in by land. 1830 MARRYAT *King's Own* XXVI, We had shut in the battery [*i. e.* taken up a position from which it was shut in by a promontory]. 1863 'C. BEDE' *Tour in Tartan-land* 152 The Loch is shut in by a long-withdrawing range of mountains. 1869 FREEMAN *Norm. Conq.* (1876) III. xiii. 292 Wooded hills..shut in the view on every side.

† c. To close (a shop, building, gate, etc.). *Obs.*

1390 GOWER *Conf.* III. 291 The bathes and the Stwes bothe Thei schetten in be every weie. 1556 *Chron. Grey Friars* (Camden) 34 The churche was shott in from monday unto thursday. 1568 GRAFTON *Chron.* II. 143 The people shut in their shops, and came out in harnesse in great multitudes. 1611 MIDDLETON & DEKKER *Roaring Girl* II. i. D 1 b, The shop will be shut in presently. 1648 GAGE *West Ind.* 71 The gates were shut in.

† d. *intr.* Of the day, evening, etc.: To close in, grow dusk. Also of the days: To shorten. *Obs.*

1623 JOBSON *Golden Trade* 15 From 3. vntil the euening shut in. 1662 J. DAVIES tr. *Olearius' Voy. Ambass.* 399 The Ambassadors..got to the City ere day-light was shut in. 1680 COTTON *Compl. Gamester* (ed. 2) 4 The day being shut in. 1748 RICHARDSON *Clarissa* (1811) IV. 158 Observing the sun-shine begin to shut in, I yielded. 1760-72 H. BROOKE *Fool of Qual.* (1809) I. 171 As day by day began gradually to shut in.

† e. To meet together with no space between.

c 1710 CELIA FIENNES *Diary* (1888) 122 Flints..cut so exactly square and even to shutt in one to another that ye whole wall is made without cement.

f. To be closed in (to the view).

1816 TUCKEY *Narr. Exped. R. Zaire* iv. (1818) 152 Just where the river shuts in. 1849 CUPPLES *Green Hand* xiii. (1856) 124 The opposite shore..shut in so far upon the other, ..that, steering from the south'ard, one would never know there was a river there at all.

16. Shut off. a. *trans.* To prevent the passage of; to cut off (steam, etc.) by the closing of a valve or tap. Also, to close (a dark lantern).

1824 R. STUART *Hist. Steam Engine* 132 The motion of the piston was equalized by shutting off the steam sooner or later from the cylinder. 1904 H. B. M. WATSON *Hurricane Isl.* xx. 285, I shut off the lantern.

fig. 1844 W. BARNES *Poems Rur. Life* Gloss., 'To shut off work', to leave off work. 1903 F. W. H. MYERS *Hum. Pers.* 180 To shut off pain when we know it will be useless.

b. To cut off, separate *from*.

1833 ARNOTT *Physics* (ed. 5) II. 102 There are inlets of the sea, occasionally shut off from the parent ocean. 1890 'R. BOLDREWOOD' *Col. Reformer* (1891) 154 Great crags.., shutting off this bay from the other portions of the coast. 1893 BENT in *Geog. Jrnl.* II. 142 A large lake..which was shut off along one side by a very fine dyke or wall.

17. Shut out. a. *trans.* To exclude (persons, also commodities, light, air, etc.) from a place, situation, circumstances, etc.; to deny (a person) right of entry to a place, etc.

1382 WYCLIF 1 *Mace.* x. 75 He shitte [1388 schittide] hym out fro the citee. 1390 GOWER *Conf.* II. 98 Ther is no lock mai schette him oute. 1487 *Cely Papers* (Camden) 172 Of a vc felles the wych the Holonders hayd schowt wt. 1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 25 All pleasure of the body he shette out of his hert by yc vowe of chastite. 1660 F. BROOKE tr. *Le Blanc's Trav.* 397 Our former errour, and the basenesse of the Portuguese, shut us quite out of this country. 1672 DRYDEN *2nd Pt. Conq. Granada* IV. i, Make haste and draw the Curtain while you may; You but shut out the twilight of my day. 1742 BLAIR *Grave* 684 Heav'ns Portals wide expand to let him in; Nor are his Friends shut out. 1819 TAUNTON *Rep. Cases Comm. Pleas* VII. 480 The Defendant is completely shut out from taking the ground of mutual credit by his own statement. 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* v. I. 654 An exile, shut out from public employment. 1856 *N. Brit. Rev.* XXVI. 157 When we close one eye, we shut out the quantity of light which entered that eye as reflected from a different part of the room. 1842 LOWELL *Forlorn* xvi, For, whom the heart of Man shuts out, Straightway the heart of God takes in. 1895 P. HEMINGWAY *Out of Egypt* I. i. 10 The stuffy ill-lighted rooms at the back of the houses, shut out from view of the authorities.

b. Phr. *To shut* (some one) *out of doors*, † *out of the gates.*

1508 FISHER 7 *Penit. Ps.* cxlii. Wks. (1876) 261 One that by chaunce was that nyght shette out of the gates. 1530 PALSGR. 704/1 She hath shytte me out of dores. 1818 SCOTT *Br. Lamm.* XXI, And Ravenswood's dirty usage of me—shutting me out of doors to dine with the lackeys.

c. To screen from view.

1856 KANE *Arctic Expl.* I. ix. 101 A large headland.. shutting out all points farther north. 1899 MRS. E. COTES *Path of Star* xv. 160 Orchids hung from above, shutting out the garden. 1906 E. V. LUCAS *Wand. Lond.* I. 11 Long white blinds that shut out the house opposite.

d. *Baseball.* (See quot. Cf. *shut out* sb. s.v. SHUT *ppl. a.* 2.)

1896 R. G. KNOWLES & MORTON *Baseball* 88 [A pitcher] who performed the remarkable feat of shutting out (*i. e.*, disposing of a team in their whole nine innings without a run being scored) Baltimore, Cleveland [etc.].

18. Shut to. a. *trans.* To close (a door); † to shoot (a bolt).

a 1225 *Ancr. R.* 95 & gif..he worpe his hond forð touward þe þurl cloð, swiftliche anonriht schutteð al þet þurl to. *c* 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 1078 Dis angels two drojen lith in And shetten to ðe dure-pin. *c* 1440 *Jacob's Well* 243 Sche..schett to þe dore. 1526 TINDALE *Acts* xxi. 30 Forthwith the dores were shut to. 1665 PEPYS *Diary* 16 July, A little pretty daughter of my Lady Wright's most innocently come out afterward, and shut the door to. 1886 STEVENSON *Kidnapped* iii, The door was cautiously opened and shut to again behind me. 1891 C. ROBERTS *Adrift Amer.* 128 A half-breed Indian that was loafing about there to shut-to the door.

b. *intr.* for *refl.*

1912 M. HEWLETT in *Engl. Rev.* Apr. 9 The earth's door shuts-to again.

19. Shut up. a. *trans.* To place or store away in a closed box or other receptacle; to keep from view or use; to confine within bounds. *lit.* and *fig.* † Also to withhold (one's money, kindness, etc.) *from* a person.

c 1400 *Pety Job* 364 in *26 Pol. Poems* 132 Tyll he..wylne to be shut vp in hys cheste. 1426 LYDG. *De Guil. Pilgr.* 17922 To shit vp gold in coffers. 1526 TINDALE *1 John* iii. 17 Whosoever..seyth his brother in necessitie, and shetteth vppe his compassion from him. 1530 PALSGR. 704/1 He hath shytte up his treasour in a wall. 1540 — *Acolastus* I. i. D ij, He neuer perceyued my goodnesse to be shut vp towardes hym. 1544 BETHAM *Precepts War* I. xciv. E vij, Whose names are worthye to be spred immortall, in euery age, whose fame should not be shutte vp, or hydde in any posteritie. 1612 CHAPMAN *Rev. Bussy d'Ambois* v. v. 138 Our sensive spirits..can take..the same forms they had When they were shut up in this body's shade. 1691 tr. *Beddevole's Ess. Anat.* 120 Each Lobe [of the Liver] is shut up [Fr. *renfermé*] in a very delicate Membrane. 1742 YOUNG *Nt. Th.* II. 467 Thoughts shut up, want air, And spoil. 1825 T. HOOK *Sayings* Ser. II. *Passion & Princ.* xii. III. 268 Cutting long slips of muslin..and shutting them up in boxes. 1863 DANA *Man. Geol.* 27 The waters are shut up within the great basin, the Caspian and Aral being the seas which receive those waters that are not lost in the plains.

† b. To comprise, include; to condense in brief expressions. *Obs.*

1622 PEACHAM *Compl. Gentl.* vi. 49 Shutting vp whole and weightie Sentences in three words. *a* 1674 TRAHERNE *Chr. Ethics* (1675) 472 There are three things which beget love, beauty, benefits, and praises: they are all three shut up in goodness.

c. (*a*) To confine (a person or animal) in prison or in some kind of restraint; to keep in seclusion; to hem (a person) round in order to prevent his escape. Also (chiefly *refl.*) to shut the door on (a person within a place, room, etc.) to prevent access; *pass.* to be closeted with.

c 1489 CAXTON *Sonnes of Aymon* xiii. 312, I shall bryng hym agen wyth me vnto you all, were he shitte vp in x prisons. 1530 TINDALE *Lev.* xiii. 4 Then let the preast shitt him vpp seuen dayes. 1534 — *Acts* XXVI. 10 Many of the sainctes I shut vp in preson. 1573 TUSSER *Husb.* (1878) 119 A houell will..serue thee in winter..to shut vp thy porklings thou mindest to fat. 1604 E. G[RIMSTONE] *D'Acosta's Hist. Indies* v. xv. 367 These Yirgines thus shut vp into these monasteries. 1645 SYMONDS *Diary* (Camden) 173 These garrisons shutt up by the rebells. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 21 Oct. 1670, Din'd with the Treassurer, and after dinner we were shut up together. 1741 MIDDLETON *Cicero* (1742) III. 222 He shut him up closely by sea, as well as land. 1798 SOPHIA LEE *Canterb. T., Young Lady's T.* II. 476 Those for whom the feast should have been preparing, ..remained shut up at home. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* I. III. viii, Whom, however, Lomenie..shuts up in the Bastille. 1855 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* XV. III. 613 The Jacobites.. were forced to shut themselves up in their houses. 1859 JEPHSON *Brittany* I. I, [I] shut myself up with my own thoughts. 1896 MRS. CAFFYN *Quaker Grandmother* 276 The dogs were always shut up on moonlight nights.

fig. 1526 TINDALE *Gal.* iii. 23 Before that fayth cam, we were kept and shut vppe vnder the lawe. 1726 SWIFT *Gulliver* III. ii. 189 The whole compass of their thoughts and mind being shut up within the two forementioned Sciences. 1875 HELPS *Soc. Press.* I. 3 How we are all shut up in our own small selves.

(*b*) In some games of skill: To surround (the pieces of an opponent) in such a manner that a move becomes impossible without capture. Also said of the player. In *Dominoes*, see quot. 1870.

1474 CAXTON *Chesse* IV. ii. (1883) 168 For yf he be taken or ded or ellis Inclusid and shette vp [etc.]. 1870 *Routledge's Ev. Boy's Ann.* 340 Endeavouring to keep the command of the game [dominoes], so that you can block it at any moment, or, as it is technically termed, 'shut it up'. 1875 JOWETT *Plato* (ed. 2) III. 371 Unskilful players of draughts are at last shut up by their skilled adversaries.

(*c*) To compel by the exclusion of alternatives *to* some particular conclusion, course of action, etc.

1836 *Rob Slene's Dream* (Maitland Club) Introd. 12 We are thus shut up to the conclusion, that the Poem must have been composed between 27th January, 1590-1,..and 28th February, 1591-2. 1843 H. ROGERS *Ess.* (1860) III. 44 He plies the Oxford Tractists with this argument very fairly, and shows..that they are shut up to one of two courses.

d. To close (an entrance, apertnre, etc.); to pull (a door, window, etc.) to; † to stop up, make impassable (a road). Also *occas.* to shut permanently (the eyes, mouth). Now *rare.*

1526 TINDALE *Matt.* XXV. 10 The gate was shett vppe. 1560 *Ovid's Narcissus* A iv b, And deth shut vp those eyes. 1570 T. WILSON tr. *Demosth. Orat.* ii. 15 All the Ports and Hauens in the Countrie are shutte vp by reason of the warres. 1608 WOTTON *Life & Lett.* (1907) I. 411 The ways being all shut up with frosts, and snows. 1631 T. POWELL *Tom of All Trades* 32 If the Merchant sit still, the most of them may shut up their Shop windowes. 1785 PALEY *Mor. Philos.* III. I. xv. (1841) 89 When a tradesman shuts up his windows, to induce his creditors to believe that he is abroad. 1802 R. BROOKES *Gazetteer* (ed. 12) s. v. *Lepanto*, The harbour is small, and may be shut up by a chain. 1826 COBBETT *Rur. Rides* (1885) II. 100 Let them answer this question, or shut up their mouths upon this subject. 1827 FARADAY *Chem. Manip.* xix. (1842) 506 Closing the extremities of tubes so as to shut up one end. 1852 MRS. STOWE *Uncle Tom's C.* xl, Well, his mouth's shut up at last. 1891 KIPPS *Graven in Rock* viii. 290 The ancient Egyptians had closely shut it [the entrance] up.

fig. 1576 GASCOIGNE *Droome Doomes Day* Wks. 1910 II. 375 If the outward wandring be shut up, the inward accesse to God is opened.

e. To close, prevent access to or exit from (a place, a house, shop, room, etc.); † to screen by an enclosure *from* (obs.); *Agric.* to close (a meadow) to pasture, in preparation for a hay crop; to close (a box or other receptacle); *Naut.* to stop the leaks in (a ship). *To shut up shop*: see SHOP *sb.* 8 b.

Also in Biblical phrases, *To shut up the heavens*, to withhold rain; *to shut up the womb*, to render barren.

1530 TINDALE *Lev.* xiv. 38 Then let the preast..shett vp the housse for vii. dayes. 1530 — *Deut.* xi. 17 And then the wrath of the Lorde..shott vp the heauen that there be no rayne. 1535 COVERDALE *Job* iii. 10 Because it shut not vp the wombe that bare me. 1576 GASCOIGNE *Droome Doomes Day* Wks. 1910 II. 246 Gluttony dyd shut up Paradyse. 1592a *Arden of Feversham* II. ii. 52 'Tis very late, I were best shute vp my stall. *a* 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 16 July 1665, Two houses were shut up in our parish. 1711 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 110 P 5 His mother..had shut up half the Rooms in the House. 1733 ARBUTHNOT *Ess. Effects Air* vi. 121 Cities in Greece, shut up from Northerly Winds, were unhealthy. 1765 *Museum Rust.* IV. 275 Their food, four small pastures...Two of them I fed in the spring, rather late before I shut them up for hay. 1805 COLLINGWOOD in Nicolas *Disp. Nelson* (1846) VII. 110 *note*, The Achille wanted caulking much. I ordered a gang on board of her to shut her up before the wet weather comes. 1838 DICKENS *O. Twist* XXVII, Noah, you shut up the shop. 1840 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* I. IV. 396 The field is now shut up till the time of harvesting the crop. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* LXVII, Let us shut up the box and the puppets. 1859 GEO. ELIOT *Adam Bede* Epil., The workshops have been shut up half an hour or more.

fig. 1702a O. HEYWOOD *Diaries* (1885) IV. 296 Alas then my heart was shut up.

f. To close (something) by folding together, to fold (something) up. Also *intr.* for *refl.* Also, † to fit closely *together.*

1611 BIBLE *Job* xli. 15 His scales are his pride, shut vp together as with a close seale. 1819-23 P. BARLOW in *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) III. 473/1 A machine shutting up in the form of a chest, or box. 1833 T. HOOK *Parson's Dau.* III. x, Shutting up the easel itself, [she] deposited it in the corner. 1857 HUGHES *Tom Brown* I. iii, And he, shutting up the knife..accompanied them to the cottage. 1891 *Punch* 25 Apr. 201/2 Smart new boy in cloak-room has noted gentlemen shutting up their crush hats. 1911 *Daily Graphic* 2 Dec. 4/3 Shutting up the little book he had been reading.

† g. To conclude, wind up (a subject, discourse, etc.); to finish up (an act, a period of time, etc.), to bring to an end *with*. *Obs.*

1575 GASCOIGNE *Making of Verse* Wks. 1907 I. 471 The two last [lines] do combine and shut up the Sentence. 1577-87 HARRISON *England* II. vi. 171/2 in *Holinshed*, Some making their entrie with egs, and shutting vp their tables with mulberies. 1581 J. BELL *Haddon's Answ. Osorius* 158 To shutte up the matter in fewe wordes. 1585 KYD *Sp. Trag.* II. iv. 17 And heauens haue shut vp day to pleasure vs. 1601 W. LEIGH *Soules Solace* (1617) 18 Hee shut vp his blessed life, with these blessed words [etc.]. 1620 VENNER *Via Recta* viii. 182, I must aduertise them that shut vp their meale with drinke, that they doe it with a moderate draught. 1633 *Battle of Lutzen* 28, I shut up all concerning this point in this Assertion. 1638 A. READ *Chirurg.* I. 1 In the last Lecture..I shut up the doctrine of ulcers. *c* 1650 in Bromley *Collect. Roy. Lett.* (1787) 309 Thus I will shut up my long and tedious letter. 1706 E. WARD *Wooden World Diss.* (1708) 102 He constantly shuts up the Week with a Debauch. 1741 WESLEY *Wks.* 1872 I. 303, I will shut up this melancholy subject with part of a letter.

h. *colloq.* To be the end of (a matter).

1857 DICKENS *Dorrit* I. xii, Now, I'll tell you what it is, and this shuts it up;..I'll let him off for another five down and a bottle of wine; and if you mean done, say done, and if you don't like it, leave it.

i. *intr.* Of a period of time, state of things, a discourse, an action: To come to an end. *arch.*

1609 *Old Meg of Herefordsh.* (1816) 2 The sports growing to the end, and shutting up. 1667 PEPYS *Diary* 31 Mar., The month shuts up only with great desires of peace in all of us. 1865 SWINBURNE *Chastelard* V. ii. 180 So here my time shuts up.

j. Of a person: † To end one's course of action

(*obs.*); to bring one's remarks to a close. Now *rare*. (Cf. m.)

1628 Bp. HALL *Contempl.* xx. *Joash & Elisha* 21 The Joash of Judah having been preserved..by Jehoiada the priest..shuts up in the unkinde murther of his soune. 1657 J. WATTS *Scribe, Pharisee*, etc. I. 72 And now (to shut up) I will give you a brief recapitulation. 1700 R. CROMWELL *Let.* in *Eng. Hist. Rev.* (1898) XIII. 121, I fear how farre my penn hath runn; it is but reasonable to shut up. 1868 THIRLWALL *Lett.* (1881) II. 175, I must now shut up.

k. Of a commercial house: To close its doors, stop payment. *rare*.

1841 THACKERAY *Gt. Hoggarty Diam.* x, The very day when the Muff and Tippet Company shut up.

I. *trans.* To cause (a person) to stop talking, to reduce to silence. Also to silence (hostile artillery).

1857 DICKENS *Dorrit* I. xiii, I say to them, What else are you made for? It shuts them up. They haven't a word to answer. 1860 W. H. RUSSELL *Diary in India* I. 291 Our artillery seemed to shut the hostile guns up. 1861 HUGHES *Tom Brown at Oxf.* v, When I got there I was quite shut up. 1866 *Mysteries of Isis* 7 The Captain shuts up poor Henry..and he can't say a word in return. 1887 *Poor Nellie* (1888) 16 Looks at you and shuts you up just like Snorker, my old form master.

m. *intr.* (*colloq.* or *slang.*) To shut one's mouth, to stop talking. (Cf. j.) Often in imperative.

1853 'C. BEDE' *Verdant Green* I. viii, Order! or-*der*! shut up, Bouncer! 1858 TROLLOPE *Dr. Thorne* v, On this occasion he seemed to be at some loss for words: he shut up, as the slang phrase goes. 1905 ELINOR GLYN *Viciss. Evangeline* 134 He nearly had a fit, and shut up at once.

n. Of a racehorse: To refuse to go on running in a race.

1859 LEVER *Dav. Dunn* xxix, Some horses..drag their feet along, all weary and tired; if you push them a bit, they shut up, or they answer the whip with a kind of shrug.

Shut (ʃʌt), *ppl. a.* [pa. pple. of SHUT *v.*]

1. In senses of the verb: Closed, fastened up, folded together, etc.

1474 CAXTON *Chesse* II. iv. (1883) 51 Wyth a closid and shette pursse shalt thou neuer bane victorye. 1528 PAYNELL *Salerne's Regim.* 24 The open aier wolde be chosen and.. the shutte aier be eschewed. 1615 R. COCKS *Diary* (Hakl. Soc.) I. 89 He would cary both our open and also our shut letters. 1748 RICHARDSON *Clarissa* VI. 72 Speaking words of tenderness through his shut teeth. 1830 CARLETON *Traits* (1843) I. 27 The dog..laying his shut paw upon Jack's nose. 1894 KIPLING *Jungle Bk.* 57 His first stroke..was sent home with shut mouth in silence.

transf. 1817 BYRON *Manfred* I. i, By thy shut soul's hypocrisy. 1907 SIR O. LODGE *Subst. Faith* x. 63 Their shut minds and self-satisfied hearts are things to marvel at.

b. (See quot.)

1809 R. LANGFORD *Introd. Trade* 52 When the word *shut* is placed after any particular stock, it denotes no transfer can be made, as the books of the Stock or company are adjusting.

c. *Paper-making.* (See quot.)

1825 J. NICHOLSON *Oper. Mech.* 376 In a well-made sheet of paper the fibres are ranged in a horizontal and parallel direction, and a manufacturer describing such a sheet of paper, would say that the stuff was well shut.

†d. *Shut face*: ? an air of mystery. *Obs.*

1626 B. JONSON *Staple of N.* IV. iv. 64 With all your.. lookes out of the politicks, your shut-faces, And reseru'd Questions, and Answers that you game with.

†e. *Shut sound, vowel* = CLOSE *a.* 1 d. Also used to designate a short vowel of the quality nsed in closed syllables. *Obs.*

1841 W. SPALDING *Italy & It. Isl.* III. 222 Those who inhabit the valley of the Po..have derived..a strong tendency to nasal sounds and shut vowels. 1849 CRAIG *Dict., Key to Pronunc.*, A. Shut sound, as in man...E. Shut sound, as in men...O. Shut sound, as in hot.

f. *Shut couplet*: (see quot.)

1896 G. SAINTSBURY *Hist. 19th Cent. Lit.* i. 7 What has been called the 'shut' couplet—the couplet more or less rigidly confined to itself, and not overlapping.

2. *Comb.*: with advs. (see the corresponding combinations of the vb.), as *shut-in, -out, -up* adjs. Hence (*U.S.*) **shut-in, -out** *sbs.*, a person who is shut in or out.

1849 CUPPLES *Green Hand* xiv. (1856) 139 As for the dead *shut-in appearance of it,..you'd never think it was a river. 1904 *Prosp. Mass.* (U. S. A.) *Blind Assoc.* 2 The lonely and the unbusy, the shut-ins in body and in mind. 1853 KANE *Grinnell Exp.* xli. (1856) 378 A relation with the *shut-out world. 1897 *Encycl. Sport* I. 79/2 (Baseball) *Shut out*, an innings in which a side does not score a run. 1614 GORGES *Lucan* x. 443 [He] relies Vpon the hope of *shut vp wayes. *a* 1887 JEFFERIES *Field & Hedgerow* (1889) 315 Joh had a lot of shut-up rooms in his house.

Shut-down. [Cf. SHUT *v.* 13.] A shutting down; the closing for a time of a factory, etc. Also *attrib.*

1888 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 8 May 12/1 The shut-down movement has thus far been successful, but every advance in prices induces the opening of new wells. 1889 *Engineering* 11 Oct. 434/3 There has really been a 'shut down' of a large number of [oil-]wells, to check a wasteful over-production.

†**Shute**[1]. *Obs.* Forms: 1 scyte, 3 scute, ssute, schute, shute. [OE. *scyte* str. masc., corresponds to OHG. and MHG. *schuz* (mod.G. *schuss*):—OTeut. **skuti-z*, f. **skut-*: see SHOOT *v.*

This word, with ME. *u* = *ū*, is distinct from *shute* var. of SHOOT *sb.*[1]]

1. A shot, a blow. (Cf. SHOOT *sb.*[1] 1.)

c 1000 *Ags. Gloss.* in *Haupt's Zeitschr.* (1853) IX. 478/2 *Ictibus*, scytum. *c* 1205 LAY. 1461 Corineus bleintes & þene scute bi-berh. 1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 8132 So þat to þe toun walle hii come atte laste And þe oþere hadde ilore hor ssute of bowe & of arblaste Ne hii ne miȝte vor oþer ginnes stones vp hom caste.

fig. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 60 Al riht so, mid þen ilke wepnen, þ is mid scute of eien; mid spere of wundinde word. *Ibid.* 62 Hwo se is wise & iseli, wið þe schute wite hire, þ is wel hire eien: vor al þe vuel þ euer is cumeð of þen eien arewen.

2. The action of shooting or sprouting. (Cf. SHOOT *sb.*[1] 2.)

a 1300 *Leg. Holy Rood* ii. 132 Wiþ a cercle of seluer he bond ech ȝeres scute þere So þat wiþþinne þritti ȝer þis tre wox wel heie.

3. A sharp twinge of pain. (Cf. SHOOT *sb.*[1] 3 c.)

a 1300 *Marina* 202 in Horstm. *Altengl. Leg.* (1878) 173 Such shute com in þe womones hed,..& [heo] þer after wax riht wod.

Shute[2] (ʃūt). *Weaving.* [An old variant of SHOOT *sb.*[1], retained in this technical sense.] The weft. (Cf. SHOOT *sb.*[1] 4.)

1721 C. KING *Brit. Merch.* II. 17 Our Perpets that are all worsted Chains, and only the Shute of Woollen-Yarn, don't come to the Money. 1853 PERKINS *Haberdashery* (ed. 8) 45 The black is the warp, and the white or yellow (as the colour may be) the shute or shot. 1874 H. H. COLE *Catal. Ind. Art. S. Kens. Mus.* 217 A length of the thread, which he determines to make use of for his weft or shute.

Shute[3] (ʃūt). *dial.* Also 9 **shut.** [app. in part a dial. form of SHOOT *sb.* and partly a variant spelling of CHUTE.]

1. A channel or open trough for conveying water, esp. to a lower level; a gutter fixed beneath the eaves of a building. (Cf. SHOOT *sb.*[1] 5 b.)

1790 DUNSFORD *Hist. Mem. Tiverton* 106 *note*, The stream of water..is conveyed over a deep road behind the hospital by a leaded shute. 1836 MRS. BRAY *Tamar & Tavy* II. xxx. 291 *note*, To cut off three bits of lead about the size of a half farthing; each from three different shuts (meaning spouts) for the cure of fits. 1910 W. H. DAVIES in *Engl. Rev.* June 385 When Sparrows twitter in the shutes.

2. A sudden flood in a river, a freshet. (Cf. SHOOT *sb.*[1] 5, CHUTE 1.)

1839 *Heref. Gloss., Land-shut*, a land-flood. 1879 MISS JACKSON *Shropsh. Word-bk.* s. v., Theer's a tremenjus shut o' waiter i' the river.

3. A steep (artificial) channel or enclosed passage, down which ore, coal, grain, etc. is 'shot' to reach a receptacle below. (Cf. CHUTE 3, SHOOT *sb.*[1] 6 a.)

1847 *Illustr. Lond. News* 21 Aug. 125/1 Stones were also put under her with long shutes from the deck. 1869 *Routledge's Ev. Boy's Ann.* 613 Conducts the meal to the 'hoppers', and through them down 'shutes' to a horizontal cylinder. 1877 BURROUGHS *Taxation* 137 Coal shutes..are taxable.

b. (See quot.)

1882 JAGO *Anc. Lang. & Dial. Cornw.* 263 *Shute*,..the watering place where the women fill their pitchers from the 'shute'. Also, a small stream of water running from a shute or channel.

4. (See CHUTE 5.)

1879 JENKINSON *Guide I. of Wight* 94 The St. Lawrence or Whitwell Shute.

Shuting(e, obs. forms of SHOOTING *vbl. sb.*

Shut-off. [Cf. SHUT *v.* 16.] Something which shuts off: a tap, valve. Also *attrib.*

1869 RANKINE *Machine & Hand-tools* Pl. G I, The shut-off valve. 1892 *Photogr. Ann.* II. Advt. p. clxii, Automatic Shut-off.

†**Shu·t-purse.** *Obs. rare*[−1]. In 4 **ssette pors.** [f. SHUT *v.* + PURSE *sb.*] The 'shutter of purses': the title of the demon of miserliness.

1340 *Ayenb.* 187 Of zuiche volke is lhord a dyeuel and mayster, þet is ine helle, þet is ycleped ssette pors.

Shu·ttable, *a. nonce-wd.* [f. SHUT *v.* + -ABLE.] Capable of being closed.

1854 GREENWOOD *Haps & Mishaps* III An easy carriage, open, but shuttable at will.

Shu·ttance. *dial.* [f. SHUT *v.* (sense 11) + -ANCE.] Riddance.

1826 WILBRAHAM *Chesh. Gloss.* (ed. 2). 1856 P. THOMPSON *Hist. Boston* 723 Good shuttance of bad rubbish. 1886 MABEL PEACOCK *Tales & Rhymes* 124 (E.D.D.) She's gotten good riddance an' shuttance o' him.

Shutter (ʃʊ·tər), *sb.* [f. SHUT *v.* + -ER[1].]

1. *gen.* One who or something which shuts.

1611 COTGR., *Fermeur*, a shutter, closer, fastener. 1683 SNAPE *Anat. Horse* IV. ii. (1686) 153 The two other Muscles of the Eye-lid are called Shutters. 1788 *Act* 28 *Geo. III*, c. 51 § 18 Watermen, Lock Shutters, Pound Keepers. 1907 *Outlook* 3 Jan. 12/1 Janus in the old mythology was the porter of heaven, the 'opener' and the 'shutter'.

b. Also with advs. as *shutter up, -in.*

1542 BRINKLOW *Lament.* (1874) 110 Well ye hysshoppes, and ye chanons of the churche of Beell, ye shutters vp of Godes Worde. 1611 COTGR., *Obturateur*, a stopper or shutter vp. *c* 1633 B. JONSON *Eupheme, Elegie on my Muse* 219 That houre, The last of houres, and shutter up of all. 1869 E. J. REED *Shipbuild.* xxi. 468 If the plate were a 'shutter in' of a strake both butts would require to be fitted against plates already in place.

2. *spec.* a. A movable wooden or iron screen, applied to the outside or the inside of a window, to shut out the light or to ensure privacy or safety.

It may consist of a single board or plate (hinged like a door, sliding in a frame, or altogether detachable), of a number of boards or plates hinged together, or of a combination of laths or flat rods of wood or metal working on rollers. A window may have one shutter or several.

Phr. *To put up the shutters*: to bring one's business to a close for the day or permanently.

[1683 TRYON *Way to Health* 178 The close drawing of the Window-Shutters, Hangings, and Curtains.] 1720 S. SEWALL *Diary* 20 Oct. (1882) III. 270 She..clos'd the Shutters. 1792 BELKNAP *Hist. New-Hampsh.* III. 258 Another hole is made in the side of the house for a window, which is occasionally closed with a wooden shutter. 1814 WORDSW. *Excurs.* VII. 178 Yet were the windows of the low abode By shutters weather-fended. 1819 *Ann. Reg., Chron.* (1820) 42 One of the watchmen heard a noise at one of the shutters [of the shop]. 1838 DICKENS *O. Twist* V, Take down the shutters, yer idle young ruffian! 1863 *Appleby's Handbk. Mach. & Iron Work* 95 Patent revolving iron shutters. 1889 LD. LYTTON in Lady B. Balfour *Lett.* (1906) II. 389 He is only lingering now to put up the Parliamentary shutters. 1890 CONAN DOYLE *Capt. Polestar*, etc. 172 A few old-established houses..put up their shutters and confessed themselves beaten.

¶ With reference to the use as an improvised litter or stretcher for carrying a person who has been wounded or taken ill.

1843 DICKENS *Christmas Carol* ii. 60 As if the other fiddler had been carried home, exhausted, on a shutter. 1859 LEVER *Dav. Dunn* lxxi, I made it clear that you were really married, and to the daughter of a man that would send you home on a shutter, if you threw any doubt on it.

b. A folding cover hinged to a picture-frame in order to protect the picture from light, dust, etc.

a 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 8 Feb. 1645, That admirable paynting of Raphael..preserv'd in shutters of wainscott. 1762–71 H. WALPOLE *Vertue's Anecd. Paint.* (1786) I. 224 He.. painted..in St. Peter's, the shutters of an altar-piece. 1909 *Q. Rev.* July 169 An admirable altar-piece..which consisted of a magnificent centre-piece of goldsmith's work and shutters adorned with paintings.

c. *Photogr.* A device for opening and closing the aperture of a lens in order to regulate the duration of the exposure.

1862 *Catal. Internat. Exhib.* II. XIII. 9 A camera and shutter of new design. 1907 J. A. HODGES *Elem. Photogr.* (ed. 6) 17 A reliable shutter..of the roller-blind..type.

d. *Founding.* A gate or movable partition designed to cut off the passage to a mould from the channel in which the molten metal flows.

1856 *Illustr. Lond. News* 23 Aug. 194/1 The shutter, or gate, was then lifted, and the metal allowed to flow.

e. *Organ-building. pl.* The louvre-boards forming one or more sides of the swell-box, which are opened and shut by a pedal or lever, so as to regulate the volume of sound from the swell-organ.

1881 C. A. EDWARDS *Organs* 122 The swell shutters should be left open.

f. (See quot.)

1883 GRESLEY *Gloss. Coal-mining* 220 *Shutter.* 1. A movable sliding door having balance weights attached, fitted within the outer casing of the Guibal fan, for regulating the size of the opening...2. The vibrating arm or door of the Cooke Ventilator.

g. *Clockmaking.* (See quot.)

1884 F. J. BRITTEN *Watch & Clockm.* 35 Bolt and Shutter. An obsolete contrivance for keeping clocks going while winding. During the going of the clock the shutter—a plate of metal—stood in front of the winding square.

h. A lid or slide for obscuring the light of a lamp or lantern.

1910 J. BUCHAN *Prester John* i. 11 An evil-smelling old tin lantern with a shutter. 1911 *Act* 1 & 2 *Geo. V*, c. 45 § 4 (4) Every light carried on a locomotive..shall be fitted with such shutters or other contrivances as will enable the light to be temporarily screened in an effective manner.

i. (See quot.)

1898 *Encycl. Sport* II. 168/2 (Punt shooting) *Shutter*, the movable portion of the wash streak, through which the punter works his punt with paddles or set pole.

3. *attrib.* and *Comb.*: simple attrib., as *shutter-bar, -bolt, -hinge, -panel*; objective, as *shutter-maker.* Also **shutter-blind,** a blind with louvres to admit air; **shutter-case,** a box or fitting into which shutters may be put or folded when not in use; **shutter-dam,** a dam having gates which are opened and closed by hydraulic pressure obtained by water driven through pipes by means of a turbine; **shutter-front, -lid,** a covering or lid constructed to roll up after the manner of a flexible shutter; **shutter-rebate,** a groove cut into a window-frame to support a shutter; **shutter-stand** = *shutter-case*; **shutter-telegraph** = SEMAPHORE.

1737 *Salmon's Country Builder's Estimator* (ed. 2) 103 Upright Window-Bars, *Shutter-Bars. *Ibid.* 107 *Shutter-Hinges are sold by the Dozen. *Ibid.* 112 *Shutter Bolts are sold from 10*s. 6*d. to 18*s. 6*d.* per Dozen. 1833 LOUDON *Encycl. Archit.* § 555 In *shutter blinds..the movement is effected by a lever handle fixed on one of the luffer boards. 1810 *Hull Improv. Act* 55 [To] make any..*shutter-cases or shutter-stands. 1884 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.* Suppl., *Shutter Dam. 1887 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 22 Aug. 11/2 A finely wrought gilt frame with a *shutter front to conceal its contents. 1901 *Lady's Realm* X. 652/2 A small secretaire in satin-wood with a *shutter lid. 1881 *Instr. Census Clerks* (1885) 54 *Shutter maker. 1903 CONRAD & HUEFFER *Romance* III. 20 Rangsley knocked on a *shutter-panel. 1901 P. M. JOHNSTON in *Archæol. Jrnl.* 64 A shallow *shutter-rebate. 1810 *Shutter-stand [see *shutter-case*]. 1859 SALA *Tw. round Clock* (1861) 301 Some [dancers] are inclined..to..imitate the action of the old *shutter-telegraphs with their arms.

b. *Photogr.* (cf. 2 d). In *shutter-adjustment, -speed, -work*; instrumental, *shutter-exposure, -exposed* adj.; objective, *shutter-setting.*

1892 *Photogr. Ann.* II. 331 The lens and part of the *shutter adjustment are in view. 1891 *Anthony's Photogr. Bull.* IV. 323 A rapid *shutter exposed plate. 1889 *Ibid.* II. 317 These plates after development are compared with the

negative of *shutter exposure. 1892 *Photogr. Ann.* II. Advt. p. cclxxx, Plate-changing and *shutter-setting is effected by simply drawing out and pushing back the rod shown in block. 1889 *Anthony's Photogr. Bull.* II. 335 The *shutter speed was slower in comparison with the moving train. 1891 *Ibid.* IV. 323 For rapid *shutter work..the best plan is to use a medium quantity of alkali.

Shutter (ʃʊ·təɪ), *v.* [f. SHUTTER *sb.*]

1. *trans.* To close with a shutter. Also with *adv.*

1826 B. HALL in Lockhart *Scott* (1839) VIII. 360, I found the windows shuttered up. 1856 LEVER *Martins of Cro'M.* xxix. 309 The doors were closed, the windows shuttered. 1863 DICKENS *Uncomm. Trav.* xxi, Here is Garraway's, bolted and shuttered hard and fast. 1897 *Spectator* 26 June 909/1 An appeal to the people of Kilrush to shutter their shops. 1910 J. BUCHAN *Prester John* i. 15 Tam who had seized and shuttered his lantern, coming last.

b. *transf.* and *fig.*

1882 *Society* 16 Dec. 16/2 The basilisk glance..had to be shuttered down. *c* 1886 KIPLING *Other Verses* (1899) 102, I took a country twice the size of France, And shuttered up one doorway in the North. 1887 HARDY *Woodlanders* xviii, The windows of Fitzpiers's soul being at present shuttered. 1892 KIPLING *Barrack-room Ballads* 175, I barred my gates with iron, I shuttered my doors with flame.

2. *refl.* (with advb. complement). To close oneself *in*, shut oneself *off*, with shutters.

1878 STEVENSON *Inland Voy.* 60 A workman or a pedlar cannot shutter himself off from his less comfortable neighbours. 1880 *Athenæum* 14 Aug. 203 The farmers..would shutter themselves in and drink strong beer and gin for days and days on end.

Shuttered (ʃʊ·təɪd), *ppl. a.* [f. SHUTTER *v.* and *sb.* + -ED.] Closed with shutters; provided with shutters.

1845 TALFOURD *Vacation Rambles* I. 155 Green-shuttered white 'Pensions'. 1885 R. L. & F. STEVENSON *Dynamiter* ii. 9 Shop after shop displayed its shuttered front. 1901 P. M. JOHNSTON in *Archæol. Jrnl.* 68 It must have had its grated and shuttered opening.

Shuttering, *vbl. sb.* [f. SHUTTER *v.* and *sb.* + -ING 1.] a. The action of the vb. SHUTTER. b. Material for making shutters.

1868 W. CORY *Lett. & Jrnls.* (1897) 253 This is a detestable practice, shuttering; I rebel against it. 1898 MACEY *Specif. Detail* 371 Movable sheet-iron shuttering.

Shutterless (ʃʊ·təɪlĕs), *a.* [f. SHUTTER *sb.* + -LESS.] Without a shutter.

1830 LYTTON *P. Clifford* i, A high, narrow, shutterless casement. 1885 R. BUCHANAN *Annan Water* i, The wind ..rattled the shutterless windows.

Shutterwise, *adv.* [f. SHUTTER *sb.* + -WISE.] After the manner of or like a shutter.

1880 MRS. R. O'REILLY *Sussex Stor.* I. 315 He swept the boots and all his paraphernalia off the board, and fastened it shutterwise.

Shutting (ʃʊ·tiŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. SHUT *v.* + -ING 1.]

1. In trans. senses of the verb; closing, fastening up, drawing together, etc.

?*a* 1366 CHAUCER *Rom. Rose* 1598 For ther is noon so litel thing So hid, ne closed with shitting, That it ne is sene. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 445/2 Schetynge, or lokkynge wythe lokkys, *seracio.* 1562 *Child-Marriages* 116 The shuttinge of windowes. 1670 G. H. *Hist. Cardinals* I. III. 75 The said shutting of their mouths. *a* 1754 SIR J. STRANGE *Rep.* (1782) I. 615 The day of the shutting of the books. 1779 H. WALPOLE *Let. to Mann* 7 July, The shutting of our ports against France.

b. Welding, splicing.

1490 in *Archæol. Cant.* (1886) XVI. 298 For schettyng of the..bell claper viij d. 1495 *Naval Acc. Hen. VII* (1896) 150 Shutyng & Amendyng of v boltes. 1555 *Ludlow Churchw. Acc.* (Camden) 62 For shutynge on of the old hynges..ij d. 1794 *Rigging & Seamanship* I. 78 *Shutting* is joining or welding one piece of iron to another.

2. Something which closes fast, a bar, shutter. Usually *pl.* Also, a junction, a place where two things come together.

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 445/2 Schetynge, or schettynge, or sperynge, *clausura.* 1450–80 tr. *Secreta Secret.* xxxv. 24 Than frote welle thyn heed, for it openyth the shettyngis of þi brayne. 1610 BARROUGH *Meth. Physick* I. xxiii. (1639) 39 You must..fasten cupping glasses to the shutting of the joynts. *a* 1679 SIR J. MOORE *Eng. Interest* (1703) 108 The Bar or Shutting [of the door of a bee-hive] is to be made four square, of some heavy Matter, as Lead.

3. In intransitive senses of the verb: The close of a day, evening, etc.; nightfall.

1598 GREENWEY *Tacitus, Ann.* I. v. (1622) 8 In the night, or in the shutting of the euening. 1699 *Relat. Sir T. Morgan's Progr.* 13 The Major-General desired his Excellency, that he would give orders to them..to keep themselves in readiness..for at the shutting of the Night he would fall on.

4. In comb. with various advs.

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 445/2 Schettynge in, *inclusio*... Schettynge owte, *exclusio.* 1577 tr. *Bullinger's Decades* I. ix. 86 In the shuttinge vppe and ende of all ages. 1583 MELBANCKE *Philotimus* Z iv b, The setting of the Sun, and shutting in of nighte, belong to Zephyr. 1642–4 VICARS *God in Mount* 191 A little before shutting in of day-light. 1722 DE FOE *Plague* (Rtldg.) 54, I mention'd..shutting of Houses up. 1798 in Nicolas *Disp. Nelson* (1846) VII. p. clvi, The thickness of the smoke at the shutting in of the evening. 1838 DICKENS *O. Twist* xxvii, The shop was not closed, although it was past the usual hour of shutting-up. 1875 SCRIVENER *Lect. Grk. Test.* 14 The deliberate shutting out of a large..portion of available evidence. 1891 *Daily News* 3 Mar. 2/4 The shutting down of the mines in America. 1899 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* VII. 677 The sudden shutting off of the blood-supply to a limited area of the brain.

b. Specific uses: **shutting off** (see quot.); **shutting up** (*a*) see quot. 1852; (*b*) welding; (*c*) *shutting-up time*: the hour for closing the shop, etc.; **shutting together** = *shutting up* (*b*).

1884 F. J. BRITTEN *Watch & Clockm.* 240 *Shutting Off. A term used to describe the operation of throwing the winding wheels [of a fusee watch] out of action. 1852 G. W. JOHNSON *Cottage Gard. Dict.* 824 *Shutting-up is closing the lights of frames, pits, greenhouses, and stoves, which have been opened for the admission of air. 1883 CRANE *Smithy & Forge* 43 Joining two pieces of bar or rod together which the smith usually denominates 'shutting up' or '*shutting together'. 1889 'R. BOLDREWOOD' *Robbery under Arms* xxx, It was latish..and near shutting-up time.

Shutting, *ppl. a.* [-ING 2.] That shuts.

1634 in *Archæologia* XXXV. 197 Fower shutting windowes. 1803 STRANGFORD *Poems of Camoens* (1810) 52 When..night-drops bathe each shutting bell [of a flower]. 1850 T. T. LYNCH *Theoph. Trinal* v. 83 A shutting gate..we hear. 1900 ELWORTHY *Horns of Honour* ii. 143 The grinning opening and shutting jaws.

Shuttle (ʃʊ·t'l), *sb.*[1] Forms: 1 sciutil, scytel, 4–9 (now *dial.*) shittle, 5 shotil, shetil, schytle, schetyl(le, s(c)hutylle, 6 shetyll, shuttyll, shyttel(l, shittell, shettle, shoottle, 7 shutle, shuttel, 6– shuttle. [OE. *scytel* ? masc.:—prehistoric **skutil* f. Teut. root **skut-*: see SHOOT *v.* Cf. ON. *skutill* harpoon; also Sw., Da. *skyttel* (of obscure history) and Da. *skytte*, Norw. *skyt*, *skjot* = sense 2 below.]

†1. *OE.* A dart, missile, arrow. *Obs.*

c 875 *Erfurt Gloss.* 1177 *Jaculum*, sciutil. *c* 1000 *Ags. Ps.* (Thorpe) lxiii. 7 Syndon hyre wita scytelum cilda æzhwæs onlicost.

2. An instrument used in weaving for passing the thread of the weft to and fro from one edge of the cloth to the other between the threads of the warp. *Fly shuttle* (see FLY *sb.*[2] 8).

The normal form of the shuttle resembles that of a boat, whence its name in various langs. (L. *navicula*, F. *navette*, G. *weberschiff*). Along the middle is an axis or 'spindle', on which revolves the 'quill' or 'bobbin', a cylinder carrying the thread of the weft.

1338 in Dugdale *Monasticon* (1819) II. 585/2 Item pro weblomes emptis xx*s*...Item pro iiij shittles pro eodem opere ij*s* vj*d*. *c* 1400 *York Memorandum Bk.* (Surtees) I. 85 Cum instrumento dicti artificii vocato *shotil.* 14.. *Nom.* in Wr.-Wülcker 728/15 *Hec navecula*, schetylle. 1483 *Cath. Angl.* 338/2 A Schutylle (*v.r.* shvtylle), *nauicula, panus.* 1510 STANBRIDGE *Vocabula* (W. de W.) C j b, *Pecten*, the shuttyll. 1570 LEVINS *Manip.* 195/40 A shuttle, *radius.* 1577 HANMER *Anc. Eccl. Hist., Evagrius* IV. vii. (1585) 473 A weauers shittell. 1585 WITHER *ABC for Laymen* 131 The sliding to and fro of the shettle in weauing. 1613 PURCHAS *Pilgrimage* (1614) 736 The Fishers Boats are made like to a Weauers Shutle. 1676 HOBBES *Iliad* XXII. 444 She trembling stood, and let her Shittle fall. 1714 GAY *Sheph. Wk.* Prol. 71 Ye Weavers, all your Shuttles throw. 1831 G. R. PORTER *Silk Manuf.* 221 The shuttle is formed from a piece of boxwood. 1908 [MISS E. FOWLER] *Betw. Trent & Ancholme* 84 John's loom and shuttle could be heard.

b. *fig.* and in similative use.

1598 SNAKS. *Merry W.* V. i. 25, I feare not Goliah with a Weauers beame, because I know also, life is a Shuttle. 1742 YOUNG *Nt. Th.* IV. 809 How swift the shuttle flies, that weaves thy shroud. 1844 EMERSON *Lect., Young Amer.* Wks. (Bohn) II. 293 The locomotive and the steamboat like enormous shuttles shoot every day across the thousand various threads of national descent. 1896 KIPLING *Seven Seas* 4 Swift shuttles of an Empire's loom that weave us, main to main. 1896 A. AUSTIN *England's Darling* II. iv, When War's loud shuttle shall have woven peace.

3. *transf.* a. A thread-carrying device in the form of a weaver's shuttle, used for knotting, tatting and embroidery.

1767 MRS. DELANY *Lett.* 4 Jan., Ser. II. (1862) I. 91 Mrs. Jeffreys has bought me a very elegant shuttle for two guineas. ?1770 MRS. RAVALD *Let. to Mrs. Delany* 10 Nov. *ibid.* 309, I want to know if the inclosed knotting is what you would have it...Its merit..is entirely owing to the instrument with which it is fabricated, the nonpareille shuttle of singular service. 1882 CAULFEILD & SAWARD *Dict. Needlework* 476 [Recent improvements in Tatting.] The use of a second thread or Shuttle, which enables straight lines and scallops to be worked, as well as the original ovals.

b. A reciprocating thread-holder in a sewing-machine, which carries the lower thread through the loop of the upper one to make a lock-stitch.

1846 in *Abridgm. Specif. Patents, Sewing* (1871) 10 [The] application of a shuttle, in combination with a needle. 1860 *Ure's Dict. Arts* III. 647 A small shuttle, which has a horizontal motion beneath the cloth, is now caused to pass through this loop, carrying with it its own thread. 1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.* 2116/2 The [Singer sewing-] machine makes a lock-stitch by means of a straight eye-pointed needle and a longitudinally reciprocating shuttle.

c. In a telephone (see quot.).

1879 PRESCOTT *Sp. Telephone* 388 One of its coils is connected..to a V-shaped piece of metal, termed the shuttle, which, in its normal position, rests with one end against an adjustable screw.

d. A curved type-bar (in some typewriters) guided into position by a race. 1911 in WEBSTER.

4. A shuttlecock. Also the game. *Obs.* exc. in *Badminton.*

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 447/1 Schytle, chyldys game, *sagitella.* *a* 1591 H. SMITH *Serm.* (1622) 252 Or like unto a Shittle, which flittereth from the hand of a child. 1895 *Official Laws Badminton* 11.

†5. = RADIUS 1 c. *Obs. rare*[−1].

Perh. only a mistranslation of L. *radius*, one sense of which is 'weaver's shuttle'.

1662 *Comenius' Janua Ling. Triling.* 48 One arm bone; two of the elbow, (the ell and shuttle).

6. †a. A trochoid shell (see quot. 1750). *Obs.* b. In full *weaver's shuttle*, a shuttle-shell, esp. *Radius volva*; also, the shell of this gastropod.

1750 POCOCKE *Trav.* (Camden) 46 *Trochi entrochi*...The trochi are many of them like shuttles..some are an oblong oval, which they call shuttles: the country people call them fairy stones. 1815 BUAROW *Elem. Conchol.* 199 Bulla Volva. Weaver's Shuttle. B. Birostris. Bastard Weaver's Shuttle. B. Gibbosa. Short gibbons Shuttle; the Gondola. 1861 P. P. CARPENTER in *Rep. Smithsonian Instit.* 1860, 195 The Weaver's Shuttle (*Radius volva*). *Ibid.* 196 The creature folds its foot round the *Gorgonias* on which it lives, carrying its shuttle gracefully over its head.

7. A book name for certain species of moths.

1832 J. RENNIE *Butterfl. & Moths* 51 The Shuttle (*Agrotis radia*, Curtis)...Probably a variety of *A. Radiola*... The small Shuttle (*A. Radiola*, Stephens) appears in June.

8. A shuttle-train (see 9 b).

1895 in *Funk's Stand. Dict.*

9. *attrib.* and *Comb.* a. Obvious combs. (senses 2 and 3) as *shuttle-driver*, *-maker*, *-quill*; also *shuttle-shaped* adj., *shuttlewise* adv.; (sense 6) as *shuttle-tribe.*

1801 *Encycl. Brit.* Suppl. II. 796/1 From its lower end there go two small cords to the *shuttle drivers. 1412 in Riley *Mem. Lond.* (1868) 584 [William Blakeney] *shetil-maker. 1661 PETTY in Birch *Hist. Roy. Soc.* (1756) I. 59 To which purpose there is somewhat considerable in the winding the yarn upon these *shuttle-quills. 1802 BINGLEY *Anim. Biog.* (1813) II. 224 The eyes are lodged in a *shuttle-shaped band of black. 1869 E. NEWMAN *Brit. Moths* 317 The Shuttle-shaped Dart (*Agrotis puta*). 1861 P. P. CARPENTER in *Rep. Smithsonian Instit.* 1860, 196 None of the Cowry or *Shuttle tribe have any opercnlnm. 1879 HOWELLS *Lady of Aroostook* iii. 38 The ferryboats thrust *shuttlewise back and forth between either shore made a refreshing sound.

b. Special comb.: **shuttle-bearer**, the lay or batten of a loom; **shuttle-bone**, †(*a*) each of the bones of the forearm; (*b*) the navicular bone in the foot of a horse; **shuttle-box**, †(*a*) the cavity in the side of a shuttle to hold the spindle (*obs.*); (*b*) 'a tray or case at the end of the shuttle-race to receive the shuttle' (Knight *Dict. Mech.* 1875); **shuttle-carrier**, the arm or other device which reciprocates the shuttle in a sewing-machine; **shuttle-crab**, a paddle-crab, *Callinectes hastatus* (*Cent. Dict.* 1891); **shuttle-kissing** (see quot.); †**shuttle-prick**, the spindle of a shuttle; **shuttle-race**, the ledge or track along which the shuttle passes; **shuttle-service**, a service of shuttle-trains; **shuttle-shell**, a gastropod of the genus *Radius*; †**shuttle-spire**, ? = *shuttle-prick*; **shuttle-train**, a train running a short distance to and fro, as on a short branch line; † **shuttle-trough** = *shuttle-box* (*a*).

1835 URE *Philos. Manuf.* 350 Exercising their arms and shoulders..by resting their hands on the lay or *shuttle-bearer. 1688 HOLME *Armoury* II. xvii. 417/2 The Cubitus ..doth consist of two Bones; the *Shuttle Bones. 1832 PERCIVALL *Anat. Horse* 60 The Navicular or Shuttle Bone (*Os Naviculare*). 1688 *Shuttle box [see *shuttle trough* below]. 1888 *Encycl. Brit.* XXIV. 464/1 (*Weaving*), A ledge..which forms the 'shuttle race' for carrying the shuttle in 'picking' from and to the shuttle boxes at each end of the lay. 1860 *Ure's Dict. Arts* III. 649 (*Sewing-machine*), At the commencement of the return of the shuttle, an inclined piece upon the *shuttle carrier hears against a lateral stud upon one end of a short rocking or oscillatory shaft. 1908 *Bath Daily Chron.* 22 Apr. 1/7 The practice known as '*shuttle-kissing'—sucking the weft through the eye of the Shuttle. 1688 *Shuttle prick [see *shuttle trough* below]. 1831 G. R. PORTER *Silk Manuf.* 216 A shelf, called the *shuttle-race, is formed by making the bottom bar broader than the side rails. 1868 MORRIS *Earthly Par.* I. II. 378 (*Cupid & Psyche*), As I drove The ivory shuttle through the shuttle-race. 1871 *Abridgm. Specif. Patents, Sewing* 14 Sewing by means of a vibrating needle and a shuttle travelling in a circular shuttle-race. 1905 *Westm. Gaz.* 3 July 6/3 This '*shuttle' service of electric trains. 1861 P. P. CARPENTER in *Rep. Smithsonian Instit.* 1860, 195 Family *Ovulidæ*. (Egg and *Shuttle Shells.) 1744 in *Phil. Trans.* (1746) XLIII. 194 There was extracted from him..an iron *Shuttle Spire, four Inches long. 1891 *Century Dict.*, *Shuttle-train. 1688 HOLME *Armoury* III. 289/1 The parts of a Shuttle are, the *Shuttle Trough, or Box, is the square hole on the top of it, in which the Pin or Shuttle Prick is set within two holes having Yarn..wound about it.

† **Shuttle,** *sb.*[2] *Obs.* Forms: *a.* 1 scyt(t)el, scetel, 4 ssettel, 5 schettel, schyt(t)yl; *β.* 1 scyttels, scyttyls, scytels, scettels, 2 scutles. [OE. *scyt(t)el*, *scyt(t)els*:—prehistoric **skutil*, *-isli*, f. **skut-* in *scyttan* to shut; the two OE. words have different suffixes, but their forms coalesced in ME.: see -EL, -ELS. Cf. WFris. *skoattel*, EFris. *schötel*, NFris. *sködel.*

The mod. dial. *shuttle* (*shittle*, *shettle*, *shottle*) horizontal bar of a gate (see *Eng. Dial. Dict.*), is perh. the same word.]

1. A bolt or bar, as of a door.

971 *Blickl. Hom.* 87 Ealle þa isenan scyttelas helle loca wurdan tobrocene. *a* 1000 *Kent. Gloss.* 658 in *Haupt's Zeitschr.* (1877) IX. 55 Scetel, *vectis.* *c* 1000 ÆLFRIC *Hom.* I. 70 Ða scytelses [*v.r.* scittelsas] to burston. *a* 1023 WULFSTAN *Hom.* (1883) 230 Openiað þas ȝeatu and þa fæstan scytelsas. *c* 1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 127 Þet is þet [loc] þeðe deofel ne con unlucan, þet is þet scutles þeðe deofel ne mei nefre to-cysan. 1340 *Ayenb.* 94 'My zoster, my lemman, þou art a gardin besset, myd tuo ssettles,' þet is þe grace of god, and of angles. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 365/1 Ondoynge, or op(y)nynge of schettellys, or sperellys. *Ibid.* 447/1 Schyttyl, or sperynge, *pessulum, vel pessellum.*

2. ? A shutter or a partition.

1614 T. Godwin *Rom. Antiq.* xviii. 15 By the drawing aside of some wainscot shuttles..a newe partition might seeme to be put vp.

Shuttle (ʃv·t'l), *sb.*[3] Forms: 5 schetel, 6, 9 *dial.* shittle, 8– shuttle. [f. Shut *v.* + -le.

It is uncertain whether the word represents OE. *scyttel, scyttels* (see prec.) in an unrecorded sense, or was a new formation in ME.]

1. A flood-gate which opens to allow the flow and regulate the supply of water in a mill-stream. Also a similar gate in a drain. Also 'one of the sections of a shutter-dam' (*Cent. Dict.* 1891).

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 445/2 Schetelys, or gote, *supra, aquagium.* 1583 *Inquisition of Sewers* 7 (N. W. Linc. Gloss.), The same sewer from the foresaid fields end to the shittle shall be diked, scowred and cleansed..by Mr. William Dalyson. 1738 *Phil. Trans.* XLI. 167 The Miller..went immediately, and let down the Shuttle. 1812 Nouaille in *J. Nicholson's Oper. Mech.* (1825) 111 The shuttle or gate slides upon the floor of the trough, so as to..determine the quantity of water to be let out upon the wheel. 1832 *Holderness Drainage Act* 13 Stocks, shuttles and other works of drainage. 1845 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* V. II. 400 The sluices or cloughs used then being merely what now would be called shuttles. 1877 *N. W. Linc. Gloss., Shittle,*..the shuttle of a drain. 'The shittle agean th' fish-pond is o' no use noo.' 1887 *Fishing Gaz.* 2 Apr. 207/2 The..field..opposite the 'shuttle' or flood gate.

2. A small gate or stop through which metal is allowed to pass from the trough to the mould.

1858 Simmonds *Dict. Trade.* 1875 Knight *Dict. Mech.*

Shuttle (ʃv·t'l), *sb.*[4] *Sc.* and *Devonshire.* Also 7 schottle, 7– shottle. [Of doubtful origin: perh. f. Shut *v.* + -le. Cf. prec.]

A small drawer, esp. one fixed in a chest, in which small articles were stored. Also 'a kind of box in the upper part of a chest, extending across; used for keeping money'; also 'a till in a shop, a money-box' (Jam.).

1626 Wedderburne *Compt Bk.* (S.H.S.) 142 Ane aikin frei pres with schottlles of aik thairin. 1699 Eliz. West *Mem.* (1865) 114, I thought they were like a cabinet full of shuttles and in every shuttle there was a jewel. 1719 Hamilton *Epist. to Ramsay* I. 32 Gin that my haff-pay siller shottle Can safely spare it. 1815 Scott *Guy M.* xxxviii, Those eyes..were now sharply and alertly darting their glances through shuttles, and trunks, and drawers, and cabinets, and all the odd corners of an old maiden lady's repositories. 1823 — in *Lockhart* (1839) VII. 105 Like the inside of an antique cabinet with drawers and shottles and funny little arches. 1832 Mrs. Bray *Tamar & Tavy* (1836) III. xxxiv. 80 And I thought of the old names by which the little drawers and boxes in such [old cabinets] were called,—the shuttles. 1866 R. Chambers *Ess.* Ser. I. 152 A set of docketed papers, tied up with red tape, and deposited in shottle fifteen. 1870 J. K. Hunter *Life Studies* 158, I had three white half-croous in the shuttle o' my kist.

Shu·ttle, *a.* Variant of Shittle *a.*, unsteady, shaky, etc., surviving *dial.* (see *Eng. Dial. Dict.*).

1542 Udall *Erasm. Apoph.* 307 b, Metellus was so shuttle-brained that even in the middes of his tribuneship he left his office in Roome. 1553 *Respublica* v. ii. 85 (Brandl), That shuttle brained, tall, long man. 1602 R. T. *5 Godlie Serm.* 200 To some shallow heads, shuttle braines, and simple wits, it seemeth to be [etc.]. 1617 Collins *Def. Bp. Ely* II. x. 497 Howsoener our shuttle-pated Adioynder thinke of it. *a* 1649 *MS. Poems temp. Chas. I* (Halliw.), Nor can you deeme them shuttle-headed fellowes, Who for the Lord are so exceeding zealous. *c* 1660 *Rump Songs* I. 7 Is it not strange, that in that Shuttle-head Three Kingdoms ruines should be buried? *c* 1682 J. Collins *Making Salt in Eng.* 15 A mixture of harsh shuttle Sand. 1886 *W. Somerset Word-bk., Shuttle,* quick, lithe, active...Also applied to any dry or easily slipping matter, as grain, seeds, sand, &c. 1888 Stevenson *Black Arrow* I. ii, See there how shuttle-witted are these girls.

Hence †**Shu·ttly** *adv.*, unsteadily.

1661 Petty in Birch *Hist. Roy. Soc.* (1756) I. 59 To which purpose the quill is too short for the axis whereon it rowls, and moves as shuttley upon it as may he.

Shuttle (ʃv·t'l), *v. Obs.* exc. *dial.* In 6 shutle. [Partly or perh. wholly f. Shuttle *sb.*; but possibly in part a frequentative f. Shoot *v.*: see -le.]

1. *trans.* To move (a thing) briskly to and fro like a shuttle. Also, to throw swiftly.

1550 Coverdale *Spir. Perle* xxxi. 260 He yᵗ hath an heauy hurthen vpon hys back, yᵉ more he shutleth and moueth yᵉ same, yᵉ more doeth it greue hym. 1823 Galt *Entail* lxiv, He would hae grippit me by the cuff o' the neck and the back o' the breeks and shuttled me through the window. 1840 Carlyle *Let.* 17 Mar. in Froude *Life Lond.* (1884) I. 177 A face of most extreme mobility, which he shuttles about..in a very singular manner while speaking. 1857 Meredith *Farina* (1865) 52 Now general commotion shuttled them.

2. *intr.* To go or move backwards and forwards like a shuttle: to travel quickly to and fro.

1823 Galt *Gilhaize* lxxxiv, In the clear linn the trouts shuttled from stone and crevice. 1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* II. vi. i, Their corps go marching and shuttling, in the interior of the country. 1884 *Harper's Mag.* July 270/1 It is as though a section of roadway shuttled to and fro between the shores. 1910 *Spectator* 23 Apr. 666/2 Faster ships shuttle to and fro weaving the political web more and more rapidly.

3. *Sc.* To ply the shuttle, weave. (See *Eng. Dial. Dict.*)

Hence **Shu·ttling** *ppl. a.*

1860 *All Year Round* No. 41. 344 The flutes began in a whirling, shuttling movement.

Shuttlecock (ʃv·t'lkɒk), *sb.* [f. Shuttle *sb.*[1] (q. v. for forms) + Cock *sb.*[1] Cf. Shuttle-cork.]

1. A small piece of cork, or similar light material, fitted with a crown or circle of feathers, used in the game of 'battledore and shuttlecock' (see 2) and also in the game of Badminton.

1522 Skelton *Why not to Court* 351, I trow all wyll be nought, Nat worth a shyttel cocke. 1591 Spenser *M. Hubberd* 804 A thousand wayes he them could entertaine,..With dice, with cards,..With shuttelcocks. 1599 Nashe *Lenten Stuffe* 74 This playing with a shettlecocke, or tossing empty bladders in the ayre. 1604 Middleton *Ant & Nightingale* C 3 b, His head was drest vp in white Feathers like a Shuttle-Cock. 1626 Bacon *Fantasticks* Oct. C 4 b, The shuttel-Cocke with the Battel-doore is a pretty house-exercise. 1688 Bunyan *Water of Life* 116 (end), They toss their Vanities about as the Boys toss their Shittle-Cocks in the Air. 1777 Sheridan *Trip to Scarb.* Prol., Made up, like shuttlecocks, of cork and feather. 1801 C. K. Sharpe *Let.* 12 Jan. *Corr.* 1888 I. 103 With long stiff feathers stuck round their heads like those of a shittle-cock. 1838 Lytton *Alice* VI. i, Vast interests and solemn causes are no longer tossed about like shuttlecocks on the battledores of empty tongues. 1897 *Encycl. Sport* I. 70/2 (Badminton) *Shuttlecock,* the missile employed, which consists of a cork crowned with feathers, from 3 to 5 inches in length.

b. *fig.*

1602 Dekker *Satiromastix* F 2 b, What made these paire of Shittle-cockes heere? what doe they fumble for? 1700 T. Brown tr. *Fresny's Amusem., Westm. Hall* Wks. 1709 III. I. 49 Certain..Sollicitors and Barristers, make it their whole business to keep the Shuttle-cock [Chancery suits] in motion. 1760–72 H. Brooke *Fool of Qual.* (1809) III. 130 The shittlecock of conversation may fall to the ground. 1858 Dk. Argyll *Autobiog.* (1906) II. 124 This Reform question ought not to be made the shuttlecock of party. 1884 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 5 Dec. 5/1 The best American securities are periodically the shuttlecock of unscrupulous speculators.

2. The game (more fully *battledore and shuttlecock,* now played only by children) in which the shuttlecock is hit with the battledore backwards and forwards between two players, or by one player into the air as many times as possible without dropping it.

1599 B. Jonson *Cynthia's Rev.* II. iv, Shee can..play at shittle-cock. 1628 Burton *Anat. Mel.* II. ii. IV. (ed. 3) 255 The ordinary recreations which we haue in Winter..are Cardes..shuttlecocke, balliardes [etc.]. 1711 Swift *Jrnl. to Stella* 20 Sept., And get somebody to play shuttlecock with you, Mrdam Stella. 1842 Lover *Handy Andy* xiv, Pray Mr. F...are you fond of shuttlecock?

fig. 1858 Sears *Athan.* iii. 20 They were only playing at shuttlecock with words.

3. A Mexican malvaceous shrub, *Periptera punica.*

1829 Loudon *Encycl. Plants* 588 *Periptera punica.* Shuttlecock. 1840 Paxton *Bot. Dict.* 1866 *Treas. Bot.* s. v.

4. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as *shuttlecock-maker.*

1628 Ford *Love's Mel.* I. ii, A shittlecock maker.

b. quasi-*adj.* Light, tossed hither and thither.

1660 R. Burney *Κέρδιστον Δῶρον* Ep. Ded. II. 11 He [Cromwell] brought the Shuttlecock opprobrie upon the grave Counsell of the Land, and called them together only to kick them out. 1754 Stukeley *Mem.* (Surtees) III. 191 Now our shittlecock heads think of nothing but France. 1826 Miss Mitford *Village* II. 83 Or any other shuttlecock pate, giddy with happiness and vanity. 1903 J. C. Smith in *R. Wallace: Life & Last Leaves* 137 Shuttlecock retort was a familiar game with him.

Shu·ttlecock, *v.* [f. Shuttlecock *sb.*]

1. *trans.* To throw, send backwards and forwards or to toss like a shuttlecock. Also *fig.*

1687 R. L'Estrange *Brief Hist. Times* I. 14 Transubstantiation, and Idolatry, the Bug-bear of the Times, has not been more Shittle-Cock'd, then this Argument. 1853 *Tait's Mag.* XX. 365 He is shuttle-cocked between London and Edinburgh. 1859 Thackeray *Virgin.* lxxvii, 'Yes, if the phrase is to be shuttlecocked between us,' I answered hotly. 1904 *Blackw. Mag.* Mar. 402 [Certain Companies] shuttlecocked their assets and liabilities from one to the other for balance-sheet purposes.

2. *intr.* To move or go backwards and forwards.

1799 H. Walpole *Let. to Miss Berrys* 8 Nov., A letter may have shuttle-cocked about.

†**Shu·ttle-cork.** *Obs.* [f. Shuttle *sb.*1 + Cork *sb.*] = Shuttlecock *sb.* In quot. *attrib.*

a 1627 Middleton *Chaste Maid* III. (1630) 38 Their short figging little shittle-corke-heeles.

Shu·ttleless, *a. rare.* [f. Shuttle *sb.*1 + -less.] Adapted to work without a shuttle.

1888 *Daily News* 10 Sept. 7/3 A shuttleless lockstitch sewing machine. 1890 *B'ham Weekly Post* 1 Feb. 1/5 The shuttleless loom.

†**Shu·ttle-pin.** *Obs.* [? Shuttle *sb.*2] Some kind of fastening for harness.

1587 Mascall *Cattle, Horses* (1596) 119 Harnesses..and all things belonging thereunto, as..belly wanties with tack, or shoottle pin, tide to euery hawm with a string.

Shuttler (ʃv·tlə). *rare.* [f. Shuttle *v.* (sense 3) + -er[1].] A weaver.

1870 J. K. Hunter *Life Studies* 155 He was the prettiest shuttler I ever saw. 1897 *Ardrossan & Saltcoats Her.* 17 Sept. 5 The shuttlers in the employment of Stewart, Moir & Muir..ceased work.

Shuttler, obs. form of Sutler.

Shuttling (ʃv·tliŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. Shuttle *v.* + -ing[1].] The action of using a shuttle (also *fig.*); the action of fixing the cop in the shuttle; *concr.* that which serves the purpose of a shuttle.

1874 H. H. Cole *Catal. Ind. Art S. Kens. Mus.* 217 He then prepares the shuttling, which is more like a long knitting needle than an ordinary English shuttle, winding on it a length of the thread. 1879 *Cassell's Techn. Educ.* IV. 399/1 To render the shuttling of the cop a matter of as little nicety as possible. 1889 *Century Mag.* Jan. 422/1 Those [olive groves] in the distance look more hoary and soft, as though a veil of light cunningly woven by the shuttling of the rays hung over them.

‖ **Shutur sowar** (ʃu·təɪ sɒwā·ɪ). *Anglo-Indian.* Also shuta-, shootar-. [Urdū a. Pers. شتر سوار *shutur suwār* (f. *shutur* camel + *suwār*: see Sowar).] A camel rider.

1834 Col. Mountain *Mem.* (1857) 135 A couple of riding camels and an attendant Shootar Suwar. 1840 W. G. Osborne *Crt. & Camp Runjeet Sing* 179 Sent a Shuta surwar..off with an express to Simla. 1849 Eastwick *Dry Leaves* 78 A body of eighty camel riders, or Shutur Sawárs, to use the Persian term, arrived.

Shuyster, variant of Shyster.

Shwanpan, variant of Swanpan.

Shwere, obs. form of Swear.

Shy (ʃəi), *sb.*[1] Pl. **shies.** [f. Shy *v.*[1]] A sudden start aside made by a horse when it sees an object that frightens it.

1791 'G. Gambado' *Ann. Horsem.* ix. (1809) 106 [The horse] made a sort of a shy towards the cliff. 1857 Reade *Course of True Love* 166 In the middle of a great shy which her mare made. 1908 *Edin. Rev.* Oct. 472 We pass it by with a courteous bow which has in it something of a horse's shy at the uncanny.

fig. 1900 Mary E. Wilkins *Parson Lord* 35 He has stepped along in his path of duty without a kick or a shy.

Shy (ʃəi), *sb.*[2] *colloq.* Also *rare* shie. Pl. **shies.** [f. Shy *v.*[2]]

1. A quick, jerking (or careless) throw, as of a stone, etc.

1791 Brand *Pop. Antiq.* (1813) I. 67 The person who throws ..has three *shys,* or throws, for two pence. 1835 Dickens *Sk. Boz, Greenwich Fair,* Jack-in-the-box—three shies a penny. 1849 W. S. Mayo *Kaloolah* ii. (1850) 25 Swinging his cap round his head, he gave it a shie over the lee quarter. 1854 W. Collins *Hide & Seek* I. vii. 194, I never remember wanting to throw a rotten egg at any of my fellow-creatures before —but I feel certain that I should enjoy having a shy at Mr. Jubber! 1859 Jephson *Brittany* xv. 245 When he was a boy, he..used to think it good fun to have a 'shy' at these windows.

b. *Eton Football.* A point scored in the 'Wall' game (see quot. 1881).

1868 *Field* 28 Nov. 446/3 This match..ended in favour of the School by five shies to nothing. 1881 *Pascoe's Everyday Life Public Schools* 54 Once behind this [calx] line, the player's object is to get it [the ball] up..with his foot against the wall and touch, when he gets a 'shy'; that is, the privilege of throwing the ball at the goals, while the other side..defend them. Of course, if he succeeds in reaching the goals, he gets a goal...More generally the game is decided by the number of 'shies' got.

2. *fig.* **a.** An attempt to damage by sarcasm or verbal attack; a 'fling' *at* a person or thing.

1840 De Quincey *Mod. Superst.* Wks. 1862 III. 313 If Rousseau thought fit to try such tremendous appeals by taking 'a shy' at any random object, he should have governed his sortilege..with something more like equity. 1854 Thackeray *Newcomes* xvi, 'You are always having a shy at Lady Ann and her relations', says Mr. Newcome... 'A shy! How can you use such vulgar words, Mr. Newcome?' 1859 De Quincey *Pref. Memor.* Wks. 1862 X. p. xvii, The Doctor..resolved to 'take a shy', before parting, at the most consecrated of Milton's creations. 1873 B. Harte *Washington in N. Jersey* in *Fiddletown,* etc. 94 I'd like to get a shy at G. W. some time.

b. A trial, an experiment; a 'shot', a 'go'.

1848 Thackeray *Let.* in *Introd. to Pendennis* Wks. 1898 II. p. xxxiv, Sometimes I have a shy myself, and I don't lose or win twenty francs. 1857 Dickens *Dorrit* II. vi, He would be all the better for a temporary shy at an entirely new scene and climate. 1881 C. Gibbon *Heart's Probl.* vi. (1884) 86 Have a shy at putting the case plainly to me. 1887 Henley *Culture in Slums* iii. 7 I've had at Pater many a shy.

3. One who throws, a thrower or shyer.

1884 *Lillywhite's Cricket Ann.* 103 A good field and shy.

Shy (ʃəi), *a.* Forms: 1 scéoh (? *inflected* scfon), 3 scheouh, scheowe, 5 schey, 6 shey, 7–8 shie, shye, 7– shy. [OE. *scéoh* (very rare; also in comb. *scéohmód* of timid mind), corresp. to MHG. *schiech*:—OTeut. type **skeuhwo-*; an ablaut variant (OTeut. type **skuᵍwu-, -wjo-*) appears in MDu. *schuwe, schu* (mod.Du. *schuw*), Norw. dial. *skygg,* MSw., Da. *sky*; the synonymous mod.G. *scheu* is a new formation after the related *scheu* fem. (MHG. *schiuhe*) fear, abhorrence, *scheuen* to be shy of, fear (MHG. *schiuhen* to be shy of, avoid, also causatively to drive away, OHG. *sciuhen* to frighten); f. Teut. root **skeuhw-* to fear, to terrify, whence prob. G. *schüchtern* shy; for other derivatives of the root see Shewel. The affinities that have been snggested for the root are very doubtful.

The phonetic development of mod.E. *shy* (ʃəi) from OE. *scéoh* is parallel with that of *thigh* from *þéoh.* Divergent forms in dialects are Shuff (:—OE. *sceōh* with rising diphthong) and Skeigh (with unexplained initial). It is noteworthy that the pronunciation (ʃoi) is current in many dialects in which (oi) does not ordinarily correspond to the (əi) of standard Eng.]

†**1.** Easily frightened or startled. *Obs.*

c 1000 *Riming Poem* 43 (Gr.) Nu min hreþer is hreoh heowsiþum [*read* heofsiþum] sceoh nydhysxum neah. *a* 1225 *Ancr. R.* 242 Loked þet ȝe ne heon nout iliche þe horse þet is scheouh, & blencheð uor one scheadewe...To scheowe heo beoð mid alle þet fleoð uor ane peinture. *c* 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 444/2 Schey, or skey, as hors, or styȝtyl. 1648 Hexham II. s. v. *Schouw, Een Schouw paerdt,* A Shye Horse, a Fearefull Horse.

b. *dial.* Of a horse: Skittish, unmanageable; high-mettled. Hence (?) of persons (see quot. 1840).

Cf. the OE. gloss 'scion, *peculantis*' (read *petulantis* as in Aldhelm *De Laud. Virg.* 4705, to which the gloss refers) in *Wr.-Wülcker* 517/16.

1787 W. H. Marshall *Norfolk* (1795) II. 388 *Shy*, hare-brained; high-mettled; head-strong; as wild colts, &c. 1840 Spurgeons *Suppl. to Forby*, *Shy*, wild in conduct...A *shy* boy, or a *shy* girl is wanton, unsteady, amorous. 1860 *Hotten's Slang Dict.* s. v., *Shy* has also the sense of flighty, unsteady, untrustworthy.

2. Easily frightened away; difficult of approach owing to timidity, caution, or distrust; timidly or cautiously averse to encountering or having to do with some specified person or thing; suspicions, distrustful. Const. *of.* a. of persons.

1600 Hakluyt *Voy.* III. 391 Certaine souldiers..caried awby captiue certaine of the people of the countrey, which caused the rest of them to be so shey and fearefull. 1606 Warner *Alb. Eng.* xvi. cv. 412 This noble lustie Gentleman ..Grew thenceforth shie of Women, and a Timon vnto men. 1622 S. Ward *Life Faith Death* 48 Yet is it but our folly to be so shye of this sight, for though [etc.]. *a* 1639 Wotton *Parallel Essex & Buckhm.* Reliq. (1651) 11 Princes..are (by wisdome of State) somwhat shye of their Successors. 1660 Ingelo *Bentiv. & Ur.* II. (1682) 24 We should not be so shie of Death, for it is the only passage to Immortal Life. 1683 Cave *Ecclesiastici, Athanasius* 53 Men generally became more shy of his acquaintance. 1687 Norris *Poems* 36 But when we come to seize th'inviting prey, Like a Shy Ghost, it vanishes away. 1702 De Foe *Shortest Way Dissenters* 27 The primitive Christians were not more shie of a Heathen-Temple, or of Meat offer'd to Idols,..than [etc.]. 1718 Ockley *Saracens* (1848) 446 Abdallah was still shy of him, and did not employ him in any considerable post. 1824 Byron *Juan* xvi. xxxvi, The spectre has grown shyer. 1834 Dickens *Sk. Boz, Boarding Ho.* ii, Since the catastrophe recorded in the last chapter, Mrs. Tibbs had been very shy of young-lady boarders. 1885 [W. H. White] *M. Rutherford's Deliv.* iv. (ed. 9) 52 The women in the country-side were shy of her. 1903 C. E. Osborne *Father Dolling* ii. (1905) 21 He thought he could do more good as a layman, especially with young men, as so many of the latter are 'shy' of the clergy.

b. of an animal, bird, etc.

1674 Ray *S. & E. C. Words* 76 *Shie* or *shy*, apt to startle and flee from you, or that keeps off and will not come near. 1697 Dampier *Voy.* (1699) I. 70 They [flamingoes] are very shy, therefore it is hard to shoot them. 1748 *Anson's Voy.* II. iv. 157 This place..abounds with goats, who, not being accustomed to be disturbed, were no ways shy or apprehensive of danger. *Ibid.* III. ii. 309 The cattle..were not shy of us. 1772 T. Simpson *Vermin Killer* 20 Some have a notion that crows are shy of powder. 1816 Tuckey *Narr. Exped. R. Zaire* i. (1818) 31 Some covies of guinea fowl were seen, but too shy to be shot at. 1863 W. C. Baldwin *Afr. Hunting* iv. 99 They [sea-cows] were very shy, and showed poor heads. 1867 F. Francis *Angling* i. (1880) 58 If the fish remain shy, leave the swim for a couple of hours. 1908 [Miss E. Fowler] *Betw. Trent & Ancholme* 34 The robin is more shy.

c. *To be* or *look shy on* or *at*: to regard with distrust or suspicion.

1837 Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* I. III. viii, The very Courtiers looked shy at it. 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* xiii, Hulker & Bullock are looking shy at him. 1872 Geo. Eliot *Middlem.* vi, How will you like going to Sessions with everybody looking shy on you?

3. Fearful of committing oneself to a particular course of action; chary, unwilling, reluctant. Const. *of, in, about, at,* and *to* with infinitive.

a 1628 Preston *Breastpl. Faith* (1630) 29 Be not thou shye in taking of him; for you have free liberty. 1633 G. Herbert *Temple, Brit. Ch.* vii, She..is so shie of dressing, that her hair doth lie About her eares. 1638 Sanderson *Serm.* (1681) II. 98 They that are guiltiest of folly, are the shiest to own it. *c* 1645 Howell *Lett.* (1655) I. III. xxviii. 148 His Majesty..desir'd them..now that they had detected the Treason, to discover also the Traytors; but they were shy in that point. 1663 Butler *Hud.* I. i. 46 Although he had much Wit, H' was very shie of using it. 1683 Moxon *Mech. Exerc., Printing* 81, I..have as good an Opinion of these Rules, as those have that are shyest of discovering theirs. 1711 G. Hickes *Two Treat. Chr. Priesth.* (1847) II. 395 Why then are you so shy in owning their rectoral power? 1712 Arbuthnot *John Bull* I. viii, A stinking ulcer, which made everybody shy to come near her. 1742 Blair *Grave* 514 That stood aloof, as shy to meet. 1815 Scott *Guy M.* xxx, The local magistrates, from timidity or worse motives, have become shy of acting against them. 1817 Jas. Mill *Brit. India* v. v. II. 506 Distrust of the English power, now violently shaken, made his father shy. 1848 Thackeray *Van. Fair* xviii, Be shy of loving frankly. 1859 Dickens *T. Two Cities* I. ii, In those days, travellers were very shy of being confidential on a short notice. 1890 W. Booth *Darkest Engl.* II. v. 190 Families are naturally shy at receiving these poor unfortunates. 1913 Jane E. Harrison *Anc. Art & Ritual* iv. 91 Some of us now-a-days are getting a little shy of deliberately cursing our neighbours on Ash Wednesday.

b. Averse from admitting (a principle), or from considering (a subject). Const. *of.*

1641 'Smectymnuus' *Vind. Answ.* vi. 84 That which the Remonstrant would perswade his reader we are shie of. *a* 1645 Laud *Hist. Troubles* iii. (1695) 106, I see too, that too many Men are shye of Good Works. 1662 Stillingfl. *Orig. Sacræ* II. vi. § 16 The present Jews..are grown very shy of the argument drawn from thence. 1662 H. More *Philos. Writ.* (1712) Pref. Gen. p. xx, At which Timidity of mine, none can justly wonder that considers how shie the ancient Fathers were of the Globosity of the Earth. 1676 Glanvill *Ess.* I. 26 Nor are we shy of their Informations, because they were hid from Ages. 1678 Cudworth *Intell. Syst.* Pref., So far from being shy of such an Hypothesis, as that they were even Fond thereof.

c. Phrases. † *To make shy of*: to be shy of, to be afraid of (doing). *To fight shy*: see Fight *v.* 9.

1638 Featly *Strict. Lyndom.* I. 152 They made shie of reading Scripture, for feare of being made Heretiques thereby.

†d. *Shy of oneself*: unwilling to expose oneself.

1722 De Foe *Plague* (1756) 103, I was..now to thrust myself in among so many People, who for some Weeks, had been so shye of myself, that if I met any Body in the Street, I would cross the Way from them.

†4. Cautiously reserved; wary in speech or action. *Obs.*

1603 Shaks. *Meas. for M.* III. ii. 138 A shie fellow was the Duke. *Ibid.* v. i. 54 As shie, as graue..As Angelo. *a* 1691 Wood *Life* (O. H. S.) I. 152 He..found him very shie; but ..he was very free afterwards in his communications.

5. Shrinking from self-assertion; sensitively timid; retiring or reserved from diffidence; bashful.

1672 Villiers (Dk. Buckhm.) *Rehearsal* III. ii (Arb.) 75 Shie Maid. 1782 Miss Burney *Cecilia* IV. vi, But shy, quite too shy; no drawing her out. 1845 Disraeli *Sybil* v. vii, A little shy at first, but he only wants bringing out. 1859 *Habits Gd. Society* 29 People too shy or too stupid to talk. 1884 F. M. Crawford *Rom. Singer* I. 87 Nino is not a shy boy.

transf. 1823 Wordsw. *Sonn.*, '*Not Love, not War*' 14 The flower of sweetest smell is shy and lowly.

b. of a person's actions, etc.

1713 Addison *Guard.* No. 100 ¶ 8 The Venus de Medicis ..is represented in such a shy retiring posture, and covers her bosom with one of her hands. 1722 Steele *Consc. Lovers* III. i, All your Skittishness, shy Looks, and at best but coy Compliances. 1852 Thackeray *Esmond* I. i, Performing a shy obeisance to the mistress of his house.

c. *fig.*

1641 Milton *Animadv.* Wks. 1851 III. 191 Such an Anatomie of the shiest and tenderest particular truths. 1874 Green *Short Hist.* vii. § 7. 412 The shy revival of English letters during the earlier half of Elizabeth's reign. 1878 Browning *La Saisiaz* 27 Had but fortune favored, bidden each shy faculty advance. 1878 B. Taylor *Deukalion* II. v. 88 The earth, in her shy embraces, Conceals the traces Of the secret birth of the Stream.

d. *transf.* Of a place, etc.: Retiring, secluded.

1822–56 De Quincey *Conf.* Wks. 1862 I. 226 *note*, Shy recesses of the lake. 1841 Dickens *Barn. Rudge* iv, It was a modest dwelling—but a shy blinking house. 1853 M. Arnold *Scholar Gypsy* viii, A heap of flowers Pluck'd in shy fields and distant Wychwood bowers. 1885 Lowell *Coleridge* Writ. 1890 VI. 72 He was the first to observe some of the sky's appearances and some of the shyer revelations of outward nature. 1899 C. G. Harper *Exeter Road* 124 These places are all shy and retiring, tucked away up bye-lanes.

6. In various transferred uses of sense 2. a. Of plants, trees, etc.: Unprolific, not bearing well. Also rarely of *bird's*: Not breeding freely.

1823 J. Badcock *Dom. Amusem.* 47 The golden pippin has gradually become a shy grower in this country. 1836 Mrs. Traill *Backwoods Canada* xiv. 246 The plant..seems to be a shy blossomer. 1852 *Beck's Florist* 193 It is rather a shy bearer, though it blooms very profusely. 1869 Lowell *Study Wind., Gard. Acquaint.* (1871) 7 A small foreign grape-vine, rather shy of bearing. 1905 P. C. Mitchell *Offic. Guide Gard. Zool. Soc.* (ed. 3) 7 An excellent table-bird but a shy breeder. 1905 Rider Haggard *Gard. Yr.* July 239 They are shy flowerers.

b. *U.S.* Short (*of*), lacking. *Betting slang* (see quot. 1895).

1895 *Funk's Stand. Dict.* s. v., Having a less amount of money at stake than is called for by the rules of the game; short; as, to be shy a dollar in the pool. 1896 S. Crane *Little Regiment* etc. 187 None..knew how an orderly sergeant ranked, but then it was understood to be somewhere just shy of a major-general's stars. 1897 *Columbus* (Ohio) *Dispatch* 21 Sept. 5/4 The police department is much too shy of funds already. *a* 1904 A. Adams *Log of Cowboy* ix. 132, I ordered Joe to tie his [the ox's] mate behind the trail wagon and pull out one ox shy.

7. *colloq.* or *slang* in uses derived from sense 5. a. Of questionable character, disreputable, 'shady'.

1849 Thackeray *Pendennis* xxv, Rather a shy place for a sucking county member. 1860 Dickens *Uncomm. Trav.* x, Nothing in shy neighbourhoods perplexes my mind more. 1864 H. J. Byron *Paid in Full* v, Hadn't shy turf-transactions been more than hinted at? 1865 Dickens *Mut. Fr.* I. xii, The two men, very shy characters. 1869 J. Roberts *Billiards* 254 Shell out is a 'shy' game for a public room. 1908 *Blackw. Mag.* Feb. 252/2 Gambling hells and shy saloons.

b. Doubtful in amount or quality.

1850 Thackeray *Contrib. Punch* Wks. 1900 VI. 165 That uncommonly shy supper of dry bread and milk-and-water. 1861 — *Philip* xix, The dinner, I own, is shy, unless I come and dine with my friends. 1865 M. Lemon *Loved at Last* ix, Any place will do, as her geography is rather shy, and I can make her believe anything.

8. *dial.* Of the wind: a. Chill, keen, piercing. b. 'Not exactly fair for the ship's course' (*Whitby Gloss.*, 1876). See *Eng. Dial. Dict.*

[The origin of sense a is not clear; it may be a distinct word. Sense b seems a natural development from 2.]

1828 [Carr] *Craven Gloss., Shy*, keen, piercing. 'A shy wind'. 1891 *Century Dict. Shy* a., Scant. The wind is said to be shy when it will barely allow a vessel to sail on her course.

9. *Comb.* as *shy-breeding, -looking, -retiring*, etc.

1842 Loudon *Suburban Hort.* 447 The *shy-breeding black sorts. 1879 Alexina M. Ruthquist in *Mem.* (1893) 95 His *shy-looking wife. 1742 Blair *Grave* 328 From stubborn shrubs Thou wrung'st their *shy-retiring virtues out, And vex'd them in the fire.

Shy (ʃəi), *v.*[1] Also 7 shie, shye. [f. Shy *a.*]

OE. had app. a vb. *scýhan, scýan* to take fright (= sense 3 below) f. the adj. = OHG. *scûhen.* Cf. the following quot.:

c 1000 Ælfric *Lives Saints* xxxi. 971 þa scyddon [*MS. K.* scyhdon] þa mulas þe pæt cræt tuzon, ðurh his to-cyme afyrhte.]

1. *intr.* To take a sudden fright or aversion; to make a difficulty, 'boggle' about doing something; to recoil, shrink. Const. *at, from*; rarely *to* with infinitive. Now usually felt as *transf.* from 2.

1650 B. *Discolliminium* 40 Why [do] they shye so strangely at this new Ingagement? 1778 S. Crisp 8 Dec. in *Mme. D'Arblay's Diary* (1891) I. 93, I mean such freedoms as ladies of the strictest character..perhaps would shy at being known to be the authors of. 1783 Mme. D'Arblay *Diary* 19 June, He was too well-bred to force himself upon me, and finding I shied, he left me alone. *a* 1814 *Word of Honor* III. i. in *New Brit. Theatre* I. 364 A man who loves another's wife, Will never shy to take a wife himself To screen his base intrigue. 1838 Lytton *Alice* v. ii, The more publicity is given to this arrangement, the more difficult for Evelyn to shy at the leap. 1889 May Crommelin & Brown *V. Vyvian* II. xv. 248 She is shying from the thought. 1911 Barrie *Peter & Wendy* v. 81 The only thing he shied at was the sight of his own blood. 1912 Elinor Glyn *Halcyone* xxvii. 245 He was not buried in that outer circle of oblivion from which the thoughts unconsciously shy.

2. Of a horse: To shrink or start back or aside through sudden fear. Const. *at*, rarely *from*.

1796 J. Lawrence *Treat. Horse* I. 166 Thorough-bred hacks are..the least liable to shy of all others. 1823 Scott *Quentin D.* ix, The horse shyed from the boar. 1861 Gen. P. Thompson *Audi Alt.* III. 217 There is no use in being ill-humoured because a young horse shies. 1879 Beerbohm *Patagonia* 20 [The horse] stumbled on, occasionally shying wildly at the glimmering whiteness of some heap of bleached guanaco bones. 1897 *Encycl. Sport* I. 342/1 (Driving) *Shy*, to spring suddenly either sideways or backwards from fear, or from excess of spirits.

3. *To shy off* (rarely *to shy out of* something, *to shy away*); To slip away in order to avoid a person or thing; *fig.* to find a means of evasion.

1792 *Elvina* I. 38 We are obliged to shy off. 1843 Miall in *Nonconformist* III. 209 Men who desire to get rid of the question..shy off, with wonderful dexterity from all allusions to it. 1856 Masson *Ess.* iv. 101 The style of poetry..as all modern readers confess by the alacrity with which they shy out of the way of reprinted specimens of it [etc.]. 1867 Augusta Wilson *Vashti* xiii, His blue eyes rather shied away from mine. 1894 A. Robertson *Nuggets* 111 Elsie was shying off from Alec.

4. *trans.* To shun or avoid (a person, thing, or immaterial thing).

1802 Bentham *Mem. & Corr.* Wks. 1843 X. 399, I am inclined to suspect he shies the subject. 1806 Surr *Winter in Lond.* II. 75 He has shied me lately. 1830 Fonblanque *Eng. under 7 Administr.* (1837) II. 50 His Grace [Wellington] had shyed the City Feast, being frightened by a Donkey. 1834 Marryat *P. Simple* xxxv, Troubridge..was not a man to shy his work. 1872 A. Gray *Lett.* II. 623, I shy or refuse such applications generally.

b. *Pugilism.*

1812 *Sporting Mag.* XXXIX. 22 It struck us that the Black shyed his adversary. 1819 *Ibid.* N. S. IV. 236 He had too much of the Teddy Tay spirit about him to wince or shy it.

5. To render timid or shy; to frighten *off.*

1845 Youatt *Dog* iii. 84 A rate given at an improper time ..disgusts the honest hound, it shies and prevents from hunting the timid one. 1853 Kane *Grinnell Exp.* xxii. (1856) 173 A little projection of the main field to windward shied them off.

Hence **Shy·ing** *vbl. sb.* and *ppl. a.*

1796 J. Lawrence *Treat. Horse* I. 81 This was not the effect of starting or shying, to which she [the mare] was at no rate addicted. 1869 J. H. Newman in W. Ward *Life* (1912) II. 257, I hope my shying, as I do, will not keep you from speaking out. *a* 1900 Dk. Argyll *Autobiog.* (1906) II. 82 They seemed to go suddenly mad, like shying horses or stampeded mules.

Shy (ʃəi), *v.*[2] Chiefly *colloq.* Also 8 shie. [Of obscure origin.

The earliest use suggests that it may have arisen in some way from the expression Shy cock.]

1. *intr.* To throw a missile, esp. carelessly or by a jerk. Const. *at.*

1787 Bentham *Def. Usury* xiii. 164 He looks upon it as a sort of cock for him..to shie at. 1790 Grose *Prov. Gloss.* (ed. 2), *Shie*, or *Shy.* To shy at a cock, to throw at a cock with a stick. Kent. 1820 J. H. Reynolds *Fancy* (1906) 34 I've shy'd with stick, to win a bit The hacky-box of brown japan. 1840 De Quincey *Mod. Superst.* Wks. 1862 III. 313 To shy at a cow within six feet distance. 1851 Thackeray *Stray Papers* (1901) 269 Raikes..justly prided himself upon shying at the sticks better than any man in the army. 1889 Bodley in *19th Cent.* Nov. 801 The Anglo-Saxon race alone is capable of propelling a missile in the method known as 'shying'.

2. *trans.* To fling, throw, jerk, toss; also with *at*, etc.

1818 Egan *Boxiana* IV. 159 The Birmingham Youth.. also shied his castor with a confident air. 1831 Trelawny *Adv. Younger Son* vii, He then shyed his gold-laced cocked hat. 1835 Marryat *Jacob Faithful* xxxiii, I wish he hadn't shied the cat at her. 1853 'C. Bede' *Verdant Green* I. viii, When you came to shy empty bottles..he couldn't stand that sort of game. 1857 Reade *Never Too Late* xv, He..shied the pieces of glass carefully over the wall. 1874 Walch *Head over Heels* 74 We could shy up our caps for a feller. 1880 Mrs. Parr *Adam & Eve* 233 Her own glass and its contents were shyed to the other end of the room. 1886 G. Allen *Maimie's Sake* xviii, I shied the stuff away.

b. *transf.* and *fig.*

1827 Scott *Jrnl.* 26 Mar., I cannot keep up with the world without shying a letter now and then. 1860 Sir H. Acland in J. B. Atlay *Mem.* (1903) 290 Washington..has a few palaces shied down upon a rubbishy heath. 1868

HELPS *Realmah* (1876) 245 He would merely shy barbarous words, half-Latin, half-Greek at us. 1882 H. C. MERIVALE *Faucit of B.* II. II. ii. 161 Then you bolted from Oxford, and shied up your fellowship.

Shyche, obs. form of SUCH.

†Shy cock, shy-cock. *slang. Obs.* [f. SHY *a.* + COCK *sb.*[1]] (? A cock that refuses to fight; also, a cock that is 'shy' or not easily caught. ? Hence :) A wary or cowardly person; also, 'One who keeps within doors for fear of bailiffs' (Grose *Dict. Vulgar T.* 1785).

1768 GOLDSM. *Goodn. Man.* III, There is not a prettier scout..after a shy-cock than he. 1771 SMOLLETT *Humph. Cl.* 6 May ii, She laid all her snares for Dr. Lewis..but the doctor being a shy cock would not be caught with chaff. 1796 F. REYNOLDS *Fortune's Fool* v. 59 The members rose, lock'd the door, and call'd me a shycock!—forced the pistol into my hand. 1804 *Naval Chron.* XII. 396 He is a *shy-cock.*

Shyer[1] (ʃəi·əɹ). [f. SHY *v.*[1] + -ER[1].] A horse which shies.

1829 J. LAWRENCE *Horse* vi. 35 With affected shyers some severity may be necessary. These chaps generally fix upon some particular shying but: for example, [etc.]. 1886 *York Herald* 9 Aug. 9/3 The horse..was found to be a bad 'shier', and accordingly it was returned.

Shyer[2] (ʃəi·əɹ). [f. SHY *v.*[2] + -ER[1].] One who throws.

1895 in *Funk's Stand. Dict.* 1905 *F. Sugg's Cricket Annual* 46 A good shier can save many runs.

Shyish (ʃəi·iʃ), *a.* [f. SHY *a.* + -ISH.] Somewhat shy.

1754 SHEBBEARE *Matrimony* (1766) II. 80 Which Salutation he received with but a shyish Kind of Reception. 1825 LAMB *Let. to Wordsw.* May, Do write to Sir G. B., for I am shyish of applying to him. 1858 J. BLACKWOOD in Mrs. G. Porter *Ann. Publishing Ho.* (1898) III. 31 [Tennyson] is a striking-looking man, with a shyish, almost awkward, but manly and not unbecoming manner.

Shylle, obs. form of SHELL.

Shylock (ʃəi·lɒk). The name of the Jewish money-lender in Shakspere's *Merchant of Venice*; *allusively*, an extortionate usurer; also *attrib.* Hence **Shylo·ckian, Shy·locky** *adjs.*, after the manner of or characteristic of Shylock.

a 1818 M. G. LEWIS *Jrnl. W. Ind.* (1834) 50 It had such a kind of Shylocky taste of raw flesh about it. 1884 *Truth* 4 Sept. 374/1 The terms paid for accommodation were so onerous that the bargain had been a Shylockian one. 1894 GUNTEA *King's Stockbroker* ii. 24 'Won't I beggar my boarders!' With this Shylock idea in his mind,..Lanty cries excitedly to a waiter. 1898 *Westm. Gaz.* 2 July 1/3 The essence of the real Shylock's business is that he extorts money from his victims on threats of various kinds. 1901 SKRINE *Life Sir W. Hunter* xiv. 261 The peasantry must be delivered from thraldom to village Shylocks.

Shyly (ʃəi·li), *adv.* Also **shily.** [f. SHY *a.* + -LY[2].] In a shy manner; with shyness.

1701 C. WOLLEY *Jrnl. New York* (1860) 55 Two other Ministers..who behav'd themselves one towards another so shily and uncharitably as if Luther and Calvin had bequeathed..their virulent and bigotted Spirits upon them. 1797 T. HOLCROFT tr. *Stolberg's Trav.* III. lxxix. (ed. 2) 209 The buffalo cow shyly looks about her. 1848 MILL *Pol. Econ.* I. vii. § 5 Nations whose commodities are looked shily upon by merchants. 1867 F. FRANCIS *Angling* i. (1880) 58 A very killing plan when the fish are biting shyly. 1884 *Harper's Mag.* July 209/1 Tadoussac..hides shyly behind its hills.

Shylyng, obs. form of SCHELLING.

Shymar, variant of CHIMER[1] *Obs.*

1674 BLOUNT *Glossogr.* (ed. 4). 1716 M. DAVIES *Athen. Brit.* III. *Diss. Author Lat. Drama* 35.

Shynd, variant of SCHYND.

1809 A. EDMONDSTON *View Zetl. Isl.* I. iii. 130 Documents ..established by what is called a *Shynd* or *Soind Bill.* 1866 T. EDMONSTON *Shetl. Gloss* 101 *Shynd*, a court of law.

Shynde, obs. form of SHEND *v.*[1]

Shyness (ʃəi·nès). Also **shiness.** [f. SHY *a.* + -NESS.] The condition or quality of being shy.

1651 DAVENANT *Gondibert* III. ii. 78 But when he mark'd that he did from them move With sodain shyness, he suppos'd it shame. 1662 H. MORE *Philos. Writ.* (1712) Pref. p. iii, Men have a shyness and jealousy against such Truths as they have not been acquainted with. 1673 SIR W. TEMPLE *Ess. Adv. Trade Irel.* Misc. I. (1680) 132 This both checks the growth of the common breeds, and gives them an incurable shyness, which is the general vice of Irish Horses. 1710 STEELE *Tatler* No. 201 P 1 The Woman..is treated with Shiness and Indifference. 1748 *Anson's Voy.* I. vi. 68 Vicunnas..by reason of their shyness and swiftness, are killed with difficulty. 1818 OXLEY *Jrnls. Two Exped. N. S. Wales* (1820) 328 By making them small presents of hooks, lines, &c., this shiness has soon worn off. 1825-9 MRS. SHERWOOD *Lady of Manor* IV. xxvii. 285 A word, a look, the neglect of a salutation..have often produced a shyness among the dearest friends. 1853 KANE *Grinnell Exp.* xxvi. (1856) 214 The shyness of the seal is proverbial. 1909 *Spectator* 30 Oct. 677/1 There are certain shynesses which we regard as becoming.

Shynful, variant of SHENDFUL *a. Obs.*

Shype ax, variant of CHIP-AX.

c 1500 *Deb. Carpenters Tools* in Hazl. *E. P. P.* (1864) I. 79 The shype ax seyd unto the wryght [etc.].

Shyrpe, variant of SHERPE *Obs.*

Shyrrywyke, obs. form of SHERIFFWICK.

Shyryf(e, etc. obs. forms of SHERIFF.

Shyst, obs. form of SCHIST.

1793 [EARL DUNDONALD] *Descr. Culross* 6 A stratum of Ferruginous Sulphurious Slate or Shyst.

Shyster (ʃəi·stəɹ). *U.S. slang.* Also **shuyster.** [Of obscure origin.

It might be f. SHY *a.* (sense 7, disreputable) + *-ster*; but this sense of the adj. is app. not current in the U. S.]

'A lawyer who practises in an unprofessional or tricky manner; especially, one who haunts the prisons and lower courts to prey on petty criminals; hence, any one who conducts his business in a tricky manner' (*Funk's Stand. Dict.* 1895). Also *attrib.* or *adj.*

1856 *Knickerb. Mag.* Apr. XLVII. 434 (Thornton *Amer. Gloss.*) If these two 'shuysters' on the other side could get one more drink down your throat, you couldn't travel at all. 1857 *N. Y. Tribune* 13 Mar. (Bartlett 1860) The shysters, or Tombs lawyers, were on hand, and sought to intercede for their clients. *a* 1860 *N. Y. Tribune* (ibid.), When a man or woman is thrown into prison, a shyster leech gets access to him, and extorts from him his last cent under the pretence of obtaining his liberation. 1877 BLACK *Green Past.* xli, They..looked on a prominent civic official as a mere shyster. 1902 BOOTHBY *Uncle Joe's Legacy* 98 The shyster lawyer.

Hence **Shy·stering** *vbl. sb.* and *ppl. a.*

1860 *Knickerb. Mag.* Nov. LVI. 458 (Thornton *Amer. Gloss.*) A kind of twopenny shystering smartness and snap-judgment smartness. 1872 BRISTED in R. G. White *Amer. View Copyright* (1880) 40 At Tuesday's session an unprepossessing person..made a 'shystering' pettifogging speech. 1895 *Weekly Exam.* (San Francisco) 19 Sept. 2/6 Those sharp practices generally passing under the name of shystering.

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